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FIRE ANALYSIS OF STEEL-CONCRETE COMPOSITE BEAM WITH INTERLAYER SLIP



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Problem description

- Steel-concrete composite systems are widely used construction (floor system, beams,...).
- One of the most important design requirements: their fire resistance
- Fire resistance of steel-concrete composite structures (experiments, numerical methods)
- Fire experiments are expensive and of great pretension → the developed numerical methods represent an inexpensive alternative.



Mathematical modelling of fire analysis

- 1st phase:
 - Determination of fire scenario (fire curves, CFD,...)
 - On the basis of known fire scenario determination of temperature and moisture distribution in steel-concrete composite beam
- 2nd phase:
 - Mechanical response of steel-concrete composite slab exposed simultaneously to fire and mechanical loads
 - Geometrical nonlinear slab model is used to model mechanical behaviour of a composite slab.
 - Nonlinear temperature-dependent material properties of steel and concrete and connection are used.



Temperature and moisture analysis of a composite beam

- Mathematical model proposed by Davie et. al. is used.
- Basic assumptions of the used model:
 - There is thermal equilibrium between all phases within an infinitesimal volume.
 - Water vapour, air and their gaseous mixture behave as ideal gases.
 - There is no diffusion of bound water. It diffuses and evaporates only after it is released as free water.
 - Amount of free water is determined with the help of sorption curves.



System of differential equations

- Problem is described with 3 partial differential equations:

$$\frac{\partial(\varepsilon_G \tilde{\rho}_A)}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_A,$$
$$\frac{\partial(\varepsilon_G \tilde{\rho}_V)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\varepsilon_{FW} \rho_L)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\varepsilon_D \rho_L)}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{J}_L + \mathbf{J}_V),$$
$$(\underline{\rho c}) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \lambda_E \frac{\partial(\varepsilon_{FW} \rho_L)}{\partial t} + (\lambda_D + \lambda_E) \frac{\partial(\varepsilon_D \rho_L)}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + \lambda_E \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_L - (\underline{\rho c \mathbf{v}}) \cdot \nabla T.$$

- Primary unknowns: temperature T , pore pressure P_G , water vapour content ρ_V .
- Solution:
 - Finite element formulation
 - Finite difference scheme for the time discretisation (implicit)



Mechanical analysis of composite slab exposed to fire load

- Each layer of the composite slab is modelled by Reissner's geometrically exact beam theory.
- Shear strains are neglected.
- Stress-strain state is determined iteratively, where the whole time of the duration is divided into time intervals $[t^{i-1}, t^i]$.
- The steel–concrete slab is subjected to a conservative, time independent load, and a time-dependent growth of temperature.
- Interlayer slip is allowed, while uplift between layers is not allowed.



Basic equations of a steel-concrete composite slab (a numerical model)

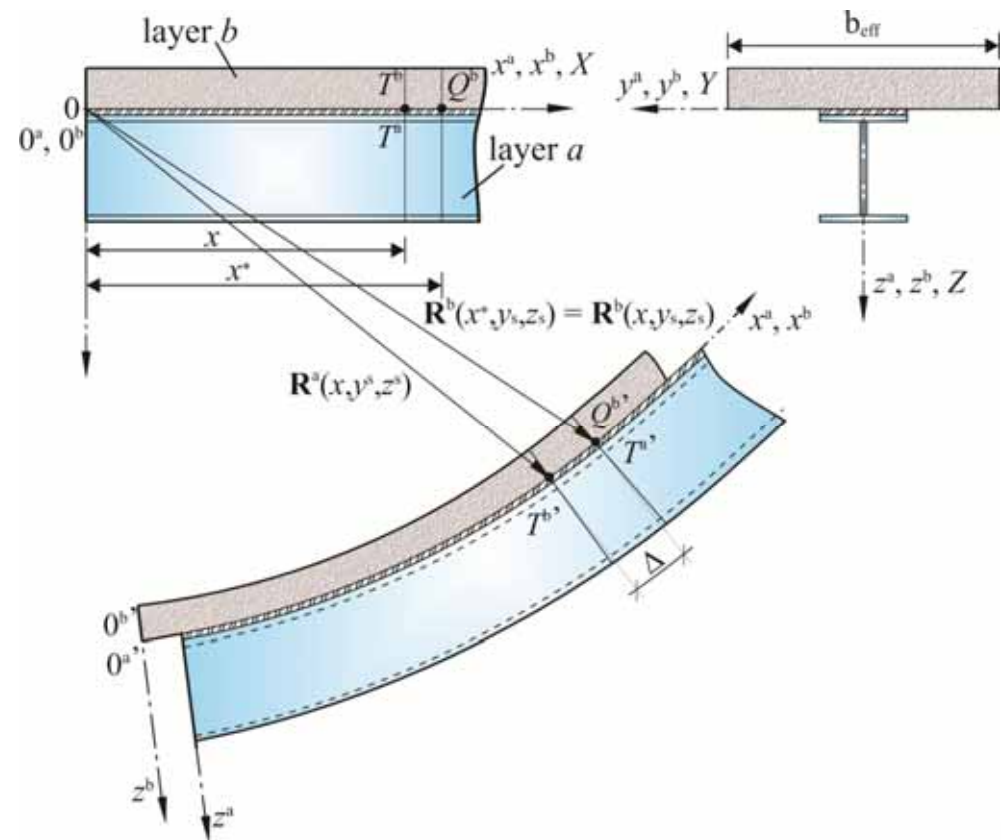
- constitutive eq.
- kinematic eq.
- equilibrium eq.
+ boundary conditions
- and constraining eq. (they assemble each layer into a multi-layered composite beam)

$$\mathbf{R}^a(x) = \mathbf{R}^b(x^*),$$

or in the componential form:

$$x + u^a(x) = x^* + u^b(x^*),$$

$$w^a(x) = w^b(x^*),$$



Basic equations

- Based on the given stress and strain state at the time t^{i-1} and temperature at t^i , we can determine the strains of each layer at the time t^i :

$$D^{a,i} = D^{a,i-1} + \Delta D^{a,i}$$

$$D^{b,i} = D^{b,i-1} + \Delta D^{b,i}$$

- Considering the principle of additivity of strains and the material models of concrete and steel at elevated temperatures, we propose that the strain increment is the sum of different strains:

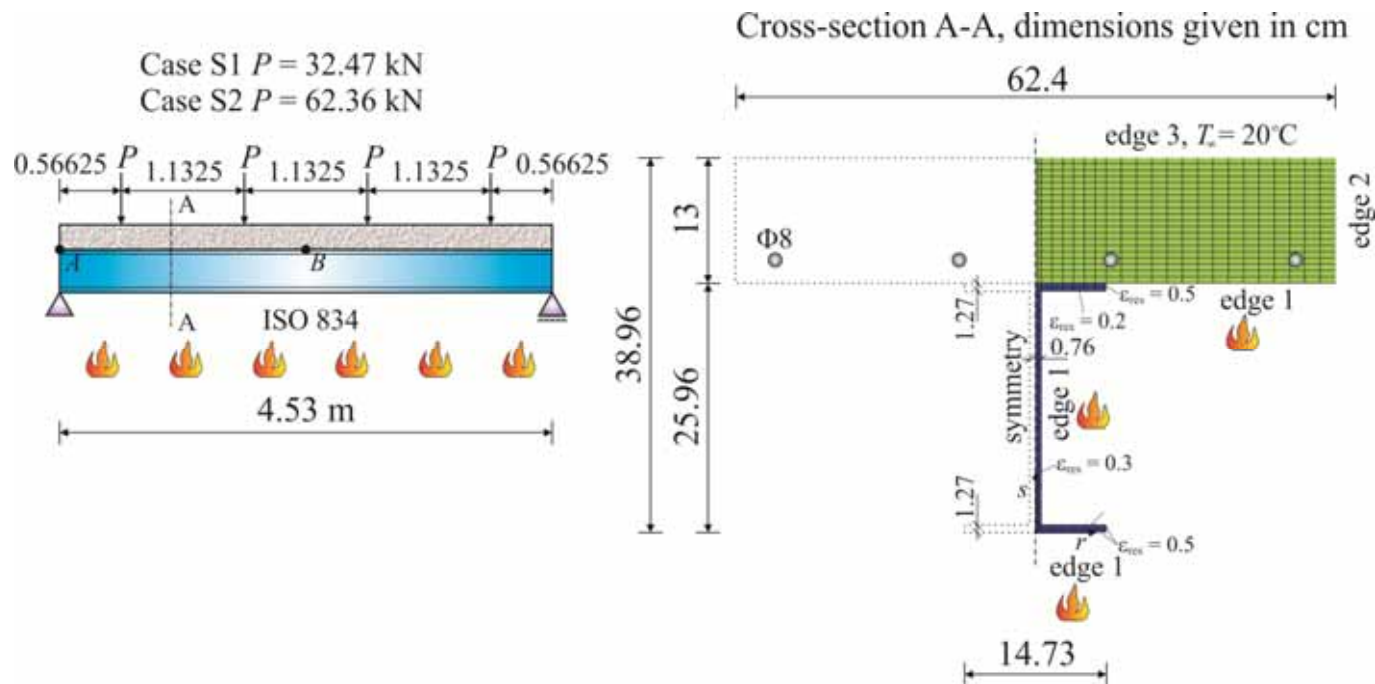
$$\Delta D^{a,i} = \Delta D_{th}^{a,i} + \Delta D_{\sigma}^{a,i} + \Delta D_{cr}^{a,i}$$

$$\Delta D^{b,i} = \Delta D_{th}^{b,i} + \Delta D_{\sigma}^{b,i} + \Delta D_{cr}^{b,i} + \Delta D_{tr}^{b,i}$$



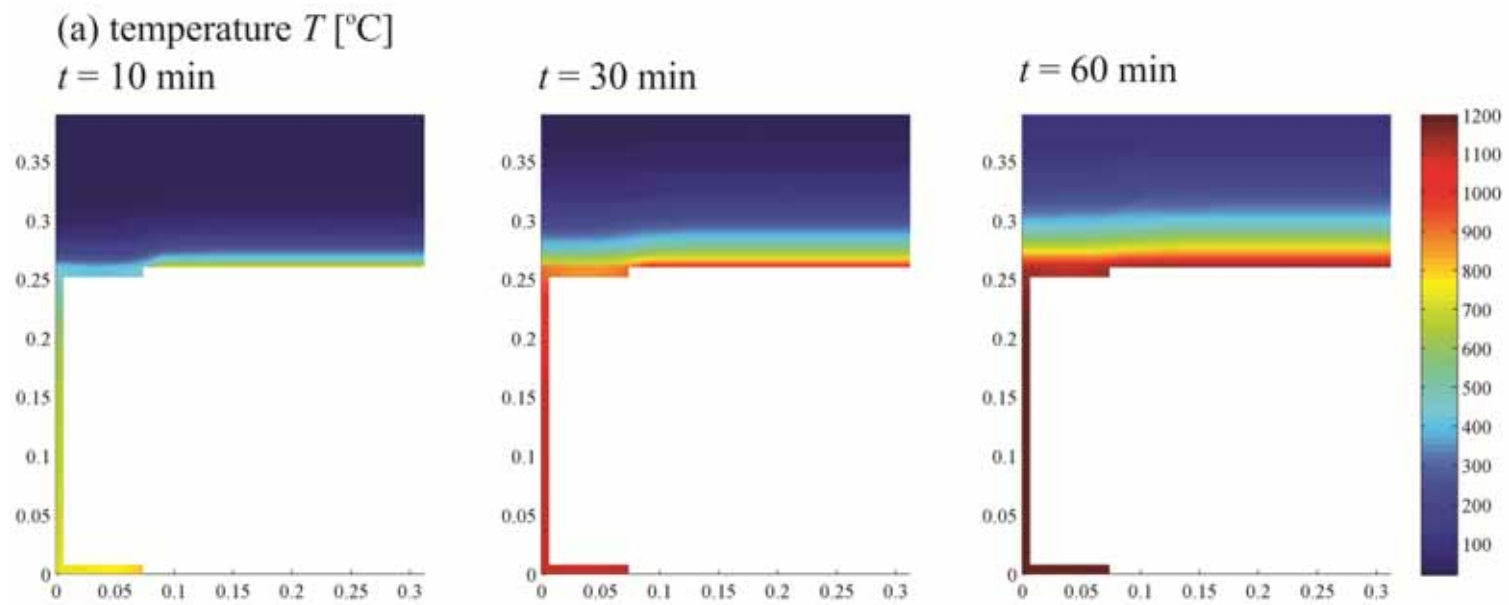
Numerical example (1st phase)

- Composite beam is exposed to standard fire ISO 834.
- 2 examples:
 - Case S1
 - Case S2



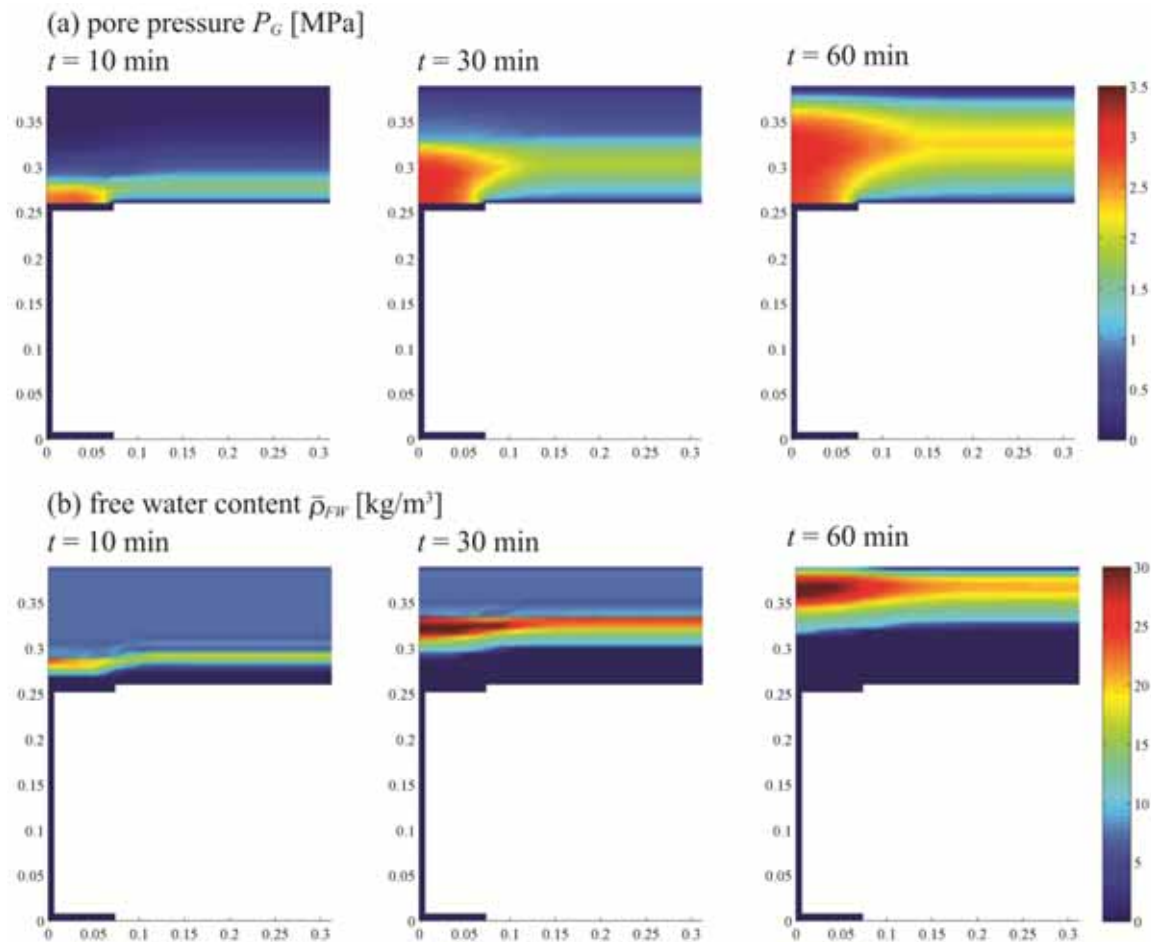
Results

- Distribution of temperature



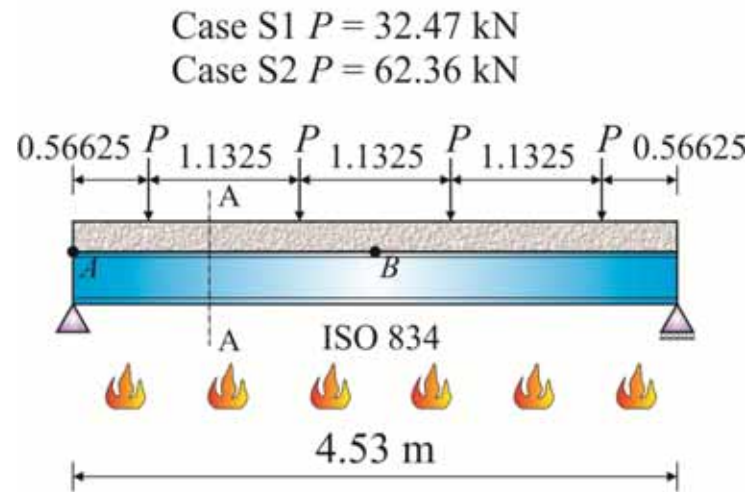
Results

- Distribution of pore pressure and free water content



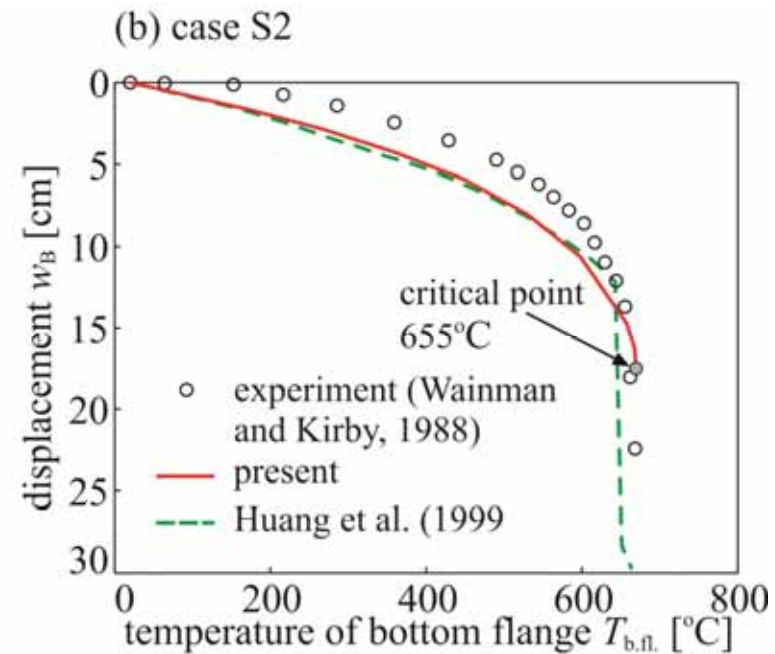
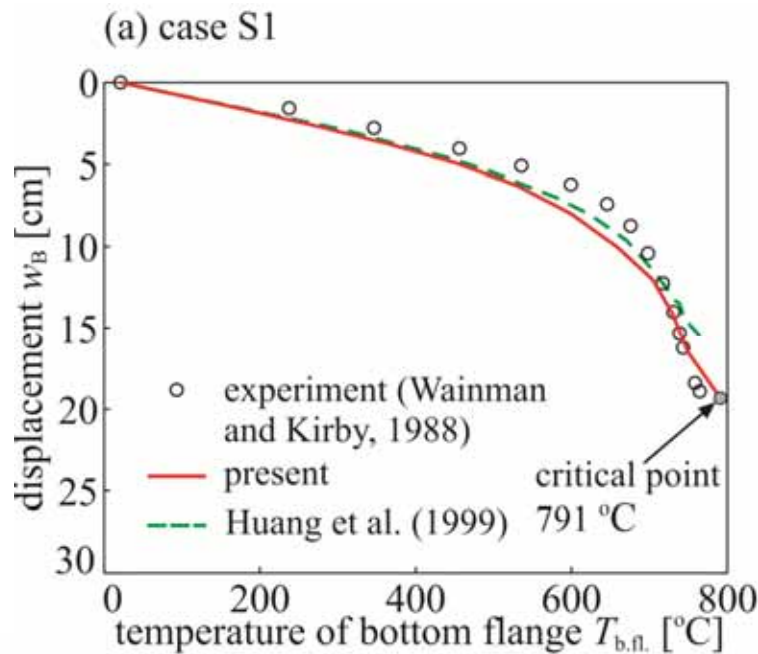
Numerical example (2nd phase)

- Composite exposed to a uniform load and standard fire ISO 834.
- Material models for steel and concrete at elevated temperatures according to EC2 and EC3
- Modified shear traction-slip material model proposed by Huang *et al.*



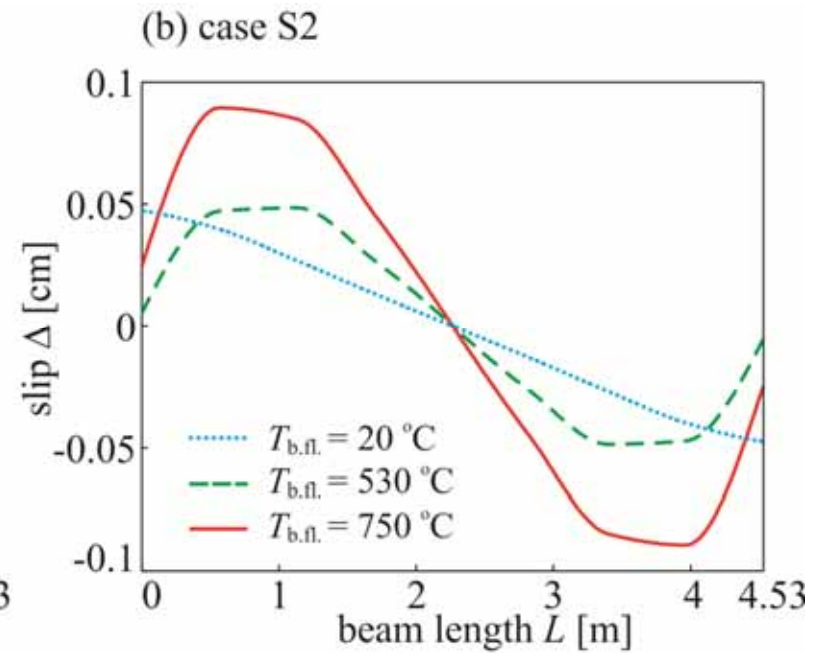
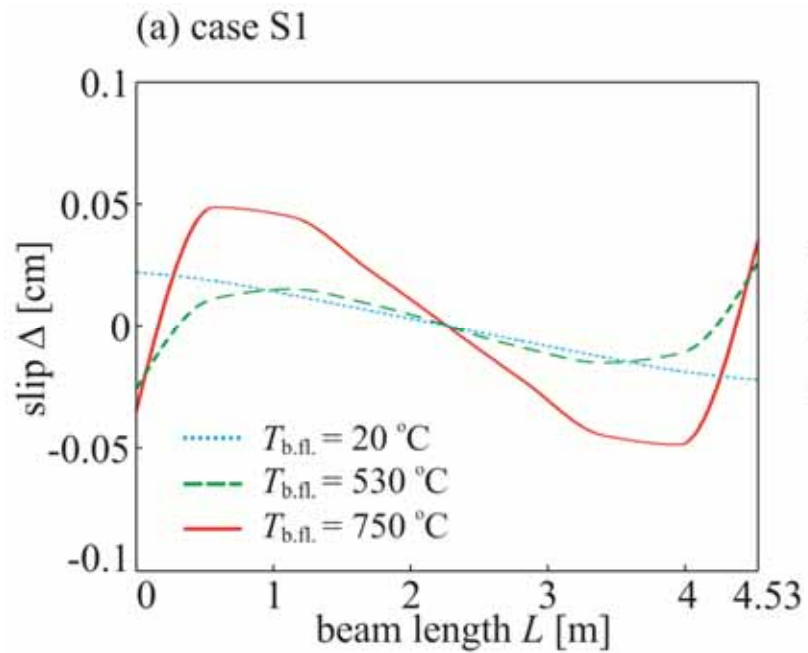
Results

- Variation of the mid-span deflection of the composite beam vs. bottom flange temperature:



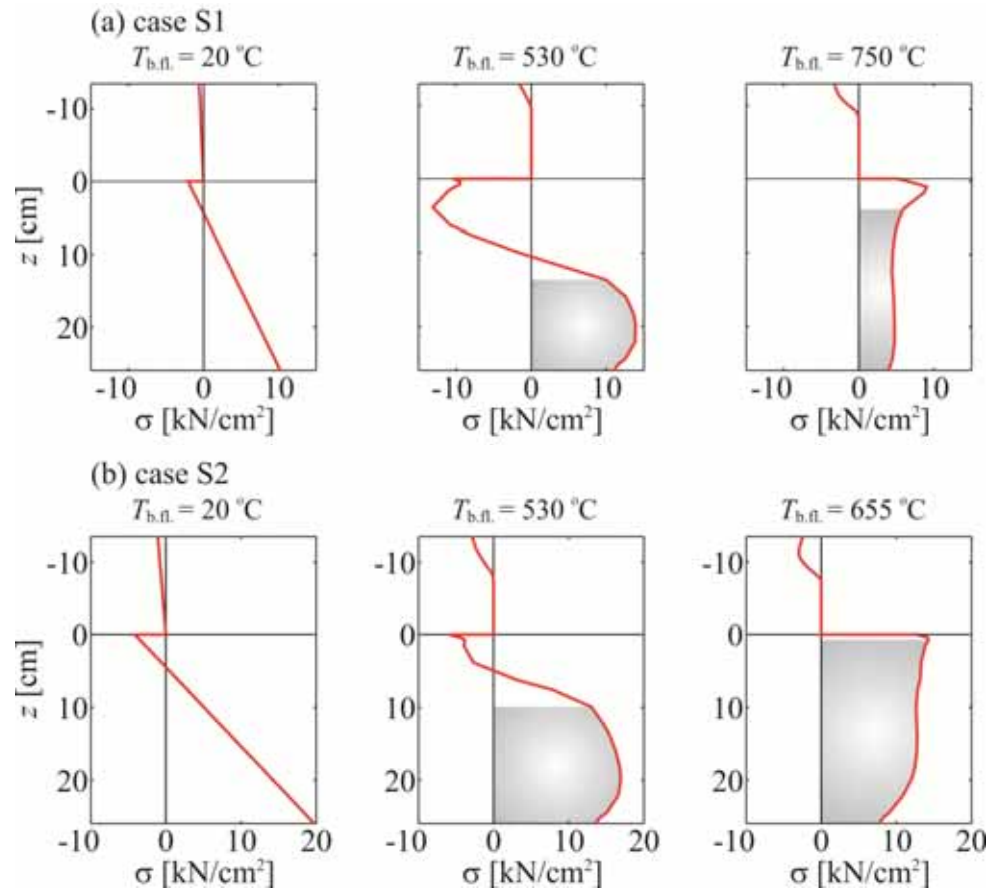
Results

- The variation of slip along the contact



Results

- The distribution of stresses and spread of the plastic zone over the cross section in the midpoint of the beam:



Conclusions

- Presented fire analysis divided into two phases:
 - Thermal (heat+mass transport)
 - Mechanical
- The presented strain-based finite-element beam formulation proves to be an appropriate tool for the thermo-mechanical analysis of frame-like structures, as it is robust, reliable and accurate.



Thank you for your attention

