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Load-carrying capacity and failure modes of glulam beams with reinforced notches

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Background



- STSM during PhD studies at ETH Zurich
- Supervisors:

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• Topic: Structural behaviour of glued laminated timber beams with unreinforced and reinforced notches





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Planing of the STSM

- Idea of STSM
 - Having a closer colaboration with Erik Serrano
 - Benefit from the expertise in fracture mechanics in Sweden
 - Erik Serrano and Bertil Enquist in Växjö
 - Per-Johan Gustafsson in Lund





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Timber beams notched at the support

Introduction



• Reduced beam height at the support





• Stress concentration in shear and tension perpendicular to the grain in the notch corner





Need for research

- Identification of the parameters influencing the variation of load-carrying capacity
- Evaluation of the practical relevancy of design approaches and experiments from literature
- Setting the design of notched beams on a more reliable basis
- Harmonization of design approaches with relevant failure mechanisms
- Evaluate possible means to increase the load-carrying capacity
- Accounting for the progress in reinforcement techniques









Tests on notched beam Material



- Aim: Influence of angle of reinforcement on load carrying behaviour
- Tested at Linnaeus University in Växjö, Sweden
- Glulam
 - 10 beams *b*/*h* = 90/315 mm
- Reinforcement:
 - Self tapping screws:SFS WRT-13d = 13mml = 400mm 45° and 90°
 - Carbon fibres:

SikaWrap

res: t = 1 mm b = 50 mm $45^{\circ} \text{ and } 90^{\circ}$





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Strength grade L40

Tests on notched beam Measurements

- Measuring parameters
 - Crack opening/ shearing
 - ARAMIS deformation measurements
 - Load / deflections













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Action EP100

• Normal strain perp. to grain

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m yy}$ [%]

- clear crackpath







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Shear Force [kN]





Reinforced notch: Screw 90° • V – Shear strain – Normal strain perp. to grain Α V 90° Epsilon Y Epsilon XY [%] 0.004 0.5 0.003 0.002 0.001 0.000 -0.001 -0.002 -0.003 -0.5 -0.004











- Reinforced notch with existing crack: CFR 90°
 - Normal strain perp. to grain









-0.008

-0.010

- Reinforced notch with existing crack: CFR 45°
 - Normal strain perp. to grain







Results Load-carrying capacities





- Considerably higher capacities of reinforced notches
- Tendentially higher capacities of inclined reinforcement



Results Estimated capacities







Outcomes



- Publication of the results
 - STSM report
 - Dissertation
 - Poster: COST-FTP Young Researchers Forum
 - CIB-W18 Paper
 - Korrigenda for Swiss standard SIA 265:2012
- Ongoing collaboration between ETH/Empa and Lund/LNU!
- Outlook
 - Recommendations for EC 5





 $46^{\rm th}$ CIB-W18 Meeting, 26 to 29 August 2013, Vancouver, Canada

Enhanced design approach for reinforced notched beams







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Thank you for your attention!

