



Proposed models for concrete thermal expansion with different aggregate types and saturation conditions

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Abstract

The Coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) for concrete is one of the most important parameters that affect the fire performance of concrete. Concrete's coefficient of thermal expansion is controlled by the CTE of each component of the concrete mix, as the coarse aggregates represent the largest portion in the concrete mix, it is considered to have a significant effect on the CTE for concrete. Another factor that affects concrete's CTE significantly is the saturation condition (saturated, partially saturated and oven dried condition). This paper presents reviews for available tests results that have been conducted on the CTE for concrete at elevated temperatures for different aggregates type, these results are used to evaluate the models proposed by ASCE model and Euro Code. The results included the coefficient of thermal expansion for different types of aggregates in different saturation conditions (saturated, partially saturated and oven dried condition). It is found that there is a significant difference between the experimental results and Euro code carbonate model, Euro code siliceous model and ASCE. New models were proposed for predicting CTE of different types of aggregate under different saturation condition. The newly proposed models give better prediction compared to Euro code and ASCE model.

Keywords Coarse aggregate · Saturation condition · Proposed model · Coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) · Eurocode and ASCE

1 Introduction

Fire is considered to be one of the most vital incidents that can leave many casualties in human life and buildings or structures. The increase in using concrete in different types of structures leads to the need to understand fire behaviour of concrete [1], One of the most important factors that affects the fire behaviour of concrete is the coefficient of thermal expansion.

The coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) represents the change of a material volume as a result of a change in temperature and is expressed as a change in length per degree of temperature change. The coefficient of thermal expansion is important as it represents the structural movement and thermal stresses resulting from a change

in temperature which may lead to concrete cracking and spalling.

Concrete's coefficient of thermal expansion is a combination of thermal expansion of the main components of concrete (aggregate and cement paste), each of these component has its own CTE. CTE has some effects on concrete, as an example: moisture content change, volume change, and dehydration as a result of water evaporation. Micro-stresses and micro-cracking are considered from the harmful effects that can be caused as a result of the big difference in CTE of aggregate and cement [2].

Some researchers used a constant value for concrete CTE as stated in Hong, Varma [3] and Espinos et al. [4]. Also, AIJ [5] assumed a constant value of concrete CTE. Some other models as Eurocode-4 [6] and ASCE [7] stated that

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concrete's coefficient of thermal expansion is temperature dependent. Eurocode-4 [6] used different equations for CTE for concrete based on the type of coarse aggregate (carbonate and siliceous aggregate), however, ASCE [7] used the same equation for CTE for all types of aggregate under different saturation conditions.

From the above discussion, it was very important to evaluate the available concrete CTE models at different elevated temperatures.

In this paper, reviews for available tests results that have been conducted on the concrete CTE at elevated temperatures are presented. The models proposed by ASCE model and Euro Code are evaluated using the available test data of CTE. The data included the CTE for different types of aggregates (Limestone, Dolomite, Basalt and Diabase, Quartzite and Sandstone aggregate) in different saturation conditions (saturated, partially saturated and oven dried condition). Usually, the saturated condition is used for studying the fire behavior of concrete filled steel tube (CFST) columns where steel tube acts as a shield from evaporating water from inside concrete. Partially saturated can be used in concrete structure or steel encased section where concrete is exposed to the atmosphere.

From the comparison between the available model and the test results, a significant difference is observed between the experimental results and Euro code carbonate model, Euro code siliceous model and ASCE. Based on the result of this comparison, new models were proposed for predicting CTE of different types of aggregate under different saturation condition. The newly proposed models give a better prediction for CTE compared to Euro code and ASCE model.

2 Coarse aggregates in concrete

Aggregates represent more than 70% of concrete volume. Two-third of the aggregate is composed of coarse aggregates [8]. As a result, coarse aggregate plays an important role in determining the CTE of concrete [9].

In this paper coarse aggregate is given special attention as it has a significant effect in determining the concrete CTE. Many standards, codes, and researchers divided coarse aggregate of concrete into siliceous concrete which contains mainly of Silica (SiO_2) and carbonate concrete which contains mainly Lime (CaO). Actually, it is difficult to do this differentiation for all types of concretes, as some aggregate consists of a combination of Silica (SiO_2) and Lime (CaO). Table 1 gives the chemical composition of some aggregates used in concrete mixes as were published in previous researches. Table 2 gives the most important definition for the chemical symbols used in Table 1.

As can be seen from Table 1, Quartzite and granite can be grouped as a siliceous aggregate as they contain mostly silica (SiO_2) while Dolomite and limestone can be considered as a carbonate aggregate as they contain mainly Lime (CaO), all other types of aggregates can hardly be grouped in siliceous or carbonate aggregate as they contain both a considerable portion of Silica and Lime, so it is very important to accurately evaluate the available expansion models against the test results of CTE of these types of aggregates, this step is briefly discussed in the next two Sects.

3 Factors affecting concrete thermal expansion

The available previous researches and tests result that have been done on the concrete CTE are collected, and presented in Table 3.

From previous researches that were performed on the concrete CTE, it can be concluded that the major factors that affect significantly the CTE of concrete are: Aggregate type and content (especially the coarse aggregate), the temperature level and the moisture content. A brief discussion about each factor that affects concrete CTE is indicated in the next subsections.

3.1 Aggregate type and content

The CTE of concrete is a composition of aggregates expansion and cement paste shrinkage. Cement paste shrinkage is due to the dehydration occurred during temperature rise as a result of heating. Aggregates expansion is more significant than cement paste shrinkage so that the CTE increases monotonically with temperature, [26, 30].

As mentioned before coarse aggregate has a significant role in determining CTE of concrete as a result of its large portion in the concrete mix [32–34]. As the aggregate type influences concrete CTE [2, 12, 23, 35], selection of an aggregate with a low coefficient of thermal expansion may help to prevent crack formation in concrete as a result of less expansion [30]. Aggregates which composed mainly of carbonate (e.g. limestone) have a low value of coefficients of thermal expansion [33, 34]. Khoury et al. [36] stated that CTE of different concrete mixes that contain different aggregate type are significantly different from each other even if these aggregates have the same volume percentage of the concrete mix.

Concrete containing Quartz (in fine or coarse aggregate) has a remarkable increase in expansion at about 573°C due to the Alfa to Beta conversion of quartz [12, 14, 26, 35, 37]. For the carbonate aggregate, the CTE increases with temperatures above 500°C . This is a result of dolomite dissociation in carbonate aggregate [35]. At a temperature above 850 and 900°C , the thermal strain

Table 1 Chemical composition for concrete coarse aggregate

Refer- ences	Al-Juboury et al. [10]			Tasong et al. [11]	Khoury [12]	Camp- bell- Allen and Desai [13]	Uygunoğlu and Topçu [14]	Das et al. [15]	Bagampadde et al. [16]						Saffarini and Jarrar [17]				Antonov et al. [18]
	Sand stone	Sand stone	Sand stone	Basalt	Basalt	Lime stone	Lime stone	Lime- stone	Quartz- ite	Quartz- ite	Quartz- ite	Granite	Granite	Granite	Dia- base	Dia- base	Dia- base	Dia- base	Dolomite
	stone	stone	stone																
Al ₂ O ₃	8.28	6.45	4.95	15	14.64	0.6	0.17	1.39	0.7	3	9.3	13.6	11.5	14.3	17.24	14.53	13.25		
CaO	16.72	17.14	27.24	9.35	8.6	54.2	54.97	48.1	0.01	14.01	0.04	1.3	0.52	4.3	8.66	8.88	6.18		33.2
CO ₂				0.24															
Fe ₂ O ₃	3.49	2.53	1.29	12.75	10.56	0.2	0.05	0.25	15.4	1.5	0.64	1.7	1	1.61	2.8	3.39	3.43		
FeO																			
K ₂ O	1.51	1.49	1.51	0.6	0.47	0.25		0.22	0.2	0.1	0.4	4.5	4.3	5.35	7.55	9.15	9.27		
LOI	14.81	29.06	21.64	–	2.16	42.65	43.66	39.23							0.85	0.8	1.64		
MgO	3.61	12.48	0.66	6.56	7.49	0.6	0.64	1.72	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.5	0.1	0.3	4.33	4.91	4.33		19.5
MnO	0.1	0.1	0.04	0.15	0.15										0.15	0.22	0.19		
MnO2									0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.1	0.06					
Na ₂ O	1.66	0.6	0.49	2.4	2.92	0		0.28	0.03	4.02	0.06	2.9	3.3	2.82	3.35	2.28	3.6		
Nb															35	45	51		
P ₂ O ₅	0.07	0.07	0.02	0.16	0.16										0.95	1	0.7		1.95
R ₂ O ₃																			
SiO ₂	48.37	29.12	40.97	50.14	50.14	1.2	0.01	7.28	83.6	77.3	89.5	75.5	79.2	71.2	50.4	46.9	52.2		0.37
SO ₃	–	–	–	Trace	0.05														
TA																			
TiO ₂	0.54	0.32	0.26	1.71	1.71	0									4.2	3.08	5.24		
															2.3	2.72	3.03		

Bold indicates that siliceous concrete contains mainly of Silica (SiO₂) and carbonate concrete contains mainly Lime (CaO)

Table 2 Definition for the chemical symbol

Symbol	Definition
(CaO)	Lime
(SiO ₂)	Silica
(Al ₂ O ₃)	Alumina
(Fe ₂ O ₃)	Ferric oxide
(MgO)	Magnesia
(SO ₃)	Sulphuric anhydride
(K ₂ O)	Potassium oxide
(Na ₂ O)	Sodium oxide
(CO ₂)	Carbonic
LOI	Loss on ignition

suddenly reduced due to the deformation of the cement matrix's crystal structure [14]. CTE of the plain concrete declines above a temperature of 800 °C, as a result of concrete shrinkage and dehydration [35].

Naus [2] indicated that there is an increase in the coefficient of thermal expansion for limestone concrete until calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) decomposed to calcium oxide (CaO) and carbon dioxide (decarbonation). After decarbonation occurs, the coefficient of thermal expansion experiences a decrease in its value.

3.2 The temperature level

Concrete CTE is a nonlinear function of temperature and increases with increasing temperature, this fact was proved by many previous researchers and standers [12, 23, 32, 36–40].

3.3 The moisture content

The moisture content of the concrete has an effect on the concrete CTE especially at a temperature less than 200 °C, as a result of evaporation of free and the bond water [2, 23, 32, 34, 37]. CTE will reach its minimum value at a temperature around (150–200) °C, due to moisture loss and water evaporation which will occur at that range [12, 32].

The concrete CTE for oven-dry concrete is slightly higher than saturated concrete [37, 40, 41] due to the drying shrinkage which reduces the apparent expansion in case of saturated concrete.

The partially saturated concrete (50–80% humidity) has the highest CTE coefficient compared to other curing state of concrete (oven-dry and saturated state (100% humidity)). Sakyi-Bekoe [40] stated that Neville, Brooks [39] and Mindess et al. [41] explain this behaviour as a result of two types of thermal expansion that occurs in case of partially saturated concrete. The first one is the kinetic or the true thermal coefficient, which occurs due to the molecular movement of the paste, the second one is the

hygro-thermal expansion coefficient. The hygro-thermal expansion coefficient occurred as a result of increased water vapour pressure as the temperature increases. Hygrothermal expansion does not occur when the paste is totally dry or when it is saturated, as there can be no increase in the water vapour pressure.

4 Available models

The most widely used available models for concrete CTE is the ASCE [7] model and Eurocode-4 [6] models for siliceous and carbonate aggregate concrete. ASCE model is indicated in Eq. (1) while Euro code-4 models for siliceous and carbonate aggregate concrete are indicated in Eqs. 2 and 3 respectively. Both models (ASCE and Euro code-4) are clearly indicated in Fig. 1.

$$\epsilon_{th} = (0.004T^2 + 6T - 121.6) * 10^{-6} \quad (1)$$

$$\epsilon_{th} = -1.8 * 10^{-4} + 9 * 10^{-6}T + 2.3 * 10^{-11}T^3 \quad 20^\circ\text{C} \leq T \leq 700^\circ\text{C} \quad (2a)$$

$$\epsilon_{th} = 14 * 10^{-3} \quad 700^\circ\text{C} < T \leq 1200^\circ\text{C} \quad (2b)$$

$$\epsilon_{th} = -1.2 * 10^{-4} + 6 * 10^{-6} * T + 1.4 * 10^{-11}T^3 \quad 20^\circ\text{C} \leq T \leq 805^\circ\text{C} \quad (3a)$$

$$\epsilon_{th} = 12 * 10^{-3} \quad 805^\circ\text{C} < T \leq 1200^\circ\text{C} \quad (3b)$$

5 Evaluating available models for CTE

In this section, the most widely used available models (Euro code and ASCE models) are evaluated against test results of CTE that have been done previously, as it was clear from the literature review that the coarse aggregate type has a significant effect on the concrete CTE. Based on that conclusion, the test results obtained from the experimental program shown in Table 3 were first grouped according to the coarse aggregate type after that, these test results were compared with the Euro code and ASCE models in separate figures according to the concrete coarse aggregate type as indicated in Figs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. The following paragraphs show the comparison between the CTE obtained from the experimental programs that are shown in Table 3 against CTE obtained from Euro code and ASCE models.

Figure 2 represents the comparison for the CTE of Limestone aggregate concrete [12, 14, 19, 20, 31, 32], it can be found that Euro code carbonate model gives an upper

Table 3 A summary of test data on thermal expansion

Ref.	Aggregate type	No of curves	Maximum temperature (°C)	Specimen shape	Specimen size (mm)	Heating rate (°C/min)	f_c (MPa)	Water: Cement: Sand: Corse A: FA: Slag: Plasticizer	Thermal expansion data	Remark
Khaliq and Kodur [19]	Limestone	1	1000	Prism	10×10×18 sliced from 100×100×300 prisms	5	72 at 90 days	143:327:735:904:101:76:3:81 W/C=0.44; W/B=0.28	Figure 2	SCC cured with a humidity of 95%
Uygunoğlu and Topçu [14]	Limestone	5	1000	Prism	5×5×25 sliced from 70×70×70 prisms	5	40–51 at 28 days	180–240:450:722–649:846–760: 50:–:15.6–9:100 (Limestone powder) W/b=0.36–0.48	Figure 2	SCC dried in the oven at 50 °C
Schneider et al. [20]	Lime stone	1	800						Figure 2	
Anderberg [21]	Quartzite	5	800	Cylinder	75×150	1.5 and Maximum	46.6–64 (f_{cu})	Wat:Cem:San:Agg 0.6:1:2.88:1.92	Figure 5	Cured in different conditions
Huisman et al. [22]	Siliceous	1	750	Cylinder	100×300	1	110 MPa	Wat:Cem:San:Agg:SF:superpla 173:580:1000:538:63.8:17.4	Figure 9	6d in water and > 160d at 50% humidity, predried at 105 °C
Weigler and Fischer [23]	Quartz	2	600				49 MPa	W/C=0.6, Portland and blast furnace cement	Figure 5	
Diederichs et al. [24]	Diabase quartz	2	800	Cylinder	80×300	2	106.6/32.9	Wat:Cem:TotalAgg:Silica: superpla 129:530:1876:53:14.6 188:418:1754:–:–	Figure 5	
Lie and Kodur [25]	Carbonate	1	1000	Prism	10–12×10–12×40 sliced from 100×100×400 prisms	10	37.1 MPa	161:439:621:1128:300 ml superplasticizer	Figure 3	
Cruz and Gil-len [26]	Gravel, Dolomite, diabase	2	860	Cylinder	13×76	5.6		142:337:910:1004 145:337:910:1028	Figures 4, 6, 10	
Gawin et al. [27]	Calcareous/ gabbro	2	800				C-60; C-90		Figure 3	
Robert [28]	Gravel	1	816	Prism	50.8×70×152				Figure 10	Moist cured 3 days and aire dried at 50% humidity

Table 3 (continued)

Ref.	Aggregate type	No of curves	Maximum temperature (°C)	Specimen shape	Specimen size (mm)	Heating rate (°C/min)	f'_c (MPa)	Water: Cement: Sand: Coarse A: FA: Slag: Plasticizer	Thermal expansion data	Remark
Khoury [12]	Gravel/ Limestone Basalt	3	600	Cylinder	62 × 186	1			Figures 2, 7, 10	
Abrams [29]	Siliceous/ Carbonate	2	750						Figures 3, 9	
Harmathy and Allen [30]	Siliceous/Cal-careous	3	1000			5			Figures 3, 9	Oven-dried at 105 °C for 24 h
Harada et al. [31]	Sandstone, Limestone	4	700	Cylinder	50 × 200				Figures 2, 8, 9	
Schneider [32]	Quartzite, Sandstone, carbonate, basalt	4	1000	Cylinder	80 × 300		27.5–44		Figures 5, 8	Tests reported by Schneider et al.
Schneider [32]	Quartzite, Sandstone, carbonate, basalt	4	1200	Prism	18 × 18 × 100				Figure 2, 10	

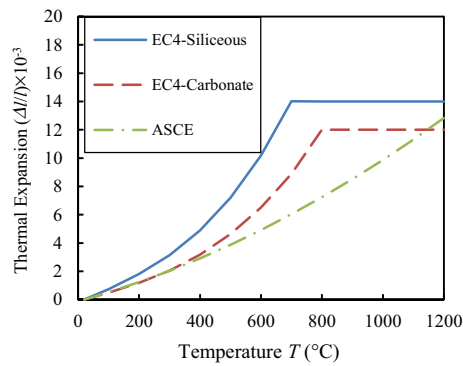


Fig. 1 Available models for concrete thermal expansion

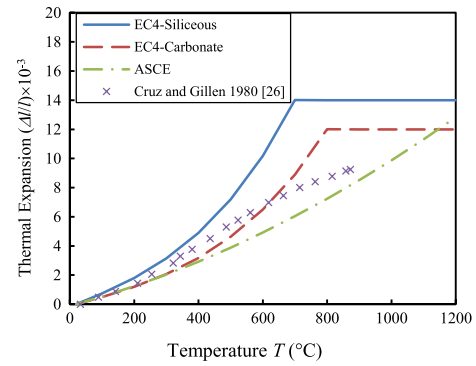


Fig. 4 Thermal expansion for concrete with Dolomite Coarse aggregate

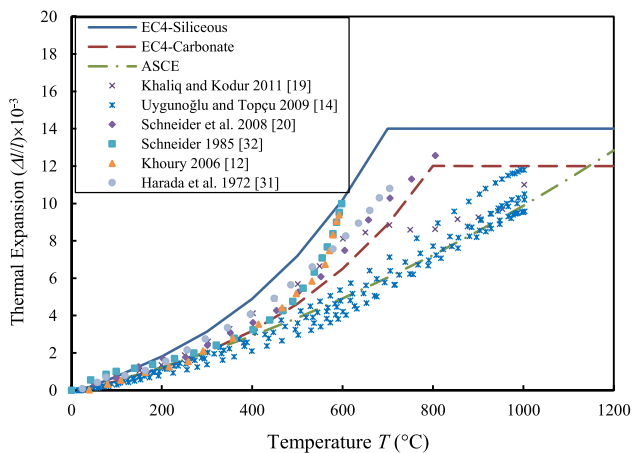


Fig. 2 Thermal expansion for concrete with Limestone coarse aggregate

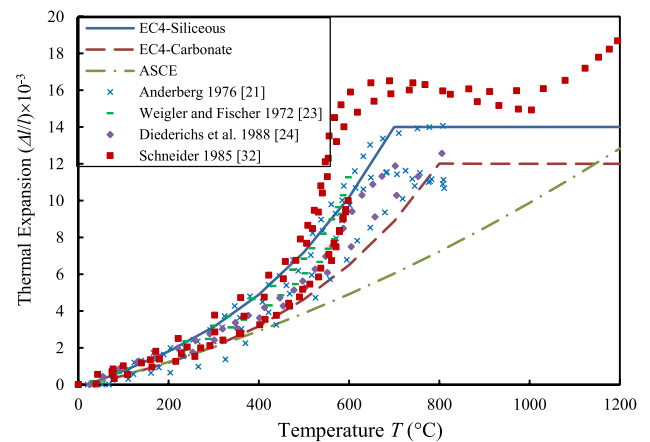


Fig. 5 Thermal expansion for concrete with Quartzite Coarse aggregate

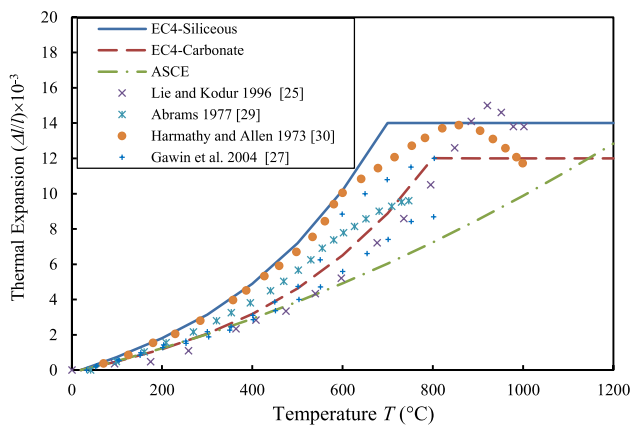


Fig. 3 Thermal expansion for concrete with Carbonate aggregate (without mentioning specific type)

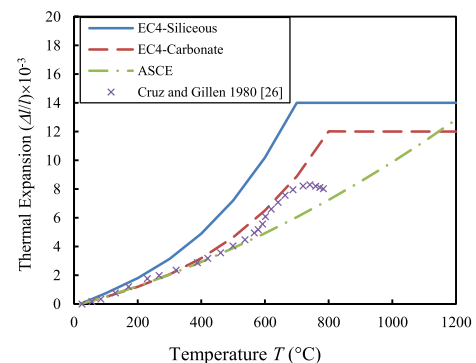


Fig. 6 Thermal expansion for concrete with Diabase Coarse aggregate

limit for CTE of limestone while ASCE model gives a lower limit, however, no model gives the best simulation for the given data, Fig. 3 includes test result for carbonate coarse

aggregate concrete [25, 27, 29, 30], however, the experimental program do not give details about the type of carbonate aggregate, similar case to Fig. 2 no model gives good representation for the data, Fig. 4 includes the result of CTE of dolomite concrete aggregate [26] which is best represented

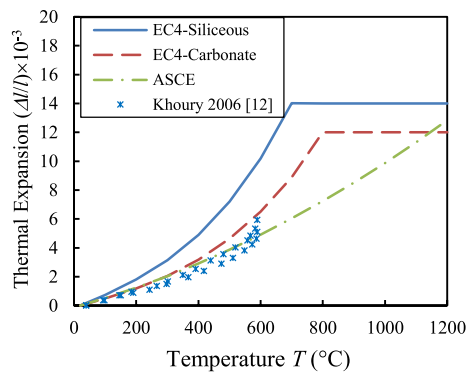


Fig. 7 Thermal expansion for concrete with Basalt Coarse aggregate

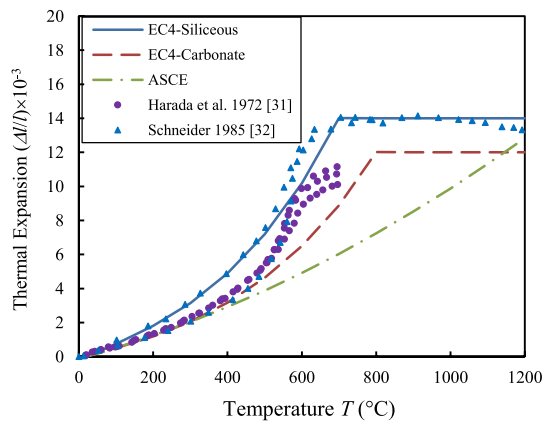


Fig. 8 Thermal expansion for concrete with Sandstone Coarse aggregate

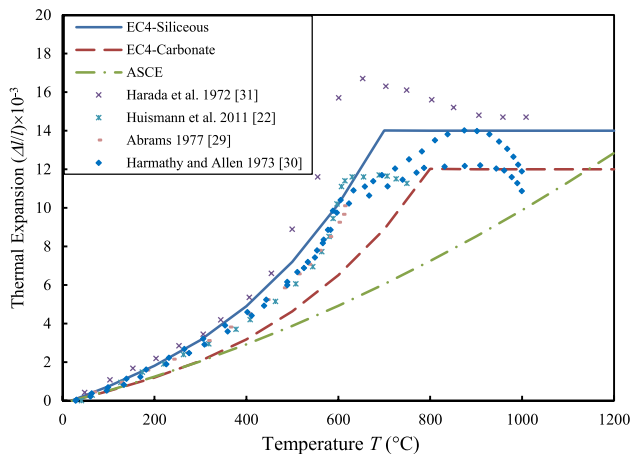


Fig. 9 Thermal expansion for concrete with Siliceous Coarse aggregate

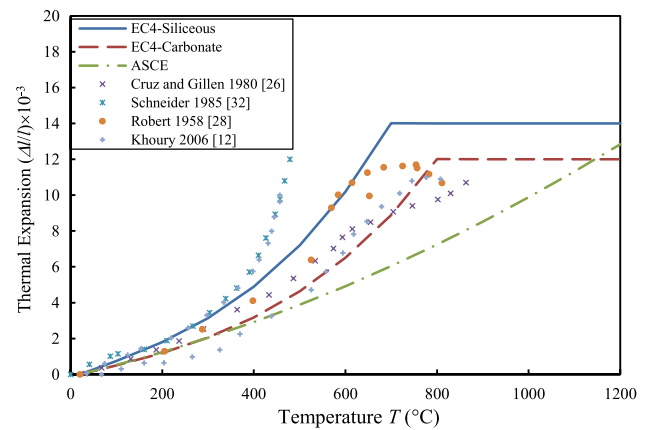


Fig. 10 Thermal expansion for concrete with Gravel Coarse aggregate

by Euro carbonate model, Fig. 5 includes quartzite data [21, 23, 24, 32], it can be found from the figure that Euro Siliceous model represents an upper limit for this type of concrete aggregate, Fig. 6 [26] shows that Euro code carbonate model gives better simulation for the CTE of diabase aggregate concrete, Fig. 7 presents the basalt data [12] which is better simulated by ASCE model, Fig. 8 introduces the comparison of the available models with the sandstone data [31, 32], Fig. 8 shows that Euro siliceous model gives an upper limit for simulation of CTE of sandstone aggregate concrete, Fig. 9 introduces the test result for Siliceous coarse aggregate concrete [22, 29–31] but the experimental program did not give any specification about what siliceous aggregate type was used and it is notable that CTE of siliceous concrete is better simulated with Euro code siliceous model, no model could simulate accurately gravel CTE [12, 26, 28, 32] as can be seen in Fig. 10.

From the analysis of the previous curves, it can be seen that no model could accurately simulate CTE for various type of aggregate. The reason for that is summarized here. ASCE model ignores both aggregate type and saturation condition; ASCE proposes one model for all types of aggregate and saturation conditions which gives inaccurate simulation for the prediction of CTE. Although Euro code model takes into account the effect of aggregate type in the prediction of the coefficient of thermal expansion by proposing two models; one for Carbonate and another one for Siliceous aggregate, it ignores the effect of saturation conditions on CTE and it is not illustrated for each model which saturation condition that model is suitable for (saturated, partially saturated (partially dry) or oven dried condition).

6 Proposing new models for concrete thermal expansion

The conclusion obtained from the previous section shows the need to propose a new model that can give better simulation for the given data. Five steps were followed in order to propose a simplified new model.

First step: which is already done in the previous section, this step is to evaluate the available models for prediction of CTE of concrete and as discussed before the available models cannot predict accurately the available test data for CTE which shows the need to develop a new model.

Second step: The data that were used in the previous section are divided into four groups taking into account the aggregate types and saturation conditions. The four groups are divided as follows: two main groups according to the aggregate type (carbonate and siliceous), each one of the main group is divided into another two sub-groups based on saturation condition (partial dry (nearly 50–80% humidity) and oven dry), so the four groups are: carbonate concrete with partial saturated (partial dry) saturation condition, carbonate concrete with oven dried saturation condition, siliceous concrete with partial saturated (partial dry) saturation condition, siliceous concrete with oven dried saturation condition.

Third step: is to select from the test data discussed in the previous section which aggregate can be classified as carbonate concrete and which aggregate can be classified as siliceous concrete. This step was done based on the data in Figs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and its comparison with Euro code and ASCE models and by using the chemical composition for concrete coarse aggregate given in Table 1, it was found that Carbonate concrete groups contain mainly; Limestone, Dolomite, Basalt and Diabase as a coarse aggregate in there Mixes, while concrete that contains mainly; Quartzite and Sandstone aggregate are included in Siliceous concrete groups.

It should be noted that the CTE for the saturated condition was not included in the proposed models as there are limited test data available to propose a separate model for CTE of concrete at the saturated condition. However, Sakyi-Bekoe [40], Neville, Brooks [39] and Mindess et al. [41] stated that CTE of concrete at oven dried condition is slightly higher than CTE of concrete at saturated condition so for approximation it can be concluded that if it is required to calculate the CTE at saturated condition, similar value to the CTE at oven dried sample obtained from this study can be used. More experimental work should be done in future for determining CTE of concrete with saturated condition in order to give a better understanding of concrete thermal expansion at this saturation condition.

Fourth step: for each group, regression analysis was performed in order to develop the best-fit formula that can simulate CTE for that group and so four models determining CTE of concrete were developed representing the four groups that were discussed before.

Fifth step: is to check the accuracy of the proposed models, this is performed 1st by comparing the prediction accuracy of these models and the available models (Euro code and ASCE model) against the available test result, 2nd by comparing the fire behaviour of concrete filled steel tube using the developed model and the fire test result of these columns, this step will be clearly indicated in the next few paragraphs.

Four models for calculating CTE were proposed for the four groups: Carbonate aggregate concrete with partially saturated condition, carbonate aggregate concrete with oven dry saturation condition, siliceous aggregate concrete with partially saturated condition and Siliceous aggregate concrete with oven dried condition. The four models are indicated in Eqs. 4, 5, 6 and 7 respectively.

Comparison between the four proposed models, Euro code model, ASCE model, and the test data are available in Figs. 11, 12, 13, 14 for each group respectively.

Specimens shape can affect the result of CTE [42], however, due to the limitation of test CTE results concerning the effect of specimens shape under different saturation condition and different coarse aggregate type, effect of specimens was not studied in this paper, however, prism shape specimens was mainly used in development of the proposed model for carbonate aggregate while cylinder was mainly used in developing the proposed model for siliceous aggregate.

$$\epsilon_{th} = -2.02 \cdot 10^{-11}T^3 + 3.42 \cdot 10^{-8}T^2 - 1.06 \cdot 10^{-6}T + 2.79 \cdot 10^{-4} \quad 20^\circ\text{C} < T \leq 1000^\circ\text{C} \quad (4a)$$

$$\epsilon_{th} = 12.7 \cdot 10^{-3} \quad 1000^\circ\text{C} < T \leq 1200^\circ\text{C} \quad (4b)$$

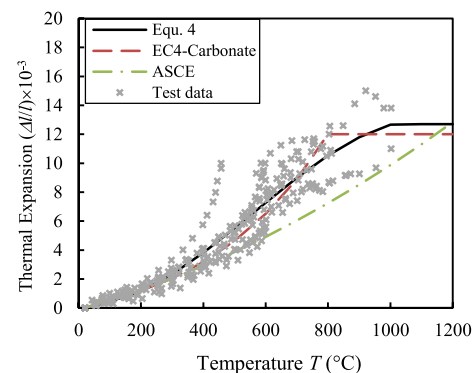


Fig. 11 Comparison between proposed Eq. 4, Eurocode carbonate model and ASCE model for carbonate aggregate partial dry curing condition

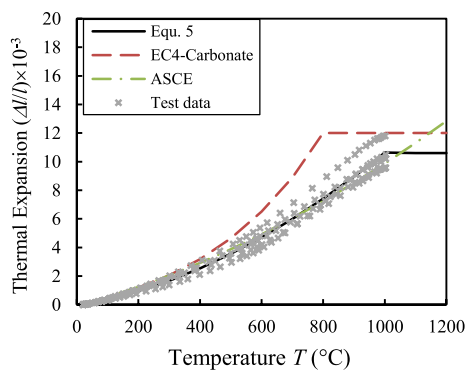


Fig. 12 Comparison between proposed Eq. 5, Eurocode carbonate model and ASCE model for carbonate aggregate oven dry curing condition

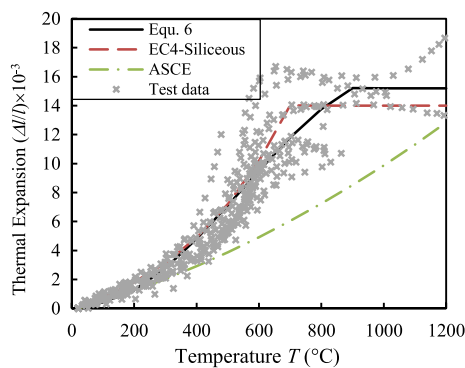


Fig. 13 Comparison between proposed Eq. 6, Eurocode siliceous model and ASCE model for siliceous aggregate partial dry curing condition

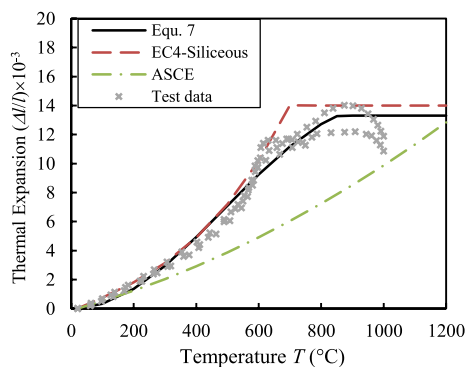


Fig. 14 Comparison between proposed Eq. 7, Eurocode siliceous model and ASCE model for siliceous aggregate oven dry curing condition

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{th} = & -5.08 * 10^{-13}T^3 + 7.73 * 10^{-9}T^2 \\ & + 3.45 * 10^{-6}T - 4.03 * 10^{-5} \end{aligned} \quad (5a)$$

$$20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} < T \leq 1000\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$\varepsilon_{th} = 10.6 * 10^{-3} \quad 1000\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} < T \leq 1200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (5b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{th} = & -3.38 * 10^{-11}T^3 + 5.51 * 10^{-8}T^2 - 5.88 * 10^{-6}T \\ & + 5.01 * 10^{-4} \end{aligned} \quad 20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} < T \leq 900\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (6a)$$

$$\varepsilon_{th} = 15.2 * 10^{-3} \quad 900\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} < T \leq 1200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (6b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{th} = & -3.24 * 10^{-11}T^3 + 4.80 * 10^{-8}T^2 - 1.82 * 10^{-6}T \\ & + 6.48 * 10^{-5} \end{aligned} \quad 20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} < T \leq 850\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (7a)$$

$$\varepsilon_{th} = 13.3 * 10^{-3} \quad 850\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} < T \leq 1200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (7b)$$

Table 4 shows the comparison between the accuracy of the CTE prediction for each one of the proposed models and Euro code mode (Carbonate and Siliceous) and ASCE model through the R-Squared (R^2) value for each model, it can be seen from the table, that the proposed models give better prediction for all types of aggregate (carbonate and siliceous) and for all saturation conditions (partially dry and oven dried condition).

The newly proposed models were evaluated against previous fire test results which were performed on concrete filled steel tube (CFST) columns. The test result was prepared by Lie, Chabot [43]. The test result was compared with the result of finite element (FE) model that was presented by Tao et al. [44]. The FE model was performed using ABAQUS software [45].

Two columns were chosen from the experimental results (C13 and C44), one of them contains siliceous aggregate concrete (C13) and the other contains carbonate aggregate concrete (C44), the details of the tested columns are shown in Table 5. In Table 5, L is the total length of the column in mm, L_0 is the heated length (in mm) of the column inside the furnace during the experiments, D is the outer column diameter in mm, t is the steel tube thickness in mm, f_y is the yielding strength of steel tube in MPa, f_c' is the compressive strength of concrete in MPa, FF indicates fixed end condition for the column ends, load level is the ratio between the applied load on the column during the experiment and the ultimate load capacity of the columns at ambient temperature, FRR is the fire resistance of the column in minutes, which mean the time at which the column cannot carry any more load under fire condition and the deformation of the column began to increase dramatically.

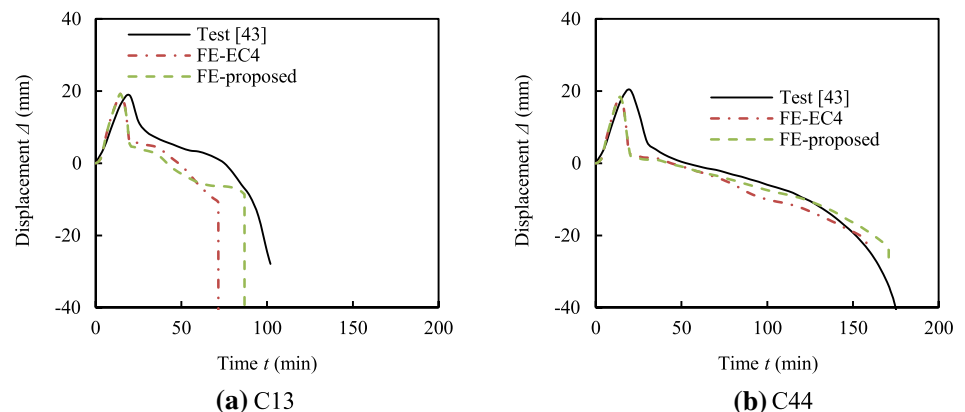
Figure 15 compares the time-vertical displacement curve for the test result and the FE model, where the vertical axis is the vertical displacement at the top of the columns in mm and the horizontal axis is the time during fire exposure in minutes. In Fig. 15, "Test" indicates the time-vertical displacement curve obtained from experimental results, while "FE-EC4" and "FE-proposed" indicate

Table 4 Comparison between proposed models, Eurocode (carbonate and Siliceous) models and ASCE model

Case:	Carbonate aggregate, Partial dry		
Model	Equation 4	Eurocode Carbonate model	ASCE model
R ²	0.89	0.86	0.64
Case:	Carbonate aggregate, oven dry		
Model	Equation 5	Eurocode Carbonate model	ASCE model
R ²	0.98	0.69	0.97
Case:	Siliceous aggregate, Partial dry		
Model	Equation 6	Eurocode Siliceous model	ASCE model
R ²	0.89	0.88	0.34
Case:	Siliceous aggregate, Oven dry		
Model	Equation 7	Eurocode Siliceous model	ASCE model
R ²	0.97	0.92	0.33

Table 5 Details of the columns used in verification of the proposed model [43]

Col.	L (mm)	L0 (mm)	D (mm)	t (mm)	f _y (MPa)	f _c ' (MPa)	Concrete Coarse aggregate type	End condition	Load (kN)	Load level	FRR (min)
C13	3810	3200	219.1	4.78	322.1	32.3	Quartz	FF	384	0.27	102
C44	3810	3200	273.1	6.35	350	38.7	Carbonate stone	FF	715	0.27	178

Fig. 15 Comparison between Eurocode-4 and the proposed model with previous fire test results on composite columns

the results obtained from FE model when using Eurocode-4 and proposed expansion models respectively.

From Fig. 15, it can be seen that the proposed models give a reasonable and better prediction for the fire behaviour and fire resistance of the selected columns (C13 and C44) compared with the model that used Eurocode-4 CTE.

7 Conclusions

In this paper the available test data that were performed on the concrete CTE are collected, these data were used in evaluating the available concrete CTE models. The following conclusions could be drawn:

- Neither Euro code model nor ASCE model can accurately predict concrete the CTE for different types of aggregate as both models ignore the saturation conditions, while ASCE model ignores also coarse aggregate type.
- More experimental work should be done to investigate the effect of specimens shape under different saturation condition and for different coarse aggregate concrete,
- More experimental work should be done in order to give better prediction for concrete CTE at saturated condition
- Four models were proposed for the following cases: Carbonate with partial dry (saturated) condition, carbonate with oven dry saturation condition, siliceous

partially dry (saturated) and siliceous oven dried saturation condition.

- Based on the comparison with previous test results on CTE, it was found that the proposed models give more accurate result compared to that proposed by Euro code model and ASCE model.
- Another comparison was made between the proposed models and Eurocode-4 concrete CTE models, this comparison was between the fire test results of concrete filled steel tube columns and FE model using Eurocode-4 CTE model once and then using the proposed model another time, it was found that the proposed models give closer result to the experimental test results compared to Eurocode-4 CTE model.

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