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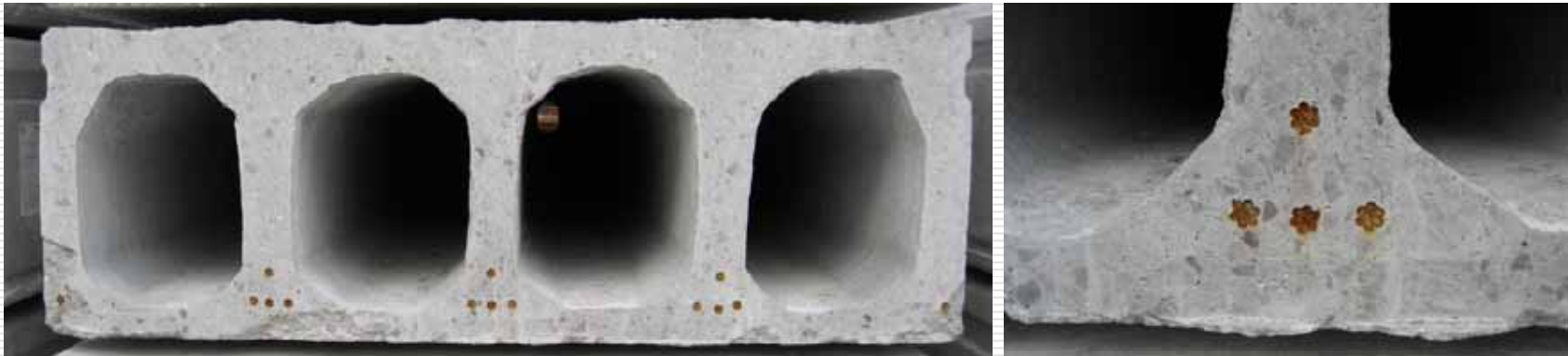
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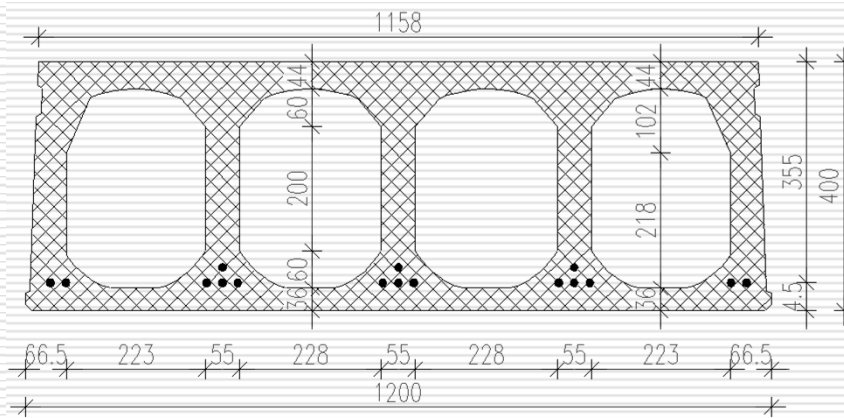
# PRESTRESSED HOLLOW-CORE SLAB 400

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- ❑ Precast prestressed concrete elements– transmission of prestressing force with adhesion
  - ❑ Lower price compared to other systems
  - ❑ Automated production
  - ❑ Reduced consumption of material
  - ❑ Longer span than conventional slabs of the same thickness
  - ❑ Speed and ease of construction
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# PRESTRESSED HOLLOW-CORE SLAB 400



- Cross section: w/h = 120/40 cm
- Span L = 11.45 m
- 16 straight prestressing strands in 2 rows
- Concrete grade C 40/50
- High strength steel  
 $f_{pk} = 186 \text{ kN/cm}^2$
- Slab is used in shopping mall

# PROOF OF SAFETY OF HOLLOW-CORE SLAB UNDER FIRE CONDITIONS

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- In general:

$$E_{d,fi} < R_{d,t,fi}$$

- The requirement of  $R$ ,

$$t_{fi,requ} < t_{d,fi}$$

- Methods of proof of safety:

- Simple calculation models (500°C isotherm method)
- Advanced calculation models (analysis of structural response in fire)

- Separated calculation of mechanical and thermal analysis of the slab
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# THERMAL ANALYSIS

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- Finite element method
- Assumptions:
  - Slab exposed to fire from below,
  - standard temperature-time curve ISO 834
  - temperature field does not change along the slab ,
  - only one quarter of the cross section is considered,
  - strands are not taken into account for thermal analysis,
  - in a particular time step the temperature is constant in each hole,
  - inside the hole, heat transfer only by convection.
- Heat transfer across the slab by convection, radiation and conduction by so called Fourier's law:

$$\left( k_{ij} \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + Q - \rho \cdot c \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0, \quad (i, j) = (y, z)$$

- Heat transfer through outer surface due to convection and radiation is considered with proper boundary conditions:

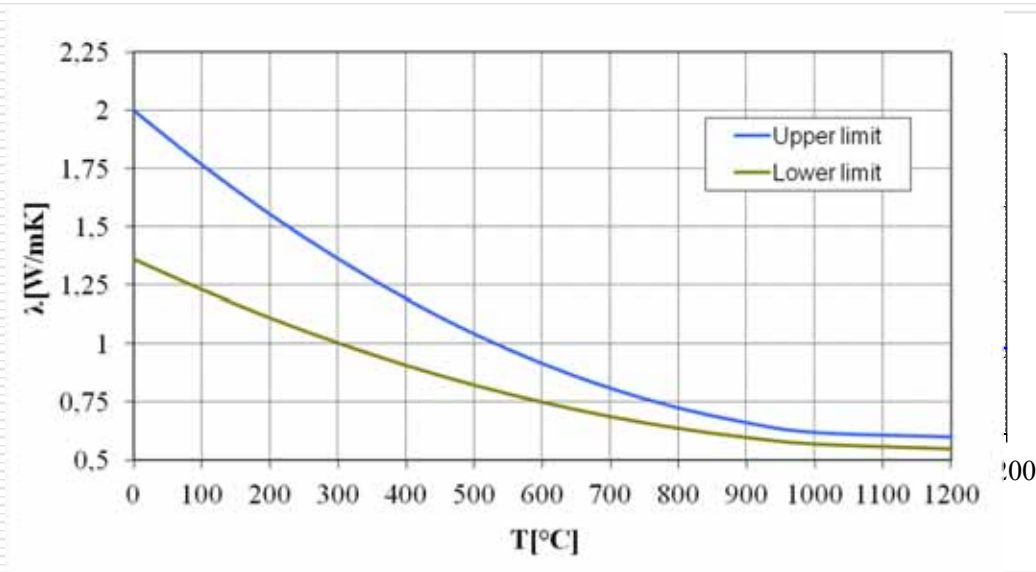
$$q^s = -k_{ij} \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} n_i,$$

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# THERMAL ANALYSIS

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- Thermal and material properties of concrete at elevated temperatures

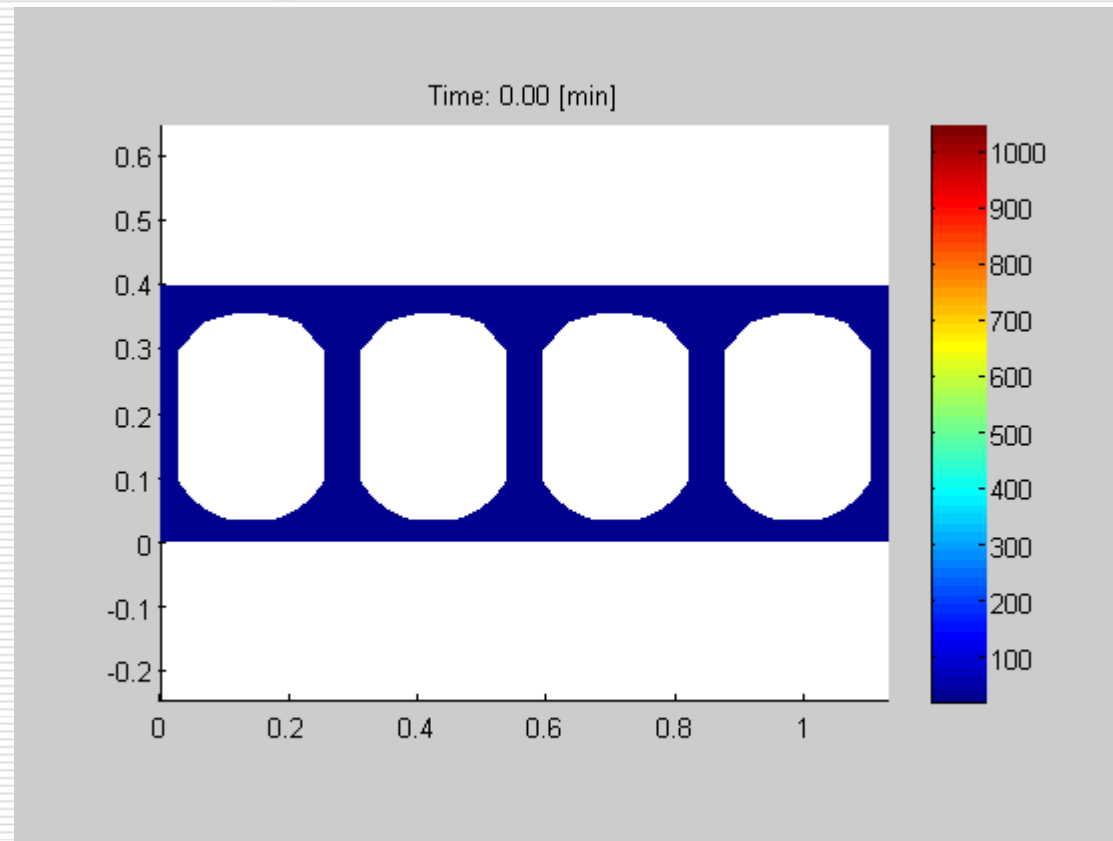


- The result of analysis – time dependent temperature distribution across slab cross section
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# THERMAL ANALYSIS

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- Temperature development across the slab cross section (0-120 min)



# MECHANICAL ANALYSIS

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- Load combination for fire scenario in accordance with EN 1990:2004

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} G_{k,j} + A_d + \psi_{1,1} \cdot Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i \geq 1} \psi_{2,i} \cdot Q_{k,i}$$

$$q_{Ed,fi} = 17.91 \text{ kN/m}$$

- Design bending moment

$$M_{Ed,fi} = 288.4 \text{ kNm}$$

- Initial prestressing force in fire scenario

$$P_{Ed,fi} = 1259 \text{ kN}$$

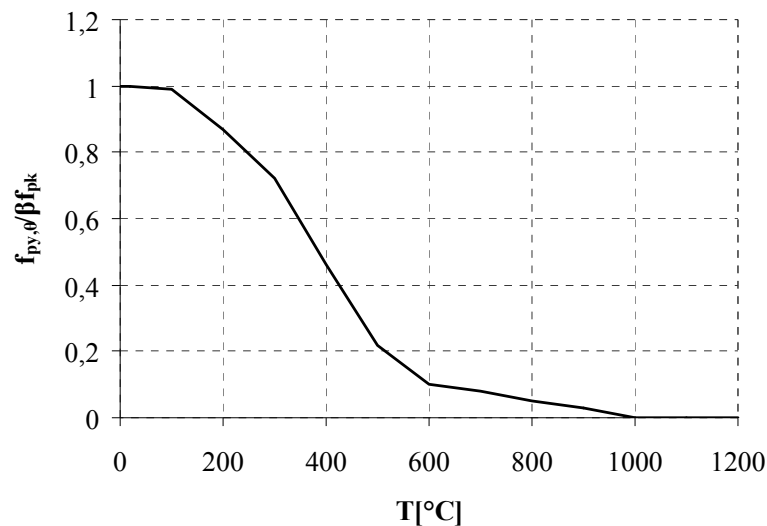
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# ISOTHERM 500°C

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- Simple calculation model
- Concrete with temperature higher than 500°C does not contribute to bearing capacity of the cross section
- Reduced tensile strength of steel in accordance with EN 1992-1-2:2005



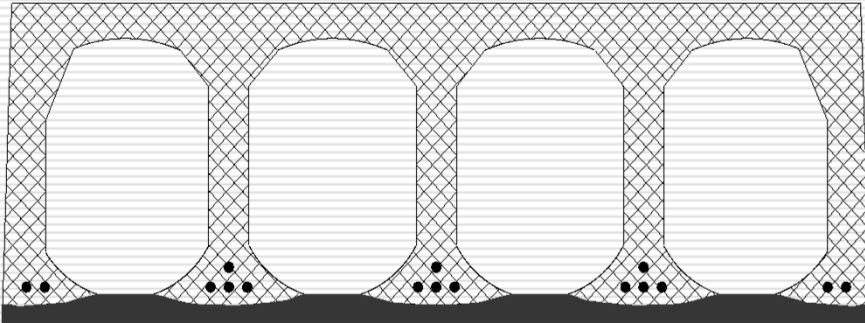
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of prestressed steel

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# ISOTHERM 500°C

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- 60 minutes



- Temperature of strands

$$T_1 = 175^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_2 = 285^\circ\text{C}$$

- Reduced tensile strength

$$f_{py,175} = 0.81 f_{pk}$$

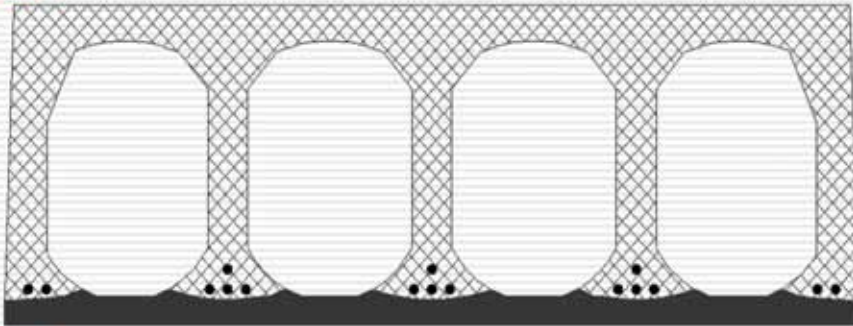
$$f_{py,285} = 0.668 f_{pk}$$

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# ISOTHERM 500°C

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□ 90 minutes



□ Temperature of strands

$$T_1 = 270^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_2 = 390^\circ\text{C}$$

□ Reduced tensile strength

$$f_{\text{py},175} = 0.689 f_{\text{pk}}$$

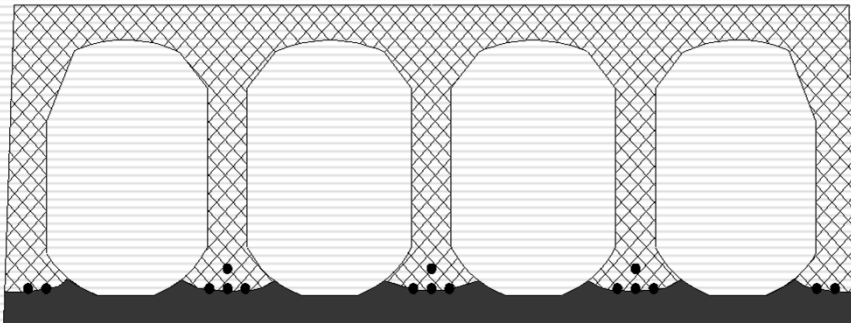
$$f_{\text{py},285} = 0.437 f_{\text{pk}}$$

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# ISOTHERM 500°C

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□ 120 minutes



□ Temperature of strands

$$T_1 = 345^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_2 = 480^\circ\text{C}$$

□ Reduced tensile strength

$$f_{\text{py},175} = 0.543 f_{\text{pk}}$$

$$f_{\text{py},285} = 0.241 f_{\text{pk}}$$

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# ISOTHERM 500°C

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- Results of analysis for slab cross section in mid-span

	<i>t</i> [min]		
	<b>60</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>M<sub>Ed,fi</sub> [kNm]</b>	288,4	288,4	288,4
<b>M<sub>Rd,t,fi</sub> [kNm]</b>	630	444	275
<b>Cross section capacity</b>	45,8%	65,0%	104,9%



In accordance with simple calculation model, hollow core slab classified as R90.

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# ADVANCED CALCULATION MODEL – NFIRA (Nonlinear fire analysis)

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- Finit element method
  - Reissnerjev 1-D beam model:
    - Bernoulli hypothesis,
    - deformation of the slab – membrane and bending deformations,
    - displacements, rotations and deformations are not limited by size,
    - short-term static load ,
    - bond stress-slip relationship between concrete and strands at elevated temperatures
    - explosive spalling is not taken into account.
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# ADVANCED CALCULATION MODEL

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- Additive decomposition of total strain on elastic, plastic, temperature, transient and creep strain

- Concrete:

$$\varepsilon_c = \varepsilon_{e,c} + \varepsilon_{pl,c} + \varepsilon_{th,c} + \varepsilon_{cr,c} + \varepsilon_{tr,c}$$

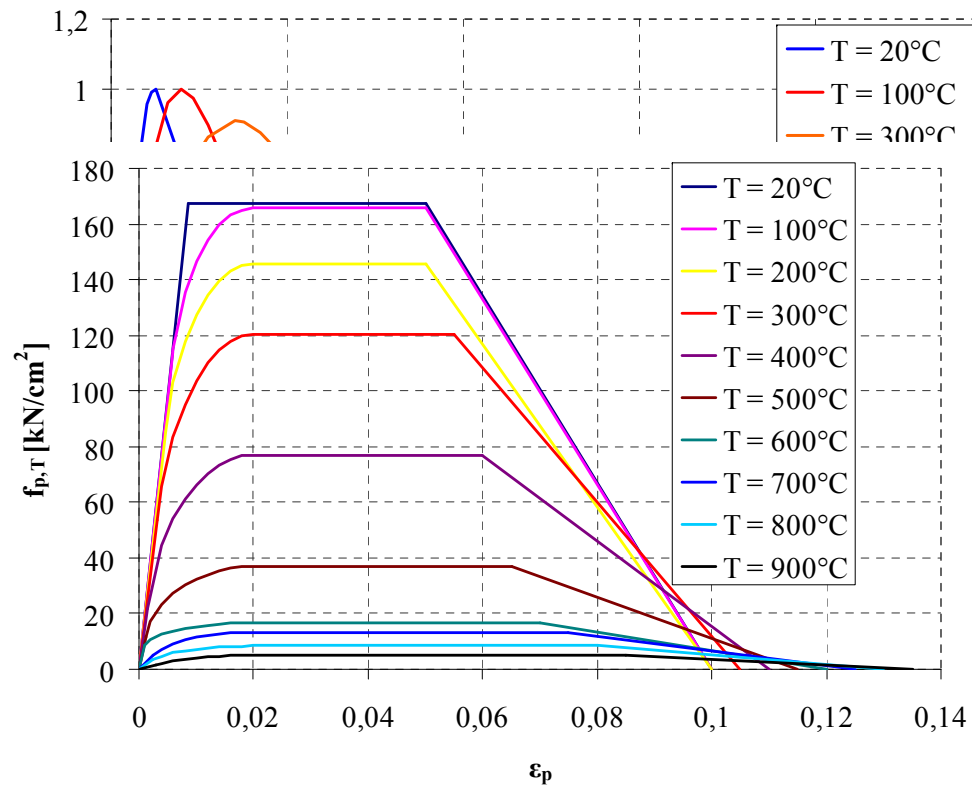
- Prestressing steel:

$$\varepsilon_p = \varepsilon_{e,p} + \varepsilon_{pl,p} + \varepsilon_{th,p} + \varepsilon_{cr,p}$$

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# ADVANCED CALCULATION MODEL

- Stress-strain relationship for concrete under pressure at elevated temperatures



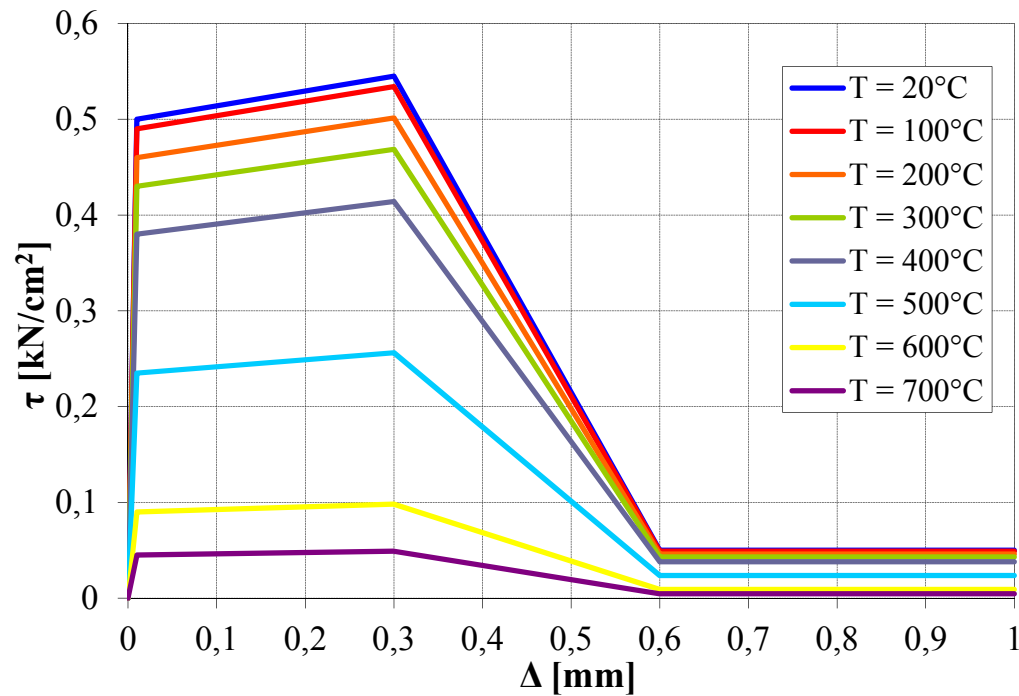
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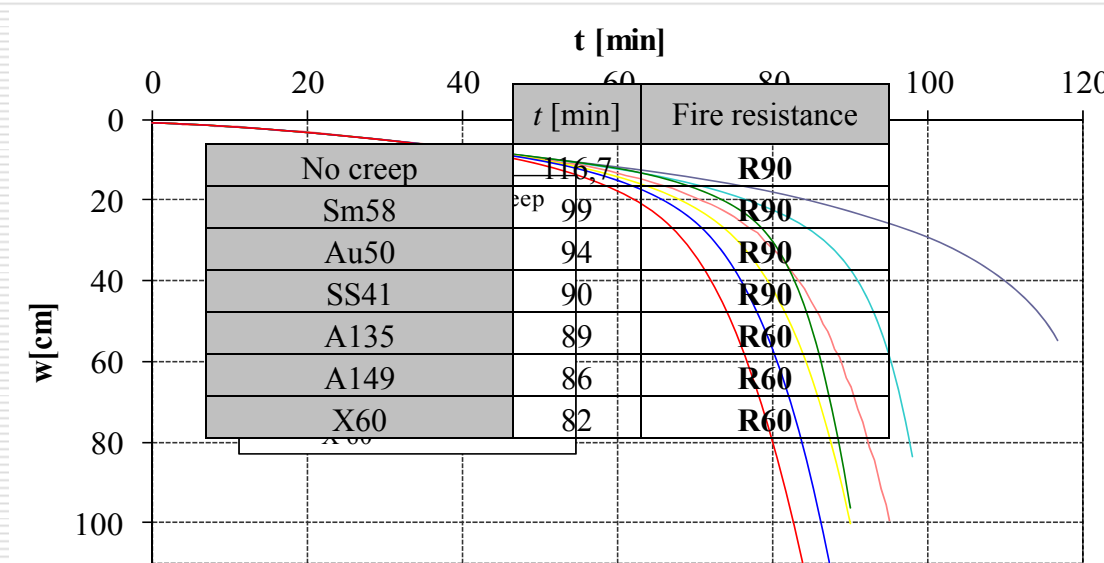
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- Bond stress-slip relationship between concrete and prestressing steel at elevated temperatures (Keuser and Mehlhorn, 1983)



# ADVANCED CALCULATION MODEL

- Parametric study of the influence of type of steel in a model of viscous creep of steel



Major influence of viscous creep of steel → resistance classes R60 and R90

# CONCLUSIONS

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- Proof of safety in terms of fire:
    - Isotherm 500°C → class of resistance R90
    - Advanced calculation model (NFIRA) → class of resistance R60 and R90.
  - Comparison if the two models:
    - Isotherm 500°C → failure due to decreased tensile strength of prestressing steel – yielding of strands
    - Advanced calculation model → significant impact has deformation of viscous creep of prestressing steel
    - Realistic response describes advanced calculation model, similarities between both model only if not taking deformation of viscous creep of steel into account.
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