

Proposal of Model Equation on Mechanical Properties of Concrete with Lightweight Aggregate at elevated Temperature

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ABSTRACT

The coarse aggregates and loading conditions play an important role in mechanical properties of concrete at elevated temperature. Therefore, effects of loading conditions and coarse aggregate type on the mechanical properties of concrete at elevated temperature are investigated in this study. As a result, it was confirmed that lightweight aggregate concrete has better thermal properties than normal weight aggregate concrete. Based on this, the model equations for the compressive strength at elevated temperatures and thermal strain were proposed in this study.

1. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is a mixture of different kinds of materials that have different thermal expansion coefficients. Hence, when the temperature of concrete is altered, the different changes in volume of its component materials lead to crack formation inside the structure, thus reducing concrete durability. This thermal expansion of concrete is affected by coarse aggregates, which account for most of the volume (see Fig. 1).

Studies on the properties of concrete at elevated temperatures with various kinds of coarse aggregates such as Andiç-Çakır (2012) and Turker (2001) have been conducted by many researchers, especially on those employing artificial lightweight aggregates that have a small thermal expansion coefficient. However, studies considering the influence of the load which should be considered in the concrete member have not been conducted sufficiently.

Therefore, in this study, the effects of loading conditions and the type of coarse aggregate on the mechanical properties of concrete at elevated temperatures were evaluated. Based on this, the model equations for the compressive strength at elevated temperatures and thermal strain were proposed.

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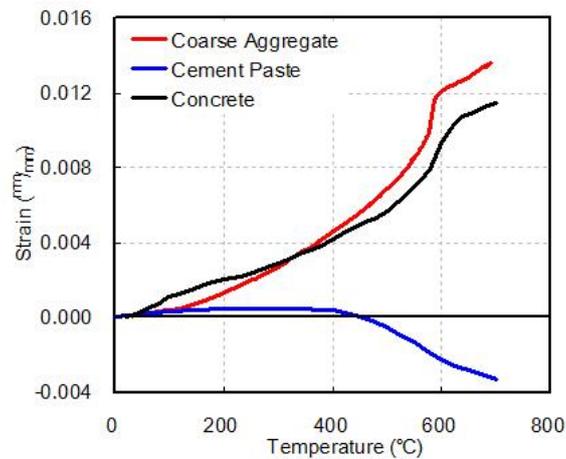


Fig. 1 Thermal expansion of concrete constituent material

Table 1 Experimental plan

ID.	Aggregate type	Loading level ($\times f_{cu}$)	Target temp. (°C)	Evaluation items
NWC	Granite	0.0	20, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compressive strength at elevated temperature • Thermal expansion • Total strain
LWC	Clay-ash	0.2		
		0.4		

Table 2 Concrete mixing proportion

ID.	W/B (%)	f_{cu} (MPa)	Slump-flow (mm)	Air (%)	S/a (%)	Unit weight (kg/m ³)				
						W	C	SF	S	G
NWC	35	68	650±100	4±2	40	165	470	-	692	1071
LWC	33	69				155	432	38	687	676

2. EXPERIMENTAL PLAN AND METHOD

2.1 Experimental Plan and Concrete Mixing Proportion

The experimental plan is described in **Table 1**, while **Table 2** shows the concrete constituents. W/B was set at 35 % for the NWC and 33 % for the LWC. The loading conditions were set at 20 % and 40 % of the compressive strength at room temperature, as well as considering the non-loading condition.

Table 3 Physical properties of used materials

Materials		Physical Properties
Cement		Ordinary Portland Cement Density : 3.15g/cm ³ , Specific surface area : 3,630cm ² /g
Fine aggregate		Washed sand Density : 2.64g/cm ³ , Water absorption ratio : 1.03 %
Coarse aggregate	Normal	Crushed granite Max size : 20mm, Density : 3.15g/cm ³ , Water absorption ratio : 0.97 %
	Lightweight	Clay-ash type artificial lightweight aggregate Max size : 13mm, Density : 1.68g/cm ³ , Water absorption ratio : 15.27 %
Silica fume		Density : 2.23g/cm ³ , Specific surface area : 200,000cm ² /g
Admixture		Polycarboxylic water reducing agent

Table 4 Cross-sectional shape of used coarse aggregate

Aggregate type	Normal aggregate (Granite)	Artificial lightweight aggregate (Clay-ash)
Cross-sectional shape		

The target heating temperatures were the room temperature (20°C), 100, 200, 300, 500, and 700 °C. At the respective target temperatures, the compressive strength at elevated temperature was measured. The thermal expansion strain, which occurs during heating to the target temperature was also measured.

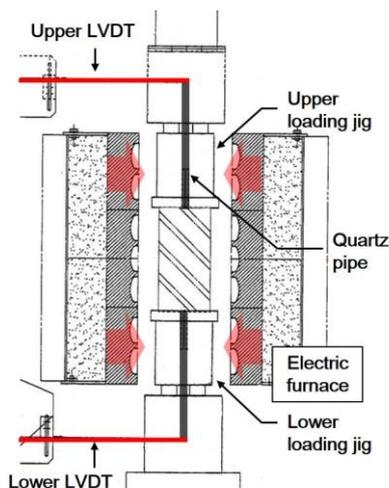


Fig. 2 Experimental apparatus used in this study

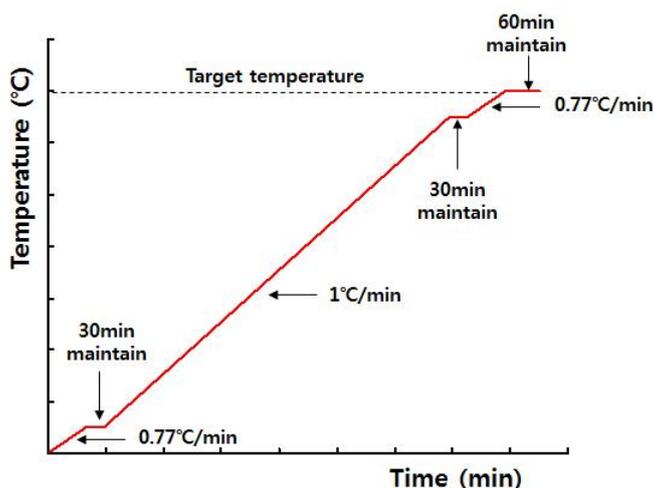


Fig. 3 Heating curve used in this study

2.2 Used Materials

The physical properties of the materials used in this study are described in **Table 3**. For the normal-weight aggregates, crushed granite gravel was used. On the other hand, artificial clay-ash type lightweight aggregates were used. The cross-sectional shape of the coarse aggregates is shown in **Table 4**. It was verified that the artificial lightweight aggregates had many pores inside, formed during the manufacturing process.

2.3 Heating Apparatus and Heating Method

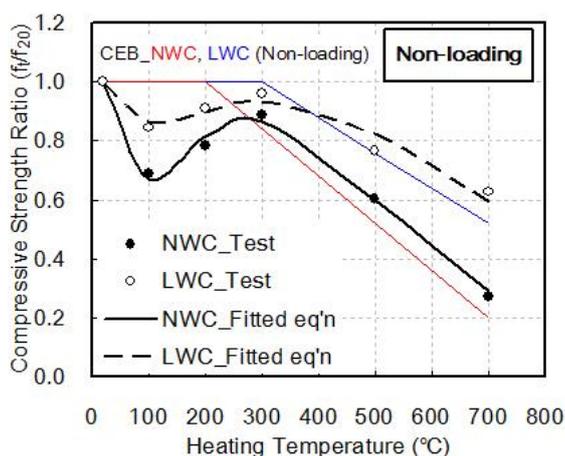
The experimental apparatus used in this study is shown in **Fig. 2**. For simultaneous loading and heating, an electric heating furnace was installed loading apparatus with a

capacity of 2000 kN. To increase the temperature inside and outside of the test specimens to the same level, the heating rate was set at 1 °C/min as shown in Fig. 3, and in particular, in the temperature range up to 50 °C at the beginning of heating and before reaching the target temperature, the heating rate was set at 0.77 °C/min.

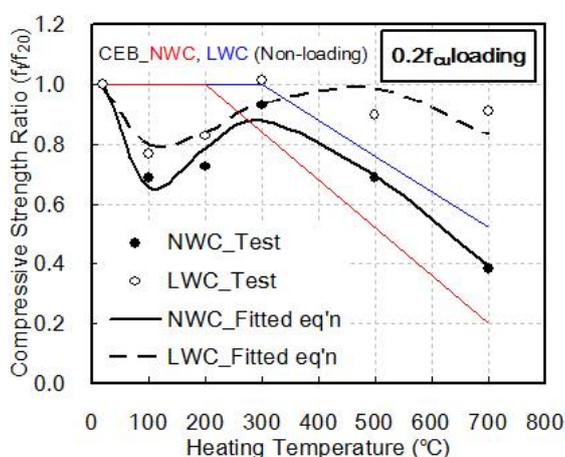
3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Compressive Strength at Elevated Temperature

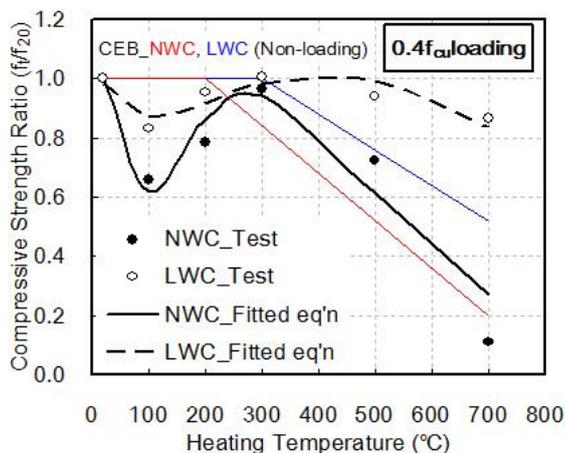
Fig. 4 shows the effects of the loading conditions and the type of coarse aggregate on the compressive strength at elevated temperature. Regardless of loading conditions, LWC showed higher residual compressive strength ratio than NWC. It is considered that crack occurrence at Interfacial Transition Zone (ITZ) by expansion of aggregates known as a cause of strength decrease at elevated temperature occurred little in LWC with lightweight aggregate in which has a number of pores. In addition, compressive strength at elevated temperature was increased by $0.2f_{cu}$ and $0.4f_{cu}$ loading. It is considered that thermal expansion stress is offset by the shrinkage stress by loading.



a) Non-loading condition



b) $0.2f_{cu}$ loading condition



c) 0.4f_{cu} loading condition

Fig. 4 Residual compressive strength by coarse aggregate type and loading conditions

Table 5 Constants of model equation of residual compressive strength

ID.	Loading level	a	b	c	d
NWC	Non	1.00	-0.44	0.84	-0.71
	0.2f _{cu}	1.01	-0.45	0.71	-0.64
	0.4f _{cu}	1.01	-0.78	1.18	-0.77
LWC	Non	0.99	0.12	0.27	-0.47
	0.2f _{cu}	0.99	-0.07	0.27	-0.40
	0.4f _{cu}	0.99	0.09	0.21	-0.38

Based on the experimental results, relationship between compressive strength and the heating temperature was formulated by the Eq. (1). Experimental constants in each test condition were shown in Table 5.

$$y = (a + b \times \theta + c \times \theta^2) \times \exp(d \times \theta) \quad (1)$$

$$\theta = (T - 20) / 100$$

Where y is the residual compressive strength ratio at temperature T °C, T is the temperature (°C), while a, b, c and d are experimental constants.

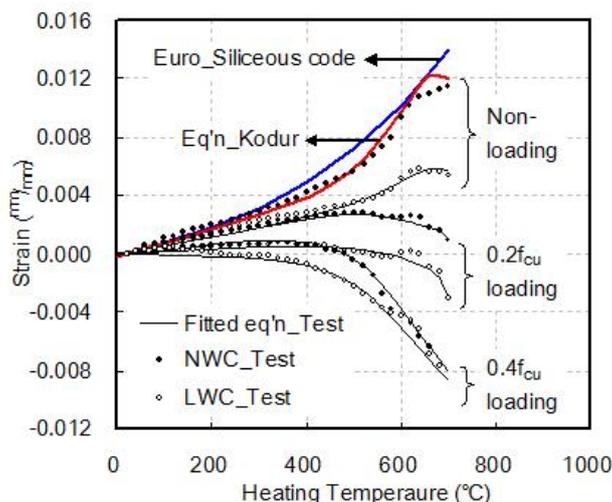


Fig. 5 Thermal expansion strain and total strain by coarse aggregate

Table 6 Model equation of thermal strain

ID.	Loading levels		
	Non	0.2f _{cu}	0.4f _{cu}
NWC	◆ Kodur Model Eq.		
	• 0 ≤ T ≤ 450°C ε = -0.0002+0.000011T	• 0 ≤ T ≤ 450°C ε = -0.0001+0.000006T	• 0 ≤ T ≤ 450°C ε = -0.00001+0.000001T
	• 450 < T ≤ 650°C ε = -0.0115+0.000036T	• 450 < T ≤ 650°C ε = 0.0039-0.000003T	• 450 < T ≤ 700°C ε = 0.0144-0.000032T
	• 650 < T ≤ 700°C ε = 0.0119	• 650 < T ≤ 700°C ε = 0.0164-0.000022T	
LWC	• 0 ≤ T ≤ 450°C ε = -0.00014+0.000007T	• 0 ≤ T ≤ 450°C ε = -0.00002+0.000001T	• 0 ≤ T ≤ 450°C ε = 0.0001-0.000003T
	• 450 < T ≤ 650°C ε = -0.0033+0.000014T	• 450 < T ≤ 650°C ε = 0.0024-0.000005T	• 450 < T ≤ 700°C ε = -0.0207-0.000042T
	• 650 < T ≤ 700°C ε = 0.0058	• 650 < T ≤ 700°C ε = 0.0326-0.000051T	

3.2 Thermal Expansion Strain and Total Strain

Fig. 5 shows the thermal expansion strain and total strain by the coarse aggregate types. In the case of non-loading condition, as the temperature increases, NWC shows a great increase in the thermal expansion strain. LWC, in which the density of coarse

aggregates is low, demonstrated a smaller thermal expansion strain than NWC.

Furthermore, in the case of $0.2f_{cu}$ loading condition, the both specimens showed the smallest strain as the thermal expansion strain is restrained by the shrinkage stress due to loading, whereas in the case of $0.4f_{cu}$ loading condition, they showed an abrupt shrinkage strain at temperatures higher than $500\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ because the stress due to loading becomes greater than that caused by the thermal expansion strain.

In previous studies, the model equations of thermal expansion strain that to be used for fire resistance design of concrete are proposed by coarse aggregate types, but it does not consider the influence of loading conditions. Therefore, thermal strain was formulated by type of coarse aggregate and the amount of loading with Kodur's model which corresponds with result of this study. Formulation is presented in [Table 6](#).

4. CONCLUSIONS

1) Rate of diminution of compressive strength at elevated temperature and thermal expansion strain of LWC was smaller than NWC. In addition, regardless of coarse aggregate types, It was observed that the more loading increases, the higher compressive strength at elevated temperature becomes the smaller thermal expansion strain becomes.

2) Under $0.4f_{cu}$ loading condition, drastic shrinkage strain was observed above $500\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Especially It was observed that rate of diminution of compressive strength at elevated temperature of NWC was high.

3) Unlike existing model for fire resistance design of concrete, model for compressive strength at elevated temperature of concrete and thermal strain considering types of coarse aggregate and loading condition of structure was proposed in this study.

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