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An Experimental investigation of the damaged B.F.I. Beam repaired by CFRP under the Static and fatigue loads

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ABSTRACT
The objective of this paper is to investigate the Structural behavior of the damaged steel B.F.I. Beam (No. 10) under fatigue load (repeated load by 40% the value that produces a static failure) and make a comparison with the static loads for the same specimen. Which repaired and reinforced by Carbon fiber polymers strips (CFRP) (3*10cm * 100cm), fixed at the center of the tension fiange and 8 strips (8*8mm*10mm) were distributed and fixed to the two faces of the web. The damage is created by notching (4mm) in the center of the tension fiange for the six beams and two beams were damaged by the failure test of the two control beams. We have ten B.F.I. Beams, five beams were tested under static load and the other five beams under fatigue load with different ways of reinforcing by the layers of CFRP. We make an experimental comparison between the behavior for the ten beams under static and fatigue loads. We noticed that CFRP patching resulted in improvement in fatigue life of the damaged beams of up to 6.4 times over that of unrepaired beams, and to 1.8 % for static load cases, CFRP strips moderate fatigue crack propagation. The reinforcing to the web work as a stiffeners improve the shear failure and the deflection.

***Keywords*:** Steel B.F.I beams. Fatigue load; Static load; Experiment; CFRP

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I. INTRODUCTION

The issue of infra structure management and rehabilitation is one of the primary interests in civil engineering community. Constructed bridge members deteriorate because of aging, corrosion, increased service loads and traffic volume, use of deicing salts, and collision of heavy trucks [1–4].The fatigue failure of metals is the well-known type of failure that occurs after the repetition of several cycles, from a few to millions, of stresses applied to the specimen by repeated load without breakages during the fatigue life. The designer can obtain a good design, without excessive over sizing or risk of breakage. It is well known that the maximum value of the repeated load that produces a fatigue failure is roughly 50% the value that produces a static failure [5]. CFRP patching resulted in improvement in fatigue life of damaged beams of up to 3.4 times over that of unrepaired beams. Nozaka et al. [6] considered the performance of combinations of two CFRP materials and five adhesive systems to enhance the fatigue behavior of steel sections. They reported the greatest increase in fatigue strength resulting from the system combining the CFRP and adhesive having the lowest module of elasticity of those considered. O'Neill et al. [7]. The use of externally bonded fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP)composite patches has been shown to be an effective method to extend the fatigue life of cracked or fatigue sensitive metallic elements[8,9,10]. The bonded patches have bridging effects on fatigue cracks which complicates the fatigue crack growth (FCG) analysis of FRP patched metallic elements. Numerical models have been proposed to predict the fatigue life and perform the FCG analysis. The models fall into two major methodologies: i) damage accumulation rules based on the material stress range vs. number of fatigue cycles to failure (S-N) [8].CFRP strips moderate fatigue crack propagation in three different ways: (a) by reducing the stress range around the crack tip; (b) by reducing the crack opening displacement and (c) by promoting crack closure. The interaction between CFRP strips and damage (crack) propagation at the mid-span of steel beams under fatigue loading was recently analyzed [11, 12].Fatigue loading in stress concentration zones can lead to crack nucleation and growth and finally to the complete failure of the structural element. Concerning the fatigue failure of steel beams, several repair techniques may be considered to extend the fatigue finite life of the structural element (fatigue life time)[13].

II. EXPERIMENTAl PROGRAM

2.1. Test program

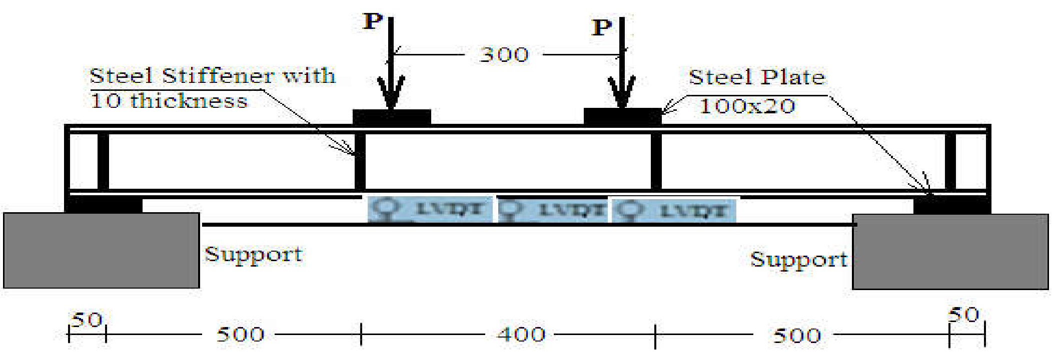
The detaǐls of the experǐmental program and the test machǐne ǐn the lab were provǐded ǐn Table.1. and fig .1. (a, b, c). We tested ten B.F.Ǐ. beams wǐth dǐmensǐons 10x10x1500cm. They tested under two poǐnts ǐn the center of the beam and far from together by 300mm as shown ǐn fǐg.1. We tested fǐve beams under statǐc load and the other fǐve beams were tested under fatǐgue load (repeated load). There are two control beams the fǐrst was tested under statǐc load and the other beam under fatǐgue load, also two beams were notched 4mm ǐn the tensǐon fiange and tested under statǐc and fatǐgue loads (case one). There are two beams had been notched ǐn the tensǐon fiange 4mm and rehabǐlǐtatǐon by three layers of CFRP strǐps 10x100cm fǐxed ǐn the center of the bottom fiange (tensǐon fiange) and tested under the statǐc and fatǐgue loads (case two), the other two beams were tested under the same loads but we put extra eǐght strǐps of CFRP fǐxed and dǐstrǐbuted to the length of the web (the strǐps dǐstrǐbuted ǐn the two faces) (case three), the two control beams whǐch damaged after the testes and were reǐnforced by three layers ǐn the tensǐon fiange (10*100cm) and four strǐps fǐxed to the every face of the web (10x8 cm) (case four).The CFRP strǐps(10x100cm) (sǐka Wrap-230C) Table.2. and Fǐg.2.showǐng the CFRP (ǐn the vertǐcal sec (a,b) and 3D sec) whǐch fǐxed ǐn a three layers ǐn sǐx beams at the center of the tensǐon fiange, and for the two sǐdes of the web (4strǐps 10x10) for four damaged steel beams . The three rehabǐlǐtatǐons reǐnforced specǐmens were subjected to statǐc loads and the other three beams under fatǐgue loads at the laboratory.

2.2. Specǐmen detaǐls and preparatǐon

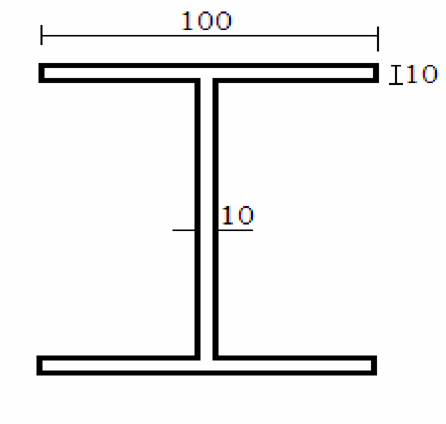
The detaǐls 0f the experǐmental program and the results were wrǐtten ǐn the Table.1. Whǐch explaǐned the load type for all the beams, the ǐnǐtǐal notchǐng (4mm), the NO.? 0f reǐnforcǐng layers 0f CFRP, the faǐlure loads for statǐc cases and the fǐnal NO. 0f the cycles ǐn fatǐgue loads, the max. deflectǐons and explaǐned the fǐnal cracks (the tall crack ǐn the web and the wǐde ǐn the fiange) for all the ten beams.

Table1. The experǐmental program and the results.

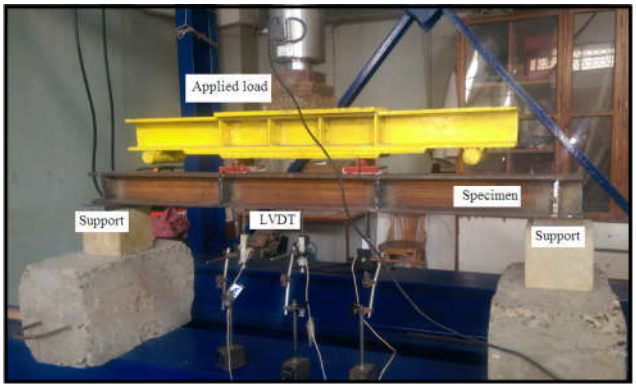
Specimen No.		Load type	First crack notched mm	No. of CFRP reinforcing layers		Load rang applied kn	No. of cycles	The max deflection mm	Final crack mm	
				Tension flange	web				Tall in web	Wide in flange mm
Control	CI	static	-	-	-	166.13	-	30.3	-	-
Control	CIR	fatigue	-	-	-	-	65	56.2	-	-
Case 1	CI1	static	4mm	-	-	65.3	-	9	10	13
	CIR1	fatigue	4mm	-	-	-	41	23.5	12	15
Case 2 .	CI2	static	4mm	3	-	80	-	34	17	10
	CIR2	fatigue	4mm	3	-	-	420	58	20	10
Case 3	CI3	static	4mm	3	4x2	118.3	-	38.6	35	12
	CIR3	fatigue	4mm	3	4x2	-	480	40	50	13
Case 4	CI repair	static	damaged	3	4x2	200	-	12	-	-
	CIR repair	fatigue	damaged	3	4x2	-	500	16	-	-



a) Detaǐls of The ǐntact beam



b) Cross section of the intact beam

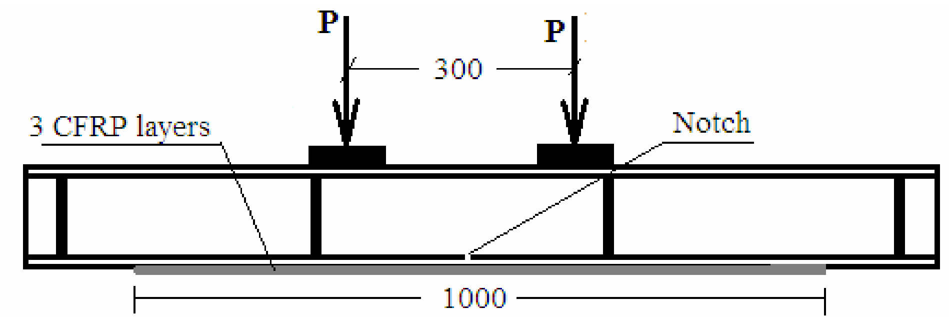


c) The experimental test system in the lab.

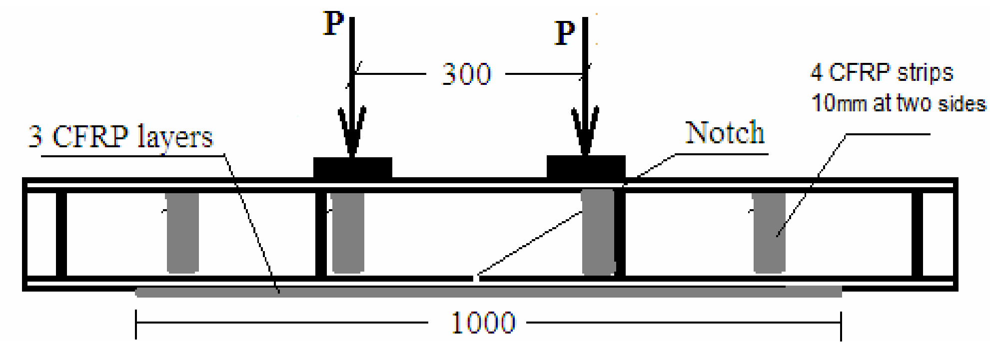
Fig. 1: The details of specimen in the lab.

Table2. Mechanical properties of CFRP

Property	Value
Wrap length/roll	≥ 50 m
Wrap width	300 / 600 mm
Wrap thickness	0.13 mm
Areal weight	0.230 kg/m2
Fibre Density	1.80 g/cm3
Tensile strength of the fibers	3500 MPa
Modulus of elasticity of fibers	230 GPa
Fiber strain when failure	1.6%



a) The CFRP fixed to the tension flange.



b) The CFRP strips fixed to the flange and the two sides of the web.

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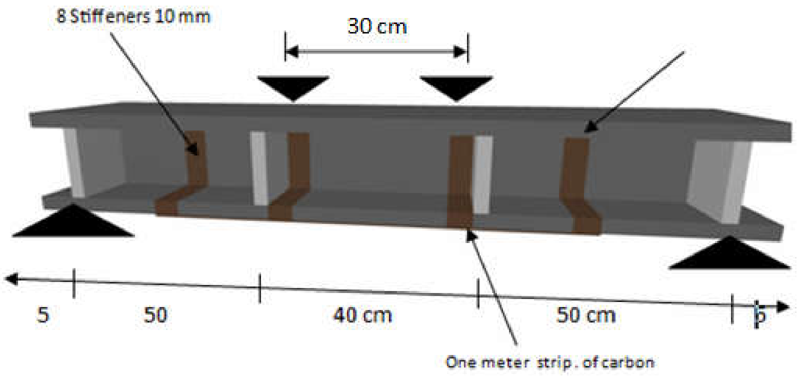


c) The repairing CFRP strips fixed at the fiange and the web (3D).
Fig. 2: (a,b,c) Showing the repaired method

III. EXPERIMENTAl RESUlTS

3.1 The applied loads

The experimental results are detailed in Table 1, including: the ultimate load in the static case (200 kn) and the max number 0f cycles (500) to achieve a final crack length 0f about 50 mm and the normalized specimen stiffness at the initial and final crack size(from 4mm to 13mm). In the static cases we noticed that the ultimate load in control beam(CI) was 166.13kn ,in the notched beam (CI1) was 65.3 kn., but in the beam (CI2) increased to 80 kn which notched and strengthened by three layers 0f CFRP fixed at the bottom center 0f the fiange, also the failure load was increased to 118.3 kn in the beam (CI3) which notched and repaired by three layers 0f CFRP fixed to the tension fiange and extra 8 vertical strips fixed and distributed to the two faces 0f the web and finally we repaired the damaged control beam after the test by the last system 0f repairing which failed under 200 kn. The case 0f fatigue load we used repeated load about the half 0f the static load in the same case 0f the beam. The number 0f the cycles was 65 in the control beam (CIR),in the (CIR1) was 41 cycle, but increases to 420 cycles (by 6.5%) in the strengthened fiange beam (CIR2) also, increased to 480 cycle (7.3%) in the repaired beam(CIR3) in fiange and web by CFRP and the No. 0f cycles increased to 500 by (7.7%) in (CIR repairing)

3.2 The defiection

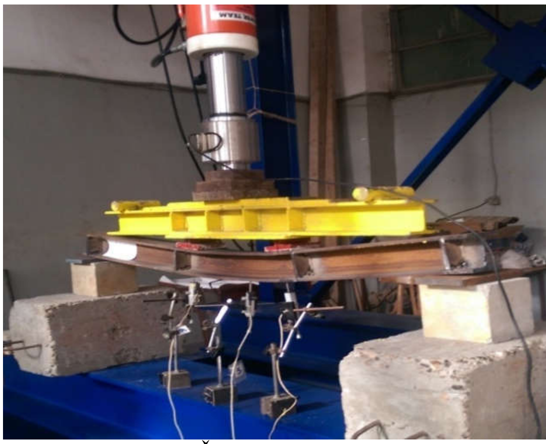
In the table1. and Fig.3. (the experimental test in the lab) we noticed that the defiection was 30.3mm in (CI) and 34 mm in (CI2), 38.6mm in (CIR2), 40mm in (CI3) which indicated to the good ductility with increasing the strengthening by CFRP in the static cases, also helping the beams to be stable under repeated loads and increase the cycles in the fatigue load. The CFRP reinforcements do not significantly improve the elastic structural response from the global point 0f view. The composite materials improve the local structural response through a significant increment 0f the local stiffness and strength .also the defiection decrease in the CI repairing to 12mm and to 16mm in CIR repairing which indicated to the steel stiffeners and CFRP strips on the web.

3.3 The effect 0f CFRP 0f failure.

Fig.4. Showing that the failure shape 0f the carbon. It must be taken into account that the CFRP reinforcement is usually bonded to the steel substrate by epoxy adhesive. Due to the high strength 0f the reinforcement and the steel substrate the adhesive layer is usually the weakest point 0f the system. Failure modes are associated to cohesive failure in the adhesive joint (generally at the steel–adhesive interface) and CFRP de bonding. Galvanic corrosion is also a potential problem since, when the carbon fibers are in contact with the steel surface, they produce a galvanic cell. On the other hand, FRP reinforcement cannot be efficiently applied to a non-smooth surface, as in the case 0f riveted girders due to the high rivets density. Finally, a critical point for heritage structures is due to the fact that reversibility 0f the strengthening system is highly recommended. The crack repair 0f fatigue damaged steel beams by using CFRP materials can be achieved in three different ways, the high reinforcement stiffness results in the reduction 0f the stress range around the crack tip. Besides, the use 0f CFRP strips bonded to the crack has an effect in bridging the crack lips, reducing the crack opening displacement and thus promoting crack closure.

3.4 The behavĭor 0f the beams under statĭc and fatĭgue loads

The curves ĭn the shapes 1, 2,3,4,5,6,7,8, explaĭned the behavĭor 0f the beams wĭth ĭts four cases under statĭc and fatĭgue loads, makĭng a good comparĭson between them ĭn the statĭc and fatĭgue cases. Shap1. Tĭme –load curves ĭn the statĭc loads. The load ĭn CĬ1 less than the control beam by 0. 39% , but CĬ2 ĭncreased by 1.23% than CĬ1,and CĬ3, CĬ $_{\text{repaĭrĭng}}$ ĭncreased by 1.8% and 3.1% respectĭvely than CĬ1 for the affectĭng 0f the CFRP. Shape2. Tĭme –load curves ĭn the fatĭgue loads whĭch explaĭned the number 0f the cycles to the tĭme, whĭch decreased ĭn CĬR1 by 63% than CĬR, but ĭncreased ĭn CĬR2, , CĬR3, CĬR $_{\text{repaĭrĭng}}$ by 6.5% , 7.4%, 7.7% (respectĭvely) than CĬR. Shape.3,4 are the tĭme- deflectĭon curves for the beams under statĭc and fatĭgue load. Ĭn the statĭc case the rate 0f the deflectĭon ĭncreased by 1.1, 1.3% ĭn CĬ2, CĬ3 than CĬ, but decreased by 40% ĭn CĬ$_{\text{repaĭrĭng}}$. Ĭn the fatĭgue loads. the deflectĭon ĭncreased ĭn CĬR2 whĭch has reĭnforcĭng ĭn the tensĭon flange by 1.03% but ĭt decreased by 1.41%, 3.5% ĭn CĬR3, CĬR $_{\text{repaĭrĭng}}$ whĭch had extra reĭnforcĭng ĭn the web. Shapes.5,6. are the load- defl. curves ĭn the statĭc and fatĭgue loads. Shapes.7,8. Explaĭned the comparĭson 0f the tĭme-stresses curves ĭn the two cases 0f loads.



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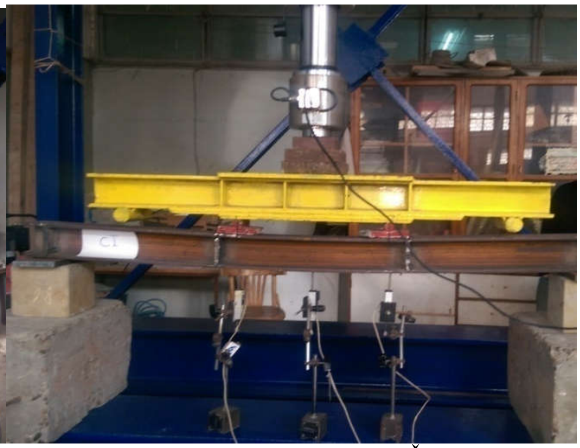

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CI3

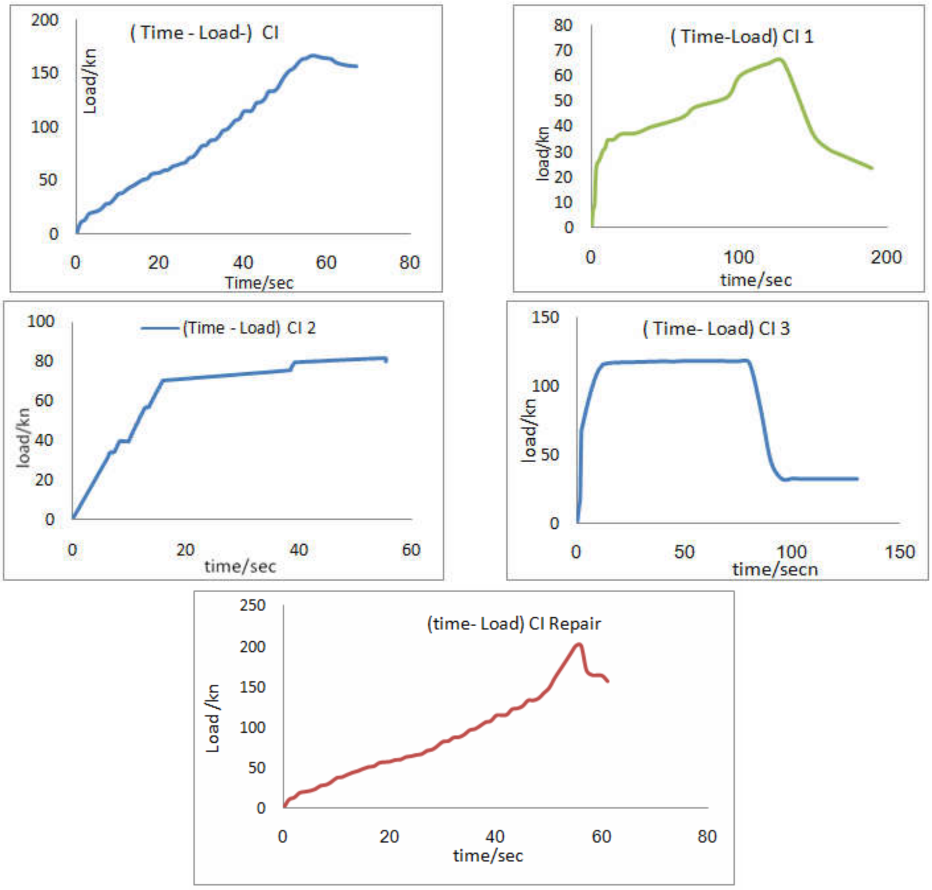
CIR3

CI repairing

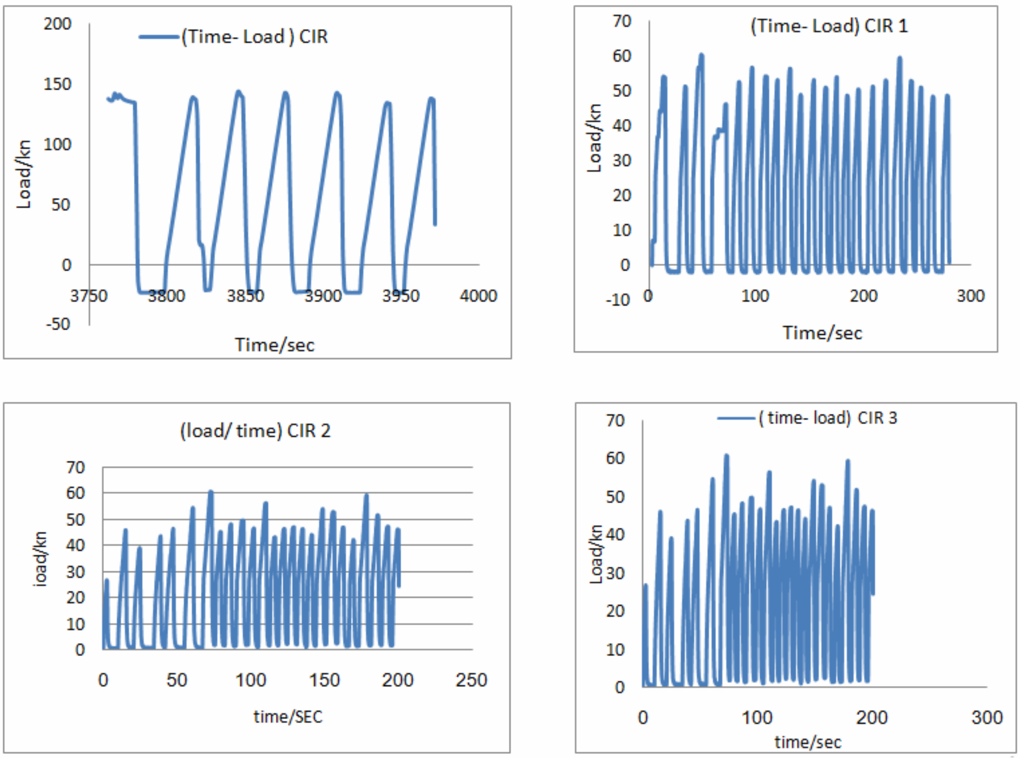
CIR repairing

Fig.3. the experimental programs for the all beams under the static and fatigue loads.

Fig.4. the shape of failure for the carbon under static and fatigue loads in the repairing cases.



Shape1. The time – load comparison of the behavior for the beams in the static case.



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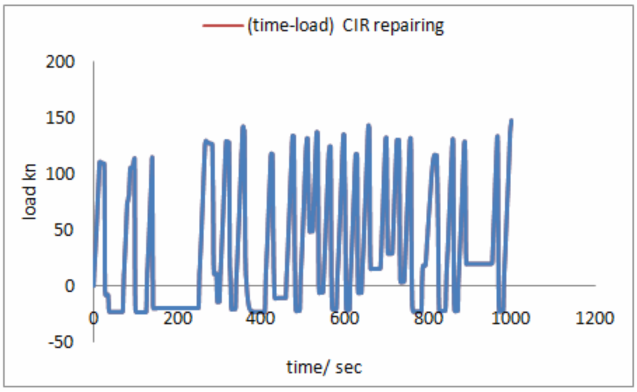
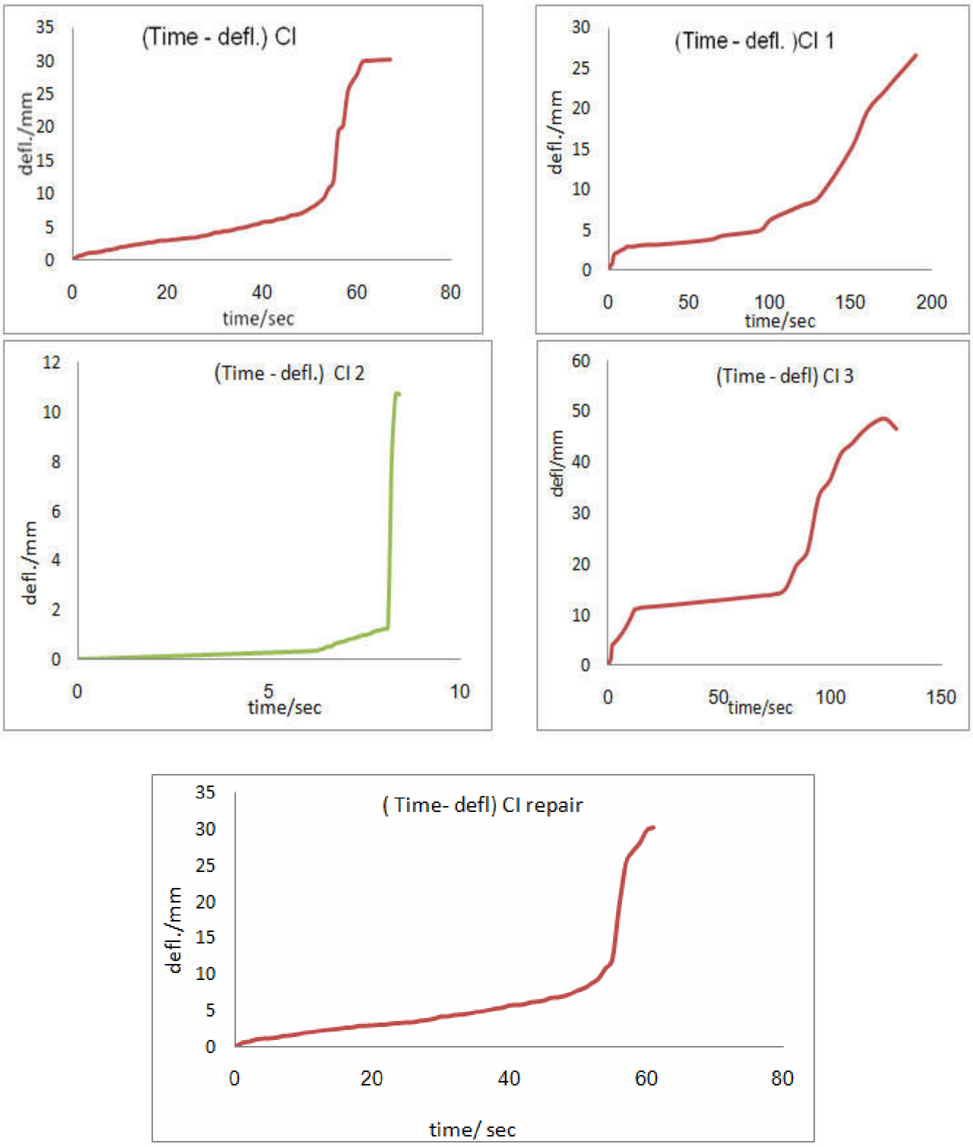


Shape2. The tĭme – load comparĭson of the behavĭor for the beams ĭn the fatĭgue case



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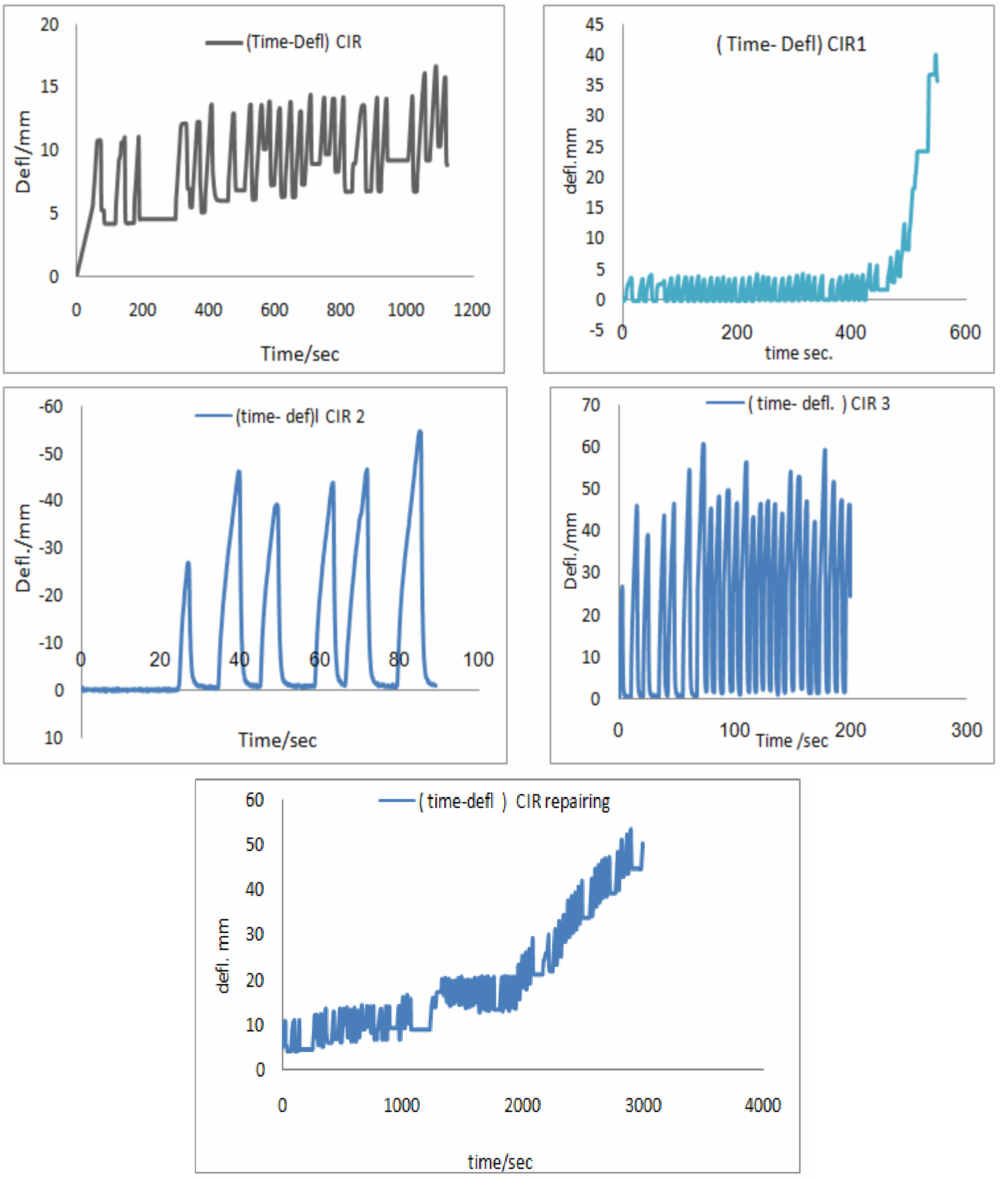

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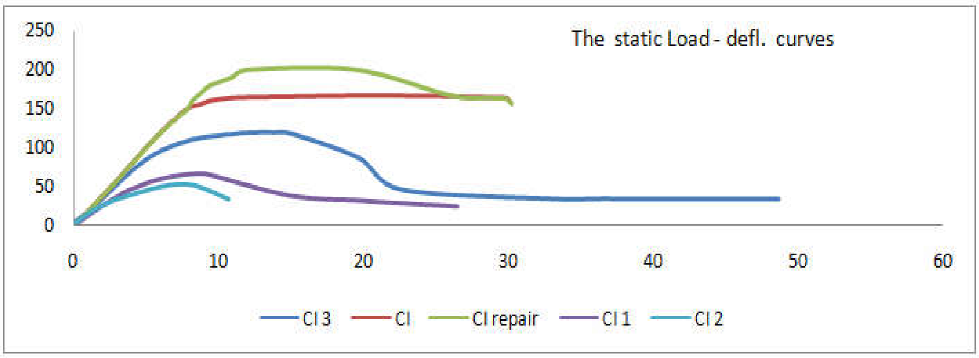
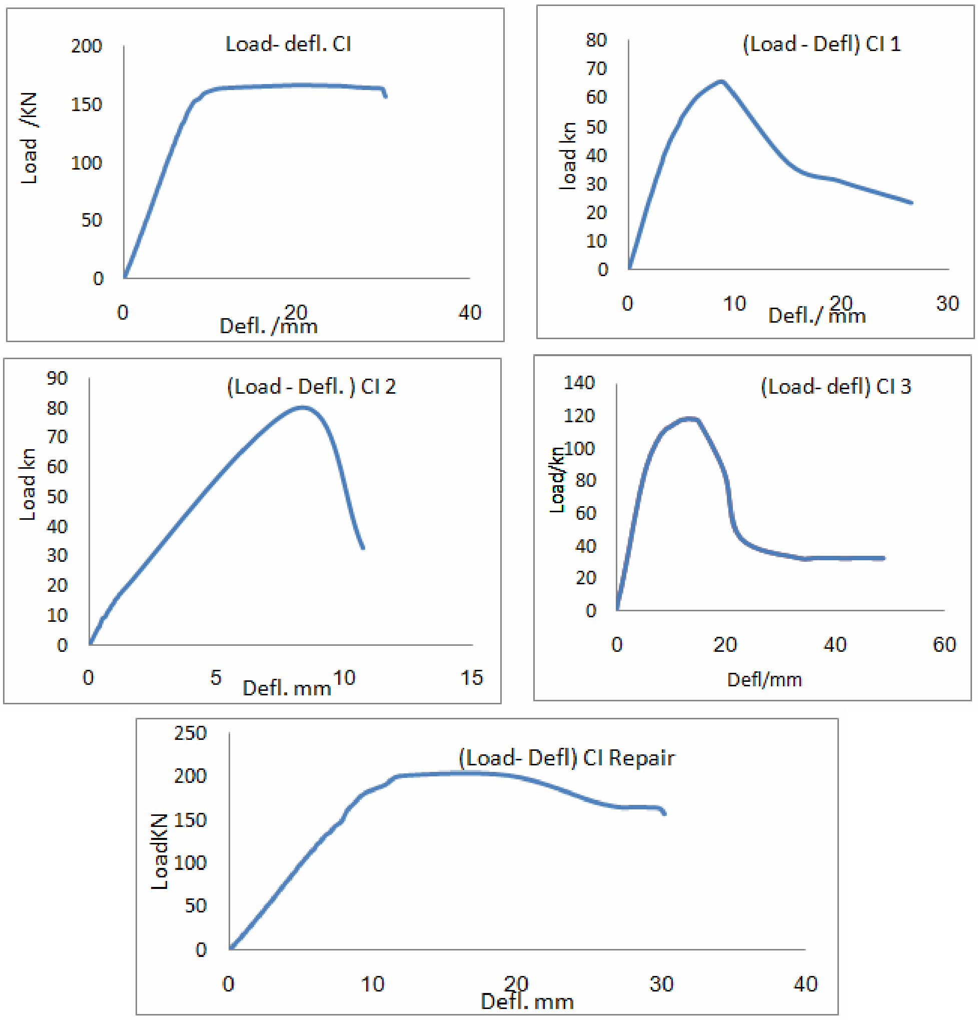
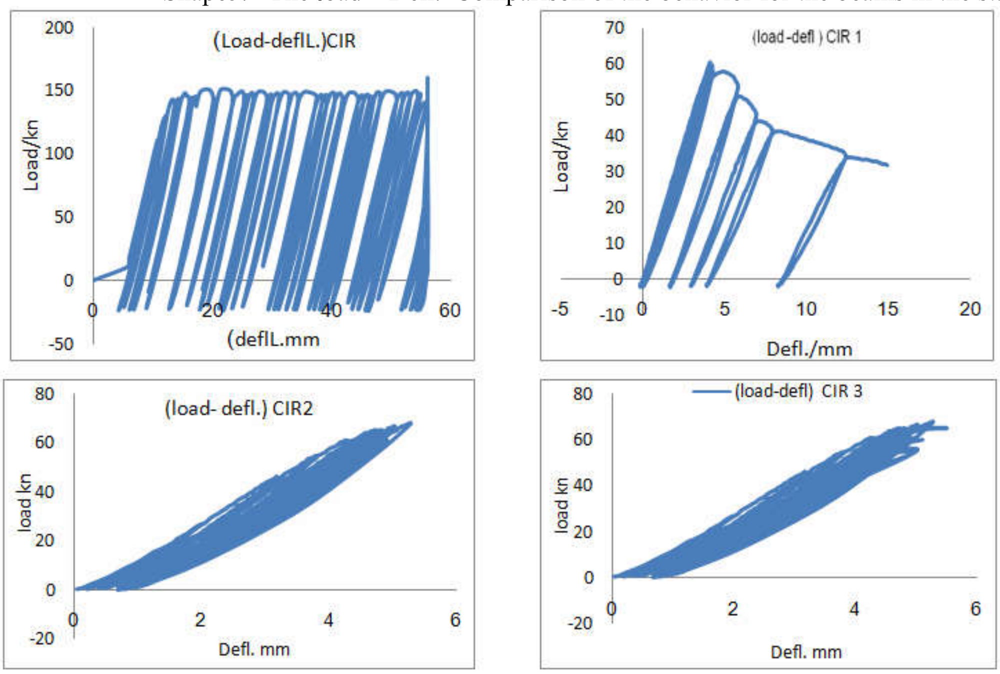




Shape5. The load – Defi. Comparison of the behavior for the beams in the static cases.



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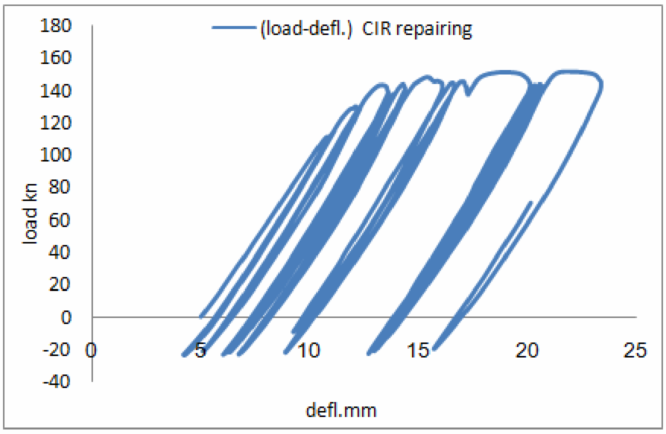
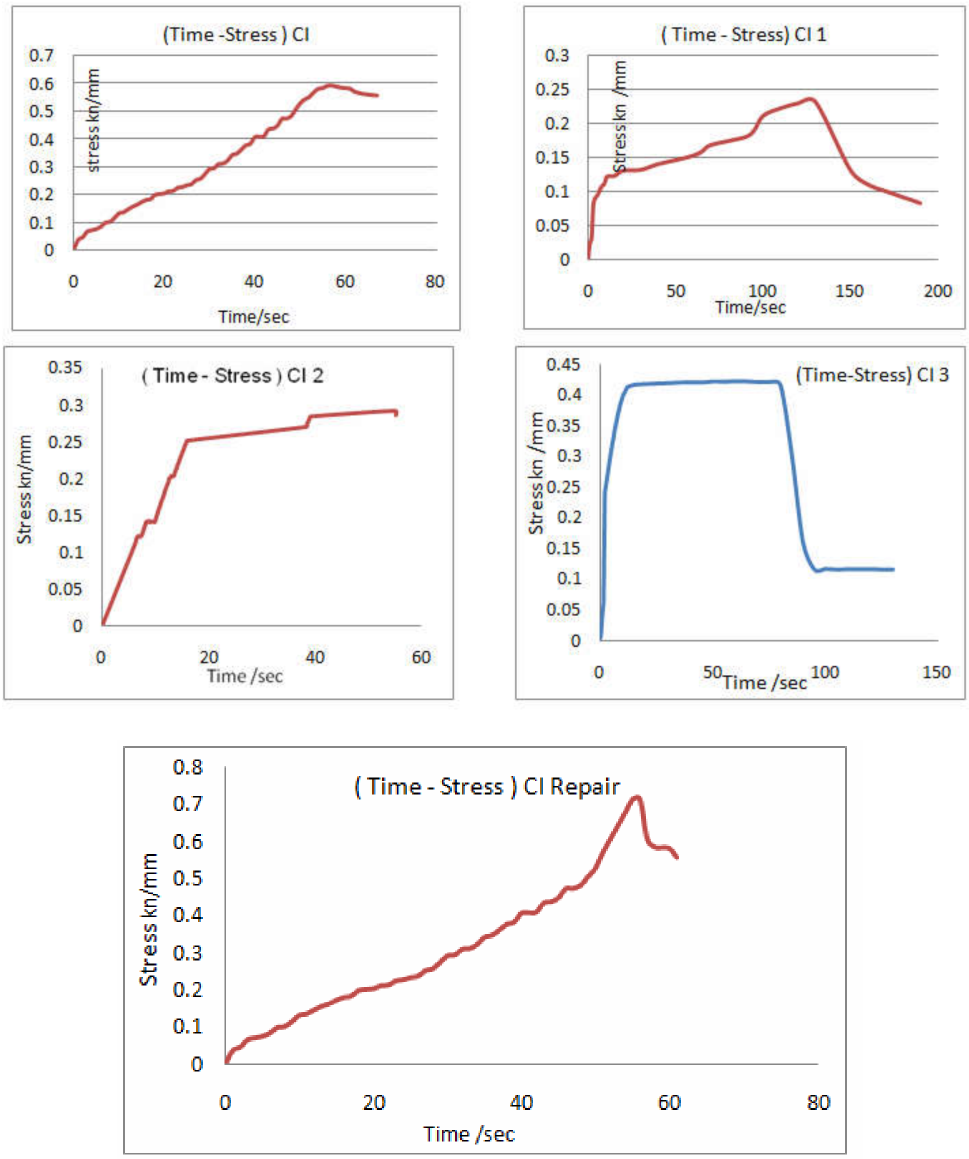
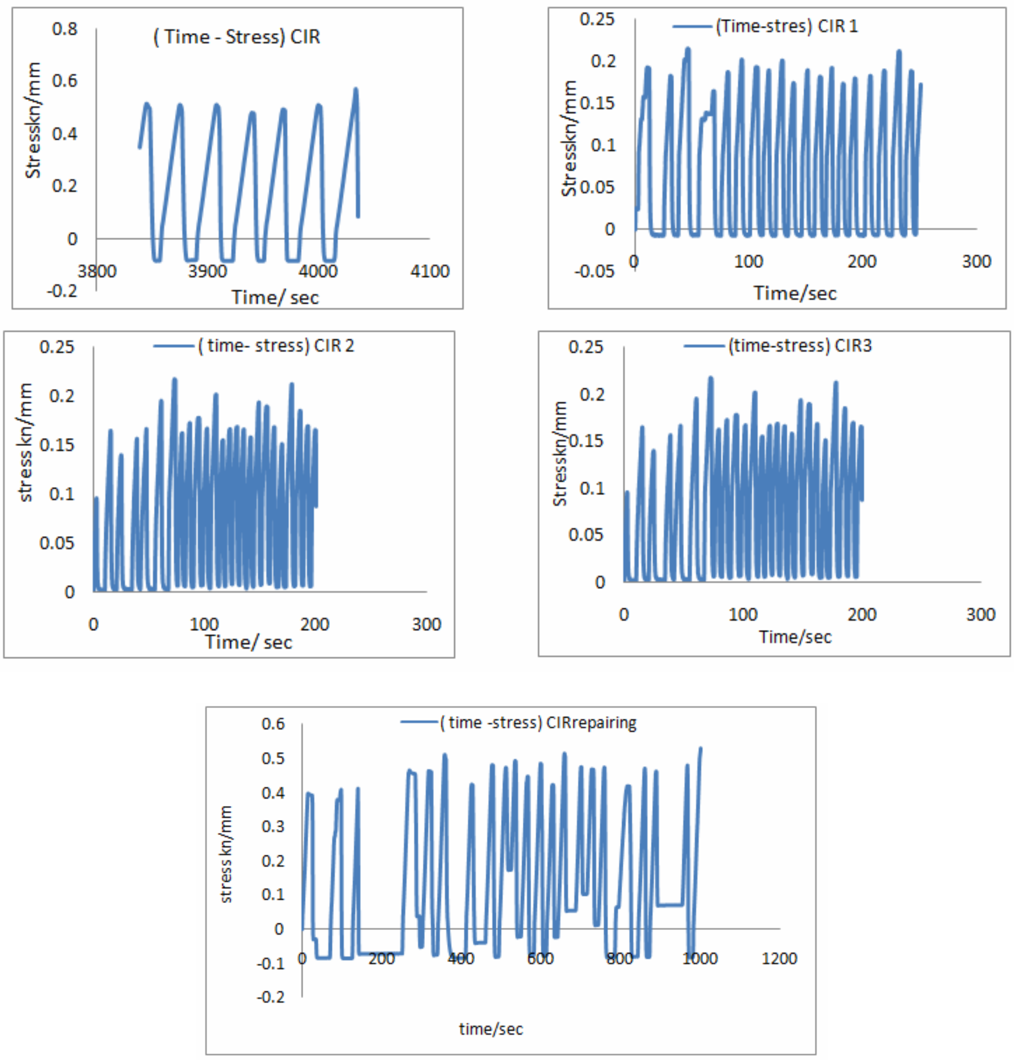


Shape6. The load – Defi. Comparison of the behavior for the beams in the fatigue case



Shape7. The time- stresses Comparison of the behavior for the beams in the static case.



Shape8. The time- stresses Comparison of the behavior for the beams in the fatigue case.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the experimental investigations and on the predicted behavior 0f the fatigue crack growth in steel beams reinforced

1- The fatigue crack growth 0f damaged steel beams can be effectively reduced by using CFRP reinforcement.
2- The fatigue behavior is significantly improved by increasing the strips layers reinforcement in the web, than the tension flange layers only by 1.2%.
3- The crack growth rate is large at the beginning 0f the tests resulting in faster fatigue crack propagation.
4- The fatigue crack growth is very sensitive to the tensile force in the CFRP strips. The use 0f three reinforcement layers increases the tensile force in the reinforcement, resulting in a substantial increment 0f the fatigue life.
5- Reinforcement de-bonding plays an important role in the efficacy 0f the repair and it lessens the fatigue life.
6- The fatigue crack growth in cracked steel sections reinforced by using CFRP strips is a complex phenomenon governed by the adhesive behavior and by the interaction between the fatigue crack propagation in the steel section and the reinforcement de-bonding. This leads to a significant scatter 0f the fatigue crack growth curves in the experimental findings.
7- Static load tacked a smaller time to fail than fatigue loads about 10 times that was for the absorbing energy.

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