Engineering Chemistry

Part 1 Chapter 3 - Cement

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Chapter 3: Chemical industries and their environmental impacts

I- Petrochemical Industries

Plastics (DR Mohamed Magdy)

- Properties and classifications of plastics
- Thermoplastics and thermosetting
- ✓ Applications and uses
- Environmental impacts of plastic industry

II- Building materials

Cement

- Cement Manufacture Process
- Functions of Cement Constituents
- Roles of cement compounds:
- Chemical reactions
- Environmental impacts of cement

industry

Summary of the chapter

Learning Objectives of Chapter 3

By the end of chapter 3, students will be able to:

- 1. Understand the importance of chemical industries.
- 2. Describe the different types of plastics and their uses.
- 3. Know impacts of plastic production on the environment.
- 4. Differentiate between the various types of building materials.
- 5. Describe the manufacturing process of cement.
- 6. Demonstrate how the constituents and compounds of cement can affect its strength.
- 7. Understand the pollutions arise from cement industries and the suitable solution for each.

Building materials

- **Building material:** any material which is used in any construction purpose.
- <u>Natural materials</u>: clay, sand, wood, thatch, rocks, twigs and leaves.
- <u>Synthetic</u>: cement, ceramics, plastics, glass, foam, fabric.
- <u>Green materials</u>: produced to protect the environment from greenhouses gases that released from the commercial concrete materials and contributing to climate change.



Building materials - Cement

- **Cement** is a basic material for building and constructions.
- Pozzolanic activity: its binding ability upon mixing with water.
- Pozzolanic activity of <u>lime</u> was developed by Romans, and from then, lime mortars and concretes continued to be used.
- In 1824, Joseph Aspdin England, produced a powder made from the calcined mixture of limestone and clay called "Portland Cement".
- "Portland" came because the similarity between its hardened and the stones near Portland Island in UK.

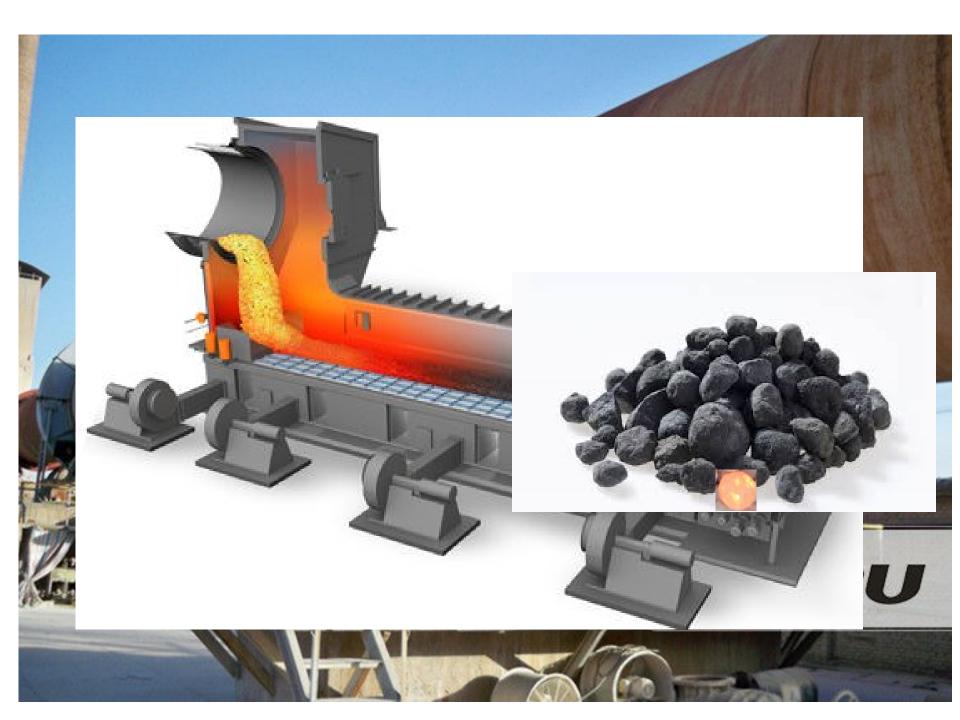


Raw materials: limestone (CaCO₃) - clay (silica) - alumina.

• Sometimes sands and iron were added for improvement.

Manufacture Process includes (three main stages):

- (0) Transporting crushed limestone from the quarries to the factory.
- (1) Mixing and crushing of raw materials:
- a) Dry process: when raw materials are very strong and hard
- b) Wet process: when raw materials are soft
- (2) Burning:
- (3) Grinding:
- (4) Storing and packing the fine ground cement.



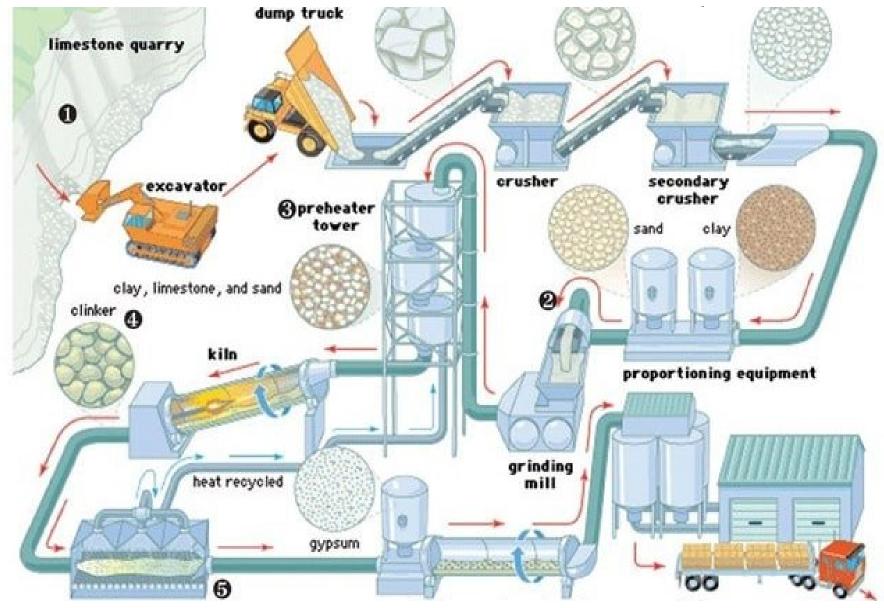
Manufacture Process includes:

(2) Burning: in rotary kilns up to 1500-1650 °C \longrightarrow small black lumps called clinkers. CaCO₃ $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$ CaO + CO₂

(3) Grinding: of clinkers after cooling down to atmospheric temp. It is done in large tube mills.

Then, proper amount of gypsum (CaSO₄) in the ratio of 1-4 % is added in order to **control the setting time of cement.**

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Chemistry of Cement

• **Cement** is a finely ground powder consisting of a mixture of inorganic oxides. Its chemical composition are as follow:

Material	Formula	Abbreviation	% by mass
Lime	CaO	С	60-65
Silica	SiO ₂	S	19-25
Alumina	Al ₂ O ₃	А	3-8
Iron oxide	Fe ₂ O ₃	F	1-5
Magnesium oxide	MgO	Μ	0-5
Gypsum	CaSO ₄	S	1 - 4

Functions of Cement Constituents

** Cement composed of mixture of oxides, what are their roles??

Lime, CaO: (2/3) of the cement, more than this causes the cement to expand and disintegrate.

Silica (SiO₂): (1/4) of the cement, more than this causes the cement to set slowly.

They form di-calcium silicate (C_2S) and tri-calcium silicate (C_3S) in the manufacturing of cement and they responsible for cement strength. *Alumina* (AI_2O_3): 3-8 %, more than this reduces the strength of the cement.

It imparts a quick setting for cement and it also lowers the clinkering temperature.

 Fe_2O_{3} , MgO: they give color to cement, and responsible for hardness, and reduce heat of burning of raw materials .

Gypsum (CaSO₄): It is added at the final stage of manufacturing to slowdown the setting of cement.

Functions of Cement compounds

Oxides of cement are combined together to form cement compounds:

C2S, C3S, C3A, C4AF. Through mixing them with water:

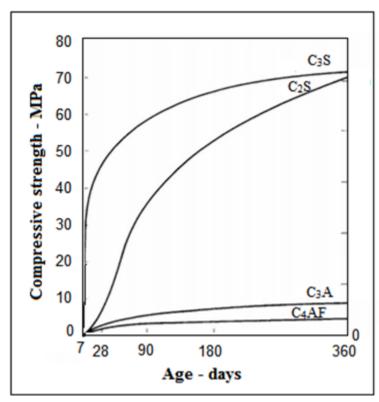
C3S: hydrates and hardens rapidly, responsible for the initial set of cement and its early strength.

C2S: hydrates and hardens slowly, responsible

for increasing strength within 7 days **C3A:** it hydrates and hardens quickly liberating

a large amount of heat and contributes to early strength (1-3days).

C4AF: it hydrates rapidly but contributes very little to strength



Chemical reactions during the cement hydration:

- When cement is mixed with water, it forms a paste that sets and hardens through a chemical reaction called "hydration".
- This reaction is responsible in producing of a very hard and strong binding medium for the aggregate particles.
- Upon hydration, cement compounds reacts with water liberating heat and producing calcium hydroxide and calcium silicate hydrates as shown in the following chemical equation:

 $\begin{array}{l} 2(3\text{CaO.SiO}_2) + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 3\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 + 3\text{CaO.2SiO}_2.3\text{H}_2\text{O} & + \text{ heat} \\ & (\text{calcium silicate hydrate}) \\ 2(2\text{CaO.SiO}_2) + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 + 3\text{CaO.2SiO}_2.3\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{ heat} \end{array}$

These reactions can be abbreviated as:

 $2C_3S + 6H \rightarrow C_3S_2H_3 + 3Ca(OH)_2 + heat$ $2C_2S + 4H \rightarrow C_3S_2H_3 + Ca(OH)_2 + heat$

Environmental impacts of cement industry

• Emissions to air:

• Emissions to water:

Cement industry does not produce fluids. Thus, no emissions to water occur because water is recycled back into the process.

• Noise emissions:

Environmental impacts of cement industry

Emissions to air: 5–7% of the total CO₂ emission
Directly (during heating of limestone) and
Indirectly (during burning of fossil fuels to heat the kiln).

Other emissions such as $NO_x - SO_2$ - volatile organic compounds Hydrogen fluoride (HF) - Hydrogen chloride (HCl) - CO.

Ways to reduce these emission,

- 1- By replacing fossil fuels used in kiln by natural gas.
- 2- By Capturing CO₂ emissions through:
- "carbon capture and storage" (CCS) units.
- accelerated carbonation method (passing CO₂ through Ca(OH)₂ solution to form CaCO₃).

Environmental impacts of cement industry

Noise emissions:

- throughout the whole cement manufacturing process such as: Raw materials preparing and transporting process -burning the clinker storage - the dispatch and shipping of the final products.
- Using heavy machinery during cement manufacturing process such as: Chutes, hoppers, exhaust fans, or blowers
- Operations involving fracture, crushing, milling and screening of raw material, clinker and cement

To reduce Noise emissions:

Natural noise barriers, such as office buildings, walls, or trees.



cement

- **Definitions:** Building material & Types Pozzolanic activity Cement
- Chemical composition of cement (its oxides and their %)
- Raw materials in cement & its manufacture
- Functions of Cement Constituents <u>Or</u> Functions of Cement compounds
- Chemical reactions during the cement hydration
- Environmental impacts of cement industry:

Emissions to air <u>or (B)</u> Noise emissions & Ways to reduce each .

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