



Investigating the mechanical properties of geopolymer concrete with incorporated micro-encapsulated phase change materials

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Purpose of adding Micro-encapsulated Phase Change Material to building materials



Saving excess solar energy during the day by melting Releasing the stored heat into the environment at night by solidifying

Concrete with incorporated micro-encapsulated phase change materials

Advantage

Increasing the heat storage capacity of concrete

control energy saving

Disadvantage

Reducing mechanical properties such as compressive strength



Two different types of micro-encapsulated phase change materials

















Geopolymer concrete mixture

- Alkaline Solution : NaOH and Na₂SiO₃
- Fly ash class F
- Slag
- Sand
- gravel
- Extra water
- Superplasticizer
- 2 different MPCMs (A1 and A2)





Experimental procedure

GPC









Mixing







Slump test



Compressive Strength of Geopolymer concrete and Portland Cement concrete



SEM images of GPC with incorporated MPCM



Hypothesises for the strength reduction of concrete after adding microcapsules





Low stiffness and difference in PSD of MPCM compared to sand





Microscale effects of MPCM on the concrete matrix





Breaking the MPCM during mixing or measurement



A2-B BSE MAG: 90 x HV: 15.0 kV WD: 13.0 mm



Some reasons of the strength reduction in microscale



Agglomeration of MPCM

Poor bond and gap between GPC matrix and MPCM





Broken shell of MPCM and leakage of paraffin into the GPC matrix after mixing

Acting like porosity







Thank you for attention