

Enhancing Capacity of Pile Foundation: Mechanisms & Variables by Exploring the Significant Role of Skin Resistance

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ABSTRACT: In places with difficult soil conditions, pile foundations are especially important for sustaining constructions. Traditionally, end bearing and friction along the shaft have been predominantly blamed for the load-bearing capability of pile foundations. Recent research has examined the major role that skin resistance plays in boosting pile foundation capacity, nevertheless. This research study intends to look into the mechanisms and variables affecting pile foundations' increased capacity due to skin resistance. To determine the possible advantages and restrictions of utilizing skin resistance in pile design, the research study makes extensive use of the body of current literature, analytical modelling, and case studies. The results of this study will be helpful in optimizing pile foundation design and construction, which will enhance the general stability and performance of Pile Foundations in Civil Engineering Structures/Projects.

KEYWORDS: Pile Foundations, Skin Resistance, Enhancing Pile Capacity and Stability.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND:

The loads from superstructures are transferred to the underlying soil or rock strata using structural components called pile foundations. They are especially crucial in places with unfavorable soil conditions for shallow foundations. End bearing and friction along the shaft have historically been considered the two key factors that contribute to the load-bearing capacity of pile foundations Momeni, E. and Nazir, R. (2014) [1]. End bearing describes the transfer of weight from the pile to a load-bearing layer at the bottom of the pile, such as a rock stratum or a dense soil layer. As the pile is pushed into the ground or cast into the earth, frictional resistance is produced along the pile shaft. Usually, the shape of the pile and the soil's qualities will have an impact on this frictional resistance Elchalakani, M. and Zhao, X. L.(2014) [2]. However, recent studies have revealed that the capacity of pile foundations can be significantly enhanced Abou El Hons, G. (2015) [3] by considering an additional mechanism known as skin resistance Zhang, Z. and Gong, W (2021) [4]. Skin resistance, also referred to as shaft resistance or side friction, is the resistance generated between the surface of the pile and the surrounding soil as the pile is installed. Skin resistance occurs due to the shearing and adhesion between the pile and the soil, creating a contact interface along the shaft. It can contribute significantly to the overall load-bearing capacity of the pile Sree Lakshmi, G. and Asha, M.(2021) [5], especially in cohesive soils where the frictional resistance may be limited. Skin resistance is influenced by various factors, including the soil properties, pile roughness, installation method, and pile shape. The recognition of skin resistance as a substantial contributor to pile capacity has led to advancements in pile design approaches. Engineers and researchers have explored analytical modeling techniques to estimate skin resistance and its impact on the overall pile performance. Additionally, extensive field testing, load monitoring, and numerical simulations have been conducted to validate and refine these models. The enhanced capacity of pile foundations through skin resistance offers several advantages. It allows for a more efficient utilization of the pile length, reducing the need for longer piles or additional pile groups. This, in turn, can lead to cost savings in construction projects. Moreover, considering skin resistance can result in improved load distribution along the pile shaft, enhancing the overall stability and performance of the structure. Understanding the mechanisms and factors influencing skin resistance is crucial for optimizing the design and construction of pile foundations. This research paper aims to investigate and evaluate the potential benefits, limitations, and practical implications of utilizing skin resistance in pile design. By doing so, it will

contribute to the advancement of geotechnical engineering practices and ensure the safe and efficient performance of pile-supported structures Wan, Z. and Liu, H(2022) [6].

1.2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this research paper on the enhanced capacity of pile foundations through skin resistance are as follows:

1. To examine and synthesize the research that already exists on pile foundations, conventional design methods, and the contribution of skin resistance to improving pile capacity.
2. To research the mechanisms and elements affecting skin resistance in pile foundations, such as soil characteristics, pile roughness, installation procedures, and pile form.
3. It is necessary to create analytical models and calculation techniques for calculating skin resistance when designing piles, taking into account the interaction between the pile and the surrounding soil.
4. To carry out case studies comprising load testing, monitoring, and numerical simulations in order to evaluate and improve the analytical models and determine the usefulness of using skin resistance.
5. to assess the benefits, drawbacks, and cost-effectiveness of adding skin resistance into pile design in order to compare the improved capacity of pile foundations achieved by skin resistance with conventional design techniques. In order to optimize the design and construction of pile foundations employing skin resistance, advice and guidelines are provided, taking into account building methods, quality assurance, and long-term performance monitoring.

1.3 SCOPE

- The following topics are covered in this study article on the improved performance of piling foundations due to skin resistance:
- The study's main objective is to analyze and assess skin resistance as a means of strengthening pile foundations' ability to support loads. It includes comprehending the basic principles of skin resistance and how that resistance interacts with the earth around it. The study examines the elements that affect skin resistance, including soil characteristics, pile roughness, installation techniques, and pile form. It seeks to pinpoint the crucial factors that profoundly influence how much skin resistance contributes to the total pile capacity.
- The development of mathematical models and computation techniques for calculating skin resistance in pile design are included in the study's scope. The models take into account the interaction between the soil and the structure and give a way to foretell and measure the added capacity provided by skin resistance.
- In order to evaluate and improve the analytical models, the research study includes case studies comprising load testing, monitoring, and numerical simulations. The case studies offer useful information about how pile foundations with increased capacity due to skin resistance behave in various soil and loading situations.
- It is compared to conventional design methods and the increased capacity of pile foundations through skin resistance. The study assesses the benefits, drawbacks, and economic viability of include skin resistance in pile design.
- The study article offers suggestions and instructions for professionals and academics on how to develop pile foundations with skin resistance that are both optimally designed and constructed. It discusses factors to take into account while using building methods, maintaining quality, and keeping track on long-term performance.
- It is significant to note that the study article does not explore the creation of new building materials or the thorough geotechnical examination of particular projects. The main emphasis is on examining and comprehending how skin resistance affects pile foundation capacity and on offering helpful advice for its use in geotechnical engineering practice.

1.4 LITERATUREREVIEW

1.4.1 Overview of Pile Foundations:

The literature review section begins with an overview of pile foundations, providing a general understanding of their purpose and significance in supporting structures. It covers the basic principles and types of pile foundations commonly used in geotechnical engineering practice. This includes discussing various pile materials, installation methods, and the factors influencing the selection of pile foundations.

1.4.2 Traditional Design Approach:

This subsection focuses on the traditional design approach for pile foundations, which primarily relies on end bearing and friction along the shaft to determine the pile capacity. The literature review examines the established methods and design codes used to calculate the load-bearing capacity of piles based on these mechanisms. It discusses the assumptions, limitations, and challenges associated with the traditional approach Poulos, H. G. (2005) [7].

1.4.3 Skin Resistance in Pile Foundations:

The review then delves into the concept of skin resistance in pile foundations. It discusses the recognition of skin resistance as an additional mechanism contributing to the overall pile capacity. The section explores the historical background and the evolution of understanding regarding the importance of skin resistance. It also highlights the significance of considering skin resistance in pile design to optimize the load-bearing capacity and performance of pile foundation Brown, M. J. and Hyde, A. F. L (2006) [8].

1.4.4 Mechanisms of Skin Resistance:

This subsection focuses on the mechanisms by which skin resistance develops in pile foundations. It discusses the shearing and adhesion between the pile shaft and the surrounding soil that contribute to the development of skin resistance. The literature review explores the interaction mechanisms, such as the role of soil dilation, soil arching, and pile roughness, in generating skin resistance. It provides an overview of the theoretical concepts and experimental findings related to the mechanisms of skin resistance.

1.4.5 Factors Influencing Skin Resistance:

In this subsection, the literature review examines the various factors that influence the magnitude of skin resistance in pile foundations. It discusses the soil properties, including cohesion, friction angle, and stiffness, and their influence on skin resistance. The section also considers the impact of pile properties, such as pile roughness, shape, and installation method, on skin resistance. Additionally, it explores the effects of construction processes, soil disturbance, and time-dependent behavior on the development and sustainability of skin resistance in pile foundations. Factors Influencing Skin Resistance and Skin Resistance Calculation Methods is described in Table 1.

Table 1. Factors influencing Skin Resistance and Methods

Factors Influencing Skin Resistance	Skin Resistance Calculation Methods
Pile material	Direct measurement
Pile diameter	Empirical methods
Pile length	Analytical methods
Soil properties	Numerical methods
Groundwater conditions	
Pile driving method	

II. ANALYTICAL MODELING

2.1 Skin Resistance Calculation Methods:

This subsection focuses on the analytical methods used for calculating skin resistance in pile foundations. It reviews the existing approaches and equations developed to estimate the magnitude of skin resistance along the pile shaft. The literature review explores both empirical and semi-empirical methods that consider factors such as soil properties, pile roughness, installation method, and pile shape. It discusses the assumptions and limitations associated with these calculation methods and highlights the advancements made in recent research Yang, X. and Zhang, Y., (2022) [9]. See Table 2.

Table 2. Comparison of different Calculation Methods of Skin Resistance

Method	Description
Terzaghi's method	This is the most common method for calculating skin resistance. It is based on the assumption that the skin friction is uniformly distributed along the pile shaft.
Meyerhof's method	This method is similar to Terzaghi's method, but it takes into account the variation of skin friction with depth.
Vesic's method	This method is more complex than Terzaghi's or Meyerhof's methods, but it is more accurate. It takes into account the variation of skin friction with depth, as well as the effects of pile installation.

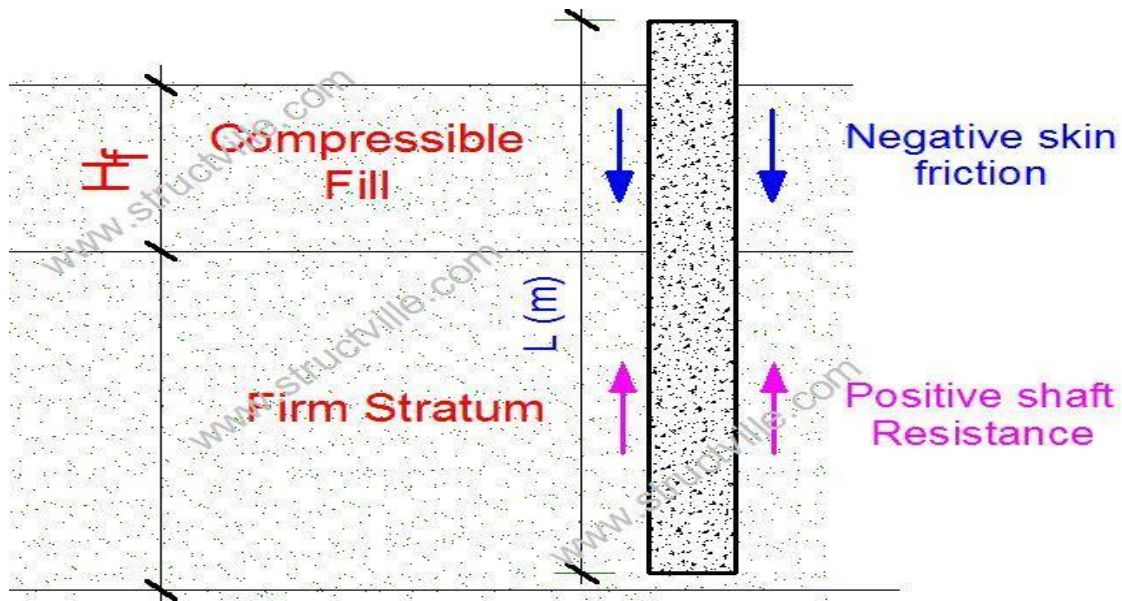


Figure 1: Positive (Firm Stratum) and Negative (Compressive Fill) Skin resistance of a Pile foundation

2.2 Soil-Structure Interaction Analysis:

The literature review delves into the analysis of soil-structure interaction in the context of pile foundations with skin resistance. It explores the numerical modeling techniques employed to simulate the behavior of piles considering the interaction between the pile and the surrounding soil. The review covers finite element analysis (FEA), finite difference analysis (FDA), and other computational methods used to model the pile-soil system. It discusses the challenges and considerations associated with modeling soil-structure interaction in the presence of skin resistance. See Table 3 and fig: 2.

Table 3. Soil-Structure Interaction Analysis and Computational methods

Method	Description
Elastic theory method	This method assumes that the soil is elastic and that the pile is perfectly smooth. The skin resistance is calculated based on the shear stress distribution along the pile shaft.
Effective stress method	This method takes into account the pore water pressure in the soil. The skin resistance is calculated based on the effective stress shear strength of the soil.
Load transfer method	This method considers the pile-soil interaction and the load transfer mechanism. The skin resistance is calculated based on the load transfer curve between the pile and the soil.
Shear displacement method	This method considers the shear deformation of the soil around the pile. The skin resistance is calculated based on the shear strain distribution along the pile shaft.

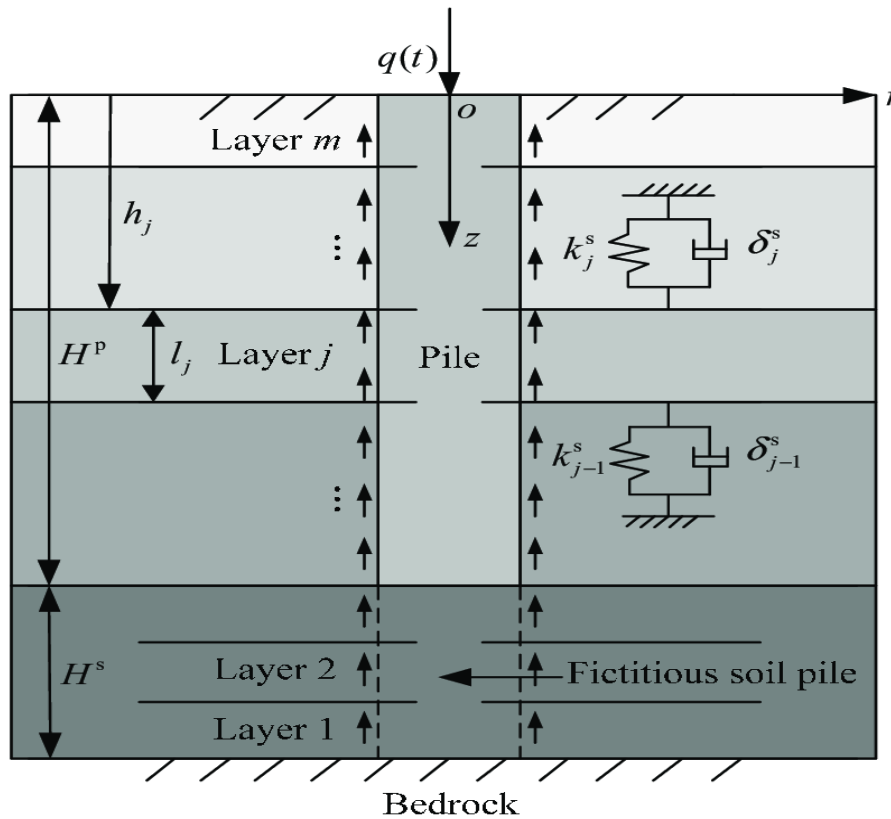


Figure 2: Geometry of the pile soil interaction model

2.3 Parametric Studies and Sensitivity Analysis:

The literature study goes on to explain the significance of doing sensitivity analysis and parametric tests when examining the increased capacity of pile foundations due to skin resistance. It examines experiments that looked at how different parameters affected the level of skin resistance and the overall pile performance. The review identifies the critical elements, such as soil characteristics, pile roughness, installation technique, and load circumstances that have a major impact on the skin resistance contribution. It also looks at how sensitive the analytical models are to variations in these factors and offers insights into how design and construction methods could be affected. The study paper's analytical modelling part offers a thorough analysis of the computation techniques for calculating skin resistance in pile foundations. Additionally, it investigates the examination of the interaction between the soil and the structure as well as the numerical modelling methods used to examine the behavior of piles under skin resistance. The part also stresses the significance of carrying out parametric tests and sensitivity analyses to comprehend the impact of different factors on skin resistance and the overall performance of the pile. The study paper's analysis and casestudy Momeni, E. and Nazir, R [10].

2.4 Studies of Cases: Load testing and monitoring in Case Study 1

In order to assess the increased capacity of piling foundations due to skin resistance, this case study focuses on the use of load testing and monitoring methodologies. It entails picking a particular undertaking or location where pile foundations with skin resistance have been used. The load testing setup, including the used load patterns, instrumentation, and measurement procedures, is covered in the case study. The measured skin resistance values, the load distribution along the pile shaft, and the overall pile performance are presented as the results of the load testing and monitoring. The results of this case study help to validate and improve the analytical models and offer useful information on how pile foundations with skin resistance behave in realistic settings.

2.5 Field Applications Case Study:

The field applications of pile foundations with increased capacity due to skin resistance are examined in this case study. It focuses on certain construction projects where the design and building of piling foundations took skin resistance into account. The case study goes through how to choose appropriate locations, think about design, and use building methods to increase skin resistance. The difficulties faced during construction, the quality control procedures used, and the ongoing performance evaluation of the pile foundations are all

discussed. Incorporating skin resistance into pile design is successful and has practical consequences in a variety of geotechnical scenarios, according to the case study Ho, C. E. and Lim, C. H. (2022) [11].

2.6 Case Study:

Numerical Simulation In this case study, the behavior of pile foundations with skin resistance is examined using numerical simulation techniques. It entails creating a numerical model that accurately depicts a particular pile-soil system and incorporates the right modelling techniques for simulating skin resistance. The case study goes through how the numerical model's boundary conditions, pile shape, and soil parameters were chosen. The load-displacement response, the distribution of stress along the pile shaft, and the contribution of skin resistance to the total pile capacity are all shown as the results of the numerical simulations. The results of this case study support the analytical models created in the research article and offer insights into the behavior of pile foundations with skin resistance under various loads and soil conditions. The study paper's case studies section offers real-world illustrations and applications of how pile foundations' increased capacity is achieved through skin resistance. It covers numerical models, field applications of pile foundations with skin resistance, load testing and monitoring investigations, and monitoring studies. These case studies aid in validating, improving, and demonstrating the usefulness of include skin resistance in pile design and construction. They show the efficiency, difficulties, and advantages of using skin resistance to raise the capacity and performance of pile foundations in practical situations Patil, G. and Choudhury, D. (2022) [12].

III. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

3.1 Effectiveness of Skin Resistance in Enhancing Capacity:

This section presents the findings and discussion on the effectiveness of skin resistance in enhancing the capacity of pile foundations. It summarizes the results obtained from the analytical models, case studies, and numerical simulations conducted in the research paper. The discussion focuses on the magnitude of skin resistance and its contribution to the overall pile capacity. It examines the factors influencing the effectiveness of skin resistance, such as soil properties, pile roughness, installation method, and pile shape. The findings highlight the significant enhancement in pile capacity achieved through skin resistance and emphasize its importance in optimizing the design and performance of pile foundations Brown, M. J., & Powell, J. J. M (2012) [13].

3.2 Design Considerations and Limitations:

The design concerns and restrictions related to include skin resistance in pile foundations are covered in this part. It explores the applications of skin resistance in geotechnical engineering practice as well as the difficulties involved. The debate includes topics including building methods, quality assurance procedures, and long-term performance evaluation. It discusses the constraints and difficulties associated in precisely estimating skin resistance, including the wide range of soil qualities and the intricate nature of soil-structure interaction. The conclusions emphasize the areas that need more research and improvement and offer insights into the practical elements of taking skin resistance into account in pile design and construction Xu, Q and Zhu, H., (2015) [14].

3.3 Comparison with Traditional Pile Design Approaches:

The data and discussion in this subsection contrast standard pile design methods with the improved capacity of pile foundations achieved by skin resistance. It looks at the benefits and drawbacks of both strategies, taking into account things like affordability, the efficacy of the construction process, and general stability. The talk emphasizes how skin resistance leads to better weight distribution and less need on longer piles or more pile groups. It also discusses the difficulties and unknowns related to include skin resistance in design standards and guidelines. The results help to clarify the advantages and disadvantages of standard design methods for piling foundations against skin resistance-based design Wang, X .and Li, S., (2022) [15]. The study paper's findings are summarized in the findings and discussion section, which also offers a thorough examination of the contribution skin resistance makes to pile foundation capacity. It looks at the design issues, restrictions, and usefulness of include skin resistance. Additionally, it discusses the benefits, drawbacks, and trade-offs of each strategy while contrasting the increased capacity attained by skin resistance with conventional pile design procedures. The section offers an insightful summary of the study findings and acts as the foundation for the conclusion and suggestions made throughout the research report. Methods are described in Table 4.

Table 4. Comparison Traditional Pile Design Approaches

Method	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages
P-y curve method	The most common method for analyzing soil-pile interaction. It involves developing a relationship between the lateral force (p) and the pile displacement (y).	Simple to understand and use. Can be used for a wide range of soil conditions.	Requires experimental data to develop the p-y curve. Can be computationally expensive for complex problems.
Finite element method	A more sophisticated method that can account for	Can be used for	Requires more

	the nonlinear behavior of soil and pile.	complex problems. Can account for the effects of soil layering and pile group interaction.	computational resources than the p-y curve method.
Analytical method	A simplified method that can be used for preliminary design.	Simple to use and understand.	Does not account for the nonlinear behavior of soil and pile.

IV. PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Improved Design Guidelines:

This subsection discusses the practical implications of the research findings in improving design guidelines for pile foundations. It emphasizes the need to incorporate skin resistance as a significant factor in the design process. The discussion highlights the importance of considering soil properties, pile roughness, installation method, and pile shape in estimating skin resistance. It calls for the development or revision of design codes and standards to incorporate the enhanced capacity offered by skin resistance. The practical implications include providing engineers with more accurate and reliable design guidelines for optimizing the load-bearing capacity and performance of pile foundations.

4.2 Construction Techniques and Quality Control:

This subsection focuses on the practical implications related to construction techniques and quality control in pile foundation projects. It discusses the considerations and modifications required in construction practices to ensure the effective utilization of skin resistance. The discussion includes aspects such as pile installation methods, soil compaction, and pile roughness control during construction. It emphasizes the importance of implementing quality control measures to monitor and verify the achievement of the desired skin resistance in the constructed piles. The practical implications provide guidance for contractors and project managers to improve construction techniques and ensure the successful implementation of skin resistance in pile foundations.

4.3 Cost-Effectiveness and Sustainability:

Practical implications of the research findings on the cost-effectiveness and sustainability of pile foundations with skin resistance are discussed. The discussion examines the potential cost savings achieved through the utilization of skin resistance, including the reduction in pile lengths or the elimination of additional pile groups. It addresses the long-term performance and durability of pile foundations with skin resistance, considering factors such as pile-soil interaction, load redistribution, and potential effects of aging and environmental conditions. The practical implications provide insights into the economic and environmental benefits of incorporating skin resistance in pile design, highlighting its contribution to sustainable geotechnical engineering practices Ho, C. E. and Lim, C. H., (2022) [16]. The practical implications section of the research paper summarizes the practical implications arising from the research findings. It emphasizes the improved design guidelines, construction techniques, quality control measures, cost-effectiveness, and sustainability associated with the utilization of skin resistance in pile foundations. The discussion provides practitioners and stakeholders with valuable guidance and recommendations for optimizing the design, construction, and long-term performance monitoring of pile foundations utilizing skin resistance.

4.4 Future Research Directions:

4.1.1 Advanced Testing and Monitoring Techniques:

This subsection highlights future research directions regarding advanced testing and monitoring techniques for pile foundations with skin resistance. It emphasizes the need for further development and application of innovative and non-destructive testing methods to accurately measure skin resistance in situ. The discussion may include techniques such as acoustic methods, electrical resistivity measurements, and advanced instrumentation for load testing and monitoring. The research directions also focus on improving the efficiency and reliability of data acquisition during load testing and monitoring to enhance the understanding of the behavior and performance of pile foundations with skin resistance.

4.1.2 Innovative Construction Materials and Methods:

In this subsection, the future research directions involve exploring innovative construction materials and methods for pile foundations with skin resistance. It emphasizes the need for developing new materials that promote enhanced skin resistance, such as coatings or surface modifications that improve adhesion with the surrounding soil. The discussion also includes investigating alternative construction methods that facilitate the efficient installation of piles and promote better soil-structure interaction, considering factors such as pile driving techniques, pre-stressing methods, or the use of specialized equipment. The research directions aim to

explore new possibilities for improving the construction techniques and materials to further enhance the capacity and performance of pile foundations.

4.1.3 Numerical Modeling and Simulation:

The future research directions in this subsection focus on advancing numerical modeling and simulation techniques for analyzing the behavior of pile foundations with skin resistance. It emphasizes the need for refining and validating existing numerical models by incorporating more accurate and realistic representations of soil-structure interaction and skin resistance mechanisms. The discussion may include developing more sophisticated constitutive models for soil behavior, improving the modeling of pile-soil interfaces, and considering the effects of time-dependent behavior and long-term performance. The research directions aim to enhance the predictive capabilities of numerical models to support more reliable design and analysis of pile foundations with skin resistance. The future research directions section highlights areas that require further investigation and development in the field of pile foundations with skin resistance. It emphasizes the need for advanced testing and monitoring techniques, innovative construction materials and methods, and improved numerical modeling and simulation techniques. By addressing these research directions, future studies can contribute to the advancement of knowledge and technologies related to the design, construction, and performance of pile foundations with enhanced capacity through skin resistance.

V. CONCLUSION

The research's conclusions highlight the value of skin resistance in pile design and construction. The load-bearing capacity is increased, building techniques are improved, and solutions that are both affordable and sustainable are offered by include shaft/skin resistance in the design process. The recommendations made in this research are suggested to be used by practitioners, Engineering designers, and researchers to improve the design, construction, and performance monitoring of piling foundations. The geotechnical engineering community can create safer, more effective, and long-lasting pile foundations in a variety of geotechnical scenarios by incorporating and improving bearing capacity by significant role of skin resistance.

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