

EFFECTS OF FLAME RADIATION ON TEMPERATURE ELEVATION OF STEEL MEMBERS IN LARGE SPACE BUILDING FIRES

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- Temperature fields are non-uniform in large space building fires and lower than small compartment fires generally, given as

$$T_g(t) - T_g(0) = T_g^{\max} \left[1 - 0.8e^{(-\beta t)} - 0.2e^{(-0.1\beta t)} \right] \cdot \left[\eta + (1 - \eta)e^{\left(\frac{b-x}{\mu}\right)} \right]$$

- Heat transfer between flame, smoke and steel members is given as

$$\frac{\Delta T_{sf}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\varepsilon_r \varepsilon_s c_0 F \left[(T_g + 273)^4 - (T_{sf}(t) + 273)^4 \right] + \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_s \varphi_{sf} F (1 - \varepsilon_g) c_0 \left[(T_f + 273)^4 - (T_{sf}(t) + 273)^4 \right] + F \varepsilon_c (T_g - T_{sf}(t))}{V \rho_s c_s}$$

- T_{sf}' temperature of the steel member generated by the flame radiation alone is depend on follows

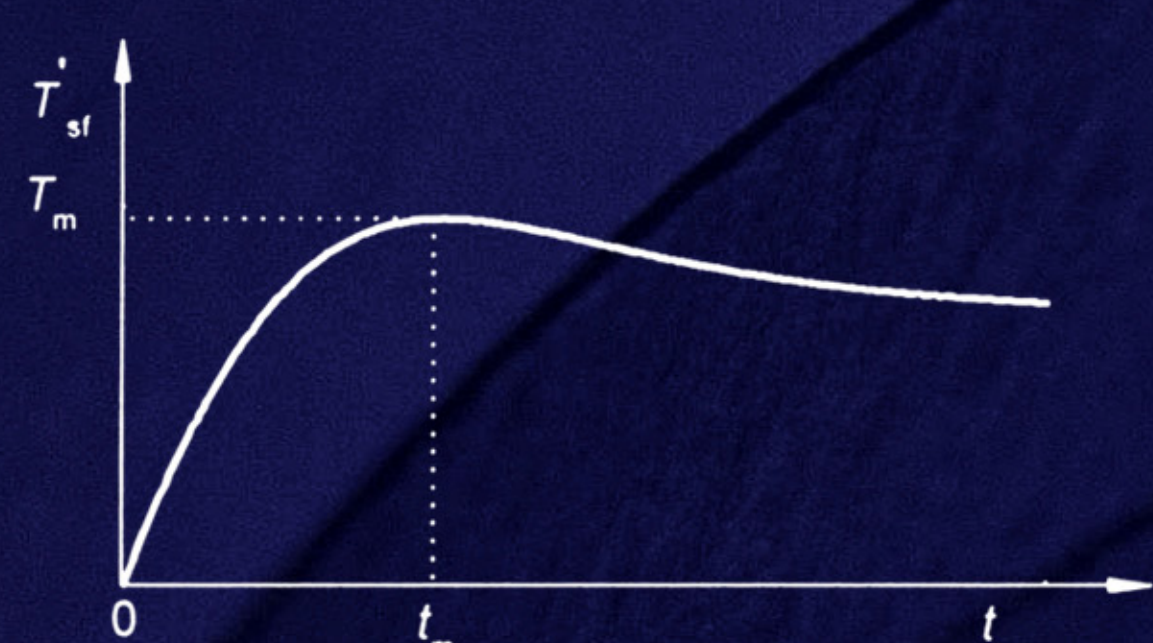


Fig. 1. Typical temperature course of steel members caused by flame radiation alone

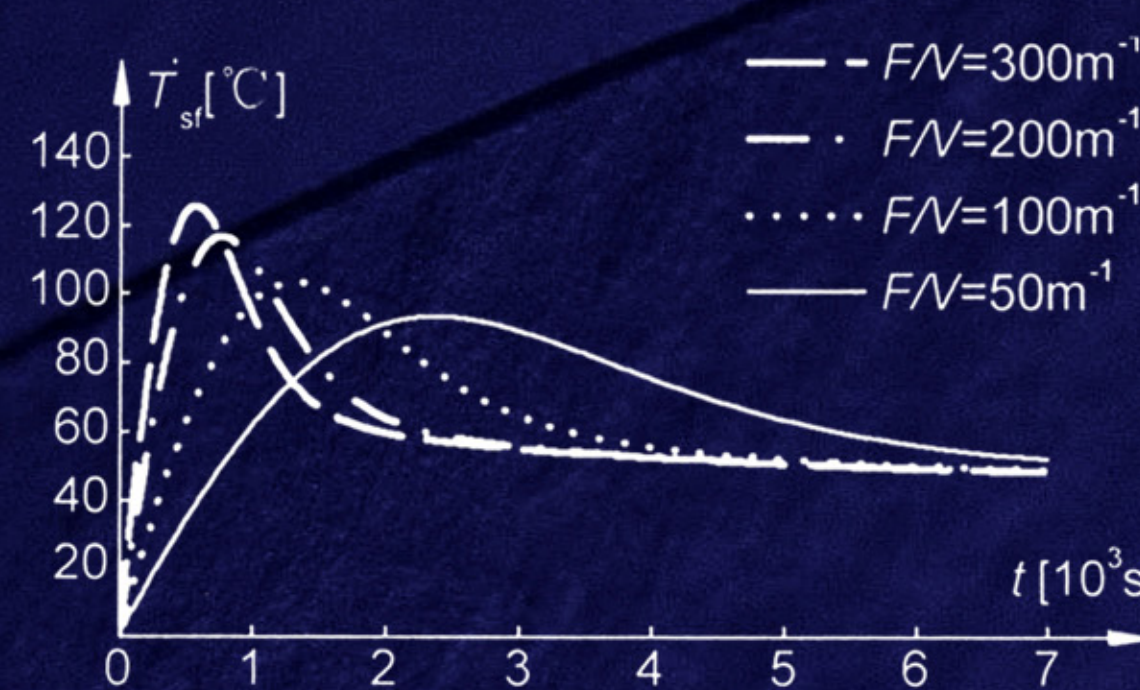


Fig. 2. Relationship of time with temperature T_{sf}' for factor F/V

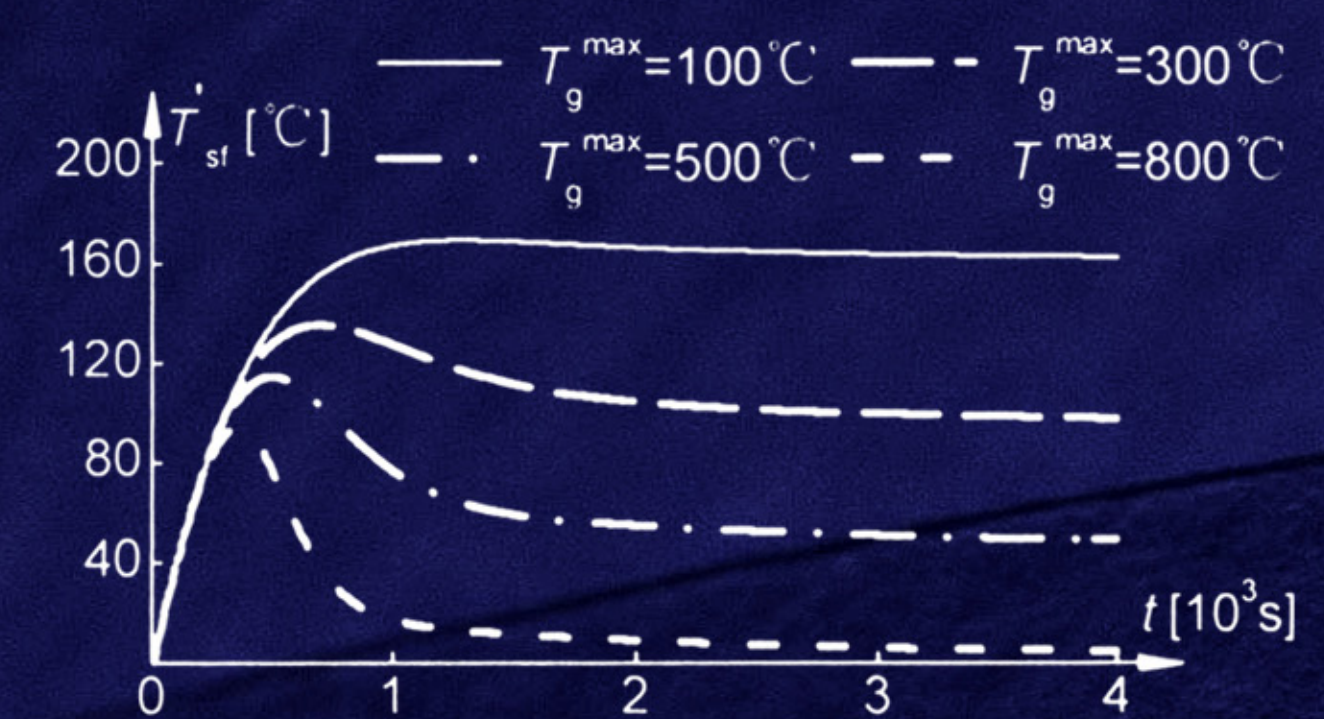


Fig. 3. Relationship of time with temperature T_{sf}' for factor T_g^{\max}

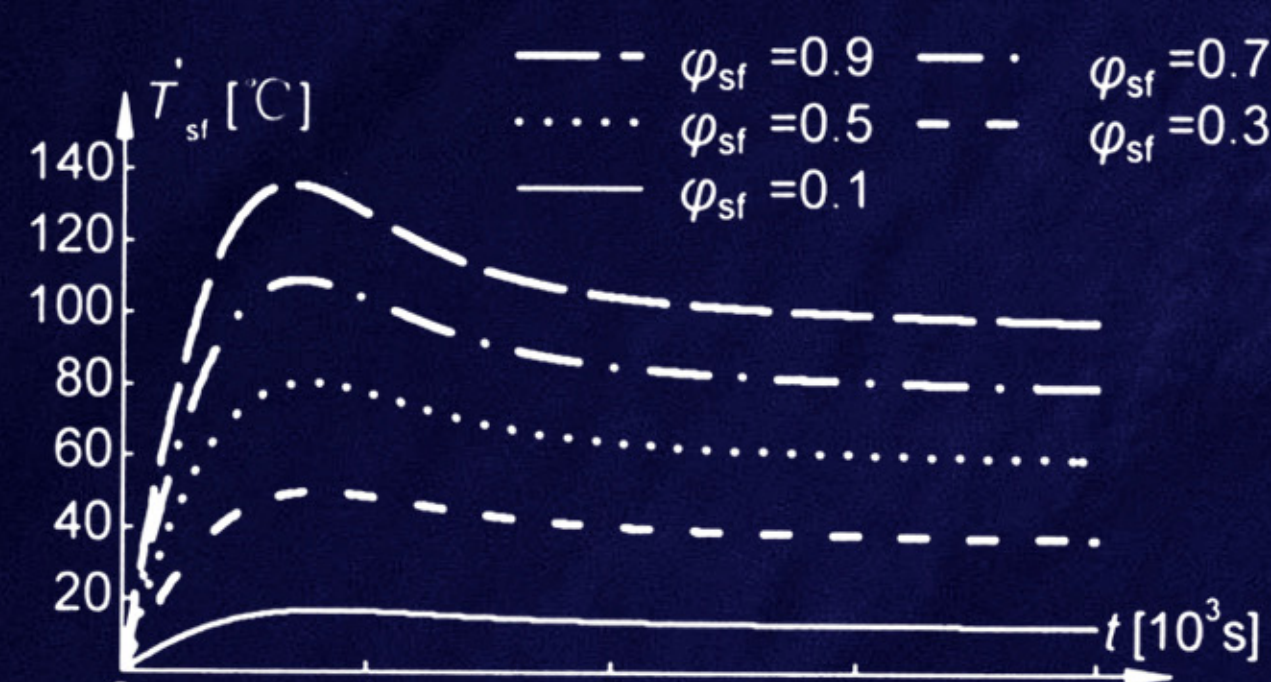


Fig. 4. Relationship of time with temperature T_{sf}' for factor φ_{sf}

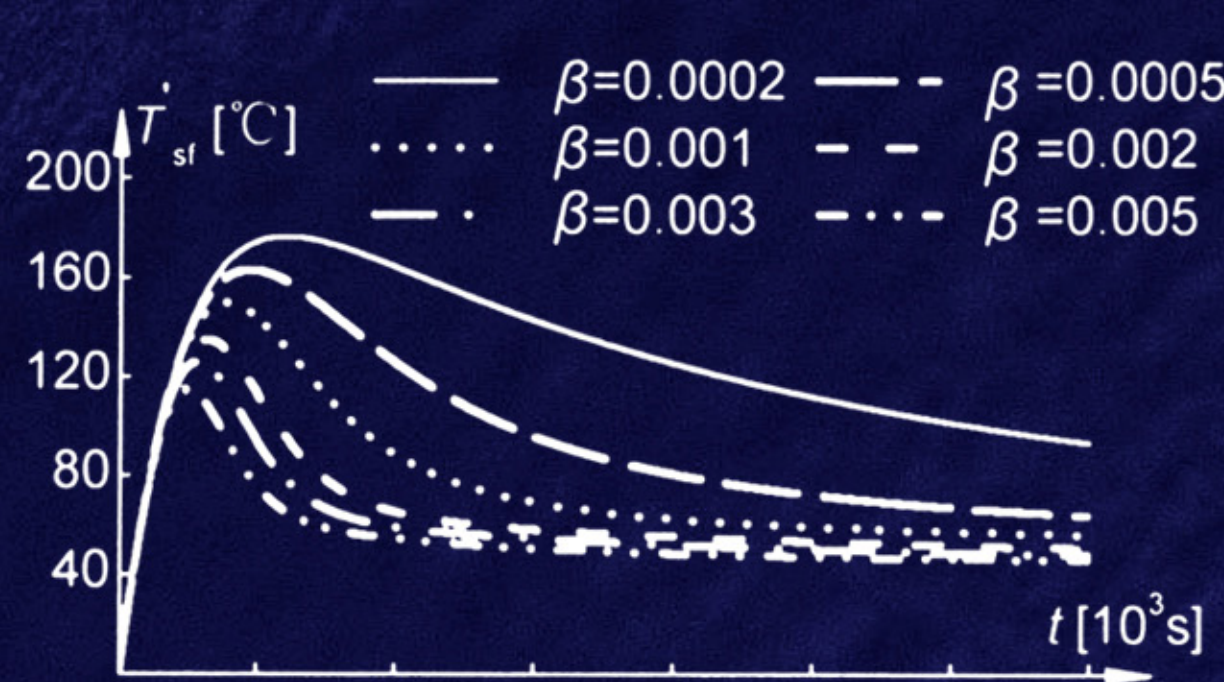


Fig. 5. Relationship of time with temperature T_{sf}' for factor β

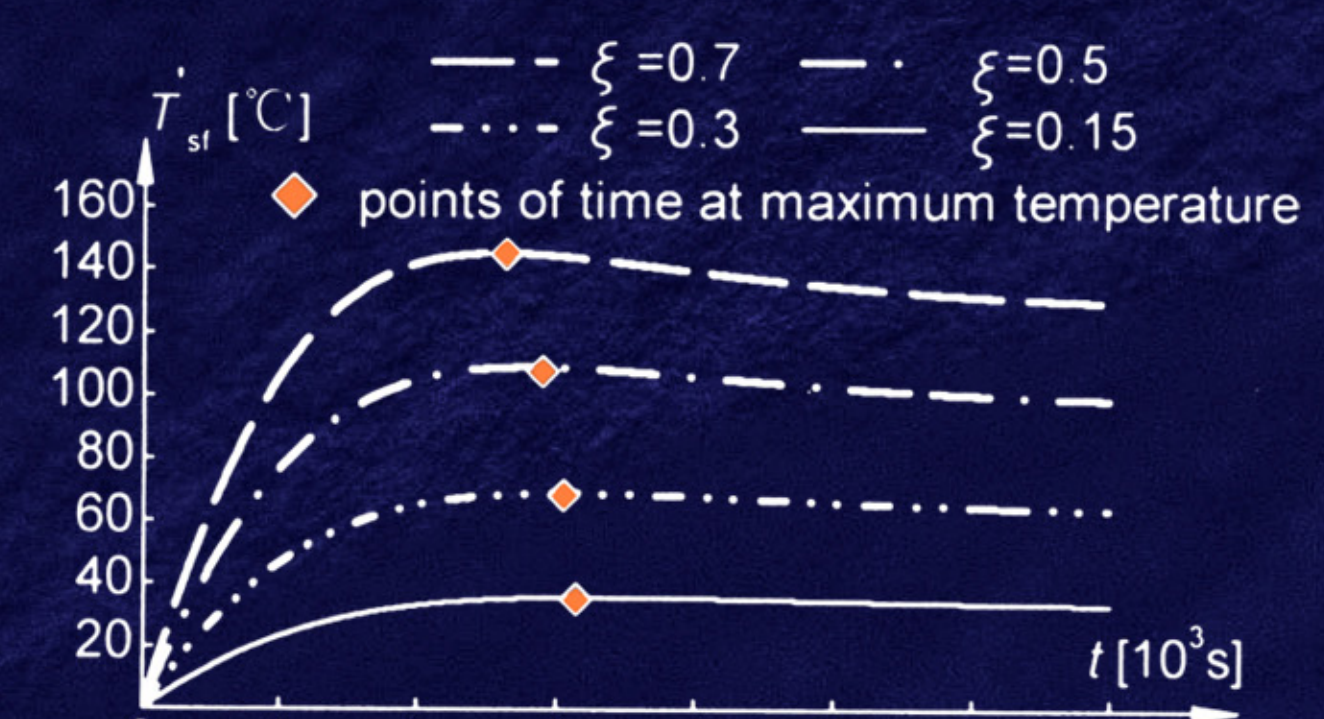


Fig. 6. Relationship of time with temperature T_{sf}' for factor ξ

- Simple expression for typical temperature course of T_{sf}' shown in Fig.1 is given by

$$T_{sf}' = T_m \left(k_1 e^{-k_2 \lg^2(t/t_m)} + k_3 e^{-k_4 \lg^2(t/t_m)} \right)$$

$$T_m = A + B e^{-T_g^{\max}/c}$$

$$\begin{cases} A = a_1 + a_2 \xi^2 + (a_3 + a_4 \xi) \varphi_{sf} \\ B = b_1 + b_2 \xi^2 + (b_3 + b_4 \xi) \varphi_{sf} \\ C = c_1 + c_2 \xi^2 + (c_3 + c_4 \xi) \varphi_{sf} \end{cases}$$

$$t_m = A' + B' e^{-T_g^{\max}/c'}$$

$$\begin{cases} A' = a'_1 - a'_2 \xi \\ B' = b'_1 - b'_2 \xi \\ C' = c'_1 - c'_2 \xi \end{cases}$$

- A very good prediction of steel member temperatures caused by flame radiation alone

