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Concrete Structures : extend lifespan, limit impacts

On-going durability and corrosion studies on the metric specimens cast as part of the National Project PerfDuB and exposed to natural ageing sites

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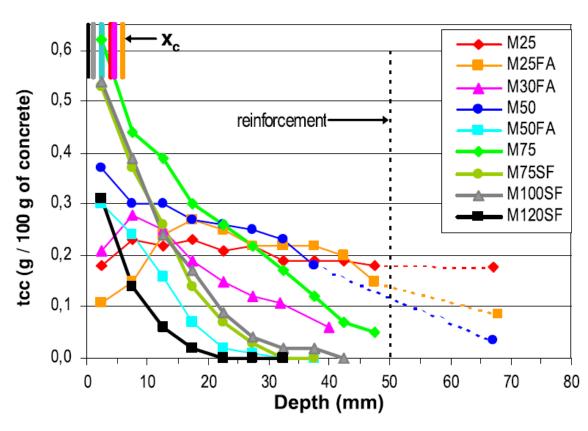
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Interest of dedicated ageing specimens

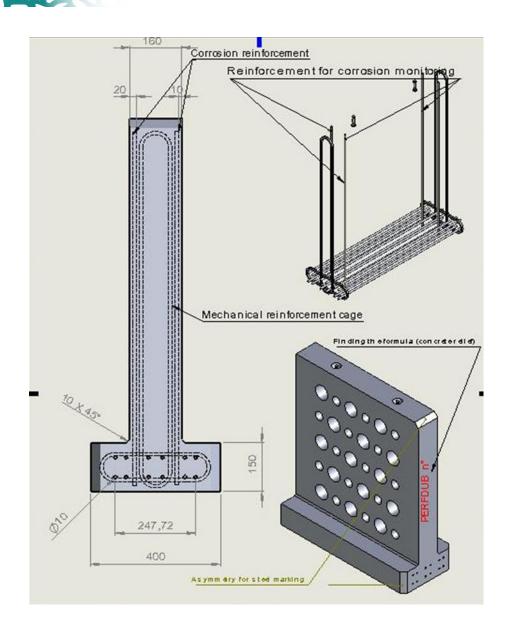




BHP 2000 concrete blocks in La Rochelle



Objective of PerfDuB T-shaped specimens



- Follow-up on long term scale (20 years):
 - carbonation and chloride ingress
 - corrosion activity
- Exposure conditions :
 - XS3m (tidal and splash zone)
 - XS3e (spray zone)
 - XC4
- Rebars type: "smooth round" (RL) or "ribbed" (HA)
- Cover values: 10 or 20 mm



Concrete mix design and hardened properties

Mix Design	B01	B02	B04	B05	B07	B31	B36	B37	B38	B40	B41
Binder	CEM I	CEM I _V30	CEM III/A	CEM I _S60	CEM I _L41	CEM III/A	CEM V/A (S-V)	CEM V/A (S-V)	CEM I _D8	CEM I _Qz30	CEM I _M20
Binder content (kg/m3)	280	330	290	310	455	385	365	375	385	370	375
W/B	0.62	0.52	0.61	0.57	0.42	0.40	0.45	0.45	0.35	0.47	0.35
Aggregate type	G2	G2	G2	G2	G2	G1	G4	G3	G1	G2	G1
fc28d(1) (MPa)	26.7	42.5	53.6	49.9	40.8	78.9	61.8	78.5	101.3	44	87.7
fc28d(2) (MPa)	28.8	31.9	49.9	44.5	42.6	61.6	49.9	74.4	103.5	39.9	88.5
Porosity φ (3) (%)	16.9	17.4	16.7	18.6	16.8	12.1	19.6	12.8	10.3	16.6	10.8

^{(1):} measured on set of concrete batches for XC4 exposure conditions

^{(2):} measured on set of concrete batches for XS3m exposure conditions

^{(3):} measured on similar concrete mixes studied during PerfDuB project



Aggregate characteristics

	G1	G2	G3	G4	
Mineralogy	Siliceous-limestone alluvial	Siliceous- limestone alluvial	Hard limestone	Limestone	
		Sand: rounded			
Shape	Semi-crushed	Gravel: mix of rounded and crushed	Crushed	Crushed	
Water Absorption (%)	0/4: 0.7			0/4: 4.0	
	4/11: 1.0	2.70	0.60	4/10: 4.4	
	11/22: 1.3			10/20: 4.0	
Dmax (mm)	22	20	20	20	



11 concrete mixes in XS3m and XC4



XS3m exposure : La Rochelle



XC4 exposure : Epernon



Rebar corrosion study

- ➤ Annual non-destructive testing (NDT) using portable laboratory potentiostats and field equipment (11 concrete mixes)
- ➤ Continuous monitoring using sensors embedded in instrumented specimens (3 concrete mixes: B01, B04 and B31):
 - resistivity measurements
 - potential measurements
 - current measurements



3 concrete mixes with monitoring



4 ERE electrodes (Force Technology)

2 MRE sensors (Sensortec) with 8 rings in a range of 5 to 40 mm depth

1 anode ladder sensor (Sensortec)

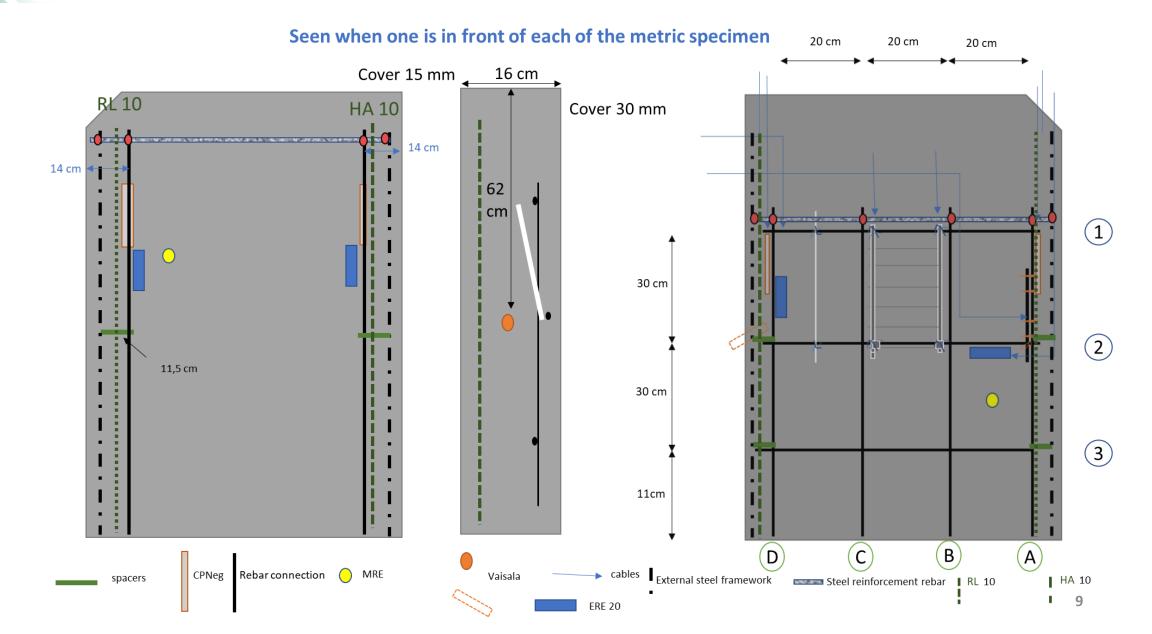
1 HMP110 sensor (Vaisala)

Weather station

Acquisition system (Ibac – Aachen University) ⁸



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XS3e exposure in La Pallice

XC4 exposure in Champs sur Marne



Thanks for your kind attention