

FRP-RC structures in fire: theoretical models for EUROCODE

Mechanical properties of fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) significantly **deteriorate** when high temperatures arise



Softening of the resin:

- Loss of adhesion at interface FRP-concrete
- Reduction of strength in the FRP bars
- General decrease of performance of FRP-RC members

Italian Research project (PRIN)
EFFECTS OF HIGH TEMPERATURES ON THE
PERFORMANCES OF CONCRETE SLABS REINFORCED
WITH FRP BARS OR GRIDS

Experimental data on behavior at
high temperatures of **FRP bars**

Full-scale tests on **FRP RC SLABS**

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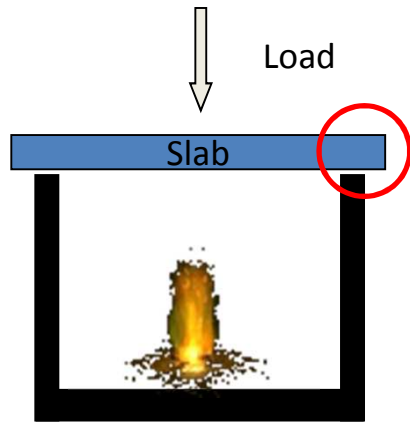
- Preparation of a Technical Report
- Conversion of the Technical Report into CEN TS on FRP
- Define a draft of Eurocode for FRPs in Structures

Contribution to Eurocode to suggest:

- **DESIGN RELATIONSHIPS**
- **STRUCTURAL DETAILS**

FIRE

Experimental tests



Parameters

- Concrete cover
- Fire load level $\eta_{fi} = M_{Ed,fi}/M_{Rd}$ (40-60%)
- Length of zone outside the furnace
- Bars type (straight or bent)

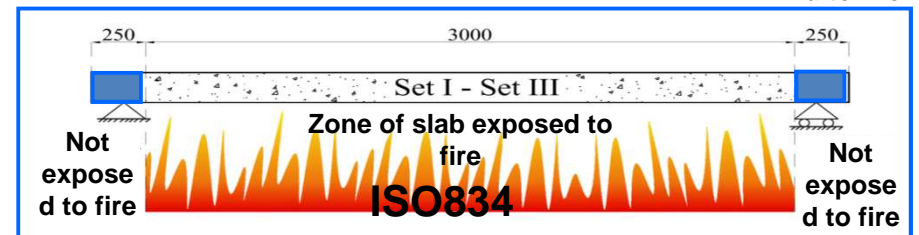
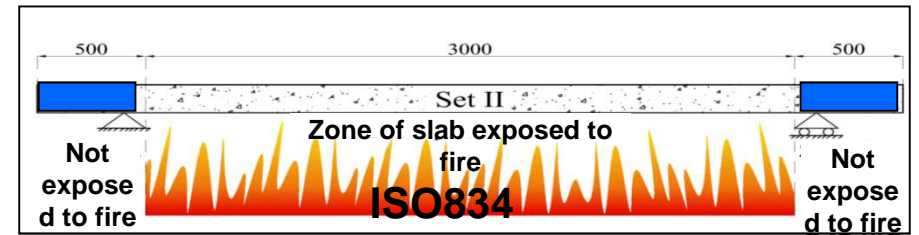
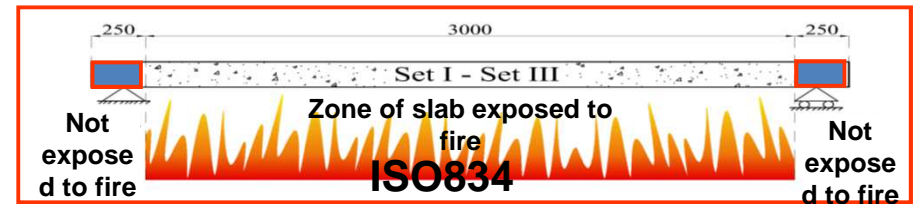


straight bars

bent bars



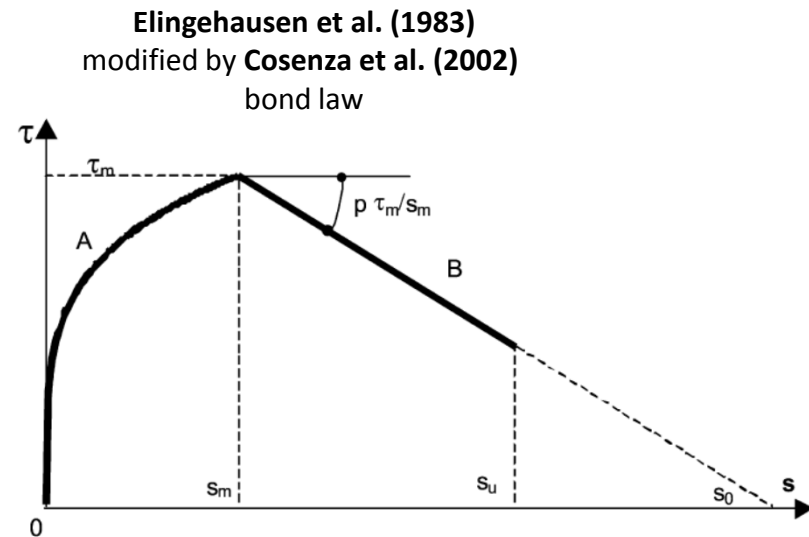
| Set | Slab | Concrete cover [mm] | Anchorage length [mm] | Fire endurance | | | Failure mode |
|-----|------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|---------------|--------------|
| | | | | STAGE 1 | | STAGE 2 | |
| | | | | η_{fi} | T_e | η_{fail} | |
| | | | | [%] | [min] | [%] | |
| I | S1 | 32 | 250 straight bars | 10 | >180 | 55 | Pull out |
| | S2 | | | 40 | 120 | 50 | Pull out |
| | S3 | | | 60 | 60 | - | Pull out |
| II | S4 | 51 | 500 straight bars | 10 | >180 | 100 | Rupture |
| | S5 | | | 40 | >180 | 85 | Rupture |
| | S6 | | | 60 | >180 | 100 | Rupture |
| III | S7 | 32 | 250 bent bars | 10 | >180 | 60 | Rupture |
| | S8 | | | 40 | >180 | 45 | Rupture |
| | S9 | | | 60 | >180 | 90 | Rupture |



Main experimental results

- ✓ When the bars temperature achieves the glass transition value, there is a significant **reduction of bond between FRP bars and concrete.**
- ✓ The mechanical behaviour of tested slabs has been characterized by the **migration of bars stresses** from the zone directly exposed to fire to the anchorage zone (i.e. the zone not directly exposed to fire action).
- ✓ When the glass transition temperature is achieved in the zone directly exposed to fire, **the structural behaviour depends mainly on the length of unexposed zone (anchorage length) and on the bars type (straight or bent).**

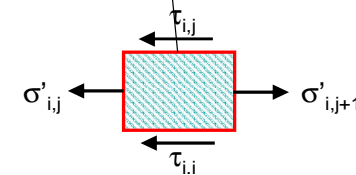
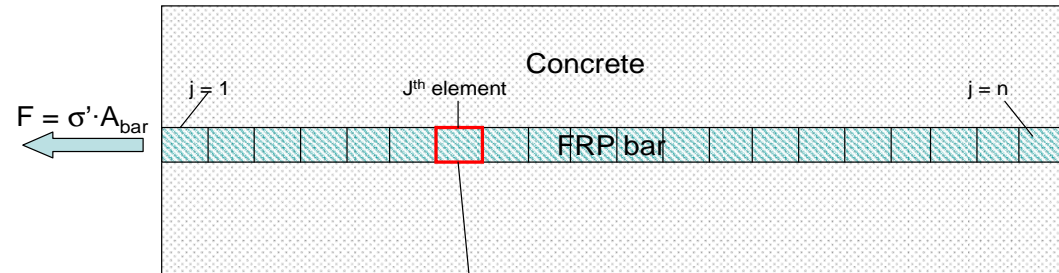
Bond models



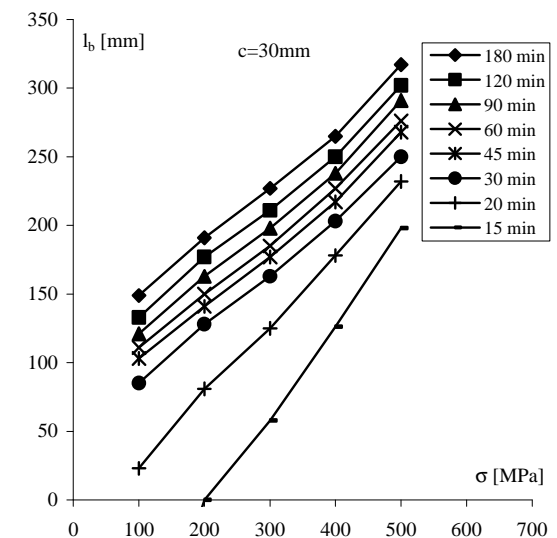
ascending branch $s \leq s_m$ $\tau_b(s) = \tau_m \cdot \left(\frac{s}{s_m}\right)^\alpha$

softening branch $s > s_m$ $\tau_b(s) = \tau_m \cdot \left(1 + p - p \frac{s}{s_m}\right)$

$$\frac{d^2 s(z)}{dz^2} - \frac{4}{E(T(z))\phi} \tau^*(s(z), T(z)) = 0$$



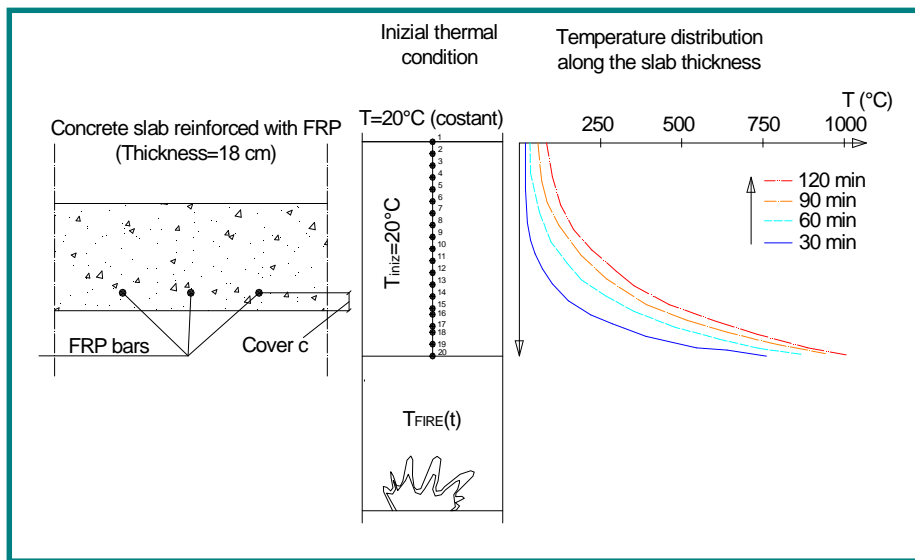
ABACI for the assessment of protected anchorage for straight bars



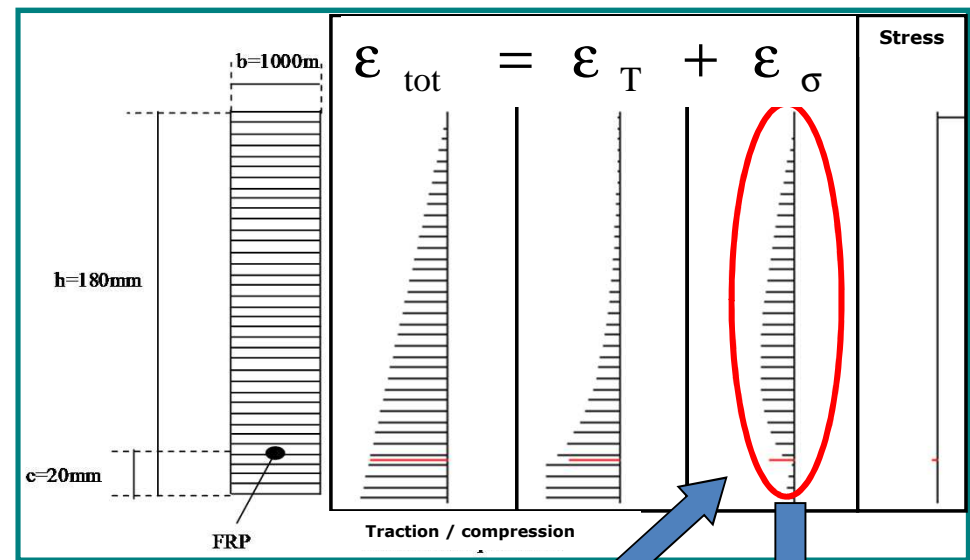
Flexural capacity calculation

Decoupling the thermal behaviour from the mechanical behaviour
as well as suggested by EN1992-1-2

Thermal Analysis



Mechanical Analysis



Law $\sigma - \epsilon(T)$

$$\epsilon_\sigma = \epsilon_{\text{tot}} - \epsilon_T$$

INCREMENTAL-ITERATIVE PROCEDURE

Nigro et al. 2008

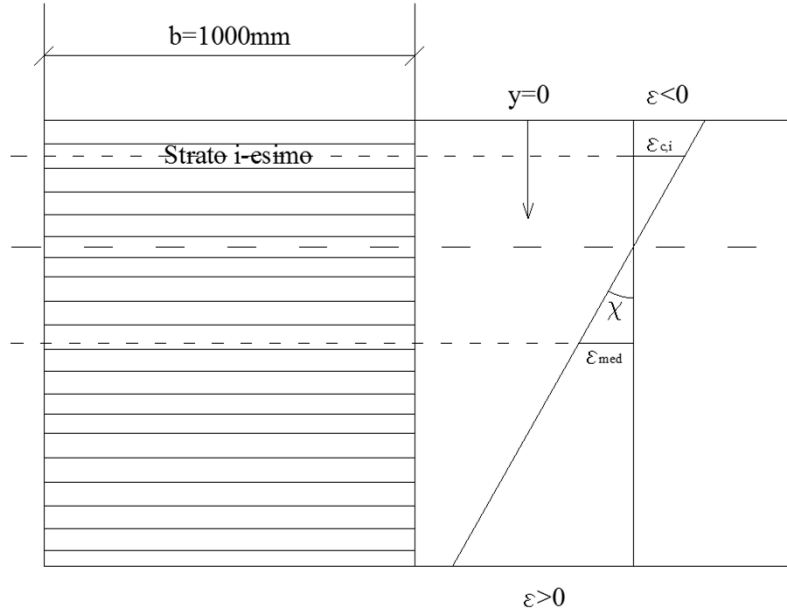
determining the bending moment-curvature law of the critical cross-section in fire condition

- slab or beam cross-section is divided into a sufficient number of layers;
- external axial force $N_{ext}=0$ for pure bending;
- assigned a curvature χ_1 and the average strain ϵ_{med} of the cross-section;
- $\epsilon_i = f(y_i, \chi_1)$;
- from the stress-strain law of the layer i:

$$\sigma_i = f(\epsilon_{\sigma,i}, \theta_i)$$

$$\sigma_i = f(\epsilon_i)$$

$$N_{int} = \sum_1^{n_c} A_{c,i} \cdot \sigma_{c,i} + \sum_1^{n_f} A_{f,i} \cdot \sigma_{f,i}$$



- Iterations varying the average strain ϵ_{med} of the section need up to satisfying the longitudinal equilibrium equation within a suitable error

$$(N_{int} - N_{est}) \leq \delta$$

- Check of ultimate limit strains of the materials:

$$\epsilon_{cls,i} \leq \epsilon_{cls,u}(T_i); \quad \epsilon_{FRP,i} \leq \epsilon_{FRP,u}(T_i);$$

- Evaluation of the ultimate bending moment:

$$M_j = \sum_1^{n_c} A_{c,i} \cdot \sigma_{c,i} \cdot (y_{c,i} - y_G) + \sum_1^{n_f} A_{f,i} \cdot \sigma_{f,i} \cdot (y_{f,i} - y_G)$$

Simplified methods based on stress blocks

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