Analytical model for CFRP strengthened circular RC column under elevated temperature

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Abstract. In order to increase the load carrying capacity and/or increase the service life of existing circular reinforced concrete bridge columns, Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) composites could be utilized. Transverse wrapping of circular concrete columns with CFRP sheets increases its axial and shear strengths. In addition, it provides good confinement to the concrete column core, which enhances the bending and compressive strength, as well as, ductility. Several experimental and analytical studies have been conducted on CFRP strengthened concrete cylinders/columns. However, there seem to be lack of thorough investigation of the effect of elevated temperatures on the response of CFRP strengthened circular concrete columns. A concrete confinement model that reflects the effects of elevated temperature on the mechanical properties of CFRP composites, and the efficiency of CFRP in strengthened concrete columns is presented. Tensile strength and modulus of CFRP under hot conditions and their effects on the concrete confinement are the primary parameters that were investigated. A modified concrete confinement model is developed and presented.

Keywords: CFRP; circular concrete column; confinement; elevated temperature and humidity

1. Introduction

It is widely accepted that the compressive strength and ductility of concrete can be significantly enhanced by fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) composite wrapping. Easy to manage and install FRP wraps can be utilized to extend the service life of structurally damaged columns, increase load capacity of buildings and bridges, and increase ductility of structures prone to seismic activities.

At present, there are several models available in estimating the strength of CFRP confined circular concrete section. However, for hot-humid regions, it is important to develop an analytical model that incorporates environmental factors, e.g. elevated temperatures. This is by incorporating these factors into an existing concrete confinement model, and column section models.

A widely adopted concrete confinement model for FRP wrapped concrete is given by Eq. (1) (Lam and Teng 2002)

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$$\frac{f'_{cc}}{f'_{co}} = 1 + 2\frac{f_1}{f'_{co}}$$
(1)

with

$$f_{l} = \frac{2f_{FRP} t}{d}$$
(2)

where f_{cc}' is the compressive strengths of the confined concrete, f_{co}' is the compressive strengths of the unconfined concrete and 2 is the confinement effectiveness coefficient for concrete circular column, meanwhile f_1 is the lateral confining pressure, f_{FRP} is the CFRP tensile strength, t is total thickness of FRP and d is the diameter of the confined concrete section. This equation was chosen because of its simplification for direct calculation of f_{cc}' and f_{co}' compared to other equations (Karabinis A.I. 1996, Toutanji 1999, Xiao and Wu 2000, Karabinis 2001, Karabinis 2002, Rousakis *et al.* 2012). The detailed explanation regarding this equation can be found in the reference by Lam and Teng (Lam and Teng 2002). In developing Eq. (1), the tensile strength of the CFRP was determined according to ASTM D3039 (ASTM. 1995) or similar method using flat coupon. The axial compression strength models used for steel confined concrete are conservative and unsuitable for FRP confined concrete because of different material properties. Therefore, confinement models incorporating environmental factors used for steel confined concrete are unsuitable for FRP wrapped circular concrete column sections.

In developing Eq. (1), data were collected from three different sets of data to determine the mechanical properties of the FRP with set no. 1 flat coupon test, set no. 2 using ring splitting test, and set no. 3 was obtained from the manufacturers. The data was for various types of FRP which are Carbon Sheets, Carbon Filament, E Glass Sheets, Glass Sheets, Glass and Carbon sheets, Aramid Sheets, S Glass Sheets, E Glass Filament, Glass Strands, E Glass Strands and Glass Filament. However, this paper will only focusing on CFRP sheets, where their properties were measured using flat coupon test according to ASTM D3039 (ASTM. 1995), as it is the most common material and test opted because of its durability and high stiffness.

2. Effect of high weather temperature on CFRP properties

Most of the investigations on the effect of high temperature on properties of CFRP have focused on exposure of the CFRP confined concrete to fire. The temperature of exposure ranges from 100°C to 700°C (Bisby *et al.* 2011, A. Al-Salloum *et al.* 2011). This extreme heat exposure has several special effects, such as the phase where the CFRP would start to ignite along with combustion of the polymer matrix which is definitely a very complicated scenario to simulate.

To understand this temperature effect, several experimental tests were performed by exposing CFRP strengthened concrete to an accelerated weather condition conducted in laboratory to simulate accelerated degradation process. Based on state of the art review done by (Steward and Douglas 2012), the most common effect of temperature on CFRP was found to be the degradation of the epoxy matrix which is also known as plasticization. This degradation contributes to the loss of shear, tensile and flexural strength and decrease in fracture toughness of the CFRP as presented in Table 1.

As shown in Table 1, conducting accelerated weathering condition experiments, test specimens

Material	Exposure condition	Exposure time	Property change	Mechanism
CFRP	Water from 40–100C	Up to 20 months	Decrease in Tg*, strength, toughness	Plasticization
CFRP	UV at 60C/Condensation at 50C	50 hours	Decrease in flexural strength	Oxidation
CFRP	UV at 60C/Condensation at 50C	1,000 hours	Decrease in tensile strength	Hydrolysis
CFRP	23 to 80C with and without sea water	Up to 18 months	No significant change in tensile or shear strength	-
CFRP	22–60C in air, water/salt wet/dry cycles, and UV at 60C	Up to 2,000 hours	No significant change in longitudinal properties	-

Table 1 Summary of property changes and mechanism for epoxy and CFRP system (Steward and Douglas, 2012)

*Glass transition temperature of the polymer

Table 2 Typical coefficient of thermal expansion for FRP materials (American concrete Institute committe 440 2002)

Dimetian	Coefficient of thermal expansion, x 10 ⁻⁶ /C						
Direction	GFRP	CFRP	AFRP				
Longitudinal	6 to 10	-1 to 0	-6 to -2				
Transverse	19 to 23	22 to 50	60 to 80				

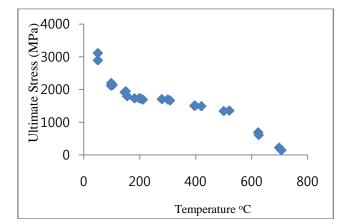


Fig. 1 Relationship between temperature (°C) and ultimate tensile strength of CFRP plate

were not only exposed to elevated temperature but also to Ultra Violet exposure, corrosive solution, wet and dry cycles and other degradation methods. These exposures lead to decrease in

Glass transition temperature of the polymer (Tg), strength toughness, flexural and tensile strength which involved plasticization, oxidation and Hydrolysis mechanism.

It is important to identify Tg, as the degradation may involve plasticizing mechanism the exposure temperature exceeds Tg. Meanwhile, degradation by oxidation and hydrolysis mechanism involves changes in chemical component that lead to reduction of flexural and toughness strength of CFRP. These clearly indicate that elevated temperature does contribute to the degradation of modulus and strength properties of CFRP.

Wang *et al.* (2011) conducted an experimental investigation to measure the residual ultimate strength of CFRP pultruded plates exposed to elevated temperatures between 20°C to 700°C. The results are plotted in Fig. 1. The results clearly show that the ultimate strength of CFRP plates decreases as the temperature increases. Fig. 1 also shows three degradation zones, as follows: Zone 1; where the temperature ranges between 22° C to 150° C, Zone 2, where the temperature ranges between 150° C to 450° C, and Zone 3; where the temperature is higher than 450° C. The first strength reduction, Zone 1, was caused by the softening and gasification of the epoxy resin followed by fibre rupture, meanwhile the second strength reduction, Zone 2, was caused by the epoxy having self-ignited and completely burned with oxidization of more than half of the carbon fibers.

In addition, another characteristic that needs to be mentioned is the thermal expansion for both CFRP and concrete. Table 2 (American Concrete Institute Committe 440 2002) clearly shows that there are significant differences in the longitudinal and transverse thermal coefficients, which also depending on the type of fiber. Meanwhile coefficient of thermal expansion for concrete ranges between 7×10^{-6} to 11×10^{-6} /C. Based on this thermal coefficient data, it is most likely that the CFRP may contract in the longitudinal direction as the temperatures increases, while it may expand in the transverse direction. This explains why at a certain point of temperature increment, CFRP may contract providing higher confinement toward the concrete column and furthermore at some point both concrete and CFRP will eventually expand and fail.

In this paper, CFRP confined circular concrete column exposed to seasonal temperature ranging from room temperature ($25^{\circ}C \pm 2$) to $100^{\circ}C$ are considered in developing a modified analytical model based on Equation 1. Within this temperature range, the properties of the CFRP change, which results in change in the CFRP confining effect.

3. Test data

In order to develop a modified model for CFRP confined circular concrete columns, an extensive data-base was established, as presented in Table 3, (Harmon and Slattery 1992, Demers and Neale 1994, Picher *et al.* 1996, Watanable *et al.* 1997, Miyauchi *et al.* 1997, Harries *et al.* 1998, Toutanji and Balaguru 1998, Toutanji 1999, Matthys *et al.* 1999, Xiao and Wu 2000 and Zhang *et al.* 2000). Most of this data was compiled and presented by Lam and Teng (Lam and Teng 2002). For the first 60 data sets, the specimens were wrapped and tested at room temperature of $250C \pm 2$. Meanwhile the remaining 23 data sets were at different temperatures (Micelli *et al.* 2002, El-Hacha *et al.* 2010, Bae and Belarbi 2010; A. Al-Salloum *et al.* 2011, Bisby *et al.* 2011, Hadi and Louk Fanggi 2012). In total, 83 data sets were considered in this investigation. For this set of data, all the circular concrete specimens were without any steel reinforcement, having length to depth ratio L/d not exceeding 4, and concrete compressive strength not exceeding 60.2 MPa. In Table 3, the f'_{cc} values for the first four data sets were calculated from stress-strain curves, while the others were obtained from experimental compression tests.

Number	Data	d (mm)	L (mm)	f_{co} (MPa)	t (mm)	f_{ip} (MPa)	E _{fip} (MPa)	\mathbf{f}_1	$f_1^{}/f_{co}^{}$	f_{∞} (MPa)	f_{∞}/f_{∞}	Temp. ^o C	Relative Humidity (%)
1	Harmon and Slattery 1992*	51	102	41.0	0.09	3500	235000	12.35	0.30	86.0	2.10	25	74
2	Harmon and Slattery 1992*	51	102	41.0	0.18	3500	235000	24.71	0.60	117.0	2.85	25	74
3	Harmon and Slattery 1992*	51	102	41.0	0.34	3500	235000	46.67	1.14	158.0	3.85	25	74
4	Demers and Neale 1994	152	305	32.2	0.30	380	25000	1.50	0.05	41.1	1.28	25	74
5	Demers and Neale 1994	152	305	43.7	0.30	380	25000	1.50	0.03	48.4	1.11	25	74
6	Demers and Neale 1994	152	305	43.7	0.90	380	25000	4.50	0.10	75.2	1.72	25	74
7	Demers and Neale 1994	152	305	43.7	0.90	380	25000	4.50	0.10	73.4	1.68	25	74
8	Picher et al 1994	152	304	39.7	0.90	1266	83000	14.99	0.38	56.0	1.41	25	74
9	Watanabe et al 1994	100	200	30.2	0.17	2716	224600	9.23	0.31	46.6	1.54	25	74
10	Watanabe et al 1994	100	200	30.2	0.50	2873	224600	28.73	0.95	87.2	2.89	25	74
11	Watanabe et al 1994	100	200	30.2	0.67	2658	224600	35.62	1.18	104.6	3.46	25	74
12	Watanabe et al 1994	100	200	30.2	0.14	1579	628600	4.42	0.15	41.7	1.38	25	74
13	Watanabe et al 1994	100	200	30.2	0.28	1824	628600	10.21	0.34	56.0	1.85	25	74
14	Watanabe et al 1994	100	200	30.2	0.42	1285	576600	10.79	0.36	63.3	2.10	25	74
15	Miyauchi <i>et al</i> 1997	150	300	45.2	0.11	3481	230500	5.11	0.11	59.4	1.31	25	74

Table 3 Experimental data of CFRP strengthened circular column section (CFRP sheets)

Table 3 Continued

16	Miyauchi <i>et al</i> 1997	150	300	45.2	0.22	3481	230500	10.21	0.23	79.4	1.76	25	74
17	Miyauchi <i>et al</i> 1997	150	300	31.2	0.11	3481	230500	5.11	0.16	52.4	1.68	25	74
18	Miyauchi <i>et al</i> 1997	150	300	31.2	0.22	3481	230500	10.21	0.33	67.4	2.16	25	74
19	Miyauchi et al 1997	150	300	31.2	0.33	3481	230500	15.32	0.49	81.7	2.62	25	74
20	Miyauchi <i>et al</i> 1997	150	300	51.9	0.11	3481	230500	7.66	0.15	75.2	1.45	25	74
21	Miyauchi <i>et al</i> 1997	150	300	51.9	0.22	3481	230500	15.32	0.30	104.6	2.02	25	74
22	Miyauchi <i>et al</i> 1997	150	300	33.7	0.11	3481	230500	7.66	0.23	69.6	2.07	25	74
23	Miyauchi <i>et al</i> 1997	150	300	33.7	0.22	3481	230500	15.32	0.45	88.0	2.61	25	74
24	Miyauchi <i>et al</i> 1997	150	300	33.7	0.33	3481	230500	22.97	0.68	109.9	3.26	25	74
25	Harries <i>et al</i> 1998	152	610	26.2	1.00	580	38100	7.63	0.29	50.6	1.93	25	74
26	Harries <i>et al</i> 1998	152	610	26.2	2.00	580	38100	15.26	0.58	64.0	2.44	25	74
27	Toutanji and Balaguru 1998	76	305	31.8	0.22	1518	228000	20.18	0.63	98.7	3.10	25	74
28	Toutanji and Balaguru	76	305	31.8	0.33	3485	373000	25.53	0.80	96.0	3.02	25	74
29	1998 Toutanji 1999	76	305	31.0	0.24	2940	372800	18.57	0.60	60.8	1.96	25	74
30	Matthys <i>et al</i> . 1999	150	300	34.9	0.12	2600	200000	4.16	0.12	44.3	1.27	25	74
31	Matthys <i>et al.</i> 1999	150	300	34.9	0.24	1100	420000	3.52	0.10	41.3	1.18	25	74

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32	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	33.7	0.38	1577	105000	7.89	0.23	47.9	1.42	25	74
33	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	33.7	0.38	1577	105000	7.89	0.23	49.7	1.47	25	74
34	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	33.7	0.38	1577	105000	7.89	0.23	49.4	1.47	25	74
35	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	33.7	0.76	1577	105000	15.77	0.47	64.6	1.92	25	74
36	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	33.7	0.76	1577	105000	15.77	0.47	75.2	2.23	25	74
37	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	33.7	0.76	1577	105000	15.77	0.47	71.8	2.13	25	74
38	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	33.7	1.14	1577	105000	23.66	0.70	82.9	2.46	25	74
39	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	33.7	1.14	1577	105000	23.66	0.70	86.2	2.56	25	74
40	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	33.7	1.14	1577	105000	23.66	0.70	95.4	2.83	25	74
41	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	43.8	0.38	1577	105000	7.89	0.18	54.7	1.25	25	74
42	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	43.8	0.38	1577	105000	7.89	0.18	52.1	1.19	25	74
43	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	43.8	0.38	1577	105000	7.89	0.18	48.7	1.11	25	74
44	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	43.8	0.76	1577	105000	15.77	0.36	84.0	1.92	25	74
45	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	43.8	0.76	1577	105000	15.77	0.36	79.2	1.81	25	74
46	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	43.8	0.76	1577	105000	15.77	0.36	85.0	1.94	25	74
47	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	43.8	1.14	1577	105000	23.66	0.54	96.5	2.20	25	74
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49	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	43.8	1.14	1577	105000	23.66	0.54	94.0	2.15	25	74
50	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	55.2	0.38	1577	105000	7.89	0.14	57.9	1.05	25	74
51	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	55.2	0.38	1577	105000	7.89	0.14	62.9	1.14	25	74
52	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	55.2	0.38	1577	105000	7.89	0.14	58.1	1.05	25	74
53	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	55.2	0.76	1577	105000	15.77	0.29	74.6	1.35	25	74
54	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	55.2	0.76	1577	105000	15.77	0.29	77.6	1.41	25	74
55	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	55.2	0.76	1577	105000	15.77	0.29	77.0	1.39	25	74

Table 3 Continued

56	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	55.2	1.14	1577	105000	23.66	0.43	106.5	1.93	25	74
57	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	55.2	1.14	1577	105000	23.66	0.43	108.0	1.96	25	74
58	Xiao and Wu 2000	152	305	55.2	1.14	1577	105000	23.66	0.43	103.3	1.87	25	74
59	Zhang <i>et al</i> 2000	150	300	34.3	1.00	423	37000	5.64	0.16	44.2	1.29	25	74
60	Zhang <i>et al</i> 2000	150	300	34.3	1.00	753	91000	10.04	0.29	59.4	1.73	25	74
61	F. Micelli et al 2002	102	204	37.0	0.16	3793	227000	11.90	0.32	60.0	1.62	22	76
62	El-Hacha <i>et</i> <i>al</i> 2010	150	300	52.7	0.16	3400	230000	7.25	0.14	66.1	1.25	20	77
63	El-Hacha <i>et</i> al 2010	150	300	52.7	0.16	3400	230000	7.25	0.14	75.4	1.43	45	63
64	Bae and Belarbi 2010	203	914	28.3	0.16	3790	227000	5.97	0.21	30.2	1.07	25	74
65	Bae and Belarbi 2010	203	914	28.3	0.16	3790	227000	5.97	0.21	29.9	1.06	25	74
66	Al-Salloum <i>et al</i> 2011	100	200	38.8	1.00	846	77280	16.92	0.44	95.4	2.46	25	74
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69	Al-Salloum <i>et al</i> 2011	100	200	38.2	1.00	846	77280	16.92	0.44	94.7	2.48	100	33
70	Al-Salloum <i>et al</i> 2011	100	200	38.1	1.00	846	77280	16.92	0.44	94.5	2.48	100	33
71	Al-Salloum <i>et al</i> 2011	100	200	37.0	1.00	846	77280	16.92	0.46	90.5	2.45	100	33
72	Bisby <i>et al</i> 2011	100	200	30.0	0.16	4100	231000	13.12	0.44	32.0	1.07	22	76
73	Bisby <i>et al</i> 2011	100	200	30.0	0.16	4100	231000	13.12	0.44	63.0	2.10	22	76
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75	Bisby <i>et al</i> 2011	100	200	30.0	0.16	4100	231000	13.12	0.44	53.0	1.77	22	76
76	Bisby <i>et al</i> 2011	100	200	30.0	0.16	4100	231000	13.12	0.44	55.0	1.83	22	76
77	Bisby <i>et al</i> 2011	100	200	30.0	0.16	4100	231000	13.12	0.44	59.0	1.97	22	76
78	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.00	621.67	628076	12.43	0.21	107.7	1.79	20	77

79	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.00	621.67	628076	12.43	0.21	105.2	1.75	70	50
80	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.00	621.67	628076	12.43	0.21	108.1	1.80	70	50
81	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.32	952.11	628076	25.14	0.42	168.7	2.80	20	70
82	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.32	952.11	628076	25.14	0.42	172.4	2.86	70	50
83	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.32	952.11	628076	25.14	0.42	176.5	2.93	70	50
79	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.00	621.67	628076	12.43	0.21	105.2	1.75	70	50
80	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.00	621.67	628076	12.43	0.21	108.1	1.80	70	50
81	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.32	952.11	628076	25.14	0.42	168.7	2.80	20	70
82	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.32	952.11	628076	25.14	0.42	172.4	2.86	70	50
83	Hadi and Fanggi 2012	100	200	60.2	1.32	952.11	628076	25.14	0.42	176.5	2.93	70	50

* = f'_{cc} calculated from stress-strain curves

4. Confinement ratio and strengthening ratio

Fig. 2 shows the relationship between confinements and strengthening ratio for the CFRP confined concrete for 75 data sets tested at room temperature, based on Eq. 1 and 2. The chart in Fig. 2 suggests that without considering high weather temperature, an increase in confining pressure results in an increase in compressive strength.

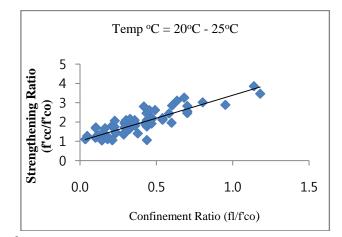


Fig. 2 Relationship between confinement ratio and strengthening ratio

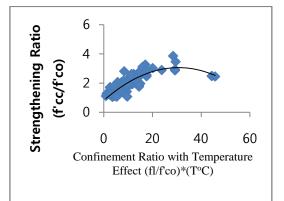


Fig. 3 Effect of confinement ratio with temperature (T °C) effects on strengthening ratio

5. High temperature effect to confinement ratio

In Fig. 3, a direct comparison between confinement ratio with elevated temperature effect and strength increase ratio is plotted. As the temperature increases to 70°C, the concrete strength increases, however, beyond 70°C, the compressive strength of confined concrete was observed to decrease as the temperature increases. These changes in strength are reflected in Eq. 4, below.

$$\frac{f'cc}{f'co} = \mathbf{0}.\,\mathbf{807} + \mathbf{0}.\,\mathbf{147}\left(\left(\frac{fl}{f'co}\right) * (T^oC)\right) - \mathbf{0}.\,\mathbf{002}\left(\left(\frac{fl}{f'co}\right) * (T^oC)\right)^2 \tag{4}$$

In addition, Fig. 3 also shows that by including temperature effect to the confinement ratio, it seems the results are much the same scattered distribution compared to Fig. 2. This is probably because only 8 data from Table 3 have temperature higher than the room temperature; 45° C (1 data), 70° C (4 data) and 100° C (3 data).

6. Proposed new analytical model

The original confinement model given in Eq. (1) provides a good strength prediction of CFRP wrapped concrete circular section, at room temperature. However with most structures, particularly transportation civil infrastructure, which experience wide range of temperatures. Such lack of practical application highlights the need for a new model that reflects the effects of this critical parameter; which is the temperature.

Based on Eq. (4), a simple statistical analysis was performed by comparing calculated compression strength with experimental results. As shown in Table 4, it was found that Eq. (4) provides a good average prediction with the experimental results.

Without any modifications, the existing Eq. (1) is also being compared to Eq. (4), and from Table 4 it shows that Eq. (4) gives a better average. This scatter distribution of prediction can be overcome by having more data along with an exact temperature and humidity contribution in deriving and perfecting Eq. (4), in the future. Meanwhile in Fig. 4, comparison between these two Equations obviously shows that the proposed Eq. (4), which includes temperature and humidity effects, is in good agreement with the experimental results.

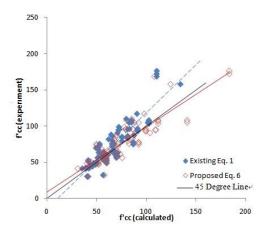


Fig. 4 Prediction of proposed equation compared to existing equation towards experimental results

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		f'_{cc} (cal)/ f'_{cc} (exp)										
	Equation	Average	Standard deviation	Coefficient of variation (%)								
	1	0.93	0.18	19								
	6	1.00	0.19	19								

Table 4 Comparison of the existing and the proposed improved equations

7. Conclusions

This paper presented a new modified model for CFRP strengthened circular concrete column section. Unlike the existing model by Lam and Teng, the new model takes into account the effects of various temperatures levels. However, despite the large amount of data collected, and a best fit equation, the model gives relatively large scatter of results. This may be caused by the limited data points at elevated temperatures. More future work is needed to fully understand elevated temperature effects at various humidity levels.

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