

An aerial photograph of a large bridge with white pylons and blue structural elements, crossing a body of water. In the foreground, there is a complex interchange of highways. To the left of the bridge, there is an industrial area with numerous storage tanks and buildings. A large blue ship with the word 'FUJITRANS' on its side is docked at a pier in the water. The background shows a cityscape and more industrial facilities.

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# **Inspection, evaluation and Maintenance**

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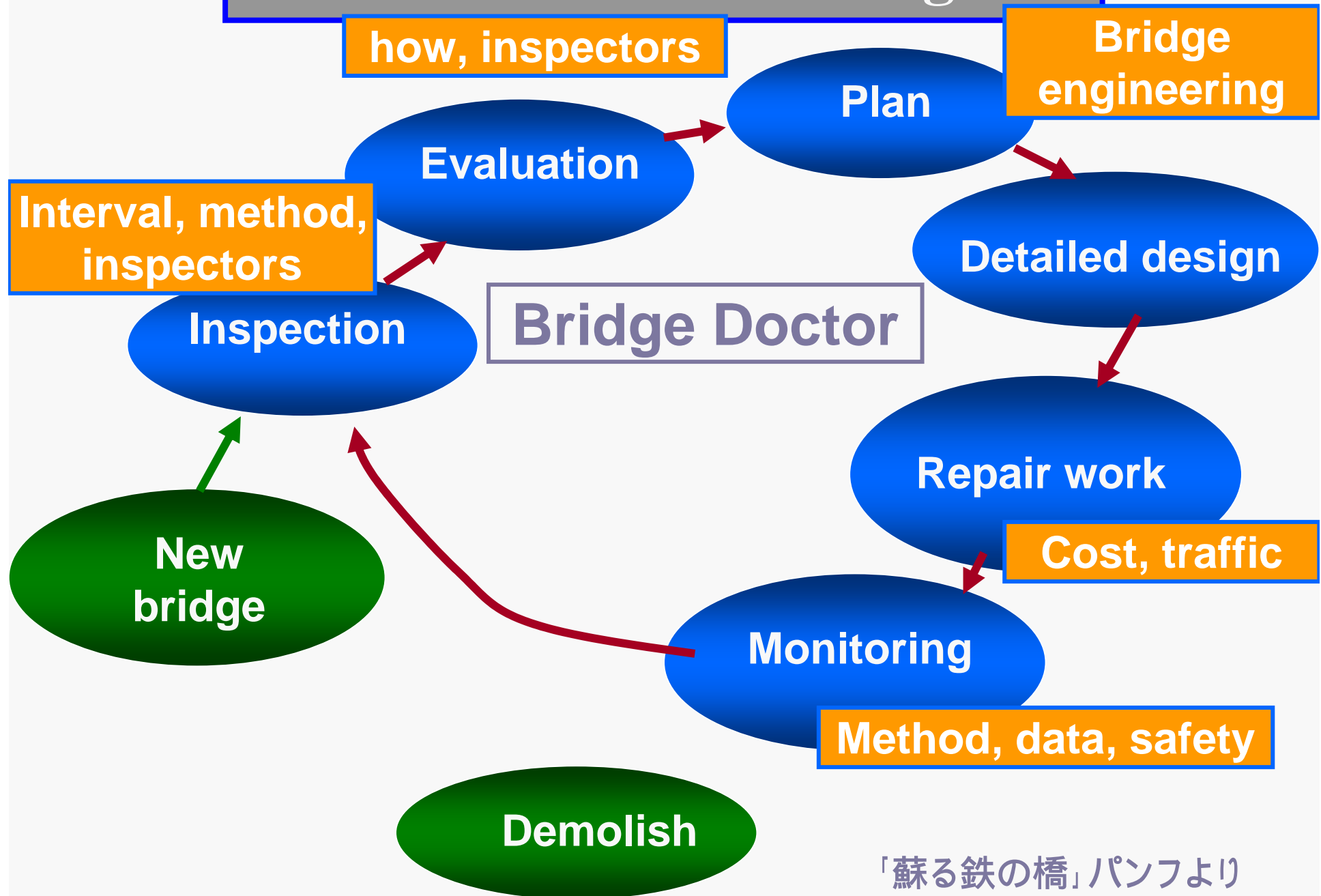
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# Introduction

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# Maintenance of Bridge



# Example of bridge inspection (modified 2004)

**Daily inspection:** once every day from patrol cars.

Check safety of road surface.

**Inspection on Foot:** occasionally on foot.

Check with telescope under the bridge.

**Periodic inspection:** 10 years interval.

Visual inspection close to structural member.

**Detailed inspection:** when needed.

For new type of problem using NDT equipment.

**Special inspection:** after typhoon or earthquake.

Visual inspection.



# Daily inspection, Inspection on foot

## Daily inspection

Safety of road surface.  
Expansion joints.



## Inspection on foot.

Any deterioration under the  
bridge.  
Danger to the third party.



# Periodic inspection, every 5 years

## Periodic inspection

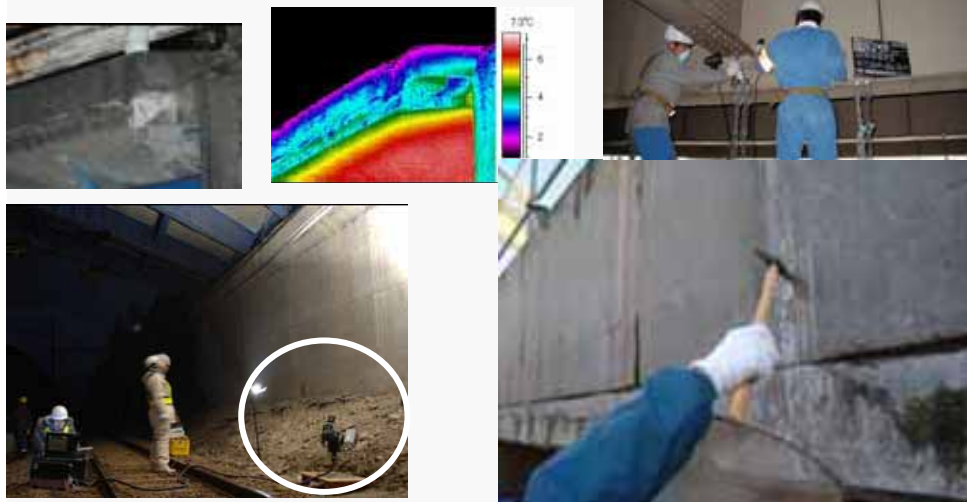
Visual inspection, but close to inspection points using special lift.



# Detailed inspection and special inspection

## Detailed inspection

Inspection for particular deterioration often s using NDT equip.



## Special Inspection

After Typhoon and earthquake, usually by visual inspection on foot.



Kobe  
Earthquake  
1995



# Tools to help better inspection

<b>Good access to details:</b>	System for easy inspection (Japan vs. Germany)
<b>Training program for inspectors:</b>	Lectures and on-site training. Corrosion map, fatigue crack map
<b>Advice by experts:</b>	On-site training. Corporation with researchers.
<b>Tools:</b>	Paint View, remote sensing, monitoring
<b>Evaluation:</b>	



# Easy access for better inspection

Trockou B. (Germany)

Access to expansion joints



# Easy access for better inspection

Luzerndorf B. (Germany)      Roadside space for inspection



# Poor access prevented better inspection

Poor Case 1: No inspection deck for slow lane.  
Crack of 1 m long was found in Oct. 2006.



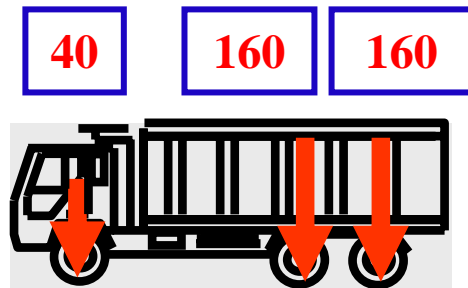
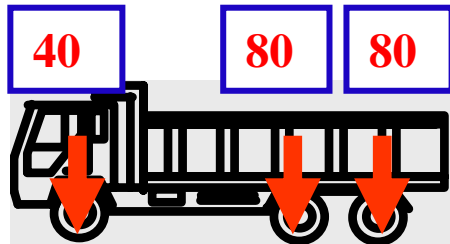


# What to inspect?

- No knowledge, no seen.
- See, observe, inspect, watch, consult, grasp, etc.
- Corrosion map, fatigue crack map, etc.  
(traffic condition, repair history, etc. )
- **Priority**
  1. Structural deficiency
  2. Danger to the third party
  3. Expected fast rate of deterioration
  4. Others



# Overloaded Dump Truck?

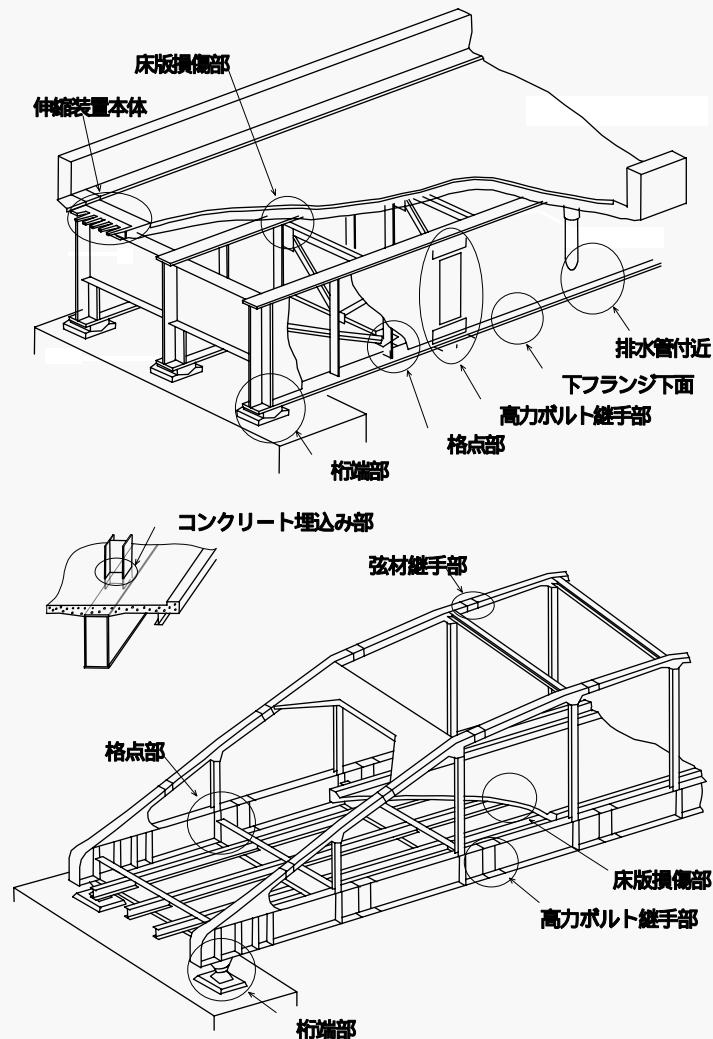


Indonesia

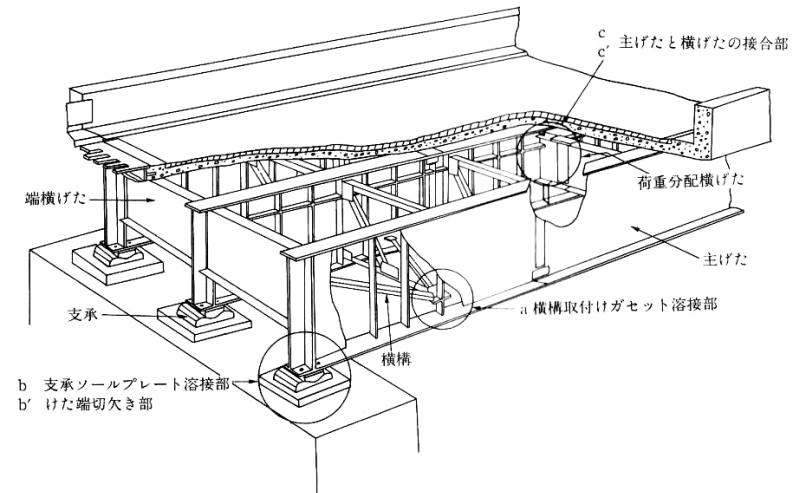
**Dump truck to be used for cargo with volume.**

# Information prior to inspection (General)

## Corrosion Map



## Fatigue Crack Map



Such information can be used to educate inspectors.

Each country has its own trend of damages.

# Corrosion Map (Plate Girder)



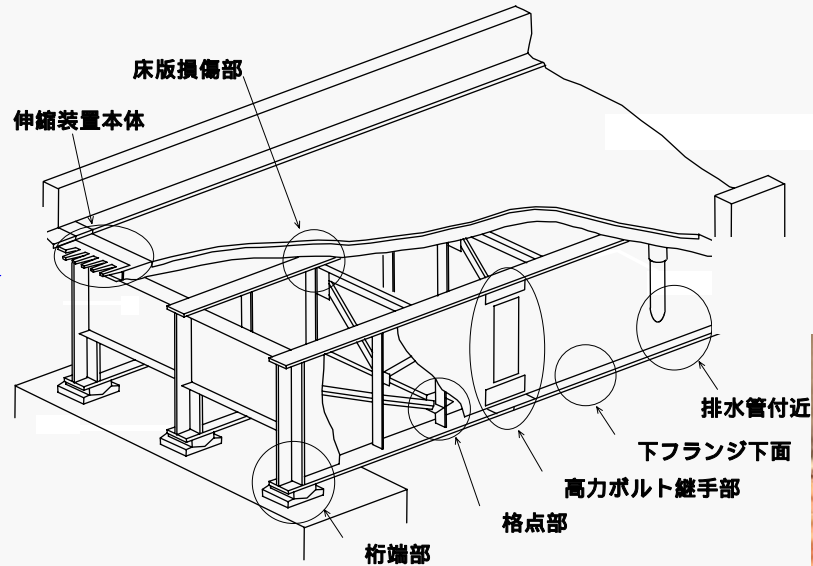
Shoe and Girder End



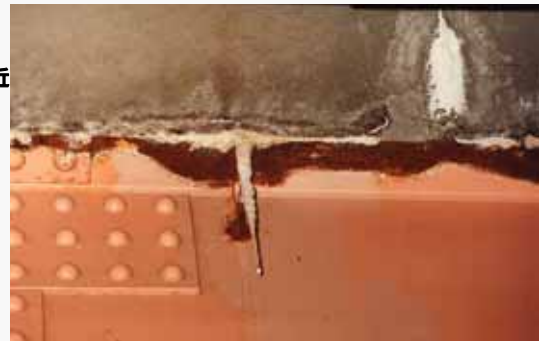
Panel Point



Bolted Joint



Drain



Lower Flange



Expansion Joint



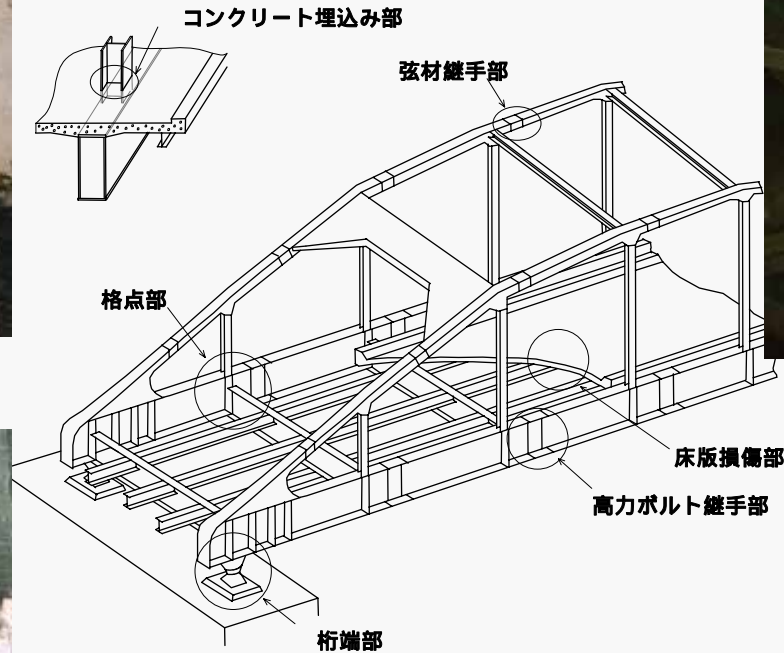
# Corrosion Map of Langer Bridge



Girder End



Panel Point



Panel Point



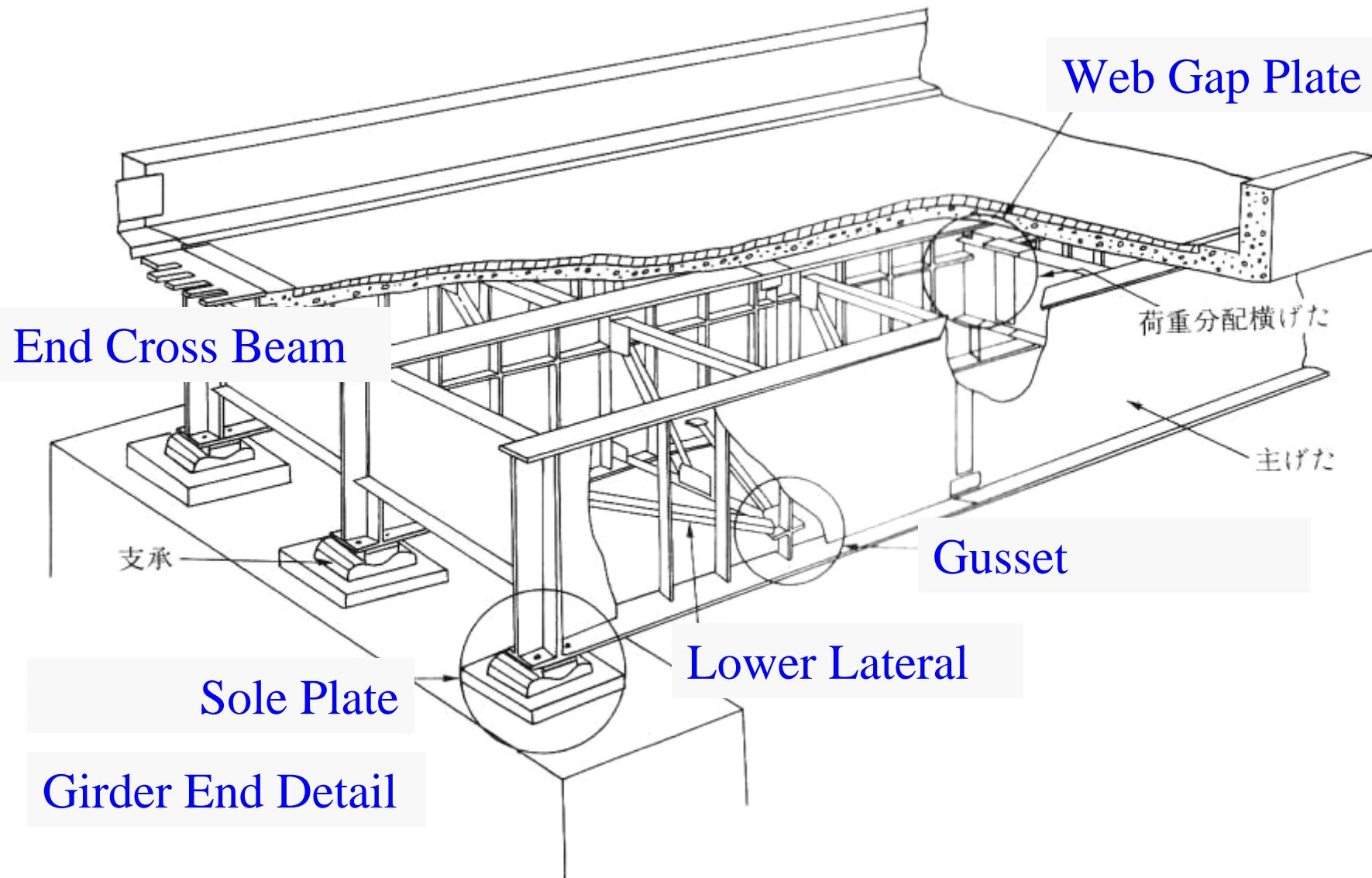
Joints



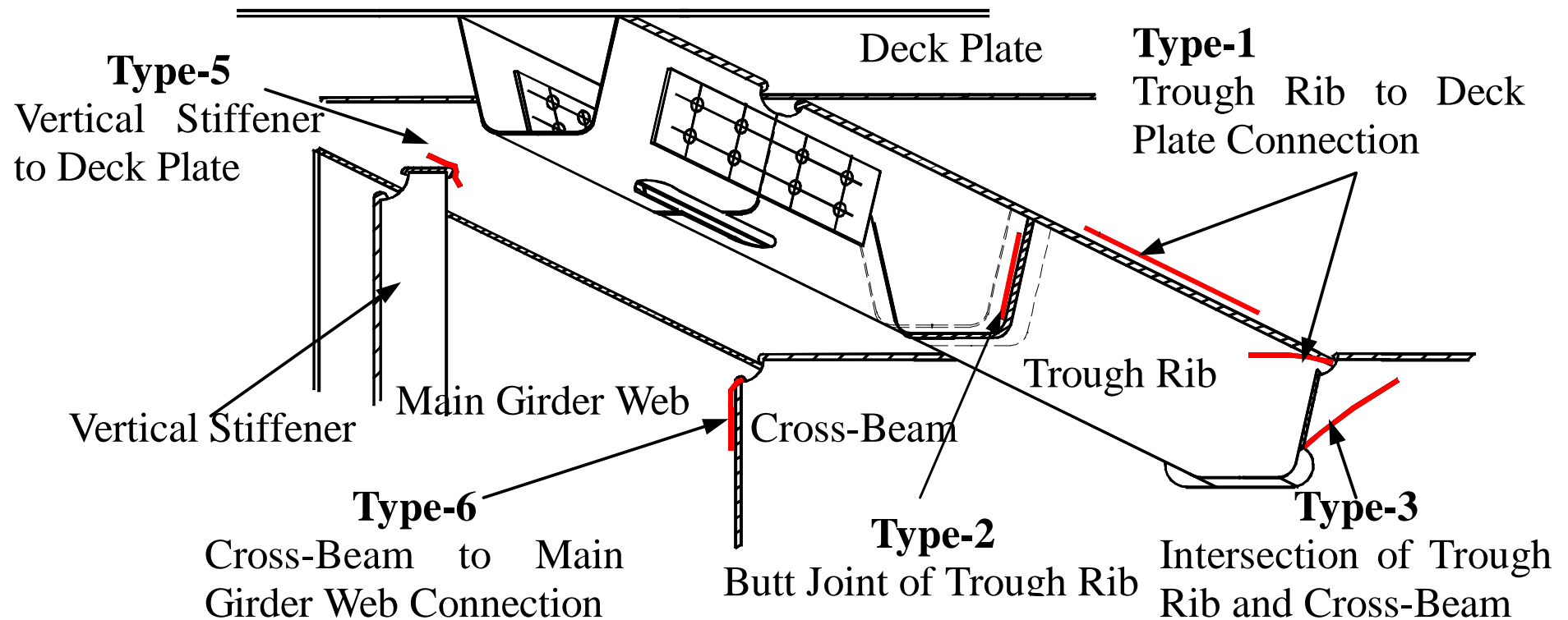
Steel and Concrete



# Fatigue Crack Map (Plate Girder)

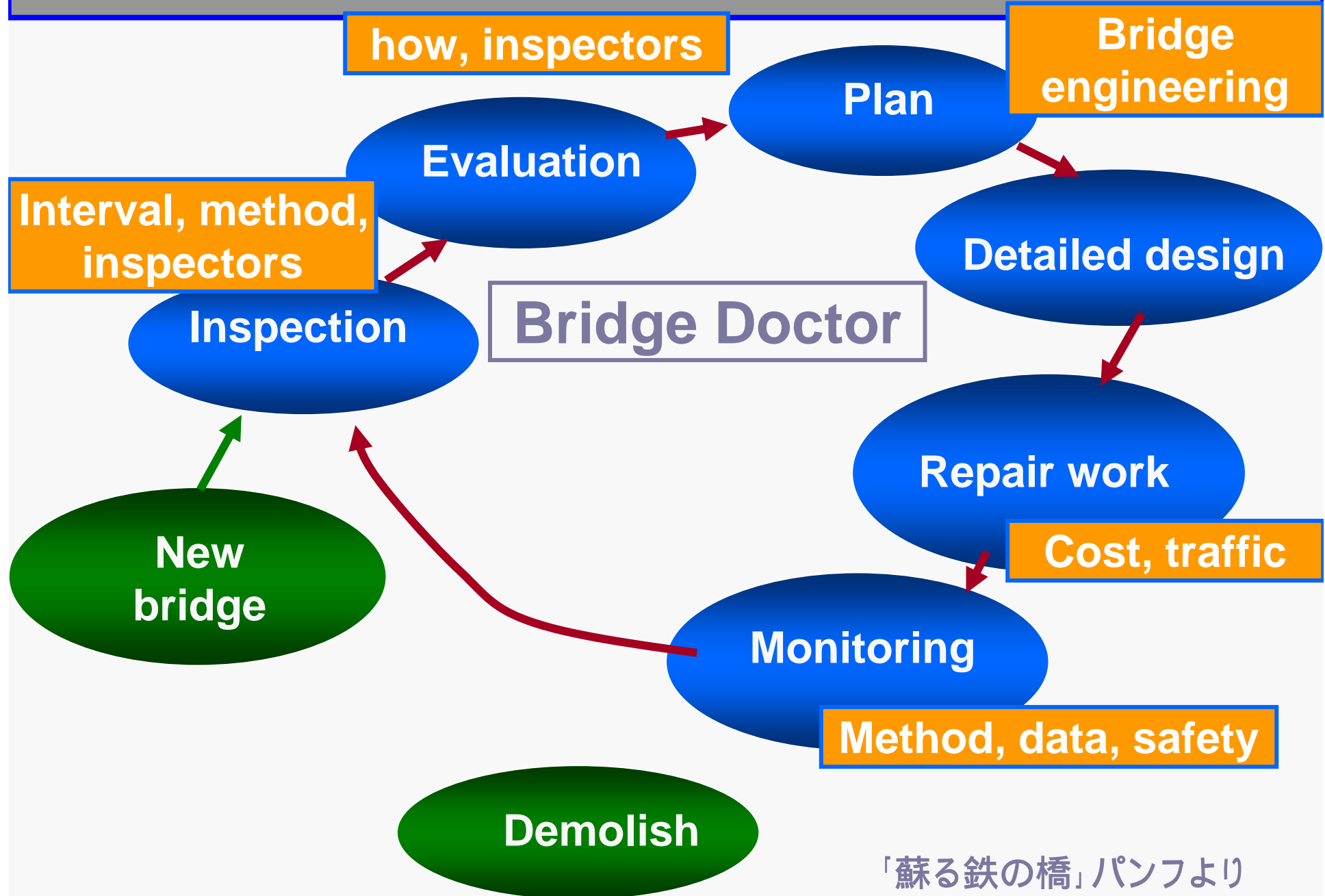


# Fatigue Crack Map (Orthotropic Steel Deck)



Courtesy MEX

# Inspection results to repair and rehabilitation



# Example of poor inspection



One of diagonal member of truss failed due to corrosion in June, 2007 near Nagoya.

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Support was placed around 5:00 pm





Fractured H-section.

Corrosion took away about 2/3 of section of diagonal member

2007.6.20



A close-up photograph of a bridge's structural joint. The image shows a concrete surface on the left and a steel beam on the right, both heavily corroded. The steel beam is painted a bright red, but the paint is peeling and cracked, revealing a dark, rusted metal underneath. The concrete surface is also weathered and stained. The background shows more of the bridge structure, including other steel beams and a body of water.

Bridge was inspected 18 months before.

Inspectors failed to find such deterioration.

Paint was placed on patina.

Nobody checked when the bridge was re-painted.