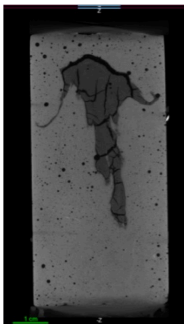


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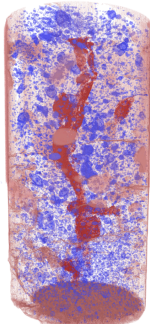
### Motivation:

- The heterogeneous nature of clay-cement materials leads to complex characteristics with drastically different properties throughout the material.
- During the drying process of the cement-clay material, complex networks of voids and fractures may form resulting in weakened material.

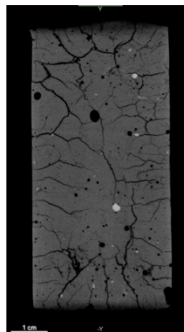
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(b) Four clay masses

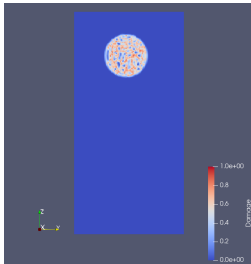


(c) Distributed clay masses

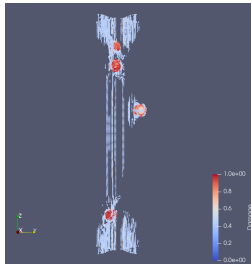
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## Key results:

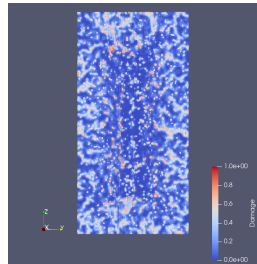
- Developed a nonlocal model describing the drying effects in cement with clay inclusions present.
- Implemented the model into the open-source code Peridigm.
- Compared results with experimental results.



(a) Single clay mass



(b) Four clay masses



(c) Distributed clay masses