

## The Study Of Compressive Strength On Concrete With Partial Replacement Of Cement With Cassava Peel Ash

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**Abstract:** This research work presents the properties concrete using cassava peel ash (CPA) as a partial replacement for cement. Specific gravity, sieve analysis, density test, slump test and cube test were carried out in the concrete laboratory. Concrete cubes were cast, cured and tested at curing ages of 7, 14, 21 and 28 days using 0, 5, 10, 15, and 20 percentage replacement levels. The density test showed that CFA has no significant effect on the density of the concrete. The optimum compressive strength of  $17.5\text{N/mm}^2$  was obtained at 5% replacement at 28 days of age compared to the control of  $23.6\text{N/mm}^2$ . The slump test results show that the workability of the concrete decreased as the CFA content increased. Water binder ratios of 0.55, 0.6, 0.65 and 0.75 were used for the concrete mix 1:2:4 with varying percentage of cassava peel ash (CPA) as replacement for cement. Water binder ratio of 0.75 was found to be optimum to produce workable blended concrete. This shows that more water is needed to maintain the same uniformity as the percentage of CPA increases. CPA can be used optimally in concrete work by prolonging the curing age. Therefore, the use of agricultural and industrial wastes as pozzolan cementitious materials in concrete production should be encouraged.

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### Introduction

Concrete is a composite material composed of aggregate bonded together with fluid cement which hardens over time. In Portland cement concrete, when the aggregate is mixed together with dry cement and water, they form a fluid mass that is easily moulded into shape. The cement reacts chemically with the water and other ingredients to form a hard matrix which binds all the materials together into a durable stone-like material that has many uses. Often, additives (such as pozzolans or superplasticizers) are included in the mixture to improve the physical properties of wet mix or the finished material (Kosmatka and panarese, 2002). Aggregate in a concrete mix consists of coarse aggregate such as granite or limestone and fine aggregate such as sand. Portland cement is the most common type of cement, it consists of a mixture of oxides of calcium, silicon and aluminium. Portland cement are made by heating limestone with clay and grinding the product called clinker with a source of sulphate (gypsum). The use of industrial and agricultural wastes as pozzolan cementitious materials (SCMs) in concrete production is economical and suitable in term of strength, workability and durability. Cassava peel is one of the agricultural wastes which is a by-product of cassava processing, either for domestic consumption or industrial uses. Adesanya et al (2008) described that cassava peel constitutes between 20-35% of the weight of tuber, especially in the case of hand peeling. Cassava peel ash (CPA) has been found to be

pozzolanic when it is calcined at  $7000\text{C}$  for 90 minutes. (Salau and Olonade, 2011). The use of certain additives to improve the quality and performance of concrete had been carried out in many countries like Canada, India, Japan etc (Wahby, 2003; Blaga and Beaudoin, 2004b; Ohama, 2006; Islam et al, 2011). These additives include among others asbestos, glass, nylon, carbon, polythene, fly-ash, polymer, epoxy, and super plasticizers. These materials offer the advantages of higher strength, improved durability, and resistance to damage from freeze-thaw cycle, high rate of strength gain and high coefficient of thermal movement, outstanding adhesion qualities and low shrinkage (Wahby, 2003; Mason, 2004; Ohama, 2006; Islam et al, 2011). Concrete is a construction material that consists, in its most common form, of Portland cement, fine aggregates, coarse aggregates and water. Each of these components contribute to the strength their concrete possesses (Gambhir, 2004). The age long form of concrete has a number of limitations; such as low flexural strength, low failure strain, susceptibility to frost damage and low resistance to chemical attack (Blaga and Beaudoin, 2004a).

### Materials And Methods

The materials used for the research are cassava peel ash, ordinary Portland cement, water, coarse and fine aggregate. Cassava peels were collected at garri processing factory in akure, Ondo State. The cassava peel were air-dried for few days

and burnt to ashes. It was sieved using 75µm sieve size to produce fine ash. The concrete was of mix ratio 1:2:4 (cement and cassava peel ash: sand: granite) with water/binder ratios of 0.50, 0.60, 0.65 and 0.75 to prepare concrete cubes of size 150x150x150 mm. The cassava peel ash were used to replace cement by weight in varying proportions of 0%, 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20%. Specific gravity and sieve analysis test were carried out on the materials in accordance with British standard code of practice (BS1377:1990). Slump test were conducted on the concrete in accordance with BS 1881-102: 1993 to determine the workability of the

concrete. Cube test were done to determine the compressive strength of concrete after curing ages which was done in accordance with BS 1881: Part 116: 1983. The density test of the hardened CPA concrete were also carried out in accordance with BS1881- 114: 1993. The Concrete cubes were cast and cured for 7, 14, 21 and 28days. Energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) were carried out on the cassava peel ash powder in EMDI (Engineering material development institute) Akure for elemental analysis and chemical characterisation of the sample.

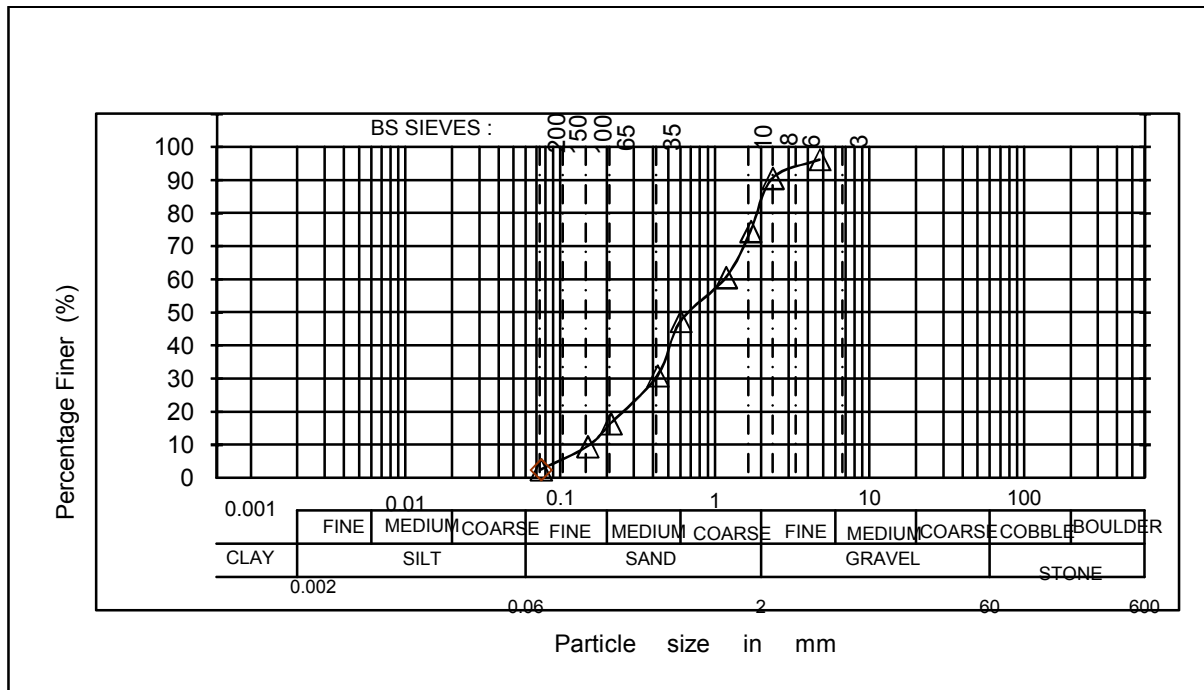


Figure 1: Particle size distribution for the sharp sand

**Result And Discussion**

**Specific gravity**

The result of specific gravity of the material is given table 1

Table 1: Specific gravity of the material

Materials	Specific gravity
Sand	2.55
granite	2.47
cement	3.13
Cassava peel ash	1.21

**Elemental Composition Of The Material**

The result of the chemical characterisation of the cassava peel ash carried out is given in table 2 . It is observed that SiO<sub>2</sub> has the highest composition. CaO is the main source of binding and hardening

compound in cement when reacted with water (hydration reaction) which is very low in CPA. But the SiO<sub>2</sub> in CPA reacts with Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> (by product of cement hydration) to produce more binding property (Pozzolanic reaction) (Kolawole *et al.*, 2014).

Table 2: Chemical characterisation of cassava peel ash

Chemical constituents	% Composition
CaO	8.37
SiO <sub>2</sub>	47.20
MgO	3.80
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.41
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	11.06
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.83
SO <sub>3</sub>	1.96
K <sub>2</sub> O	9.70

### Sieve Analysis

The particle size analysis conducted on the sharp sand, shows that the percentages passing number 200BS sieve is 2.40%. The soil material contains 2.40% silt and clay, 79.6% of sand and 18% of gravel. This result indicates that the material is sharp sand. The graph is shown in figure 1.

### Workability results of CPA cement concrete

The slump test show that the workability of the concrete decreased as the cassava peel ash content

increased which implies that the concrete became less workable (stiff) as the CPA percentage increased. It was observed that the slump values increases consequently with increase in water- binder ratio. This shows that the workability of CPA cement concrete can be improved by addition of more water as CPA content is increasing. The optimum workability was achieved at water-binder ratio of 0.75. The slump values is shown in table 3.

Table 3: Slump values (mm) of the Cassava peel ash concrete

Water-binder ratio	% Replacement				
	0	5	10	15	20
0.55	29	20	17	3	0
0.60	38	33	26	6	0
0.65	62	47	35	29	24
0.75	96	80	73	70	66

### The Density Result Of The Cpa Concrete

The cassava peel ash has no significant effect on the density of the concrete compare with the control

mix. The densities range between 2.391 and 2.485 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The densities values are shown in table 4.

Table 4: Densities of the CPA Concrete (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

% Replacement	7 days	14days	21 days	28days
0	2.485	2.424	2.405	2.441
5	2.395	2.401	2.399	2.395
10	2.431	2.426	2.389	2.391
15	2.422	2.394	2.403	2.395
20	2.411	2.400	2.392	2.442

### Compressive Strength result of CPA Concrete

There is an increasing trend in the strength of CPA concrete as the days of curing increases. The strength of CPA concrete reduces as the percentage replacement of cement with CPA increases. This

strength improvement is believed to continue as long as the curing period is prolonged to allow completion of hydration. The optimum compressive strength of 17.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup> was achieved at 5% replacement at 28days of age

Table 5: Compressive strength (N/mm<sup>2</sup>) of CPA concrete at different ages

% Replacement	7 days	14days	21 days	28days
0	15.8	17.6	19.7	23.6
5	10.6	12.7	15.02	17.5
10	9.7	10.8	12.3	15.9
15	9.3	10.2	11.2	12.7
20	8.1	8.6	9.7	10.2

### Conclusion And Recommendation

From the studied CPA concrete, the following conclusion and recommendation can be made:

- The workability of fresh CPA concrete measured by slump test reduces as the CPA content increases. The CPA became workable as the water binder ratio increases.

This shows that more water is needed to maintain the same uniformity as the percentage of CPA increases.

- Cassava peel ash has no significant effect on the density of the concrete.

- Compressive strength increases with curing age and decreases with increase in CPA content. This shows that CPA can be used optimally in concrete work by prolonging the curing age.

- The use of agricultural and industrial wastes as pozzolan cementitious materials in concrete production should be encouraged.

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