

Chapter 17

Torsion Strength of Concrete Beams with Steel Fibers, Lightweight, or FRP: Data Driven Code Appraisal



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Abstract Despite extensive research efforts directed toward the shear and torsional behavior of concrete elements, torsion strength remains an unexplored area. Numerous new materials are being used in construction as a result of advances in concrete technology. The use of lightweight concrete, steel-fiber reinforced concrete, and FRP-reinforced concrete are all kinds of advancements. The objective of the current work is to enhance torsion strength prediction for these three aspects. A summary of a series of power equation models for torsion strength based on a massive experimental database of 346 beams tested under torsion is outlined. The model validation is discussed. The developed models are accurate while remaining simple for design purposes.

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17.1 Introduction

A reliable design necessitates a thorough understanding of the characteristics of concrete components subjected to torsion (ACI-445 2013). Recently, the ACI examined torsion of all cases, including high-strength concrete (HSC), prestressed concrete (PC), and normal weight concrete (NWC) (ACI-445 2013). However, steel fiber reinforced concrete (SFRC), concrete with Fiber reinforced polymer (FRP), and lightweight concrete (LWC) were not discussed. Researchers all over the world are investigating the design and behavior of elements subjected to shear, torsion, and punching shear (ACI 213R-03 2014; Muttoni 2018; Kuchma et al. 2019; Deifalla et al. 2021; Deifalla 2020a, b, 2022, 2023; Badra and Deifalla 2022; Graybeal 2014; Greene and Graybeal 2013, 2015). Especially, torsion design and analysis of NWC beams require simplified, accurate, and unified approaches (Deifalla and Ghobarah 2014; Chalioris 2008; Chalioris and Karayannis 2009; Deifalla 2015; Deifalla et al. 2014; Deifalla et al. 2015; Hassan and Deifalla 2016; Rahal 2013; Deifalla 2020, 2021; ACI-318-19, ACI Committee 318 2019; prEC2: PT1prEN 1992-1-1/2018-04 2018). Although combined loading is the most common situation, most research studies have focused on pure torsion to distinguish the torsion effect (ACI-445 2013; Deifalla and Ghobarah 2014; Chalioris 2008; Chalioris and Karayannis 2009; Deifalla 2015; Deifalla et al. 2014; Deifalla et al. 2015; Hassan and Deifalla 2016; Rahal 2013; Deifalla 2021; Deifalla 2020c; ACI-318-19, ACI Committee 318 2019; prEC2: PT1prEN 1992-1-1/2018-04 2018). Very little guidance is offered by Design Codes and guides regarding the design of LWC, SFRC, and FRP reinforced beams (ACI 213R-03 2014; MC 2010; CSA 2004; EC2 2004; JSCE 2007; Nawaz et al. 2019; Khaloo and Sharifian 2005a).

For over two millenniums, the popularity of Lightweight concrete (LWC) in construction is growing (ACI 213R-03 2014). It has several advantages over NWC, including better insulation, and lower weight. On contrary, it had more cracking due to lower concrete stiffness. However, the experimentally observed behavior of LWC was found to be like that of the NWC (ACI 213R-03 2014). Recently, LWC is implemented in construction applications as it is considered a good alternative for NWC. These applications are as follows: (1) the walls whether curtain or structural; (2) marine structures or offshore; (3) folded plates and shell roofs; (4) bridge girders and decks; (5) beams and slabs that are precast, pre-tensioned, or post-tensioned; and (6) High-rise buildings elements walls, columns, and floors. LWC is helpful for the optimization of the reinforced concrete (RC) structures' construction process, self-weight, and member sizes (ACI 213R-03 2014). Using the LWC is better than NWC in achieving functional and architectural design (ACI 213R-03 2014). Thus, many extraordinary structures made of LWC are spread all around the world (ACI 213R-03 2014). The ACI Guides do not offer any recommendations for the torsion design of beams for LWC; instead, it directs practitioners to the ACI design codes, which are

primarily developed for NWC (ACI 213R-03 2014). Although LWC design guidelines are generally conservative, the design's consistency and economy are questionable. Since the economic factor governs the world directions towards all life aspects including RC structures.

With the economical aspect of design, thus, reducing safety factors, and improving the accuracy of the design models is the researcher's goal (ACI 213R-03 2014). Worldwide, FRP bars are noncorrosive; thus, used in many projects (ACI-445 2013; Muttoni 2018). The available design codes and guidelines, except the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), include detailed provisions only for shear and bending design of beams. While CSA includes torsion design. Thus, an objective for researchers is to provide practitioners with reliable design methods in torsion (Muttoni 2018). The design codes torsion provisions are lacking due to the following reasons: (1) shear and bending are more frequent compared to torsion; (2) if the applied torque is less than cracking torque, it can be neglected, and (3) Shear and bending are investigated much more than that for torsion. For the economy and safety of RC members. Since the complete comprehension of the torsion design is of the utmost importance, thus, it is still under investigation.

The design of FRP-RC beams under shear is attracting the core of research studies; thus, it is beneficial to examine the torsion behavior versus the shear behavior. Although shear and torsion strength in beams are formed by a set of diagonal and orthogonal internal forces, one of which is in compression and the other in tension, there are several distinctions between the two exist as follows: (1) Parallel pattern propagation for the shear cracks, while spiral pattern propagation for torsion cracks; thus, shear cracks spread in the same direction while torsion cracks spread in two opposite directions; (2) the torque strain varies in the three dimensions and it is non-uniform, while shear force strain varies in the two-dimension plane and it is uniform as well as perpendicular to the plane of applied shear; (3) mostly uniform stresses are developed due to shear forces, while in torsion cause bending on beam sides and thus the stress varies both horizontally and vertically across the cross-section. (4) the equivalent hollow tube thickness, which is resisting the applied torsion. In addition, it varies with the applied load. This is like the compression zone effective thickness in the case of bending moment; and (5) In flanged beams, the web mainly carries the shear forces, while the torque moments are carried by the flange and the web. The addition of steel fibers, which are available in various shapes and cross-sections, to the concrete mix leads to the creation of FRC. The characteristics are enhanced by the addition of steel fiber. Many researchers have extensively studied the behavior of this composite material. This current study aims at improving the torsion strength prediction for these three problems. A summary of a series of power equation models for torsion strength based on a massive experimental database of 346 beams tested under torsion is outlined. The model validation is discussed. Concluding remarks are outlined.

17.2 Model Development

17.2.1 Lightweight Concrete

Based on the existing previous investigations regarding the cracking torque, the following form is proposed as follows:

$$T_{cr} = c_1 \left(\frac{1 + 0.004d}{2} \right)^{c_2} \left(\frac{3\gamma_c}{64} \right)^{c_3} F^{c_4} (f'_c)^{c_5} \left(\frac{A_c^2}{P_c} \right)^{c_6} \quad (17.1)$$

Thus, using the multi variable nonlinear regression using the gathered database, the following formula is proposed such that:

$$T_{cr} = 0.38 \left(\frac{1 + 0.004d}{2} \right)^{-0.5} \left(\frac{3\gamma_c}{64} \right)^{1.07} F^{0.034} (f'_c)^{0.36} \left(\frac{A_c^2}{P_c} \right)^{1.14} \quad (17.2)$$

where d is the distance between the extreme compression fibers to the centroid of longitudinal tensile reinforcements (mm).

A_c is the total area of the concrete cross-section (mm²).

p_c is the perimeter of the concrete section (mm).

γ_c is the unit weight of concrete (kN/m³).

f'_c is the cylinder concrete compressive strength (MPa).

F is the fiber index.

17.2.2 Steel Fibered Concrete

Using multivariable nonlinear regression, the strength predictions of the strength of beams under torsion (T) for SFRC beams, can be such that:

$$T = \begin{cases} 0.19x^2y\sqrt{f_{cu}}(1 + 0.04F) & \text{for rectangular cross section} \\ 0.1D^3\sqrt{f_{cu}}(1 + 0.08F) & \text{for circular cross section} \\ 0.2 \sum x^2y\sqrt{f_{cu}}(1 + 0.15F) & \text{for flanged cross section} \end{cases} \quad (17.3)$$

While for SFRC beams, the torsional strength (T) can be such that:

$$T = 0.2 \sum x^2y\sqrt{f_{cu}} + 0.13F \frac{x_o y_o}{x_o + y_o} xy\sqrt{f_{cu}} + kA_s f_{ty} \frac{x_1 y_1}{s} \quad (17.4)$$

where x is the cross-smaller section's dimension.

x_0 is the smaller center-to-center dimension of the thin wall tube analogy, which is roughly equal to $(5/6)x$.

x_1 is the smaller dimension of the steel stirrup, which is taken approximately as $0.9x$.

y is the cross-bigger section's dimension.

y_0 is the bigger center-to-center dimension of the thin wall tube analogy, which is roughly equal to $(5/6)y$.

y_1 is the bigger dimension of the steel stirrup, which is roughly equal to $0.9y$.

A_s is the cross-sectional area of the stirrup.

f_{ty} is the yield strength of transverse reinforcement.

f_{cu} is the cubic compressive strength of the concrete.

F is the fiber index.

17.2.3 FRP Reinforced Concrete Beams

For torsion, Deifalla adapted the power-law equation, which was first proposed by Rahal with respect to the beams with Glass FRP. In addition, experimental investigations by Belarbi and Hsu were implemented. Thus, implementing the multi-variable non-linear regression, a model for the ultimate and cracking torsion was proposed. Thus, to capture nonuniform strain and stress distribution across the stirrups and the cross section (Deifalla 2022; Deifalla et al. 2015; Noshay et al. 2017). For cracking torque, all effective variables were included as follows: the concrete compression stress (f'_c), perimeter of cross section (p_c), area of cross section (A_c), such that:

$$T = \begin{cases} 0.19(A_c^2/p_c)^{0.9} (f'_c)^{1.15} & \text{for rectangular cross section} \\ 0.09(A_c^2/p_c)^{0.9} (f'_c)^{1.15} & \text{for rectangular cross section} \end{cases} \quad (17.5)$$

While for ultimate torsional moment, Nonlinear Multi-variable Regression was employed with the inclusion of all effective variables as follows: longitudinal reinforcement forces ($f_{Fu}A_l$), transversal reinforcement ratio ($\frac{f_y A_t}{s} + \frac{f_{Fu} A_t}{s}$), cross section perimeter (p_c), the concrete compression stress (f'_c), and area of cross section A_c ; such that:

$$T = 0.16(f'_c)^{0.67} A_c^{1.3} \left(\frac{f_y A_t}{s} + \frac{f_{Fu} A_t}{s} \right)^{0.1} (f_{Fu} A_t)^{0.12} \leq 0.34 A_{oh} t_w f'_c \quad (17.6)$$

where A_{oh} is the enclosed area within the outermost closed stirrup's centerline (mm^2).

A_l is the torsion-resistant longitudinal reinforcement (mm^2).

A_t is the transversal reinforcement area that is bearing the torsion (mm^2).

s is the spacing between stirrups.

f_{fu} is the FRP bar's maximum tensile strength (MPa).

f_y is the yield strength of the longitudinal steel reinforcements (MPa).

t_w is the idealized hollow section's wall thickness, which is supposed to be no larger than the ratio of A_{oh}/ph or two times the minimum c (mm).

17.3 Model Validation

17.3.1 Lightweight

Table 17.1 shows the details and test results for the experimental LWC beams, while Table 17.2 and Fig. 17.1 show the ratio between the experimental torsional strength and that calculated using previous methods as well as the proposed model (PM1). For the cracking torque, the proposed model PM1 performance is more consistent and accurate but simple for design purposes compared to existing design codes. In addition, the coefficient of variation is 29% for the proposed model, while the existing model's coefficient of variation is 33%, 36%, and 29% for the ACI, CSA, and EC2, respectively. Moreover, the average values of the ratio between the measured torsional strength and that calculated using the ACI, the CSA, and the EC2, and the proposed model are 1.47, 1.32, 0.88, and 1.04, respectively. For the ultimate torque, the proposed model performance is more accurate and consistent but simple for design purposes compared to existing design codes. In addition, the proposed model coefficient of variation is 23%, while the existing model's coefficient of variation is 31%, 21%, and 25% for the ACI, CSA, and EC2, respectively. Moreover, the average values of the ratio between the measured strength and that calculated strength using the ACI, the CSA, and the EC2, and the proposed model are 1.30, 0.96, 1.00, and 1.21, respectively.

17.3.2 Steel Fibered Concrete

Table 17.3 shows the details and test results for the experimental steel-fibered concrete beams, while Table 17.4 and Fig. 17.2 show the ratio between the experimental torsional strength and that calculated using Nayraan and Karim model (NKPT) and the proposed models (PM2), and (PM3). The proposed model PM2 based on the Nayraan model is more accurate and consistent than the proposed model PM3 based on the ACI. The proposed model PM2 coefficient of variation is

Table 17.1 Details and test results for the experimental LWC beams database

#	ID	Cross section (mm)	Length (mm)	γ_c kN/m ³	f'_c MPa	f'_c MPa	T_{cr} kN m	T_u kN m
Nawaz et al. (2019)	LC-1-7	R200 × 100	700	15.45	6.97	1.21	0.71	0.71
	LC-1-14			15.45	7.17	1.21	0.72	0.72
	LC-1-42			15.35	8.18	1.31	0.75	0.75
	LC-1-90			15.27	8.38	1.31	0.77	0.77
	NC-2-7			16.46	12.22	1.62	0.87	0.87
	NC-2-14			16.51	15.25	1.72	0.97	0.97
	NC-2-21			16.36	16.67	1.82	1.00	1.00
	NC-2-42			16.31	18.69	1.92	1.03	1.03
	NC-3-7			15.96	11.62	1.52	0.85	0.85
	NC-3-42			15.66	17.78	1.92	1.02	1.02
	NC-4-21			15.15	14.75	1.72	0.96	0.96
	NC-4-42			15.20	16.67	1.82	0.99	0.99
	HC-5-7			18.18	48.58	3.13	1.65	1.65
	HC-5-14			18.08	50.00	3.23	1.67	1.67
	HC-5-21			18.13	55.95	3.33	1.85	1.85
	HC-5-42			18.08	59.09	3.43	1.79	1.79
	HC-6-14			18.08	57.17	3.43	1.91	1.91
	HC-6-21			18.03	60.60	3.54	1.84	1.84
	HC-6-28			18.08	66.36	3.64	2.09	2.09
	HC-7-3			19.19	27.67	2.42	1.49	1.49
	HC-7-7			19.24	42.52	2.93	1.58	1.58
	HC-7-21			19.19	58.58	3.43	1.92	1.92
	HC-7-42			19.17	66.46	3.74	2.09	2.09
	HC-8-7			17.13	21.21	2.12	1.26	1.26
	HC-8-14			17.07	26.56	2.32	1.28	1.28
	HC-8-42			17.07	36.66	2.73	1.49	1.49
	HC-9-7			20.72	52.82	3.33	1.74	1.74
	HC-9-14			20.63	68.28	3.74	1.92	1.92
	HC-9-28			20.63	78.28	4.04	2.29	2.29
	HC-10-7			20.36	48.58	3.13	1.72	1.72
HC-10-28	20.30	74.44	3.94	2.16	2.16			
HC-10-42	20.30	82.21	4.14	2.16	2.16			
Khaloo and Sharifian (2005a)	LC1	R200 × 100	700	17.85	9.09	1.41	0.73	0.73
	LC1-0.5-32			18.11	9.09	1.41	0.78	0.78
	LC1-1.0-32			18.37	9.09	1.41	0.81	0.81

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#	ID	Cross section (mm)	Length (mm)	γ_c kN/m ³	f'_c MPa	f'_c MPa	T_{cr} kN m	T_u kN m
	LC1-1.5-32			18.63	9.09	1.41	0.86	0.86
	LC1-2.0-32			18.90	9.09	1.41	0.92	0.92
	LC1-3.0-32			19.42	9.09	1.41	0.92	0.92
	LC2			19.20	12.12	1.62	0.88	0.88
	LC2-0.5-25			19.38	12.12	1.62	0.87	0.87
	LC2-0.5-32			19.38	12.12	1.62	0.91	0.91
	LC2-1.0-25			19.68	12.12	1.62	0.97	0.97
	LC2-1.0-32			19.68	12.12	1.62	1.01	1.01
	LC2-1.5-25			19.98	12.12	1.62	1.11	1.11
	LC2-1.5-32			19.98	12.12	1.62	1.17	1.17
	LC2-2.0-25			20.27	12.12	1.62	1.22	1.22
	LC2-2.0-32			20.27	12.12	1.62	1.30	1.30
	LC2-3.0-25			20.87	12.12	1.62	1.25	1.25
	LC2-3.0-32			20.87	12.12	1.62	1.33	1.33
	NC			17.60	30.30	2.53	1.44	1.44
	NC-0.5-32			17.77	30.30	2.53	1.48	1.48
	Khaloo and Sharifian (2005b)			NC-1.0-32	R200 × 100	700	17.95	30.30
NC-1.5-32		18.13	30.30	2.53			1.84	1.84
NC-2.0-32		18.30	30.30	2.53			2.26	2.26
NC-3.0-32		18.64	30.30	2.53			2.26	2.26
HC		20.06	61.61	3.54			1.93	1.93
HC-0.5-25		20.28	61.61	3.54			1.94	1.94
HC-0.5-32		20.28	61.61	3.54			2.05	2.05
HC-0.5-50		20.40	61.61	3.54			2.12	2.12
HC-1.0-25		20.50	61.61	3.54			2.13	2.13
HC-1.0-32		20.50	61.61	3.54			2.34	2.34
HC-1.0-50		20.62	61.61	3.54			2.68	2.68
HC-1.5-25		20.73	61.61	3.54			2.30	2.30
HC-1.5-32		20.73	61.61	3.54			2.76	2.76
HC-2.0-25		20.95	61.61	3.54			2.69	2.69
HC-2.0-32		20.95	61.61	3.54			3.02	3.02
HC-3.0-25		21.38	61.61	3.54			2.64	2.64
HC-3.0-32		21.38	61.61	3.54			2.98	2.98
Yap et al. (2016)	OPSC-0	R100 × 100	500	18.48	34.24	3.33	0.00	0.00
	OPSC-25			18.91	39.69	4.34	0.22	0.23

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Table 17.1 (continued)

#	ID	Cross section (mm)	Length (mm)	γ_c kN/m ³	f'_c MPa	f'_c MPa	T_{cr} kN m	T_u kN m
	OPSC-50			19.33	41.61	5.45	0.25	0.26
	OPSC-75			19.78	46.36	6.77	0.29	0.30
	OPSC-100			20.22	47.77	8.28	0.29	0.31
	OPSC-0	R200 × 150	1500	19.90	33.13	2.83	5.54	5.56
	OPSFRC-55			20.89	34.74	3.64	7.35	7.43
	OPSFRC-65			20.61	35.86	3.94	7.85	7.96
	OPSFRC-80			20.91	37.37	3.94	8.67	8.69
Yap et al. (2015)	LR1	R300 × 150	2000	18.69	26.77	2.32	3.27	8.30
	LR2			18.69	29.29	2.42	4.36	9.27
	LR3			18.69	31.31	2.53	5.98	11.79
	LT1	T300 × 400/150 × 100	18.69	29.80	2.42	5.25	14.62	
	LT2		18.69	30.81	2.53	8.36	18.82	

Table 17.2 Model validation with respect to Lightweight concrete beams

	Statistical measure	ACI 19	CSA	EC2	PM1
Cracking torsion moment	Mean	1.47	1.32	0.88	1.04
	C.O.V (%)	33	36	29	29
Ultimate torsion moment	Mean	1.30	0.96	1.00	1.21
	C.O.V (%)	31	21	25	23

17%, while the existing model NKPT and the proposed model PM3 coefficient of variation are 22 and 19%. The average values of the ratio between the experimental torsional strength and that calculated strength using the existing NKPT model, and the proposed models PM2, and PM3 are 1.21, 1.01, and 1.02 respectively.

17.3.3 FRP Reinforced Concrete Beams

Table 17.5 shows the details and test results for the experimental FRP reinforced concrete beams, while Table 17.6 and Fig. 17.3 show the ratio between the experimental torsional strength and that calculated using the previous Hasan and Deifalla model (HD), the CSA, and the proposed model (PM4). For the cracking torque, the proposed model performance is more consistent and accurate but simple for design purposes compared to existing models. In addition, the coefficient of variation is 24% for the proposed model, while the existing model's coefficient of variation is

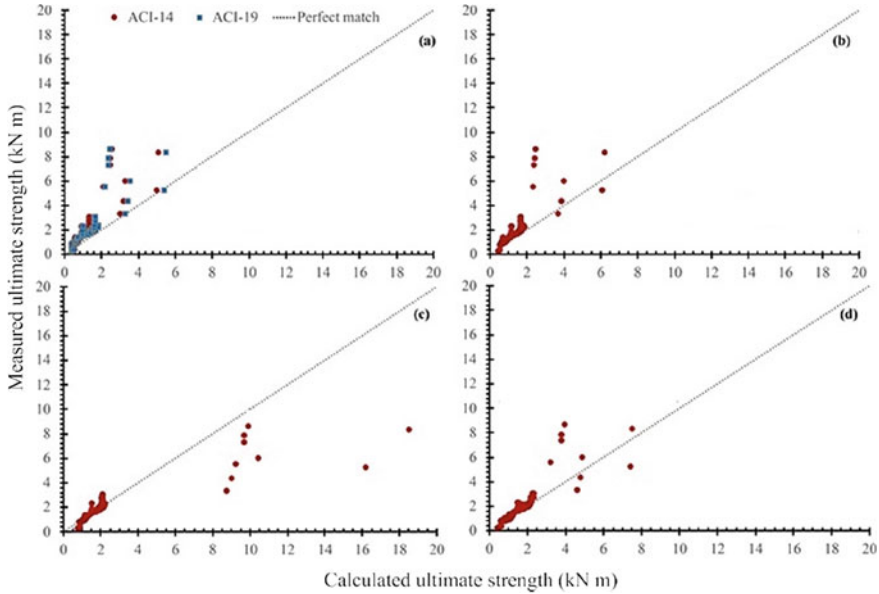


Fig. 17.1 The relation between experimental versus calculated ultimate torsional strength using: **a** the ACI, **b** CSA, **c** EC2, **d** PM1

63% and 37% for the CSA, and HD, respectively. Moreover, the average values of the ratio between the measured torsional strength and that calculated using the CSA, the HD model, and the proposed model PM4 are 1.33, 1.2, and 0.95, respectively. For the ultimate torque, the proposed model PM4 performance is more accurate and consistent but simple for design purposes compared to existing design codes. In addition, the proposed model coefficient of variation is 36%, while the existing model's coefficient of variation is 63% and 47% for the CSA, and HD, respectively. Moreover, the average values of the ratio between the measured torsional ultimate strength and that calculated using the CSA, the HD model, and the proposed model PM4 are 1.33, 1.65, and 1.24, respectively.

17.4 Conclusions

Three massive experimental databases of a total of 346 beams were tested under torsional moments. Four models were proposed for predicting the torsional strength of lightweight concrete beams, steel fiber reinforced concrete beams, and beams with FPR reinforcements, which is based on the database and using Multi-linear regression. The present work can reasonably lead to the following conclusions:

Table 17.3 Details and test results for the experimental steel-fibered concrete beams database

References	Cross section (mm)	ρ_f (%)	f_{cu} (MPa)	f_{ly} (MPa)	ρ_l (%)	f_{ly} (MPa)	ρ_t (%)	Tu (kNm)
Noshy et al. (2017)	R100 × 155	0.75	20.5	390	0.73	–	–	1.3
	R100 × 155	0.75	20.5	390	0.73	371	1.14	1.75
	R100 × 155	1.25	21.4	375	0.73	–	–	1.32
	R100 × 155	1.25	21.4	390	0.73	–	–	1.37
	R100 × 155	1.25	21.4	450	1.3	–	–	1.38
	R100 × 155	1.25	21.4	390	0.73	371	0.82	1.91
	R100 × 155	1.25	21.4	390	0.73	371	1.07	2.03
	R100 × 155	1.75	21.6	390	0.73	–	–	1.43
	R100 × 155	1.75	21.6	390	0.73	371	1.14	2.27
Sharma (1989)	R152 × 310	0.5	40.2	350	1.26	400	1.1	13.95
	R152 × 310	1	40.2	350	1.26	400	1.1	15.67
Kaushik and Sasturkar (1989)	R125 × 300	0.5	24.2	400	1.1	400	2.34	7.5
	R125 × 300	1	26.6	400	1.1	400	2.34	9
	R125 × 300	1.5	25.5	400	1.1	400	2.34	8.5
Al-Ausi et al. (1989)	R85 × 178	1.34	43.1	314	1.35	–	–	2.65
	R85 × 178	1.91	42.3	310	0.77	–	–	2.63
	R85 × 178	0.9	42.3	314	1.35	368	0.45	2.8
	R85 × 178	1.34	41.8	314	1.35	–	–	2.43
	R85 × 178	1.86	41.4	368	0.25	–	–	2.31
	R85 × 178	0.59	51.3	310	0.77	310	0.77	2.74
	R85 × 178	0.82	49.1	310	0.77	310	0.54	2.56
	R85 × 178	1.09	46.1	310	0.77	368	0.25	2.6
	R85 × 178	1.16	48.6	310	0.77	368	0.18	2.76
	R85 × 178	0.52	48.6	368	0.25	310	1.34	2.18
	R85 × 178	1.11	46.1	368	0.25	310	0.77	2.18
	R85 × 178	1.42	44.9	368	0.25	368	0.45	2.67
	R85 × 178	1.61	47.5	368	0.25	368	0.25	2.63
	R85 × 178	0.84	49.1	339	0.48	310	1.34	2.74
	R85 × 178	1.59	48.4	339	0.48	–	–	2.46
	R85 × 178	0.95	48.2	310	1.15	–	–	2.76
	R85 × 85	1.06	48.2	310	1.61	–	–	1.02
	R85 × 145	1.42	44.9	310	0.94	–	–	1.83
	R300 × 300	0.5	25.8	380	0.7	380	0.79	27.34
	R300 × 300	1	21.4	380	0.7	380	0.79	29.01

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Table 17.3 (continued)

References	Cross section (mm)	ρ_f (%)	f_{cu} (MPa)	f_{ly} (MPa)	ρ_l (%)	f_{ly} (MPa)	ρ_t (%)	Tu (kNm)
Narayanan and Kareem-Palanjian (1986)	R300 × 300	1.5	28	380	0.7	380	0.79	34.67
	R300 × 300	1	21.4	380	1.05	380	1.18	36.46
	R300 × 300	1	21.4	380	1.4	380	1.57	40.86
Mansur et al. (1989)	R100 × 200	0.6	31.2	250	1.57	250	0	1.41
	R100 × 200	1.2	40.1	250	1.57	250	0	1.74
	R100 × 200	0.6	38.9	250	1.57	250	0.35	2.29
	R100 × 200	1.2	35.6	250	1.57	250	0.35	2.84
	R100 × 200	0.3	40.1	500	1.01	500	1.68	5.56
El-Niema (1993)	R100 × 200	0.6	41.1	500	1.01	500	1.68	5.69
	R100 × 200	0.9	42	500	1.01	500	1.68	5.73
	R100 × 200	1.2	43.3	500	1.01	500	1.68	5.82
	R100 × 200	0.3	41.3	500	1.57	500	0.85	4.11
	R100 × 200	0.6	42.2	500	1.57	500	0.85	4.19
	R100 × 200	0.9	43.4	500	1.57	500	0.85	4.23
	R100 × 200	1.2	44.1	500	1.57	500	0.85	4.23
	R100 × 200	0.3	41.5	500	0.57	500	1.51	3.85
	R100 × 200	0.6	42.8	500	0.57	500	1.51	3.93
	R100 × 200	0.9	43.1	500	0.57	500	1.51	3.98
	R100 × 200	1.2	43.9	500	0.57	500	1.51	4.02
	R100 × 200	0.3	35.2	500	1.57	500	0.02	2.01
Rao and Rama Seshu (2005)	R100 × 200	0.6	37	500	1.57	500	0.02	2.27
	R100 × 200	0.9	37.7	500	1.57	500	0.02	2.61
	R100 × 200	1.2	38.4	500	1.57	500	0.02	2.82
	R100 × 200	0.3	33.9	500	0.14	500	2.51	1.75
	R100 × 200	0.6	34.4	500	0.14	500	2.51	2.31
	R100 × 200	0.9	35	500	0.14	500	2.51	2.57
	R100 × 200	1.2	35.3	500	0.14	500	2.51	2.69
Rao and Seshu (2006)	R100 × 200	1	17	415	1.57	–	–	2.41
	R100 × 200	3	16.4	415	1.57	–	–	2.73
	R100 × 200	1	19	415	1.57	344	0.75	2.73

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Table 17.3 (continued)

References	Cross section (mm)	ρ_f (%)	f_{cu} (MPa)	f_{ly} (MPa)	ρ_l (%)	f_{ly} (MPa)	ρ_t (%)	T_u (kNm)
	R100 × 200	3	16.9	415	1.57	344	0.75	3.15
Chalioris and Karayannis (2009b)	R100 × 200	0.3	51	432	1.57	432	1.51	6.67
	R100 × 200	0.6	51.8	432	1.57	432	1.51	6.76
	R100 × 200	0.9	52.5	432	1.57	432	1.51	6.84
	R100 × 200	1.2	53.9	432	1.57	432	1.51	6.93
	R100 × 200	0.3	51.1	432	1.57	432	0.8	5.22
	R100 × 200	0.6	52.1	432	1.57	432	0.8	5.3
	R100 × 200	0.9	53.4	432	1.57	432	0.8	5.39
	R100 × 200	1.2	54.1	432	1.57	432	0.8	5.47
	R100 × 200	0.3	52.6	432	0.57	432	1.51	5.77
	R100 × 200	0.6	53.2	432	0.57	432	1.51	5.82
	R100 × 200	0.9	54.1	432	0.57	432	1.51	5.9
	R100 × 200	1.2	55.5	432	0.57	432	1.51	5.99
Rao et al. (2010)	R150 × 200	0.3	33.4	460	0.67	460	0.55	4.58
	R150 × 200	0.6	31.3	460	0.67	460	0.55	5.68
	R150 × 200	0.3	31	460	0.67	460	0.55	4.94
	R150 × 200	0.6	30.9	460	0.67	460	0.55	5.87
	R150 × 200	0.3	32.7	460	0.67	460	0.55	4.92
	R150 × 200	0.6	29.5	460	0.67	460	0.55	5.88
	R150 × 200	0.3	31.9	460	0.67	460	0.55	4.85
	R150 × 200	0.6	30	460	0.67	460	0.55	5.49
	R150 × 200	0.3	31.7	460	1.51	460	0.55	6.01
	R150 × 200	0.3	31.6	460	1.51	460	0.55	6.25

Where ρ_f is the volume ratio of fibers
 ρ_l is the longitudinal steel reinforcement ratio
 ρ_t is the transversal steel reinforcement ratio
 f_{ly} is The yield strength of longitudinal steel reinforcing bars
 f_{ty} is The yield strength of transversal steel reinforcement

Table 17.4 Model validation with respect to steel fibered concrete beams

	Statistical measure	Existing model (NKPT)	PM2	PM3
Ultimate torsion moment	Mean	1.21	1.01	1.02
	C.O.V (%)	22	17	19

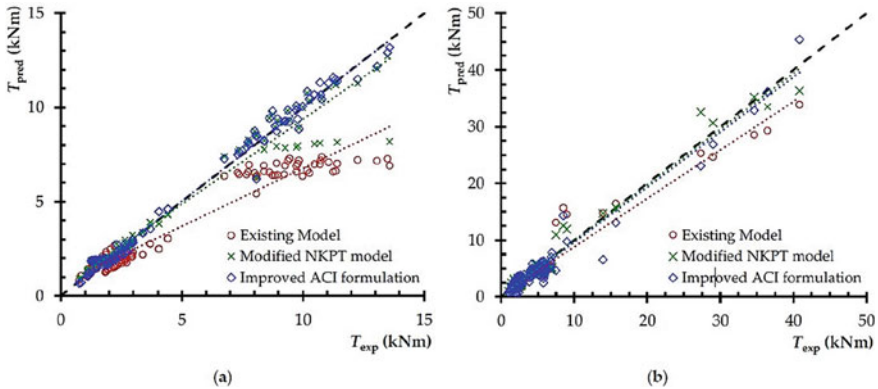


Fig. 17.2 Comparison of calculated and experimental ultimate torsion strengths for **a** L and T-beams and **b** R-beams

1. There is an absence of consensus among code provisions about many concepts, such as lightweight concrete, shear contribution for concrete, cracking torsional moment, size effect, angle of inclination of the strut, maximum nominal shear stress, and interaction between the torsion, shear, and moment.
2. The proposed model PM2 based on the NKPT model proved notably high efficiency in predicting torsional strength for steel fibered concrete beams and a lower coefficient of variation when compared to the NKPT model and the proposed model PM3 which is based on the ACI provisions.
3. The proposed model PM4 outperformed the previous Hasan and Deifalla model HD and the CSA provisions in predicting ultimate and cracking torsional strength for FRP-reinforced concrete beams.
4. The coefficient of variation and the average of the ratios between the experimentally measured torsional strength and that calculated showed that all the proposed models PM1, PM2, PM3, and PM4 are simple, consistent, and accurate, which are suitable for the purpose of design. These models could be the base for future design code developments.

Table 17.5 Details and test results for the experimental FRP beams database

References	Beam	f'_c MPa	f_{fu} MPa	Dimensions (mm)	Conc. type	Long. Rfts	Trans. Rfts	T_{cr} (kN m)	T_u (kN m)
Okay and Engin (2012)	B5	25	400	R200 × 100	NC	Steel (3φ10) and GFRP (2φ10)	Steel 8 @ 200 mm	1.8	2.7
	B6	25	400		NC		Steel (3φ10) and GFRP (2φ10)	Steel 8 @ 200 mm and GFRP 8 @ 200 mm	1.1
	B7	25	400	NC	Steel (3φ10) and GFRP (2φ10)	Steel 8 @ 200 mm and GFRP 8 @ 200 mm	Steel 8 @ 200 mm and GFRP 8 @ 200 mm	1.58	2.2
	B8	25	400	NC	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 200 mm	0.86	1.2
	B9	25	400	NC	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 200 mm	1.09	1.5
	B10	25	400	NC	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 100 mm	0.58	1.1
	B11	25	400	NC	GFRP (2φ10)	GFRP (2φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 100 mm	0.96	1.3
	B12	25	400	NC	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 200 mm	1.14	1.6
	B13	25	400	NC	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 200 mm	1.02	1.3
	B14	25	400	NC	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 200 mm	1.31	1.8
	B15	25	400	NC	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP (3φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 200 mm	1.0	1.4
	B16	25	400	NC	GFRP (2φ10)	GFRP (2φ10)	Steel 8 @ 100 mm	1.33	1.9
	B17	25	1500	NC	CFRP (3φ10)	CFRP (3φ10)	Steel 8 @ 200 mm	1.91	1.9
	B18	25	1500	NC	CFRP (2φ10)	CFRP (2φ10)	Steel 8 @ 200 mm	1.28	1.9

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Table 17.5 (continued)

References	Beam	f'_c MPa	f_{fu} MPa	Dimensions (mm)	Conc. type	Long. Rfts	Trans. Rfts	T_{cr} (kN m)	T_u (kN m)
Shehab et al. (2009)	B1	30	360	R200 × 100	SCC	GFRP (4φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 100 mm	1.4	2.3
	B2	45	360		SCC	GFRP (4φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 100 mm	2.4	3.4
	B3	90	360		HSCC	GFRP (4φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 100 mm	3.0	4.5
	B4	45	360		SCSFC (0.75%)	GFRP (4φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 100 mm	3.0	3.8
	B5	90	360		HSCSFC	GFRP (4φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 100 mm	3.0	5.0
	B6	90	360		(0.75%) HSCSFC (1.5%)	GFRP (4φ10)	GFRP 8 @ 100 mm	4.0	5.1
Ragab and Eisa (2013)	BC120	38.5	1562	R600 × 250	NC	CFRP (8φ13)	CFRP 9.5 @ 120 mm	30.45	62.9
	BC180	38.5	1562		NC	CFRP (8φ13)	CFRP 9.5 @ 180 mm	29.87	49.4
	BC240	38.5	1562		NC	CFRP (8φ13)	CFRP 9.5 @ 240 mm	27.35	39.4
	BC300	38.5	1562		NC	CFRP (8φ13)	CFRP 9.5 @ 300 mm	28.65	35.7
Mohamed et al. (2015)	LB2	25	360	L350 × 150/150 × 400	NC	GFRP (2φ12)	Steel 6 @ 143 mm	2.1	8.4
	LB3	25	400		NC	GFRP (2φ12)	GFRP 6 @ 143 mm	2.1	10.0
	LB4	25	400		NC	GFRP (2φ12)	GFRP 8 @ 143 mm	2.1	14.0
	LB5	25	400		NC	GFRP (2φ12)	GFRP 10 @ 143 mm	2.1	20.0
	BG120	41.47	948		R600 × 250	NC	CFRP (7φ19)	GFRP 9.5 @ 120 mm	27.46
Mohamed and Benmokrane (2015)	BG180	41.47	948		NC	CFRP (7φ19)	GFRP 9.5 @ 180 mm	26.19	41.8

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Table 17.5 (continued)

References	Beam	f'_c MPa	f_{fu} MPa	Dimensions (mm)	Conc. type	Long. Rfts	Trans. Rfts	T_{cr} (kN m)	T_u (kN m)
Mohamed and Benmokrane (2016)	BG240	38.5	948		NC	CFRP (7 ϕ 19)	GFRP 9.5 @ 240 mm	26.14	34.2
	BG300	41.47	948		NC	CFRP (7 ϕ 19)	GFRP 9.5 @ 300 mm	25.98	29.9
	BG-W	41.47	948	R600 \times 250	NC	CFRP (8 ϕ 13)	–	23.11	25.0
	BG-120	41.47	948		NC	CFRP (8 ϕ 13)	GFRP 9.5 @ 120 mm	27.46	52.7
	BG-60	39.25	948		NC	CFRP (8 ϕ 13)	GFRP 9.5 @ 60 mm	27.76	56.9
	BC-W	38.5	1562		NC	CFRP (8 ϕ 13)	–	28.62	34.1
Zhou et al. (2017)	BC120	38.5	1562		NC	CFRP (8 ϕ 13)	CFRP 9.5 @ 120 mm	30.45	62.9
	BC60	39.25	1562		NC	CFRP (8 ϕ 13)	CFRP 9.5 @ 60 mm	30.14	69.3
	S-1	42.5	700	R150 \times 200	PFC	GFRP (4 ϕ 14)	GFRP 8 @ 50 mm	2.88	5.5
	S-2	42.5	700		PFC	GFRP (8 ϕ 14)	GFRP 8 @ 50 mm	2.78	5.8
	F-1	40.2	700		PFC	GFRP (4 ϕ 14)	GFRP 8 @ 50 mm	2.88	6.7
	F-2	40.2	700		PFC	GFRP (8 ϕ 14)	GFRP 8 @ 50 mm	3.02	7.0
	F-3	40.2	700		CMC	GFRP (4 ϕ 14)	GFRP 8 @ 50 mm	2.78	5.7
	F-4	40.2	700		CMC	GFRP (8 ϕ 14)	GFRP 8 @ 50 mm	2.55	6.4
	E-1	32.8	700		CMC	GFRP (4 ϕ 14)	GFRP 8 @ 50 mm	2.28	8.2
	E-2	32.8	700		CMC	GFRP (8 ϕ 14)	GFRP 8 @ 50 mm	2.2	8.7

Table 17.6 Model validation with respect to FRP-reinforced concrete beams

	Statistical measure	CSA	HD	PM4
Cracking torsion moment	Mean	1.33	1.20	0.95
	C.O.V (%)	63	37	24
Ultimate torsion moment	Mean	1.33	1.65	1.24
	C.O.V (%)	63	47	36

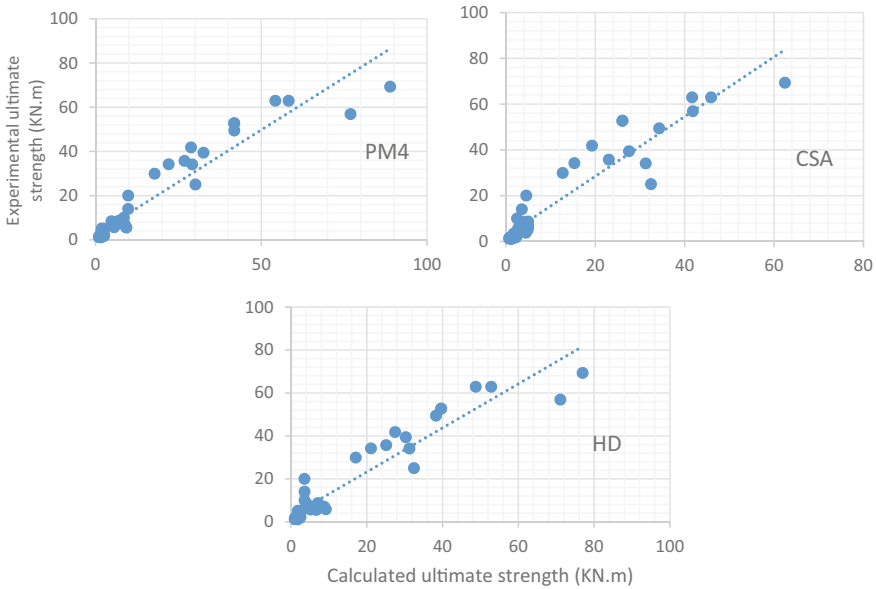


Fig. 17.3 The relation between experimental versus calculated ultimate torsional strength using PM4, CSA, and HD

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