

Study of CO₂ Adsorption Time for Carbonate Species and Linear CO₂ Formations onto Bimetallic CaO/Fe₂O₃ by Infrared Spectroscopy

(Kajian Masa Penjerapan CO₂ untuk Pembentukan Spesies Karbonat dan CO₂ Linear pada Dwilogam CaO/Fe₂O₃ oleh Spektroskopi Inframerah)

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ABSTRACT

The CO₂ adsorption time for carbonate species and linear CO₂ formation onto bimetallic CaO/Fe₂O₃ was investigated. The total basicity for CaO/Fe₂O₃ was 52.85 cm³g⁻¹ which is located at a medium basic site with maximum CO desorption temperature at 454 °C. The CO₂ adsorption was conducted by using a fluidized bed reactor at 4, 12, 24 and 36 h. The element distribution on the adsorbent showed carbonate formation through an increment of the C element when the CO₂ adsorption time was longer. At 4 h of CO₂ adsorption, the adsorbent is capable of generating bicarbonate, monodentate carbonate and bidentate carbonate species. The vibrational modes of the physisorbed linear CO₂ for CO₂ absorbed product at the absorption region of 2240-2402 cm⁻¹ was identified after 36 h of CO₂ adsorption. The absorption bands were assigned according to the adjacent CO₂ molecule interactions giving formation of the core layer and second layer linear CO₂ on the CaO/Fe₂O₃ surfaces. The results of the present work show that the addition of CaO on the Fe₂O₃ surfaces enhanced the basic site of the adsorbent which could generate several carbonate species and CO₂ adsorbed products at ambient condition.

Keywords: Bimetallic; calcium oxide; carbonate formation; CO₂ capture; iron(III) oxide

ABSTRAK

Masa penjerapan CO₂ bagi pembentukan karbonat dan CO₂ linear di atas dwilogam CaO/Fe₂O₃ telah dikaji. Jumlah kebesan bagi CaO/Fe₂O₃ adalah sebanyak 52.85 cm³g⁻¹ terletak di tapak bes medium dengan suhu penyahjerapan CO maksimum pada 454 °C. Penjerapan CO₂ dilakukan dengan menggunakan reaktor lapisan terbendalir selama 4, 12, 24 dan 36 jam. Taburan unsur pada penjerap telah menunjukkan bukti pembentukan karbonat melalui peningkatan bagi unsur C apabila masa penjerapan CO₂ semakin lama. Selepas penjerapan CO₂ selama 4 jam, penjerap berkeupayaan dalam menghasilkan spesies bikarbonat, karbonat monodentat dan karbonat bidentat. Mod getaran bagi CO₂ linear yang terjerap secara fizikal untuk hasil CO₂ terjerap pada bahagian serapan 2240-2402 cm⁻¹ adalah jelas dikenal pasti setelah 36 jam penjerapan CO₂. Jalur serapan ditentukan berdasarkan interaksi molekul CO₂ berdekatan yang memberikan pembentukan lapisan teras dan lapisan kedua CO₂ linear pada permukaan CaO/Fe₂O₃. Hasil kajian ini menunjukkan penambahan CaO pada permukaan Fe₂O₃ telah memperbaiki tapak bes bagi penjerap yang membolehkan pembentukan spesies karbonat dan CO₂ linear pada keadaan ambien.

Kata kunci: Dwilogam; ferum(III) oksida; kalsium oksida; pembentukan karbonat; penjerapan CO₂

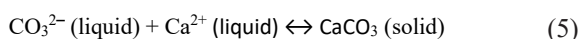
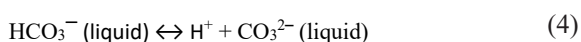
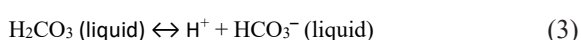
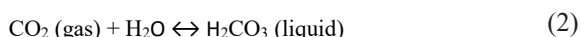
INTRODUCTION

A relatively large amount of mineral groups in the earth's crust is carbonate. The common carbonate minerals are calcite, aragonite (calcium carbonate, Ca(CO₃)) which exhibits different crystal system of hexagonal and orthorhombic respectively; magnesite (magnesium carbonate, Mg(CO₃)); dolomite (CaMg(CO₃)₂); ankerite

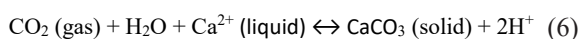
(CaMg(CO₃)₂); and siderite (Fe(CO₃)). Carbonate formation through natural sequestration of carbon dioxide (CO₂) by adsorption/absorption from the atmosphere at the terrestrial and sea as a reservoir. The complex interactions were involved in the natural sequestration by the capability of terrestrial and sea. Around a third of the CO₂ emitted by fossil fuel burning was absorbed

naturally by the seawater (Barker & Ridgwell 2012). The CO₂ equilibrium reaction started by dissolving gaseous CO₂ into liquid CO₂ (1) and forming carbonic acid, H₂CO₃ (2). Carbonic acid rapidly dissociates to produce bicarbonate ions, HCO₃⁻ (3), wherein the HCO₃⁻ ions also could dissociate into carbonate ions, CO₃²⁻ (4). Finally, the CO₃²⁻ ions are adsorbed and captured by Ca²⁺ ions in the sea (5) to give calcium carbonate, CaCO₃. The overall equation of the CO₂ equilibrium reaction series is shown in Equation 6 produces CaCO₃ and H⁺ ions.

Half equation:



Overall equation:



The absorption of CO₂ into seawater increases buffer capacity and reduces CO₂ level in the atmosphere (Hare et al. 2020). Therefore, the natural CO₂ equilibrium is the idea of CO₂ capture which is beneficial to mitigate the rising of anthropogenic CO₂ level in the atmosphere.

The most mature CO₂ capture technology by amine scrubbing has been investigated to separate CO₂ from natural gas since 1930 (Bottoms 1930). Many amine solvents were tested for the CO₂ adsorption capacity but the monoethanolamine (MEA) undoubtedly is the most extended solvent (Luis 2016). Nonetheless, MEA is also corrosive when used at higher concentrations (Bui et al. 2018), whereas ammonia and other amine-based solvents showed disadvantages of high volatility, extensive energy penalty and sensitivity to impurities (Yuan & Eden 2016). It was extended to explore the CO₂ capture activity by developing physical and chemical absorption of amine-based supported materials (Abu Tahari et al. 2020, 2017a, 2017b, 2016, 2015a, 2015b), but the amine molecules tend to block the support materials causing low in adsorption quantity and amine molecule thermally degeneration (Yuan & Eden 2016). These drawbacks are the challenges for researchers to expand the CO₂ capture by the solid sorbent.

An acidic CO₂ molecule has a strong affinity towards solid sorbent surfaces due to the adsorption process that trapping and/or binding the CO₂ molecules to the surface. The nature of the interaction is classified into physical adsorption and chemical adsorption. Physical adsorption involves physisorbed CO₂ by physical forces such as Van der Waals, dipole-dipole, apolar, electrostatic or hydrophobic association, Ho et al. (2014) which exhibiting the mean free energy below 8 kJmol⁻¹, Lahuri et al. (2020a) and bond energy is 8-41 kcalmol⁻¹. Meanwhile, chemical adsorption is chemisorbed CO₂ that associated with the covalent, chemical bond, ionic or metallic, where the mean free energy for chemical adsorption 8-16 kJ/mol, strong chemical adsorption is above 16 kJmol⁻¹ and bond energy is about 60-418 kcalmol⁻¹ (Ho et al. 2014).

CO₂ capture through adsorption process was explored onto classical basic metal oxide adsorbent of CaO (Abanades 2002; Barker 1973; Salvador et al. 2003; Silaban & Harrison 1995). Other main group metal oxides were also reported such as MgO (Bhagiyalakshmi et al. 2010; Heo & Park 2017; Kumar et al. 2015; Whateley 1971), SrO (Bagherisereshki et al. 2018), γ-Al(OH)₃ (Su & Suarez 1997). There were several attempts by researchers using transition metal oxides such as AgO (Okawa & Tanaka 1995), TiO₂ (Takahashi et al. 2002), ZrO₂ (Yoshikawa et al. 2014), iron oxides (FeO, Fe₂O₃, Fe₃O₄) (Hakim et al. 2016a, 2016b, 2016c, 2015a; Ismail et al. 1997), NiO (Hakim et al. 2015b), CuO (Wan Isahak et al. 2015), Bi₂O₃ (Lahuri et al. 2020a), ZnO (Lahuri et al. 2020b; Wang et al. 2007), Co₃O₄ (Lahuri et al. 2020b). Meanwhile, the CO₂ adsorption capability onto rare earth metal oxides such as La₂O₃ (Bakiz et al. 2010; Horiuchi et al. 1998; Rosynek & Magnuson 1977), La(OH)₃ (Rosynek & Magnuson 1977), CeO₂ (Lahuri et al. 2020b; Slostowski et al. 2017; Yoshikawa et al. 2014), CeO₄, Pr₂O₃, and Nd₂O₃ (Horiuchi et al. 1998) were also reported.

While the formation of carbonate species (bicarbonate, monodentate carbonate, bidentate carbonate, and polydentate carbonate) and CO₂ adsorbed product on the single metal oxides/hydroxides such as iron oxides (FeO, Fe₂O₃, Fe₃O₄) (Hakim et al. 2016a), MgO (Whateley 1971), CeO₂ (Yoshikawa et al. 2014), La₂O₃, La(OH)₃ (Rosynek & Magnuson 1977), γ-Al(OH)₃, and α-FeOOH (Su & Suarez 1997), were reported using infrared spectroscopy. CO₂ adsorbed product that possesses physisorbed linear CO₂ was also reported (Galhotra 2010; Yang & Woll 2017). Although bimetallic metal oxide system such as CaO/CuO (Manovic et al. 2011), Cu/Ni nanoparticles (Austin et al.

2016), CaO-Al₂O₃, CaO-Y₂O₃ (Naeem et al. 2017), BeO/Fe₂O₃ (Lahuri et al. 2020c) were studied its CO₂ capture efficacy, these works were not extended to the phenomena formation of carbonate and CO₂ adsorbed product on bimetallic system. Among iron oxides, Fe₂O₃ was found to be the most promising adsorbent for CO₂ capture (Hakim et al. 2016a). This work shows the extended work of the bimetallic system CaO/Fe₂O₃ (Lahuri et al. 2017) for the trend of carbonate formation and CO₂ adsorbed product. Therefore, this study will explore the basic strength distribution of the CaO/Fe₂O₃ and the carbonate morphology growth at different CO₂ adsorption times. In addition, infrared spectroscopy will be used to identify the formation of carbonate species and CO₂ adsorbed products on the bimetallic CaO/Fe₂O₃ surfaces.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This work demonstrates the unique pattern of carbonate species and CO₂ product formations on the bimetallic metal oxide system. The synthesis details of CaO/Fe₂O₃ based on the most efficient adsorbent for CO₂ capture reported by Lahuri et al. (2017). Generally, 20 wt.% Ca(NO₃)₂·4H₂O from Fe₂O₃ was stirred in the mixture of distilled water and 25% (v/v) of ethanol. It was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and followed by ultrasonication for 30 min. The mixture was dried by stirring at 80-100 °C and the dried adsorbent was ground and calcined at 200 °C under ambient air for 2 h. The adsorbent was denoted as CaO/Fe₂O₃. The basicity strength distribution was measured using the chemisorption model Micromeritics 2920 Chemisorb.

The carbon monoxide-temperature programmed desorption (CO-TPD) analysis was performed to obtain the basic strength distribution of the bimetallic adsorbent. Approximately 50 mg were purged with He at 150 °C for 30 min to eliminate traces of moisture and humidity gases. For CO chemisorption, the pulse chemisorption method was applied by 20 times pulse of 5% CO in He (v/v) at 30 °C in which He flowed continuously as a carrier gas. The excess of CO and weak CO physisorption was desorbed at 50 °C under He gas flow for 30 min. The basicity strength distribution of CO adsorbed on the CaO/Fe₂O₃ surface was observed by performing TPD analysis from 30 to 900 °C at 10 °C/min. The effluent gas of desorbed CO was monitored quantitatively by a thermal conductivity detector.

A fluidized bed reactor was used to conduct CO₂ capture at various CO₂ adsorption times. Approximate 3 g of fresh CaO/Fe₂O₃ was cleaned by degassing with N₂ at 150 °C for 30 min to remove moisture content for better

and accurate adsorption. The temperature was cooled to room temperature for the CO₂ capture process. The 99% purity of CO₂ flowed at 30 mL/min at adsorption time of 4, 12, 24, and 36 h separately. The adsorbents were collected and characterized to observe the progress of carbonate formation at respective CO₂ adsorption times. The adsorbents were collected for further characterization by studying the pattern of carbonate formation on the adsorbent surfaces.

The fresh CaO/Fe₂O₃ was compared with CO₂ exposed at different adsorption times (4, 12, 24, and 36 h) using the following instruments. The morphology of the adsorbent was observed through micrograph images using field emission scanning electron microscope (FESEM) model LEO Supra 55VP which is equipped with energy dispersive X-ray (EDX). The EDX analysis was conducted to determine the element distribution on the adsorbent. Vibrational spectroscopy was used to study the presence of carbonate species and CO₂ adsorbed products on the adsorbent. Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy model GX, Perkin Elmer with the KBr pellet method for sample preparation was applied. The wavenumber was recorded in the range of 400 to 4000 cm⁻¹.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Basicity strength is important to determine the affinity of the CaO/Fe₂O₃ adsorbent towards CO₂. The tendency of an acidic gas to be attracted to the surface basic site depending on the basicity strength of the adsorbent. The basic strength of the adsorbent was identified from the temperature region of the CO desorption. A stronger basicity strength possesses large bond energy which requires a higher temperature to desorb and vice versa. Thus, the strength of a particular CO chemisorbed can be identified by temperature interval wherein the basic site is desorbed. The basicity strength distribution was divided into weak, medium, strong and very strong regions at 40-250, 251-500, 501-700 and 701-900 °C, respectively (Hakim et al. 2016a).

The CO-TPD curve in Figure 1 shows that CaO/Fe₂O₃ exhibit an intense peak at the medium basic site with total basicity of 52.85 cm³/g at a maximum desorption temperature of 453.8 °C. Hakim et al. (2016a) reported that Fe₂O₃ possesses total basicity from the adsorption quantity of 1.26 cm³/g which is distributed at all basic sites of the weak, medium, strong, and very strong. Our previous work reported that CaO has a total basicity of 283.29 cm³/g which was distributed at strong and very strong basic sites (Lahuri et al. 2017).

Besides, the desorption temperature ranges of 490-800 °C for CaO was agreed with Tang et al. (2019). It was noteworthy to observe the significant change in basicity strength of the CaO/Fe₂O₃ and its chemical shift of desorption temperature towards a lower range of 250-505 °C. CO molecule chemisorbs on transition metal oxide stronger than main groups metal oxide due to the chemical bonding on ions (Fe³⁺) is stronger (Vesecky et al. 1994). It is because the Fe³⁺ possesses d orbital electrons which could overlap with CO 2* antibonding orbitals (Chanapattarapol et al. 2017; Vesecky et al. 1994). Inversely, the chemical interaction between CO and CaO is expected to be weaker due to the absence of d electrons available for backbonding. Therefore, the chemical shift of the CO desorption temperature was observed due to the addition of CaO onto Fe₂O₃.

Naturally, increasing the basicity of the adsorbent by surface modification will enhance the CO₂ affinity. Based on the density functional calculations, CaO is highly active among alkaline earth metal oxides followed by MgO (Jensen et al. 2005; Pacchioni et al. 1994). It explains that an increasing lattice constant and decreasing Madelung potential led to the high reactivity of alkaline metal oxides. A low Madelung potential results in a more delocalized electron distribution of surface oxygen which overlaps with the orbitals of the adsorbing molecules. Besides, oxygen vacancy sites are highly catalytically active (Jensen et al. 2005) and highly efficient in charge transfer to adsorbates for metal oxides (Henderson et al. 1999). Thus, the presence of CaO enhances the basicity strength of Fe₂O₃ (Figure 1) which explains the reason adsorbent would have greater CO₂ affinity that is likely to form carbonate and higher efficiency in CO₂ capture.

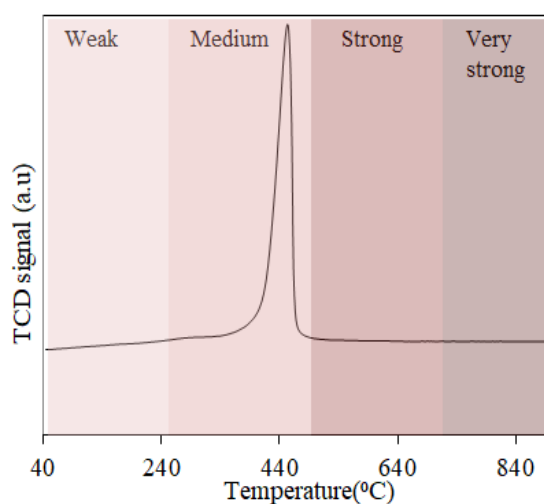


FIGURE 1. Basicity strength distribution by CO-TPD analysis

Morphology and the quantitative compositional element identification for the Fe₂O₃, fresh CaO/Fe₂O₃ and after various CO₂ adsorption times were analyzed using FESEM-EDX as shown in Figure 2. The morphology of the Fe₂O₃ alone describes a nano coral reef-like texture (Hakim et al. 2016a). In comparison with Fe₂O₃ alone, fresh CaO/Fe₂O₃ was observed to have an irregular sphere and ellipsoid particles with distinct sizes below 100 and above 200 nm. Therefore, it is confirmed that the larger size particles represent CaO, whereas the ultrasonication assisted method altered the original nano coral reef-like of Fe₂O₃ to irregular sphere and ellipsoid.

The carbonate growth on the CaO/Fe₂O₃ surfaces can be identified from the distinct fine particle at 36 h CO₂ adsorption compared to fresh CaO/Fe₂O₃. The trend of the carbonate growth was confirmed with the increment of the C element as the CO₂ adsorption contact time is longer.

Carbonate species and CO₂ adsorbed product formations on CaO/Fe₂O₃ were identified from the IR spectra described in Figure 3. The fresh Fe₂O₃ was observed to have the absorption bands that were associated with the inorganic interaction of Fe-O-Fe at 440, 475, 559, and 607 cm⁻¹ (Hakim et al. 2016a). The addition of CaO on Fe₂O₃ increased the basicity site which

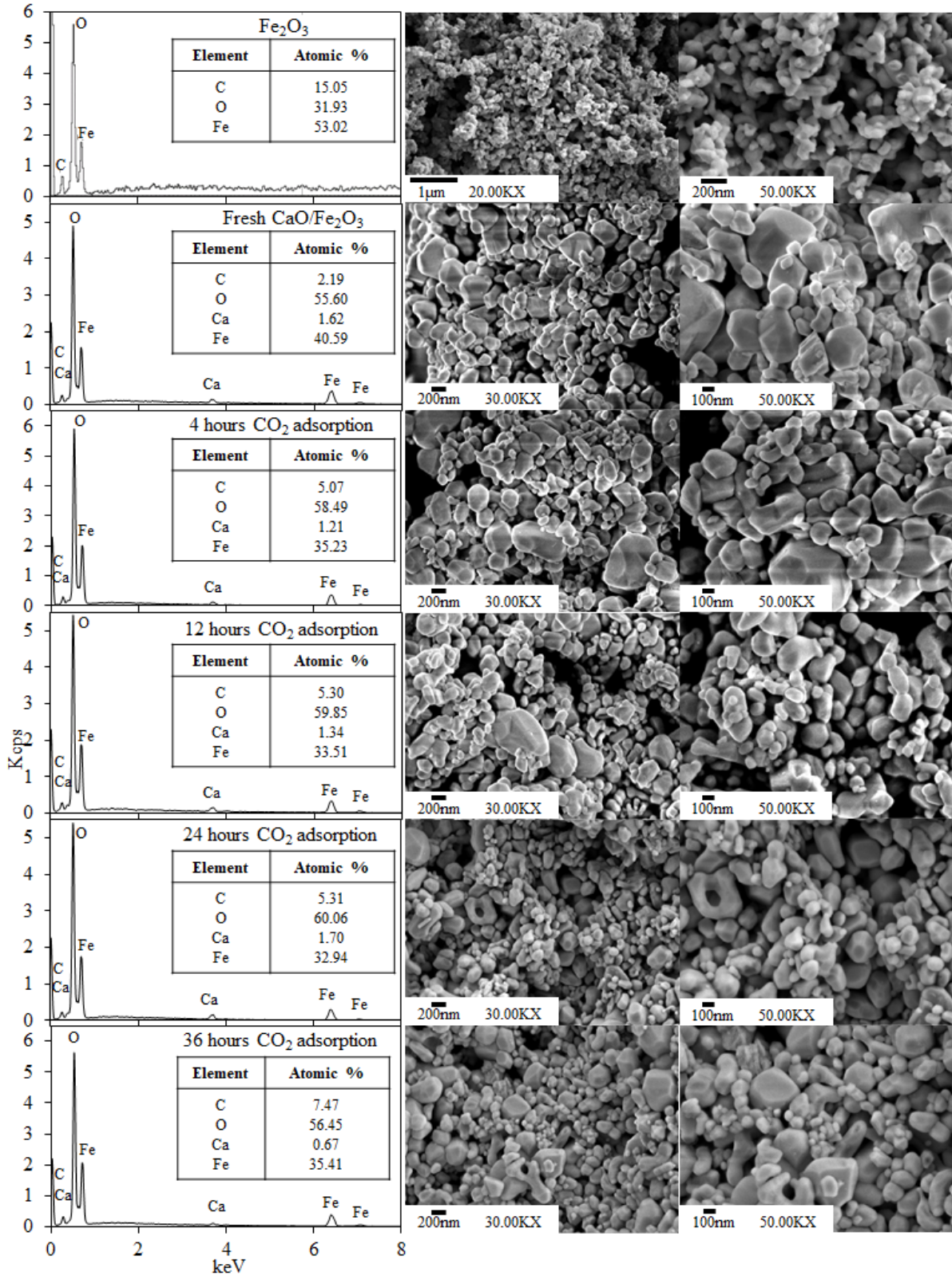
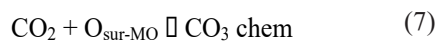


FIGURE 2. FESEM-EDX analysis of the fresh $\text{CaO}/\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ and after CO_2 exposure at 4, 12, 24 and 36 h

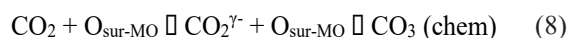
results in affinity to CO₂ from the environment. Thus, the absorption bands for fresh CaO/Fe₂O₃ at 1635 cm⁻¹ was corresponded to the asymmetry O-C-O for bidentate carbonate, whereas 1046 and 1380 cm⁻¹ were vibrational mode evidence of the C-O stretching and symmetry O-C-O, respectively, for monodentate carbonate. The assignment of the physisorbed CO₂ was detected at 2344 cm⁻¹ (Hosakun 2017; Yang & Woll 2017). The sharp absorption at 825 cm⁻¹ was attributed to adsorbed moisture and vibration of the OH groups on Fe₂O₃ agreed with Hassen Mohammed (2018). The absorption bands at 530 cm⁻¹ (Hakim et al. 2016c) and 626 cm⁻¹ (Kendix 2009) were also the signals for the inorganic interaction of Fe-O-Fe for Fe₂O₃. Meanwhile, a weak feature at 592 cm⁻¹ was detected for the presence of longitudinal mode (v_{LO}) of CaO (Hofmeister et al. 2003). The broad absorption around 3100-3700 cm⁻¹ was assigned to the O-H stretch (Table 1).

After 4 h of CO₂ adsorption, the formation of carbonate species such as bicarbonate, monodentate carbonate and bidentate carbonate were prominent. Complete absorption bands for the carbonate species were detected. The presence of bicarbonate species was detected at 1428 and 1662 cm⁻¹ which were attributed to symmetry O-C-O and asymmetry O-C-O, respectively (Baltrusaitis et al. 2011; Bargar et al. 2005; Di Cosimo et al. 1998; Ferretto & Glisenti 2002; Lefevre 2004; Su & Suarez 1997). The significant contribution to the presence of bicarbonate due to the O-H stretch at 3635 cm⁻¹ (Hakim et al. 2016a). Another signal for monodentate carbonate was detected at 1576 cm⁻¹ which corresponds to the assignment mode of asymmetry O-C-O (Baltrusaitis et al. 2011; Bargar et al. 2005; Di Cosimo et al. 1998; Ferretto & Glisenti 2002; Lefevre 2004; Su & Suarez 1997). The contribution of the band at 1250 cm⁻¹ was assigned to the symmetry O-C-O for the bidentate carbonate (Baltrusaitis et al. 2011; Bargar et al. 2005; Ferretto & Glisenti 2002; Lefevre 2004). Formation of carbonate species by chemisorption, CO₃ (chem), occurred by CO₂ adsorption on oxygen sites of metal oxide (O_{sur-MO}) simplified in Equation 7. A quite variety of carbonate adsorption geometry is plausible (Burghaus 2014). Advanced techniques such as angle-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy (ARUPS), near edge X-ray absorption fine structure (NEXAFS) and photoelectron diffraction were used to determine the orientation of the carbonate (Davis et al. 1993).



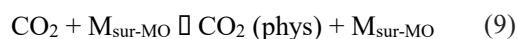
Meanwhile, nonlinear/bend CO₂ and bent charged CO₂^{γ-} are commonly reported on reactive metal oxide

surfaces such as MgO (Sawada et al. 1979) and CaO (Hlaing et al. 2016; Sun et al. 2016). Bent charged CO₂^{γ-} can be considered a precursor to the formation of carbonate species (8).



An increased contact time at 12 h of CO₂ adsorption, adsorbed carbonate results in inorganic interaction for CaCO₃ was detected at 544 cm⁻¹ (Tlili et al. 2003). The assignment mode of bending CO₂ from the functional group of C=O was contributed to 668 cm⁻¹ (Sun et al. 2016). Further CO₂ exposure at 24 h of contact time, another absorption band at 711 cm⁻¹ was also ascribed to the CaCO₃. Since the CO₂ exposure was longer, the trace amount of moisture in the CO₂ gas tank leads to hydroxide compound formation as Fe-O-H deformation at 763 cm⁻¹ (Bishop et al. 1997; Taylor 1980). This could be attributed to the presence of hydrogen bonded -C=O of carbonate groups at 1760 cm⁻¹ (Zhang et al. 2013).

At this stage, the CO₂ adsorbed product on the CaO/Fe₂O₃ was expected to be saturated and it facilitates the multilayer CO₂ physisorption on the existing linear CO₂ which was identified at the absorption region of 2240-2402 cm⁻¹ (Yang & Woll 2017). CO₂ physisorption on metal oxide as a CO₂ adsorbed product is simpler than carbonate formation. It does not involve electrons transfer but only weak interaction by forming linear CO₂ (Burghaus 2014). It was found that the interaction of CO₂ physisorption on metal oxide is stronger than that of metal surfaces based on the desorption temperature. The CO₂ adsorption on metal surfaces of metal oxide (M_{sur-MO}) leads to the CO₂ physisorption (phys) as shown in (9).



After 36 h of CO₂ adsorption, the contribution bands for the physisorption phenomenon of CO₂ adsorbed product in the form of linear CO₂ can be unambiguously identified at 2348, 2383, and 2394 cm⁻¹ (Lv et al. 2015; Walker et al. 2004b). These bands were blueshifted from the isolated CO₂ at 2349 cm⁻¹ (Walker et al. 2004b) which was assigned to the asymmetry stretch (v₃) linear CO₂, due to the different adjacent molecule interactions. The adsorption band at 2383 cm⁻¹ can be associated with (one or two) CO₂ molecules bound directly to the metal ion (Gregoire et al. 2001; Walker et al. 2004a, 2004b; Xing et al. 2013). This peak has the feature described as core CO₂ because the interaction was formed around central coordination of metal ions that possesses higher binding energy. The vibration closest to the asymmetry

stretch (ν_3) linear CO_2 at 2348 cm^{-1} was ascribed from the CO_2 bound to other CO_2 in the second layer region (Walker et al. 2004b). Meanwhile, the absorption band

at 2394 cm^{-1} corresponds to one or more CO_2 attached to that rearranged cluster core since the strength of binding interaction is associated with blueshift (Walker et al. 2004a).

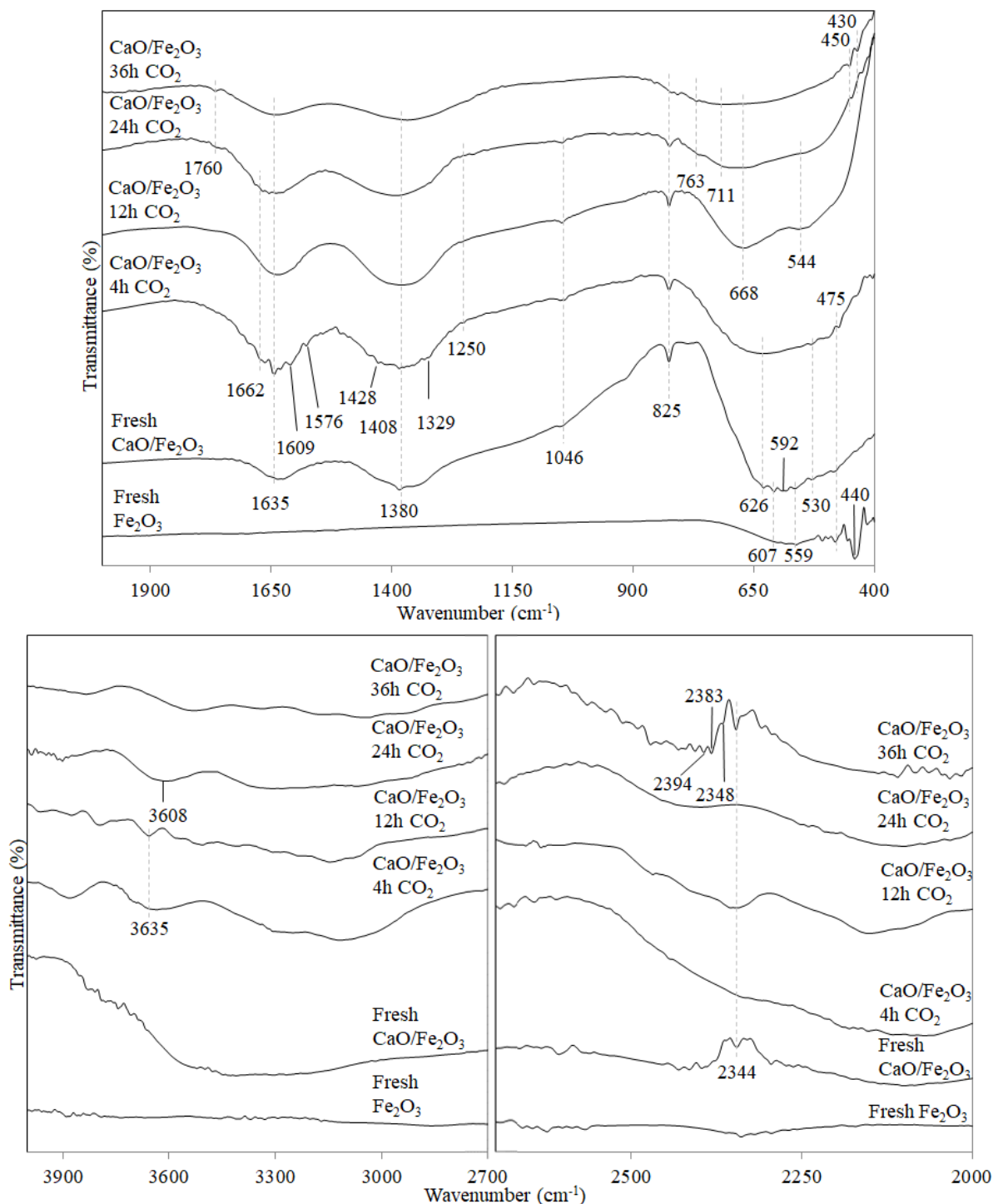


FIGURE 3. FTIR spectra for the $\text{CaO}/\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ before and after CO_2 adsorption at a contact time of 4, 12, 24, and 36 h

TABLE 1. Vibrational frequencies for FTIR spectroscopy

Vibrational mode assignments	Experimental frequencies (cm ⁻¹)	Literature references (cm ⁻¹)
Fe-O-Fe for Fe ₂ O ₃	440, 475, 530, 559, 607	440, 475, 530, 559, 607
CaCO ₃	430, 450, 544, 626, 711	430, 480, 540, 623, 713
CaO	592	590
Bend CO ₂ (C=O)	668	667
Fe-O-H	763, 825	775
Bicarbonate		
Symmetry O-C-O	1428	1396-1500
Asymmetry O-C-O	1662	1555-1720
O-H	3608, 3635	3600-3627
Monodentate carbonate		
C-O	1046	1046
Symmetry O-C-O	1380	1380-1395
Asymmetry O-C-O	1576	1446-1590
Bidentate carbonate		
Symmetry O-C-O	1250	1243-1355
Asymmetry O-C-O	1635	1530-1670
Hydrogen bonded -C=O of carbonate groups	1760	1760
Physisorption CO ₂	2344	2240-2390
CO ₂ bound to other CO ₂	2348	2350
CO ₂ bound to metal ion	2383	2375
CO ₂ attached that rearranged cluster core	2394	2397-2402

Therefore, this study shows the bicarbonate species and linear CO₂ formation upon CO₂ capture onto the bimetallic system of CaO/Fe₂O₃, which is not reported by any researcher. The IR spectroscopy can be a useful tool to identify the formation of carbonate species and linear CO₂. Advance spectroscopy is suggested to explore the carbonate adsorption geometry onto the bimetallic system.

CONCLUSION

The addition of CaO onto Fe₂O₃ surfaces enhanced the surface basic site at a medium basic strength site with a maximum CO desorption temperature of 454 °C. The total basicity for the CO-TPD analysis was 52.85 cm³g⁻¹, which was higher than Fe₂O₃ alone (1.26 cm³g⁻¹).

CO₂ adsorption at 4, 12, 24, 36 h showed an increment of the C element through FESEM-EDX analysis with the carbonate formation in the form of fine aggregate particles was observed. Formation of carbonate species and linear CO₂ were identified on the bimetallic CaO/Fe₂O₃ surfaces after CO₂ adsorption. Infrared spectra showed the presence of bicarbonate, monodentate carbonate and bidentate carbonate species after 4 h of CO₂ adsorption. CO₂ adsorbed product by physisorption was detected after 36 h of CO₂ adsorption at the region of 2240-2402 cm⁻¹ in the form of linear CO₂. The absorption bands were assigned using isolated CO₂ of 2349 cm⁻¹ as a guideline to other vibration signals due to its adjacent CO₂ interaction. It was found that linear CO₂ can be generated at the core layer where CO₂ is directly bound

to metal ions and the second layer due to the CO₂ bound to other CO₂.

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