



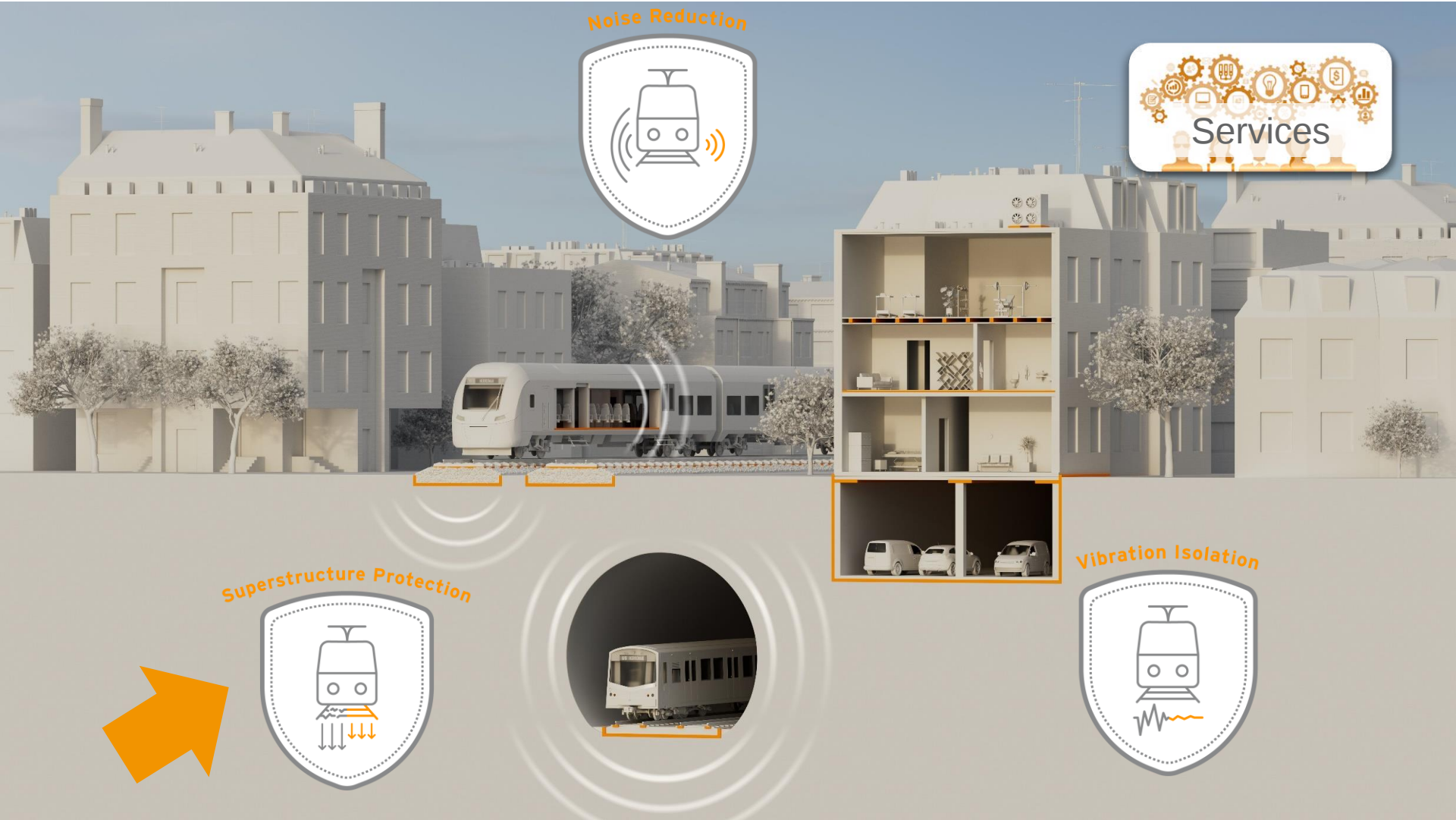
Elastic Solutions for Railway Superstructures PWI North East Section - March

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Core Competence

Vibration Isolation



Elastic Solutions For Railway Superstructure



Contents

- Under Sleeper Pads



- Under Ballast Mats



- Mass Spring System



Why Under Sleeper Pads?



Vibration Isolation



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SLS sylomer[®] by getzner

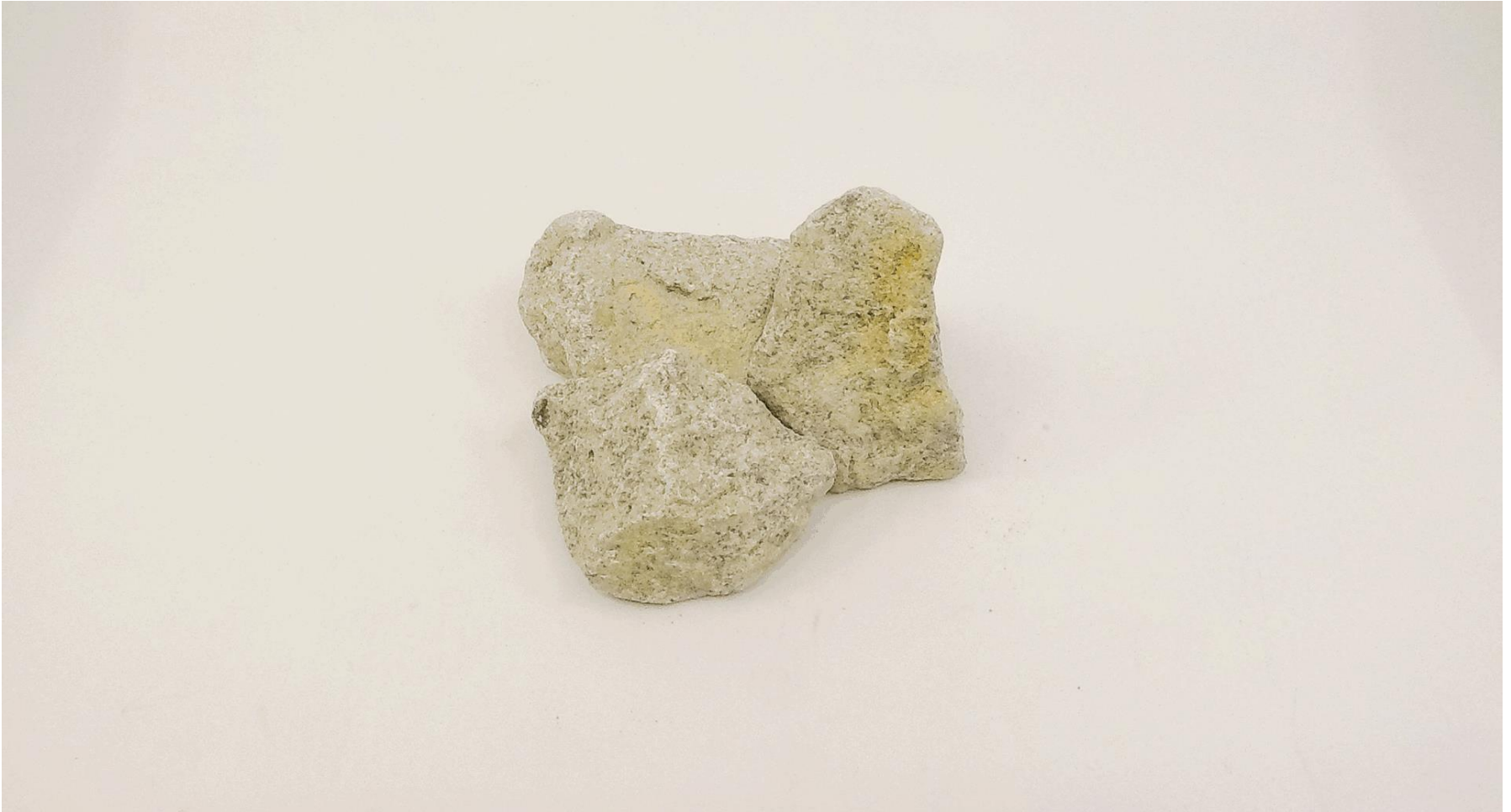


Ballast Protection



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Ballast is the weakest component



Ballast turns to dust!



Creating Voids Under The Sleepers



Sleepers Crack



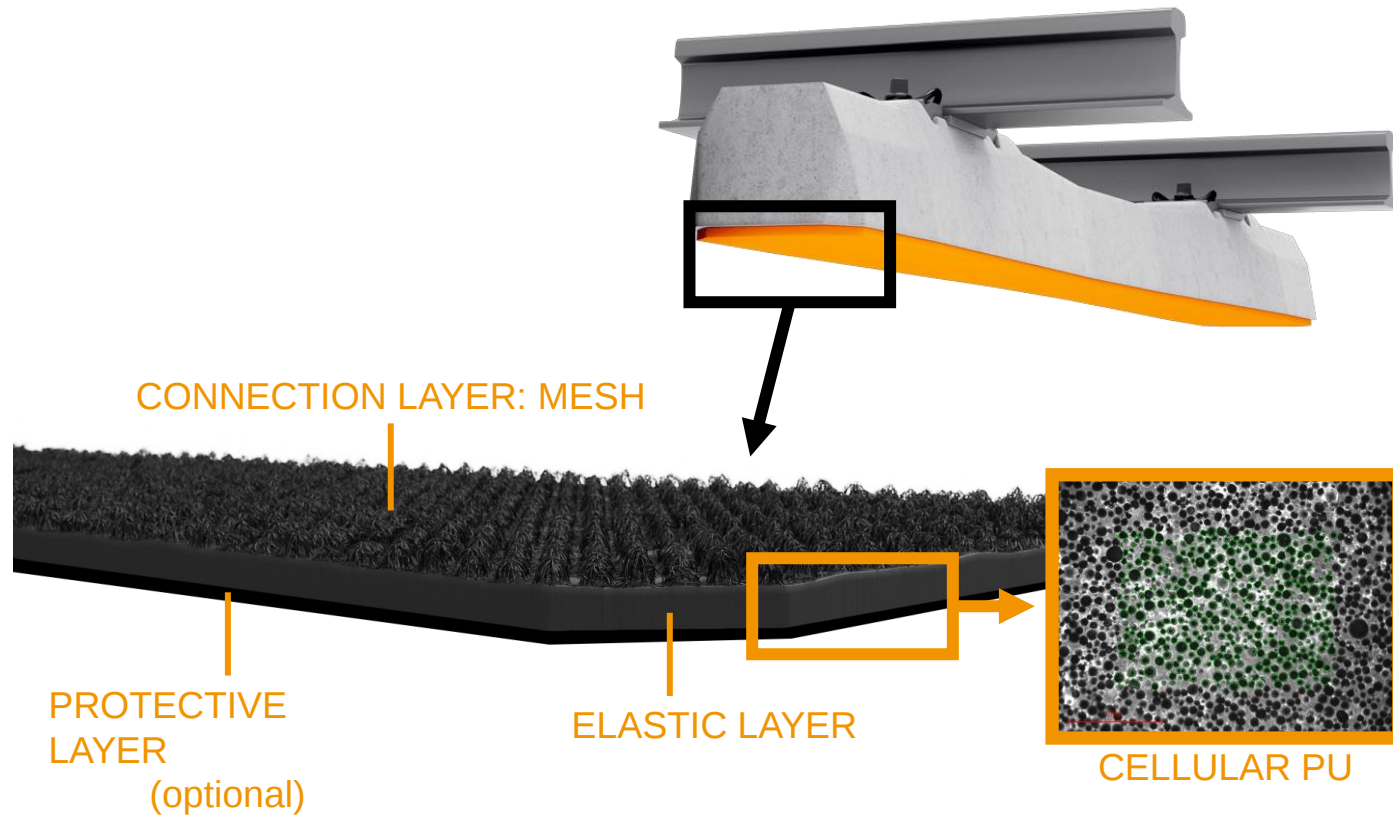
- White Spots



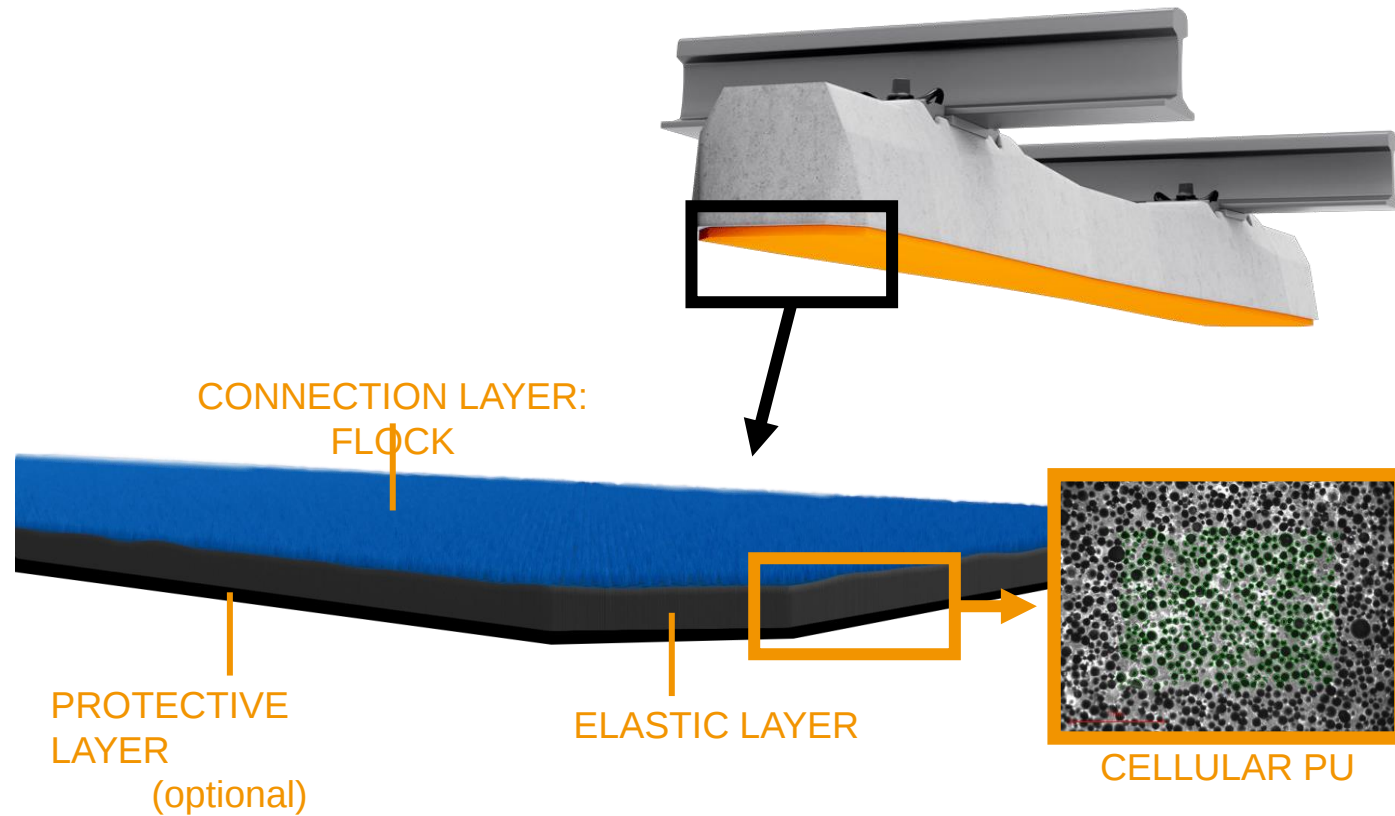
- Poor Track Quality



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Assembly in the Sleeper Factory



Assembly in the Sleeper Factory

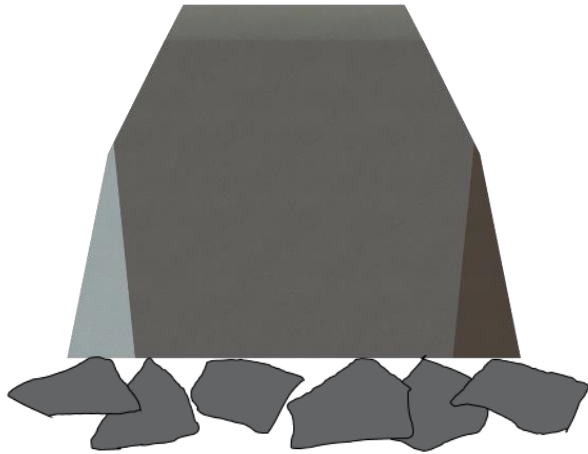


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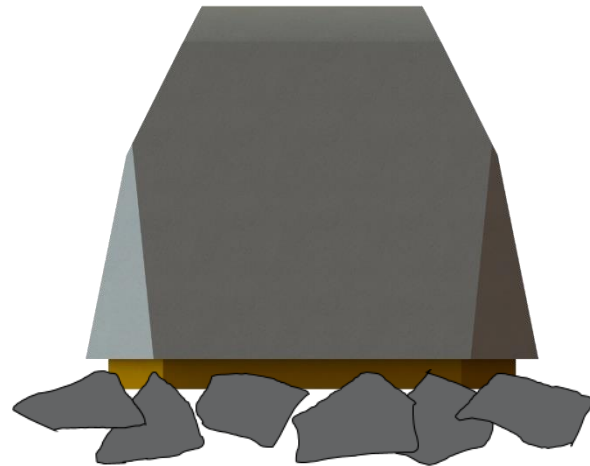


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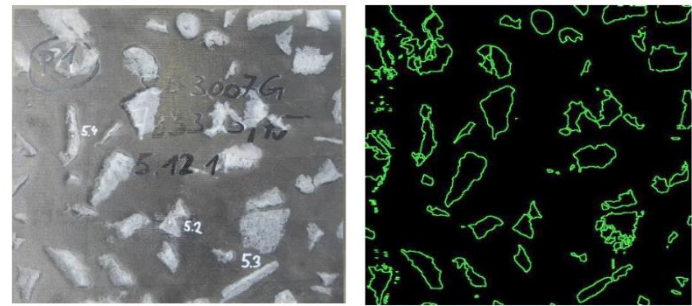
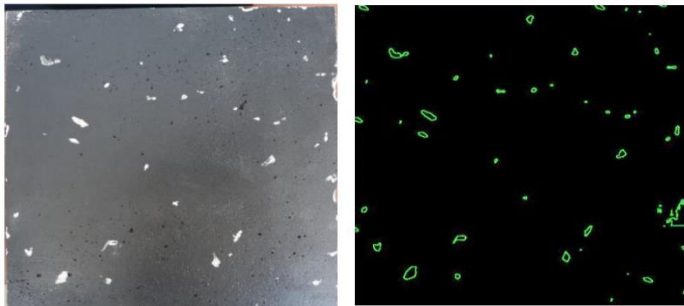
Unpadded vs. Padded Sleepers



Contact Area: 3 - 5 %

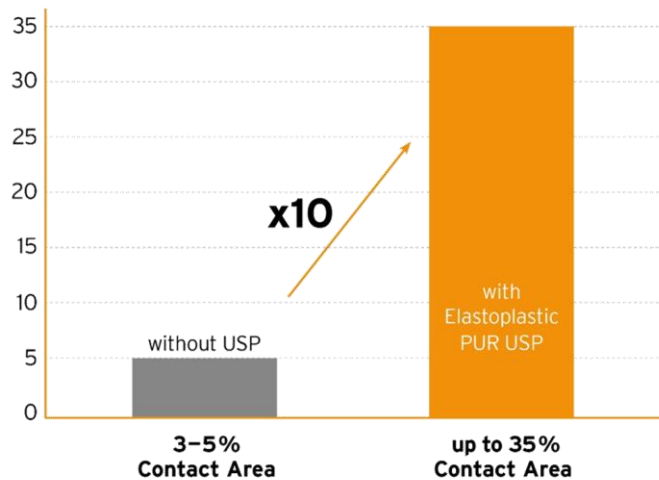


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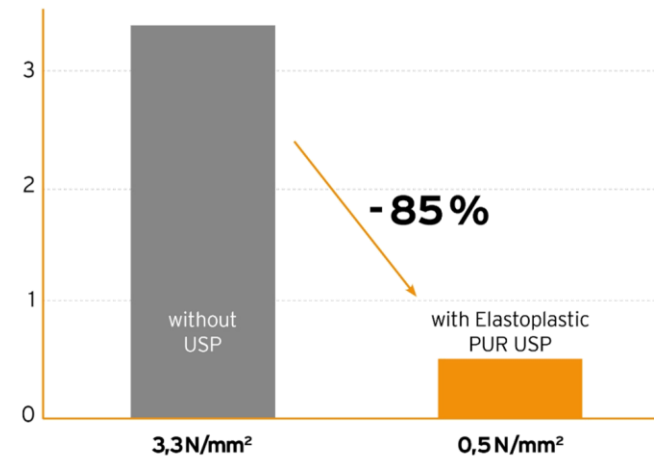


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Contact Area (%)



Ballast Contact Pressure (N/mm²)

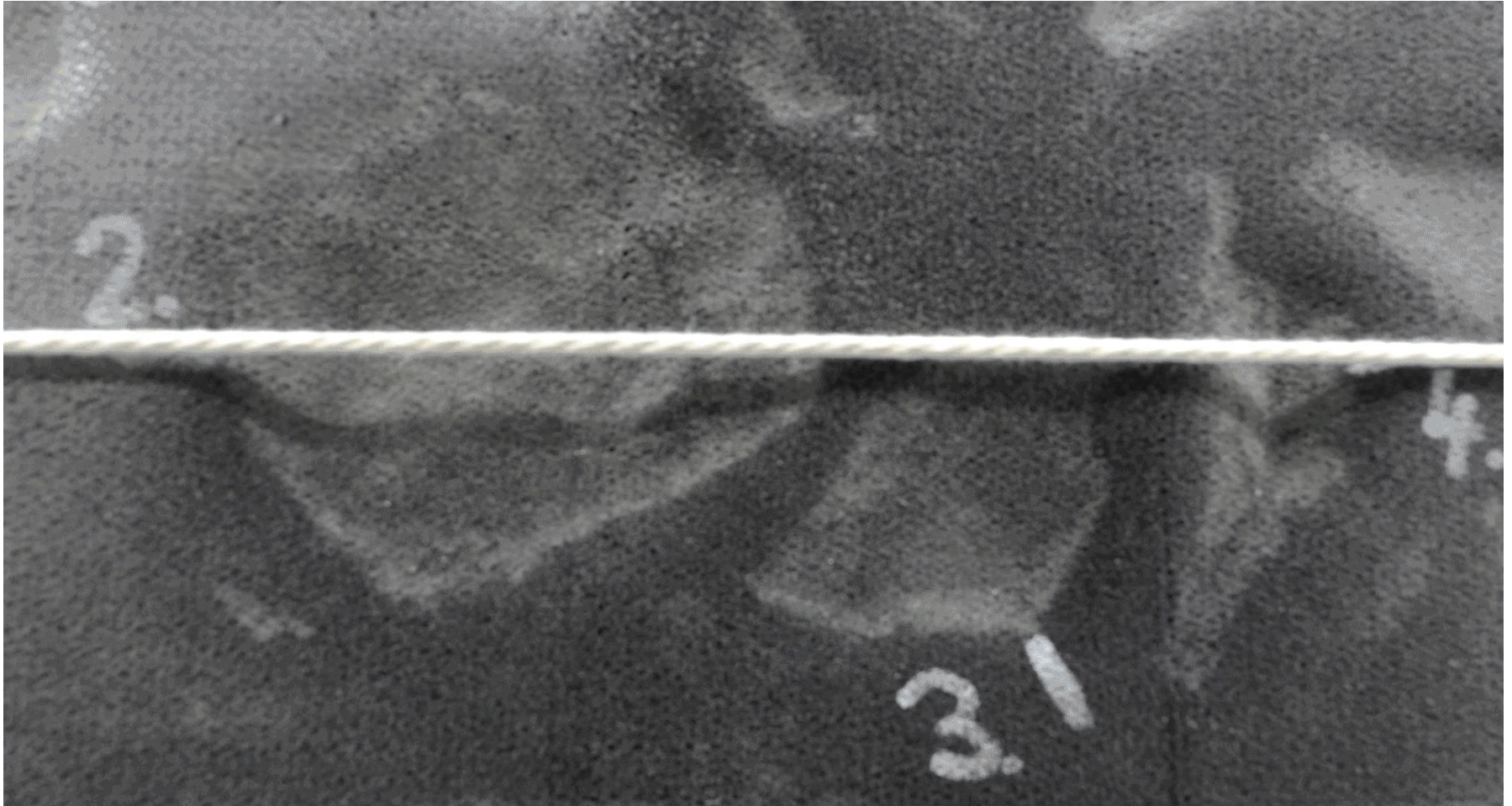


Ballast Protection for Your Superstructure

Contact Area Explained



Elasto-plastic Behaviour



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**Unpadded
Sleeper**

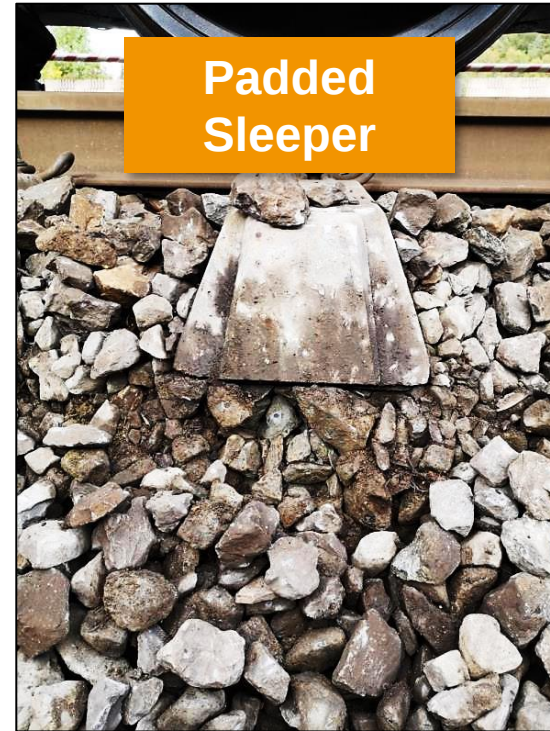


**Padded
Sleeper**

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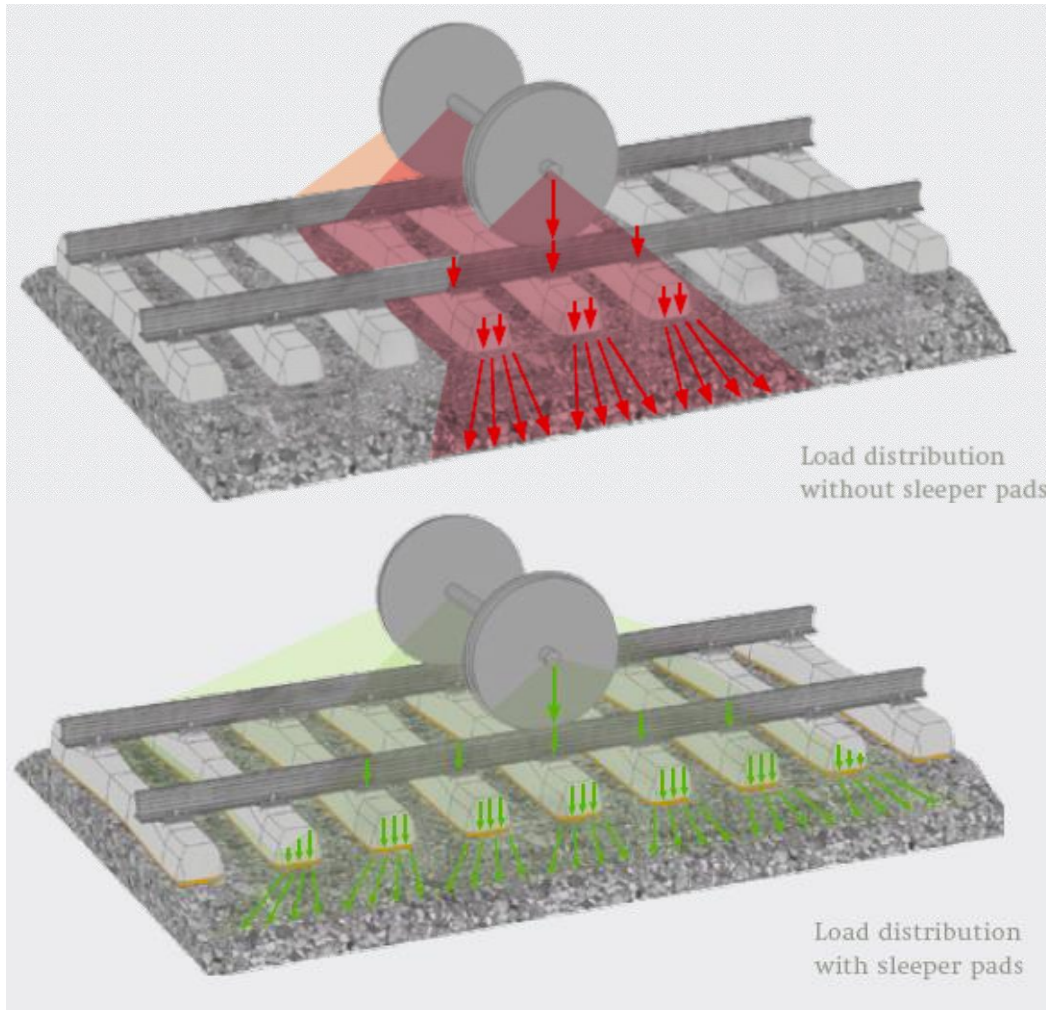
State Of The Ballast

Unpadded Vs. Padded Sleepers



network of ÖBB, Leoben

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**UNPADDED
SLEEPERS**
few load bearing
„shoulders“

PADDED SLEEPERS
more load bearing
„shoulders“

Elastic Solutions For Ballasted Track Under Sleeper Pads: General



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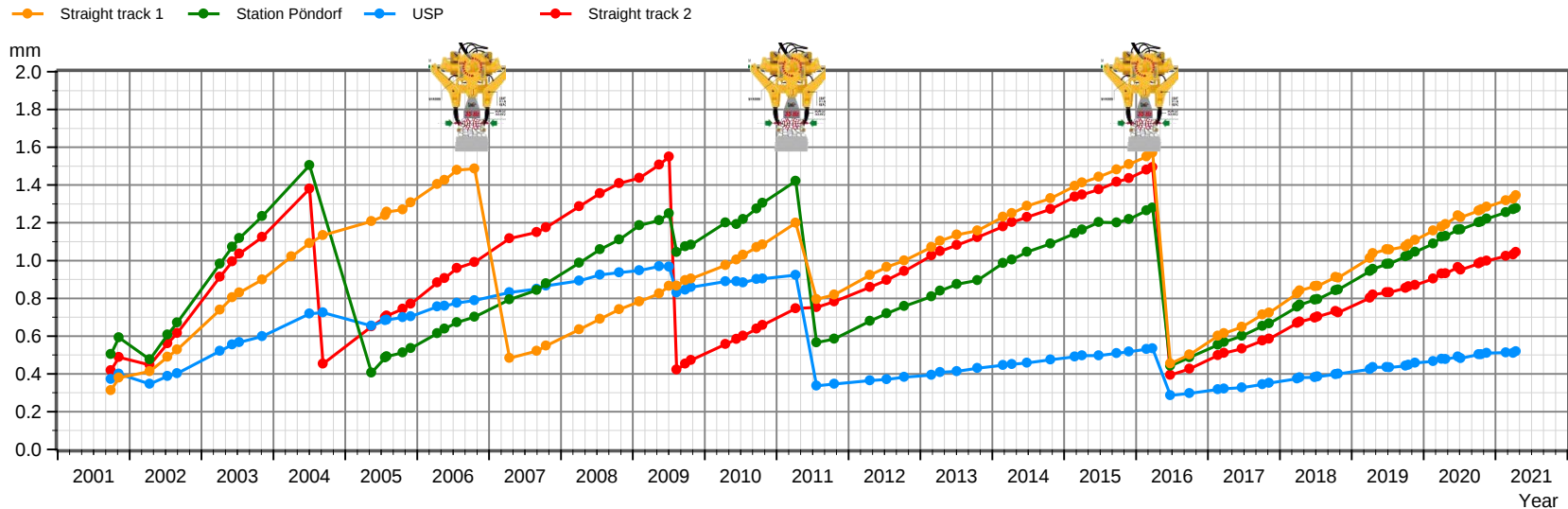
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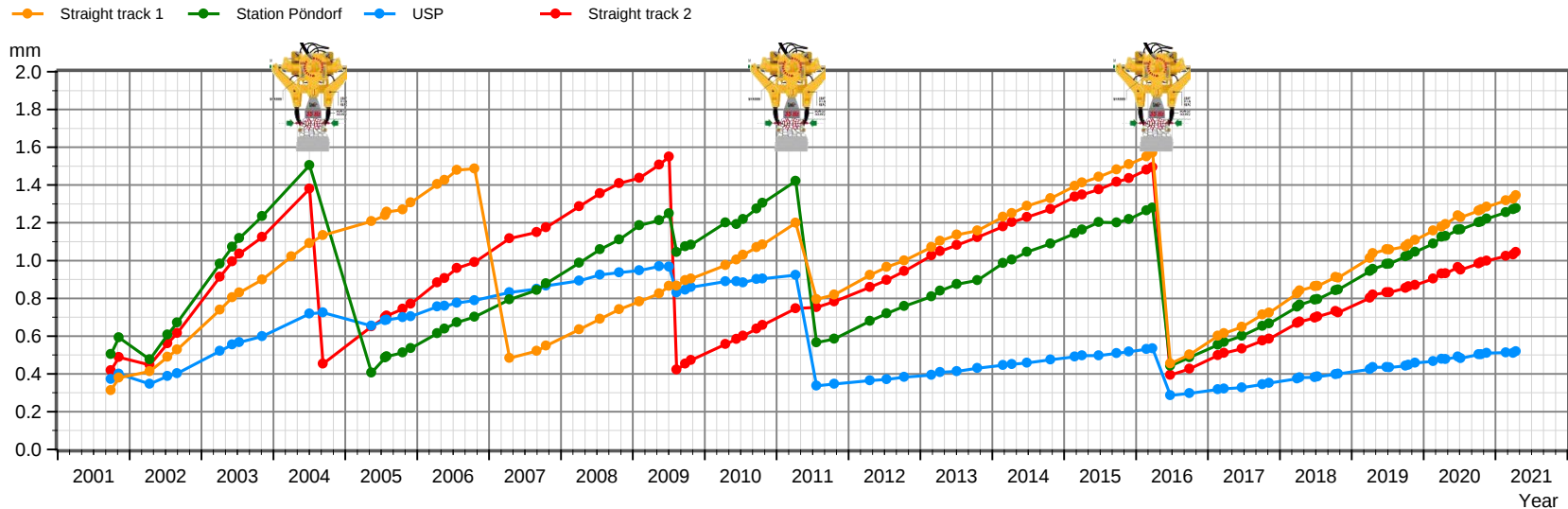
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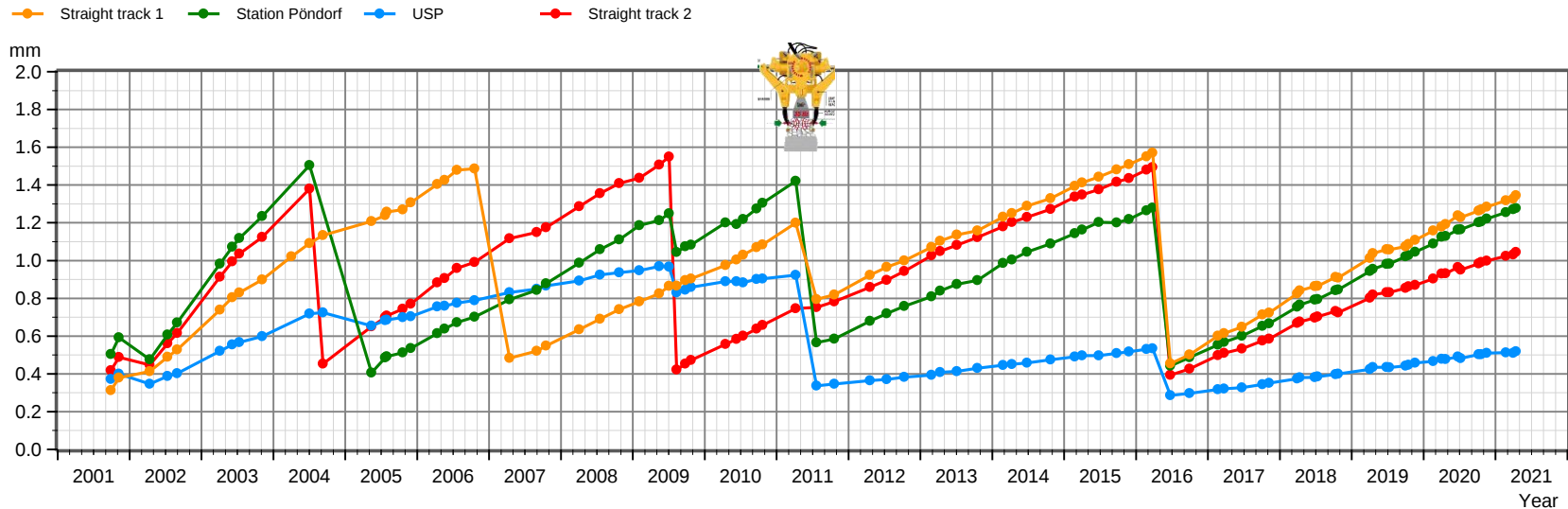
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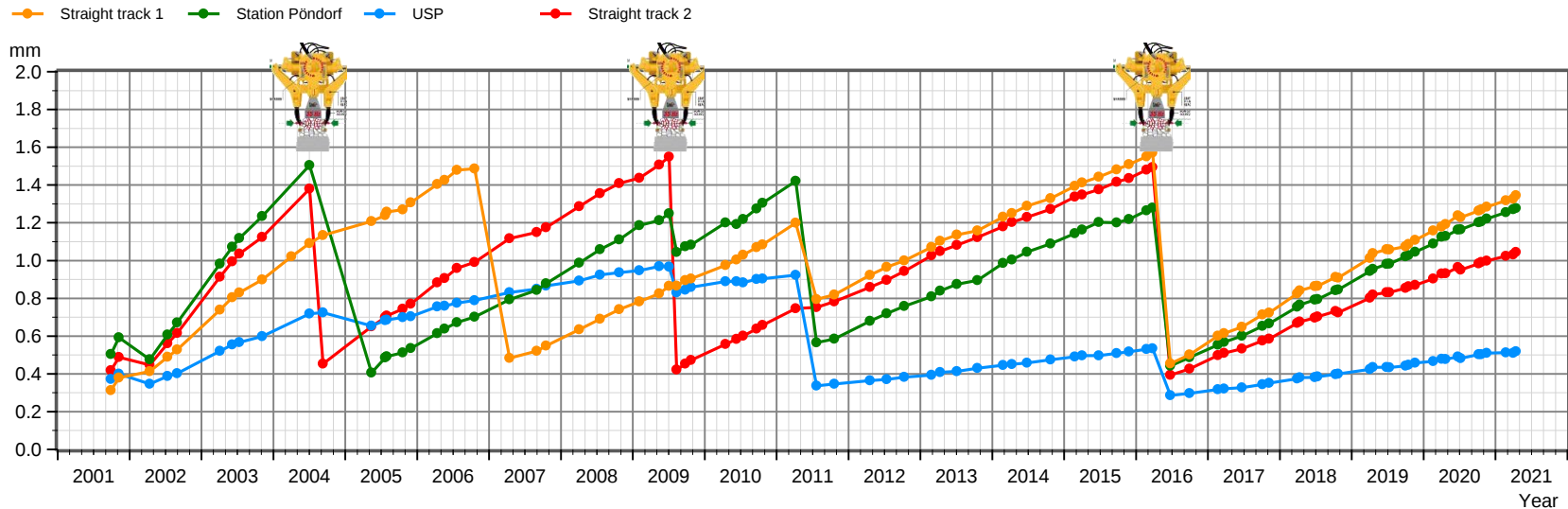
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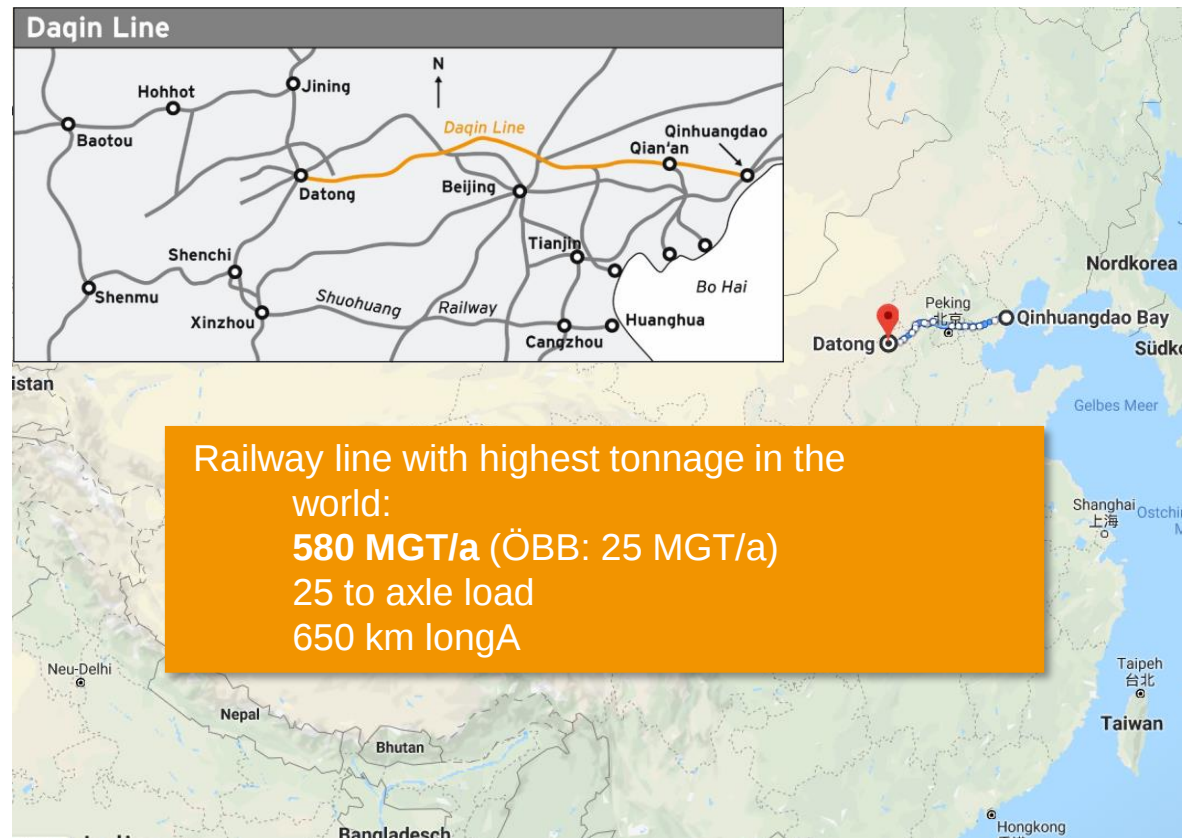
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LCC - Strategy

Evaluation of more than 1500 cross-sections in Austria with more than 20 MGT and equipped with Getzner Under Sleeper pad type SLB 3007 G show an increase of the tamping intervals by a factor of 2,75.

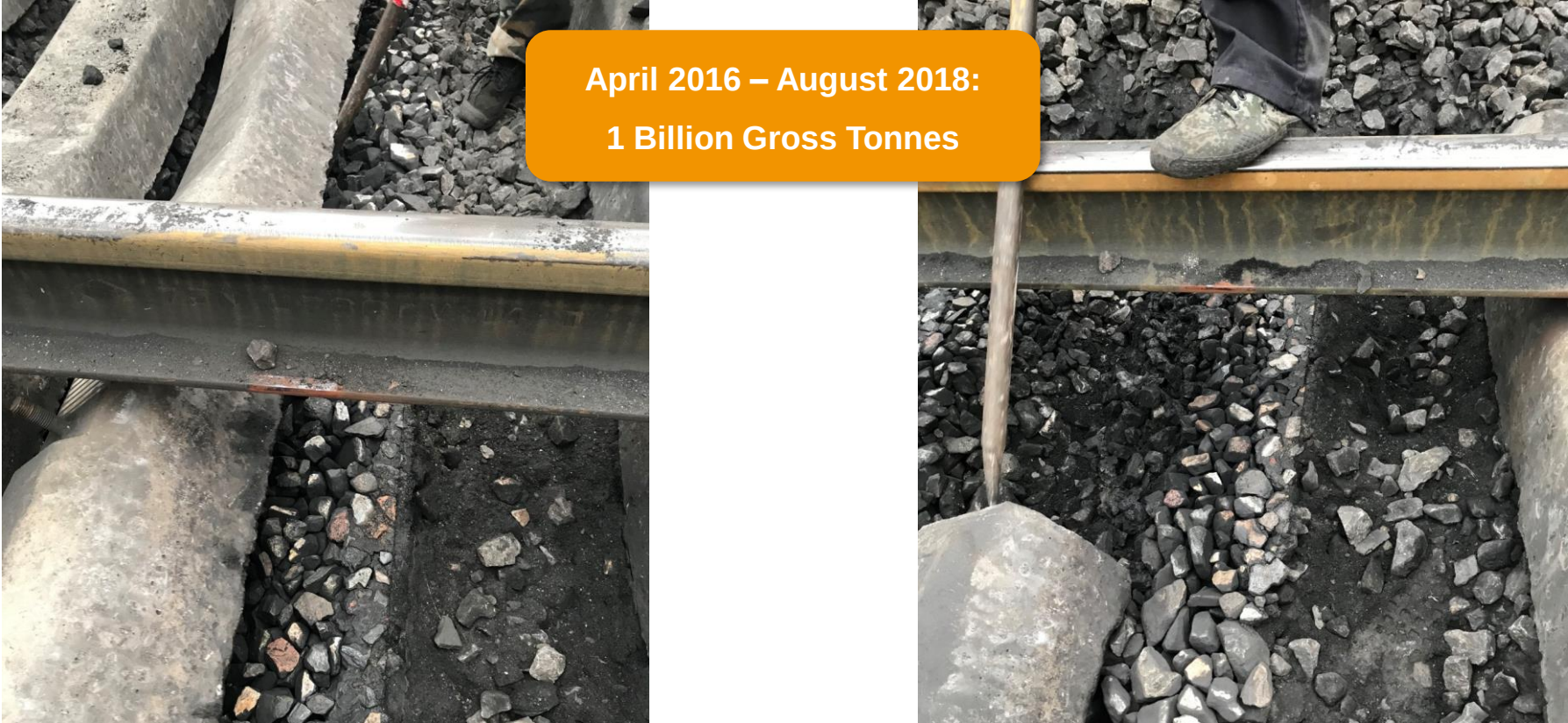
**USP Reference:
DaQin Coal Line China**

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Elastic Solutions for Ballasted Track

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April 2016 – August 2018:
1 Billion Gross Tonnes

Elastic Solutions for Ballasted Track Under Sleeper Pads: Reference DaQin Coal Line

中国铁路太原局集团有限公司工务部

弹性轨枕使用报告

我局于 2015 年、2016 年结合集中施工分别在大秦重

车线延庆
K283+720-
格士纳公
主要

序号	线路及里程
1	大秦上行方向 K283+720-K283+720+K283+720
2	大秦下行方向 K296+700-K296+700+K296+700

Official reference letter: “in the unpadded section tamping was performed 5 times, in the padded section not once. The track geometry and quality remain excellent to date.”

大秦重车线延庆-下庄 K283+720-K283+720+K283+720 段于 2016 年 4 月上线试铺弹性轨枕 1.46Km。该地段处于长大下坡道，最大坡度 12%，包含曲线 1 条 R=700m、L=760.49m，三座桥梁共计 375.9m，三座隧道共计 277m。上线 36 个月以来累计通过总重达到 17.4 亿吨（年运量 4.5 亿吨），历经 5 次集中修均未进行大机捣固，目前该地段无轨枕失效；道床无坍白空吊；无翻浆冒泥（大秦重车线目前每半年集中修捣固一次）。设备质量优良率始终 100%，水平和高低平均公里无不良扣分，TQI 值 7.42，设备质量、状态一直保持在较高水平。

大秦空车线下庄-延庆 K283+720-K285+013 在 2015 年 10 月上线试铺弹性轨枕 1.293Km，包含三座桥梁，一座隧道以及两条曲线，42 个月以来累计通过总重达到 4.64 亿吨，历经 6 次集中修均未进行大机捣固，但设备质量优良率始终 100%，水平和高低平均公里无不良扣分，TQI 值

和产生
下弹性
道床的
板结、
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提升，

用工投入大大减少；从而达到延长轨道维护周期，减少轨道养护维修工作量的应用目的。

我局对弹性轨枕的使用效果非常满意。

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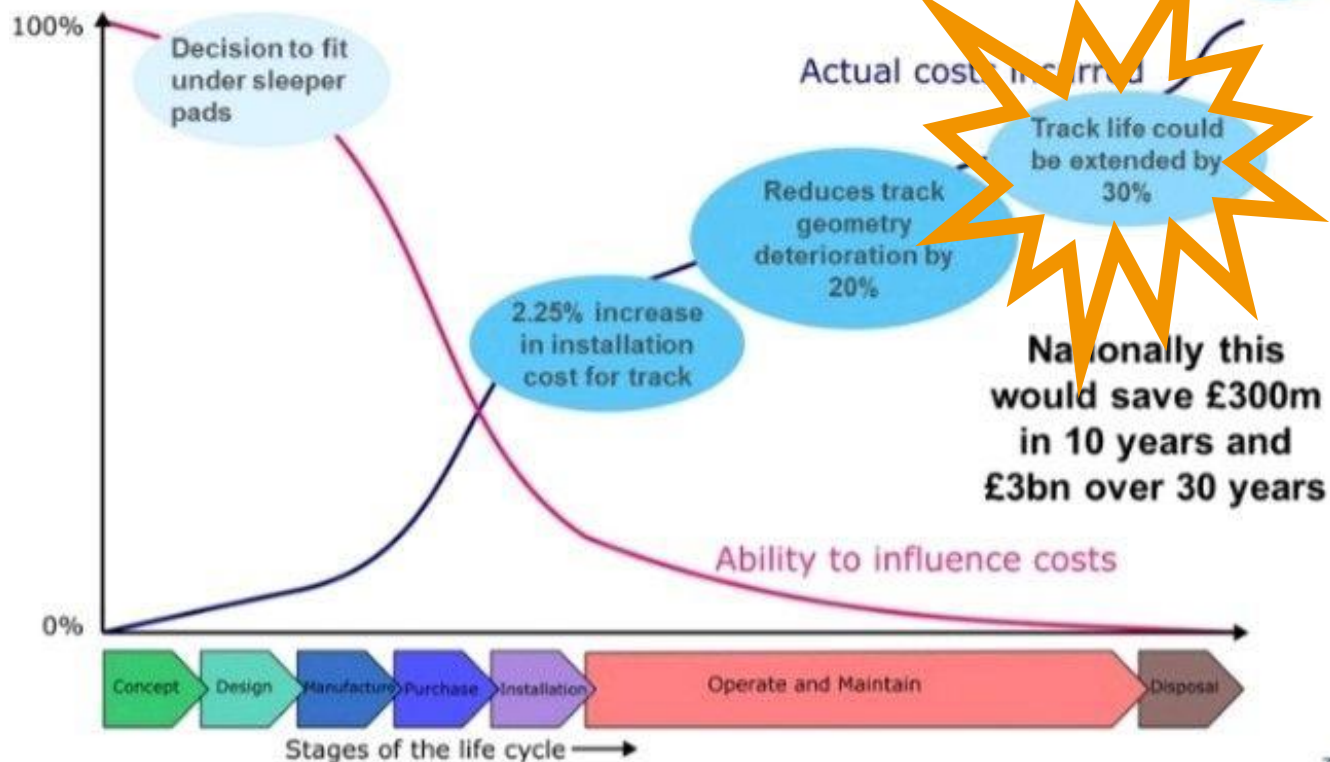
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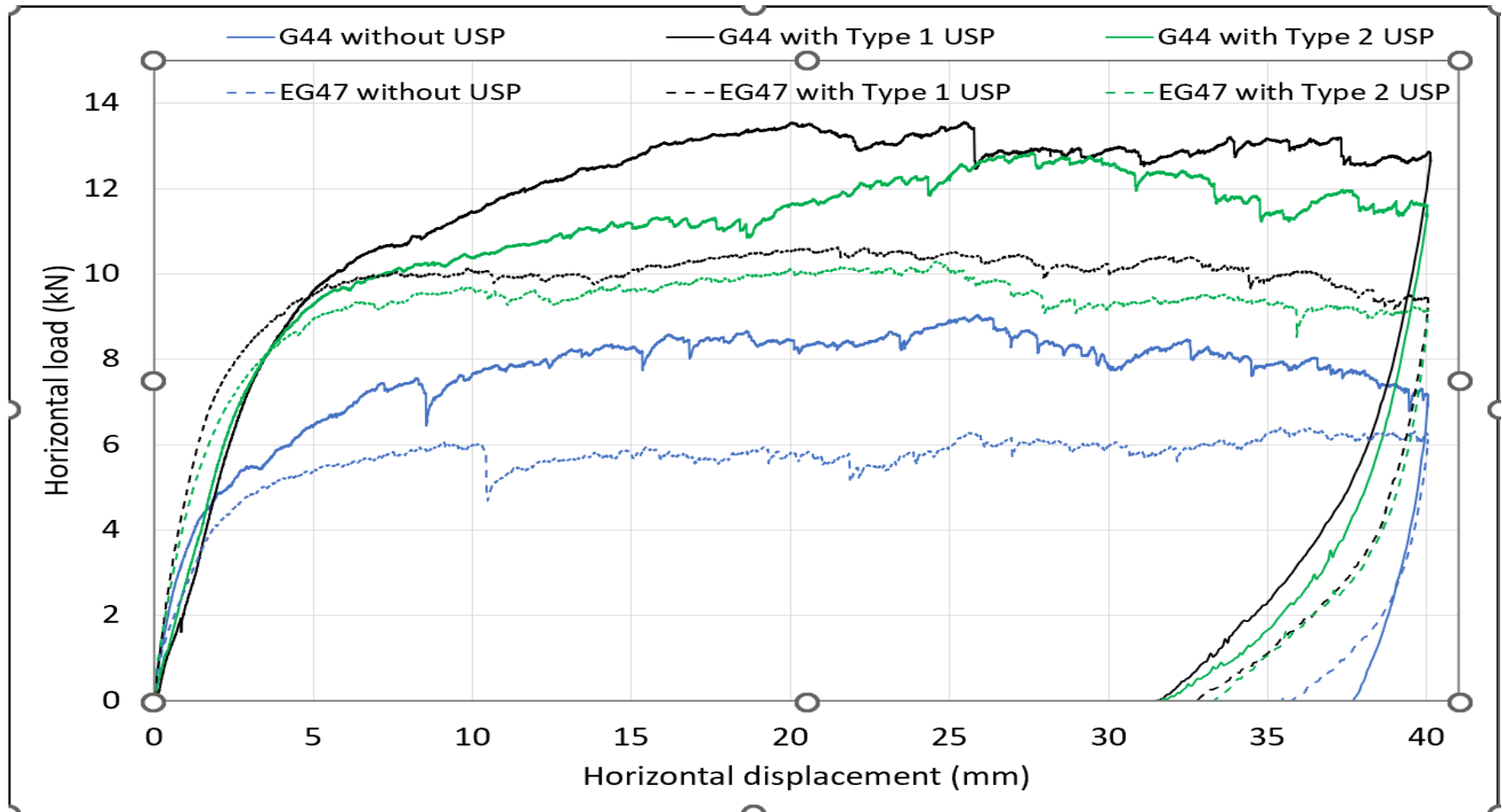
Under Sleeper Pad Example



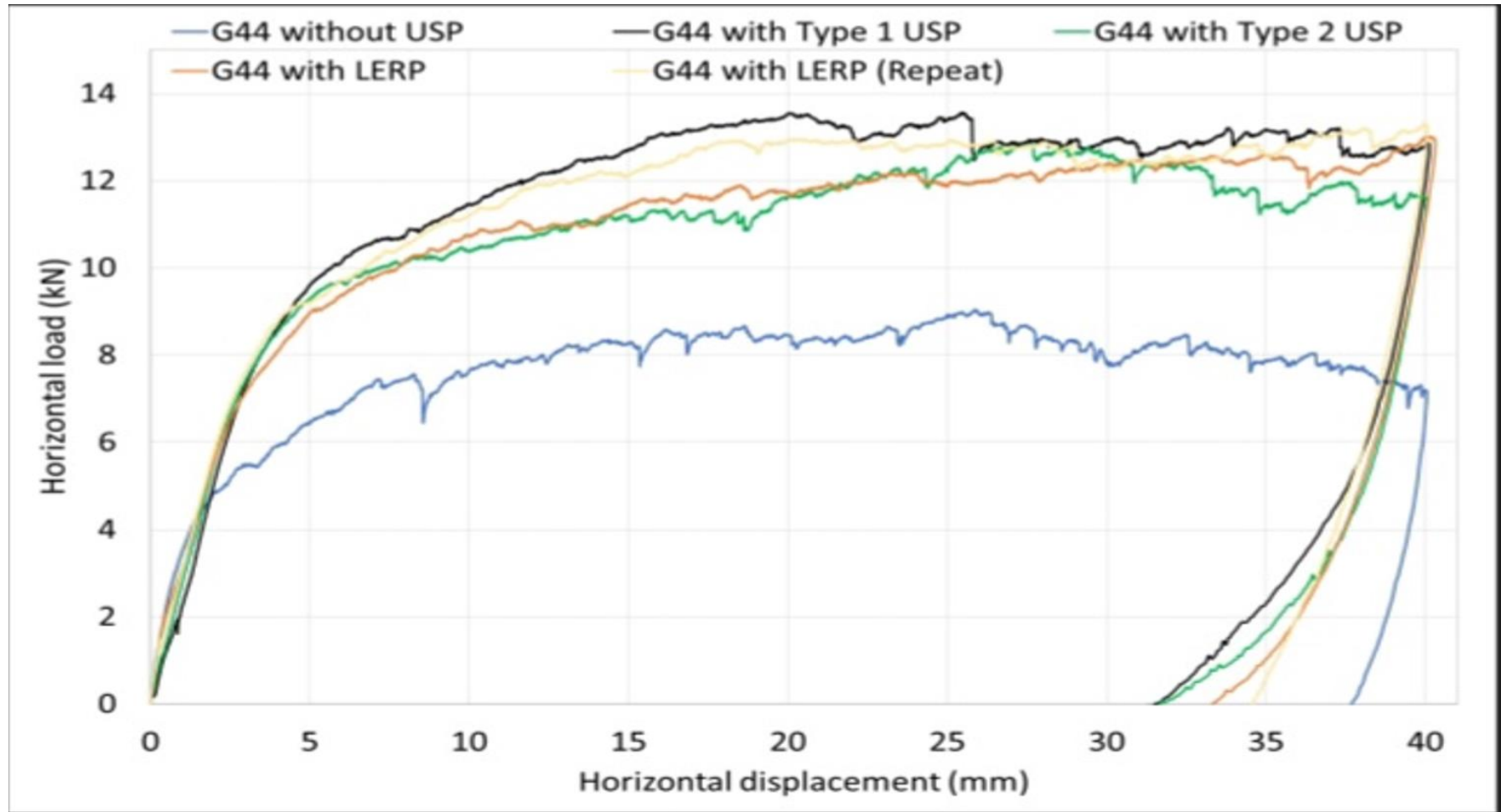
LTR Tests at Southampton University



LTR Test Results



USP's instead of LERP's



Network Rail Standard

5.8.1 Under-sleeper pads

Under-sleeper pads shall be specified on all category 1A, 1 and 2 track.

Where under-sleeper pads are not specified, the variation justification should be supported with a whole life cost analysis and consider any forecast future tonnage increases.

NOTE 1: Design checks should be applied in accordance with NR/L2/TRK/4239.

NOTE 2: It may also be appropriate to consider the use of under-sleeper pads in track category 3, 4 or 5 if there are heavy axle loadings.

Under-sleeper pads used for ballast protection on plain line shall have a bedding modulus C static of equal to or greater than 0.30N/mm^3 .

Under-sleeper pads used for noise and vibration reduction shall have a bedding modulus C static of between 0.04N/mm^3 to 0.12N/mm^3 .

NOTE 3: bedding modulus C static is defined in BS EN 16730

Where mitigation measures are required to reduce noise and vibration impact, a site history analysis or noise & vibration study shall be conducted.

Network Rail Regions and Routes



UK Market

April 19 – March 20

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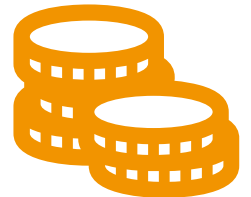
Network Rail USP usage by area 2023/2024

Route	Non USP Volume	USP Volume	Total	% of USP
Anglia	6,300	896	7,196	12.5%
Central	11,360	6,226	17,586	35.4%
East Coast	15,834	280	16,114	1.7%
East Midlands	18,889	8,232	27,121	30.4%
Kent	12,208	2,520	14,728	17.1%
North & East	18,411	25,599	44,010	58.2%
North West	1,694	26,447	28,141	94.0%
Scotland	6,608	33,376	39,984	83.5%
Sussex	8,672	2,296	10,968	20.9%
Wales & Borders	26,160	-	26,160	0.0%
Wessex	19,654	8,904	28,558	31.2%
West Coast Mainline South	30,116	28,047	58,163	48.2%
Western	45,405	-	45,405	0.0%
	221,311	142,823	364,134	39.2%

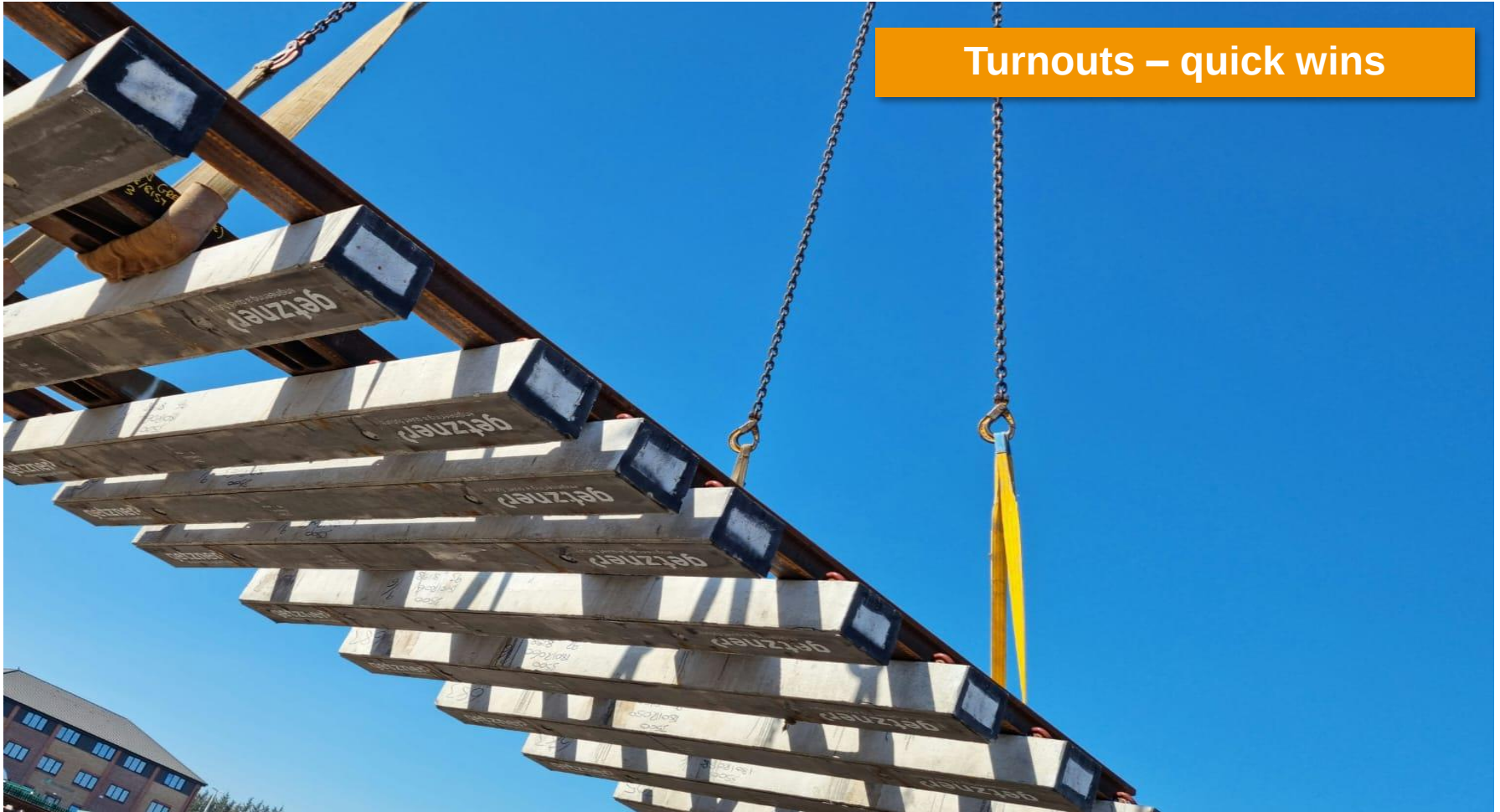
Benefits

- Improved track quality → less wear and tear
- Reduced maintenance costs due to minimised deterioration of ballast
- Increased track availability
- Increase of lifetime of track by min. 30%
- Greater Lateral Track Resistance

**Increased availability
and profitability!**



Turnouts



UK S&C's

- Network Rail, around 60% use Under Bearer Pads (estimate)
- London Underground 100% Under Bearer Pads









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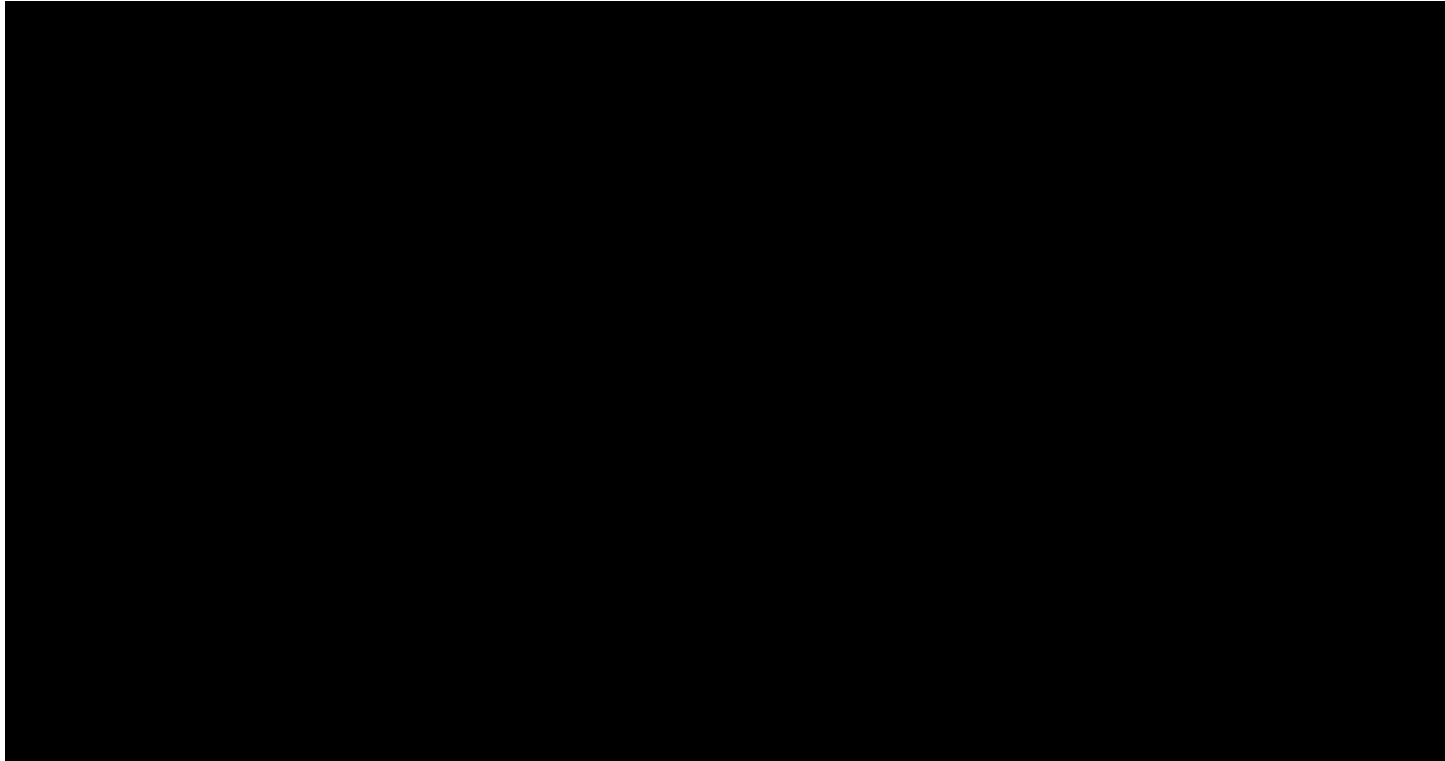


Ballast Protection



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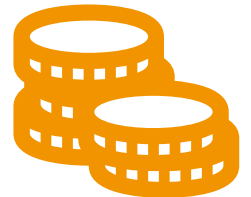
Elastic Solutions for Ballasted Track Under Sleeper Pads in Turnouts



Benefits

- Less wear of all turnout components → Improved track quality
- Reduced maintenance costs due to longer tamping intervals
- Extended service life and higher availability
- Little additional investment compared to the costs of a whole turnout

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Under Sleeper Pad Considerations

- Contact Area Increased by up to Ten Times
- 85% Less Ballast Contact Pressure
- 60% Less Maintenance – Greater Track Availability – Cost Savings
- 30% Extension of the Lifetime of the Track – Cost Savings
- 100% Greater Load Distribution
- Greater Lateral Track Resistance (Cheaper Alternative to LERPS)
- Reduced Ballast Height Possible – 250mm instead of 300mm
- Reduction in Whole Life Cycle Costs
- Reduction in Whole Life Cycle Carbon Footprint
- Less Maintenance = Less Boots on Ballast
- Less Maintenance = Greater track availability – 24 hour railway



Under Ballast Mats



Railway Bridges

- are among the most important structures on railway lines
- cause high costs
- limit the availability of a track

Ballast Depth Reduction for Your Superstructure Under Ballast Mats



UBM in sections of reduced ballast depth



Product Registration Certificate

Printed on: 23 May 2012

Registration No. 334
 Title Ballast Mats
 Status Authorised For Use
 Supersedes ProductID N/A
 Superseded By ProductID N/A
 Date Authorised for Use 18 May 2012
 Primary Use To be installed on civil assets, interfacing with track bed, where track bed depths are compromised
 Additional Info/KeyWords Manufacturer: Getzner - Brochure attached UK Supplier: Lesmac LU Standard: 1-160 Track Bed INSTALLATION REQs: Roll of design specific thickness mat, laid at bottom of design ballast depth, no cross-fall (Level). Ballast Mats will limit static & dynamic forces exerted by rail traffic upon a structure, resulting in enhanced track stability & reduction of ballast compression.

Classification Hierarchy Track
 Manufactured By Lesmac Fasteners Ltd (Version/PartNo: D619)

ReqID	Requirement	Status	Trial
487	The supplier must provide evidence of satisfactory in-track performance where ballast mats were installed on other railways. The evidence must show how the proposed material was selected, the extent to which any noise and vibration problems were mitigated, the effect on ballast life and track geometry retention, and explain the durability of the mats in service.	Satisfied	...
488	Where used in tunnel sections the mats must comply with, or have a concession against, LU standard 1-085 "Fire safety performance of materials".	Satisfied	...
491	The supplier must provide instructions/guidance on installation method	Satisfied	...

Conditions		Linked To ReqID
Description		
No records to display.		

EvidenceText	EvidenceType	FileName	Linked To ReqID
Product Description	User Guide	Getzner - Ballast Mat Brochure.pdf	
Fire waiver for use of Getzner ballast mats in sub-surface locations	Environmental aspects and Impacts	Waiver 2076-CR06551 G.pdf	488

Refer to Web site www.lu-apr.co.uk to check current status, download attachments and for details of other products.

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Inhomogeneous Track Stiffness

Bridges are so called „hot spots“

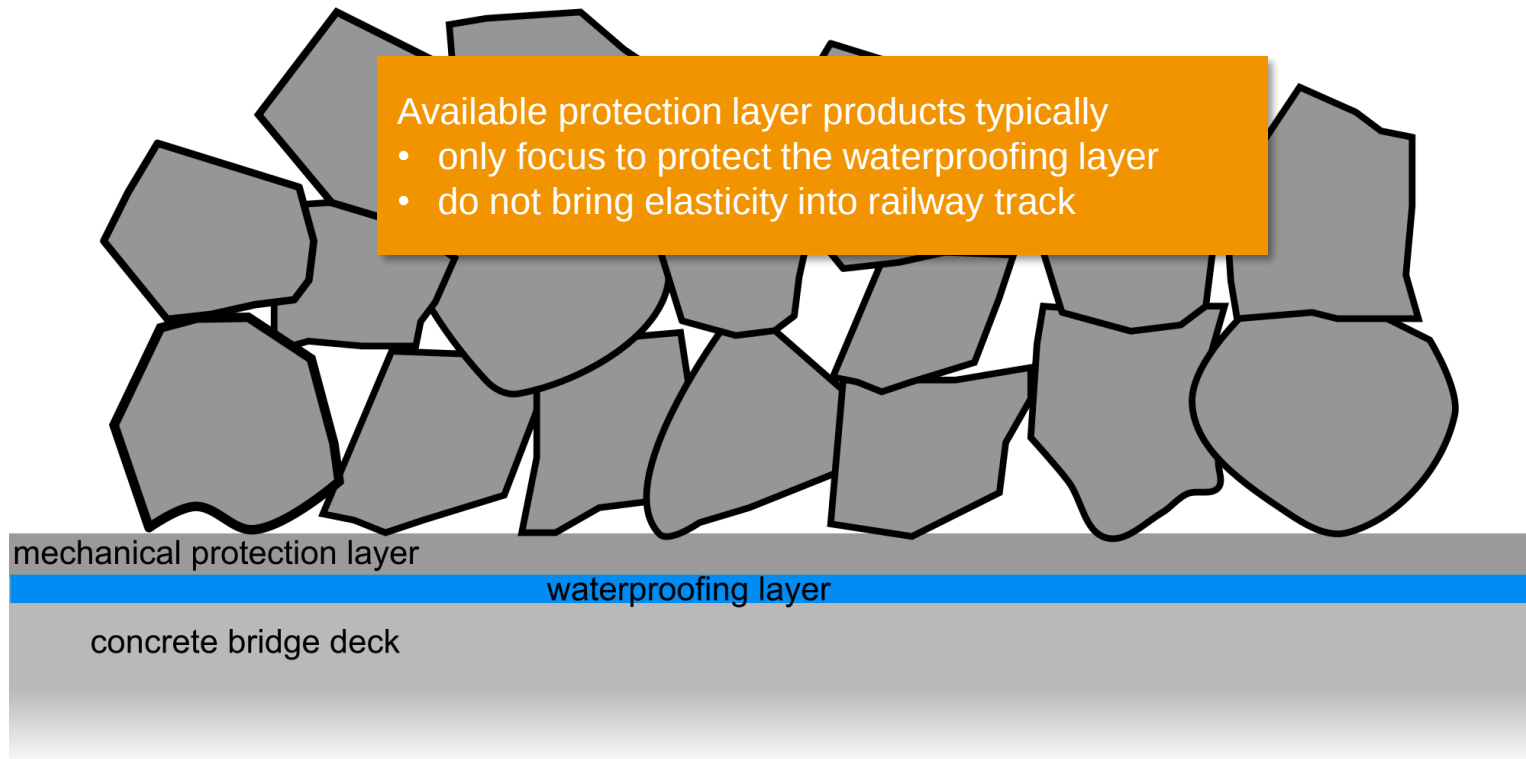
- Stiffness of the railway subsoil is changing abruptly
- Ballast height is different
- Sudden changes in overall vertical track stiffness

This results in

- High dynamical loads due to the stiffness change
- Fast deterioration of the track components - especially at the ballast
- Settlements, deterioration in track quality
- High maintenance effort and costs



Typical Structure of the Bridge-Ballast Interface

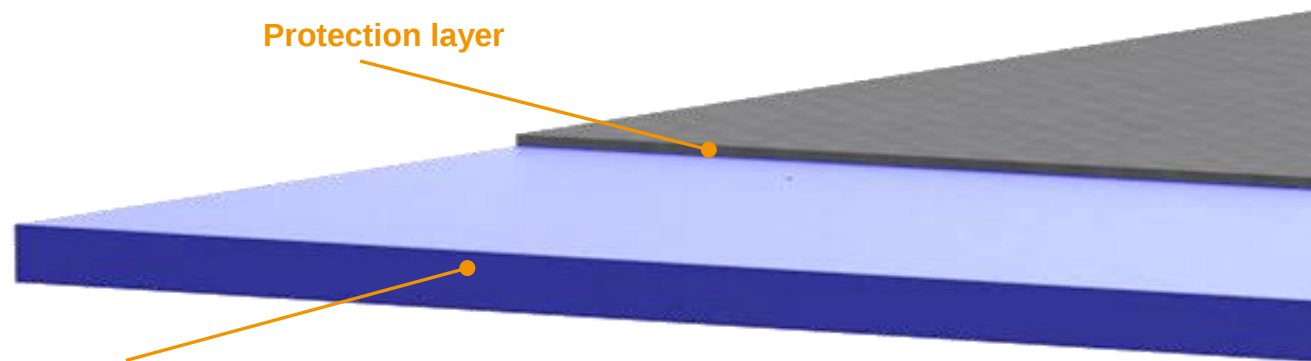




Under Ballast Mats

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Product Overview



Resilient layer

- Multi layer construction (2-3 layers)
- Various stiffnesses and thicknesses possible
- For all static stiffnesses different dynamic values
- No special geometric shapes necessary to enable the elasticity

Under Ballast Mats

Product Overview

- Area of application according to guideline of DB: TL 918 071
- Choice of UBM type according to project specific requirements

Urban transport				
APPLICATION AREA	C _{stat}	PRODUCT NAME	THICKNESS mm	WEIGHT kg/m ²
Urban Rail/Subways ≤ 130 kN axle load	C _{stat} = 0.007 N/mm ³ v ≤ 100 km/h	Sylomer® A 728	28	6.0
		Sylomer® B 119	19	4.25
	C _{stat} = 0.01 N/mm ³ v ≤ 100 km/h	Sylomer® B 123	23	5.8
		Sylomer® B 135	33	9.5
		Sylodyn® BN 140	40	11.0
Light Rail lines ≤ 160 kN axle load	C _{stat} = 0.02 N/mm ³ v ≤ 120 km/h	Sylomer® C 219	19	5.3
		Sylodyn® CN 225	25	6.4
		Sylodyn® CN 235	35	10.0
Side mats urban transp.	C _{stat} = 0.01 N/mm ³	Sylomer® SM 119	19	4.3

Main line				
APPLICATION AREA	C _{stat}	PRODUCT NAME	THICKNESS mm	WEIGHT kg/m ²
≤ 250 kN axle load	C _{stat} = 0.03 N/mm ³ v ≤ 120 km/h	Sylomer® D 319	19	5.8
		Sylodyn® DN 319	19	4.4
		Sylodyn® DN 325	25	7.1
		Sylodyn® DN 335	35	11.2
	C _{stat} = 0.06 N/mm ³ v ≤ 200 km/h	Sylomer® D 619	18	5.7
		Sylodyn® DN 619	19	6.2
	C _{stat} = 0.10 N/mm ³ v ≥ 200 km/h	Sylomer® D 1019	18	6.5
		Sylodyn® DN 1019	18	6.3
	C _{stat} = 0.15 N/mm ³ v ≥ 200 km/h	Sylomer® D 1519	18	8.0
Side mats main lines	C _{stat} = 0.03 N/mm ³	Sylomer® SM 319	19	5.0

Solutions For Ballasted Track Under Ballast Mats

Product Overview







Getzner UBM Can Easily
Be Cut With A Knife





Getzner UBM Can Easily
Be Connected By welding





Accessibility With
Rubber Tyred Vehicles



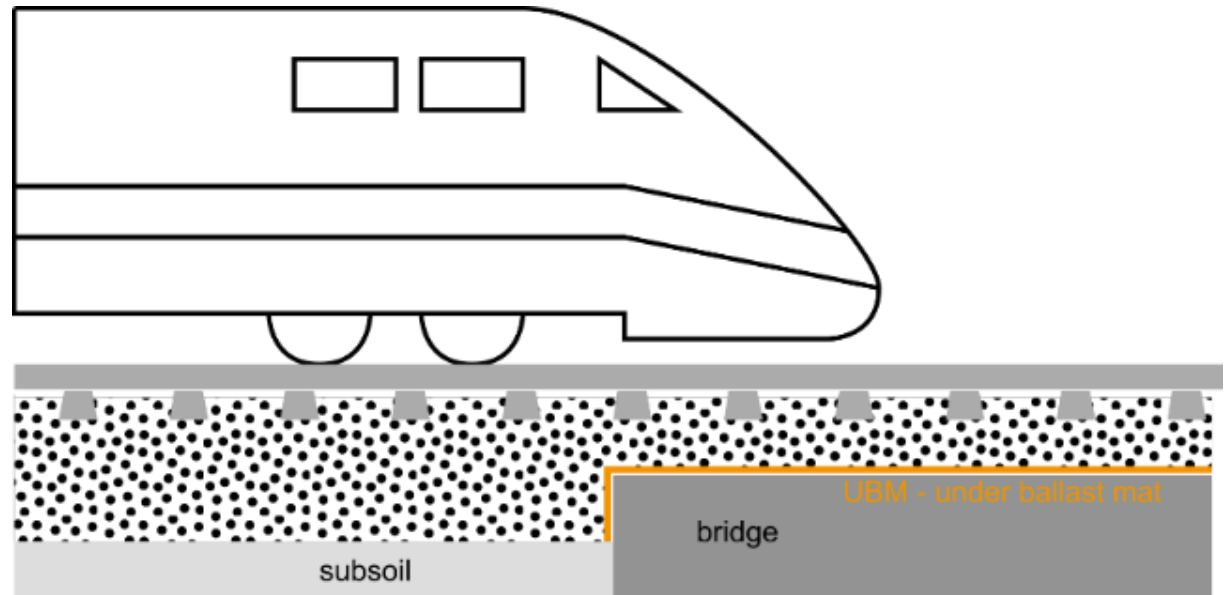
Ballast Protection

High contact area due to the elasticity/plasticity of the material

Reduced ballast stress

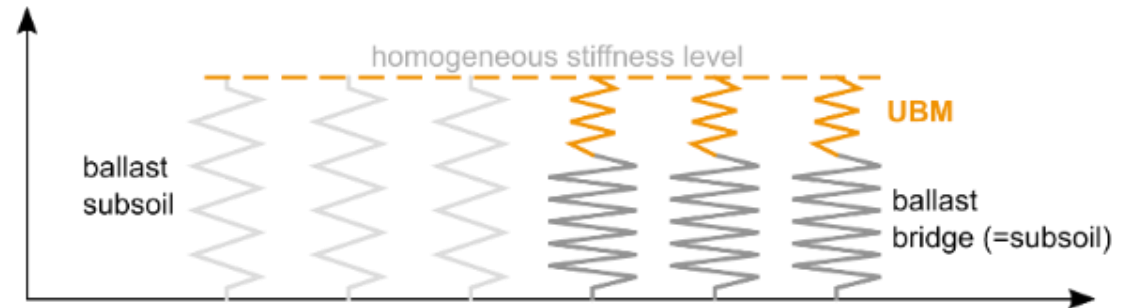


Adaption of track stiffness



- compensation of the track stiffness change by under ballast mat
- avoiding “hot spots”

vertical track stiffness

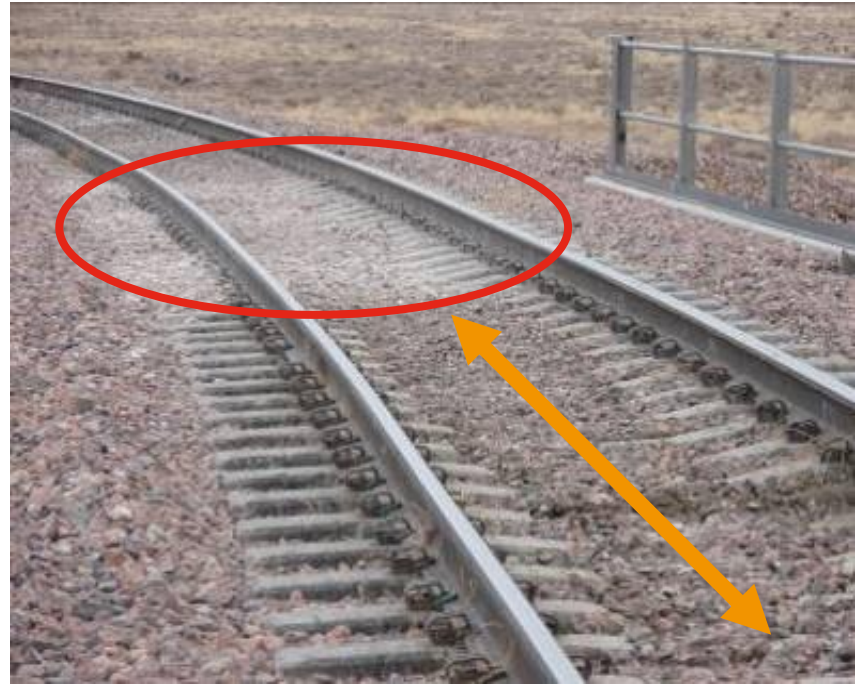


Under Ballast Mats

Applications: Track Defects



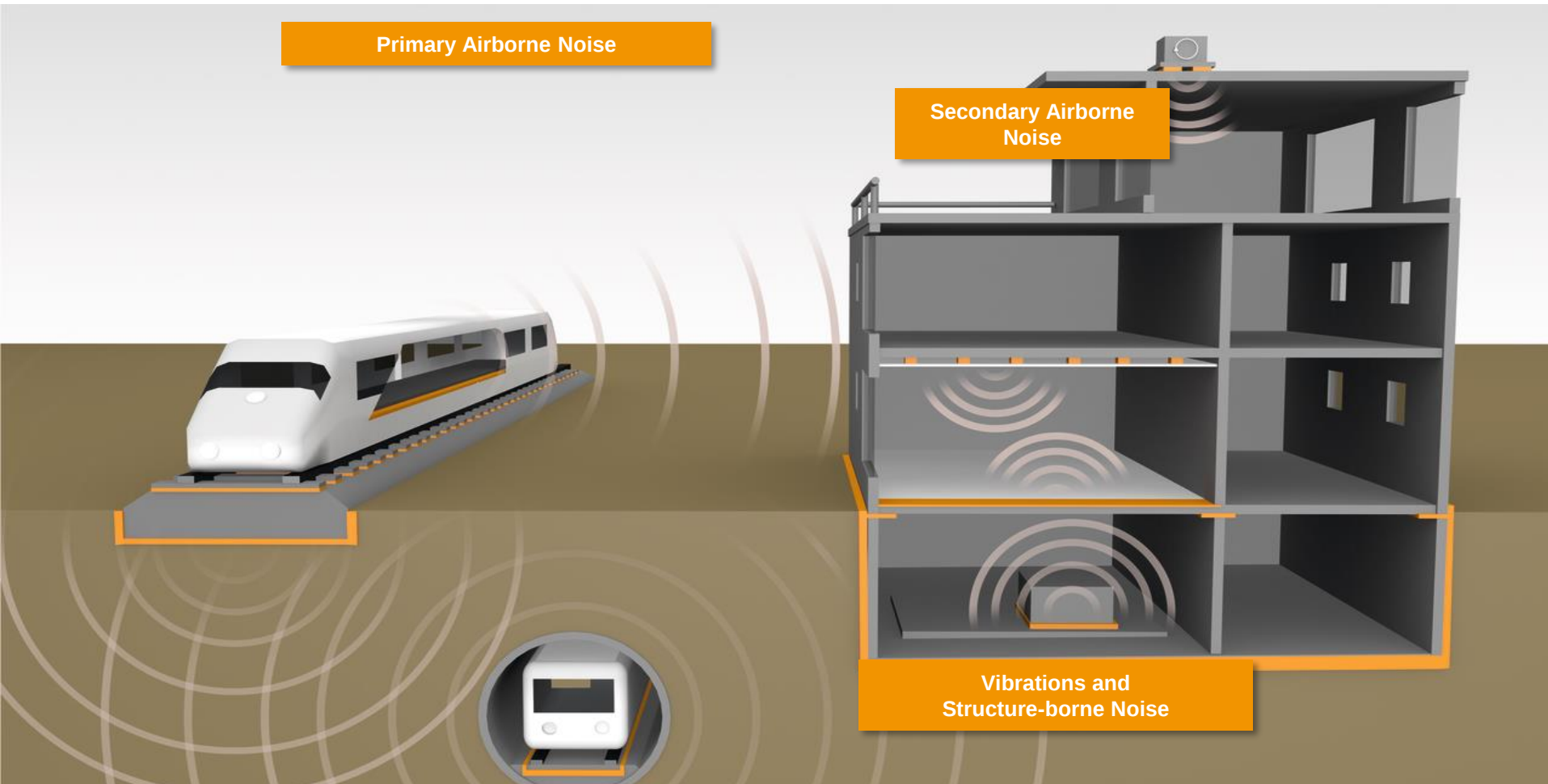
Section with under ballast mat in perfect condition



Ballast heavily deteriorated (section without UBM)

Visual Inspection After 50 MGT

- Noise and Vibration Mitigation



Solutions for Ballasted Track Under Ballast Mats

Why Vibration Mitigation?

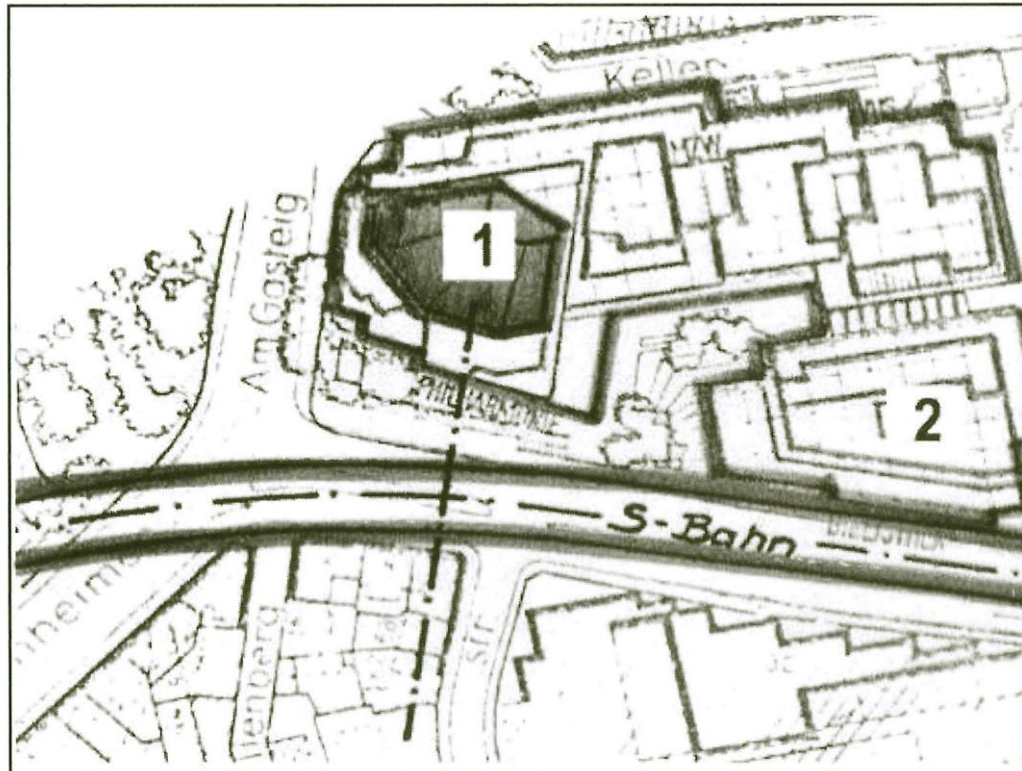






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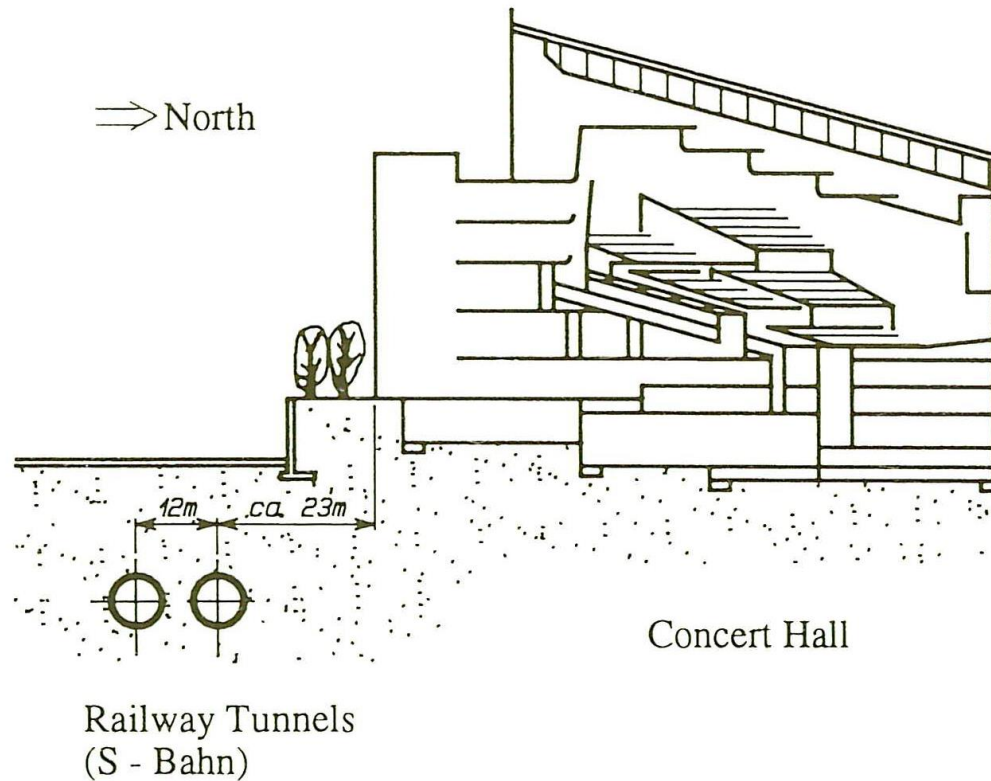
References: Munich (DE)



Drawing from original project documentation

Under Ballast Mats

References: Munich (DE)



Drawing from original project documentation



- UBM completely under water
- Ballast depth: 18 cm
- Accumulated load since installation:
1 400 000 000 load tons



- Removal of mats in 2012
- Mats submerged in water

Under Ballast Mats

References: Munich (DE)

Results: Comparison of Values

1983

0,0083 N/mm³

0,0388 N/mm³

After 29 Years: C_{stat} still Inside Original Specification



After 29 Years: C_{dyn} still Inside Original Specification



Under Ballast Mats

References: General Info

- Till now more than **5.000.000 m²** installed UBM; in tracks with different speeds, axle loads, geological conditions and track types (tunnels, bridges, viaducts, stations)
- Products are **qualified by independent test institutes** (Technical University of Munich, Müller BBM GmbH, Construction Technology Laboratories in Chicago, EMPA Zurich)
- **Qualified supplier for the many railway companies** (e.g. DB, SNCF, GIF, ÖBB, SBB, Trafikverket, Japanese Railways, Bane Denmark)

Benefit of the Getzner UBM for Bridge Deck Protection



Technology leader Getzner

- High performance products
- Long time proven references
- Wide experience
- Providing customized solutions and services



UBM installation

- Quick product installation
- Easy application of the ballast due to the drivability on the mats
- Possibility of pre-installation



Economic system solution

- Reduced components deterioration
- Less maintenance work
- High availability of the track
- Minimal life cycle costs

Mass-spring Systems (MFS)

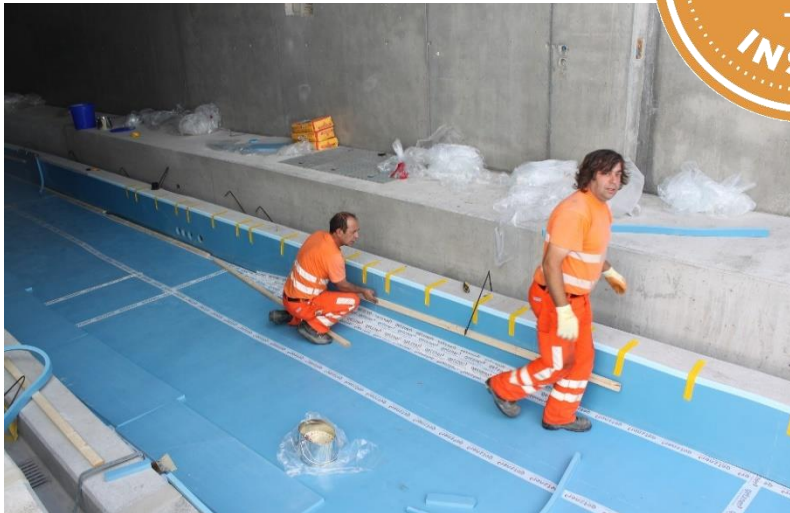


Full Surface Mass-spring Systems Installation Steps



Project: Samedan, Switzerland

Full Surface Mass-spring Systems Installation Steps



Project: Samedan, Switzerland

Full Surface Mass-spring Systems Installation



Project: Gmunden, Austria



Project: Cuenca, Ecuador



Strip Mass-spring Systems Installation Steps



Project: Metro Sao Paulo, Brazil

Strip Mass-spring Systems Installation Steps



Project: San Sebastian, Spain, 14 Hz

Strip Mass-spring Systems

Installation Steps



Project: Munich, Germany

Discrete Mass-spring Systems



Project: HSL Köln Rhein/Main, Germany, 10 Hz

Discrete Mass-spring Systems



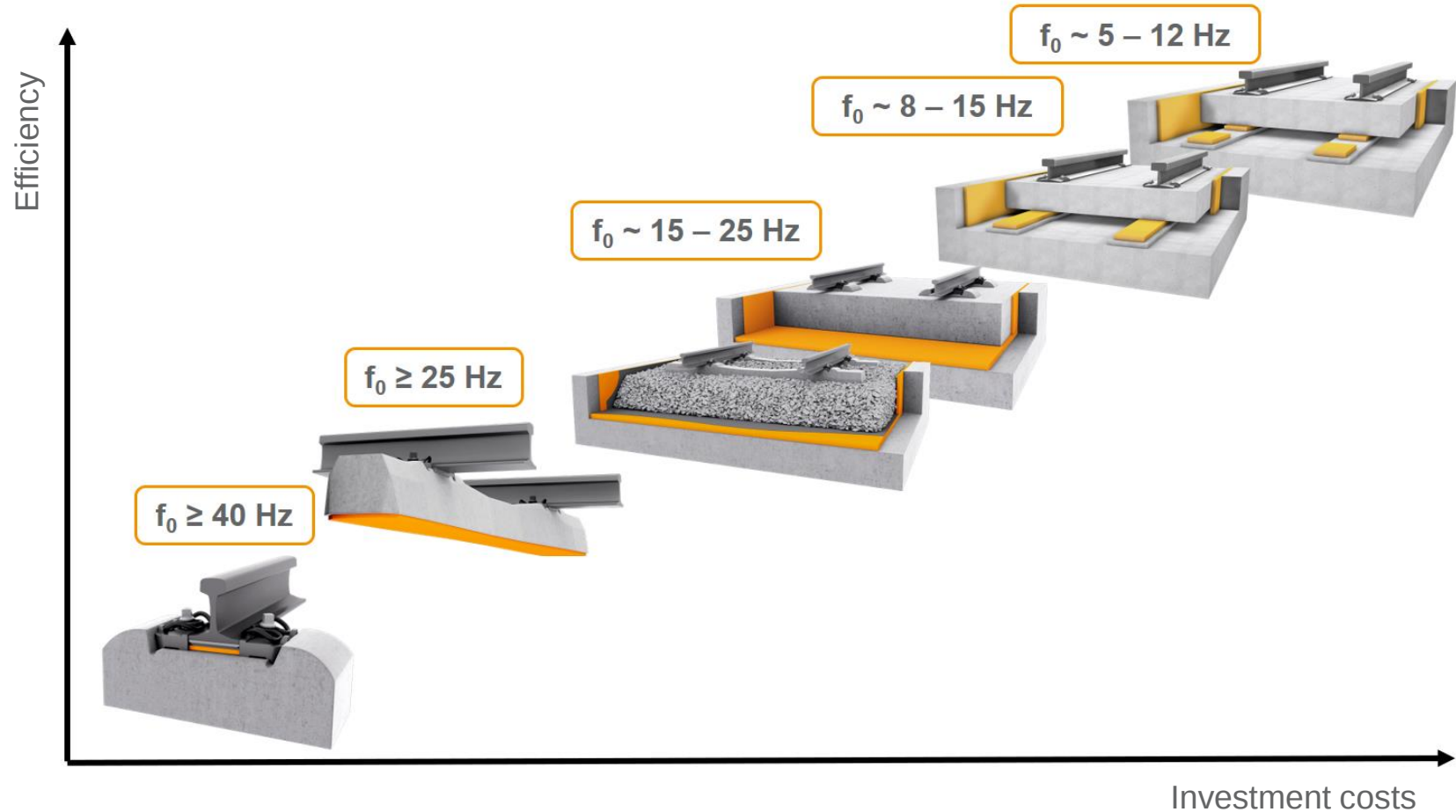
Project: San Fernando, Spain, < 7 Hz



Project: Lainzer Tunnel, Austria

Noise and Vibration Control in Railway Systems

Obtainable Natural Frequencies



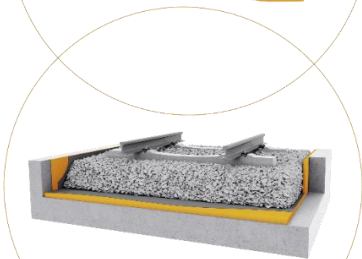
Elastic Solutions for Modern Railway Superstructure

Conclusion

**standard railway
superstructure**

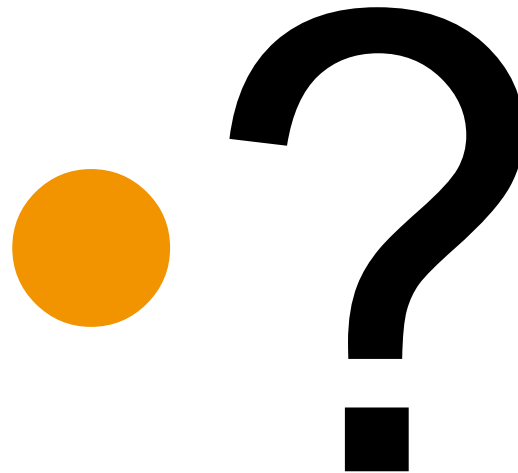


PUR elasticity



**more sustainable
& more silent
superstructure**

Questions



Getzner Werkstoffe Business Units



Railway



Construction



Industry

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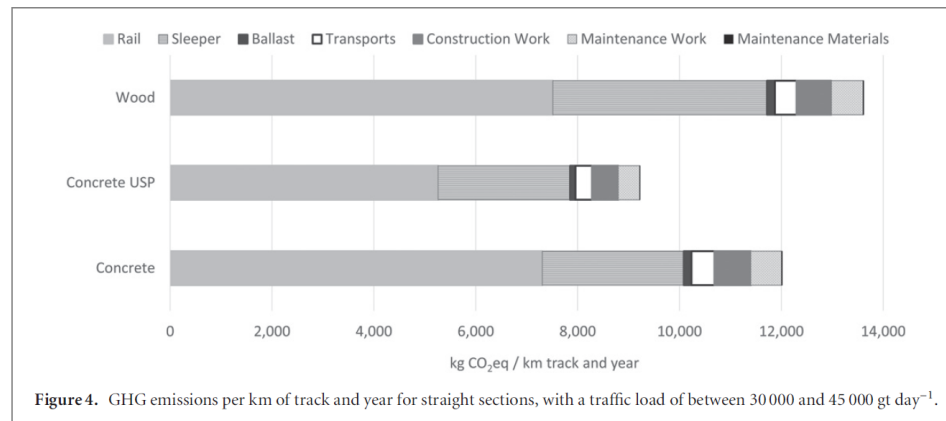
How can polyurethane be sustainable?

Table 4. Maintenance demands in the life cycle and service life for tracks with 30 000–45 000 gt day⁻¹, straight section, rail steel grade R 260.

	Maintenance demands in the life cycle	Service life
Wooden sleepers, Rail profile 54E2	Tamping 6× Grinding 1×	35 years
Concrete sleepers, Rail profile 60E1	Tamping 6× Grinding 1×	36 years
Concrete sleepers with under sleeper pads, Rail profile 60E1	Tamping 4× Grinding 2×	50 years



→ Elongation of system life cycle



→ Reduction of CO₂

+ Reduction of noise & vibration

Getzner Circular Technologies

Production of recycled polyurethane

- In-house research on mechanical & chemical recycling for production & post-consumer waste
- First products made of recycling material are already in the portfolio, more will follow



Granulate products



Recycled raw materials

The environment and sustainability

At Getzner, sustainability is a lot more than just a buzz word.

Our products are built to last!

The environment and sustainability

Our Production:

We generate electricity using natural energy sources and emit no harmful emissions into the environment

100% of our power consumption is powered by our inhouse hydroelectric power plants.

90% of the process waste heat from production equipment is used for heating and cooling our headquarters.

The environment and sustainability

Our Railway Solutions:

Extend the lifetime of the track by at least 30%

Decrease the amount of maintenance required by 60%

Retain their material properties without any loss in performance.

Can be reused or recycled, feeding them back into the production cycle.

The environment and sustainability



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Over 50 years experience of supplying certified products, equates to a more environmentally friendly and sustainable future