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Crack Patterns in Drying Clay: experiments and simulation

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When clay dries, characteristic fractal patterns can be seen in the crack network. We have studied the synthetic clay 'laponite'. The area covered by the cracks, observed at different resolutions, have a characteristic shape on a log-log plot, and the curves for different film thickness, can be scaled by the thickness to collapse onto a master curve. Another interesting feature is that cracks in drying aqueous laponite suspensions can be controlled by a radial electrostatic field. A simple spring network model has been developed, which can reproduce the characteristics of the pattern.

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