

# FLEXURAL BEHAVIOUR OF CORRUGATED BEAM ANALYSIS BY ABAQUS AND EXPERIMENTAL

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## ABSTRACT

Built-up sections are widely used in cold formed thin-walled steel frames. This projects mainly investigates behaviour of cold-formed steel (CFS) lipped channel corrugated section beams. This paper discuss the response of cold formed steel (CFS) lipped channel corrugated section beams (i) horizontal corrugated back to back lipped channel sections without gap (ii) horizontal corrugated back to back lipped channel sections with gap (iii) vertical corrugated lipped channel sections by providing corrugation angle in horizontal and vertical. The finite element method is used to solve the buckling of steel beams. Experimental setup will be made to find the load versus deflection behaviour under flexure and study the various modes of failure. Totally 9 specimens are taken for the testing by vertical two point loading with simply supported condition. Finally experimental results are compared with the finite element analysis.

*Keywords : CFS(Cold-formed steel), horizontal corrugation, vertical corrugation, finite element analysis, flexural behaviour.*

## 1.INTRODUCTION

### 1.1GENERAL

Cold-formed steel (CFS) is type of steel fabricated by cold forming process. CFS members have been used in buildings, bridges, storage racks, grain bins, car bodies, railway coaches, highway products, transmission towers, transmission poles, drainage products, transmission towers, transmission poles, drainage facilities, various types of equipment and others. The ASD Specification was subsequently revised in 1956, 1960, 1962, 1968, 1980, and 1986 to reflect the technical developments and the results of continued research at Cornell and other universities (Yu et al., 1996). In 1991, AISI published the first edition of the Load and Resistance Factor Design Specification developed at University of Missouri of Rolla and Washington University under the directions of Wei-Wen Yu and Theodore V. Galambos (AISI, 1991). Both ASD and LRFDS specifications were combined into a single specification in 1996 (AISI, 1996). Past researchers investigated on I-girders with trapezoidal corrugation of hot rolled section. The use of corrugated webs is a potential method to achieve adequate out-of-plane stiffness and shear buckling resistance without using stiffeners; therefore, it considerably reduces the cost of beam fabrication and the weights of superstructures. Because the corrugated web carries only shear forces and the flanges carry the moment

due to the accordion effect. In order to benefit from these characteristics, prestressed concrete box girder bridges with corrugated webs are used extensively. Shear stresses can cause the failure of the web by shear buckling or yielding depending on the geometric characteristics of the corrugated webs. Therefore, most studies on corrugated webs are restricted to the shear buckling of corrugated webs. Recently, several researchers have attempted to use corrugated plates in the webs. This can overcome the disadvantages of conventional stiffened flat webs such as web instability due to bending stress and fatigue failure.

### 1.2 ADVANTAGES OF COLD FORMED STEEL

1. As compared with thicker hot-rolled shapes, cold-formed light members can be manufactured for relatively light loads and/or short spans.
2. Unusual sectional configurations can be produced economically by cold-forming operations and consequently favorable strength-to-weight ratios can be obtained.
3. Nestable sections can be produced, allowing for compact packaging and shipping.

### 1.3 OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

1. To evaluate the bending resistance of cold-formed corrugated section subjected to flexure.
2. To study the various modes of failure.
3. To compare the software and experimental results.
4. To analyze the load versus deflection behaviour under flexure.

## 2. MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

#### Beam-2 (horizontal corrugation with Spacing)

Depth of the beam	= 190mm
Width of the beam (flange)	= 165mm
Lip of the section	= 25mm
Length of the specimen	= 1200mm
Thickness	= 2.5mm
Spacing	= 25mm

#### Beam-3 (vertical corrugation)

Depth of the beam	= 190mm
Width of the beam (flange)	= 140mm
Lip of the section	= 25mm
Length of the specimen	= 1200mm
Thickness	= 2.5mm

#### Plate

Length of the plate	= 1200mm
Width (for beam-1)	= 140mm
Width (for beam-2)	= 165mm.

## 2.1 SPECIMEN DETAILS

### 2.2 HORIZONTAL CORRUGATION WITHOUT SPACING

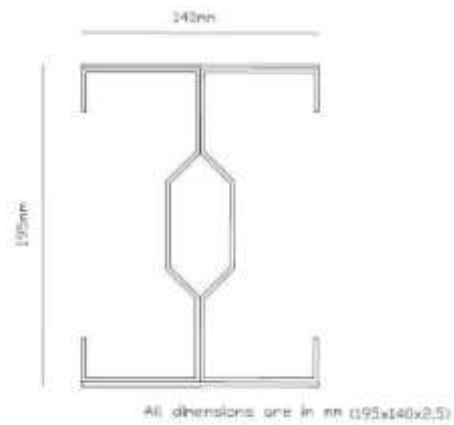


Fig3.1. Horizontal Corrugation Without Spacing

### Horizontal Corrugation With Spacing

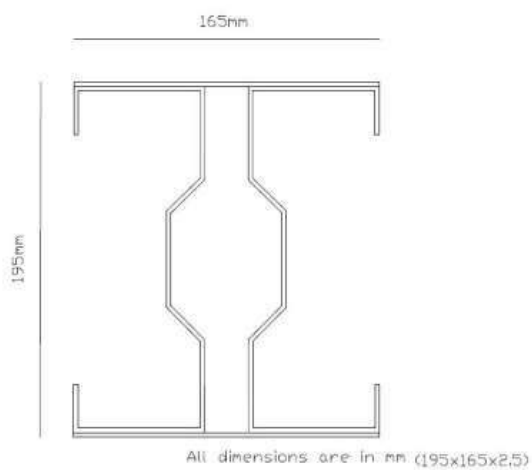


Fig3.2. Horizontal Corrugation With Spacing

### 2.4 Vertical Corrugation

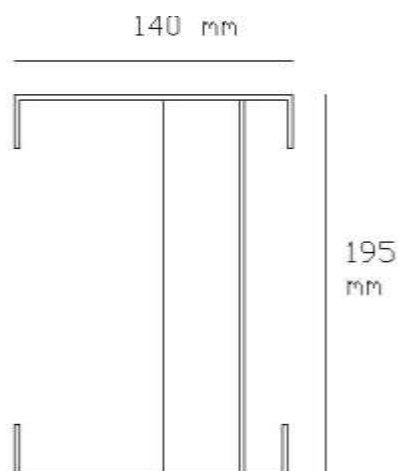


Fig3.3. Vertical Corrugation

## 3. Software Analysis

Every complete finite-element analysis consists of 3 separate stages:

- Pre-processing or modelling: This stage involves creating an input file which contains an engineer's design for a finite-element analyzer (also called "solver").
- Processing or finite element analysis: This stage produces an output visual file.
- Post-processing or generating report, image, animation, etc. from the output file: This stage is a visual rendering stage

### 3.1 SECTIONAL SPECIFICATION

Back to Back built-up channel lipped corrugated section beam has been selected. Two specimens were taken with different cross section properties. They are discussed before and analysis are carried out below.

#### • Channel Dimensions

Depth = 190 mm

Width (flange) = 70 mm

Span = 1200 mm

Thickness = 2.5 mm

Spacing = 0 mm and 25 mm

Plated dimensions = 140 x 2.5 mm and 165 x 2.5 mm

### 3.2 MODELLING

Modelling has been done in ABAQUS 6.12.3D beam model is prepared by ABAQUS.

#### Material Property

- |                                       |                                |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Density of steel ( $\delta_s$ )    | : 0.00000785 N/mm <sup>3</sup> |
| 2. Poisson's Ratio ( $\mu$ )          | : 0.3                          |
| 3. Young's modulus of steel ( $E_s$ ) | : 203395.33 Mpa                |

### 3.3 Loading Pattern For Hcwo Beam

Two point loading has been given to the model. The loads are placed at 1/3 distance from the support.

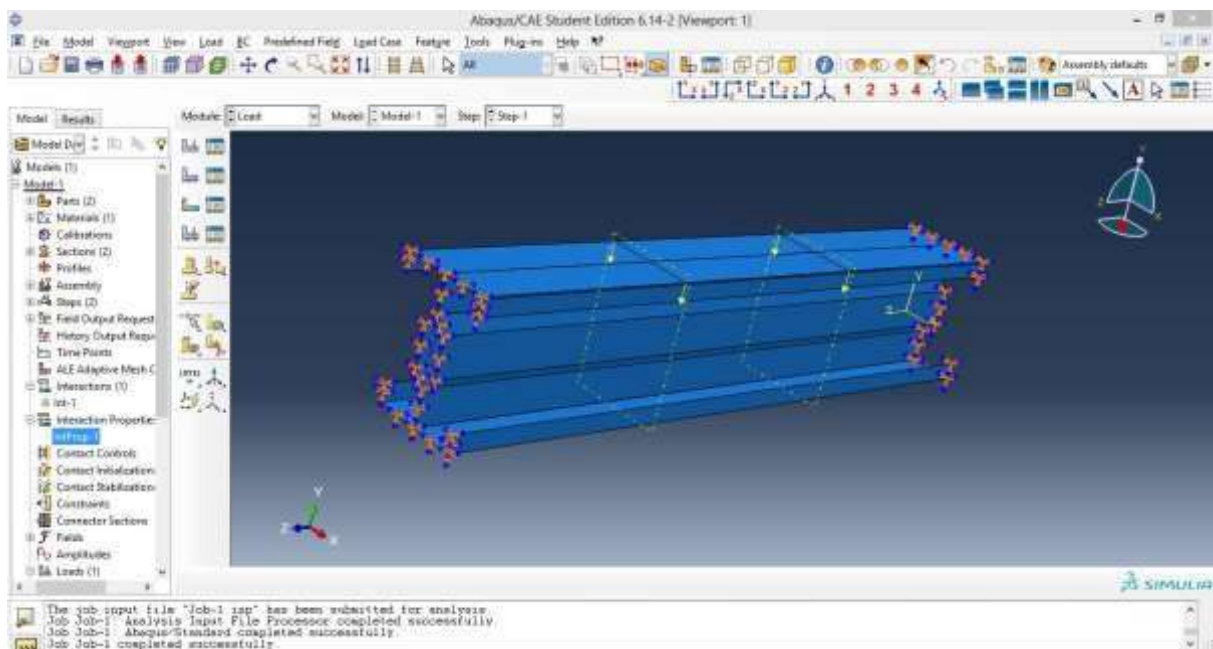


Fig.3.1 Loading arrangement of the beam

### 3.4 FAILURE PATTERN FOR HCWOS BEAM

The various iterations have been given to the beam-1 and maximum load by which the beam deflects is found. Fig.5.2 shows the failure pattern of beam-1.

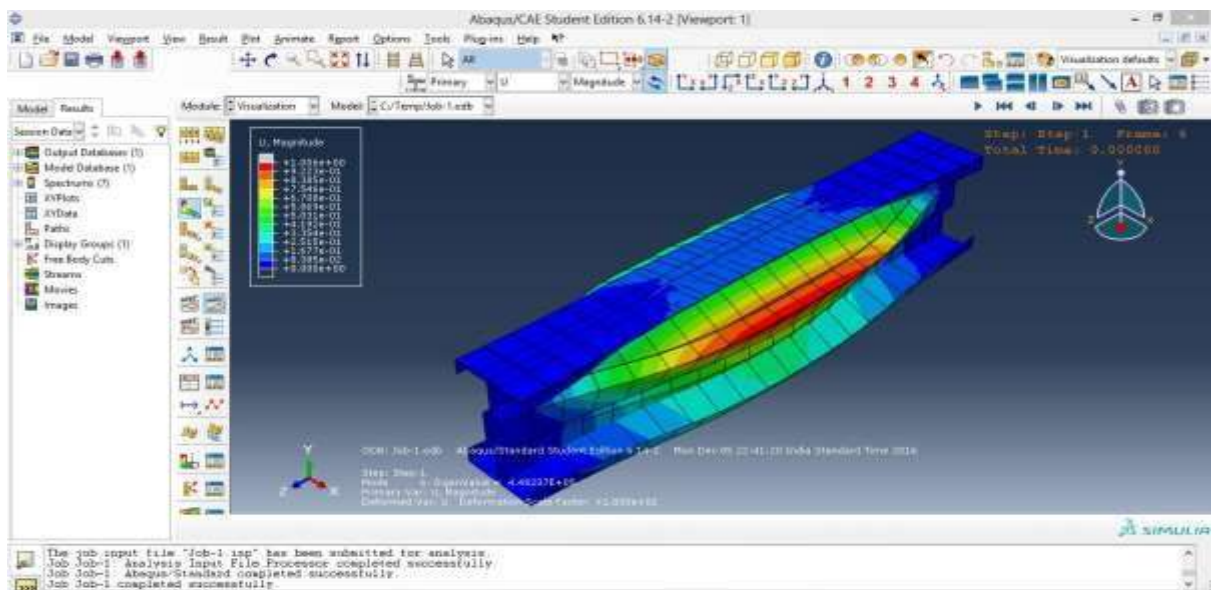


Fig.3.2 Loading arrangement of the HCWOS beam

### 3.5 Loading Pattern For Hcws Beam

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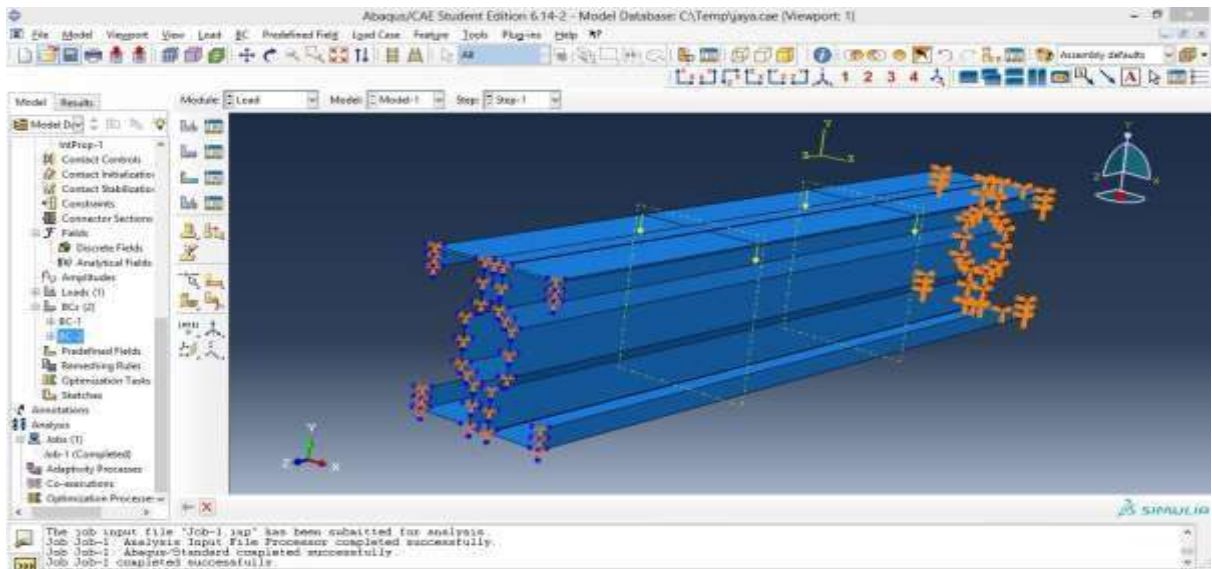


Fig.3.3 Loading arrangement of the HCWS beam

### 3.6 Failure Pattern For Hcws Beam

The various iterations have been given to the beam and maximum load by which the beam deflects is found. Fig.5.2 shows the failure pattern of beam-2.

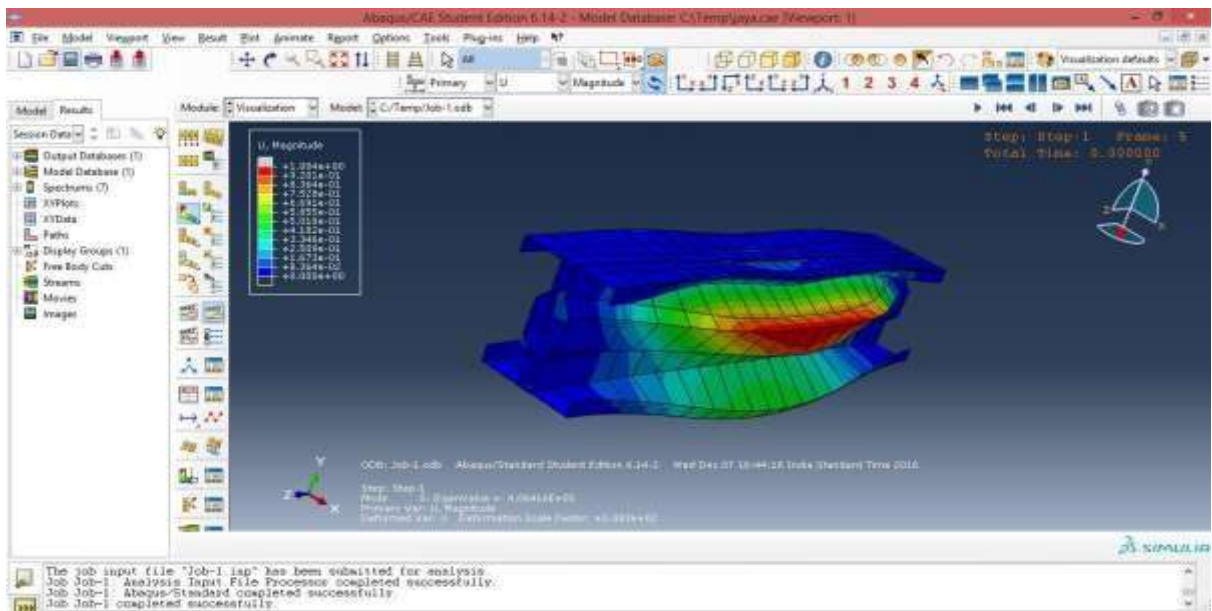


Fig.3.4 Loading arrangement of the HCWS beam

### 3.7 Loading Pattern For Vc Beam

Twopointloadinghasbeengiventothemodel.Theloadsareplacedat1/3 distancefromthesupport.

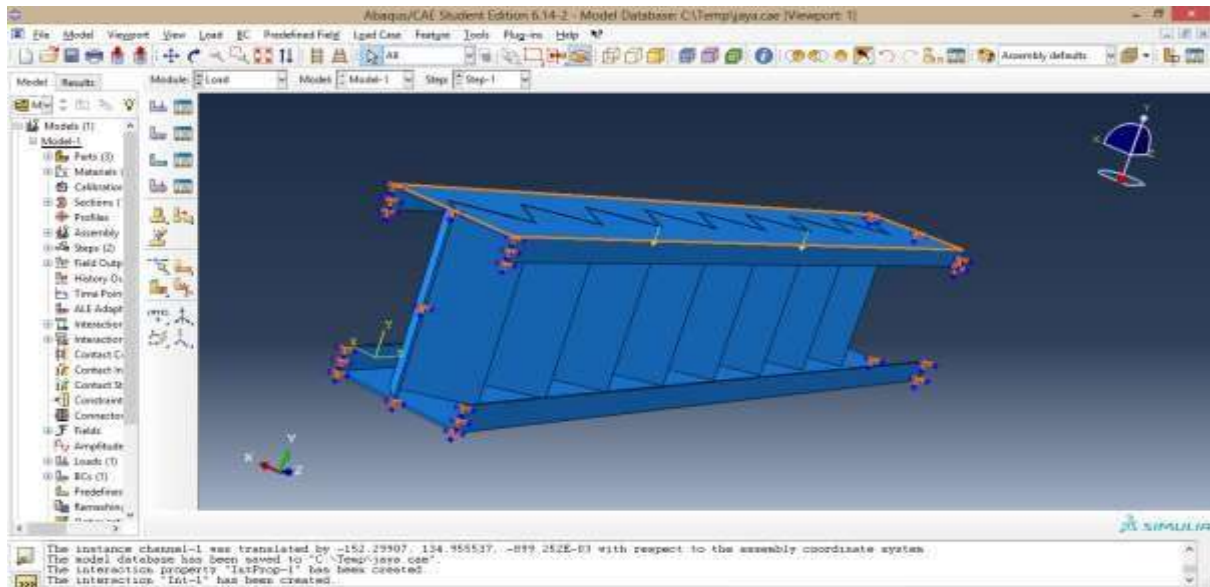


Fig.3.5LoadingarrangementoftheVCbeam

### 3.8FailurePatternForVcBeam

Thevariousiterationshavebeengiventothethebeamandmaximumloadbywhich thebeamdeflectsisfound.Fig5.2showsthefailurepatternofbeam-2.

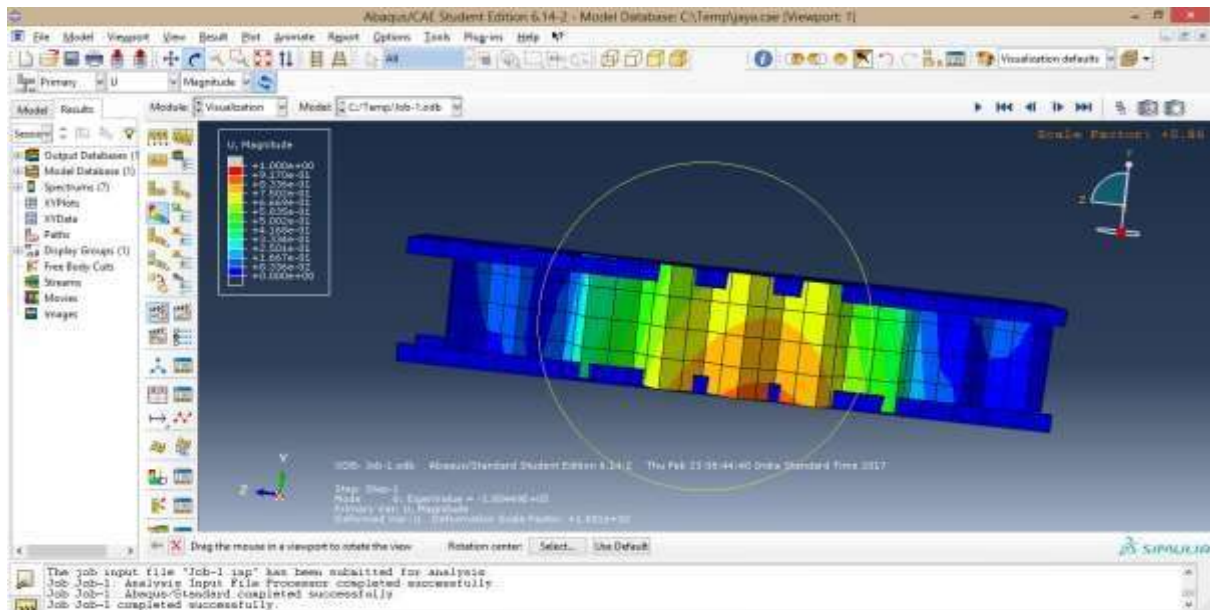


Fig.3.7LoadingarrangementoftheVCbeam

### 3.9SOFTWARERESULT

ThebeammodelcreatedinABAQUS.Table4.1showsthemaximum deflectionsvalueforthedifferentmaterialandmethod.Fig5.2,5.4and5.6showsanalyticalresultsforthebuilt-upCorrugationsection ofsimplysupportedcondition.Theresultshowsdisplacementbehaviour, stress behaviourandfailuremodes.

**Table3.1MaximumDeflectionValueofBeammodel**

MODEL	MATERIAL	Ultimate load (KN)	DEFLECTION(mm)
Beam -1	Cold-formed Steel	29	4.2
Beam -2	Cold-formed Steel	14	3.98
Beam -3	Cold-formed Steel	41	3.63

**4.INVESTIGATION**

**4.1 TESTSPECIMENDETAILS**

The test specimens consist of cold-formed steel beams with 1, horizontal corrugation with spacing, 2, horizontal corrugation without spacing, 3, vertical corrugation. The span of the beam was 1200mm and the cross sections of the beams are 195mm x 140mm x 2.5mm. The yield strength of steel used is  $380\text{N/mm}^2$ . The cold-formed steel beam is built up by welding the flanges and the web using intermittent welds of 6mm thickness. A beam was provided at both the load points to minimize local effect due to concentrated loads.



Fig4.1 Test Specimen

**4.2 Test Setup**

The testing was carried out in a loading frame of 400kN capacity. All the specimens were tested for flexural strength under two point loading. The specimens were arranged with simply supported conditions having an effective span of 1.2m. Loads were applied at one-third distance from the supports at a uniform rate till the ultimate failure of the specimen occurred. Beam deflections were measured at several locations using Linear Variable Displacement Transducers (LVDTs) as shown in the Figure 6.2. Strain gauges and LVDTs were connected to a data logger from which the readings were captured by a computer at very load intervals until failure of the beam occurred. The experimental set-up for the test specimens are shown in Figure 6.2.





Fig4.2 Experimental set-up for the test specimens

### 4.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

All the specimens were tested for flexural strength under two-point loading by using reaction type movable loading frames. Deflection and strain readings are observed from DATA logger. The following observations were made during the progress of the tests. The observations are summarized in the following.

### 4.4 FAILURE PATTERN OF BEAMS



Fig4.3 Failure of HCWOS beam



Fig4.4FailureofHCWSbeam



Fig4.5FailureofVCbeam

**4.5LOADSANDDEFLECTIONOFTHEHCWOSPECIMENS**

Table4.1LoadandDeflectionofHCWOSspecimens

S.NO	LOAD(KN)	DEF(mm) -1	DEF(mm) -2	DEF(mm) -3
1	0	0	0	0
2	3	0.33	0.49	0.45
3	6	1.28	1.49	1.44
4	9	1.98	2.25	2.19
5	12	2.34	2.63	2.56
6	15	2.56	2.9	2.86
7	18	3.2	3.65	3.6
8	21	3.78	4.59	4.53
9	24	5.12	5.43	5.39

10	27	5.98	6.19	6.13
11	30	6.32	6.39	6.35
12	33	6.4	6.47	6.4



Fig 4.6 Load v/s deflection graph for HCWOS beam specimen 1

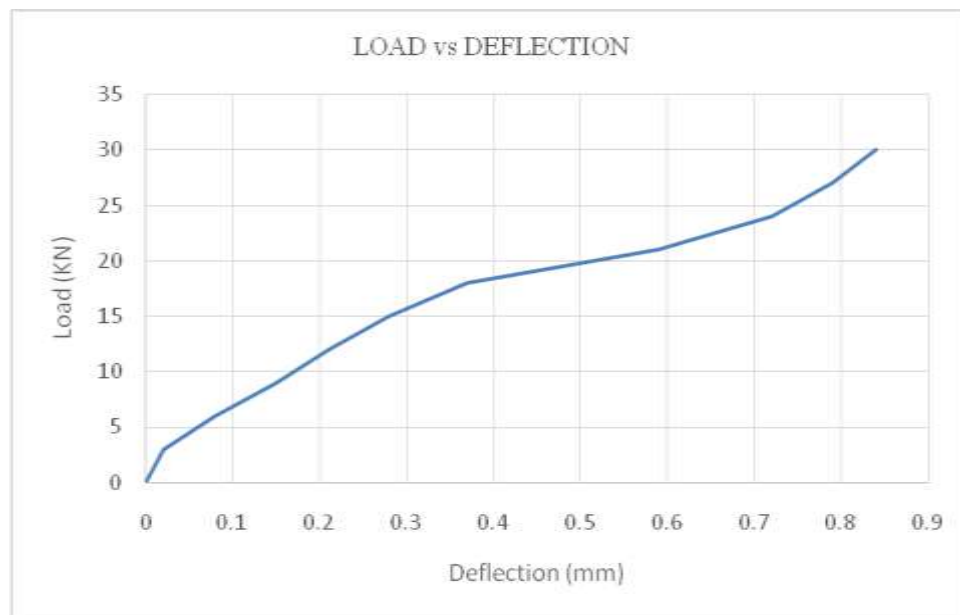


Fig 4.7 Load v/s deflection graph for HCWOS beam specimen 2



Fig 4.8 Load deflection graph v/s for HCWOS beam specimen 3

## 5.CONCLUSION

The main objective of the project was successfully accomplished. From the experimental investigations carried out to study the flexural behaviour of cold-formed corrugated web beams. From the results vertical corrugation obtain a high resistance to lateral buckling and corrugation acts as a stiffener for the beam. Cold-formed section with horizontal and vertical corrugation has resulted in increased resistance to lateral-buckling. Horizontal corrugation without spacing is obtained a load 7% higher than the with spacing and vertical corrugation is obtained a load about 17% and 10% higher than horizontal corrugation without and with spacing respectively.

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