

# ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS OF SUPERPLASTICIZER ADDITION AND WATER REDUCTION IN CONCRETE MIXTURE ON CONCRETE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH



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# ABSTRACT

Nowadays, concrete is still one of the most used building materials, it had been improved whether in it's quality or it's mixture materials. There were a lot of studies that had been conducted to improve concrete that related to the produced compressive strength, stiffening speed, flexibility, etc. There are so many materials that can be used in concrete mixture to improve compressive strength. This study was conducted by using superplasticizer and reducing water amount in concrete mixture and aimed to find out how big it's effects on the produced concrete compressive strength. Superplasticizer was used as admixture material with 1 percentage calculated by cement weight. Whereas water amount in concrete mixture was reduced by 0%, 15%, and 17,5%. The result obtained was that using 1% superplasticizer and reducing 15% water amount in concrete mixture produced optimum compressive strength of 22,98 Mpa.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

The level of infrastructure needs that getting higher must be followed by the capability to meet the infrastructure with those needs. Innovations are continuously encouraged to provide maximum results for all parties so that the community's need for infrastructure can be fulfilled. Infrastructure construction nowadays whether by the government, the private sectors, or both of them have a positive impact on the development of construction industries.

The use of main materials in infrastructure construction holds an important role, one of those main materials is concrete. Concrete is still a part of the main materials because it has many advantages such as easy to shape, has the ability to withstand the load that works on it, and others.

Concrete can be use as a structural component such as stairs, beam, foundation, and another structural component (Wulfam, 2006:2), concrete can also be use as an architectural component like insulating wall. Day by day innovation on concrete is developing, for example the use of no-fine concrete where concrete does not includes sand in it's mixture (Diarto, 2014:1). Innovation on concrete is not only to improves it's quality but also to speed up the time and reducing the cost needed to acquire the desired concrete.

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There are many studies on concrete especially the composition of concrete mixture materials. Rahmat, Irna and Syaiful (2016:218) in their study conclude that concrete with liquid addition material by 0,25; 0,4% and 0,6% on the 7th day and 14th day produced greater concrete compressive strength than normal concrete. Whereas Asrullah (2019:10) concludes that concrete compressive strength with sika concrete re-faired mortar addition by 5% produced 311,89 kg/cm2 greater concrete compressive strength than normal concrete. Syafruddin and Hastoro (2005:72) in their study that used superplasticizer the result is that reducing water by 30% and adding superplasticizer by 1,83% able to produce average optimum compressive strength by 54 Mpa for 30 Mpa planned compressive strength. Santi Wahyuni Megasari and Winayati (2017:117) state that average compressive strength is improving when adding Sikament NN by\_1,3% and 1.8%.

Based on the above studies that have been conducted, whether material addition or material substitution in concrete mixture can improve concrete compressive strength. This study using superplasticizer addition with 1 percentage calculated by cement weight and water amount reduction in concrete's mixture to find out how big it's effect on the concrete compressive strength.

Concrete is a material that has strong compressive strength but weak tensile strength. Concrete can still be added with admixture material to change it's characteristics whether in fresh concrete form or hard concrete form. As a building structure, concrete is combined with steel truss to gain high performance whether as reinforced concrete or pre-stressed concrete (Paul and Antono, 2004:2).

According to Ali Asrono (2010:2), concrete is simply formed from the hardened mixture of cement, water, sand (fine aggregate), and crushed stone or gravel (coarse aggregate). Sometimes, to improve concrete quality, an admixture is added.

Superplasticizer (a high range water reducer admixture) is very good to improve mixture slick. Nowadays, superplasticizer has been developed to be able to be used on high-quality concrete and self-compact concrete. Superplasticizer has high flowability but self-compact concrete does not show segregation between aggregate and mortar so that able to reach every mold corner.

Some of the uses of a superplasticizer are facilitate the making of highly liquid concrete, reducing the need for water (25-35%), and increasing workability, make it greater than ordinary water reducer (Paul and Antono, 2004:93).

According to Venu Malagavelli, Neelakanteswara Rao Paturu (2012:7), the use of different superplasticizer will produce significant improvement in the strength and workability of modified concrete.

Ali Hussein Hameed (2012:70), stated that the dosage of superplasticizer increase, the slump flow increases. This is expected because as the superplasticizer dosage increases the fluidity of the concrete also increases.

M. Benaicha, A. Hafidi Alaoui, O. Jalbaud, Y. Burtschell (2019:2068), stated that the compressive strength decreases with the increase of the superplasticizer dosage. In addition, the value of Slump flow diameter and Hf/Hi ratio increase with the increase of the superplasticizer. On the other, the increase of superplasticizer decreases the V-funnel flow time, the yield stress, and the plastic viscosity values.

# 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

# **2.1. CEMENT**

The cement that had used in this study was a cement that produced by PT. Sinar Tambang Artha Lestari namely Bima Cement. The cement functioned as coarse aggregate and fine aggregate binder material.

# **2.2. FINE AGGREGATE**

The fine aggregate that had used was collected from Serayu River. Serayu River Sand that will be used as concrete mixture material must pass the grading test because that grading test result will be used in concrete mix design production process.

# **2.3. COARSE AGGREGATE**

The coarse aggregate that had used was crushed stones from stone crusher. The coarse aggregate was also grading tested to produce the concrete mix design.

# **2.4. WATER**

Water is concrete mixture material that causes a reaction with cement, the water that used must not contain oil, acid, alkali, organic materials, and any other materials that can damage concrete. In this case, a drinkable clean water was used.

# **2.5. THE SUPERPLASTICIZER THAT WAS USED**

This study used Sikament NN Superplasticizer. It is a superplasticizer liquid that functioned to reduce concrete's water to facilitate producing high initial strength and final strength, chlorine-free, and in accordance with ASTM C494-92. As superplasticizer it can increase workability, significantly reducing segregation risk, and normal stiffening time without retardation. Whereas as water-reducing material it can reduce water amount up to 20% which will increase compressive strength by 40% in 28 days. Typical dosage rate for use with the combination of manufactured sand/volcanic sand is 08, % - 2,3 % by weight of cementitious material for norma precast concrete application. (PT. SIKA, 2016)

# **2.6. TEST SPECIMEN**

Concrete sample testing was conducted when the concrete reaching 7, 14, and 28 days of age, with planned compressive strength by 20 Mpa. The test specimens were cylinder-shaped with D = 150 mm, and T = 300 mm. The quantity of the test specimens that had been made were 60 pcs with 15 samples for each mixture variable.

The test specimen samples that had been made consists of 4 types, they are :

- 1) Type I, a test specimen for normal concrete, were made as many as 15 samples, each testing used 5 samples at the age of 7, 14, and 28 days.
- 2) Type II, a test specimen for concrete with 1% superplasticizer addition without water reduction (0%), were made as many as 15 samples, each testing used 5 samples at the age of 7, 14, and 28 days.
- 3) Type III, a test specimen for concrete with 1% superplasticizer addition and 15% water reduction, were made as many as 15 samples, each testing used 5 samples at the age of 7, 14, and 28 days.
- 4) Type IV, a test specimen for concrete with 1% superplasticizer addition and 17,5% water reduction , were made as many as 15 samples, each testing use 5 samples at the age of 7, 14, and 28 days.

# **2.7. PROCEDURE OF STUDY**

Procedure of study was made to give description and simplify the process of study from the beginning to the analysis process and result evaluation. Began with preparing materials and tools, followed by material testing, concrete mixture K 250 planning, concrete mixture K 250 making, and then slump testing (12±2 cm).

If the slump testing did not meet the requirements, then back to concrete mixture making step. If the slump testing was succeeded, testing object was made, took care of, tested, and then the analysis and evaluation were carried out.

# **2.8. CALCULATION OF CONCRETE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH**

Concrete compressive strength is the amount of load for each unit area that causes concrete test specimen is destroyed if burdened with certain compressive strength that produced by compressing machine (SNI 03 1974-1990). The maximum load mass result is legible in tons. The test specimen were placed/positioned on the machine's compressive board centrically. The loading process was slowly done until the concrete is destroyed.

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 $fc' = \frac{P}{A}$ Note : fc' = Concrete Compressive Strength (Mpa) P = Maximum Load Weight (N)A = Test Specimen Surface Area (mm<sup>2</sup>)

# 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

# **3.1. FINE AGGREGATE GRADATION TEST**

Table 1: Results of Fine Aggregate Gradation Test						
Sieve		Weight Left Behind		<b>Cumulative Weight</b>	<b>Cumulative Weight of Passing</b>	
Number	Mesh (mm)	(grams)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
3/8"	9,520	79,20	3,17	3,17	96,83	
No. 4	4,750	314,80	12,60	15,77	84,23	
No. 10	2,380	435,50	17,43	33,19	66,81	
No.16	1,180	517,80	20,72	53,91	46,09	
No.30	0,600	416,10	16,65	70,56	29,44	
No.50	0,300	359,80	14,40	84,96	15,04	
No.100	0,150	298,20	11,93	96,89	3,11	
Rest		77,80	3,11		0,00	
	Total	2.499,20	100,00	358,43	-	
	MHB	3,58				

# **3.2. COARSE AGGREGATE GRADATION TEST**

Table 2. Results of Coarse Aggregate Gradation Test					
Sieve		Weight Lef	ft Behind	Cumulative Weight	Cumulative Weight of Passing
Number	Mesh (mm)	(grams)	(%)	(%)	(%)
1"	75,000	-	0,00	0,00	100,00
3/4"	38,000	70,00	2,13	2,13	97,87
1/2"	19,000	1.018,00	30,96	33,08	66,92
3/8"	9,520	977,00	29,71	62,79	37,21
No.4	4,750	718,00	21,83	84,63	15,37
No.10	2,380	307,00	9,34	93,96	6,04
Rest		198,60	6,04	-	0,00
Total		3.288,60	100,00	276,59	-
	MHB	2,77			

 Table 2: Results of Coarse Aggregate Gradation Test

#### **3.3. UNIT WEIGHT**

The purpose of this examination was to find out the unit weight of sand and gravel that be used as mixture material for concrete production.

Table 5. Test Results of Serayu sand unit weight						
No.	Description	Unit	<b>Measurement Result</b>			
1	Vessel Diameter	Cm		20,4		
2	Vessel Height	Cm		5,0		
3	Vessel Weight	grams	А	287,2		
4	Vessel Volume	cm <sup>3</sup>	В	1.633,4		

Table 3. Test Results of Seravu sand unit weight

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5	<b>6</b> 1	Weight of Sand and Vessel	grams	С	2.990,0
6	Ċ	Weight of Sand in the Vessel	grams	D = (C - A)	2.702,8
7	7	Unit Weight (shoveled)	grams/cm <sup>3</sup>	D/B	1,655

No.	Description	Unit	Measurement Result	
1	Vessel Diameter	Cm		20,4
2	Vessel Height	Cm		5,0
3	Vessel Weight	Grams	А	287,2
4	Vessel Volume	cm <sup>3</sup>	В	1.633,4
5	Weight of Sand and Vessel	Grams	С	2.552,0
6	Weight of Sand in the Vessel	Grams	D = (C - A)	2.264,8
7	Unit Weight (shoveled)	grams/cm <sup>3</sup>	D/B	1,387

Table 4: Test Result of Gravel Unit Weight

# **3.4. DENSITY**

Density examination was conducted to determine the dry density of the saturated surface of fine and coarse aggregate to find out the quality of the sand and gravel that will be used.

No.	Description	Unit	Sample 1	Sample 2
1	Weight of piknometer + sand + water (B1)	(gr)	752,5	754,0
2	Weight of stove dry sand (B2)	(gr)	477,5	475
3	Weight of water filled piknometer (B3)	(gr)	450,2	452
4	Weight of surface sand dry /SSD (B4)	(gr)	500,0	500,0
5	Density = $B2/(B3 + B4 - B1)$		2,42	2,40
6	Average Density		2,41	
7	SSD Density = B4/ (B3 + B4 – B1)		2,53	2,53
8	Average Density of SSD		2,53	
9	Water Absorbtion	(%)	4,71	5,26
10	Average Water Absorbtion	(%)	4,9	99

**Table 5:** Test Results of Serayu Sand Density

Table 6: Test Results of Gravel Density

No.	Description	Unit	Sample 1	Sample 2
1	Gravel Weight after roasting (A)	(gr)	2.939,8	2.941,7
2	Gravel weight in water (B)	(gr)	1.752,6	1.759,5
3	Gravel weight in SSD condition (C)	(gr)	3.000,0	3.000,0
4	Density = $A/(C - B)$		2,36	2,37
5	Average Density		2,36	
6	SSD Density = C/ (C – B)		2,41	2,42
7	Average SSD Density	(%)	2,41	
8	Water Absorption = (C – A)/A x 100%	(%)	2,05	1,98
9	Average water absorption		2,01	

# **3.5. MUD LEVEL**

Mud level test is needed to find out the amount of mud in fine aggregate

Table 7: Test Results of Serayu Sand Mud Level

No.	Description	Unit	Sample I	Sample II
1	Weight of dry aggregate (beginning) + cup	(gr)	95,46	88,55
2	Weight of dry aggregate (final) + cup	(gr)	93,01	85,17

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		Compre	Joint Strengt	,11		
3	Weight of Cup			(gr)	17,28	17,66
4	Weight of dry aggr	egate (begir	nning) (A)	(gr)	78,18	70,89
5	Weight of dry aggr	egate (final)	) (B)	(gr)	75,73	67,51
6	Mud Level =	(A – B)	x 100%	(%)	3,13	4,77
		А				
7	Average Mud Leve	1		(%)	3,	95

# **3.6. COMPOSITION OF NORMAL CONCRETE MIXTURE**

Based on the material test results, in accordance with Mix Design SK.SNI. T-15-1990-03, the obtained normal concrete mixture for 20 Mpa compressive strength were:

<b>Table 8:</b> Material Requirements for normal concrete mixture per m <sup>3</sup>	Table 8: Material Re	quirements for norma	l concrete mixture per m <sup>3</sup>
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1.	Water	225	liter
2.	Cement	460	kg
3.	Fine Aggregate (Sand)	594	Kg
4.	Coarse Aggregate (Gravel)	1105	Kg
	Total	2384	Kg

Composition of Concrete Mixture with Superplasticizer and Water Reduction This study was planned to make as many as 60 concrete samples with several types as follows :

**Table 9:** Type I : Concrete Mix Design per- m3 (normal concrete without superplasticizer)

1.	Water	225	Liter
2.	Cement	460	Kg
3.	Fine Aggregate (Sand)	594	Kg
4.	Coarse Aggregate (Gravel)	1105	Kg
5.	Superplasticizer	0%	

**Table 10:** Type II: Concrete Mix Design per- m<sup>3</sup> (concrete with 1% superplasticizer)

1.	Water	225	liter
2.	Cement	460	kg
3.	Fine Aggregate (Sand)	594	kg
4.	Coarse Aggregate (Gravel)	1105	kg
5.	Superplasticizer	1%	

**Table 11:** Type III: Concrete Mix Design per- m<sup>3</sup> (Concrete with 1% Superplasticizer and 15% water reduction)

1.	Water	191,25	Liter
2.	Cement	460	Kg
3.	Fine Aggregate (Sand)	594	Kg
4.	Coarse Agregat (Gravel)	1105	Kg
5.	Superplasticizer	1%	

**Table 12:** Type IV: Concrete Mix Design per- m3 (Concrete with 1% Superplasticizer and 17,5% water reduction)

1.	Water	185,625	liter
2.	Cement	460	Kg
3.	Fine Aggregate (Sand)	594	Kg
4.	Coarse Agregat (Gravel)	1105	Kg
5.	Superplasticizer	1%	

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Based on 4 type of concrete mixture, the obtained results of concrete compressive strength test were :

NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age of 7 days		Age Review
								28 days
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	К	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	N-7	15 x 30	12306	176,71	290000	167,29	13,89	19,84
2	N-7	15 x 30	12299	176,71	310000	178,83	14,84	21,20
3	N-7	15 x 30	12317	176,71	290000	167,29	13,89	19,84
4	N-7	15 x 30	12294	176,71	300000	173,06	14,36	20,52
5	N-7	15 x 30	12310	176,71	320000	184,59	15,32	21,89
		Averag	174,21	14,46	20,66			

Table 13: Normal Concrete age of 7 days

NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age of 7 days		Age Review
								28 days
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	K	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	1% - 7	15 x 30	12411	176,71	320000	184,59	15,32	21,89
2	1% - 7	15 x 30	12373	176,71	300000	173,06	14,36	20,52
3	1% - 7	15 x 30	12473	176,71	320000	184,59	15,32	21,89
4	1% - 7	15 x 30	12575	176,71	300000	173,06	14,36	20,52
5	1% - 7	15 x 30	12418	176,71	290000	167,29	13,89	19,84
		Averag	176,52	14,65	20,93			

**Table 15:** 1% Superplasticizer Admixture and 15% Water Reduction Concrete age of 7 days

NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age of 7 days		Age Review
								28 days
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	К	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	1%, 15% - 7	15 x 30	12502	176,71	320000	184,59	15,32	21,89
2	1%, 15% - 7	15 x 30	12696	176,71	310000	178,83	14,84	21,20
3	1%, 15% - 7	15 x 30	12437	176,71	310000	178,83	14,84	21,20
4	1%, 15% - 7	15 x 30	12648	176,71	300000	173,06	14,36	20,52
5	1%, 15% - 7	15 x 30	12540	176,71	300000	173,06	14,36	20,52
		Averag	177,67	14,75	21,07			

**Table 16:** 1% Superplasticizer Admixture and 17,5 % Water Reduction Concrete age of 7 days

NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age of 7 days		Age Review
								28 days
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	K	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	1%, 17,5% - 7	15 x 30	12608	176,71	280000	161,52	13,41	19,15
2	1%, 17,5% - 7	15 x 30	12357	176,71	270000	155,75	12,93	18,47
3	1%, 17,5% - 7	15 x 30	12590	176,71	280000	161,52	13,41	19,15
4	1%, 17,5% - 7	15 x 30	12422	176,71	300000	173,06	14,36	20,52
5	1%, 17,5% - 7	15 x 30	12393	176,71	280000	161,52	13,41	19,15
		Averag	162,67	13,50	19,29			

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NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age of 14 days		Age Review
								28 days
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	К	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	N -14	15 x 30	12318	176,71	390000	224,98	18,67	21,22
2	N -14	15 x 30	12311	176,71	380000	219,21	18,19	20,68
3	N -14	15 x 30	12293	176,71	400000	230,74	19,15	21,76
4	N -14	15 x 30	12301	176,71	390000	224,98	18,67	21,22
5	N -14	15 x 30	12490	176,71	380000	219,21	18,19	20,68
		Averag	e			223,82	18,58	21,11

 Table 17: Normal Concrete Age of 14 days

Table 18: 1% Superplasticizer Admixture Concrete age of 14 days

NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age of 14 days		Age Review
								28 days
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	K	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	1% - 14	15 x 30	12605	176,71	400000	230,74	19,15	21,76
2	1% - 14	15 x 30	12591	176,71	390000	224,98	18,67	21,22
3	1% - 14	15 x 30	12730	176,71	380000	219,21	18,19	20,68
4	1% - 14	15 x 30	12530	176,71	390000	224,98	18,67	21,22
5	1% - 14	15 x 30	12491	176,71	380000	219,21	18,19	20,68
		Averag	e			223,82	18,58	21,11

**Table 19:** 1% Superplasticizer Admixture and 15% Water Reduction Concrete age of 14 days

NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age of 14 days		Age Review
								28 days
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	K	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	1%, 15% - 14	15 x 30	12581	176,71	380000	219,21	18,19	20,68
2	15% - 14	15 x 30	12469	176,71	400000	230,74	19,15	21,76
3	1%, 15% - 14	15 x 30	12680	176,71	390000	224,98	18,67	21,22
4	1%, 15% - 14	15 x 30	12488	176,71	380000	219,21	18,19	20,68
5	1%, 15% - 14	15 x 30	12505	176,71	400000	230,74	19,15	21,76
		Averag	224,98	18,67	21,22			

**Table 20:** 1% Superplasticizer Admixture and 17,5 % Water Reduction Concrete age of 14 days

NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age of 14 days		Age Review
								28 days
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	К	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	1%, 17,5% - 14	15 x 30	12489	176,71	360000	207,67	17,24	19,59
2	1%, 17,5% - 14	15 x 30	12832	176,71	350000	201,90	16,76	19,04
3	1%, 17,5% - 14	15 x 30	12555	176,71	340000	196,13	16,28	18,50
4	1%, 17,5% - 14	15 x 30	12702	176,71	360000	207,67	17,24	19,59
5	17,5% - 14	15 x 30	12522	176,71	370000	213,44	17,72	20,13
Ave	Average						17,05	19,37

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NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age	,	
						28		
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	К	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	N - 28	15 x 30	12540	176,71	440000	253,82	21,07	21,07
2	N - 28	15 x 30	12645	176,71	450000	259,59	21,55	21,55
3	N - 28	15 x 30	12498	176,71	470000	271,12	22,50	22,50
4	N - 28	15 x 30	12512	176,71	430000	248,05	20,59	20,59
5	N - 28	15 x 30	12490	176,71	470000	271,12	22,50	22,50
		205,36	17,05	19,37				

 Table 21: Normal Concrete Age of 28 days

**Table 22:** 1% Superplasticizer Admixture Concrete age of 28 days

NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age Review		
						28		
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	К	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	1% - 28	15 x 30	12470	176,71	450000	259,59	21,55	21,55
2	1% - 28	15 x 30	12669	176,71	510000	294,20	24,42	24,42
3	1% - 28	15 x 30	12497	176,71	440000	253,82	21,07	21,07
4	1% - 28	15 x 30	12705	176,71	430000	248,05	20,59	20,59
5	1% - 28	15 x 30	12490	176,71	470000	271,12	22,50	22,50
		205,36	17,05	19,37				

**Table 23:** 1% Superplasticizer Admixture and 15% Water Reduction Concrete age of 28 days

NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age	r	
						28		
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	K	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	1%, 15% - 28	15 x 30	12490	176,71	490000	282,66	23,46	23,46
2	1%, 15% - 28	15 x 30	12745	176,71	470000	271,12	22,50	22,50
3	1%, 15% - 28	15 x 30	12571	176,71	510000	294,20	24,42	24,42
4	1%, 15% - 28	15 x 30	12420	176,71	430000	248,05	20,59	20,59
5	1%, 15% - 28	15 x 30	12446	176,71	500000	288,43	23,94	23,94
		205,36	17,05	19,37				

Table 24: 1% Superplasticizer Admixture and 17,5 % Water Reduction Concrete age of 28 days

NO	Code	Dimension	Weight	Area	Load	Age Review		7
						28		
	Test Specimen	Cylinder	(grams)	(cm)	Max (N)	К	f'c	f'cu
		(cm)				(kg/cm2)		
1	1%, 15% - 28	15 x 30	12332	176,71	410000	236,51	19,63	19,63
2	1%, 15% - 28	15 x 30	12449	176,71	410000	236,51	19,63	19,63
3	1%, 15% - 28	15 x 30	12510	176,71	400000	230,74	19,15	19,15
4	1%, 15% - 28	15 x 30	12653	176,71	420000	242,28	20,11	20,11
5	1%, 15% - 28	15 x 30	12519	176,71	410000	236,51	19,63	19,63
		205,36	17,05	19,37				

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# **3.8. DISCUSSION**

Based on the obtained compressive strength of each type and the duration of testing, a table can be made as follows :

	Table 25. Test Result Recapitulation for each type and test duration									
No	Type         Average Compressive Strength Based On The Age Of Test Specim									
		7	28 days	14	14 days	28	28 Days			
			Conversion	Days	Conversion	Days	Conversion			
1	I (Normal Concrete)	14,46	20,66	18,58	21,11	21,64	21,64			
2	II (Concrete with 1%	14,65	20,93	18,58	21,11	22,02	22,02			
	superplasticizer)									
3	III (Concrete with 1%	14,75	21,07	18,67	21,22	22,98	22,98			
	superplasticizer and 15% water									
	reduction)									
4	IV (Concrete with 1%	13,50	19,29	17,05	19,37	19,63	19,63			
	superplasticizer and 17,5%									
	water reduction)									

# Table 25: Test Result Recapitulation for each type and test duration

Based on table 25, it can be seen that each type have different compressive strength. It can be seen that Type III concrete compressive strength which is concrete with 1% superplasticizer and 15% water reduction have the most optimum 28 days of age concrete compressive strength that is 22,98 Mpa. Whereas Type IV concrete which is concrete concrete with 1% superplasticizer and 17,5% water reduction at 7, 14, and 28 days of age testing have lower compressive strength than Type I concrete or normal concrete. So, it can be said that concrete addition with 1% superplasticizer and 17,5% water reduction will produce lower compressive strength compared to normal concrete compressive strength.

# 4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on research results and discussion, it can be concluded that superplasticizer addition with a certain dose or percentage towards cement weight and water amount reduction in concrete mixture can increase concrete compressive strength. As for water reduction, 15% of water reduction is the maximum amount to produce optimum compressive strength because 17,5% of water reduction produced lower concrete compressive strength than normal concrete compressive strength.

The increase or decrease in produced concrete compressive strength is not only fully influenced by superplasticizer addition or water reduction in concrete's mixture but also influenced by fine aggregate and coarse aggregate materials that be used.

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