



The Stabilization of Copper and Cadmium in The Hydrated CaO-CuO-SiO₂ and CaO-CdO-SiO₂ Composites

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ABSTRACT

The stabilization of toxic metals in the stable matrices is quite well-known. Research on copper and cadmium stabilization in the CaO-CuO-SiO₂ and CaO-CdO-SiO₂ composites was conducted to study the characteristics of CaO-CuO-SiO₂ and CaO-CdO-SiO₂ composites as well as the Cu and Cd metals stabilization in the hydrated composites. The composites of CaO-CuO-SiO₂ and CaO-CdO-SiO₂ were synthesized by the solid-state reaction method. A stoichiometric amount of CaO, SiO₂, Cu(NO₃)₂, and CdO were calcined at 1050°C for 4 hours. The synthesized compounds were further hydrated in a soaking time of 30, 60, and 90 days. The hydration produced calcium silicate hydrate that can stabilize metals. The Cu and Cd stability in CaO-CuO-SiO₂ and CaO-CdO-SiO₂, respectively, were tested using the Toxicity Leaching Procedure (TCLP) method. The hydrated and hydrated composite characterizations were performed using X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier Transform Infra-Red Spectrophotometer (FTIR), and Scanning Energy Microscopy-Energy Dispersive X-ray analyzer (SEM-EDX) and the Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS) methods. The composites mainly consist of Ca₃SiO₅, Ca₂SiO₄, Ca(OH)₂, SiO₂, and metal oxide of CuO, Cu₂O, and CdO. The composites were able to stabilize ~100% of the heavy metals of Cu and Cd.

INTRODUCTION

Heavy metals can cause environmental pollution. In the environment, gradually heavy metals will be absorbed by and accumulated in living organisms. Bioaccumulation of heavy metals can occur in plants, animals, and humans and cause serious health problems. Some metals that can cause health problems are cadmium (Cd) and copper (Cu) (Hossain et al. 2019).

Copper is toxic to certain levels of the human body. Poisoning of this metal can be acute or through accumulation first. Acute poisoning by Cu causes symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, hemolysis, nephrosis, seizures, and death. Chronic copper poisoning can occur in the liver, leading to hemolysis (Gaetke et al. 2014). On the other hand, cadmium has negative effects on adult humans, including bone damage, cardiovascular disease, and heart disease. Other effects of cadmium are arthritis, kidney failure, and an increased risk of breast cancer (Chen et al. 2016). Those reasons motivate researchers to stabilize heavy metals to reduce pollution using the stabilization/solidification (S/S) method. The S/S technology is based on stabilizing waste, both physically and chemically. Cement,

lime, and dissolved silica are often used in the S/S process so that the metals do not leak into the environment (Singh & Budarayavalasa 2021).

Composites from a mixture of CaO and SiO₂ can be used to stabilize heavy metals. The reaction between the two compounds will produce calcium silicate compounds. CaO compounds can be obtained from chicken and duck eggshells. This is because eggshells contain 94-97% CaCO₃. The source of CaO compounds can be chosen from eggshells because of their high abundance and priceless. The oxide of SiO₂ can be obtained from nature. Many plants contain silica compounds. Reeds are one of the plants containing silica. However, the use of reeds as a source of SiO₂ is rare (Al-Jubouri et al. 2021).

Hydration is a reaction between certain compounds and water. The reaction can proceed eventually depending on the reactivity of the cation that is substituted (Prodjosantoso 2010). Calcium silicate reacts with water will form calcium silicate hydrate and calcium hydroxide compounds (Schlegel et al. 2015).

One of the main methods for measuring the leaching of heavy metal from the composite is the use of standard

leaching tests. The most used procedure is the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The TCLP test is needed to determine the absorption rate of copper and cadmium in CaO-CuO/CdO-SiO₂ composites. This test can determine the degree of stabilization of copper and cadmium.

Over the past five years, more than nine hundred articles and journals on heavy metals have been published. This shows how critical the heavy metal problem is. Efforts to stabilize heavy metals with various breakthroughs need to be made. Research by Prodjosantoso and Kennedy (2003) on heavy metals Mg, Cd, Pb, and Ba in the cement phase Ca₃Al₂O₆ states that the change in the cement phase after the inclusion of foreign metals in the structure has a large area for further study with various heavy metals and types of composites.

Based on the description above, the purpose of this study is to determine the amount of metal that is stabilized in composites. This study has a great chance of obtaining the result that heavy metals will not be leached after a certain time of the hydration process.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Composite Synthesis

The calcium oxide extracted from the powdered eggshell was mixed with the silicon dioxide from the reeds in a crucible. Calcining powder calcium oxide from eggshells and calcining powder silicon dioxide from reed plants were assumed to be pure calcium dioxide (CaO) and pure silicon dioxide (SiO₂). Thus, the molecular mass of these two powders was assumed to be equal to the relative mass of the pure compound. A mixture of these two materials was added with metals (Cu(NO₃)₂·3H₂O and CdO) to form a mixture of 1.8 CaO: 0.2 MO (metal oxide): 1 SiO₂. Then ethanol was added into the mixture and crushed until homogeneous, then dried. Drying was carried out using an oven at 110°C for 4 hours so that a dry mixture was obtained. The dry mixture was calcined at 1050°C for 4 hours and was cooled at room temperature to obtain the CaO-MO-SiO₂ composite. The samples were characterized using XRD, FTIR, and SEM-EDX methods.

Composite Hydration

A total of 5 grams of the composite was soaked in 500 mL of water for 30, 60, and 90 days. After soaking, this mixture was filtered off using a 600 mesh sieve to separate the filtrate from the precipitate. The precipitate was dried using an oven at 105°C for 1 h so that a dry hydrate composite was obtained.

The filtrate was evaluated using AAS to determine the rest of the metal that had not been entangled in the composite. Dry hydrate composites were characterized using FTIR.

Extractor Solution Determination

A total of 0.5 g of dry hydrate composite was put into a 250 mL beaker, added with 9.65 mL of water, and stirred using a magnetic stirrer for 5 min. The homogeneous composite mixture was then filtered off to obtain the filtrate. The pH of the filtrate was measured to determine the type of extractor solution. According to Kumar et al. (2016), two types of extractor solutions can be used. When the pH of the filtrate is < 5, extractor solution #1 of 5.7 mL of glacial acetic acid (98%) and 64.3 mL NaOH 1 N can be used. When the pH is more than 5, extractor solution #2 of 5.7 mL of glacial acetic acid can be nominated. All samples indicated a pH of > 5.

TCLP (Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure)

Two grams of dry hydrated composite was added into a 250 mL Erlenmeyer, and then 40 mL of extractor #2 solution was added and stirred in an incubator for 18 hours at a rate of 60 rpm. The homogeneous mixture was then filtered off using filter paper to separate the filtrate (liquid phase) from the precipitate (solid phase). The liquid phase was characterized using the AAS method to determine the concentration of metal leached from the TCLP process. In contrast, the solid phase was characterized using XRD, FTIR, and SEM methods.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The composite of CaO-CuO-SiO₂ and CaO-CdO-SiO₂ was successfully synthesized (Table 1.). The composites were characterized using the XRD Rigaku MiniFlex 600 operating Cu-K α radiation (1.541874 Å) at 2 θ angle from 2° to 80°.

Table 1: Sample code.

Treatment	Code	
	CaO-CuO-SiO ₂	CaO-CdO-SiO ₂
Composite	Cu.h0	Cd.h0
30-day hydrated composite	Cu.h30	Cd.h30
60-day hydrated composite	Cu.h60	Cd.h60
60-day hydrated composite	Cu.h90	Cd.h90
30-day hydrated composite and TCLP	Cu.h0T	Cd.h30T
60-day hydrated composite and TCLP	Cu.h30T	Cd.h60T
90-day hydrated composite and TCLP	Cu.h90T	Cd.h90T

The XRD diffractogram of unhydrated CaO-CuO-SiO₂ composite (Cu.h0) is described in Fig. 1., indicating that the calcined mixture of eggshell and reeds consists of calcium silicates (Ca₃SiO₅ (30.1%) and Ca₂SiO₄ (59.2%)), calcium hydroxide (Ca(OH)₂ (8.0%)), cristobalite (SiO₂ (2.2%)), copper tenorite (CuO (0.3%)), and unidentified species. Tricalcium silicate (Ca₃SiO₅) is characterized by lines at 2θ° angles of 18.30°; 23.42°; 29.76°; 31.40°; 32.56°; 34.62°; 35.90°; 39.16°; 41.54°; and 43.44°, which are in agreement with COD No. 1540705 data. This is also in accordance with Chen et al. (2007) finding that the XRD diffractogram

of Ca₃SiO₅ is at 2θ° around 23°, 29°, and 31°.

The compound Ca₂SiO₄ is indicated by XRD lines at 2θ° = 23.42°; 29.76°; 32.56°; 34.62°; 41.54°; 43.44°; 44.93°; 46.04°; 47.80°; 48.80°; 51.16°; 53.90°; 56.74°; 58.65°; 60.87°; and 68.52°. These peaks are in accordance with the results of the research of Mei et al. (2020) and COD No. 1546025. The phase of Ca(OH)₂ is indicated by lines at 2θ° about 51.16°, 18.30, and 56.74°, which is in accordance with COD No. 1000045. Samanta et al. (2016) state that Ca(OH)₂ (calcite) is indicated by a line at 2θ° around 51°.

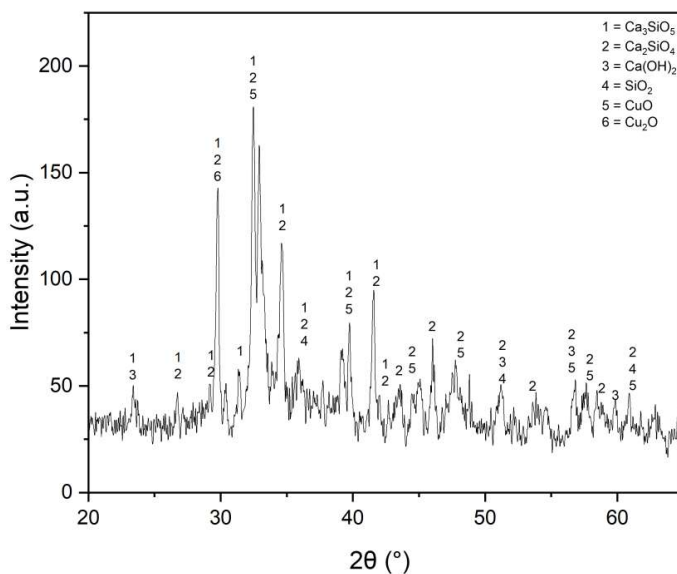


Fig. 1: The XRD diffractogram of Cu.h0 composite.

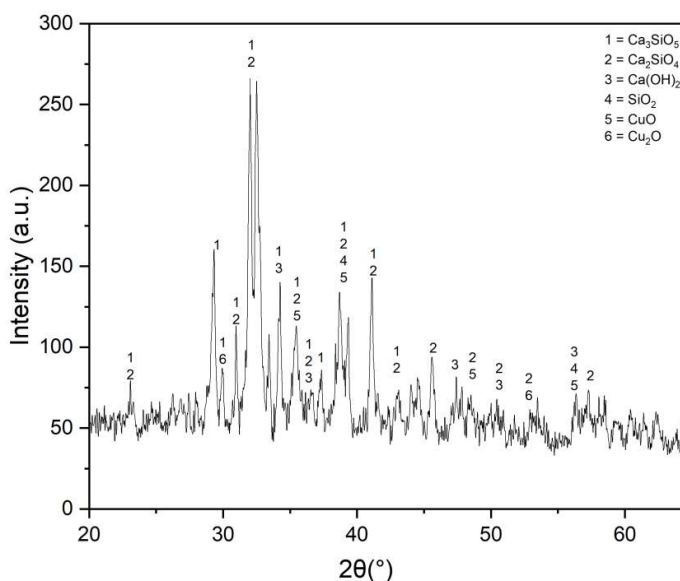


Fig. 2: The XRD diffractogram of Cu.h90T composite.

The compound of SiO_2 is indicated by peaks at $2\theta^\circ$ of 35.90° , 51.16° , and 68.52° . The peaks at 51.16° and 68.52° are in agreement with Geng et al. (2023) for $\alpha\text{-SiO}_2$. Copper compounds of CuO and Cu_2O are observed. The CuO occurs typically at $2\theta^\circ$ angles of 32.48° , 46.04° , 39.16° , 51.16° , 58.65° , and 68.52° , which are in accordance with COD No. 1526990, and Filiz (2020). The Cu_2O cuprite is indicated by the presence of peaks at $2\theta^\circ = 29.76^\circ$, which is in accordance with COD No. 1000063 data (Animasahun et al. 2021).

The Cu.h90T composite is the hydrated sample for 90 days. The XRD diffractogram indicates $2\theta^\circ$ lines at 23.08° ; 29.30° ; 29.95° ; 30.98° ; 32.00° ; 34.22° ; 35.44° ; 36.62° ; 37.32° ; 38.70° ; 41.10° ; and 43.04° (Fig. 2) for Ca_3SiO_5 (COD data No. 1540705). Chen et al. (2007) confirmed that the XRD diffraction peaks of the Ca_3SiO_5 compound are at $2\theta^\circ = 23^\circ$ and 29° . Another silicate, Ca_2SiO_4 compound, is identified by diffraction peaks at $2\theta^\circ = 23.08^\circ$; 30.98° ; 32.00° ; 35.44° ; 36.62° ; 38.70° ; 41.10° ; 43.04° ; 45.60° ; 48.40° ; 50.92° ; 52.97° ; 56.34° ; and 57.28° which is in agreement with COD No. 1546025. $2\theta^\circ$, and the findings of Mei et al. (2020).

XRD lines at $2\theta^\circ = 34.22^\circ$; 36.62° ; 47.40° ; 50.92° ; and 56.34° indicate the presence of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ compound (Samanta et al. 2016, COD data No. 1000045). The lines at $2\theta^\circ$ around 38.70° and 56.34° indicate the existence of the SiO_2 compound. The lines at $2\theta^\circ = 29.95^\circ$ and 52.97° indicate the presence of Cu_2O (COD No. 1000063), while the lines at 35.44° , 38.70° , and 48.40° indicate a typical line of CuO (COD No. 1526990, Filiz, 2020). Analyzing using

Match! 3 indicates the presence of Ca_3SiO_5 (20.4%), Ca_2SiO_4 (61.5%), $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ (4.7%), SiO_2 (5.6%), CuO (7.7%), Cu_2O (0.1%), and an unidentified species (13.5%).

Based on the XRD diffractograms, Cu.h0T and Cu.h90T samples are crystalline phases. In addition, the samples contain Ca_3SiO_5 , Ca_2SiO_4 , $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$, SiO_2 , CuO , and Cu_2O specieses.

The XRD diffractogram of the Cd.h0 is shown in Fig. 3. The XRD diffractogram of the Cd.h0 sample consisting of several lines indicating the presence of CdO (cadmium oxide monteponite), SiO_2 (cristobalite), Ca_3SiO_5 (alite), Ca_2SiO_4 (silicate), and $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$.

Based on analysis using Match 3, the percentage of compounds Ca_3SiO_5 is 18.6%; Ca_2SiO_4 27.4%; $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ 40.2 %; SiO_2 13.3%; and CdO 0.2%. The percentage of metal Cd is observed to be very small. This is because Cd evaporated when subjected to heating during the sample treatment (Prodjosantoso & Kennedy 2003).

The diffraction lines at $2\theta^\circ = 32.85^\circ$ and 54.80° indicate the CdO . This is in accordance with the finding of Munawar et al. (2020), showing the XRD lines at $2\theta^\circ = 32^\circ$ and 55° . The SiO_2 XRD lines are observed $2\theta^\circ = 36.10^\circ$; 39.58° ; 41.47° ; 54.80° ; 63.18° ; and 64.78° . Typical lines appearing at $2\theta^\circ = 21.95^\circ$; 23.25° ; 29.56° ; 32.85° ; 34.47° ; 36.10° ; 39.58° ; 41.47° ; 43.29° ; 45.91° ; 47.58° ; 51.25° ; 53.48° ; 54.80° ; 59.85° ; and 63.18° indicate the presence of Ca_2SiO_4 which is in agreement with COD No. 1546025. Lines at $2\theta^\circ = 18.25^\circ$; 21.95° ; 23.25° ; 29.56° ; 32.85° ; 34.47° ; 36.10° ;

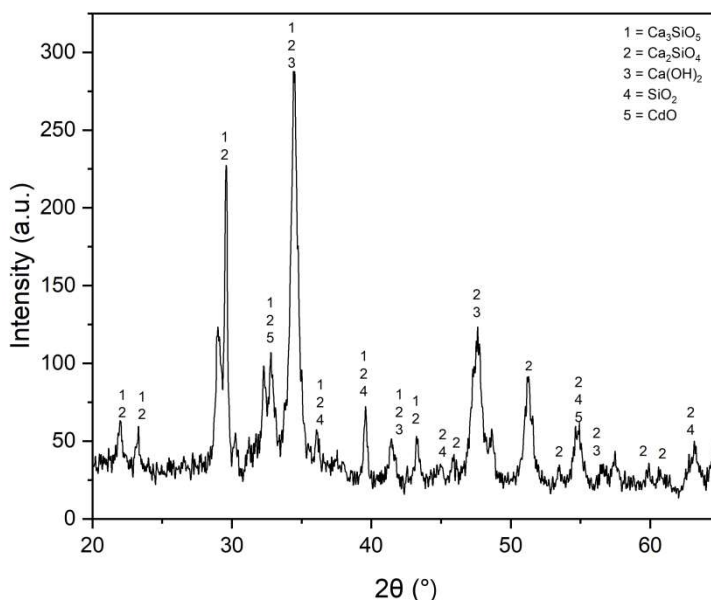


Fig. 3: The XRD diffractogram Cd.h0 sample.

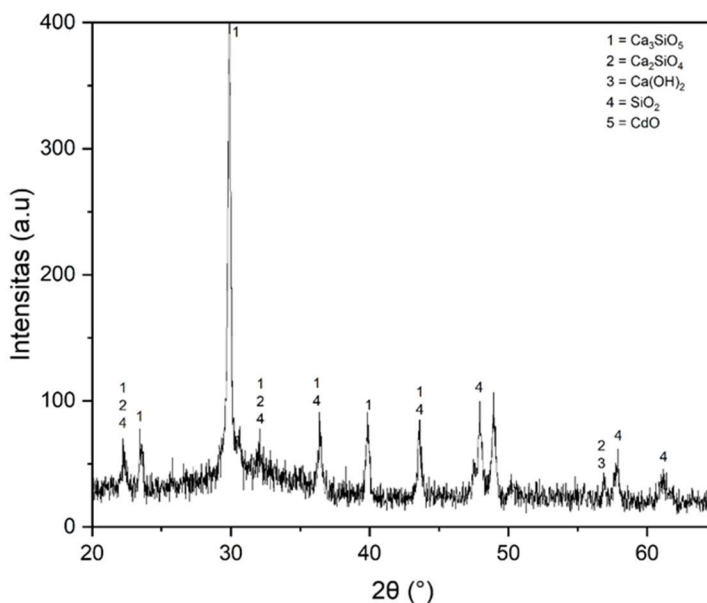


Fig. 4: The XRD diffractogram sample Cd.h90T composite CaO-CdO x-SiO₂ after 90 days of hydration and TCLP.

39.58°; 41.47°; and 43.29° indicate the presence of Ca₃SiO₅ (COD No. 1540705). Chen et al. (2007) state that the XRD lines of Ca₃SiO₅ are about 2θ° = 23° and 29°. The lines at 2θ° - 18.25°; 34.47°, 47.58°, and 56.59° indicate the Ca(OH)₂ (COD No. 1000045, Samanta et al. 2016).

The XRD diffractogram of Cd.h90T is depicted in Fig. 4. Analysis of the XRD diffractogram of Cd.h90T using Match! 3 indicate the percentage of Ca₃SiO₅ of 58.7%; Ca₂SiO₄ 21.8 %; Ca(OH)₂ 1.0%; SiO₂ 18.3%; CdO 0.1%, and some unidentified peak 17.7%.

The XRD diffraction peaks at 2θ° = 22.28°; 23.53°; 29.89°; 32.00°; 36.41°; 39.86°; and 43.58° indicate the presence of Ca₃SiO₅ (COD No. 1540705, Chen et al. 2007). The peaks at 2θ° = 18.63°; 22.28°; 32.00°; 56.90°; 65.02°; and 70.66° indicate the presence of Ca₂SiO₄. The line at 2θ° 56.90° indicates the presence of Ca(OH)₂ (COD No. 1000045). The lines are also observed at 2θ° = 22.28°; 32.00°; 36.41°; 43.58°; 47.94°; 61.18°; 66.10°; and 70.66° indicating the SiO₂ and at 2θ° = 66° indicating the presence of CdO (Munawar et al. 2020).

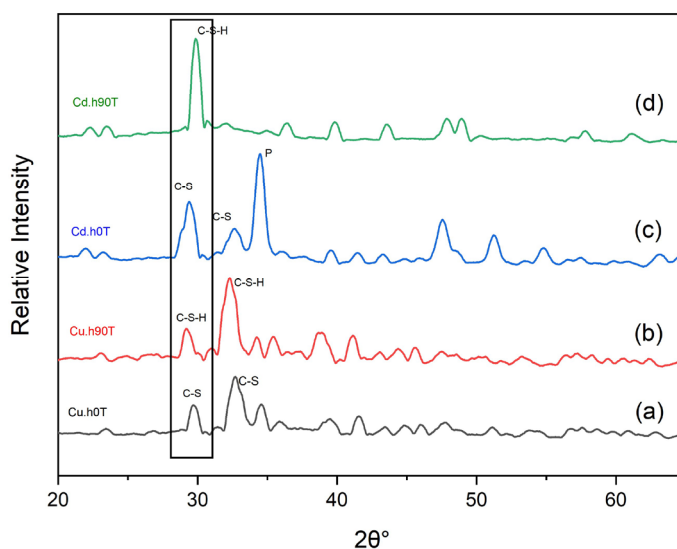


Fig. 5: The XRD diffractogram of (a) Cu.h0, (b) Cu.h90T, (c) Cd.h0, and (d) Cd.h90T samples.

Table 2: The FTIR absorption data of CaO-CuO-SiO₂

Interpretation	Wavenumber [cm ⁻¹]		
	Cu.h0	Cu.h90	Cu.h90T
O-H stretching of Ca(OH) ₂	3625	3627	3595
O-H stretching of H ₂ O	3378	3426	3368
C=O stretching of CO ₂	2359	2360	2357
C-O stretching of CaCO ₃	1405	1414	1419
	1435		
	1477		
Stretching asymmetri Si-O of C-S-H	985	967	996
Ca-O stretching	869	871	872
Si-O-Si group	672	669	668
stretching O-Si-O of SiO ₂	500	495	492

The XRD diffractogram of composite undergoes a shift after the hydration process and TCLP test (Fig. 5). According to Maddalena et al. (2019) the shifts from $2\theta = 29.76^\circ$ to 29.30° and from 29.56° to 29.89° for CaO-CuO-SiO₂ and CaO-CdO_x-SiO₂, respectively, indicate the formation of calcium silicate hydrate (C-S-H).

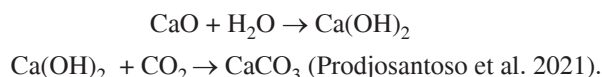
The shifts of the XRD diffractogram are due to the formation of new phases, namely CaO-CuO-SiO₂ and CaO-CdO-SiO₂. In the new phases, the Ca²⁺ ions are partly replaced by copper and cadmium ions in the Cu.h90T and Cd.h90T, respectively. The diameters of the Ca²⁺, Cu⁺, Cu²⁺, and Cd²⁺ ions are 114 pm, 91 pm, 87 pm, and 97 pm, respectively. Thus, due to the ions substituting Ca²⁺ are smaller, the XRD lines are shifted to the right (Fig. 5).

Samples obtained by calcining a mixture of eggshell, reed ash, and metal oxide were analyzed using FTIR to identify the

existence of the functional groups of the compounds in the sample. The vibrations of the samples are listed in Table 2.

The FTIR spectra of Cu.h0, Cu.h90, and Cu.h90T samples are similar (Fig. 6.). The difference is noticeable in the intensity of the peaks spectra, indicating the difference in the quantitative amount of components in the samples.

The O-H vibration at 3200-3600 cm⁻¹ is stronger, along with hydration treatment and TCLP on the samples. The increase in O-H spectra is due to the hydration of CaO-producing Ca(OH)₂. The presence of Ca-O in the Ca(OH)₂ is indicated by absorption at a wavenumber of 800 cm⁻¹. The Ca(OH)₂ readily reacts with CO₂ from air through the following reaction.



The formation of CaCO₃ is supported by the presence of a peak indicating the C-O stretching in the CaCO₃. This peak is weak in the unhydrated sample and is stronger in hydrated and TCLP samples, indicating the increase of CaCO₃ in the unhydrated sample. The increase of CaCO₃ is due to the carbonation of CaO and/or Ca(OH)₂. According to Imani et al. (2022), hydrated CaO reacts with CO₂, producing CaCO₃. The CO₂ in the sample is indicated by the absorption at 2400 cm⁻¹ (Bekhti et al. 2021).

The peak at 900 cm⁻¹ indicates the presence of a Ca-Si-O bond. Hydration treatment causes the absorption of Ca-Si-O to increase in intensity. This is due to the increased amount of C-S-H bonds caused by hydration. The increase in C-S-H is also supported by the presence of free water (H₂O), which is indicated by weak absorption at 3400 cm⁻¹ (Saidani et al., 2018).

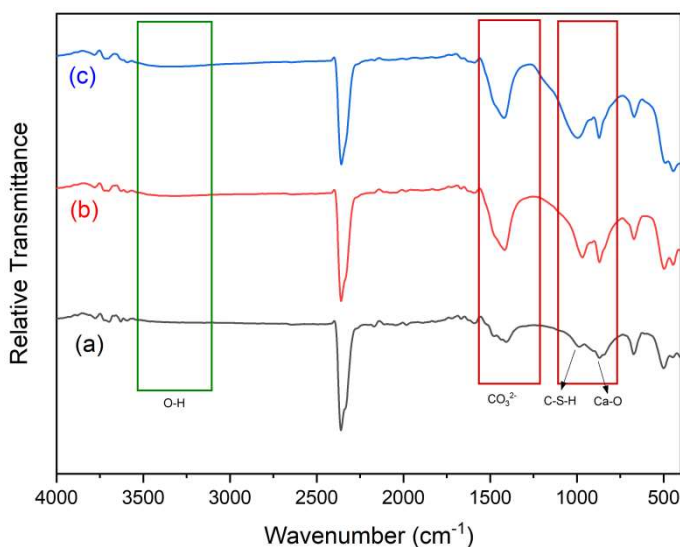


Fig. 6: The FTIR spectra of (a) Cu.h0, (b) Cu.h90, and (c) Cu.h90T.

Table 3: CaO-CdO_x-SiO₂ composite FTIR data absorption.

Interpretation	Wavenumber [cm ⁻¹]		
	Sample Cd.h0	Sample Cd.h90	Sample Cd.h90T
O-H stretching of H ₂ O	3632	3592	3429
O-H stretching of Ca(OH) ₂	3375	3395	3375
C=O stretching of CO ₂	2359	2358	2357 2332
C-O stretching of CaCO ₃	1408	1408	1413
Ca-O-Si	997	966	962
Ca-O stretching	910 873	873	870
Si-O-Si group	706 669	706 666	702 660
O-Si-O stretching of SiO ₂	500	445	443

The FTIR spectra of CaO-CdO₂-SiO₂ are comprised of various absorption peaks (Table 3).

The FTIR spectra of hydrated and unhydrated samples are depicted in Fig. 7. The FTIR spectra differences between Cd.h0 with Cd.h90 and Cd.h90T are observed. The spectra of the hydrated sample observed at 3200-3600 cm⁻¹ are stronger than the unhydrated. This is due to the reaction of CaO with water, forming Ca(OH)₂.

In the C-O absorption area, the asymmetry of CaCO₃ absorption peaks is stronger. This indicates that there is an increase in CaCO₃ after hydration, according to research from Bekhti et al. (2021). Conversely, the Ca-O absorption area at 910-870 cm⁻¹ experienced attenuation of absorption. This is because Ca in CaO is replaced by Cd metal, and then Ca in Ca-Si-O bonds increases in the wavenumber range 1050-

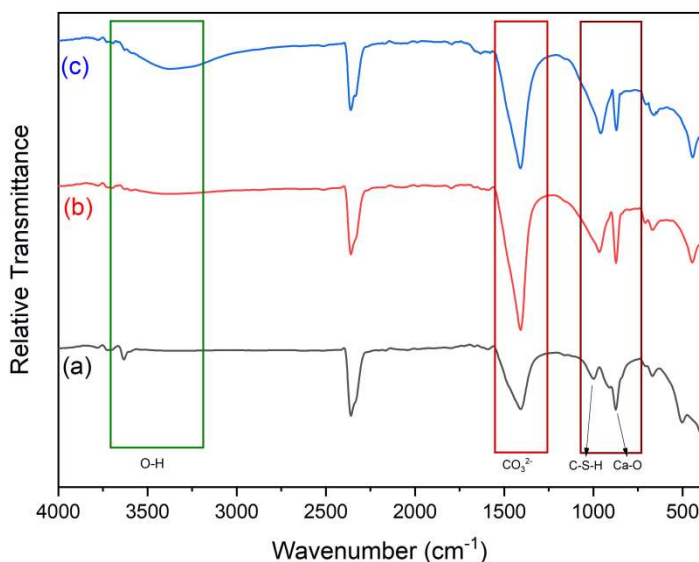


Fig. 7: The FTIR spectra of (a) Cd.h0), (b) Cd.h90, and (c) Cd.h90T.

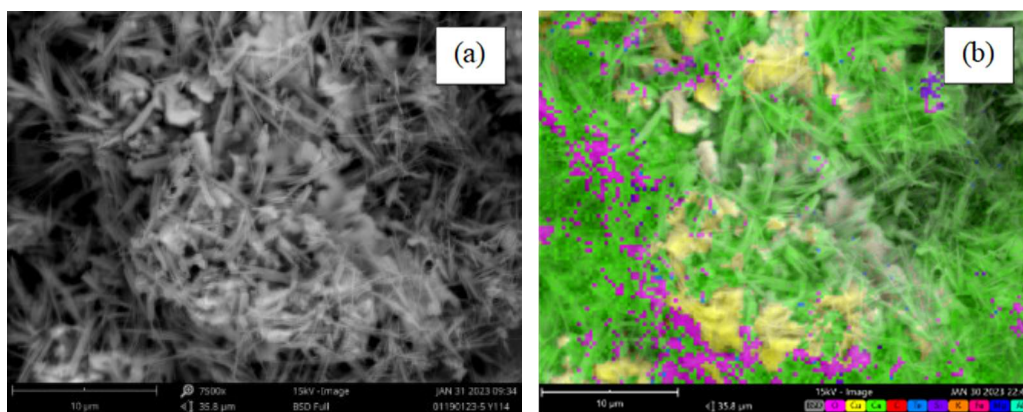


Fig. 8: the surface morphology of Cu.h0 with 7500x magnification (a) and mapping (b).

950 cm^{-1} . This is in accordance with Yang et al. (2022) research.

Selected SEM micrographs of Cu.h0 are presented in Fig. 8. The sample is elongated fibers with a length of about 3 μm . The particles are evenly distributed, and agglomerations are not observed. In addition to observing the surface with SEM, surface analysis was also undertaken using EDX to determine the elements composing the sample (Fig. 8). The distribution of elements is observed to be homogeneous with the dominance of Ca (green). The Cu element is in the middle position, surrounded by other elements.

The EDX analysis of Cu.h0 results in the element composition of the sample (Fig. 9), Ca, Cu, and Si as much as 48.75%; Cu 44.87%; and Si 16.38%, respectively. The tiny amount of other elements detected are K, Fe, Al, and Mg. These elements are in samples as a result of the use of natural material as a precursor. The elements of Al, K, Mg, and Fe were reported to be present in chicken eggshells (Park et al. 2007), and K and Mg are found in

reeds (Butler et al. 2021).

The SEM micrographs of Cu.h90T are shown in Fig. 10. The 90-day hydration and TCLP (Fig. 10.) cause the deformation of the particle. The elongated fibers (Fig. 8.) change to rounded particles having about 1 μm in size. The even distribution of Ca and Si is observed (Fig. 10).

The EDX graph (Fig. 11) describes that the percentages of elements Ca, Cu, and Si are (50.63%), (20.84%) and (16.38%), respectively. The percentage of Cu elements decreases after 90 days of hydration and TCLP. In the sample are also observed, unexpected elements such as K, Al, Mg, and P. These elements can be assumed from eggshells and reeds used as precursors.

The SEM was performed on Cd.h0 samples (Fig. 12). The surface of Cd.h0 is irregular in shape. The surface is dominated by the Ca element, which is characterized by the presence of a dominant green color. The Si elements (purple) are slightly visible, while the cadmium elements are not detected.

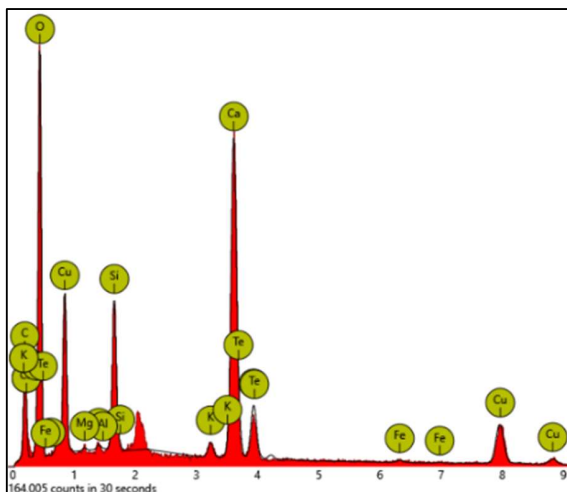


Fig. 9: The EDX of Cu.h0.

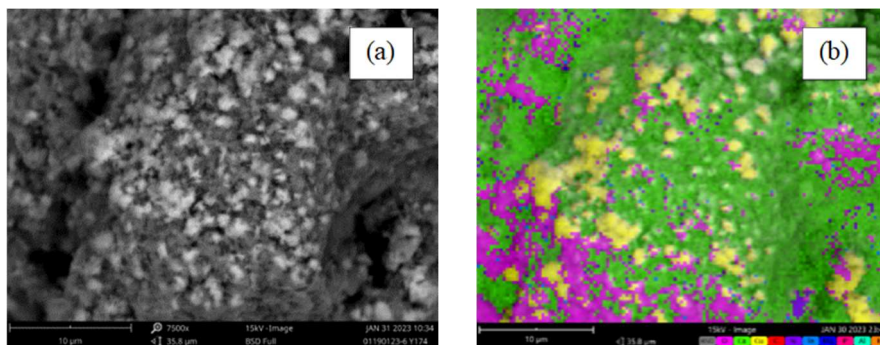


Fig. 10: The SEM micrograph of Cu.h90T.

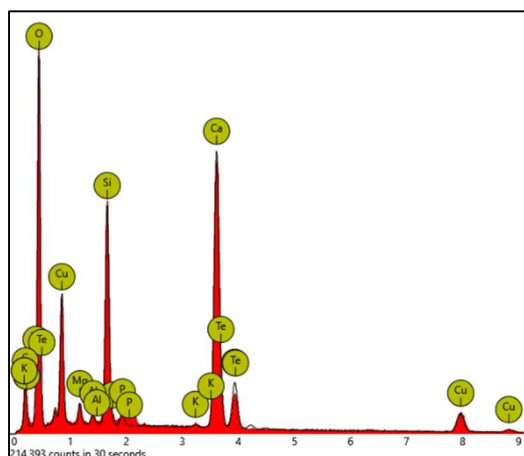


Fig. 11: The EDX graph of Cu.h90T.

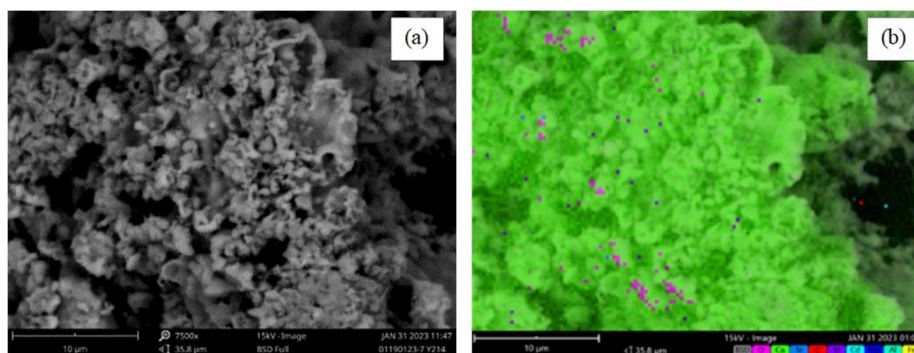


Fig. 12: The surface morphology of Cd.h0.

The SEM micrograph of Cd.h90T can be seen in Fig. 13. The surface of the sample is rough, with no lumps forming. Elemental mapping analysis (Fig. 13. (b)) indicates that the distribution of elements on the sample surface is evenly distributed. The surface is dominated by Ca (green) and the minor of Cd (light blue), which Ca may cover.

The EDX of Cd.h90T (Fig. 14.) shows the percentage

of the main constituents of the sample, i.e., Ca (52.9%), Cd (3.44%), and Si (43.66%). There is a decreasing content of Cd metal after the hydration and TCLP samples. It is believed that Cd evaporates during sample preparation (Prodjosantoso & Kennedy 2003).

For tracing the Cu and Cd metals, the hydration and TCLP filtrate of the samples were analyzed using the AAS method.

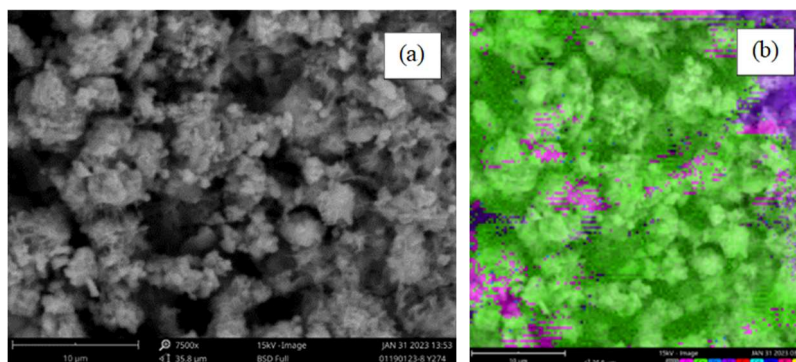


Fig. 13: The surface morphology of Cd.h90T.

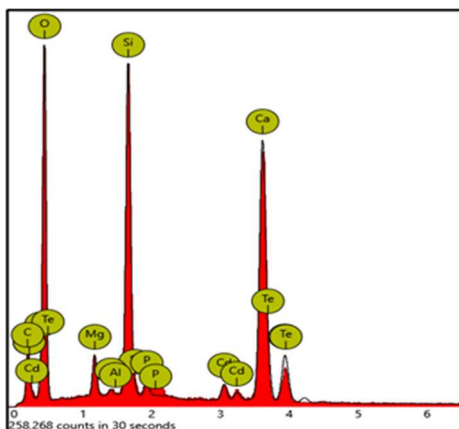


Fig. 14: The EDX of Cd.h90T.

Table 4: The Cu in the hydrated CaO-CuO-SiO₂

Samples	The Cu leached after hydration [mg.L ⁻¹]	The Cu leached after hydration [mole]	Stabilized Cu in samples [mole]	Percentage of Cu in samples [%]
Cu.h30	0.0113	8.9×10^{-8}	0.19999911	99.99995554
Cu.h60	0.0082	6.5×10^{-8}	0.19999935	99.99996774
Cu.h90	0.0062	5.8×10^{-8}	0.19999951	99.99997561

Table 5: The Cu in CaO-CuO-SiO₂ after TCLP.

Samples	The Cu leached after hydration [mg.L ⁻¹]	The Cu leached after hydration [mole]	Stabilized Cu in samples [mole]	Percentage of Cu in samples [%]
Cu.h30T	0.0082	5.2×10^{-9}	0.19999906	99.99999742
Cu.h60T	0.0051	3.2×10^{-9}	0.19999932	99.99999839
Cu.h90T	0.0072	4.5×10^{-9}	0.19999947	99.99999773

Table 6: The Cd in the hydrated CaO-CdO-SiO₂

Samples	The Cd leached after hydration [mg.L ⁻¹]	The Cd leached after hydration [mole]	Stabilized Cd in samples [mole]	Percentage of Cd in samples [%]
Cd.h30	0.1261	5.6×10^{-7}	0.199999439	99.99971955
Cd.h60	0.1296	5.7×10^{-7}	0.199999424	99.99971177
Cd.h90	0.1228	5.5×10^{-7}	0.199999454	99.99972689

Table 7: The Cd in CaO-CdO-SiO₂ after TCLP.

Samples	The Cd leached after hydration [mg.L ⁻¹]	The Cd leached after hydration [mole]	Stabilized Cd in samples [mole]	Percentage of Cd in samples [%]
Cd.h30T	0.1193	4.2×10^{-8}	0.199999397	99.99997877
Cd.h60T	0.1222	4.3×10^{-8}	0.19999938	99.99997826
Cd.h90T	0.1225	4.4×10^{-8}	0.19999941	99.99997820

By doing it, the metals retained in the samples are known.

The AAS analysis of CaO-CuO-SiO₂ samples is presented in Table 4. and Table 5.

The AAS analysis of the samples indicates that both the Cu in the hydrated and TCLP samples are ~100% stabilized. However, the amount of leached metals is observed to be

very small and safe for the environment.

The AAS analysis of CaO-CdO-SiO₂ samples is presented in Table 6. and Table 7.

Similar to the Cu samples, the AAS analysis of the samples indicates that both the Cd in the hydrated and TCLP samples are ~100% stabilized. However, the amount

of leached metals is observed to be very small and safe for the environment.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the research, it can be concluded that the CaO-CuO-SiO₂ and CaO-CdO-SiO₂ are composed of the main compounds: Ca₃SiO₅ (alite), Ca₂SiO₄ (silicate), Ca(OH)₂ (portlandite), SiO₂ (crystalite), and metal oxides of CuO (tenorite) and Cu₂O (cuprite), as well as the CdO (mentoponite) for cadmium. The Cu and Cd are stabilized in CaO-CuO-SiO₂ and CaO-CdO-SiO₂ composites by ~100%.

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