



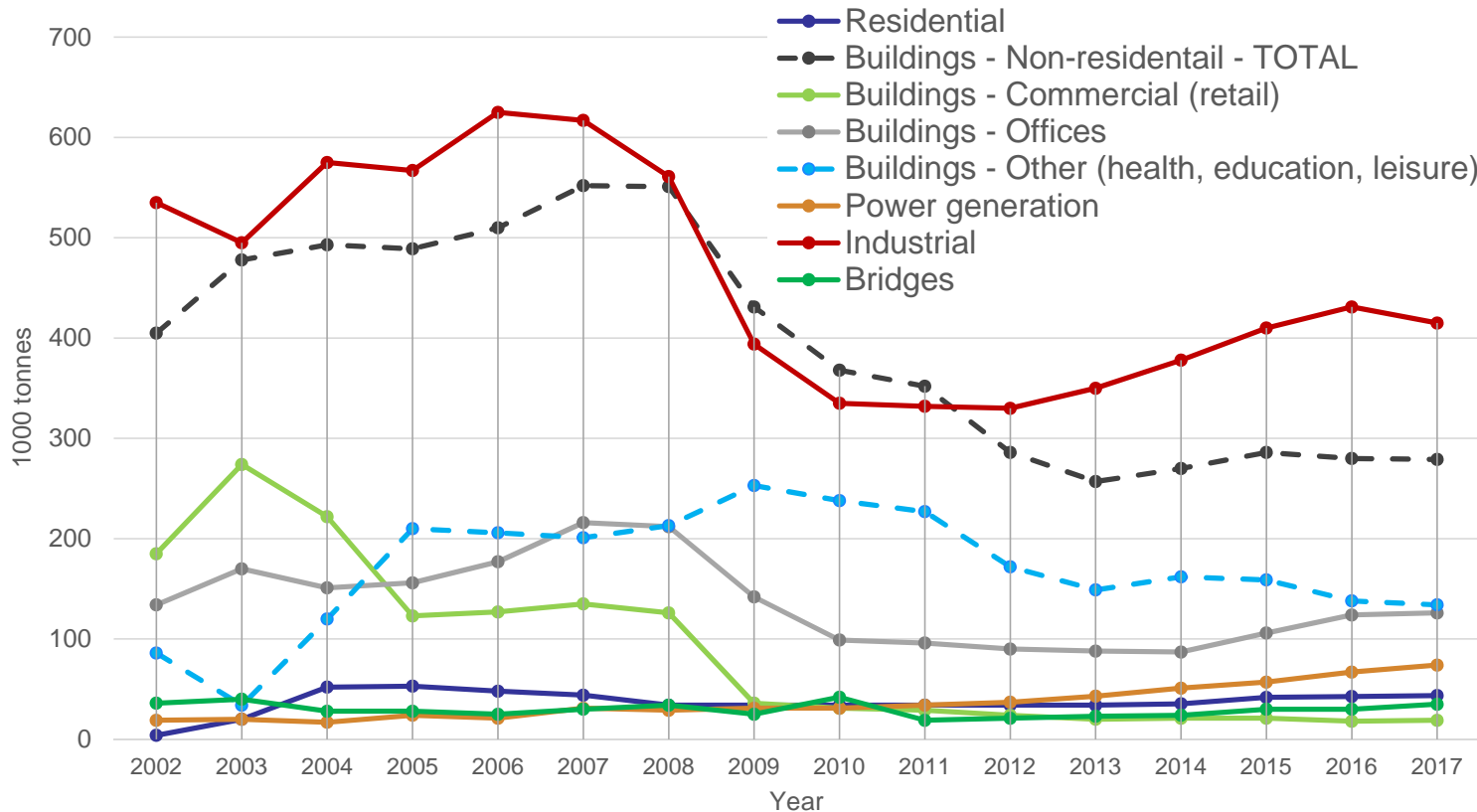
# Design of new single-storey steel buildings for reuse

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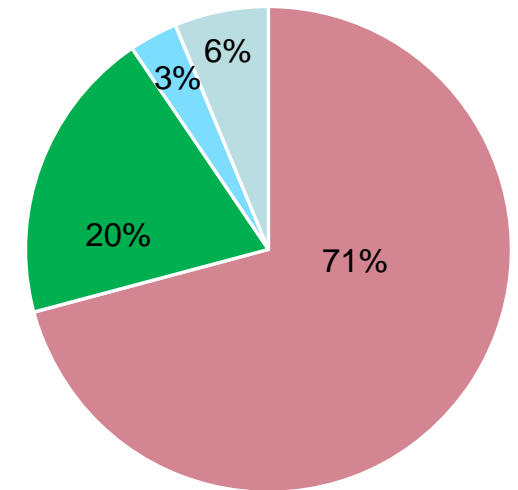
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# Why focus on single-storey steel buildings?



- Industrial buildings
- Office buildings
- Multi-storey residential
- Commercial buildings



UK 2018

Hot rolled and fabricated profiles

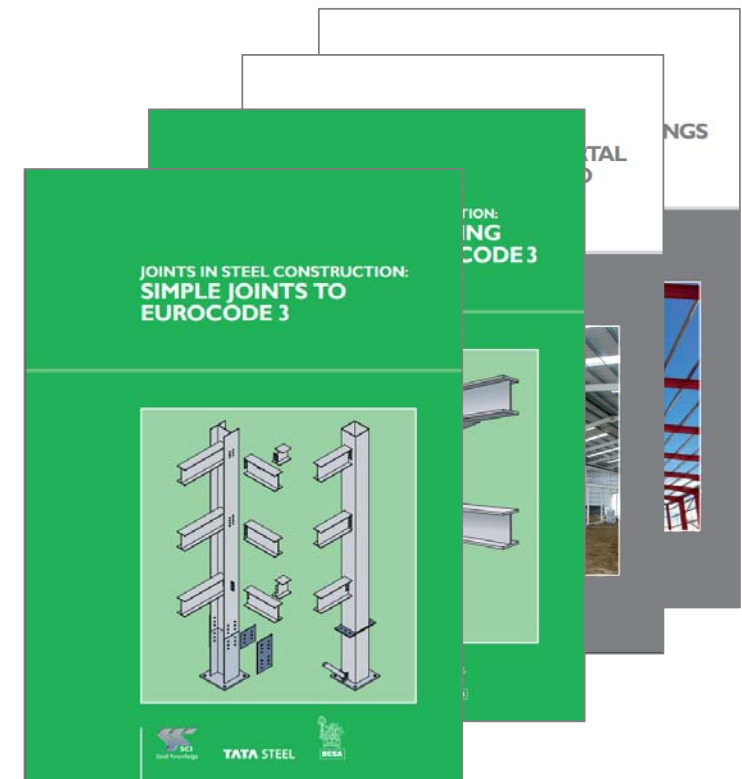
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## Key concepts for steel reuse

- **Standardization**
- **Reduce** number of interfaces (number of building layers)
- **Reduce** number of different components
- Design for **adaptability and relocation**
- Design and detailing for construction, **deconstruction and transportation**

# Standardization

- Structural grid
- Roof pitch
- Structural solution
- Connections
- Assemblies size (for transportation)



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# Reduce interfaces

- Avoid secondary structure (if possible)  
Roof cassette systems as an option



*Long span roof claddings (Finland)*



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*Deep decking system (Portugal)*

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# Reduce number of diferente components and materials

- Fewer robust members
- Reduce number of different cross-sections
- Reduce number of materials (steel-grades, subgrades)



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# Design for adaptability and relocation

- Environmental loads: snow

Country	$s_k$ (kN/m <sup>2</sup> )			Class
	Min. <sup>a)</sup>	Country average <sup>b)</sup>	Min. European value	
Finland	2.00	2.75	2.00	S1
<b>France</b>	0.45	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.70</b>	S3
Germany	0.45	0.85	1.00	S2
<b>Ireland</b>	0.40	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.70</b>	S3
Italy	0.60	1.00	1.00	S2
<b>The Netherlands</b>	0.70	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.70</b>	S3
Norway	1.50	3.50	2.00	S1
Portugal	0.10	0.30	0.40	S4
Romania	1.50	2.00	2.00	S1
Spain	0.30	0.40	0.40	S4
Sweden	1.50	2.50	2.00	S1
<b>United Kingdom</b>	0.45	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.70</b>	S3

<sup>a)</sup> Assuming the average altitude for the less critical zone of the country  
<sup>b)</sup> Assuming the average altitude for the zone representing most area of the country



European snow load classes

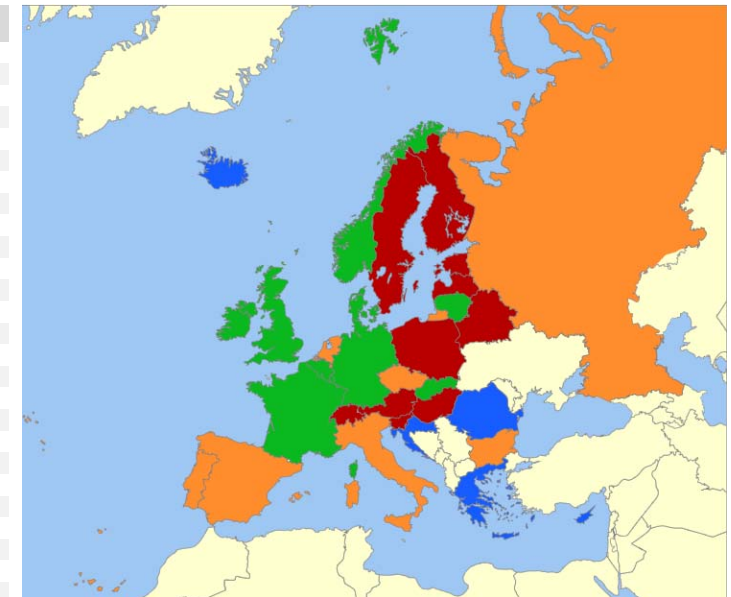
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# Design for adaptability and relocation

- Environmental loads: wind

Country	$V_{b,0,min}$ [m/s]	$V_{b,0,max}$ [m/s]	$V_{b,0,mean}$ [m/s]	Class - Mean	$V_{b,0,class}$ [m/s]	$q_{b,0,class}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]
Austria	17.6	28.3	21	W4	23	0.55
Belarus	22.0	24.0	22	W4	23	0.61
Belgium	23.0	26.0	24	W3	26	0.72
Bulgaria	24.0	35.8	27	W2	28	0.91
Croatia	20.0	48.0	29	W1	> 28	1.05
Cyprus	24.0	40.0	29	W1	> 28	1.05
Czech Republic	22.5	36.0	27	W2	28	0.91
Denmark	24.0	27.0	25	W3	26	0.78
Estonia	21.0	21.0	21	W4	23	0.55
Finland	21.0	26.0	22*	W4	23	0.61
France	22.0	28.0	24*	W3	26	0.72
Germany	22.5	30.0	25*	W3	26	0.78
Greece	27.0	33.0	29	W1	> 28	1.05
Hungary	23.6	23.6	23	W4	23	0.66
Iceland	36.0	36.0	36	W1	> 28	1.62
Ireland	25.0	28.0	26	W3	26	0.85
Italy	25.0	31.0	27*	W2	28	0.91
Latvia	21.0	27.0	23	W4	23	0.66
Lithuania	24.0	32.0	26	W3	26	0.85
Luxemburg	24.0	24.0	24	W3	26	0.72
Netherlands	24.5	29.5	27*	W2	28	0.91
Norway	22.0	31.0	25	W3	26	0.78
Poland	22.0	26.0	23	W4	23	0.66
Portugal	27.0	30.0	27*	W2	28	0.91
Romania	27.0	35.0	31*	W1	> 28	1.20
Russia	19.6	43.6	27	W2	28	0.91
Slovakia	24.0	26.0	24	W3	26	0.72
Slovenia	20.0	30.0	23	W4	23	0.66
Spain	26.0	29.0	27*	W2	28	0.91
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\* - According to the most usual value defined with the national annex. Other results obtained with a weighted average:  $(2 \cdot V_{b,0,min} + V_{b,0,max})/3$ . Class W1: 23 m/s; Class W2: 26 m/s; Class W3: 28 m/s; Class W4 >28 m/s



European wind load classes

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# Design for adaptability and relocation

- Environmental loads: country and European load classes:
  - *Define load for building locale (essentially wind and snow)*
  - *Compare with recommended minimum for the country*
  - *Compare with recommended minimum for the European class*
  - *Adapt design for recommended minimums country or EC loads*  
*(if economically feasible)*

UF (unity factors) in practice are defined based on standard section sizes;  
Spare capacity may be available;

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# Design for adaptability and relocation

- The design process:

1. *Design for allowable permanent load ( $UF=1$ );*
2. *Design for allowable wind load ( $UF=1$ );*
3. *Design for allowable snow load ( $UF=1$ );*

Designers may want to specify on the project documentation allowable permanent and imposed loads that lead to  $UF=1$ .

Extra efforts in the design process, but more flexibility for future reuse!

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# Design and detailing for deconstruction and reuse

- Design according to Eurocode 3:
  - Elastic global analysis is recommended
  - SLS stress checks to be performed
  - $\gamma_{M1,mod} = 1.15 \times \gamma_{M1}$
  - $\gamma_{M0}$  and  $\gamma_{M2}$ : values from the appropriate NA to be used;

Reliability adjustment to cover uncertainty for different building life cycles for transportation, erection and disassembly ( $\beta=4.3$  for member stability). Subsequent life cycles based on visual inspection for member straightness and other geometric tolerances.

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# Design for adaptability and relocation

- Use reasonable loads for claddings and floor systems to allow for future adaptability based on two classes:
  - Lightweight flooring solutions (SW: 1 kN/m<sup>2</sup>);
  - Heavy flooring solutions (SW: 3 kN/m<sup>2</sup>) – clever detailing for disassembly may be needed;



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# Design and detailing for deconstruction and reuse

- Detailing principles for reuse:
  - Reduce the number of connections and connectors (simple connections)
  - Use bolts or screws instead of other solutions; reduce welding
  - Detail for easy access of connections
  - Repetitive detailing (modular/standard)
  - Avoid permanent attachments (floors are critical)

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# Design and detailing for deconstruction and reuse

- Detailing principles for reuse: semi-bolted haunch

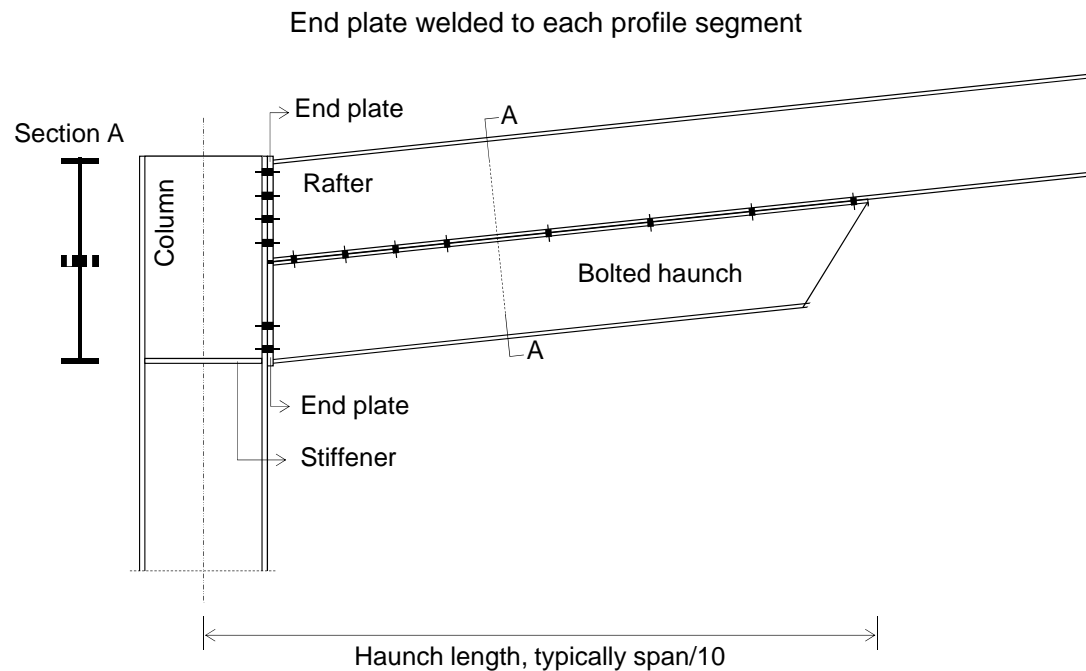


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# Design and detailing for deconstruction and reuse

- Detailing principles for reuse: full bolted haunch

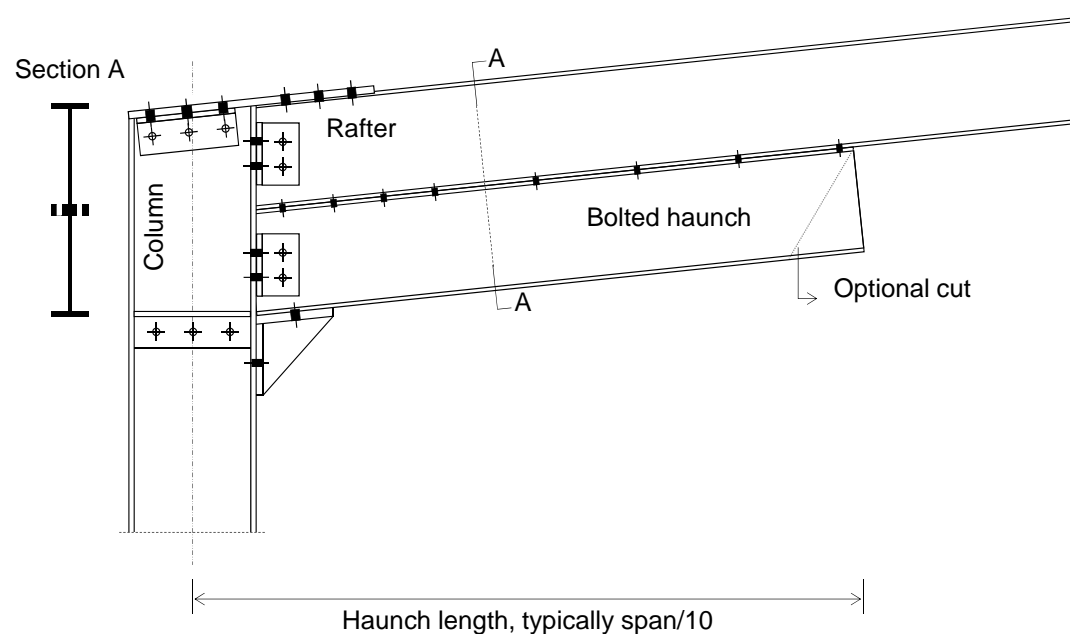


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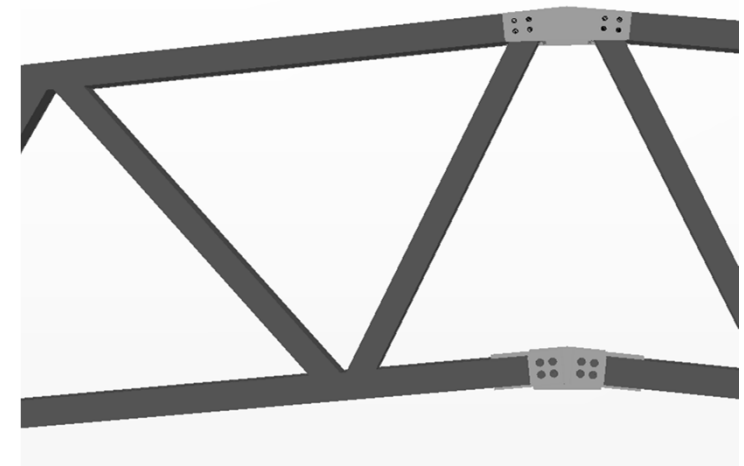
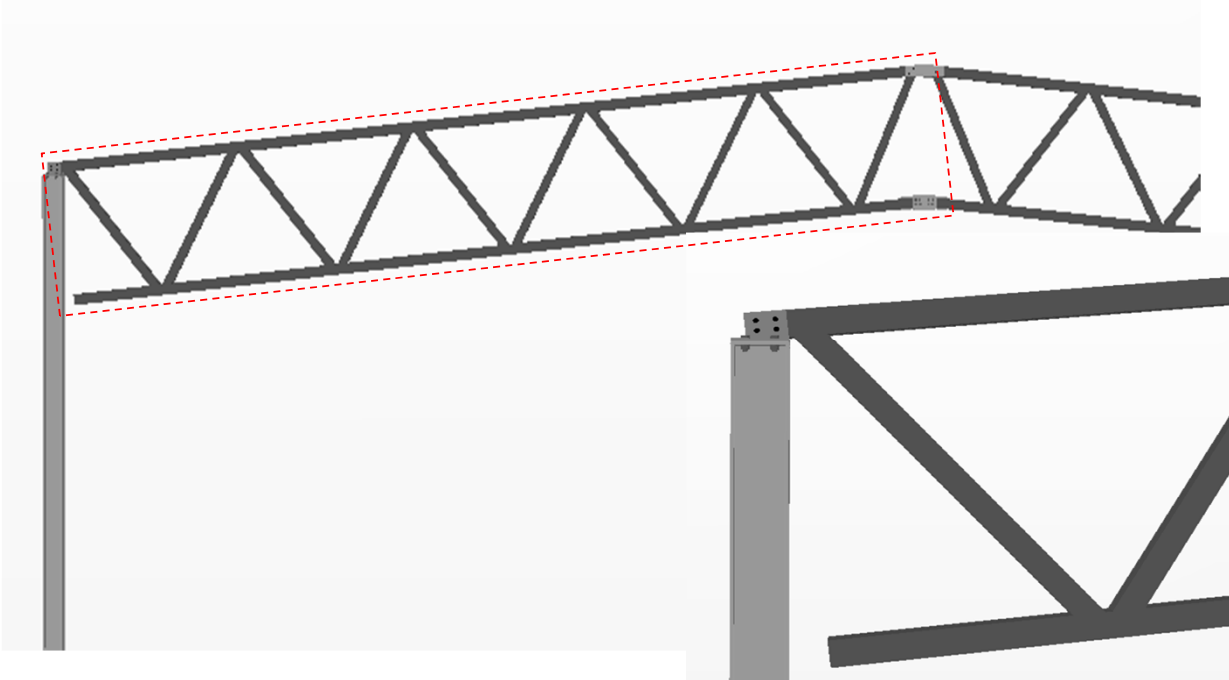
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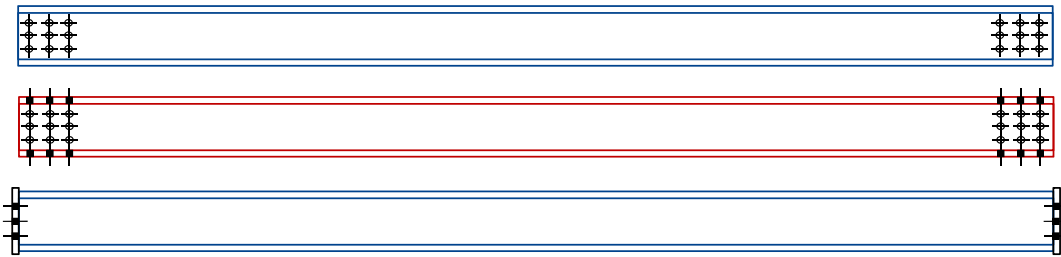
- Detailing principles for reuse: modular truss system



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## ■ Detailing principles for reuse:

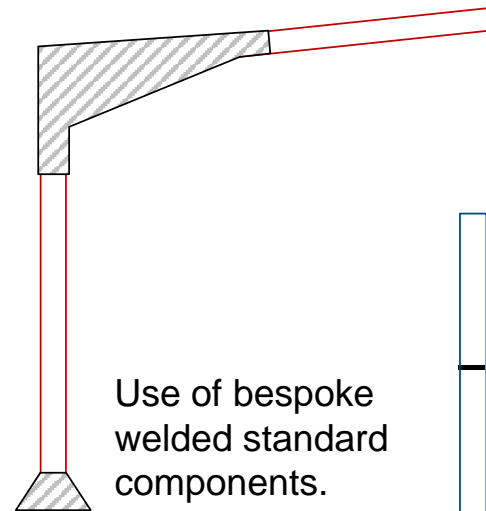


Standard connections with standard bolt arrangements.

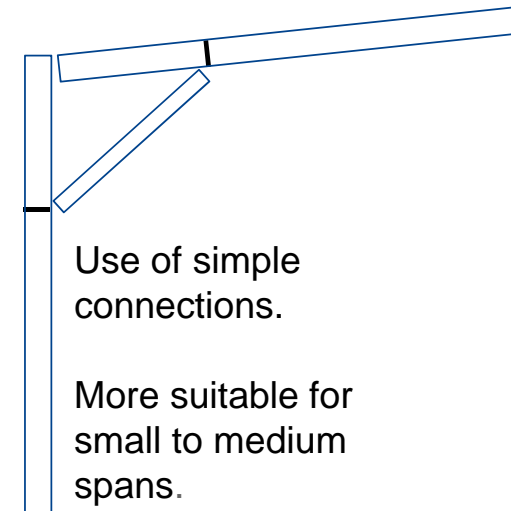
Repetitive detailing for a specific span and frame spacing.

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## Modular design concepts:



Use of bespoke welded standard components.



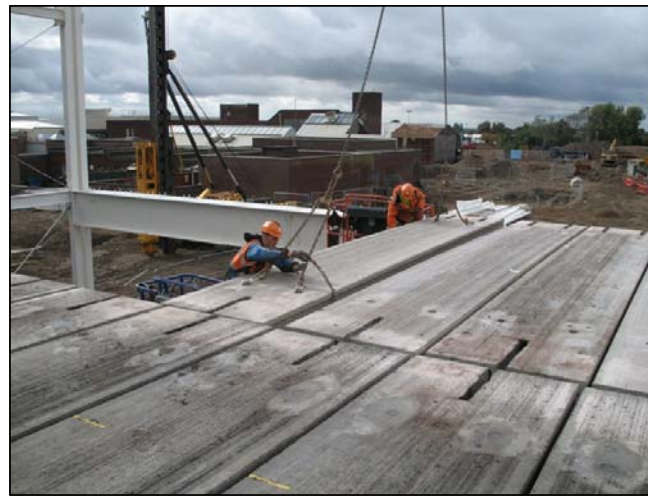
Use of simple connections.

More suitable for small to medium spans.



# Design and detailing for deconstruction and reuse

- Detailing principles for reuse: mezzanines



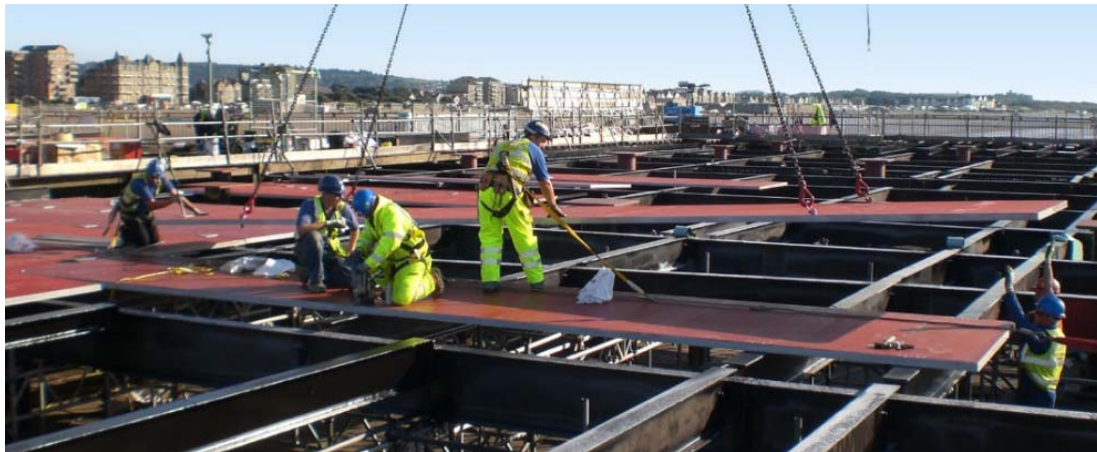
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Bespoke SPS system



Demountable!

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# Design and detailing for deconstruction and reuse

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CLT floor system



Demountable!

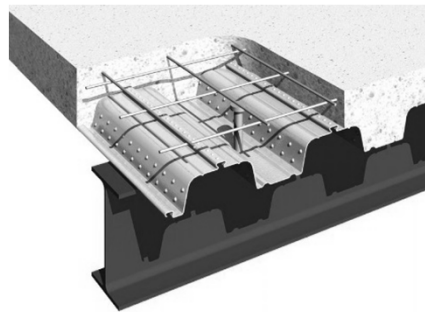
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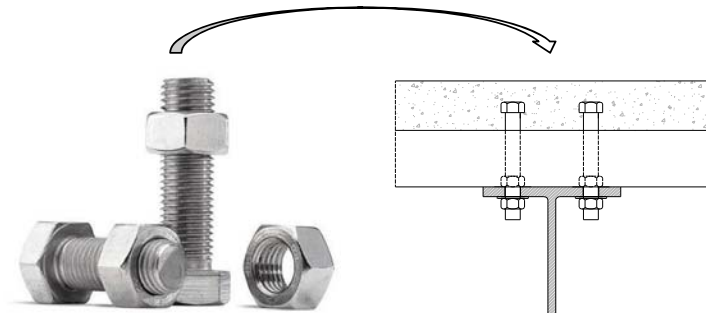
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## Demountable composite floor system



Welded shear studs

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Bolts

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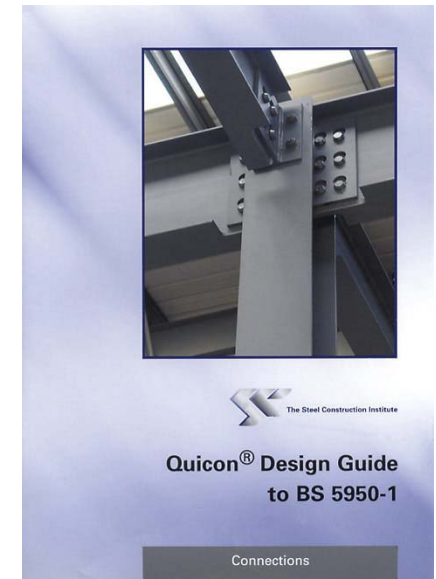
Reuse and demountability using steel structures and the circular economy



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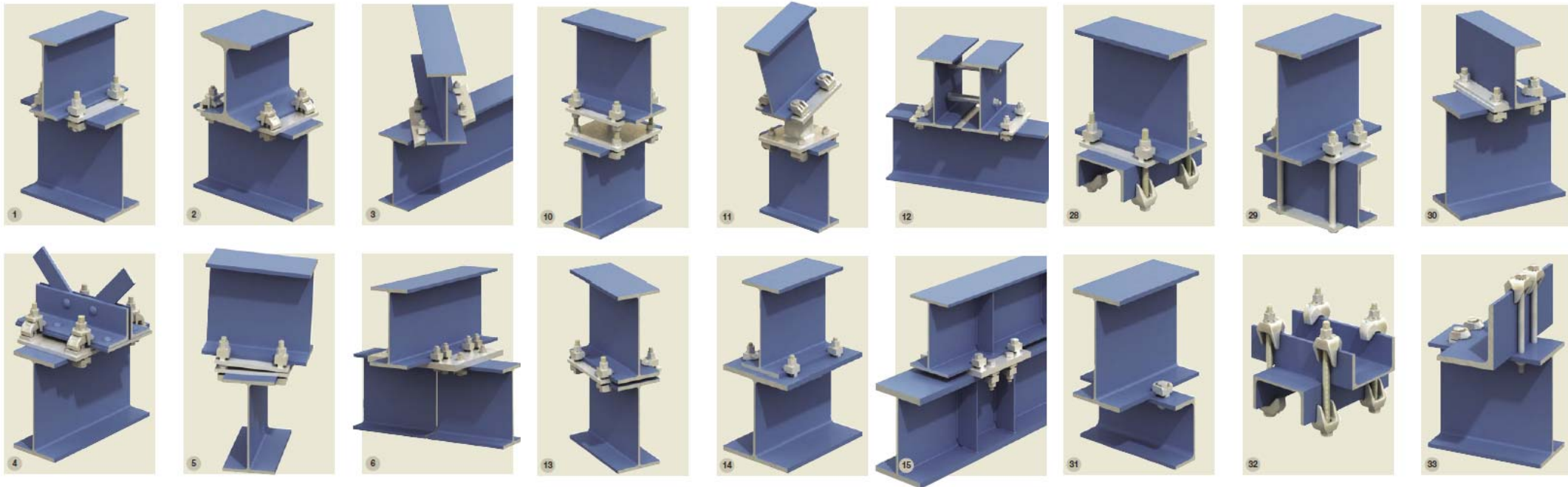
- Detailing principles for reuse: bespoke connections



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# Design and detailing for deconstruction and reuse

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# Design and detailing for deconstruction and reuse

- Detailing principles for reuse: case study

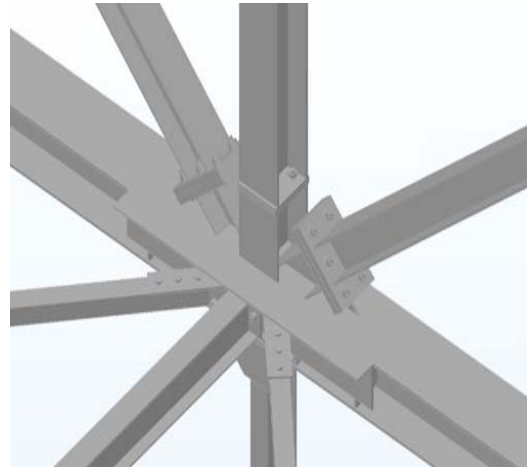


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# Final remarks

1. Small improvements to current practice for single storey buildings will have a large impact on the construction market (due to high market share);
2. Design for deconstruction, not only construction;
3. Reduce number or layers, materials and components;
4. Design for relocation/adaptability, not for a single purpose and location;
5. Designers to specify allowable structural capacity to facilitate reuse;



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