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## FIRE SAFETY ENGINEERING-FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

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# Introduction



## DAMAGES CAUSED BY EXCEPTIONAL ACTIONS

### FIRE



### EARTHQUAKE



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## Construction Products Regulation (CPR) 305/2011

### Requirements:

No. 1: Mechanical resistance and stability

**No. 2 : Safety in case of fire**

No. 3 : Hygiene, health and the environment

No. 4 : Safety and accessibility in use

No. 5 : Protection against noise

No. 6 : Energy economy and heat retention

No. 7 : Sustainable use of natural resources



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## **No. 2 : Safety in case of fire**

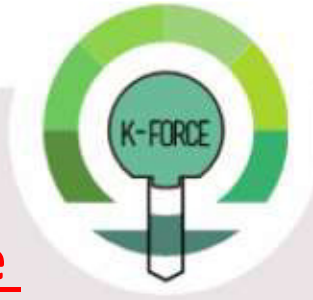
The construction works must be designed and built in such a way that in the event of an outbreak of fire:

- (a) the load-bearing capacity of the construction can be assumed for a specific period of time;
- (b) the generation and spread of fire and smoke within the construction works are limited;
- (c) the spread of fire to nearby construction works is limited;
- (d) occupants can leave the construction works or be rescued by other means;
- (e) the safety of rescue teams is taken into consideration.



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## No. 2 : Safety in case of fire



HOW TO ACHIEVE THIS ?

### **FIRE ENGINEERING**

Active fire protection measures  
(sprinklers, installations etc.)

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Passive fire protection measures  
(construction, materials, etc.)

+

Risk management in case of fire

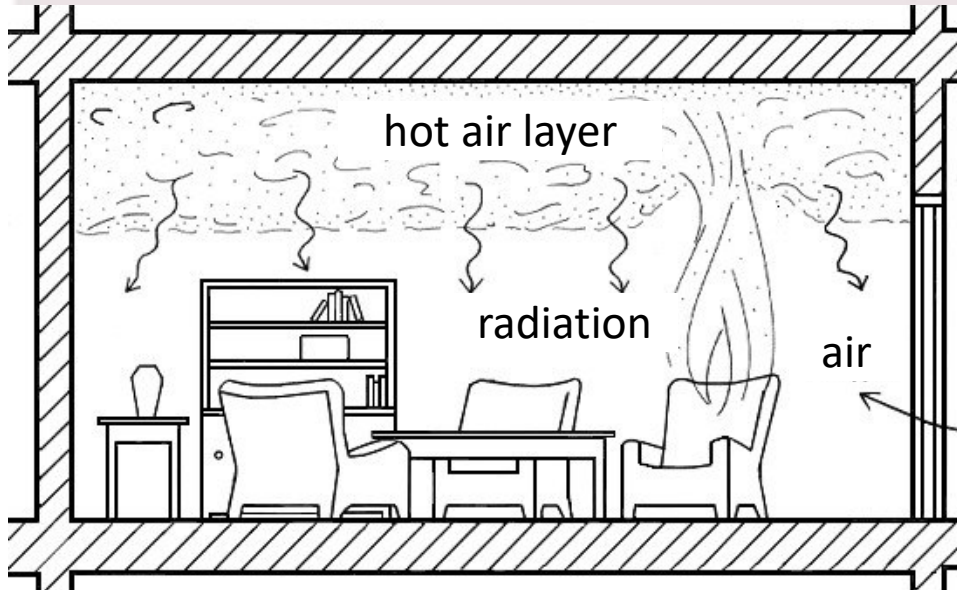
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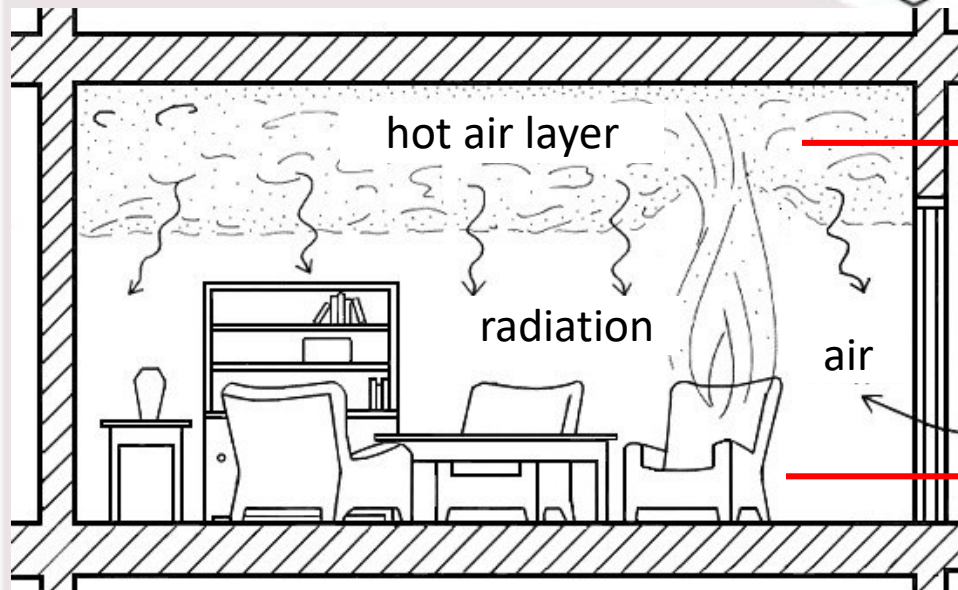
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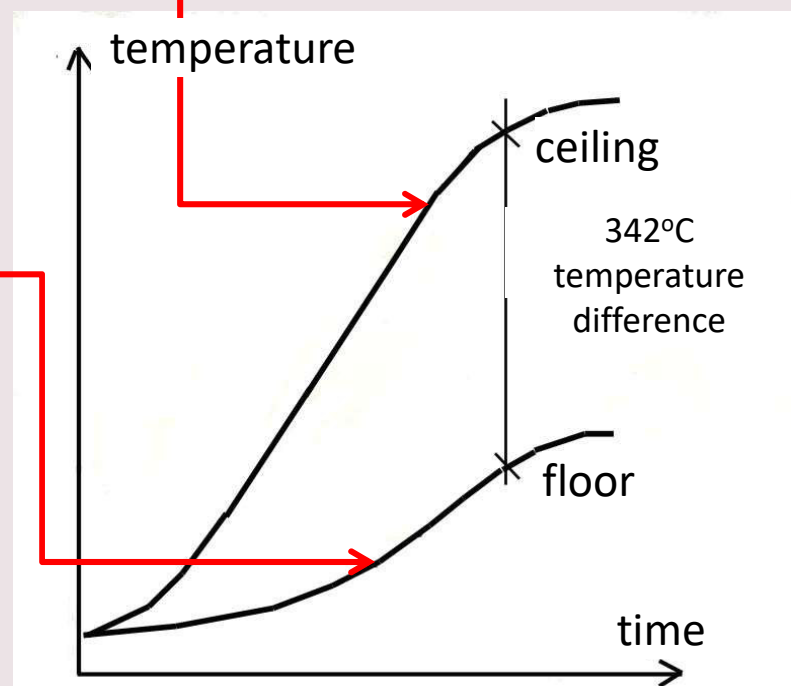
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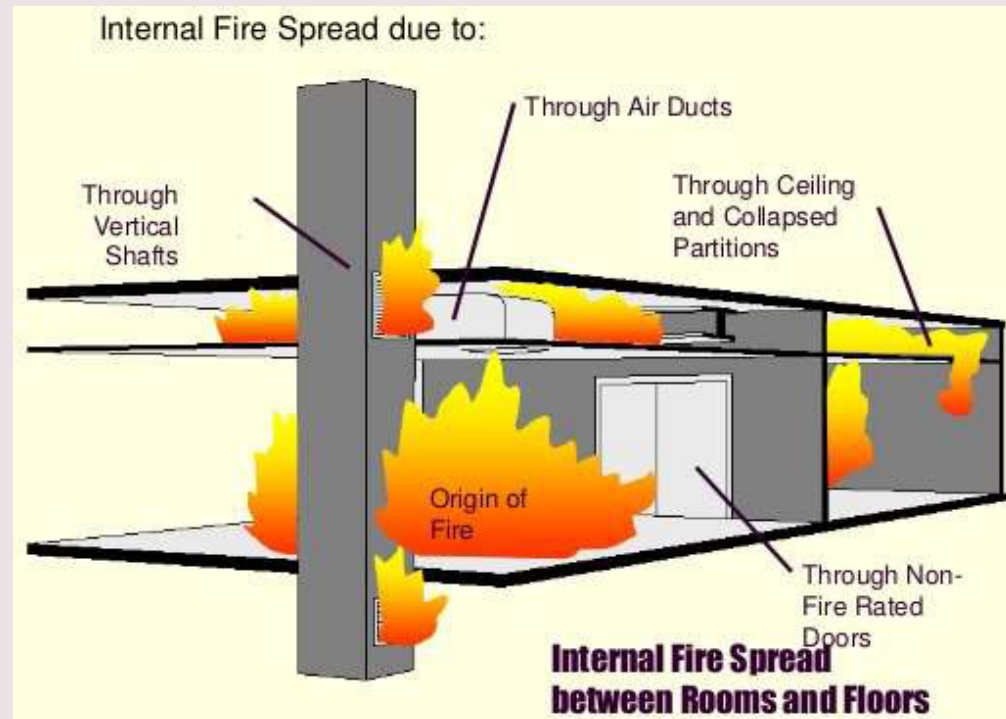
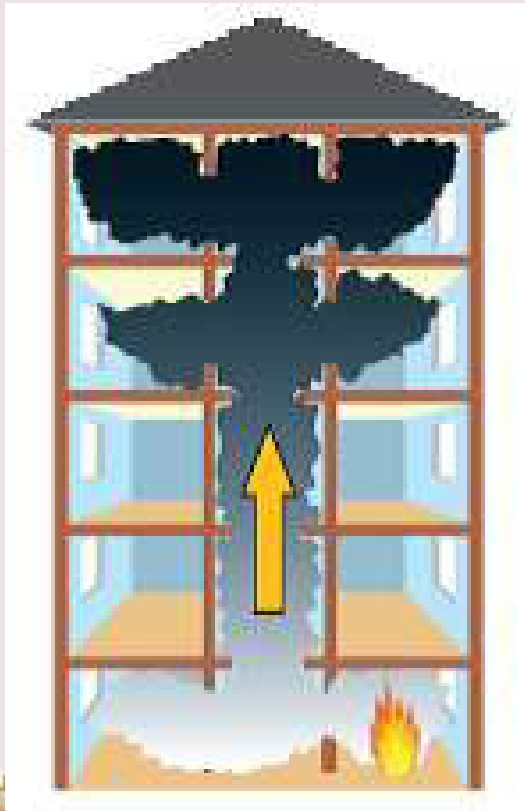




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## SPREAD OF FIRE



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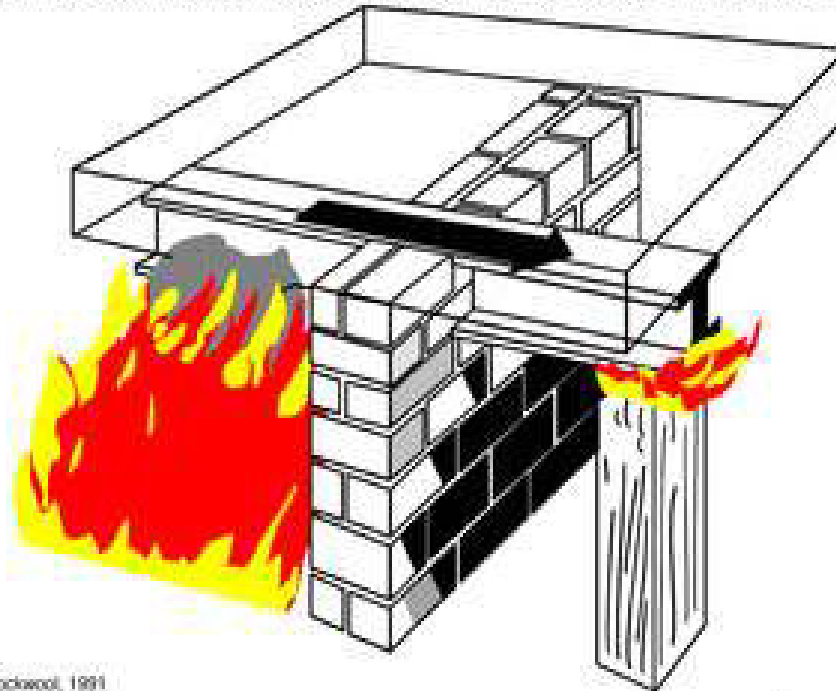


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## SPREAD OF FIRE

**Spread of Fire by Heat Conduction**  
(Through a Steel Member Crossing a Brick Wall to Ignite a Timber Column)



Source: Eikem Rockwool, 1991



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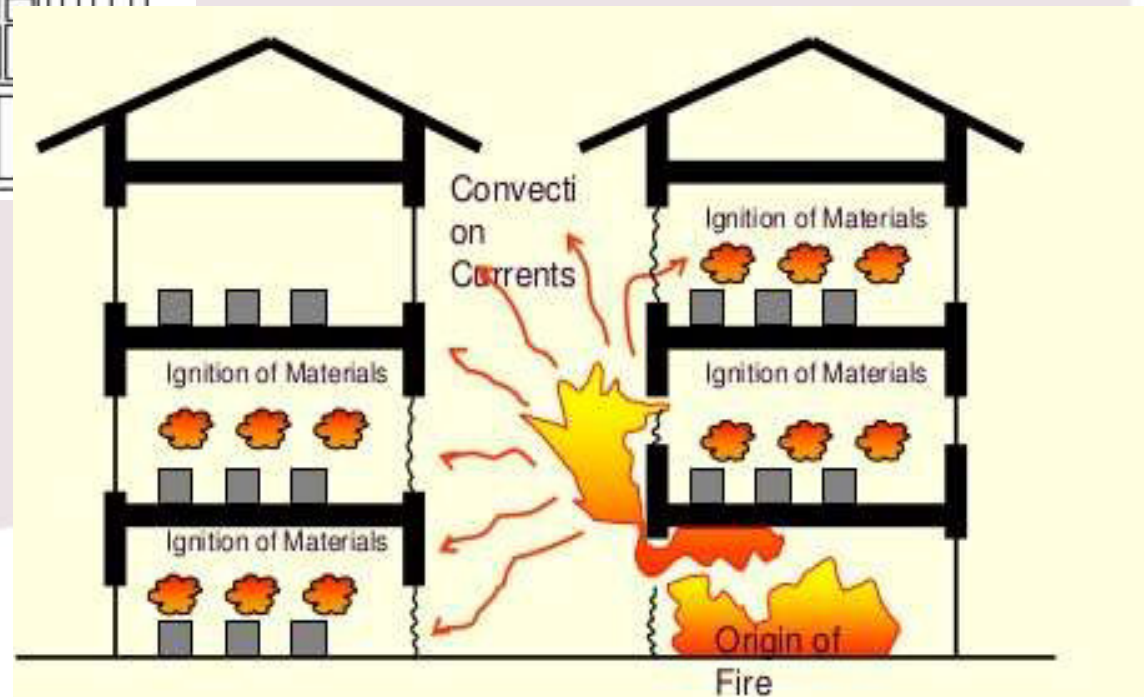


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## SPREAD OF FIRE

Spread of Fire by Radiation  
(From a Burning Timber House to Another)

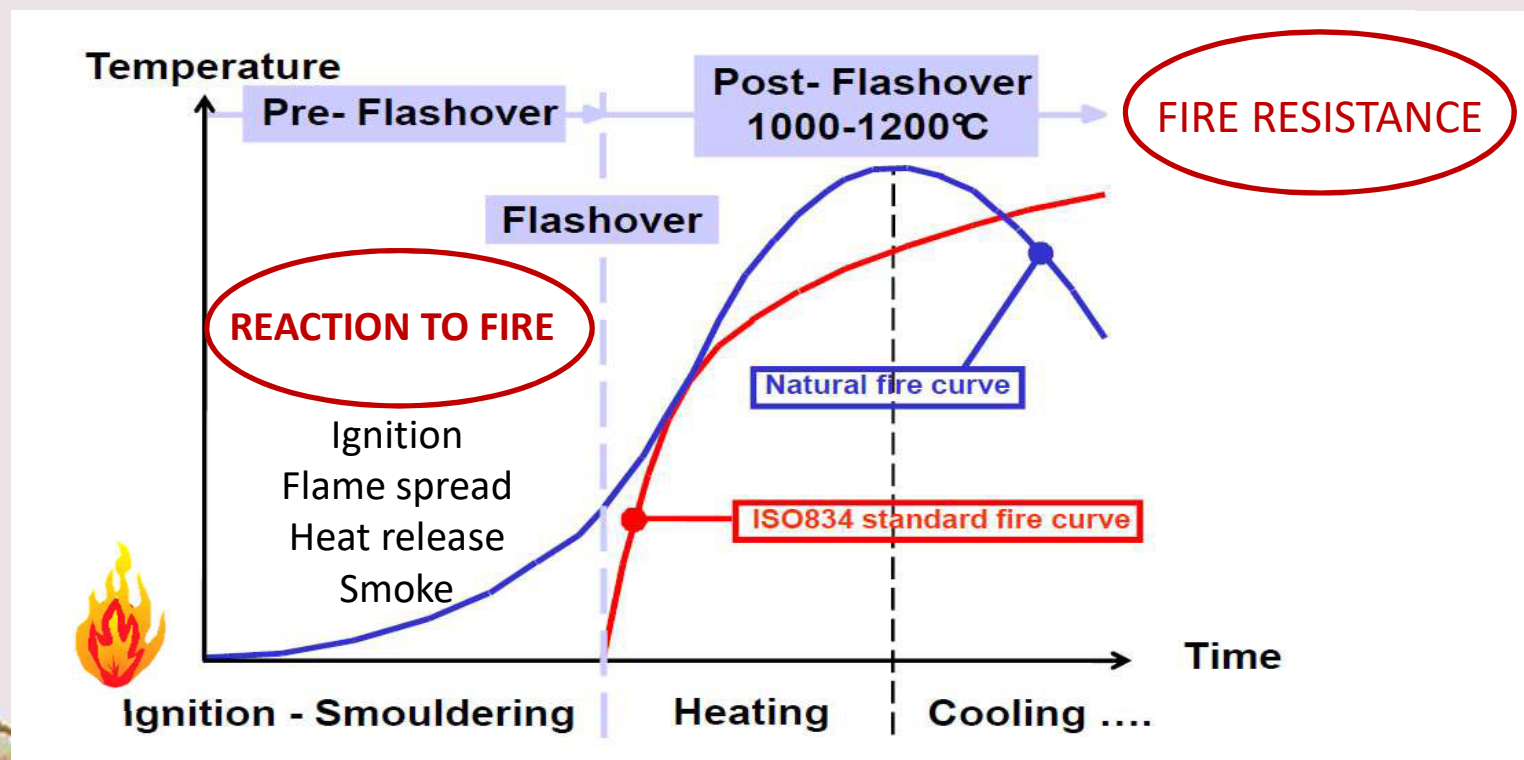


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## Natural fire stages

Prije rasplamsavanja



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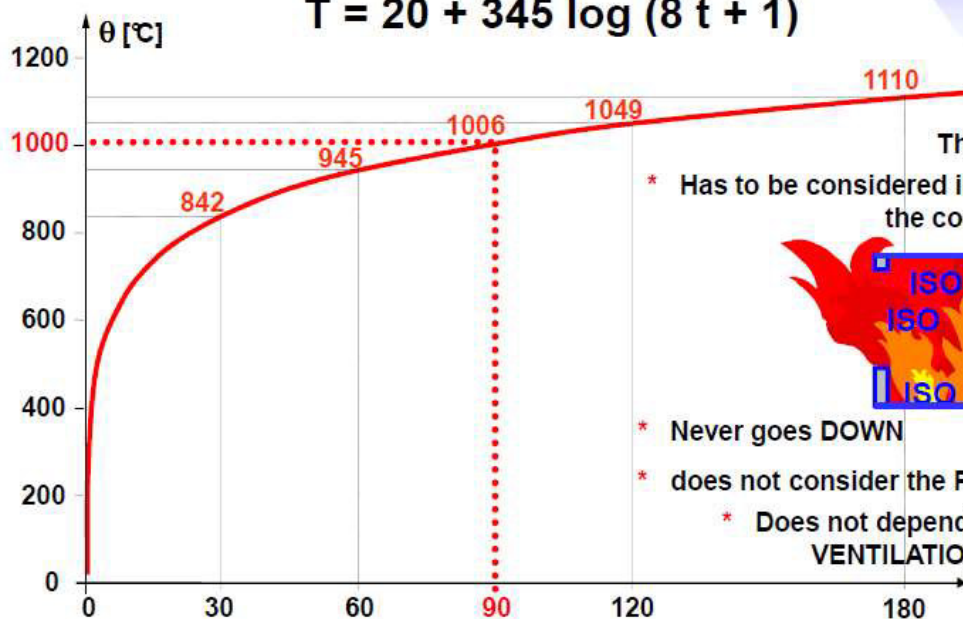
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## Standard fire curve

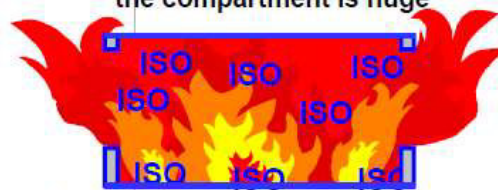
### ISO-834 Curve (EN1364 -1)

$$T = 20 + 345 \log (8 t + 1)$$



The ISO curve

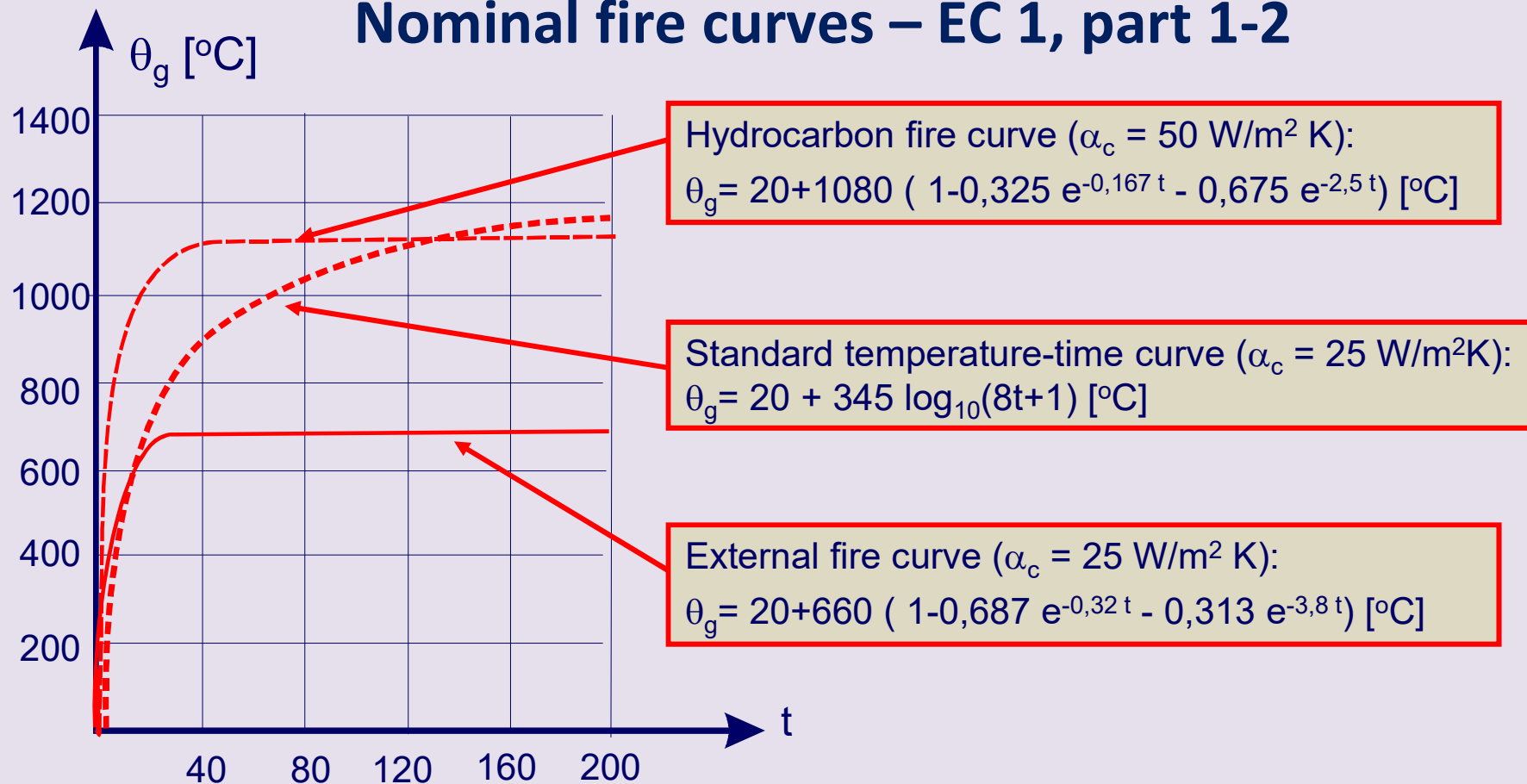
- \* Has to be considered in the **WHOLE** compartment, even if the compartment is huge
- \* Never goes **DOWN**
- \* does not consider the **PRE-FLASHOVER PHASE**
- \* Does not depend on **FIRE LOAD** and **VENTILATION CONDITIONS**



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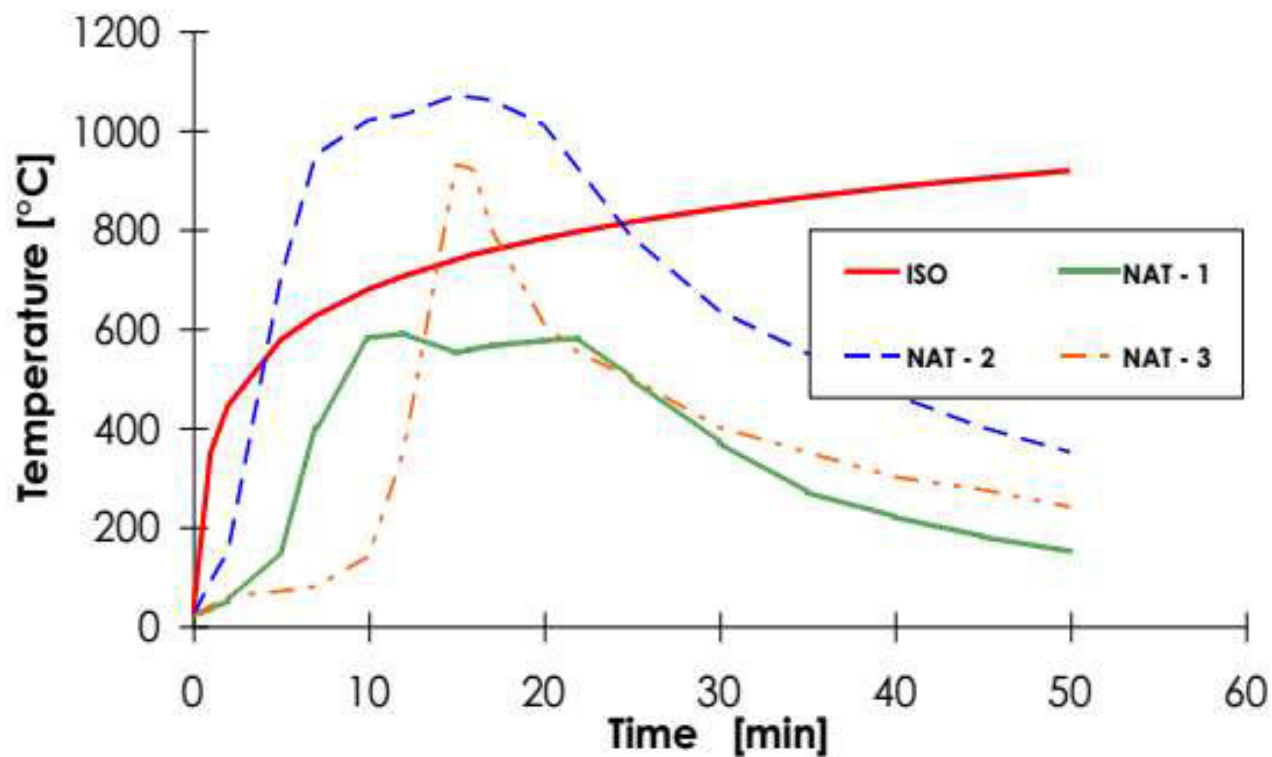
## Nominal fire curves – EC 1, part 1-2



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## ISO versus Natural fires



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**Fire resistance** of an element, of a part, or of a whole structure is: ability to fulfil the below mentioned requirements for a specified load level, for a specified fire exposure and for a specified period of time.

According to European Standards **3 Criteria** are given to define the fire resistance of structures or structural elements:

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| • Criterion: Load bearing function         | <b>R (Résistance)</b> |
| • Criterion: Integrity separating function | <b>E (Etanchéité)</b> |
| • Criterion: Thermal Insulating function   | <b>I (Isolation)</b>  |



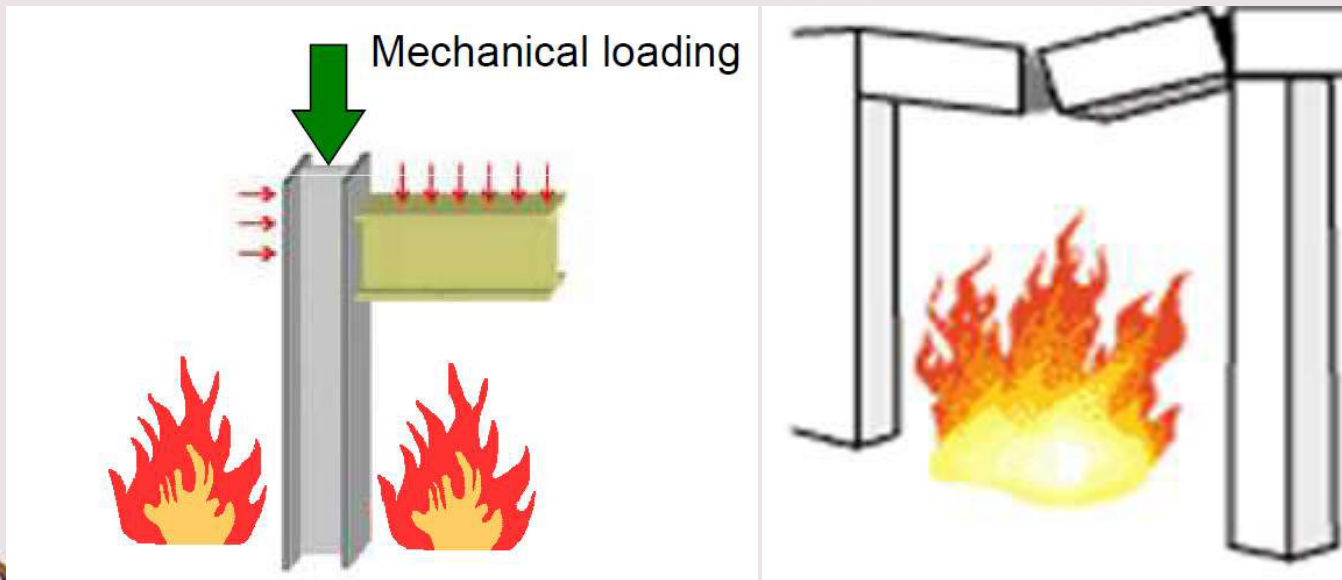


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## Criterion on Load bearing function - R (Résistance)

Ability of a structure or a member to sustain specified actions during the relevant fire, according to defined criteria



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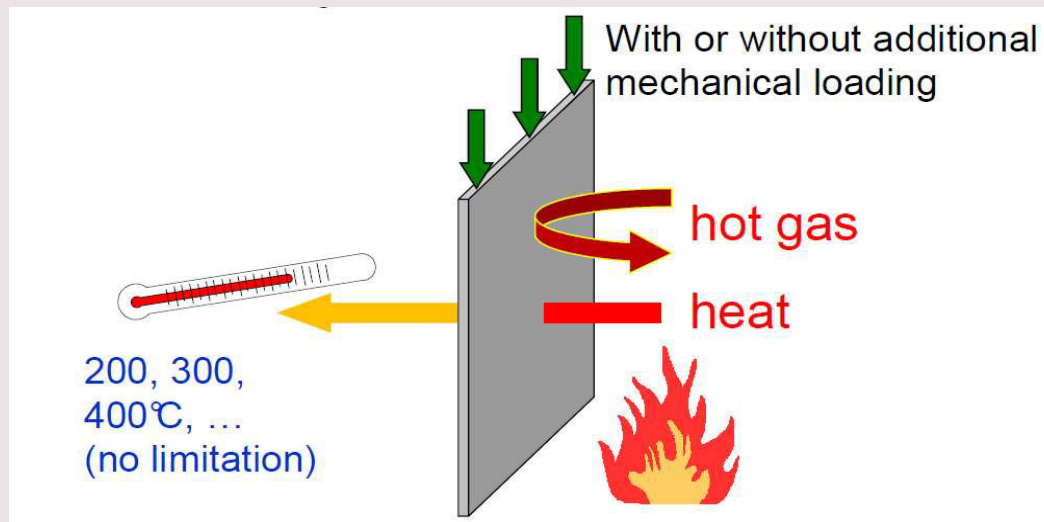




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## Criterion on Integrity E (Etanchéité)

Ability of a separating element of building construction, when exposed to fire on one side, to prevent the passage through it the flames and hot gases and to prevent the occurrence of flames on the **unexposed side**

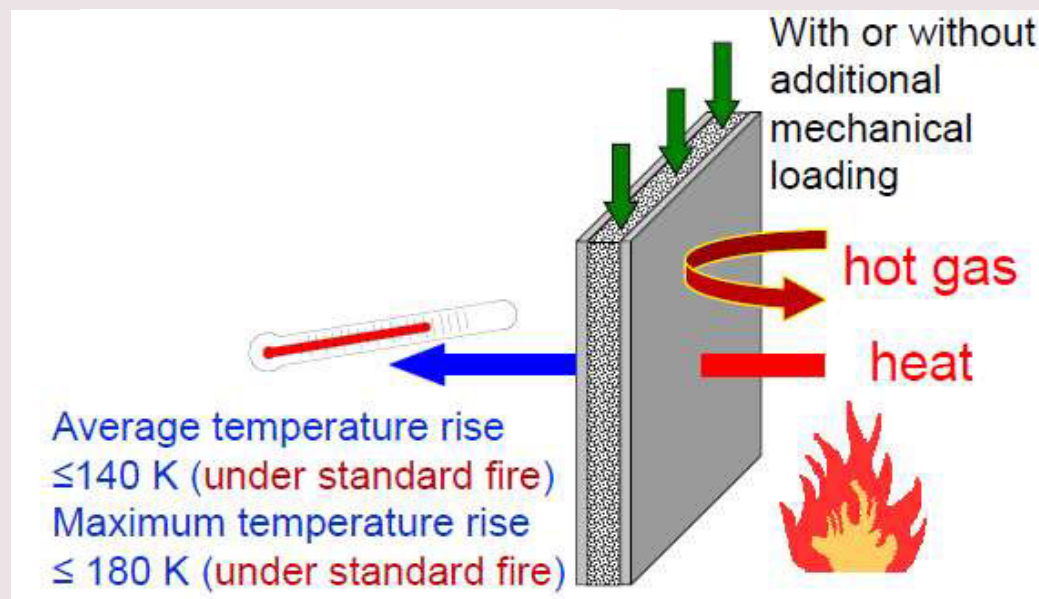


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## Criterion on Insulation I (Insulation)

Ability of a separating element when exposed to fire on one side, to restrict the temperature rise of the unexposed face below specified levels



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Above criteria may be required individually or in combination:

Structural element	Criteria		
	Resistance (R)	Insulation (I)	Integrity (E)
Separating walls	-	X	X
Bearing walls	X	X	X
Doors	-	X	X
Beams	X	-	-
Slabs	X	X	X
Columns	X	-	-
Fire resistant glass	-	-	X



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# **RESISTANCE TO FIRE OF ELEMENTS AND STRUCTURES**



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# RESISTANCE TO FIRE



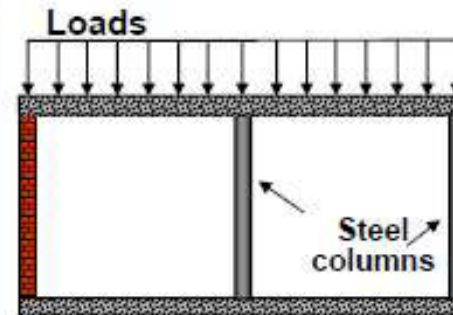
## Resistance to Fire - Chain of Events



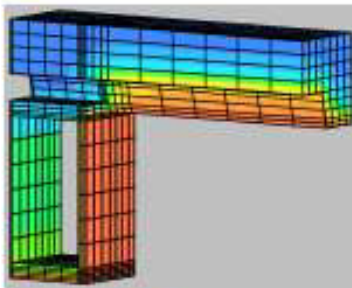
1: Ignition



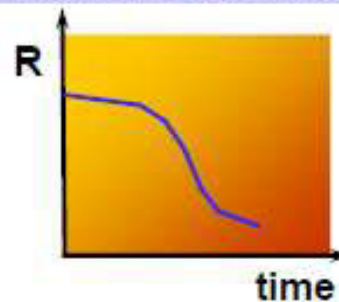
2: Thermal action



3: Mechanical actions



4: Thermal response



5: Mechanical response



6: Possible collapse

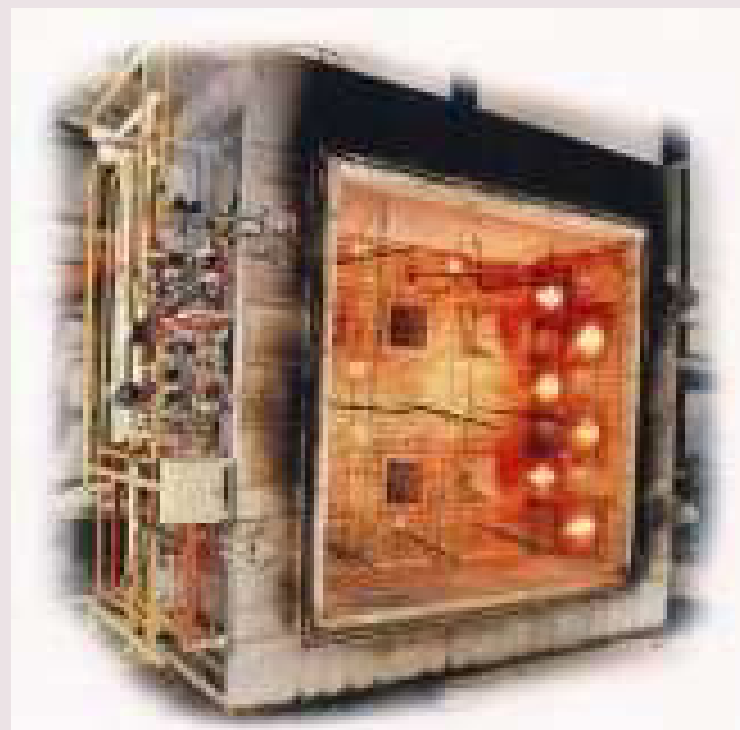


# RESISTANCE TO FIRE



# STANDARD FIRE TESTS

## Testing of walls



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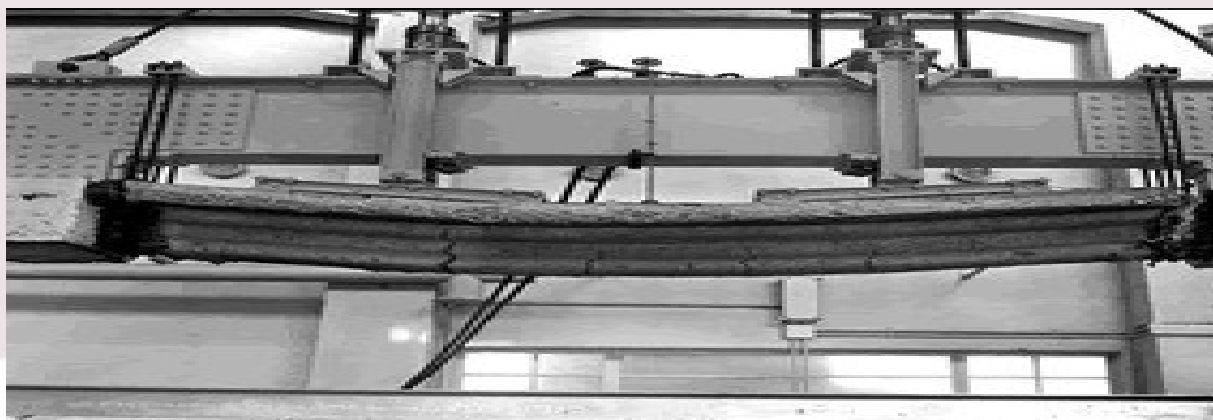


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# STANDARD FIRE TESTS

## Testing of beams



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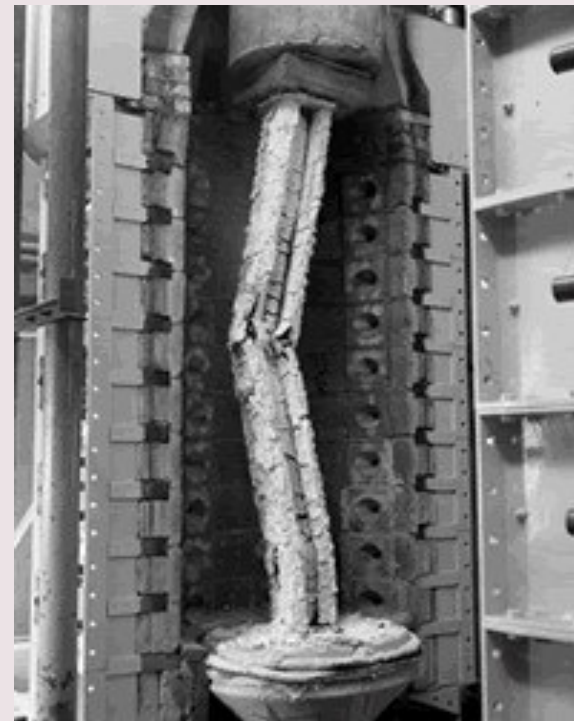
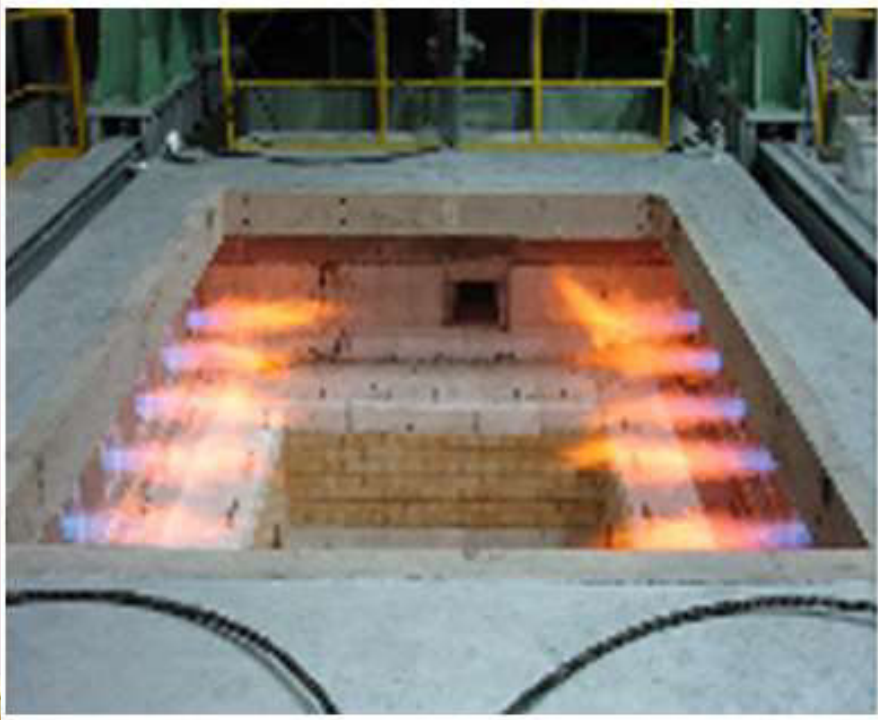


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# STANDARD FIRE TESTS

## Testing of slabs and columns



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# RESISTANCE TO FIRE



# STANDARD FIRE TESTS

## Testing of houses with small dimensions



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## STANDARD FIRE TEST:

### DISADVANTAGES :

- Do not reliably predict behavior because actual fires and structural restraints cannot be adequately simulated
- Provide information on local behavior of the elements, but the question about the global behavior of the structure as a whole remains open
- Testing programs for investigating the response of a large variety of structural elements under different restraints, loadings, and fire conditions are impractical and expensive

### NECESSARY FOR:

- Determining the mechanical properties of materials at high temperatures
- Checking the adequacy of the developed computational methods



## CALCULATION METHODS



SIMPLIFIED METHODS



NUMERICAL METHODS



## RESISTANCE TO FIRE

EUROCODES



1. ACTIONS ON STRUCTURES
2. CONCRETE STRUCTURES
3. STEEL STRUCTURES
4. COMPOSITE STRUCTURES
5. TIMBER STRUCTURES
6. MASONRY
7. ALUMINIUM ALLOYS STR.



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# CALCULATION METHODS

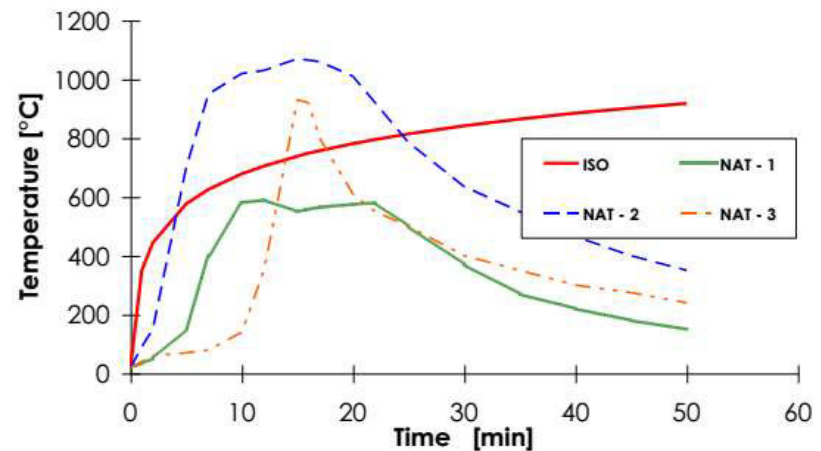
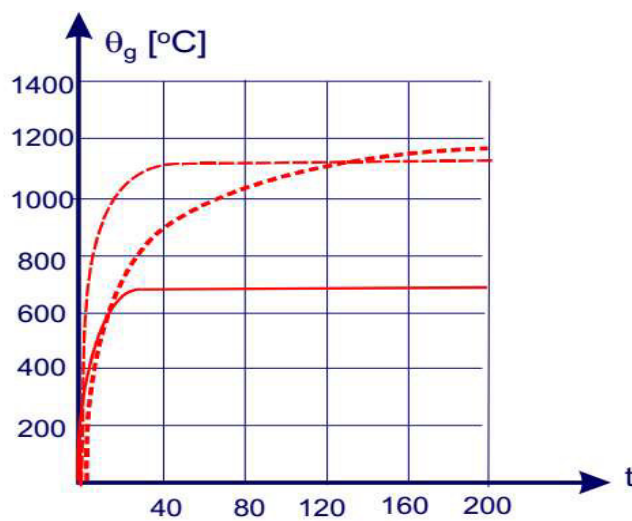


# RESISTANCE TO FIRE

Project Design

Prescriptive Regulation  
(Thermal Actions given by  
a Nominal Fire)

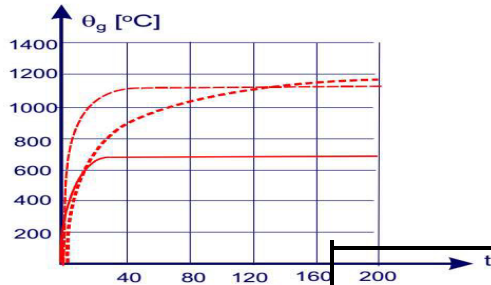
Performance-Based Code  
(Physical Based Thermal  
Actions)



# CALCULATION METHODS



# RESISTANCE TO FIRE



Prescriptive Rules  
(Thermal Actions by Nominal Fire)

Member  
Analysis

Calculation of  
Mechanical  
Actions at  
Boundaries

Tabulated  
Data

Simple  
Calculation  
Models

Advanced  
Calculation  
Models



Analysis of  
Part of the  
Structure

Calculation of  
mechanical  
Actions at  
Boundaries

Simple  
Calculation  
Models

Advanced  
Calculation  
Models



Analysis of  
Entire Structure

Selection of  
Mechanical  
Actions

Advanced  
Calculation  
Models

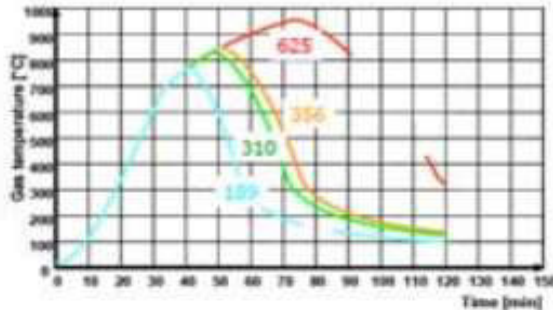




# CALCULATION METHODS



# RESISTANCE TO FIRE



Performance-Based Code  
(Physically based Thermal Actions)

Selection of Simple or Advanced Fire  
Development Models



Member  
Analysis

Calculation of  
Mechanical  
Actions at  
Boundaries

Simple  
Calculation  
Models  
(if available)

Advanced  
Calculation  
Models

Analysis of  
Part of the  
Structure

Calculation of  
mechanical  
Actions et  
Boundaries

Advanced  
Calculation  
Models

Analysis of  
Entire  
Structure

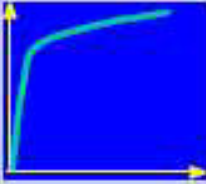
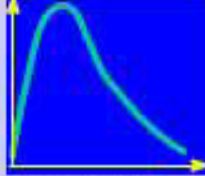

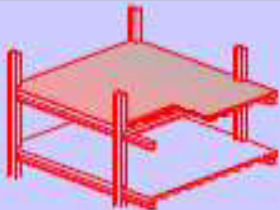
Selection of  
Mechanical  
Actions

Advanced  
Calculation  
Models

# CALCULATION METHODS



# RESISTANCE TO FIRE

	Prescriptive standard fire	Performance based natural fire
		
	classification	fire safety eng.
	fire safety eng.	fire safety eng.

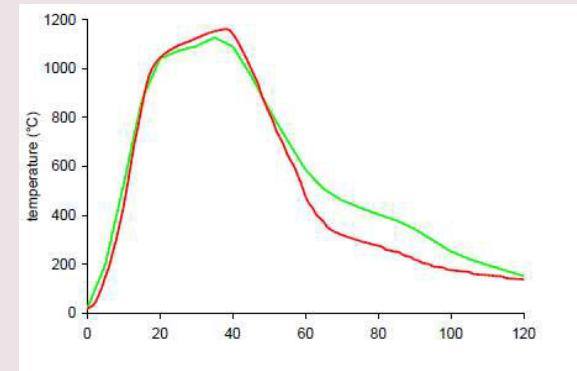
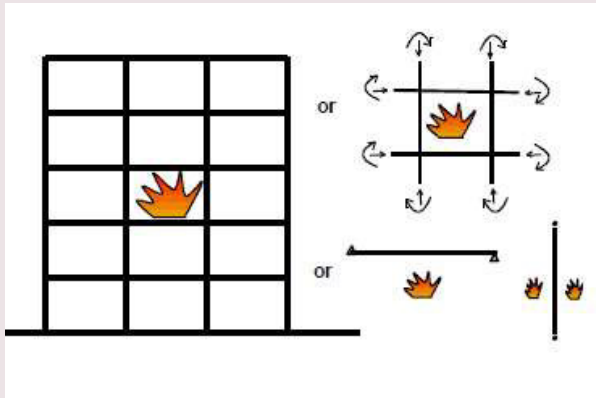


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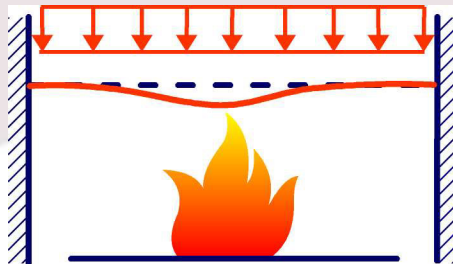
## Fire Safety Eng.

### 1. Fire Development and propagation



### 2. Structural schematisation

### 3. Heat transfer to structural elements



### 4. Mechanical behaviour at elevated temperatures

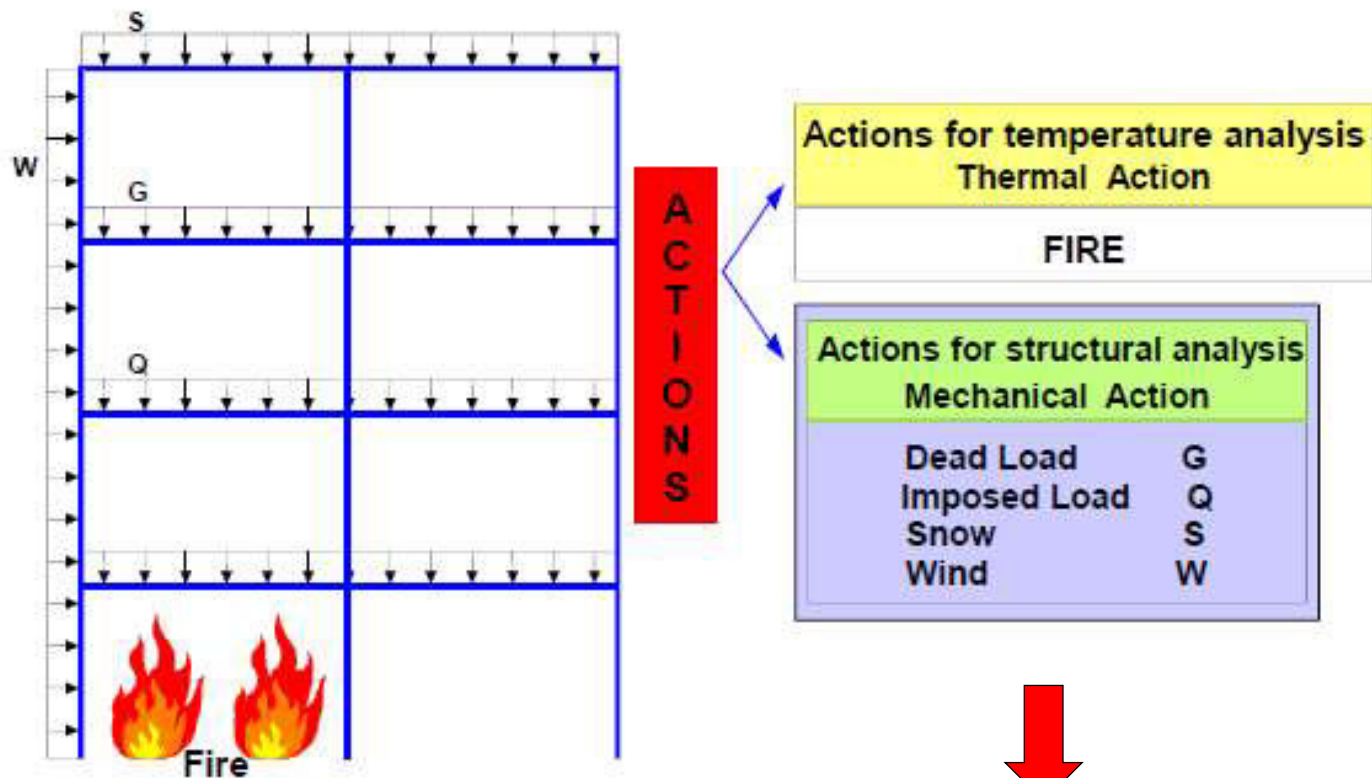
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# CALCULATION METHODS



## Mechanical behaviour at elevated temperatures



Computer programs: SAFIR and FIRE

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# THERMAL ANALYSIS



Governing differential equation of heat transfer in conduction:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \lambda_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \lambda_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \lambda_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) = \rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

where:

- $\lambda_{x,y,z}$  - is a thermal conductivity
- $\rho$  - is a density of the material
- $c$  - is a specific heat

## Fire boundary conditions:

- convective heat transfer mechanism
- radiative heat transfer mechanism



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# STRESS-STRAIN ANALYSIS



The nonlinear equations governing behaviour of a structural system are temperature and history dependent

$$F_i(U_i, T_i, H_{i-1}) = R_i$$

$F_i$  - are internal forces at current time

$U_i$  - is current deformed shape

$T_i$  - is current temperature distribution

$H_{i-1}$  is prior response and thermal history

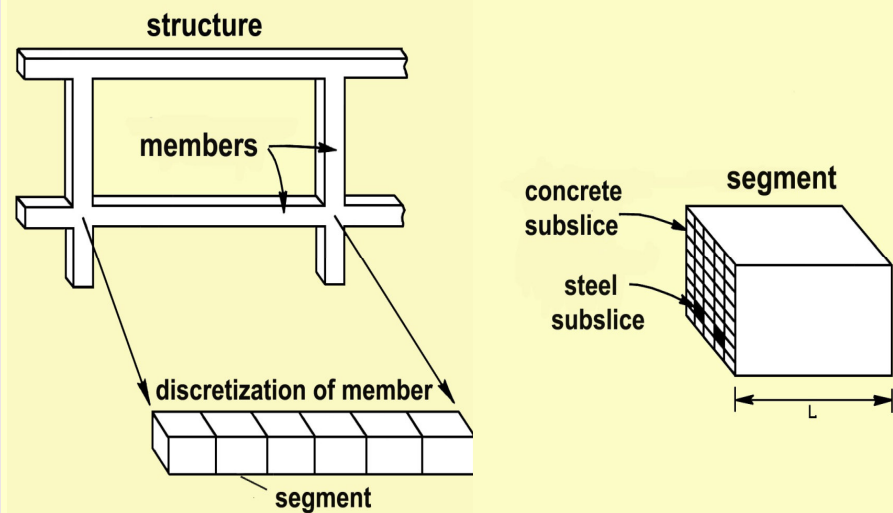
$R_i$  - is external loading at current time



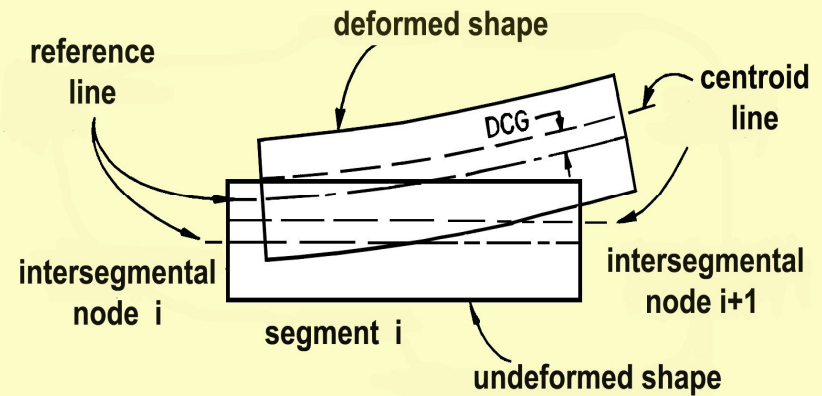
# STRESS-STRAIN ANALYSIS



## Geometric idealization



## Deformed mode of segment





# FIRE RESISTANCE OF CONCRETE STRUCTURES



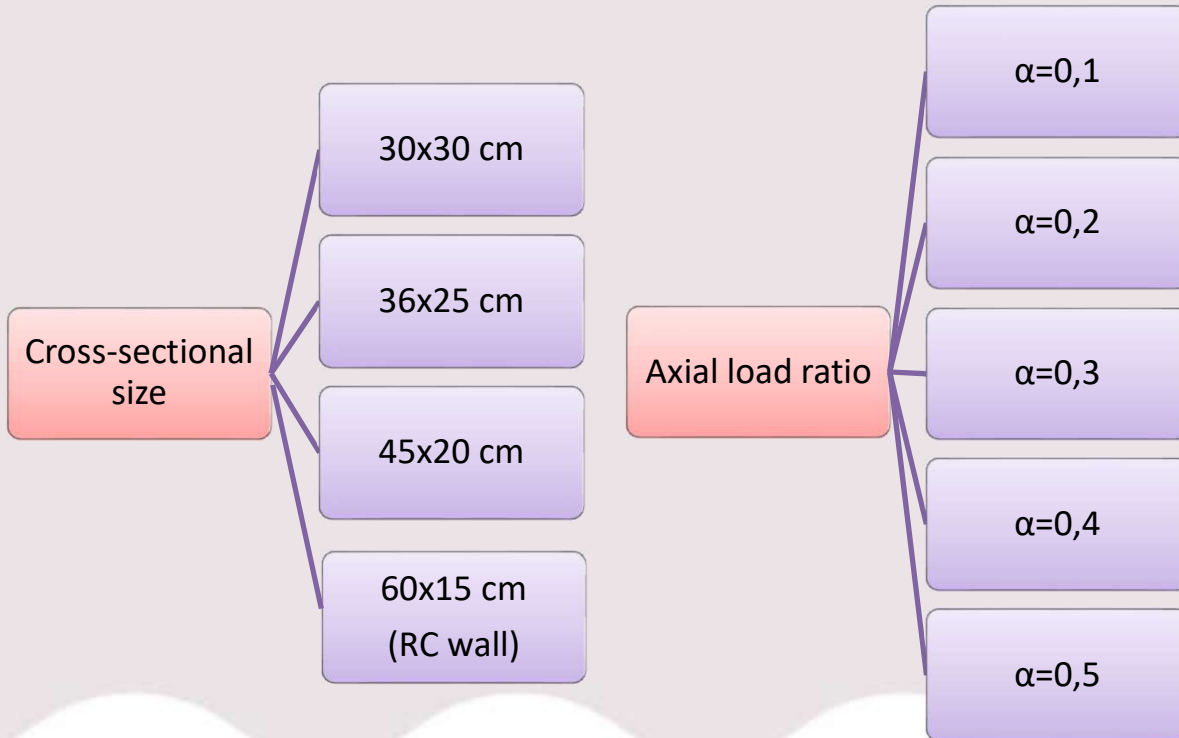
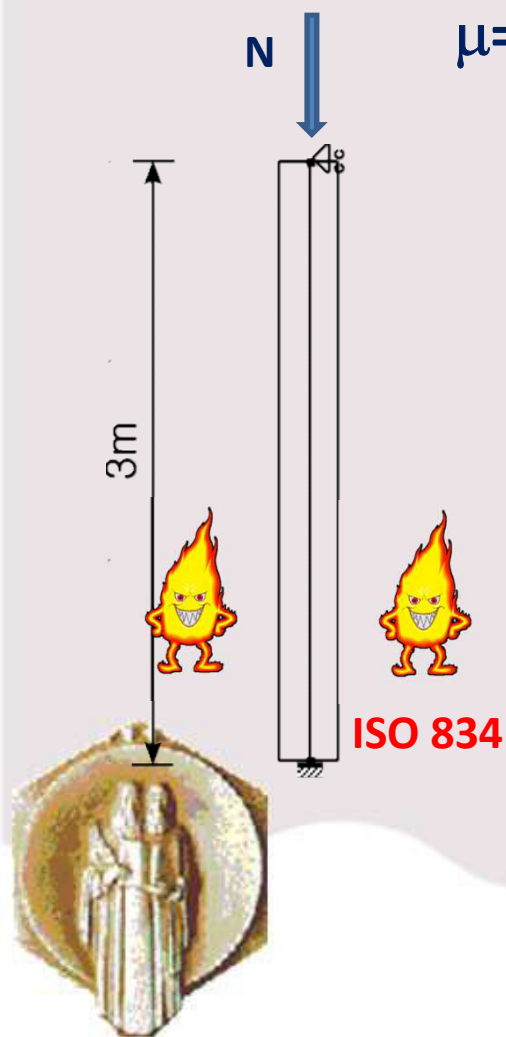
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# CENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



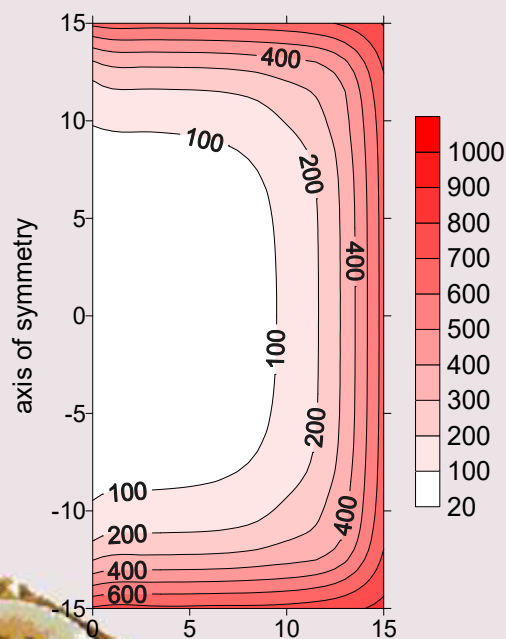
$\mu=1\%$  , RA 400/500,  $\alpha=2.5\text{cm}$ ,  $f_{c(20^\circ\text{C})}=30\text{ Mpa}$



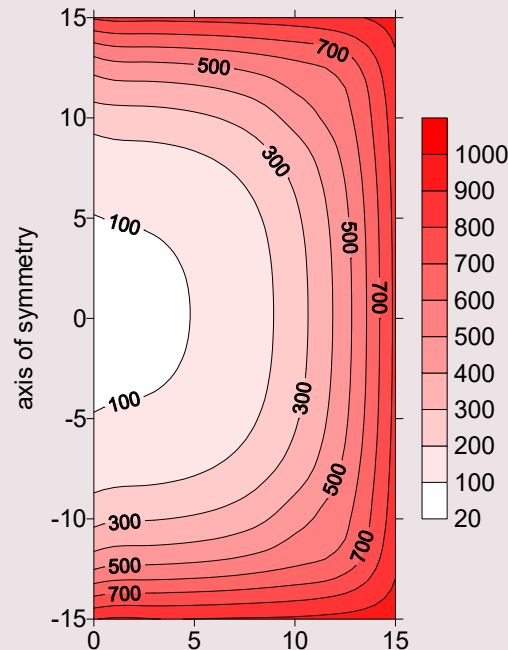
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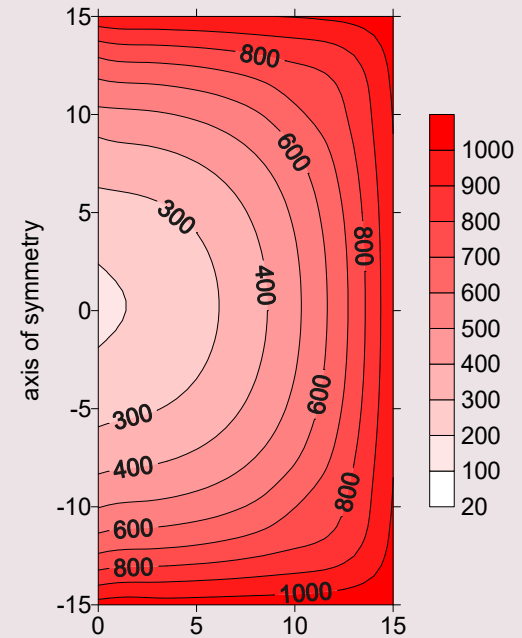
## Temperature distribution in the cross section of the column 30x30cm, at different moments



$t=0.5 \text{ h}$   
 $T_{\text{aver}}=277^{\circ}\text{C}$



$t=1.0 \text{ h}$   
 $T_{\text{aver}}=432^{\circ}\text{C}$



$t=2.0 \text{ h}$   
 $T_{\text{aver}}=627^{\circ}\text{C}$

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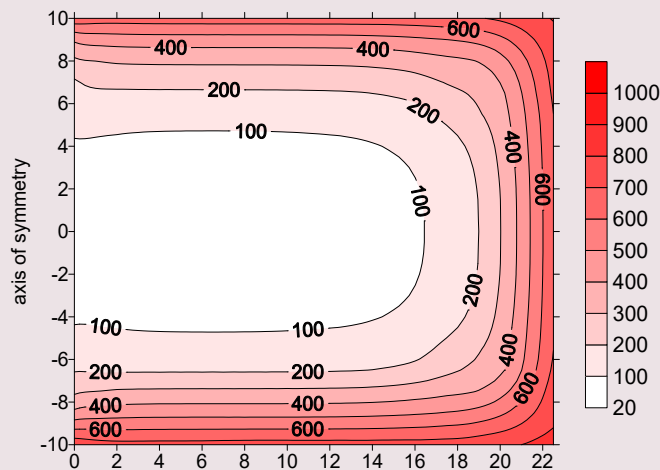




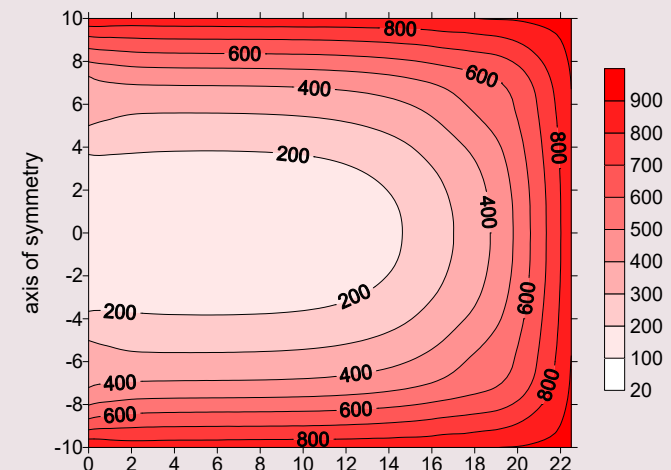
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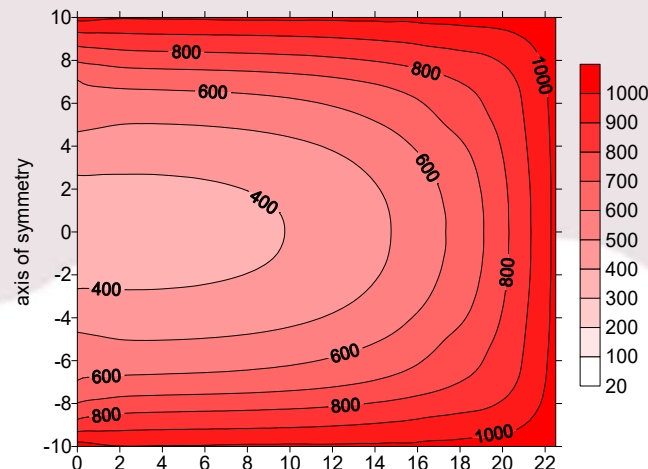
## Temperature distribution in the cross section of the column 45x20cm, at different moments



$t=0.5 \text{ h}$   
 $T_{\text{aver}}=258^{\circ}\text{C}$



$t=1.0 \text{ h}$   
 $T_{\text{aver}}=419^{\circ}\text{C}$



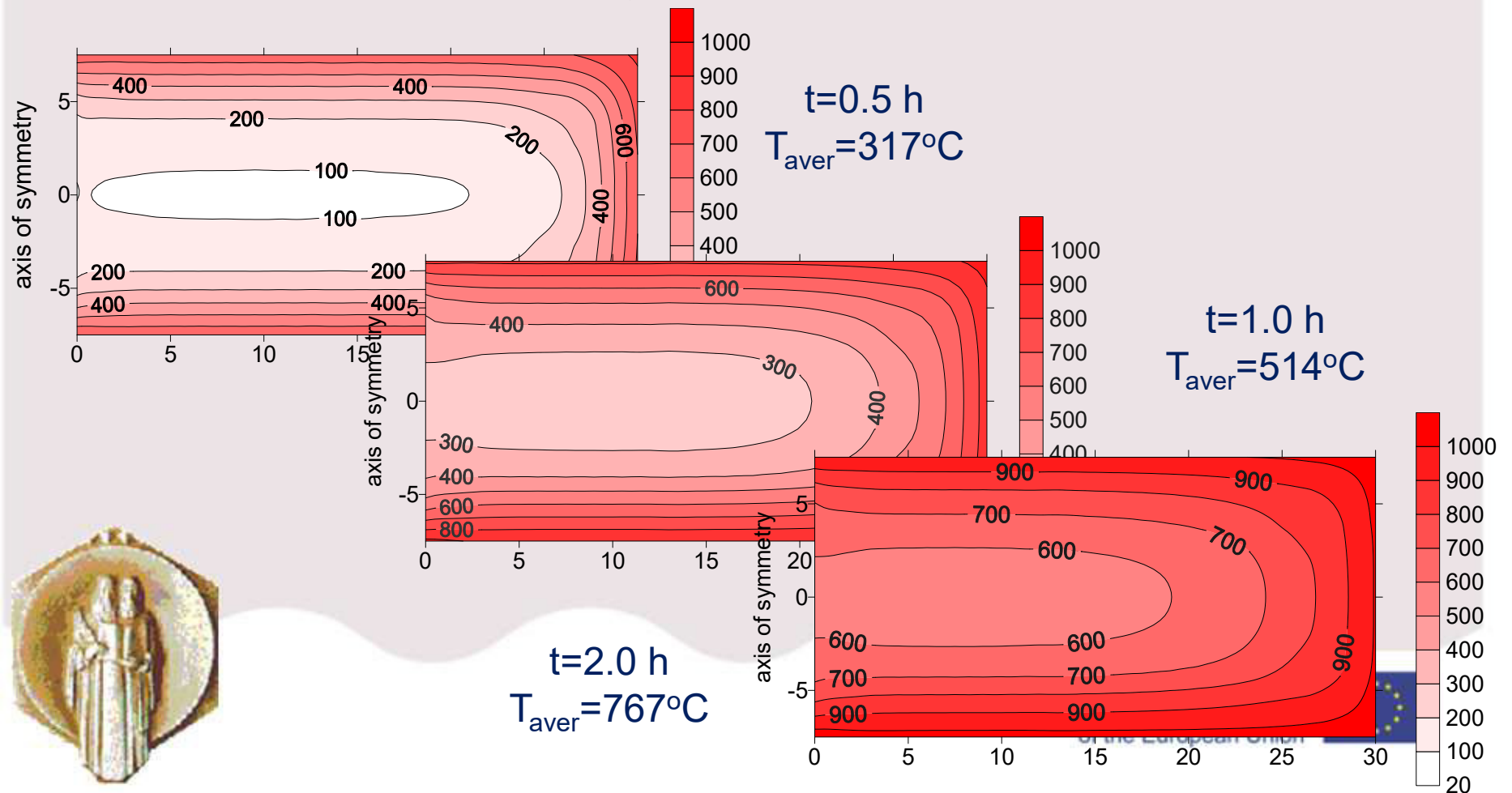
$t=2.0 \text{ h}$   
 $T_{\text{aver}}=648^{\circ}\text{C}$



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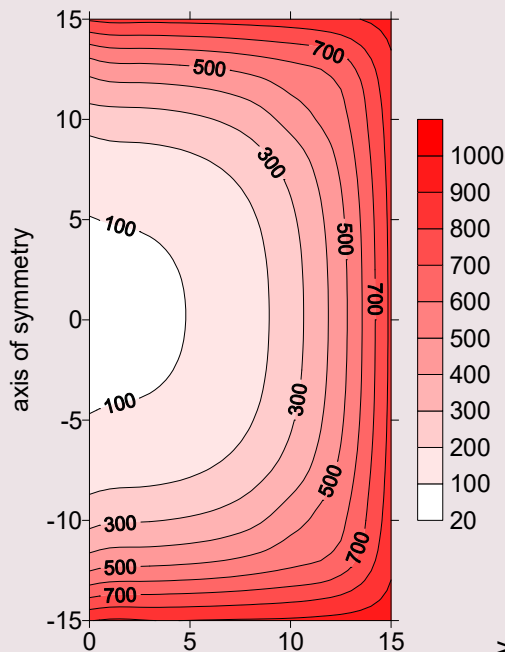
## Temperature distribution in the cross section of the column 60x15cm, at different moments



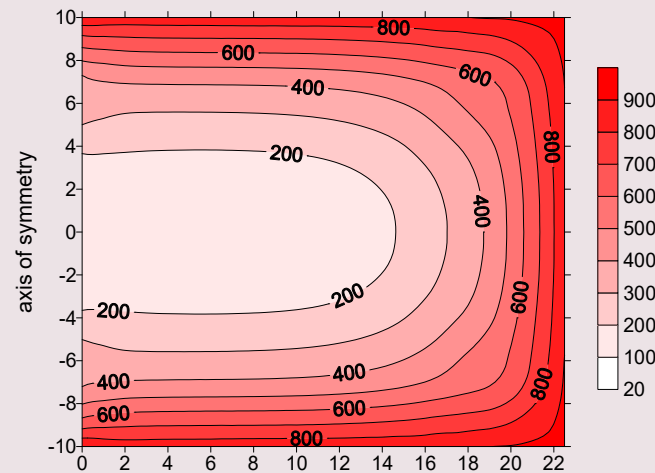
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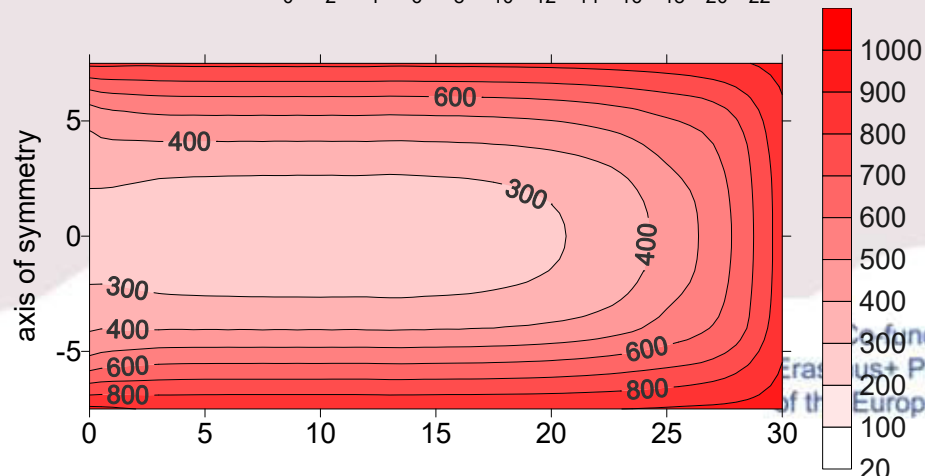
Temperature distributions in the cross sections of the columns,  
at moment  $t=1.0$  hour



$t=1.0$  h  
 $T_{aver}=432^{\circ}\text{C}$



$t=1.0$  h  
 $T_{aver}=419^{\circ}\text{C}$



$t=1.0$  h  
 $T_{aver}=514^{\circ}\text{C}$

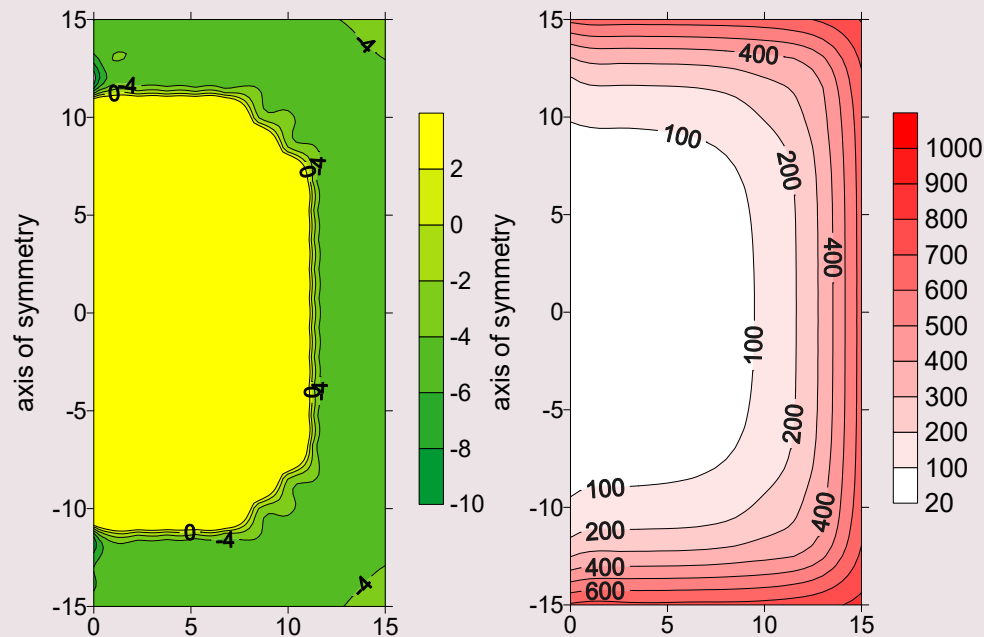
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# CENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



Temperature and stress distribution in the cross section of the column 30x30cm, after 0.5 hours of fire exposure



$t=0.5 \text{ h}$   
 $\alpha = 0.25$

$t=0.5 \text{ h}$   
 $T_{\text{aver}}=277^{\circ}\text{C}$

 -cracked concrete

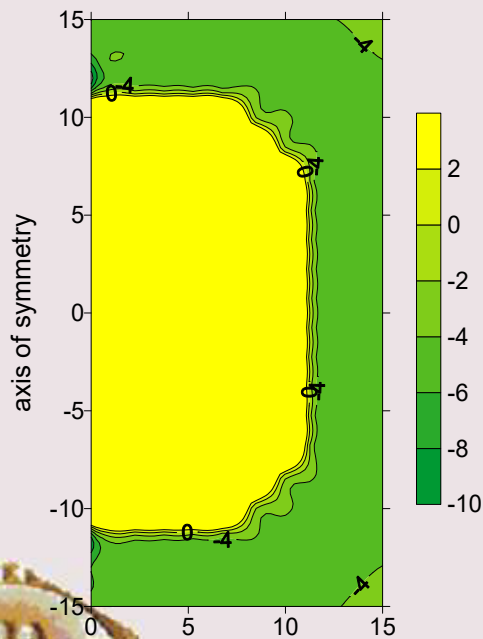
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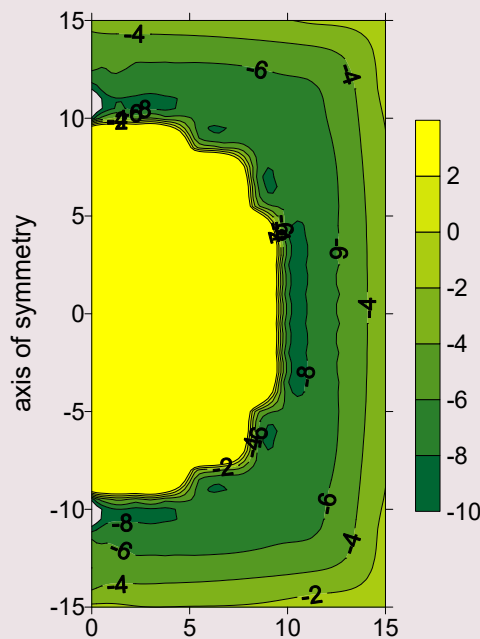
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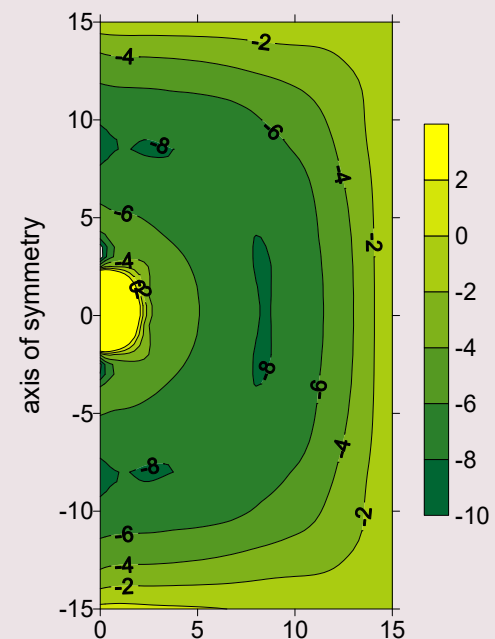
Stress distribution in the cross section of the column 30x30cm,  
at different moments



$t=0.5$  h  
 $\alpha = 0.25$



$t=1.0$  h  
 $\alpha = 0.25$



$t=2.0$  h  
 $\alpha = 0.25$   
 $t_{\max}=4h$



 -cracked concrete

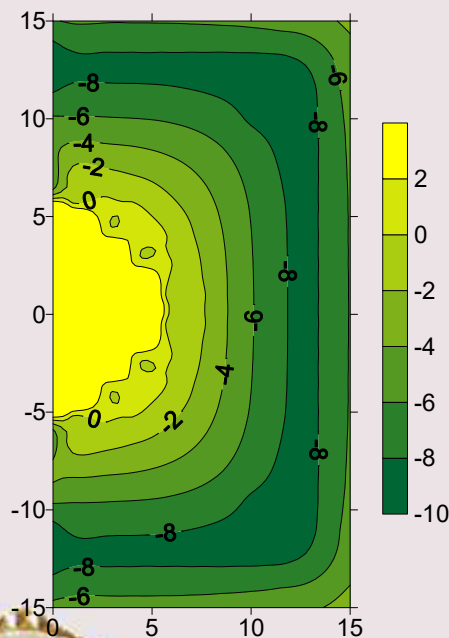




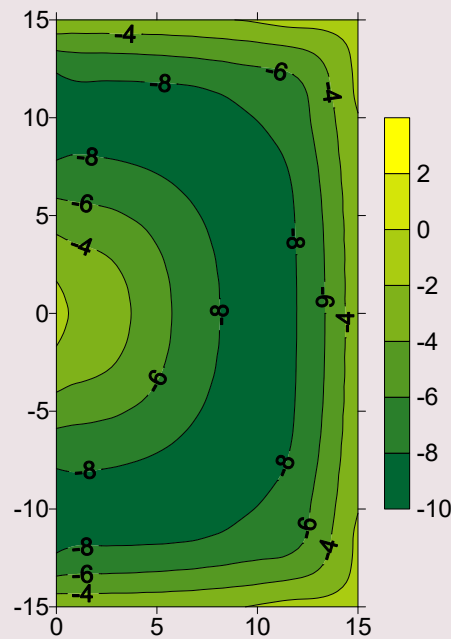
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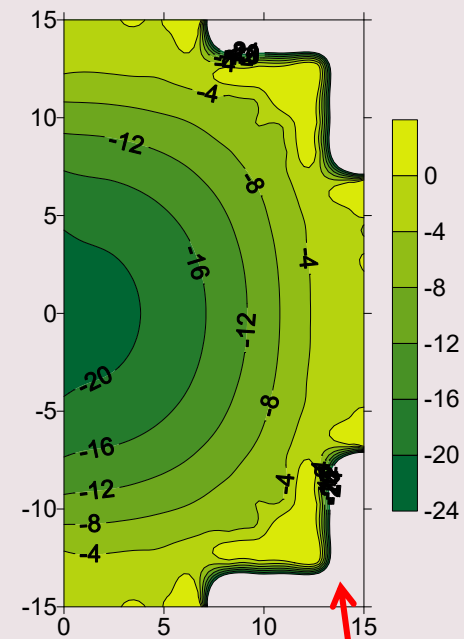
Stress distribution in the cross section of the column 30x30cm,  
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 $\alpha = 0.35$



$t=1.0$  h  
 $\alpha = 0.35$



$t=3.1$  h  
 $\alpha = 0.35$   
crashed concrete-



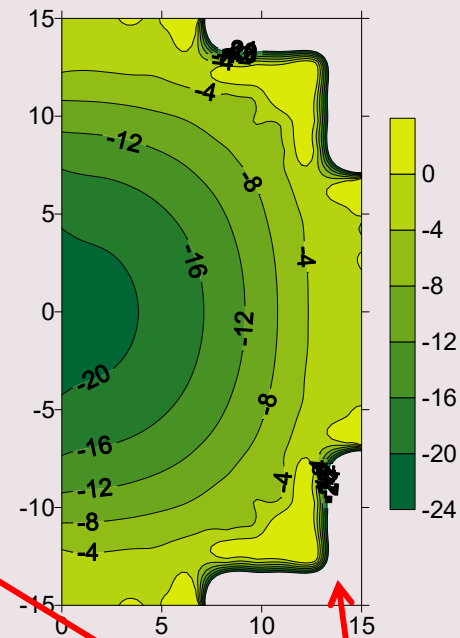
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# CENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



Stress distribution in the cross section of the column 30x30cm,  
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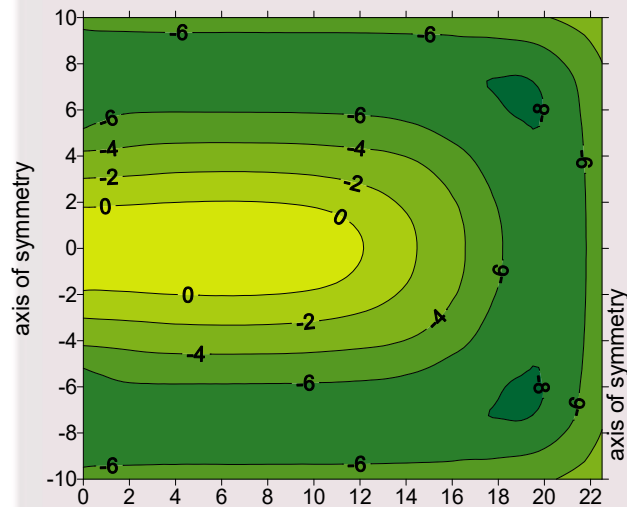
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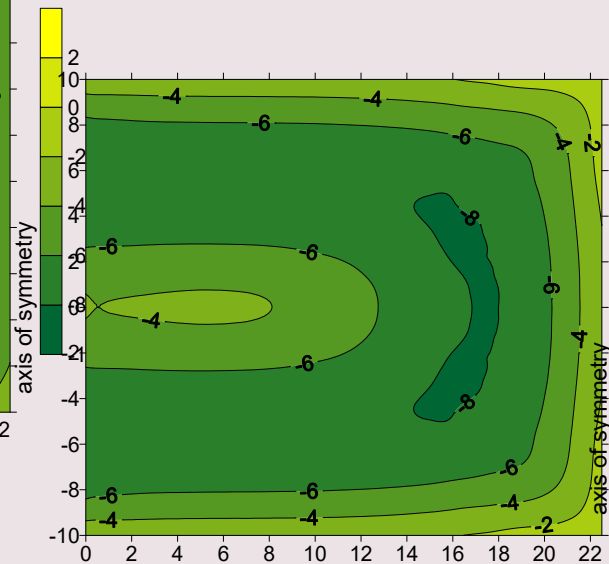
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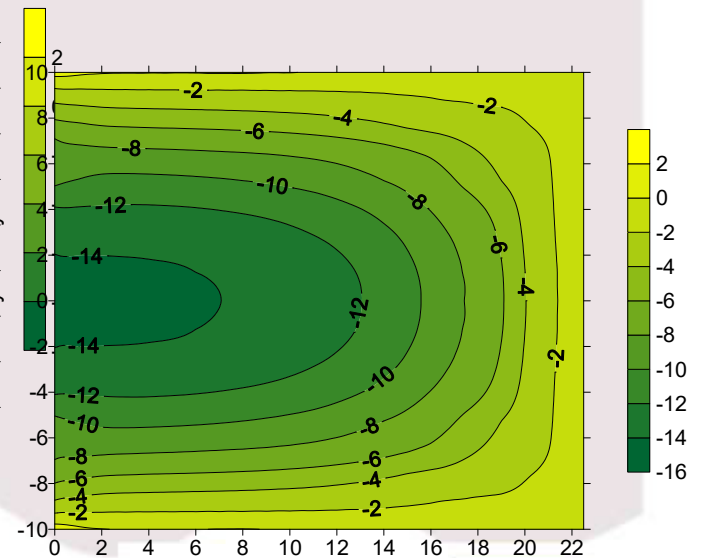
Stress distribution in the cross section of the column 45x20cm,  
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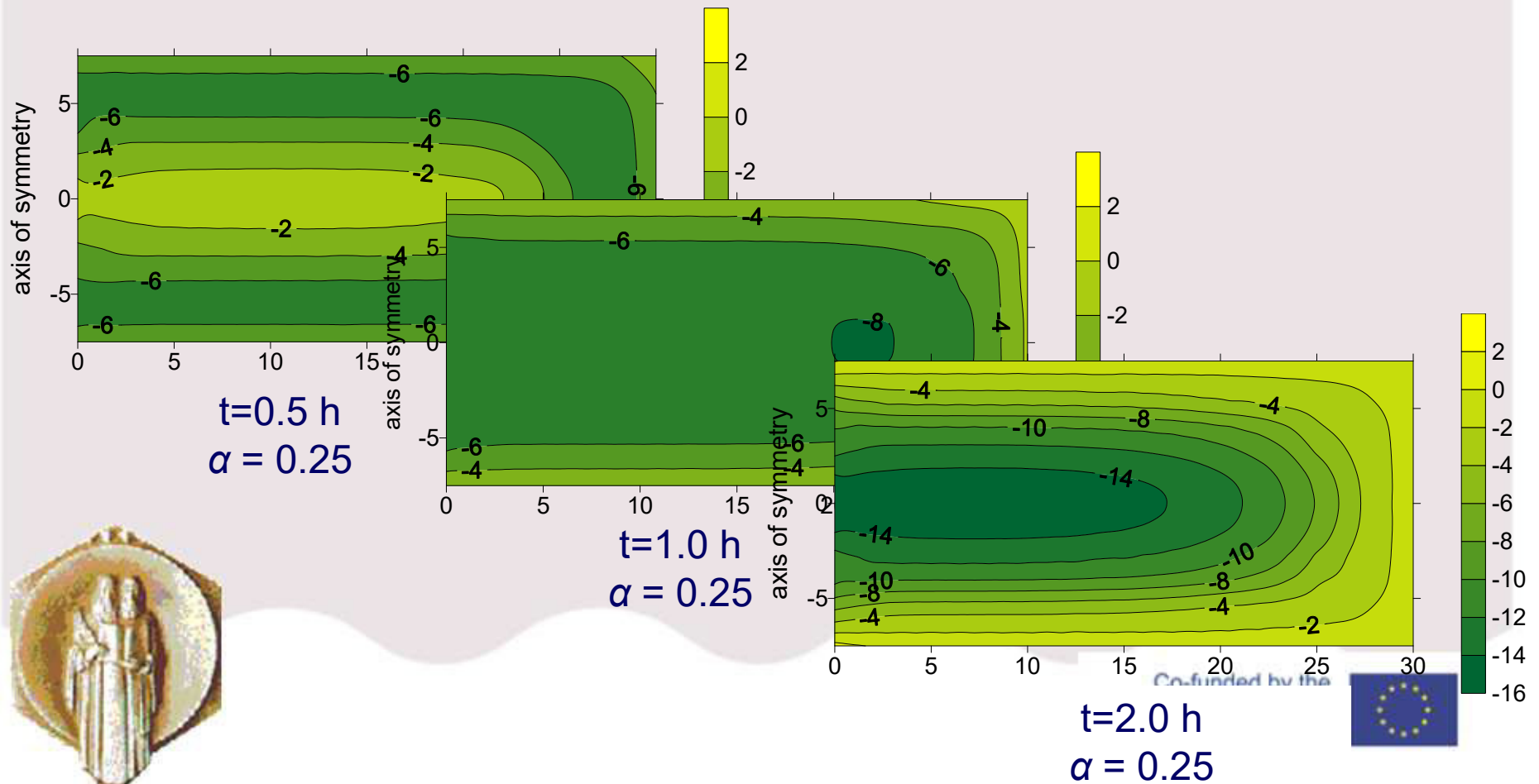
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# CENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



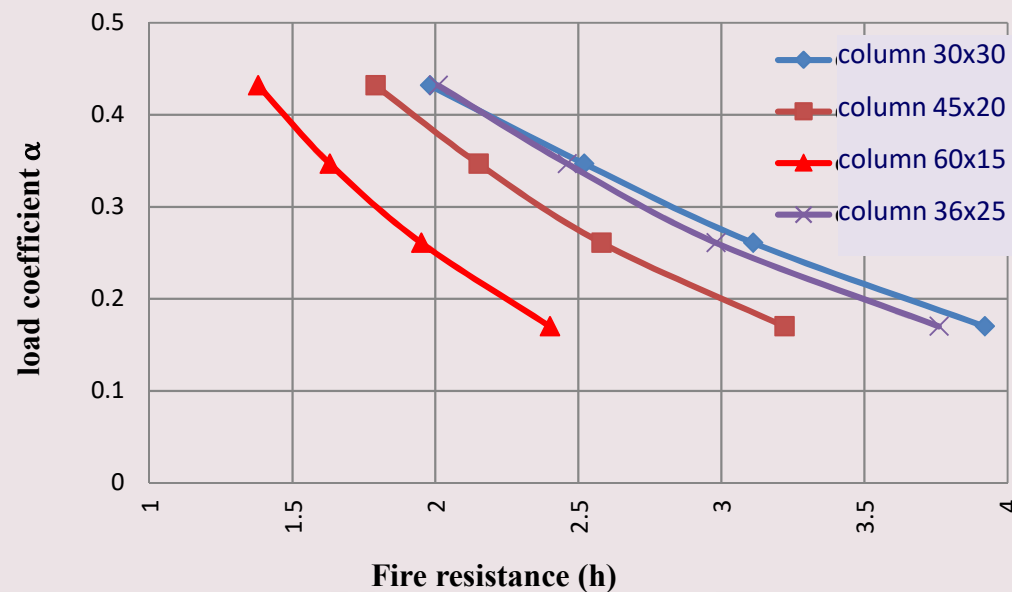
Stress distribution in the cross section of the column 60x15cm,  
at different moments



# CENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



Fire resistance curves for centrally loaded RC columns exposed to fire from all sides, as function of the shape of the cross section and the load coefficient  $\alpha$



$$\alpha = \sigma_b / f_c(20^{\circ}C) \leq 0.3$$

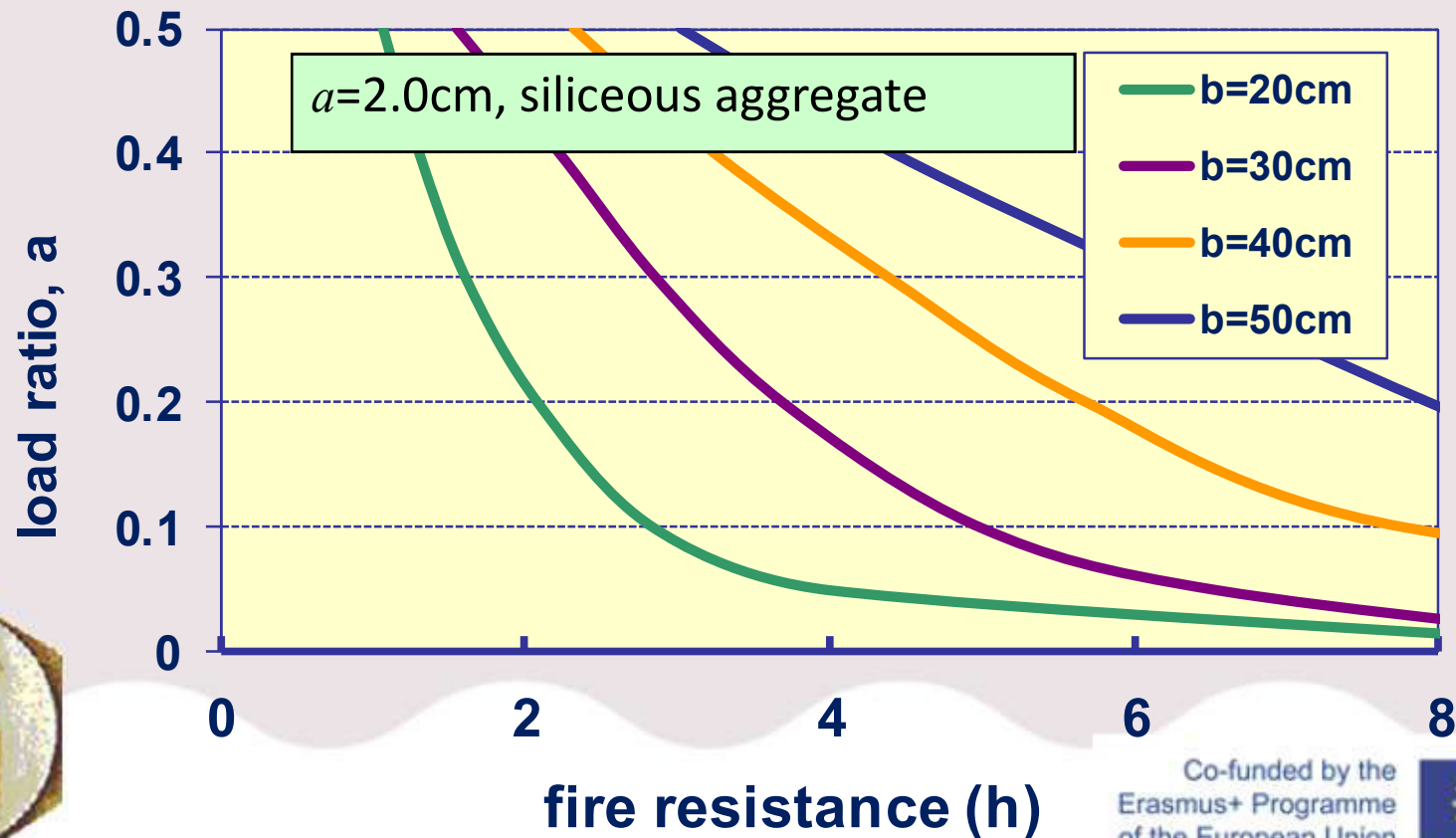




# CENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



Effect of cross section dimensions and  
load ratio on the fire resistance of columns

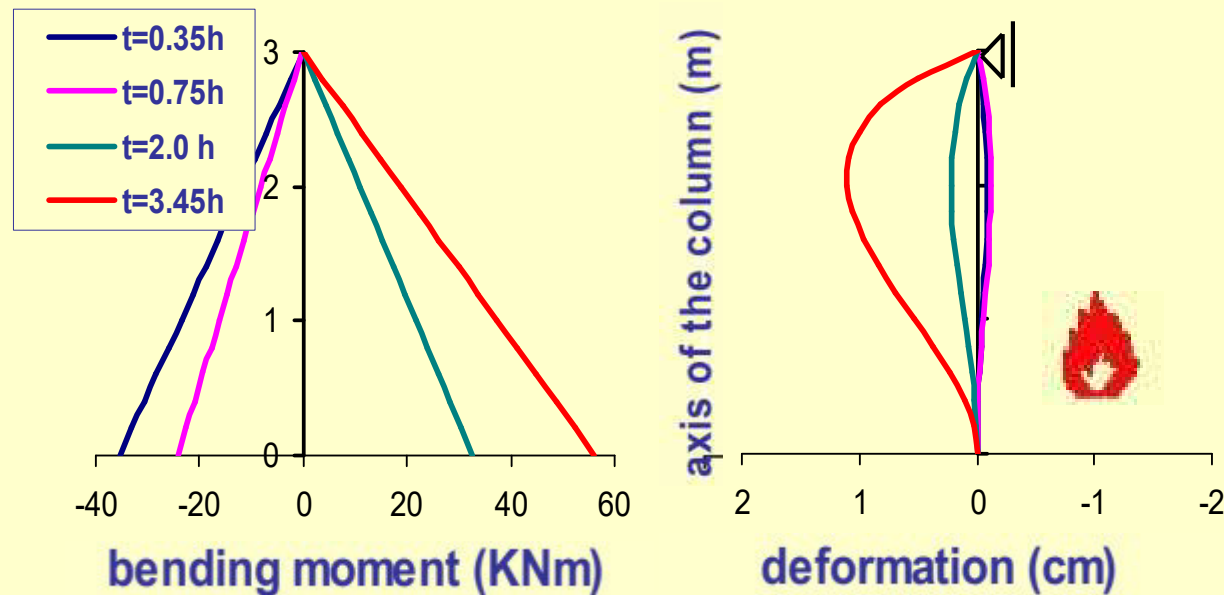


# CENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



## Fire exposure only from one side

Time redistribution of bending moment and deformation  
of siliceous concrete column 30\*30cm,  $a=2\text{cm}$ ,  
 $\mu=1\%$ , RA 400/500,  $\alpha=0.3$



## CENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



## CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the analysis conducted in this study it was found out that in case of fire exposure from all four sides and action of axial compressive force there is a significant difference in the behavior of the columns with same cross sectional areas, but different shapes of the cross sections.

Due to the compactness of the cross section the column with dimensions 30x30 cm has the lowest average temperature, consequently the highest fire resistance. It is not a case with the column 15x60cm (RC wall) because in this case the temperature easier penetrates deeper into the cross section, the column reaches the highest average temperature and has the smallest fire resistance.

These fire resistance curves indicate that the highest fire resistance achieves the column with lowest ratio between the two sides of the cross section. The reason for that is the lowest average temperature of the column's cross section.



## CENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



### PARAMETERS THAT INFLUENCE THE FIRE RESISTANCE OF CENTRICALLY LOADED COLUMNS

1. Dimensions of the cross section
2. Shape of the cross section (ratio between the both sides)
3. Load level
4. Fire scenario
5. Support conditions
6. Concrete cover thickness and steel ratio  
(only when fire is from one side)

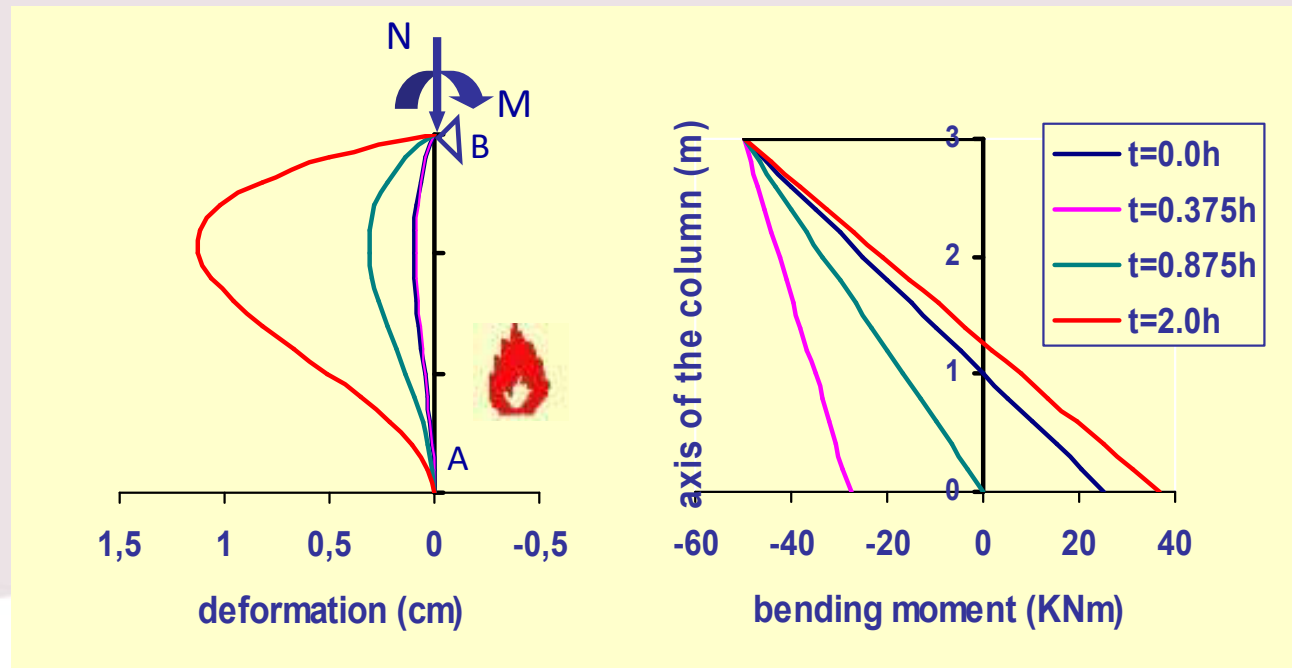


# ECCENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



## Fire exposure only from one side

Time redistribution of bending moment and deformation  
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 $\mu=1\%$ , RA 400/500,  $\eta=0.2$ ,  $\beta=0.4$

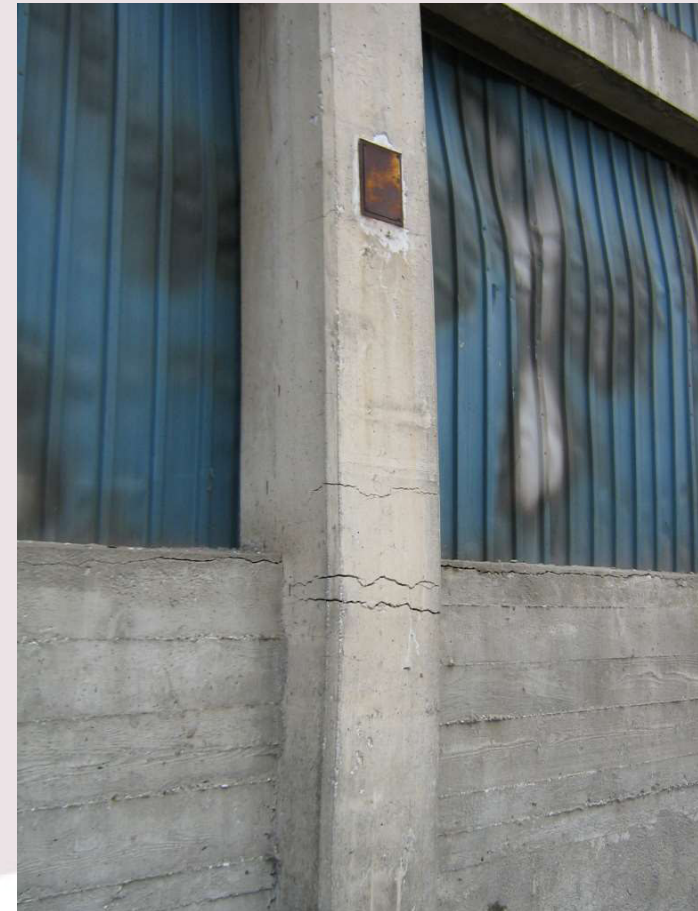




## ECCENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS



## EFFECTS OF REAL FIRE



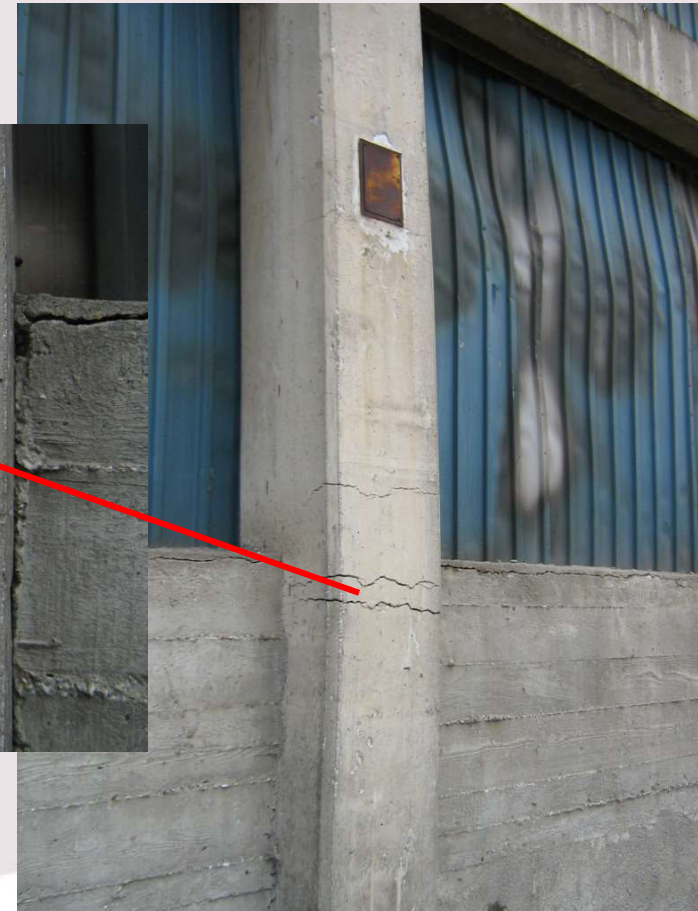
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## **ECCENTRICALLY LOADED RC COLUMNS**



### **PARAMETERS THAT INFLUENCE THE FIRE RESISTANCE OF ECCENTRICALLY LOADED COLUMNS**

- 1. Dimensions of the cross section**
- 2. Shape of the cross section (ratio between the both sides)**
- 3. Load level**
- 4. Fire scenario**
- 5. Support conditions**
- 6. Concrete cover thickness and steel ratio**



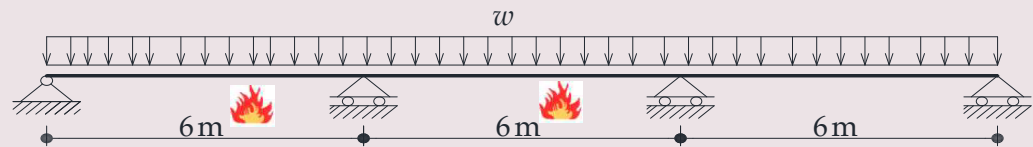
## CONTINUOUS RC BEAMS AND SLABS



## DIFFERENT FIRE SCENARIOS

### PARAMETERS THAT INFLUENCE THE FIRE RESISTANCE OF RC BEAMS AND SLABS

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2. Shape of the cross section
3. Load level
4. Fire scenario
5. Support conditions
6. Concrete cover thickness and steel ratio

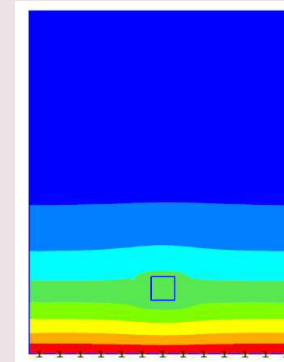
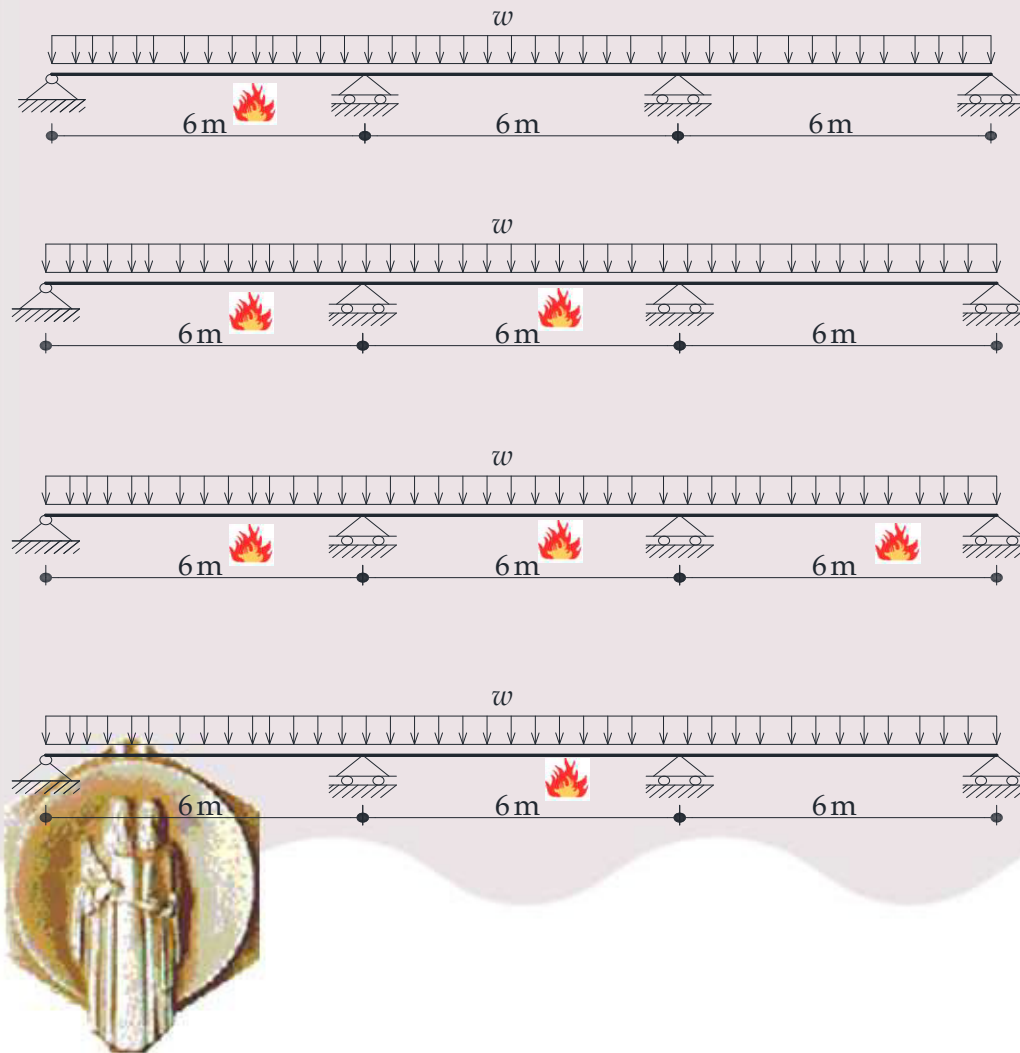




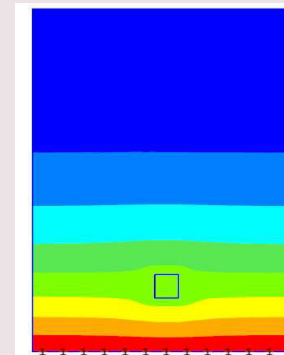
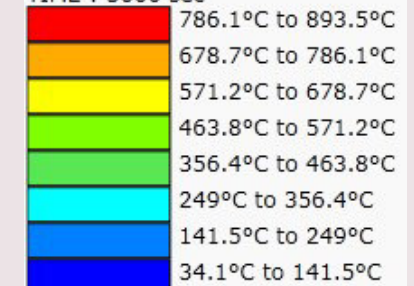


## CONTINUOUS RC SLABS

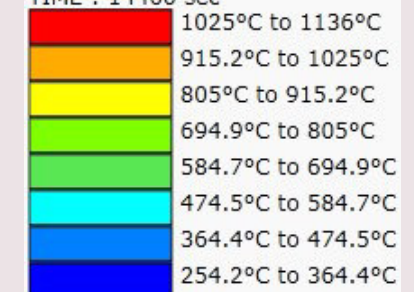
## DIFFERENT FIRE SCENARIOS



TIME : 3600 sec



TIME : 14400 sec



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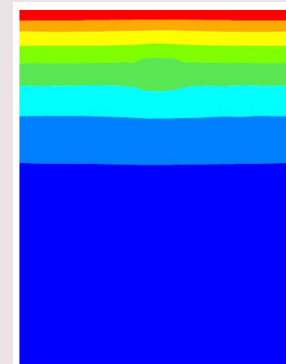
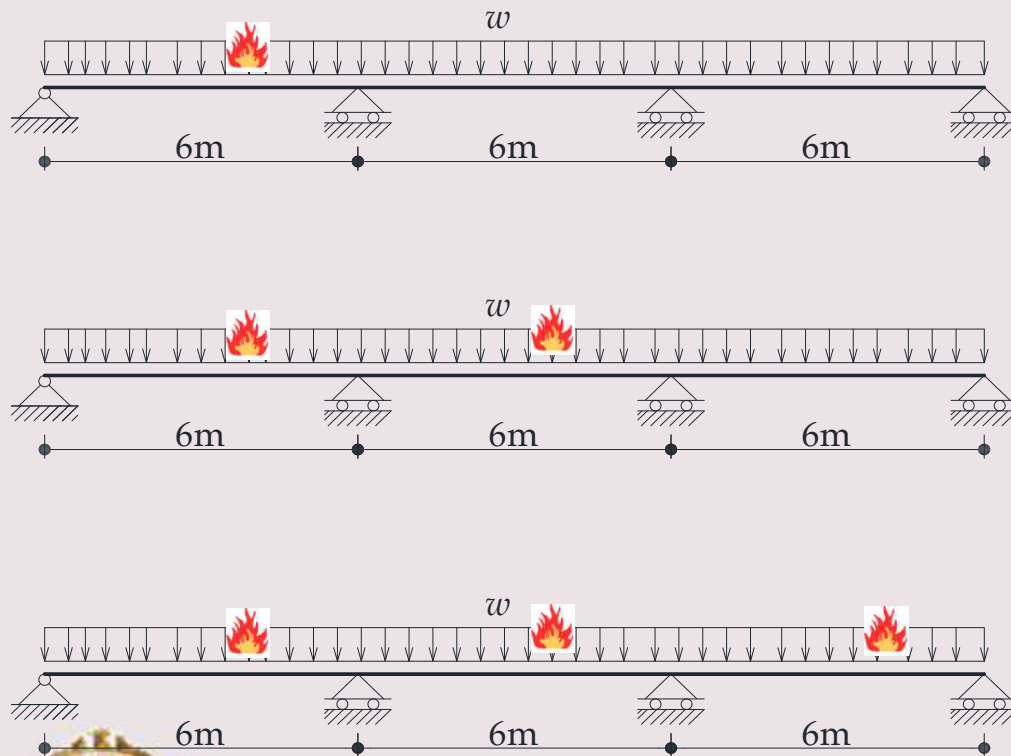




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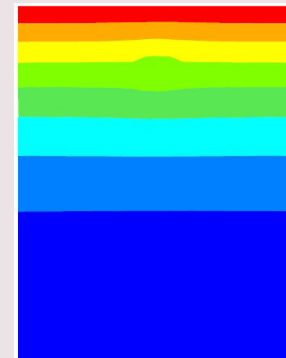


# DIFFERENT FIRE SCENARIOS



TIME : 3600 sec

786.1°C to 893.5°C
678.6°C to 786.1°C
571.1°C to 678.6°C
463.7°C to 571.1°C
356.2°C to 463.7°C
248.7°C to 356.2°C
141.3°C to 248.7°C
33.8°C to 141.3°C



TIME : 14400 sec

1025°C to 1135°C
914.4°C to 1025°C
803.9°C to 914.4°C
693.3°C to 803.9°C
582.8°C to 693.3°C
472.3°C to 582.8°C
361.8°C to 472.3°C
251.3°C to 361.8°C



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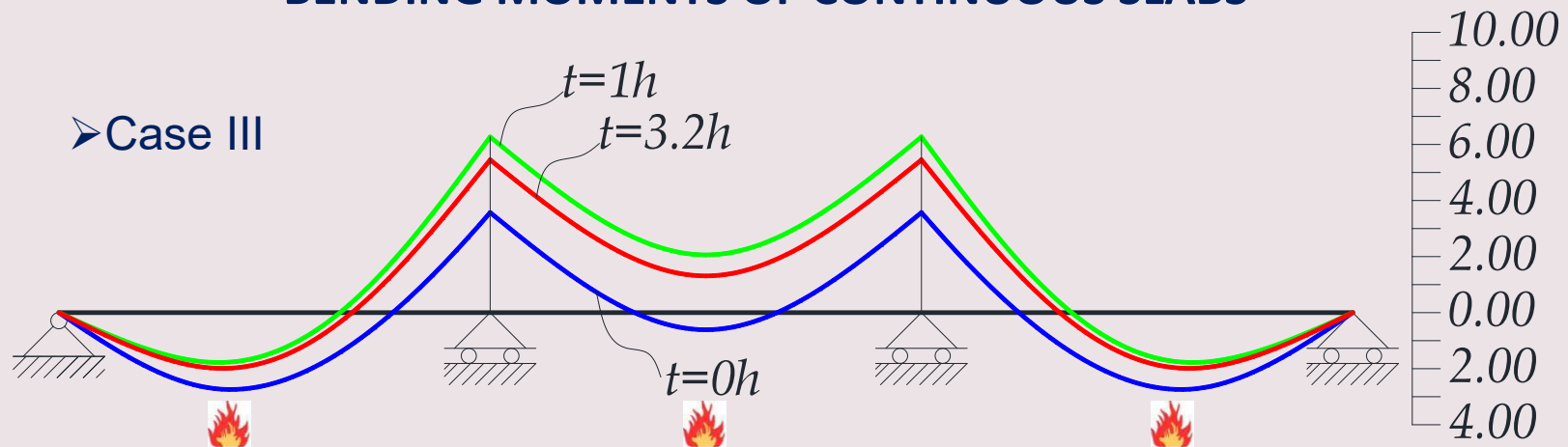
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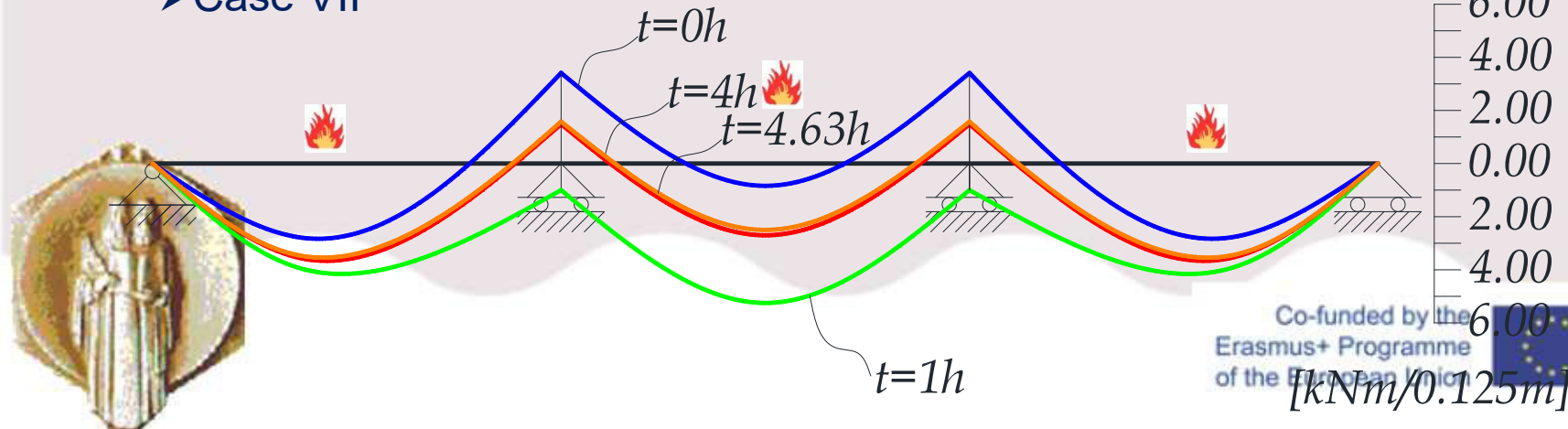
## DIFFERENT FIRE SCENARIOS

### BENDING MOMENTS OF CONTINUOUS SLABS

➤ Case III



➤ Case VII



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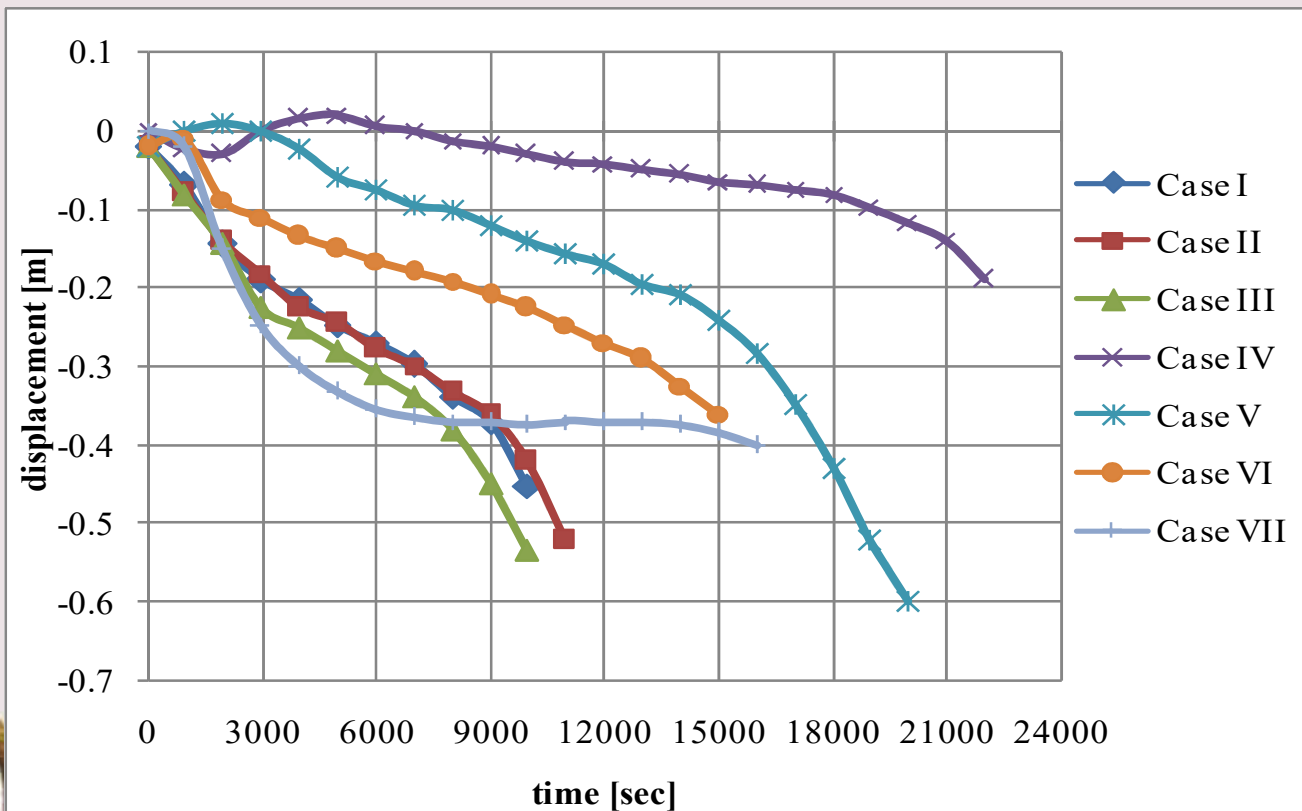


# CONTINUOUS RC SLABS



# DIFFERENT FIRE SCENARIOS

## VERTICAL DISPLACEMENTS AT LOCATION OF MAXIMUM POSITIVE MOMENT

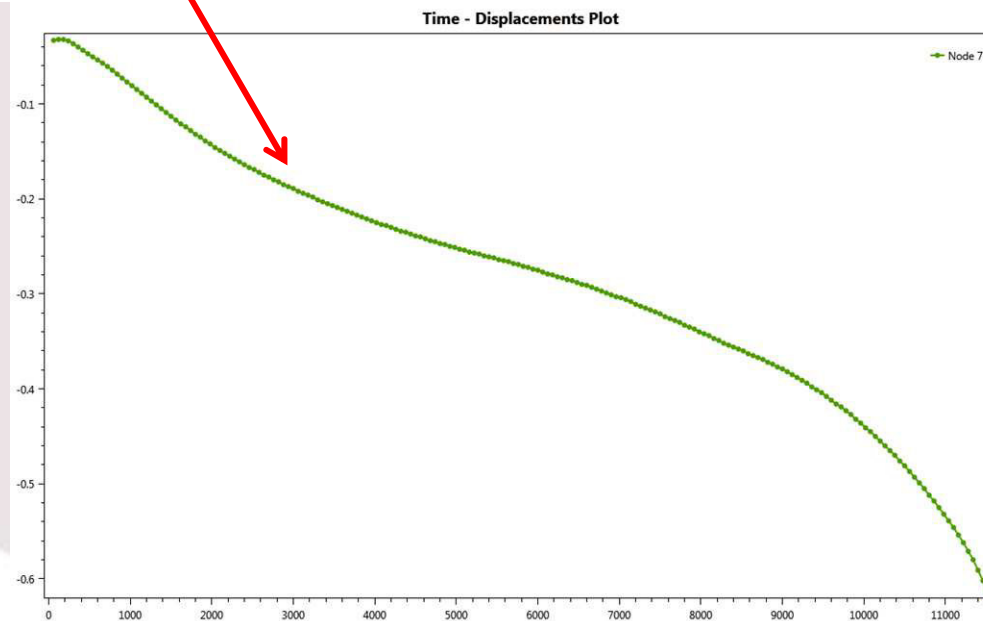
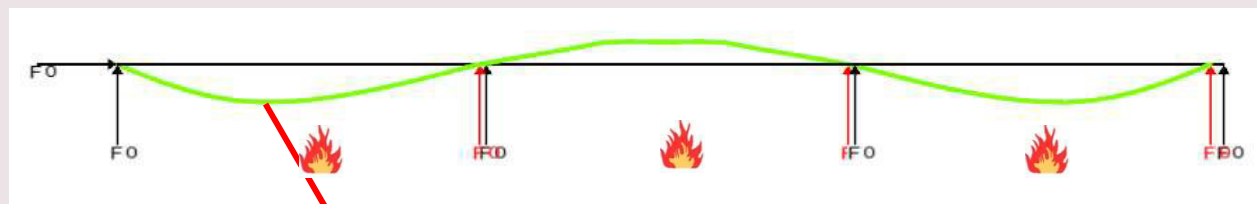


## CONTINUOUS RC SLABS



## DIFFERENT FIRE SCENARIOS

### DEFLECTED SHAPE OF SLAB AT FAILURE AND TIME-DISPLACEMENT OF NODE AT MIDSPAN FOR CASE III

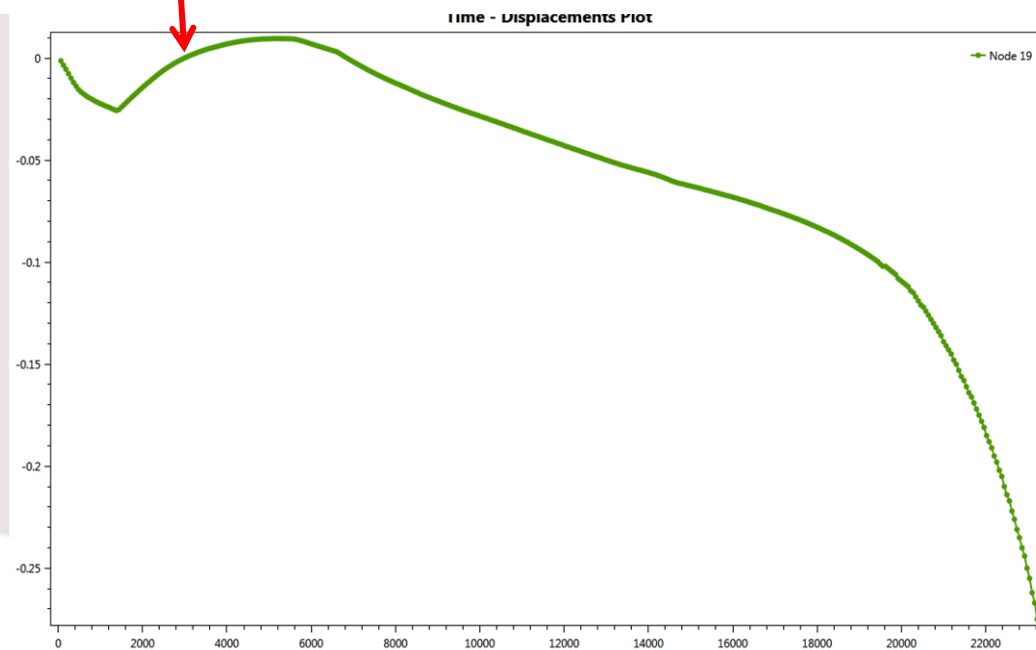
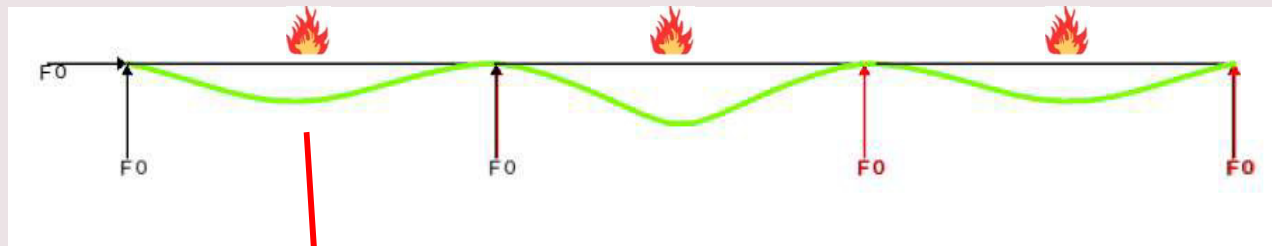


## CONTINUOUS RC SLABS



## DIFFERENT FIRE SCENARIOS

### DEFLECTED SHAPE OF SLAB AT FAILURE AND TIME-DISPLACEMENT OF NODE AT MIDSPAN FOR CASE VII



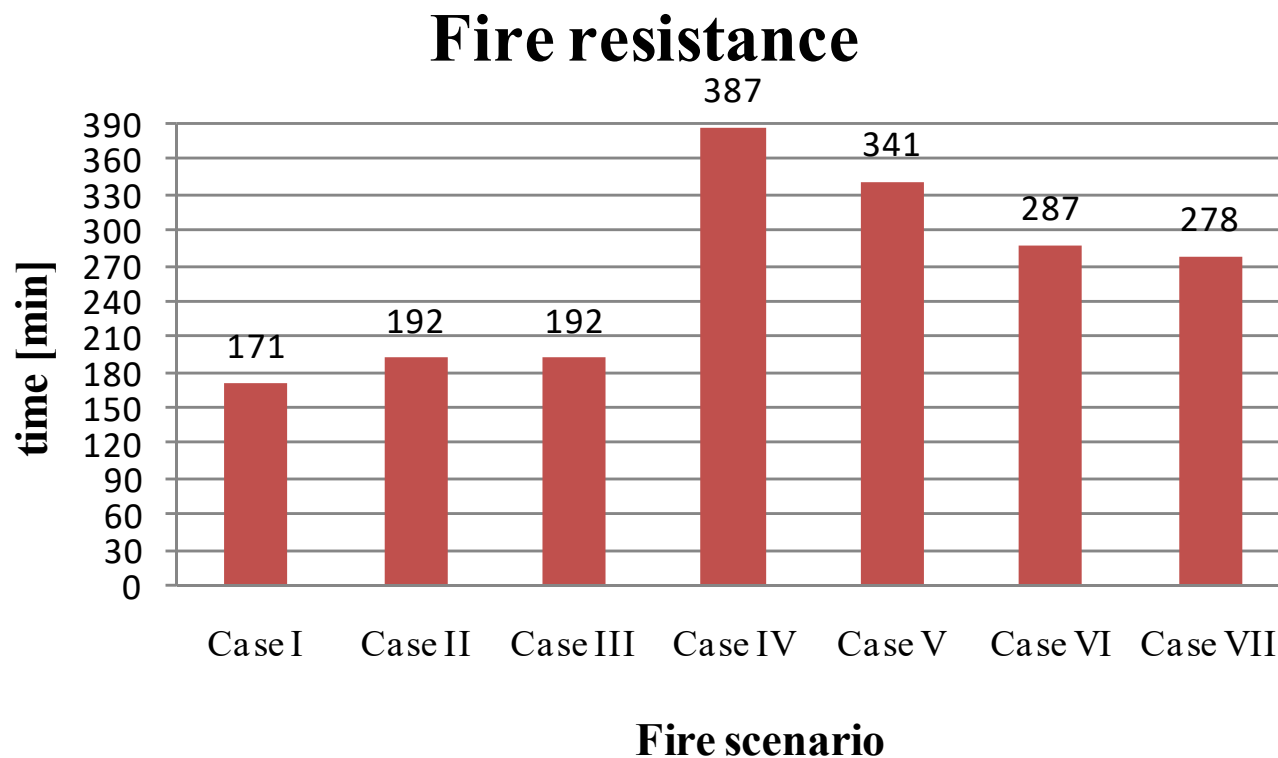


## CONTINUOUS RC SLABS



## DIFFERENT FIRE SCENARIOS

### FIRE RESISTANCE OF SLABS FOR VARIOUS FIRE SCENARIOS

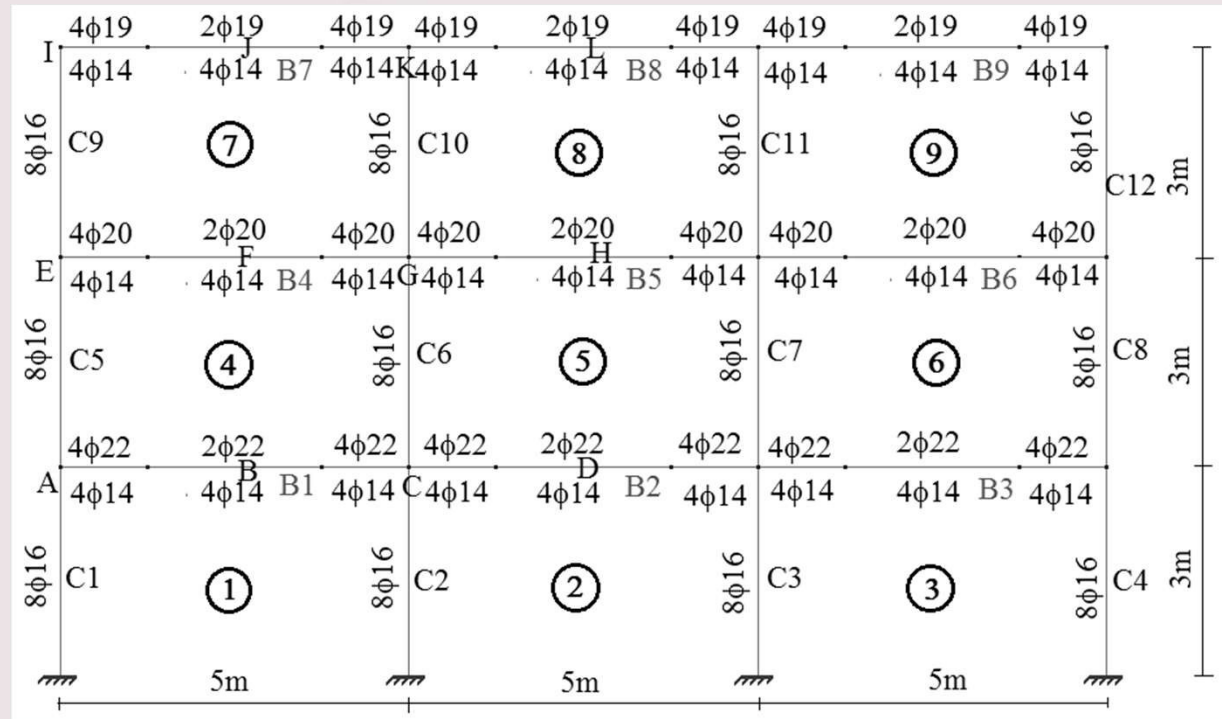


# Fire resistance of RC frame structure



## Case of different fire scenarios

### Description of the problem



- Cross-sections:  
All beams: 35/45 cm  
All columns: 40/40 cm
- Concrete:  $f_c=30$  Mpa
- Steel:  $f_y=400$  MPa
- Loading:  
beams  $q=50$  kN/m or  $q=67$  kN/m



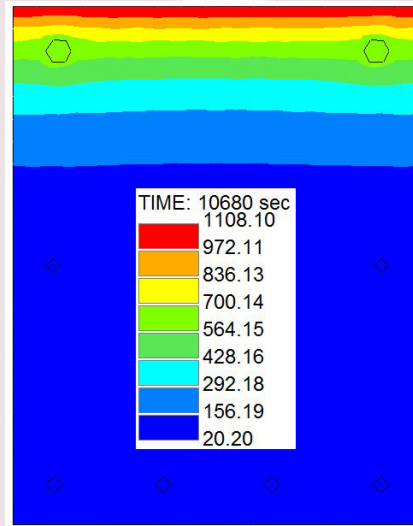


## Fire resistance of RC frame structure

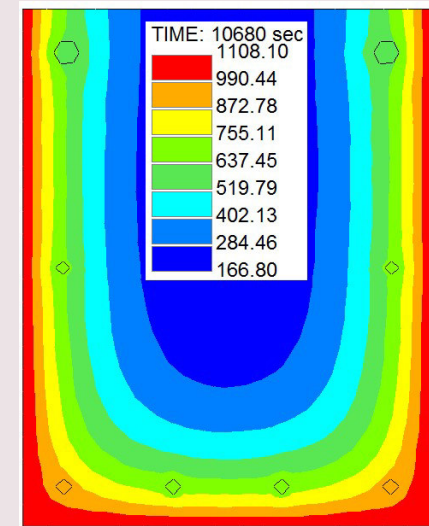
### Fire scenario II ( $q/q_u=0.6$ )

at the moment of  
failure of structure  
 $t = 2.97$  hours

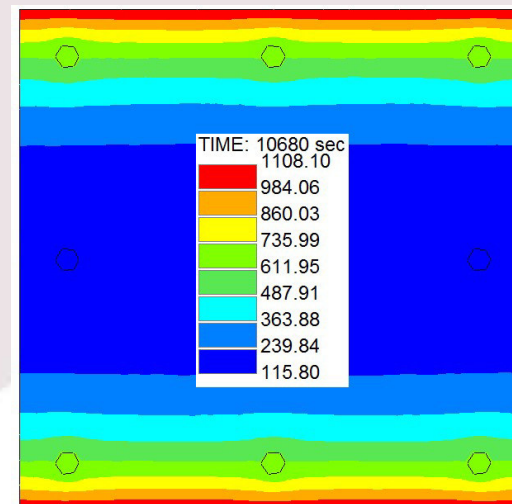
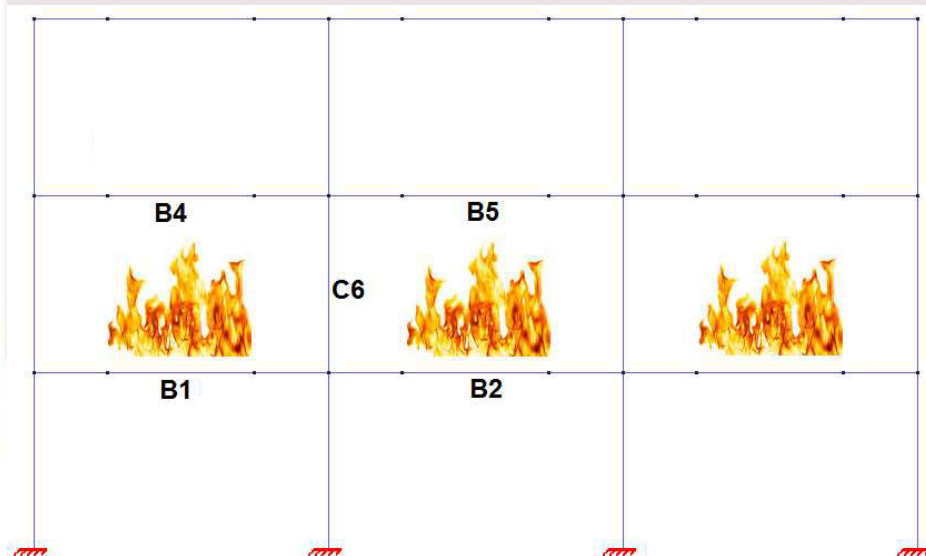
## Thermal analysis



Beam B1



Beam B4



Column  
C6

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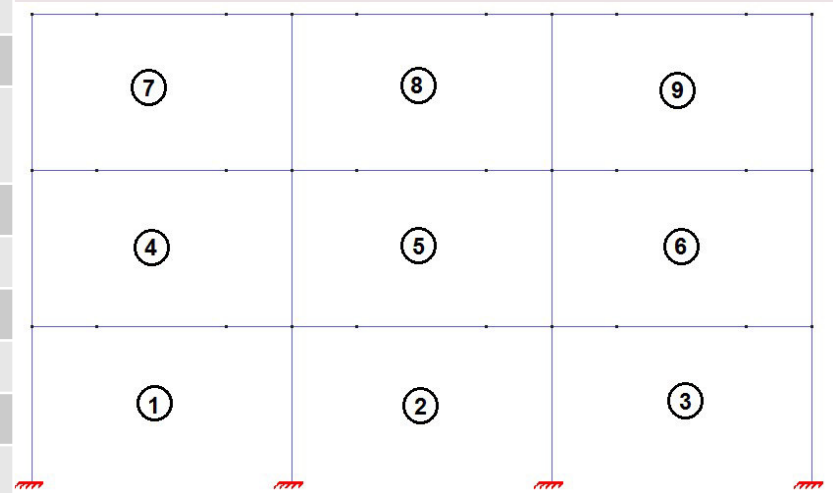


## Fire resistance of RC frame structure



## Structural analysis

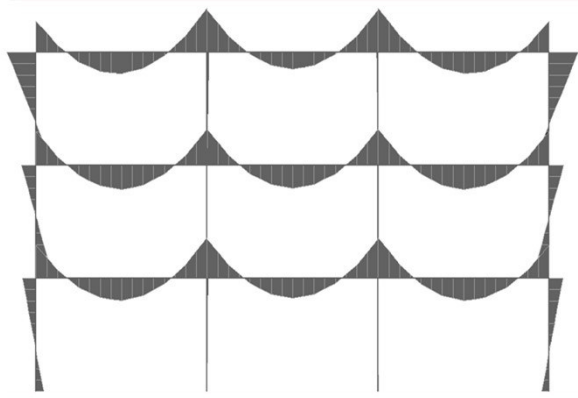
Fire scenario	Spans involved in the fire compartment	Fire resistance for $q/q_u=0.6$	Fire resistance for $q/q_u=0.8$
I	1, 2, 3	3.60 hours	2.31 hours
II	4, 5, 6	2.97 hours	1.93 hours
III	7, 8, 9	2.12 hours	1.25 hours
IV	1, 2	3.6 hours	2.31 hours
V	1	3.59 hours	2.29 hours
VI	2	No failure before 5 hours	3.33 hours
VII	4, 5	2.95 hours	1.94 hours
VIII	4	2.99 hours	1.95 hours
IX	5	4.15 hours	2.52 hours
X	7, 8	2.13 hours	1.27 hours
XI	7	2.10 hour	1.25 hours
XII	8	2.49 hours	1.55 hours



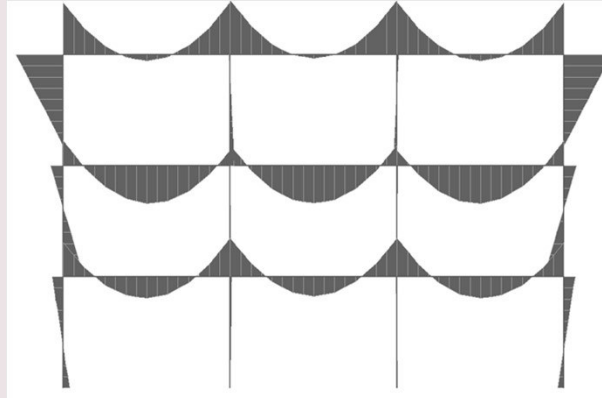


## Fire resistance of RC frame structure

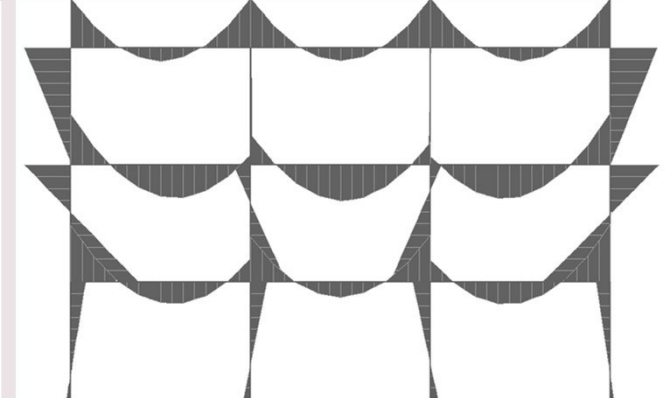
## Structural analysis: Bending moments



M - diagram at t=24 sec

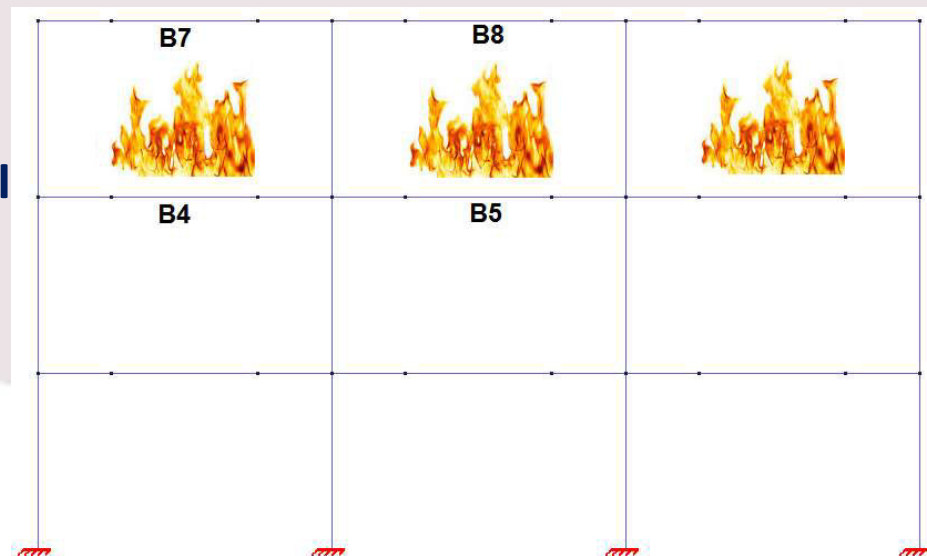


M - diagram at t=9 min



M - diagram at t=2.12 hours  
(failure of structure)

## Fire scenario III



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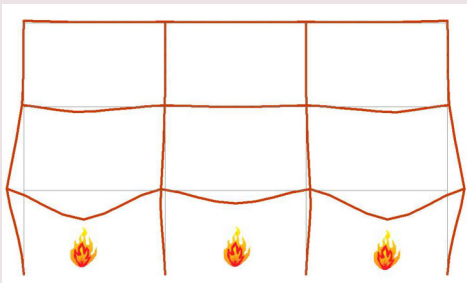




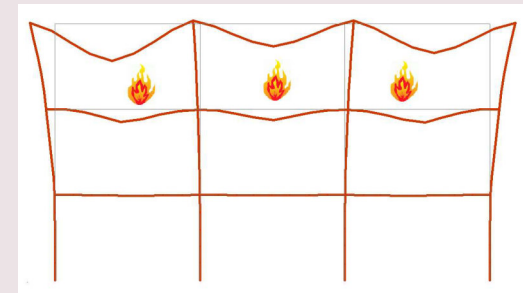
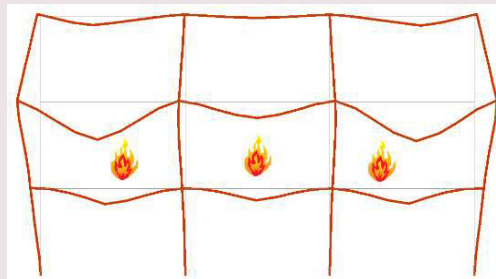
## Fire resistance of RC frame structure

## Structural analysis: Deflections

### Fire scenario I, II and III

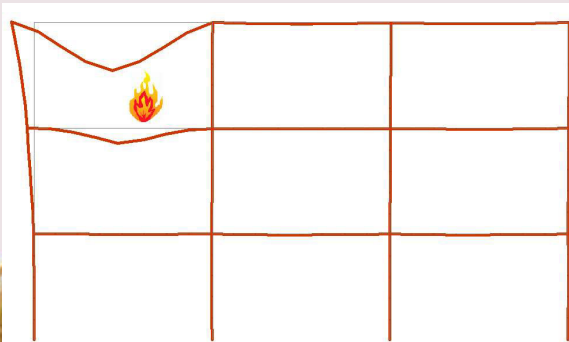


**The best fire scenario**

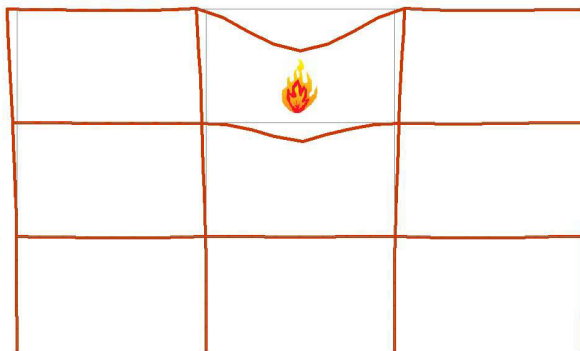


**The worst fire scenario**

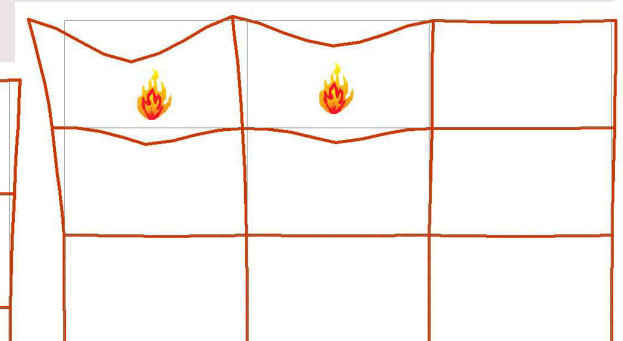
### Fire scenario X, XI and XII



**The worst fire scenario**



**The best fire scenario**



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## Fire resistance of RC frame structure



### CONCLUSIONS

- The higher the fire compartment is, the lower fire resistance of the structure is reached.
- In all fire scenarios for a particular floor there is no difference in the fire resistance of the frame, except in the case when the fire compartment involves only the central span. Then, drastic improvement of the fire resistance is reached and lower lateral displacements occur (because of the high compression forces induced in the middle beams).
- Different levels of restraint from surrounding cold frame elements affect the deflections and the thermal expansions of the fire exposed beams.



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# FIRE RESISTANCE OF STEEL STRUCTURES



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# UNPOTECTED STEEL STRUCTURES



## STEEL STRUCTURE AFTER FIRE



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# UNPOTECTED STEEL STRUCTURES



Only load bearing function **R** of steel structures is covered by the design rules of the fire part of Eurocode 3

Load bearing function of a structure is satisfied only if during the relevant duration of fire exposure **t**

$$E_{fi,d,t} \leq R_{fi,d,t}$$

where

**E**<sub>fi,d,t</sub> : design effect of actions (Eurocodes 0 and 1)

**R**<sub>fi,d,t</sub> : corresponding design resistance of the structure at instant **t**



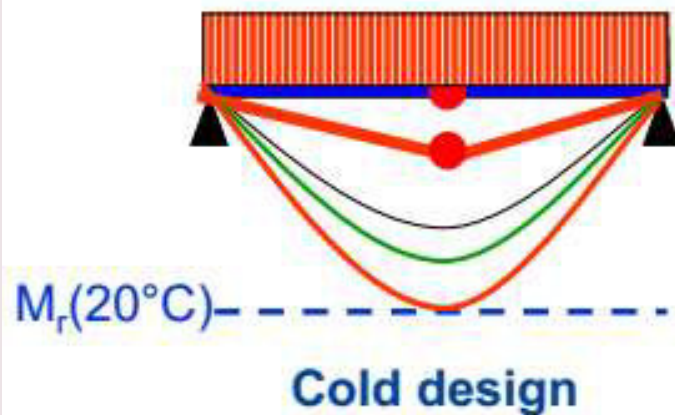


# UNPOTECTED STEEL STRUCTURES



Load bearing function **R** in fire and ambient temperature design

Constant room temperature (20 °C)



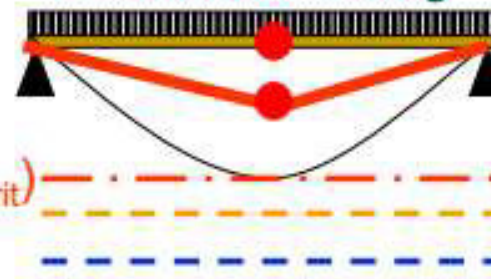
Load increase

**Fire design**

Constant loading

Temperature increase  
until the collapse at  
instant **t**

$M_r(\theta_{\text{crit}})$



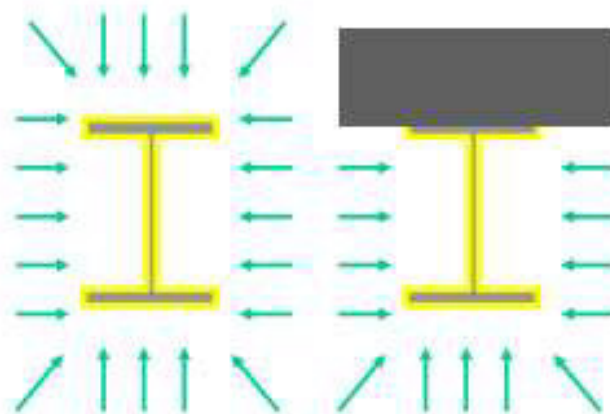
$M_r(\theta)$   
 $M_r(20^\circ\text{C})$



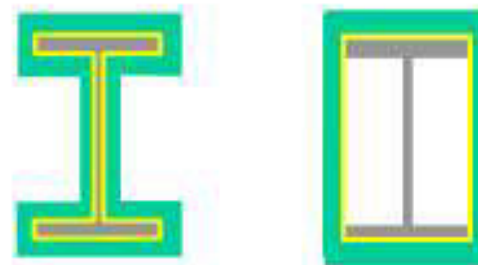
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Section factor:



bare steel members



insulated steel members

**Definition:** ratio between “perimeter through which heat is transferred to steel” and “steel volume”



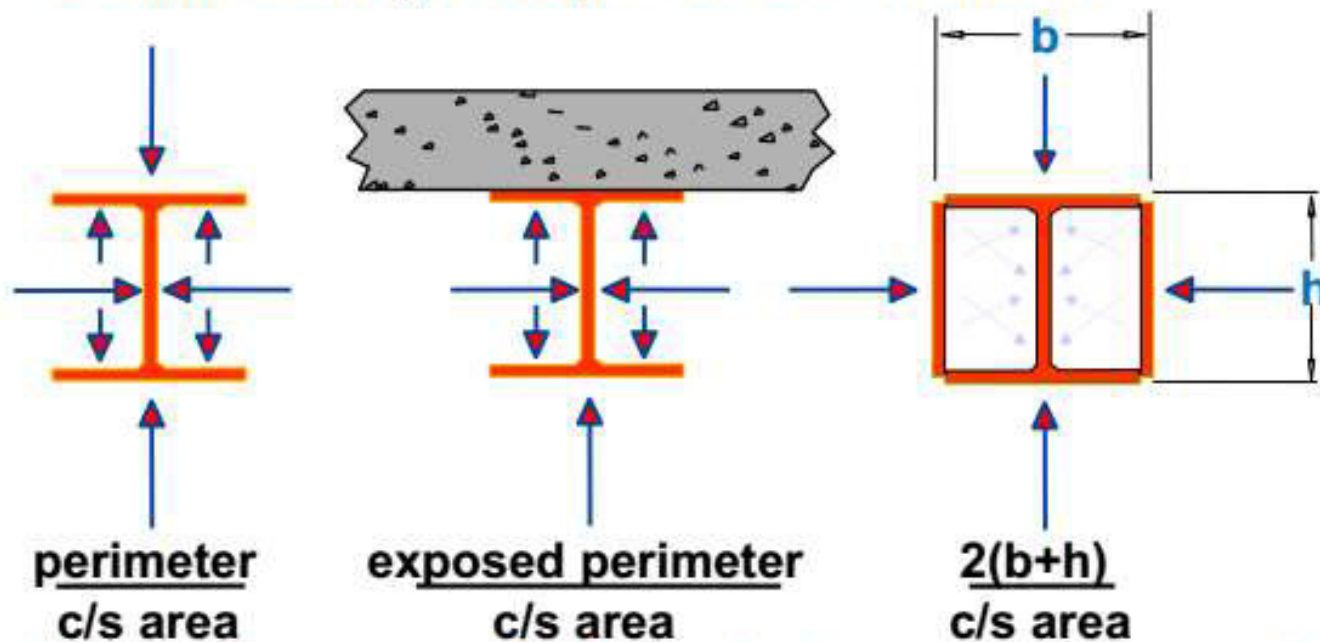
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Section factor  $A_m/V$  - unprotected steel members



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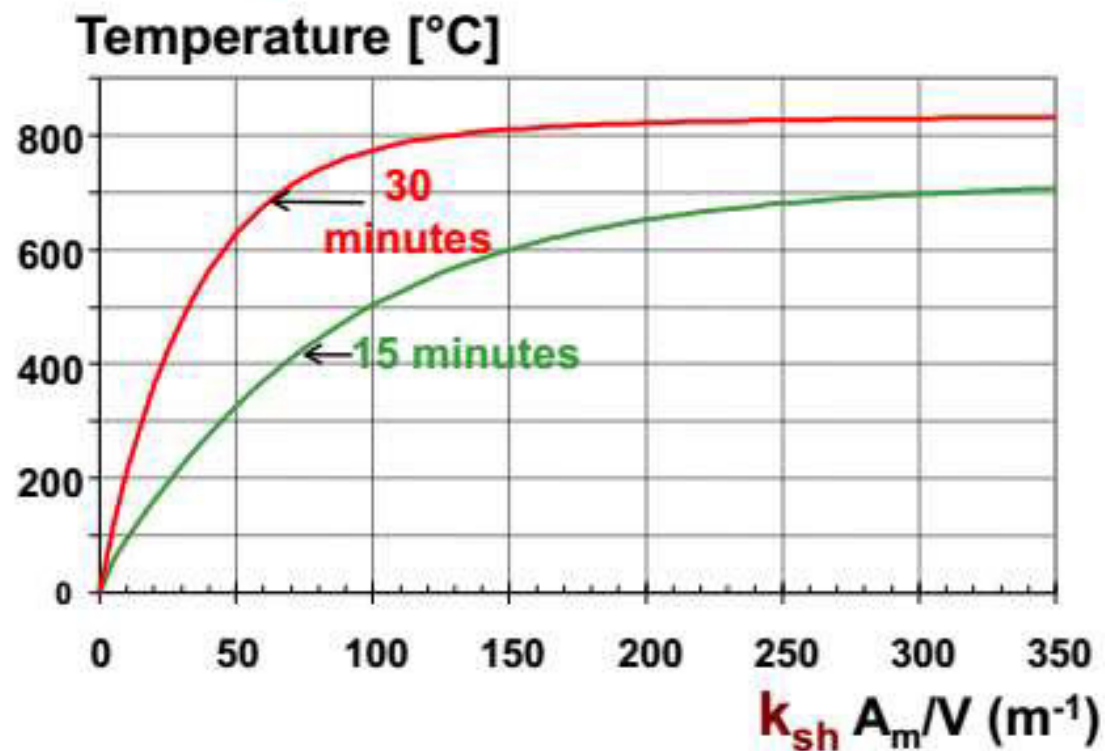


# UNPOTECTED STEEL STRUCTURES



## Steel temperature as function of Section Value

- Bare steel profiles





# FIRE RESISTANCE OF ENERGY EFFICIENT STRUCTURES



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## FIRE RESISTANCE OF ENERGY EFFICIENT STRUCTURES



### FIRE RESISTANCE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SIMPLY SUPPORTED FLOOR STRUCTURES

- Comparing with the traditional one, the new contemporary materials are lightweight and have better thermal and acoustic properties, but it doesn't mean that in case of fire the higher fire resistance should be achieved.
- Some of these materials (Styrodur, Styrofoam, etc) are thermally unstable when exposed to high temperatures.
- From that reason general recommendations on how to use these materials and the need for the fire protection of the floor structures should be provided.

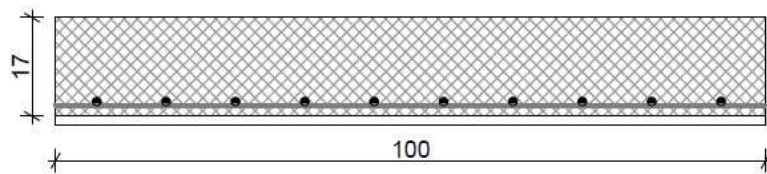


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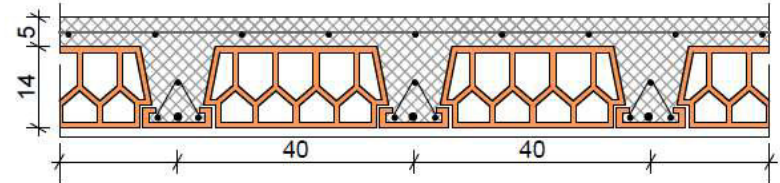


Different types of floor structures:

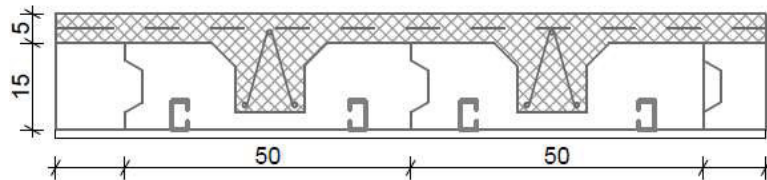
- a) RC slab;
- b) slab system FERT;
- c) slab system STIRODOM with plasterboard as thermal insulation;
- d) slab system STIRODOM



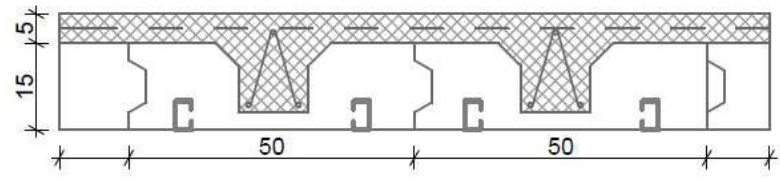
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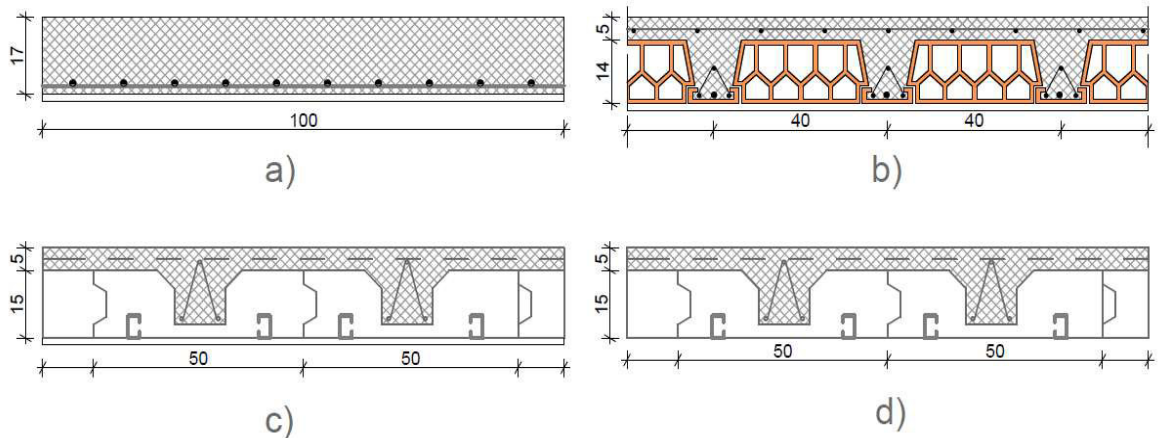


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Does the floor structure meet the required fire resistance criteria mainly depends on:

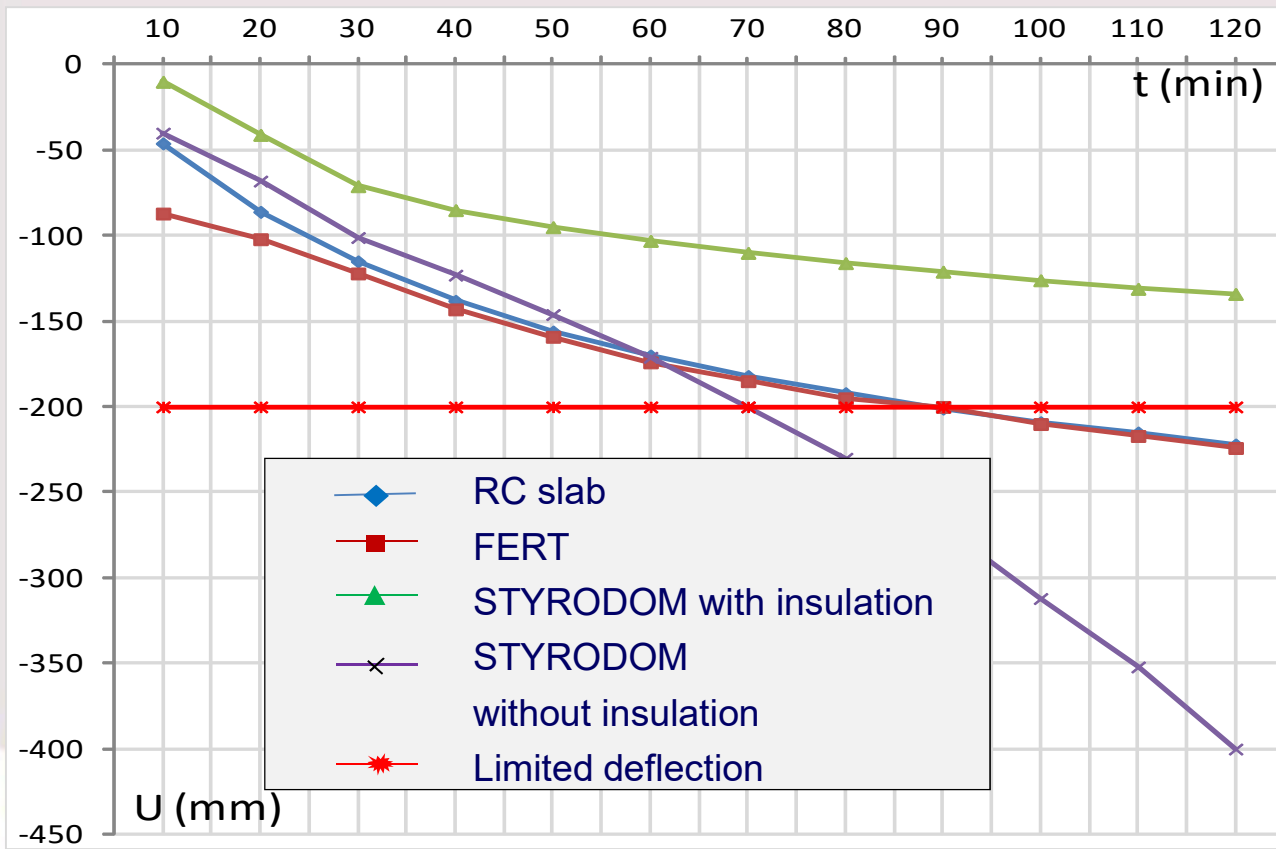
- mechanical and thermal characteristics of the materials used for the construction;
- initial loading level;
- support conditions;
- dimensions of the cross section;
- steel ratio;
- concrete cover thickness
- fire scenario.





## Criterion R

### Time dependent vertical deflections of the simply supported floor structures exposed to fire from the bottom side



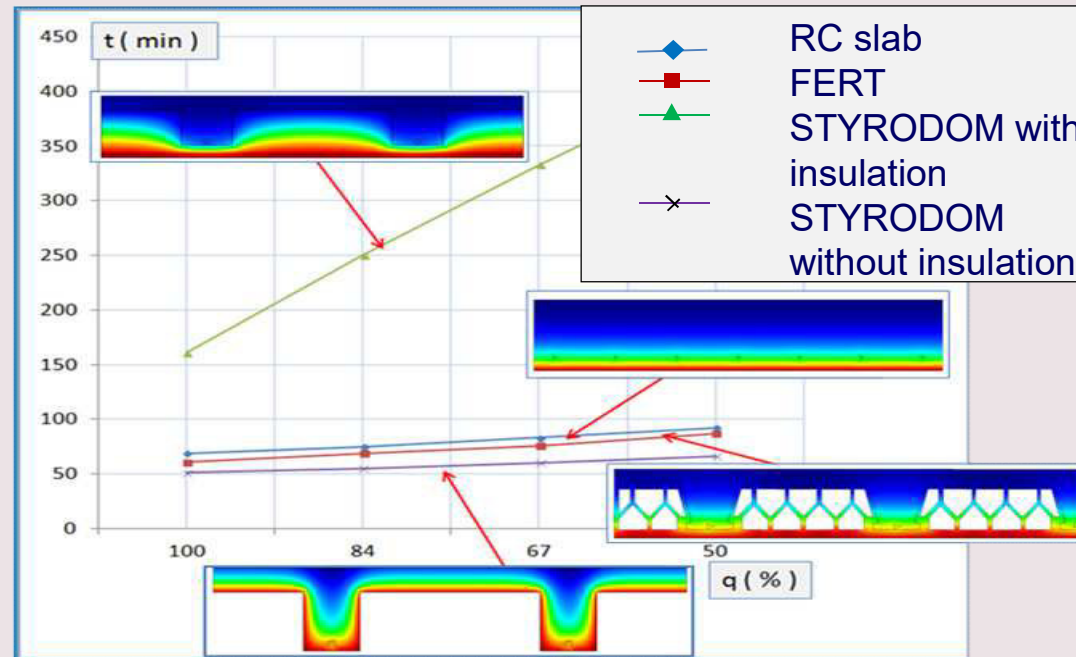
- Melting of the infill of extruded polystyrene-XPS starts at temperatures  $T=300^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- At temperatures  $T=450-500^{\circ}\text{C}$  the infill is completely burned



# Criterion R



Fire resistance as function of the applied loads expressed as percentage of the design loads that cause deflections  $L/250$



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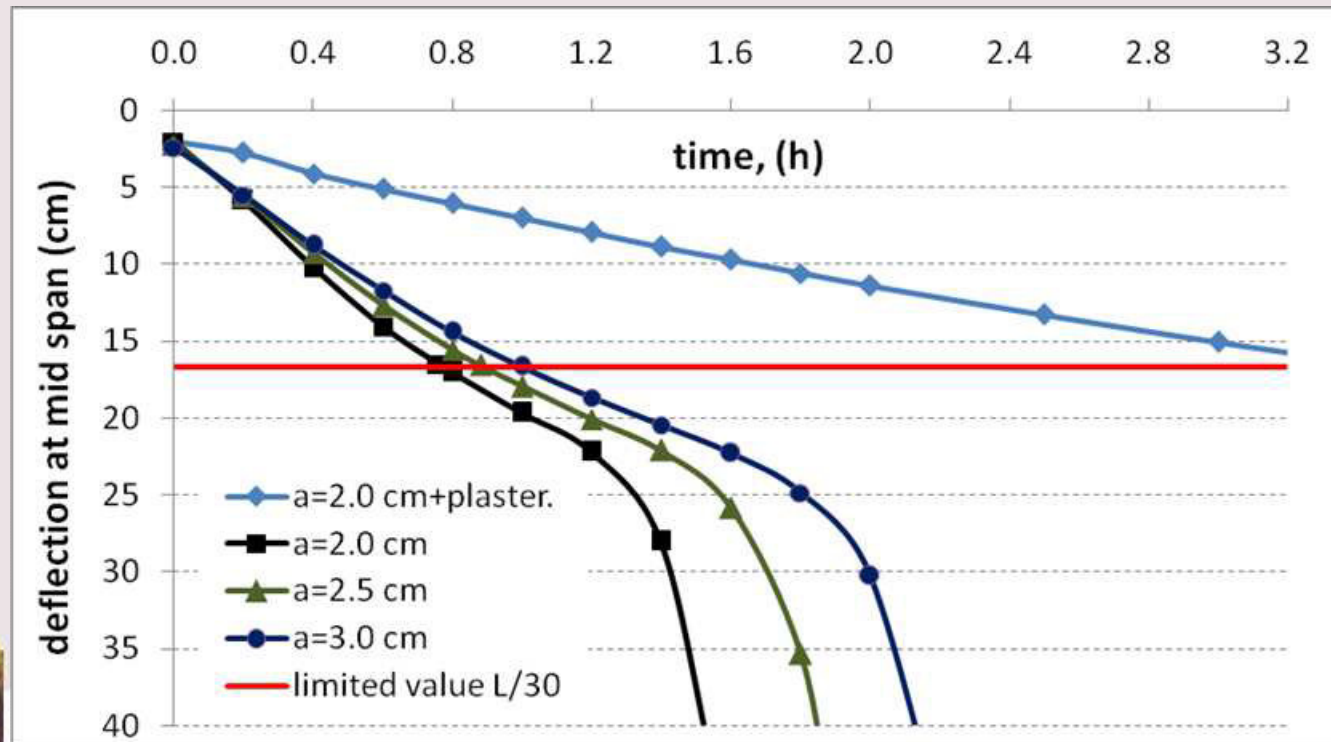




## Criterion R



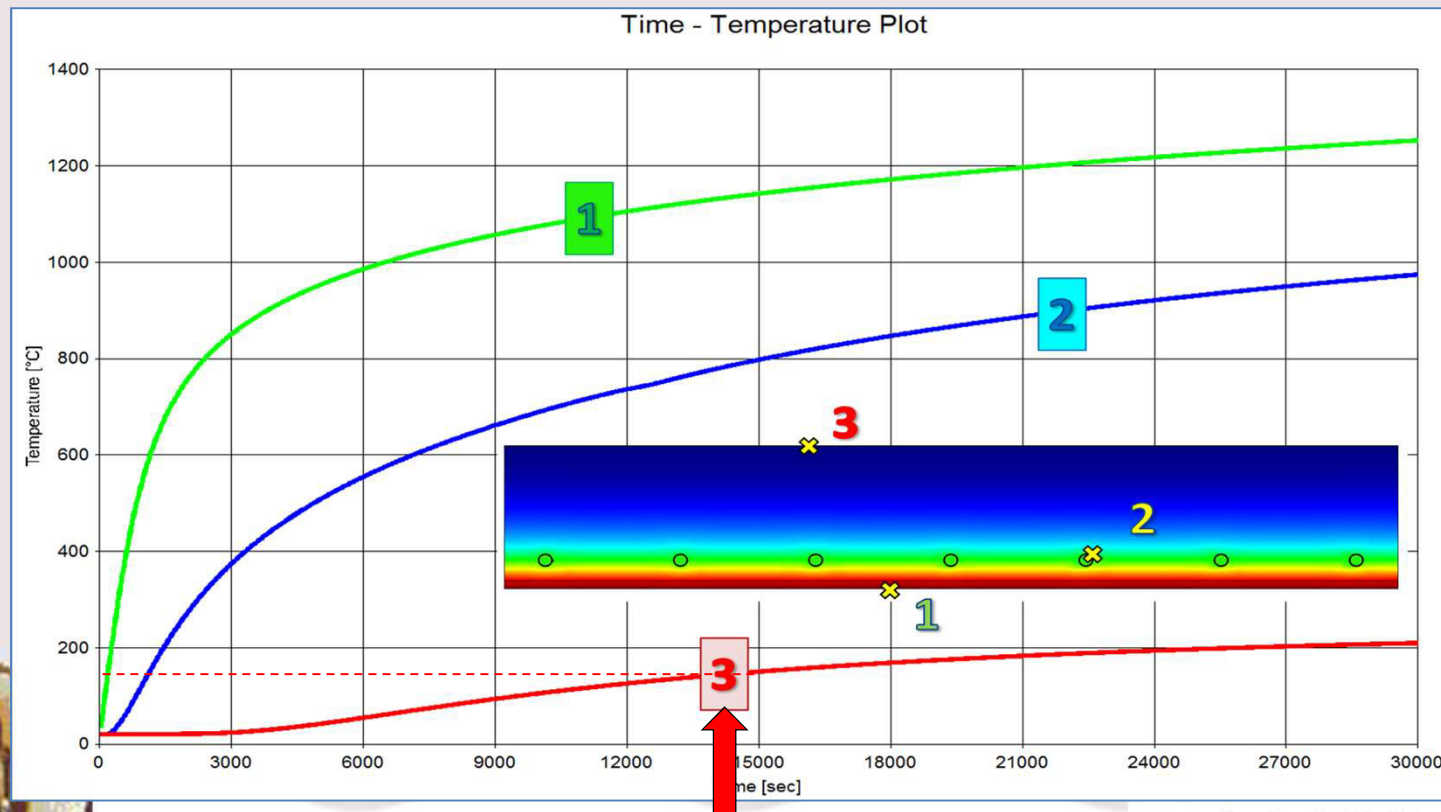
**Deflection at the mid span of a simply supported RC beam as function of the concrete cover thickness “a” and insulation with plasterboard**



# Criterion I



## Temperatures in characteristic points of the cross section of RC slab



**$t=250\text{min} \Rightarrow T=160^{\circ}\text{C}$**

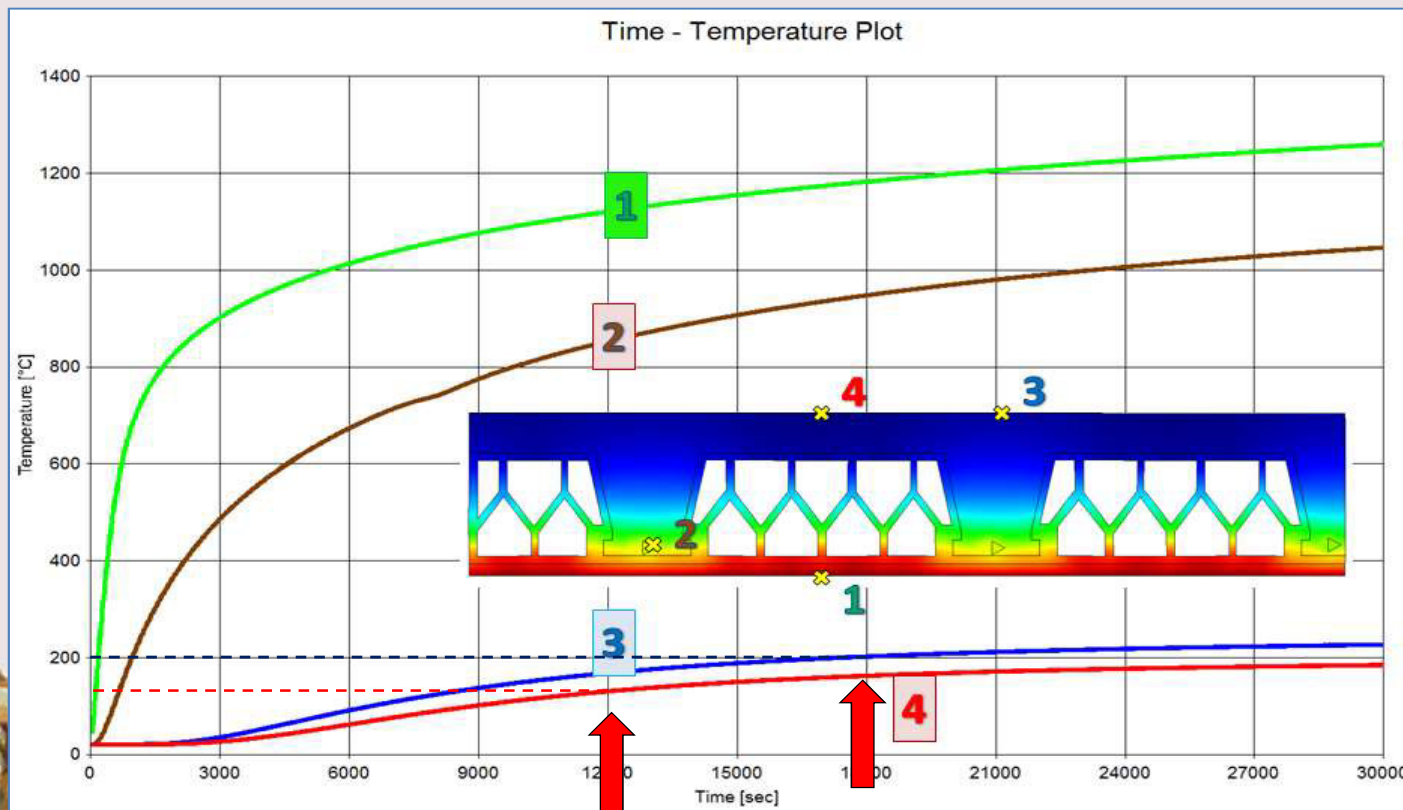
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# Criterion I



## Temperatures in characteristic points of the cross section of the slab system FERT



$t=300\text{min} \Rightarrow T=200^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 $t=200\text{min} \Rightarrow T=160^{\circ}\text{C}$

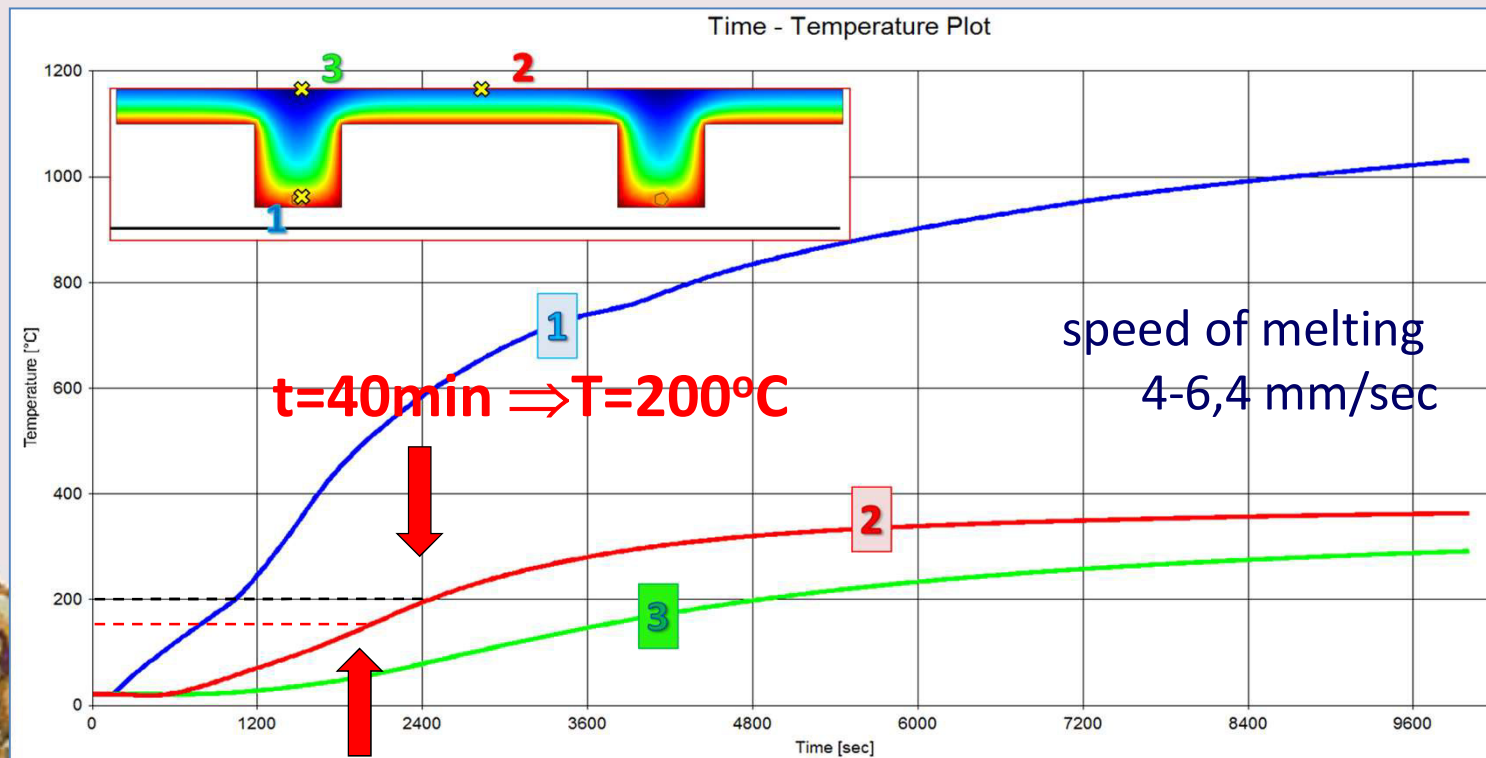
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# Criterion I



## Temperatures in characteristic points of the cross section of the slab system STYRODOM without plasterboard



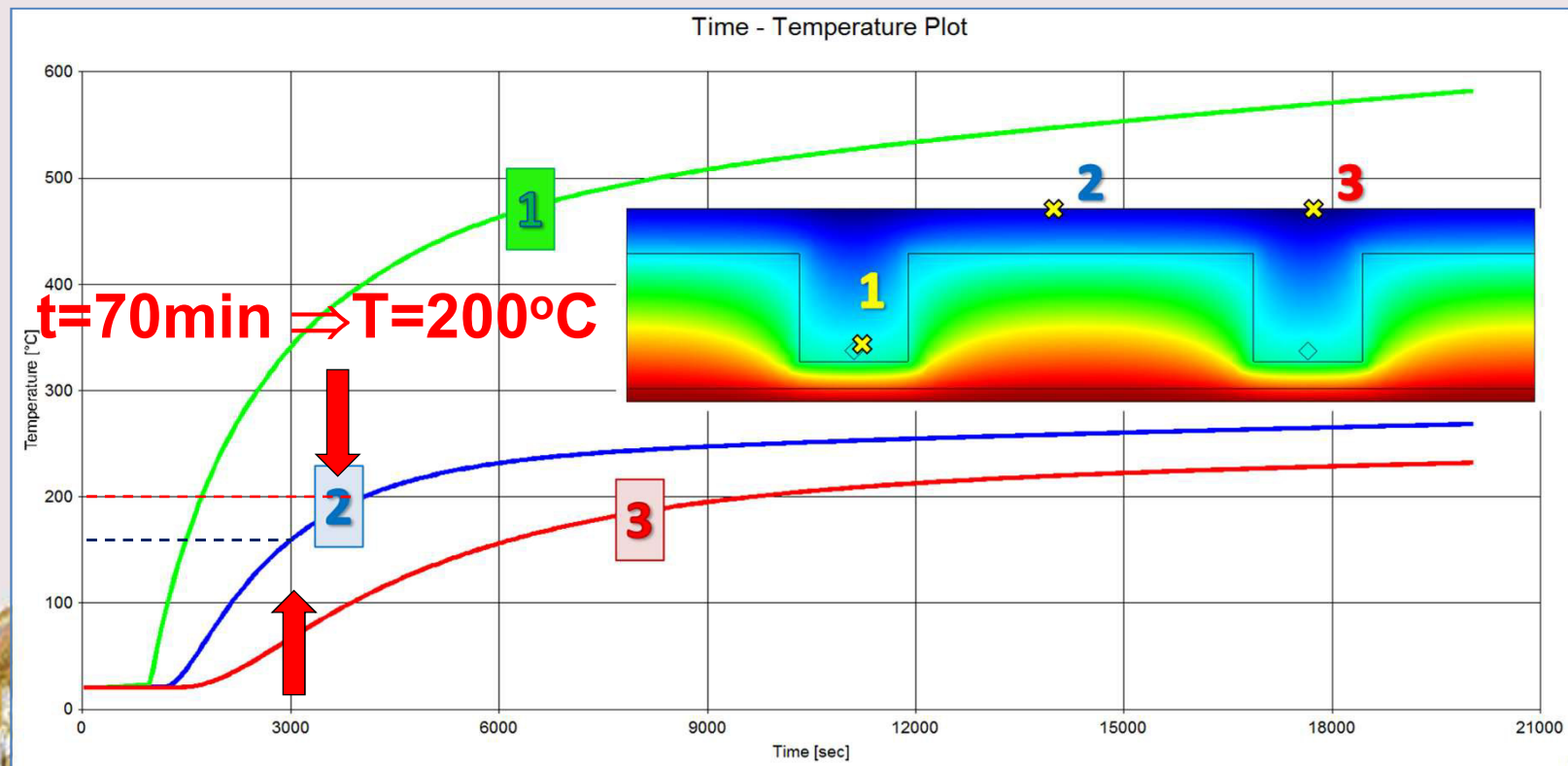
$t=35\text{min} \Rightarrow T=160^{\circ}\text{C}$





# Criterion I

**Temperatures in characteristic points of the cross section of the slab  
system STYRODOM  
with plasterboard d=1.5cm**



**$t=70\text{min} \Rightarrow T=200^{\circ}\text{C}$**

**$t=50\text{min} \Rightarrow T=160^{\circ}\text{C}$**





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## CONCLUSIONS

- RC slabs have the best performance at ambient temperature, as well as in case of fire.
- The performance of the slab system FERT when exposed to fire is satisfactory too, but we should not neglect its lower stiffness and greater deflections at ambient temperatures.
- The fire resistance of the contemporary floor structures (STYRODOM, ITONG, etc.) depends on the thermal insulation of the slab.
- The infill of extruded polystyrene-XPS is sensitive on temperatures over 300°C, therefore we should not avoid these structures, but it is necessary to provide protective measures.
- Findings in this paper underline the positive effect of using a thicker concrete cover thickness or thermal insulation on increasing the fire resistance of simply supported RC slabs.





## GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

- Treating fire only through architectural and urban design recommendations and fire protecting elements with isolation materials was not enough.
- There is a necessity of understanding the behavior of fire exposed:

construction materials,  
structural elements,  
assemblies and whole structures.



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## ARE THE ENERGY EFFICIENT FASADES SAFE IN CASE OF FIRE???



After 12 minutes  
„flash-over“ 1st floor



After 20 minutes  
„flash-over“ 2nd floor



After 25 minutes



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## FFT PROJECT (Façade Fire Testing)

BS 8414 standard test



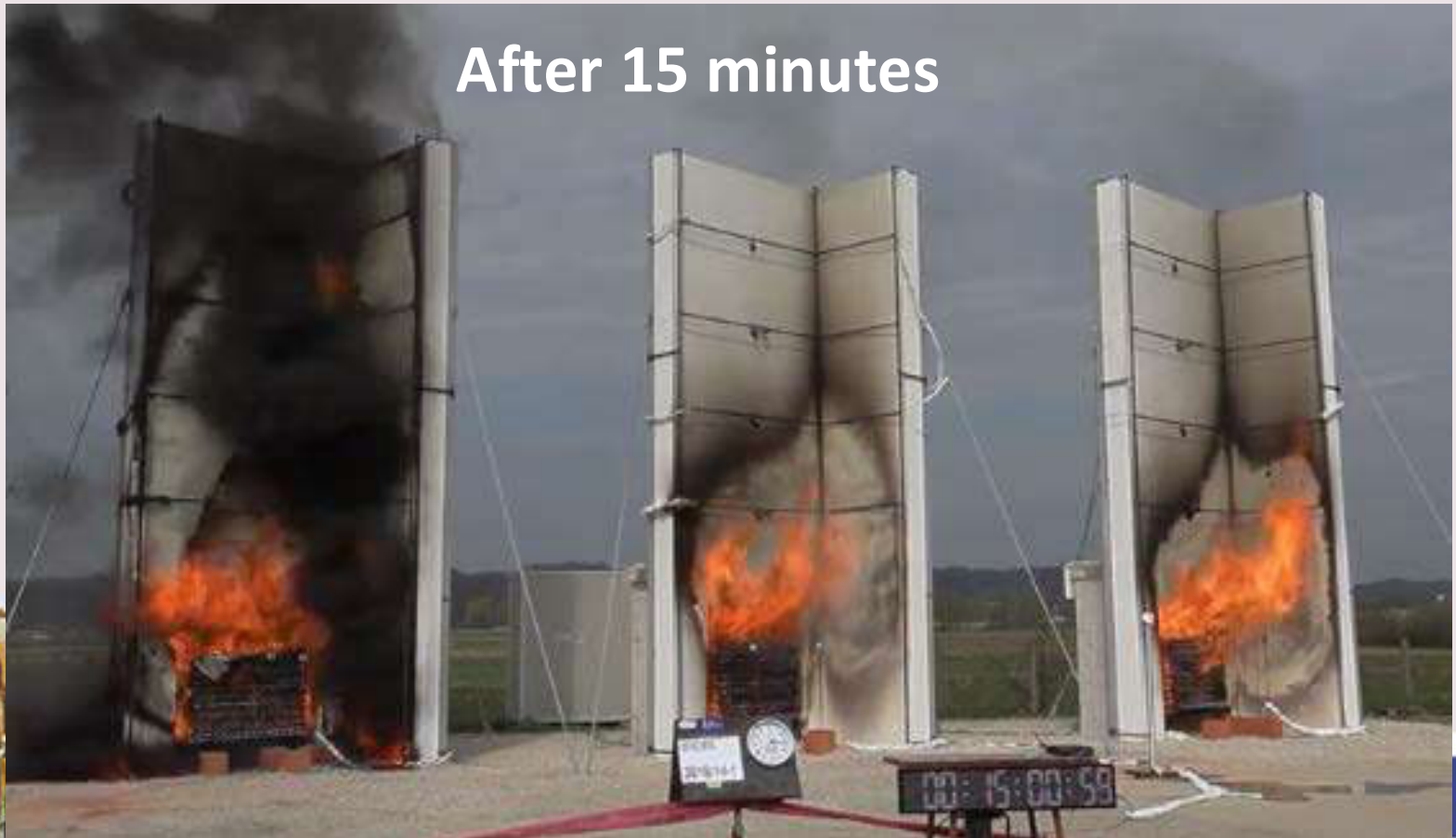


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## FFT PROJECT (Façade Fire Testing)

After 15 minutes



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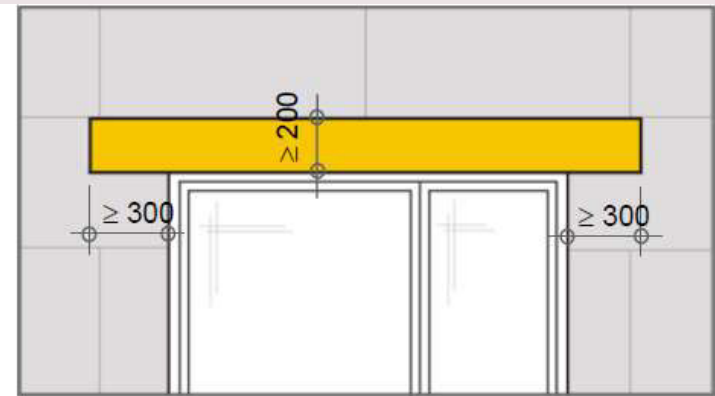
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## HOW WE CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM ?



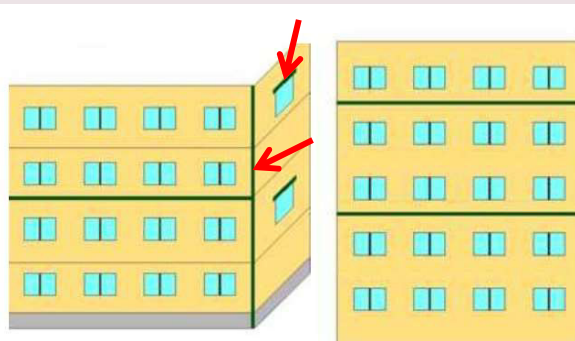
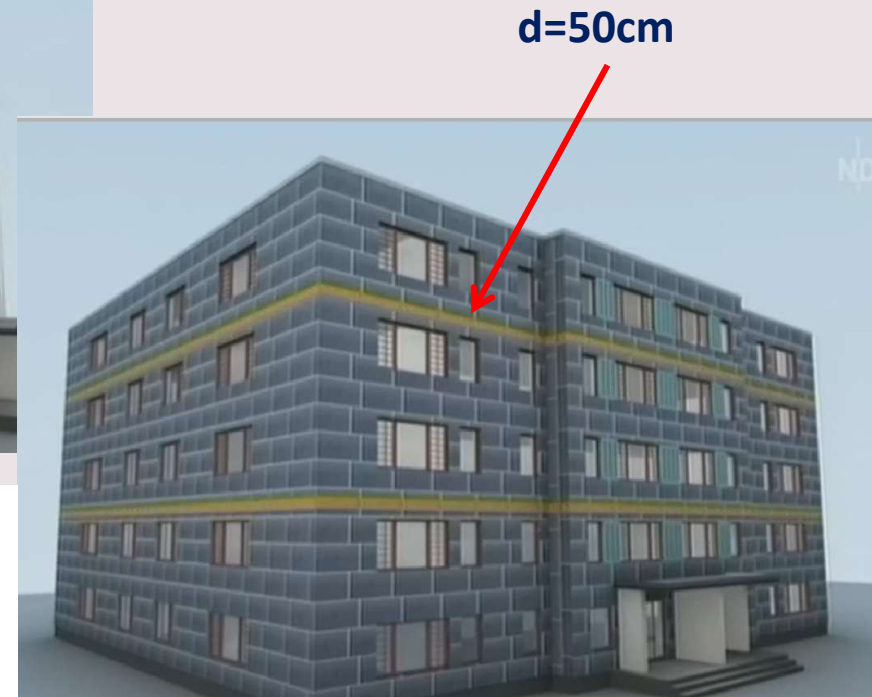
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**SOMEBODY DID IT  
CORRECTLY**



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## **FIRE RESISTANCE OF ENERGY EFFICIENT STRUCTURES**



**BUT SOMEBODY DID'T !!!**



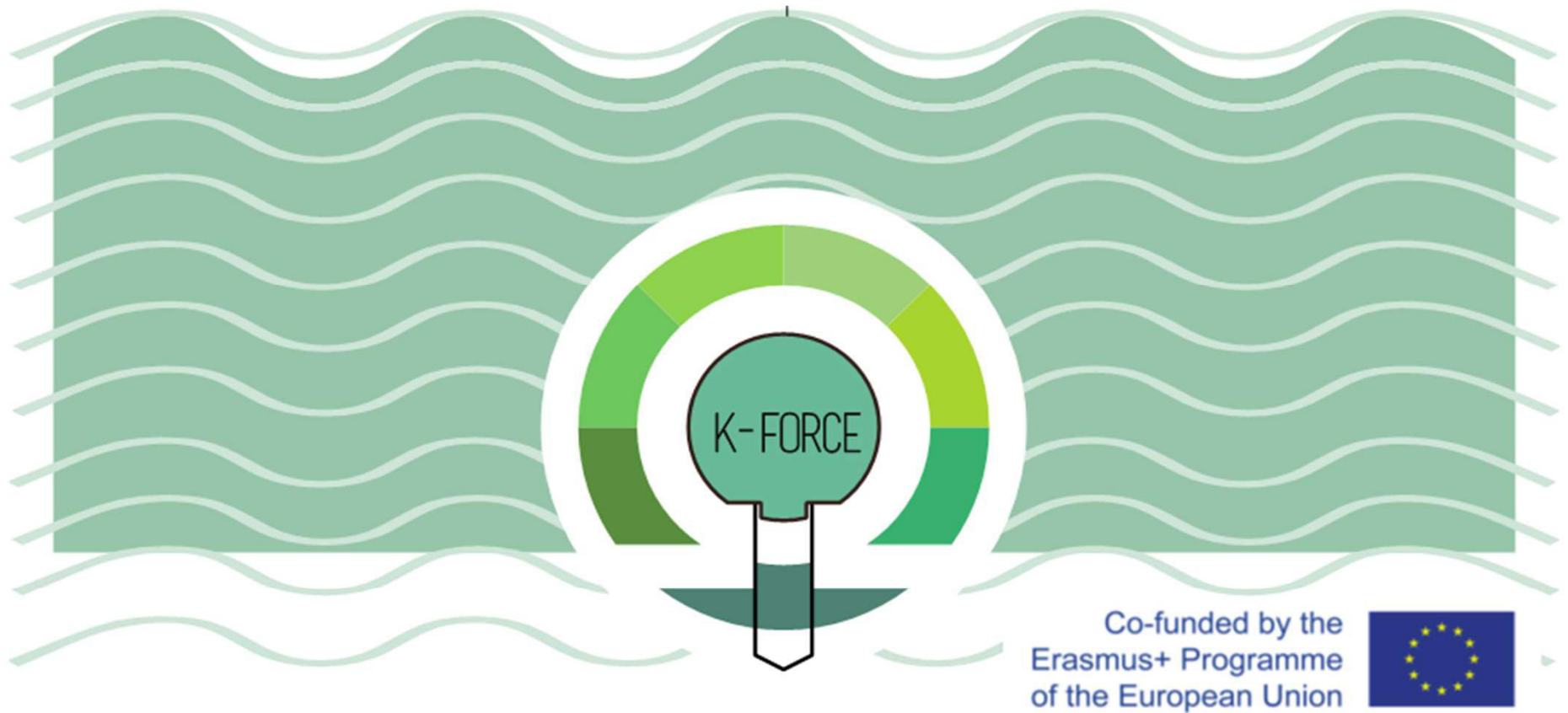
**SOMEBODY UNDERSTOOD OPOSITE !!!**





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**Thank you for your attention!**

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