



Review Study of Mechanical Property of Flyash Based Geopolymer Concrete

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ABSTRACT:

In current years, the application of fly ash as a substitution for ordinary Portland cement (OPC) in concrete has enlarged in importance. Fly ash deployed Geopolymer concrete does not need the Portland cement as a paste in lieu OPC activating geopolymer can be employed with an alkaline activator. Geopolymer is a complex inorganic aluminum-silicate outcome that exhibits good joining properties. Activated Geopolymer binders and aggregates are mixed to manufacture geopolymer concrete which is an absolute construction material for frameworks. Fly ash is an industrial outgrowth that cost less, is excessively available, and needs to be utilized in an environmentally friendly way, utilization of fly ash as a Geopolymer concrete is healthier for the environment. Utilization of Geopolymer concrete as an substitute for conventional concrete reduces greenhouse gas emissions that are excessively increased by the production of cement. The present review is a complete abridgement of the studies directed on fly ash deployed geopolymer concrete and depending factors that impact the basic properties of the geopolymer concrete in the hardened and fresh states.

1. Introduction

The stipulation for concrete as an erection material has increased because of the increase in demand for the infrastructural cover of the world. Nevertheless, the application of cement contaminates the environment and consumes raw substances (limestone). The mass construction of ordinary Portland cement (OPC) needs the combustion of huge amount of fuel as well as the putrefaction of limestone, evolving in notable discharge of CO₂ (Bakri et al., 2011). Mass production of Portland cement is an environmental wealth-overtiring, energy-rigorous process that frees huge quantity of greenhouse gas (Carbon dioxide gas) into the environment. Portland cement manufacturing of about 1 ton requires 2.8 tons of raw ground material moreover fuels and other essential material in addition. (Reddy et al., 2010). Production of Portland cement is polluting our environment because of carbon dioxide emission, for reducing the carbon dioxide emission there is a need of development of greener concrete that do not harm our environment geopolymer concrete is solution of that problem. Manufacturing of

Geopolymer concrete is mainly possible due to availability silica and alumina based parent material. It provides a outstanding opportunity to shape up environmental friendly Concrete while it is feasible to employ a factory spin-off such as Fly Ash, to bulkily restore the utilization of Ordinary Portland Cement in the Concrete, and consequently lessen the excretion of CO₂ to the environment. (Hardjito et al., 2004). Future of concrete technology will change in next few upcoming years, like we all are observing the change in module of commodities market demand and supply. Consumers requires less price and highly productive articles, apart from this, in this modern era people become aware against the safety of environment and prefer to buy those things which are cheaper, productive and environment friendly. The concept of Geo Polymer concrete satisfies the all aspect of morden consumer without compromising the strength parameter Geo Polymer concrete is good alternative of ordinary concrete, many other pozzolonic materials like Ground Granulated Blast Furnace slag (GGBS),



Corn Cob Ash, Rice Husk Ash & Bagasse Ash can also be used in Geo Polymer Concrete.

1.1 Properties of Flyash

It is a spin-off of the ignition of coal in huge power plants. As Stated by the American Society for Testing

and Materials, there are dual divisions of fly ash, Class C and Class F Fly Ash. Fly Ash Chemical compositions percentage analyzed by different authors are tabulated below:

Chemical Composition	Patankar et al., 2013	Muhammad et al., 2019	Hardjito et al., 2004	Hardjito et al., 2005	Reddy et al., 2010
SiO ₂	77.10	59.92	47.8	53.36	92.65
Al ₂ O ₃	17.71	22.39	24.40	26.49	
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.21	5.97	17.40	10.86	
CaO	0.62	3.87	2.42	1.34	1.34
MgO	0.90	0.67	1.19	0.37	-
SO ₃	2.20	0.61	0.29	0.80	-
Na ₂ O	0.80	0.18	0.31	1.47	0.051
K ₂ O	-	1.63	0.55	0.77	-
TiO ₂	-	1.42	1.328	1.43	-
P ₂ O ₅	-	0.73	2.00	1.70	-
LOI	0.87	3.33	1.10	1.39	1.63

Table.1 Property comparison of fly ash by different author

Fly Ash is very good choice material for Geo Polymer Concrete due to its particle size (silty sized), in spherical shape, generally ranging between 10 to 100 micron. Due to its spherical size it helps in enhancing

the workability of Geo Polymer concrete. Fly is outcome of coal combustion industry, available in abundance and its use in concrete technology is healthy for environment.

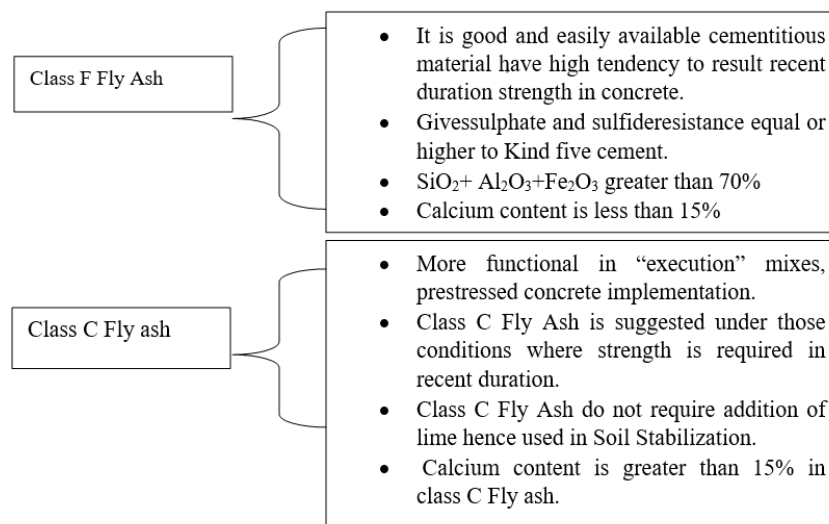


Fig.1 Fly ash classification summary (Zerfu and Ekapurti, 2016)

However, for extensive mingle, the kind and order of the mixer used (including speed of rotation as well as charge size), and the point in time of paste control the right mingle time. As a result, fly ash-deployed geopolymer concrete can grasp additional mixing time approximately twenty to thirty minutes. Class-C Fly Ash mixture possess a quick set up time so the large quantity of blend should be circumvented. To the

contrary, a mixture of class F fly ash has tendency of higher setting time. For that reason, the combining time is cannot be taken as standard for each batch slot. (Zerfu and Ekapurti, 2016).

1.2 Polymerization Mechanism

Geopolymer paste belongs to the family of inorganic polymers. Zeolitic materials has same chemical



composition as that of geo polymer material but their microstructure nature is different, geopolymer has amorphous and zeolitic material has crystalline microstructure. The polymerization method is basically a kind of rapid chemical reaction under the effect of alkaline solution having Si-Al bonded atoms that out- turn three dimensional polymeric lattice and chain structure containing of -Si-O-Al-O bonds. Geopolymer mechanism is based on polymeric condensation of aluminum and silica in the presence of highly concentrated alkali content to achieve structural strength, but in case of ordinary Portland cement

structural strength is due to calcium silicate hydrate(C-S-H) bond matrix formation.(Joshi and kadu, 2012).It is found in various research conducted earlier geopolymer concrete is alkali activated aluminosilicate (Chemical composition of source material) binder. Geopolymer concrete on the whole be made of geopolymer blend, aggregates, and amalgams. In fly ash deployed alkali-operatedblend, the principal wrappersource stuff is fly ash. As it narrates in figure.1, it is used as a sheath source stuff specially wealthy in alumina-silicate deposits (Zeru and Ekapurti, 2016).

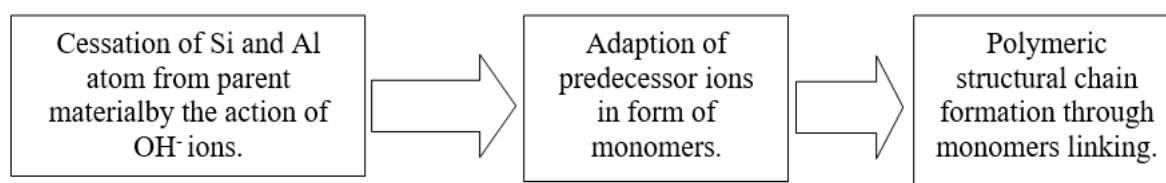


Fig.2 Polymerisation Mechanism of Flyash based Geopolymer Concrete

1.3 Mixing process

In various previous research studies it is found that, the usual substances used as alkaline activators are potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide and sodium silicate. In the any geopolymer concrete mixture, sodium-deployed solutions were more recommended in comparisons of potassium deployed solution because sodium deployed solutions are proportionally less costly and easily obtainable in the retail and testing labs in the shape of granular little balls and gel (aqueous). That which founds that the mass ratio of alkaline suspension to Fly Ash source material is taken

0.350 and the recommended mass ratio of alkaline activators sodium silicate to sodium hydroxide is taken 2.500 results in the most appropriate compaction strength. In parallel, 12 molarity concentration of NaOH(Sodium Hydroxide) is eventually the majorly suggested solution by knowing that it gives little less strength in comparisons of 14 molarity and 16 molarity solutions, in which the hindmost gives denser and less practice able geopolymer paste. It shows that the Compressive Strength of Geo-Polymer Concrete is directly proportional to the Molarity of an Alkaline Activator solution. (Zerfu and Ekapurti, 2016).

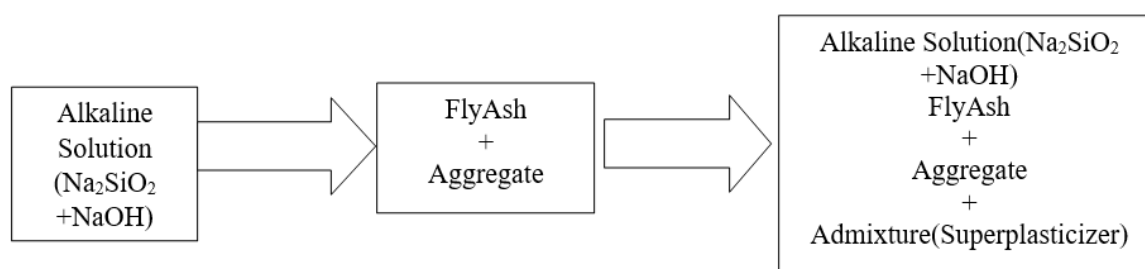


Fig.3 Summay of concrete and mixing

2. Geopolymer concrete Workability

Ratio of H₂O to Geo-polymer sheath is the proportional ratio of the entire amount of H₂O required (amount of H₂O available in suspension presently and additional amount H₂O mixed in the blend) to the Geo-Polymer sheath paste (amounts of sodium silicate, Fly Ash, and NaOH (Sodium Hydroxide) aqueous suspension). Fig.1 reports the influence of the ratio of H₂O to Geo-Polymer binder ratio on workableness in form of the flow ability of Fly Ash-deployed Geo-

Polymer Concrete by varying the amount of H₂O. That which found that the flow ability is directly proportional to water to Geo-Polymer binder ratio on keeping the other aspects constant (Patankar et al., 2013). In its fresh phase, the geopolymer concrete has a firm evenness. Despite the fact that enough compaction was attainable, an advancement in the workableness was think about as advantageous. The introduction of a large-scale water-lowering amalgam enhance the workableness of the fresh concrete but has



very small impact on the compressive strength up to about 2% of this amalgam to the quantity of fly ash by mass. (Hardjito et al.,2004)

3. Curing temperature

The strength of specimen increases swiftly with the increase in times up to 28 days, under ambient curing condition in parallel when the specimens achieved their required target strength. It is observed that the compressive strength was increases by increasing the curing temperature steadily up to the 80 °C curing temperature but then at 100 °C curing temperature, the strength decreased abruptly. Alike outcomes were found in concrete testing blocks (Specimen) cured at ambient temperature. It is concluded that at eminent temperature ranges, Geo-Polymer state probity will be grandiose. The geopolymers concrete specimens twenty-eight days compressive strength either cured at ambient temperature or elevated temperature has approximately same strength except the concrete specimen cured at 80 degrees Celsius. It is found that the strength development in tested concrete specimen depends on the heat curing temperature of specimen. (Muhammed et al.,2019). Curing temperature of concrete specimen is directly proportional to compressive strength of specimen, mainly up to 75° C. (Hardjito et al.,2004). Curing time span and temperature are two parameter that play vital role in alkaline activation of fly ash deployed geopolymers concrete to acquire most possible Compressive strength potential. The most appropriate curing thermal temperature to be found is 80 °Celsius. The compressive strength of fly ash deployed geopolymers concrete decreased with the increase in the temperature after 80 °C causing a pessimistic result on the physical properties of the fly ash deployed geopolymers concrete. (Muhammed et al., 2019).

4. Compressive strength of concrete

The compressive strength of geopolymers concrete is independent of the duration of the concrete, lengthy curing time enhances the polymerization procedure develops the greater compressive strength (Hardji to et al.,2004)

The workableness of Geo-Polymer Concrete gets decreased with excessive attentiveness of sodium hydroxide (in the scale of 10 Molarity to 16 Molarity) suspension which sequels in greater Compressive Strengths. There is a little rise in the Compressive Strengths with the lifetime of the composite concrete for a reported attentiveness of Sodium Hydroxide solution. (Reddy et al.,2010)

The inclusion of large- scale water-Lessing amalgam, approximately 2% of fly ash by mass, improves the workableness of fresh geopolymers concrete with a

very minor impact on the compressive strength of hardened concrete, higher attentiveness (in concern of the Molarity) of Sodium Hydroxide aqueous suspension results in a greater Compressive Strength of Fly Ash deployed Geo-Polymer concrete, greater the ratio of Na_2SiO_3 to NaOH aqueous ratio by Mass, outcomes in greater Compressive Strength of Fly Ash deployed Geo-Polymer Concrete. (Hardjito et al.,2004)

It is found that the effect of Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH) Molarity, Fly Ash to Alkaline activator Ratio, $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3/\text{NaOH}$ Ratio, and Curing thermal temperature are obligatory for attaining the most appropriate Strength of Geo-Polymer, the longevity of the Fly Ash deployed Geo-Polymer is superior to Ordinary Portland Cement when lay bared to an harsh surrounding environment. (Bakri et al., 2011).

It is found that employing fly ash-deployed geopolymers concrete has numerous welfares in regarding economy, environmental protection and engineering property, in comparisons of conventional Portland cement concrete. Fly Ash-deployed Geopolymers concrete is the principle economic alternative of Portland composite cement concrete, i.e., has hindrance to corrosion and reduction in environmental contaminations. (Zerfu and Ekapurti, 2016).

Higher mixing time results in a further down slump of freshly prepared concrete, excessive Compressive strength, and larger denseness of rigid Concrete. This indicates the higher combining time resulted in a superior polymerization activity, and consequently intensified belonging of rigid Concrete. (Hardjito et al.,2005).

The Compaction strength of fly ash deployed Geo-Polymer Concreteen larges with enlargement in H_2O to geopolymers paste ratio and falls with enlargement in H_2O to Geo-Polymer paste ratio, alike to H_2O Cement ratio in Conventional Concrete. (Patanker et al.,2015). Fly ash-deployed geopolymers concrete with 12 molarity (Sodium Hydroxide) NaOH concentration gives higher compressive strength in both oven heat curing and room temperature curing Conditions (Muhammad et al.,2019).

In a comparison of hot air oven curing and curing by direct sunlight, oven curing specimens results in higher compressive strength but sunlight curing is practically convenient. (Jaydeep and Chakravarthy 2013).

5. Conclusions

1. Compressive Strength of Flyash deployed Geopolymers concrete increases the molarity of NaOH and recommended value of molarity of NaOH is between 9 to 14.



2. Strength of fly ash deployed geopolymers concrete depends upon the curing temperature of concrete, recommended curing temperature range from 60 to 80 degrees.
3. Oven curing of concrete gives a sudden increase in strength of concrete for the first 24hrs then decrease and then further decrease but room temperature curing of concrete provides consistent strength results. Curing after 48 hrs does not give promising results.
4. Fly Ash deployed Geopolymer concrete forms by activating fly ash with alkali activators generally sodium-based alkali activators are used as an activator, the recommended value of the proportion of sodium silicate to sodium hydroxide ranges among 2.0 - 2.5.
5. The Recommended ratio of fly ash binder to sodium-based alkali activator ranges between 3 to 3.5.
6. Inclusion of super plasticizer in fly ash deployed geopolymers concrete does not contribute to strength but makes the geopolymer concrete workable, recommended range of super plasticizer in fly ash deployed on geopolymer concrete is 1.5 to 2.0.
7. Bond strength of fly ash deployed geopolymer concrete is better compared to ordinary Portland cement concrete.
8. Fly ash deployed geopolymer concrete has approximately half creep coefficient contrast to ordinary Portland deployed cement concrete.
9. Fly ash deployed geopolymer concrete is highly corrosion resistant and environmentally friendly compared to ordinary cement concrete.

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