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SHEAR BEHAVIOR OF SFRC BEAMS USING FULL-FIELD DISPLACEMENTS FROM DIGITAL IMAGE CORRELATION

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Experimental results from steel fiber reinforced concrete (SFRC) beams without shear reinforcement are presented. Digital image analysis technique is used to obtain the full-filed displacements from the beams during the load response. Cracking leading up to the peak load is evaluated and the critical shear cracks is identified from the full-field measurements on the surface of the beam obtained using Digital Image Correlation (DIC). The in-situ movements across the shear crack show a dilatant behavior with a continuous increase in the crack opening and slip across the crack faces. The dilatant behavior from the measured crack opening and crack slip displacements obtained from the control and the SFRC beams is identical. The fiber reinforced concrete beams exhibit post peak load carrying capacity even after the continued opening of the dominant shear crack. The increased resistance to crack opening provided by the fibers resulting in significant increase post-peak ductility of the beam. Dilatancy across the shear crack increases with an increase in the slenderness due to the increased contribution of flexure to crack opening. The efficiency of the fibers in increasing shear capacity decreases with an increase in the slenderness and is related to the Mu/(Vud) ratio at the critical shear crack. Improvements in shear behavior are related to the increase in the post-peak fracture energy. The fracture energy using UNI 11039-2 procedure for crack opening up to 1.0 mm provide a good indication of shear capacity enhancement obtained with fibers.

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