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#### Project introduction – Tunnel Lüdenscheid

- Historical city center tunnel (1971)
- Length: 342 m
- 2-cell rectangular-frame
- Concrete B300 / B450

#### →No fire resistance



East portal of Tunnel Lüdenscheid



City center above the tunnel



Concrete lining without additional fire protection



#### **Project introduction – Tunnel Lüdenscheid**





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Fire case, t = 1 sec



# Temperatur development in concrete stucture 80 cm

Bending moments via Non-linear calculation



**Deformation figure** 













- Hindering of thermal expansion causes huge internal forces
- Internal forces of a concrete slab in fire case





Reinforced concrete:

- Outer Layers heated
- water evaporates
- Spalling occurs
- Exposure of rebars
- Lost strength

Concrete affected by spalling vs. undeformed concrete





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#### **Current standards for tunnel fire protection**

- German standards
  - Structural stability in case of fire
  - Serviceability after fire
  - Structural measures
    - Rebars temp < 300°C</li>
    - $-c_{nom} = 6cm$
    - PP-fibres

No enhancing fire protection proposals

No European guidelines

No details how to pass fire tests



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#### **Enhancing fire protection systems**

- V1: Linings
  - Known as fire protection
  - Rigid sub structure
  - Covers cracks
- V2: PCC/SPCC (synthetic compounds)
  - Greater thickness
  - No fire protection experience
- V3: PP-Fibre Shotcrete
  - No fire tests little experiences
  - Realcalisation
- V4: Sprayed on fire protection
  - No European registration for tunnel constructions
  - Minimal thickness



Fire resistance panels



Fire resistance shotcrete



Product: Cafco Fendolite – MII (Promat) (or similar products)

- Light weight shotcrete
- Components:
  - cement (binder)
  - Vermiculite:
    - Not inflammable
    - Thermally isolating
- Thin layers



#### Application

- Bonding Latex
  - Application as adhesive primer
- Mesh reinforcement
  - Tests without reinforcement
  - For long term durability lightweight mesh
- Retaining Anchors

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Holding reinforement in place



#### Layer of the fire resistive Shotcrete



Stainless steel mesh as reinforcement



Provide fire protection for structural steel and concrete

Benefits:

- Proven durability
- Also applied in oil and gas industry
- Lightweight
- · Leaking spots not covered
- · Prevents concrete spalling



Offshore oil platform – potential area of application for fire protection shotcrete



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- 40 mm sprayable light weight fire protection material
- · Ceiling and upper wall areas
- Realkalisation by SPCC
- Lower walls

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Application of the fire resistive shotcrete in Tunnel Lüdenscheid



