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1 Introduction

 Frost action is one of the main causes of the deterioration of porous building materials. A number of studies have investigated the deformation mechanisms and the resulting damage to predict deteriorations, propose proper countermeasures, and create frost-resistant materials (Powers, 1945; Penttala, 1998; Scherer & Valenza II, 2005). The freezing point depression of water in porous media is regarded as a non-negligible phenomenon in such studies (e.g., Hokoi, et al., 2000; Kočí, et al., 2017) and is anticipated from the pore radius assuming thermodynamic equilibrium (Fagerlund , 1973). However, liquid water in porous media can be supercooled and remain in a non-equilibrium liquid state even below the predicted freezing point. Among the studies on deformation and damage due to such frost action, some studies have pointed out the effects of supercooling. For instance, Grübl and Sotkin (1980) observed rapid expansion of cement-based materials accompanied by a sharp rise in temperature during the freezing of supercooled water. In addition, they showed that this rapid expansion had a good correlation with the residual strain after thawing. They considered that ice rapidly growing from the supercooled water can restrict the water movement in the material and cause the development of hydraulic pressure that results in instantaneous and residual expansion, referring to Powers' hypothesis (Powers, 1945). Based on their study, the freezing of supercooled water can affect the mechanical behavior of a material. Moreover, ice rapidly growing from supercooled water may cause more severe frost damage than relatively slow freezing near the thermodynamic equilibrium. Although most of these studies investigated the supercooling effects on cement-based materials, supercooling can also affect the hygrothermal behavior of other building materials. For example, a delay of the start of the freezing process and rapid increase in the temperature of fired clay materials have been observed in both laboratory experiments and outdoor environments (Feng, et al., 2019; Iba, et al., 2016; Wardeh & Perrin, 2006, 2008), which is evidence of the presence of the supercooling phenomenon under various conditions, including the actual weather conditions.

 Currently, it is becoming more important to understand the mechanisms of the deformation and damage of fired clay materials due to frost actions to deal with the increasing risks of frost damage on masonry walls associated with the internal insulation intended to improve the energy efficiency (Zhou, et al., 2017; Feng, et al., 2019) and preservation of ceramic bricks and tiles used for historical buildings (Iba, et al., 2016). Both fired clay and cement-based materials are considered frost-sensitive. Their frost resistance is highly dependent on the raw materials and manufacturing processes, e.g., mineral composition and firing temperature of fired clay materials (Maage 1984; Sánchez de Rojas et al., 2011) and water cement ratio and air content of cement-based materials. Similar to the concrete, Ranogajec et al. (2012) showed that damage to fired clay materials is caused by mechanisms such as hydraulic pressure, closed container, and ice lens mechanisms (Fagerlund, 1997); however, due to their large permeability, roofing tiles sintered at normal temperatures (around 1000 °C) suffer from the ice lens

 mechanism rather than the well-known Power's hydraulic pressure theory. In addition, owing to the pressing prosses, the destruction of fired clay materials is characterized by delamination and anisotropic cracks (Perrin et al., 2011).

 However, despite the great effort to investigate the mechanisms of the deformation and frost damage of fired clay materials (Iba, et al., 2016; Wardeh & Perrin, 2006, 2008, 2011; Ducman, et al., 2011; Sánchez de Rojas et al., 2011; Ranogajec et al., 2012), the effects of supercooling on the deformation have not been examined in detail. The effects of supercooling on the deformation of the fired clay materials should be investigated separately from cement-based materials because of the large differences in pore structures and hygrothermal and mechanical properties. In addition, the supercooled water in a fired clay material freezes much faster than that in cement-based materials (Fukui, et al., 2020, 2021), which can lead more significant pressure development in a material.

 While we examined the hygrothermal behavior of a fired clay material during the freezing of the supercooled water, as presented in previous papers (Fukui, et al., 2020, 2021), we investigated the effects of supercooling on the deformation, as presented herein, using both experimental and numerical approaches. First, we conducted a freeze–thaw experiment to measure the strain evolution of the material during freezing and thawing. Subsequently, we developed a coupled hygrothermal and mechanical model of the freezing and thawing processes, including supercooling. The model was based on a poromechanical approach established by Coussy (2004). Models based on poromechanics have been developed in (Koniorczyk, et al., 2015; Koniorczyk, 2015; Eriksson, et al., 2018; Zeng, et al., 2011; Zeng, et al., 2016) but have been validated only for small cement-based materials with dimensions of several millimeters. Therefore, we validated the model by comparing the calculated strain evolution with the measurement results using a relatively large specimen. Using the model, we examined the processes of water movement, phase change, pressure development, and deformation during freezing, including the supercooling process, and demonstrated the decisive factors of the magnitude of the effects of supercooling on the deformation.

2 Methods

2.1. Experiments

2.1.1. Material

In this study, the material used was made from clay produced in Aichi Prefecture, Japan, which is

65 commonly used in producing tiles in the area. The sintering temperature of clay was 1000 \degree C. The

material is plated-shaped with a thickness of approximately 20 mm and is considered as transversely

isotropic, similar to common roof tiles (Stolecki, et al., 1999).

 Figure 1 shows the logarithmic differential pore volume distribution of the material measured using mercury intrusion porosimetry (Fukui, et al., 2021). The figure also exhibits the freezing point of water in the pores theoretically determined based on the thermodynamic equilibrium between the ice and liquid water (Brun, et al., 1977). Moreover, for comparison, we showed the pore volume distribution of the cement paste with the water-cement ratio of 0.4 and an age of more than 1 year. The material contained pores with diameters larger than those of cement-based materials (Diamond, 1971; Cook & Hover, 1999). Therefore, most of the water contained in the pores is subject to a lower capillary pressure, and the freezing point depression is not significant.

[insert Figure 1]

2.1.2. Strain measurement

 The schematic of the specimen used for strain measurement is shown in Fig. 2. We used a rectangle 79 specimen with a bottom surface of 46.4×94.7 mm and a height of 21.0 mm. The height direction of the specimen corresponded to the thickness direction of the material. Strain gages and thermocouples were attached with cyanoacrylate adhesive to the center of the top surface and one of the sides with a 82 dimension of 21.0×94.7 mm. The strain was measured in a direction that was parallel and normal to 83 the height direction on the side and top surfaces with a dimension of 21.0×94.7 mm, respectively, to check the anisotropy of the material. The employed strain gages were KFLB-5-120-C1-11 R3M3 (Kyowa Electronic Instruments Co., Ltd, Japan). After the strain gages and thermocouples were attached, the specimen was vacuum-saturated and then loosely covered with plastic wrap to prevent evaporation from the surfaces but not to constrain the deformation, allowing the movement of liquid water. It was confirmed that the thermal resistance of the plastic wrap was negligible before the 89 experiment. The air temperature in the test chamber was maintained at 293 K (20 °C) for 30 min to stabilize the temperature distribution in the specimen before the cooling started. Subsequently, the specimen was cooled at a minimum air temperature of 253 K (−20°C) for 4 h and heated at the 92 maximum air temperature of 293 K (20°C) for 4 h. The experiment consisted of six freeze-thaw cycles. The set points of the air temperature in the test chamber were changed in a stepwise manner at the beginning of the cooling and heating periods. During measurement, the temperature and strain of the specimen and the air temperature in the test chamber were recorded every second.

[insert Figure 2]

97 **2.2. Coupled hygrothermal and mechanical modeling**

98 Here, we develop a numerical model corresponding to the freeze-thaw experiment to examine the 99 deformation processes during the freezing of supercooled water.

100 *2.2.1. Constitutive equations*

101 Although most of the numerical simulations of the freeze-thaw processes of building materials have 102 been conducted using an isotropic model, it is considered that the anisotropy of the properties of fired 103 clay materials has considerable effects on its mechanical behavior. Therefore, in this study, we 104 developed a model that considered the anisotropy (transverse isotropy) of the elastic modulus and 105 water transfer. The constitutive equations of the saturated porous media are expressed as (Coussy, 106 2004):

$$
\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{D} \big[\mathbf{\varepsilon} - \boldsymbol{\alpha} (T - T_r) \big] - \mathbf{b} p \tag{1}
$$

108
$$
\varphi = \mathbf{b} : \mathbf{\varepsilon} + \frac{p}{N} - \alpha_{\phi} (T - T_r),
$$
 (2)

109 where **b** is the Biot tangent tensor, **D** is the material elastic stiffness tensor [Pa], *N* is the Biot tangent 110 modulus [Pa], *p* is the pressure [Pa], *T* is the temperature [K], T_r is the reference temperature [K], α is the tensor of the thermal expansion coefficient of the skeleton $[K^{-1}]$, α_{ϕ} is the volumetric thermal expansion coefficient related to the porosity $[K^{-1}]$, ε is the strain tensor, φ is the increment of the 113 porosity, and σ is the total stress tensor [Pa].

114 For the freezing and thawing of the porous media, the ice and liquid water pressures should be 115 considered separately.

116
$$
\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{D} \big[\boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \boldsymbol{\alpha} (T - T_r) \big] - (\mathbf{b}_i p_i + \mathbf{b}_1 p_l) , \qquad (3)
$$

117
$$
\varphi_i = \mathbf{b}_i : \mathbf{\varepsilon} + \frac{p_i}{N_{ii}} + \frac{p_i}{N_{ii}} - a_i (T - T_r) \qquad \varphi_l = \mathbf{b}_1 : \mathbf{\varepsilon} + \frac{p_i}{N_{ii}} + \frac{p_i}{N_{ii}} - a_i (T - T_r), \tag{4}
$$

118 where a_i is a coefficient related to the volumetric thermal expansion of the pore volume occupied by 119 each phase [K⁻¹] and *N_{ii}*, *N_{ii}*, *N_{ii}*, and *N_{ll}* are the generalized Biot coupling moduli [Pa]. Here, the 120 subscripts *i* and *l* represent ice and liquid water, respectively. For simplicity, **b**_i and **b**₁ are expressed as 121 proportional values for the saturation *S* of each phase, according to literature (Coussy, 2005; Coussy 122 & Monteiro, 2008).

$$
\mathbf{b}_j = \mathbf{b} S_j \qquad j = i, l \tag{5}
$$

124 The anisotropies of **b** and α are ignored in this study. They are represented by values *b* and α , 125 respectively. Therefore, the final form of the constitutive equations used in this study are expressed as

126
$$
\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{D} \big[\mathbf{\varepsilon} - \alpha \big(T - T_r \big) \mathbf{I} \big] - b \big(S_i p_i + S_l p_l \big) \mathbf{I} \,, \tag{6}
$$

127
$$
\varphi_{i} = b\varepsilon_{v} + \frac{p_{i}}{N_{ii}} + \frac{p_{I}}{N_{ii}} - a_{i}(T - T_{r}) \qquad \varphi_{l} = b\varepsilon_{v} + \frac{p_{i}}{N_{ii}} + \frac{p_{I}}{N_{ii}} - a_{l}(T - T_{r}), \qquad (7)
$$

128 where *b* is the Biot coefficient. **I** is the second-order unit tensor, α is the thermal expansion coefficient 129 $[K^{-1}]$, and ε_v is the volumetric strain.

130 The poroelastic parameters in Eqs. (6) and (7) to be determined are a_i , a_l , b , N_{ii} , N_{il} , N_{li} , and N_{ll} . We 131 obtained *b*, *Nii*, *Nil*, *Nli*, and *Nll* by assuming that the Young's modulus in the height direction of the 132 specimen was much smaller than that in the normal direction $(E_t \ll E_v$, where E_t and E_v are the Young's 133 moduli in the direction that is parallel and normal to the height, respectively) or the strain in the 134 direction normal to the height was considerably small to obtain b , N_{ii} , N_{ii} , N_{li} , and N_{ll} . This assumption 135 leads to the relationship $b = 1 - E_t/E_s$, where E_s is the Young's modulus of the solid phase. Helmuth 136 and Turk (1966) derived the relationship $E_t/E_s = (1 - \phi)^3$ for hardened cement paste, where ϕ is the 137 porosity. Then, N_{ii} , N_{ii} , N_{li} , and N_{ll} were calculated using the equations derived by Aichi and Tokunaga 138 (2011). Equation (8) is obtained using the relationship $E_t \ll E_v$.

139
$$
\frac{1}{N_{ll}} \approx \frac{b - \phi_0}{E_s} S_l^2 \quad \frac{1}{N_{li}} = \frac{1}{N_{il}} \approx \frac{b - \phi_0}{E_s} S_l S_l \quad \frac{1}{N_{li}} \approx \frac{b - \phi_0}{E_s} S_l^2
$$
 (8)

140 where ϕ_0 is the porosity in a reference state.

141 In (Coussy, 2004), the derivation of *ai* and *al* for anisotropic materials were not reported. Given 142 that the anisotropy of the thermal expansion of the solid volume was ignored in this study, we assumed 143 that *aj* did not exhibit strong anisotropy. Therefore, *ai* and *al* are derived from Eq. (9) by assuming the 144 isotropy of the material (Coussy, 2004).

$$
a_j = 3\alpha \left(b - \phi_0\right) S_j \qquad j = i, l \tag{9}
$$

146 Finally, the main simplifications used in the constitutive equations in this study is summarized as 147 follows:

148 • The plastic deformation of the material was not considered. 149 **• b**_i and **b**_l were set to be proportional to S_i and S_j , respectively, as shown in Eq. (5) 150 (Coussy, 2005; Coussy & Monteiro, 2008).

151 • The anisotropy of *b* and α was ignored.

156 *2.2.2. Liquid-ice relationship under equilibrium and non-equilibrium conditions*

157 The Clausius–Clapeyron equation derived from the equilibrium of the chemical potential of liquid and 158 ice ($\mu_i = \mu_l$, where μ is the chemical potential) is expressed in Eq. (10) (Coussy & Monteiro, 2009).

$$
\frac{p_i}{\rho_i} - \frac{p_i}{\rho_i} = \frac{\Delta s}{\rho_i} (T - T_m)
$$
\n⁽¹⁰⁾

160 where T_m is the melting point of bulk water [K], Δs is the melting entropy (Δs =1.2 [MPa/K]), and ρ is

the density $\lceil \frac{kg}{m^3} \rceil$. The dependency of ρ_i and ρ_l on p and T is expressed in a linearized form (Coussy,

162 2005; Coussy & Monteiro, 2008).

163
$$
\frac{1}{\rho_j} = \frac{1}{\rho_j^0} \left(1 - \frac{p_j}{K_j} + 3\alpha_j (T - T_r) \right)
$$

 $j = i, l$ (11)

164 where *K* is the bulk modulus and ρ^0 is the density in the reference state.

165 *Sl* can be expected from the pressure difference between ice and liquid under thermodynamic 166 equilibrium conditions. The equation suggested by van Genuchten (1980) is as follows:

167
$$
S_{i} = \left[\frac{1}{1 + (\beta(p_{i} - p_{i}))^{n}}\right]^{m}.
$$
 (12)

168 Models presented in (Koniorczyk, et al., 2015; Gawin, et al., 2019) consider the hysteresis during 169 freezing and thawing caused by the difference in the shape of the interface between liquid water and 170 ice. However, we focused on the freezing process, where the water is supercooled, in the calculation. 171 Accordingly, the equilibrium freezing and thawing processes in the calculation were not distinguished, 172 that is, hysteresis was not considered.

173 Under non-equilibrium states, Eqs. (10) and (12) cannot be used because they are based on 174 thermodynamic equilibrium. Therefore, the rate of the increase of ice saturation (∂ *Si/*∂*t*) was derived 175 from the general kinetic equation.

176
$$
\frac{dS_i}{dt} = A \exp\left(-\frac{E_a}{RT}\right) f(S_i), \qquad (13)
$$

177 where *A* is a constant $[s^{-1}]$, E_a is the activation energy [J/mol], $f(S_i)$ is a function of the ice saturation 178 $(=S_i^a(1-S_i)^b$, where *a* and *b* are constants), *R* is the gas constant (= 8.314 [J/(K·mol)]), and *t* is time 179 [s]. The parameters in Eq. (13) were calibrated using the results of differential scanning calorimetry 180 as follows: $A = 9.71 \times 10^{-9}$ s⁻¹, $E_a = -36694$ J/mol, $a = 0.68$, and $b = 1.12$ (Fukui, et al., 2021). 181 Models presented in (Koniorczyk, et al., 2015; Gawin, et al., 2019) consider non-equilibrium states 182 (relatively close to the equilibrium). In these models, the Young-Laplace equation was used to relate 183 the current liquid water saturation of a material and the pressure difference between the ice and liquid 184 water. To the best of our knowledge, there are no studies that have reported the applicability of the 185 assumption of the mechanical equilibrium for the large pressure difference and rapid penetration of 186 ice into liquid-filled pores under strong non-equilibrium states, that is, during the freezing of 187 supercooled water. Based on Eq. (6), the evolution of *pi* does not significantly contribute to the stress 188 when S_i is not large. In fact, the increase in S_i during the non-equilibrium freezing was 0.11 to 0.14, 189 which will be mentioned in Section 4, and is not significant. Therefore, we used Eq. (12) even under 190 non-equilibrium conditions assuming that the calculation results were not significantly influenced by 191 the relationship between *pi* and *pl*.

192 *2.2.3. Conservation equations*

- 193 The momentum balance is expressed as
-

194 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{\sigma} + \mathbf{F} = 0$, (14) $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{\sigma} + \mathbf{F} = 0$.

195 where **F** is the body force vector $[N/m^3]$. **F** = 0 because we did not consider any sources of external 196 force.

197 Equations for the heat and moisture mass conservation can be expressed as follows:

198
$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(CT - Hm_i) = \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T), \qquad (15)
$$

199
$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(m_i + m_l) = \nabla \cdot (\lambda^{\dagger} \nabla p_l), \qquad (16)
$$

200 where

$$
m_i = \rho_i \left(\phi_0 S_i + \varphi_i \right) \qquad m_l = \rho_l \left(\phi_0 S_l + \varphi_l \right), \tag{17}
$$

$$
C = c_d \rho_d + c_i m_i + c_i m_i \,. \tag{18}
$$

- Here, *c* is the specific heat $[J/(kg·K)]$, *H* is the latent heat of solidification (= 334 × 10³ [J/kg]), λ is
- the tensor of thermal conductivity [W/(m·K)], and λ**'** is the tensor of moisture permeability related to
- the liquid water pressure gradient [kg/(m·s·Pa)]. The subscript *d* represents the bulk material in the
- 206 dry state. *C* is the volumetric specific heat of the wet material [J/(m³·K)], and m_i and m_l are the masses
- 207 of the ice and liquid water, respectively, contained in a unit volume of the bulk material $\lfloor \frac{kg}{m^3} \rfloor$.

2.2.4. Calculation methods for freeze–thaw processes including supercooling

- We began the calculation using the temperature above the freezing point to reproduce the temperature distribution in the specimen when freezing started. Therefore, the calculation included three states: unfrozen, non-equilibrium freezing, and equilibrium freezing. The calculation method accounting for these three states was similar to that in previous studies (Fukui, et al., 2020, 2021), in which we developed a hygrothermal model including supercooling processes. However, the conditions under which the state of water changes to another state were slightly different because we accounted for the *pi* evolution in this study.
- Figure 3 shows the conditions under which water state changes. While the freezing of a saturated 217 material is expected to start when the temperature drops below T_m under thermodynamic equilibrium 218 conditions, the start of freezing is delayed when the water is supercooled. We set the temperature T_f [K] at which the supercooled water started to freeze to a value measured in the freeze-thaw experiment. In addition, previous studies (Fukui, et al., 2020, 2021) reported that the solidification of supercooled water in the fired clay material starts almost simultaneously in a specimen. Therefore, in the calculations, the freezing of a segment is triggered when it comes into contact with a segment containing ice.
- [insert Figure 3]
- The *Si* of the material rapidly increases after the supercooled water starts freezing, as shown in Eq. 226 (13). On the other hand, S_l decreases based on Eq. (16), and the difference between p_i and p_l changes, as expected from Eq. (12). Furthermore, *T* increases because of the released latent heat, as shown in Eq. (15). The thermodynamic equilibrium of the water in the material is achieved when Eq. (10) is satisfied.
- During the heating period, the state of the water in the material changed directly from the 231 equilibrium freezing state to the unfrozen state when S_i decreased to 0.
- *2.2.5. Calculation model, conditions, and numerical solution*
- The calculation model for the strain measurement is shown in Fig. 4. The calculation was performed
- 234 two-dimensionally on a cross-section with a size of 40×20 mm under the assumption of the plane

235 strain state. Given that the specimen was symmetric, the calculation was conducted on a quarter of the 236 cross-section, and the two axes of the rectangular coordinate system were set in the directions of the 237 40 mm and 20 mm sides (*x* and *y* axes in Fig. 4, respectively). The basic equations were discretized 238 using the Galerkin finite element method for space with 2×2 mm bilinear elements based on the 239 monolithic approach. The calculation results were confirmed to not be dependent on the mesh size by 240 comparing these results using the elements with half sides. *T*, *pl*, and displacement vector **u** [m] were 241 expressed using vectors of the nodal values **Te**, **pe**, and **ue**, respectively, and the shape function **N** and

Nu. 242

$$
T = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{T}_{e} \quad p_{l} = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{p}_{e} \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{N}_{u}\mathbf{u}_{e}
$$
 (19)

244 After the discretization, we obtained the following system of equations:

245
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix}\n\mathbf{C}_{\text{TT}} & \mathbf{C}_{\text{Tp}} & \mathbf{C}_{\text{Tu}} \\
\mathbf{C}_{\text{pT}} & \mathbf{C}_{\text{pp}} & \mathbf{C}_{\text{pu}} \\
\mathbf{C}_{\text{uT}} & \mathbf{C}_{\text{up}} & \mathbf{C}_{\text{uu}} \\
\mathbf{C}_{\text{uT}} & \mathbf{C}_{\text{up}} & \mathbf{C}_{\text{uu}}\n\end{bmatrix}\n\begin{bmatrix}\n\mathbf{T}_{\text{e}} \\
\mathbf{p}_{\text{e}} \\
\mathbf{u}_{\text{e}}\n\end{bmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
=\n\begin{bmatrix}\n\mathbf{K}_{\text{TT}} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\
\mathbf{0} & \mathbf{K}_{\text{uu}} & \mathbf{0} \\
\mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0}\n\end{bmatrix}\n\begin{bmatrix}\n\mathbf{T}_{\text{e}} \\
\mathbf{p}_{\text{e}} \\
\mathbf{p}_{\text{e}}\n\end{bmatrix} + \n\begin{bmatrix}\n\mathbf{f}_{\text{r}} \\
\mathbf{f}_{\text{p}} \\
\mathbf{f}_{\text{p}} \\
\partial \mathbf{f}_{\text{u}}/\partial t\n\end{bmatrix}
$$
\n(20)

246 where Eq. (6) was differentiated by time. All components in Eq. (20) are presented in the Appendix. 247 The discretization in time was performed using the finite difference method. The forward difference 248 was used and the time step was set to 0.00125 s. We confirmed that the calculation was stable with no

249 oscillations. The program code was developed by the authors using programming language Fortran 90.

251 Table 1 summarizes the initial and boundary conditions. The initial temperature was assumed to be 252 uniform in the material. It was set as the average of the two temperatures measured on the top and side 253 surfaces at the beginning of the freeze-thaw experiment. Considering that the specimen was 254 completely saturated, the initial value of p_l in the material was set to 0 Pa. On the axes of symmetry $(x$ $255 = 0$ or $y = 0$ in Fig. 4), no heat or moisture flow was considered, and the displacement normal to the 256 direction of the axis was restricted. During the experiment, the evaporation of water through the 257 surface of the material was prevented by plastic wrap, but the wrap did not restrict liquid water 258 movement through the surfaces. Therefore, p_l on the surface of the material was set to 0 Pa. The Robin 259 boundary condition with the measured temperature of the air in the test chamber was used to calculate 260 the heat flux density on the surface of the material. The heat transfer coefficient was set to 6.5 261 [W/(m² K)] to ensure that the calculation results of the temperature evolution is in agreement with the 262 measurement results.

^{250 [}insert Figure 4]

	Position	Coordinate	Heat	Moisture	Stress and
		(shown in Fig. 4)			displacement
Initial	Calculation	$0 \leq x \leq L_x$	Measured	$p_l=0$	$\mathbf{u} = 0$
condition	area	and $0 \le y \le L_v$	temperature		
Boundary	Axes of	$x=0$ or $y=0$	$\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$	$\mathbf{J}\cdot\mathbf{n}=0$	$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$
condition	the symmetry				
	Material's	$x = L_x$ or $y = L_y$	$Q \cdot n$	$p_l = 0$	$\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$
	surfaces		$= h (T - T_{out})$		

263 **Table 1.** Initial and boundary conditions of the calculation.

264 *h* is the heat transfer coefficient [W/(m²·K)]; **J** and **Q** are vectors of the moisture flow [kg/(m²·s)] and heat

265 flow [W/m²], respectively; **n** is a unit vector normal to the boundary; T_{out} is the air temperature measured

 266 in the test chamber [K]

267 *2.2.6 Material properties*

268 Table 2 lists the material properties with constant values. Some of these properties were derived in our 269 previous study (Fukui, et al., 2021). A thermomechanical analysis on an air-dried specimen was 270 conducted to determine α . The shear modulus G_{ν} [Pa] was calculated using the following equation 271 (Hayashi, 1954):

272
$$
\frac{1}{G_{\nu}} = \frac{4}{E_{45}} - \left(\frac{1}{E_{t}} + \frac{1}{E_{\nu}} - \frac{V_{\nu}}{E_{t}}\right),
$$
 (21)

273 where E_{45} is the Young's modulus in the 45° direction from the height direction [Pa] and v_{tv} is the 274 Poisson's ratio corresponding to the loading in the normal direction. G_{tv} was obtained by assuming

275 that *E*⁴⁵ was the average of *E* and *E*'. We adopted the value of a brick from (Kumaran, 1996) for *cd*.

276 **Table 2.** Material properties with a constant value.

277 *1 A symbol ^ν*mn* represents the Poisson's ratio that corresponds to an expansion in direction *n* when a 278 contraction is applied in direction *m*.

279 The relationship between air pressure p_a [Pa] and p_i in an unsaturated material and between p_i and 280 p_l in a frozen material can be expressed using the Young–Laplace equation:

281
$$
p_a - p_l = 2 \frac{\gamma_{al}}{r},
$$
 (22)

282
$$
p_i - p_l = 2 \frac{\gamma_{il}}{r},
$$
 (23)

283 where *r* is the pore radius [m], and ^γ*al* and ^γ*il* are the interfacial energies between the air and liquid 284 water (= 73 × 10⁻³ J/m² at 20 °C) and between the ice and liquid water (= 33 × 10⁻³ J/m² at 0 °C 285 (Ketcham & Hobbs, 1969)), respectively. The difference in p_a-p_l in Eq. (22) is the negative value of 286 the capillary pressure p_c [Pa]. Moreover, S_l of a frozen material can be obtained from the adsorption 287 isotherm of an unfrozen and unsaturated material using Eqs. (22) and (23).

$$
S_{i} = \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left(\beta \frac{\gamma_{al}}{\gamma_{il}}(p_{i} - p_{l})\right)^{n}}\right]^{m}
$$
(24)

289 The adsorption isotherm of the employed material in the unfrozen state was derived in our previous

- 290 study (Fukui, et al., 2021) based on gas adsorption and pressure plate methods. The constants β , *n*, and 291 *m* in Eq. (12) were determined to be 1.1×10^{-6} Pa⁻¹, 2.3, and 0.57, respectively. The hysteresis of *S*_l
- 292 was not considered in the calculations.

293 Data on the thermal conductivity and moisture permeability of the material were available in our 294 previous study (Fukui, et al., 2021). For simplicity, we ignored the anisotropy of λ . Therefore, the 295 thermal conductivity of the material was represented by one value λ . The following linear relationship 296 was derived from the measurement of the thermal conductivity of the air-dried and wet materials using 297 the transient hot wire method (Fukui, et al., 2021):

 $\lambda = 1.26S_+ + 0.55$. (25)

299 Equation (26) was used to calculate the thermal conductivity during the freezing and thawing 300 processes.

$$
\lambda = 1.26 \left(S_t + \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i} S_i \right) + 0.55 \tag{26}
$$

302 In this calculation, we considered the anisotropy of the water permeability, Young's modulus, and 303 Poisson's ratio. We obtained the moisture permeability in the direction normal to the height direction 304 using the Boltzmann transformation and gamma-ray attenuation method (Fukui, et al., 2021). However, 305 the gamma-ray attenuation method is not suitable for measurements in the height direction because 306 the material was too thin (only approximately 20 mm). Therefore, we conducted mass measurements 307 during water absorption to compare the water absorption coefficient and average moisture diffusivity, 308 which was proportional to the square of the water absorption coefficient (Kumaran, 1999), in the 309 parallel and normal directions. Based on the results, the average moisture diffusivity was 2.1 times 310 smaller in the height direction than in the normal direction. Then, we assumed that the water 311 permeability in the height direction was 2.1 times smaller in the entire saturation range.

312 Finally, we present the equilibrium relationship derived from Eq. (24) and the moisture 313 permeability in Fig. 5. The liquid water content ψ_l [m³/m³] and water chemical potential μ [J/kg] for 314 free water in the previous study (Fukui, et al., 2021) were re-expressed using the saturation degree of 315 liquid water S_l (= ψ_l / ϕ) and water pressure (= μ_l _{*l*l}), respectively, to calculate these properties.

316 [insert Figure 5]

317 In this subsection, the full set of material properties used to conduct the numerical analysis is shown.

318 Therefore, the heat transfer coefficient between the specimen surfaces and air in the test chamber was

- 319 the only calibrated parameter. In the next section, we verify the numerical model by comparing the
- 320 calculated and measured strains of the freeze-thaw experiment. Then, we investigate the supercooling

effects on the deformation of the fired clay material.

3 Results

3.1. Freeze-thaw experiment

 Figures 6 and 7 present the results of the strain measurements during the first freeze-thaw cycle. The strain evolution during subsequent cycles is not exhibited in the figures because it did not change drastically, except for the development of the plastic strain. From the figures, the strain measured both on the side (in the y-axis direction) and top surface (in the x-axis direction) are shown, but the temperature on the top surface is omitted in Fig. 6 because it was almost the same as that on the side 329 surface. Moreover, we presented the strain referring to the values at a temperature of 20 $^{\circ}$ C during the cooling process, as indicated by the triangle.

[insert Figure 6]

[insert Figure 7]

 The results of the strain measurement show expansion due to freezing. The start of the expansion was delayed because of supercooling until the temperature reached −4.8 °C, as shown by the dotted 335 squares in Fig. 6 (a). The temperature rapidly increased to slightly less than 0° C at the same time as the strain increased. The increase in strain was only a small value (0.0479×10^{-3}) in the y-axis direction). The strain in the y-axis direction then decreased and increased as the temperature decreased during the cooling period. Conversely, the strain measured in the x-axis direction continued to decrease after expansion, which indicates the strong anisotropy of the deformation.

3.2. Coupled hygrothermal and mechanical simulation

 Figure 8 shows the comparison of the calculation results, which do not include the supercooling process with the measurement results. In this calculation, the non-equilibrium freezing state in Fig. 3 was omitted during the cooling process, and the state of water directly changed from unfrozen to equilibrium freezing. Therefore, Eq. (10) was used throughout the freezing process. The rapid temperature rise and expansion associated with the freezing of the supercooled water could not be reproduced although the trends of the calculated and measured temperature and strain evolutions are generally in agreement, except for the strain evolutions on the top surface (in the x-axis direction). This difference on the top surface may be attributed to the anisotropy of the Biot coefficient; however, the deformation of the top surface is small and its influence on the deformation of the side surface is considered insignificant. The difference in the magnitude of the measured and calculated strain evolution on the side surface may be due to inaccuracies in the material properties used in the

calculation, such as the water permeability and adsorption isotherm.

[insert Figure 8]

 Figures 9 and 10 show the calculated temperature and strain using a model that includes supercooling. In addition, the calculated ice saturation evolution using the model including the supercooling process are presented in Figs. 11 and 12. The ice saturation at two different distances 357 from the center of the specimen along the *x*-axis is shown $((x, y) = (0.005, 0)$ and $(0.015, 0)$ in the coordinate shown in Fig. 4). The calculated temperature adequately reproduced the rapid rise observed in the experiment while the calculation results did not significantly change except for those when the supercooled water started freezing (at an elapsed time of approximately 1 h and 30 min). During the increase of the temperature, the calculated strain also rapidly increased as the measured strain although subsequent decrease in the calculated strain was much faster than the measured strain. The rapid increase in the calculated temperature and strain was 7–8 min later than that of the measured temperature and strain, which is probably because of imperfections in the material properties used in the calculation, such as the thermal conductivity, adsorption isotherm, and estimation of the heat transfer coefficient between the surfaces of the specimen and air in the test chamber.

- [insert Figure 9]
- [insert Figure 10]
- [insert Figure 11]
- [insert Figure 12]

4 Discussion

4.1. Effects of supercooling on the deformation of a fired clay material

 During the experiment, the increase in strain during the rapid temperature increase was much smaller than that associated with the subsequent temperature decrease in the y-axis direction. Based on these results, the effects of supercooling on the deformation of the fired clay material were small.

376 The temperature of the specimen rapidly increased to approximately 0° C during the experiment. A further increase in temperature was not observed, which indicated that the rapid ice formation stopped at that time. The temperature that was reached when the temperature stopped increasing was interpreted as the equilibrium temperature without supercooling effects (Grübl & Sotkin, 1980). Therefore, it is expected that the ice growth and resulting expansion were restricted by the equilibrium freezing temperature as the upper limit of the temperature rise accompanied by ice growth in the experiment.

 Grübl and Sotkin (1980), who conducted freeze-thaw experiments using cement-based materials, showed that the remaining expansion after thawing had a good correlation with the rapid expansion associated with non-equilibrium freezing. However, in our experiment, the residual strain after thawing (1.28 × 10⁻³) was considerably larger than the rapid increase in the strain (0.0479 × 10⁻³) in the y-axis direction. Therefore, it is considered that the supercooling effects on the damage were also small in the fired clay material, and the subsequent expansion associated with the temperature decrease caused the residual strain instead. The supercooled water in the fired clay material freezes much faster than that in cement-based materials (Fukui, et al., 2020, 2021). As discussed by Grübl and Sotkin (1980), the ice rapidly growing from the supercooled water can restrict the water movement in a material and cause development of the hydraulic pressure resulting in instantaneous and residual expansion. Therefore, it is possible that greater pressure occurs in the fired clay material because of the more rapid volume change of the water than that in cement-based materials. The reasons for the small expansion of the fired clay material caused by the freezing of supercooled water are discussed in the following subsection.

4.2. Mechanisms of the deformation with and without supercooling

 The varieties of ice saturation in the material were relatively small, and 11%–14 % of water solidified during the non-equilibrium freezing, as shown in Figs. 11 and 12. This amount of freezing water can cause significant liquid pressure if the material is sealed (Coussy & Monteiro, 2009). Therefore, it is expected that the pressure developed by freezing was relaxed because of the transfer of liquid water toward the surfaces of the material.

 We conducted an additional calculation in which the water permeability was set to a 0.1 times larger value than that in the calculation described previously to examine the contribution of the water transfer to the strain and pressure evolution in the material. Figures 13 and 14 show the calculated liquid pressure and strain evolution, respectively. A much greater pressure takes place, and it takes longer to relax the pressure in the case of a small water permeability when the liquid pressure increases and then drops rapidly when using the original water permeability. Furthermore, Fig. 14 shows that the increase in strain is much greater than that in the original calculation shown in Fig. 9.

[insert Figure 13]

[insert Figure 14]

 Therefore, the pressure developed owing to the rapid ice growth during the freezing of the supercooled water can be relaxed by the liquid water transfer, and it does not cause significant deformation if the material has sufficient water permeability. It is also probable that the difference in

 the water permeability can cause a difference in the magnitude of the supercooling effects among the materials.

 Finally, Fig. 15 shows the calculated evolution of the liquid water and ice pressure during the entire freezing and thawing processes using the model including the supercooling process and original water permeability. In contrast to the pressure evolution during the non-equilibrium freezing shown in Fig. 13, the pressure develops significantly during equilibrium freezing as the temperature decreases and ice saturation increases. The water permeability of the material decreases, accompanied by a decrease 422 in the liquid water saturation, preventing water from escaping toward the surface of the material. In addition, the ice pressure is even higher than that of liquid water because of the relationship expressed in Eq. (10). Therefore, the pressure evolution caused by the small water permeability after the considerable amount of water solidified, and the ice pressure increases because of the chemical potential equilibrium causing deformation in the fired clay material, rather than rapid ice growth during non-equilibrium freezing.

[insert Figure 15]

5 Conclusion

 In this study, we investigated the effects of supercooling on the deformation of a fired clay material using strain measurements and coupled hygrothermal and mechanical simulations based on the poromechanical approach. During the experiment, the specimen was maintained to be saturated by preventing evaporation using a plastic wrap with negligible thermal resistance. The wrap loosely covered the specimen surfaces to avoid constraining the deformation, allowing liquid water seepage. During the measurement, the temperature rapidly increased, and an increase in the strain associated with the freezing of the supercooled water was apparent. However, this increase in the strain was only $\frac{1}{37}$ small (0.0479 × 10⁻³ in the thickness direction of the material). Conversely, after the rapid freezing of the supercooled water stopped, the strain in the thickness direction of the material increased significantly as the temperature decreased. From these results, we concluded that the effects of supercooling on deformation are small on the fired clay material compared to cement-based materials reported in literature (Grübl & Sotkin, 1980). In addition, the supercooling effects on the damage were small and the subsequent expansion associated with the temperature decrease caused the residual strain because the residual strain after thawing was considerably larger than the rapid increase in the strain associated with the freezing of the supercooled water.

 Based on the comparison of the results of the strain measurement and calculated pressure and strain evolution, the reasons for the small impacts of supercooling on the deformation of the fired clay material are as follows:

448 • The temperature of a material with a relatively large volume (i.e., specimen for the 449 strain measurement) rapidly increases after the supercooled water starts freezing 450 because the released latent heat cannot easily escape from the surfaces of the material. 451 This rapid temperature increase is then restricted by the equilibrium freezing 452 temperature, resulting in the restriction of the growth of ice and the resulting pressure. 453 • Based on the comparison of the calculation results with different moisture 454 permeabilities, the small impact of supercooling on deformation can be due to the 455 sufficiently large moisture permeability of the fired clay material. The increased 456 pressure associated with the freezing of the supercooled water is relaxed by the water 457 transfer toward the surfaces of the material, even though the supercooled water in the 458 fired clay material freezes much faster than that in cement-based materials (shown in 459 our previous study (Fukui, et al., 2021)). It is also shown that the effect of supercooling 460 can be more significant if a material has a low moisture permeability.

461 Further studies need to be conducted to reveal the impacts of supercooling on the deformation and 462 damage of materials with various material properties, especially of those with low water permeability 463 (e.g., cement-based materials). The freezing rates and degree of the freezing point depression also 464 affects the significance of the supercooling, and their combined effects should be discussed. The strain 465 measurements and numerical simulations were conducted under single temperature and moisture 466 conditions. However, studies under conditions closer to the outdoor environment should be conducted 467 to evaluate the effects of supercooling on real building components.

468 **Appendix**

469 The components in Eq. (20) are defined as follows:

470
$$
\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{TT}} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial T} (CT - H_{li} m_i) \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{N} d\Omega , \qquad (A.1)
$$

471
$$
\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{p}}} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} (CT - Hm_i) \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{N} d\Omega, \qquad (A.2)
$$

472
$$
\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{T}u} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_v} (CT - Hm_i) \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{B} d\Omega,
$$
 (A.3)

473
$$
\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{p}\mathbf{T}} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial T} (m_i + m_l) \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{N} d\Omega, \qquad (A.4)
$$

474
$$
\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_l} (m_i + m_l) \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{N} d\Omega, \qquad (A.5)
$$

475
$$
\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{p}\mathbf{u}} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{v}}} (m_i + m_l) \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{B} d\Omega, \qquad (A.6)
$$

476
$$
\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{T}} = -\int_{\Omega} \left[\alpha \mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{D} + b \frac{\partial}{\partial T} (S_i p_i + S_i p_i) \mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{T}} \right] \mathbf{m} \mathbf{N} d\Omega, \qquad (A.7)
$$

$$
\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{p}} = -\int_{\Omega} b \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \left(S_i p_i + S_l p_l \right) \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{m} \mathbf{N} d\Omega
$$
\n(A.8)

$$
C_{uu} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{B}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} d\Omega, \tag{A.9}
$$

479
$$
\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{TT}} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{N}^T \lambda \nabla \mathbf{N} d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} h \mathbf{N}^T d\Gamma, \qquad (A.10)
$$

$$
\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{pp}} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{\lambda}^T \nabla \mathbf{N} d\Omega, \tag{A.11}
$$

481 where Ω and Γ are the domain of an element and its boundary, respectively, and

$$
\mathbf{m} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T, \tag{A.12}
$$

$$
\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x_1} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial x_1} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial x_1} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_4}{\partial x_1} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x_2} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial x_2} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial x_2} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_4}{\partial x_2}\\ \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial N_4}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial N_4}{\partial x_1} \end{bmatrix}.
$$
 (A.13)

484 During the unfrozen and equilibrium freezing states

$$
\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{T}} = -\int_{\Gamma} \left(Q - h T_{out} \right) \mathbf{N}^T d\Gamma \,, \tag{A.15}
$$

$$
\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{p}} = -\int_{\Gamma} J \mathbf{N}^T d\Gamma \,, \tag{A.16}
$$

487
$$
\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{u}}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{t} d\Gamma,
$$
 (A.17)

488 where **t** is the external force vector [N/m²]. During the non-equilibrium freezing state, $\partial S_i/\partial t$ was

489 directly given by Eq. (13). In this case, Eqs. (A.15) to (A.17) were altered by Eqs. (A.18) to (A.20).

490
$$
\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{T}} = -\int_{\Gamma} (Q - \alpha T_{out}) \mathbf{N}^{T} d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial S_{i}} (CT - Hm_{i}) \frac{\partial S_{i}}{\partial t} \mathbf{N}^{T} \mathbf{N} d\Omega
$$
 (A.18)

491
$$
\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{p}} = -\int_{\Gamma} J \mathbf{N}^{T} d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial S_{i}} (m_{i} + m_{i}) \frac{\partial S_{i}}{\partial t} \mathbf{N}^{T} d\Omega
$$
 (A.19)

492
$$
\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{u}}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{N}^{T} \mathbf{t} d\Gamma + \int_{\Omega} b \frac{\partial}{\partial S_{i}} (S_{i} p_{i} + S_{i} p_{i}) \frac{\partial S_{i}}{\partial t} \mathbf{B}^{T} \mathbf{m}^{T} d\Omega
$$
(A.20)

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Mater saturation

Mater permeability
[10⁻¹¹ kg/(m·s·Pa)]

 $\left(a\right)$

 $\left(a\right)$

Solid lines: experiment; Dotted lines: calculation

Solid lines: experiment; Dotted lines: calculation

Elapsed time [h: min.]

 (b)

Solid lines: experiment; Dotted lines: calculation

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 $\left(\text{a}\right)$

Solid lines: experiment; Dotted lines: calculation

Elapsed time [h: min.]

 (b)

Solid lines: experiment; Dotted lines: calculation

 (a)

Ice saturation

 0.15

Elapsed time [h]

$\lambda' \times 0.1$ (5 mm) $|\lambda'|\times$ 0.1 (15 mm) λ ' \times 1(5 mm) λ ' \times 1 (15 mm) 1:35 1:36 1:37

Elapsed time [h: min.]

Solid lines: experiment; Dotted lines: calculation

 (a)

 (b)