

A Comparison Of ACI-318(2005) And Euro Code 4 (2004) For Uniaxially Loaded Composite Column

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Abstract : Steel concrete composite systems have been widespread use in recent decades because of the benefits of combining the two construction materials. Reinforced concrete is inexpensive, massive and stiff, while steel members are strong, light weight and easy to assemble. In composite columns there are two principle types, Steel Reinforced Concrete (SRC) where a steel section is encased in concrete fully or partially and Concrete Filled Steel Tubes (CFST). Indian standard codes IS: 11384 (1985) and IS: 3935 (1966) for Composite Constriction have not covered the design of for uniaxially loaded steel concrete composite columns. Recent code IS: 800 (2007) has also not furnished the limit state design of composite columns. Therefore to design composite columns we need to go for different codes in use worldwide. EC 4 (2004) gives plastic stress distributions at different point in interaction curve for Uniaxially loaded composite column. ACI-318 (2005) gives strain compatibility method to draw interaction curve for Uniaxially loaded composite column. American Concrete Institute (ACI)-318 (2005) and Eurocode (EC) 4 (2004) design approaches for Uniaxially loaded Steel concrete composite columns are compared for Previous experimental studies. The ratio of Test/ Code is compared with concrete strength, steel strength, percentage of steel and width to thickness for both codes.

IndexTerms— Fully Encased Steel Reinforced Concrete (SRC), Square Concrete Filled Steel Tubes (CFST), and Circular Concrete Filled Steel Tubes (CFST).

I. INTRODUCTION

There are three different types of composite columns; commonly in use are Fully Encased SRC Section, Square CFST Section and Circular CFST Section as shown in Fig 1. The experimental test data of these three types of Composite columns subjected to axially compression with uniaxial bending are collected from the previous Researchers. P_{test} is a axial load in kN and M_{test} respective moment in kN-m applied on experimental test sample. An interaction curve is drawn for each experimental test sections as per ACI-318 (2005) and EC4 (2004) using excel worksheet. For fixed value of axial load P_{test} and M_{ACI} or M_{EC4} moments are identified in interaction curve. The ratios of Test/ACI and Test/ EC4 are calculated and compared with concrete strength, steel strength, percentage of steel and width to thickness. The calculated strength values are also statistically analyzed using indicators Mean, Standard deviation and Coefficient of variation.

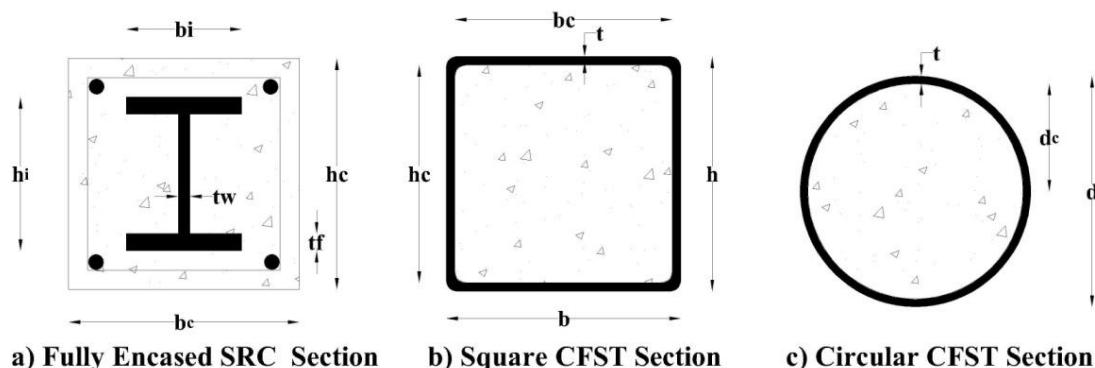


Fig 1: Different types of Composite column sections

2. CODE PROVISION FOR UNIAXIALLY LOADED COMPOSITE COLUMN

ACI-318 (2005)

The Axially Compressed with Uniaxial Bending Column is calculated using strain-compatibility method.

- Subdivide the cross section into a large number of areas.
- Assume a strain distribution across the cross-section and a location of the neutral axis.
- Compute stresses based on the assumed stress-strain relationships for the different components (concrete, reinforcing bars, and the steel shape).
- Integrate the stresses over the cross section to obtain the total axial load and the moment about the plastic neutral axis (or other commonly assumed axis).
- Iterate steps 2 through 4 to obtain an axial load-moment interaction surface for the column.

Fig. 2.a shows the subdivision of the cross-section into a series of “fibers” representing three different materials: confined concrete inside the ties (shaded), reinforcing bar steel, and rolled shape steel. Fig. 2.b shows a linear strain distribution with an arbitrary location of the neutral axis. Fig. 2.c shows the material properties. For each material, it shows both the nonlinear stress-strain curves as may be assumed for the strain-compatibility analysis and the bilinear rigid-plastic curves (dashed lines) that would be assumed for a simplified analysis.

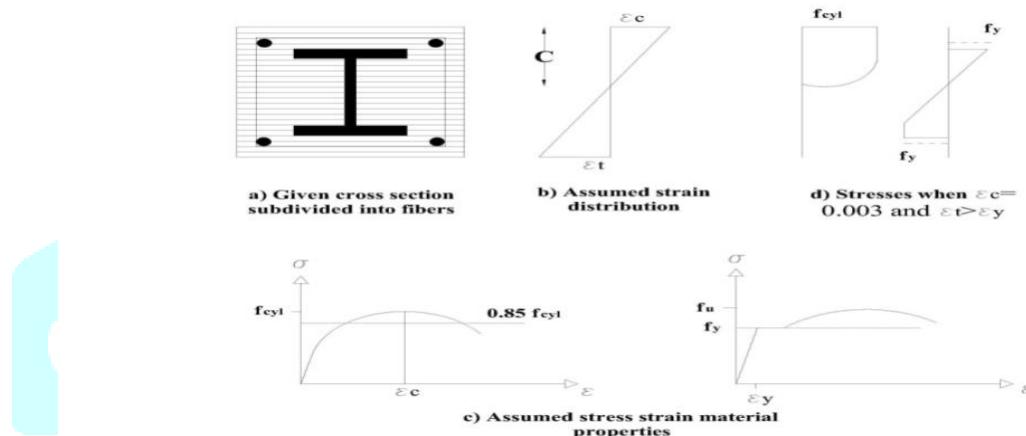


Fig. 2: Development of composite beam-column cross-section strength EC4 (2004)

The cross-sectional resistance of a composite column under axial compression and uniaxial bending is given by an M-P interaction curve as shown in Fig. 4.

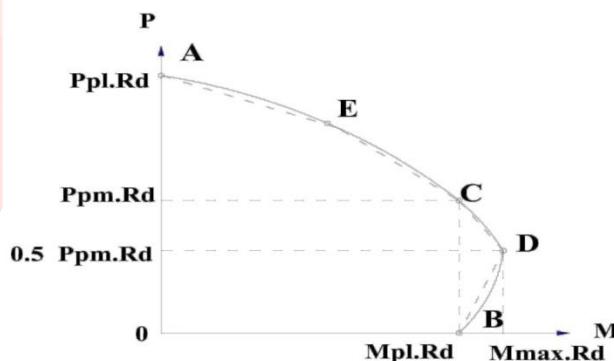


Fig. 3: M-P interaction curve for Uniaxial bending

❖ **Point A :** Axial compression resistance alone:

$$\begin{aligned} P_A &= P_{pl,Rd} \\ M_A &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

❖ **Point B :** Uniaxial bending resistance alone:

$$\begin{aligned} P_B &= 0 \\ M_B &= M_{pl,Rd} \end{aligned}$$

❖ **Point C :** Uniaxial bending resistance identical to that at point B, but with non-zero resultant axial compression force:

$$P_C = P_{pm,Rd} = A_c 0.85 \frac{f_{cyl}}{\gamma_c} \text{ (concrete encased section)}$$

❖ **Point D :** Uniaxial bending resistance identical to that at point B, but with non-zero resultant axial compression force:

$$M_D = M_{max,Rd}$$

Note: f_{cyl} may be factored by $\left[1 + \eta_1 \frac{t}{d} \frac{f_{ys}}{f_{cyl}}\right]$ for circular concrete filled hollow section

❖ **Point D :** Maximum moment resistance

$$P_D = \frac{1}{2} P_{pm.Rd} = \frac{1}{2} A_c \frac{f_{cyl}}{\gamma_c} \text{ (Concrete- encased section)}$$

$$P_D = \frac{1}{2} P_{pm.Rd} = \frac{1}{2} A_c \frac{f_{cyl}}{\gamma_c} \text{ (Concrete- filled hollow section)}$$

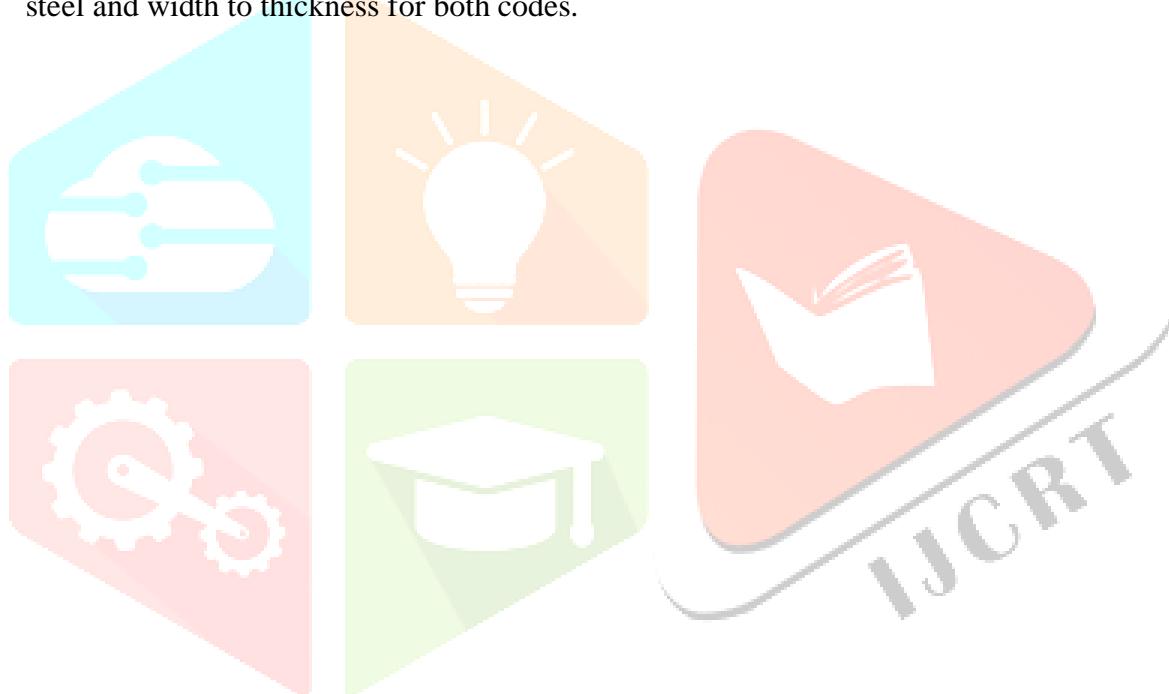
Again f_{cyl} may be factored by $\left[1 + \eta_1 \frac{t}{d} \frac{f_{ys}}{f_{cyl}}\right]$ for circular concrete filled hollow section in which Z_s ,

Z_c , and Z_r are the plastic moduli of steel, concrete and reinforcement respectively.

❖ **Point E :** Situated midway between A and C.

3. METHODOLOGY

- i. Collection of experimental data from previous researchers for composite columns
- ii. For collected test samples size, strength of concrete, strength of steel and other parameters interaction curve is drawn as per ACI-318(2004) as shown in figure 4 and as per EC4 as shown in figure 5
- iii. For fixed value of axial load P_{test} and M_{ACI} or M_{EC4} moments are identified in interaction curve.
- iv. The ratio of Test/ ACI and Test/ EC4 are calculated.
- v. Test/ ACI and Test/ EC4 compared with graphs for concrete strength, steel strength, percentage of steel and width to thickness for both codes.



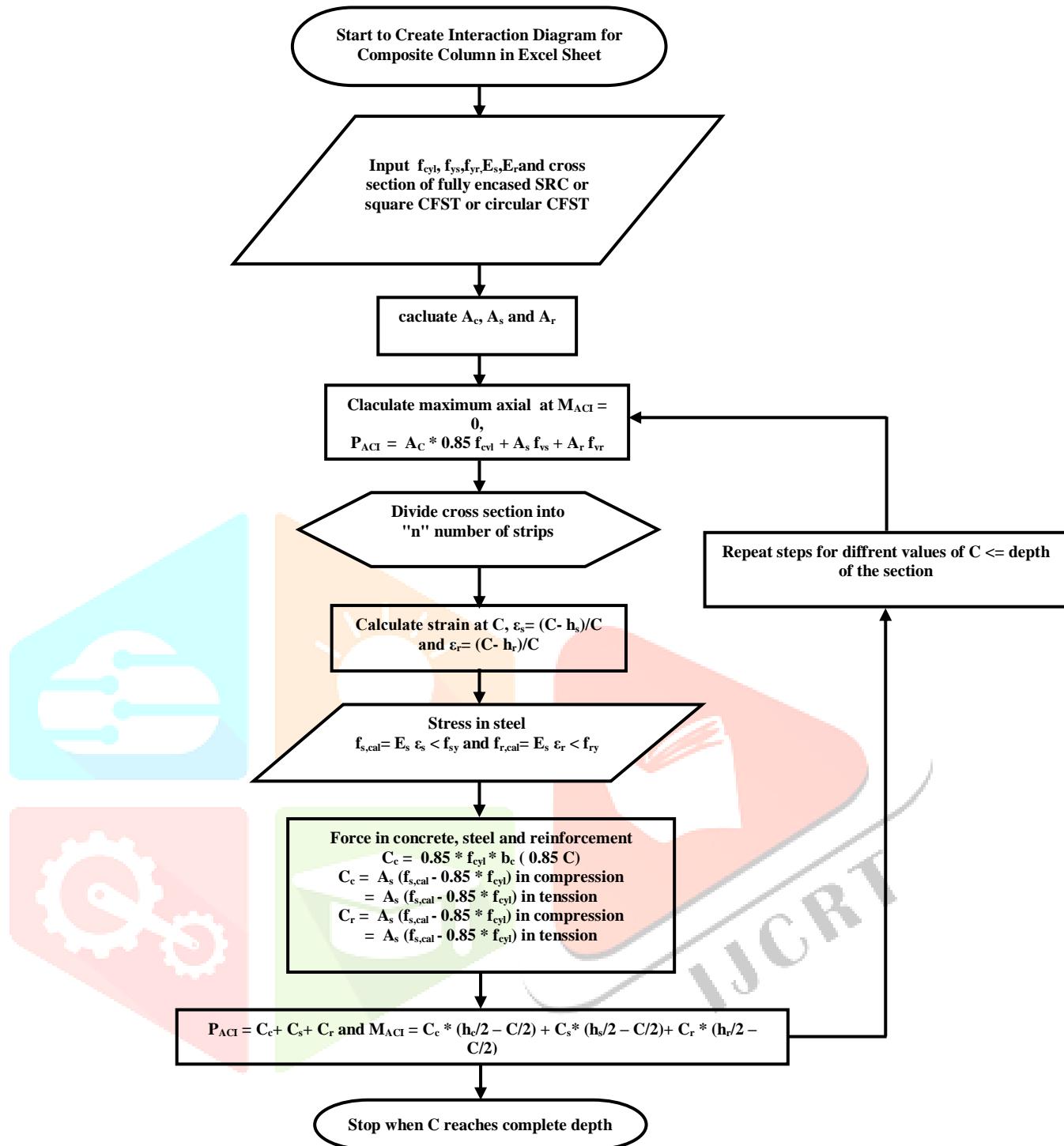


Fig 4:Flow chart to draw interaction curves for composite columns section as per as per ACI

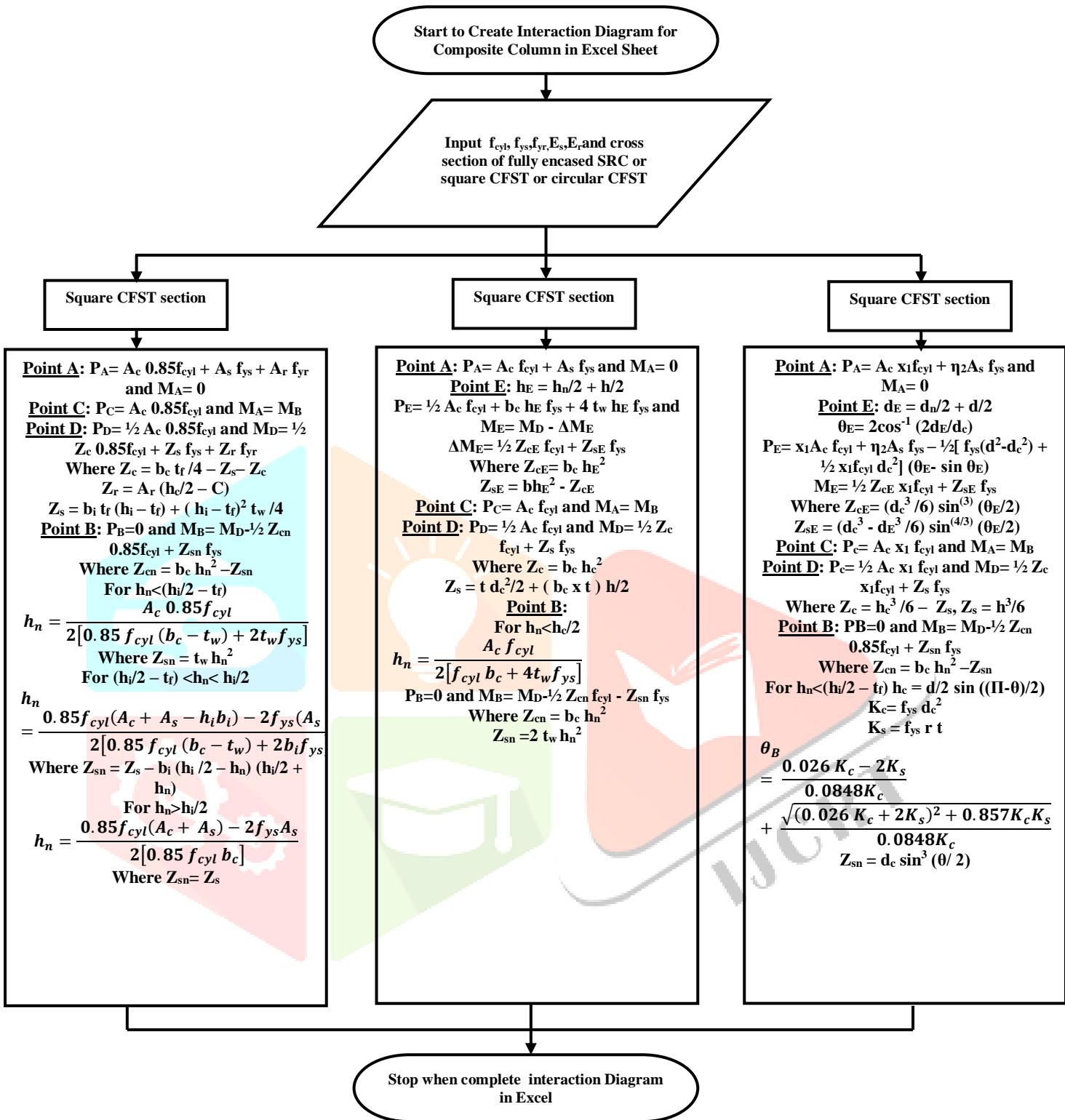


Fig. 5: Flow chart to draw interaction curves for composite columns section as per EC4

4. COMPARATIVE RESULTS OF UNIAXIALLY LOADED FULLY ENCASED SRC

Test results of 28 fully encased SRC sections are compared with ACI and EC4. Individual specimens used by previous researchers are identified by notations Mirza (MXXX), Ricles (RXXX), Naka (NXXX) and Wakabayashi (WXXX). Loading is indicated by XUXX (Uniaxial bending with axial compression). Section is indicated by XXFX (Fully encased) and XXXS (Steel reinforced concrete). The sample of interaction curve specimen MUFS1, 2 and 3 is as shown in figure 6. Similarly interaction curves are drawn to reaming specimens for different data. The comparison of uniaxially loaded fully encased SRC column for ACI and EC4 are tabulated in Table1. Graphs are drawn for M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{test}/M_{ACI} ratio verses concrete cylinder strength, yield strength of steel and percentage of steel as shown in figure 7, 8 and 9.

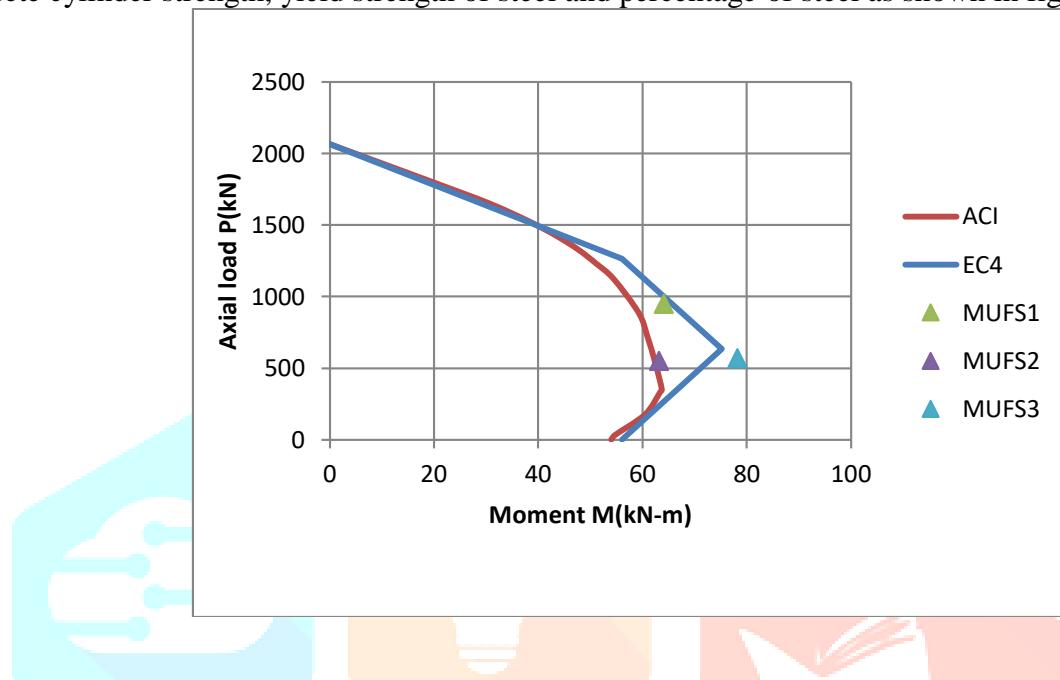


Fig. 6: Interaction curve sample of fully encased SRC column for specimens MUFS1, 2 and 3

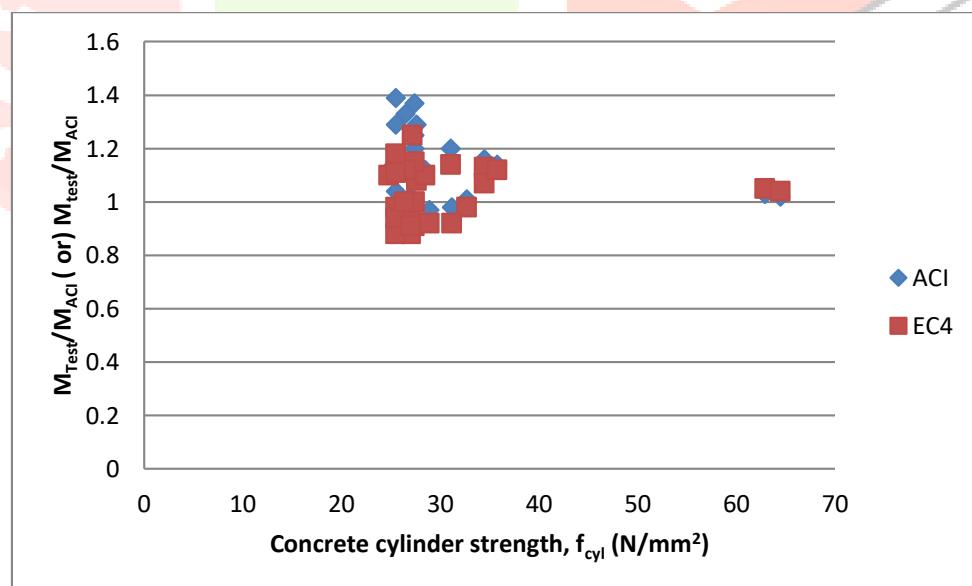


Fig. 7: Ratio M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{Test}/M_{ACI} vs concrete cylinder strength of uniaxially loaded fully encased SRC columns

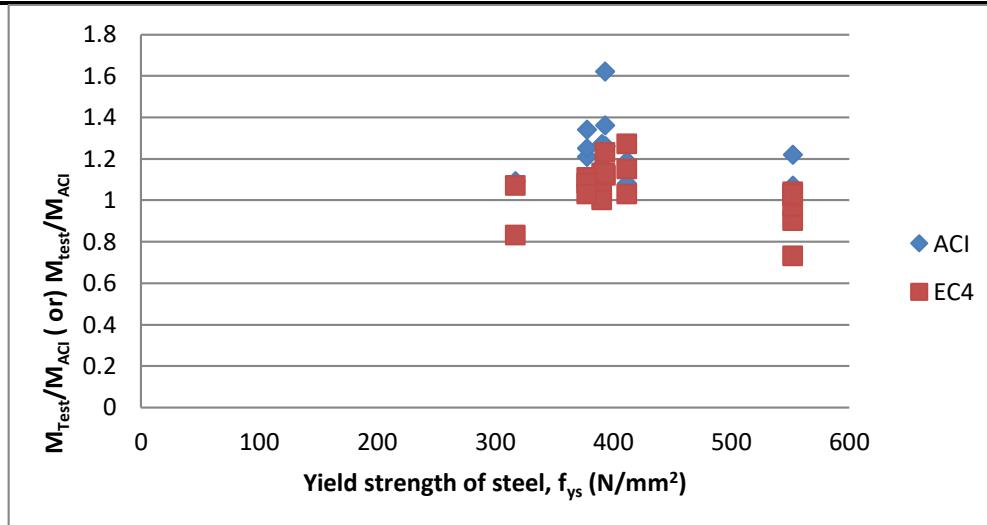


Fig. 8: : Ratio M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{Test}/M_{EC4} vs yield strength of steel of uniaxially loaded fully encased SRC columns

Table 1: Comparison of Uniaxially fully encased SRC Composite Column for test samples

Specimen	$h_c \times b_c$ (mm)	Steel section $h_i \times b_i \times t_w \times t_f$ (mm)	A_r (mm ²)	% of steel	f_{cyl} (N/mm ²)	f_{ys} (N/mm ²)	f_{yr} (N/mm ²)	Test		ACI		Eurocode4	
								P _{Tes}	M _t _{est} (kN-m)	M _{ACI} (kN-m)	M _t _{est} / M _{ACI}	M _{EC4} (kN-m)	M _t _{est} / M _{EC4}
Mirza (1996)													
MUFS 1	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	27	293	565	950	64.1	58	1.1	66	0.98
MUFS 2	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	27	293	565	550	63.2	62	1.02	72	0.88
MUFS 3	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	27.6	293	565	570	78.2	61	1.29	72.5	1.08
MUFS 4	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	24.8	293	565	154.3	66	59	1.12	60	1.11
MUFS 5	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	28.5	293	565	95	65.6	59	1.12	60	1.11
MUFS 6	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	27.4	311	634	925	82.2	60	1.37	72	1.15
MUFS 7	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	27.4	311	634	775	76	61	1.25	76	1.1
MUFS 8	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	27.4	311	634	927	72	60	1.272	72	1
MUFS 9	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	27.4	311	634	720	69.9	62	1.13	77	1.09
MUFS 10	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	26.5	293	565	540	82.3	62	1.33	74	1.12
MUFS 11	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	27.2	293	565	107.5	73.5	58	1.27	59	1.25
MUFS 12	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	25.5	311	634	540	83	60	1.39	75	1.11
MUFS 13	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	25.5	311	634	296	79.9	62	1.29	68	1.18
MUFS 14	240 x 240	96 x 100 x 5.1 x 8.6	284	3.68	25.5	311	634	100	68.7	59	1.17	62	1.11
Ricles(1994)													
RUFS	406 x 210	206 x 9.5	314	4.6	32.	37	45	149	62	62	1.0	64	0.9

1	406	x 14.3	8	2	7	4	6	0	6	0	1	0	8
RUFS 2	406 x 406	210 x 206 x 9.5 x 14.3	154 8	4.6 2	34. 5	37 4	43 4	149 0	59 3	51 5	1.1 6	52 5	1.1 3
RUFS 3	406 x 406	210 x 206 x 9.5 x 14.3	464 5	4.6 2	31. 2	37 4	44 8	149 0	67 0	69 0	0.9 8	73 0	0.9 2
RUFS 4	406 x 406	210 x 206 x 9.5 x 14.3	258 1	4.6 2	31. 1	37 4	44 8	149 0	67 0	56 0	1.2 0	59 0	1.1 4
RUFS 5	406 x 406	210 x 206 x 9.5 x 14.3	464 5	4.6 2	34. 5	37 4	43 4	149 0	77 6	71 0	1.1 1.1	73 0	1.0 7
RUFS 6	406 x 406	210 x 206 x 9.5 x 14.3	258 1	4.6 2	35. 8	37 4	44 8	149 0	66 7	59 0	1.1 4	60 0	1.1 2
RUFS 7	406 x 406	210 x 206 x 9.5 x 14.3	464 5	4.6 2	62. 9	37 4	43 4	149 0	84 0	82 0	1.0 0	80 3	1.0 5
RUFS 8	406 x 406	210 x 206 x 9.5 x 14.3	464 5	4.6 2	64. 5	37 4	43 4	149 0	83 2	82 0	1.0 2	80 0	1.0 4
Naka(1977)													
NUFS 1	240 x 300	180 x 120 x 4.5 x 12	232 3	4.9 7	25. 5	34 5	46 1	147 0	19 7	18 0	1.1 1.1	22 5	0.8 8
NUFS 2	240 x 300	180 x 120 x 4.5 x 12	232 3	4.9 7	25. 5	34 5	46 1	980 980	23 5	20 0	1.1 8	24 0	0.9 8
NUFS 3	240 x 300	180 x 120 x 4.5 x 12	232 3	4.9 7	25. 5	34 5	46 1	490 490	22 8	22 0	1.0 4	24 5	0.9 4
Wakabayashi(1971)													
WUFS 1	210 x 210	150 x 100 x 6 x 9	284	5.8 8	26. 4	30 6	36 1	239 .6	72. 4	72. 5	1 1	72. 5	1 1
WUFS 2	210 x 210	150 x 100 x 6 x 9	284	5.8 8	28. 9	30 6	36 1	587 .1	67. 7	70 70	0.9 7	74 74	0.9 2
WUFS 3	210 x 210	150 x 100 x 6 x 9	284	5.8 8	27	30 6	36 1	880 .7	59 59	59 59	1 1	65 65	0.9 1
Mean													
Standard deviation													
Coefficient of variation													

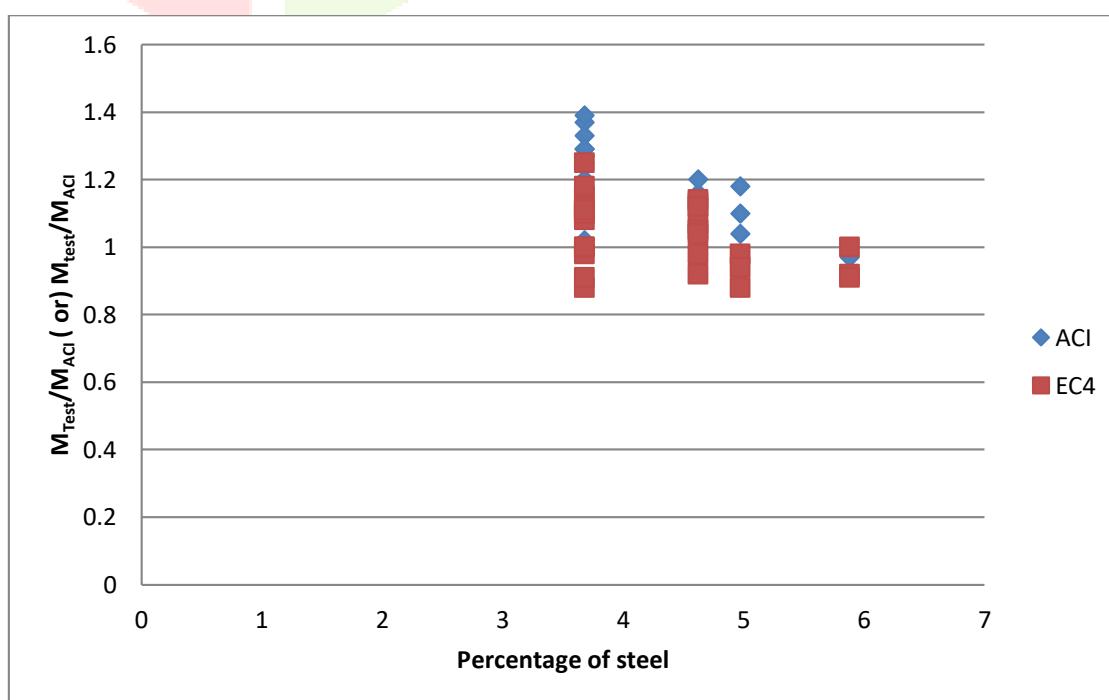


Fig. 9: Ratio M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{Test}/M_{ACI} vs percentage of steel of uniaxially loaded fully encased

5. COMPARATIVE RESULTS OF UNIAXIALLY LOADED SQUARE CFST

Individual specimens for axial compression and uniaxial bending Square CFST used by previous researchers are identified by notations Amit H Varma (AXXX) and Made S Haradika (MXXX). Loading is indicated by XUXX (Uniaxial bending with axial load). Section is indicated by XXSX (Square) and XXXC (Concrete filled steel tube). The sample of interaction curve of square CFST column for specimens AUSC1 and 2 is as shown in figure 10. Similarly interaction curves are drawn to reaming specimens for different data. The comparison of uniaxially loaded Square CFST Composite Column specimens for ACI and EC4 are tabulated in Table 2. Graphs are drawn for M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{test}/M_{ACI} ratio verses concrete cylinder strength, yield strength of steel and b/t ratio as shown in figure 11, 12 and 13.

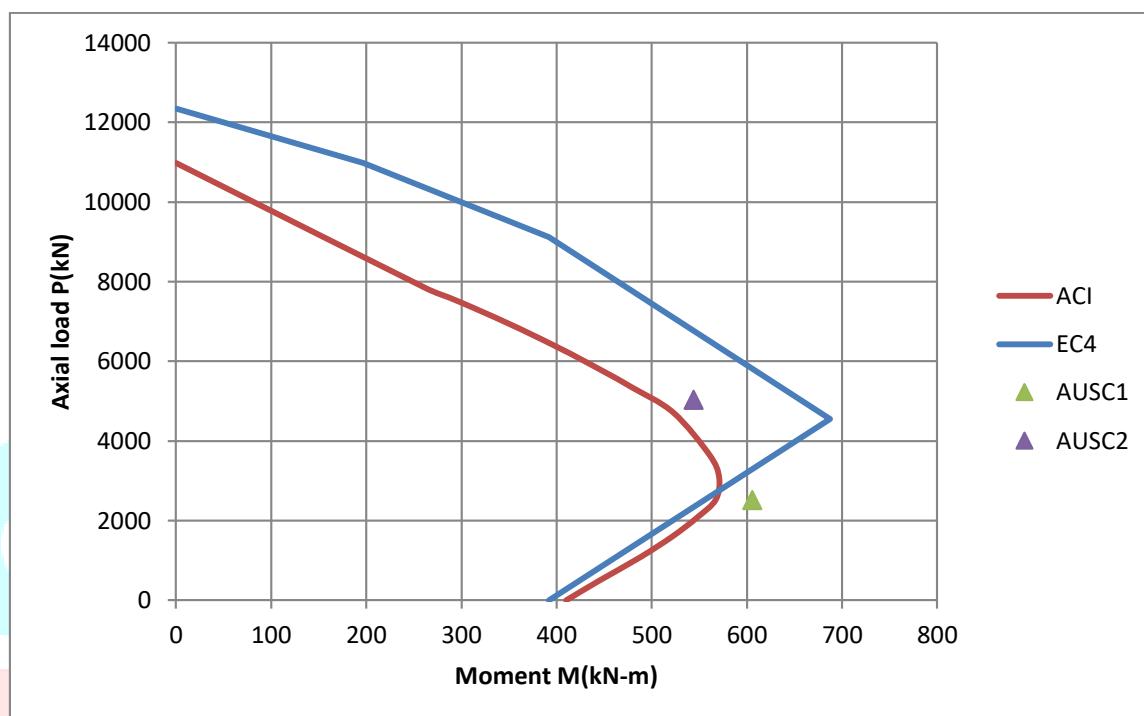


Fig. 10: Interaction curve sample of square CFST column for specimens AUSC1 and 2

Table 2: Comparison of Uniaxially Square CFST Composite Column for test samples

Specimen	$h_c \times b_c$ (mm)	Steel section $h \times b \times t$ (mm)	L (mm)	b/t	f_{cyl} (N/m ²)	f_{ys} (N/m ²)	Test		ACI		Eurocode 4	
							P_{Test} (kN)	M_{Te} (kN-m)	M_{ACI} (kN-m)	M_T (kN-m)	M_{EC4} (kN-m)	M_{Te} (kN-m) / M_{EC4}
Amit H Varma, James M Ricles, Richard sause, Le wu lu (2002)												
AUSC 1	287.8 x 287.8	305 x 305 x 8.6	1520	35.4	110	317	2520	606	560	1.1	570	1.07
AUSC 2	287.8 x 287.8	305 x 305 x 8.6	1520	35.4	110	317	5035	544	500	1.1	660	0.83
AUSC 3	287.2 x 287.2	305 x 305 x 8.9	1520	34.3	110	552	3050	933	770	1.2	900	1.04
AUSC 4	287.2 x 287.2	305 x 305 x 8.9	1520	34.3	110	552	6100	806	800	1	900	0.9
AUSC 5	293.4 x 293.4	305 x 305 x 5.8	1520	52.6	110	552	2360	597	620	1	620	0.97
AUSC 6	293.4 x 293.4	305 x 305 x 5.8	1520	52.6	110	552	2520	629	620	1	620	1.02

AUSC 7	292.8 x 292.8	305 x 305 x 6.1	1520	50	11 0	55 2	274 0	700	660	1.1	680	1.0 3
AUSC 8	292.8 x 292.8	305 x 305 x 6.1	1520	50	11 0	55 2	548 0	574	575	1	790	0.7 3
Made S Haradika and N J Gardens (2004)												
MUS C1	194.18 x 194.18	203 x 203 x 4.41	1800	46	44. 4	39 0	300	.1	140	124	1.1	125 3
MUS C2	194.18 x 194.18	203 x 203 x 4.41	1800	46	44. 4	39 0	700	.6	142	122	1.2	138 4
MUS C3	194.18 x 194.18	203 x 203 x 4.41	1800	46	44. 4	39 0	120	.2	131	104	1.3	132 1
MUS C4	185.04 x 185.04	203 x 203 x 8.98	1800	22. 6	44. 4	39 3	430	.4	257	205	1.3	230 2
MUS C5	185.04 x 185.04	203 x 203 x 8.98	1800	22. 6	44. 4	39 3	860	.9	263	195	1.4	234 3
MUS C6	185.04 x 185.04	203 x 203 x 8.98	1800	22. 6	44. 4	39 3	174	.8	250	155	1.6	205 3
MUS C7	194.26 x 194.26	203 x 203 x 4.37	1800	46. 4	98. 6	41 1	520	.8	160	150	1.1	140 5
MUS C8	194.26 x 194.26	203 x 203 x 4.37	1800	46. 4	99. 1	41 1	115	0	190	150	1.3	150 7
MUS C9	194.26 x 194.26	203 x 203 x 4.37	1800	46. 4	98. 9	41 1	170	.3	190	160	1.2	185 3
MUS C10	184.64 x 184.64	203 x 203 x 9.18	1800	22. 1	82. 9	37 8	570	265	220	1.2	240	1.1 1
MUS C11	184.64 x 184.64	203 x 203 x 9.18	1800	22. 1	86. 9	37 8	120	.9	272	220	1.3	255 8
MUS C12	184.64 x 184.64	203 x 203 x 9.18	1800	22. 1	89. 5	37 8	175	.9	272	205	1.3	265 3
Mean												
Standard deviation												
coefficient of variance												
1.0 5												
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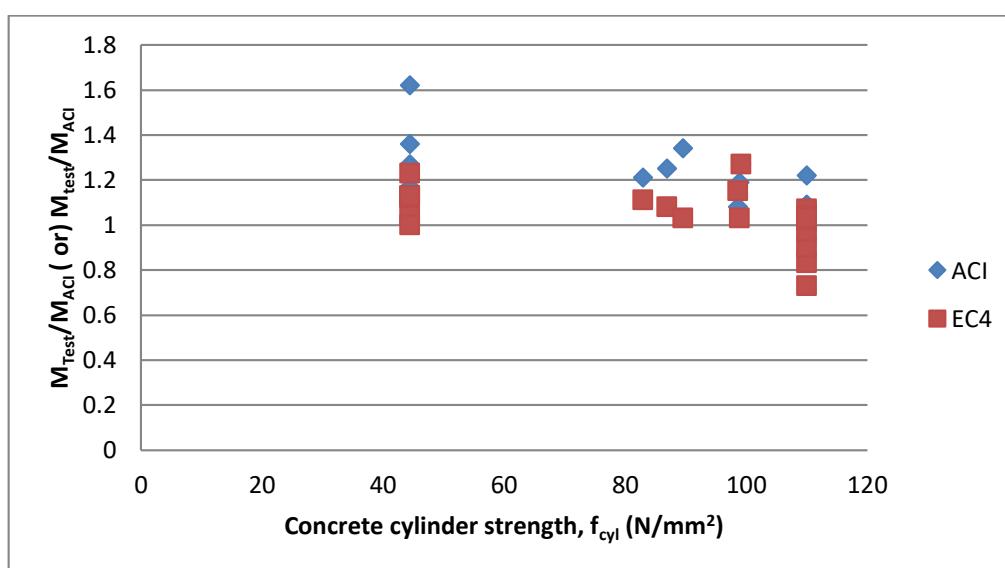


Fig.11: Ratio M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{Test}/M_{EC4} vs concrete cylinder strength for circular CFST columns

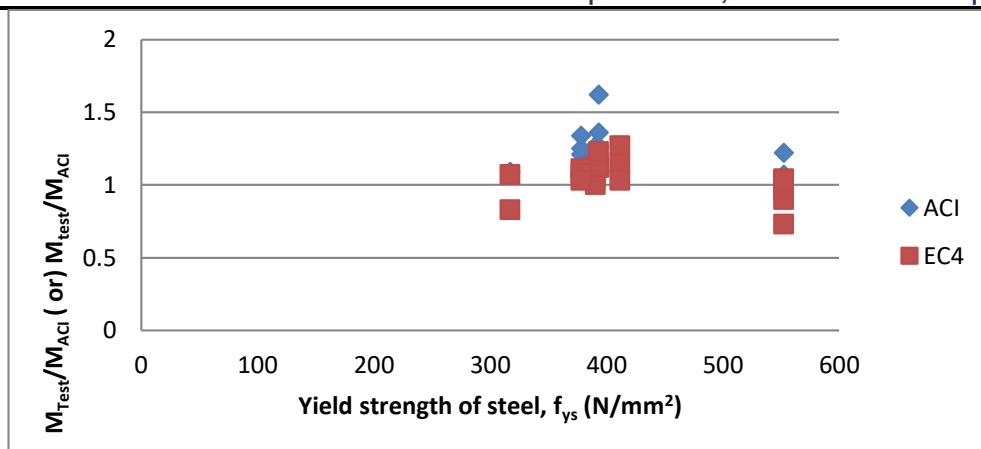


Fig. 12: Ratio M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{Test}/M_{ACI} vs Yield strength of steel of square CFTS columns

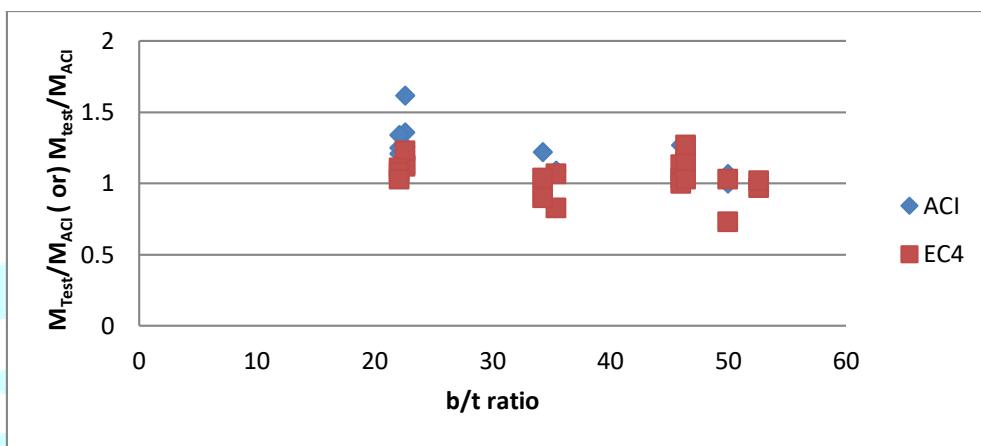


Fig. 13: Ratio M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{Test}/M_{ACI} vs b/t ratio of square CFTS columns

6. COMPARATIVE RESULTS OF UNIAXIALLY LOADED CIRCULAR CFST

Individual specimens for axial compression and uniaxial bending circular CFST used by previous researchers are identified by notations Martin D O'shea (MXXX) and Amir Fam (AXXX). Loading is indicated by XUXX (Uniaxial bending with axial load). Section is indicated by XXXC (Circular) and XXXC (Concrete filled steel tube). The sample of interaction curve of circular CFST column for specimens MCCC1 and 2 is as shown in figure 14. Similarly interaction curves are drawn to reaming specimens for different data. The comparison of uniaxially loaded Circular CFST Composite Column specimens for ACI and EC4 are tabulated in Table 3. Graphs are drawn for M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{test}/M_{ACI} ratio verses concrete cylinder strength, yield strength of steel and d/t ratio as shown in figure 15, 16 and 17.

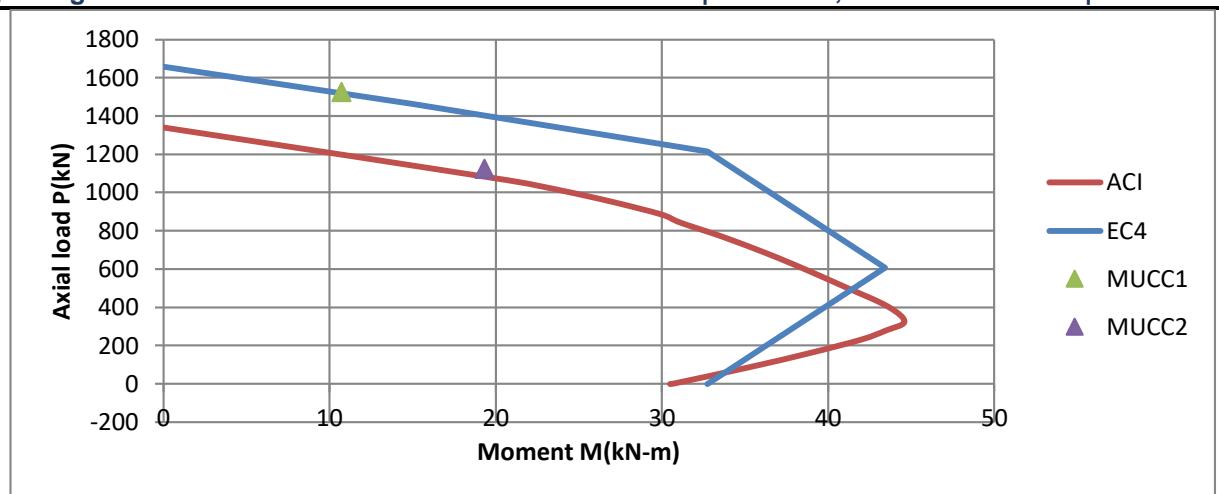


Fig. 14: Interaction curve sample of circular CFST column for specimens MUCC1 and 2
Table 3: Comparison of Uniaxially Circular CFST Composite Column for test samples

Specime n	d (mm)	Steel section $d_c \times t$ (mm)	L (mm)	d/t	f_{cyl} (N/ mm ²)	f_{ys} (N/ mm ²)	P_{test} (kN)	Test		ACI		Eurocode4	
									M_t est/ kN - m)	M_{AC}	M_t est/ M_A CI	M_{EC4} (kN- m)	M_{tes} t/ M_{EC} 4
Martin D O'shea, Russel Q Bridge(2000)													
MUCC1	159. 36	165 x 2.82	580. 2	58.5	48.3	363. 3	152 5	10. 7	-	-	10	1.07	
MUCC2	159. 36	165 x 2.82	580. 5	58.5	48.3	363. 3	112 3	19. 3	1.0 8	18	35	0.56	
MUCC3	159. 36	165 x 2.82	579. 5	58.5	80.2	363. 3	194 0	18. 2	-	-	22	0.83	
MUCC4	159. 36	165 x 2.82	579. 5	58.5	80.2	363. 3	165 3	29. 6	1.4 20	8	37	0.8	
MUCC5	159. 36	165 x 2.82	578. 5	58.5	112. 7	363. 3	224 6	15. 3	1.0 15	2	40	0.39	
MUCC6	159. 36	165 x 2.82	578. 5	58.5	112. 7	363. 3	188 0	29. 3	0.7 42	48	0.62		
MUCC7	186. 12	190 x 1.94	661	97.9	41	256. 4	153 3	13. 2	-	-	-	-	
MUCC8	186. 12	190 x 1.94	664	97.9	41	256. 4	128 4	20. 8	-	-	22	0.95	
MUCC9	186. 12	190 x 1.94	662. 5	97.9	74.7	256. 4	220 3	-	-	-	22	1	
MUCC10	186. 12	190 x 1.94	663	74.7	74.7	256. 4	173 0	-	1.0 35	3	37	0.98	
MUCC11	186. 12	190 x 1.94	661. 5	97.9	112. 7	256. 4	268 3	17. 4	0.7 24	3	40	0.44	
MUCC12	186. 12	190 x 1.94	664. 5	97.9	112. 7	256. 4	238 6	40. 6	0.7 52	9	52	0.79	
MUCC13	186. 96	190 x 1.52	662	125	48.3	306. 1	126 0	19. 5	1.0 18	9	28	0.7	
MUCC14	186. 96	190 x 1.52	663. 5	125	80.2	306. 1	192 5	27. 5	0.9 28	9	36	0.77	
MUCC15	186. 96	190 x 1.52	660. 5	125	112. 7	306. 1	242 0	31. 2	0.6 48	5	48	0.65	
MUCC16	187.	190 x	663.	168	41	185. 10.	122	-	-	9	1.16		

	74	1.13	5			7	9	4				
MUCC17	187. 74	190 x 1.13	664	168	41.3	185. 7	102 3	19. 3	2.1 5	17	1.14	
MUCC18	187. 74	190 x 1.13	662	168	7	112. 7	185. 8	192	32. 9	64	0.5 2	55 55
MUCC19	188. 28	190 x 0.86	662	221	41	210. 7	121 9	9	-	-	9	1
MUCC20	188. 28	190 x 0.86	663	221	41	210. 7	101 7	18. 2	2.0 9	3	16	1.14
MUCC21	188. 28	190 x 0.86	665. 5	221	74.7	210. 7	191 0	16. 4	-	-	18	0.92
MUCC22	188. 28	190 x 0.86	665	221	74.7	210. 7	153 2	27. 4	36	7	32	0.86
MUCC23	188. 28	190 x 0.86	660. 5	221	112. 7	210. 7	211 2	8.4	60	0.1 4	50	0.17

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AUCC1	145. 76	152 x 3.12	1800	48.7	55	382	500	44. 5	40	1.1 2	42	1.06
AUCC2	145. 76	152 x 3.12	1800	48.7	55	382	500	40	40	1	42	0.96
AUCC3	145. 76	152 x 3.12	1800	48.7	55	382	500	44	40	1.1	42	1.05
AUCC4	145. 76	152 x 3.12	1800	48.7	60	382	600	35	38	0.9 3	40	0.88
AUCC5	145. 76	152 x 3.12	1800	48.7	60	382	600	45	38	1.1 9	40	1.13
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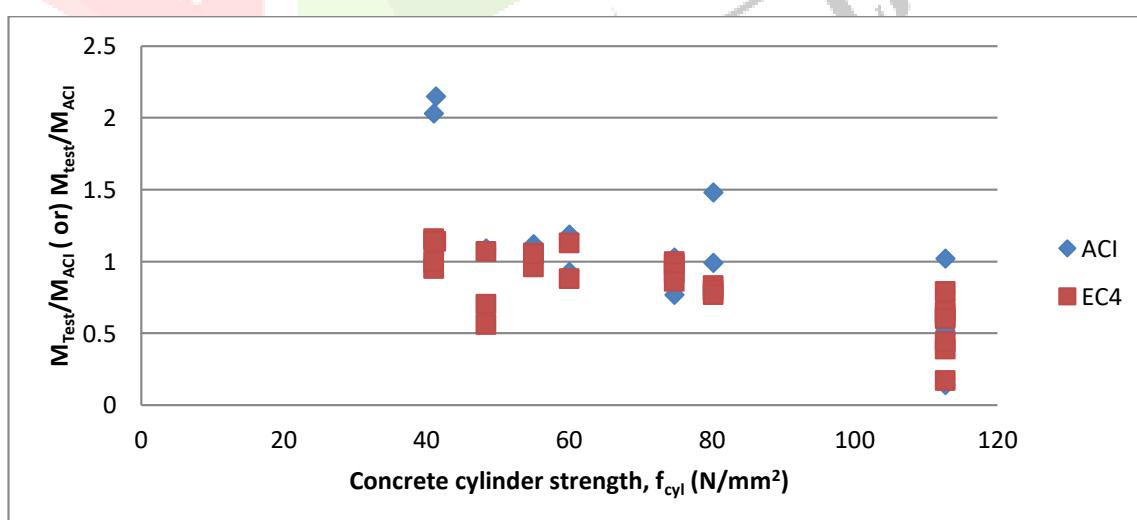


Fig.15: Ratio M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{Test}/M_{EC4} vs concrete cylinder strength for circular CFST columns

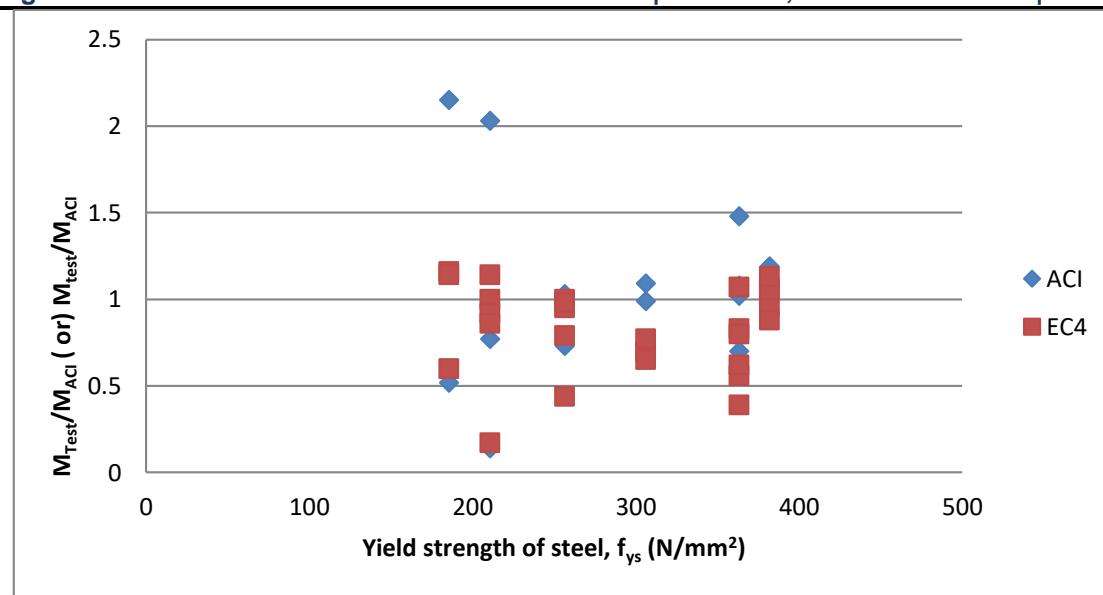


Fig. 16: Ratio M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{Test}/M_{EC4} vs Yield strength of steel for circular CFST columns

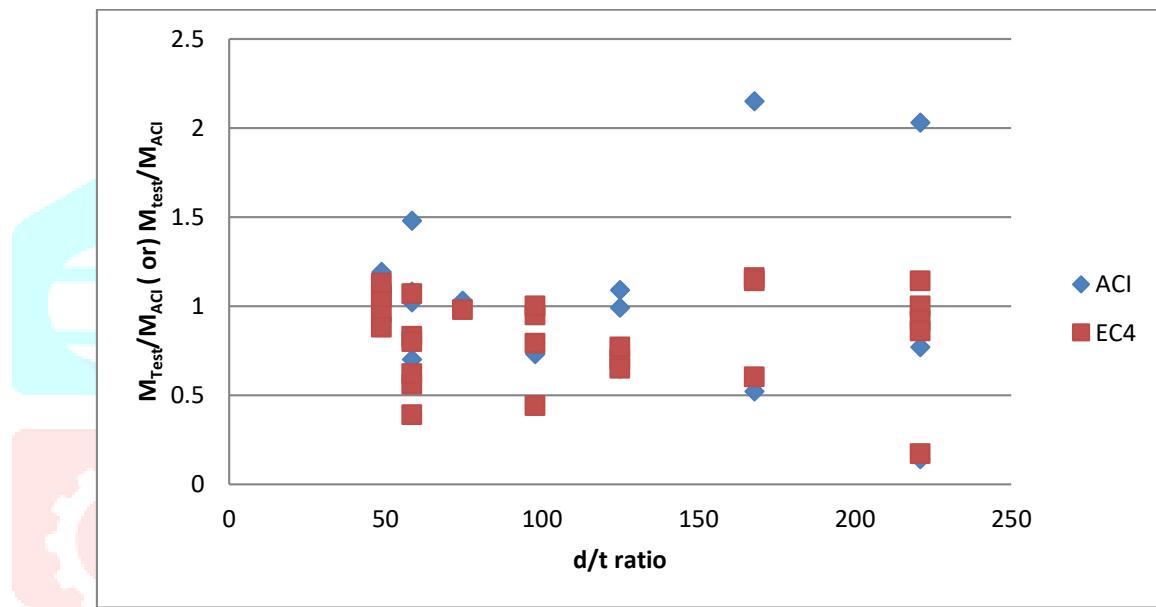


Fig. 17: Ratio M_{Test}/M_{ACI} (or) M_{Test}/M_{EC4} vs d/t ratio of Circular CFST columns

7. CONCLUSION

- Creating interaction curve of composite columns by EC 4- 2004 is straightforward; formulas are used mark interaction curve points. In case of ACI: 318- 2005 creating interaction curve is complex; a perfect smooth curve can be drawn.
- ACI: 318- 2005 and EC 4- 2004 furnish better results of Fully Encased SRC. The values of M_{Test} are more nearer to the interaction curve. The ratios of M_{Test}/M_{ACI} or M_{Test}/M_{EC4} verses f_{cyl} , f_{ys} and Percentage of steel shows more concentrated and acceptable results. The ratios of Test/Code show high conservative values of mean, standard deviation and coefficient of variation.
- ACI: 318- 2005 and EC 4- 2004 provide better results of Circular CFST uniaxially loaded columns. The values of M_{Test} are more closer to the interaction curve. The ratios of M_{Test}/M_{ACI} or M_{Test}/M_{EC4} verses f_{cyl} , f_{ys} and b/t shows concentrated and acceptable results. The ratios of Test/Code show conservative values of mean, standard deviation and coefficient of variation.
- ACI: 318- 2005 and EC 4- 2004 gives scattered results of Circular CFST uniaxially loaded columns. Due to confinement effect in circular tubes the some experimental specimen shows values of M_{Test} is very much less than M_{ACI} or M_{EC4} . The ratios of M_{Test}/M_{ACI} or M_{Test}/M_{EC4} verses f_{cyl} , f_{ys} and d/t shows more scattered and different results. The ratios of Test/Code show high radical values of mean, standard deviation and coefficient of variation.
- To design fully encased SRC, square CFST and circular CFST IS code can adopt EC4-2005 by changing concrete cylinder strength to concrete cube strength.

SYMBOLS

A_c	Cross-sectional area of concrete
A_g	Gross cross-sectional area section
A_r	Cross-sectional area of longitudinal reinforcing bars
A_s	Cross-sectional area of the structural steel section
b	Breadth of box steel tube section
b_c	Breadth of concrete section
b_i	Width of steel I- section
c	Depth of NA
e	Eccentricity
d	Diameter of circular steel tube section
E_s	Modulus of elasticity of structural steel
E_c	Modulus of elasticity of concrete
$(EI)_{eff}$	Effective flexural stiffness section
I_c	second moments of area of the concrete section
I_s	second moments of area of the steel section
I_r	second moments of area of the reinforcement
f_{cyl}	Cylinder compressive strength of concrete
f_{cu}	Cube compressive strength of concrete
f_{yr}	Yield strength of reinforcement
f_{ys}	Yield strength of Structural steel
h	Height of box steel tube section
h_c	Height of concrete section
h_i	Height of steel I- section
h_r	Distance of centre of reinforcement bar from top edge of cross section
h_s	Distance of centre of steel section from top edge of cross section
L	Length of Composite column
M_{test}	Experimental moment of composite column
M_{ACI}	Nominal moment of composite column as per ACI
M_{EC4}	Nominal moment of composite column as per EC4
P_{test}	Experimental axial strength of Composite column
P_{ACI}	Nominal axial capacity of composite column as per ACI
P_{EC4}	Nominal axial capacity of composite column as per EC4
P_{cr}	Elastic buckling load of the column
P_{pl}	Plastic resistance of the cross-section to compression
t	Thickness of box or circular steel tube section
t_f	Flange thickness of steel I- section
t_w	Web thickness of steel I- section
Z_c	Plastic section modulus of concrete
Z_s	Plastic section modulus of steel
Z_r	Plastic section modulus of reinforcement bar
γ_c	Partial factor of safety for concrete in EC4
γ_s	Partial factor of safety for Steel in EC4
γ_r	Partial factor of safety for reinforcement in EC4
δ	Steel contribution ratio
ϵ_c	Strain in concrete
ϵ_s	Strain in steel
ϵ_r	Strain in reinforcement
η_1	Coefficient of confinement for concrete
η_2	Coefficient of confinement for steel
λ	Non dimensional slenderness ratio

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