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Crystalizations in Cementitious Composites

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Ordinary Portland cement (OPC) is the most consumed and important construction material on the planet. Various alternative cements, in addition to the OPC, are under or already developed to apply to various engineering requirements to reduce the worldwide man-made CO₂ footprint caused by cement production. Upon hydration or activation, various nano-crystalline and well-crystalline solids will form. In addition, hydrated cement is thermodynamically unstable, and it continuously changes, interacts with the external environments, and degrades with time. The internally occurring crystallization processes also affect the durability and serving age of concrete. The complexity of cementitious composites and the continuous crystallization processes is raising huge attention from both scientific and engineer communities.

The Special Issue on Crystallizations in Cementitious Composites, which aims to serve as a unique multidisciplinary forum covering broad aspects of phase assemblages of non-traditional binders, crystallization process, structure characterization, microstructure development as well as fabrication, structural design, durability, degradation, of cementitious composites.



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