

Eisenbahnfahrwerke 3 – EBFW3

Description and aims of the new project

ESIS TC24

Railway axles: Advances in Durability Analysis and Maintenance

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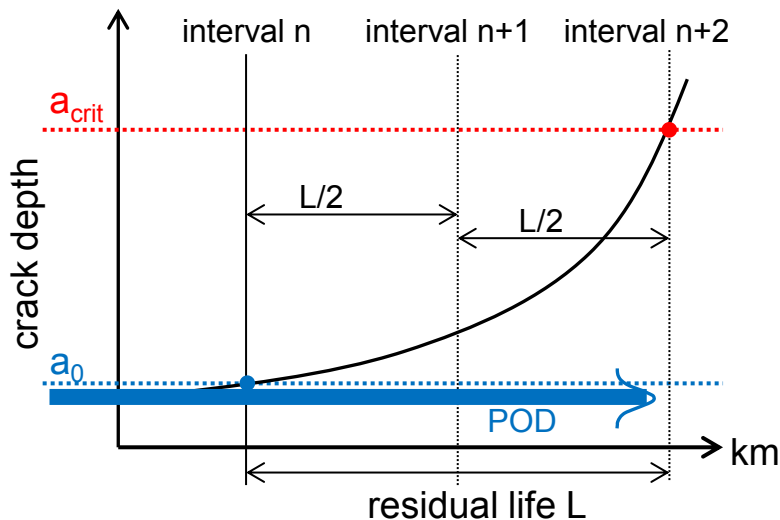
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- Project history and goals
- Participants & project organization
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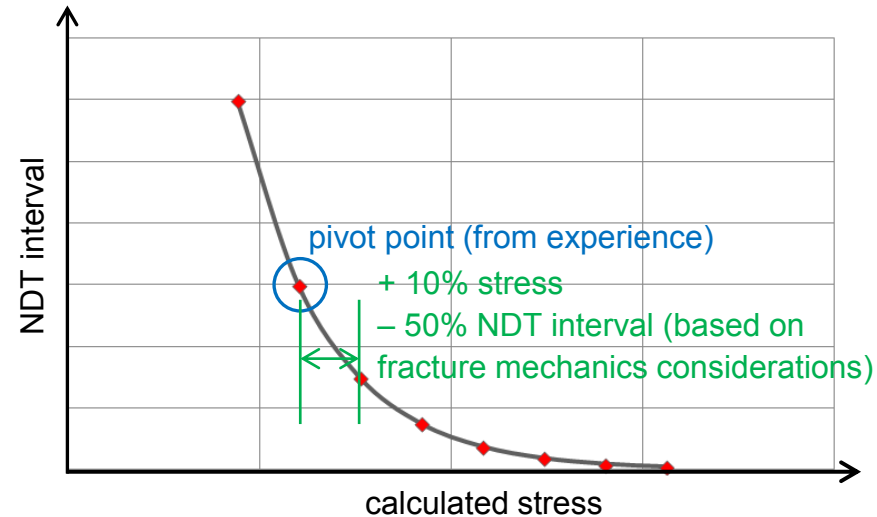
- a) from experience
- b) by computation (→ EBFW3)
- c) combined approach

a) define NDT interval from previous operating experience

b) define NDT interval from crack growth computations (→ EBFW3)



c) define NDT interval from a combination of experience and computation → „curve method“ (under development)



Determination of residual life from

- component tests
- computation of crack growth

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EBFW1 (2001 – 2004)

Contents:

- Determination of allowable stresses at the free surface and at the press fit of railway axles
- Measurement of load spectra (ICE 3)
- Development of a design and safety concept for railway axles (complementary to the design following standards EN 13103 / EN 13104)

EBFW2 (2005 – 2009)

Contents:

- Development of a computational method for determining the residual life and inspection intervals of railway axles by means of fracture mechanics
- Determination of fracture mechanics material parameters for axle materials
- Validation of the computational model by means of laboratory specimens and component tests on the scales 1:3 and 1:1
- Measurement of load spectra (locomotive and passenger car)
- Differences between computation and 1:1 test results showed the need for additional research → EBFW3

Validated computational method for determining crack growth rate and inspection intervals

- Model for crack growth rate in railway axles from EA1N and EA4T shall allow residual lifetime prediction for
 - different designs (e.g. hollow axles),
 - different stress concentrations and
 - different load spectra
- Method for materials characterization for other materials
long-term goal: 1:1 tests only for validation
- Method for determination of inspection intervals,
with special attention to the enormous amount of existing knowledge
(„large-scale test: 150 years railway transportation“)

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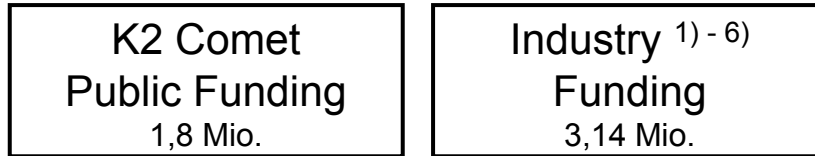
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Virtuelles Fahrzeug	
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TU Graz	
TU Clausthal	
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MU Leoben	

Funding

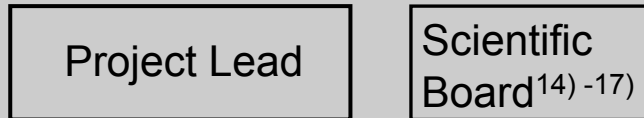
Volume ~ € 5 Mio.



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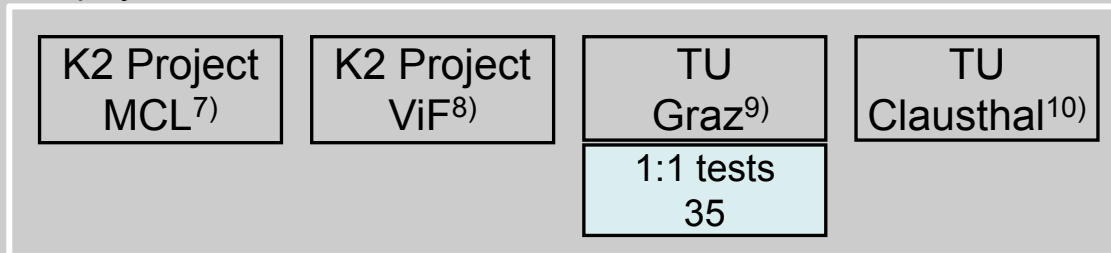
Project EBFW 3



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- 7) Materials Center Leoben (MCL)
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- 9) TU Graz, Institut für Leichtbau
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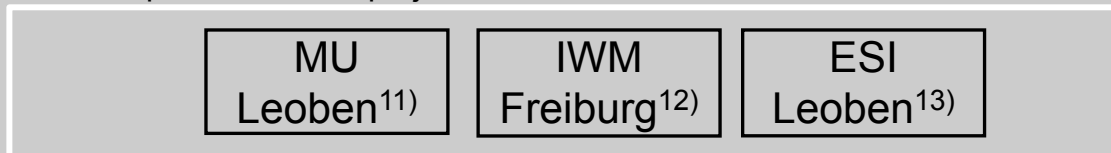
Sub-projects

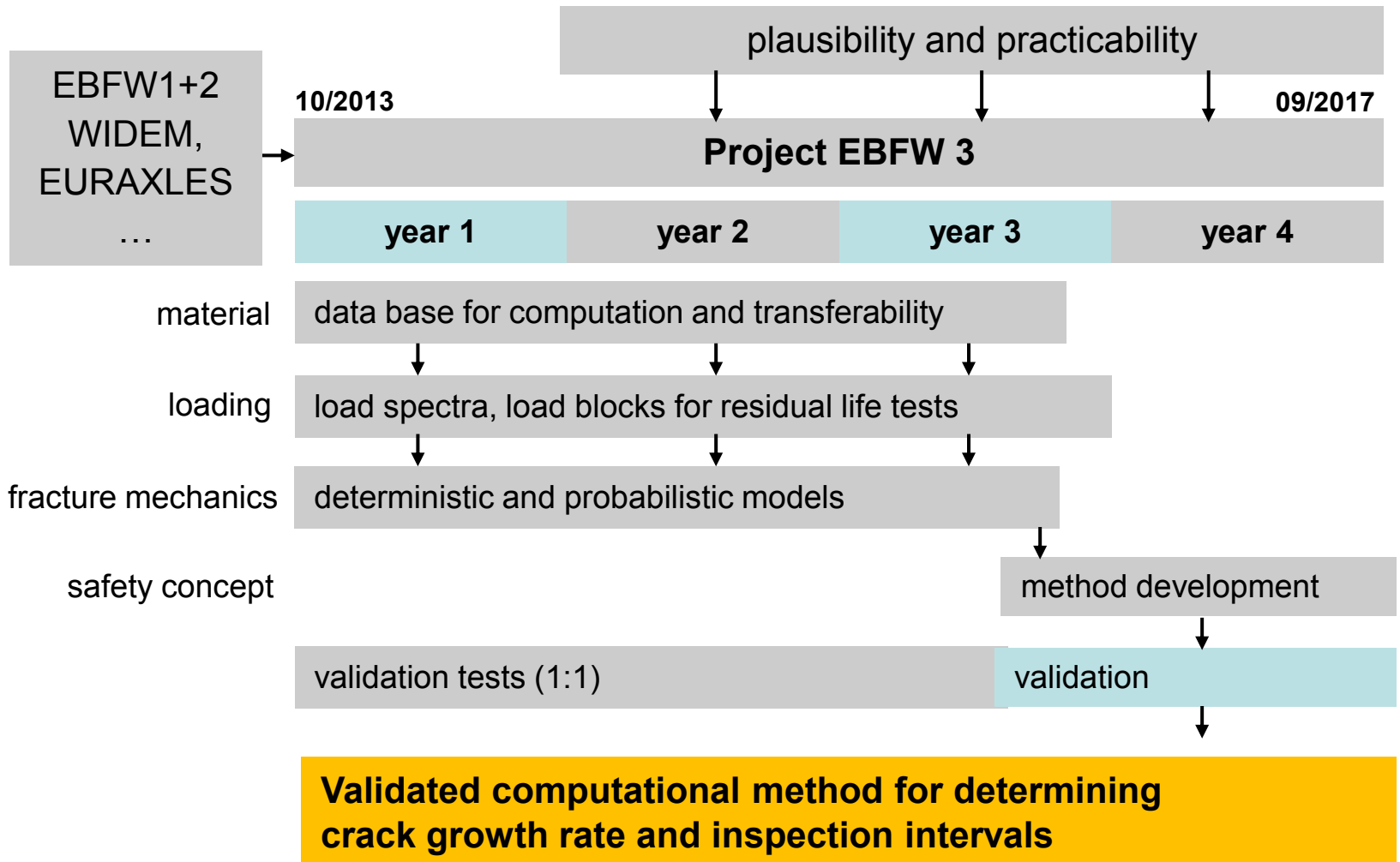


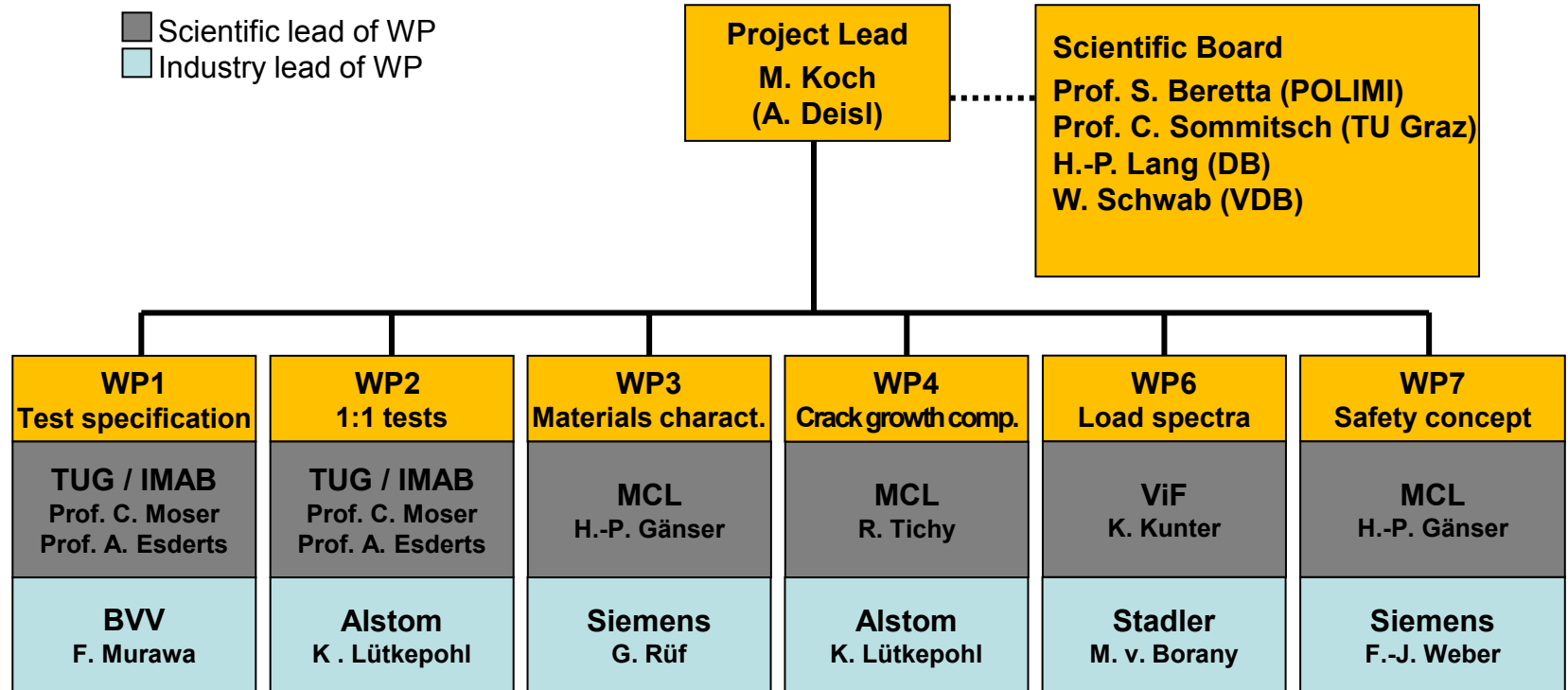
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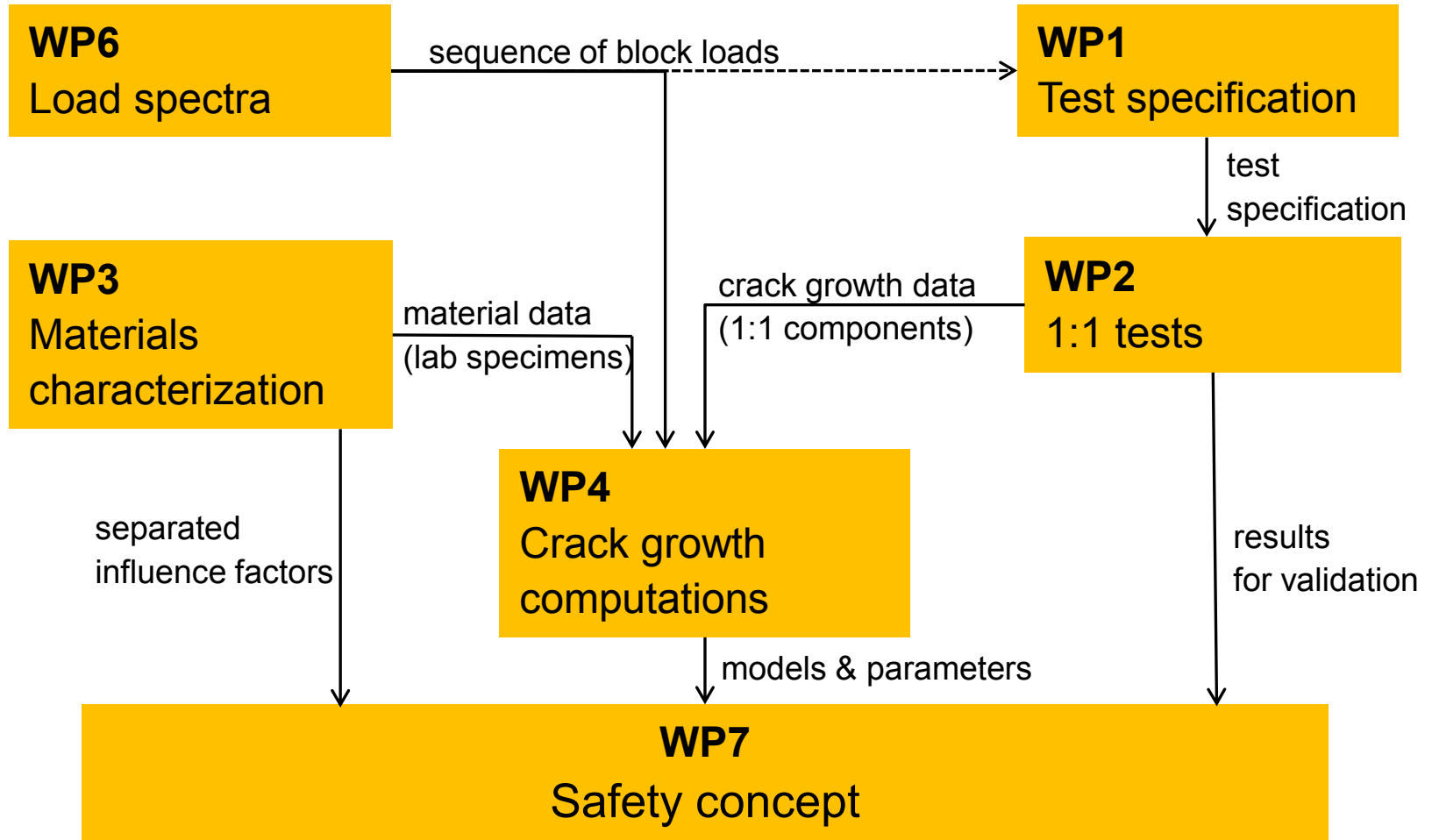
Scientific partners in sub-projects.







ViF Virtual Vehicle
 TUG TU Graz, Institute of Lightweight Structures
 IMAB TU Clausthal, Institute of Plant Engineering and Fatigue Analysis
 MCL Materials Center Leoben



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WP1 Test specification

Duration: 10/2013 – 06/2014

WP lead:
TU Clausthal / TU Graz, BVV

WP contents:

- development of a test concept
- preliminary tests for pre-cracking and measurement technology
- preliminary component tests
- substantiation of the concept by comparison of local stresses
- definition of test load spectra
- definition of test specification

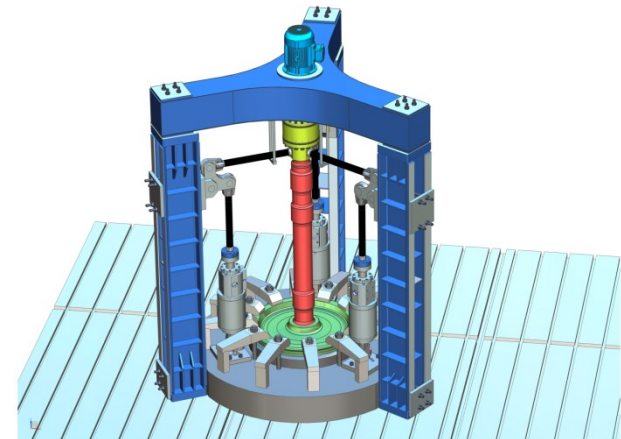
WP2 1:1 component tests

Duration: 10/2013 – 09/2016

WP lead:
TU Clausthal / TU Graz, Alstom

WP contents:

- definition and procurement of 1:1 test axles
- 1:1 component tests (35 pcs.) at TU Graz



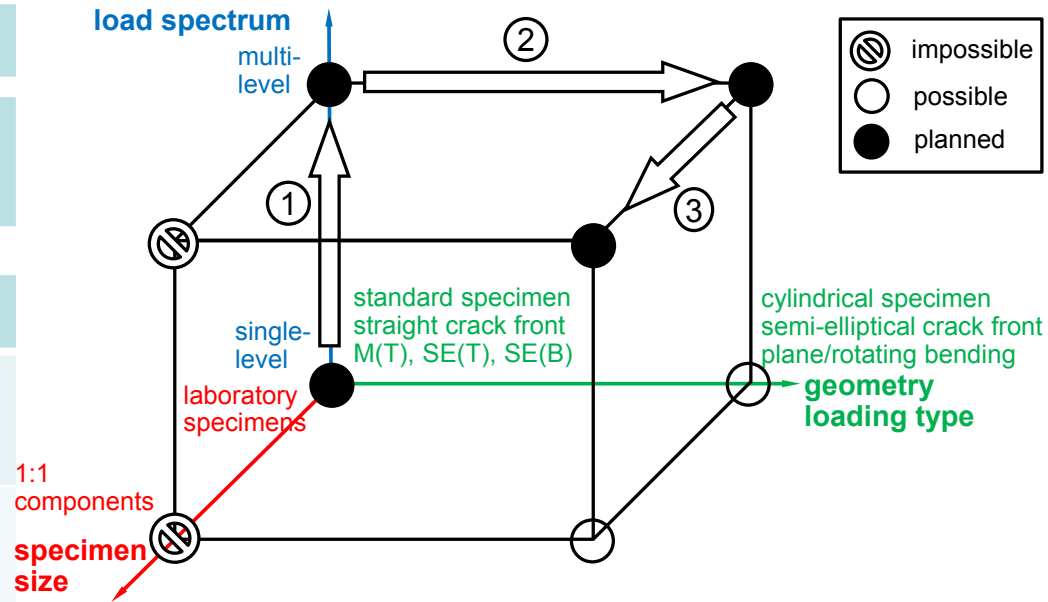
WP3 Materials characterization

Duration: 10/2013 – 06/2016

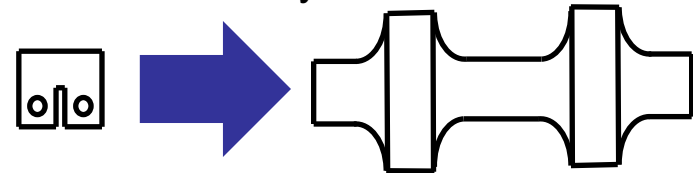
WP lead:
MCL, Siemens

WP contents:

- data base of current knowledge
- complementary experiments on laboratory specimens for:
 - constraint
 - batch influence
 - crack closure effects
 - load sequence effects
- deterministic modelling



separation of influence factors for transferability



- ~160 laboratory specimens
- 35 1:3 specimens
- 35 1:1 specimens

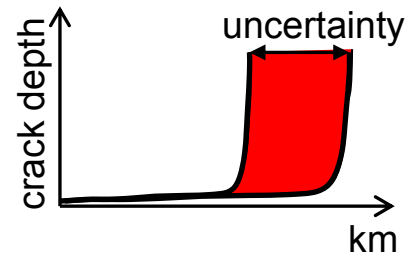
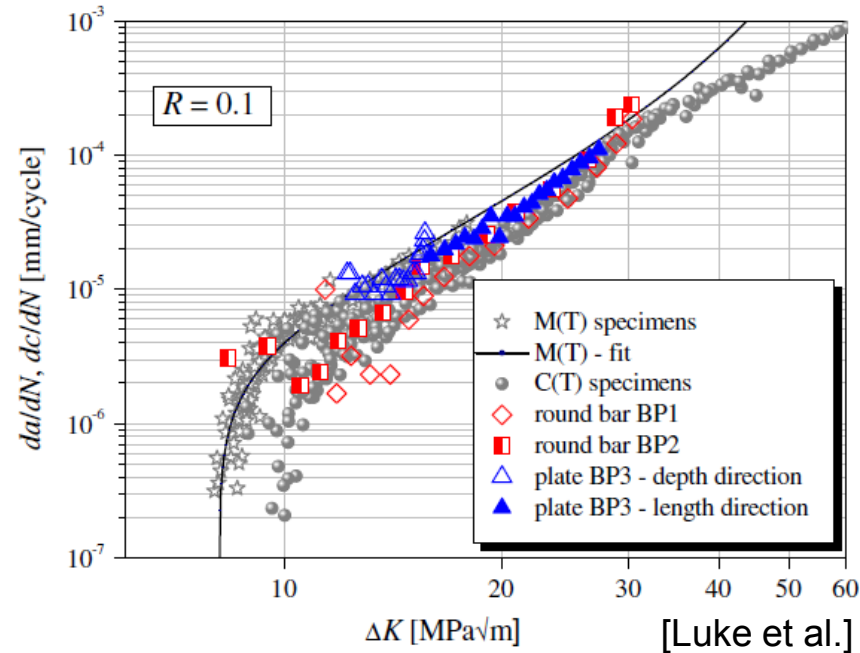
WP4 Crack growth computations

Duration: 10/2013 – 06/2016

WP lead:
MCL, Alstom

WP contents:

- deduction of a generic crack shape and corresponding analytical SIF expression
- software implementation (INARA and ERWIN)
- FE simulation of test specimens
- simulation of 1:1 components (test rig / real operating conditions)
- probabilistic modelling
- determination of main influence parameters on local stresses etc.



Partial safety factors for:

- stress
- initial crack size
- material parameters

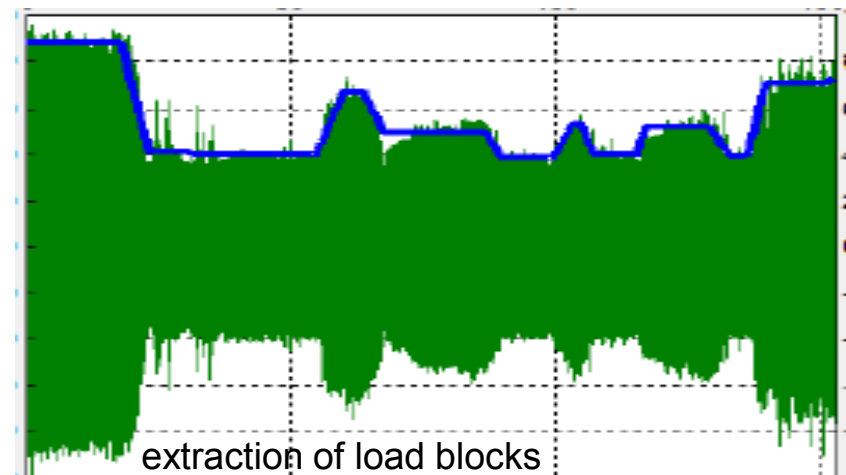
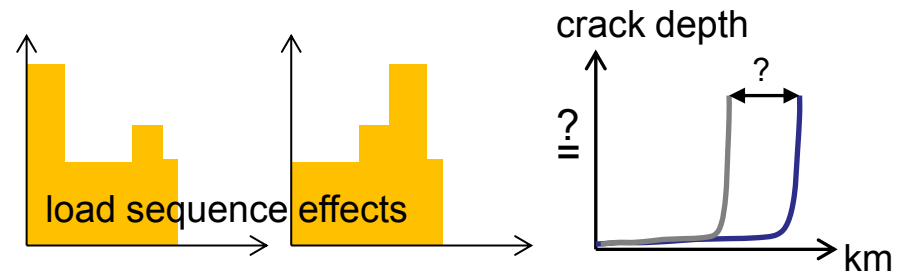
WP6 Load spectra

Duration: 10/2013 – 10/2016

WP lead:
ViF, Stadler

WP contents:

- extrapolation to load maxima
- investigation of load sequences
- derivation of load spectra for crack growth experiments
- investigation of the influence of the load discretization on crack growth predictions
- specification for the determination of load spectra for residual life assessment



WP7 Safety concept

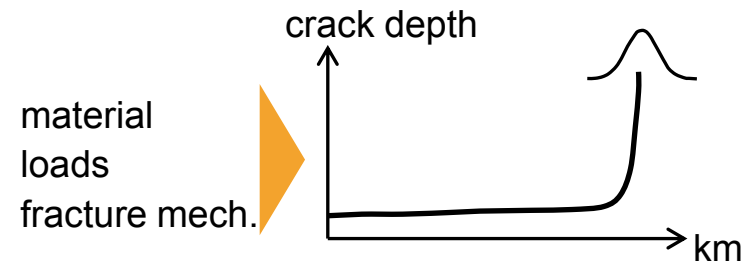
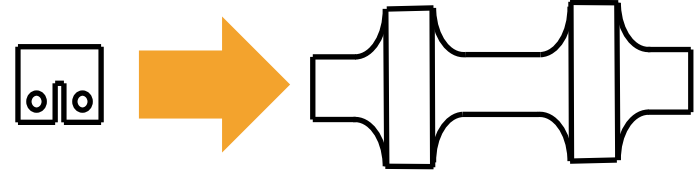
Duration: 07/2016 – 10/2017

WP lead:
MCL, Siemens

WP contents:

- finalization and implementation of assessment method
- verification
- analysis and assessment of project results
- preparation of standardization efforts

consolidation of WP results



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Conclusion



„Industry and science collaborate in the development of a method for determining inspection intervals for railway axles“

