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Title: Assessing Disaster Resilience of Concrete with Titanium Dioxide Nanoparticles

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Protocol

2. Specimen Preparation and Curing

- 2.1. To begin, prepare four groups of specimens using a concrete mix of Portland CII (*C-P-eye-eye*) cement, crushed stone, medium-washed river sand, and water, maintaining a water to cement ratio of 0.5 [1-TXT]. For each 3.63-kilogram specimen, weigh appropriate amounts of cement, sand, gravel [2-TXT], and add water [3-TXT].
 - 2.1.1. WIDE: Talent organizing four labeled trays for specimens. **TXT: Cement:Sand:Gravel = 1:2:3** *Video editor: This is a ratio*
 - 2.1.2. Close up of adding cement, sand and crushed stone to the container. **TXT: Cement: 558.46 g; Sand: 1,116.92 g; Gravel: 1,675.38 g; Water: 279.23 g**
 - 2.1.3. Close up of adding water in a graduated container. **TXT: Add any additive to the dry ingredients first**
- 2.2. Homogenize all components thoroughly to obtain the most uniform mass possible [1]. Cast the mixed concrete into the molds [2] and inspect the mixture for signs of aggregate segregation, free-water accumulation, or staining from unmixed material to ensure a uniform consistency for representative results [3].
 - 2.2.1. Talent mixing the concrete until the mass appears uniform.
 - 2.2.2. Talent pouring the mixed concrete from the mixing container toward prepared molds.
 - 2.2.3. Close-up of the mix surface showing no aggregate segregation, free water, or unmixed streaks.
- 2.3. Now, mold the test specimens in cylindrical metal forms 10 centimeters in diameter and

20 centimeters in height [1]. Fill each mold so the concrete reaches the designated level with uniform distribution [2-TXT].

2.3.1. Talent positioning cylindrical metal molds labeled with diameter and height specifications.

2.3.2. Talent distributing the concrete evenly into the mold until it reaches the marked level without overfilling. **TXT: Avoid voids**

2.4. Produce Sample A and designate it as the negative control without any additives to serve as the baseline for comparison with the other specimens [1].

2.4.1. Talent preparing and labeling Sample A while referencing the listed standards.

2.5. Produce Sample B by incorporating 1 percent Nano titanium dioxide, approximately 36.3 grams, into the concrete mix [1]. Distribute the nanoparticles evenly across the mass to prevent agglomeration [2]. Similarly prepare samples C and D, ensuring homogeneity among the sample sets [3-TXT].

2.5.1. Talent weighing 36.3 grams of Nano titanium dioxide.

2.5.2. Talent nano titanium dioxide to the container and thoroughly mixing to disperse nanoparticles uniformly.

2.5.3. Talent placing sample C and D beside samples A and B. **TXT: Sample C: 2% NanoTiO₂ ; Sample D: 3% NanoTiO₂**

2.6. Now, prepare Sample E by incorporating a 3 percent copper-based plasticizer additive, approximately 108.9 grams, into the concrete mix [1] and designate this sample as the positive control to compare the effect of the plasticizer relative to the other samples [2].

2.6.1. Talent weighing 108.9 grams of the copper-based plasticizer and combining it with the mix as per the dilution step.

2.6.2. Talent labeling Sample E as “Positive control – plasticizer.”

2.7. Store all samples in an area with controlled conditions, protected from environmental influences, to await the curing time [1].

2.7.1. Talent transferring labeled molds to a controlled-condition storage area and closing the chamber.

- 2.8. Cure the specimens in a humidity-controlled area maintained at a temperature of around 23 degrees Celsius and a relative humidity of at least 95 percent for 24 hours [1]. After this initial period, submerge the specimens in lime-saturated water maintained at the same temperature of 23 degrees Celsius, for continued curing over the designated period [2].
 - 2.8.1. Talent placing freshly molded specimens into a humidity-controlled chamber set to 23 degrees Celsius and 95 percent relative humidity.
 - 2.8.2. Talent transferring cured specimens after 24 hours from the chamber into a tank filled with lime-saturated water.
- 2.9. After curing, remove the specimens [1] and measure the weight of each specimen to confirm that each has an average mass of 3.63 kilograms [2].
 - 2.9.1. Talent removing specimens from the curing tank and gently drying the surface with a cloth.
 - 2.9.2. Talent placing a specimen on a precision balance.
- 2.10. Condition the specimens at room temperature of around 23 degrees Celsius, according to the following schedule [1].
 - 2.10.1. TEXT ON PLAIN BACKGROUND:
 - 7 days: Samples A1, B1, C1, D1 and E1
 - 14 days: Samples A2, B2, C2, D2 and E2
 - 28 days: Samples A3, B3, C3, D3 and E3

3. Compressive Strength Testing

- 3.1. Subject each specimen to an axial compression test using a universal tensile and compression testing machine [1].
 - 3.1.1. Talent pointing to the universal testing machine in the laboratory and switching it on.
- 3.2. Ensure that the load cell capacity of the testing machine is compatible with the specimen dimensions [1], and verify that a digital control system is enabled for real-time monitoring and recording of the applied load [2].
 - 3.2.1. Talent examining the load cell capacity on the machine's display.

- 3.2.2. Show the digital control interface displaying load readings and the active recording system.
- 3.3. Continue applying the compressive load until the specimen fails [1], and record the maximum supported load at the moment of rupture [2].
 - 3.3.1. Talent monitoring the machine as the specimen compresses and begins to crack.
 - 3.3.2. Talent noting in the notebook.
- 3.4. Compute the compressive strength of each specimen using the formula [1].
 - 3.4.1. TEXT ON PLAIN BACKGROUND:
$$f_c = F_{\max} / A$$

where:
 f_c = compressive strength (N/mm²),
 F_{\max} = maximum recorded load (N)
 A = test specimen cross-sectional area (mm²). 1 N/mm² = 1 MPa
- 3.5. Then, conduct the compressive-strength test by positioning each cylindrical specimen measuring 100 millimeters in diameter and 200 millimeters in height vertically at the center of the hydraulic press [1]. Ensure proper contact between the specimen and the loading plates [2-TXT].
 - 3.5.1. Talent centering a cylindrical specimen on the press base and lowering the upper loading plate to touch the specimen.
 - 3.5.2. Close-up of the contact surfaces to confirm proper seating and alignment according to standard. **TXT: Align according to ABNT NBR 5739:2018**
- 3.6. Apply the axial load continuously and without impact at a rate of around 0.45 megapascals per second [1]. Repeat this procedure for all three specimen sets: control, titanium dioxide-doped, and copper-based additive samples [2].
 - 3.6.1. Show the test rate setting adjusted to 0.45 megapascals per second.
 - 3.6.2. Talent removing the previous sample and placing the next one.
- 3.7. Record all values systematically for later comparison among the different sample sets [1].
 - 3.7.1. Display a digital spreadsheet or data logger with organized results for all

samples.

- 3.8. Finally, compare the recorded compressive strength values to assess the mechanical behavior and performance differences between the control, titanium dioxide-doped, and copper-based additive specimens [1].
 - 3.8.1. Show plotted comparison charts on a computer screen showing variations and talent pointing to the data and analysing.

Results

4. Results

- 4.1. Compression tests showed that concrete specimens containing 1% titanium dioxide by mass had higher compressive strength [1] than both the control concrete [2] and those with 3% copper-based plasticizer [3].

4.1.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. *Video editor: Highlight all the bars for B.*

4.1.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. *Video editor: Highlight the bars labeled A.*

4.1.3. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. *Video editor: Highlight the bars labeled E.*

- 4.2. Among samples subjected to 28 days of curing during compressive strength testing, specimens B3, C3, and D3 appeared visibly lighter in color [1] than specimens labeled A3 and E3 [2].

4.2.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 2. *Video editor: Highlight the specimens labeled B3, C3, and D3, showing their lighter coloration.*

4.2.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 2. *Video editor: Highlight the specimens labeled A3 and E3, which are darker in color.*

- 4.3. The specimen labeled B had the highest compressive strength after 28 days of curing at 17,379 megapascals [1].

4.3.1. LAB MEDIA: Table 2. *Video editor: Highlight the cell in the row labeled "B" and column labeled "28 Days" with the value 17,379.*

- 4.4. Specimens labeled A and E showed lower compressive strength values after 28 days of curing, with values of 13,018 and 9,725 megapascals, respectively [1].

4.4.1. LAB MEDIA: Table 2. *Video editor: Highlight the cell in the row labeled "A" and column labeled "28 Days" with the value 13,018.*

4.4.2. LAB MEDIA: Table 2. *Video editor: Highlight the cell in the row labeled "E" and column labeled "28 Days" with the value 9,725.*

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IPA: /'pɔrt-lənd 'sɪmənt/

Phonetic Spelling: port-lund si-ment

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IPA: /hə'mɑː.dʒə.naɪz/

Phonetic Spelling: huh-mahr-juh-nyz

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IPA: /əˌɡlɑː.mə'reɪ.ʃən/

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Phonetic Spelling: satch-uh-RAY-shuhn