



# Absorption of Carbondioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) on Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno Road (MERR) Surabaya

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**Abstract.** Middle East Ring Road (MERR) Surabaya City or Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno Surabaya is the main arterial road in the East Surabaya area. This road including the national road in the East Surabaya area. The function as a national road causes this road section to become one of the most populous roads in Surabaya. Traffic density causes very high carbon dioxide emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>). The main effort in absorption of CO<sub>2</sub> is the procurement of green open space. This study aims to analyze the absorption of ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> by green open space on Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno Surabaya. The reduction indicator of the air CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is the cumulative value of the ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> concentration with the net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con symbol. Unit analysis uses the box model. The results showed that CO<sub>2</sub> absorption rate on this road was -2.12 mg/l. This negative value indicates that the CO<sub>2</sub> absorption by the green open space on this road is sufficient. The small value of CO<sub>2</sub> absorption indicates the need for additional green open space on this road segment. For this reason, community participation is needed to add private green open spaces in front of the office and along dr. Ir. H. Soekarno Surabaya.

**Keywords:** absorption · CO<sub>2</sub> · transportation · road

## 1 Introduction

The source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is the biggest contributor to the increase in global warming. The CO<sub>2</sub> emission sources come from mobile transportation (moving sources), stationary combusting, solid waste disposal (waste disposal), and considerable electrical energy consumption [1]. The concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> gas in the atmosphere in addition to being the biggest contributor to the increase in global warming also has a negative impact on respiratory health [2].

East Ring Road (Middle East Ring Road) Surabaya City or known as Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno is the main arterial road in the East Surabaya area. This road is a connector between the northern region of the city of Surabaya including Madura and Sidoarjo Regency including Juanda Airport. In addition, this road also connects the Waru - Juanda toll road to the Trans Java toll road. The Middle East Ring Road Road in Surabaya, including the national road in the East Surabaya area.

The function as a national road causes this road section to become one of the most populous roads in Surabaya. The traffic density causes very high carbon dioxide emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>). The high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> causes an increase in the risk of disease and the temperature of the earth because CO<sub>2</sub> is the biggest contributor to greenhouse effect. The high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> causes an increase in the risk of disease and the temperature of the earth because CO<sub>2</sub> is the biggest contributor to greenhouse gas. The main effort in absorption of CO<sub>2</sub> is the procurement of green open space. Green Open Space has an important role in reducing the impact of global warming because of its ability to absorb carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions [3].

The purpose of this study was to analyze absorption by green open space on Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno Surabaya based on the cumulative value of the CO<sub>2</sub> ambient air (net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con) as an indicator of CO<sub>2</sub> absorption. This study was conducted because the concentration of ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> was the largest contributor (75%) of greenhouse gas which increased temperature on earth. In addition, Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno Surabaya is a national road located in Surabaya with high density. The high density of transportation is contributing to the high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>. The high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> ambient air can increase the global temperatures.

The results of this study are expected to increase public knowledge regarding the value of CO<sub>2</sub> absorption on the Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno Surabaya. With increasing public knowledge about the value of CO<sub>2</sub> absorption by green open spaces, it is hoped that there will be community participation in adding green open spaces, especially in private green open spaces. Knowledge or cognitive is a very important domain for the formation of a person's behavior or participation [4].

## 2 Method

The population in this study is the Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno Surabaya. The sample uses a unit of analysis whose area is determined by box model theory. The size of the box is affected by the wind speed, while the direction of the box is determined by the dominant wind direction. The center point of the box is the sampling location point.

By taking the average calm wind speed in Surabaya, which is less than 0.5 m/s, the side length of the box is 30 m. Area of Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno from the digitization results is 29,753 ha or 297,530,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Total population = area/box area = 330589 units of analysis.

With a significance level (p) of 80%, a sample size error rate (d) of 20% and a standard normal distribution value (Z) of 1.281, the minimum sample size is 7 sampling points. The length of the research location is approximately 11.8 km, so the sample is taken as many as 18 sampling points.

Data on CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the unit of analysis was measured with a CO<sub>2</sub> meter brand type Lutron GC 2028. Measurements started at 05.00–20.00 WIB. Concentration measurements were carried out in the morning (05.00–09.00 AM), afternoon (11.00 AM–01.00 PM), evening (03.00–05.00 PM) and night (06.00–08.00 PM). Field measurements carried out August 3, 2022. The data are interpolated to get the CO<sub>2</sub> series data. CO<sub>2</sub> series data is used to calculate the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction value to analyze the cumulative value of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration (Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con) [4, 5]. The CO<sub>2</sub> reduction value (Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con)

was analyzed by calculating the rate of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration (K) for one time interval.

$$K = \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta t} \quad (1)$$

The cumulative concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> (Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con) in the ambient air for one period is obtained from the integration of the curve of the rate of change of concentration for one period [5, 6]. The CO<sub>2</sub> reduction value (Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con) is presented in the following equation:

$$\text{Net\_CO}_2\text{\_Con} = \pm \int K \cdot dt \quad (2)$$

The cumulative mass value of each ambient air volume [ $K = \Delta m / \Delta v$ ] or the cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is equal to the area between the curve  $K = f(t)$  and the line  $K = 0$ . Calculation of the area between the curve  $K = f(t)$  with the line  $K = 0$  using the numerical method [7]. The value of K marked positive (+) indicates that the absorption of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration by green open spaces is still lacking. The value of K with a negative sign (-) indicates that the absorption of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration by green open spaces is sufficient.

### 3 Result and Discussion

#### 3.1 Result

The results of the CO<sub>2</sub> measurement unit analysis are presented in Table 1.

The results of measurements on 18 units of analysis showed that the average concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> at MERR Surabaya was in the range of values of 341–570 ppmV. This value is above the average of the world's CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in May 2022, which is 421 ppmV (red line) [8]. This value exceeds the WHO recommended CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 330 ppmV (blue line) (Fig. 1).

The distribution of sampling points is distributed at the research sites, as presented in Fig. 2.

The amount of CO<sub>2</sub> absorption (Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con) by green open spaces can be calculated from changes in CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in 1 time period ( $\Delta t$ ). The CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is the ratio between CO<sub>2</sub> concentration per volume of ambient air, while the rate of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of each ambient air volume is the change in CO<sub>2</sub> concentration ( $\Delta m$ ) of each ambient air volume ( $\Delta V$ ) for 1 period ( $\Delta t$ ).

The results of the calculation of Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_con are presented in Table 2.

From Table 2 it can be seen that the minimum value of Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_con -38.17 ppmV, the maximum value is 20 ppmV and the average value of Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_con is -4.02 ppmV.

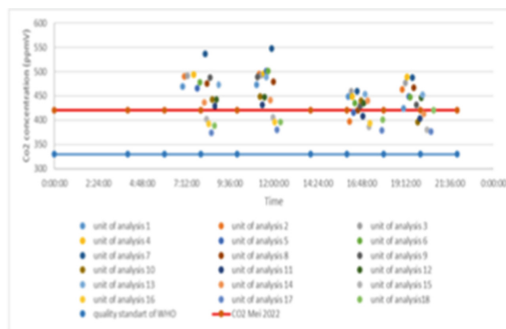
Figure 3 shows the Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con curve for each unit of analysis.

#### 3.2 Discussion

Table 1 shows that the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in MERR Surabaya ranges from 341 to 570 ppmV. Average ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is 444 ppmV. This CO<sub>2</sub> concentration value is higher than the world average CO<sub>2</sub> value in May 2022, which is 421 ppmV.

**Table 1.** The results of the CO<sub>2</sub> measurement

| Unit of analysis | Coordinate |         | CO <sub>2</sub> concentration |     |      |
|------------------|------------|---------|-------------------------------|-----|------|
|                  | X          | Y       | Min                           | Max | Rate |
| 1                | 697010     | 9188268 | 422                           | 479 | 454  |
| 2                | 696821     | 9188557 | 394                           | 533 | 462  |
| 3                | 696592     | 9189889 | 451                           | 502 | 480  |
| 4                | 696596     | 9190302 | 439                           | 507 | 482  |
| 5                | 696544     | 9191510 | 412                           | 512 | 458  |
| 6                | 696706     | 9192883 | 411                           | 514 | 465  |
| 7                | 696610     | 9194815 | 455                           | 570 | 508  |
| 8                | 696700     | 9195689 | 415                           | 488 | 460  |
| 9                | 696791     | 9197686 | 407                           | 503 | 459  |
| 10               | 696908     | 9197958 | 384                           | 461 | 432  |
| 11               | 696877     | 9196760 | 385                           | 446 | 418  |
| 12               | 696777     | 9196033 | 417                           | 490 | 443  |
| 13               | 696686     | 9195374 | 432                           | 527 | 467  |
| 14               | 696621     | 9192063 | 398                           | 454 | 433  |
| 15               | 696581     | 9191083 | 341                           | 424 | 393  |
| 16               | 696610     | 9190786 | 360                           | 433 | 402  |
| 17               | 696639     | 9189474 | 352                           | 397 | 377  |
| 18               | 697226     | 9187873 | 367                           | 468 | 402  |



**Fig. 1.** Distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration

The high value of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration along Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno Surabaya is due to the number of vehicles that pass. This traffic density is due to the fact that this road is a link between the northern area of the city of Surabaya, including Madura, and Sidoarjo Regency, including Juanda Airport. This road also connects the Waru – Juanda toll road



Fig. 2. Distribution of unit analysis

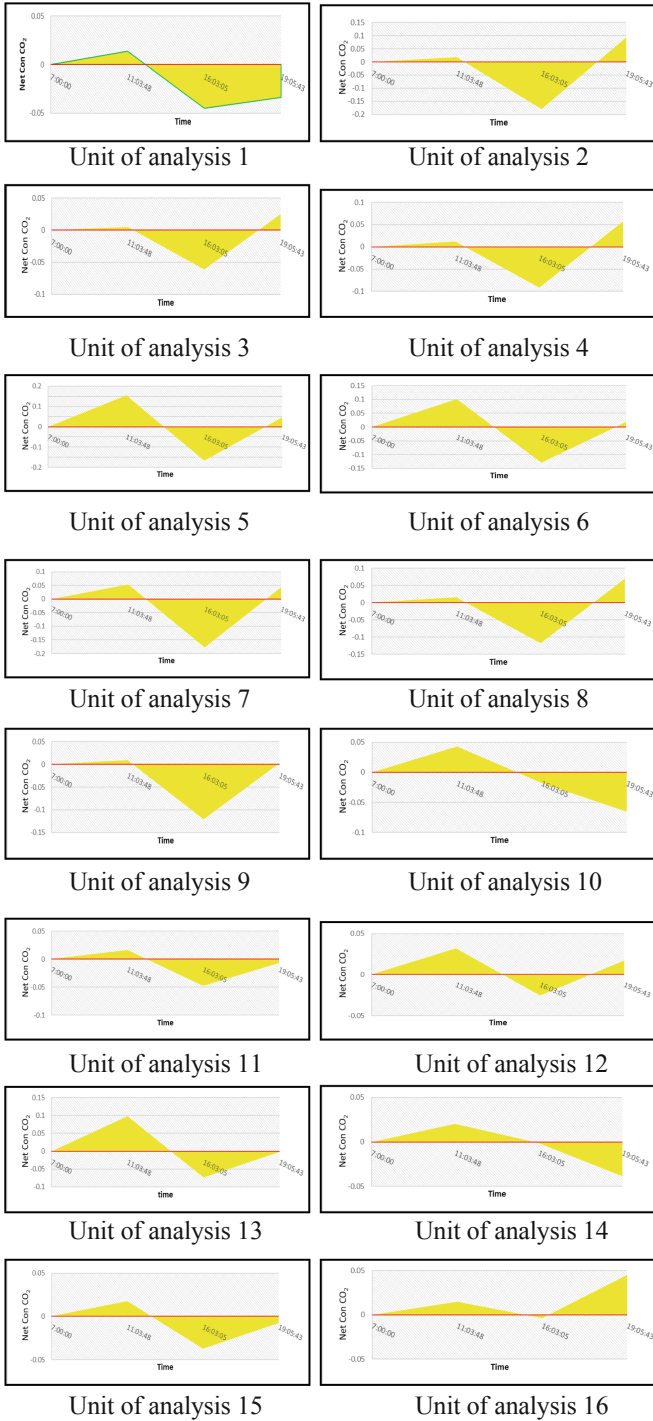
**Table 2.** The value of Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_con

| Unit of analysis | Coordinate |         | Rate of CO <sub>2</sub> Concentration | Net_CO <sub>2</sub> _con (ppmV) |
|------------------|------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                  | X          | Y       |                                       |                                 |
| 1                | 697010     | 9188268 | 454.1                                 | -19.7                           |
| 2                | 696821     | 9188557 | 461.6                                 | -5.7                            |
| 3                | 696592     | 9189889 | 480.0                                 | -4.6                            |
| 4                | 696596     | 9190302 | 482.0                                 | 1.6                             |
| 5                | 696544     | 9191510 | 458.0                                 | 13.7                            |
| 6                | 696706     | 9192883 | 465.0                                 | -0.3                            |
| 7                | 696610     | 9194815 | 507.9                                 | -13.7                           |
| 8                | 696700     | 9195689 | 460.0                                 | 0.5                             |
| 9                | 696791     | 9197686 | 459.2                                 | -24.1                           |
| 10               | 696908     | 9197958 | 432.0                                 | -16.5                           |
| 11               | 696877     | 9196760 | 418.0                                 | -9.2                            |
| 12               | 696777     | 9196033 | 443.0                                 | 7.1                             |
| 13               | 696686     | 9195374 | 466.7                                 | 4.8                             |
| 14               | 696621     | 9192063 | 433.0                                 | -9.5                            |
| 15               | 696581     | 9191083 | 393.4                                 | -7.5                            |
| 16               | 696610     | 9190786 | 402.0                                 | 18.9                            |
| 17               | 696639     | 9189474 | 377.0                                 | 5.3                             |
| 18               | 697226     | 9187873 | 401.5                                 | 20.7                            |

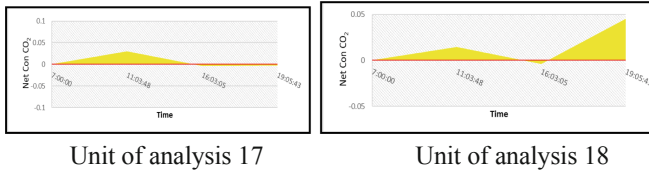
with the Trans Java toll road. The high traffic results in high CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in this area. Transportation is the second contributor to ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> concentration [9, 10].

The value of the rate of change of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration ( $\Delta C/\Delta t$ ) in Table 3 that has been obtained is then plotted to form a curve of the cumulative value of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration. The area of the curve is equivalent to the value of Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con. The value of Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_con marked positive (+) indicates that the absorption of ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> concentration by green open spaces is still lacking. The value of Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_con with a negative sign (-) indicates that the absorption of ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> concentration by green open spaces is sufficient [5, 6].

Table 2 and Fig. 3 show that there are 10 units of analysis that have a negative Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_con value and 8 units of analysis that have a positive Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_con value. This means that 10 samples of the unit of analysis have sufficient CO<sub>2</sub> absorption, while 8 samples of the unit of analysis do not yet have sufficient absorption of CO<sub>2</sub> in ambient air. Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_con value ranges between -24.12 to 20.74 ppmV with an average Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con value of -2.12 ppmV. The average value of Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con -2.12 ppmV indicates that the average CO<sub>2</sub> absorption in the ambient air is sufficient.

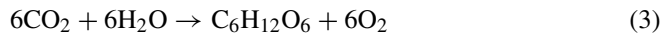


**Fig. 3.** Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con curve



**Fig. 3.** (continued)

The average value of Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_Con along MERR is negative because of the presence of green open space. Green open space can reduce ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> through the process of photosynthesis. This photosynthesis process converts CO<sub>2</sub> released by fossil fuels into oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) with the help of sunlight according to the following chemical reaction [11]:



The formation of 1 carbohydrate molecule in the above photosynthetic reaction requires 6 carbon dioxide molecules. From this it means that the higher the carbohydrate mass in the leaves of the plant, the CO<sub>2</sub> in the ambient air that is absorbed.

Measurements were made during the dry season so that the intensity of sunlight is high. The formation of carbohydrates in the process of photosynthesis requires sunlight as energy. The intensity of sunlight will be followed by an increase in the absorption of carbon dioxide for carbohydrate metabolism. The rate of photosynthesis is directly proportional to the intensity of sunlight. The higher the intensity of sunlight, the faster the rate of photosynthesis so that the decrease in ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is also high [12]. This causes the average value of ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> absorption on Jl. Ir. H. Soekarno Surabaya is negative.

The nominal value of ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> absorption is still relatively small at -2.12 ppmV. This shows that there is still a need for additional green open space along this road. This is evidenced from 18 units of analysis, there are 8 units of analysis that the ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> absorption is still lacking. It was proven that there were positive values in 8 units of analysis with absorption values of +0.5 to +20.74 ppmV. For this reason, it is still necessary to add green open space on Jl Ir H. Soekarno Surabaya.

The increase in ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> absorption on this road cannot be separated from the participation of the community who are active along the road. There is a need for public outreach regarding the addition of green open spaces, especially in private green open spaces.

## 4 Conclusion

Based on the results and discussion above, it can be concluded that the ambient air CO<sub>2</sub> absorption on Jl. Dr. Ir. H. Soekarno Surabaya, with the average Net\_CO<sub>2</sub>\_con absorption indicator, is -2, -2.12 ppmV. The negative value of the analysis results indicates that the CO<sub>2</sub> absorption of the ambient air by the green open space is sufficient to absorb the CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by vehicles passing the road. The small nominal value of CO<sub>2</sub> absorption indicates that there is still a need for green open space along this road.



The limitation of this study is that the measurement of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration was carried out for 15 h. For this reason, it is necessary to develop a measurement of CO<sub>2</sub> uptake for 24 h in order to determine the value of CO<sub>2</sub> uptake for 24 h. In addition, it is also necessary to measure the knowledge and behavior of the people living along this road related to CO<sub>2</sub> absorption by green open spaces.

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