

# Properties of High Strength Self-Compacting Concrete Mixes

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**Abstract – Concrete is generally utilized material in different development works, because of its magnificent exhibition through strength, minimal expense, effectively form into any shape and size and so forth to satisfy the expanding necessities in the development businesses. Self - Compacting Concrete (SCC) has the property to place and minimal under its own self load with no vibration and isolation. SCC gives better compaction, successfully covers support, diminishes the expense on apparatus and formwork by this it is widely limiting the commotion contamination. The strategy for planning high strength concrete is a thriving innovation in development industry particularly in precast development. In India, ventures release enormous amounts of waste materials during the creation of different items. The protected removal of these waste materials from industry needs more land region and at the same time it is influencing the climate. Such kind of waste materials from the enterprises can be adequately utilized in making concrete. In the prior research, mechanical waste materials as by items are used to shape mineral admixtures in substitution of the concrete in different uses of solid designs. In present days, there is a biggest lack for getting regular stream sand to meet out the development needs. It has made a novel endeavor to supplant the fine total by utilizing mineral admixtures. The writing confirmations that the SCC is made by adding different mineral admixtures as a substitute for solidify and furthermore keep up low water-concrete proportion for getting early strength.**

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## INTRODUCTION

The solid is the most adaptable and broadly utilized man-made development material on the planet because of its minimal expense, amazing execution in the parts of toughness, simple accessibility of its essential materials, effectively form to any shape and size, and so forth Consequently broad examination is being conveyed everywhere on the world in the different parts of this interesting material prompting its unrepresented up degree. The constituent material in the solid, Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC) is the primary fixing which ties to the fine and coarse totals together and makes concrete. Ordinary customary cement is muddled to fill convoluted support without vibration. The upsides of utilizing self - Compacting Concrete (SCC) are that it settles down on its own weight.

The SCC fulfills the functionality conditions like filling and passing capacity and isolation obstruction. The high strength concrete adds to towards the improvement in strength of cement and solidness execution of the solid. The creation of high strength concrete requires a considerable decrease in water concrete proportion and utilize mineral admixtures accessible. The primary point of this examination is to discover an ideal blend extent of High Strength

Self-Compacting Concrete (HSSCC) with substitution of fine total by mineral admixes like Fly Ash (FA), Silica Fume (SF) and Ground Granulated Blast heater Slag (GGBS). The strength can be expanded by lessening the water-concrete proportion and adding mineral admixtures and furthermore compound admixtures are added to improve the functionality and diminish isolation. New solid properties, mechanical properties and toughness execution of High Strength Self Compacting Concrete are talked about.

## ROLE OF FLY ASH (FA), GROUND GRANULAR BLAST FURNACE SLAG (GGBS) AND SILICA FUME (SF) IN CONCRETE

Fly debris is a debris acquired from the burning of coal in nuclear energy stations. It comprises of the exceptionally fine particles and it is gathered from electrostatic precipitator when the debris rises up. The debris which settles down at the base is called as lake debris. Fly debris and lake debris together is alluded as coal debris. Fly debris is by and large of two significant sorts class C and class F. Previously, fly debris was delivered into the air straightforwardly, yet in the new days different measures are taken to control pipe emanation before it is been delivered into the climate. The

utilizations of fly debris are to diminish break issues, porousness, draining and warmth of hydration, produce lower water/concrete proportion for comparable droops and furthermore to decrease CO<sub>2</sub> outflows. GGBS is an inorganic pozzolanic material that has arisen as another designing material to supplant the ordinary Portland Cement (PC). It is an eco agreeable material and it advances supportable development and it likewise decreases the natural contamination issues. The presence of GGBS in the solid blend will improve usefulness property and makes the blend more portable and durable in nature. This is basically a direct result of the scattering property and surface attributes of GGBS particles. The more prominent fineness of GGBS diminishes seeping of cement. The blend containing GGBS has low vulnerability, superb protection from chloride entrance and it likewise diminishes the freeze and defrost impact.

Silica fume is a pozzolanic material which is acquired from the ferro silicon industry. The particular gravity of silica fume is by and large lower than the particular gravity of OPC. The particles of silica fume are round fit as a fiddle and the molecule size is ultrafine in nature, ordinarily having distance across in the scope of 0.03µm to 0.3µm. For such fine particles explicit surface territory can't be found by utilizing the Blaine technique. Nitrogen adsorption technique can be utilized to track down the particular surface space of better materials. Explicit surface territory is roughly multiple times a lot higher when contrasted with explicit surface space of different materials. The benefits of mineral admixture are bringing down the warmth of hydration, expanding the water snugness, diminishing the soluble base – total response, improving synthetic opposition, improving erosion obstruction, and improving pace of solidarity advancement and furthermore improves the strength of the solid blends in with least supplanting of fine total with mineral admixtures. These materials are being concentrated broadly and shows guarantee as a greener option to ordinary cement in the substitution of fine total. Presently the focal point of exploration is on the impact of use of fly debris, GGBS and silica fume in high strength self compacting concrete.

### SELF- COMPACTING CONCRETE

Self Compacting Concrete is the ability to compact by itself under the action of gravitational force or by its own self weight without vibration and without bleeding and segregation. SCC will take up the shape of any complicated formwork without any pores and it will permit entry of air and it also effectively covers the reinforcement. The utilization of binder, which is an inorganic binder, emerged as a new engineering material to replace the conventional fine aggregate. The use of fine aggregate replacement material such as fly ash, blast furnace slag and silica fume would increase the fresh and hardened properties of the concrete mixture without increasing its cost of manufacturing.

### HIGH STRENGTH SELF COMPACTING CONCRETE

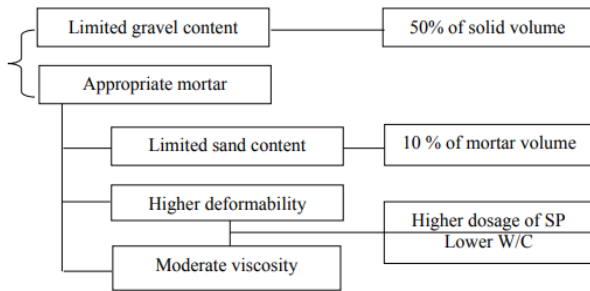
The solid is the best and broadly utilized development material on the planet because of its minimal expense, superb execution in the parts of toughness, simple accessibility of its essential materials, simple form to any shape and size, and so forth. Onself compacting concrete can take up the state of any confounded formwork with no voids and air passage and it successfully covers the steel support. The high strength concrete is one of the arising patterns in solid innovation, which is a shelter to the quickly developing precast industry. The assembling interaction of self compacting concrete needs inside and out information in solid innovation and furthermore it needs more information about new pozzolanic materials and testing methodology for SCC. The benefits of self compacting concrete is that it saves the expense on hardware, energy and labor for vibrating the solid, diminishes the expense of the formwork, better compaction, better cover insurance for the support, superb connection between concrete fastener and totals, lessens the demoulding time and it additionally decreases clamor contamination. The compressive strength of high strength Concrete is 60 MPa and more noteworthy. High-strength solid combinations will have a high cementations material substance that increment the warmth of hydration and conceivably higher shrinkage prompting the potential for breaking. It conveys stacks more productively than typical strength concrete. These mineral admixtures incite extra solidarity to the solid by responding with the hydration results of portland concrete to deliver more C-S-H gel, which is answerable for solid strength. It requires low water–concrete proportion and these low w/c proportion are just achievable with enormous portions of high reach water lessening admixture.

The solid to be SCC, it is fundamental that it ought to have passing capacity, filling capacity and opposition over the isolation property and so on, These highlights are because of restricting the coarse total/fine total substance and utilizing lower water–powder proportion with super plasticizers (Siddique 2011). This SCC is being concentrated widely and shows guarantee as a greener option in contrast to ordinary or regular concrete cement. SCC is as a solid that can be put and compacted under its self-weight or own - weight without vibration or little and without drying, isolation. It is stream capable between combination of support in filling the shape without compacting and seeping for intensely support primary individuals (Aswathy 2015). The mineral admixtures in the solid are to diminish the interest for concrete, fine fillers and sand which are required in high amounts in SCC (Okamura 1995). This HSSCC is being concentrated widely and shows guarantee as a greener option in contrast to regular concrete cement. Unlike different advances, there isn't yet a significant heft of exploration centered

consideration in understanding the connections between usefulness, mechanical and toughness properties of HSSCC utilizing fly debris, silica smoke and GGBS as a fine total substitution material in concrete. It could build the new and solidified properties of the solid combination without expanding its expense of assembling.

### PROCESS OF ACHIEVING SELF COMPACTIBILITY

The process of achieving the self compatibility as suggested by Okamura & Ozawa (1995) pointed out the following essential requirements for self compatibility. Figure 1.1 is the graphical representation of process of SCC.



**Figure 1.1 Process of Self- Compacting Concrete (SCC)**

### LITERATURE REVIEW

Omar Almuwbbber et al. (2018) did the impact of variety in concrete attributes on usefulness and strength of SCC with fly debris and slag augmentations. The accessories of fly debris and slag on new and solidified properties of SCC were examined. The similarity of concrete and admixtures relied generally upon the centralization of C3A, C2S/C3S proportion, the particular surface space of the concrete and the kind of super plasticizers utilized. A convention to evaluate the affectability of a SCC blend plan to a sort of concrete is proposed.

Nadine Hani et al. (2018) completed the investigation of impact of expanding water/fastener proportion on the crude and solidified properties of SCC containing nano-silica with various measurements, zeroing in on the blends in with high w/b proportions that are created in the field in places with sweltering climate with three diverse water/cover (w/b) proportions of 0.41, 0.45 and 0.5 and 0%, 0.25%, 0.5% and 0.75% (by weight) substitution of concrete by nano-silica. Self compacting concrete was inspected concerning new state properties and solidified state and furthermore with Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) assessments. It was accounted for that the impact of a nano-silica dose on compressive strength of cement with high w/b is more noteworthy than that on concrete with low water-fastener proportion.

Elias Molaei Raisi et al. (2018) completed an exploratory examination on Mechanical execution of SCC joining rice husk debris. The conduct of SCC was concentrated in solidified state with the fractional supplanting of concrete with RHA (0%, 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%), solid matured (3, 7, 28, 90, 180, and 270 days), and water to fastener proportion (0.38, 0.44, 0.50, 0.56, 0.62 and 0.68). New solid properties were estimated by V-channel stream time, L-box, and droop stream breadth and time tests.

Mechanical properties were resolved as far as compressive strength, modulus of flexibility, parting rigidity, and compressive pressure strain relationship tests. From the test outcomes, it showed that the usefulness of SCC containing RHA is diminished by expanding the RHA substitution proportion.

Chinmaya Kumar Mahapatra et al. (2018) examined on the usage of fly debris and colloidal nano silica in Hybrid fiber built up SCC. The examination explored on the properties of Hybrid Fiber Reinforced Self Compacting Concrete (HyFRSCC) with Crimped Steel Fibers (CSF) and Polypropylene Fibers (PPF) alongside class F Fly Ash (FA) and Colloidal Nano Silica (CNS). The blend of 10% FA, 0.4% CNS, 1.25% CSF and 0.167% PPF discovered to be ideal suggestion. Different straight relapse investigation predicts conditions of elasticity as the capacity of chamber compressive strength, for mix of FA, CNS, CSF and PPF. A decent connection among's tried and anticipated qualities is acquired.

Alireza Habibi et al. (2018) made an examination in the improvement of an ideal blend plan strategy for self compacting concrete dependent on test results. The focal point of assembling expenses of concrete, the absolute expense of one cubic meter of SCC is relegated as the target work in the streamlining issue, which should be limited. To confirm the proposed technique, the blend plan issue is settled for a few contextual investigations and afterward the last ideal blend plans are made in research facility and mechanical properties of examples are resolved. The outcomes showed that the proposed strategy fulfills the mechanical qualities of oneself compacting concrete and furthermore it limits the expense of the solid.

Anhad Singh Gill et al. (2017) concentrated on the Strength and microstructural properties of SCC containing metakaolin and rice husk debris as a mineral admixture was concentrated tentatively with weight parts of 5, 10 and 15% by metakaolin and fine totals were supplanted by Rice husk debris in level of 10, 20 and 30. The new and mechanical properties are found as long as 365 days. They presumed that, exploratory outcomes it is seen that SCC blends delivered with Metakaolin, Rice husk debris and in combo of MK and RHA satisfy the rules of EFNARC. The compressive and

chamber split rigidity results were likewise discovered to be positive.

Stefania Manzi et al. (2017) explored on the SCC with reused solid total and furthermore to consider its drawn out properties. From the outcomes, it is gathered that self compacting attributes are kept up when reused totals are used and their great quality advances high mechanical properties. The killjoy and pores size disseminations are more influenced by the substance and arrangement of reused totals, despite the fact that their impact is more restricted contrasted with what happens in traditional cement with reused totals.

Dinesh et al. (2017) led a trial concentrate on SCC where the concrete is incompletely supplanted with fly-debris and silica smolder. In the SCC blend, Ordinary Portland Cement was supplanted with 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25% of fly-debris and 2.5%, 5%, 7.5%, 10% and 12.5% of silica rage. From the trial examinations, it was inferred that there was colossal expansion in the new properties and solidified properties of the SCC blend for substitution of silica smolder and furthermore called attention to limiting the natural perils. It was reasoned that there was a decrease in strength because of the utilization of fly debris as it grows later strength and expansion in strength is found because of the utilization of silica seethe in concrete.

Vengadesh Marshall Raman et al. (2017) completed examination work in the incomplete Replacement of Cement with GGBS in SCC for economical development. GGBS can be utilized as filler and it helps in diminishing the all out void substance in self compacting concrete. Fly debris level is kept up steady for all blend mixes to expand the powder content for accomplish the Workability. From the iterative preliminary blends the water/concrete proportion (w/c) was fixed as 0.40. SCC blends created, tried and analyzed as far as compressive, split elasticity and flexural strength with the customary cement at 7,14 years old and 28 days and finished up the job of mineral admixtures are improves the mechanical properties.

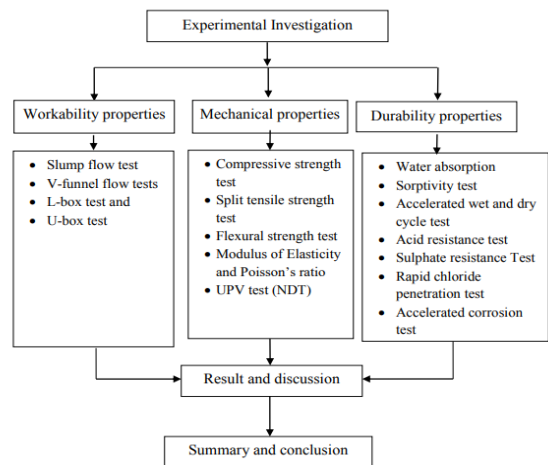
Saranya (2017) concentrated on the chance of using different modern results like Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBS) and Fly Ash (FA) in the arrangement of SCC. The trial study pointed in creating SCC blends of M30 grade by receiving different blend extents, utilizing two mineral admixtures as fly Ash and GGBS. It was presumed that new solid properties had shown better stream capacity, isolation obstruction with substitution in concrete by mineral admixtures like fly debris and GGBS. The mechanical attributes, for example, compressive strength split rigidity and flexural strength is seen to diminish by the incorporation of fly debris and GGBS. It was likewise tracked down that the split elasticity increments with the expansion of GGBS up to half after that it diminishes.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. To find the feasibility of utilization of fly ash, silica fume and GGBS in SCC
2. To determine the garden, mechanical and durability properties of SCC with partial replacement of fine aggregate with fly ash, silica fume and GGBS.

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

Figure 1.1 shows the philosophy of high strength SCC blends in with various degree of supplanting mineral admixtures. The functionality properties like passing, filling and isolation are dictated by droop stream test, V-channel stream tests, L-box test and U-box test. For the mechanical properties compressive strength test, split rigidity test, flexural strength test, modulus of versatility and Poisson's proportion UPV test (NDT) to be directed according to codal arrangements.



**DETAILS OF TEST SPECIMEN**

The Table 1.1 deals the mechanical properties and durability properties of HSSCC. This table also includes the test details, shape and size of specimen and age of testing. Totally 700 specimens are cast for the determining hardened concrete properties of HSSCC.

**Table 1.1 Details of specimen for hardened concrete properties of HSSCC**

Sl. No	Test Details	Age of testing	Shape of the Specimen	Size of the Specimen mm × mm × mm
<b>Mechanical properties</b>				
1	Cube compressive Strength	1, 3, 7, 14, 28 & 90 days	Cube	150 × 150 × 150
2	Split tensile strength	28 days	Cylinder	150 × 300
3	Flexural strength	28 days	Prism	100 × 100 × 500
4	Ultra Sonic Pulse Velocity (NDT)	28 days	Cube	150 × 150 × 150
5	Modulus of Elasticity and Poisson's ratio	28 days	Cylinder	150 × 300



Durability Properties				
6	Saturated water absorption	28 days	Cube	150 × 150 × 150
7	Sorptivity	28 days	Cylindrical Disc	100 × 50
8	RCPT	28 days	Cylindrical Disc	100 × 50
9	Acid attack (HCl & H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )	28 days	Cube	150 × 150 × 150
10	Sulphate attack (Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> + MgSO <sub>4</sub> )	28 days	Cube	150 × 150 × 150
11	Accelerated corrosion	28 days	Cylinder	100 × 200
Structural behaviour of beam				
12	Structural behaviour	28 days	Beam	110 × 185 × 1400

7	SF 5	665	670	673
8	SF 10	650	653	662
9	SF 15	624	635	652
10	SF20	635	645	657
11	GGBS 5	655	660	670
12	GGBS 10	643	654	660
13	GGBS 15	640	657	662
14	GGBS 20	643	654	665

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Trials were directed on HSSCC consolidated with mineral admixtures viz., Fly debris, silica smoke and GGBS. The functionality properties are measure for high strength SCC blends. The strength qualities like compressive strength, rigidity, flexural strength and modulus of flexibility of HSSCC blends were explored with various degree of fine total substitution. This part manages the self similarity of HSSC concrete blends in with various substitution of mineral admixtures by fine total and impact of mineral admixtures regarding different water – concrete proportions.

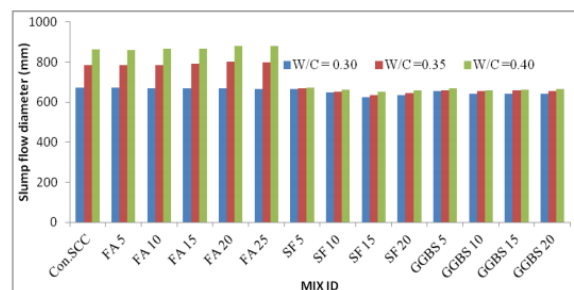
### Slump Flow Test Results

The test consequences of usefulness property, for example, droop cone was resolved according to BIS 1199-1959 for all blend mixes of HSSCC. The new properties of the solid are addressed in Table1.2. Droop stream width of HSSCC blend for w/c of 0.30, 0.35 and 0.40 shows that the droop stream esteems for all blends fall in the scope of 630 – 886 mm. The European Guideline for self compacting Concrete suggests that the droop stream range worth should go from 550 to 850 mm. Blend FA20 shows the most noteworthy worth of droop stream with 886 mm measurement and the Mix SF15 has the least worth of droop stream with 624 mm distance across with water–concrete proportion of 0.3. The droop stream distance across of ordinary solid blend is discovered to be comparable for all FA blends in with 0.4 water–concrete proportion.

**Table 1.2 Slump Flow Test results of HSSCC mix for w/c = 0.30, 0.35 and 0.40**

S. No	Mix ID	w/c = 0.30	w/c =0.35	w/c =0.40
		Slump flow diameter (mm)	Slump flow diameter (mm)	Slump flow diameter (mm)
1	Con.HSSCC	673	785	862
2	FA 5	679	785	860
3	FA 10	670	786	865
4	FA 15	669	792	866
5	FA 20	668	807	886
6	FA 25	667	798	880

The droop stream measurement fluctuated between 624 mm to 679 mm for the water-concrete proportion of 0.3. Blend FA5 shows the most noteworthy worth of droop stream with 679 mm breadth and the Mix SF15 has the least worth of droop stream with 624 mm distance across with w/c of 0.3. The droop stream distance across of regular solid blend is discovered to be comparative for all FA blends of water concrete proportion of 0.3. The increment in water-concrete proportion builds the droop stream esteem. The worth reductions steadily with the expansion of rates of mineral admixtures. The decrease in the stream is because of the presence of mineral admixtures that impact the functionality properties of the solid. Figure 5.1 shows that the droop stream measurement of HSSCC blends for w/c 0.30, 0.35 and 0.40. The droop stream breadth whenever changed between 635 mm to 807 mm for the w/c of 0.35. Blend FA20 shows the most noteworthy worth of droop stream with 807 mm breadth and the Mix SF15 has the least worth of droop stream with 635 mm width with w/c of 0.35.



**Figure 1.2 Slump flow diameter of HSSCC mix for w/c = 0.30, 0.35 and 0.40**

The droop stream width of customary solid blend is discovered to be comparative for all FA blends of water concrete proportion of 0.35. From this outcome it is seen that, the expansion in fineness of the particles influences the usefulness of the solid. The expansion or substitution of concrete by silica smoke and GGBS lessens the accompanying capacity of the HSSCC blend. For the Mix FA5, FA10, FA15 and FA20 enrolled more droop stream distance across when contrasted with other blends of SF and GGBS for all water-concrete proportion. The FA is really contributing component when contrasted with Silica smoke and GGBS because

of the fineness of the molecule present in the blend.

## CONCLUSIONS

- Effect of utilization of mineral admixtures on the workability characteristics of HSSCC Mixes.
- Effect of mineral admixtures on the strength characteristics of HSSCC Mixes
- Effect of mineral admixtures on the durability characteristics of HSSCC Mixes.

The conclusions from the different observations and experimental studies such workability, strength, durability and structural behaviour are summarized below.

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