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Seminar on

Flexural Behaviours of Engineered Cementitious Composites Encased Steel Composite Beams

Abstract:

This presentation will discuss the flexural and bond-slip behaviour of composite beams fabricated by encasing universal steel beams with Polyvinyl Alcohol-Engineered Cementitious Composite (PVA-ECC) and Light Weight Concrete (LWC). We conducted four-point bending tests on one bare steel and four composite beams with different ECC and LWC encasement configurations. Test results showed that the ECC and LWC encasements could enhance the flexural strength and ductility of bare steel beams significantly. Furthermore, it was found that the weight of the encased beams could be reduced by either replacing the bottom ECC layer with LWC or even only encasing the compression flange of the steel section without reducing the flexural strength of the beam significantly. In addition, the bond-slip behaviour between the ECC matrix and the steel section was investigated. We also developed a non-linear finite element (FE) model which was validated against the test results. A small scale parametric study was then conducted by using the validated FE model to investigate the performances of beams formed by the steel sections with yield strengths ranging from 350 MPa to 960 MPa.

Speaker:

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Venue: CEE Seminar Room D, Block N1, Basement 4, Section C, N1-B4c-09b

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