

Eliminating Greenhouse Gas by Carbon Dioxide Curing of Concrete

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Abstract

Curing plays a significant role in concrete. To avoid faster hydration process which feeds to thermal shrinkage cracks, water curing is done to maintain adequate temperature for the hydration process — this study emphasis on curing of concrete by greenhouse gas carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide curing is an heat liberating chemical reaction which liberates water for fuller curing of concrete. The study is done on 150x150x150 mm concrete cube specimens cured by passing Carbon dioxide at a tow pressure of 10lit/min for 2hrs end 4 hrs with a sustention in the airtight chamber for 24 hrs under 50% RH at 27°C. The compressive strength test is performed in CTM. Carbon dioxide causes significant effects in the atmosphere by causing global warming. Carbon dioxide is liberated into the atmosphere in the form of hot gas from the cement manufacturing industries. With the help of CO₂ curing, we can reduce CO₂ from tonnes to kilos. This project can replace water curing and reduce the emis-sion of CO₂ into the atmosphere by recycling the some in attaining 90% of concrete strength in 1day.

I. INTRODUCTION

India is the fourth highest electrode of greenhouse emission within the world, accounting for seven per cent of worldwide emissions in 2017. The top four emitters of CO₂ in 2017, that lined fifty-eight per cent of world emissions, were China (27 per cent), the North American nation (15per cent), The en Union (10 per cent) and Republic of India (7 per cent), as per the projection by the worldwide Carbon Project.

It produces a cloth therefore omnipresent: Cement, being the foremost ingredient in concrete and is used for constructing most of the structures which includes buildings, the roads and bridges. Concrete, but not least is that the second consumed substance on Earth, which consumes cement as the main ingredient, the direct emissions of Cement occurs through oxidation. This releases tonnes of carbondioxide into the atmosphere.

Dioxide emissions are captured through carbon capturing storage systems, some in power plants. Now as a trend, concrete pro-ducers use their product for dioxide sinking. CO₂ penetrates concrete and reacts with hydrated oxide in the presence of water to make metal carbonate; this results in the constant dioxide storage for a long period. This process is initiated by the ingress of dioxide through suffusion. This is adapted as a mitigation technology; accelerated ingress of dioxide may be achieved by exposing hardened concrete with high diox-ide gas concentrations.

1.1 Mechanisms of carbon dioxide sequestration

Mechanisms of carbon dioxide sequestration follows diffusion, dissolution, hydration, ionization, Cyclic, rapid, exothermic and dissolution of cementitious phases, Nucleon of CaCO₃ and C—S—H, Solid phases precipitate and followed by secondary carbonation

The reaction between the atmospheric carbon dioxide with a mature concrete microstructure may be associated with sturdiness issues together with shrinkage, decreased pore answer pH and carbon corrosion. In assessment, carbonation reaction integrated into concrete manufacturing applies CO₂ to fresh concrete to react with hydrating Cement.

Carbon dioxide absorption into the concrete efficaciously serves as permanent CO₂ storage inside the concrete product allowing producers to create a extra sustainable overall performance. If carbon dioxide may be beneficially absorbed into wet concrete there may be an attractive new device to decrease the carbon footprint of the construction environment and to help the concrete enterprise with different creation materials inside the green constructing space.

II. METHODOLOGY

The methodology used here consists of an experimental set up of airtight wooden gadget, which is suitable for the purpose of capturing carbon dioxide gas avoiding leakages. The dioxide gas is injected into the chamber at gauge stress of approx. 500-kilo Pascal's. The pressure was fixed until the dioxide gas reacts with the hardened concrete present inside the closed gadget.

The gadget is kept closed for its inlet valve for approximately 1 to 4 hours after allowing the carbon dioxide gas to pass through. Since the airtight gadget is closed after passing the gas pressure, the level of gas stress and the amount of gas present inside the gadget falls because the concrete absorbs carbon dioxide present in the closed gadget.

The residue carbon dioxide gas is released by opening the top of the gadget after absorption, for the fixed time interval. The second trial is repeated as the same. The time of exposure of dioxide gases varied between half an hour to 40 minutes. Typical strain and temperature curves of

cement paste were consistent with cycle over a period of 4 hours. Since the response among concrete and flue gasoline CO₂ is a carbon absorption procedure, it sooner or later decreases the gasoline stress and amount of CO₂ in the chamber.

The pressure drop of the CO₂ gas in each cycle are indicative of the carbon uptake by the concrete in the chamber process. This process of CO₂ curing is continued until the pressure gauge reading attached to the chamber appears to be constant. This result draws that no further chance of carbonation response to occur in the concrete. The pressure gauge reading and period of every suffusion cycle need to be determined to know the progress of concrete curing taken place. In this process, carbon dioxide is successfully used in curing of concrete, thus serving as a good cause without polluting the environment. At the same time concrete attains its strength as earlier as possible. The efficiency of the system can be improved by increasing the reaction time of CO₂ with the concrete and also by increasing the concentration of the gas inside the chamber.

III. WORKING PROCEDURE

First make arrangements for the materials, equipment or essential things, i.e. Cement, sand, aggregate, water, concrete mould (150mm X 150 mm X 150mm), Carbon dioxide containing cylinder and airtight gadget. Cast concrete blocks of blend M20 into 150mm X 150 mm X 150mm cube mould, with usual procedures, take away the mould after 24 hours. Followed by it is the construction of airtight gadget vessel for CO₂ curing.



Fig 1 Casting of concrete cubes



Fig 2 Air Tight Vessel

Place three concrete cubes into CO₂ airtight box and Close it with cap. stick Tapes are used for closing the chamber without possibilities of any leakage of CO₂ gas. Now open the valve of a CO₂ cylinder to inlet the CO₂ gas for the duration of 1, 2 and 4 hours respectively.



Fig 3. Experimental set up

After the mentioned hours of curing, closely tight the valve and leave the container for 1 day after every trial of curing hours. Remove the tape and open the airtight container. The concrete cubes are taken out from the container and placed in compression testing machine for testing. The load is gradually applied to the concrete cubes until its cracking pattern is absorbed, and finally, the results are tabulated.

IV. TESTS AND RESULTS

Casted cubes were subjected to compression using compression testing machine, and the results were tabulated.



Fig 4. Application of load in CTM

Table 4.1 Compression strength of concrete by CO₂ curing

Mix design	Mix prop	Co ₂ curing (hrs)	Compressive strength (N/mm ²)
M30	1:1.6:2.53	1	35.8
		1	35.6
		1	35.7
		2	37
		2	37.1
		2	37
		4	39.2
		4	39.35
		4	38.9

V. CONCLUSION

The following conclusions arrived on the study of the feasibility of co₂ curing in attaining early age strength. It draws a conclusion that the increase in the co₂ proportion at higher pressures is liable for producing stronger concrete. It is drawn that by also increasing the duration of pressure exposure promotes the strength in concrete cubes. This phenomenon is due to the absorption of CO₂ by the pores of the concretespecimen and thus producing efficient carbonated products. Porosity is a vital parameter

for carbonization. Due to the pervious nature of the concrete, this method proves good for curing process.

CO₂ curing has shown an increase in the rate of curing, and also it attains 90% of cube strength in 1 day.

Atmospheres greenhouse gasoline carbon dioxide process is a famous process however, it is not being adopted until now; we hope we can make use of this process and save our future from international warming.

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