

Monitoring of the suffusion process development using thermal analysis performed with IRFTA model

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Introduction





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Depth [m]

9

10

11

12

13

14

10°C

11°C

12%

200

13°C

14°C

Leakage

zone

100

Distance [m]

Fibre optic cable location in landside toe of the structure



Model IRFTA

SOLUTION OF LINEAR PROBLEM WITH THE GREEN'S FONCTION



Simplest exponential approximation of the impulse response function

$$\boldsymbol{h}_{i}(t) = \boldsymbol{F}_{i}(\boldsymbol{a}_{i}, \boldsymbol{h}_{i}, t)$$

 α_i - damping factor

 η_i - characteristic time of the delayed system response

MODEL IRFTA (Impulse response function thermal analysis)

$$\hat{T}(x,t) = \theta_0(x) + F_{air}(\alpha_{air},\eta_{air},t) * \theta_{air}(t) + F_w(\alpha_w,\eta_w,t) * \theta_w(t)$$

Model IRFTA



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Leakage detection with IRFTA model in real French dikes





Very successful application of IRFTA model for thermal leakage detection and analysis of seepage process in real French dams

Erosion process thermal-detection and quantification





Description of the principal thermal characteristics of the process development

In depth parametrical analysis and description of principal characteristics Radzicki PhD, 2009; Radzicki, Bonelli, 2010

Real size test with DTFO monitoring, IjkDijk 2009, Artiere et all., 2010 Researches in progress funded by Polish Ministry of Science Research Project No. N N506 266339 Some results is presented in the present paper

Thermal analysis with IRFTA model

Radzicki PhD, 2009 Only particulare examples Researchers must continue Researches in progress funded by Polish Ministry of Science Research Project No. N N506 266339 Some results is presented in the present paper

Numerical model of the homogeneous dam



A lot of modelisations of the different cases

One example



Hydraulic influence of suffosion zone



Thermal influence of suffosion zone





Significant increasing the value of α_w (damping decreasing) comparing the case "no suffosion" with the cases "with suffosion"









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Increasing the value of α_w (damping decreasing) with increasing the suffosion layer length











CONCLUSIONS

- Physical definitions of the IRFTA model parameters have enabled a precise description of the filtration-thermal field.
- Application of the IRFTA model for direct defining the parameters of developing suffusion process requires further tests.
- Monitoring of seepage zone hydraulic and geometrical parameters changes using IRFTA model seems to be very promising if the temperature sensor is located directly in the seepage zone.
 This conclusion correspond with the results of researches concerning the possibility of estimation of piping development dynamic by analysis of pipe water outflow temperature (Radzicki, Bonelli, 2010)

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