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Prediction of Thermally Induced Explosive Concrete Spalling in Normal Weight Concrete under High Intensity Fire Exposure

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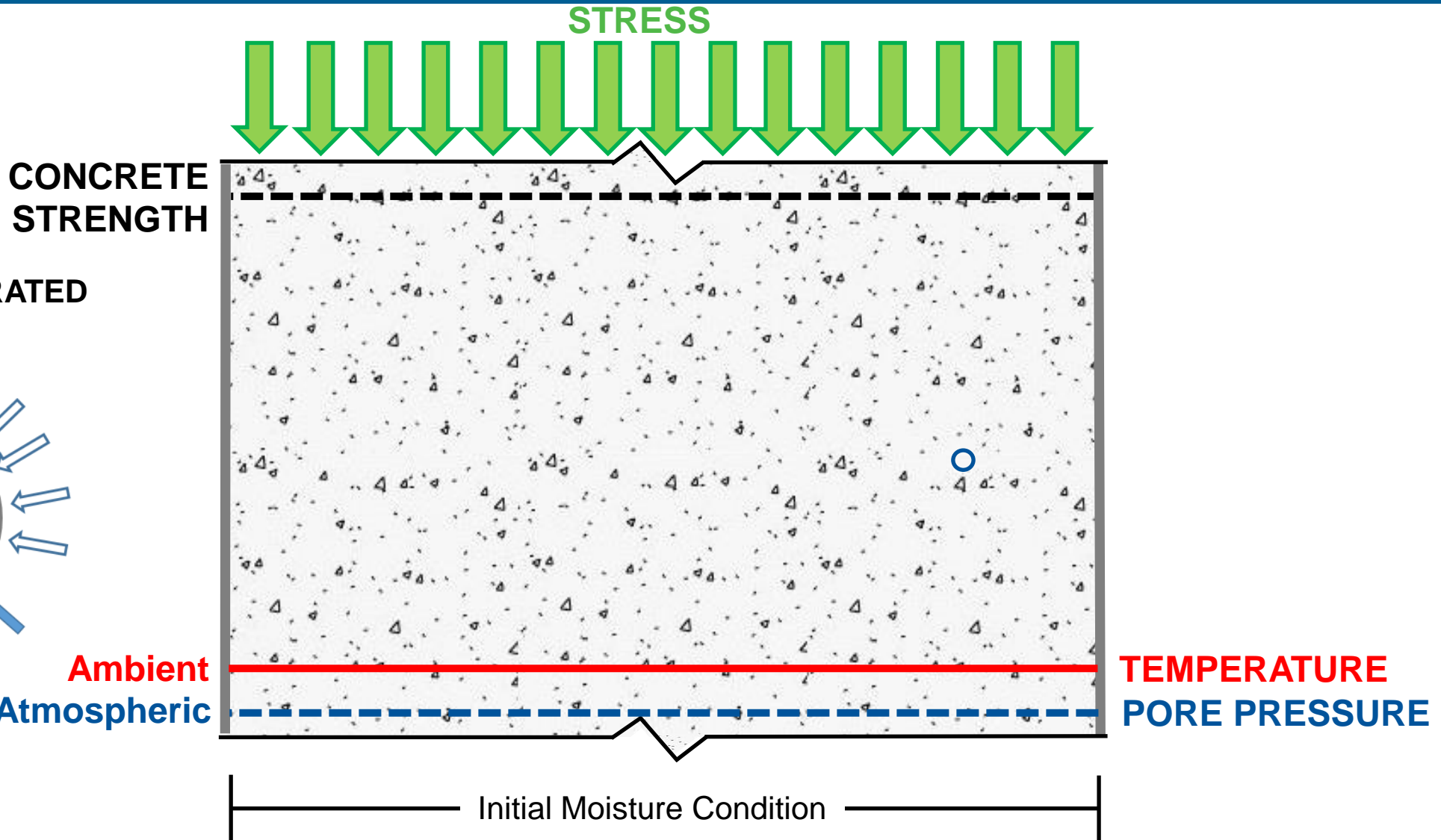
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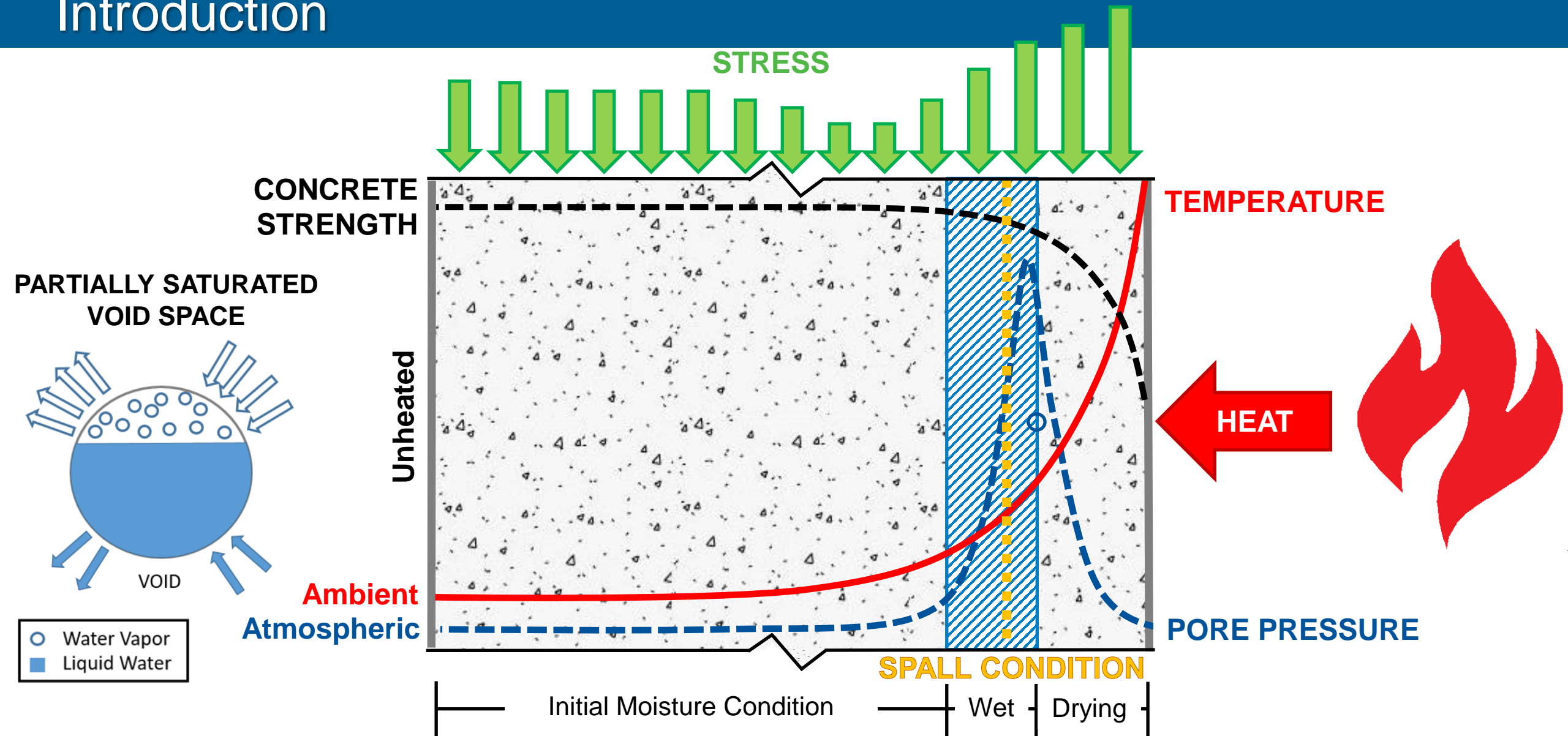
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 - Basic generalization of the behavior
- Analytical Prediction Methodology
 - Detailed method description
 - Validation example
 - Method results and discussion
- Questions



Introduction



Introduction



Analytical Prediction Methodology

Finite Element Method Analysis Including Thermal Effects

- Temperature Analysis
 - SAFIR-Thermal
 - Experimental Input
- Mechanical Analysis
 - SAFIR-Mechanical

Numerical Computation

- Spall Prediction Analysis
 - MATLAB based

STRUCTURAL
CONDITION



TEMPERATURE
ANALYSIS

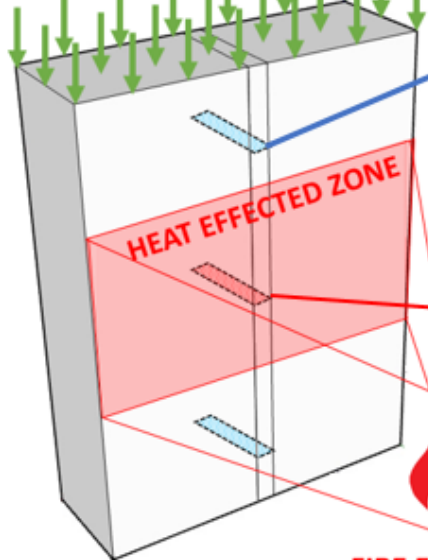


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SPALL PREDICTION ANALYSIS

DISTRIBUTED AXIAL LOAD



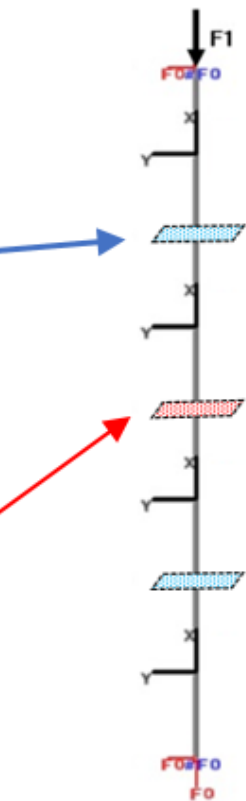
HEAT EFFECTED ZONE

FIRE EXPOSURE

COOL SECTION

HOT SECTION

Temperature
Analysis Output
 $T_i(t)$



Mechanical Analysis
Output
 $\sigma_{mech,i}(t) = \sigma_T + \sigma_L$
 $\epsilon_{total,i}(t)$
 $E_{tangent,i}(t)$

Pore Stress

Tensile Capacity Check

Secant Modulus

Stability Check

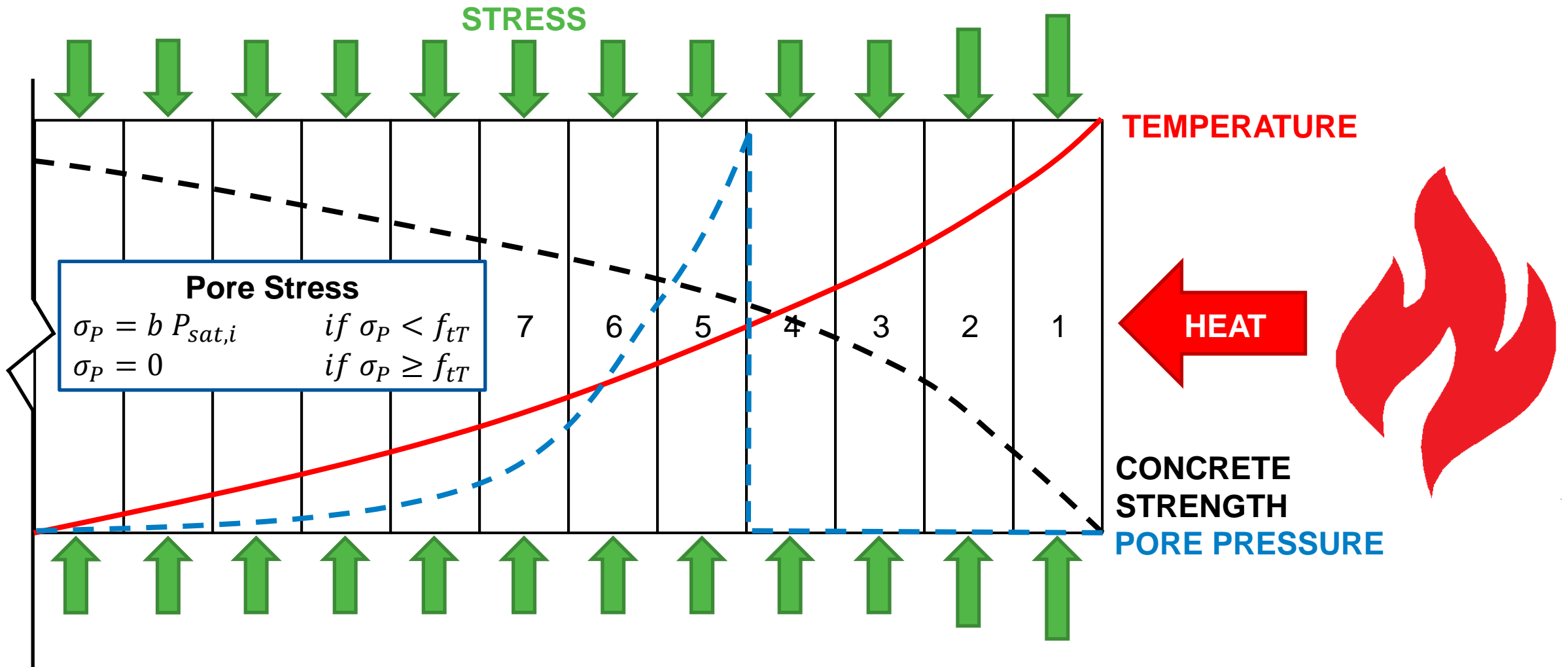
Spalled Section
"Cracked Section"
Definition

STABILIZED
NO SPALL

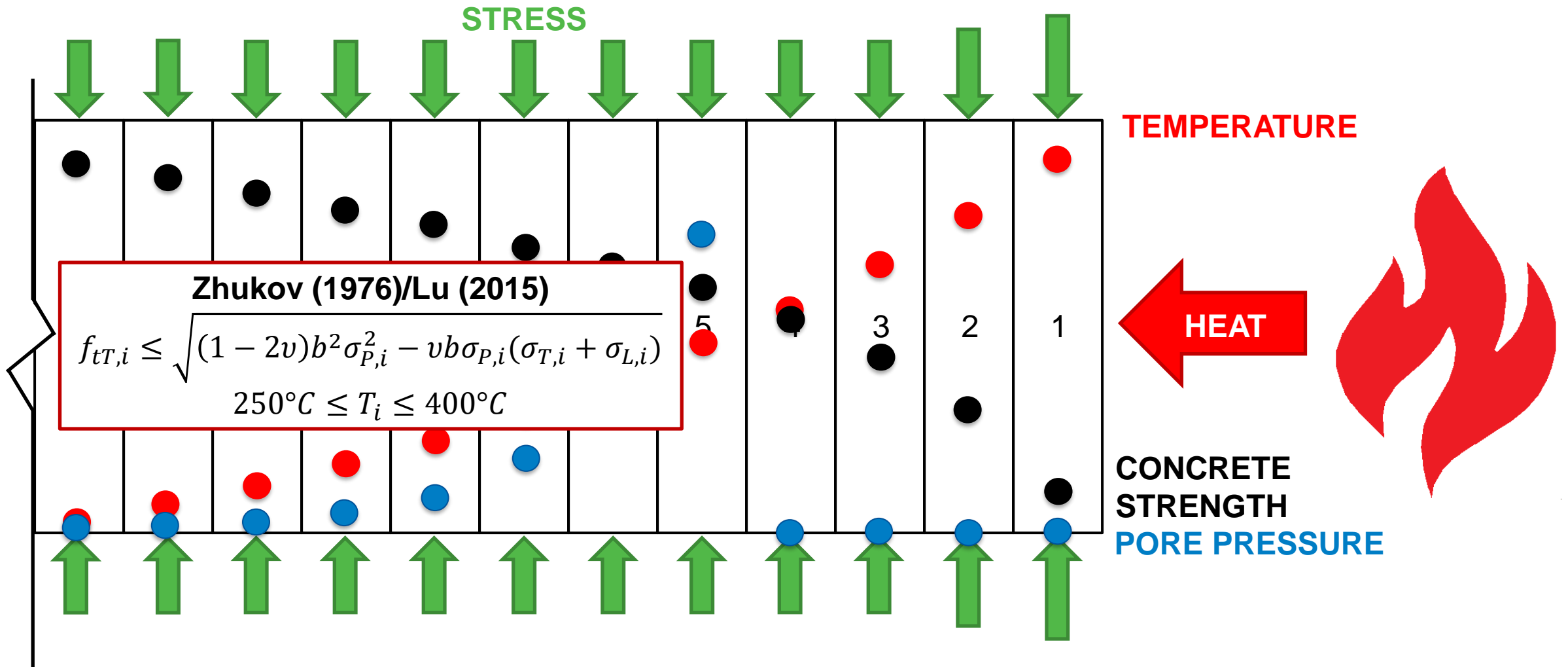
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DESTABILIZED
SPALL

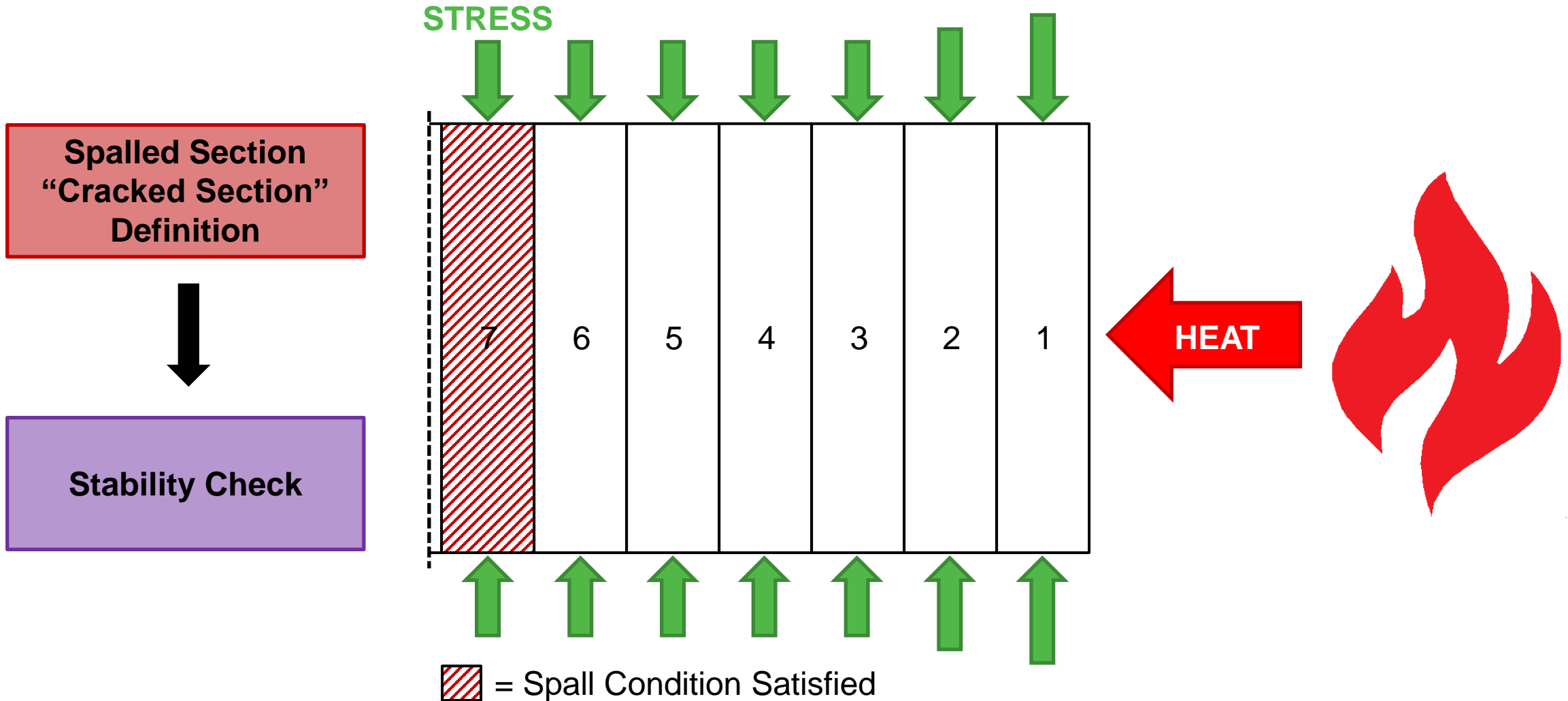
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Mechanical Analysis Output

$$\sigma_{mech,i}(t) = \sigma_T + \sigma_L$$

$$\varepsilon_{total,i}(t)$$

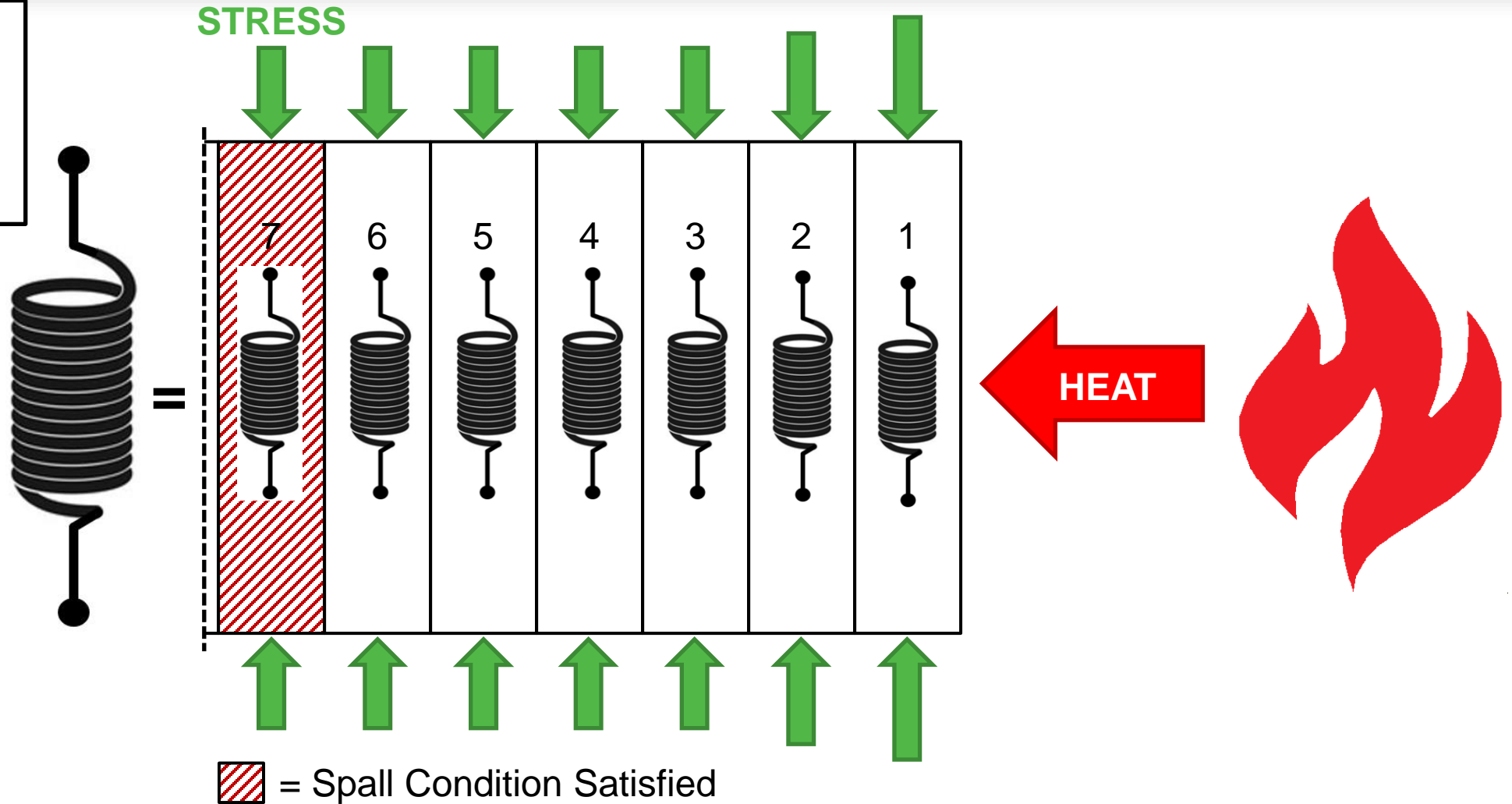
$$E_{tangent,i}(t)$$

Center of Stiffness

$$y_{EC} = \frac{\sum_1^n E_{secant,n} y_n A_n}{\sum_1^n y_n A_n}$$

Secant Modulus

$$E_{secant,i} = \frac{\sigma_{mech,i}}{\varepsilon_{no\ creep,i}}$$

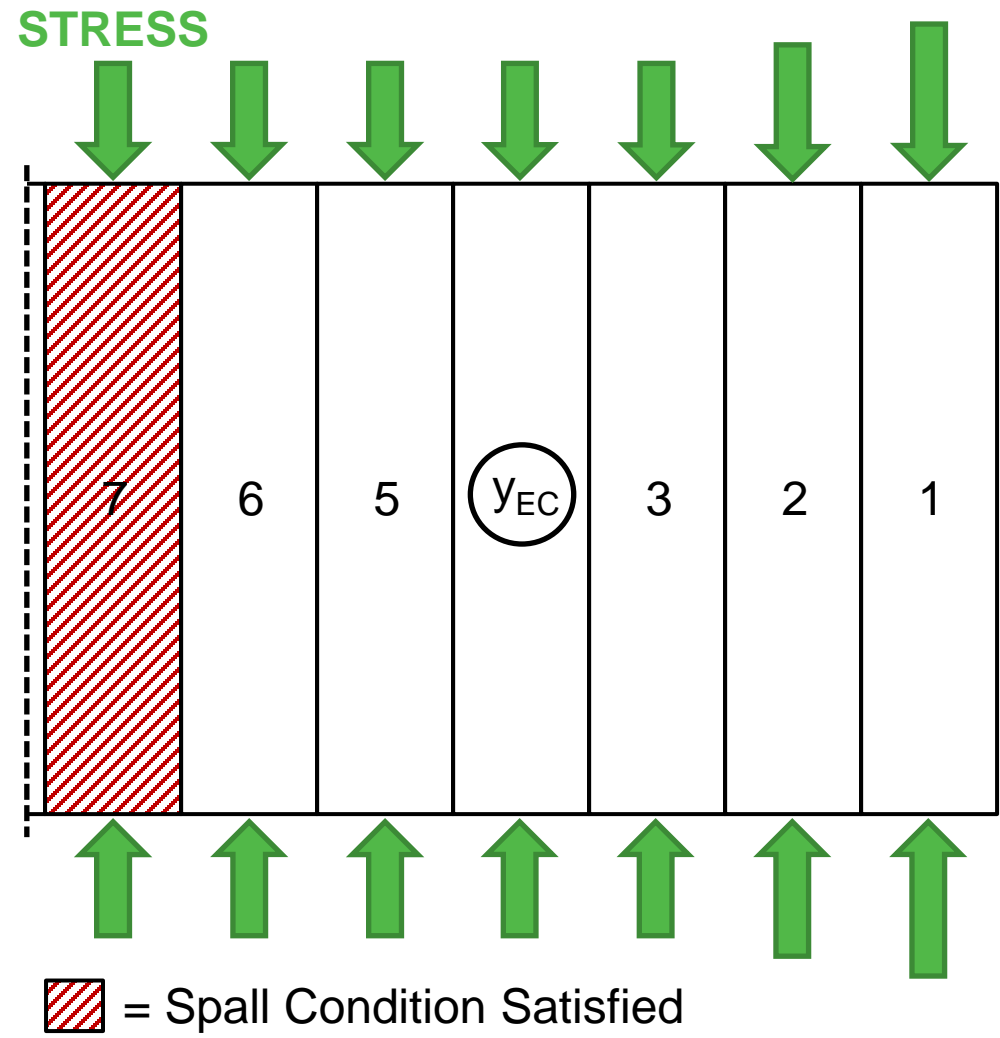


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Stability Check

Center of Stiffness

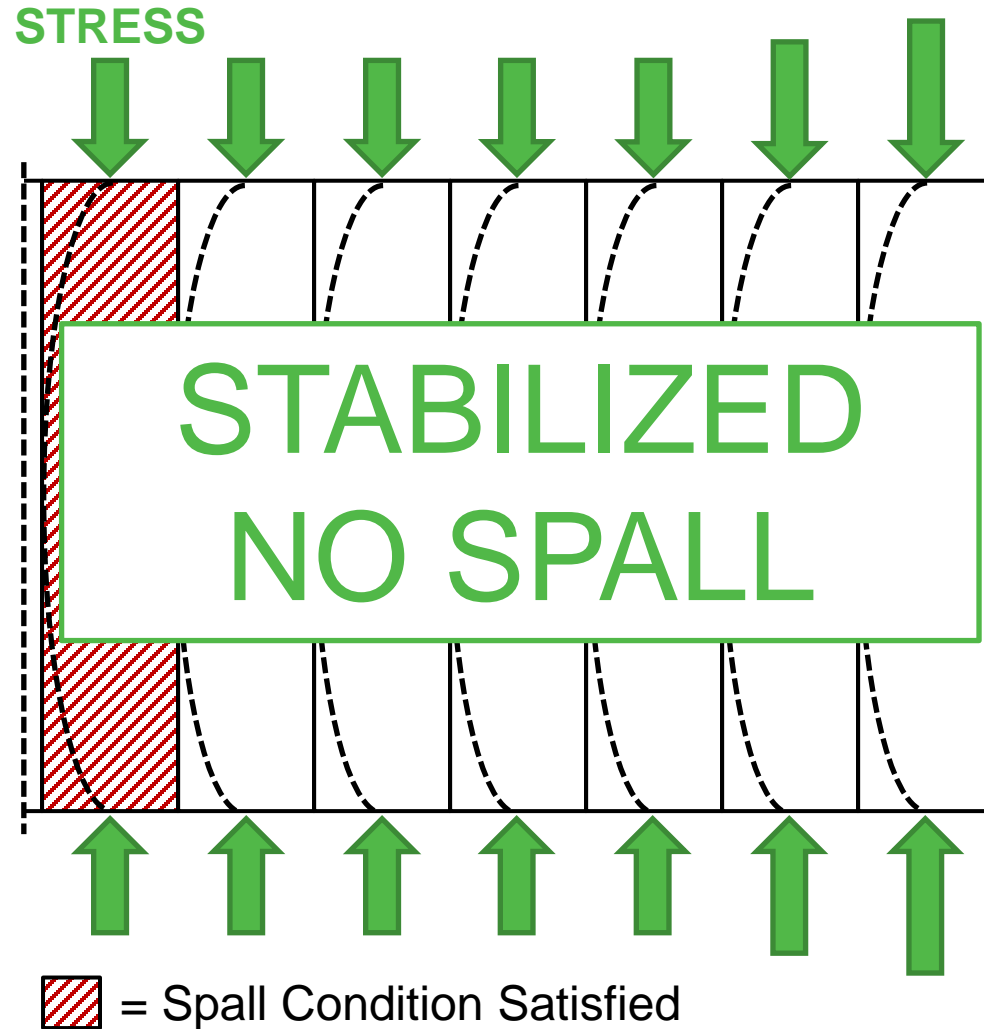
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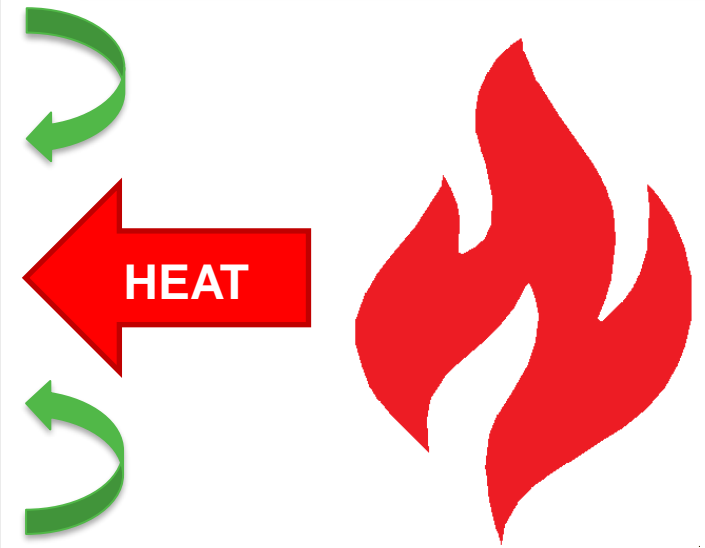
$$M_T = \sum_1^i \sigma_{mech,i} A_i (y_i - y_{EC})$$

$$P_T = \frac{\sum_1^n \frac{\sigma_{mech,n}}{f_{cT,n}}}{n} \times 100\%$$

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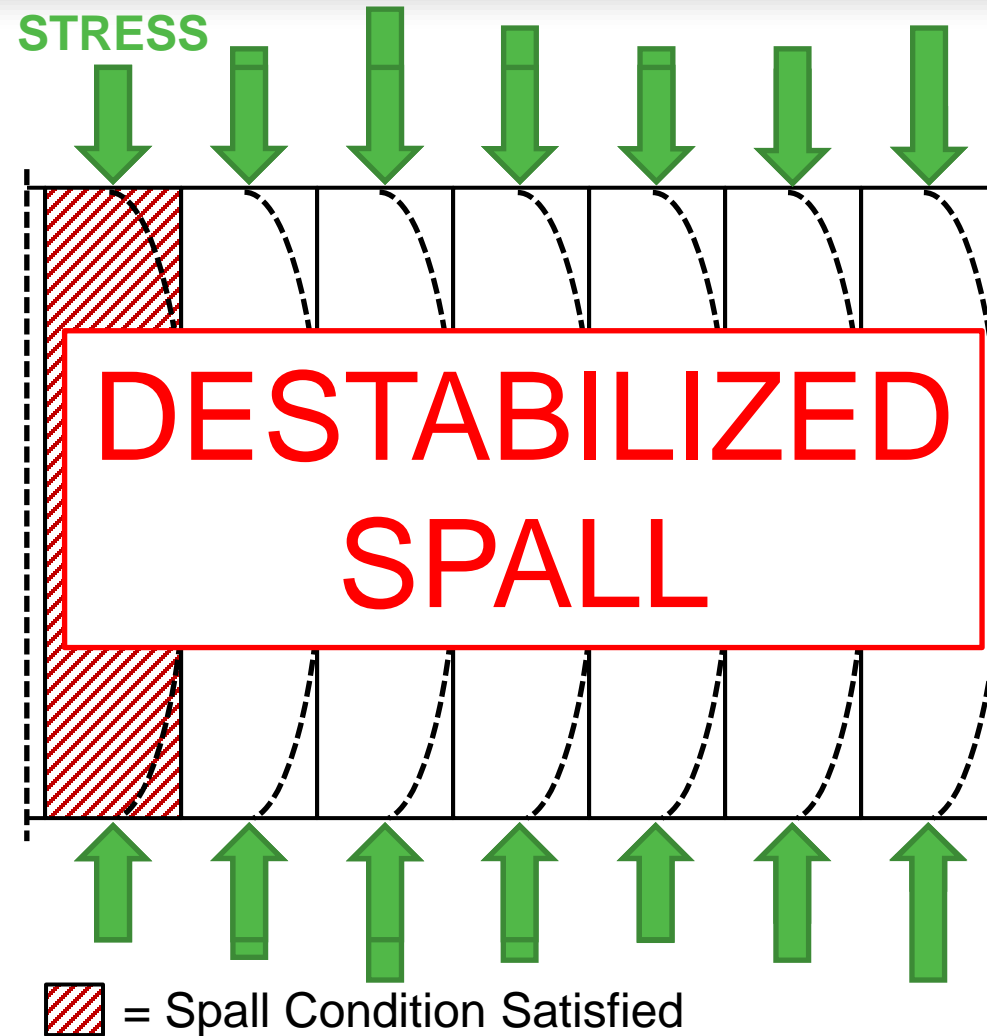
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$$10\% \geq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma_i}{f_{comp,T,i}}}{n} 100\%$$

Zhukov/Lu equation indicates a Spall Condition tensile failure

Mechanics evaluation indicates a **stabilizing moment** around the center of stiffness of the spalled layers. In effect the moment is bending the spalled layers such that they are in bearing on the rest of the cross-section.

Analytical Prediction Methodology



$$M_T = \sum_1^i \sigma_{mech,i} A_i (y_i - y_{EC})$$

-AND-

$$10\% \leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma_i}{f_{comp,T,i}}}{n} \leq 100\%$$

Zhukov/Lu equation indicates a Spall Condition tensile failure

Mechanics evaluation indicates a **destabilizing moment** around the center of stiffness of the spalled layers. In effect the moment is bending the spalled layers outward toward the heat source. Suggestive of a compression failure as evident by the explosive nature of the spalling.

Analytical Prediction Methodology

Example Validation Case: Specimen B-3.4-13.3-F3-M

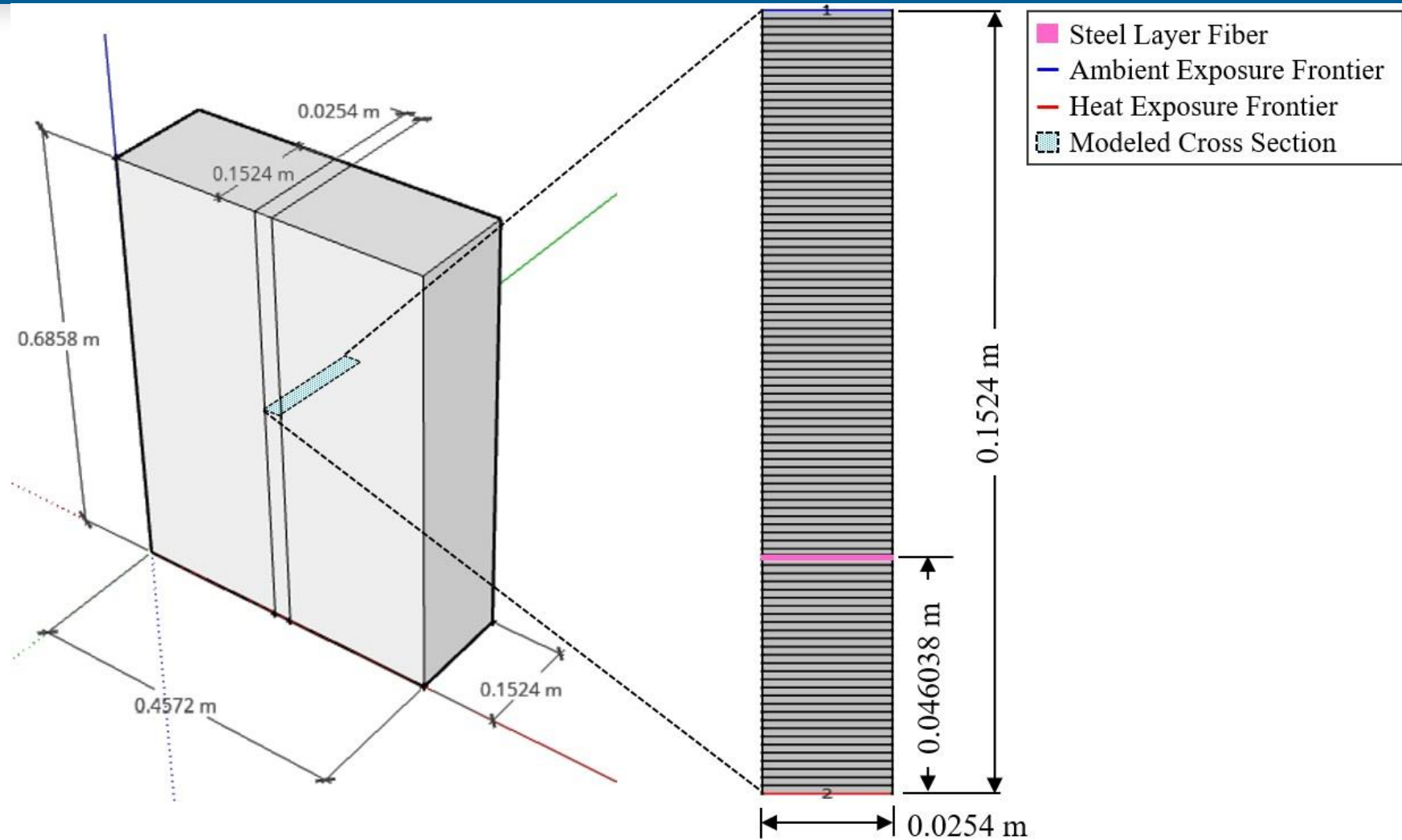
- 39.7 ± 0.3 MPa compressive strength
- 4.6 ± 0.4 MPa splitting tension strength
- 37.0 ± 3.8 GPa elastic modulus
- 2372 kg/m³ oven-dried bulk density per ASTM C642-13 [45]
- 2.94 W/m-K thermal conductivity via Hot Disk per ISO 22007-2 [46]
- 1.47 mm²/s thermal diffusivity via Hot Disk per ISO 22007-2 [46]
- 2.05 MJ/m³-K volumetric heat capacity

➡ • Axial Load: 14.34% of the nominal compressive strength ←

➡ **Spalling Occurred: in 228 seconds at 10 mm of depth** ←

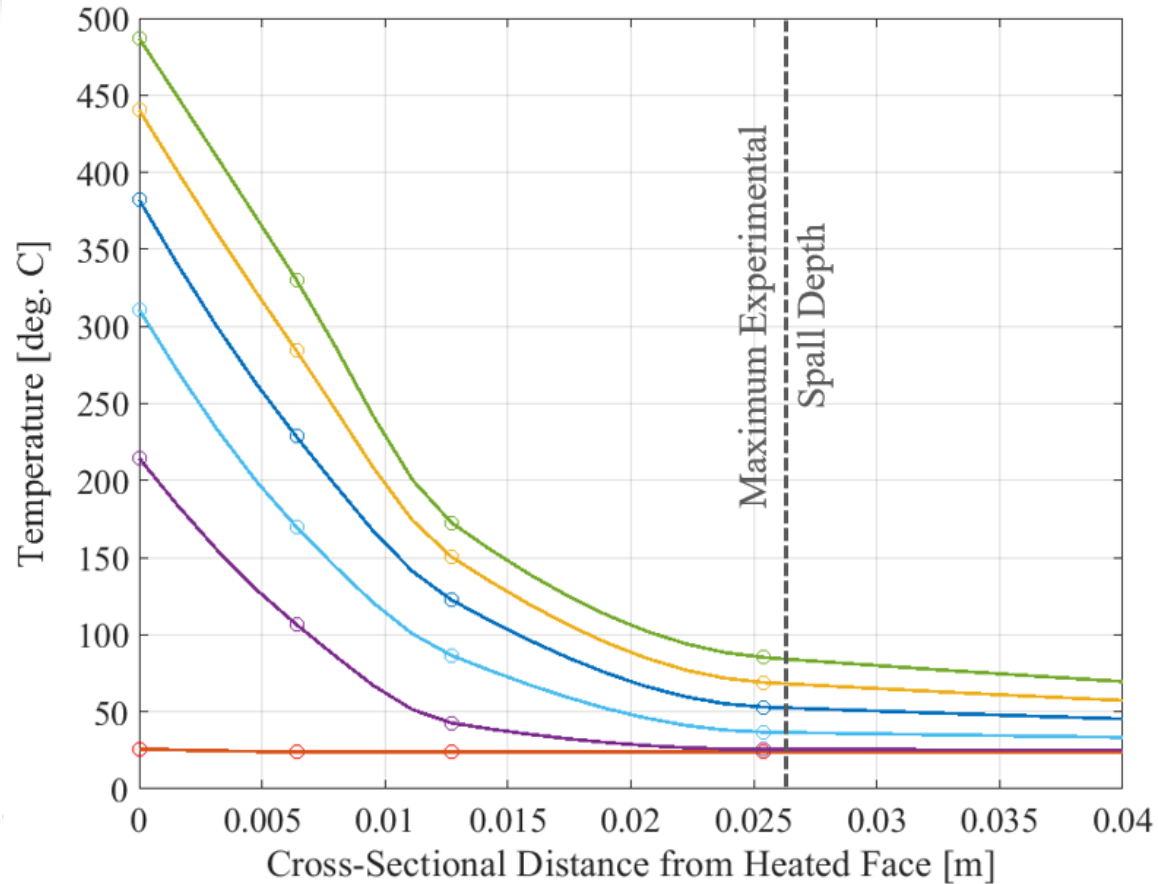
Analytical Prediction: Validation Example

STRUCTURAL CONDITION



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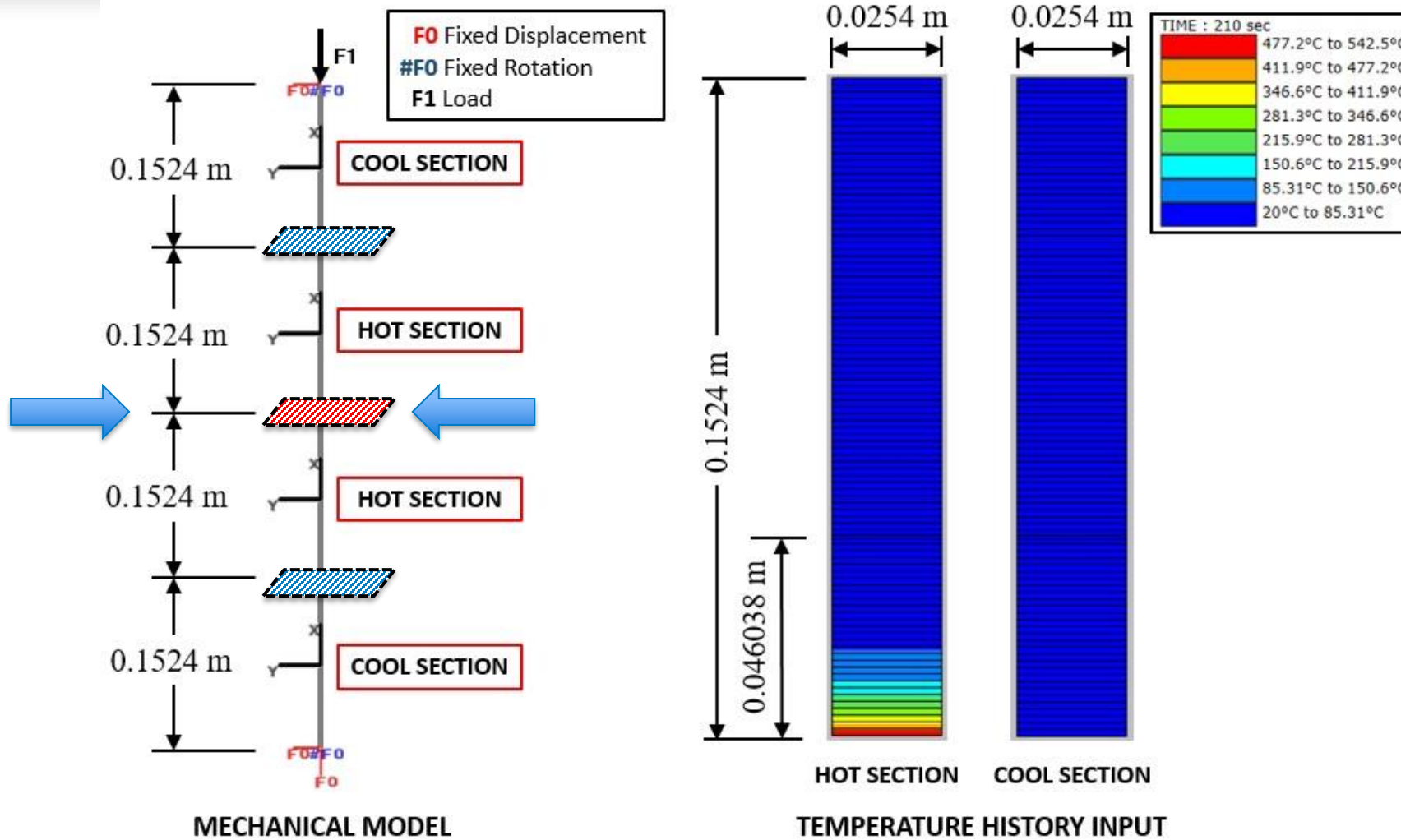
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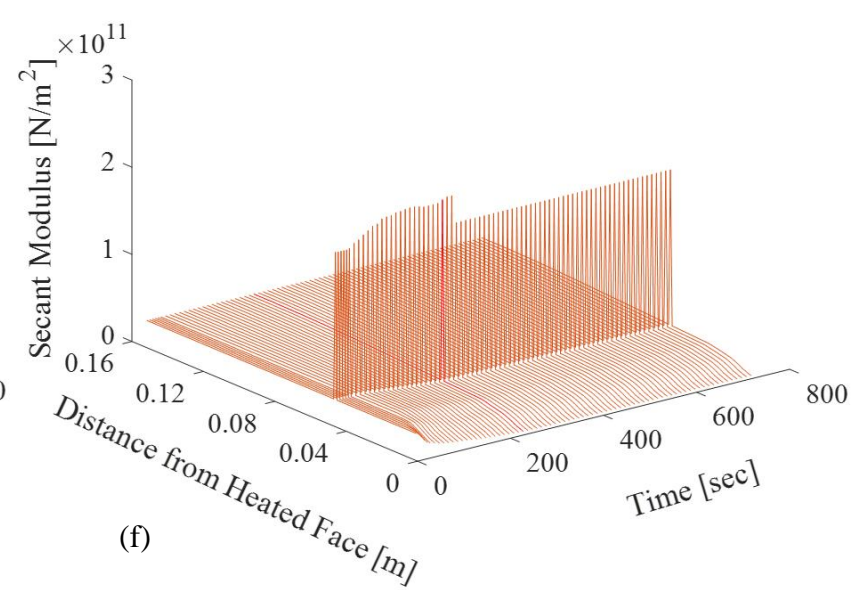
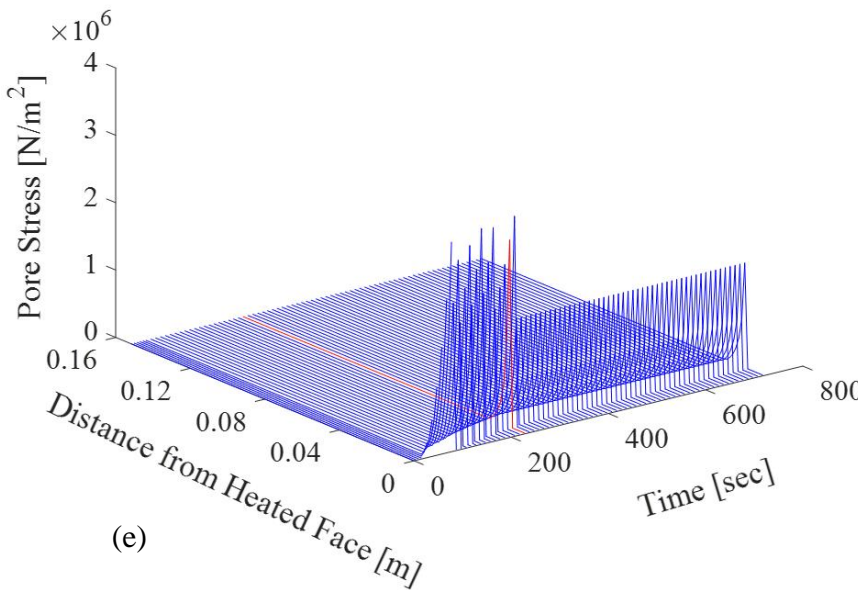
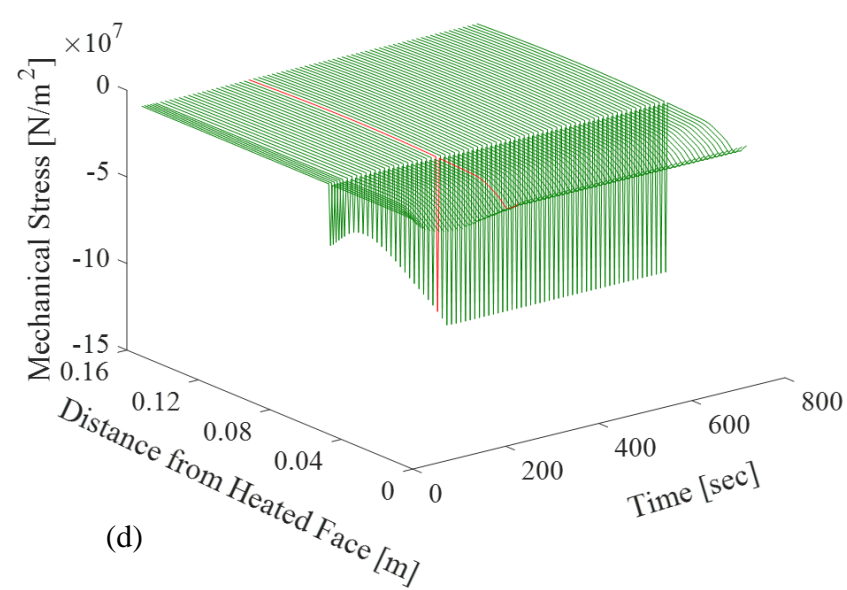
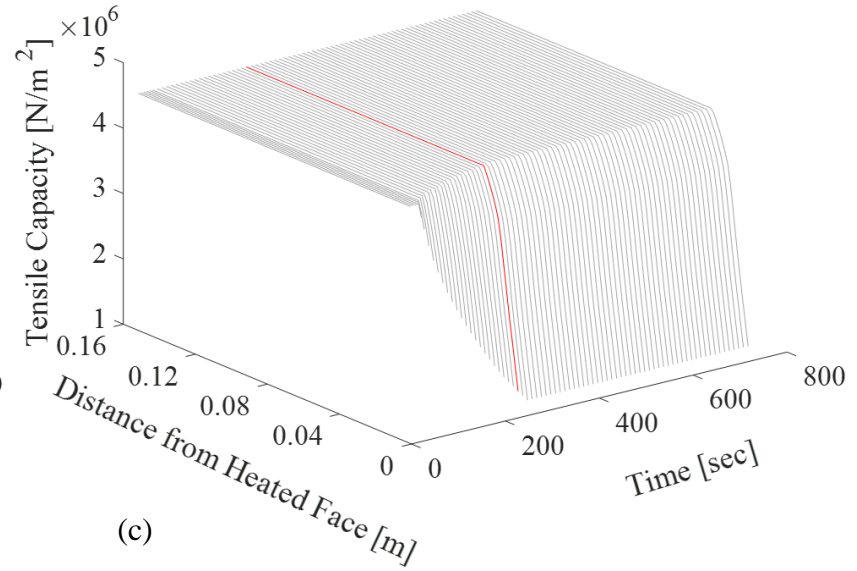
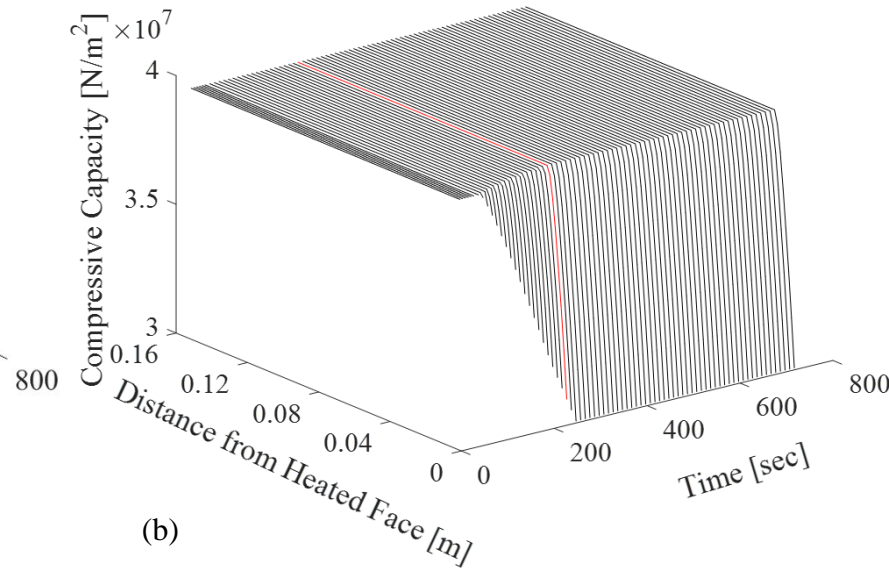
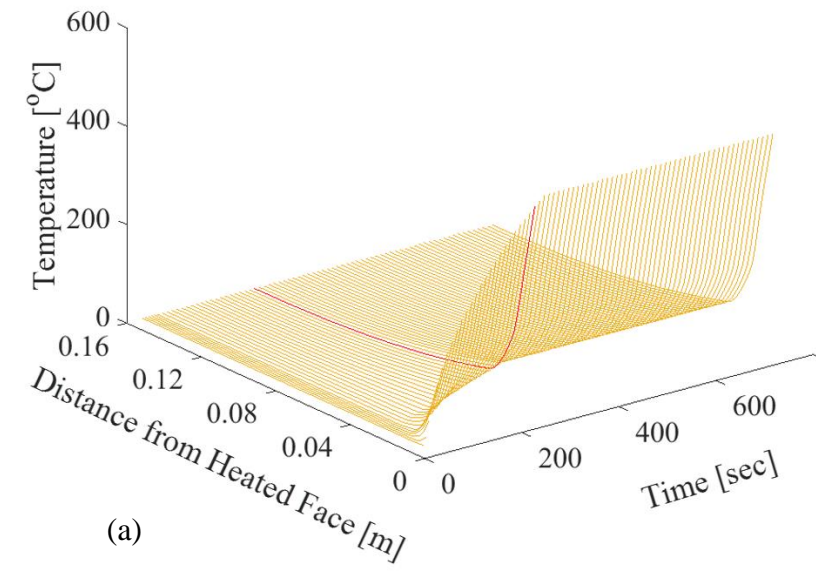
0 sec	50 sec	100 sec	150 sec	200 sec	250 sec
— PCHIP	— PCHIP	— PCHIP	— PCHIP	— PCHIP	— PCHIP
-- Mod. EC	-- Mod. EC	-- Mod. EC	-- Mod. EC	-- Mod. EC	-- Mod. EC

Analytical Prediction: Validation Example

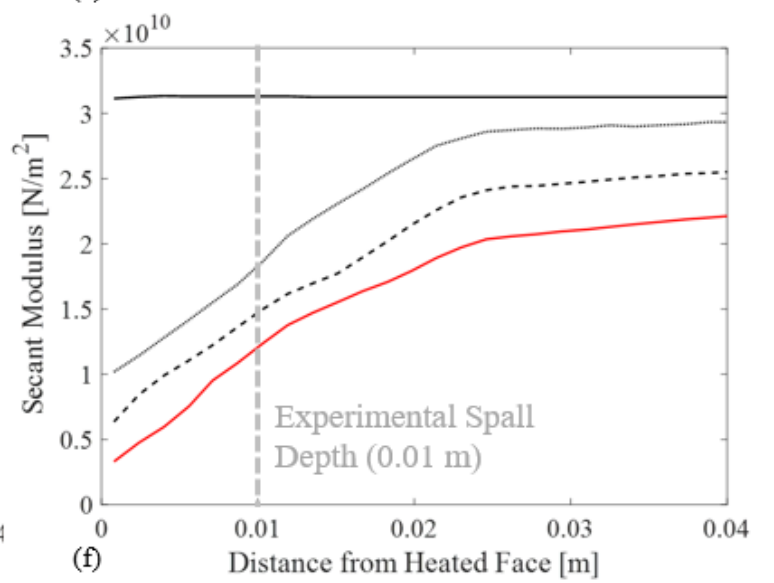
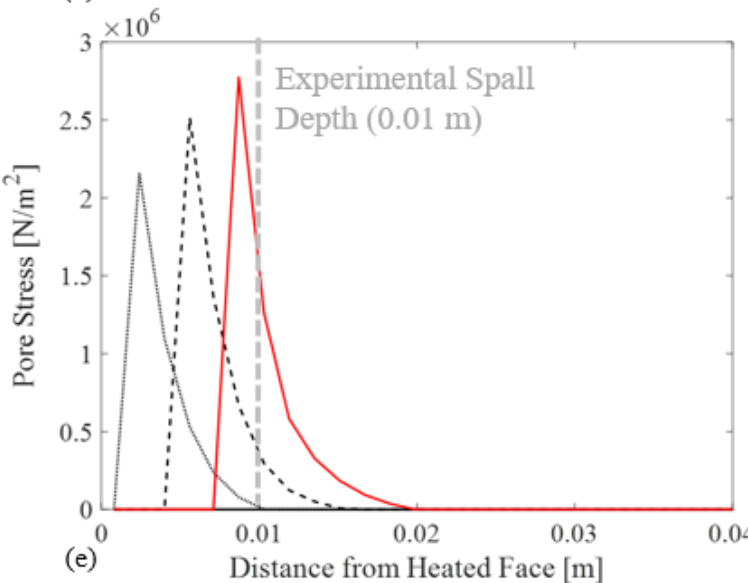
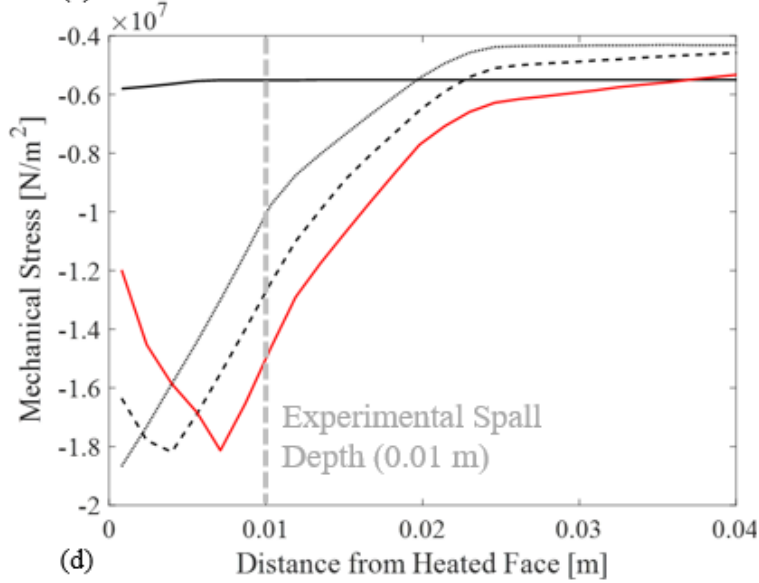
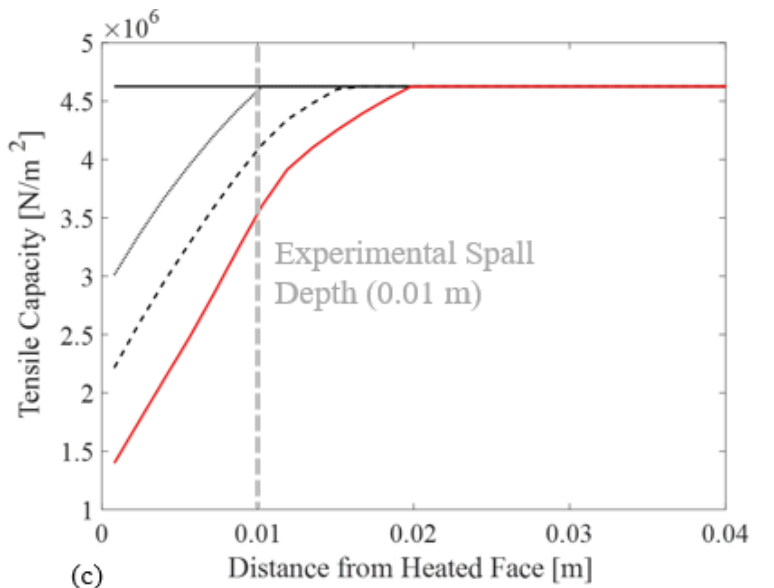
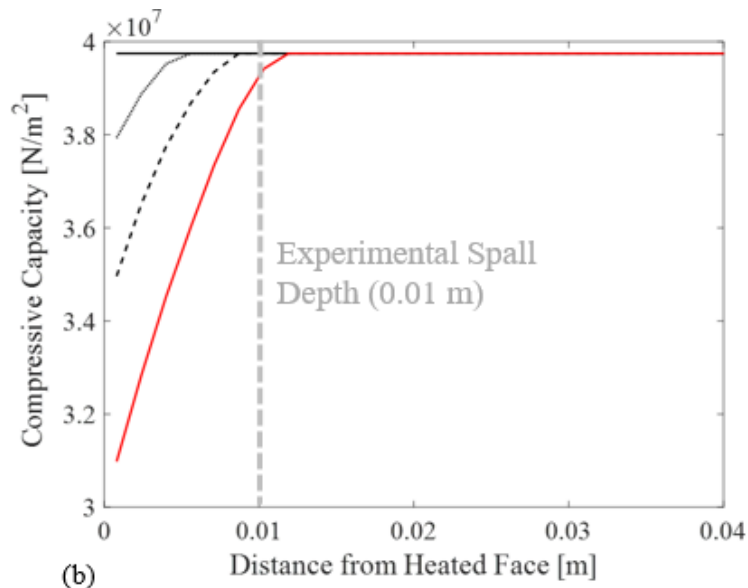
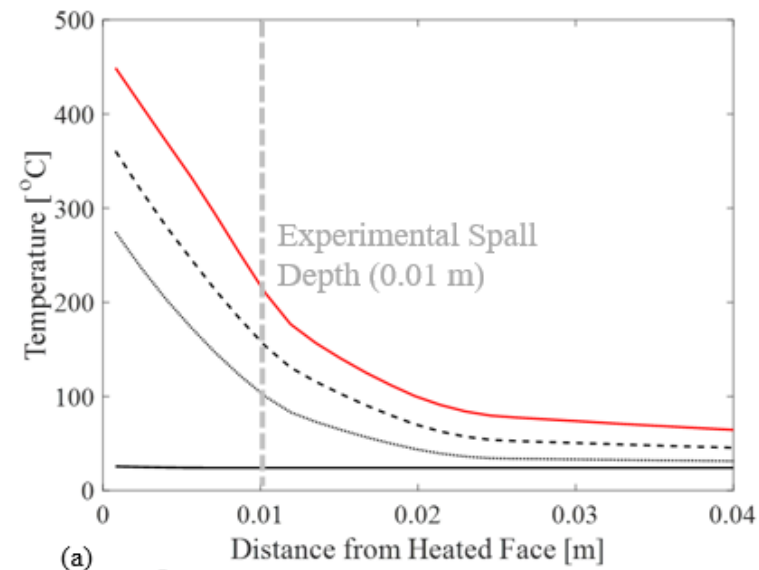
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SPALL PREDICTION ANALYSIS

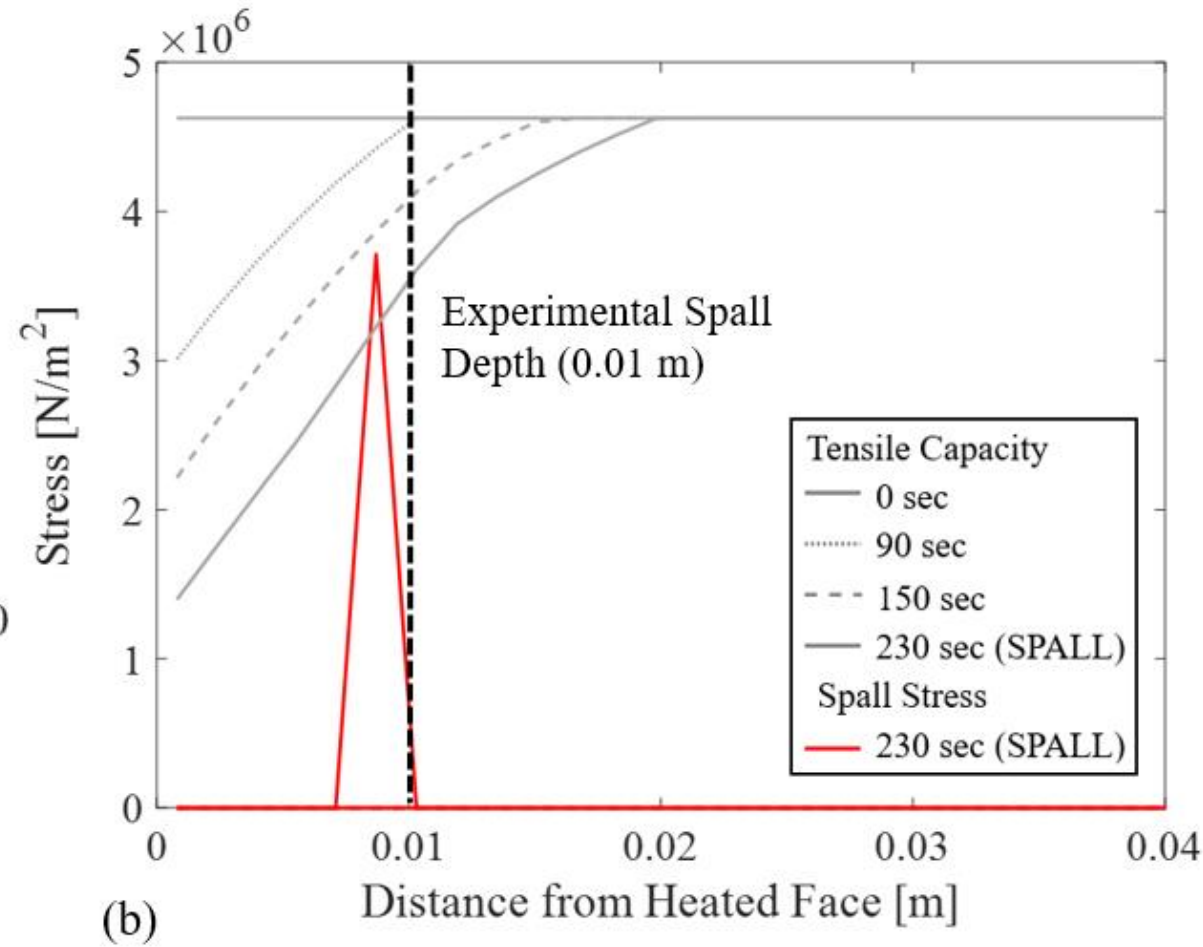
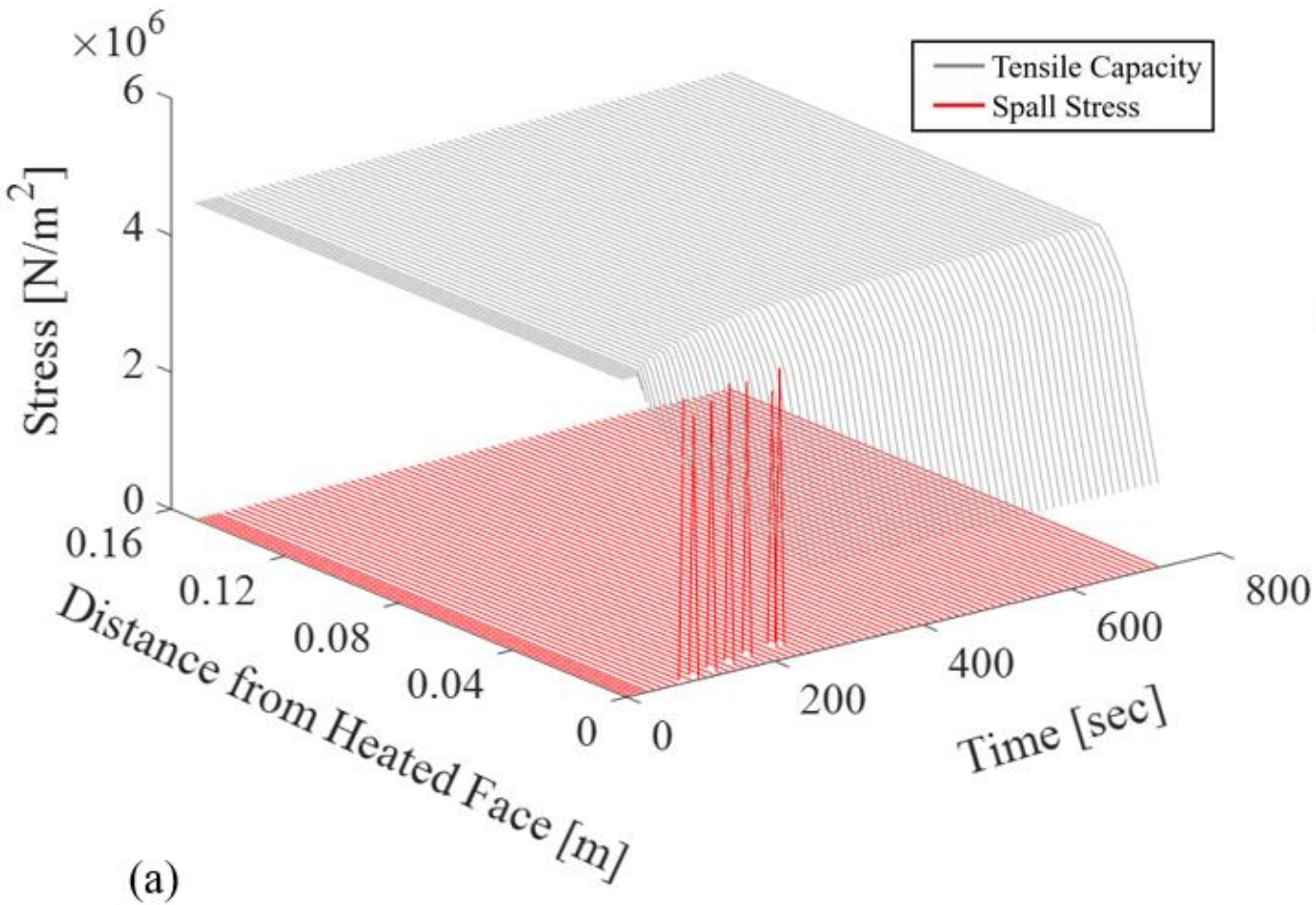


SPALL PREDICTION ANALYSIS



— 0 sec 90 sec - - - 150 sec — 230 sec (SPALL)

Analytical Prediction: Validation Example



Analytical Prediction: Validation Example

Destabilization Requirements Cracked Section

Spall Depth > 7.9 mm

Average Stress to Capacity $\geq 10\%$

Induced Moment < 0

Table 3 - Spall Prediction Output Summary for Specimen B-3.4-13.3-F3-M

Model Time [sec]	Exp. Time [sec]	Surface		Spalled Fiber Temp. [°C]	Cracked Section					
		Fiber Temp. [°C]	Spall Depth [mm]		CG [mm]	Stress Center [mm]	Stiffness Center [mm]	Avg. Stress to Cap. [%]	Induced Moment [N-mm]	Spall Occurrence
110	80	257.8	1.6	257.8	0.80	0.80	0.80	13.9	0.0	NO
130	100	290.4	3.2	251.3	1.60	1.57	1.65	13.9	115.0	NO
160	130	334.2	4.8	254.3	2.40	2.40	2.29	13.9	-235.2	NO
190	160	373.1	6.4	257.9	3.20	3.26	3.09	13.9	-470.5	NO
220	190	409.2	7.9	256.8	3.98	4.12	3.95	13.9	-559.2	NO
260	230	448.9	9.5	251.3	4.77	5.06	4.91	14.1	-551.7	YES
270	240	458.3	9.5	258.0	4.77	5.11	4.93	15.4	-662.5	YES

Analytical Prediction: Validation Example

Label	Spall	Load per nominal f'c	Experimental			Prediction					
						Experimental Temperature					
			Spall Time	Spall Depth	Surface Temp. at Spall	Spall Time	Spall Depth	Time Error	Depth Error	Surface Temp.	Spall Depth Temp
[%]	[sec]	[mm]	[°C]	[sec]	[mm]	[sec]	[mm]	[°C]	[°C]		
B-3.4-13.3-F3	Y	14	228	10	448.9	230	9.5	2	-0.5	448.9	251.3
B-3.3-13.3-F3	Y	16	204	11	382.0	200	9.5	-4	-1.5	382.0	255.7
B-2.9-13.6-F3	N	3	NA	NA	NA	NO SPALL		NA	NA	NA	NA
B-2.5-07.1-F3	N	1	NA	NA	NA	NO SPALL		NA	NA	NA	NA
B-0.0-00.7-F3	N	14	NA	NA	NA	NO SPALL		NA	NA	NA	NA
B-2.9-06.4-F4	Y	14	384	15	440.8	270	9.5	-114	-5.5	360.7	250.8
B-2.4-06.2-F4	N	15	NA	NA	NA	NO SPALL		NA	NA	NA	NA

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