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Limit violation in rheological investigations of coarsely dispersed mineral building materials and solutions for the extension of the application limits



What boundary violation is meant, especially in the case of pipe conveying of fresh concrete?

Fresh concrete is not to be regarded as a continuum in pipe conveying because:

- Less than 1/3 of the volume (water and cement) consists of particles in the nano- and micrometer range and is therefore actually pasty,
- more than 2/3 of the volume (mineral aggregates) consist of particles in the milli- and centimeter range, i.e. up to 1/3 of the conveying line diameter, and thus let it become bulk material, so to speak!

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When describing fresh concrete in formwork, it is quite common to apply the principles of soil mechanics and less rheology!

In the case of pipe conveying of fresh concrete, on the other hand, rheology is usually used, **BUT**: The usual description and derivation of the material model must be critically questioned!

M-1 Bingham medium with boundary sliding layer (e.g. to FLATTEN in beton 8-74): Deformatio Movement $\eta = (\tau - \tau_0) / \gamma$ T . Tmax Shear in thin V - 0 ٤., V . VGI dü "sliding zone" sheared zone Rotation + Translation X) 2 V -Vmax $\gamma \neq 0$ Ro T = To dormant zone Translation 3 2

Flow profile without $v_{sliding}$ v Velocity r Shear stress τ_0 Yield point Ap Pressure required to overcome friction on the length ΔL





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The irregular shapes of the individual grains can be statistically regarded as spherical probability clouds!





Misinterpretations of dynamic forces and effects in concrete pipe conveying :

Elbow:	For 1g centrifugal acceleration				_
/	DN	R _{Elbow}	v	Q) r
	[mm]	[mm]	[m/s]	[m ³ /h]	1
11	100	142,5	1,2	33	$\langle \rangle$
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$1 \vee$		252,4	1,6	44	
IC	125	181	1,3	59	
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According to **KAPLAN**, **de LARRARD** and **SEDRAN** (2005), coarse aggregate grains move through the pump mortar when stopping the concrete flow after each pump stroke because of their inertia and thus possibly cause blockage!

This is wrong, because the pump mortar has the same density and thus the same inertia as the aggregate grains!

Influence of air inclusions when suction of concrete in the concrete pump :



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Offer for advice on further investigations :

- Transfer of all results for the calculation of the "Boundary Zone Segregation" of fresh concrete
- Transfer of all results of the preliminary investigations with the halfpipe demonstrator and, if necessary, construction of a "correct" test facility, e.g. for measuring the actual speed profiles and creating test programs
- Extension of investigations to elbows
- Studies on statistical grain geometry:
 - Definition of the most suitable average grain ϕ ,
 - Measurement of irregular grain shapes

