

A Review Paper on Effect of Carbonation on Fibrous Concrete Mixes

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Abstract: *Corrosion of reinforcement in concrete is one of the major cause of structural degradation. The monetary misfortune and harm caused by the consumption of steel in RC makes it the one of the significant framework issue looked by on developing nations as of late. The maintenance of existing RC structure has become as important as the construction of new structure. The corrosion in RC maybe caused by the exposure of RC to chloride ions, carbonation or may be due to presence of two different metals in RC. This paper deals with the review of existing literature works for understanding thoroughly about carbonation of fibrous concrete (FC).*

Key Words: *Fibrous Concrete (FC), Carbonation, Reinforced Concrete (RC).*

I. INTRODUCTION

The carbonation occurs when carbon-di-oxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere infiltrates into concrete and responds with hydroxide to form carbonates which ultimately reduces the pH of the concrete to nearly 8.5, at this level of pH the passive layer of steel becomes unstable and corrosion like condition occurs. Carbonation is a moderate procedure, it goes before at a rate relative to the square base of time. The carbonation in RC structure can be perceived outwardly in the field by the nearness of stained zone in the surface or it can be tested in laboratory by using phenolphthalein indicator or in the optical microscope carbonation is perceived by the nearness of calcite precious stone and the nonappearance of calcium hydroxide and unhydrated cement grains. The amount of carbonation depends highly on water-cement (W/C) ratio and other concrete mix parameters. It increments with a high W/C proportion, low bond content, exceedingly penetrable or permeable solid blend. But carbonation highly depends on relative humidity (RH) of concrete mix, between 50 to 75 percent RH the carbonation rate is highest while below 25 percent RH the carbonation rate is insignificant and above 75 percent RH the moisture present in the pores of concrete mix will restricts the CO₂ penetration. So the primary purpose of study is to discover how the expansion of strands of various sizes impacts the carbonation in RC.

II. REASERCH NEED

Because of the fast industrialization and modernization the utilization of cement and RCC structures is expanded, so the need of change in concrete with contrasted with customary cement is must to decrease the upkeep cost with the expansion in flexural and compressive quality.

III. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Maslehuddin et al. (1996), led an experimental research to assess the impact of chloride and sulphate contamination with high temperature and humidity on carbonation of plain and blended concrete. The concrete mortar samples are presented to 55⁰C and 75 percent RH and 3 percent CO₂ air with sulfate and chloride particles contamination. Electron microscopy is utilized to check morphological changes because of carbonation. More prominent carbonation is found in the tainted examples than the uncontaminated examples in the outcomes demonstrated.

Sanjuan et al. (1997), presented low measures of polypropylene filaments in cement to check whether it will enhance the resistance from carbonation. The study is done on crack control by the fibers in plastic state mortars. The polypropylene fibers are introduced in 0 to 0.5 percent by volume. The beneficial effects of fiber addition on the corrosion rate was found but no relationship between crack width and time for corrosion beginning has been observed.

Chi et al. (2002), led an experimentation to check the variety in mechanical properties and strength of cement because of carbonation. Compressive strength test, splitting strength test, electrical resistivity test, rapid chloride penetration test (RCPT) were performed. Results have shown that carbonation may reimburse properties like compressive quality, part quality, electrical resistivity and chloride particle entrance yet erosion test demonstrated that carbonation builds consumption rate of fortification in

RC.

Atis et al. (2004), uses accelerated carbonation testing to check the capability of a solid for carbonation by estimating the carbonation profundity. The study involves two replacement ratios of fly ash, various super plasticizers and four concrete ages. A statistical model between accelerated carbonation depth and strength and porosity is prepared. The outcomes have demonstrated an expansion in compressive quality with decrease in carbonation profundity and with increment in porosity the carbonation profundity likewise increments. Chang et al. (2004), directed an experimentation utilizing phenolphthalein indicator for the assurance of profundity of carbonation. They drove distinctive investigations like thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) for fixation conveyance of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ and CaCO_3 , X-ray diffraction analysis (XRDA) test for force dispersion of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ and CaCO_3 . The specimen were set up at 23.8°C at 70% RH and 20% CO_2 concentration. The carbonation front shown by TGA and XRDA is twice that of determined by phenolphthalein indicator. Maaddawy et al. (2006), researched the effect of fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) wraps on erosion movement and solid splitting in chloride sullied concrete cylinders. The test parameter incorporates level of applied potential, nearness of FRP wraps and bar diameter. The consequences of the investigation have demonstrated that for the same applied fixed potential, the FRP wraps has reduced the corresponding current, expansion in concrete and the loss of steel mass. McPolin et al. (2007), creates obvious pH profiles of cement for an assortment of concrete mixes uncovered in an accelerated carbonation environment with 5% CO_2 for 6 weeks of duration. The pH profiles were observed each week as the carbonation develops. Air permeability, carbonation profundity, resistivity and calcium hydroxide content were estimated for the outcome translation. The pH profiles got depends upon the kind of folio and the term of prologue to the carbonation condition. After 6 weeks of analysis by pH profiles it was inferred that the OPC concrete had shown less carbonation than concrete containing supplementary cementitious materials. The results from the TGA also suggested that there is a relationship between calcium hydroxide content and the apparent pH of carbonated concretes.

Chen et al. (2013), utilizes cylindrical specimens under accelerated carbonation at half CO_2 by volume under different moistness conditions (70-90% and 50-90% RH). It utilizes the coefficient of carbonation (proportion of carbonation profundity to the square base of time) as the premise to demonstrate the degree of carbonation. According to the test results the maximum coefficient of carbonation occurs at 70% RH. It has also inferred that the specimens with curved surfaces had higher coefficient of carbonation than with the plain surfaced one.

Wang et al. (2014), had conducted carbonation test on steel fiber reinforced concrete (SFRC) with the steel percentage ranging as 0%, 0.5%, 1.0%, 1.5%, and 2.0%. The pore structure of SFRC after carbonation was attempted to examine the change in property from miniaturized scale viewpoint. The best possible measure of steel fiber can decrease the speed of carbonation was seen with the results of the tests. From the test outcomes it can likewise be comprehended that the carbonation can enhance the splitting tensile strength of SFRC to a certain extent.

De Souza et al. (2015), aims to show the effect of particle packing on the carbonation. The samples comprise of fiber bond fortified with PVA filaments cured in natural council of RH 90% at 23°C . The samples were delivered in lab utilizing vacuum filtration and the porosity and drying shrinkage were measured under carbonation condition. The outcomes demonstrated that the particle packing does not affect the carbonation significantly but it was observed that the carbonation increases the shrinkage and other mechanical properties of fiber cement.

Mobin et al. (2016), conducted X-ray diffraction analysis (XRDA) to find the intensity distribution of calcium hydroxide and carbonate ion. Fourier transformation infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) was directed to check the nearness of C-O in concrete samples as a basis for determining the nearness of calcium carbonate. The specimens selected 15-35 years interval had given sharp carbonation front showing two zones of carbonation. It was observed that the depth of carbonation front found from the XRDA and FTIR tests is twice that of phenolphthalein indicator test. Shen et al. (2017), studied the effect of interfacial transition zone (ITZ) on the carbonation by conducting a number of experiments dealing with paste and mortar-gallet interface. The outcomes from the tests demonstrated that the carbonation profundity in the ITZ was a few times more prominent than that in interfacial effective zone (IEZ). To examine the microstructure of the ITZ before and after carbonation the back scattered electron (BSE) analysis and nano indentation tests were conducted. After carbonation, the thickness of the ITZ diminished from 50– 60 μm to 20– 30 μm , yet its porosity was as yet more noteworthy than the porosity of the cement matrix. Appropriately, after carbonation, the ITZ was as yet a feeble zone with the goal that the dissemination rate of CO_2 in the ITZ was higher than in the concrete network.

IV. CONCLUSION

From various study it is clear that fibers have a significant effect on carbonation rate. Tests like XRDA, FTIR and TGA demonstrate double the profundity of carbonation front than phenolphthalein pointer. Carbonation relies upon the microstructure of the solid.

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