Abstract:
This presentation reports a general mix design procedure for alkali-activated slag-based concrete, which is an essential step towards industrial application of this new type of materials. The procedure includes 1) determination of coarse and fine aggregate ratio according to close packing model, as determined by measuring mixed bulk density; 2) determination of liquid phase (water content and activator) based on compressive strength; 3) determination of excess paste content by workability measurement. Effects of mix proportional factors, including activator composition, water content, fly ash content, and binder/aggregate ratio are examined on consistency, setting time and compressive strength. The relationship between performance and precursor composition is established using simplex centroid design method, by which a range of alkali-activated concretes with compressive strength grades of C40, C60, C80 and C120 are successfully prepared with initial setting time of 1 to 3 h and slump of more than 200 mm.

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