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## **HSCRC**

### **HIGH STRENGTH COLORED REINFORCED CONCRETE UNDER STANDARD FIRE EXPOSURE**

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**ANDRAUS Building**  
**São Paulo**  
**Brazil**  
**1972**



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**ANDRAUS Building**  
**Reinforced Concrete Structure**

**32 office floors**

**Construction: 1962**

**Fire: 24th February 1972**

*fire time: 4h  
240min*

*perfect conditions  
nothing collapsed*

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**typical  
columns  
remaining  
aspect**

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**typical beams aspect**

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**typical slabs aspect**

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**JOELMA Building  
São Paulo  
Brazil  
1974**



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**JOELMA Building  
Reinforced Concrete Structure**

**26 stories  
10 parking garages  
+ 15 offices floors**

**Construction: 1971**

**Fire: 1st February 1974**

***fire time: 6h30min  
390min***

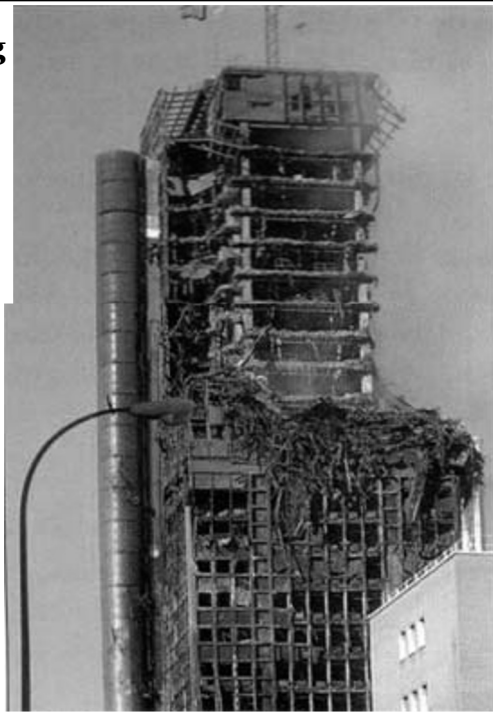
***perfect conditions  
nothing collapsed***



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**WINDSOR Building  
Madrid  
Spain  
2005**



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**WINDSOR Building  
Steel-Concrete Structure**

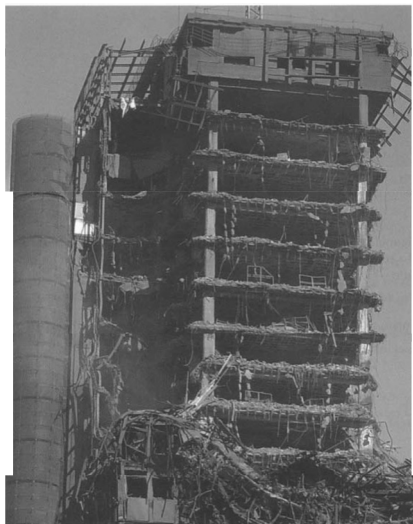
**37 stories  
5 basement parking garages  
+ 32 offices floors**

**Construction: 1991**

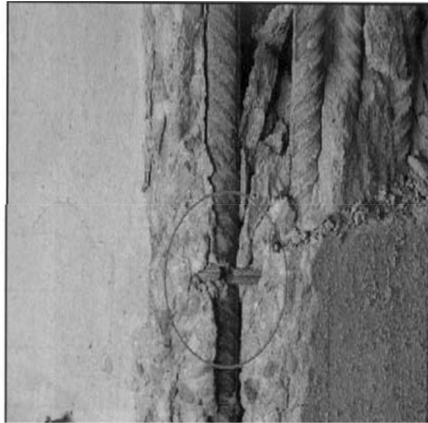
**Fire: 12nd February 2005**

***Fire time: 16h  
960min***

***only steel parts collapsed  
totally demolished***

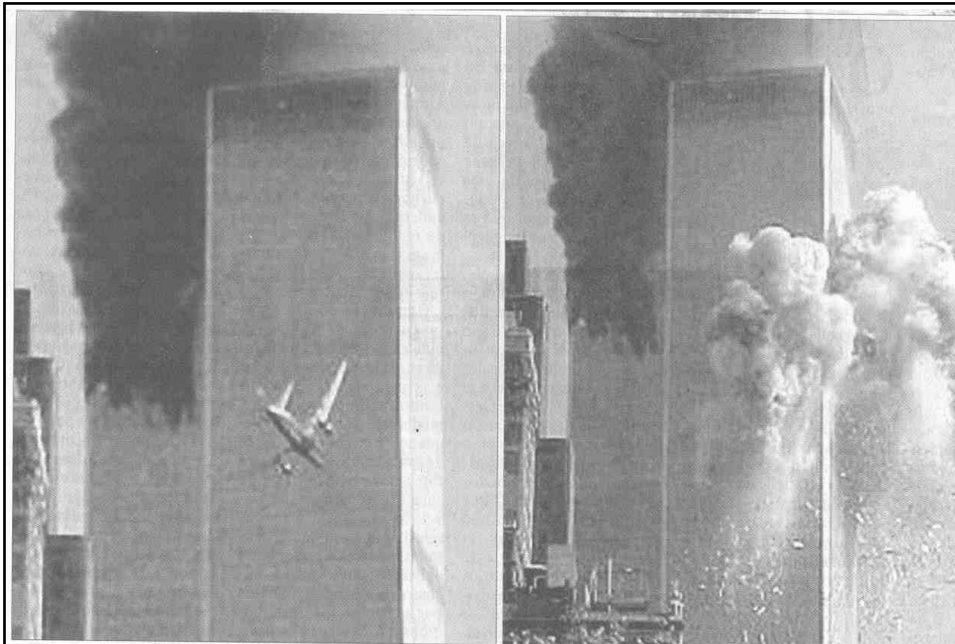


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*“the reinforced concrete structure, columns, beams and slabs under 16h severe fire condition , could perform well and no collapse”*

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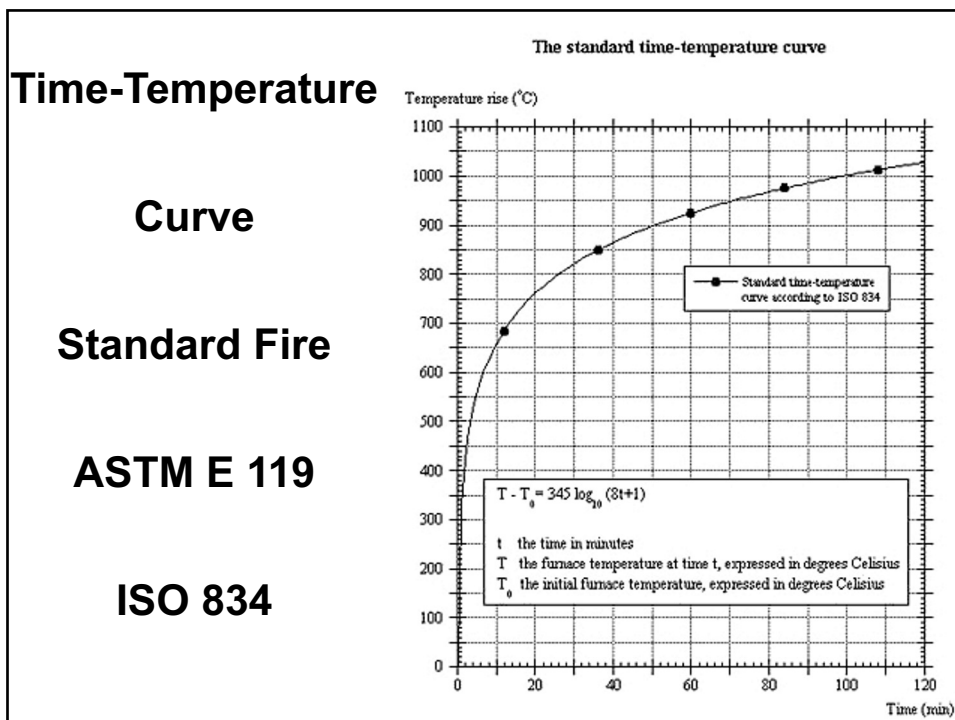
**September 11, 2001**

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## Concrete in fire

- ✓ site conditions
- ✓ lab conditions
  
- ❖ concrete reduce strength
- ❖ concrete can have spalling
- ❖ concrete can have explosive spalling
- HSC can have heavy explosive spalling  
!!!???

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## **Concrete under Fire research tests options**

**cylinders or cubic SPECIMENS  
5cm to 15cm diameter, 5cm to 20cm cubic,  
diferent aggregates**

**STRUCTURAL isolated COMPONENTS  
columns, beams and slabs  
differnt concrete cover, dimension,  
reinforcement, concrete strength, aggregates**

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**STRUCTURE**

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### **Carino & Phan. NISTIR 6726. National Institute of Standards and Technology**

*HSC water-cement ratio 0.22 to 0.57, 51 to 93 MPa*

1. High-strength mixtures made with very low w/cm (0.22) showed less strength loss than with 0.33 w/cm.
2. Explosive spalling was observed when the temperature of the specimen center was in the range of 200 °C and 325 °C.

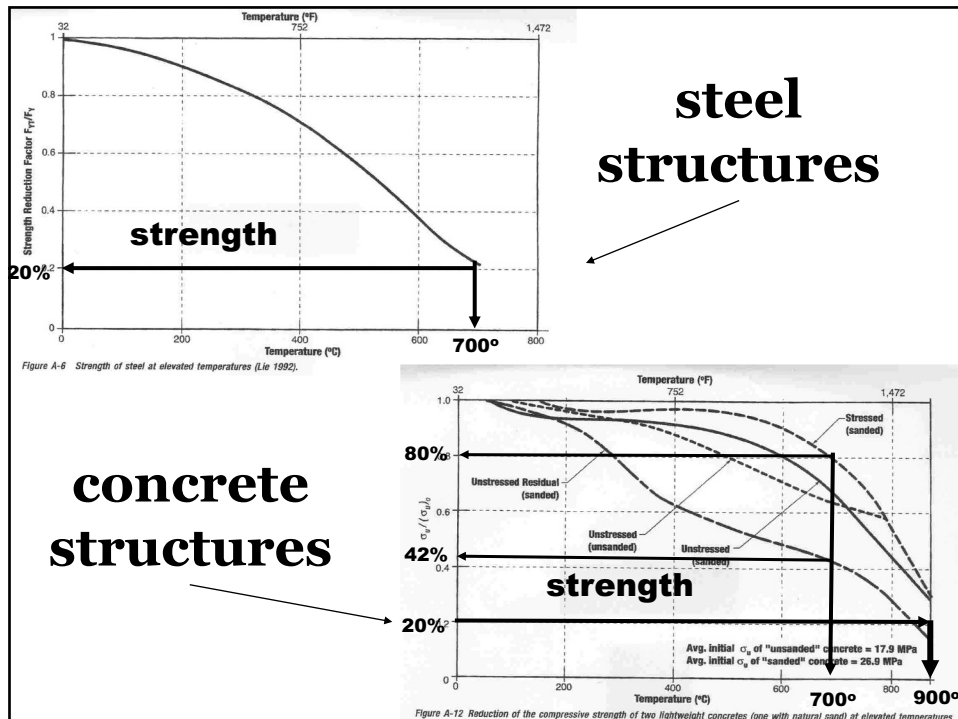
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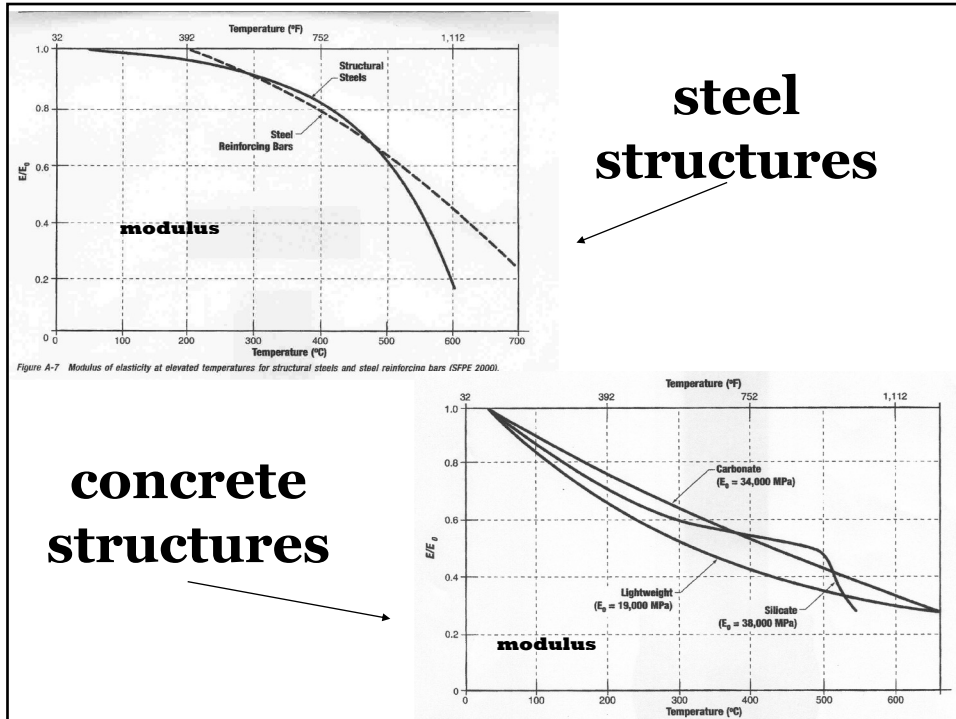
**HSC water-cement ratio 0.22 to 0.57, 51 to 93 MPa**

3. Preload seems to have a mitigating effect on the development of explosive spalling.
4. For concrete samples casted with 0.22 w/cm, tested under restrained conditions, explosive spalling never occurred. Only occurred with some samples casted with 0.33 w/cm.

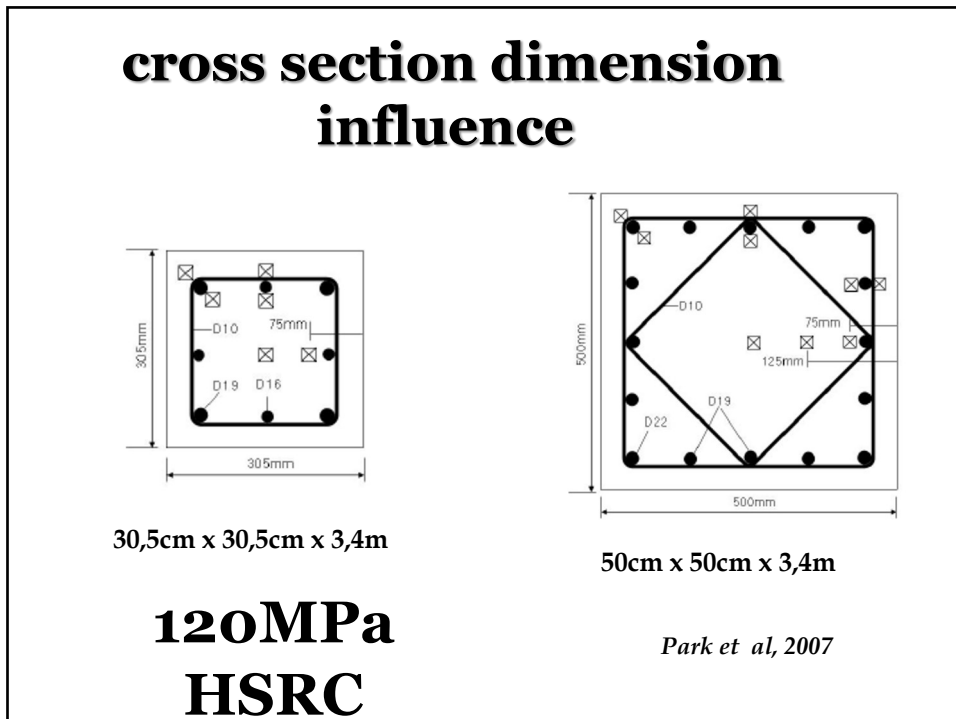
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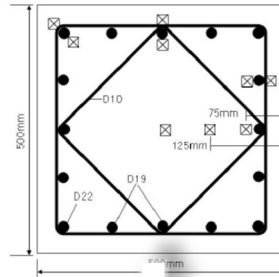
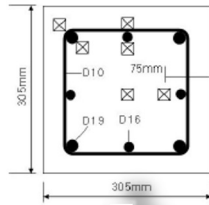


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## cross section dimension influence

50cm x 50cm x 3,4m

30,5cm x 30,5cm x 3,4m



✓ spalling: 13mm

✓ fire → 176min.

✓ collapsed

✓ spalling: 0mm to 5mm

✓ fire: 240min.

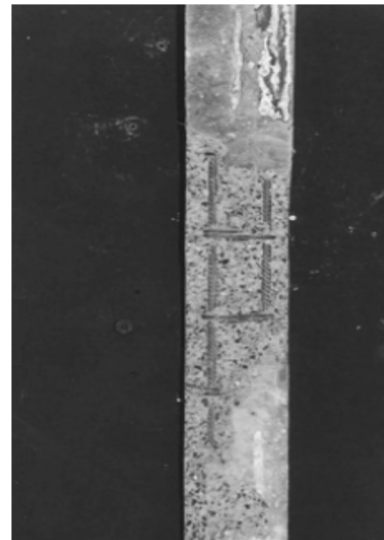
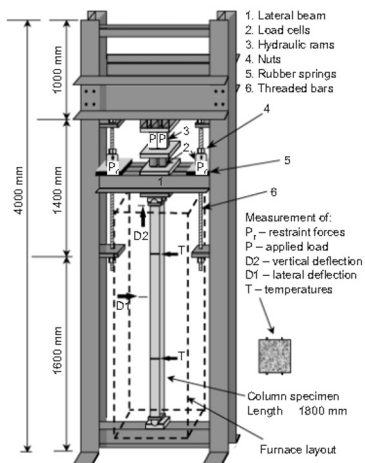
✓ no collapse

Park et al, 2007

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## column 1.8m high !!??

> 60cm



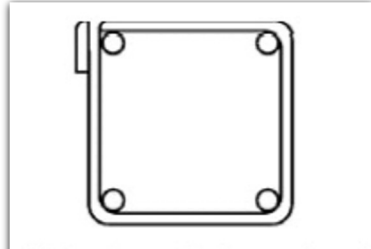
cross section 12,5cm x 12,5cm

Benmarce & Guenfoud, 2005

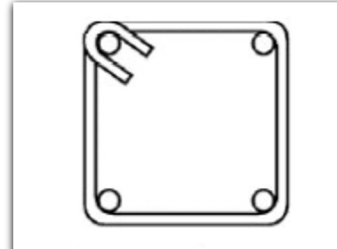
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# reinforcing details

## *stirrups in columns*



**incorrect**



**correct**

*Kodur, 2005*

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**incorrect**



**correct**



*Kodur, 2005*

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## concrete cover

**40mm**

**70mm**

✓ spalling: 13mm to 18mm

✓ spalling: 15mm to 30mm

✓ fire: 4 h

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✓ no collapse

✓ no collapse

✓ 500°C → after 2h

✓ 500°C → after 3h

*Park & Lee (2008)*

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## concrete strength

Referência	Amostra	Grau de restrição	Concreto normal (43MPa)		Concreto de alta resistência (106MPa)	
			Tipo de spalling	Grau de spalling	Tipo de spalling	Grau de spalling
1	A	0	secundário	16%	severo	39%
2	B		severo	34%	principal	11%
3	C		nenhum	0%	severo	26%
4	A	0,1	severo	27%	principal	1%
5	B		nenhum	0%	principal	1%
6	C		principal	18%	principal	2%
7	A	0,2	severo	35%	nenhum	0%
8	B		principal	29%	principal	4%
9	C		secundário	5%	nenhum	0%

*Ali, 2002*

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## concrete structure fire test

### The Cardington Fire Test

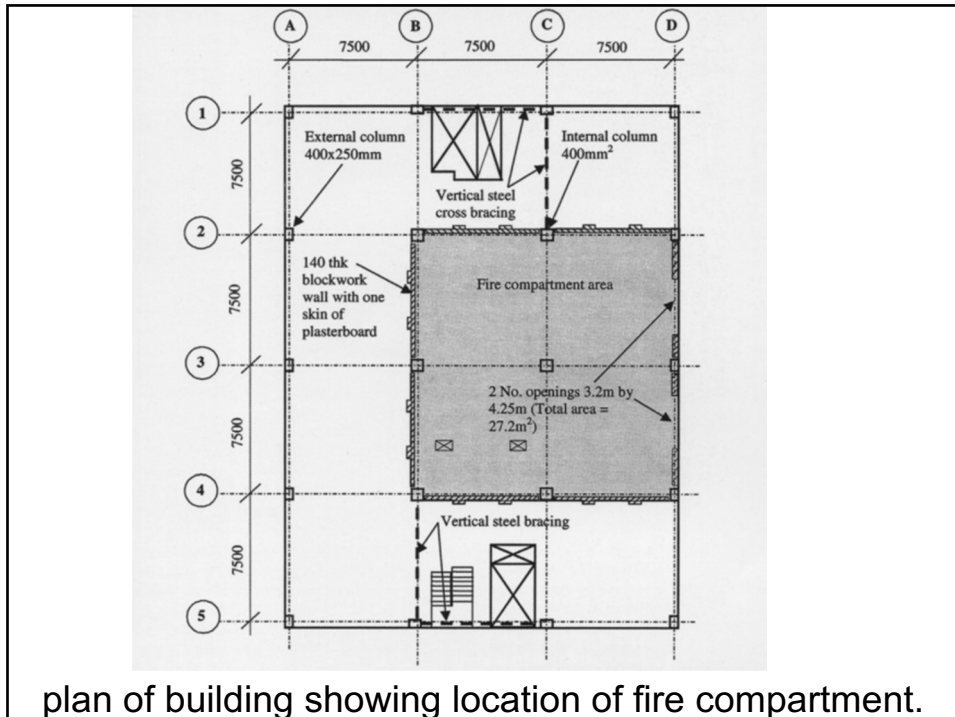
By Pal Chana and Bill Price, British Cement Association  
Jul 15, 2003, 09:00

- ✓ 7 stories
- ✓ 25m high
- ✓ slab → 15cm  $f_{ck} = 37\text{MPa}$
- ✓ beam → 2cm  $f_{ck} = 74\text{MPa}$
- ✓ column → 4cm  $f_{ck} = 100\text{MPa}$
- ✓ calcáριο and granite
- ✓ RH > 80%



Cardington Concrete Building Frame

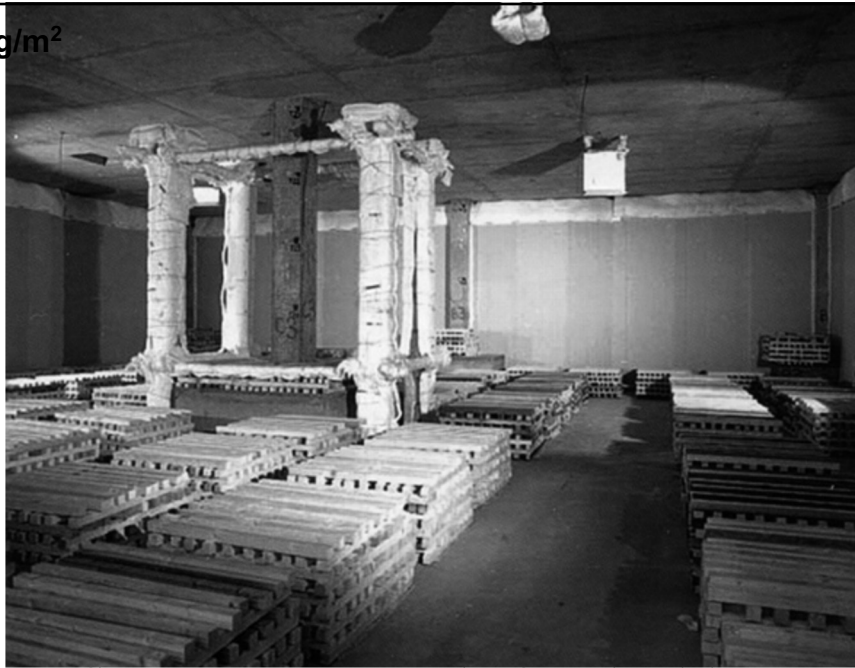
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plan of building showing location of fire compartment.

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40kg/m<sup>2</sup>



fire compartment before ignition.

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**after 120min**

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## **Cardigan conclusion:**

1. The concrete structure survived an intensive fire without collapse;
2. The building satisfied the relevant performance criteria of load bearing function (R), insulation (I) and integrity (E), when subjected to a realistic fire;
3. Extensive spalling of the first floor slab was observed but did not compromise the structural integrity of the floors under the imposed loads;

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4. The maximum horizontal displacements of the floor slab was 6cm;
5. The high strength concrete columns (103MPa), which contained polypropylene fibers, performed very well;
6. The slab was able to carry the imposed loads with residual vertical displacements (7cm).

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**at University of São Paulo**  
**BRAZIL**  
**2002 → 2010**

*PhD student: Carlos Brites*  
*Supervisor: Paulo Helene*

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**concrete under very severe condition**

***HSCRC  
High Strength Colored Reinforced  
Concrete Column***

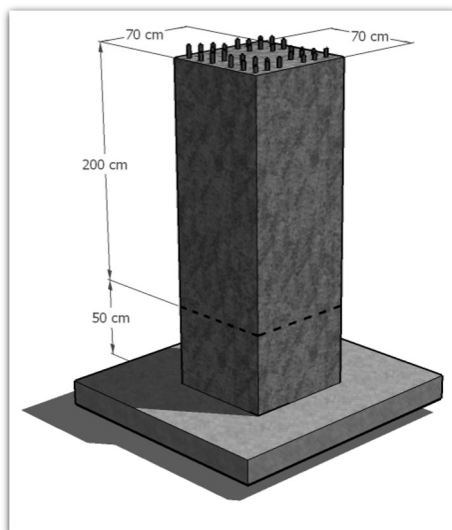
**8 years old  
kept in natural environmental conditions  
125MPa → 8 years ago  
now → 140MPa from cores**

***natural inorganic steel oxide as red pigment***

**3h (180min) standard fire in lab environment**

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## **Tested Column**



- ✓ **70cm x 70cm**
- ✓ **high: 2m**
- ✓ **weight: 2500kg**
- ✓ **age: 8 years**
- ✓  **$f_c = 140\text{MPa}$**
- ✓ **cover: 25mm**

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## antecedents



**e-Tower building**

**São Paulo    Brazil**

**2002**

**$f_c = 125\text{MPa}$**

***world record***

**6 columns in 7 floors**

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## “ HPCC in Brazilian Office Tower”

*Concrete International. ACI,  
American Concrete Institute, v.  
25, n. 12, p. 64-68, 2003*

HELENE, Paulo &  
HARTMANN, Carine



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lab column at natural  
environmental exposure  
during 8 years



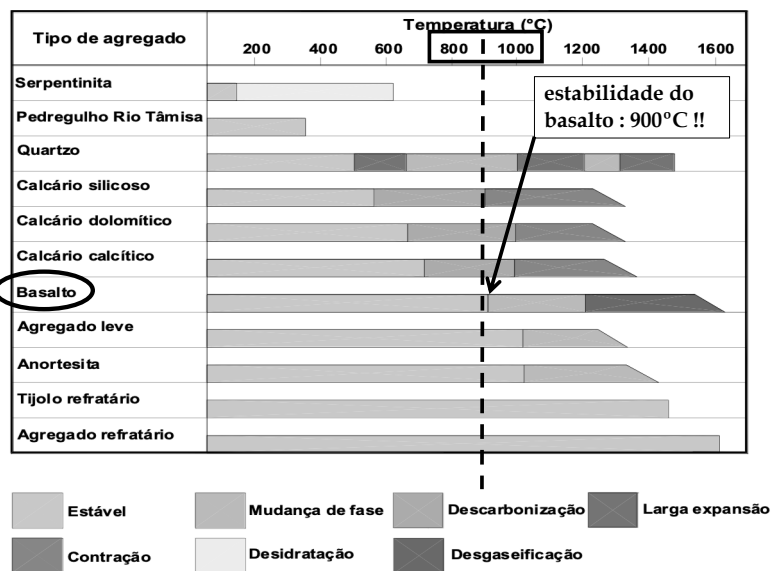
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## research significance

- ✓ aggregate petrography type (basalt)
- ✓ age and natural aging
- ✓ colored (pigmented) concrete
- ✓ very high strength

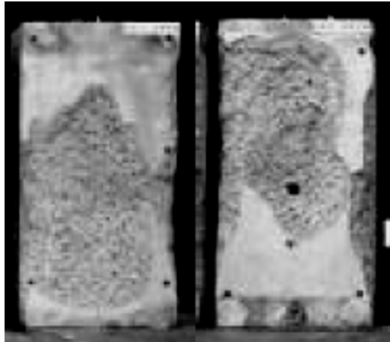
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## Aggregate (*fib* bulletin 38, 2007)

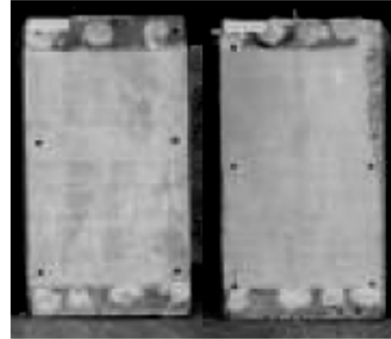


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## old age ...



**2 months**



**1 year**

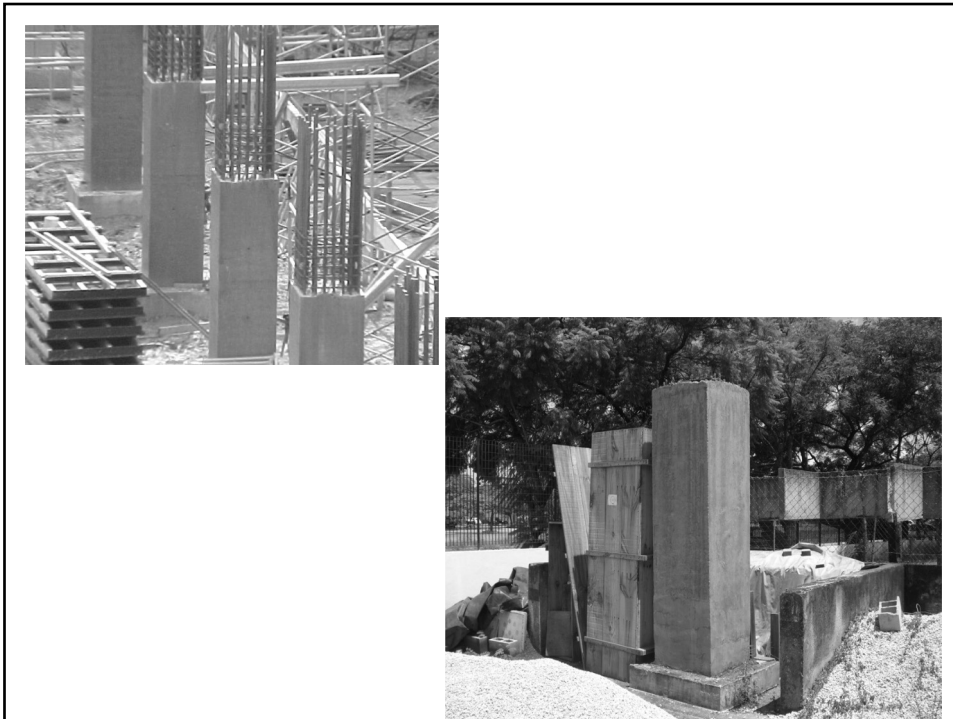
*Morita et al, 2002*

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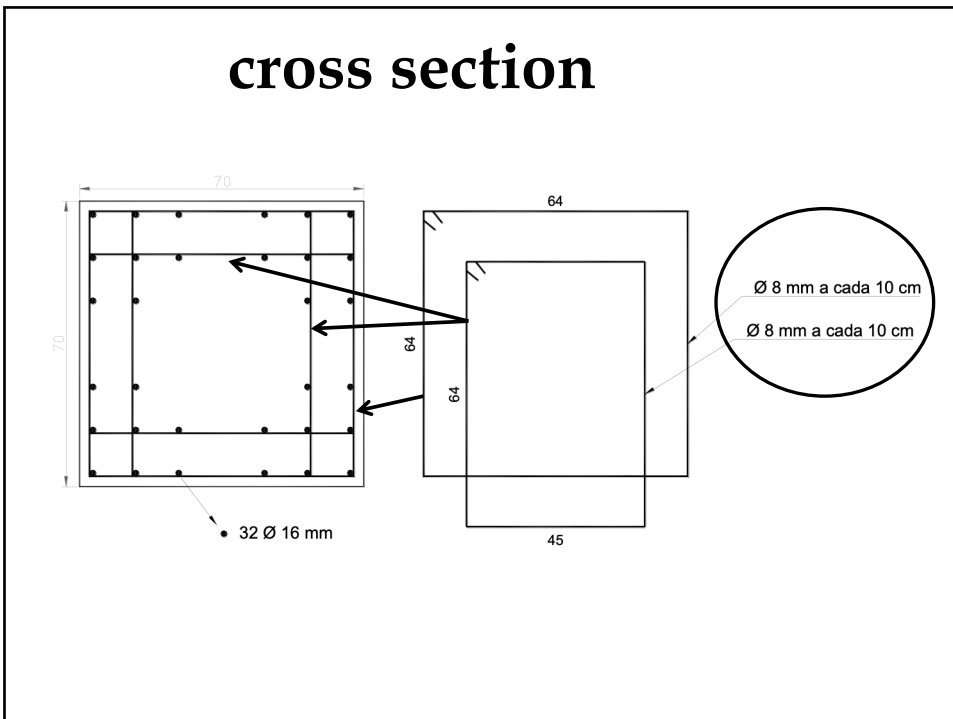
## colored (pigmented) concrete



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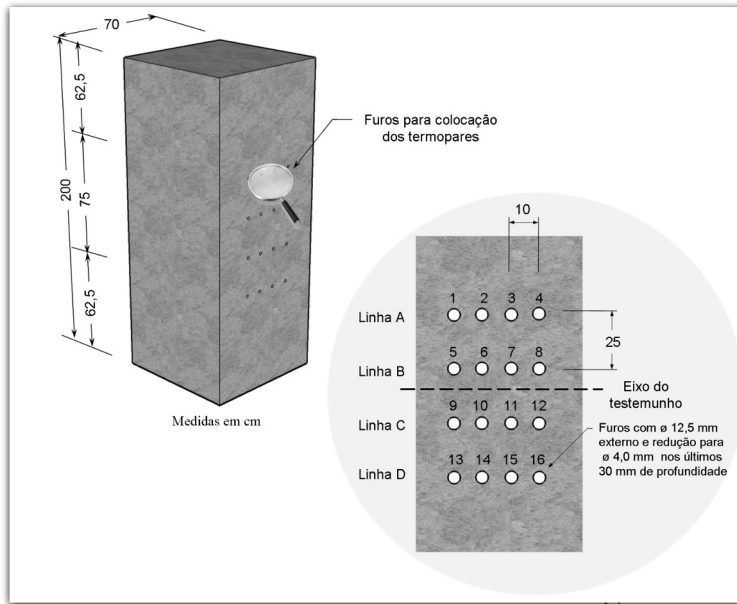


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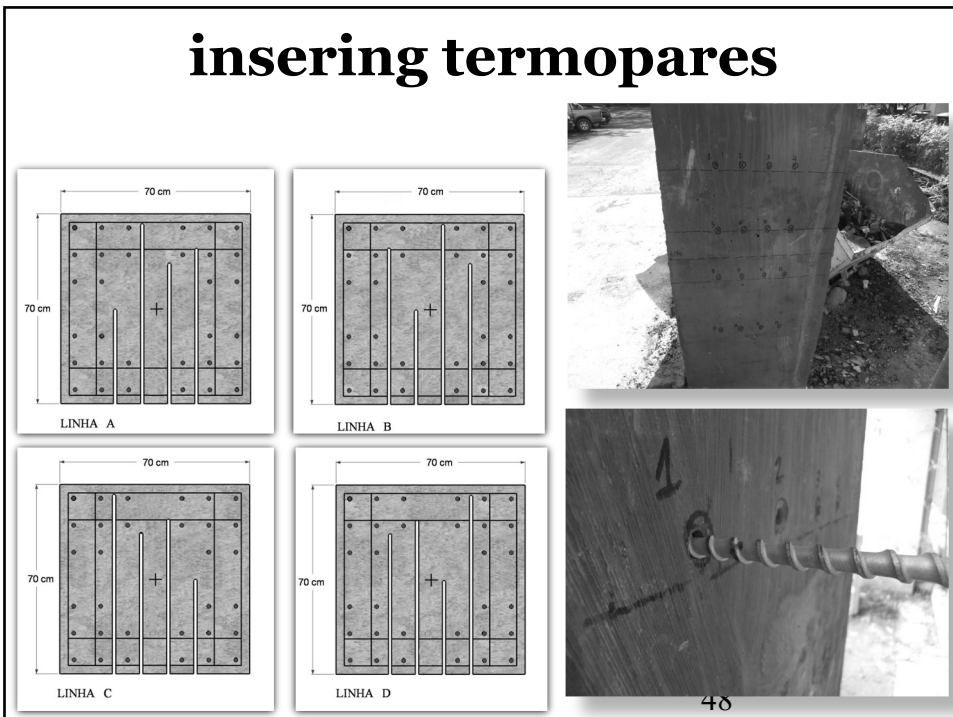
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# termopares



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# insering termopares



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## cores extraction



**140 MPa**

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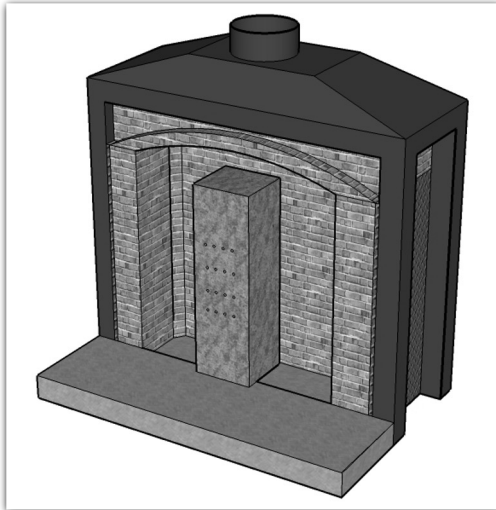
## column → cut and transport



**diamond wire**

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## Lab Test



✓ **unloaded**

✓ **3 sides**

✓ **ISO 834**

✓ **180 min**

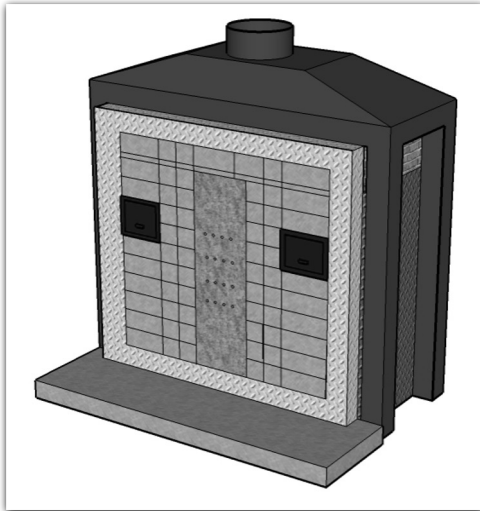
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## Top protection with ceramics fiber



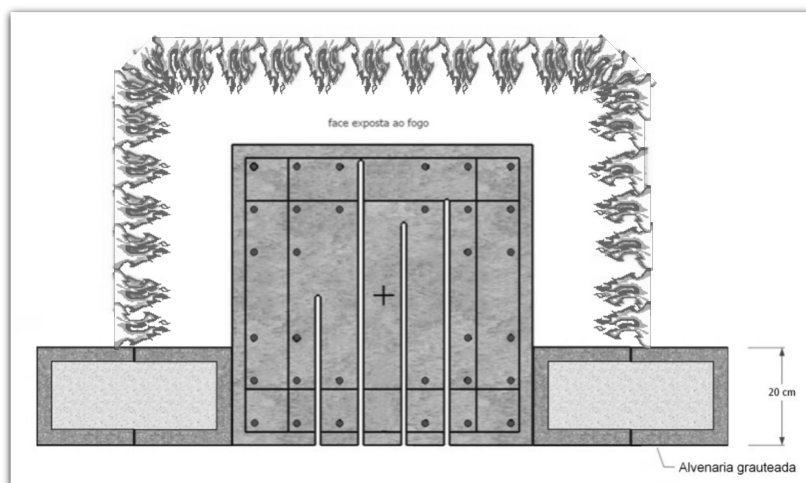
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## Lab Test



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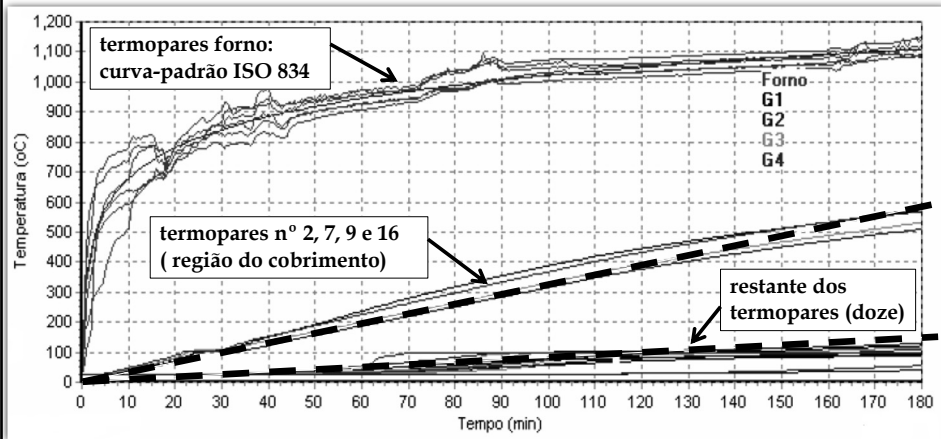
## Heat Conditions (3 sides)



*ISO 834 standard fire*

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## temperature evolution



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## After Lab Test 180min fire + 3 days



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# Integrity



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# Integrity after 180min



- ✓ ***spalling*** no explosive
- ✓ **pop corn sounds < 36min**
- ✓ **uniform distribution**
- ✓ **< 48mm (deep)**

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## Integrity



**exposed steel  
< 5%**

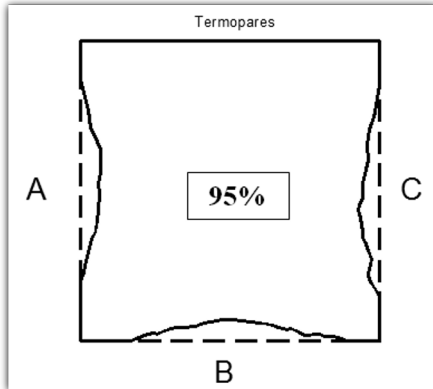
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## Integrity



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# Integrity



*spalling* measured in 450 points (150 each side)

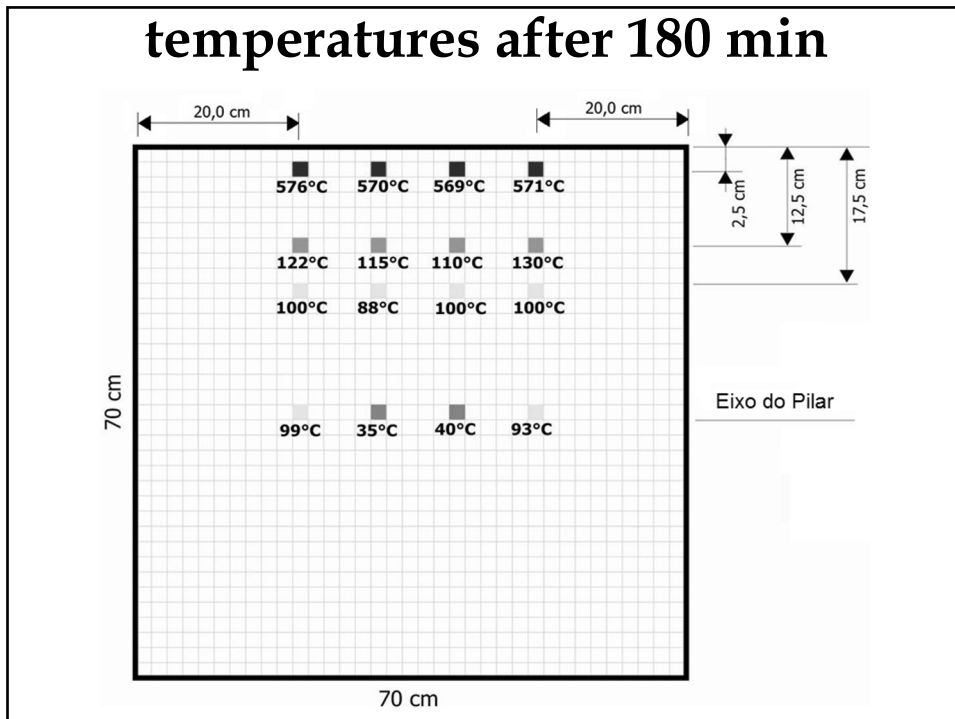
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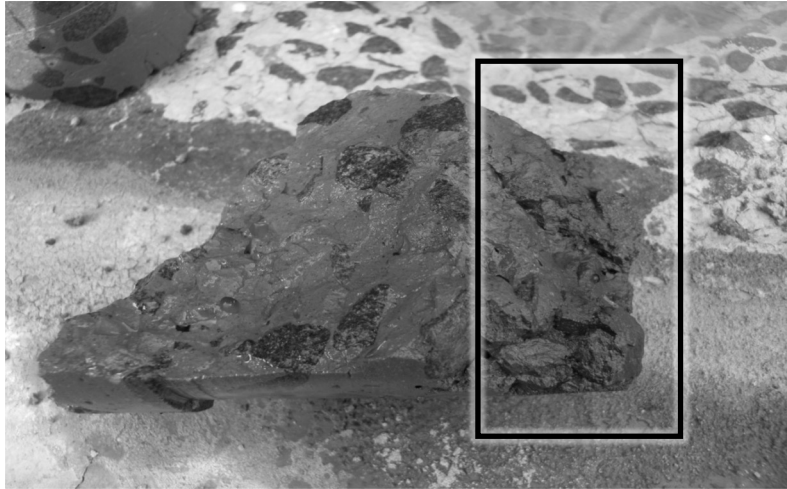
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## “pigment as natural thermometer”



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## “natural thermometer”



- ✓ red pigment
- ✓ deep  $\approx 55\text{mm}$
- ✓  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  em  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$
- ✓ hematite to magnetite

about  $600^\circ\text{C}$

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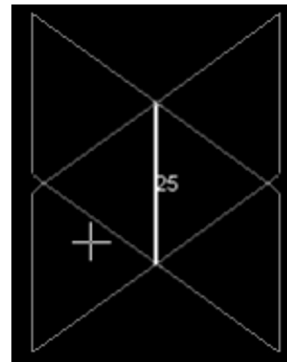
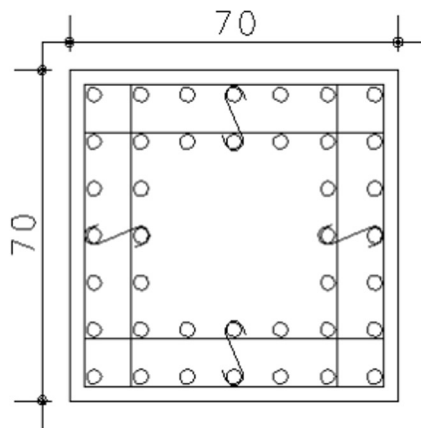
# numerical analysis of the residual load capacity according to EUROCODE II

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## Initial Condition

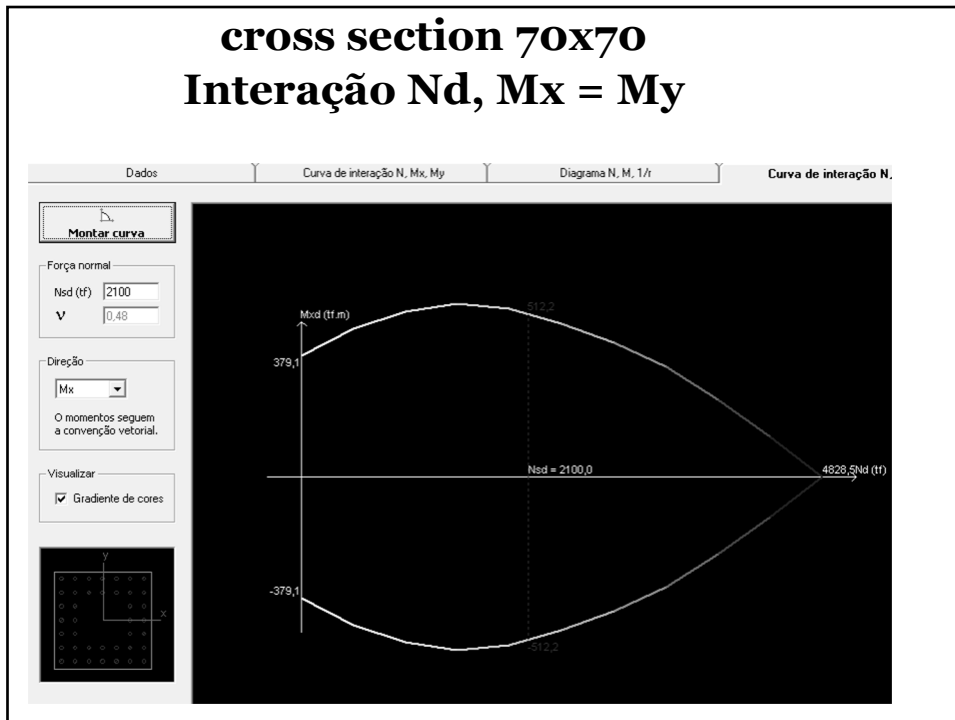
cross section = 70x70cm  
 $A_c = 4578,32\text{cm}^2$   
 $A_s = 40 \text{ } \varnothing 32\text{mm} = 321,68\text{cm}^2$   
 $\rho = 7,03\%$

Hipótese de Cálculo  
(Contraventamentos)



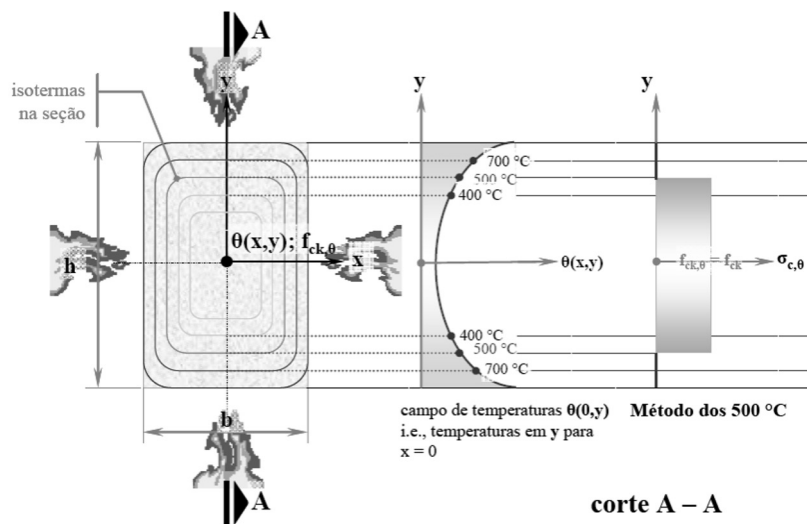
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## cross section 70x70 Interação Nd, Mx = My



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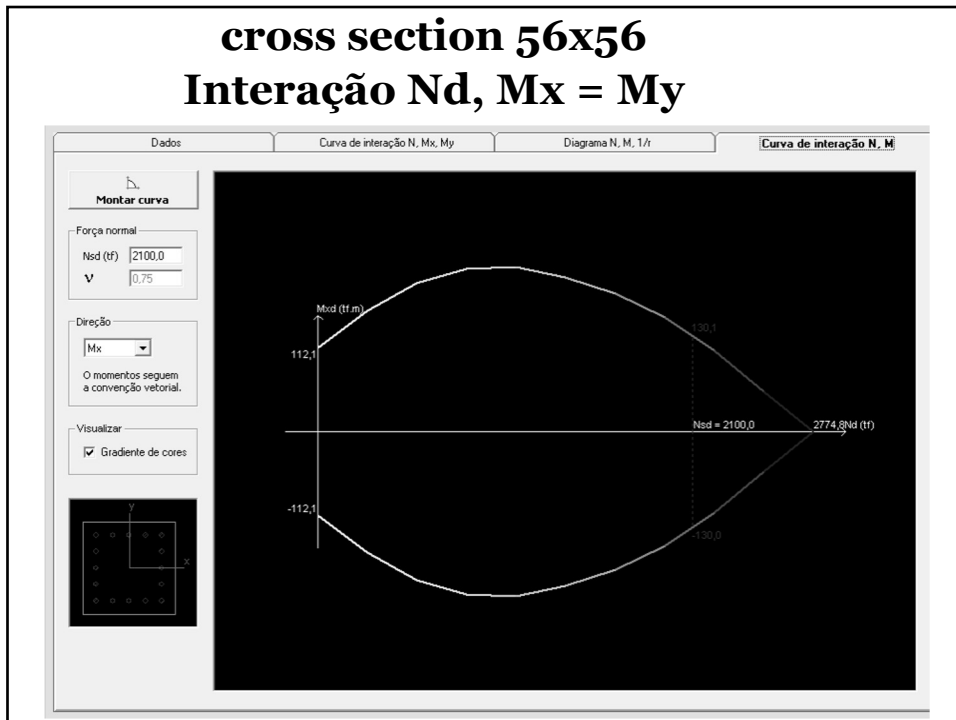
## 500°C Isotherm Method . EN 1992-1-2-2004 (EUROCODE II)



(Costa,2008)

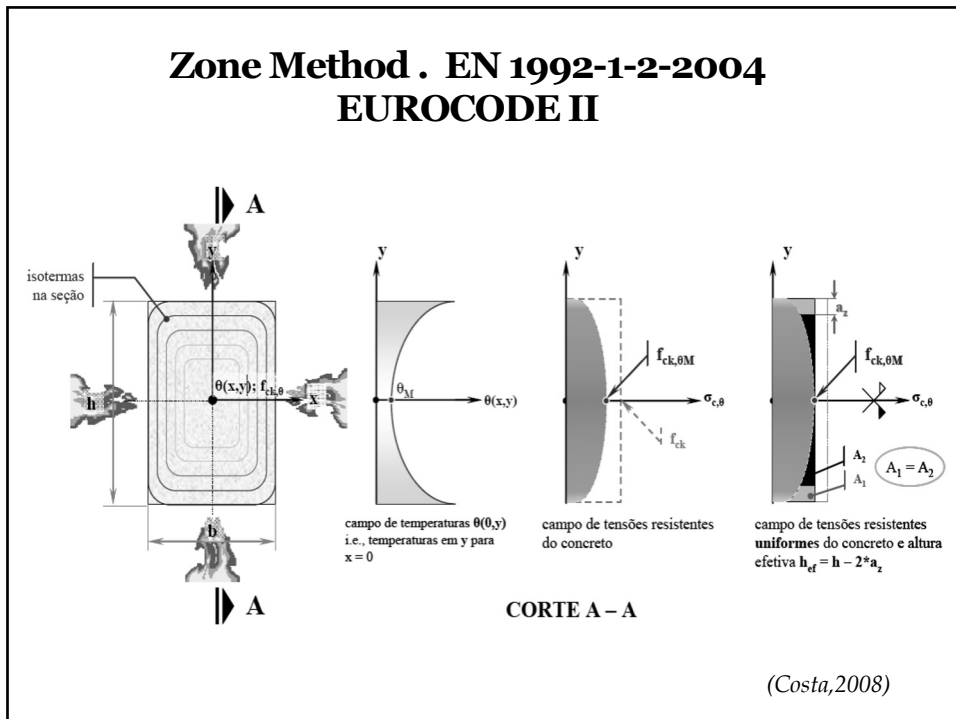
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## cross section 56x56 Interação Nd, Mx = My



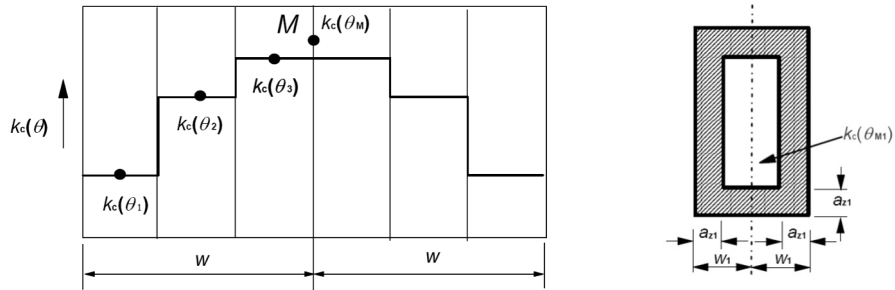
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## Zone Method . EN 1992-1-2-2004 EUROCODE II



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## Zone Method . EN 1992-1-2-2004 EUROCODE II

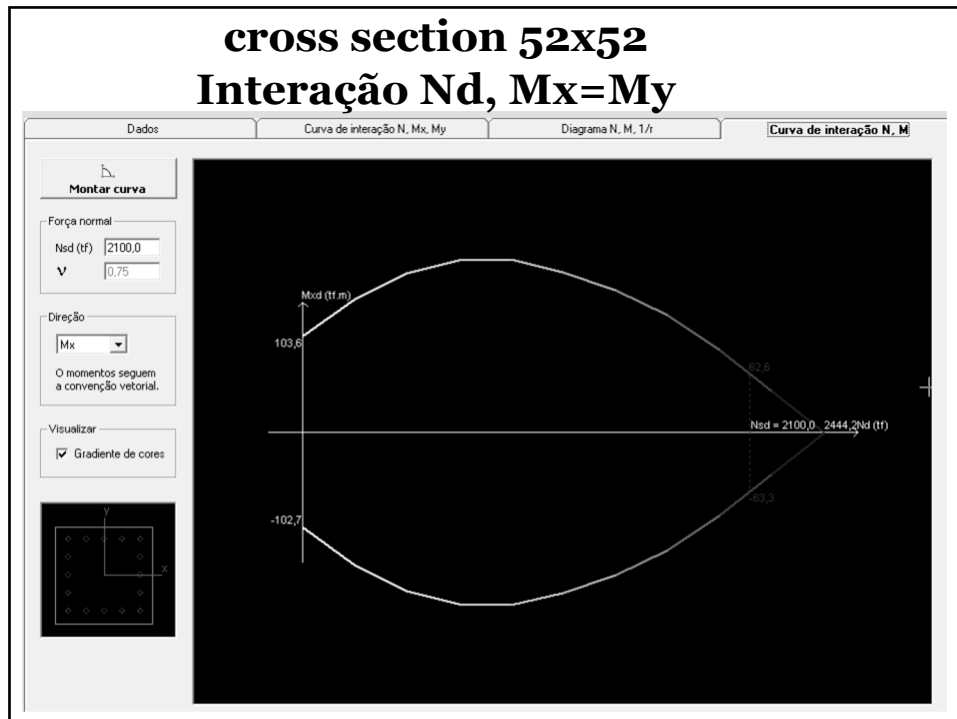


$$a_z = \begin{cases} w \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{\kappa_{c,m}}{\kappa_{c,\theta_M}} \right) & \rightarrow \text{lajes e vigas;} \\ w \cdot \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\kappa_{c,m}}{\kappa_{c,\theta_M}} \right)^{1,3} \right] & \rightarrow \text{pilares e pilares - parede.} \end{cases}$$

$$\kappa_{c,m} = \frac{\left( 1 - \frac{0,2}{n} \right)}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_{c,\theta_i}$$

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## cross section 52x52 Interação Nd, Mx=My



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**summary for  $M_x = M_y = \text{zero}$**

**initial condition**

**cross section  $\rightarrow 70 \times 70$**

**$N_{dmax} = 4828 \text{ tf (100\%)}$**

**500°C Isotherm Method**

**cross section  $\rightarrow 56 \times 56$**

**$N_{dmax} = 2774 \text{ tf (57\%)}$**

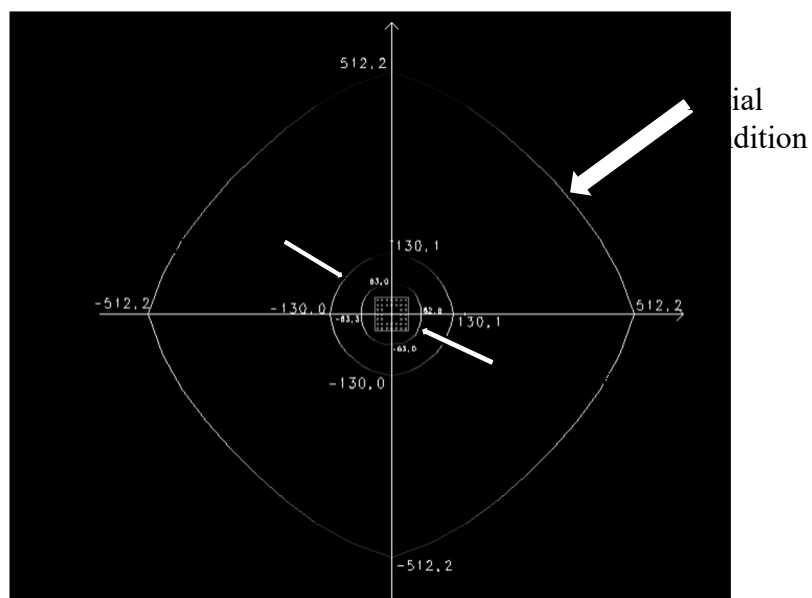
**Zone Method**

**cross section  $\rightarrow 52 \times 52$**

**$N_{dmax} = 2444 \text{ tf (50\%)}$**

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**Comparação das Curvas de Interação  
 $M_x$  e  $M_y$  para  $N_d = 2100 \text{tf}$**



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***“ the behavior of reinforced concrete structure under severe fire condition was extremely positive and much better than standard (EUROCODE) prediction under fire conditions ”***

**Jose Calavera Ruiz**  
*Ingeniería Estructural. AIE n.37, 2006*

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## **Conclusion**

- 1. A materials-based approach is not sufficient on its own to explain the performance of a real concrete structure in a fire.**
- 2. Additional factors, such as elements dimensions, steel distribution, cover deep, concrete age, and others of the concrete structure as a whole, are also significant.**
- 3. The best way can be allow a performance-based approach to be used in design; taking**
- 4. Taking into account actual fire-loading scenarios, physical material parameters, and analysis of the whole structure.**

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