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Fire Behaviour of Steel and Composite Floor Systems

Numerical investigation of simple design method

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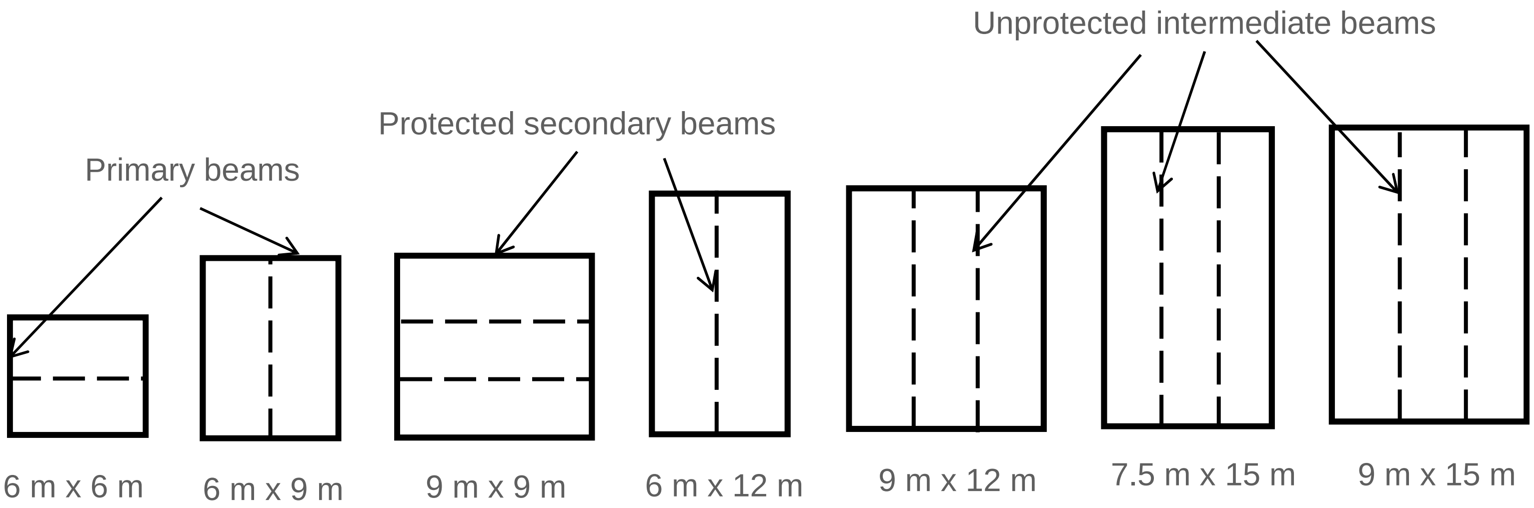
Objectives of parametric study

- **Background**
  - FRACOF full scale standard fire test
    - Excellent fire performance of the composite floor systems (presence of tensile membrane action)
    - Max θ of steel ≈ 1000 °C, fire duration > 120 min
    - French construction details
    - Deflection ≈ 450 mm
- **Objective**
  - Verification of the Simple Design Method to its full application domain (using advanced calculation models)
    - Deflection limit of the floor
    - Elongation of reinforcing steel

Parametric study properties (1/3)

- **Grid size of the floor**



- **Load levels**

According to EC0 load combination in fire situation for office buildings:

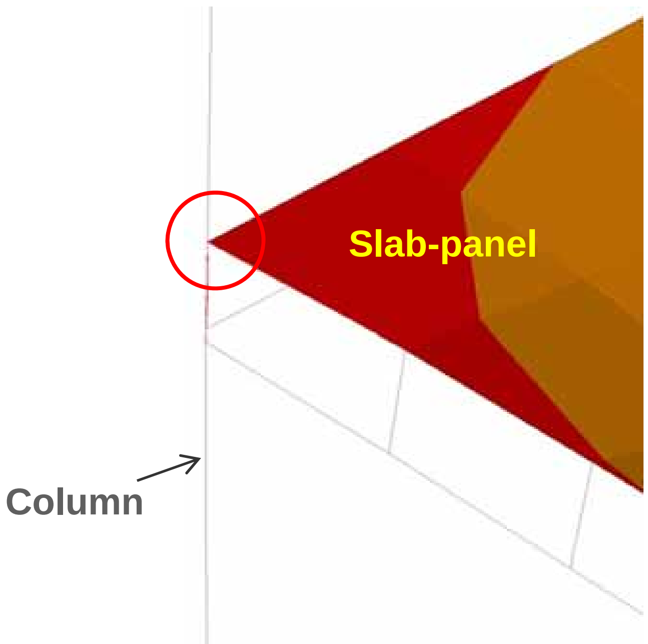
G (Dead Load) + 0.5 Q (Imposed Load)

G= Self weight + 1.25 kN/m²

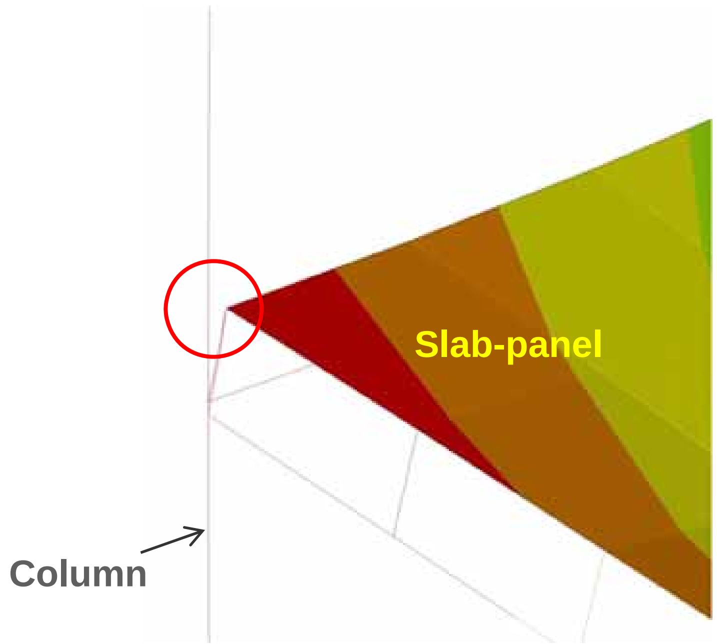
Q= 2.5 & 5 kN/m²

Parametric study properties (2/3)

- **Link condition between floor and steel columns**



With mechanical link between slab and columns



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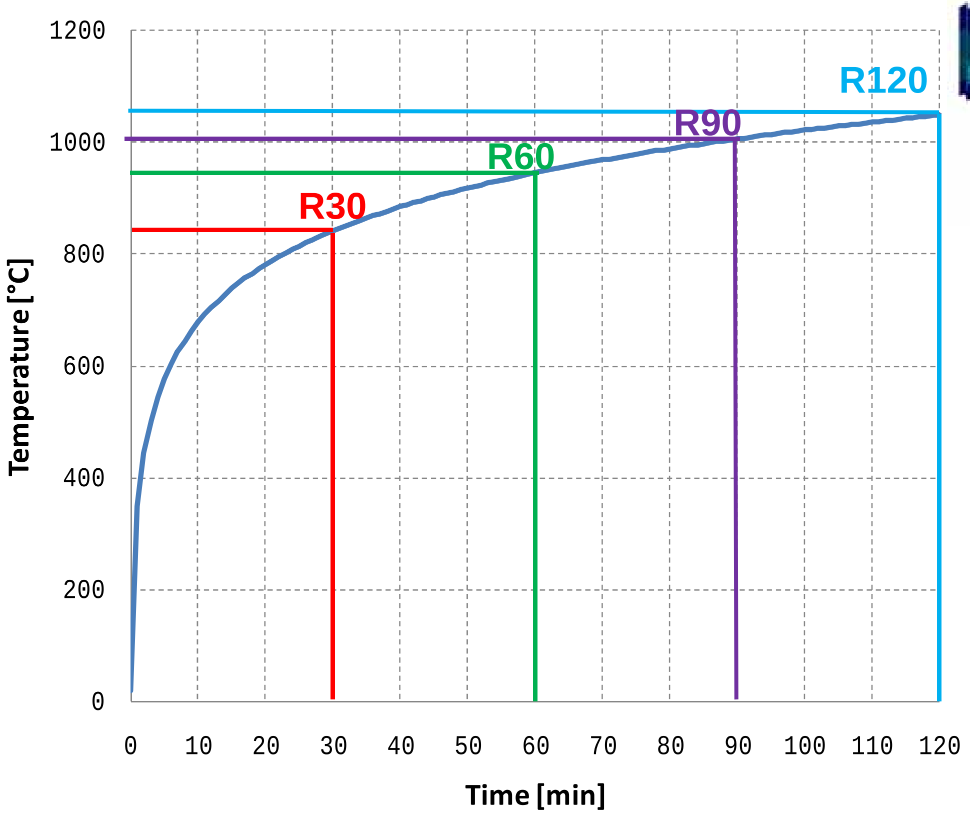
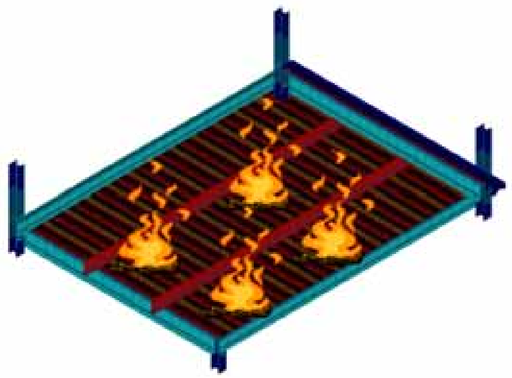
Parametric study properties (3/3)

- **Fire rating: R30, R60, R90 and R120**





Heating of boundary beams (Max. 550 °C)

Finite Element Model

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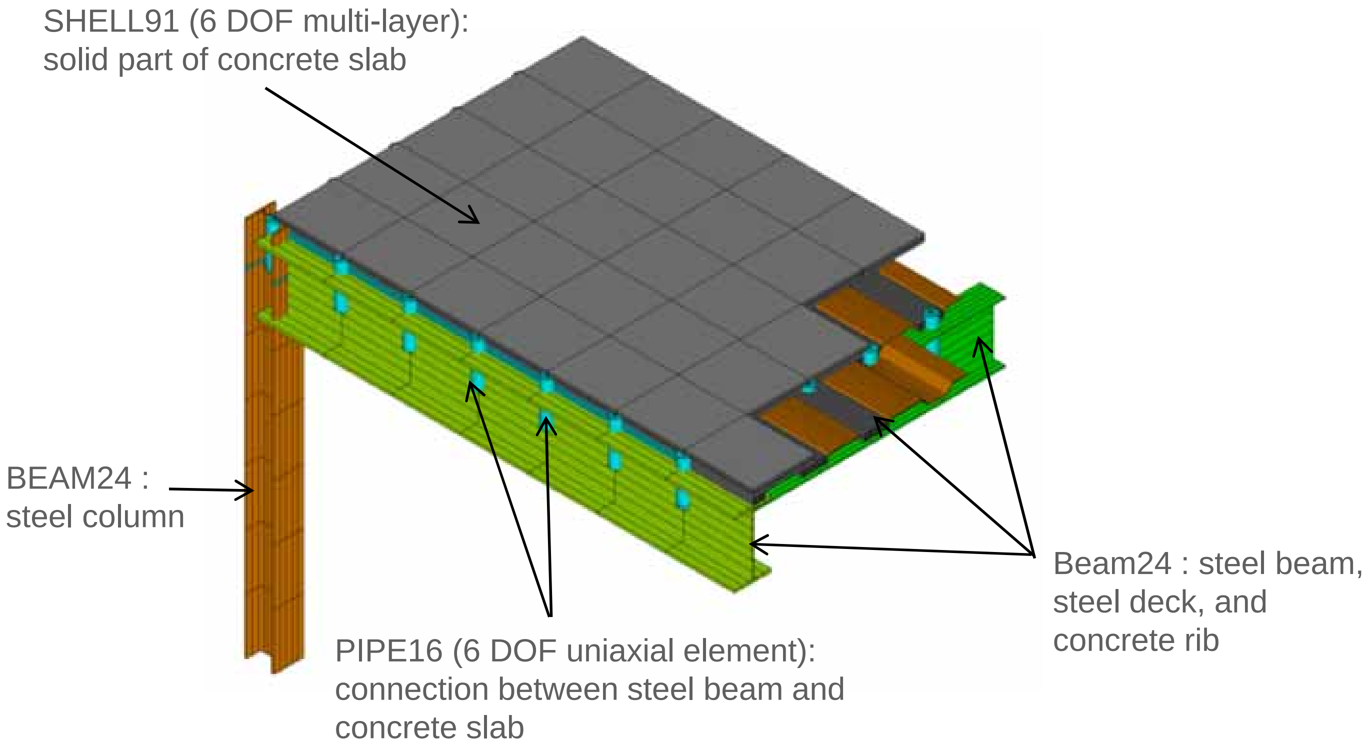
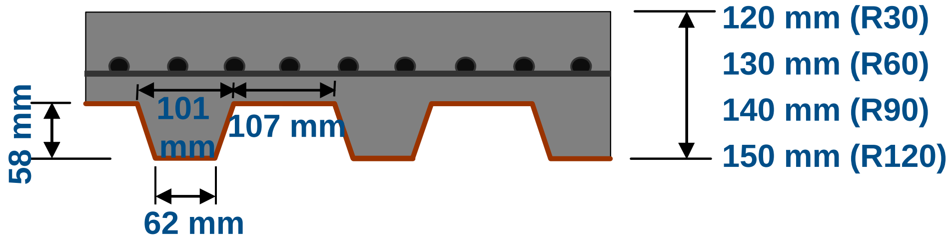
- **Hybrid model based on several types of Finite Element with computer code ANSYS**



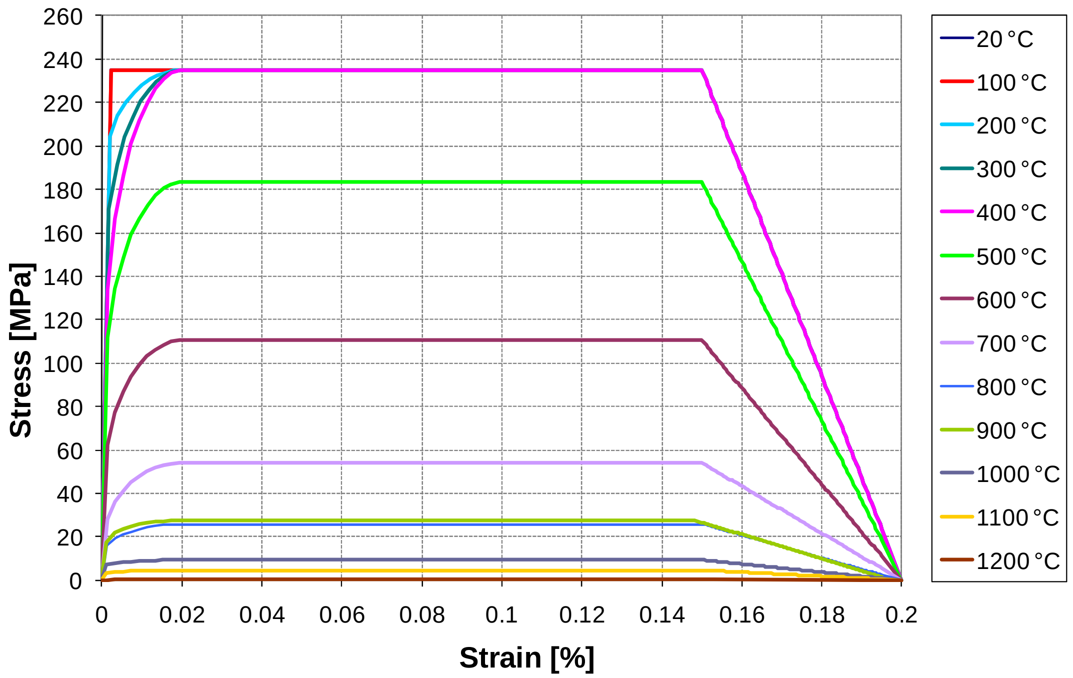
Slab panel properties

- **S235 beams**
- **COFRAPLUS60 trapezoidal steel decking (0.75 mm thick)**
- **Normal weight concrete C30/37**
- **S500 reinforcement mesh**
- **Average mesh position (from top surface) = 45 mm**



Thermo-mechanical properties (1/2)

- **Steel thermo-mechanical properties:**
  - Thermal properties from EC4-1.2
  - Unit mass independent of the temperature (ρ_a = 7850 kg/m^3)
  - Stress-strain relationships:



Thermo-mechanical properties (2/2)

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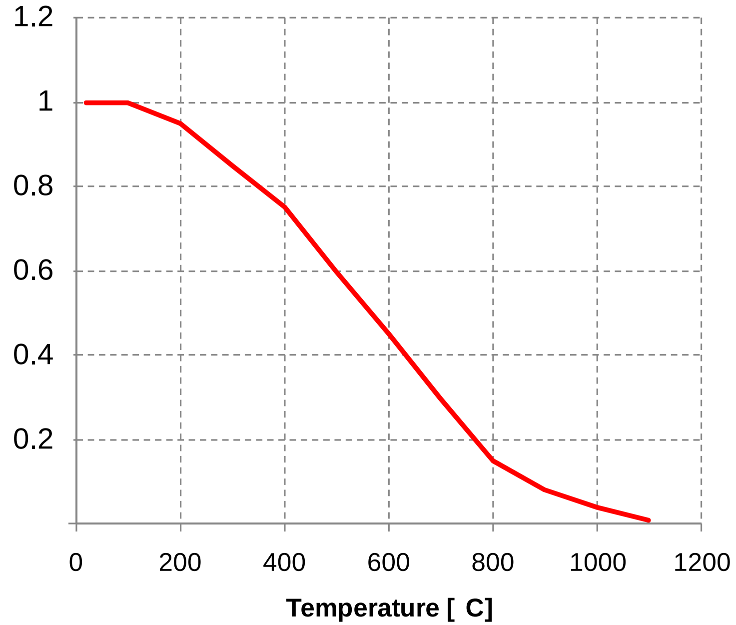
- **Concrete thermo-mechanical properties:**
  - **Thermal properties from EC4-1.2**
  - **Unit mass as a function of temperature according to EC4-1.2**
  - **Drucker-Prager yield criterion**
  - **Compressive reduction factors from EC4-1.2:**



Validation of the numerical model (1/2)

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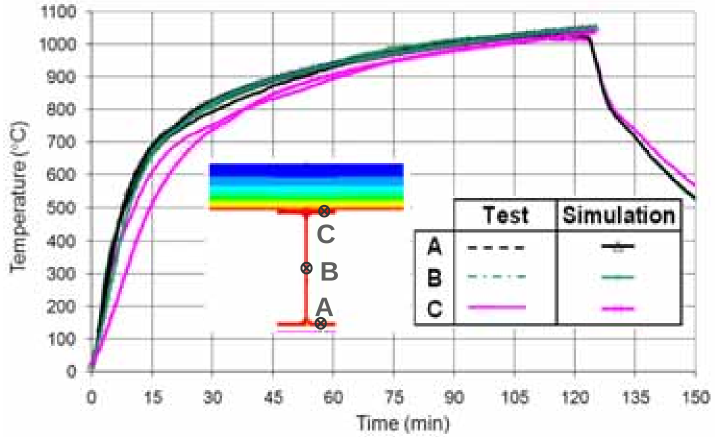
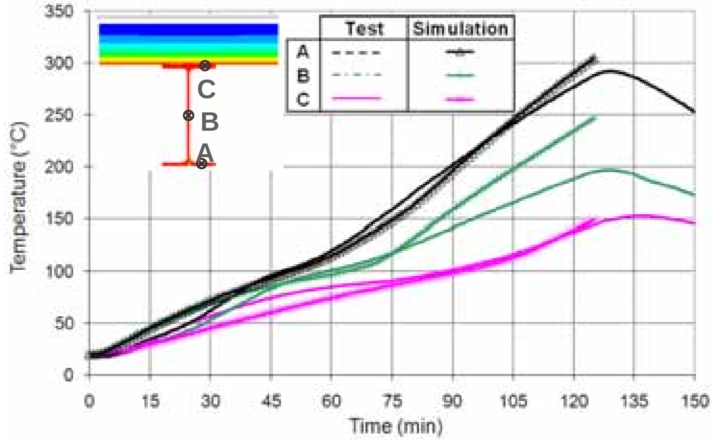
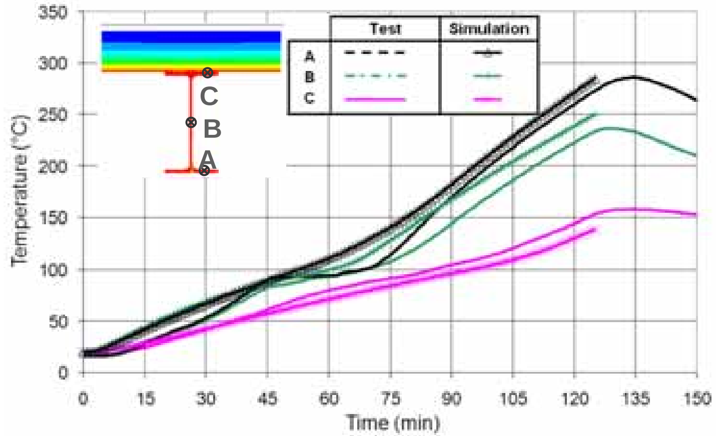
- **Comparison with fire test (heat transfer analysis)**



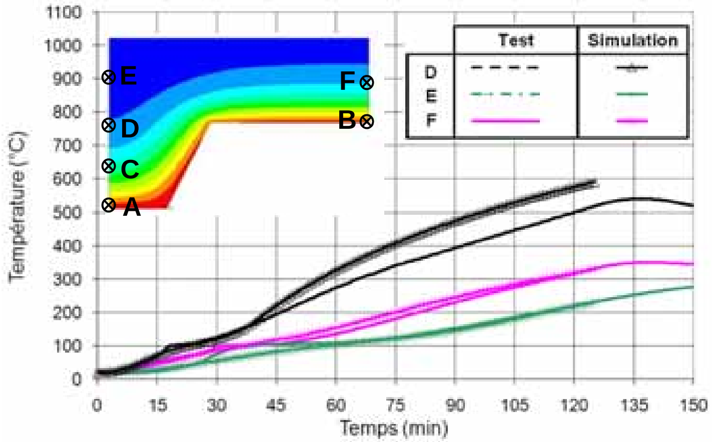
Unprotected steel beams



Protected secondary beams



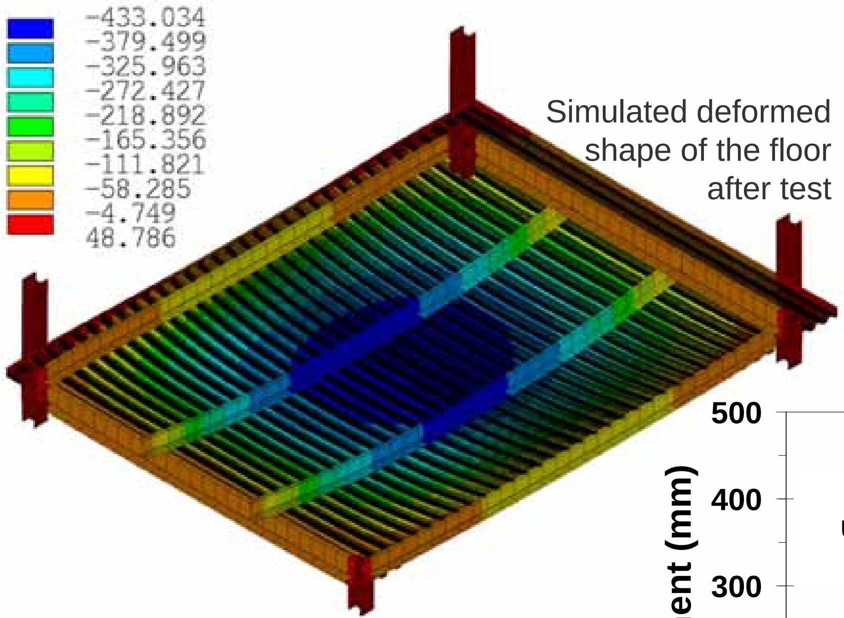
Protected main beams



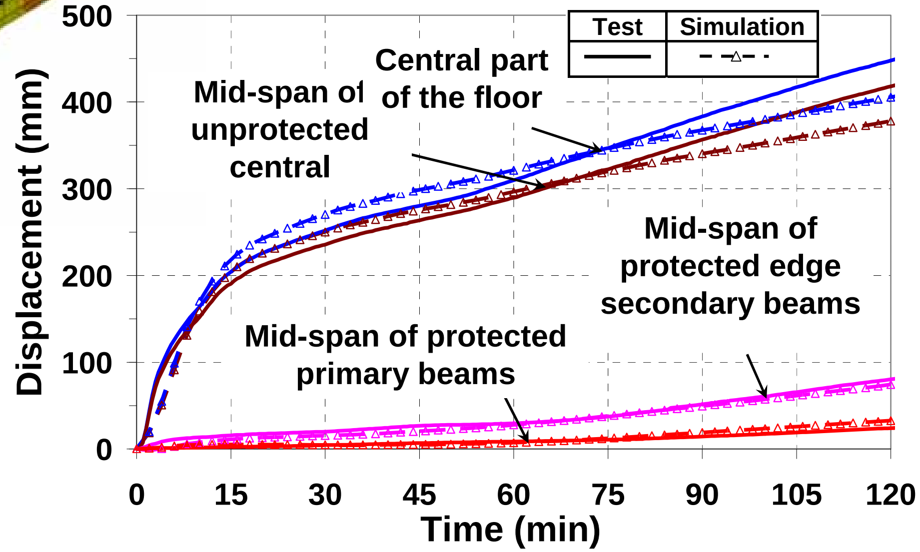
Composite slab

Validation of the numerical model (2/2)

- **Comparison with fire test (deflection)**



Simulated deformed shape of the floor after test



Comparison of the deflection (slab and beams)

Effect of continuity at the panel boundary

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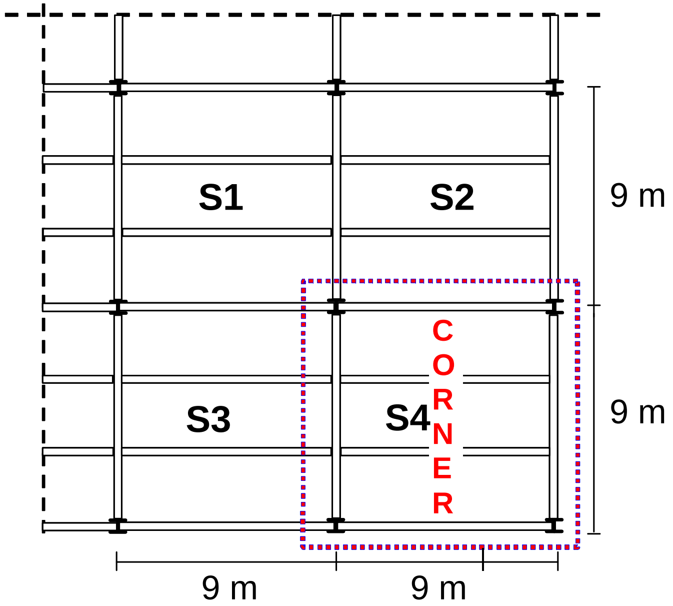
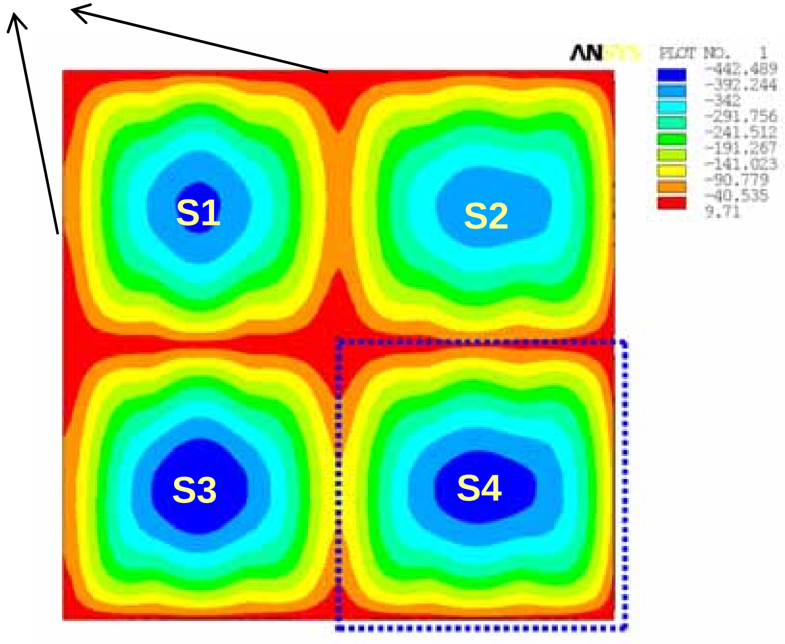


Structure grid of a real building

Restraint conditions



ANSYS model

- **Conclusion**
  - **More important predicted deflection in the corner grid with 2 continuous edges than in other 3 grids with 3 or 4 continuous edges.**

Parametric study results (1/4)

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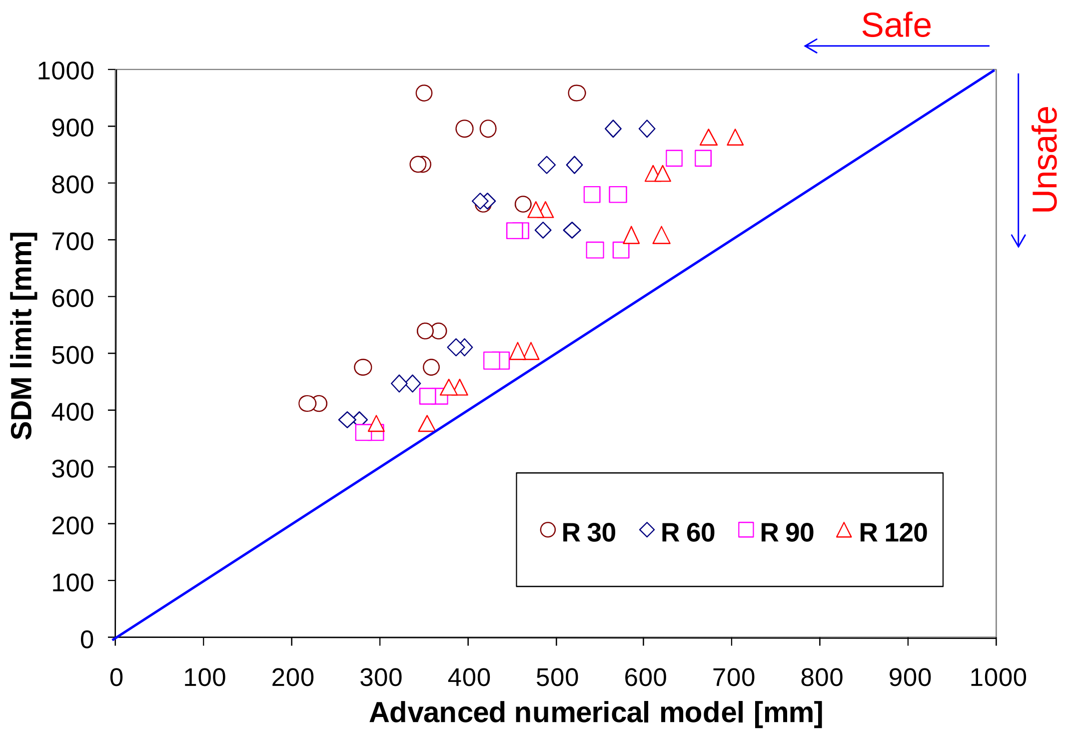
- **Comparison of the FEA deflection with the maximum allowable deflection according to SDM (Simple Design Method)**



With mechanical link between slab and columns in advanced calculations

Parametric study results (2/4)

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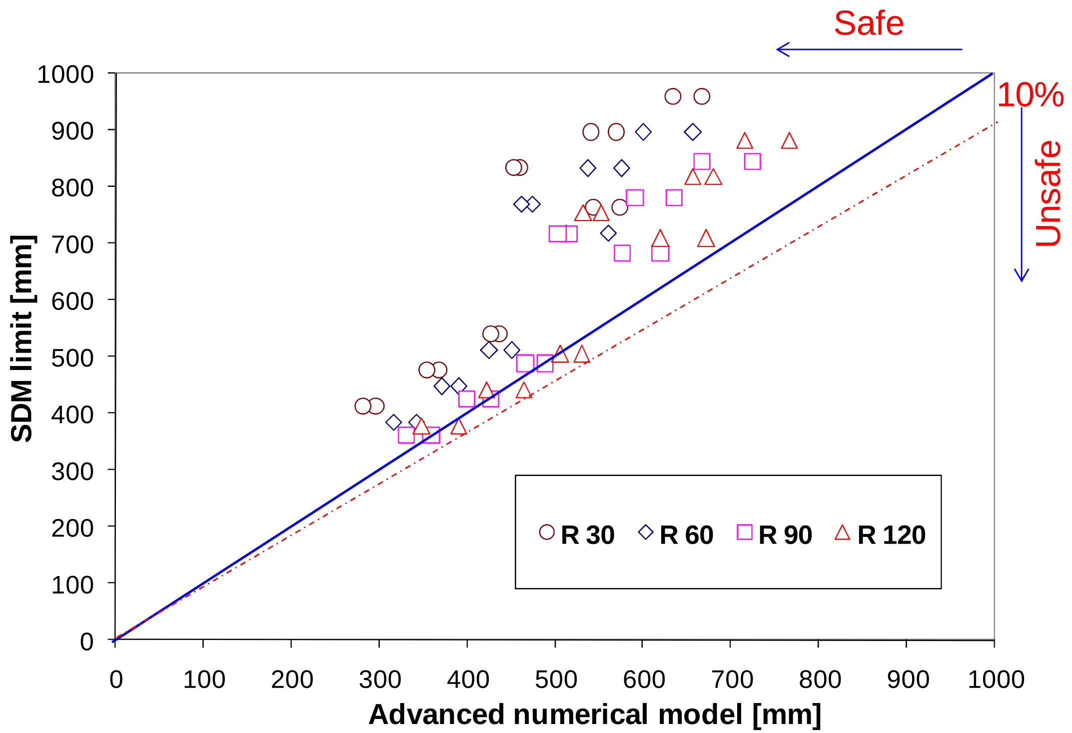

Without mechanical link between slab and columns in advanced calculations

Parametric study results (3/4)

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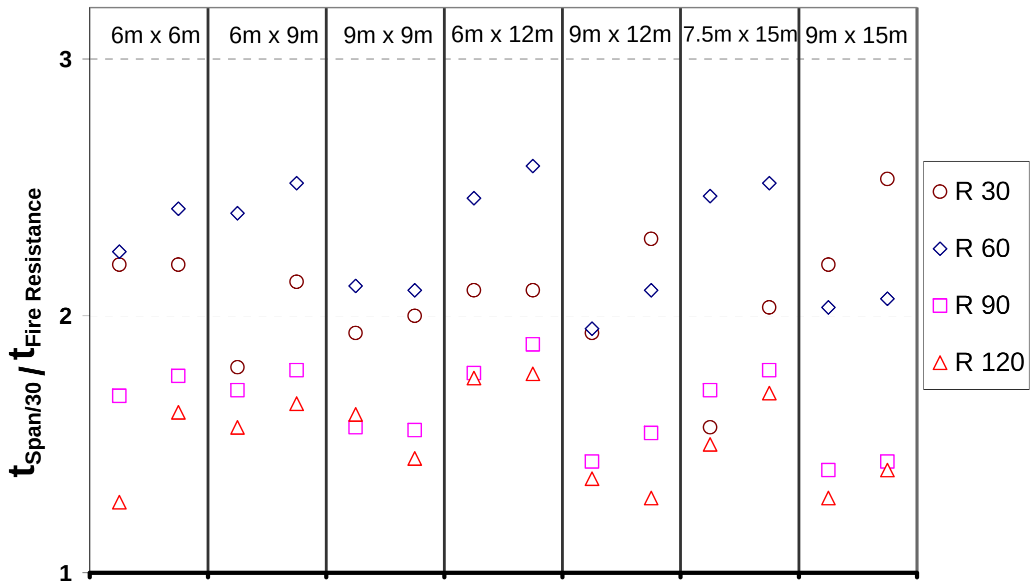
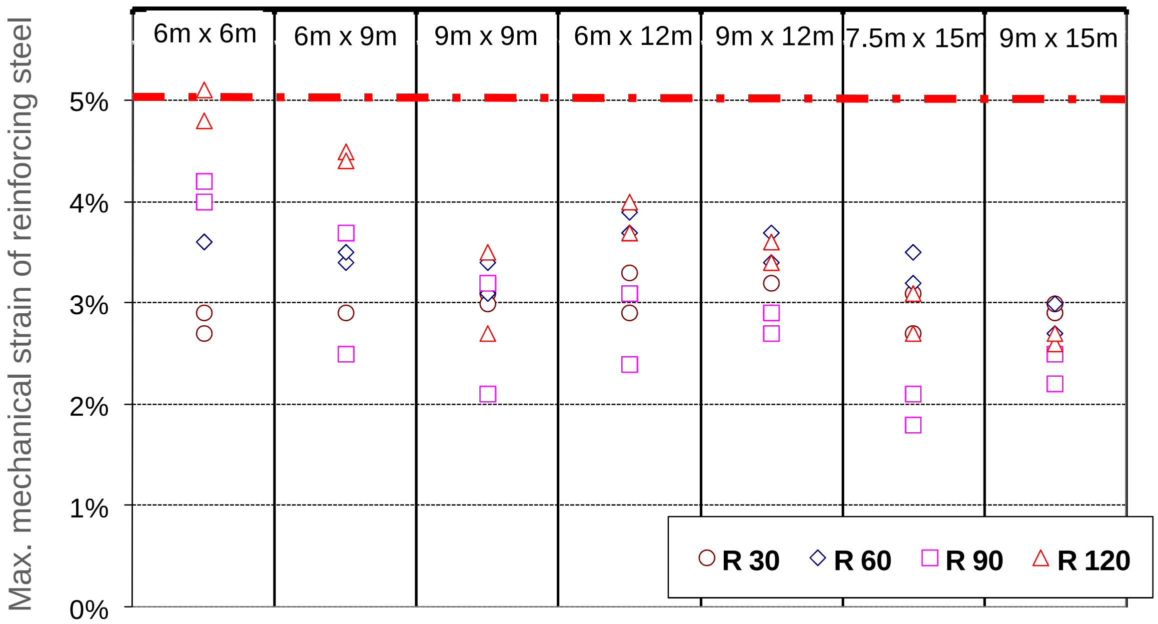
- **Comparison of the time when the FEA deflection reaches span/30 with the fire resistance according to SDM (Simple Design Method)**



- **Conclusion**
  – **Span/30 criterion is not reached in FEA all through the fire resistance duration predicted by SDM**

Parametric study results (4/4)

- **Elongation capacity of reinforcing bars**



- **Conclusion**
  - **Elongation of reinforcing steel < 5 % = Min. allowable elongation capacity according to EC4-1.2.**

Conclusion

- **SDM (Simple Design Method) is on the safe side in comparison with advanced calculation results.**
- **Concerning the elongation of reinforcing steel mesh, it remains generally below 5 %.**
- **Mechanical links between slab and columns can reduce the deflection of a composite flooring system under a fire situation but they are not necessary as a constructional detail.**
- **SDM is capable of predicting in a safe way the structural behaviour of composite steel and concrete floor subjected to standard fire.**