



Influence of Pottery Clay in Cement Mortar and Concrete Mixture: A Review

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Abstract

Solid generation has brought about numerous natural issues, for example, CO₂ discharge. An option eco-accommodating concrete, known as green cement, ought to be investigated. Squander materials from marine waste, ventures, and farming can be reused to deliver green cement. This paper displays a survey of ongoing advancement identified with the attainability of utilizing stoneware earth in solid blend. The report centers around the likelihood of using dirt block squander as fractional substitution for Portland bond in cement and the properties of crisp and solidified concrete, for example, usefulness, thickness, quality, and microstructure. This paper ought to give new data on the uses of greener and supportable stoneware mud concrete. Past investigations showed that the ideal rate for supplanting Portland concrete with earthenware dirt ran somewhere in the range of 10wt% and 30wt%.

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1. Introduction

Concrete is the most widely used material worldwide. As the demand for the construction industry escalates, the need for concrete increases. This phenomenon leads to the increasing demand for cement. Concrete production causes CO₂ emission of approximately 2%–37%, which is a high record for the past three years [1,2]. The increasing revolution for an eco-friendly concrete requires necessitates more pollution control and efficient and effective use of waste material resources from different industries. Several waste materials with Pozzolanic properties contain high proportions of silica SiO₂ and alumina Al₂O₃ [3], e.g., rice husk ash, which showed the development of concrete strength [4–15]. Saw dust ash is used to produce green concrete and solved many environmental problems, especially in timber industries [16–23]. Iron powder [24–35], glass powder [36–43], and pottery clay (PC) [44–63] have recently become popular materials which enhanced the production of green concrete and simultaneously reduced the cost in construction industries.

Clay brick (CB) is one of the oldest and most durable construction tools. This method is currently used extensively to restore historical structures. Therefore, continuous production of CB is necessary [53]. Fired clay or PC is soil material burned at 600–900 °C. The PC waste is an appropriate material to produce sustainable mortar or concrete [54]. This paper explains the chemical composition of fired clay powder or PC and its effect on fresh and hardened properties of mortar and concrete.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 1: (a) Waste Pottery clay, (b) Concrete building waste bricks Sydney city rubbish removal [65].

2. Previous studies on CB in concrete and mortar

2.1. Chemical composition of CB waste

Previous studies documented the chemical composition of different clay minerals considered as supplementary cementitious materials [47,48,51,52,54]. Four clay samples were collected from Kaikalathur (KA-II), Kuchipalayam (KP), Anangoor (AN), and Oviyampalayam (OP) of Tamilnadu. The clay materials were dried under the sun and then crushed to pass through 600 µm sieve.

The chemical analytical results showed that the SiO₂ content in sample KA-II (54.13%) was higher than those of the other samples, which ranged from 32.56% to 35.46%. The Al₂O₃ content of sample AN (16.46%) was significantly lower than those of samples KP (36.25%), OP (36.23%), and KA-II (29.43%) [48]. The chemical compositions of the clay materials are shown in Table 1. Noor-ul-Amin et al. [47] studied the evaluation of clay as supplementary cementitious material and used chemical method with CaCl₂·2H₂O to enhance the reactivity of the Pozzolanic and the mechanical properties of the final product. The chemical compositions of the clay materials are shown in Table 1.

Olofinnade et al. [51] showed that the particles should to be crushed and ground to the required fineness using a ball mill machine to activate the Pozzolanic behavior of the CB. Then, the particles were sieved through a 0.075 mm mesh. The chemical compositions of the cement and ground CB were determined by X-ray fluorescence (XRF). The results indicated that the SiO₂ content was 60.64%, while the Al₂O₃ was approximately 14.23% (Table 1).

Rani [59] investigated the utilization of brick powder (BP) as a partial replacement of cementitious materials in concrete. The waste brick was crushed, ground to small particles, and then sieved through 90 µm. The BP contained 46.52% SiO₂, 10.62% Al₂O₃, 24.48% lime (CaO), and 8.56% MgO (Table 1).

Dobias and Pokorny [52] studied two different types of ground fired CB acid and lime bodies, and they showed different chemical compositions. Acid clay contained high SiO₂ content of 73.64% and low CaO content of 1.29%. CaO clay contains lower content of SiO₂ of approximately 60.06% and relatively high percentage of CaO at 6.92% (Table 1).

Bediako [54] investigated the feasibility of using ground waste CB (GWCB) as supplementary cementitious material obtained from the brick factory in Ghana. The chemical analysis showed that the SiO₂ content was 67.35% and the Al₂O₃ content was 14.7%. ASTM C618 [60] states that for a potential suitable Pozzolanic, the summation of the SiO₂, Al₂O₃, and Fe₂O₃ should be more than 70% [60]. The summation of oxides according to ASTM C 618 specification are illustrates in Table 2.

Table 1: Chemical composition of clay materials according to previous studies.

Oxide %	Chemical compositions according to previous studies									
	[48]				[47]	[51]	[59]	[52]		[54]
	KA-II*	KP	AN	OP	Clay materials	CB	BP	A	L	GWCB
SiO ₂	54.13	32.56	16.46	34.4	58.4	60.64	42.52	73.64	60.06	67.35
Al ₂ O ₃	29.43	36.25	16.46	36.23	28.7	14.23	10.62	13.58	16.21	14.7
Fe ₂ O ₃	10.32	12.94	27.85	17.14	2.8	9.93	4.29	5.61	6.20	7.83
CaO	2.31	3.78	2.25	3.7	0.28	0.27	24.48	1.29	6.92	2.19
MgO	-	-	-	-	0.3	1.72	8.56	1.11	3.79	1.67
SO ₃	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.895	0.03	1.2	0.15
Na ₂ O	-	-	-	-	0.2	1.74	1.02	0.98	0.96	1.21
K ₂ O	2.23	13.44	15.89	7.22	0.2	1.44	1.84	2.51	3.08	-
MnO	0.26	0.14	0.25	0.21	-	-	0.079	-	-	-
TiO ₂	1.14	0.67	1.48	0.84	-	0.98	0.51	-	-	-
P ₂ O ₅	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.199	-	-	-

*Note: KA-II: Kaikalathur; KP: Kuchipalayam; AN: Anangoor; OP: Ordinary Portland cement; CB: Clay Brick; BP: Brick Powder; A Acid clay; L: Lime clay; GWCB: ground waste clay brick.

Table Error! No text of specified style in document.: Summation of the oxides.

Reference	%Total of SiO ₂ , Al ₂ O ₃ and Fe ₂ O ₃
(P SUDHA, 2015) KA-II [48]	93.88
(P SUDHA, 2015) KP [47]	81.75
(P SUDHA, 2015) AN [47]	79.77
(P SUDHA, 2015) OP [48]	87.77
(Bediako, 2018) GWCB [54]	89.88
(Dobias and Pokorny, 2017) acid body [52]	93.83
(Dobias and Pokorny, 2017) Lime body [52]	82.47
(Olofinnade et al., 2016) CB [51]	79.8
(M.Usha Rani, 2016) GCB [59]	61.43
(Noor-ul-Amin, 2012) Pakistan clay [47]	89.9

2.2. Influence on Fresh Properties

Xianwei and Wang [61] examined the impacts of ground squander concrete (GWC) powder on the properties of crisp cement. The outcomes demonstrated that the smoothness of cement expanded straightly with the supplanting bond with GWC, and water request was diminished for the consistent consistency of concrete glue.

Wang et al. [49] decided the impact of CB powder (CBP). The outcomes demonstrated a noteworthy decrease in the droop test with over 10% substitution when bond Type I was utilized. This conduct caused by high water assimilation, unpleasant surface, and precision of CBP.

Mahdi et al. [50] explored the impact of fly fiery remains base slag on the functionality of cement. The outcomes showed diminished usefulness because of the usage of CBP as halfway or aggregate substitution of the fine total in cement. The CBP particles had unpredictable shape and harsh surface, which brought about expanded inward rubbing between particles. This marvel is in charge of the decreased pursue capacity of crisp cement.

Rani et al. [54] examined the impact of BP and diminished isolation and seeping in crisp cement. The outcomes demonstrated that the water content was kept up because of the expansion in the surface territory.

Olofinnade et al. [51] examined the functionality of new cement with CB halfway substitution, and the outcomes were kept roughly steady between 10%– 20% bond supplanting and diminished with expanding level of CB substitution.

2.3. Impact on thickness and mechanical properties

This segment clarifies the impact of the supplanting concrete with BP or PC on the thickness and mechanical properties, for example, compressive, malleable, also, flexural quality.

2.3.1 Thickness

Wang et al. [49] contemplated the impact of CBP. The outcomes demonstrated that every solid example had comparable densities

of roughly 2400– 2500 kg/m³ even with expanded substitution dimension of CBP.

Mahdi et al. [50] researched the impact of fly slag base powder on the thickness of cement. The outcomes demonstrated low thickness and high water retention.

Rani et al. [59] explored the impact of BP on the thickness of cement. The outcomes demonstrated an expansion in the thickness of cement because of the higher explicit gravity of BP than the solid segments. Block powder may fill the little voids causing an expanding in solid thickness. In reality, the bond powder has more explicit thickness than the block powder. Consequently, the solid thickness will be diminished when expanded the substitution.

Dobias and Pokorny [52], considered two unique kinds of ground terminated CB corrosive and lime bodies as added substances in 10wt% of concrete. The outcomes demonstrate a slight decrease in the porosity of bond glue. In any case, when the added substance was 40wt%, an augmentation in the porosity of concrete glue was watched.

Olofinnade et al. [51] decided the impact of CBP on the thickness of cement. The test outcome demonstrated a decrease in the mass thickness of solidified concrete as the solid diminished contrasted and the typical cement.

2.3.2 Compressive quality

Amin et al. [46] reasoned that the substitution dimensions of 20%– 30% of PC or CBP cause no noteworthy increment in the quality of bond mortar at 28 days. In any case, earth fineness expanded from 360 m²/kg to 420 m²/kg.

Noor-ul-Amin et al. [47] found an augmentation in the compressive quality with 10% PC content, and the ideal grouping of CaCl₂.2H₂O was 4% to get the most extreme compressive quality of the bond mortar.

Sudha et al. [45] found that the compressive quality of synthetic initiated earth test was higher than that of the control at 2.5% substitution. The outcomes from compressive quality tests demonstrated that the mortar with 2.5%– 12.5% substitution of KA-II and Operation and 2.5%– 10% of KP had higher compressive quality than the control at 28 days. The mortar containing A had lower compressive quality than the control at 28 days, and the quality diminished as the earth content expanded,

Also, Wang et al. [49], considered the impact of CBP on the compressive quality of cement. The outcomes demonstrated that as the substitution level expanded, the early age quality diminished. Nonetheless, as the relieving age expanded, the compressive quality of cement with CBP was like that of the control concrete.

Rani [59] and Olofinnade et al. [51] found around similar outcomes in compressive quality. The compressive quality expanded up to 10% and 20% supplanting of GCB contrasted and the control concrete [59]. All CB concrete indicated noteworthy enhancement in compressive quality at 28 days contrasted and the control. At 28 days, a huge enhancement in compressive quality was seen at 10% CB substitution, trailed by a steady decrease in quality.

Dobias and Pokorny [52] contemplated two distinct kinds of ground terminated CB corrosive and lime bodies. The outcomes demonstrated that compressive quality was not antagonistically influenced with 10%– 20% supplanting concrete with GB, while at times the enlarged mortars achieved higher quality than the control mortar at all tried ages from 28 days to 84 days. This conduct might be because of huge change in the aggregate porosity of mortar examples.

Khan et al. [53] demonstrated that 5% and 10% BP will in general increment the quality of cement, however the quality of substitution at 10% was under 5% of the quality at 7, 14, and 28 days.

Bediako [54] presumed that the compressive qualities for all mortar blends expanded with relieving period. The quality execution showed that the ideal mortar blend was utilizing Portland bond supplanting with GWCB at 30wt%.

2.3.3 Rigidity

The rigidity announced in this investigation was from the investigation of Sudha et al. [48]. The outcomes demonstrated that 2.5% substitution level brought about ideal quality, and the earth tests displayed preferable outcomes over the control example up to substitution dimension of 10%. Be that as it may, expanding mud up to 20% negatively affected the split elasticity of the concrete mortar.

Wang et al. [49] presumed that the rigidity for 28 days was 5.4, and 3.7 MPa at substitution dimensions of 10%, 20%, and 30% separately.

Rani [59] found that the part elasticity expanded in the example with up to 10% and 20% supplanting of GCB contrasted and that of the control.

Olofinnade et al. [51] announced an expansion in quality for up to 10% supplanting of bond with CB. At that point, the quality of the solid diminished marginally for the 28 days restored test.

2.3.4 Flexural quality

The example indicated preferred flexural quality over the control example at substitution dimension of 2.5% yet diminished at the substitution dimension of over than 2.5% to 20% [48].

Supplanting of concrete with GB by 10%– 20% does not contrarily influence the flexural of the test examples of mortar [52]. The flexural quality expanded in the example with up to 10% and 20% supplanting of GCB contrasted and the control concrete [59]. The scope of the flexural quality for 28 days was 10– 12 MPa at substitution dimensions of 10%, 20%, and 30% [49].

2.4 Morphology by X-beam diffraction (XRD) and checking electron microscopy (SEM)

A few examinations explored the concrete glue with PC utilizing XRD and SEM. Sanchez de Rojas [52] mixed clay squanders with bond and relieved the examples at 40 °C. XRD results indicated little measures of calcium aluminate stages that couldn't be found in the control blend.

Fernandez [63] saw that the SEM pictures can give a diagram of the microstructural morphology of hydration segments. The quantitative results of hydrated concrete glue with calcined earth gave the pore framework expected to cutting edge strategies, for example, mercury interruption porosimetry, to clarify the pore measure conveyance, add up to porosity, and network.

Dhandapani and Santhanam [64] created a viable low clinker bond mix by consolidating calcined earth and limestone. The hydrate stage was considered by XRD. The outcomes showed that the decrease in the porosity in the hydrated bond glue was because of the more prominent measure of hydrate items. In addition, the assessed porousness of the bond glue with calcined mud and limestone accomplished much lower penetrability contrasted and the customary Portland concrete with 30 % fly fiery remains.

Du and Dai Ache [3] thought about the microstructural perceptions in OPC mortar and mortar with 30% OPC supplanted by

calcined marine dirt. The outcomes demonstrated that calcined earth grain furnished an extremely thick security with its encompassing hydration items (Fig. 2). The adjustment in the morphology microstructure was extraordinarily apparent in the SEM pictures, which concur well with the XRD results.

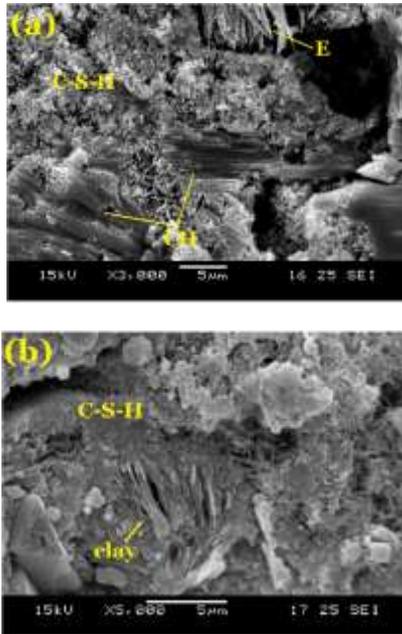


Fig. 2. Microstructures of (a) OPC and (b) calcined marine clay mortar at 28 days. (C-S-H: calcium silica hydrates, CH: Portlandite, E: ettringite) [3].

3. Conclusion

This article reports a review of the use of PC or CBP in concrete mixtures. The following conclusions can be drawn:

The strength activity index of PC at 7 and 28 days satisfied the standard specifications of the ASTM C618 for Pozzolanic materials. Therefore, the enhanced strength gains of PC-cement blend are beneficial than the control mixes. The workability with increasing percentage of replacement of cement with clay materials was reduced compared with the control concrete. The porosity of concrete increased with higher percentages of replacement. The results showed a reduction in the bulk density and in some cases undergone increment due to increase in specific gravity of clay materials. Therefore, PC powder has an effect on the strength of concrete (compressive, splitting, and flexural strength). The results indicated

that the optimum strength for replacing Portland cement with PC was at 10wt%–30wt%. The following research needs can be drawn from the presented review:

1. The long-term performance of concrete with PC when exposed to high temperatures, as well as its durability, should be evaluated.
2. Most of the available studies evaluated the performance of concrete with PC based on laboratory tests. Therefore, the performance should be verified using real site tests to facilitate the further application of PC in the industry in an eco-friendly and sustainable way.
3. The resistance of PC concrete to the corrosion of the embedded steel reinforcements and alternative freeze–thaw studies on PC concrete should be investigated.
4. PC concrete with fiber reinforcement (e.g., carbon, steel, polypropylene, and glass) can provide give new insights to this research.

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