

# Revision of EN 1992-1-2

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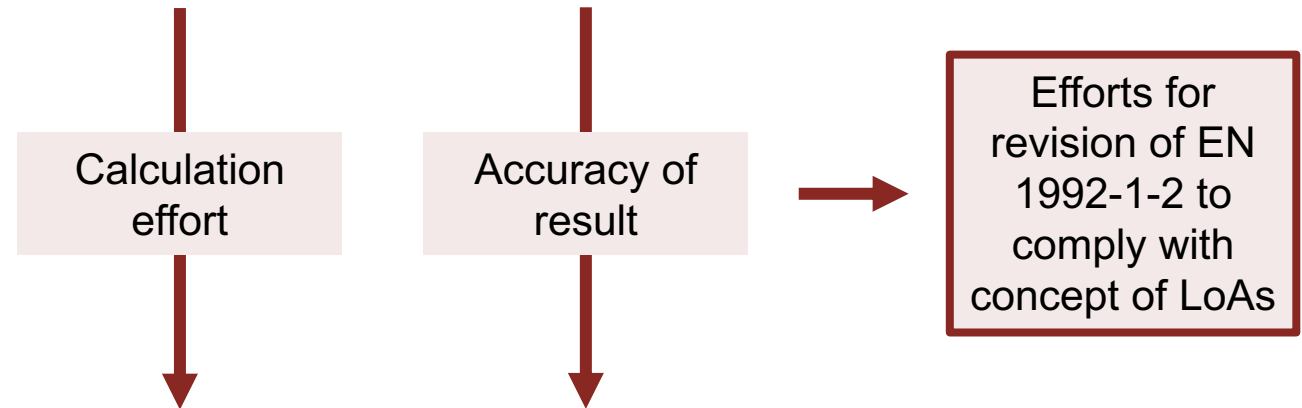
# Clause 4

## Basis of design

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- Principally, EN 1992-1-2 provides **four levels of approximation**:

- Level 1: **Tabulated design data**
- Level 2: **Simplified design methods**  
(cross-sectional resistance)
- Level 3: **Advanced design methods**  
(FEM)
- Level 4: **Tests**



- The choice for the appropriate level of approximation depends on the required amount of information and the required accuracy of the design.
- Tabulated design data, Simplified design methods **and rules for explosive spalling** from EN 1992-1-2 are **based on the ISO 834 fire curve**.

# Clause 5

## Material properties

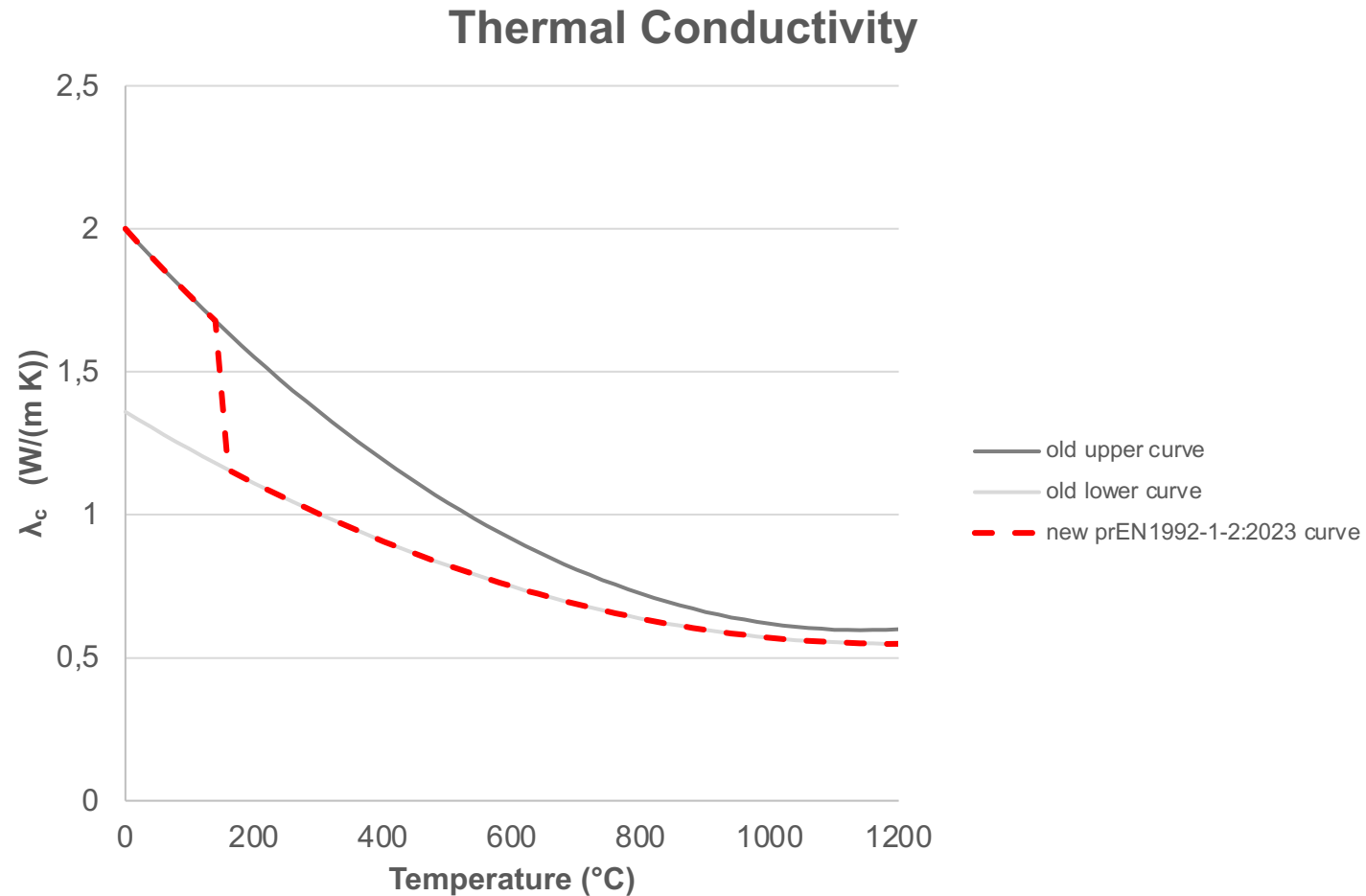
# Material properties

## Main changes

- Conductivity of normal weight concrete and high strength concrete at elevated temperatures
- High Strength Concrete reduction factor
- Concrete strength when considering the descending temperature branch for natural fire
- Steel strength decay for strains within the range between the proportional limit and the yield strain
- Strength and deformation properties for prestressing steel
- Three new annexes :
  - lightweight aggregate concrete (normative)
  - fibre reinforced concrete (informative)
  - recycled aggregates concrete (informative)

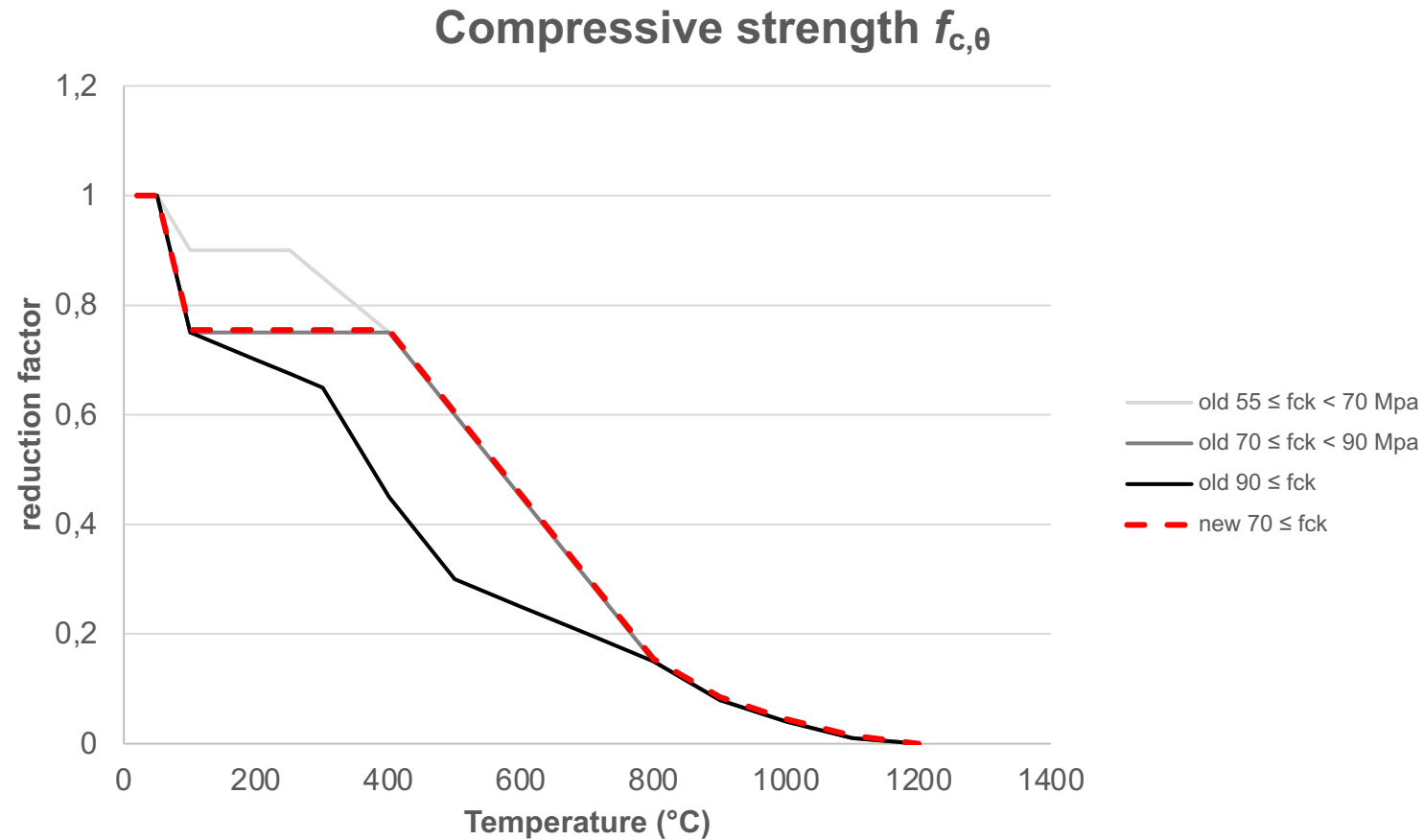
# Material properties

## Conductivity of normal weight concrete and high strength concrete at elevated temperatures



# Material properties

## High Strength Concrete reduction factor



# Material properties

## Concrete strength when considering the descending temperature branch for natural fire

(5) For thermal actions in accordance with prEN 1991-1-2:2021, 5.3 (Physically based models), when considering the cooling phase, the strength of concrete heated to a maximum temperature  $\theta_{c,max}$  and having cooled down to 20 °C may be taken according to Formula (5.15):

$$f_{c,\theta,20\text{ °C}} = \varphi f_{ck} \quad (5.15)$$

where for:

—  $f_{ck} < 70 \text{ MPa}$

$$\varphi = f_{c,\theta_{max}}/f_{ck} \quad \text{for } 20\text{ °C} \leq \theta_{max} < 100\text{ °C} \quad (5.16)$$

$$\varphi = (-0,0005 \times \theta_{max} + 1,05) (f_{c,\theta_{max}}/f_{ck}) \quad \text{for } 100\text{ °C} \leq \theta_{max} < 300\text{ °C} \quad (5.17)$$

$$\varphi = 0,9 (f_{c,\theta_{max}}/f_{ck}) \quad \text{for } \theta_{max} \geq 300\text{ °C} \quad (5.18)$$

—  $f_{ck} \geq 70 \text{ MPa}$

$$\varphi = f_{c,\theta_{max}}/f_{ck} \quad \text{for } 20\text{ °C} \leq \theta_{max} < 1\,200\text{ °C} \quad (5.19)$$

The reduction factor  $(f_{c,\theta_{max}}/f_{ck})$  which corresponds to the coefficient  $(f_{c,\theta}/f_{ck})$  at the maximum temperature  $\theta_{c,max}$ , should be taken according to Table 5.1.

# Material properties

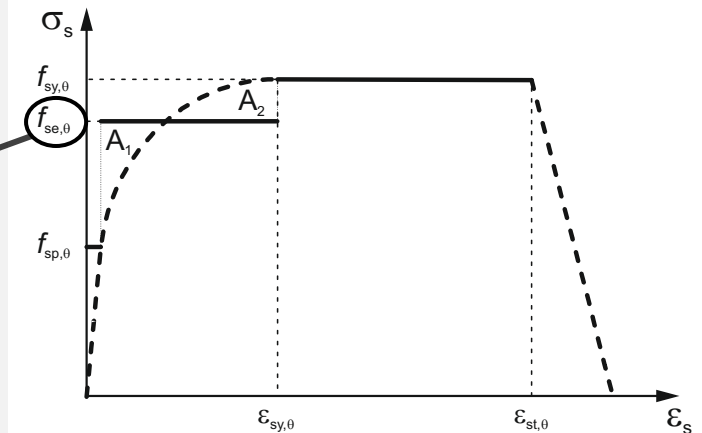
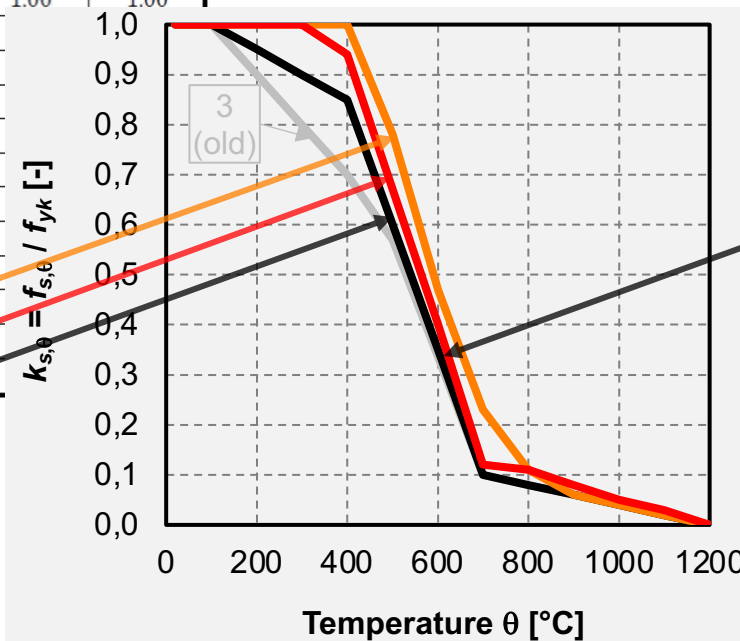
## Steel strength decay for strains within the range between the proportional limit and the yield strain

Table 5.3 — Values for the parameters of the stress-strain relationship of hot rolled and cold worked reinforcing steel at elevated temperatures

Steel temperature $\theta$ [°C]	$k_{sy,\theta} = f_{sy,\theta}/f_{yk}$		$k_{sp,\theta} = f_{sp,\theta}/f_{yk}$		$k_{se,\theta} = f_{se,\theta}/f_{yk}$	$k_{Es,\theta} = E_{s,\theta}/E_s$	
	hot rolled	cold worked	hot rolled	cold worked	hot rolled or cold worked	hot rolled	cold worked
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
20	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
100	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,96	1,00	1,00	1,00
200	1,00	1,00	0,81	0,92	0,95		
300	1,00	1,00	0,61	0,81	0,90		
400	1,00	0,94	0,42	0,63	0,85		
500	0,78	0,67	0,36	0,44	0,60		
600	0,47	0,40	0,18	0,26	0,35		
700	0,23	0,12	0,07	0,08	0,10		
800	0,11	0,11	0,05	0,06	0,08		
900	0,06	0,08	0,04	0,05	0,06		
1 000	0,04	0,05	0,02	0,03	0,04		
1 100	0,02	0,03	0,01	0,02	0,02		
1 200	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00		

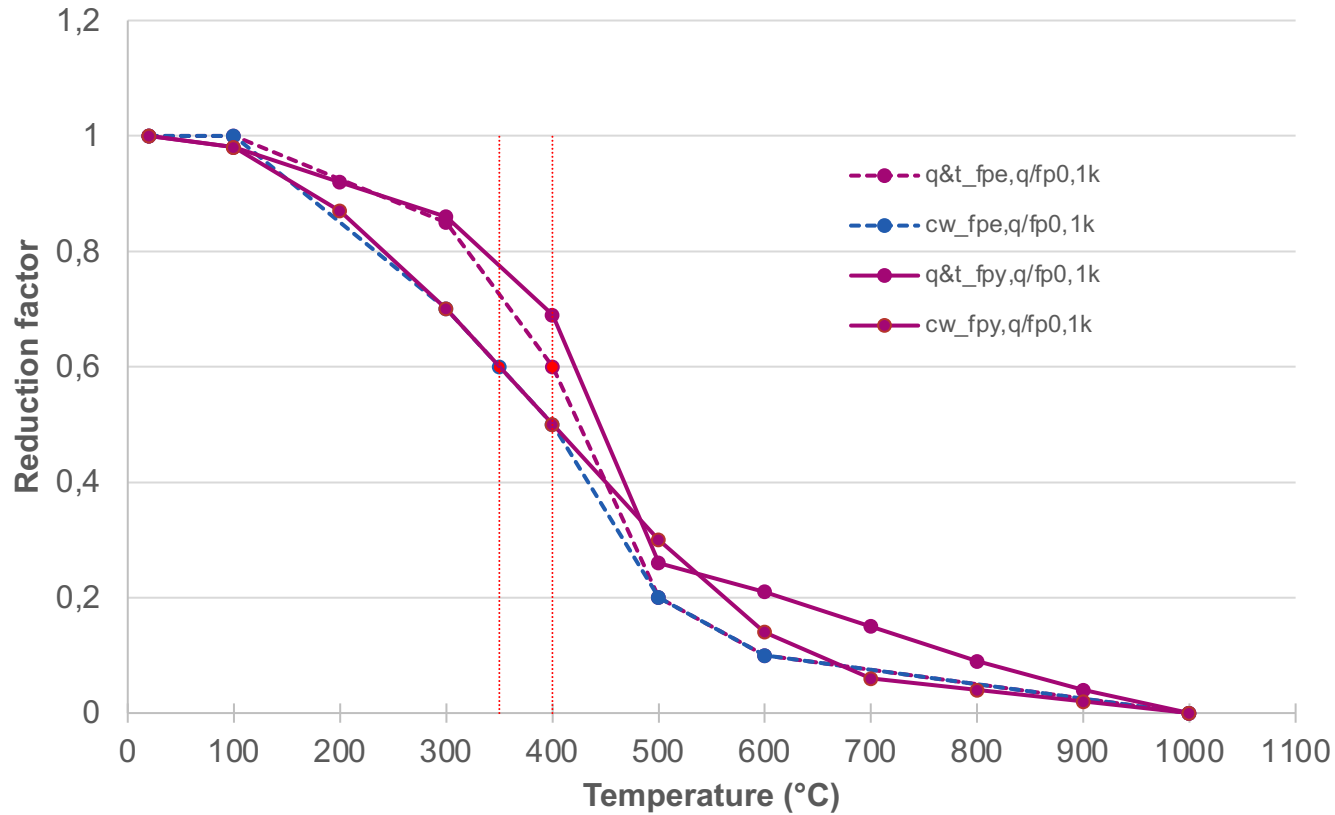
$f_{se,\theta}$ : to evaluate the **critical temperature** of reinforcing steel in clause 6 and may be used in 7.3.4.2 to describe the **reinforcing steel strength**

- 1: Tension reinforcement for members mainly loaded in bending (hot rolled) with strains  $\varepsilon_{s,\theta} \geq 2\%$
- 2: Tension reinforcement for members mainly loaded in bending (cold worked) with strains  $\varepsilon_{s,\theta} \geq 2\%$
- 3: Compression reinforcement and tension reinforcement for members loaded in bending and axial load with strains  $\varepsilon_{s,\theta} < 2\%$



# Material properties

## Strength and deformation properties for prestressing steel



**quenched and  
tempered = bars**

**cold worked = wires  
and strands**

# Material properties

## Lightweight aggregate concrete structures (Annex A – normative)

- Material properties : thermal conductivity, specific heat, thermal strain are given. **Parameters related to mechanical properties in compression for lightweight aggregate concrete should be based on testing.**
- Tabulated data : For lightweight aggregate concrete used in beams or slabs the minimum dimension of the cross-section may be reduced by 10 %.
- Rules for spalling : a specific assessment of spalling should be undertaken regardless of concrete strength, or polypropylene fibres should be specified for the concrete mix (see Clause 10) due to the expected high moisture content or specific behaviour.

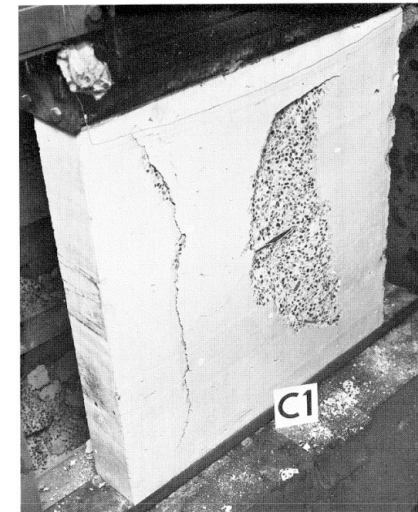


Fig. 1. Slab-type lightweight concrete specimen after a fire test.

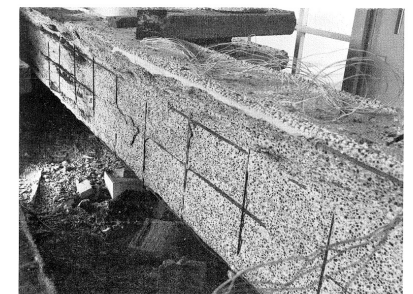


Fig. 34. Beam b<sub>1</sub> after the fire test.

# Clause 6

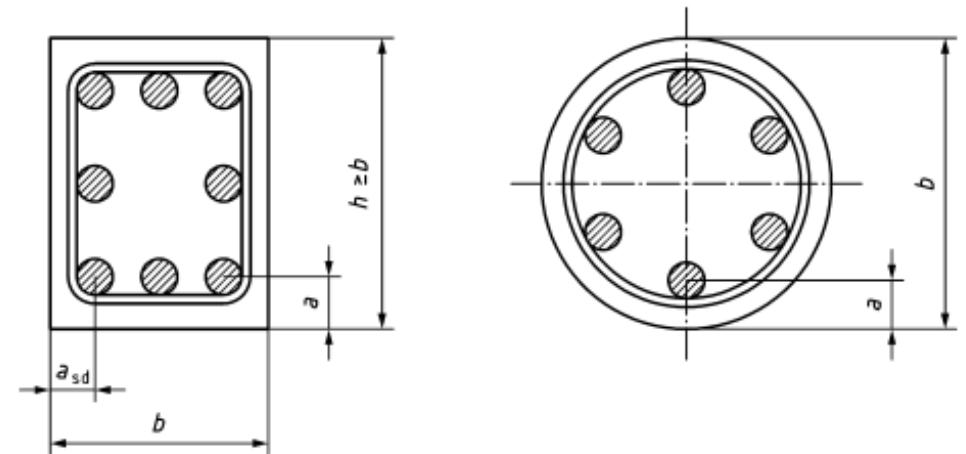
## Tabulated design data

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## General rules

### Changes

- Concretes of usual density between 2000 and 2600 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- For concretes with  $f_{ck} \geq 70$  MPa, tabulated data should not be used for > R 120
- There is a risk of severe spalling if the limitation rules to avoid spalling (Chapter 10) are not complied with.
- When minimum dimensions given in Clause 6 are followed, further checks for shear, torsion and anchorage may be omitted.
- Axis distances to a reinforcing steel bar, prestressing steel wire or tendon should be considered as nominal values.
- Linear interpolation between the values given in the table may be carried out.
- All tables are based on a reference load level  $\eta_{fi} = 0,7$ .



# Tabulated design data

## Columns

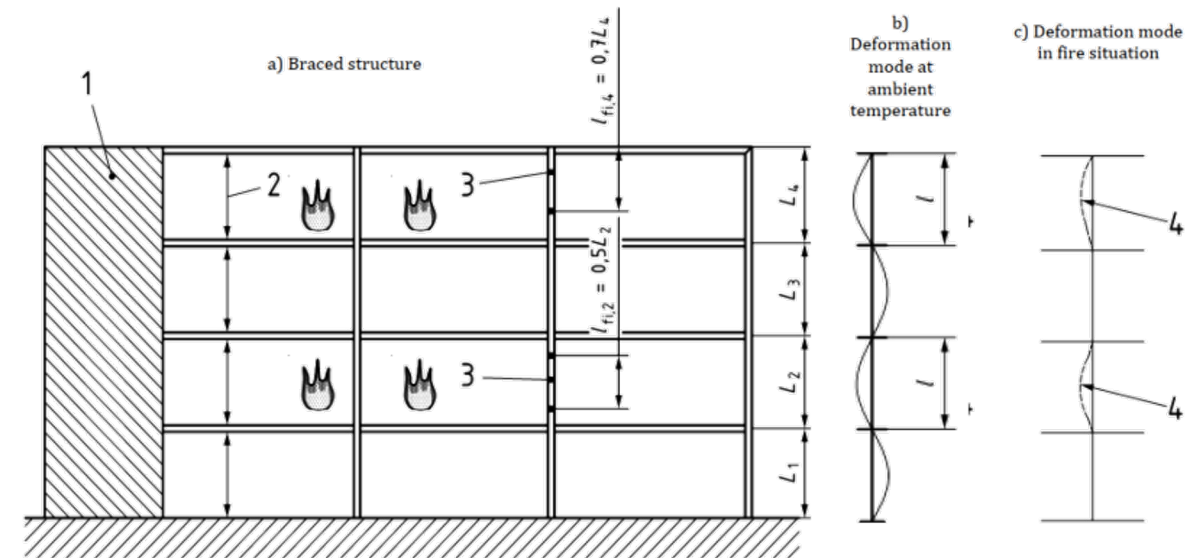
- For assessing the fire resistance of columns two Methods, Method A and B, may be used
- Method A shall be used for braced structures only, Method B may also be used for unbraced structures
- Degree of utilisation:  $\mu_{fi} = |N_{Ed,fi}| / N_{Rd}$
- Method A apply where  $l_{0,fi} = 0,5 l_0$

- **Application of Method A for columns with  $l_{0,fi} \neq 0,5 l_0$**

$$K = l_0 / l_{0,fi} = 2$$

Calculation of degree of utilisation  $\mu_{fi}'$  for  $N_{Rd}$  with a modified effective length  $l_0' = 2 l_{0,fi}$

$$\mu_{fi}' = E_{d,fi} / N_{Rd}(l_0') > \mu_{fi} = E_{d,fi} / N_{Rd}(l_0)$$



Key

- 1 shear wall or other bracing system
- 2 height of separate fire compartments in each storey
- 3 effective length of column exposed to fire
- 4 deformation mode in fire

# Tabulated design data

## Columns

- New Method B (Annex D)
- New Method B with extended field of application, also for unbraced structures
- specified: maximum permissible effective column length  $l_0$  reliant on dimensions of cross-section and degree of utilisation

**Table D.3 — Maximum permissible effective column length  $l_0$  for braced and unbraced columns: R 60**

		$l_{0,R} = 1,0 l_0$			$0,1 < \omega_{mod} < 1,0$											
$b$ (mm):		$\geq 600$			500			400			300			250		
$\mu_{EI}$ :		0,3	0,5	0,7	0,3	0,5	0,7	0,3	0,5	0,7	0,3	0,5	0,7	0,3	0,5	0,7
$e_0$	$a$ (mm)	$l_{0,max}$ (m)			$l_{0,max}$ (m)			$l_{0,max}$ (m)			$l_{0,max}$ (m)			$l_{0,max}$ (m)		
20 mm	25	10,6	8,0	5,4	8,4	6,4	3,3	6,0	4,2		3,5	1,4		2,4		
20 mm	35	10,9	9,5	7,6	8,7	7,5	5,9	6,2	5,3	3,8	3,7	3,1		2,7	2,2	
20 mm	45	11,6	9,7	8,3	9,2	7,8	6,5	6,9	5,7	4,6	4,2	3,5	2,5	3,1	2,5	2,0
20 mm	60	13,3	11,1	9,7	10,5	8,7	7,5	8,0	6,4	5,3	4,7	3,7	2,9	3,3	2,6	2,0
0,5 $b$	25	5,0			3,8			2,2								
0,5 $b$	35	14,5	5,7		11,5	4,2		8,4	2,1		3,6			2,4		
0,5 $b$	45	24,0	10,6	3,3	20,0	8,2		16,0	5,8		6,9	2,0		4,6		2,4
0,5 $b$	60	24,0	20,6	8,8	20,0	15,3	6,5	16,0	9,9	3,9	12,0	3,9		8,7	1,8	2,5
1,0 $b$	25	8,2			6,6			4,8								
1,0 $b$	35	24,0	10,2		20,0	7,9		15,0	5,8		6,8			4,9		
1,0 $b$	45	24,0	18,7	8,3	20,0	14,6		16,0	10,6		12,0	4,9		9,0		5,3
1,0 $b$	60	24,0	24,0	13,0	20,0	20,0	10,1	16,0	16,0	7,6	12,0	7,7		10,0	4,5	5,3

← width  
← degree of utilisation

axis distance of reinforcement  
eccentricity

# Tabulated design data Columns

- New design table for columns exposed to one side
  - EN 1992-1-2: 2004
  - FprEN 1992-1-2: 2023

Exposed on one side
$\mu_{fi} = 0.7$
5
155/25
155/25
155/25
175/35
230/55
295/70



**Table 6.2 — Minimum column dimensions and axis distances for rectangular columns exposed on one side with  $l_0 \leq 6$  m for ambient temperature conditions and  $l_{0,fi} \leq 3$  m for fire situations**

Standard fire resistance	Minimum dimensions (mm)		
	Column width $b_{min}$ /axis distance $a$ of the main reinforcement		
	$\mu_{fi} = 0,2$	$\mu_{fi} = 0,5$	$\mu_{fi} = 0,7$
1	2	3	4
R 30	100/10	120/15	130/25
R 60	110/10	130/15	140/25
R 90	120/20	140/25	155/25
R 120	150/25	160/30	175/35
R 180	185/45	200/50	230/55
R 240	230/60	240/65	290/70

# Tabulated design data Walls

- New design tables for load bearing walls
  - EN 1992-1-2: 2004

Standard fire resistance	Minimum dimensions (mm)			
	Wall thickness/axis distance for			
	$\mu_{fi} = 0,35$		$\mu_{fi} = 0,7$	
	wall exposed on one side	wall exposed on two sides	wall exposed on one side	wall exposed on two sides
1	2	3	4	5
REI 30	100/10*	120/10*	120/10*	120/10*
REI 60	110/10*	120/10*	130/10*	140/10*
REI 90	120/20*	140/10*	140/25	170/25
REI 120	150/25	160/25	160/35	220/35
REI 180	180/40	200/45	210/50	270/55
REI 240	230/55	250/55	270/60	350/60

\* Normally the cover required by EN 1992-1-1 will control.

**Note:** For the definition of  $\mu_{fi}$  see 5.3.2 (3).



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Table 6.4 — Minimum dimensions and axis distances for load-bearing reinforced concrete walls exposed on one long side (left) or on both long sides (right) with  $l_0 \leq 4,5$  m for ambient temperature conditions and  $l_{0,fi} \leq 2,25$  m for fire situations

Standard fire resistance	Minimum dimensions (mm)			Standard fire resistance	Minimum dimensions (mm)		
	Wall thickness $h_w$ /axis distance $a$				Wall thickness $h_w$ /axis distance $a$		
	$\mu_{fi} = 0,2$	$\mu_{fi} = 0,5$	$\mu_{fi} = 0,7$		$\mu_{fi} = 0,2$	$\mu_{fi} = 0,5$	$\mu_{fi} = 0,7$
Exposed on one side				Exposed on both sides			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
REI 30	100/10	110/10	120/10	R 30	100/10	120/10	130/10
REI 60	110/10	120/15	130/20	R 60	120/15	155/20	170/25
REI 90	120/20	135/25	140/30	R 90	140/20	185/30	210/35
REI 120	135/25	150/30	160/35	R 120	165/30	210/40	240/45
REI 180	155/35	170/40	180/45	R 180	200/45	250/50	280/55
REI 240	180/40	200/45	210/50	R 240	250/50	305/55	340/60

Table 6.5 — Minimum dimensions and axis distances for load-bearing reinforced concrete walls exposed on one long side (left) or on both long sides (right) with  $l_0 \leq 2,5$  m for ambient temperature conditions and  $l_{0,fi} \leq 1,25$  m for fire situations

Standard fire resistance	Minimum dimensions (mm)			Standard fire resistance	Minimum dimensions (mm)		
	Wall thickness $h_w$ /axis distance $a$				Wall thickness $h_w$ /axis distance $a$		
	$\mu_{fi} = 0,2$	$\mu_{fi} = 0,5$	$\mu_{fi} = 0,7$		$\mu_{fi} = 0,2$	$\mu_{fi} = 0,5$	$\mu_{fi} = 0,7$
Exposed on one side				Exposed on both sides			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
REI 30	80/10	90/10	100/10	R 30	90/10	100/10	110/10
REI 60	90/10	100/10	110/15	R 60	110/10	125/15	140/20
REI 90	100/10	110/15	120/20	R 90	125/15	155/25	170/30
REI 120	120/15	120/20	130/25	R 120	140/25	175/35	200/40
REI 180	150/20	150/25	150/30	R 180	175/30	215/40	240/45
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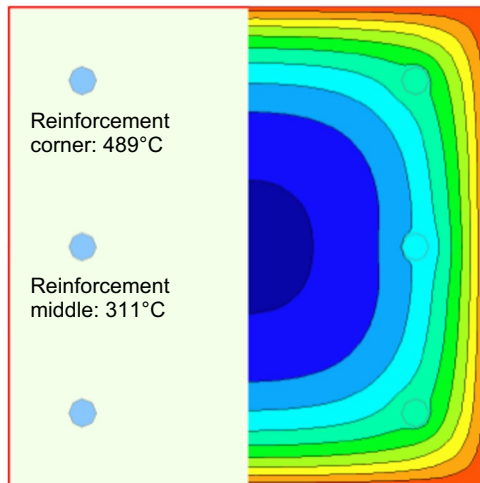
# Clause 7

## Simplified design methods

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## 1. Thermal analysis

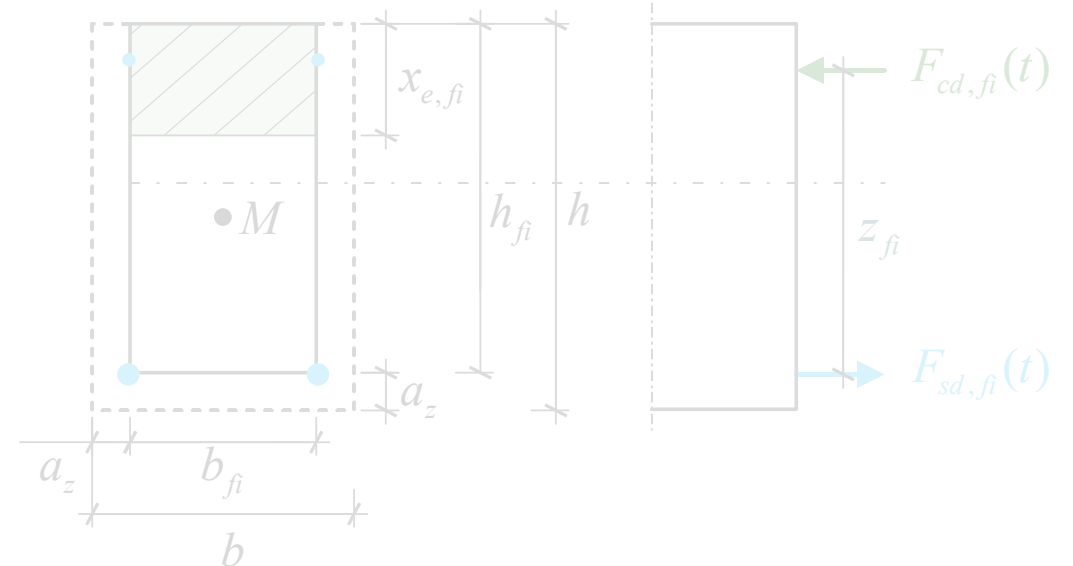
- a. Simplified design method (FprEN 1992-1-2)
- b. Advanced design method (FEM)



Temperature profile after 90 minutes of fire exposure (ISO 834)  
[Infograph]

## 2. Mechanical analysis

Principle:



$$F_{cd,fi}(t) = x_{e,fi} \cdot b_{fi} \cdot k_c(\theta_M) \cdot f_{ck} \cdot \gamma_{c,fi}$$

$$F_{sd,fi}(t) = A_s \cdot k_s(\theta_s) \cdot f_{yk} \cdot \gamma_{s,fi}$$

$$\gamma_{c,fi} = \gamma_{s,fi} = 1$$

$$\text{Verification: } M_{R,fi,d} = F_{sd,fi} \cdot z_{fi} \geq M_{E,fi,d}$$

# Simplified design methods

## Thermal analysis

Simplified design method (available in FprEN 1992-1-2)

Formulae for temperature profile to check the load-bearing capacity in the event of fire (function R)

$$\theta_1 = 345^\circ\text{C} \cdot \log\left(\frac{7(R_{fi} - 720 \text{ s})}{60 \text{ s}} + 1\right) \cdot e^{-y\sqrt{\frac{0.9 \cdot k}{R_{fi}}}} \text{ or } 345^\circ\text{C} \cdot \log\left(\frac{7(R_{fi} - 720 \text{ s})}{60 \text{ s}} + 1\right) \cdot e^{-z\sqrt{\frac{0.9 \cdot k}{R_{fi}}}}$$

$R_{fi}$  = duration of the standard fire

$y$  resp.  $z$  = distance from the exposed surface

$$k = \rho \cdot c_p / \lambda = 3.3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ s/m}^2$$

member exposed on one side:  $\theta = \theta_1(y \text{ resp. } z, R_{fi}) + 20^\circ\text{C}$

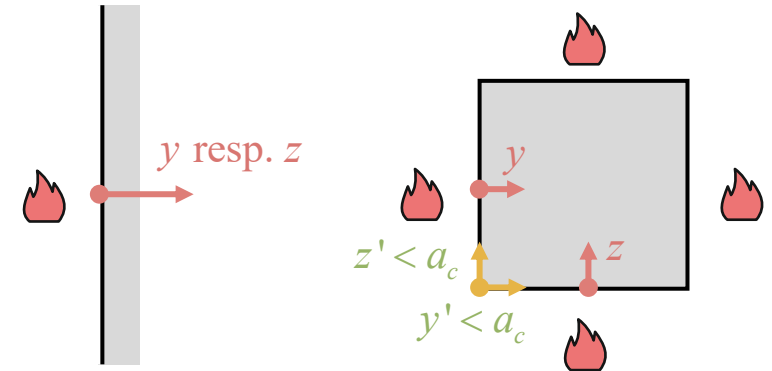
member exposed on two sides:  $\theta_2 = \theta_1(y \text{ resp. } z, R_{fi}) + \theta_1(b - y \text{ resp. } h - z, R_{fi}) + 20^\circ\text{C}$

$b$  and  $h$  = member dimensions in direction  $y$  resp.  $z$

member exposed on four sides:  $\theta_4 = \theta_2(y, R_{fi}) + \theta_2(z, R_{fi}) + \frac{\theta_2(y, R_{fi}) \cdot \theta_2(z, R_{fi})}{\theta_0(0, R_{fi})} + \left(345^\circ\text{C} \cdot \log\left(\frac{8R_{fi}}{60 \text{ s}} + 1\right) - \theta_0(0, R_{fi})\right) \cdot \frac{(a_c - y') \cdot (a_c - z')}{a_c^2} + 20^\circ\text{C}$

$a_c = 0.04 \text{ m}$  for  $R_{fi} \leq 60 \text{ min}$

$a_c = 0.10 \text{ m}$  for  $R_{fi} > 60 \text{ min}$



# Simplified design methods

## Mechanical analysis

### Available methods in EN 1992-1-2:2004

Bending	Bending and axial load	Shear
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annex B.1</b> (informative) 500°C Isotherm Method (ISO 834, physically based fire)</li> <li>• <b>Annex B.2</b> (informative) Zone Method (ISO 834)</li> <li>• <b>Annex E</b> (informative): Simplified calculation method for beams and slabs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Method A</b> (normative) (ISO 834)</li> <li>• <b>Annex B.1</b> (informative): 500°C Isotherm Method (ISO 834, physically based fire)</li> <li>• <b>Annex B.2</b> (informative): Zone Method (ISO 834)</li> <li>• <b>Annex B.3</b> (informative, laborious): Assessment of a reinforced concrete cross-section exposed to bending moment and axial load by the method based on estimation of curvature (ISO 834, physically based fire)</li> <li>• <b>Amended Annex C</b> (informative): based on Refined Zone Method (based on B.2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annex D</b> (informative): Calculation methods for shear, torsion and anchorage</li> </ul>

→ Aims: (1) reduce number of available methods, (2) comply with concept of LoA

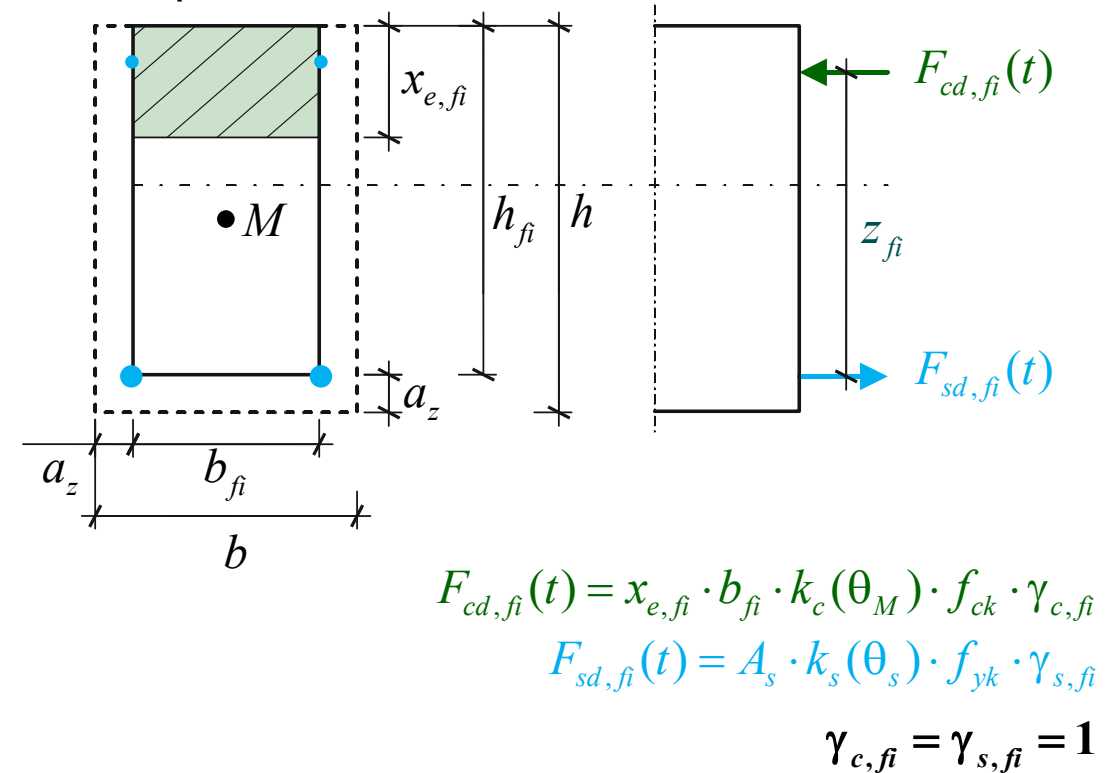
# Simplified design methods

## Mechanical analysis

		Design method					
Work steps		M-A	B.1	B.2	B.3	E	RZM
1	Reduction of cross-section		x	x			x
2	Reduction of reinforcing steel strength		x	x	x	x	x
3	Reduction of concrete strength			x	x		x
4	Determination of ultimate load-bearing capacity	x	x	x	x	x	x

## 2. Mechanical analysis

Principle:



$$\text{Verification: } M_{R,fi,d} = F_{sd,fi} \cdot z_{fi} \geq M_{E,fi,d}$$

# Simplified design methods

## Bending / Bending and axial load

### Refined Zone Method (RZM) in FprEN 1992-1-2, 7.3

#### Work steps

1 Reduction of cross-section

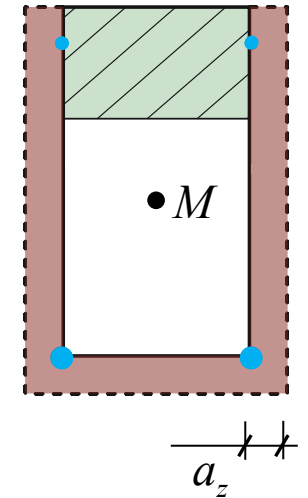
Equation:

$$a_z = \begin{cases} 0.011 \cdot \sqrt{1 + \frac{R_{fi} - 27}{27}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{w}{0.0125}} & \text{for } 0.075 \leq w < 0.20 \\ 0.011 \cdot \sqrt{1 + 4 \frac{R_{fi} - 27}{27}} & \text{for } w \geq 0.20 \end{cases},$$

2 Reduction of reinforcing steel strength

3 Reduction of concrete strength

4 Determination of ultimate load-bearing capacity



# Simplified design methods

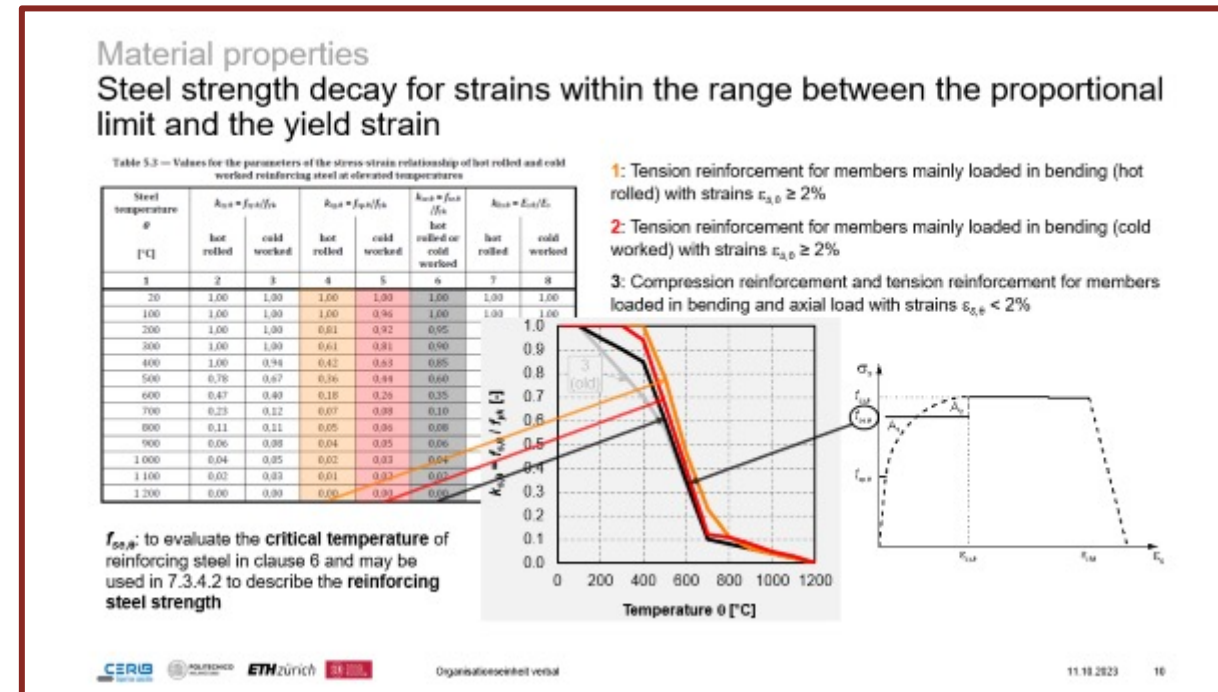
## Bending / Bending and axial load

### Refined Zone Method (RZM) in FprEN 1992-1-2, 7.3

#### Work steps

- 1 Reduction of cross-section
- 2 Reduction of reinforcing steel strength
- 3 Reduction of concrete strength
- 4 Determination of ultimate load-bearing capacity

Strength depending on temperature at positions of reinforcing bars:



# Simplified design methods

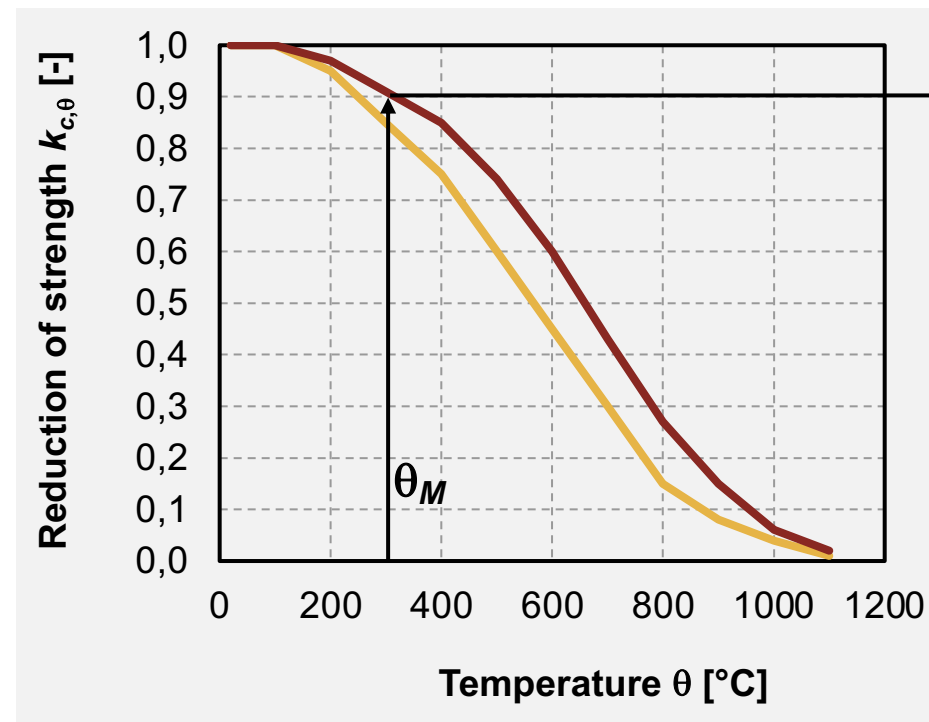
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### Refined Zone Method (RZM) in FprEN 1992-1-2, 7.3

#### Work steps

- 1 Reduction of cross-section
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- 3 Reduction of concrete strength
- 4 Determination of ultimate load-bearing capacity

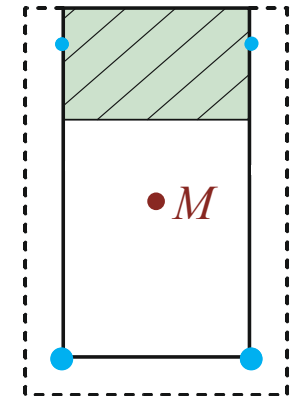
Strength depending on temperature in the centre of the cross-section:



Concrete strength for calcareous concrete

$$f_{c,\theta}(\theta_M) = k_{c,\theta}(\theta_M) f_{ck}$$

in the centre  $M$  of the cross-section



# Simplified design methods

## Bending / Bending and axial load

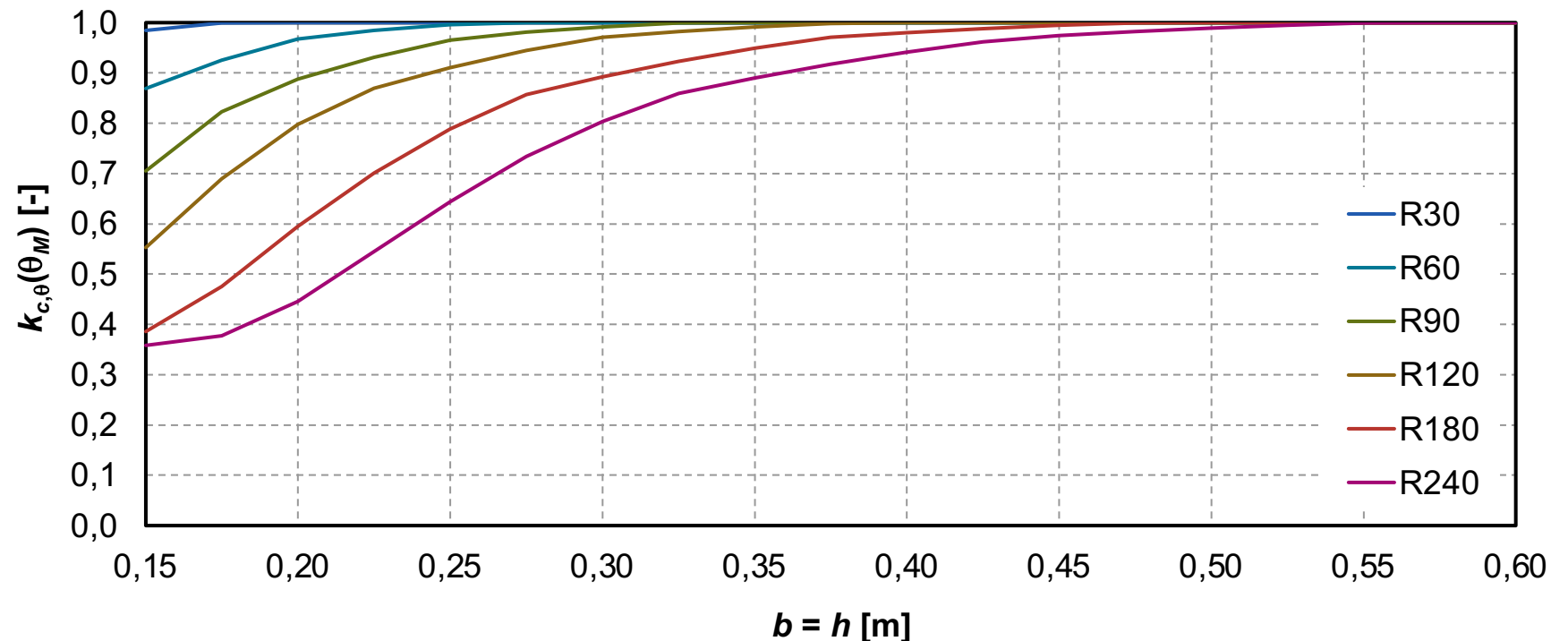
### Refined Zone Method (RZM) in FprEN 1992-1-2, 7.3

#### Work steps

- 1 Reduction of cross-section
- 2 Reduction of reinforcing steel strength
- 3 Reduction of concrete strength
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#### Simplifying graphs for NA possible

(here for concrete with calcareous aggregates and squared cross-section exposed to fire on four sides)



# Simplified design methods

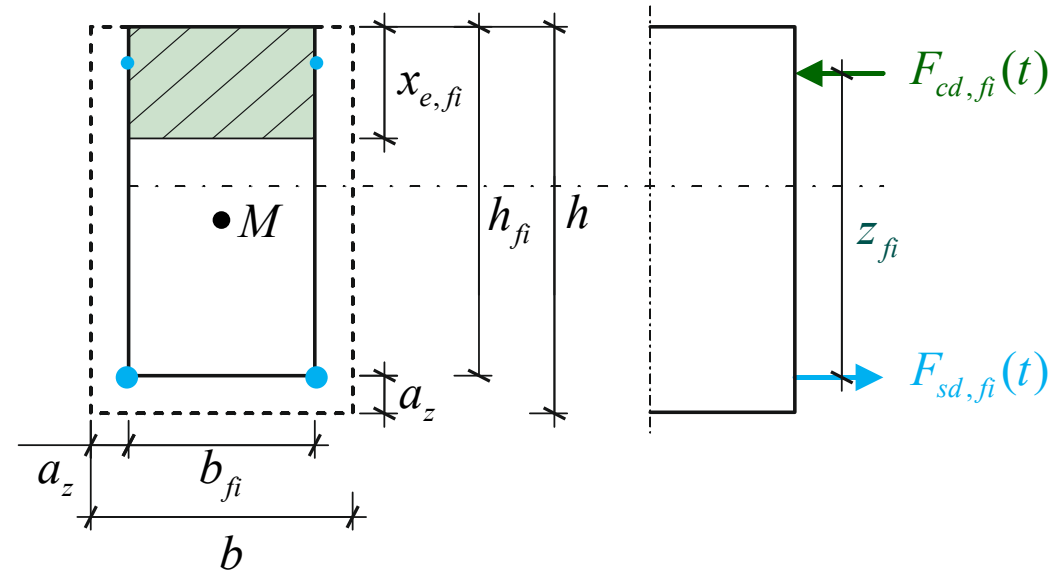
## Bending

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Bending:



$$F_{cd,fi}(t) = x_{e,fi} \cdot b_{fi} \cdot k_c(\theta_M) \cdot f_{ck} \cdot \gamma_{c,fi}$$

$$F_{sd,fi}(t) = A_s \cdot k_s(\theta_s) \cdot f_{yk} \cdot \gamma_{s,fi}$$

$$\gamma_{c,fi} = \gamma_{s,fi} = 1$$

$$\text{Verification: } M_{R,fi,d} = F_{sd,fi} \cdot z_{fi} \geq M_{E,fi,d}$$

# Simplified design methods

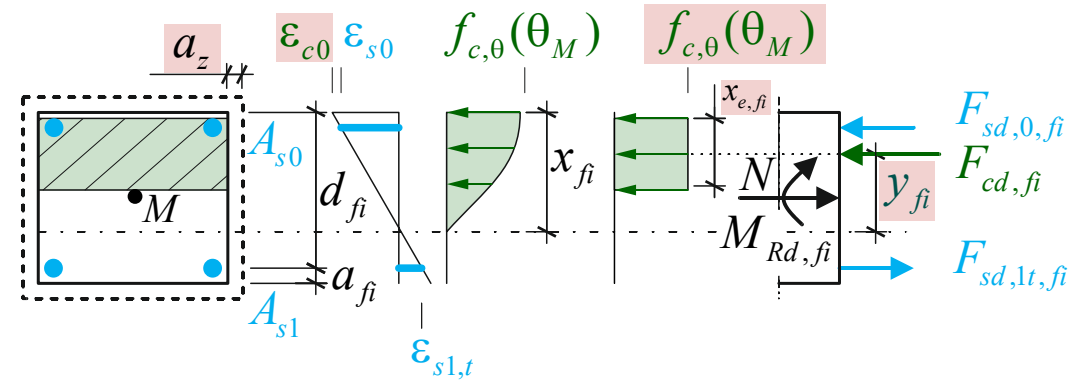
## Bending and axial load

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Bending and axial load:



i. Compression zone for  $0 \leq x_{fi} < 3(d_{fi} + a_{fi})$

$$\epsilon_{c0} \leq \epsilon_{c1,\theta} \text{ für } x_{fi} < (d_{fi} + a_{fi}),$$

$$\epsilon_{c0} = \epsilon_{c1,\theta} \text{ für } (d_{fi} + a_{fi}) \leq x_{fi} < 3(d_{fi} + a_{fi}),$$

$$x_{e,fi} = \min \left( 0.6 \frac{\epsilon_{c0}}{\epsilon_{c1,\theta}}, 0.75 - 0.15 \frac{x_{fi}}{d_{fi} + a_{fi}} \right) x_{fi},$$

$$y_{fi} = \max \left( 0.65, 0.55 + 0.10 \frac{x_{fi}}{d_{fi} + a_{fi}} \right) x_{fi},$$

# Simplified design methods

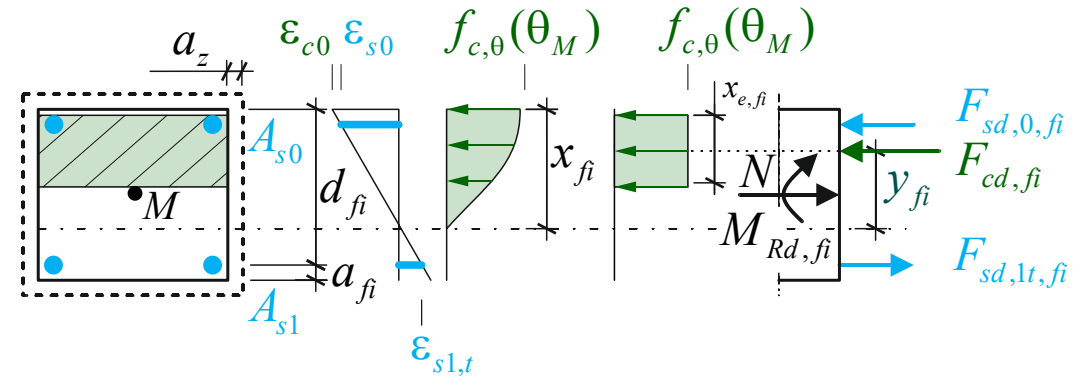
## Bending and axial load

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Bending and axial load:



#### ii. Forces in reinforcement

$$F_{sd,0,fi} = \max \left\{ E_{s,fi} A_{s0} \left( \epsilon_{s0} - 1.35 \cdot 10^{-5} (\theta_{sc} - 20^\circ\text{C}) (1 - a_{fi}/d_{fi}) \right); -A_{s0} k_{se,\theta} f_{yk} \right\}$$

$$F_{sd,1t,fi} = \min \left\{ E_{s,fi} A_{s1} \epsilon_{s1,t}; A_{s1} k_{se,\theta} f_{yk} \right\} \text{ if } x_{fi} < d_{fi}$$

$$F_{sd,1c,fi} = \max \left\{ E_{s,fi} A_{s1} \epsilon_{s1,c}; -A_{s1} k_{se,\theta} f_{yk} \right\} \text{ if } x_{fi} > d_{fi}$$

$$\theta_{sc} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n_{sc}} \theta_{sc,i}}{n_{sc}} [^\circ\text{C}] \text{ represents the average temperature of all effective reinforcing bars in the compression zone with } n_{sc} \text{ being the number of effective reinforcing bars in the compression zone.}$$

# Simplified design methods

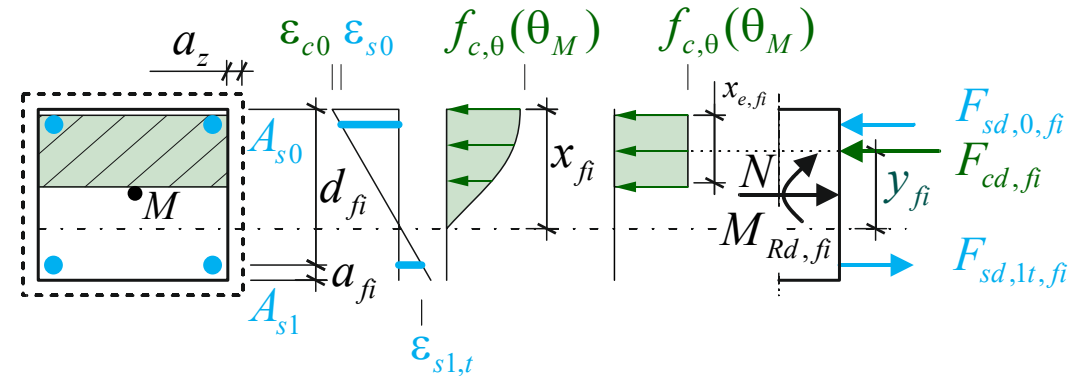
## Bending and axial load

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Bending and axial load:



#### iii. Design moment

$$M_{d,fi} = -N_{d,fi} \cdot e_d \text{ mit } e_d = e_0 + e_i + e_2 + e_{thermal}$$

$e_{0d}$ ,  $e_{1d}$ , and  $e_{2d}$  are defined as given in EN 1992-1-1.

$e_{thermal}$  is defined as:

$$e_{thermal} = \frac{l_{0,fi}^2}{8} \cdot \max \left\{ \frac{1.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot \max(\theta_T - 20^\circ\text{C}; 180^\circ\text{C})}{d_{fi} + a_{fi} + a_z - y_T}; \frac{1.35 \cdot 10^{-5} (\theta_{st} - 20^\circ\text{C})}{d_{fi}} \right\}$$

$\theta_T$  (°C.) = concrete temperature in the reference point T.

$\theta_{st}$  (°C.) = average temperature of all effective reinforcing bars in the tension zone with  $n_{st}$  being the number of effective reinforcing bars in the tension zone.

# Simplified design methods

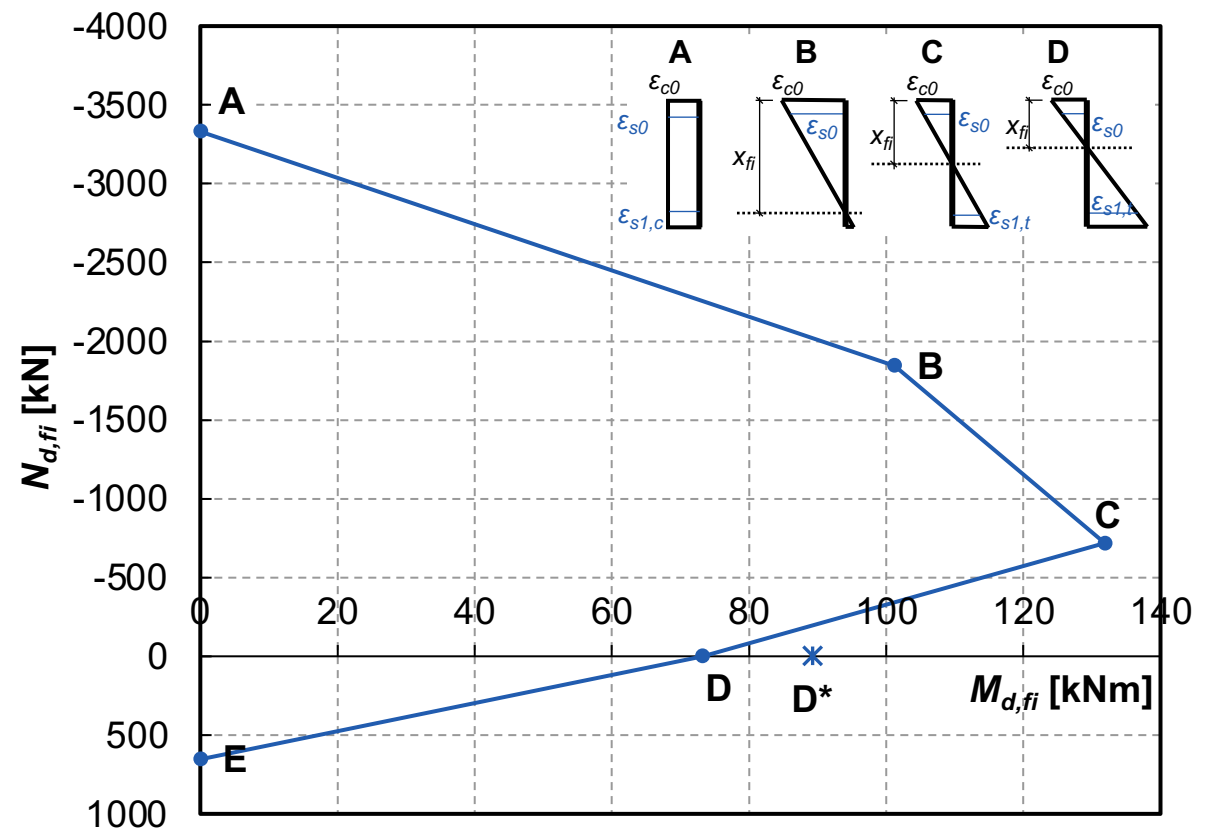
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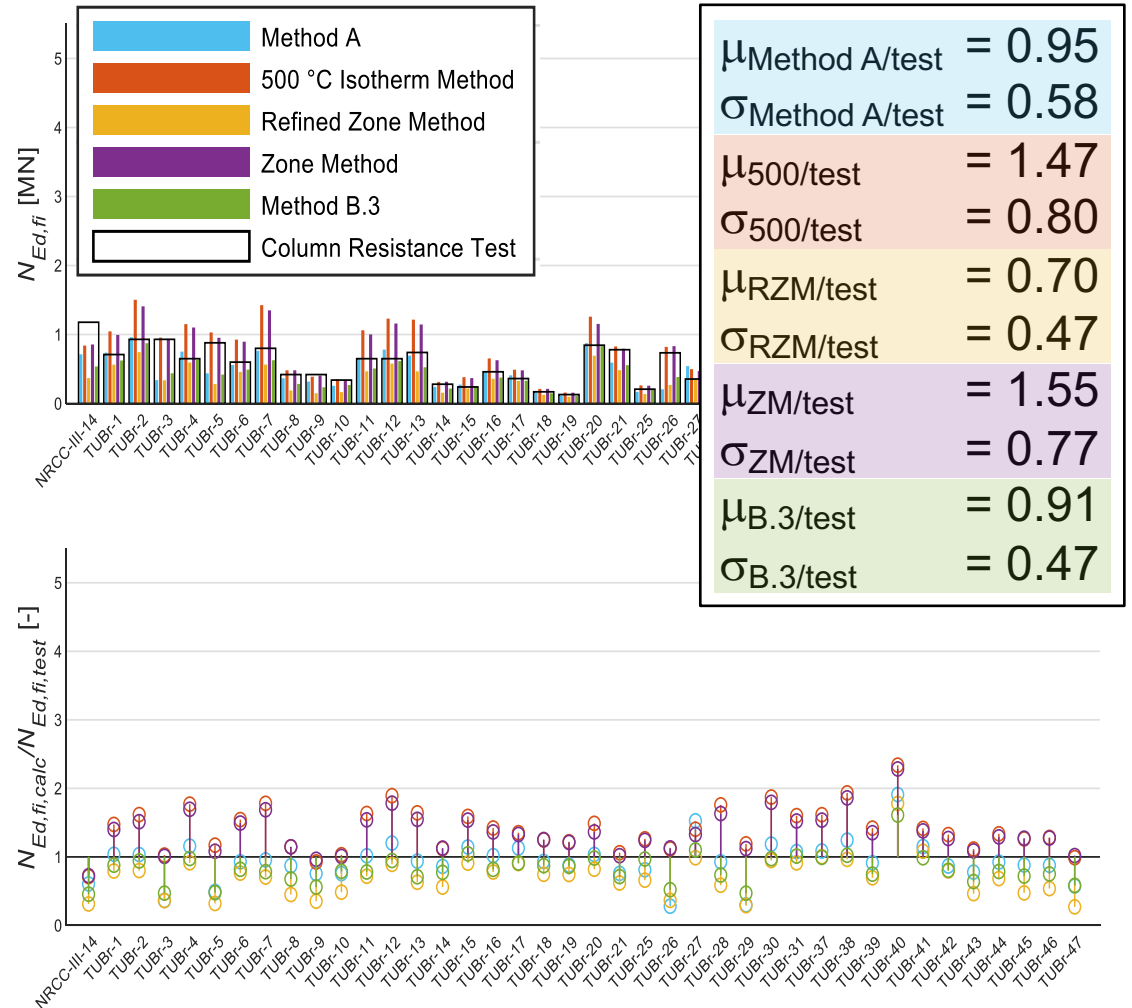
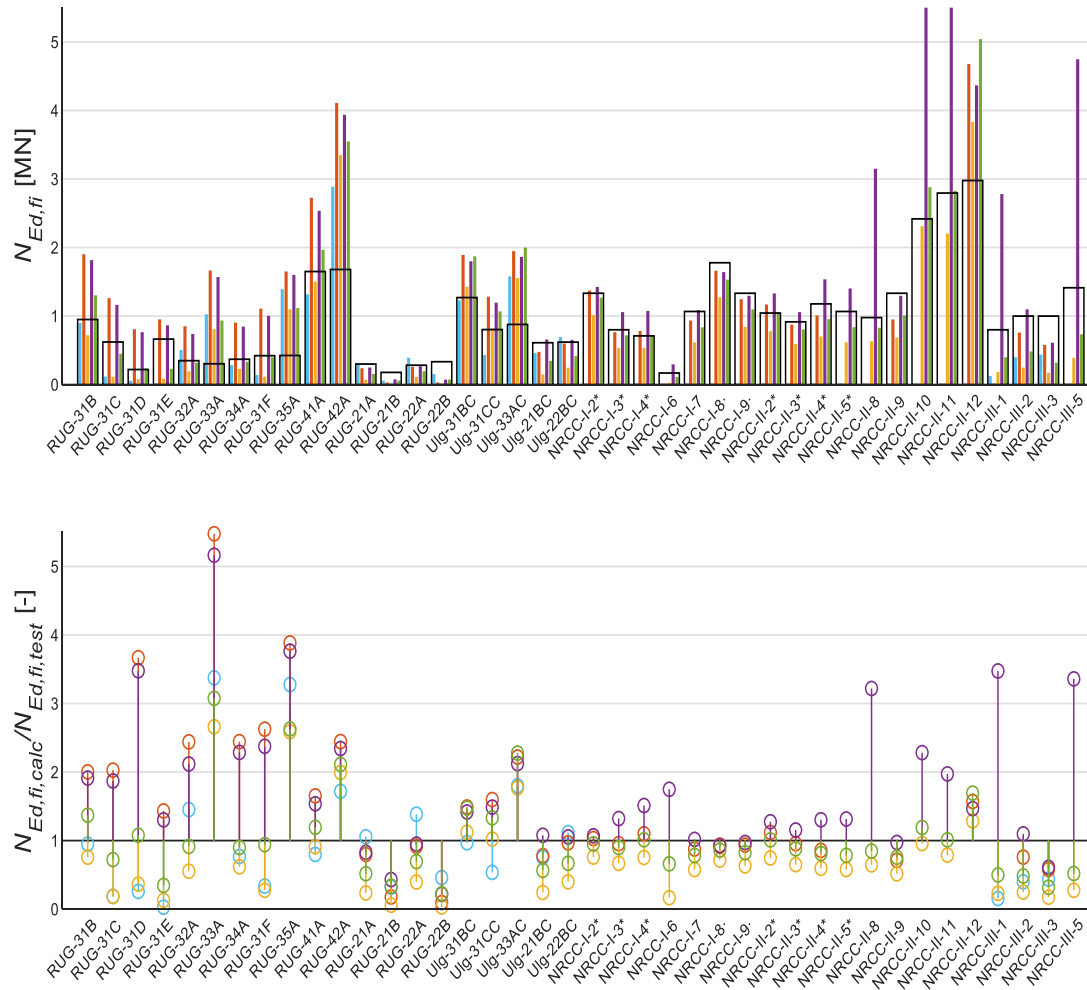
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Bending and axial load:



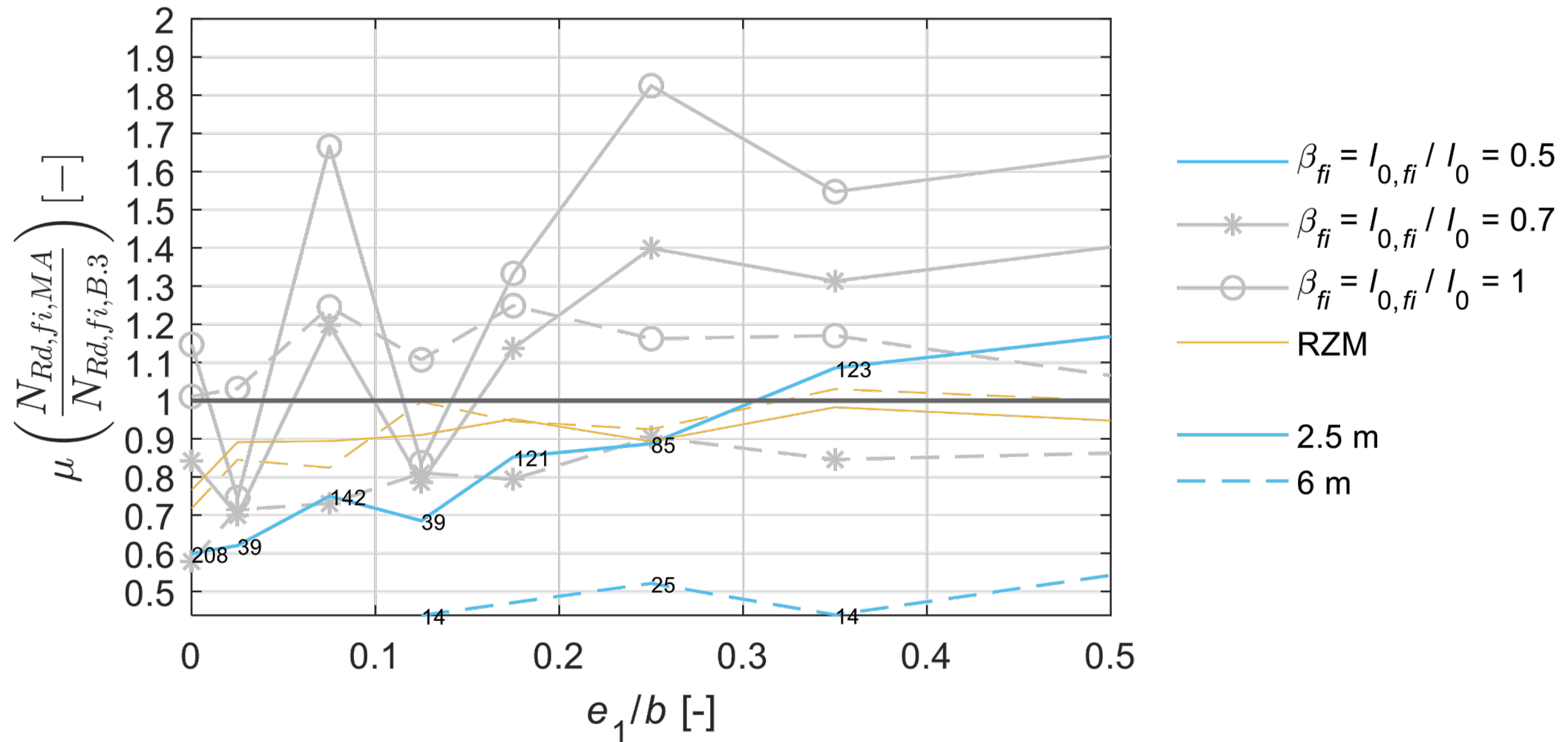
# Simplified design methods

## Validation of Refined Zone Method



# Simplified design methods

## Comparison Method A (MA) vs Refined Zone Method (RZM)



# Simplified design methods

## Mechanical analysis

### Available methods in EN 1992-1-2:2004

Bending	Bending and axial load	Shear
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Annex B.1 (informative):</del> 500°C Isotherm Method (ISO 834, physically based fire)</li> <li><del>Annex B.2 (informative):</del> Zone Method (ISO 834)</li> <li>Annex E (informative): <b>Mostly applicable for positive bending;</b> <b>Alternative: RZM</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method A (normative) (ISO 834) <b>Use restricted</b></li> <li><del>Annex B.1 (informative):</del> 500°C Isotherm Method (ISO 834, physically based fire)</li> <li><del>Annex B.2 (informative):</del> Zone Method (ISO 834)</li> <li>Annex B.3 (informative): Alternative for Advanced design methods; laborious; good performance a reinforced concrete slab subjected to bending moment and axial load by the method based on estimation of curvature (ISO 834, physically based fire)</li> <li>Amended Annex C (informative): Main Simplified design method based on Refined Zone Method (based on B.2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex D (informative): Calculation methods for shear, torsion and anchorage</li> </ul>

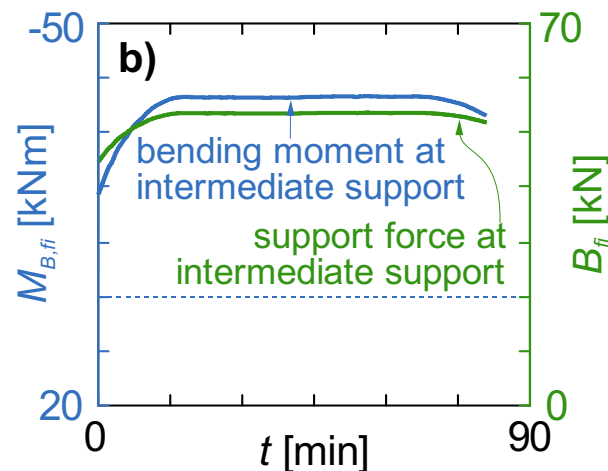
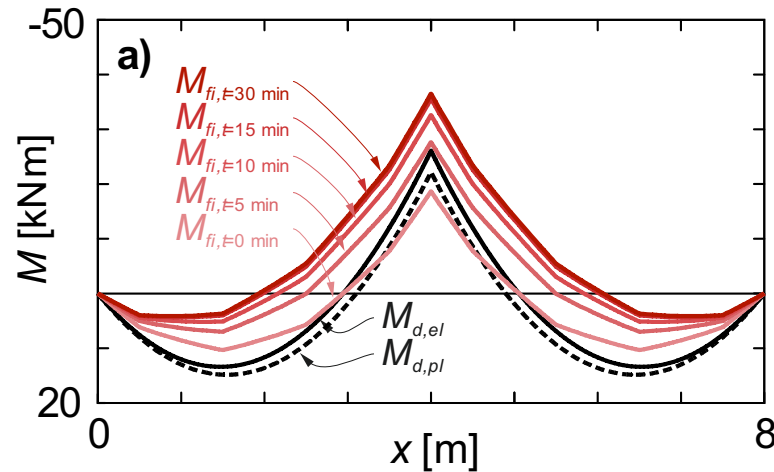
→ Aims: (1) reduce number of available methods, (2) comply with concept of LoA

# Clause 9

## Detailing

# Detailing

## Continuous slabs



- Clause 9 contains detailing provisions from Clause 5 (Tabulated Data) in EN 1992-1-2:2004:
  - Minimum reinforcement of  $A_s \geq 0,005 A_c$  for (i) continuous slabs using B500A reinforcing steel or (ii) one-way continuous slabs
  - Minimum top reinforcement for flat slabs with  $\geq R90$
- New notes (information) added concerning **shear** loading:
  - Clause 7: shear resistance for beams with stirrups of more than two legs
  - Clause 9: redistribution of shear forces in statically indeterminate slabs
- Note: In **two-way constructions**
  - thermal restraint actions usually ensure structural safety under fire conditions

# Clause 10

## Rules for spalling

# Rules for spalling

## Main changes

- New clause 10
- Moisture content threshold deleted
- R15 : no spalling verification
- New rules

**Table 10.1 — Overview of the rules for spalling**

Verification for spalling	
R15	Verification of spalling may be omitted except Clause 10(2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— structures in a water saturated environment</li> <li>— insulating permanent formwork which prevents concrete from drying</li> </ul>	<p>Specific assessment of spalling should be undertaken or polypropylene fibres should be specified</p> <p>See Clause 10(7), (8), (9) or (10)</p>
$f_{ck} < 70$ MPa and silica fume content $< 6$ % by weight of cement	Verification of spalling may be omitted except Clause 10(3) and (5)
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(2) For performance requirements R15, verification for spalling may be omitted except for isolated members with webs thinner than 80 mm and  $f_{ck} \geq 70$  MPa.

(5) When using simplified design methods or advanced design methods, verification of spalling may be omitted for  $f_{ck} < 70$  MPa, provided that the maximum content of silica fume is less than 6 % by weight of cement except in the case of (3) and in the case of isolated members with three sides exposed, whose dimensions do not comply with Table 10.2. In these cases, a specific assessment of spalling should be undertaken (see (7), (8) or (9)), or polypropylene fibres should be specified for the concrete mix according to (10).

NOTE 3 When columns are highly loaded, it can result in higher susceptibility to spalling.

**Table 10.2 — Minimum web thickness of isolated members below which specific assessment of spalling should be undertaken or polypropylene fibres should be specified**

Standard fire resistance	Minimum web thickness $b_{w,min}$ (mm)	Minimum web thickness $b_{w,min}$ for a distance of $2h$ from an intermediate support in continuous isolated members
R 30	80	80
$R \geq 60$	100	120

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(7) The application of protective layers may be used to mitigate severe spalling (see 4.12).

(8) The effect on performance (R and/or EI) due to severe spalling may be taken into account by considering the loss of strength either at member or at structure level. This loss of strength may be assessed using a reduced effective cross-section, where the **spalled layer** of concrete is omitted when calculating the strength. The extent of the spalled layer of concrete may be based on experimental assessment according to (9).

(9) When assessment based on experimental evidence is required, it should be obtained from tests representative of the conditions of the structural member in terms of geometry, stress and moisture content.

(10) When polypropylene fibres are used to mitigate severe spalling, a **minimum content  $k_{pp}$  of monofilament fibres with diameter less than or equal to 50  $\mu\text{m}$**  should be specified for the concrete mix. Alternative contents or diameters may be specified if experimental evidence according to (9) is provided.

NOTE 4 The value of  $k_{pp}$  is 2,0 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, unless the National Annex gives a different value.

# Rules for spalling

## Validity of the new spalling Section 10

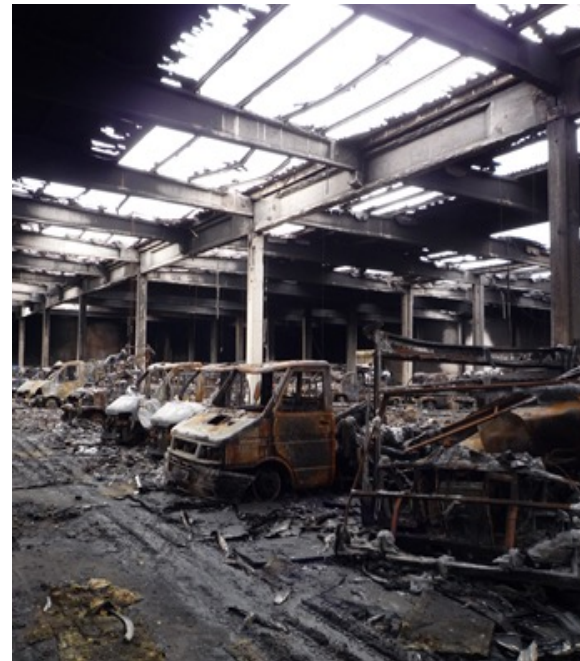
Reference of the test	[1] C1	[1] C2	[1] C3	[1] C4	[2] C45	[2] C65	[2] C85	[2] C105	[3] NSC1	[3] HSC1	[3] HSC2	[3] HSC3	[3] HSCP1	[3] HSCP2
$L_0$ (m)	2,1	2,1	2,1	2,1	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	3,35	3,35	3,35	3,35	3,35	3,35
$\varnothing$ or h (cm)	30	30	30	30	20	20	20	20	20,3	20,3	20,3	20,3	20,3	20,3
B (cm)	-	-	-	-	20	20	20	20	20,3	20,3	20,3	20,3	20,3	20,3
Concrete cover [mm] (stirrups)	30	30	30	30	20	20	20	20	3,35	3,35	3,35	3,35	3,35	3,35
Concrete cover [mm] (long. bars)	38	38	38	38	20	20	20	20	20,3	20,3	20,3	20,3	20,3	20,3
Axis distance [mm] (long. Bars)	44	44	48	44	40	40	40	40	40,6	40,6	40,6	40,6	40,6	40,6
Reinforcement (longitudinal)	6 $\varnothing$ 12	6 $\varnothing$ 12	6 $\varnothing$ 20	6 $\varnothing$ 12	8 $\varnothing$ 25	8 $\varnothing$ 25	8 $\varnothing$ 25	8 $\varnothing$ 25	8 $\varnothing$ 25	8 $\varnothing$ 25	8 $\varnothing$ 25	8 $\varnothing$ 25	8 $\varnothing$ 25	8 $\varnothing$ 25
Steel strength $f_{yk}$ (MPa)	500	500	500	500	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
Concrete Strength $f_{ck}$ (MPa)	C 60	C 60	C 60	C 60	69	69	69	69	101	101	101	101	101	101
Aggregates type	siliceous	siliceous	siliceous	siliceous	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres
Any specificity in the mix (fillers, fibres, ...) or else	none	none	none	none	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres	no fibres
Moisture content	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	69,50%	58,00%	61,00%	57,00%	77,00%	98,10%	96,70%	93,20%	92,50%	96,10%
Boundary conditions	Simply supported	Simply supported	Simply supported	Simply supported	fixed-fixed	fixed-fixed	fixed-fixed	fixed-fixed	fixed-fixed	fixed-fixed	Simply supported e=27 mm	Simply supported e=27 mm	Simply supported e=27 mm	Simply supported e=27 mm
Load level N (MN)	1,26	1,77	1,45	1,45	3,895	4,328	4,328	4,567	5,373	3,546	4,233	4,981	4,981	4,981
Load level % of ultimate load					90%	100%	100%	85%	100%	66%	85%	100%	100%	100%
Eccentricity (mm)					0	0	0	0	0	0	27	27	27	27
Calculated fire resistance	126	91	141	113										
Experimental fire resistance	156	131	187	165										
Spalling observed?	Sloughing off, 25 min	Sloughing off, 20 min	Sloughing off, 34 min	Sloughing off, 30 min										
NRd	2,82	2,82	2,82	2,82										
$\mu_{fi}$	0,45	0,63	0,51	0,61										
R (Method A)	137	106	139	111										
R (Method B)	133	102	135	111										
R (Method C)	0,42	0,63	0,27	0,63										
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R (Method CX)	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,83										
R (Method CY)	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,83										
R (Method CZ)	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,83										
R (Method DA)	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,83										
R (Method DB)	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,83										
R (Method DC)	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,83										
R (Method DD)	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,83										
R (Method DE)	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,83										

## MOISTURE CONTENT CRITERIA IS DELETED

- It is controversial below which moisture content spalling is “unlikely to occur”. Since a European agreement for the value of  $k$  could not be reached, the decision was left to national annexes (in the present version of EN 1992-1-2, varies from 2% to 4%)
- Scientific results indicate that spalling may appear from different moisture content values depending on the concrete composition, strength, section geometry, load... At first glance, a general fixed moisture limit for spalling seems like a good idea but this is not supported by the literature as so many inter-dependent factors are involved in the phenomenon.
- Even if the temperature, relative humidity (climate history) and age of concrete are known, it is a very difficult task to specify the moisture content of the concrete.
- While moisture gradients do appear instead of uniform moisture contents, nothing is said about where (at the surface, in depth...) and when (3 months after casting, at equilibrium?) the moisture content should be measured or estimated.
- The designer has difficulties to predict what will be the moisture content in the built element, and cannot influence it.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR ISOLATED MEMBERS EXPOSED ON THREE SIDES

For thin webs with only one reinforcement layer in horizontal and one in vertical direction, the risk of collapse in case of spalling of the cover concrete is high as the compression resistance of concrete vanishes at the very moment of severe spalling. For webs with two layers in horizontal and vertical direction, the risk of collapse in case of spalling of the cover concrete is smaller. Therefore, the definition of minimum web dimensions (to allow for more than one vertical layer of reinforcement) is a means of providing a more robust design.



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Clause / Subject	10 (9) – Tests representative of the conditions of the structural member in terms of geometry, stress and moisture content
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### Reason for change

In EN 1992-1-2 (2004), no guidance was provided on the test methodology to determine the performance of concrete with respect to spalling.

### Original content

#### 6.2 Spalling

**Method B:** A type of concrete for which it has been demonstrated (by local experience or by testing) that no spalling of concrete occurs under fire exposure.

### Change

(9) When assessment based on experimental evidence is required, it should be obtained from tests representative of the conditions of the structural member in terms of geometry, stress and moisture content.

### Background information

At the time of the revision of EN 1992-1-2, no standard has yet been published to characterize the spalling propensity of concrete structures. However, RILEM Technical Committee 256-SPF "Spalling of concrete due to fire: testing and modelling" has been working on the subject since 2013 and intends to publish some recommendations in the near future.

The state of the art performed in the framework of this TC 256-SPF clearly highlights the importance of the geometry (in terms of impact on the self-stress), the loading and the moisture content of the tested specimen.

Full scale tests are not always necessary if intermediate scale tests can be proven to be sufficiently representative in terms of stress state and spalling results. Some references to scientific articles are given in the background information section, hereafter, as well as preliminary recommendations.

Note : It should be highlighted that intermediate scale tests differ from the material screening tests which are also defined in some recommendations established by the RILEM TC 256-SPF. The material screening tests are only intended to rank concretes by sensitivity to spalling. They do not aim to provide an absolute value of the spalling behaviour.

#### Fire resistance tests

In order to evaluate spalling propensity and its influence on performance (R and/or EI), some standard fire resistance tests can be performed according to EN 1363-1 [9], EN 1364-X and EN 1365-X standards, provided that the boundary conditions and loading are representative of the structural element in the building.

When doing a fire resistance test, due to the size and weight of some structural elements, it might not be possible to test the real geometry due to the limitations of the fire resistance laboratory equipment. In this case, an assessment of the stress state under fire conditions through numerical calculations should be performed in order to provide a dedicated test whose boundary conditions, geometry and loading will lead to a similar stress state in the tested specimen as would be expected in the structure.

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### Intermediate scale tests

Intermediate scale tests may be used if it can be validated that the approach is sufficiently representative in terms of stress state and that experimental evidence of the relevance of the testing methodology can be provided (ie, the intermediate scale test will lead to a safe approximation of the spalled layer compared to a full scale test under the same thermal exposure). Research studies have been carried out to compare the relevance of intermediate scale tests compared to full scale tests (see [1], [2], [3]).

The spalled layer which is experimentally determined in the validated intermediate scale test is then used in the fire design which will be based on an effective reduced cross-section.

#### ○ Size/shape of specimen

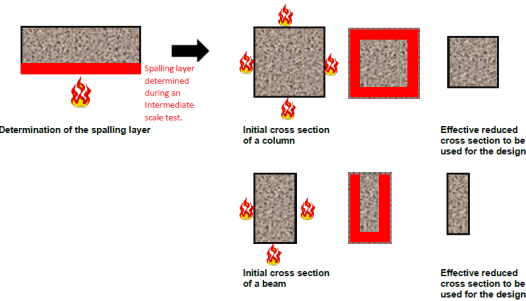
Different shapes of specimens may be designed to represent the studied structural elements. A minimum exposed size of 1m<sup>2</sup> for small scale slabs or 1 m for linear specimens is recommended as a starting point for the development of such a validated test approach.

The geometry should reproduce the self-stress state due to the thermal gradients, the depth of the small scale slab should be representative of the structural element used in practice.

A minimal depth of 30 cm for small scale slabs is recommended. This value can be increased to 40 cm in the case of specific slabs, walls or columns of very large thickness.

For specific geometries, such as I-beams, due to the fact that the web can be restrained by the upper and lower flanges, a specific assessment of the stress state should be performed to demonstrate that the intermediate scale geometry is appropriate. After this an experimental comparison is needed to validate the approach.

A structural element such as a column or a beam may, if the approach is validated, be evaluated at intermediate scale test with a loaded small slab exposed on one side provided that in the fire design, the spalled layer is deduced from the initial cross section from each exposed surface to determine the effective reduced cross section.



#### ○ Loading

Simply supported structural elements with the fire exposed surfaces in tension, can be evaluated with unloaded small scale slabs of similar thickness and reinforcement.

Continuous slabs or beams exhibiting compressive stress state on the exposed side in the area of the supports should be evaluated with loaded small scale specimens with a representative loading. Even a small external loading such as 0,75 MPa may induce severe spalling compared to unloaded conditions.

Concrete for compressive structural elements should be evaluated with a small scale specimen with a representative loading.

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### ○ Thermal exposure

The setup for intermediate scale tests shall have the capacity to follow the thermal exposure defined in the standard EN 1363-1 [9] with the appropriate type of furnace thermocouples.

During the test, the specimen should be heated with the controlled heating system being able to follow the required fire curve.

### Moisture content

EN 1363-1 [9] states:

" At the time of the test [...] the moisture content of the test specimen shall approximate to those expected in normal service. The test specimen shall preferably not be tested until it has reached an equilibrium moisture content resulting from storage in an ambient atmosphere of 50 % relative humidity at 23 °C. If the test specimen is conditioned in a different way it shall be clearly stated in the test report. Concrete elements or specimens containing concrete parts shall not be tested until they have been conditioned for at least 3 months. Masonry elements shall not be tested until they have been conditioned for at least 28 days. Concrete elements, which can contain large amounts of moisture may take a very long time to dry out. Such specimens may be tested when the relative humidity at relevant positions of the specimen has reached 75 %. If the level of 75 % relative humidity cannot be reached within a reasonable time, measurements of the moisture content at the time of testing shall be measured and reported."

"Accelerated conditioning is permitted provided that the method does not alter the properties of component materials."

"High temperature conditioning is permitted provided that the temperature is below critical temperatures for any of the materials in the test specimen."

"The test methods for specific elements may contain additional or alternative guidance for obtaining moisture equilibrium."

Moisture equilibrium is in general reached after a few years and a moisture gradient will be generally observed. It is thus recommended to determine moisture content at the surface of the exposed side (in the first 5 cm, and even if possible from 0 to 2.5 cm depth and from 2.5 to 5 cm depth) and in the inner region of the cross section (more than 5 cm depth).

Accelerated conditioning will be permitted provided that:

- as mentioned above, the method does not alter the properties of material;
- the targeted moisture content through the accelerated conditioning will be representative of the one reached when equilibrium is observed;
- evidences that the accelerated conditioning method has been calibrated so that spalling propensity determined on a specimen which has been submitted to this accelerated conditioning is similar to the one which could be obtained on a specimen stored during a period which allows to reach naturally the target moisture equilibrium.

Note : When the unique aim of the test is to determine spalling propensity (no temperature measurement is intended to be performed for any assessment related to the fire design) and when the microstructural properties are considered to have reached a stabilised state, the tests can be performed before 3 months. When no accelerated conditioning is used, the high moisture content could lead to severe spalling.

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### Ease of use justification

The recommendations are clearer than in the previous Eurocode and will lead to harmonise the practice.

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