



Performance Characteristics and Cost Optimization of Self-Compacting Concrete with Industrial Waste Additives to be Used in Agricultural Buildings

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<p><i>Research Article</i></p> <p>Received : 12/07/2020 Accepted : 25/08/2020</p> <p>Keywords: Fly ash Chemical admixture Marble powder SCC Fresh concrete</p>	<p>Self-Compacting Concrete (SCC) is a building material that has gained importance recently because it can easily and spontaneously settle in high buildings, where pouring conditions with frequent reinforcement are difficult. Agricultural structures, on the other hand, are structures that involve many units such as plant and animal barns, storage buildings and residences, and require care in their design and construction. In this study prepared for this purpose, it is used in concrete by replacing marble dust and fly ash with cement in concrete that will be used in agricultural structures. The main factor in these studies is to obtain information about the behavior of KYB with marble powder and fly ash, its fresh properties as well as its effect on durability, as well as to calculate the cost of marble powders in SCC with superplasticizers and similar chemical additives. Within the scope of the study, different ratios of marble powder (MP) and fly ash (FA) mixtures were created instead of OPC 32.5 and OPC 42.5. 100 mm cubic samples were prepared with the prepared mixtures and some of the physical properties of these samples were determined in 3th, 7th and 28th days. Samples were compared with SCC concrete values with traditionally produced references. As a result, it has been determined that the contribution of fly ash to SCC is more effective than the contribution of waste marble powder and can be used as powder material. In terms of cost, it has been observed that it will provide advantages in agricultural structures thanks to the high strengths obtained.</p>

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<p><i>Araştırma Makalesi</i></p> <p>Geliş : 12/07/2020 Kabul : 25/08/2020</p> <p>Anahtar Kelimeler: Uçucu kül Kimyasal katkı Mermer tozu KYB İşlenebilirlik</p>	<p>Kendiliğinden Yerleşen Beton (KYB) sık donatıya sahip döküm koşullarının zor olduğu yerlerde, yüksek binalarda kolay ve kendiliğinden yerleşebilmesi nedeniyle son zamanlarda önem kazanmış bir yapı malzemesidir. Tarımsal yapılar ise bitki ve hayvansal üretim yapıları, depolama yapıları ve konutlar gibi birçok birimi bünyesinde barındıran, projelendirilmesi ve yapımında özen gerektiren yapılardır. Bu amaç kapsamında hazırlanan bu çalışmada tarımsal yapılarda kullanılacak betonlarda mermer tozu ve uçucu kül çimento ile yer değiştirerek beton içerisinde kullanılmaktadır. Bu çalışmalarda temel unsur KYB'nin mermer tozu ve uçucu kül ile davranışı ve taze özelliklerin yanı sıra dayanıklılık üzerindeki etkisi hakkında bilgi edinilmesi ve ayrıca KYB'deki mermer tozlarının süper akışkanlaştırıcılar ve bunun gibi kimyasal katkı maddeleri ile uyumluluğunun araştırılarak, maliyetinin çıkartılmasıdır. Çalışma kapsamında PÇ 32,5 ve PÇ 42,5 yerine farklı oranlarda mermer tozu ve uçucu kül karışımları oluşturulmuştur. Hazırlanan karışımlar ile 100 mm'lik küp numuneler hazırlanmış ve bu numunelerin bazı fiziksel özellikleri ile birlikte 3th, 7th ve 28th günlerde basınç dayanımları belirlenmiştir. Örnekler, geleneksel olarak üretilen referans KYB beton değerleri ile karşılaştırılmıştır. Sonuç olarak, uçucu külün KYB'ye katkısının atık mermer tozunun katkısından daha etkili olduğu ve toz malzeme olarak kullanılabilceği belirlenmiştir. Maliyet açısından ise elde edilen yüksek dayanımlar sayesinde tarımsal yapılarda avantajlar sağlayacağı görülmüştür.</p>

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Introduction

Concrete is the most used building material in the world. The fact that the raw materials required in its production can be found in almost every region of the world and the production of an average of 10 billion tons of concrete annually in the world is an indication that it is one of the most popular construction materials. In addition, since its manufacture requires little energy, it has increased its popularity even more since it is important in sustainable construction. In addition to being a building element, concrete, which is also suitable for aesthetic appearance, in this respect; It has become the subject of many studies and practices that reduce costs, contribute to environmentalism, and improve quality (Kumanayake et al., 2018).

Today, as a result of researches and developments in concrete technology, it is seen that various concrete types such as High-Performance Concrete, Ultra High Strength Concrete, Light Concrete, Architectural Concrete and Self-Compacting Concrete (SCC) have been there. This issue has become interesting not only for engineers but also for ordinary people. In this respect, awareness of concrete species and more information should be taken into consideration. Regarding SCC, it can be said that it is one of the most recent contemporary concrete types. SCC, which does not need vibration, and thus, is easy to pour into difficult and narrow areas, is considered an innovative concrete mixture. It is commercially known by various names such as “Self-Consolidating Concrete”, “Self-Compacting Concrete”, “Self-Leveling Concrete” (Celik et al., 2015).

SCC is an innovative concrete for vibration-free placement and compression. With dense steel reinforcement, it can fill the mold completely with its flow under its own weight even in pressed and narrow areas and thus full compression can be achieved (Domone, 2006a, 2006b; Gaywala and Raijiwala 2011; Okamura and Ozowa, 1995; Okomura and Ouchi, 2003). The need for or less use of vibration causes a decrease in the time spent on construction. In addition to reducing workmanship by minimizing the cost of production, low noise and increased safety in the construction site are also seen as an advantage. In addition to the fluidity feature of SCC, it must also show a sufficient resistance to separation under its own weight (Zhao et al., 2015). The use of high powder content, super plasticizers and additives seems to be an ordinary solution to achieve high fluidity SCC without degradation during transport (Domone, 2007; Murthy et al., 2012). Materials with a high powder content replace the cement required in the mixture, and perform the same task, which is an economical advantage compared to conventional concrete (Zhao et al., 2015).

Thanks to these advantages provided by the use of SCC, it is widely applied in many areas such as tall buildings, bridges, tunnels and offshore structures (Ouchi, 2000). To provide high fluidity to the SCC and to prevent separation during transport and placement, a high proportion (450-600 kg.m⁻³) ordinary portland cement (OPC) should be used. For this reason, the cost of SCC is very high compared to conventional vibratory concrete. In addition to the disadvantage of being uneconomical, environmental impacts of OPC, which are used in large

amounts in SCC, should be taken into consideration. OPC production leads to high CO₂ emissions. This amount constitutes approximately 7% of the total global CO₂ emission based on 2007 data. With the increase in demand for OPC worldwide, it is predicted that cement production will increase gradually and CO₂ emission will correspond to approximately 10% of total global emission (Habert et al., 2011). Moreover, the OPC production process causes millions of tons of dust to be released into the atmosphere every year. It is stated that these powders cause respiratory diseases and a number of physical health problems in humans (Huntzinger and Eatmon, 2009; Sadrmomtazi et al., 2016).

As an alternative to solving these problems, SCC is to use industrial by-products, especially mineral additives, instead of OPC in its production. In other words, it is to use industrial side waste products as mineral additives in place of OPC in SCC (Ondova et al., 2011). Using mineral additives such as silica fume (SF), Fly ash (FA) Marble Powder (MP) can reduce the cost of materials and increase compatibility. Different studies have shown that natural pozzolan is widely used in many applications instead of OPC due to its advantageous properties such as cost reduction, reduced heat evolution, reduced permeability and increased chemical resistance (Dhyaneshwaran et al., 2013; EFNARC, 2002; Shetty, 2012). For example, it is envisaged that preferring the use of FA instead of OPC will not only reduce the total material cost for SCC production, but will also provide significant benefits to the environment. In addition, MP, which is used as a mineral substitute for cement, is reported to increase some properties of fresh and hardened SCC (Belaidi et al., 2012; Tayeb et al., 2011).

Animal shelters include barns that house animals of different ages and physiological periods, rough and dense feed depots, milking units, buildings such as fertilizer and social facilities. Shelters in agricultural enterprises; These are animal production structures built to protect animals from the negative effects of external environmental conditions, to create a suitable production environment and to provide economy from time and labor (Okuroğlu and Delibaş, 1986; Karabacak and Topak, 2007; Memiş et al., 2017). Although the design of animal production structures varies considerably compared to other construction systems, the errors resulting from the design of their shelters cause the animals to survive in environmental conditions that are not suitable for their natural life conditions, and decrease their productivity and produce products below their capacity. Therefore, animal production structures are designed in accordance with the physical behavioral characteristics of animals (Usta, 2011; Memiş et al., 2017).

In Karaman (2005); It has been reported that the wastes from animal producing enterprises are stored and the waste leaks resulting from this storage cause water pollution. In addition, it has been observed that the first factor to be examined in terms of quantity and effects of this pollution is fertilizer. In addition, Karaman (2005) states that these wastes should be known in order to prevent adverse environmental conditions and create an unhealthy living environment, precautions to be taken, legal and technical

standards, storage and projecting criteria. Soyer (2014), on the other hand, considering that the solid and liquid fertilizer, which is the main problem and produced in large quantities depending on the capacity, is collected or disposed unplanned, that the fertilizer tank should be made appropriately, reducing the odor effect in determining the structural properties of the fertilizers. He talked about the issues to be considered in the planning phase issues. As stated by Karaman (2005) and Soyer (2014) in our country, it is seen that the planning phase is generally emphasized. However, another issue to be considered in the planning of agricultural structures is to choose the concrete class and type according to the acidic environments that will arise from different factors such as fertilizer during both planning and construction (Memiş et al., 2017).

One of the objectives pursued in the construction of agricultural structures is to increase production and increase its quality. Structures can only fulfill these functions if they are made in accordance with their technique using different materials. In order for the building to perform its function; the era should be made of advanced technical knowledge, technical equipment and materials. In addition, it must be robust and durable, as well as providing protection against unsuitable environmental conditions, unwanted living and inanimate. In addition to these, the most important factor is the construction of the building economically (Ekmekyapar, 1997).

Concrete used in agricultural structures; It is one of the most commonly used building materials such as manure pit and silage warehouse, especially in barn. In these environments, corrosion resistance caused by lactic and acetic acids formed by animal wastes is of great importance for floors, silos and animal shelters. (Belie et al., 2000, Wells and Melchers, 2014). However, concrete floors must be strong enough to support all loads of animals, people and equipment and the result of their dynamic actions. Different solutions are emphasized to produce high quality and durable concrete structure in reducing the effects of this situation. As per governmental environmental policies, other factors such as ammonia emissions from animal shelters have gained importance in recent years and they recommend special ground systems to reduce ammonia emissions. Among these measures, in terms of durability, the water / cement ratio of the concrete is not more than 0.45 and the cement content is not less than 350 kg.m⁻³ in the concrete coating, and the water absorption amount does not exceed 6% by mass (Belie et al., 2000).

In natural stone and marble processing plants, a large amount of MP is produced, which is more suitable in terms of environment and human health and is an industry by-product. Within the scope of this study, it is designing SCC for SCC that can be used in agricultural enterprises and by adding mineral additives (MP, FA) as cement substitute material and making comparison of pressure resistance, water absorption ratio, unit volume weight and cost.

Material and Methods

Materials

In this study, CEM-I 32.5 R and CEM-I 42.5 R Portland cement which are in compliance with EN 197-1 standard were used. Sieve analysis as aggregate was used as aggregate of crushed stone and silica sand of limestone

origin in accordance with TS 3530 EN 933-1. Considering the studies in Enbeya et al., (2019) instead of cement, the 15% ratio that would be most ideal was used at a fixed ratio for both FA and MP.

Fly ash (FA) was used as mineral additive in the concrete mixture and FA was obtained from Çatalağzı Thermal Power Plant. MP bags of 25 kilograms from the market were prepared ready and used in mixtures. Physical and chemical properties of cement and fly ash are given in Table 1. The polycarboxylate based superplasticizer (SP) was used in the mixture.

Methods

In the experimental study, three batches were produced, one for control at every cement type and three for each batch (Table 2). Fly ash and marble powder were substituted by 15% of cement. Aggregate and substitute materials were mixed dry in the concrete, then 1/3 of the mixing water was added and stirring was continued. After mixing, cement and fly ash were added to the concrete until the homogenous mixture was maintained, and 1/3 of the mixing water was added. Stirring was continued, the remaining mixture water added to the superplasticizer was added to the concrete for 3 min. then the mixing was terminated. 100 mm cube specimens were placed in the sample containers for 3th, 7th and 28th days compressive strength. The specimens were covered with an impermeable cover for 24 hours at 23 ± 2°C and the relative humidity of 55-60%, then the samples taken from the sample cup were kept in lime saturated water at 20 ± 2°C until the test day. Compressive strength according to TS 12390-3 was applied to the samples. Physical properties such as SCC unit volume weight are determined according to TS EN 772-4 (7) and water absorption values are determined according to TS EN 771-1 (8).

Results

Fresh Property of SCC

The following specifications are determined in accordance with EFNARC rules, which are accepted worldwide:

Filling Capability:

The ability of the SCC to flow and completely fill all gaps in the mold under its own weight. The ability to fill is generally measured by the sedimentation flow (Figure 1) and the cubes in which the concert is performed (Figure 2). According to the EFNARC manual, the Flow should be between 70 and 80 cm.

Hardened Properties of SCC

Compressive strength is the average of at least three standard cured strength specimens made from the same concrete sample and tested at the same age. The vast majorities of cases strength requirements for concrete are at an age of 28th days of curing. After 28th days, the concrete cubes were examined for the purpose of their compressive strengths.

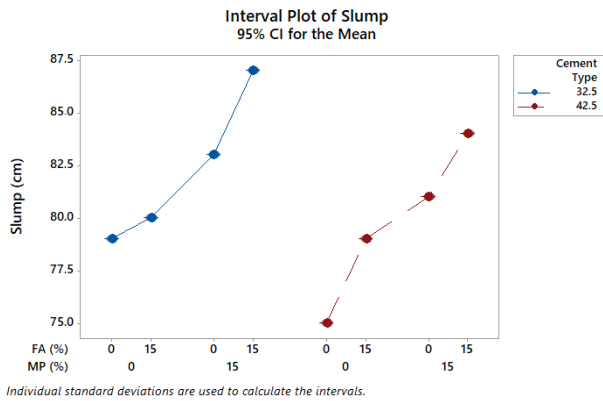
During the test comparison, the same size of cube 10×10×10 cm was made by Self Compacting concrete (SCC). In addition, test specimens of Self Compacting Concrete (SCC) cube were cured into water for 3th, 7th and 28th days. The results of the mixtures are given in Table 4.



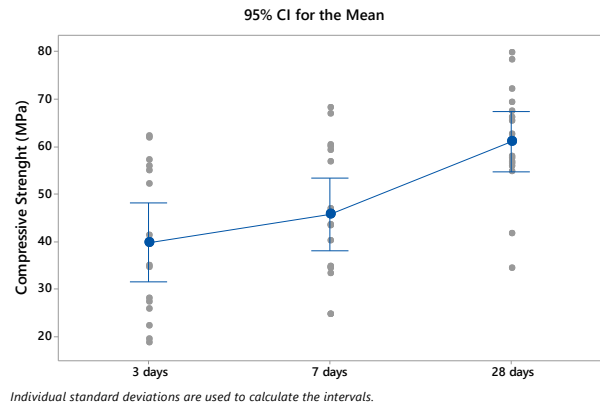
Figure 1. Slump flow



Figure 2. Mix groups

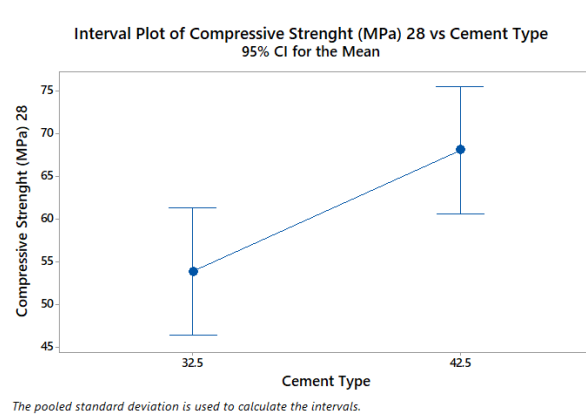


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Figure 3. Change in flow diameter according to FA and MP Figure 4. Change of compressive strength of SCC over time

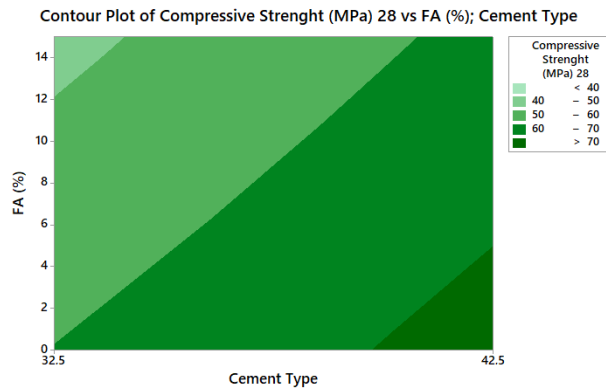


The pooled standard deviation is used to calculate the intervals.

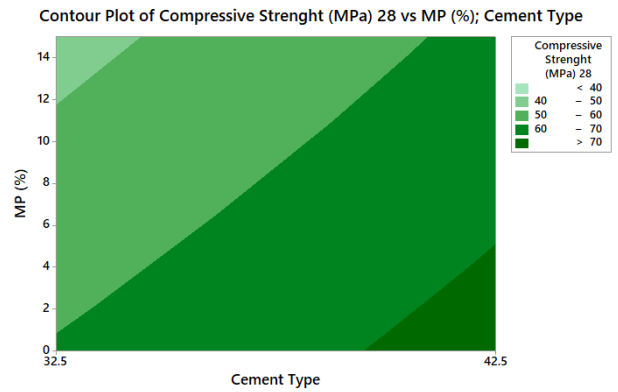
Figure 5. Effect of cement type on compressive strength

As seen from Table 5, the compressive strength values of the SCC varied between 18,56 MPa and 62,14 MPa for 3th day, 24,66 MPa and 66,87 MPa for 7th day and 34,29 MPa and 78,35 MPa for 28th day. When the temporal changes of pressure strengths in SCCs were examined, there was an increase in strength in all groups for more than 100% strengths on the 7th day. When compared with 28-day results, it was seen that there was an increase of 180-220% in reaching the final strength of the groups produced with OPC 32.5. Also, when this situation is analysed for OPC 42.5, this increase ratio was between 117-146% and a lower increase compared to the other group. While the lowest increases in these changes were in the reference

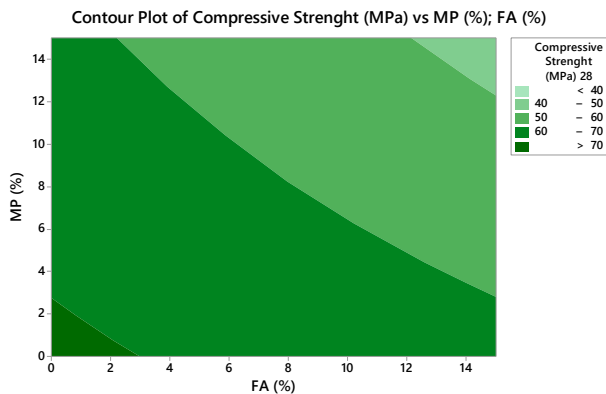
group for groups using OPC 32.5, FA 15% for groups using OPC 42.5 was used in the group (group 8). This can be explained by the fact that the pozzolanic effect for FA in high strength cements is more effective than MP in a short time. The unit weights and water absorptions ratio of produced SCC add the FA and MP were presented in Table 5, Figure 6 and Figure 7. As seen from Table 5, the unit weight values of the composites varied between 2,305 and 2,365 kg/dm³ about the same in every group. And also, the water absorption values varied % 1,33 between % 1,65, too. The highest unit weight value was observed in reference mixture for OPC 32.5 and observed in In the group with 15% MP (Group 5) for OPC 42.5.



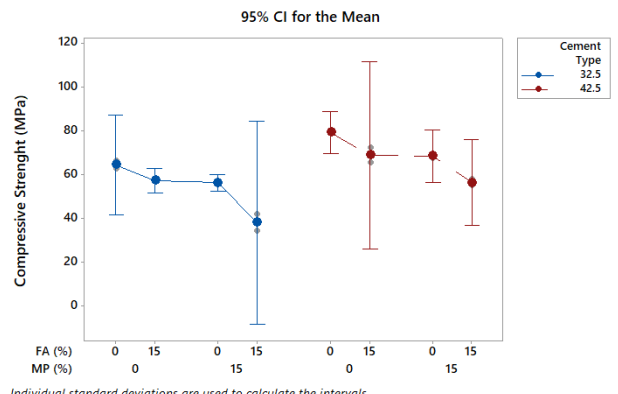
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(b) Effect of MP

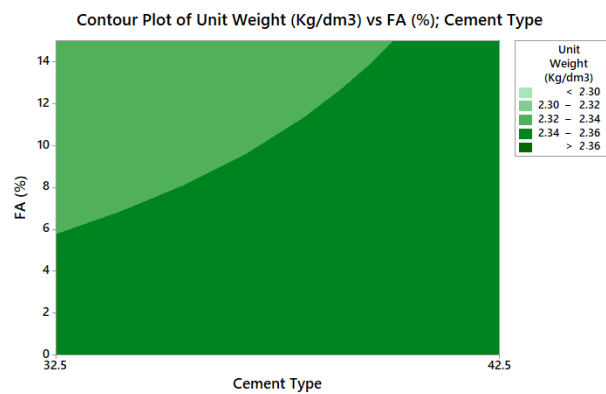


(c) General effect

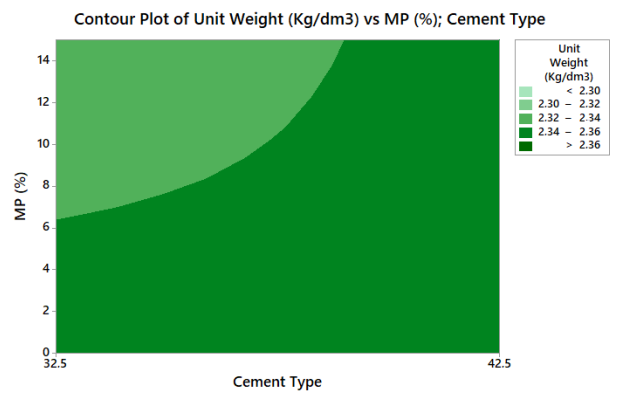


(d) Change by groups

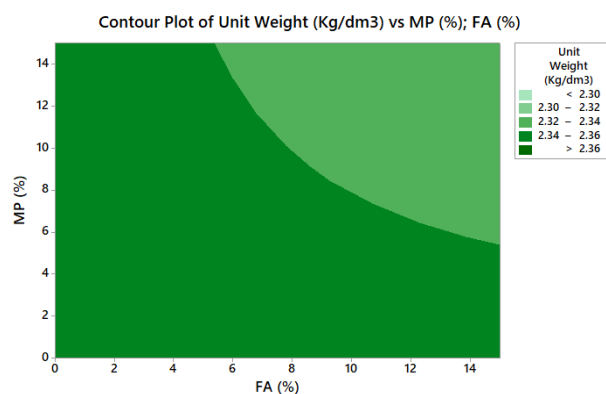
Figure 6. Effect of additives on compressive strength



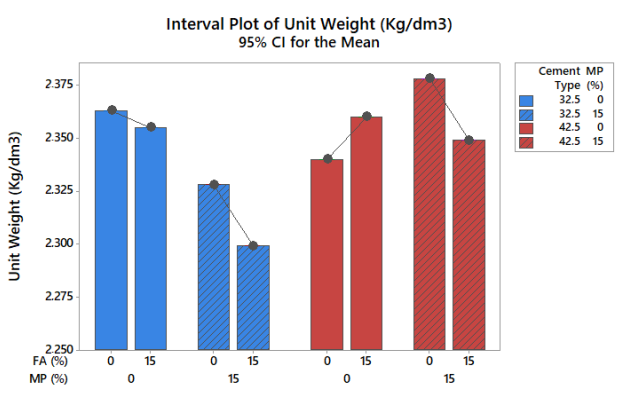
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Figure 7. Effect of additives on unit weight

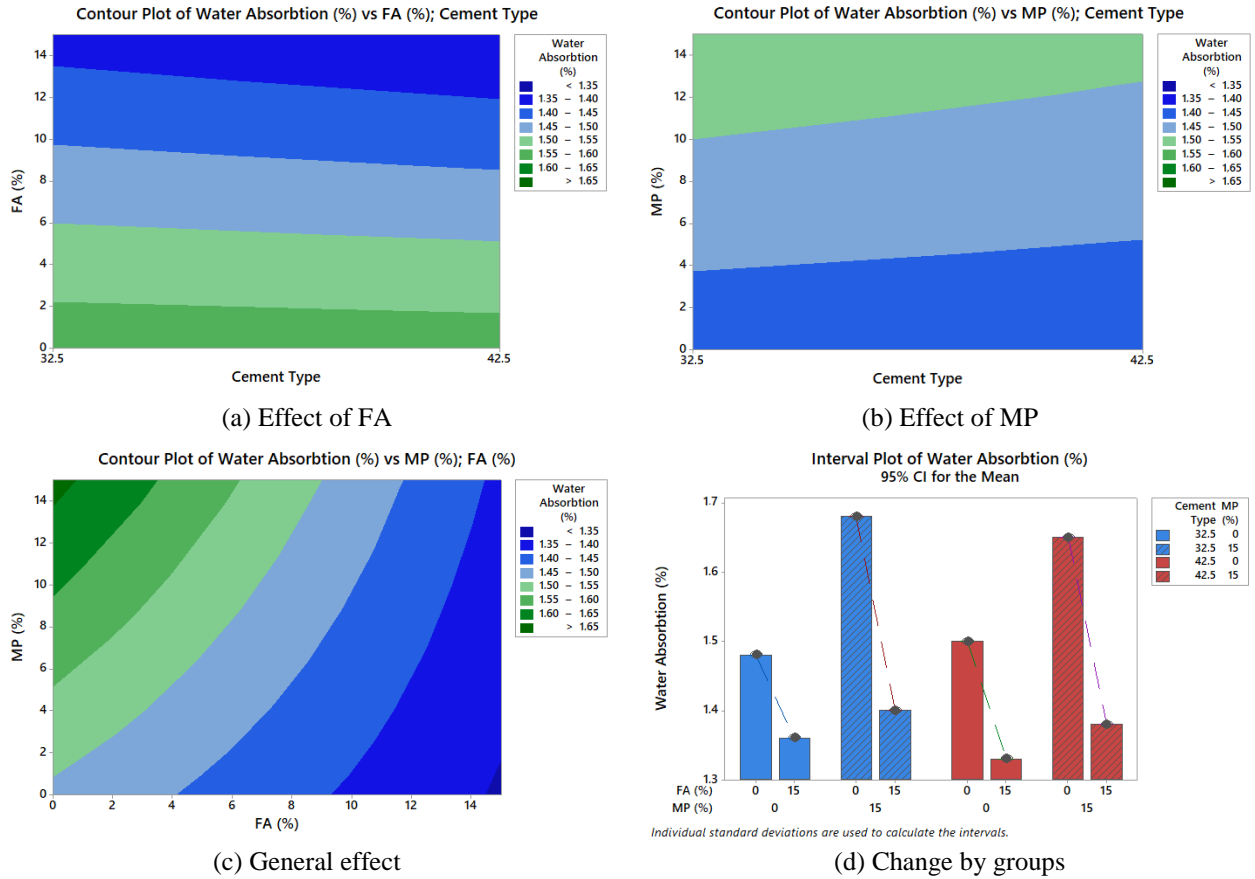


Figure 8. Effect of additives on water absorption

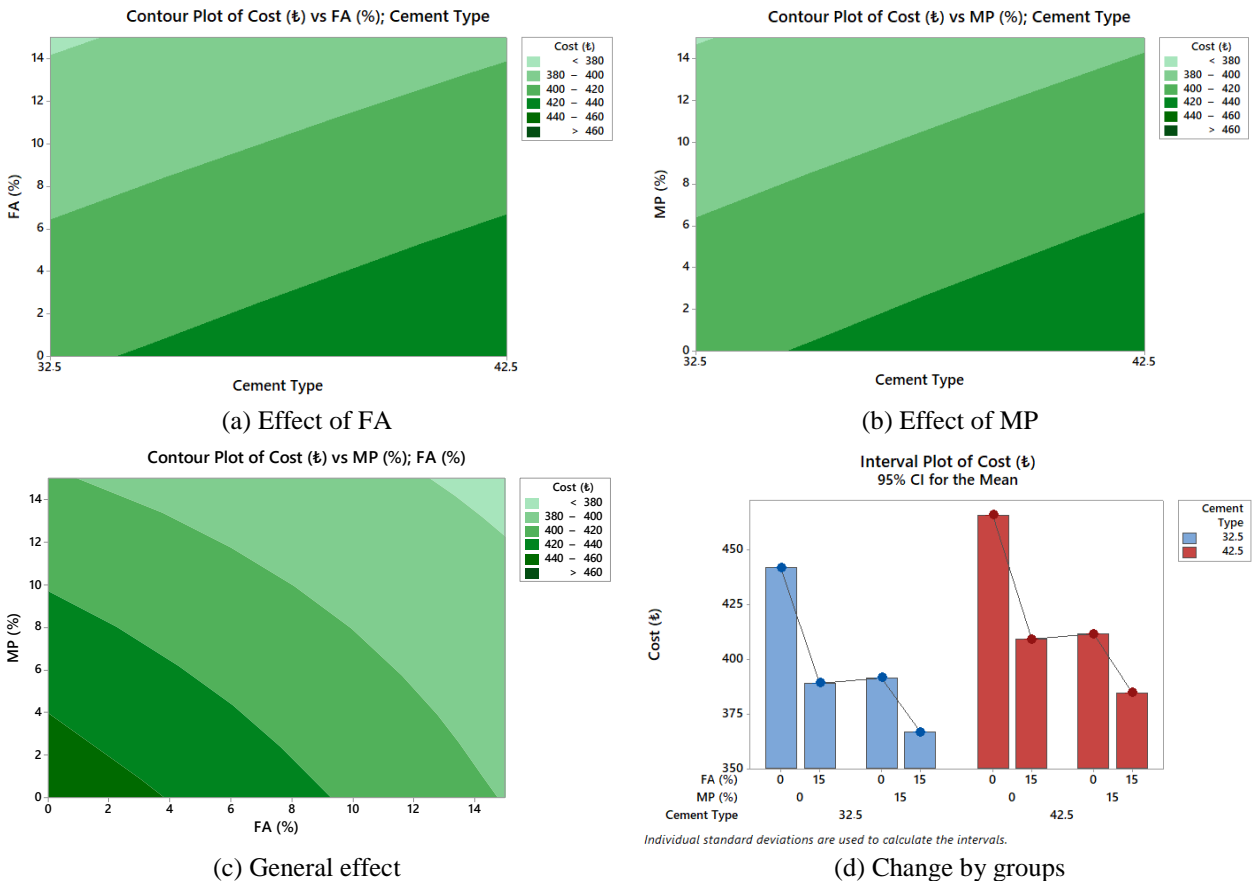


Figure 9. Effect of additives on production cost

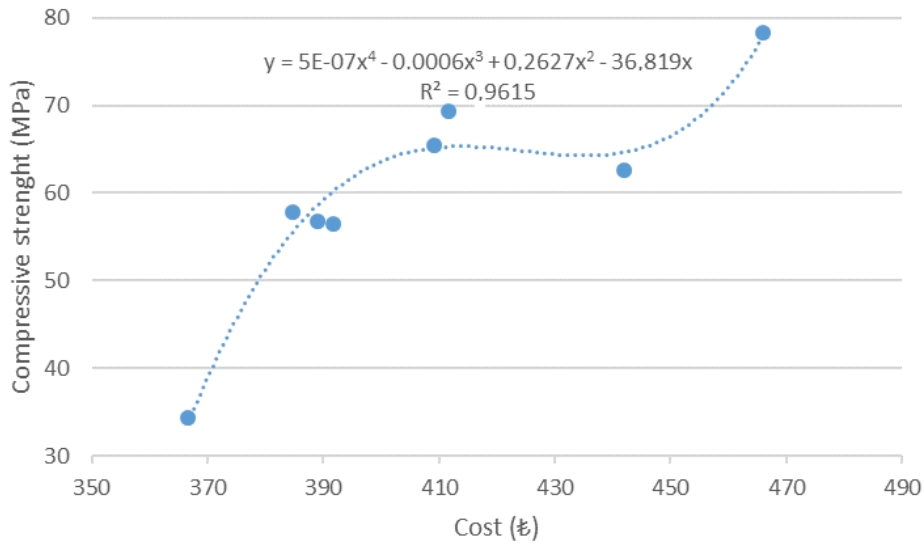


Figure 10. Production cost - compressive strenght relationship

Table 1. Chemical and physical properties of cement and fly ash

Chemical Composition	CEM II 32.5 R	CEM I 42.5 R	FA	MP
CaO	56.50	63.48	1.73	51.80
SiO ₂	18.44	20.35	55.73	4.67
Al ₂ O ₃	4.50	4.47	29.76	-
Fe ₂ O ₃	3.21	3.80	5.41	0.03
K ₂ O	0.72	0.19	3.11	-
MgO	2.57	1.02	3.30	0.40
SO ₃	2.14	2.26	0.30	-
Free Lime	1.21	1.30	-	-
Loss of Glow	2.42	2.63	-	-
Insoluble Residue	0.67	0.65	-	-
Spesific gravity (g/cm ³)	3.14	3.1	2.2	2.63
Blaine (cm ² /gr)	4630	3200	3700	-

Table 2. Mix design (kg/m³)

Group	Type of Mix	W/P	Cement Type	Cement	FA	MP	Sand	Coarse Aggregate (0-5)	(5-15)	Water	S.P
1	(0% MP +0% FA)			584	0	0					
2	(15% MP+0% FA)			496.4	0	87.6					
3	(0% MP+15%FA)		32.5R	496.4	87.6	0					
4	(15% MP+15%FA)			408.8	87.6	87.6					
5	(0% MP +0% FA)	0.34		584	0	0	633.57	305.86	576.14	196.29	18.86
6	(15% MP+0%FA)			496.4	0	87.6					
7	(0% MP+15%FA)		42.5R	496.4	87.6	0					
8	(15% MP+15%FA)			408.8	87.6	87.6					

Table 3. Fresh properties of concrete with slump test

Group	Type of Mix	Slump (cm)75±5 cm
1	(0% MP +0% FA)	79cm
2	(15% MP+0% FA)	83cm
3	(0% MP+15%FA)	80cm
4	(15% MP+15%FA)	87cm
5	(0% MP +0% FA)	75 cm
6	(15% MP+0%FA)	81cm
7	(0% MP+15%FA)	79cm
8	(15% MP+15%FA)	84cm

Table 4. Compressive strength (MPa)

Group	Type of Mix	3 Days	7 Days	28 Days
1	(0% MP +0% FA)	34.55	43.45	62.63
2	(15% MP+0% FA)	28.06	34.50	56.43
3	(0% MP+15%FA)	25.81	34.34	56.72
4	(15% MP+15%FA)	18.56	24.66	34.29
5	(0% MP +0% FA)	62.14	66.87	78.35
6	(15% MP+0%FA)	54.89	56.80	69.31
7	(0% MP+15%FA)	55.92	60.30	65.47
8	(15% MP+15%FA)	39.41	40.08	57.84

Table 5. Results of unit weight (kg/dm³) and water absorption (%)

Sr. No	Type of Mix	Unit weight (kg/dm ³)	Water Absorption (%)
1	(0% MP +0% FA)	2.359	1.48
2	(15% MP+0% FA)	2.338	1.68
3	(0% MP+15%FA)	2.350	1.36
4	(15% MP+15%FA)	2.305	1.40
5	(0% MP +0% FA)	2.340	1.50
6	(15% MP+0%FA)	2.365	1.65
7	(0% MP+15%FA)	2.353	1.33
8	(15% MP+15%FA)	2.336	1.38

Table 6. Production cost of 1 m³ SCC by using material

Group	Type of Mix	Sand	Coarse Aggregate (0-5) (5-15)	Cement	Water	FA	MP	S.P	Total	
1	(0% MP +0% FA)	₺15.05	₺8.60	₺16.21	₺336.00	₺1.41	₺0.00	₺0.00	₺64.72	₺441.99
2	(15% MP+0% FA)	₺15.05	₺8.60	₺16.21	₺280.00	₺1.41	₺0.00	₺5.65	₺64.72	₺391.64
3	(0% MP+15%FA)	₺15.05	₺8.60	₺16.21	₺280.00	₺1.41	₺3.07	₺0.00	₺64.72	₺389.06
4	(15% MP+15%FA)	₺15.05	₺8.60	₺16.21	₺252.00	₺1.41	₺3.07	₺5.65	₺64.72	₺366.71
5	(0% MP +0% FA)	₺15.05	₺8.60	₺16.21	₺360.00	₺1.41	₺0.00	₺0.00	₺64.72	₺465.99
6	(15% MP+0%FA)	₺15.05	₺8.60	₺16.21	₺300.00	₺1.41	₺0.00	₺5.65	₺64.72	₺411.64
7	(0% MP+15%FA)	₺15.05	₺8.60	₺16.21	₺300.00	₺1.41	₺3.07	₺0.00	₺64.72	₺409.06
8	(15% MP+15%FA)	₺15.05	₺8.60	₺16.21	₺270.00	₺1.41	₺3.07	₺5.65	₺64.72	₺384.71

The lowest unit weight values were obtained for OPC 32.5 and 42.5 in groups with 15% MP and FA additives (groups 4 and 8). When the results for water absorption ratios were examined, it was seen that these values decrease in the same groups in inverse proportion with unit weight. In these reductions, it was observed that close results were obtained both in groups where both materials (FA and MP) were used together and in groups where only FA was used high.

As clearly understood from Figure 6, unit weight decreases with increasing FA and MP ratio in the mixture. The effect of cement type is dominant than that of FA and MP. The effect of cement type is around 10%. The reason behind decreasing unit weight is that the fineness of the cement used was thinner than OPC 42.5. It has been found that using up to 6% MP or FA in mixtures with lower strength OPC 32.5 does not change the unit weight of the SCC. However, it was also determined that the higher usage of these ratios in SSC produced with high strength OPC 42.5 does not make a significant difference.

When Figure 7 is examined, it is seen that the negative effect of the FA contribution is more effective in OPC 32.5 and the MP effect is less. Similarly, to these results in terms of water absorption ratio (Figure 7b), the negative effect of OPC 42 was higher than OPC 32.5.

When Table 6 is examined, it is seen that the SCC production cost is maximum ₺465,99 and the minimum is ₺366,71 depending on the cement type used, FA and MP ratio.

As clearly understood from Figure 8, production cost decreases with increasing FA and MP ratio in the mixture. The effect of cement type is dominant than that of FA and MP, as in unit weight results. The effect of cement type is around 5% for production cost.

When the relationship between the final strength desired and the production cost is examined in the production of SCC's (Figure 9), it is seen that a cost of approximately 390 ₺ is formed for the desired 50-60 MPa strength, and this cost reaches up to 470 ₺ for the desired higher strengths.

Conclusion

The following results were achieved with this study, which should be taken into consideration in agricultural structures and which can be important in terms of choosing the class and type of concrete required in line with the needs both in planning and construction.

- Thanks to SCC that can be used in agricultural buildings, concrete can be produced by pouring concrete with lower water / dust (w / p: 0.,34) and water cement ratio (w / c: 0,16) and desired flowability.
- It is possible to produce concrete with sufficient strength for concretes used in agricultural structures that are generally constructed as single storeys with the contribution of MP and FA.

- Considering that the concretes are damaged by the water penetrating into the concrete in acidic and cold weather environments, thanks to the low water absorption ratio thanks to the fluidisers used in SCC, a more void-free concrete, which is also an important issue in terms of agricultural structures, can be obtained.
- In terms of cost, it was found that using FA and MP provides advantage in SCC production, but using other MPs and FAs for other purposes may have a negative effect.
- As a result, it was observed that the contribution of fly ash in SCC was more effective than the contribution of waste marble dust and could be used as powder material.

Within the scope of this study, it is thought that the use of industrial wastes in the self-compacting concrete will provide benefits to both nature and the economy, and also the gains in agricultural structures with the use of industrial wastes in the concrete used in agricultural buildings.

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