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## Abstract:

The confinement of concrete-filled steel columns (CFT) with carbon fiber-reinforced polymer (CFRP) has been extensively studied in recent decades due to their significant applications for the strengthening purposes or construction of composite structures. A CFT column consists of a steel tube and inner-filled concrete, where the steel tube is used as a form and confinement of the concrete, with the concrete being the core that prevents buckling of the tube. Due to the development of concrete technology, high performance concrete (HPC) is increasingly used as the internal material of CFT. However, CFT columns are susceptible to local buckling and constant confining stress after yielding of the steel tube. This is why concrete-filled carbon fiber-reinforced polymer steel composite tubes (CFCT) have been considered. The key parameter, which determines load-carrying capacity, and axial and transverse deformation is the number of CFRP layers. The test results showed that local buckling of the steel tube can be effectively eliminated and that the compressive strength of CFCT is enhanced by the external confinement. It has been shown that the stress-strain characteristic depends on confinement pressure. This paper also discusses damage patterns and presents analysis of limit load capacity based on both laboratory experiments and numerical calculations.

**Keywords:** composite column, fibre-reinforced polymer material, high performance concrete, mechanical properties, numerical analysis, finite element method

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