

# Experimental Study on Fresh Properties of Self Compacting Geopolymer Concrete on Replacement of Fine Aggregate with Copper Slag

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**Abstract**— An investigation is carried out on the development of Self Compacting geopolymer concrete, to study the effect of molarity (8M) on strength properties of class F fly ash (FA) and ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBS) blended geopolymer concrete (GPC) at 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50% replacement level (FA50-GGBS50). Sodium silicate (Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>) and sodium hydroxide (NaOH) solution has been used as alkaline activator. In the present investigation it is proposed to study the fresh properties and flyash based SCGC replaced with various percentages of copper slag. Hence the results showed that the Self-compacting geopolymer concrete was suitable for room temperature curing with copper slag as replacement to fine aggregate based GPC.

**Key words:** Fly Ash, Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBS), Copper Slag

## I. INTRODUCTION

The economic strength and even degree of civilization of any country is mirrored by the expansion rate of the infrastructures and highlighted by the assembly rate of concrete. Concrete is one in every of the foremost so much used construction resources within the world. Portland cement (PC); a vital constituent of concrete isn't environmentally friendly material. The assembly of Portland cement not solely depletes important quantity of natural resources however conjointly liberates a substantial quantity of carbonic acid gas (CO<sub>2</sub>) and alternative greenhouse gases into the atmosphere as a results of de carbonation of sedimentary rock and therefore the combustion of fossil fuels. It's reported that the world wide cement trade contributes around one.65 billion heaps of the greenhouse emission annually. Due to the assembly of Portland cement, it's calculable that by the year 2020, the carbonic acid gas emissions can rise by regarding five hundredth from the present levels. Therefore, to preserve the worldwide atmosphere from the impact of cement production, it's currently believed that new binder's area unit indispensable to exchange Portland cement. during this regard, the geopolymer concrete (GC) is one in all the revolutionary developments associated with novel materials leading to inexpensive and environmentally friendly material as an alternate to the laptop. Gig cycle is AN innovative binder material and is created by whole exchange the laptop. it's incontestable that the geopolymer cement generates 5–6times less CO<sub>2</sub> than PC.

Geopolymer concrete is new technology because it utilizes industrial waste and by products. Geopolymer concrete is emerging as a new environmentally friendly construction material for sustainable development, using Slag and alkali instead of PC as the binding material. This results in two benefits. i.e. reducing CO<sub>2</sub> releases from production of PC and also utilisation of industrial waste like fly ash, slag

etc. Ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBS) is a by-product from the blast-furnaces used to make iron. During the process, slag formed and it is then dried and ground to a fine powder.

FA, which is rich in silica and alumina, has full potential to use as one of the source material for Geopolymer binder. Many research studies have manifested the potential use of solfa syllable primarily based rate. For this reason, low-calcium solfa syllable has been chosen as a base material to synthesize geopolymer so as to higher employ this industrial waste.

In fact, all concretes nearly believe basically on being totally compacted. Just in case of huge and sophisticated structures; it's generally become troublesome to confirm full compaction. Despite the great combine style, inadequate compaction considerably lowers final performance of concrete. Placement of the contemporary concrete needs good operatives to confirm adequate compaction to realize the total strength and sturdiness of the hardened concrete. As concrete is created and placed at construction sites, underneath things distant from ideal, standard vibratory concrete in such things could cause risk to labour and there are continuously doubts regarding the strength and durability of concrete placed in such locations. One in every of the solutions to beat these difficulties is that the employment of Self- Compacting Concrete (SCC).

SCC may be a form of concrete which may be compressed into each corner of the shape work strictly by means that of its own weight. It's usually accepted that SCC was developed initial in Japan within the late Nineteen Eighties in response to the dearth of good labour and therefore the want for improved sturdiness. In line with Out, the requirement for SCC was initial known by Okamura in 1986 and therefore the initial model was developed in 1988. SCC offers several advantages and blessings over ancient concrete. These embody Associate in Nursing improved quality of concrete, reduced construction time, easier placement in full reinforcements, uniform and complete consolidation, enhanced bond strength, reduced noise levels because of absence of vibration, lower overall prices, and safe operating environment.. SCGC is an innovative type of concrete that does not require vibration for placing it and can be produced by complete elimination of ordinary Portland cement.

## II. SELF-COMPACTING GEOPOLYMER CONCRETE MIX DESIGN PROCEDURE

8M:

- 1) Step 1: The wet density of geopolymer concrete=2400 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 2) Step 2: Mass of combined aggregate = 72.8% of the mass of concrete

- $= (72.8 \times 2400 / 100) = 1747.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- 3) Step 3: Mass of Binders and the alkaline liquid =  $2400 - 1747.2 = 652.8 \text{ kg/m}^3$
  - 4) Step 4: Alkaline liquid to Binders ratio by mass = 0.45
  - 5) Step 5: Assuming flyash content =  $450 \text{ kg/m}^3$  GGBS content =  $450 \text{ kg/m}^3$
  - 6) Step 6: Mass of alkaline liquid =  $0.45 \times 450 = 202.6 \text{ kg/m}^3$
  - 7) Step 7: Ratio of sodium silicate to sodium hydroxide solution = 2.5
  - 8) Step 8: Mass of sodium hydroxide solution =  $202.6 / (1 + 2.5) = 57.9 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
For 1 molar sodium hydroxide solution, 40g of sodium hydroxide pellets are dissolved in 1 liter of water.  
i.e., for 1 molar: 40g pellets  $\rightarrow$  1000g or 1000ml of water.  
For 8 molar:  $8 \times 40\text{g}$  of pellets  $\rightarrow$  1000g or 1000ml of water.  
% of sodium hydroxide solids (pellets) in NaOH Solution = 32 %  
In sodium hydroxide solution, solids =  $0.32 \times 57.9 = 18.528 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
Weight of water in NaOH solution = 68% of 57.9 =  $0.68 \times 57.9 = 39.372 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .
  - 9) Step 10: Water content in sodium silicate solution = 55.9%
  - Mass of sodium silicate solution =  $2.5 \times 57.9 = 144.75 \text{ kg/m}^3$
  - 10) Step 11: Coarse aggregate =  $0.45 \times 1747.2 = 786.24 \text{ kg/m}^3$
  - 11) Step 12 : Fine aggregate =  $0.55 \times 1747.2 = 960.96 \text{ kg/m}^3$

### III. RESULTS & DISCUSSIONS

#### A. Fresh Properties

##### 1) Slump Flow Test

Slump flow take a look at equipment is shown in Fig thirteen Slump cone has twenty cm bottom diameter, ten cm prime diameter and thirty cm tall. During this take a look at, the slump cone mould is placed precisely on the twenty cm diameter graduated circle marked on the glass plate, crammed with concrete (6 liter) and raised upwards. The next diameter of the concrete unfold is measured in 2 perpendicular directions and therefore the average of the diameters is rumored because unfold of the concrete. T50cm is that the time measured from lifting the cone to the concrete reaching a diameter of fifty cm. The measured T50cm indicates the deformation rate or consistency of the concrete.



Fig. 1: Slump Flow Test

| Sl.no | Test       | Percentage of replacement of fine aggregate | Molarity | Slump flow in mm | T50 cm slump flow in sec |
|-------|------------|---|----------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1     | Slump cone | 10  | 8        | 710              | 2                        |
| 2     | Slump cone | 20  | 8        | 705              | 2                        |
| 3     | Slump cone | 30  | 8        | 680              | 2                        |
| 4     | Slump cone | 40  | 8        | 650              | 3                        |
| 5     | Slump cone | 50  | 8        | 645              | 3                        |

Table 1: Concrete mix of slump flow test in mm

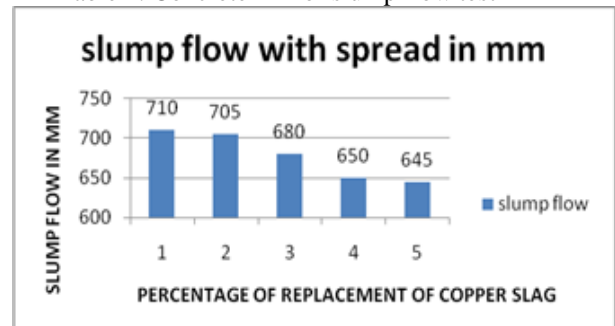


Fig. 2: Effect of slump flow on decrease in replacement of copper slag

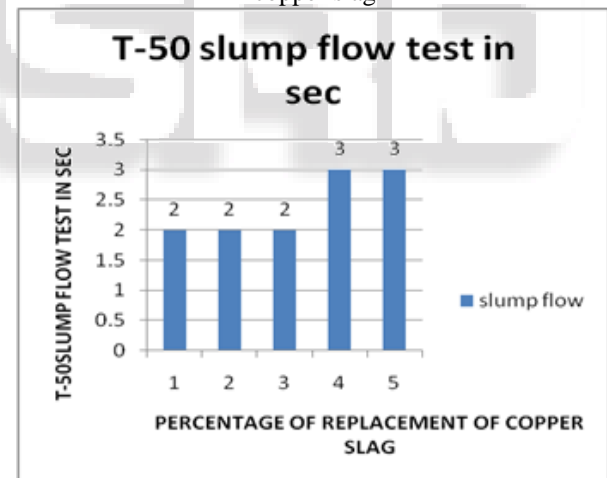


Fig. 3: Effect of T-50 Slump Flow on Increase in Replacement of Copper Slag

##### B. V-Funnel Test

V-funnel test apparatus dimensions are shown in Fig.14 In this test, trap door is closed at the bottom of V-funnel and V-funnel is completely filled with fresh concrete (12 liter). V-funnel time is the time considered from opening the trap door and complete empty the funnel. Once more, the V-funnel is filled with concrete, kept for 5 minutes and entrap door is release. V-funnel time is calculated again and this indicates V-funnel time at  $T_{5min}$ .



Fig. 4: V-Funnel Test

| Sl.no | Test     | Percentage of replacement of fine aggregate | Molarity | V-funnel in sec |
|-------|----------|---|----------|-----------------|
| 1     | v-funnel | 10  | 8        | 7               |
| 2     | v-funnel | 20  | 8        | 7.2             |
| 3     | v-funnel | 30  | 8        | 8               |
| 4     | v-funnel | 40  | 8        | 9               |
| 5     | v-funnel | 50  | 8        | 9               |

Table 2: Concrete mix of V-funnel test in sec

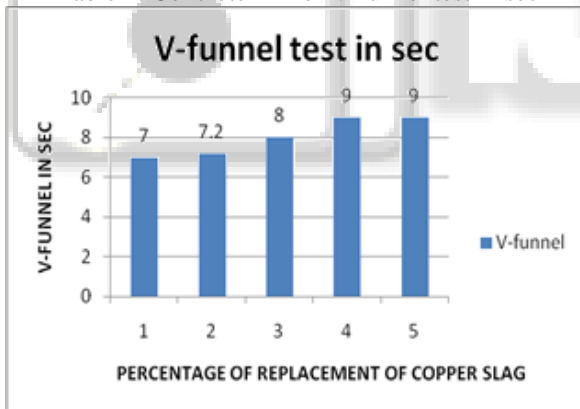


Fig. 5: Effect of V-Funnel on Increase in Replacement of Copper Slag

### C. L-Box Test

L-box test apparatus dimensions are shown in Fig. 3.8. In this test, fresh concrete (14 liter) is filled in the vertical section of L-box and the gate is lifted to let the concrete to flow into the horizontal section. The height of the concrete at the conclusion of horizontal section represents  $h_2$  (mm) and at the straight up section represents  $h_1$  (mm). The ratio  $h_2/h_1$  represents jamming ratio.



Fig. 6: L-Box Test

| Sl.no | Test  | Percentage of replacement of fine aggregate | Molarity | l-box ratio( $h_2/h_1$ ) |
|-------|-------|---|----------|--------------------------|
| 1     | L-box | 10  | 8        | 0.85                     |
| 2     | L-box | 20  | 8        | 0.92                     |
| 3     | L-box | 30  | 8        | 0.96                     |
| 4     | L-box | 40  | 8        | 0.98                     |
| 5     | L-box | 50  | 8        | 0.98                     |

Table 3: Concrete mix of L-box test ( $h_2/h_1$ ) in sec

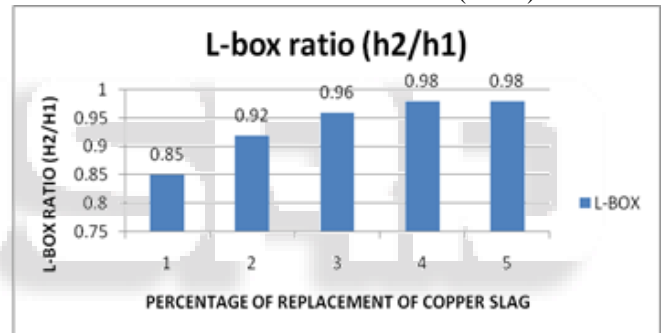


Fig. 7: Effect of L-box on increase in replacement of copper slag

## IV. CONCLUSIONS

### A. Conclusions Arrived At After The Trial Mixes

- The percentage of GGBS and Fly ash in the mix will affects the workability characteristics of SCGC.
- The inclusion of superplasticizer improved the workability characteristics of fresh concrete.
- Longer curing duration improves the process of Geopolymerization resulting in higher compressive strength.

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