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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Concrete Degradation Modeling: Every concrete degradation mechanism is preceded by transport and reaction within the hardened cement paste phase of the concrete. The computer program 4sight is a transport and reaction model that was developed for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to facilitate performance assessment of underground low level nuclear waste disposal sites. 4sight incorporates the relevant physics and chemistry of acid attack, leaching, corrosion of the steel reinforcement, and sulfate attack. Furthermore, these degradation mechanisms are allowed to occur simultaneously, thereby incorporating synergistic effects.

Atomic Scale Studies of C-S-H: Amorphous calcium silicate hydrate (C-S-H) is the binding phase in concrete, and it can have an overwhelming effect on the chemical properties of the concrete. An atomic scale description of C-S-H is needed to advance our understanding of its chemical and visco-elastic properties. Toward this end, molecular dynamics (MD) and quasi-elastic neutron scattering (QENS) are used to characterize the dynamics of hydrogen atoms in crystalline (known atomic structure) calcium silicate/aluminate hydrates. Ultimately, the knowledge gained from this will be used to develop an atomic scale representation for C-S-H.

Transport Coefficient: The 4sight transport equation separates chemical properties from physical properties. The self-diffusion coefficient and electrochemical mobility of individual ions can be found in reference books. The tortuous path ions must take through the microstructure can be characterized by the formation factor, a material parameter that characterizes the ratio of the length of the tortuous path through the microstructure to the length of the physical specimen. The formation factor can be determined independently from the ratio of the pore fluid conductivity to the bulk (pore fluid plus solid) conductivity. This single parameter can characterize diffusive transport for an arbitrary number of ionic species in solution. Ongoing experiments are being developed to validate this.

Entrained Air Void Characterization: The entrainment of small (5 μm – 300 μm) air voids in the cement paste phase of concrete is the most reliable means of ensuring that concrete can be immune to the effects of freezing and thawing. More specifically, the proper combination of total void volume and air void diameter distribution is required. Presently, the only standardized means of characterizing these parameters is the ASTM C 457 linear probe analysis of air voids in hardened cement paste and concrete. Although the test can be an accurate measure of total void volume, it yields a poor characterization of the air diameter distribution. Techniques are being developed to use ASTM C 457 data to validate the hypothesis that the air void diameter distribution is lognormal. Moreover, the technique may one day be used to distinguish between entrained and entrapped air voids, and to determine how well the ASTM C 457 test was performed.

HONORS

1. American Society of Civil Engineers
   Materials Engineering Division
   Best Basic Research Paper, 1992
   (with K. Natesaiyer and K. Hover)

2. American Concrete Institute
   National Capital Chapter
   1995 Outstanding Accomplishment Award
   (with L. Kaetzel and J. Clifton)

SERVICE

- Committees:

  RILEM IDC: "Internal Damage of Concrete due to Frost Action"

  RILEM FLM: "Modelling of Life Time of Concrete under different types of Frost and De-Icing Salt Attack"

  RILEM PAE: "Performance of Cement-based Materials in Aggressive Aqueous Environments."

  ASTM C 09.65: (Petrography) - Lead Task Group to develop uncertainty expression for standard method ASTM C 457.

- Lecturer for ACBM/NIST Computer Modeling Workshop, 1991–present.
- **Referee:** *Cement and Concrete Research*, *Physical Review A/B*, *Annalen der Physik*, *Materials and Structures*, *ASCE Journal of Materials*, *Journal of Physics IV*, *Journal of Thermophysics and Heat Transfer*.
- **Reviewer:** National Science Foundation (DMR), Advanced Technology Program (U.S. Department of Commerce), National Academy of Sciences, Swiss National Science Foundation, Office of Energy Research (U.S. Department of Energy), American Chemical Society.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Stereology: "The Stereological and Statistical Properties of Entrained Air Voids in Concrete: A Mathematical Basis for Air Void System Characterization," by K.A. Snyder, K. Natesaiyer, and K.C. Hover, appears in *Materials Science of Concrete VI*, pp. 129–214, (Skalny and Mindess, editors), published by the American Ceramic Society in 2001. The chapter summarizes techniques for air void characterization: uncertainty in standard method ASTM C 457 measurements; the relationship between planar and linear probe data and the air void radius distribution; thin section data analysis; the geometrical accuracy of spacing equations; and the estimation of the protected paste volume.

Transport: "Modeling Ion Transport Mechanisms in Unsaturated Porous Media," by J. Marchand, E. Samson, K.A. Snyder, and J.J. Beaudoin, in *Encyclopedia of Surface and Colloid Science*, published by Marcel Dekker (2002). The chapter is a thorough exposition on the application of the Richard's equation to modeling moisture transport in porous media. Specifically, it formally expresses the meaning of the field variable representing moisture content. Moreover, it formalizes ionic transport in relationship to moisture transport.

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