

Special Issue

Innovations in Cementitious Materials: Degradation, Mitigation, and Sustainability

Message from the Guest Editor

Cement and concrete technologies are evolving to address environmental challenges through the use of low-carbon systems that depart from traditional clinker-based production. In parallel, many regions, including parts of the United States, are phasing out ASTM C150 Portland cement in favor of blended formulations, such as ASTM C595 Portland–limestone cements. We welcome both experimental and numerical studies, including laboratory testing, material characterization, the modeling of transport and corrosion processes, and multiscale simulations. Studies that propose mitigation strategies—such as improved mix design, protective treatments, or performance-enhancing admixtures—are also encouraged. This collection aims to advance our understanding of chloride-induced degradation in modern cementitious systems and support their reliable use in aggressive environments such as coastal infrastructure and regions exposed to deicing salts.

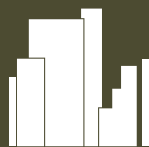
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