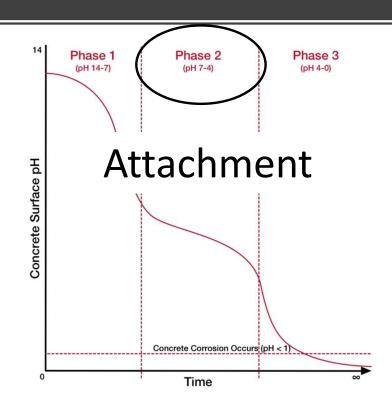


Microbially Induced Corrosion of Concrete (MICC): Efficacy of Antimicrobial and Colloidal Silica Admixtures

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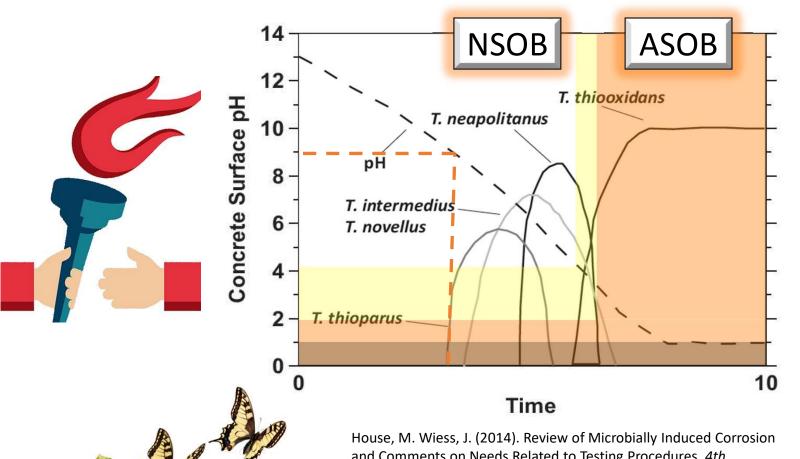
A Review of MICC: Three Stages







Succession of Bacteria



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Severe Corrosion

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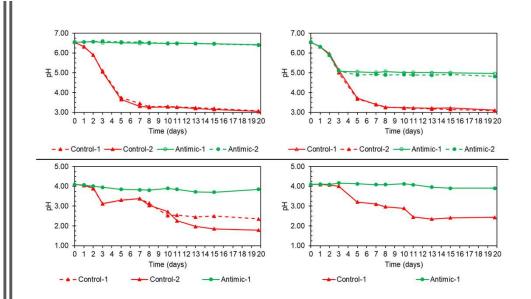




ASTM C1904-20 - Test Method A Antimicrobial Admixture

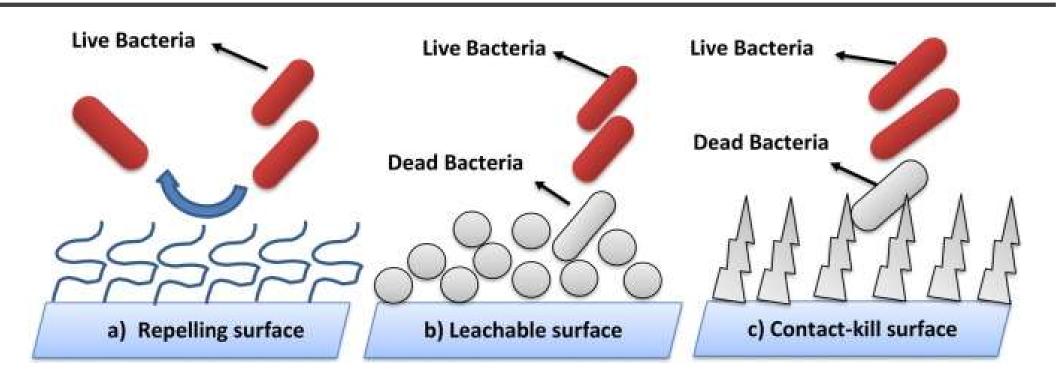
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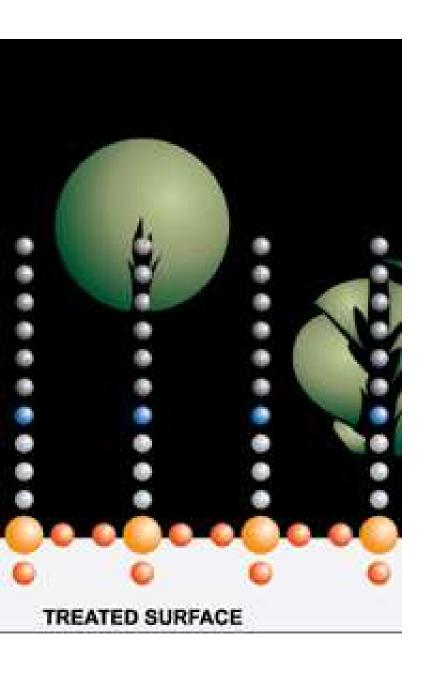
The bacteria present in the environments created (SL1, SL2, and SL3) were quantitatively assessed. Both NSOB and ASOB were enumerated in this study. However, it should be noted that that NSOB are the dominant bacteria in the Stage II of MICC, which is the initiation of bacterial succession stage. The MICC process begins with the activity of NSOB, and if the antimicrobial is not effective during the early stages where NSOB is predominant, it would not be effective when conditions become more aggressive with lowered pH and high ASOB activity. Also, in order for ASOB to be active in deterioration, the environmental conditions must be suitable for their growth. Therefore, the activity of NSOB is essential for making the environment suitable for ASOB. Given that the antimicrobial additives are expected to prevent bacterial succession, they first need to combat with NSOB species.



Ali Riza Erbektas, O. Burkan Isgor, W. Jason Weiss. 2019. Evaluating the efficacy of antimicrobial additives against biogenic acidification in simulated wastewater exposure solutions. RILEM Technical Letters (2019) 4: 49-56

Overview of Antimicrobial Technologies





Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (QACs)

- Cationic Surface-Active Agents
- Silane base structure
- Used in textiles in the medial field to minimize germ transfer
- 1995 Used as a concrete additive
- Kills greater than 99% of bacteria* that leads to Microbially Induced Corrosion
- *In testing conducted by Situ Biosciences for Concrete Sealants, 99.4% of T. novella was mitigated in testing using ISO 22196 on concrete with a 6.5-6.8 pH.

























ASTM Standards C1898 and C1904

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Stage 3 Test



Coated Control
After 90 days of immersion
0.5 pH sulfuric acid

Stage 2 Test



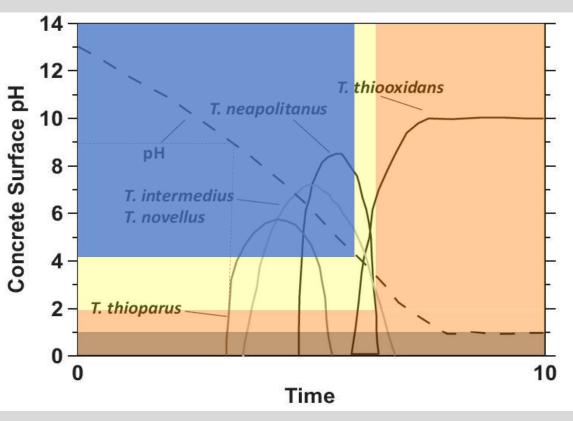
Control

Admixture

Admixture + Sealer

Succession of Bacteria

Where which antimicrobials antimicrobials are most effective effective

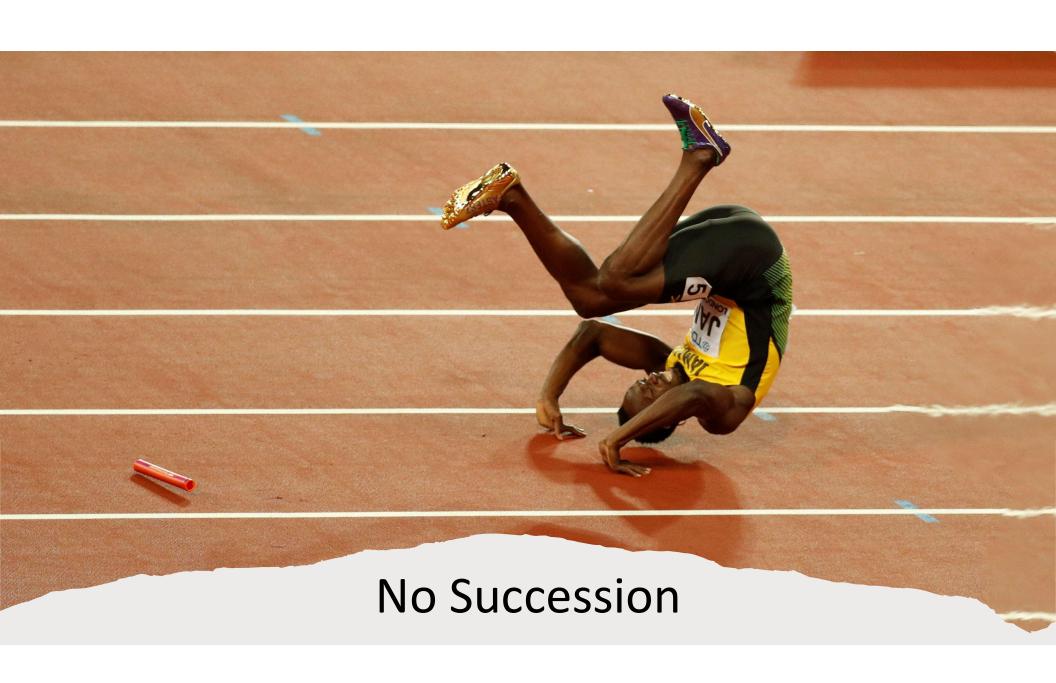


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Severe Corrosion



Surface Applied Sealers

- Water repellants
- Biocidal / antimicrobial
- Surface densification
- Molecular layer
- First line of defense for MICC

Calcium Leaching (ASTM C1904-20)



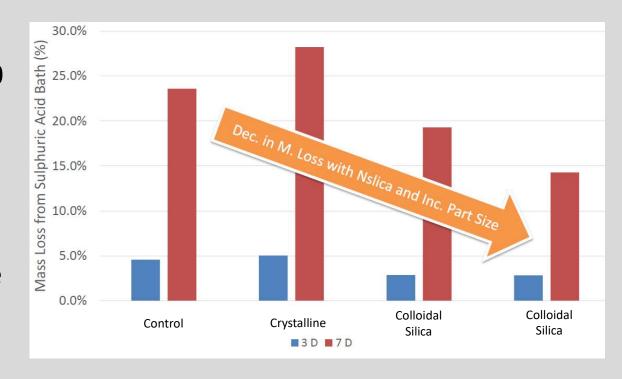
Control Concrete

Treated Concrete*

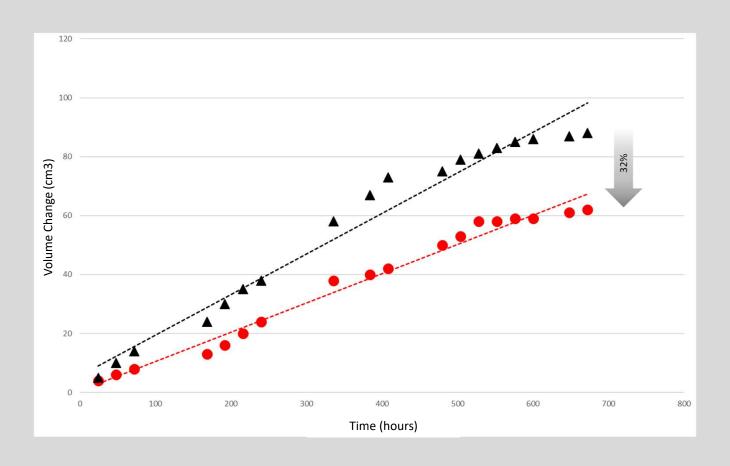
*Treated contains a US EPA registered antimicrobial concrete admixture with a topical water repelling concrete sealer containing a US EPA registered antimicrobial.

Colloidal Silica

- An amorphous dispersion of pure silicon dioxide of 1 to 100 nanometers in size
- Nanotechnology (ACI 241)
- Strength and durability enhancement in concrete
- Improves concrete's resistance to degradation in acid.



Water Absorption at 200 PSI CRD-C 48-92



Improved Water Repellency

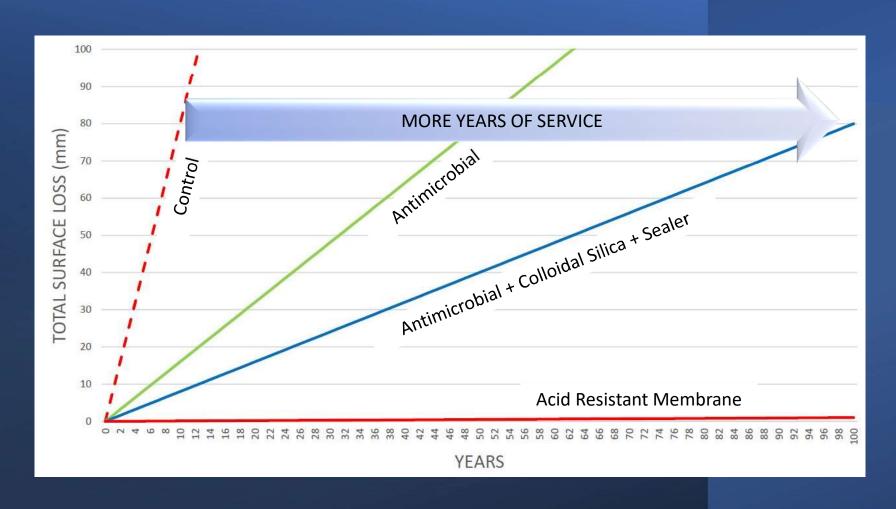


Reference Concrete



Concrete with Colloidal Silica

Combined Effectiveness of Antimicrobials and Colloidal Silica



Consider Severity Level

- Severity Level 1
 - Low bacterial population
 - Low bacterial activity
- Severity Level 3
 - High bacterial population
 - High bacterial activity
- Severity Level 2
 - Some combination of the above



Cost Comparisons of Solutions

Option A – Antimicrobials Alone
Option B – Antimicrobials and Colloidal Silica
Option C – Acid Resistant Membrane Coating
Option D – HDPE liners, Epoxy coatings, etc.
Option E – Non-Cement-Based Materials

Option A Option B Option C Option D Option E



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