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### >>> The Future of Cementitious Materials: Portland-Limestone Cements and Other Blended Cements





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## Learning **Objectives**

Upon completing this program, the participant should be able to:

- 1. List the different cement specifications and types of cement available for construction
- 2. Discuss the influence each cement type has on fresh and hardened properties of concrete.
- 3. Define several emerging trends and innovations in cement.
- 4. Explain the influence each cement type has on concrete sustainability.



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- Cementitious Materials
- History of Modern Portland Cement
- Manufacturing Portland Cement
- Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality
- Evolving Cement Specifications
- Cement Types
- Barriers and Challenges to Adoption
- Future Prospects for Blended Cements
- Emerging Trends and Innovations
- Call to Action





### >> Cementitious Materials



Hydraulic cement – reacts (hydrates) and hardens under water Pozzolan – reacts with cement and water



#### Hydraulic cements Supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs)









<u>Cement + Water</u>

 $C_3S + H_2O = C-S-H + CH$  $C_2S + H_2O = C-S-H + CH$ 







### **History of Modern Portland >> Cement**



- 1824 Hydraulic cement patent issued in England, named after a premier quality of limestone quarried from the Isle of Portland in the English Channel
- 1871 First portland cement is produced in the United States in Coplay, Pennsylvania
- 1916 Portland Cement Association is founded in Chicago
- 2021 PCA publishes its Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality 2024 – Portland cement turns 200 years old
- Present- US uses about 110 million metric tons/year

## Manufacturing Portland Cement

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# Cross-section view of kiln Nodulization process Powder is still free-flowing Particles are still solid.



#### 1300-1650°F: Starting at 1100°F - Calcining, decomposition of CaCO<sub>3</sub> (endothermic) $- Calcination: CaCO_3 \rightarrow CaO + CO_2$



#### **Clinkering reactions**





### We can't ignore this

Increased pressure from many groups: designers, regulators, and the public.





**Guardian concrete week** 

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# Concrete: the most destructive material on





# $CaCO_3 \rightarrow CaO + CO_2$ $C + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2$



# Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality





Shaped by Concrete

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# >> Concrete and CO<sub>2</sub>





 The United States consumes about 340 million cubic yards of ready mixed concrete each year.



# The Value Chain



# Low Carbon Concrete

#### Increasing Public Interest - 'Green Cement' Google Searches, 2004-2024



Google Trends, September 2024.

### THE CONFUSED WORLD OF LOW-CARBON CONCRETE

The ambition towards implementation of 'low-carbon' concrete in the industry is evident nowadays. Nevertheless, there is certain ambiguity observed in the approach of manufacturers, specifiers and wider industry regarding the adoption of sustainable concrete. **Fragkoulis Kanavaris** of **Arup** and **Karen Scrivener** of **EPFL** identify part of the ambiguity that can adversely impact the actual implementation of environmentally friendly concretes in the industry.

(Photo: Pascal Meier on Unsplash

# Low-Carbon Cement and Concrete Protocol

#### **AT THE CEMENT PLANT**

Increase the use of decarbonated raw materials

Decrease the use of traditional fossil fuels by 5X

Increase the use of alternative fuels



Push efficiency and decrease energy intensity for one metric ton of clinker



Utilize carbon capture to avoid the release of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



Reduce clinker production emissions

#### **OPTIMIZING THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF** THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



Lower concrete manufacturing emissions to zero at the plant



Transition to zero emission fleets



Optimize concrete mixes



Reduce overdesign



Construct concrete structures for durability, resiliency, stiffness, and thermal mass benefits

#### **CONCRETE IN USE**



The amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that concrete buildings, structures, and pavements can permanently absorb from the air is 10%

A reduction of 46.5 million metric tons of GHG emissions per year could be realized if the entire U.S. road system used concrete pavement according to the MIT Concrete Sustainability Hub (MIT CSHUB)

# >> Optimizing Clinker

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### >>> Alternative Fuels

#### **TABLE 12-3.** Waste Materials Used as Alternative Fuels inCement Kilns

Gaseous waste	Landfill gas				
	Cleansing solvents				
	Paint sludges				
	Solvent contaminated waters				
Liquid waste	"Slope" – residual washing liquid from oil and oil products storage tanks				
	Used cutting and machining oils				
	Waste solvents from chemical industry				
	Farming residues (rice husk, peanut husk, etc.)				
	Municipal waste				
	Plastic shavings				
	Residual sludge from pulp and paper production				
Solid or	Rubber shavings				
pasty waste	Sawdust and wood chips				
	Sewage treatment plant sludge				
	Tannery waste				
	Tars and bitumens				
	Used catalyst				
	Used tires				

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### Alternative Fuels



- Today's fuel mix for production is ~60% coal and petcoke.
- •U.S. uses ~14% Alternative Fuels
- •Goal is 50% in U.S. by 2050
- Europe uses ~60% Alternative Fuels



### Carbon Capture (CCUS)



- Chemical absorption
- Physical adsorption
- Membrane technologies and mineralization
- Studies in U.S. underway at plants in Texas, Missouri, Colorado, Arkansas, and Indiana



# >>> Optimizing Cement



#### ASTM C150, ASTM C595, and ASTM C1157

- Right sizing the amount of clinker in cement
- Using more non-gypsum additions
- Choosing the right cement specification for specific application









# >>> Specifying Cements



Portland Cements Blended Hydraulic Cements Performance Hydraulic Cements

- Portland Cement (ASTM C150 / AASHTO M 85)
- Blended Cements (ASTM C595 / AASHTO M 240)
- Performance specification for hydraulic cements (ASTM C1157)



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### >> Evolving Cement Specifications



2009 ASTM C150 & AASHTO M 85: Up to 5% IPA

ASTM C595 & AASTHTO M 240: Type IT



**2012** ASTM C595 & AASHTO M 240: Type IL

### Cement Types and Special Property Designations

Δςτη
<b>Portland Cement</b>
AASTHTO M 85
Ι
II
III
V
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\*Designations replaced in 2024 with heat of hydration reporting requirement. ^Special property designations in ASTM C595 and AASHTO M 240.

#### M/AASHTO Standards

Blended Cement ASTM C595/ AASHTO M 240	Performance- Based Cement ASTM C1157			
IL, IS, IP, IT	GU			
MS^	MS			
HE^	HE			
HS^	HS			
*	MH			
*	LH			

### What is Portland Cement?







### >>> Blended Cement Share in U.S.

- 2012 Type IL in standard
- October 2021 PCA Roadmap
- Early 2023 USGS survey
- June 2023 >50%





### Blended Cement Nomenclature

IL	IP	IS	IT			
Portland cement or clinker	Portland cement or clinker	Portland cement or clinker	Portland cement or clinker			
		Slag (up to 70% or 95%*)		Limestone + pozzolan		
Limestone (5% to 15%)	Pozzolan (up to 40%)		Plus 2 extra ingredients:	Limestone + slag		
				2 pozzolans		
				Pozzolan + slag		
and the second s		* Como coocificat	ions restrict $> 70\%$ slag to r	an atrustural applications		







### >> Portland-limestone Cement

#### **PORTLAND CEMENT**



5-15%

### >>> Benefits of Limestone

#### Particle packing Improved particle size distribution



#### Nucleation Surfaces for precipitation





#### Minor Contribution from Chemical reactions $CaCO_3 + C_3A =$ Carboaluminates









# Mix Designs With PLC

- PLC typically replaces ordinary portland cement in equal amounts
- PLC allows for the same dosages of SCMs: fly ash or other pozzolans, and slag cement
- Testing is warranted to confirm effects on fresh and hardened properties





### >> Impact of Cement on Strength

Increasing C<sub>3</sub>S (decreasing C<sub>2</sub>S)

Increasing  $C_3A$  (decreasing  $C_4AF$ )

Increase in alkali content

Increase in portland cement clinker fineness

Increase in limestone fineness

Increase in PSD (Steeper Curve)

Increase in cement content



### State of the Art Report on PLC



#### **PCA SN3148**

- Workability, bleeding, placing and finishing
- Setting time, hydration, HOH
- Strength, strength development
- Deicer scaling, freeze-thaw resistance
- Chloride permeability
- ASR resistance
- Sulfate resistance
- Abrasion resistance



### >> Why Bogue Calculations are Not Applicable for Blended Cements

#### **PCA IS791**

- Bogue calculations from ASTM C150 are **NOT Applicable** to Blended Cements
- The oxide composition of finished blended cements yields inaccurate and even nonsensical (<0% and >100%) results
- Sulfate resistance of blended cements is characterized by **performance testing** (ASTM C1012)





# Supplementary Cementitious Materials (Scms)

ASTM C618 Coal Ash and Natural Pozzolans

ASTM C989 Slag Cement

ASTM C1240 Silica Fume

**ASTM C1866 Ground Glass** 

**ASTM CXXX Performance-Based SCMs** 





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- Silicates in SCMs react with Calcium Hydroxide (CH)
- More C-S-H, less CH formation!

### >> Pozzolanic Reaction

The rate of pozzolanic reaction is influenced by:

- Fineness and surface area
- Glass composition
- Temperature
- pH
- Concentration of alkalies





Silica f

Low-Ca natural Type G

Type G

High-Ca

Slag ce

\*Adapted from Thomas and Wilson 2002.

SCM	POZZOLANIC BEHAVIOR	HYDRAULIC BEHAVIOR	CALCIUM CONTENT
ume, metakaolin	****		Low (<1%)
aO fly ash, pozzolans, S ground glass	<b>* * * *</b>		
E ground glass	***	•	
aO fly ash	***	**	↓ ↓
ement	•	****	High (> 30%)



# SCMs Effects on Freshly Mixed Concrete

	FLY	ASH	SLAG		ΝΑΤ	GROUND		
	CLASS F	CLASS C	CEMENT	SILIGA FUME	RAW	CALCINED CLAY/SHALE	METAKAOLIN	GLASS
Water demand	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	1	$ \Longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	1	Ļ
Workability	1	1	1	Ļ	1	1	Ļ	1
Bleeding and segregation	Ļ	Ļ	1	Ļ	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	Ļ	Ļ
Setting time	1	t	1	$ \longleftrightarrow $				
Air content	Ļ	Ļ	$ \longleftrightarrow $	Ļ	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	Ļ	$ \longleftrightarrow $
Heat of hydration	Ļ	t	Ļ	t	Ļ	Ļ	$ \longleftrightarrow $	Ļ

Wilson and Tennis, 2021

### >> SCMs Effects on Hardened Concrete

	FLY ASH		SLAG SULCA FURT		ΝΑ	GROUND		
	CLASS F	CLASS C	CEMENT	NT SILICA FUME	RAW	CALCINED CLAY/SHALE	METAKAOLIN	GLASS
Early age strength gain	Ļ	$ \longleftrightarrow $	¢	1	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	1	Ļ
Long term strength gain	1	1	1	1	T	1	1	1
Abrasion resistance	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	1	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $
Drying shrinkage and creep	$\leftrightarrow$	$ \longleftrightarrow $						
Permeability and absorption	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ
Corrosion resistance	1	1	<b>1</b>	1	1	1	1	1
Alkali-silica reactivity	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ
Sulfate resistance	1	¢	Î	1	1	1	1	1
Freezing and thawing	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$\longleftrightarrow$	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$ \longleftrightarrow $	$\longleftrightarrow$	$ \longleftrightarrow $
Deicer scaling resistance	Ţ	Ţ	Ţ	Ţ	Ţ	Ţ	Ţ	Ţ

Wilson and Tennis, 2021



# Barriers and Challenges to Adoption

#### Industry conservatism and market acceptance

Resistance to adopting new materials in the construction sector

#### **Technical challenges**

Variability in SCM availability and performance

Compatibility issues with traditional materials and methods

#### Regulatory and standardization issues

Need for updated codes and standards for blended cements

#### Supply chain limitations

Ensuring a reliable supply of SCMs across different regions



### >> Barriers and Challenges to Adoption



"Just pretend I'm not here..."



# >> Options for Adding SCMs

#### **Blended Cements**

- About 100 cement plants
- Optimize addition rates, overall chemistry, and properties of blended cements
- Multiple SCMs in 1 product
- ASTM C1157 augments potential for adding higher volumes of SCMs to cement

#### **Concrete Mixtures**

- 1000s of ready-mix plants Vary addition rates based on project needs Plant footprint – only 1 silo needed for ulletblended, multiple silos for cement plus 1 or more SCMs





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TRL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
ing	Basic idea	Concept developed	Experimental proof of concept	Lab demonstration	Lab scale validation (early prototype)	Prototype demonstration	Capability validated on economic runs	Capability validated over range of parts	Capability validated on full range of parts over long periods	
ngineer							Pilot system demonstrated	System incorporated in commercial design	Proven system ready for full deployment	
Science & El				Component and/or system validation in laboratory environment	Laboratory scale, similar system validation in relevant environment	Engineering/ pilot scale, similar (prototypical) system validation in relevant environment	Full-scale, similar (prototypical) system demonstrated in relevant environment	Actual system completed and qualified through test and demonstration	Actual system operated over the full range of expected mission conditions	
Phase		Research		Trans	ation/Develo	pment	ent Commercialization			

University of Capetown, 2018

### Future Prospects for Blended Cements

#### **New SCM sources and materials**

Exploring alternative industrial by-products

Potential for agricultural waste and other novel SCMs

#### **Technological advances**

Al and machine learning for optimizing mix designs 3D printing with blended cements





### >> Evolving SCM Specifications

#### **Standard Specification for** Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete<sup>1</sup>

This standard is issued under the fixed designation C618; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last reapproval. A superscript epsilon ( $\epsilon$ ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense.

#### 1. Scope \*

1.1 This specification covers coal fly ash resulting from the combustion of coal, and raw or calcined natural pozzolan, for use in concrete where cementitious or pozzolanic action, or both, is desired, or 14 where other properties normally attributed to fly coal ash or natural pozzolans may be desired, or where 15 both objectives are to be achieved.

16 NOTE 1—Finely divided materials may tend to reduce the entrained air content of concrete. Hence, if a coal fly-ash or natural pozzolan is added to any concrete for 17 which entrainment of air is specified, provision should be made to ensure that the specified air content is maintained by air content tests and by use of additional air-18 entraining admixture or use of an air-entraining admixture in combination with air-entraining hydraulic cement.



# Coal Ash (Fly Ash)

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#### Concrete Solutions Guide, RMI 2021

### >> Harvested Coal Ash





State Mandate Operating Ash Harvesting to Concrete Operating Ash Harvesting to Cement Raw Feed

Announced Ash Harvesting

EPRI, 2023







- Logistics of transportation
- Imports are significant source for U.S.







- Kaolinite deposits for potential calcined clay production
- And limestone calcined clay cements



### >> Other Natural Pozzolans



Natural Pozzolans Association

- ~10 production facilities
- ~10 more in development
- 5-6 MMT raw (natural) pozzolans
- Plus additional calcined clays and shales by 2030



# Emerging Trends and Innovations in Cement

#### **Optimized Blend Ratios**

Balancing SCMs for Specific Applications
Nanomaterials and additives

Nanoparticles (e.g., nanosilica) for enhanced strength and hydration

#### Self-healing and smart materials

Incorporating materials that improve longevity and reduce maintenance



# >> Limestone Calcined Clay Cement

(Such as LC<sup>3</sup>):

- Much reduced clinker content with replacement by limestone and calcined clay (regional availability)
- Calcined clays can be produced in existing rotary kiln or in a flash calciner
- Lower temperature for calcined clay (<800°C) vs. clinker (~1450°C)</li>
- Reduce  $CO_2$  emissions by up to 40%



### >> Alternative Cementitious Materials



### >> Cements that Require Carbonation Curing

- Lower temperatures and fewer calcination emissions = about 30% lower CO<sub>2</sub> from manufacture
- Requires curing in a temperature- and moisturecontrolled chamber with  $CO_2$
- ASTM C1905-23

Cements must bind 8% minimum CO<sub>2</sub>



This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.



#### Standard Specification for Cements that Require Carbonation Curing<sup>1</sup>

This standard is issued under the fixed designation C1905/C1905M; the number immediately following the designation indicates th year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision, A number in parenth reapproval, A superscript epsilon (e) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval

#### 1, Scope

1.1 This specification covers cements that require controlled exposure to carbon dioxide to achieve strength, referred to as carbonation curing. These cements are for use in concrete that does not contain steel reinforcement. There are no restrictions on the constituents of the cement. The producer is required to demonstrate that carbon dioxide is chemically bound by the cement.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined. Values are stated in only SI units when inch-pound units are not used in practice.

1.3 If required results obtained from another standard are not reported in the same system of units as used by this standard, it is permitted to convert those results using the conversion factors found in the SI Quick Reference Guide, Annex A in Form and Style for ASTM Standards, www.astm.org/COMMIT/Blue\_Book.pdf.

1.4 The text of this standard refers to notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) are not requirements of the standard.

1.5 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.6 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standard ization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

#### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards<sup>2</sup>

- C114 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Hydraulic
- C183/C183M Practice for Sampling and the Amount of Testing of Hydraulic Cement
- C204 Test Methods for Fineness of Hydraulic Cement by Air-Permeability Apparatus
- C219 Terminology Relating to Hydraulic and Other Inorganic Cements
- C1910/C1910M Test Methods for Cements that Require Carbonation Curing
- 2.2 IEEE/ASTM<sup>3</sup>
- SI 10 Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): the Modern Metric System

2.3 The standards referenced in this specification that are intended for use with hydraulic cement are applicable for testing and specifying materials covered by this standard as modified herein.

#### 3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 Terms used in this specification are defined in Terminology C219. 3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 curing, carbonation, n-action taken to maintain moisture, temperature, and carbon dioxide conditions in a freshly-placed cement mixture so the potential properties of the mixture that require carbonation reactions may develop.

3.2.1.1 Discussion-Carbonation curing requires a confined chamber and control of temperature and moisture conditions as well as carbon dioxide concentration in the chamber.

#### 4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for cement meeting the requirements of this specification shall include:

Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Decement Summary page on the ASTM website.
<sup>3</sup> Available from Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE), 445 Hoes L., Piscataway, NJ 08854-4141, http://www.ieee.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C01 on Cement and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C01.14 on Non-hydraulic

Cements, Current edition approved June 15, 2023. Published July 2023, DOI: 10.1520/ C1905\_C1905M-23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page or

### Geopolymers and Alkali-Activated Materials

- Using industrial waste to create low-carbon alternatives
- Durability
- Thermal Resistance





Increasing Al content

H.S. Gökçe et al 2021

### >> Near and Long-Term Solutions





#### LONG-TERM

Carbon capture

Introduce new cement blends







#### Market Acceptance

**Community Acceptance** 

Cradle to Cradle Life Cycle-Based Procurement

Low-Carbon Infrastructure

Level Playing Field

# Questions and Further Information

**Blended Cement Resource:** greenercement.com





Restore | Repurpose | Renew

#### **Roadmap Updates:** cementprogress.com







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