

# **ASHRAE Standard 140-2020**

## **Results Comparison for Section 5.2.4 - Ground Coupled Slab-On-Grade Analytical Verification Tests**

Results for TRNSYS 18.05.0001  
(TRNSYS18)  
vs.  
Informative Annex B8, Section B8.2 Example Results

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**Computer Programs, Program Authors, and Producers of Example Results for**  
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The programs used to generate the example results are described in Table B11-2. Under the computer program column, the first entry in each cell is the proper program name and version number. The entries in parentheses are the abbreviations for the programs generally used in the tables and charts which follow.

The second column ("Authoring Organization") indicates the national research facility, university, or industry organization with expertise in building science that wrote the simulation software.

The third column ("Implemented By") indicates the national research facility, university, or industry organization with expertise in building science that performed the simulations. The majority of organizations that performed simulations either ran software written by their organization or otherwise ran other building energy simulation software in addition to that written by their organization.

See Standard 140, Annex B11 for further details.

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**Ground-Coupled Slab-On-Grade Analytical Verification**  
**Participating Organizations and Models**

<b>Analytical Solution, Case GC10a</b>	<b>Authoring Organization</b>	<b>Implemented by</b>
Delsante, Stokes, and Walsh (1983)	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia	NREL/JNA, a,b United States
<b>Verified Numerical Model</b>		
FLUENT 6.0.20	Fluent, Incorporated, United States	PAAET,c Kuwait
MATLAB 7.0.4.365 (R14)	The MathWorks, Inc., United States	Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland
TRNSYS 16.1	University of Wisconsin/TESS,d United States	TESS,d United States
<b>Simulation Program</b>		
BASECALC V1.0e	CETC,e Canada	CETC,e Canada
EnergyPlus 2.0.0.025	LBNL/UIUC/DOE-BT,f,g,h United States	GARD Analytics, Inc., United States
ESP-r/BASESIMP	CETC/ESRU,e,i Canada/United Kingdom	CETC,e Canada
GHT	NREL,a United States	NREL,a United States
SUNREL-GC 1.14.01	NREL,a United States	NREL,a United States
VA114 2.20/ISO-13370	VABI Software BV, The Netherlands; CEN/ISOj,k	VABI Software BV, The Netherlands

aNREL: National Renewable Energy Laboratory, United States

bJNA: J. Neymark & Associates, United States

cPAAET: Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Kuwait

dTESS: Thermal Energy Systems Specialists, United States

eCETC: CANMET Energy Technology Centre, Natural Resources Canada, Canada

fLBNL: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, United States

gUIUC: University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign, United States

hDOE-BT: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Building Technologies, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, United States

iESRU: Energy Systems Research Unit, University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom

jCEN: European Committee for Standardization, Belgium

kISO: International Organization for Standardization, Switzerland

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**Table B8.2-1. "a"-Series Case Summary, Numerical Model Verification**

	Analytical Solution CSIRO	Verified Numerical Models			Statistics			GHT/ NREL	GHT/ V.M.Meana -1	TRNSYS18 TESS
		TRNSYS TESS	FLUENT PAAET	MATLAB DIT	Min	Max	(Max-Min) /Mean			
<b>Floor Conduction</b>										
GC10a (W or Wh/h)	<b>2433</b>	2427	2425	2432	2425	2432	0.3%	2415	-0.5%	
GC30a (W or Wh/h)		2642	2585	2695	2585	2695	4.2%	2457	-7.0%	
GC40a (kWh)		23033	22761	23609	22761	23609	3.7%	20812	-10.0%	
<b>Phase Shift for Floor Conduction Peak (hours)</b>										
GC40a		416	416	416	416	416	0.0%	487	17.1%	
<b>GC10a Modeling Parameters</b>										
E (depth, m)	infinite	40	40	300	40	300		30		
F (far-field, m)	infinite	40	40	150	40	150		20		
<b>Time Simulated (Years)</b>										
GC10a	s.s. soln.	8.0	s.s. model	s.s. model				6.0		
GC30a		7.0	s.s. model	s.s. model				6.0		
GC40a		6.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0		6.0		

<sup>a</sup> "V.M.Mean" is average of verified numerical-model results.

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**Table B8.2-2. Steady-State Conduction**

	Verified Numerical Models				(Max-Min) /Mean	GHT NREL	SUNREL-GC NREL	EnergyPlus GARD	VA114/ ISO-13370 VABI	ESP-r/ BASESIMP NRCan	BASECALC NRCan	Statistics, Other Simulation Models			TRNSYS18 TESS	
	TRNSYS TESS	FLUENT PAAET	MATLAB DIT									Min	Max	(Max-Min)/ (V.M.Mean) <sup>a</sup>		
<b>Floor Conduction (W or Wh/h)</b>																
GC30b	2533	2504	2570		2.6%	2341	2341	2652	2421				2341	2652	12.3%	2506
GC30c	2137	2123	2154		1.5%			2308	2092	1973	1973		1973	2308	15.7%	2542
GC60b	2113	2104	2128		1.1%		1999	2219	2069				1999	2219	10.4%	2278
GC65b	1994	1991	2004		0.7%		1895	1616	1920				1616	1920	15.3%	2125
<b>Zone Heating Load (W or Wh/h)</b>																
GC30b							2341	2652	2427				2341	2652	12.3%	2507
GC30c								2308	2098	2003	2003		2003	2308	14.3%	2543
GC60b							1999	2219	2075				1999	2219	10.4%	2279
GC65b							1895	1616	1925				1616	1925	15.5%	2126
<b>(Zone Heating Load) - (Floor Conduction), [W or Wh/h]</b>																
GC30b							0	0	6				0	6		1
GC30c								0	6	30	30		0	30		1
GC60b							0	0	6				0	6		1
GC65b							0	0	5				0	5		1

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**Table B8.2-3. Steady-State Supporting Information**

	Verified Numerical Models				(Max-Min) /Mean	GHT NREL	SUNREL-GC NREL	EnergyPlus GARD	VA114/ ISO-13370 VABI	ESP-r/ BASESIMP NRCan	BASECALC NRCan	Statistics, All Results			TRNSYS18 TESS	
	TRNSYS TESS	FLUENT PAAET	MATLAB DIT									Min	Max	(Max-Min)/ /Mean		
<b>Zone Air Temperature (°C)</b>																
GC30b							30.0	30.0	30.0				30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC30c								30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC60b							30.0	30.0	30.0				30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC65b							30.0	30.0	30.0				30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
<b>Simulation Duration (Years)</b>																
GC30b	6.0	s.s. model	s.s. model			5.0	5.0	7.0	1.0				0.0	7.0		5.0
GC30c	6.0	s.s. model	s.s. model					6.0	1.0	2.0	3.0		0.0	6.0		5.0
GC60b	6.0	s.s. model	s.s. model				5.0	7.0	1.0				0.0	7.0		5.0
GC65b	6.0	s.s. model	s.s. model				5.0	8.0	1.0				0.0	8.0		5.0

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**Table B8.2-4. Steady-Periodic Last-Simulation-Year Conduction**

	Verified Numerical Models				GHT NREL	SUNREL-GC NREL	EnergyPlus GARD	VA114/ ISO-13370 VABI	ESP-r/ BASESIMP NRCan	BASECALC NRCan	Statistics, Other Simulation Models			TRNSYS18 TESS	
	TRNSYS TESS	FLUENT PAAET	MATLAB DIT	(Max-Min) /Mean							Min	Max	(Max-Min)/ (V.M.Mean) <sup>a</sup>		
<b>Floor Conduction (kWh)</b>															
GC40b	22099	21932	22513	2.6%	20513	20513	23204	21206				20513	23204	12.1%	21958
GC45b	32758	32456	33483	3.1%			33415	30856				30856	33415	7.8%	32491
GC50b	277923	277988	281418	1.3%			324257	289925				289925	324257	12.3%	277262
GC55b	35075	34879	35491	1.7%		33211	39932	31601				31601	39932	23.7%	35151
GC70b	17396	17434	17552	0.9%		16607	15553	16817				15553	16817	7.2%	18618
GC80b	6029	5939	6151	3.5%		5661	6059	5728				5661	6059	6.6%	6002
GC40c	18649	18598	18873	1.5%			20255	18330	17285	17285		17285	20255	15.9%	22272
GC45c	27004	26906	27392	1.8%			28707	26038	23849	23849		23849	28707	17.9%	33036
GC55c	20760	20714	20986	1.3%			22570	20172	20850	20850		20172	22570	11.5%	24843
GC80c	9192	9137	9314	1.9%			10073	8966	8635	8635		8635	10073	15.6%	10048
<b>Zone Heating Load (kWh)</b>															
GC40b	n/a	n/a				20513	23204	21260				20513	23204	12.1%	21967
GC45b	n/a	n/a					33415	30924				30924	33415	7.6%	32502
GC50b	n/a	n/a					324257	291502				291502	324257	11.7%	277498
GC55b	n/a	n/a				33211	39932	31654				31654	39932	23.6%	35160
GC70b	n/a	n/a				16607	15553	16865				15553	16865	7.5%	18627
GC80b	n/a	n/a				5661	6059	5778				5661	6059	6.6%	6011
GC40c	n/a	n/a					20255	18379	17545	17545		17545	20255	14.5%	22281
GC45c	n/a	n/a					28707	26101	24185	24185		24185	28707	16.7%	33048
GC55c	n/a	n/a					22570	20221	21111	21111		20221	22570	11.3%	24852
GC80c	n/a	n/a					10073	9013	8848	8848		8848	10073	13.3%	10056
<b>(Zone Heating Load) - (Floor Conduction) [kWh]</b>															
GC40b						0	0	54				0	54		9
GC45b							0	68				0	68		12
GC50b							0	1577				0	1577		236
GC55b						0	0	53				0	53		9
GC70b						0	0	48				0	48		9
GC80b						0	0	50				0	50		9
GC40c							0	49	260	260		0	260		9
GC45c							0	63	336	336		0	336		12
GC55c							0	49	261	261		0	261		9
GC80c							0	47	213	213		0	213		9

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**Table B8.2-6. Time from Coldest Hour (Jan 15, Hour 4) to Peak Conduction Occurrence**

	Verified Numerical Models				VA114/ ESP-r/ Statistics, Other Simulation Models						TRNSYS18 TESS			
	TRNSYS TESS	FLUENT PAAET	MATLAB DIT	(Max-Min) /Mean	GHT NREL	SUNREL-GC NREL	EnergyPlus GARD	ISO-13370 VABI	BASESIMP NRCan	BASECALC NRCan		Min	Max	(Max-Min)/ (V.M.Mean) <sup>a</sup>
<b>Phase Shift for Floor Conduction Peak (hours)</b>														
GC40b	417	465	441	10.9%	489	489		886			489	886	90.0%	418
GC45b	417	441	441	5.5%				880			880	880	0.0%	418
GC50b	489	465	465	5.1%				867			867	867	0.0%	490
GC55b	177	153	153	14.9%		178		884			178	884	438.5%	178
GC70b	660	659	660	0.2%		662		958			662	958	44.9%	612
GC80b	568	591	567	4.2%		618		1174			618	1174	96.6%	568
GC40c	562	562	538	4.3%				961	388		388	961	103.4%	-339
GC45c	490	538	538	9.2%				981	386		386	981	114.0%	-339
GC55c	490	538	538	9.2%				978	355		355	978	119.3%	-339
GC80c	613	613	589	4.0%				1100	433		433	1100	110.2%	-339
<b>Phase Shift for Zone Load Peak (hours)</b>														
GC40b						489		912			489	912	95.9%	418
GC45b								912			912	912	0.0%	418
GC50b								887			887	887	0.0%	489
GC55b						178		911			178	911	455.3%	178
GC70b						662		1031			662	1031	55.9%	612
GC80b						618		1248			618	1248	109.5%	570
GC40c								1007	424		424	1007	105.2%	-336
GC45c								1007	384		384	1007	119.3%	-336
GC55c								984	312		312	984	128.7%	-336
GC80c								1151	384		384	1151	126.8%	-336

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**Table B8.2-7. Steady-Periodic Supporting Information**

	Verified Numerical Models			GHT NREL	SUNREL-GC NREL	EnergyPlus GARD	VA114/ ISO-13370 VABI	ESP-r/ BASESIMP NRCan	BASECALC NRCan	Statistics, All Results			TRNSYS18 TESS	
	TRNSYS TESS	FLUENT PAAET	MATLAB DIT							Min	Max	(Max-Min) /Mean		
<b>Mean Annual Zone Air Temperature (°C)</b>														
GC40b					30.0	30.0	30.0				30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC45b						30.0	30.0				30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC50b						30.0	30.0				30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC55b					30.0	30.0	30.0				30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC70b					30.0	30.0	30.0				30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC80b					30.0	30.0	30.0				30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC40c						30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0		30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC45c						30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0		30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC55c						30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0		30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
GC80c						30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0		30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0
<b>Simulation Duration (Years)</b>														
GC40b	5.0	6.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	1.0				1.0	10.0		5.0
GC45b	5.0	3.0	10.0			7.0	1.0				1.0	10.0		4.0
GC50b	8.0	8.0	10.0			8.0	1.0				1.0	10.0		8.0
GC55b	3.0	3.0	10.0		2.0	3.0	1.0				1.0	10.0		2.0
GC70b	6.0	3.0	10.0		5.0	7.0	1.0				1.0	10.0		5.0
GC80b	10.0	3.0	10.0		5.0	16.0	1.0				1.0	16.0		5.0
GC40c	5.0	3.0	10.0			6.0	1.0	2.0	3.0		1.0	10.0		5.0
GC45c	5.0	3.0	10.0			6.0	1.0	2.0	3.0		1.0	10.0		5.0
GC55c	3.0	3.0	10.0			3.0	1.0	2.0	3.0		1.0	10.0		2.0
GC80c	8.0	4.0	10.0			10.0	1.0	2.0	3.0		1.0	10.0		8.0

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**Table B8.2-8. Steady-Periodic Minimum ODB and Time of Occurrence**

	Verified Numerical-Model Results											
	TRNSYS				FLUENT				MATLAB			
	TESS	Date	Hour	ODBmin	PAAET	Date	Hour	ODBmin	DIT	Date	Hour	ODBmin
<b>Outdoor Dry-Bulb Temperature (°C)</b>												
GC40a	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0
GC40b	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0
GC45b	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0
GC50b	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0
GC55b	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0
GC70b	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0
GC80b	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0
GC40c	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0
GC45c	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0
GC55c	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0
GC80c	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0

	Other Simulation Results																											
	GHT				SUNREL-GC				EnergyPlus				VA114/ISO-13370				ESP-r/BASESIMP				BASECALC				TRNSYS18			
	NREL	Date	Hour	ODBmin	NREL	Date	Hour	ODBmin	GARD	Date	Hour	ODBmin	VABI	Date	Hour	ODBmin	NRCan	Date	Hour	ODBmin	NRCan	Date	Hour	ODBmin	TESS	Date	Hour	ODBmin
<b>Outdoor Dry-Bulb Temperature (°C)</b>																												
GC40a	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0																								
GC40b	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0	2.0	01/08	04:00	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	16.0									2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0
GC45b									2.0	01/08	04:00	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	16.0									2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0
GC50b									2.0	01/08	04:00	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	16.0									2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0
GC55b					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0	2.0	01/08	04:00	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	16.0									2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0
GC70b					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0	2.0	01/08	04:00	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	16.0									2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0
GC80b					2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0	2.0	01/08	04:00	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	16.0									2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0
GC40c									2.0	01/08	04:00	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	16.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0	4.0	Jan	0.0	744.0	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0
GC45c									2.0	01/08	04:00	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	16.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0	4.0	Jan	0.0	744.0	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0
GC55c									2.0	01/08	04:00	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	16.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0	4.0	Jan	0.0	744.0	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0
GC80c									2.0	01/08	04:00	15.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	16.0	2.0	8-Jan	4.0	15.0	4.0	Jan	0.0	744.0	2.1	8-Jan	4.0	30.0

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**Table B8.2-9. Delta Steady-State Conduction**

	Verified Numerical Models				(Max-Min) /Mean	GHT NREL	SUNREL-GC NREL	EnergyPlus GARD	VA114/ ISO-13370 VABI	ESP-r/ BASESIMP NRCan	BASECALC NRCan	Statistics, Other Simulation Models			TRNSYS18 TESS
	TRNSYS TESS	FLUENT PAAET	MATLAB DIT									Min	Max	(Max-Min)/ (V.M.Mean) <sup>a</sup>	
<b>Floor Conduction (W or Wh/h)</b>															
GC30a-GC10a	214	160	263	48.5%	42							42	42	0.0%	
GC40ab-GC30a	-12.4	13.2	0.1	8227.4%	-80.9							-80.9	-80.9	0.0%	
GC40bb-GC30b	-10.3	-0.1	0.0	-297.9%	0.5	0.5	-3.6	-0.2				-3.6	0.5	-117.7%	0.7
GC40cb-GC30c	-7.9	0.2	0.0	-314.3%			4.3	0.5	0.2	0.2		0.2	4.3	-160.0%	0.8
GC30a-GC30b	109	81	125	41.7%	116							116	116	0.0%	
GC30a-GC30c	505	462	541	15.6%											
GC30b-GC60b	420	400	442	10.0%		342	434	352				342	434	21.8%	228
GC60b-GC65b	120	114	125	9.3%		104	603	149				104	603	418.5%	153
GC30b-GC65b	539	513	566	9.9%		446	1037	501				446	1037	109.5%	381
GC70bb-GC65b	-7.9	-0.4	0.0	-284.9%		0.5	160.0	-0.3				-0.3	160.0	-5797.5%	0.5
<b>Zone Load (W or Wh/h)</b>															
GC40bb-GC30b						0.5	-3.6	-0.1				-3.6	0.5	-117.7%	0.7
GC40cb-GC30c							4.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1		-0.1	4.3	-172.4%	0.8
GC30b-GC60b						342	434	352				342	434	21.8%	228
GC60b-GC65b						104	603	150				104	603	418.5%	153
GC30b-GC65b						446	1037	502				446	1037	109.5%	381
GC70bb-GC65b						0.5	160.0	0.2				0.2	160.0	-5780.2%	0.5

<sup>a</sup> "V.M.Mean" is average of verified numerical-model results; for zone load results the average of the floor conduction results is used.

<sup>b</sup> Values for GC40a, GC40b, GC40c and GC70b are: annual total × 1000 (W/kW) / 8760 (h/y)

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**Table B8.2-10. Delta Steady-Periodic Annual Total Conduction**

	Verified Numerical Models				(Max-Min) /Mean	GHT NREL	SUNREL-GC NREL	EnergyPlus GARD	VA114/ ISO-13370 VABI	ESP-r/ BASESIMP NRCan	BASECALC NRCan	Statistics, Other Simulation Models			TRNSYS18 TESS
	TRNSYS TESS	FLUENT PAAET	MATLAB DIT									Min	Max	(Max-Min)/ (V.M.Mean) <sup>a</sup>	
<b>Floor Conduction (kWh)</b>															
GC40a-GC40b	933	829	1096	28.1%	299							299	299	0.0%	
GC45b-GC40b	10659	10524	10971	4.2%			10211	9650				9650	10211	5.2%	10533
GC40b-GC50bc	15846	15677	16181	3.2%			15908	14683				14683	15908	7.7%	15720
GC55b-GC40b	12976	12947	12978	0.2%		12698	16728	10395				10395	16728	48.8%	13193
GC40b-GC70b	4704	4498	4961	9.8%		3906	7650	4389				3906	7650	79.3%	3340
GC40b-GC80b	16071	15993	16362	2.3%		14852	17145	15478				14852	17145	14.2%	15956
GC45c-GC40c	8355	8309	8519	2.5%			8452	7708	6564	6564	6564	6564	8452	22.5%	10764
GC55c-GC40c	2111	2117	2113	0.3%			2315	1842	3565	3565	3565	1842	3565	81.5%	2572
GC40c-GC80c	9457	9461	9559	1.1%			10182	9364	8650	8650	8650	8650	10182	16.1%	12224
<b>Zone Conduction (kWh)</b>															
GC45b-GC40b							10211	9664				9664	10211	5.1%	10536
GC40b-GC50bc							15908	14701				14701	15908	7.6%	15723
GC55b-GC40b						12698	16728	10394				10394	16728	48.8%	13193
GC40b-GC70b						3906	7650	4395				3906	7650	79.3%	3340
GC40b-GC80b						14852	17145	15482				14852	17145	14.2%	15956
GC45c-GC40c							8452	7722	6640	6640	6640	6640	8452	21.6%	10767
GC55c-GC40c							2315	1842	3566	3566	3566	1842	3566	81.6%	2572
GC40c-GC80c							10182	9366	8697	8697	8697	8697	10182	15.6%	12224

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<sup>c</sup> GC50b with normalized floor area: GC50b / (80 x 80) x (12 x 12)

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**Table B8.2-11. Delta Steady-Periodic Last-Year Peak Hour Floor Conduction**

	Verified Numerical Models				(Max-Min)/Mean	Statistics, Other Simulation Models						TRNSYS18 TESS		
	TRNSYS TESS	FLUENT PAAET	MATLAB DIT			GHT NREL	SUNREL-GC NREL	EnergyPlus GARD	ISO-13370 VABI	ESP-r/ BASESIMP NRCan	BASECALC NRCan		Min	Max
<b>Floor Conduction (W or Wh/h)</b>														
GC40a-GC40b	145	128	171	29.1%	48						48	48	0.0%	
GC45b-GC40b	1503	1482	1549	4.4%			1410	1419			1410	1419	0.6%	1487
GC40b-GC50bc	2164	2138	2214	3.5%			2115	2082			2082	2115	1.5%	2147
GC55b-GC40b	1425	1422	1425	0.2%		1391	1855	1186			1186	1855	47.0%	1454
GC40b-GC70b	687	655	726	10.2%		566	1099	647			566	1099	77.3%	491
GC40b-GC80b	2166	2151	2208	2.6%		1988	2239	2146			1988	2239	11.5%	2150
GC45c-GC40c	1180	1173	1205	2.7%			1176	1134	961	954	954	1176	18.7%	1229
GC55c-GC40c	256	258	258	0.9%			275	210	435	435	210	435	87.4%	293
GC40c-GC80c	1265	1264	1279	1.2%			1351	1285	1137	1133	1133	1351	17.1%	1396
<b>Zone Conduction (W or Wh/h)</b>														
GC45b-GC40b							1410	1421			1410	1421	0.7%	1488
GC40b-GC50bc							2115	2097			2097	2115	0.8%	2147
GC55b-GC40b						1391	1855	1186			1186	1855	47.0%	1454
GC40b-GC70b						566	1099	648			566	1099	77.3%	491
GC40b-GC80b						1988	2239	2147			1988	2239	11.5%	2150
GC45c-GC40c							1176	1137	973	967	967	1176	17.6%	1229
GC55c-GC40c							275	211	435	437	211	437	87.8%	293
GC40c-GC80c							1351	1285	1145	1139	1139	1351	16.7%	1396

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<sup>c</sup> GC50b with normalized floor area: GC50b / (80 x 80) x (12 x 12)

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**Table B8.2-12. Delta Steady-Periodic Conduction v Coldest Hour Phase Shift**

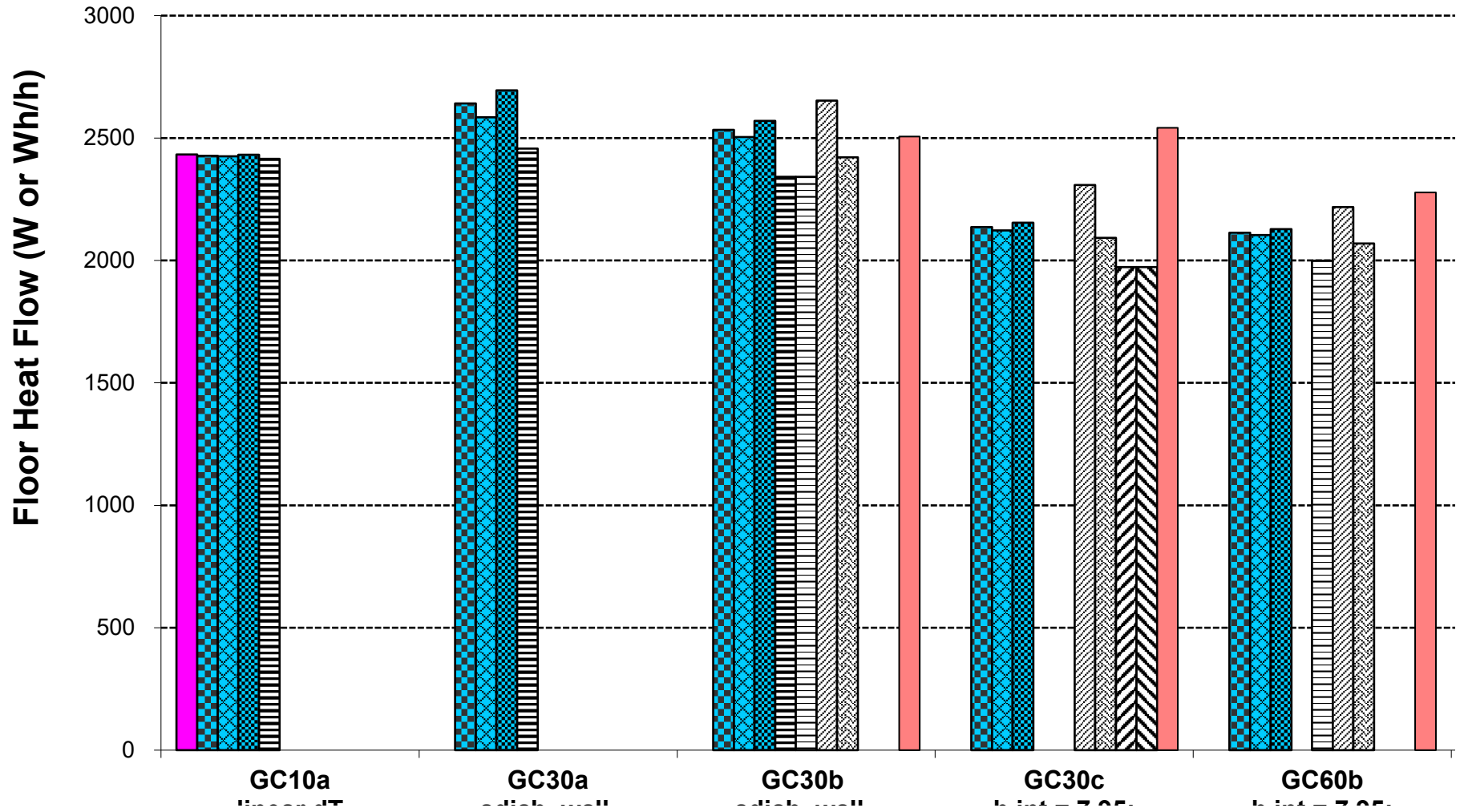
	Verified Numerical Models				VA114/ ESP-r/ GHT SUNREL-GC EnergyPlus ISO-13370 BASESIMP BASECALC						Statistics, Other Simulation Models			TRNSYS18 TESS
	TRNSYS TESS	FLUENT PAAET	MATLAB DIT	(Max-Min) /Mean	GHT NREL	SUNREL-GC NREL	EnergyPlus GARD	ISO-13370 VABI	BASESIMP NRCan	BASECALC NRCan	Min	Max	(Max-Min)/ (V.M.Mean) <sup>a</sup>	
<b>Floor (Hours)</b>														
GC40a-GC40b	-1	-49	-25	-192.0%	-2						-2	-2	0.0%	
GC45b-GC40b	0	-24	0	-300.0%				-6			-6	-6	0.0%	0
GC40b-GC50bc	-72	0	-24	-225.0%				19			19	19	0.0%	-72
GC55b-GC40b	-240	-312	-288	-25.7%		-311		-2			-311	-2	-110.4%	-240
GC40b-GC70b	-243	-194	-219	-22.4%		-173		-72			-173	-72	-46.2%	-194
GC40b-GC80b	-151	-126	-126	-18.6%		-129		-288			-288	-129	-118.4%	-150
GC45c-GC40c	-72	-24	0	-225.0%				20	-2		-2	20	-68.8%	0
GC55c-GC40c	-72	-24	0	-225.0%				17	-33		-33	17	-156.3%	0
GC40c-GC80c	-51	-51	-51	0.0%				-139	-45		-139	-45	-184.3%	0
<b>Zone (Hours)</b>														
GC45b-GC40b								0			0	0	0.0%	0
GC40b-GC50bc								25			25	25	0.0%	-71
GC55b-GC40b						-311		-1			-311	-1	-110.7%	-240
GC40b-GC70b						-173		-119			-173	-119	-24.7%	-194
GC40b-GC80b						-129		-336			-336	-129	-154.1%	-152
GC45c-GC40c								0	-40		-40	0	-125.0%	0
GC55c-GC40c								-23	-112		-112	-23	-278.1%	0
GC40c-GC80c								-144	40		-144	40	-360.8%	0

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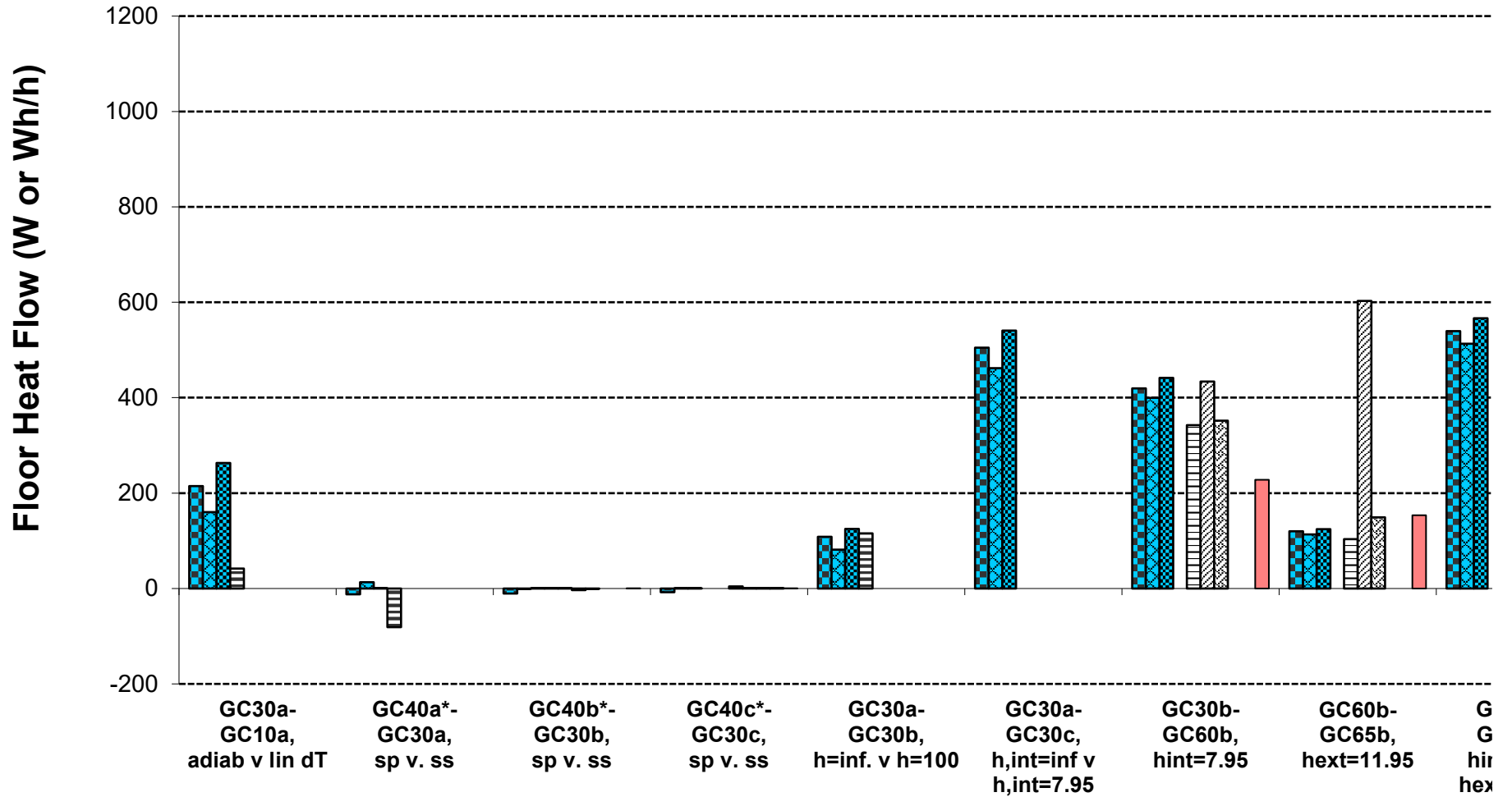
<sup>c</sup> GC50b with normalized floor area: GC50b / (80 x 80) x (12 x 12)



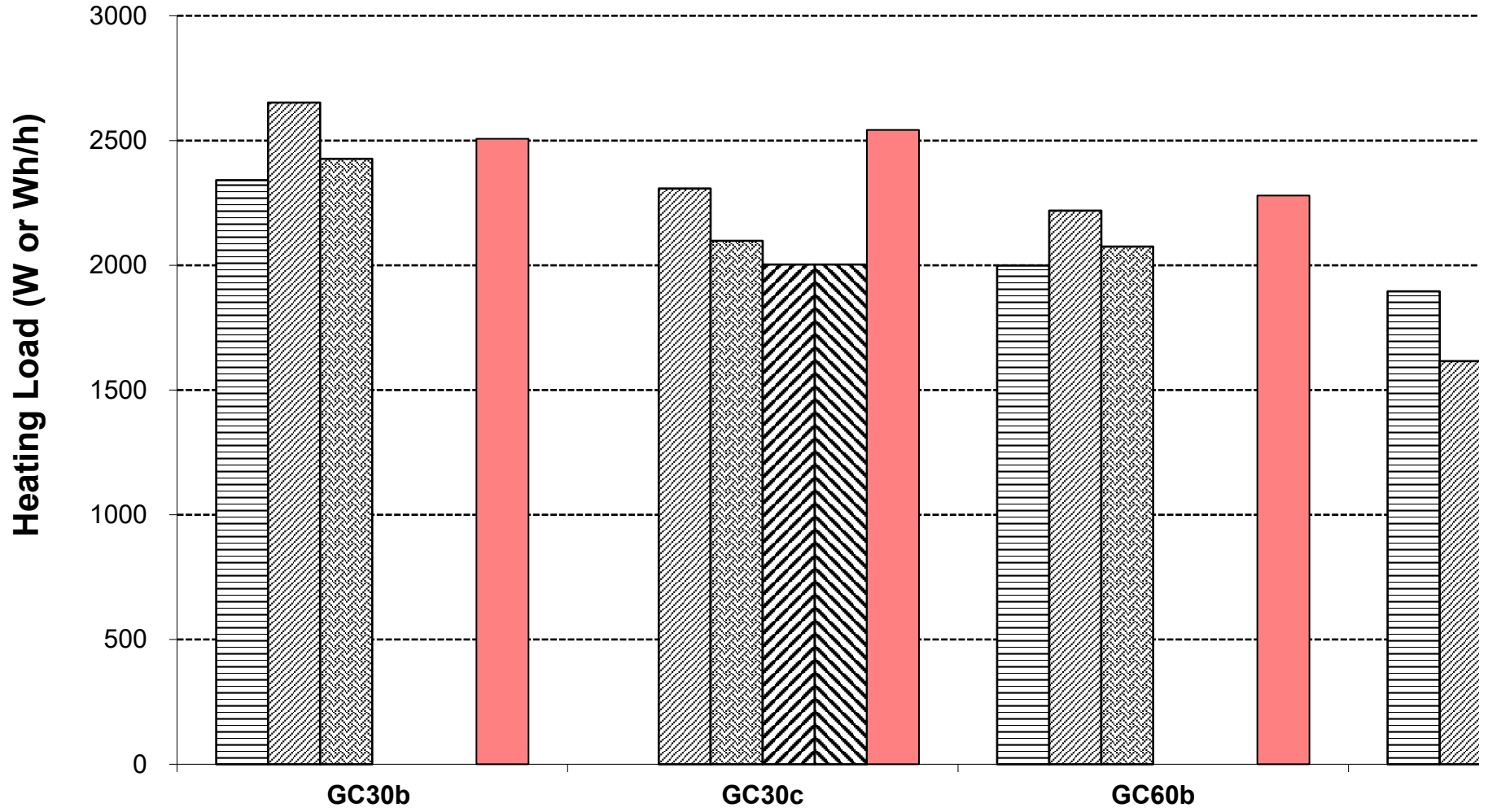
**Figure B8.2-1. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab Steady-State Floor Conduction**



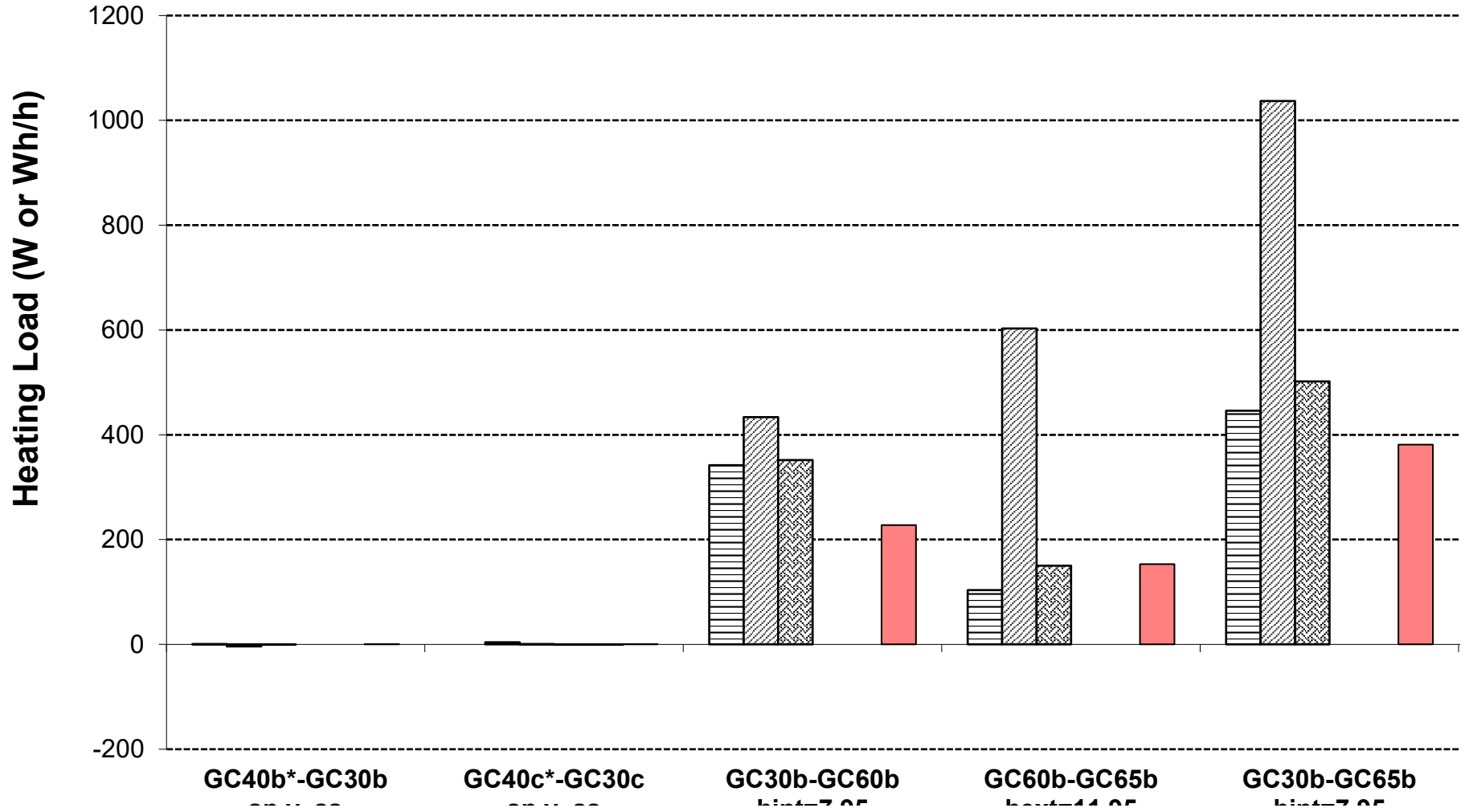
**Figure B8.2-2. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-State Floor Conduction Sensitivity**



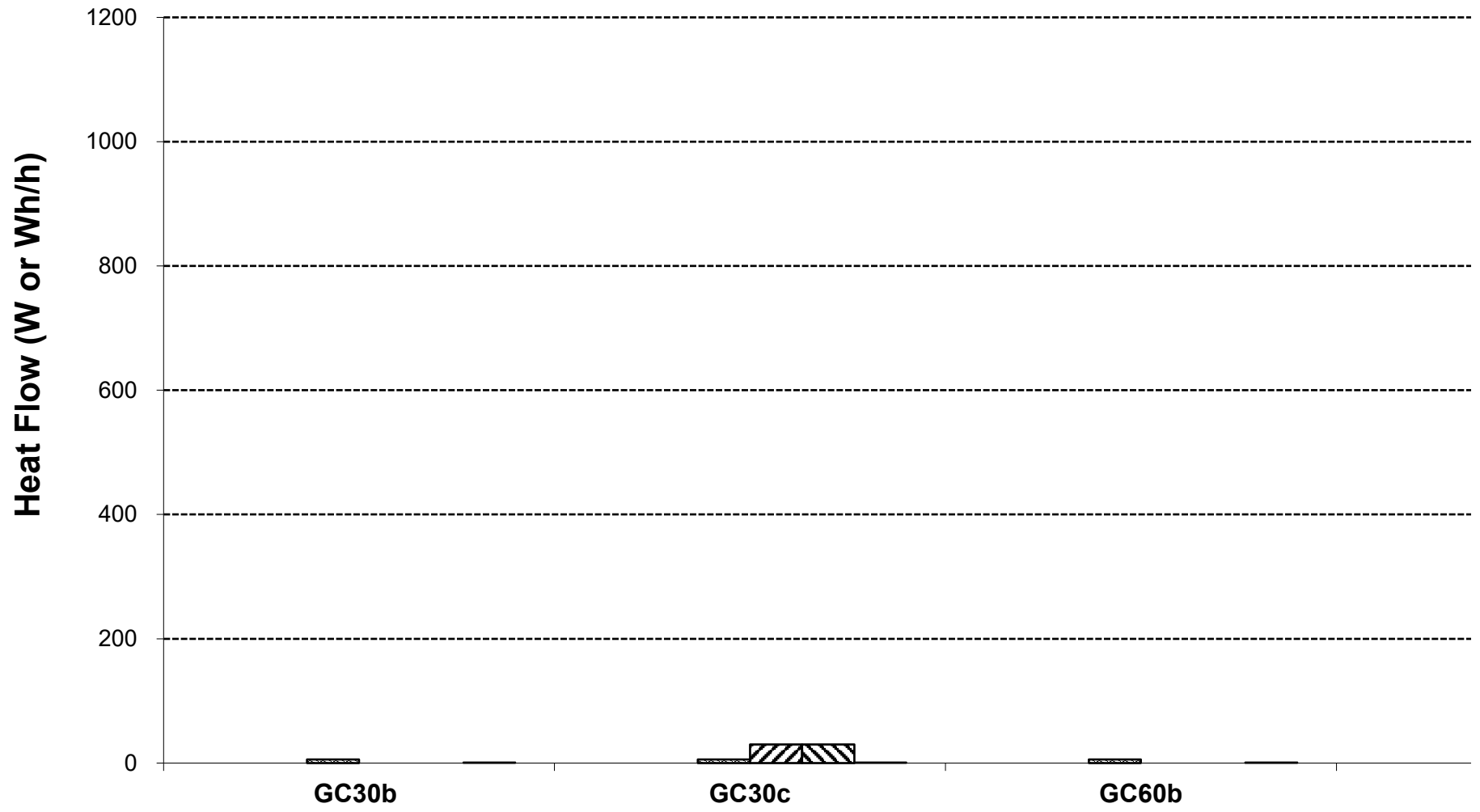
**Figure B8.2-3. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-State Zone Heating Load**



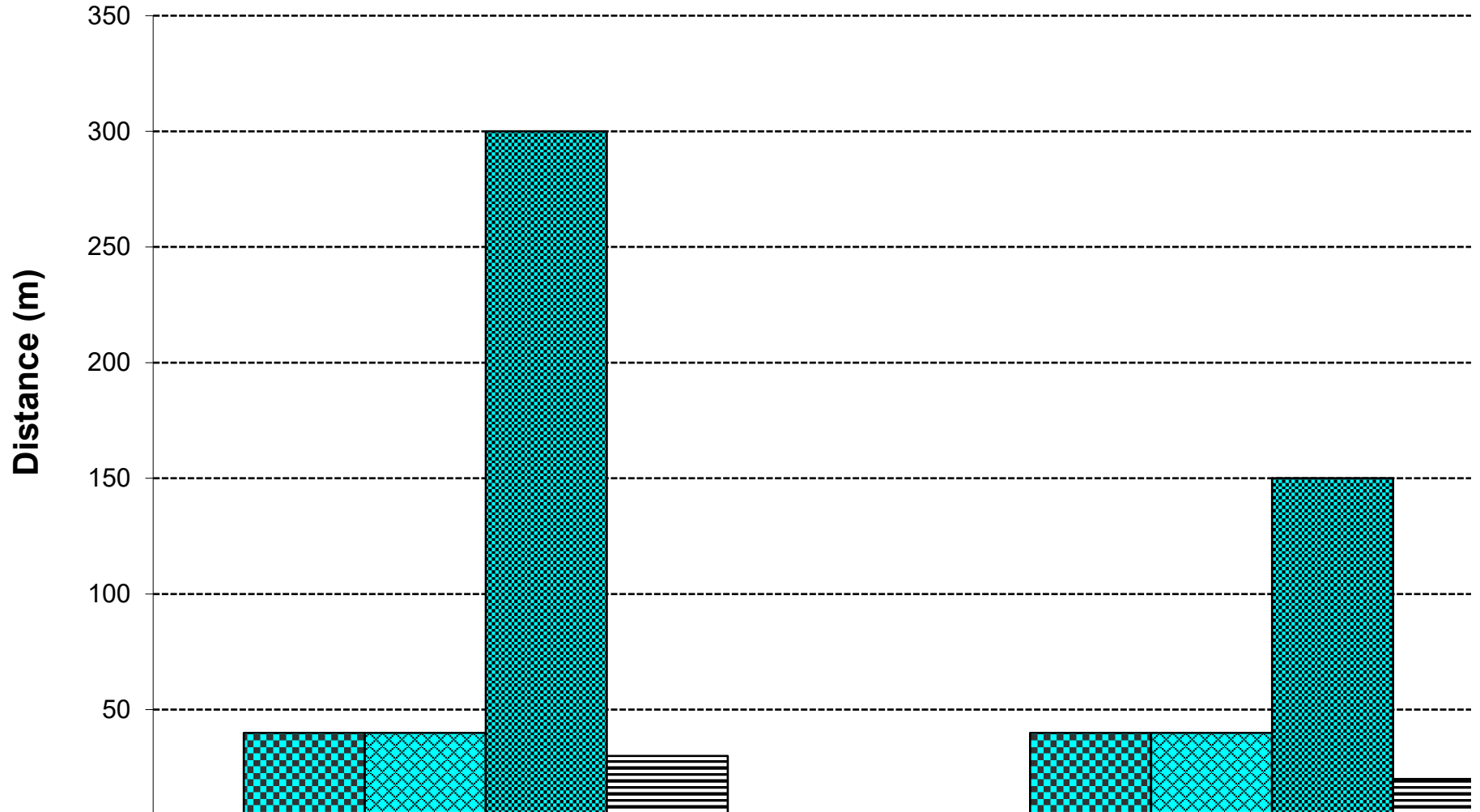
**Figure B8.2-4. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-State Zone Heating Load Sensitivity**



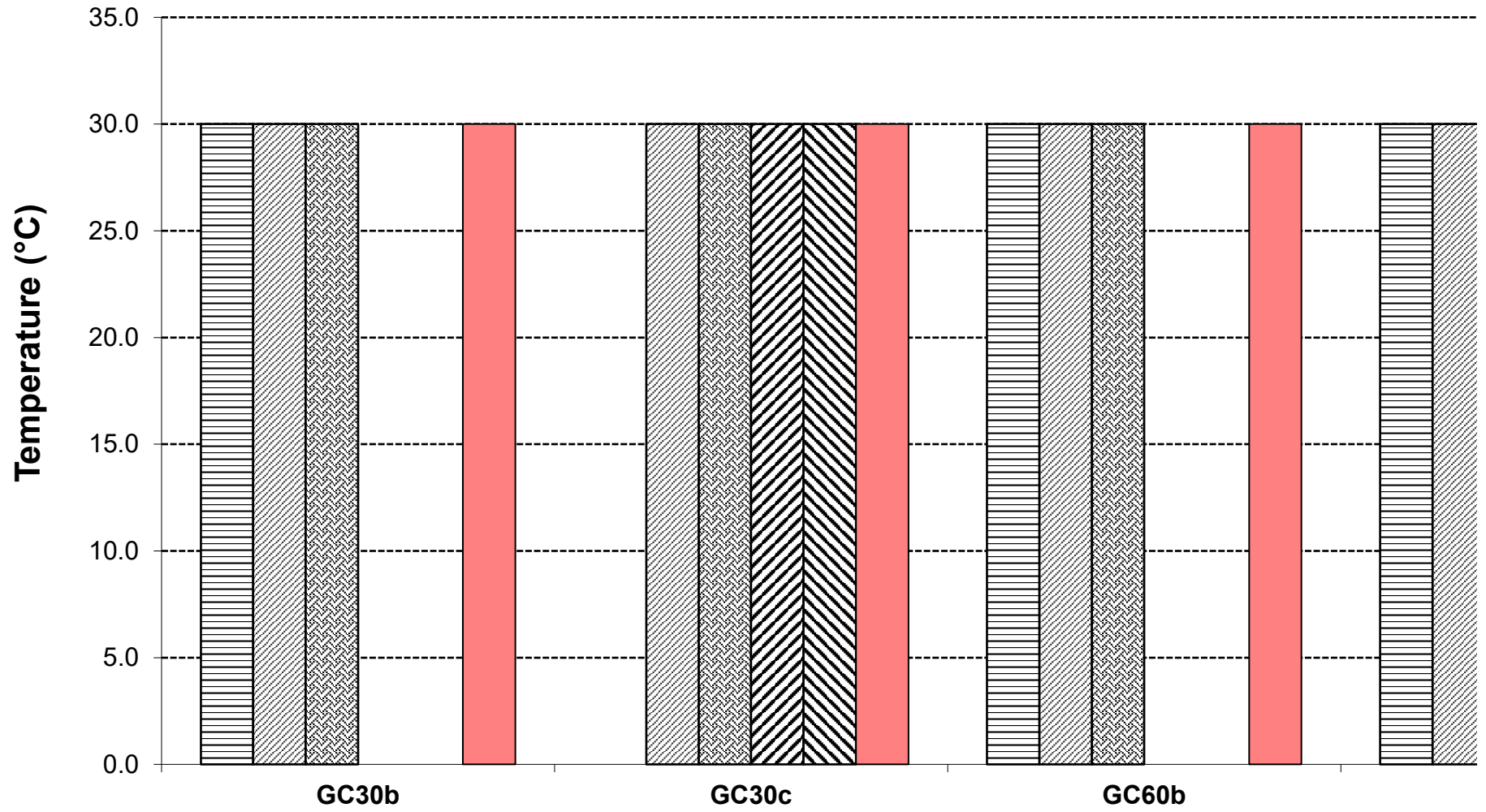
**Figure B8.2-5. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-State (Zone Heating Load) - (Floor Conduction)**



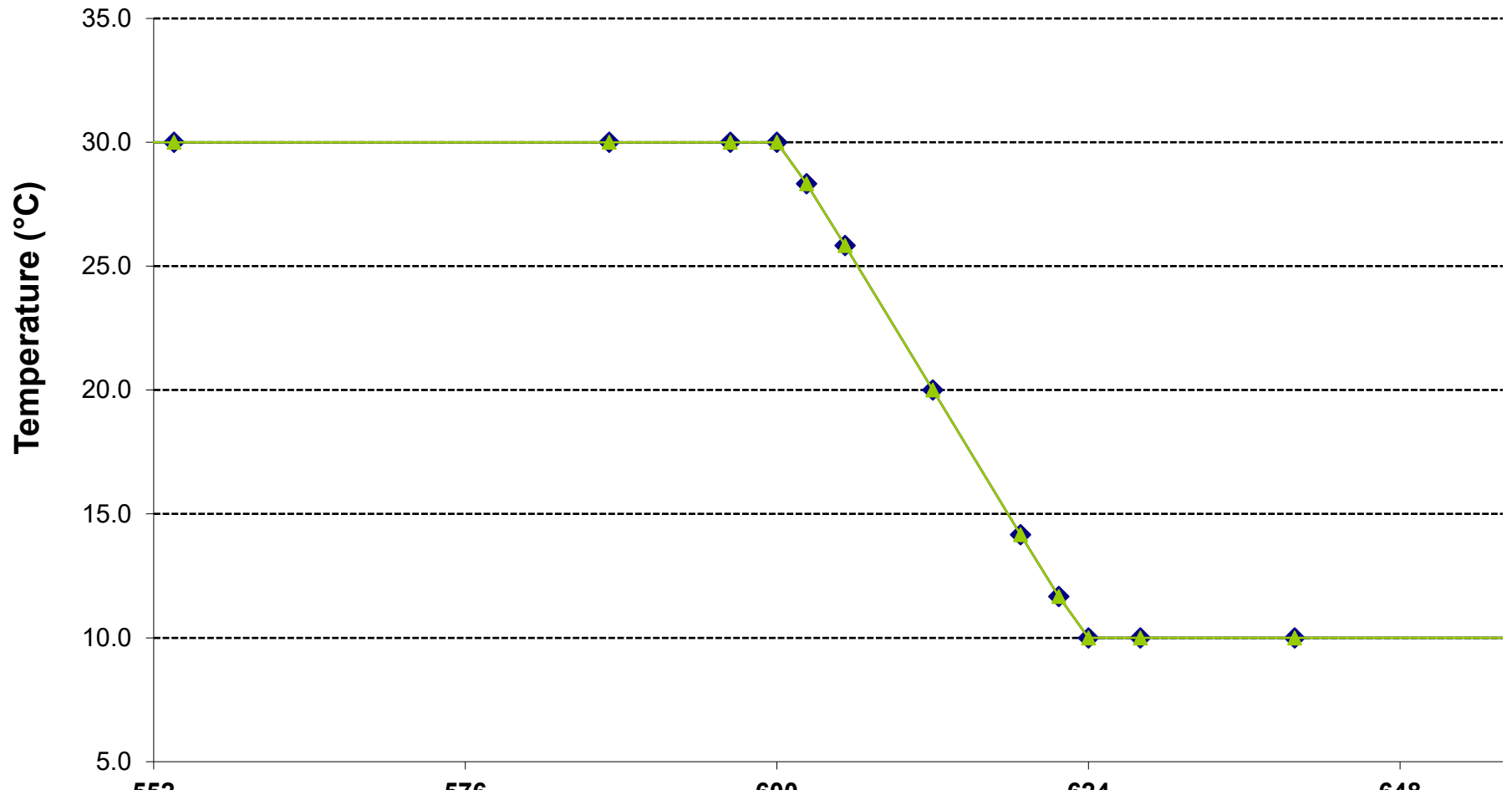
**Figure B8.2-6. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Case GC10a Modeling Parameters**



**Figure B8.2-7. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-State Zone Temperature**

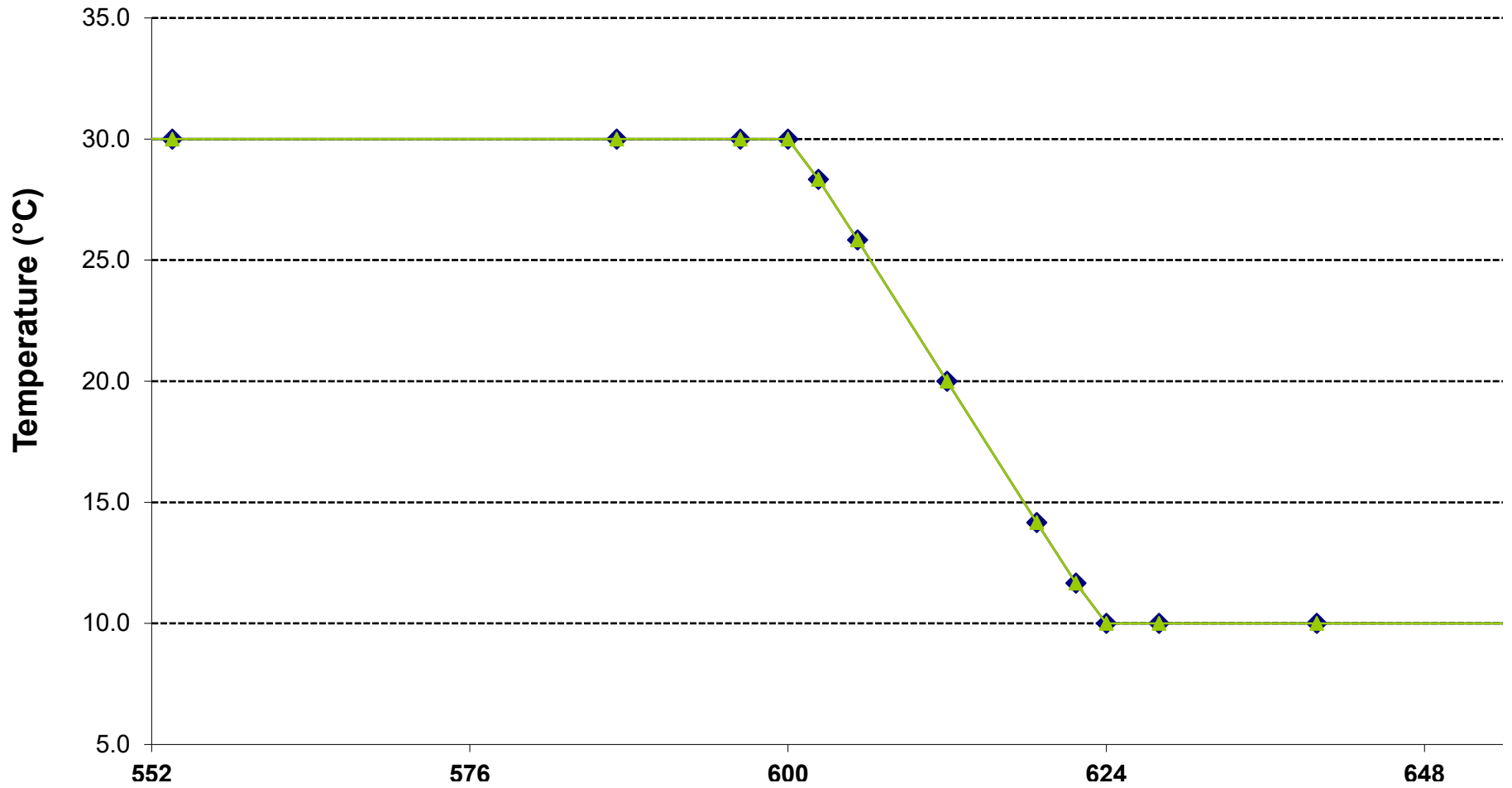


**Figure B8.2-8.**  
**IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab, GC10a**  
**Steady-State Surface Temperatures (Y=0, thru edge center)**

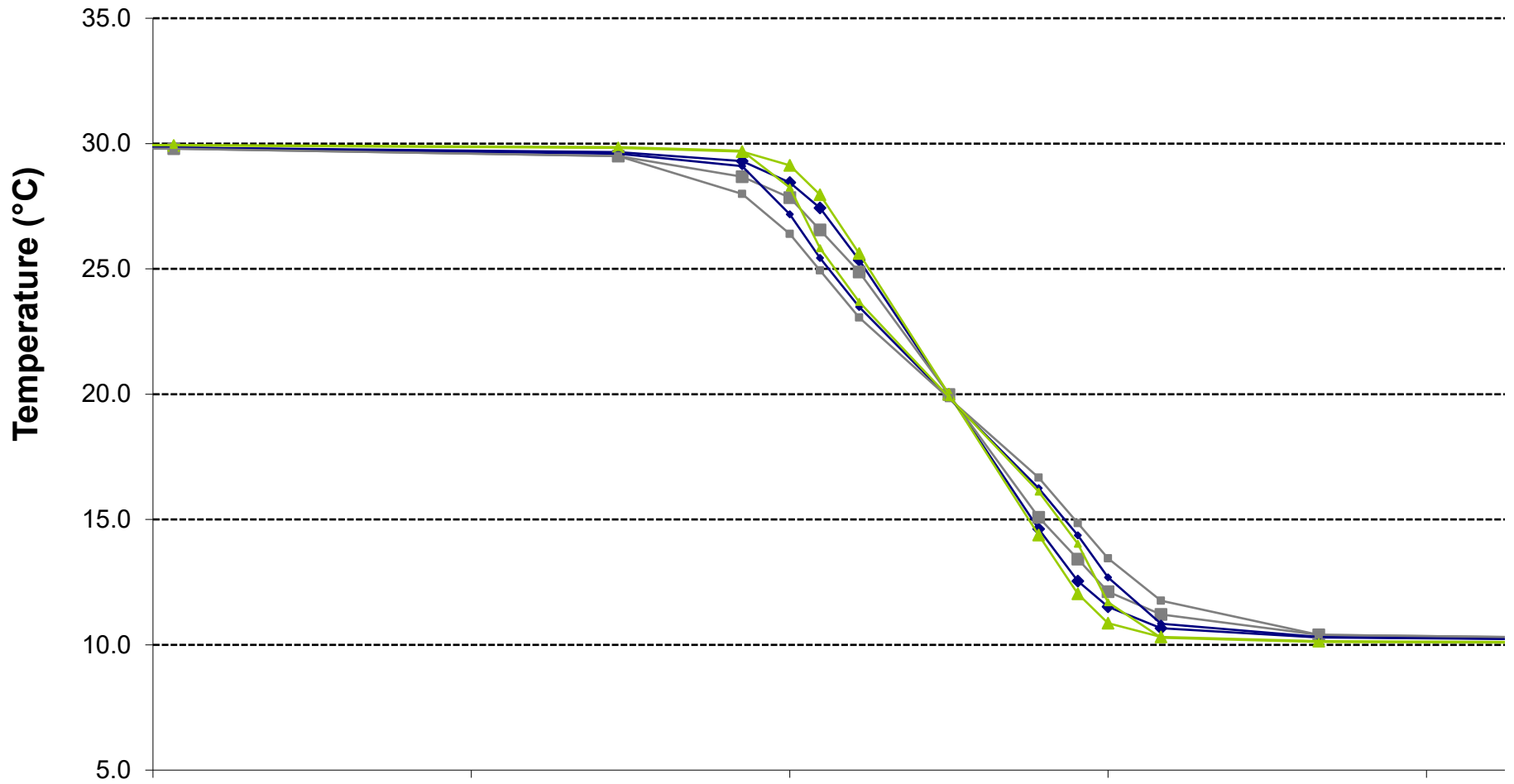




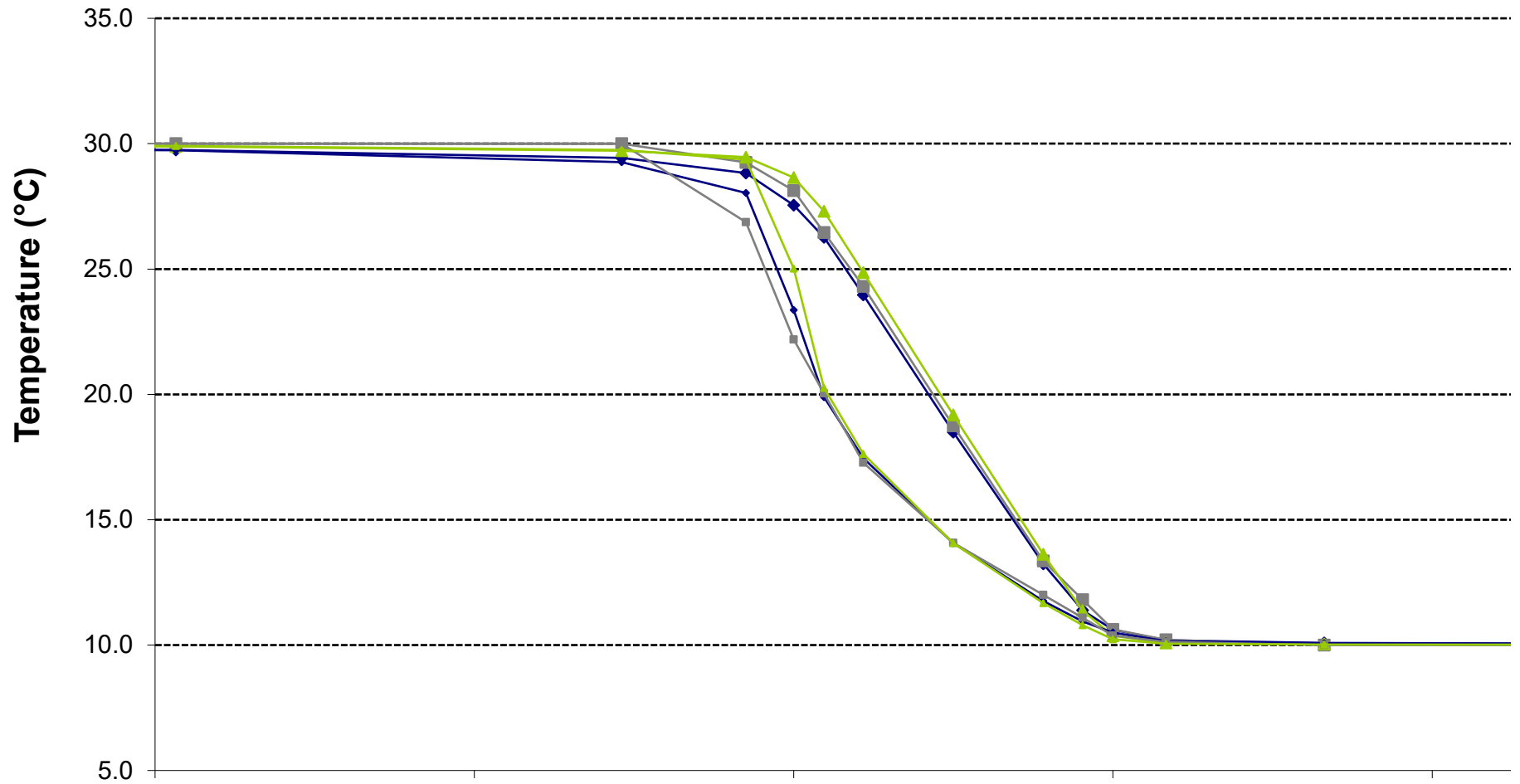
**Figure B8.2-9.**  
**IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab, GC10a**  
**Steady-State Surface Temperatures (Y=X, thru corner)**



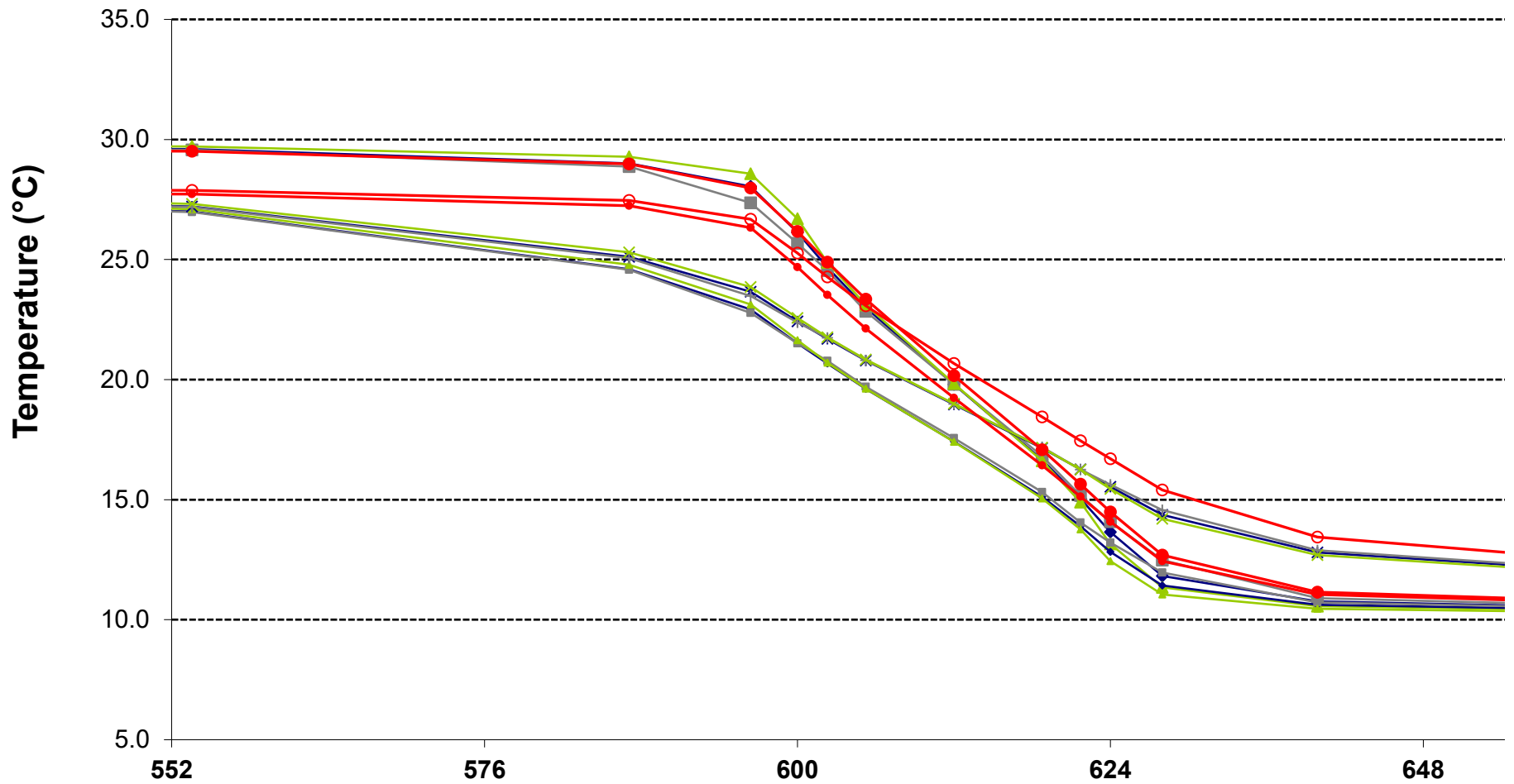
**Figure B8.2-10.**  
**IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab, GC10a, GC30a**  
**Steady-State Near-Surface Temperatures (Y=0, thru center of edge)**



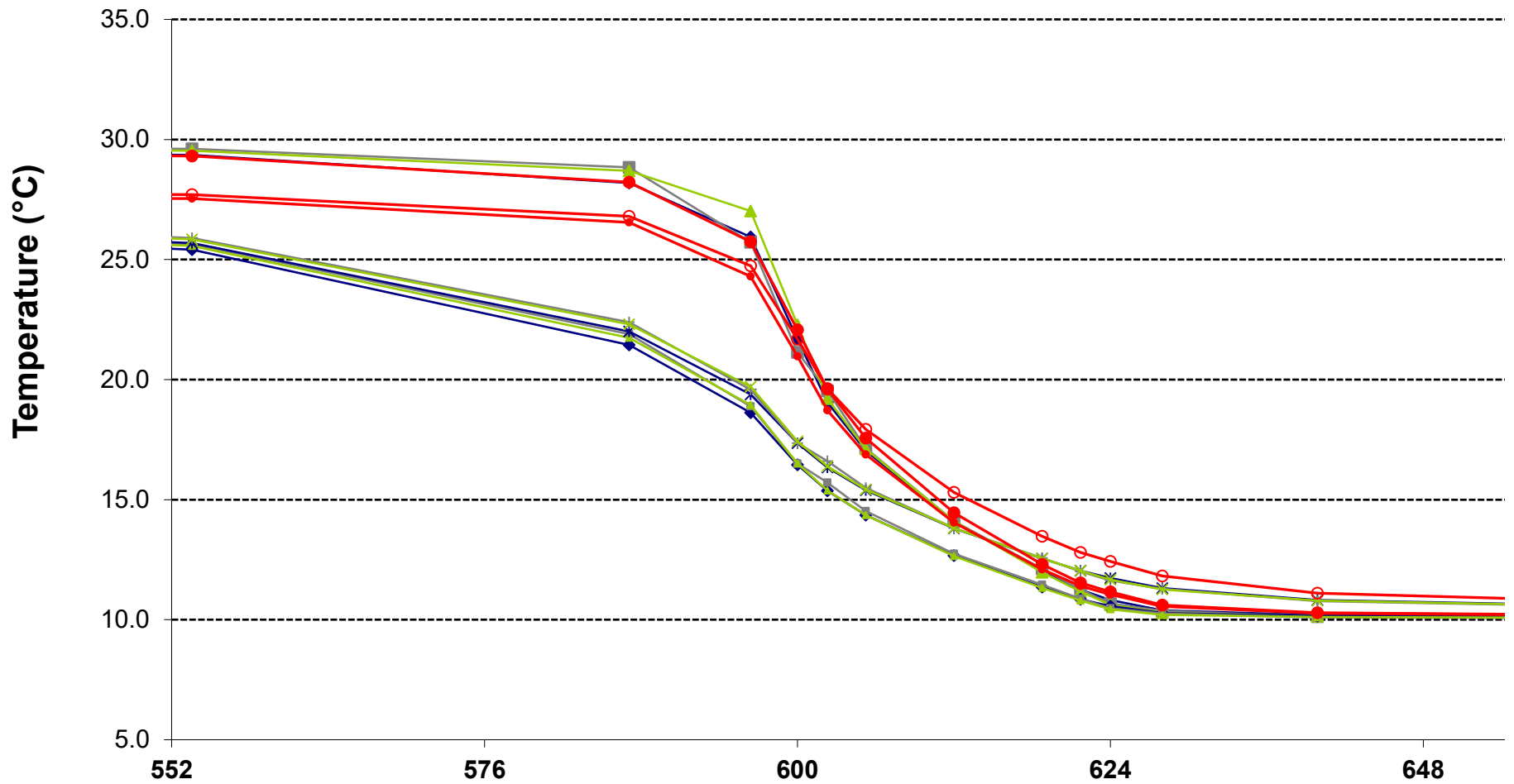
**Figure B8.2-11.**  
**IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab, GC10a, GC30a**  
**Steady-State Near-Surface Temperatures (Y=X, thru corner)**



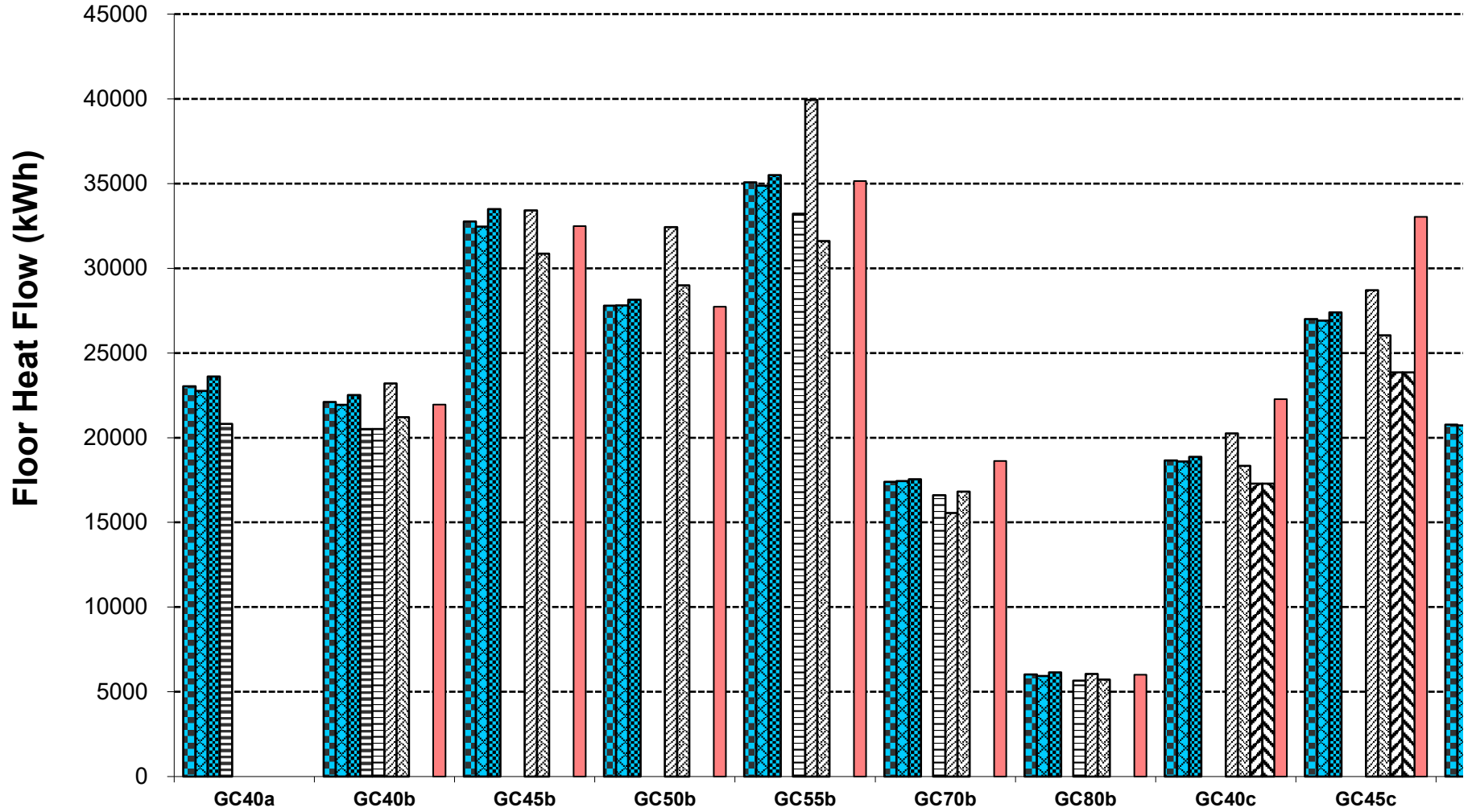
**Figure B8.2-12.**  
**IEA BESTEST: In-Depth Floor Slab, GC30b, GC60b, GC65b**  
**Steady-State Near-Surface Temperatures (Y=0, thru center of edge)**



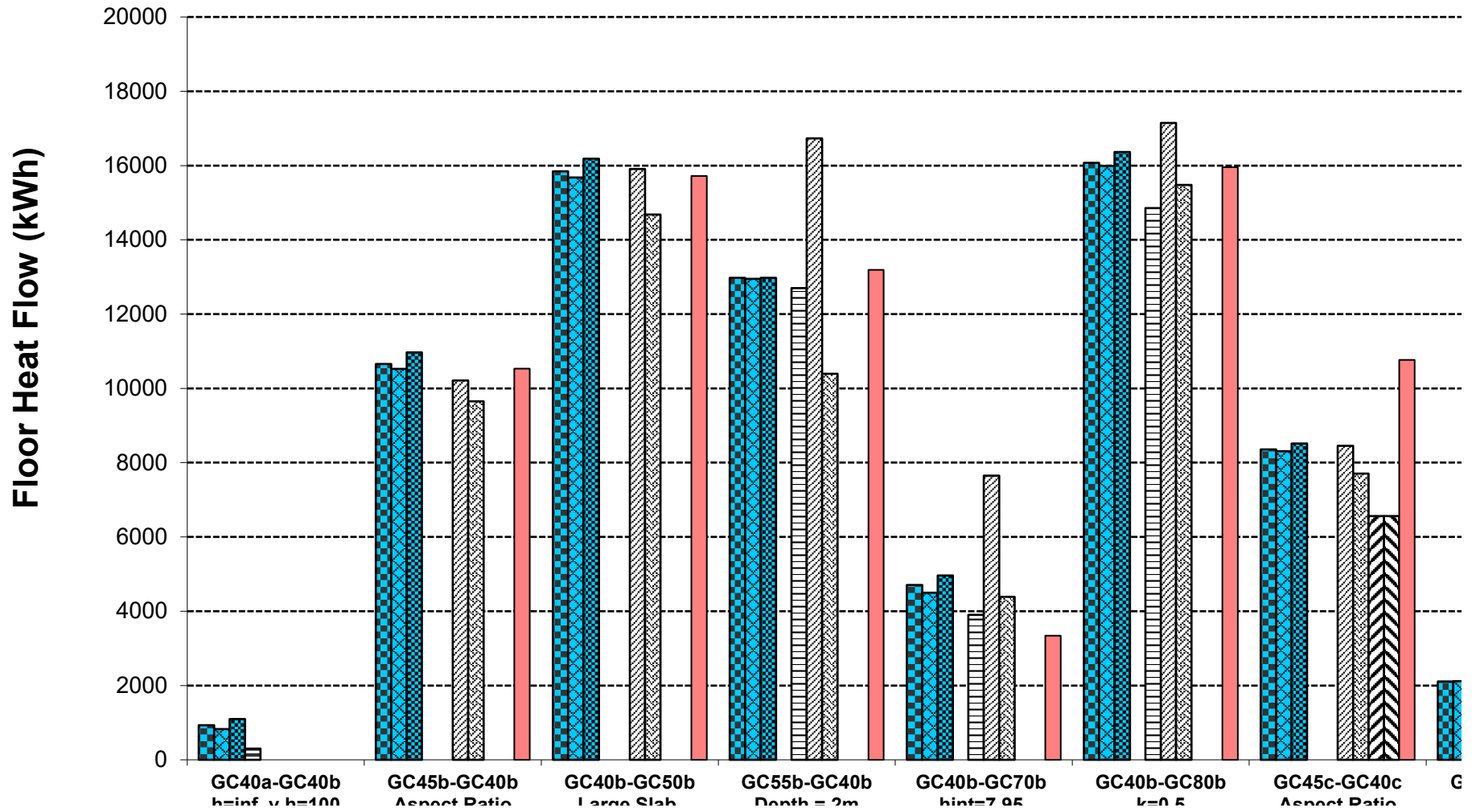
**Figure B8.2-13.**  
**IEA BESTEST: In-Depth Floor Slab, GC30b, GC60b, GC65b**  
**Steady-State Near-Surface Temperatures (Y=X, thru corner)**



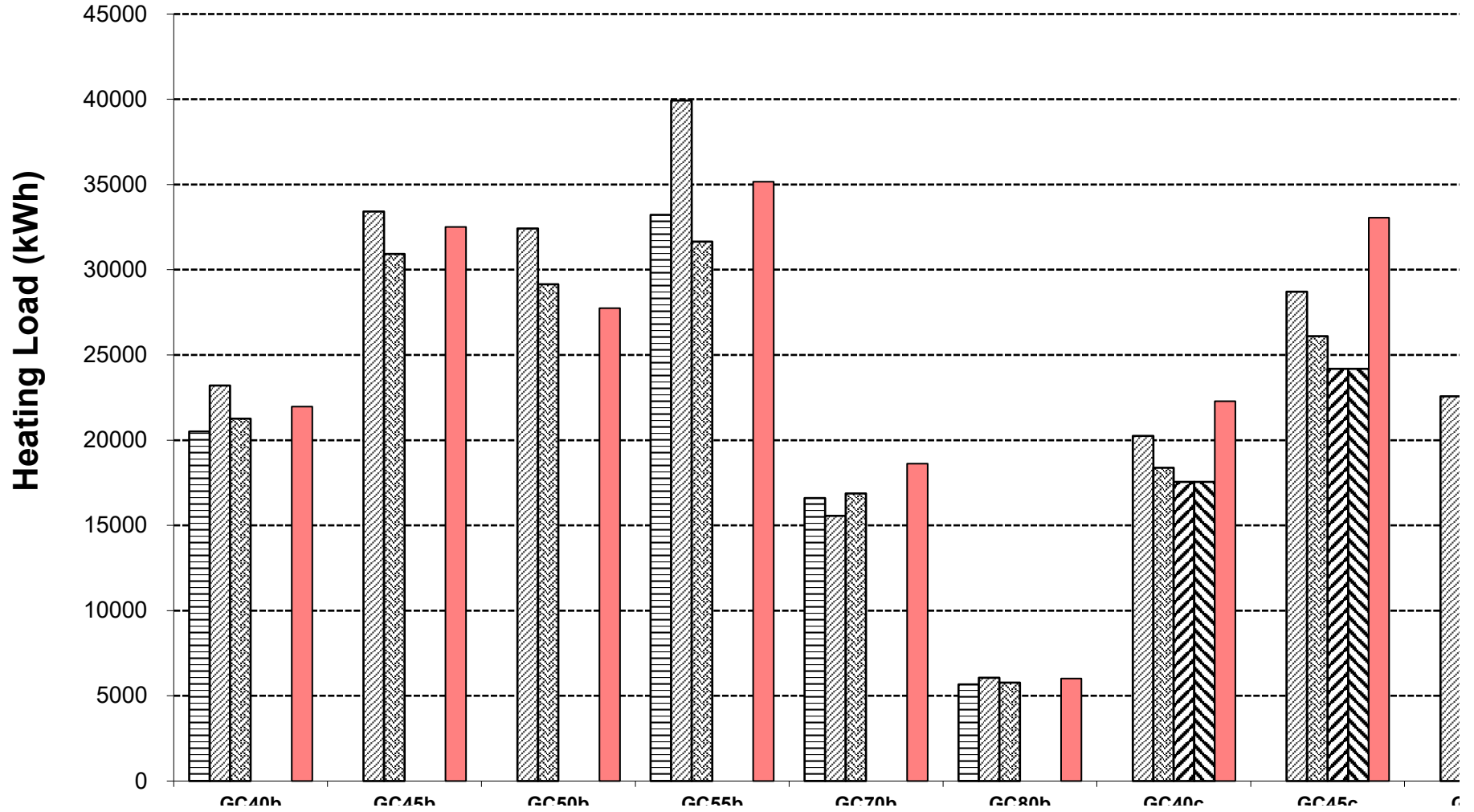
**Figure B8.2-14. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-Periodic Annual Floor Conduction**



**Figure B8.2-15. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab Steady-Periodic Annual Floor Conduction Sensitivity**

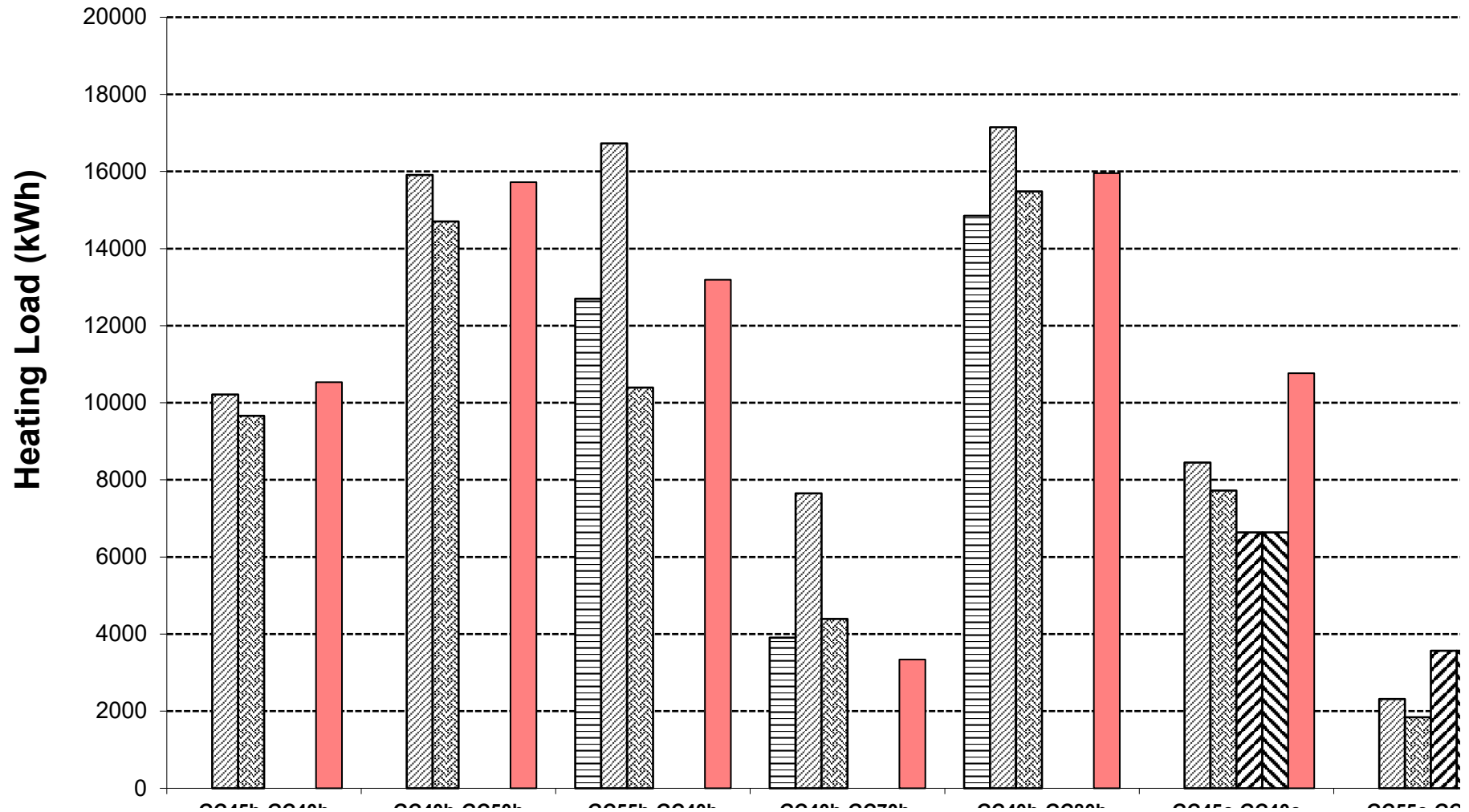


**Figure B8.2-16. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-Periodic Annual Zone Heating Load**

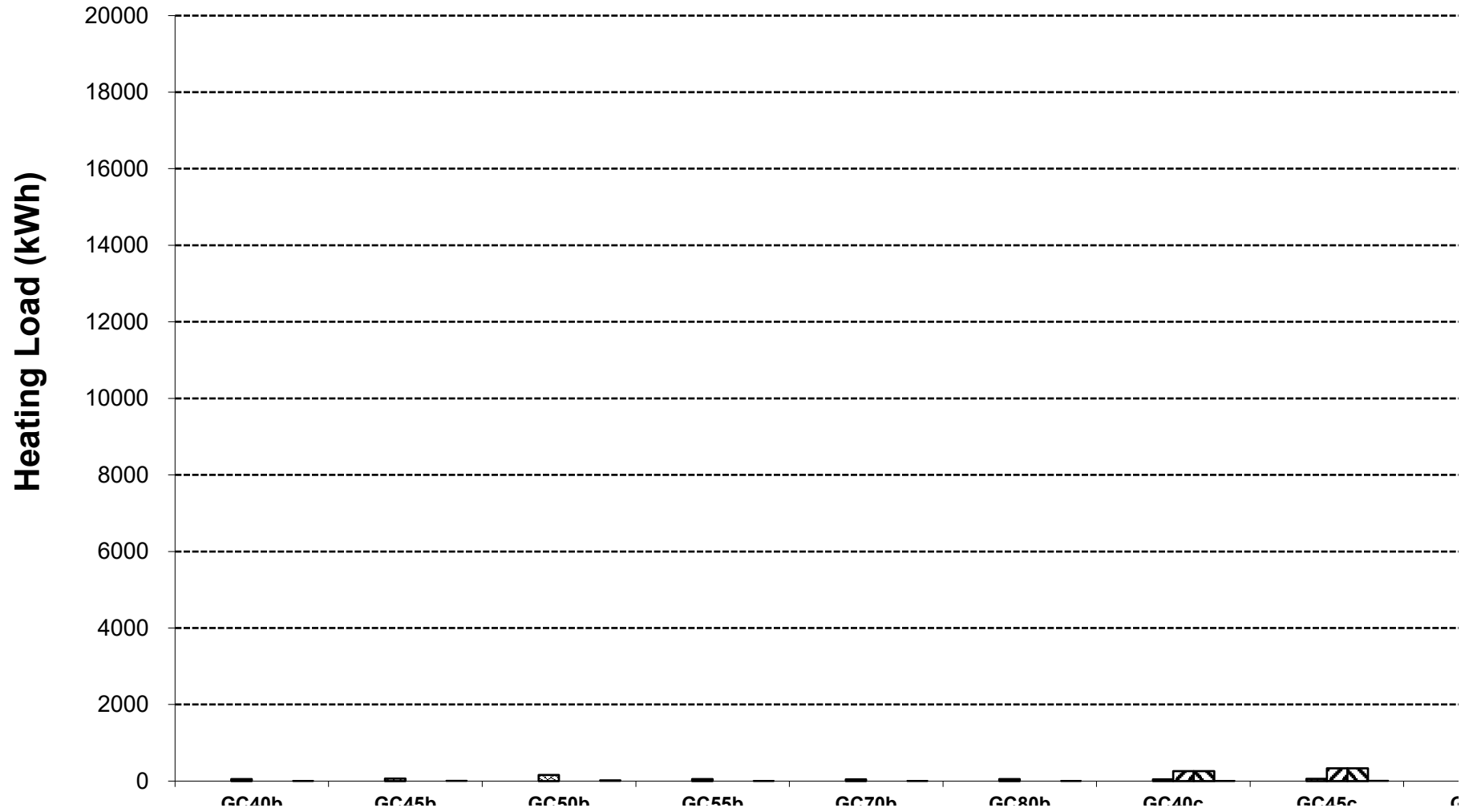




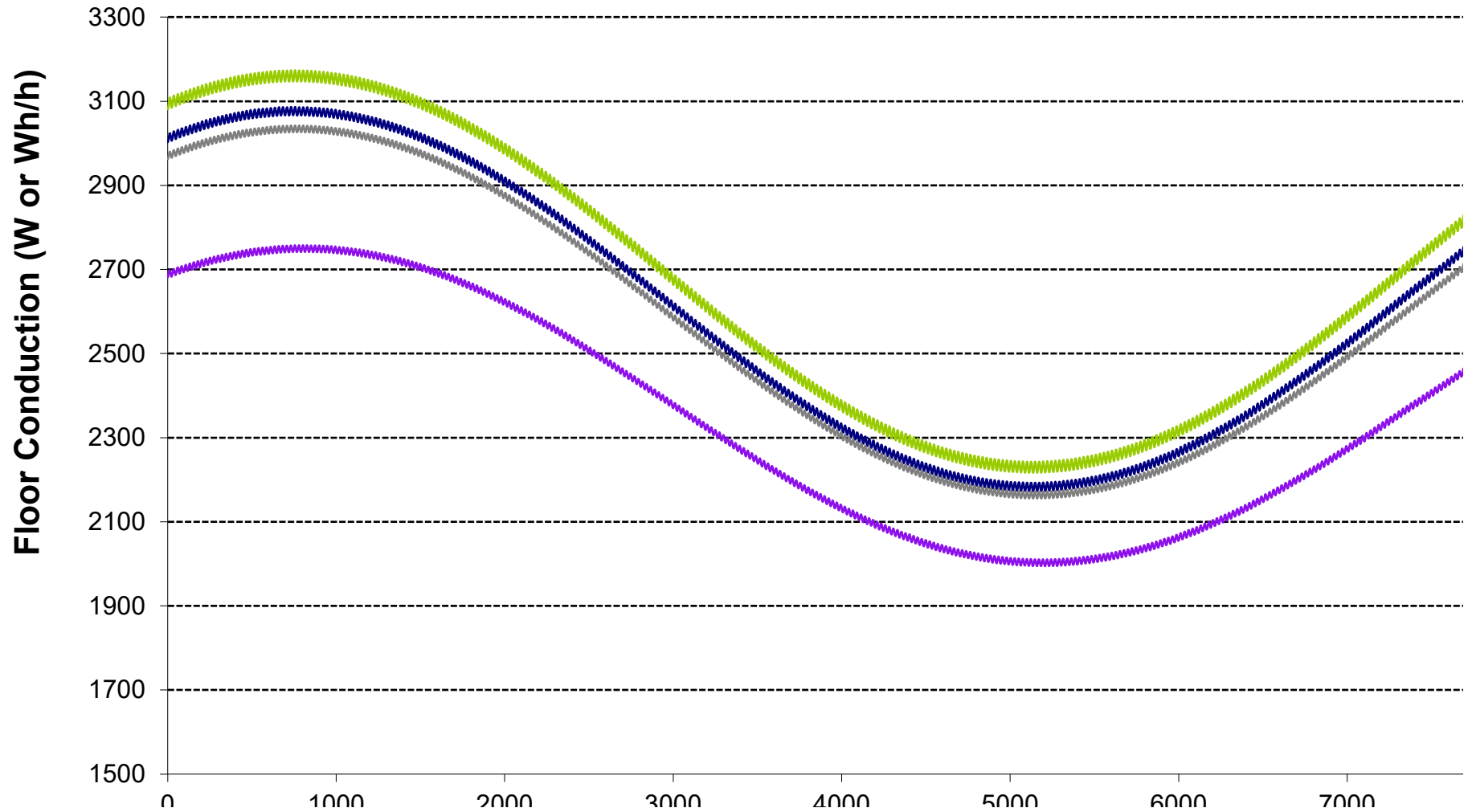
**Figure B8.2-17. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab Steady-Periodic Annual Zone Heating Load Sensitivity**



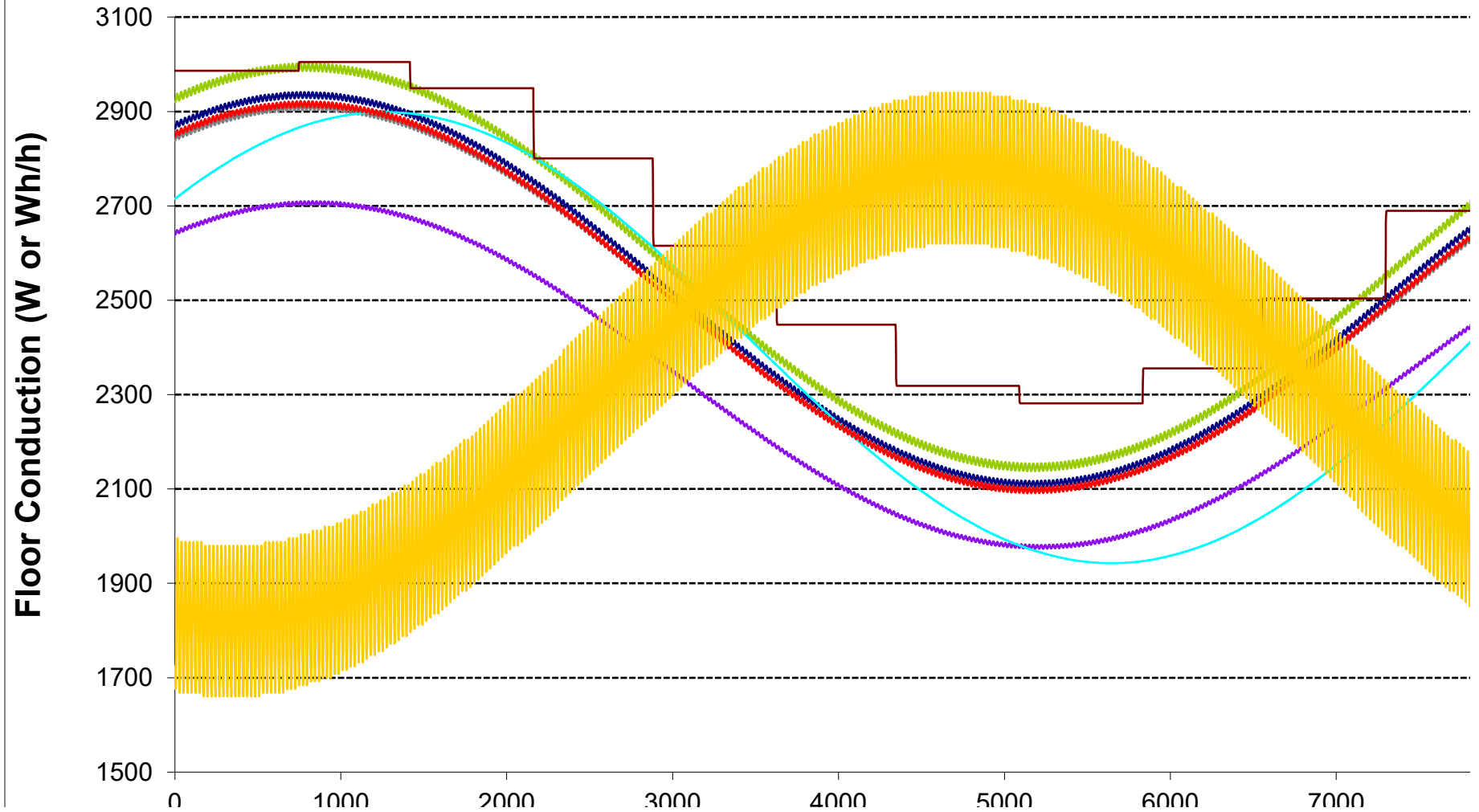
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Steady-Periodic (Zone Heating Load) - (Floor Conduction)**



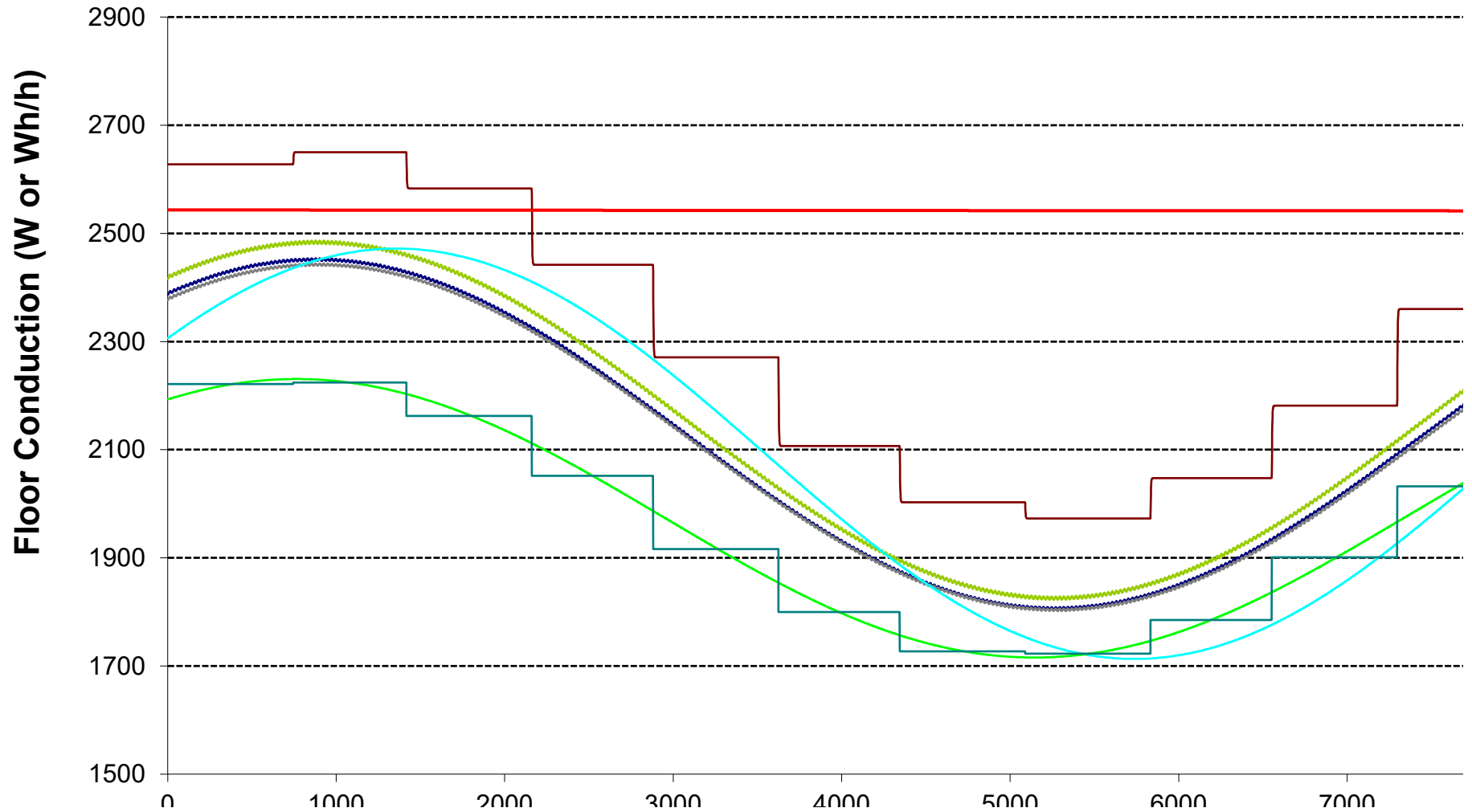
**Figure B8.2-19. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Hourly Floor Conduction, GC40a**



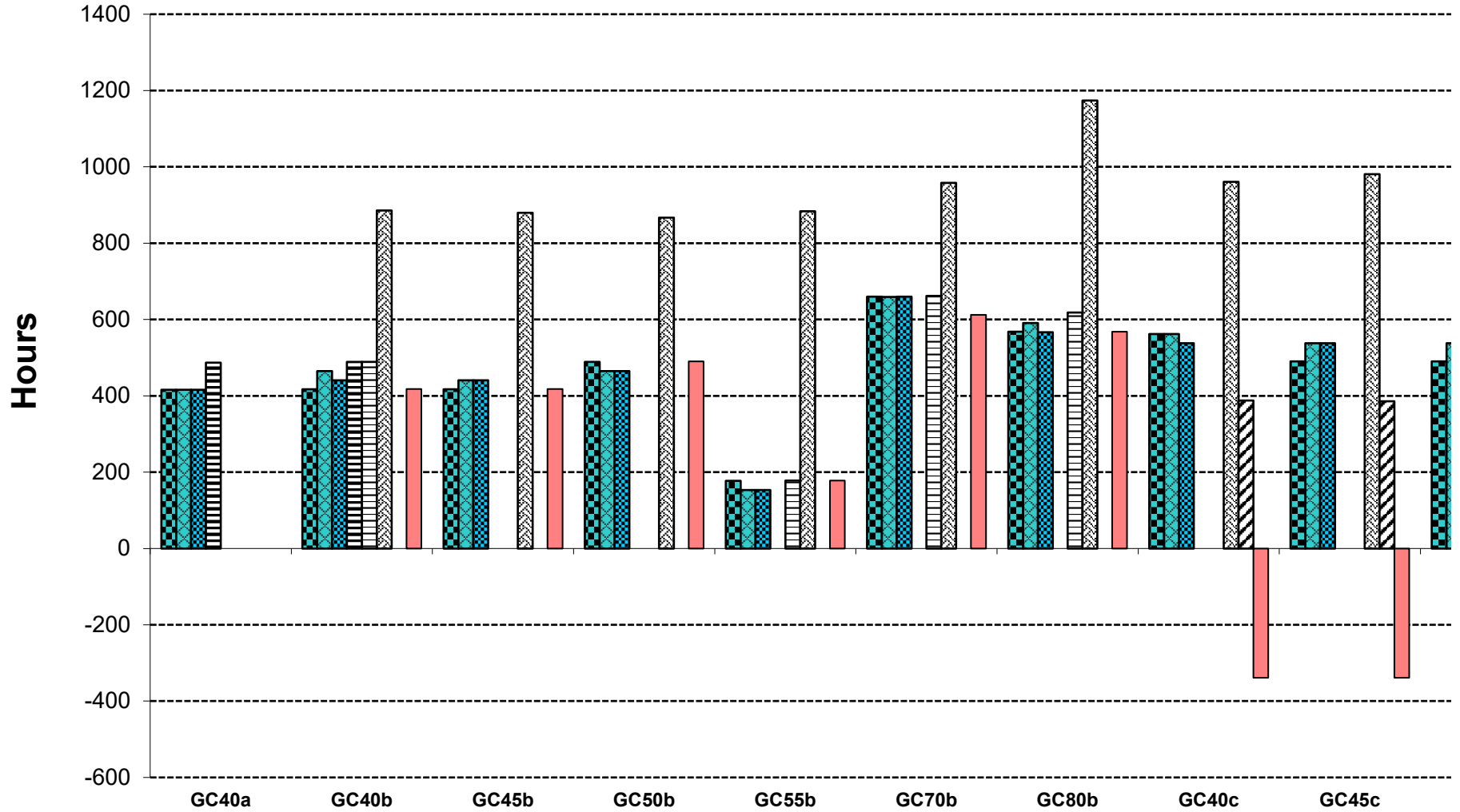
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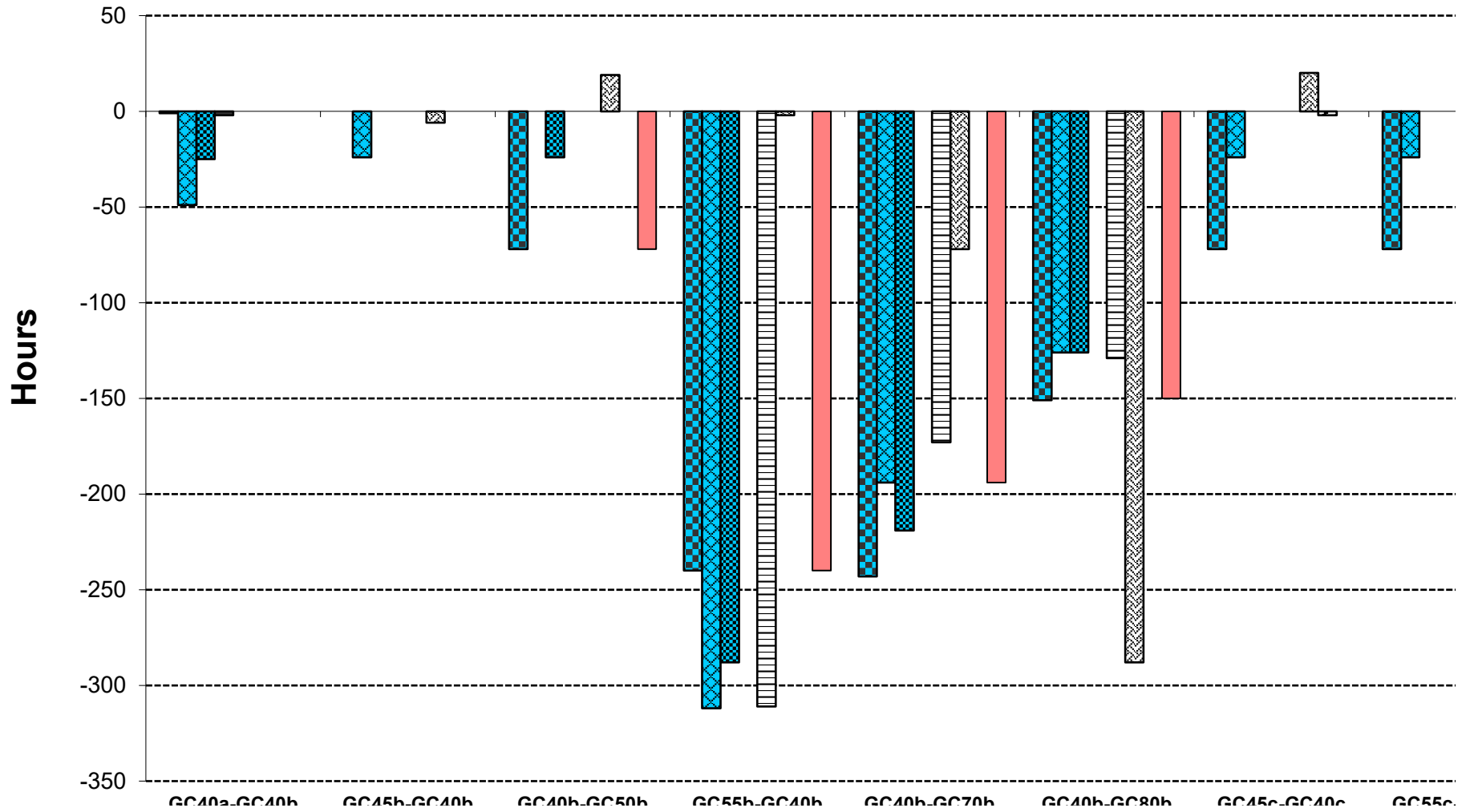
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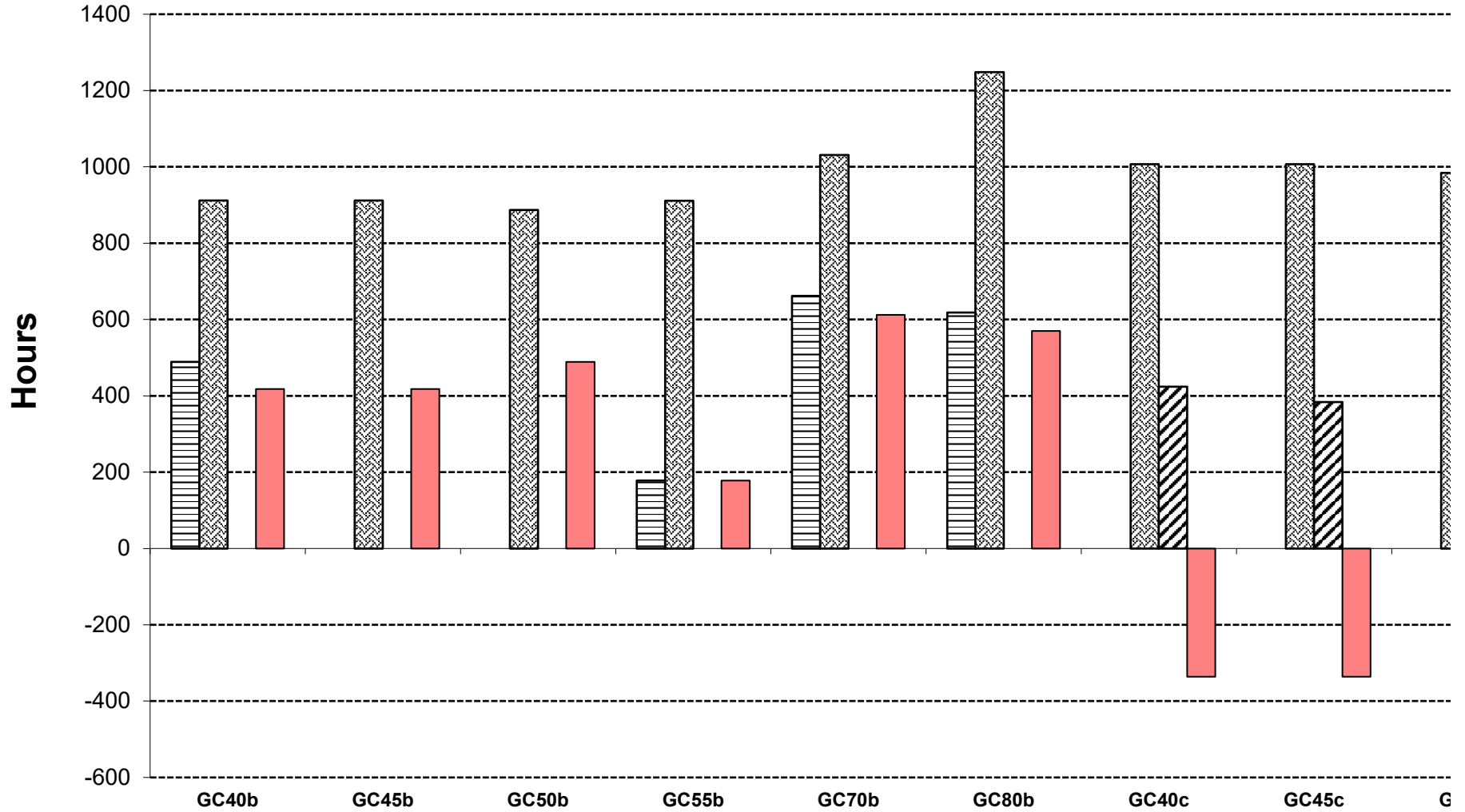
**Figure B8.2-22. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-Periodic Phase Shift, Time From Coldest ODB to Peak Floor Conduction**



**Figure B8.2-23. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-Periodic Phase Shift Sensitivity, Floor Conduction v. ODB**

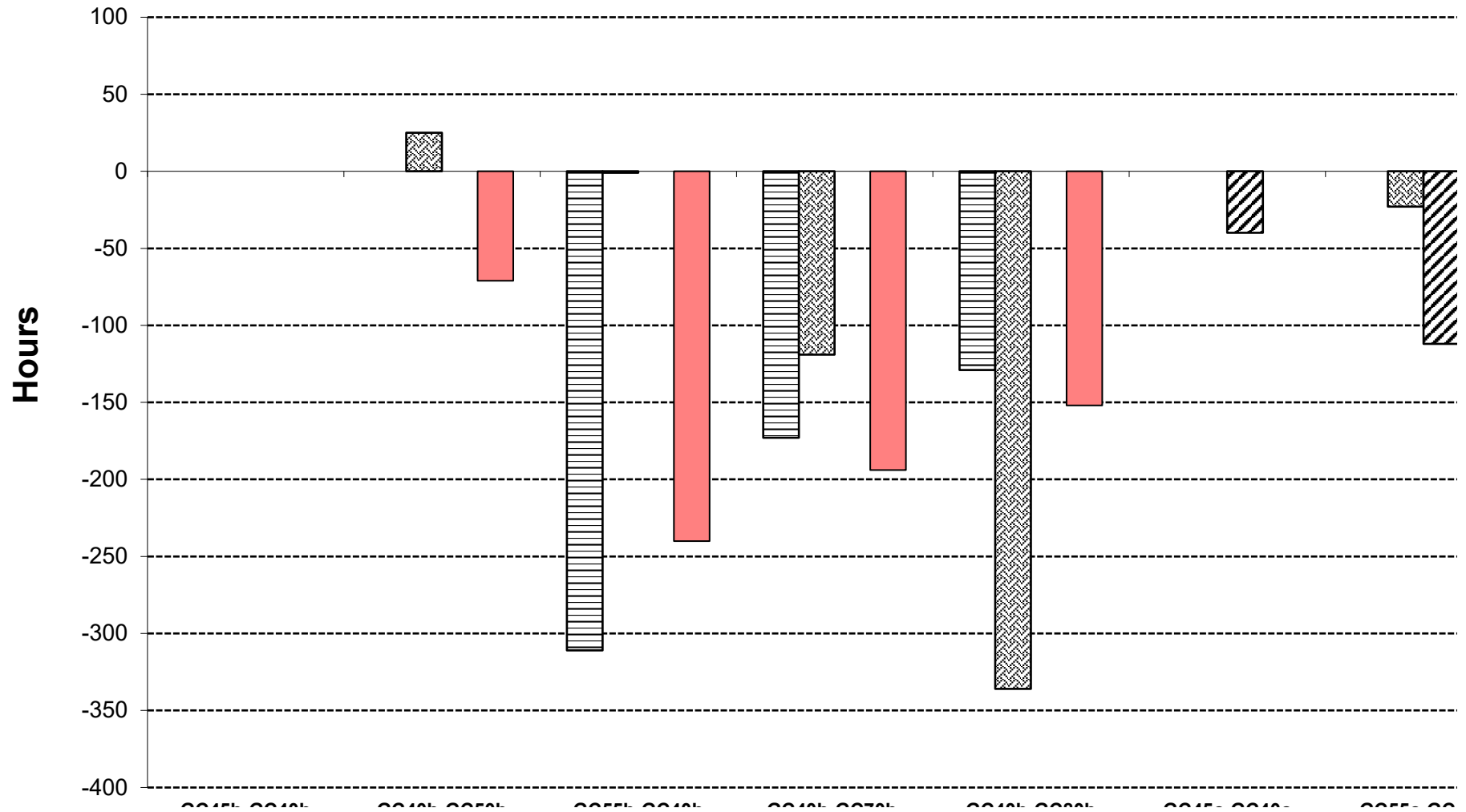


**Figure B8.2-24. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-Periodic Phase Shift, Time from Coldest ODB to Peak Zone Load**

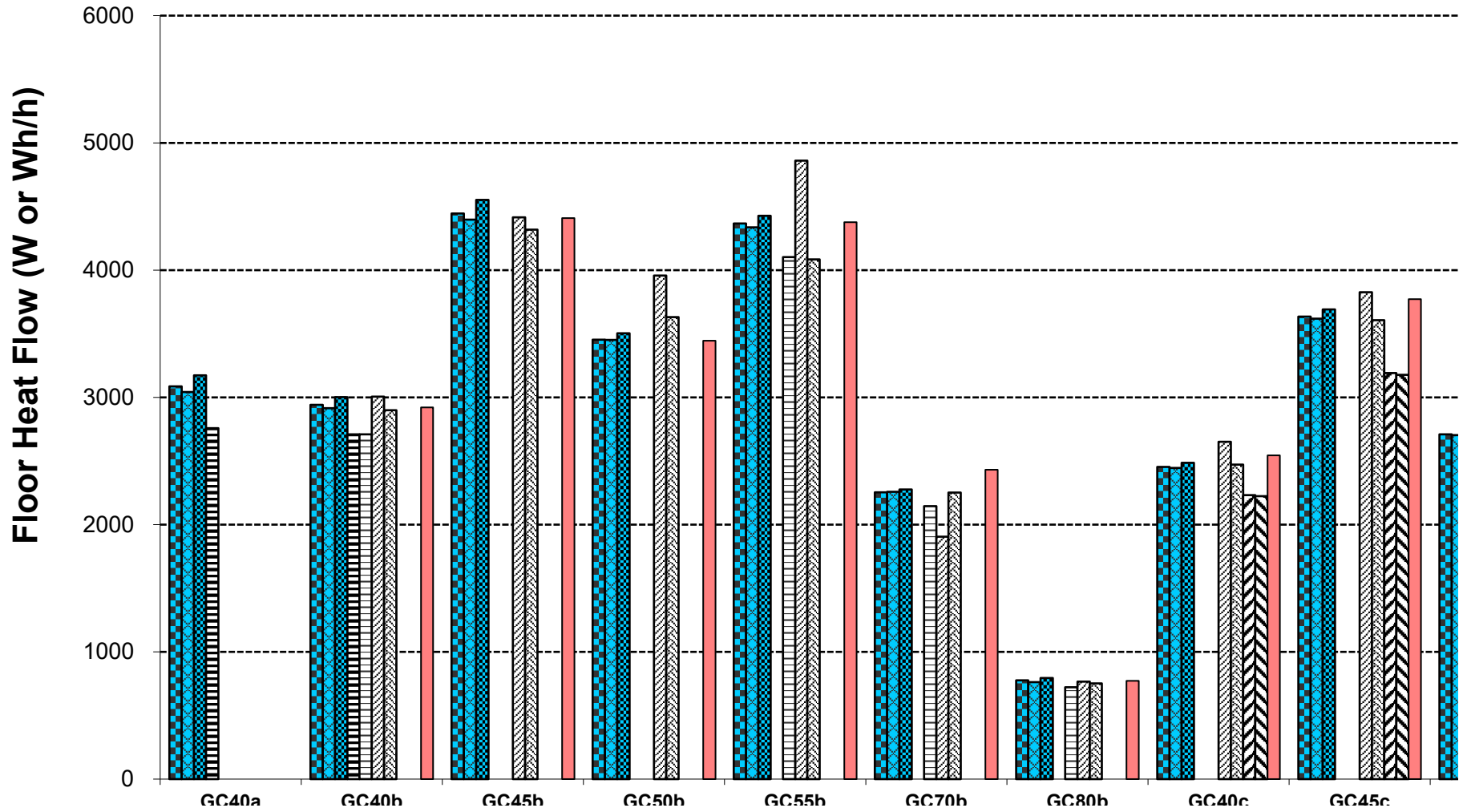




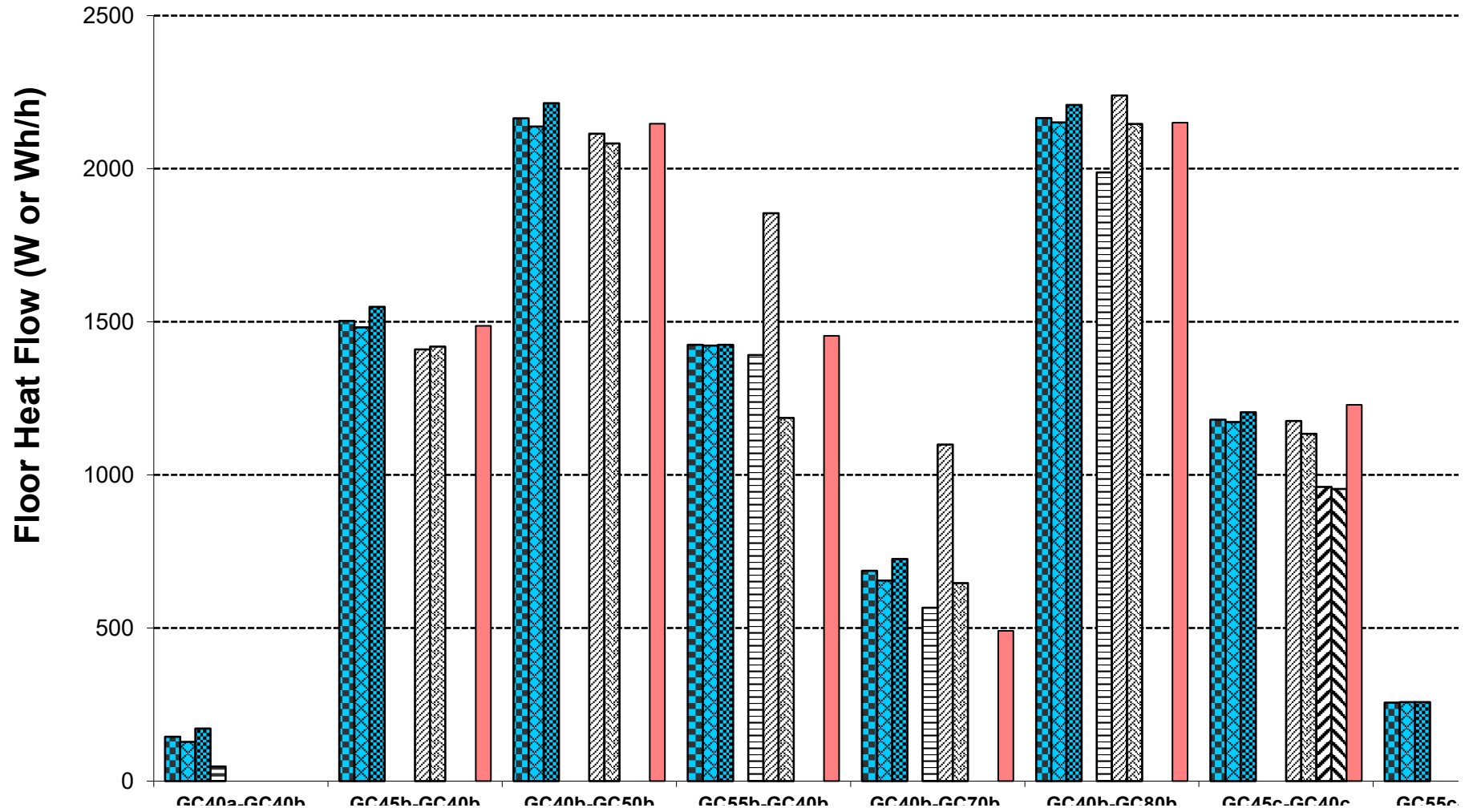
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Delta Steady-Periodic Phase Shift Sensitivity, Zone Load v. ODB**



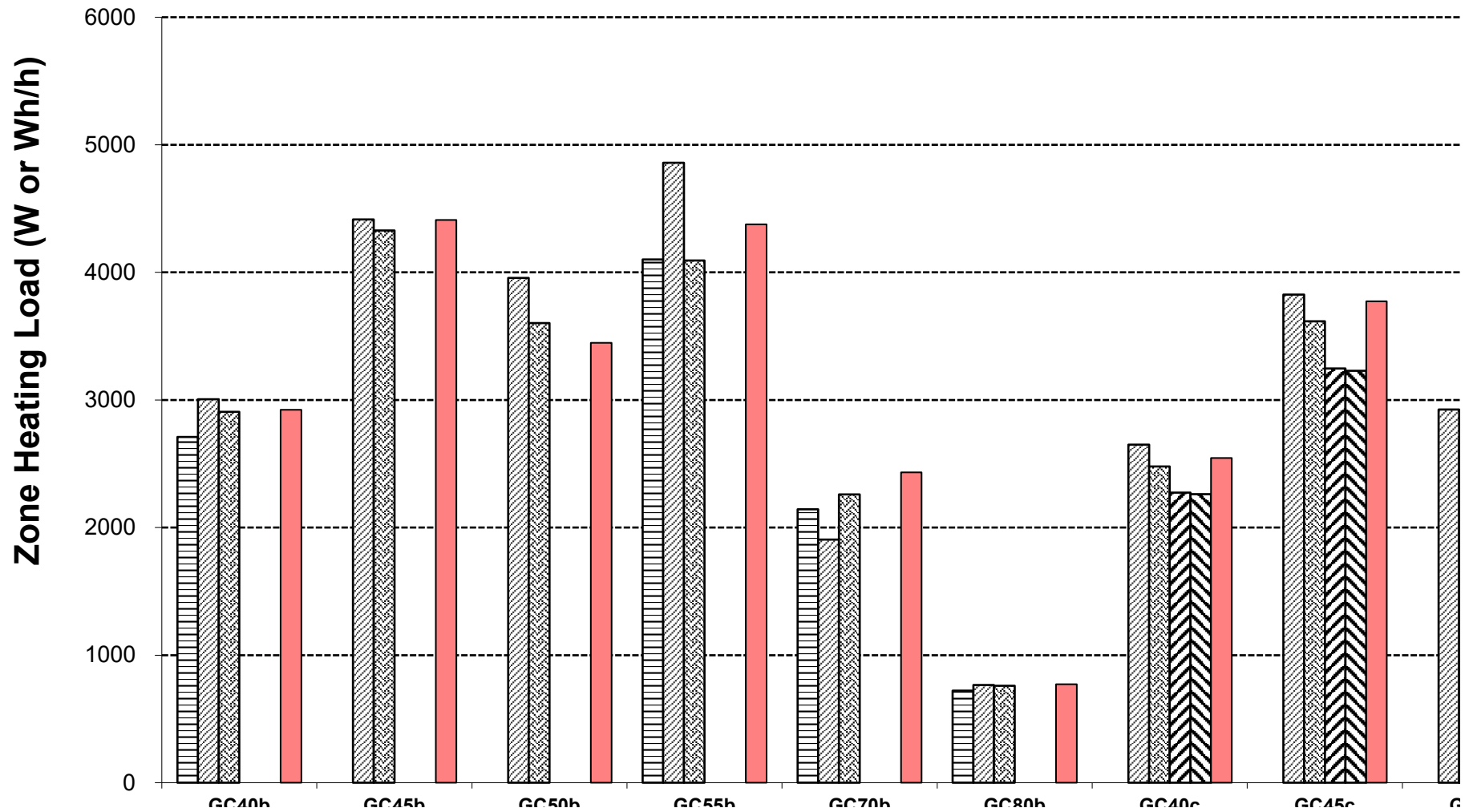
**Figure B8.2-26. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-Periodic Annual Peak-Hour Floor Conduction**



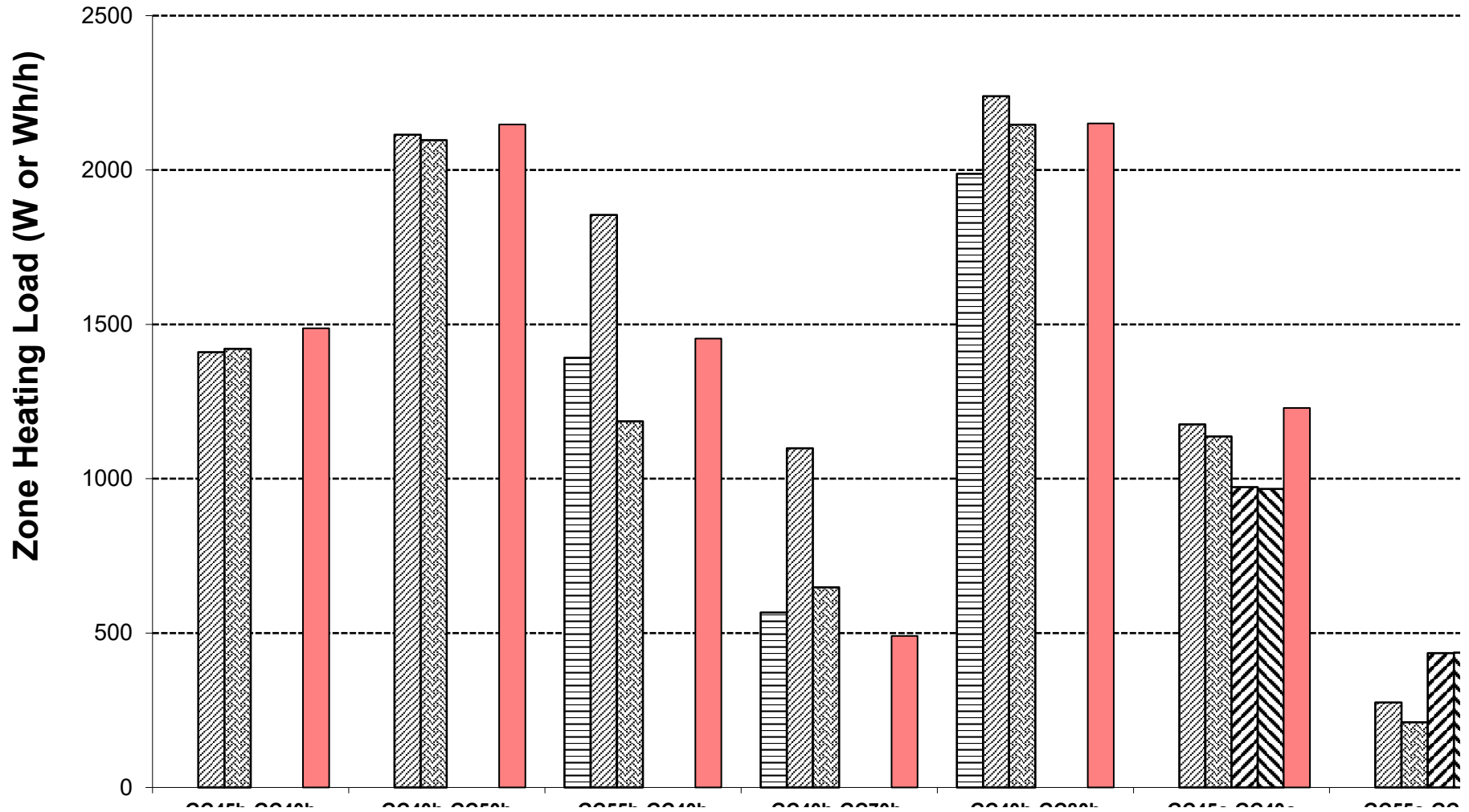
**Figure B8.2-27. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-Periodic Annual Peak-Hour Floor Conduction Sensitivity**



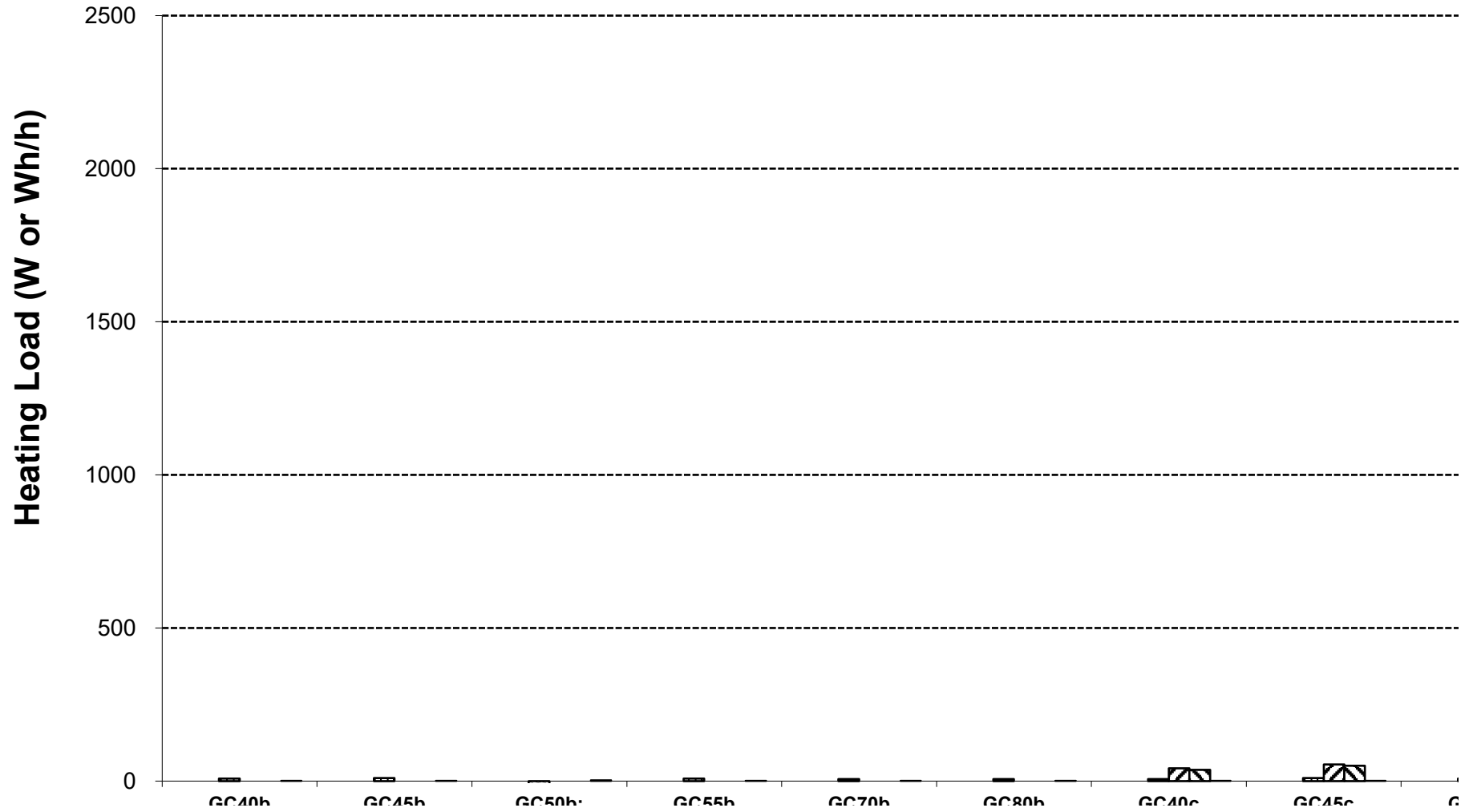
**Figure B8.2-28. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab Steady-Periodic Annual Peak-Hour Zone Heating Load**



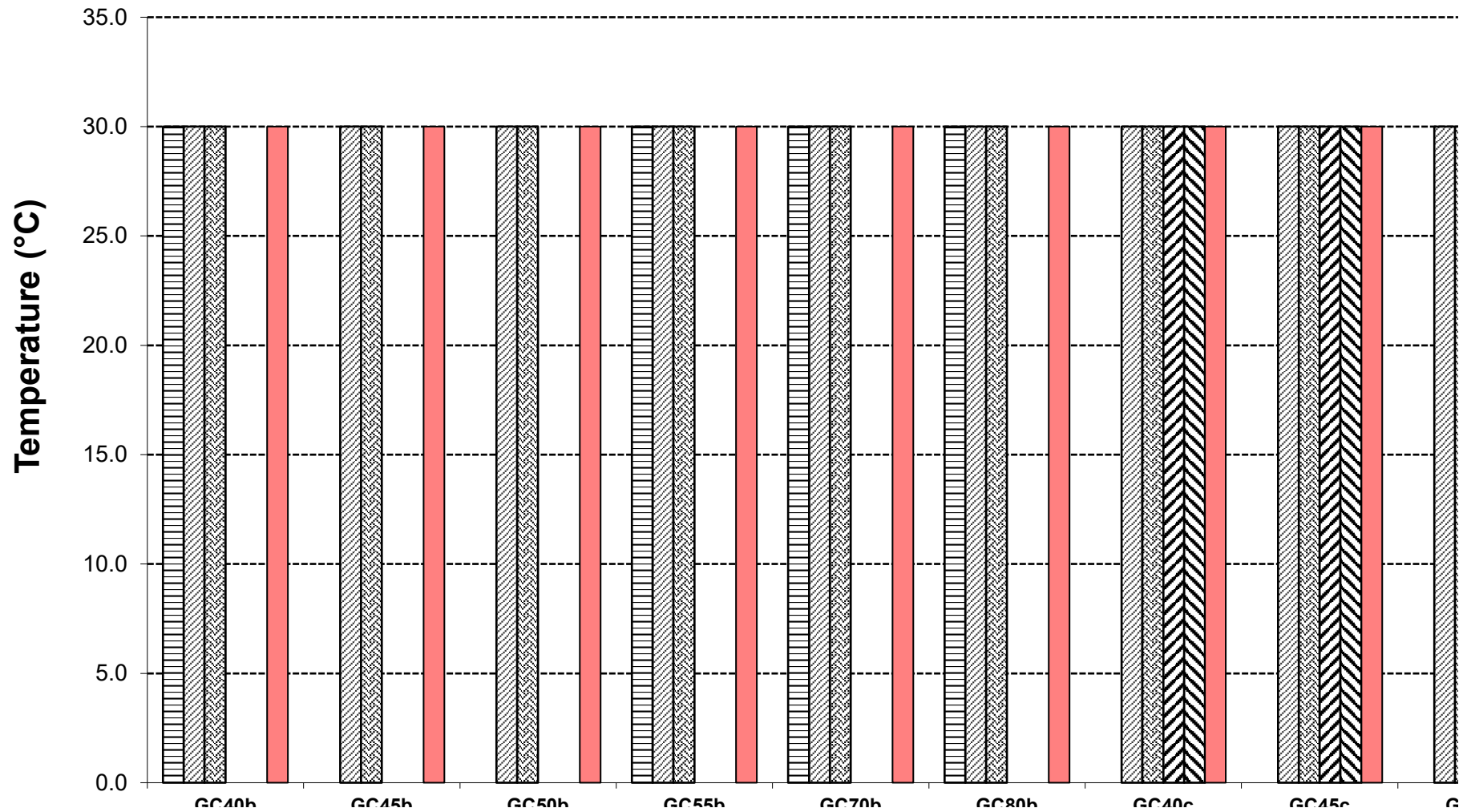
**Figure B8.2-29. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab Steady-Periodic Annual Peak-Hour Zone Heating Load Sensitivity**



**Figure B8.2-30. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-Periodic (Peak Zone Heating Load) - (Peak Floor Conduction)**



**Figure B8.2-31. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab Steady-Periodic Zone Temperature**



**Figure B8.2-32. IEA BESTEST Ground Coupling: In-Depth Floor Slab  
Steady-Periodic Minimum ODB**

