HIGH PERFORMANCE INDUSTRIALISED BUILDING SYSTEM MULTI-LAYERS SLIM BEAMS

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ABSTRACT

The qualities and the quantities of materials are not controlled in proper way when a lot of concrete and many steel reinforcements are being wasted. Variation of the sizes of beams and columns are not simplified and generalized, which leads to the increase of cost of construction and unnecessary need. Nowadays, Industrialised Building system (IBS) has become an alternative to speed up the construction completion and to increase the flexibility. The IBS multi-layers slim beam with new type of connection is a new innovation. It is based on the concept of mobility and deployable to speed up the construction process, unification and adaptability. For this purpose, an experimental investigation into the behaviour of six IBS multi-layers slim beams made of high strength concrete and rectangular spiral shear reinforcement with new type of connection has been carried out in three different testing assemblies. These tests were carried out to determine the laboratory ultimate strength capacity of these multi-layers IBS slim beams and to assess the performance and the behaviour of connections. All specimens were connected to a column frame steel-section channel supported on a 3.4 m span. The models were subjected to two point loads. Deflections at various points, crack patterns, crack widths, strain in steel, strains on concrete surface and rotation of connection were recorded during the test. The concrete properties i.e. compressive strength and tensile strength were also recorded. It was found that the capacity of SET 2 (2 slim beams) increased by 87% with comparison to SET 1 (1 slim beam) and the capacity of SET 3 (3 slim beams) increased by 28% with comparison to SET 2 (2 slim beams). The crack patterns of all specimens were similar and the mode of ultimate failure was flexural behaviour. It was associated with crushing and spalling of the concrete at supports. The initial stiffness of connection increased with the increase of the number of slim beams in the set beam. The rotational capacity (ductility) behaved differently as the size of the combined beams increases, and the connections lose their ductility with the increasing number of slim beams. The experimental results were comparable with simulation results carried out by finite element software.

ABSTRAK

Kualiti dan kuantiti bahan yang tidak dikawal dengan baik akan mengakibatkan pembaziran konkrit dan tetulang keluli. Perbezaan saiz rasuk dan tiang yang tidak dipermudahkan akan meningkatkan kos pembinaan yang tidak diingini. Pada masa kini, Sistem Bangunan Perindustrian (Industrialised Building System, IBS) telah menjadi satu alternatif untuk mempercepatkan penyiapan pembinaan dan meningkatkan keupayaan serta fleksibiliti. Set rasuk nipis IBS adalah satu innovasi baru yang mengetengahkan penyambungan yang baru. Ianya adalah berdasarkan konsep mudah alih dan membolehkan proses pembinaan di singkatkan dengan penggunaan struktur yang mudah. Bagi tujuan ini, penyiasatan makmal ke atas kelakunan enam IBS dengan rasuk nipis yang diperbuat daripada konkrit kekuatan tinggi dan tetulang ricih lingkaran segi empat tepat dan sambungan jenis baru telah dijalankan dalam tiga kumpulan ujian. Ia adalah untuk menentukan kapasiti kekuatan muktamad pelbagai set rasuk IBS langsing. Ia juga menilai prestasi dan kelakunan sambungan. Semua spesimen disambungkan kepada tiang keluli dan disokong pada rentangan 3.4 meter. Model diuji dengan dua beban titik. Pesongan di pelbagai tempat, corak retak, lebar retak, terikan keluli, terikan permukaan konkrit dan putaran sambungan dicatatkan semasa ujian. Sifat-sifat konkrit iaitu kekuatan mampatan dan kekuatan tegangan juge direkodkan. Didapati bahawa kapasiti SET 2 (2 rasuk nipis) meningkat sebanyak 87% berbanding SET 1 (1 rasuk nipis) dan kapasiti SET 3 (3 rasuk nipis) meningkat sebanyak 28% berbanding SET 2 (2 rasuk nipis). Corak retak semua spesimen adalah serupa dan mod kegagalan adalah lenturan, dengan hancuran dan kopekan konkrit pada sokongan. Kekukuhan awal sambungan meningkat dengan peningkatan bilangan rasuk tipis dalam set. Kapasiti (kemuluran) berbeza apabila bilangan rasuk nipis berubah dan sambungan kehilangan kemuluran dengan bertambahnya bilangan rasuk nipis. Keputusan eksperimen adalah sepadan dengan keputusan simulasi yang dijalankan dengan perisian unsur terhingga.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

G _c	specific gravity of the cement or cementitious material
G _{ssd}	aggregate specific gravity in saturated surface dry condition
W _{abs}	absorbed water in the aggregate in per cent
W _{tot}	total water content of the aggregate in per cent
W_h	moisture content of the aggregate in per cent
Gs	specific gravity of the liquid superplasticizer
S	total solid content of the superplasticizer in per cent
M_{sol}	mass of solids in the superplasticizer
d	superplasticizer dosage as a percentage of the mass of solids in comparison to the total mass of cementitious materials
V _{liq}	volume of liquid superplasticizer
$V_{\rm w}$	volume of water in the liquid superplasticizer
V_{sol}	volume of solids in the superplasticizer
W	mass of water in kg per cubic metre of concrete
В	mass of binder in kg per cubic metre
С	Binder Mass
As	Cross sectional area of reinforcement
As,min	minimum cross sectional area of reinforcement
A_{sw}	Cross sectional area of shear reinforcement
Ec	Tangent modulus of elasticity of normal weight concrete

S	Height of the compression zone in equivalent stress block
Es	Design value of modulus of elasticity of reinforcing steel
SLS	Serviceability limit state
ULS	Ultimate limit state
V	Shear force
V_{Ed}	Design value of the applied shear force
b	Overall width of a cross-section of beam
d	Effective depth of a cross-section
fcd	Design value of concrete compressive strength
fck	Characteristic compressive cylinder strength of concrete at 28 days
f _c ,	Compressive cylinder strength of concrete at 28 days
fcm	Mean value of concrete cylinder compressive strength
fctm	Mean value of axial tensile strength of concrete
h	Overall depth of a cross-section
α	Angle ; ratio
β	Angle ; ratio; coefficient
γ c	Partial factor for concrete
γs	Partial factor for reinforcing steel
λ	height of the compression zone in equivalent stress block
W	Width of the compression zone in equivalent stress block
η	Effective strength

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Structural engineers, regardless of locality, have as a part of their responsibility, the safety of lives that is a prime consideration than any other profession. It is this responsibility that accounts for their conservatism. In the field of engineering materials and methods of construction, great advances have been accomplished within the past few decades through precast and prestressed concrete, high strength steel, high performance concrete. Materials improvements have also been driven along design procedures and process of materializing the structures as evidenced by the gaining popularity of ultimate strength design, plastic design and limit state design.

Industrialised Building System (IBS) is a coordinated dimensioning of components for construction where all parts of the structure such as column, beam, and slab is prefabricated or precast in the factory or site factory and assemble it on site. IBS has emerged as a potential solution for modular coordinated constructions. IBS concrete structures, where the superstructure is erected from the individual elements of prefabricated components, manufactured in factory in a favourable environment and strict production and quality control, will produces units of high quality in term of performance and appearance. The designer can select from a range of finishes, be able to inspect and accept the units before they leave the factory. Public buildings such as schools, universities, hospitals, offices, car parks, residential housing and hotels can be built using IBS concrete components.

Malaysia have utilises precast concrete system but the use of IBS is still low compared to developed countries such as United States, Europe and Japan [1]. IBS shall be able to merge with any scheme of other constructions such as steel or other precast component producer. One of the early definitions of industrialised building system has been given by Esa et al [2], in which IBS is a continuum beginning from utilising craft-men for every aspect of construction to a system that use manufacturing production in order to minimise resource wastage and enhance value for end users.

In the 1970s, when the compressive strength of the concrete used in the columns of some high-rise buildings was higher than that of the usual concretes used in construction, there is no doubt that it was legitimate to call these new concretes 'high-strength concretes HSC'. They were used only because their strength was higher than that of the usual concretes. However, when superplasticizers began to be used to decrease the water/cement (W/C) ratio, it was found that concretes with a very low w/c ratio also had other improved characteristics, such as higher flowability, higher elastic modulus, higher flexural strength, lower permeability, improved abrasion resistance and better durability. Thus the expression 'high-strength concrete' no longer adequately described the overall improvement in the properties of this new family of concretes. Therefore the expression 'high-performance concrete HPC' became more and more widely used. High performance concrete leads to achieve high performance structure.

The use of HPC in the IBS can offer several benefits such as reduce times of casting, lifting less weight and more slim members and less mobilization effort.

In this study, an experimental investigations will carried out on new IBS concrete slim (the ratio of height to width is more or equal to 1:3) beams using new type of steel-connection which is able to erect more than one slim beam as multi-layers unit to form a frame for whole structural system as one of its high performance characteristics, this study checks the behaviour of IBS slim beam during the loading until the ultimate failure.

1.2 Statement of Problem

The IBS multi-layers slim beam is a new innovation. It is based on the concept of mobility and deployable to speed up the construction process, unification and adaptability. New innovation design has to be checked and verified experimentally. The beam components beside simulation under applied loads to be check for its real behaviour and rare availability of supporting content in code of practices for design, especially beams with spiral shear reinforcement and new type of structural connection.

Relating to these purposes, an experimental investigation into the behaviour of six IBS slim beams made of high strength concrete and rectangular spiral shear reinforcement at sizes of 100 x 300mm of concrete has been designed and put into study.

1.3 Aim of the Study

The aims of this study are to develop a high performance concrete (HPC) slim beam and the effect of its assembly for an IBS from standardised cross section.

1.4 Objectives of the Study

The prime objective of this research is to investigate the behaviour of HPC multi-layers smart IBS slim beam under two points load test to the failure.

In order to achieve the aim and the prime objective of this study, the following specific objectives are proposed:

- 1. To determine the experimental ultimate strength capacity of these beam structures sets of multi-layers IBS slim beams.
- 2. To evaluate the ultimate flexural behaviour of IBS slim beam structures sets and to check the attribute of strength of the assembly.
- 3. To assess the performance and behaviour of connections for load transfer mechanism formation to column.
- 4. To study the experimental results with finite element methods.

1.5 Scope of the Work

The scope of the work study of item (a), (b) and (c) is to fabricate to precision a series of six slim beams in laboratory with size of $100 \times 300 \times 3400$ mm long to form 3 combination of beam structure. These beams are to be tested in laboratory condition to ultimate failure. The formation of beam structure comprising:

- a) Set 1: Single slim beam;
- b) Set 2: Double slim beam; and
- c) Set 3: Triple slim beam.

1.6 Arrangement of the Thesis

This thesis is divided into seven chapters in addition to the present one as an introduction to this thesis. In Chapter 2, a literature review is presented to give more understanding to the need of industrialised building system. It reviews theoretical and experimental studies of previous work in similar fields. Moreover, different conceptual models of steel connections are also reviewed.

In Chapter 3, the design of high strength concrete mix was illustrated and an Excel spread sheet has been developed for this purpose. Moreover, a design of high strength concrete beam in flexure as well as to shear design with spiral links has been stepwise according to Eurocode 2.

In order to better understand the formation of structures experimental work of IBS slim beams, the components and test setups of six IBS slim beams are explained

in Chapter 4. The details of beam specimens, material properties, instrumentation and the testing procedure used are described.

The results obtained from the experimental work carried out at the Structural and Material Laboratory of the Universiti Technologi Malaysia (UTM) are presented and discussed in Chapter 5. The influence of each design parameter is studied separately, and test results are compared with Eurocode 2 [3], Eurocode 3 [4-5] and Eurocode 4 [6].

The comparisons of all specimen results have been represented in Chapter 6.

Chapter 7 presents general and specific conclusions, together with recommendations for future research. A list of references cited in the thesis and appendices are also presented.

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