

Statistical Correlation of Flexural and Compressive Strength of Concrete for Prediction of Metakaolin High Strength Concrete

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ABSTRACT

Assessment presented in this research is to establish the correlation between compressive strength of concrete and flexural strength of high strength concrete produced using metakaolin as a partial replacement of cement at different replacement level of 0%, 4.5%, 9%, 13.5% and 18%. The targeted strength of compressive strength was achieved at 13.5% replacement with metakaolin and its resultant flexural strength of 5.90 N/mm². This indicates that metakaolin is a good chemical additive to obtain high strength concrete for construction purposes. Linear Regression model was employed to establish the correlation between compressive strength and flexural strength of concrete and the emerged graph showed a strong relationship with a coefficient of determination of 0.99 for 7 days, 14 days and 28 days curing.

Keyword: Flexural strength, compressive strength, correlation, linear regression model

I. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is generally classified as Normal Strength Concrete (NSC), High Strength Concrete (HSC) and Ultra High Strength Concrete (UHSC). There are no clear cut boundaries for the above classification. HSC require high volume of cement at low water/cement ratio which causes autogenous shrinkage problem. To overcome this problem, other supplementary cementitious material such as Metakaolin (MK), Microsilica (MS) and lime are used to replace cement by weight. The application of MK as a partial substitution of PC could increase both the mechanical and durability properties of concrete, and also significantly minimize the CO₂ emission by concrete [1-22].

This research is aimed at determining and correlating the compressive strength and flexural strength of concrete made using metakaolin additive to produce high strength concrete.

II. METHODOLOGY

Materials properties used in the previous research (Nwofor and Ukpaka, 2017) were used in this present study as our main aim here is to determine correlation between the compressive strength and flexural strength of concrete made using metakaolin additive to produce high strength concrete.

2.5. Flexural Strength (ρ): Indian Standard IS 456:2000 gives the following relationship between the compressive strength and flexural strength.

$$\text{Flexural Strength, } \rho = {}^{0.7}\sqrt{\sigma} \quad (1)$$

2.6. Compressive Strength (σ): The compressive strength of the concrete was determined using the expression below:

$$\text{Compressive strength, } \sigma = \frac{F}{A} \quad (2)$$

Where; σ = compressive strength (N/mm²), F = maximum failed load (N), A = cross-sectional area of cube (mm²).

Mix Design of Concrete

Trial mixtures were adopted and a targeted strength higher than 60 N/mm² for control mix at 28 days of curing, W/b for the mixture used were kept within 0.29 and partial replacement order 0%, 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25% with addition of super plasticizer.

III. RESULTS

The Regression Models

The study established the following models as shown below:

At 7 days curing,

$$F_{stren} = 0.048C_{stren} + 2.5401, \quad R^2 = 0.9981 \quad (3)$$

At 14 days curing,

$$F_{stren} = 0.048C_{stren} + 2.5024, \quad R^2 = 0.9692 \quad (4)$$

At 28 days curing,

$$F_{stren} = 0.0433C_{stren} + 2.8245, \quad R^2 = 0.9994 \quad (5)$$

Where F_{stren} represents flexural strength of concrete and C_{stren} is the compressive strength of concrete obtained at different replacement level with MC %, constant water-cement ratio of 0.29 and addition of super plasticizer.

Table 1: Determined of compressive and flexural strength of concrete produced using differential partial replacement levels at varying Curing Age.

AC(Days)	MC(%)	Cstren(N/mm ²)	Fstren(N/mm ²)
7,14,28	0	47,57,60.7	4.80,5.28,5.45
7,14,28	4.5	47.8,60,64.6	4.83,5.42,5.63
7,14,28	9	49.5,65,69	4.92,5.6,5.81
7,14,28	13.5	51,69,71	4.99,5.81,5.90
7,14,28	18	47,66,68	4.80,5.69,5.77

The trend of observations in the determined values of compressive strength and flexural strength at 7days curing and crushing at replacement level of 0%, 4.5%, 9%, 13.5%, and 18% of metakaolin sand substituted additive to cement to enhance strength of concrete. At 7days maximum compressive strength and flexural strength of concrete was gotten at 13.5% replacement. Table 1 and Equation(3-5) gives the Correlation between compressive strength and flexural strength of concrete produced 7days, 14days and 28days curing and crushing of concrete made. The predicting equation developed is suitable in scaling flexural strength of concrete for any given value of compressive strength of produced concrete.

IV. CONCLUSION

The study developed equations for correlations between flexural strength and compressive strength of high strength concrete at 7day, 14days and 28days of curing and crushing of concrete. The developed Equation (3)-(5) can be used to predict flexural strength of concrete upon established compressive strength of concrete produced at constant water-cement ratio of 0.29, MC% with addition of super plasticizer as acceptable correlations were established for the developed equations.

Hence, for a given value of a compressive strength of concrete at a given partial replacement of foundry waste sand, the flexural strength can be simulated using the model developed. The

maximum flexural strength of concrete was determined as 3.14 N/mm² at 15% replacement level.

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