A Sneak Peak to the Future

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Should Our Expectations Change with Time

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Today We Ask More from Concrete

• Today we ask for more
• TRB’s 2013 Theme is Smarter, Better, Faster
• But We Also Want:
  – More Economic to Build
  – Safer for Travelers
  – Longer Lasting
  – More Sustainable
  – Economic to Maintain
Changes On The Horizon

• Historically
  – Tested Materials in harsh conditions and given a “AB type of rating”

• Moving Forward
  – We will use material properties and exposure conditions to predict performance

http://www.colledun.com/gallery/albums/TowPlow/TowPlow.jpg
Recipe vs Performance Specifications

• Recipe
  – Developed over time
  – Items added to address specific concerns
  – Responsibility/risk borne by the agency
  – Agencies have workforce reduction – compliance?

• Performance Specifications
  – Encourage innovation, new materials
  – How do we evaluate performance without waiting 50 years – Simulations have value
Distress Models (Example - Corrosion Initiation)

- **Accumulation Period**
- **Corrosion Product Build-Up**
- **Corrosion Initiation**
- **Major Damage**

Percentage of Cumulative Damage vs. Time (Years)

Tutti et al.
How Long Does for Corrosion to Start

- The chloride will migrate to the bar over time
- How long does it take to reach a critical level
- Depends on the quality of the concrete and the depth of the reinforcement
What is service life and how is it predicted?

• AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications define service life as the period of time that the bridge is expected to be in operation.

• Design life - period of time on which the statistical derivation of transient loads (75 year)

• Silent on the extent of the expected service life. (Relation to Durability)
Sources of Degradation

• Major causes of degradation are high transient loads and severe environmental conditions.
• Environmental degradation: carbonation, sulfate attack, alkali-silica reaction, freeze-thaw, chloride ingress, and chemical attack.
• Water and ionic species invade the concrete's pore structure and initiate physical/chemical reactions causing expansive by-products.
Simply Said

- Higher D causes ions to move faster
  - High w/c (high porosity)
  - High paste content
- Lower D causes ions to move slower
  - Lower w/c
  - Supplementary SCM

- The Diffusion Coefficient is Difficult, Time Consuming and Costly to Obtain
Tests – Entering Vernacular in Practice
Can we Look At Alternative Tests

- For a wide variety of materials have a relationship between voltage and current that are directly proportional to each other
  \[ V = IR \]
- Proportionality constant
- Named after Georg Ohm (1827)
Resistance

- Is resistance a material property?

\[ V = IR \]
Resistivity
Independent of Geometry

\[
\frac{RA}{L} = \rho
\]

- Copper $1.68 \times 10^{-8} \text{ ohm m}$
- Carbon $3 \times (60) \times 10^{-5} \text{ ohm m}$
- Glass $1 \times (10000) \times 10^{9} \text{ ohm m}$
**Diffusion Coefficient**

- **D** is related to electrical properties of concrete using the Nernst-Einstein Eqn.

\[
\frac{\sigma_{\text{Sample}}}{\sigma_{\text{Fluid}}} = \frac{D}{D_{\text{ion}}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{Fluid}}}{\rho_{\text{Sample}}}
\]

\[
D = \sigma_{\text{Sample}} \frac{D_{\text{ion}}}{\sigma_{\text{Fluid}}} = \frac{1}{\rho_{\text{Sample}}} \rho_{\text{Fluid}} D_{\text{ion}}
\]

- Challenges: how does **D** change over time, what if the solution differs, etc.

- Opportunities for QC/QA
Review of the Impact of Geometry

- Uniaxial, surface, embedded, and RCPT electrical measurements all yield results that can be directly compared if done properly.
- Proper reporting is essential.

\[ \rho = \frac{V}{A} = \frac{RA}{L} \]

\[ \rho = \frac{V}{I} \cdot 2\pi a \cdot \kappa \]

\[ Q = \int_{0}^{6h} \frac{V}{\rho K} \, dt \]
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Archie’s Law and The Formation Factor

- Empirical relationship that is the ratio of the bulk resistivity ($\rho$) of a saturated medium and the fluid ($\rho_o$) that is in the medium

$$F = \frac{\rho}{\rho_o}$$

- This makes the assumption that it is only the fluid that is conductive (Weiss et al.)
- There are solutions for other cases; but this works most of the time
What is the Formation Factor Really Describing

Gel Pores (2-5 nm) — small, independent of w/c, increase in volume with hydration

Capillary Pores (5nm-10 μm) — large pores, very dependent on w/c, decrease in volume with hydration, what we control

Entrained/Entrapped Air — Largest pores from mixing, stabilizing bubbles

Formation Factor is all about Total Porosity ($\phi$) and Tortuosity ($\beta$)

$$F = \frac{\rho}{\rho_o} = \frac{1}{\phi \beta}$$

What Do We Need to Remember?

Transport mainly in large pores
Capillary pores are large/connected
W/C, SCM and Curing
Maybe We Should Look at the Formation Factor

- Maybe it makes sense to look at the formation factor instead for specifications
- These numbers are just place holders however they illustrate how to get to the most fundamental value
- With this one can to go in two directions
  - 1) This relates to service life
  - 2) This enables various constituents

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1) Direct Relation to Service Life

- Walther Nernst (1864-1941)
- German physical chemist/physicist
- Won 1920 Nobel Prize

\[ F = \frac{\rho_{\text{Bulk}}}{\rho_{\text{Soln}}} \]

\[ D_i = D_i^\mu \cdot \frac{1}{F} = D_i^\mu \cdot \frac{\rho_{\text{Soln}}}{\rho_{\text{Bulk}}} \]

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<th>Species</th>
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2) Enables Various Constituents

- Conduction requires an electrolyte
- Free ions making solution electrically conductive
  - \( \text{Na}^+, \text{K}^+, \text{Ca}^{2+}, \text{Mg}^{2+}, \text{Cl}^-, \text{HPO}_4^{2-}, \text{HCO}_3^- \)
- Heavily influenced by SCM

Three approaches to obtain \( \rho_O \) (for const.)

1) Extraction – Doable
2) Sensor – Promising (Rajabipour et al)
3) Calculation  [Link](http://ciks.cbt.nist.gov/poresolncalc.html)
Lets Take a Second to Review

• Geometry correction is key ($\kappa$)
• Many want a table for RCPT vs $\rho$
• Easy to do but is it the best thing

A Possible Thought

F is the way to go for a specification

$\rho$ is the way to go for QC/QA

Requires $\rho_O$ to be stated using a procedure in specification (much easier) or determined experimentally (harder)
Nothing Left to Worry About Right?

- We may think that resistivity is fast and easy so what can go wrong with it
- We have been involved in two ‘round robin studies’
- National study samples were prepared and sent to different labs
- State study where we prepared all the samples, trained and distributed samples

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<th>Multi-laboratory</th>
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<td>Uniaxial Resistivity</td>
<td>12 %</td>
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<td>Surface Resistivity</td>
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Components of Variation

\[ \sigma_{\text{total}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\text{machine}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{operator}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{material}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{production}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{curing}}^2} \]

- **Machine/Operator/Material**
  - Traditionally estimated in a single lab as 3-4% (Purdue, LaDOT)
- **Production**
  - Important when used as a QC/QA tool
  - Dependent on contractor quality
  - 10% is a typical value
- **Data shown** is from a central mix plant with one mixture run frequently, low variation

Sample Geometry
- Is Resistivity the Goal?
- Exposure
- Formation Factor
- Porosity/Tortuosity
- Relate to SLM
- Pore Solution

Variation Source
- Curing
- Saturation
- Temperature
- Leaching
- Carbonation
- Absolute Values
- Accelerated Curing

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Spragg et al. 2012

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Average = 22.4
SD = 2.45
Components of Variation
Attention to Curing is Critical

- **State Study**
- **Within-lab: 4.36%**
  - Machine/Operator/Material
- **Multi-lab: 13.22%**
  - Machine/Operator/Material and curing
  - Believed Curing Variation: 12.5%
- **State Variation**
  Shown (top young, bottom old samples)

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Testing Temperature

- **Activation Energy of Conduction (test temp)**
  Rajabipour et al. 2007, Sant et al. 2007
  \[
  \frac{\rho_{T_{ref}}}{\rho} = \exp \left[ \frac{E_a - con}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_0} \right) \right]
  \]

- In the past we noticed differences between
- Varied the solutions
  - Pore Solution: 9-12 kJ/mol
  - Bulk Sample: 20-25 kJ/mol

\[ \rho = \rho_0^* \cdot F \cdot f(S) \cdot f(T_{Testing}) \cdot f(\text{Leach}) \] at \( t_{equivalent} \)
Accelerating Curing Time

- Many materials we test take a long time to show benefits (91 d)
- We frequently want to speed this time up
- VTRC/NRMCA method
- Lime water 7d, 23C followed by 21d, 38C
- T equivalent 56d
- Application on the right shows difference ~25%

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Accelerated Curing Effects

Transport testing and service life prediction usually performed on specimens of later age (91 days).

Same maturity (DOH) could be achieved with shorter time using a higher curing temperature.

\[ t_e = e^{\frac{E_a}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_r} \right)} \]

Bu et al. 2014

91 days
23 days

\[ E_a = 37 \text{ kJ/mol} \]
Summary

- Geometry correction is key ($\kappa$)
- Many want a table for RCPT vs $\rho$
- Formation factor is the way to go (IMHO)
- Electrical Properties are dependent on
  - Degree of Saturation
  - Test Temperature
  - Ionic Leaching
- Accelerated curing possible but expansion of water needs to be considered
- Training necessary - sensitive in ways that slump and compressive strength are not