

Experimental Study on Mechanical Properties of Silica Gel Incorporated Concrete

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ABSTRACT:

Outer water relieving is perhaps the most ordinary and notable applied to restore technique to moderate the autogenous shrinkage anyway once the slender pores depreciate, giving satisfactory outside water to curing will be more troublesome. So scientists moved their regard for inside relieving, another restoring strategy that may extraordinarily upgrade the restoring impact on concrete. Inward relieving infers the presence of a restoring specialist into substantial that will give this additional dampness. Inside restoring has been demonstrated as a successful strategy for alleviating the early age compound shrinkage for the explanation that they step by step delivered the assimilated water and augment the hydration interaction. The principal objective of this study is to inspect a couple of mechanical properties by interior restoring as a supplement to outside relieving in traditional cement. Inward restoring was accomplished by really retentive polymer (SAP) and the trial boundary was the level of SAP replacement to solidify. Sodium silicate (SAP) was utilized as self relieving specialist and supplanted by volume of water as 0%, 2.5%, 5%, 7.5% and 10%. The consequences of compressive strength following 28 days of restoring demonstrated an expansion in the strength. SAP trap the dampness inside the construction and keep it from vanishing which happens because of the hydration.

KEYWORDS: Inward relieving, Retentive polymer, Sodium Silicate, Dampness, Shrinkage.

I. INTRODUCTION

Concrete curing determines the longevity, strength and behaviour throughout its life process. Optimizing the arrangement of pores in concrete by reducing the pore is a necessary measure for increasing the strength and durability of concrete. If the water cement ratio is relative low, the inner structure of concrete has a finite porosity. The hydrating products absorb some range of water which is chemically bonded during hydration, further amount of water get adsorbed at the surface of hydrating product when the rest of water remains in micro pores. The unhydrated cement present in concrete has consequences of decrease in internal moisture with increase in autogenous shrinkage of concrete. If the autogenous shrinkage is not mitigated, the internal tensile stress occurs at early stage which maximizes the tensile strength of concrete. Excessive self desiccation leads to premature cracks, thereby reducing the durability of concrete structure.

In order to compensate for loss of moisture during hydration, the most common method applied to maintain adequate moisture is external curing. But once depercolation occurs in the micro pores, it complicates the regular hydration process, thereby opening up a new way for the introduction of internal curing of concrete. This internal relieving can be achieved by usage of saturated lightweight aggregate or super absorbent polymers. In this study inward relieving is achieved by using super absorbent polymer (SAP) which traps moisture inside the structure and releases when required throughout the hydration process therefore mitigating the autogenous shrinkage. The foremost objective of this experiment is to analyse the mechanical (physical) properties of concrete incorporated with sodium silicate as a super absorbent polymer to entrap and release free water.

A. LITERATURE REVIEW

Langhe Getal, studied the physical and Mechanical properties of super absorbent polymer incorporated concrete at 7, 14 and 28 days of curing. They concluded that concrete with added SAP showed increase in strength depending on amount of SAP added. Increase in strength was found at 0.5% to 1% addition of SAP.

Dadaji B. Jadhav et al, conducted workability and compressive strength tests on concrete which is incorporated with Poly ethylene glycol 4000 as a self curing agent and made comparative studies with plain concrete. DesireddosageofPEG 4000isfoundtobe0.1%.

Ravindra D. Warkhade et al, concluded that concrete with dosage of SAP Showed desirable variation in strengthwhileconductingcompressive and flexuralstrengthtestsandcomparedwithnormallycured concrete.

Mohammad Sameer etal, replaced by PEG 400 and sodium silicate as self curing agents atvarious dosagelevels and conducted different tests such as compressive, flexural and split tensile tests.Concrete dosed withcuringagentsshowed increaseinstrength whenresultswere studiedwithconventionalconcrete.

A. MATERIALS

1) Bindingmaterial:

In this experiment the commonly provided ordinary Portland cement 53 is used. According to the confirming IS269:2015,thespecific gravityofcementwastestedwhichhaveobtainedvalueof3.15.

TABLE I Properties of Cement

1.	Specificgravity	3.15
2.	Fineness	7%
3.	Consistency	31.25%
4.	Initialsettingtime	30minutes
5.	Finalsettingtime	10hours

2) Aggregate:

Thefineaggregatewhichisusedinthisstudyisfoundrysand.AccordingtoIS383-1970theaggregateinfiltrating 4.75 mm sieve and retaining of 150 micron have the specific gravity and fineness modulus of 2.47and 3.19respectively.

TABLE II Sieve Analysis of Foundry Sand

SI.No	SizeofSieve	Weightretained[ing ms]	Cumulativeweight retained	%Retained	% Passing
1.	4.75mm	3.88	0	0.194	99.806
2.	2.36mm	1.95	5.83	0.2915	99.70
3.	1.18mm	8.72	14.55	0.7275	99.27
4.	600μ	16	30.55	1.5275	98.473
5.	300μ	560	590.55	29.52	70.48
6.	150μ	1220	1810.55	90.52	9.48
7.	75μ	146	1956.55	97.82	2.18
8.	Pan	22.6	1979.15	98.95	1.05

TABLE III Properties of Foundry Sand

1.	specificgravity	2.47
2.	finenessmodulus	3.19
3.	Bulkdensity	1.48
4.	Moisturecontent	1.62

Asforthecoarseaggregate,the20mmsizeisusedandtestedasperIS2386-1963part3hasthespecificgravityof2.69andfinenessmodulusof5.8respectively.

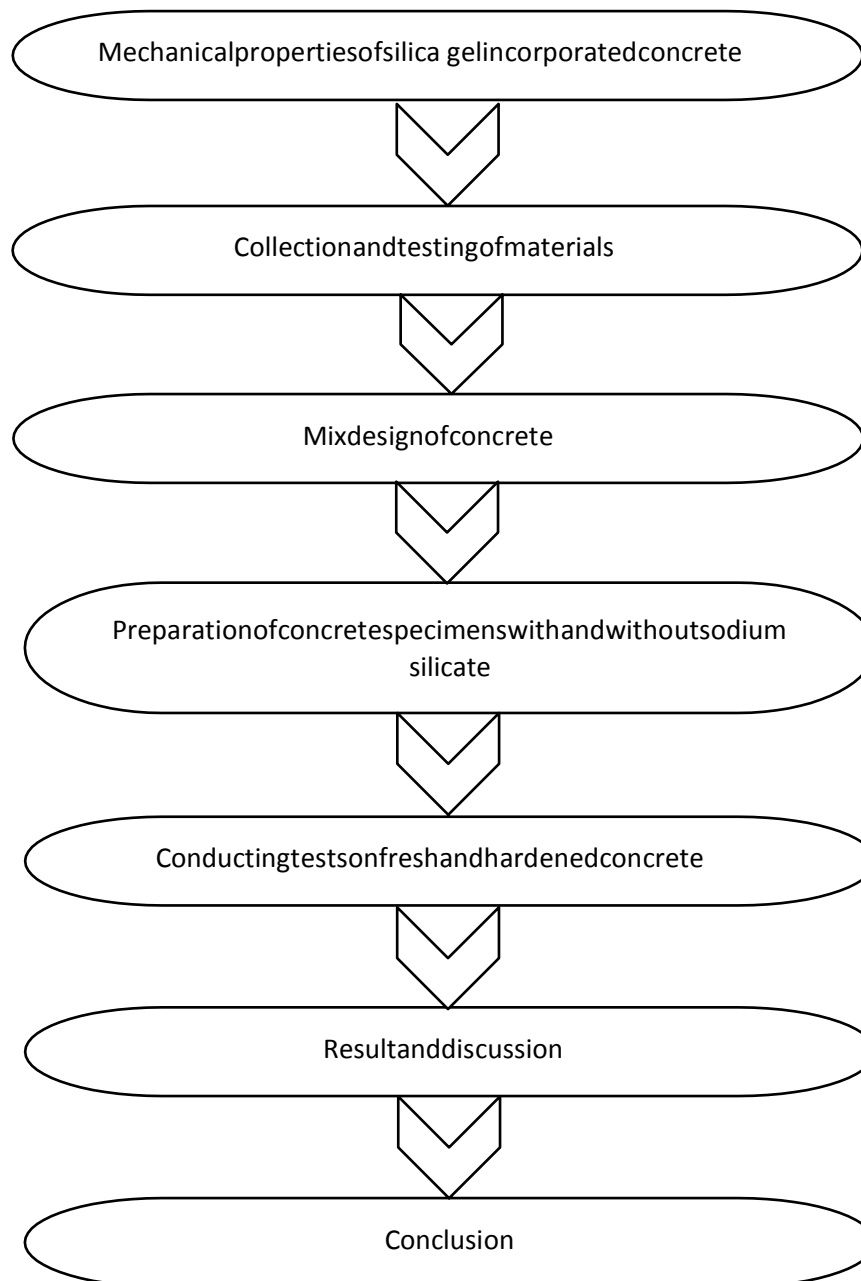
TABLE IV Properties of Coarse Aggregates

1.	sizeofaggregate	20mm
2.	specificgravity	2.69
3.	finenessmodulus	5.8
4.	waterabsorption%	0.56%
5.	Moisturecontent%	0.23%
6.	Bulkdensity	1.65

3) **Water:** Ordinary water was used for mixing of concrete.

4) **Superabsorbent polymer:** Sodium silicate was used.

B. METHODOLOGY



C. MIX DESIGN

1) Stipulations for proportioning:

- A. Grade Designation M25
- B. Type of cement OPC 53
- C. Size of aggregate 20mm
- D. Maximum W/C ratio 0.50 (Table 5-IS456)
- E. Workability 75mm (Slump)
- F. Mix Ratio 1:1.84:3

TABLE V Mix Proportion

Sl.No.	MATERIALS	QUANTITY
1	Cement	380kg/m ³
2	Fine Aggregate	700kg/m ³
3	Coarse Aggregate(20mm)	1149kg/m ³
4	water	190 L/m ³

TABLE VI Mix Design for Modified Grade of concrete

Mix ID	Cement in kg	Fine Aggregate in kg	Coarse Aggregate in kg	Water in Litre	% of Sodium Silicate added	Sodium Silicate
M0	380	700	1149	190	0	0
M1	380	700	1149	142.5	2.5	47.5
M2	380	700	1149	95	5	95
M3	380	700	1149	47.5	7.5	142.5
M4	380	700	1149	0	10	190

II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table VII and Table VIII below show the average compressive strength and split tensile strength for different % addition of sodium silicate at 7 and 28 days respectively. Results show that there is variation in compressive and split tensile strength at 2.5%, 5%, 7.5% and 10% replacement as compared with 0% replacement with and without curing. Maximum compressive and split tensile strength was observed at 5% after further addition the strength was found reduced.

TABLE VII Compressive Strength Results

% of sodium silicate	7 Days (N/mm ²)	28 Days (N/mm ²)
0% with curing	18.58	28.84
0% without curing	16.25	25.82
2.5%	18.18	28.30
5%	20.89	31.15
7.5%	19.08	28.73
10%	18.15	27.70

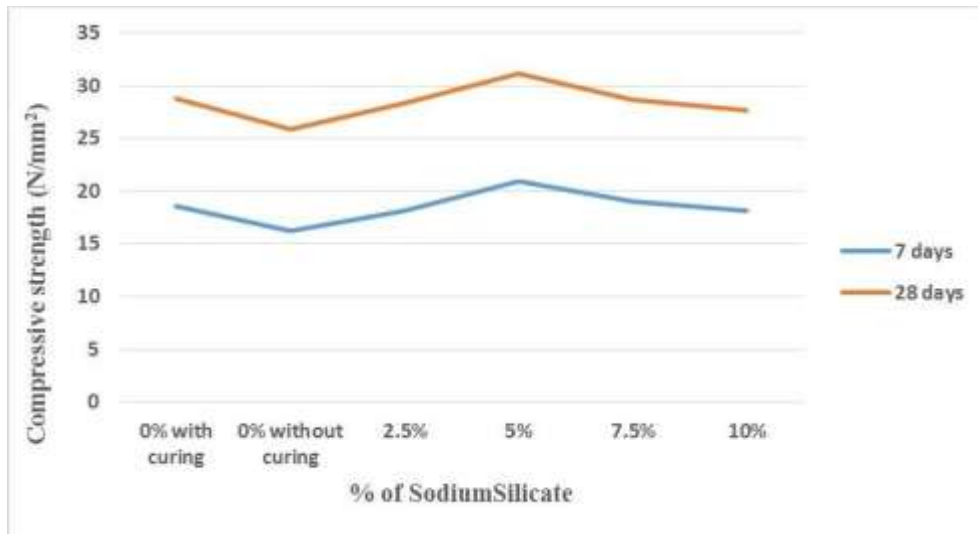


Fig.1 Compression test results for specimens with different % of Sodium Silicate

% of sodium silicate	7Days(N/mm ²)	28Days(N/mm ²)
0% with curing	2.58	3.39
0% without curing	1.49	2.81
2.5%	2.23	3.19
5%	2.80	3.98
7.5%	1.80	2.88
10%	1.03	2.22

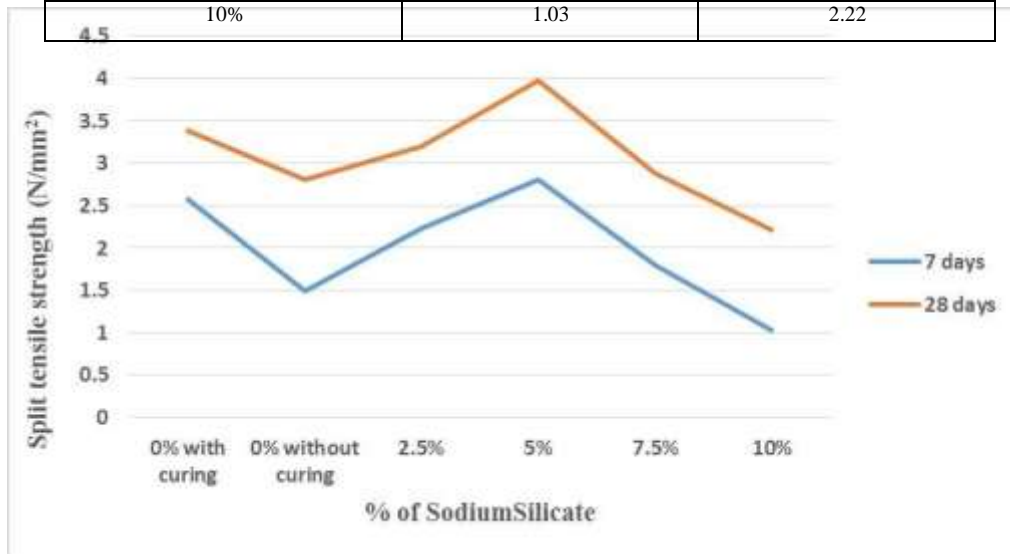


Fig.2 Split Tensile Test results for specimens with different % of Sodium Silicate

III. CONCLUSION

- This practice leads to eagerly await and preservation of environment to escape from climate disasters. Sodium silicate was used as a self-curing agent and replaced by volume of water as 0%, 2.5%, 5%, 7.5%, and 10%.
- The specimens with 5% of sodium silicate achieved the desired design strength of 31.15 N/mm² (Compressive strength) and 3.98 N/mm² (Split tensile strength) at 28 days.
- If the replacement of water by sodium silicate was above and below 5% the strength was found decreased.

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