

Cementitious Materials for the Precast Industry – Where are We Headed Next?

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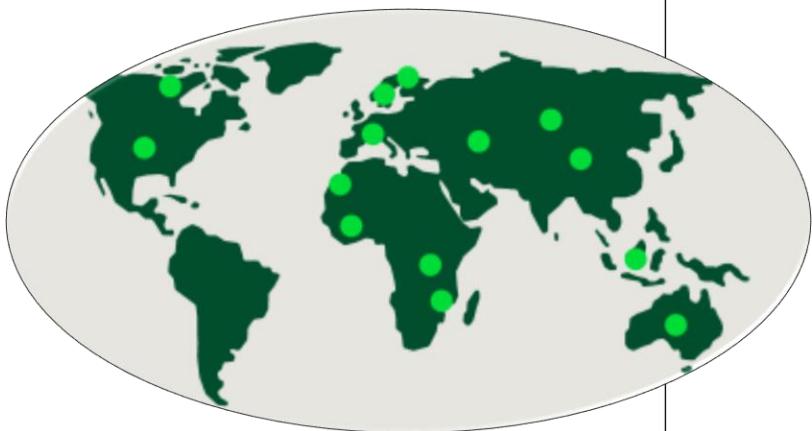
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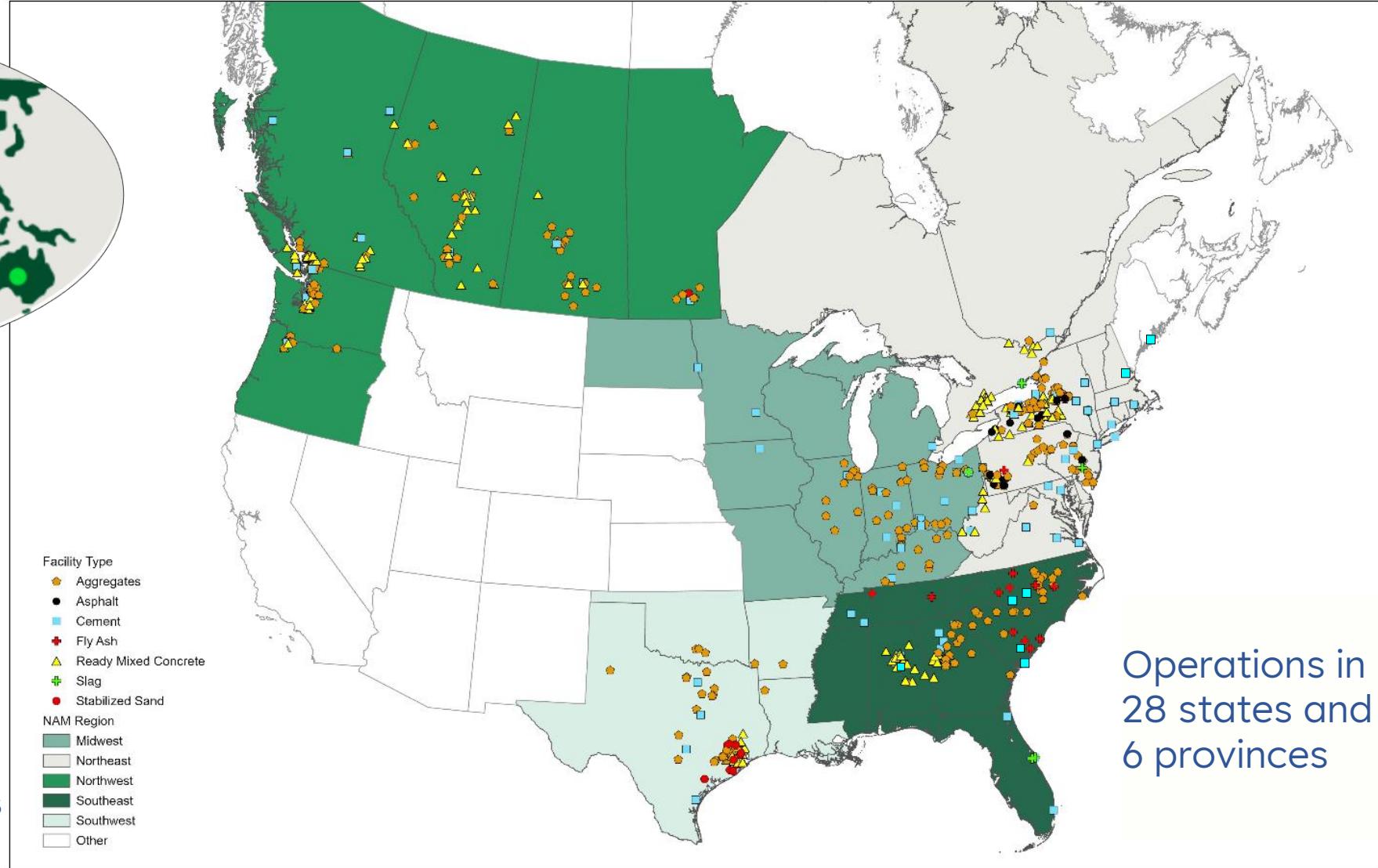
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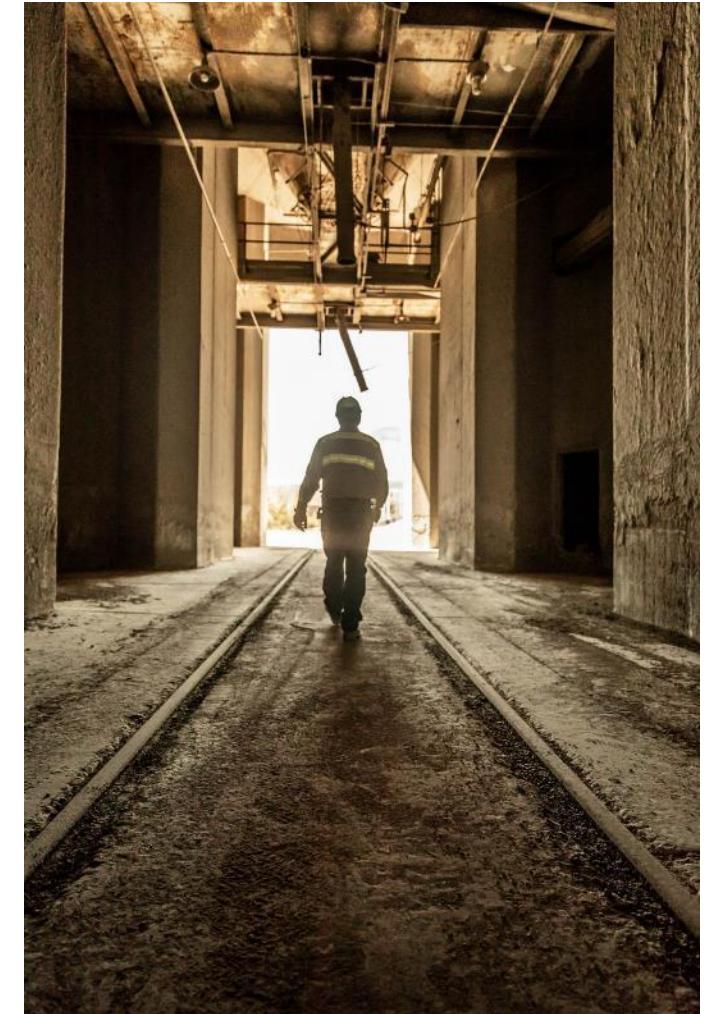
Heidelberg Materials' National and Global Perspective



- Cementitious Materials
 - Portland / PLC / Masonry
 - Slag Cement
 - Coal Ash aka Fly Ash
- Aggregate as noted
- Ready Mix, in limited markets



Where We Are Headed Next – National/Global Trends

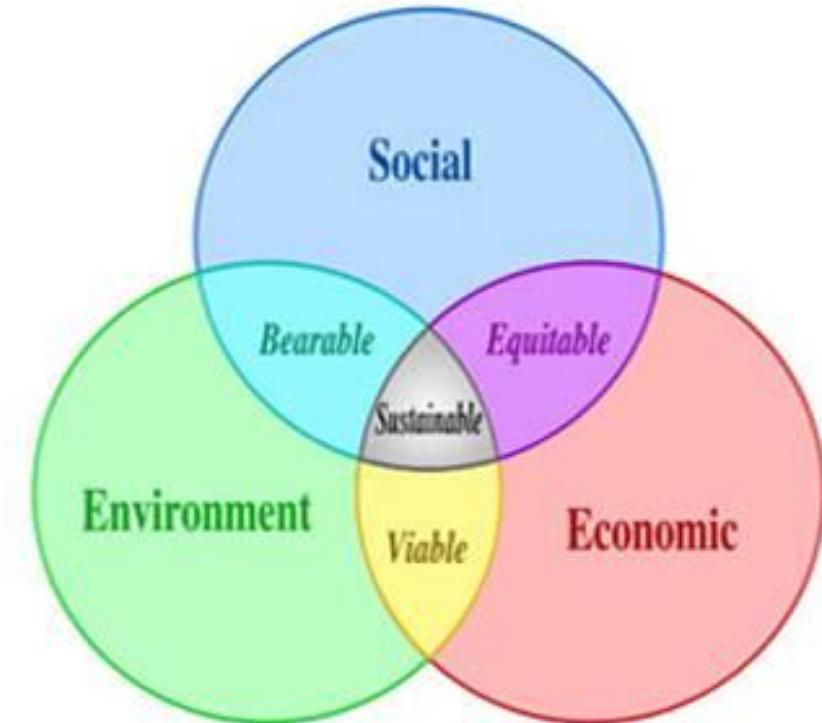


National/Global Trend – Sustainability In Practice



The Triple-Bottom-Line

- Social
- Environmental
- Economic



... Sustainability is in the Overlap

What Makes a Material More or Less Sustainable?

Sustainable Constituents



Low Embodied CO₂ / Energy



Durable and Resilient



Long Service Life, Easily Recycled



LCA Production Stage A1

LCA Production Stage A3

LCA Use Stage B1 – B5

LCA Use Stages B and C, End of Life Stages

Precast Concrete is Resilient a Key Benefit to Promote



What do you want your project made of?

- Will it burn? Does it give passive resistance to fire?
- Is it power/pressurized water dependent?
- Will it rot or be eaten by insects or mold?
- Will it blow away?

Concrete is ...

Naturally Resilient & Sustainable, Significant safety advantages for...

- Hurricane & Tornado
- Floods
- Mayhem

Resilience Matters

Lessons learned from Ian & others

- What's your building made of ?
- Will it keep your family safe?
- Will it blow away?
- Will debris come through your wall?
- Will critical infrastructure survive?



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The stakes couldn't be higher!

- ~ 40% increase in building construction
- To add 2.6 trillion ft² (241 billion m²) new floor area by 2060 ~ the size of Great Britain
- Will it be safe... or just cheap?



National/Global Trends – Embodied Energy and CO₂ Matters

What we can all agree on...

- Human activity impacts the environment, and there are a lot of us...
- Fossil fuel, and process emissions, impact air quality & produce Green House Gases
 - Examples: burning coal to produce electrical energy, and marking cement clinker from limestone

“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children”
Wendell Berry

What the evidence and science tells us...

- Green House Gas emissions are driving climate change
- Climate change will increase the need for resilience and is driving policy decisions
- Concerns about embodied carbon has changed the way we do business

Concrete Industry's Response to Climate Change Concerns

Projections on the effects of global warming increasing from 1.5 °C to 2 °C

- 14% → 37% of the global population will be exposed to extreme heat at least every 5 years
- 100% → 170% increase in flooding risks
- 70% → 99% further decline of coral reefs
- 8% → 16% of natural plant habitat lost

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON
climate change



Concrete is More Than 50% of Everything We Make¹

Most widely produced solid material on earth

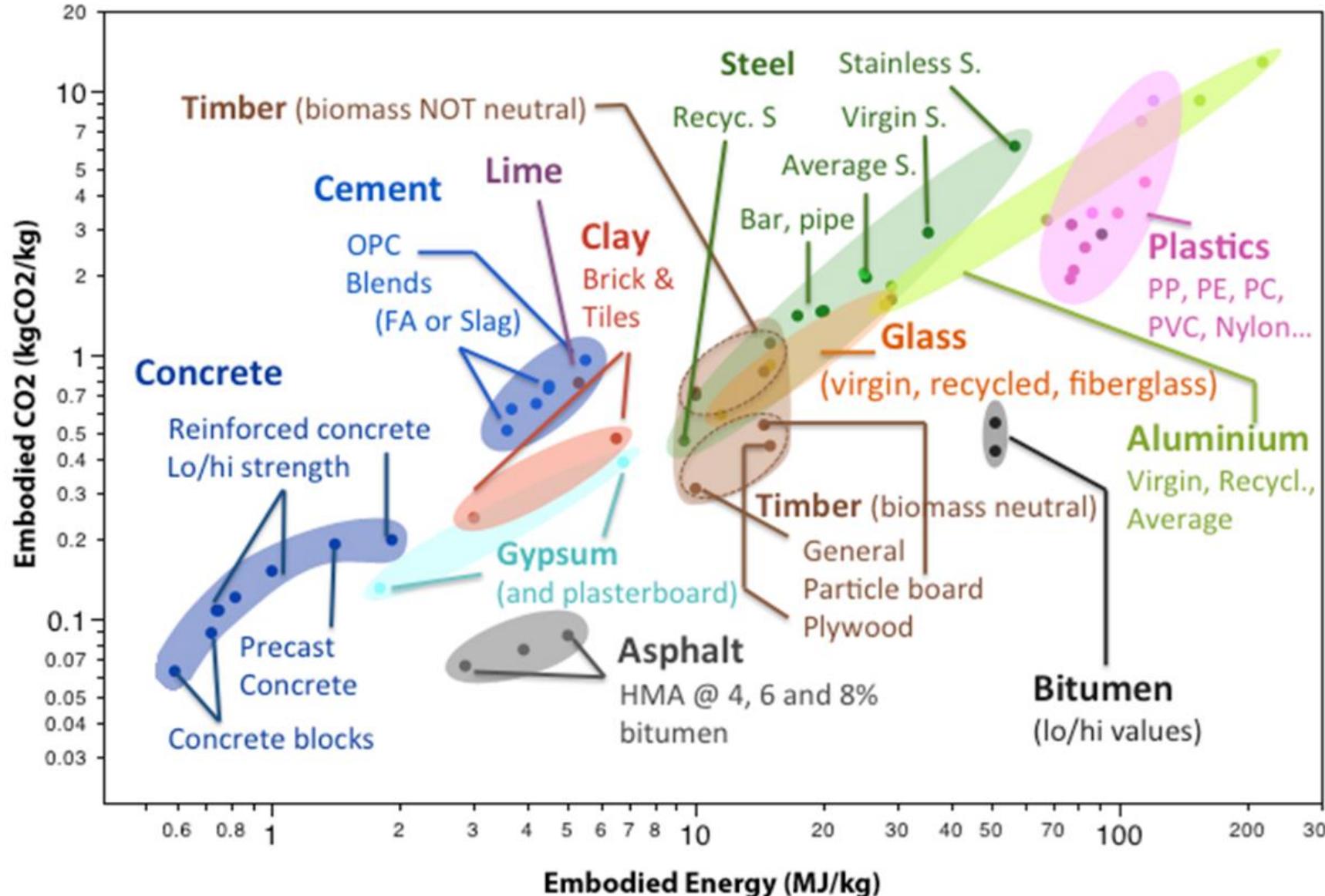
- Concrete delivers...
 - Economy
 - Strength & Durability
 - Versatility
 - Resilience
- Because concrete is practically synonymous the term construction it....
 - Is responsible for 7% – 8% of global manmade CO₂ emissions
 - It can be argued this is a relatively small CO₂ investment for more than 50% of the stuff we make but, we are working to lower these #s



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¹Rencontre du Conseil d'Etat avec la Présidence de l'EFL EPFL Fribourg,
https://www.concrete.org/portals/0/files/pdf/webinars/ws_S23_KarenScrivener.pdf

Comparative CO₂ Emissions from Cement



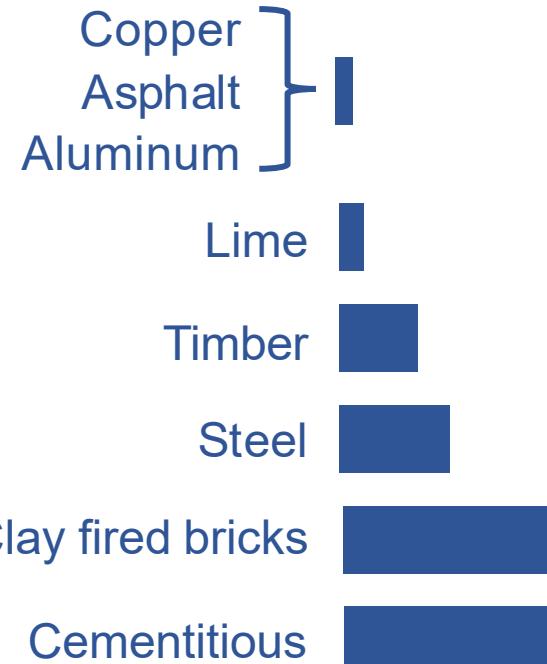
Precast Concrete is a very sustainable material with low environmental impacts.

Reference: [Cement and carbon emissions](#) by Laurent Barcelo, John Kline, Gunther Walenta, Ellis Gartner, Materials and Structures, June 2014, Volume 47, Issue 6, pp 1055-1065 DOI 10.1617/s11527-013-0114-5

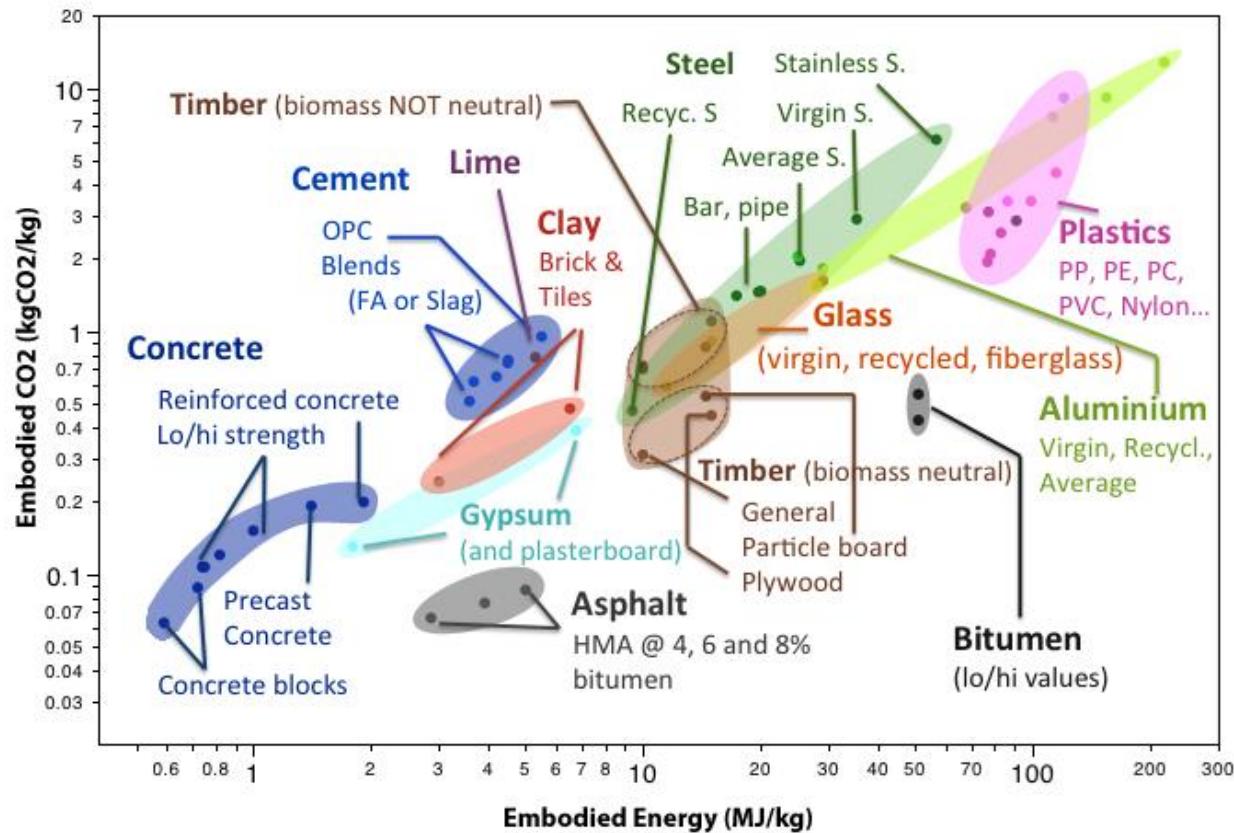
Global CO₂ from Concrete

“Cementitious materials make up > 50% of everything we produce.”

“It is only for this reason they account for 8% of CO₂ annually.”



To replace" 25% of cementitious materials would require planting forest 1.5 times the size of India... Then wait 30-years"

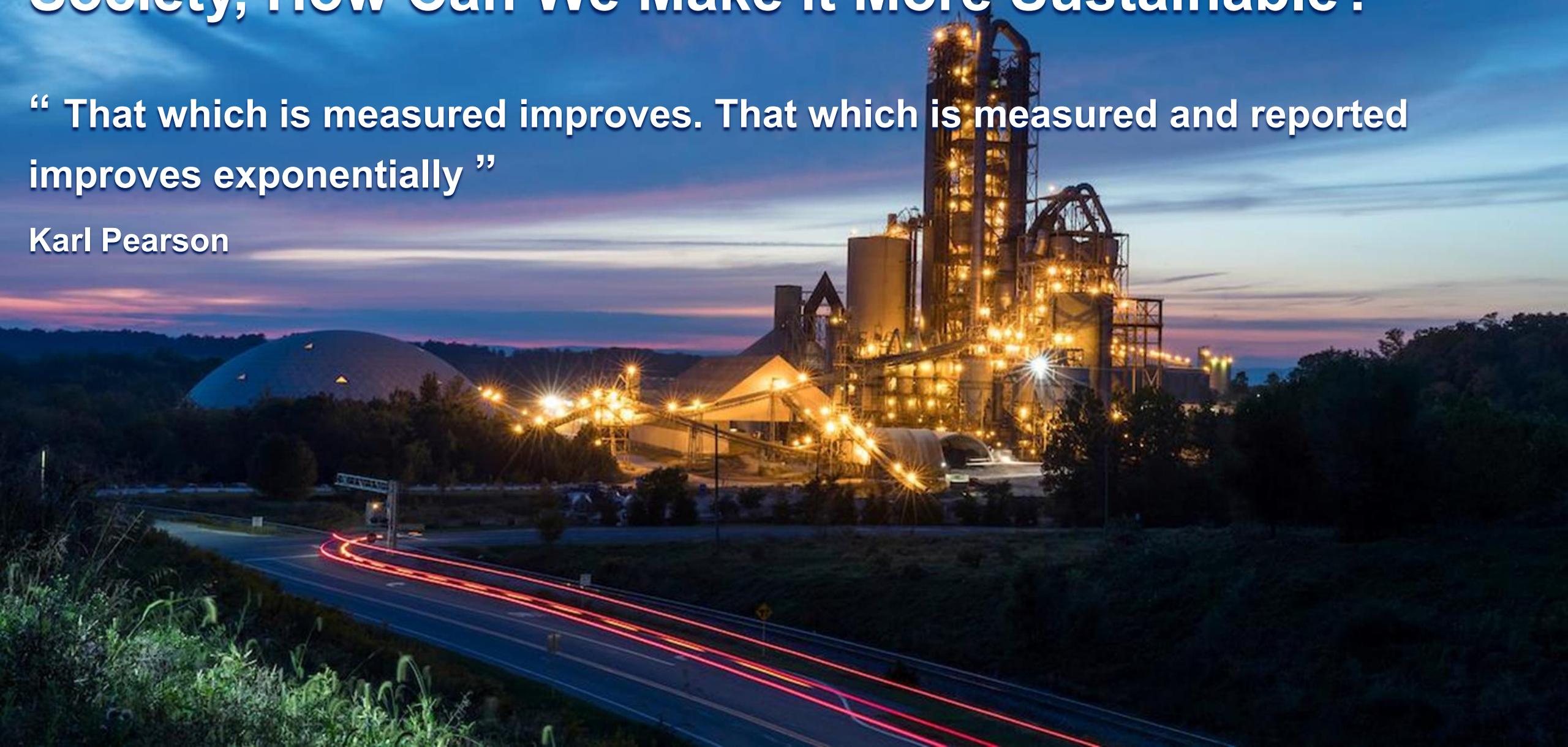


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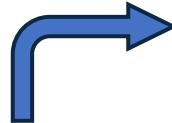
Concrete is Our Business, and the Foundation of Our Society, How Can We Make it More Sustainable?

“ That which is measured improves. That which is measured and reported improves exponentially ”

Karl Pearson



Whole Building LCA Stages



Production Stage			Construction Stage		Use Stage							End Of Life Stage			
Extraction And Upstream Production	Transport To Factory	Manufacturing	Transport To Site	Installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational Energy Use	Operational Water Use	Deconstruction / Demolition	Transport	Waste Processing	Disposal Of Waste
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4
x	x	x	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

X = Included in Cradle to Gate

MND = Module Not Declared

A material's GWP is determined by completing a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

- As required by the North American PCR (Product Category Rule) for Portland cement GWP's are for...
- Cradle to Gate - accounting for all the inputs in a LCA Production Stage (Modules A1 to A3)
- Findings from LCAs are best summarized in a Type III EPD

Product Category Rules

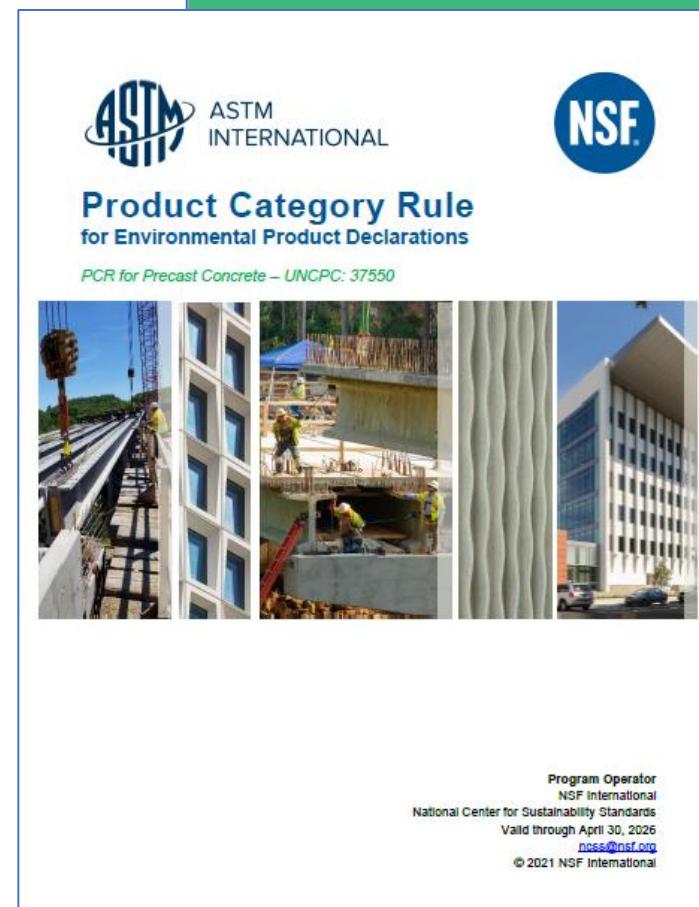
Life Cycle Assessments level the playing field for “like” materials

Product Category Rules (PCRs) set baseline requirements for doing LCA studies and reporting impacts via an EPD

- PCRs define what is measured and reported
- Set scope, and framework of what LCA data to report on EPDs
- They are “Product” specific
- Individual PCRs for...
 - Newly published Cement PCR valid through July 2030
 - Precast Concrete valid through April 30, 2026 (to be Extended)

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PART B PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES FOR
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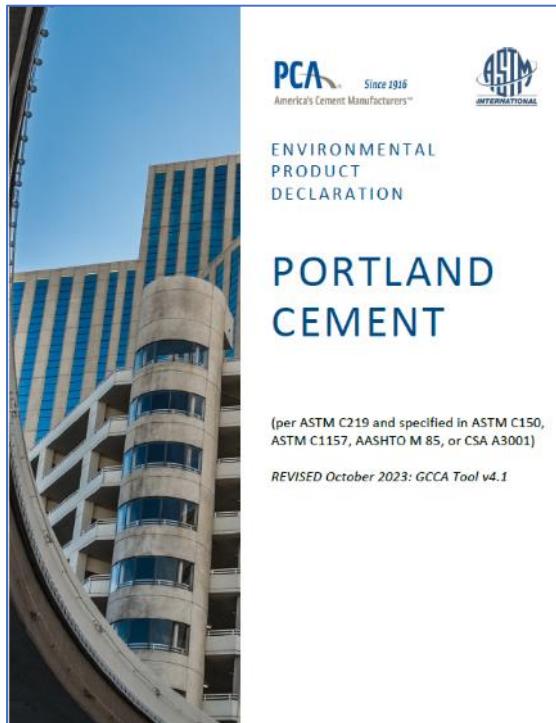
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EPDs Provide Transparency & GWP_s (embodied CO₂)

Having a way to compare environmental impact is crucial. GWP_s are a good indicator

EPDs make an accounting, furthering the transparency of environmental claims



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PORTLAND CEMENT

Life cycle assessment results

The cradle-to-gate (A1 to A3) EPD results for producing one metric ton of portland cement are presented in Table 4.

Table 4. Production stage EPD results for portland cements.

Impact category and inventory indicators	Unit	Portland Cements 1 metric ton
Global warming potential, GWP 100, IPCC 2013	kg CO ₂ eq	919



Industry Average GWP* for Portland Cement

919

* GWP = kg CO₂ equiv. / M. ton

Precast – Embodied CO₂ by Component & Activity

Cement / binders

Aggregate

Transport

Electricity

Addmixtures

2.2% 1.5%

87.5%

4.6% 4.2%



- Use SCMS vs. Cement
- Incorporate limestone and SCMs in Blended Cements
- Use alternate fuels



- Aggregate is local, and very low energy and GWP building material.
- Often overlooked CO₂ success factor



- Work with suppliers to minimize empty back-hauls
- Ask them to document CO₂ emissions



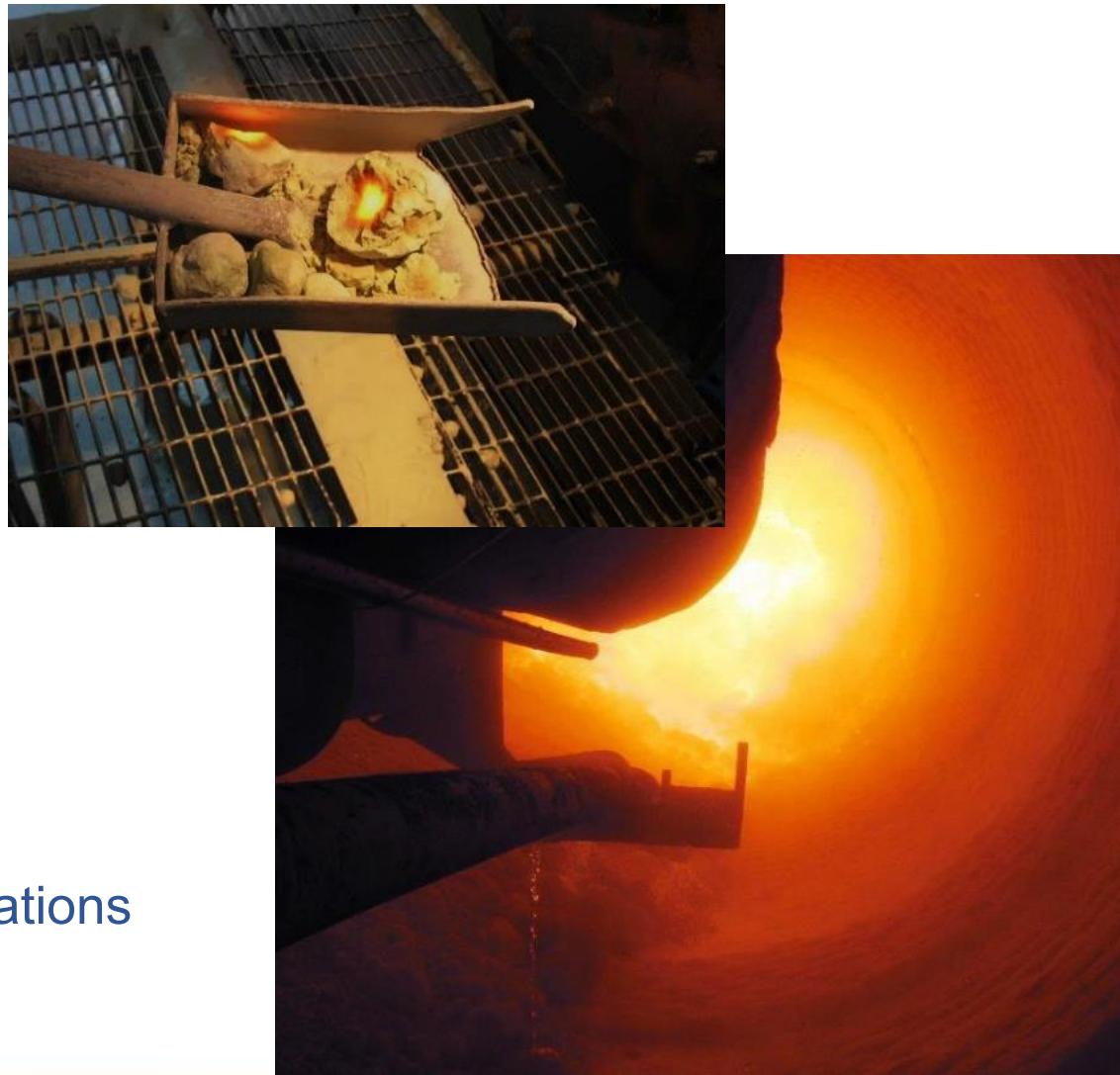
- Dependent on power mix from the grid
- Renewable energy credits are usable benefit today

CO₂ in concrete is more than just cement... but...

Portland & PLC Cement CO₂ Emissions

Cement's CO₂ emissions are mostly from making clinker

- Clinker process emissions ~ 2/3
 - “Calcining” limestone CaCO₃
 - High heat + CaCO₃ → CaO + CO₂
- Burning fuel/pyroprocessing ~ 1/3
 - Targeting temperatures ~ 2,800° F
 - Greatly reduced by Alternative Fuel use
- Remaining CO₂ from running equipment & misc. operations



OPC / Portland



PLC Type IL / GUL



Blended Cements Type IS(40)



Low-carbon Cement Strategies

- Clinker reduction
- Key strategy for reducing embodied CO₂ aka GWP
- Performance Specifications enable use
- Significant reduction potential depending on available materials and type of application



Current technologies at the cement plant

- Interground limestone and SCM incorporation
- Recycled raw materials for clinker production
- Alternative fuels and heat recovery technologies

Key Strategies to Decarbonize Cement & Concrete



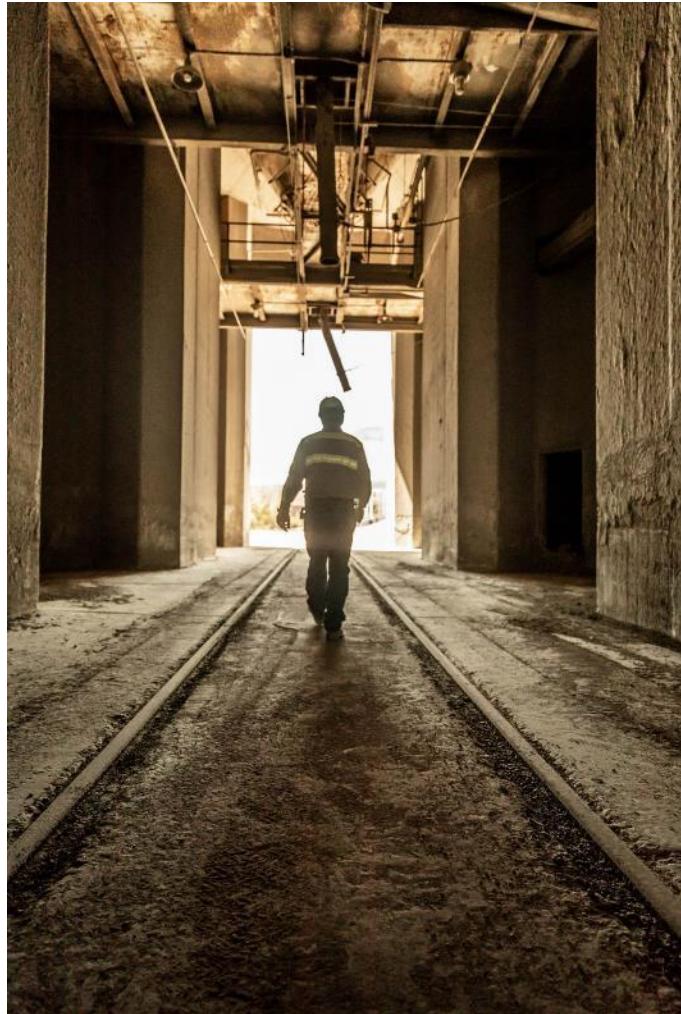
Reduce the CO₂ in clinker

- Energy efficiency in production
- Replace coal with Natural Gas and Alternative Fuels
- CCUS, the path to Net Zero Concrete
- Use alternative raw Materials

Reduce the clinker content in your concrete

- Use Blended Cements i.e. PLCs
- Use SCMs to replace PLC or Portland Cement
- Optimize mixes to reduce cementitious loading

National/Global Trends – More Use of Blended Cements



Specifications for Blended Cements in the US

Conform to ASTM C595 / AASHTO M 240 Specs

- Type IL - Portland-limestone cement
- Type IS - Portland blast-furnace slag cement
- Type IP - Portland-pozzolan cement
- Type IT - Ternary blended cement

ASTM C595 Blended Cements permitted for use in...

- ACI 318 Bld. Code for Structural Concrete
- ACI 301 Specification for Structural Concrete
- FAA Advisory Circular AC 150/5370-10H, Standard Specifications for Construction of Airports

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.



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Standard Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements¹

This standard is issued under the fixed designation C595/C595M; 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 reaffirmation. A superscript epsilon (ε) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reaffirmation.

1. Scope²

1.1 This specification pertains to blended hydraulic cements for both general and special applications, using slag, pozzolan, limestone, or some combination of these, with portland cement or portland cement clinker or slag with lime.

Note 1—This specification prescribes ingredients and proportions, with some performance requirements, whereas Performance Specification C1157/C1157M is a hydraulic cement specification in which performance criteria alone govern the products and their acceptance.

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 may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard. Values in SI units [or inch-pound units] shall be obtained by measurement in SI units [or inch-pound units] or by appropriate conversion, using the Rules for Conversion and Rounding given in IEEE/ASTM SI 10, of measurements made in other units [or SI units]. Values are stated in only SI units when inch-pound units are not used in practice.

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

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C01 on Cement and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C01.10 on Hydraulic Cements for General Concrete Construction.

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² For reference, ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at www.astm.org/contact. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

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How Blended Cements are Classified by US Specifications

Requirements & naming provisions per Type ASTM C595-25 / AASHTO M 240

- Most common is Portland Limestone Cements - Type IL
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ASTM C595 – Current Status (C595-25)

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2026 To Bring Changes to Blended Cements Specifications

ASTM C595-26 (to publish in late July/early August; not in effect until published)

Type IT to require 2 SCMs; and permit 15% limestone in all C595 types

New C595 compositional limits (key changes highlighted):

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Type IT – Portland cement + 2 of (pozzolans or slag) + limestone (optional). Max. 4 materials in total.

Key changes to take effect when published ~ Summer 2026

- Limestone addition of 5% to 15% allowed in all blended cement types
- Type IT cements now to have two SCMs (2 pozzolan or slag + a pozzolan) + Limestone (optional)
- Previously Type IT cements were limited to cement + 2 other materials, one allowed to be Limestone
- Type IL will still be most common blended cement you are likely to have access to

Resources/Insights for Your Teams

Type IL aka PLC is most common Blended Cement

Portland-Limestone Cement Fact Sheet from ACA

- Type IL is the new normal in many markets
- Expected to be most common type, if not already
- Increases limestone addition limit from 5% to 15%
 - ASTM C150 Portland Cement allows 5% limestone
- Typical limestone addition rates 10% - 12%
- Result is 30# - 40# additional ground limestone in a typical 3,850# cubic yard of concrete
- Set times and strength gain curves will likely be different



Portland-Limestone Cement U.S. Fact Sheet

A lower carbon cement that has already reduced CO2 emissions in the U.S. by more than 325,000 metric tons is available now, which is equivalent to the carbon stored in over 400,000 acres of forest for a year. And that's just the beginning.

Portland-limestone cement, or PLC, is engineered with a higher limestone content than portland cement to reduce the carbon footprint of concrete by about 10%. It performs just like the cement you're used to using, resulting in the same concrete you're used to having. The same specifications, the same mix design, now with a better carbon profile.

Concrete is everywhere. In fact, other than water, it's the most-used material on the planet, representing about 50% of all manmade materials (by mass). It's a versatile, economical construction material that is the basis for everything we build. Foundations. Buildings. Roads. Water and waste storage and delivery structures. Modern society is possible thanks to the versatility and widespread availability of concrete.

Because society places so much concrete each year, even small changes to its formulation can have dramatic effects on the construction industry's annual carbon footprint. Modifying a concrete mix design to replace higher carbon materials with lower carbon ingredients is an effective strategy. Portland-lime stone cement offers an easy way for concrete producers to accomplish this, much like fly ash and slag cement have done for decades. And concrete mixes designed with PLCs are compatible with all supplementary cementing materials (SCMs), so when you substitute PLC for ordinary portland cement, you can continue to use all the other materials you use to make concrete for an even greater reduction in carbon footprint.

Applications and Uses

Almost anywhere you use ordinary portland cement, you can use PLC instead. In the U.S., PLCs have an established track record for transportation infrastructure. Many states have been placing PLC concrete pavements for more than a decade – with good results. From highways to driveways, PLC performs just as well in heavy-duty pavements as it does for residential flatwork. And it's appropriate for bridge applications, too, from top to bottom, everything from the deck down to the foundation, even including geotechnical work. For buildings, PLC concrete is a natural fit for structural members of any type or size, and it's also great for exterior finishes and landscaping. Architects and other designers who are tasked with meeting goals put forth by green rating systems or codes will find PLC an especially useful approach to help them achieve a lower carbon footprint for any project.

Easy to Use at a 1:1 Cement Replacement

To help with the transition to more environmentally friendly concrete, cement manufacturers understand that the switch to PLC must be simple. By optimizing PLCs, they have made it easy for specifiers, producers, and installers to use them. PLC can be swapped in for portland cement at a 1:1 replacement level. This is a big help to ready mix producers, who can continue operations using their well-established systems with a minimal amount of disruption.

In most cases, all that is needed for maintaining fresh concrete behavior is typical tweaking of proportions or admixtures, similar to changing from one source of cement to another. Anyone who knows how to work with cement and concrete knows how to work with PLC concrete.

Extensively Tested for Similar Production, Handling, and Durability

Portland-limestone cement and concrete mixes containing PLC have been used around the world for decades. However, PLC has also been subjected to extensive research and testing by industry, both in the U.S. and elsewhere. Researchers have studied fresh properties related to placing and finishing, as well as hardened properties that relate to durability.

As noted, cement producers optimize PLC products so that they perform in the same way as portland cement because that's what their customers expect: fresh properties that enable similar handling and placing characteristics and hardened properties to assure good long-term performance in any type of exposure.

Durability is usually first demonstrated by accelerated laboratory testing and backed up by observation of field performance over time. Areas studied include resistance to scaling and freeze-thaw, chlorides, sulfates, and alkali-silica reaction. Each type of exposure has been thoroughly investigated to confirm that PLC produces strong, durable concrete.

Get all the facts about reducing your carbon footprint at greenconcrete.com

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Resources/Insights for Your Teams

State-of-the-Art Report on Use... Excellent more in depth it is a FREE publication updated in 2024

- Type IL will remain most common blended cement
- Manufactured to have similar performance to Type I/II
- Has lower GWP (CO₂) due to lower clinker content
- Typical that the 10% - 12%, “limestone fraction” will be finer than the ground cement clinker, resulting in a higher Blaine
- Bleed rates, and bleed characteristics will be different
- May have increased water demand and require additional water and admixture adjustments



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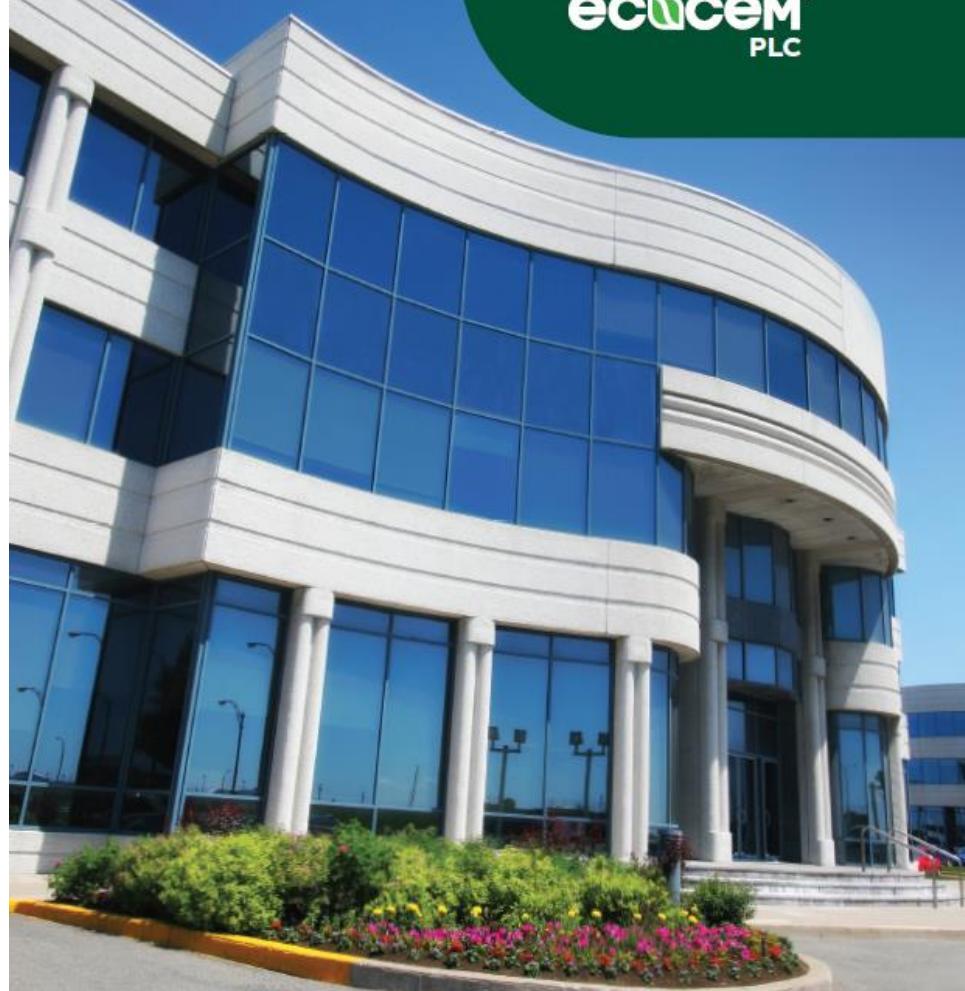
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Our Experience with PLCs

- “At Heidelberg Materials, we aim to be the industry leader on the path to net zero concrete.” We sell Type IL, low-carbon cement.
- Rigorous internal test and field trials which started years prior to wide-spread distribution
- Assembled comparative data with OPC and IL from multiple plants in a standard concrete mix design, tested...
 - Plastic and hardened testing: Slump, air, bleed rate, set time, mix consistency
 - Compressive & flexural strength
 - Shrinkage
 - Slump loss and workability
 - Durability
 - Impact of Admixture and SCMs
- Our result closely aligned with ACA and industry findings

Adapting Mixes for Type IL Cement, Gained Experiences

Adjusting admixture combinations always key for change in cements/SCMs

- Water demand often higher due to fineness & may require slightly higher w/c ratios
- Consult cement Tech Service team and admixture suppliers for insights. Double check WRAs are not retarding your mix, watch for:
 - Type D – Water-reducing and retarding admixtures... and
 - Type G – Water-reducing, high-range and retarding admixtures
- PLCs have slightly lower Specific Gravity, which effects yield slightly
- Usually get a bit of a psi bump when combined with Slag
- Strength gain timing may affect performance tied to some test
 - Modulus of elasticity
 - Creep & volume stability





Advantages of “Other” Blended Cements - Type IS, IP and IT

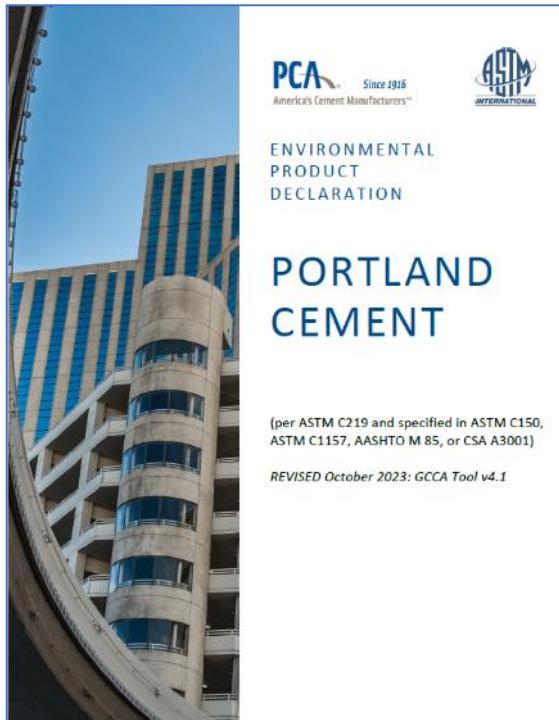
Slag granules, Ash or Natural Pozzolans are typically interground with portland cement clinker at the plant

- Can also be produced through blending
- Have all the advantages of using an SCM, plus...
- Quality control managed by cement supplier
- Reduced storage needs, users need only one silo
- Ease of use and simplified batching concrete mixtures
- Can be combined with other SCMs, pozzolans or limestone to produce Ternary blends
 - Take advantage of existing storage
 - Optimizing environmental benefits & performance
 - Drive down the GWP of your products

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PORTLAND CEMENT

Life cycle assessment results

The cradle-to-gate (A1 to A3) EPD results for producing one metric ton of portland cement are presented in Table 4.

Table 4. Production stage EPD results for portland cements.

Impact category and inventory indicators	Unit	Portland Cements 1 metric ton
Global warming potential, GWP 100, IPCC 2013	kg CO ₂ eq	919



Industry Average GWP* for Portland Cement
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* GWP = kg CO₂ equiv. / M. ton

Stakeholders Use EPDs to Make Quick Judgements

Heidelberg Materials

Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for Cement

GENERAL INFORMATION

This cradle to gate Environmental Product Declaration covers six cement products produced at the Evansville Cement Plant. The Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) was prepared in conformity with ISO 21930, ISO 14025, ISO 14040, and ISO 14044. This EPD is intended for business-to-business (B-to-B) audiences.

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PROGRAM OPERATOR
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NRMCAPD: 20053

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ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in Building Construction-Environmental Declaration of Building Products: serves as the core PCR
NSF PCR for Portland, Blended, Masonry, Mortar, and Plastic (Stucco) Cements V3.2: serves as the sub-category PCR

Sub-category PCR review was conducted by
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Independent verification of the declaration, according to ISO 21930:2017 and ISO 14025:2006. internal external

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For additional explanatory material
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This EPD was prepared using the pre-verified GCA Tool by: Athena Sustainable Materials Institute

EPDs are comparable only if they comply with ISO 21930 (2017), use the same, sub-category PCR where applicable, include all relevant information modules and are based on equivalent scenarios with respect to the context of construction works.

Environmental Impacts
Evansville Plant: Product-Specific Type III EPD
Declared Cement Products (six): Type I/II; Type IS40; Masonry; Type III; Oil Well A; Oil Well G
Declared Unit: One metric tonne of cement

Global Warming Potential (kg CO₂-eq)

	Type I/II	Type IS40	Masonry	Type III	Oil Well A	Oil Well G
841	531	497	841	882	882	

Product Components:

Clinker	98%	55%	52%	93%	98%	98%
Limestone, Gypsum and Others	7%	6%	48%	7%	2%	2%
Slag		38%				

Additional detail and impacts are reported on page 5 and 6

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Evansville Plant

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Example GWP Calculations Using Mix Components Only

Apply GWP values to Generic Mix

- Binder, 350 kg/m³ “Average” Portland Cement
- No SCMs for ~ 600#/cy mix
- “Generic” course and fine aggregate
- Water reducing & Air-entraining admixtures
- **This Baseline Mix has GWP of 373.7**
- Note inclusion of A1 – A3 LCA Modules

GWP for A1 330.2

GWP for A2 34.1

GWP for A3 9.4

Mix GWP Total 373.7 CO₂ eq.

SCM, Aggregate and Admixture Data via FHWA
Report No. FHWA-HIF-22-032, LCA Pave

Generic Concrete Mix Raw Materials A1	Quantity kg/m ³	GWP / Metric ton (1,000 kg)	GWP in Mix
Industry Average Portland Cement (GU / Type I)	350	919	321.7
Generic Fly Ash	0	14.7	0.0
Generic Slag Cement	0	146.6	0.0
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Material Handling, Batching & Misc. Operations CO ₂ Footprint - Total A3			9.4
Total A1 + A2 + A3			373.7

Example GWP Calculations Using Type IS(40) Cement

WP values in Generic Mix w/ Type IS Cement

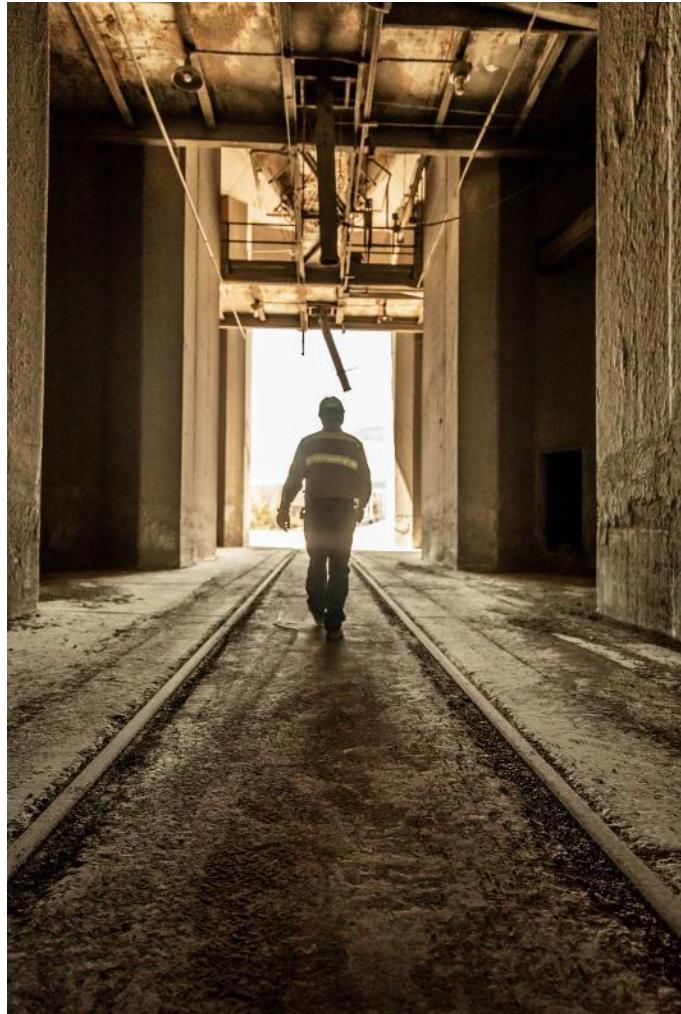
- Binder is 350 kg/m³ Evansville Type IS(40)
- No other SCMs
- “Generic” course and fine aggregate
- Water reducing & Air-entraining admixtures
- **Using Evansville IS(40) = - 36% vs Baseline Mix**
- Note inclusion of A1 – A3 LCA Modules

• GWP for A1	194.4
• GWP for A2	34.1
• GWP for A3	<u>9.4</u>
Mix GWP Total	237.9 CO₂ eq.

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Generic Concrete Mix Global Warming Potential A1 - A3			
Generic Concrete Mix Raw Materials + Actual Cement GWP Values A1	Quantity kg/m ³	GWP / Metric ton (1,000 kg)	GWP in Mix
Heidelberg Materials Evansville Type IS(40) Cement	350	531	185.9
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National/Global Trends – SCMs, i.e. Slag Cement & Ash



SCMs/Cement Replacements Added to Mixes at the Plant

Supplementary Cementitious Materials (SCMs)

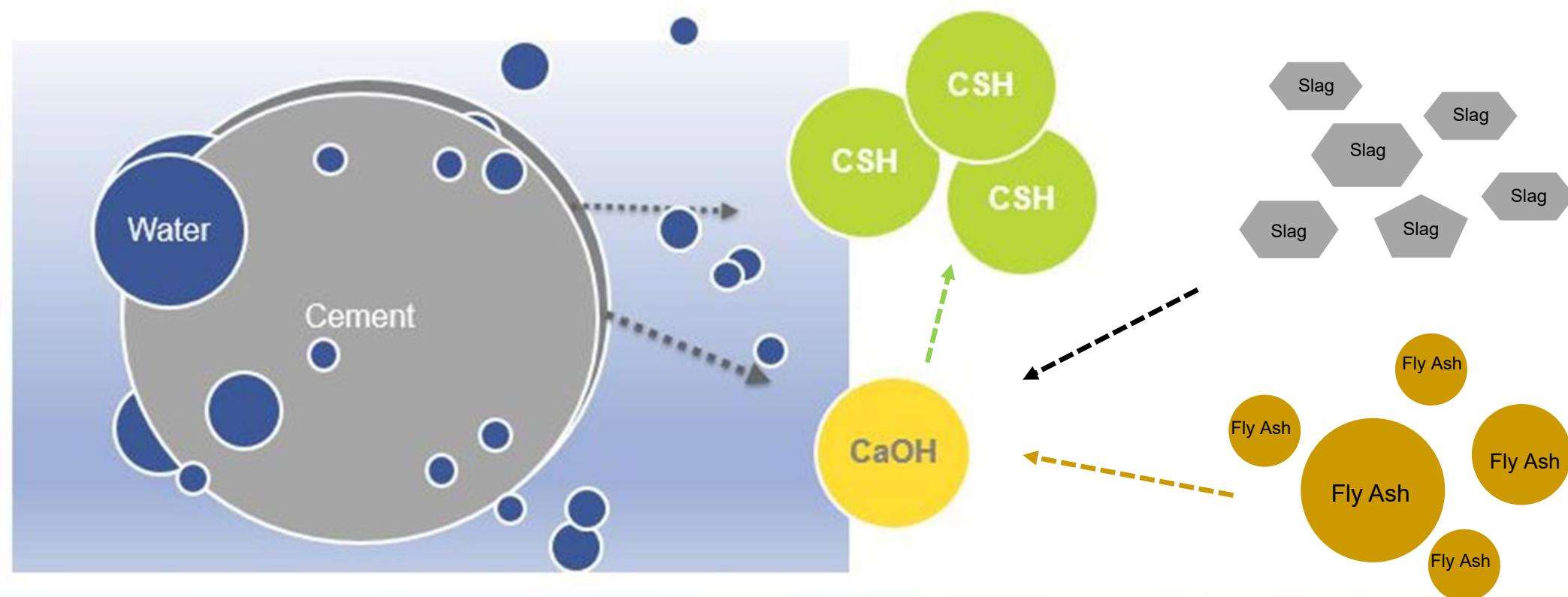
- Defined by ACI Concrete Terminology ACI CT-23
“Supplementary cementitious material - inorganic material such as fly ash, silica fume, metakaolin, or slag cement that reacts pozzolanically or hydraulically”
- Combined in concrete mixes in conjunction with and to replace some of the Portland Limestone or Portland Cement binder
- SCMs have lower Global Warming Potentials (GWP*) than Portland cement-based binders

*GWP (kg CO₂ equivalent / M. ton aka CO₂ eq.)



SCMs Typically Drive Pozzolanic Reactions in Concrete

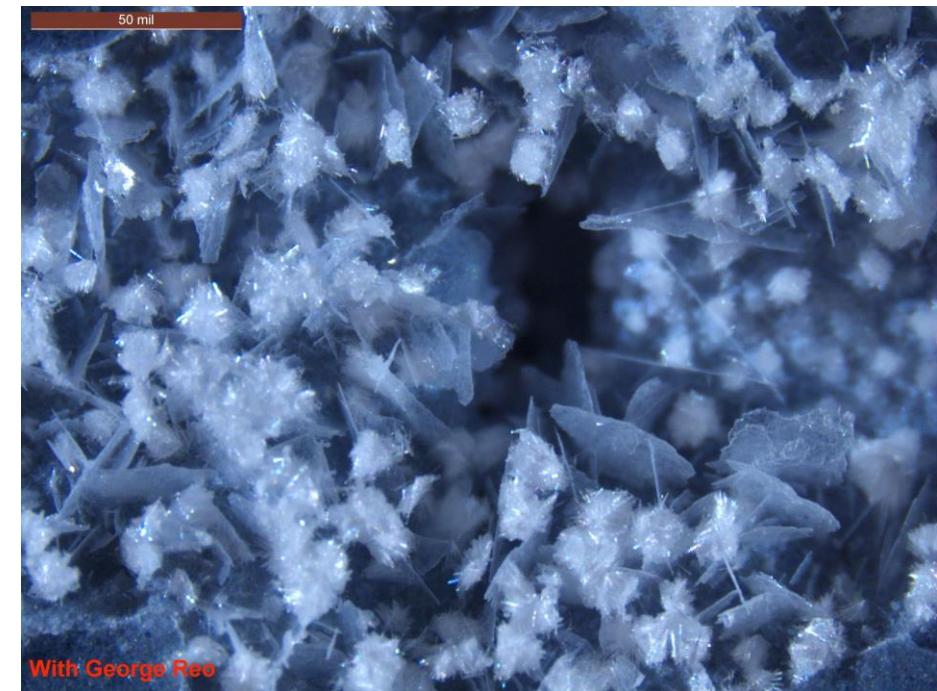
- Portland Cement / Portland Limestone Cement systems generate calcium hydroxide ($\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$) as a natural hydration product
- SCMs like Fly Ash and Slag Cement react with $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ to form more CSH



Benefits of Pozzolanic Reactions

- They consume calcium hydroxide aka “free-lime” to form Calcium Silicate Hydrate (C-S-H) gel / amorphous material
- Pozzolanic reactions reduce the presence of large calcium hydroxide crystals ($\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$), fill capillary pores, and improve the overall microstructure of the hardened paste.
- Replacing soluble calcium hydroxide and filling capillary voids with CSH yields less permeable concrete which is more resistance to chemical attack.
- Less calcium hydroxide = less susceptible to alkali-silica reactions & sulfate attack since there is less "free lime" to contribute to expansive reactions i.e. ettringite formation
- SCMs are used in high-strength, high-performance mixes to increase flexural and compressive strength

Calcium hydroxide (flakes/plates) and Ettringite (needle-like/snowball-like) crystals



With George Reo

Image courtesy of Hugh (Xiaoqiang) Hou, with George Reo, LinkedIn Post, 8/2025

Slag Cement as SCM made to ASTM C989 / AASHTO M 302



Slag Cement (Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBFS)) is excellent low GWP cement replacement

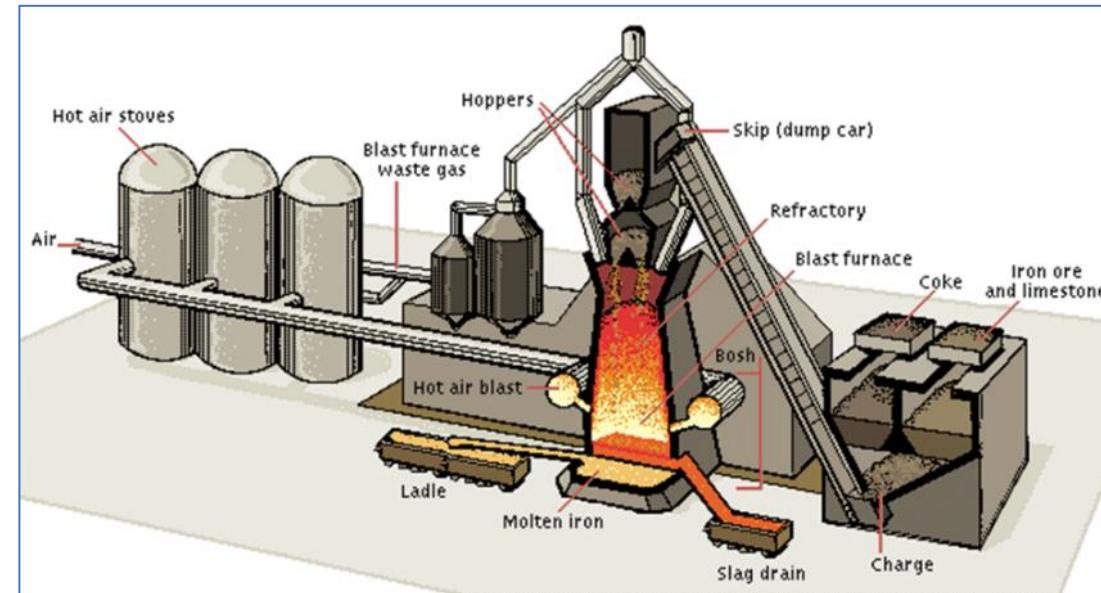
- Typical Slag doses start at ~ 40% replacement
- Slag granules can be stored outside/easily transported
- International slag granules imported via marine ports
- Main sources for United States come from America's "rust belt", i.e. Ohio, Western PA, and Illinois
- Last major American BF Slag sources installing granulators
- Requires significant capital investment & steady market
- Globally many more blast furnace operations would benefit from installing granulators to produce slag cement

Slag Cement - What is it?



Slag cement aka Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag

- A byproduct of primary iron production
- It is a hydraulic cement but relies on clinker to really kick
- Air cooled slag will crystallize and become non-reactive, mainly suitable for use as aggregate.



Slag Cement - What is it?



Slag cement aka Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag

- Slag granules look like angular coarse sand
- Lighter color than cement due to having almost no iron
- Chemistry similar to Portland Cement in different ratios

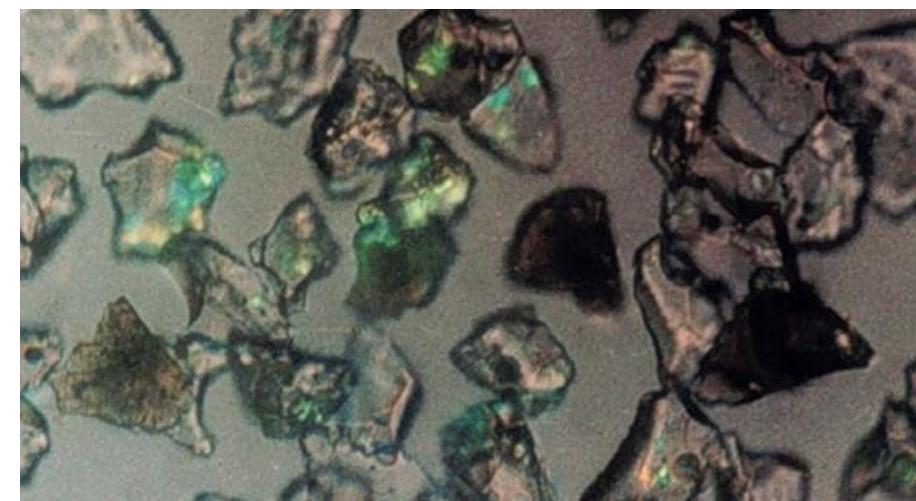


Comparing Slag Cement “Slag” to Portland Cement

- Slag contains calcium, silica, and alumina compounds
 - Typical compound ranges are shown >
- Actual chemical makeup will vary lightly by source and region
- It is critical that the slag be quenched in a granulator rapidly cooling it, so the slag “freezes” in a glassy state
- This glassy state is essential to make it reactive
- Air cooled slag will crystallize and become non-reactive
 - Is used as fill material or
 - As an aggregate in certain civil applications
 - Used in other industrial uses

	Portland Cement	Slag Cement*
CaO	65%	38%
SiO ₂	20%	36%
Al ₂ O ₃	4%	10%
Fe ₂ O ₃	3%	0%
MgO	3%	11%
Alkalies'	1%	1%

*Percentages vary based upon the source of slag granules and cement manufacturing.



From Slag Granules to Slag Cement

Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBFS)

- Grinding is critical to reactivity, once ground, must be stored in silos
- Slag Cement powder similar, often finer than cement in fineness
- Increasing fineness = increased reactivity

What it means for precast concrete producers... adjust

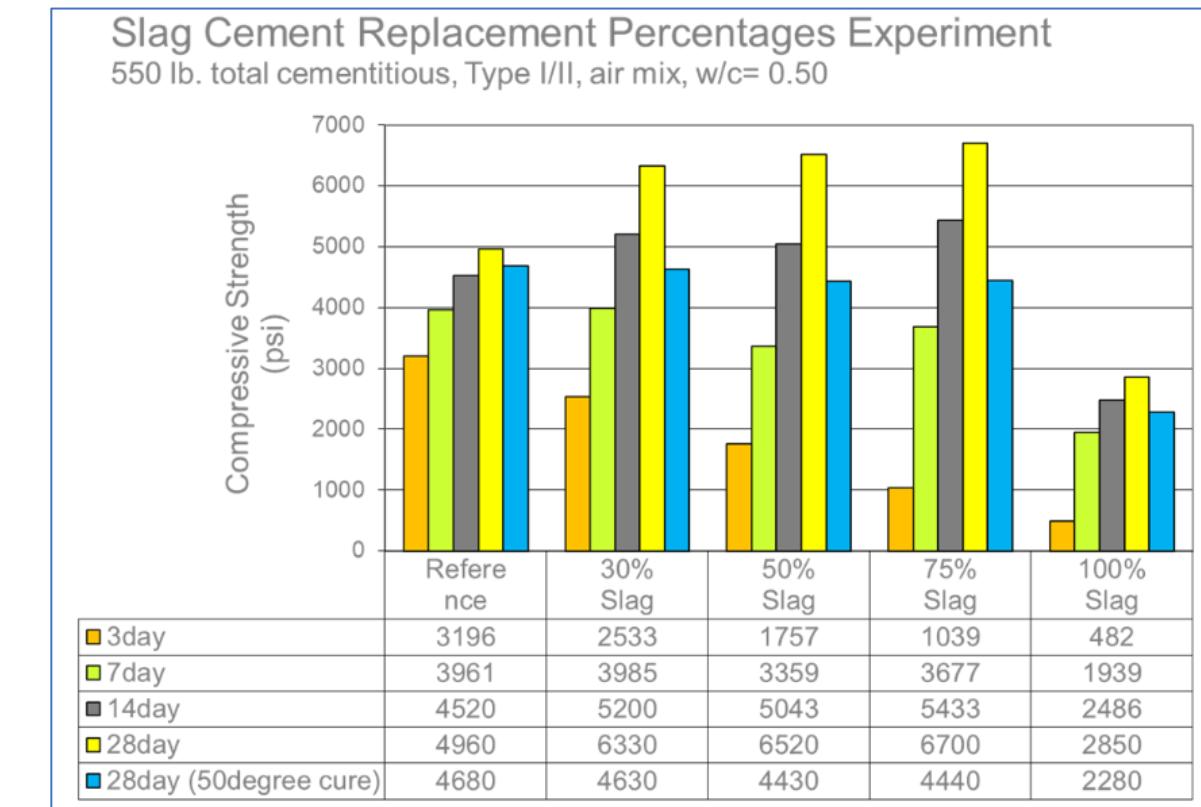
- Rule-of-thumb: Dose admixtures to 120% of the PLC/OPC then adjust
- Slag matches well with Type IL (PLCs), gives a marked strength kick
- Slag loves heat/hot water, if you have it, use it to kick off the mix
- Typically, precasters start with conservative ~ 30% to 40% dose
- Make lighter colored finished elements, high doses and low w/c ration can generate the “bluing effect” with some slags



Slag Cement in High Performance Concrete

Slag Cement will increase strengths of mixes

- Slower strength gain @ standard curing temps (72° F)
- Catches up/exceeds reference mix @ 14-days in all % additions, without heat and or admixtures
- Slag responds very favorably to heat, hot weather
- Increase ultimate strengths, especially flexural vs straight cement mixes at all addition rates
- And pairs very well with PLC cements
 - Synergy with increased limestone addition
 - Further GWP reductions



References for Using Slag Cement

ACI 233R-17 Guide for the Use of Slag Cement in Concrete and Mortar

- Gives guidance on the use of slag cement
 - Gives overview of material
 - Includes typical replacement rates
 - Gives info on Batching and Proportioning
 - Effects on Fresh and Hardened properties
 - Outlines typical applications

Specifications

- ASTM C989 / AASHTO M 302 for use as SCM
- ASTM C595 / AASHTO M 240 in Blended Cements
- Is allowed in cements conforming to ASTM C1157 Performance Spec for Hydraulic Cements



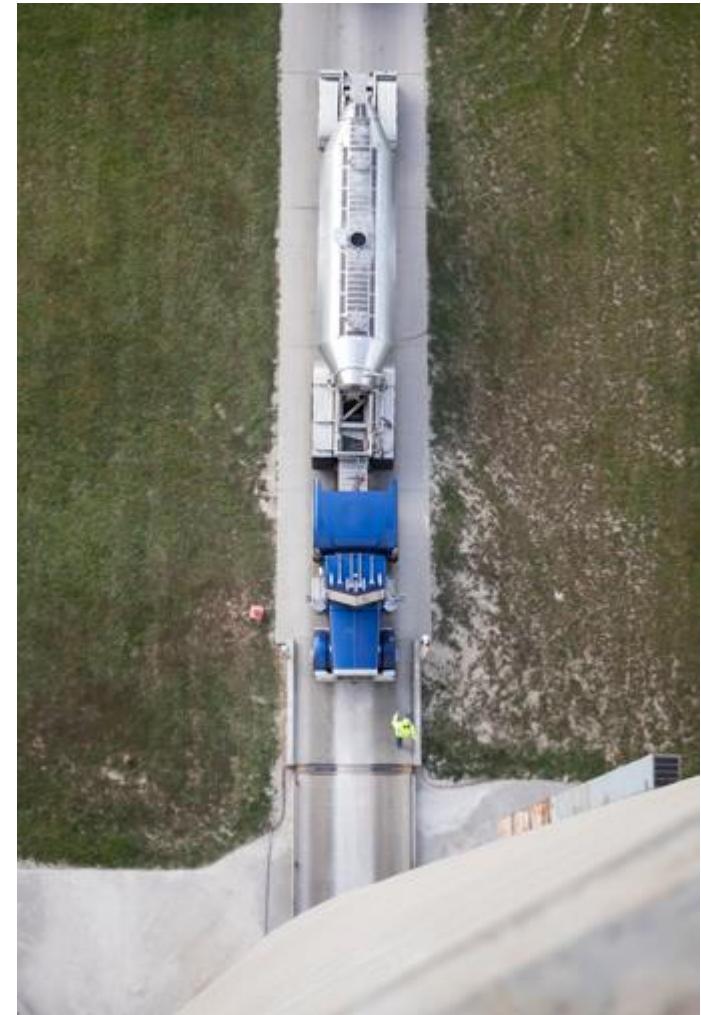
What is the Trend and Why is it Important to Precasters

Slag Cement will be important SCM for decades

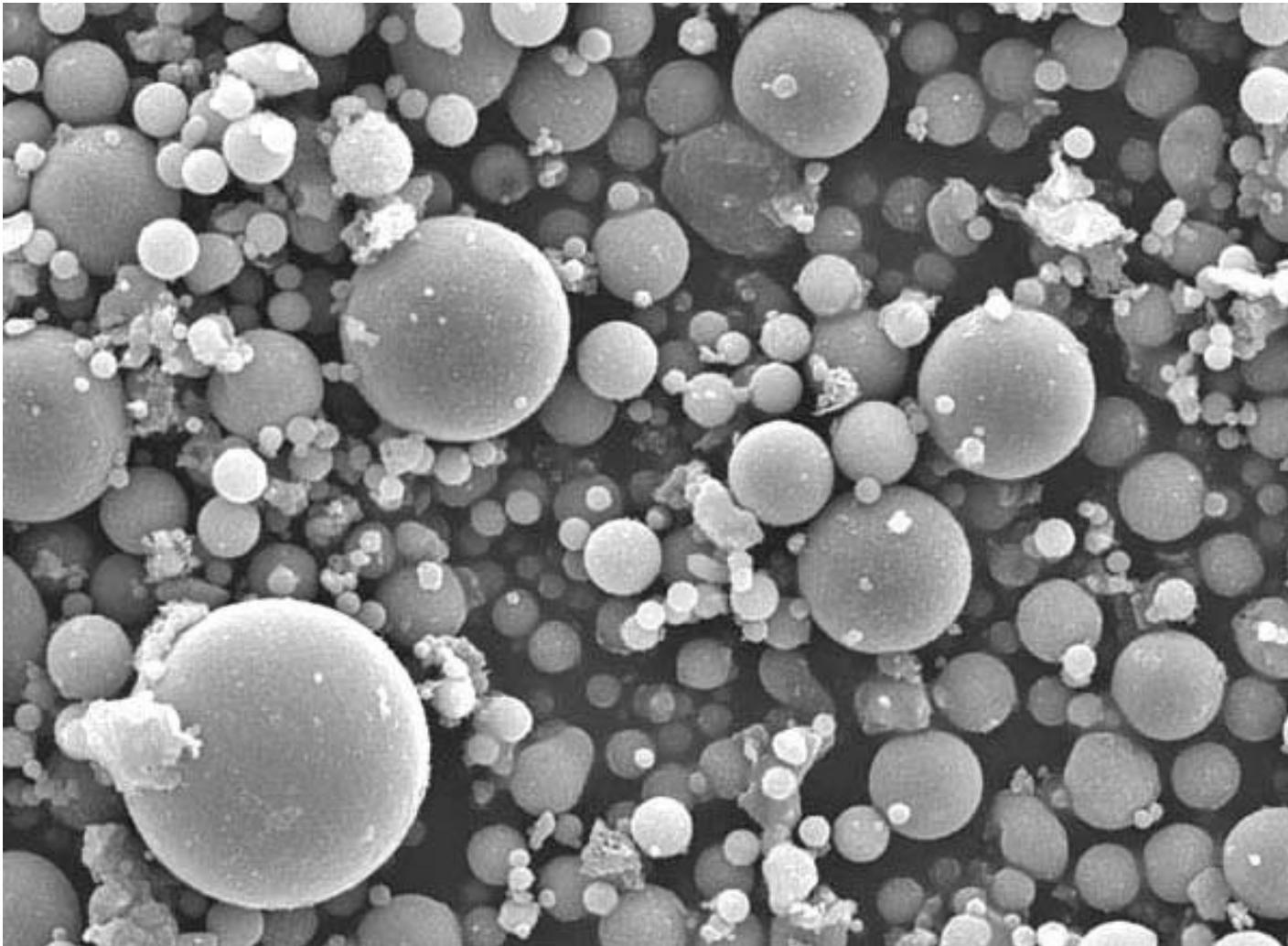
- Final domestic Blast Furnace operations installing granulators
- New “Blue Blast Furnace” conversions eliminate coke not the slag
- Future domestic supply impacted by EAF/BOF technology
- Traditional Blast Furnaces are “best” option for many regions

Long-term outlook for Slag Cement by the ~ 2040s

- As Blast Furnaces are replaced by less CO₂ intensive technologies
 - More reliance on imported granules as domestic supplies dwindle
 - Blue (low-carbon) Blast Furnaces to come online, currently very rare in market
 - Iron production will shift from Blast Furnaces to Direct Reduced Iron (DRI)
 - DRI coupled with Electric Arc Furnaces up to 70% less CO₂ emissions
 - These methods produce “non-reactive” slags, not yet useful in concrete



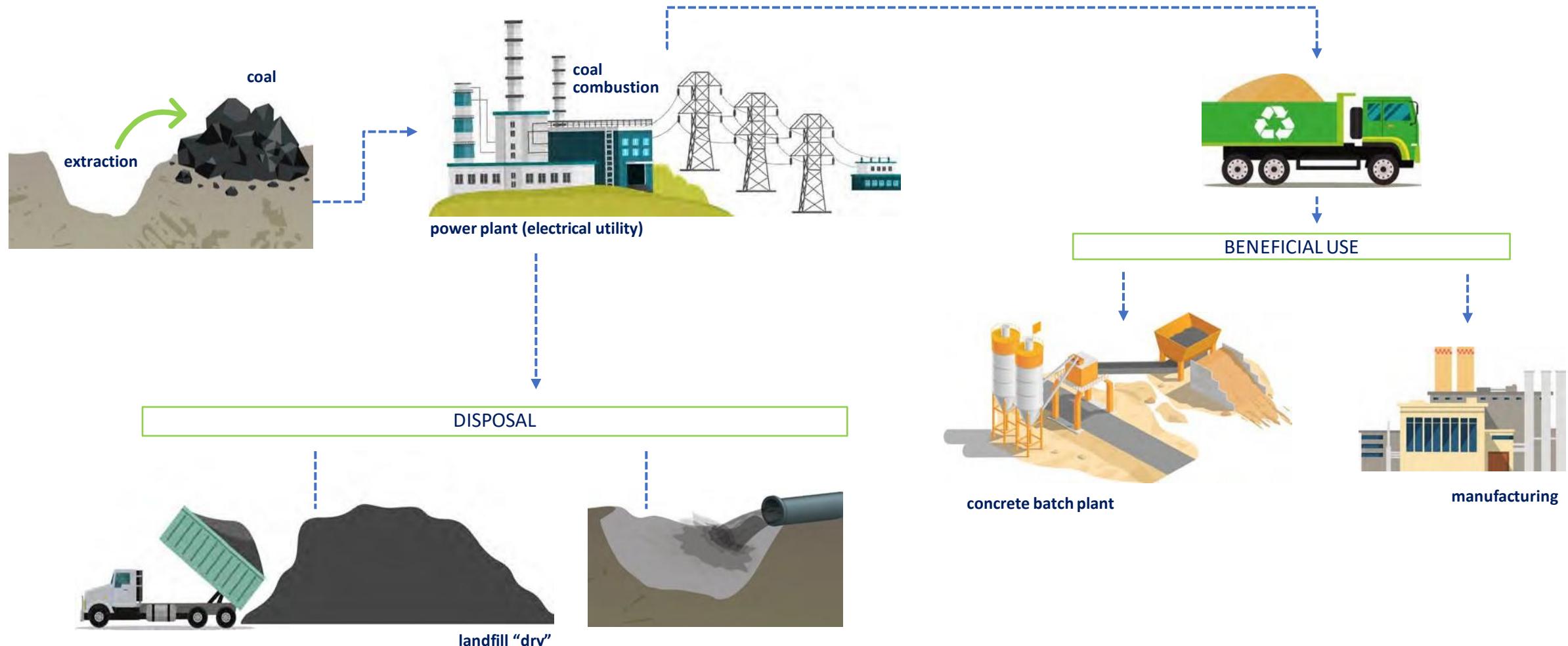
ASTM C618 - Coal Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan



ASTM C618-25 Standard Spec.
for Coal Ash and Pozzolans ...
for Use in Concrete

- Chemical Requirements
 - Loss on Ignition (Carbon)
 - Chemical Composition
 - Moisture
- Physical Requirements
 - Reactivity (SAI) min. 75%
 - Fineness

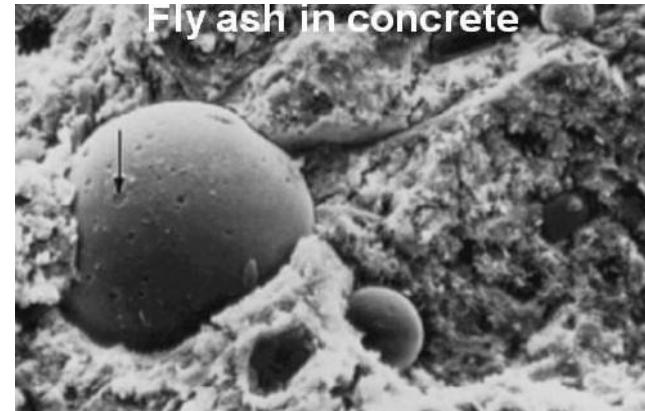
Coal Ash aka Fly Ash, From Electrical Energy Production



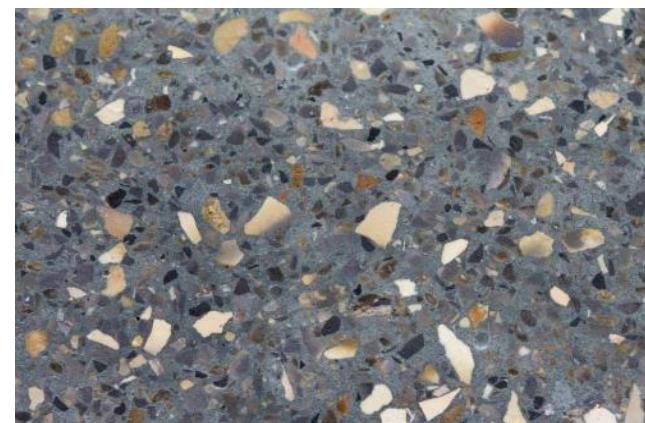
How Coal Ash (Fly Ash) Works in Concrete

- Fly Ash and other SCMs bind up $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ by forming Calcium-Silicate-Hydrates (CSH), the crystals that make concrete work
- Remove alkalis from system, improves resistance to ASR
- Increased CSH reduces voids, fills areas around aggregates, can increase compressive, tensile, and flexural strengths
- Concrete with Fly Ash is less permeable which helps prevent chemical attack from chlorides and sulphates
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- **Because Fly Ash is a waste products and reduces the clinker content in concrete mixes it reduces concrete's carbon footprint.**

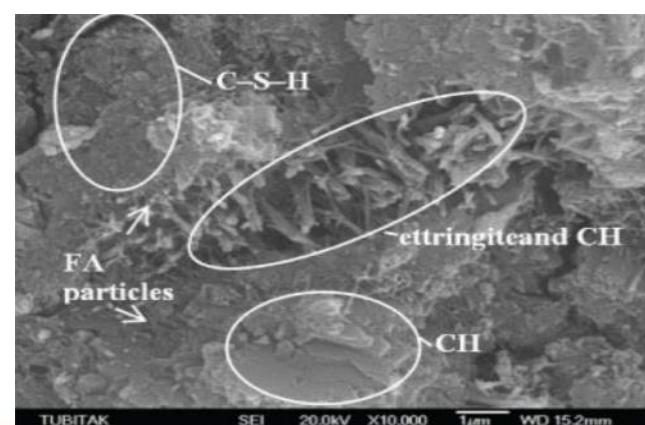
Electron Micrograph
Fly Ash in Fresh
Concrete



Cross-section of
Concrete



Electron micrograph 10,000x
magnification of hardened
concrete @ 7-days



Accounting for Concrete Mix GWP with Fly Ash

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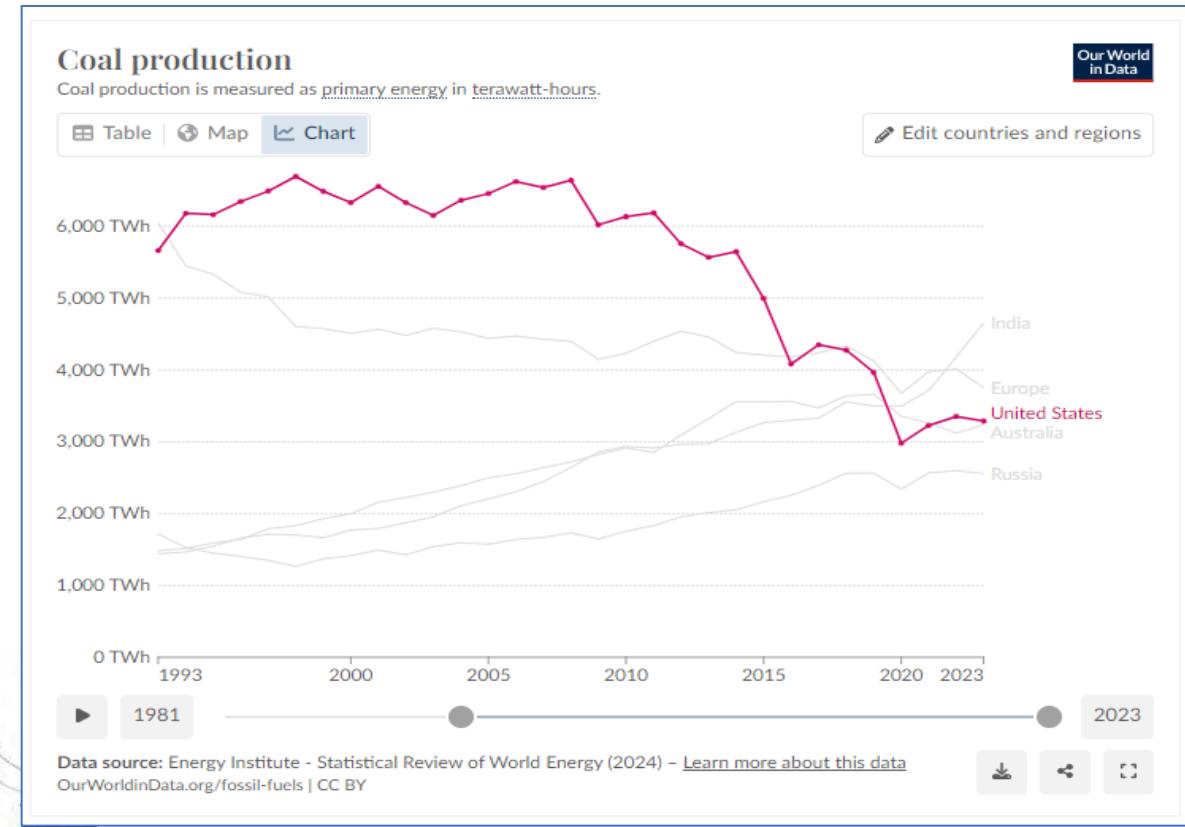
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What is the Trend and Why is it Important to Precasters

Coal Ash (Fly Ash) is low GWP replacement for PLC/OPC

- Waste from coal combustion to produce electricity
- ASTM C618-25 covers: fly, bottom and harvested ash
- Historically had stable supply through the decades
- Utilities made much more ash than was used
- Economics/drive for renewable clean energy means...
 - Far less “production” ash in the coming decades
 - > 90% coal use in phased out by 2050



Hannah Ritchie, Pablo Rosado and Max Roser (2023) - "Energy"
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Reclaiming Coal Ash from landfills will increase

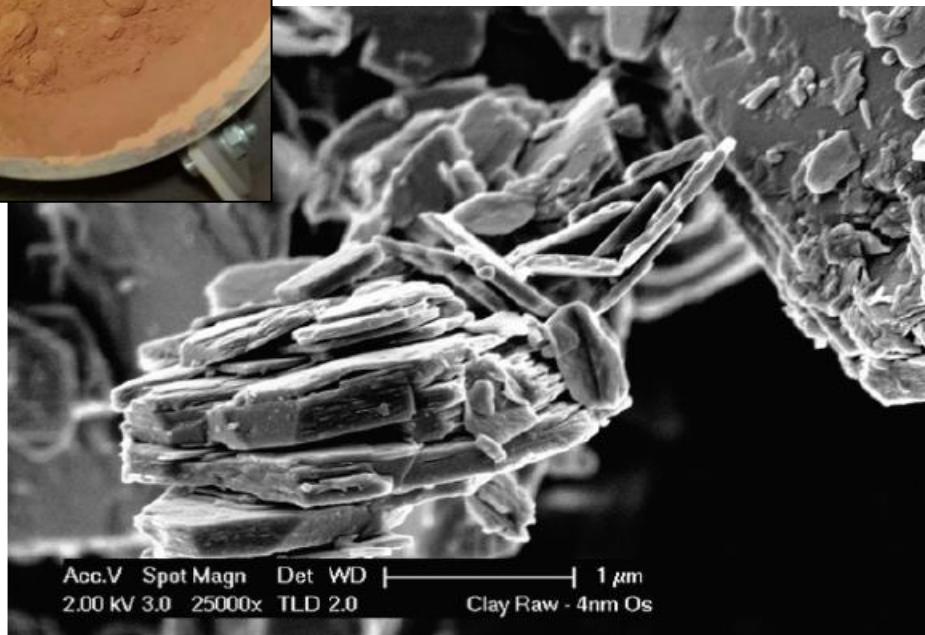
- 2-Billion tons of Coal Ash (Fly Ash) stored in landfills
- For many decades much more coal ash made then used
- Projections of 40 to 60-years of supply at current use
- Millions of tons of beneficiated ash already in structures
- Beneficiation i.e. with the STAR® process critical
 - Result is very consistent SCM for use in concrete
 - Primary objective to reduce carbon and its effects
 - Better control of air content in concrete mixes
 - Can yield a reactivity boost



Buck STAR® Fly Ash Facility, 855 Dukeville Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146

Alternative SCMs May Reduce Emissions, & May Change Concrete

Photos courtesy Prof. Franco Zunino, 2020



Various SCMs of note from waste streams

- Activated waste slags/minerals some using geopolymer technology
- GGP – ground glass pozzolan i.e. Pozzotive from Urban Mining Northeast
- Agg waste producers pushing Bio Char to “sequester” CO₂ in concrete

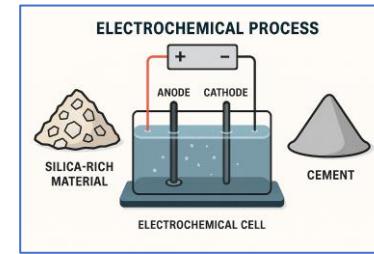
Other SCMs, Natural and Mineral based

- Calcined Clays
 - LC2 – Limestone Calcined Clays
 - LC3 – Limestone Calcined Clays Cements
 - Metakaolin – calcined high alumina clay
- Volcanic deposits
 - Volcanic tuffs, pumicites, and zeolites

Alternative Cements & Cement Clinker Production & Novel SCMs

Some other Alternative Cements and SCMs you may see in your market

- Electrochemical based process converts silica rich materials for low-carbon “e-cement” - no pyroprocessing
 - Sublime Systems
 - EDAC Labs
 - CURA & Others
- Prometheus Materials – uses microalgae & natural binders for ProZERO™ Bio-based SCM
- Fortera – Uses a “bolt-on” ReCarb® process and CO₂ captured at a cement plant to make aggregate and...
 - Low-carbon ReAct™ Cement and Blend uses a reactive calcium carbonate polymorph process
 - Produces cement that meets ASTM C1157 Hydraulic Cement Specification
 - Has been described as a forced carbonation process



ReConcrete as an Alternative Cement Replacement (SCM)

Recycled Concrete Paste to cRCP for raw materials & SCMs

- Heidelberg Materials low-carbon solution
- Self described as an enforced carbonation process aka 'forced'
- Uses the ultra-fine "paste" portion from concrete recycling operations
- Alternative low-carbon raw material in cement clinker production
- Used as SCM to replace Portland or Portland Limestone Cement
- Can "carbonate" to permanently absorb/sequester CO₂
 - Via exposure to flue gasses resulting carbonated RCP (cRCP)
 - cRCP has potential to mineralize ~ 150 kg CO₂ per ton, (roughly 30% of "process" CO₂ from calcination)
- Will be important part of the Circular Economy

 Heidelberg Materials

Press Release

25 July 2024

Closing the loop: Heidelberg Materials inaugurates first-of-its-kind recycling plant for selective separation of demolition concrete in Poland

- State-of-the-art facility near Katowice, Poland, introduces high-quality separation and sorting at industrial scale to fully recycle demolition concrete.
- The proprietary crushing mechanism enables sophisticated separation and sorting capabilities obtaining aggregates of the highest quality, equivalent to the one of virgin raw materials.
- Through the patented ReConcrete process, recycled concrete paste (RCP) is recovered combining circularity with decarbonisation.
- RCP can be used as an alternative raw material in clinker production or as an alternative cementitious material.
- In addition, it can be used as a raw material for concrete.

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Nicola Kimm, Chief Sustainability Officer at Heidelberg Materials, said: "Thanks to our strategic focus on innovation, we are on a revolutionary and committed path to net zero. Innovation is the key to our success and our ambition to closing the loop. We are proud to be the first company to have successfully developed a recycling plant for selective separation of demolition concrete."

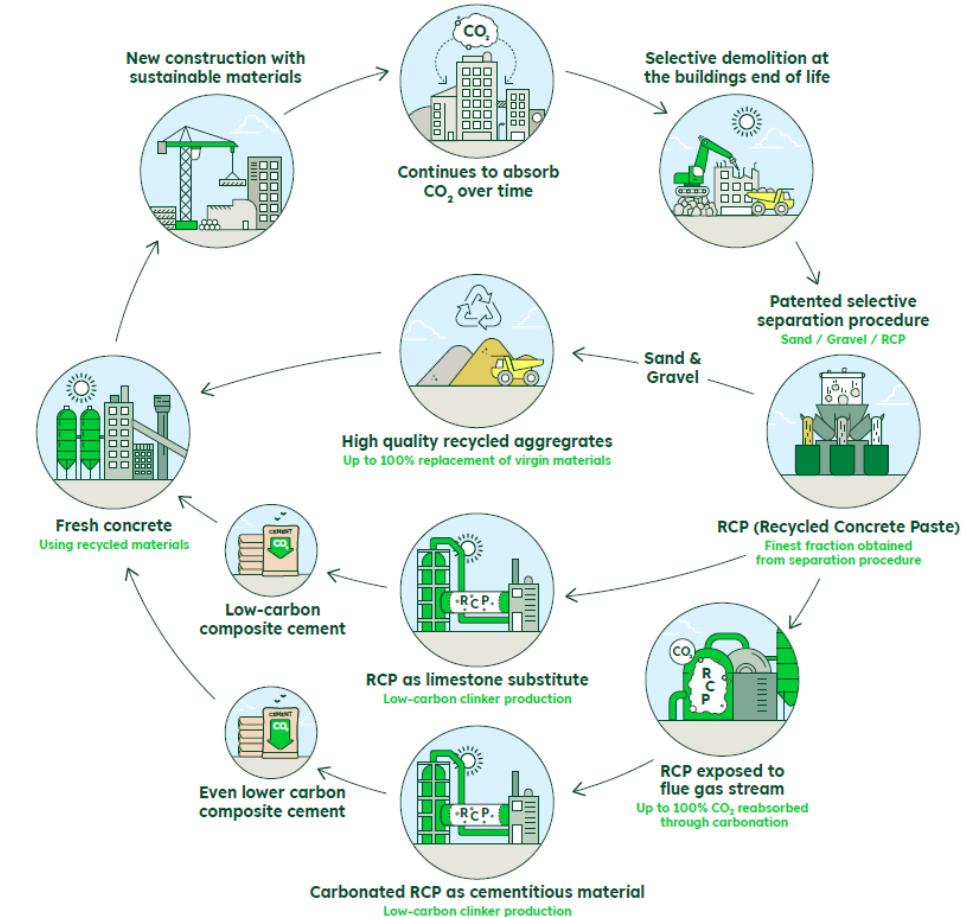
"With our award-winning ReConcrete process, demolition concrete can be fully recycled without loss of quality. This is a major step forward in our commitment to a circular economy and a sustainable future," said Nicola Kimm.



How a ReConcrete SCM Will Fit into Circular Economy

Recycled Concrete Paste (RCP) and cRCP for recycling of excess batched, or demolished & come-back concrete

- Reclaimed aggregate to be used in concrete or as road base
- Paste to be alternative raw material for cement clinker
- As SCM to replace Portland/Portland Limestone Cement
- Can “carbonate” to permanently absorb/sequester CO₂
 - Exposure to flue gasses resulting carbonated RCP (cRCP)
 - cRCP has potential to mineralize ~ 150 kg CO₂ per ton
 - Or roughly = to 30% of “process” CO₂ from calcination
- Important part of Circular Economy and reduce landfilled waste



What is the Trend and Why is it Important to Precasters

Production of “Innovative” SCMs and Cements driven by push to reduce embodied CO₂

Positives:

- Start-up push the boundaries and exploit novel technologies and approaches, lots to teach the establishment
- Have generated a lot of interest and investment, especially under previous political climates
- Have had some success and a few solid products, i.e. LC³ (Calcined Clays), Fortera, and Pozzotive

Negatives:

- **Scale** - We need many thousands of tones... not pounds
- **Availability** - Precast producers need dependable products
- **Cost** - Must compete with existing low-carbon options
- **Acceptance** - Consider the relatively small change of Type IL
- **GWP Reduction** – Not all “new” alternatives pencil out



Where We Are Headed Next – National/Global Trends

"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated," Mark Twain (Sustainability is Still Alive)

- Owners and some big contractors are looking for the cheapest way to reduce their scope³ emissions
- Want big carbon reductions but, don't want to wait for slow strength gains i.e. from high SCM dose mixes
- Looking to novel approaches including CCUS (Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage)
 - Post-production process so no cement change
 - evoZero CCS Cement has near zero GWP
 - EAC (Env. Attribute Certs.) standards evolving
 - Critical part of cement industry roadmap
 - The only real way to get to Net Zero



The world's 1st CCS, Near-Zero Cement Without Offsets

1st industrial scale CCUS in Brevik, Norway

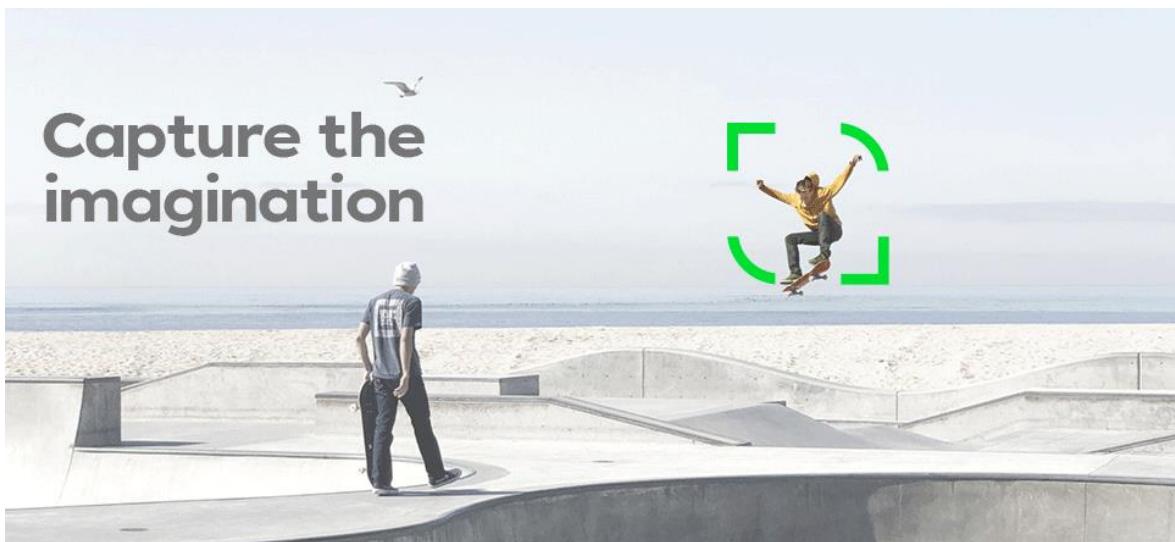
Will capture ~ 400,000 tons of CO₂ annually

4 things you should know about evoZero:

- **evoZero** is the world's first carbon captured net-zero cement offered at scale and without compromising on quality.
- **CCUS** is key to achieve our sustainability goals, a safe, reliable means to decarbonize our industry.
- Thousands of tons captured to date
- **Available for sale** in Europe Now!
- Coming to soon to a market near you



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Padeswood in UK is Next, Will Capture 1,000,000-tons a Year



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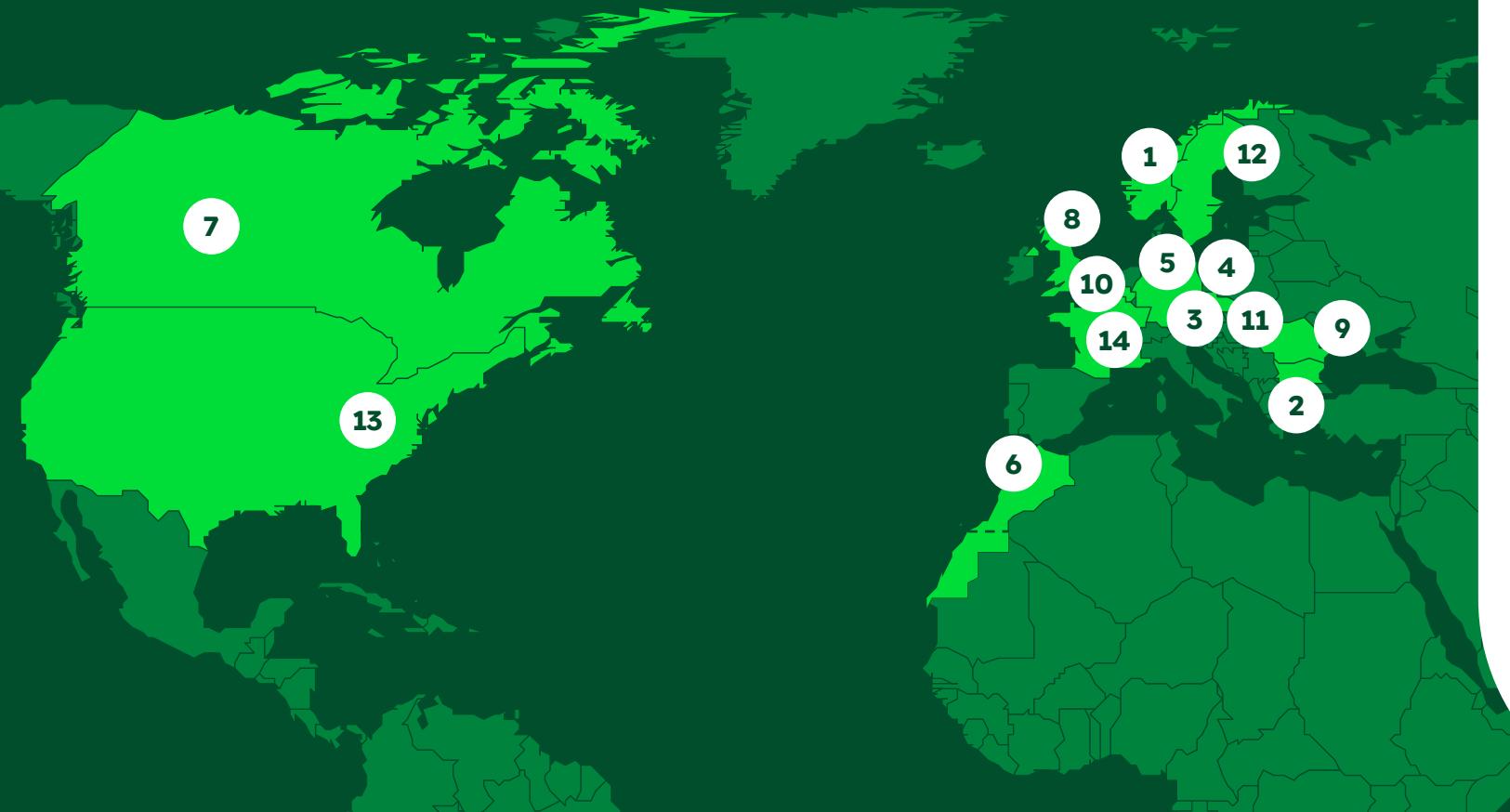


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Heidelberg Materials takes the next step with CCS – Final Investment Decision in the UK

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It is Happening: The most advanced CCUS project portfolio in the sector



1 CCS 2025 Brevik, Norway 400 kt CO ₂ p.a.	8 CCS 2028 Padeswood, UK 800 kt CO ₂ p.a.
2 CC 2024* Devnya, Bulgaria OxyCal pilot site	9 CCUS Devnya, Bulgaria 800 kt CO ₂ p.a.
3 CC 2025 Mergelstetten, Germany Oxyfuel pilot	10 CCUS Antoing, Belgium 800 kt CO ₂ p.a.
4 CCU 2025 Lengfurt, Germany 70 kt CO ₂ p.a.	11 CCS Geseke, Germany 700 kt CO ₂ p.a.
5 CC 2026 Ennigerloh, Germany LEILAC1+2, 100 kt CO ₂	12 CCS Slite, Sweden 1,800 kt CO ₂ p.a.
6 CCU 2025 Safi, Morocco Upscaling capacity	13 CCUS Mitchell, USA 2,000 kt CO ₂ p.a.
7 CCUS Edmonton, Canada > 1,000 kt CO ₂ p.a.	14 CCS Airvault, France 1,000 kt CO ₂ p.a.

*EU funded projects

All dates estimated start of operations, timing dependent on various factors, incl. funding decision



Edmonton's Net Zero Future

1 million
mt CO₂ p.a.

Scope: Amine-based CO₂ removal system & Combined Heat & Power Plant

Status: Feasibility study complete and project preparation well on track

Objective: The world's first full-scale carbon neutral cement plant

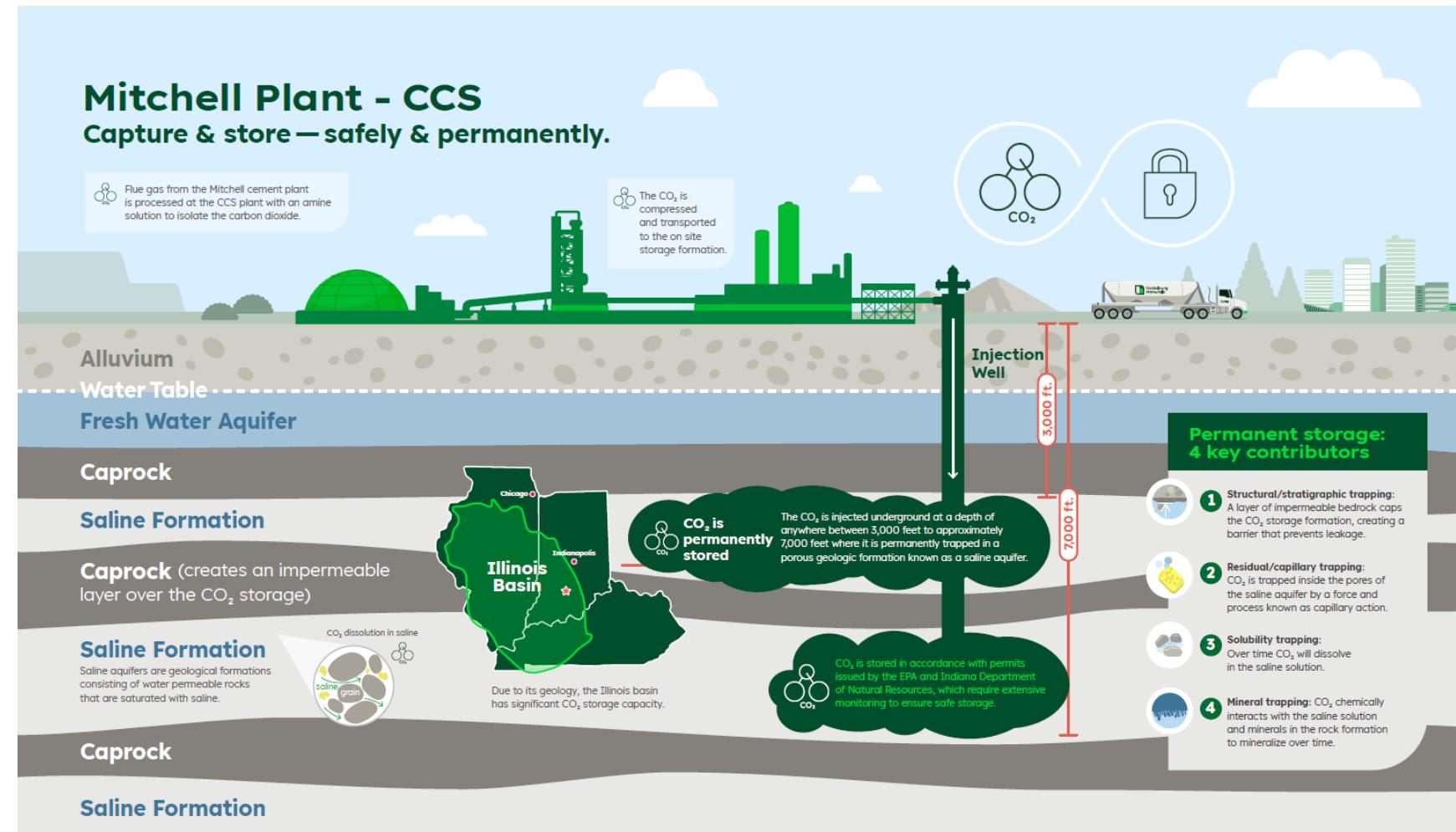


Rendering Edmonton, Alberta

Carbon Capture Must Be Coupled with *Permanent Storage*

Storage

- CO₂ to be stored in deep saline reservoirs
- Permanent storage 1,500-3,000 meters below ground in porous brine filled rock under multiple layers of impermeable cap-rock
- Far below potable water and oil and gas reservoirs
- Current known global storage capacity 40 million tons/yr.
- Storage capacity and efficacy subject to MMV (Measurement, Monitoring, and Verification)



Precast – Embodied CO₂ by Component & Activity

Cement / binders

Aggregate

Transport

Electricity

Addmixtures

2.2% 1.5%

87.5%

4.6% 4.2%



- Use SCMS vs. Cement
- Incorporate limestone and SCMs in Blended Cements
- Use alternate fuels



- Aggregate is local, and very low energy and GWP building material.
- Often overlooked CO₂ success factor



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- Ask them to document CO₂ emissions



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- Renewable energy credits are usable benefit today

CO₂ in concrete is more than just cement... but...

What CO₂ for Precast Might Look Like After CCUS

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Cement % in line with other components >



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CO₂ in concrete is dramatically reduced with CCS / CCUS technology

Takeaways, Trends, and Key Points

- Concrete is a sustainable, low-carbon building material
- Cement is key to strength and largest CO₂ contributor
- All changes to your mix must come with admix/materials adjustments
- Blended Cements are on the rise and will become more prevalent
 - Type IL (Portland Limestone Cements) are most common
 - Types IS, IP, and IT can deliver large CO₂ reductions w/ low GWP
- SCMs are reliable, proven, path to high-performance low-carbon concrete
 - Slag is strong CO₂ reduction tool due to high replacement levels
 - Coal Ash (Fly Ash) is plentiful, beneficiation is key to future use
 - Alternative SCMs / cements are coming but few are market ready
- CCS / CCUS necessary to reach decarbonization goals
 - Near-zero CCS cements available now and more are coming



Questions?

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Thank you

