Mechanical & Thermal Properties of Materials

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2.3 Design values of material properties



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3.2.1 Stress-strain relationships



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Reduction factors





Stress-strain curves for S275



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3.2.2.1 Concrete under compression



Concrete compressive strength parameters



- Siliceous concrete has larger strength reduction than calcareous concrete.
- Variation of strains \varepsilon_{c1,\theta} and \varepsilon_{cu1,\theta} with temperatures are the same for both concrete types.

Reduction factor of compressive strength $f_{c,\theta}$



3.2.2.2 Concrete under tension

 Conservatively, tensile strength of concrete should normally be ignored.



Factors affecting strength of concrete

- Mix proportions
- Water cement ratio
- Aggregate cement ratio
- Type of aggregate
 - (Schneider and Horvath 2003)

Comparison exper (1-3) predicted (4-9) compressive concrete under fire



The strain components

$$\varepsilon_{tot} = \varepsilon_{\sigma} \left(\overline{\sigma}, \sigma, \theta\right) + \varepsilon_{th} \left(\theta\right) + \varepsilon_{tr, cr} \left(\sigma, \theta, t\right)$$

ϵ_{tot} the total strain

- ε_{σ} the stress-related strain
- ϵ_{th} the thermal strain
- ε_{tr,cr} the transient creep strain (*load induced thermal strain*)

The thermal strain of concrete

- The thermal strain is the free thermal expansion from the fire
- Mainly influenced by the type and amount of aggregate
- The coarse aggregate plays an important role (Schneider and Horvath 2003)

Transient creep strain

- develops during first heating under load. It is unique to concrete.
- Lits is much larger than the elastic strain, contributes to a significant relaxation and redistribution of thermal stresses in heated concrete structures. (*Khoury 2000*).
- factors affecting the transient strain are type of aggregate, aggregate/cement ratio, curing conditions, loading level (*Schneider and Horvath* 2003). Mathematical models for transient thermal strain calculations are reviewed by Youssef and Moftah (2007).

Shrinkage strain

- Could be added to the eq. of strain
- However, since all experimental high temperature data are reported from unsealed test conditions the shrinkage component can be viewed as being included in the thermal strain.
- shrinkage is assumed to be independent of loading (*Nielsen et al 2004*).

Explosive spalling

- When the moisture content is less than 3% by weight explosive spalling is unlikely to occur. Above 3% more accurate assessments, moisture content, type of aggregate, permeability of concrete and heating rate should be considered.
- Spalling can be grouped into four categories: (a) aggregate spalling; (b) explosive spalling; (c) surface spalling; (d) corner/sloughing-off spalling. The first three occur during the first 20–30 min into a fire and are influenced by the heating rate, while the fourth occurs after 30–60 min of fire and is influenced by the maximum temperature.

Explosive spalling (contd.)

- The main parameters affecting the spalling effect are content of moisture in concrete, the heating condition, compressive stresses, thickness of concrete, position of reinforcement, mix proportion, fibre volume (*Schneider and Horvath 2003*).
- The prediction of spalling is now becoming possible with the development of thermo-hydro-mechanical nonlinear finite element models capable of predicting pore pressures (*Khoury 2000*).

3.2.3 Reinforcing steel



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3.4.1.1 Thermal elongation Steel

The nonlinear model incorporating the effect of phase change in steel crystal structure between 750°C & 860°C.



3.4.1.2 Specific heat Steel

 The model incorporates the effect of phase change in steel crystal structure at 735°C.



3.4.1.3 Thermal conductivity Steel

Thermal conductivity [W/m K]



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3.3.1 Thermal elongation of concrete

 It is assumed that siliceous concrete expands more at elevated temperatures than calcareous concrete.



3.3.2 Specific heat of concrete

 The moisture content is modelled by the peak values, situated between 100 °C and 115°C.



3.3.2 Density of concrete

Percentage reduction of densitry



3.3.3 Thermal conductivity of concrete

Determined between the lower and upper limit values:



3.4 Thermal elongation of reinforcing and prestressing steel

