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Roman arched bridge across river Tajo in Alcántara / Spain



**Bridge LCC - New tool for life-cycle-costs for bridges**

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Summary

Holistic perception of cost trends of a construction over its whole expected service life

- Planning costs
- Building costs
- Cost of maintenance during service life cycle period
- Unexpected costs (optional)
- Cost of demolition at the end of life cycle

} start of life cycle

Life cycle cost

Predominant investment  
 - after building phase  
 - during utilisation

Generally cost optimisation only for building phase

Only reliable cost available are production cost = construction cost  
 → hence reference base of further costing

Actual targets of optimisation


Choice of system, quality of material and construction impact level of expense during utilisation phase decisively

Targets of strategic planning of structure at budgeting

- to aspire **maximum** of service life
- to aim for **minimum** of costs
- to meet function **without** restriction

Planning strategy

Roman arched bridge across river Guadiana in Mérida / Spain



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**REQUIREMENTS**  
 ON CALCULATION MODEL LCCB (LZKB)

**Creation of a consistently applicable tool of calculation for life cycle cost of a single bridge**

**Possibilities of application:**

- Comparison of bridges
- Comparison of versions
- Optimisation of planning
- Checking of costs
- **Redemption**
- Leasing of bridges

Project targets

- *Redemption guideline ÖBB 2006*
- **Calculation of redemption cost** by intervention on buildings, when initiator is **not** upholder or with change of upholder.
- **Calculation of maintenance costs** for old and new building is **basis** of calculation of **redemption costs**.

Redemption of buildings

- **Adaption** of tabular values for special cases using matching coefficients
  - Variance of construction guidelines
  - **Exceeding of normative defaults**
  - Consideration of material technology
  - Experiments with **new material**
- **Guideline RVS 15.01.11 – Quality criteria for planning bridges**
  - Adaptability for road bridges
  - Additional criteria

Matching coefficients

**Factors for reduction and re-evaluation**

- ❖ Theoretical service life  $m$  [years]
- ❖ Annual maintenance costs  $p$  [%]

**Application**

- New material technology
- Experimental projects
- Accreditation
- Assessment of alternative offers

**Groups of bridge construction elements**

- Structure base (foundation)
- Structure
- Level of utilization
- Equipment

Explanation according to guideline RVS 15.01.11

Tabular values  $m$  [a] and  $p$  [%]

**Negative impact on structure may require adjustment of concrete quality.**

Less than 3,5 cm concrete covering is not permissible.

- Concrete covering → tabular values for  $d_{concrete} = 3,5 \text{ cm}$ 
  - $m_{concrete} = 70 \text{ Years}$   $p_{concrete} = 0,8 \%$
  - $k_m = 1,00$   $k_p = 1,00$
- **Increase of concrete covering:**
  - higher durability ⇒ positive impact
  - more concrete and reinforcement ⇒ negative impact
- Increase  $> 3,5 \text{ cm} - 6,0 \text{ cm}$  → new **correction factors**
  - $k_m = 1,10$  and  $k_p = 0,85$  for  $d_{concrete} = 6,0 \text{ cm}$

Matching coefficients – durability of structure

Medieval Ponte Vecchio across river Arno in Florence / Italy



**BASIC CALCULATION CRITERIA**

- **Base** → redemption guideline ÖBB
- **Commitment of parameters** → safeguarding comparability of projects
  - **Fixed interest rate** of capitalisation → 4 % p.a.
  - **Fixed values  $m$  and  $p$**  are dependent on structure and construction
    - Theoretical **service life** (life span)  $m$  [a]
    - Percentage of **annual maintenance costs  $p$  [%]** based on building cost and construction cost respectively.

Calculation on basis of ÖBB (LZKB)

- Calculation based on **CONSTRUCTION COST** → only reliable well-established value
- **Construction cost  $K_B$**  contain:
  - Production cost of construction units
  - Related miscellaneous works
  - Clearance of traffic, site protection
  - Generation of execution documents/plans
  - Difficulties for third parties

Construction cost  $K_B$

- **Non-recurring administration cost  $K_V$**  (fixed 10% of  $K_B$ ) contain:
  - Work in advance, preliminary and construction draft, **awarding of contracts**
  - Check of statics/plans, site management
  - Test and measuring devices, vehicles, test loading
  - Administration, accountancy

Administration cost  $K_V$

- **Building cost  $K_{er}$**  contain:
  - Construction cost  $K_B$
  - Non-recurring administration cost  $K_{VB}$  fixed with 10% of  $K_B$
- $K_{er} = K_B + K_{VB} = 1,10 * K_B$
- $K_{er}$  → Calculation basis of percentage  $p$  for annual maintenance cost


Building cost  $K_{er}$

- **Dismantling cost  $K_A$**  contain:
  - demolition cost in the course of replacement  $K_{rA}$  → fixed with 20% of  $K_B$
  - administration cost of demolition  $K_{VA}$  → fixed with 10% of  $K_{rA}$  (2% of  $K_B$ )
- $K_A = K_{rA} + K_{VA} = 0,22 * K_B$

Dismantling cost  $K_A$

- **Annual maintenance cost  $K_{ju}$** 
  - Calculated as overall fixed percentage  $p$  of building cost  $K_{er}$  according to tabular value  $p$  [%] in redemption guideline
  - $K_{ju} = p * K_{er} \rightarrow K_{er} = K_B + K_V = 1,10 * K_B$   
 $K_{ju} = p * 1,10 * K_B$
  - Annual maintenance cost  $K_{ju}$  are handled as **annuity**

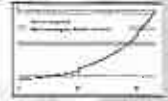
Annual maintenance cost  $K_{ju}$  19



Roman aqueduct Pont du Gard across river Gardon near Nimes / France

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### LIFE CYCLE MODEL



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- **Life cycle cost** are calculated for one single life span
- Calculation of LCC with only three input parameters  $p$  [%],  $m$  [a] and  $C_c$  [€]
- Calculation methods used
  - *Cash value method*
  - *Final value method*

Philosophy of life cycle cost calculation 21

$$LCC_B^c = C_B = C_c * 1,10$$

$$LCC_M^c = \frac{1}{q^m} * C_{am} * \frac{q^m - 1}{q - 1} = \frac{1}{q^m} * C_c * 1,10 * p * \frac{q^m - 1}{q - 1}$$

$$LCC_D^c = \frac{1}{q^m} * C_D = \frac{1}{q^m} * C_c * 0,22$$

$$\sum LCC = LCC_B^c + LCC_M^c + LCC_D^c$$

$$LCC_B^h = q^m * C_B = q^m * C_c * 1,10$$


$$LCC_M^h = C_{am} * \frac{q^m - 1}{q - 1} = C_c * 1,10 * p * \frac{q^m - 1}{q - 1}$$

$$LCC_D^h = C_D = C_c * 0,22$$

$$\sum LCC = LCC_B^h + LCC_M^h + LCC_D^h$$

Building cost  $C_B = C_c + C_{sc} = C_c * 1,10$   
 Annual maintenance cost  $C_{am} = C_p * p = C_c * 1,10 * p$   
 Dismantling cost  $C_D = C_s + C_{sd} = C_c * 0,22$   
 Life cycle cost  $LCC^c$   
 Interest factor  $q^{1+z} = 1,04$   
 Accumulation factor  $q^m$   
 Discounting factor  $1/q^m$   
 Calculation factor of annuity with payment in arrears  $q^m - 1 / q - 1$   
 Percentage of annual maintenance cost according to building cost  $p$  [%]  
 Theoretical service life  $m$  [a]  
 Construction cost  $C_c$  [€]


Calculation of life cycle cost 22



Safavid Si-o-se Pol bridge across river Zayandeh in Isfahan / Iran

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### REDEMPTION MODEL



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**Base** → unlimited maintenance obligation.

**Cause** → transfer of maintenance cost when change of upholder takes place.

**Cost** → compensation as redemption debit amount to or from next upholder.

**Philosophy** → when bridge is up for next replacement at end of service life, from capitalised maintenance cost after subtraction of replacement cost a certain amount of capital keeps remaining, which has to meet the liabilities of next replacement by return on capital employed during next following service life.

Philosophy of redemption cost calculation 24

- Maintenance cost of replacement  $E_{ern}$  consists of the replacement cost  $K_{ern}$  and the socket capital  $AB$  at point in time of next renewal:  
 $E_{ern} = AB + K_{ern}$
- Annual maintenance cost  $K_{JU}$  are constant.
- Capitalised maintenance cost  $AE_U$  should yield interest income to cover ongoing annual maintenance cost  $K_{JU}$

Maintenance cost of replacement 25

SOFTWARE LZKB (LCCB)

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Java

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- Decision between software *Java* and *Excel*.
- Justification for Java:
  - Computer language independent of platform
  - Software library and pattern
  - Individual user interface and graphs
  - Software exempt from charges
  - Computer-oriented language
  - Source code needed for changes
  - Compatible with all systems software
  - Each kind of calculation possible
- Software package "basis" and "factors"
- Licence bound to hard disk of computer

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Main calculation program

ruecke.k

Java

faktorgenerator.jar

Matching coefficients program

Java

Example: diffusion 28

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# Thank you for your attention

## New software LZKB (LCCB)

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