

Design of Concrete Filled Tubular Members with High Strength Materials

An extension of Eurocode 4 Method to C90/105 Concrete and S550 Steel

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Tall buildings using high strength concrete

PETRONAS Tower, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
88 storeys, 452m Height
Grade 80 Concrete



International Commerce Centre, Hong Kong
118 Storeys, 480m Height
Grade 90 Concrete



Tall Structures using high strength steel

WFC, Shanghai
Grade 450 steel, 100mm thick



Tokyo Sky Tree™, Japan
Grade 700 steel

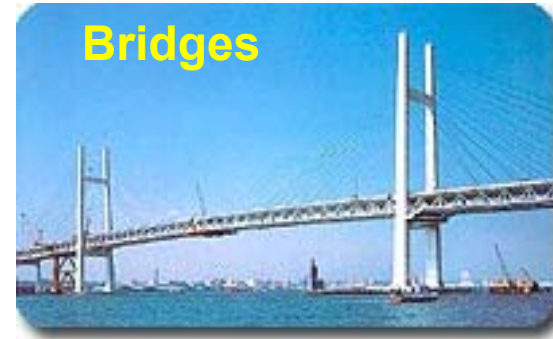


Project	Country	Year Completed	Building Height (m)	Concrete (f_{ck} , N/mm ²)	Steel (f_y , N/mm ²)	Used as
225 West Wacker Drive	U.S.A	1988	132	96.5	-	R.C columns
Pacific First Centre	U.S.A	1989	185	131	350	CFST columns
Two-Union building	U.S.A	1989	226	131	350	CFST columns
Two Prudential Plaza	U.S.A	1989	303	82.7	-	R.C columns and walls
Gateway Tower	U.S.A	1990	220	117.2	350	CFST columns
311 South Wacker Drive	U.S.A	1990	293	83	-	R.C columns
Trump Palace	U.S.A	1991	150	82.2	-	R.C columns
Dain Bosworth Tower	U.S.A	1991	164	96.5	-	R.C columns
One Peachtree Centre	U.S.A	1991	257	82.7	-	R.C columns and walls
Society Centre	U.S.A	1991	275	82.7	-	R.C columns and walls
Trump World Tower	U.S.A	2001	262	83	-	R.C columns
Trump International Hotel & Tower	U.S.A	2009	346	110	-	R.C columns
BurjKhalifa Tower	Saudi Arabia	2010	818	80	-	R.C columns and walls
The federation of the Korean Industries Hall	Korea	2013	245	-	570	Outriggers and belt trusses
Lotte World Tower	Korea	2015	555	-	570	Outriggers, trusses, and CFST columns
W-Comfort Towers	Japan	2004	178	100	-	CFST columns
Obayashi Technical Research Institute	Japan	2010	Multi-storey	160	700	CFST columns
R&D Centre of Sumitomo Metals	Japan	2011	Multi-storey	-	1000	Steel columns
Sky Tree	Japan	2012	634	-	630	Gain tower
Otemachi Tower	Japan	2014	200	150	780	CFST columns
Abeno Harukas	Japan	2014	300	150	590	CFST columns
Taipei 101	Taiwan	2004	508	70	510	CFST columns
Guangzhou West Tower	China	2010	432	90	345	CFST bracings
Goldin 117 Tower	China	2015	597	70	390	CFST columns
Petronas Twin-Towers	Malaysia	1994	452	80	-	R.C columns
International Commerce Centre	Hong Kong	2010	484	90	-	R.C columns and walls
The Sail & Marina Bay	Singapore	2009	245	80	-	R.C columns
The Shard	U.K	2012	306	80	-	R.C columns

Applications of HS Materials



Recent High-rise Buildings



Bridges



Ships



Offshore



Tubular Joint Strengthened by High Strength Grout

Material strengths allowed in modern design codes

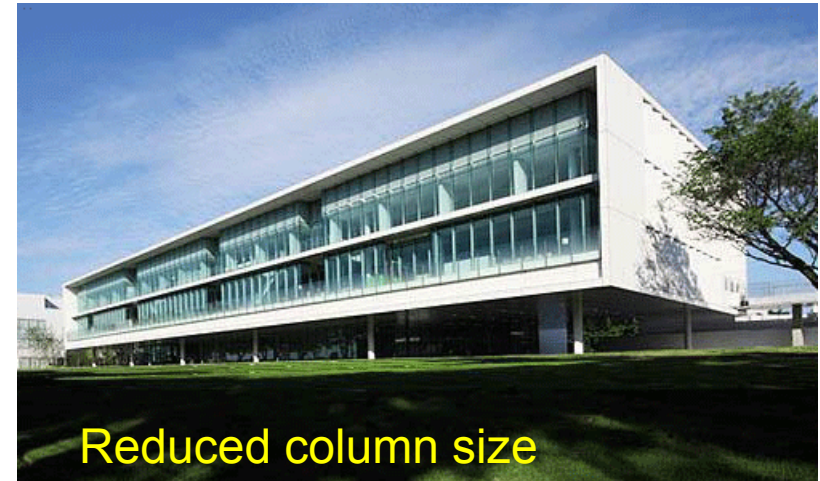
Codes	Steel yield strength (N/mm ²)	Concrete cylinder strength, (N/mm ²)
USA: AISC 360-10	≤ 525	21 ~ 70
China: DBJ/T13-51-2010	235 ~ 430	25 ~ 65
→ Japan: AIJ	235 ~ 440	18 ~ 90
Europe: EN 1992 (concrete)	-	Up to 90
EN 1993 1-1 & 1-12 (steel)	235 ~ 700	-
EN 1994 (composite)	235 ~ 460	20 ~ 50

Eurocode 4 (EN 1994) should be extended to cater for higher strength concrete and steel since composite columns exhibit better stiffness and ductility and higher buckling resistance compared with individual steel or reinforced concrete columns.

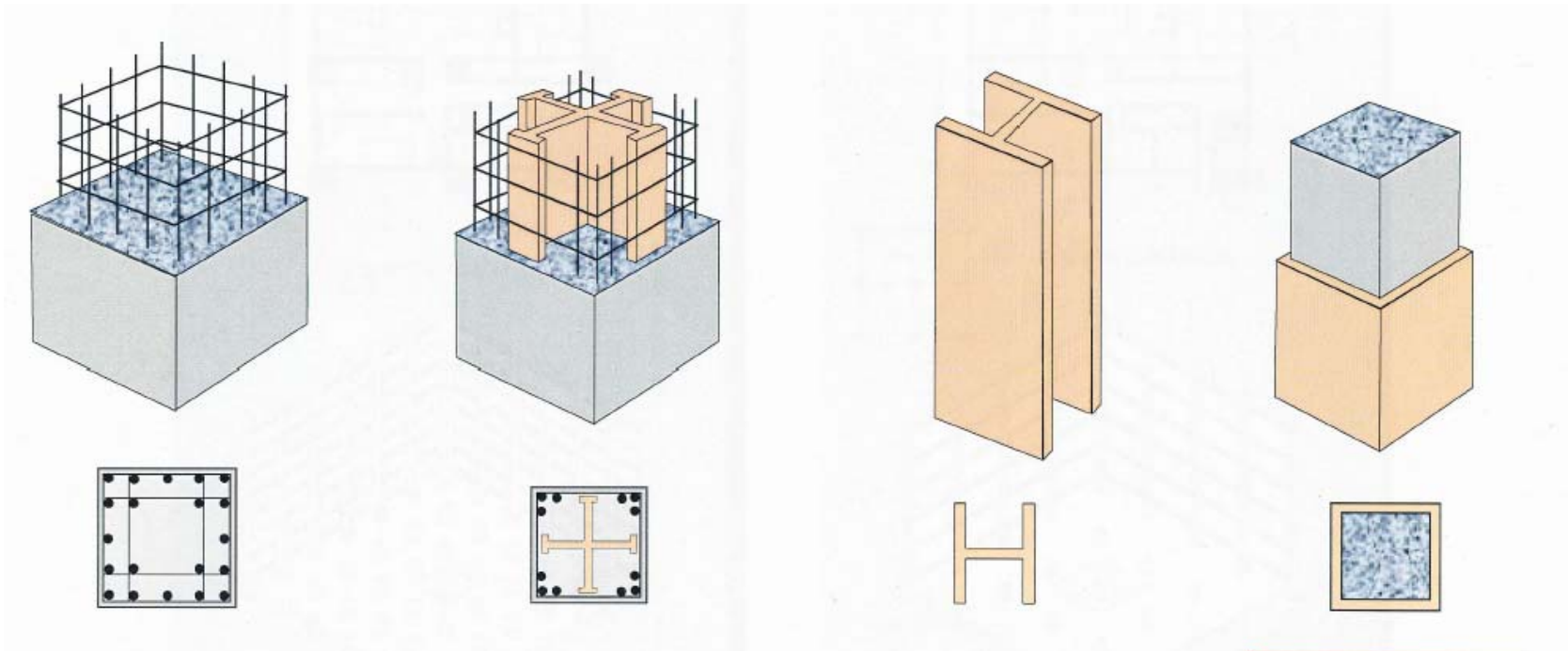
Composite Construction using ultra high strength materials

Techno Station, Tokyo, Japan (Completed Sep, 2010)

1. Concrete filled steel tubes (**steel: 780MPa, concrete: 160MPa**) for the main columns; column size reduced from **800mm** (based normal strength materials) to **500mm**.
2. Ultra high strength fire-reinforced mortar (**170MPa**) is used for indoor bridges. The depth of the bridge is kept to 335mm.



Various Types of Columns



Reinforced Concrete

Up to C90

Concrete Encased

Up to S460/C50

Steel

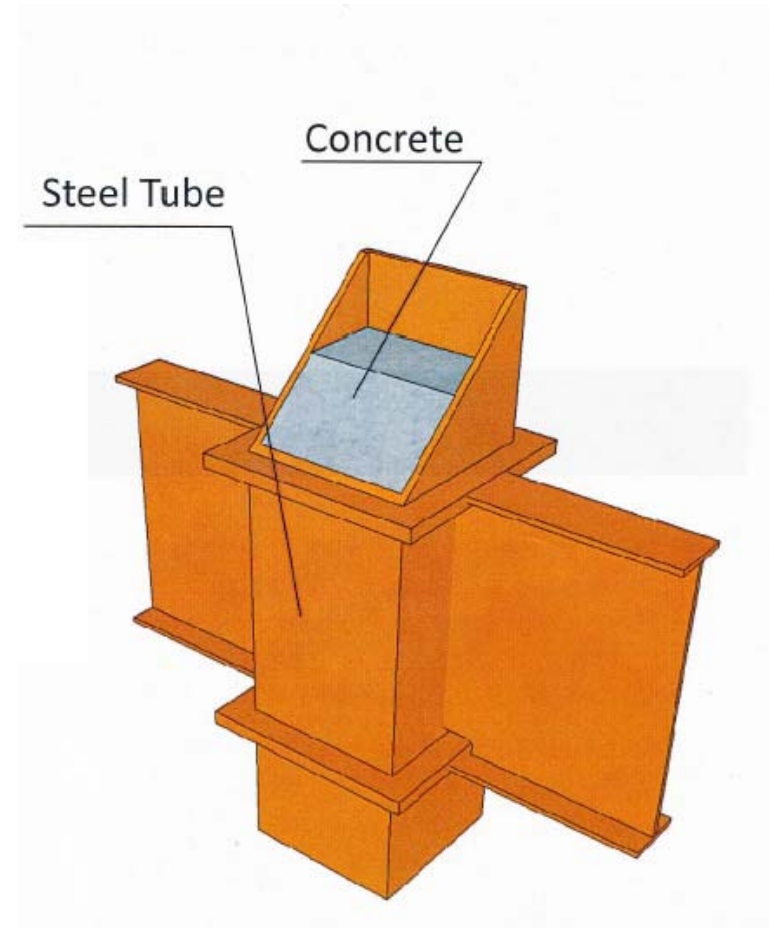
Up to S690

CFT

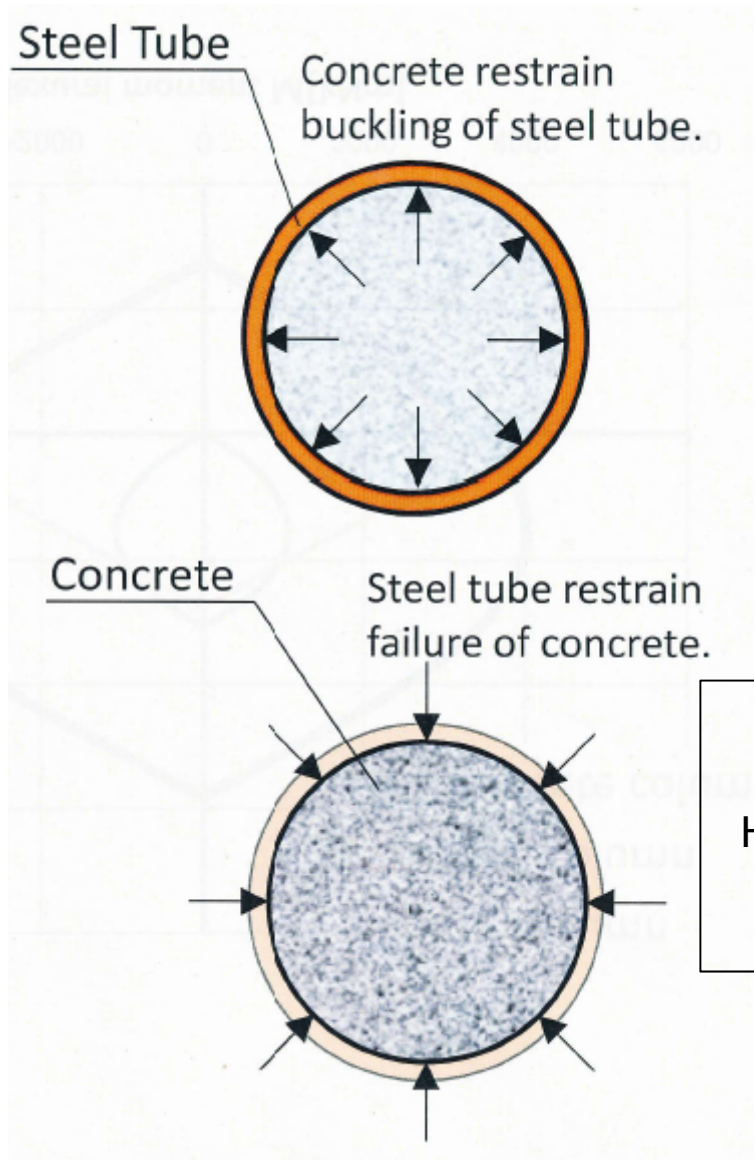
Up to S550/C90

What is Concrete Filled Tube (CFT)?

- Steel tube filled with concrete. Omission of formwork, reducing construction cost and time
- High strength, stiffness and ductility
- Better fire performance than steel columns
- Local buckling of steel tube restrained by concrete
- Smaller cross section dimension



Key Benefits of CFT Columns



CFT Columns
High Strength High Stiffness
High Fire Resistance

Combined benefits

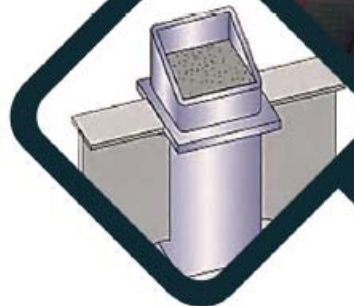
Steel Columns
High Strength Less Stiffness
Low Fire Resistance

Concrete Columns
Low Strength High Stiffness
High Fire Resistance

DESIGN GUIDE FOR CONCRETE FILLED TUBULAR MEMBERS WITH HIGH STRENGTH MATERIALS

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Launching of New Design Guide (2015) For Singapore

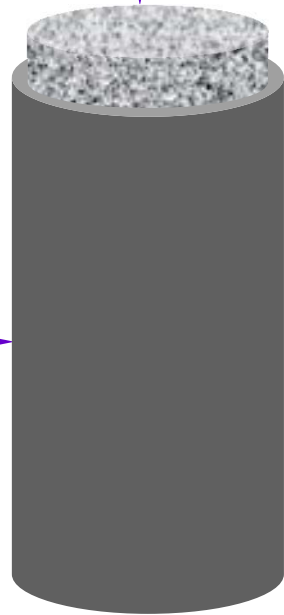
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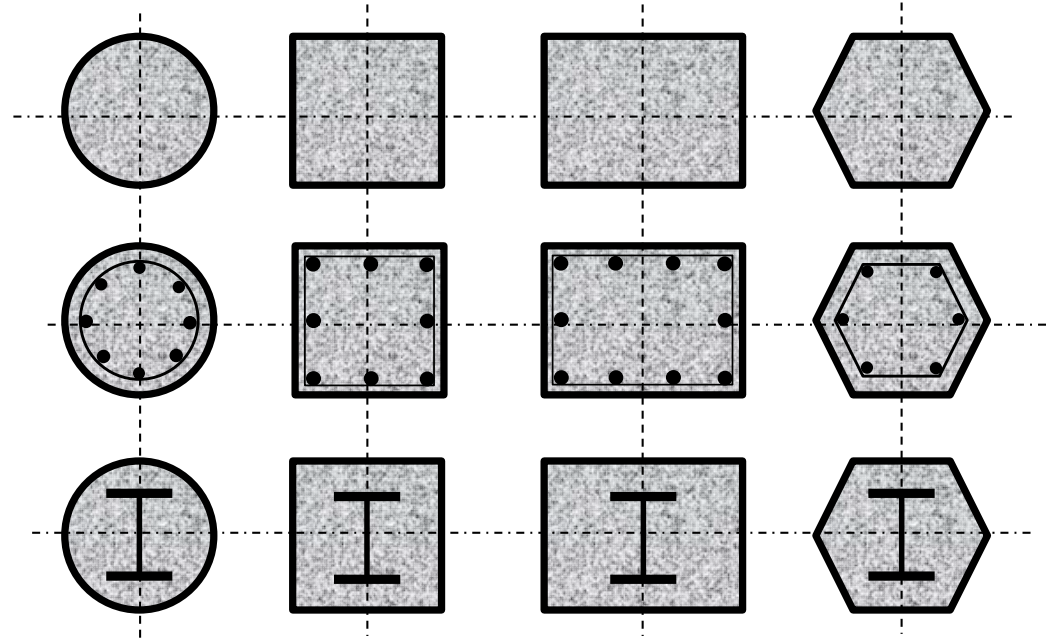
Concrete core
(up to C90)

Steel tube
(up to S550)

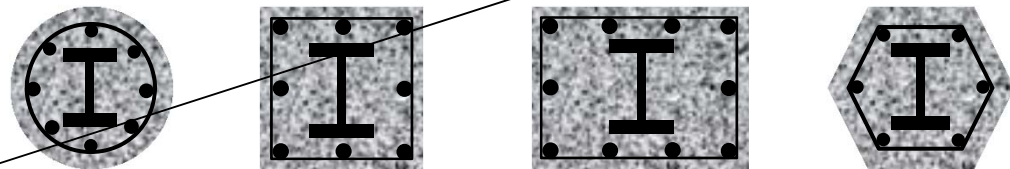


CFT Column

CFT columns with double symmetric sections



Concrete encased steel section (CES) columns are
not included in this design guide



Database on CFST column tests

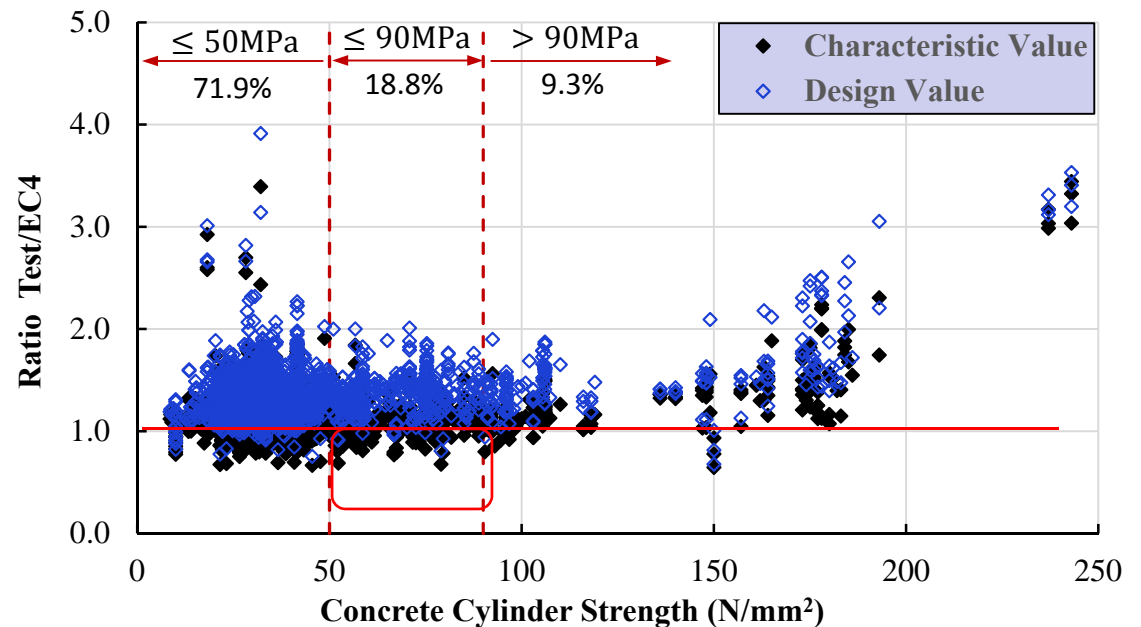
Database by Richard Liew, National University of Singapore

- **2033 test data** collected until 2014, extended from Douglas's data base
- Concrete compressive cylinder strength: $8.5\text{N/mm}^2 \sim 243\text{N/mm}^2$;
- Steel yield strength: $178\text{N/mm}^2 \sim 853\text{N/mm}^2$;
- Member height to section smaller dimension ratio: $0.67 \sim 60$;
- Relative column slenderness ratio $\bar{\lambda}$: $0.02 \sim 1.30$.
- Concrete encased sections are excluded;
- Stainless steel and aluminium sections are excluded;
- Section size less than or equal to 100mm are excluded.
- Members involving preload effect, sustained loading for creep and shrinkage, and dynamic loadings are excluded;
- Class 4 slender steel sections, as stipulated in EN 1994-1-1, are excluded;

Influence of concrete strength

Type of column		Compressive cylinder strength of concrete		
		≤50 N/mm ²	51 to 90 N/mm ²	>90 N/mm ²
All test data	Nos.	1461	382	190
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	77.3% (98.3%)	67.0% {97.6%}	62.6% {98.4%}
	Av.	1.133 (1.339)	1.052 {1.361}	1.034 {1.597}
	St. Dev.	0.210 (0.240)	0.132 {0.186}	0.132 {0.463}

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Influence of concrete strength

Type of column		Compressive cylinder strength of concrete		
		$\leq 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$	51 to 90 N/mm^2	$>90 \text{ N/mm}^2$
Axially loaded circular cross section	Nos.	295	130	44
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	66.8%	59.2%	47.7%
	Av.	1.068	1.023	1.016
	St. Dev.	0.136	0.111	0.104
Axially loaded circular column	Nos.	383	60	22
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	85.9%	68.3%	81.8%
	Av.	1.186	1.039	1.085
	St. Dev.	0.24	0.110	0.095
Circular beam-column	Nos.	240	66	46
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	82.1%	71.2%	69.6%
	Av.	1.192	1.086	1.008
	St. Dev.	0.217	0.182	0.172
Axially loaded rectangular cross section	Nos.	282	63	39
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	80.1%	68.3%	56.4%
	Av.	1.122	1.068	1.032
	St. Dev.	0.150	0.123	0.093
Axially loaded rectangular column	Nos.	101	40	12
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	62.4%	70.0%	58.3%
	Av.	1.059	1.057	1.095
	St. Dev.	0.140	0.134	0.206
Rectangular beam-column	Nos.	160	23	27
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	73.1%	87.0%	70.4%
	Av.	1.107	1.099	1.044
	St. Dev.	0.279	0.112	0.115

Values are based on the characteristic strengths of steel and concrete.

Extension of EC4 using high strength concrete

For high strength concrete with $f_{ck} > 50\text{N/mm}^2$, the cylinder strength is reduced by :

$$\eta = 1.0 - (f_{ck} - 50)/200$$

Strength classes	C55/67	C60/75	C70/85	C80/95	C90/105
Effective compressive strength (N/mm ²)	54	57	63	68	72
% Reduction	2.5%	5.0%	10.0%	15.0%	20.0%

For high strength concrete with $f_{ck} > 50\text{N/mm}^2$, the secant modulus is determined by:

$$E_{cm} = 22[(\eta \cdot f_{ck} + 8)/10]^{0.3}$$

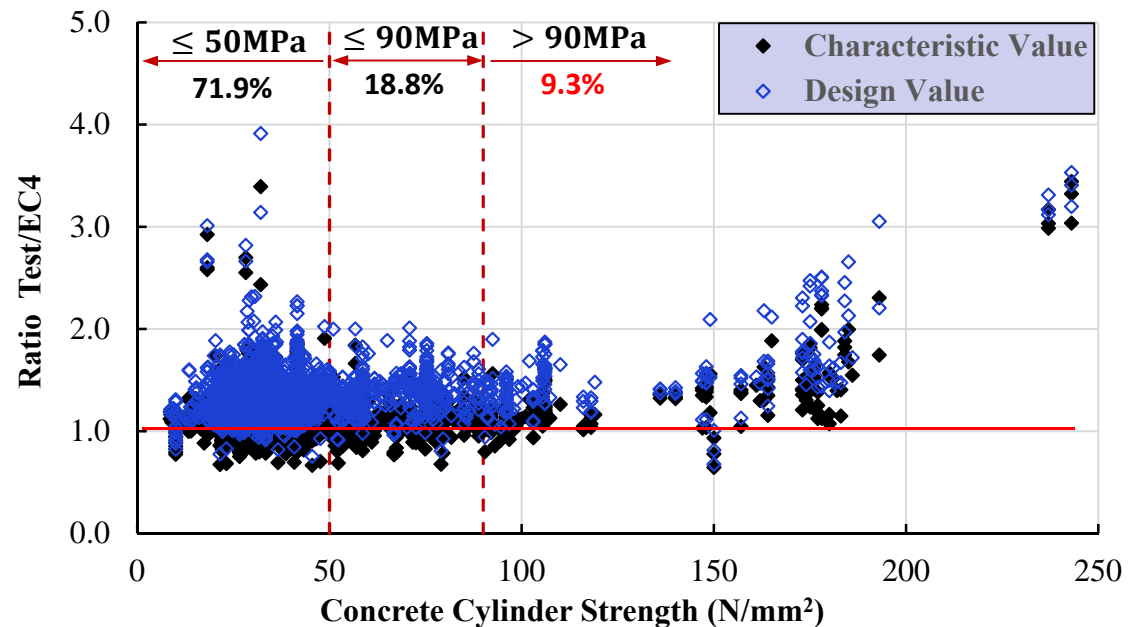
Strength classes	C55/67	C60/75	C70/85	C80/95	C90/105
Modified secant modulus (GPa)	38.0	38.6	39.6	40.4	41.1
% Reduction	0.7%	1.3%	2.8%	4.3%	5.9%

Design of CFSTs

High Strength Concrete with Reduction Factor

Type of column		Compressive cylinder strength of concrete		
		$\leq 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$	51 to 90 N/mm^2	$> 90 \text{ N/mm}^2$
All test data	Nos.	1461	382	190
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	77.3% (98.3%)	[78.3%] {97.6%}	[93.2%] {98.4%}
	Av.	1.133 (1.339)	[1.094] {1.361}	[1.345] {1.597}
	St. Dev.	0.210 (0.240)	[0.141] {0.186}	[0.428] {0.463}

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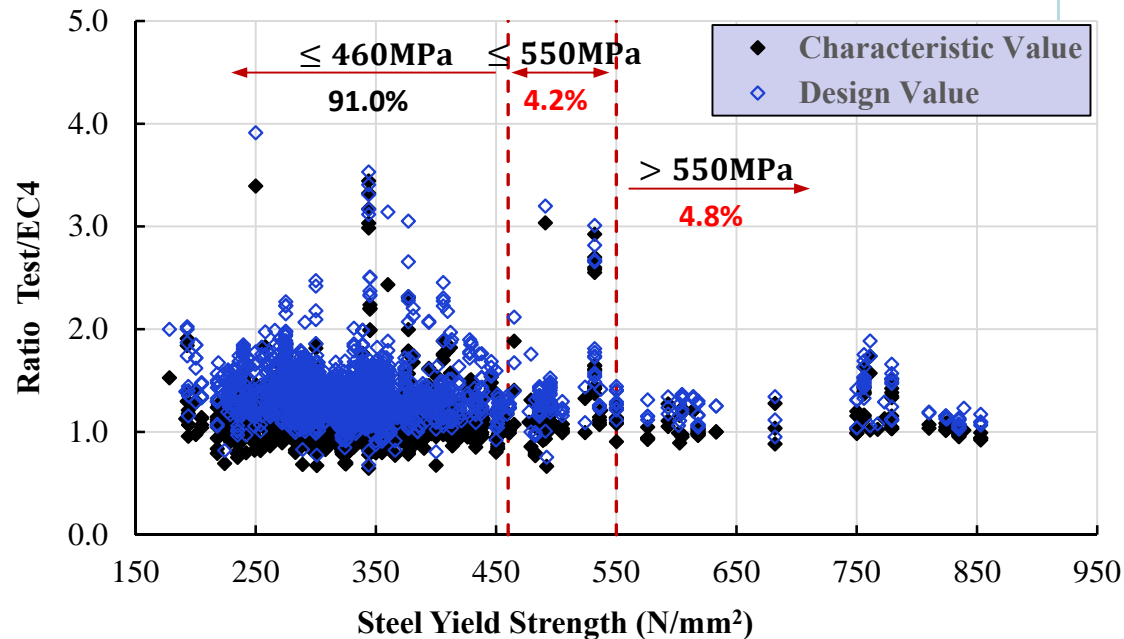
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Axially loaded circular cross section	Nos.	295	130	44
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	66.8% (99.3%)	[66.9%] {97.7%}	[100%] {100%}
	Av.	1.068 (1.354)	[1.062] {1.383}	[1.415] {1.838}
	St. Dev.	0.136 (0.168)	[0.132] {0.190}	[0.291] {0.391}
Axially loaded circular column	Nos.	383	60	22
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	85.9% (97.4%)	[83.3%] {98.3%}	[100%] {100%}
	Av.	1.186 (1.388)	[1.075] {1.339}	[1.319] {1.633}
	St. Dev.	0.246 (0.267)	[0.121] {0.162}	[0.254] {0.321}
Circular beam-column	Nos.	240	66	46
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	82.1% (98.8%)	[81.8%] {98.5%}	[80.4%] {93.5%}
	Av.	1.192 (1.352)	[1.136] {1.356}	[1.523] {1.674}
	St. Dev.	0.217 (0.237)	[0.189] {0.216}	[0.728] {0.719}
Axially loaded rectangular cross section	Nos.	282	63	39
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	80.1% (99.6%)	[90.5%] {96.8%}	[100%] {100%}
	Av.	1.122 (1.287)	[1.118] {1.330}	[1.239] {1.409}
	St. Dev.	0.150 (0.196)	[0.117] {0.168}	[0.159] {0.166}
Axially loaded rectangular column	Nos.	101	40	12
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	62.4% (94.1%)	[77.5%] {95.0%}	[100%] {100%}
	Av.	1.059 (1.220)	[1.099] {1.321}	[1.246] {1.485}
	St. Dev.	0.140 (0.172)	[0.140] {0.177}	[0.242] {0.261}
Rectangular beam-column	Nos.	160	23	27
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	73.1% (98.1%)	[87.0%] {100%}	[85.2%] {100%}
	Av.	1.107 (1.338)	[1.128] {1.461}	[1.147] {1.364}
	St. Dev.	0.279 (0.341)	[0.102] {0.148}	[0.177] {0.177}

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Influence of steel strength of Test/EC4 Ratio

Types of column		Yield strength of steel		
		$\leq 460\text{N/mm}^2$	$\leq 550\text{N/mm}^2$	$> 550\text{N/mm}^2$
All test data	Nos.	1850	86	97
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	79.0% (98.3%)	84.9% (95.3%)	73.2% (99.0%)
	Av.	1.142 (1.370)	1.256 (1.435)	1.114 (1.244)
	St. Dev.	0.225 (0.262)	0.455 (0.440)	0.179 (0.197)



Influence of steel strength

Types of column		Yield strength of steel		
		≤460N/mm ²	≤550N/mm ²	>550N/mm ²
Axially loaded circular cross section	Nos.	450	5	14
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	71.6% (99.6%)	40.0% (40.0%)	28.6% (100%)
	Av.	1.105 (1.418)	0.922 (1.133)	0.964 (1.173)
	St. Dev.	0.186 (0.246)	0.200 (0.215)	0.043 (0.073)
Axially loaded circular column	Nos.	414	38	13
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	85.7% (97.6%)	89.5% (100%)	92.3% (92.3%)
	Av.	1.158 (1.385)	1.399 (1.532)	1.160 (1.270)
	St. Dev.	0.179 (0.225)	0.544 (0.526)	0.112 (0.122)
Circular beam-column	Nos.	346	6	Need research
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	82.7% (98.0%)	33.3% (100%)	
	Av.	1.223 (1.391)	1.351 (1.639)	
	St. Dev.	0.335 (0.341)	0.839 (0.802)	
Axially loaded rectangular cross section	Nos.	308	21	55
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	84.7% (99.0%)	100% (100%)	72.7% (100%)
	Av.	1.140 (1.328)	1.132 (1.310)	1.093 (1.183)
	St. Dev.	0.152 (0.193)	0.070 (0.096)	0.154 (0.173)
Axially loaded rectangular column	Nos.	145	8	Need Research
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	68.3% (95.2%)	87.5% (87.5%)	
	Av.	1.079 (1.263)	1.182 (1.347)	
	St. Dev.	0.142 (0.182)	0.335 (0.375)	
Rectangular beam-column	Nos.	187	8	15
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	73.8% (98.4%)	87.5% (100%)	100% (100%)
	Av.	1.100 (1.339)	1.110 (1.430)	1.287 (1.514)
	St. Dev.	0.255 (0.319)	0.138 (0.153)	0.242 (0.189)

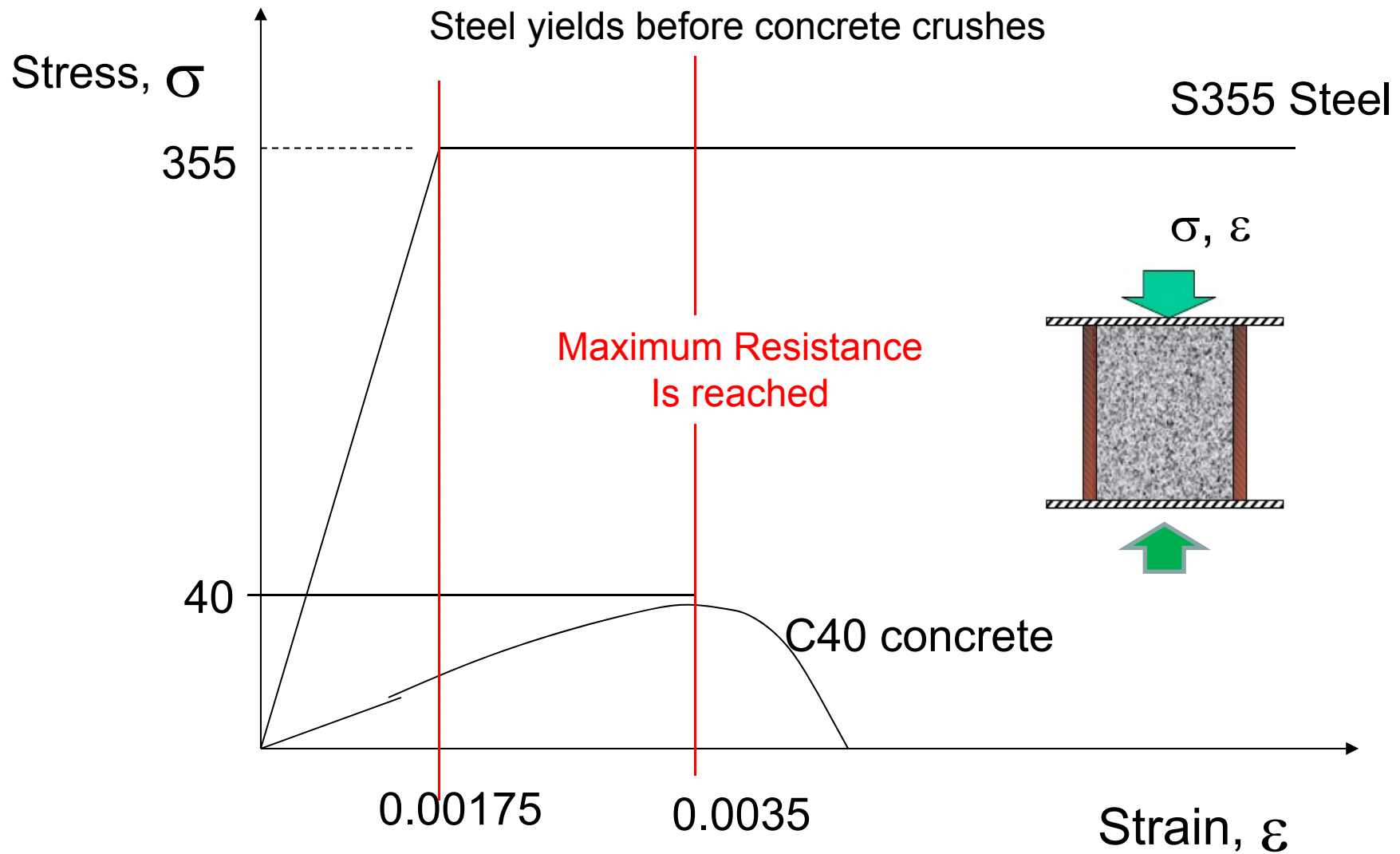
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Material Compatibility between Steel grade and Concrete Class

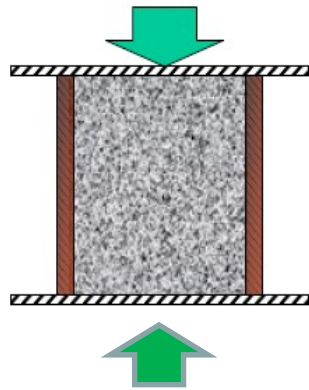
	S235	S275	S355	S420	S460	S500	S550	S620	S690
C12/15	√	√	√	×	×	×	×	×	×
C16/20	√	√	√	×	×	×	×	×	×
C20/25	√	√	√	×	×	×	×	×	×
C25/30	√	√	√	√	×	×	×	×	×
C30/37	√	√	√	√	×	×	×	×	×
C35/45	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×	×
C40/50	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×	×
C45/55	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×
C50/60	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×
C55/67	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×
C60/75	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×
C70/85	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×
C80/95	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×
C90/105	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×

Notes: “√” indicates compatible materials and “×” is not recommended.

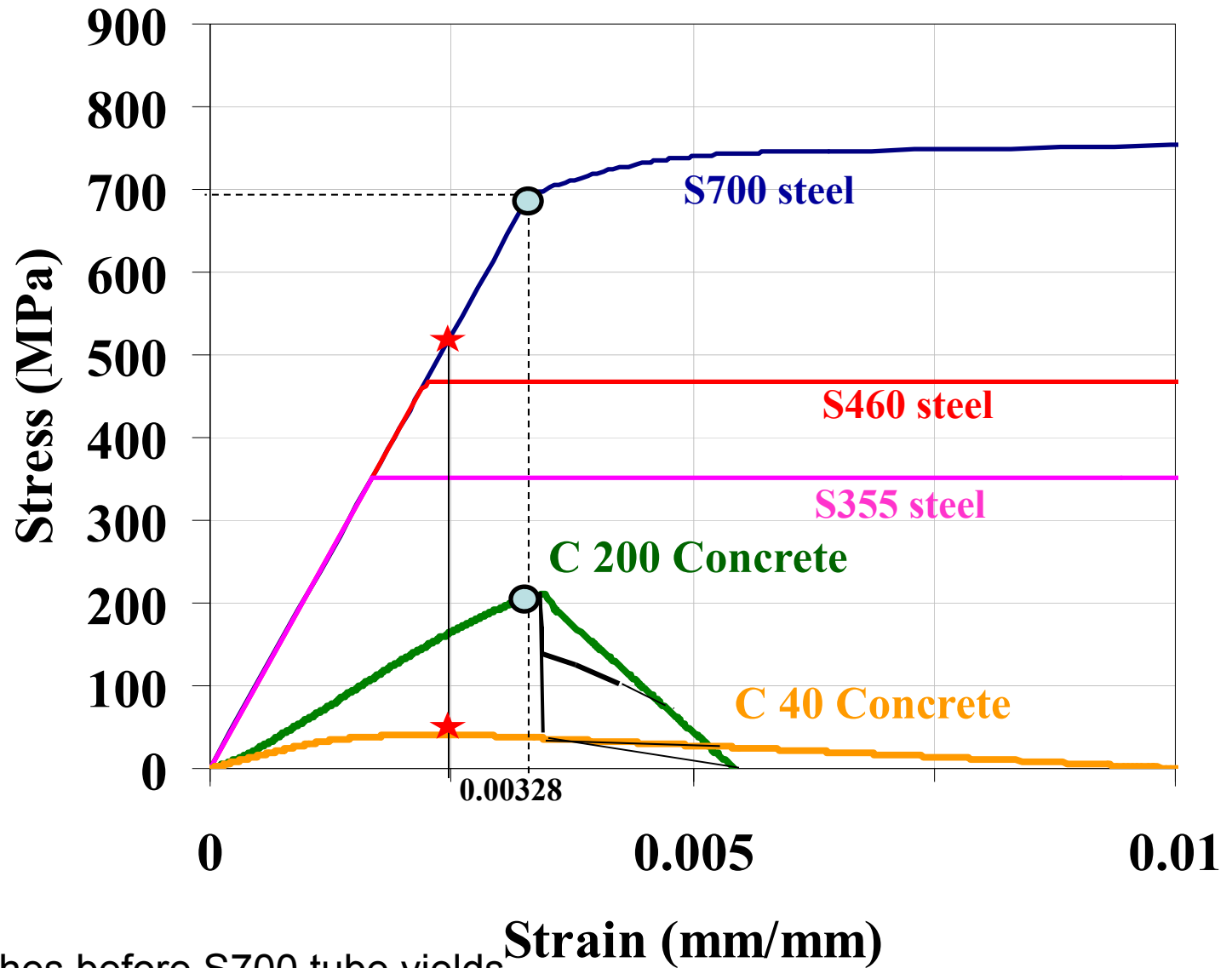
Compatibility of Materials for Concrete Filled Tubes



Materials Compatibility of High Strength Steel and Concrete



Problem with high strength steel low strength concrete



★ C40 concrete crushes before S700 tube yields

○ C200 concrete is compatible with S700 steel

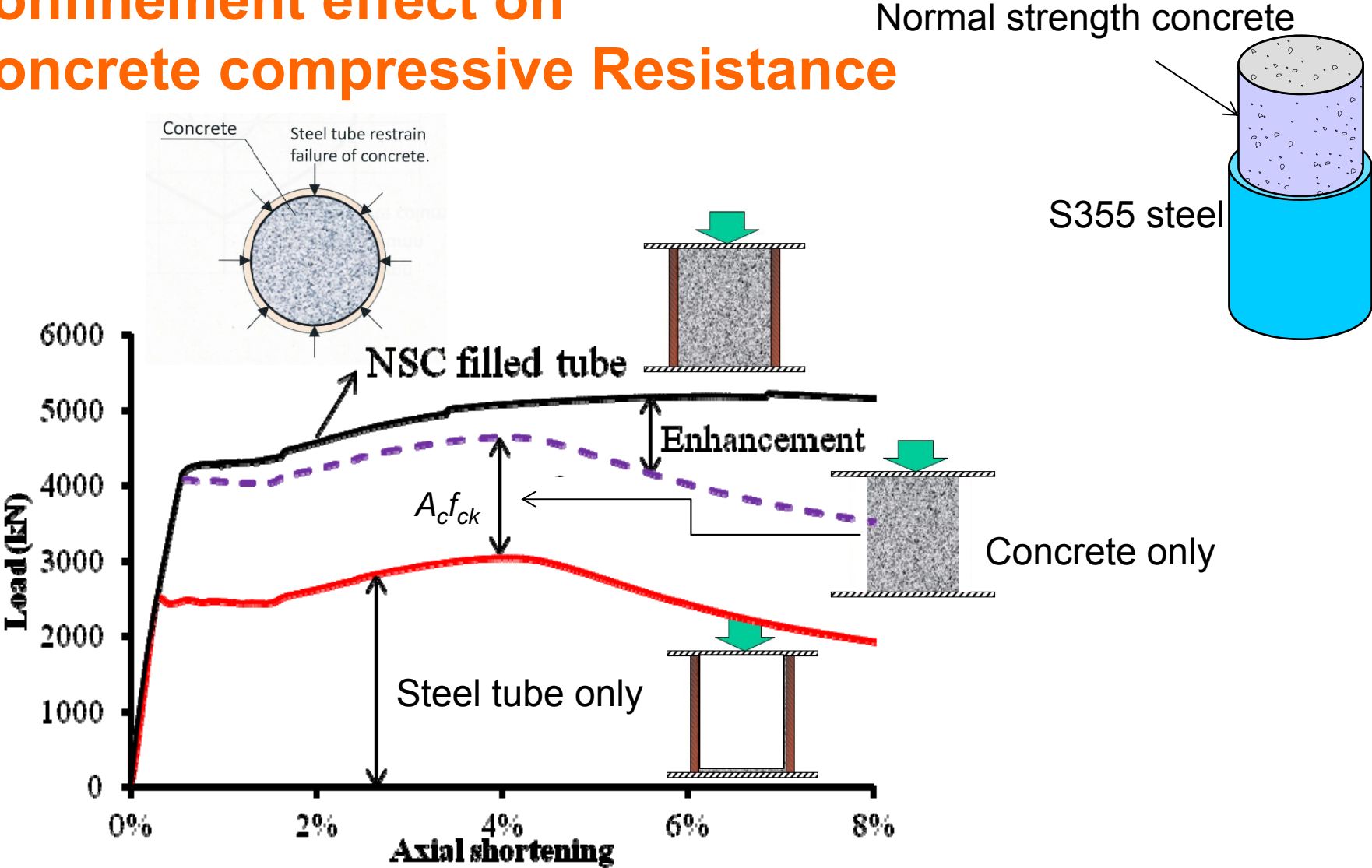
Design Recommendations to EC4

Material Compatibility between Steel grade and Concrete Class

	S235	S275	S355	S420	S460	S500	S550	S620	S690
C12/15	√	√	√	×	×	×	×	×	×
C16/20	√	√	√	×	×	×	×	×	×
C20/25	√	√	√	×	×	×	×	×	×
C25/30	√	√	√	√	×	×	×	×	×
C30/37	√	√	√	√	×	×	×	×	×
C35/45	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×	×
C40/50	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×	×
C45/55	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×
C50/60	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×
C55/67	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×
C60/75	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×	×
C70/85	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×
C80/95	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	×	×
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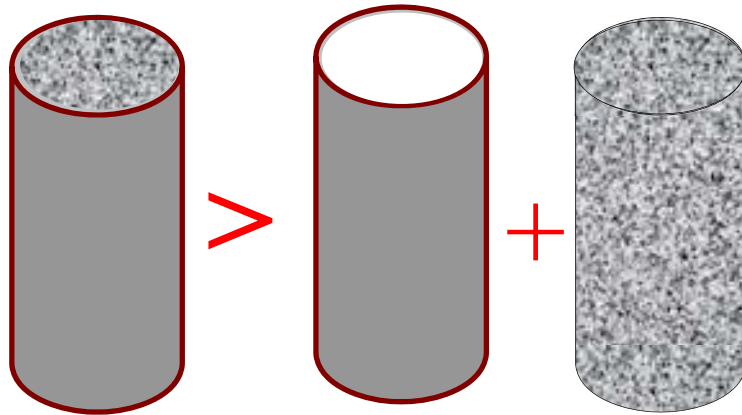
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Confinement effect on Concrete compressive Resistance



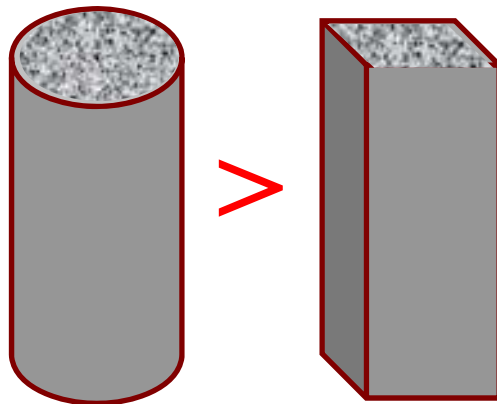
Advantages of CFSTs

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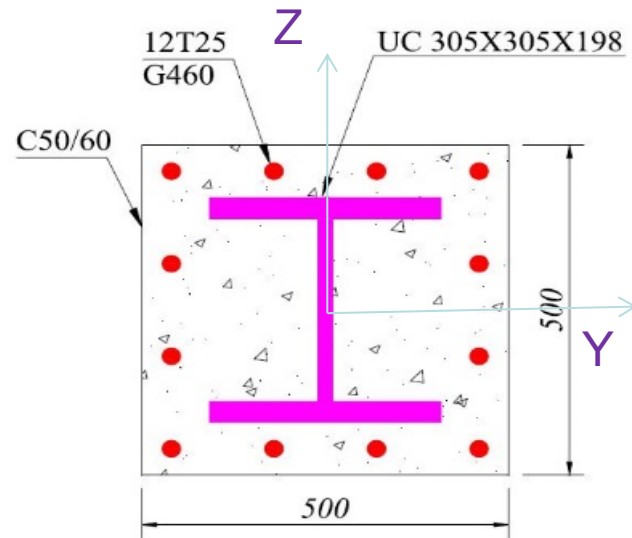
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Eurocodes allow higher compressive strength of concrete to be used in the design if it is confined

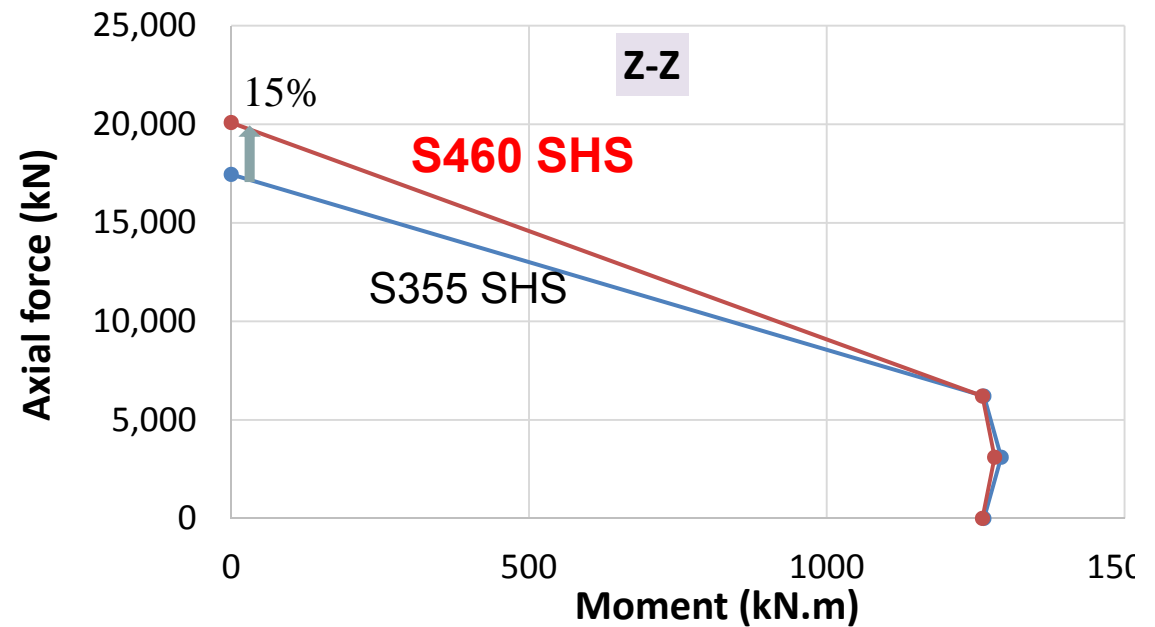


Advantage of S460 Steel

Concrete Encased H-Sections– Moment + Compression Interaction Curves

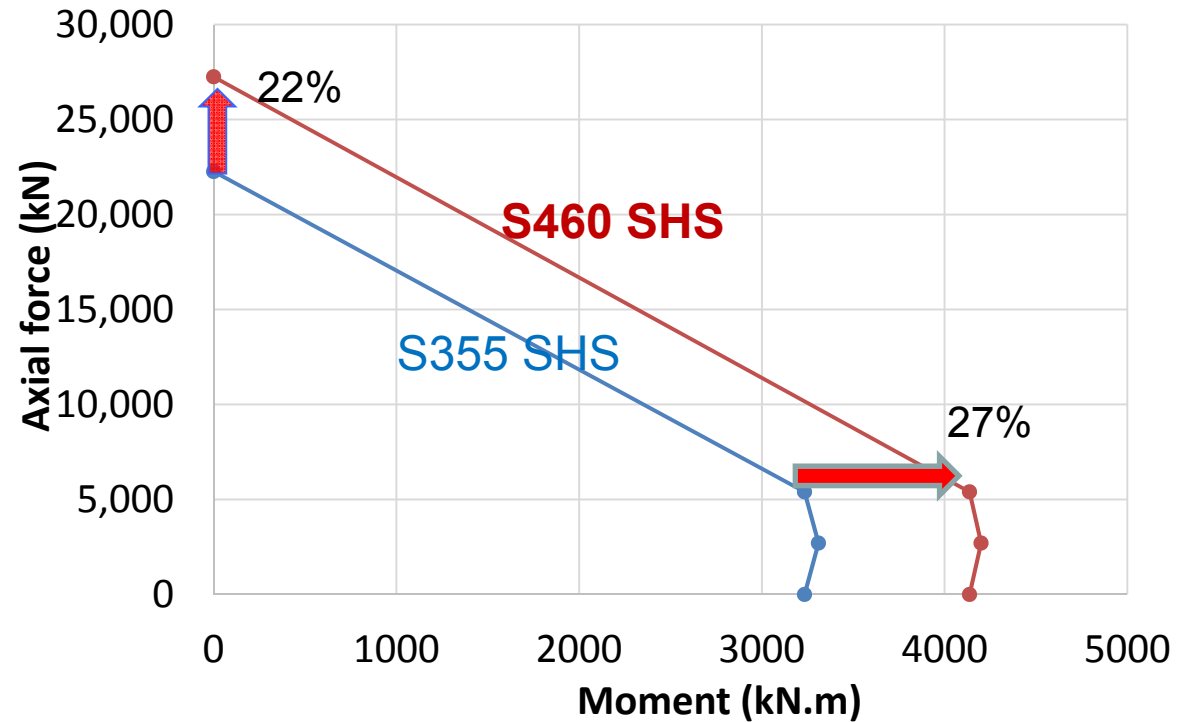
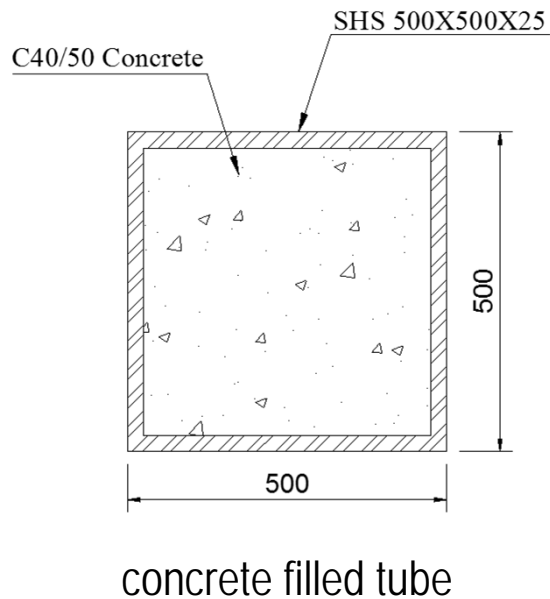


Concrete Encased H-Sections



- Cross section resistance increases with increasing steel grade, due to higher steel strength.
- For pure compression, the increase is about 15%.
- Not too effective if moment dominates

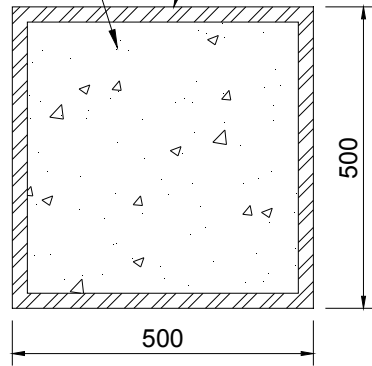
Cross section resistance of concrete filled tube – Moment + Compression Interaction Curves



- Increase in compression and bending resistances >22%
- CFTs are more economical to resist high axial force and moments.
- No re-bars work

Comparison based on same buckling resistance with column height 4.2m

C40 Concrete S355 Steel Plate 25mm



Reduction of tube thickness: 50%

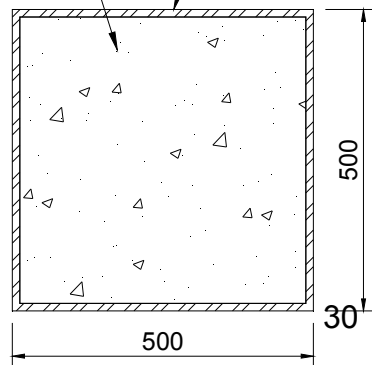
$$\mu_t = \frac{25 - 12.5}{25} \times 100\% = 50\%$$

Reduction of butt weld: 25%

$$\mu_w = \left(\frac{25 - 12.5}{25} \right)^2 \times 100\% = 25\%$$



C90 Concrete S460 Steel Plate 12.5mm

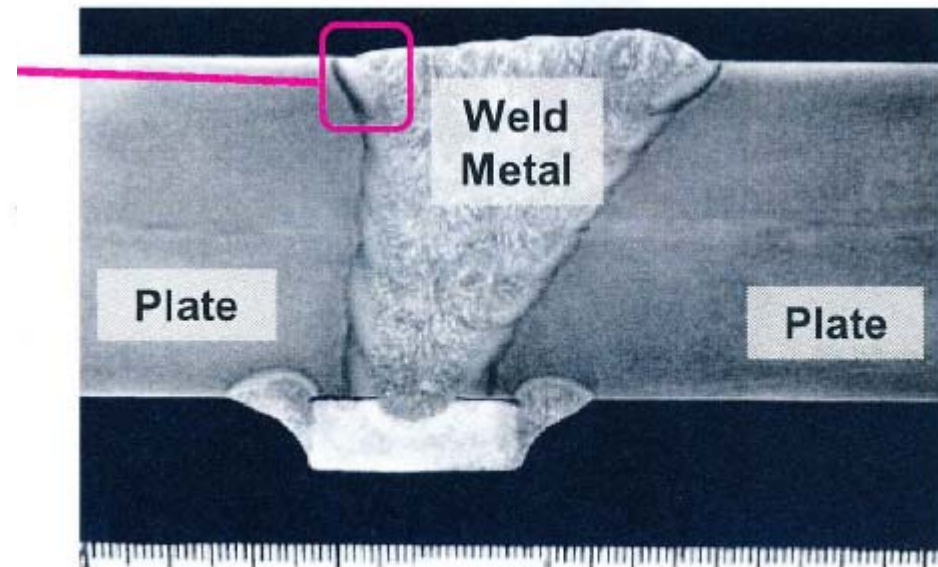
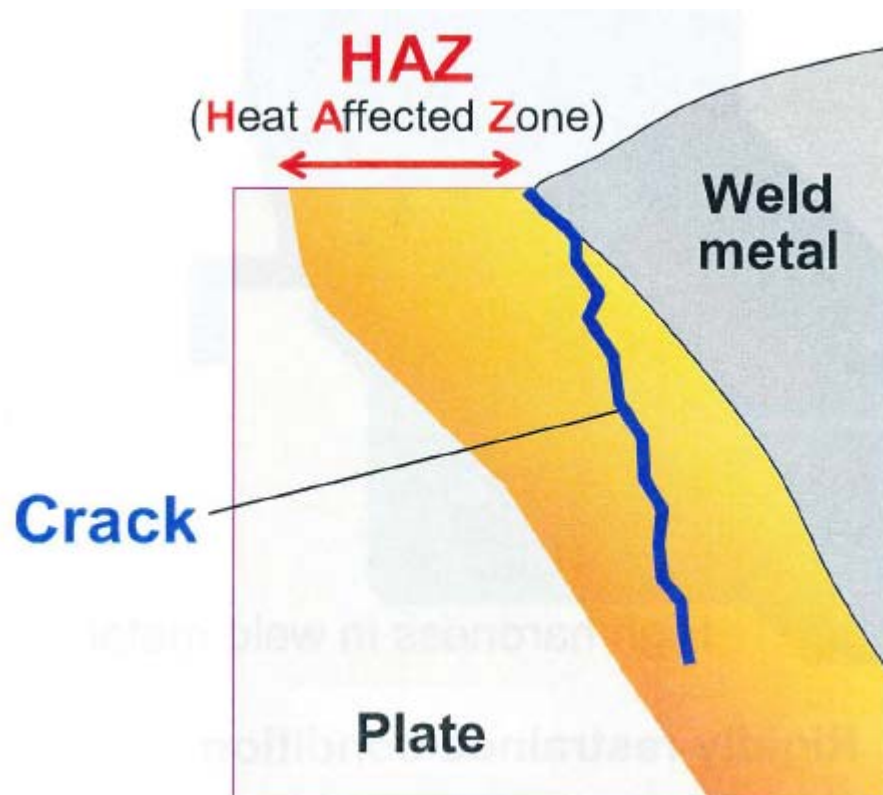


Application of high strength materials for tall building construction



Problems of Welding Very Thick Plate

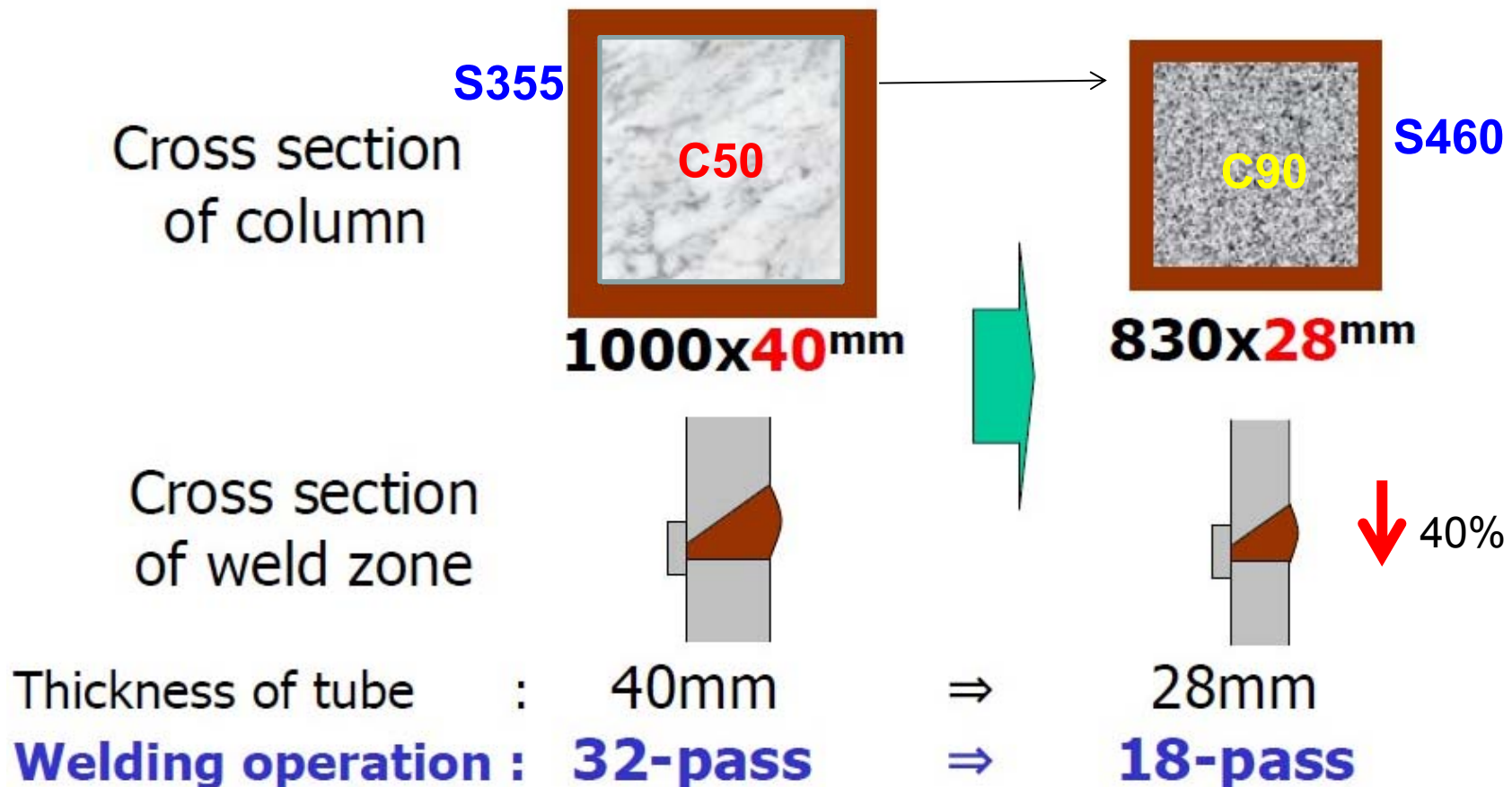
- HAZ hardening
- High residual stress
- Cold Cracking
- Be careful of high heat input welding!



Cross section of a welded joint

Use of Thinner Tube Improves Welding Productivity

Use of CFST with high strength steel



CFTs with Ultra high strength cement composite & High Strength Steel

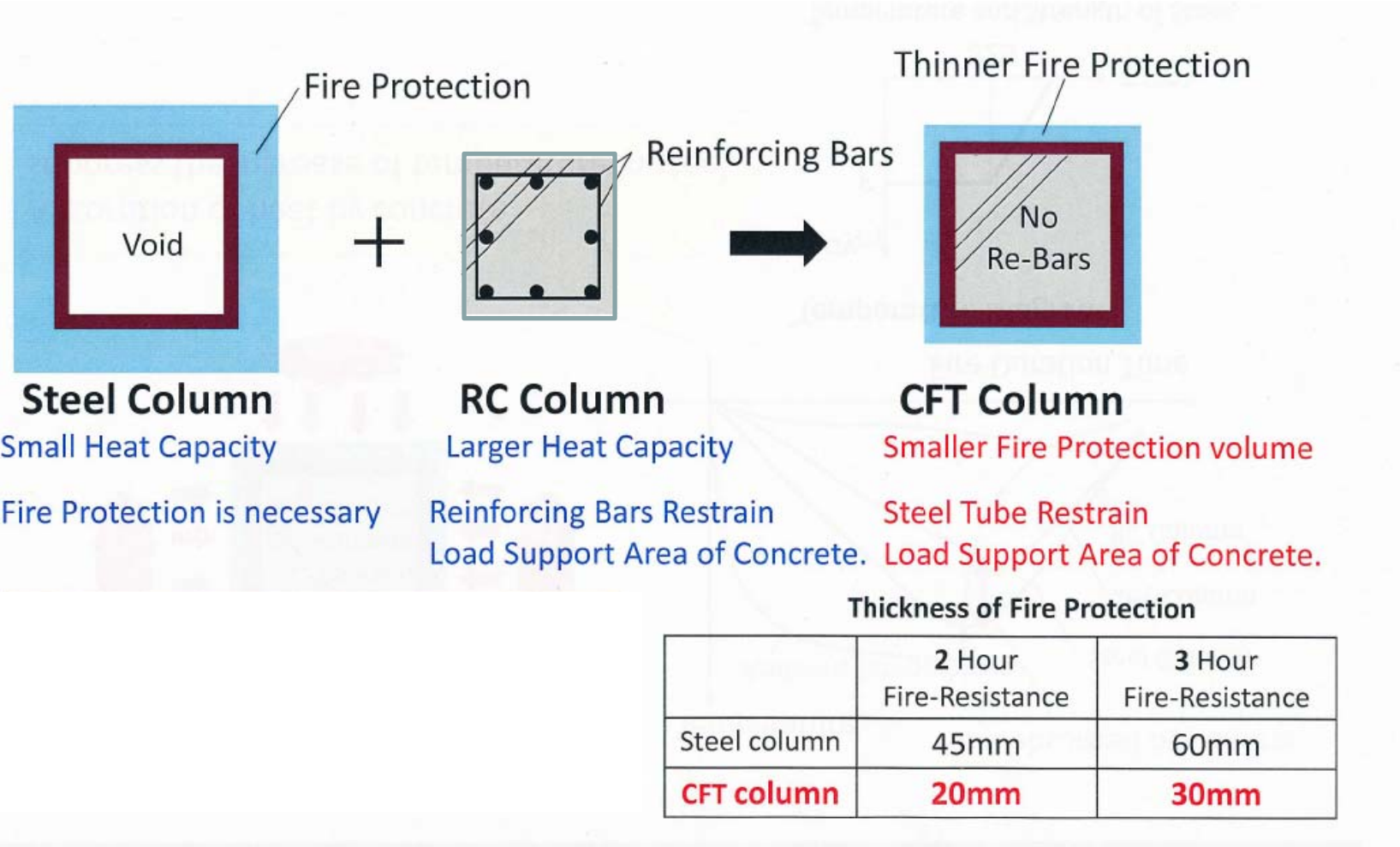
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Reduction Factor Applied to High Strength Concrete

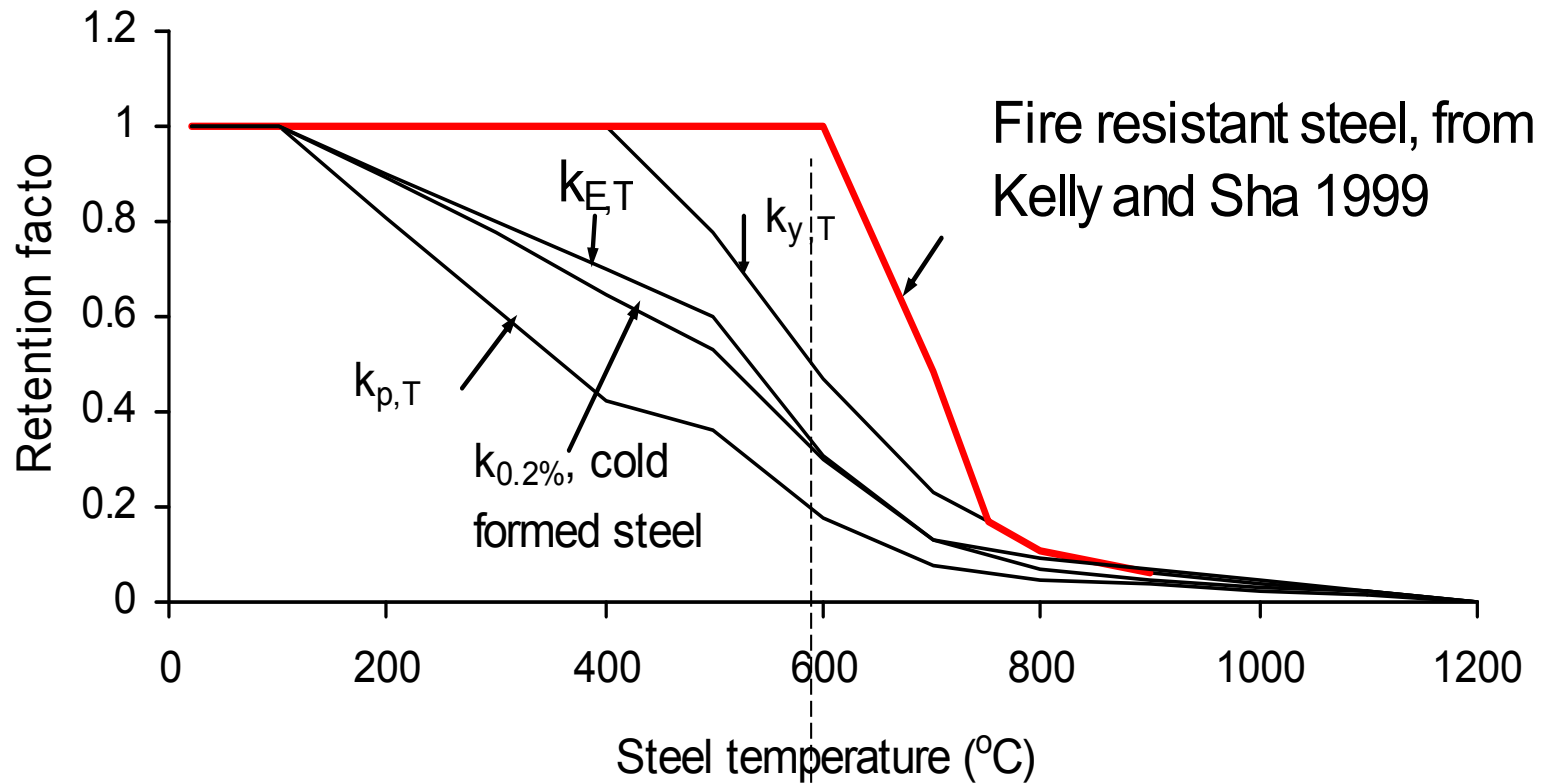
Type of column		Compressive cylinder strength of concrete		
		≤50 N/mm ²	51 to 90 N/mm ²	>90 N/mm ²
Axially loaded circular cross section	Nos.	295	130	44
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	66.8% (99.3%)	[66.9%] {97.7%}	[100%] {100%}
	Av.	1.068 (1.354)	[1.062] {1.383}	[1.415] {1.838}
	St. Dev.	0.136 (0.168)	[0.132] {0.190}	[0.291] {0.391}
Axially loaded circular column	Nos.	383	60	22
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	85.9% (97.4%)	[83.3%] {98.3%}	[100%] {100%}
	Av.	1.186 (1.388)	[1.075] {1.339}	[1.319] {1.633}
	St. Dev.	0.246 (0.267)	[0.121] {0.162}	[0.254] {0.321}
Circular beam-column	Nos.	240	66	46
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	82.1% (98.8%)	[81.8%] {98.5%}	[80.4%] {93.5%}
	Av.	1.192 (1.352)	[1.136] {1.356}	[1.523] {1.674}
	St. Dev.	0.217 (0.237)	[0.189] {0.216}	[0.728] {0.719}
Axially loaded rectangular cross section	Nos.	282	63	39
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	80.1% (99.6%)	[90.5%] {96.8%}	[100%] {100%}
	Av.	1.122 (1.287)	[1.118] {1.330}	[1.239] {1.409}
	St. Dev.	0.150 (0.196)	[0.117] {0.168}	[0.159] {0.166}
Axially loaded rectangular column	Nos.	101	40	12
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	62.4% (94.1%)	[77.5%] {95.0%}	[100%] {100%}
	Av.	1.059 (1.220)	[1.099] {1.321}	[1.246] {1.485}
	St. Dev.	0.140 (0.172)	[0.140] {0.177}	[0.242] {0.261}
Rectangular beam-column	Nos.	160	23	27
	Test/EC4 ≥ 1	73.1% (98.1%)	[87.0%] {100%}	[85.2%] {100%}
	Av.	1.107 (1.338)	[1.128] {1.461}	[1.147] {1.364}
	St. Dev.	0.279 (0.341)	[0.102] {0.148}	[0.177] {0.177}

value1 is based on the characteristic strengths of steel and concrete; (value2) is based on design strengths; [value3] is based on characteristic strengths with reduction factor η for concrete; {value4} is based on design strengths with reduction factor η for concrete.

Fire Resistance Performance



Strength Retention of Steel in Fire



Effective yield strength of steel starts to reduce at 400°C

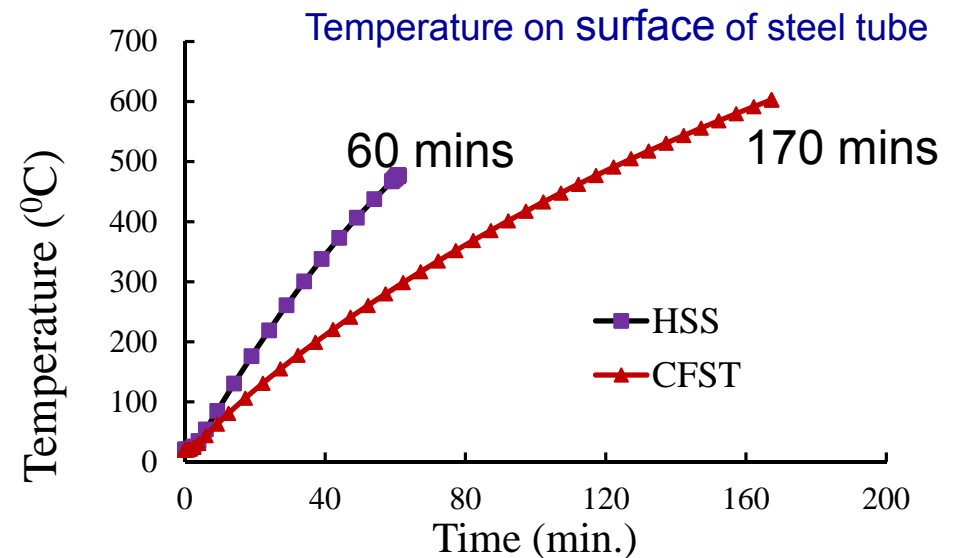
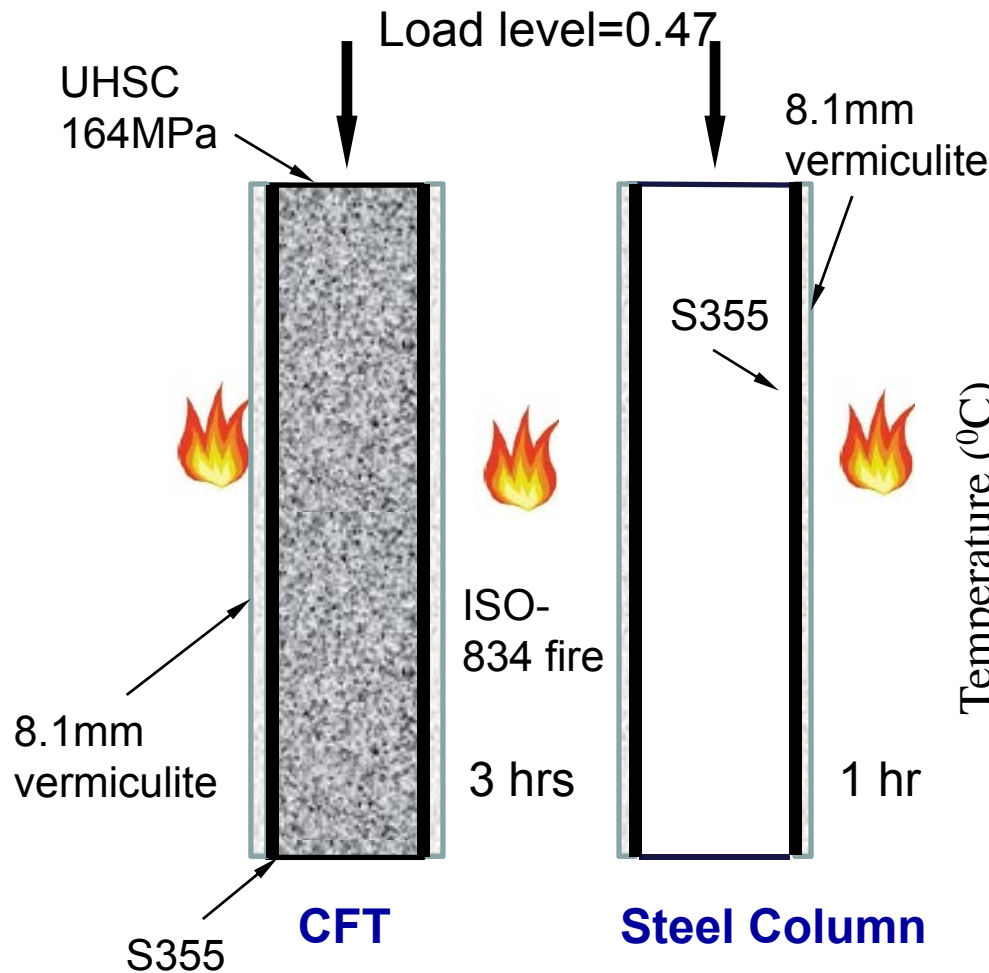
Young modulus of steel starts to reduce at 150°C

Fire Resistance Performance of Circular Column

Circular CFST Vs. Circular HSS

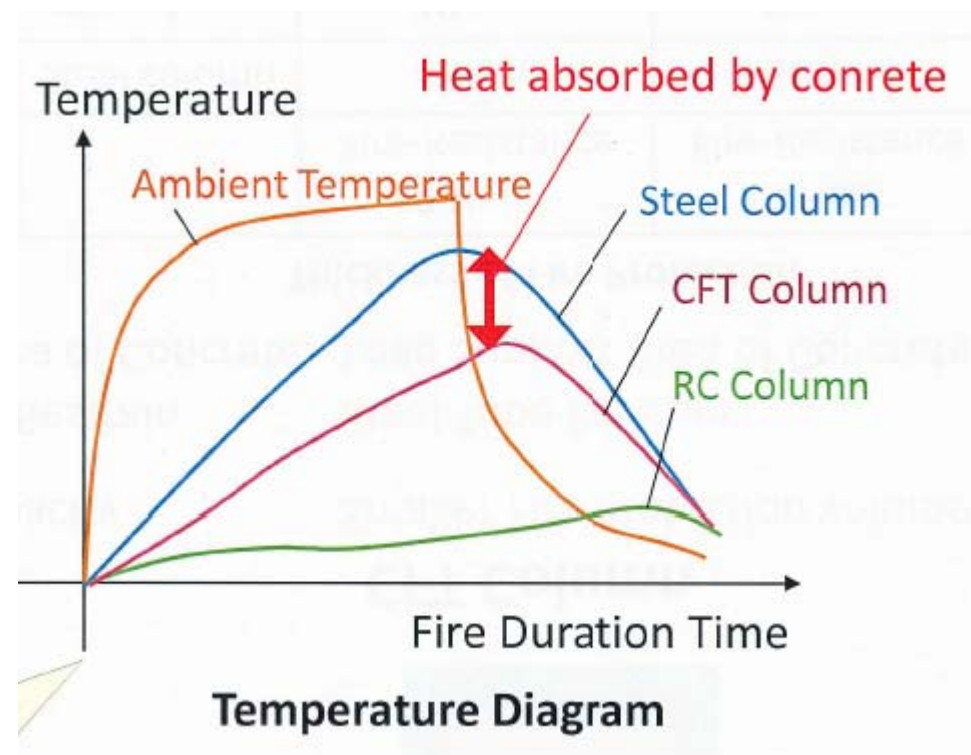
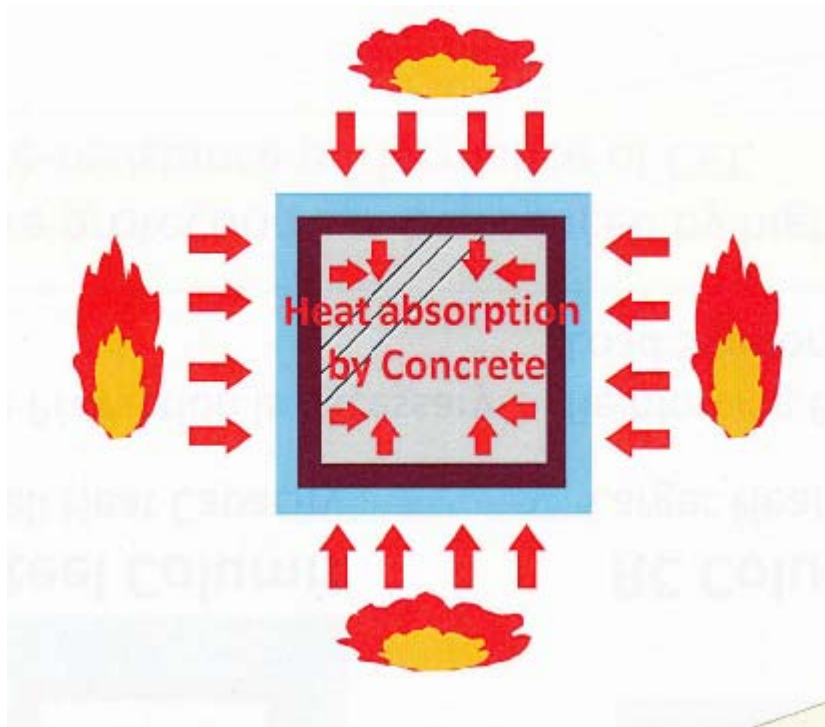
Same tube size CHS 219.1X16

Section factor $A_m/V=18m^{-1}$



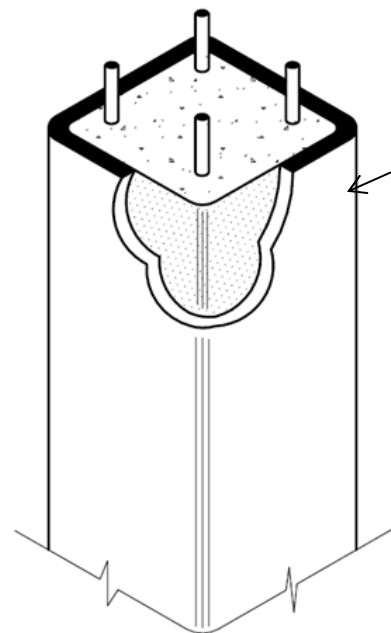
Fire Performance of CFT

- Heat Absorbed by the concrete core reduces the temperature of the external steel tube
- It requires less fire protection than steel tube



CFTs without External Fire Protection

Filled hollow sections will need to contain reinforcement in the mix in order to minimise column dimensions and to sustain the required fire limit state design loads for fire resistance periods of 60 minutes or more.

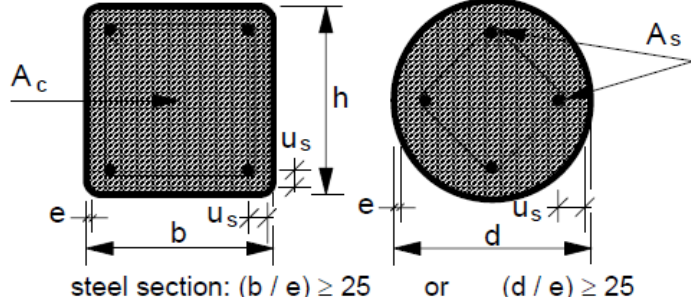


Sacrifice the steel tube in fire.
RC column will resist the design load in fire

Fire resistant design of composite columns based on EC4 (EN 1994-1-2:2005)

Simplified table in EC4

Table 4.7: Minimum cross-sectional dimensions, minimum reinforcement ratios and minimum axis distance of the reinforcing bars of composite columns made of concrete filled hollow sections

 <p style="text-align: center;">steel section: $(b / e) \geq 25$ or $(d / e) \geq 25$</p>		Standard Fire Resistance				
		R30	R60	R90	R120	R180
1	Minimum cross-sectional dimensions for load level $\eta_{fi,t} \leq 0,28$					
1.1	Minimum dimensions h and b or minimum diameter d [mm]	160	200	220	260	400
1.2	Minimum ratio of reinforcement $A_S / (A_C + A_S)$ in (%)	0	1,5	3,0	6,0	6,0
1.3	Minimum axis distance of reinforcing bars u_S [mm]	-	30	40	50	60
2	Minimum cross-sectional dimensions for load level $\eta_{fi,t} \leq 0,47$					
2.1	Minimum dimensions h and b or minimum diameter d [mm]	260	260	400	450	500
2.2	Minimum ratio of reinforcement $A_S / (A_C + A_S)$ in (%)	0	3,0	6,0	6,0	6,0
2.3	Minimum axis distance of reinforcing bars u_S [mm]	-	30	40	50	60
3	Minimum cross-sectional dimensions for load level $\eta_{fi,t} \leq 0,66$					
3.1	Minimum dimensions h and b or minimum diameter d [mm]	260	450	550	-	-
3.2	Minimum ratio of reinforcement $A_S / (A_C + A_S)$ in (%)	3,0	6,0	6,0	-	-
3.3	Minimum axis distance of reinforcing bars u_S [mm]	25	30	40	-	-

No guidance for large size columns

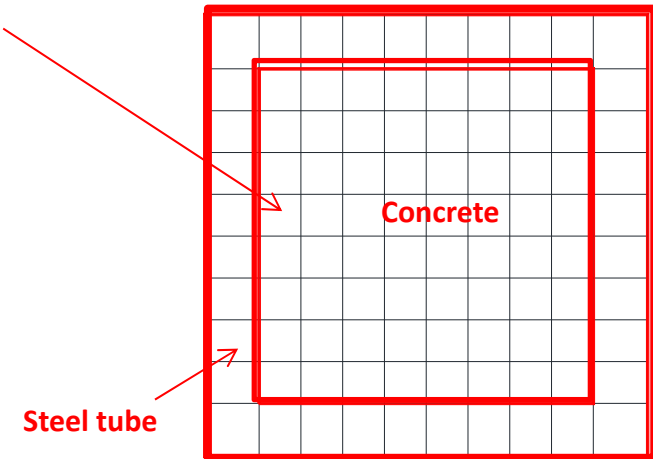
Fire resistant design of composite columns based on EC4 (EN 1994-1-2:2005): Fire Engineering Calculation Method

$$N_{fi,Rd} = \chi N_{fi,pl,Rd}$$

$$N_{fi,pl,Rd} = \sum_j \left(\frac{A_{a,\theta} f_{ay,\theta}}{\gamma_{M,fi,a}} + \frac{A_{c,\theta} f_{c,\theta}}{\gamma_{M,fi,c}} \right)$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{\Phi + \sqrt{\Phi^2 - \bar{\lambda}_\theta^2}}$$

Perform heat transfer analysis to,
determine the temperature distribution
, θ_i



Where:

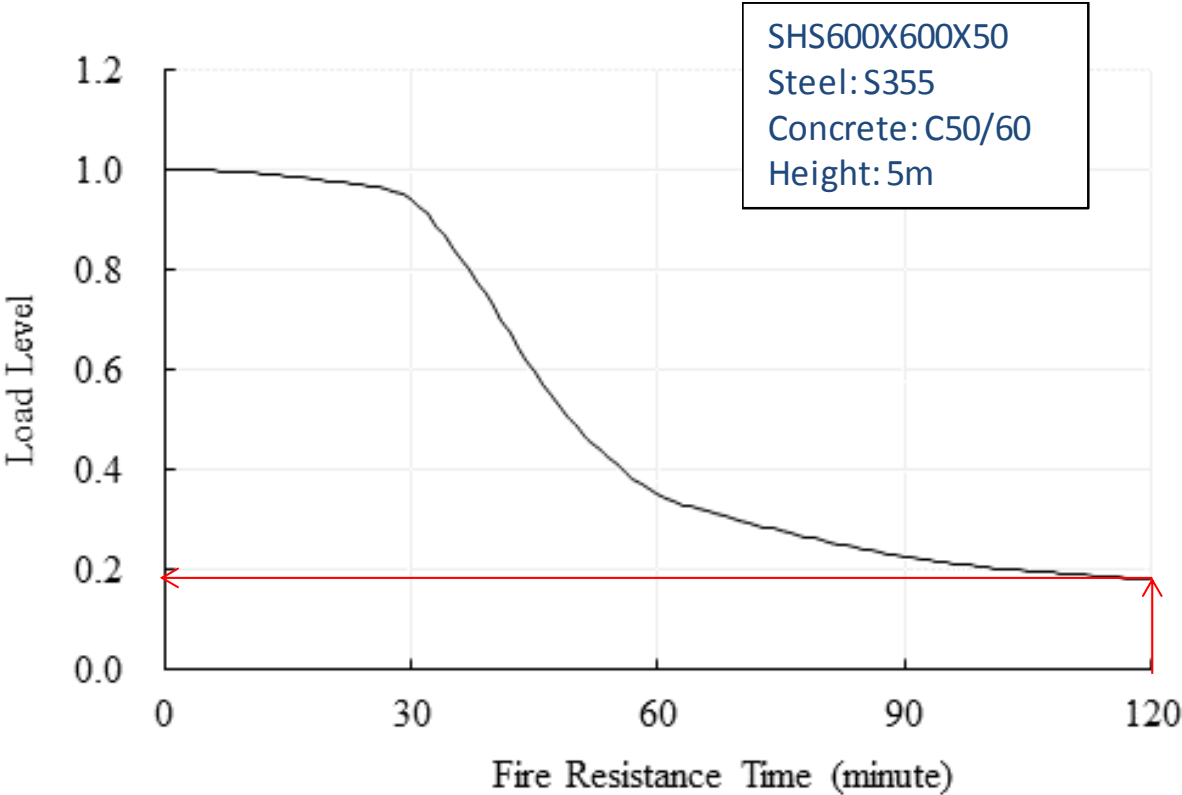
$$\Phi = 0.5 \left[1 + 0.49 (\bar{\lambda}_\theta - 0.2) + \bar{\lambda}_\theta^2 \right], \bar{\lambda}_\theta = \sqrt{\frac{N_{fi,pl,R}}{N_{fi,cr}}}$$

$$N_{fi,cr} = \frac{\pi^2 (EI)_{fi,eff}}{l_\theta^2}$$

$$(EI)_{fi,eff} = \sum_j (\varphi_{a,\theta} E_{a,\theta} I_{a,\theta}) + \sum_k (\varphi_{c,\theta} E_{c,\theta} I_{c,\theta}) + \sum_m (\varphi_{s,\theta} E_{s,\theta} I_{s,\theta})$$

Section discretized,
temperature calculated for
each element,
temperature-dependent
material properties applied
to each element!

Fire Resistance Versus Load Level



Load Level

$$\mu_0 = \frac{E_{fi.d}}{R_{fi.d.0}}$$

Design effect in fire

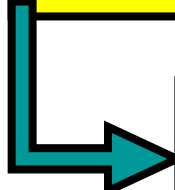
Resistance at ambient temperature

Ambient temperature strength design

γ_G = 1,35 Permanent loads;
 $\gamma_{Q.1}$ = 1,5 Combination factor; variable loads

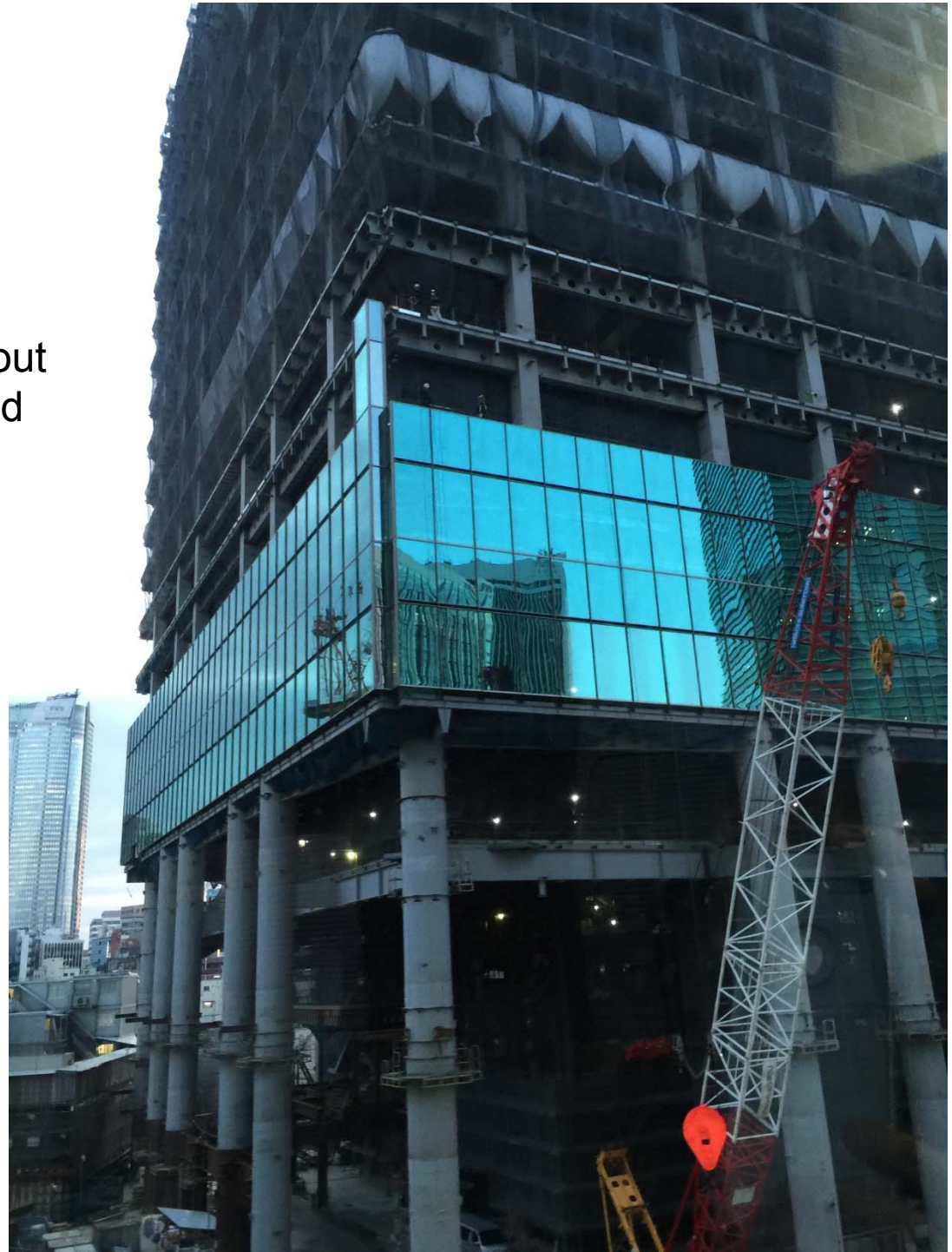
In Fire limit state

γ_{GA} = 1,0 Permanent loads; accidental design situations
 $\psi_{1.1}$ = 0,5 Combination factor; variable loads, offices



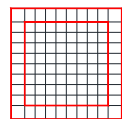
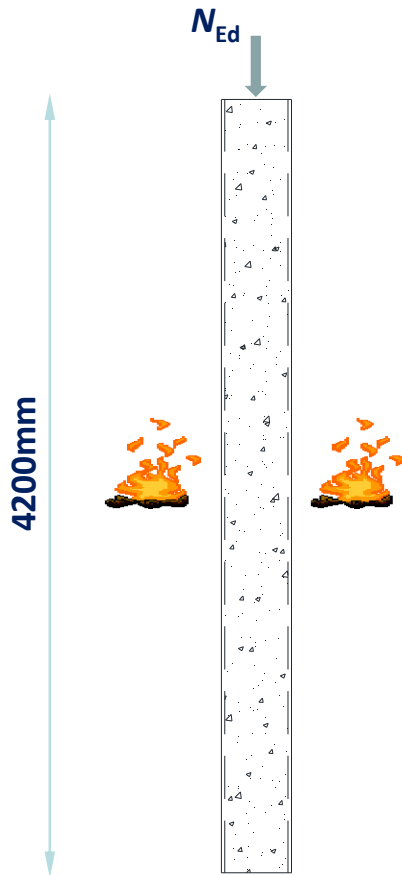
$Q_{k.1}/G_k$	1	2	3	4
η_{fi}	0,53	0,46	0,43	0,41

Exposed Concrete Filled Tubes without Fire Protection in Japan because load level is low



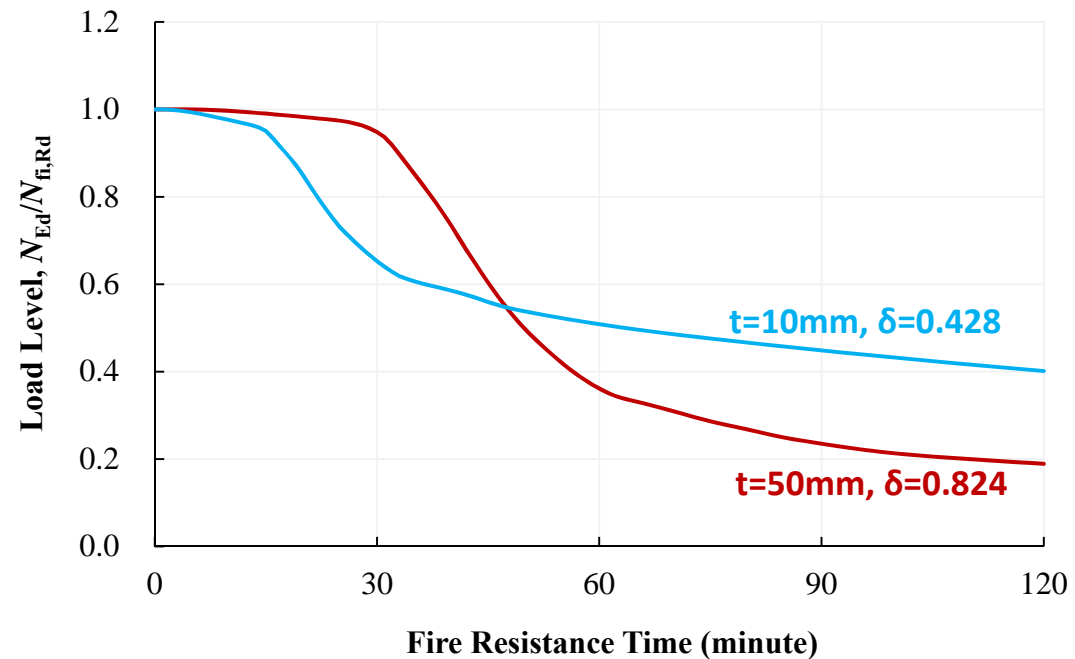
Fire resistant design of composite columns based on EC4 (EN 1994-1-2:2005)

□ Simple Calculation Models (Case Study)



SHS600X600
S355, C50/60

Fire protection is not necessary when the load level and steel contribution ratio, δ , are low!



t = plate thickness

For common buildings not designed for earthquake loads and typical load level between 0.4 to 0.6

Fire Protection to be Applied

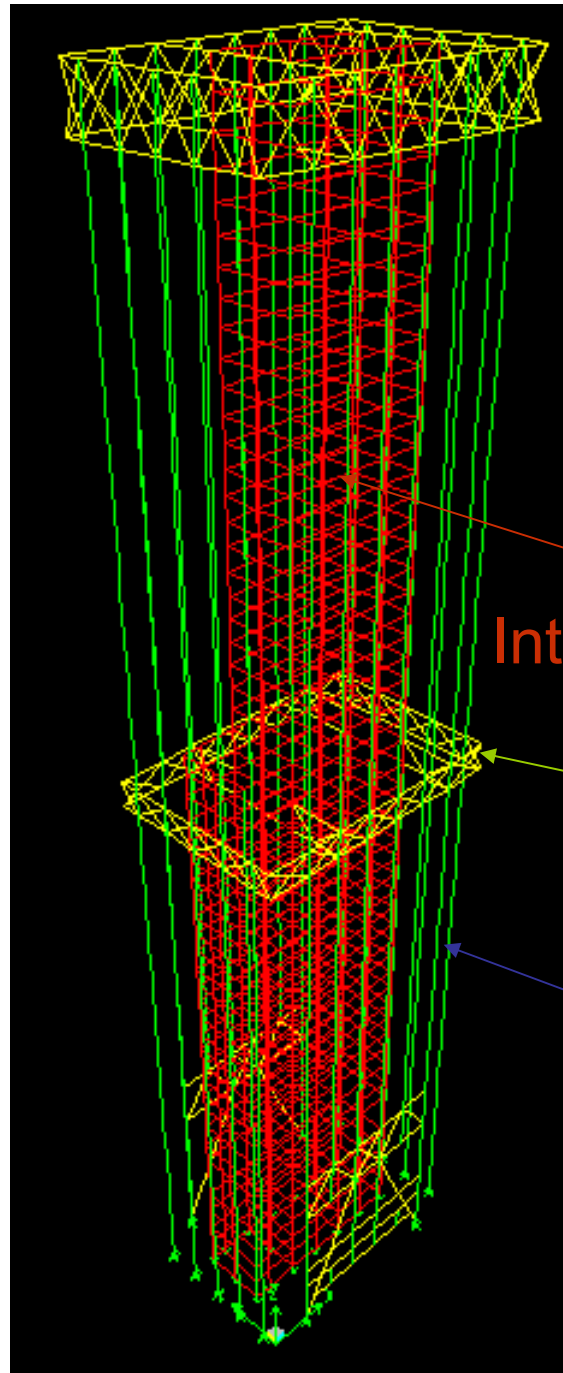


Thickness of Fire Protection

	2 Hour Fire-Resistance	3 Hour Fire-Resistance
Steel column	45mm	60mm
CFT column	20mm	30mm



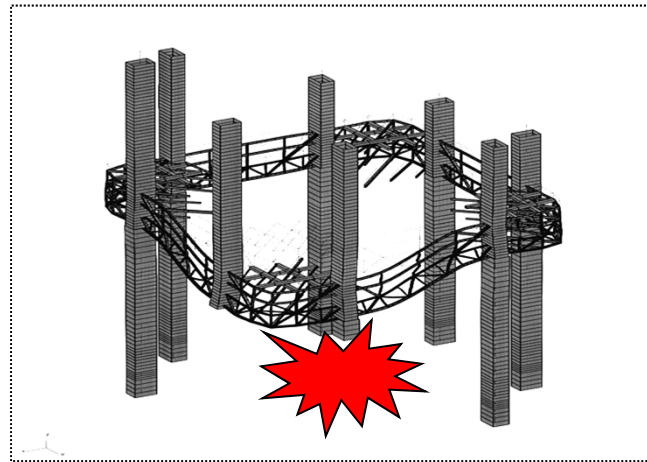
Progressive Collapse due to Accidental Loads – impact, blast, fire etc



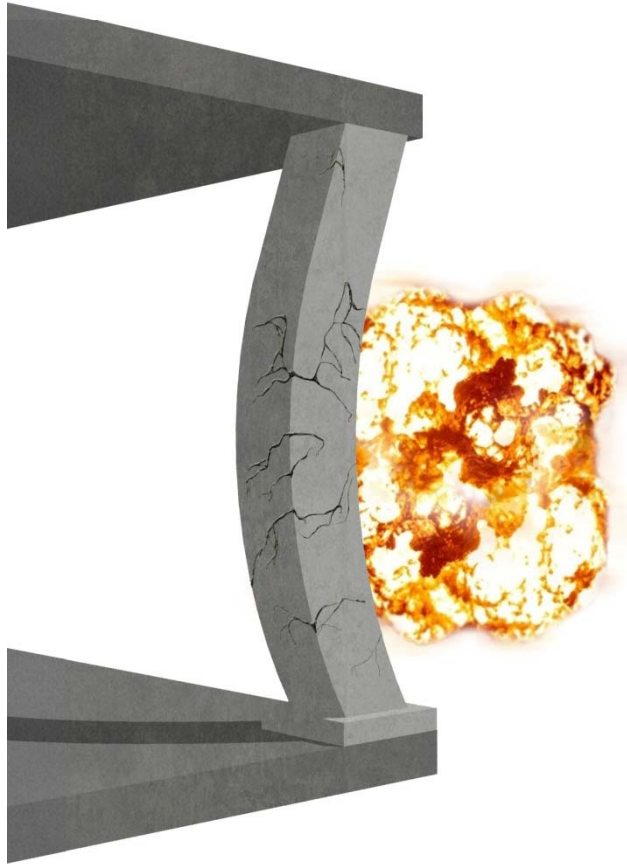
Internal Core

Belt and outrigger

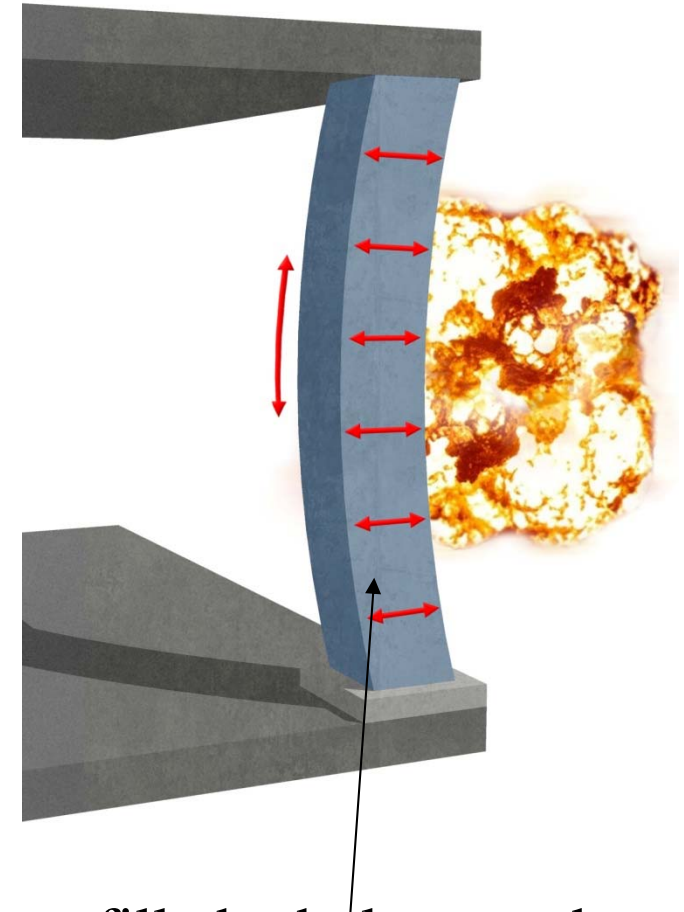
Exterior columns



Columns Subject to Blast



Conventional RC
Columns– Cracks and
spalling; may involve
flying debris

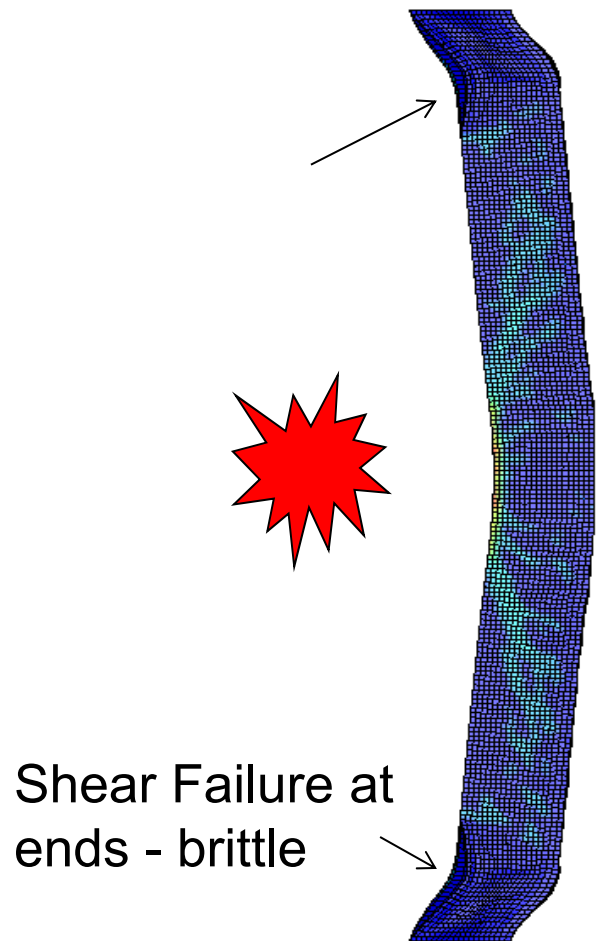


Concrete filled tubular member-
Concrete is confined

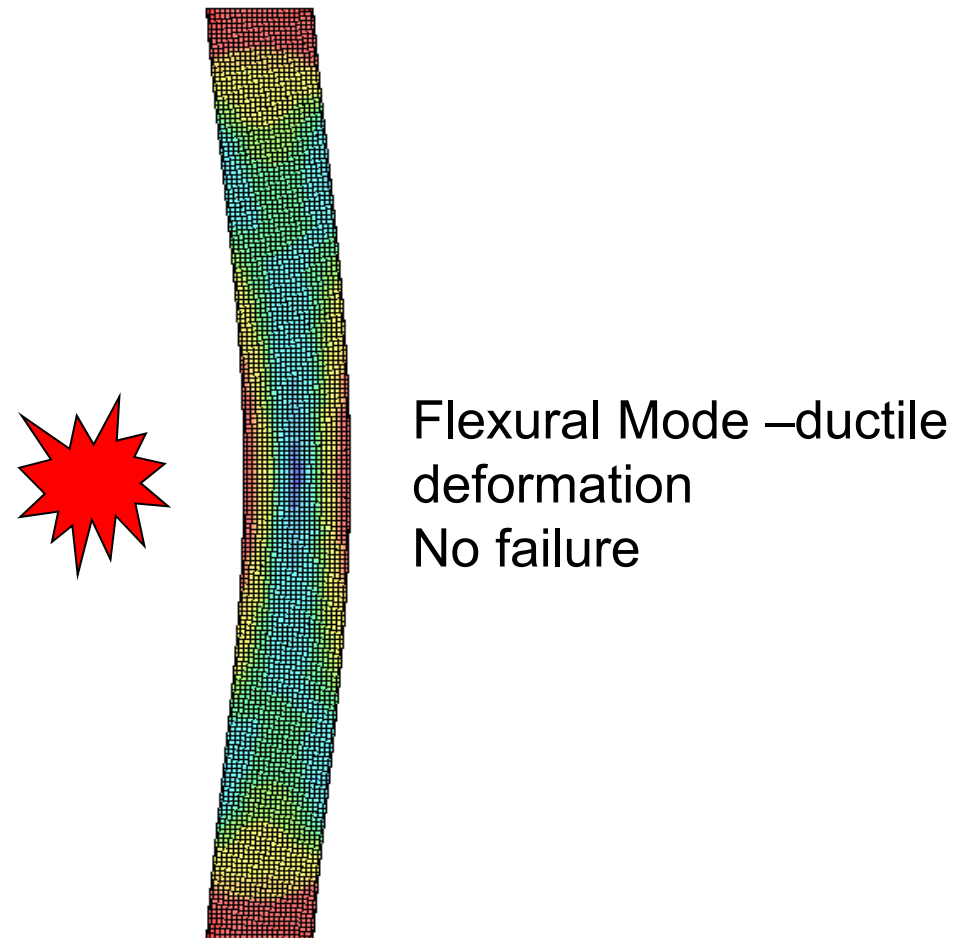
Columns subject to Blast Load

Deformed modes at 0.004 sec after application of blast overpressure

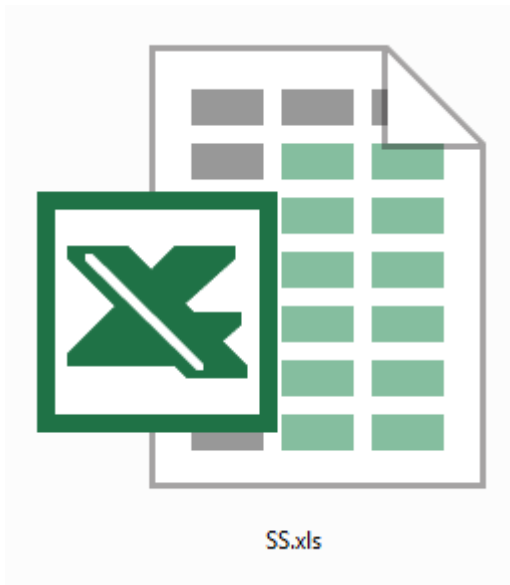
RC Column



Concrete-filled composite column



Design for Concrete Filled Steel Tubular (CFST) Column according to EN 1994-1-1 Using Spreadsheet developed by NUS



Database for Steel Sections

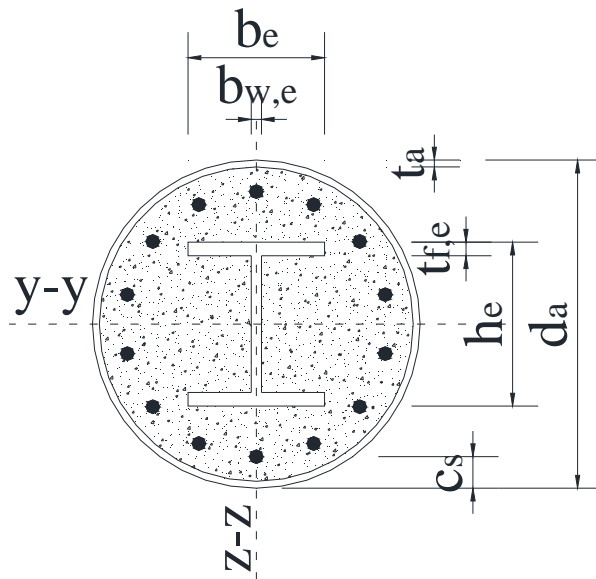


Main Program

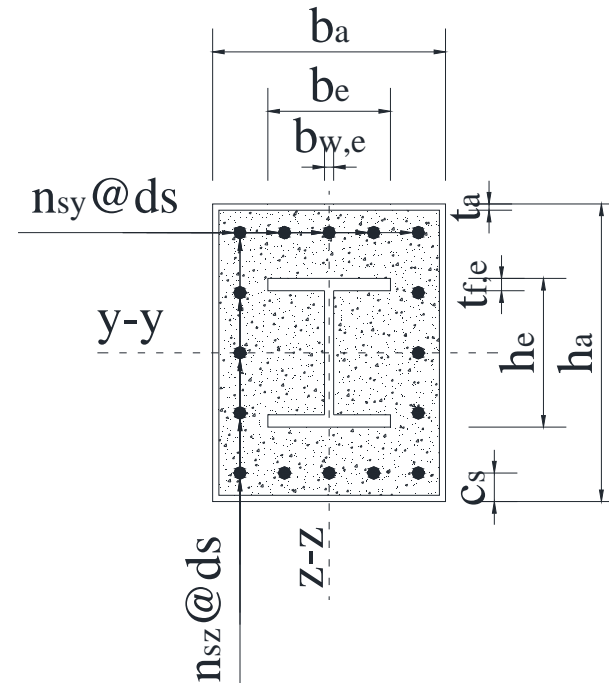
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Applicable to:

Circular CFST



Rectangular CFST



Limit to:

Steel grade: S235 ~ S550

Concrete grade: C20/25 ~ C90/105

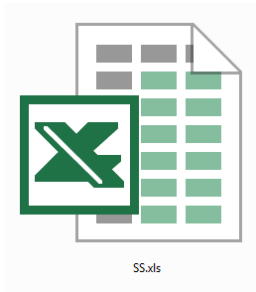


Standard Steel Sections

The database for the hot-finished sections can be supplemented with sections from American, China, Japan, India, etc.

Hot finished Circular Hollow Sections in accordance with EN 10210													
Dimensions and Properties													
Mark	Designation		Mass Per metre	Area of Section	Ratio for Local Buckling	Second Moment of Area	Radius of Gyration	Elastic Modulus	Plastic Modulus	Torsional Constants		Surface Area of Section	Approx Length Per Tonne
	Outside Diameter	Thickness								I _T	W _T		
	D	t											
	mm	mm	kg/m	cm ²	D/t	cm ⁴	cm	cm ³	cm ³	cm ⁴	cm ³	m ² /m	m
21.3x3.2	21.3	3.2	1.43	1.82	6.7	0.768	0.65	0.722	1.06	1.54	1.44	0.067	700
26.9x3.2	26.9	3.2	1.87	2.38	8.4	1.7	0.846	1.27	1.81	3.41	2.53	0.085	535
33.7x3	33.7	3	2.27	2.89	11.2	3.44	1.09	2.04	2.84	6.88	4.08	0.106	440
33.7x3.2	33.7	3.2	2.41	3.07	10.5	3.6	1.08	2.14	2.99	7.21	4.28	0.106	415
33.7x3.6	33.7	3.6	2.67	3.4	9.4	3.91	1.07	2.32	3.28	7.82	4.64	0.106	374
33.7x4	33.7	4	2.93	3.73	8.4	4.19	1.06	2.49	3.55	8.38	4.97	0.106	341
42.4x3	42.4	3	2.91	3.71	14.1	7.25	1.4	3.42	4.67	14.5	6.84	0.133	343
42.4x3.2	42.4	3.2	3.09	3.94	13.3	7.62	1.39	3.59	4.93	15.2	7.19	0.133	323
42.4x3.6	42.4	3.6	3.44	4.39	11.8	8.33	1.38	3.93	5.44	16.7	7.86	0.133	290
42.4x4	42.4	4	3.79	4.83	10.6	8.99	1.36	4.24	5.92	18	8.48	0.133	264
48.3x2.5	48.3	2.5	2.82	3.6	19.3	9.46	1.62	3.92	5.25	18.9	7.83	0.152	354
48.3x3	48.3	3	3.35	4.27	16.1	11	1.61	4.55	6.17	22	9.11	0.152	298
48.3x3.2	48.3	3.2	3.56	4.53	15.1	11.6	1.6	4.8	6.52	23.2	9.59	0.152	281
48.3x3.6	48.3	3.6	3.97	5.06	13.4	12.7	1.59	5.26	7.21	25.4	10.5	0.152	252
48.3x4	48.3	4	4.37	5.57	12.1	13.8	1.57	5.7	7.87	27.5	11.4	0.152	229
48.3x5	48.3	5	5.34	6.8	9.7	16.2	1.54	6.69	9.42	32.3	13.4	0.152	187
60.3x2.5	60.3	2.5	3.56	4.54	24.1	19	2.05	6.3	8.36	38	12.6	0.189	281
60.3x3	60.3	3	4.24	5.4	20.1	22.2	2.03	7.37	9.86	44.4	14.7	0.189	236
60.3x3.2	60.3	3.2	4.51	5.74	18.8	23.5	2.02	7.78	10.4	46.9	15.6	0.189	222
60.3x3.6	60.3	3.6	5.03	6.41	16.8	25.9	2.01	8.58	11.6	51.7	17.2	0.189	199
60.3x4	60.3	4	5.55	7.07	15.1	28.2	2	9.34	12.7	56.3	18.7	0.189	180
60.3x5	60.3	5	6.82	8.69	12.1	33.5	1.96	11.1	15.3	67	22.2	0.189	147
76.1x2.5	76.1	2.5	4.54	5.78	30.4	39.2	2.6	10.3	13.5	78.4	20.6	0.239	220
76.1x3	76.1	3	5.41	6.89	25.4	46.1	2.59	12.1	16	92.2	24.2	0.239	185
76.1x3.2	76.1	3.2	5.75	7.33	23.8	48.8	2.58	12.8	17	97.6	25.6	0.239	174
76.1x3.6	76.1	3.6	6.44	8.2	21.1	54	2.57	14.2	18.9	108	28.4	0.239	155
76.1x4	76.1	4	7.11	9.06	19	59.1	2.55	15.5	20.8	118	31	0.239	141
76.1x5	76.1	5	8.77	11.2	15.2	70.9	2.52	18.6	25.3	142	37.3	0.239	114
76.1x6	76.1	6	10.4	13.2	12.7	81.8	2.49	21.5	29.6	164	43	0.239	96.4
76.1x6.3	76.1	6.3	10.8	13.8	12.1	84.8	2.48	22.3	30.8	170	44.6	0.239	92.2
88.9x2.5	88.9	2.5	5.33	6.79	35.6	63.4	3.06	14.3	18.7	127	28.5	0.279	188
88.9x3	88.9	3	6.36	8.1	29.6	74.8	3.04	16.8	22.1	150	33.6	0.279	157
88.9x3.2	88.9	3.2	6.76	8.62	27.8	79.2	3.03	17.8	23.5	158	35.6	0.279	148
88.9x3.6	88.9	3.6	7.57	9.65	24.7	87.9	3.02	19.8	26.2	176	39.5	0.279	132
88.9x4	88.9	4	8.38	10.7	22.2	96.3	3	21.7	28.9	193	43.3	0.279	119
88.9x5	88.9	5	10.3	13.2	17.8	116	2.97	26.2	35.2	233	52.4	0.279	96.7

Hot-finished sections



User Defined Sections

The users only need to input the dimensions of the section, the other sectional properties are automatically calculated!

Custom H Sections																						
Designation	Mass Per metre	Depth of section	Width of section	Thickness		Root radius	Depth between fillets	Ratios for Local Buckling		Second Moment of Area		Radius of Gyration		Elastic Modulus		Plastic Modulus		Buckling Parameter	Torsional Index	Warping Constant	Torsional Constant	Area of section
				Web	Flange			Flange	Web	Axis y-y	Axis z-z	Axis y-y	Axis z-z	Axis y-y	Axis z-z	Axis y-y	Axis z-z					
				mm	mm			mm	mm	cm ⁴	cm ⁴	cm	cm	cm ³	cm ³	cm ³	cm ³					
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550x550x335	336	550	550	20	30	0	490	9.17	24.5	242936	83220.2	24	14	8834	3026	9781	4587	0.844	18.3	56.3	1105	428
HEA220	51	210	220	7	11	18	152	10.00	21.71	5184	1952.67	9	5.5	493.7	177.5	543.4	269	0.819	16.9	0.2	29	64
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User-defined sections



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Main Program

Input data

Design Loads

Section Sizes

Material Properties

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Design Loads (Factored)		
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21	Axial force	$N_{Ed} = 6000$ kN
22	Part of axial force that is permanent	$N_{G,Ed} = 3600$ kN
23	Moment about y-y axis at top of column	$M_{y,Ed,t} = 273$ kN.m
24	Moment about y-y axis at bottom of column	$M_{y,Ed,b} = 0$ kN.m
25	Moment about z-z axis at top of column	$M_{z,Ed,t} = 273$ kN.m
26	Moment about z-z axis at bottom of column	$M_{z,Ed,b} = 0$ kN.m
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28	Parameters of CFST Column	
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39	System length of column	$L = 5000$ mm
40	Coefficient of effective length about y-y axis	$k_{eff,y} = 1$
41	Coefficient of effective length about z-z axis	$k_{eff,z} = 1$
42	Effective length about y-y axis	$L_{eff,y} = 5000$ mm
43	Effective length about z-z axis	$L_{eff,z} = 5000$ mm
44	Buckling curve about y-y axis	a
45	Buckling curve about z-z axis	a
46	Initial imperfection about y-y axis	$e_{0,y} = 16.7$ mm
47	Initial imperfection about z-z axis	$e_{0,z} = 16.7$ mm
48	Gross cross-sectional area	A= 457x12.5 457x16
49	Second moment of area	I= 508x6.3 508x8
50	Plastic modulus	$W_p = 508x10$ 508x12 508x12.5
51		
52	Parameters of Steel Tube	CHS 457x12
53	Outer diameter of cross-section	$d_s = 457$ mm

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Calculation

Long-Term Effect

Second-Order Effect

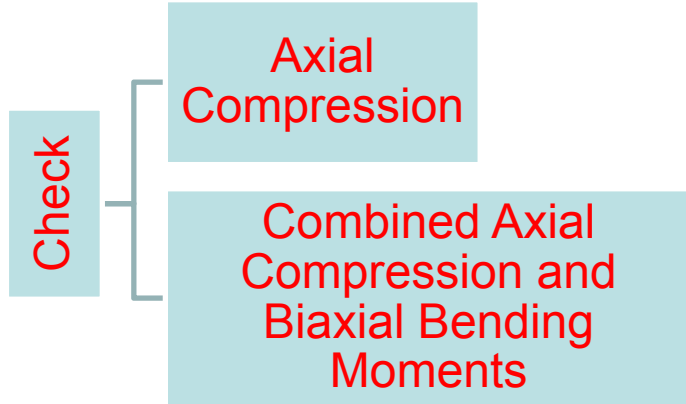
M-N Interaction Curve

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
114									
115	Long-term effect								
116	Age of concrete at first loading in days					$t_0 =$	30	days	
117	Age of concrete at the moment considered in days					$t =$	=	days	
118	Relative humidity of ambient environment					$RH =$	50	%	
119	Notional size of concrete section					$h_0 =$	216	mm	
120	Coefficient					$\alpha_1 =$	0.94	mm	
121	Coefficient					$\alpha_2 =$	0.98	mm	
122	Coefficient					$\alpha_3 =$	0.96	mm	
123	Factor to allow for effect of RH on notional creep					$\varphi_{RH} =$	1.76		
124	Factor to allow for effect of f_{cm} on notional creep					$\beta(f_{cm}) =$	2.73		
125	Factor to allow for effect of t_n on notional creep					$\beta(t_n) =$	0.48		
126	Notional creep coefficient					Simplified Interaction Curve: Point A			
127	Factor to allow for effect of					151	Characteristic value of plastic resistance	$N_{pl,Rk} =$	10381 kN
128	Coefficient to describe deve					152	Effective flexural stiffness about y-y axis	$(EI)_{eff,y} =$	1.02E+11 kN.mm ²
129	Creep coefficient					153	Effective flexural stiffness about z-z axis	$(EI)_{eff,z} =$	1.02E+11 kN.mm ²
130	Elastic modulus of concrete					154	Elastic critical normal force about y-y axis	$N_{cr,y} =$	40082 kN
131						155	Elastic critical normal force about z-z axis	$N_{cr,z} =$	40082 kN
132	Second-order Effect								
133	Effective flexural stiffness at					156	Relative slenderness about y-y axis	$\lambda_y =$	0.509
134	Effective flexural stiffness at					157	Relative slenderness about z-z axis	$\lambda_z =$	0.509
135	Elastic critical normal force					158	Load eccentricity about y-y axis	$e_{N,y} =$	45.5 mm
136	Elastic critical normal force					159	Load eccentricity about z-z axis	$e_{N,z} =$	45.5 mm
137	Factor for initial imperfect					160	Coefficient	$\eta_{a0} =$	1.000
138	Factor for initial imperfect					161	Coefficient	$\eta_{c0} =$	0.000
139	Ratio between top and bott					162	Coefficient	$\eta_a =$	1.000
140	Ratio between top and bott					163	Coefficient	$\eta_c =$	0.000
141	Factor for first-order mome					164	Plastic resistance of cross-section	$N_{pl,Rd} =$	8909 kN
142	Factor for first-order mome					165	Steel contribution ratio	$\delta =$	0.669
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167	Simplified Interaction Curve: Point B								
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182	Bending about y-y axis								
183	Assuming height of neutral axis						$h_{ny} =$	56.8	mm
184	Angle						$\theta_{ai,ny} =$	2.611	radians

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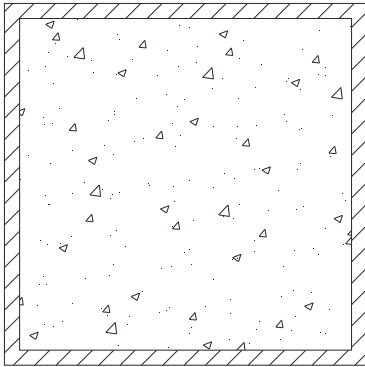


Main Program

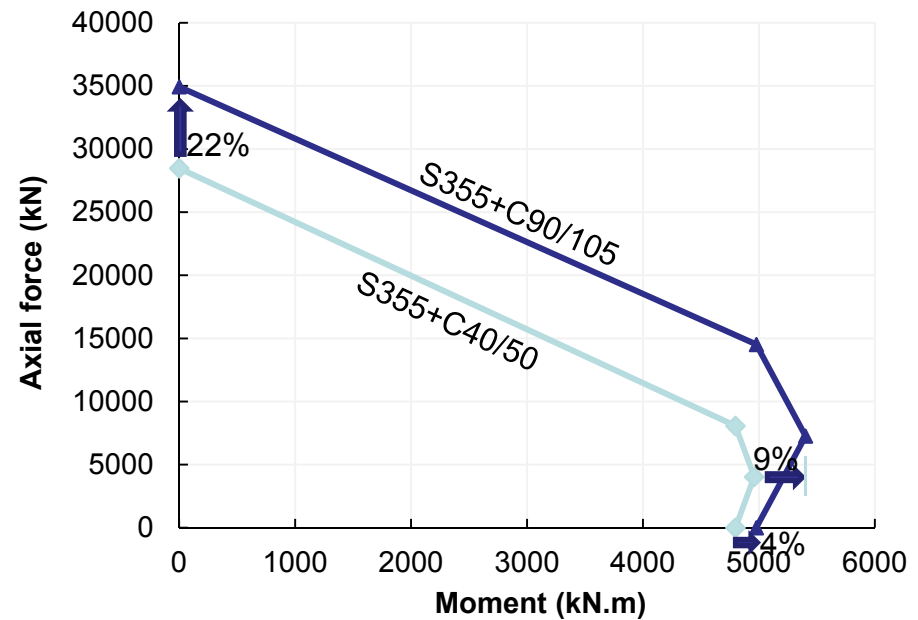
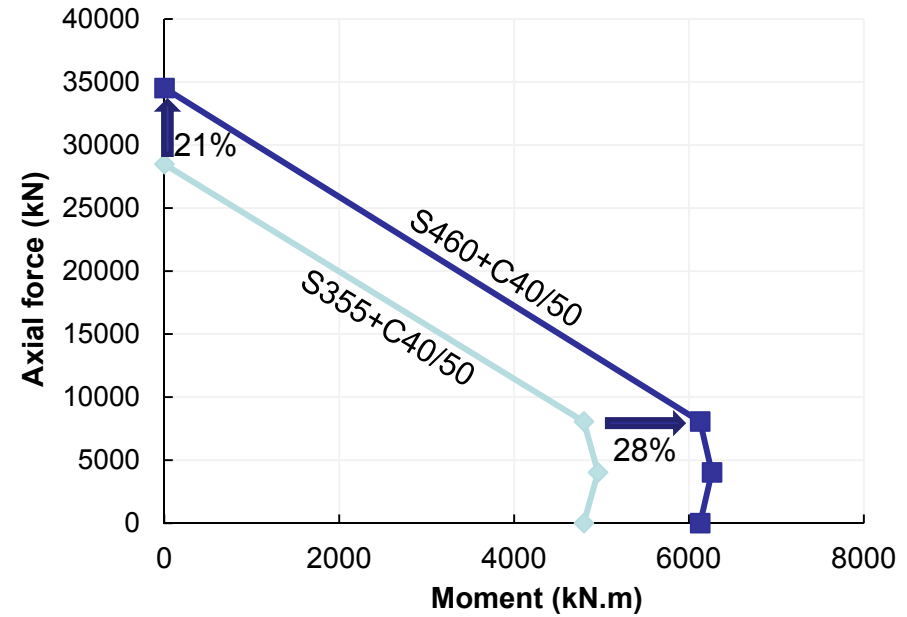


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241	Check for Resistance in Axial Compression									
242	Imperfection factor about y-y axis						$\alpha_y =$	0.21		
243	Imperfection factor about z-z axis						$\alpha_z =$	0.21		
244	Factor about y-y axis						$\Phi_y =$	0.662		
245	Factor about z-z axis						$\Phi_z =$	0.662		
246	Buckling reduction factor about y-y axis						$\chi_y =$	0.921		
247	Buckling reduction factor about z-z axis						$\chi_z =$	0.921		
248	Buckling reduction factor						$\chi =$	0.921		
249	$N_{Ed}/\chi N_{pl,Rd} =$		0.731	<	1.0		OK			
250										
251	Check for Combined Axial Compression and Biaxial Bending Moments									
252	Plastic moment resistance under compression, y-y						$M_{pl,N,y,Rd} =$	457 kN.m	OK	
253	Plastic moment resistance under compression, z-z						$M_{pl,N,z,Rd} =$	457 kN.m	OK	
254	$M_{y,Ed}/M_{pl,N,y,Rd} =$		0.739	<	$\alpha_{M,y} =$	0.9	OK			
255	$M_{z,Ed}/M_{pl,N,z,Rd} =$		0.739	<	$\alpha_{M,z} =$	0.9	OK			
256	$M_{y,Ed}/M_{pl,N,y,Rd} + M_{z,Ed}/M_{pl,N,z,Rd} =$		1.477	>	1.0		NOT OK			
257										
258	Simplified Interaction Curve and Design Loads									
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- Significantly increase axial compression resistance;
- Bending resistance benefits more from the increase of steel strength;
- No re-bars work.

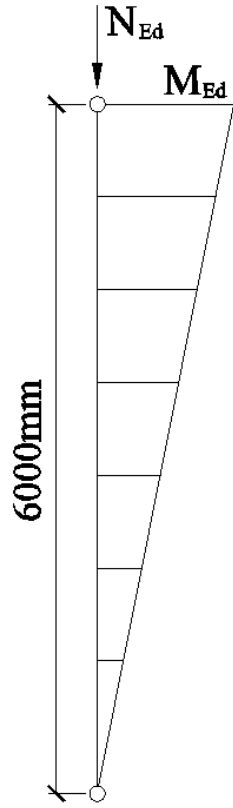


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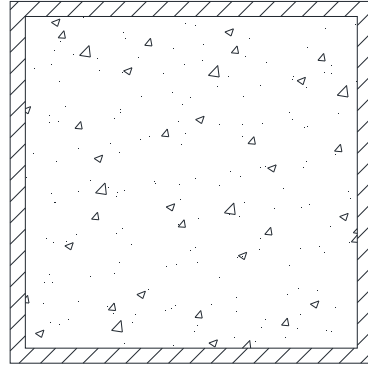
Axial load N_{Ed} : 15000kN

Bending moment M_{Ed} : 2800kN·m

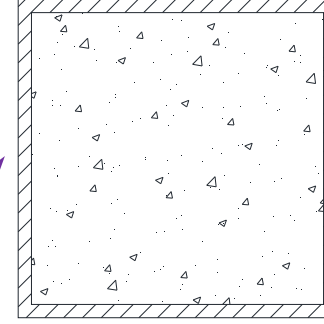
Effective length of column: 6000mm



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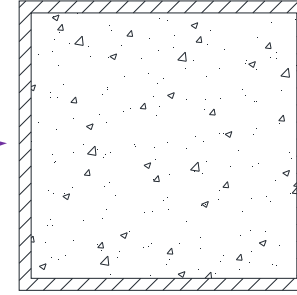


Area reduced by
12.8%



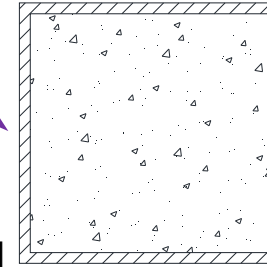
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Area reduced by
19%



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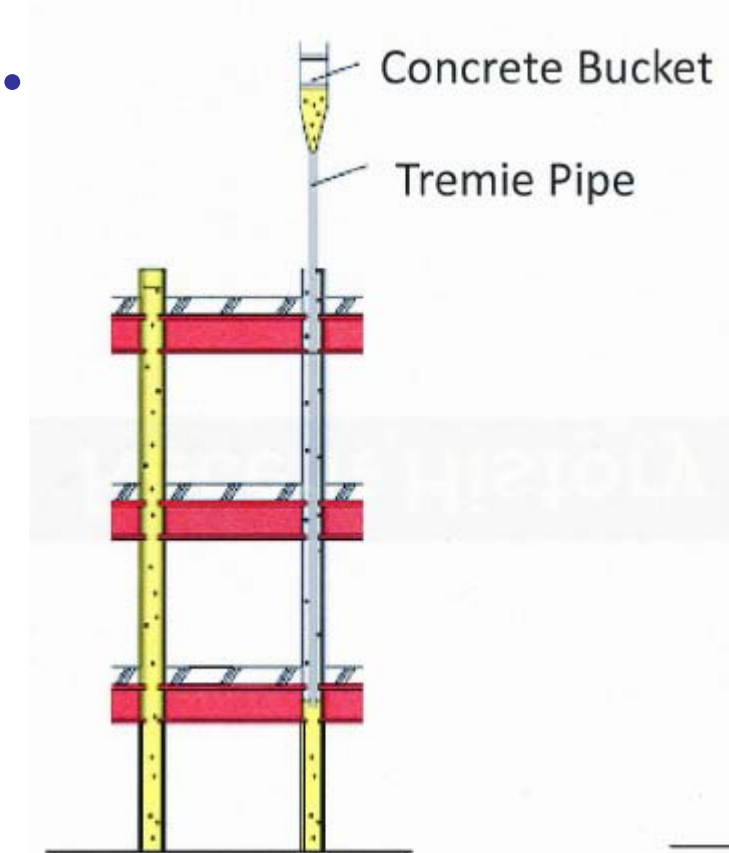
Area reduced by
27.8%



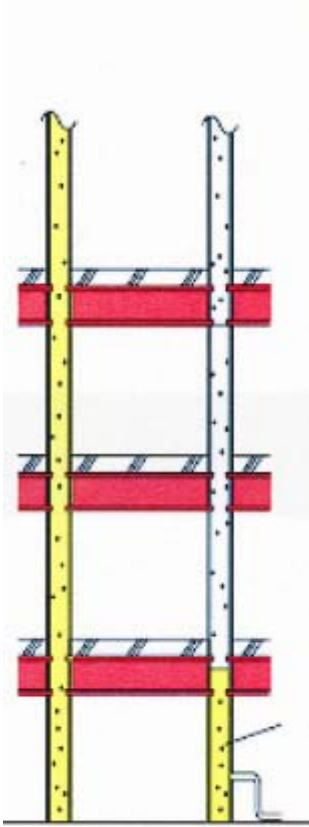
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S460+C90/105

15% reduction in weld

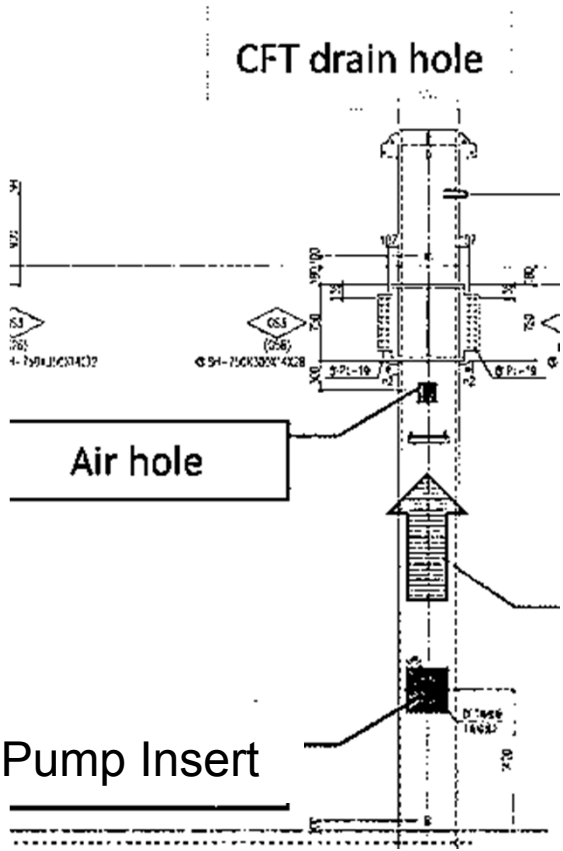
How to Fill Concrete in Steel Tube?



Cast in method

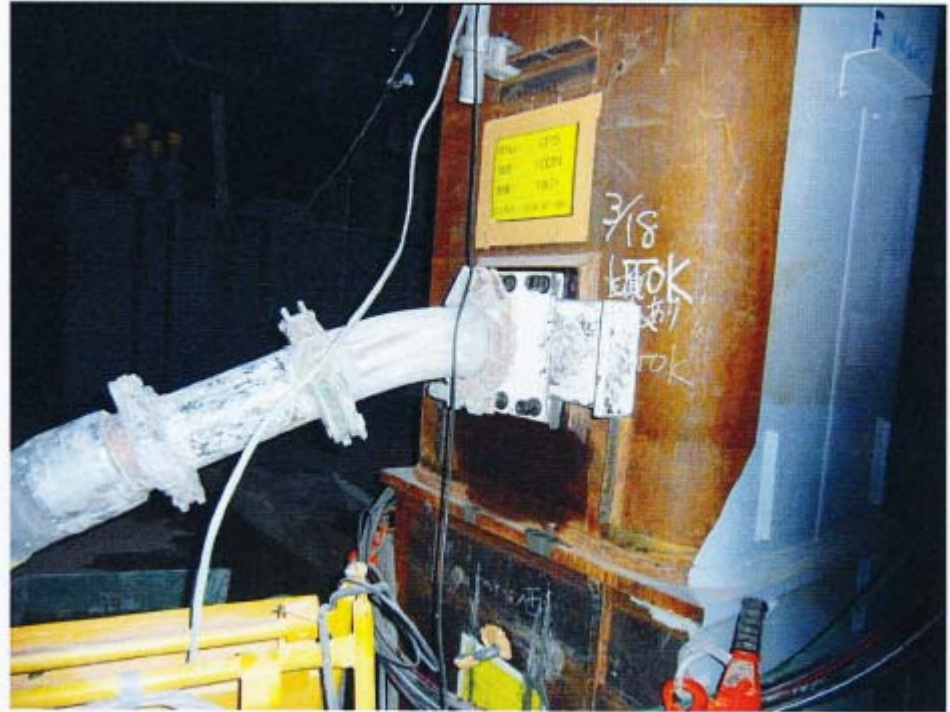


Pump from below





Cast In Method



Pump from below



Concrete Insert Hole

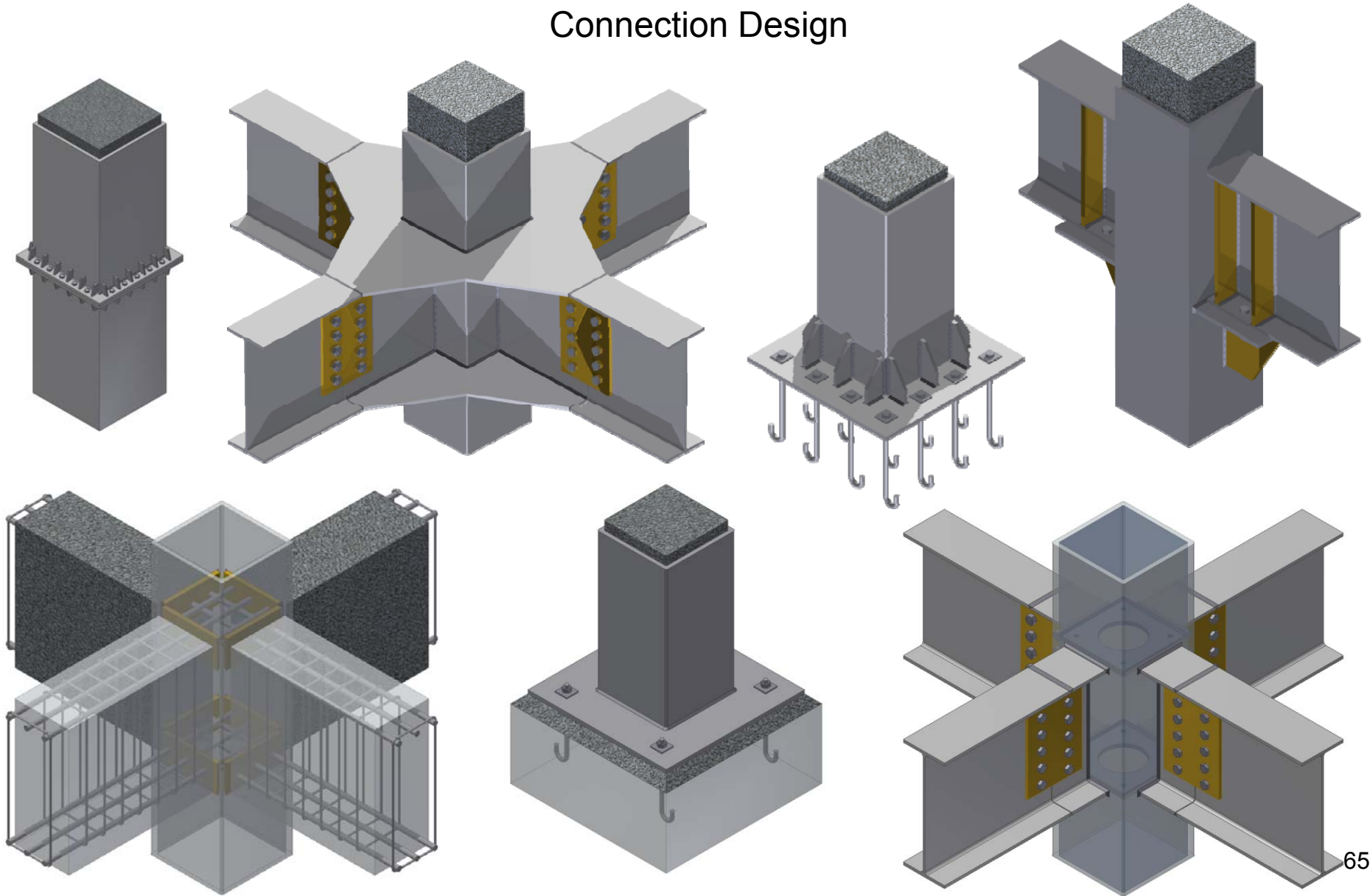






Design Guide

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Conclusions

- **CFT columns have higher structural resistance compared to steel and RC columns**
- **They require less fire protection**
- **They facilitate long span floor layout offering flexible architectural planning**
- **Smaller column size for high rise construction**
- **Use of higher strength steel and high strength concrete requires less site work, less welding and higher productivity**
- **New design guide can be used to design CFT columns more economically and safely**