

## unit - 5

### Engineering materials.

#### Cement.

- Portland cement is a finely ground product which is obtained by the calcination process at  $1500^{\circ}\text{C}$  from calcareous and argillaceous raw materials.
- These are the inorganic cementing materials which are used as a binding material that joins bricks, stones, tiles etc.
- They have very good adhesive and cohesive property.

They are classified into 2 types;

#### i) Hydrolic cementing materials:

- These are the materials which undergo setting and hardening in presence of water.  
ex: portland cement.

#### ii) Non-Hydrolitic cementing materials:

- These are the materials which becomes hardened even in presence of air.  
ex: lime, stone, silica.

## Raw materials of portland cement.

- (i) Calcareous materials.  $\rightarrow$  calcium oxide ( $CaO$ ), lime stone, chalk.
- (ii) Argillaceous materials. clay containing compounds like silica and alumina.
- (iii) Gypsum  $\rightarrow$  hydrated calcium sulphate ( $CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ )

- Functions of raw materials.
1. Calcium oxide is basic oxide.
  2. Calcium oxide or lime is the principle constituent of cement.
  3. Excess lime may reduce the strength of cement due to expansion or disintegration.
  4. Silica is the main ingredient of cement.
  5. Alumina and silica have a quick setting action.
  6. Aluminates are used for quick setting of cement.
  7. Gypsum retard the setting action of cement.
  8. Iron oxides impart colour to cement.
  9. Sulphur trioxide ( $SO_3$ ) 1% - 1.5%.
  10. Potassium oxide ( $K_2O$ ) 1% - 1.5%.
  11. Sodium oxide ( $Na_2O$ ) 1%.

## Setting and hardening of cement

When cement is mixed with water it is made into a plastic mass called as cement paste which slowly loses its plasticity & becomes a rocky mass. This process involves setting and hardening which involves a hydration reaction resulting in the formation of gel & crystallization.

This process of solidification involves

2 steps

1. Setting      2. Hardening

→ setting is defined as stiffing the original plastic mass due to initial gel formation.

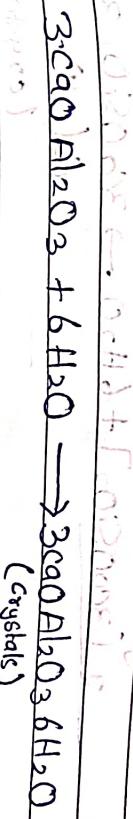
→ hardening is defined as the development of strength due to crystallization after setting hardening beings. the strength developed by the cement paste at any time depends on the amount of gel formed and the extent of crystallization

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reactions involved in setting and hardening

When cement is mixed with water it forms a cement paste which becomes rigid in a very short time. This is known as initial set or flash set. This is due to C<sub>3</sub>A which hydrates rapidly.



The crystals formed prevent the hydration reaction. Hence to prevent this flash set a little amount of gypsum is added to cement clinkers. Gypsum retards the dissolution of C<sub>3</sub>A by forming insoluble complex of sulpho aluminato.



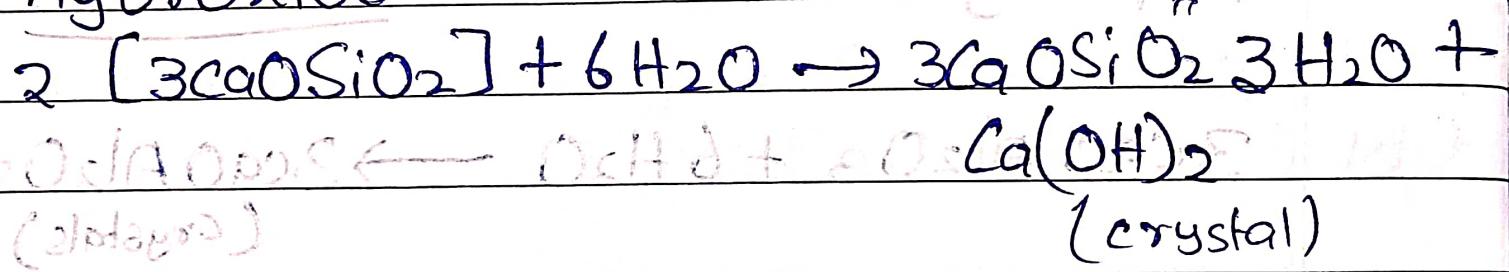
C<sub>4</sub>AF reacts with water forming gel and crystals



thus the initial setting of cement paste is mainly due to hydration of  $\text{C}_3\text{A}$  and gel formation of  $\text{CaAF}_2$

Final setting

Final setting of cement is due to the formation of "Tobermorite" gel and crystals of "calcium hydroxide"



Step 1 → continuous addition of water

→ formation of  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  &  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

→  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  formed at bottom

→ antifreeze salt crystals

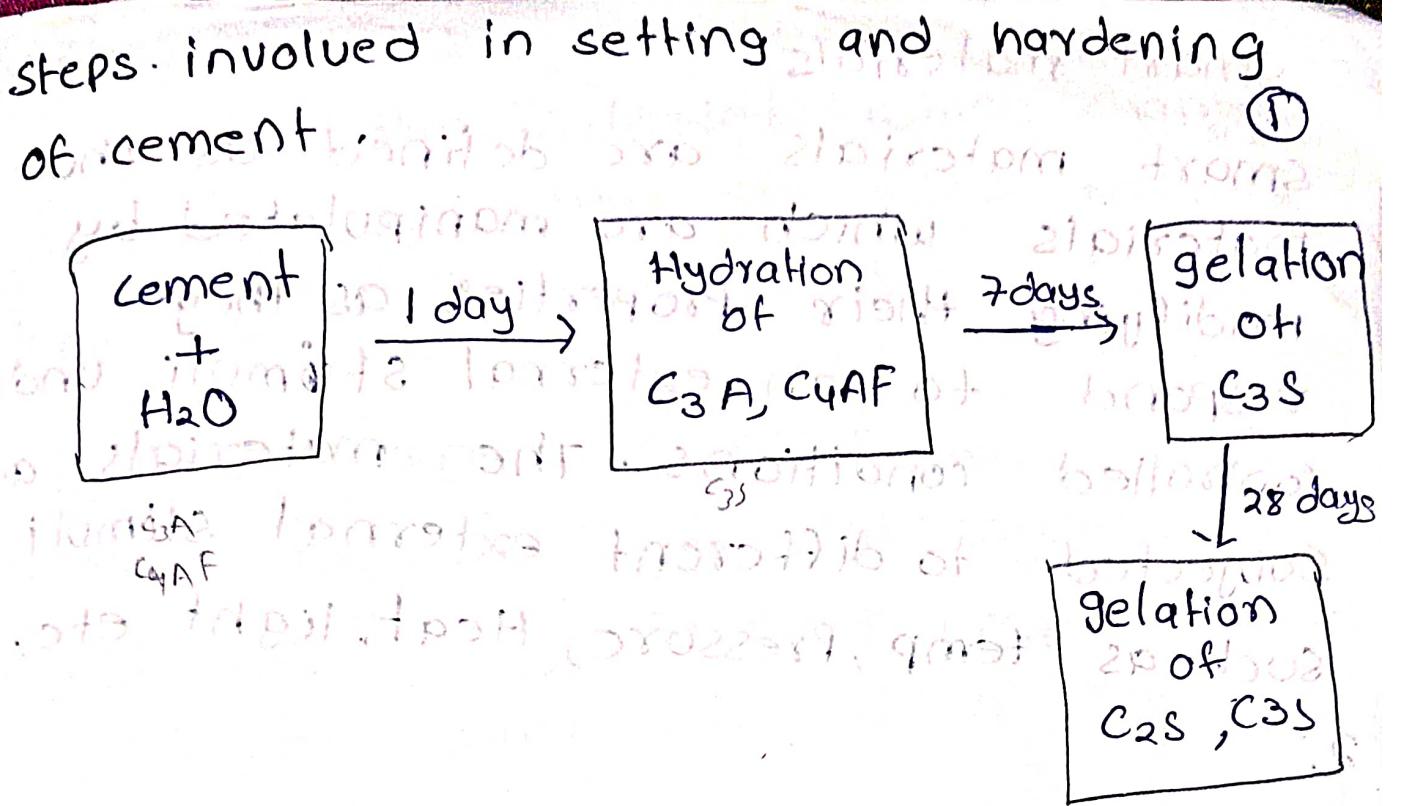
→ solution of calcium

→  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{OCH}_3 + (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{COOC}$

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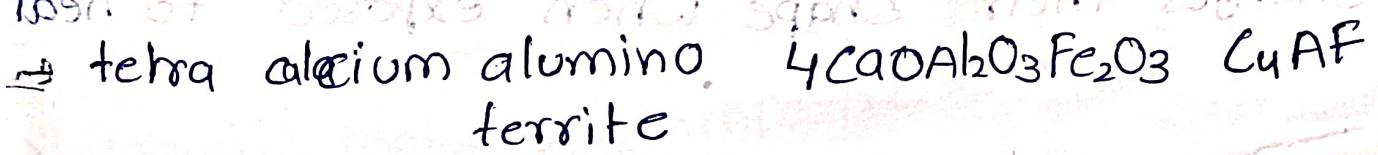
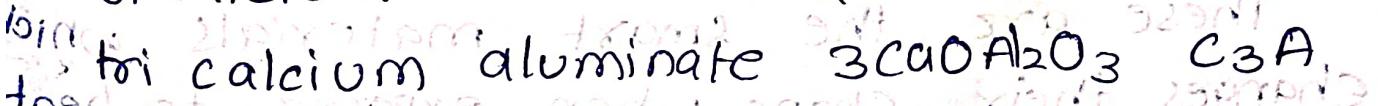
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- 1) when cement is mixed with water the first hydration reaction is due to  $C_3A$  and  $C_4AF$ .
- 2) the next hydration reaction is due to  $C_3S$  which begins within 24 hrs and gets completed in 7 days.
- 3) The gelation of aluminates and silicates involves hydration reaction which takes place from 7 to 28 days.

for my reference



## Smart materials

smart materials are defined as the materials which are manipulated by modifying their properties as they respond to an external stimuli under controlled conditions. The materials are subjected to different external stimuli such as temp, pressure, Heat, light etc.

2. ~~shape memory materials~~

→ smart materials which undergo change in their shape when exposed to heat, pressure, light etc.

3. ~~photo active materials~~

→ photo active materials.

These materials include luminous, photo luminescent, electro luminescent under an external stimuli like an electric field.

Types of smart materials.

→ piezo electric materials.

These are the smart materials which can convert electrical energy to mechanical energy and vice versa. When they respond to an external stimuli like electric field and magnetic stress.

→ shape memory materials

These are the smart materials who changes their shape when exposed to heat, pressure, light etc.

## Chromic active materials

→ these are the materials which change colour when subjected to heat and pressure.

→ thermo responsive materials undergo change in their property like solubility when exposed to temperature.

→ photo active materials.

These materials include luminous, photo luminescent, electro luminescent under an external stimuli like an electric field.

Applications of smart materials.

1) they are used in isolating engineering problems with high efficiency.

2) they are used in the development of innovative parts and products.

3) they are used in auto mobiles, space systems, air crafts, naval, civil structures, machine tools, and medical devices.

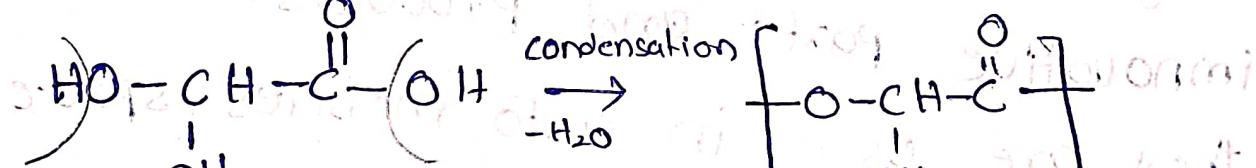
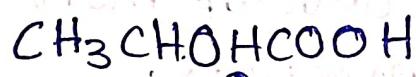
they are used in technical application which includes composite materials with control

Shape and sound control, self repair,  
artificial organs:- silicon soft, SRE, ceramic  
shape memory materials.

These are the smart materials which changes their shape when subjected to an external stimuli of heat. They are capable of original shape recovery from a significant deformation under an external stimuli. This is called as shape memory effect. These materials possess a unique property of super elasticity and super viscosity under certain controlled conditions.

Ex: Poly lactic acid.

PLA is obtained from a natural and renewable source like corn, starch, and sugarcane. It is also obtained by the polymerisation of poly lactic acid.



lactic acid

