

# A Review: Self Compacting Concrete

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**Abstract** – Concrete which is made by the use of Super Plasticizers and Viscosity Modifying Agents (VMA) and does not need compaction, removes air voids itself is known as Self compacting concrete (SCC). Due to well-controlled conditions, the initiation of SCC in the precast concrete is successful. But on the field, the growth is slower, as the product is more sensitive. In this paper the properties of SCC in comparison to normal concrete has been discussed.

**Key Words:** Self compacting concrete, Fiber, Super-plasticizers, Admixture

## 1. INTRODUCTION

First created in Japan in 1986, self-consolidating concrete (SCC) is sometimes known as self-compacting concrete. The characteristics of SCC are the subject of much study.

Shuttering concrete is unique in that it can flow into and fill every crevice of the formwork (without the aid of vibration or other void removal processes) even when substantial reinforcing is present. Use of recycled or waste materials for the construction of civil structures is a matter of great significance in this century. Utilization of Portland cement per unit volume of concrete is decreased when waste materials are used in building. The proliferation of SCC across the world, as well as its unique microstructural structure and strengths, have been the subjects of a great deal of study. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has not normalized a blend strategy to get proper blend plan preliminaries and self-reduced limit testing methodology, despite considerable research and building system efforts. Similar to regular concrete, Self Compacting Concrete's performance depends on the combination of a fastener, fine total, coarse total, water, fines, and admixtures. Significant purposes for the expanded utilization of strengthening materials in concrete cement are To diminish the utilization of concrete however supplanting the concrete with materials having cementations properties. to work on the properties of new and solidified concrete. A few researchers have as of late grown elite execution concrete with a low water-to-solidify proportion by utilizing super-plasticizers and ultrafine mineral admixtures.

## 2. OBJECTIVE OF STUDY

The main purpose of this study is to explore the possibility of utilizing waste products in concrete production and to compare the properties of SCC to normal concrete.

## 3. LITERATURE REVIEW

Later on many researchers worked on SCC to enhance the quality and strength of concrete.

**Mishra and Panda (2015)** rubber particles were employed as aggregates in the production of concrete to improve the material's ability to absorb energy and to improve its tensile and deformation capacities. Aggregate rubber particles, it has been shown, enhance misshapening and energy assimilation limits while at the same time diminishing usefulness and mechanical elements.

**Gite et al. (2014)** Steel fibres with varied aspect ratios were tested in a series of experiments, and it was shown that the strength of a given steel fibre decreased with decreasing aspect ratio, and that straight fibres had less strength than their hooked-end and crimped counterparts.

**Alberti. Et al (2014).** Different macro polyolefin fibre contents in self-compacting concrete were tested, and their effects on the concrete's mechanical qualities were compared. Similar fracture behaviour is maintained when comparing these materials to self-compacting concrete with and without steel fibres.

**Balakrishnan and Paulose (2013)** used fly ash as a cement replacement in four different percentages (12.5%, 18.75%, 25%, and 37.5%) and discovered that fly ash improved workability, reduced bleeding and segregation, and increased filling and passing capacities of concrete.

"The ductile behaviour of SFRSCC has been modelled numerically, thanks to the work of Cunha et al. (2011). The smeared crack model in three dimensions helps to establish the nonlinear material behaviour of self-compacting concrete. The mathematical model has shown a high correlation with experimental results.

**Vijayanand et al (2010)** dissected the flexural reaction of SCC radiates built up with steel strands. Three plain SCC bars and six SCC radiates with steel fibbers with fluctuating percent of fibber content (0%, 0.5%, and 1.0%) and the pliable steel proportion (0.99%, 1.77%, and 2.51%) were given a role as a component of a trial program.

#### 4. MECHANISM FOR ATTAINING SELF-COMPACT ABILITY:

"Self-compacting capacity makes use of not just high deformability of mortar. When concrete is forced to move through tight spaces created by reinforcing bars. Fig.1 depicts the methods through which self-compacting properties may be attained.

- Use of super plasticizer
- Limited aggregate content
- Lower water-binder ratio

Incorporating high deformability of paste is just part of the strategy for achieving self-compact capability. Moreover, as substantial streams across the seized zone of supporting bars, it shows protection from isolation among coarse total and mortar. Self-compacting concrete's homogeneity refers to the material's resistance to segregation when being moved and poured.

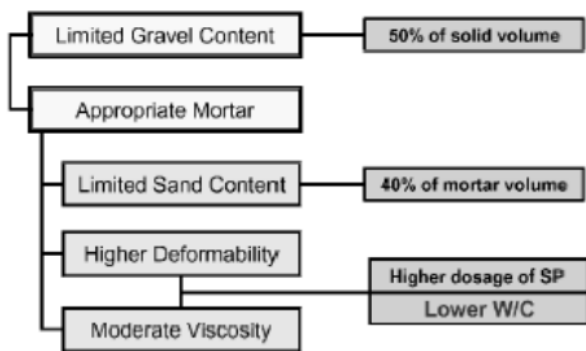


Fig 1 Mechanism for achieving self-compact ability

#### 5. WORKABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF SCC

Congested structural sections and limited parts should be filled by a successful SCC as it flows past different barriers under its own weight and shows no segregation. The figure demonstrates the fundamental easiness to operate with an SCC. This may be achieved by adjusting the concrete recipe such that there is a satisfactory trade-off between deformability, stability, and the potential for clogging.

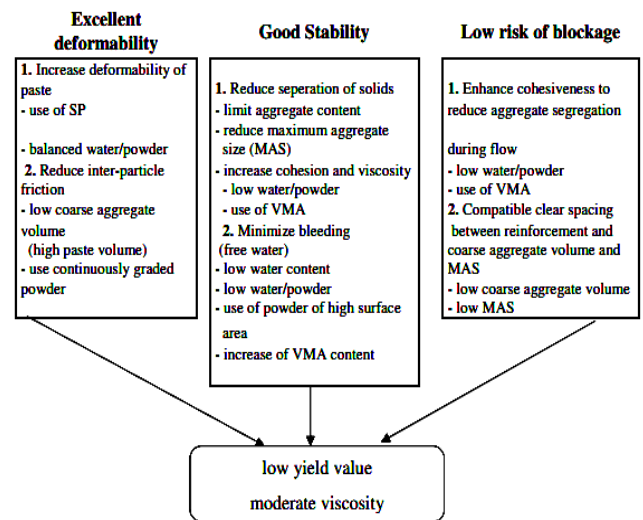


Fig 2 The necessary castability characteristics of SCC

#### 5.1 EXCELLENT DEFORMABILITY

The capacity of new concrete to change shape under its own weight while still being in close proximity to impediments that may impede its flow is known as its deformability. In contrast to "speed of deformability," which only considers the rate of deformation, "maximum deformability" refers to the highest flow value. For instance, whereas it takes a very viscous concrete made for underwater installation 15 seconds to reach a slump flow of 570 mm (high deformability), it takes SCC proportioned with a greater water content to fill a confined area just 5 seconds to get the same deformability. Of course, the yield value and the viscosity of the concrete are connected to these flow concepts. As can be seen in Figure 2.4, in order to guarantee an SCC that can flow easily around different barriers and achieve adequate filling capacity, it is crucial to provide both high flow ability (low yield stress) and strong resistance to segregation (moderate viscosity). The utilization of super plasticizers (SP) raises the deformability of the concrete glue, which thus raises the deformability of the substantial

#### 5.2 GOOD STABILITY

To ensure self compacting qualities, stability, or resistance to segregation and bleeding, is another crucial factor. It's worth noting that even extremely flowable concrete that displays appropriate stability when pouring may experience minor segregation during a pumping operation. The pseudo-plasticity of concrete explains why the apparent viscosity at such shear rates may be much lower than that at rest. Locally high shear rates may occur when concrete flows over barriers. Therefore, it is essential to ensure that the concrete has adequate viscosity to maintain uniform suspension of solid particles as it flows through confined regions, such as between closely spaced reinforcing. A part of the coarse aggregate may begin to segregate when concrete deforms around a confined piece, which may cause an increase in

aggregate density, which in turn can cause coagulation and arching of the aggregate, and therefore blocking of the flow.

### 5.3. LOW RISK OF BLOCKAGE

In order to improve self-compaction, the third necessary quality is a decrease in the possibility of obstruction brought on by the flow's encounter with restricted passageways. Adequate viscosity may restrict deformability and the ability to adequately fill the formwork, hence decreasing the danger of blockage 16. This is accomplished by ensuring excellent suspension of solid particles during flow, which in turn reduces inter-particle friction. Concrete should have sufficient cohesiveness by decreasing the W/P ratio and/or introducing an acceptable dose of a viscosity modifying admixture to avoid flow obstruction between closely spaced obstacles (VMA). The danger of obstruction may be mitigated by decreasing the coarse aggregate volume and the MAS as the clear distance between barriers in the crowded section decreases.

### 5. METHODOLOGY

"The coarse total substance (all particles greater than 4 mm and not exactly most extreme size of total) is determined in the scope of 50 to 60% of the strong volume, or 28 to 35% of the substantial volume, or 700 to 900 kg for each cubic meter of cement. All particles greater than 0.125 mm and under 4 mm (fine aggregate) must make up between 40 and 50% of the total mortar volume. Depending on the powder's characteristics, a water-to-powder ratio of 0.8 to 1.0 (by volume) is expected (i.e. cement and filler having particles smaller than 0.125 mm). To verify self-compatibility, we perform U-flow, slump-flow, and V-funnel tests on trial mixtures to establish the optimal super plasticizer dose and final water/powder ratio. A U-progression of 0-30 mm, a rut stream of 650-800 mm, and a V pipe season of 6- - 12 seconds are attractive.

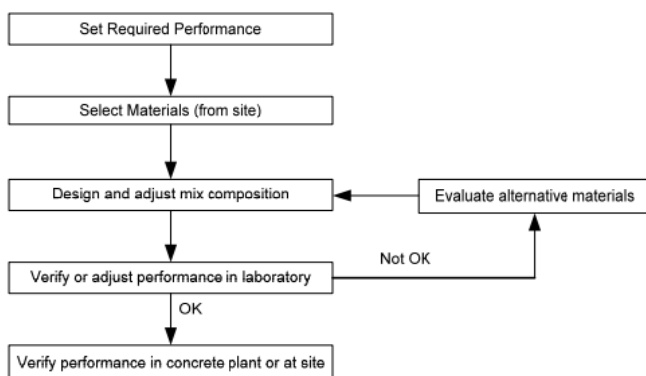


Fig 3 Methodology

### 6. DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

From the papers reviewed following points of conclusion can be drawn. Instead of its short history, SCC has confirmed itself as a innovative step forward in concrete technology. It can be observed by cost analysis that SCC in precast concrete

plants is more economically than conventional concretes. Cost comparisons should always be made on the basis of integral costs. There is a significant future for self compacting fibber reinforced concretes. The most vital task for research is to improve SCC's with reduced sensitivity to variations in constituents and environmental influences.

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