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"PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF ULTRA HIGH PERFORMANCE CONCRETE USING DIFFERENT CEMENTITIOUS ADHESIVES & STEEL FIBRES" - A Literature Review

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ABSTRACT—

A new concrete type with greater strength and durability, ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC) was created based on high performance concrete research. The proper proportioning of the mixture and material elements is essential for the effective manufacturing of ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC), which results in denser and comparatively more uniform particle packing. Because of its extremely low porosity, enhanced fatigue behaviour, and ultra-high strength characteristics, which result in superior resistance to harsh conditions, UHPC offers a practical and long-term solution for better sustainable building. Steel fibres are added to concrete to increase its flexural performance and durability, giving it more advantages for broader technical applications. Because of its greater initial cost, lack of contractor knowledge, and lack of widely accepted design rules, UHPC's uses in construction are currently somewhat limited. However, the cost of its materials should go down as long as research into making UHPC with locally accessible ingredients under typical curing circumstances continues. In order to demystify this durable and sustainable building material, this study aims to help engineers, consultants, and the construction industry better grasp the special qualities and capabilities of UHPC. By comparing the properties of concrete with the addition of various cementitious adhesives and steel fibres to the traditional mix, the goal was to ascertain the benefits and drawbacks of this approach.

Keywords: *Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC), Workability, Durability, Strength Properties, Steel Fibres, Cementitious Adhesives.*

1. Introduction -

By lowering the cross sections of structural members and the corresponding material and labour costs, ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC), a new building material with improved mechanical and durability qualities, can result in more cost-effective construction. UHPC's wider application in the building sector has been limited by its comparatively expensive starting cost. To start an innovative UHPC with a lower initial cost, however, current research and investigations are addressing knowledge shortages. Additionally, the creation and broad adoption of UHPC design code provisions need to motivate construction industry participants to execute extensive applications. The recent drive by groups like the American Concrete Institute, which designated the use of high-strength steel reinforcing in concrete as a major research priority, makes this even more pertinent. In the near future, it is anticipated that the combination of UHPC with high-strength steel will provide unique structures. Tall buildings, rehabilitation projects, machine parts, military constructions, and structural and non-structural components are among the possible uses for UHPC. UHPC can be used to create structures that are lighter because of their reduced cross sections. Consequently, the precast concrete industry may make good use of UHPC. Additionally, UHPC was extensively utilized in highway bridges and pedestrian footbridges. An in-depth analysis of the literature on UHPC qualities was carried out in the current study and condensed to provide easy access to this dispersed data.

According to the ACI mixture design process, the main characteristics and priorities of conventional concrete (CC) are workability, compressive strength, durability, and economy. The primary ingredient in the creation of UHPC is Portland cement (PC), which is employed as a cementitious binder along with additional supplementary cementitious materials (SCM). Silica fume (SF) is typically utilized as an SCM. The manufacturing of UHPC is based on mechanical uniformity, maximum particle packing density, and minimum number of defects, taking into account both the macro and micro features of the design mix components. It is essential to take into account the materials' physical and chemical characteristics in addition to their micro and macro characteristics. The development of scientifically effective mix design techniques is essential to producing UHPC with long-lasting, feasible, cost-effective, and superior mechanical qualities. However, UHPC has several drawbacks, especially when it comes to cracking and shrinkage in the early phases of concreting because to drying and autogenous shrinkage. As a result, little research has been done on this concrete's long-term behaviour. Furthermore, UHPC is more expensive than regular concrete, which raises questions about its feasibility in situations where unusual concrete can more affordably satisfy design specifications. The principal constraint to the wider application of UHPC is the high cost of several expensive raw materials in the mix.

Composition of Ultra High Performance Concrete

Improving the combination materials' micro and macro characteristics is crucial to creating UHPC because it guarantees mechanical uniformity, maximum particle packing density, and a minimum size of defects. The rationale behind achieving UHPC's exceptional compressive strength and durability is based on four key ideas, which are listed below:

1. Low Water-Cement Ratio. It is essential to keep the water-to-cement ratio extremely low, usually between 0.20 and 0.25. This aids in hydrating the material to create a strong, compact structure. The low ratio minimizes brittle collapse, improves ductility, and decreases capillary holes.

2. High Particle Packing Density. By using fine binder ingredients, the fresh mixture's water consumption is reduced and a high particle packing density is encouraged. This affects the concrete's brittleness in addition to increasing its compressive strength.

3. Optimal Superplasticizer Dosage. To control the workability of UHPC, a high dose of superplasticizer must be used. This guarantees that the desired qualities of the concrete are maintained while it is adequately workable.

4. Use of Fibres. The goal of adding fibres to the UHPC is to induce tension and bending tension. As a result, the concrete gains the required ductility and shear strength. However, the idea of adding coarse aggregates to increase the mixture's homogeneity is ignored in UHPC, in contrast to conventional concrete, where they are a necessary component.

As a result, we may group the common components in new UHPC developments as follows:

- Materials for binder
- Aggregates
- Chemical admixtures with fibres.

Binders - Compared to normal-strength and high-performance concrete, UHPC uses a comparatively larger percentage of cement. The UHPC compressive strength was found to rise with increasing cement content; however, compressive strength tends to decrease beyond an optimal cement content (about 1700 kg/m3), most likely as a result of limited aggregate participation. Because it requires less water, cement with a tri-calcium aluminate composition of less than 6% and intermediate Blaine fineness is chosen. UHPC was also developed using special micro-fine cements, which have particles smaller than ordinary Portland cement. Only a portion of the total cement hydrates due to UHPC's extremely low water/binder ratio (w/b), and the un hydrated cement can be substituted with crushed quartz, fly ash, or blast furnace slag. For example, crushed quartz, blast furnace slag, or fly ash can be used in place of up to 30, 36, and 40% of the cement by volume in UHPC combinations, respectively, without lowering the mixture's compressive strength. Furthermore, because silica fume has a much smaller particle size and an ideal spherical form, it can be added as a binder to UHPC to increase its workability by filling in the spaces between coarser particles. Through its pozzolanic reactions, silica fume also improves the strength characteristics of UHPC in addition to this micro filler effect. In order to produce tighter particle packing and pozzolanic reactivity in UHPC, which results in greater strength qualities, some research suggested silica fume dosages of 20–30% of the total binder material. For example, the ideal dose in UHPC was suggested to be 25% by cement weight of low carbon content ($<0.5\%$) silica fume.

Fly ash (FA), ground granulated blast-furnace slag (GGBS), silica fume, metakaolin, limestone powder, steel slag powder, and rice husk ash are among the most widely used supplemental cementitious materials (SCMs).

Portland Cement Type I–III and white cement are among the cement types that can be used to make UHPC, depending on the particular applications and environmental conditions. However, because of their high C3S content and Blaine fineness, Type III and white cement are the most often utilized cements since they improve strength and reduce the amount of time that concrete takes to set. However, when extraordinarily high early stage strength is not a required condition, Type I cement may be taken into consideration because of its reduced cost and reactivity.

Silica Fume The typical addition of silica fume (SF) to the mixture ranges from 5% to 25%. Because of its tiny particle size, it increases the workability and packing density of concrete particles in amounts under 10%. However, because the SF's vast surface area tends to absorb free water, workability may be significantly reduced if the SF concentration surpasses 10% of the UHPC [53]. Furthermore, because of its high SiO2 content, SF improves cement hydration and refines the microstructure of UHPC by imparting a seeding and pozzolanic action.

Rice Husk Due to its high content of amorphous silica, rice husk, an agricultural waste, can either fully or partially replace SF. Rice husk ash has a D50 between 5 and 20 μm, which is 50–100 times bigger than SF. But because rice husk ash has a bigger surface area (64,700 m2/kg) than SF (18,500 m2/kg), it absorbs more water and makes concrete less workable. Additionally, the rice husk ash slows down internal dehydration and reduces autogenous shrinkage by absorbing water during mixing and releasing it gradually throughout hydration.

Fly Ash The manufacturing of UHPC mostly uses fly ash, a by-product of coal power plants, with a focus on type C and type F fly ash. Fly ash of type C experiences both hydraulic and pozzolanic reactions, while fly ash of type F only experiences pozzolanic reactions because it lacks CaO. In order to substitute cement, fly ash is usually used in ratios of 10% to 30% for type F and 40% to 60% for type C. Fly ash's larger spherical shape than cement reduces inter-particle friction, which improves the concrete's workability.

Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBFS) For a long time, concrete has used ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBFS) as an additional cementitious ingredient. Slags like as copper, iron, and barium can be used in UHPC mixtures. Slag, as an alternative SCM, usually takes the place of cement in proportions between 30% and 60%. When compared to a comparable amount of fly ash, the angular forms of the slag particles increase inter-particle friction, which reduces the workability of UHPC.

Glass Powder In UHPC combinations, glass powder is used in a ratio of 10% to 50% in place of cement or SF. The glass powder's D50 spans from 1 to 20 μm, and its smooth surface reduces water absorption and inter-particle friction, making the concrete easier to work with.

Metakaolin Concrete's early strength and durability are improved by adding metakaolin, which is made from calcining natural clay. At the same time, adding metakaolin powder can improve autogenous shrinkage and smooth out the pore structure. It has been noted that metakaolina is used as an SF alternative in the manufacturing of UHP. It has been shown that a high metakaolin dosage in UHPC may cause the compressive strength to decrease. In particular, compressive strength falls by 6.7% while flexural strength rises by 2.6%. Metakaolin is a favoured option for UHPC manufacture due to its accessibility, affordability, and white colour.

Water/Binder Ratio UHPC combinations use a very low water/binder ratio (w/b). Richard and Cheyrezy (1995) observed a minimum w/b of 0.08; nevertheless, dense particle packing was not guaranteed by this ratio. To attain maximum relative density and spread flow, earlier research (Richard and Cheyrezy 1995; Larrard and Sedran 1994; Gao et al. 2006; Wen-yu et al. 2004; Shi et al. 2015) recommended an ideal w/b ratio of 0.13–0.20. Nevertheless, employing 0.25 w/b, researchers (Wille et al. 2011; Droll 2004) have obtained compressive strength more than 150 MPa (22 ksi). Thus, it might be said that the w/b is not the only factor influencing UHPC strength. Other crucial factors include the type of mixer, mixing techniques, curing regime, and mixture constituent characteristics. The addition of efficient superplasticizers (SP) can address the decreased workability of UHPC caused by its extremely low w/b. The compatibility of the mixture ingredients and the type of SP utilized have a considerable impact on the necessary SP dosage. A reduced dosage of SP may result from improved compatibility. In contrast to a mixture with larger surface area metakaolin at the same SP dosage, a UHPC mixture containing a limestone micro-filler is more workable and compatible (Rougeau and Burys 2004). Additionally, due to a better dispersing effect, it was discovered that adding SP gradually or gradually—as opposed to all at once—improved the workability of UHPC mixtures (Tue et al. 2008).

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Aggregates According to Jun et al. (2008), damage at the interfacial transition zone (ITZ) between the cementitious matrix and aggregates typically causes failure in traditional concrete. Thus, removing coarse aggregates from UHPC mixtures lessens the vulnerabilities brought on by such ITZ. Additionally, reducing the ITZ defects causes the matrix's total porosity to decrease, which improves the mechanical strength (Mehta et al. 2006). Reducing the maximum paste thickness (MPT), which is also a crucial component in the mixture design of UHPC, is made possible by the fine aggregate, such as quartz sand. For a quartz particle size of 0.8 mm (0.031 in), the ideal sand-to-cement ratio was determined to be 1.4 (Wille et al. 2011).

Steel Fibres Although UHPC is extremely brittle due of its high strength and homogeneity, steel fibres can be added to make it ductile (Bayard and Ple 2003; Graybeal 2006; Wang et al. 2015). Steel fibres that are 13 mm (0.5 in) long and 0.20 mm (0.008 in) in diameter are the most widely utilized sizes (Schmidt et al. 2004, 2012; Fehling et al. 2008). For a practical and affordable UHPC mixture design, Richard and Cheyrezy (1995) suggested adding 2% of steel fibres by mixture volume.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

Finding the ideal ratio of raw materials to create UHPC by combining hybrid fibers in terms of workability and strength is the primary goal of this study. In addition to offering advantages like increased concrete strength and workability and the practical disposal of byproducts, the use of different binder materials in varying proportions, such as silica fume, fly ash, GGBS, quartz powder, and rice husk, in concrete helps to reduce the resources used to develop the conventional ultra-high performance concrete. Additionally, this kind of concrete will be used to reduce environmental dangers and regulate energy use.

3. Literature Review –

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"Sbia LA, Peyvandi A, Soroushian P, Balachandra AM (2014) Optimization of ultra-high-performance concrete with nano- and micro-scale reinforcement. Cogent Eng 1(1). https://doi.org/10.1080/23311916.2014.990673" Add micro- and nanoscale reinforcement to UHPC. They employed polyvinyl alcohol fiber for micro-reinforcement and carbon nanofiber for nano-reinforcement. According to the findings, using carbon nanofiber and polyvinyl alcohol fiber together increases compressive strength, maximum deflection, energy absorption capacity, flexural strength, and resistance to impact and abrasion.

"S. Abbas1), M. L. Nehdi2),*, and M. A. Saleem1 2016 "Ultra-High Performance Concrete: Mechanical Performance, Durability, Sustainability

and Implementation Challenges" International Journal of Concrete Structures and Materials Vol.10, No.3, pp.271–295, September 2016 DOI 10.1007/s40069-016-0157-4 ISSN 1976-0485 / e ISSN 2234-1315" A thorough evaluation of the literature on the material characteristics of UHPC and its potential for large-scale field applicability has been done for this work. The proper proportioning of the mixture and material elements is essential for the effective manufacturing of ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC), which results in denser and comparatively more uniform particle packing. A database on the mechanical and durability performance of UHPC was created from several field investigations and research projects conducted worldwide. Because of its extremely high strength characteristics, enhanced fatigue behaviour, and extremely low porosity, which result in superior resistance to harsh conditions, UHPC has been demonstrated to offer a practical and long-term solution for enhanced sustainable construction. According to the literature review, the primary determinants of UHPC's mechanical and durability characteristics are the curing regimens and fibre dosage. Because of its greater initial cost, lack of contractor knowledge, and lack of widely accepted design rules, UHPC's uses in construction are currently somewhat limited. However, the cost of its materials should go down as long as research into making UHPC with locally accessible ingredients under typical curing circumstances continues. Highlighted are the present difficulties in implementing UHPC in full-scale constructions. In order to demystify this durable and sustainable building material, this study aims to help engineers, consultants, contractors, and other stakeholders in the construction industry better grasp the special qualities and potential of UHPC.

"Li Ye, Pimienta P, Pinoteau N, Tan KH (2019) Effect of aggregate size and inclusion of polypropylene and steel fibres on explosive spalling and pore pressure in ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC) at elevated temperature. Cement Concr Compos 99:62–71. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cemconcomp.2019.02.016" investigated the use of aggregate size, steel fibers, and polypropylene fibers in both separate and combination forms. Compared to steel fibers, polypropylene fiber improves permeability and helps to reduce spalling. Combining steel fiber, polypropylene fiber, and bigger aggregates resulted in higher permeability. Additionally, it was noted that permeability is more affected by an increase in polypropylene fiber length and dosage than by an increase in fiber diameter.

"**Xinhua Zhang1,a and Hongzhuan Zhang1,a (2019) Experimental Research on Ultra-High Performance Concrete (UHPC) 7th Annual International Conference on Materials Science and Engineering IOP Conf. Series: Materials Science and Engineering 562 (2019) 012045 IOP Publishing doi:10.1088/1757-899X/562/1/012045"** A new concrete type with greater strength and durability, ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC) was created based on high performance concrete research. Steel fibers are added to concrete to increase its toughness and flexural performance, giving it more advantages for broader technical applications.

"**Li Ye, Yang E-H, Tan KH (2020) Flexural behaviour of ultra-high performance hybrid fibre reinforced concrete at the ambient and elevated temperature. Constr Build Mater 250:118487. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.conbuildmat.2020. 118487"** examined the flexural performance of a UHPC reinforced with a hybrid polyethylene–steel fiber. The limit of proportionality, modulus of rupture, and toughness index of UHPC are all markedly enhanced by the hybrid blend of steel and polyethylene fibers. UHPC, which has a compressive strength of steel and polypropylene fibers and contains 2.0% steel fibers and 0.5% polyethylene, showed the best flexural performance. Combining steel and polyethylene fiber yields a better outcome since polyethylene fiber has unfavorable effects on compressive strength.

"**Anurag Rawat, Bhumika Joshi and Mohd Aamir Gour (2020) ULTRA-HIGH PERFORMANCE CONCRETE: A REVIEW International Journal of Advanced Research in Engineering and Technology (IJARET) Volume 11, Issue 5, May 2020, pp. 786-800, Article ID: IJARET_11_05_083 Available online at https://iaeme.com/Home/issue/IJARET?Volume=11&Issue=5 ISSN Print: 0976-6480 and ISSN Online: 0976-6499 DOI: https://doi.org/10.34218/IJARET.11.5.2020.083"** Concrete needs to undergo a number of innovations in order to be future-ready, as its use grows daily. In terms of strength, durability, and other factors, ultra-high performance concrete is a type of concrete that performs better than normal concrete. This study examines the composition, fresh and hardened qualities, and other features of ultra-high performance concrete. It particularly focuses on the evolution of UHPC from the 1990s to the present. This research also examines the fundamental makeup and characteristics of ultra-high performance concrete, as well as the various uses for UHPC. It also emphasizes how various materials have an impact on various qualities like strength, durability, etc.

"**Zhang D, Tan GY, Tan KH (2021) Combined effect of flax fibres and steel fibres on spalling resistance of ultra-high performance concrete at high temperature. Cem Concr Compos 121. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cemconcomp. 2021.104067"** examined how steel and flax fibres work together to prevent spalling on UHPC. Under high temperatures, the steel fibre creates a bridging effect on UHPC, while the flax fibre improves permeability. Flax and other natural fibres do not melt at high temperatures, and degradation begins well beyond 300 °C. Additionally, the expanding reactions of flax fibres may cause an interfacial separation. As a result, the UHPC with simply flax fibre increases permeability and offers a channel for vapour at very high temperatures. According to the reports, the flax fibre has the opposite effect of the steel fibre, which enhances strength.

"Yan P, Chen B, Afgan S, Haque MA, Wu M, Han J (2021) Experimental research on ductility enhancement of ultrahigh performance concrete incorporation with basalt fibre, polypropylene fibre and glass fibre. Constr Build Mater 279.https://doi.org/10.1016/j.conbuildmat2021.122489" sought to examine UHPC's ductility properties using hybrid fibre combinations. Different dosages of fibres are added, and the results show that the kind and quantity of fibres contained affect how well the UHPC mixes work. The flexural strength of basalt, polypropylene, and glass fibres increased by 20.8%, 26.9%, and 27.9%, respectively, with the addition of 2.5% fibres. The modulus of rupture also increased by roughly 20.4% for basalt fibre, 24.92% for polypropylene fibre, and 26.05% for glass fibre. The inclusion of fibres resulted in a significant reduction in fluidity when compared to reference specimens. Additionally, all fibre-reinforced concrete saw an increase in toughness index.

"Feng J, Yin G, Tuo H, Wen C, Liu Z, Liang J, Zhang Y (2021) Uniaxial compressive behaviour of hook-end steel and macro-polypropylene hybrid fibres reinforced recycled aggregate concrete. Constr Build Mater 304:124559. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.conbuildmat.2021.124559" intend to investigate the characteristics of the macro-polypropylene and hooked-end steel fibers in concrete. The findings showed that compared to standard concrete, 1.0% of hooked-end steel (HES) fiber and 0.5% of macro-polypropylene (MPP) fiber produced better outcomes overall.

"**Anish and Logeshwari Journal of Engineering and Applied Science (2024) 71:25 https://doi.org/10.1186/s44147-023-00357-8 A review on ultra high-performance fibre-reinforced concrete with nanomaterials and its applications" -** The improved concrete known as ultra high-performance concrete (UHPC) has a compressive strength of more than 150 MPa and performs better in almost every way. The use of various fibre types, nanomaterials, mineral admixtures, preparation methods, and UHPC is reviewed in the paper. The fundamental needs of the UHPC design are improved microstructure, decreased porosity, and uniform mixing. Additional cementitious materials may be used as a limited substitute for cement without compromising the strength of concrete at a lower cost, even though UHPC aids in the preparation of structural members at smaller sizes. This is because UHPC uses a significant amount of cement, which is responsible for abrasion, cracks, and a significant CO_2 emission.

"Suma T N (2024) Evaluation of Ultra High Performance Concrete Exposed to Elevated Temperature International Journal of Engineering Research & Technology (IJERT) Published by: http://www.ijert.org ISSN: 2278-0181 Vol. 13 Issue 5, May 2024" A thorough evaluation of the literature on the material characteristics of UHPC and its potential for large-scale field applicability has been done for this work. Because UHPC constructions have less porosity, which prevents the release of vapour pressure and can cause physical damage, they may be more susceptible to fire and high temperatures. Nevertheless, this problem can be lessened by using polypropylene (PP) fibers. The proper proportioning of the mixture and material elements is essential for the effective manufacturing of ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC), which results in denser and comparatively more uniform particle packing. A database on the mechanical and durability performance of UHPC was created from several field investigations and research projects conducted worldwide. Because of its greater initial cost, lack of contractor knowledge, and lack of widely accepted design rules, UHPC's uses in construction are currently somewhat limited. However, the cost of its materials should go down as long as research into making UHPC with locally accessible ingredients under typical curing circumstances continues. Highlighted are the current obstacles to UHPC implementation in full-scale structures. In order to demystify this durable and sustainable building material, this study aims to help engineers, consultants, and industry players in the construction contractor sector better grasp the special qualities and capabilities of UHPC.

"Gregor Kravanja 1,2 , Ahmad Rizwan Mumtaz 1 and Stojan Kravanja 1,* (2024) A Comprehensive Review of the Advances, Manufacturing, Properties, Innovations, Environmental Impact and Applications of Ultra-High-Performance Concrete (UHPC) Buildings 2024, 14, 382. https://doi.org/10.3390/buildings14020382" The development and uses of ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC), a ground-breaking substance in contemporary building that provides unmatched strength, durability, and sustainability, are discussed in the article. The overview covers UHPC's production and design features, including composition and design technique, as well as its historical history. It emphasizes new developments and scientific discoveries while describing the durability and mechanical characteristics of UHPC. It is investigated how multifunctional qualities like super hydrophobicity, self-sensing, self-luminescence, and self-heating might be integrated. Furthermore, developments in UHPC-related nanotechnology are discussed. The article offers a life-cycle cost analysis and an environmental effect evaluation in addition to the material attributes, giving readers a better understanding of the broader ramifications of employing UHPC. Three numerical examples are used to describe how CO2 emissions are determined in order to highlight the environmental issues. Lastly, a number of UHPC applications are discussed, with an emphasis on building and bridge construction. This review study, which synthesizes the aforementioned elements, provides a useful resource for engineers and academics working in the field of construction materials and reflects the dynamic environment of UHPC.

3. Conclusion –

It was crucial to remember that the amount of additional cementitious materials significantly influenced the characteristics of the concrete. Following an examination of numerous investigations, the following conclusions are drawn:

- Higher fine aggregate particles, improved microstructure, and compacted density are essential components of ultra-high performance concrete. • Mineral admixtures such as fly ash, metakaolin, and silica fume add valley are beneficial in achieving the best possible performance of UHPC.
- For best strength and workability, use a dose of 1.4 to 4% superplasticizer.
- All binding elements are combined with 70% water for a better mix, and the remaining materials are combined with the necessary 25% water.
- Ultra high performance concrete takes between 6 to 12 hours to set, though this might vary depending on a number of factors, such as the dosage of the superplasticizer.
- Maintaining the binder ratio can help achieve a better mix and reduced porosity, which will lead to good durability of concrete. • Appropriate guidelines and standards as well as advanced research are needed to establish relationships between cost-benefit ratios. • The right combination of heat treatment superplasticizer dosing and adding mineral admixture can help achieve a better mix and reduced porosity.
- Fly ash has a lot of promise for making this kind of concrete.

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