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ABSTRAK

Loji janakuasa arang batu menghasilkan banyak hasil sampingan dalam bentuk abu dasar dan abu terbang yang boleh dikategorikan sebagai bahan buangan yang mengancam alam sekitar serta kesihatan dan keselamatan kehidupan manusia. Oleh itu, penyelesaian yang inovatif dan mampan mungkin diperlukan untuk mengurangkan jumlah sisa, seperti menggunakan semula sisa sebagai bahan binaan untuk pembangunan infrastruktur. Dalam kajian ini, abu dasar arang batu (CBA) telah digantikan sebagai penggantian agregat dalam konkrit dengan enam susunan gabungan yang berbeza, antara 50% hingga 100% penggantian agregat halus dan kasar dengan penambahan abu terbang (FA) 20% yang berterusan kepada kuantiti simen. Eksperimen telah dijalankan untuk menentukan sifat mekanikal konkrit dan prestasi serta kelakuan konkrit bertetulang (RC) di bawah ujian beban lentur empat mata. Semasa ujian, pesongan dan beban yang dikenakan telah direkodkan, dan corak keretakan diperhatikan dan ditanda. Keputusan menunjukkan rasuk konkrit dan RC dengan 100% abu dasar arang batu kasar (CCBA) dan 100% abu dasar arang batu halus (FCBA) menunjukkan prestasi yang lebih baik dari segi sifat mekanikal, corak keretakan dan hasil pesongan beban berbanding dengan campuran konkrit kawalan dalam 28 hari umur menyembuhkan. Tambahan pula, model analisis unsur terhingga (FEA) bagi rasuk RC telah dibangunkan menggunakan perisian ABAQUS untuk meramalkan kelakuan dan prestasi rasuk yang diuji. Ketepatan model FE telah disahkan menggunakan tindak balas pesongan beban eksperimen dan corak keretakan. Dalam membandingkan analisis dan data eksperimen, keputusan menunjukkan bahawa FEA berjaya meramalkan corak keretakan dan lengkung pesongan beban rasuk. Keputusan FEA menunjukkan bahawa rasuk dengan 100% CCBA 100% FCBA menunjukkan data tertinggi pada 88 kN dengan pesongan maksimum 18.87 mm. Beban muktamad yang diperolehi dalam ABAQUS adalah dalam julat 10% berbeza dengan keputusan eksperimen. Kajian ini menyimpulkan bahawa, rasuk RC digabungkan dengan CBA sebagai agregat halus dan kasar menghasilkan kekuatan tertinggi berbanding dengan yang lain dan keputusan FEA menunjukkan bahawa data simulasi adalah selaras dengan data eksperimen.

ABSTRACT

Coal fired power plants produce an abundance of by-products in the form of bottom ash and fly ash that can be categorized as waste, which threatens the environment as well as the health and safety of human life. Hence, innovative and sustainable solutions may be required to reduce the amount of waste, such as reusing the waste as construction materials for infrastructure development. In this study, Coal Bottom Ash (CBA) was substituted as an aggregate replacement in concrete with six different combination arrangements, ranging from 50% to 100% fine and coarse aggregate replacement with a constant 20% fly ash (FA) addition to the cement quantity. The experiments were conducted to determine the mechanical properties of concrete and performance as well as behaviour of reinforced concrete (RC) beams under a four-point bending load test. During the test, the deflection and applied load were recorded, and the cracking pattern was observed and marked. The results showed that concrete and RC beams with 100% coarse coal bottom ash (CCBA) and 100% fine coal bottom ash (FCBA) performed better in terms of mechanical properties, cracking pattern and load deflection results compared with the control concrete mix in 28 days of curing age. Furthermore, finite element analysis (FEA) models of RC beams were developed using ABAQUS software to predict the behaviour and performance of the tested beams. The accuracy of the FE models was validated using the experimental load-deflection responses and cracking patterns. In comparing analysis and experimental data, the results showed that FEA successfully predicted the cracking pattern and load-deflection curve of beams. The FEA results indicated that the beam with 100% CCBA 100% FCBA shows the highest data at 88 kN with maximum deflection 18.5 mm. The ultimate load obtained in ABAQUS for all RC beams were in a 10% range difference with the experimental results. This study concludes that RC beams incorporated with CBA as fine and coarse aggregates result in the highest strength compared to others and the FEA results indicate that the simulation data are in line with the experiment data.

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