

# MECHANICAL STUDY ON STEEL-CONCRETE-STEEL(SCS) SANDWICH COMPOSITE BEAM- A REVIEW

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## ABSTRACT

The use of sandwich structure is increased rapidly in various field which uses many applications ranging from satellite, ships, automobiles, bridge construction and many more. Steel-concrete –Steel used in modern industry ,where shear connectors are commonly welded through the profiled steel sheeting to ensure full/partial composite action between the beam and composite slab. This paper reviews mechanical behaviour of steel- concrete-steel sandwich composite beam. This review shows detail investigation on various shear connectors .To review the mechanical property and strength aspect of shear connector. The review result show the various shear connector used in the steel-concrete- steel composite beam.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Steel-Concrete-Steel (SCS) sandwich comprises a central concrete core which is sandwiched between two steel skins to form a composite unit whose behaviour is greatly influenced by the interfacial bond between the two materials. During the past 30 years there have been many research and development in SCS sandwich construction. Cohesive bonding material (e.g. epoxy) and different types of mechanical shear connectors such as headed stud, J hook, Bi-steel connectors, angle shear connectors, plate connectors etc., was proposed to bond the steel plate and the concrete core.

Considering the existing SCS system, commonly used shear connectors is headed stud and J hook connectors were investigated experimentally in the researches. Light weight concrete (LWC) and high performance Ultra Lightweight Cement Composite (ULCC) materials were used as a core material.

## 2. SHEAR CONNECTORS

A Shear connector is a steel projection provided on the top flange of steel composite bridge girders to provide necessary shear transfer between the steel girder and composite slab to enable composite action. The requirements of shear connectors are Providing interface slipping resistance. Preventing complete pull out from the concrete core. Enhancing the cross section shear resistance to resist vertical load. The most widely used form of shear connector is the headed stud or shear stud. A stud that transfer shear stresses between steel and concrete in composite structural member in which stud is welded to the steel plate. The behaviour of shear connector depends on the typical shear connection in composite structure.

## 3. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION

### Objective

- To determine the flexure strength of the composite beam by two-point loading or three-point loading.
- To qualify shear connectors for practical use in composite beam pushout test is carried out.
- To determine the ultimate strength and deformation capacity of the shear connectors.
- To compare the strength behaviour of various shear connectors.

### Scope

- The load carrying capacity of the composite beam is increased.

- The shear resistance of the shear connectors is analysed
- Shear connectors provide good interaction between steel plate and concrete core..

## 4. Literature Review:

**R. Mark Lawson, Hogr Taufiq (2019)** has investigated the partial shear connection in light steel composite beams. A new form of light steel composite beam has been developed that uses C sections acting in tension with shear connectors in the form of screws or bolts or perforations in the web of the C section. The shear and bending resistance is also increased by using side C sections to the beams. Bending tests on point-loaded beams of 0.8, 1.1 and 1.7 m span showed that for the short span beams, the longitudinal shear bond strength of the base C sections is 1.4 N/mm<sup>2</sup> for plain C sections and 2.3 N/mm<sup>2</sup> for perforated C sections when expressed over the horizontal plane. Plain side C sections added 80% and perforated side Cs added 130% to the load-bearing capacity of the composite beams with base Cs. The theory is extended to cover elastic design taking account of partial shear connection in which the shear stiffness of the perforated web of the C section is approximately 10 N/mm<sup>3</sup> (per unit web area) and that of the plain web is approximately 3 N/mm<sup>3</sup>.

**Quanquan Guo, Weiyi Zhao (2019)** investigated the design of steel-concrete composite walls subjected to low-velocity impact. Steel-concrete composite (SC) walls are composed of two steel plates and a concrete core. Experiments have shown that SC walls have excellent resistance to impact loadings, which is a great advantage for the applications in safety-related nuclear facilities. This paper presents an energy method for evaluating the maximum deformation of SC walls under low-velocity impact. The design requirements and flow for SC walls are proposed in three aspects: (i) local failure, (ii) maximum deformation, and (iii) damage degree. The parameters affecting the local failure and damage degree are discussed. The design method is applied to a sample SC wall in the AP1000 nuclear facility to validate its feasibility and provides a simplistic tool for researchers and engineers.

**Luciano M. Bezerra, Otavio O. Cavalcante, Latif Chater, Jorge Bonilla (2018)** studied the Shear connectors are fundamental components for composite steel-concrete beams. Their function is to bring about a good degree of interaction between the concrete slab and the steel profile. The stud bolt connector is currently the most adopted solution, mainly because of its high productivity and practicability on construction sites. However, there are situations where stud bolts or the appropriate equipment for their application may not be available. Alternative shear connectors can substitute stud bolts. In this article, a new V-shaped shear connector is proposed. It was conceived to confine concrete in a larger

frontal contact area and be easy to install and construct. With more contact area, the proposed connector distributes the shear force more uniformly, avoiding high stress concentration compared to the stud bolt option. The V-shaped connector has a higher moment of inertia. It is less flexible than stud bolts and U-connectors under bending. In this research, different V-shaped connectors, with varying thicknesses, are studied experimentally and numerically with push-out tests and FE modelling. The results are compared to standard stud bolts and show that the proposed V-shaped connector may be utilized as an alternative shear connector in composite steel-concrete beams

**UtsabKatwal, Zhong Tao, MdKamrul Hassan (2018)** investigated the Finite element modelling of steel-concrete composite beams with profiled steel sheeting. Steel-concrete composite beams have been widely used in modern construction industry, where headed shear stud connectors are commonly welded through profiled steel sheeting to ensure full/partial composite action between the beam and the composite slab. For such composite beams, there are complex interactions between different components, leading to different failure modes. Finite element (FE) analysis could be used to understand the fundamental behaviour of such beams. But previous FE models have adopted various assumptions to simplify the modelling of some complex interactions such as the interaction between the shear studs and concrete. Accordingly, those FE models have limitations to capture certain types of failure modes. Meanwhile, the actual forces carried by the studs and profiled steel sheeting have not been quantitatively determined. In this context, this paper aims to develop a detailed FE model for composite beams with profiled steel sheeting by considering realistic interaction between different components, fracture of the shear studs and profiled steel sheeting, as well as tensile and compressive damage in concrete. The developed FE model can satisfactorily predict the full-range load–deformation curves of the composite beams and the shear force–slip relationship of the embedded shear studs. The predictions agree very well with a wide range of test data reported in the literature.

**Xiaohu Li, Xiaojun Li (2017)** investigated the Steel plates and concrete filled composite shear walls related nuclear structural engineering: Experimental study for out-of-plane cyclic loading, Based on the program of CAP1400 nuclear structural engineering, the out-of-plane seismic behaviour of steel plate and concrete infill composite shear walls (SCW) was investigated. 6 1/5 scaled specimens were conducted which consist of 5 SCW specimens and 1 reinforced concrete (RC) specimen. The specimens were tested under out-of-plane cyclic loading. The effect of the thickness of steel plate, vertical load and the strength grade of concrete on the out-of-plane seismic behaviour of SCW was

analysed. The results show that the thickness of steel plate and vertical load has great influence on the ultimate bearing capacity and lateral stiffness, however, the influence of the strength grade of concrete was little within a certain range. SCW is presented to have a better ultimate capacity and lateral stiffness but have worse ductility in failure stage than that of RC. Based on the experiment, the cracking load of concrete infill SCW was analysed in theory. The modified calculation formula of the cracking load was made, the calculated results showed good agreement with the test results. The formula can be used as the practical design for the design of cracking loads.

**Aizhu Zhu, Xiaowu Zhang, Hongping Zhu, Jihua Zhu, Yong Lu (2017)** studied an experimental programme was conducted to investigate the compressive behaviour of concrete-filled coldformed steel tubular (CFCFST) stub columns with thicker tubes. A total of 30 CFCFST stub columns were tested. The cold-formed square hollow section (SHS) tubes included unstiffened sections and longitudinally inner-stiffened sections using different stiffening methods. Two tubular thicknesses of 6mm and 10mm were considered. The overall nominal dimension of the steel section was 200 × 200 mm, and the length of the stub columns was 600mm. Normal concrete and self-consolidating concrete with a nominal compressive strength of 30 MPa were used to fill the cold-formed SHS steel tubes. The effects of the stiffeners on the rigidity, ductility, failure mode and average sectional strength of the CFCFST specimens were examined. The measured strengths of the CFCFST specimens were also compared with the predicted capacities using methods in various codes including AISC, BS5400, EC4, and DBJ and from a finite element (FE) analysis. Results demonstrate that the inner stiffeners affect the deformability, failure mode and overall strength of the stub columns with the 6mm-thick tubes more significantly. The DBJ code method is comparatively the best in predicting the strength capacity. Using the validated FE model, an extended analysis has been conducted and this has provided further insight into the mechanical behaviour of the CFCFST specimens.

**J.Y. Richard Liew, Jia-Bao Yan, Zhen-Yu Huang (2017)** This study investigated the Steel-concrete-steel (SCS) sandwich structures consisting of two steel face plates infilled with lightweight cement composite material has been developed. This paper reviews the recent innovations of SCS sandwich structures subject to blast, impact, fatigue, and static loads. Novel J-hook connectors, high strength steel plates and new lightweight cement composite materials have been considered for the development of the SCS sandwich products to improve their strength-to-weight performance. Extensive tests have been conducted to investigate the effectiveness of J-hook connectors to achieve better composite action to resist

flexural, shear, impact, blast and fatigue loads. Flat and curved SCS sandwich plates under patch loading are also investigated. The experimental results are essential to understand the structural behaviour of the SCS sandwich structures and to provide data for the development of analytical models for design implementation. Design equations have been proposed to predict the shear and tensile resistances of J-hook connectors and to determine the flexural, shear, impact, blast and fatigue resistances of SCS sandwich beam. The punching shear resistance of sandwich shells and compression resistance of sandwich walls are also investigated. The accuracy of the design equations are validated by the test data and finite element analysis results.

#### **Leng Yu-Bing, Song Xiao-Bing (2017)**

This study investigates the Composite beams comprising of concrete slabs and steel beams joined by conventional headed stud shear connectors are commonly used in modern steel-framed building construction. However, because the headed stud shear connectors are welded onto the top flange of the steel beam and cast into their in situ concrete slab, deconstruction of the composite beam and the reuse of its components at the end of structural life in defense to demolition is virtually impossible, which is at odds with the increasing demands placed on improving the sustainability of building infrastructure. As an alternative, an innovative sustainable composite beam and slab system is proposed, in which precast geopolymer concrete panels are attached to the steel beams using high-strength friction-grip bolts instead of cast in situ floors with pre-welded headed stud connectors. The advantages of a low-carbon design, both by the use of geopolymer concrete elements and system deconstructability, can be achieved in this proposed system. In this paper, a three-dimensional finite element model is developed to investigate the structural behavior of the proposed sustainable composite beam and slab system. Material non-linearities and the interaction

of the structural components are included in the model. The accuracy and reliability of the finite element formulation developed are validated by comparisons with experimental results. Extensive parametric studies are conducted to elucidate the effects of the change in the concrete panel configuration, the number and diameter of the bolts, the type and strength of the concrete and the grade of the steel beam on the behavior of the system. The use of modified rigid plastic analysis is assessed, and a modification is suggested to predict the flexural strengths of the composite beams and slab system. A theoretical model is developed to predict the resistance of SCS slabs under concentrated loads. The flexural capacity is calculated with the yield-line method, and the punching shear resistance is analyzed with the radial sector model. The shear contribution of the tie bars is also analyzed experimentally and theoretically.

#### **Ehab C. Karama, Rami A. Hawileha, Tamer El Maaddawy, Jamal A. Abdalla (2017)**

This paper investigates the flexural performance of pre-damaged steel-concrete composite beams repaired using externally-bonded carbon fiber-reinforced polymer (CFRP) laminates with and without mechanical anchors. A total of 10 beams were prepared, one beam was left undamaged, whereas nine beams were artificially damaged by cutting different U-shaped notches in the bottom flange at the beams' mid-span that resulted in 45%, 73% and 100% losses in the flange thickness. Three damaged beams were not strengthened, whereas six damaged beams were repaired in flexure using externally-bonded CFRP laminates with and without mechanical anchors. The load-carrying capacities of the unstrengthened beams with damage states of 45%, 73% and 100% were approximately 11%, 23%, and 50% lower than that of the control-undamaged beam, respectively. The CFRP repair schemes were capable of restoring the original load capacity of the damaged beams with the lower damage state of 45%. For the beams with the higher damage states of 73% and 100%, the repair schemes could restore a maximum of 81% of the original load capacity. The inclusion of mechanical anchors in the repair regime improved the strength gain from 15% to 19% and from 46% to 63% for the beams with 45% and 100% damage states, respectively, relative to the strength of the corresponding damaged-undamaged beam.

#### **Xinpei Liu, Mark A. Bradford, Abdolreza Ataei (2017)**

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**Ying Xing , Qinghua Han , Jie Xu, Qi Guo , Yihong Wang (2016)**

Elastic concrete (rubber-filled concrete) is employed into the steel concrete composite structures due to its good ductility and crack resistance. Bending test and numerical simulation were conducted to investigate the static behaviour of partial shear connected elastic concrete-steel composite beam with different section size, studs and degrees of shear connection. The results of the tests show that elastic concrete could improve the ductility behaviour of stud and composite beam, and reduce the width of concrete cracks efficiently. Larger degree of shear connection can lengthen the elastic stage and retard the development and spread of slip, but may lead to a decrement of ductility. With the degree of shear connection unchanged, stud with large diameter of 22 mm may cause 9% lower ultimate bearing capacity, and even worse deformability and ductility of composite beam compared with the smaller stud. Moreover, the analysis results exhibited a good behaviour and applicability of the elastic concrete in the partial shear connected composite beams. With the help of elastic concrete, ductility of composite beam has been improved effectively so that it is possible to apply large studs into practice.

**Jia-Bao Yan , Jun-Yan Wang , J.Y. Richard Liewd, Xudong Qian d, Zhong-Xian Li (2016)** This paper studied the structural behaviors of steel-concrete-steel sandwich composite plates under patch loads. Ten SCS sandwich plates, adopting an ultra-lightweight cement composite (ULCC) and overlapped headed studs as the bonding measures at the steel-concrete interface, were simply supported and subjected to patch loads till failure. The investigated parameters included spacing of the connectors, strength of the ULCC core, thickness of the steel skin, volume fraction of the fiber, and depth of the cross section. Test results estimated the size of the punching cone and showed that load-deflection behaviors of the SCS sandwich plate contained five stages. The influences of the different parameters have been discussed and analyzed. Analytical models have been developed to predict the ultimate resistances of the SCS sandwich plate under patch loads through modifying the code equations. These innovations and modifications included developing models to predict the tensile resistance of

the connectors, incorporating the contribution of the top steel skin on the punching shear resistance, consideration of the tensile resistance of the connectors on the second peak resistance of the structure, and adopting a proper critical perimeter. The validations of the predictions against the test results showed that the code provision overestimated ultimate resistances of the SCS sandwich plates and the developed analytical models offered reasonably good agreements. Design recommendations were finally given based on these validations and discussions.

**Seyed Rasoul Mirghaderi, Nasrin Bakhshayesh Eghbali, Mohammad Mehdi Ahmadi (2016)**, Investigated a new moment connection between steel beams and a reinforced concrete column (RCS). In this proposed connection, two parallel beams pass from both sides of the column and are welded to the cover plates surrounding the concrete column in the joint area. This detail provides two main advantages compared with previous constructions: first, both the beam and column are continuous in the joint area, which provides more reliable performance, and second, the force transfer occurs in such a manner that the cover plates are loaded in-plane and stress concentration is prevented in the connection components. Bar shear connectors were installed between the steel and concrete inside the cover plates to restrict sliding. The force transfer mechanisms and design procedure are described, and the seismic behavior of the proposed connection is studied in two experimental tests under cyclic loading. The test results showed that both specimens sustained 8% story drift with stable hysteretic loops and that the proposed connection is acceptable as a special moment connection. In addition, the test results demonstrated that the proposed design relationships were arranged properly such that the cover plates were maintained in the elastic phase, only slight cracks appeared in the column, and plastic hinges were formed in the beams in the vicinity of the column. Furthermore, to clarify the behaviour and shear capacity of bar shear connectors embedded in a confined concrete, two push-out specimens were tested under monotonic loading.

**Yu-Bing Leng, Xiao-Bing Song (2016)** This paper studies the shear performance of steel-concrete-steel (SCS) sandwich slender beams inter-connected with round steel bars and headed studs. Nine beams with shear span/depth ratio from 2.5 to 3.5 were tested under static loads. Other experimental parameters include the diameter and spacing of the vertical tie bars and stud connectors. All beams failed by vertical shear with the failure patterns differing slightly due to stud arrangement and shear reinforcement ratios. Test results show that the shear resistance after critical cracking is dependent on the strength of vertical reinforcement, steel plate and stud connectors. Based on the observed

failure modes, an analytical expression is derived for the shear resistance after critical cracking. The mechanical model considers the contribution of the vertical reinforcement and the dowel resistance resulting from the composite action between the steel plate and concrete. The stud spacing value is recommended to maintain a full composite behavior in shear span, and if it is exceeded, the dowel action should be revised accordingly. Accuracy of the proposed method is ascertained by comparing with the test results.

**Zhenyu Huang , J.Y. Richard Liew (2016)**

This paper investigates the structural behavior of Steel-Concrete-Steel (SCS) sandwich wall which consists of two external steel plates infilled with ultra lightweight cementitious composite material. A series of compression tests consists of a wide range of parameters have been carried out on the SCS sandwich walls of different heights forming short and slender wall. The test results show that the SCS sandwich walls with J-hook connectors exhibit comparable behaviour in compressive resistance and post-peak unloading behaviour to the ones with the overlapped headed studs. The interlocking J-hook connectors play an important role in providing composite action between the steel plates and the cementitious core, and preventing or delaying the local buckling of the external steel plates. The test results are compared against the predictions by Eurocode 4 and AISC 360 methods for composite columns. It is found that the Eurocode 4 and AISC 360 methods could over-predict the compressive resistance of sandwich wall subjected to compression. A modified method is then proposed, which takes into account the effect of interlocking J-hook connectors in providing lateral restraints to the external steel plates. The prediction shows a reasonable correlation with the test results. Nonlinear finite element model has been established to predict the load displacement curves, maximum resistance and failure modes of the sandwich walls. Both the experimental and finite element results confirm that the proposed analytical formulae are conservative for design of SCS sandwich composite walls with J-hook connectors.

**5. MATERIAL STUDY ON SCS SANDWICH BEAM**

**SDS**-Self Drilling Screw, **S-Stud**, **VS**-V Shape, **HS**-Headed stud, **JH**-J-Hook, **ASB**-Angle Steel Bar, **OHS**-Overlapped Headed Stud, **FGB**-Friction Grip Bolt, **BSC**-Bar shear connector

a) J-Hook



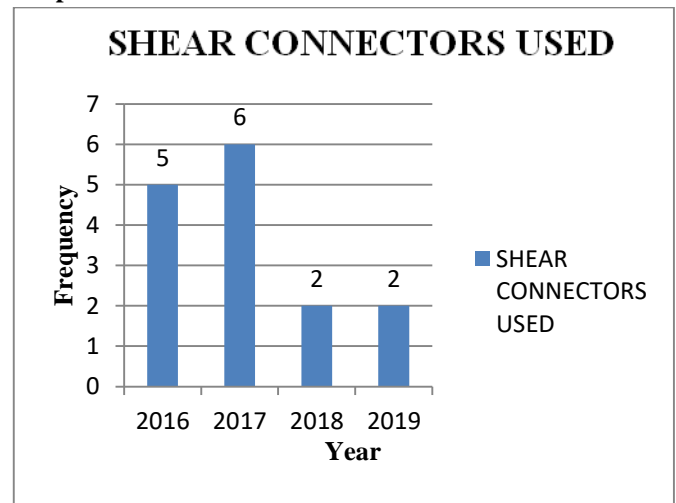
b) Headed stud



**Tabulation 1**

SL. NO	Y/M	SDS	S	VS	HS	JH	ASB	OHS	FGB	BSC
1	2019	1								
2	2019		1							
3	2018			1						
4	2018		2							
5	2017		3							
6	2017				1					
7	2017					1	1	1		
8	2017				2					
9	2017		4							
10	2017								1	
11	2016		5							
12	2016									1
13	2016				3					
14	2016					2				
15	2016				4					

**Graph 1:**



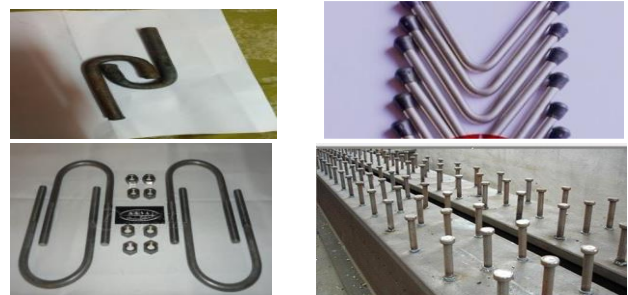
**Tabulation 2:**

SL.NO	YEAR	TYPES OF SHEAR CONNECTORS	DIA OF SHEAR CONNECTORS
1	2019	Self drilling screws fixing the web of S.C. Concrete	Screw = 4.8 mm, Bolt = 6 mm
2	2019	Stud	19 mm
3	2018	V- Shaped , Shear stud bolt	V- Shaped t = 3.75 mm, 2.65mm Stud = 19 mm diameter, 130 mm high
4	2018	Stud connectors	19 mm
5	2017	Stud	Dia = 6 mm, length = 50 mm, spacing = 60 mm

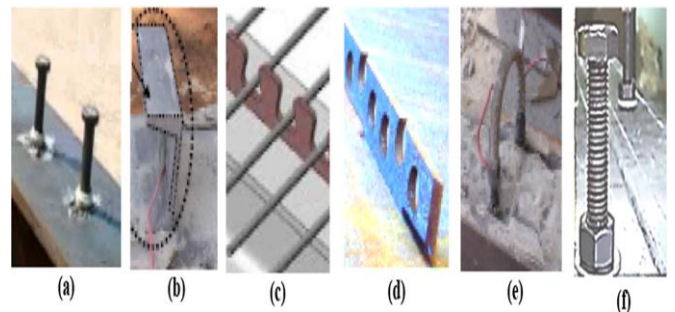
6	2017	Headed stud	Dia = 19 mm				Section of beam HW 250 mm * 250 mm, slab b= 130 mm	38.97
7	2017	Headed stud	Dia = 16 mm, 19 mm		12	2016	Elastic concrete	
8	2017	J-hook connectors, Angle steel barangle(AST), Angle T-channel, Overlapped headed stud connectors	10 mm				Steel beam and reinforced concrete column height = 3000 mm,span = 4000 mm,breadth =400 mm, depth= 400 mm	38
9	2017	Headed stud	Dia = 13 mm		13	2016	Conventional Concrete	
10	2017	Shear stud	10 mm diameter, 75 mm high, 120 mm spacing				SCS shell structures width = 1250 mm, span = 1250 mm & depth = 140 mm	35
11	2017	Friction grip bolt	Dia = 20 mm		14	2016	ULCC	
12	2016	Stud shear connector	Dia = 16 mm, 19 mm, 22 mm		15	2016	ULWC	Curved SCS beam
13	2016	Bar shear connector	Dimension = 30 mm * 20 mm * 50 mm					
14	2016	J-hook	Depth = 125 mm & dia = 13 mm					
15	2016	Headed shear stud	Dia = 13 mm ,depth = 75mm , 150 mm					

## 6. MATERIAL COLLECTION

**ShearConnector:**J-Hook, Stud, V-shaped shear connector, Headedstud,Frictiongripbolt.



(a) J-Hook (b)V-Shape (c) U-shape (d) Headed stud



(a) Stud bolt. (b) Channel Section. (c) Perfobond. (d) Perforated ribs. (e) Bars. (f) Bolt

### Steel Plate:

Steel plate act as flexural reinforcement and offer permanent formwork and increase construction efficiency. The steel plates are impermeable and acts as impact and blast resistant membranes.Steel plates are used to fabricate SCS sandwich beam as face plate (top and bottom) of mild steel grade Fe 250.The Young's modulus ( $E_s$ ), Poisson ratio ( $\nu_s$ ), yields strength ( $f_y$ ) and ultimate strength  $f_u$  of the steel plates.Mild steel plate of 4mm,6mm were used.



**Tabulation 3 :**

SL.NO	YEAR	TYPES OF CONCRETE	COMPONENTS AND DIMENSIONS	FLEXURAL STRENGTH (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )
1	2019	Plain concrete	Beams 150 mm to 300 mm deep Type 1 composite section of 0.8 m and 1.7 m span 100 mm * 50 mm * 1.2 m	465
2	2019	Conventional Concrete	Walls Span = 6705.6 mm, Thick = 762 mm	27.6
3	2018	Conventional Concrete	I section steel Beam = 250 mm * 73 mm	35
4	2018	Conventional Concrete	Composite beam L = 11400 mm, B = 2850 mm	42
5	2017	Conventional Concrete	Cube wall 150 mm * 150 mm * 300 mm	57.8
6	2017	Self consolidating concrete	Steel tube thickness = 6 mm & 10 mm, column length = 60 mm , cross sectional area = 200 * 200 sq.mm	30
7	2017	Elastic concrete i.e., concrete with addition of tire rubber	Cube wall = 150 mm * 150 mm * 150 mm ; Prism = 100 mm * 100 mm * 300 mm	37.8
8	2017	Light weight cement concrete, ULWC	Length = 1200 mm, width = 495 mm	64
9	2017	Normal concrete	Slab height = 300 mm, thickness=6 mm, length = 2400 mm	31.9
10	2017	Normal concrete	I-Section of steel beam UC 203 mm* 203 mm * 46 mm , Flange thickness 11 mm, Concrete slab 100 mm thick & 450 mm wide	58
11	2017	Geopolymer concrete	Slab = 1000 mm* 150 mm	32

**Steel cable:**

Steel cable of size 6mm were used.

**Concrete core:**

Light weight concrete or Ultra –light weight concrete are mostly used in SCS sandwich beams.

**6. TEST CONDUCTED**

**FLEXURAL TEST:** The flexural test measures the force required to bend a composite beam under a four point loading system. The test method is used for reinforced or unreinforced materials. The major difference between four point and three point lading system is the location of the bending moment. The four point bending method allows for uniform distribution between two loading noses.

The flexural strength is given by

$$f_b = \frac{pl}{bd^2} \text{ (when } a > 20 \text{ cm)}$$

$$f_b = \frac{3pa}{bd^2} \text{ (when } a < 20 \text{ cm)}$$

Where a=the distance between line of fracture and the nearer support measured on the centre line of the tensile side of the specimen

b= width of specimen(mm)

d= failure point depth(mm)

l= supported length(mm)

p= Maximum load(kN)

All the specimens were tested under a universal testing machine with load carrying capacity of 1000kN. The composite beams were simply supported over an effective span of 700mm and tested under two point loading system. The deflection at the beam was measured digital. To visually observe the cracks in the concrete core records all data such as load, deflection while testing. The first crack and the first yielding of concrete and steel were closely observed. After testing the concrete core was removed to observe the deformation of the shear connectors.

Figure: Universatestingmachine

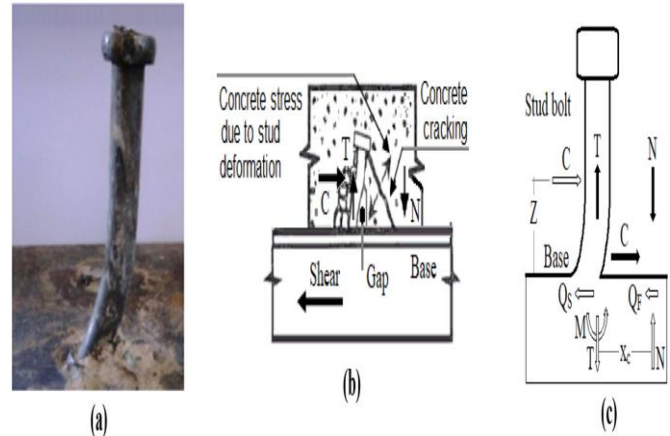


**PUSH OUT TEST FOR SHEAR CONNECTOR:**

To estimate the shear connector's strength for the purpose of designing the proposed connection, two push-out

specimens with plain concrete and reinforced concrete (RC) were tested under monotonic loading

Figure



(a) Stud bolt after a push-out test, (b) Compressive force on stud bolt, (c) Resistance mechanism.(3)

**7. CONCLUSION**

Based on the literature review, following conclusions are obtained

1. In previous literature review, the Stud and Headed stud shear connectors were used many times in past 4 years.
2. In this method of sandwich beam with shear connectors are mostly used in the year of 2017
3. Shear connectors diameter ranges from the literature review are 6-20mm.
4. In this method, shear connectors are used to resist the Shear failure and to increase the load carrying capacity.

Finally from this review it is well known that Stud and Headed stud are widely used on SCS composite structure.

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