Experimental Study of CO\textsubscript{2} Absorption in Potassium Carbonate Solution Promoted by Triethylenetetramine

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Abstract:

Background:
Separation of CO\textsubscript{2} as the major cause of global warming is essential. In this work, potassium carbonate (K\textsubscript{2}CO\textsubscript{3}) solution was selected as a base solvent for CO\textsubscript{2} absorption due to its ease of regeneration energy, low cost and low environmental impact. However, the absorption rate of CO\textsubscript{2} with K\textsubscript{2}CO\textsubscript{3} needs to be improved by adding a suitable promoter. Therefore, the performance of CO\textsubscript{2} in K\textsubscript{2}CO\textsubscript{3} solution promoted by triethylenetetramine (TETA) in terms of absorption capacity and absorption rate of CO\textsubscript{2} was studied.

Method:
Experiments were conducted at a total concentration of 2.5 (M) with different TETA mole fractions at temperatures of 303, 313 and 323 K, and CO\textsubscript{2} partial pressure up to 30 kPa using a stirred cell reactor. The effect of CO\textsubscript{2} partial pressure, temperature and concentration of TETA on absorption capacity and absorption rate of CO\textsubscript{2} in K\textsubscript{2}CO\textsubscript{3}+TETA solution was discussed in detail.

Results:
The CO\textsubscript{2} loading capacity obtained in this work was compared with monoethanolamine (MEA) and a better performance was observed for K\textsubscript{2}CO\textsubscript{3}+TETA solution. In addition, experimental results revealed that the addition of TETA to K\textsubscript{2}CO\textsubscript{3} improved the CO\textsubscript{2} reaction rate. Finally, the response surface methodology was employed to correlate the CO\textsubscript{2} solubility. It was found that the correlated data are in good agreement with the experiment results.

Conclusion:
As an overall conclusion, the solution of K\textsubscript{2}CO\textsubscript{3}+TETA can be used as a promising absorbent in post combustion CO\textsubscript{2} capture processes.

Keywords: Greenhouse gas, CO\textsubscript{2} capture, Solubility, Absorption rate, Potassium carbonate, Monoethanolamine.

1. INTRODUCTION
The fossil fuel power plants are considered as the main source of greenhouse gases emission, which increase CO\textsubscript{2} concentration in the atmosphere and environmental issues [1, 2]. In order to reduce the CO\textsubscript{2} emission, it is essential to capture CO\textsubscript{2} from fossil fuel power plants [3]. Several technologies such as oxy-fuel combustion, pre combustion and post-combustion are used for CO\textsubscript{2} capture [4]. Among them, post-combustion using a solvent is widely employed as one of the most reliable and economical methods for CO\textsubscript{2} capture [5]. One of the main challenges of this method is the selection of a suitable solvent [6]. To be selected as a solvent, it needs to satisfy several desired properties, including

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high CO₂ loading capacity, low volatility, high absorption rate, high thermal stability and low heat of absorption [7]. Different types of solvents have been studied for the CO₂ capture such as ionic liquids, amino acid salts, inorganic solvents and alkanolamines [8]. The ionic liquids are used as solvents because of some advantages such as high CO₂ capacity and thermal stability. However, they have disadvantages such as high cost and viscosity [9, 10]. Amino acid salt solutions gained interest as a solvent because of low volatility, less toxicity and low thermal stability. The main challenges associated with amino acid salts are high cost and precipitation of carbonates at high concentration [11, 12]. The inorganic solvents such as tri-sodium phosphate and potassium carbonate are another category of solvents with desired characteristics such as low corrosion rate and lower heat of absorption than amines [13]. Alkanolamines such as monoethanolamine (MEA) have been used extensively in many CO₂ capture processes because of its low solvent cost and fast reaction kinetic [14]. However, MEA has several disadvantages such as low CO₂ absorption capacity, thermal or chemical degradation, high regeneration energy requirement and corrosive [15]. Many researchers have tried to find a suitable solvent that minimize the cost and penalty in the power plant efficiency [16]. The solution of potassium carbonate (K₂CO₃) has been received much attention due to its advantages such as low environmental impact, low solvent cost, low absorption heat and low thermal degradation [17, 18]. However, its slow reactivity with CO₂ needs to be improved [19]. To solve this problem, researchers have suggested the addition of promoters to K₂CO₃ in order to enhance the absorption rate. As an example, Cullinane and Rochelle [20], reported the absorption rate of CO₂ in 20-30 wt% potassium carbonate promoted by 0.6 kmol/m³ piperazine (PZ) at temperatures from 313 to 353 K. They concluded that the CO₂ absorption rate was increased by the addition of PZ. Kim et al. [21] investigated the absorption rate of CO₂ in blend solution of 15 wt% potassium carbonate and 7.5 wt% homopiperazine (homoPZ). They observed that K₂CO₃+homoPZ has a higher absorption rate than pure K₂CO₃. Thee et al. [22] used 5 and 10 wt% monoethanolamine (MEA) as a promoter for K₂CO₃. The results revealed that CO₂ absorption rate in K₂CO₃+MEA solution is higher than potassium carbonate. Thee et al. [23] studied the effect of the addition of boric acid to 30 wt% potassium carbonate at 353.15 K. It was found that boric acid has a positive effect on CO₂ absorption rate at blended solution. Shen et al. [24] examined reaction kinetic in a mixture of 35 wt% K₂CO₃ and arginine at temperatures from 313 K to 343 K. It was discovered that arginine can be an effective promoter for potassium carbonate. Thee et al. [25] selected three amino acids, including glycine, proline and sarcosine as potential promoters for potassium carbonate solution and obtained reaction kinetic at temperatures from 313.15 to 353.15 K. Kim et al. [26] evaluated CO₂ absorption rate and capacity of potassium carbonate solution promoted by 2-methylpiperazine at 313, 333 and 353 K. They found that the addition of a small amount of 2-methylpiperazine to potassium carbonate can increase the CO₂ absorption capacity and rate. Bhosale et al. [27] added ethylaminoethanol to potassium carbonate and calculated reaction kinetics at temperatures (303-318 K). It was found that ethylaminoethanol acts as a good promoter. This motivated us to select triethylenetetramine (TETA) as a promoter in order to improve absorption rate of CO₂ in K₂CO₃ solution. TETA with four functional groups, including two primary and two secondary amino groups has advantages compared to other promoters like methylidithanolamine, 2-((2-aminoethyl)amino)ethanol, diethanolamine, 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol and monoethanolamine in terms of fast reaction kinetic, high CO₂ solubility and low regeneration energy. Due to these advantages, TETA was chosen as a promoter for potassium carbonate. Therefore, in this work, absorption capacity and rate of absorption of CO₂ in K₂CO₃+TETA were evaluated using a stirred cell reactor at a temperature range of (303.15 to 323.15) K and pressure up to 30 kPa. The CO₂ absorption capacity of K₂CO₃+TETA as a function of pressure, temperature and concentration was also correlated by response surface methodology. In fact, this work presents new CO₂ solubility data in K₂CO₃+TETA, which are important and necessary for modeling of CO₂ absorption processes in industrial application.

2. REACTION MECHANISM

When CO₂ is absorbed in potassium carbonate solution, the following reactions take place [26, 28]:

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\begin{align*}
\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 & \rightarrow 2\text{K}^+ + \text{CO}_3^{2-} \quad (1) \\
\text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{H}_2\text{O} & \rightarrow \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{OH}^- \quad (2) \\
\text{CO}_2 + \text{OH}^- & \rightarrow \text{HCO}_3^- \quad (3) \\
\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{OH}^- & \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \quad (4) \\
2\text{H}_2\text{O} & \rightarrow \text{OH}^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ \quad (5)
\end{align*}
\]
\[
\text{CO}_2 + K_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{KHCO}_3
\] (6)

In comparison to the potassium carbonate solution, alkanolamines have a high rate of reaction with dissolved CO\(_2\). The general reaction mechanism between CO\(_2\) and amine can be indicated in Eqs. (7, 8), which \(R_1\) and \(R_2\) are carbon side chains [29]:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{CO}_2 + 2\text{HNR}_1\text{R}_2 & \leftrightarrow \text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{NCO}_2^- + \text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{NH}_2^+ \quad (7) \\
\text{CO}_2 + \text{HNR}_1\text{R}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} & \leftrightarrow \text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{NCO}_2^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ \quad (8)
\end{align*}
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3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1. Materials

All chemicals used in this study, including potassium carbonate (K\(_2\)CO\(_3\)), triethylenetetramine (TETA) and monoethanolamine (MEA) with grade >98% pure were purchased from Acros Organics and used without any further purification. The chemical structure of TETA is given in Fig. (1). Experiments were carried out in blended solutions of K\(_2\)CO\(_3\) and TETA with the compositions of 2.25 M K\(_2\)CO\(_3\) + 0.25 M TETA, 2 M K\(_2\)CO\(_3\) + 0.5 M TETA, 1.75 M K\(_2\)CO\(_3\) + 0.75 M TETA, 1.5 M K\(_2\)CO\(_3\) + 1 M TETA in temperatures 303-323 K and pressures up to 30 kPa.

![Fig. (1). The chemical structure of TETA.](image)

3.2. Equipment and Experimental Procedure

The CO\(_2\) absorption measurement procedure and equipment used in this study are same as employed in our previous works [30 - 33]. A glass stirred cell reactor was used to measure CO\(_2\) solubility and initial absorption rate of CO\(_2\) in the solution of K\(_2\)CO\(_3\) promoted by TETA, as shown in Fig. (2). This reactor is connected to a gas storage tank and a water bath to control the temperature during the experiments. Both stirred cell reactor and gas storage tank are connected with temperature sensor and pressure transmitter. Before running the experiment, the reactor was purged with a vacuum pump. The solvent was placed in the reactor and the solution is allowed to reach a desired temperature. After that, CO\(_2\) was fed to gas storage tank from gas cylinder and was heated using a water bath. Next, CO\(_2\) was transferred to reactor from gas storage tank, and stirrer was switched on. The total moles of CO\(_2\) transferred can be calculated from:

\[
n_{\text{CO}_2} = \frac{[P_1 - P_2] V_s}{R T}
\] (9)

Where \(V_s\), \(P_1\) and \(P_2\) are the volume, initial and final pressure of CO\(_2\) in the gas storage tank, respectively. The CO\(_2\) partial pressure in the reactor is decreased over time because of the chemical absorption of the CO\(_2\) in solution and the pressure drop in the reactor is monitored and recorded every second by a pressure transmitter. Therefore, the initial absorption rate can be obtained from slope of CO\(_2\) partial pressure changes versus time. The equilibrium partial pressure of CO\(_2\) and the moles of CO\(_2\) remaining in equilibrium cell were obtained by Eqs. 10 and 11, respectively:

\[
\begin{align*}
P_{\text{CO}_2}^e &= P_F - P_V \quad (10) \\
n_{\text{CO}_2}^e &= \frac{V P_{\text{CO}_2}^e}{R T} \quad (11)
\end{align*}
\]

Absorption capacity of CO\(_2\) in the solution of K\(_2\)CO\(_3\)+TETA is defined in terms of CO\(_2\) loading \(\alpha\) (mole CO\(_2\) absorbed per mole of solvent).
As mentioned earlier, the method of CO\textsubscript{2} loading calculation can be found in our previous works. Three repeat runs were taken to check the reproducibility and data presented here represent averages.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1. CO\textsubscript{2} Absorption Capacity in K\textsubscript{2}CO\textsubscript{3}+TETA Solution

In order to validate equipment and experimental procedure, the loading capacity of CO\textsubscript{2} in the solution of 2.5 M monoethanolamine was measured at 313 K. Fig. (3) shows a good agreement exists between the CO\textsubscript{2} absorption capacities measured in this work and the values previously reported [34 - 36].

\[
\alpha_{CO_2} = \frac{n_{CO_2} - n_{CO_2}^r}{n_{solvent}}
\]  

(12)

Fig. (2). Schematic diagram of the experimental set up.

Fig. (3). Solubility of CO\textsubscript{2} in solution of 2.5 M MEA at 313.15 K.
CO₂ solubility data presents useful information for industrial application in design and modeling of CO₂ absorption in CO₂ capture process [24]. In this work, the CO₂ solubility in K₂CO₃+TETA solution was measured at temperatures 303-323 K, CO₂ partial pressures up to 30 kPa, and results listed in Table 1. As can be observed in Table 1, temperature has a negative effect on the CO₂ loading. In the other words, an increase in the temperature from 303 to 323 K leads to a decrease in loading capacity from approximately 0.8 to 0.65. This reduction can be explained by the fact that the equilibrium would shift in the backward direction with increasing temperature. In order to study the effect of pressure and concentration on the performance absorption capacity of the solvent, CO₂ partial pressure as a function of CO₂ solubility was plotted in Figs. (4-6). It can be seen that K₂CO₃+TETA solution absorbs more CO₂ at higher pressure which can be due to the increase in the driving force from the gas phase to the interface. According to Figs. (4-6), the absorption capacity also increases with the increase in concentrations of TETA. The highest CO₂ solubility was achieved at TETA mole fraction equal to 0.4. The reason for this behavior could be explained by the fact that TETA as a polyamine has four amine groups Fig. (1) that means TETA can absorb more CO₂. Thus, a smaller amount of solvent is needed for CO₂ absorption with high efficiency in absorber that leads to a lower cost. The absorption performance of K₂CO₃+TETA solution was compared with pure K₂CO₃, at 313.15 K, shown in Fig. (5). It is clear that CO₂ loading of K₂CO₃+TETA solution is much higher than pure K₂CO₃ in the order: 1.5 M K₂CO₃ + 1 M TETA > 1.75 M K₂CO₃ + 0.75 M TETA > 2 M K₂CO₃ + 0.5 M TETA > 2.25 M K₂CO₃ + 0.25 TETA > 2.5 M K₂CO₃, suggesting high ability of TETA for CO₂ capture.

![Fig. (4). Loading capacity of CO₂ in K₂CO₃+TETA solution at 303.15 K.](image1)

![Fig. (5). Loading capacity of CO₂ in K₂CO₃+TETA solution at 313.15 K.](image2)
Table 1. Loading capacity of CO$_2$ in solution of K$_2$CO$_3$+TETA.

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| T = 313.15 K   | 04.95           | 0.739    | 04.83           | 0.801    | 05.19           | 0.863    | 03.35           | 0.898    |
|                | 09.44           | 0.769    | 10.93           | 0.853    | 08.21           | 0.890    | 07.02           | 0.934    |
|                | 14.27           | 0.793    | 16.05           | 0.870    | 13.04           | 0.908    | 15.99           | 0.978    |
|                | 21.32           | 0.818    | 20.85           | 0.889    | 19.27           | 0.933    | 22.52           | 1.001    |
|                | 28.44           | 0.842    | 27.33           | 0.910    | 26.25           | 0.961    | 28.04           | 1.011    |

| T = 323.15 K   | 04.37           | 0.673    | 03.08           | 0.740    | 05.14           | 0.810    | 04.37           | 0.870    |
|                | 08.26           | 0.702    | 09.94           | 0.787    | 09.95           | 0.840    | 09.82           | 0.902    |
|                | 13.05           | 0.744    | 17.33           | 0.822    | 15.51           | 0.859    | 14.09           | 0.927    |
|                | 19.74           | 0.763    | 23.05           | 0.845    | 21.37           | 0.882    | 20.03           | 0.951    |
|                | 26.38           | 0.791    | 26.69           | 0.852    | 26.62           | 0.901    | 26.35           | 0.962    |

Uncertainties; U ($\alpha$) = +/- 0.001; U (T) = +/- 0.01 K; U (M): 0.001 mol/l; U (P) = +/- 0.1 kPa.

Fig. (6). Loading capacity of CO$_2$ in K$_2$CO$_3$+TETA solution at 323.15 K.

In Fig. (7), the solubility of CO$_2$ in K$_2$CO$_3$+TETA solution measured in this work was compared with the solubility of CO$_2$ in some solvents at 313.15 K. It can be found that the blend of K$_2$CO$_3$+TETA has the highest CO$_2$ loading when compared to MEA and other solvents. This result confirms the high performance of this solvent for CO$_2$ capture.

4.2. Correlation of Experimental Data

Response surface methodology (RSM) is an efficient method to obtain the sensitivity analysis of a process and optimum condition of a multivariable system [47]. In addition, RSM can be applied for investigation of effect of factors on response, and the relationship between response variables [48]. In this work, the response surface methodology was used to correlate the CO$_2$ solubility experimental data ($\alpha$) as a function of temperature (T), pressure (P$_{CO_2}$) and TETA mole fraction (R) in the solution of potassium carbonate promoted by TETA. Three parameters including pressure, promoter mole fraction and temperature were selected as independent variables, and the validity of the model was
evaluated using analysis of variance ANOVA on response parameter (CO₂ solubility). The effect of these parameters on the CO₂ solubility was studied. The results showed that mole fraction of TETA has the highest impact on CO₂ solubility, while the interaction of pressure and temperature was found to be the least important parameter. In order to check the accuracy of the obtained model, F-value, R-squared and adjusted R-squared were determined using ANOVA analysis. The R-squared and adjusted R-squared for this system have been found to be 0.986 and 0.981, respectively. These high values of R² and R²_adj show the significance of model terms. The F-value of the reduced quadratic model was also found to be 85.42 which indicates the validity of model.

\[ \alpha = 5.7308 - 0.0261 \times T - 0.0076 \times P + 0.3708 \times R + 4.8684 \times 10^{-5} \times T \times P + 7.5 \times 10^{-4} \times T \times R - \\
5.3947 \times 10^{-2} \times P \times R + 3.1466 \times 10^{-5} \times T^2 - 5.0457 \times 10^{-5} \times P^2 + 0.0837 \times R^2 \]

(13)

The predicted CO₂ absorption capacity by eq. (13) were plotted against experimental data obtained in this work in Fig. (8). It can be clearly seen that the good agreement exists between the values calculated by the eq. (13) for the absorption capacity of CO₂ and the experimental results with the average absolute deviation percent (AAD) equal to 1.19%.

\[ \% \text{AAD} = 100 \times \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{|(\alpha_{\text{CO}_2})_{\text{exp}} - (\alpha_{\text{CO}_2})_{\text{cor}}|}{(\alpha_{\text{CO}_2})_{\text{exp}}} \]

(14)

Fig. (7). Loading capacity of CO₂ in K₂CO₃+TETA solution and other solvents at 313.15 K.

Fig. (8). Comparison of predicted CO₂ solubility using the eq. (13) with experimental data.
4.3. CO₂ Absorption Rate in K₂CO₃+TETA Solution

As previously mentioned, the main challenge of potassium carbonate is its slow rate with carbon dioxide, which leads to the larger absorber size. In this work, TETA was added as a promoter to potassium carbonate in order to enhance the rate of absorption. To check the setup and experimental method, the pressure decay during CO₂ absorption in solutions of pure MEA, TETA and K₂CO₃ at 313.15 K 313.15 K was presented in Fig. (9) and compared with literature data [26, 29]. A good agreement was found between results obtained in this work and the literature. As expected, the absorption rate in TETA solution is much higher than MEA and K₂CO₃ because of its structure feature.

The profile of CO₂ partial pressure versus time for the solution of K₂CO₃+TETA at different concentrations and temperatures were illustrated in Figs. (10-12) to investigate the effect of the addition of TETA to potassium carbonate on the absorption rate. The initial slope of the pressure curves over time is an indication of CO₂ absorption rate. It was found that the CO₂ partial pressure decreases with increasing time until a gas-liquid equilibrium is reached. The time required to obtain an equilibrium state is different for each solutions. This pressure reduction in the equilibrium cell shows the amount of gas absorption. According to Figs. (10-12), the addition of small amount of TETA to potassium carbonate has been led to a significant increase in the absorption rate that is favorable for the CO₂ capture process. The structure feature of TETA with two primary amino groups and two secondary amino sites, and also an increase in the rate of reaction of CO₂ with OH⁻ due to increase of PH of solution can be applied to explain this rate enhancement. It also can be observed from Fig. (11) that the mixed absorbent has higher absorption rate compared to single potassium carbonate. This result proves the slow kinetics between potassium carbonate and CO₂.

![Graph showing comparison of obtained pressure decay in this work with the values reported in the literature at 313.15 K.](image1)

![Graph showing the effect of addition of TETA to K₂CO₃ on the CO₂ absorption rate at 303.15 K.](image2)
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Fig. (11). The effect of addition of TETA to K$_2$CO$_3$ on the CO$_2$ absorption rate at 313.15 K.

Fig. (12). The effect of addition of TETA to K$_2$CO$_3$ on the CO$_2$ absorption rate at 323.15 K.

Fig. (13). The impact of temperature on the CO$_2$ absorption rate in solution of 1.5 M K$_2$CO$_3$+1 M TETA.
The influence of the temperature on the initial absorption rate in solution of \( \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{TETA} \) was investigated and shown in Fig. (13). As expected, higher temperature resulted in an increase in reactivity of \( \text{CO}_2 \) with solution of \( \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{TETA} \). The obtained results shows that TETA has a good ability as a promoter for potassium carbonate and \( \text{TETA} + \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 \) solution could be an appropriate solvent for \( \text{CO}_2 \) capture because of its high absorption rate and capacity.

**CONCLUSION**

In this work, \( \text{CO}_2 \) solubility and initial absorption rate in \( \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{TETA} \) solution were investigated at temperatures 303-323 K and the partial pressures up to 30 kPa using a stirred cell reactor. Obtained results revealed that \( \text{CO}_2 \) absorption capacity of \( \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{TETA} \) solution increase with the increase in TETA mole fraction, and decreased with the increase in temperature. The results also indicated that the \( \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{TETA} \) solution has absorption capacity higher than MEA. A correlation was presented to predict \( \text{CO}_2 \) loading capacity in solution, and predicted values were found in excellent agreement with the experimental results. Therefore, considering these results, \( \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{TETA} \) solution can be used as an alternative solvent to MEA. However, in order to make better judgment about this solvent, more investigation needs to be performed to determine the corrosion rate and absorption heat of \( \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{TETA} \) solution.

**NOMENCLATURE**

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<tr>
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<td>K-lys</td>
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<td>( \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 )</td>
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