

Sustainable Controlled Low Strength Material without sand and chemical admixture by using Industrial Byproduct

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Abstract - In India thermal power plant is a major power providing corporation, produce huge amount of waste like pond ash which is hazardous to environment. It is necessary to dispose pond ash in environmental friendly manner like controlled low strength material (CLSM) is best solution. Conventional CLSM is the mixture of cement sand and some industrial waste and chemical admixture to maintain properties of CLSM. Study concerns about sustainable CLSM which is the mixture of pond ash, blast furnace slag cement without sand and chemical admixture. Utilization of sustainable CLSM saves our natural resource like sand. This paper presents detailed characterization of NTPC pond ash like physical, chemical, mineralogical, morphological and engineering properties. In the present study different mix ratios 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 1 and 2 are considered for experimental feasibility study. CLSM made

with different percentages of water and cement. Total 540 cylinders of size 75x150 mm were cast as per ACI229R. Results obtained show compressive strength varying from 2.2 MPa to 12.5 MPa. Density measured at time of casting is in the range of 990 to 1255 Kg/mm³. Flowability varying from 170-310 mm. Out of total 45 mixes, four efficient were selected which is the most feasible CLSM which can effectively be used for structural fill application according to ACI229R. This successful utilization of pond ash and BFS in production of CLSM without sand and admixture is important to sustainable development of new CLSM. Based on the present investigation pond ash and BFS can be used as an alternate fine aggregate.

Index Terms - Controlled low strength material (CLSM), Flowability, Pond ash, blast furnace slag, filling material.

1. INTRODUCTION

Controlled low-strength material (CLSM) is one of the self-leveling and self-compacting cementitious materials for backfill used in place of compacted conventional fill [1]. CLSM is also called as flowable fill, self-compacted backfill, slurry, soil cement, and flowable mortar etc. [2,3]. The application of CLSM has a broad range like structural fill, conduit bedding, pavement base, trench backfilling, conduit bedding and void filling [4]. Generally, the cost of CLSM is more than conventional granular backfill or compacted soil, but CLSM has many advantages including less equipment requirement (flowable) and less on-site labor and, speedy construction, the ability for use in the tight or confined access area. Generally, CLSM has sufficient strength and acts as a substantial structural fill, backfill material. Hardening time depends on water content used in CLSM mixture, usually, CLSM mixture contains more water required more time to harden (in some cases 8–24 h). Ramme et al. [5] recommended that scratching can be minimized by the use of more volumes of the fine grade material in CLSM. Gypsum dry wall and pond ash are fine materials used in proposed CLSM. Gypsum contains high contents of CaSO₄ which is used as a binder [6]. Gypsum dry wall board is used in many innovative and architectural construction activities. Dry wall resulting due to

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new or demolish existing old buildings are dumped nearby roadside and then landfilled [7]. It is reported that these dry walls release harmful H₂S gas into the atmosphere. The problem of disposal of these dry walls becomes serious for the upcoming future. Therefore, this study overall focuses on the use of gypsum dry wall in CLSM. Waste generated from the thermal power plant is fly ash, pond ash and bottom ash. The bottom ash mixed with fly ash and this slurry is disposed of in pond dykes near thermal power plant. This huge pond ash creates a posing threat to the area near the power plant. Wet disposal method is the best method and mostly used in industries. Pond dykes require more land to store huge pond ash. In India where the ratio of land to population is small, this disposal of pond ash is not easy and suitable need some other disposal method. This is the need of present study.

Many studies carried out on CLSM in many countries like Canada, United States of the Kingdom, Australia, Japan, Korea and very few researches were done in Asian countries such as India. Industrial waste and local waste mostly used in the construction of CLSM signify from most studies. Studies show that local waste and the industrial byproduct is used in CLSM as an effective way to solve the disposal problem of waste. Powdered gypsum, quarry dust, rice husk, pond ash, fly ash,

blast furnace slag, bagasse ash mostly utilise in CLSM in India. for example, Siddique studied spent foundry sand and industrial by product in CLSM[8-9], Chittoori utilise native high plasticity clay in construction of CLSM[10], Raghavendra used bagasse ash and also gypsum wall board and the blast furnace slag for CLSM.[11-14]. Uchibagle and Ram Rathan Lal introduce gypsum dry wall in CLSM[15]. Horiguchi use incinerated sewage sludge ash used in the construction of CLSM [16].

The objective of this paper is to develop sustainable CLSM by using Industrial by product which can solve the problem of disposal of such industrial by product like local pond ash and blast furnace slag. In conventional CLSM Natural resources like sand is used which create the scarcity of sand in proposed CLSM no natural resources is used which is environment-friendly CLSM.

Properties of CLSM

Flowability: CLSM can flow easily on the time of placing at the site is the main requirement. CLSM can flow without segregation while pumping. Flowability is find out according to ASTM Standard

Unconfined compressive strength: Compressive strength is referred as unconfined compressive strength and it is depend on the different material use in the construction of CLSM.

Unit weight (Density): Density is found after mixing material for specified time then weight after filling in the mould with standard volume as per ACI 229 R.

Excavatability: In case where future excavation expected excavatability property of CLSM is important parameter for manual excavation compressive strength which is less than of 0.3 Mpa. by mechanical equipment CLSM required a compressive strength of range 0.3-0.7 Mpa.

MATERIAL

pond ash used for the construction of CLSM collected from the NTPC thermal power plant Mouda Nagpur Maharashtra India. the physical properties of pond ash are specific gravity 2.0. From standard proctor test result of maximum, dry unit weight is 1.3 gm/cc and optimum moisture content 16%. the coefficient of uniformity 5.7and coefficient of curvature1.17 which indicate that pond ash has good quality for use in filling the application. morphological characteristics of pond ash also calculated. fig 1 shows the SEM image of pond ash which indicate pond ash content rounded and spherical particle.

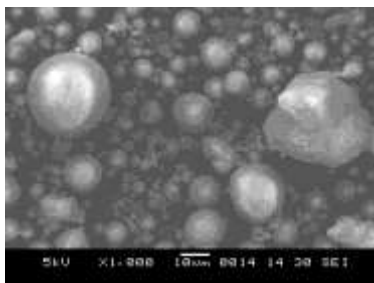


Fig1. SEM image of pond ash

blast furnace slag collected from Sunflag industries Bhandara Maharashtra India. % consolidation test done on bfs shows the coefficient of consolidation 0.747 and compression index

found to be 0.027. fig 2 shows the grain size distribution curve of BFS the cement ware used in the present work is ordinary Portland cement of grade 53. the normal tap water is used in the CLSM mix at normal room temperature.

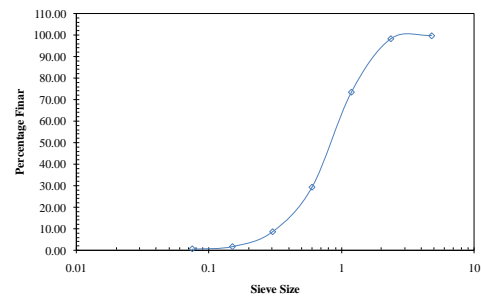


fig 2 grain size distribution of blast furnace slag

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The ACI Committee 229 was frame up in 1985 establish a report which includes applications, handling, performance, proportioning and placement of CLSM mixture for different application. as there is no other than this code available for CLSM since 1999, it is used for the present paper. Generally, for establishing the mix design of CLSM trial and error or past experience were used. In present paper, Mix ratio is defined the ratio of weight of cement wall to the weight of blast furnace slag The mix proportion of various CLSM mixture is shown in table 1.

Table 1. Mix proportion

Mix Ratio (PA/BFS)	(Cement/BFS) %	Water Content %
10% (0.1)	10% ,20% ,30 %	45%, 50%, 55%
30% (0.3)	10% ,20% ,30 %	45%, 50%, 55%
50% (0.5)	10% ,20% ,30 %	45%, 50%, 55%
1	10% ,20% ,30 %	45%, 50%, 55%
2	10% ,20% ,30 %	45%, 50%, 55%

A. Compressive strength

The compressive strength of CLSM is a very important property and it is correlated to mix component of material as mainly CLSM is used as structural fill/ backfill. In the present study, a cylinder of size 75mmx150mm was used for testing compressive strength as per ASTM D4832 and ACI229R. the material is flowable so the cylindrical mould was covered by plastic and no vibration and rodding required for each mix total, 12 cylinder were casted for compressive strength test. the curing was done for 7, 14 ,28 and 56 days. The water content was maintained 45%, 50% and 55% for all CLSM mixtures. The moisture pond ash kept in the oven for 30 min. The mixture Cement by pond ash 0.1, 0.2 and 0.3. Volume of pond ash to volume of blast furnace slag is consider 0.1,0.3,0.5,1 and 2. Testing of CLSM mix sample shown in fig 3.



fig. 3

Testing for compressive strength

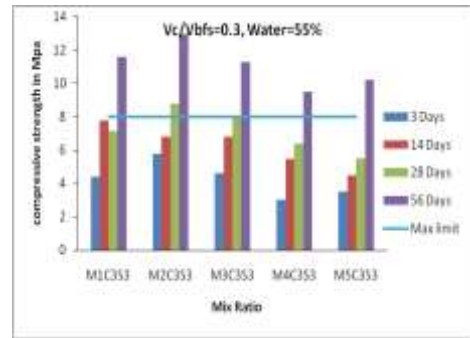


fig 5

compressive strength for Vw/Vbfs=0.55

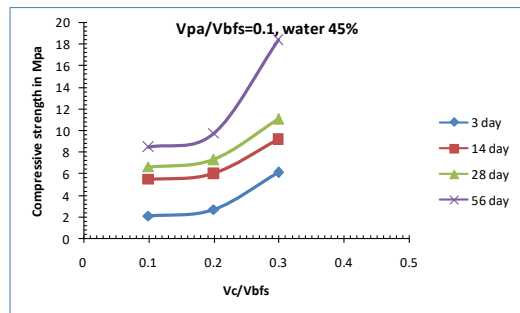


fig 6

compressive strength

Fig.4 indicate the relation between curing days and compressive strength for various CLSM mix M2C1S1 (Volume of pond ash to volume of blast furnace slag is 0.3 and volume of cement to volume of blast furnace slag is 0.1), M2C2S1 (Volume of pond ash to volume of blast furnace slag is 0.3 and volume of cement to volume of blast furnace slag is 0.2) and M2C3S1 (Volume of pond ash to volume of blast furnace slag is 0.3 and volume of cement to volume of blast furnace slag is 0.3) for 45% water content. The specimen was tested for 7 days, 14 days, 28 days and 56 days. The result indicates that the pond ash and blast furnace slag used in CLSM mix affects the compressive strength. From the graph it can be noticed that the strength of the CLSM mix increases as the curing period increases. The compressive strength increases as the Vc/Vbfs ratio increases for all curing periods. For M2C3S1 mix, it fulfills the requirement for structural fill application as per ACI 229R and other mixes can be utilized as another filling material which requires a compressive strength less than 8 MPa. The same trend was observed for all mixes, and the maximum compressive strength of 10.87 MPa was observed for mix M2C3S1 for 28 days curing. Figure 5 indicates the graph for water content 55%. This graph also shows the same trend as compressive strength increases as the curing period increases. M2C3S3 and M3C3S3 are feasible for higher strength requirement filling application as per ACI 229R. Figure 6 represents the graph between compressive strength and CLSM mix for Vpa/Vbfs ratio is 0.1 and Vw/Vbfs=0.45, it clearly indicates that as the ratio increases, the compressive strength increases for all curing periods.

B. Flowability

The test of flowability was conducted by using an open-ended cylinder 75 mm x 150 mm according to ASTM D610. Measurement of flowability is shown in Figure 4. and from Figure 5 it is clear that when water content increases, flowability increases and it was observed that flowability reduces by increasing cement content. Flowability is obtained in the range of 170 to 190 mm. Results indicate that for all CLSM mixes, the flowability is in the range of normal flowable as per ACI 229R. Flowability measurements are shown in Figure 7.

Figure 8 indicates that flowability increases as the Vw/Vbfs ratio increases.

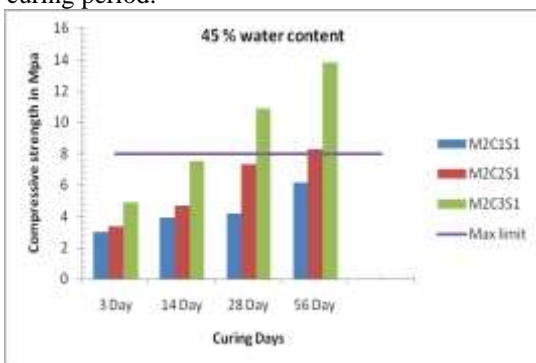


fig 4

compressive strength for Vw/Vbfs=0.45



fig 7

Flowability measurement

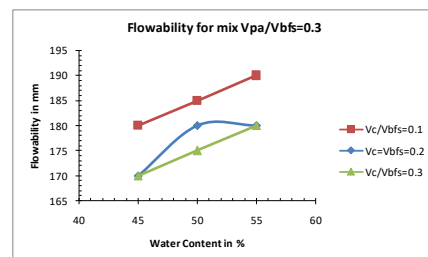


fig 8

Flowability

C Density

Dry density was measured after attending 7, 14 and 28 days curing at the time of testing. density were calculated by taking an average of densities of three cylinders. first weight of the cylinder was calculated accurately as well volume of cylinder were determine and Densities for mixtures calculated in kg/m³. Density measure at time of casting obtain is in the range of 990 to 1255 Kg/mm³ from fig 9 it is clear that that the density of CLSM mix Decreases as increasing water content.

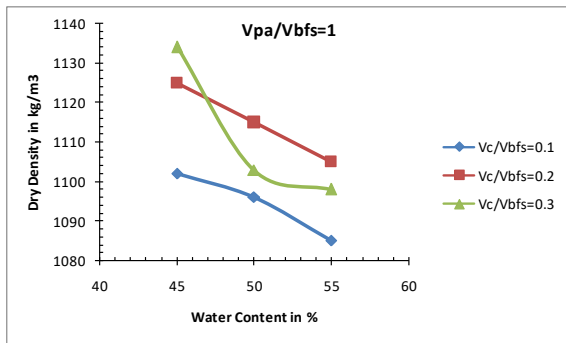


fig 9
density for CLSM mix

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1. Compressive strength increases as curing period increases, and also when Vc/Vbfs ratio increases strength increases.
2. Pond ash and Blast furnace slag without sand and chemical admixture have the potential possibility to be used in controlled low strength material production by incorporating west and by elimination of sand in CLSM production it will contribute to sustainable development by saving natural resources like sand and reducing landfilling demand.
3. The maximum compressive strength of 12.5 MPa was noticed for 28 day curing for and 2.2 MPa minimum compressive strength obtain.
4. mix having 0.2 and 0.3 ratio of volume of cement to blast furnace slag cab be used as a structural fill application and other Mix can be use as other filling application like pavement base, void filling, conduit bedding and backfill behind retaining wall according to ACI229R.
5. All CLSM mix in the range of Normal and high flowability 170- 310 mm according to ASTM D6103.
6. Density measure at time of casting obtain in the range of 990 to 1255 Kg/mm³. Blast furnace slag enhances flowability of CLSM mix.