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ABSTRACT

The disposal of rubbers from the waste tyres remains the main environmental concern worldwide unless recycled in an eco-friendly way. The incorporation of these wastes into the concretes as replacement agent for some of the natural aggregates is strategized as one of the possible solutions. Based on these factors, this study evaluates the effects of the tire rubber crumb wastes (TRCWs) at various contents (5, 10, 20 and 30% of volume) and granulated blast furnace slag (GBFS) as the fine and coarse aggregates replacement on the properties of newly designed concretes. Twelve batches of such concretes are prepared by blending the industrial wastes including the GBFS and TRCWs with ordinary Portland cement (OPC). The mechanical, durability and acoustic performance of these modified concretes are analyzed using slump, compacting factor, water absorption, compressive, tensile, flexural strength, and modulus of elasticity test. Added to that the resistance to carbonation, acid, sulphate attack and elevated temperatures, as well as the microstructure tests such as scanning electron microscope (SEM), x-ray diffraction (XRD), energy dispersive x-ray (EDX), and impedance tube test. The concrete modified with 20% of GBFS as OPC replacement shows enhanced mechanical traits wherein the compressive strength after the curing age of 28 days is higher (42.8 MPa) than the OPC control mix (33.8 MPa). Moreover, the mix designed with 5% of TRCWs as fine or/and coarse aggregates replacement is nearly 14.8% compared to the OPC specimens. The results show that the TRCWs substitution up to a limit of 10% of the river sand and gravel into the concrete can be effective without any strength loss. The modified concretes' performance in aggressive environments are analyzed using residual compressive strength, weight loss, surface textures and microstructure tests. The concrete modified with 20% of GBFS as OPC replacement shows enhanced durability properties wherein the residual compressive strength after exposed to sulfuric attack of one year is higher (10.7%) than the OPC control mix (2.9%). Moreover, the mix designed with 5% of TRCWs as fine or/and coarse aggregates replacement is nearly 7% compared to the OPC specimens. Modified concretes with 30% of TRCWs aggregates exhibit an enhancement on noise reduction coefficient (NRC) by 137.7% and lower sound transmission coefficient (STC) by 37.3% compared to the control specimen. Since the compressive strength is in an acceptable range (27MPa), modified concrete contains 30% of fine TRCWs has good potential to be utilised as an acoustic absorber as the capability of absorbing sound energy at 500 Hz to 2000 Hz has improved. Therefore, modified concrete contains 30% of fine TRCWs can be applied as a sound-absorbing material for application in railway concrete slabs, precast concrete walls and concrete pavement blocks. It is established that the use of TRCWs into concrete will be an environmental remedy and renewable resource for developing construction materials, leading to sustainability (minimization of the depletion of natural resources including river sand and gravel).

ABSTRAK

Pembuangan getah dari tayar terpakai sentiasa menjadi kerisauan utama berkaitan alam sekitar di seluruh dunia melainkan ianya dikitar semula dengan cara yang mesra alam. Penggunaan sisa ini ke dalam konkrit sebagai agen pengganti agregat semulajadi distrategikan sebagai satu kemungkinan penyelesaiannya. Berdasarkan faktor ini, kajian ini menilai kesan sisa tayar getah (TRCW) pada kandungan yang pelbagai (5, 10, 20 dan 30% isipadu) dan sanga relau bagas berbutir (GBFS) sebagai penggantian agregat halus dan kasar pada sifat konkrit baru yang direkabentuk. Dua belas kumpulan konkrit tersebut disediakan dengan mengadunkan sisa industri termasuk GBFS dan TRCW dengan simen Portland biasa (OPC). Prestasi mekanikal, ketahanan dan akustik bagi konkrit yang diubah ini dianalisis menggunakan ujian turun, faktor pemadatan, penyerapan air, mampatan, tegangan, kekuatan lenturan dan modulus keanjalan. Ini ditambah pula dengan ujian rintangan terhadap karbonasi, asid, serangan sulfat dan suhu tinggi, serta struktur mikro seperti ujian kemikroskopan elektron imbasan (SEM), belauan sinar-X (XRD), sinar-X sebaran tenaga (EDX), dan tiub galangan. Konkrit yang diubah dengan 20% GBFS sebagai pengganti OPC menunjukkan sifat mekanikal tertingkat di mana kekuatan mampatan selepas usia 28 hari adalah lebih tinggi (42.8 MPa) berbanding campuran OPC kawalan (33.8 MPa). Di samping itu, campuran yang dirancang dengan 5% TRCW sebagai pengganti agregat halus atau/dan kasar adalah hampir 14.8% berbanding dengan spesimen OPC. Keputusan menunjukkan bahawa penggantian TRCW sehingga 10% daripada pasir sungai dan kerikil ke dalam konkrit adalah efektif tanpa mengurangkan kekuatannya. Prestasi konkrit yang diubah, dalam persekitaran yang agresif, dianalisis menggunakan ujian kekuatan mampatan baki, kehilangan berat, tekstur permukaan dan struktur mikro. Konkrit yang diubah dengan 20% GBFS sebagai pengganti OPC menunjukkan sifat ketahanan tertingkat di mana kekuatan mampatan baki selepas didedahkan kepada serangan sulfurik selama setahun adalah lebih tinggi (10.7%) daripada campuran OPC kawalan (2.9%). Di samping itu, campuran yang dirancang dengan 5% TRCW sebagai pengganti agregat halus atau/dan kasar adalah hampir 7% berbanding dengan spesimen OPC. Konkrit yang diubah dengan 30% agregat TRCW menunjukkan peningkatan pada pekali penyerapan bunyi (NRC) sebanyak 137.7% dan pekali kehilangan hantaran bunyi (STC) yang rendah sebanyak 37.3% berbanding dengan spesimen kawalan. Oleh kerana kekuatan mampatan berada dalam julat yang dapat diterima (27MPa), konkrit yang diubah dengan 30% agregat TRCW halus adalah berpotensi untuk digunakan sebagai medium penyerap akustik kerana kemampuannya menyerap tenaga bunyi pada kadar 500 Hz hingga 2000 Hz telah ditambah baik. Oleh itu, konkrit yang diubah dengan 30% agregat TRCW halus ini dapat digunakan sebagai bahan penyerap bunyi untuk kegunaan lantai konkrit keretapi, dinding konkrit pratuang dan blok turapan konkrit. Ini menunjukkan bahawa penggunaan TRCW ke dalam konkrit akan menjadi penawar kepada alam sekitar dan sebagai sumber yang diperbaharui untuk pembangunan bahan binaan, yang mengarah kepada kelestarian (meminimumkan penipisan sumber semulajadi termasuk pasir sungai dan kerikil).

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACI	-	American Concrete Institute
ASHTTO	-	American Association of State Highway and Transportation
ASTM	-	American Society for Testing and Materials
BET	-	Blaine Fineness
BS	-	British Standard
BS-EN	-	British Standard European Norm
CaO	-	Calcium Oxide
CRC	-	Crumb Rubber Concrete
DOSM	-	The Department of Statistics Malaysia
DTA	-	Differential Thermal Analysis
E	-	Modulus of Elasticity
EDX	-	Energy Dispersive X-ray
ETRMA	-	The European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers Association
FA	-	Fly Ash
FTIR	-	Fourier Transformed Infrared
GBFS	-	Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag
G _s	-	Specific Gravity
HCP	-	Hardened Cement Paste
HPCs	-	Resistance of High Performance Concretes
ITZ	-	Interfacial Transition Zone
MK	-	Metakaolin
MOE	-	Modulus of Elasticity
NRC	-	Noise Reduction Coefficient
OPC	-	Ordinary Portland Cement
POFA	-	Palm Oil Fuel Ash
PRC	-	Plain Rubberized Concrete
RC	-	Coarse Aggregates Rubber Replacement
RCPT	-	Rapid Chloride Penetration Test

RF	-	Fine Aggregates Rubber Replacement
RFC	-	Fine and Coarse Aggregates Rubber Replacement
RHA	-	Rise Husk Ash
RMA	-	Rubber Manufacturers Association
SBR	-	Styrene Butadiene Rubber
SEM	-	Scanning Electron Micrograph
SF	-	Silica Fume
SSD	-	Saturated Surface Dry
STC	-	Sound Transmission Loss Coefficient
STL	-	Sound Transmission Loss
TGA	-	Thermogravimetry Analysis
TL	-	Transmission Loss Function
TRCWs	-	Tyre Rubber Crumb Wastes
UPV	-	Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity
w/c	-	Cement-Water Ratio
XRD	-	X-Ray Diffraction
XRF	-	X-Ray Fluorescenc

LIST OF SYMBOLS

Al	-	Alumina
Al ₂ O ₃	-	Aluminium oxide
Ca	-	Calcium
Ca(OH) ₂	-	Calcium hydroxide
CaO	-	Calcium oxide
CaO:SiO ₂	-	Calcium to silicate ratio
CO ₂	-	Carbon dioxide
C-S-H	-	Calcium silicate hydrate
<i>F_b</i>	-	Bond strength
<i>F_c</i>	-	Compressive strength
Fe	-	Iron
<i>F_s</i>	-	Flexural strength
<i>F_t</i>	-	Tensile strength
H ₂ SO ₄	-	Sulphuric acid
KOH	-	Potassium hydroxide
MgSO ₄	-	Magnesium sulphate
MPa	-	Mega pascal
NaOH	-	Sodium hydroxide
Na ₂ O	-	Sodium oxide
Na ₂ SO ₃	-	Sodium silicate
NH:NS	-	Sodium hydroxide to sodium silicate ratio
<i>P</i>	-	Porosity
PSA	-	Particles size analysis
S:B	-	Solution to binder ratio
Si	-	Silicon
SiO ₂	-	Silicate oxide
SiO ₂ :Al ₂ O ₃	-	Silicate to aluminium ratio
Θ	-	Theta

Al_2O_3	-	Aluminium Oxide
dB	-	Decibels
ITZ	-	Interfacial Transition Zone
α	-	Sound Absorption Coefficient
α_{band}	-	Sound Absorption Coefficient
σ	-	Compressive Strength
f	-	Frequency

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Concrete containing rubber aggregates known as rubberised concrete is a composite material of portland cement, water, natural and rubber aggregates. It different from conventional concrete is that it contains rubber aggregates as a partial replacement in the concrete mixture. Rubber particles significantly increase the strain capacity and improve the impact resistance of concrete. Moreover, rubber aggregate enhances toughness and ductility of the composite, and with a higher degree of air entrainment that can be easily pumped at higher flow rates, and also improves the efficiency of sound absorption and thermal insulation, although the mechanical strength of concrete is reduced. Rubberised concrete also has a lower unit weight, higher porosity, and lower splitting tensile strength.

Utilise tyre rubber crumb wastes (TRCWs) in construction and other applications can reduce environmental problems by preventing the accumulation of tyres that end their life service without been burned, and also save energy, cost, and risk of stockpiling. In fact, tyres demand a huge space to stockpile and long duration to decompose. Meanwhile rubberised concrete is lighter by weight than conventional concrete with an economic impact on the total cost of the building, as it reduces the weight of Dead Load, also using waste rubber reduces the demand for natural raw materials, and saves landfill space. Rubberised concrete with all the desirable enhancement on concrete properties. Still it does not fully fulfil the construction work requirements, due to the low compression strength caused by the major weakness of using rubber in concrete.

The compressive strength of the concretes made from TRCWs showed a remarkable reduction and strongly depended on the rubber contents. When fine aggregates were entirely replaced by crumb rubbers, a decrease in the compressive strength was observed to reach 65%. The elastic modulus of the proposed concrete specimens were decreased with the increase in the substitution levels. Further parametric analysis demonstrated that rubber particles can only compose up to 20% of the material's total composition before a large drop in the strength of the concrete occurs. However, the way in which rubber performs in concrete is directly influenced by the type of rubber used and its associated properties. The rigidity of the rubber and the size of its particles, gradations as well as its surface properties all had an effect on its performance within concrete.

Wise management of waste materials can be quite intensive in terms of environmental friendliness and human safety. Hence, proper recycling of industrial wastes in concrete industry can lead to immense practical benefits, and waste materials as supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs) can improve the performance of concrete and mortar in many ways such as microstructure, durability, and mechanical properties compared to conventional concrete.

Characteristically, today the SCMs are widely used in concrete either in blended cements or added separately in the concrete mixer. The use of SCMs such as ground granulated blast furnace slag (GBFS), a by-product from iron production, or fly ash (FA) from coal combustion represent a viable solution to partially substitute OPC. The use of GBFS as SCMs strongly recommended by several researchers to enhance the mechanical and durable properties.

Over the years, numerous studies have been made to determine the performance of the concrete that contains GBFS. Multiple studies reported an improvement in the freshness, strength, and durability of concrete which incorporated GBFS. When GBFS is incorporated as a SCMs, the porosity of OPC concrete is reduced due to the precipitation of additional calcium-silicate-hydrate (C-S-H) gel and the carbon footprint of the concrete is reduced due to the drop in OPC usage.

1.2 Problem Background

Automobile industry worldwide is growing and the number of tyres generated and accumulated growing as well. Recently, most of countries in the world avoid or forbid burn, stockpiling or landfill of used tyres, and provide incentive for exploring recycling strategies of used tyres.

In US, about 1 billion tyres stockpiled without effective solution for disposing of waste tyres. Consequently, the interest of using wastes tyres increased over the last two decades to help prevent environmental problems and carried out how to re-use TRCWs in construction industry (RMA, 2015).

In last decade, the worldwide tyre production reached 1.1 billion units, only in Europe, and about 3.2 million tons of used tyres were discarded, 96% were recovered, and 38% were recycled according to The European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers Association (ETRMA, 2009). The Department of Statistics Malaysia estimated that 12.88 millions of Tyres (pneumatic) were generated in Malaysia in 2014, and 4% were exported (DOSM, 2015).

In 2013, Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) estimates that 233.3 millions of tyres were used in the US. The recovery ratio was 95.88%, of which 8.2% were Land-disposed, 6.2% were exported, 4.3% were for Civil Engineering industry, and the rest were recycled or used for energy production. Stockpiles of existing waste tyres have been reduced by 92% since 1990 (RMA, 2013).

Annually around billions tyres have been used and end their service life, and more than 50% are discarded to landfills or garbage without any treatment, continue to pose environmental challenges. By the year 2030, there would be 5000 million tyres to be discarded on a regular basis. (Blessen and Ramesh, 2016; Jorge and René, 2019).

Therefore, the research on use of tyre scraps should be more emphasised as an obtainable resource and find their benefits. Furthermore, discarded without any treatment can led to environment and health problems.

Using of waste rubber as a partial or full replacement of natural aggregate in construction activities not only reduces the demand for extraction of natural raw materials, but also saves landfill space and solve the environmental problems.

It is well known, the tyres scrap demands a huge space to stockpile than other waste due to their volume and shape, 75% of a tyre's volume is void, and it is non-decomposed material for short term. Furthermore, used tyres may accumulate water and create a suitable environment for breeding bacteria, molds, insects or mice. In the case of burning, tyres generate toxic gases such as dioxin, and cause a serious pollution problem, and the emissions compounds are very dangerous to humans, animals and plants.

The current environmental and economical states of the world have led the researchers towards experiencing new methods and to rubber recycling industry. Rubber tyre can be used in a variety of civil and non-civil engineering applications.

In USA, according to RMA use of wastes tyres in civil engineering dropped from 639.99 thousands of tons in 2005 to 172 thousands of tons in 2013, with a ratio of reduction 73.12%, which means the demand of using it on constructional applications decrease (RMA, 2014). The main reason restricted using TRCWs in a wide range in concrete industry because of low compressive strength performance compared to traditional concrete. It is well known the strength performance depended on bond between the aggregates surface and the paste (cement), and also compressive strength as an indirect index on durability indicates a reduction in durability performance caused by the inclusion of rubber particles in concrete, and due to the weak bond and the porosity increment. Therefore, several methods used to enhance the bond strength between paste and aggregates. It concluded that the bond improvement takes two ways; one focus in enhance the paste properties and the second focusing in aggregates side. In aggregates side, there

are many studies reported the ability to improve the rubberized concrete performance by using different size of aggregate or improve the surface of aggregates using different methods for treatment. However, mostly methods used for this purpose such as treatment with sodium hydroxide still very expensive and not solve the problem. Likewise, several studies reported that the improve paste properties will help to improve the bond strength with rubber aggregates.

GBFS Slag has been widely used as SCM and extensive research has also been conducted on it. Using GBFS may reduce the problem of land fill, cost, and enhance the performance of the proposed concrete. About 1180 million tons of hot metal (2017) about 380 million tons of blast furnace slag are produced yearly worldwide. Most of it (about 280 million tons) is quenched forming the glassy granulated blast furnace slag (GBS).

1.3 Problem Statement

Commercial materials such as epoxy resin, polymers or silica fume used for this purpose and given a good performance but still not suitable for work in construction sector as these materials very expensive and effect negatively on life cycle of produced concrete. Yet, GBFS waste materials introduce a high performance SCMs improved the strength and durability of modified concrete. Several researchers recommended GBFS as OPC to enhance the sustainability performance of cement concrete. However, there are ability to use GBFS wastes as partial replacement to cement to enhance the bond strength performance. In rubberized concrete industry, replacing cement by GBFS will lead to produce new modified binder can contribute to enhance the bond zone with rubber aggregates and allow to recycle high amount of rubbers in concrete industry.

The compressive strength of GBFS modified concrete increases as the GBFS replacement ratio increases, up until a 40-60 replacement level, beyond this level, the strength of the GBFS concrete begins to decrease. Previous studies undertook the

evaluation of the durability, strength, and porosity of GBFS concrete within different environments, under varying conditions and curing regimes. These studies proved that GBFS concrete was suitable to a broad range of construction applications.

In-depth researches on the GBFS included concretes has suggested that it has a lower heat evolution, less permeability, greater strength over time, fewer chlorine ions penetration, and high resistance against the sulphate attack, alkaline silicate reaction and elevated temperature. Despite various studies that displayed the practicality of the GBFS-based concretes most of them so far used the OPC as the binder. On top, the effects of the GBFS inclusion on the durability properties of the rubberized concretes with TRCWs as the replacement agent to the fine and/or coarse aggregates remained unexplored. In this perception, this work tried to enhance the durability traits of the GBFS and TRCWs included OPC-based concretes by exposing them against the aggressive environments (for example elevated temperatures and acid, sulphate as well as carbonation attacks).

Producing a concrete containing tyre rubber aggregate, which increase sound absorption through the concrete can increase the use of tyres rubber in civil engineering construction. By using the tyres rubbers aggregate in this mixture concrete can be constructed in areas where noise prohibits exceeding the permissible level increase interest toward using of tyres rubber in civil engineering. Noise negatively may effect human health and well-being. Problems related to noise include hearing loss, stress, high blood pressure, increase heart rate, sleep loss, distraction, lost productivity, and a general reduction of the quality of life and opportunities for tranquility. Although rubberised concrete has good sound absorption attributes, the sound transmission loss coefficient (STC) inside the concrete decrease as a percentage of rubber content replacement increase. The ability to isolate the sound from travelling through the concrete affected by the porosity of concrete. Therefore, using SCMs such as GBFS may have the potential to partially restore the transmission loss value through the rubberised concrete.

Rubberised concrete with many advantages such as enhance the concrete ductility, toughness, impact resistance and strain capacity, reduce the noise and improve the

building sustainability. Therefore, researches in develop strength performance and an environmental-friendly process for the exploitation of wastes tyres rubber are needed, instead of become a pollutant sources on environment. With such development and immense benefit of waste tyre rubbers incorporated concretes, this study attempted to achieve high performance, durable and eco-friendly rubberized concretes wherein amount of OPC was replaced by GBFS. The influence of GBFS inclusion in rubberized concretes (containing TRCWs as fine and coarse aggregates) matrix as OPC replacement was examined in terms of concrete workability, strength and microstructure performance. Durability of modified rubberized concretes as a function of varied TRCWs content was also determined. The sound transmission of prepared concretes were evaluated. Results were discussed in terms of strength, durability, environmental benefits and sustainability of such purposed concretes.

1.4 Aims and Objectives

This research aims to evaluate the use of waste tyre aggregates, and GBFS as partial substitution of OPC. The specific objectives of the research are:

- i. To optimize the GBFS replacement level, as well as determine the effect of GBFS and different amounts and sizes of TRCWs on the workability of fresh rubberised concrete.
- ii. To determine the effect of GBFS and different amounts and sizes of TRCWs on the short and long-term performance of mechanical properties of rubberised concrete.
- iii. To evaluate the durability and physical performance of GBFS modified rubberised concrete exposed to chemical attack and elevated temperature.

- iv. To identify the influence of GBFS combined with different amounts and sizes of TRCWs on acoustic properties.

1.5 Scope of the Study

This research focus on workability and long-term performance of durability and mechanical properties as well as fire safety performance and acoustic properties of GBFS modified rubberised concrete. Concrete mixes produced with and without rubber crumb. Fourteen batches made by blending tyre rubber crumb wastes (TRCWs at various contents 5, 10, 20 and 30% of volume) as the fine and coarse aggregates replacement with 20% GBFS and ordinary Portland cement. The main properties studied include slump, compacting factor, compressive strength, flexural strength, indirect tensile strength, modulus of elasticity, water absorption, ultrasonic pulse velocity, fire endurance test, resistance to carbonation, sulfate, and acid attack, as well as the microstructure tests such as scanning electron microscope (SEM), x-ray diffraction (XRD), energy dispersive x-ray (EDX), thermogravimetric analyzer (TGA), differential thermal analysis (DTA) and impedance tube test.

1.6 Significance of the Research

In general, using TRCWs in concrete decrease the demand of natural raw materials, and saves landfill space, and its applications is potentially an effective way of limiting the environmental dangers described, also prevent the toxic gases due to burning tyres scrap. Several efforts have been made to use the TRCWs in various types of concretes to examine their impacts on the mechanical behavior of concretes, and earlier reports revealed a substantial drop in the compressive strength. Since the major problem of rubberised concrete is the reduction of the compressive strength, using pozzolanic material such as GBFS can lead to improve the performance of rubberised concrete in terms

of durability and mechanical properties. In this spirit, supplementary cementitious materials may help to increase the incorporation of TRCWs and identify a balance, which may lead to improve the rubberised concrete characteristic such as sound proof. Besides, rubberised concrete containing GBFS can reduce CO₂ emissions that generated by manufacturing of Portland cement.

It is established that the use of TRCWs into concrete can be reduce the environment problems, developing renewable resource for construction materials and enhance the ductility performance. The outcome of this research can prepare supportive information for utilising GBFS as a binder replacement and TRCWs as aggregates. Furthermore, this research work aim to provide a sound absorbing concrete with the use of TRCWs with proper compressive strength, which is accepted as a property of structural concrete that may be deemed as strength of this research.

1.7 Novelty or the originality of the research

Utilizing by-product as GBFS with TRCWs, constituting a novel strategy with immeasurable environmental, technological and economic benefits. This study took an attempt to determine the role played by TRCWs when incorporated in concrete as partial replacement with GBFS. Concrete specimens with varied predefined ratios of TRCWs and GBFS were designed.

Performances of the prepared concrete specimens (fresh and hardened) were evaluated and compared with the control mix (OPC). As prepared concrete specimens were characterized using several tests to properties determine such as workability, durability, microstructure, and mechanical properties.

Furthermore, to provide a sound absorbing concrete with proper compressive strength, this study determines sound absorption and sound transmission loss of rubberised concrete

containing GBFS with various proportions and sizes of TRCWs.

1.8 Project or Thesis Organisation

The Outline of the study as follows:

Chapter 1: Chapter one is an introduction of the study, which included overview, aims and objectives of the research, problem background, problem statement, scope of the study, significance of the research, as well as the novelty and the originality of the research. Moreover, a brief description layout of the thesis with a schematic summary of thesis organisation as shown in Figure 1.1.

Chapter 2: In chapter two, previous studies provided as supportive information to explain the concept and contribution of utilising of TRCWs, GBFS, and other related materials on the concrete properties. Literature Review on recent researches of Concrete, in terms of Acoustic durability mechanical Properties, as well as other Properties related to this filed.

Chapter 3: The discussion of research methodology and experimental program to examine the materials, mix design, and rubberised concrete properties are described in this chapter.

Chapter 4: Chapter four analysis the result of the experimental on raw materials, and also produce mix design with utilizing a different proportions and sizes of TRCWs with optimized GBFS as partial replacement of OPC, and also study the workability performance of fresh rubberized concrete by using slump and Compacting factor test.

Chapter 5: The main properties studied in this chapter are microstructure and mechanical properties. This chapter reveals the effect of TRCWs incorporated with GBFS

on the modulus of elasticity, compressive, indirect tensile, and flexural strengths, as well as microstructure tests.

Chapter 6: This chapter discuss and analysis durability and physical properties. Long term study and several of parameters conducted including water absorption, total porosity, resistance to carbonation, sulfate, and acid attack, Fire endurance, and then microstructure tests such as scanning electron microscope (SEM), X-ray Diffraction (XRD), Energy Dispersive X-ray (EDX), Thermogravimetric analyzer (TGA), and differential thermal analysis (DTA).

Chapter 7: This chapter will focus on acoustic properties of rubberised concrete containing GBFS with various proportions of TRCWs, study the sound absorption and sound transmission loss of high and low-frequency of sound wave by using impedance tube test.

Chapter 8: Chapter eight as the closure chapter, summarize the findings, achievements, and contribution of the research. And bring acknowledgement for further research related to this filed.

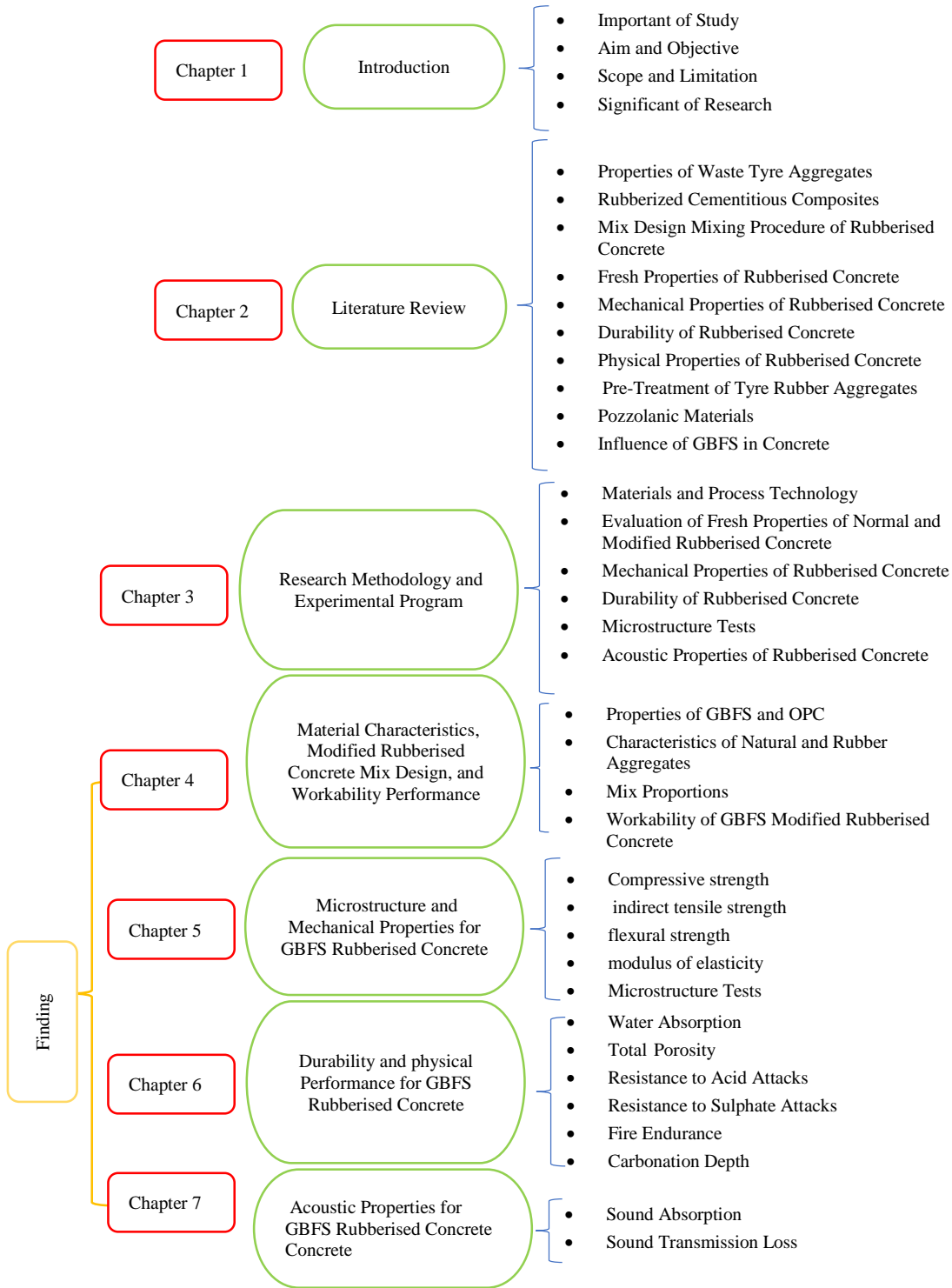


Figure 1.1 Schematic summary of the thesis

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

Nowadays, the sustainable development and environmental safety became the main concern of the researchers worldwide, especially in the developed nations. For sustainable development of the buildings, the use of the construction materials is of highest importance. These materials can considerably affect the energy consumption, carbon dioxide emission, landfill and conservation of natural resources (Gregori et al., 2019; Huseien et al., 2019).

The concretes remain the most commonly utilized construction material for many years now, with its worldwide production surpassing approximately 1 ton of the concrete per person on the earth. A single cubic meter (m^3) of the concrete includes nearly 0.6 to 0.7 m^3 of aggregate. It is often, the fine and coarse natural aggregates are the preferred choice due to its widespread availability and low cost. The traditional concrete shows substandard performance against the presence of sulfate and sulfuric acid. The presence of the calcium compounds in the OPC makes it non-resistant towards the acid attack. The easy dissolution of the calcium compounds in the acidic environment results in the increased porosity and rapid deterioration (Huseien et al., 2019).

Likewise, the production of the concretes requires the consumption of the aggregate, thereby the rapid depletion of the natural aggregates as the resources. Thus, the quest of finding some new aggregates alternative to the natural one is never-ending. In order to completely or partially replace the concrete constituents, the possibility of using the processed waste materials is explored in the recent decades. The recycled construction

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