

Fire resistance of steel trusses in fire using OpenSees

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Background

Why *OpenSees*? OpenSource (free) and Object oriented framework,
Multi-hazard

Total Lagrangian and *Co-rotational* element formulations have been implemented which account for phenomena experienced in a real fire:

- ❑geometric nonlinearity caused by large displacements
- ❑material nonlinearity due to the stiffness and strength reduction

Analysis of structures in fire is performed into two load steps

- The mechanical load applied and remains constant
- Thermal load

Usually Newton-Raphson method (load controlled)



Background

For each load step during the analysis an incremental displacement is found: $\{\Delta F\} = [K] \{\Delta u\}$

- Cannot follow the equilibrium path beyond the limit points
- For redundant structures local failure does not imply global failure
- Dynamic procedure for tracing post buckling path

Material degradation: reduction of material properties like Young's modulus and Yield Stress

- ✓ *Steel01Thermal*: Uniaxial bilinear steel material with kinematic hardening
- ✓ *Steel02Thermal*: Uniaxial Giuffre-Menegotto-Pinto steel material with isotropic strain hardening.

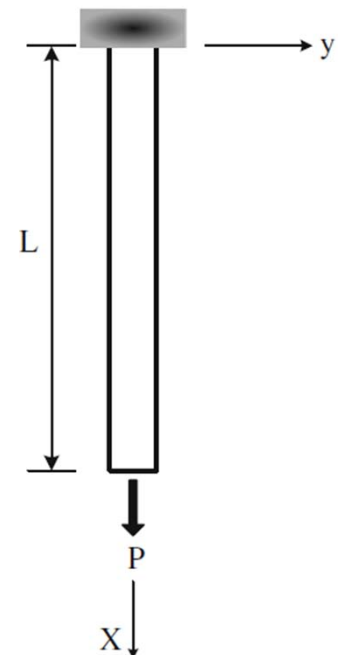
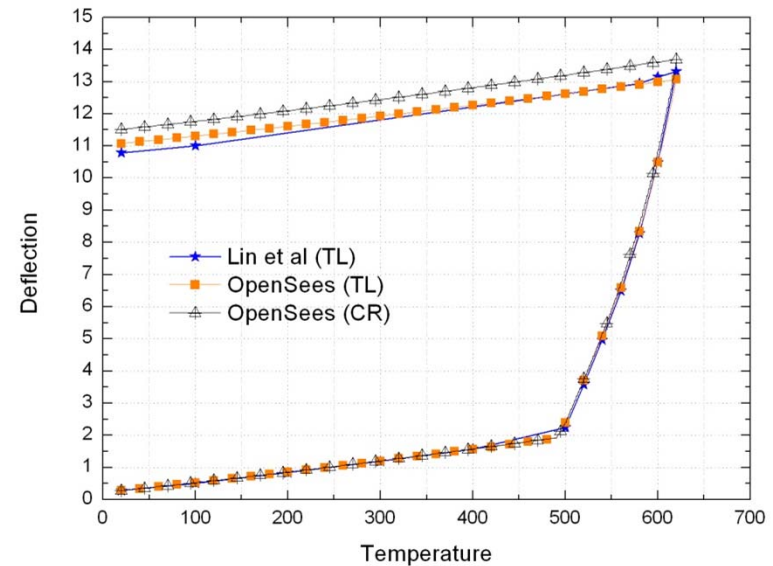
Numerical examples

One member truss

- ❑ Solved by Lin et al.
- ❑ Both TL and CR employed
- ❑ $DT = 1^\circ\text{C}$
- ❑ Heating and cooling

Yielding occurs at around 500°C

- The comparison shows very good agreement
- Strain hardening does not have significant effect
- Both formulations present similar results



Two Member Truss

- ❑ Lin et al (2010) using Generalised Displacement Control (GDC)
- ❑ Loses stability through snap-through buckling
- ❑ *Dynamic* procedure was followed
- ❖ Truss deflects upwards but when the members have yielded changes direction towards the other side
- ❖ Preloading plays a role in the behaviour of the truss

