

Tools for Performance and/or Objective Based Structural Fire Design

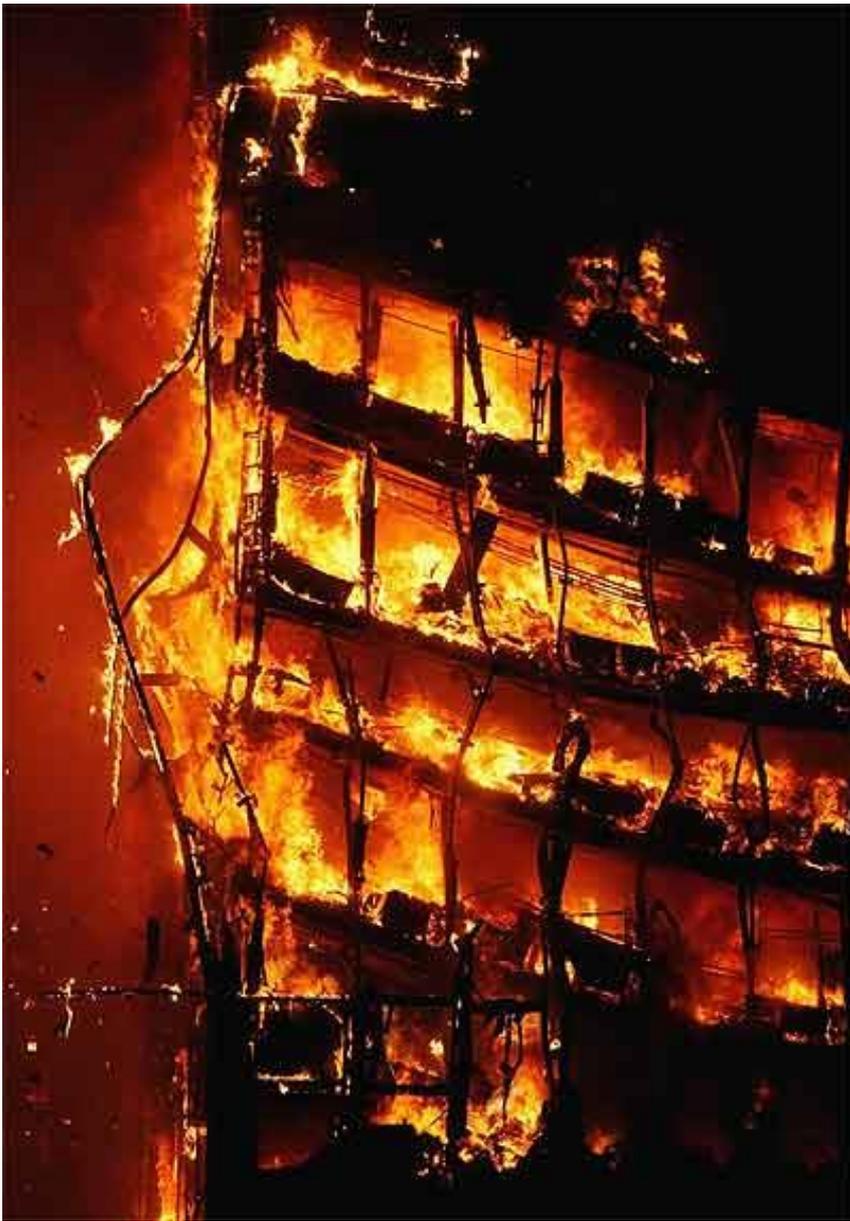
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Design Codes and Structural Fire Engineering

- Architect and Structural Engineer
- *EuroCode 2*:
 - estimate the fire resistance of structural elements.
 - basis for advanced models at the structure level.
- *2005 NBCC*:
 - Objective-Based Design.
- *US*:
 - ASCE 7 / Performance-Based Design.

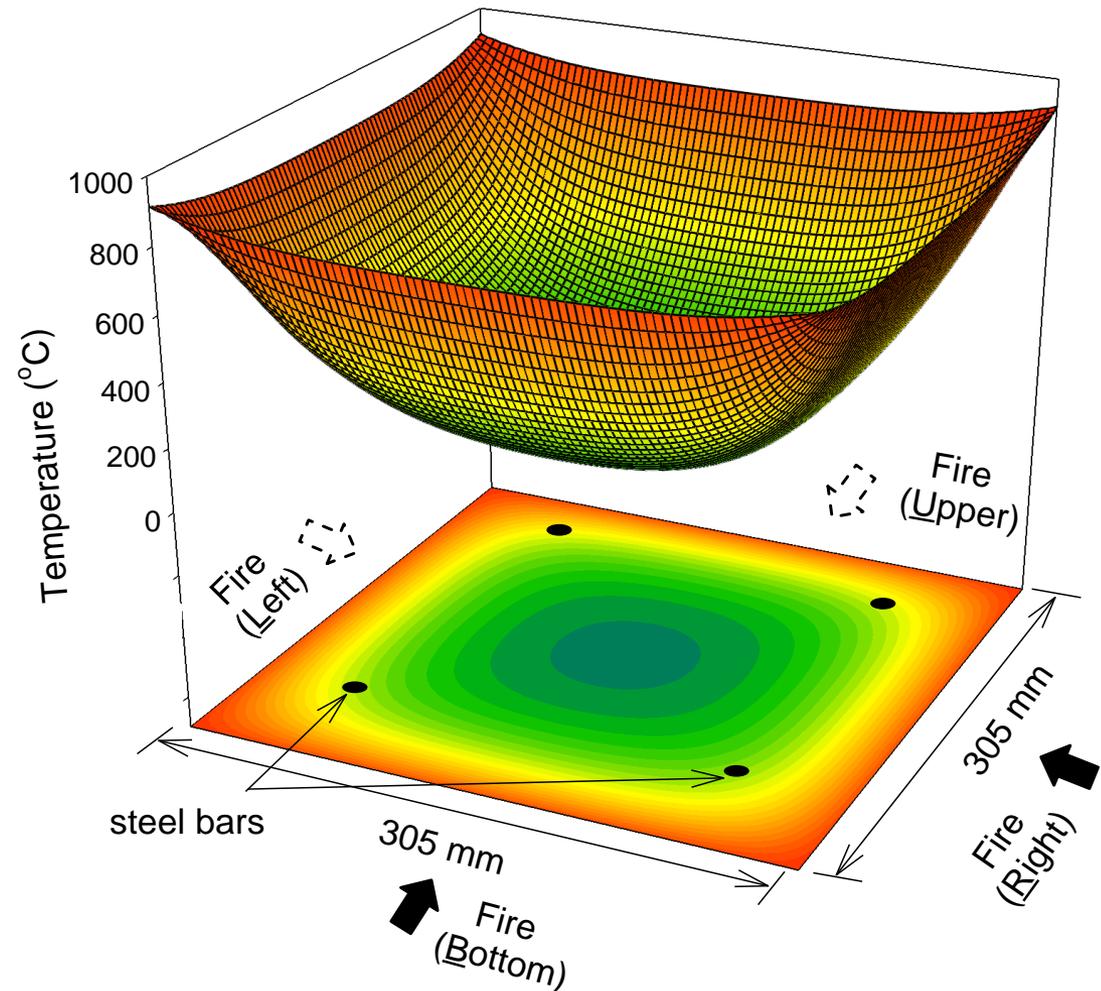
RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

- Provide engineers with the ability to analyze structures exposed to fire
 - Simple Methods (develop engineering sense).
- Develop design tools for different RC elements.

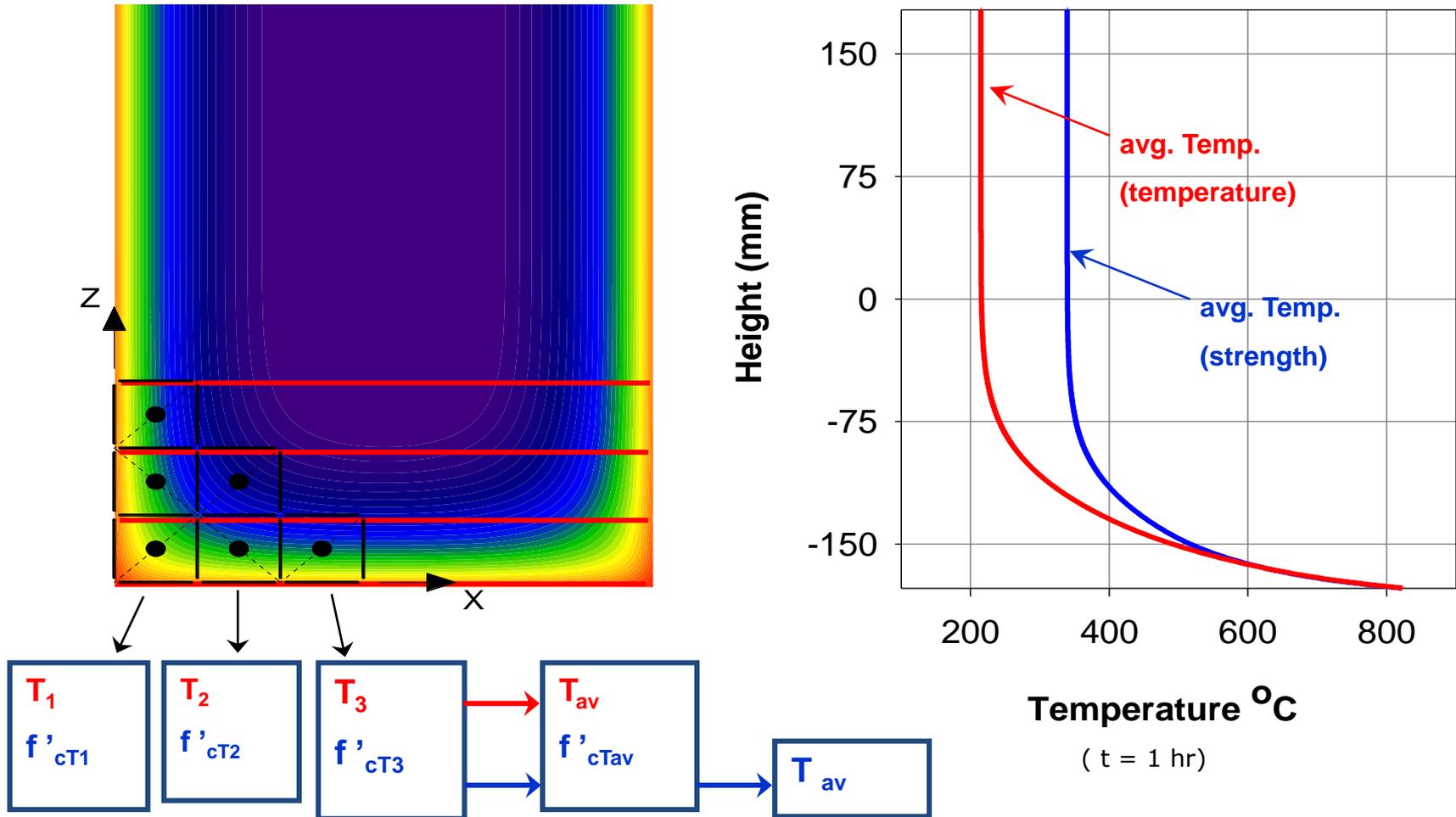
*This presentation will cover the major challenges
and the overall vision*

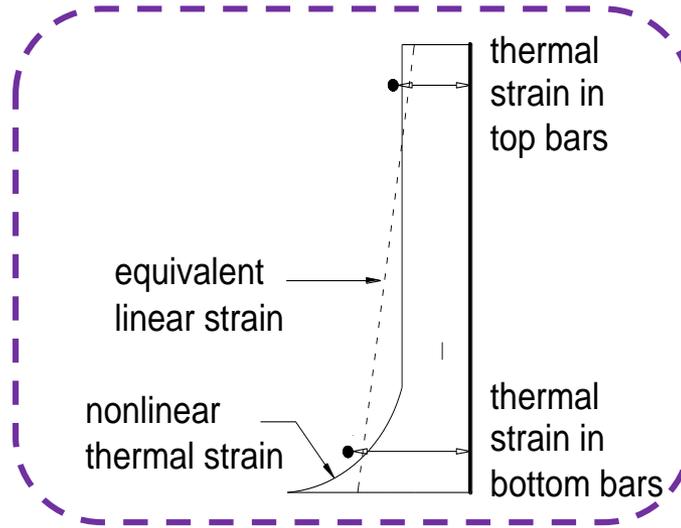
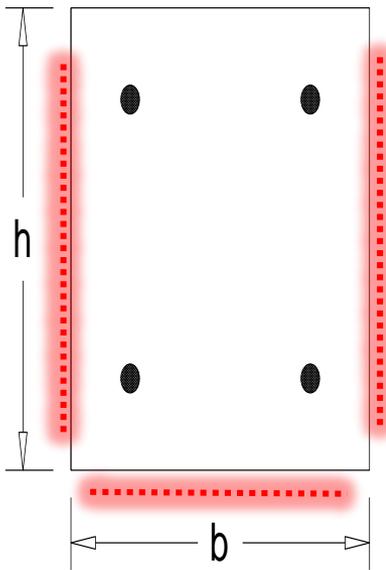
(1) Thermal Strains

- Non-uniform distribution.
- Will the concrete section allow these strains to develop?
(Plane section!)



(2) Temperature Distribution

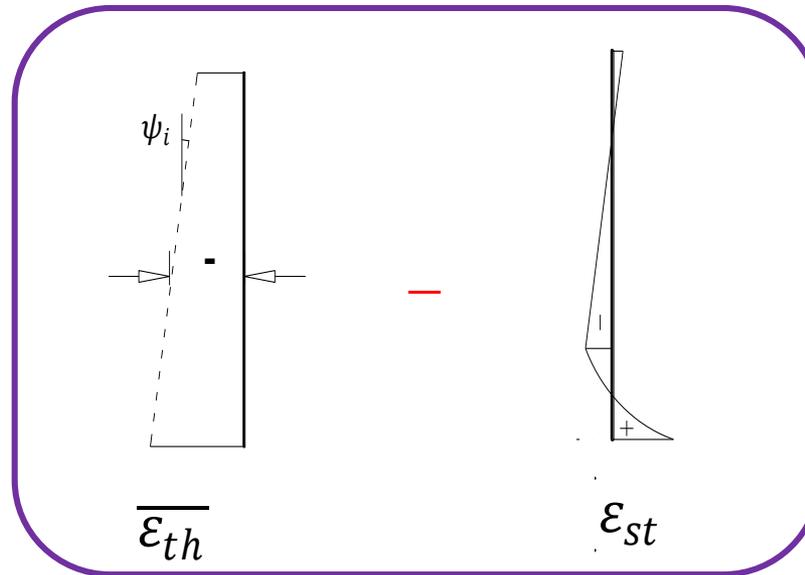




Thermal Strain

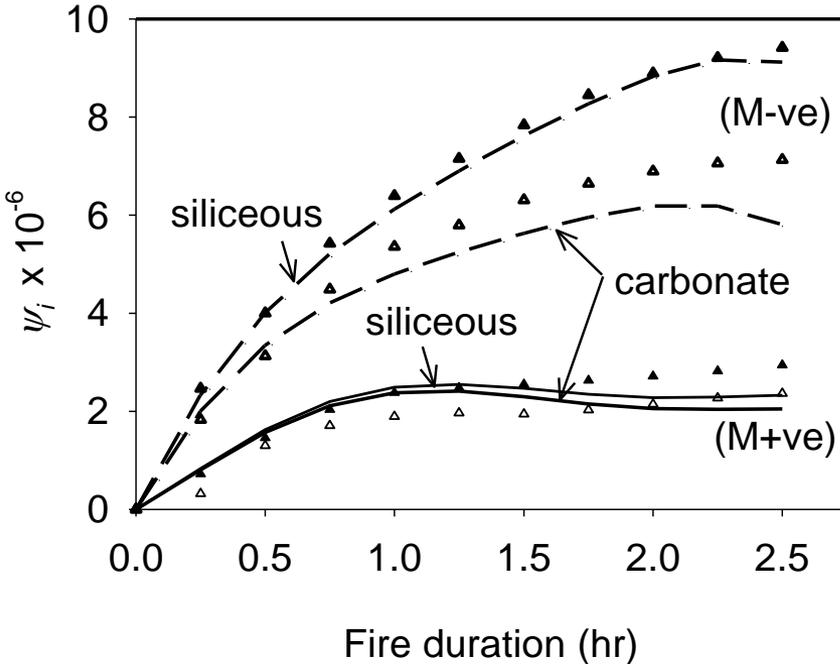
ϵ_{th}

Equivalent Thermal Strain



Self-induced Strain

(3) Unrestrained Thermal Strains

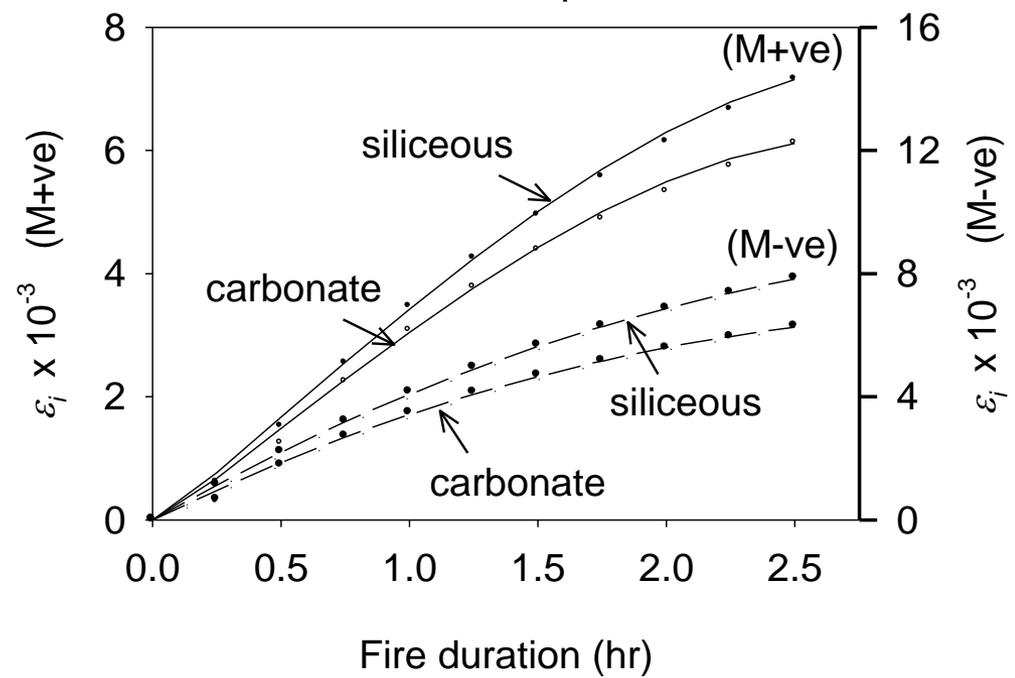


ψ_i

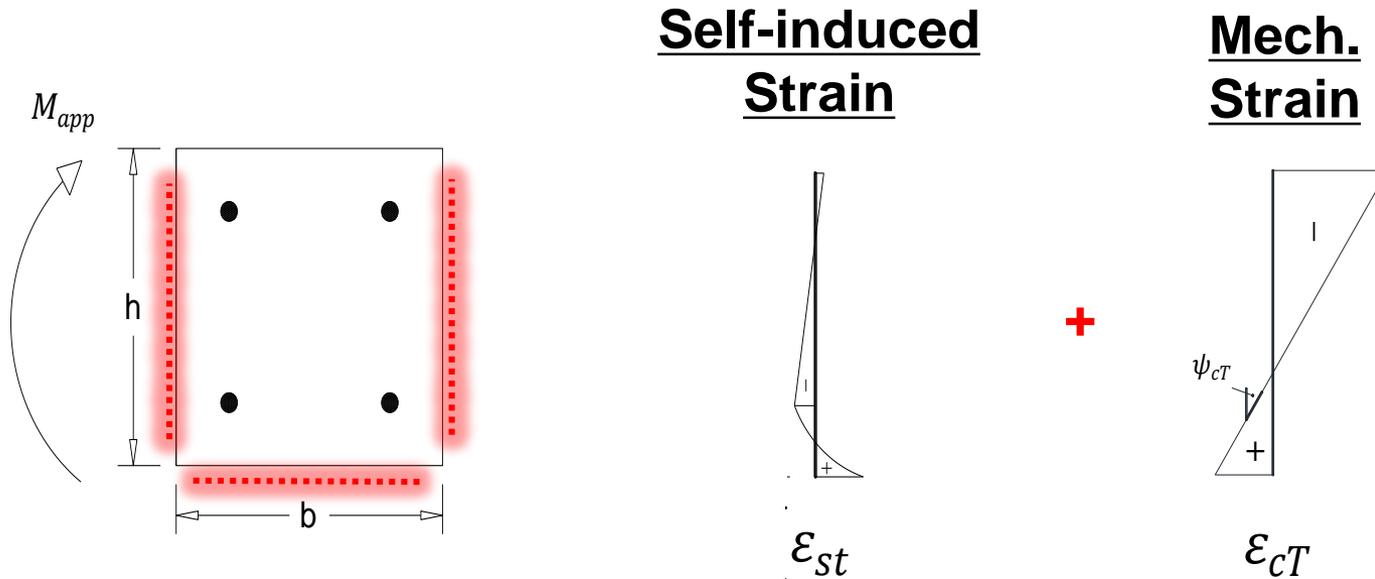
= f (ASTM-E119 Time, Width, Height, Area of Steel Bars in Tension and Compression, Number of Layers of Tension Steel Bars, Aggregate Size)

M+ve: Lower tension steel properties, need higher steel strain or lower curvature.
 M-ve: Tension steel unaffected and concrete in compression

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(4) Sectional Analysis at Elevated Temperatures



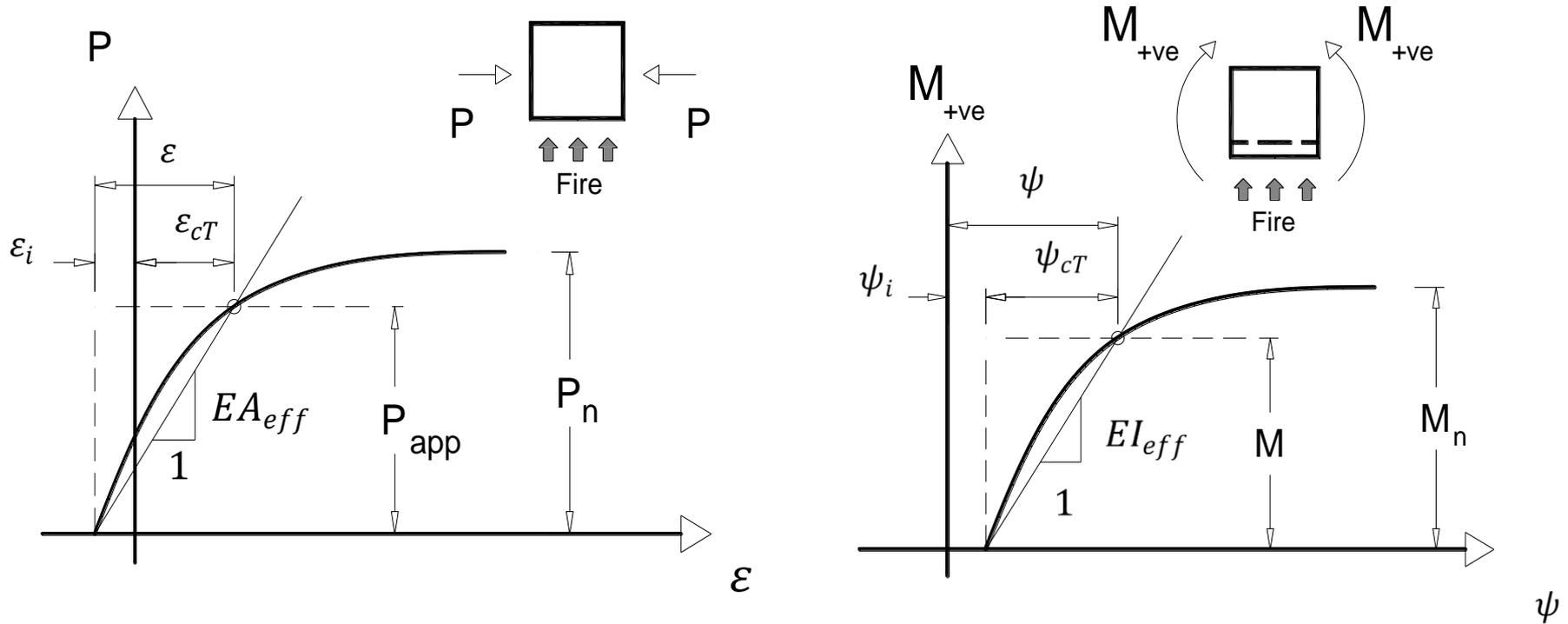
Thermal Strains.

Transient Strains.

Temperature Distribution.

Temperature-dependent material properties.

(5) EA and EI for Fire-Exposed Elements



Simplified Approach to Calculate EA_{eff} and EI_{eff}

(6) Solution Procedure for a Structure

- 1) Calculate primary moments & axial forces in different members.
- 2) Identify elements exposed to fire and use their section properties and fire duration to evaluate ε_i , ψ_i , EA_{eff} and EI_{eff} .
- 3) Convert ε_i and ψ_i to elongations and rotations
- 4) Apply the elongations and rotations for fire-exposed elements and calculate the secondary moments and associated axial forces.
- 5) Recalculate EA_{eff} , EI_{eff} , and the primary moments.
- 6) Repeat steps 4 and 5 until convergence is achieved.

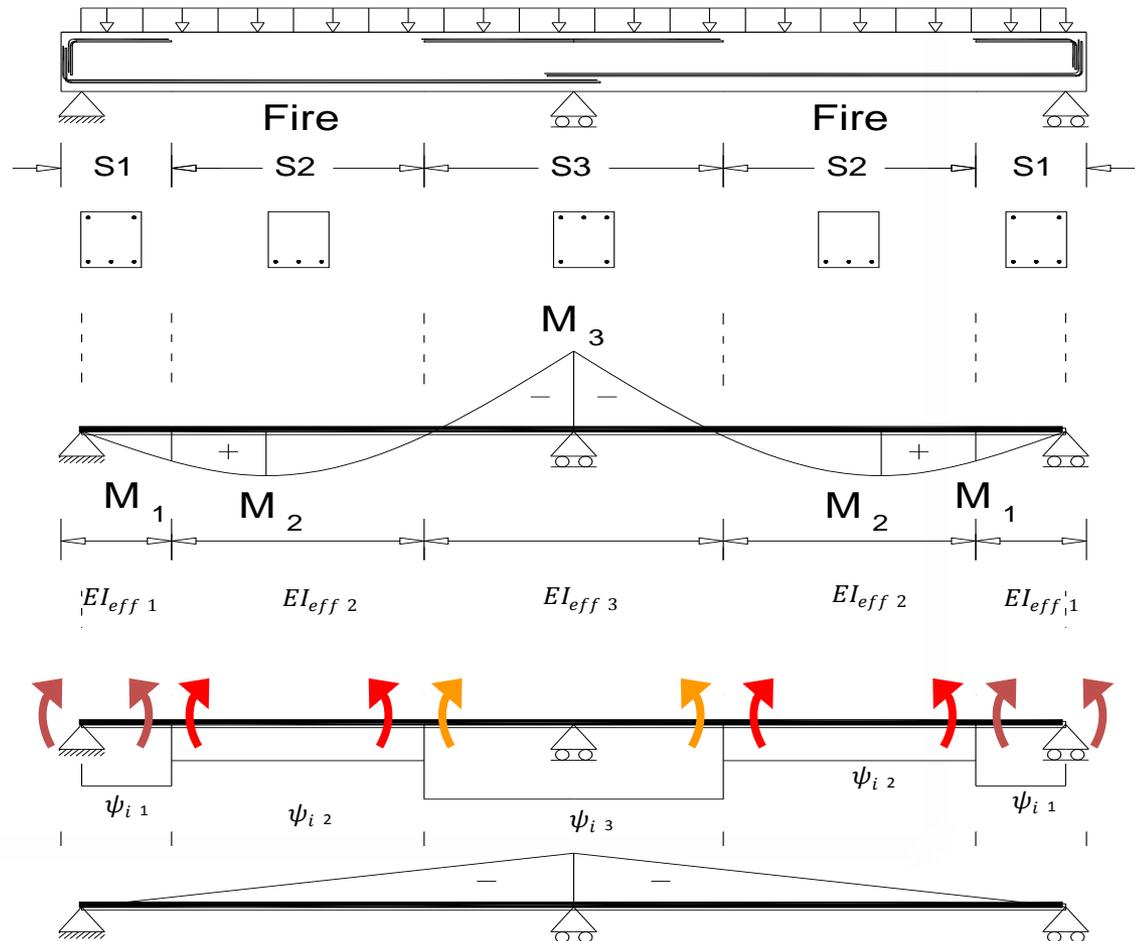
Application for a Continuous Beam

□ The beam is divided into segments

□ Ei_{eff} is calculated based on the primary BMD

□ Thermal curvatures are simulated by concentrated rotations

□ Secondary moments are generated

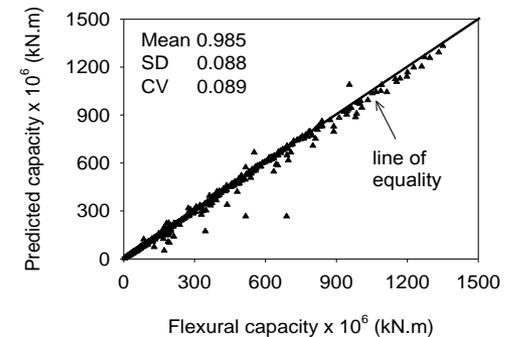
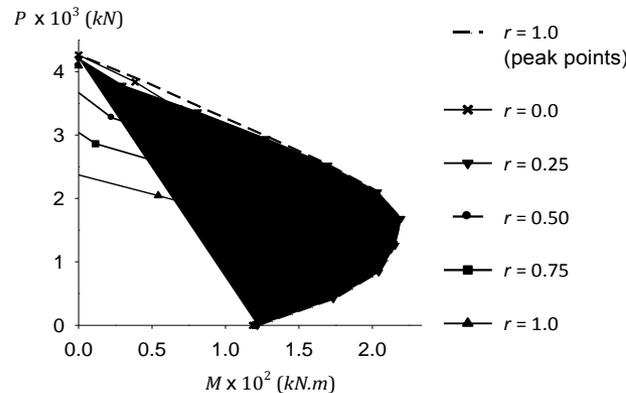
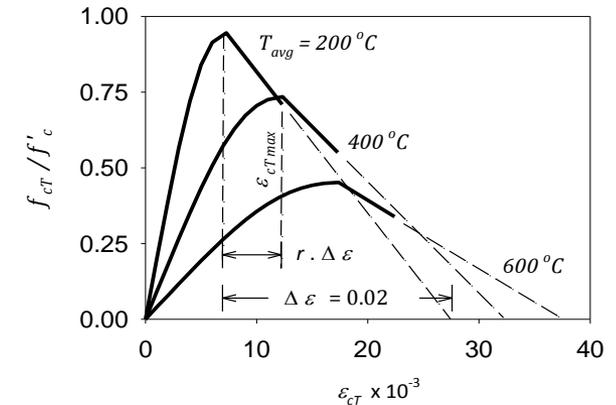
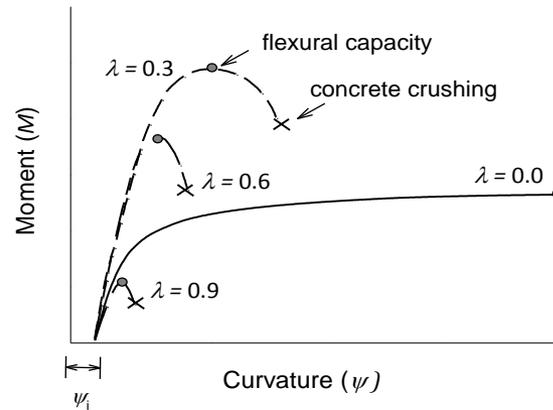


(7) Simplified Tools

- Stress-Block Parameters of RC Beams Exposed to Fire.
- Interaction Diagrams of RC Columns Exposed to Fire.
- Shear Capacity of RC Beams Exposed to Fire.

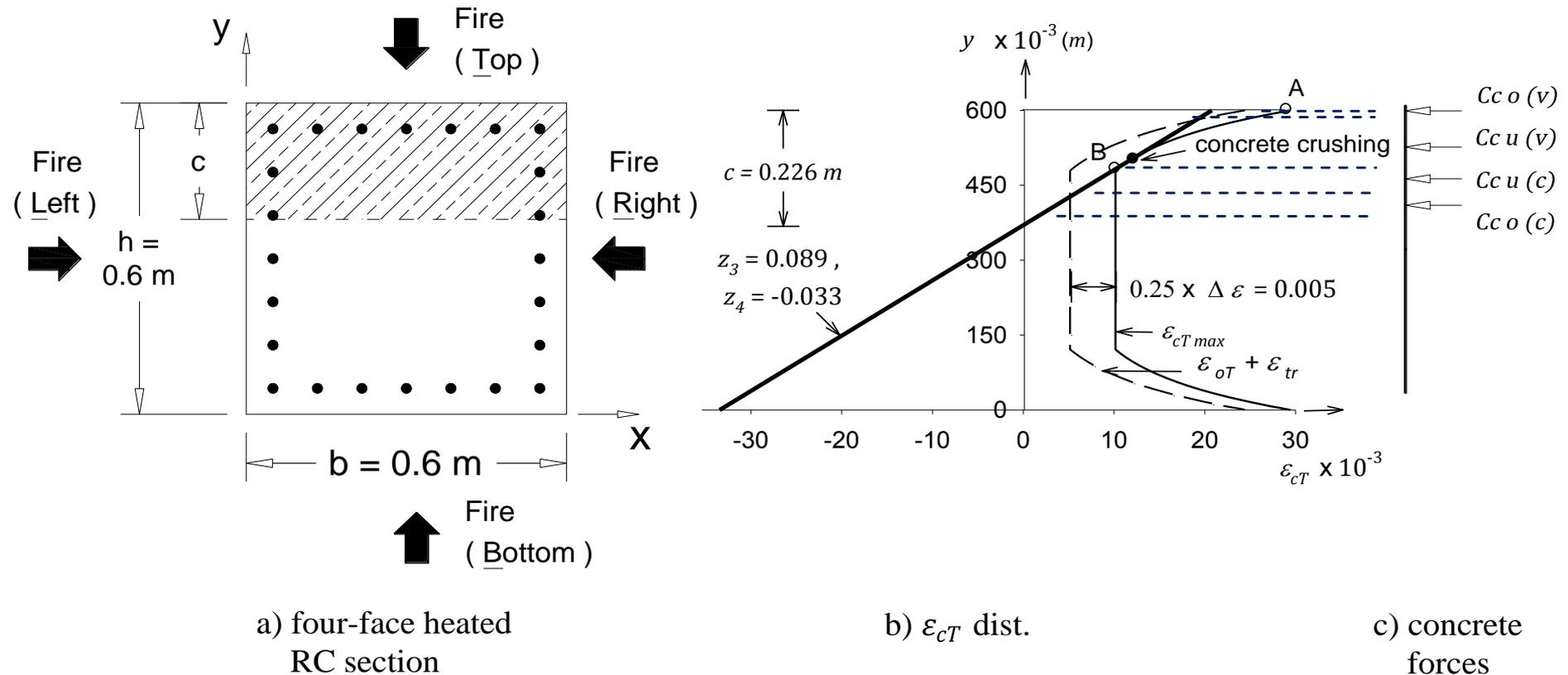
(8) Strain Defining Section Capacity

- $\epsilon_{c\ max}$: concrete strain corresponds to Moment of Resistance M_r
- A parametric study is conducted to evaluate $\epsilon_{c\ max}$ at elevated temperatures
- Reasonable predictions are obtained at $r = 0.25$

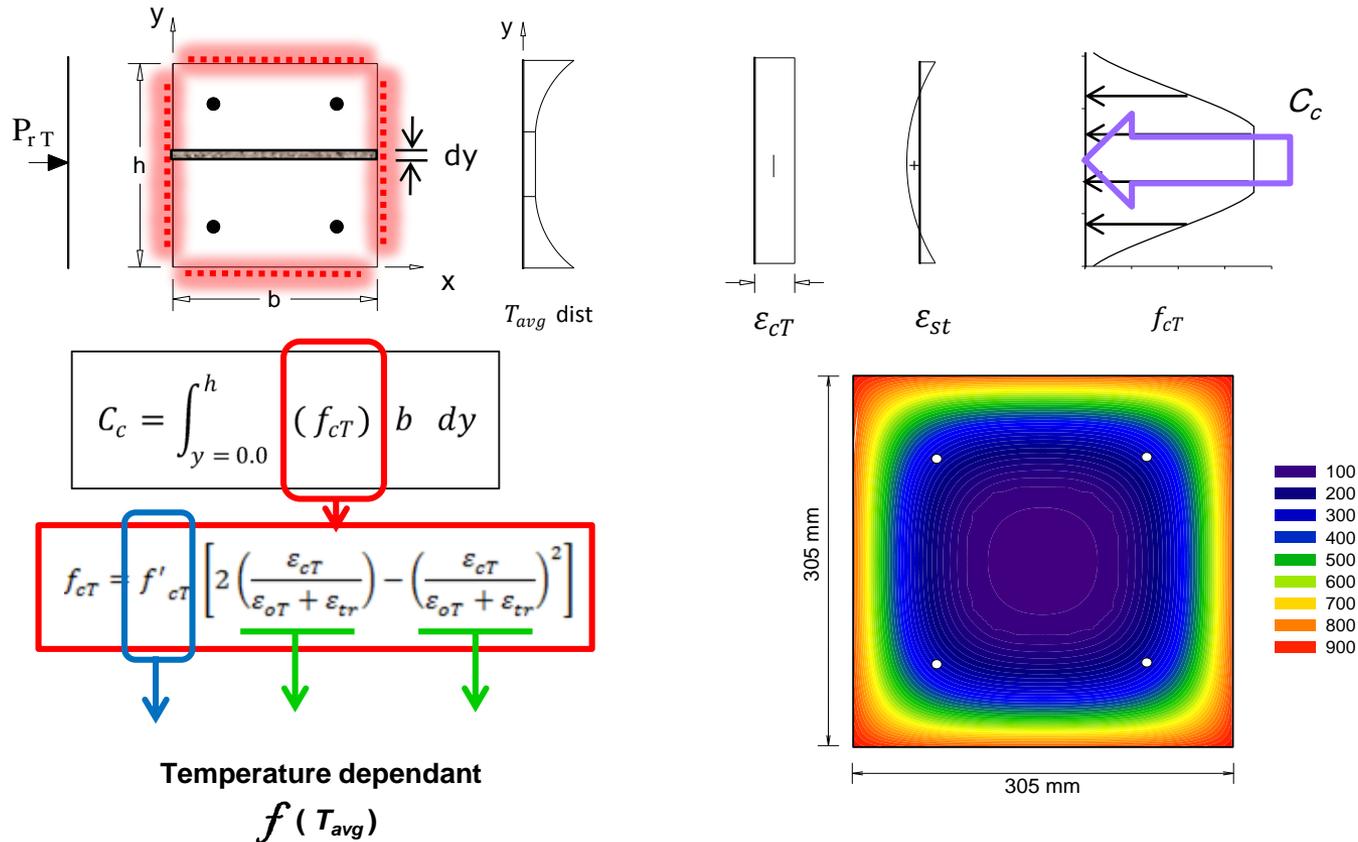


b)) $r = 0.25 \Delta \epsilon$

Location of Critical Strain



(9) Axial Capacity of Fire-Exposed RC Columns



Closed Form Solution for Standard Fire Exposure

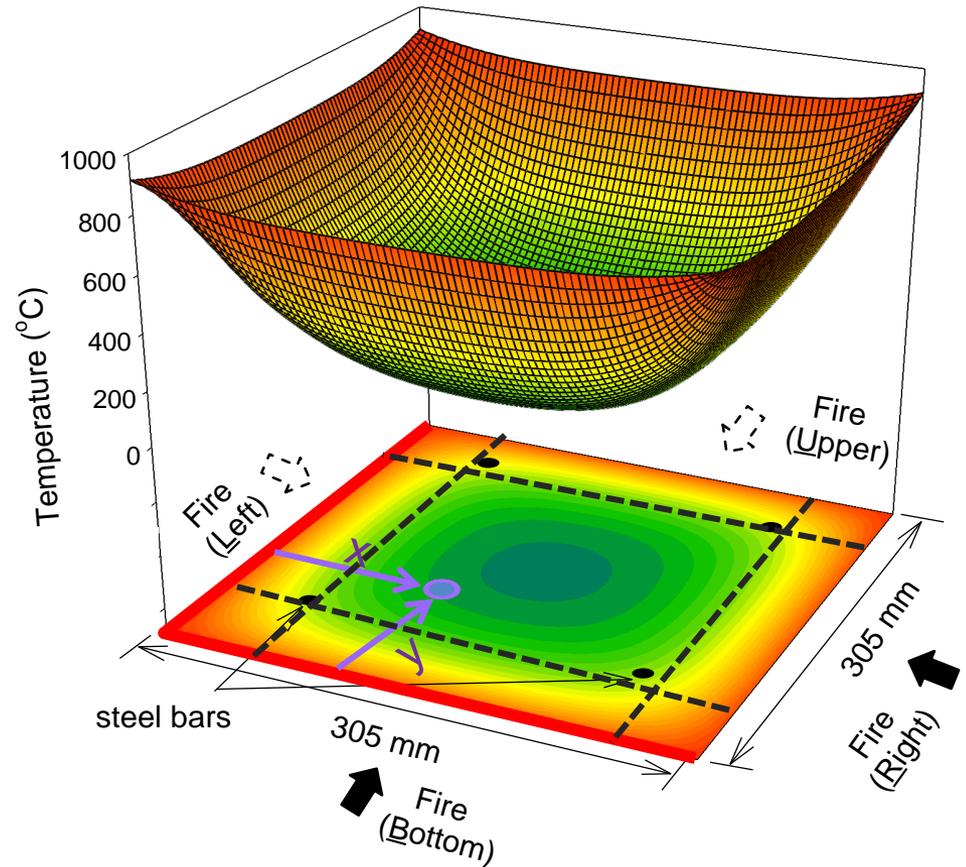
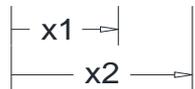
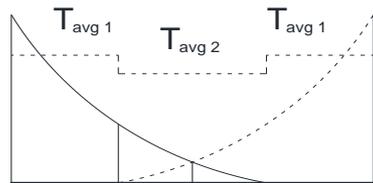
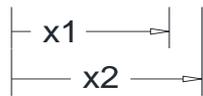
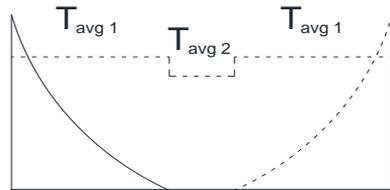
Temperature Distribution

Wickstrom's Simple Method (1986)

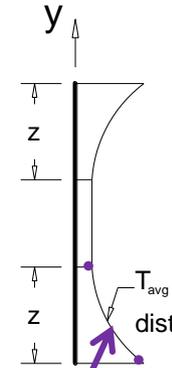
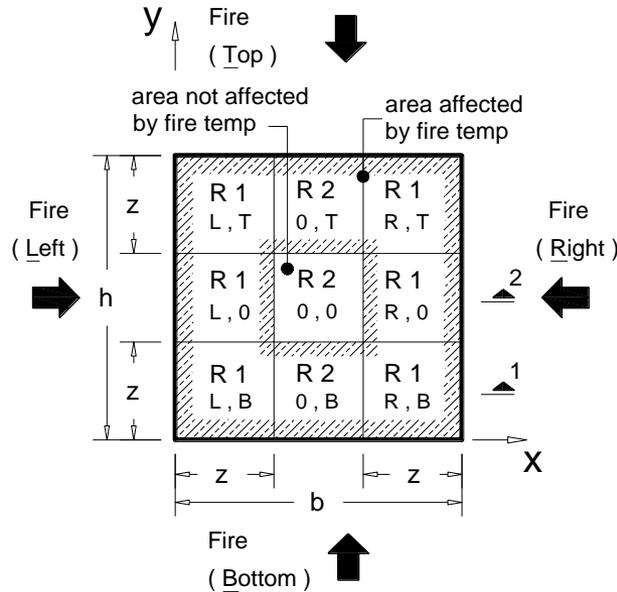
$$T_{xy} = [n_w (n_x + n_y - 2n_x \cdot n_y) + n_x \cdot n_y] T_f$$

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$$z = \sqrt{e^{-4.5 t}}$$



Average Temperature



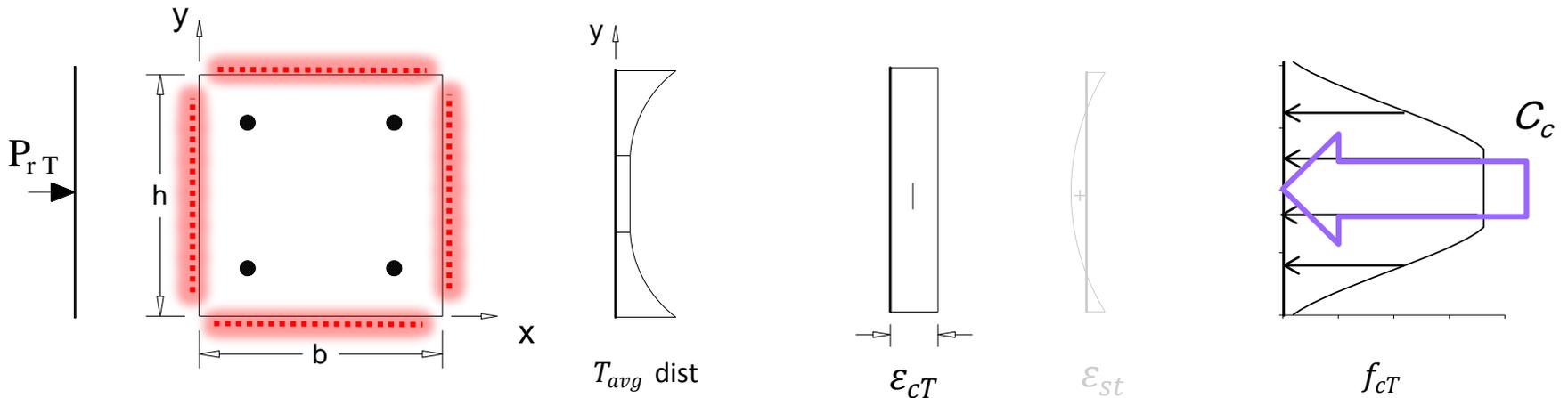
$$T_{avg} = z_1 \cdot e^{(z_2 \cdot y)}$$

$$T_{avg1} = [0.18 n_w - 0.36 n_w \cdot n_y + 0.18 n_y] \left[x_2 \ln \left(\frac{t}{x_2^2} \right) - x_1 \ln \left(\frac{t}{x_1^2} \right) \right] \frac{T_f}{(x_2 - x_1)}$$

$$-0.45 T_f \cdot n_w + 1.9 T_f \cdot n_w \cdot n_y - 0.45 T_f \cdot n_y \quad x = x_1 \rightarrow x_2$$

$$T_{avg2} = T_f \cdot n_w \cdot n_y$$

Integration



$$C_c = \int_{y=0.0}^h (f_{cT}) b \, dy$$

[closed form solution to evaluate \$f_{cT}\$](#)

$$f_{cT} = f'_{cT} \left[2 \left(\frac{\epsilon_{cT}}{\epsilon_{oT} + \epsilon_{tr}} \right) - \left(\frac{\epsilon_{cT}}{\epsilon_{oT} + \epsilon_{tr}} \right)^2 \right]$$



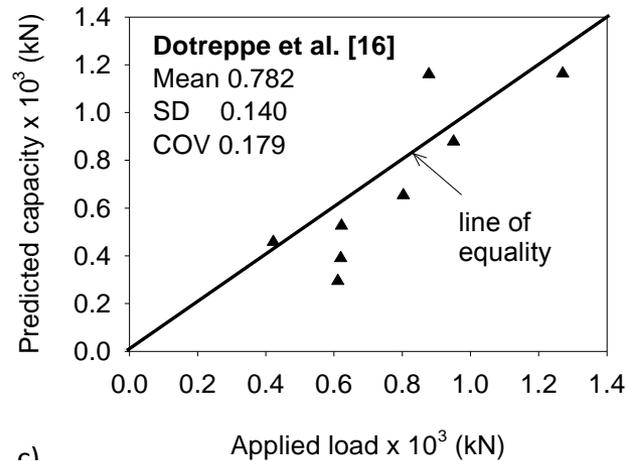
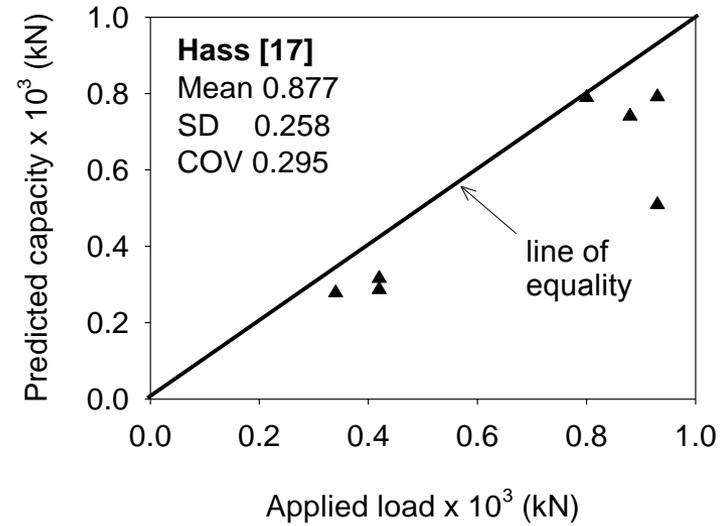
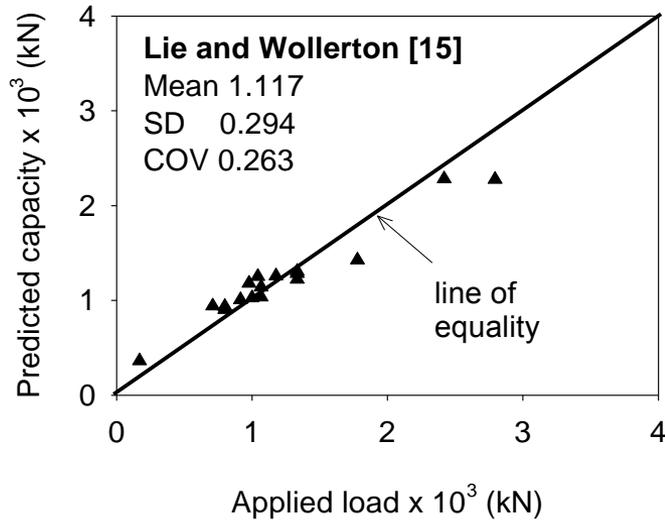
$$\frac{f'_{cT}}{f'_c} = 1.76 \times 10^{-9} T_{avg}^3 - 3.00 \times 10^{-6} T_{avg}^2 + 2.50 \times 10^{-4} T_{avg} + 1.00$$

$$\epsilon_{oT} + \epsilon_{tr} = 2.52 \times 10^{-5} T_{avg}$$

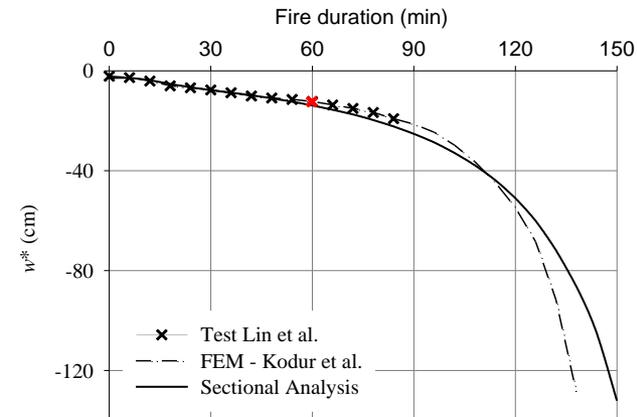
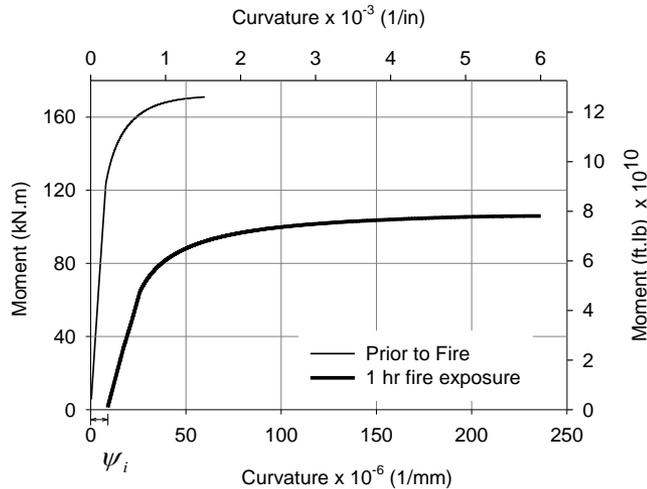
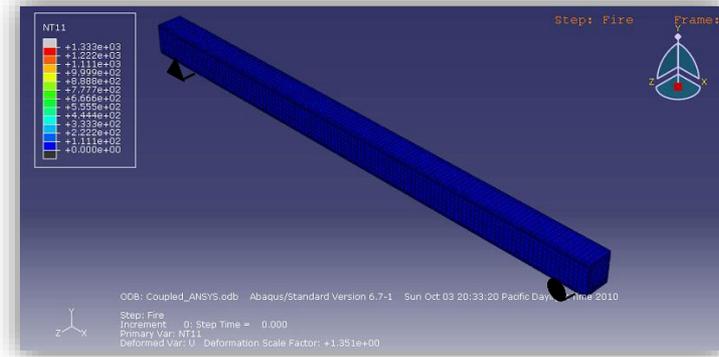
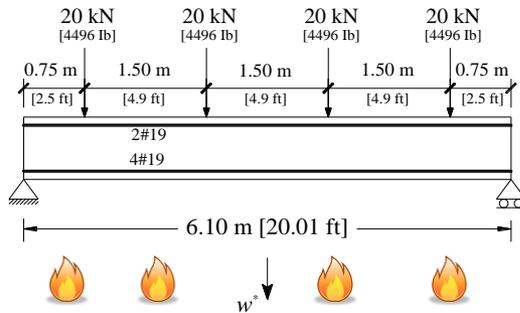
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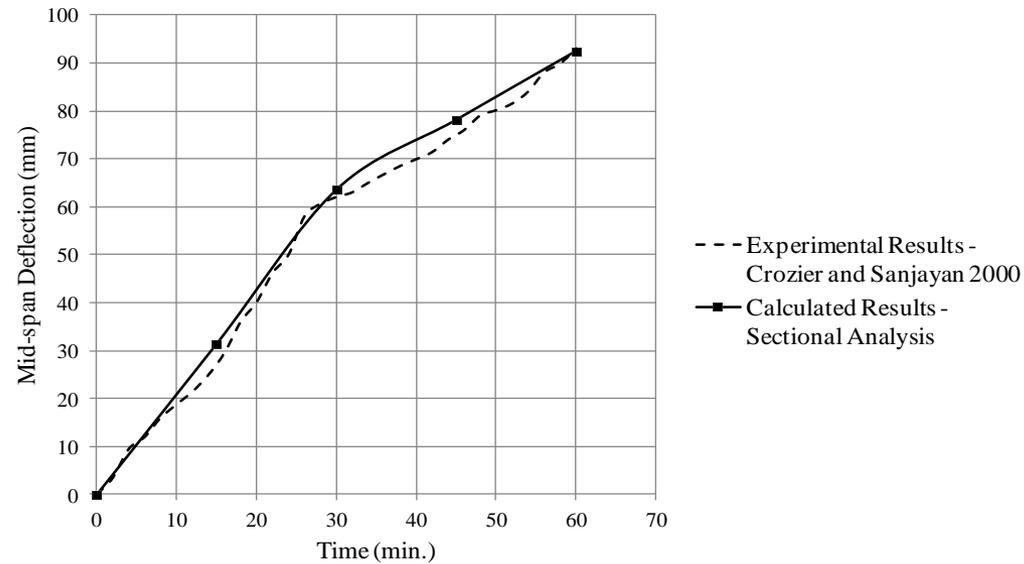
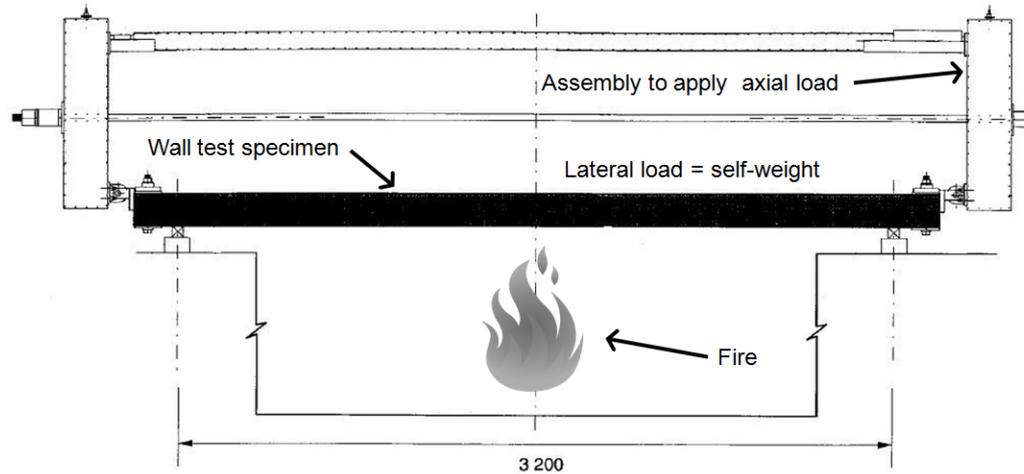
Validation (33 columns)



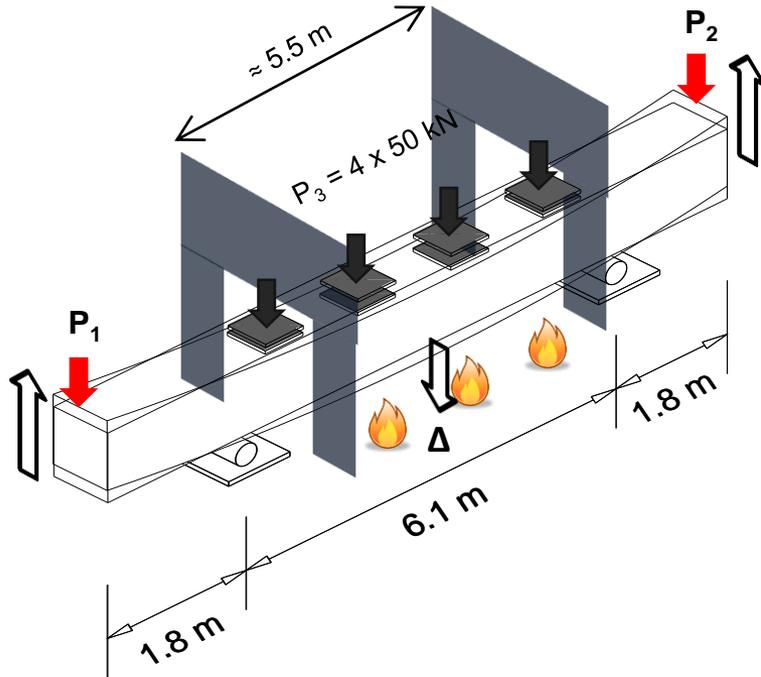
(10) Validation RC Beams



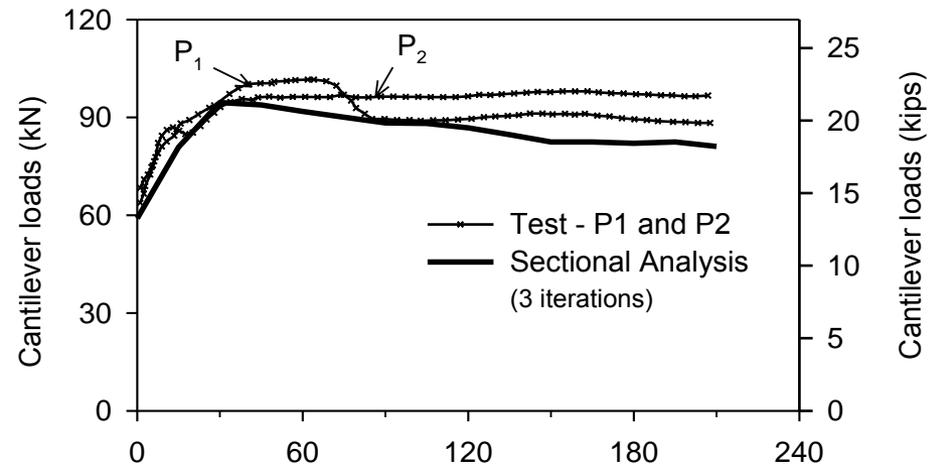
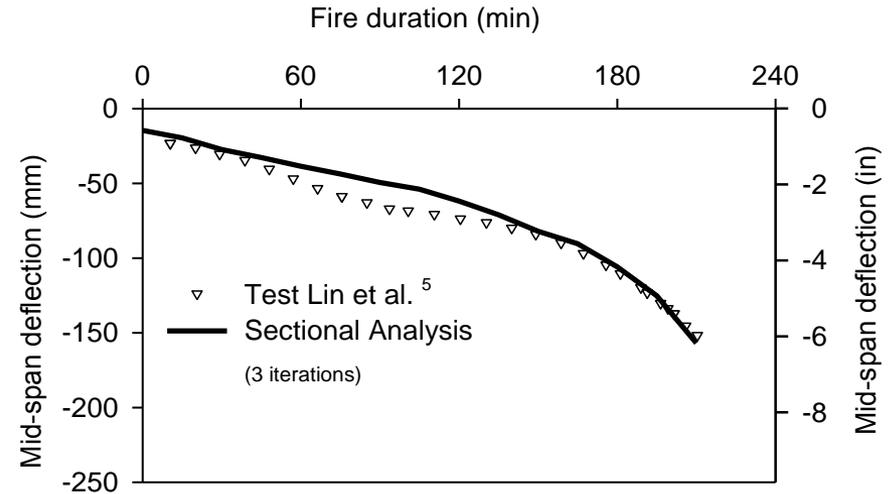
Validation for RC Walls



Validation Restrained Beam

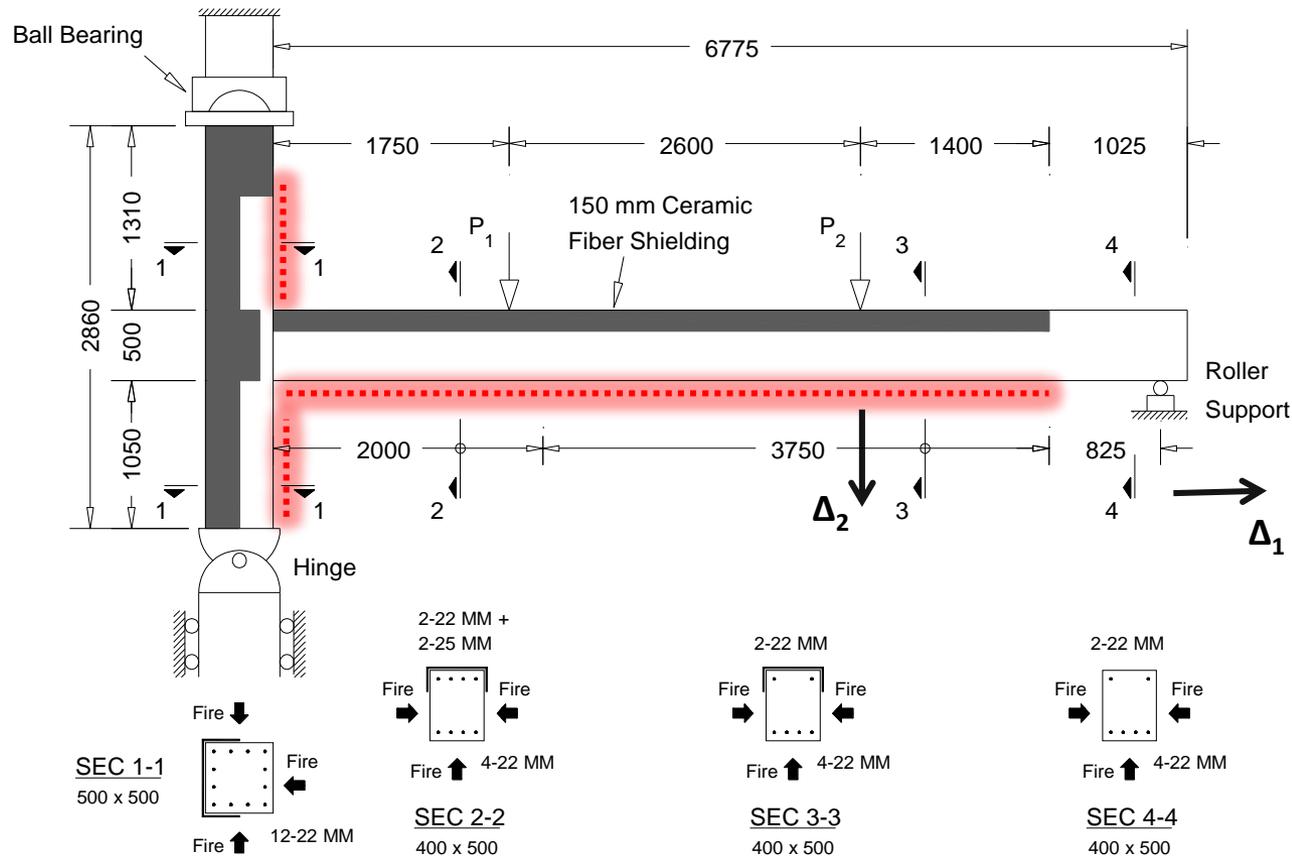


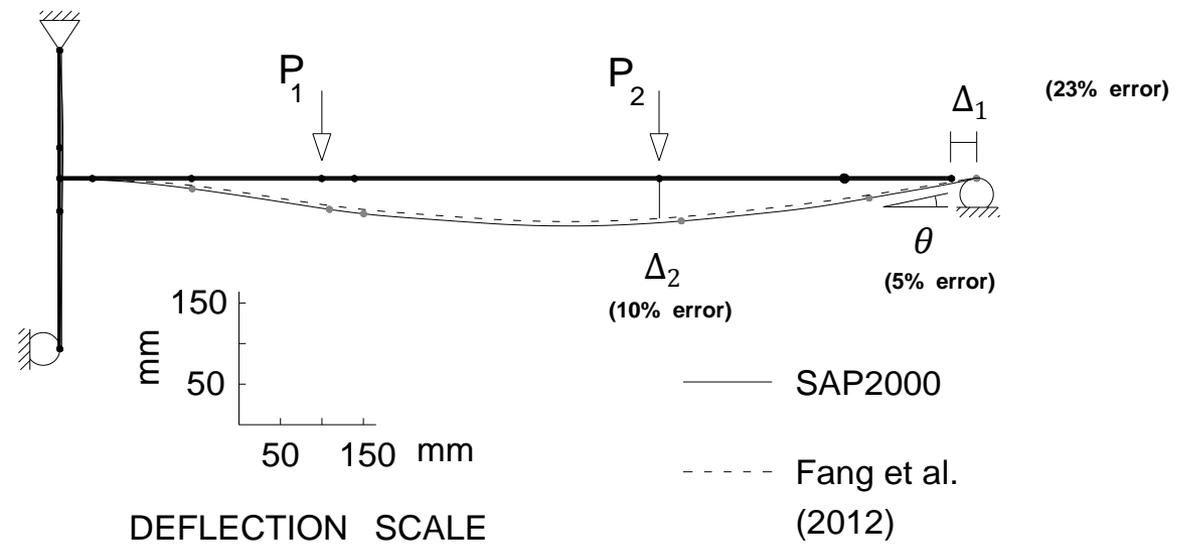
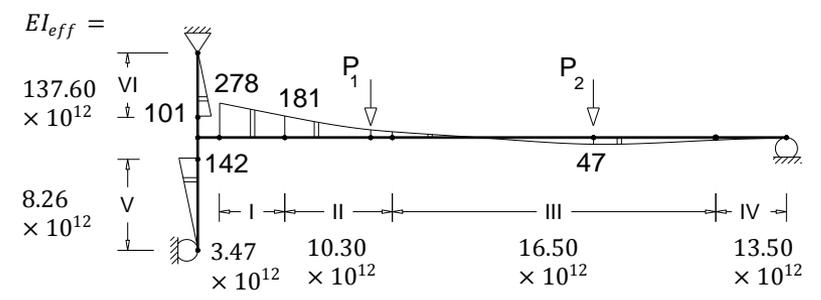
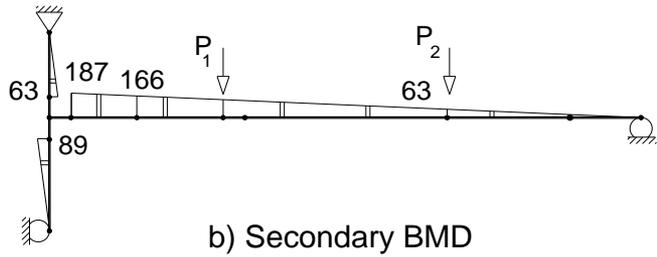
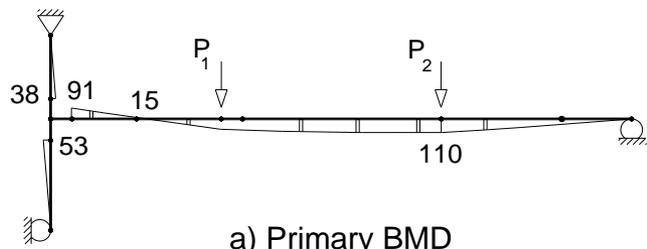
1. Loaded prior to Fire test
2. P_1 and P_2 were 59 kN prior to fire test.
3. During fire test, P_1 and P_2 varied such that the cantilever deflection stays constant.



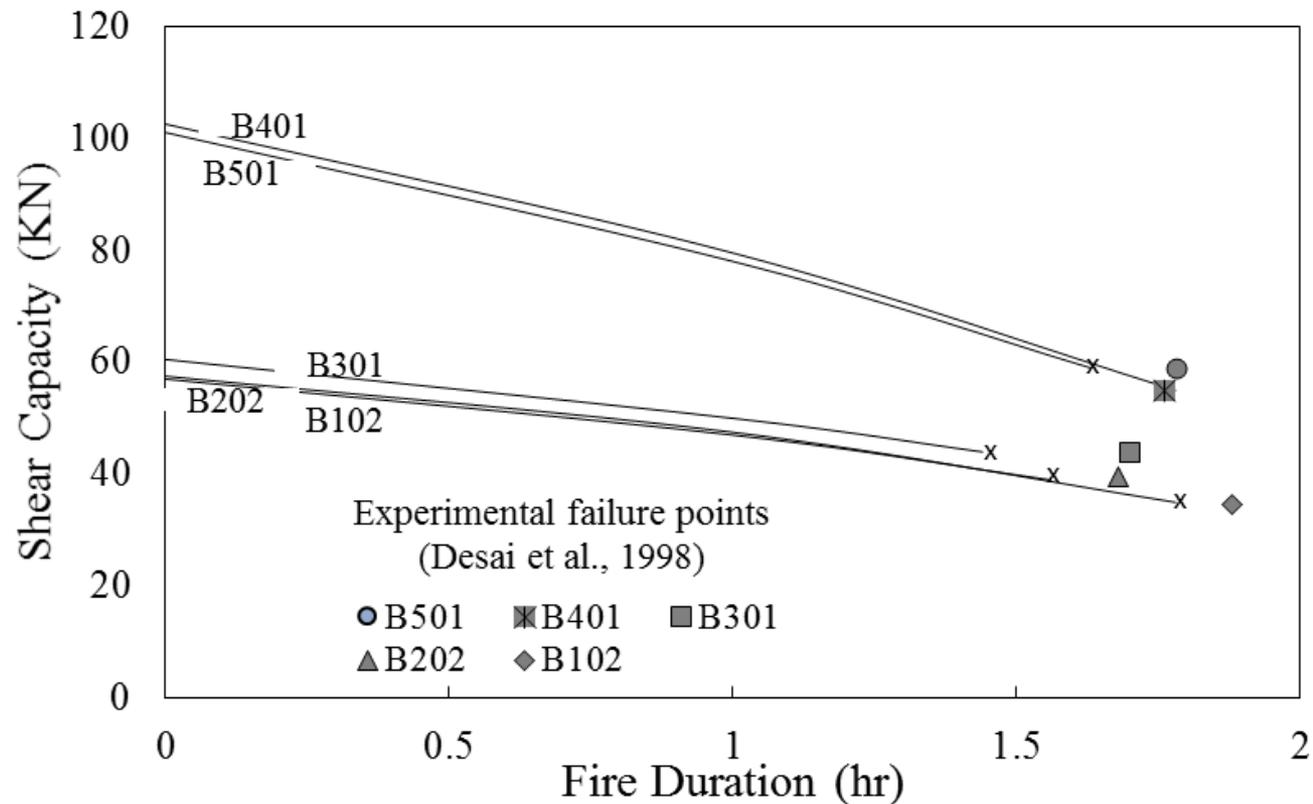
Validation for a Frame

- Axial load on column = 1727 kN
- P_1 & $P_2 = 78$ & 49 kN
- Δ_1 and Δ_2 were monitored during the fire test





Shear Capacity Validation



For additional details, please refer to:

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Thank You !!

