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Hardened Concrete with Different Mineral Admixtures

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Editorial

The available literature indicates that the addition of mineral admixture as a partial replacement for cement improves the microstructure of the concrete (i.e., porosity and pore size distribution), as well as mechanical properties such as drying shrinkage and creep, compressive strength, tensile strength, flexural strength, and modulus of elasticity; however, no single document exists that reviews and compares the impact of the addition of mineral admixture. Mechanical features of hardened concrete partially incorporating mineral admixtures such as fly ash (FA), silica fume (SF), ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBS), metakaolin (MK), and rice husk ash (RHA) are examined in this work based on published results.

The content and particle size of mineral additive are found to be the characteristics that have a major impact on the mechanical properties of concrete. All mineral admixtures improve the mechanical qualities of concrete, with the exception of FA and GGBS, which have little effect on concrete strength after 28 days; however, gains in strength at later ages are significant. Furthermore, a study of the mechanical properties of several pozzolanic concretes indicates that RHA and SF are comparable [1,2].

Many researchers addressed concrete's flaws, and some of them made considerable attempts to improve concrete's performance, particularly permeability and durability, which are major issues among researchers. The existing literature on pozzolanic concretes shows that the use of mineral admixtures reduces the porosity of concrete when cement content is partially replaced by mineral admixture; as a result, the demand for blended cement has increased globally to produce denser to impermeable concretes while also improving compressive, tensile, and flexural strength. On the one hand, these mineral admixtures help concrete resist harmful solutions (e.g., acids and chemicals), freezing and thawing, chloride ion penetration, sulphate attack and carbonation, and so on; on the other hand, they are important contributors to a sustainable environment as partial replacements for cement and are often referred to as "less energy intensive cementitious materials." Mineral admixtures are so beneficial that some cement companies have begun producing fly ash cement. Fly ash has also been recommended for structural use as a partial replacement for fine aggregate [3].

Fly ash (FA), silica fume (SF), ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBS), metakaolin (MK), and rice husk ash are among the most often utilised mineral admixtures (RHA). Researchers thoroughly examined the qualities of mortar and/or concrete with various mineral admixtures; for example, MK has been shown in the literature to be an efficient pozzolan with increased durability and resistance to toxic waste solutions due to better pore design.

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Properties of hardened concrete

Mechanical parameters like as shrinkage and creep, compressive strength, tensile strength, flexural strength, and modulus of elasticity are used to evaluate the performance of concrete. However, in the case of concrete in which cement is partially replaced by mineral admixtures, all mechanical properties are not directly associated with compressive strength, and the effects of the same amount of different mineral admixtures on the mechanical properties of hardened concrete are not directly associated with compressive strength. Concrete's porosity and pore dispersion are intimately related to its mechanical qualities. The inclusion of mineral admixture significantly refines the pore configuration by reducing pore size and porosity, according to the literature. Hydrated limes ($Ca(OH)_2$) form following the initial hydration of cement. This hydrated lime remains autonomous in the interstitial spaces due to its low or limited solubility. Mineral additive combines with lime to generate tricalcium silicate, which refines the pore architecture of the cement matrix when moisture is present.It worth noting that the rate and speed of this reaction are highly dependent on the pozzolanic character of the mineral admixture; hence, silica in mineral admixture should be amorphous, glassy, or reactive to achieve optimal results. Even if the amount of cement replacement and water binder ratio are constant, the parameters describing pore configuration, such as pore size and porosity, are significantly varied for each partially replaced cement paste with different mineral admixtures [4].

Drying shrinkage

The loss of adsorbed water from the substance is frequently connected with the drying shrinkage feature of pastes and/or concrete. Because of the higher overall porosity (40–80%) and specific surface of pores (about 30 m^2/g), this feature is highly important in porous concrete, especially aerated concrete. Increased shrinkage is caused by a decrease in pore radii, which leads in a higher percentage of pores and increased shrinkage; nevertheless, this attribute is usually tied to aggregate quality and volume, therefore paste shrinkage is higher than concrete.

Compressive capacity

Because concrete is meant to carry compressive loads, its compressive strength is an indexing attribute. As a result, while working with any sort of concrete, determining this critical attribute comes first. By replacing 20% of the cement content with FA, all mechanical parameters of hardened FA concrete were studied, and it was discovered that including FA leads in increased compressive strength at later ages. Slower compressive strength development is due to the FA's slow response and smaller surface area.

Splitting tensile strength

Splitting tensile strength is a measurement of concrete tensile strength obtained by splitting a cylinder across its diameter. When the cement content was replaced by 40, 45, or 50%, the splitting tensile strength of FA concrete decreased; however, the compressive strength of FA concrete was higher than conventional concrete at all replacement levels. The modulus of elasticity is a crucial parameter for determining how resistant concrete is to freezing and thawing. Static and dynamic compression tests can both be used to determine this feature. The elastic modulus of FA concrete is often equal to or slightly better than that of similar grade concrete, according to the literature [5].

The goal was to get a sense of how different mineral admixtures affect the mechanical properties of concrete because these mechanical qualities, as well as the contribution of different mineral admixtures, must be known before constructing any structural element. Before concluding this review, keep in mind that these conclusions are general and based solely on the studies reported in this paper, and that the reported results may vary depending on the circumstances; for example, curing duration and period, casting methodology and workmanship, different particle sizes, and different geographical sources of mineral admixture and/or cement, and so on may alter the properties of the concrete.

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