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Fire Design of Timber Structures
Koka konstrukciju ugunsdrošība

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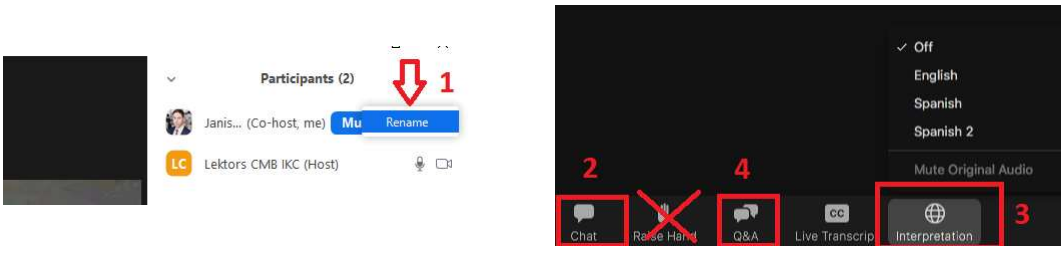
Michael Klippel (ETH Zürich, Switzerland)

Agenda	
09:00 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:30	Introduction Timber/glulam/CLT/other wood-based construction products cross-sections charring rates calculation methods and calculation methods of fire resistance of these elements Delamination of glulam and CLT structures in fire Calculation of additional protection (gypsum board, etc.), the effect on timber/glulam/CLT elements fire resistance
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:30	Fire resistance of connections in timber structures; Insight in advanced calculations methods of fire resistance of timber structures; Case studies of timber building fire design
13:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	Fire protection strategies in mid-rise and high-rise timber buildings – required fire resistances and combustibility, timber structures additional fire protection, additional measures, etc. Fire protection solutions for mid-rise and high-rise timber buildings, examples; Questions and answers
15:30 – 16:00	Question and answer session

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Introduction of lecturer

Dr. Michael Klippel

Current position:

- Lecturer at **ETH Zurich** and head of research group «Fire and Timber»
- Co-founder and partner of **IGNIS – Fire Design Consulting**

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Business units of IGNIS



Selection of performed fire resistance testing

Experience of more than **1300 fire resistance tests** in the last 15 years



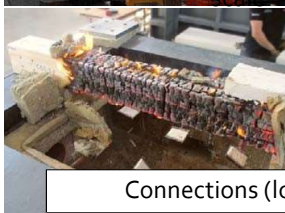
Cross-laminated timber (CLT) – Full-



Separating function – Full scale



Sprinkler
Facades
Combustible Surfaces



Connections (load-bearing)



Finger joints

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IGNIS contributions to selected documents

Contribution of **IGNIS** partners in *standardisation, guidelines* and *handbooks*:

- EN 1995-1-2 (Eurocode 5, fire part), DIN 4102-4, DIN 18234
- Fire safety in timber buildings – technical guideline for Europe
- COST FP 1404 Guidance documents, Swiss timber design guideline by Lignum
- «The CLT Handbook» in Sweden, «Building with CLT » in Germany
- Numerous PhD dissertations and research projects on «fire and timber» at ETH Zürich, TUM Munich and TalTech Estonia

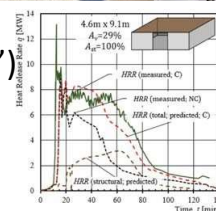


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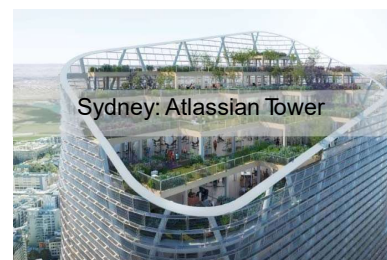
1. Fire resistance design (modelling and “smart testing”)
2. Quality management for timber/composite structures
3. Product optimization
4. Fire dynamics calculation (consideration of structural timber as “fuel load”)
5. Risk assessment/ evaluation of design deviations
6. Robustness
7. Review of FSE elements
8. Detailing



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Application of expert knowledge // project selection



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Agenda / 10:00 - 11:30

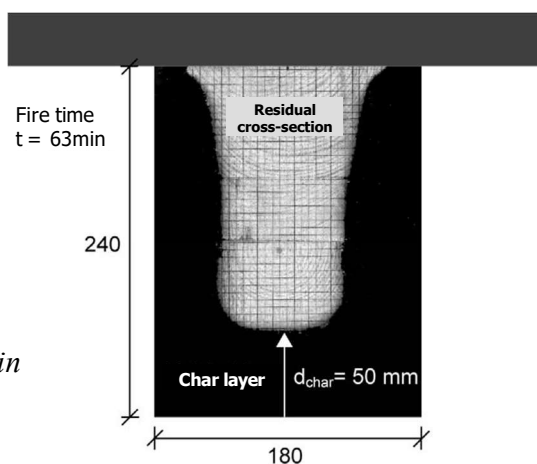
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Timber behaviour in fire

- Pyrolysis: thermal degradation of wood producing combustible gases and accompanied by a loss in mass (starting from about 250°C)
- Charring rate β :
Ratio between charring depth d_{char} and fire time t (in mm/min)

$$\beta = \frac{d_{char}}{t}$$

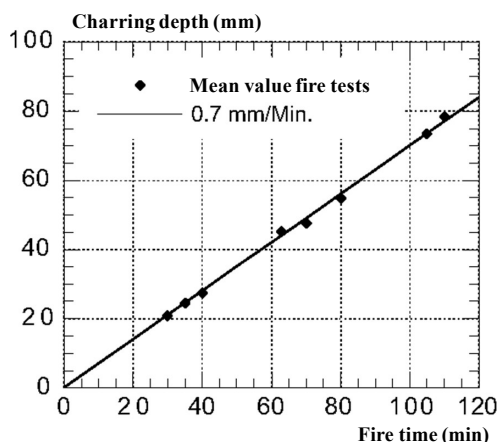
$$\beta = \frac{d_{char}}{t} = \frac{50\text{mm}}{63\text{min}} = 0.8\text{mm/min}$$



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Charring rate

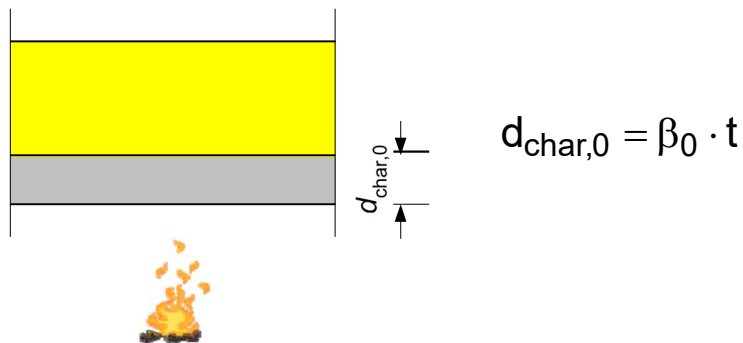
- Depends on fire exposure
 - Constant value for ISO-fire exposure
- Depends on wood species
 - Spruce: $\beta \approx 0.7$ mm/Min.
- Small influence of moisture content and density of wood



A. Frangi, M. Fontana: "Charring rates and temperature profiles of wood sections", *Fire and Materials* 2003; 27: 91–102, DOI: [10.1002/fam.819](https://doi.org/10.1002/fam.819).

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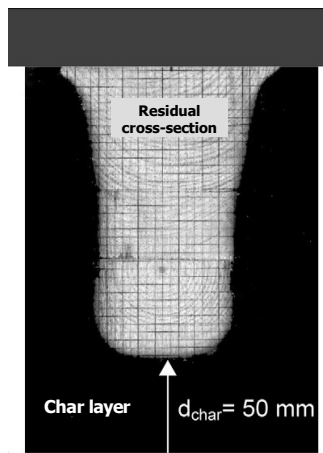
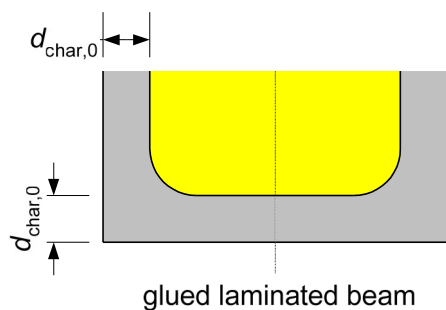
Charring



One-dimensional charring: charring rate β_0

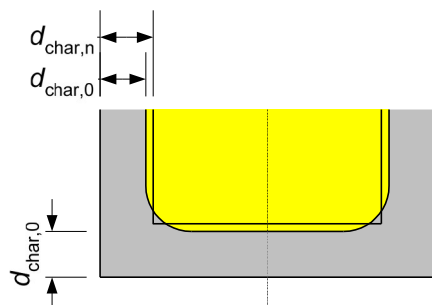
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Charring



$$d_{char,n} = \beta_n \cdot t$$

**Notional charring: notional charring rate β_n
Equivalent residual cross-section**

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Charring rates according to EN 1995-1-2:2004

	β_0 mm/min	β_n mm/min
a) Softwood and beech		
Glued laminated timber with a characteristic density of $\geq 290 \text{ kg/m}^3$	0,65	0,7
Solid timber with a characteristic density of $\geq 290 \text{ kg/m}^3$	0,65	0,8
b) Hardwood		
Solid or glued laminated hardwood with a characteristic density of 290 kg/m^3	0,65	0,7
Solid or glued laminated hardwood with a characteristic density of $\geq 450 \text{ kg/m}^3$	0,50	0,55
c) LVL		
with a characteristic density of $\geq 480 \text{ kg/m}^3$	0,65	0,7
d) Panels		
Wood panelling	0,9 ^a	—
Plywood	1,0 ^a	—
Wood-based panels other than plywood	0,9 ^a	—
^a The values apply to a characteristic density of 450 kg/m^3 and a panel thickness of 20 mm; see 3.4.2(9) for other thicknesses and densities.		

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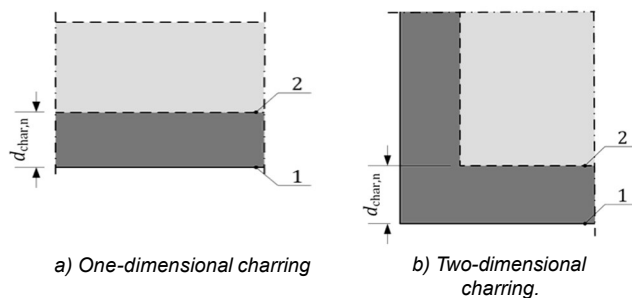
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European charring model

(1) The European charring model should be applied to **standard fire exposure**.

(2) If the timber member undergoes charring in different charring phases the European charring model shall be individually applied for the **individual charring phases** and combined in series.

Notional charring depth



a) One-dimensional charring

b) Two-dimensional charring.

Key: 1 Fire exposed side
2 Residual cross-section

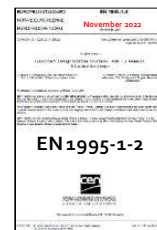
$$d_{char,n} = \beta_n \cdot t$$

$d_{char,n}$ notional charring depth in mm;

β_n notional design charring rate in mm/min;

t time for the charring phase considered, in min.

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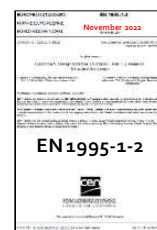
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Notional design charring rate

$$\beta_n = \prod k_i \cdot \beta_0$$

Modification factor	Designation	Reference
k_{gd}	grain direction factor	5.4.2.2 (4)
k_g	gap factor	5.4.2.2 (6)
k_h	thickness factor	5.4.2.2 (8)
k_n	conversion factor	5.4.2.2 (5), 7.2.2 (2)
$k_{s,n,1}$	combined section and conversion factor for the fire exposed side	5.4.2.2 (7); 7.2.4 (12)
$k_{s,n,2}$	combined section and conversion factor for the lateral side	5.4.2.2 (7); 7.2.4 (12)
k_ρ	density factor	5.4.2.2 (9)
k_2	protection factor for Phase 2	5.4.2.2 (10)-(12)
k_3	post-protection factor for Phase 3	5.4.2.2 (13)
$k_{3,1}$	post-protection factor for the fire exposed side for Phase 3	7.2.4 Table 7.6
$k_{3,2}$	post-protection factor for lateral side for Phase 3	7.2.4 Table 7.6
k_4	consolidation factor for Phase 4	5.4.2.2 (14)

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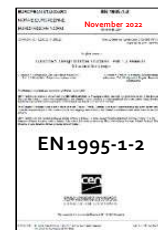


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Basic design charring rates

$$\beta_n = \prod k_i \cdot \beta_0$$

	β_0 [mm/min]
a) Timber member made of softwood^{(1) (3) (4)}	0,65
b) Timber member made of hardwood⁽¹⁾	
Beech ⁽⁵⁾	0,70
Beech ⁽⁵⁾ LVL	0,65
Ash ⁽⁶⁾	0,60
Oak ⁽⁷⁾	0,50
c) Panel⁽²⁾	
Solid wood panelling and cladding, solid wood panel with only one layer	0,65
LVL panel ⁽³⁾ , particleboard, fibreboard	0,65
OSB, solid wood panel with multiple layers	0,9
Plywood	1,0



- (1) Timber members according to 7.1.1(5), subgroup timber members
- (2) Panels according to 7.1.1(5), subgroup panels.
- (3) LVL and GLVL with a characteristic density of $\geq 480 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- (4) Table B.2 in EN 14081-1
- (5) FASY in EN 14081-1
- (6) FXEX in EN 14081-1
- (7) QCXA, QCXE, QCXR in EN 14081-1

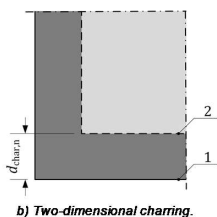
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Initially unprotected sides of timber members

$$\beta_n = \beta_0 \cdot k_{gd} \cdot k_g \cdot k_n \cdot k_p$$



Key: 1 Fire exposed side
2 Residual cross-section

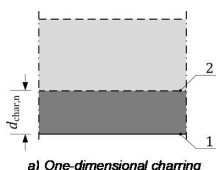
Linear members

Solid timber
Glulam

$$\beta_n = \beta_0 \cdot k_n$$

$$\beta_n = 0,65 \cdot 1,23 = 0,8 \text{ mm/min}$$

$$\beta_n = 0,65 \cdot 1,08 = 0,7 \text{ mm/min}$$



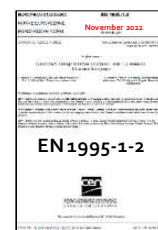
Plane members (solid timber, glulam, LVL, CLT)

- Gaps $\leq 2 \text{ mm}$
- Gaps $2..5 \text{ mm}$

$$\beta_n = \beta_0 \cdot k_g$$

$$\beta_n = 0,65 \cdot 1 = 0,65 \text{ mm/min}$$

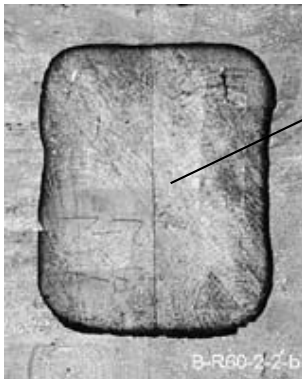
$$\beta_n = 0,65 \cdot 1,2 = 0,78 \text{ mm/min}$$



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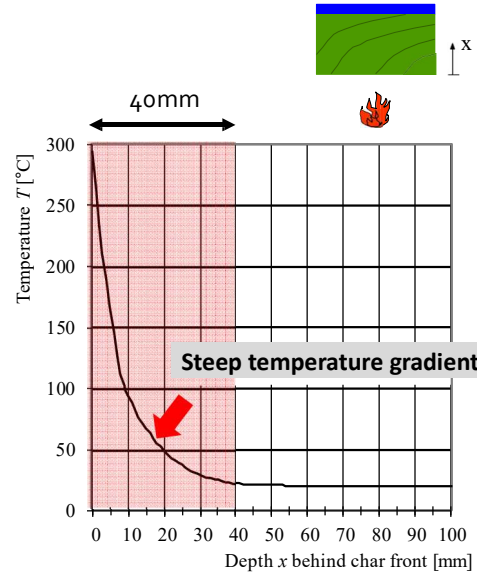
Timber behaviour in fire

Char layer protects the residual cross-section from high temperatures



Quelle: proHolz, Österreich

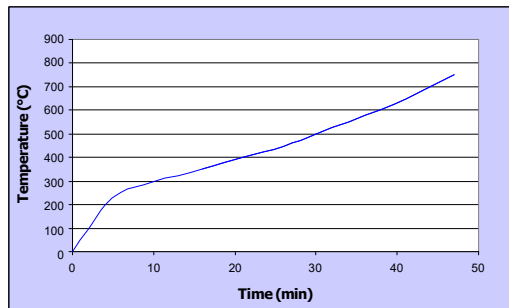
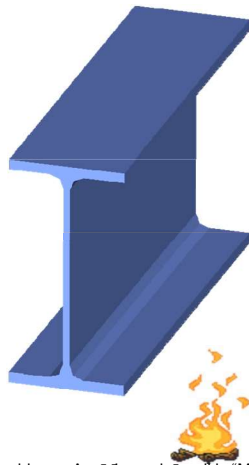
Residual cross-section
- "cold"
- load-bearing



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Intumescent coating systems on steel members

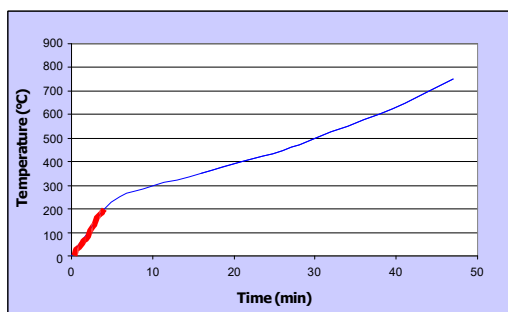
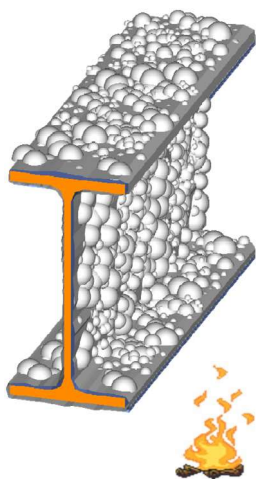
- Mode of action: intumescent systems expand at a temperature of about 200°C by a factor of 30 to 60 and form a compact insulating layer.



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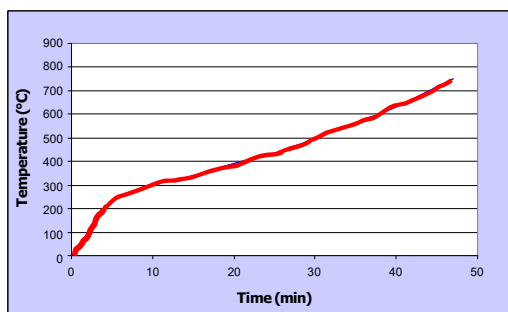
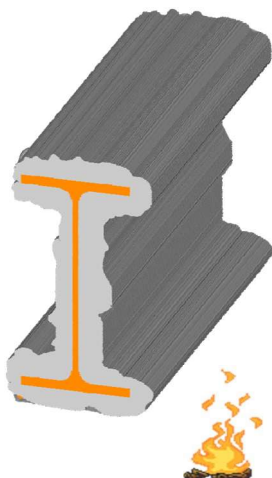
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Intumescent coating systems

"Modern manmade intumescent materials applied to steel structural elements are in essence an attempt to replicate what timber does naturally."

"Overview of design issues for tall timber buildings", I. Smith, A. Frangi, Structural Engineering International 2008; 18: 141–147, DOI: [10.2749/101686608784218833](https://doi.org/10.2749/101686608784218833).

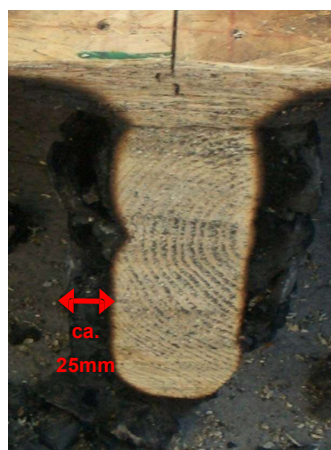
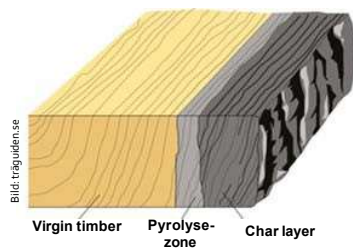


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Fire resistance of timber elements

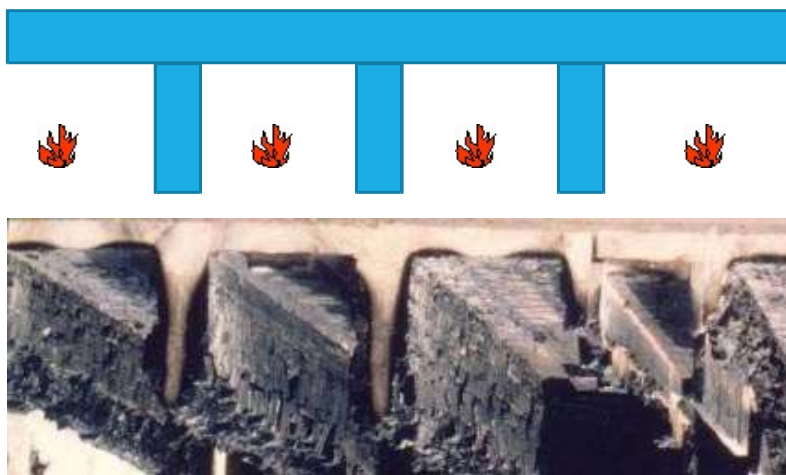
Increase of fire resistance

- Use of massive cross-sections
- Increase of dimensions
- Cladding with gypsum or timber panel



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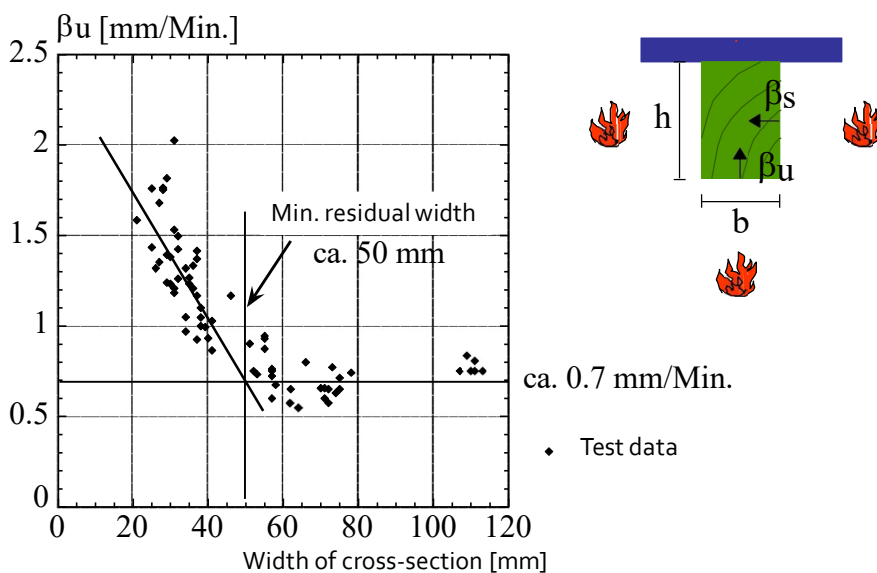
Fire behaviour of small sections



Residual cross-section of timber slabs made of hollow core elements after 30 min ISO-fire exposure

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Charring rate



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Fire behaviour of timber slabs made of hollow core elements

- Observations
 - If thin vertical timber members are exposed to fire on 3 sides, very irregular residual cross-sections with charring depths much greater than for heavy timber structures

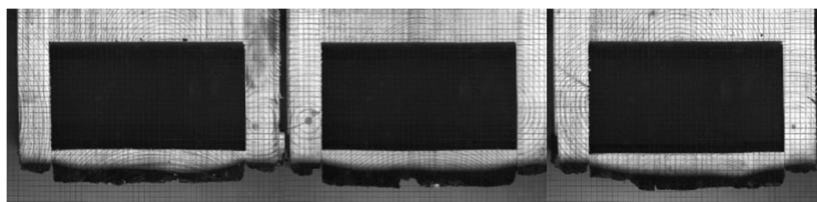


- Conclusion
 - From a fire design point of view it is therefore desirable that the vertical timber members are not exposed to fire on 3 sides

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Fire behaviour of timber slabs made of hollow core elements

- Fire exposed timber layer is so designed that a fire penetration into the cavities is prevented



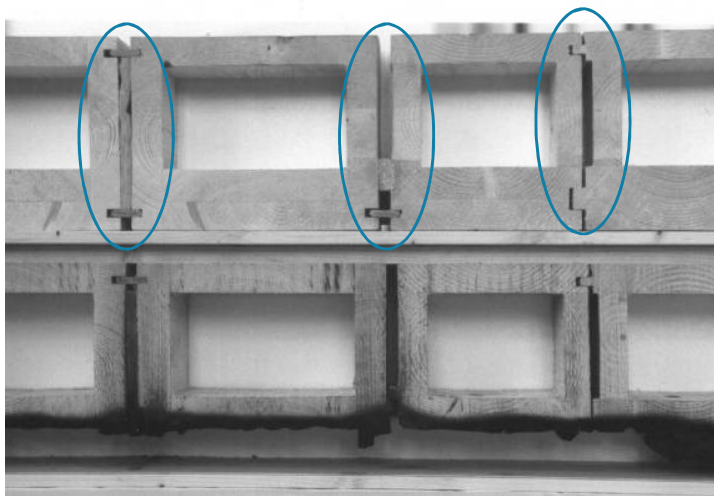
- The cavities are filled with insulation material



A. Frangi, M. Knobloch, M. Fontana: "Fire design of timber slabs made of hollow core elements", *Engineering Structures* 2009; 31: 150–157, DOI: [10.1016/j.engstruct.2008.08.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.engstruct.2008.08.002).

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Influence of joint between timber hollow core elements



Residual cross-section after 60 minutes ISO-fire exposure

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Fall off of protection system



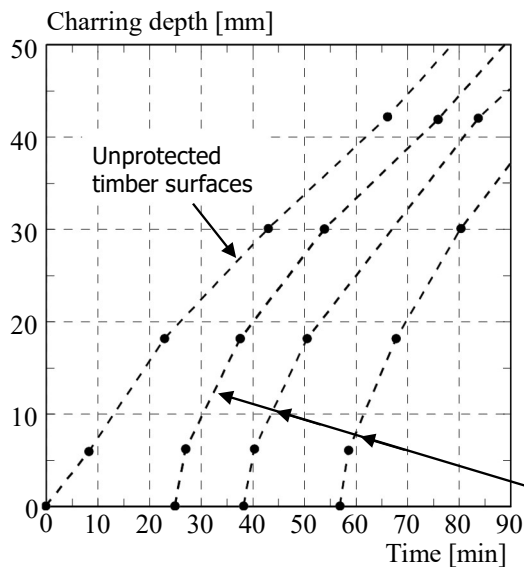
Fall off of boards

Timber slab after 17 minutes ISO-fire exposure

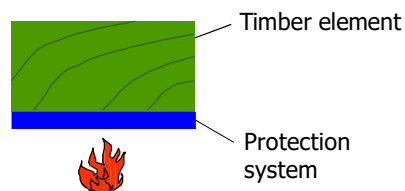
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Fire behaviour of initially protected surfaces

Influence of fall off of protection system



- Charring rate not constant
- Increased charring rate after failure of protection system

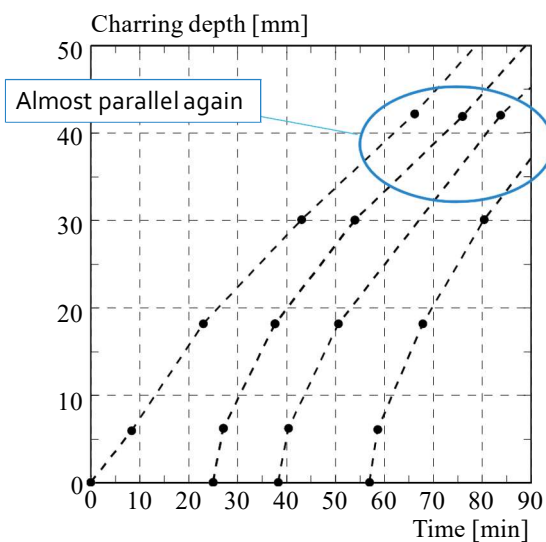


Protected timber surfaces

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Fire behaviour of initially protected surfaces

Influence of fall off of protection system



Increased charring rate observed after failure of the protection system is due to temperature **high level** while no protective **char-layer** exists to reduce the effect of the temperature. Influence of **preheating** not relevant!

A. Frangi, C. Erchinger, M. Fontana: "Charring model for timber frame floor assemblies with void cavities", *Fire Safety Journal* 2008; 43: 551–564, DOI: [10.1016/j.firesaf.2007.12.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.firesaf.2007.12.009).

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Charring model for initially protected surfaces

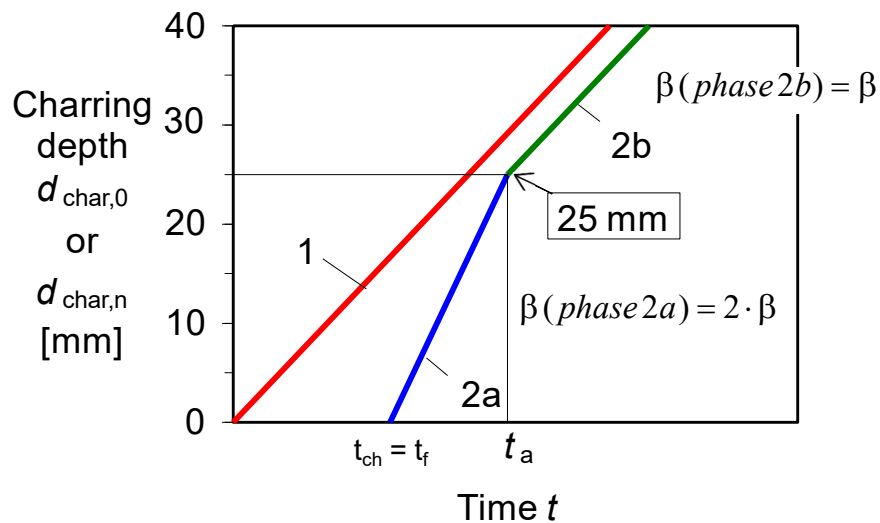
Different charring phases

- t_{ch} = time of start of charring
- t_f = failure time of protection system (fall off)
- For wood-based panels and gypsum plasterboards type A or H: $t_{ch} = t_f$
- For gypsum plasterboards type F: $t_{ch} < t_f$

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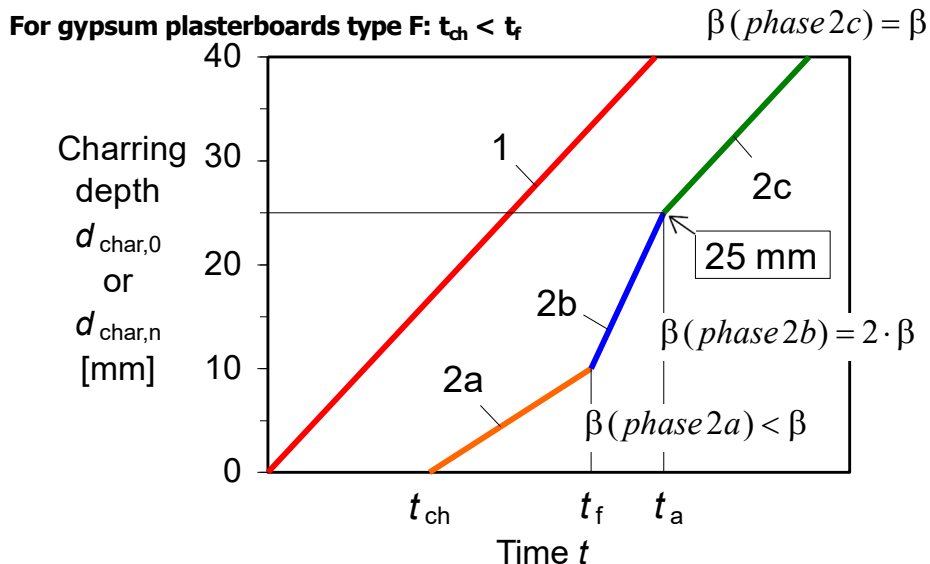
Charring of initially protected timber structures

For wood-based panels and gypsum plasterboards type A or H: $t_{ch} = t_f$



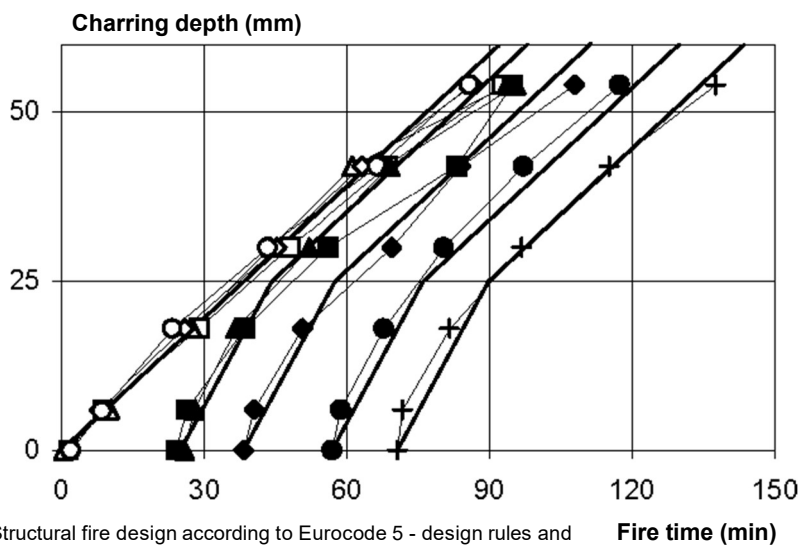
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Fire behaviour of initially protected surfaces



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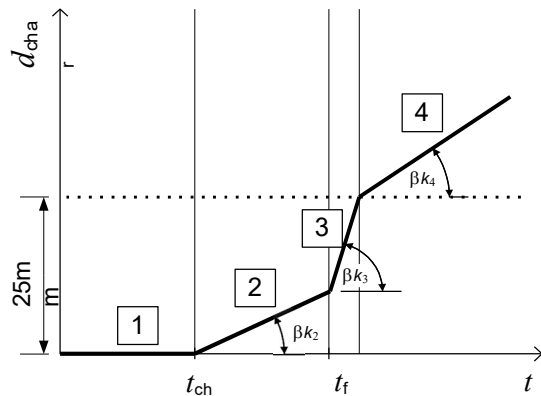


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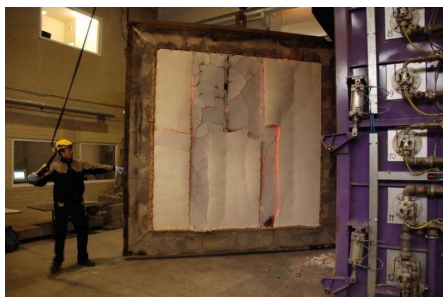


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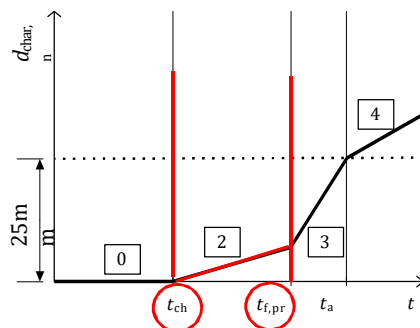


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$$t_{ch} < t < t_{f,pr}$$

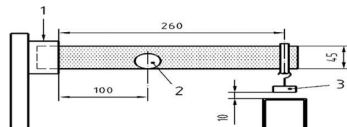
t_{ch} : start time of charring behind protection
 $t_{f,pr}$: failure time (of protection system)

$$t > t_{f,pr}$$

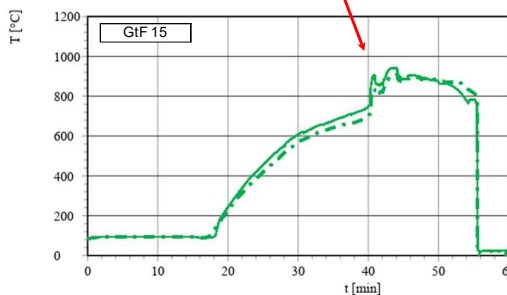
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Charring of initially protected timber structures

- EN 520



Ca 40 min



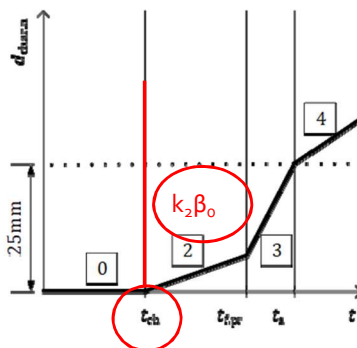
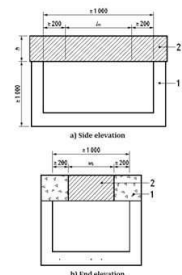
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Charring of initially protected timber structures

- Tested values for specific products

- EN 13381-7



Start time of charring (t_{ch}) and charring rate (k_2)



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- K-classes (EN 13501-2, defined times only!)

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Charring of initially protected timber structures

- Generic values

- COST ACTION FP 1404 document:

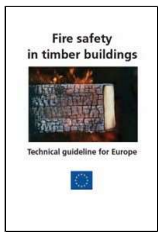
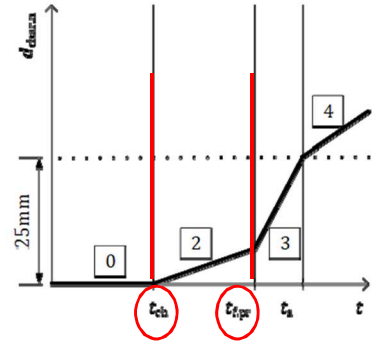
Just et al. (2018), Improved fire design models for Timber Frame Assemblies - Guidance document N 217-07
<https://costfp1404.ethz.ch/publications.html>

- Fire Safety in Timber Buildings handbook:

Östman et al. (2010) Fire Safety in Timber Buildings. Technical guideline for Europe.

- EN 1995-1-2:2025 (coming soon)

→ t_{ch} and $t_{f,pr}$ as tabulated data



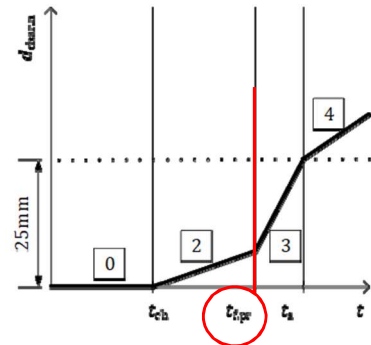
Charring of initially protected timber structures

Failure of the cladding

Mechanical degradation



Pull-out of fasteners



Charring of initially protected timber structures

Table 6.1 – Start time of charring t_{ch} and the failure time of the fire protection systems $t_{f,prot}$ vertically oriented (e.g. walls)

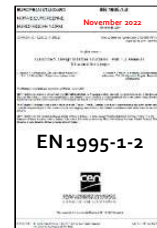
Panels	Thickness of the fire protection system h_p [mm] ^a		Layers backed by ^b	Start of charring t_{ch} [min]	Failure time $t_{f,prot}$ [min]
	layer 1 h_1	layer 2 h_2			
	Gypsum plaster board type A	12,5 12,5 12,5			
Gypsum plaster board type F	12,5 12,5 15 18 18 12,5 12,5 15 15 18 18	- - - - - 12,5 12,5 15 15 18 18	Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel	17 24 22 30 29 37 39 49 50 60 63 75	20 32 44 48 58 63 60 66 82 90 108 119
Gypsum plaster board type F+A (type F is layer 1)	12,5 12,5 15 15	12,5 12,5 - 12,5	Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel	39 49 45 55	60 66 71 78
Gypsum fibre board	12,5 12,5 12,5	- - 12,5	Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel	17 24 39	26 29 50 55
Particle board, $\rho_1 \geq 500 \text{ kg/m}^3$	18 18	- -	Insulation Panel Insulation Panel	19 27	19 27
OSB, $\rho_1 \geq 550 \text{ kg/m}^3$	18 18	- -	Insulation Panel Insulation Panel	16 21	16 21
Softwood plywood, $\rho_1 \geq 400 \text{ kg/m}^3$	18 18	- -	Insulation Panel Insulation Panel	12 16	12 16
Solid wood panels, $\rho_1 \geq 290 \text{ kg/m}^3$	18 18	- -	Insulation Panel Insulation Panel	17 26	17 26
LVL, $\rho_1 \geq 480 \text{ kg/m}^3$	27 27	- -	Insulation Panel Insulation Panel	28 41	29 41

where:
 ρ_1 is the characteristic density, in kg/m^3
^a Layer 1 is at the fire exposed side
^b The unexposed side for layers may be backed by panel or plane timber member.

Table 6.2 – Start time of charring t_{ch} and the failure time of the fire protection systems $t_{f,prot}$ horizontally orientation (e.g. floors)

Panels	Thickness of the fire protection system h_p [mm] ^a		Layers backed by ^b	Start of charring t_{ch} [min]	Failure time $t_{f,prot}$ [min]
	layer 1 h_1	layer 2 h_2			
	Gypsum plaster board type A	12,5 12,5 12,5			
Gypsum plaster board type F	12,5 12,5 15 18 18 12,5 12,5 15 15 18 18	- - - - - 12,5 12,5 15 15 18 18	Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel Insulation Panel	17 24 22 30 29 37 39 49 50 60 63 75	25 28 28 31 32 35 52 57 60 66 69 76
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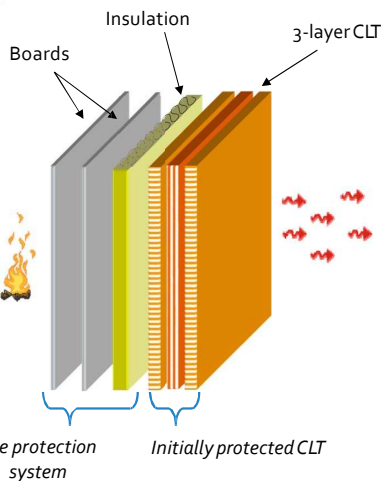
where:
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^a Layer 1 is at the fire exposed side
^b The unexposed side for layers may be backed by panel or plane timber member.



Calculation example

$$t_{ch} = \sum t_{prot, cladding}$$

Separating Function Method



$T_{prot} = 270^\circ\text{C}$ $T_{ch} = 300^\circ\text{C}$

$$t_{prot,i} = (t_{prot,0,i} \cdot k_{pos,exp,i} \cdot k_{pos,unexp,i} + \Delta t_i) \cdot k_{j,i}$$

No	Material	Protection time $t_{prot,i}$	Sum of protection times
		min	min
1	Gypsum plaster-board type F (GtF)	30	30
2	Gypsum plaster-board type F (GtF)	11,3	41,3
3	Stone wool (SW)	28,7	69,9
4	CLT		

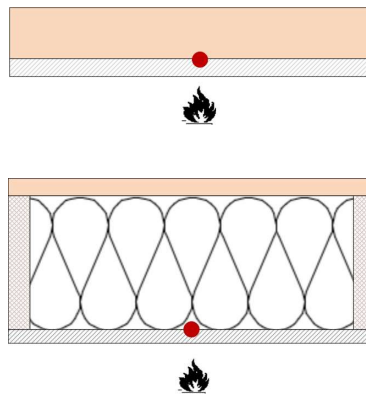
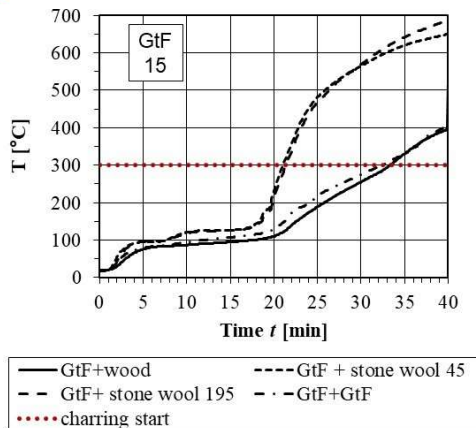
$$t_{ch} = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum t_{prot} \\ t_f \end{array} \right.$$

Calculation example

Start time of charring
Mineral wool vs wood substrate

$$t_{prot} = t_{prot,o} * k_{pos,unexp}$$

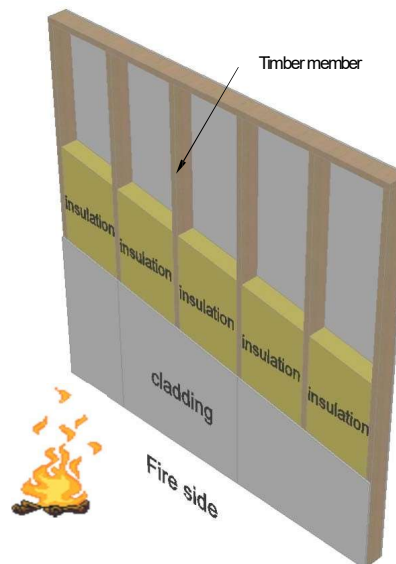
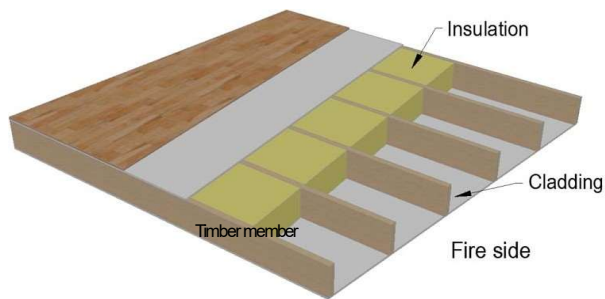
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$$k_{pos,unexp} = 1$$

$$k_{pos,unexp} < 1$$

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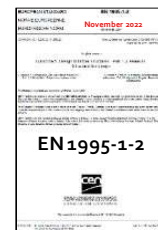
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Design of Timber Frame Assemblies

Separating function method // performance of insulation



Protection level PL	Insulation material	Density
PL 1	Stone wool	$\geq 26 \text{ kg/m}^3$
PL 2	Glass wool	$\geq 14 \text{ kg/m}^3$
	Wood fibre	$\geq 50 \text{ kg/m}^3$
	Cellulose fibre	$\geq 50 \text{ kg/m}^3$
PL 3	XPS	-
	EPS	-
	PUR	-
	PIR	-
	Not assessed insulation materials	-

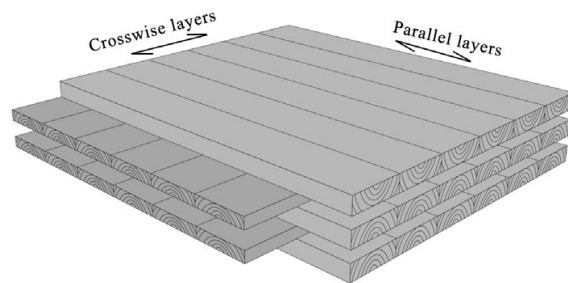
Protection level PL can be assessed according to Annex D of prEN 1995-1-2:2004.

General summary for initially protected structures

- Different charring phases for initially protected structures depending on properties of protection system.
- Substrate and fastening can influence start time of charring and failure time significantly.
- Start time of charring and failure time can be determined by EN 13381-7
- Generic values on start time of charring calculated according to Separating Function Method
- Generic values of failure times for gypsum boards in EN 1995-1-2:2025.



Cross-laminated timber (CLT) panels



- CLT is produced from timber boards, which are usually stacked crosswise and glued together over their entire surface
 - CLT with 3, 5, 7 or more board layers
 - Width of single boards between 80 and 240mm
Thickness of single boards between 10 and 35mm
- Differences from solid timber
- Layered cross-section
 - Joints

Video on char layer fall-off



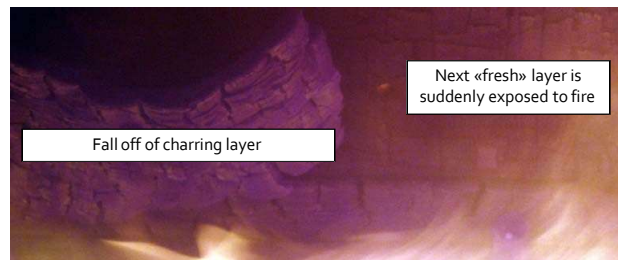
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Fall-off of charring layers

Fall off of charring layers depends on different parameters, e.g.:

- Adhesive
- Layup
- Thickness of lamellas
- Quality of glueing
- ...



The behaviour (with or without) fall off of charring layers must be considered in the design of CLT exposed to fire

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Fire resistance of CLT

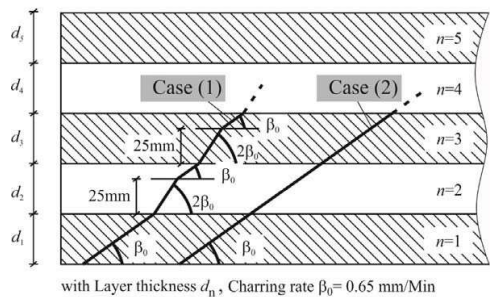


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Simplified charring model (step model) in analogy to EN 1995-1-2

Design of fire resistance:



- | CASE 1 |
|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st layer: one-dimensional charring rate
$\beta_0 = 0.65 \text{ mm/min}$ ▪ If falling off of 1st layer:
2^o $\beta_0 = 1.3 \text{ mm/min}$
until 25mm of char layer has been formed |
| CASE 2 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If no falling off of 1st layer:
$\beta_0 = 0.65 \text{ mm/min}$ |

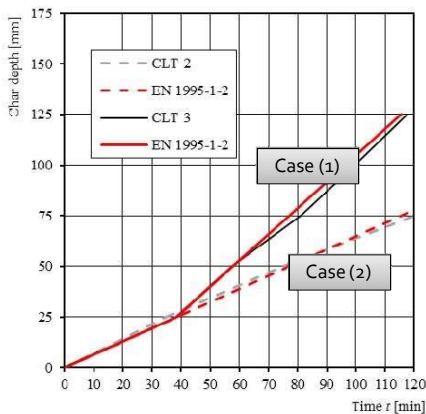


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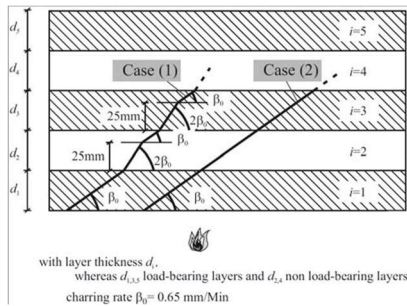
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Comparison of CLT fire tests and EN 1995-1-2 model

Design of fire resistance:

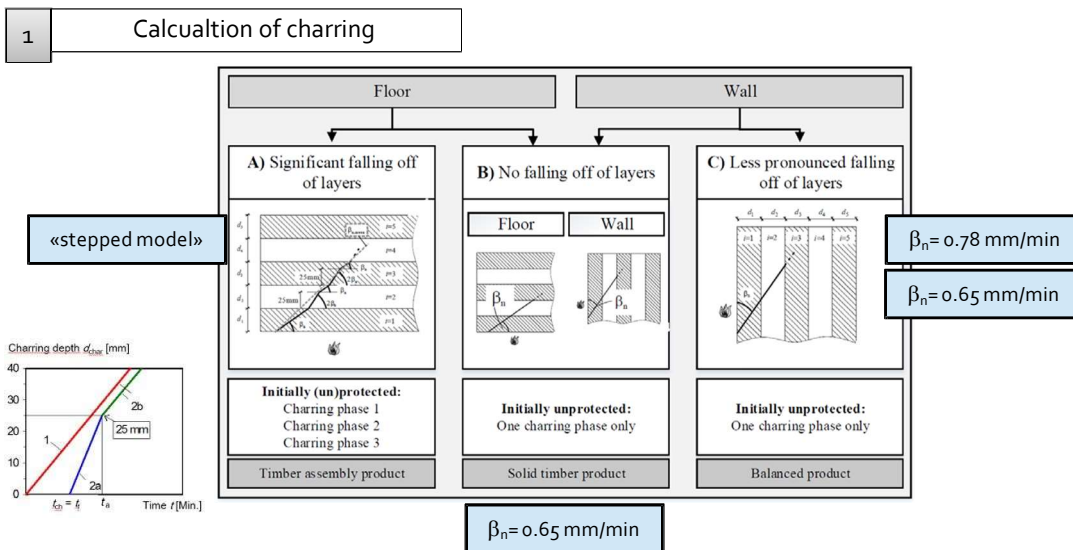


Note:
Case (1): PUR 1
Case (2): PUR 2 (shows charring as solid timber)

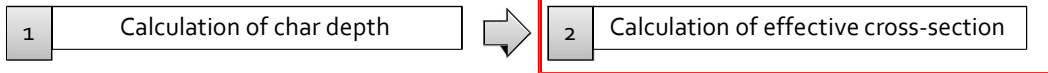


Very good agreement between tests and model of EN 1995-1-2

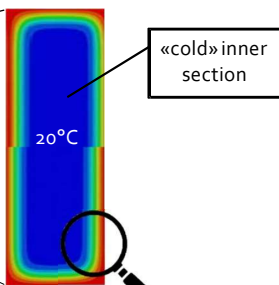
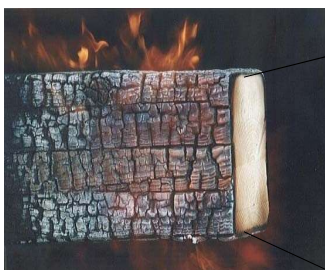
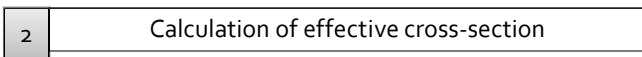
European charring model applied for CLT



Fire resistance of CLT



Effective cross-section method



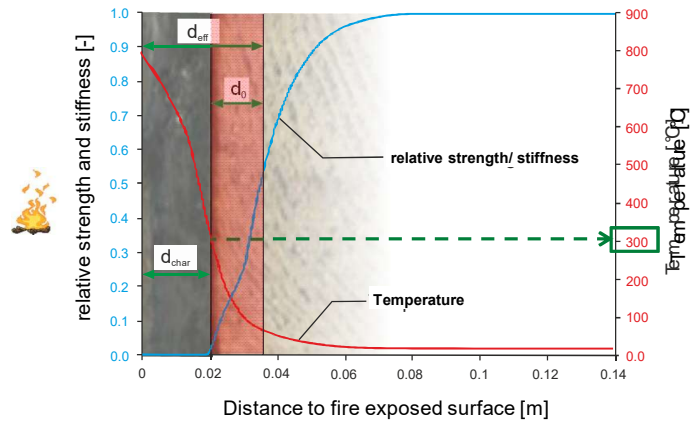
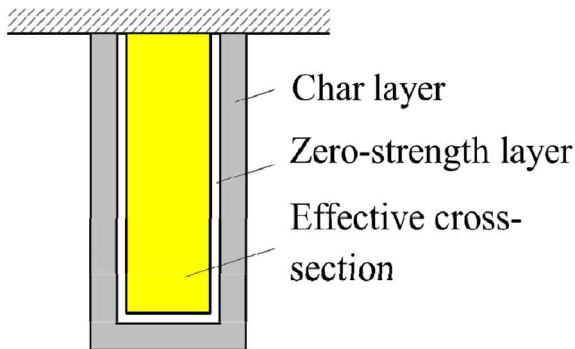
Consider heated zone behind the char layer with an additional reduction of the uncharred cross-section. This value is called «zero-strength-layer» (ZSL) d_o .

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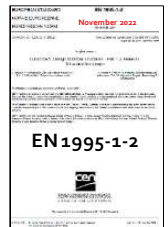
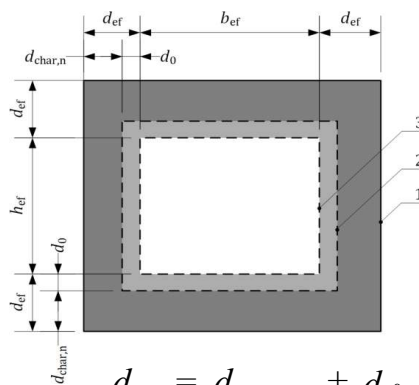
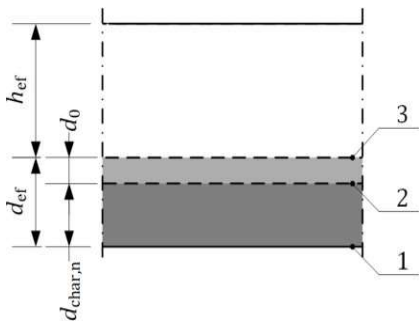
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Calculation of effective cross-section

d_0 compensates stiffness and strength reduction of uncharred but heated timber



Effective cross-section method: prEN 1995-1-2:2021



- 1 Fire exposed side
- 2 Residual cross-section
- 3 Effective cross-section

d_0 is the zero-strength layer depth

$d_{char,n}$ is the notional charring depth

d_{ef} is the effective charring depth

k_{side} is the number of respective sides exposed to fire

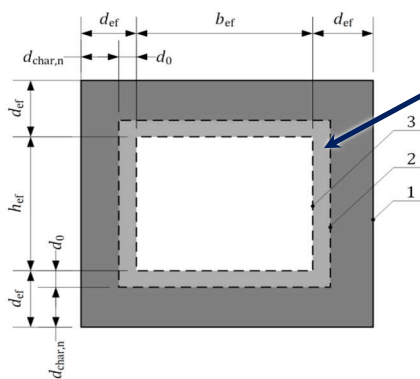
$$d_{ef} = d_{char,n} + d_0$$

$$b_{ef} = b - k_{side} \cdot d_{ef}$$

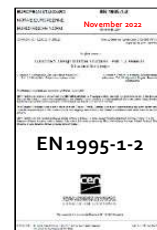
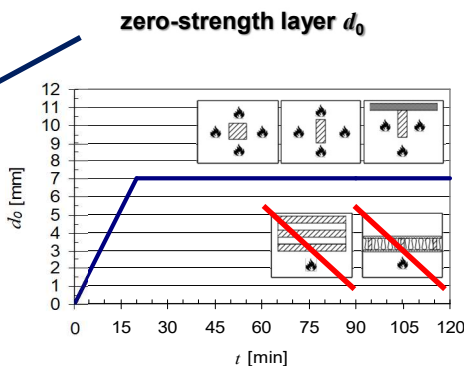
$$h_{ef} = h - k_{side} \cdot d_{ef}$$

Effective cross-section method: prEN 1995-1-2:2021

Zero strength layer depth according to EN 1995-1-2:2004

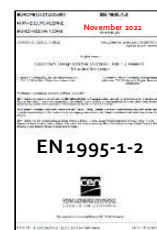
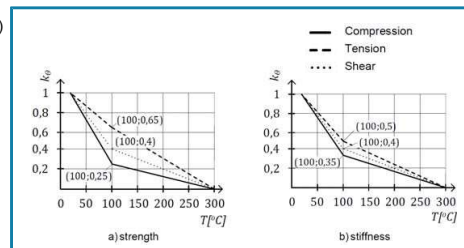
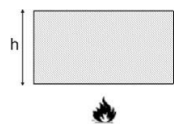
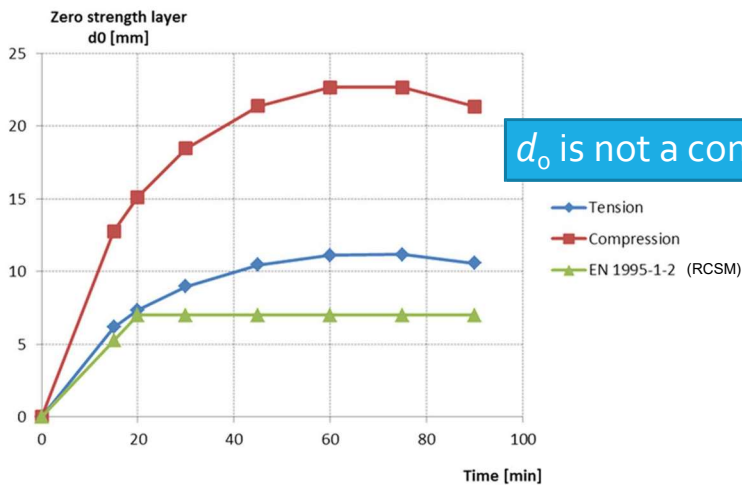


$$h_{ef} = h - 2d_{char,n} - 2d_0$$



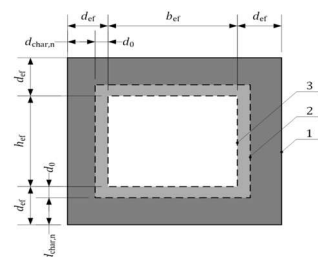
Effective cross-section method: prEN 1995-1-2:2021

Zero strength layer depth based on simulations



Effective cross-section method: prEN 1995-1-2:2021

Zero strength layer depth for linear members (e.g. glulam beams)



(7) <RCM> Unless rules are given in this standard, the value of zero-strength layer depth d_0 for the design of linear timber members should be assumed as follows:

$d_0 = 14 \text{ mm}$

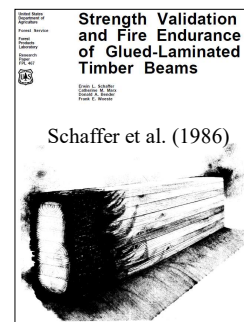
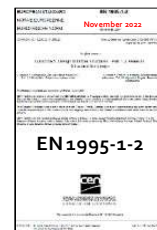
(8) <PER> For linear timber members subjected predominantly to tension or bending the value of zero-strength layer depth d_0 for the design of linear timber members may be assumed as follows:

$d_0 = 10 \text{ mm}$

Background information:

J. Schmid, J. König, A. Just, "The Reduced Cross-Section Method for the design of timber structures exposed to fire - Background, limitations and new developments", Structural Engineering International, 2012, Vol. 22. - pp. 514-522,

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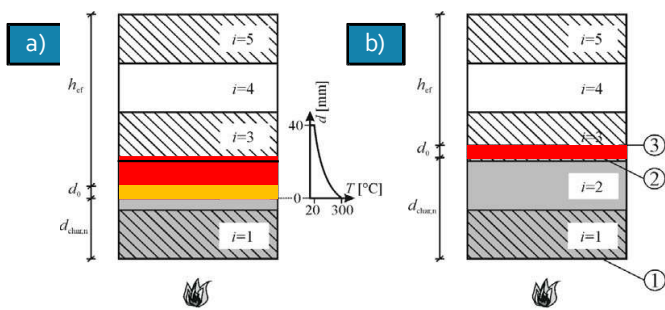


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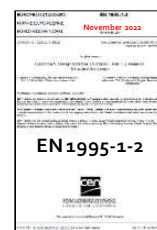
Different «zero-strength layer (ZSL)» for CLT:

a) ZSL is in cross-layer and thus not effective («reduction of nothing»)

b) ZSL is in longitudinal layer reduces load-bearing capacity

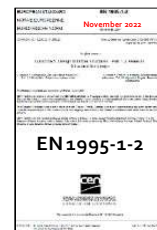
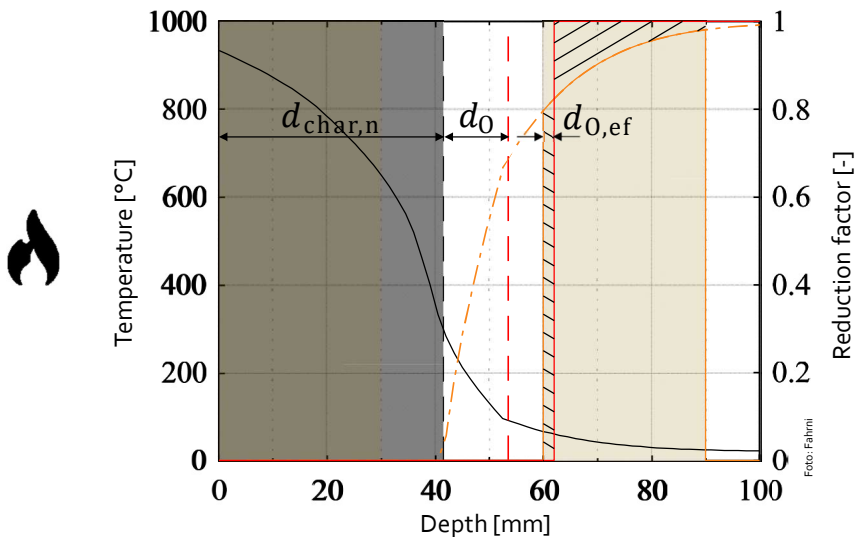


- ① Initial surface of members
- ② Border of residual cross-section
- ③ Border of effective cross-section

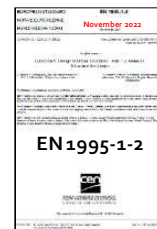


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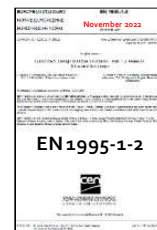
2 Calculation of effective cross-section

Option 1: Design using tabulated data

Zero strength layer d_0 for specific CLT layups (unprotected)

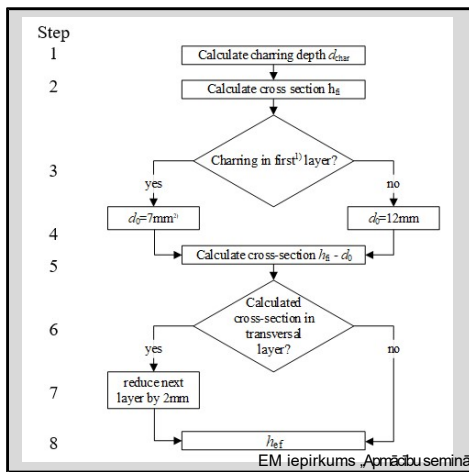
CLT-layup	$d_{char}=20\text{ mm}$ (R 30 min)	$d_{char}=39\text{ mm}$ (R 60 min)	$d_{char}=59\text{ mm}$ (R 90 min)
20+20+20	2.0	7.0	n.a.
40+40+40	8.0	4.0	n.a.
20+20+20+20+20	3.0	9.5	5.0
40+20+20+20+40	6.0	5.0	8.0
40+20+40+20+40	5.0	6.0	9.0
40+30-40-30-40	5.0	5.0	3.0
40+40+40+40+40	5.0	5.0	2.0

Effective cross-section method: prEN 1995-1-2:2021



2 Calculation of effective cross-section

Option 2: Design using general model «12 and 2»

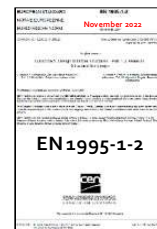


«12 und 2» Modell

- Model can be used for floor elements
- Flexible application for all layouts
- Easy to use
- High accuracy
- Safe and economic approach
- Also for initially protected CLT

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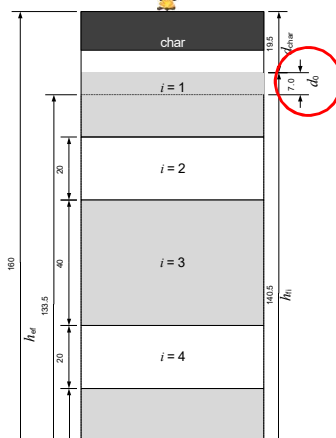
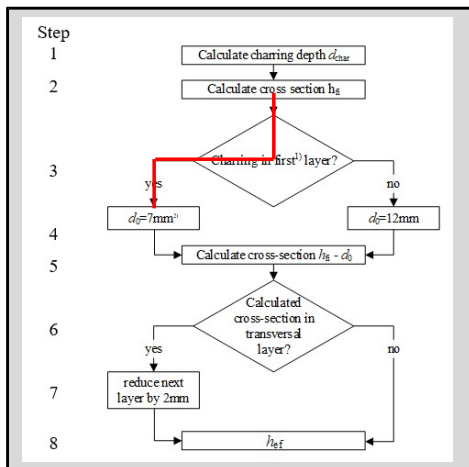
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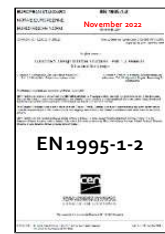
40+20+40+20+40 R30



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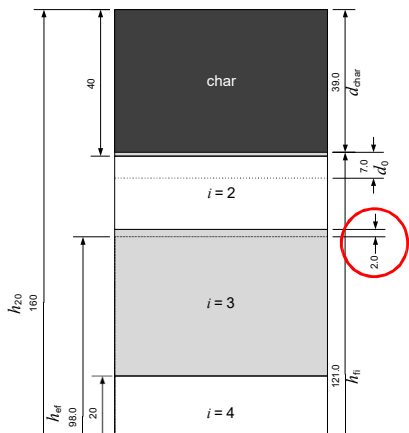
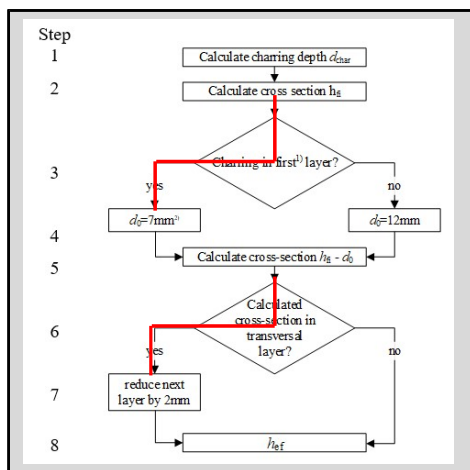
2 Calculation of effective cross-section

R60



Option 2: Design using general model «12 and 2»

40+20+40+20+40



Effective cross-section method: prEN 1995-1-2:2021

CLT floor elements:
Zero-strength layer depth d_0



Fire exposure on	Floors	
	Initially unprotected	Initially protected
Tension side for first layer	7 ^a	12 ^a
Tension side for other layers	12 ^{a,b}	
Compression side for first layer	10 ^c	16 ^c
Compression side for other layers	16 ^{c,d}	

^a When d_{ch} is within a layer with grain perpendicular to the span direction, d_{ch} should be increased in order to reduce the following layer with grain parallel to the span direction at least by 2 mm.

^b When d_{ch} is within a layer with grain parallel to the span direction, d_{ch} should at least as large to reduce this layer by 2 mm.

^c When d_{ch} is within a layer with grain perpendicular to the span direction, d_{ch} should be increased in order to reduce the following layer with grain parallel to the span direction at least by 4 mm.

^d When d_{ch} is within a layer with grain parallel to the span direction, d_{ch} should at least as large to reduce this layer by 4 mm.

Fire resistance of CLT

Some notes on the **adhesive performance**:

- Separation into adhesive families (PUR, MUF, etc.) not possible
 - ➔ PUR 1 can show a fully different behaviour than PUR 2!
- Behaviour of adhesive should be known for the design of the CLT panel in fire
- If you do not know the performance of «your adhesive», you can ask us!
- **prEN 1995-1-2 (2021): Contains a new method (glueline integrity in fire, GLIF) to classify adhesives for the use in mass timber, such as CLT**

General information on prEN 1995-1-2:2021

Revision of Eurocode

$$X_{d,fi} = k_{\Theta} \cdot k_{fi} \cdot X_k / \gamma_{M,fi}$$

$X_{d,fi}$ is the design value of a strength or stiffness property (generally f_k or E_k) for fire temperature design;

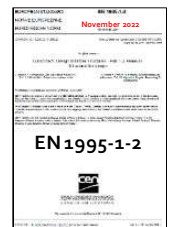
X_k is the characteristic value of a strength or stiffness property (generally f_k or E_k) for normal temperature design according to EN 1995-1-1;

k_{Θ} is the temperature-dependent reduction factor for a strength or stiffness property, see 5.3.2;

k_{fi} is the modification factor for a strength or stiffness property for the fire situation according to Table 4.1;

$\gamma_{M,fi}$ is the partial factor for the relevant mechanical material property for the fire situation.

$$\gamma_{M,fi} = 1$$



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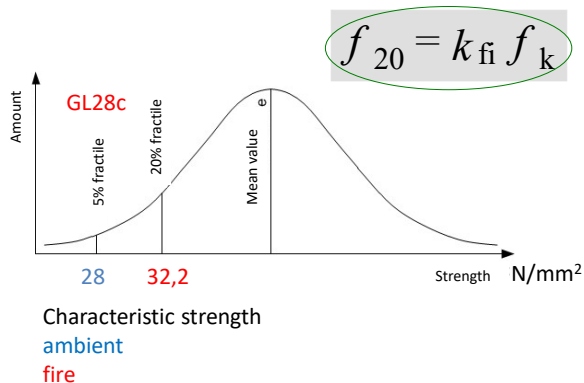
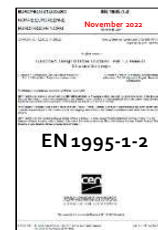
$$X_{d,fi} = k_{\Theta} \cdot k_{fi} \cdot X_k / \gamma_{M,fi}$$

k_{fi}

Solid timber	1,25
Glued-laminated timber, cross-laminated timber	1,15
Wood-based panels	1,15
LVL	1,10
Connections with laterally loaded fasteners with side members of wood and wood-based panels	1,15
Connections with laterally loaded fasteners with side members of steel	1,05
Connections with axially loaded fasteners	1,05

20 % Fractile of "cold" strength

$$f_{d,fi} = k_{mod,fi} \frac{f_{20}}{\gamma_{M,fi}}$$



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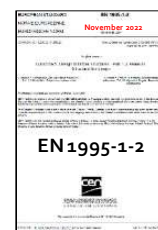
Revision of Eurocode

Main objectives

- Improvement of the **Ease-of-Use** of the Eurocodes for practical users
- Reduction of National Determined Parameters (NDP)
- Further harmonisation and inclusion of **state-of-the-art**

Target

- After an intensive discussion within CEN/TC 250 it was defined that the Eurocodes are addressed to **competent civil, structural and geotechnical engineers**.



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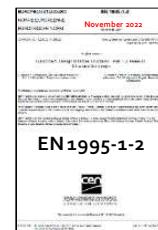
1. Scope
2. Normative references
3. Terms, definitions and symbols
4. Basis of design
5. Material properties
6. Tabulated design data
7. Simplified design methods
8. Advanced design methods
9. Detailing
10. Connections
11. Timber structures exposed to physically based design fires

Common part for all EN 199x-1-2

Start of charring, failure time of protection, Charring rate

Specific rules
Zero-strength layer

Requirements for detailing



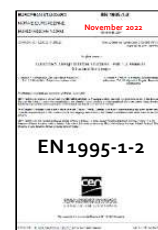
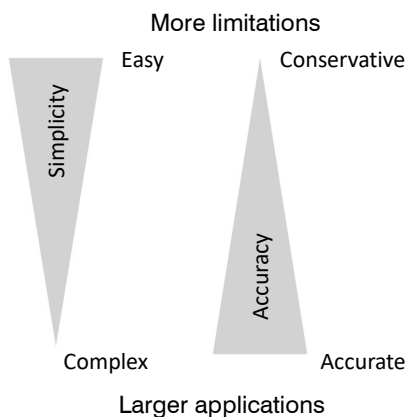
Annexes

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General information on prEN 1995-1-2:2021

Revision of Eurocode

- 6 Tabulated design data
 - 6.1 xx
 - 6.2 xx
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- 7 Simplified design methods
 - 7.1 xx
 - 7.2 xx
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- 8 Advanced design methods
 - 8.1 xx
 - 8.2 xx
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Coffee break / 11:30 - 12:00

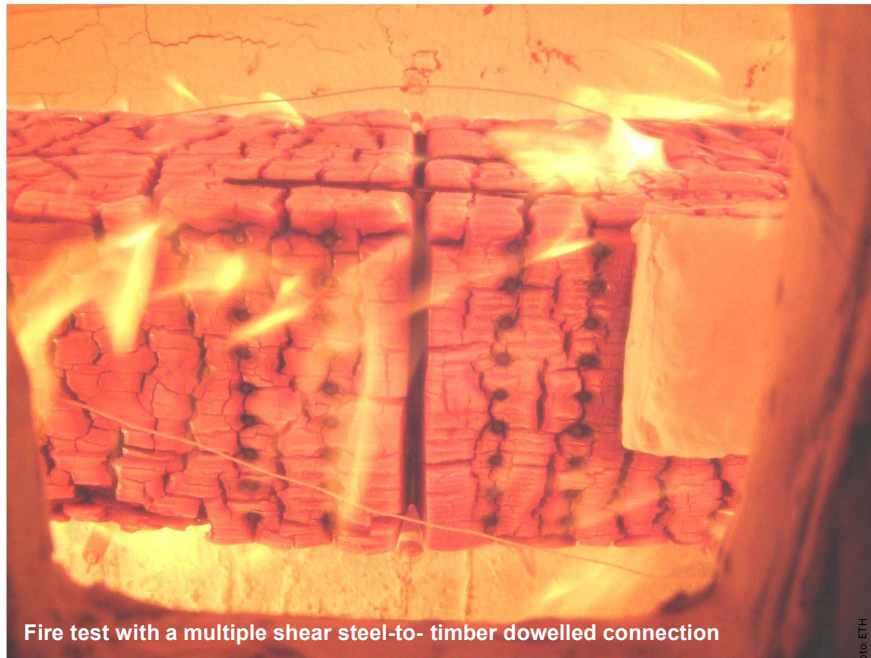


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Agenda / 12:00 - 13:30

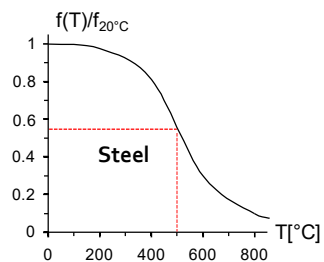
- Fire resistance of connections in timber structures
- Insight in advanced calculations methods of fire resistance of timber structures
- Case studies of timber building fire design

Connections with steel elements in fire



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Steel behaviour in fire



- ➔ Steel heats up quickly
- ➔ Temperature dependent reduction of strength and stiffness
- ➔ Protection of the steel plates against fire by timber members!



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Connections with steel elements in fire

Connections with **side** steel plates



Connection with side steel plates and annular ringed shank nails

Connections with **slotted-in** steel plates



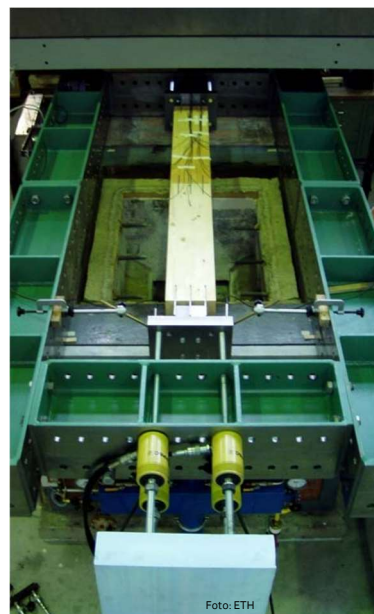
Multiple shear steel-to-timber dowelled connection

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Connections with steel elements in fire

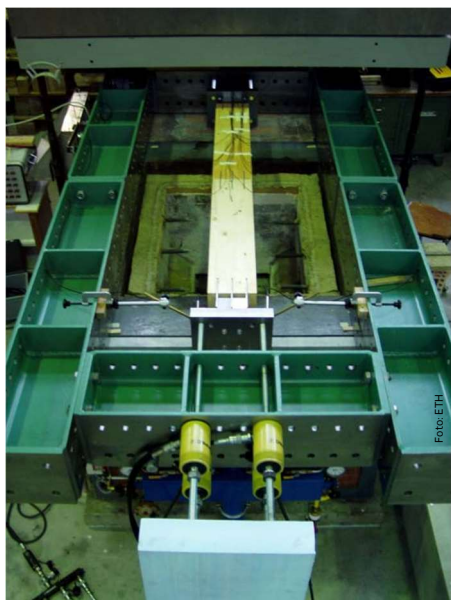
➔ Basic strategies

- Connections with slotted-in steel plates much better than connections with side steel plates
- Increase of the overall thickness of the timber members as well as the end distance of the dowels
- Fire protection of connections by boards (timber boards or gypsum plasterboards)



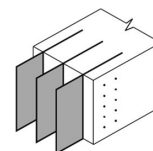
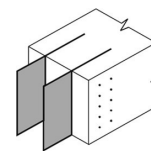
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Fire tests with connections



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Fire tests with connections

Test specimens

- Material properties:
 - glued laminated timber (spruce) grade GL 24h according to EN 1194
 - mean value of moisture: 10 %z
 - mean value of density: 445 kg/m³
- Test parameters:
 - load level during the fire tests (0.3·F_{u,r}, 0.15·F_u and 0.075·F_u with F_u = load-carrying capacity at room temperature)
 - number and configuration of the steel dowels (9x2, 9x3, 3x3 and 4x2 steel dowels)
 - diameter of the steel dowels (6.3 mm and 12 mm)
 - connections with improved fire performance

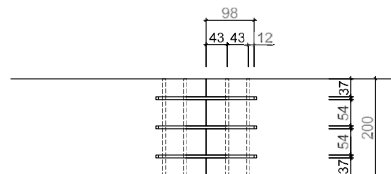
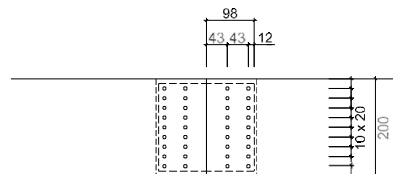
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Fire tests with connections

Multiple shear steel-to-timber connections with dowels

connection type	number of tests	test type	load level	remarks
D 01.1	5	room temp.	until failure	9x2 steel dowels diameter dowels: d = 6.3 mm cross-section: 200/200 mm
	2	fire test	0.3·F _{u,D 01.1}	
	2	fire test	0.15·F _{u,D 01.1}	
	2	fire test	0.075·F _{u,D 01.1}	



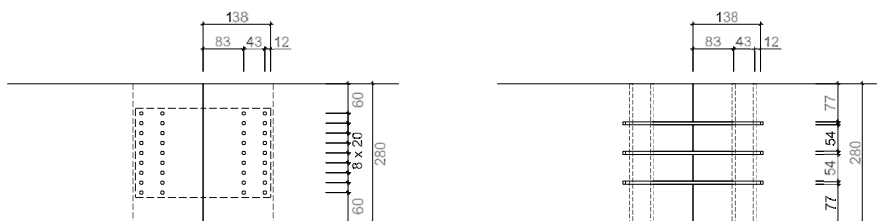
Test specimens

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Fire tests with connections

A) Connection with increased timber covers

connection type	number of tests	test type	load level	remarks
D 01.2	5	room temp.	until failure	9x2 steel dowels diameter dowels: $d = 6.3$ mm cross-section: 280/280 mm
	2	fire test	$0.3 \cdot F_{u,D 01.2}$	



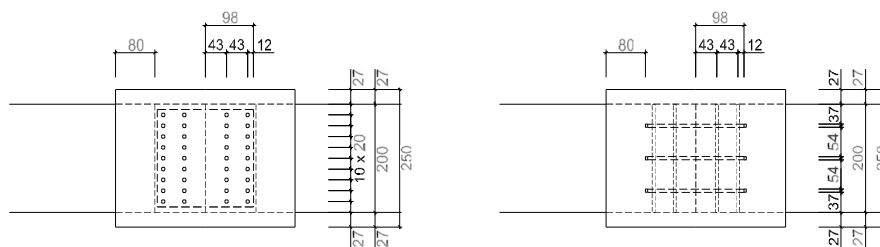
Test specimens

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Fire tests with connections

B) Connection protected by timber boards

connection type	number of tests	test type	load level	remarks
D 01.3	2	fire test	$0.3 \cdot F_{u,D 01.1}$	same as D 01.1, connection protected by 27 mm thick timber boards



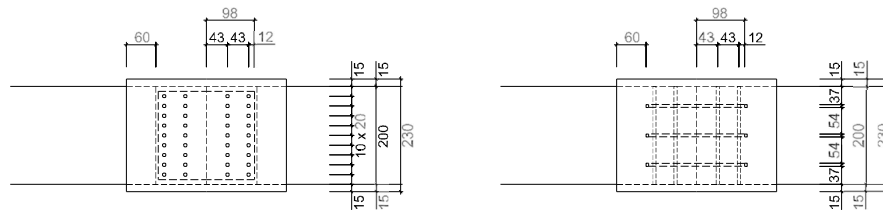
Test specimens

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Fire tests with connections

C) Connection protected by gypsum plasterboards

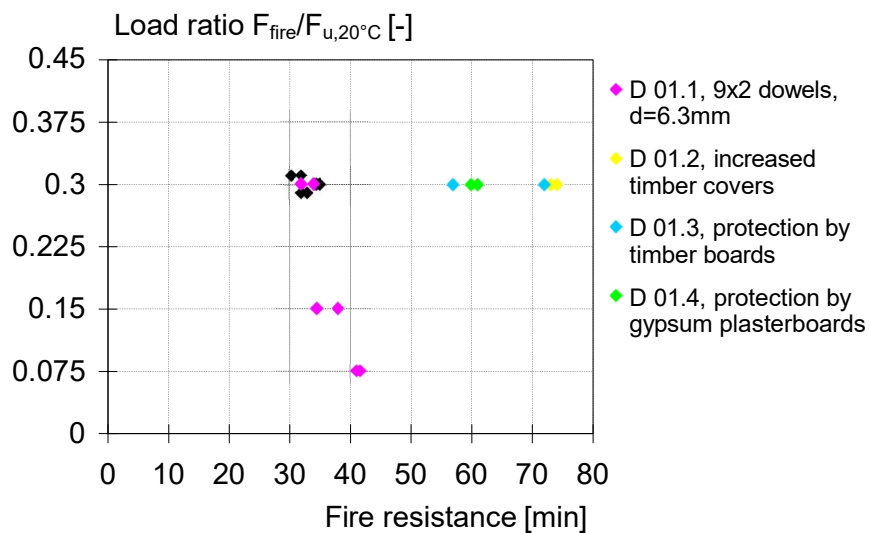
connection type	number of tests	test type	load level	remarks
D 01.4	2	fire test	$0.3 \cdot F_{u,D 01.1}$	same as D 01.1, connection protected by 15 mm thick gypsum plasterboards



Test specimens

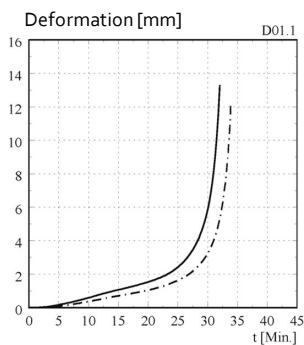
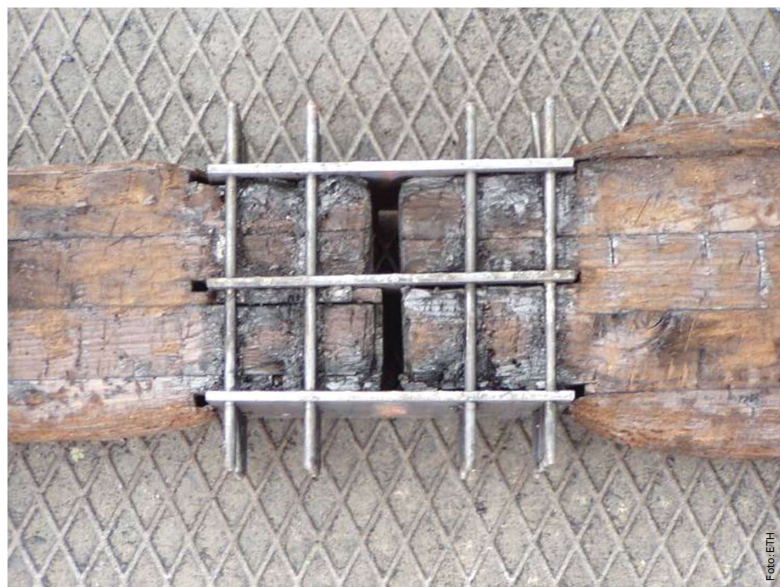
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Results of fire tests



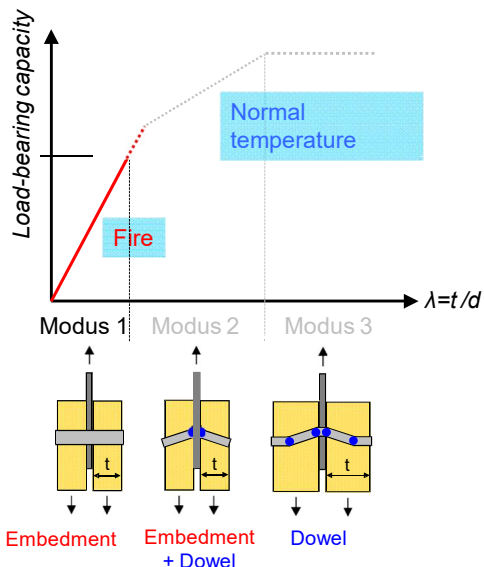
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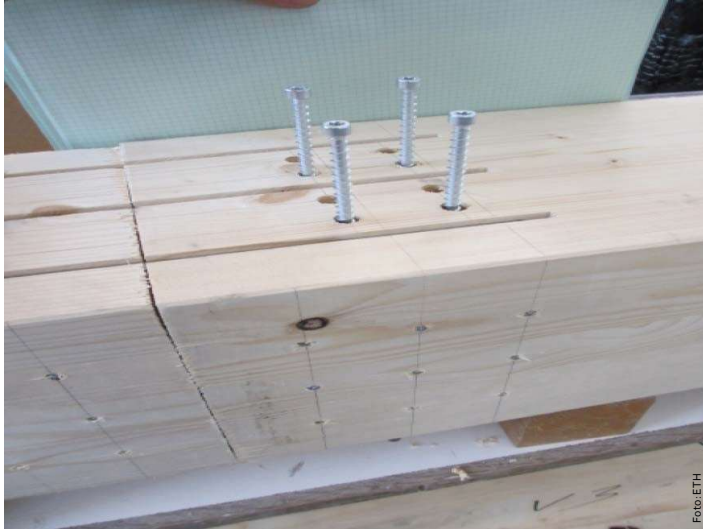
Results of fire tests



Connections failed by embedment failure, i.e. failure mode I according to the Johansen yield model

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Increase of fire resistance of connections?



- Insert fully threaded screws as reinforcement

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Palma, P. (2016). *Fire behaviour of timber connections* (Doctoral dissertation, ETH Zurich).

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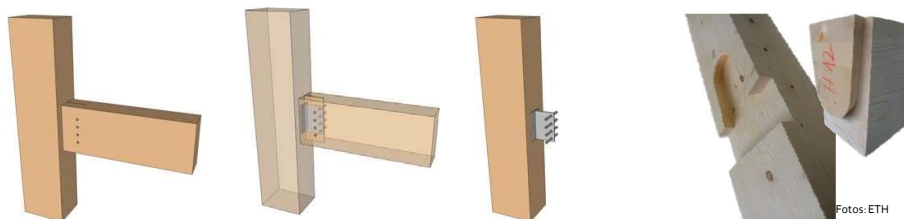


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Beam-to-column shear connections

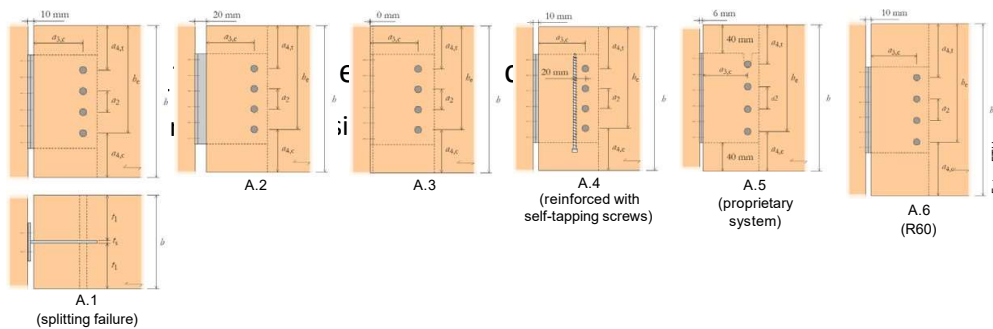
- Tested connection typologies
 - Steel-to-timber dowelled connections
 - Custom and proprietary connection systems
 - Dovetail timber connections



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Beam-to-column shear connections

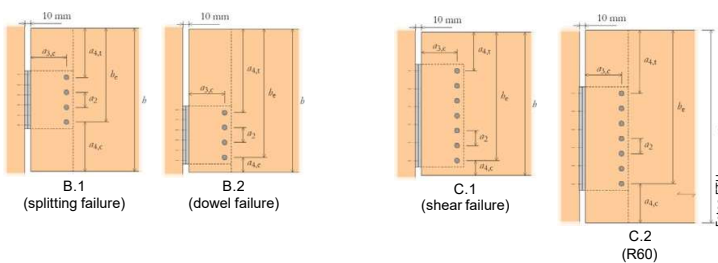
- Steel-to-timber dowelled connections
 - R30 and R60 fire resistances



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Beam-to-column shear connections

- Steel-to-timber dowelled connections
 - R30 and R60 fire resistances
 - Embedment/dowel, splitting and shear failure modes



Beam-to-column shear connections

- Experimental campaigns
 - Tests at normal temperature



Beam-to-column shear connections

- Experimental campaigns
 - Tests at normal temperature

Connection typology	Number of tests	Load-carrying capacity $R_{m,20^{\circ}\text{C}}$ [kN]	Coefficient of variation [%]
A.1	3	52	7
A.4	3	65	3
A.6	3	59	11
B.1	5	32	10
B.2	5	47	7
C.1	3	69	8
C.2	3	89	4

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Beam-to-column shear connections

- Experimental campaigns
 - Fire tests



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Beam-to-column shear connections

- Experimental campaigns

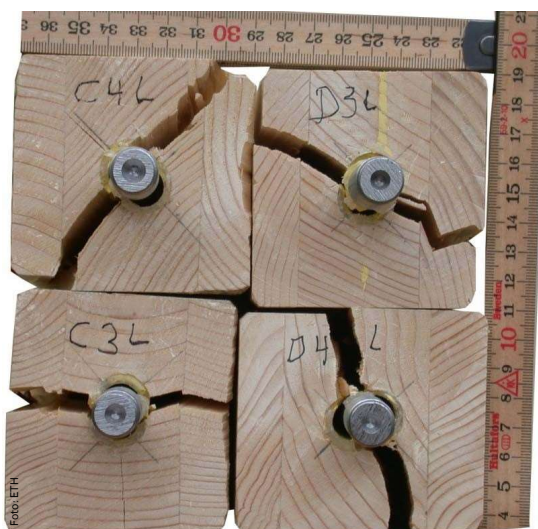
- Fire tests

Connection typology	Number of tests	Fire resistance t_{fi} [kN]	Failure
A.1	1	44	Beam-side
A.2	2	33 ; 34	Column-side
A.3	2	48 ; 47	Beam-side
A.4	1	39	Beam/column
A.5	1	39	Column-side
R6o A.6	2	76 ; 83	Beam/column
B.1	2	49 ; 43	Beam-side
B.2	2	43 ; 45	Beam-side
C.1	2	44 ; 42	Beam/column
R6o C.2	2	78 ; 89	Beam-side

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Connections with glued-in rods



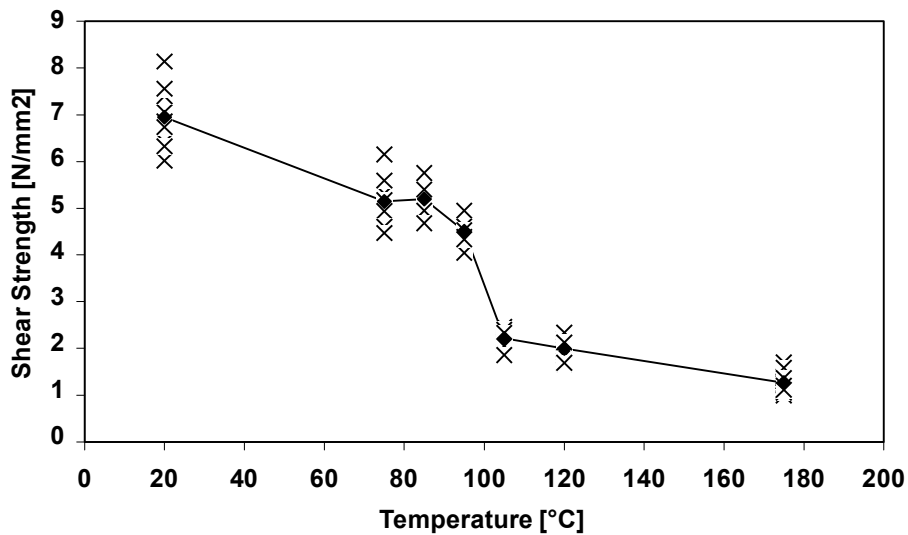
Failure modes

- Steel failure
- Adhesive failure
- Timber failure

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Connections with glued-in rods

Test results: pull-out strength



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Connections with glued-in rods

Failure modes



75°C



85-95°C

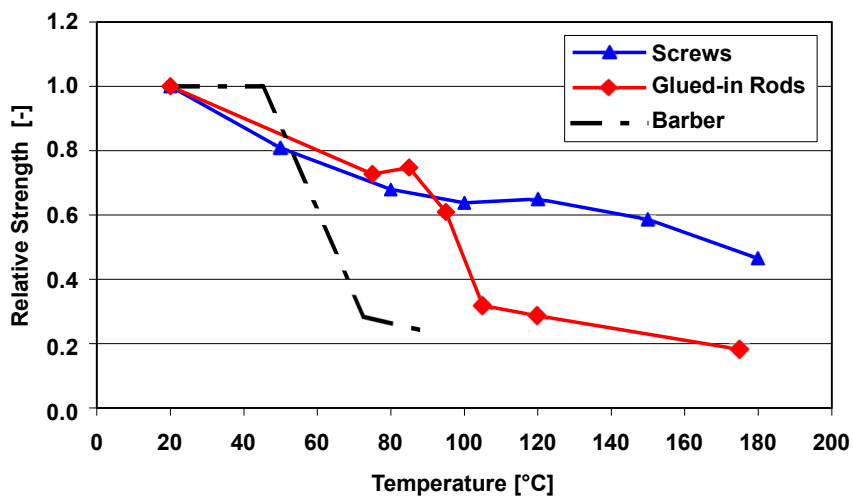


105-175°C

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Test results: pull-out strength



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Fire tests on truss systems with glued in rods connections



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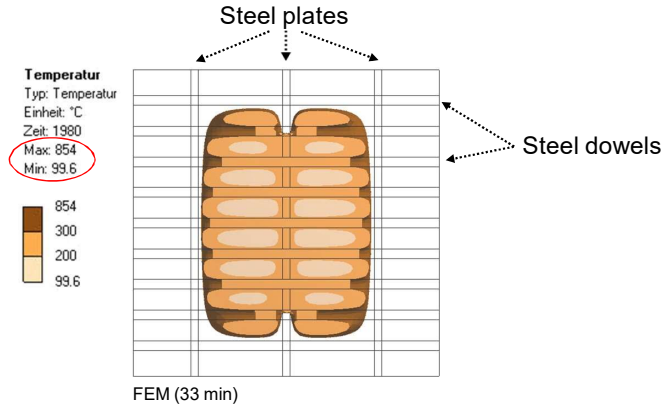
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FE thermal analysis

→ Comparison between FE-thermal analysis and fire test



Connection D01.1 (33 min)

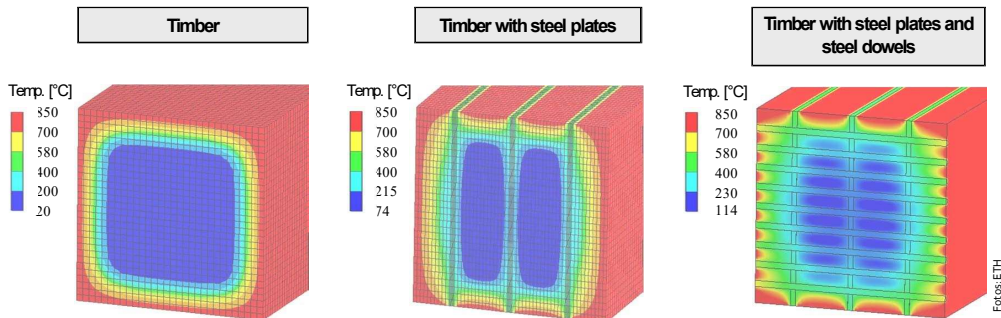


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FE thermal analysis

Charring behaviour

→ Influence of steel plates and steel dowels on charring



C. Erchinger, A. Frangi, M. Fontana: "Fire design of steel-to-timber dowelled connections", *Engineering Structures* 2010; 32: 580–589, DOI: [10.1016/j.engstruct.2009.11.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.engstruct.2009.11.004).

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Fire design of connections: prEN 1995-1-2:2021

Geometric requirements for a specific fire resistance up to 120 min

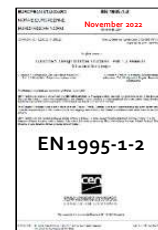
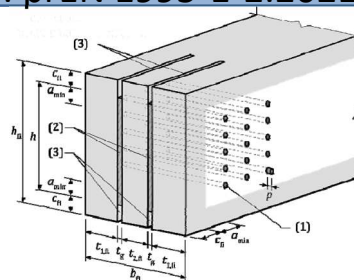


Table 10.4 – Geometric requirements for a specific fire resistance time of steel-to-timber connections with dowels^{a)} and two slotted-in steel plates, in mm

Fire resistance time, t_{fi}	$t_{1,fi}$			a_{fi}
	$\eta_{fi} \leq 0,1$	$\eta_{fi} \leq 0,2$	$\eta_{fi} \leq 0,3$	
30 min	≥ 30	≥ 45	≥ 50	≥ 15
60 min	≥ 60	≥ 75	≥ 80	≥ 50
90 min	≥ 90	≥ 100	≥ 110	≥ 90
120 min	≥ 120	≥ 135	≥ 140	≥ 130

^{a)} The table may be used even if 2 dowels are replaced by 2 bolts (or screws)

Fire design of connections: prEN 1995-1-2:2021

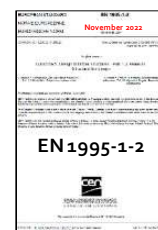
Nails and screws

$$R_{k,fi} = R_k \cdot e^{-k \cdot t_{req}}$$

Dowels and dowels

$$R_{k,fi} = R_k \cdot e^{(-c_1 \cdot t_{req} + c_2 \cdot t_{1,fi} + c_3)}$$

- $R_{k,fi}$ characteristic load-carrying capacity at the required fire resistance time
- R_k characteristic load-carrying capacity at normal temperature
- $c_{i,k}$ coefficients depending on type of fastener and connection
- t_{req} required fire resistance time

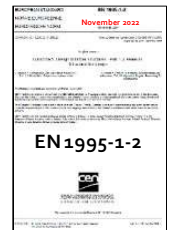


Fire design of connections: prEN 1995-1-2:2021

Methods extended to fire resistance **up to 120 min.**

Connections with timber side members

- minimum fire resistance of initially unprotected timber-to-timber and steel-to-timber connections
- geometric requirements for a specific fire resistance up to 120 min
- **exponential reduction method**



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Agenda / 12:00 - 13:30

- Fire resistance of connections in timber structures
- **Insight in advanced calculations methods of fire resistance of timber structures**
- Case studies of timber building fire design

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Advanced design methods

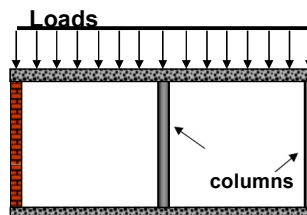
Advanced design methods



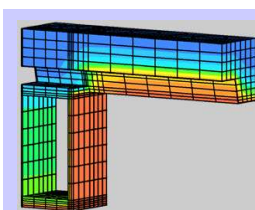
1: Ignition



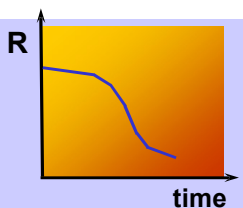
2: Thermal action



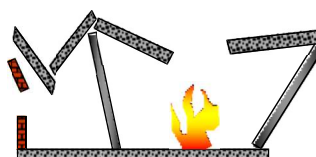
3: Mechanical actions



4: Thermal response



5: Mechanical response

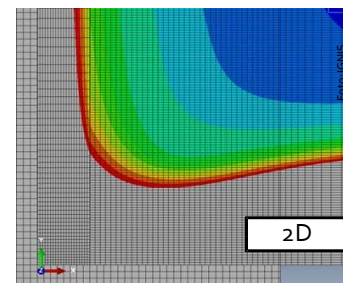


6: Possible collapse

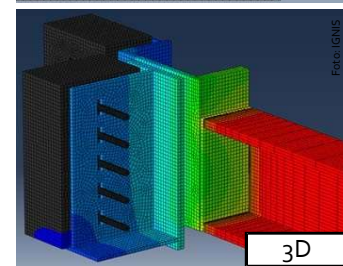
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Advanced design methods: thermal analysis

- FE-program (Abaqus, Ansys, Safir, etc.)
- $\epsilon_{res} = 0.8$; $\alpha_{c,exp} = 25W/m^2K$; $\alpha_{c,unexp} = 4W/m^2K$
- ISO-fire exposure (or parametric fire exposure)
- Density, specific heat and thermal conductivity of different materials as a function of the temperature based on own tests, literature review and calibration to fire tests
- Mass transfer of moisture into or out of timber or gypsum board as well as cracking and ablation indirectly considered using “effective” value of thermal conductivity calibrated to results of fire tests



2D



3D

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Advanced design methods: thermal analysis

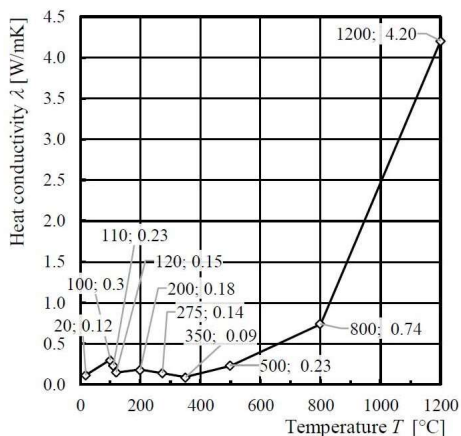


Figure 8.3 – Heat conductivity as function of temperature for timber members and wood-based panels except OSB and plywood.

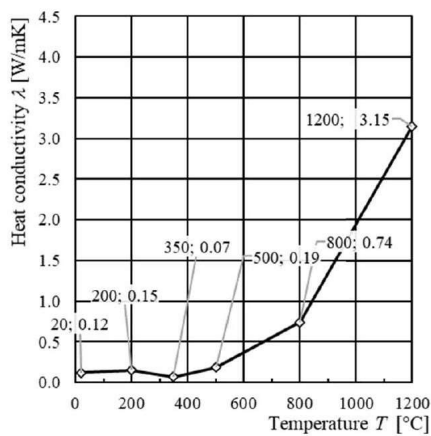
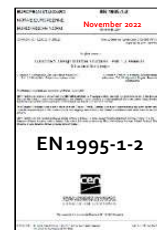


Figure 8.4 – Heat conductivity as function of temperature for OSB and plywood.

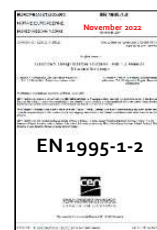


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Advanced design methods: thermal analysis

Table 8.2 - Temperature-dependent thermal properties of gypsum plasterboards and gypsum fibreboards

T [°C]	Gypsum plasterboard			Gypsum fibreboard		
	λ [W/mK]	c [kJ/kgK]	ρ/ρ ₂₀ [-]	λ [W/mK]	c [kJ/kgK]	ρ/ρ ₂₀ [-]
20	0,40	0,96	1,0	0,40	0,96	1,00
70	0,40	0,96	1,0	0,40	0,96	1,00
100	0,27	0,96	1,0	0,27	0,96	1,00
130	0,13	14,9	0,926	0,13	9,17	0,926
140	0,13	25,2	0,902	0,13	17,55	0,902
150	0,13	21,7	0,877	0,13	16,66	0,877
170	0,13	0,96	0,828	0,13	0,96	0,828
600	0,13	0,96	0,827	0,13	0,96	0,827
720	0,33	4,36	0,826	0,39	4,359	0,826
750	0,38	0,96	0,776	0,46	0,96	0,776
1000	0,80	0,96	0,776	1,00	0,96	0,776
1200	2,37	0,96	0,776	2,37	0,96	0,776



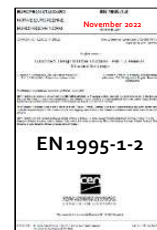
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Advanced design methods: thermal analysis

Table 8.3 – Temperature-dependent thermal properties of batt- or matt-type mineral wool insulation with protection level 1 (PL1) and density more than 26 kg/m³

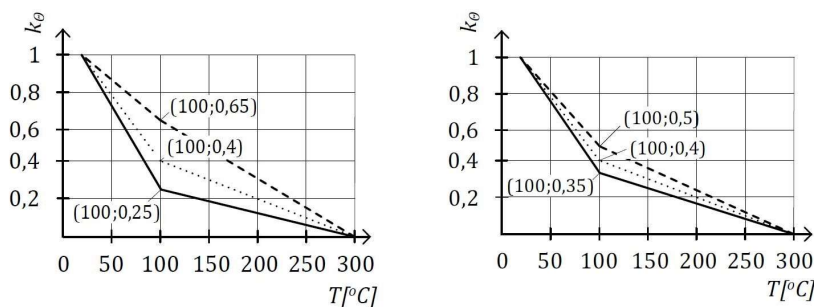
T [°C]	λ_p [W/mK]	c [kJ/kgK]	ρ / ρ_{20} [-]
20	0,036	0,880	1,00
100	0,047	1,040	1,00
200	*	1,160	0,980
400	$0,09 \cdot (11 \cdot e^{-0,05 \cdot \rho_{20}} + 1,9)$	1,280	0,977
600	$0,15 \cdot (11 \cdot e^{-0,05 \cdot \rho_{20}} + 1,9)$	1,355	0,973
800	$0,23 \cdot (11 \cdot e^{-0,05 \cdot \rho_{20}} + 1,9)$	1,430	0,970
925	$0,30 \cdot (11 \cdot e^{-0,05 \cdot \rho_{20}} + 1,9)$	1,477	0,960
1200	$0,45 \cdot (11 \cdot e^{-0,05 \cdot \rho_{20}} + 1,9)$	1,580	0,887

With λ_p density dependent conductivity
*linear interpolation may apply



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Advanced design methods: mechanical analysis



a) strength

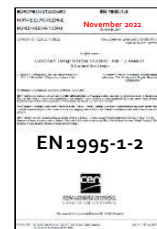
b) stiffness

Key:

- Compression
- - - Tension
- ... Shear
- T Temperature, in °C
- k_θ temperature-dependent reduction factor

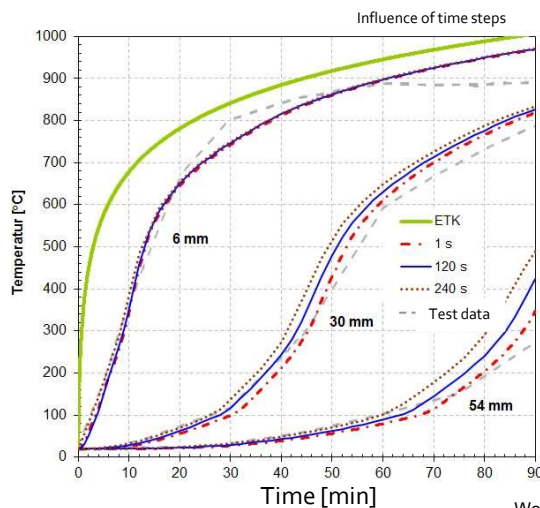
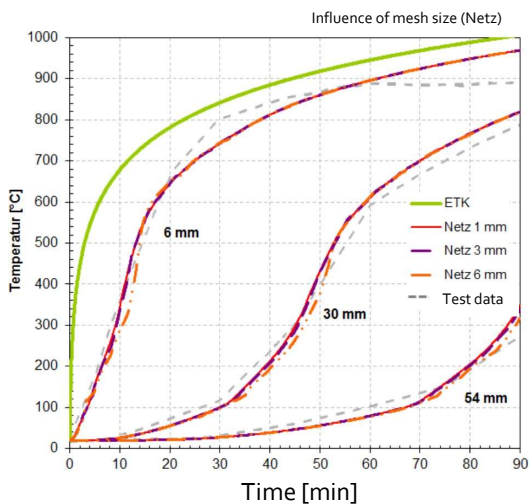
Those values cannot be used for constant elevated temperature design!

Figure 8.5 – Temperature-dependent reduction factor k_θ for strength and stiffness parallel to grain



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Implicit analysis - influence of element sizes and time steps

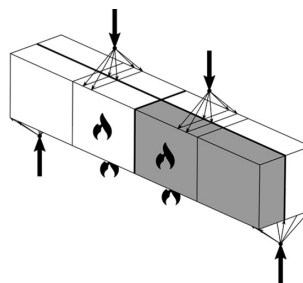


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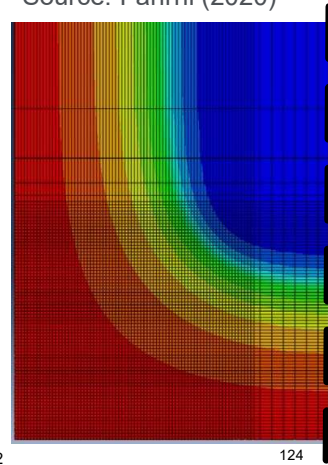
The necessary mesh size also depends on the selected elements!

Modellierung

- Use of symmetrie (if possible)
 - Half or a quarter of the member to be modeled
 - Symmetrie line = adiabatic surface
- Element size
 - Small mesh size in case of steep temperature gradients
 - Rather big mesh size otherwise



Source: Fahrni (2020)



The Adiabatic Surface Temperature is defined as the temperature of a surface which cannot absorb or lose heat to the environment

Effective material properties for timber



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Uniform material properties?

Effective material properties for timber - determination

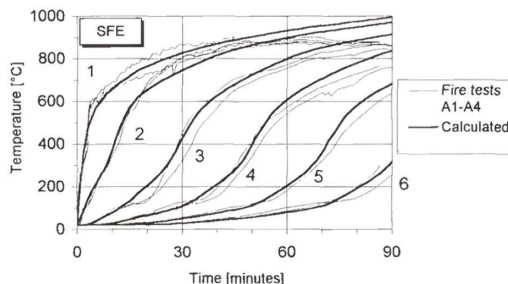
- Measured temperatures at different depths during standard fire exposure (EN/ISO).
- Specific heat capacity and thermal conductivity calibrated as a function of temperature so that the simulated temperatures corresponded to the measured ones

Effective material properties to consider:

- Mass transport (moisture, gases, fly ash, ...)
- Cracks in the char layer
- Charring of timber AND char
- Heat generation (exothermic reactions)

Literature:

- König & Walleij 1999
- König + Källsner 2000
- König 2005

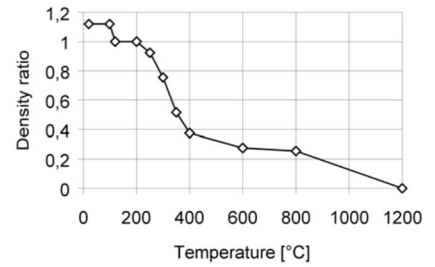
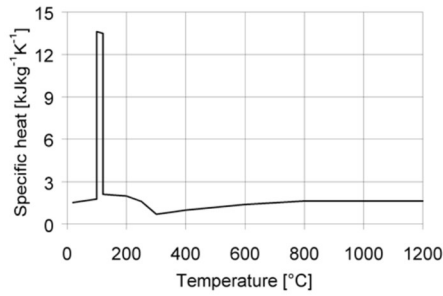
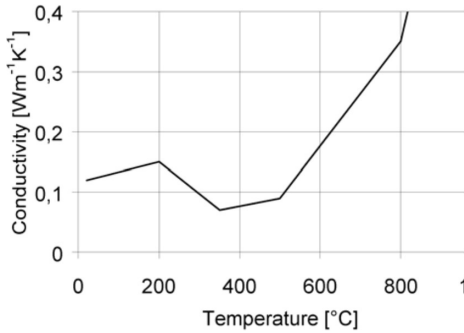


König & Walleij 1999

Figure 3.3: Temperature-time relationships of tests A1-A4: Comparison of fire tests and calculations

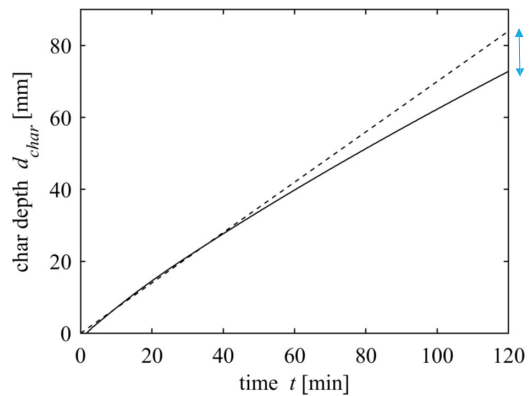
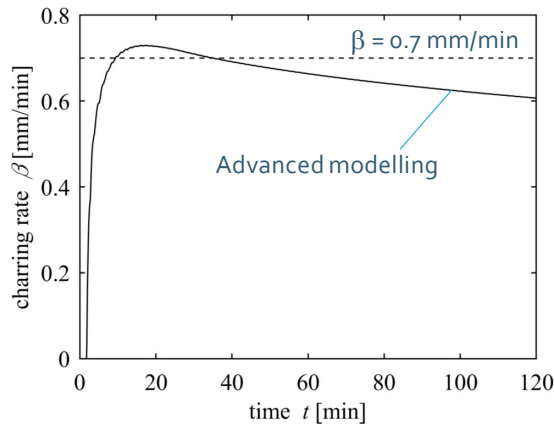
Effective material properties for timber

EN 1995-1-2, Annex B



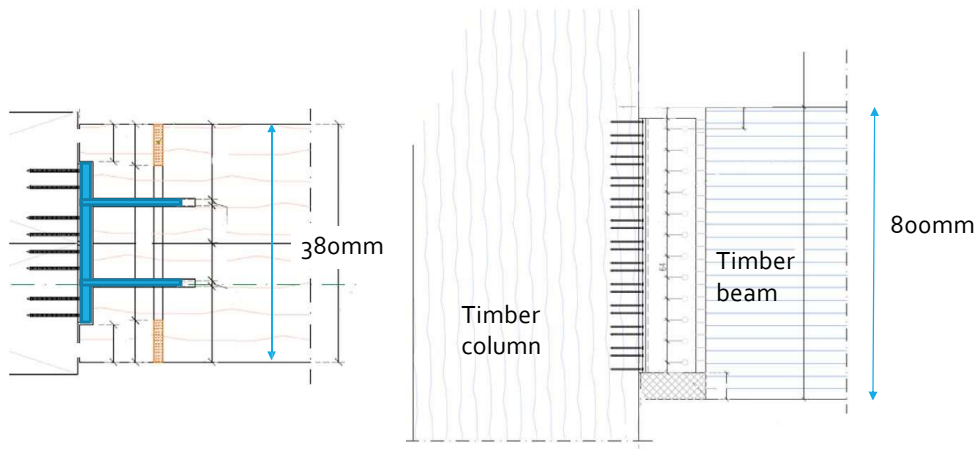
Effective material properties for timber

Comparison between standard value and advanced modelling:



Example: Application of advanced modelling, R

Thermal simulation of connection, R₉₀?

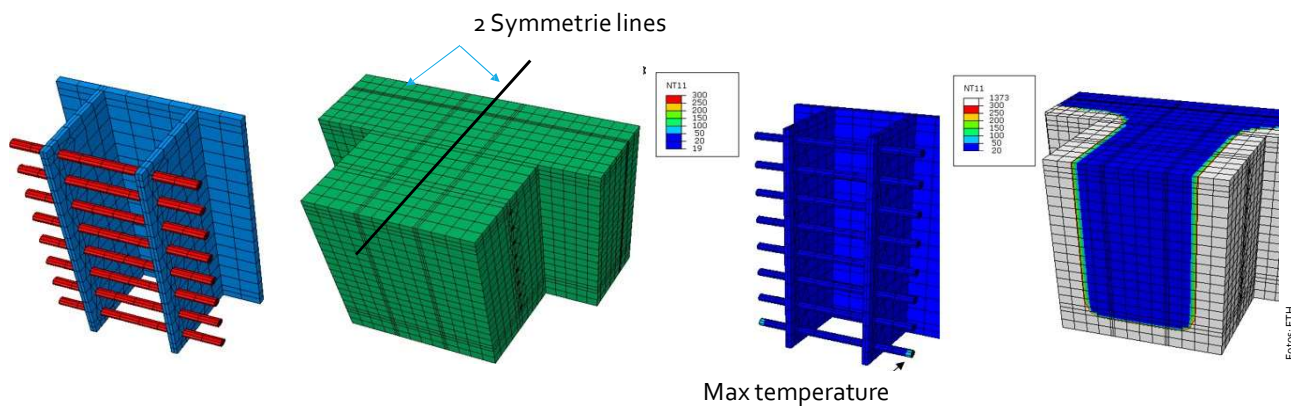


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Example: Application of advanced modelling, R

Thermal simulation of connection, R₉₀?



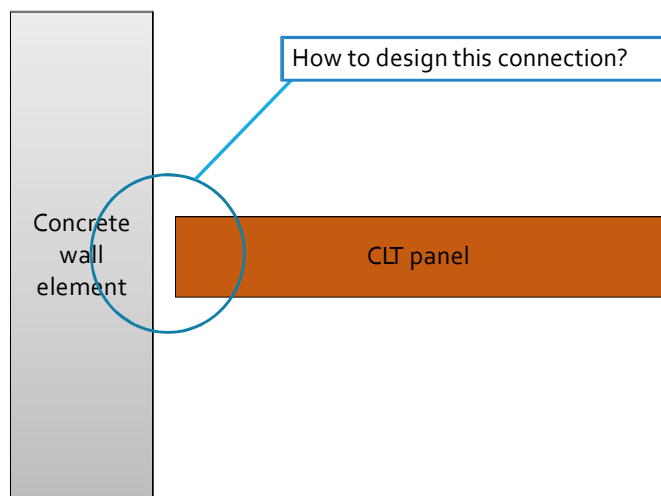
After 90min EN/ISO exposure: Metal parts stay mostly at 20°C in this example

Please note that such an analysis must be done by an experienced engineer with a clear record.

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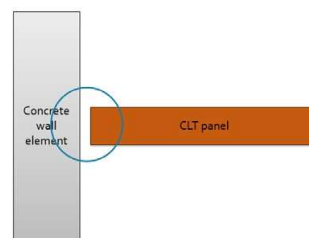
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Example: Design of support, EI and R

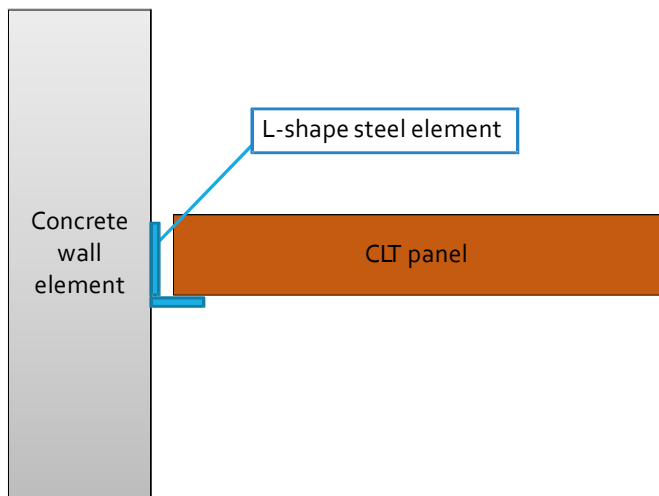


Example: Design of support, EI and R

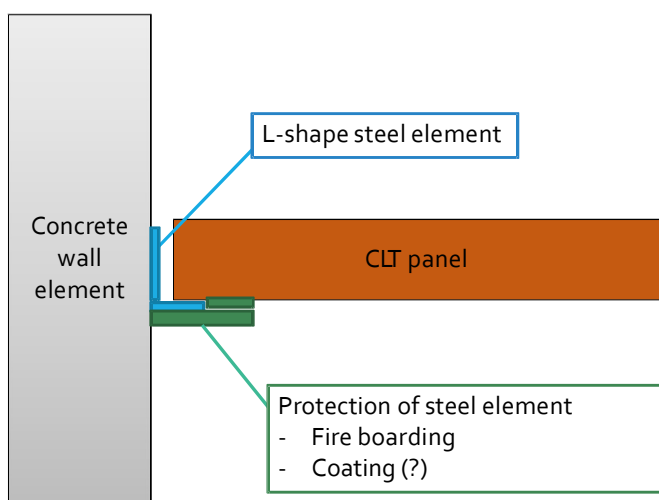
1. What is the fire resistance requirement?
 - Design for EI 60 and R 60 (for fire exposure from both sides!)
(Comment: This depends from country to country; sometimes only design for fire from
2. What does EI 60 mean?
 - Temperature at fire unexposed surface 160°C
3. Which general requirements should be checked?
 - Air-tightness, both sides! Chimney effect must be avoided!
Fire does not know a direction! Radiation in all direction!
 - Voids should be filled with non-combustible material (e.g. rockwool)



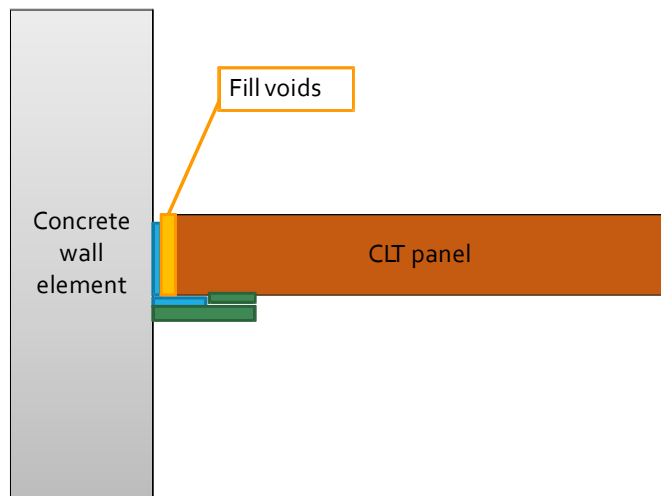
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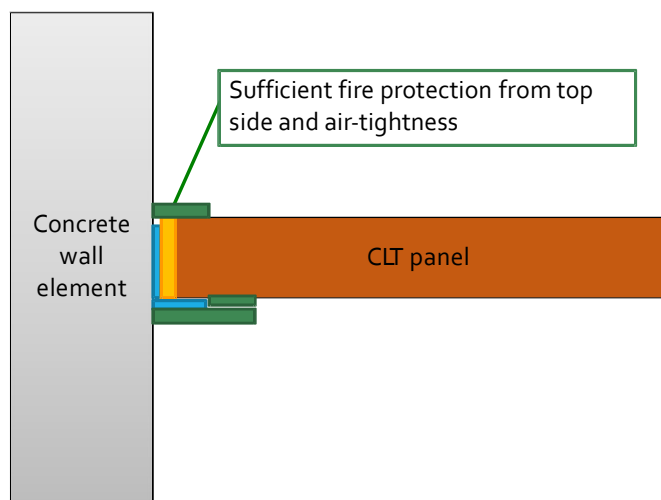
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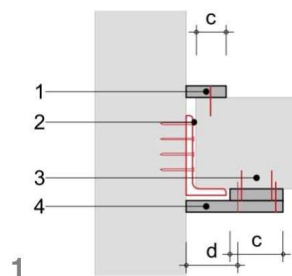
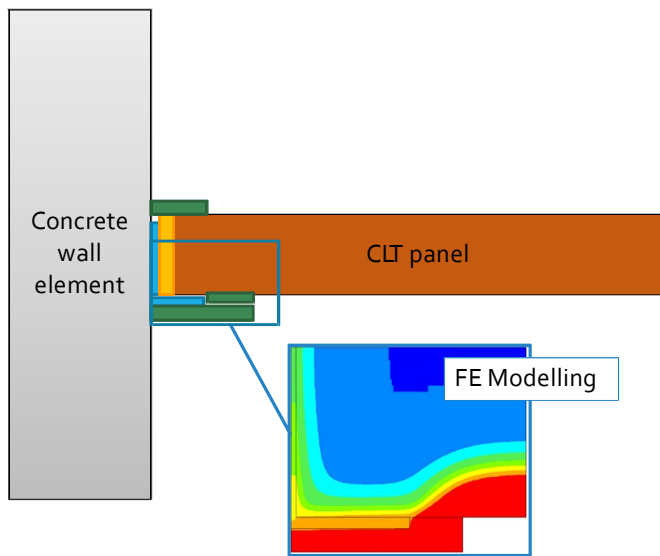
Example: Design of support, EI and R



Example: Design of support, EI and R



Example: Design of support, EI and R



Design according to Lignum documents

- 1 Beplankung beidseitig überlappt oder einseitig oben
 - Feuerverstandsdauer > Feuerverstandsdauer Bauteil
 - Bauteil R 30: BSP 30
 - Bauteil R 60: BSP 60
 - Ist die Beplankung mehrlagig, so ist jede Lage unabhängig ins tragende Bauteil zu befestigen.
 - Mindestauflager auf Holz:
 - Bauteil R 30: c ≥ 40 mm
 - Bauteil R 60: c ≥ 60 mm
 - Bauteil R 90: c ≥ 80 mm
 - 2 Hohlraum zwischen Stahlträger und Decke darf nicht über Brandabschnitte führen
 - 3 Längsfugen in Bauteilebene:
 - Längsfugenbreite ≤ 5 mm im Abstand von min. 200 mm sowie Brettstapelfugen: keine Massnahmen erforderlich
 - Längsfugenbreite > 5 mm: Fugenausbildung gemäss Kap. 4.2.7
 - 4 Beplankung einseitig unten
 - Feuerverstandsdauer > Feuerverstandsdauer Bauteil
 - Bauteil R 30: BSP 30
 - Bauteil R 60: BSP 60
 - Ist die Beplankung mehrlagig, so ist jede Lage unabhängig ins tragende Bauteil zu befestigen.
 - Mindestauflager auf Holz:
 - Bauteil R 30: c ≥ 100 mm
 - Bauteil R 60: c ≥ 120 mm
 - Bauteil R 90: c ≥ 140 mm
 - 5 Bemessung Stahlaufleger für den Lastfall Brand gemäss Norm SIA 263, Stahlbau [16] bzw. Steeldoc, Brandschutz im Stahlbau [20]
- d Maximale Distanz: d ≤ 150 mm; einseitig befestigt
 d ≤ 500 mm; beidseitig befestigt
 Grössere Distanzen unter Berücksichtigung der Ausführungsbestimmungen der Beplankungen

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Lunch break / 13:30 - 14:00



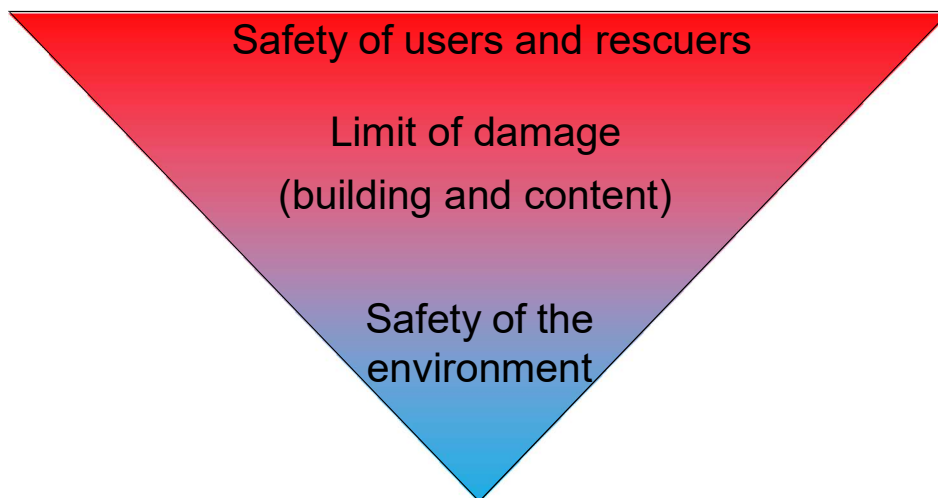
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Agenda 14:00-15:30

- Fire protection strategies in mid-rise and high-rise timber buildings – required fire resistances and combustibility, timber structures additional fire protection, additional measures, etc.
- Fire protection solutions for mid-rise and high-rise timber buildings, examples
- Questions and answers

Fire protection objectives

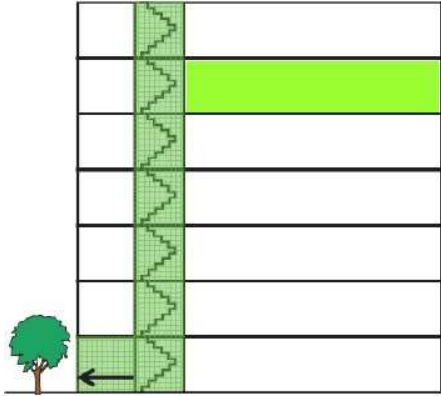
Smoke is the main cause of fire casualties (>80% of casualties).
Casualties due to building collapse are very rare.



Escape routes

Escape routes

Main criteria

- Use and position of building
 - Building geometry
 - Occupancy (number of people)
- 
- Vertical escape route (stairwell): without visible timber
 - Horizontal escape route: Limited visible timber possible?

Escape routes

Escape routes – vertical routes:

Usually in concrete! In Switzerland also possible with timber but encapsulated with (minimum) K₂30 (EN 14135)



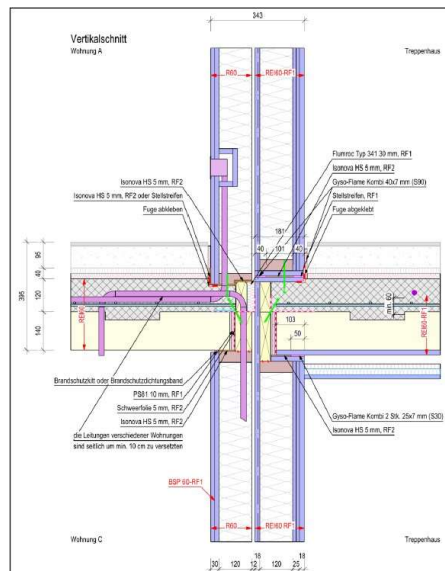
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Escape routes

Escape routes – vertical routes:



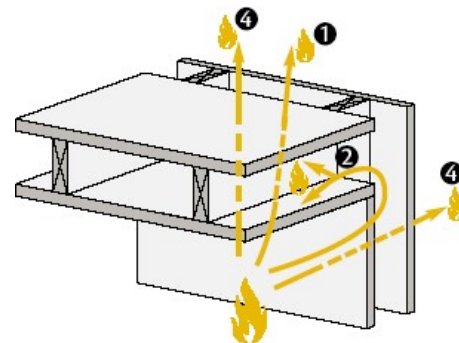
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Quality of construction

- Fire safety plan with all fire safety measures
- Careful planning and detailing
- Professionally implementation of fire safety measures during the execution
- Periodic controls and maintenance
- The intensity of maintenance and controls must be set depending of the type of structures and the type and importance of the building



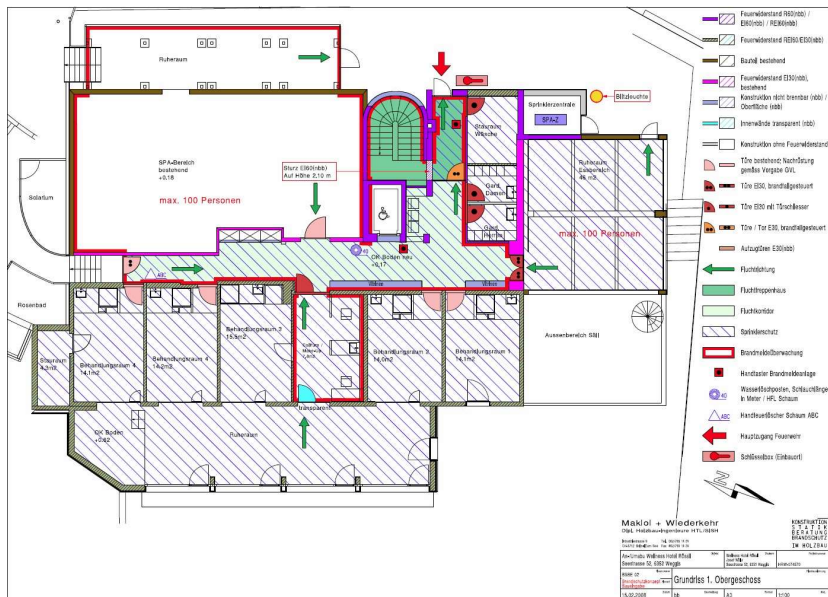
Quality of construction

Fire safety plan

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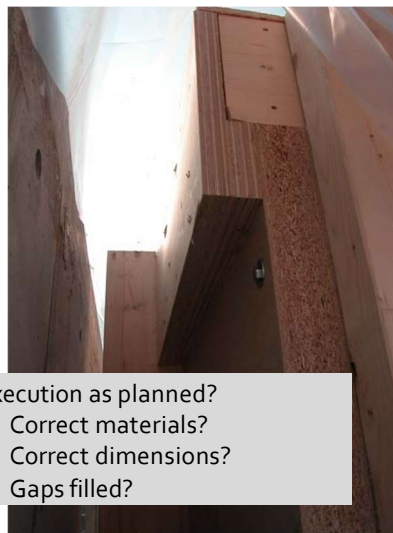
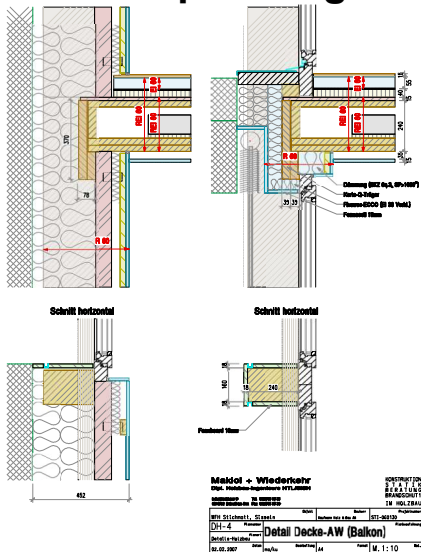
- Compartmentation
- Egress route
- Fire resistance
- Technical fire safety measures
- Etc.

Note: In Switzerland, pictograms and colours are all standardised, which makes it easy to read and understand



Quality of construction

Careful planning and detailing



- Execution as planned?
- Correct materials?
 - Correct dimensions?
 - Gaps filled?

Foto: Wiederkehr

Quality of construction

Careful execution and period controls (in factory and at construction site)



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Quality of construction

Careful execution and period controls (in factory and at construction site)



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Quality of construction

Careful execution and period controls

Vorabzug Protokoll
1. Rohbaukontrolle Brandschutz 13.03.2009

Umbau und Anbau
Wellness Hotel Rössl, 6353 Weggitz

Kontrollpunkt	Bemerkung / Massnahme	betrimt	erledigen bis
4. Sanitärinstallationen			
4.1. Obergeschoss Eingewand Sanitärinstallationen	Die Übergänge der Sanitärabstränge im Bereich der Korridore sind brandschutztechnisch zu definieren. Eingewandungen von brenntoleranten Sanitärleitungen, die nicht in einem Isolationsanschacht verlaufen, müssen im Bereich der Brandschutzabschlüsse mit Decken mit Brandschutzmatten abgedichtet werden. Nach Möglichkeit die bestehenden Querschnitte der Sanitärleitungen aus Glas zu lassen. Mit Brandschutzmatten abgedichten. Die detaillierte Ausführung ist in Absprache mit der DVL festzulegen. MN soll das Installationskonzept bis zur Vorfertigung zu	nach Baufortschritt	
5. Zimmertüren / Türeinschläge			
5.1. Zimmertüre	Die bestehenden Zimmertüren können wiederverwendet werden. Es sind schwerentflammere Gummidichtungen vor einer geplanten Türe-EG anzubringen. Tüschlopp montieren die Türen und die Dichtungen. Die Schliessvorrichtung mit dem Drehknopf auf der Zimmenseite wird beibehalten.	MN / RW	
5.2. Türeingang / Anschlag	Die Verkleidung (EG) wird in der Leihung (Pflaster und Stütz) herangezogen (siehe Zeichnung). Die Türe wird mit einem Keramikdichtungsband an die Verkleidung angebracht und von Fach für einstrukt.	RW	

Mess + Wiederkehr

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Protokoll
4. Rohbaukontrolle Brandschutz 29.04.2009

Umbau und Anbau
Wellness Hotel Rössl, 6353 Weggitz

Kontrollpunkt	Bemerkung / Massnahme	betrimt	erledigen bis
2.7. Gebelrohr 4. OG im Korridor		MN / MO / RW	nach Bauvortau
2.8. Durchdringungen von Leitungen in brandschutzschichtbildenden Bauteilen.	Vor der Montage der heruntergelängten Decken müssen alle Leitungen und Kabel mittels Befestigungen durchdringen sauber abgespachtelt oder mit Brandschutzsilikon abgedichtet werden.   	MN / RW	

Mess + Wiederkehr

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Relevant information:

- Description and documentation of detail
- Description of what is wrong
- Responsible person
- Date until it must be improved

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The three key pillars: Education & Experience & Guidance documents

Fire safe timber buildings

Education

- Courses at universities for students
- Advanced studies programs for engineers in practise
- Local conferences
- Etc.



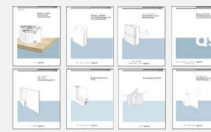
Experience

- Case study buildings and demonstrators
- Experienced engineers and craftsman
- Learn from experts from abroad that might have more experience

Learn from each other

Guidance documents

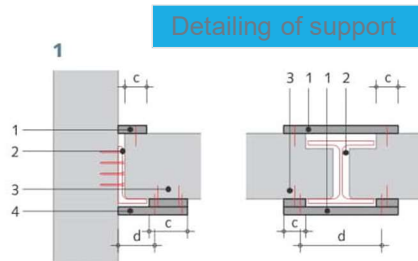
- Standardisation and standardised details
- Guidance documents for engineers for the design
- Establish common understanding within main stakeholder groups



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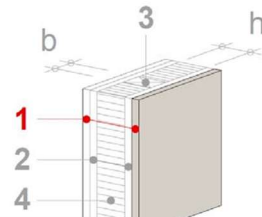
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Guidance documents: Lignum documentation



Detailing of support

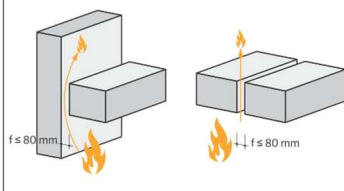
Variante	E1*	E2**	F	G
1) Beplankung 1				
Mineralfaserdämmung				
Span, Faserplatte	= 18	18	25	
OSB-Platte, Furnierwerkstoffe	= 14	15	20	
Gipsplatte	= 18	18	25	
Gipsfasern, Gipsplatte Typ F	= 12,5	12,5	15	
				12,5
2) Beplankung 2				
Massivholzplatte	27	15	24	18
Span, Faserplatte	22	14	18	15
OSB-Platte, Furnierwerkstoffe	27	15	24	18
Gipsplatte	18	9,5	15	12,5
Gipsfasern, Gipsplatte Typ F	15	10	12,5	10
3) Ständer				
Vollholz, Brettstschholz (b x h)	40x140	40x100	40x100	
4) Hohlraumdämmung				
Mineralfaserdämmung				



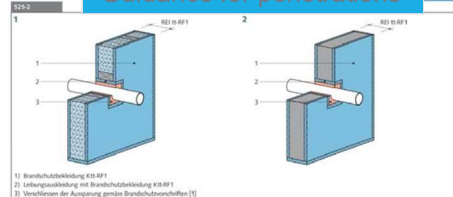
Standardisation of layups and design

...einer Seite „nicht Gipsplatte 12.5 mm

Detailing of joints and gaps

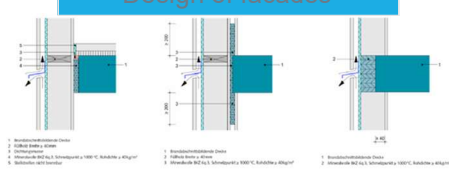


Guidance for penetrations



- 1) Brandschutzdekoration K18-RF1
- 2) Luftraumdämmung mit Brandschutzabschließung K18-RF1
- 3) Verschluss der Aussparung gemäß Brandschutzvorschriften [1]

Design of facades



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Guidance documents: dataholz.eu

dataholz.eu/en.htm

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Building materials

- Beams, columns
- Particle composites
- Fibre composites
- Laminates
- Planed wood
- Wood flooring and parquet

Insulation

- Lining materials
- Foils/Barriers/Membranes
- Facade solutions

Building components

- External wall
- Internal wall
- Compartment wall
- Intermediate floor
- Floor towards attic
- Pitched roof
- Flat roof

Component connections

The component connections are currently being revised and will be available soon.

Case studies

Technical brochures, literature (currently only in German)

dataholz.eu – Catalogue of wood and wood-based materials, building materials, components and component connections for timber construction covering thermal, acoustic, fire and ecological performance levels, released by accredited testing institutes. These datasheets will generally be accepted as proofs of compliance by building authorities.

News

Seminar:
More information about the different program and registration can be found >>> [here](#)

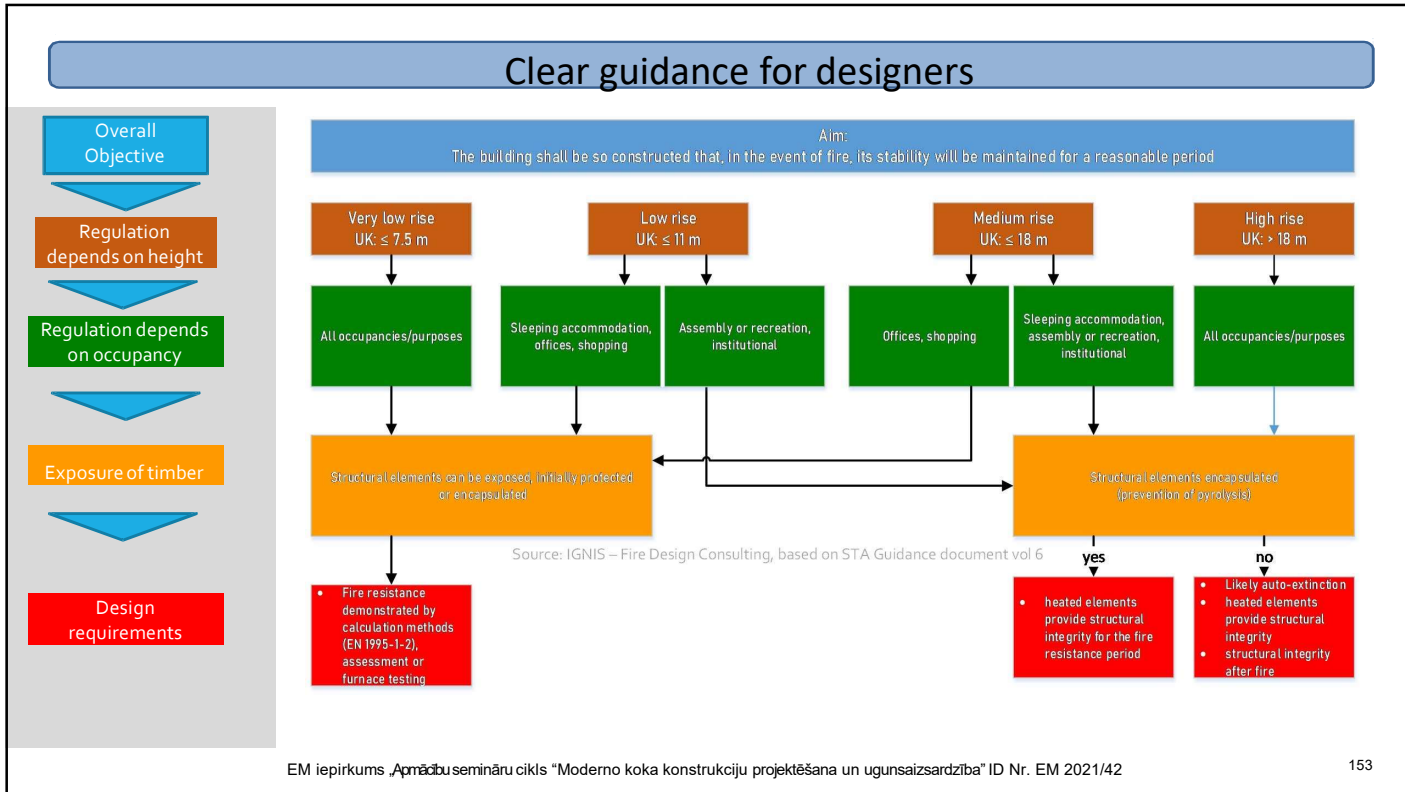
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Developed based on

- Fire resistance testing
- Recognised design models (e.g. EN 1995-1-2)

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Regulations in Switzerland

From 1.1.2005



From 1.1.2015



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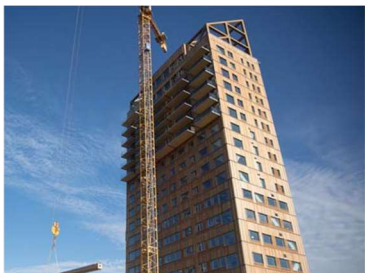
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Current tendencies

...to build tall timber buildings

&

... more visible (exposed) timber



<https://www.pinterest.at/pin/74027937611839615/>



<https://continuingeducation.bnppmedia.com/>

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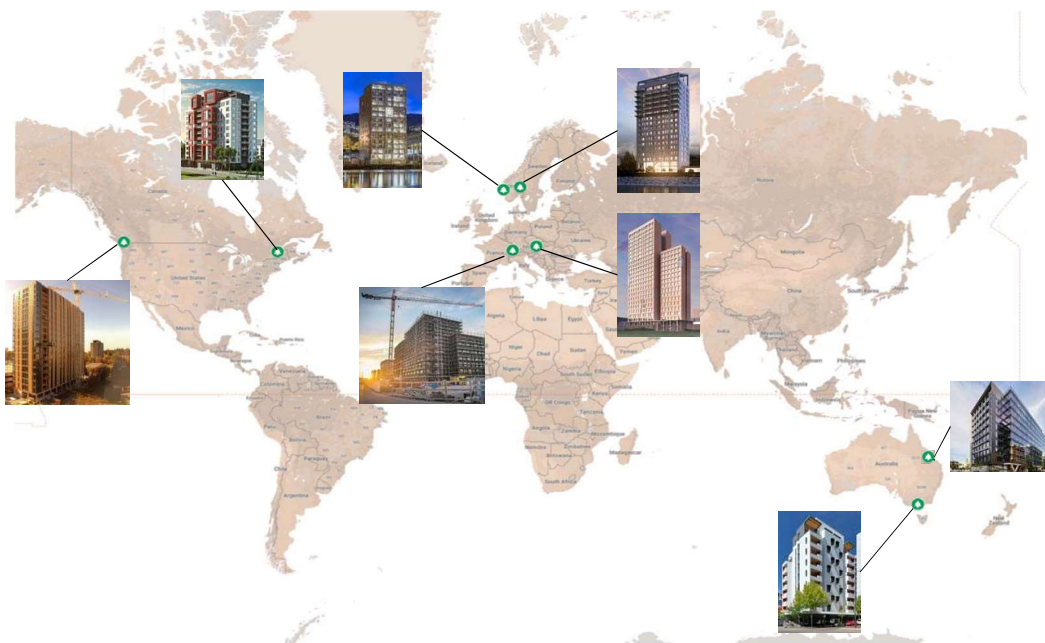
The design challenge

- The Architect wants slender wood elements, all exposed
- The Fire Engineer wants massive wood elements, mostly hidden

What is the solution?

- It depends on the building height and use
- Critical elements need special protection
- How do we codify this?

Selection of timber high-rise timber buildings / overview



Selection of timber high-rise timber buildings / overview



Holz 8, Bad Aibling, [5]



Carbon 12, Portland, [1]



Forté, Melbourne, [4]



Skaio, Heilbronn, [8]



Suurstoffi S22, Rotkreuz, [3]



Origine, Québec City, [10]



Treet, Bergen, [9]



Brock Commons, Vancouver, [7]



HoHo, Wien, [2]

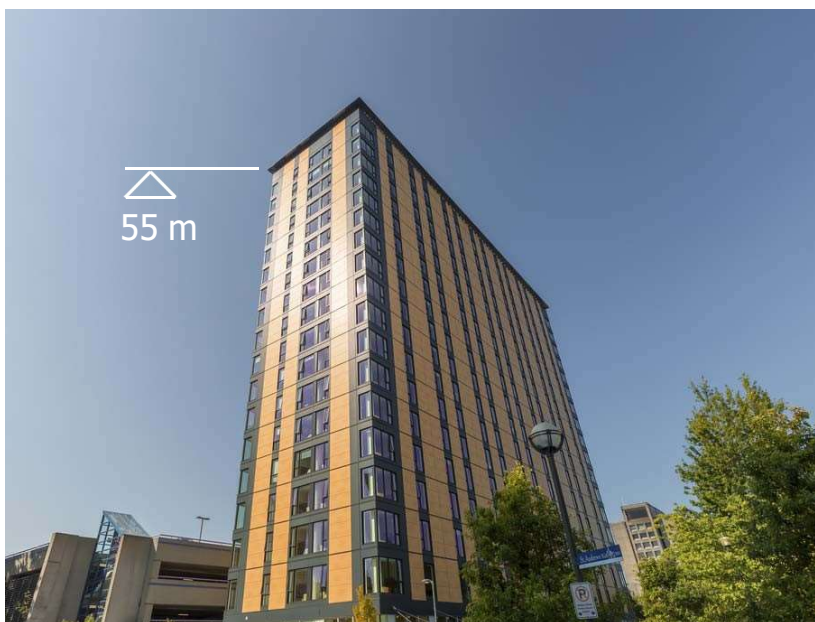


Mjestårnet, Brumunddal, [6]

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UBC Brock Commons, Vancouver (Canada)



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Suurstoffi BF1, Risch Rotkreuz (Switzerland)

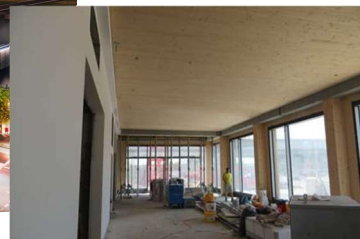
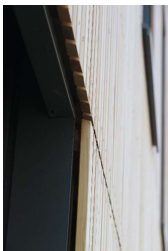
Statical system: single span beams



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HoHo Vienna, Austria



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Haut, Amsterdam, The Netherlands



Source: <http://www.skyscrapercenter.com/building/haut/26753>

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Ascent, Milwaukee, USA

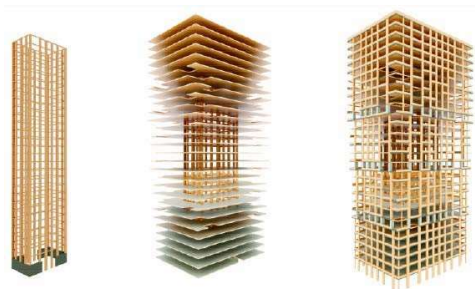


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Project Pi, Zug, Switzerland



<https://techclusterzug.ch/technologiecluster-zug/projektpi>



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Tall timber buildings

- Severity of design fires
- Contribution of timber to the fire load
- Charring rate of wood as a function of fire exposure
- Self-extinguishment of charred wood
- Fire performance of encapsulated timber
- Dangers of combustible facade claddings
- Effect of different combinations of passive and active fire protection
- Quantitative risk assessment, to include all these items
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River Beech Tower (228m), Chicago, USA

<http://www.skyscrapercenter.com/building/river-beech-tower/27372>

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Mjøstårnet, Norway



Source: Moelven Limtre AS; 2019

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Mjøstårnet, Norway

- **General information**
 - Height: 85.4 m (18 stories)
 - Mixed use (office, residential, restaurant,...)
- **Fire safety design**
 - Structural system: stiff frames and truss system
 - Primary structure: R120, secondary structure: R90
 - Sprinklers and fire alarm
 - Three elevators, one of them is dedicated for fire
 - Two staircases, one is for emergencies only, with gypsum cladding
 - Wood is visible throughout the building (also at the façade), but surfaces are fire painted in emergency routes and common areas
- **Robustness elements considered in the design**



Source: Agnese Bifulco

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Mjøstårnet, Norway

The design team of this building give the following information about robustness:

Robustness:

Structures should be designed to have an adequate level of robustness. This is a recommendation and not a requirement.

In Mjøstårnet, they have made provisions to make the building more robust:

1. The structure is designed to sustain the loss of the horizontal stiffness of one timber floor.
2. It can also carry the impact load of a timber deck falling down on the floor below.
3. You can remove a random diagonal without getting collapse
4. A fire cell can burn out without total collapse
5. Glulam columns are very big. Probability of column failure smaller

The topic robustness

... in context of more and more complex and tall buildings



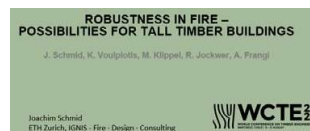
Image: Matt Hughes



Image: Woschitz Group



Image: PLP



Failure in fire → **limited damage** should be verified / investigated

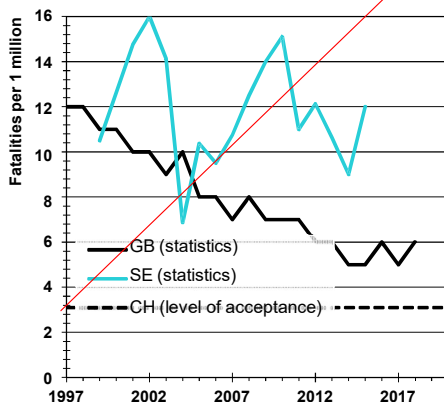
Slides about Robustness, see Schmid et al. paper at WCTE 2021

The topic robustness

Safety management:

Safety is the state of being "safe", the condition of being protected from harm or other non-desirable outcomes.

Safety refers to the control of recognized hazards to achieve an acceptable level of risk.



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The topic robustness

Mathematical formulation of robustness [Starossek et al. 2010]



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathbf{P(C)} & = & \mathbf{P(E)} & \times & \mathbf{P(D|E)} & \times & \mathbf{P(C|D)} \\
 \text{Probability of} & & \text{Exposure} & & \text{Vulnerability} & & \text{(Complement of)} \\
 \text{Disproportionate} & & & & & & \text{Robustness} \\
 \text{Collapse} & & & & & &
 \end{array}$$

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The topic robustness

Fire Design Elements: Idea, concept and measures

The diagram illustrates the components of fire safety design. At the top is the title 'Fire Safety'. Below it is a structure with three pillars representing 'Structural Fire Safety', 'Technical measures', and 'Operational measures'. The base of this structure is labeled 'Fire Safety Idea'. Surrounding this central structure are various images and documents related to fire safety: smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, a fire alarm control panel, a fire door, a fire escape, a fire truck, a fire safety plan, a fire safety sign, and a fire safety certificate. The certificate is dated November 2022 and mentions EN 1995-1-2. The fire truck is labeled 'Rossmann' and '173'. The fire safety sign is labeled 'WorkDirect'.

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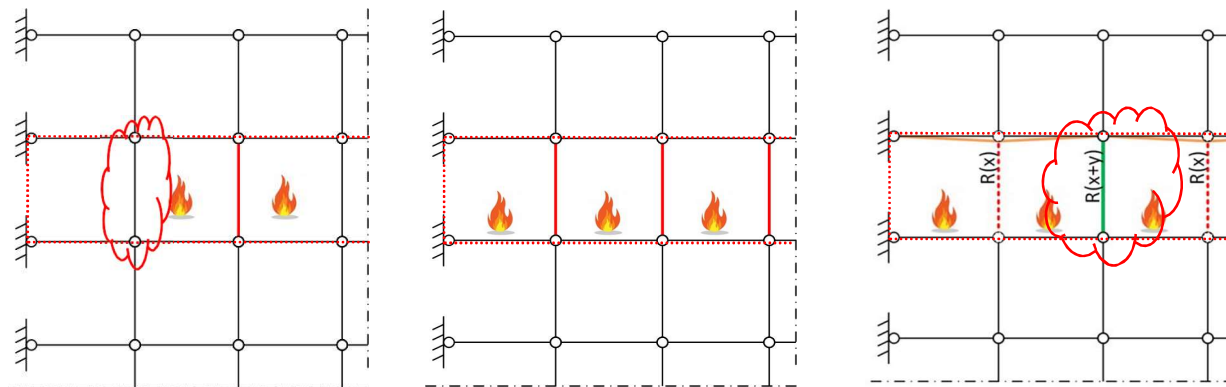
The topic robustness

- 1) by avoiding critical events;
Reduce risk of flashover → sprinkler systems,
- 2) by dimensioning of individual components;
Over-dimensioning of fire boarding or additional depth
- 3) by enabling alternative load paths;
as at normal temperature. But: correlated failure modes!
- 4) by the reduction of the consequences.
Enhanced evacuation; compartmentation.

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The topic robustness

Example – structural elements:



correlated failure expected!

The topic robustness

Example – fire design:



1. What if smoke detector doesn't work? → multi-channel, several circuits
2. What if sprinkler pipe is blocked? → reductant feeding, zones
3. What if FB is not able to reach the fire? → further scenarios
4. What if the exit is blocked? → several exit scenarios
5. What if the encapsulation/lining fails? → parameter study, robustness
6. What if the sprinklers don't work at all? → design for R+, burnout
7. What if the fire spreads faster on ceilings? → compartmentation

Suurstoffi S22, Switzerland

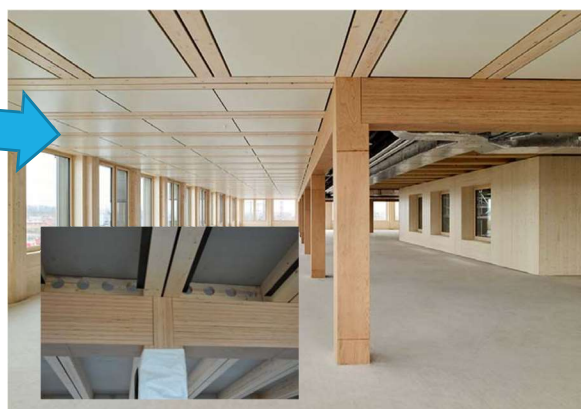
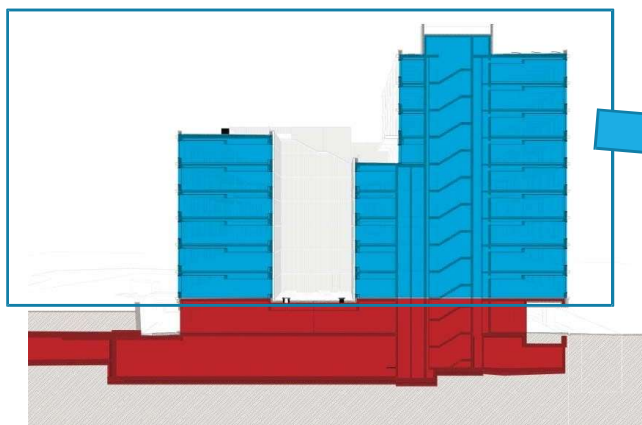


Slides about Suurstoffi S22 from COST ACTION FP 1404 final conference event by R. Wiederkehr, adopted for this presentation

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Suurstoffi S22, Switzerland



- Basement and lift shafts in concrete,
- Timber as load bearing structure

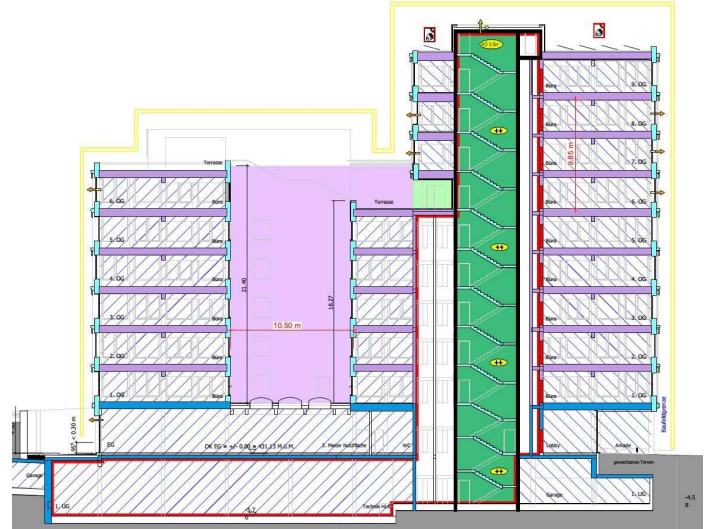
- Floor elements: Concrete-timber composite
- Timber columns and beams (hard- and softwood)

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Suurstoffi S22, Switzerland

- Building is equipped with sprinkler (Technical - Standard concept)
- Core basement to 9th floor
REI 90 (non-combustible)
- Basement and 1st floor
R 60 (non-combustible)
REI 60 (non-combustible)
- 1. – 9. floor R 60
REI 60
Timber construction
- Outer wall: non-combustible

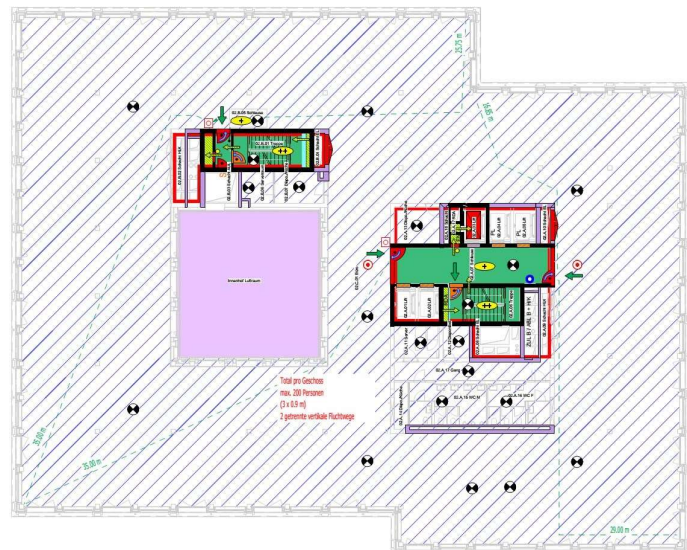


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- Overall building implemented as a high-rise building
- Sprinkler system as full protection
- Fire alarm system as partial monitoring | Single smoke detector in front of lock
- Safety staircases with smoke protection pressure system | Outflow via shafts
- Floor area 1'500m²

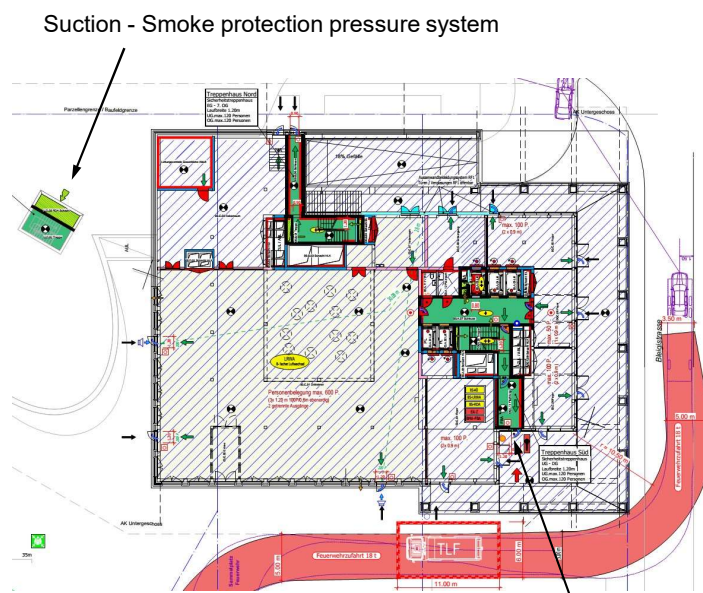


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- Main access fire brigade Staircase South
- Use of 1st floor not yet defined | LRWA would be provided
- Outboard vertical escape route from parking | Intake point smoke protection pressure system



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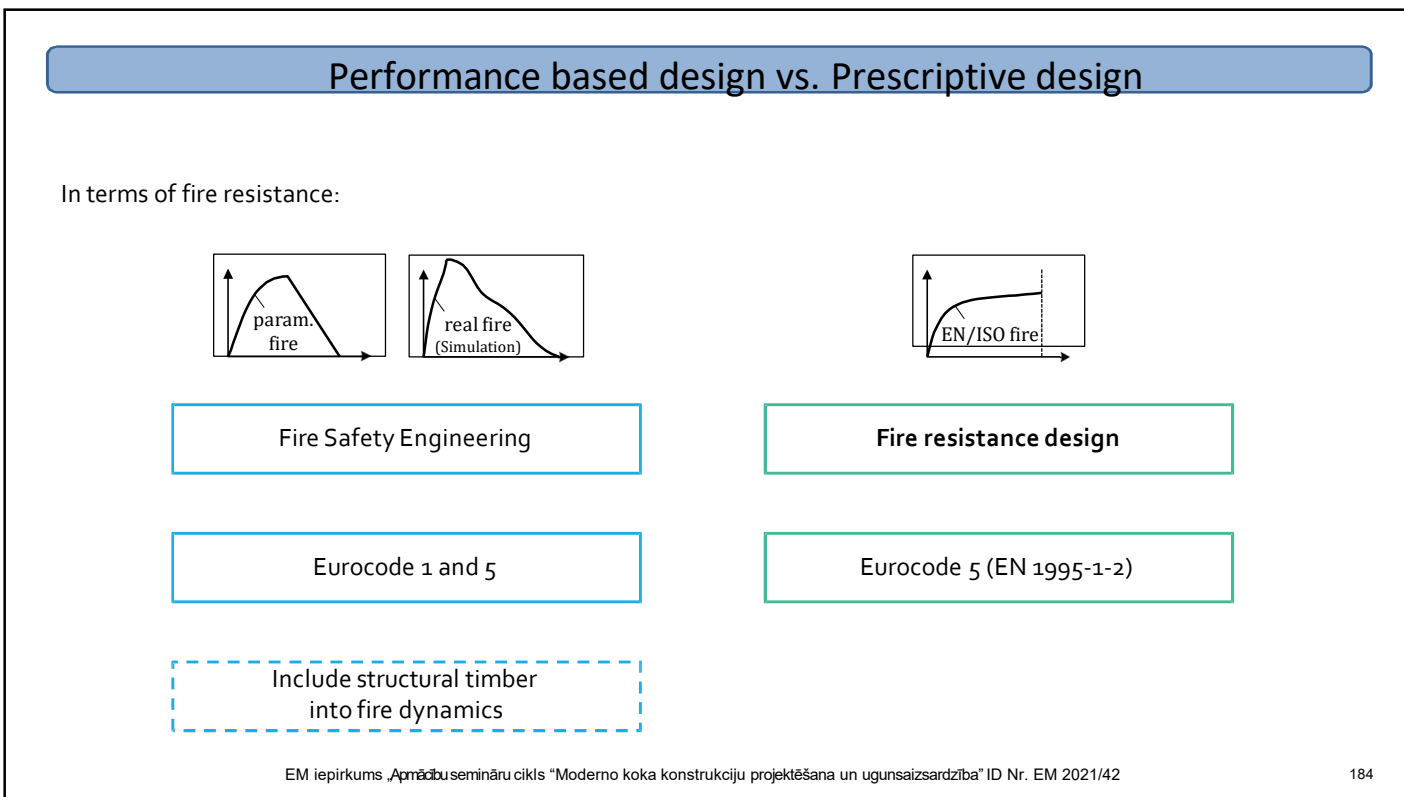
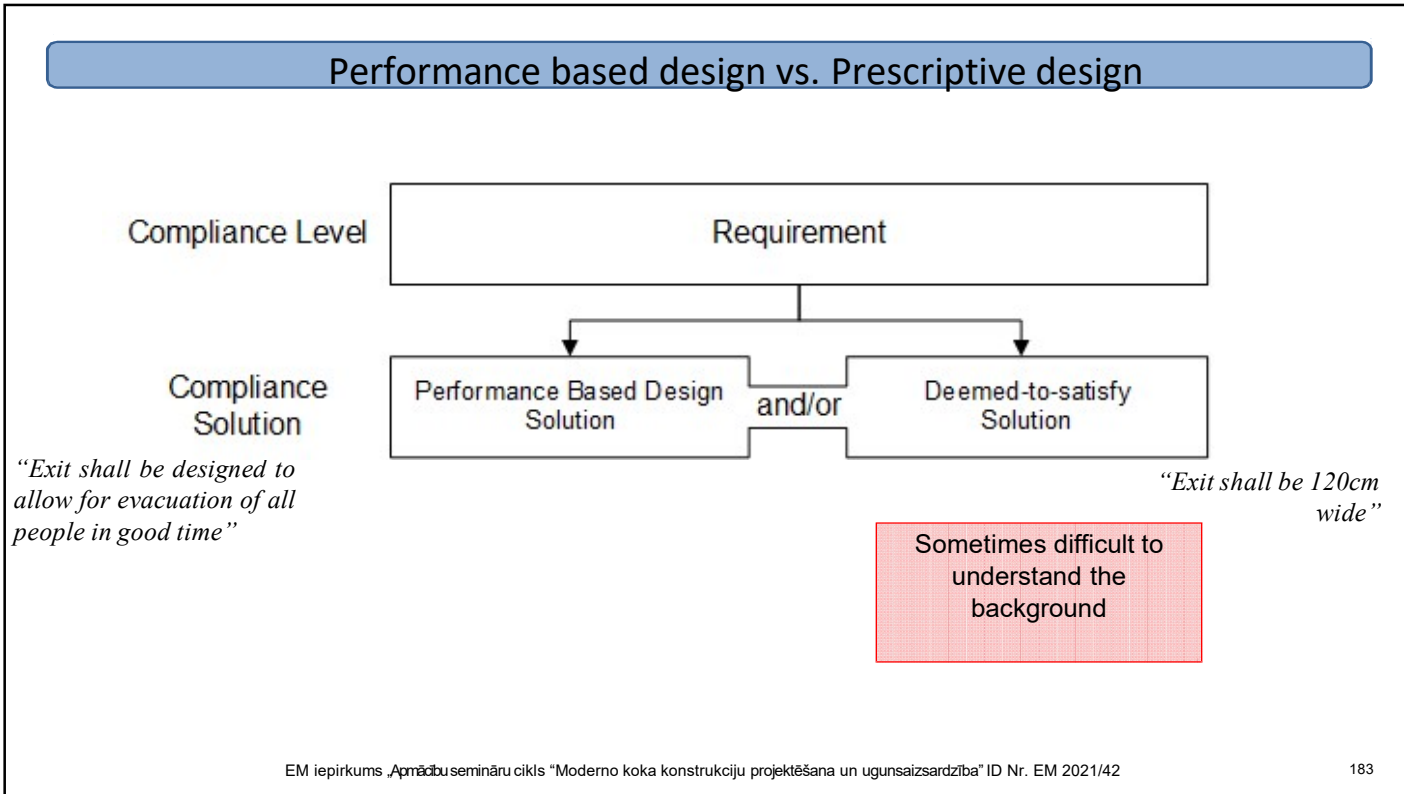
Main access fire brigade 181

Some key questions to audience

- What is needed to build high-rise timber buildings?
- How much timber can be left visible/exposed in high-rise timber buildings?
- In which parts of the buildings can timber left visible/exposed?
- Which aspects are important for the design of the facade to consider?

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Performance based design vs. Prescriptive design

→ Clear difference between combustible surfaces and non-combustible surfaces in fire room

Both pictures were taken after 7 minutes of testing:



Combustible surface in fire room



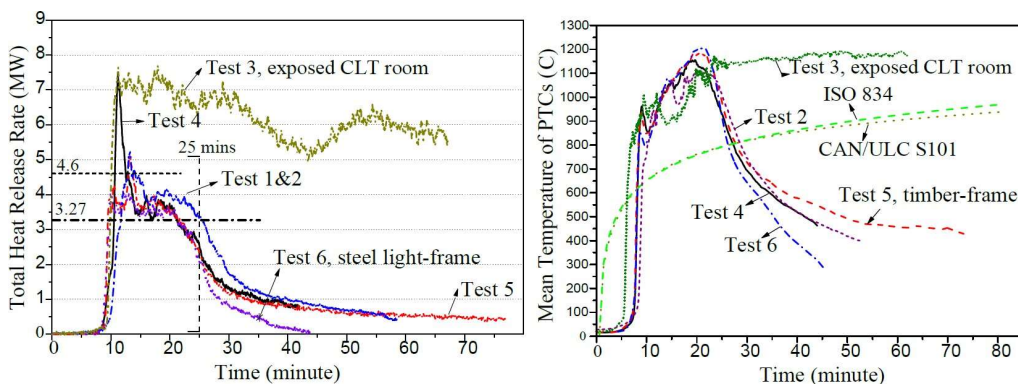
Non combustible surface in fire room

For complex/high buildings: Fire Safety Engineering and design for burnout essential!

Influence of combustible surfaces

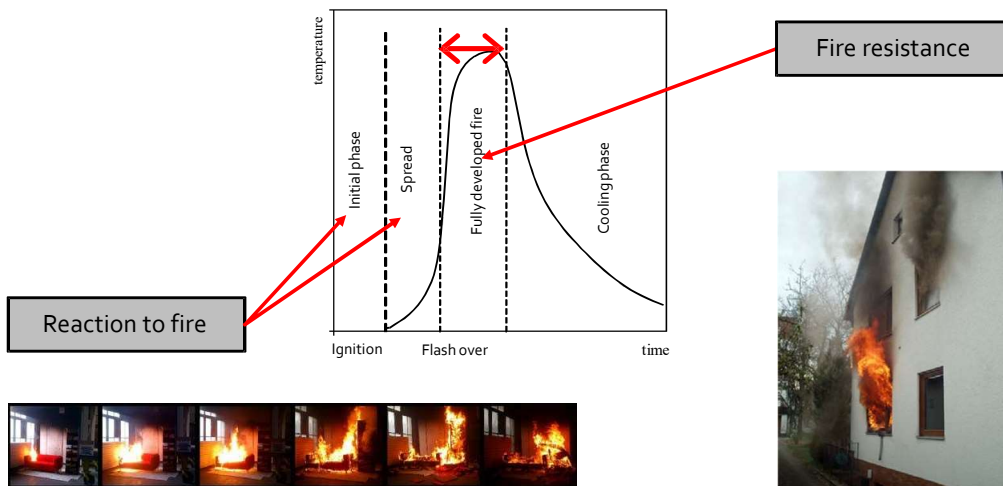
Recently many compartment fire tests

- CLT Compartment Fire Tests 2012, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada
- CLT Compartment Fire Tests 2016, Arup and University of Edinburgh, UK
- CLT Compartment Fire Tests 2017, NFPA Fire Protection Research Foundation
- CLT two-story, full-scale fire tests 2017, ForestProducts Laboratory (FPL), American Wood Council (AWC), U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)



CLT Compartment Fire Tests 2012, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

Performance based design vs. Prescriptive design



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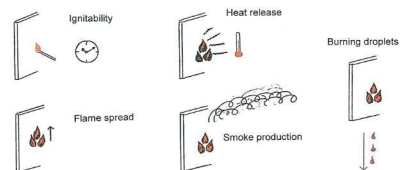
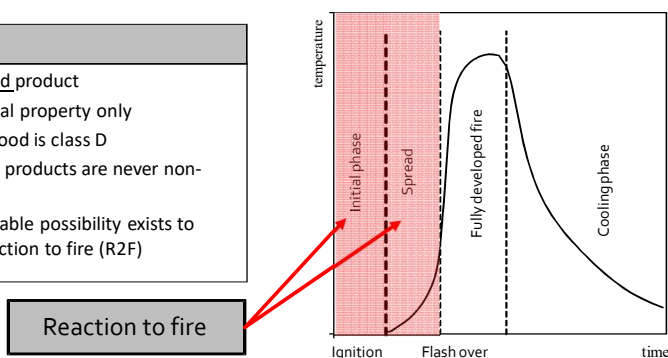
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Performance based design vs. Prescriptive design

Reaction to fire

To consider:

- Testing of end product
- Not a material property only
- In general wood is class D
- Wood based products are never non-combustible
- Today no reliable possibility exists to simulate reaction to fire (R2F)



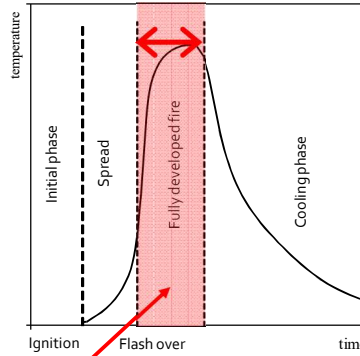
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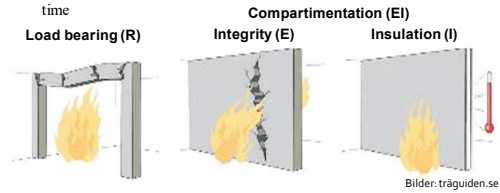
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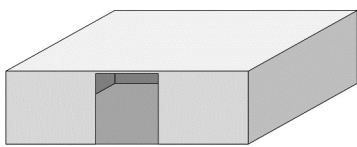
- All elements in contact with the compartment are exposed to the same *fire exposure*.
- Temperature development is depending of the thermal inertia of the enclosure and the oxygen access.
- Temperature are not depending of the reaction to fire classification.
- Fire duration is depending of the available *fire load* (the higher the load the earlier the failure).



Fire resistance

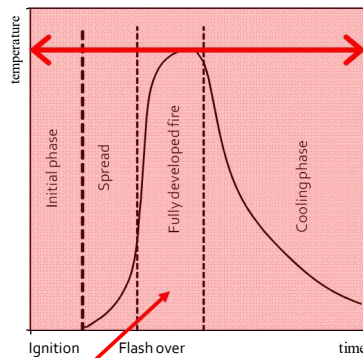


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Compartment NC

- 10m x 10m x 3m
- 500 MJ/m² movable fuel
- 100% total fuel

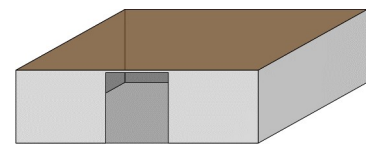


Fire Safety Engineering

No gaps



$$\beta_n = 0.65 \text{ mm/min}$$



Compartment with exposed timber ceiling

- 10m x 10m x 3m
- 500 MJ/m² movable fuel
- Ceiling: Solid timber panel (STP)

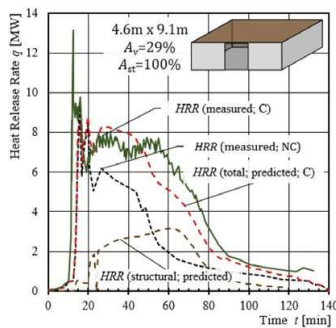
Q: x % total fuel assuming 1h (standard) fire?

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Fire dynamics considering structural exposed timber

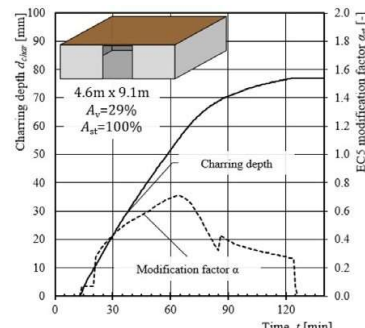
Generally, fire scenarios are influenced by:

- Geometry
- Ventilation conditions
- Type and distribution of fuel load
- Material(s), combustibility...
- Robustness of models



Structural Timber In Compartment Fires – The Timber Charring and Heat Storage Model

Inochian Schulz and Andrea Frangi
From the journal Open Engineering
<https://doi.org/10.1515/eng-2021-0043>



For complex/high-rise buildings:

- perform a *performance based design* for individual structures with exposed timber [*Design for Burnout*]
- apply natural fire design concepts
- determine the consequences to structural design, façade and other fire safety measures

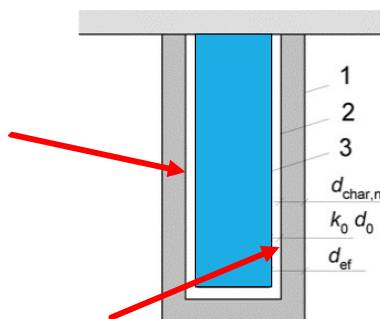
Eurocode 1 and Eurocode 5

In consequence: Include a "STEP 0" into the verification of the fire resistance of your structural member
Effective cross-section model (ECSM)

0 Step 0:
Definition of the design fire

1 Step 1:
Reduction of the initial cross-section
→ residual cross-section

2 Step 2:
Reduction of the residual cross-section
→ effective cross-section



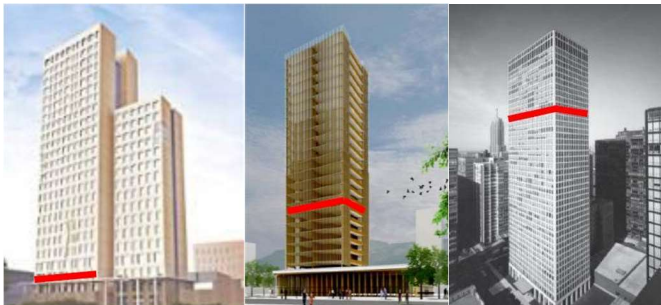
Key:

- 1... original CS
- 2... residual CS
- 3... effective CS
- d_0 zero-strength layer (ZSL)
- $d_{char,n}$ char depth
- d_{ef} effective char depth

Some general conclusions for the design

- Fire protection strategies depend on local boundary conditions and cannot be copied from one country to another!
- Combustible surfaces: Restrictions on wood surfaces areas are needed (prescriptive or definition via a performance based (burnout) design)
- If the strategy bases on a sprinkler concept: Sprinklers are not 100% reliable; develop a maintenance strategy
- Contain the fire: interior and exterior fire spread!
- Allow people movement: Occupants out and fire fighters in
- For high-rise: Consider robustness also in the fire strategy, include a design for burnout strategy and thus prevent a collapse

Further elements and questions to consider // tall timber buildings



- Does it matter where the fire is?
- Fire fighter access, egress?
- Can the fire spread?
- What happens after the fire goes out?

Source: A. Buchanan



Some general conclusions for the design (of tall timber buildings)

Design strategy (following Buchanan 2019):

1. Prevent ignition
2. Prevent rapid flame spread
3. Ensure sprinkler activation
4. Design for full room involvement (visible structural timber, fuel load contribution)
5. Prevent vertical fire spread
6. Ensure Fire Service access
7. Prevent collapse – charring calculations // result of burnout verification
8. Design for complete burnout (no sprinkler, no fire brigade)

General remark

Fire safety is not primarily a question of building material but of **concept** (education, quality assurance, careful design and execution, maintenance)

Announcement

FSUW Fire Safety Use of Wood network currently prepares an
International Guideline for the design of timber buildings

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Current regulations in Switzerland

Swiss Fire Safety Regulations 2015
Constructional concept

			
until 2004	Up to 11m	Up to 30m	Up to 100m
F 30bb	since 1.1.2015		
	REI90	REI60	REI80

Swiss Fire Safety Regulations 2015
Sprinkler concept

			
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	Design for normal temperature	R30	R60