

# CBP PA Support Initiatives

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# PA support approach

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- **Look for**
  - "openings" in PA schedule
    - preparation
    - review
  - cementitious material issues
  - opportunities to reduce uncertainty with marginal additional effort
- **Collaborate with PA owner on key inputs and results interpretation**

# Saltstone PA review schedule

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## Timeline in September 2009

- Mar 2009            Issue Rev. A to DOE-SR
- Jun 2009            Issue Rev. B to DOE-HQ
  - ↕ **DOE-HQ (LFRG) review**
- 1 month            Issue Rev. C to NRC
  - ↕ **Opportunity for supplemental analyses**
- 6-9 months        Issue Rev. 0

## PA baseline analysis of external sulfate attack:

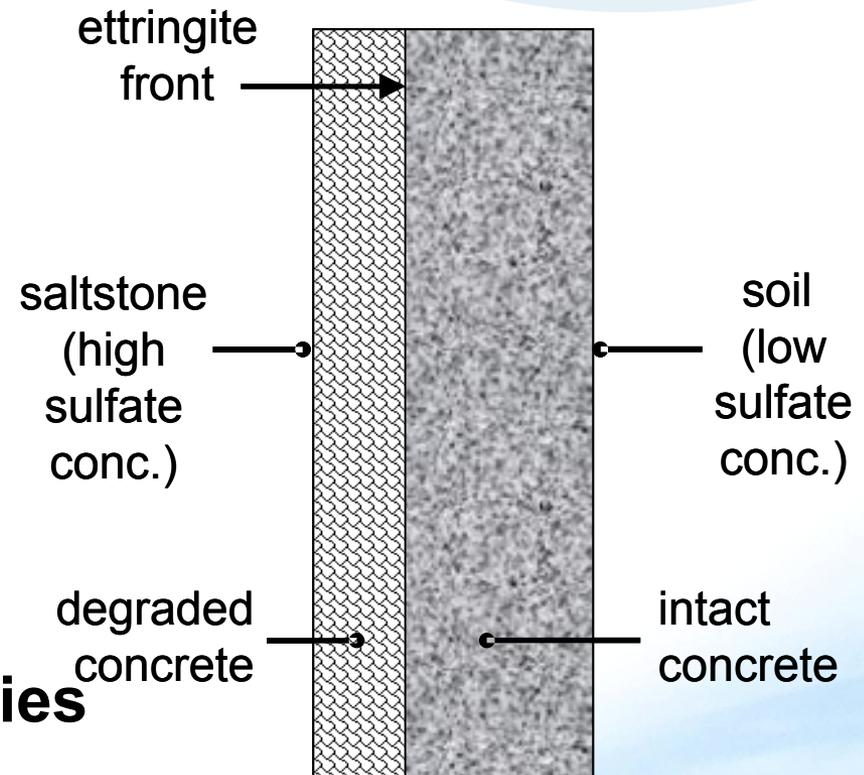
- **STADIUM® code used to predict formation of ettringite (expansive)**

- Single-layer analysis
- Transport properties not affected by ettringite front

- **Simple damage model**

- Ettringite = physical damage (e.g. cracking, spalling)

- **Effective hydraulic properties by averaging**



# Uncertainties

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- **Conditions at interface between Saltstone and concrete?**
- **Does physical damage occur?**
- **Under unsaturated conditions would cracking accelerate, hinder or not affect the rate of sulfate attack?**
  - ~100 - 1000 cm suction

# Support initiatives

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- **Two-layer simulations**
  - leverage STADIUM simulations for CBP "Task 7"
  - refined inputs compared to PA
- **Damage mechanics coupled to reactive transport**
  - add damage mechanics model to LeachXS/Orchestra
  - Sarkar et al. 2010, Cement & Concrete Composites 32

# Insights from STADIUM two-layer analysis

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## Analyses performed by Dr. Eric Samson (SIMCO):

- **Sulfate at the saltstone-concrete interface**

- initial concentration is lower than PA
- concentration decreases through time, whereas PA uses a constant value



# Damage mechanics analysis

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**PROBABILISTIC DURABILITY ANALYSIS OF  
CEMENTITIOUS MATERIALS UNDER COMBINED  
SULFATE ATTACK AND CALCIUM LEACHING**

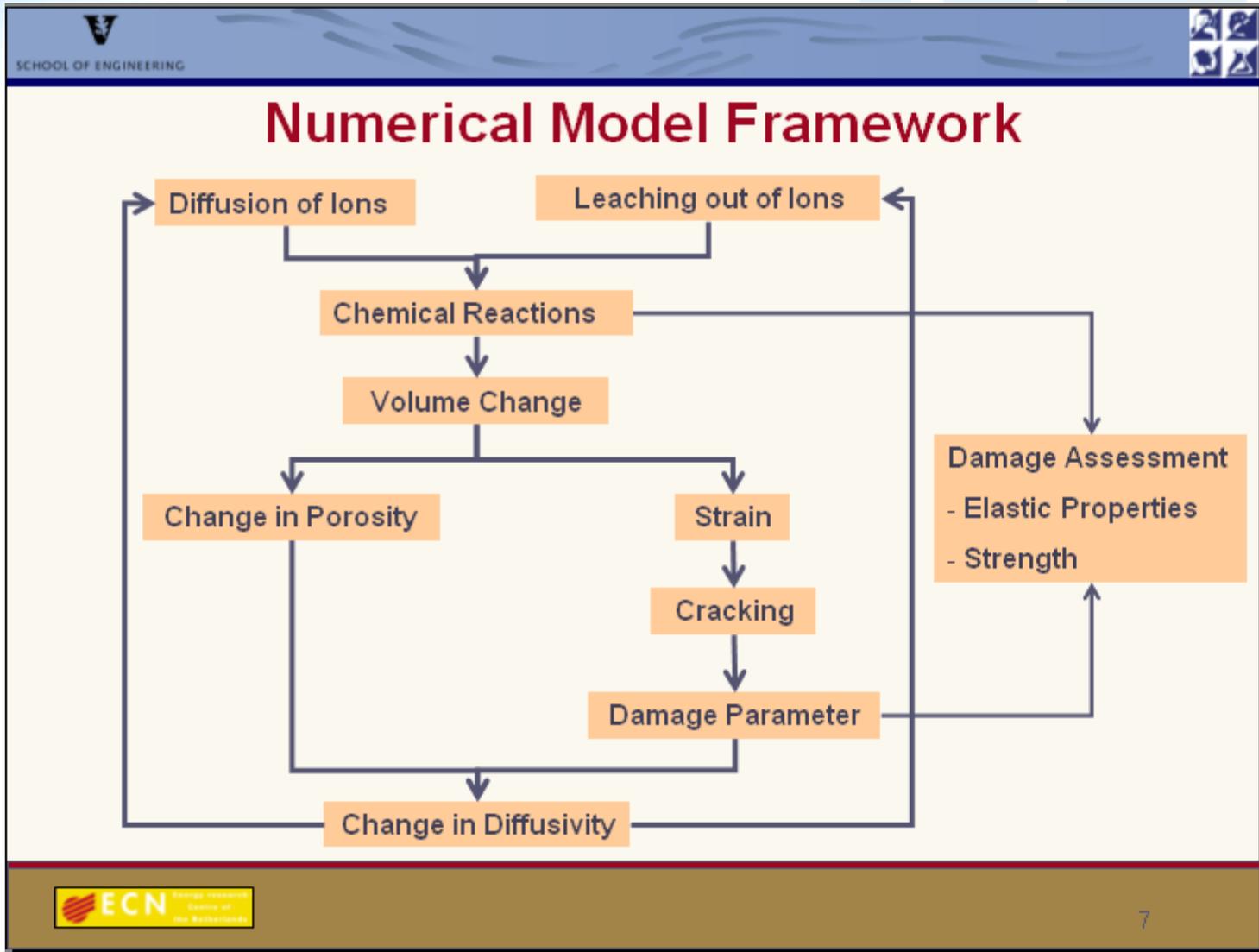
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# Damage mechanics analysis



# Damage mechanics analysis

**Damage Accumulation due to Cracking**

- Nonlinear Ascending Region**  
(Karihaloo, 1995, Budiansky and O'Connell, 1976)

Crack density parameter

$$C_d = k \left( 1 - \frac{\varepsilon^{th}}{\varepsilon} \right)^m$$

Damage parameter

$$\omega \approx \frac{16}{9} C_d$$

- Nonlinear Descending Region**  
(Nemat-Nasser and Hori, 1993)

Fracture Mechanics

$$\frac{\sigma}{f_t'} = \sqrt{\frac{\tan(\pi\omega_0/2)}{\tan(\pi\omega/2)}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{w}{w_0} = \frac{\sigma}{f_t'} \left( \frac{\log(\sec(\pi\omega/2))}{\log(\sec(\pi\omega_0/2))} \right) - 1$$

**Effective Young's Modulus**

$$E_{eff} = \bar{E} (1 - \omega) \quad \bar{E} \rightarrow \text{Homogenization scheme}$$

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# Damage mechanics analysis

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## Status

- **Awaiting laboratory measurements to initialize model**
- **Results in expected in Summer 2010**

## Anticipated PA support

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- **Gas and liquid phase carbonation and oxidation of slag-bearing concrete and saltstone**
  - key to Tc-99 immobilization
  - LeachXS/Orchestra development underway
- **Corrosion environment for steel tank sandwiched by cementitious materials**
  - tank closures, D&D