

Replacement of Concrete Cement with Multipurpose Metakolin And Vertiver Fibers in Modern Constructions

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1 Introduction

Generally, dehydroxylated form of clay mineral kaolinite is known as metakaolin. Rocks that have high amount of kaolinite in them have recognized as kaolin or china clay, usually utilized in production of porcelain. The metakaolin particle size will be lesser than cement particles, but not as fine as silica. The reactivity & quality of metakaolin based on raw material aspect utilized Metakaolin might be manufactured from many different types of primary & secondary sources comprising kaolinite.

The Metakaolin will be developed by calcined kaolin clay under sensibly controlled situations to make an amorphous aluminosilicate, which is deliberate in concrete. Some natural pozzolans material like silica & fly ash fumes, metakaolin react with calcium hydroxide that is also known as lime is a by-product formed during cement hydration. Among 100-200°C, clay minerals lose many of the water present in them. Among 500-800°C kaolinite becomes calcined by losing water through de-hydroxylation. The kaolin de-hydroxylation to metakaolin is an endothermic procedure because of massive number of energy needed to get rid of "chemically bonded hydroxyl ions". Further increase in temperature range, kaolin becomes metakaolin, with a 2-dimensional order in crystal structure. To achieve fines of 700-900 m²/kg this material is grounded. To make a pozzolan nearly complete dihydroxylation should be reached with no overheating, i.e., systematically roasted but not burnt.

ABSTRACT

Concrete will be much sturdy and multipurpose moldable construction material. It is composed of sand, cement, and aggregate mixed with water. The water & cement together create a mixture that covers the aggregate & sand. The cement sector is the 3rd biggest industrial source of pollution emitting over 500,000 tons per annum of CO₂, sulphur dioxide, oxide, and carbon monoxide gas. Researchers all over the world have started giving their best effort on the extension of incomplete supplementation of normal Port-land cement with minerals by naturally occurring, manufactured, or manmade waste. Numerous kinds of pozzolanic materials fly ash, metakaolin, silica fume, blast furnace slag, etc. are at hand that have cementitious properties. Mixing these materials with normal "Portland cement" might enhance the mechanical & cement properties of cement. Now a day, metakaolin utilization will be developing high popularity in incomplete cement replacement because of its fineness in enhancing numerous factors & strengths of concrete & mortars. Well in several types of research it has been seen that further addition of fibers (natural or man-made) increases concrete structural integrity. Fibers are small pieces providing reinforcement and certain other properties; they might be flat or circular. The fiber will be frequently defined by a suited factor named aspect ratio. The fiber aspect ratio will be fiber length ratio to diameter.

Keywords Metakaolin, vetiver Fiber, Natural fiber, Replacement of Cement, Tensile Strength, Compressive Strength (CS), Fly ash (FA), rice hush ash (RHA), rice straw ash (RSA), split tensile strength (STS), flexural strength (FS)

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Chemical	Composition
Al ₂ O ₃	38% - 42%
TiO ₂	0.8-1.2
CaO	1%-3%
K ₂ O	<1%
Loss on Ignition	Max 1.5%
MgO	<0.1%
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.2-0.5
Na ₂ O	<1%
MnO	<0.5%
Physical	Properties
Bulk Density (g/cc)	0.5461 (When packed)
Specific Gravity	2.30
Color	White

Table 1: Chemical composition of Metakaolin

The ordinary fibers are a natural resource & many benefits associated to them such as that they transfer the composite high strength & specific stiffness have a biodegradable, desirable fiber aspect ratio are accessible from natural sources. Vetiver will be main factor in Vetiver Grass System (VGS), water conservation, effective soil, & land rehabilitation framework. Vetiver will be much connected with sorghum plants & sugar cane. Numerous developing countries have trying to

improverplacements for cement from locally accessible raw materials such as industrial&agricultural wastes. The FA, RHA, & RSA are proven to be economical partial replacements for cement.

Natural Fiber	Type of Fiber	Example
Plant fiber	Bast Fiber AndJute	Flex, HempKenaf
	StrawFiber	Corn, Rice,Straw,
	WheatSeed Fiber Leaf Fiber	Cotton, Coir
	Grass Fiber grass, vetiver	Sisal, Pineapple Bamboo, switch

Table 2: Natural Fiber

Literature Review

J. Thivya, M.Arivukkarasi (2016) According to this investigation granite powder&metakaolinisuse as incomplete replacement of cement with different percentage the best CS of concrete enhanced with 15%MK and 20%GP replacement in concrete. The CS will be enhanced around 8.5% compared to conventional concrete. The STS of concrete improved by 11.6% than conventional concreteMoreover, addition of Granite powder &Metakaolinreducethe tensile strength ofconcrete.[1]

A.Kaur and V.P.S.Sran (2016) According to this research 3%,6%,9%,12% of metakaolin was use as aincompletesubstitution of cement in concrete (M30). The cement replacement with MK up to 9%, provide best outcomes from strength prospective. There will be increment in CS of concrete with increment in incomplete replacement of MK with cement till 9%. Similarly, increase in STS of concrete was detected till 9% addition of metakaolin at diverse interval of ages i.e. 7, 14 and 28 days correspondingly[2-3].

Dr. B. Krishna Rao and M. Anil Kumar (2016): The simulations are accepted out at 10% cement substitutebymetakaolin and 0, 10, 20, 30 and 40% fine aggregatesubstitutes by “waste foundry sand”. By doing the sieve examination, it is discover that “waste foundry sand” has betterfabric than fine collection. It is noticed that as % of foundry sand increments, workability reduces due to existence of finer particles.[4]

He examined the “Portland cement mortar properties” with the use of nano kaolin. The incompletereplacements of normal“Portland cement”

with nanometakaolin I sat 0%, 2%, 4%, 6%, 8% by cement weight. It isobviouslyportrayed by outcomes, which there are increment in CS & tensile strength of concrete arranged with nano-metakaolin as contrasted byregular concrete. About 49% increment in tensile strength wasdetected.[5]

K.Madhu , T.DivyaBhavana and Syed EashanAdil (2016) In this metakaolin and rice husk with different percentage were use as replacement of cement it will be detected, which RHA based concretes have attained an increment in strength for 10% cement replacement&5% replacement of cement by metakaolin and combine 10% RHA and 5% metakaolin at age of 28 days when compared to conventional concrete in compressive assessment, combine effect of metakaolin&RHA have provided outcome at 5%metakaolin& 10%RHA.[6]

Showed survey on performance of “highly reactive metakaolin in concrete” & noticed that if water cement ratio is kept same for concrete comprisingmetakaolin&silica fume, the concrete mix comprisingmetakaolin had moderatelyreduced water. This smallercommand has 2 advantages viz best concluding& smaller inclination of surface tearing throughoutconcluding. The super plasticizer necessity was adversely influenced with increment in dosage of “highly reactive metakaolin”. For each 5%increment of metakaolin, the increment in super plasticizer was near about 0.6%.[7]

O. Pavithra, D. Gayathri, T. Naresh Kumar (2017) In this 10% of metakaolin is fixed and different percentage of quartz sand is used 25,50,75 as fractionalsubstitute of cement A combination of 10% metakaolin and 50% quartz sand in concrete is found to be optimum (41.97 N/mm²) for CS at 28 days. A combination of 10% metakaolin and 50% quartz sand in concrete is establish to be optimum for STS at 28 days improved the tensile strength by 14.6% in contrast with the conventional mix. The mix having 10% metakaolin and 50% quartz sand which had highest compressive strength had shown lowest permeability which is a good indication for betterconcrete.[8-10]

Santhosh kumar.S, Kuralamuthan. S (2017): In this experiment the Vetiverfibre are included in (0%, 0.2%, 0.4%, 0.6% and 0.8%) by Cement. The “Super plasticizers (SP)” is included to enhance power. On comparison, CS of “concrete with Vetiverfibre” is superior to conservative concrete with “optimum replacement percentage” as 0.4% It will be incremented by regarding 40.53 %. The FS & STS of concrete incremented with fibres percentage display a development of about 29.28 % and 75.22 %

correspondingly at 0.4% vetiverfibre. The procedure comprises of 6 steps:[9-10]

Burning of dried vetiver grass was carried out in ferrocement incinerator. The burning of vetiver grass yields around 9% of “whitish black ash” that might simply pulverized to powdered form (80kg). For the mix comprising the mixture of VGA the coefficient of water permeability enhanced as number of VGA was incremented the first & last setting time was bigger than that of control mix that contained VGA as cement replacement. As anticipated the last setting time incremented as number of VGA was enhanced. The outcomes might be noticed that higher the VGA content, the lower CS of mortars. 20,40,60 percentage were utilized.[11-15]

Replacement of cement with metakaolin was done considering 0% 4% 6% 8% there was an increase in the resistance of the compressive to which rapid chloride permeability was found. it was observed that the high grade cement use in this research got an increase in compressive strength by 10.13%, 14.24% and 22.90% by adding metakaolin content of 4%, 6% and eight respectively and that rapid chloride permeability was found to be decreased with increment in metakaolin content.[15-20]

Material Use in Research

Cement- M 20 cement is use in the given research work.

Fine Aggregate - Locally accessible sand conforming to zone II with detailed gravity was utilized.

Coarse aggregate: Coarse aggregate utilized was 20 mm & low size and specific gravity is 2.70.

Vetiver fiber- In this research Natural fiber (Vetiver) by means of feature ratio 90 is utilized. The diameter & length of vetiver fiber is 1mm & 90mm correspondingly.

Metakaolin- In this simulations, metakaolin have an element size less than 90 micron is utilized. Chemical composition of glass powder is as follows:

Chemical Composition

SiO	47% - 54%
CaO	1%-2%
K2O	<1%
Na2O	<1%
Fe2O3	0.3-0.5
Al2O3	38% - 41%
TiO2	0.8-1.2
MgO	<0.1%
MnO	<0.4%
Loss on Ignition	Max 1.5%

Physical Properties

Bulk Density (g/cc)	0.5461 (When packed)
Specific Gravity	2.30
Color	White

Mix proportion-

Two series of concrete mixtures with “water-to-binder ratios” of 0.45 were intended to generate metakaolin with vetiver fiber included concretes. MK customized concretes are generated by 4%, 8%, 12% cement replacement with MK by influence. For construction of vetiver fiber (VF) reinforced concretes, vetiver fiber was included to concrete by 0.3%, 0.5% and 0.7% of concrete. Hence, 24 diverse kinds of concrete mixtures are generated for investigative the mechanical properties of concretes. The concrete mixtures details have provided below.

Mix for Metakaolin

Mix	Metakaolin	Water/Cement
Mk1	4%	0.45
Mk2	8%	0.45
Mk3	12%	0.45

Table.3. Nomenclature for Vetiver fiber and Metakaolin

Mix	Metakaolin	Vetiver Fiber	Water/Cement ratio
Vmk1	4%	0.3%	0.45
Vmk2	4%	0.5%	0.45
Vmk3	4%	0.7%	0.45
Vmk4	8%	0.3%	0.45
Vmk5	8%	0.5%	0.45
Vmk6	8%	0.7%	0.45
Vmk7	12%	0.3%	0.45
Vmk8	12%	0.5%	0.45
Vmk9	12%	0.7%	0.45

For every test 24 cubes were made and 2 standard cubes were made. Total being 26 cubes.

EXPERIMENTAL WORK

Casting of Specimen

The experimental Studies consist of testing of 24 specimen for each test (50 samples were total made) 3 sample with specimen of cement replaced mk with 4% 8% 12%, 3 specimen of vetiver fibre reinforced concrete along with mk, All specimen cubes having same M20 grade of concrete. The concrete cubes having size of (150*150*150) mm³ and size of beam is (150*150*700)mm.

Mixing of normal concrete

Firstly mix the cement, dry course aggregates and fine aggregates in the proportion properly before mixing the water. Add the required water in the concrete mixing it for 2 minute to achieve uniformity of the concrete then casted in the mould of cubes and beam. Before poured the concrete the moulds are washed and oiled properly so that can remove easily after hardened of concrete.

Mixing of concrete with replacement of metakaolin

Dry cement, coarse aggregates and fine aggregates are mixed manually in the pan for two minute. Mixing continuous for further two minutes while 80% of water was added and after proper mixing of concrete remaining 20% water was added with the metakaolin while mixing ensured that complete distribution of metakaolin in the concrete mix. Then casted the concrete cubes and beams containing metakaolin in the concrete.

Mixing of concrete with Vetiver fiber

Vetiver fiber have fairly high water absorption property so they are placed into the water for 30-60 mins before mixing into the concrete mix so that fiber don't affect the water cement ratio by absorbing the water. Dry cement, metakaolin (decided percentage), coarse aggregates and fine aggregates are mixed manually in the pan for two minute mixing continuous for further two minutes with water and adding fiber it should ensure that mixing should be uniformly distributed in the concrete mix. Then casted the concrete cubes and beam containing mk and vetiver fiber in the concrete.



Casting and curing

The mould will be organized appropriately and placed at smooth surface. The side walls of mould is oiled properly so prevent to absorbing water from concrete and easily remove after hardened of the concrete. While molded to ensure that cement, sand and coarse aggregates are mixed uniformly then the concrete cubes were compacted with the help of the vibrating machine. The specimen was remolded after 24 hours of casting and located the specimen in the water for remedial of 7 days and 28 days. After 7 and 28 days the specimen was tested on compression and flexural testing machine.

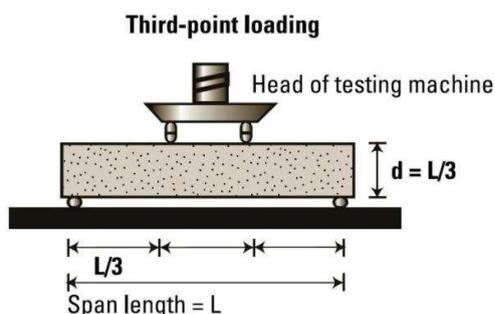


Test procedure CS

After 7 days and 28 days specimen was tested by utilizing CS testing machine having capacity of 1000 KN. Specimen placed on the bottom clamp plate of machine top surface of the specimen is slightly touched with the upper clamp plate then continuous loading was applied from both sides of specimen till we might classify small hair cracks further the loading is continued until we got the ultimate load. Finally compare the normal concrete strength and the specimen concrete. The weight as applied slowly with no shock till specimen malfunction happens and hence CS was discovered. The cement quantities, coarse aggregate fine aggregate, metakaolin, vetiver fiber and water for every batch i.e. for diverse percentage of metakaolin and vetiver fiber replacement was weighed distinctly. The cement and metakaolin powder were mixed dry to a uniform color distinctly. The coarse aggregates were mixed to get uniform distribution throughout the batch. Firstly, 50 to 70% of water was included to mix and then mixed thoroughly for 3 to 4 minutes. Then the concrete was filled into cube and beams moulds and then get vibrated to ensure appropriate compaction. The finished specimens were left to harden in air for 24 hours. The specimens were eliminated from moulds after 24 hours of casting and were placed in water tank, filled with potable water.

Test procedure flexural strength-

Size of the beam is (150*150*700)mm after 7 and 28 day its taken out from curing tank. The beam is wiped with a cloth and placed on the testing machine between the loading and supporting bar because flexural tests of "moist-cured specimens" will be made as soon as practical after elimination from moist storage. The surface drying of specimen outcomes in a decrease in measured FS. Then load will be slowly enhanced with a rate of 400kg/min. the load at which it breaks is noted. Lastly compare the strength of normal concrete & specimen concrete.



RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

The experimental Studies consist of testing of 24 specimen for each test (50 samples were total made) 3 sample with specimen of cement replaced mk with 4% 8% 12%, 3 specimen of vetiverfibre reinforced concrete along with mk different percentage , The load failure of each cubes is discussed. The aimed of the experimental programmed to achieve many objectives through comparison between the strength with normal concrete. Testing of specimen discovered the CS & STS on effect of different percentages of metakaolin and the vetiverfiber.

CS of concrete with partial replacement of cement with metakaolin-

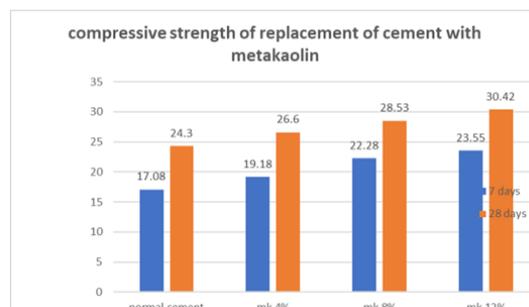
Concrete construction applications are particularly resistant to the most the compressive stresses. If the plain concrete is under pressure, cube diagonal falls on the vertical plane. Due to the lateral tension strain cracks occurs. Specimen sizes of (150*150*150) mm3 cube are testing on compression strength of concrete after 7days and 28 days of curing. The sample was prepared by control Mix and with different percentages of metakaolin.

Result of CS test of replacement of cement with metakaolin

mix	7 th days Compressive Strength	28 th day compressive strength
Conventional concrete	17.08 N/mm ²	24.3 N/mm ²
MK1	20.18 N/mm ²	27.6 N/mm ²
MK2	23.28 N/mm ²	29.53 N/mm ²
MK3	24.55 N/mm ²	31.42 N/mm ²

The CS examined for different percentages of metakaolin are replacement of cement with weight for 4%, 8%, 12% metakaolin. As compared to normal concrete mix strength is incremented by 12.29% at 5% replacement of metakaolin after 7 days and for 28 days there was increase in strength by 9%. For 8%

replacement strength is an increased by 30.44% for 7 days and for 28 days is increased by 17.40% as compared to the normal mix after 28 days testing and for 12% replacement metakaolin compressive strength was increased by 37.88% for 7 days and for 28 days it is increased by 25%. So the optimum level of partial replacement of cement with metakaolin is 4-12% which gives the increase in strength after 28 days.



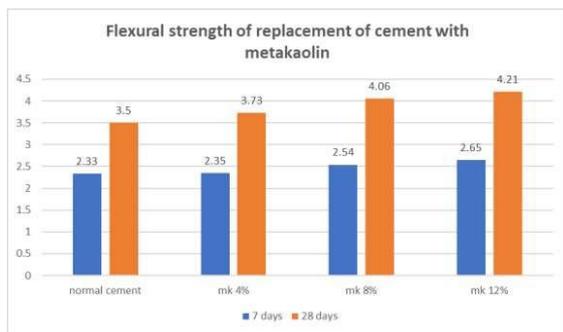
FS of concrete with partial replacement of cement with metakaolin-

The concrete beam of 150*150*700 was used for testing the flexural strength after 7 & 28 days. The concrete specimen has been made for different percentages having metakaolin content of 4%, 8%, 12%, replacement. 1 sample has been casted for each percentage the outcomes of FS are reported in table below, which displays the gain FS for diverse percentages of metakaolin.

Result of FS test of replacement of cement with metakaolin

mix	7 th days Flexural Strength	28 th day Flexural strength
Conventional concrete	2.33 N/mm ²	3.50 N/mm ²
MK1	2.35 N/mm ²	3.73 N/mm ²
MK2	2.54 N/mm ²	4.06 N/mm ²
MK3	2.65 N/mm ²	4.21 N/mm ²

The FS outcome of separate concrete mix will be represented graphically. The difference of outcomes for FS of concrete with cement replacement by metakaolin for 7 and 28 days will be clear that FS of concrete with 12% cement replacement by metakaolin presented a higher value compared to control concrete for 7 & 28 days correspondingly.



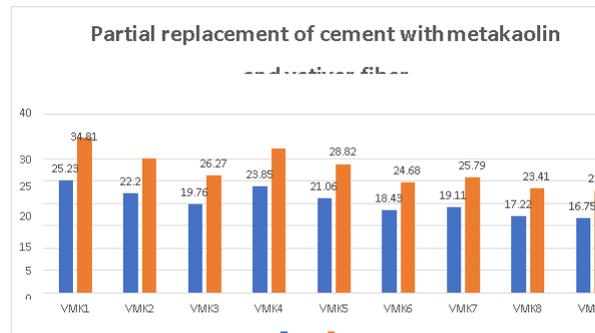
Result of CS with partial replacement of cement with metakaolin and vetiverfiber

Mix	Metakaolin	Vetiver Fiber	7 days	28 days
Vmk1	4%	0.3%	25.23	34.81
Vmk2	4%	0.5%	22.20	29.97
Vmk3	4%	0.7%	19.76	26.27
Vmk4	8%	0.3%	23.85	32.17
Vmk5	8%	0.5%	21.06	28.82
Vmk6	8%	0.7%	18.43	24.68
Vmk7	12%	0.3%	19.11	25.79
Vmk8	12%	0.5%	17.22	23.41
Vmk9	12%	0.7%	16.75	22.94



Maximum compressive strength achieves with 4% and 0.3% vetiver fiber

Graph representation of CS with partial replacement of cement with metakaolin and vetiver fiber



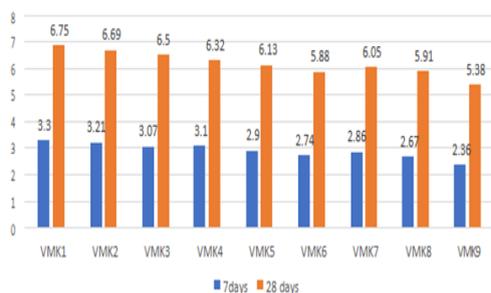
Result of FS with partial replacement of cement with metakaolin and vetiver fiber

Mix	Metakaolin	Vetiver Fiber	7 days	28 days
Vmk1	4%	0.3%	3.30	6.75
Vmk2	4%	0.5%	3.21	6.69
Vmk3	4%	0.7%	3.07	6.50
Vmk4	8%	0.3%	3.10	6.32
Vmk5	8%	0.5%	2.90	6.13
Vmk6	8%	0.7%	2.74	5.88
Vmk7	12%	0.3%	2.86	6.05
Vmk8	12%	0.5%	2.67	5.91
Vmk9	12%	0.7%	2.36	5.38



(28 days)Maximum flexural strength achieves with 4% metakaolin and 0.3% vetiver fiber $P=38$ kilo newton, minimum length of fracture from support(a)=21 cm $l=60$ cm $b=15$ cm, $d=15$ cm formula used $f_{ck}=pl/bd^2$

Graph representation of FS with partial replacement of cement with metakaolin and vetiver fiber



Partial Replacement of Cement with metakaolin and vetiver fiber

Ideal combination mix

After the entire experimental work it is concluded that mix M20+4% metakaolin+0.3% vetiver fiber is the best combination among all the mixes which gives the maximum compression strength and flexural tensile strength.

Conclusion

It is seen that when metakaolin used alone without vetiver fiber strength is increased. Metakaolin and vetiver fiber together give best result at low percentage 4%mk and 0.3%vf. As metakaolin in concrete enhances workability reduces to few prolong. As there will be decrease in fineness modulus of cementitious material, quantity of cement paste accessible for giving lubricating effect will be low per unit surface area of aggregate thus addition of vetiver fiber balance the effect and slightly increases the workability of concrete with even increasing the w/cratio.

Future scope

Since it is widely available in India it can be obtained easily and many other test which are pending are need to be done specially split tensile test.

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