



Multi-Scale Structural Characterization of Cement-Based Composites

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues,

Cement-based composites, which play important roles in civil structures and infrastructure, have recently attracted increasing attention from both scientific and engineer communities. Due to the complexities of the raw materials, design codes, casting methods, curing conditions, and serving environments, the structural characterization of cement-based composites involves significant challenges. The multi-scale nature of cement-based composites causes near-insuperable obstacles for their microstructure characterization, as the commonly used techniques (such as SEM and XCT) have limited scopes in terms of structural characterization. Furthermore, the sustainability requirements for cement-based materials in terms of reducing CO₂ emissions and other environmental impacts make the large-scale uses of solid wastes and the development of highly durable concrete necessary. Additionally, 3D-printed concrete requires viscous fresh materials, involving a layer-layer structure that is different from that of ordinary in-situ-cast concrete.





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