

THE EFFECT OF USING LIME, SILICA FUME AND NANO-SILICA ON MORTAR MADE FROM SEA SAND AND SEAWATER

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ABSTRACT: The need for natural sand (RS) and freshwater (FW) is not proportional to the existing supply, so substitute materials are needed to meet these needs. Seasand (SS) and seawater (SW) are materials that have the potential as substitute materials which have not been utilized so far. The main obstacle to the use of these materials in mortar and concrete is due to the sodium chloride (NaCl) content which can cause corrosion of the reinforcement. This research is an innovation to overcome the NaCl content mixed with materials: Cement (PC), lime stone (LS), silica fume (SF), nano-silica (NS), and superplasticizer (SP) mixed proportions with a volume ratio, cured with SW and FW. The goal is to produce the optimal composition for the use of SS and SW in mortar. For this reason, tests for water content, organic content, compressive strength, porosity, and X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) and Metrohm 916 Ti Touch Auto Titrator were carried out. The results showed that the optimal mix proportion was 1 PC : 1 SS : 3.75 LS : 1.125 SF : 0.5625 NS : 0.4 SP achieving a compressive strength of 16 MPa (42.4%) from the control mortar (freshwater curing) and 14 MPa (40.4%) (seawater curing). BL is better than MC the NaCl content decreased from 0.32% to 0.25% and increased porosity by 35%. The benefits of this study show that SS and SW can be used as environmentally friendly construction materials.

Keywords: *Seasand, Seawater, Lime, Silica fume, Nano-silica.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is the main material in construction work whose needs continue to increase, one of the component materials of concrete is natural sand, which so far has been the result of mining. Natural sand mining activities in Indonesia have increased sharply, according to data from the Indonesian Central Bureau of Statistics, the production volume of sand minerals until 2021 has reached 240 million m³, this amount indicates that exploration for natural materials is very massive and dangerous for environmental damage [1–3].

The fact is that the production of natural sand mining has not been able to meet the existing needs so getting quality natural sand and freshwater is still very difficult [4,5]. One of the efforts to reduce the impact of mining exploration to meet the needs of natural sand and freshwater is the need for materials that can substitute for seasand and seawater which have not been utilized so far [6-9].

Several researchers have proven that the use of 15% seasand in a mortar mixture can increase 10% permeability and 5% powder from egg shells using seawater increases the compressive strength by 36.4% [10-13].

But unfortunately, the use of seasand and seawater in mortar and concrete is still avoided by construction stakeholders, one of the reasons is due to the content of sodium chloride (NaCl) which can cause corrosion of reinforcement, for that we need

an additional material that can reduce NaCl, and several other materials. potential are lime, nano-silica and silica fume. The addition of lime and additives to the mortar mixture can increase the compressive strength by 26%, flexural strength by 25%, and speed up the mortar hydration reaction [14-16].

The addition of nano-silica can increase the compressive strength by 9%, and the durability by 8% [17-19] while the addition of silica fume can increase the compressive strength by more than 30% and decrease the penetration by more than 50% [20-22]

The focus of this research is to obtain the optimal composition for reducing NaCl in seasand and seawater by mixing cement (PC), lime (LS), silica fume (SF), nano-silica (NS), and superplasticizer (SP). The benefit of this research is to maximize the use of seasand and seawater in mortar as an environmentally friendly material.

2. RESEARCH SIGNIFICANCE

This research is an innovation to overcome the disadvantages of using seasand and seawater in concrete and mortar. This research combines the use of seasand and seawater with lime, silica fume, nano-silica and superplasticizer. The significance of this study is that the proportion of the mixture developed by previous researchers was limited to two to three additional materials in mixing, whereas

in this study the use of five additional materials was used. This research produced a mortar with high compressive strength, low porosity, and low NaCl content. The benefits of this research scientifically can support the use of seasand and seawater as a substitute for natural sand and freshwater which have not been used optimally so far.

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1 Materials

In the research, the sand used came from the beach in Sukabumi, West Java, Indonesia. The cement used was portland type I ex PT. Indocement, Lime, silica fume, and superplasticizer (SP) from CV. John Hi-Tech Contrindo, while the nano-silica is used for the brand HDKN20 ex PT. Bratachem. Table 1 shows the particle size and physical properties of cement, lime, silica fume and nano-

silica. Table 2 shows the chemical composition of the materials.

The superplasticizers (SP) used are highly effective water-reducing modified Naphthalene Formaldehyde Sulfonate to promote accelerated hardening with high workability. Complies with A.S.T.M. C 494-92 Type F. SP can be used at the dose rate 0.30 % - 2.0 % by total weight of cementitious material depending on requirements concerning workability and strength.

Mix design mortar with MK nomenclature is control mortar, and M1 to M13 is mortar with volume ratio as shown in Table 3. The superplasticizer (SP) used is 0.4% of the existing mixture. For water in the mortar, use seawater with a w/b of 0.35. While the chemical composition of freshwater and seawater used in this study can be seen in Table 4.

Table 1 Particle size and physical properties of cement, lime, silica fume and nano-silica

Material	Particle size	Physical properties
Cement (PC)	1–50 μm	Fineness, soundness, consistency, strength, setting time, heat of hydration, loss of ignition and bulk density
Lime (LS)	1-1.5 μm	Non-flammable, odorless, colorless white crystal or powder.
Silica fume (SF)	0.1-0.3 μm	Composed primarily of pure silica in non-crystalline, very high content of amorphous silicon dioxide and consists of very fine spherical particles.
Nano-silica (NS)	20 nm	Large specific surface area, strong surface adsorption, large surface energy, high chemical purity and good dispersion.

Table 2 Composition of cement, lime, silica fume and nano-silica

Chemical compound	Cement (PC)	Lime (LS)	Silica fume (SF)	Nano-silica (NS)
SiO ₂	22.60	7.06	87.74	99.99
Al ₂ O ₃	4.30	2.38	0.72	
Fe ₂ O ₃	2.50	0.06	1.63	
CaO	64.40	84.85	0.520	
MgO	2.10	0.04	1.45	
SO ₃	2.30	1.2	0.576	
Na ₂ O & K ₂ O	0.60	1.08	3.64	
CuO			0.004	0.01

Table 3 Mix-design mortar (in units of volume ratio)

Code	PC	SS	LS	SF	NS	SW (w/b)	SP (liter)
MK	1	1	-	-	-	0.35	-
M1	1	1	4	1	0.5	0.35	0.40
M2	1	1	4	1.25	0.5	0.35	0.40
M3	1	1	4	1.5	0.5	0.35	0.40
M4	1	1	4	1	0.625	0.35	0.40
M5	1	1	4	1	0.75	0.35	0.40
M6	1	1	3.75	1	0.625	0.35	0.40
M7	1	1	3,5	1	0.75	0.35	0.40
M8	1	1	3.75	1.25	0.5	0.35	0.40
M9	1	1	3,5	1.5	0.5	0.35	0.40
M10	1	1	4	1.125	0.56	0.35	0.40
M11	1	1	4	1.25	0.63	0.35	0.40
M12	1	1	3.75	1.125	0.5625	0.35	0.40
M13	1	1	3,5	1.25	0.625	0.35	0.40

Table 4 Composition of freshwater and seawater [23].

Units	Cl	Ca	Mg	Na	K	Cu	Fe	Mo	Ni	V	Zn
	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L
Freshwater	124	72	6.5	38.8	2.68	5.42	0.2	6.21	0.52	0.49	23.12
Seawater	22922	539	1673	13396	534	1.2	25.6	12.2	4.7	2.1	9.8

3.2 Methods

Mixing for the manufacture of test specimens with a mix design (Table 3) was carried out using a hand mixer with a mixing time of 3 minutes then put into the mould and opened at 1 day of age. The next curing method is soaking in water, using 2 types of water, namely sea water and freshwater according to ASTM C192 [24]. Testing the compressive strength of mortar measuring 50×50×50 mm according to ASTM C109, tested at ages 3, 7, 28, and 56 days using a compressive strength machine [25]. Then calculated the achievement of compressive strength of the control mortar with the equation:

$$(\%) = \frac{F_c' \text{ (Result)}}{F_c' \text{ (Control)}} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

Where F_c' Result is results of compressive strength for (M1-M13) dan F_c' Control is control compressive strength (MK) Seasand was tested for water content according to ASTM D-2216-98 and tested for organic content according to ASTM C40 [26, 27]. Mortar porosity test at 28 days for samples cured with seawater according to ASTM C642-90 [28].

Testing the Metrohm 916 Ti touch auto titrator using a specific electrode working principle of argentometry titration to determine the NaCl content and X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) testing to see the Cl- content in mortar with code MC (control) consisting of cement, seasand and sea water . Then BL is a mixture of cement, seasand, lime, silica fume, nano-silica, and freshwater. BB mix consists of cement, natural sand, lime, silica fume, nano-silica, and freshwater. Furthermore, LL is a mixture of cement, seasand, lime, silica fume, nano-silica, and seawater.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Moisture Content and Organic Content

Examination of the water content is carried out when the sand is in a dry surface state (SSD). The test results obtained an average moisture content of 3.31%, where the fine aggregate water content requirement is 3% - 5%, so the fine aggregate meets the requirements for water content testing.

From the organic content test, it was found that the color of the liquid was appropriate and the sand could be used for normal concrete mixes.

4.2 Compressive Strength

Mortar compressive strength values for each sample are shown in Figure 1 (freshwater curing). In Table 5, shows that MK at 28 days was 33 MPa and 46 MPa at 56 days. With the addition of lime,

silica fume, and nano-silica a 28-day compressive strength was achieved for M12 of 42.4% (14 MPa) and M13 of 36.4% (12 MPa). However, at the age of 56 days, only 34.8% (16 MPa) and 30.4% (14 MPa) were achieved, thus there was a decrease of 7.6% and 6%

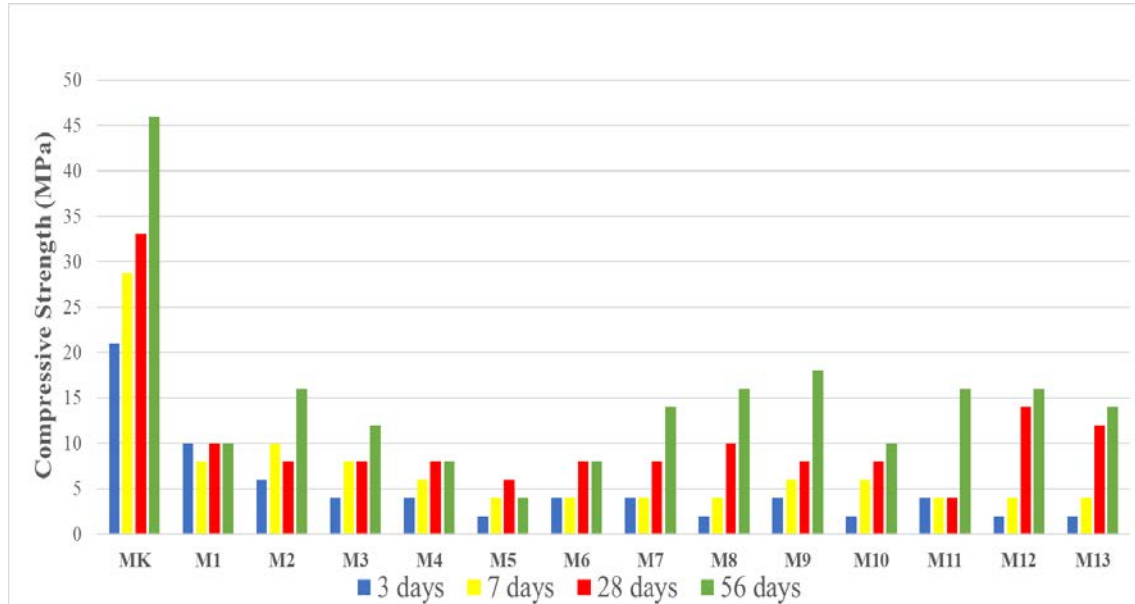


Fig.1 Compressive strength results (curing with freshwater)

In Figure 2 (seawater curing) the MK sample achieved a compressive strength of 29.7 MPa (28 days old) and 41.4 MPa (56 days old). In M12 there was a compressive strength of 40.4% (12 MPa) and in M13 of 47.2% (14 MPa) at 28 days of age. Then

at the age of 56 days, there was an achievement of 33.8% (14 MPa) at M12 and 29% (12 MPa) at M13. The decrease in compressive strength occurs due to the salt ion content of SO_4^{2-} [29].

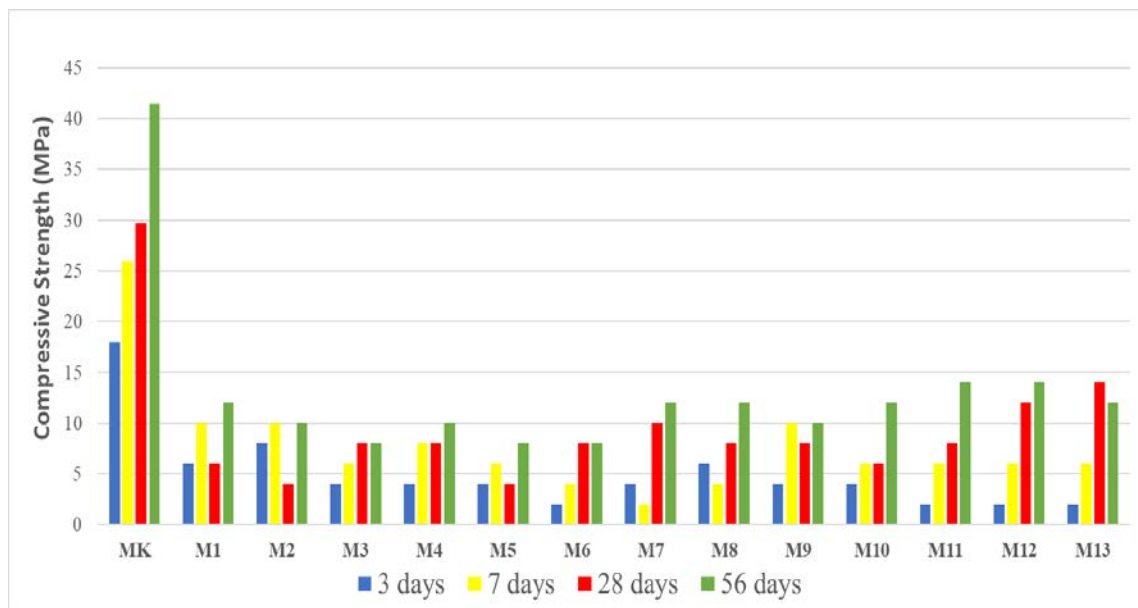


Fig.2 Compressive strength results (curing with seawater)

The compressive strength results show that mortar cured with freshwater is higher than that cured using seawater. While the decrease in compressive strength with age is due to NaCl in seawater reacting with hydrated cement followed by a reduction in calcium chloride [30].

The addition of 25% silica fume can produce a compressive strength of 16 MPa (freshwater curing), while the addition of 50% silica fume increases to 18 MPa (freshwater curing). This is in line with previous studies [31, 32].

With the addition of 25% nano-silica, the

compressive strength of M13 is 14 MPa (seawater curing). The addition of 50% to M7 causes a decrease in compressive strength of 12 MPa (Seawater curing). This is due to the agglomeration between silica nanoparticles which affects the decrease in compressive strength [33, 34]. The positive effect of using nano-silica can increase the efficiency of the physical and chemical properties of the Cl- content in seawater due to hydration and chemical reactions that increase the CSH ratio [35, 36].

Table 5 Achievement of compressive strength against control

Code	Compressive strength achievement (%)			
	Seawater curing		Freshwater curing	
	28 Days	56 Days	28 Days	56 Days
MK	100	100	100	100
M1	20.2	29.0	30.3	21.7
M2	13.5	24.2	24.2	34.8
M3	26.9	19.3	24.2	26.1
M4	26.9	24.2	24.2	17.4
M5	13.5	19.3	18.2	8.7
M6	26.9	19.3	24.2	17.4
M7	33.7	29.0	24.2	30.4
M8	26.9	29.0	30.3	34.8
M9	26.9	24.2	24.2	39.1
M10	20.2	29.0	24.2	21.7
M11	26.9	33.8	12.1	34.8
M12	40.4	33.8	42.4	34.8
M13	47.2	29.0	36.4	30.4

At M2 the use of 100% lime achieves a compressive strength of 16 MPa. Reducing the lime content by 25-50% can increase the compressive strength of the mortar as indicated by the M9 sample of 18 MPa (56 days old). The increase in compressive strength along with the reduction in the percentage of lime is due to the smaller filling effect ability [37].

Based on the composition of the stable compressive strength mortar at M12. The effect of using nano-silica and silica fume together can increase the compressive strength of the mortar due to the pozzolanic reaction which can reduce the amount of Ca(OH) to be less, increasing the rate of hydration of cement and mortar to become denser [38,39].

4.3 Porosity

The value of porosity and water absorption can be seen in Figure 3 and 4. The addition of the percentage of nano silica and silica fume can reduce the value of porosity at the age of 7 days obtained the best porosity value of 2.330% in samples M4

and M12 and 28 days of age of 1.294% as in M12 and M13. Porosity will get better with age. This is also due to the increased use of nano silica and silica fume which functions as a filler, has good density, and smaller particle size [40-42].

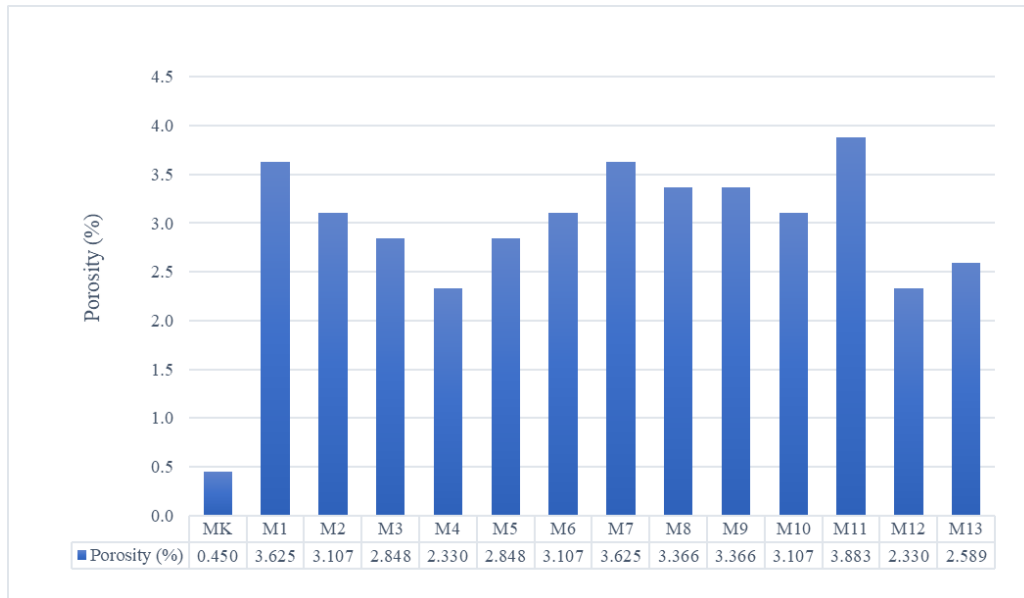


Fig.3 Porosity Results (7 days)

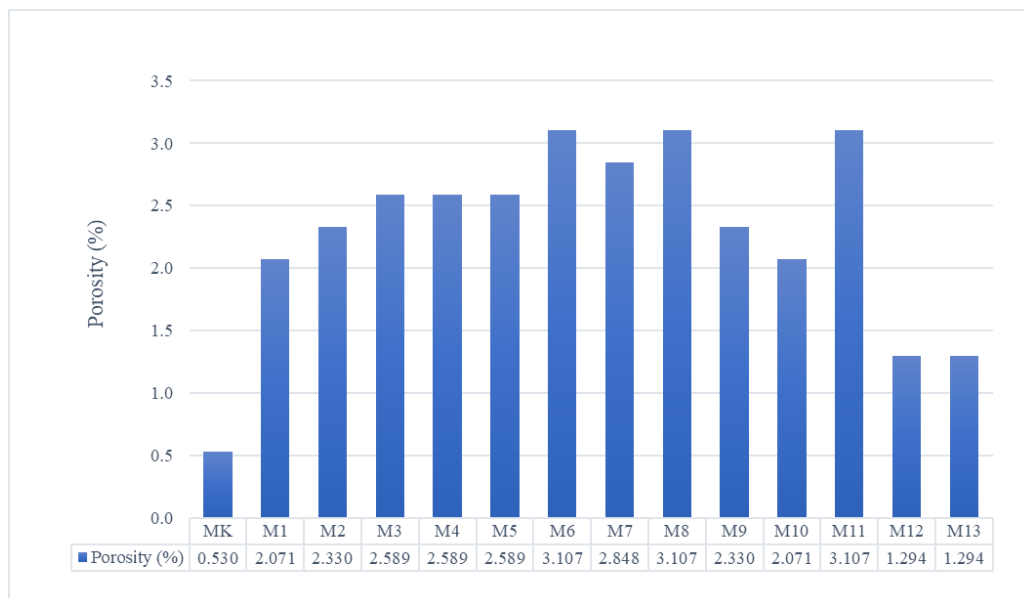


Fig.4 Porosity Results (28 days)

4.4 Testing Metrohm

As shown in Table 6, mortar using seasand and seawater is added with cement (PC), lime (LS), silica fume (SF), nano-silica (NS), and superplasticizer (SP). there was a decrease in the value of NaCl from 0.32% (MC) to 0.25% (BL). This result significantly proves that BL can be used as a mortar. Whereas BB where the NaCl content is close to 0 is a mortar mixture that is commonly used so far.

Whereas in LL, the resulting NaCl is 1.12%, this shows that the resulting mortar is not recommended for use as a construction material.

Table 6. Metrohm test result

Compound	MC	BL	BB	LL	Unit
NaCl	0.32	0.25	0	1.12	%

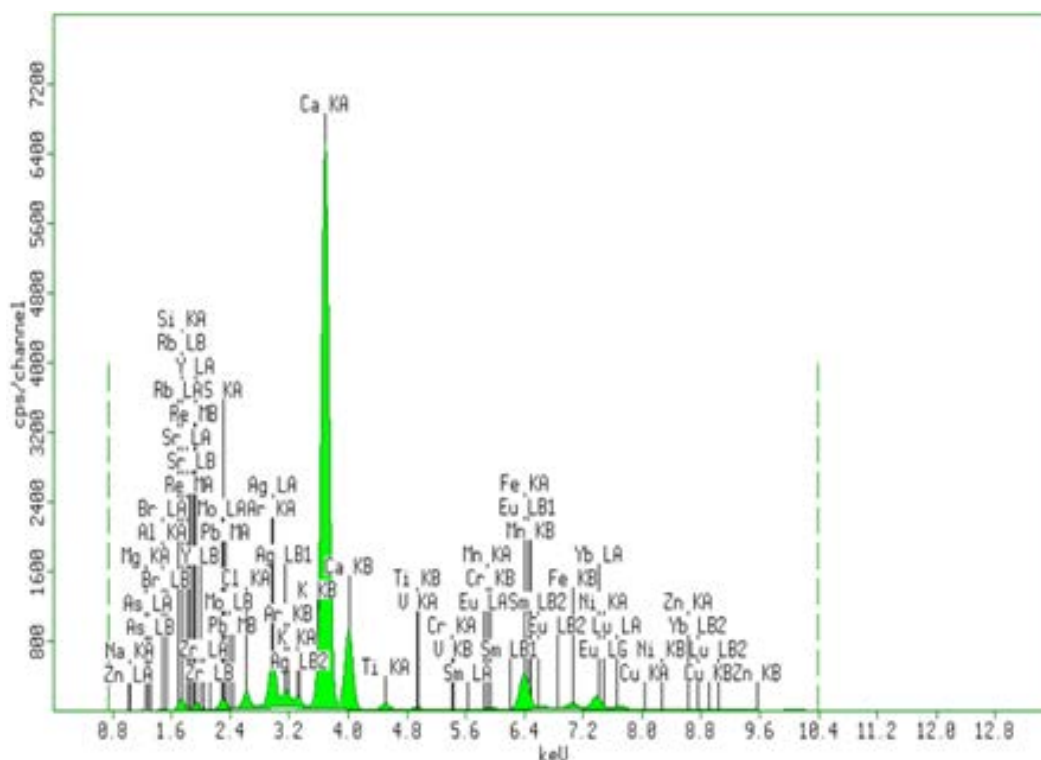
4.5 XRF Testing

Based on the results of the XRF test in Table 7, it can be seen that BL can reduce the Cl-(chloride) content by 70% of the control mortar. on BB can reduce Cl- by 67.37%. While LL there was an increase in Cl- content of 83.6%.

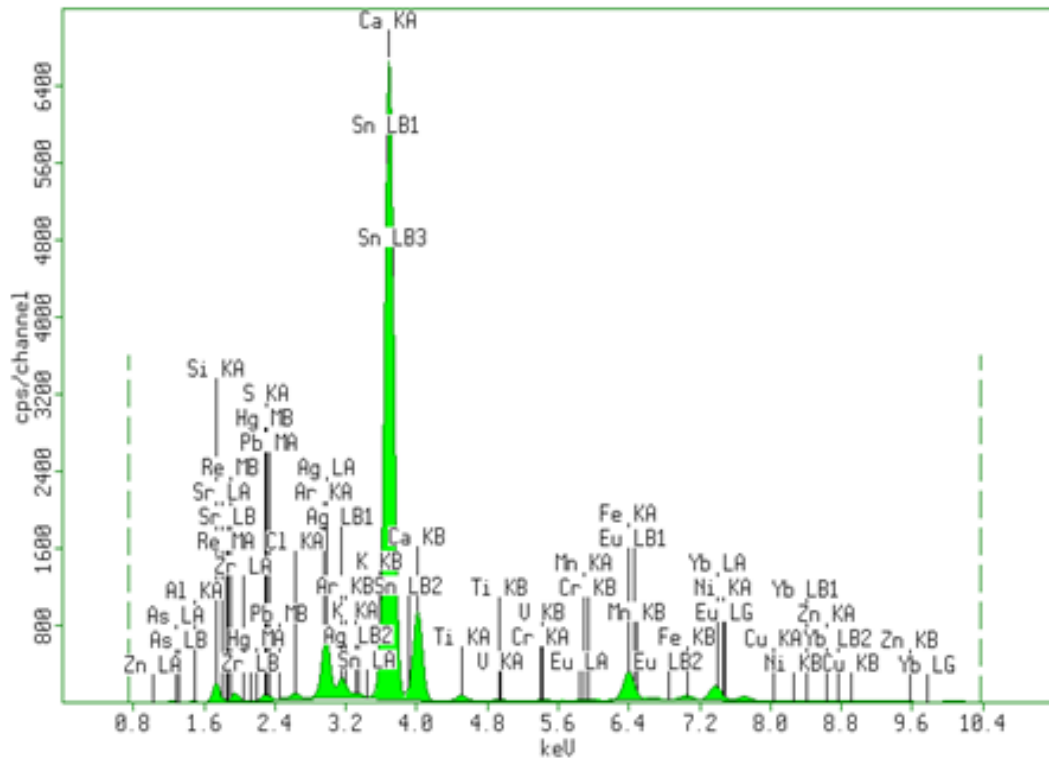
From the two tests above, BL is the proportion of the mortar mixture that consistently lowers NaCl and Cl- levels.

Table 7. XRF test results

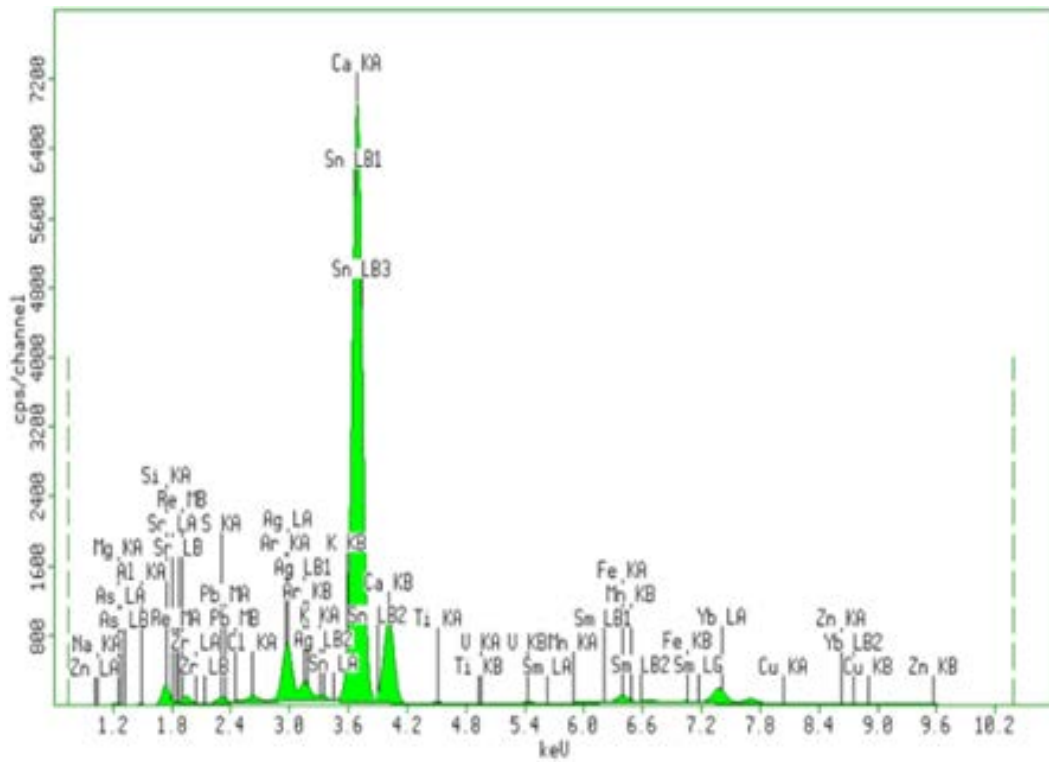
Compound	MC	BL	BB	LL	units
Mg	0.925	1.108	0.916	1,489	%
Al	1275	0.831	0.673	0.788	%
Si	4,768	7,256	7,802	6,521	%
S	0.738	0.389	0.34	0.549	%
cl	0.858	0.257	0.28	1,576	%
K	0913	0.206	0.201	0.207	%
ca	78,049	80,428	87,135	77,857	%
Ti	1,503	1.31	0.214	1,777	%
V	0.052	0.049	0.006	0.054	%
cr	0.01	0.046	0	0.01	%
Mn	0.186	0.172	0.042	0.21	%
Fe	9,983	7.57	2073	8,553	%
Ni	0.014	0.013	0	0.01	%
Cu	0.036	0.019	0.017	0.021	%
Zn	0.075	0.052	0.05	0.047	%
US	0.003	0.005	0.004	0.004	%
Br	0.006	0	0	0.016	%
Rb	0.006	0	0	0	%
Sr	0.518	0.223	0.184	0.215	%
Y	0.006	0	0	0	%
Zr	0.041	0.016	0.015	0.015	%
Mo	0.011	0	0	0	%
sn	0	0.019	0.017	0.015	%
Sm	0	0	0	0.014	%
eu	0	0	0	0.004	%
Yb	0.005	0.004	0.011	0.01	%
Lu	0.009	0.002	0	0.013	%
Re	0.004	0	0	0	%
Pb	0.007	0.022	0.02	0.021	%
Total	100	99,997	100	99,996	%



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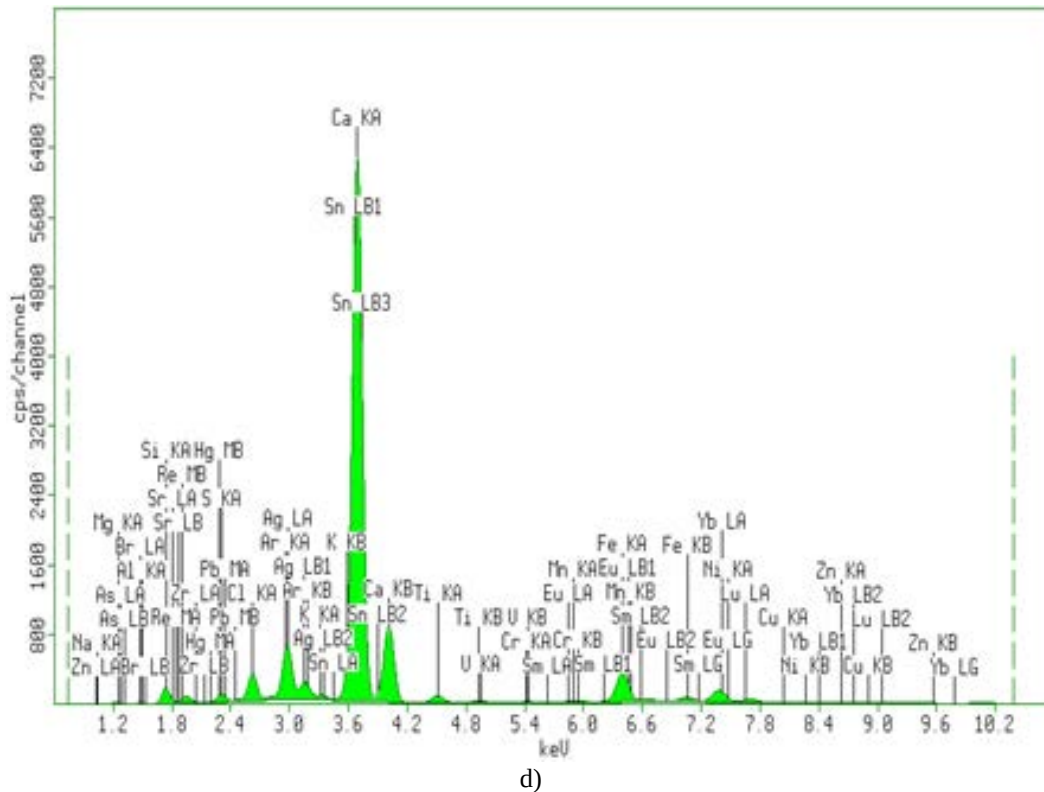


Fig.5 Test graph XRF (X-ray fluorescence)

5. CONCLUSION

1. The compressive strength of mortar with freshwater curing is better than seawater curing.
2. Optimal mix proportion by volume ratio = 1 PC : 1 SS : 3.75 LS : 1.125 SF : 0.5625 NS: 0.4 SP produces a compressive strength of 42.4% of the control mortar (freshwater cured) and 40, 4% (seawater curing).
3. The test results with the Metrohm tool show that the BL code is better than the MC. The NaCl content decreased from 0.32% to 0.25%. This decrease was due to the addition of lime, silica fume, and nano silica then mixed with freshwater
4. Reducing the percentage of lime by (25 - 50)% can increase the compressive strength while adding the percentage of silica fume and nano-silica by 25% can increase the compressive strength of mortar.
5. The addition of the percentage of nano-silica and silica fume can reduce the porosity by (20-35)%.
6. This research can be continued by analyzing the long-term effects of NaCl on the compressive strength and durability of concrete.

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