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Comprehensive fire protection and safety with concrete








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**Pavimentos de hormigón en túneles
*su influencia en la seguridad
frente al fuego***

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“La Federación de Bomberos de Francia opina que “la simple lógica debería imponer la sustitución de las mezclas bituminosas por un material totalmente neutro como es el hormigón” .

“Por su parte, el Comité Técnico Internacional para la Prevención y Extinción de Incendios (CTIF) [1], una organización que representa a cinco millones de bomberos y que es la más importante a nivel mundial, indica que “los firmes de las carreteras deberían ser incombustibles, no emitir humos tóxicos y ser claros, lo que mejora la visibilidad. Por ello el hormigón debería preferirse a las mezclas bituminosas”.

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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

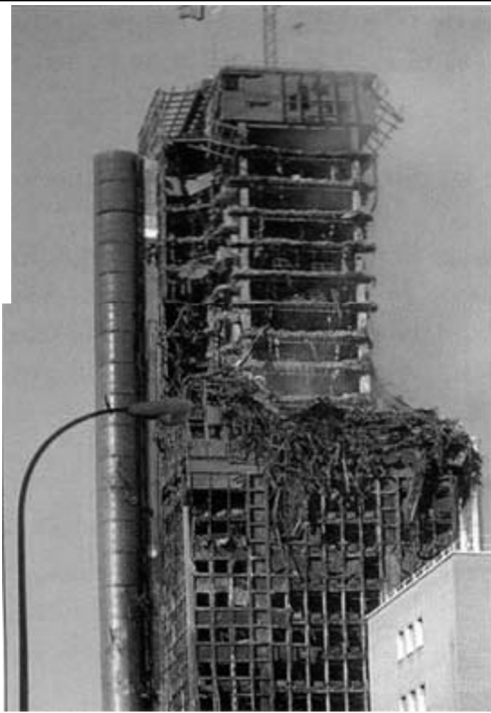
Fire: 1st February 1974

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

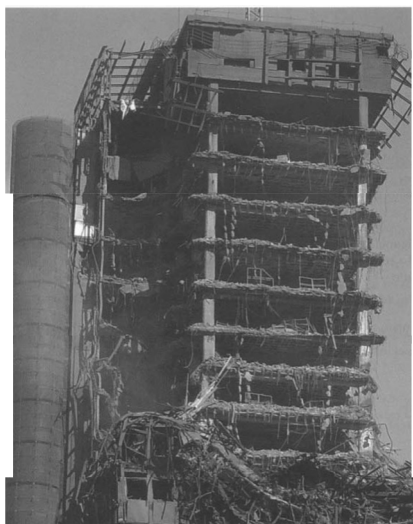
***perfect conditions
nothing collapsed***

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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: 12 February 2005

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

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

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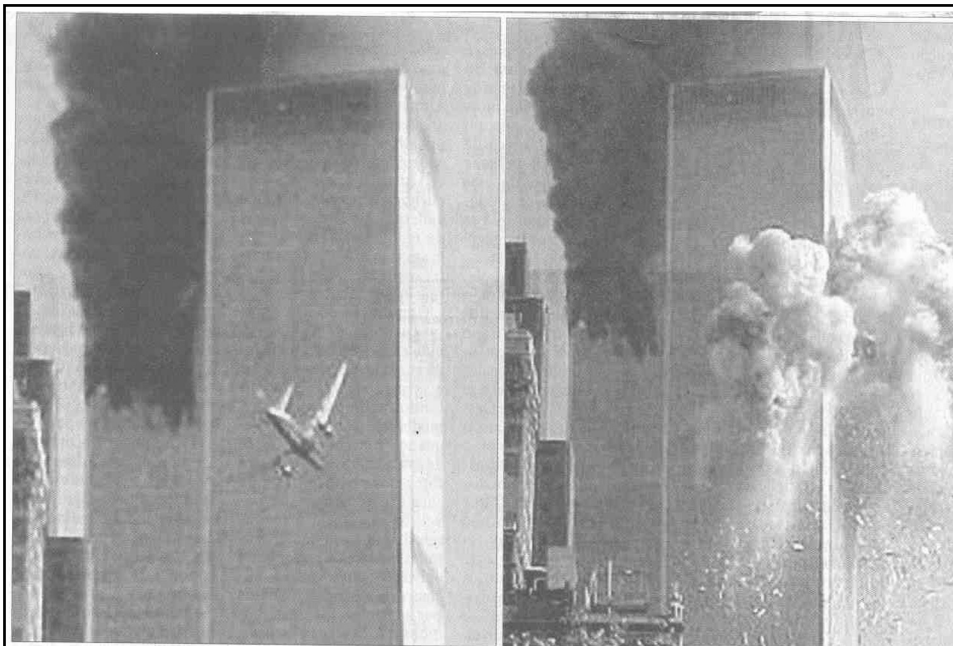


“the reinforced concrete structure, columns, beams and slabs under 16h severe fire condition , could perform well and no collapse”

... “the penetration of the damaged, is heterogeneous and vary from 1.5cm in 19 floor to 3 cm in 12 floor... “

Dra. Cruz Alonso. IET.

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September 11, 2001

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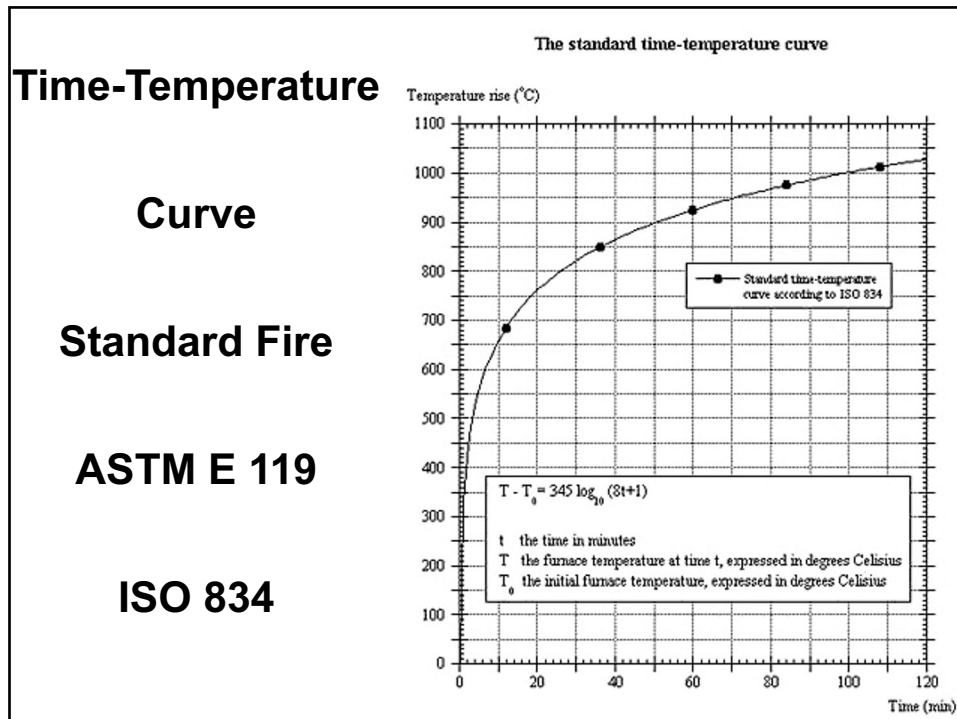
Concrete in fire

- ✓ site conditions
- ✓ lab conditions

- ❖ concrete reduce strength
- ❖ concrete can have spalling
- ❖ concrete can have explosive spalling
- ❖ HSC can have heavy explosive spalling

Is it true?

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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
different concrete cover, dimension,
reinforcement, concrete strength, aggregates**

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

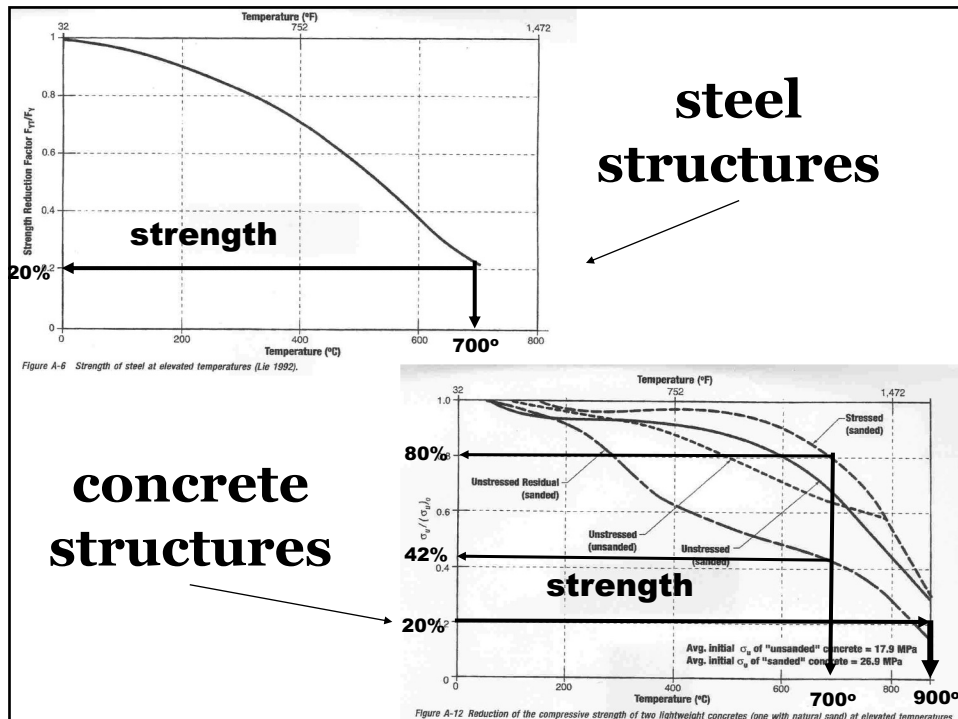
1. High-strength mixtures made with very low w/cm (0.22) showed less strength loss than with 0.33 w/cm.
2. Explosive spalling was observed when the temperature of the specimen center was in the range of 200 °C and 325 °C.

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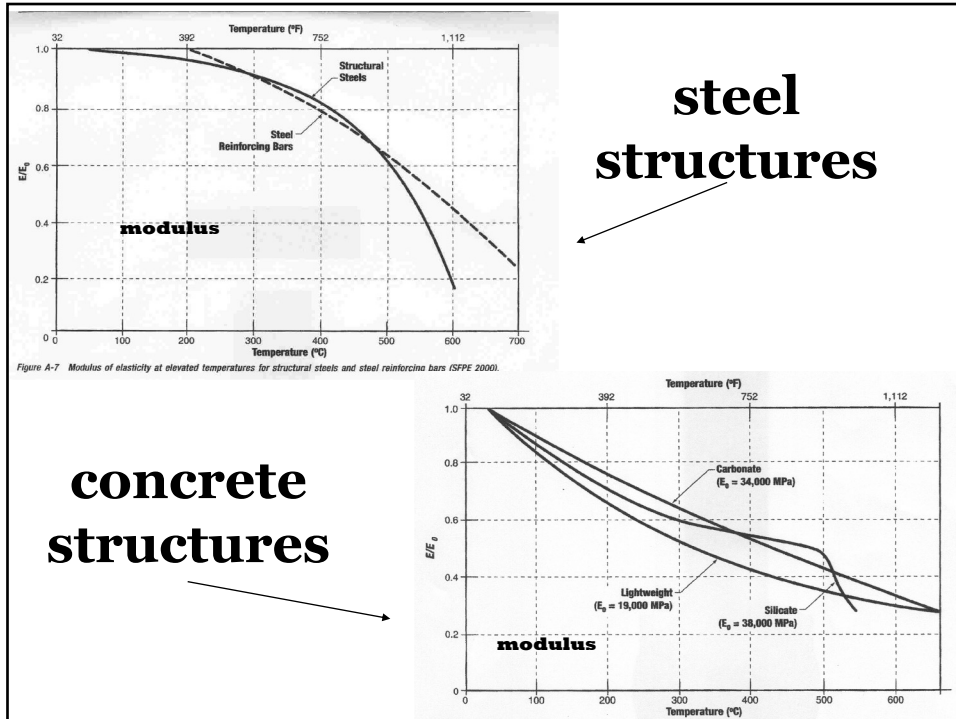
HSC water-cement ratio 0.22 to 0.57, 51 to 93 MPa

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.

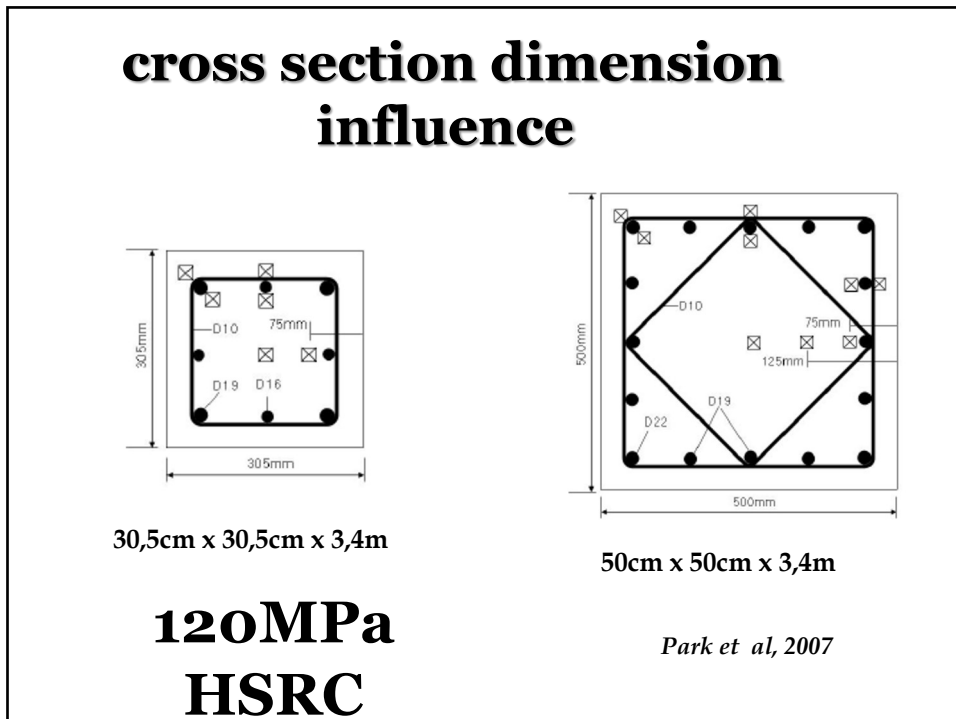
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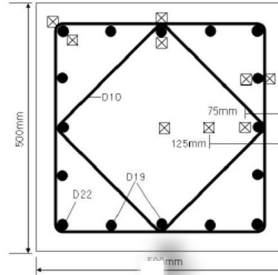
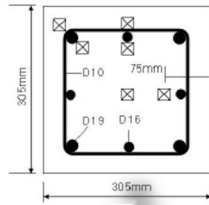


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cross section dimension influence

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.

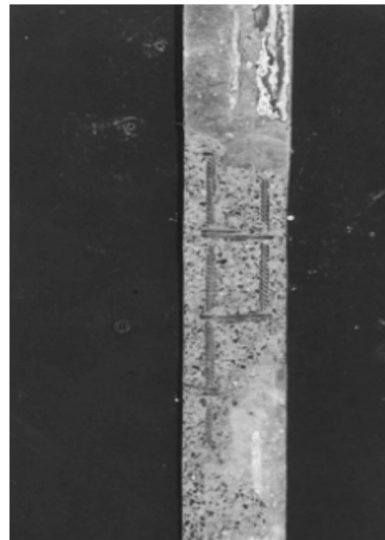
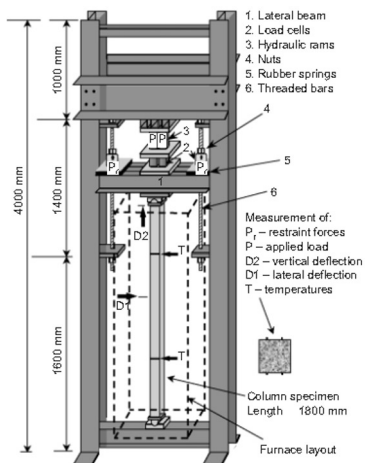
✓ no collapse

Park et al, 2007

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column 1.8m high !!??

> 60cm



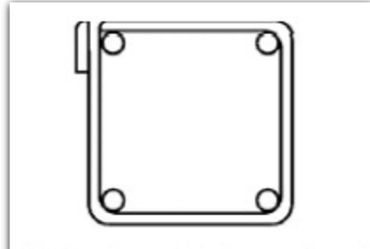
cross section 12,5cm x 12,5cm

Benmarce & Guenfoud, 2005

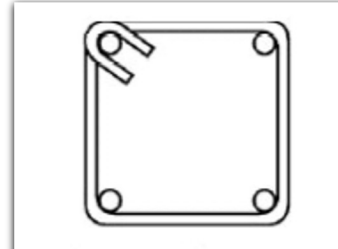
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reinforcing details

stirrups in columns



incorrect



correct

Kodur, 2005

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incorrect



Configuração Convencional de Estribos

correct



Configuração Modificada de Estribos

Kodur, 2005

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concrete cover

40mm

70mm

✓ spalling: 13mm to 18mm

✓ spalling: 15mm to 30mm

✓ fire: 4 h

✓ fire: 4 h

✓ 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

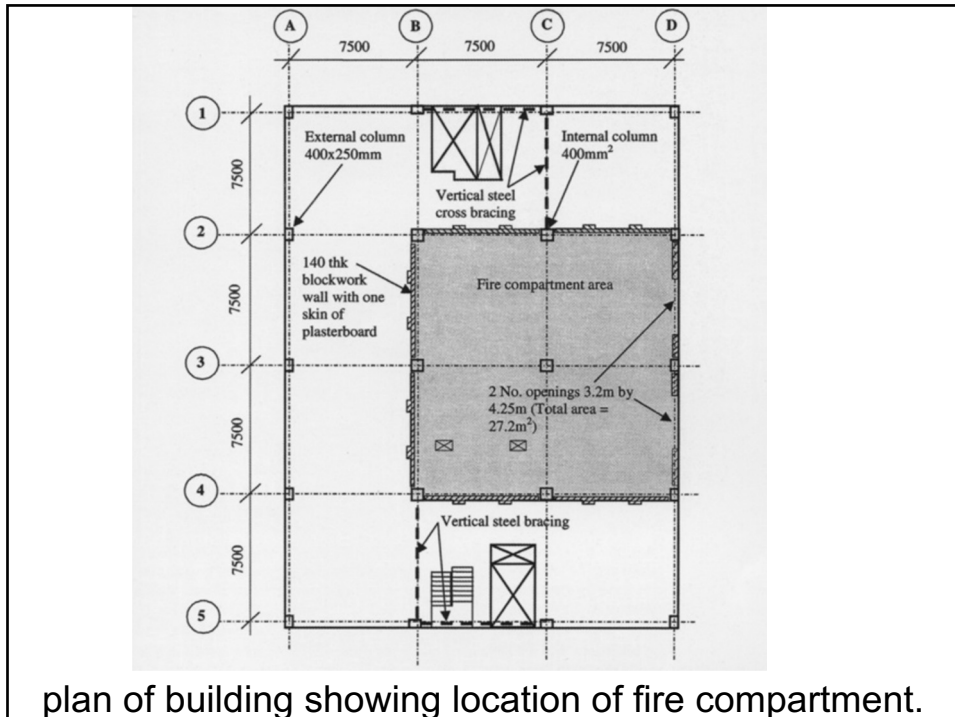
By Pal Chana and Bill Price, British Cement Association
Jul 15, 2003, 09:00

- ✓ 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

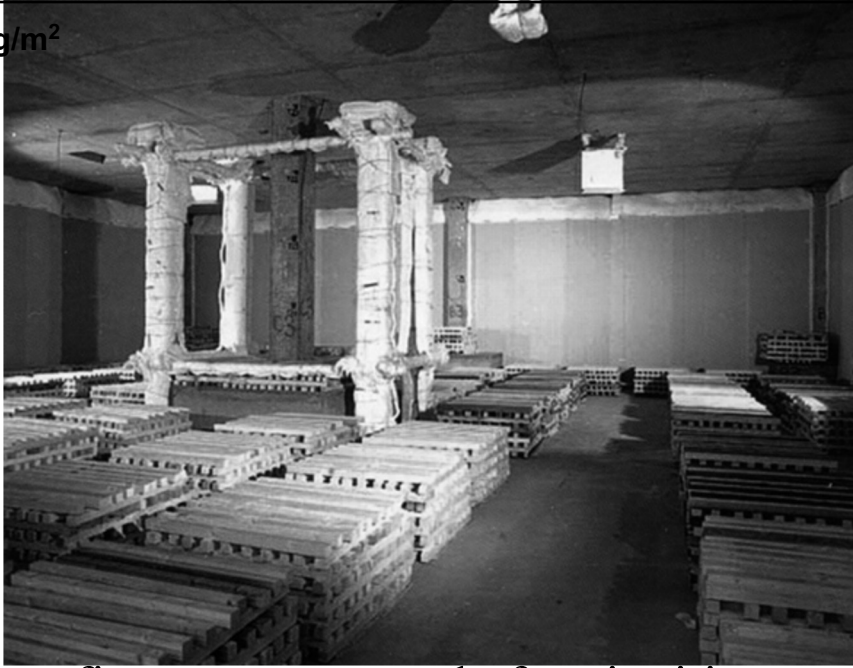
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plan of building showing location of fire compartment.

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40kg/m²



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).

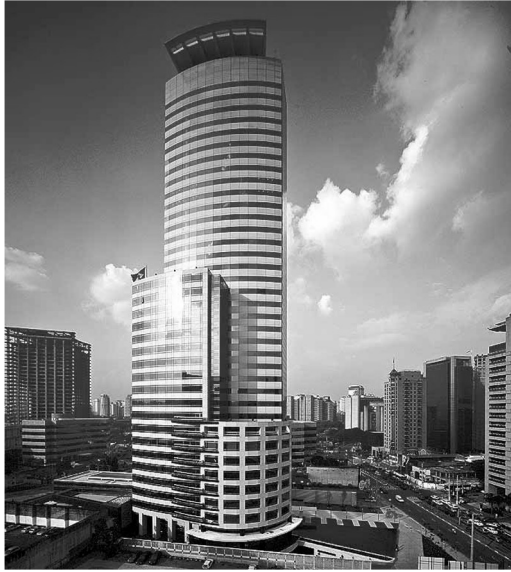
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**RESEARCH
at University of São Paulo
BRAZIL
2002 → 2010**

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Supervisor: Paulo Helene*

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past history



e-Tower building

São Paulo Brazil

2002

$f_c = 125\text{MPa}$

world record

6 columns in 7 floors

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concrete



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“ HPCC in Brazilian Office Tower”

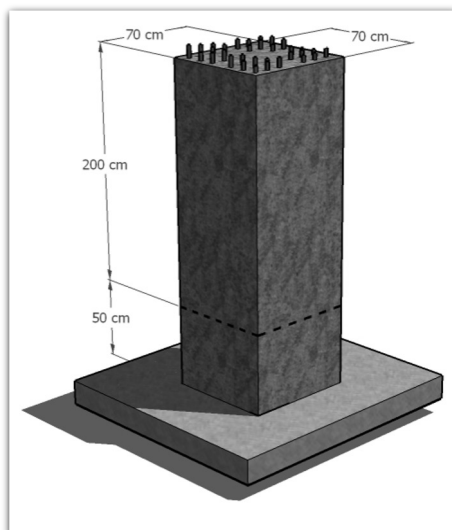
*Concrete International. ACI,
American Concrete Institute, v.
25, n. 12, p. 64-68, 2003*

HELENE, Paulo &
HARTMANN, Carine



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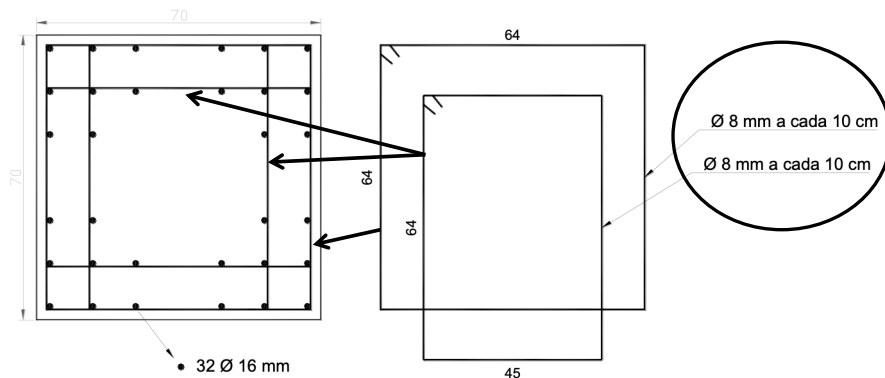
Tested Column



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

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cross section



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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 iron oxide as red pigment

3h (180min) standard fire in lab environment

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**similar lab column kept at
natural environmental
exposure**



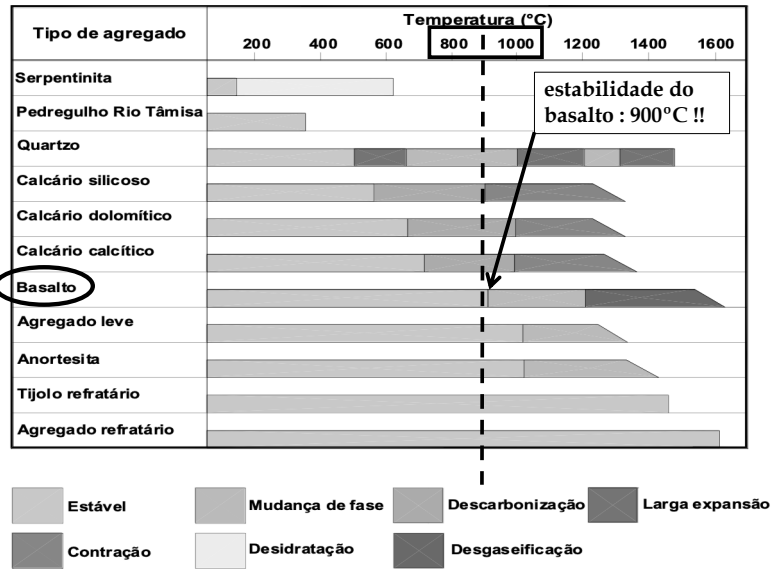
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research significance

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

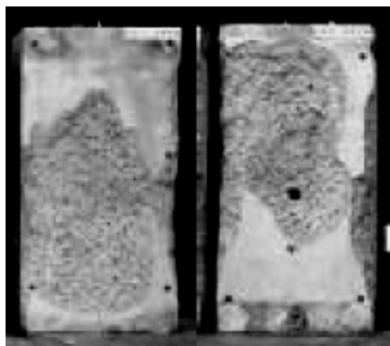
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Aggregate (*fib* bulletin 38, 2007)

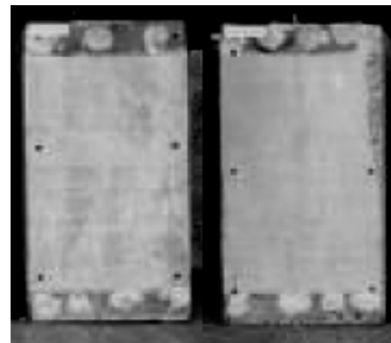


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old age ...



2 months



1 year

Morita et al, 2002

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colored (pigmented) concrete



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column → cut and transport



diamond wire



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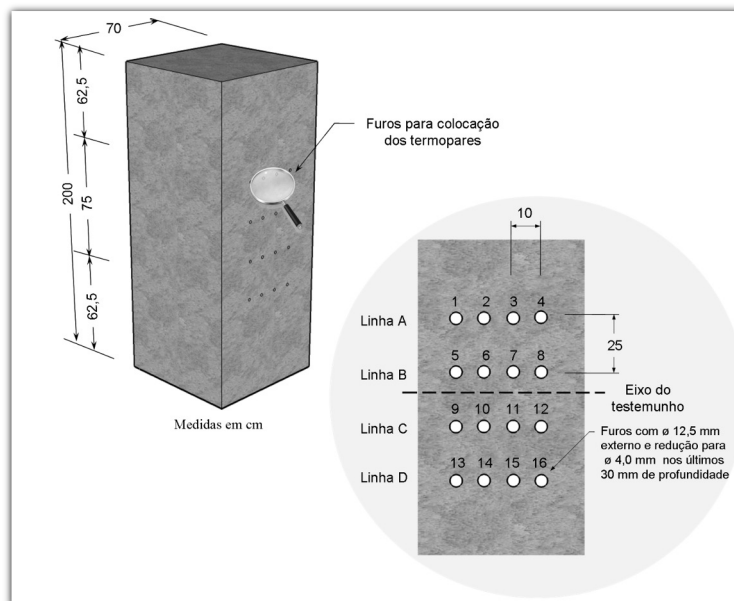
drilled cores



140 MPa

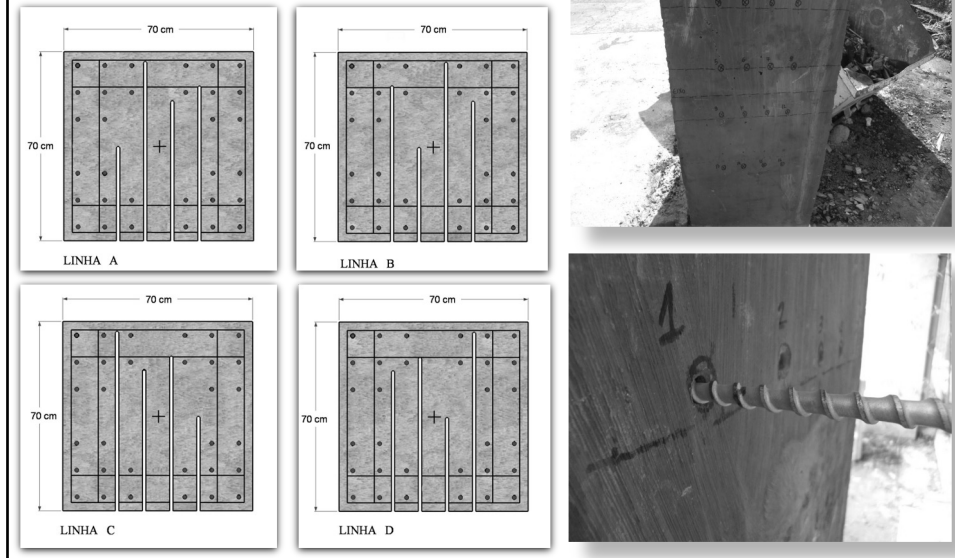
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16 thermocouples



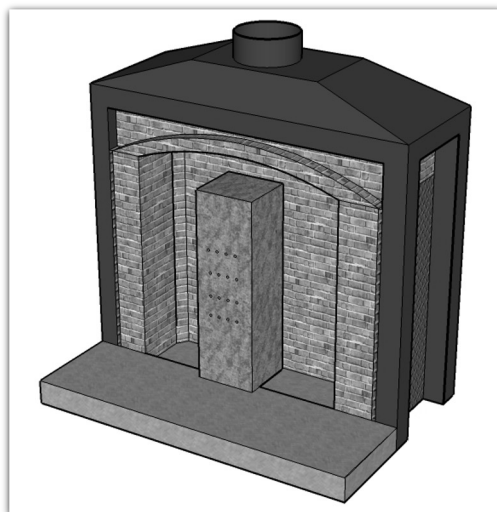
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inserting thermocouple



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Lab Test



- ✓ **unloaded**
- ✓ **3 exposed sides**
- ✓ **ISO 834**
- ✓ **180 min**

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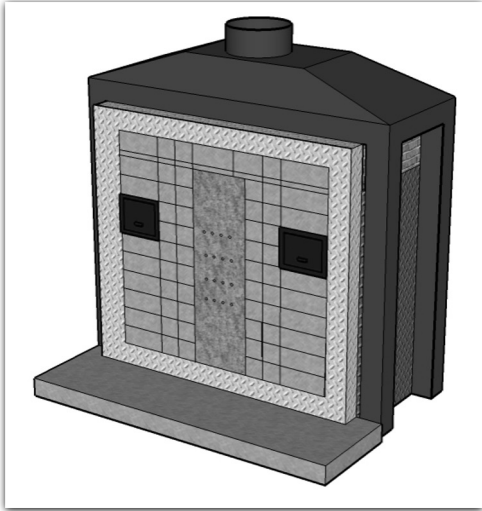
top protection with ceramics fiber



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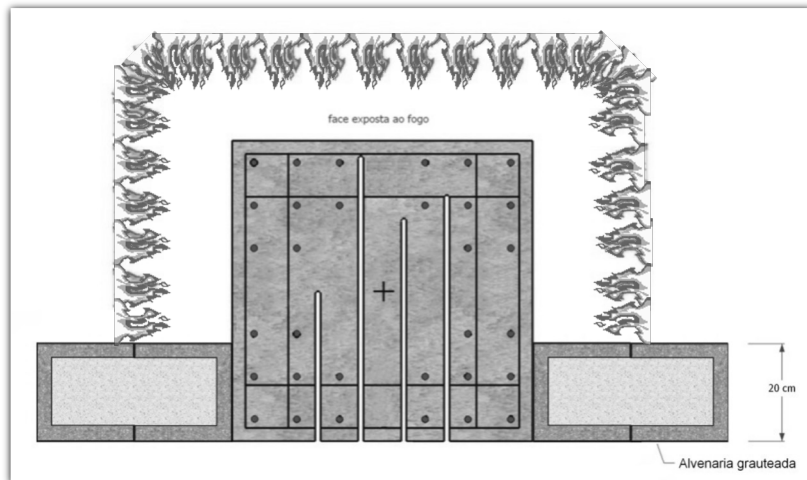
Lab Test

high temperature oven



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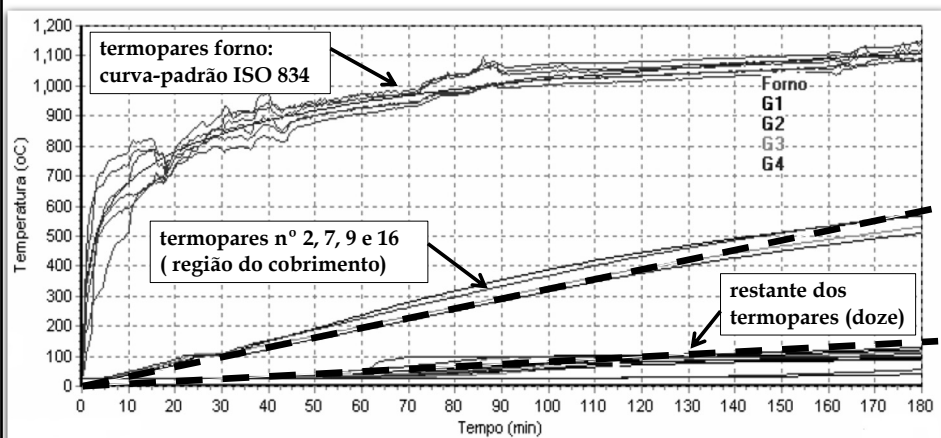
Heat Conditions (3 sides)



ISO 834 standard fire

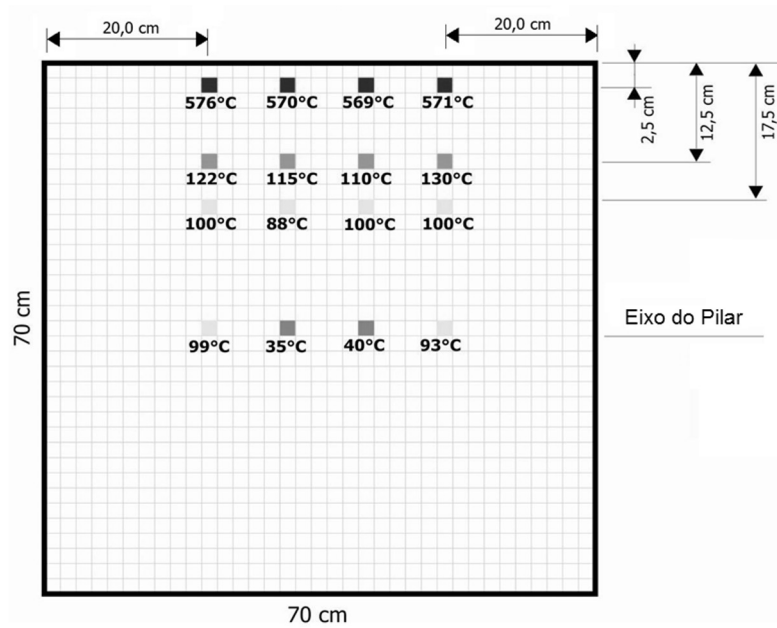
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temperature evolution



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temperatures after 180 min



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After Lab Test 180min fire + 3 days



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Integrity



perfect corners

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Integrity after 180min



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

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Integrity



**exposed steel
< 5%**

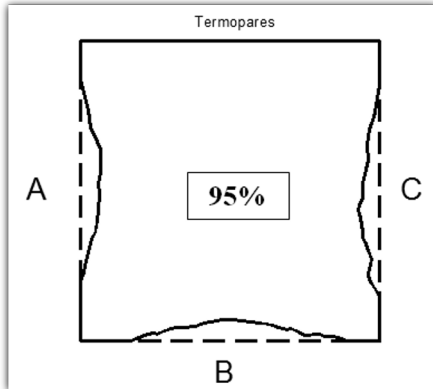
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Integrity



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Integrity



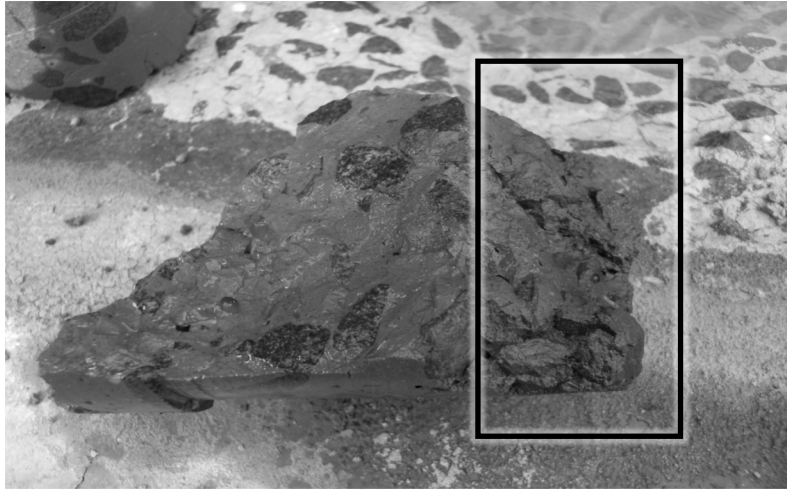
spalling measured in 450 points (150 each side)

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“pigment as natural thermometer”



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“natural thermometer”



- ✓ red pigment
- ✓ deep $\approx 55\text{mm}$
- ✓ Fe_2O_3 to Fe_3O_4
- ✓ hematite to magnetite

about 600°C

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numerical analysis of the residual load capacity according to EUROCODE II

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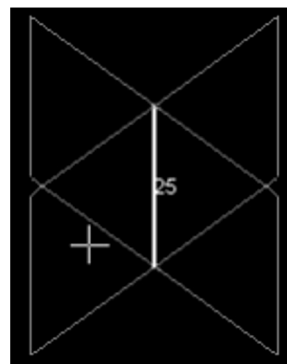
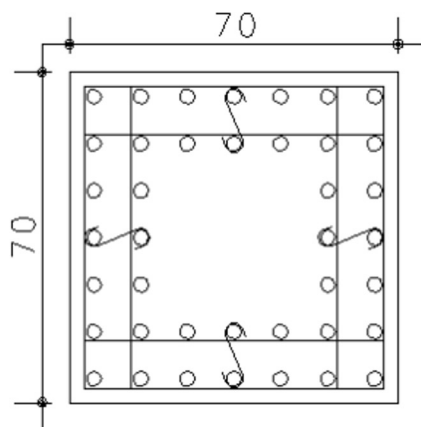
Initial Condition

cross section = 70x70cm

$A_c = 4578,32\text{cm}^2$

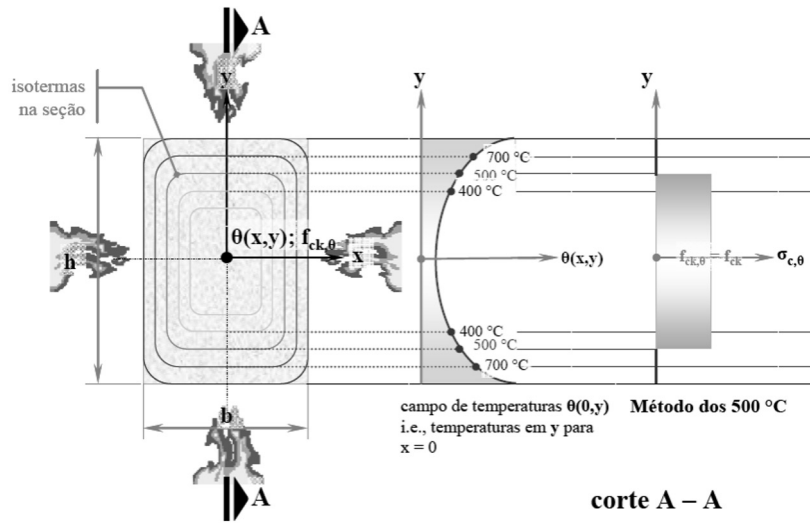
$A_s = 40 \text{ } \varnothing 32\text{mm} = 321,68\text{cm}^2$

$\rho = 7,03\%$



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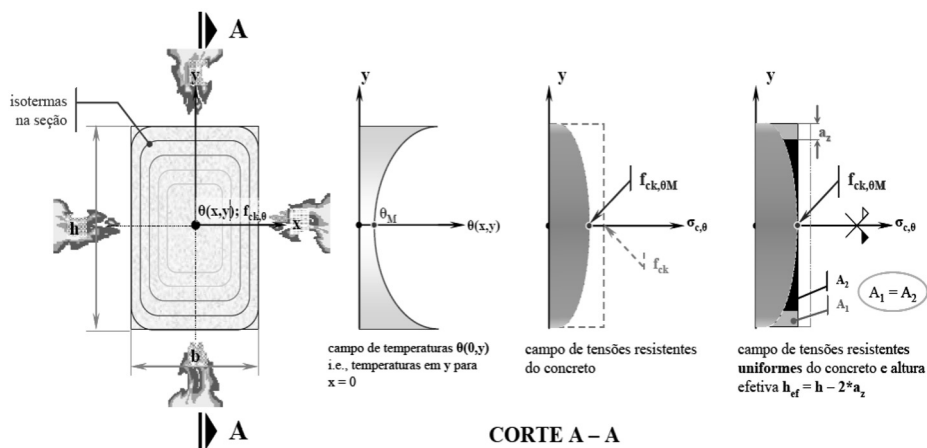
500°C Isotherm Method . EN 1992-1-2-2004 (EUROCODE II)



(Costa,2008)

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



(Costa,2008)

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summary for $M_x = M_y = 0$

initial condition

cross section $\rightarrow 70 \times 70$

$P_{max} = 4.828$ tf (100%)

500°C Isotherm Method

cross section $\rightarrow 56 \times 56$

$P_{max} = 2.774$ tf (57%)

Zone Method

cross section $\rightarrow 52 \times 52$

$P_{max} = 2.444$ tf (50%)

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Real Research Condition

initial condition

cross section $\rightarrow 70 \times 70$

$P_{max} = 4.828$ tf (100%)

real condition after fire

ambient temperature

cross section $\rightarrow 59 \times 59$

$P_{max} = 3.429$ tf (71%)

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summary for $M_x = M_y = 0$

initial condition

$$P_{max} = 4.828 \text{ tf (100\%)}$$

500°C Isotherm Method

$$P_{max} = 2.774 \text{ tf (57\%)}$$

Zone Method

$$P_{max} = 2.444 \text{ tf (50\%)}$$

After Fire

$$P_{max} = 3.429 \text{ tf (71\%)}$$

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**WINDSOR Building
Steel-Concrete Structure**

**Madrid
Spain
2005**

“ the behavior of reinforced concrete structure under severe fire condition, 16h, 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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Conclusión

- 1. Investigación basada solamente en el comportamiento de los materiales, no es suficiente para explicar el efectivo comportamiento de las estructuras bajo fuego**
- 2. Otros factores como dimensiones de los elementos, distribución de los aceros, espesor de recubrimiento, edad del concreto, son muy significantes**
- 3. El ideal es adoptar un enfoque basado en prestaciones para lograr un buen diseño, tomando en cuenta los escenarios de fuego y cargas, los parâmetros de los materiais, e una buen análisis de toda la estructura**

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Muchas Gracias!



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