

Microbial Concrete and Self Healing Property: A Review

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Abstract: Concrete is the most common material, crack is the main problem that arises in a concrete structure. This causes corrosion in the steel reinforcement. The structure deteriorates with cracks, so due attention is needed to this problem. This work consists of various self-medication methods used by researchers to inhibit cracks and prevent further deterioration of the structure. To prevent cracks Microbiological induced calcite precipitation, ie. MICP is used in most literature to inhibit cracks. The use of bacteria in the healing of cracks has been more successful, and the strength of concrete is also increasing. This article discusses the different types of bacteria used to heal cracks. The maximum strength increased, and the width of the crack healed using these methods, also mentioned in the article.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The depth of precipitation of the CaCO₃ layer was predicted when the results of the experiments and the results of the analytics are in good cooperation. The crack surface that is closed when the amount of precipitation CaCO₃ is used in the appropriate amount [3]. The effectiveness of self-medication was observed 24.1%, 25.6%, 27.27% and 32.26% for samples when mixed with metacaolin, bentonite, Portland cement and limestone microfiler, respectively, calcium carbonate was produced, and surface cracks can be successfully healed [5].

The experiments were performed on the sample, and it was observed that RCA and virgin FA as a percentage of up to 50 in terms of bacterial immobilizers were good methods of crack healing, so that the crack width of about 1.1 mm can be successfully healed with increasing compressive strength of the sample. Synergy formulation as well as induction in the sample also showed a good effect on compressive strength [7].

After the crack developed on the surface, bacterial spores and a solution containing calcium lactate were inserted into the crack. Healing cracks up to 0.46 mm was possible when the solution is used in concrete for the self-medication process [9]. Concrete structures have been facing the problem of cracking plastic for a long time. This can reduce the strength of the structure, as well as reduce durability, and the service life of the structure prevents plastic through shrinkage. Plastic cracking is developed for many reasons, the primary is the calculation of solid particles in concrete or bleeding, and other causes may be the cause of this type of shrinkage [16]. The self-medication procedure is very well known to limit the spread of cracks in the concrete structure. There are various self-medication agents, as well as materials used in concrete with different applications, as well as performance [17].

Role of Superabsorbent Polymers (SAP)

Cement materials when mixed with superabsorbed polymers (SAP), then due to their properties, if resistance to cracks, as well as durability make this process attractive to new researchers. When SAP is induced in cement, the additional water in the mixture makes the mixture operational and has very less effect on mechanical properties. This process reduces the autogenous shrinkage process, and thus the crack resistance and durability properties are greatly improved [26].

The combined use of SAP and nanosilica proved to be a satisfactory solution when the experiments are performed on a sample to verify the behavior of plastic shrinkage cracks. Possibility of self-medication of the sample, which is increased when superabsorbent polymers are added to the cement content (SAP). Nanosilica and SAP are combined in self-medication experiments and found that durability increases significantly [24].

The role of different composites for self-medication

Healing in terms of autogenous for concrete structure, the heat produced continues to decrease as the concrete age increases. Prolonged hydration is observed in the case of GGBS concrete and silicate smoke, when the comparison is made for the normal use of Portland cement in concrete [22]. The use of pre-stressed hybrid tendons is used to heal cracks in concrete structures. Different types of tendons used in experiments to make effective reinforcement possible in the structure. Cracks can be cured with this system [13].

Clinker / polyvinylpyrrolidone(PVP) autolytic microsphere was made using a film coating method, a self-medicating material that is considered a cement clinker, while the autolytic film was used in the term PVP [15]. The grout was filled with cracks, and ultrasound equipment was used to control the crack healing process. Numerical modeling in terms of the 2-D area of the final difference was performed to determine the healing methods in the cement material [11].

Engineering cemented composites have great potential to study the self-healing ability of a surface crack [19]. The weight of ash in ECC was the most important factor in the crack healing process [10] [11]. Expansive chemicals as well as precipitation of CaCO_3 were used in samples for concrete material to have more life and surfaces that do not contain cracks [12]. Dust with a filter cement bag was non-cemental, and when it was replaced with cement during partial replacement and used in bacterial concrete, then the compressive strength was at a good level [14]. Samples were prepared using ash to detect the effect of bacterial spore performance in concrete self-healing. Cement was replaced by golden flies as a percentage of 10 to 30% [21].

Measure the Healing Process

It was confirmed that mineral precipitation on the cracked surface is a calcite crystal, this is tested using an electric field emission scanning microscope, as well as an X-ray diffraction analysis method [15]. The effectiveness of crack healing was tested for bacterial solution using UPV analysis tools and images. Self-healing of the mortar mixture was experimentally investigated using UPV and image analysis method [16]. Microbial calcite precipitate was observed on the crack surface by X-ray diffraction analysis [24], a scanning electron microscope was used for the imaging process, the energy dispersion spectrometer is also used for analysis [28] [17].

Healing indicators should be measured in terms of restoring the applied load on the sample, the efficiency of the crack seal and the permeability of the gas. The degree of hydration of various cement materials seemed to be a measure of age. The results obtained in terms of the proportions of calcite for the healing compounds formed are a tendency to increase according to the age of the cement sample [17]. Stable conditions can be effectively monitored when a constant water flow is applied so that the applied pressure gradients are not required, as the accuracy of the pressure measurements as found above for low flow [18].

II. CONCLUSION

The durability of the concrete structure increases if the correct self-treatment of cracks is built in. The strength of the structure has also increased to some extent. The width of the cracks to the main volumes can be completely healed under the necessary environmental conditions. Microbial concrete is very useful for crack healing and further development. The benefits of different bacteria for concrete healing are discussed in the article. Microbial concrete seemed a promising technology of structural strength. This concrete is also proving to be environmentally friendly as well as cost-effective technology for use in the construction sector.

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