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# Structural Sustainability

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# What is the difference?



- Specification
- Creativity
- Over Design
- Technology Progress?



# What is the difference?

”Small minds and small rules stifle creativity.” (By Breen)



Vessy Bridge (Maillart, 1937)



1936

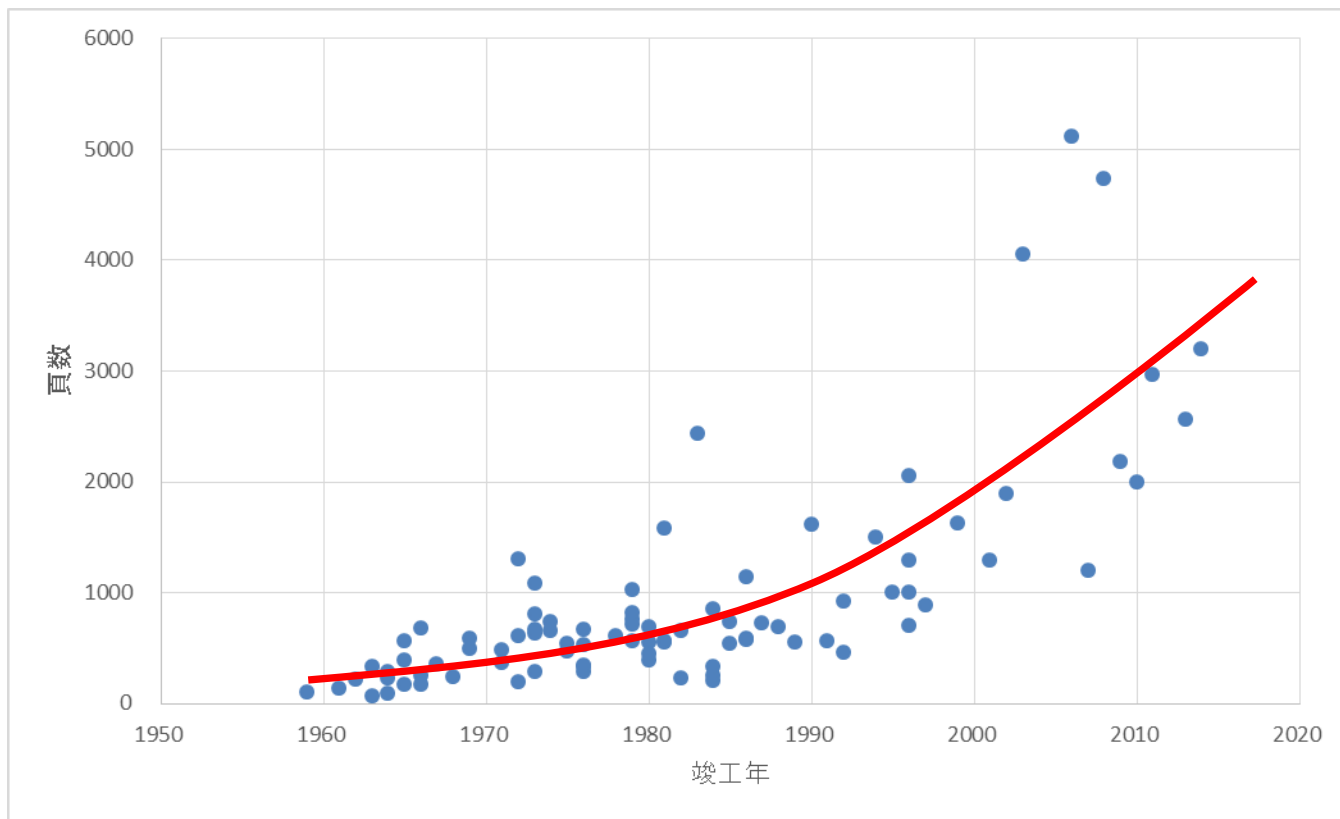
2000



(By JFK)

# What is the difference?

## Document pages of 3-span box girder bridge



Have our technologies progressed?

# Commission 1 (Structure)

## TG 1.5 Structural Sustainability

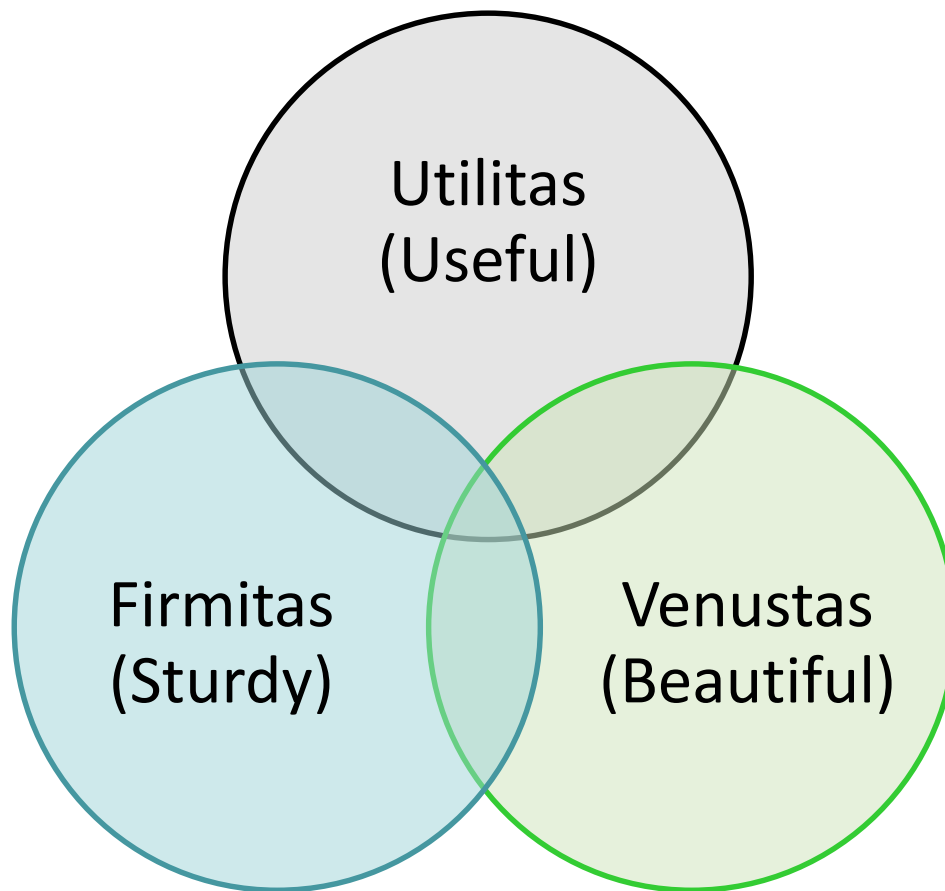
# Scope of TG 1.5 Technical Work

- Collecting examples of structural sustainability for bridges and other structures in design and construction.
- Hopefully, some index which can indicate structural sustainability quantitatively will be defined.

through our work.....

- **Warning** to young designers.
- Back to **the nature of design**.
- Learning from **the historical masterpiece** which leads to the optimum solution.

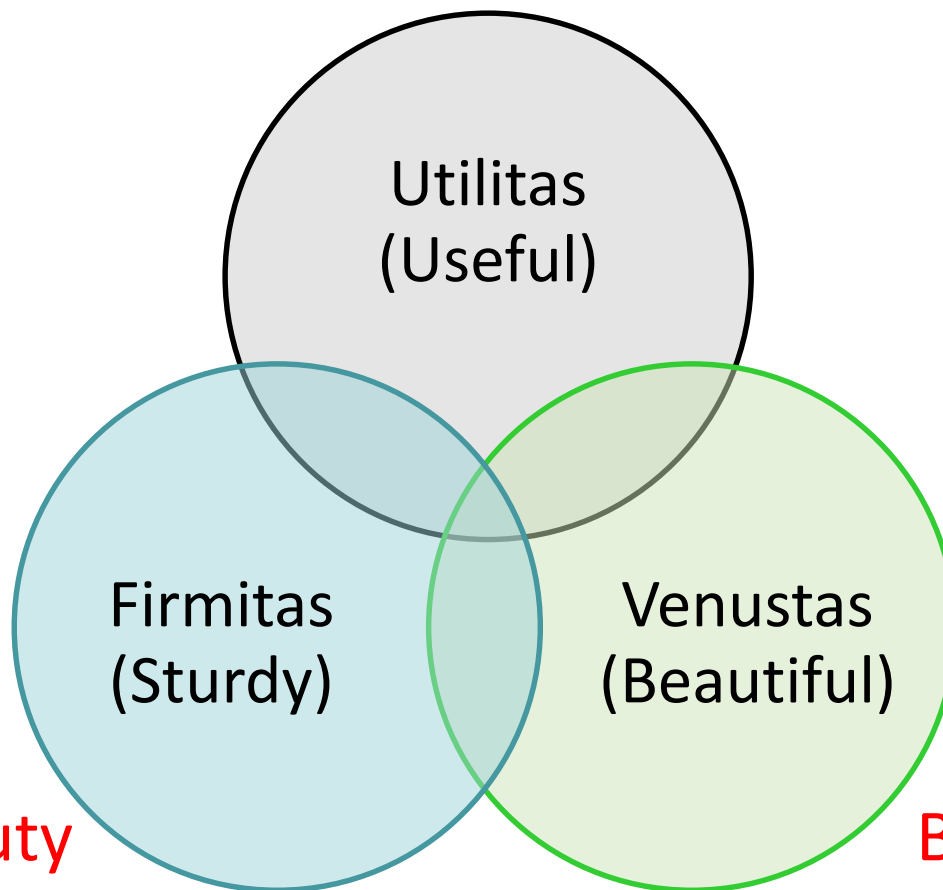
# Three Elements of Beauty in Architecture





# Three Elements of Beauty in **Structure**

## Functional Beauty



Structural Beauty

Beauty of Form

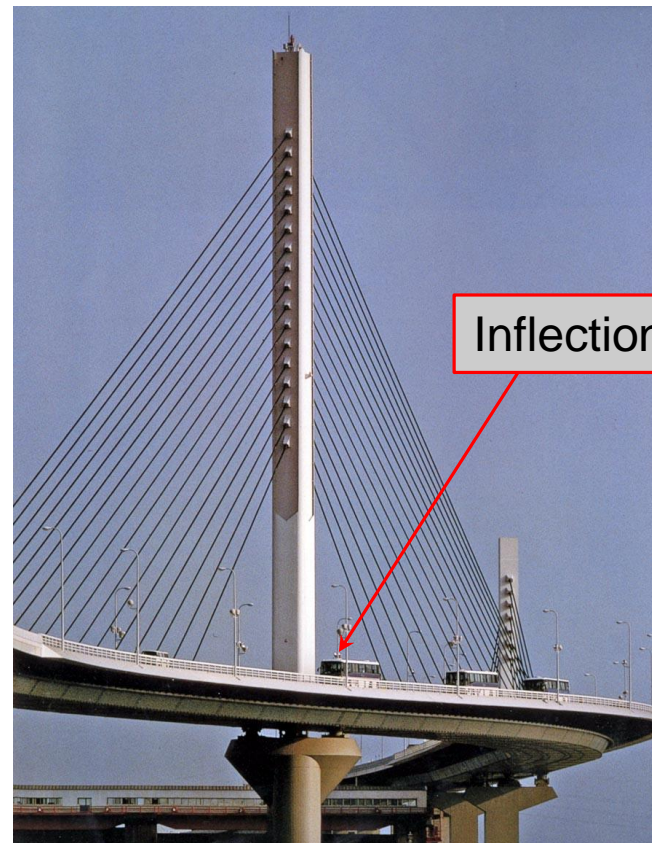
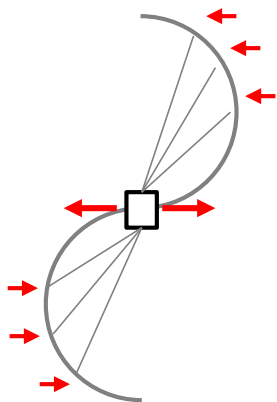
✓ These elements lead to structural elegance.

# Functional Beauty



Gateshead Millennium Bridge (UK)

# Structural Beauty



Katsushika Harp Bridge (Japan)

# Beauty of Form

- ✓ Form has structural reasons



Ebro River Bridge (Spain)



# Structural Elegance with **Creativity**

Functional Beauty  
(Useful)

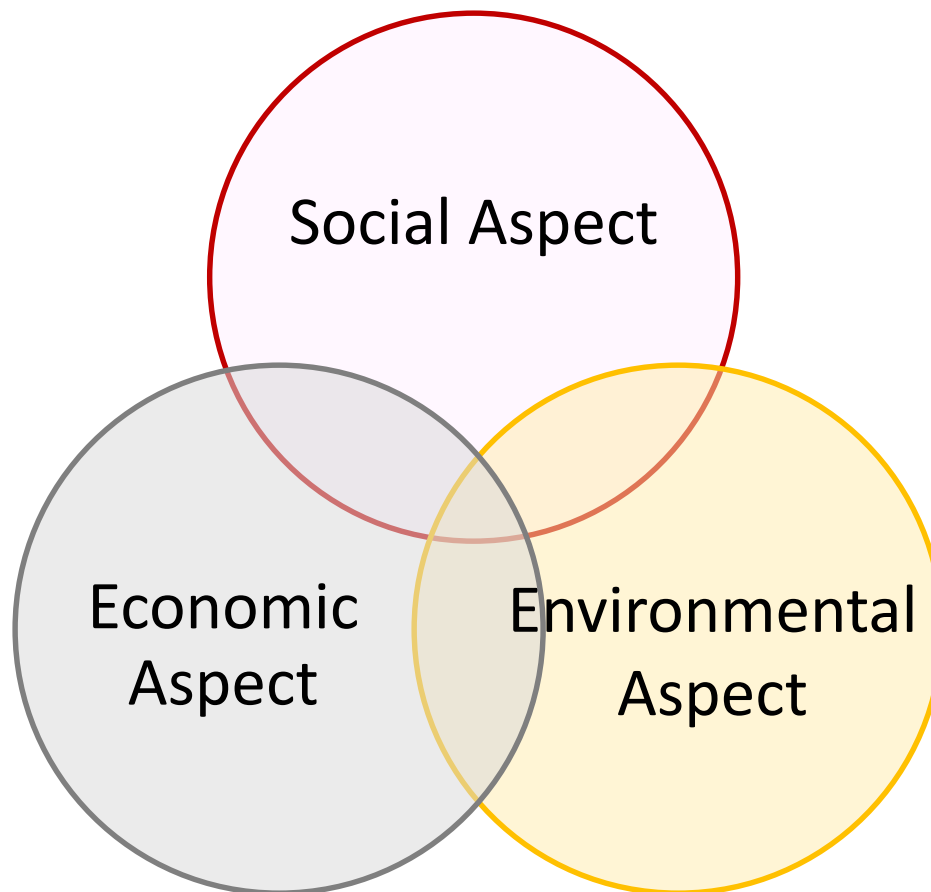


Structural Beauty  
(Sturdy)

Beauty of Form  
(Beautiful)

- ✓ Same as three elements of architecture
  - ✓ Priority: Functional > Structural > Beauty of Form
- Functional: Multifunction, Harmony, Min. environmental impact
  - Structural: Rationality, Simple flow of forces
  - Beauty of Form: Accountable for structural reason

# Three Aspects of Sustainability



# Social Aspect

Easy maintenance



Takubogawa Bridge (Japan)

# Economic Aspect

## Light weight construction



Furukawa Viaduct (Japan)



Okegawa Viaduct (Japan)



# Environmental Aspect

Low impact construction on environment



Seiun Bridge (Japan, 2006 *fib* Outstanding Structure)

# Structural Creativity for Sustainability

Social



Economic



Environmental

- ✓ Structural creativity gives a sustainable performance to the object
- ✓ Holistic design
- Social: Innovation, Adaptability, Safety, High durability
- Economic: Min. LCC, Max. economic effects
- Environmental: Min. environmental impact, Min. life-cycle energy

# Design Philosophy for Structural Sustainability

Structural Elegance  
with Creativity

Structural Creativity  
for Sustainability

Structural  
Sustainability

Functional Beauty  
(Useful)

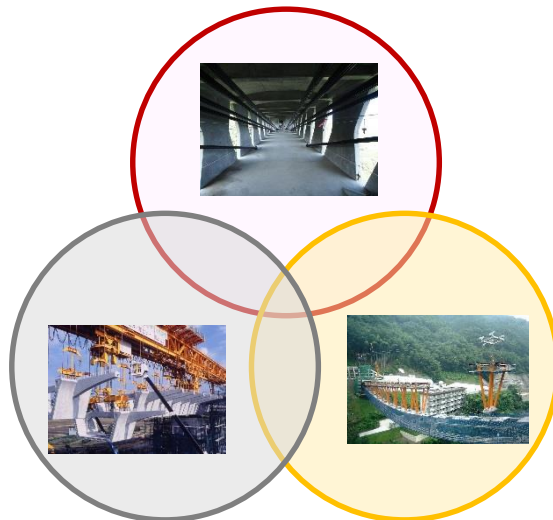


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Economic

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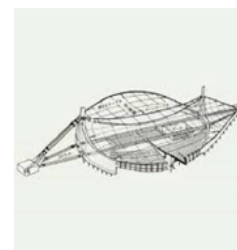
✓ Structural sustainability  
is proved by time.

**Structural Sustainability Check Sheet**

Name of Object : Yoyogi Gymnasium (Structure)

Structural Elegance	Functional Beauty	Structural Beauty	Beauty of Form
	F	S	B

Structural Sustainability Items	So	Ec	En
<b>1. Design</b>			
Adaptability			
Light Weight	F,S		
Contribution to Society	F		
Cost Effectiveness			
Low Impact on Environment			F,S
High Durability			
Sound Conceptual Design	S		
Resilience (Robustness = BCP)			
Minimum Life Cycle Cost			
Minimum Energy Consumption			F
Structural Integration	S		
Minimum Material			S
Extension of Degree of Freedom in Design			
<b>2. Construction</b>			
Accelerated Construction			
Safe Construction			
Wide Availability			
High Level Quality			
Reduction of Construction Man Power			
<b>3. Maintenance</b>			
Easy Maintenance			
Minimum Maintenance			
Easy Re-construction			



So : Social Aspect  
 Ec : Economical Aspect  
 En : Environmental Aspect

## Structural Sustainability Check Sheet

Name of Object : Marne Bridges (Structure &amp; Construction)

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Structural Sustainability Items	So	Ec	En
<b>1. Design</b>			
Adaptability	F		
Light Weight			
Contribution to Society	F		
Cost Effectiveness		F,S	
Low Impact on Environment			F
High Durability			
Sound Conceptual Design	S		
Resilience (Robustness = BCP)			
Minimum Life Cycle Cost		F,S	
Minimum Energy Consumption			F
Structural Integration			
Minimum Material		F,S	
Extension of Degree of Freedom in Design	F		
<b>2. Construction</b>			
Accelerated Construction	F		
Safe Construction			
Wide Availability	F		
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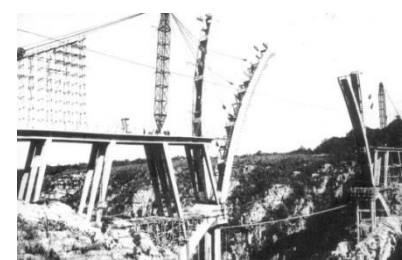
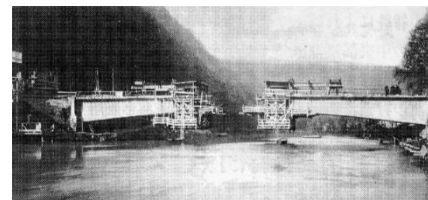
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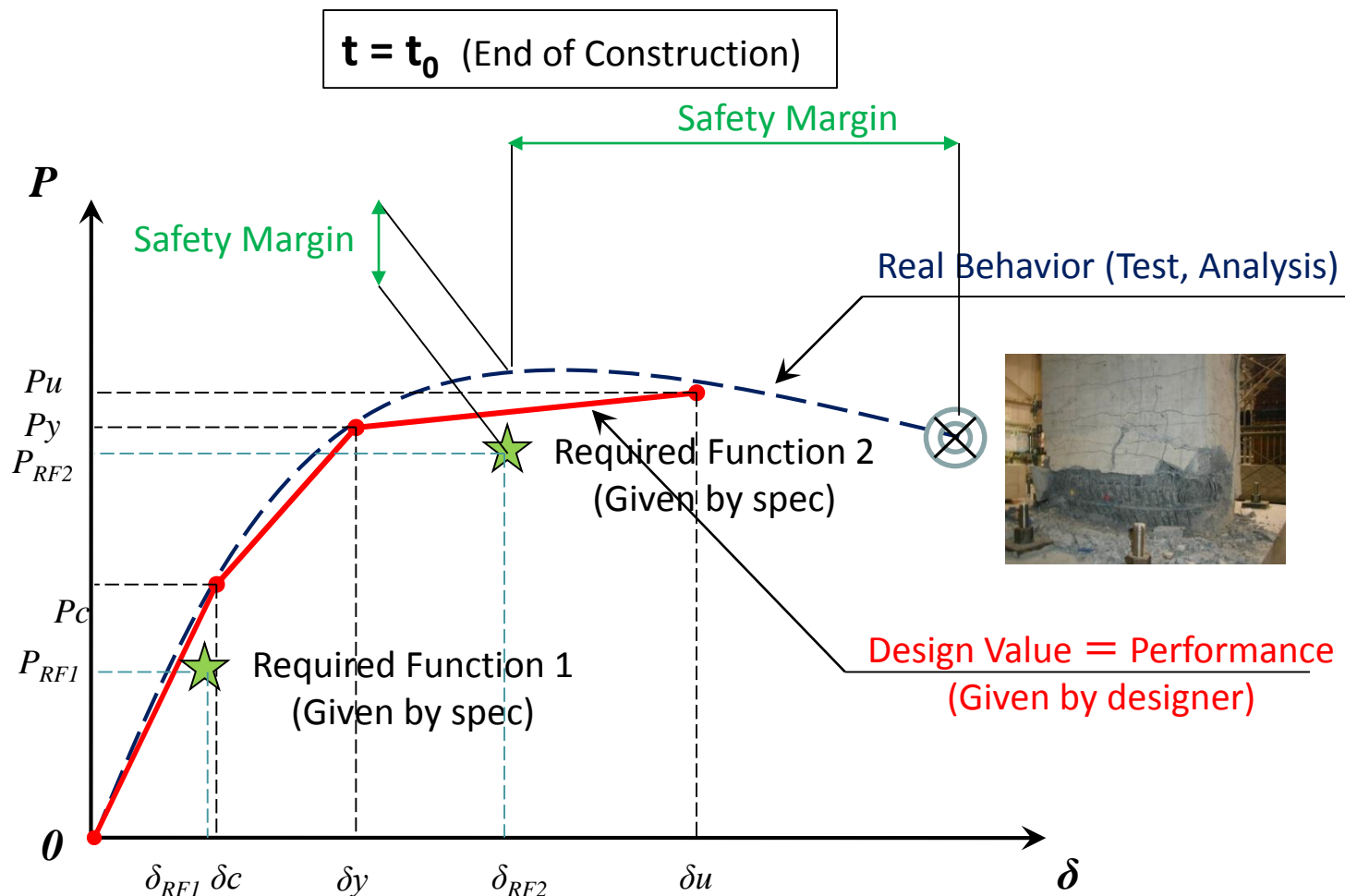
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Light Weight		F,S	
Contribution to Society	F		
Cost Effectiveness		F,S	
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High Durability			
Sound Conceptual Design			B
Resilience (Robustness = BCP)			
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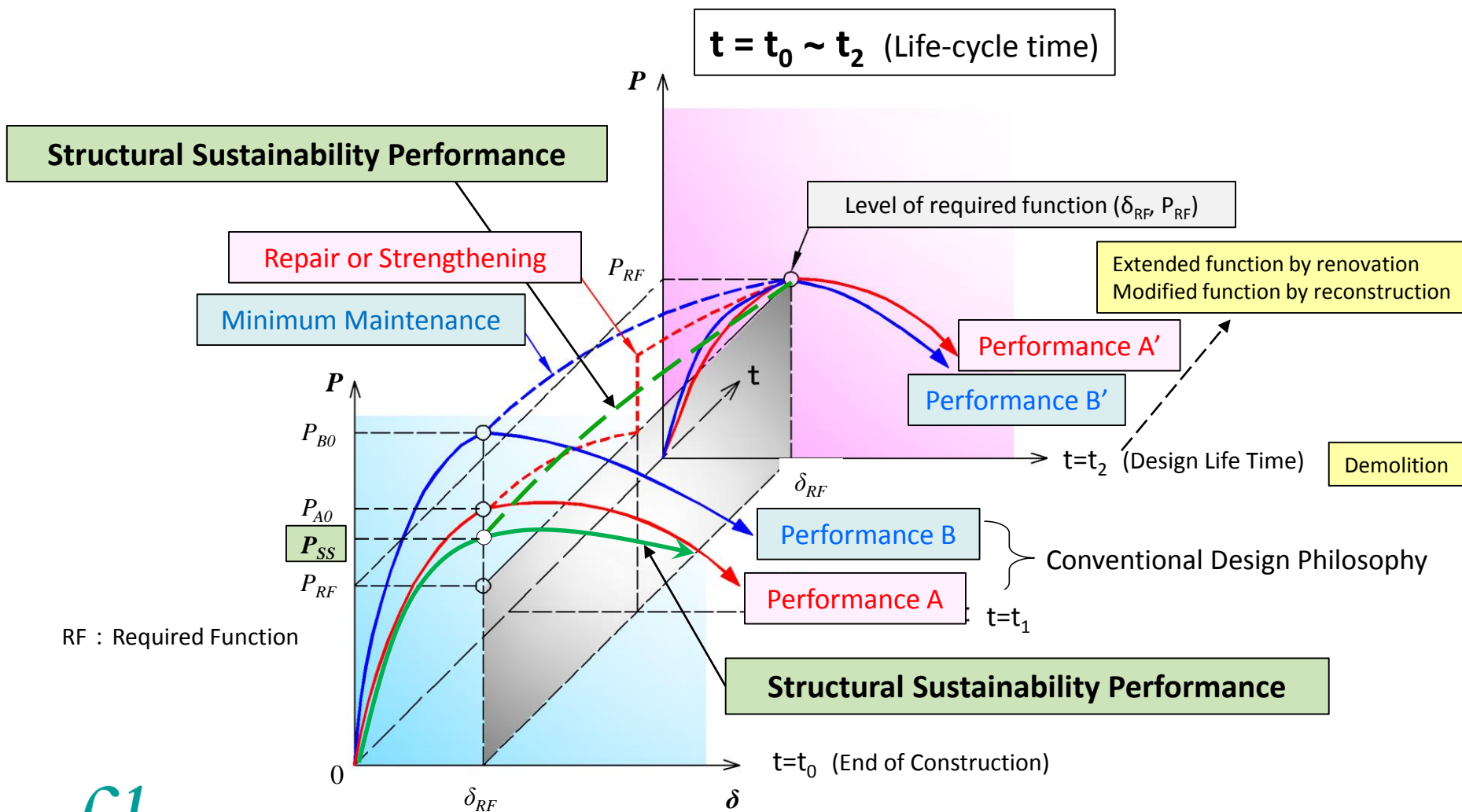


# Design Philosophy for Structural Sustainability





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# Definition of Structural Sustainability

- ✓ Design for **structural sustainability** intends structural elegance and derives optimized structural solutions, which lead to sustainable performance of the object during its life-cycle time including construction and demolition, with **creativity**.
- ✓ **Structural elegance** with creativity has functional beauty, structural beauty and beauty of form.
- ✓ **Structural creativity** pursues sustainability by adding structural performance of easy maintenance, high durability to eliminate deterioration factors, low impact on environment and resilience.

We are still receiving the blessings of RC and PC.  
But it is time for innovation.