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Test specimen and procedures

The proposed sub-assembly tests were comprised of three specimens. Each specimen consists of a beam of TWP section connected to the column by the proposed connections as shown in Table 1. The extended and composite connection used are shown in Fig. 1(a and b). No. top bolt row for flush end-plate connection. Details of the geometrical configuration of the sub-assembly tests are presented in Table 1. The applied load was positioned at the centre of the beam and converted into two point loads by a beam spreader at a distance of 2.1 m as shown in Fig. 2. An increment of about 5 kN was applied to the specimen. The readings of the applied load, displacement, and rotation were recorded after two minutes had elapsed so as to reach an equilibrium state. The incremental load procedure was then repeated until there was a significant increase in deformation. The loading on the specimen was then controlled by deflection increments of 3 mm. The test was continued until failure, when large deformation or the load decreases significantly. A graph of moment versus rotation was plotted to predict the moment resistance of the connection. The rotation of the connection was measured as the difference between the rotation at the centre of the beam and the rotation at the centre of the column that recorded using inclinometer.

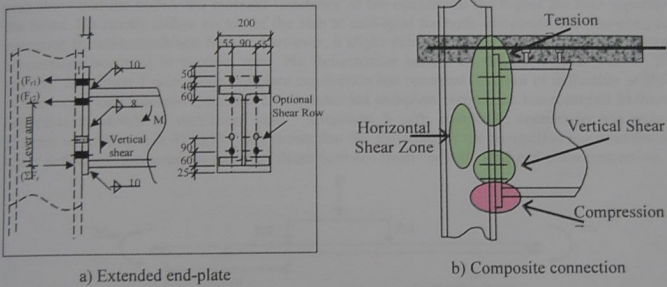


Fig. 1 Connections used in the test

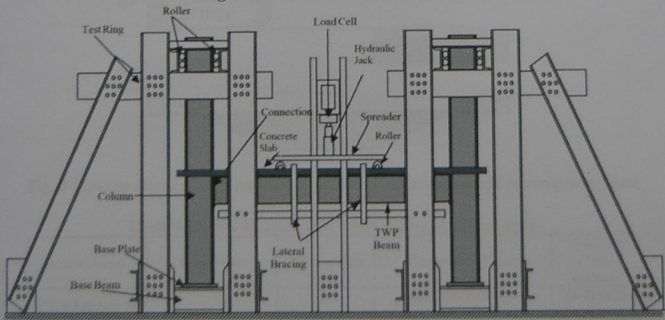


Fig. 2 Test rig for the sub-assembly tests

Moment resistance of composite beam

The design of composite beam is based on BS 5950: Part 3.1[5]. Full shear connectors are used in the tested composite beam specimen. Based on the design using BS 5959: Part 3.1, the moment resistance of the beam M_D is calculated as 497.0 kNm. To predict the moment resistance of the composite beam, the moment resistance of the connection in sub-assembly frame needs to be established first. The moment resistance of the connection can be established by superimposing the rotation of the connection as maximum moment occurred in sub-assembly frame to the moment versus rotation curves plotted from the isolated tests as presented elsewhere [2, 6]. The predicted moment resistance of the connection is used in the bending moment diagram calculation to predict the maximum moment resistance of the beam in the sub-assembly test as shown in Fig. 3 and the results are tabulated in Table 2. The results show that the design moment of the beam agrees well with the free bending moment developed from the tested specimens as the ratio is very close to 1.0. The results also show that as the moment resistance of the connection increases the maximum moment at mid-span decreases. Specimen with composite connection tends to reduce the mid-span moment of the beam as the connection is stiffer than the non-composite connection. The results also show that the higher the moment resistance of the connection the higher the load capacity of the beam. No cracks failure on top of the slab at mid-span for both composite and non-composite specimen in sub-assembly frame. However, a slight deformation of end-plate in non-composite connections occurred in tension zone. No deformation occurs on the corrugated web of TWP section. Specimen 1 with flush end-plate connection has recorded 30.0mm of deflection at 395kN of maximum load whereas specimen 2 with extended end-plate connection has recorded 34.0mm of deflection at 464kN of maximum load. Specimen 3 with composite connection has recorded 35.0mm of deflection at 477 kN. This shows that the stiffening of the connection has contributed to lesser deflection; however not that significant between flush and extended end-plate connection.

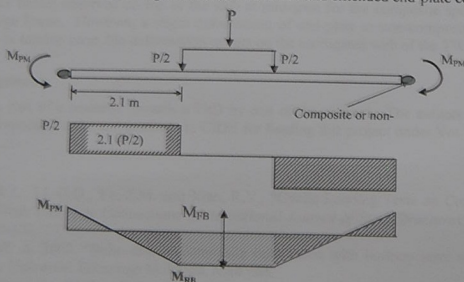


Fig. 3 Bending moment diagram used to predict moment resistance of composite beam

Table 1 Details of specimens for the sub-assembly tests

Model Name	Beam Size	Column Size	Connection Types	Bolt Row (Top-Bottom)
CF2R20P200-12	450x160x50.2/12/4	305x305x118 (UC-S275)	Flush end-plate (non-composite)	(4-4) M20 8.8
CE3R20P200-12			Extended end-plate (non-composite)	(6-4) M20 8.8
CFR2R20P200-12			(composite connection)	(4-4) M20 8.8

Table 2 Test results from the Composite Full-Scale Sub-Assemblage tests

Specimen Name	Maximum Load, (kN)	Free Bending Moment M_{FB} (kNm)	Ratio of M_{FB}/M_D	Moment At Connection M_{FM} (kNm)	Moment At Mid-Span, M_{RB} (kNm)	Deflection At Max. Load (mm)
Specimen 1 (non-comp. connection)	395	415	1.12	135	280	30
Specimen 2 (non-comp. connection)	464	487	1.02	205	282	34
Specimen 3 (composite connection)	477	501	0.99	320	181	35

Conclusions

The concluding remarks from the experimental results of the proposed connections are as follows:-

- 1) The use of composite connection and extended end-plate connection has significantly reduced the deflection of the beam and increase the loading capacity of the beam. The significant increment in the stiffness of composite connection and extended end-plate connection however has not developed any failure on the column section which concludes that no stiffener is needed.
- 2) The results show that the higher the moment resistance of the connection the higher the load capacity of the beam.
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