### Specialisations and additions to Stahlbeton I

4.1 Basics

### Learning objectives

Within this chapter, the students are able to:

- understand the processes and influencing parameters of shrinkage, creep, and relaxation and draw the diagrams of stress/strain against time for all processes.
- discuss the effect of creep on the deformations and internal forces in statically determinate and indeterminate structures.
- elaborate on the long-term behaviour due to creep of structures subjected to (i) fast or slow settlements and
   (ii) changes in the structural system (comparing e.g. one cast systems and staged construction).
- estimate with the time-dependent force method the long-term behaviour of a structural system composed of 1D elements with non-uniform creep properties.



### Shrinkage

#### Early/capillary (Plastic) shrinkage (up to $4\% \rightarrow avoid!$ )

- Capillary stresses during the evaporation of water from the fresh concrete lead to a denser structure of the cement matrix in the first few hours until hardening.
- Avoidance through careful curing (prevention of significant water losses on the fresh concrete surface caused by high concrete or air temperatures, low humidity, and wind).

#### Autogenous and chemical shrinkage (normal concrete up to 0.3‰, UHPC up to 1.2‰)

- Volume contraction during hydration, initially caused by the chemical integration of the water molecules into the hydration products (first days). Afterwards, as soon as the water in the capillary pores is used up, it is mainly caused by capillary tension due to the lower internal relative humidity, leading the hydration to consume water from the gel pores (first weeks).
- Primarily dependent on W/C ratio: The lower the W/C ratio, the greater the autogenous shrinkage (significant effect only for W/C < 0.45 high-performance concrete, UHPC).</li>

#### Drying shrinkage (up to approx. 0.3‰ outside at RH=70%, up to approx. 0.5‰ inside at RH=50%)

- Volume contraction in hardened concrete by releasing water into the environment. Begins with formwork stripping or the end of curing and lasts for years.
- Magnitude primarily dependent on cement paste volume (cement, admixtures, entrapped air, and water). Faster for high W/C ratios, low air humidity, and thin components.

Drying shrinkage  $\varepsilon_{cd}$  (according to SIA 262)



Drying shrinkage  $\overline{\varepsilon_{cd}}$ 

Autogenous shrinkage  $\varepsilon_{ca}$  (according to SIA 262)

**Progression of autogenous shrinkage**  $\varepsilon_{ca}(t)$  [‰]

$$\varepsilon_{cs}(t) = \varepsilon_{cd}(t) + \varepsilon_{ca}(t)$$

Final drying shrinkage value  $\varepsilon_{cd\infty}$  [%]





#### **Creep and relaxation**

#### Cause / Phenomena

- Stress leads to rearrangement or evaporation of water in the cement paste. The associated sliding and compaction processes lead to volume contraction.
- The standards assume that creep deformations cease after some decades (asymptotically approaching the long-term creep coefficient φ<sub>∞</sub>). This is controversial today, there are e.g. older cantilever bridges indicating that creep deformations might keep increasing continuously. Yet, only few experiments are available.

#### Influences on the magnitude of creep deformations

- Load level (creep deformations approximately proportional to the load)
- Cement paste volume (high cement paste volume = larger creep deformations)
- Concrete compressive strength (high compressive strength = smaller creep deformations)
- Age of the concrete (loading at a young age causes larger creep deformations)

#### Influences on the course of time

- Creep is faster in smaller elements (thin components)
- Creep is faster at low relative humidity (dry environment)

#### Relaxation

- Creep and relaxation are related phenomena
- Relaxation behaviour is influenced by the same variables as creep



Increase in deformation under constant stress

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{c}\left(t\right) &= \varepsilon_{c,el} + \varphi(t,t_{0}) \cdot \varepsilon_{c,el} \\ &= \left(1 + \varphi(t,t_{0})\right) \cdot \varepsilon_{c,el} \end{aligned}$$

with

- $\phi(t, t_0)$ creep coefficientttime $t_0$ age of the concrete at<br/>the start of exposure $t-t_0$ load duration
- Normal case: φ<sub>t=∞</sub> ≈ 1.5 ... 2.5, i.e. increase of deformations by a factor of 2.5...3.5
- Analogous behaviour under tension (in uncracked concrete)

**Relaxation** ( $\approx$  creep at  $\epsilon$  = const.)

- Decrease in stress under constant strain
- Approximation (fictitious modulus of elasticity):

$$\sigma_c(t) = \sigma_{c,t=0} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\varphi}$$

• Better approximation (derived e.g. using Trost method)

$$\sigma_{c}(t) = \sigma_{c,t=0} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{\varphi(t)}{1 + \mu \cdot \varphi(t)} \right)$$

- Normal case: φ<sub>t=∞</sub> ≈ 1.5 ... 2.5, μ = ca. 0.75, i.e. reduction of the initial stress to approx. 25%.
- Decrease is less pronounced (to approx. 40%) if deformation is imposed slowly



#### **In-class exercise**



#### How is the load *N* distributed between the two columns?

- at t = 0
- at  $t \rightarrow \infty$

#### **Creep - reversible and plastic part**

- The deformations of the concrete under load are composed of the elastic deformations  $\varepsilon_{c\ el}$  and the time-dependent creep deformations  $\varepsilon_{cc}$
- The creep deformations ε<sub>cc</sub> consist of a reversible component ε<sub>cc</sub>, r (reversal sets in relatively quickly, half-life approx. 30 days) and an irreversible (plastic) component ε<sub>cc</sub>.

$$\varepsilon_{c}(t) = \varepsilon_{c,el} + \varepsilon_{cc,r}(t) + \varepsilon_{cc,p}(t) = \varepsilon_{c,el} + \varepsilon_{cc}(t)$$

The irreversible part  $\varepsilon_{cc,p}$  depends on the time of loading = concrete age at load application (old concrete is less prone to creep) and occurs much slower than the reversible component.

• Example: Loading and complete unloading after a longer period of time (permanent stretching):



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### $\varphi_{RH}$ : Coefficient for relative humidity (RH: usually the annual mean)





Creep – Final value and progression

(see also SIA 262, 3.1.2.6)



# 4.2 Effect of creep on the load-bearing and deformation behaviour

#### Effect of creep on deformations of a structure

- The effect of creep must always be taken into account when determining deformations due to permanent loads. The increase in deformation due to creep is considerably smaller in the cracked stage II than in the non-cracked stage I (see Stahlbeton I).
- **Deformations** are often governing the design, for example in the case of:
  - passively reinforced, slender girders (above  $h/L \approx 1/12$ )
  - passively reinforced slabs (flat slabs, canopies, slabs near facade area, non-load-bearing walls)
  - prestressed bridge girders, whose stresses in construction and final state differ strongly (cantilever construction, continuous beams cast span by span)

#### Effect of creep on internal forces and stresses

- Restraint and residual stresses are partially relieved due to creep over time (relaxation).
- For statically determinate (= isostatic) systems and for statically indeterminate systems with uniform creep properties, creep has no effect on the internal forces
- Significant internal force redistributions occur in statically indeterminate (= hyperstatic) systems as a result of changes in the static system and non-uniform creep properties.

The calculation of creep effects is complicated by the interdependence (creep depends on the level of stress and vice versa).

#### Approaches for the calculation of creep and shrinkage problems

- Method with age-adjusted modulus of elasticity
- Unit creep curve method (Dischinger method)  $\rightarrow$  see Appendix
- Rüsch Method (improved Dischinger method)  $\rightarrow$  see Appendix
- Creep step method  $\rightarrow$  see Appendix
- Trost Method (sufficiently accurate and suitable for manual calculations)

#### **Creep – Boltzmann superposition principle**

• The creep strain due to any stress development  $\sigma(t)$  can generally be expressed as follows:

$$\varepsilon_{cc}(t) = \frac{1}{E_{c0}} \int_{\tau=0}^{\tau=t} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \tau} \varphi(t,\tau) d\tau$$

• For discrete stress increments (steps)  $\Delta \sigma_i$ , which are applied at time  $t_i$  results:

$$\varepsilon_{cc}(t) = \frac{1}{E_{c0}} \sum_{i=0}^{n} \Delta \sigma_{i} \cdot \varphi(t, t_{i})$$



#### **Creep – Boltzmann superposition principle**

Incorrect procedure for determining creep deformations (creep from the respective load level for the entire load with new creep coefficient):

- (\*) Effective = correct portion of creep caused by σ<sub>0</sub> in time interval t<sub>1</sub>...t<sub>j</sub>
- (\*\*) Incorrectly determined portion of creep caused by  $\sigma_0$  in time interval  $t_1...t_j$

$$\Delta \varphi(t_j, t_1) \rightarrow \sigma_0$$
 (right)

 $\Delta \varphi(t_j, t_1) \rightarrow \sigma_0$  (wrong)



# 4.3 Simplified method for the investigation of long-term effects

#### Approaches for the calculation of creep and shrinkage problems

#### Method with age-adjusted modulus of elasticity

- Effect of concrete age at loading neglected
   → same creep curve for all loads, shifted along the abscissa (horizontal)
- Unrealistic (overestimates the ability of old concrete to creep)



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   → same creep curve for all loads, shifted along the abscissa (horizontal)
- Unrealistic (overestimates the ability of old concrete to creep)
- Unrealistic: corresponds to the assumption of viscoelastic, i.e. fully reversible behaviour



#### Approaches for the calculation of creep and shrinkage problems

#### **Trost method**

In practice, a relatively large proportion of the total stress is applied at time  $t_0$  followed by smaller stress increments  $\Delta \sigma_i$  (additional loads, but also internal force redistributions). The Trost method takes advantage of this to avoid an iterative or step-by-step approach.

The creep function for the stress increments  $(\sigma(t) - \Delta \sigma_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta \sigma_i)$  occurring at the time period  $t_i > t_0$  (resp.  $t_0 < t_i \le \infty$ ) is reduced with an ageing coefficient  $\mu(t)$  (sometimes also called «relaxation factor»).

The creep deformation due to the total change in stress according to Boltzmann's superposition principle is:



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#### Approaches for the calculation of creep and shrinkage problems

#### **Trost method**

The ageing coefficient results from the equation on the previous slide:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\Delta \sigma_{i}}{E_{c0}} \cdot \varphi(t,t_{i}) = \frac{\sigma(t) - \sigma_{0}}{E_{c0}} \cdot \mu(t) \cdot \varphi(t,t_{0}) \rightarrow \mu(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \Delta \sigma_{i} \cdot \varphi(t,t_{i})}{\left(\sigma(t) - \sigma_{0}\right) \cdot \varphi(t,t_{0})}$$

The total deformations at time *t* thus amount to:



Approaches for the calculation of creep and shrinkage problems

#### **Trost method**

- The stress curve is generally not known  $\rightarrow \mu(t)$  cannot be calculated directly in the way outlined on the previous slides
- If the relaxation function is determined from the creep function (solution of a linear, inhomogeneous Volterra integral equation), the corresponding ageing coefficient can be determined numerically [see Seelhofer 2009 or Marti, Theory of Structures]:

- The evaluation shows that  $\mu(t)$  varies only slightly
  - $\rightarrow$  Ageing coefficient  $\mu$  is independent of time sufficiently accurate for practical applications
  - $\rightarrow$  for usual conditions ( $\phi = 1.5...4$ ) approximately  $\mu \approx 0.80$



Approaches for the calculation of creep and shrinkage problems

#### **Trost method**

• With this approximation the total deformation at time *t* is:

$$\varepsilon_{c}(t) = \frac{1}{E_{c0}} \left[ \sigma_{0}(1+\phi) + \Delta\sigma(1+\mu\cdot\phi) \right] + \varepsilon_{cs}(t)$$

initial stress stresses added over time

with  $\sigma_0 = \Delta \sigma_0 = \sigma(t = t_0)$ ,  $\Delta \sigma = \sigma(t) - \sigma_0$ ,  $\phi = \phi(t, t_0)$ ,  $t > t_0$ ,  $\mu \approx 0.8$ 

• Alternative formulation using fictitious («refined age-adjusted») moduli of elasticity for long-term influences:

$$\varepsilon_{c}(t) = \frac{\sigma_{0}}{\frac{E_{c0}}{1 + \phi(t, t_{0})}} + \frac{\Delta\sigma(t)}{\frac{E_{c0}}{1 + \mu \cdot \phi(t, t_{0})}} + \varepsilon_{cs}(t) = \frac{\sigma_{0}}{E_{c}'} + \frac{\Delta\sigma(t)}{E_{c}''} + \varepsilon_{cs}(t) : E_{c}' = \frac{E_{c0}}{1 + \phi(t, t_{0})}, \quad E'' = \frac{E_{c0}}{1 + \mu \cdot \phi(t, t_{0})}$$
initial stress stresses added over time

### Calculation of relaxation function based on creep coefficient and ageing factor



4.4 Examples

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#### Terminology and generalisation of the Force Method $\rightarrow$ Time-dependent Force Method

- In the following, Trost's Method is used in combination with the Force Method, known from «Baustatik I/II»
- To account for long-term effects, compatibility conditions are expressed here at different moments in time
- Further information on the Force Method: Peter Marti, «Theory of Structures» resp. «Baustatik», Chapter 16. The following summaries are taken from this book (p. 254 and p. 257, respectively):
- 1. Determine the degree n of static indeterminacy.
- 2. Select a stable, statically determinate *basic system* by releasing *n* constraints and introducing corresponding *redundant variables*  $X_i$ .
- 3. Determine the support force variables and stress resultants  $C_0$ ,  $S_0$  and  $C_i$ ,  $S_i$  for the basic system as a result of loads or as a result of unit force variables  $X_i = 1$ .
- 4. Determine the deformations (incompatibilities)  $\delta_{i0}$  or  $\delta_{ij}$  at the position and in the direction of  $X_i$  as a result of the external actions (loads and imposed deformations) or as a result of the unit force variables  $X_j = 1$ .
- 5. Set up and solve the following *compatibility conditions*:

$$\delta_i = \delta_{i0} + \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_{ij} X_j = 0 \qquad (i = 1, 2, ..., n)$$
(16.8)

6. Determine the support force variables and stress resultants for the statically indeterminate system by *superposing* the corresponding variables on the basic system:

$$C = C_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i X_i \quad , \quad S = S_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} S_i X_i$$
(16.9)

- 1. Bestimmen des Grads *n* der statischen Unbestimmtheit.
- 2. Wahl eines stabilen, statisch bestimmten *Grundsystems* durch Lösen von n Bindungen und Einführen entsprechender *überzähliger Grössen*  $X_i$ .
- 3. Ermitteln der Lagerkraft- und Schnittgrössen  $C_0$ ,  $S_0$  bzw.  $C_i$ ,  $S_i$  am Grundsystem infolge der Lasten bzw. infolge der Einheitskraftgrössen  $X_i = 1$ .
- 4. Ermitteln der Verformungen (Klaffungen)  $\delta_{i0}$  bzw.  $\delta_{ij}$  an der Stelle und in der Richtung von  $X_i$  infolge der äusseren Einwirkungen (Lasten und eingeprägte Verformungen) bzw. infolge der Einheitskraftgrössen  $X_j = 1$ .
- 5. Aufstellen und Lösen der Kompatibilitätsbedingungen

$$\delta_i = \delta_{i0} + \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_{ij} X_j = 0 \qquad (i = 1, 2, ..., n)$$
(16.8)

6. Bestimmen der Lagerkraft- und Schnittgrössen des statisch unbestimmten Systems durch *Superposition* der entsprechenden Grössen am Grundsystem

$$C = C_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i X_i \quad , \quad S = S_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} S_i X_i$$
(16.9)

### Redistribution of internal forces in statically indeterminate systems

### Systems with uniform creep properties

Example 1: Two-span beam, solution with force method

BS (basic system): Intermediate bearing removed RV: (redundant variable): Reaction at intermediate support Displacements in the basic system (elastic,  $t = t_0$ ):

$$\delta_{10} = \frac{5}{384} \frac{g_k (2l)^4}{EI} \qquad \delta_{11} = \frac{1}{48} \frac{(2l)^3}{EI}$$

Compatibility condition at time  $t_0$ :

 $\delta = \delta_{10} + R_{Be} \cdot \delta_{11} = 0$ 

Time-dependent compatibility condition with the Trost method:

$$\delta = \delta_{10} \cdot (1+\phi) + R_{Be} \cdot \delta_{11} \cdot (1+\phi) + \Delta R_B(t) \cdot \delta_{11} \cdot (1+\mu\phi) = 0$$
  
$$\delta_{10} + R_{Be} \cdot \delta_{11} + \Delta R_B(t) \cdot \delta_{11} \frac{1+\mu\phi}{1+\phi} = 0 \longrightarrow \Delta R_B(t) = 0$$

= 0 (compatibility at time  $t_0$ )



 $\rightarrow$  Generalization to general systems is possible  $\rightarrow$  With uniform creep properties, the redundant variables of stat. indeterminate systems do not change!

#### permanent loads (effective from $t_0$ ): $g_k$



If the creep properties are uniform, redundant variables do not change in statically indeterminate systems!

### Redistribution of internal forces in statically indeterminate systems

### Systems with uniform creep properties

Example 2: Prestressed two-span beam, solution with force method

BS: Intermediate bearing removed RV: Reaction intermediate support

Displacements in the basic system (elastic,  $t = t_0$ ):

$$\delta_{10} = \frac{5}{384} \frac{(2l)^4}{EI} \qquad \qquad \delta_{11} = \frac{1}{48} \frac{(2l)^4}{EI}$$

Compatibility condition at time  $t_0$ :

 $\delta = (g_k + u(t_0)) \cdot \delta_{10} + R_{Be} \cdot \delta_{11} = 0$ 

Time-dependent compatibility condition with the Trost method:



permanent loads (effective from  $t_0$ ):  $g_k$ 

→ Support reactions change due to time-dependent prestressing losses (RV proportional to prestressing force = deviation force)

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### **Redistribution of internal forces in statically indeterminate systems** Systems with non-uniform creep properties

Example 3: Hinged frame with concrete beam and steel columns, solution with force method Displacements in the basic system (elastic,  $t = t_0$ ):

$$\delta_{10}^{R} = -\frac{gl^{2}}{8} \cdot \frac{l}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{l}{EI_{R}} = -\frac{gl^{4}}{48EI} \qquad \delta_{10}^{S} = 0 \qquad \delta_{11}^{R} = -\left(\frac{l}{4}\right)^{2} \cdot \frac{l}{EI_{R}} = \frac{l^{3}}{16EI} \qquad \delta_{11}^{S} = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{l}{4}\right)^{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{h}{EI_{S}} = \frac{l^{3}}{16EI}$$

Compatibility condition at time  $t_0$ :

$$\delta_{1}(t_{0}) = \delta_{10}^{S} + \delta_{10}^{R} + X_{1e} \left( \delta_{11}^{S} + \delta_{11}^{R} \right) = 0 \longrightarrow X_{1e} = -\frac{\delta_{10}^{S} + \delta_{10}^{R}}{\delta_{11}^{S} + \delta_{11}^{R}} = \frac{g_{k}}{6}$$

Time-dependent compatibility condition with the Trost method (support does not creep), taking into account the compatibility at time  $t_0$ :

$$\begin{split} \delta_{1}(t) &= \delta_{10}^{S} + \delta_{10}^{R} \left(1 + \varphi\right) + X_{1e} \left[ \delta_{11}^{S} + \delta_{11}^{R} \left(1 + \varphi\right) \right] + \Delta X_{1} \left[ \delta_{11}^{S} + \delta_{11}^{R} \left(1 + \mu\varphi\right) \right] = 0 \\ \delta_{10}^{S} + \delta_{10}^{R} + \delta_{10}^{R} \cdot \varphi + X_{1e} \left( \delta_{11}^{S} + \delta_{11}^{R} \right) + X_{1e} \cdot \delta_{11}^{R} \cdot \varphi + \Delta X_{1} \left[ \delta_{11}^{S} + \delta_{11}^{R} \left(1 + \mu\varphi\right) \right] = 0 \\ \delta_{10}^{R} \varphi + X_{1e} \cdot \delta_{11}^{R} \varphi + \Delta X_{1} \left[ \delta_{11}^{S} + \delta_{11}^{R} \left(1 + \mu\varphi\right) \right] = 0 \rightarrow \Delta X_{1}(t) = -\varphi \frac{\delta_{10}^{R} + X_{1e} \cdot \delta_{11}^{R}}{\delta_{11}^{S} + \delta_{11}^{R} \left(1 + \mu\varphi\right)} \\ \rightarrow \Delta X_{1}(t) = \frac{g_{k}l}{6} \frac{\varphi}{2 + \mu\varphi} = X_{1e} \frac{\varphi}{2 + \mu\varphi}, \quad X_{1}(t) = \frac{g_{k}l}{6} \left(1 + \frac{\varphi}{2 + \mu\varphi}\right) \quad \text{Formula applies only for this example (system-dependent)} \end{split}$$



 $\rightarrow$  In the case of non-uniform creep properties internal forces are redistributed due to creep

 $2 + \mu \phi$ 

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Redistribution of internal forces in statically indeterminate systems Systems with non-uniform creep properties - Generalization to general systems

Compatibility at 
$$t = t_0$$
:  

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta_{10} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{10} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{11} & \cdots & \delta_{1l} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \delta_{11} & \cdots & \delta_{1l} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} X_{1e} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{11} & \cdots & \delta_{1l} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} X_{1e} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{11} & \cdots & \delta_{1l} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} X_{1e} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{10} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{10} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{10} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} X_{1e} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{10} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{10} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{10} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} X_{1e} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{11} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} X_{1e} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} X_{1e} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} X_{1e$$

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#### Influence of creep for system changes

Example 4 - Connection of two simple beams with the same creep behaviour

System, load relevant for creep:

Construction sequence:

- Two single span girders are positioned (lifted in)
- 2.  $t = t_0$ : Monolithic connection at B

BS+RV: 
$$\theta_{B0} = \frac{g_k l^3}{24EI}, \quad \theta_{B1} = \frac{l}{3EI}$$

Compatibility condition (relative rotation of girder ends at B remains constant after =  $t_0$ ):



At the intermediate support, a moment of approx. 80% of the two-span beam built in one casting «OC» develops due to creep.

#### Influence of creep in system changes

The ratio of the moment at B to the moment of the system built in one casting «OC» for various points in time and creep coefficients:

	56 days	180 days	1 year	5 years
φ(t)	1.00	1.75	2.00	2.50
$M_B(t)/M_{B,OC}$	0.56	0.73	0.77	0.83



As a general rule, in system changes, creep largely builds up the stress state of the system built in one casting  $\sigma_{OC}$ . The higher the creep coefficient, the closer it approximates the state of the system built in one casting («Einguss-System» in German).

As an approximation one may use:

$$S_{t=\infty} \approx S_A + (0.6...0.8)(S_{oC} - S_A)$$

$$S_A \qquad \text{Internal forces before system change (initial state)}$$

$$S_{oC} \qquad \text{Internal forces of system built in one casting "OC"}$$

Influence of creep on restraint internal forces (caused by imposed deformations) Example 5a - three-span beam, time-independent («fast») support displacements  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$ 

Compatibility condition at time  $t = t_0$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} X_{1A}\theta_{11} + X_{2A}\theta_{12} = \theta_{1s} \\ X_{1A}\theta_{21} + X_{2A}\theta_{22} = \theta_{2s} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_{1A} \\ X_{2A} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{11} & \theta_{12} \\ \theta_{21} & \theta_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{1s} \\ \theta_{2s} \end{pmatrix}$$

Time-dependent compatibility condition (Trost method):

$$\Delta \theta_{1}(t) = X_{1A} \theta_{11} \cdot \varphi + \Delta X_{1}(t) \theta_{11} \cdot (1 + \mu \varphi) + X_{2A} \theta_{12} \cdot \varphi + \Delta X_{2}(t) \theta_{12} \cdot (1 + \mu \varphi) = 0$$
  
$$\Delta \theta_{2}(t) = X_{1A} \theta_{21} \cdot \varphi + \Delta X_{1}(t) \theta_{21} \cdot (1 + \mu \varphi) + X_{2A} \theta_{22} \cdot \varphi + \Delta X_{2}(t) \theta_{22} \cdot (1 + \mu \varphi) = 0$$
  
$$\theta_{2A} \theta_{2A} \theta_{2A} \cdot \varphi + \Delta X_{2}(t) \theta_{2B} \cdot (1 + \mu \varphi) = 0$$



	56 days	5 years
φ(t)	1.00	2.00
$X_i(t)/X_{iA}(t)$	0.44	0.23

...ditto, inversely:

$$\Delta X_{1}(t)\theta_{11} + \Delta X_{2}(t)\theta_{12} = -\left[X_{1A}\theta_{11} + X_{2A}\theta_{12}\right]\frac{\tau}{1+\mu\phi} \rightarrow \left(\Delta X_{1}(t)\right) = -\frac{\phi}{1+\mu\phi} \begin{pmatrix}\theta_{1}\\\theta_{2}\\\varphi_{2}$$

 $\rightarrow$  Time-independent restraint forces ("fast imposed deformation") are reduced by creep (or relaxation) to 1/3...1/4 of the initial value

(analogous to relaxation function)

Influence of creep on restraint internal forces (caused by imposed deformations) Example 5b - three-span beam, time-dependent («slow») support displacements  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$ 

Assumption: Settlement process ( $s_1$ ,  $s_2$ ) proportional to creep function:

$$s_i(t) = s_i(t=\infty) \frac{\varphi(t,t_0)}{\varphi(t=\infty,t_0)} = s_{i,\infty} \frac{\varphi}{\varphi_{\infty}} \qquad t = t_0: \quad \frac{s_i = 0}{X_i = 0}$$

Time-dependent compatibility condition (Trost method):

$$\Delta \theta_1(t) = \Delta X_1(t) \theta_{11} \cdot (1 + \mu \phi) + \Delta X_2(t) \theta_{12} \cdot (1 + \mu \phi) = \theta_{1s,\infty} \frac{\phi}{\phi_{\infty}}$$
$$\Delta \theta_2(t) = \Delta X_1(t) \theta_{21} \cdot (1 + \mu \phi) + \Delta X_2(t) \theta_{22} \cdot (1 + \mu \phi) = \theta_{2s,\infty} \frac{\phi}{\phi_{\infty}}$$



	56 days	180 days	5 years
φ(t)	1.00	1.75	2.00
$X_i(t)/X_{iE,el}(t)$	0.44	0.36	0.38

...ditto, inversely:

 $\rightarrow$  Due to creep (or relaxation) time-dependent restraint forces ("slow imposed deformation") reach only approx. 40% of the elastic (short-term) value

4.5 Final Remarks and Summary

#### Aspects not covered in the lecture:

#### Composite cross-sections of concrete and steel or precast concrete components and in-situ concrete

- → Residual stresses or force redistributions due to shrinkage and creep of the concrete (steel does neither creep nor shrink, prefabricated components creep less than in-situ concrete)
- $\rightarrow$  Determination of the force redistributions from the compatibility condition (plane cross-sections remain plane)
- $\rightarrow$  Consideration of creep due to time-dependent residual stresses with the Trost method

#### Effect of crack formation on creep behaviour

- $\rightarrow$  In all previous slides, uncracked behaviour was assumed (results valid e.g. for girders fully prestressed under permanent loads)
- $\rightarrow$  Crack formation and long-term effects influence one another
- $\rightarrow$  Approximate calculation analogous to the non-cracked state with fictitious creep coefficient  $\phi$ ':
  - Determination of cracked elastic stiffness  $EI_{t=0}^{\prime\prime}$  with  $E_{c0}$  resp.  $EI_{t=\infty}^{\prime\prime}$  with  $E_{c0}/(1+\phi)$  (see Stahlbeton I)
  - Calculation with  $EI_{t=0}^{\prime\prime}$  using the fictitious creep coefficient  $\phi' = EI_{t=0}^{\prime\prime} / EI_{t=0}^{\prime\prime} / EI_{t=0}^{\prime\prime} 1$ .

#### Effect of creep on prestressed systems

- $\rightarrow$  Prestress losses due to shrinkage, creep, and relaxation of the prestressing steel see Stahlbeton II.
- → Internal forces due to prestressing are to be taken into account when determining the creep-generating stresses. Treatment as anchorage, deviation, and friction forces (prestressing on the load side) is advisable → Creep is caused by sum of permanent loads and anchorage and deviation forces due to prestressing.
- → For highly prestressed, deformation-sensitive systems, such as cantilever bridges during the construction stage (\*), the long-term effects must be carefully investigated, and upper/lower limit values must be used.

(\*) large deformations due to dead weight (+) and prestressing (-), resulting deformation = difference, sensitive to assumptions made (there is no "safe side" when determining camber = «Überhöhung» in German)

#### Summary

- The term "long-term effects" covers shrinkage, creep, and relaxation. Creep and relaxation of concrete are related phenomena.
- Due to the large variability of the material properties, the shrinkage and creep behaviour can only be determined approximately, even with complex calculations.
- All permanent actions (dead weight, superimposed loads, prestressing) cause creep.
- The stress history usually depends on the creep behaviour. The solution of creep problems, therefore, requires an iterative / step-by-step approach. For manual calculations, the Trost method (with an ageing coefficient of μ≈0.8 for stresses that do not act from the beginning) is appropriate.
- In statically indeterminate systems with uniform creep properties, the restraint forces due to creep change exclusively as a result of timedependent prestress losses (RV due to prestressing is proportional to the prestressing force resp. the deviation forces).
- In statically indeterminate systems with non-uniform creep properties, the redundant variables change as a result of creep.
- After system changes, creep largely builds up the stress state of the system built in one casting. The more prone to creep the system components are, the closer it approximates the system built in one casting. For normal conditions (φ ≈ 2) approx. 80% of the latter is reached.
- Time-independent restraint forces ("fast imposed deformation") are reduced by creep (resp. relaxation) to 1/3...1/4 of the initial value. The reduction of the initial restraint forces is larger, the more prone to creep the system components are.
- Time-dependent restraint forces ("slow imposed deformation") achieve as a result of creep (resp. relaxation) only approx. 40% of the elastic (short-term) value. The restraint forces never act in full-size and the more prone to creep the system parts are, the less they build up.
- Relaxation reduces the restraint forces, but not the deformations!

$$X_{i}(t) = X_{iA} \left( 1 - \frac{\varphi}{1 + \mu \varphi} \right)$$

 $X_{i}(t) = X_{iE,el} \frac{\Psi}{\varphi}$ 

### Appendix

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#### Approaches for the calculation of creep and shrinkage problems

#### **Rüsch method (improved Dischinger method)**

- Basically the same assumptions as Dischinger method
- Superposition of the entire reversible part of creep deformations (neglected in the Dischinger method) with the elastic elongation
- Reasonably realistic, since the reversible portion of creep deformations occurs relatively quickly



#### Approaches for the calculation of creep and shrinkage problems

#### **Creep step method**

- The stress history is only known in advance in simple cases (this was assumed in the previous considerations). In general, it depends on the creep behaviour. The solution therefore usually requires an iterative or step-by-step approach.
- Based on the Dischinger method a differential equation for creep behaviour can be formulated (also possible with the Rüsch method). For numerical solutions, the creep step method can be used, which is based on a subdivision of the load history into time intervals or into "creep steps" (subdivision of the creep coefficient φ(t = ∞, t₀) in equal creep intervals Δφ, usually more appropriate).
- Linearisation of the creep and stress function per interval results in the increase of creep deformation in the time interval.  $\Delta t_i = t_i - t_{i-1}$  (note that since Dischinger's Method is used, the reversible part of creep is not accounted for):

$$\Delta \varepsilon_{cc,i} = \frac{\sigma_{i-1}}{E_{c0}} \Delta \phi_i + \frac{\Delta \sigma_i}{E_{c0}} \frac{\Delta \phi_i}{2} = \frac{\sigma_{i-1} + \Delta \sigma_i/2}{E_{c0}} \Delta \phi_i; \qquad \Delta \phi_i = \phi_i - \phi_{i-1}: \quad \text{Change of the creep function during } \Delta t_i \\ \Delta \sigma_i = \sigma_i - \sigma_{i-1}: \quad \text{Change of the concrete stress during } \Delta t_i$$

• Total strain increase in time interval  $\Delta t_i = t_i - t_{i-1}$ :

$$\Delta \varepsilon_{c,i} = \frac{\Delta \sigma_i}{E_{c0}} + \Delta \varepsilon_{cc,i} + \Delta \varepsilon_{cs,i} = \frac{\Delta \sigma_i}{E_{c0}} + \frac{\sigma_{i-1}}{E_{c0}} \Delta \phi_i + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta \sigma_i}{E_{c0}} \Delta \phi_i + \Delta \varepsilon_{cs,i} = \frac{\Delta \sigma_i}{E_{c0}} + \frac{\sigma_{i-1} + \Delta \sigma_i/2}{E_{c0}} \Delta \phi_i + \Delta \varepsilon_{cs,i}$$

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