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Fracture Simulation in a Steel Connection in Fire



Experiments for validation

- Test by Yu et al. in Sheffield
- Test setup
 - Stiffened column
 - Beam loaded at angle a
 - Constant temperature
 - Increasing load until failure
- Connection detail
 - Flush endplate
 - 6 bolts







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Numerical model



Load

- 3D-model using solid elements
- Beam elements for load application Rotation
- Parametric studies
 - Mesh size
 - Solver algorithm

 \rightarrow Chosen approach:

– Fracture algorithm





Failure of connection





Stress in beam direction in test at 20°C and rotation of 7.5°

Deformed specimen after test at 20°C

Thank you for your attention!

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