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# **Design, Manufacturing and Application of Structural Concrete**

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# Outline

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- ~2,700 B.C., the Egyptians used gypsum mortars in the construction of the Pyramid of Cheops.
- ~1,600 B.C., the Chinese in the Shang Dynasty used clay in making bricks for construction.
- ~1,100 B.C., the Assyrians used fine quality clay for their writing tablets and buildings.
- ~600 B.C., the Greeks built the lining of a cistern in Kamiros, the Island of Rhodes, Greece, using the mixture of volcanic ash and lime (known as the Greek cement).
- ~400 B.C., the Babylonians used clay as the bonding substances or cement.



A. Lepsius recreation suggests workmen are preparing a stack of bricks.



B. Newberry recreation suggests a stack of bricks.





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- ~230 B.C., the Romans improved the Greek cement using the volcanic silicious component to obtain "Roman cement" known as pozzolana, the name deriving from the port of Pozzuoli, west of Naples and the volcano Vesuvious, Italy.
- In 1756, John Smeaton (1724~1792) of Austhrope, Leeds, England, made the first modern concrete using hydraulic lime and designed and rebuilt the Eddystone Lighthouse during 1755~1759, who founded the Society of Civil Engineers in 1771 and was regarded as the father of civil engineering.
- In 1807, James Frost (1780~1840) of Finchley, North London, England, set up a plant making Roman cement at Harwich. In 1822, he developed a cheaper alternative to make Roman cement and patented it as "British cement". In 1825, his cement plant in Swanscombe, Kent, England, began operational.



Colosseum, Roma, Italy (72~80 A.D.)



John Smeaton (1724~1792)



In 1824 (Oct. 21), Joseph Aspdin (1778~1855) of Wakefield, Yorkshire, England, patented "Portland cement" due to the similarity between the artificial rock and the limestone at the Isle of Portland in southern England. However, it was not clear to the public how Joseph and his son William manufactured their cements.







- In 1833, Isaac Charles Johnson (1811~1911) of Mayfield, Gravesend, England, who was the manager of John Bazeley White's cement plant which producing "artificial cement" and Roman cement, deciphered the manufacturing and proportioning of Portland cements.
- In 1871, the first American patent on Portland cement by David Saylor.



A.D. 1824 . . . . . . Nº 5022.

Artificial Stone

ASPDIN'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, JOSEPH ASPDIN, of Leeds, in the County of York, Bricklayer, send grooting.

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there is contained a proviso obliging me, the said Joseph Aspdin, by an instru-

NOW ENOW YE, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said Joseph Aspdin, do hereby declare the nature of my said Invention, and the

manner in which the same is to be performed, are particularly described and

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In witness whereof, I, the said Joseph Asplin, have hereants set my 20 hand and seed, this Fifteenbi day of December, in the year of our . Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four. JOSEPH (a.s.) ASPDIN.

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AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that co the Fiftnensh day of December, in the year of our Lord 1848, the aforeasid Joseph Asplin came before our said 25 Lord the King in His Ganzeery, and acknowledged the Specification aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and specified, in form above written. And also the Specification aforeasid was stamped according to the tensor of the Status made for that purpose.

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LONDON : Printed by GEORGE EDWARD ETKE and WILLIAM SPOTTISWOODE, Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty. 1837.



Isaac Charles Johnson (1811~1911)

#### Joseph Aspdin's patent in 1824





- Concrete is a cementitious composite typically made by Portland cement.
  - Cement + water = Cement paste
  - Cement + water + fine aggregate (e.g., sand) = Cement mortar
  - Cement + water + sand + fine aggregate + coarse aggregate (e.g., gravels) = Concrete (mineral and chemical admixtures are used for improving workability and durability of the concrete)
- Structural concrete is the concrete used for structural purposes such as providing mechanical bearing capacity.
- Major oxides of Portland cements:
  - Lime (CaO), Silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>), Alumina (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), Iron oxide (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)
- Minor oxides of Portland cements:
  - Magnesia (MgO), Alkali oxides (Na<sub>2</sub>O and K<sub>2</sub>O), Titania (TiO<sub>2</sub>), Phosphorous pentoxide (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>), Gypsum (CaSO<sub>4</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O)



Phase diagram of various substances consisting of the major oxides 



- Manufacturing of Portland Cement
  - Collection of the raw mineral materials
  - Grinding and blending of the raw materials
  - Storage and final blending of the raw materials
  - Burning (clinkering) process
  - Final process.





• Chemicals formed by oxides in the clinkering/burning process:

Chemical	Formula	Abbr. notation	Weight (%)
Tricalcium silicate	3CaO · SiO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> S	55
Dicalcium silicate	2CaO · SiO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> S	18
Tricalcium aluminate	3CaO · Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> A	10
Tetracalcium aluminoferrite	$4CaO \cdot Al_2O_3 \cdot Fe_2O_3$	C <sub>4</sub> AF	8
Calcium sulfate dihydrate	CaSO <sub>4</sub> · 2H <sub>2</sub> O	CSH <sub>2</sub>	6

- Types of Portland cement:
  - **Type I:** For use when the special properties specified for any other type are not required.
  - **Type II:** For general use, more especially when moderate sulfate resistance or moderate heat of hydration is desired.
  - **Type III:** For use when high early strength is desired.
  - **Type IV:** For use when a low heat of hydration is desired.
  - **Type V:** For use when high sulfate resistance is desired.



- Portland cement is the chief ingredient in cement paste and the most widely used building material in the world. In the presence of water, the chemical compounds within Portland cement hydrate causing hardening and strength gain. → Hydration process
- Hydrated cement forms the hydration products in concrete, which serves as the binding element in concrete.
- Chemistry of hydration:
  - · Tricalcium silicate:

$$2C_3S + 11H \rightarrow C_3S_2H_8 + 3CH \tag{1}$$

where  $C_3S_2H_8$  is the C-S-H gel.

· Dicalcium silicate:

$$2C_2S + 9H \rightarrow C_3S_2H_8 + CH$$
 (2)



- Chemistry of hydration:
  - Tricalcium aluminate: Primary:

$$C_3A + 3C\bar{S}H_2 + 26H \rightarrow C_6A\bar{S}_3H_{32}$$
(3)

where  $3C\overline{S}H_2$  is gypsum and  $C_6A\overline{S}_3H_{32}$  is ettringite.

Secondary:

$$2C_3A + C_6A\bar{S}_3H_{32} + 4H \rightarrow 3C_4A\bar{S}H_{12} \tag{4}$$

where  $3C_4A\bar{S}H_{12}$  is monosulfoaluminate.

· Tetracalcium aluminoferrite:

$$C_{4}AF + 3C\bar{S}H_{2} + 21H \rightarrow C_{6}(A,F)\bar{S}_{3}H_{32} + (F,A)H_{3}$$
(5)  
$$C_{4}AF + C_{6}(A,F)\bar{S}_{3}H_{32} + 7H \rightarrow 3C_{4}(A,F)\bar{S}H_{12} + (F,A)H_{3}$$
(6)



• Kinetics of hydration:

$$C_3A > C_3S > C_4AF > C_2S \tag{10}$$

- → Impure  $C_3S$  is known as alite and impure  $C_2S$  as belite; alite and belite hydrate faster than pure  $C_3S$  and  $C_2S$ .
- Role of gypsum:
  - Too much gypsum can lead to excessive amounts of ettringite, causing unrestrained expansion and disruption of the paste microstructure.
  - Too little gypsum can lead to the formation of monosulfoaluminatesolid solution after the hydration of C<sub>3</sub>S, resulting in the consumption of lime and preventing the nucleation of C<sub>3</sub>S.
  - Gypsum accelerates C<sub>3</sub>S hydration but lowers the of C-S-H due to the presence of sulfate ions.

→ Control of gypsum is important in the manufacturing of cement and curing of concrete.



• Hvdration and structure development in concrete:



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# **Characteristics of Structural Concrete**

- Advantages:
  - Workability (ability to be cast when in fresh)
  - Economy (cost; \$100 cubic yard for 3000psi)
  - Durability (permeability, mass transport; ideally maintenance free; density = 2,300 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (145 pcf) for normal weight concrete and 1,800 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (110 pcf) for lightweight concrete)
  - Fire resistance (thermal conductivity = 1.53.5 Watts/m · K)
  - Energy efficiency (energy consumption; 3.4 GJ/m3)
  - On-site production (ease for material collection)
  - High compressive strength (compressive strength; 35MPa (5000 psi) for ordinary concrete and >150 MPa (22,000 psi) for high strength concrete)
  - Short-term dimensional stability (Poisson's ratio = 0.18; coefficient of thermal expansion=10<sup>-5</sup> per C (5.5×10<sup>-6</sup> per F))



# **Characteristics of Structural Concrete**

- Disadvantages:
  - Low tensile strength (tensile strength; 3MPa (400psi))
  - Low ductility (brittle in nature; less or no inelastic deformability; ultimate compressive strain = 0.003~0.004 and ultimate tensile strain = 0.001) → Fiber reinforced concrete (FRC) provides better ductility.
  - Low strength-to-weight ratio (for ordinary concrete, 0.015 MPa/kg in compression and 0.0026 MPa/kg in tension, both per cubic meter)
  - Long-term dimensional instability (porosity; shrinkage, creep)



#### **Characteristics of Structural Concrete**

- Types of water in hardened cement pastes
  - Chemically-bound water or combined water or non-evaporable water
  - Adsorbed water or gel water
  - Free water or capillary water
- Role of Water in Concrete:
  - Saturated concrete is about 20% weaker in compression than is dry concrete.
  - Possible reasons include:
    - The removal of water molecules makes C-S-H gel particles come closer to form a tighter system due to an increase in van der Waal's forces.
    - Water may attack Si-O-Si bonds (in C<sub>3</sub>A and C<sub>2</sub>A under stress.
    - Water may reduce mechanical interlock by acting as a lubricant.





 Scanning electron micrograph (SEM):



Fracture surface of a Portland cement paste after **1 hour** hydration

Fracture surface of a Portland cement paste after **24 hours** hydration (Walsh et. al. 1974)





Scanning electron micrograph (SEM):



Fracture surface of a Portland cement paste after 21 days hydration

(Walsh et. al. 1974)



Role of Water in Concrete:



Fracture surface of a Portland cement paste after 21 days hydration

(Walsh et. al. 1974)



Pore sizes and their description:

Designation	Diameter	Description	
Capillary pores	$10^4\sim\!\!50~\rm{nm}$	large capillaries, macropores	
	$50{\sim}10~\mathrm{nm}$	medium capillaries, large meso- pores	
Gel pores	$10{\sim}2.5~\mathrm{nm}$	small isolated capillaries, small mesopores	
	$2.5{\sim}0.5~\mathrm{nm}$	micropores	
	${\leq}0.5~{\rm nm}$	interlayer spaces	



# **Design of Concrete Materials**

- Properties of concrete are determined by the mixing and proportioning of its ingredients (e.g., water, cement, aggregates, admixture). → Mix design
- Fundamentals of mix design:
  - Water to cement ratio  $\rightarrow$  Abram's law
  - Aggregate grading  $\rightarrow$  Fuller and Thompson's formula
- ACI method of mix design

 $\rightarrow$  ACI 211.1-91 (1991), Standard Practice for Selecting Proportions for Normal, Heavyweight, and Mass Concrete, ACI Committee 211, Farmington Hills, MI.

Trial batch adjustments are needed.



- Design states:
  - Limit states:
    - Ultimate limit state: Structural collapse of all or part of the structure and loss of life can occur; Loss of equilibrium of a part or all of a structure as a rigid body; Rupture of critical components causing partial or complete collapse.
    - Serviceability limit state: Functional use of structure is disrupted, but collapse is not expected; Excessive crack width → corrosion of reinforcement → gradual deterioration
    - Special limit state: Damage/failure caused by abnormal conditions or loading (e.g., earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes, floods)







- Design philosophies:
  - Emphasis on the reduction of structural capacity of concrete
  - Emphasis on the amplification of structural loading
  - Emphasis on both the reduction and the amplification



- Structural concrete is weak in tension, so reinforcements (steel or composites) are usually used to carry tensile stresses in concrete.
- Reinforcements can be introduced by
  - without being prestressed → Reinforced concrete (RC) structures
  - with being prestressed. → Prestressed concrete (PC) structures
- Design of concrete structures is basically about:
  - Material design (concrete and reinforcements) → Quality of materials affects the short-term performance of concrete structures
  - Structural design (configuration of concrete and reinforcements, cross-sectional design)
    → Quality of structural design affects both the short-term and the long-term performance of concrete structures







- Structural loads:
  - Gravity loads
    - Dead loads
    - Live loads
    - Snow loads
  - Lateral loads
    - Wind loads
    - Seismic loads
  - Special load cases
    - Impact loads
    - Blast loads





- Gravity loads:
  - Floor systems account for a major portion of the gravity loads
  - Selection of the floor system may influence structural behavior and resistance
  - Structural use plays a major role in selection of the floor system
    - Office buildings
      - large simply supported spans
    - Residential and hotel buildings
      - short continuous spans





#### Types of floor systems

- Concrete
- Steel
- Composite
- Prestressed concrete

#### **Composite floor systems**







• Final design:



## **Manufacturing of Concrete**

- Concrete construction include the following steps:
  - Batching
  - Mixing
  - Transportation
  - Placing
  - Consolidating
  - Finishing
  - Curing















# **Manufacturing of Concrete**

Typical construction site



 $\rightarrow$  Usually, different manufacturing steps are simultaneously ongoing on the site.



### **Manufacturing of Concrete**

Manufacturing of concrete bridges:



Lavant viaduct (Talubergang P19 Lavant), Austria (1985)



## **Application of Concrete**

Buildings: 



Taipei 101, Taiwan (509m, No.2)

Burj Khalifa, Dubai (828 m, No.1)



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# **Application of Concrete**

Bridges:



Zakim Bridge, Boston, U.S.A. (436 m)



Millau Viaduct Bridge, France (2,460 m)



Akashi Kaikyo Daibashi, Japan (1,991 m)



Queen Elizabeth Bridge, England (812 m)



# **Application of Concrete**

Nuclear power stations (NPS):



Maine Yankee NPS, ME (Decommissioned in 1997)

Three Mile Island NPS, Harrisburg, PA (TM-2 decommissioned in 1979; TM-1 licensed to operate until 2034)



# **Deterioration of Concrete**

- Primary mechanisms of concrete deterioration:
  - Mechanical deterioration of the concrete surface
    - Abrasion
    - Erosion
    - Cavitation
  - Electrochemical deterioration of the steel reinforcement
    - Corrosion
  - Physical and chemical deteriorations of the aggregate
    - Freezing and thawing
    - Alkali-aggregate reactions (AAR)
  - Physical and chemical deteriorations of hydrated cement products
    - Freezing and thawing
    - Internal and external sulfate attacks
    - Seawater attack
    - Acid attack
    - Carbonation
    - Salty crystallization



#### Summary

- Concrete is a reliable structural construction material, if designed correctly, manufactured properly, and maintained routinely.
- Concrete has its own characteristics as a construction material, but the performance of concrete structures depends on the design of structures, and their environment. → How do we know the performance of each concrete structure?
- Quality control is vital in the manufacturing of concrete.
- Deterioration of concrete structures can be attributed to a wide variety of causes.



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