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▹ SCM's

- Fly ash
- Slag
- Silica fume
- Admixtures
 - Superplasticizers
 - Viscosity/Rheology Modifiers
 - · Air Entrainment all typically increase workability



















Important dates in history

- 1886 first rotary kiln for cement production
- 1891 first concrete street Bellefontaine, OH
- 1903 first concrete high rise Cincinnati, OH
- 1930 air entraining agents introduced
- 1936 first major dams (Hoover, Grand Coulee)
- > 1970 introduction of fiber reinforced concrete
- > 1980 introduction of superplasticizers

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Types of Portland Cement

I – Normal

- II Moderate Sulfate Resistant
- III High Early
- IV Low Heat of Hydration
- V Sulfate Resistant





















Other Types of Cement

- ASTM C 1157 Cements
- Masonry Cements
- Expansive Cements
- Geopolymer Cements
- Calcium Aluminate Cement
- Special Cements......

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Fly Ash

What is fly ash?

- Fly ash, the most widely used supplementary cementitious material in concrete, is a by product of the combustion of pulverized coal in electric power generating plants
- Where does it come from?
 - coal burning power plants
 - pulled from exhaust gases

Classes

- ASTM C618 Defines two classes of fly ash:
 - Class C
 - Class F
- ASTM C618 requirements:
 - Loss of Ignition (LOI) < 6%
 - $\,\cdot\,$ 66% of ash must have fineness of 45 μm or less
- Primary difference between Class C and Class F fly ash is the amount of the amount of calcium, silica, alumina, and iron content in the ash

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Class F

Produced from burning harder, older anthracite and bituminous coal.

Contains less than 20% lime

Requires cementing agent like PC, quick lime, hydrated lime

Used in high sulfate exposure conditions

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Class C

Produced from burning younger lignite and subbituminous coal

Higher concentration of alkali and sulfate

Contains more than 20% lin

Self-cementing properties

How do Pozzolans Work?

Hydration Reaction

- Reaction of hydraulic cementitious materials with water results in production of calcium silicate hydrates (C-S-H) and calcium hydroxide (CH), also ettringite and other hydrated aluminate phases (C-A-H)
- Examples: portland cement, slag cement, Class C fly ash
- Hydraulic Reaction:
 - Hydraulic Cement + Water→ C-S-H + CH
- C-S-H provides strength <u>desirable</u> product
- CH provides little strength and is soluble, also is a reactant in many MRD mechanisms – <u>undesirable</u> product

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Pozzolanic Reaction

- SCMs consume CH through the pozzolanic reaction
 - Improves strength
 - Increases paste density
 - Reduces alkali (ASR mitigation)
 - Reduces rate of heat evolution due to hydration reaction
 - Slower strength development

Hydration Reaction: Cement + Water + C-S-H + CH

Pozzolanic Reaction: Pozzolan + CH + Water + C-S-H

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So why do we use fly ash?

Fly ash improves the properties of concrete and offers other advantages

- Performance It works!
 - · Improved workability
 - Decreased permeability
 - · ASR mitigation when necessary
- Reserves there is nothing else available that provides the same performance and advantages, and is available in comparable quantities
- Sustainability goals







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What will replace fly ash if needed?

Short Term

- Straight cement
 - existing solution but performance issues
- Slag cement
 - existing solution but supply limited
 - Need higher replacement levels
 - Curing is essential
- Natural pozzolans
 - geographically limited (western US)

What will replace fly ash if needed?

Long Term

- Harvested/recovered fly Ash
- Imported fly ash
- Lower quality fly ash
- New materials (colloidal silica, glass)
- Blended ASTM C 595 Cements

Do specifications exist to adequately screen these materials????

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- Lower permeability
- Improved resistance to aggressive chemicals More consistent plastic and hardened properties
- Lighter color







Mineralogy

Igneous Formed from volcanic processes and the heating and cooling of magma

Example: granite

- Sedimentary
 - Formed by the layering of sediments due to the action of wind or water

Example: sandstone Metamorphic

Result from long-term <u>high temperature</u> and <u>pressure</u> on igneous and sedimentary rocks

Example: marble





Aggregate Specifications

- ASTM C33 Normal Weight Aggregates
- ASTM C330 Lightweight Aggregates
- ASTM C637 Radiation Shielding Aggregates (Heavyweight)









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Choosing Aggregate Size

Maximum nominal size of aggregate

- 1/5 smallest dimension
- 1/3 thickness of slab
- · 3/4 clearance between rebars

Congestion Shrinkage

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Aggregate Gradation

- Also known as "sieve analysis"
- It is the distribution of particle sizes
- "Well-graded" aggregates:
 - particles evenly distributed among sieve sizes
 - require less cement and water than "poorly graded" aggregates
- Careful choice of aggregates provides for optimization of cement, water and admixtures



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Concrete Construction

Significance of aggregate grading

- smooth grading curve
 - (sieve size vs. % passing)
- more voids will lead to more cement undersanded mixes tend to be harsh large sizes have less surface area

Aggregate Gradation Affects:

· Workability

Pumpability

- Economy
- Porosity
- Shrinkage
- Durability

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Gap-Graded Aggregates

- Certain particle sizes omitted, typically one coarse aggregate size
- Excess coarse aggregate honeycomb, segregate
- Excess fine aggregate high water demand, shrinkage
- Properly proportioned mixtures are readily consolidated with vibration

































Water Reducer Benefits

- Fresh concrete properties:
 - · Lower water-cementitious material ratio
 - Improved workability, flowability, pumpability, and placeability
 - Influence time of setting
 - Improved finishing

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Cold Weather (ACI 306 Definition)

Cold weather exists when the air temperature has fallen to, or is expected to fall below 40°F (4°C) during the protection period. The protection period is defined as the time required to prevent concrete from being affected by exposure to cold weather. Concrete placed during cold weather will develop sufficient strength and durability to satisfy the intended service requirements when it is properly produced, placed, and protected. The necessary degree of protection increases as the ambient temperature decreases.



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Retarders/Hydration Control Admixtures

•Can completely stop hydration process for several hours or days

Provide more control than conventional retarders
Little risk of over dosing – very linear in dosage
Enhance late age strength





































BATCH: 1 MATERIAL	DESIGN OTY	REQUIRED	END: 14 BATCHED	26 VAR	BATCH T S VAR	IME: 02 MINS (MOISTURE	ACTUAL WAT
G1 G2 SAND CEM TII WATER WTRRED AIR	720 lb 1085 lb 1255 lb 564 lb 31,0 gl 3,00 /C 1,05 /C	1440 lb 3570 lb 6231 lb 1128 lb 24,0 gl 33,84 oz 11,84 oz	1450 lb 3600 lb 6200 lb 1140 lb 24,0 gl 34,00 oz 12,00 oz	10 30 -31 12 0,0 0,16 0,16	0.69 0.84 -0.50 1.06 0.00 0.47 1.35%	6,00	17,64 gl 24,00 gl





































New Crack-Reducing Admixture

Admixture, crack-reducing – a special class of shrinkage-reducing admixture that produces a maximum initial crack width of 175 μ m in high-performance, crack-prone (HPCP) concrete mixtures tested in accordance with ASTM C 1581.

HPCP mix cracks in < 10 days and has an initial crack width of at least 1 mm.

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