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STUCTURAL FIRE DESIGN Considerations in fire design of steel structures

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Overview

Context. Why fire design?

Materials

Actions on structures

Basic design considerations

Fire design considerations

Examples

Context. Why?

Source of energy and heat

Fire effect 1



Fire effect 2



The cause of material and life loss

Fire effect 3



Fire effect 4



Fire effect 5



Fire effect 6

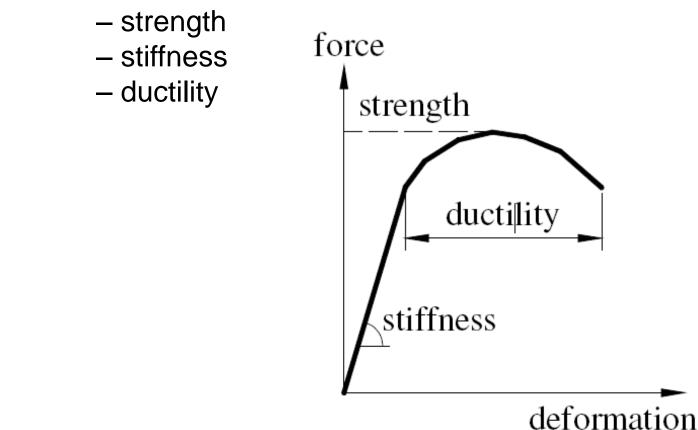




Materials

Structural materials

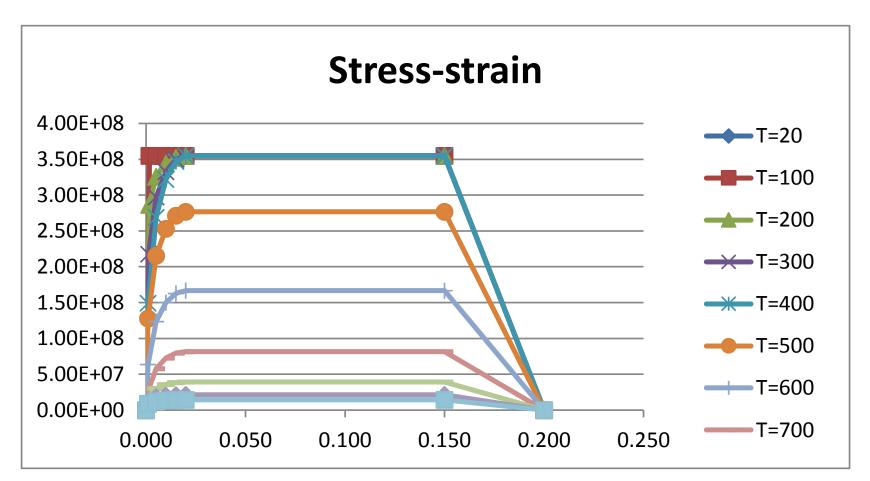
- Structural material is the one which is used in those parts of the structure which carry loads and give it strength and stiffness
- Properties of structural materials:



Materials

Structural materials: ductility

Ductile materials: able to deform significantly into the inelastic range



Actions are classified by their variation in time as follows:

 permanent actions (G), e.g. self-weight of structures, fixed equipment and road surfacing, and indirect actions caused by shrinkage and uneven settlements;

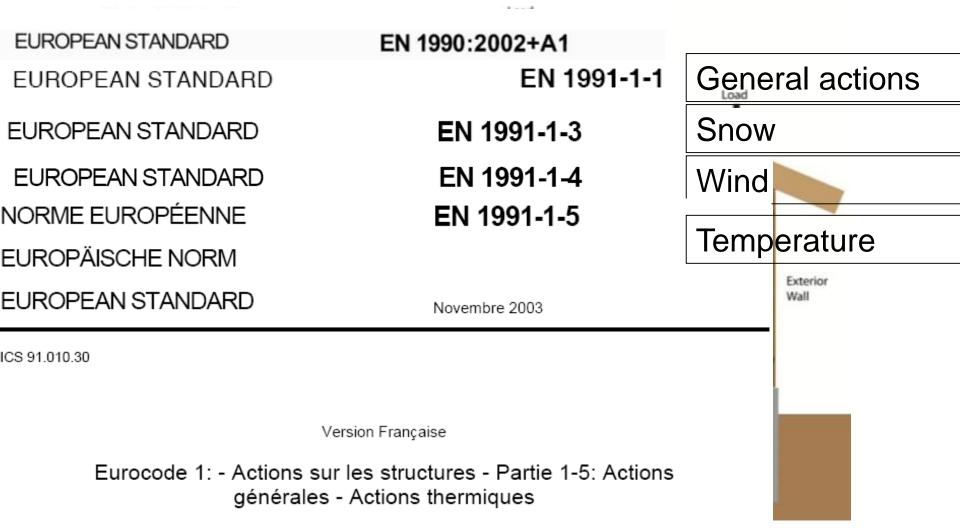
 variable actions (Q), e.g. imposed loads on building floors, beams and roofs, wind actions or snow loads;

accidental actions (A), e.g. explosions, or impact from vehicles
 FIRE

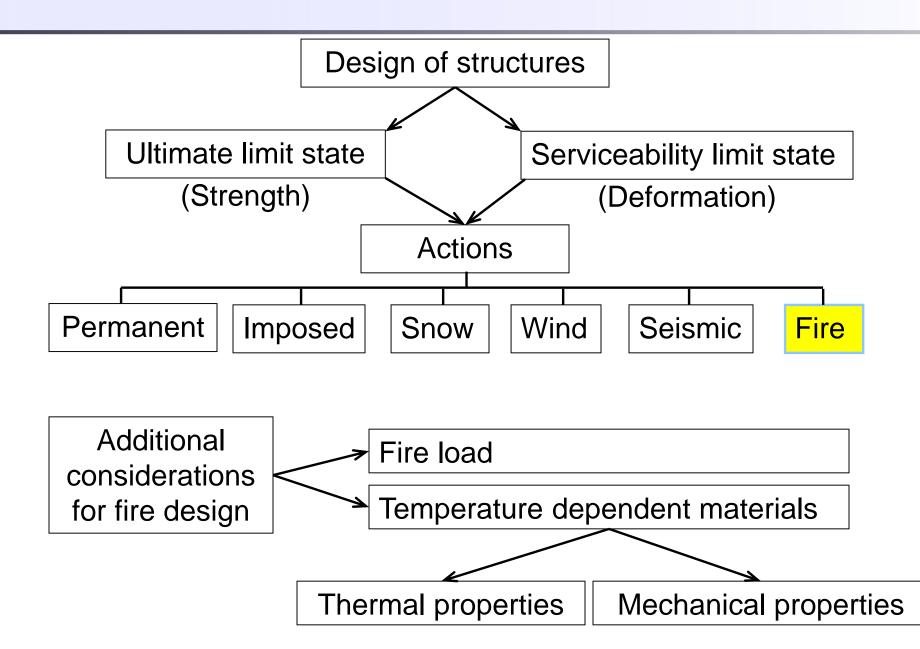
Several loads → load combinations

Actions on structures

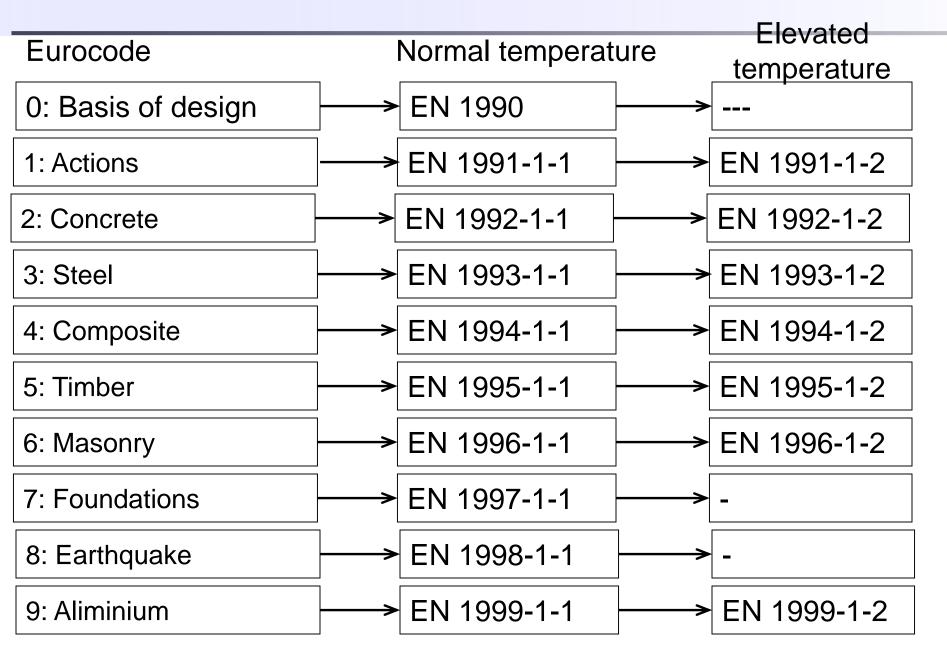
Based on codes



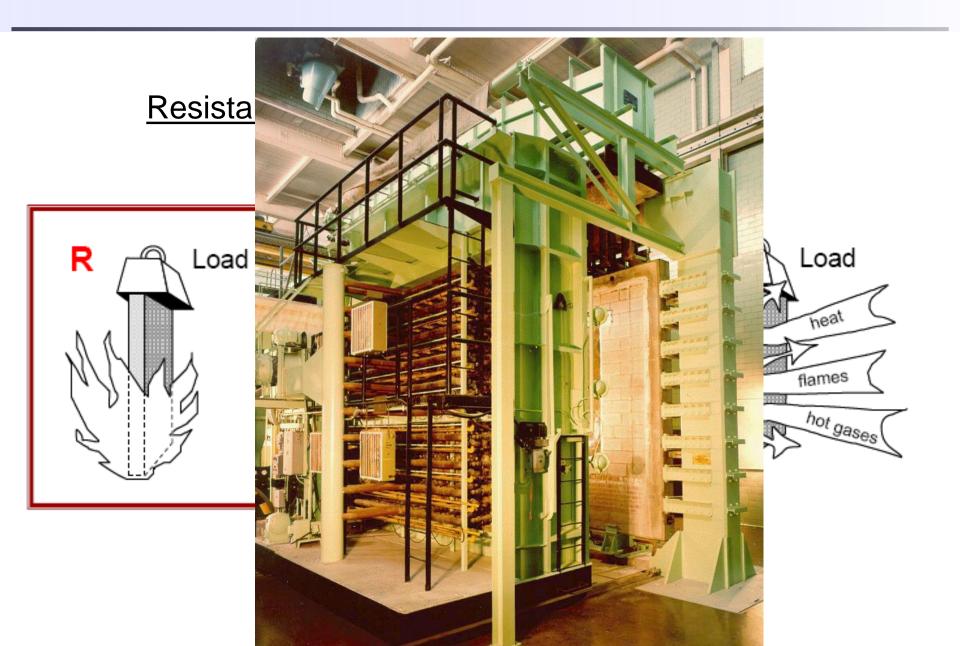
Design considerations



Fire action in design codes



Design considerations



Design considerations

The aim of fire design codes

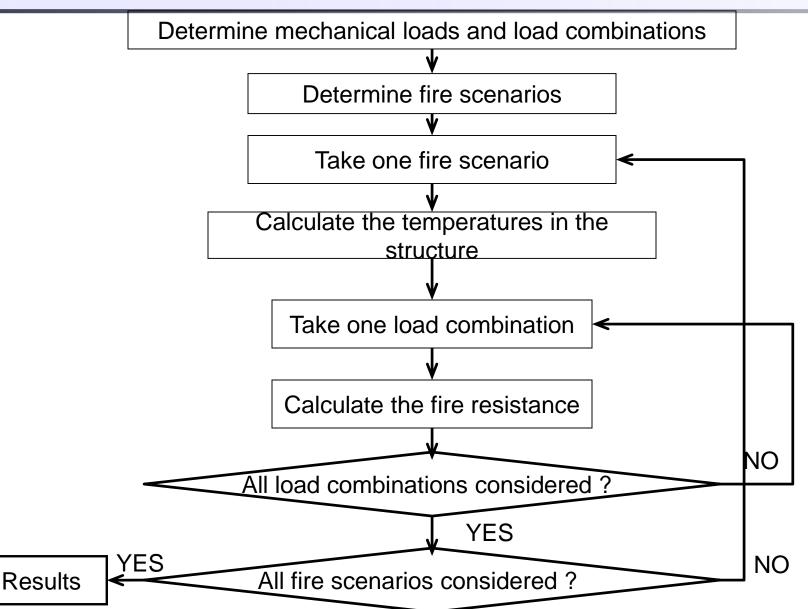
- The Eurocodes covers the Resistance criterion the load bearing capacity of elements and structures. It gives information that allows calculating whether or how long a structure is able to withstand the applied loads during a fire. The design is performed in the ultimate limit state.
- The EN fire design codes **DO NOT** relate to the insulation or integrity criteria of structural elements (E or I).

- There is no deformation criteria explicitly mentioned in the Eurocode.
- Deformation criteria should be applied in two cases:

1. When the fire protection may loose its efficiency in case of excessive deformations.

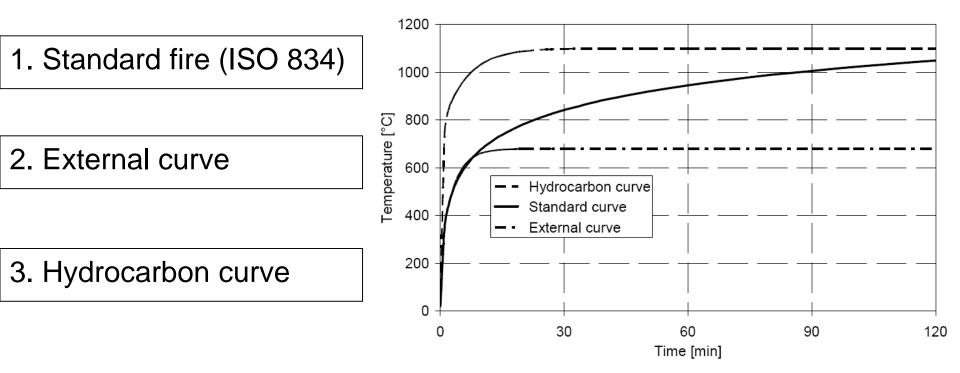
2. When separating elements, for example a separating wall, supported by or located under a structural element may suffer from excessive deformations of this member

Steps of an analysis



Thermal action

the fire is represented by a temperature-time curve, i.e. an equation describing the evolution with time of the unique temperature that is supposed to represent the environment in which the structure is located.



Mechanical actions

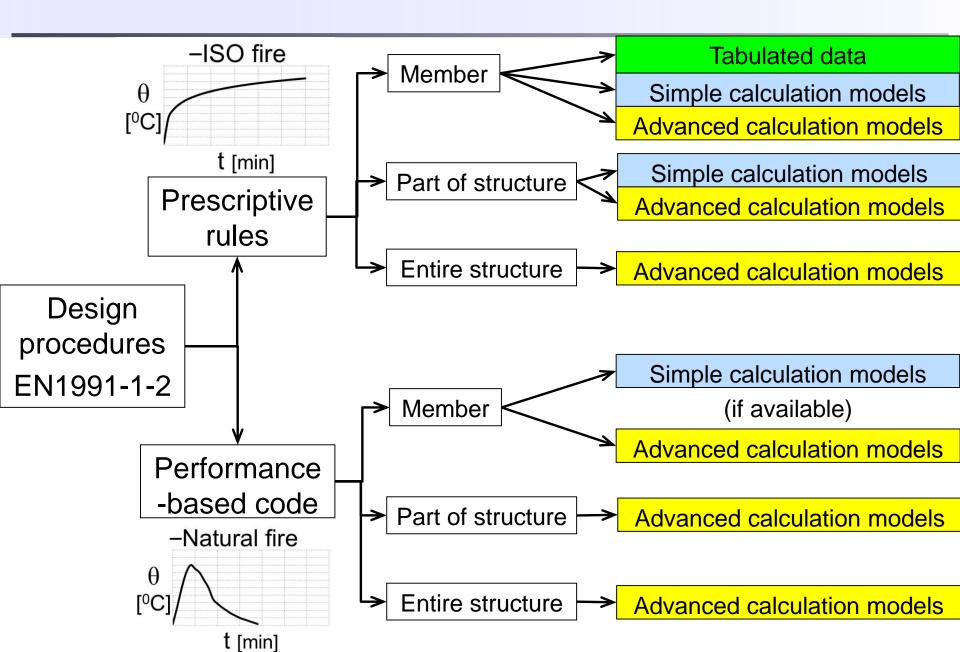
The design against the ultimate limit state is based on the comparison between the **RESISTANCE OF THE STRUCTURE** calculated with the design values of material properties, and the **EFFECTS OF ACTIONS** calculated with design value of actions.

Action

	retion		
$R_{fi,d,t}(X_{d,fi}) > E_{fi,d}(F_{fi,d})$	Imposed load in buildings		
$f_{i,\alpha,i} \subset \alpha, f_{i} \to f_{i,\alpha} \subset f_{i,\alpha}$	category A: domestic, residential	0.5	0.3
	category B: offices	0.5	0.3
	category C: congregation areas	0.7	0.6
	category D: shopping	0.7	0.6
	category E: storage	0.9	0.8
	Traffic loads in buildings		
$F_{\alpha,\beta} = G_{\beta} + P_{\beta} + M_{\alpha\beta} O_{\beta\beta} + \sum_{\alpha,\beta} M_{\alpha\beta} O_{\beta\beta}$	category F: vehicle weight ≤ 30 kN	0.7	0.6
$E_{fi,d} = G_k + P_k + \psi_{1,1} Q_{kl} + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \psi_{2,i} Q_{ki}$	category G: 30kN < vehicle weight < 160kN	0.5	0.3
1>1	category H: roofs	0.0	0.0
$F_{C_1} = G_1 + P_2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} g_{i} \cdot O_{i}$	Snow loads		
$E_{fi,d} = G_k + P_k + \sum_{i=1} \psi_{2,i} Q_{ki}$	for sites located at altitude $H \le 1000 \text{ m}$	0.2	0.0
1=1	for sites located at altitude H > 1000 m	0.5	0.2
	Wind loads	0.5	0.0

 Ψ_2

 Ψ_1



Tabulated data:

recognised design solutions for the standard fire exposure

Columns	Standard fire resistance	fire Column width b _{min} /axis distance a of the main bars				
$\mu_{\rm fi} = N_{\rm Ed.fi} / N_{\rm Rd}$	resistance	Column ex	Exposed on one side			
,	-	μ _{fi} = 0.2	μ _{fi} = 0.5	μ _{fi} = 0.7	μ _{fi} = 0.7	
	1	2	3	4	5	
	R 30	200/25	200/25	200/32 300/27	155/25	
	R 60	200/25	200/36 300/31	250/46 350/40	155/25	
	R 90	200/31 300/25	300/45 400/38	350/53 450/40**	155/25	
	R 120	250/40 350/35	350/45** 450/40**	350/57** 450/51**	175/35	
@ @ h≥b	R 180	350/45**	350/63**	450/70**	230/55	
	R 240	350/61**	450/75**	-	295/70	
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Simple calculatin models:

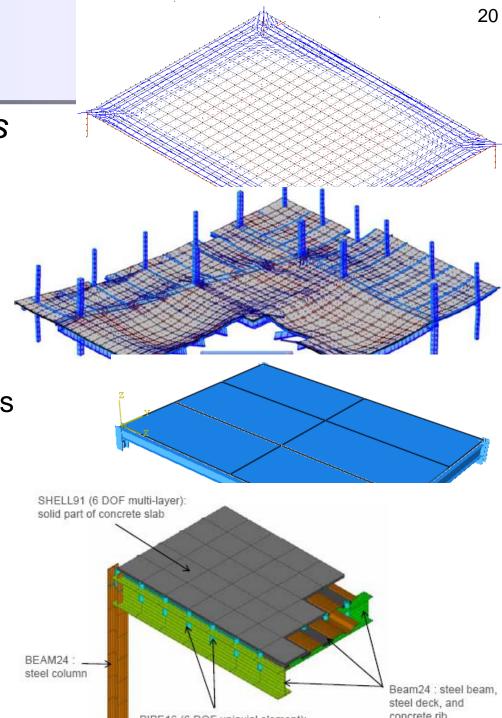
- The resistance is based on analytical relations

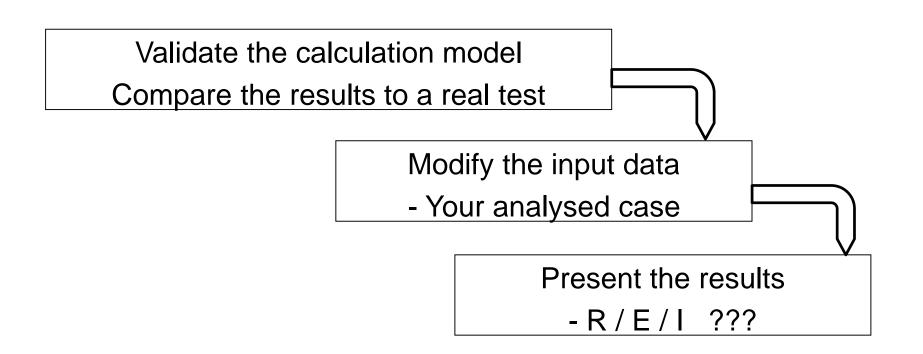
 $R_{fi,d,t}(X_{d,fi}) > E_{fi,d}(F_{fi,d})$

Introduction

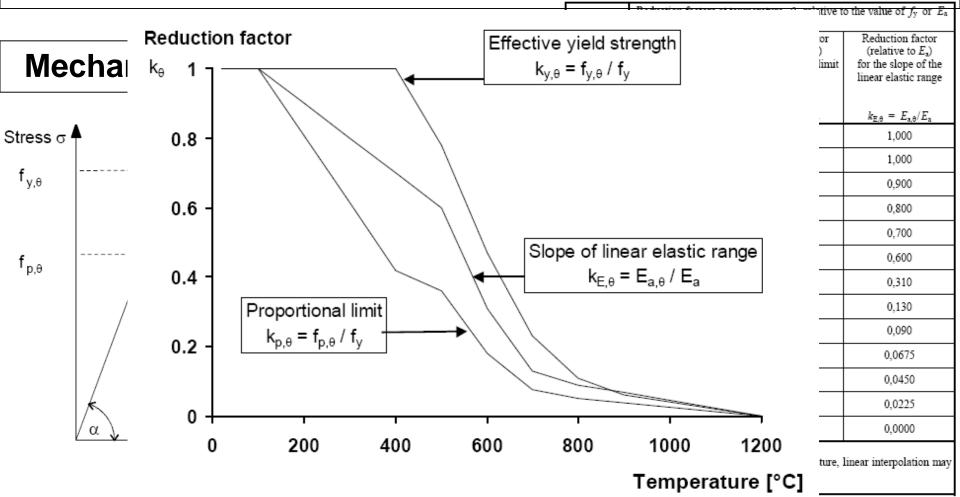
Advanced calculation models

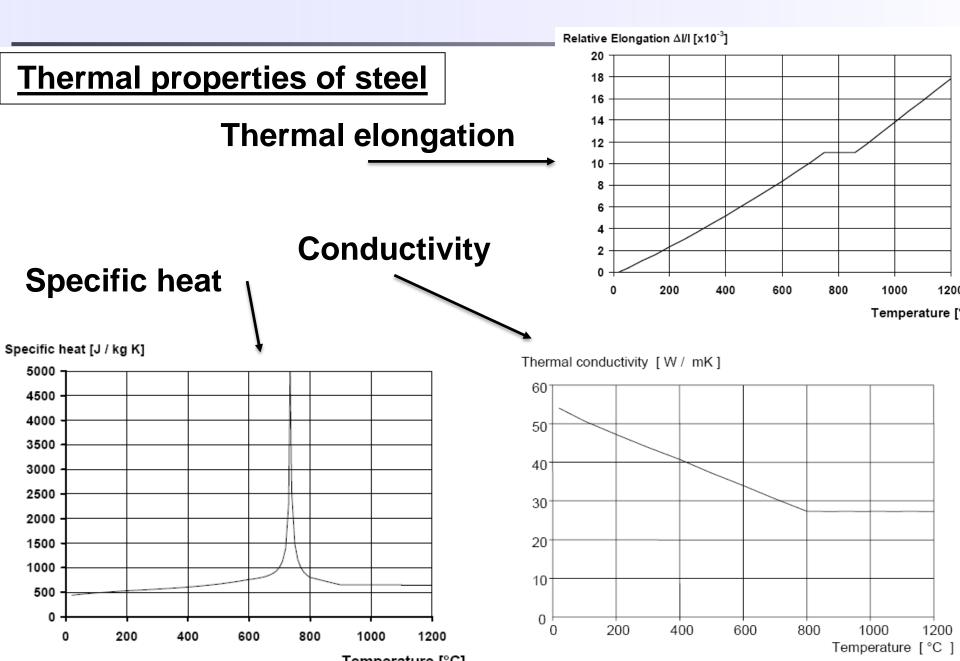
- Dedicated FE programs
 Computational environment
 is predefined
 - SAFIR
 - VULCAN
 - etc.
- General purpose FE programs
 Specific settings should be defined
 - ABAQUS [4]
 - ANSYS
 - etc.

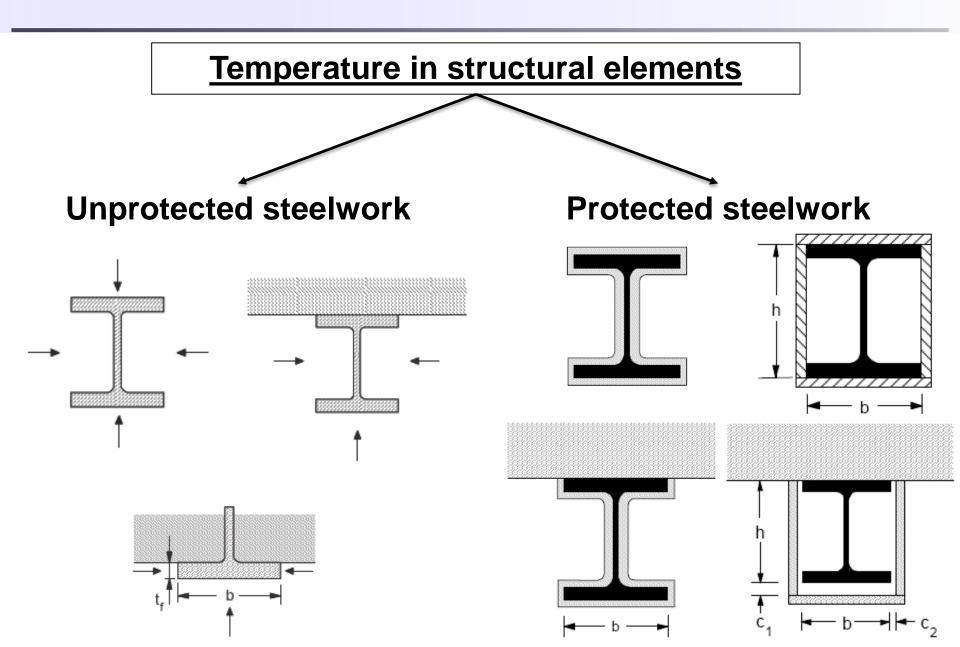




ALL CALCULATION MODELS ARE BASED ON THE MATERIAL PROPERTIES DEGRADATION CAUSED BY ELEVATED TEMPERATURE







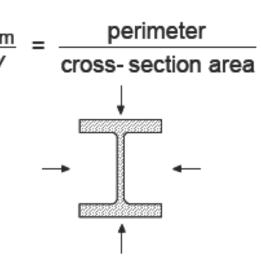
Unprotected steelwork temperature development

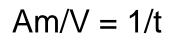
$$\Delta \theta_{s,t} = k_{sh} \frac{A_m/V}{c_a \rho_a} \dot{h}_{net,d} \Delta t$$

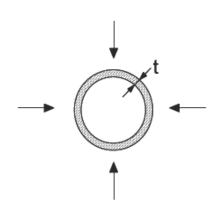
 $\Delta \theta_{s,t}$ is the steel temperature increase from time t to time $t + \Delta t$,

- k_{sh} is the correction factor for the shadow effect, see below,
- A_m is the surface area of the member per unit length,
- V is the volume of the member per unit length,
- c_a is the specific heat of steel,
- ρ_a is the unit mass of steel,
- $h_{net,d}$ is the design value of the net heat flux per unit area,
- Δt is the time interval.

Am/V : section factor







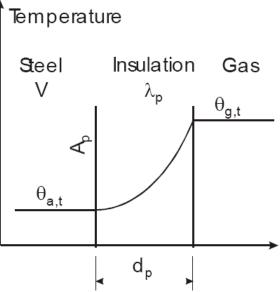
Unprotected steelwork temperature development

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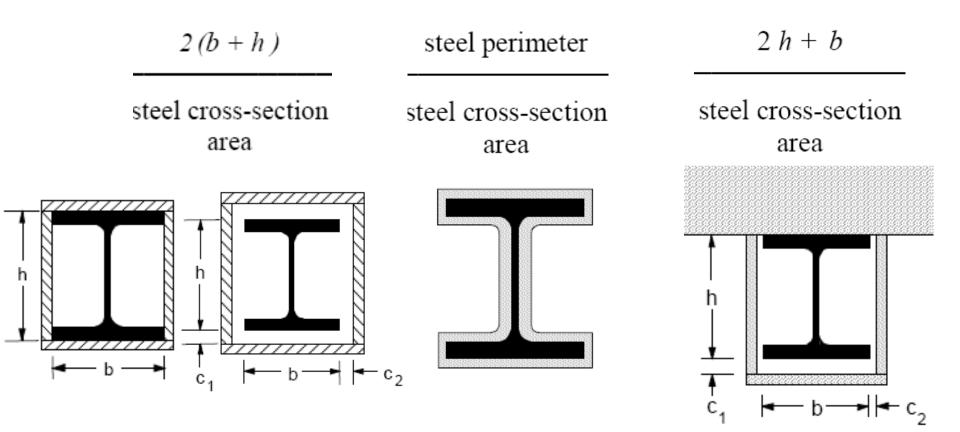
Protected steelwork temperature development

$\Delta heta_{\mathrm{a,t}}$	$= \frac{\lambda_{\rm p} A_{\rm p} / V}{d_{\rm p} c_{\rm a} \rho_{\rm a}} \frac{(\theta_{\rm g,t} - \theta_{\rm a,t})}{(1 + \phi/3)} \Delta t - (e^{\phi/10} - 1) \Delta \theta_{\rm g,t}$			
$\lambda_{ m p}$	is the thermal conductivity of the fire protection material,			
$A_{\rm p}/V$	is the section factor for steel members insulated by fire protection material,	n Temperat	ure	
A_{p}	is the appropriate area of fire protection material per unit length of member,	Steel	Insulation	Gas
V	is the volume of the member per unit length,	V	λ	
$\theta_{g,t}$	is the ambient gas temperature at time t,		Ĺ	$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{g,t}$
$\theta_{\mathrm{a,t}}$	is the steel temperature at time t,	Å		
d_{p}	is the thickness of the fire protection material,	$\theta_{a,t}$		
Ca	is the temperature dependant specific heat of steel,	′a,t		
$ ho_{a}$	is the unit mass of steel,			,
Δt	is the time interval,		d _p	
$\Delta \theta_{\rm g,t}$	is the increase of the ambient gas temperature during the time interval \Box_{i}	,	< `▶	
Cp	is the temperature independent specific heat of the fire protection material,	n		
0	is the unit mass of the fire protection material			

is the unit mass of the fire protection material, $\rho_{\rm p}$



Protected steelwork temperature development

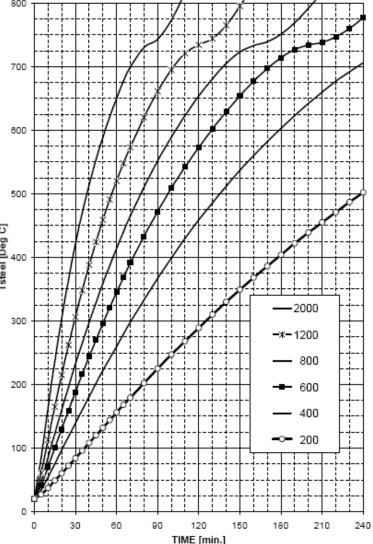


Protected steelwork temperature development

k	_	λ_p	A_p
n _p	_	d_p	V

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200	400	600	800	1200	2000			
Steel temperature in °C								
20	20	20	20	20	20	-		
37	54	70	85	113	163			
60	97	130	160	215	304	[Deg C]		
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132	222	296	359	459	589			
156	260	345	414	520	650	- ;		
179	298	391	465	573	699	•		
202	333	433	510	620	730	-		
225	367	472	552	661	743	-		
247	399	509	589	695	773	-		
268	430	542	623	721	816			
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Neglecting the specific heat of insulation



Simple calculatin models:

 $R_{fi,d,t}(X_{d,fi}) > E_{fi,d}(F_{fi,d})$

- The resistance is based on analytical relations

Tensioned members $N_{fi,\theta,Rd} = k_{y,\theta} N_{R,d} \left[\gamma_{M,1} / \gamma_{M,fi} \right]$

N_{Rd} - the plastic design resistance of the cross-section for normal temperature design

 $k_{y\theta}$ - the reduction factor giving the effective yield strength of steel at temperature θ reached at time t

Compressed members

$$V_{b,fi,\theta,Rd} = \chi_{fi} A k_{y,\theta} f_{y} / \gamma_{M,fi}$$

- $X_{\rm fi}$ buckling coefficient
- A cross-section area
- $f_v yield limit$

 $\dot{k}_{y\theta}$ - the reduction factor giving the effective yield strength of steel at temperature θ reached at time t

Simple calculatin models:

 $R_{fi,d,t}(X_{d,fi}) > E_{fi,d}(F_{fi,d})$

- The resistance is based on analytical relations

Resistance in shear $V_{fi,t,Rd} = k_{y,\theta,web} V_{RD} \left[\gamma_{M,1} / \gamma_{M,fi} \right]$

 $V_{\rm Rd}$ - the plastic design resistance of the cross-section for normal temperature design

 $k_{y\theta,\,web}$ - the reduction factor giving the effective yield strength of the web, at temperature $\theta\,$ reached at time t

Resistance in bending

$$M_{fi,\theta,Rd} = k_{y,\theta} \left[\gamma_{M,0} / \gamma_{M,fi} \right] M_{Rd}$$

$$M_{fi,\theta,Rd} = k_{y,\theta} \left[f_y / \gamma_{M,fi} \right] W$$

 X_{fi} – buckling coefficient W – Strength modulus

f_v – yield limit

 $\dot{k_{y\theta}}$ - the reduction factor giving the effective yield strength of steel at temperature θ reached at time t

1 What are the basic requirements for a building to hold?

Structural materials and structural elements

2 Which are the main three types of actions?

Permanent, variable and accidental

3 What type of action is fire?

Accidental

4 How is the elevated temperature considered?

By temperature-time curves (Standard, Exterior and Hydrocarbons)

5 How is the fire resistance established from the structural point of view?

Resistance in fire > Load effect in fire

6 What are the three methods to evaluate the fire resistance in prescriptive design?

Tabulated data;Simple calculation models;Advanced calculation models

7 What is the basic cause of structural failure in fire?

Degradation of mechanical properties

8 What is the main characteristic that influences the temperature development? Section factor Am/V

9 What is the principle of temperature increase for unprotected steel ? Net heat flux (convection and radiation)

10 What is the principle of temperature increase for protected steel ? Temperature difference between insulation and steel

FRACOF

Benchmark: a standard or reference by which other(s) can be measured or judged [5] OCOSE C Input and output data should be presented in detail [6] Benchmark studies Verification of numerical models in fire engineering Number of "benchmark" use Benchmark studies Experimental validation of numerical [5] models in fire engineering

Mentions

1800

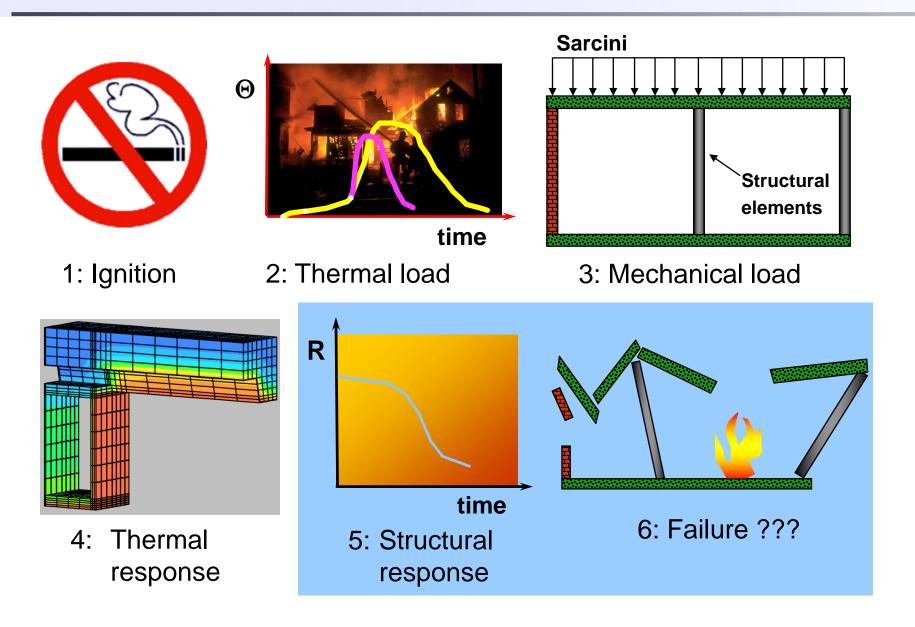
1850

1900

1950

2010

Events during fire



FRACOF fire test

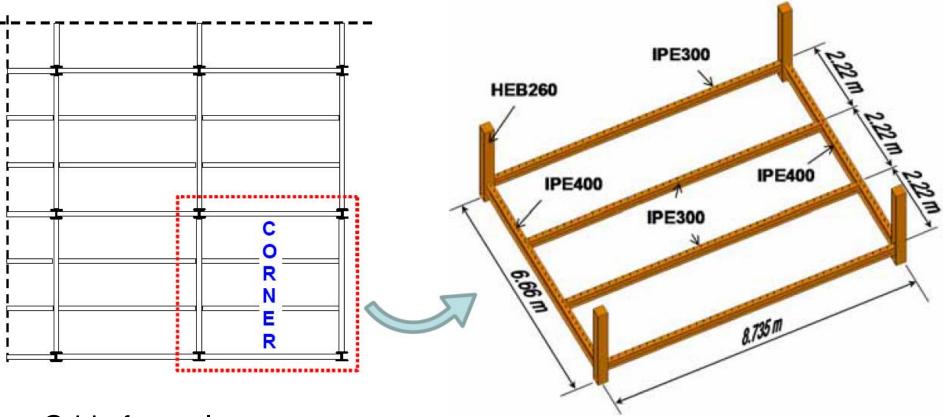
Objectives:

 To confirm same good performance under long fire duration (at least 90 minutes of ISO fire)

 To investigate the impact of different construction details, such as reinforcing steel mesh and fire protection of edge beams

- To validate different fire safety engineering tools

FRACOF fire test - Setup

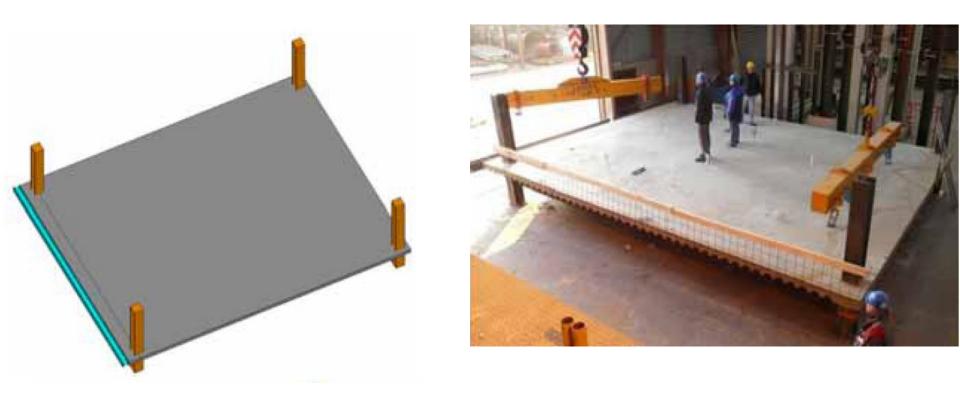


Grid of a real structure

Elements of tested structure

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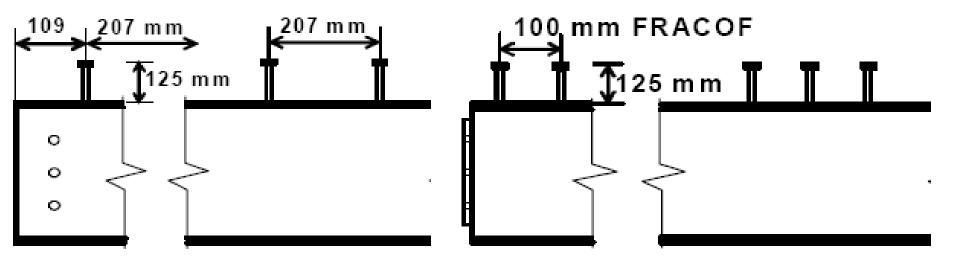


Composite floor

Real-scale specimen

FRACOF fire test

Beam to slab connections



Secondary beams IPE300

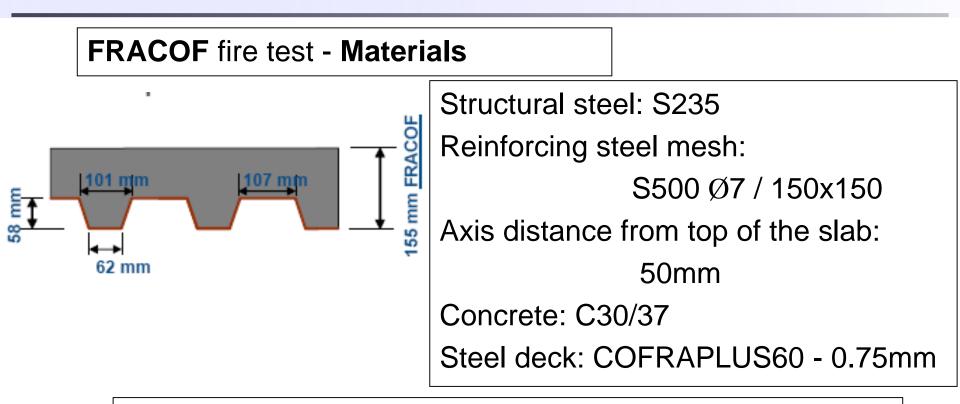
Primary beams IPE400

Full shear connection !

FRACOF fire test - **Connections**

Beam to	Beam to beam		
Secondary beam	Primary beam	Dean to beam	
Double angle web cleats	Flexible end plate	Double angle web cleats	

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Secondary beams: f_y =311 N/mm² Primary beams: f_y =423 N/mm² Reinforcing steel mesh: f_y =594 N/mm² Concrete cylinder compressive strength: f_c =36.7 N/mm²

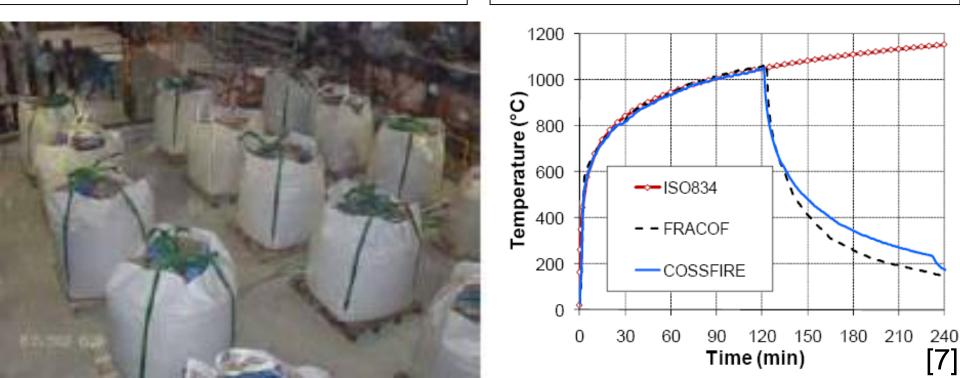
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FRACOF fire test - Loads

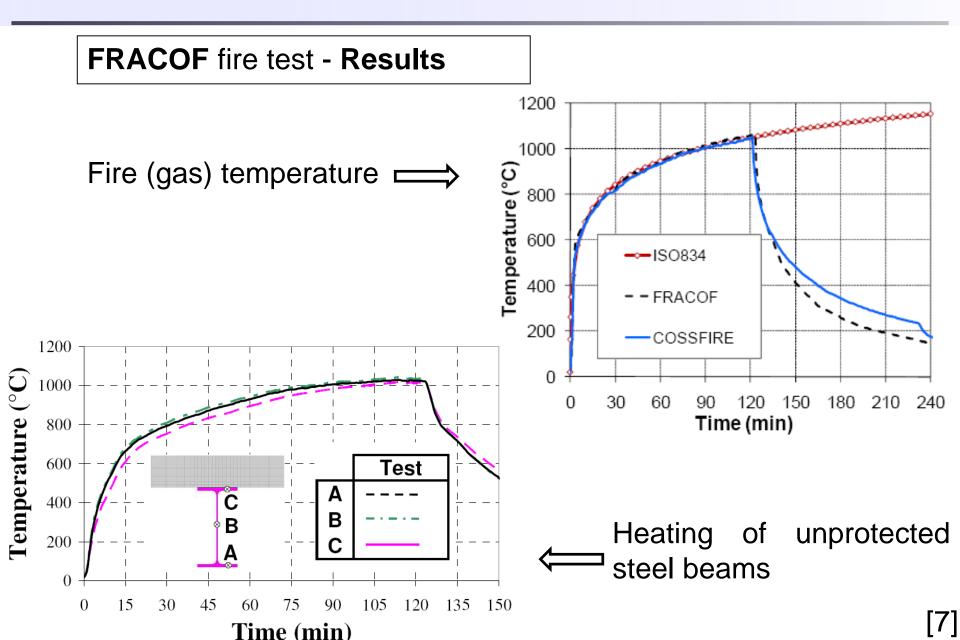
Mechanical load

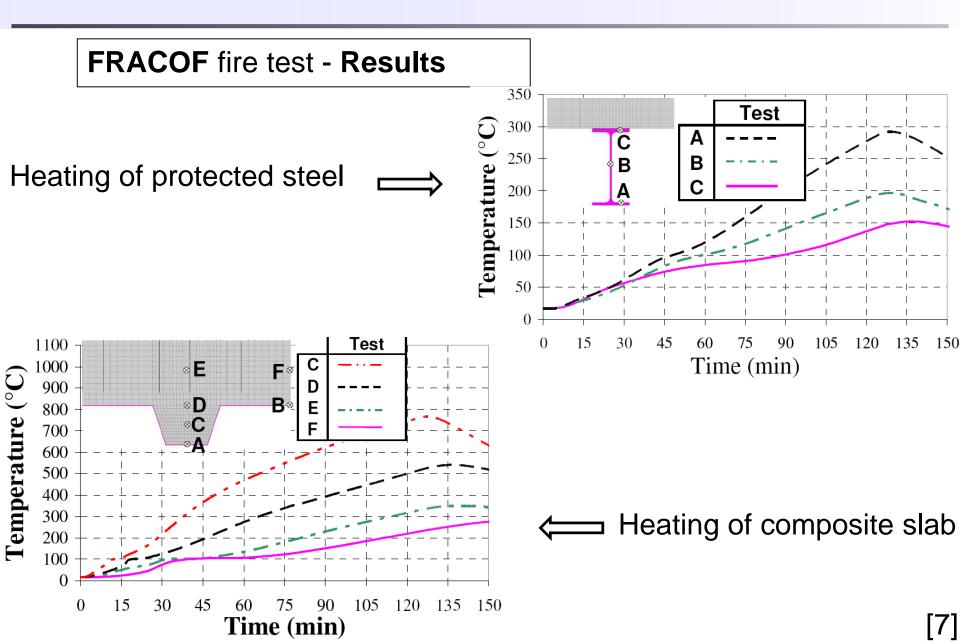
Fire load

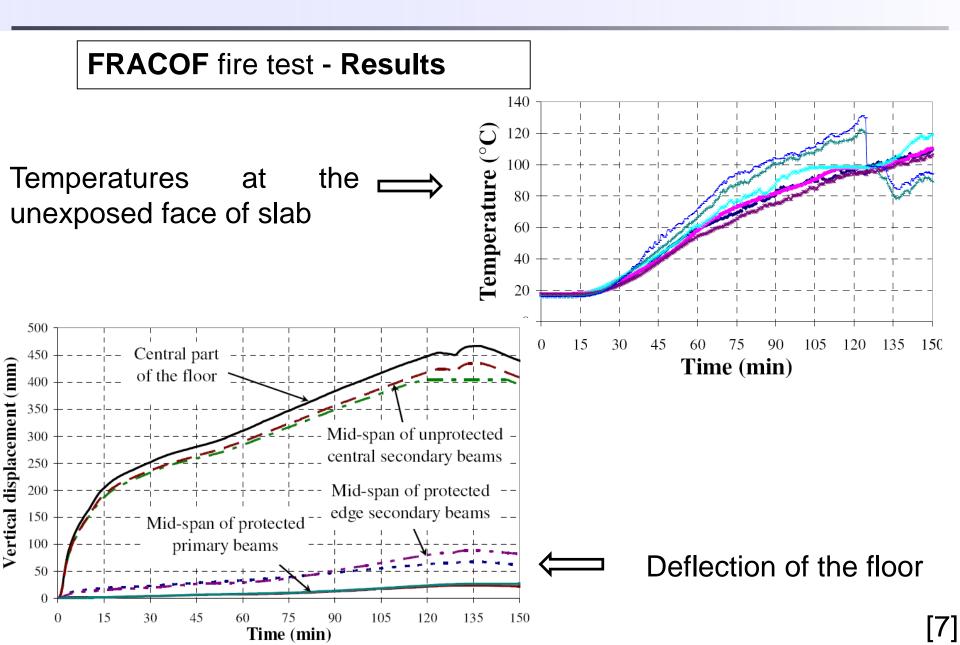
15 sand bags x 1512 kg Equivalent uniform load: 390kg/m² 120 min of Standard fire curve ISO 834 and a cooling phase









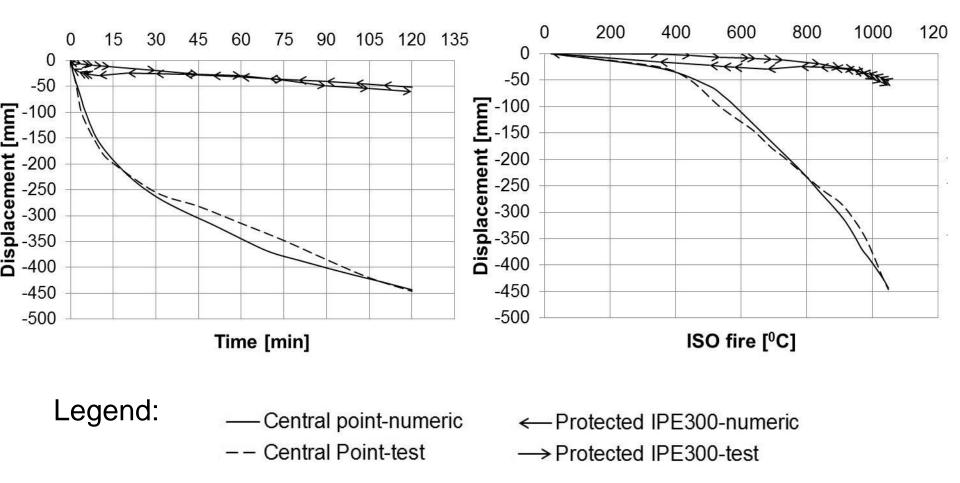


Validation

Displacement

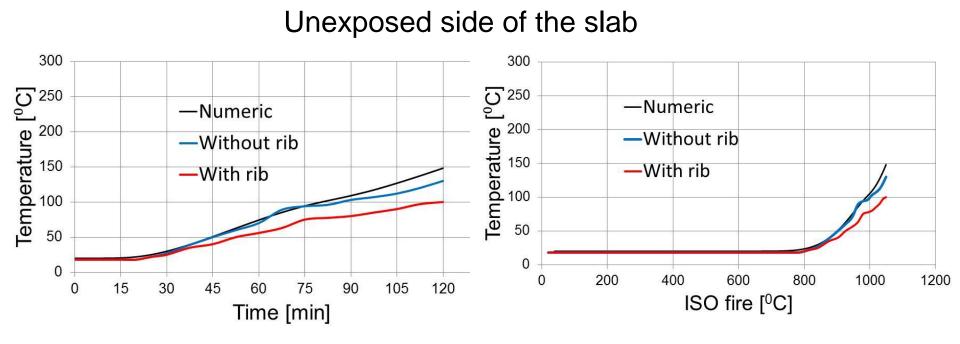
with respect to time

with respect to temperature



Validation

Temperature



with respect to time

with respect to temperature

Materials properties

Consideration: only strength of materials is affected by temperature!!! (EN 1994-1-2)

Thermal analysis

Material	Density [kg/m ³]	Conductivity [W/m K]	Specific heat [J/kg K]
Steel	7850	40	550
Concrete	2400	0.9	1050

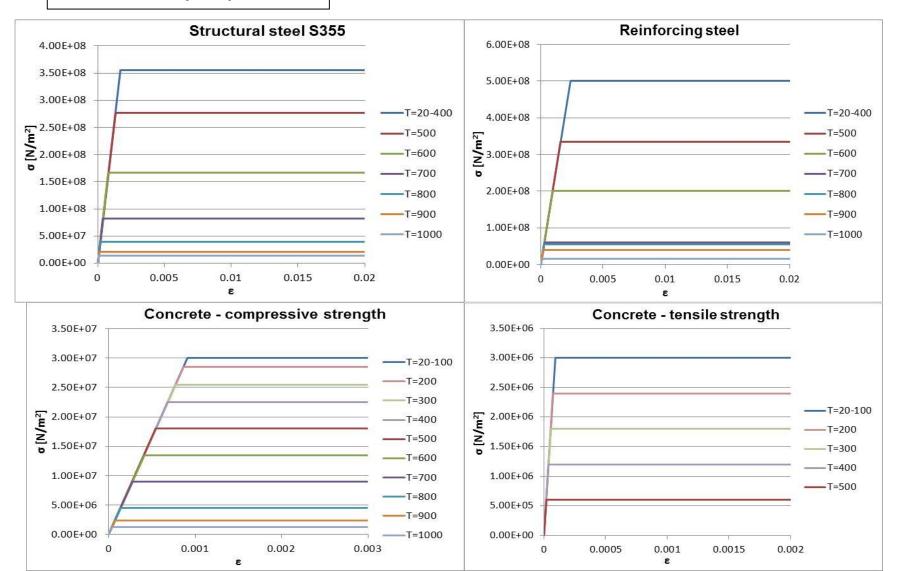
Mechanical ananlysis

Steel	E [N/m²]	ν	σ _y [N/m²]	α [1/C]
S235	2.1e11	0.3	235.0e6	1.4e-5
S355	2.1e11	0.3	355.0e6	1.4e-5
S500	2.1e11	0.3	500.0e6	1.4e-5

Concrete	E [N/m²]	ν	f _c [N/m²]	f _t [N/m²]	α [1/C]
C30/37	3.3e10	0.2	30.0e6	3.0e6	1.0e-5

Benchmark model

Materials properties

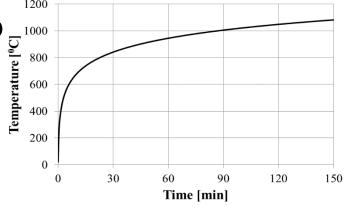


Benchmark model



Thermal load:

- constant temperature for unprotected beams,
- gradients through protected beams section,
- imported temperature field for slab



Mechanical load:

- sand bags: 3870 N/m²

Standard fire curve

- selfweight: 3280 N/m²

7150 N/m² – uniform pressure on the slab

- Basics

Heat transfer analysis in Abaqus summary uncoupled heat transfer analysis

sequentially coupled thermal-stress analysis

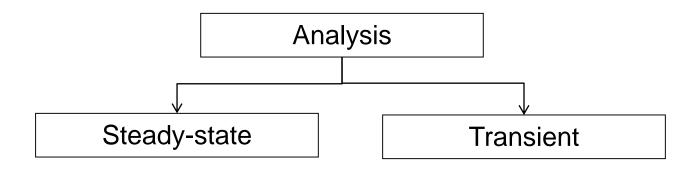
fully coupled thermal-stress analysis,

fully coupled thermal-electric-structural analysis,

adiabatic analysis,

coupled thermal-electrical analysis

cavity radiation



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- Basics

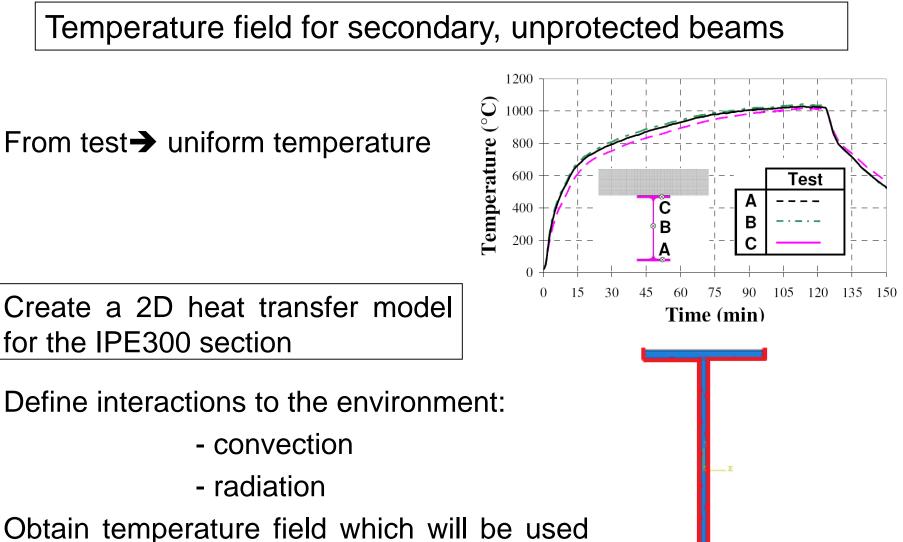
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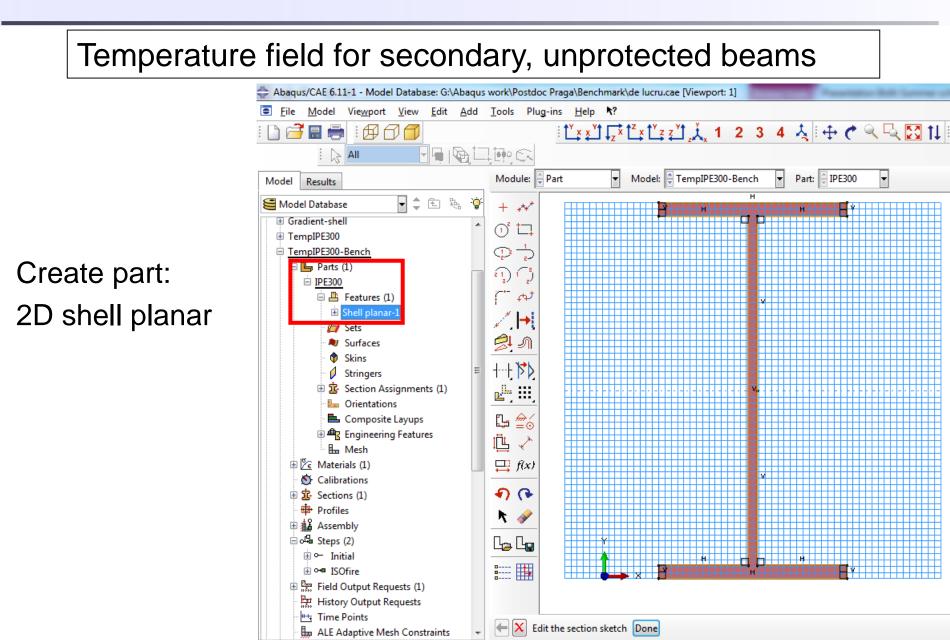
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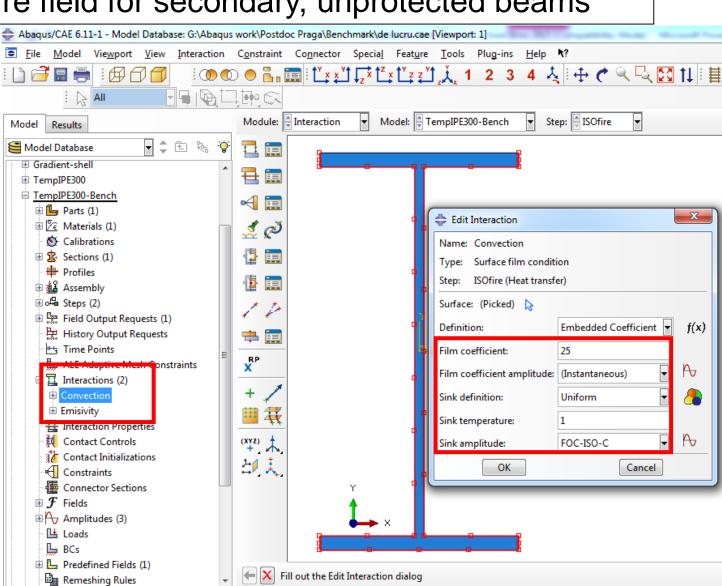
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- Convection (surface film condition)



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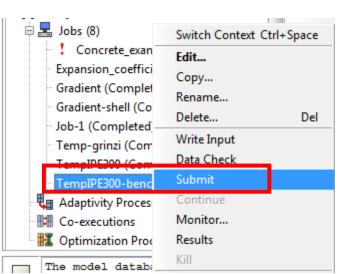
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Temperature field for secondary, unprotected beams

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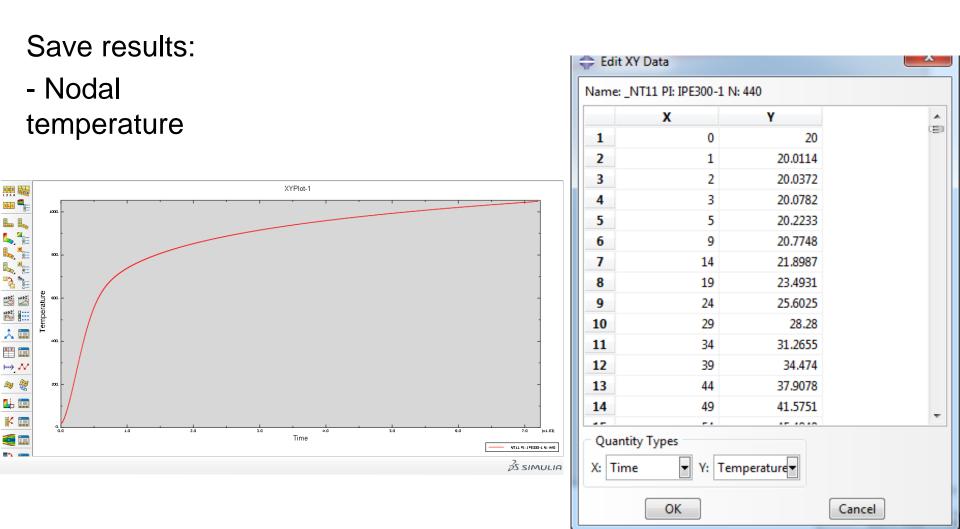


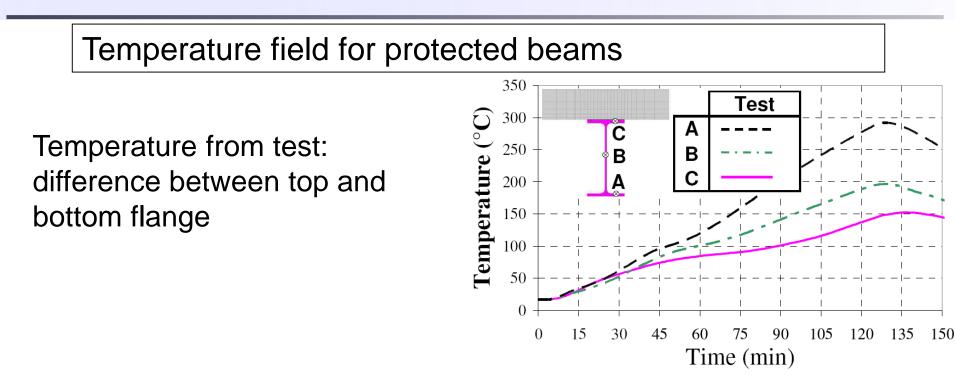
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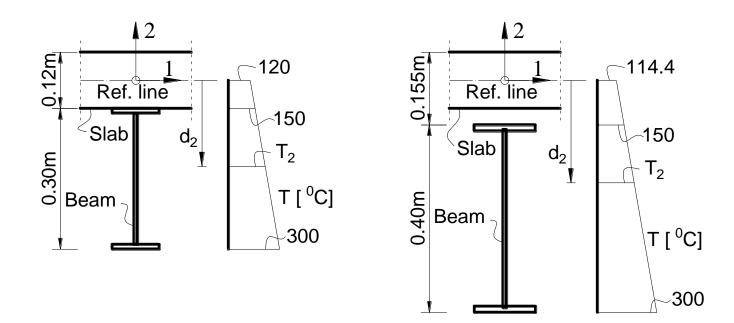




It is defined as a *predefined field* gradient through beam section in the composite slab model (no need for an additional model)

Temperature field for protected beams

Beam elements sections are defined function of a reference line



Temperature field for protected beams

Input for *predefined field* of gradient through beam section:

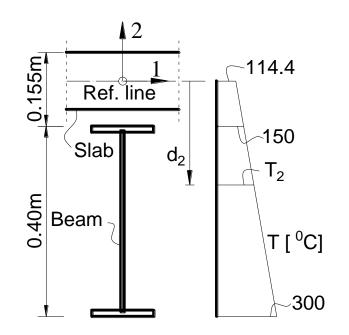
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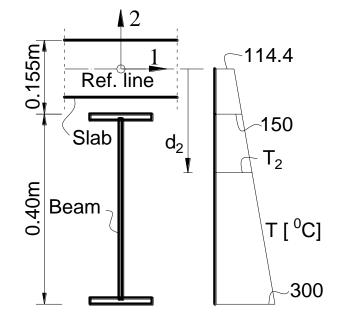
Amplitude is function of reference line temperature obtained by linear interpolation



Temperature field for protected beams

Determination of gradient

$$\theta_{ref} \left(1 + d_2 \cdot x \right) = \theta_2$$

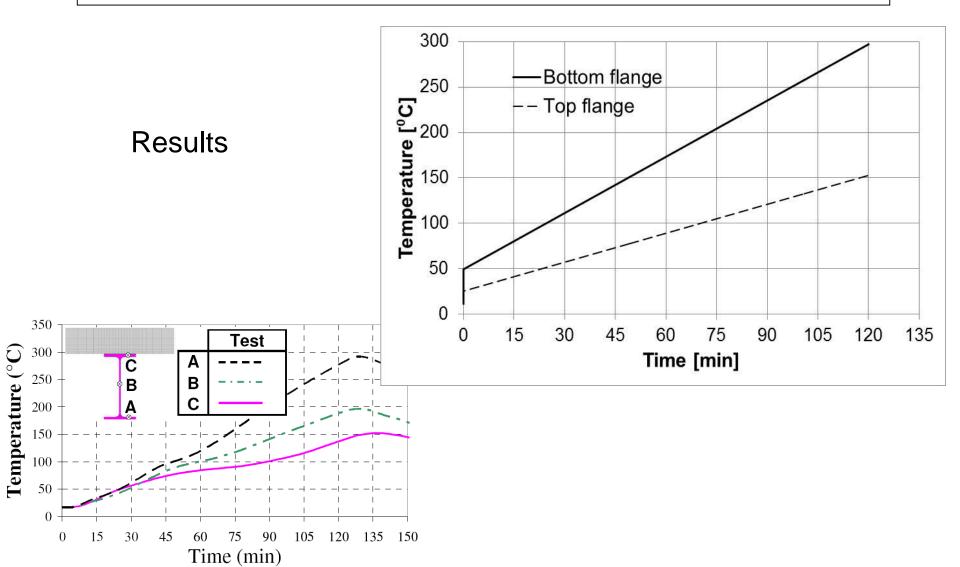


x – gradient

 θ_{ref} – temperature at reference line level,

- d_2 distance from reference line to a point along direction 2;
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Temperature field for protected beams



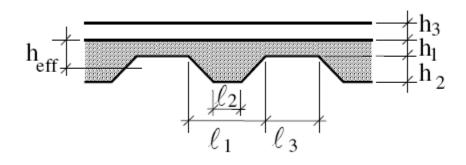
Temperature field for concrete slab

Sequentially coupled thermal-displacement analysis

Create a separate heat transfer model (initial model for mechanical analysis – similar coordinates of slab)

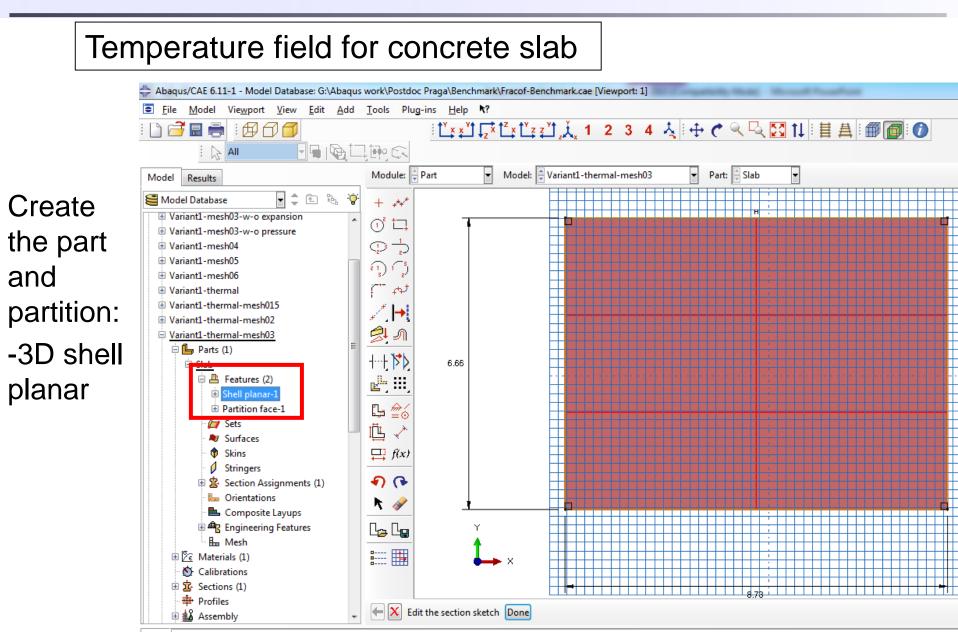
It is considered an equivalent thickness of slab according to EN1994-1-2 Annex D

$$\begin{split} h_{eff} &= h_1 + 0,5 \ h_2 \bigg(\frac{\ell_1 + \ell_2}{\ell_1 + \ell_3} \bigg) \\ h_{eff} &= h_1 \bigg[1 + 0,75 \left(\frac{\ell_1 + \ell_2}{\ell_1 + \ell_3} \right) \bigg] \end{split}$$



for $h_2/h_1 \le 1,5$ and $h_1 > 40$ mm

for $h_2/h_1 > 1,5$ and $h_1 > 40$ mm



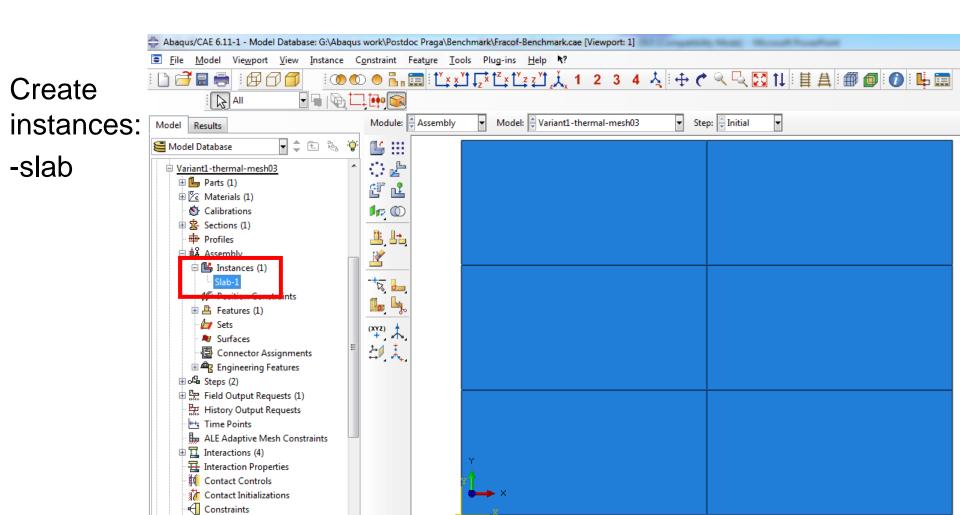
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- -conductivity
- -specific heat
- -density

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Temperature field for concrete slab



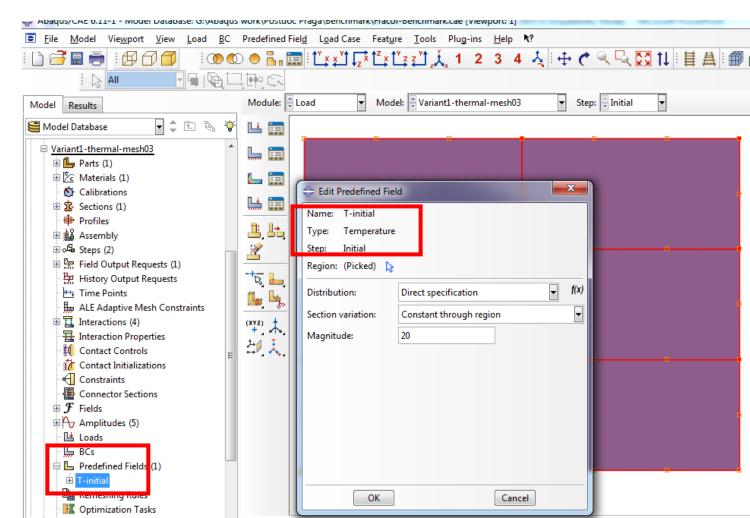
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Temperature field for concrete slab

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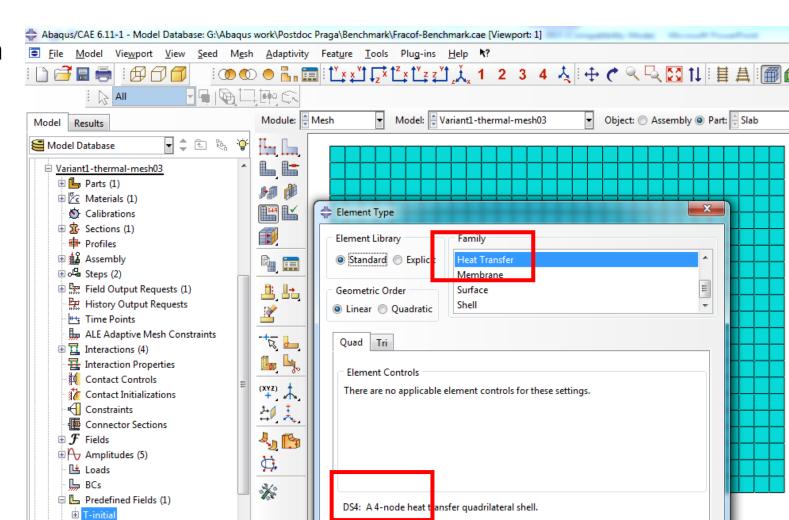
Temperature field for concrete slab

Define initial temperature: -predefined field – constant through region

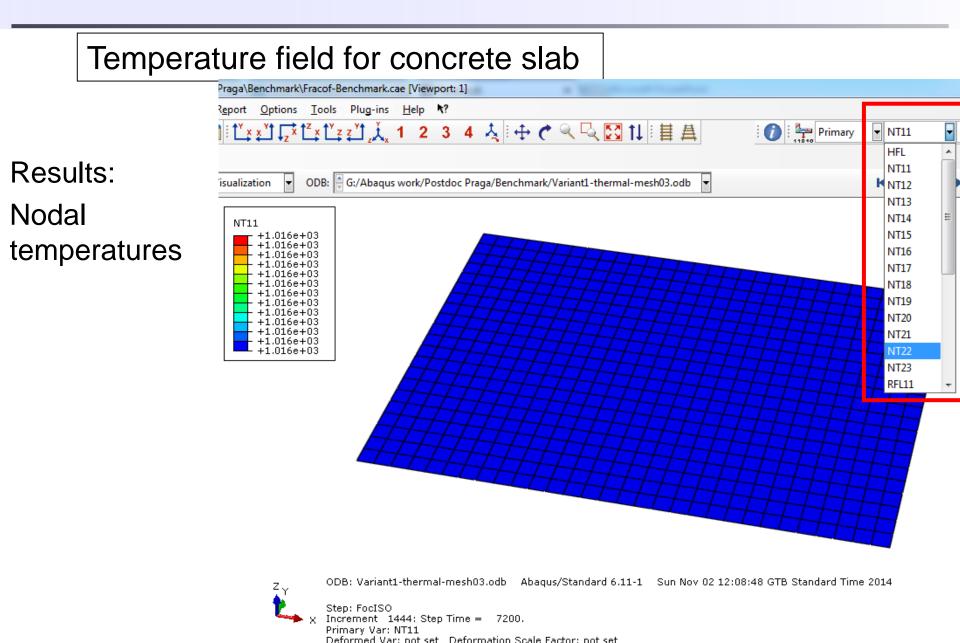


Temperature field for concrete slab

Define mesh and finite elements: DS4 (0.3 m)



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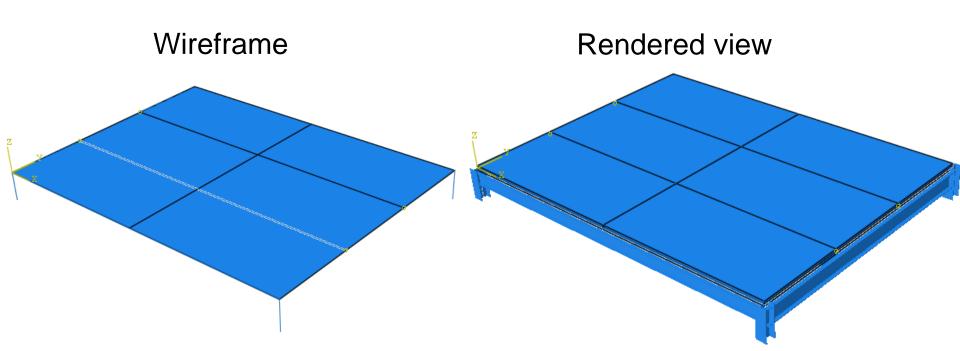
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Structural analysis of composite slab

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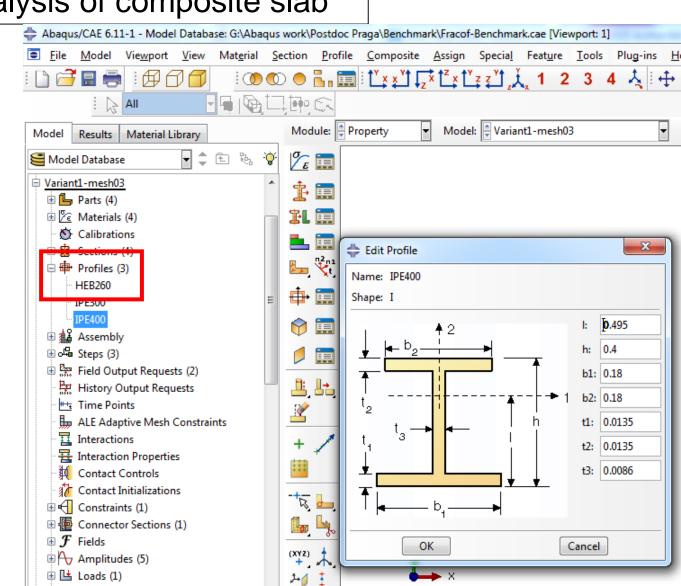
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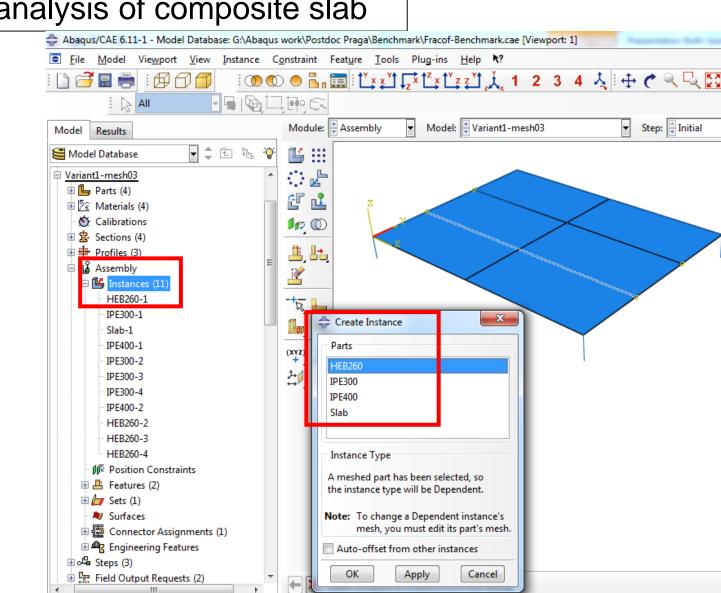
Structural analysis of composite slab

Define "profiles" for the wire elements and orientation



Structural analysis of composite slab

Create "instances" from parts for all elements and "construct" the structure



Structural analysis of composite slab

- Define steps for analysis:
- -<u>for mechanical</u> loading
- -for temperature influence

Both steps are "Static, General"

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- -for mechanical loading
- -<u>for temperature</u> <u>influence</u>

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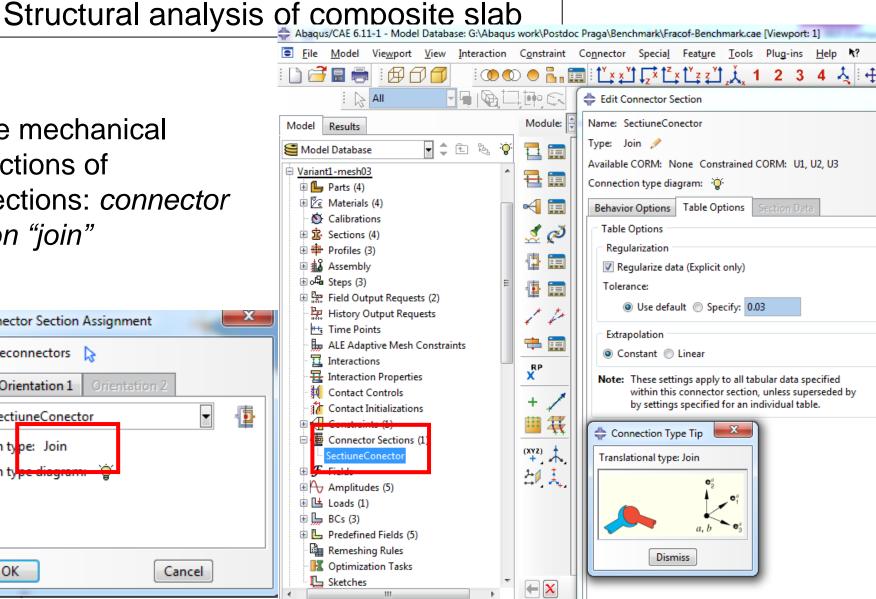
Structural analysis of composite slab

Define mechanical interactions between slab and beams: constraints

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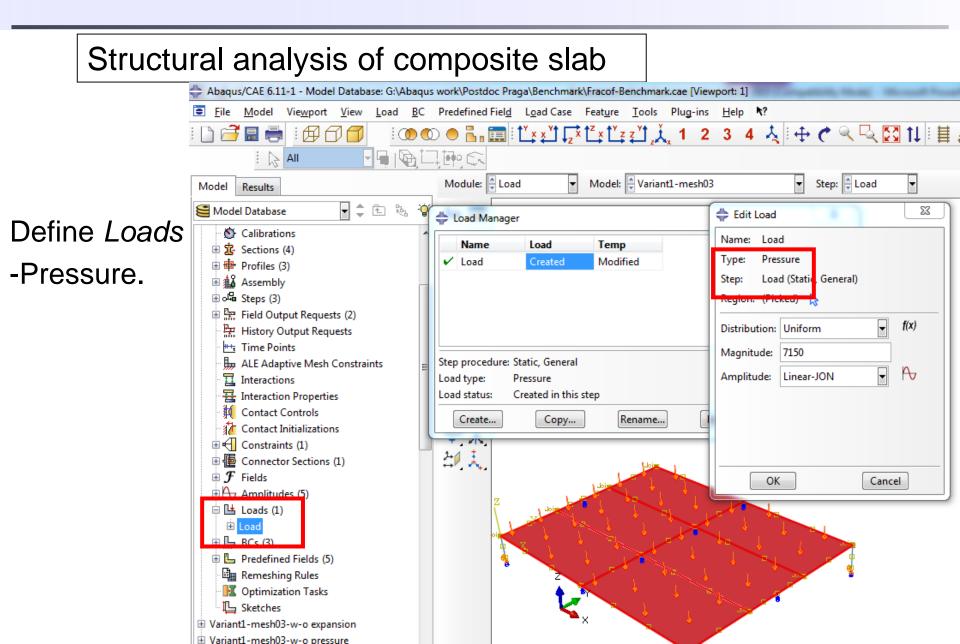
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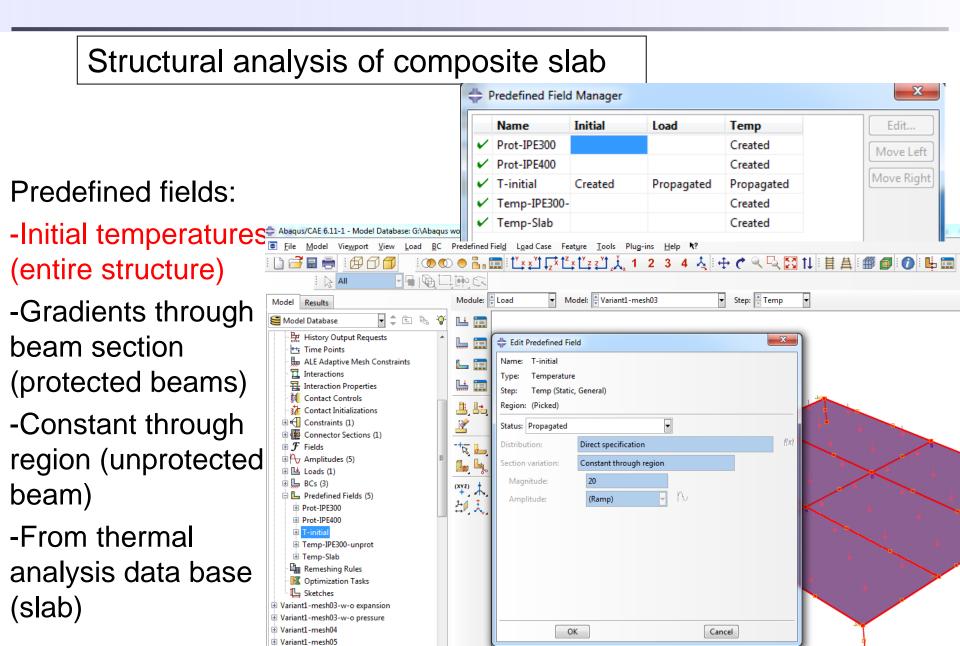
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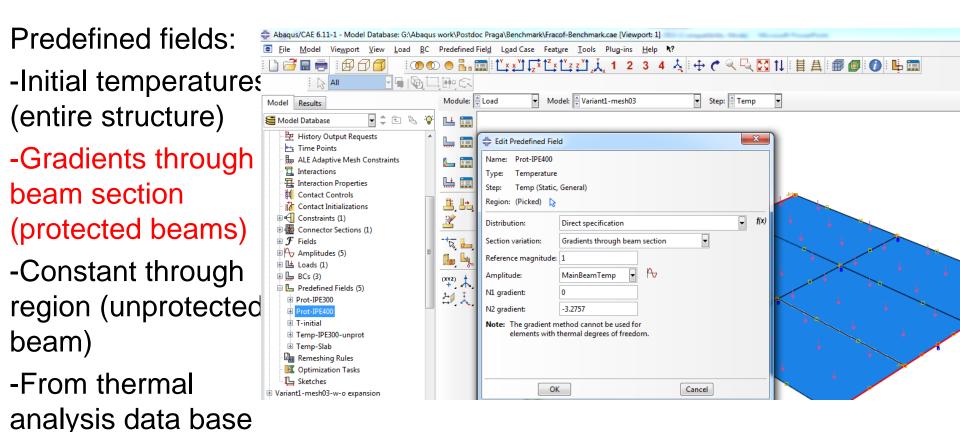
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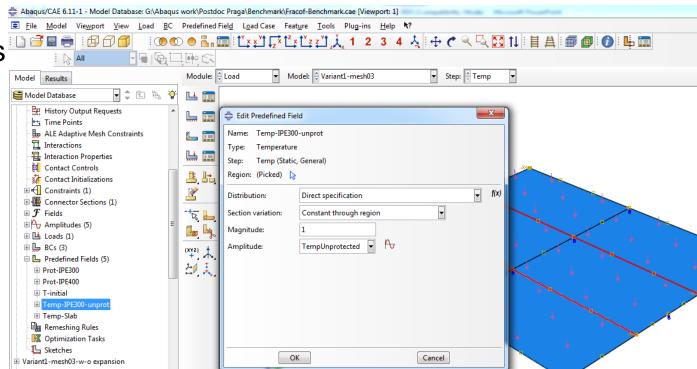




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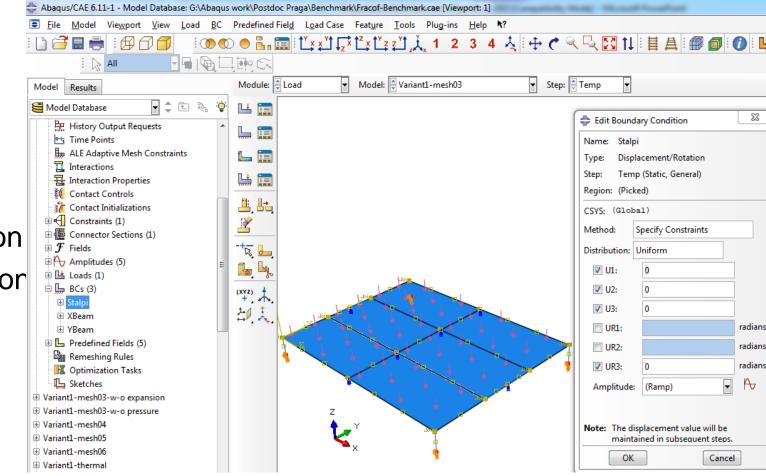
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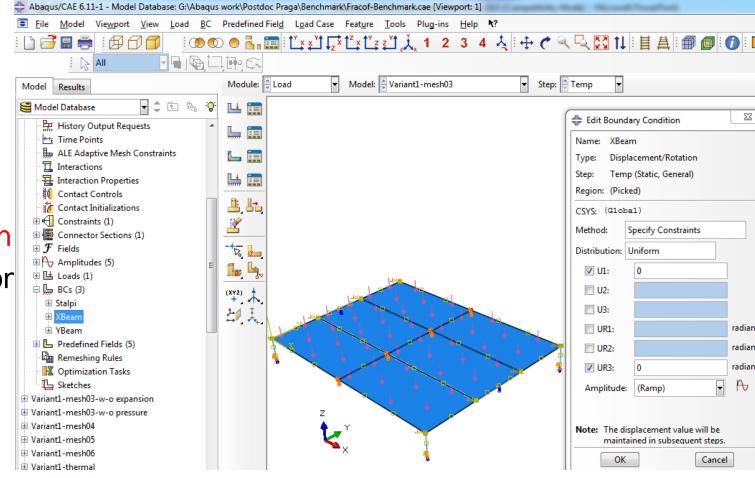
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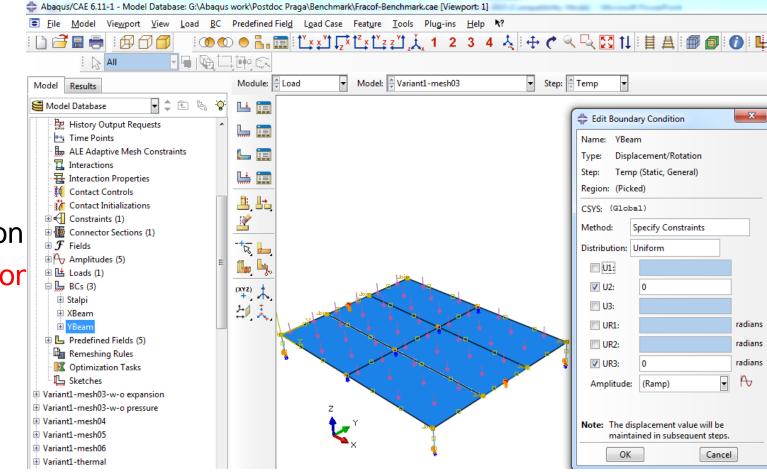
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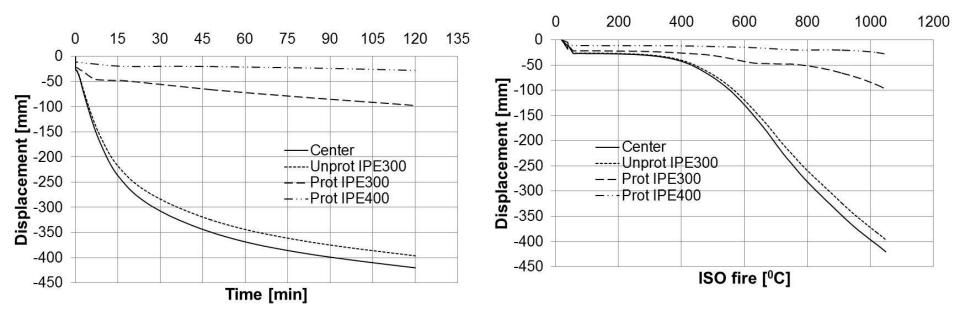
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Structural analysis of composite slab

- Results:
- Displacements

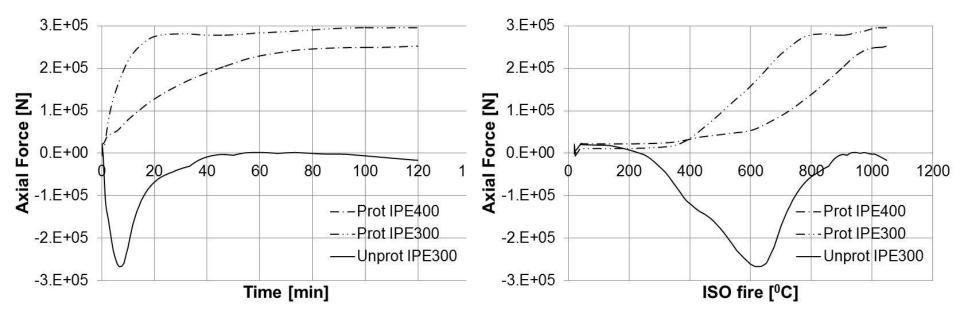


With respect to time

With respect to temperature

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Results, other than obtained in experiment: Axial force

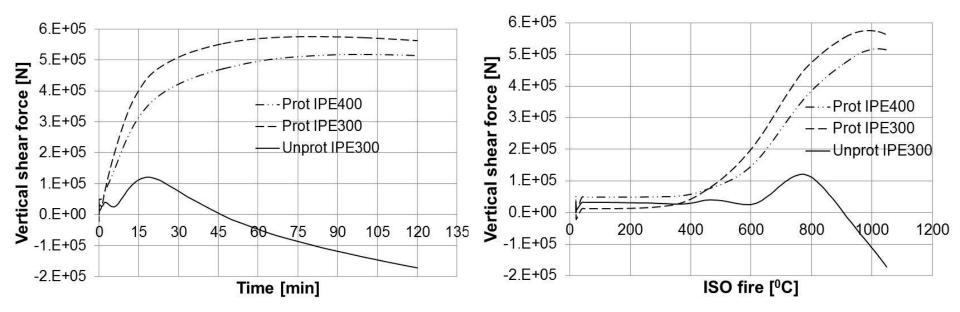


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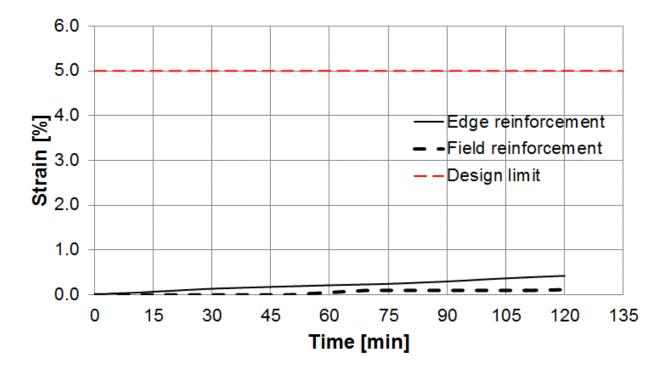
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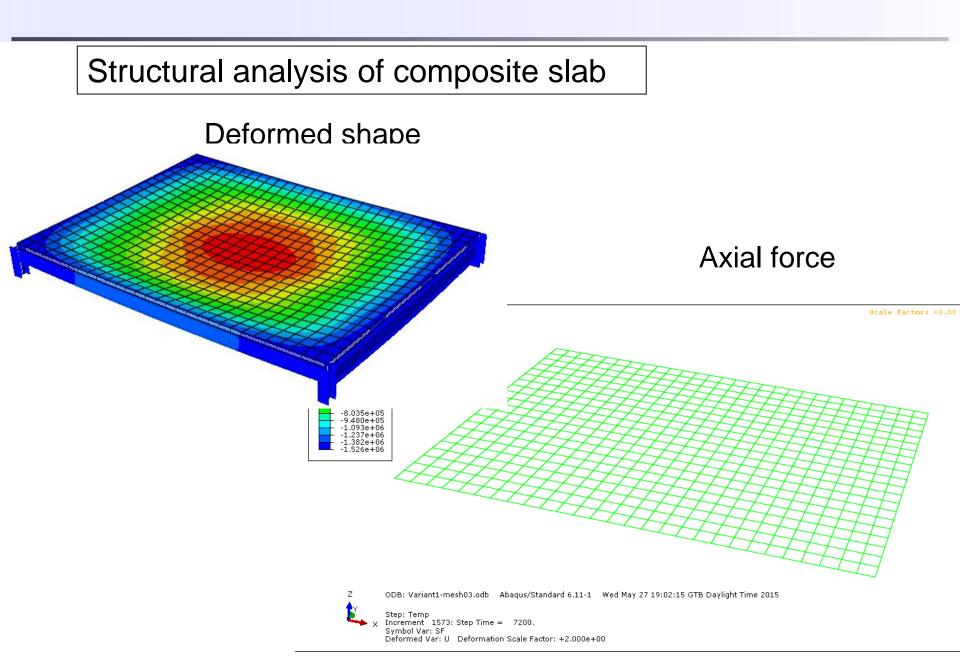
Results, other than obtained in experiment: Vertical shear force



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Results, other than obtained in experiment: Reinforcement strain





Mesh sensitivity study

Monitored variable: vertical displacement of the slab centre, U3

		Variable:	Grid:	Factor	£	Apparent	* 1	Extra-polated	11	1		GCI ₂₃	
	[m]	U3 [cm]	h	r	C	order: p	solution	value	relative error	relative error	[%]	[%]	
1	0.3	42.03	0.304	1.262	-0.27			42.20	0.0064	0.0039			
2	0.4	41.76	0.383	-	-	4.160	42.20	-	-	-	0.49	0.84	
3	0.5	41.05	0.519	1.354	-0.71			42.04	0.0170	0.0067			

$$\begin{split} h &= \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\Delta A_i) \right]^{1/2} \qquad E_1 = \frac{\varepsilon}{r^p - 1} \\ \varepsilon &= \frac{f_1 - f_2}{f_1} \\ p &= \frac{\ln\left(\frac{f_3 - f_2}{f_2 - f_1}\right)}{\ln(r)} \\ A_1 &= \frac{f_1 - f_{h=0}}{f_{h=0}} \cong \frac{f_1 - f_2}{f_{h=0}} \frac{1}{r^p - 1}, \end{split}$$

- h representative value
- N number of elements
- A_i area of element "i"
- r refinement ratio (should have close values
- ϵ relative difference
- A1 relative error
- p- order of convergence
- GCI grid convergence index

Conclusions

 A benchmark represents a step-by-step procedure for a thermo-mechanical analysis in a certain FEM computer program, here Abaqus;

 The procedure used in Abaqus was validated with the experimental results from the fire test, by means of the same numerical model, for which a complete input data was considered.

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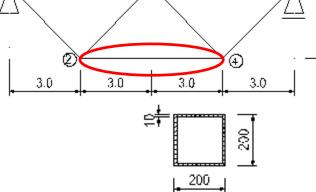
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Examples

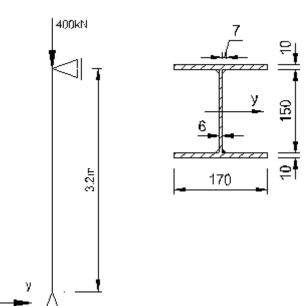
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