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AN OVERVIEW ON COMPRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR OF COCONUT FIBER REINFORCED PLASTER

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Abstract- Plastering is one of the general applications of earth-based mortars used for earthlike building conservation or latest architecture. Regarding the compressive strengths, there are contrasting findings presented in past studies. It is found that the mixture of coconut fibers with cement mortar decreased its compressive strength when increasing the fiber content. The extensive research has been done on the use of natural fibers as a stabilizer in building materials. The use of fibers, or natural fibers, in the plaster does more to enhance the wall strength than fibers in blocks or mortar. This paper adds to the effort to review the properties of the coconut-reinforced paper machine by focusing directly on any changes in the changing behavior of the composite. The research and conclusions of various researchers are reviewed to better understand the combined behaviors. According to the review, the dynamic nature of the hardened coconut compounds has been greatly improved.

Keywords- Plaster, Compressive behavior, stabilizer, coconut fiber

1 Introduction

One of the basic needs of a person is accommodation. This usually comes third after meals and clothing. Housing is not enough in price and quality in many developing countries as compared to population growth. This shortage is the reason for the need for development in the construction industry, especially in stone houses [1]. Plaster is a unique material that can vary basically by chemical formulation. The main types of chemicals are gypsum cement and lime plaster. Lime plaster is prepared by burning limestone (calcium carbonate) to produce quicklime (calcium oxide). Water is added to form slaked lime (calcium hydroxide), which forms a mixture of cement. The lime reacts chemically with carbon dioxide (CO2) present in the air [2]. Bulk testing is essential because plasters are used in walls and ceilings, and their attachment to substrates depends on their weight. Plasters must be able to deform when substrate deforms, in the application of loads, thermal fluctuations or to reduce shrinkage. Therefore, it is necessary to test the defects of the earth plaster, which can be tested by a strong mode of hardness testing [3]. Natural strengthening materials can be found at low cost and low energy levels using local manpower and technology. The use of natural fiber is of unique concern in rarely improved regions where there are common building materials very expensive. In making concrete with adding threads, traditional architecture has reached new levels of performance [4]. An examination of some old and modern buildings shows that their lives have been greatly reduced since then the cement of the earth undergoes shrinking cracks. Therefore, a study on the reduction of earth plaster is important for the sustainability of such construction practice. This work investigates the decrease in erosion suspension of the earth reinforced with various fibers such as barley grass, wheatgrass, and wood-shaving under various medical conditions [5].

Mortar is usually a matrix formed by judiciously combining cement or any other cementitious material like lime or alkali activated binders with fine aggregates such as river sands or crusher rock powder sand in the existence of sufficient dose of water. Mortars are useful in bonding the bricks during the wall construction or plastering, both inside as well as

outside as finishing layer. When the hydration reaction gets finalized and calcium silicate hydrate gels are formed mortar will have adequate mechanical strength [6]. An experimental study of the various types of brick structure to determine the shear volume, using diagonal pressure test and triple cutting. The result of both tests has shown that the shear volume is entirely dependent on the power of used mud [7]. The main disadvantage of plaster compared to cement products its hardness and high intimacy watering. Although gypsum hemihydrate melts slowly inside water, its use is not increased for external use due to its poor mechanical properties caused by low bonding strength between gypsum grains and lack of adhesion paths between characters that lead to higher altitudes [8]. In Table 1 properties of coconut fiber reinforced concrete (CFRC) are shown.

Table 1: Properties of Coconut Fiber Reinforced Concrete (CFRC) [8].

Fiber volume Fraction (%)	Compressive strength (MPa)	Split tensile strength (MPa)	Modulus of rupture (MPa)	Shear strength (MPa)
-	21.42	2.88	3.25	6.18
0.5	21.70	3.02	3.38	6.47
1.0	22.74	3.18	3.68	6.81
1.5	25.10	3.37	4.07	8.18
2.0	24.35	3.54	4.16	8.21

The compressive strength, splitting tensile strength, modulus of rupture, and shear strength of coconut fiber reinforced concrete with 2% fibers by volume proportion were improved up to 13.7, 22.9, 28.0 and 32.7 %, respectively as compared to those of plain concrete. Researchers also found that all these properties were also improved for coconut fiber reinforced concrete with all other tested volume proportion of fibers (0.5, 1 and 1.5 %). These properties were improved up to only 1.3, 4.9, 4.0 and 4.7 %, respectively for coconut fiber reinforced concrete with 0.5% fibers by volume proportion. Modern climatic challenges in urban areas require more practical solutions to reduce environmental degradation such as the urban temperature effect (UHI). Hot pressures caused by severe temperatures, fluctuations in temperature, as well as UV rays emitted on construction sites adversely affect the city as well house construction for thermal comfort, strength building, and durability of finishing materials. Thus, it is improving the effectiveness of external finishing materials to reduce the effects of natural loads would be beneficial in construction and urban materials [9].

2 Compressive Performance of Cement Paste

The mechanical and physical properties of reinforced cementitious material can be affected by many factors. These cementitious materials are reinforced with natural fibers. These materials are categorized by, the nature of cementitious material and the composition of composite; reinforcing fibers behavior and its types; and the characteristics of composite, chemical healing and solubility. With these aspects, the arrangement of fibers and cementitious material causing the uniform distribution of reinforcing cords and affects the material properties of these compounds. The chemical composition and surface of fiber determine the fiber-matrix compatibility. This compatibility depends upon the condition of the optical connector, the reinforcement content exposed to compact mechanical properties.

There are lots of elements that can influence the mechanical and physical properties of cement composites supplemented with coconut fibers. The grouping of such materials is based upon, the variety of the cement matrix and the composition of the composite; the category and property of the reinforcing fibers; and the classification of the composite, chemical healing and solubility. Between these specifications, the alignment betwixt the fiber and the cement matrix directing to the uniform dispensation of reinforcing cords persist as one of the strongest elements affecting the mechanical properties of these materials. Coconut fiber-matrix similarity is decided by the chemical configuration of coconut fiber, its external structures and depending on the limitations of optical connector, the reinforcement volume establishes the level of exposure to compact mechanical properties [10].

Concerning the force of compression, there are conflicting results presented in past studies. It was found that the installation of coconut fibers reduces cement target's strength (compressive strength) when fiber content increases. The researches claim that the reduction of interaction of fibers within the matrix; increase the volume of voids within the composite and was seen as the highest volume fraction of coconut fibers added, indicating a bold formation. On the other hand, some researchers found an increase in strength (compressive strength) by the insertion of coconut fibers into the cement in the mud [11]. The effect on the distribution of pressure by threads. Concerns about adding more coir fiber to cement-lime mortar, it was found that the strength (compressive strength) of the mud increases with volume fraction of coconut fiber content up to 0.5%, and high coconut fiber content decreases the compressive strength of the mud compared to the reference cement [12]. Numerous studies announce that the addition of plant fibers to the earth's mud can cause the reduction of dry piles, shrinkage and heat dissipation, which is easily remedied by the presence of fibers, which have a smaller mass, and ultimately increase the compressive strength and adhesion of plaster foundations. Moreover, the effects of compression and adherence strength require further studies [12]. In Figure 1: Coconut fiber-reinforced cement-based mortars specimens after compressive strength test and flexural strength are shown.

(a)  (b) 

Figure 1: Coconut fiber-reinforced cement-based mortars specimens after: (a) compressive strength test and (b) flexural strength.

Figure 1 presents the coconut fiber-reinforced cement-based mortars samples after compressive strength and flexural strength tests. Summarizing, the compressive strength of the coconut fiber reinforced mortar showed a decrease. Bulk testing is essential because plasters are used in walls and ceilings, and their attachment to substrates depends on their weight. Plasters must be able to deform when substrate deforms, in the application of loads, thermal fluctuations or to reduce shrinkage. Therefore, it is necessary to test the defects of the earth plaster, which can be tested by a strong mode of hardness testing [13]. In short, the installation of cables reduced the performance of the mud. Therefore, the high water content of the mix was used to achieve the intended amount of table flow. The threads in the mud showed an increase in the amount of water to the binder compared to cement reference, which can affect the solid structures of cement. It was noticed that performance decreases with the length and thickness of the fibers [14].

3 Available Measures to Improve Compressive Behavior

Cement has been used historically for hundreds of years now and brings many useful properties namely decorating, protecting the environment, thermal heating, and sound effects up to a good level among many others. Nowadays, however, the research has focused on the investigation of the structures of the long-established concrete plastering machine. While good in many respects concrete exhibits weak structures such as flexural, mechanical and compressive strengths which is the main reason why cement has not escaped its common use as decorative and plastering materials. Plaster is very natural and does not provide any resistance to cracking when applied to the connecting force. The inclusion of fibers in binding materials can often improve its structure, especially in post-crack behavior; In particular, homosexuality can be reduced by an appreciation by combining mud with natural fibers [15]. The mud supply should not show high pressure, indicative of high durability, because brittle behavior may be at risk of cracking. Therefore, the results obtained from this work can be a good addition to the dedication. On the other hand, flexibility is highly requested and must withstand structural movements and thermal variability in pressure without cracking Flexural energy is strong it has to do with other factors, such as the tendency to crack and the ability to stick to offer mud [16].

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4 Selection of Suitable Fiber

There are many general advantages of coconut fibers e.g., they are resistant to damage by moths, repellant of fungi and decay, also coconut fibers are heat insulating and sound absorbing materials, not easy to ignite, fire resistant, uninfluenced by wetness and humidity, strong and durable, irrepressible, spring back to shape even after constant use, totally uncharged and not difficult to clean [18]. Fibers, or natural fibers, could be mixed in composite materials to upgrade firmness and flexibility, reduce weight, improve the inclination of cracked candy matrices, increase shear strength and be more secure during processing, and handling. However, the element influencing the widespread utilization of fibers is durability. The strong alkaline presence in portland cement matrix (pH> 12) is largely due to the existence of calcium hydroxide and may be due to possible interaction between fiber elements and portlandite causes the degradation of composite materials [19]. Table 2 represents the tensile strength and modulus of rupture of cement paste composite reinforced with varying volume fractions of 3.8 cm long coconut fibers ranging from 2% to 6 %.

Table 2: Mechanical properties of coconut fiber reinforced plaster with respect to fiber percentage [19].

Fiber volume fraction (%)	Tensile Strength (MPa)	Modulus of Rupture (MPa)
2	1.9	3.6
3	2.5	4.9
4	2.8	5.45
5	2.2	5.4
6	1.5	4.6

For example, take note of the fact that the 4 % volume proportion of coconut fibers had shown the outstanding mechanical properties amidst all tested volume proportion [20]. With a 4 % volume proportion, the researchers also studied the tensile strength of cement paste reinforced with different lengths of coconut fibers. The observed tensile strengths with fiber lengths of 2.5, 3.8 and 5.0 cm were 2.3, 2.8 and 2.7 MPa [21]. The maximum strength of cement paste composite was achieved with coconut fiber having length of 3.8 cm and 4% by volume fraction. Another method to combat damage and to upgrade the strength of plant-reinforced concrete cement is to change the surface of the natural fibers using hydrophobic materials that permit themselves to be painted, protected in an alkaline environment where they will be disclosed and decrease the amount of water the fiber absorbs, and thus providing more stability in the cement matrix. In this study, structural elements reinforced with coconut shell are designed to decide the effect of the defensive element, length and percentage by fiber weight on the properties of reinforced mortar machines [10].

The thermal conductivity of the building material is an important method of heating comfort within buildings. Using date palm in mortars is effective in making the environment friendly and protective; Pinto et al. show good tropical buildings where corn cobs can be added. The findings reveal the divisive areas of the day-to-day combination of palm metal compounds. Those results have already been tested and verified for other tasks. Therefore, separating the properties of vegetable fibers becomes an interesting parameter for something aimed at a powerful structure [22].

5 Conclusion

Natural fibers such as coconut fiber are effective in strengthening the manufacturing of mud type. Regarding the results obtained, there is an increase in pressure and flexibility by 84.27% and 43.32% respectively as compared to untreated mud. Treatment with paraffin upgrades the chemical aversion to fiber, minimizing the water sucking up extent and contributing best preservation as a contrast of alkaline medium of the cement. The addition of coconut fibers in minor quantities (0.5 percent by weight) is to upgrade flexural and compressive strength, as long as mixing is not being disturbed by fibers. The short fibers, i.e. 1 cm, are aligned randomly which shows homogeneous way of behaving to mechanical stresses, improves compressive and flexural strength.

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