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The overall objective is to propose a design methodology for a geopolymer concrete mix that can be used in the 3D printing process. The effect of size and type of fine aggregate, type of binder (either slag or metakaolin) and ratio (slag: metakaolin) and quantity and proportion of alkali solution (NaOH: Sodium Hydroxide) was studied. Sodium silicate) on the specified setting time and mechanical strength development according to the technical specifications of the 3D printing machine and finally improving the workability, extrusion and open time to achieve the flowability, shape retention and buildability of geopolymer composites for 3D printing.



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