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Steel + Timber



- Optimisation of material
- Effective solutions at both ambiant and fire conditions
- Architectural benefits (well being in wooden interiors)

An old idea : flitched beams  $\Rightarrow$  Strengthen timber with steel

#### FLITCH-PLATE GIRDERS.

In framing large buildings it often occurs that the floors must be supported upon girders which themselves rest upon columns, and it is required that the columns shall be spaced farther apart than would be allowable if simple wooden girders were used. In such cases the flitch-plate girder may be used, oftentimes with advantage. A section and elevation of a flitch-plate girder is shown in Figure 1.



[The American architect and building news, 1883]

Existing works on mechanical behavior of STC (steel timber composite) beams : Winter et al. (2016), Palermo et al. (2006), Bori et al. (2003), Bulleit et al. (1984), ...

Strengthening timber elements with steel



Strengthening bamboo sections with steel cold formed sections Li et al., 2015

Winter et al. WCTE, 2016

#### Strengthening steel with timber



Jurkiewiez, Durif et al. Eurosteel, 2017

### Existing works on thermal behavior of STC (steel timber composite) beams



Winter et al. WCTE 2016





Di Ha Le & Tsai, 2019

Bihina et al, Eurosteel 2020

Mainly thermal tests aim to evaluate the charring rate of timber, the increase of temperature in steel, the influence of connection system but no thermomechanical studies have been led for beams under bending

Experimental tests at normal conditions

Présentation du montage et des charges ultimes obtenues

- 2 configurations tested with and without loading (1m long)
- Applied load : 43% of the ultimate load obtained at normal condition
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Time – displacements results





- Failure time for STC1 : 29 minutes
- Failure time for STC2 : 81 minutes

Observations : progressive fall of the bottom flange timber protection for STC2





Thermocouples disposal

Temperature resuls and influence of mechanical loading



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### **IDEM POUR STC2**

Descriptif du modèle :

Calcul thermomécanique non couplé

Taille maillage

Modèle bois

Modèle acier



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Those results show the importance to consider timber in the mechanical strength of the hybrid section, allowing an **increase of 5 minutes** of fire resistance



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Comparaison avec acier seul pour un taux de chargement de 43% et un niveau de chargement identique à la poutre STC1











### Conclusions















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