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2	construction with a high-efficiency stabilizer and fly ash
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5	ABSTRACT: The earth-based construction with unique advantages of wide source of raw material, low energy
6	consumption and carbon emission has attracted growing attention recently. This study employs a cement-based
7	high-efficiency stabilizer and fly ash to improve the mechanical properties of earth-based construction. And the
8	influences of fly ash on compressive strength and key variables for strength development are studied by
9	measuring the mechanical and physical properties. Total stabilizer content (C_T) which changes slightly with
10	curing time and the calculation method of C_T values are put forward based on the pozzolanic and dispersing
11	effects of fly ash in stabilized earth. An integrated parameter taking into account multiple variables, such as
12	stabilizer and fly ash contents, curing time and physical indexes, is defined as the ratio of void ratio to total
13	stabilizer content (e_t/C_T) , and the relationship of compressive strength to e_t/C_T is analyzed by exponential and
14	power functions. The after-curing physical indexes are dependent upon the initial ones, total stabilizer content
15	and curing age. Subsequently, the calculation formulae for physical indexes are proposed through the multiple
16	linear regression and power regression. Finally, the strength-calculation model with a deviation between
17	calculated values and measured results of lower than 10% is developed to guide the design of earth-based
18	construction admixed with the high-efficiency stabilizer and fly ash. Embodied environmental impact evaluation
19	indicates that the combination use of stabilizer and fly ash is a novel low-CO ₂ emission method for preparing
20	cleaner earth-based construction.

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