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## unit - 5

### Engineering materials.

#### Cement.

- Portland cement is a finely grounded product which is obtained by the calcination process at 1500°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. Hydraulic cementing materials:
    - These are the materials which undergo setting and hardening in presence of water.  
ex; portland cement.
  - ii. Non-Hydraulic cementing materials:
    - These are the materials which becomes hardened ~~over~~ even in presence of air.  
ex; lime stone.

Raw materials of portland cement.

i

calcareous materials.  
ex: calcium oxide (CaO), lime stone  
chalk.

ii

Argillaceous materials.  
clay containing compounds like  
silica and alumina

iii

Gypsum  
Hydrated calcium sulphate  
(CaSO<sub>4</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O)

composition of portland cement.  
A good sample of portland cement  
have the following composition.

calcium oxide	CaO	60% - 70%
Silica	SiO <sub>2</sub>	20% - 24%
Alumina	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5% - 7.5%
magnesia	MgO	2% - 3%
Ferric oxide	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1% - 2.5%
Sulphur trioxide	SO <sub>3</sub>	1% - 1.5%
Potassium oxide	K <sub>2</sub> O	1%
Sodium oxide	Na <sub>2</sub> O	1%

functions of raw materials.

1. calcium oxide or lime is the principle  
constituent of cement.

→ excess lime may reduce the strength  
of cement due to expansion or  
disintegration.

2. Silica imparts strength to cement  
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3. Alumina is used for quick setting  
of cement.

4. Gypsum retards the setting action  
of cement.

5. Ferric oxide, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> imparts colour,  
strength and hardness to cement.

6. Sulphur trioxide, SO<sub>3</sub> imparts sound to cement.

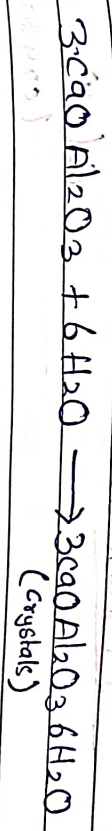
### setting and hardening of cement

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

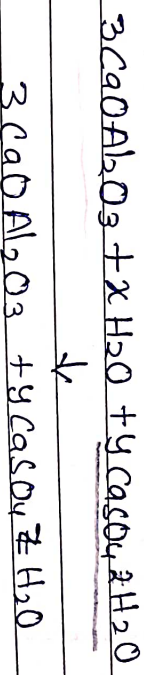
1. Setting
  2. hardening
- setting is defined as setting the original plastic mass due to initial gel formation.
- hardening is defined as the development of strength due to crystallization after setting hardening beings. the strength developed by the cement paste at any time depends on the amount of gel formed and the extent of crystallization

reactions involved in setting and hardening

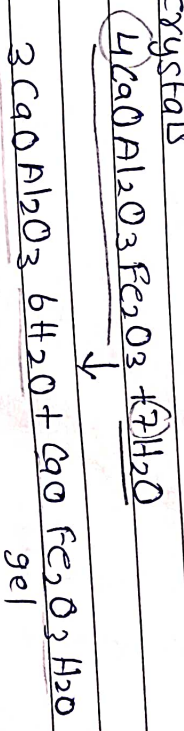
When cement is mixed with water it forms a cement paste which becomes rigid in a very short time. this is known as initial set or flash set this is due to C3A which hydrates rapidly.



The crystals formed prevent the hydration reaction. The Fe<sup>2+</sup> to prevent this flash set a little amount of gypsum is added to cement clinkers. gypsum retards the dissolution of C3A by forming insoluble complex of sulpho aluminate



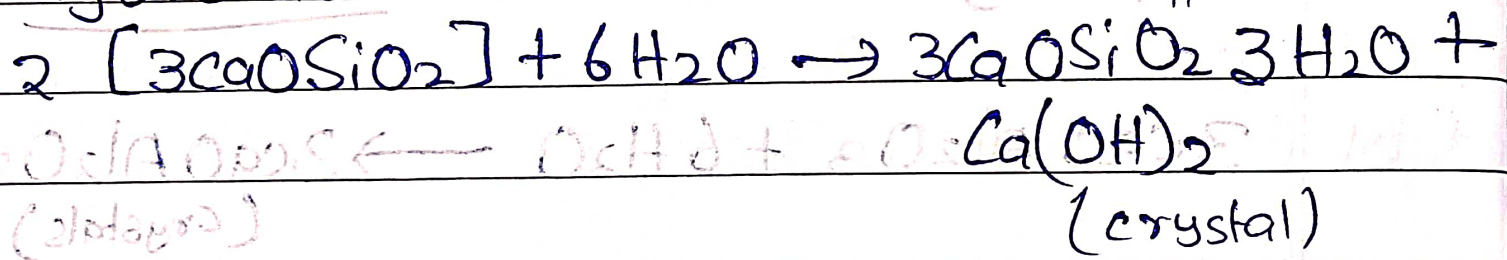
C4AF reacts with water forming gel and crystals



crystal

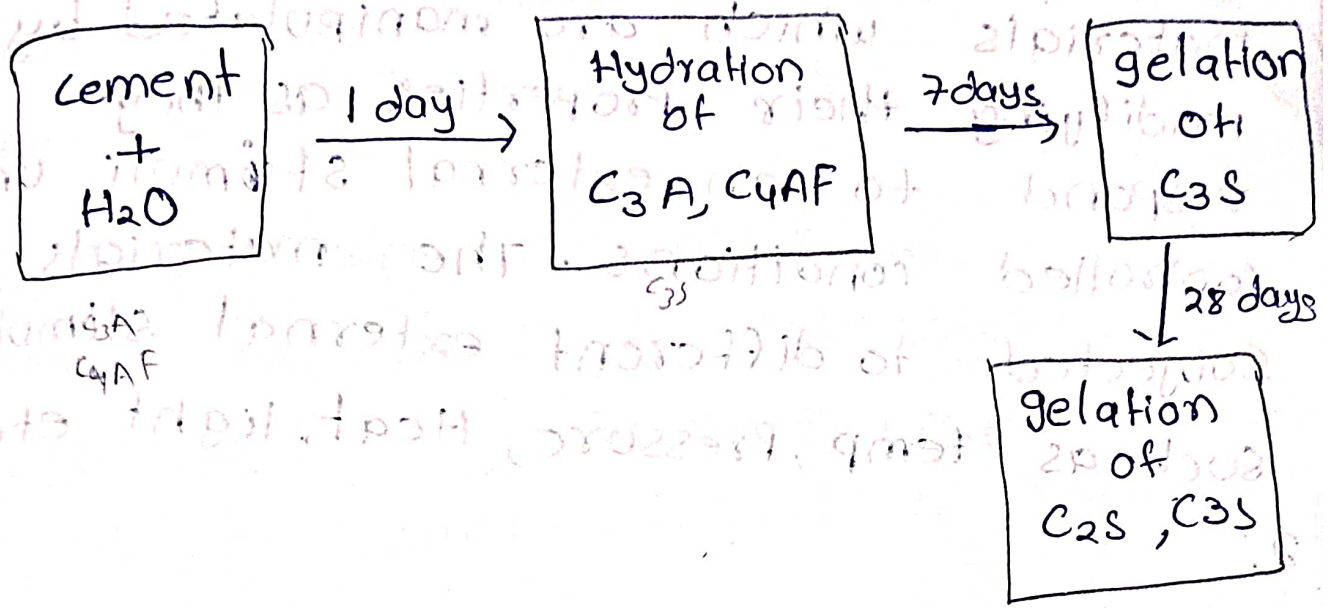
Thus the initial setting of cement paste is mainly due to hydration of  $C_3A'$  and gel formation of  $C_4AF'$

Final setting of cement is due to the formation of "Tobermorite" gel" and crystals of "calcium hydroxide" ( $T_{gel}$ )



Steps → continue.

# steps involved in setting and hardening of cement. ①



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

- tri calcium silicate  $3CaOSiO_2$   $C_3S$
- di calcium silicate  $2CaOSiO_2$   $C_2S$
- tri calcium aluminate  $3CaOAl_2O_3$   $C_3A$
- tetra calcium aluminoferrite  $4CaOAl_2O_3Fe_2O_3$   $C_4AF$

## 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.

## 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 which changes their shape when exposed to heat

### → Chromo active materials.

These are the materials which changes their colour when subjected to heat, light and pressure.

### → Thermo responsive materials

These are the smart materials which undergo change in their property like solubility when exposed to temperature

### → Photo active materials.

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

## Applications of smart materials.

1. They are used in solving 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, aircrafts, naval, civil structures, medicine tools and medical devices.
4. They are used in technical applications which includes composite materials with control

Shape and sound control, self repair, artificial organs.

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 sugar cane. It is also obtained by the polymerisation of lactic acid.

