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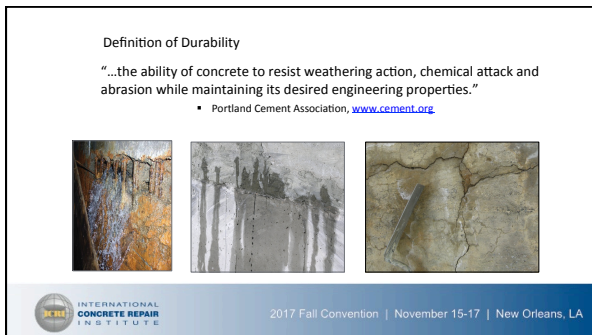
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Failure Mechanisms



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**Concrete – 2 Key Properties**

- Concrete will crack
- Concrete is porous



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**There doesn't always need to be a crack**

- Joints
- Rock pockets
- Sand layers
- Poor consolidation



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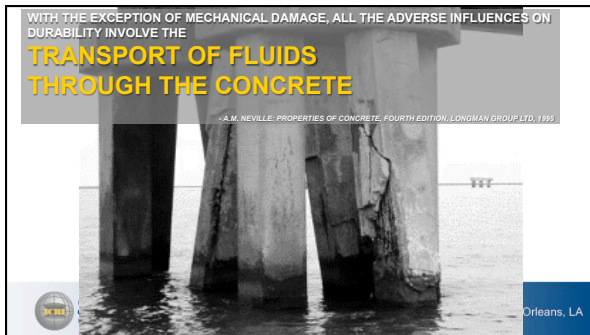
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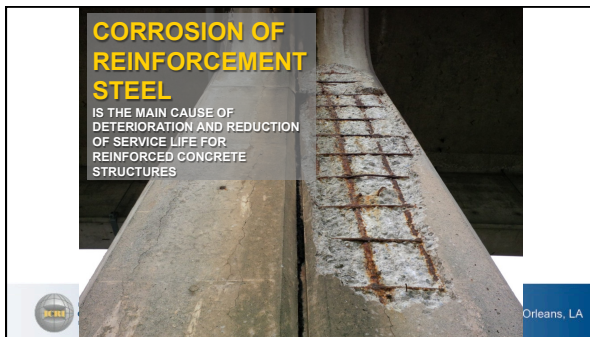
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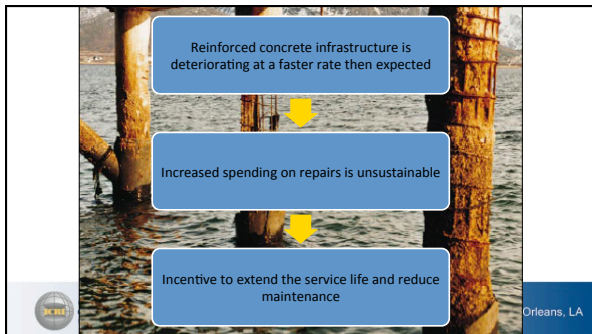
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Reinforced concrete infrastructure is deteriorating at a faster rate than expected

Increased spending on repairs is unsustainable

Incentive to extend the service life and reduce maintenance

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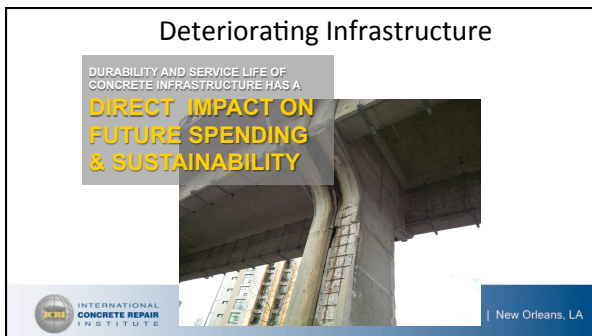
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### Deteriorating Infrastructure

DURABILITY AND SERVICE LIFE OF CONCRETE INFRASTRUCTURE HAS A **DIRECT IMPACT ON FUTURE SPENDING & SUSTAINABILITY**



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### Corrosion

WATER ENTERS THROUGH THE CAPILLARY PORES AND MICRO-CRACKS. THIS WATER MOVEMENT ALLOWS WATERBORNE CHLORIDES TO **PENETRATE TO THE REINFORCING STEEL**



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### Protecting Concrete - Membrane

**TRADITIONALLY**  
CONCRETE HAS BEEN PROTECTED FROM WATER BY USING SURFACE APPLIED MEMBRANES



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TRADITIONAL SURFACE APPLIED WATERPROOFING ARE OFTEN INSTALLED INCORRECTLY, EASILY DAMAGED AND

**DETERIORATE WITH AGE**



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### Protecting Concrete – Epoxy Coated Rebar

**MIXED REVIEWS**  
HAS QUESTIONABLE PERFORMANCE AS A STANDALONE SOLUTION



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### Protecting concrete – Mix Design

**CONCRETE DESIGN**

- PROPER MIX PROPORTIONS
- POZZOLANS / SCM'S
- CORROSION INHIBITORS
- PLASTIC AND WORKABLE MIX
- THICK CONCRETE COVER.
- PLACEMENT



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PREVIOUS METHODS ARE  
**NOT MEETING EXPECTATIONS**

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### Traditional Repair Systems

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### Hydraulic Cement

- Cementitious material used to stop Leaks
- Mixed on-site and applied directly to leaking cracks



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### Hydraulic Cement - Advantages

- Low cost
- Easy to use
- Readily available
- Compatible with Concrete



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### Hydraulic Cement - Limitations

- Repairs are short-term
- Increased pressure can lead to new leaks
- Movement or shrinkage can open cracks
- Only the surface of the crack is patched



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### Epoxy Injection

Epoxy injection is commonly used to repair cracks.



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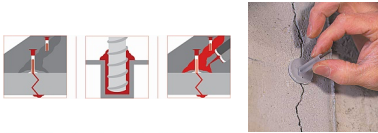
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### Epoxy Injection

- Recommended for structural cracks
- Application by pressure injection using surface-attached ports or drilled ports.



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### Epoxy Injection

- High Strength
- Restores load carrying ability



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### Epoxy Injection- Limitations

- Not intended for waterproofing
- Substrate must be dry – typically poor adhesion to wet concrete
- Not able to fully displace water trapped in cracks and voids
- Can only be used for non-moving applications
  - Likely to crack again if movement is experienced

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### Polyurethane Injection

- Installed similarly to epoxy by drilling across crack and injected through installed ports
- Reacts with water present to expand and fill voids and cracks

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### Polyurethane Injection

- Can be applied into active leaks
- Flexibility allows for minor movement at crack locations
- Can normally be used as a single component product with no pre-mixing required

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## Polyurethane Injection

- Expensive
- Very difficult to be sure of filling all voids and cracks
- It is common to find yourself chasing leaks from one place to another
  
- Low strength
- Typically will shrink with age, possibly leading to loss of adhesion to the substrate

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### Failed Leak Repair Analysis

- Cores were analyzed to discover why concrete continued to leak.
- Little resin is visible in the crack, despite port being clearly visible.
- This proves that injected resin does not always fill and seal the complete crack, as intended.



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## Crystalline Repair Systems

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### What is Crystalline Technology?

Chemical technology that reacts with water and cementing materials to grow a network of needle-shaped crystals within the concrete's capillary pores and cracks.



Microscopic, needle-like crystals fill the naturally occurring pores and capillary tracts of concrete for guaranteed waterproof structures.

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### How Does It Work?

ICW reacts with water and un-hydrated cement to make millions of microscopic needle like crystals.



These crystals block the water pathway. Waterproofs concrete from the inside out.

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### 100% Effective Leak Repair

- The waterproofing crack repair system that works under any jobsite condition
- Designed for maximum waterproofing protection with minimum hassle
- Easy step-by-step installation
- Eliminates stress and costly call backs



Step 1: Clean open the crack or defect.

Step 2: Stop flowing water with Plug.

Step 3: Install crystalline waterproofing Crystal.

Step 4: Finish with broom surface treatment.

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### Plug

- Rapid setting, hydraulic cement product
- Sets within two minutes after mixing with water
- Has high compressive strength, allowing it to stop water under high hydrostatic conditions
- Can be used even when leak is active



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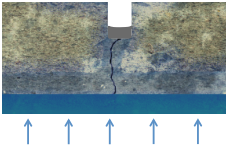
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### Plug

- Stops flowing or seeping water – even under pressure



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### Crystalline Grout

- Uses Hydrophilic Crystalline Technology to waterproof concrete from the inside.



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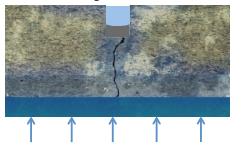
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### Crystalline Grout

- Crystalline waterproofing product
- Stops water flow to permanently repair leaks
- Uses fiber technology and shrinkage controlling additives to prevent future cracking



The diagram shows a cross-section of a concrete slab with a vertical crack. Below the slab, a blue layer represents the crystalline grout. Five blue arrows point upwards from this layer towards the crack, indicating the direction of the grout's penetration and crystallization.

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### Crystalline Coating System

- Surface applied crystalline slurry treatment
- Turns concrete into permanently waterproof barrier
- Crystalline chemical diffuse into the concrete pores and micro-cracks where they grow crystals



A photograph of a construction worker wearing a white hard hat and a high-visibility orange vest, applying a grey slurry to a concrete wall with a brush.

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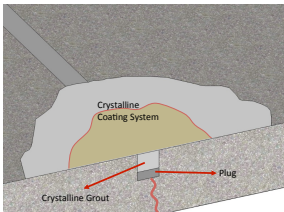
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### Crystalline Leak Repair and Protection System



The diagram shows a cross-section of a concrete slab with a hole. A 'Crystalline Coating System' is applied to the top surface of the slab. A 'Crystalline Grout' is applied to the hole, and a 'Plug' is inserted into the hole. A red line indicates the path of the crystalline grout from the hole into the concrete.

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Integral Crystalline  
Systems



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**Integral Crystalline Waterproofing**  
New or Existing Structures



The first crystalline waterproofing admixture was invented and pioneered by Kryton during the 1980's and 90's.

Powder admixture added directly to ready mix truck or at batch plant (pails or soluble bags)



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**Integral Crystalline Waterproofing**  
New or Existing Structures



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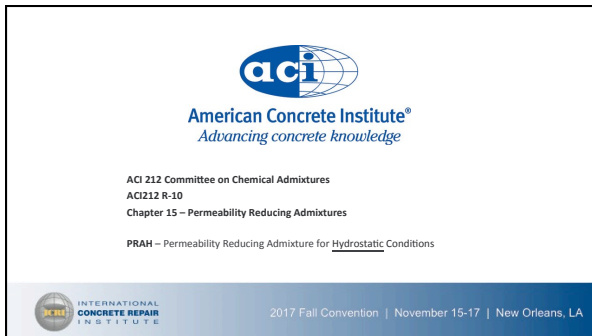
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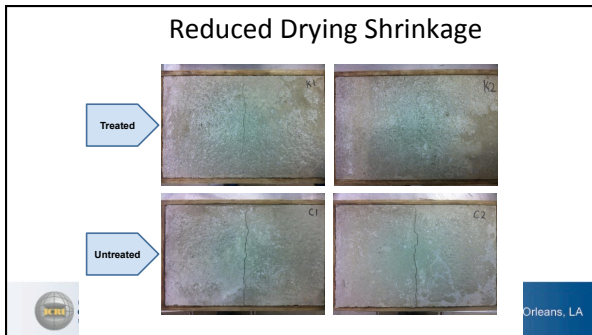
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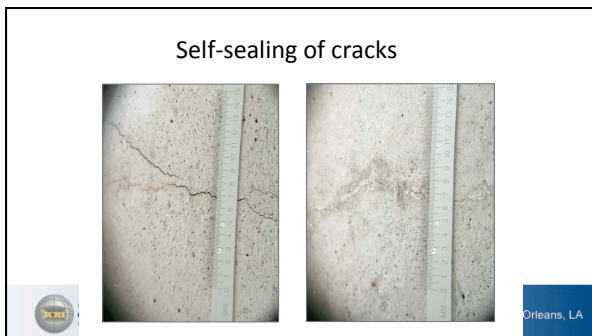
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### Reduced Permeability



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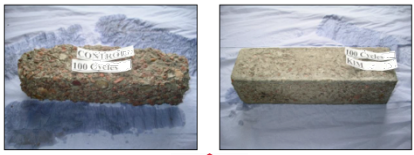
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### Resistance to cycles of freezing and thawing



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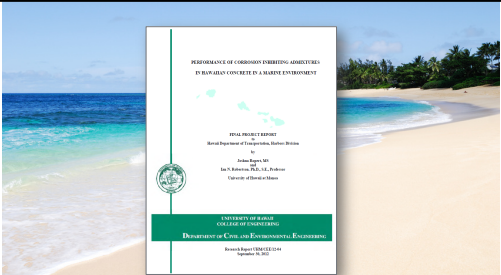
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**Independent Long-term Corrosion Study**

25 reinforced concrete panels were placed in the intertidal zone in Honolulu Harbor.

Resistance to corrosion was evaluated over 10+ years



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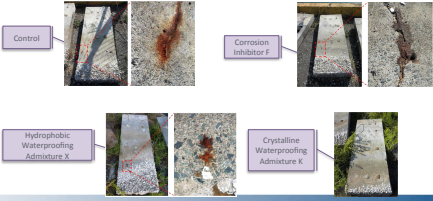
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**Independent Long-term Corrosion Study**



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**Study Results**



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**"THE PANEL USING 2% (INTEGRAL CRYSTALLINE) PERFORMED WELL DURING THE FIELD EXPOSURE, WITH LOW HALF-CELL READINGS AND NO VISIBLE SIGNS OF CORROSION AFTER 10 YEARS EXPOSURE!"**

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**Independent Long-term Corrosion Study**

- Panels using corrosion inhibiting admixture F and hydrophobic waterproofing admixture X exhibited inconsistent to poor results
- Panels using corrosion inhibiting admixtures D & R performed well only at dosages of 20L/m<sup>3</sup>
- Panel using crystalline waterproofing admixture K performed well during the field exposure, with low half-cell readings and no visible signs of corrosion after 10 years exposure



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**Independent Long-term Corrosion Study**

Final recommendations:

1. Use a w/c ratio as low as possible, and not > 0.40
2. Include fly ash with at least 15% replacement of cement, or silica fume with at least 5% replacement of cement. Mix well.
3. Include D or R at minimum dosages of 4 gal/cuyd (20L /m<sup>3</sup>).
4. As added protection, consider including K at 2%.



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**Integral  
Abrasion & Erosion  
Resistance**



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**A new solution to an old problem**



Integral Hardening Admixture

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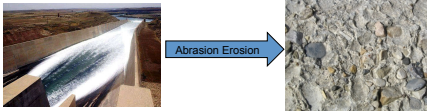
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**Abrasive & Erosive Wear**

- As per ACI 210R-93: *Erosion of Concrete in Hydraulic Structures, fluid borne erosion is defined as "the progressive disintegration of a solid by abrasion, cavitation, or chemical action."*



Eroded Concrete Surface

"Erosion refers to the loss of surface material as a result of either the action of solid particles being carried by moving water or a process known as 'cavitation'. The former of these forms of erosion is very similar to abrasion." Thomas Dyer, "Concrete Durability", CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group, 2014.

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**Erosion of Concrete Structures**



**Early stages of abrasion-erosion on a dam spillway wall**

(source: "Guide to Concrete Repair", US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation)

**Severe abrasion-erosion damage of dam stilling basin**

(source: "Guide to Concrete Repair", US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation)

**Abrasion-Erosion:** suspended solids in fast moving water abrades concrete surfaces.

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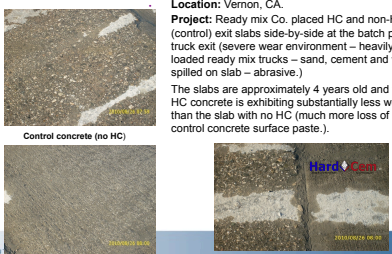
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### Case Study - Field Performance

**Location:** Vernon, CA  
**Project:** Ready mix Co. placed HC and non-HC (control) exit slabs side-by-side at the batch plant truck exit (severe wear environment – heavily loaded ready mix trucks – sand, cement and water spilled on slab – abrasive.)

The slabs are approximately 4 years old and the HC concrete is exhibiting substantially less wear than the slab with no HC (much more loss of control concrete surface paste).



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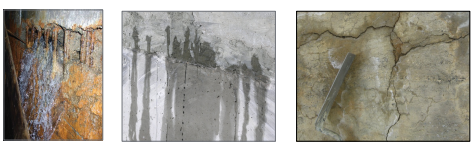
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### Definition of Durability

“...the ability of concrete to resist weathering action, chemical attack and abrasion while maintaining its desired engineering properties.”

- Portland Cement Association, [www.cement.org](http://www.cement.org)



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