

Lessons learned. Renovation of seaplane hangars

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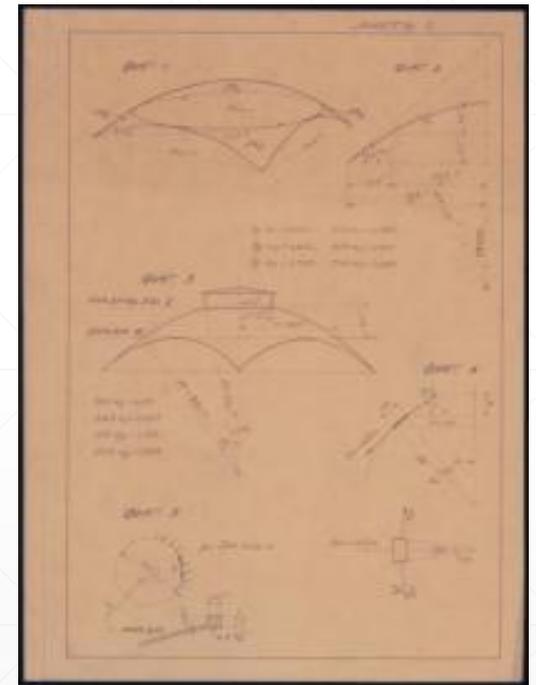
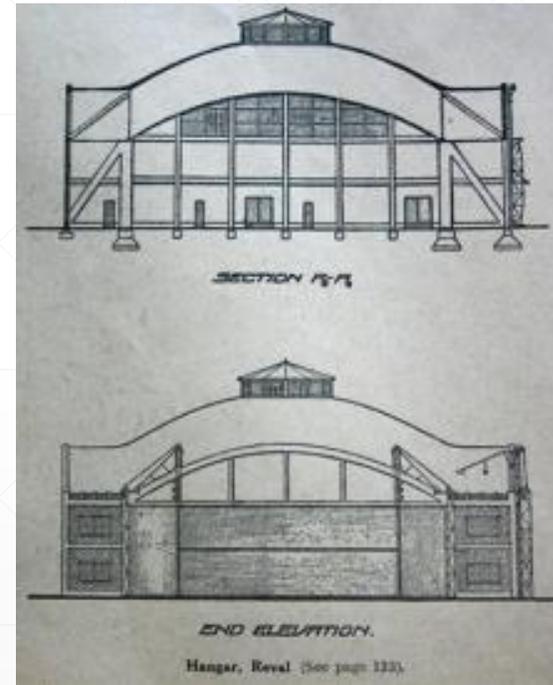
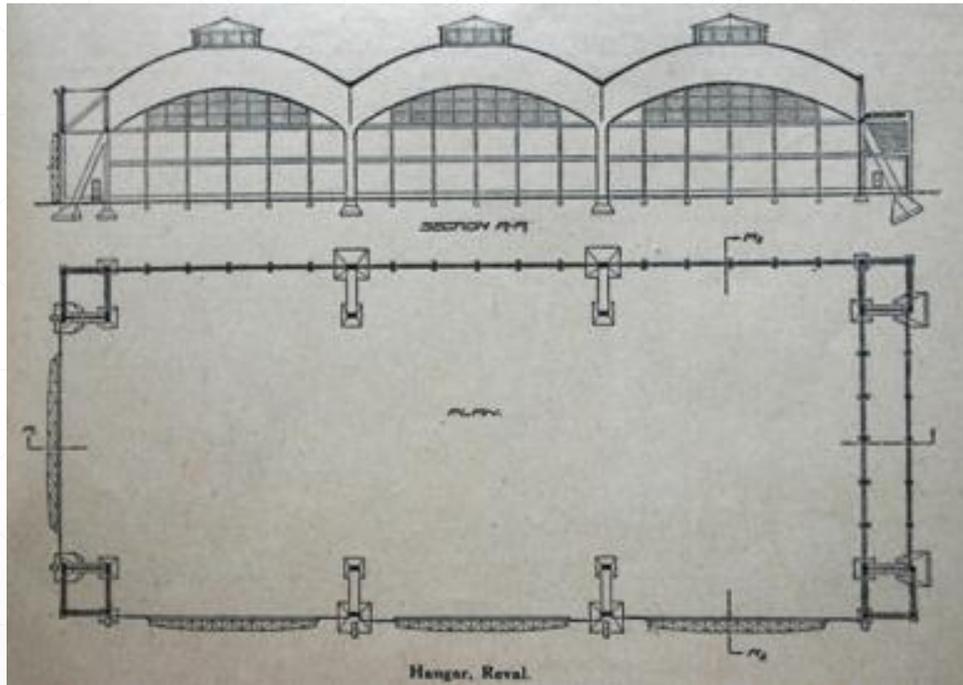
History and objectives

- The Danish Christian & Nielsen designed the hangars that were built in 1916–1917.
 - The hangar is a part of Tallinn Seaplane harbour constructed for seaplanes in the area of the Peter the Great's Naval Fortress.
 - This is the first known steel concrete shell construction of this size in the world – 36.4 by 116 metres open roof space without any columns or intermediate supports.
 - The first and only renovation works were conducted in 2010-2012; the whole construction was in the edge of collapse.
 - Nowadays the Seaplane harbour is a maritime museum in Tallinn, opened in 2012.
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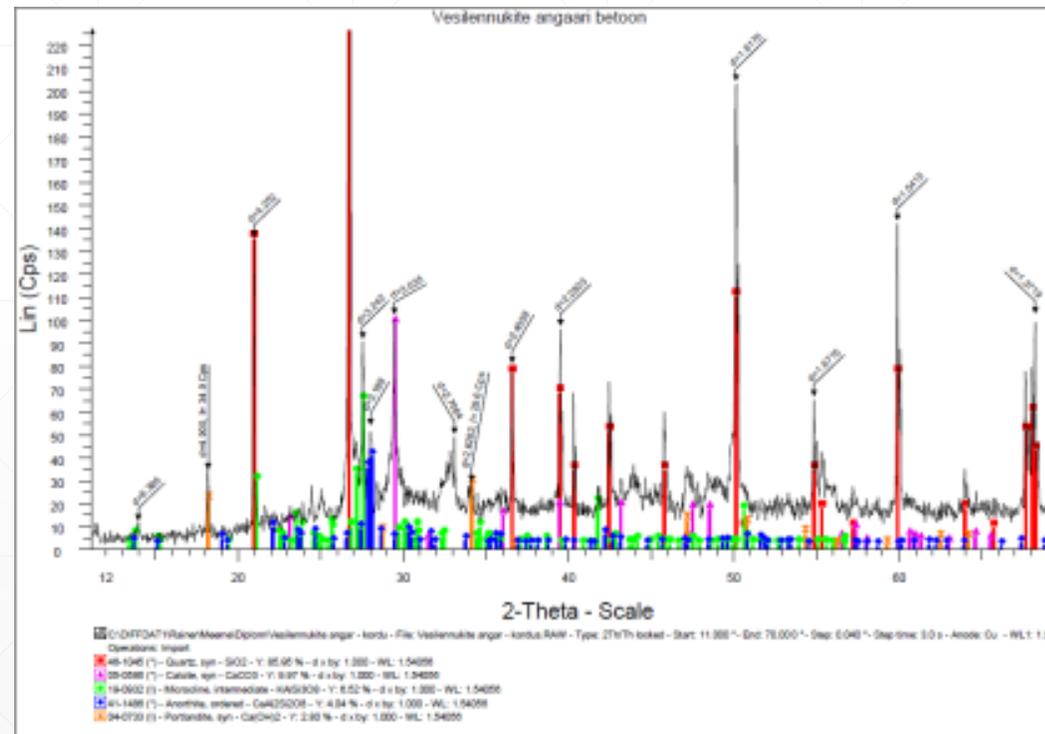


Assessment of Technical Condition of Structures

- Methods used for structural conditions assessments:
 - Materials research concerning reinforced concrete - physical and chemical characteristics of concrete and reinforced steel;
 - The assessment and analysis of residual carrying capacity - the performance of the structures was analyzed by the finite element method (Robot Millenium, Staad/Pro); strength calculations were done according to the norms and standards in force.
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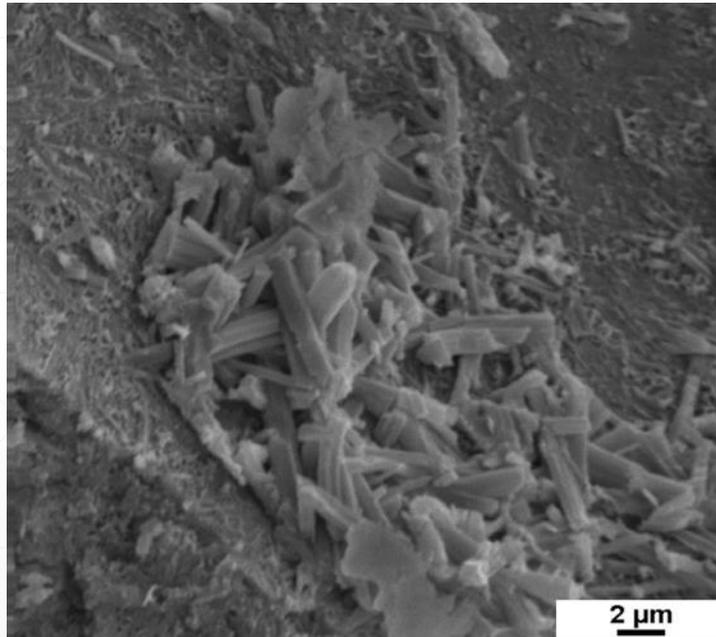
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- Mineralogical composition of cement stone of concrete; the X-ray fraction analysis of cement stone

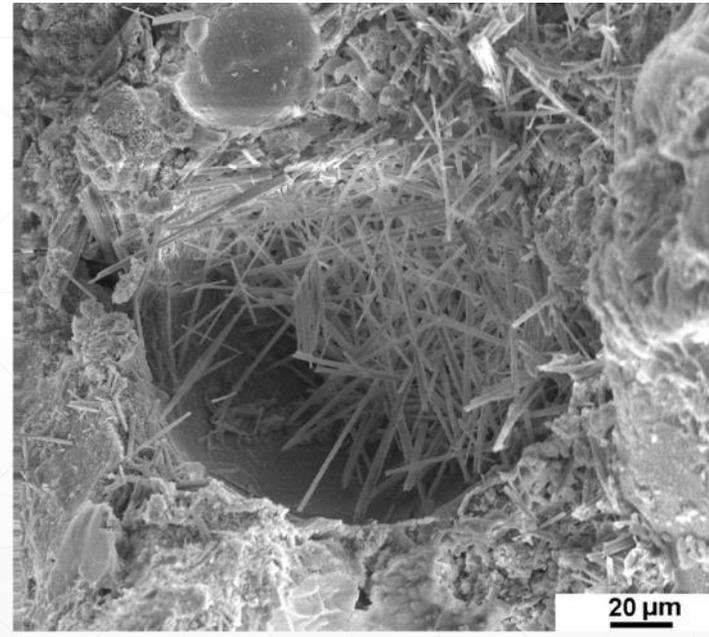


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- Morphology studies of concrete fracture, surface taken in the depth of 40-50 mm



Calcites



Porous concrete

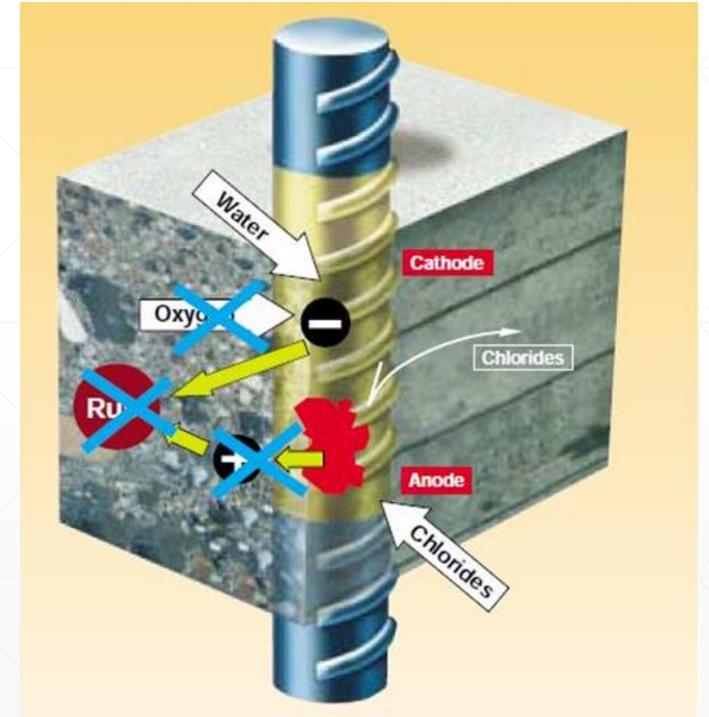
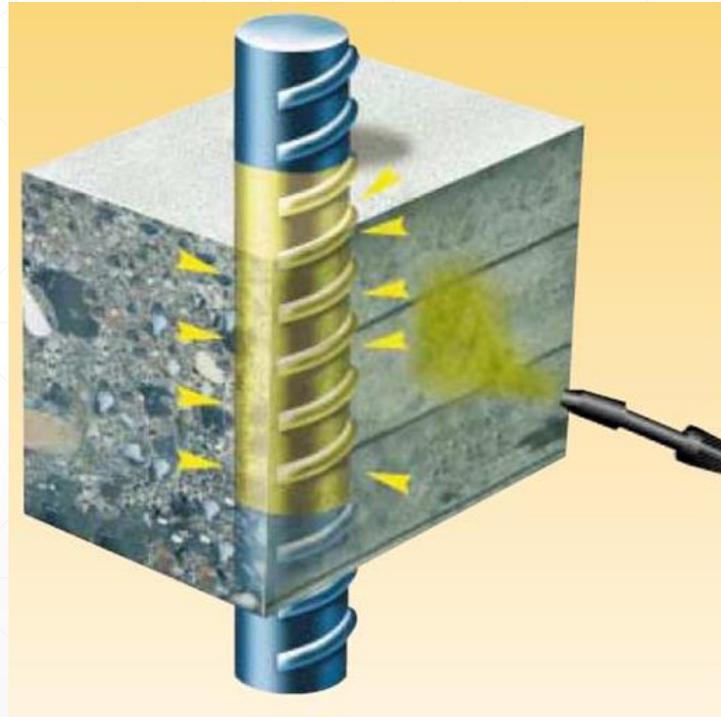
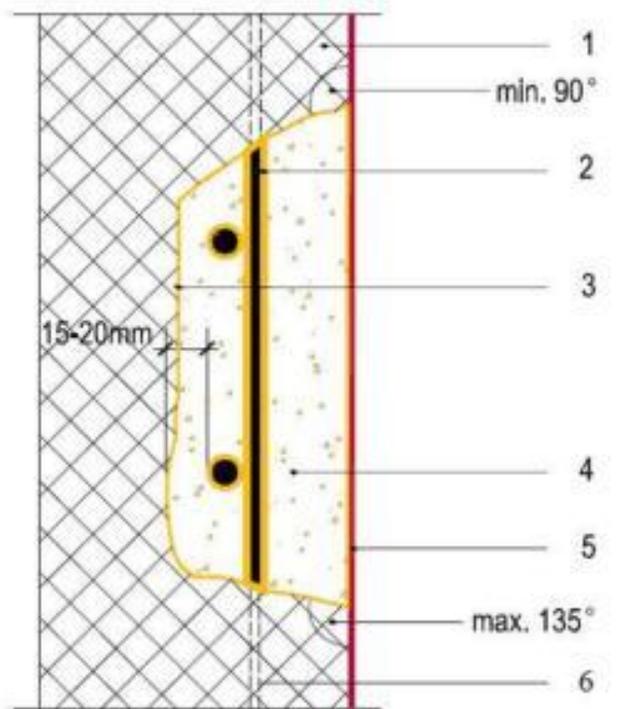
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- Temporary Supports to the deformed area of the spherical shell and beam structure



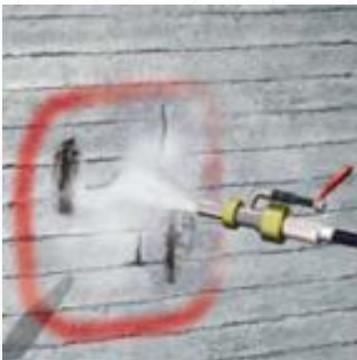
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- Materials and technology used



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- Preparation of the reinforced steel bars



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- Installation of reinforcement and sparyed concrete layer on the lower shell surface



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- Reinforcement and injection of cracks and deformed areas on the shell surface



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- Installing the thermal insulation and roof coverage



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- Lower surface of concrete shells before and after the renovation works



The Seaplane hangars in Tallinn



Lessons learned

- In terms of the carrying capacity of reinforced concrete structures, the geometry of structures, as well as physical-mechanical properties of the constituents of reinforced concrete as a composite material are the factors that the durability of structures depends on.
 - At the beginning of the 20th century, sufficiently good knowledge of how roof shell structures work had been acquired. That was confirmed by calculations made by help of the FEM method used today.
 - Structural restoration should take into consideration the following: preservation of the geometry of the structure according to that designed, physical-mechanical properties of reinforced concrete (strength, porosity, properties of steel), and the extent of damage.
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Thank You!

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