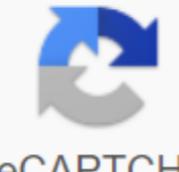


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Admixture, as defined by the ACI Committee 116, is a material other than water, aggregates, hydraulic cement and fibre reinforcement, used as part of a cement mixture to modify its freshly mixed, setting or cured properties and which is added to the batch before or during mixing. Materials of a similar nature are called additives if they are incorporated into hydraulic cements during production by mixing or mixing (ACI 116, 2005). Both of these terms embody a very wide range of materials, some of which are commonly used, while others have only limited uses. A subscription is required to access the full text content of this book. This document provides an overview of the properties of fresh concrete, including feasibility, hydration heat, time setting, bleeding and reactivity using fly ash mineral doped (FA), silica vapors (SF), ground granular scallop slag (GGBS), metakaolin (MK) and husked rice ash (RHA). A comparison of normal and high strength concrete was compared, in which cement was partially supplemented with a mineral admixture. Mineral admixtures were found to be divided into two groups: chemically active mineral admixtures and mineral admixtures of micro-memory. Chemically active mineral admixtures reduce the feasibility and setting time of concrete, but increase the heat of hydration and reactivity. On the other hand, microfiller mineral admixtures increase the feasibility and setting time of concrete, but reduce the heat of hydration and reactivity. In general, small particle sizes and a higher specific mineral admixture surface are beneficial for the production of high-density and impermeable concrete; however, they cause low ease of use and require more water, which can be adding an effective superplasticizer.1. IntroductionAddings are added in concrete to improve the quality of concrete. Mineral admixtures include volatile ash (FA), silica smoke (SF), ground granular bulk slag (GGBS), metakaolin (MK) and rice husks ash (RHA), which have certain properties by which they have different effects on concrete properties. The reported benefits of mineral admixtures are often associated with the hardening properties of concrete; however, mineral admixtures may also affect wet concrete properties between mixing and curing times in one or more of the following ways, such as water demand, hydration heat, setting time, bleeding and reactivity. According to the authors, there is no literature summarising the effect of these mineral admixtures on the properties of fresh concrete. In addition, the impact of mineral admixtures on the durability and mechanical properties of concrete remained of interest. Nevertheless, the effect of mineral admixtures on the properties of fresh concrete is very important, since these properties can affect the durability and mechanical properties of concrete. Comparative studies have been conducted, such as the effects of large-scale slag and fly ash on the hydration of fresh cement paste [1], the effect of silica vapors (SF), metakaolina (MK), fly ash (FA) and ground granular large-scale slag (GGBS) on high-strength concrete setting times [2]. This article was written to summarize the available literature and provide the reader with a characteristic comparative analysis of the effect of mineral admixtures on water demand, hydration heat, setting time, bleeding and concrete reactivity. The effects of the physical and chemical properties of fly ash (FA), silica vapors (SF), ground granular bulk slag (GGBS), metakaolin (MK) and husked rice ash (RHA) on fresh concrete were also reviewed. BackgroundMcMillan and the powers were the first to use FA coal in concrete in 1934. Following these, on the basis of research carried out in the 1950s by Fulton and Marshall [4], Lednock, Clatworthy and Lubroch Dams were built in the UK using the FA as a partial cement material and have since been reported under excellent conditions [5]. FA or Powdered Fuel Ash (PFA) from coal is pozzolan, resulting in low permeable and more permanent concrete that is able to resist the ingress of harmful chemicals. This pozzolan was first reported as a controller of the harmful alkali-silica reaction (ASR) in 1949 by Blanks[6]. The rules available in FA concrete are usually higher than concrete without the FA, which confirms that the FA plays a preventive role against ASR, which is an additional advantage of the FA [3]. In 1962 and 1969, two Nant-y-Moch Dams (central Wales, United Kingdom) and Lower Dam (Ontario, Canada) were built. These structures audited in 1991 after approximately 35-40 years of their A conditional examination, a petrographic examination and a damage classification index (DRI) showed no symptoms of ASR [7]. In 2010, these structures were re-inspected visually and it was reported that both dams are in excellent condition after 40 to 50 years of operation. This report points to strong evidence of the benefits of the FA [3]. In 1862, GGBS was discovered in Germany by Emil Langen; however, commercial production of lime-activated GGBS started in 1865 in Germany [5]. Concrete containing GGBS has been mentioned in the literature as slag concrete, which is successfully used in many countries due to the accepted benefits of this material, and the use of slag concrete has been recommended in their national standards [5]. Around 1880, GGBS was first used with Portland cement (PC). Since then it has been widely used in many European countries. In The United Kingdom, the first British standard for Portland large-foam cement (PBFC) was introduced in 1923. In 1947, SF was first obtained in Norway by filtration of exhaust gases from furnaces as fumes. A large part of these fumes contained a very fine powder with a high percentage of silicon dioxide. Since 1970, gas filtration began on a large scale, and in 1976, the first standard NS 3050 was awarded for the use of SF in industrial cement production, extensive literature is available on SF and SF concrete [5]. It is a high quality material used in the cement and concrete industry. It has been reported that if a typical dose of SF 8-10% by weight of cement is added in concrete, then its effect is between 50,000 and 100,000 microsphere percent particles; this means that the concrete mixture will be denser and consistent due to fine SF particles [3].MK is a processed amorphous silica material and is obtained from kaolin calcination to a temperature between 600 and 850 °C (1112 to 1562 °F) [8-11]. Kaolin is a naturally occurring material; chemical and mineralogical compositions are highly dependent on the rock from which it is located [12]. Kaolin is a common white clay resulting from

the natural decomposition of ch skalenia and is mainly used in the production of porcelain, as a filler in paper and textiles, as well as as an absorbent in medicines [5]. Saad et al., 1982 [13]; Larbi, 1991 [14]; Halliwell, 1992 [15]; and Hewlett, 2004 [16] reported that the inclusion of MK in concrete has no drawbacks; however, in 1995 Martin [17] reported that the inclusion of MK in concrete increases the compressive strength to 110 MPa (16 ksi) with a superplasticizer to overcome the higher water demand in concrete MK. In 1996, Wild et al. [18] stated that the optimal replacement of OPC with MK is 20% by weight with a superplasticizer of 2.4% of the binder weight. Most recently, Duan et al., 2013 [19], studied the structure of pores and inter-face transition zone (ITZ) concrete using GGBS, SF and MK and found that MK has a positive effect on pore structure and ITZ concrete higher than SF and i [19]. Rice husk is the outer skin of a grain of rice with a high concentration of silica, generally more than 80-85% [20]. It occupies about 30% of the gross weight of the rice kernel and usually contains 80% organic substances and 20% of inorganic substances [21]. RHA has high pozzolanic activity due to non-crystalline silica and high specific surface area. RHA is used in limestone mixtures for partial replacement of Portland cement [22-27]. Manufacturing FA is produced when coal is burned during power generation of about 1600 °C (2912 °F) [28]. This combustion also causes some non-combustible materials that combine to form spherical vitreous droplets of silica (SiO₂), alumina (Al₂O₃), iron oxide (Fe₂O₃), and other fine components. According to ASTM C 618-05, there are two FA classes based on the types of carbon from which it originates. Class F is produced by burning anthracites, which are mainly silica and have pozzolanic properties. Class C contains lime and higher MgO content and is produced by burning lignite and concretes carbon. Class C fly ash is brighter than other ashes and can cause expansion and their force behaviour at high temperatures is not visible [29, 30]. GGBS contains silicates and alumina oxides of calcium silicates and is a by-product of iron produced in a blast furnace. There are two techniques, granulation and granulation, through which GGBS is produced. In the granulation technique, molten slag is forced by the we to high-pressure water jets, which quickly cool the slag as granules with a diameter of 5 mm (0.197 inch); however, in the granulation technique, molten slag is poured into the rotary drum of cold water. The fins inside the rotating drum throw the molten slag into the air towards the drum walls, where water is sprayed to cool it quickly. This process produces 100 mm (3.94 inch) particles for dust, of which a particle size of less than 6 mm (0.236 inches) is used to produce GGBS. Materials produced from these two techniques can be used as a raw material for GGBS structural glass (5). SF is a by-product obtained by reducing high purity quartz with carbon in an electric arc furnace by heating up to 2000 °C (3632 °F) during silicon production. By oxidation and condensation of SiO₂ exhaust gases, very fine spherical SF particles are obtained, which are highly reactive with Ca(OH)₂ produced during cement hydration [5]. SF consists of very fine particles with an average diameter of 0.1 μm (0.00000394 inch), with pozzolanic properties and a tendency to develop shrinking cracks of plastics [29, 30]. Kaolin is converted to MK when heated to between 600 and 850 °C (1112 to 1562 °F) [8-11]. MK is a very reactive pozzolanic, but physical and chemical properties largely depend on the raw material used, the temperature during calcination and the finishing process cooling after calcination [5]; however, MK with a very chaotic chaotic normal cooling [8-11]. The calcination temperature and duration depended on the mineralogical composition of raw kaolin. It has been reported that a higher alunite content in kaolin requires a higher calcination temperature and low alunite content gives good calcined kaolin at low temperature [10, 11]. Rice husk is produced in millions of tonnes per year as waste in agricultural and industrial processes. RHA is produced by slow burning of rice husks at temperatures between 500 and 700°C [30]. RHA can produce about 20% of the weight of rice husks after burning [21]. The chemical reaction of mineral admixtures with the usual Portland Cementfa reaction with ordinary Portland cement (OPC) is a two-step process. In the first stage, during early treatment, the primary reaction is with CaOH₂; however, the reaction speed depends on the curing temperature. At room temperature, slower CaOH₂ activation minimizes reaction speed. The effectiveness of the use of fly ash in concrete depends on a number of factors, including: (i) the chemical and phase composition of the FA and OPC; (ii) CaOH₂ concentration of the reaction system; (iii) FA particle morphology; (iv) FA and OPC tenderness; (v) heat development at an early age of the hydration process; (vi) reducing water mixing requirements with FA. Differences in chemical composition and reactivity of the FA affect early stage properties and concrete reactivity [28]. It is recommended to determine the admissibility of the FA by sampled mixtures, taking into account feasibility, strength development, and persistence [28]. In the second stage, with continuous moisture supply, lime reacts pozzolanic with the FA and produces additional irrigation products with a fine pore structure. The pozzolanic reaction can be represented as Cabrera and Plowman (1987) have shown that calcium hydroxide (lime) depletes over time and its reaction affects the long-term strength gain in FA concrete compared to ordinary Portland cement concrete; however, despite this reduction, there is enough lime to maintain a high pH. It should be mentioned that the resulting products resulting from the addition of FA are different from those produced in OPC concrete. The FA produces very finer pore structures over time assuming it is reached into the water to maintain the hydration process [5]. A pH above 13 at 20°C (68°F) is required to start the lime reaction by decomposing the Si-O-Si connection in the FA [31]. Unlike the FA, where the Si-O-Si link needs to break to make it reactive with lime, GGBS requires activating the react with lime. GGBS due to its vitreous structure reacts very slowly with water in the presence of activators. Commonly sulphates and/or aces act as activators, reacting chemically with GGBS. These activators interfere with the vitreous structure and react to increasing the pH of the system to critical. Unlike the FA, GGBS only needs pH less than 12 and activators. In concrete, due to cement hydration, Ca(OH)₂ is produced and acts as an activator [31]. SF as pozzolan reacts with Ca(OH)₂ and approximately 25% of SF can consume the majority of Ca(OH)₂ in 28 days. This is very important because Ca(OH)₂ crystals are relatively weak, brittle rather than cement, and cracks can easily spread in regions concentrated on Ca(OH)₂ crystals, i.e. the aggregated interface of the cement paste matrix [32]. The process of calcination (dehydration) of kaolin is actually transforming from crystalline to amorphous phase. The quantity and type of amorphous phase affect the activity of additives [16]. There are two properties that include the activity of additives: chemical activity (usually pozzolanic) and microfill effect. The former is robustly associated with the crystallinity of the source of kaolin [8]; this means that a well-constructed kaolite changes to a less reactive MK [33]. Dehydration of kaolite under atmospheric conditions costs a massive loss of 13.76%, and as a result of changes in SiO₂-2Al₂O₃-2H₂O in SiO₂-2Al₂O₃ [8]. It has also been reported that after dehydration at 570°C (1058°F), kaolin completely alters the amorphous phase and the chemical activity is a linear amorphous function of the phase content in its range of 50-100% [8]. MK of an amorphous phase content of less than 20% may be considered as inert materials in view of post-zzolan activity [8]. The amorphous phase content in MK also influenced the activity strength index (the compressive strength ratio of standard mortar cubes, prepared from 80% reference cement plus 20% of the added weight, to the compressive strength of a standard mortar cube prepared only with reference cement, tested at the same age); however, there is no increase in the activity strength index by increasing the amorphous phase indicator above 55% [8]. Yu et al., 1999 [34], found that the reaction between RHA and Ca(OH)₂ solution gives C-S-H gel. The morphology of gel C-S-H is like a congregation, with a large defined area due to the higher porous structure. The C-S-H gel and its large specific area are the main reason for improving the properties of the concrete [34, 35]. Physical and chemical properties of mineral admixtures Physical and chemical properties of mineral admixtures and OPC are shown in Table 1. Although these physical and chemical properties are generally differentiated according to the source from which these mineral admixtures originate, differences in these properties are rarely too large and a comprehensive comparison is made possible by these properties. The first property is the specific gravity. The mineral admixtures shown in Table 1 have a lower specific gravity than OPC. Therefore, a larger volume is expected when any of these mineral admixtures replace the OPC with mass. In general, reducing the content of fine aggregate is necessary to overcome the increase in volume. OPCFA GGBS SF ** MK RHA Gravity Specific Notes3.05 [48]2.6-3.82.52.11 [44]The specific gravity of mineral admixtures is generally less than cement. Therefore, more volume is obtained when the mineral admixture replaces cement. SiO₂, %20.4435-60° [28]34.4 [48]91.453.8788.32 [44]Amounts of SiO₂ and Al₂O₃ are maximum in SF and RHA showing their reaction capability with the primary hydrate of cementAl203, %92.8410-30° [28]9.0 [48]0.0938.570.46 [44]Fe203, %4.644-20° [28]2.58 [48]0.041.40.67 [44]CaO, %67.731-35 [28]44.8 [48]0.930.40.67 [44]MgO, %1.431.98 [28]4.43 [48]0.780.960.44 [44]SO₃, %2.200.35 [48]2.26 [48]0.01 [49]— Na₂O, %0.020.48 [48]0.62 [48]0.390.040.12 [44]K2O, %0.260.4 [48]2.412.682.91 [44]MnO, %0.16—0.050.01— TiO₂, %0.17—0.00.95— Particle size**, m10-40 [16]45 [28]-0.1 [42]0.5-20 [50]11.5-31.3 [44]Smaller particle size within concrete causes a greater surface area to react more effectively with the alkaline environment [3]. Specific area (m²/g)**1.75 AREA BET5-9 AREA BET [51]0.4-0.599 BET AREA [48, 52]16.455 Area BET12.174 Area BET30.4-27.4 [44]Surface BETRHA, SF and MK have the highest surface area. This results in very dense and impermeable concrete from RHA, SF and MK. The BET surface is affected by the carbon content of SF and FA (higher carbon, higher area) [42]. Loss on ignition, %4.80.3-3 [28]1.32 [48]2.01.855.81 [44]Higher carbon content results in higher LOI in mineral admixtures [42]. Pozzolan's reactivity — 0.875 [53]0.040 [53]1.2881.342 — Pozzolan's reactivity (gm ca(OH)₂ consumed on gm pozzolan) Chapel test [53]. If the sum of SiO₂ and Al₂O₃ and Fe₂O₃ exceeds 70%, it will be classified as ASTM C618 Class F FA; however, if the sum exceeds 50%, it will be classified as ASTM C618 Class C FA [28]. CaO content is generally higher than 20% in Class C FA [28]. **The chemical composition of SF varies depending on the type of alloy that is produced [42]. Particle size and specific surface area of mineral admixtures are different and significantly depend on the grinding plant and the duration of grinding. The most important components of any mineral admixture are silica oxides and alumina oxides. Compared to OPC, the mineral admixtures shown in Table 1 have a higher amount of silica oxide in their component. The maximum silica oxide content is in RHA and SF demonstrating their reaction capacity from the primary cement hydrate to produce calcium silicate hydrate (CSH), which strengthens the gel in the concrete; however, the alumina content is lower in SF and RHA. On the other hand, MK has a significant content of silica and alumina oxide, demonstrating its ability to produce calcium silicate hydrate (CSH) and calcium aluminate hydrate (CAH), which also has binding properties in concrete. Particle size and surface area are the most important for mineral admixtures. As stated in the literature, a smaller particle size with a larger surface area is beneficial in concrete to with the alkalis environment [3]. In Table 1, RHA, SF and MK have a smaller particle size and a larger surface area, showing their ability to respond more effectively with Ca(OH)₂ in concrete. The FA, GGBS, SF, MK and RHA microstructure using an electron scanning microscope (FESEM) is shown in Figures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Apparently GGBS and RHA have the most uneven particle size distribution, even though these FESEM images are taken after grinding. Therefore, it may infer that the grinding procedure and duration are very important for GGBS and RHA. GGBS, MK and RHA have irregular shaped particles with a multilayer structure. While FA and SF have spherical shape particles showing a possible increase in flow capacity by packaging the material once used in concrete. 6. Properties of fresh concrete6.1. Water demand or feasibilityIn accordance with Owens, 1979 [37], the power efficiency of a single source/FA type may be related to water demand and delicacy. In the case of specific treatment, water demand can be reduced by changing the shape of the particles and using finer FA fractions [37]. Dewar, 1986[38], correlated the design system of the mixture with water reduction using fa and found that the higher strength of FA concrete depends on reducing the water content and pozzolanic performance of the cement/FA combination. Overall, it is believed that the finer FA significantly improves strength over time [39]. Monk, 1983, stated that with a relatively thick FA of 45 μm (0.0018 inches) of residue > 12 percent, water requirements are greatly reduced [40]. The fluidity of fresh concrete is increased due to spherical FA particles. As with FA, a smaller water content is required after the addition of GGBS. In general, 25% to 70% of cement is replaced by GGBS in concrete [41]. GGBS requires about 3% less water content compared to OPC for an equal drop requirement. This is due to the smooth surface texture of slag particles, which delay the chemical reaction and increase the setting time [5]. SF as a mass replacement cement increased the consistency of concrete and required a higher water content in order to maintain its feasibility; however, by vibration or pumping, SF, due to spherical particles, gives concrete a greater flow capacity compared to ordinary concrete (5). Consistency is also due to high early reactivity and lower set-up time. Mainly plasticizer or superplasticizer is used to produce concrete SF without increasing the water-to-binder ratio, as it is important to use SF without losing strength. As a rule, one part of the SF can replace 3 to 4 parts of cement with a mass without loss of strength, provided that the water content remains constant [42]. MK increases the consistency of the concrete (5, 43). Water demand can be offset by adding a plasticizer [5]. The reason for the increased water demand for SF and MK is that both mineral admixtures have reactivity and consume water very early. Superplasticifier content should be increased if a better and higher part of rha should be used; this is also due to the high specific area of the finer RHA, which increases the demand for water. The superplasticifier content must increase by more than 2.0% for RHA with a particle size of 11.5 μm (0.00045 inch) and a specific area of 30.4 m²/g (148533.6 ft²/lb.) [44]. Figure 6 plots a drop in concrete containing mineral admixtures with different water-to-binder ratios. The values of the decrease were obtained from literature. Five experimental studies were selected to summarize the impact of different fa, SF, MK and RHA exchange levels with different water/binder ratios. Zhang and Mahotra, 1996[24], studied RHA and SF as cement replacement material. Their experimental results show that drops in concrete with a water-to-binder ratio of 0.4, a maximum binder content of 388 kg/m³ (24 lb/ft³) and a 10% cement replacement were undertaken [24]. Habeeb and Fayyadh, 2009 [44], studied RHA of different particle sizes (fineness) as a cement replacement material. Their experimental results show that concrete dips with a water-to-binder ratio of 0.53, a maximum binder content of 391 kg/m³ (24.4 lb/ft³) and a 20% cement replacement [44] were used. Nochaya et al., 2010 [45], examined FA and SF as cement replacement material. Their experimental results show that dips in concrete with a water-to-binder ratio of 0.56, a maximum binder content of 360 kg/m³ (22.45 lb/ft³) and 10, 15, 20, 30 and 40% cement exchange with FA or a combination of FA and SF were deleted [45]. Wong and Razak, 2005 [46], examined SF and MK as a cement replacement material. Their experimental results show that declines in concrete with a water-to-binder ratio of 0.23, 0.3 and 0.33; a maximum binder content of 500 kg/m³ (31.18 lb/ft³); and 5, 10 and 15% cement replacement with SF and MK were shown [45]. Ding and Li, 2002 [47], also examined SF and MK as a replacement material for cement with a solid water-to-binder ratio of 0.35. Their experimental results show that concrete dips with a maximum binder content of 462 kg/m³ (28.82 lb/ft³) and 5, 10 and 15% of the cement exchange were applied to SF and MK [45]. In Figure 6, there are several important aspects of concrete that can be identified by various mineral admixtures. The first is the level of exchange. The SF and MK content is up to 15%, while the FA and RHA have 30% and 20% of the maximum swap levels respectively. With regard to the water-to-binder ratio, at an exchange level of 5%, the maximum refraction is with concrete MK with a water-to-binder ratio of 0.33 (Wong and Razak series). Similarly, the maximum drop in concrete SF is with a water-to-binder ratio of 0.3 (Wong and Razak series). A further increase in the ratio of water to binder has reduced the decline. Moreover, mk concrete has a better refraction compared to concrete SF, as shown in Figure 6. At 10% of the exchange level, the maximum breakdown is again with mk concrete, but with a water-to-binder ratio of 0.3 (Wong and Razak series). At this level of exchange, the FA and RHA concretes have the same decrease in water-to-binder ratio of 0.4 (Zhang et al. series) and 0.56 (Nochaya et al. series), respectively. At 15% exchange level, the maximum drop is again from MK concrete, but with a water/binder ratio of 0.3 (Wong and Razak series). The decline of SF concrete at this level of replacement is extremely reduced. Graph 6 also shows that as the level of replacement increases, the decrease in MK concrete is less affected; however, concrete SF is very susceptible to an increase in the level of exchange, in particular from 10% to 15%. The decline of FA and SF concrete as a cement replacement has also been influenced by the addition of SF, and the decline series is greater than the SF content increases. Although the increase in FA content increases the decline, as shown in Figure 6, the impact of SF on the decline is not fully canceled by the FA. It is also apparent from Figure 6 that the increase in RHA finesse has reduced the decline (Habeeb and Fayyadh series) [44]. In general, water demand largely depends on the particle size, specific surface area, particle shape, level of exchange and reactivity of a given mineral admixture used in concrete. In general, the smaller particle size and higher specific surface area of the mineral admixture increases the need for concrete water. Details of particle size and specific surface area of mineral admixtures are listed in Table 1. By comparing particle size and the specific surface area of mineral admixtures and the available literature, it may propose that SF and MK require a higher water content due to their small particle size, larger specific surface area and high reactivity. 6.2. Heat hydrationConveniably for Woolley and Conlin, 1989 [54] and Keck and Riggs, 1997[55], the use of FA is effective in reducing heat hydration. Exothermic reaction during hydration OPC releases energy 500 J/g (1045.8 lb. ft./oz.). The use of FA by replacing certain cement contents affects the temperature increase during the hydration process and increases the pozzolanic reaction with an increase in temperature; however, the peak temperature in FA concrete is much lower than the equivalent of plain Portland cement concrete. Like the FA, as the percentage of GGBS increases, the moisture heat is reduced. This is beneficial for large concrete pouring, which allows to reduce the temperature increase, which will reduce the likelihood of thermal cracking [5]. Cheng-yi and Feldman, 1985 [56], studied the hydration heat of cement pastes containing 0, 10, 20 and 30 percent SF using conductive calorimetry. By increasing the SF content, higher hydration heat was observed. The rate of heat release, expressed on the basis of cement, increases with an increase in the amount of SF, but the total released heat, expressed in the mixture at the total constant value, decreases because SF replaces cement [42]. Ambroise et al., 1994 [57], pointed to an increase in mk mortar temperature compared to ordinary OPC mortar demonstrating an acceleration of mk's effect on OPC hydration. Please note that the maximum observed temperature increase occurs with a 10% replacement of OPC by MK. This increase in temperature was also confirmed by Zhang and Mahotra, 1995[58]. The high reactivity of MK with Ca(OH)₂ is the cause of the temperature rise. Like the FA and GGBS, partial replacement of cement with RHA in concrete slows down the hydration rate compared to ordinary concrete. The rate of hydration remains slow during the first three days and consequently affects strength after 150 days [59]. Overall, it is well clear that finely divided highly reactive pozzolan reacts from ca(OH)₂ supply to early heat evolution, by accelerating OPC hydration [56, 57] and reacting quickly with Ca(OH)₂ [18]6.3. Setting the timeSetting of concrete in the CONTEXT of FA depends on ambient temperature, cement content, delicacy, water content, doses of chemical admixtures, FA content, fineness and chemical composition fa [28]. Tests on concrete containing class F and CLASS F FA from 10 different sources were carried out to estimate water demand, time settings and bleeding [60]. Water demand has been reduced for Class F FA concrete. No constant water reduction was observed in class F FA concrete. A slight increase in setting time was observed in FA concrete [60]. Because GGBS reacts slowly with water compared to Portland cement, the stiffening/setting of concrete time is high. The setting time will be higher at high swap levels above 50% and at lower temperatures (below 10°C(50°F)) [5]. SF, with a larger surface area and higher silicon dioxide content, turns out to be more reactive than powdery fly ash (PFA) or GGBS. High reactivity increases the hydration rate of the cement C3S fraction in the first place, thereby reducing the setting time [5]. The initial and final determination times of concrete containing 10% MK are extended and are further extended as the replacement level increases; however, by increasing the replacement level to 15%, a slight decrease in the initial setting time is particularly observed compared to 10% of concrete MK [61]. This may be due to higher demand for MK water at a higher level of exchange. With a higher MK content, the concrete becomes denser due to the higher binder phase and accelerates the setting [61]. Therefore, the comparison of has shown that there is a difference between compared to concrete compared to concrete. This may be due to the fact that SF and MK accelerate the hydration of cement after the initial set [61]. In general, the water content, the starting and curing temperatures, dosage, source and type of mineral admixtures and superplasticifier and the composition of the cement affect the setting time of the concrete [61]. Thus, under similar conditions, an increase in the levels of substitute mineral admixtures in concrete reduces the setting time [61].6.4. BleedingGebler and Klieger, 1986 [60], reported that concrete from the FA showed less bleeding than ordinary concrete. In addition, C-grade FA concrete exhibited less bleeding than F FA grade concretes. The reduction in bleeding is due to a larger surface area of fly ash particles and a lower water content with fly ash for a given feasibility [28]. On the contrary, concrete containing SF or RHA does not produce bleeding water [24]. Similarly, the use of MK as a partial replacement of cement in properly designed concrete mixtures improves consistency and reduces bleeding from fresh concrete [5].6.5. ReactivityReactivity of pozzolan can be compared using the Chapelle test. This test is performed by reacting calcium hydroxide with a diluted pozzolan suspension at 95°C (203°F) for 18 hours. After the reaction, the consumed calcium hydroxide is marked. Largent, 1978 [53], reported the results and showed that mk reactivity is higher than other pozzolan. The authors conducted the same test on SF and MK as shown in Table 1 and verified the results reported by Largent, 1978. Larbi, 1991 [14], showed that MK in the cement matrix completely eliminated calcium hydroxide. Nevertheless, MK lowers the level of calcium hydroxide in concrete, but the pH remains stable above 12.5 [62]. Conclusions On the basis of the review, it is quite clear that mineral admixtures can be divided into two groups, namely, chemically active mineral admixtures (highly reactive pozzolan) and microfill mineral admixtures (low to moderate reactive pozzolan). SF and MK are chemically active mineral admixtures, while FA, GGBS and RHA are mineral microfillers. On the basis of these two groups, the following generalized conclusions can be drawn on the properties of fresh concrete. (1) Chemically active mineral admixtures (highly reactive pozzolan) increase concrete consistency and require more water to maintain feasibility; however, the water demand can be offset by adding a plasticizer. The water demand depends on the particle size, specific surface area, particle shape, exchange level and reactivity of the mineral admixture. (2) The machinability of concrete with mineral microfillers (low to moderate reactive pozzolan) depends on a large extent on particle size, specific surface area, particle shape and level of exchange. In general, a smaller particle size and a higher specific surface area mineral increases increases Concrete. Low or moderate reactivity and filler effect help maintain feasibility and sometimes increase feasibility. (3) The hydration heat increases with the use of chemically active mineral admixtures and is reduced with the use of a microfiller of mineral admixtures. (4) The initial and final setting time of the concrete depends on the water content, the starting and curing temperature, the dosing of the superplasticity and reactivity of the mineral admixture. Thus, under similar conditions, the initial and final concrete setting times decrease with the use of chemically active mineral admixtures and increase with the use of microfiller mineral admixtures. (5) In general, the setting time of concrete decreases with increasing levels of substitution of chemically active mineral admixtures and increases with the increase in mineral admixtures of the microfiller. (6) All mineral admixtures tested reduce bleeding in concrete with an appropriate proportion of all components. (7) On the basis of the Chapelle test, the reactivity of mineral admixtures is in order: MK > SF > FA > GGBS. (8) Whereas smaller particle sizes and a higher specific surface area of mineral admixtures are beneficial for the production of high-density and impermeable concrete; However, they result in low ease of operation and greater water demand, which can be balanced by adding an effective superplasticifier. Conflict of interest The authors declare that there is no conflict of interest with respect to the publication of this article. Image copyright © 2014 Sadaqat Ullah Khan et al. 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