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Modeling of Internal Curing with SAP at Meso- and Macro-Level

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- Motivation
- Autogenous shrinkage
 - Modeling of phenomena at early age
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Motivation



Shrinkage and cracking problem

Mechanism Measuring technique

Solution

•ASTM C1698-09
•Loser, Münch, Lura, CCR (2010)
•Lura, Jensen, van Breugel CCR (2003)
•Jensen & Hansen CCR (2001, 2002)

Motivation

Internal curing with SAP – important questions

- When is the water released from the SAP?
- Is the whole volume cured uniformly?
- How far does the internal curing water have to travel?
- How far can internal curing water travel?
- What is the preferred size of the SAP?

• Lura, Wyrzykowski et al. Kinetics of water migration in cement-based systems containing super absorbent polymers, RILEM State of the Art Report , 2012

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Autogenous shrinkage

• Lura, Jensen, van Breugel, CCR (2003)
 • Lura & Jensen, (2005, 2007)

Autogenous phenomena-experimetal methods

Autogenous deformation

Volumetric measurement

Linear measurement

Internal RH

Water activity (Rotronic)

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Description of phenomena in fresh cement-based materials
Mathematical model – fundamental assumptions

- Multi-phase porous medium
 - solid (skeleton),
 - water (capillary water + bound water),
 - gaseous phase (dry air + water vapour).
- Various mechanisms of mass and energy transport
- Full coupling: hygral, thermal, chemical, mechanical phenomena

• Gawin, Pesavento, Schrefler, UNIME (2006)
 • Gawin, Wyrzykowski, Pesavento, JBP (2008)

Description of phenomena...
Mathematical model

- **Macroscopic governing equations**
 - ✓ The dry air + skeleton mass conservation
 - ✓ The water species + skeleton mass conservation
 - ✓ The multiphase medium enthalpy balance
 - ✓ The multiphase medium momentum balance (mechanical equilibrium)
 - ✓ Evolution equation for hydration

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Description of phenomena...
Mathematical model

- **State variables**
 - gas pressure, p^g
 - capillary pressure, p^c
 - temperature, T
 - displacement vector, \mathbf{u}
- **Evolution variable**
 - hydration degree, α_{hydr}

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Description of phenomena...
Mathematical model

**Scheme of the early-age processes description
(hygral and mechanical phenomena)**

Hydration evolution
(Ulm & Coussy, 1996)

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Water species conservation equation

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Effective stress principle

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Mechanical equilibrium equation

$\frac{\partial m_{hydr}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \alpha_{hydr}}{\partial t} w_n$

Drop of saturation,
Increase of capillary pressure

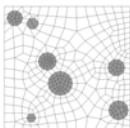
Increase of effective stress

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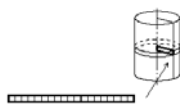
Description of phenomena...
Numerical model

- **Description of the material behavior at different scale levels**

Meso-level (~mm)



Macro level (~cm-m)



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Description of phenomena...
Mathematical model

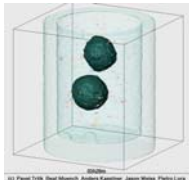
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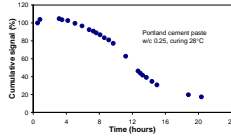
Modelling internal curing at the meso-level

- **Meso level simulations**

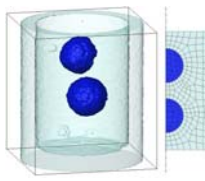


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- When is the water released from the SAP?
- How far does water reach in the hardening cement paste?



Portland cement paste
w/c 0.25, curing 20°C



**Cement paste
w/c 0.25, 6% of entrained water (vol.)**

• Triki, Lura et al. Neutron tomography investigation of water release ... 2010

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Modelling internal curing at the meso-level
Mathematical model

- **Water and solid skeleton mass conservation**

Accumulation terms

$$n(\rho^v - \rho^{sv}) \frac{\partial S_w}{\partial p^c} \frac{\partial p^c}{\partial t} - [\beta_s \rho^{sv} (1-n)(1-S_w) + (1-n)\beta_s + n\beta_s] \rho^v S_w \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (1-S_w)n \left(\frac{\partial \rho^{sv}}{\partial T} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right) +$$

$$+ [\rho^{sv} (1-S_w) + \rho^v S_w] \text{div} \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} - \text{div} \left[\rho^s \frac{M_s M_e}{M_e^2} \mathbf{D}_e^{sv} \text{grad} \left(\frac{p^{sv}}{p^s} \right) \right] + \text{div} \left[\rho^{sv} \frac{k k^{sv}}{\mu^s} (-\text{grad } p^s) \right] +$$

$$+ \text{div} \left[\rho^v \frac{k k^{sv}}{\mu^v} (-\text{grad } p^s + \text{grad } p^v) \right] = \frac{\rho^{sv}}{\rho^v} (1-S_w) \dot{m}_{hydr} + \frac{\rho^v}{\rho^s} S_w \dot{m}_{hydr} - \dot{m}_{hydr}$$

Flux terms
Source terms

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Modelling internal curing at the meso-level
Mathematical model

- Water and solid skeleton mass conservation-**meso level**
 - autogenous conditions

$$n(\rho^w - \rho^{sw}) \frac{\partial S_w}{\partial p^c} \frac{\partial p^c}{\partial t} - \left\{ \beta_s \rho^{sw} (1-n) (1-S_w) + [(1-n)\rho^s + n\rho^w] \rho^s S_w \right\} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (1-S_w) m \left(\frac{\partial p^s}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right) + \left[\rho^{sw} (1-S_w) \right] \rho^s \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \text{div} \left[\frac{M_w M_s}{M_g} \mathbf{D}_g^{sw} \text{grad} \left(\frac{p^{sw}}{\rho^s} \right) \right] + \text{div} \left[\rho^{sw} \frac{k k^{rw}}{\mu^w} (-\text{grad } p^s) \right] + \text{div} \left[\rho^w \frac{k k^{rw}}{\mu^w} (-\text{grad } p^s + \text{grad } p^c) \right] = \frac{\rho^{sw}}{\rho^s} (1-S_w) \dot{m}_{hydr} + \frac{\rho^w}{\rho^s} S_w \dot{m}_{hydr} - \dot{m}_{hydr}$$

$$n \rho^w \frac{\partial S_w}{\partial p^c} \frac{\partial p^c}{\partial t} = \frac{\rho^w}{\rho^s} S_w \dot{m}_{hydr} - \dot{m}_{hydr} - \text{div} \left[\rho^w \frac{k k^{rw}}{\mu^w} (-\text{grad } p^s + \text{grad } p^c) \right]$$

Modelling internal curing at the meso-level

- Simulations at the meso-level
 - characteristics of the components of REV

$$n S_w v^{int} = \frac{k k^{rw}}{\mu^w} (-\text{grad } p^s + \text{grad } p^c)$$

Permeability evolution in the paste

Modelling internal curing at the meso-level

- Results from the meso-level

**Cement paste
w/c 0.25, 6% of entrained water (vol.)**

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Modelling internal curing at the meso-level

- Saturation evolution in time-cement paste

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Modelling internal curing at the meso-level

Conclusion

For the commonly applied sizes of SAP the whole volume of cured material is practically uniformly and instantaneously provided with curing water during the initial days of hydration

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Modelling internal curing at the macro-level

- Additional water source term

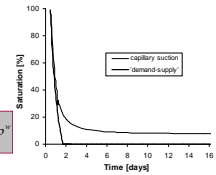
$$\eta(\rho^m - \rho^{ev}) \frac{\partial S_w}{\partial p^c} \frac{\partial p^c}{\partial t} = \frac{\rho^{ev}}{\rho^s} (1 - S_w) \dot{m}_{hydr} + \frac{\rho^m}{\rho^s} S_w \dot{m}_{hydr} - \dot{m}_{hydr} + \dot{m}_{IC}$$

Capillary suction

$$\dot{m}_{IC}(\rho^s) = \frac{\eta}{1-\eta} \rho^s \frac{\partial S_w^c}{\partial p^c} \frac{\partial p^c}{\partial t}$$

Demand-supply

$$\left(1 - \frac{\rho^s}{\rho^m}\right) \dot{m}_{hydr} (\Gamma_{hydr} - \Gamma_{hydr}^0) \leq \frac{\eta}{1-\eta} \rho^m$$

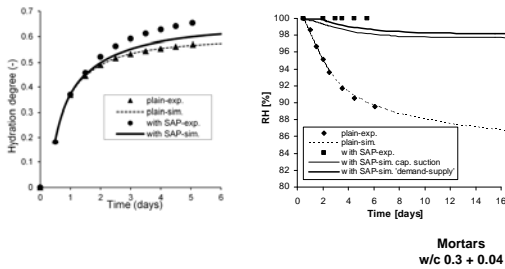


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Modelling internal curing at the macro-level

- Simulation results – w/c 0.3 mortar with SAP



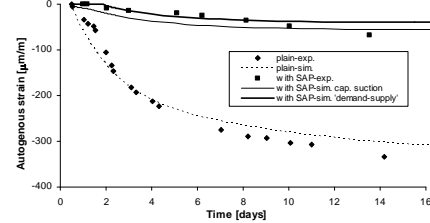
Mortars
w/c 0.3 + 0.04

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Modelling internal curing at the macro-level

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Conclusions

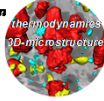
- At the meso-level the transport of water from SAP is explicitly analyzed
 - the whole volume of material is practically **uniformly and instantaneously** provided with curing water during the first day of hydration
- At the macro-level the additional source term is introduced
 - internal curing may be also analyzed directly at the macro-level
 - two source terms describing internal curing are proposed, i.e., capillary suction mechanism and demand-supply mechanism
 - behaviour of concrete with SAP can be predicted based explicitly on the assumption of additional moisture source

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hydration **the dynamics** **sustainability**



3D-microstructure

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