

Probabilistic analysis of concrete beams during fire

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Background of the research

Structural response of concrete elements exposed to fire

Design methods of EN 1992-1-2

- \bullet structural fire resistance time $t_{\rm R}$
- $M_{Rd,fi,t_R} = M_{Ed,fi,t_R} = M_{Ed,fi}$
- limit state function not available in a closed form











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Time dependent deterministic model with beam parameters as stochastic variables



Analysis of $M_{R,fi,t}$

- 10.000 Monte Carlo simulations
- probabilistic analysis of the simulation results



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Probabilistic analysis of the simulation results

Example beam: R90 (table method EN 1992-1-2)



- t_R is defined by the intersection of $M_{Rd,fi,t}$ and $M_{Ed,fi}$ (EN 1992-1-2)
- model calculations indicate $t_R = 83$ min

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Evaluation of safety level and its evolution

 $P_{f,1} = P \left[M_{R,fi,t} < M_{Ed,fi} \right] = \Phi \left(-\beta_1 \right) \qquad P_{f,2} = P \left[M_{R,fi,t} < M_{Rd,fi,t} \right] = \Phi \left(-\alpha_R \beta_2 \right) = \Phi \left(-\beta_2 \right)$

- $\beta_1 \sim \text{structural safety during fire}$ $\beta_2 \sim \text{intrinsic safety of design value } M_{\text{Rd fit}}$

depends on design load





 $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{increasing probability of } M_{Rd,fi,t} \text{ overestimating } M_{R,fi,t} \\ M_{Rd,fi,t} \text{ corresponds with less extreme fractile of } M_{R,fi,t} \end{cases}$ Decrease $\beta_2 \square$

 \sim uncertainty reduction factors for mechanical properties and temperature of reinforcement

 \Rightarrow Not explicitly taken into account by EN 1992-1-2



Thank you







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