

FEM simulation of composite column during fire exposure

based on DIN EN 1991-1-2/NA:2010-03
using ANSYS software



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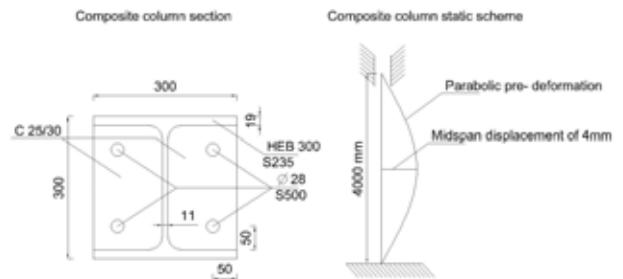
Software presentation

- CAE software based on FEM
- Initially designed for simulation of static, dynamic and thermal problems
- Founded 1970
- Nowadays consists of simulation tools: Structural Mechanics, Multiphysics, Fluid Dynamics, Explicit Dynamics, Electromagnetics, Hydrodynamics
- As well as of workflow: Workbench, Geometry Interfaces...

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Assumptions: Geometry description



Buckling coefficient – 0,5

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Assumptions: Reference Data

FAILURE TIME t_u	[min]	92
HORIZONTAL MIDSPAN	30 min	4,4
DISPLACEMENT AFTER TIME t	60 min	5,5
The temperature after fire time of 90 minutes:		
Reinforcement		535 C
Center of gravity of the steel profile		474 C

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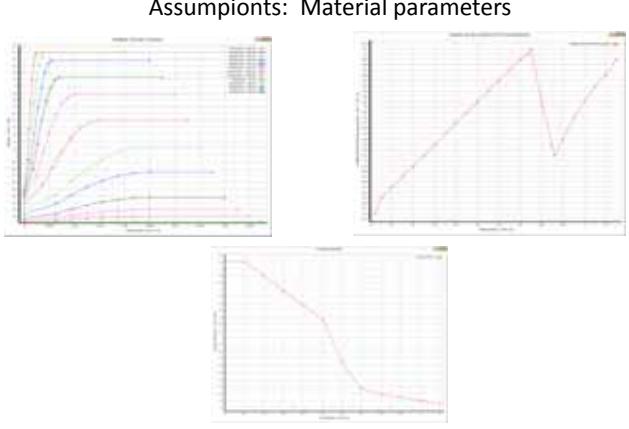
Assumptions: Material parameters

Concrete C25/30 (3 % moisture by mass)	$f_{ck}(20^\circ\text{C})$	N/mm ²	25
Reinforcing steel S 500	$f_yk(20^\circ\text{C})$	N/mm ²	500
Structural steel S 235	$f_{ak}(20^\circ\text{C})$	N/mm ²	235
Stress – strain curve	Concrete a. Reinforcing steel bars Structural steel		DIN EN 1994-1-2
Temperature load	ETK (four sides)		DIN EN 1991-2
Heat transfer coefficient α_c	W/(m ² × K)		25
Emissivity ϵ_m			0,7
Thermal and physical material properties	Concrete $\lambda, \rho, c_p, E_{ul}$ Steel $\lambda, \rho_s, c_{ps}, E_{us}$		DIN EN 1994-1-2 DIN EN 1994-1-2
a. Containing mainly quartzite aggregate and density $\rho=2400 \text{ kg/m}^3$			
b. Hot-rolled			

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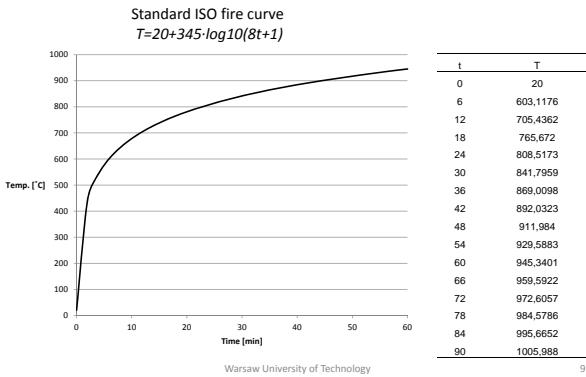
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Assumptions: Load description



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Analysis: schematics



- Same geometry
 - Same mesh
 - Same engineering data
 - Different finite elements
 - Load transfer

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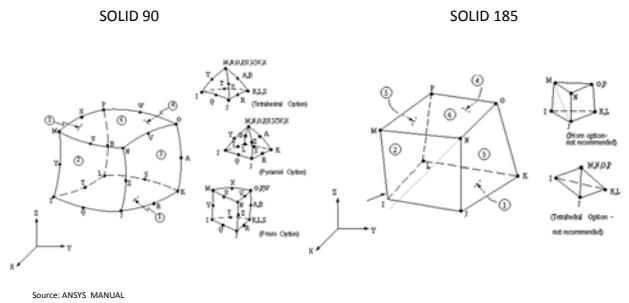
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Analysis : mesh and elements



Source: ANSYS Manual

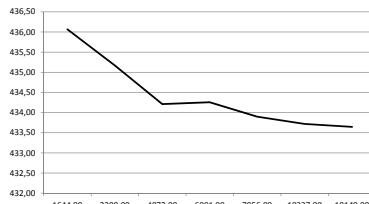
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Analysis : mesh and elements

Analysis nr	Element Type	Element size [m]	Number of Elements	Min. Temp.
1	shell 57	0,02	1644,00	436,07
2	shell 57	0,01	2289,00	435,17
3	shell 57	0,007	4872,00	434,21
4	shell 57	0,006	6001,00	434,26
5	shell 57	0,005	7056,00	433,90
6	shell 57	0,004	10337,00	433,72
7	shell 57	0,003	18140,00	433,65

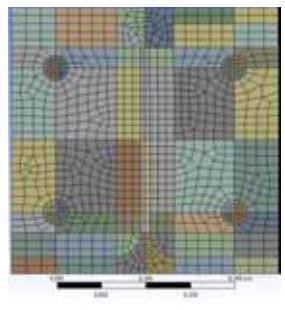
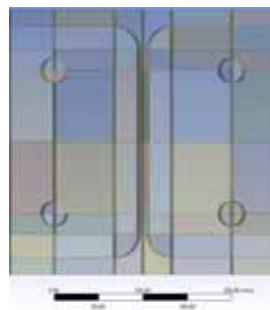
Min. Temp.



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Analysis : mesh and elements

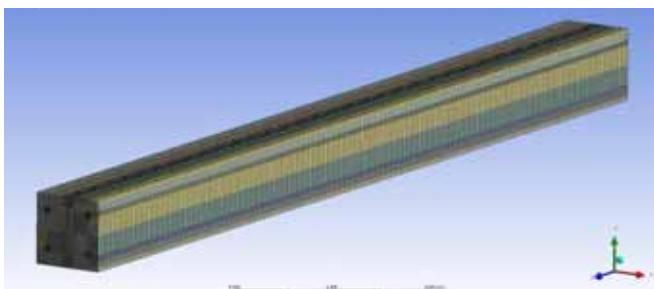


184 440 finite elements on column

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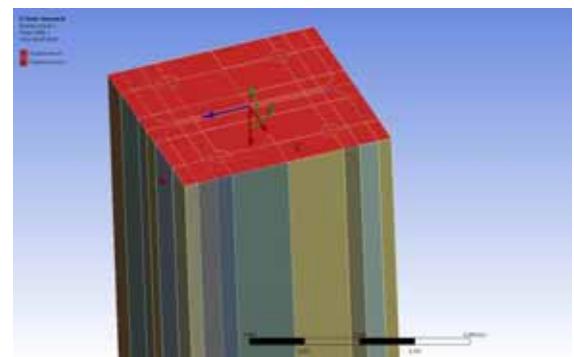
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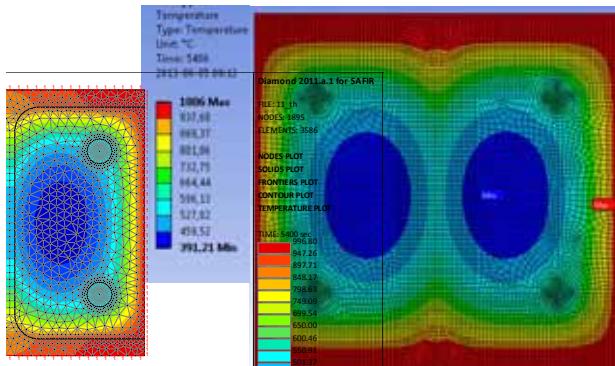
Analysis: boundary conditions



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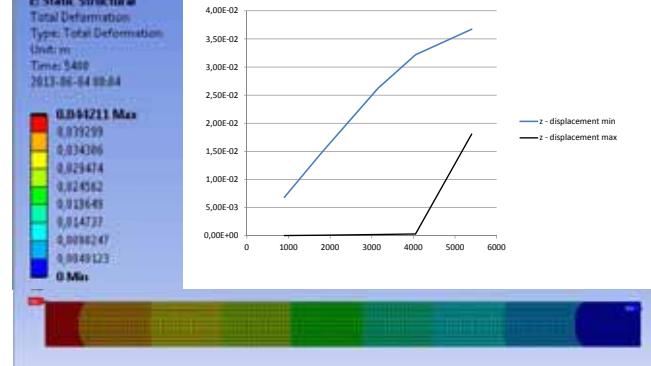
Results: Temperature



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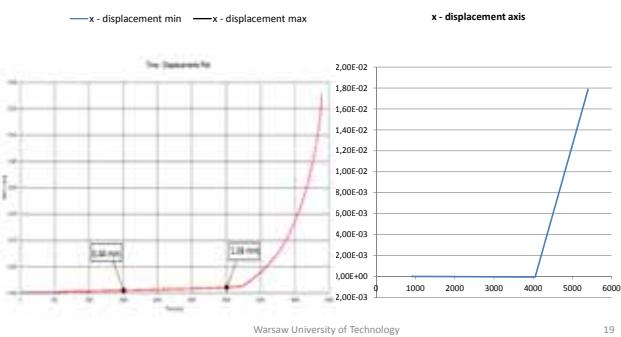
Results: Deformation



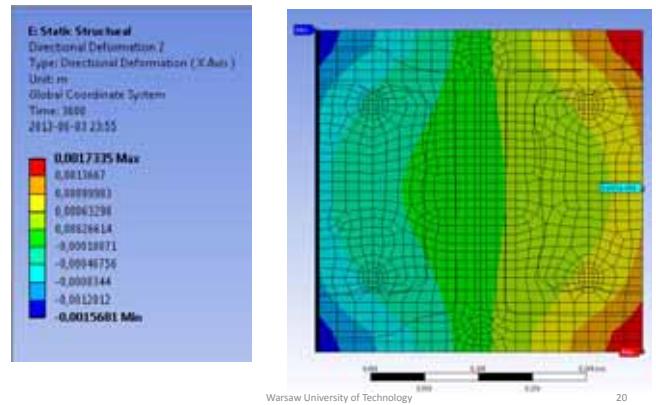
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Results: Deformation



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Conclusions

- mesh sizing is secondary factor when it comes to temperature field
- there is no difference in temperature result in 2D and 3D analysis beside computation cost
- the problem of applying temperature field on 2D model of cross- section on the model for static analysis
- differences in temperature mainly affected by the load application

TIPS FOR THE FUTURE:

- Find a way to apply 2D results of heat transfer analysis for the 3D model in ANSYS software to save computational cost
- Create standard schematic workflow in Ansys Workbench to conduct range of analysis for different geometry or engineering data