

# Concrete poromechanics

Implementation of a hygro-thermo-viscoelastic-damage formulation in Cast3M

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# Multi-physics modeling of concrete behavior

Early ages behavior



Aging



Accident



# Proposition of an unified formulation

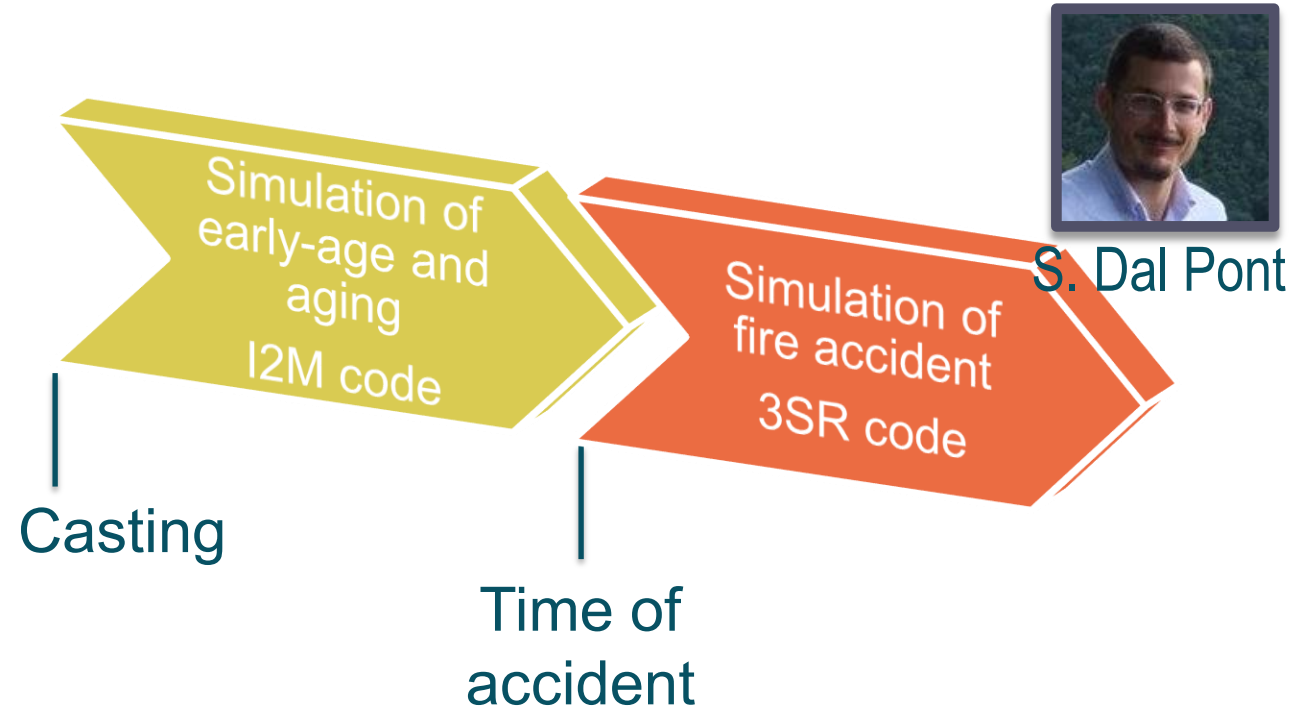
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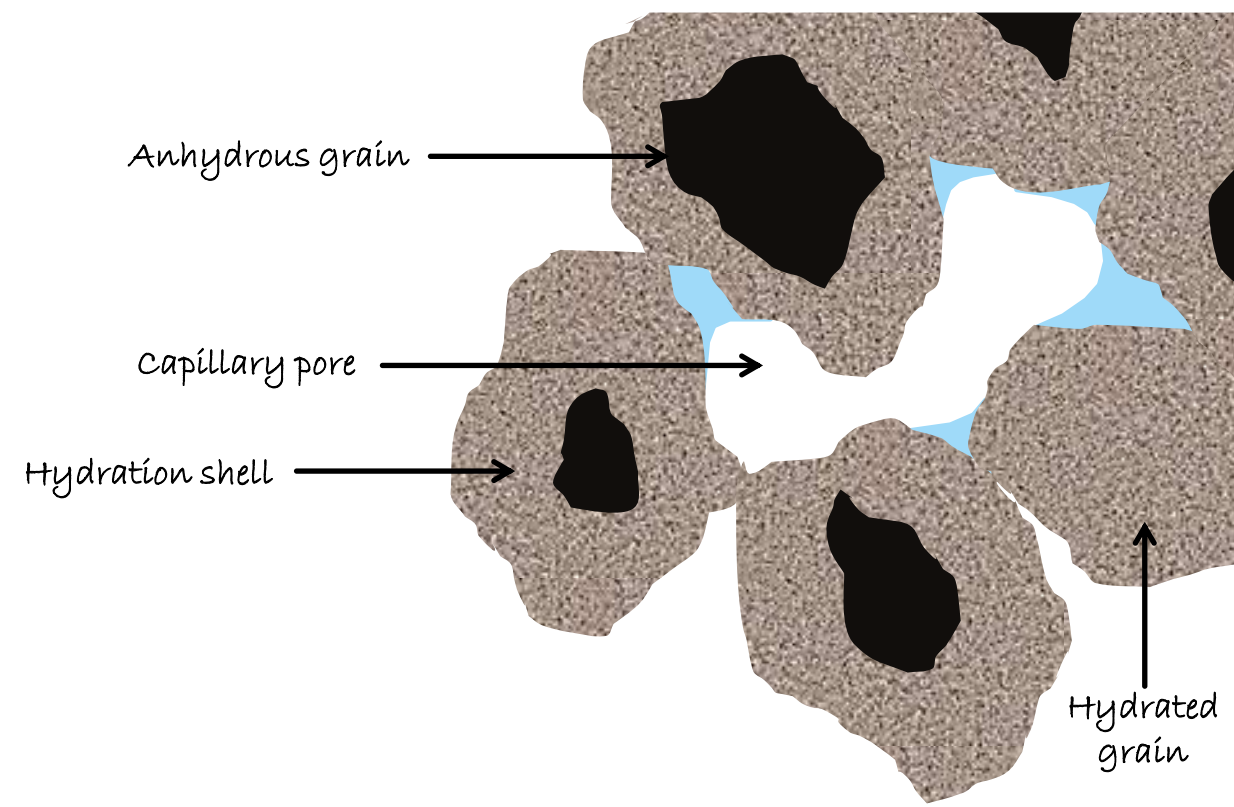
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- Early-age / aging solution no totally compatible as initial condition;
- Not practical methodology.



### Alternative:

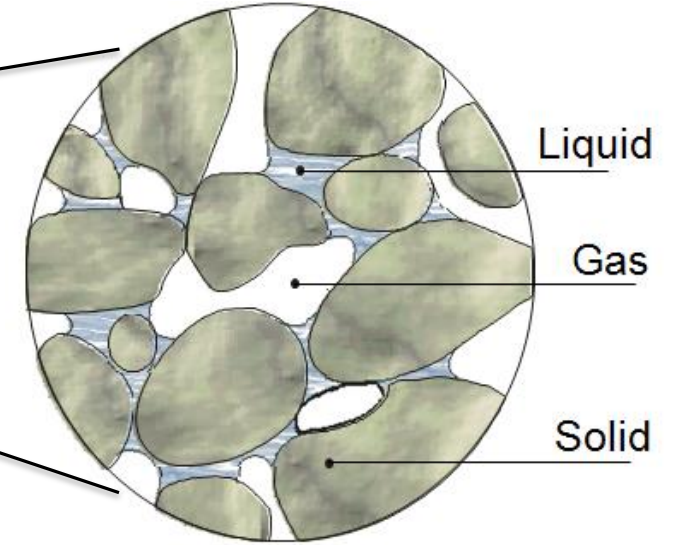
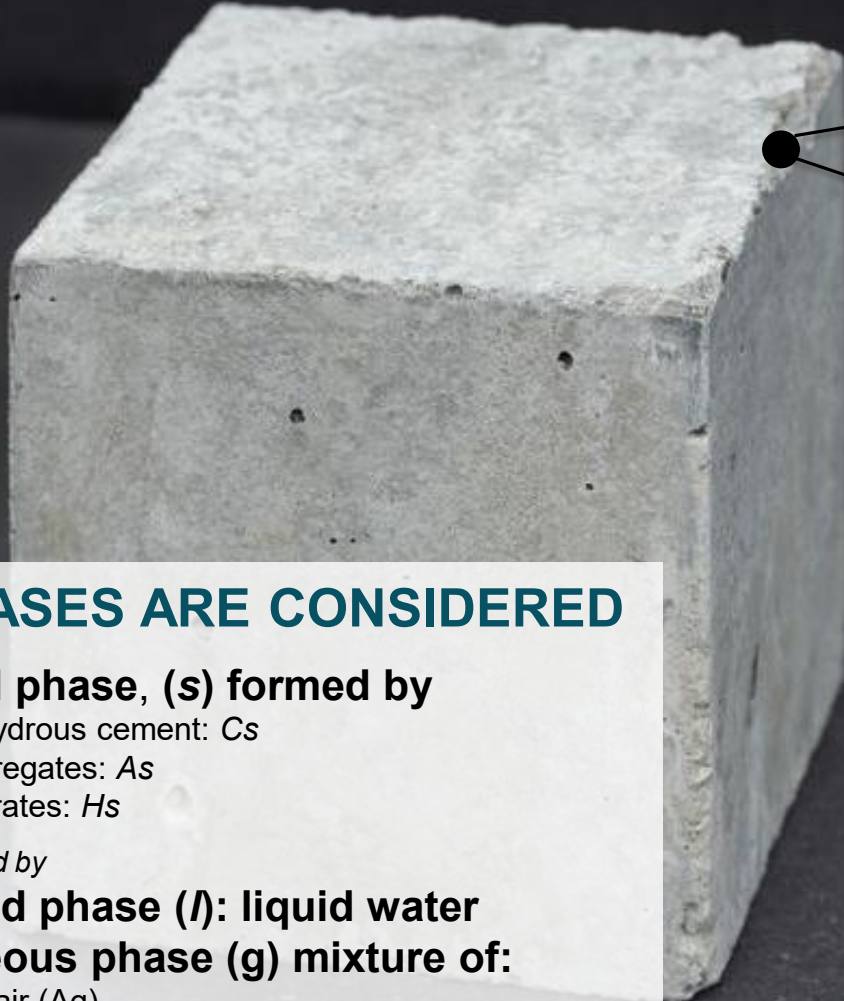
Development of a **unified mathematical model** accounting for early age, aging and high temperature behavior; The task has been realized with care (no just merging the two codes) to obtain a compact and consistent physical model for concrete



# The multiphase system

- Definition of phases & governing equations

# Micro → Macro approach *via* averaging theories



Representative Elementary Volume (REV)

## 3 PHASES ARE CONSIDERED

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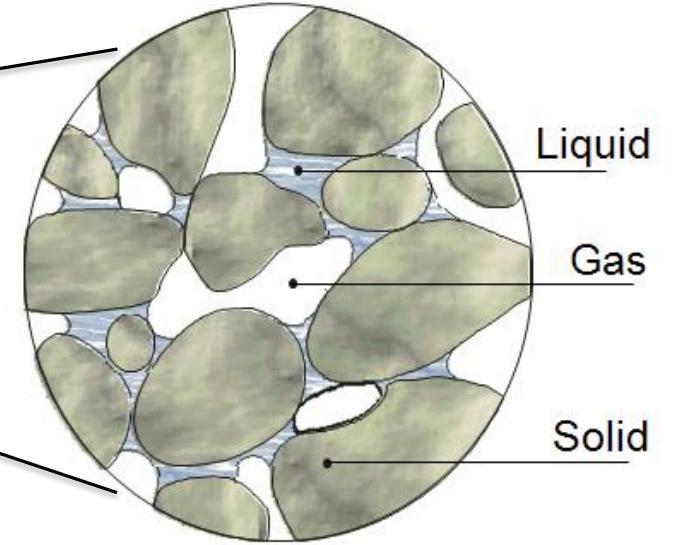
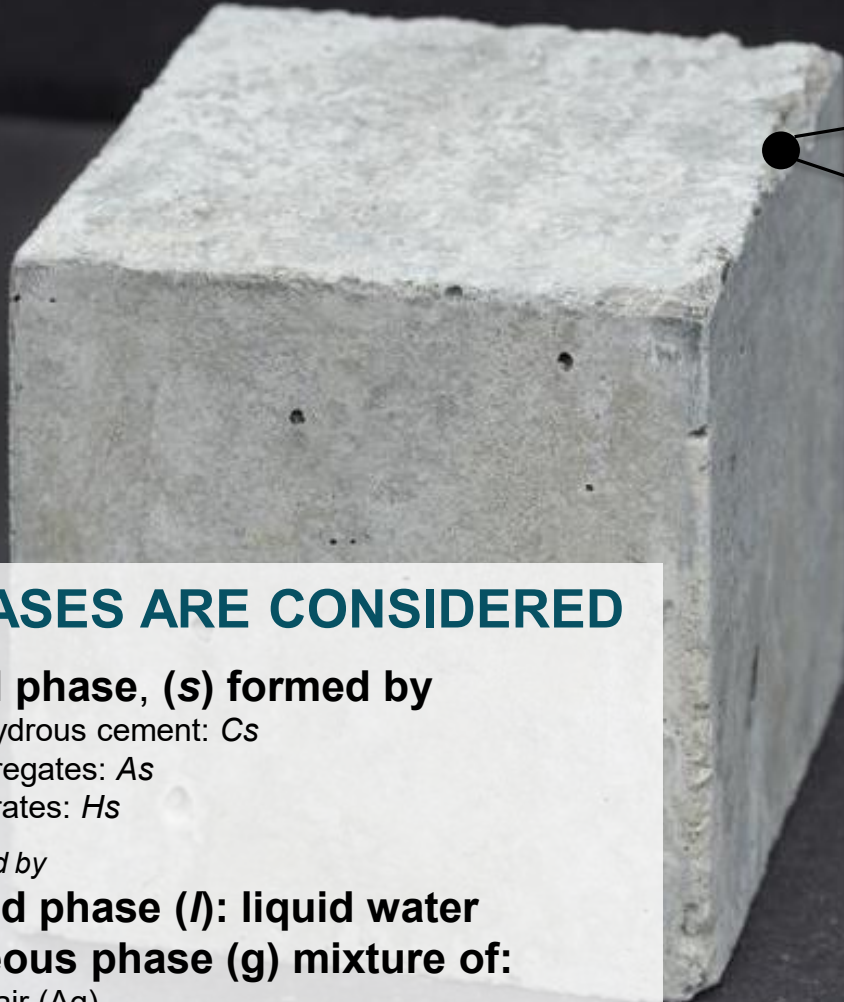
- ❖ Dry air ( $A_g$ )
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Reference approach of



Gawin, Pesavento & Schrefler

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**Volume Fractions** occupied by the three phases:

$$\varepsilon^s + \varepsilon^g + \varepsilon^l = 1$$

**Porosity & Saturation:**  $S^g + S^l = 1$

$$\varepsilon^s = 1 - \varepsilon \quad \varepsilon^l = \varepsilon S^l \quad \varepsilon^g = \varepsilon S^g$$

# Hypotheses and adopted physical laws

- **Gaseous phase** is a **binary mixture of vapour and dry air** ;
- The gaseous phase, vapour and dry air are **perfect gazes** ;
- **Dalton's law** is assumed valid:  $p^{gA} + p^{gW} = p^g$  ;
- **Clapeyron law** is used (Kelvin's eqn not suitable due to fluctuations of  $p^g$ )

# Governing equations

## Mass balance eqs (water species, dry air)

$$\frac{\partial(\varepsilon^l \rho^l)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\varepsilon^s \rho^s \omega^{\bar{w}g})}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left[ \rho^l \frac{k_{rel}^l \mathbf{k}}{\mu^l} \nabla(p^s - p^c) \right] - \nabla \cdot \left( \rho^{sW} \frac{k_{rel}^s \mathbf{k}}{\mu^s} \nabla p^s \right) - \nabla \cdot \left[ \rho^s \frac{M_A M_W}{M_g^2} D^{\bar{w}g} \nabla \left( \frac{p^{sW}}{p^s} \right) \right] = \underbrace{-M}_{l \rightarrow Hs}$$

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Sink/source term  
due to cement  
hydration/dehydration

## Enthalpy balance eqn

$$(\rho C_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (\chi_{eff} \nabla T) = \underbrace{L_{hydr} \frac{d\Gamma}{dt}}_{\text{Heat released/absorbed}} + \underbrace{H_{vap} \frac{\partial(\varepsilon^l \rho^l)}{\partial t} + H_{vap} \frac{l \rightarrow Hs}{M} - H_{vap} \nabla \cdot \left[ \rho^l \frac{k_{rel}^l \mathbf{k}}{\mu^l} \nabla(p^s - p^c) \right]}_{\text{Terms related to evaporation/condensation}}$$

## Linear momentum balance equation:

$$\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{t}}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \mathbf{g} = 0$$

Primary variables:  $p^g$   $p^c$   $T$   $\mathbf{u}$   
Int. variables:  $\Gamma$   $D$

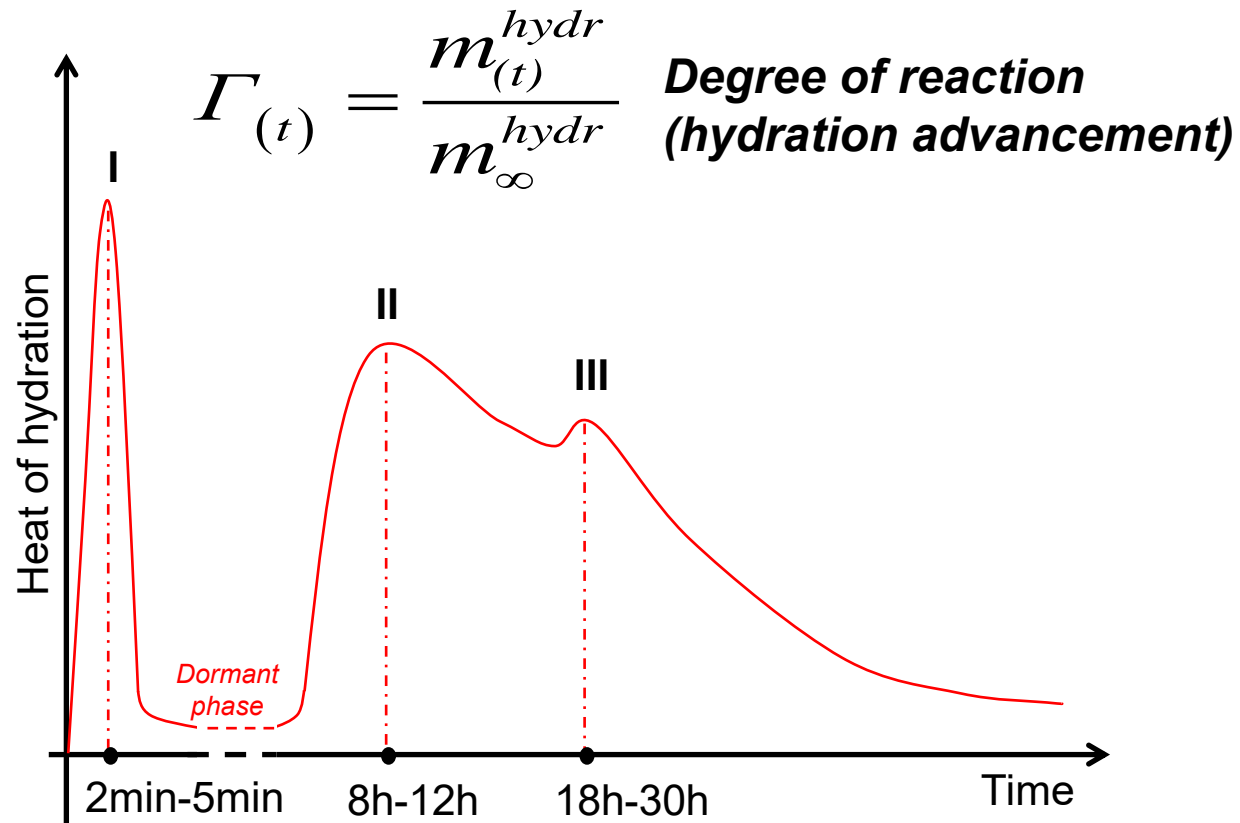


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- Explicit introduction of Powers model. This reduce model complexity and parameters;
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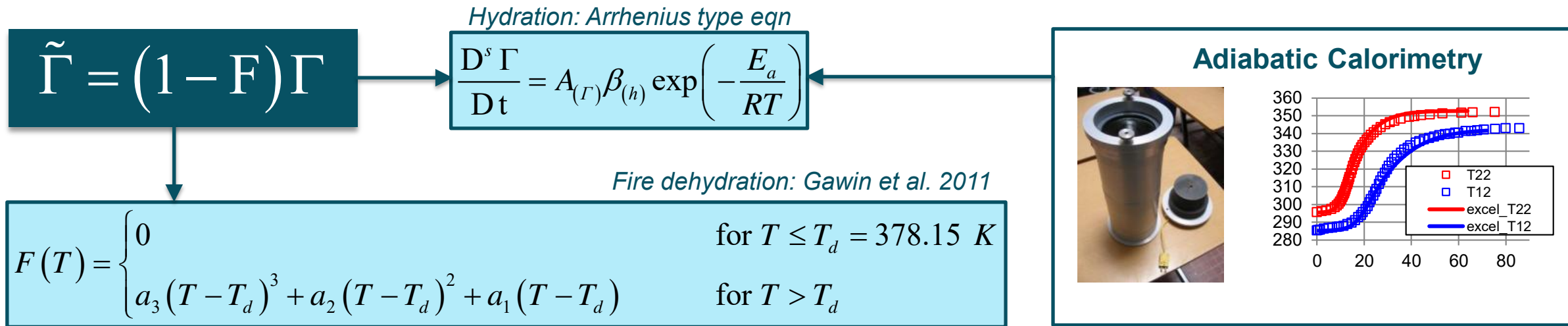
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## Unified model for hydration / fire dehydration

- The hydration degree is an internal variable of the model

# The hydration & dehydration model

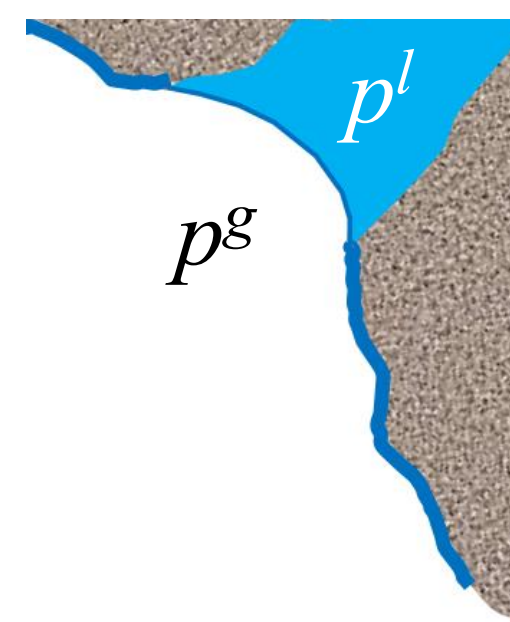


*Coupled evolution model  
(equivalent hydr. degree) :*

$$\frac{D^s \tilde{\Gamma}}{Dt} = \underbrace{(1 - F) \frac{D^s \Gamma}{Dt}}_{\text{Hydration}} - \underbrace{\Gamma \frac{D^s F}{Dt}}_{\text{Fire dehydration}}$$

*Irreversibility of fire dehydration:*

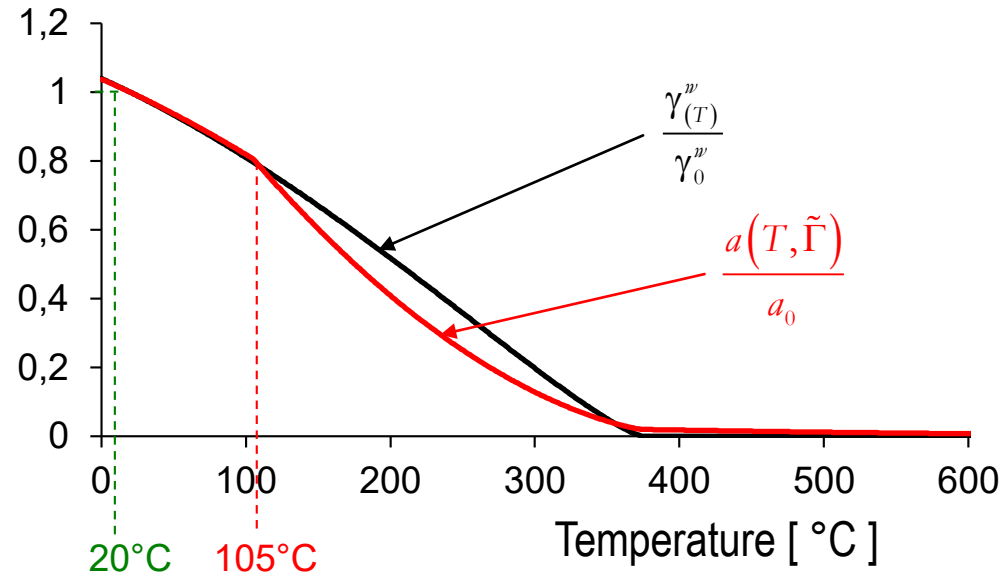
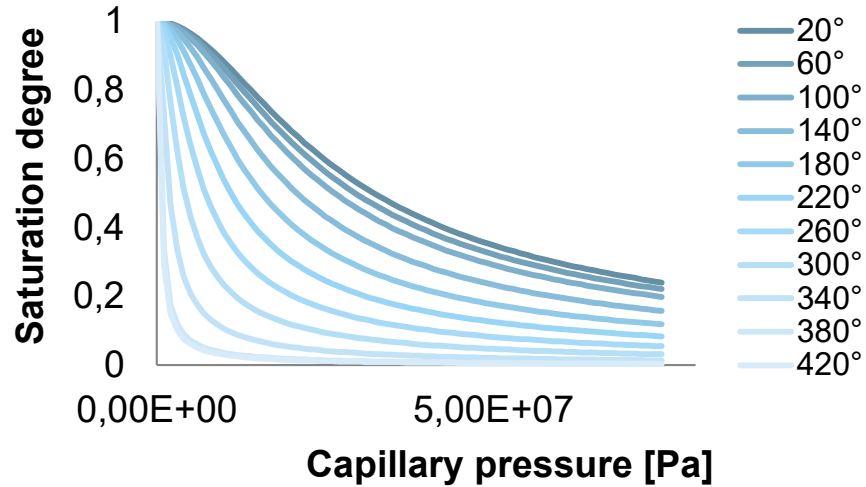
$$\frac{D^s F}{Dt} = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial F(T)}{\partial T} \left\langle \frac{D^s T}{Dt} \right\rangle_+ & \text{for } T(t) \geq T_{\max}(t) \\ 0 & \text{for } T(t) < T_{\max}(t) \end{cases}$$



# $p^c - S^l$ relationship

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# $p^c - S^l$ relationship: the dehydration process



$$S^l = \left[ \left( \frac{p^c}{a(T, \tilde{\Gamma})} \right)^{\frac{b}{b-1}} + 1 \right]^{-\frac{1}{b}}$$

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## Previous law

$$S = \left[ \left( \frac{E}{a} p^c \right)^{\frac{b}{b-1}} + 1 \right]^{(-1/b)}$$

$a = \text{constant}$  if  $T \leq 100^\circ\text{C}$ ,

$$a = (Q_3 - Q_2) \left[ 2 \left( \frac{T - T_b}{T_{crit} - T_b} \right)^3 - 3 \left( \frac{T - T_b}{T_{crit} - T_b} \right)^2 + 1 \right] + Q_2 \quad \text{if } T > 100^\circ\text{C}$$

*Effect of solid cement matrix dehydration*

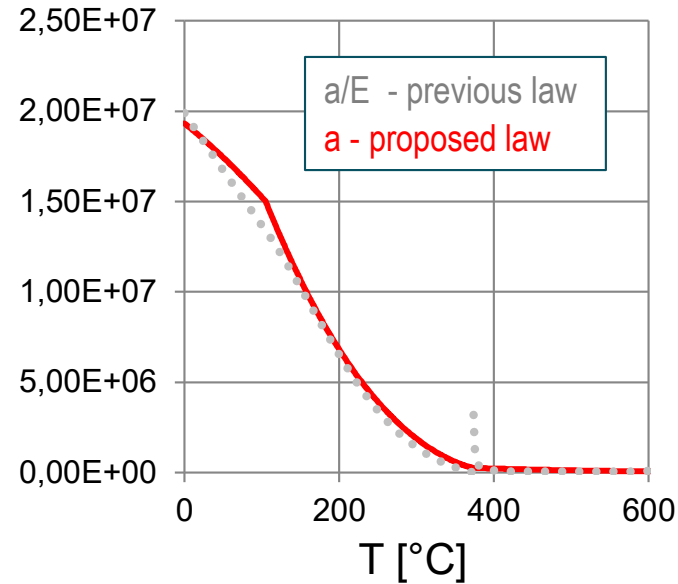
$$E = \left[ \frac{T_{crit} - T_0}{T_{crit} - T} \right]^N \quad \text{if } T < T_{crit},$$

$$E = \frac{N}{z} E_0 T + \left[ E_0 - \frac{N}{z} E_0 (T_{crit} - z) \right] \quad \text{if } T \geq T_{crit},$$

*Effect of temperature on surface tension of water*

Extension of Van Genuchten model  
(in which  $E_0 = 1$  and  $a = a_0 = \text{const.}$ )

*Giannuzzi (2000) - ENEA private communication*

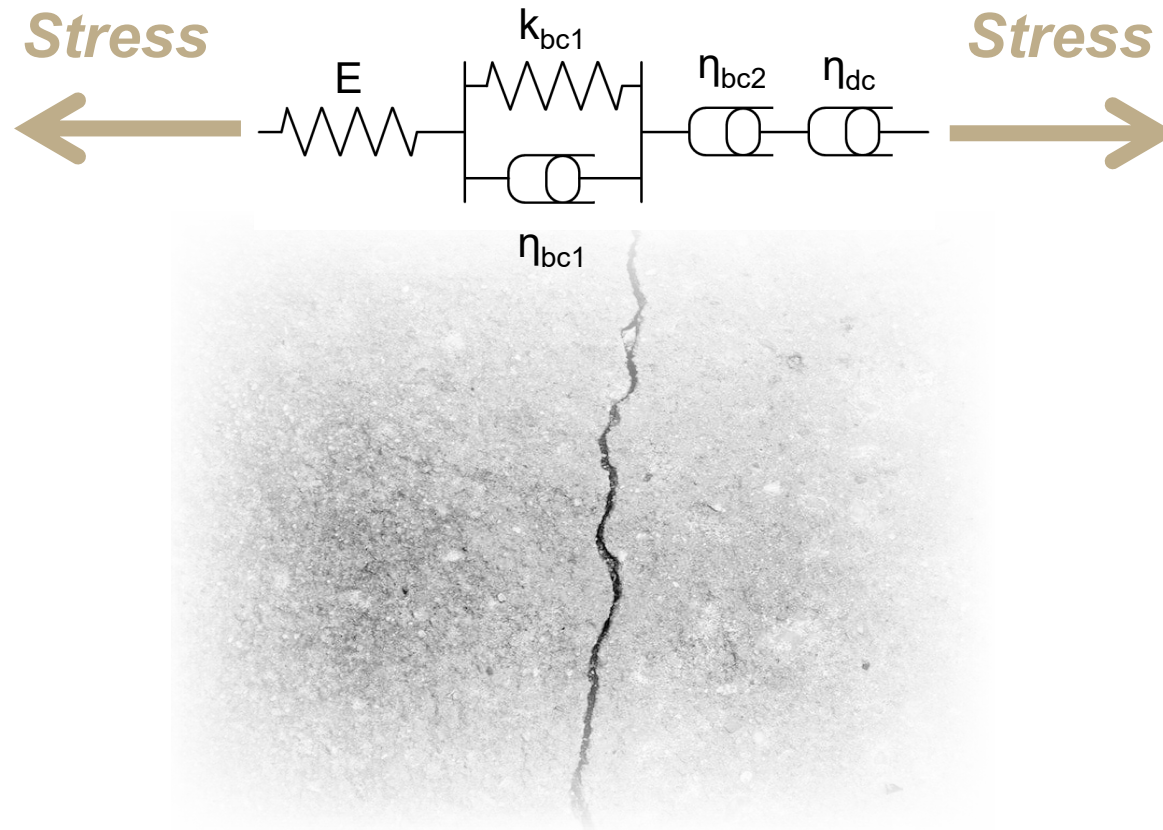


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**Big advantage:**  
irreversibility of matrix  
dehydration properly  
accounted

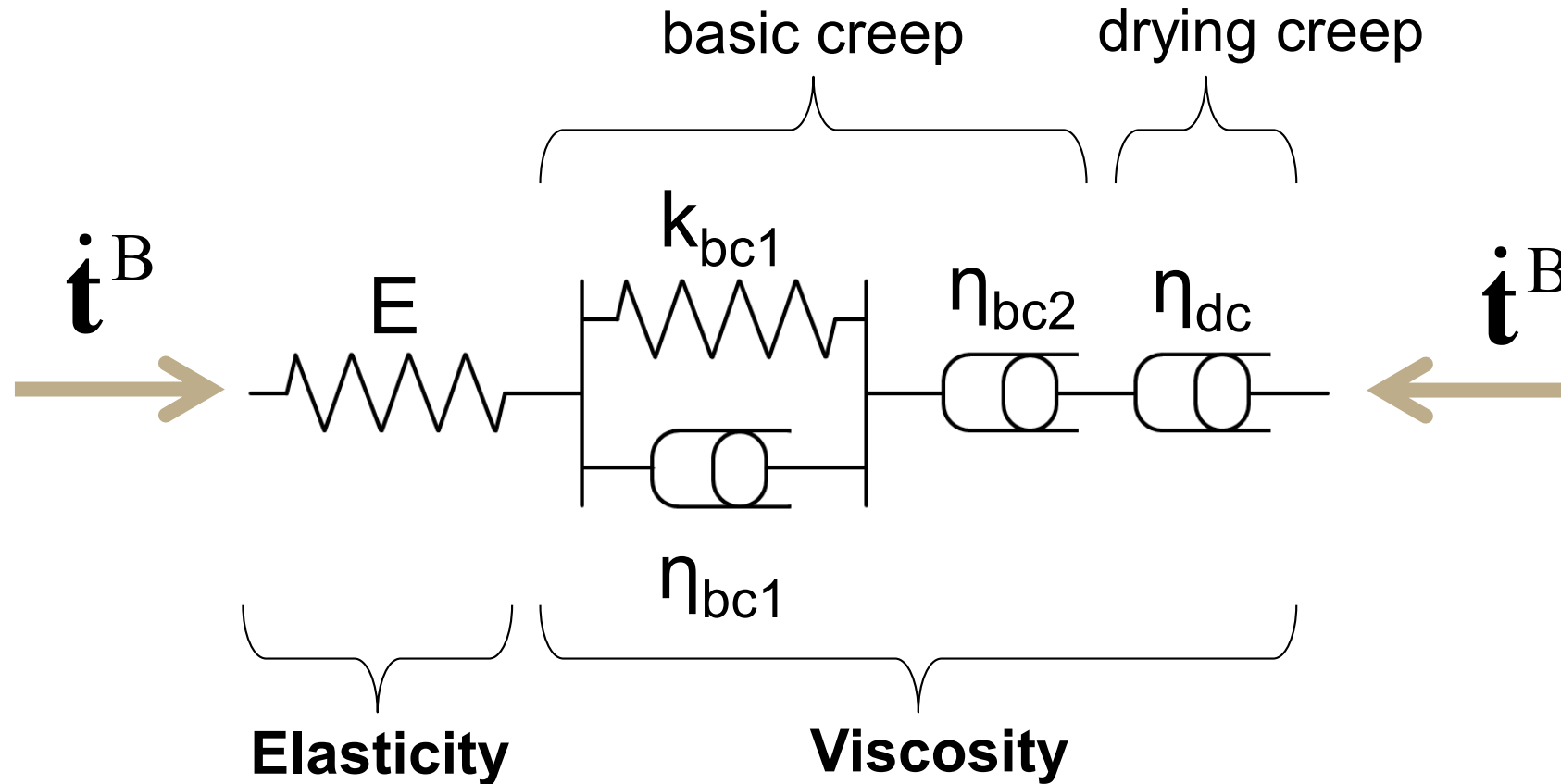


## Mechanical viscoelastic-damage model

- Accounting for hydration degree and hygro-thermal strains



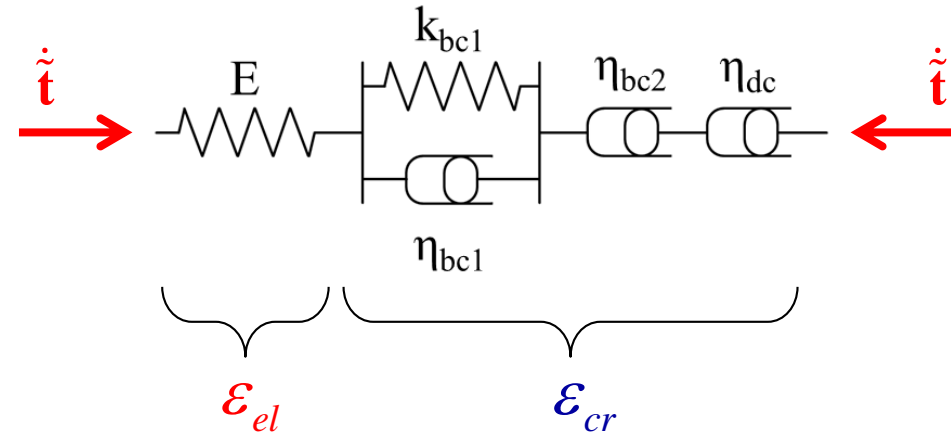
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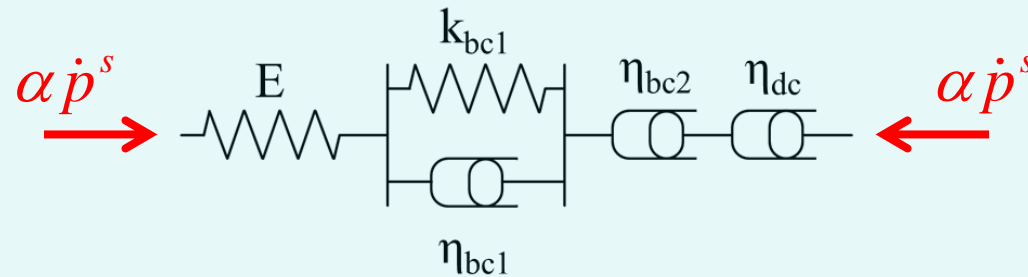
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$\tilde{\mathbf{t}}$  is the real stress  
(in the sense of  
damage mechanics):

$$\mathbf{t} = (1 - D) \tilde{\mathbf{t}}$$



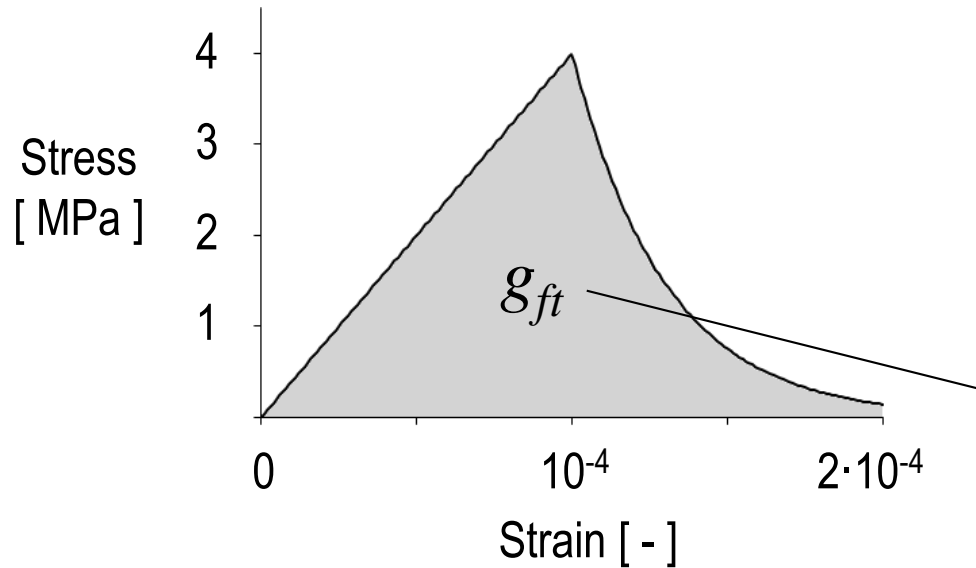
**Shrinkage** computed consistently  
with the effective stress principle of  
porous media mechanics.



$$\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{t}}} = \mathbf{E}_{(\Gamma)} \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{el} = \mathbf{E}_{(\Gamma)} \left( \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{th} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{cr} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{sh} \right)$$

# The damage model

## Tensile branch of the t-e relationship



$$D = 1 - \frac{\varepsilon_0}{\hat{\varepsilon}} \exp\left[-B_t (\hat{\varepsilon} - \varepsilon_0)\right]$$

$$\mathbf{t} = (1 - D) \tilde{\mathbf{t}}$$

$$g_{ft} = \int_0^\infty t d\varepsilon = f_t \left( \frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} + \frac{1}{B_t} \right) \quad \left[ \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \right]$$

## Equivalent strain

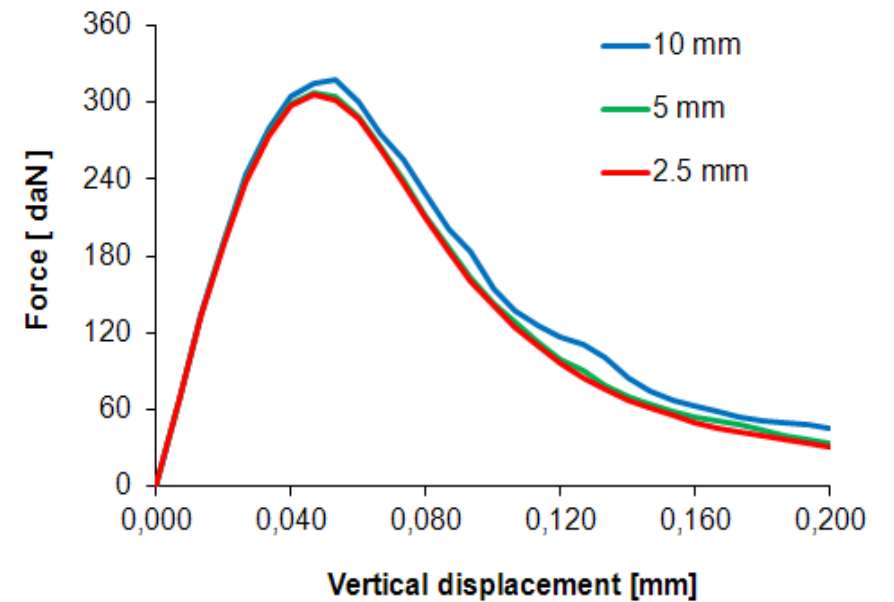
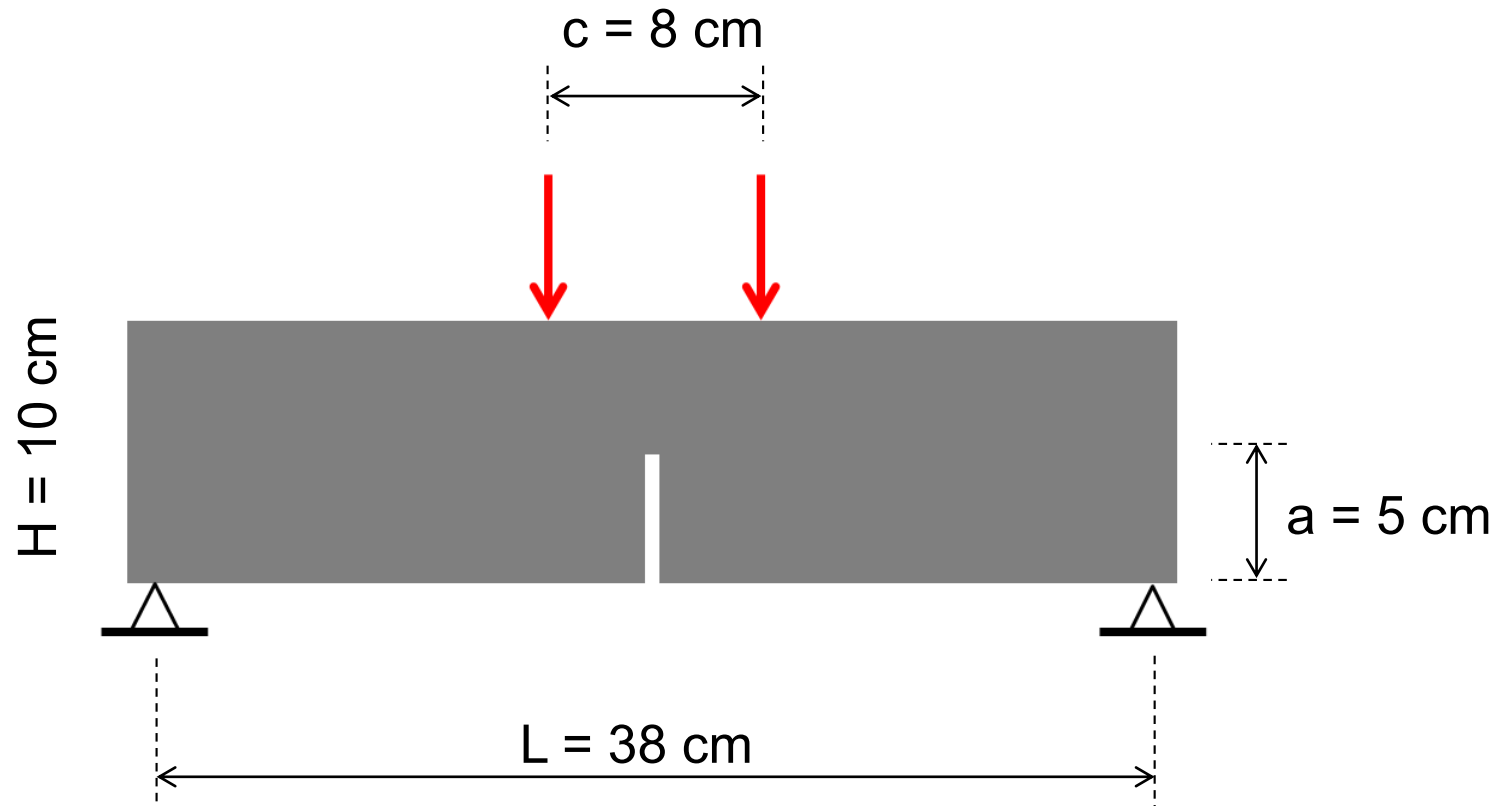
$$\hat{\varepsilon} = \sqrt{\langle \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{el} \rangle_+ : \langle \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{el} \rangle_+ + \psi \langle \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{cr} \rangle_+ : \langle \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{cr} \rangle_+}$$

## Regularization

$$g_{ft} = \frac{G_{ft}}{l_c} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{fracture energy} \\ \text{finite element} \\ \text{characteristic length} \end{array} \quad B_t = \frac{f_t}{G_{ft} - \frac{f_t^2}{2E}} l_c$$

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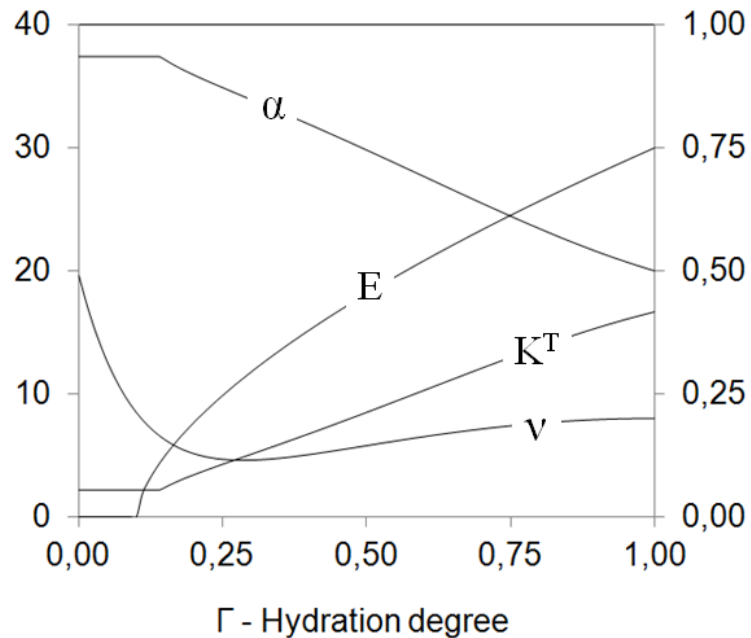
## Four points bending test



# Mechanical properties vs hydration degree

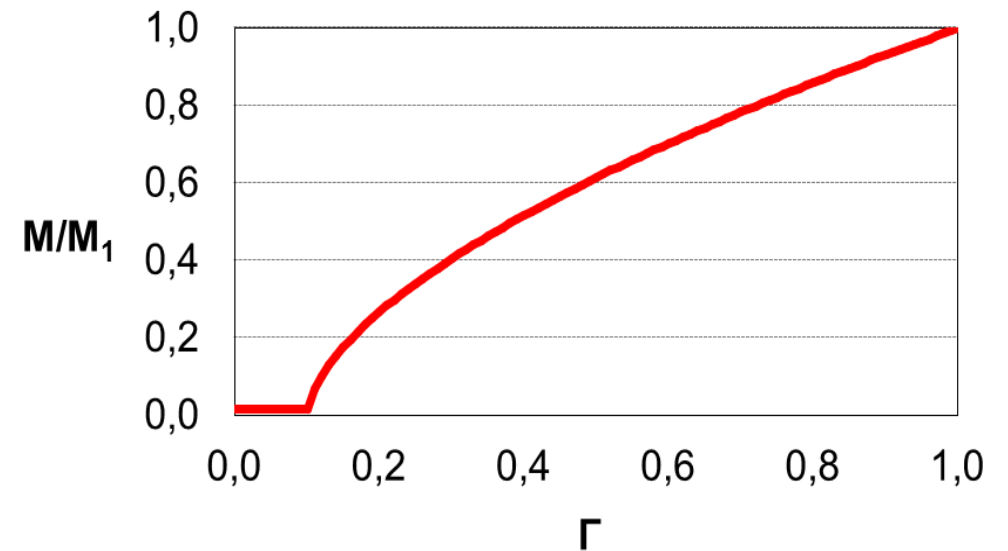
Young's and Bulk moduli [GPa]

Poisson's ratio & Biot coeff.



De Schutter type equation:

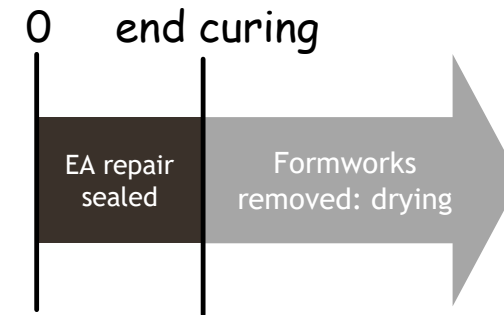
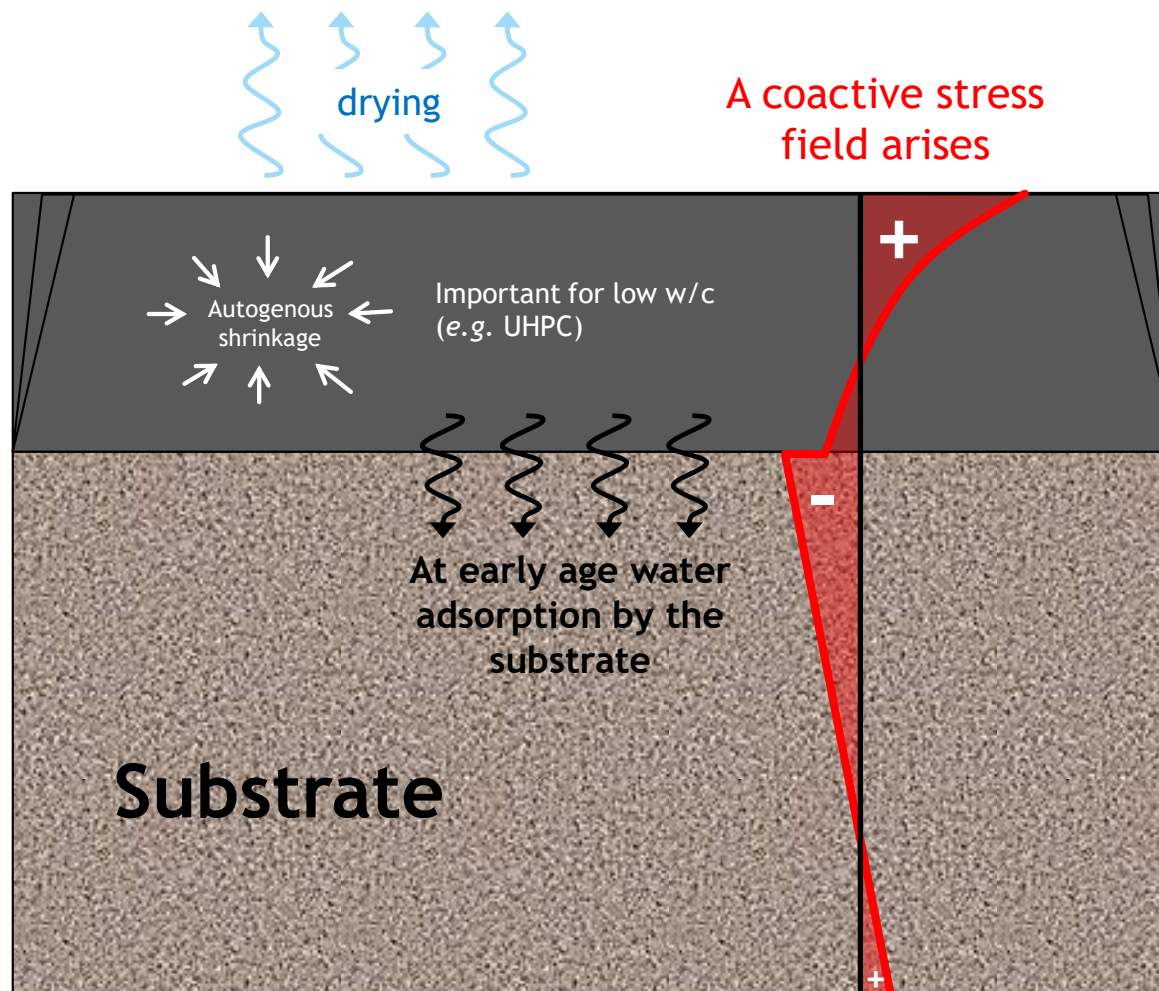
$$\frac{M(\Gamma)}{M_1} = \left\langle \frac{\Gamma - \Gamma_0}{1 - \Gamma_0} \right\rangle_+^{\gamma_M}$$



# Applications cases

- Modeling of a repaired beam
- Wall exposed to high temperature

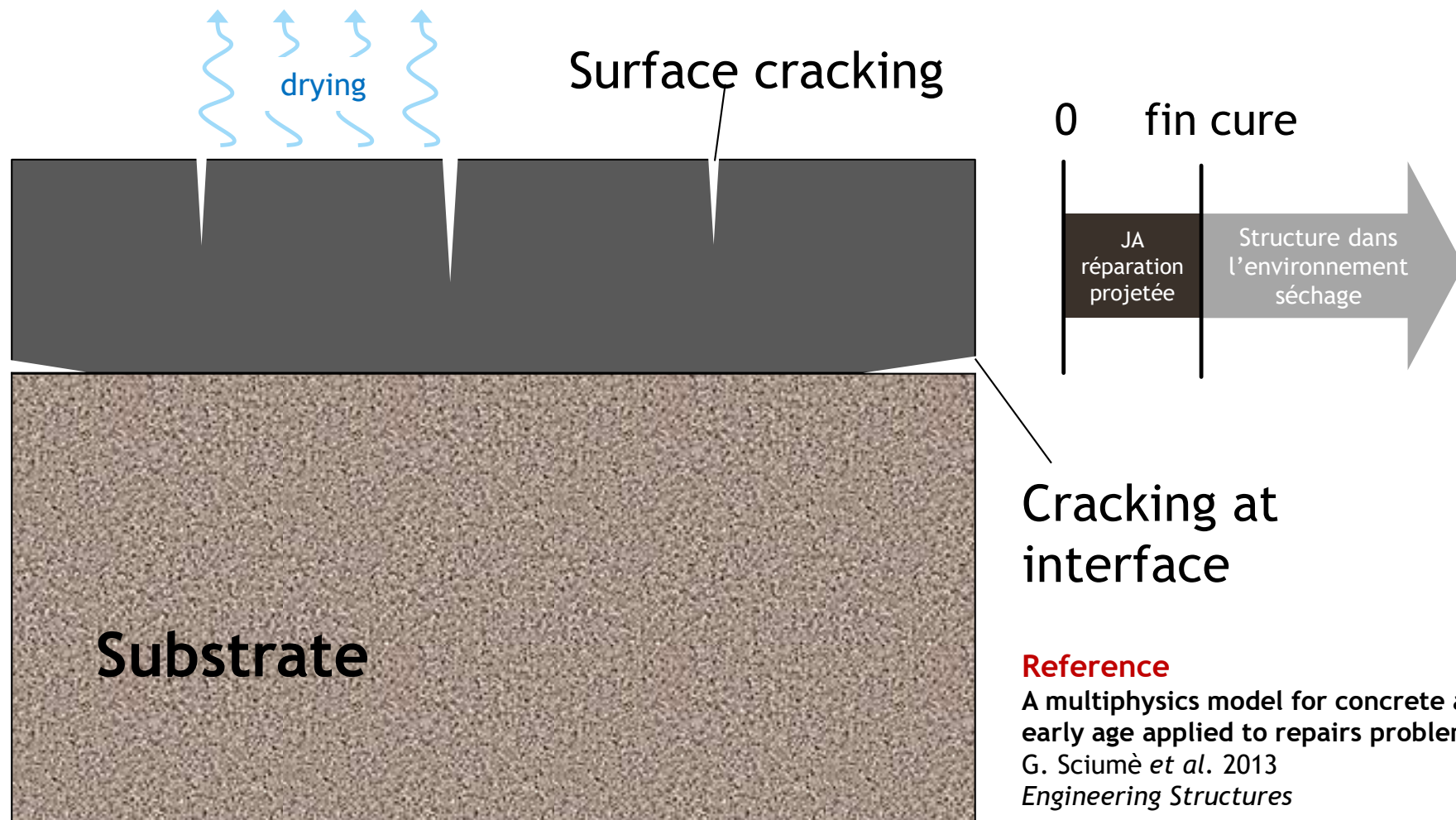
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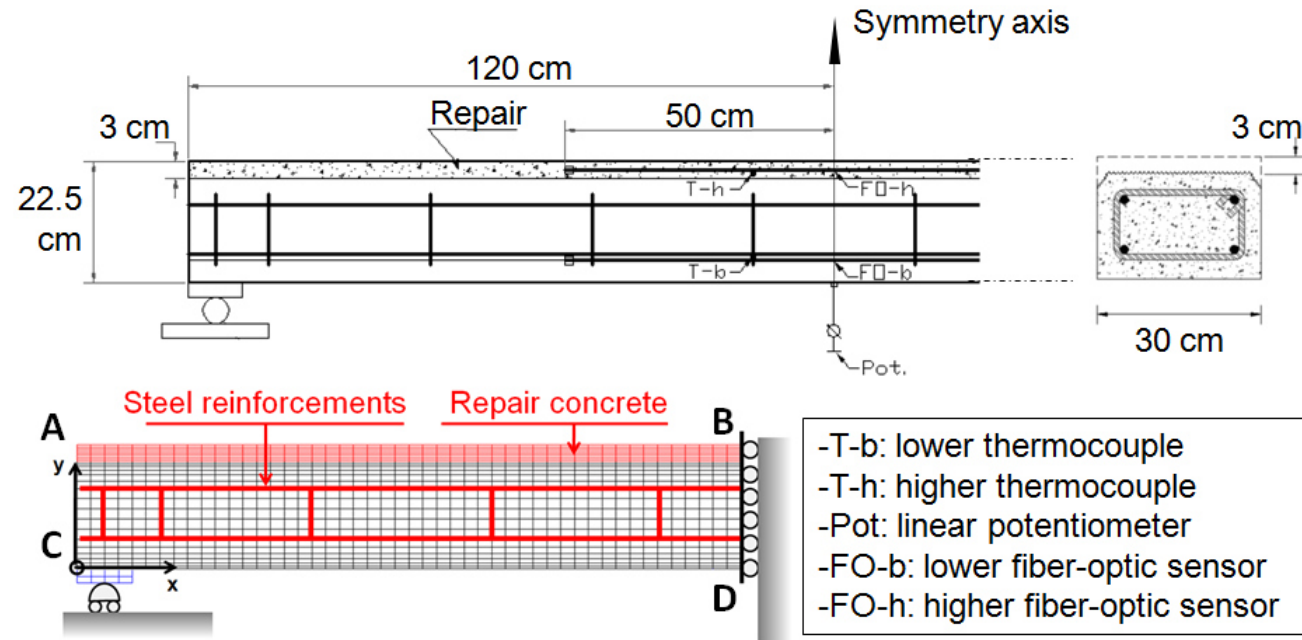


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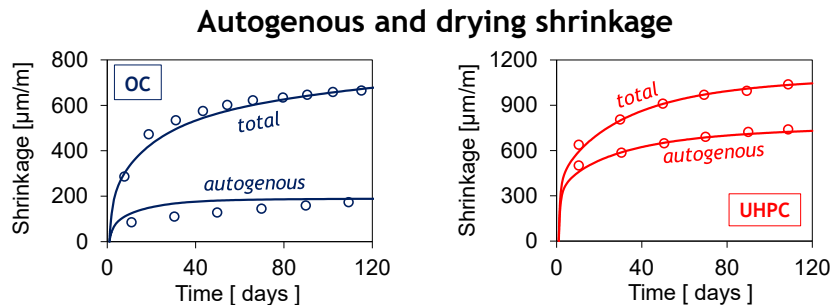
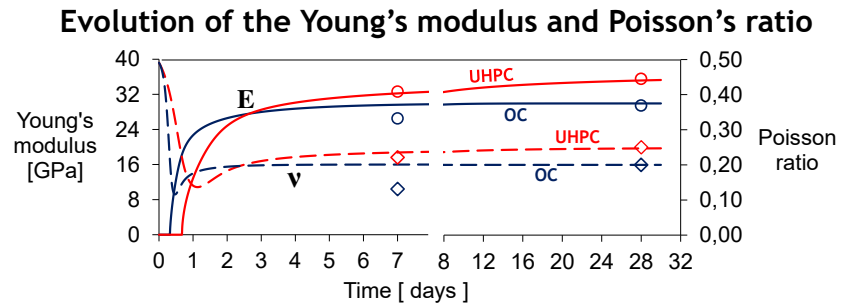
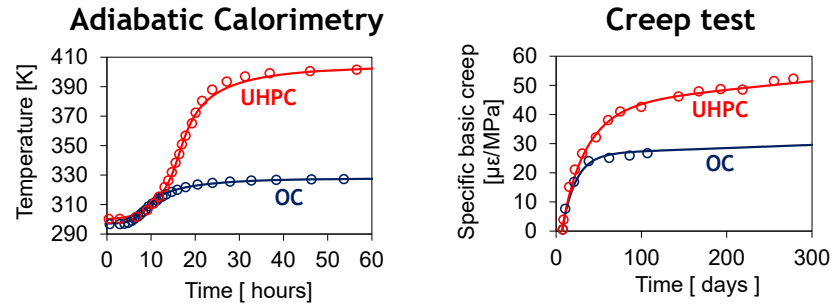


Three identical reinforced beams\* are considered. Two of these beams, after the hydrodemolition of 30 mm of the upper part, had been repaired: one using the **ordinary concrete (OC)** and the other using the **ultra-high performance fiber reinforced concrete (UHPC)**. The third beam is the reference specimen.

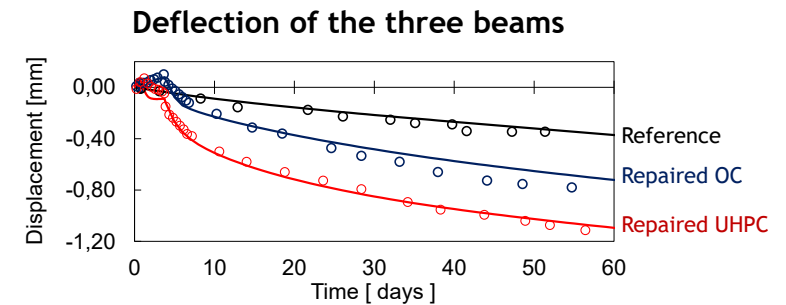
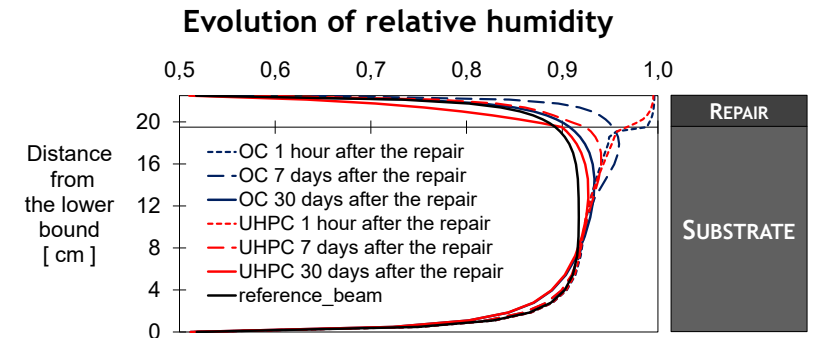
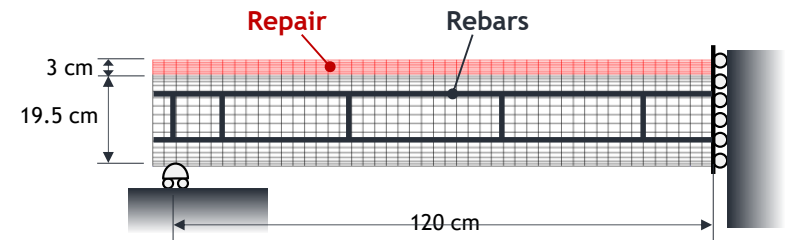
\*These repaired beams are real cases analyzed experimentally by Bastien Masse (2010).

# Modeling of a repaired beam

## Identification of the input parameters



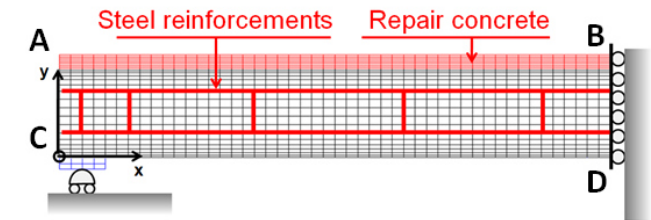
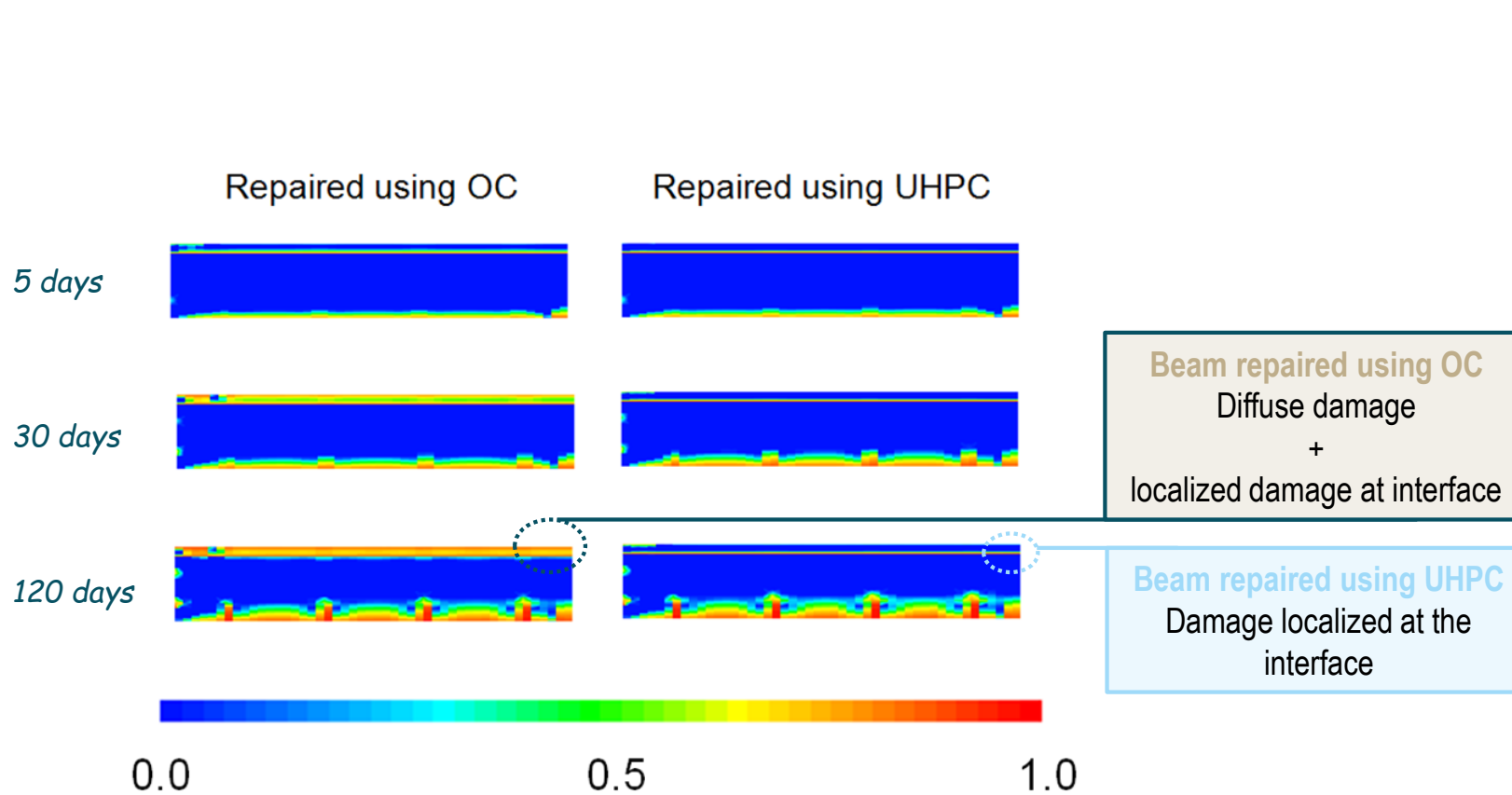
## Modeling of the three repaired beams



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## Damage evolution

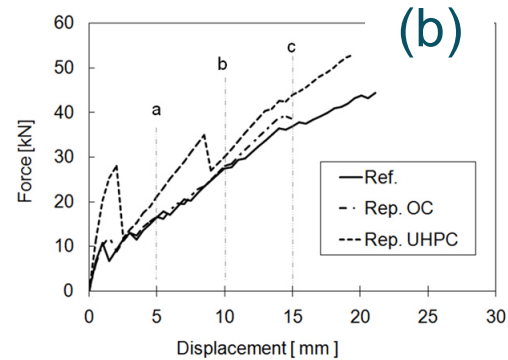
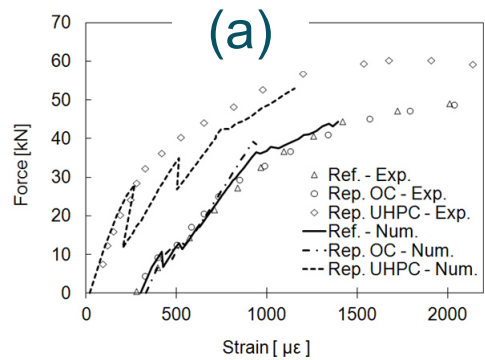
Damage at 5 days, at 30 days and at 120 days after the repair of two of the beams .



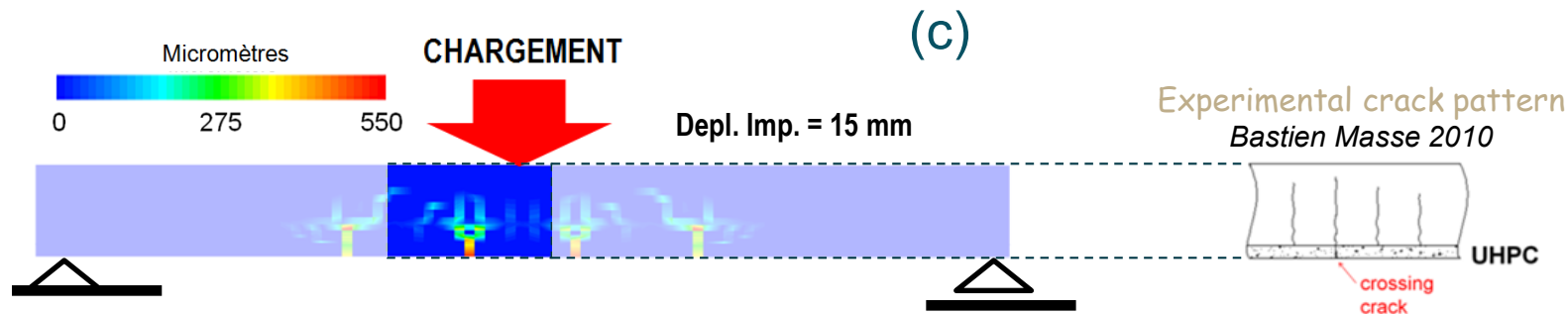
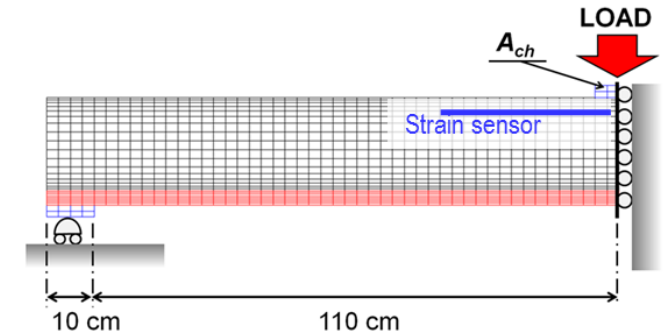
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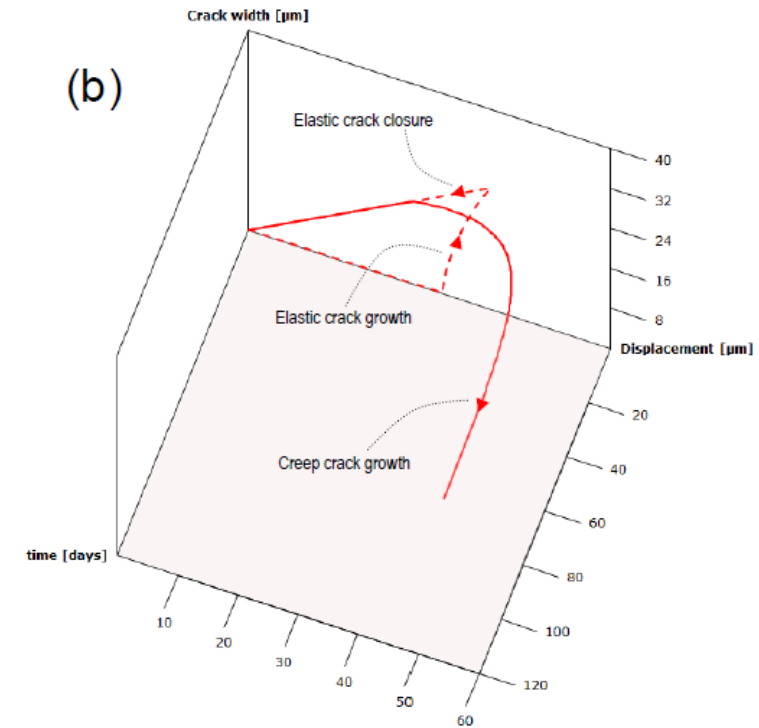
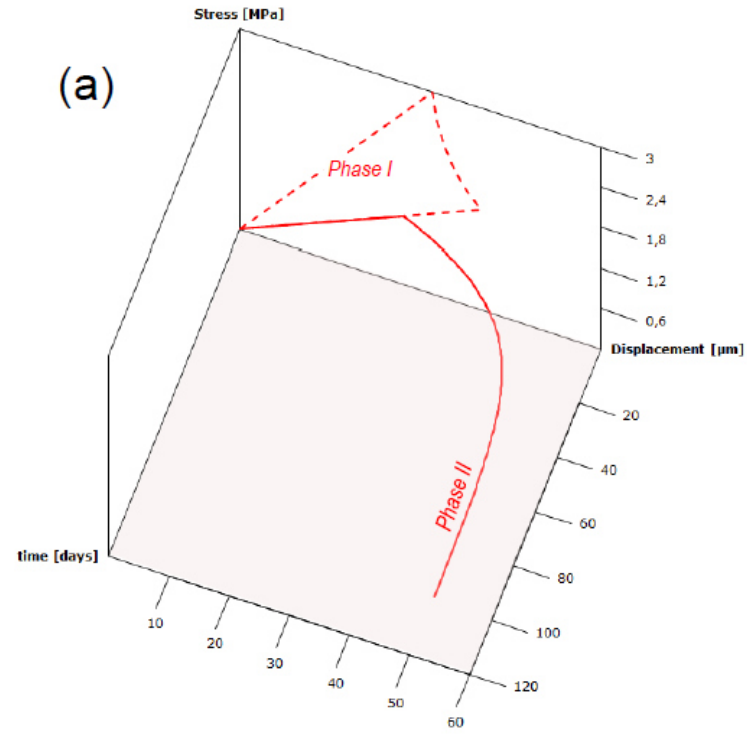
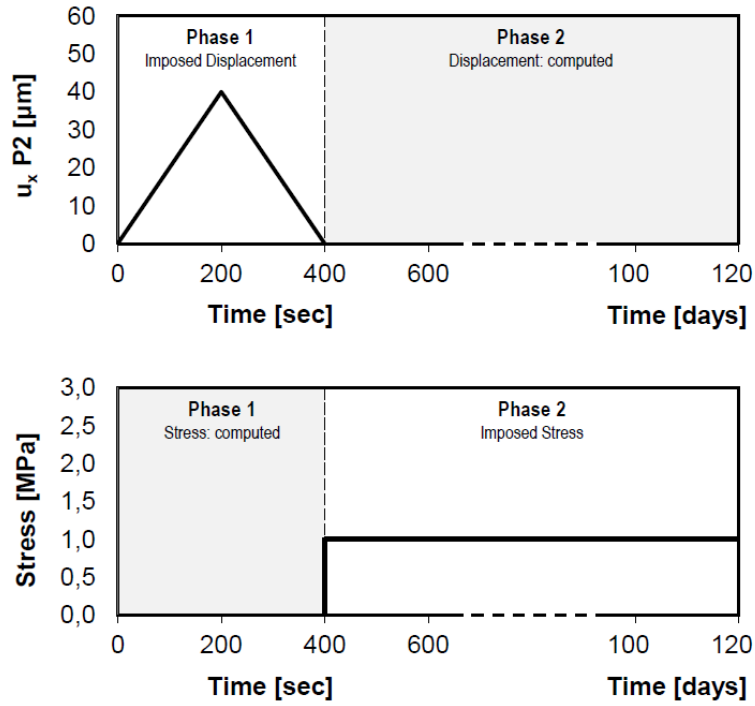
Force/strain, force/displacement and crack opening.



Force versus averaged strain of the compressed fiber (a); force versus displacement curves (numerical results) (b); crack width (c).



# Regarding the crack opening (generalization of OUVFISS)



Sciumè G., Benboudjema F. (2017) A viscoelastic Unitary Crack-Opening strain tensor for crack width assessment in fractured concrete structures. MECHANICS OF TIME-DEPENDENT MATERIALS, 21(2): 223–243

# Concrete wall exposed to high temperature

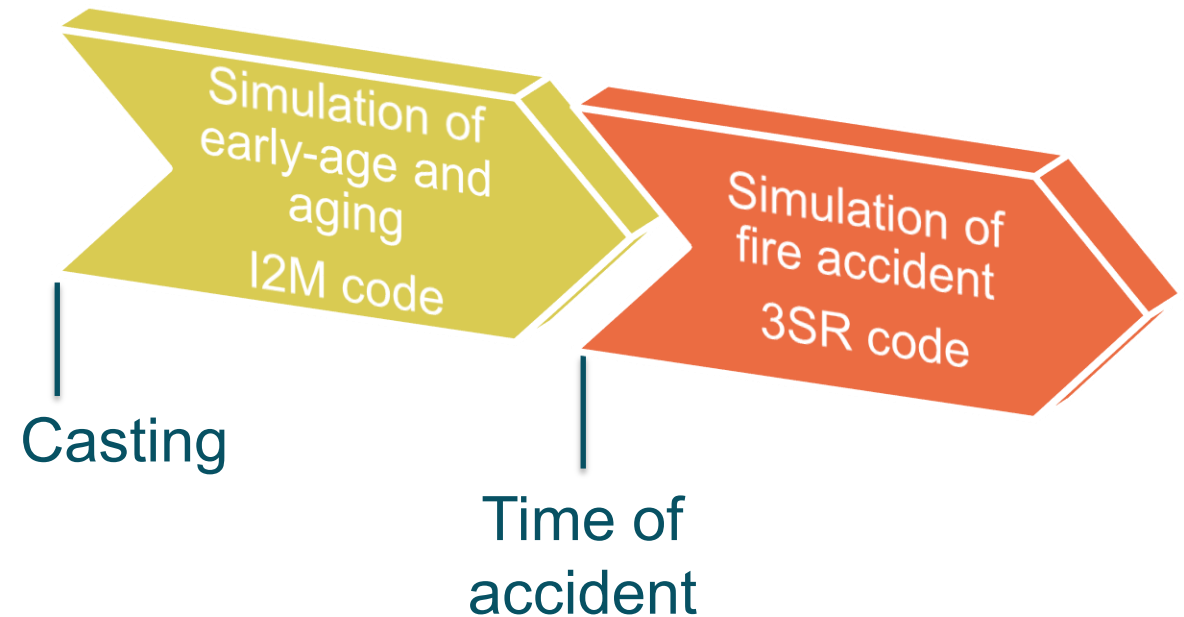
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## Initial idea:

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#### Problems

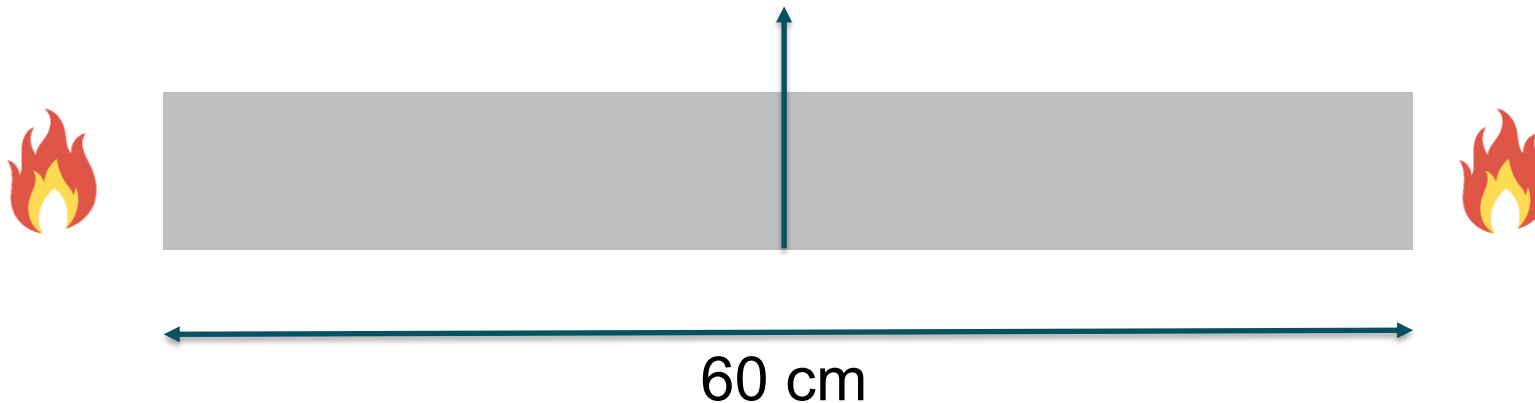
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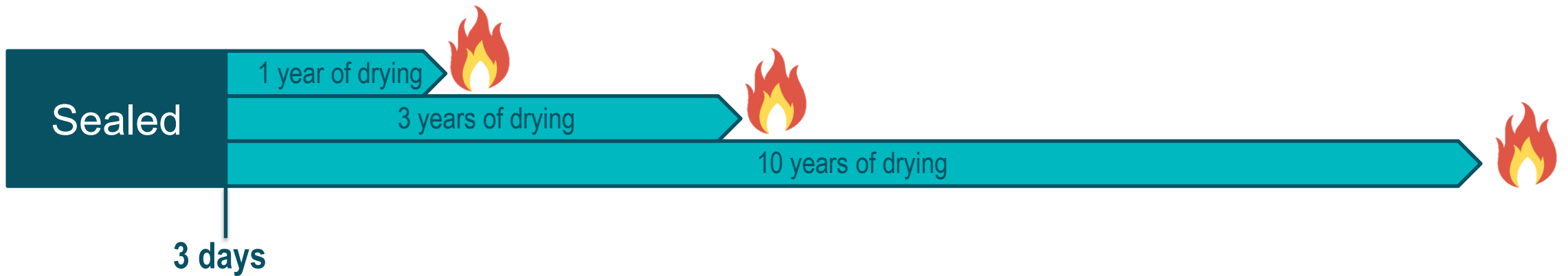
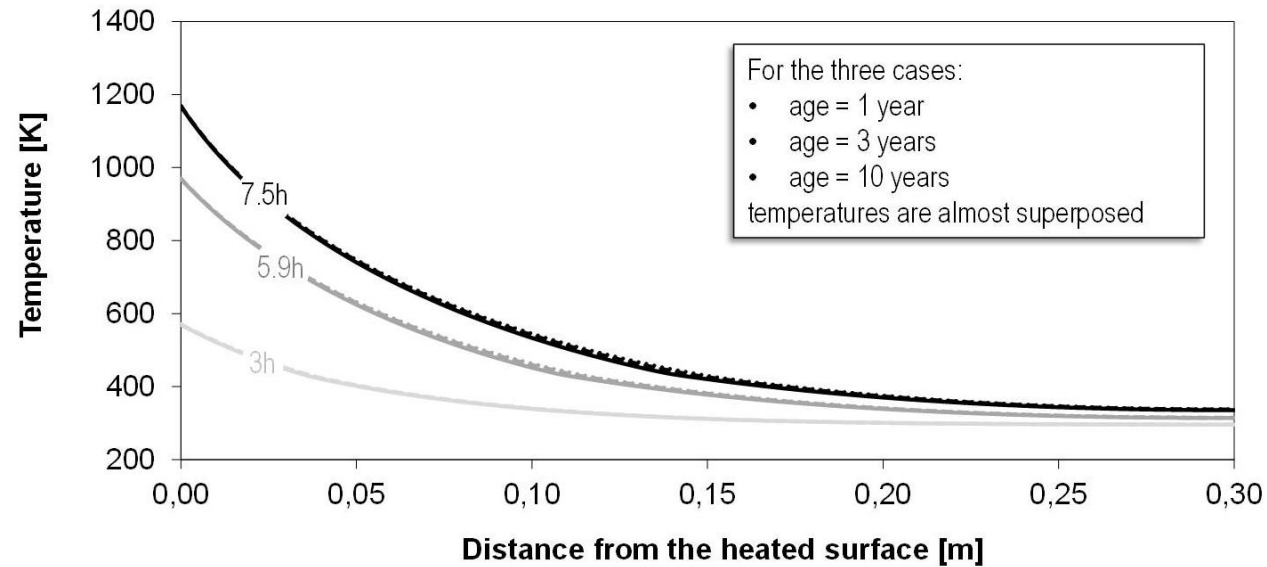
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## LOW RATE HEATING (2 K/MIN) FOR A 60-CM WALL

- ❖ A 1-dimensional case is simulated numerically to analyse and quantify the impact of age on the computed results;
- ❖ A 60-cm wall exposed from both sides to heating is modelled;
- ❖ The concrete is the OC adopted for the COST Action TU1404 benchmark, its water to cement ratio is of 0.45.

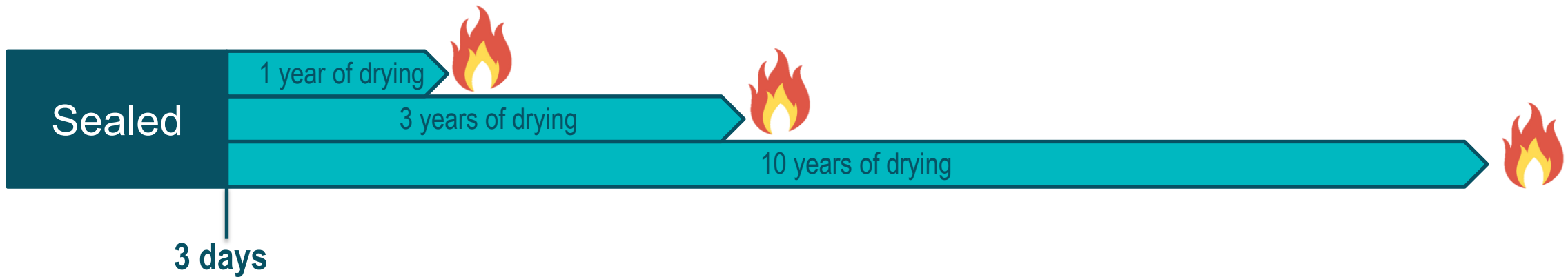
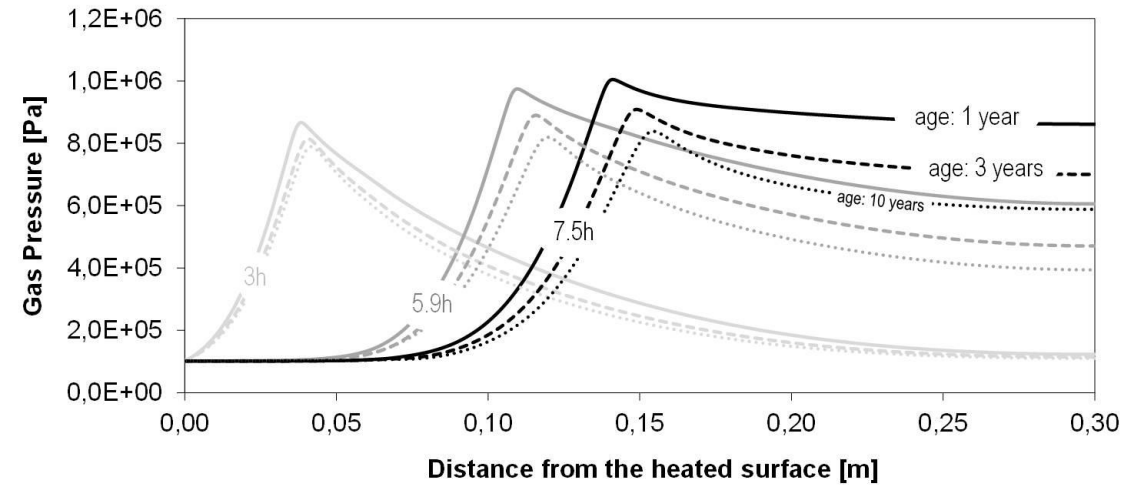
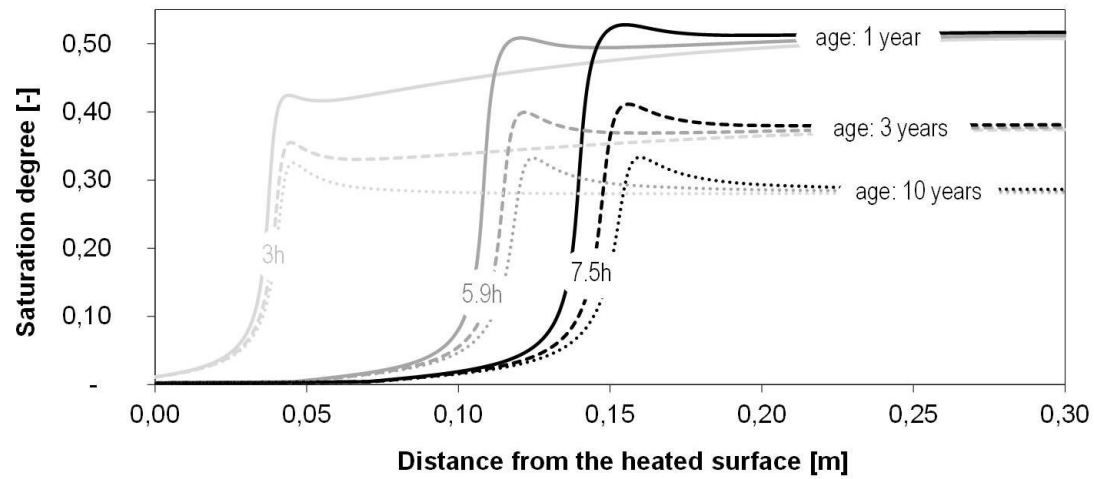


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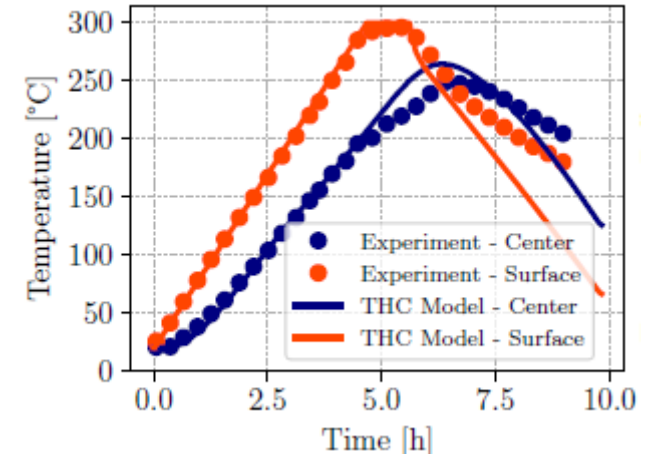
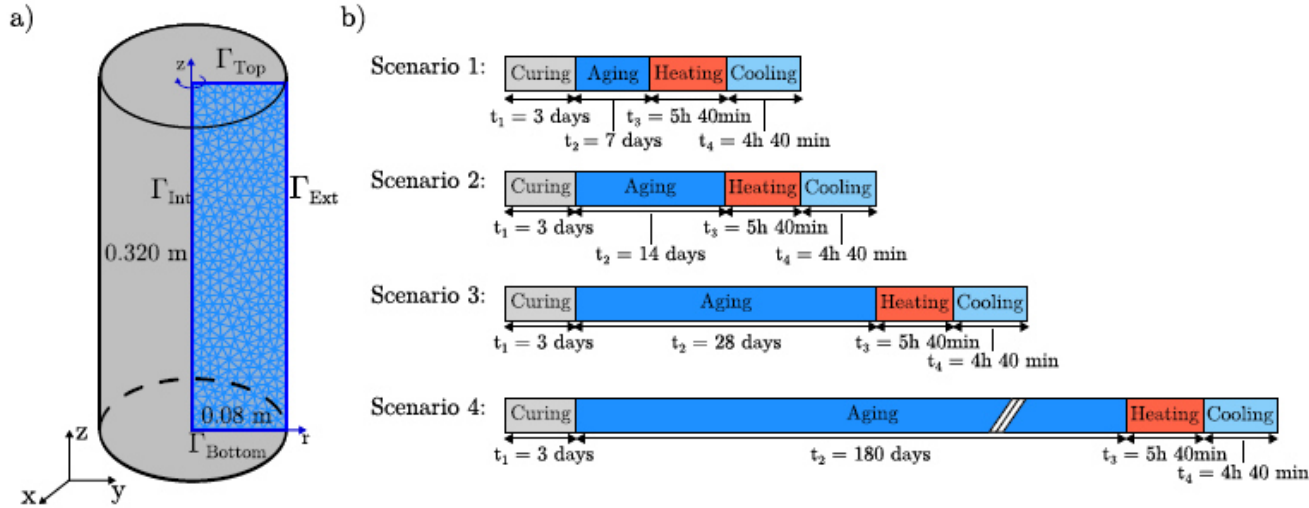




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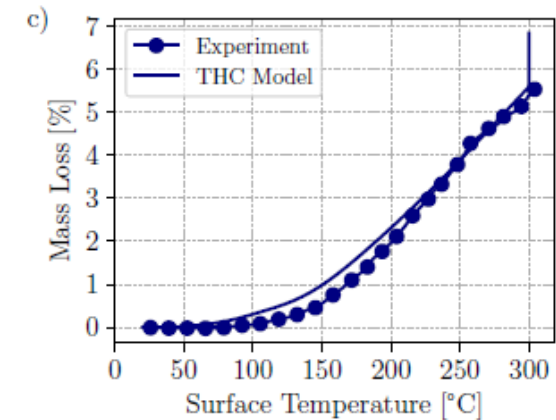


# Concrete cylinder exposed to high temperature



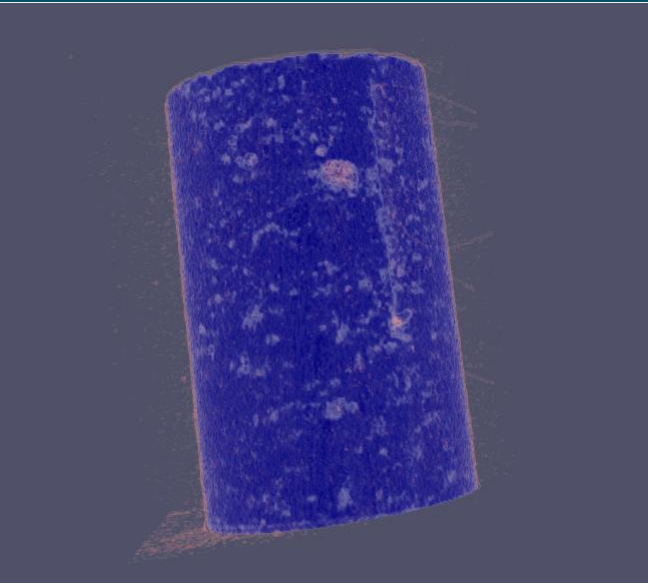
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	Boundary Conditions Curing:	Boundary Conditions Aging:	Boundary Conditions Heating:	Boundary Conditions Cooling:
$\Gamma_{Top}$	$q = h_T(T - T_\infty)$ $J_s \cdot n = 0$ $J_v \cdot n = 0$	$q = h_T(T - T_\infty)$ $P_g = 101325 \text{ Pa}$ $J_v \cdot n = h_g(\rho_v - \rho_v^*(RH=0.8))$	$T = T_{heater}(t)$ $P_g = 101325 \text{ Pa}$ $J_v \cdot n = h_g(\rho_v - \rho_v^*(RH=0.5))$	$q = h_T(T - T_\infty) + \epsilon\sigma(T^4 - T_\infty^4)$ $P_g = 101325 \text{ Pa}$ $J_v \cdot n = h_g(\rho_v - \rho_v^*(RH=0.5))$
$\Gamma_{Ext}$	$q = h_T(T - T_\infty)$ $J_s \cdot n = 0$ $J_v \cdot n = 0$	$q = h_T(T - T_\infty)$ $P_g = 101325 \text{ Pa}$ $J_v \cdot n = h_g(\rho_v - \rho_v^*(RH=0.8))$	$T = T_{heater}(t)$ $P_g = 101325 \text{ Pa}$ $J_v \cdot n = h_g(\rho_v - \rho_v^*(RH=0.5))$	$q = h_T(T - T_\infty) + \epsilon\sigma(T^4 - T_\infty^4)$ $P_g = 101325 \text{ Pa}$ $J_v \cdot n = h_g(\rho_v - \rho_v^*(RH=0.5))$
$\Gamma_{Bottom}$	$q = h_T(T - T_\infty)$ $J_s \cdot n = 0$ $J_v \cdot n = 0$	$q = h_T(T - T_\infty)$ $P_g = 101325 \text{ Pa}$ $J_v \cdot n = h_g(\rho_v - \rho_v^*(RH=0.8))$	$T = T_{heater}(t)$ $P_g = 101325 \text{ Pa}$ $J_v \cdot n = h_g(\rho_v - \rho_v^*(RH=0.5))$	$q = h_T(T - T_\infty) + \epsilon\sigma(T^4 - T_\infty^4)$ $P_g = 101325 \text{ Pa}$ $J_v \cdot n = h_g(\rho_v - \rho_v^*(RH=0.5))$
$\Gamma_{Int}$	$q = 0$ $J_s \cdot n = 0$ $J_v \cdot n = 0$	$q = 0$ $J_s \cdot n = 0$ $J_v \cdot n = 0$	$q = 0$ $J_s \cdot n = 0$ $J_v \cdot n = 0$	$q = 0$ $J_s \cdot n = 0$ $J_v \cdot n = 0$



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# Conclusions



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Modèle bientôt disponible sur Cast3M :

- Partie THC : matériau dans la formulation THERMO-HYDRIQUE
- Partie MEC : évolution de l'actuel FLUTRA;

Thank you for your attention !

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