

# Research on Modified High-performance Cement Mortar of Prefabricated Buildings Based on Orthogonal Test

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## Abstract:

In order to improve the construction technology level of the connection nodes of prefabricated hydraulic structures, and improve the mechanical properties, fluidity and economy of the connection mortar, this paper adopts the orthogonal experimental design to improve the cement mortar by adding polymer dispersible polymer powder. A modified high-performance mortar with a compressive strength of 10 MPa, a fluidity of 90 mm and a final compressive strength grade of M25 was studied. The factors and levels of the orthogonal test are: mortar ratio 1:3、1:4、1:5; silica powder content of 4%、6%、8%; dispersible polymer powder content of 3%、5%、7%. After research, the optimal mixing ratio of modified high-performance mortar is 1:3, the content of silicon powder is 6%, the content of redispersible latex powder is 3%, the content of early strength water reducing agent is 0.1%, and the content of defoamer is 0.5%. The experimental verification is also carried out. This new type of modified high-performance cement mortar provides a new idea for the connection material of prefabricated hydraulic structures, which is of great significance for improving the integrity of prefabricated hydraulic structures and the durability of the connection.

## Keywords:

Modified cement mortar, orthogonal test, compressive strength, fluidity, mortar ratio, silica fume content, redispersible latex powder content, optimal mix proportion

## 1. Introduction

The assembly methods of prefabricated concrete buildings are divided into prefabricated monolithic concrete structures and fully prefabricated concrete structures. In prefabricated hydraulic structures, fully prefabricated concrete structures are generally not used because of the load combination problem. Compared with the fully assembled concrete structure, the assembled integral concrete structure has good integrity and earthquake resistance. At present, small prefabricated hydraulic buildings mainly use this structure, and the connection method is wet connection, that is, through various cement mortars for internal Filling and contact connection are used to meet the requirements of on-site construction convenience and

ecological environmental protection, to ensure reliable connection between components, and to facilitate the building to be put into operation as soon as possible. Therefore, it is very important to study the reliable performance of cement mortar for the wet connection of small prefabricated buildings (Xiao Ming,2017).

In recent years, the rapid deterioration of cement mortar has become a commonly recognized problem in countries all over the world (Ohama,Y., Demura, K,2006,2010). Mineral admixtures and latexes are added to cement mortar during preparation and application. These materials can increase the wear resistance or durability, and reduce the permeability(Yun,Kyong-Ku.et al,2002). Scholars such as Bhikshma, Rozenbaum, Wang, Bhanjaa have conducted various studies on the durability and strength of cement mortar mixed with mineral admixtures and polymers (Bhikshma,V.et al,Rozenbaum.et al,Wang Ru.et al, Bhanja.et al, S.,2009,2005,2005,2003). Y. Ohama and Sasse conducted experimental research on the properties and mixing ratio of polymer-modified mortar(Ohama,Y.et al.,Sasse,H. R,1986,1983). Ru Wang et al. studied the effect of polymers on the porosity and crackability of cement mortars(Wang,Ru,et al.,2015). Joachim Schulzea et al. found that the compressive strength of modified and unmodified mortars depends on the water-cement ratio and, to a lesser extent, the cement content of the mortar (Schulze, Joachim,1999).

In addition, redispersible polymer powders are today's common organic binders to change the properties of dry mortars, especially to improve bond strength due to the formation of polymer films inside the composite(Huimei,Z. H. U.et al.,2014). Among them, the advantages of redispersible latex powder compared with polymer emulsion in small prefabricated hydraulic buildings are that it does not need to be stored and transported with water, which reduces transportation costs; small packaging volume and light weight; easy to use; storage period Long and easy to keep.

When an appropriate amount of polymer redispersible latex powder is mixed into the cement mortar, its initial hydration rate slows down, and a polymer film is formed to wrap the cement particles, resulting in a certain water-reducing effect. At the same time, the polymer latex powder and the cement form a network structure , greatly enhances the bond strength of cement mortar, reduces the voids of mortar, and its various properties are improved(Jia Longxing,2016). Choi JY et al. prepared polymer-modified mortars with various silica fume contents and polymer binder ratios, and proved that the flexural strength, compressive strength and adhesive strength of polymer-modified mortars vary with polymer It increases with the increase of the binder ratio, and reaches the maximum value when the content of silica fume is 4% (Choi,et al.,2016). That is, compared with ordinary cement mortar, the addition of polymer to modify the cement-based material greatly improves its brittleness, shrinkage deformation, poor corrosion resistance and other defects, and is much closer to the site of prefabricated hydraulic buildings. The actual needs of construction and assembly.

The polymer-modified cement mortar for prefabricated hydraulic structures studied in this paper uses ordinary Portland cement as the basic cementitious system, and is mixed with silica fume to form a composite cementitious system. Medium sand is used as fine aggregate, and an appropriate amount of The antifoaming agent, early-strength water-reducing agent and redispersible latex powder can be formulated into prefabricated hydraulic polymer-modified connecting cement mortar with good fluidity, early-strength and fast-hardening, good workability and good mechanical properties. The strength and consistency properties of

modified high-performance cement mortar were tested by orthogonal test method. The effects of 7d compressive strength and fluidity were investigated, and the test results were systematically analyzed. Finally, through the analysis of the comprehensive balance method, the optimal level combination is determined, and a prefabricated hydraulic building connecting material with high efficiency, high quality and low energy consumption is obtained.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1 Test Materials

The test materials are mainly P.O42.5R type composite Portland cement, Langtian brand silica fume, test sand, WACKER 5020N redispersible polymer powder, silicone polyether modified silicone defoamer, ash Ba brand concrete early strength superplasticizer, tap water, all test materials meet the requirements of each specification and standard, and the performance indicators are shown in Tables 1-5 below.

Table 1: The Main performance test table of cement

Cement variety	Setting time(min)		Compressive strength(MPa)		Flexural strength(MPa)	
	Initial setting time	Final setting time	3d	28d	3d	28d
P.O 42.5	78	450	25	51	3.9	8.5

Table 2: Chemical composition of silicon powder

SiO <sub>2</sub> (wt %)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt %)	CaO(wt %)	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt %)	MgO(wt %)	Na <sub>2</sub> (wt %)
97.15	1.20	0.3	0.25	0.10	1.0

Table 3: The table of performance indexes of manufactured sand test

Apparent density	Bulk density	Moisture content	Sediment percentage	Fineness modulus
2640k g/m <sup>3</sup>	1510k g/m <sup>3</sup>	4.1%	2.1%	3.54

Table 4: Performance indexes of redispersible latex powder

Solid content/(%)	Ash content at 600 °C/(%)	Bulk density/(g/L)	Average particle size/( μ m )	Minimum film forming temperature /(°C)
98	13	450	80	6

Table 5: The Performance index of defoamer

Appearance	Solid content/(%)	Defoaming time/(s)	Stability	PH
White or yellowish at room temperature	30	>10	3000r / min continuous centrifugation for 15min without delamination	8

## 2.2 Orthogonal Test Design

In order to reduce the test workload, the orthogonal test design test was used to determine three investigation factors: rubber and sand ratio (factor A), silica powder (factor B), and then dispersing latex powder (factor C), taking three levels per factor, and using orthogonal Table L9(34), Table of test factors and levels are shown in Table 6.

The compressive strength grade of the designed mortar is M25, and the cement mortar is modified by adding polymer dispersible polymer powder. According to the theoretical dosage of  $1\text{m}^3$  mortar material, the water consumption is  $224\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ , the early strength water reducing agent is  $1.65\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ , and the defoamer is  $0.33\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ , and the mixing ratio of each cubic meter of mortar material is determined by the orthogonal test method. See Table 7.

## 2.3 Test Piece Production and Test Method

The preparation and test methods of the specimens strictly follow the "Standards for the Test Methods of Basic Properties of Building Mortar" (JGJ/T70, 2009), and 9 groups of  $70.7\text{mm} \times 70.7\text{mm} \times 70.7\text{mm}$  size specimens were prepared first, with 3 pieces in each group; The fluidity value of the mortar was tested at the same time as the specimens were made; the compressive strength was measured when the age of each group of mortar specimens reached 1d, 3d, and 7d.

Table 6: Level table of admixture factors

Factor	A	B	C
Horizontal	Gel sand than	Ganister sand (wt%)	Redisperse latex powder (wt%)
1	1:3	4.0	3.0
2	1:4	6.0	5.0
3	1:5	8.0	7.0

Table 7: Mix ratio of mortar materials

Test No.	Factor A		Factor B		Factor C		Cement	Sand	Silica fume	Emulsion powder	Water	Early strength water reducer	Defoamer
	Level	Quantity	Level	Quantity	Level	Quantity	(kg)	(kg)	(kg)	(kg)	(kg)	(kg)	(kg)
1#	1	1/3	1	4.0	1	7.0	316.80	950.40	13.20	9.90	224.00	1.65	0.33
2#	1	1/3	2	6.0	2	5.0	310.20	930.60	19.80	16.50	224.00	1.65	0.33
3#	1	1/3	3	8.0	3	7.0	303.60	910.80	26.40	23.10	224.00	1.65	0.33
4#	2	1/4	1	4.0	2	3.0	316.80	1267.20	13.20	16.50	224.00	1.65	0.33
5#	2	1/4	2	6.0	3	7.0	310.20	1240.80	19.80	23.10	224.00	1.65	0.33
6#	2	1/4	3	8.0	1	3.0	303.60	1214.40	26.40	9.90	224.00	1.65	0.33
7#	3	1/5	1	4.0	3	5.0	316.80	1584.00	13.20	23.10	224.00	1.65	0.33
8#	3	1/5	2	6.0	1	7.0	310.20	1551.00	19.80	9.90	224.00	1.65	0.33
9#	3	1/5	3	8.0	2	5.0	303.60	1518.00	26.40	16.50	224.00	1.65	0.33

### 3. Test Results and Analysis

#### 3.1 Test Results

In order to reflect the characteristics of fast earthwork backfilling of prefabricated buildings, the compressive strength and fluidity values of 9 groups of mortar specimens at 1d, 3d, and 7d ages were measured in this test. The results are shown in Table 8. Among them, the 7d compressive strength reaches more than 16MPa, reaching 60% of the design strength, and the 28d compressive strength is expected to reach more than 25MPa, which meets the target requirements of the mortar strength grade M25 determined by the test.

Table 8: Table of compressive strength and fluidity of mortar

Metric Test number	1d	3d	7d	Liquidity value (mm)
	compressive strength (MPa)	compressive strength (MPa)	compressive Strength (MPa)	
1#	9.54	18.05	25.50	99
2#	8.91	15.85	23.75	107
3#	8.28	16.00	24.31	77
4#	7.28	12.11	17.95	59
5#	8.03	15.36	21.48	64
6#	8.50	12.05	18.62	66
7#	7.31	10.73	17.18	69
8#	7.25	10.16	16.12	75
9#	7.44	10.68	17.86	83

#### 3.2 Extreme Difference Analysis

According to the orthogonal test analysis method, the results in Table 8 were processed to obtain the orthogonal test range table, as shown in Table 9 and Table 10.

Among them,  $K_1$ 、 $K_2$ 、 $K_3$  correspond to the algebraic sum of three groups of mortar test values with the same mortar ratio at three different levels; In the table,  $\bar{K}_1$ 、 $\bar{K}_2$ 、 $\bar{K}_3$  correspond to the arithmetic mean of the measured values of three tests at three different levels of factors respectively; Ra represents the range of factors.

Table 9: Analysis of mortar fluidity

Test number	Factor			Test result flowability(mm)
	A	B	C	
1	1(1:3)	1(4.0)	1(3.0)	99
2	1(1:3)	2(6.0)	2(5.0)	107
3	1(1:3)	3(8.0)	3(7.0)	77
4	2(1:4)	1(4.0)	2(5.0)	59
5	2(1:4)	2(6.0)	3(7.0)	64

Test number	Factor			Test result
	A	B	C	flowability(mm)
6	2(1:4)	3(8.0)	1(3.0)	66
7	3(1:5)	1(4.0)	3(7.0)	69
8	3(1:5)	2(6.0)	1(3.0)	75
9	3(1:5)	3(8.0)	2(5.0)	83
$K_1$	283	227	240	
$K_2$	189	246	249	
$K_3$	227	226	210	
$\bar{K}_1$	94.3	75.7	80.0	$\Sigma=699$
$\bar{K}_2$	63.0	82.0	83.0	
$\bar{K}_3$	75.7	75.3	70.0	
Excellent level	A <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	
$Ra$	31.3	6.7	13.0	
Primary and secondary order	ACB			

Table 10: Analysis of extreme compressive strength of mortar

	A	B	C	1d	3d	7d
1	1(1:3)	1(4.0)	1(3.0)	9.54	18.05	25.50
2	1(1:3)	2(6.0)	2(5.0)	8.91	15.85	23.75
3	1(1:3)	3(8.0)	3(7.0)	8.28	16.00	24.31
4	2(1:4)	1(4.0)	2(5.0)	7.28	12.11	17.95
5	2(1:4)	2(6.0)	3(7.0)	8.03	15.36	21.48
6	2(1:4)	3(8.0)	1(3.0)	8.50	12.05	18.62
7	3(1:5)	1(4.0)	3(7.0)	7.31	10.73	17.18
8	3(1:5)	2(6.0)	1(3.0)	7.25	10.16	16.12
9	3(1:5)	3(8.0)	2(5.0)	7.44	10.68	17.86
	$K_1$	26.73	24.13	25.29		
	$K_2$	23.81	24.19	23.63		
	$K_3$	22.00	24.22	23.62		
1d resist press stubborn linear measure	$\bar{K}_1$	8.91	8.04	8.43		
	$\bar{K}_2$	7.94	8.06	7.88		
	$\bar{K}_3$	7.33	8.07	7.87		
	$Ra$	1.58	0.03	0.56		
Excellent level	A <sub>1</sub>		B <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>1</sub>		
Primary and secondary	ACB					

		A	B	C	1d	3d	7d
order							
3d resist press stubborn linear measure	$K_1$	49.90		40.89		40.26	
	$K_2$	39.52		41.37		38.64	
	$K_3$	31.57		38.73		42.09	
	$\overline{K}_1$	16.63		13.63		13.42	
	$\overline{K}_2$	13.17		13.79		12.88	
	$\overline{K}_3$	10.52		12.91		14.03	
	$R_a$	6.11		0.88		1.15	
	Excellent level	A <sub>1</sub>		B <sub>2</sub>		C <sub>3</sub>	
	Primary and secondary order			ACB			
	7d resist press stubborn linear measure	$K_1$	73.56		60.63		60.24
$K_2$		58.05		61.35		59.56	
$K_3$		51.16		60.79		62.97	
$\overline{K}_1$		24.52		20.21		20.08	
$\overline{K}_2$		19.35		20.45		19.85	
$\overline{K}_3$		17.05		20.26		20.99	
$R_a$		7.47		0.24		1.14	
Excellent level		A <sub>1</sub>		B <sub>2</sub>		C <sub>3</sub>	
Primary and secondary order				ACB			

It can be found from Table 9 that three groups of level tests were conducted for factor A, namely, three different proportions of mortar and sand ratios (A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub>), in which each level of factor B and factor C appears only once. B. If there is no interaction between factors C, it will not affect the test index. Therefore, for A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub> and A<sub>3</sub>, the experimental conditions of the three groups of experiments are completely identical. At this time, if factor A has no effect on the test index, then  $\overline{K}_{A_1}$ ,  $\overline{K}_{A_2}$ ,  $\overline{K}_{A_3}$  should be equal, but the actual calculation found that  $\overline{K}_{A_1}$ ,  $\overline{K}_{A_2}$ ,  $\overline{K}_{A_3}$  are not equal. Therefore, it can be confirmed that the level change of factor A will have an impact on the test index. The arithmetic value of  $\overline{K}_{A_1}$ ,  $\overline{K}_{A_2}$ ,  $\overline{K}_{A_3}$  can reflect the influence degree of A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub> and A<sub>3</sub> on the test index. Because the measured value of the fluidity of the cement mortar in the test is within the allowable range of the standard, and the better the fluidity of the mortar, the more conducive to ensuring the connection effect of the connection nodes of the prefabricated hydraulic structure. Therefore, it can be concluded that A<sub>1</sub> is the optimal

level of factor A through  $\overline{K_{A1}} > \overline{K_{A2}} > \overline{K_{A3}}$ . According to the range  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , it can be judged that the order of primary and secondary influence of the three factors on the test index is ACB.

Similarly, the optimal levels of factor B and factor C are obtained as  $B_2$  and  $C_2$ , respectively. Therefore, the optimal combination of flow properties for the connection mortar of prefabricated hydraulic structures is the ratio of mortar to 1:3, the content of silica fume is 6%, and the content of dispersible polymer powder is 5%.

From Table 10, it can be found that according to the range  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , it can be determined that the primary and secondary influences of the three factors on the test indicators are ACB.

### 3.3 Factor Index Analysis

According to the orthogonal experimental method, the 1d compressive strength, 3d compressive strength, 7d compressive strength and cement mortar liquidity index will draw the trend chart 1 and test level and liquidity according to Table 9 and 10, which intuitively shows the influence of the test index (mortar compressive strength and liquidity).

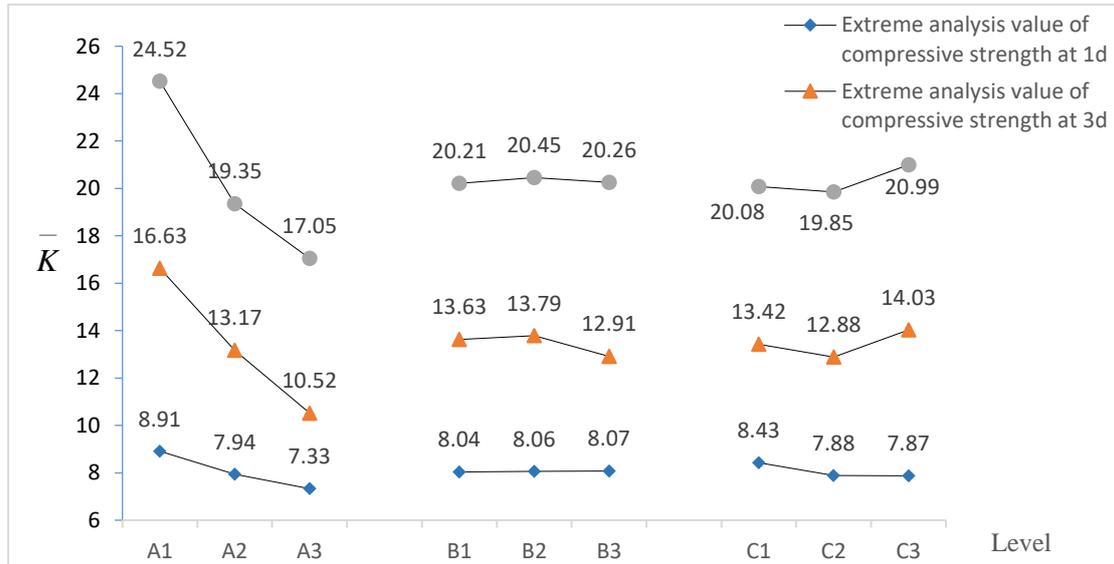


Figure 1: Relationship between factors and factor under compressive strength  $\overline{K}$

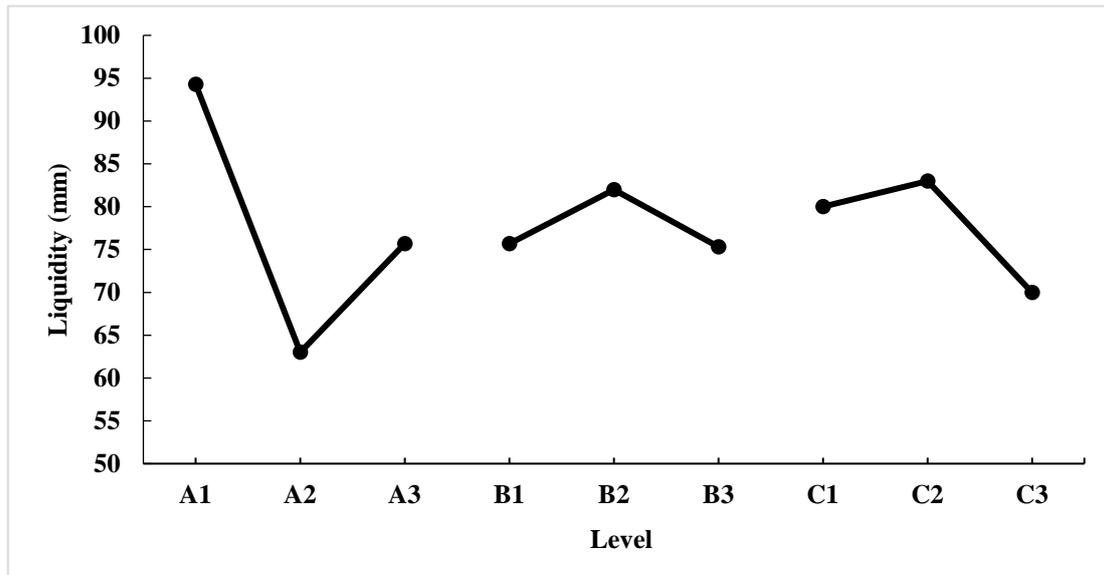


Figure 2: The Relationship between the cement mortar mobility and the mixing volume of various factors

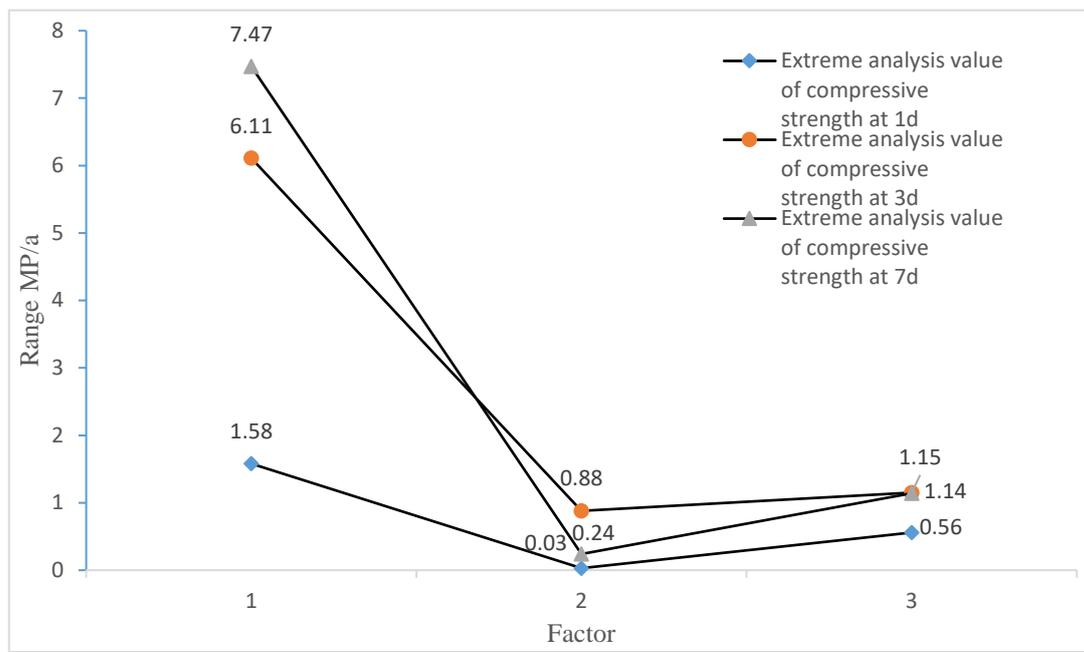


Figure 3: Analysis value of each compressive strength

As can be seen from Figure 3, rubber-sand ratio is the main factor affecting the compressive strength of mortar at 1d, 3d and 7d, while redispersing latex powder is an important factor, and silicon powder mixing is the secondary factor, that is, the order of primary and secondary influence is A > C > B.

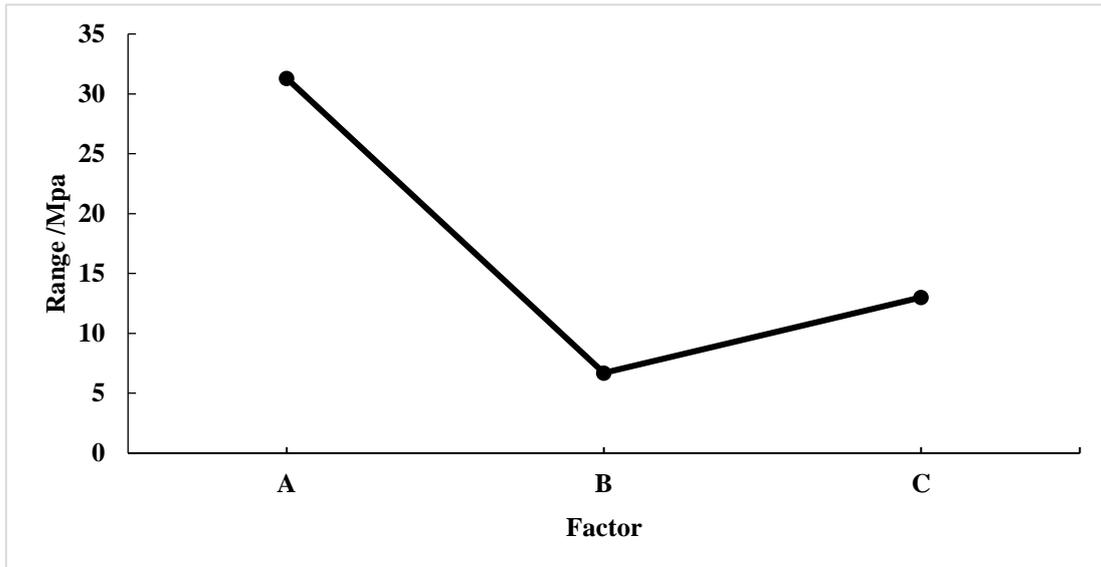


Figure 4: Analysis value of mortar liquidity

As can be seen from Figure 4, rubber sand ratio is the main factor affecting the fluidity of mortar, and redispersing latex powder is an important factor, and the amount of silicon powder is the secondary factor, that is, the order of primary and secondary influence is  $A > C > B$ .

In conclusion, it can be found that different silicon powder mixing has almost little impact on the 1d compressive strength of polymer modified mortar. The compressive strength of mortar at 3d and 7d of age will first increase with the increase of silicon powder incorporation. Therefore, the optimal amount of silicon powder in this test is near 6%. The main reason is that silica powder can fill cement particles with with dispersion; and silica powder is rich in  $\text{SiO}_2$ , The strength of the cement mortar is improved by the hydration reaction.

The impact of different rubber sand ratio on the compressive strength of mortar is basically the same, and with the increasing ratio of rubber sand, the compressive strength of cement mortar will decrease sharply. At the same time, the ratio of rubber sand on the mortar liquidity and the compressive strength of mortar is much greater than the redisperse latex powder and silicon powder. The main reason is that sand is one of the three main materials forming cement mortar. Meanwhile, sand, as a fine aggregate in cement mortar, plays the role of skeleton and connection, so sand plays an important role in the mechanical properties and internal structure of cement mortar (Zheng Xiaoguo, 2020). The mechanical properties and ease of rubber sand ratio of 1:3 are greatly ahead of other rubber sand ratio.

With the increase of redispersed latex powder mixing amount, the compressive strength of cement mortar will decline first and then rise, and the fluidity of cement mortar will increase first and then decrease with the increase of latex powder mixing amount. Through the comprehensive analysis of polymerizable latex powder, the test of latex powder mixing near 3%, polymer latex powder can slow down the initial hydration rate of mortar, forming viscosity and continuity of polymer microfibrillar film wrapped cement particles, produce certain water reduction effect, at the same time,

polymer film and cement form a certain elastic network structure(Bo Wang),It greatly improves the deformation capacity of cement mortar, reduces the gap of mortar, thus improving the performance of cement mortar.

### 3.4 Analysis of Variance

ANOVA for the results of modified high-performance mortar fluidity, 1d compressive strength, 3d compression strength and 7d compressive strength are shown in Table 11 to 14, respectively.

Table 11: ANOVA of liquidity test results

Factor	Sum of square of deviation	Degrees of freedom	Mean square	<i>F</i>	F Critical value	Significance
A	1490.667	2	745.333	6.093	$F_{0.05}(2,8)=4.46$	*
B	84.667	2	42.333	3.346	$F_{0.1}(2,8)=3.11$	*
C	278	2	139	4.136	$F_{0.1}(2,8)=3.11$	*

Table 12: ANOVA of the results of the 21 d compressive strength test

Factor	Sum of square of deviation	Degrees of freedom	Mean square	<i>F</i>	F Critical value	Significance
A	3.797	2	1.899	4.987	$F_{0.05}(2,8)=4.46$	*
B	0.001	2	0.001	3.151	$F_{0.1}(2,8)=3.11$	*
C	0.616	2	0.308	3.647	$F_{0.1}(2,8)=3.11$	*

Table 13: ANOVA of the results of the 33 d compressive strength test

Factor	Sum of square of deviation	Degrees of freedom	Mean square	<i>F</i>	F Critical value	Significance
A	56.326	2	28.163	7.944	$F_{0.025}(2,8)=6.06$	*
B	1.318	2	0.659	3.186	$F_{0.1}(2,8)=3.11$	*
C	1.986	2	0.993	4.68	$F_{0.05}(2,8)=4.46$	*

Table 14: ANOVA of the results of the 47 d compressive strength test

Factor	Sum of square of deviation	Degrees of freedom	Mean square	<i>F</i>	F Critical value	Significance
A	87.755	2	43.877	11.111	$F_{0.005}(2,8)=11.04$	*
B	0.095	2	0.048	3.512	$F_{0.1}(2,8)=3.11$	*
C	2.171	2	1.086	6.275	$F_{0.025}(2,8)=6.06$	*

From Table 11-14, the rubber-sand ratio is the main factor affecting the mortar mobility and the compressive strength of 1d, 3d and 7d, which can disperse the latex powder again, and the latex powder has the smallest impact of the silicon powder, which is consistent with the results of the extreme difference analysis.

Extreme extreme analysis does not distinguish data fluctuations caused by changing

test conditions and data fluctuations caused by error(Cai Zhengyong and Wang Zuxian,1985), To further confirm the influence of the factors on the index, the calculation of the factor contribution rate was analyzed.Table 15-18 shows the result table of the contribution rate of factors and errors.

Table 15: Results of the contribution rate of factors and errors under mortar fluidity

Factor	Sum of Square of deviation	Degrees of freedom	Sum of Square of Pure deviation	Contribution rate %
A	1490.667	2	745.333	35.53
B	84.667	2	42.333	2.02
C	278	2	139	6.63
Error	244.667	2	122.333	5.83
Sum	2098	8		

Table 16: Contribution rate results of factors and errors under compressive strength at 16 1d

Factor	Sum of Square of deviation	Degrees of freedom	Sum of Square of Pure deviation	Contribution rate %
A	3.797	2	1.899	35.38
B	0.001	2	0.001	0.02
C	0.616	2	0.308	5.74
Error	0.952	2	0.476	8.87
Sum	5.367	8		

Table 17: Contribution results of factors and errors under the 73 d compressive strength

Factor	Sum of Square of deviation	Degrees of freedom	Sum of Square of Pure deviation	Contribution rate %
A	56.326	2	28.163	42.21
B	1.318	2	0.659	0.99
C	1.986	2	0.993	1.49
Error	7.09	2	3.545	5.31
Sum	66.721	8		

Table 18: Contribution results of factors and error under compressive strength at 87 d

Factor	Sum of Square of deviation	Degrees of freedom	Sum of Square of Pure deviation	Contribution rate %
A	87.755	2	43.877	44.81
B	0.095	2	0.048	0.05
C	2.171	2	1.086	1.11
Error	7.898	2	3.949	4.03

It can be seen from Table 15 that the mortar-to-sand ratio has the greatest influence on the fluidity of the mortar, and the data fluctuation caused by its level change accounts for 35.53% of the total square sum of pure deviations, which is 6.09 times the data fluctuation caused by the error; The contribution of the data fluctuation caused by the level change of the redispersed polymer powder is also larger than that caused by the error; the data fluctuation caused by the level change of the silicon powder is far less than that caused by the error, so it can be considered as unimportant.

It can be seen from Table 16 that the mortar-to-sand ratio has the greatest influence on the 1d compressive strength, and the data fluctuation caused by its level change accounts for 35.38% of the total square sum of pure deviations, which is 3.99 times the data fluctuation caused by the error. ; The data fluctuation caused by the level change of the redispersible polymer powder is less than the data fluctuation caused by the error;

It can be seen from Table 17 that the mortar-to-sand ratio has the greatest influence on the 3d compressive strength, and the data fluctuation caused by its level change accounts for 42.21% of the total square sum of pure deviations, which is 7.95 times the data fluctuation caused by the error. ; The data fluctuation caused by the level change of the redispersible polymer powder is less than the data fluctuation caused by the error;

It can be seen from Table 18 that the mortar-to-sand ratio has the greatest influence on the 7d compressive strength, and the data fluctuation caused by its level change accounts for 44.81% of the total square sum of pure deviations, which is 11.12 times the data fluctuation caused by the error. ; The data fluctuation caused by the level change of the redispersible polymer powder is less than the data fluctuation caused by the error.

#### 4. Optimal Level Combination Was determined

According to the factor index analysis, the primary and secondary order of each factor is listed in Table 19, and it is analyzed by the comprehensive balance method to determine the optimal level combination. Combination of optimal primary levels are shown in Table 20.

Table 19: Order table of the primary and secondary influences of each factor

Test index	Main→Secondary
1d compressive strength (MPa)	A C B
3d compressive strength (MPa)	A C B
7d compressive Strength (MPa)	A C B
Liquidity value (mm)	A C B

Table 20: Primary-based optimal level combination

Optimum horizontal combination of the primary elections		
1d compressive strength (MPa)	A <sub>1</sub> B <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub>	High strength is the best

3d compressive strength (MPa)	A <sub>1</sub> B <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	High strength is preferred
7d compressive Strength (MPa)	A <sub>1</sub> B <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	High strength is the best
Liquidity value (mm)	A <sub>1</sub> B <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub>	Better with great liquidity

It can be seen from Table 20 that the optimal level for the A factor is A<sub>1</sub>; while the B factor and C factor need to comprehensively consider the order of primary and secondary influences on the test indicators to determine the optimal level, and finally obtain the optimal level combination of the test.

For factor B: in terms of the primary and secondary order, the impact on the test index is ranked at the bottom, that is, the degree of influence on the test index is smaller than that of the other two factors. It needs to be analyzed from a quantitative point of view, that is, the compressive strength value. When B<sub>2</sub> is selected, the 1d compressive strength is 0.01% lower than that of B<sub>3</sub> (unfavorable); the 3d compressive strength is 6.8% higher than that of B<sub>3</sub> (favorable); the 7d compressive strength is higher than that of B<sub>3</sub>. When B<sub>3</sub> is selected, the 1d compressive strength is 0.01% higher than that of B<sub>2</sub> (favorable); the 3d compressive strength is 6.4% lower than that of B<sub>2</sub> (unfavorable); The 7d compressive strength is 0.01% lower than that of B<sub>2</sub> (unfavorable); the fluidity value is 8.2% lower than that of B<sub>2</sub> (unfavorable). To sum up, it is obvious that B<sub>2</sub> is the better choice. See Table 21 for details.

Table 21: B Comprehensive balance of factors

B factor	Advantageous	Unfavourable
B <sub>2</sub>	15.71%	0.01%
B <sub>3</sub>	0.01%	14.61%

For factor C: the impact on the test indicators is ranked second from the perspective of primary and secondary order, and it still needs to be considered and analyzed from a quantitative point of view. When C<sub>1</sub> is selected, the 1d compressive strength is 7.0% and 7.1% higher than C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>3</sub> respectively (favorable); the 3d compressive strength is 4.2% higher (favorable) and 4.3% lower (unfavorable) than C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>3</sub> respectively; The compressive strength is 1.1% higher (favorable) and 4.3% lower (unfavorable) than C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>3</sub> respectively; the fluidity value is 3.6% lower (unfavorable) and 14.3% higher (favorable) than C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>, respectively. When C<sub>2</sub> is selected, the 1d compressive strength is 6.5% lower and 0.01% higher than that of C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>3</sub> respectively; the 3d compressive strength is 4.0% and 8.2% lower than that of C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>3</sub> respectively (unfavorable); the 7d compressive strength is higher than that of C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>3</sub> respectively. Decreases by 1.1% and 5.4% (unfavorable); the liquidity value is higher than C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>3</sub> by 3.8% and 18.6% (favorable) respectively. When C<sub>3</sub> is selected, the 1d compressive strength is 6.6% and 0.01% lower than that of C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub> respectively (unfavorable); the 3d compressive strength is 4.5% and 8.9% higher than that of C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub> respectively (favorable); the 7d compressive strength is respectively higher than that of C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub> are 4.5% and 5.7% higher (favorable); the liquidity value is lower than C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub> by 12.5% and 15.7% (unfavorable). To sum up, it is obvious that C<sub>1</sub> is better. See Table 22 for details.

Table 22: A Factors' comprehensive balance

C factor	Advantageous	Unfavourable
C <sub>1</sub>	33.70%	12.20%
C <sub>2</sub>	22.41%	25.20%
C <sub>3</sub>	23.60%	34.81%

In conclusion, the optimal level combination of this trial is A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1</sub>. That is, the rubber sand ratio of 1:3, silicon powder mixing 6%, can disperse latex powder mixing 3%.

## 5. Validation test

The optimal level combination analyzed according to the orthogonal test scheme is not in the above 9 sets of tests, so an optimal level combination test of rubber sand ratio of 1:3, 6% silicon powder mixing can disperse latex powder mixing of 3%. Specific test detection data are shown in Table 23.

Table 23: Validation of the test results

Optimal level combination	1d compressive strength (MPa)	3d compressive strength (MPa)	7d compressive Strength (MPa)	Liquidity value (mm)
A <sub>1</sub> B <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub>	11.02	19.88	26.47	102

According to Table 23, the compressive strength of polymer-modified cement mortar under the optimal horizontal combination reached 11MPa, 7d 26MPa, and 102mm. Both in terms of mechanical performance or liquidity, the mortar performance meets the construction materials of the joint node of prefabricated building, realize earthwork backfilling as soon as possible and accelerate the on-site installation progress.

## 6. Conclusion

In this experiment, the cement mortar can be modified by mixing polymer and latex powder, including silicon powder, early strong water reducer and foam reduction agent, and the mechanical performance and fluidity of cement mortar can be improved by adjusting the cement sand ratio of cement mortar. Using three-factors and three-level orthogonal test design, the optimal mixing ratio was 1:3, 6% of silicon powder, and can disperse latex powder by 3%, early strong water reducer by 0.1% and 0.5%.

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