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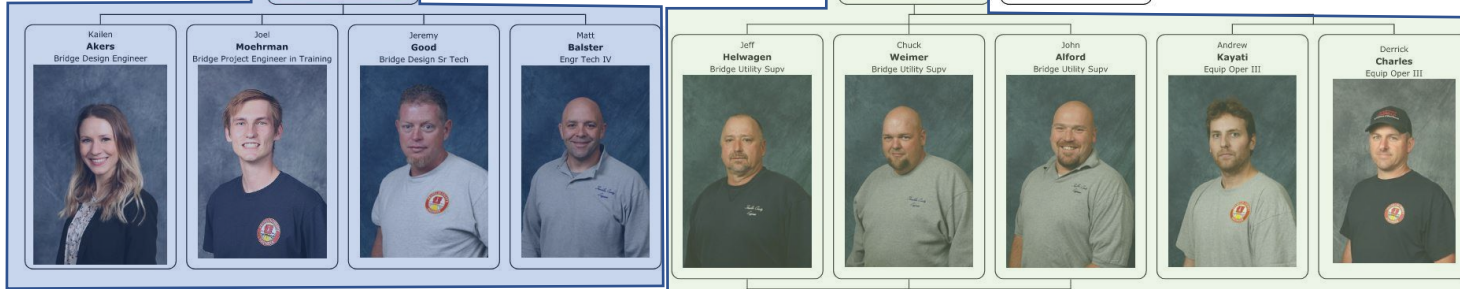
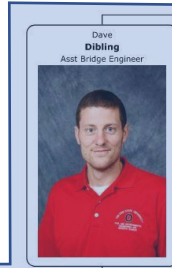
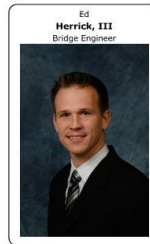
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FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEER
BRIDGE



2021 Bridge Ratings

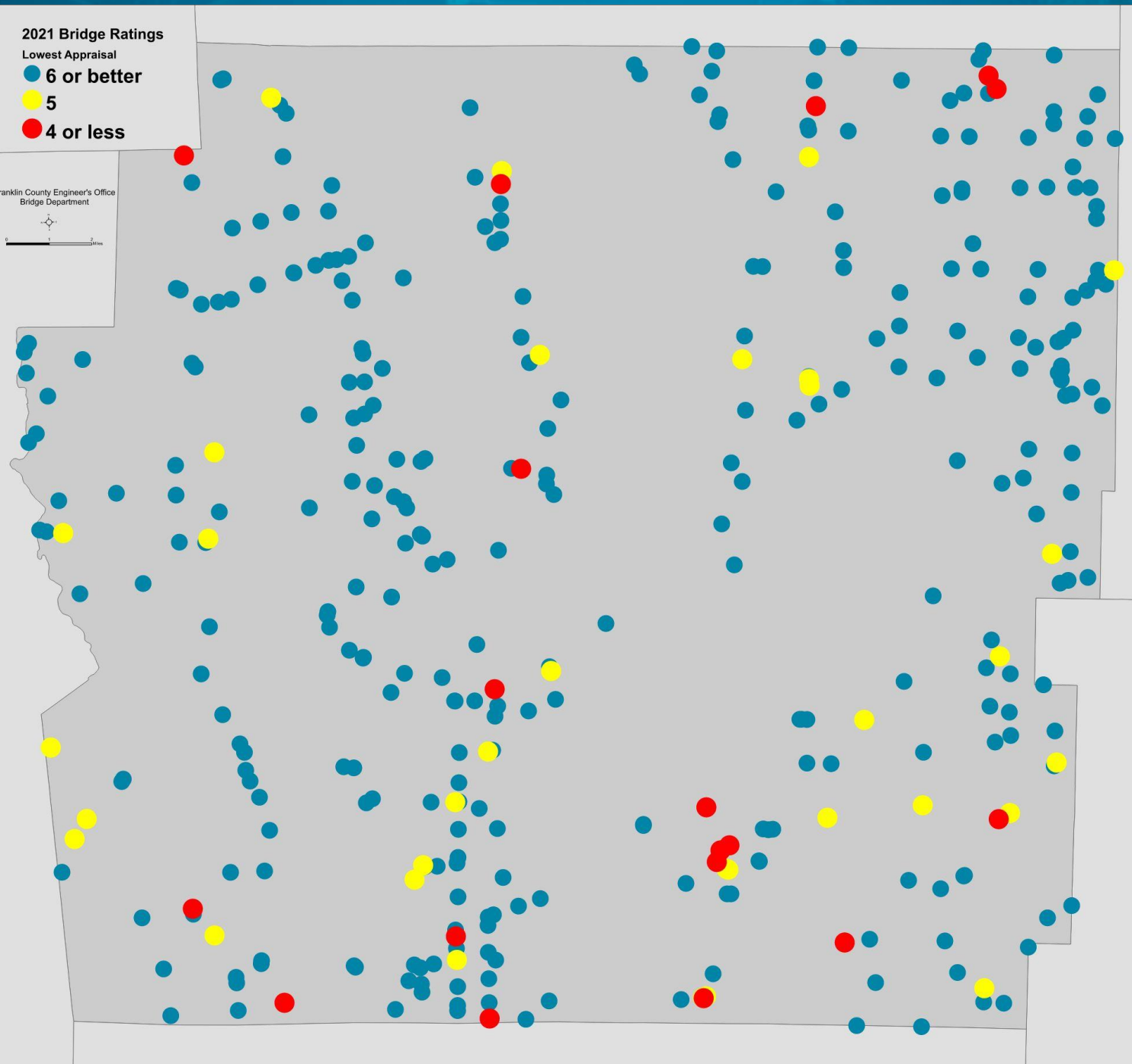
Lowest Appraisal

● 6 or better

● 5

● 4 or less

Franklin County Engineer's Office
Bridge Department





CORNELL R. ROBERTSON, P.E., P.S.
FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEER

**Franklin County Engineer
Summary of 2021 Annual Bridge Inspection Report – February 2022
Presented to the
Franklin County Board of Commissioners**

In 2021, Franklin County had 374 bridges to inspect.

- 374 Bridges and culverts 10 feet and over in span were inspected – **100%**.
 - (9 of the structures inspected are owned by railroads).
- **97.0%** of the Franklin County Bridges (354 of the 365) were rated **Fair** or **better**.
- **71.2%** of the Franklin County Bridges were rated **Good, Very Good, or Excellent**.
- **47** Franklin County Bridges are over 100 years old.
- **103** Franklin County Bridges are over 75 years old.
- **11** Franklin County Bridges are rated in **Poor** Condition.
- **30** Franklin County Bridges are rated in **Fair** Condition.
- No Franklin County Bridge is closed due to structural deficiencies.
- **2** Franklin County Bridges are posted with weight reduction limits.
- No Franklin County Bridge is listed as being in serious or critical condition.
- No Franklin County Bridge presents an immediate or potential danger to life or property.

Carbon
reducing
PRODUCT



**E5 LIQUID
NANO SILICA**

THE REVOLUTION HAS BEGUN.

Specification Products



- Based in Noblesville Indiana
- Patented Technology
- Process as well as chemical
- Revolution - Industry Disruption
- Changing the Industry



Product Development

First Admixtures Developed
by a Concrete Contractor for
Field Construction

Bleeding
Crusting
Shrinkage
Curling



Field Certified Admixture

Most admixtures are laboratory tested
Internal Cure was developed in the Field

Reduced Bleed

Reduced Crusting

Reduced Shrinkage

Reduced Curling

Hardened the Surface



Research & Development



Luna Lu (luna@purdue.edu)
ACPA Professor Lyles School of Civil Engineering
Director Center for Intelligent Infrastructure

How Did We Get Here?

Rebar Corrosion – Salt Intrusion

Lower Permeability

Lower W/C Ratios

Higher Cementitious Contents

High Range Water Reducers

Addition of SCM

All these made the concrete harder to finish

Increased Crack Potential

Cement Industry Changes

Cement Fineness

1920's – Blaine Fineness - 300

Modern Type I Blaine Fineness – 400

New Type II Blaine Fineness – 450+

Do our W/C Ratios provide enough water???

Field Reality

Concrete is starved for Water

Lab-Crete vs Real-Crete

Cylinders are cured in water

Real Concrete in the field dries out

Advent of More Powerful Microscopes

Autogenous Cracking

Density and Permeability is Compromised

Almost no one cures concrete properly



Nano Silica Science

- Liquid Admixture @ 4 oz/cwt
- ASTM C 494 Type S
- Nano Particles of Silica
- Precisely Sized
- Must be added after the cement is wetted and thoroughly mixed
- Typically with the flush water

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RCS™ Technology


E5 INTERNAL CURE

Eliminate wet curing and curing compounds while improving the sustainability and finish of the concrete surface.

ELEMENTFIVE
THE COMPLETE CONCRETE SLAB SYSTEM

Cure

- Anionic Particles
- Physically Attracted to Water
- Bonds to the Water
- 30% More Water Retained
- Water of Transport Cures
- Curing starts Immediately
- Reduces Slump Loss



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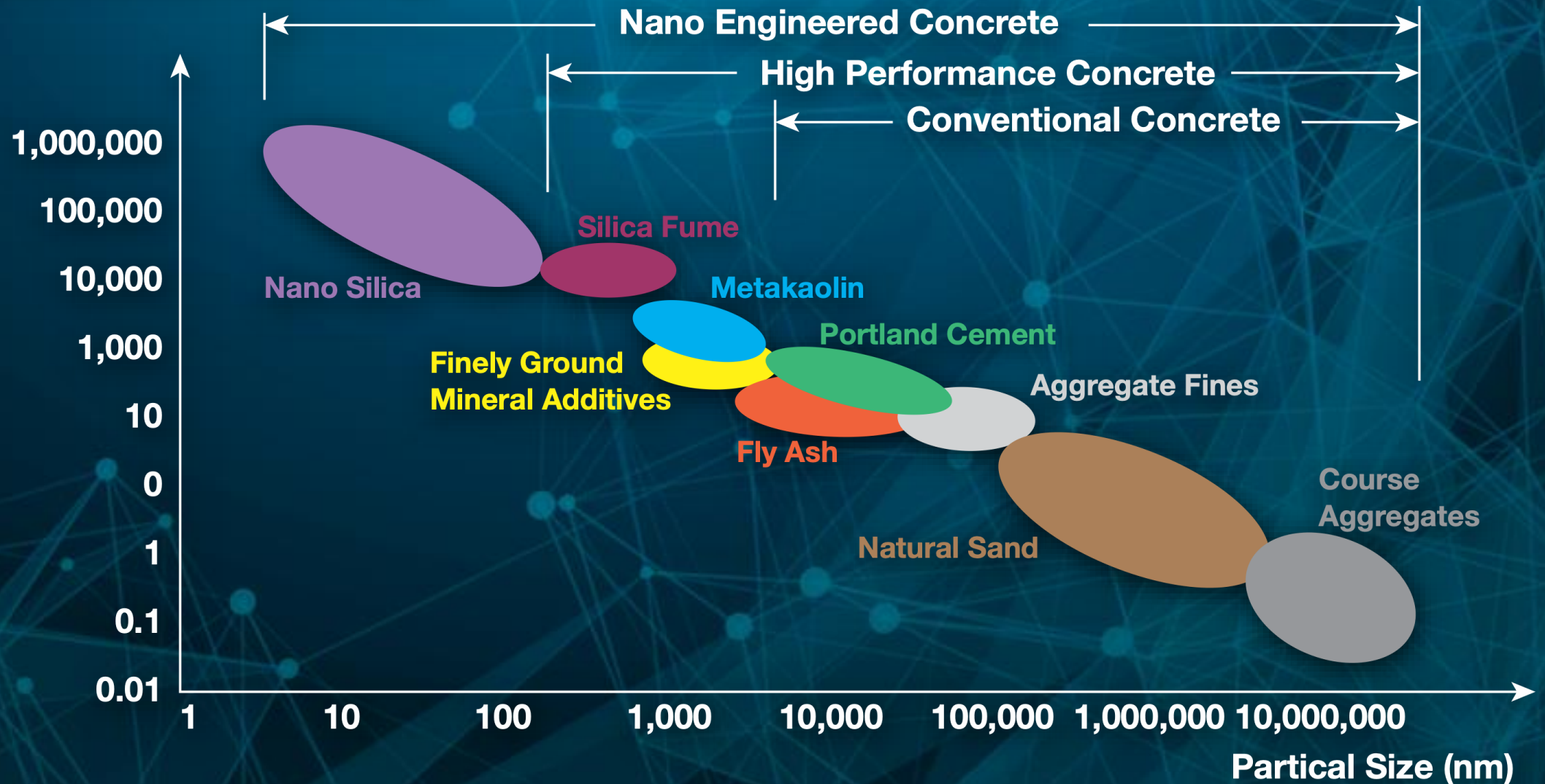
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Cure

Surface Area

Specific Surface Area (m^2/kg)



Specific Surface Area

MICROSPHERE
(Cement Grain)

10,000nm

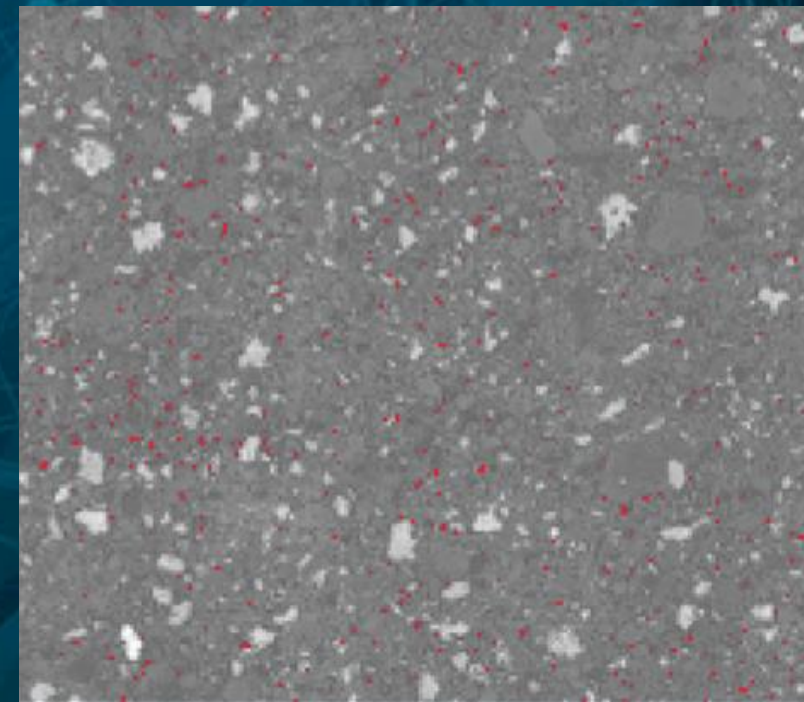
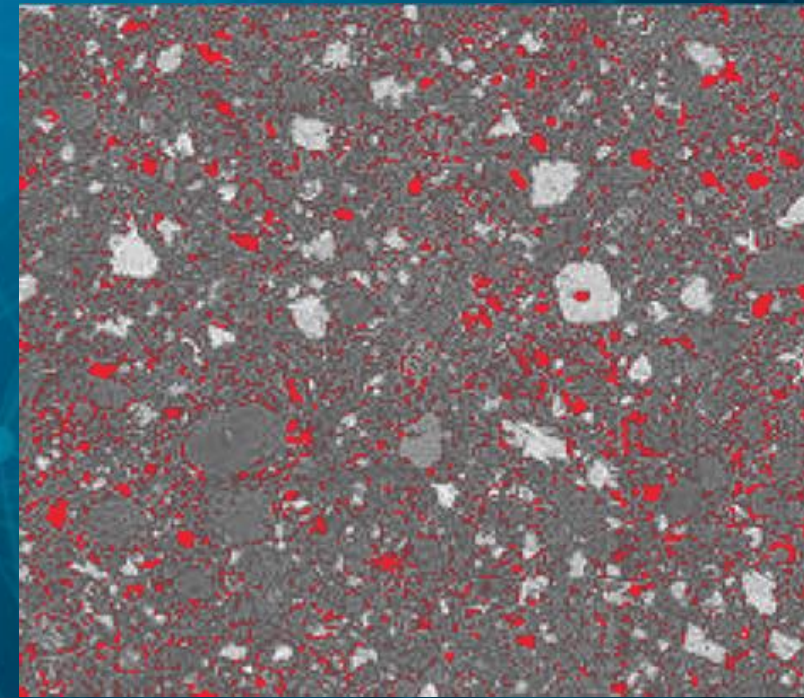
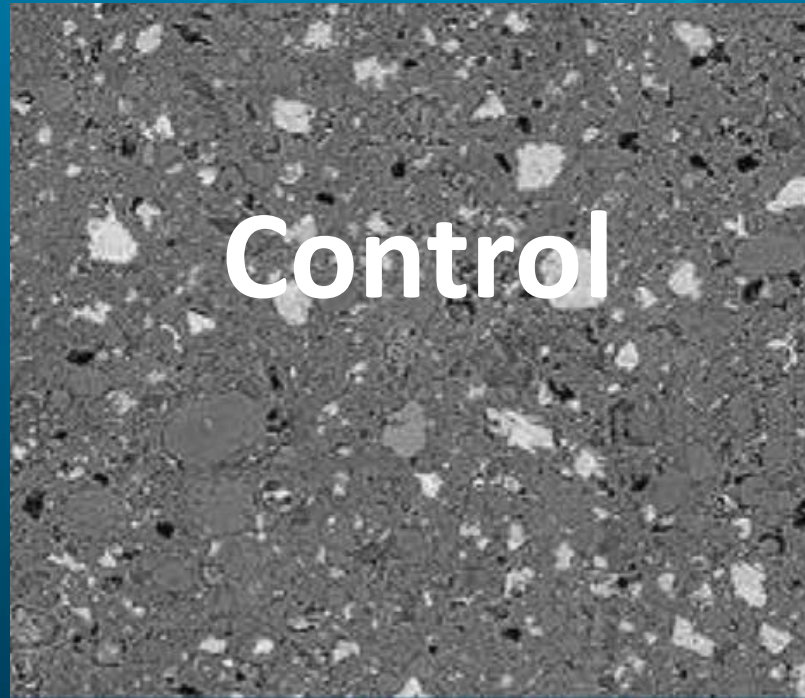
NANOPARTICLE
(E5 Nano Silica)

Nano Particles

The logo for E5 Nano Silica, featuring a stylized white flame or drop shape above the letters 'E5' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The logo is centered on a circular area filled with a dense pattern of small blue spheres, representing the nano-particles.

For same volume, surface
interaction is 1,000 times higher

Petrographic
Proof
Actually
Cures
Concrete
Purdue has
Proven Internal
Cure Retains
30% more
water





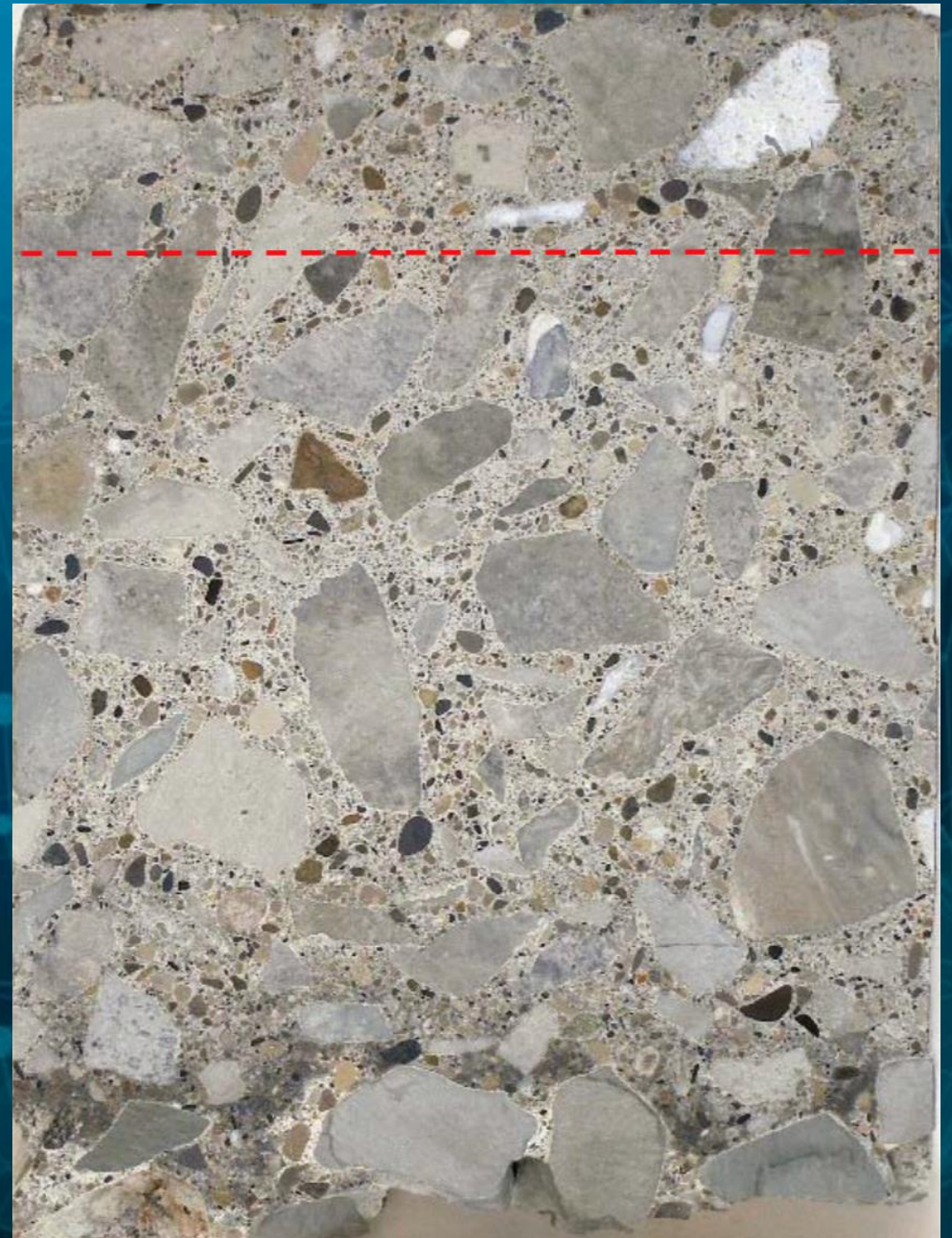
Ancillary Benefits

- Improves Pumpability, Placeability & Finishability
 - Reduces Shrinkage
 - Reduces Curling
- Reduces Segregation – Viscosity Modifying Properties
 - Reduces Absorption
 - Hardens & Densifies the Surface
 - Increases Abrasion Resistance



Densifying the Surface

Silica Attaches to Water
Water Carries Silica Up
Densifies the concrete surface
Petrographic Evidence
0.55 to 0.40!





INDOT

Bridge Decks
and
Overlays

INDOT Progress

- Commercial Success in Indiana Led to INDOT Interest
- Presented January 2020
- Test Bridge Deck Placed in June 2020
- Positive Results led to Wider Test
- 26 Decks placed in 2020
- Significantly less cracking & easier to place without water added to the surface

INDOT / Purdue Findings

Concrete with Normal DOT W/C Ratios (0.38 – 0.42) had Significant Autogenous Cracking associated with Un-Hydrated Cement

Autogenous Cracking leads to an Increase in Permeability

Raising the W/C Ratios to (0.44 – 0.47) with the Addition of E5 Internal Cure Significantly Reduced Internal Cracking

History of Internal Curing Concrete

Light Weight Aggregate uses the Reservoirs inside the fine aggregate to provide additional water for Hydration

Proven System for improving Internal Hydration and lowering permeability

It is a nightmare for Ready Mix Producers due to bin capacity & length of time to saturate fine LWA

Purdue has proved that Internal Cure admixture while using a different mechanism, accomplishes the same mission, Internal Curing

LWA still needs wet cure to hydrate the surface

Benefits

Eliminates Wet Cure

Starts the curing process from addition to the truck

Improves Slump Retention

Improves Abrasion Resistance

**Improves Pumpability, Placeability
& Finishability**

Reduces Shrinkage

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E5 INTERNAL CURE

FCS™ Technology

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Cure




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FLY ASH**

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Shortage Concerns

- Material Shortages loom on the horizon
 - Cement
 - Slag
 - Fly Ash
 - Lithium Nitrate
- How will we cope with these?

Technical Data

Liquid Admixture @ 8 oz/cwt

ASTM C 494 Type S

Nano Silica in Suspension

Wider Particle Band

Effective Pozzolanic Replacement

MUST be added after cement is wetted

And Thoroughly Mixed

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RCS™ Technology

E5 LIQUID FLY ASH

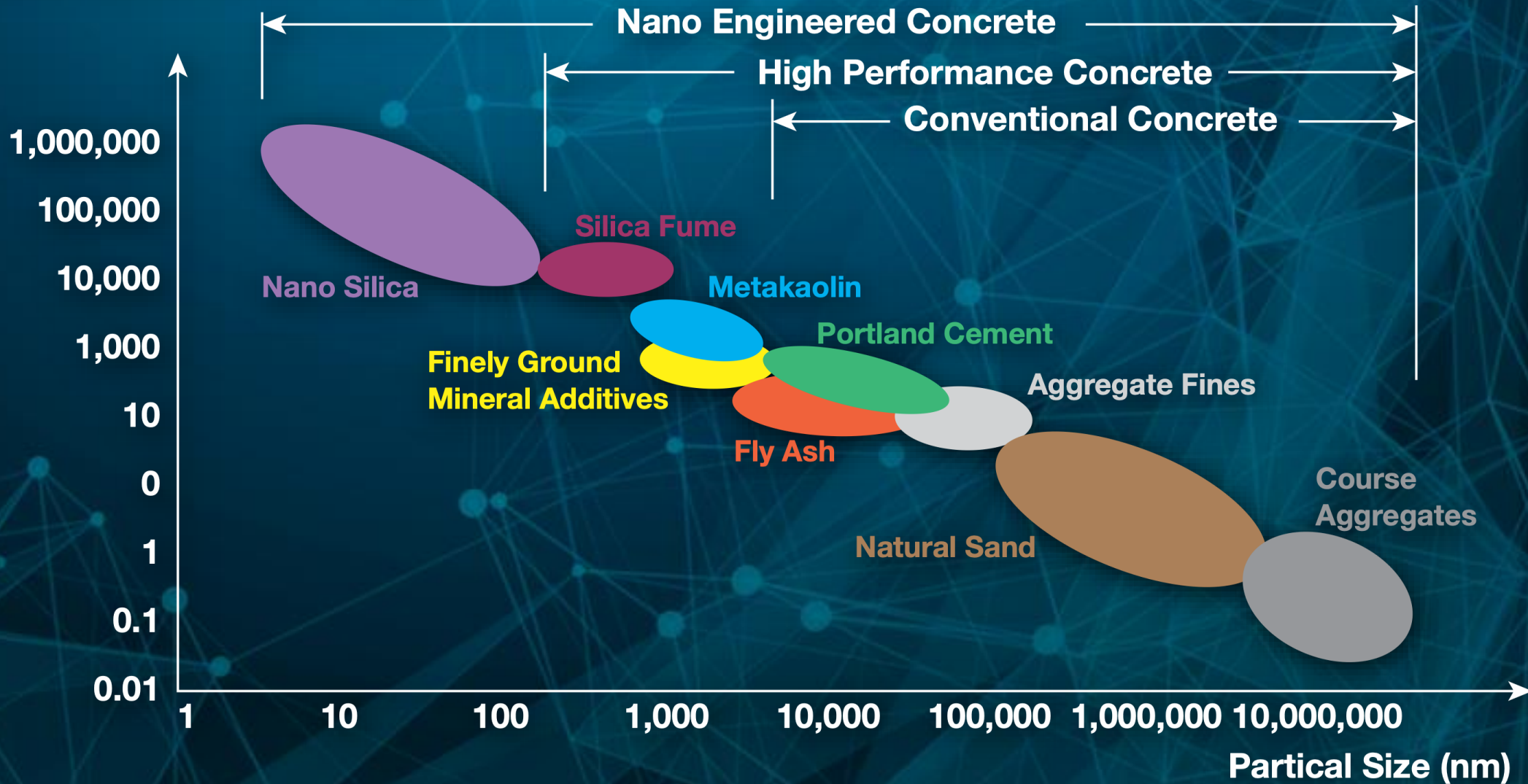
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THE COMPLETE CONCRETE SYSTEM

Strength Density Durability

Surface Area

Specific Surface Area (m²/kg)

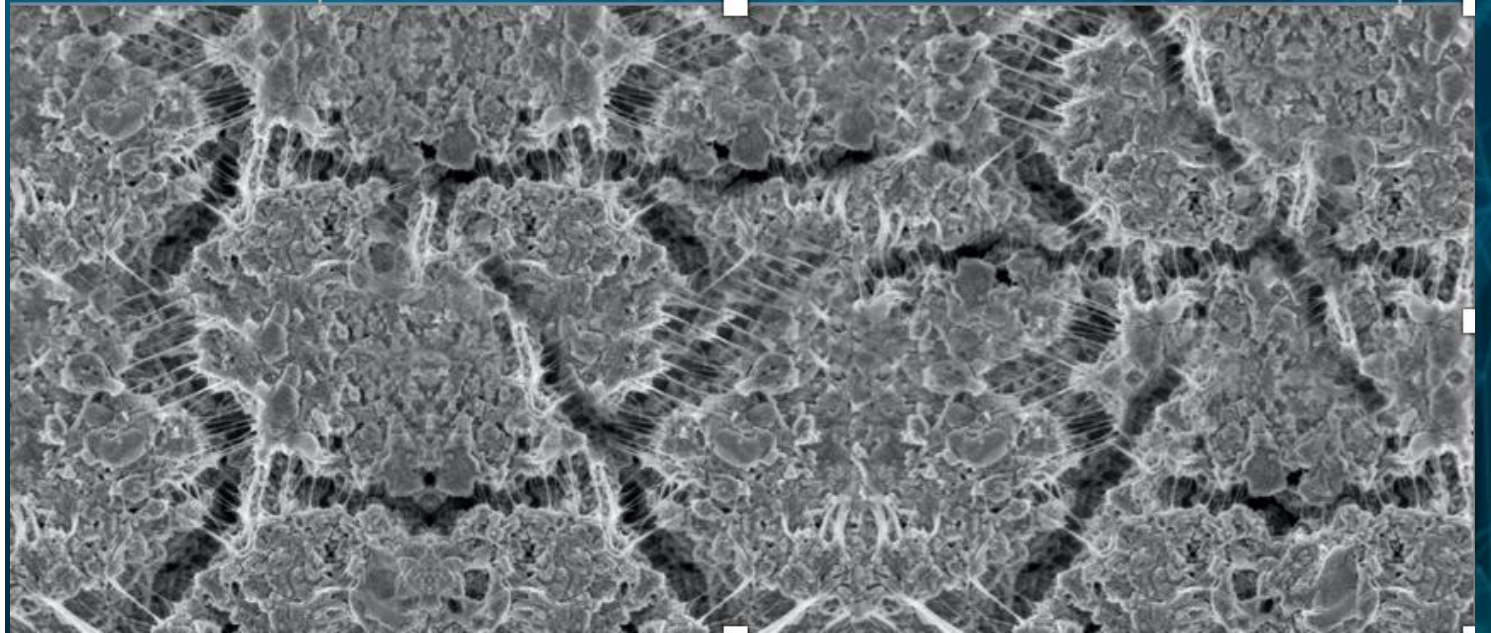


Pozzolanic Reaction

Cement + Water \longrightarrow **C-S-H + CH**

- C-S-H = Calcium Silicate Hydrate
- CH = Calcium Hydroxide

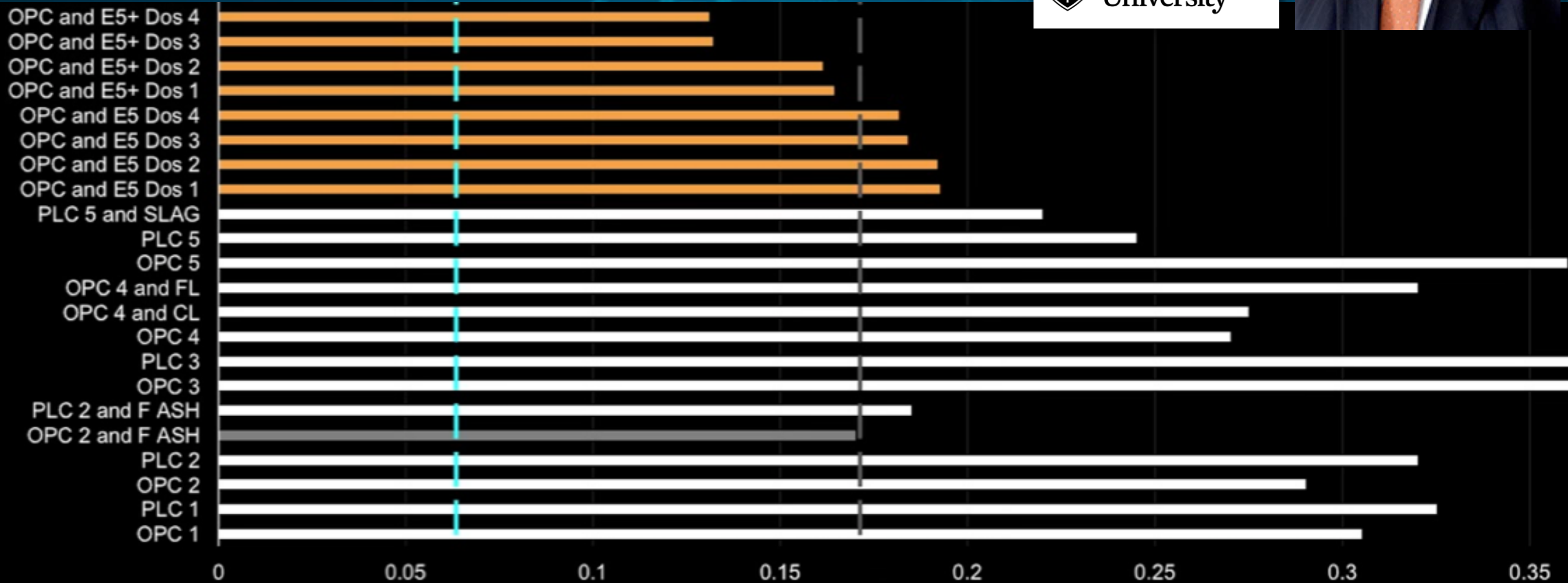
Reactive Silica + CH + Water \longrightarrow **C-S-H**



**Nano Silica Consumes Calcium Hydroxide
Particle to Particle Packing**

Calcium Hydroxide Consumption

Dr. Jason Weiss



Field Results

Indiana Ready Mix Producer &
Paver

Implemented LFA

Eliminated Class F Ash

Cementitious Replacement -12%

Eliminated Air Issues

Superior Finishability



Benefits

Consistent Product

Ready Availability

Carbon / Cement reduction

No Effect on Air

Reduces Bleed Water

Reduces Shrinkage

Consumes Calcium Hydroxide

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Strength Density Durability



Synergism



What if we use them both
together?





INDOT Issues



Cracking

Inspection – Water added to surface

Wet Curing Issues

All led to premature failures and remediation

Indiana Bridge Deck Comparison

Material	Reference	E5 Mix
Cement	658	580
Micro Silica	20	
E5 Liquid Fly Ash		8 oz/cwt
E5 Internal Cure		4 oz/cwt
W/C Ratio	0.42	0.47
Compressive Strength	6200	6600
Cement Efficiency	9.4	11.38
Flexural Strength	720	1140

**78 Pounds
Cement
Reduction
Eliminated
Silica Fume**

INDOT Progress

- E5 Internal Cure approved with a memo in 2021
 - Eliminating Wet Cure
- E5 Liquid Fly Ash Introduced to INDOT
- E5 LFA& E5 IC together test deck in early 2021
- Over 200 Bridge Decks placed to date with E5 IC
- 100 Bridge Decks placed with the combination
 - Lowered the cementitious content 98 #
- Both admixtures now on the approved list
- Multiple states now testing both materials for approval



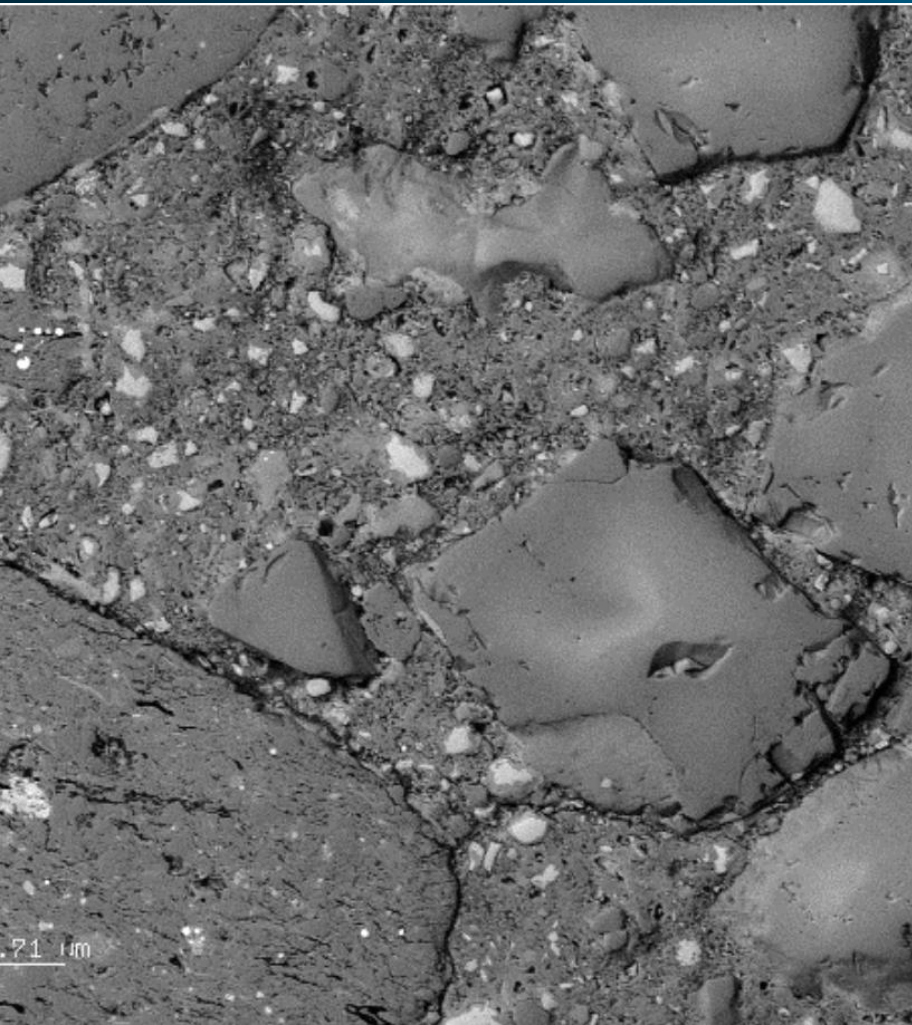
Synergism



- Synergistic Strength gain from both admixtures
- Increase in Flexural Strength reduces crack potential
- Significant Carbon / Cementitious reduction
- Durability improvement due to more complete cementitious hydration and reduction in Autogenous shrinkage
- Improved Curing & Particle Packing reduces Permeability
- Hardens & Densifying the Surface
- Reduced Cracking

Paste Density & Aggregate Bond

Control

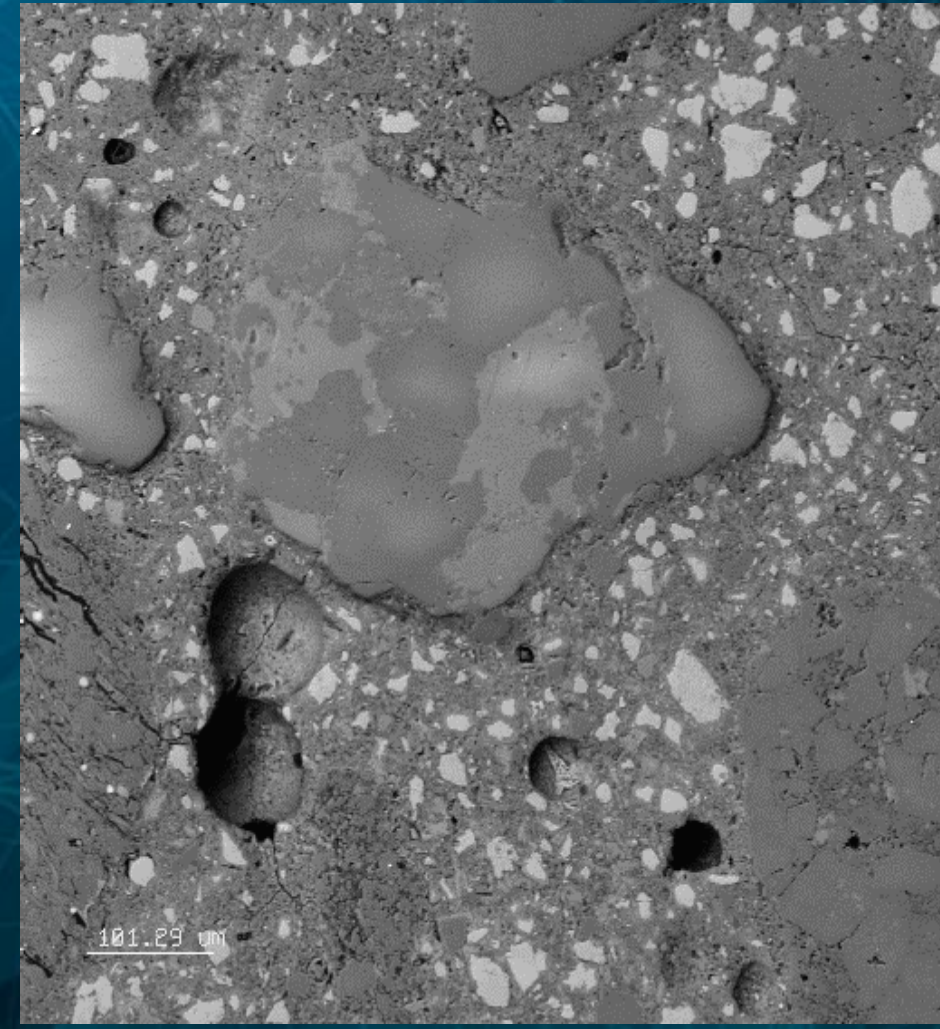


Combination

**Improved Paste
Density &
Concrete
Ductility**

**Combination
enhances the
bond**

**Reduces
Microcracking**



Micro-CT for Concrete w/c=0.42

Reference sample

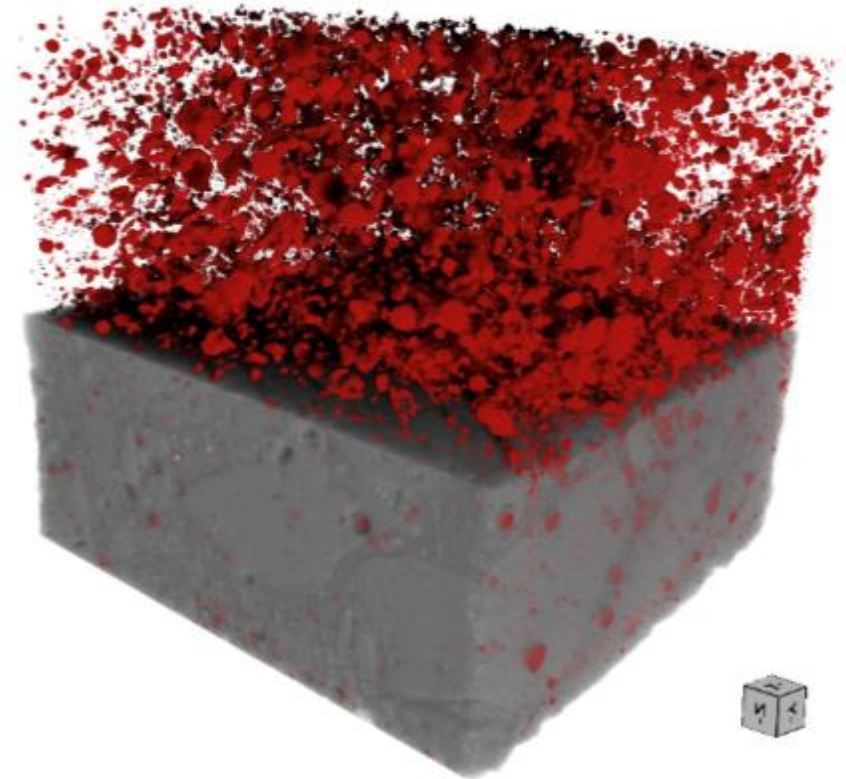


Pore volume: 2,664 mm³

Sample Volume: 53,008 mm³

Porosity: 5.03 %

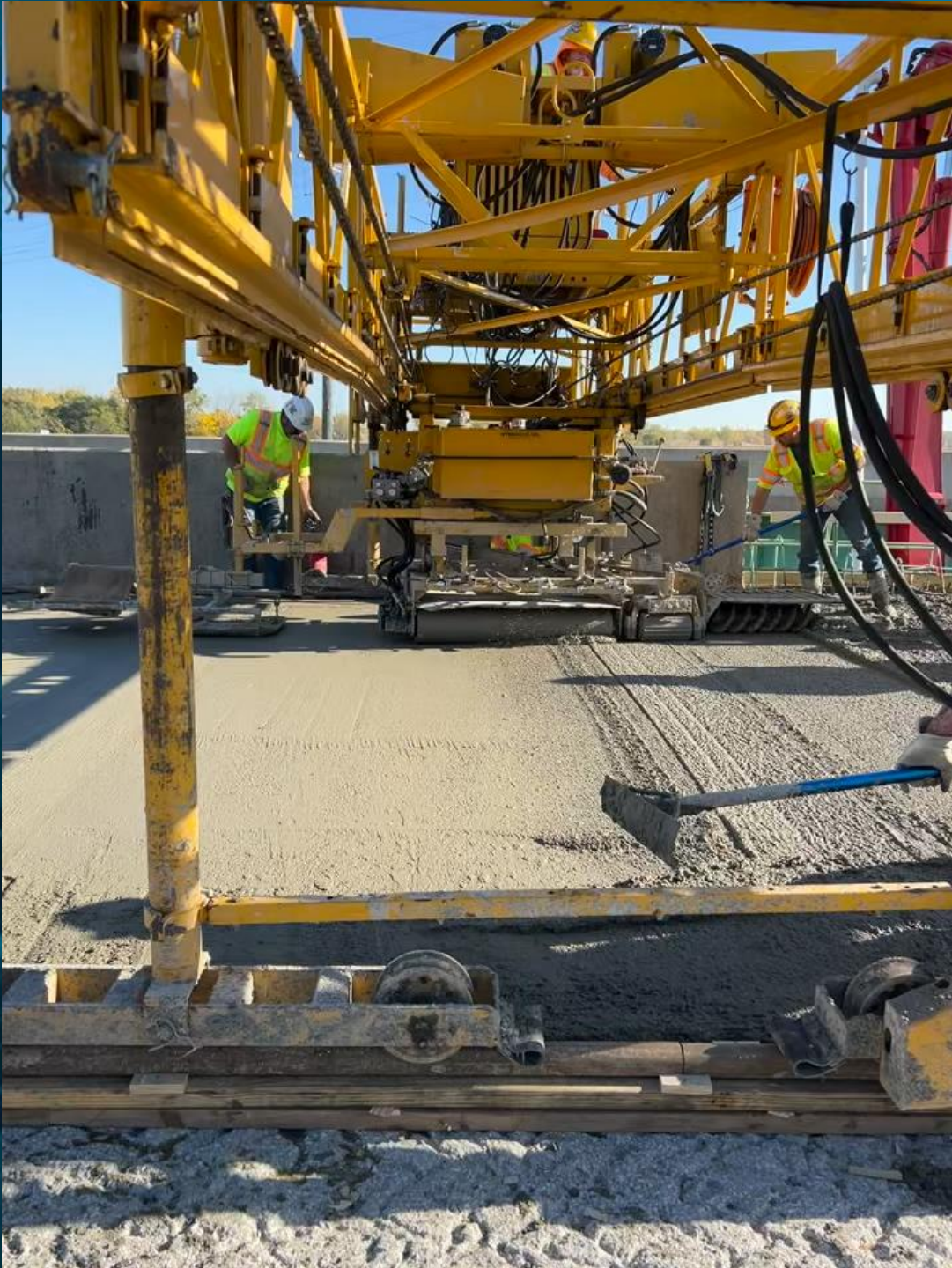
0.6%E5 sample



Pore volume: 1,822 mm³

Sample Volume: 53,462 mm³

Porosity: 3.4 %



**INDOT
Overlay Mix**

**Evaporation
Rate**

0.24

**Reduced
Cracking!**



ODOT SDC Overlay Mix

- Current Mix Design
 - Too Much Powder
 - Not Enough Water
 - No water of transport left for Internal Cure to work
 - SP will not work with the current mix design
- We are currently testing a proposed change with multiple producers

Material	Current	Proposed	Reduction
Cement	825	650	175
Water	300	300	
W/C Ratio	0.36	0.46	
HRWR	48 oz	12 oz	
Strength	8000	5500	
E5 Internal Cure		26 oz	
E5 Liquid Fly Ash		52 oz	



INDOT Solutions



E5 Internal Cure in their standard mix designs

Easier Placement & Finishing

No Surface Water needed to close

Same or Better Flexural Strengths

Incorporated E5 LFA with Cementitious Reduction

Similar Compressive Strengths

Better Flexural Strengths

Lower Permeability due to Particle Packing



Franklin County Results

Ed Herrick



Refugee Rd Full Depth Placement



Refugee Road Overlay







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CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM

22-01 September 15th, 2022

TO: District Deputy Directors

District Construction Engineers, Area Engineers, Project Engineers

District Testing Engineers

Ohio Concrete

FROM: Jordan Zamary, Concrete and Cement Engineer

Division of Construction Management



ODOT Memo



E5 Internal Cure Now Allowed in their standard mix designs

Easier Placement & Finishing

No Water Added to the Surface Allowed

Wet Cure Eliminated / White Pigmented Curing Compound

E5 Liquid Fly Ash now Allowed with New JMF in Combination

RCPT Test waived for these bridges

Specification Products Representative **MUST** be on site until both the contractor & Ready Mix Producer are certified

Ed Conclusions



Ed Conclusions



Hurdles

Rapid Chloride Permeability Test

SEM & Micro CT Scan

Change in Mindset about Permeability is Required

Change in Mindset about Strength

Higher Strength does NOT Mean more Durable Concrete

The Future

Nano Silica is the future of the Concrete Industry

More Durable

More Ductile

Ease of Placement and Finish

Reduction of Cracking

Carbon Reduction

 Specification
Products

 ESTM5

[www. SpecificationProducts.com](http://www.SpecificationProducts.com)

Conventional Wisdom

Concentration on Compressive Strength

Does Higher Strength mean more Durable?

Does Higher Strength resist Surface Abrasion?

Do Low W/C Ratios produce more Durable
Concrete?