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Experimental study on mechanical properties of fire exposed concrete



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Motivation

- Incidents of collapse of concrete buildings due to fire exposure,
- Discrepancies regarding strain and strength models found in literature and Eurocode

Aims

- Investigation of stress-strain relations of concrete exposed to compression at elevated temperatures,
- Comparison of the results with existing models

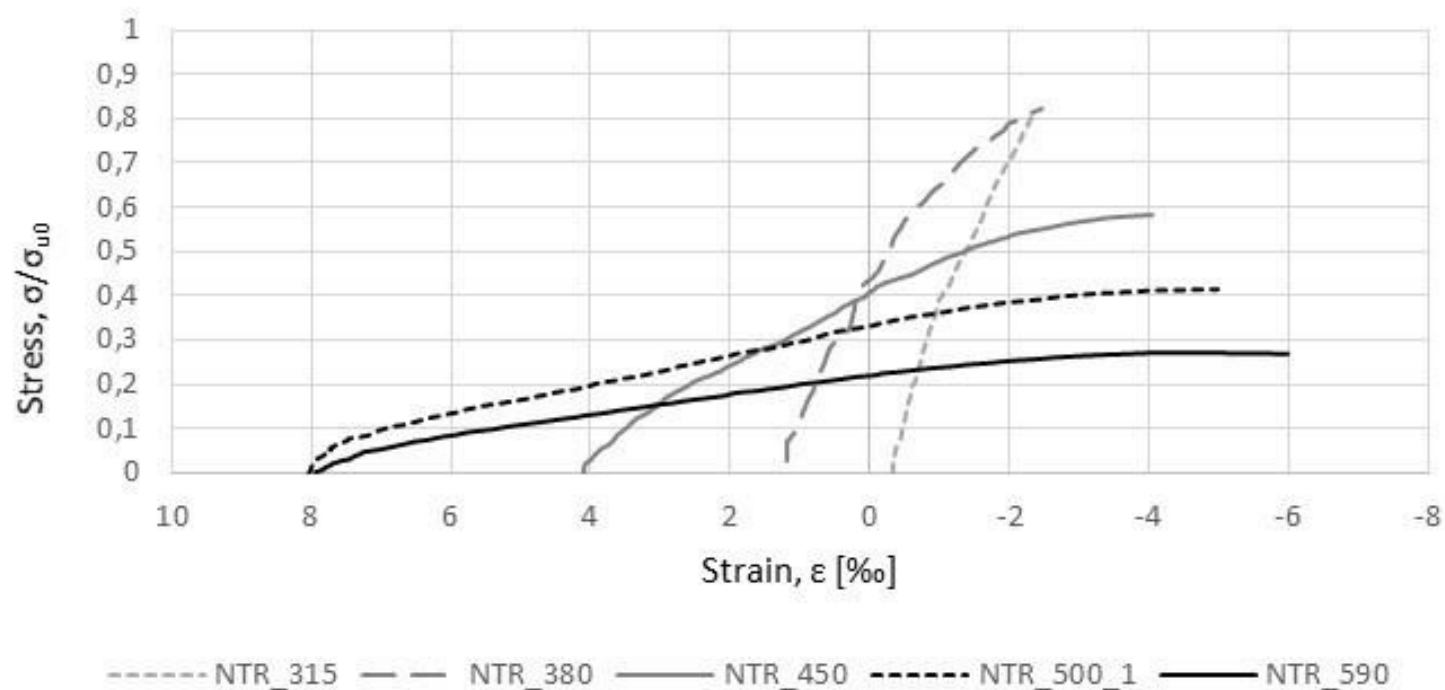
Methods

- 2 types of tests:
 - **transient** (preloaded specimen is heated up until failure or until max temperature is reached)
 - **non-transient** (specimen is first heated up and then compressed until failure)
- Equipment:
 - cylindrical oven
 - Instron compression machine



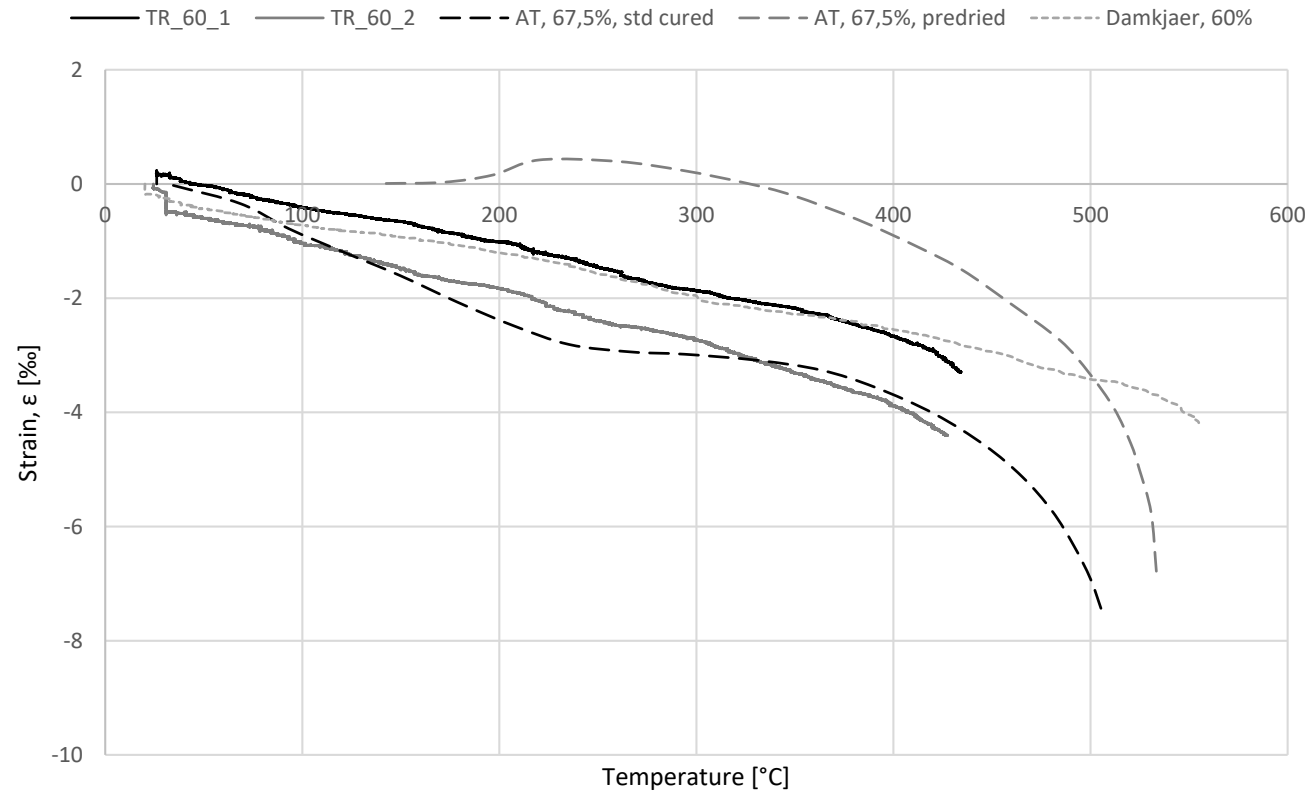
Results: non-transient tests

- Initial thermal expansion
- Larger contraction at higher temperatures



Results: transient test

- Test at 60% preloading





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