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# NANOCEM – THE INDUSTRIAL-ACADEMIC NANOSCIENCE RESEARCH NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE CEMENT AND CONCRETE

Nanocem is a consortium of academic and industrial partners with a common interest in fundamental research into the nano and micro-scale of the phenomena that govern the performance of cements and concrete. Nanocem was founded in 2004 and is now a network of 24 academic and 9 industry partners. This unique cooperation between the industry and the academic community has led to identify common issues and has helped map the research needs for sustainable cement and concrete. There are some 120 academic researchers in the team who, between them, are in the process of managing some 60 PhD and PostDoctoral research projects in related areas. The Nanocem consortium is now recognized as the world reference for quality research in cementitious materials. Further information: www.nanocem.org



# GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization	Empa – Nanocem
Location	Empa, Dübendorf Überlandstrasse 129 AKADEMIE
Costs	CHF 350.— (for two days incl. dinner) CHF 250.— (speakers and PhD students)
Registration	www.empa-akademie.ch/cash
Registration deadline	March 30, 2018
Abstract submission	December 22, 2017
Cancellation	For cancellations after March 30, 2018, 50% of the fee will be charged. In case of non appearance we will charge the full fee. A replacement will be accepted anytime.
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# 2<sup>nd</sup> WORKSHOP

# Calcium-Silicate Hydrates Containing Aluminium: C-A-S-H II



Empa, Dübendorf, Switzerland April 23 – 24, 2018

Online registration: www.empa-akademie.ch/cash

• Bus Stop 📕 Glattalbahn Stop •••••• Footpath Dübendorf 10 min, Stettbach 20 min

#### SCOPE AND BACKGROUND

The production of cement is responsible for 5-8% of global man-made  $CO_2$ . The replacement of Portland cement by supplementary cementitious materials (SCM) offers the highest potential to reduce these  $CO_2$  emissions. The industrial application of SCMs based materials is hindered by the fact that novel, low- $CO_2$  cementitious materials have different chemical composition and will form other hydrates than Portland cements, where Ca-rich calcium silicate hydrates(C-S-H) are precipitated. In the presence of silica rich SCMs, such as silica fume, fly ash or blast furnace slag, (C-S-H) with a low Ca/Si ratio is the most important hydrate that forms.

In this workshop, co-organised by Empa and Nanocem, the results of different studies carried out during the last years on the properties of C-S-H will be discussed. The work presented includes the results of experimental investigations of the influence of varying Ca/Si ratios, the presence of aluminum, alkalis or anions on the solubility, structure, and composition of synthetic C(-A)-S-H gel and on paste samples. Other presentations will focus on thermodynamic modeling of C-S-H and on atomistic simulations of the structural information and surface properties.

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

Academic and industrial researchers who are interested in the properties of calcium silicate hydrates. Experimentalists and thermodynamic and atomistic modellers.

# PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- 1 page abstract until December 22, 2017 for presentation or poster to sonya.barzgar@empa.ch
- January 31, 2018 notification of acceptance of presentations or posters.

# PROGRAM

# Monday, April 23, 2018

#### **Topic: Experimental investigations**

- Uptake of aluminium, alkali and other ions by C-S-H
- Influence of temperature
- Effect of synthesis methods
- Synthetic C-S-H  $\Leftrightarrow$  C-S-H in Portland cements

# Topic: Molecular and mesoscopic modelling

- Structure of C-S-H
- Molecular modelling of C-(A-)S-H + CH
- Al-uptake in C-S-H

#### Tuesday, April 24, 2018

#### Topic: Geochemical modelling

- Structure of C-S-H
- Solid solution models for C-(A-)S-H
- Surface complexation models for C-(A-)S-H
- Ion uptake
- Heat capacity

## **Topic: Precipitation kinetics**

- Oversaturation
- Foreign ions

#### **ORGANISING COMMITEE**

Barbara Lothenbach, Empa Christophe Labbez, Université de Bourgogne Dmitrii Kulik, PSI Jørgen Skibsted, Aarhus University Karen Scrivener, EPFL Paul Bowen, EPFL

#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Participants may register until March 30, 2018. For registration and further information please go to: www.empa-akademie.ch/cash After enrolment you will receive a confirmation by email including a pdf of your invoice.

## FEES AND PAYMENT

A fee of CHF 350.– is payable to cover lunch, refreshments and printed course materials.

For speakers and PhD students the fee is reduced to CHF 250.–. Payment should be made in advance upon receipt of invoice.

#### CANCELLATION

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# ACCOMMODATION

Overnight accommodation can be arranged at Hotel Sonnental for the special Empa-rate of CHF 130.– or at Hotel Zwiback for CHF 120.– for a single room, including breakfast. Please arrange your room directly with Hotel Sonnental or Hotel Zwiback:

https://sorellhotels.com/en/sonnental/duebendorf or

## www.zwiback.ch

Please only book your room through the mentioned links and mention that you participate at the **"Empa CASH-Workshop"**. This offer is valid until **March 30, 2018**.

#### LANGUAGE

The workshop will be in English.