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Applicability of Molten Slag and Porous Ceramic-Roof Tile Waste Aggregate to Massive Structural Concrete

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the present study is to investigate the applicability of molten slag derived from municipal waste (MS) and porous ceramic aggregate from roof tile waste (PCA) to massive structural concrete. For this aim, specimens sealed after casting were stored in a temperature-controlled room providing a high temperature history up to the age of 7 days and then at 20°C. In addition, specimens were also prepared, which were stored at 20°C after casting.

Fine aggregate was replaced with MS at 30vol.% and/or with PCA at 15vol.%. Coarse aggregate was replaced with PCA at 12vol.%. All concretes prepared had a water to cement ratio of 40% and unit water content of 165 kg/m³. The mechanical properties, shrinkage strain, and shrinkage-induced strain in reinforcement embedded longitudinally in a prismatic specimen were measured.

The results showed that compressive strengths of all concretes subjected to the temperature history (H-concrete) at the age of 28 days were more than 45 N/mm² although they were lower than those stored at 20°C (20-concrete). In addition, the high temperature history increased autogenous shrinkage of concrete without the waste aggregates by 30% at the temperature adjusted age of 150 days. However, the shrinkage in H-concretes containing PCA and/or MS was almost the same as that of 20-concrete without the waste aggregates at the same temperature adjusted age, which means that the PCA and/or MS contributed to mitigating the shrinkage increased by the high temperature history. Besides, reinforcement strain induced by the shrinkage in concrete increased during the temperature rise and decreased during the subsequent temperature drop, and thereafter, increased again under 20°C. The PCA and MS were effective in reducing the reinforcement strain at the temperature adjusted age of 150 days. Finally, the present waste aggregates have a potential to be applicable to massive structural concrete.

INTRODUCTION

Environmental conservation is one of the major issues in the world. The “reduce, reuse, recycle” called the three R’s of waste management has been promoted in all fields of human activities more than ever before. The utilization of waste as materials of concrete can contribute to sustainable society in construction industry.

Municipal waste is incinerated and the incinerated ash is molten at over 1,200°C, which is called molten slag, in order to reduce the volume and to prolong the life of disposal facilities, and then molten slag is produced as granulated slag. Quite a few studies on the applicability of the molten slag were carried out [Kitatsuji and Fujii 1997, 1999; Sagawa et al. 2005; Matsuka et al. 2006], and then Japanese Industrial Standard (hereafter, JIS) A 5031 “Melt-solidified slag aggregate for concrete derived from municipal solid waste and sewage sludge” was established in 2006 to encourage the utilization of the molten slag. The molten slag, however, is limited to be used as a fine aggregate to plain and reinforced precast concrete members with the design compressive strength under 35 N/mm². Therefore, a lot more studies on properties of molten slag and concrete including the molten slag have been expected in order to use them widely. It was reported that the molten slag could have a latent hydraulicity due to a relatively high basicity [Kawamura et al. 2013], which means that wet curing is needed to improve the performance of concrete with the molten slag especially at the early age [Ogawa et al. 2013]. Structural performance of RC beams using molten slag was also investigated, which indicated the availability of the molten slags as fine aggregates of structural concrete [Nakarai et al. 2013].

On the other hand, about 150,000 tons of “Sekisyu Kawara” which is a roof tile made of clay is produced every year in the western Japan, and 10% of them is produced as waste due to cracking after sintering. The roof tile waste is also desired to be recycled, and some of them are used as aggregate for garden, pavement and so on. The porous ceramic roof tile waste has a crushing value of about 20%, which is higher than that of artificial light weight aggregate used as internal curing agent. In addition, it has a water absorption of about 8-9%, which is higher than normal aggregate. Making good use of these properties, the effects of the porous ceramic roof tile waste as an internal curing agent on the properties of concrete were investigated [Suzuki et al. 2009]. It has been reported that the porous ceramic roof tile waste is effective in improving the performance of concrete with portland blast furnace slag cement-type B in drying condition in terms of strength and porosity [Sato et al. 2011]. Additionally, the structural properties were also investigated and the results showed that the porous ceramic roof tile waste is applicable to structural slag cement concrete [Macharia et al. 2015].

Based on the results on the basic properties of concretes using these two waste aggregates mentioned above, they were reported to have applicability to structural concrete. Their applicability to massive structural concrete, however, has not been investigated yet, while autogenous shrinkage in concrete subjected to high temperature history can increase when compared with that at 20°C [Miyazawa et al. 2008].

Therefore, the present study aims at investigating the applicability of molten slag derived from municipal waste (hereafter, MS) and porous ceramic roof tile waste aggregate (hereafter, PCA) to massive structural concrete. For this aim, specimens sealed after casting were stored in a temperature-controlled room providing a high temperature history up to the age of 7 days and then at 20°C. In addition, specimens were also prepared, which were stored at 20°C after casting.

EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION

Materials. Cement used in this study was portland blast furnace slag cement-type B (hereafter, BB) with the density of 3.04 g/cm³ and the specific surface area of 3,650 kg/m³, which contained 40-45mass% of ground granulated blast-furnace slag and met the standards set in JIS R 5211. Table 1 represents the properties of aggregates used in the present study. Crushed liparite sand and gravel, which met the standards set in JIS A 5005, were used as fine and coarse aggregates for reference concrete, respectively. Part of fine aggregate was replaced with MS and/or PCA, while part of coarse aggregate was replaced with PCA. PCA with size from 5 mm to 13 mm was used as coarse aggregate (hereafter, PCCA), while that from 1 mm to 5 mm was used as fine aggregate (hereafter, PCFA). Both PCFA and PCCA were immersed in water for more than 7 days before drying to saturated surface-dry condition to apply as internal curing agents.

Table 1. Properties of Aggregates

Materials	Type	Density (g/cm ³)	Water absorption (%)	Notation
Fine aggregate	Crushed liparite sand	2.60	2.28	S
	Porous ceramic fine aggregate	2.26	8.92	PCFA
	Molten slag fine aggregate	2.77	0.42	MS
Coarse aggregate	Crushed liparite gravel	2.64	0.76	G
	Porous ceramic coarse aggregate	2.27	9.20	PCCA

Mixture Proportions. The mixture proportions of the concretes were listed in Table 2. The water to binder ratio (hereafter, W/C) and unit water content for all six concretes was 40% and 165 kg/m³, respectively. Fine aggregate was replaced with MS at 30vol.% and/or with PCFA at 15vol.%. Coarse aggregate was replaced with PCCA at 12vol.%, where the amount of water absorbed into 12vol.% PCCA was the same as that into 15vol.% PCFA.

Table 2. Mixture Proportions

Name of specimen	W/C (%)	Air (%)	Sand to aggregate ratio (%)	Unit content (kg/m ³)						
				Water	Cement	S	MS	PCFA	G	PCCA
BB40	40	4.5	45.0	165	413	766	0	0	952	0
BB40MS				165	413	536	245	0	952	0
BB40PCFA				165	413	651	0	100	952	0
BB40MSPCFA				165	413	421	245	100	952	0
BB40PCCA				165	413	766	0	0	839	97
BB40MSPCCA				165	413	536	245	0	839	97

Curing conditions. All specimens were sealed with aluminum adhesive tape after casting. Specimens were stored in a temperature-controlled room providing a high temperature history up to the age of 7 days and then at 20°C. The temperature history was simulated the temperature at the point having the highest maximum temperature in massive concrete with same mixture proportion of BB40. Additionally, specimens were also prepared, which were stored at 20°C just after casting for comparison. These two temperature histories were shown in figure 1. H-concrete and 20-concrete represent concrete subjected to high temperature history and concrete stored at 20°C after casting, respectively.

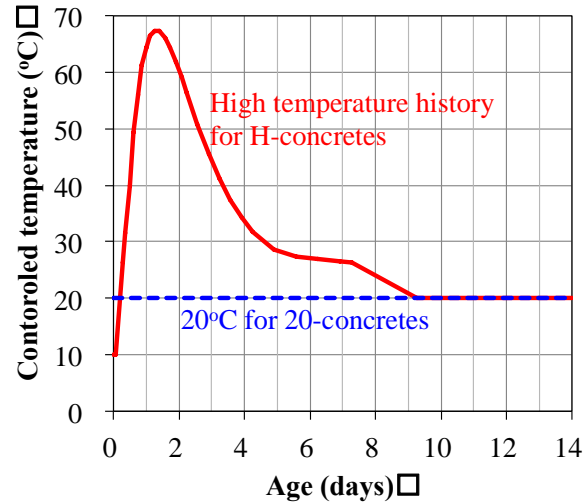


Figure 1. Temperature History Subjected in the Present Study

Items of investigations. Compressive strength, modulus of elasticity under compression and splitting tensile strength were measured for mechanical properties. The compressive strength and modulus of elasticity were tested at the ages of 1, 3, 7, 28, and 91 days conforming to JIS A 1108 and 1149, respectively, by using cylinder specimens with the diameter of 100 mm and the length of 200 mm. Splitting tensile strength was tested at the ages of 3, 7, 28, and 91 days conforming to JIS A 1113 by using cylinder specimens with the diameter of 150 mm and the length of 150 mm.

Autogenous shrinkage in concrete were investigated by using embedded gauges located at the center of prism specimens with the size of 100 x 100 x 400 mm. Those were obtained by subtracting thermal strain from actual measured strain, where thermal strain was calculated with thermal expansion coefficient of $10 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Shrinkage-induced strain in reinforcement embedded longitudinally in a prismatic specimen was also measured. The prismatic specimen had the size of 100 x 100 x 1200 mm, where a D19-bar with two gauges at the center was used for reinforcement.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Mechanical properties. Temperature adjusted age determined by Eq.(1) (CEB-FIP MODEL CODE 1990) is applied to account the effect of temperature on the maturity of concrete.

$$t_e = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[Dt_i \cdot \exp \left\{ 13.65 - \frac{4000}{273 + T(Dt_i)/T_0} \right\} \right] \quad (1)$$

where t_e is temperature adjusted age, Δt_i is the number of days where a temperature T prevails, and T_0 is 1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Figure 2 shows compressive strength of concretes subjected to the high temperature history (hereafter, H-concrete) and that of concrete cured at 20 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (hereafter, 20-concrete) with temperature adjusted age. According to the left side of figure 2, compressive strengths of BB40PCFA concrete subjected to high

temperature history were almost the same as those of BB40 concrete, while the other concrete subjected high temperature history were slightly smaller than those of BB40 concrete. All compressive strengths of H-concrete using waste aggregates, however, were same as or higher than 90% of compressive strength of BB40_H concrete represented by a black dashed line. It indicates that the decrease in compressive strength dose not pose a significant problem. Compared to the case of 20-concrete, compressive concrete of each H-concrete was overtaken by 20-concrete at the temperature adjusted age of around 30 days. In addition, it can be seen that the compressive strength of concrete using waste aggregates can be affected by the high temperature history more than that of the reference concrete i.e. BB40 concrete.

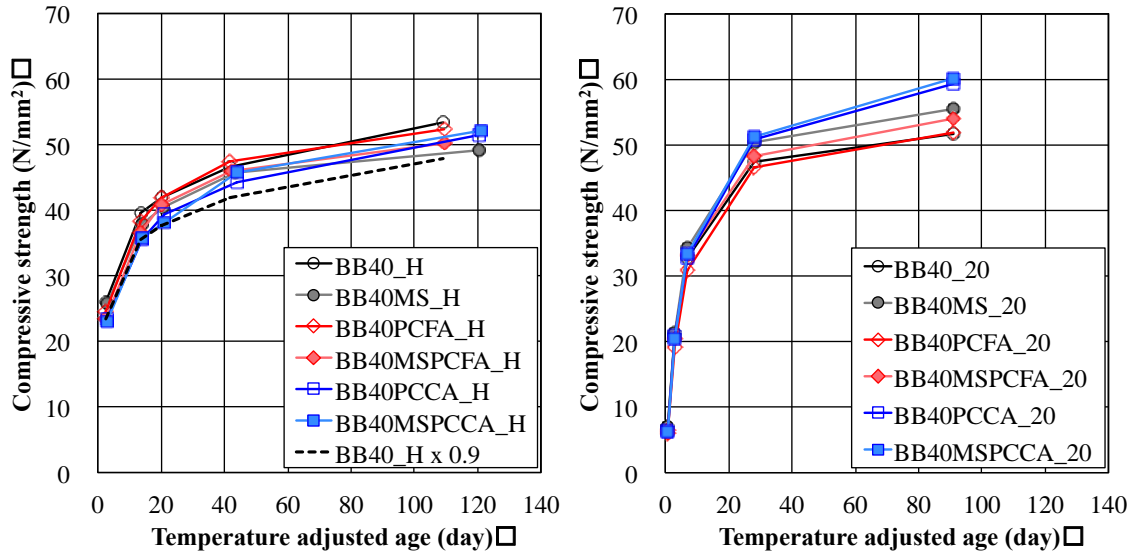


Figure 2. Compressive Strength of Concrete (Left: Subjected to High Temperature History i.e. H-concrete, Right: Cured at 20°C i.e. 20-concrete)

The relationship between compressive strength and modulus of elasticity and that between compressive strength and splitting tensile strength are shown in figure 3 and figure 4, respectively. Each green dashed line represents modulus of elasticity and splitting tensile strength which are calculated by Eq. (2) and Eq. (3), respectively, proposed by JSCE standard specification.

$$E_c = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(2.2 + \frac{f_{\infty}'_c - 18}{20} \right) \times 10^4 \quad (f'_c < 30 \text{ N/mm}^2) \\ \left(2.8 + \frac{f_{\infty}'_c - 30}{33} \right) \times 10^4 \quad (30 \leq f'_c < 40 \text{ N/mm}^2) \\ \left(3.1 + \frac{f_{\infty}'_c - 40}{50} \right) \times 10^4 \quad (40 \leq f'_c < 70 \text{ N/mm}^2) \end{array} \right\} \quad (2)$$

$$f_t = 0.23 f_c'^{2/3} \quad (3)$$

According to figure 3, modulus of elasticity for the same compressive strength of concrete using waste aggregate was similar to that of BB40 concrete regardless of temperature, except for the case of 20-concrete with more than around 50 N/mm² of compressive strength. In that case, modulus of elasticity for the same compressive concrete with PCFA or PCCA was slightly lower than that for concrete without PCFA or

PCCA. This is due to smaller modulus of elasticity of PCFA and PCCA than normal aggregate. By and large, the relationship between compressive strength and modulus of elasticity obtained by the present experiment was not affected significantly by either high temperature history or waste aggregates.

Splitting tensile strength for the same compressive strength of concrete using waste aggregate was also similar to that of BB40 concrete regardless of temperature. Similar to modulus of elasticity, it means the relationship between compressive strength and splitting tensile strength was not affected by either high temperature or waste aggregates.

Besides, both modulus of elasticity and splitting tensile strength calculated in this study were approximately equal to or higher than that obtained by JSCE. That is, MS, PCFA and PCCA can be said to have applicability to structural concrete even if concrete is subjected to high temperature history.

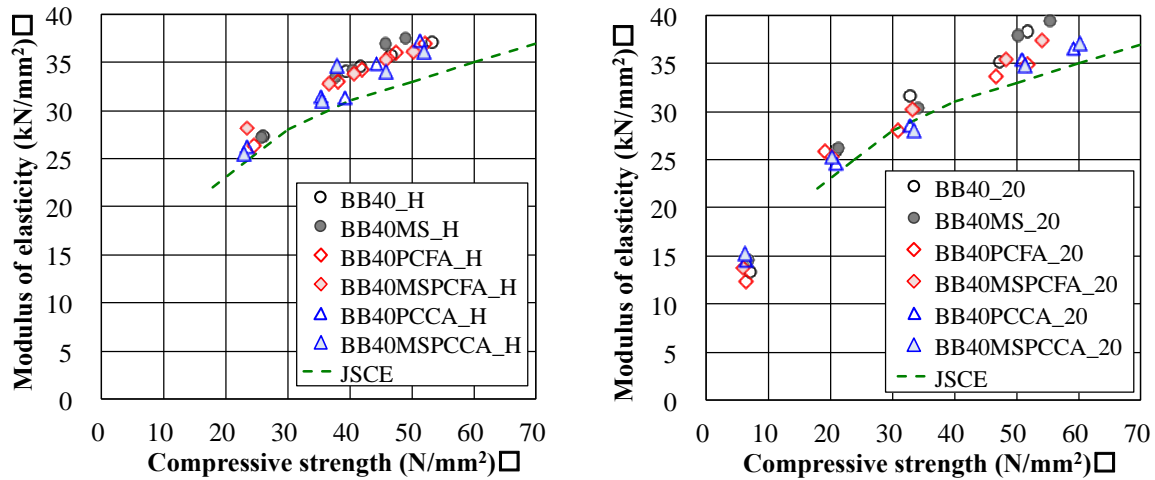


Figure 3. Relationship between Compressive Strength and Modulus of elasticity of concrete (Left: H-concrete, Right: 20-concrete)

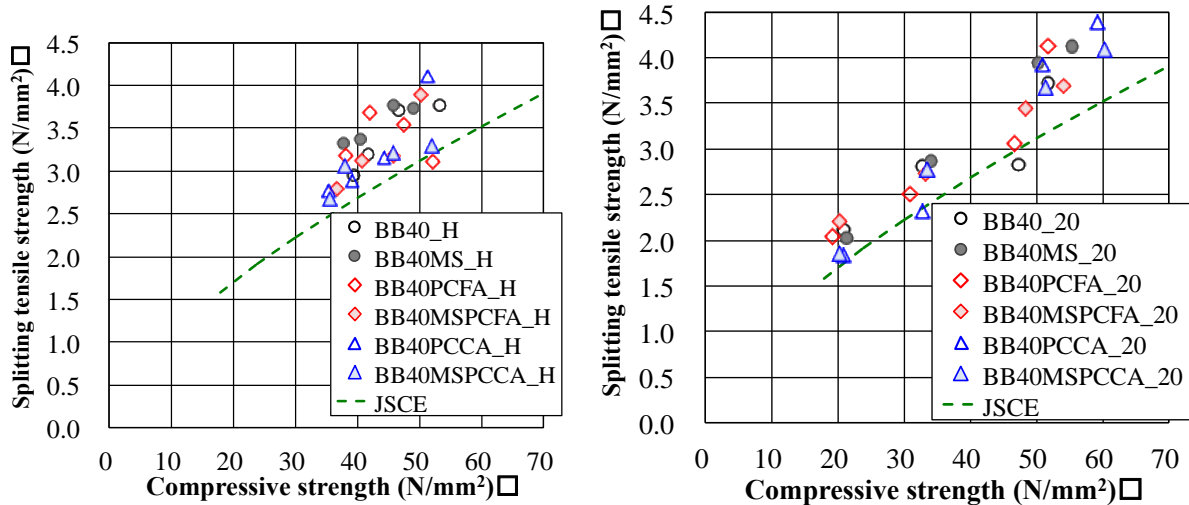


Figure 4. Relationship between Compressive Strength and Modulus of elasticity of Concrete (Left: H-concrete, Right: 20-concrete)

Autogenous shrinkage in concrete. Figure 5 demonstrates autogenous shrinkage strain in concrete, which was obtained by subtracting thermal strain from measured free strain, where thermal expansion coefficient of concrete was assumed to be $10 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. The data is plotted from the point where reinforcement stress appears. Autogenous shrinkage in BB40 concrete subjected to high temperature history was larger than any other concrete, while autogenous shrinkage in BB40 concrete was almost the same as that in concrete using MS and/or PCA in the case of 20-concrete. According to figure 6, which demonstrates the effect of high temperature on autogenous shrinkage in concrete, high temperature history increased the autogenous shrinkage in BB40 concrete with time up to around 30%, while autogenous shrinkage in concretes using waste aggregates, except for BB40MSPCFA, were not affected remarkably by high temperature history. This may be due to the internal curing by using PCFA or PCCA, especially in the case of high temperature.

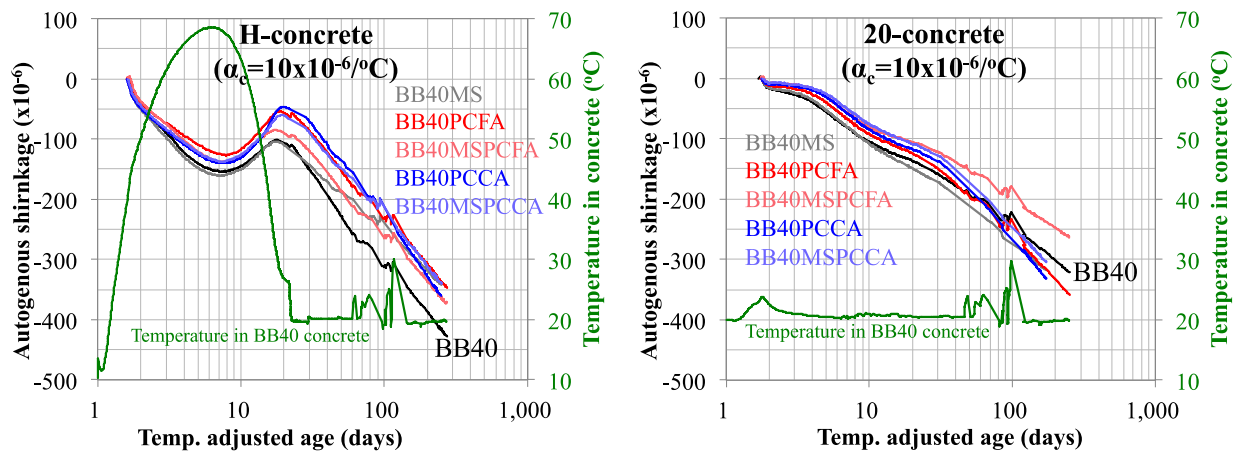


Figure 5. Autogenous Shrinkage and Temperature in Concrete Where Thermal Expansion Coefficient of Concrete was Assumed to be $10 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ (Left: H-concrete, Right: 20-concrete)

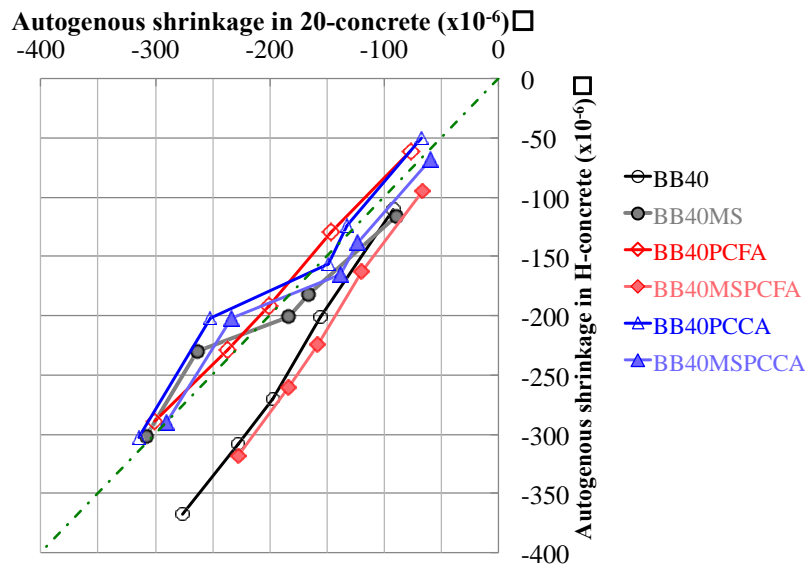


Figure 6. Effect of High Temperature History on Autogenous Shrinkage in Concrete

Shrinkage-induced strain in reinforcement. Figure 7 illustrates reinforcement strain induced by shrinkage in concrete and temperature in BB40 concrete with temperature adjusted age. In the case of H-concrete, the reinforcement increased during temperature rise and decreased during subsequent temperature drop, and thereafter, increased again at 20°C, while the reinforcement strain in 20-concrete kept increasing from the point where the reinforcement stress appeared. This should include the effect of the difference of thermal expansion coefficient between reinforcement and strain. However, further studies are needed in order to explain those tendencies clearly.

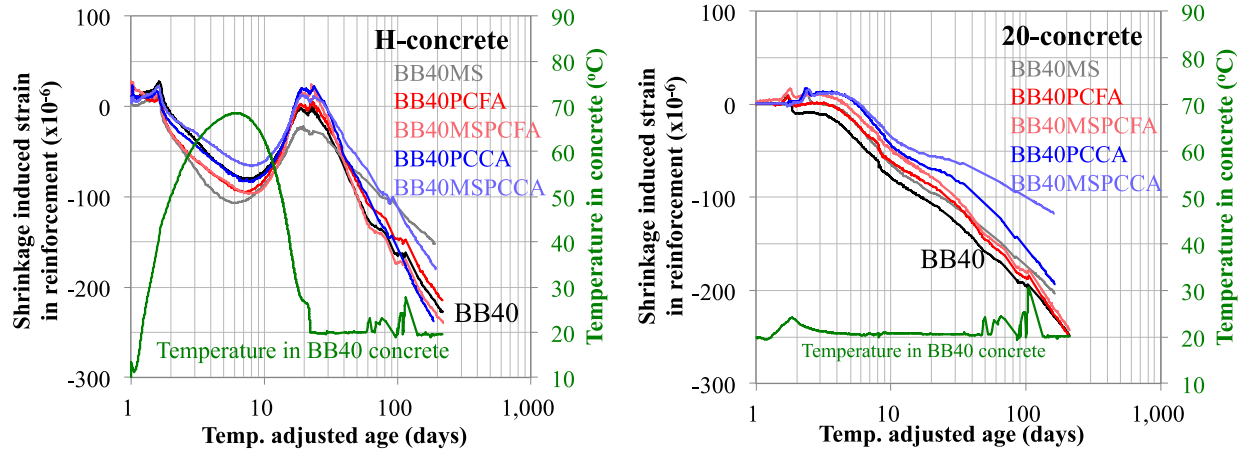


Figure 7. Shrinkage-induced Strain in Reinforcement and Temperature in Concrete (Left: H-concrete, Right: 20-concrete)

Shrinkage in reinforcement is listed in Table 3. The values between brackets indicate the ratios to shrinkage in BB40 cured at 20°C. In the present experiment, reinforcement strain at the temperature adjusted age of 150 days was not affected significantly by high temperature history. The reinforcement strain in H-concrete, however, kept increasing more rapidly than that in 20-concrete. It means that investigation for a longer time is required. In the case of 20-concrete, reinforcement strain in all concrete with waste aggregates was smaller than that in the reference concrete i.e. BB40, while in the case of H-concrete, it was almost the same as or smaller than that in BB40. It can be suggested that MS and PCA have applicability to use for massive concrete structures.

Table 3. Shrinkage-Induced Strain in Reinforcement at the Temperature Adjusted Age of 7, 28, 91 and 150 Days with Ratios to BB40 Concrete Cured at 20°C.

20-concrete	BB40_20	BB40MS_20	BB40PCFA_20	BB40MSPCFA_20	BB40PCCA_20	BB40MSPCCA_20
7 days	-59 (1.00)	-47 (0.79)	-43 (0.73)	-31 (0.52)	-26 (0.43)	-19 (0.32)
28 days	-125 (1.00)	-106 (0.85)	-105 (0.84)	-97 (0.78)	-77 (0.62)	-60 (0.48)
91 days	-192 (1.00)	-163 (0.85)	-184 (0.96)	-178 (0.93)	-142 (0.74)	-93 (0.48)
150 days	-221 (1.00)	-197 (0.89)	-219 (0.99)	-212 (0.96)	-186 (0.84)	-114 (0.52)
H-concrete	BB40_H	BB40MS_H	BB40PCFA_H	BB40MSPCFA_H	BB40PCCA_H	BB40MSPCCA_H
7 days	-80 (1.34)	-100 (1.68)	-93 (1.56)	-96 (1.62)	-83 (1.39)	-66 (1.11)
28 days	-24 (0.20)	-35 (0.28)	-17 (0.13)	-9 (0.08)	2 -(0.02)	0 (0.00)
91 days	-141 (0.74)	-104 (0.54)	-125 (0.65)	-147 (0.76)	-143 (0.74)	-101 (0.52)
150 days	-195 (0.88)	-138 (0.62)	-181 (0.82)	-205 (0.92)	-213 (0.96)	-151 (0.68)

CONCLUSION

The present study aims at investigating the applicability of MS and PCA to massive structural concrete using portland blast furnace slag cement type B. Concrete was subjected to high temperature history simulating the temperature in massive concrete structure, while concrete cured at 20°C was also investigated for comparison. The following conclusions can be drawn within the limit of the study.

When concrete were subjected to high temperature history, compressive strength concrete with MS and/or PCA was slightly smaller than the reference concrete by less than 10%, while MS and PCA was effective in increasing the compressive strength of concrete cured at 20°C.

Modulus of elasticity and splitting tensile strength of concrete with waste aggregate for the same compressive strength were almost the same as the reference concrete regardless of the presence or absence of high temperate history.

High temperature history increased autogenous shrinkage by around 30% in the case of the reference concrete at the temperature adjusted concrete age of 150 days. However, the shrinkage of H-concretes containing PCA and/or MS were almost the same as that of 20-concrete without the waste aggregates at the same age, because the PCA and MS contributed to mitigating the shrinkage increased by the high temperature history.

Reinforcement strain induced by the shrinkage in concrete increased during the temperature rise and decreased during the subsequent temperature drop, and thereafter, increased again under 20°C. The PCA and MS were effective in reducing the reinforcement strain at the temperature adjusted age of 150 days. Further studies are needed to clarify the tendency as well as investigate for a long time.

In summary, the present results suggested that the present waste aggregates have a potential to be applicable to massive structural concrete.

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