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Fiber-Reinforced Concrete: Design, Characterization, and Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

Concrete is the second most used material in the world after water. Unfortunately, concrete can be brittle, which means that it requires frequent repairs (thereby increasing its cost), has a reduced service life, and if that brittleness is not dealt with properly, there may be catastrophic consequences. Fibre-reinforced concrete has been researched in the past to overcome this issue by, for example, minimising crack propagation and hence providing resistance for water ingress. However, the incorporation of fibres leads to a reduced workability, and it is thus difficult to achieve a workable mix. Nevertheless, fibre-reinforced concrete is popular as it provides increased ductility and energy absorption compared to plain concrete. This Special Issue aims to focus on three broad areas of the use of fibres in concrete: material characterisation in terms of general mechanical properties as well as durability properties; structural performance leading to the design of structures with this material; and the application fibre-reinforced concrete in general.

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