

General JCSS Presentation - History and Main Outputs

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The JCSS – A major contributor to structural safety through half a century

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JCCS 50 Years Special Issue

Die Sicherheit der Bauwerke und ihre Berechnung nach Grenzkraften anstatt nach zulässigen Spannungen

Von

Dr.-Ing. Max Mayer
Duisburg

Mit 3 Textabbildungen



Berlin
Verlag von Julius Springer
1926

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First (?) SRA publication
Max Mayer, Berlin, 1926

durch ihren relativen Wert im Vergleich zum mittleren Fehler m , dann wird aus (4)

$$m \cdot \varphi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}.$$

Die Ausrechnung für $m = 1$ erfolgt logarithmisch mittels

$$\log \varphi = 9,60091 - 0,21715 x^2$$

und ergibt die Werte wie in Abb. 1.

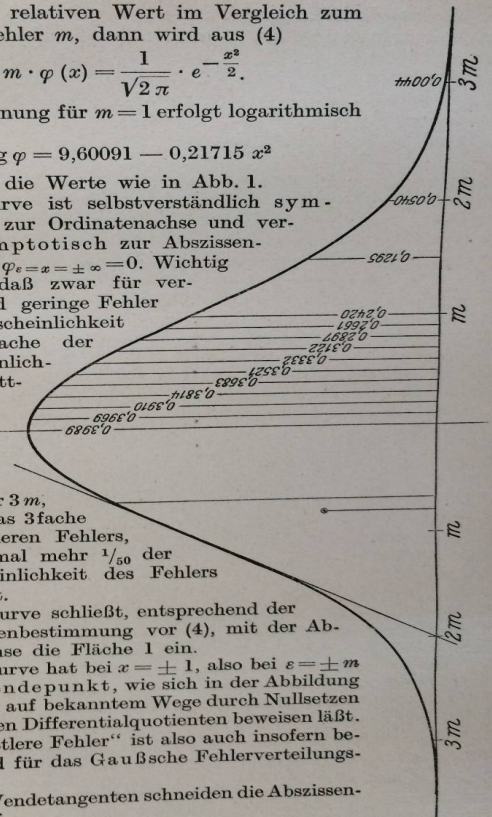
Die Kurve ist selbstverständlich symmetrisch zur Ordinatenachse und verläuft asymptotisch zur Abszissenachse, weil $\varphi_{\pm\infty} = 0$. Wichtig ist aber, daß zwar für verschwindend geringe Fehler die Wahrscheinlichkeit das $1\frac{2}{3}$ -fache der Wahrscheinlichkeit des mittleren Fehlers ist, daß aber für den Fehler $3m$, also für das 3fache des mittleren Fehlers, nicht einmal mehr $\frac{1}{50}$ der Wahrscheinlichkeit des Fehlers m besteht.

Die Kurve schließt, entsprechend der Konstantenbestimmung vor (4), mit der Abszissenachse die Fläche 1 ein.

Die Kurve hat bei $x = \pm 1$, also bei $\varepsilon = \pm m$ einen Wendepunkt, wie sich in der Abbildung zeigt und auf bekanntem Wege durch Nullsetzen des zweiten Differentialquotienten beweisen läßt. Der „mittlere Fehler“ ist also auch insofern bezeichnend für das Gaußsche Fehlerverteilungsgesetz.

Die Wendetangenten schneiden die Abszissenachse bei

$$\varepsilon = \pm 2m.$$



One minute History

Pioneers (1926-...)

Mayer / Weibull / Gumbel / Khozialov/ Wierzbicki / Prot / Pugsley Rosenblueth / Torroja / Basler / Freudenthal / Ferry Borges / Bolotin / Cornell / Galambos / Ang and Tang ..

Start of the JCSS (1971/1972) (Rackwitz / Ditlevsen..)

Committees, conferences, codes (1972-....)

CEB bulletins

IABSE / Icosar / ICASP / ESREL ...

ASCE - Steel code / ISO 2394 / Eurocodes / other regional/national codes



JCSS

Joint Committee
on Structural Safety

First meeting 1972



JCSS and associated Professional Associations

*Professor Julio Ferry Borges,
first president of JCSS
(with courtesy of LNEC)*

JCSS Early days

Editorial Group: Codes of practice

- Allowable stress design
 - LFD (load factor design)
 - LRFD (load and resistance factor design)
 - Partial Factor Design
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- Limit states
 - Characteristic values for material properties
 - Return periods for variable loads
 - Tradition based safety margins
 - Some ideas about target reliability and code calibration

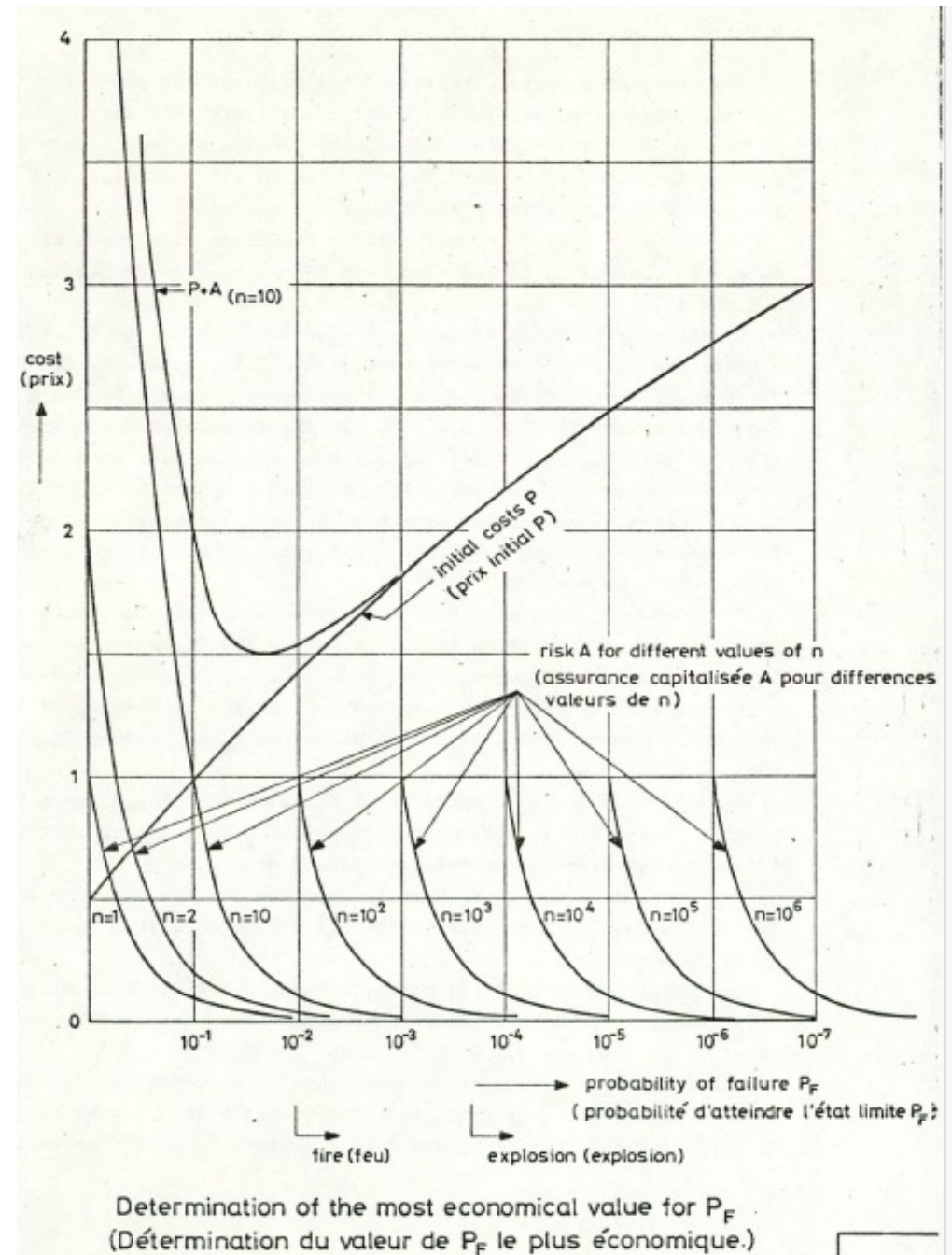
JCSS Early days

Subcommittee: First Order Reliability Concepts

- Level I, II, III
- Mean value level II approach
- Design point level II approach (Hasofer/Lind)
- Load combination
- Systems
- The concept of probability
- Optimization

F.K. Ligtenberg 1971
(JCSS Member)
Netherlands

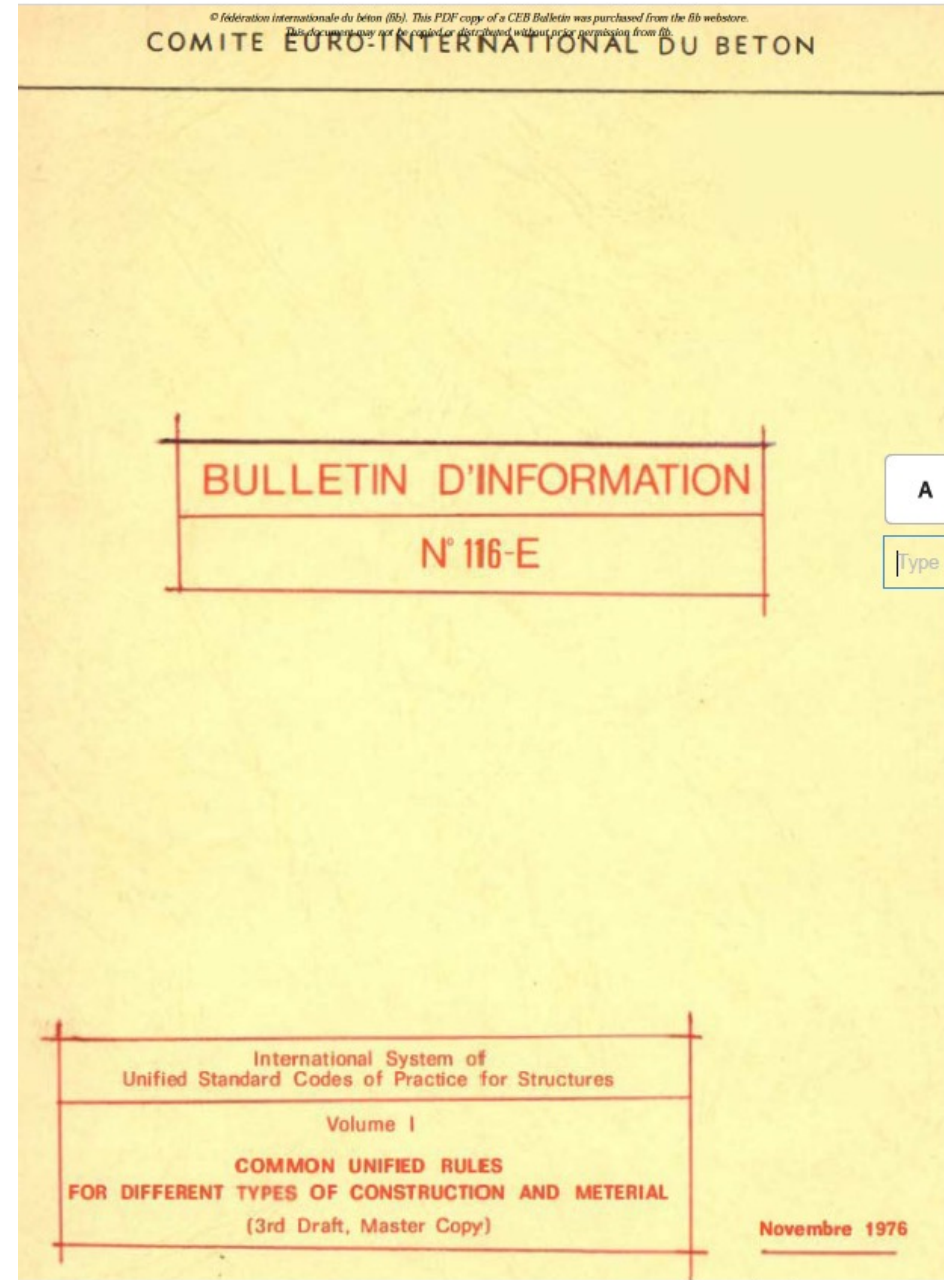
How safe is safe enough ?



First important output 1976:

CEB Bulletin 116E:

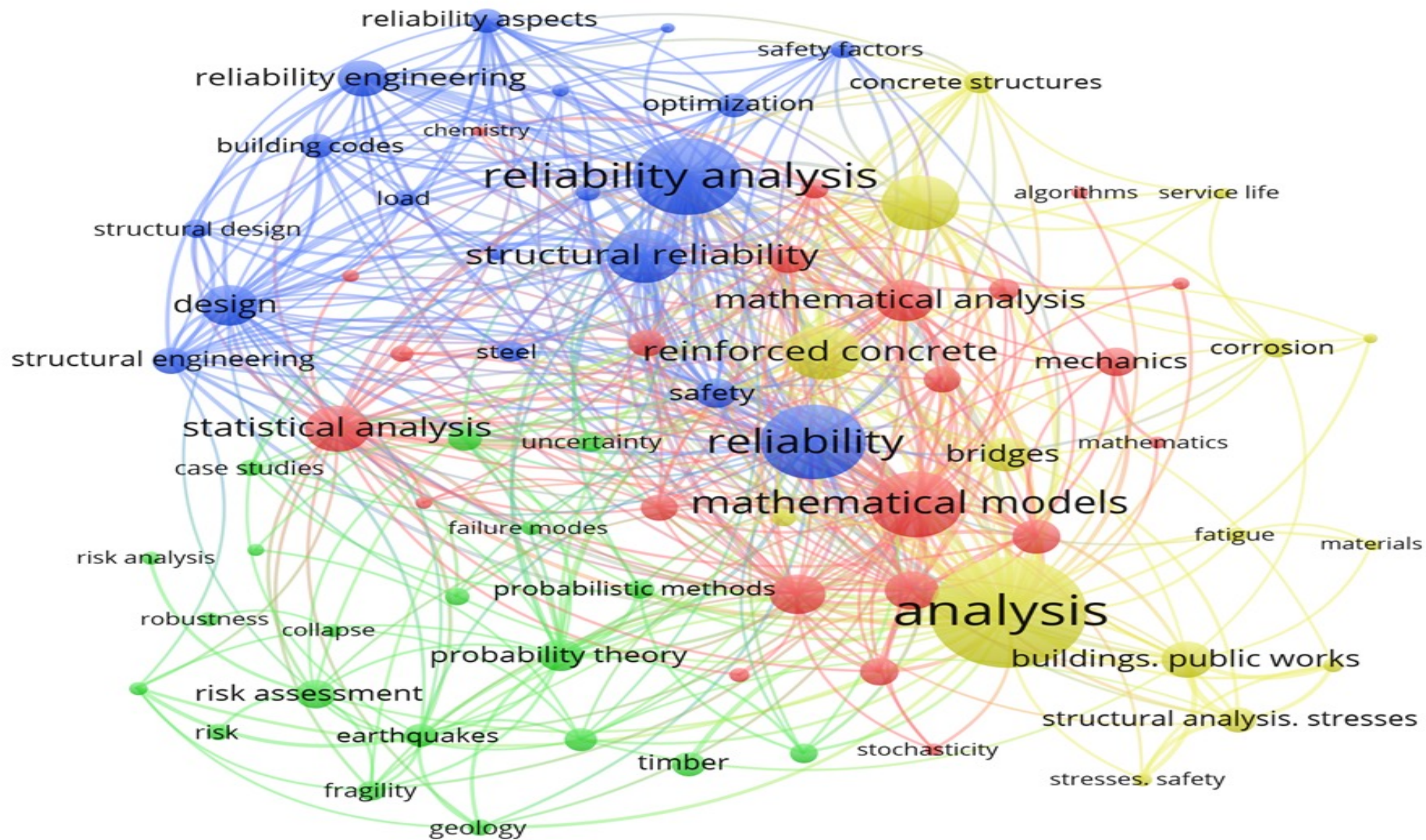
Common Unified Rules for
different types of
construction and materials



JCSS / DEVELOPMENTS IN COURSE OF TIME

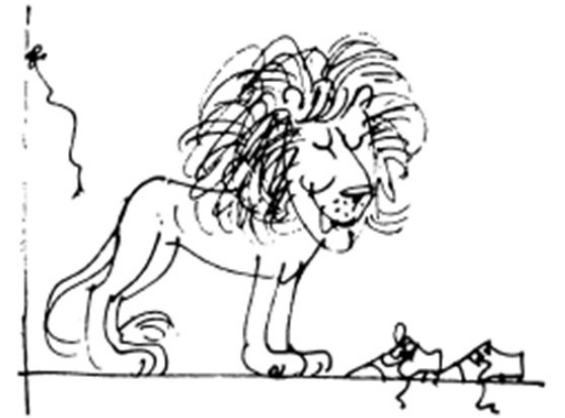
PFM	time variant	existing structures	systems / robustness
Level II	deterioration/fatigue	jcss model code	accidental / terrorist
	risk	LQI	resilience
	reliability target	inspection/SHM	sustainability
	code calibration	NL-FEM	

1972 -----present/future



JCSS Message in a nutshell

JCSS Message in a nutshell



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JCSS Message in a nutshell

Design / assessment = finding optimal decisions under uncertainty

Objectives and models should be formulated

Uncertainties are dealt with using the Theory of Probability

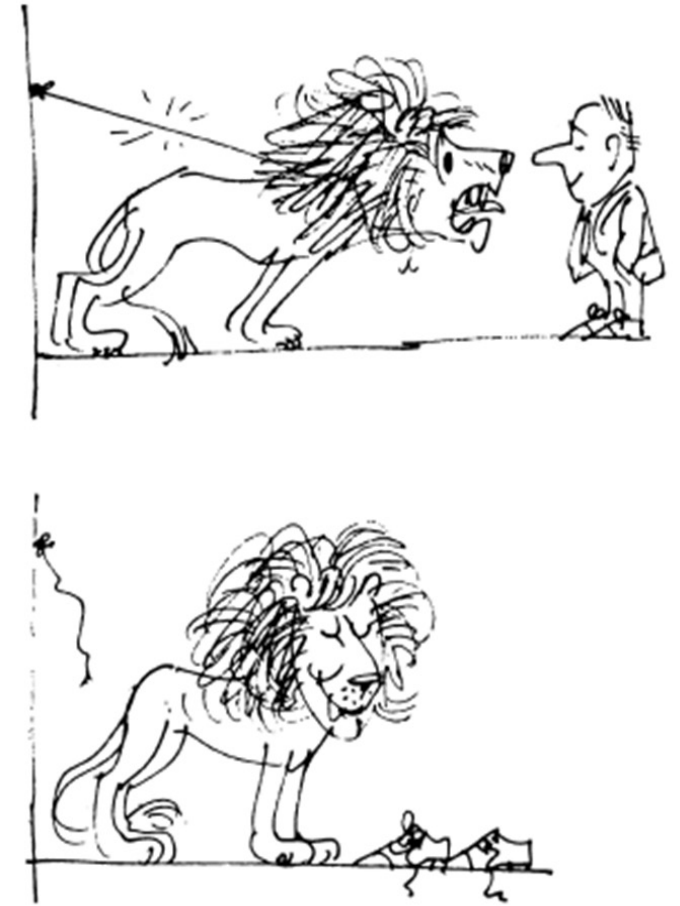
Aleatory and epistemic uncertainties should be treated in a similar way

Balanced interpretation of probability: classical, frequentist, Bayesian, notional

Codes reflects opinion of groups of experts

Operational levels: Risk informed, Reliability based and (Calibrated) Semi-probabilistic

Safety is based on: SRA + QA (Material / human errors) + System (Robustness / consequences)



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Code calibration

calibration

optimization

target reliability β_t

$$\gamma_i = 1 + \alpha_i \beta_t V_i$$

Standardised α 's

Portfolio

$$\text{Min } \sum w_j (\beta_j - \beta_t)^2$$

γ - values

JCSS Output



Joint Committee on Structural Safety

Liaison Committee



Industry, researchers, educators, committees, working parties, model codes, conferences - with 5000+ members representing more than 150 nation states

MAIN JCSS PUBLICATIONS

CEB-Bulletins 116... (1978)

IABSE Working documents (1989)

JCCS Publication 94, March 1996, background EC 1 Basis of design:

Papers Structural Safety, no. 3, 1997

The JCSS probabilistic model code, 2000

Icossar 2004

JCSS INTERNET PUBLICATIONS (see website)

Basis of Design, official new Eurocode EN 1990 Background

Reflection

The JCSS, directly as a pre-normative organization and indirectly via its members in code committees, has contributed to the development of semi probabilistic codes and standards. This approach also opens doors for a consistent integration of:

- combined analysis of structural and non-structural safety measures
- effects of deterioration (fatigues, corrosion, wear) in ULS analysis
- optimal use of recourses
- reliability and sustainability

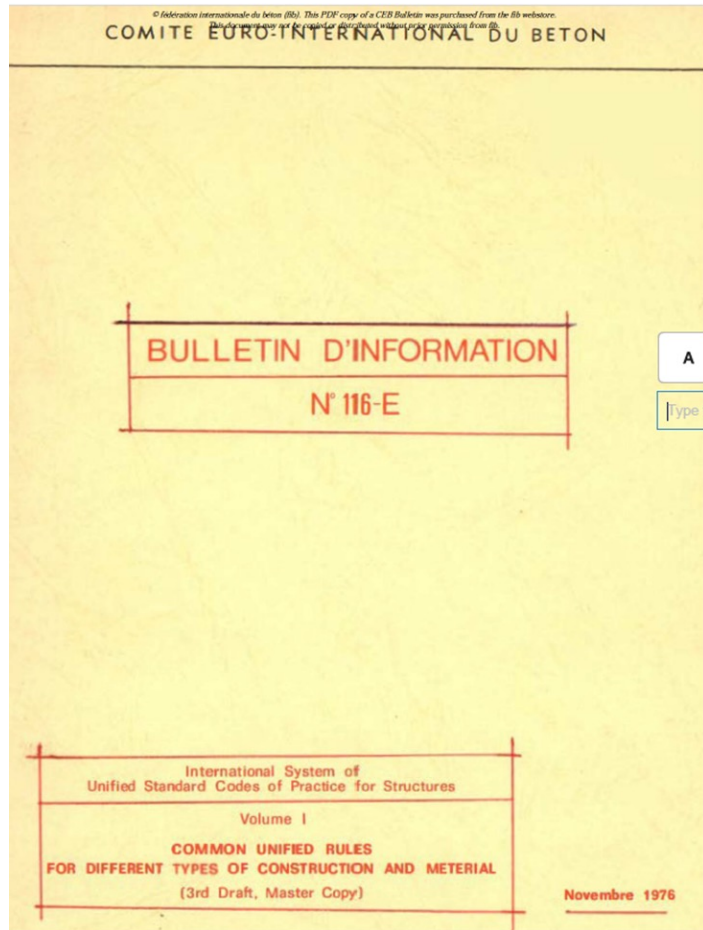
Code committees are often dominated by experts having a primarily deterministic mind setting, a preference for traditional approaches, non-probabilistic estimates of partial factors and market related effects.

Basic points of external criticism: difficult formulas and concepts, precision of numerical values, effect of human errors.

To do list

- **further development of PMC**
- **durability models**
- **inspection (shm) and repair**
- **systems**
- **full probabilistic verification**
- **risk analysis**
- **resilience**
- **human safety engineering**
- **elicitation of expert opinions**
- **sustainability**

To do list



- **Education**
- **Protocol**
- **Communication**
- **User friendly calculation tools**
- **..**
- **Common unified rules ...**

**Second
part by
Michael
Faber**



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