

# A Study On High Performance Concrete With Partial Replacement Of Cement By Using Silica Fume, Fly Ash And GGBS.

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**ABSTRACT:** High strength and high performance concrete are being widely used throughout the world and to produce them, it is necessary to reduce the water binder ratio and increase the binder content. High strength concrete means good abrasion, impact and cavitation resistance. Using high strength concrete in structures today would result in economical advantages. In future, high range water reducing admixtures (Super plasticizer) will open up new possibilities for use of these materials as a part of cementing materials in concrete to produce very high strengths, as some of them are finer than cement. The brief literature on the study has been presented in following text. (Hooten RDC, 1993) investigated on influence of silica fume replacement of cement on physical properties and resistance to sulphate attack, freezing and thawing, and alkali silica reactivity.

**KEYWORDS:** High strength concrete (HSC), High performance concrete (HPC), Silica fume, GGBS, Fly ash.

## I. INTRODUCTION

It was observed and noted that since decades of years that the cost of building materials is currently so high that only corporate organizations, individual, and government can afford to do meaningful construction. Waste can be used as

filler material in concrete, admixtures in cement and raw material in cement clinker, or aggregates in concrete (Olutoge, 2009). Ordinary Portland cement (OPC)

is acknowledged as the major construction material throughout the world. The production rate is approximately 2.1 billion tons per year and is expected to grow to about 3.5 billion tons per year by 2015 (Coulinho, 2003).

According to Adepegba (1989), the annual cement requirement is about 8.2 million tons and only 4.6 million tons of Portland cement are produced locally. The balance of 3.6 million tons or more is imported. If alternative cheap cement can be produced locally, the demand for Portland cement will reduce.

The search for suitable local materials to manufacture pozzolanic cement was therefore intensified (Adepegba, 1989). Most of the increase in cement demand could be met by the use of supplementary cementing materials, in order to reduce the green gas emission (Bentur, 2002). Industrial wastes, such as silica fume, blast furnace slag, fly ash are being used as supplementary cement replacement materials and recently, agricultural wastes are also being used as pozzolanic materials in concrete (Sensale, 2006).



**Fig 1.1 Ground granulated blast furnace slag**



**Fig 1.2 FLY ASH**

### **1.1 FLYASH CONCRETE**

The pulverized fly ash, generally referred to as fly ash is a byproduct resulting from the burning of powdered coal in thermal power stations. The requirements for fly ash to be used in concrete mixture are stated in ASTM C. 618. A finely divided inorganic material used in concrete in order to improve certain properties or to achieve special properties. Fly ash improves concrete's workability, pump ability, cohesiveness, finish, ultimate strength, as well as solves many problems experienced with concrete today.

### **1.2 GROUND GRANULATED BLAST FURNACE SLAG (GGBS)**

The replacement ratio of GGBS has significant impact on the strength development of concrete; hence, the user should determine the best range of replacement ratio through experiment, in accordance to the design and construction requirements. Under the curing conditions, High Slag Cement Concrete with 30-50% replacement

ratio would achieve 50 – 60% compressive strength of plain concrete in 3 days, 70 – 80% achieved in 7 days, and its compressive strength is equivalent to plain concrete's in 28 days and continues to grow since then.

### **1.3 SILICA FUME**

Silica fume is a byproduct of producing silicon metal or ferrosilicon alloys. One of the most beneficial uses for silica fume is in concrete. Because of its chemical and physical properties, it is a very reactive pozzolan. Concrete containing silica fume can have very high strength and can be very durable. Silica fume is available from suppliers of concrete admixtures and, when specified, is simply added during concrete production. Placing, finishing, and curing silica-fume concrete requires special attention on the part of the concrete contractor.

### **1.4 PROPERTIES OF SILICA FUME CONCRETE**

Too much silica fume causes the concrete to become sticky and thus reduces the workability. Silica fume addition up to 15% by weight of cement does not result in any loss of workability. Silica fume concrete, due to larger surface area of fine particles, req

requires higher water content for same workability than ordinary concrete.

### 1.5 SCOPE

The introduction of fly ash reduces the heat of hydration and improves workability. The aggregate size and quality should be considered seriously. Therein reinforcement bars should be good strength as per the specification. The wide use of fly ash in reinforced concrete structures. Use of industrial waste materials for construction industry.

### 1.6 TYPICAL APPLICATION

- SUPERPLAST 840 is used in areas of congested reinforcement where the flowing of concrete is desired
- Concreting of Bridge girders, Prestressed concrete members where high compressive strength couple with high workability is of paramount importance.
- Hot weather concreting where set retardation and avoidance of cold joints is essential.
- Underwater concreting and diaphragm walls.]
- Pilling mixes.
- Fair faced concrete.
- Industrial floors, roofs and floor stoppings.

- In concrete mixes containing pozzolonic materials and sulphate resisting cements and cements containing fumed silica, fly ash etc.,

## II. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION

For the preliminary investigations, micro silica, Fly ash and cement was subjected to physical and chemical analyses to determine whether they are in compliance with the standard used. The experimental program was designed to investigate Fly ash, silica Fume and GGBS as the partial cement replacement in concrete. The replacement levels of cement by Fly ash, silica fume and GGBS are selected as (0%, 2.5%, 5%, 7.5%, 10%, 12.5% and 15%) and (0%, 5%, 10%, 15%, 25% and 30%) by weight of Cement for standard size of cubes. The specimen of standard cubes (150 x 150 x 150 mm), cylinders (150mm diameter 300 mm height), and prism (100x100x500mm) was casted for compression, Split tensile strength and flexure test. The specimens were casted with M25 grade concrete with different replacement levels of cement. Samples were casted and put in curing tank for 3, 7, 14, and 28 days and density of the cube, and compressive strength, split tensile strength, Flexural strength were determined and recorded down accordingly.

**Table 1 Physical properties of the cements**

Cement sort	P.O52.5
Normal consistency/%	29.5
Initial setting time/min	110
Final setting time/min	160
Strength for 3d (flexural/compressive)/MPa	5.2/26.5
Strength for 28d (flexural/compressive)/MPa	9.0/64.5

**Table 2 Chemical composition of raw materials w/%**

Raw material	CaO	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	SO <sub>3</sub>	Loss
Cement	60.68	21.96	5.86	3.01	2.91	2.38	2.58
GGBS	35.36	33.14	13.47	1.15	2.51	1.12	1.8
Silica fume	0.45	96.23	0.72	0.05	0.4	0.43	0.92

**Table 3 Mix proportion of the original concrete**

Raw material	content (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Cement	391.01
GGBS	110.06
Silica fume	43.88
Water	150.05
Sand	611.89
Stone	1087.88
Additive agent (JG-3)	6.606
Water/binder mass ratio	0.28

### 2.1 Specimen preparation

The aggregate interlocking concrete test specimens were prepared by a simulating scattering-filling aggregate process. First the original concrete mixture with the mixture proportions listed in Table 3 was prepared according to a general process. The original concrete had a slump constant of 180 mm.

One layer of the mixture was scattered onto the bottom of the mold, and then a layer of coarse aggregate, followed by another layer of the mixture and then another layer of the coarse aggregate and so on, generally with three layers of aggregate in each mold. Then the mold was vibrated for 40 to 75 seconds until the concrete was consolidated.



### 2.1 SPECIMENS CASTED



### III. CONCLUSION

- ❖ Mix M<sub>40</sub> can be effectively used in reinforced concrete structure for increased durability and economy.
- ❖ Workability of concrete decreased as percentage of fly ash increases in cement.
- ❖ The specimen F.A 10%, F.A 20%, F.A 30%, F.A 40% are subjected to compressive strength, split tensile strength and Flexural strength tests.
- ❖ Further in this experimental study, this F.A 30%, Silica Fume, GGBS, and Polymer Fiber are

also added in the cement concrete is modified by partially replacing the Cement, percentages such as 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%.

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