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A Prelude to Alternative SCMs

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A Brief History of Hydraulic Cement in Construction

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Hydraulic Cement

- Definition (ACI) – A binding material that sets and hardens by chemical reaction with water and is capable of doing so underwater.
 - Portland cement.
 - Natural cement.
 - Slag cement.
 - Class C fly ash.
 - Plaster of Paris



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Ancient Building with Earthen Materials

Stones Alone



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Stacked Stone Process

- Incredibly labor intensive
- Very slow process
- The “contractor” undoubtedly was looking for a better way.



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Ancient Building with Earthen Materials Stones With Mortar

Egypt 2000BC



China 200BC-1600AD



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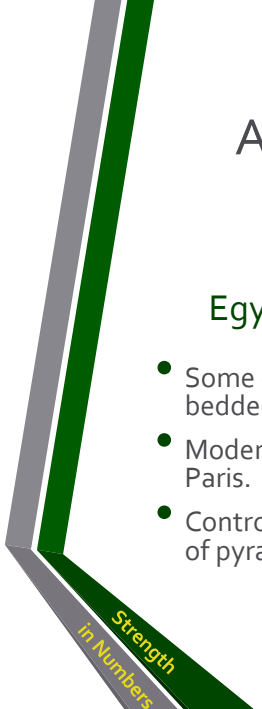

Stones With Mortar

Egypt 2000 BC

- Some of the stones were found to be bedded with calcined gypsum (300C).
- Modern day term for this is Plaster of Paris.
- Controversy surrounds all the theories of pyramid construction.

China 200BC – 1600 AD

- Methods varied with age.
- Ming Dynasty construction included use of Plaster of Paris with a “rice pectin” admixture, one of few documented organic admixtures

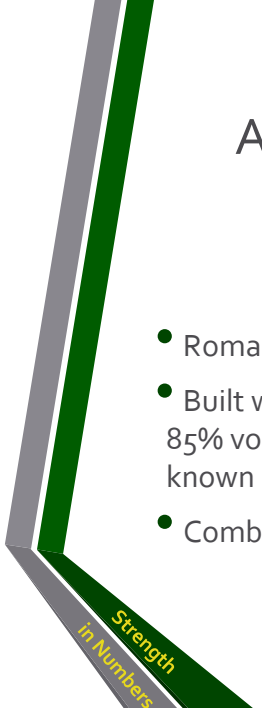




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Ancient Building with Earthen Materials

Concrete and Mortar

- Roman Structures (Pantheon / Colosseum and many others)
- Built with calcined Limestone (840C-900C) ground up and mixed with about 85% volcanic ash from Mount Vesuvius, from near Pozzuoli. Ash became known as “pozzolana”.
- Combination was later called “Natural Cement”

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Concrete and Mortar

Crete



Santorini



- Greeks used calcined lime and Santorin Earth, a volcanic tuff from major modern eruptions on Thera.
- They also ground up ceramics to use as pozzolan



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The Advent of Portland Cement

Eddystone Rock Lighthouse

- In 1756 the third of 4 lighthouses built in this location was completed. Although it later was undermined, it was never totally removed.
- John Smeaton experimented with production of lime by including some clay in the feed – and found it improved its strength properties.
- Trass (Rhine region volcanic material) was combined with the Smeaton cement.
- In spite of Smeaton's experiment, not much improvement was made to his lime for about 100 years.



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The Advent of Portland Cement

- In 1842, Joseph Aspdin patented Portland Cement.
- He calcined limestone, broke it up and mixed it with clay and water, calcined it yet again and ground it up.
- It is called Portland Cement because of Aspdin's observation that the hardened cement resembled stone bluffs surrounding the Isle of Portland.
- This new product did not take off quickly. Aspdin's son took over its promotion. A man named Charles Johnson noticed that when some of the clinkers were "over burned", they made excellent cement when ground up. Modern day cement is calcined at about 1450C.



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The Use of Portland Cement in the Past 150 Years

- People started putting stones and sand in mortar.
- Germany formed their own "Portland Cement Assn." in about 1870
- The world started to be more scientific in its development – better tools and more scientific understanding.
 - Petrography was instrumental in understanding the Bogue reactive component composition of cement (C_3S, C_2S, C_3A, C_4AF)
 - Thermal analyses became a useful tools.
- ASCE began formulating test methods to assess it.
- ASTM formed Committee C1 on Cement.



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Early Standards

- British Standard for Portland Cement – 1904
- First ASTM standard for Portland Cement – 1904
- **ASTM Standard for Natural Cement (C10) – 1904**
- First ASTM Standard C150 for Portland Cement – 1940
- Carnegie Institute, US Bureau of Standards, and (after 1926) the Portland Cement Institute did a lot of study and research on Portland Cement during the first part of the 20th Century.
- The British "Cement and Concrete Association was formed after WWII



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Advent of GGBFS (Slag Cement)

- By-product of iron production.
- Mixed with calcined lime in the 1700's to make mortar
- Iron ore is heated to 1500 °C to separate iron from the ore.
- Molten slag is granulated by quenching when dumped from the furnaces.
- Thus, we get "ground, granulated blast-furnace slag"
 - Now called "SLAG CEMENT"



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Advent of Fly Ash

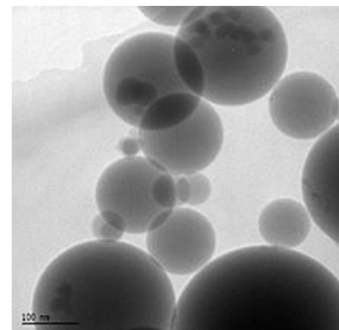
- Not as old as natural pozzolans.
- It gained attention in the 1950's and 1960's as powerplants became more sophisticated and the ash was cleaner and finer.
- USBR, COE, TVA all used it in water resource, hydraulic power and/or flood control structures in the mid 1900's.
- Originally Class F ash was used. The Class C ash was later as the Powder River Basin and similar lignite/sub-bituminous coals were mined for power plants.



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Advent of Silica Fume

- First tested in 1952
- Mostly not collected until the 1970's.
- By-product of the silicon chip production process.
- Extremely fine in comparison to other pozzolans. (100 times finer than most)
- It became commonly used in the 1980's.
- There is a limited supply.



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Advent of Metakaolin

- Just a natural pozzolan on steroids.
- Kaolin clay calcined to $700\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 50?$
- Ground very fine, finer than cement, not as fine as silica fume.
- Used in high performance concrete.
- I remember it first becoming available in the 1970's.
- No separate ASTM specification for it was ever published.



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Fly Ash State of Affairs



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ACAA Mission

- The mission of the American Coal Ash Association is to encourage beneficial use of CCP in ways that are
 - *environmentally responsible,*
 - *technically sound,*
 - *commercially competitive,*
 - *supportive of a sustainable global community.*





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What is the state of supply today and why?

- On a national level, some regions are experiencing a significant gap between supply and demand.
- Primary reason for this gap: demand has been increasing while coal-fueled generation has been decreasing
- About 6 years ago, coal fueled about 50% of the generation of electricity
- Today, coal accounts for 20% to 25% of generation
- Base-load generation has declined
- Coal plants are now running mostly in very hot and very cold weather conditions



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State of Supply - continued

- 2009: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) started an attempt to regulate fly ash and other coal combustion products (CCP) as a hazardous waste.
- Many older coal-fueled plants began to hit retirement age or became uneconomical to retrofit to meet increasingly stringent EPA standards
- Combustion stream injections made some fly ash unsuitable for use in concrete
- Fracking caused a rapid increase in supplies of natural gas
- As natural supplies increased, gas prices decreased dramatically
- Fossil fuels became a primary target of environmental activists



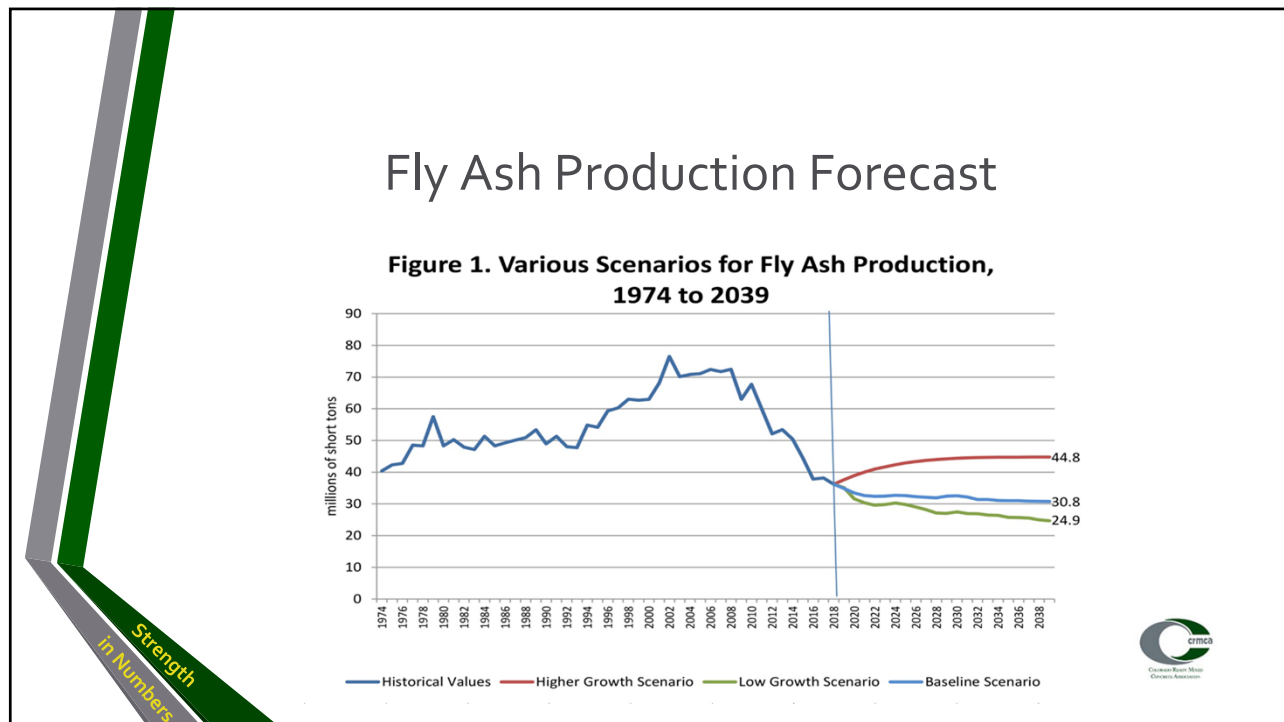
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There is fly ash not in use

- *Each year millions of tons of fly ash produced goes to disposal rather than into beneficial use.*
- Primary Reason #1 – Dislocation
- Primary Reason #2 – Quality
- 2015 to 2019 185.9 m tons of fly ash produced
- 2015 to 2019 108.7 m tons of fly ash used in all beneficial uses
- 2015 to 2019 69.4 m tons of fly ash used in concrete
- 2015 to 2019 **77.2 m tons of fly ash not used**



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What is "harvesting"?

- "Harvesting" is the term selected by consensus to describe the process of removing coal ash from disposal – dry and wet – for beneficial uses.
- Why "harvesting"?
- Disposal of coal ash occurs in landfills and surface impoundments (a.k.a. ponds)
- Coal ash comingled with other materials is likely not to be a candidate for processing for concrete manufacture
- Coal ash in monofills is the target
- Over 2.5 billion tons in disposal in the U.S.




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Summary

- There are millions of tons of fly ash being produced annually that are not being used.
- Fly ash production is expected to remain fairly constant for the next 15 to 20 years.
- Harvesting will close or eliminate the gap between supply and demand in some regional markets.
- Specification changes can assist with alleviating shortages in some markets.
- Beneficiation technologies are available but can be costly.



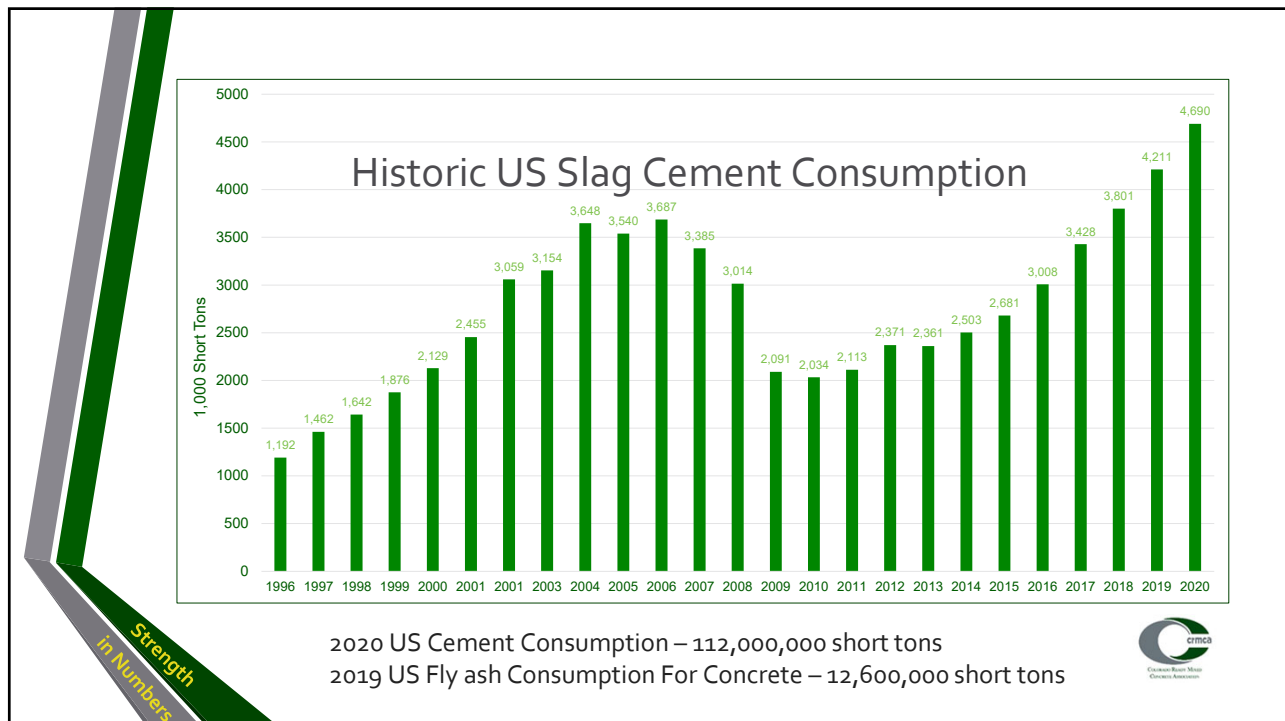
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Slag Cement in the U.S.

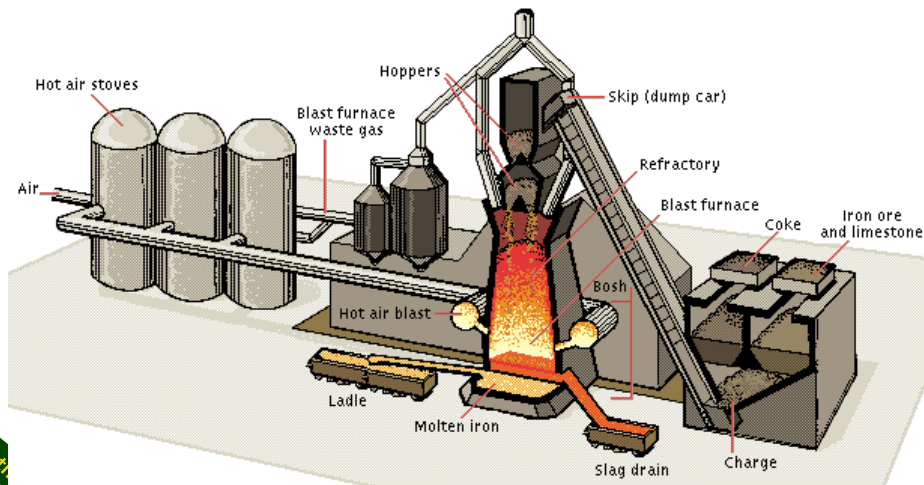
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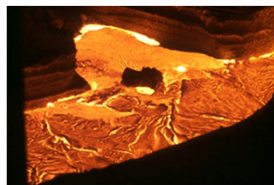
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Slag Comes From an Iron Blast Furnace for Manufacturing Steel

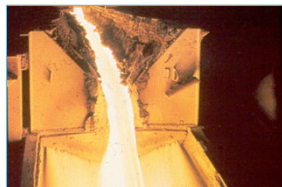


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Granulation Process



Slag floating on top



Hot Blast Furnace Slag (BFS)



Slag Diverted to Granulator
High pressure water
6 - 10 tons water/ton slag



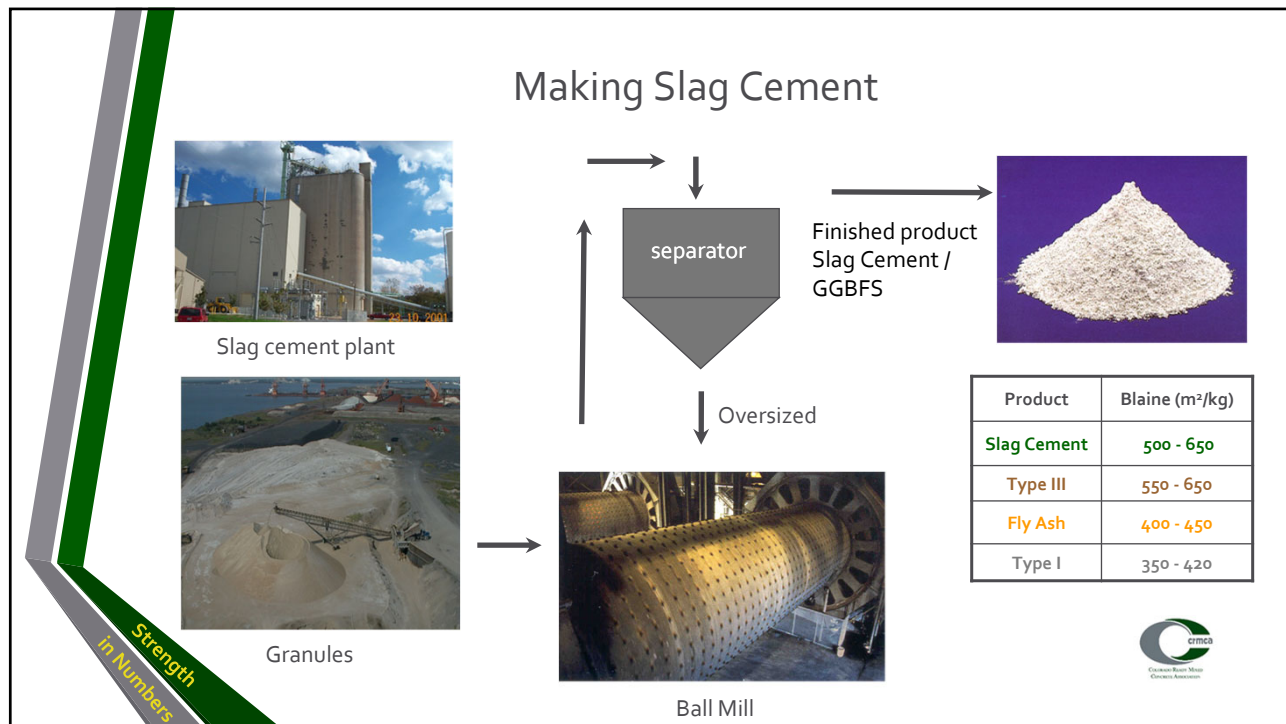
Slag is changed to glassy sand like substance known as granulated blast furnace slag - GBFS



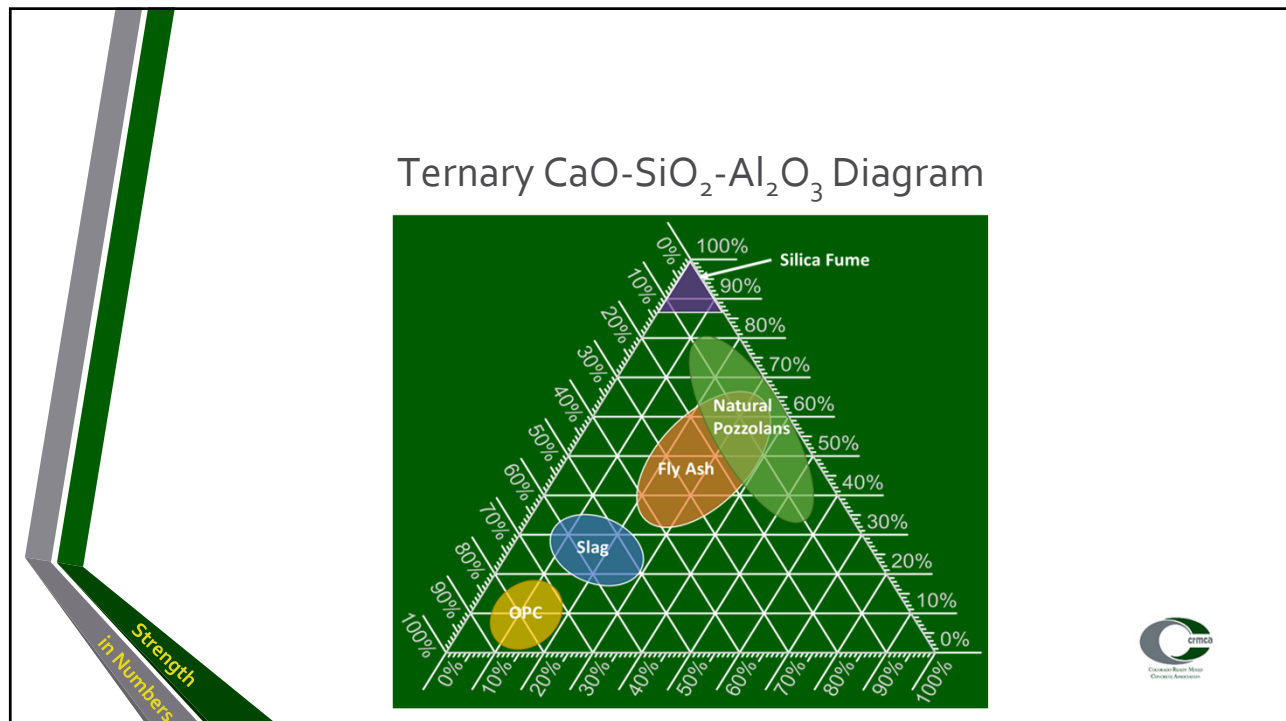
Air cooled slag is used for aggregate



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Slag-Activity Index ASTM C989/AASHTO M302

| | Min. 28-day |
|-----------|----------------|
| | % of Reference |
| Grade 100 | 95 |
| Grade 120 | 115 |

A 50% cement / 50% slag cement is compared to 100% Reference cement at the various ages.

The reference cement used has a lot to do with determining the grade of slag cement (Alkalies: 0.60 – 0.90% & 5,000 psi @ 28 days).



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Slag Cement's Effect on Concrete Properties

| General Concrete Properties | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|----|
| Fresh Concrete | | Hardened Concrete | |
| Reduces Water Demand | ↓ | Lower Early Strength | ↓ |
| Improves Workability | ↑ | Much Higher Later Age Strength | ↑↑ |
| Slower Bleeding | ↑ | Much Lower Permeability | ↓↓ |
| Slightly Lower Air Content | ↓ | Lowers Chloride Ingress | ↓ |
| Lower Heat of Hydration Mass Concrete | ↓↓ | Greatly Reduces ASR Potential | ↓↓ |
| Slower Setting Time | ↓ | Greatly Increases Sulfate Resistance | ↑↑ |
| Improves Finishability | ↑ | No Difference Freeze Thaw Resistance | ↔ |
| Improves Pumpability | ↑ | No Difference Abrasion Resistance | ↔ |
| No Difference Plastic Shrinkage | ↔ | No Difference Drying Shrinkage | ↔ |



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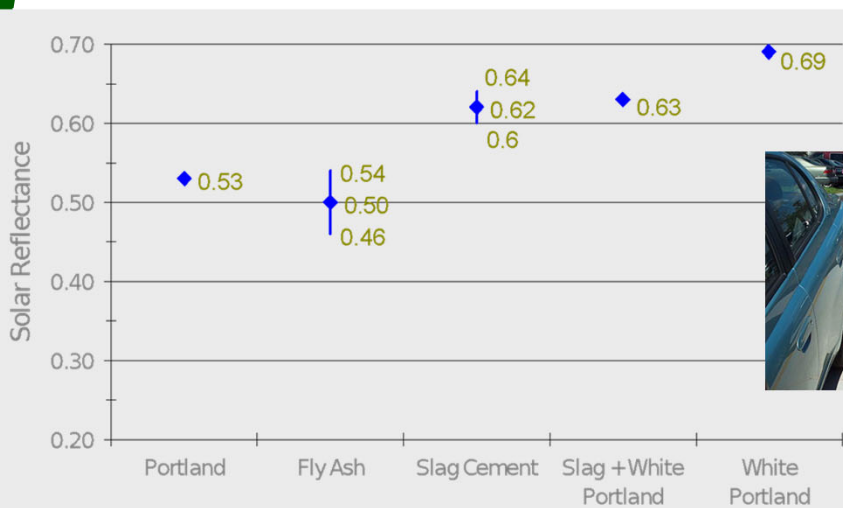
Slag Cement Replacement %'s

| Application | Slag Cement % | Application | Slag Cement % |
|--|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Concrete paving | 25 – 50 % | Masonry/Pavers | 20 – 50 % |
| Exterior flatwork not exposed to deicer salts | 20 – 35 % | ICF | 25 – 60 % |
| Exterior flatwork exposed to deicer salts with (w/cm < 0.45) | 10 – 15 % | High strength | 25 – 50 % |
| Interior flatwork | 25 – 50 % | Tilt-up panels | 25 – 50 % |
| Footings | 30 – 65 % | ASR mitigation | 25 – 50 % |
| | | Lower permeability | 25 – 50 % |
| | | Mass concrete | 25 – 70 % |
| | | <u>Sulfate Resistance</u> | |
| | | Type II equivalence | 25 – 50 % |
| | | Type V equivalence | 35 – 65 % |



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Improved Reflectivity



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Greening

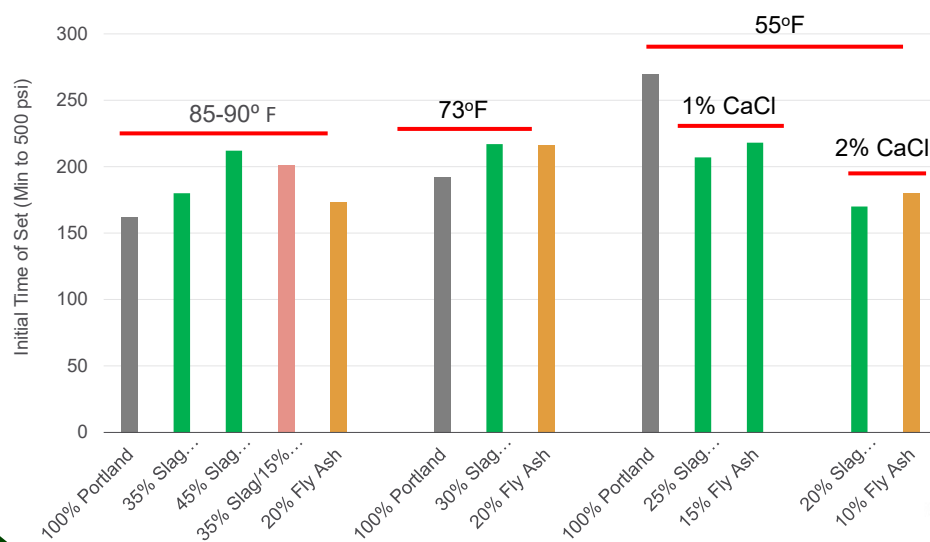


- "Greening" is a temporary blue-green color showing on the surface of concrete containing slag in the first few days after placement
- Occurs in small percentage of concrete made with slag, disappears within a week of exposure to air and sunlight (oxidizes)

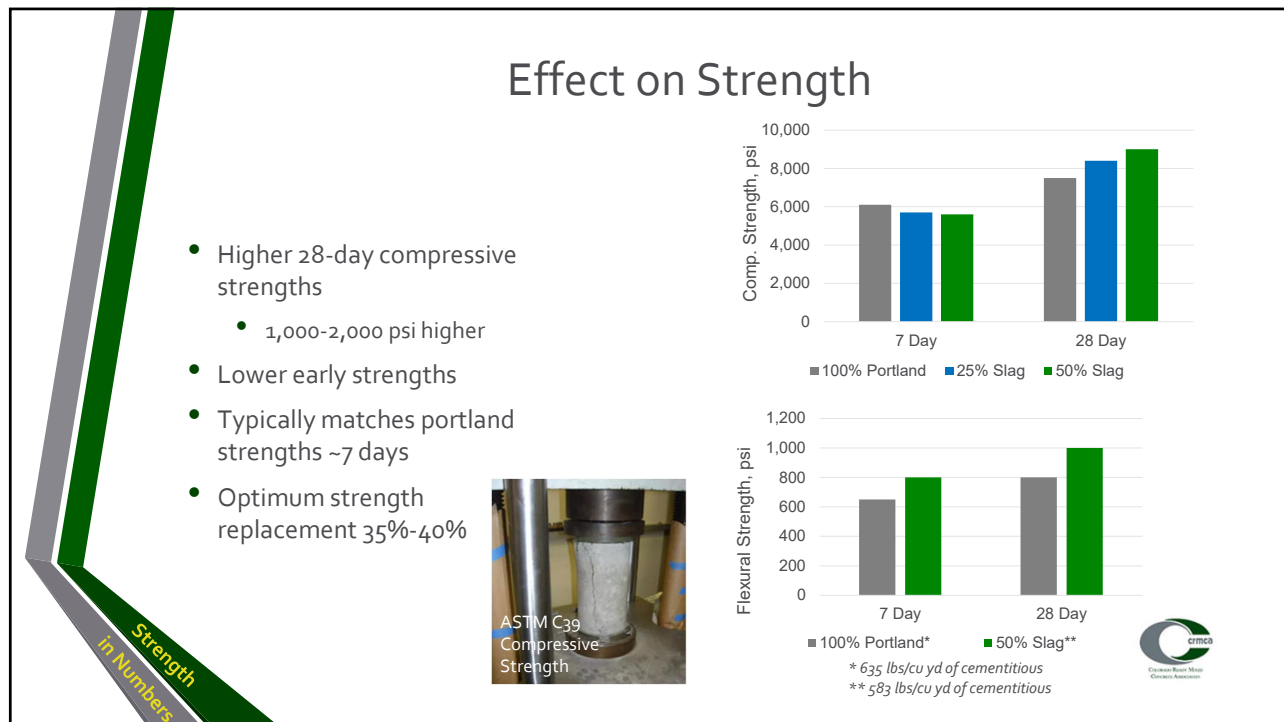


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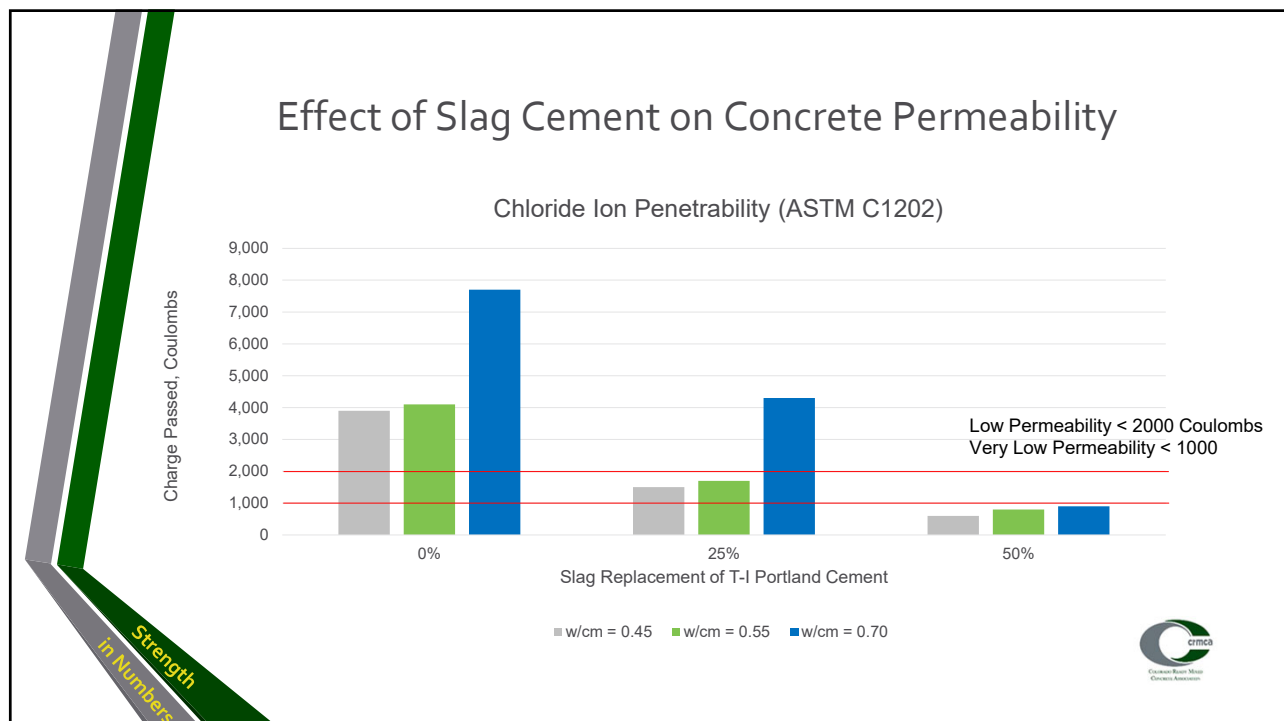
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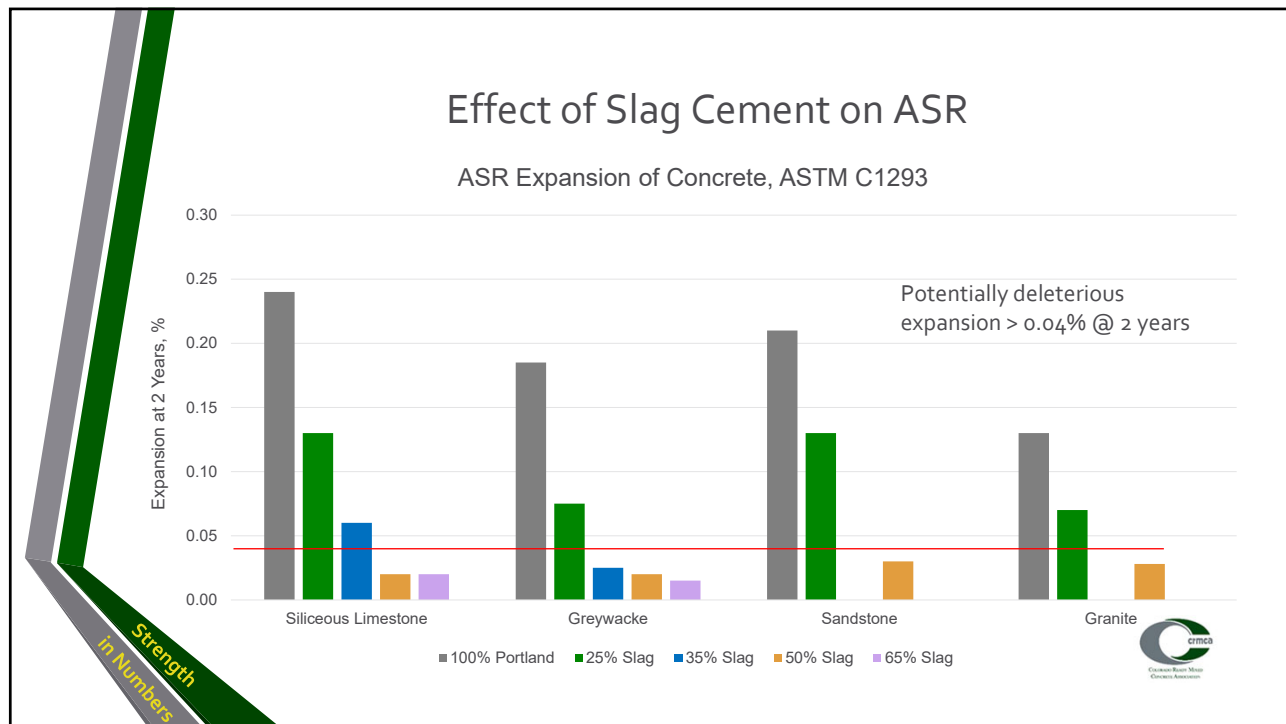
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Silica Fume Products

BENEFITS:

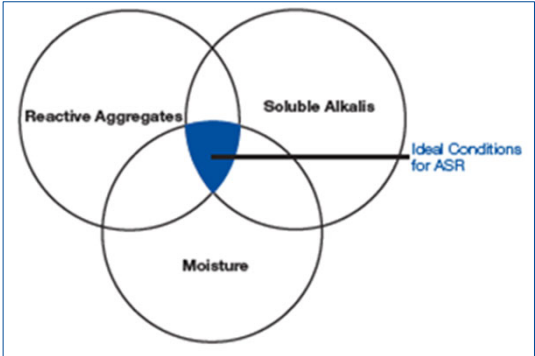
- Increase the Durability of Concrete
- Produce High-Strength Concrete
- Reduces permeability
- Improved Sulfate and Corrosion resistance
- ASR Mitigation


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Silica Fume Mitigating ASR

- Limit alkali content in cement/concrete
- Restrict use of reactive aggregates (shipping in from different source)
- Use supplementary cementitious material
 - Slag cement
 - Fly ash
 - Natural pozzolans
 - **Silica fume**
 - Metakaolin
- Use lithium admixture




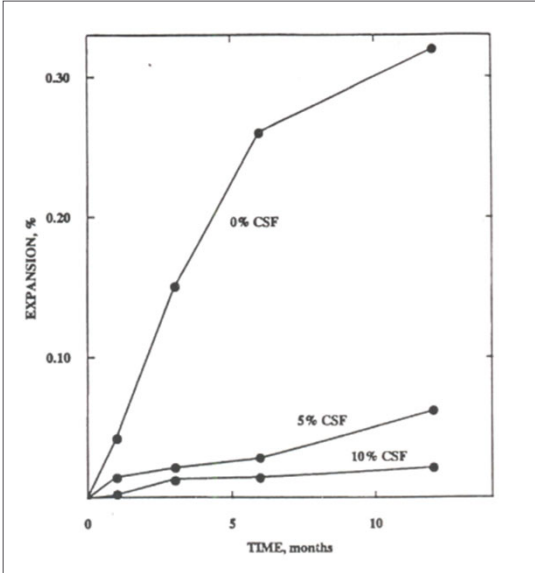


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Silica Fume Mitigating ASR

- Silica fume is a highly efficient pozzolan
- Combines rapidly with alkalis in pore water
- Incorporates alkalis as substitutes for calcium in the hydrated cement gel
- Reduces diffusion rate of alkalis through the pores of concrete

| TIME, months | 0% CSF Expansion (%) | 5% CSF Expansion (%) | 10% CSF Expansion (%) |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.005 |
| 4 | 0.15 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| 6 | 0.26 | 0.03 | 0.015 |
| 12 | 0.32 | 0.07 | 0.05 |

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Silica Fume Dosage Calculator

- Based on the recommendations provided in FHWA-HIF-09-001
 - Report on Determining the Reactivity of Concrete Aggregate and Selecting Appropriate Measures for Preventing Deleterious Expansion in New Concrete Construction
- 4 inputs = dosage calculated
 - External Technical Support Group should be contacted as needed

Note: If aggregate supplier or producer has ASTM C 1293 test data, the silica fume dosage can be adjusted / optimized

Customer / Plant: Date:

Mix ID / Number: Units:

Comments:

Size of Structure and Exposure Condition:

Acceptability of ASR: ex.: Pavements, culverts; highway barriers; rural, low-volume bridges; service life normally 40 to 75 years

ASR Risk Level: of

Cement Content: lb/yd³


Total Alkali Content of Cement: % lb/yd³
 $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + 0.658(\text{K}_2\text{O})$
 (Also expressed as Na_2O , Ca or Na_2O Eq)

Minimum Replacement: % by mass


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Silica Fume Concrete Production

- Measuring – Add silica fume
- Batching – Add with 70-90% of batch water, followed by aggregates, cementitious materials and then the remaining amount of water . Batch low slump concrete 1-3 inches
- Adding HRWR – Add at end, mix for 70 revolutions
- Mixing – Minimum of 100 revolutions



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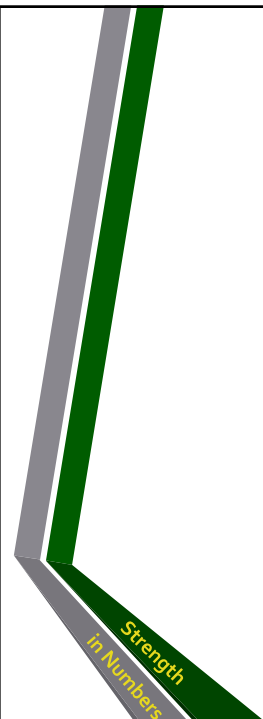
Natural Pozzolans

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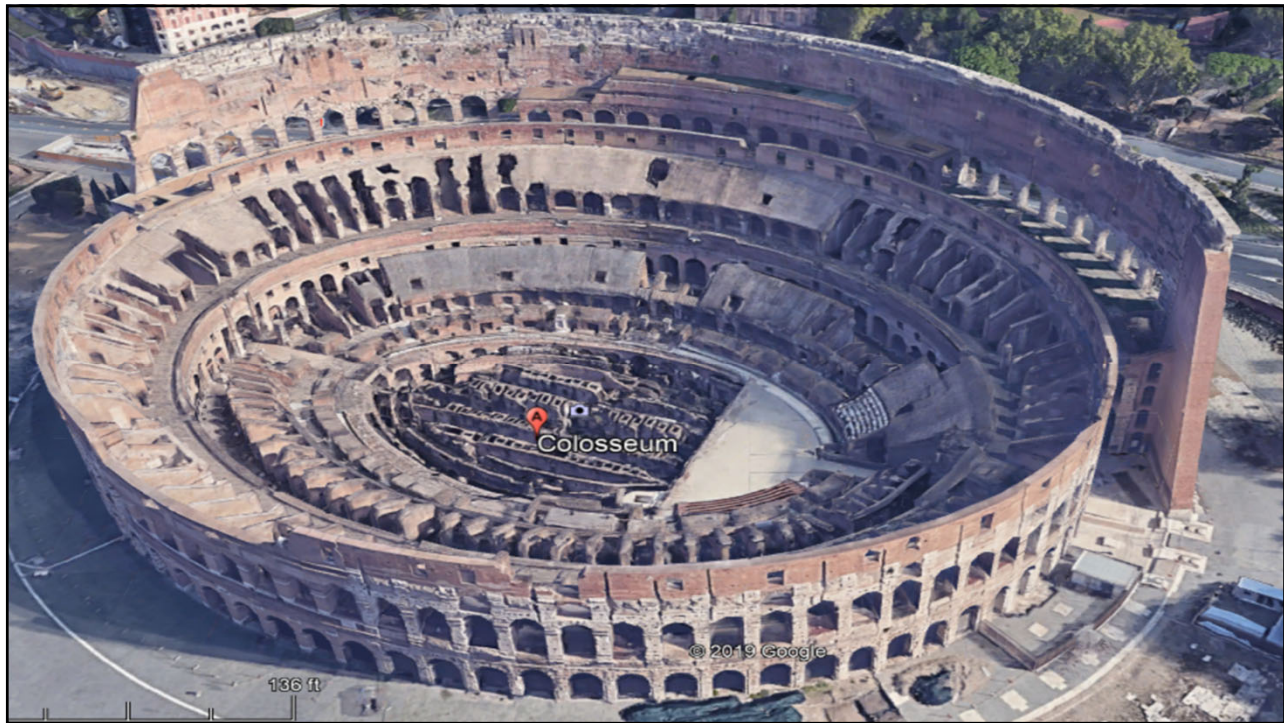
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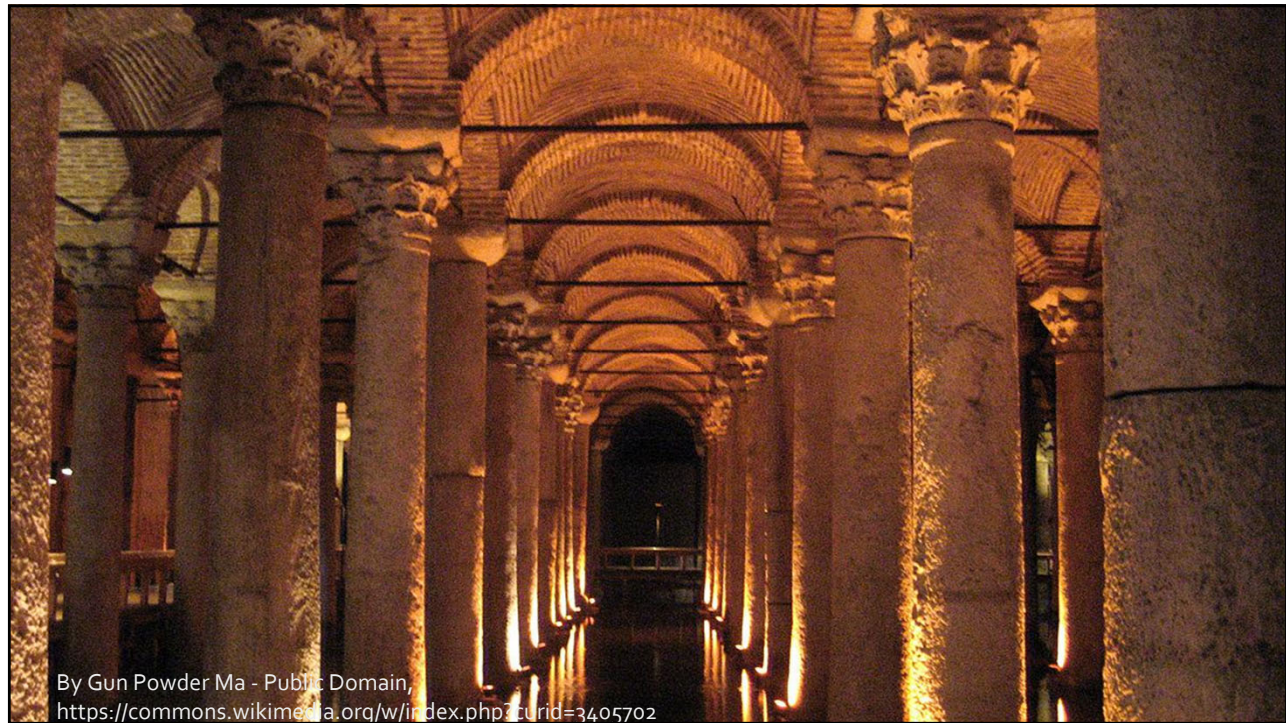
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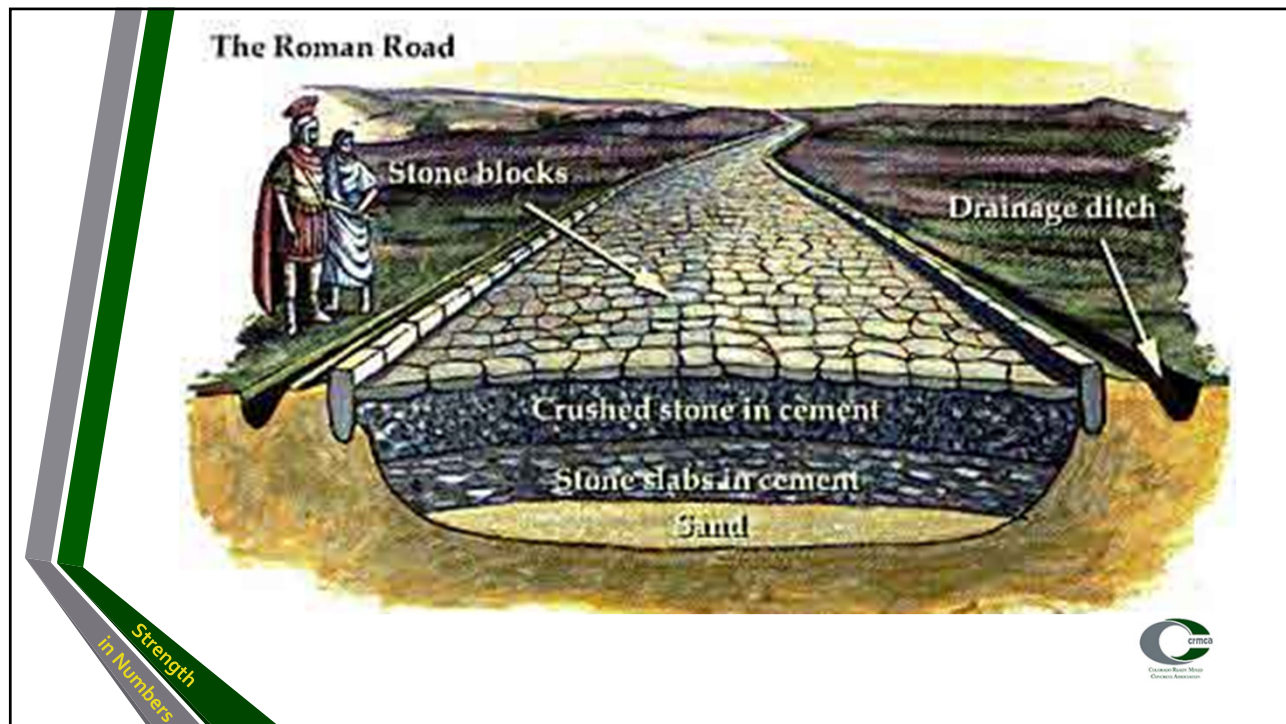


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Natural Pozzolans

- The word most associated with Roman Concrete is:
Durability
- Concrete that lasts, often in pristine condition, for thousands of years, as opposed to 40 or 60 if we're lucky....so, what is this stuff made of?

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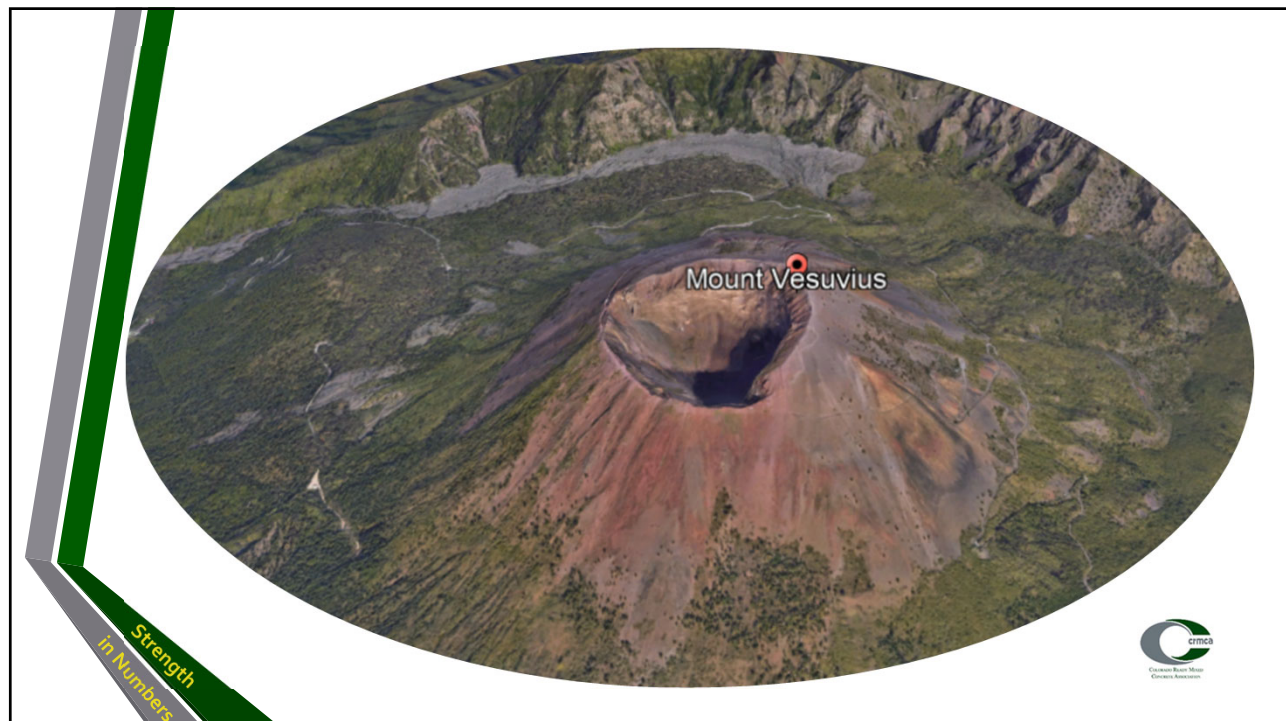
Natural Pozzolans

There are 2 types of Natural Pozzolans (NP):

- **Raw NP** (Volcanic ejecta-based materials – pumice, pumicite, volcanic ash, etc. Pre-calcined by Mother Nature)
- **Calcined NP** (such as MetaKaolin)



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Roman Lime Kiln near Aachen GR



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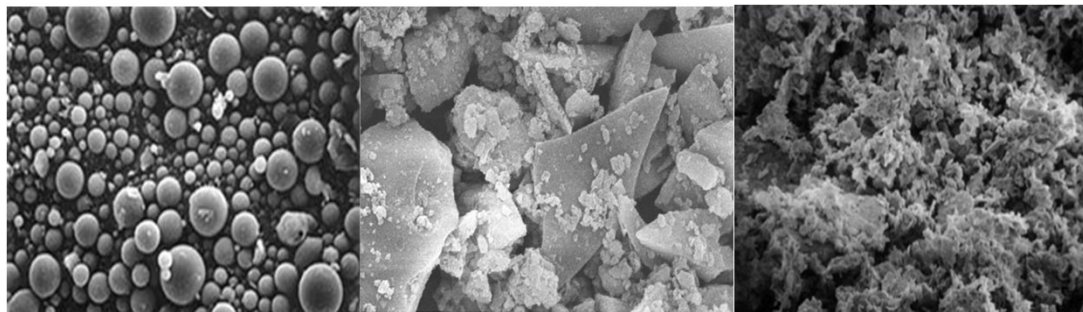
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- **Roman Concrete:** "It's the most durable building material in human history, and I say that as an engineer not prone to hyperbole," Roman monument expert Phillip Brune told the Washington Post. *July 4, 2017, Washington Post*



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Physical and Chemical Properties of Natural Pozzolan



Fly Ash

Raw Natural Pozzolan

Metakaolin



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| Chemical Analysis | | ASTM / AASHTO Limits | | ASTM Test Method |
|---|---------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| | | Class F | Class C | |
| Silicon Dioxide (SiO ₂) | 59.73 % | | | |
| Aluminum Oxide (Al ₂ O ₃) | 23.01 % | | | |
| Iron Oxide (Fe ₂ O ₃) | 4.47 % | | | |
| Sum of Constituents | 87.21 % | 70.0% min | 50.0% min | D4326 |
| Sulfur Trioxide (SO ₃) | 0.37 % | 5.0% max | 5.0% max | D4326 |
| Calcium Oxide (CaO) | 4.84 % | | | D4326 |
| Moisture | 0.05 % | 3.0% max | 3.0% max | C311 |
| Loss on Ignition | 0.85 % | 6.0% max | 6.0% max | C311 |
| | | 5.0% max | 5.0% max | AASHTO M295 |
| Available Alkalies, as Na ₂ Oe | 1.36 % | not required | | C311 |
| When required by purchaser | | 1.5% max | 1.5% max | AASHTO M295 |
| Physical Analysis | | | | |
| Fineness, % retained on #325 | 17.13 % | 34% max | 34% max | C311, C430 |
| Strength Activity Index - 7 or 28 day requirement | | | | C311, C109 |
| 7 day, % of control | 84 % | 75% min | 75% min | |
| 28 day, % of control | 84 % | 75% min | 75% min | |
| Water Requirement, % control | 95 % | 105% max | 105% max | |
| Autoclave Soundness | 0.00 % | 0.8% max | 0.8% max | C311, C151 |
| Density | 2.25 | | | C604 |

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Chemical Composition (%)

(by Wyoming Analytical Laboratories, Inc.)

| | |
|--|------|
| Total Silica, Aluminum, Iron: | 86.6 |
| Silicon Dioxide: | 72.5 |
| Aluminum Oxide: | 13.2 |
| Iron Oxide: | 0.9 |
| Sulfur Trioxide: | 0.1 |
| Calcium Oxide: | 1.3 |
| Moisture Content: | 1.5 |
| Loss on Ignition: | 4.1 |
| Available Alkalies (as Na ₂ O): | 1.5 |
| Sodium Oxide: | 0.76 |
| Potassium Oxide: | 1.12 |

ASTM C618-15

Class N

70.0 Min

4.0 Max

3.0 Max

10.0 Max

AASHTO M295-11 Specifications

1.5 Max

Physical Test Results

| | |
|---|-------|
| Fineness, Retained on #325 Sieve (%): | 5.7 |
| Strength Activity Index (%) | |
| Ratio to Control @ 7 Days: | 89.6 |
| Ratio to Control @ 28 Days: | 95.4 |
| Water Requirement, % of Control: | 99.2 |
| Soundness, Autoclave Expansion (%): | -0.03 |
| Drying Shrinkage, Increase @ 28 Days (%): | 0.02 |
| Density Mg/m ³ : | 2.40 |

ASTM C618-15

Class N

34 Max

75 Min

115 Max

0.8 Max

0.03 Max

Comments: Meets ASTM C618-15/ AASHTO M295-11 Type N. Retested SAI.

A blue circular seal for a Colorado Registered Water & Power Engineer. The text "COLORADO REGISTERED" is curved along the top, and "WATER & POWER ENGINEER" is curved along the bottom. In the center, there is a smaller circle containing the letters "C" and "E".

The logo for the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA). It features a stylized "C" with "CMAA" written inside it, and the text "Construction Management Association of America" below.

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| Chemical Composition (%) (by Wyoming Analytical Laboratories, Inc.) | | | ASTM C618-15 Class N |
|---|-------|--|--|
| Total Silica, Aluminum, Iron: | 96.0 | | 70.0 Min |
| Silicon Dioxide: | 53.4 | | |
| Aluminum Oxide: | 42.0 | | |
| Iron Oxide: | 0.6 | | |
| Sulfur Trioxide: | 0.1 | | 4.0 Max |
| Calcium Oxide: | 0.1 | | |
| Moisture Content: | 0.2 | | 3.0 Max |
| Loss on Ignition: | 0.5 | | 10.0 Max |
| Available Alkalies (as Na ₂ O): | 0.0 | | AASHTO M295-11 Specifications 1.5 Max |
| Sodium Oxide: | 0.03 | | |
| Potassium Oxide: | 0.00 | | |
| Physical Test Results | | | ASTM C618-15 Class N |
| Fineness, Retained on #325 Sieve (%): | 2.5 | | 34 Max |
| Strength Activity Index (%): | | | |
| Ratio to Control @ 7 Days: | 109.8 | | |
| Ratio to Control @ 28 Days: | 122.0 | | 75 Min |
| Water Requirement, % of Control: | 111.6 | | 115 Max |
| Soundness, Autoclave Expansion (%): | -0.07 | | 0.8 Max |
| Drying Shrinkage, Increase @ 28 Days (%): | 0.00 | | 0.03 Max |
| Density Mg/m ³ : | 2.52 | | |
| Comments: Meets ASTM C618-17 Class N and AASHTO M295-11 Spec. | | | |

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How does Natural Pozzolan enhance and protect concrete?

- Roman Concrete utilized a balanced cement paste – virtually all of the Calcium Hydroxide was consumed based on the recipe shared by Vitruvius.

Note: Calcium Hydroxide (free lime) in concrete, which is not converted to C-S-H, becomes a volatile, bad actor in concrete... upwards of 25% of free lime is released into the concrete matrix, by weight of cement, as a byproduct of the hydraulic reaction.

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How does Natural Pozzolan enhance and protect concrete?

- If 20~30% of cement is replaced with NP, the Portland cement system, like the ageless Roman cement, is now better balanced.
- In other words, much of that 20~25% free-ranging lime by-product in the concrete is consumed, over time - in a reaction with the NP to form additional C-S-H, the binder in concrete – thus densifying the concrete.



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How does Natural Pozzolan enhance and protect concrete?

- By converting the free-lime into additional C-S-H, a concrete using NP at a 20~25% replacement of cement will have greater compressive strength than a 100% cement mix design - up to 140% SAI of the straight cement mixes at 1 year.



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How does Natural Pozzolan enhance and protect concrete?

- All or most of the free-lime will be converted to C-S-H, providing enhanced strength, reduced permeability, and fortifying the concrete against chemical attack, such as ASR and Sulfate attack.
- The NP converts a bad actor into a good actor, and your concrete will be inoculated from common concrete diseases, giving your customer's concrete a very long service life....



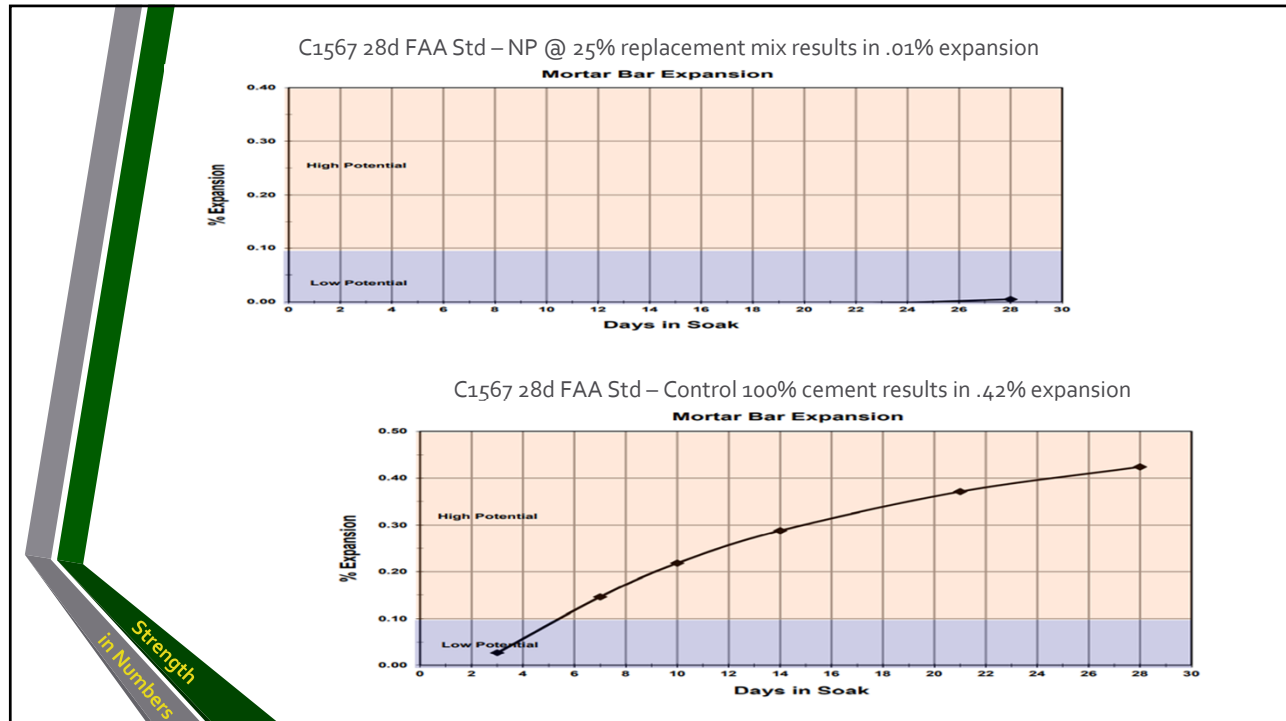
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Benefits of Natural Pozzolans

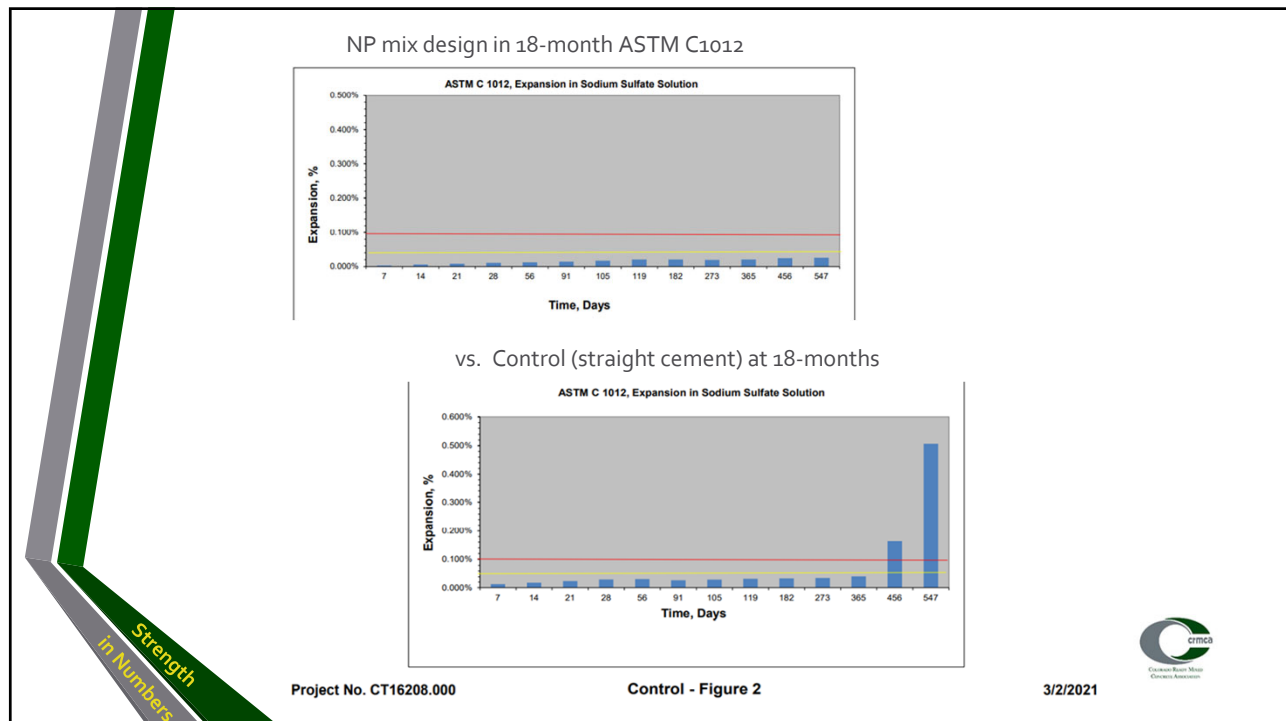
1. Product consistency: No need to continually adjust your mix design based on product variability.
2. Reduce Carbon Footprint: Almost a pound for pound reduction of embodied carbon for every pound of cement replaced for raw NP and more than ½ pound for calcined NPs.
3. Reduced Heat of Hydration (HOH): Up to 25% or more reduction in HOH based on mix design.
4. Mitigate Chemical Attack: NPs are very effective at mitigating ASR and Sulfate attack, as well as Efflorescence.
5. Reduce Permeability: NPs densify and strengthen concrete. This increases durability & strength and reduces chloride ingress – protecting reinforcement.
6. Air Entrainment Consistency: NPs do not cause variability in air entrainment. LOI in NP is measured bound water, not carbon content.



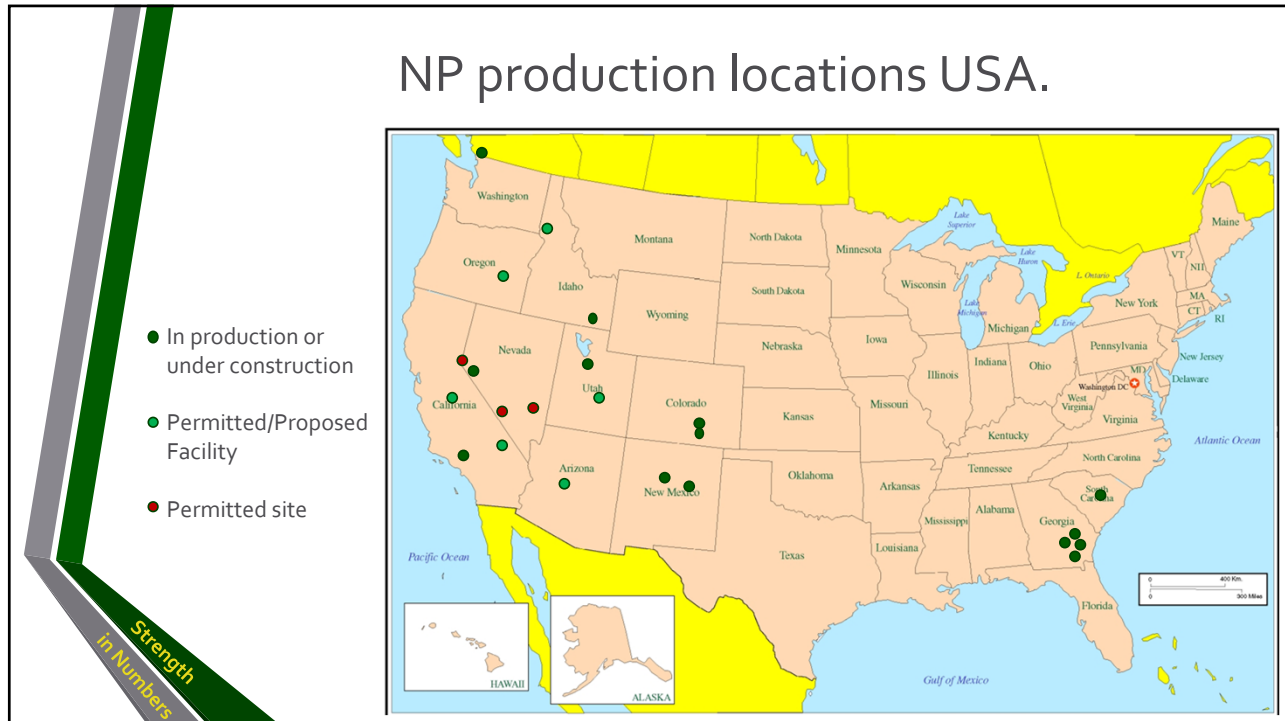
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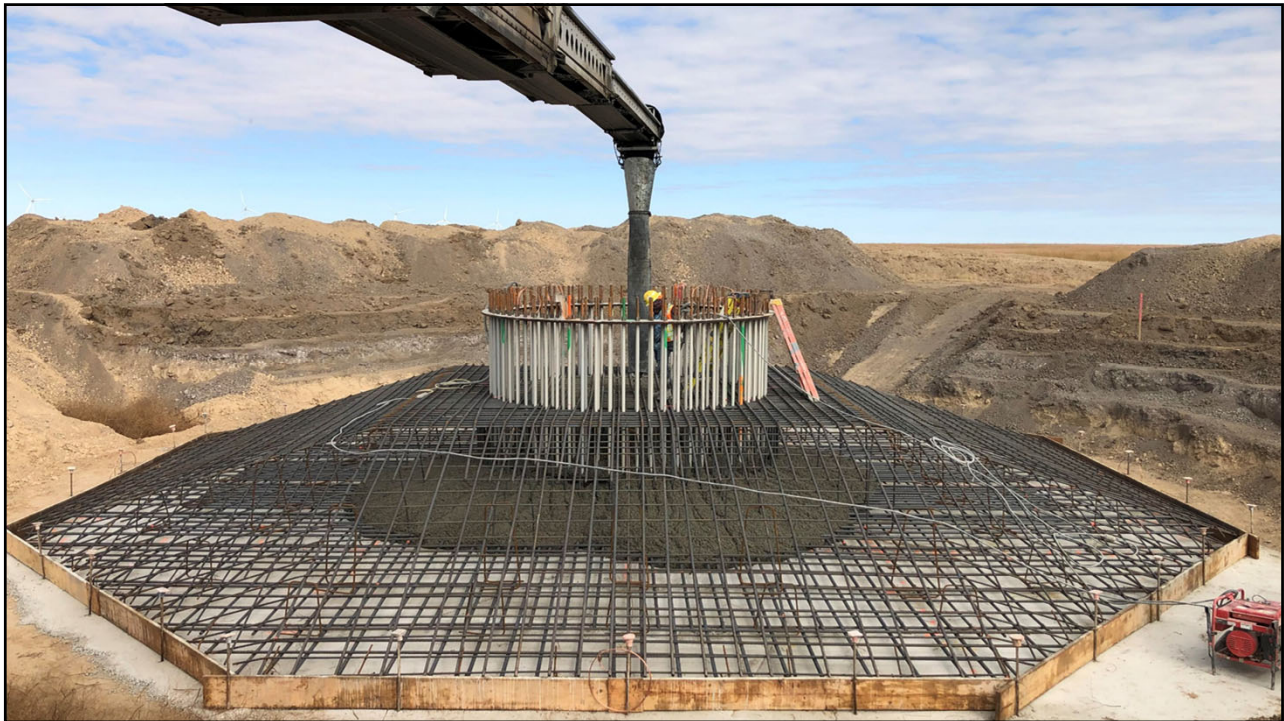
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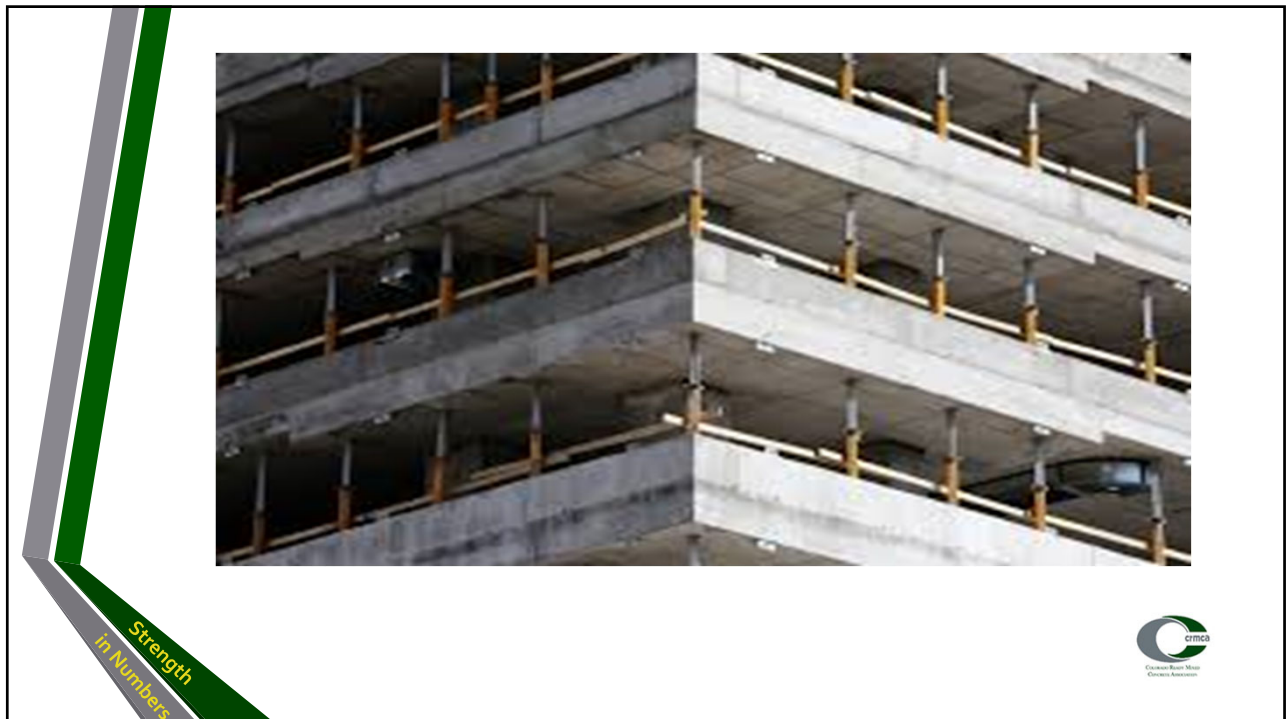
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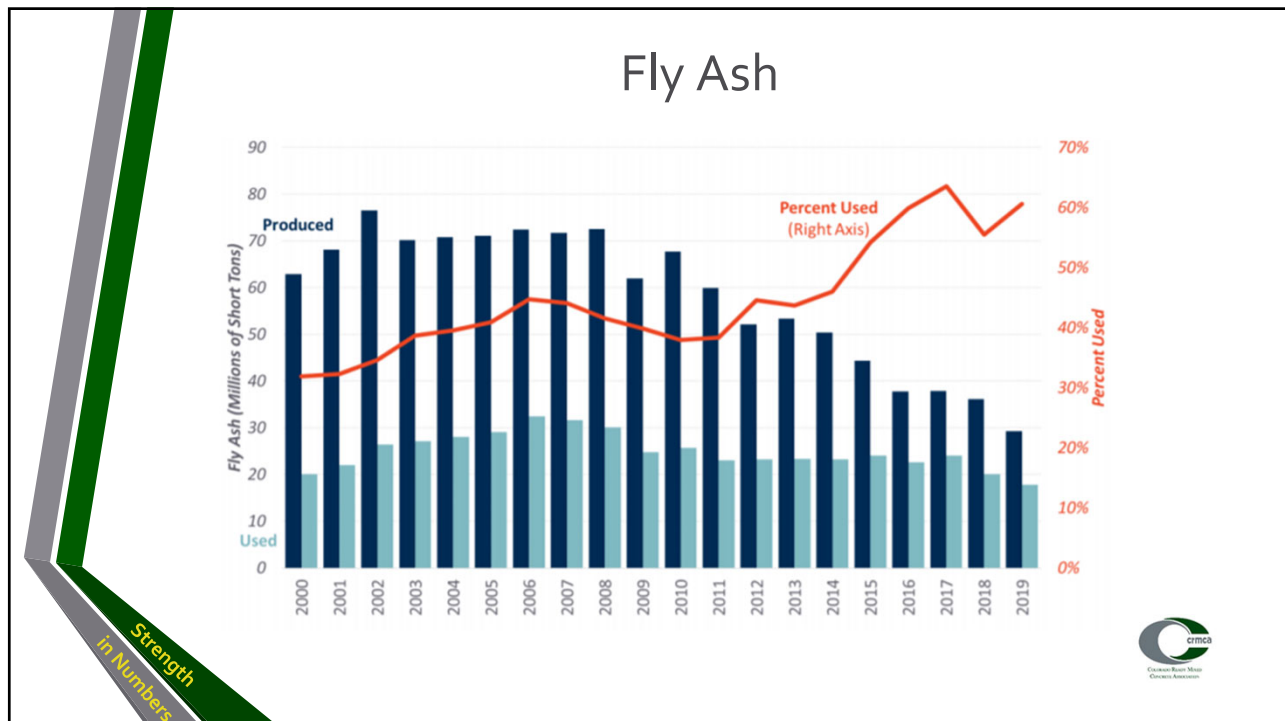


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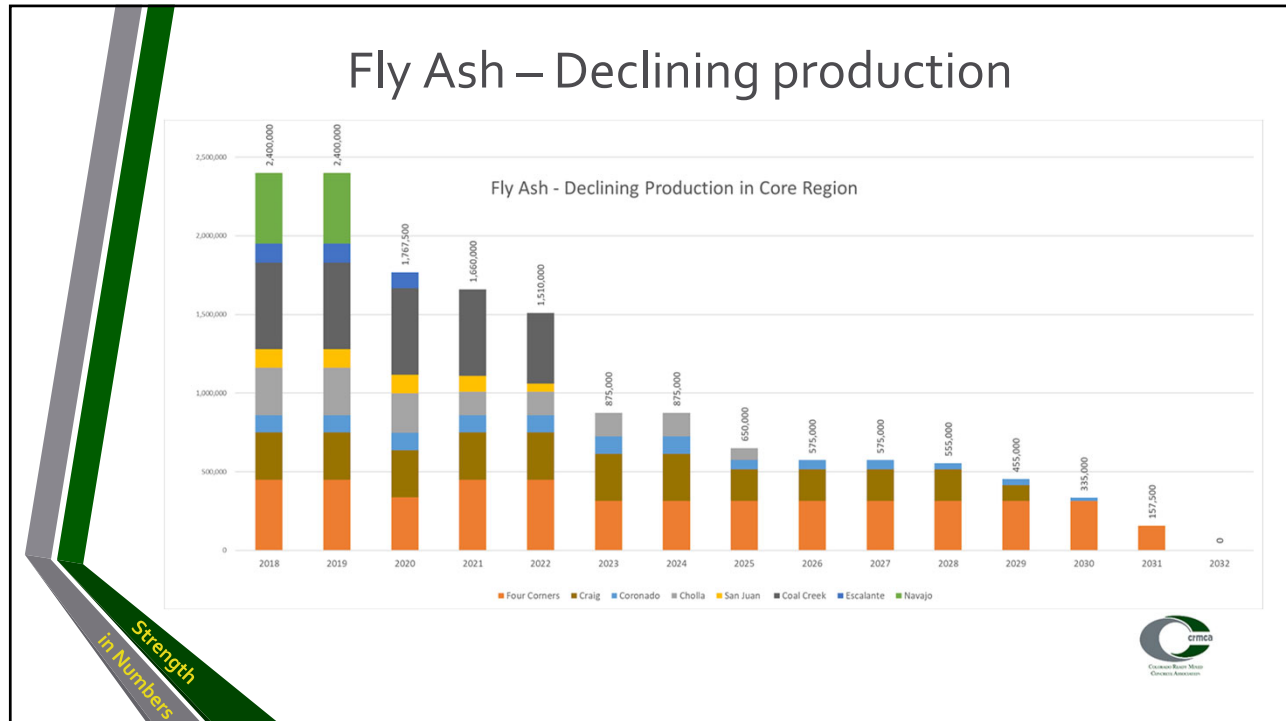
Hydraulic Cement

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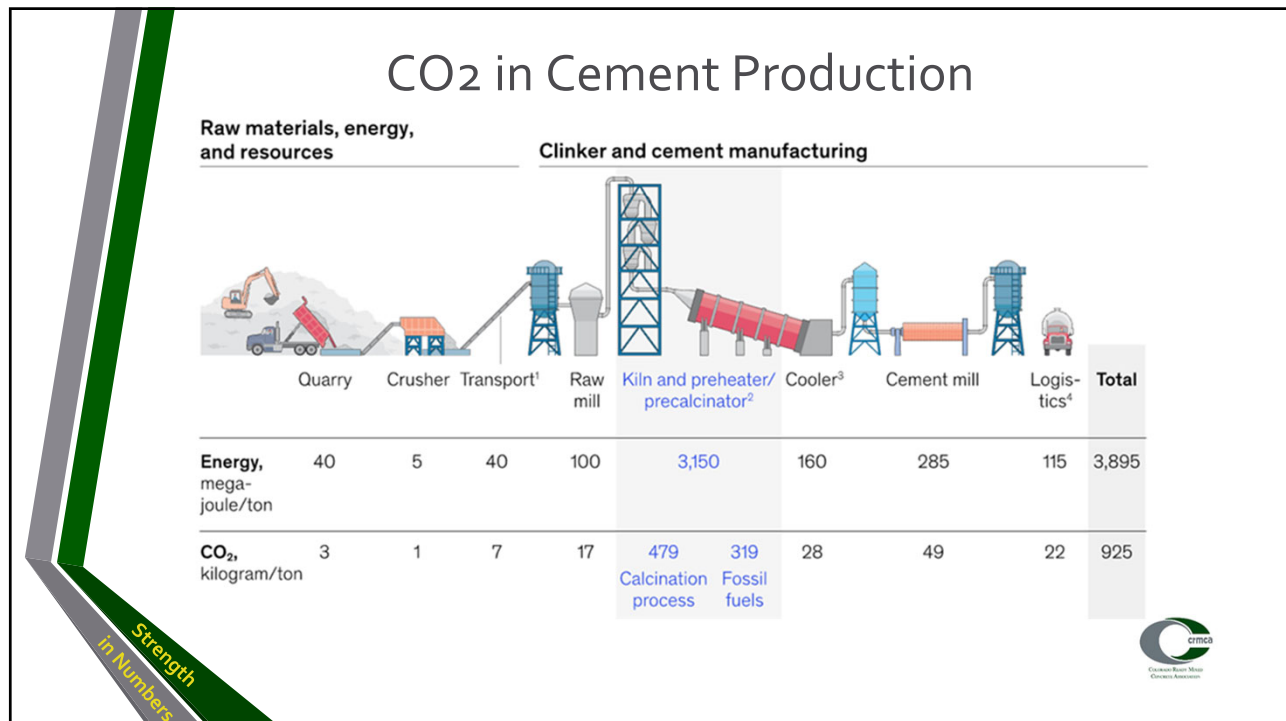
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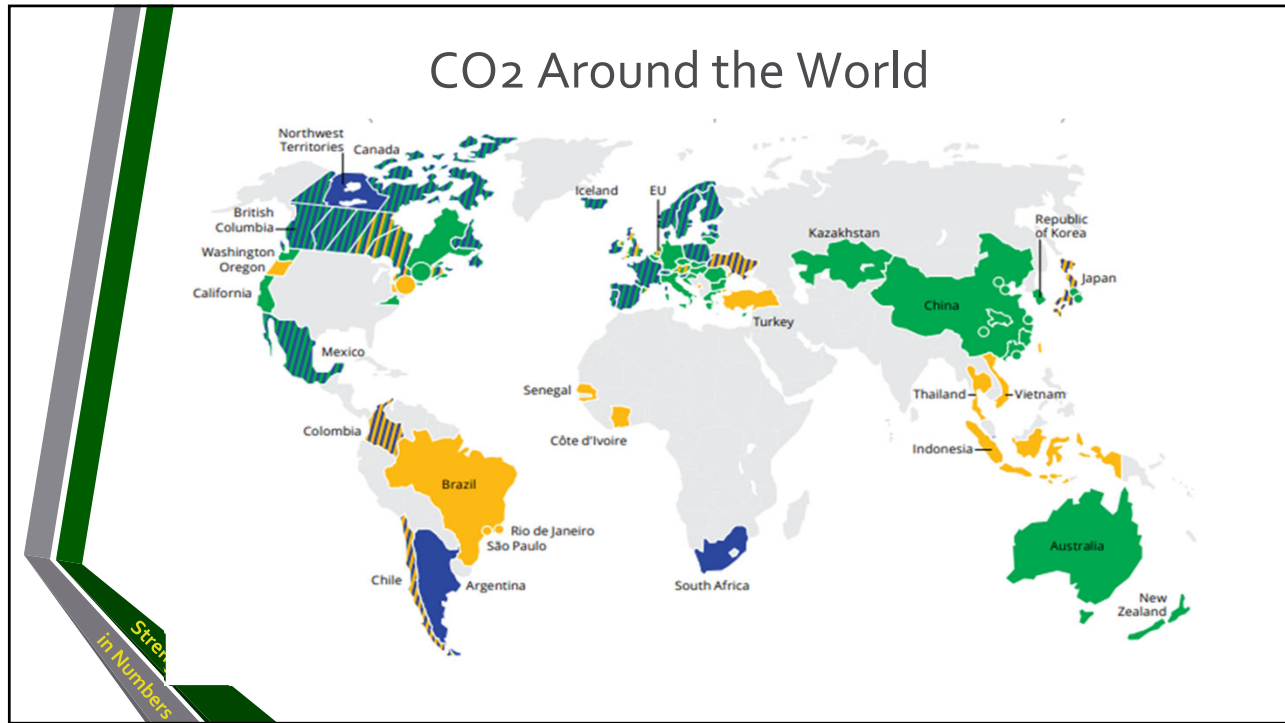
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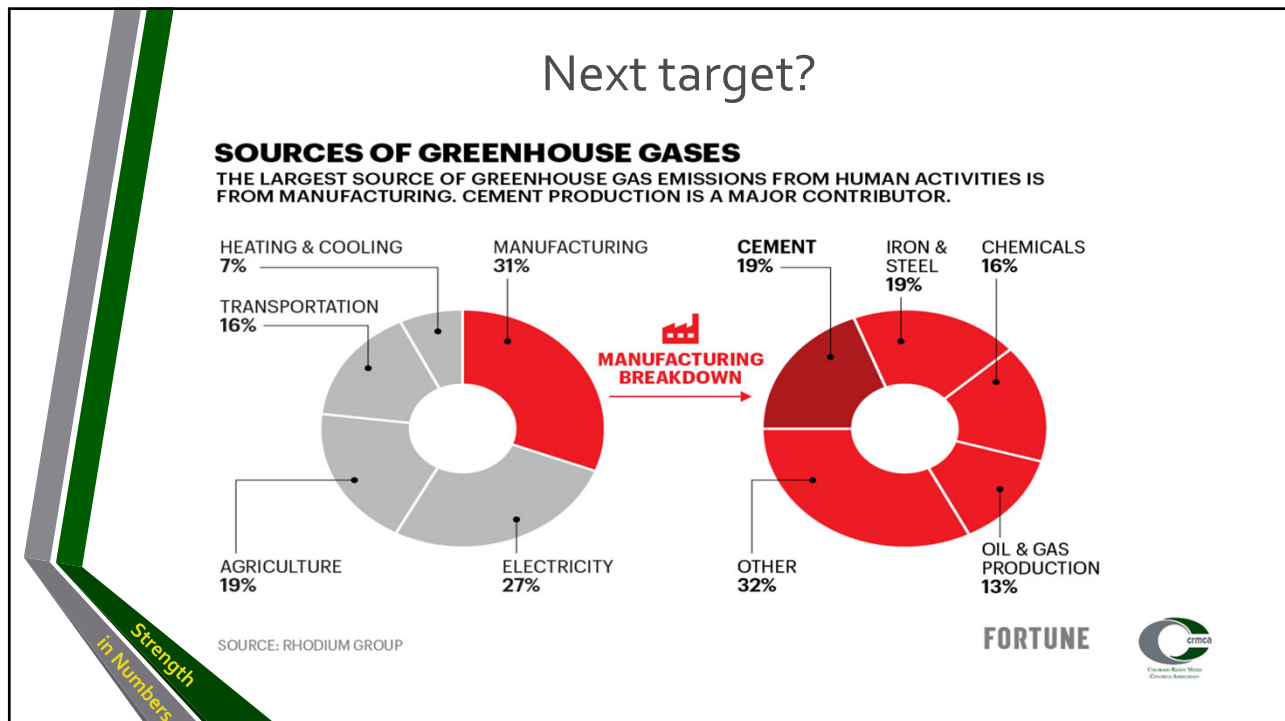
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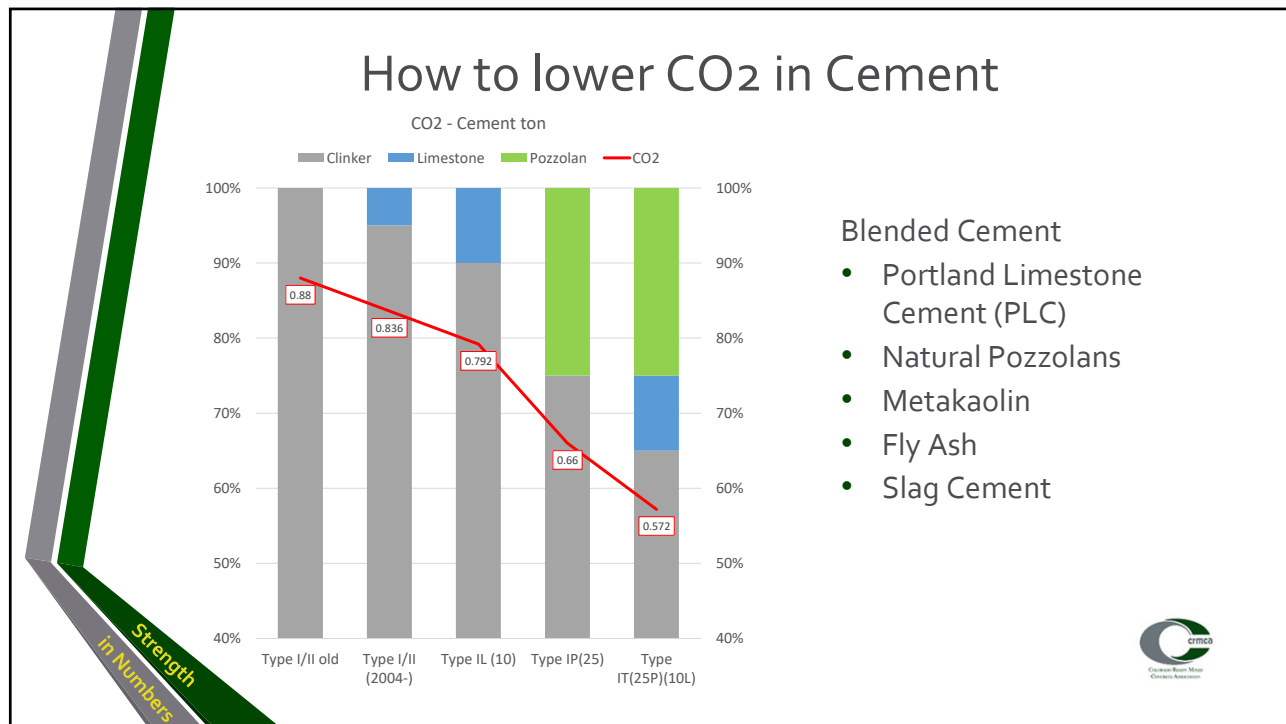
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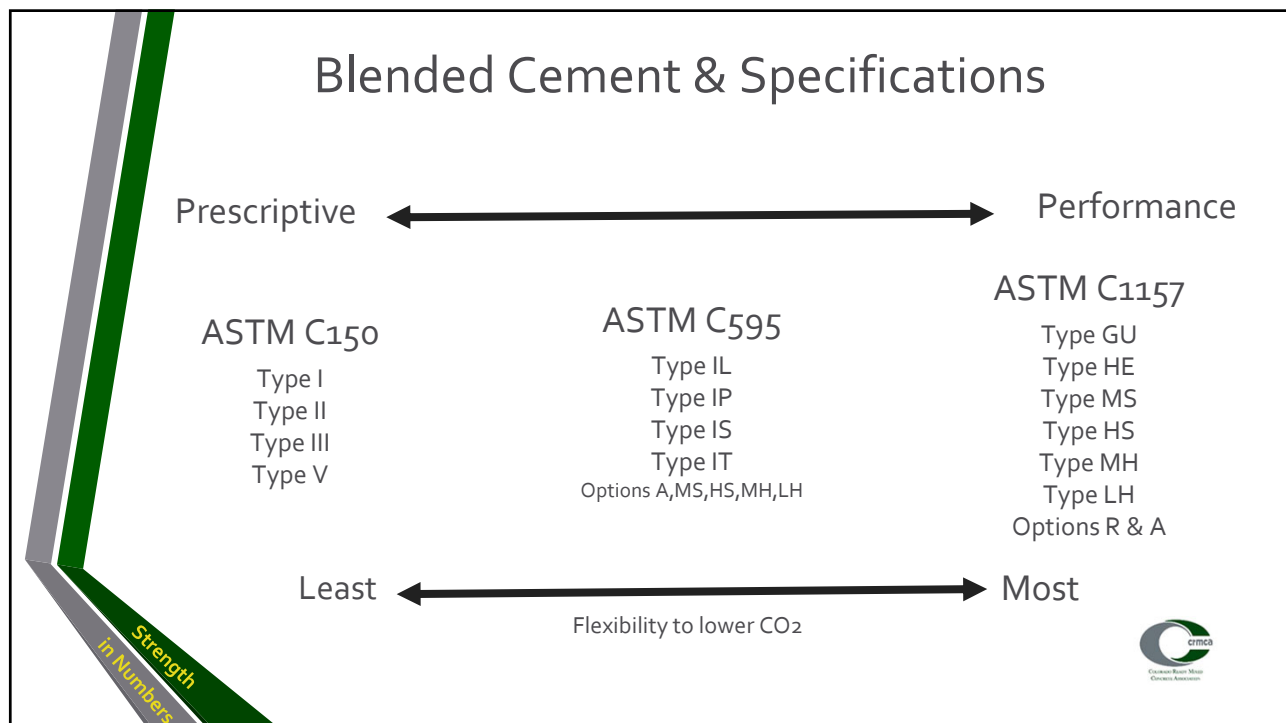
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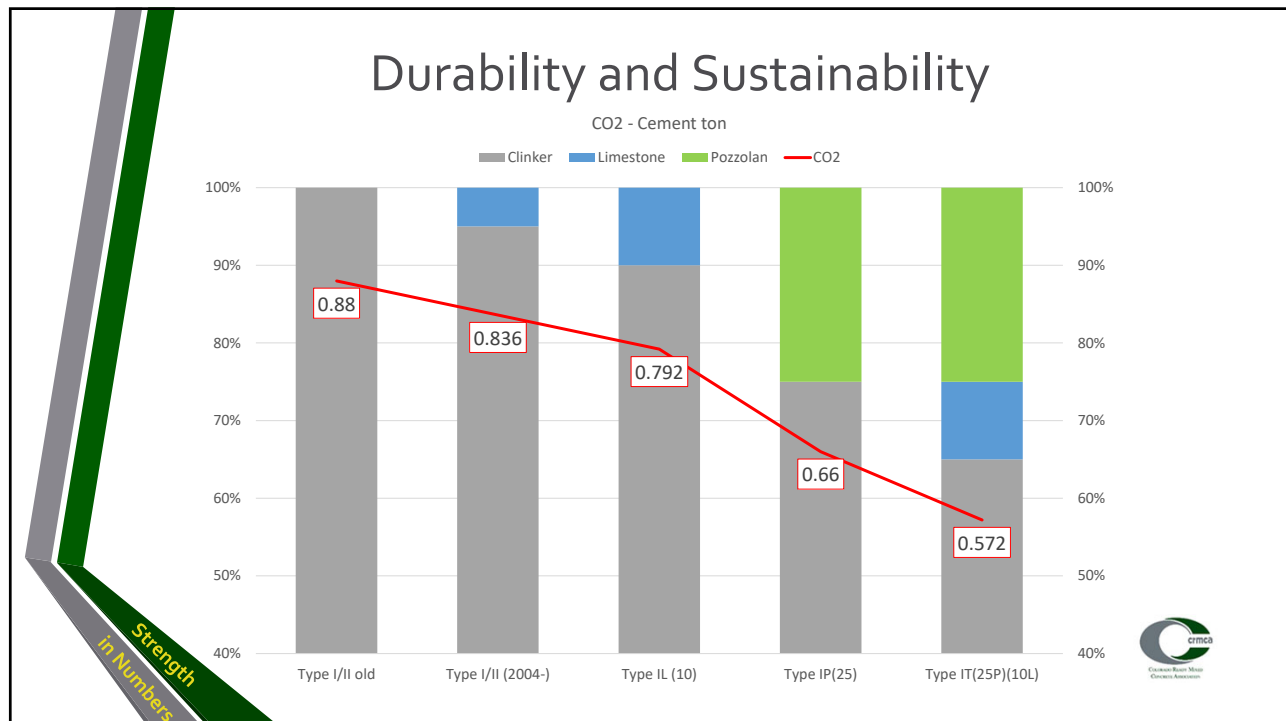
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Economics - Supply Transition

- Fly ash has previously been effective, available, and inexpensive. Other SCMs have struggled to compete economically with it for general construction.
 - Shipping (not as many sites for supply)
 - Grinding
 - Drying/Calcining
- Fly ash will continue to be available, but not in excess and for a higher price? Other SCMs are becoming price competitive with fly ash, especially in the West as ASR is a general concern.
- I predict all SCMs will approach and in some cases exceed the cost of Portland cement, so we will see more of them used.



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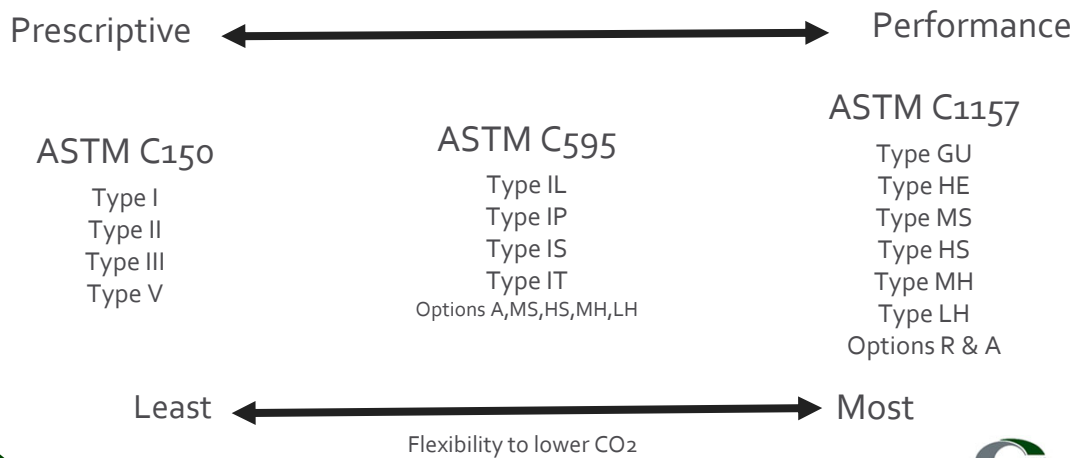
Economics of blended cements

- Advantages
 - Handle one cementitious material at batch plant (especially good for portable plants.)
 - Cement manufacturers can chemically and physically optimize the blends.
 - A blend can be prequalified
 - Multiple SCM's in a blend more friendly to concrete suppliers.
- Disadvantages
 - Can't customize for multiple types of mixes at one plant
 - Some blends may be more expensive to produce. (Duplicate shipping expense)



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Blended Cement & Specifications



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What about specs?

- Prescriptive vs. performance
 - It has taken decades for specifiers to understand the nuances of different types of Portland cement.
 - Typical specifiers will not know the difference between a IT(L>P) or IS cement, nor will they know how to specify them. ASTM C-595 will not be particularly useful.
 - ASTM C-1157 offers understandable properties. (Speed of strength gain, sulfate resistance, and heat of hydration potential, and an option for mitigating ASR.) GU, HE, MS, HS, MH, LH, and Option R.
 - However, C-1157 is uncomfortably open ended as to what can be in the cement



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What about specs?

- Specifiers will be required to make dramatic changes to their specification documents.
- These are complicated changes, and many of them will not be comfortable with the change unless given lots of guidance.
- CDOT, larger government agencies, might be the first to make these positive changes. Commercial specifications will take many years, even with lots of help.




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Thank You!

Now to your Questions

Don't forget to complete the Poll shared while questions are being answered!



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Addendum – Fly Ash

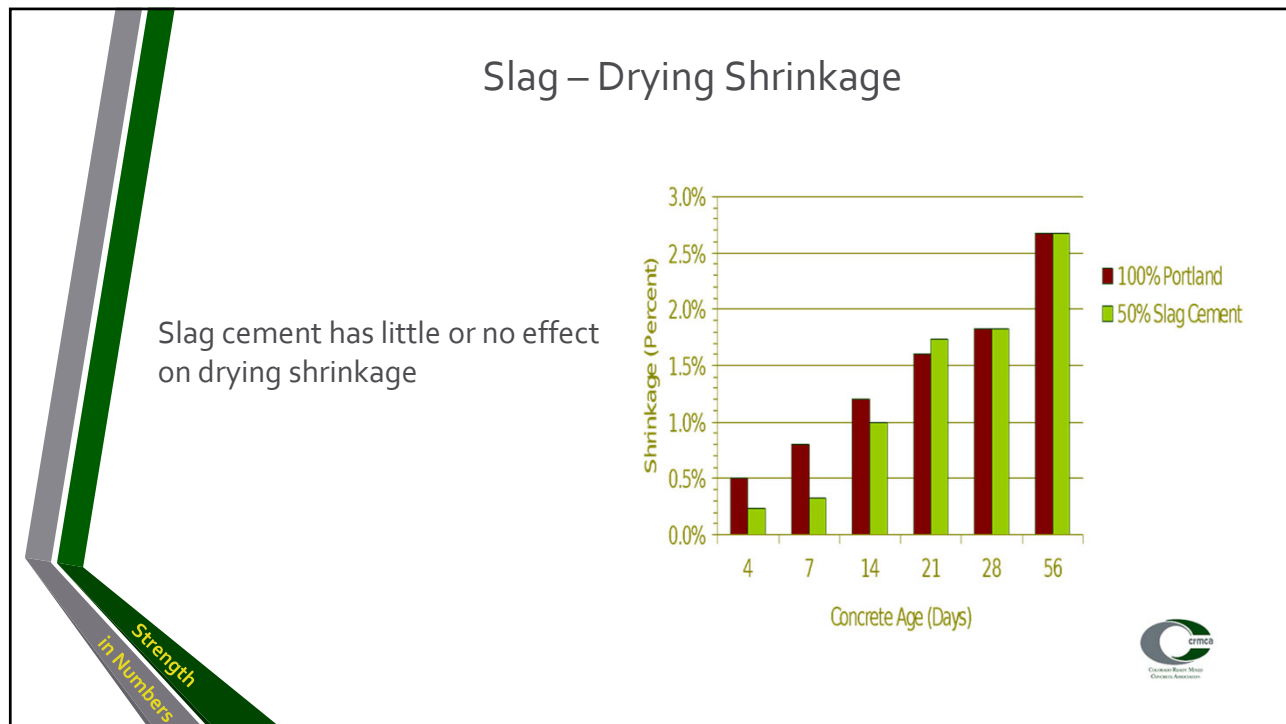


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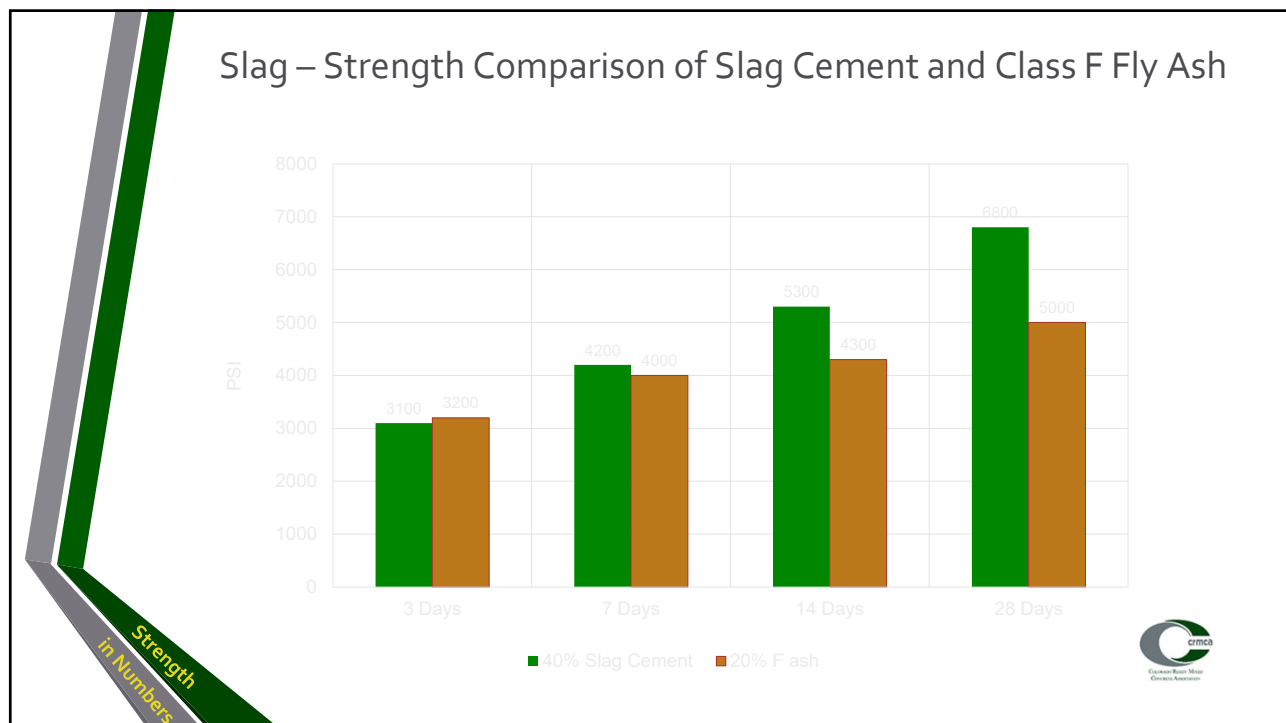
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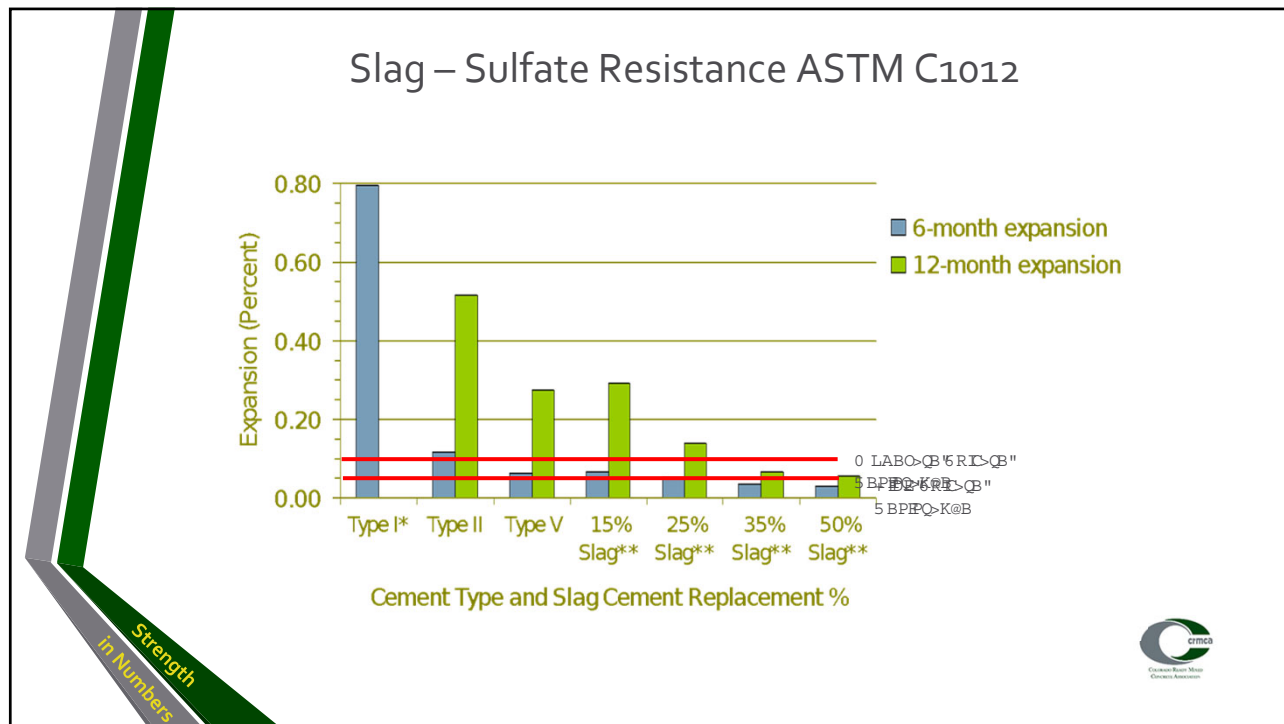
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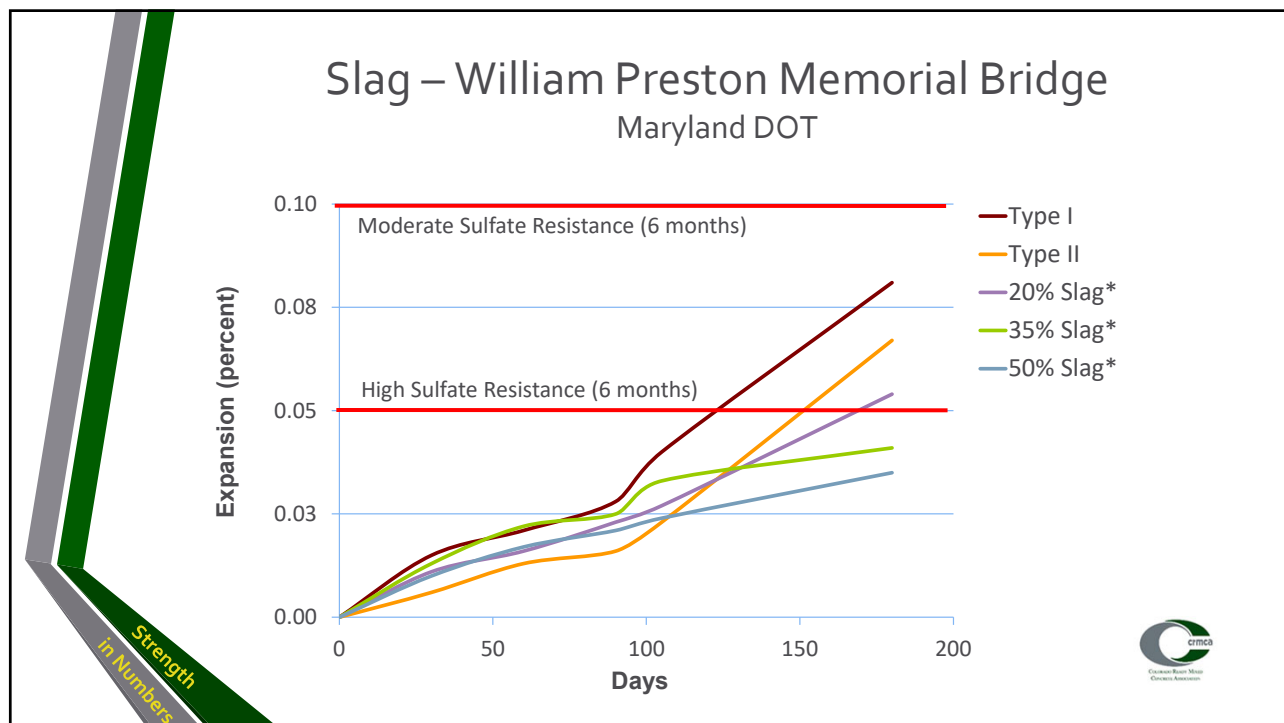
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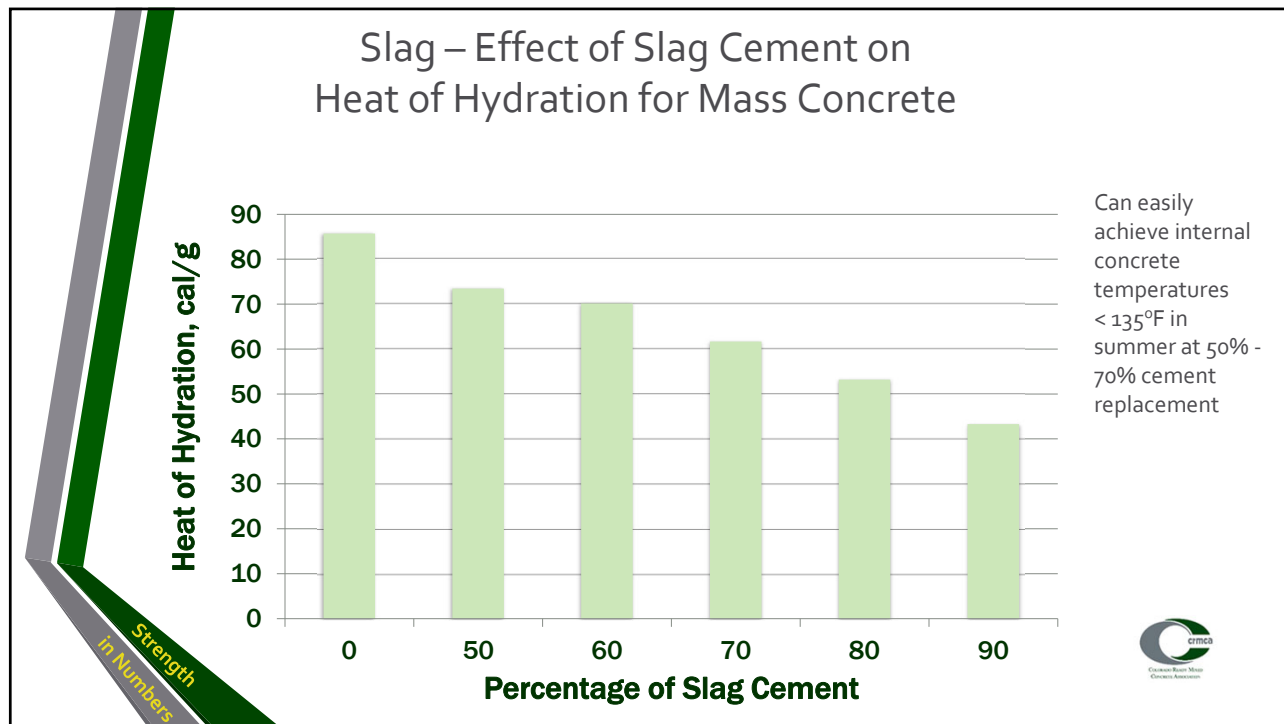
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What is Slag Cement

Slag cement is a hydraulic cement formed when granulated blast furnace slag (GGBFS) is ground to suitable fineness and is used to replace a portion of portland cement. It is a recovered industrial by-product of an iron blast furnace. Molten slag diverted from the iron blast furnace is rapidly chilled, producing glassy granules that yield desired reactive cementitious characteristics when ground into cement fineness.

Once the slag has been cooled and ground to a usable fineness it is stored and shipped to suppliers throughout the United States. **Slag cement is commonly found in ready-mixed concrete, precast concrete, masonry, soil cement and high temperature resistant building products.** While there are many applications and benefits of slag cement, a few are highlighted below and detailed information sheets are [located here](#).

Slag Cement - SCIC #1

Slag cement, or ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBFS), has been incorporated into concrete projects in the U.S. for over a century to improve durability and reduce life cycle costs. Among its measurable benefits in concrete are better workability and finishability, higher compressive and flexural strengths, and improved resistance to aggressive chemicals. SCIC #1, Slag Cement, provides an introduction to the material's benefits, manufacturing process, and relevant terminology, and makes an excellent primer for those new to the cement and concrete industry.

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Slag Cement and Fly Ash-SCIC #11

Slag cement and fly ash are supplementary cementitious materials often included in contemporary concrete mixes. SCIC #11, Slag Cement and Fly Ash, compares the two materials, explaining that while chemical similarities exist between them, they exert different influences in concrete applications. Slag cement is a hydraulic cement while fly ash is a pozzolan. This information sheet lists the properties slag cement can bring to concrete in both plastic and hardened form. For example, the addition of slag cement usually results in reduced need for water, faster time of set, improved pumpability and finishability, higher 28-day strength, lower permeability, resistance to sulfate attack and alkali-silica reactivity (ASR), and lighter color.

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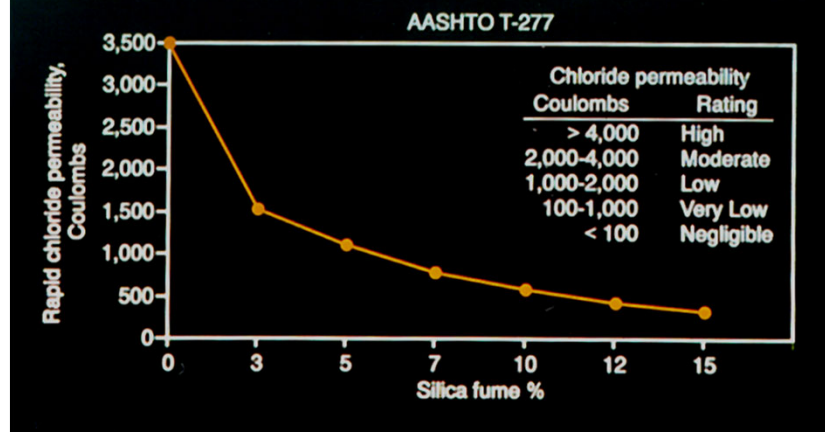
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Silica Fume – Hardened Concrete Properties

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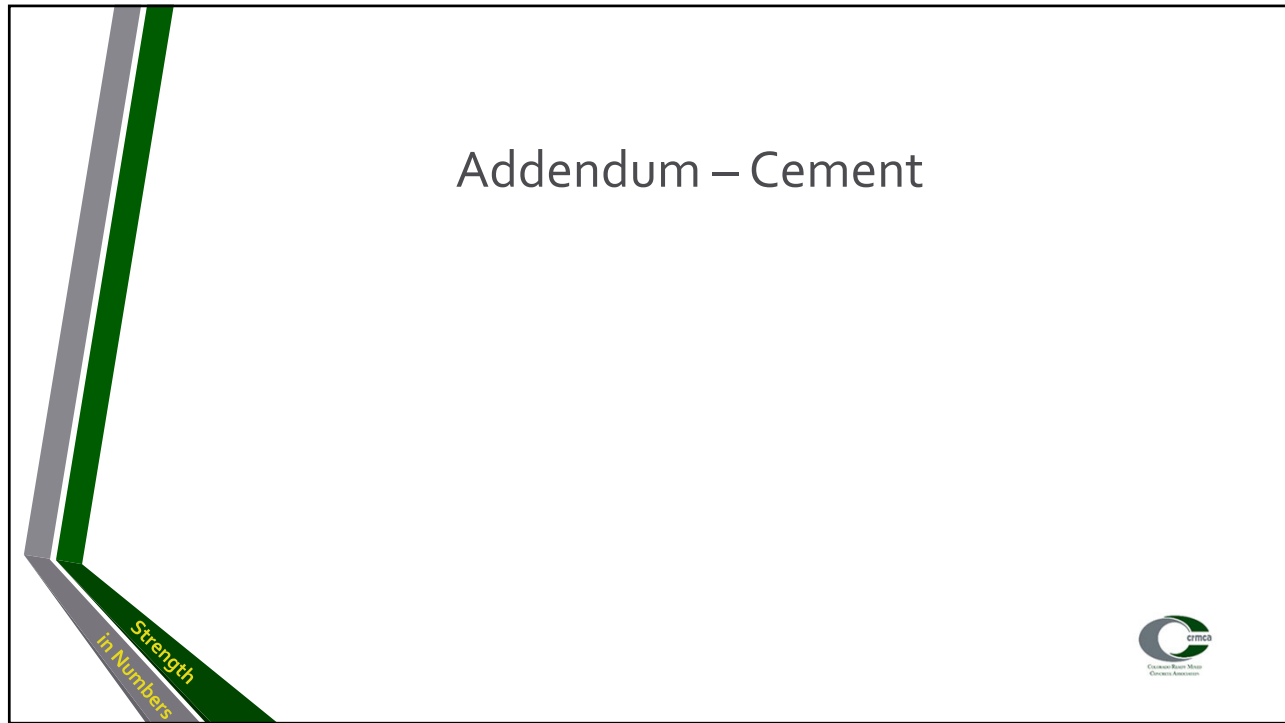


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