Bacteria in Ultra-High-Performance Concrete - Review of Factors Affecting Durability

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Abstract

Durability is the most important aspect of the structure, but it is not the only aspect of the structure. We also need high workability, high strength, and high modulus of elasticity, high dimensional stability, low permeability, and chemical attack resistance, as well as a special self-healing capacity for construction of high rise structures, long-span precast/prestressed bridge girders, marine, aviation, and defense construction applications and special structures. According to several investigations, bacteria of the genus Bacillus are required to boost the self-healing potential of concrete. High-strength, self-compacting, fiber-reinforced, high performance, and bacterial self-healing concrete are required for special and high-rise constructions. In this study, we exclusively evaluate the bacterial effect of Genus Bacillus on various self-healing capabilities of concrete in terms of concrete durability. In our research, we also include ultra-high performance concrete, which is employed in constructions such as high-rise building construction, long-span precast/prestressed bridge girders, maritime, aviation, and defense construction applications. In this situation, a new type of concrete is formed, which is referred to as Bacterial Ultra-High-Performance Concrete. This concrete will be employed in high-rise and special-purpose structures in the future because of its great durability and low maintenance cost.

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Introduction

When we say Ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC) that means this is a mixture of Self-compacting concrete (SCC) with Fiber-reinforced concrete (FRC) and High-performance concrete (HPC) from this thing we find out Ultra-high performance concrete (UHPFRC) but when the percentage of steel fiber given low in amount then it's also called as Ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC)[1]. In bacterial concrete is mostly used genus bacillus: 88.7% (B.pasteurii:23.3%, B.sphaericus:18.6%, B.cohnii:9.3%&B.subtilis:7%...continued) to achieve batter performance in concrete durability like water permeability, chloride-ion permeability & corrosion

of steel reinforcement, carbonation & freeze-thaw resistance, deicer scaling resistance & chemical attack resistance, alkali-silica reaction & abrasion resistance, fire resistance[2].

When this kind of self-healing bacteria is mixed with Ultra high-performance concrete (UHPC) then a new kind of concrete is manufactured which is known as Bacterial ultra-high performance concrete (BUHPC). There are two methods to mix bacteria into the concrete first method is a direct method and another one is an indirect method. "The concentration of 10^5 cells/ml of mixing water has led to better performance for compressive strength"[2]. Most of these kinds of bacteria are found in soil[3]. "Jonkers finalized his creation by adding calcium lactate to the limestone concrete mixture to feed the bacillus so that they can produce limestone to repair cracks in the concrete"[4]

Factors affecting Durability:

i. Water permeability

Because concrete has a high water permeability, chemical compounds such as chloride ions infiltrate the material, causing reinforcement to corrode. Water adsorption in conventional concrete > High-performance concrete>UHPC>BUHPC [5] [6][2]. RPC200c water absorption is less than RPC200, RPC200 water absorption is less than C80, and C80 water absorption is less than C30[5]. "The decreased capillary porosity of UHPC can diminish capillary suction and entry of aggressive gas or solutions, resulting in reduced permeability." [8]. When bacteria from the Genus Bacillus are combined with concrete, the porosity of the concrete is lowered and the water absorption is lower than in conventional concrete [9].

ii. Chloride-ion permeability

When chloride ions from the environment penetrate the concrete then this can be the cause of corrosion in Reinforced cement concrete(RCC) structures, and thus why the study of chloride permeability is an important aspect of the durability of the concrete[6]. Free chloride ion penetration in steel/fiber reinforced concrete induces depassivation of the steel rebars or fibers and starts the corrosion process, leading to degradation of concrete structures[7][8]. Bacteria mixed concrete can lead to gain in resistance towards chloride permeation[9].

iii. Corrosion of steel reinforcement

The main cause of deterioration is Chloride-induced corrosion of steel reinforcement because chloride-ion permeability of bacterial & ultra-high performance concrete is very low that's why bacteria mixed ultra-high performance concrete has very high resistance against corrosion[10].

iv. Carbonation

Carbonation is the chemical reaction of carbon dioxide with calcium hydroxide and hydrated calcium silicate in concrete[11]. In this way, the pH value of concrete lowers to 9 at such pH level layer of protective oxide around steel reinforcement breaks down [10]. Without suitable conditions, carbonation cannot happen that's why where concrete is very dry carbonation rate becomes very low because of very low water.

v. Freeze-thaw resistance

Freeze-thaw resistance is the capacity of some materials, such as concrete, coatings, or other materials, to endure the highly damaging pressures of cyclic freezing and thawing. Water is the primary source of assistance in the freeze-thaw process.

There are two forms of physical weathering in concrete constructions and rocks:

- Freeze and thaw
- Freeze and expansion

Freeze-thaw resistance, also known as freezing and thawing resistance, is a term used to describe the ability to withstand freezing and thawing. The ability of materials used in industrial constructions, such as concrete and coatings, to withstand cyclic freezing and melting is referred to as freeze-thaw resistance. Water continually penetrates fractures during the freeze-thaw cycle. When water freezes and expands at low temperatures, it exerts immense pressure on the pores of the concrete as well as any fractured concrete. If the pressure is higher than the concrete's tensile strength, the cavities in the concrete where water has gathered and frozen will enlarge and break, compounding the fractures throughout the structure. The cumulative effect of multiple freeze-thaw cycles on the concrete structure, as well as the disturbance of paints, coatings, and aggregates, can eventually cause expansion, cracking, scaling, and crumbling. Sodium chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, and potassium chloride are some compounds that can lower the freezing point of water and so shorten the freeze-thaw cycle[12].

vi. Chemical attack resistance

Chemical assaults such as sulfates, chlorides, and others occur when concrete constructions are exposed to marine conditions. Corrosion and spelling follow as a result[10]. Due to a chemical attack in BUHPC its required more time than conventional concrete to make any sine in concrete[13][9].

Conclusion :

This work provides a detailed assessment of the durability properties of BUHPC, including water and chloride-ion permeability, corrosion of steel reinforcement, carbonation, freeze-thaw resistance, and chemical attack resistance. Based on the summation and debate, the following conclusions may be drawn:

1. Because of its low W/B and thick structure, BUHPC demonstrated outstanding permeability resistance to water and chloride-ion penetration, carbonation, and other chemical assaults. The chloride ion diffusion coefficient of BUHPC was shown to be at least one order of magnitude lower than that of CC or HPC, depending on critical aspects such as mixture percentage, curing regime, medium solution concentration, steel fiber volume, and testing age. Carbonation occurs seldom on BUHPC after 1 to 3 years of exposure, whether under conventional curing or heat curing. In contrast, freshly generated carbonation products can partially or fill micro-cracks in UHPC to restore mechanical strength.
2. Over hundreds of freeze-thaw cycles, up to 1000 cycles, BUHPC was shown to acquire mass, compressive strength, and relative dynamic modulus. This can be due to absorbed water and/or continuing hydration in the presence of a high concentration of unhydrated cement particles.

BUHPC's strong mechanical qualities and endurance make it an excellent alternative for infrastructure systems, particularly those exposed to extreme climatic situations. However, due to the direct introduction of UHPC into structural applications without suitable design rules, wasteful material utilization, and function exertion must be considered. As a result of this work, the following elements should be examined in future research.

1. The corrosion of fiber-reinforced concrete is caused by free and bound chlorides. A deep examination of chloride transport capabilities and chloride binding isotherms of BUHPC exposed to external chloride environments may give useful information for service life prediction.
2. Material characterization of BUHPC specimens during freeze-thaw cycling and loading settings may offer information on the fracture recovery effect. Additional microstructural investigation of the continuing hydration of BUHPC specimens treated with different curing regimes will also aid in the description of this phenomenon.

3. A closer examination of the abrasion response of BUHPC during freeze-thaw or drying-wetting cycles, as well as the abrasive action associated with tides and winds, is beneficial to the application of BUHPC as a viable maritime structural material.
4. The flexural, tensile, and thermal characteristics of BUHPC specimens treated to heating should also be examined. This is critical for the core inputs of BHPC and fire safety design. Furthermore, the interaction between BUHPC and other concrete materials, such as CC and HPC, caused by temperature gradients should be investigated. This can give realistic advice for the combined usage of BUHPC and other forms of concrete.

Declaration of Competing Interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

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