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Construction Materials Toward the Realization of Sustainable Society

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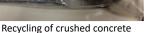
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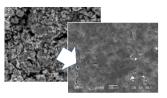
Our final goal is to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society through the study of construction materials, mainly concrete, to develop a sophisticated recycling system and to build long-lasting structures.

Complete recycling of concrete waste

We are developing a new recycling technique that produces zero by-products and does not require new materials to recycle concrete waste.







Flow and densification by stress

Deterioration mechanisms

We are trying to understand the deterioration mechanisms of concrete structures due to freezing and thawing, chloride attack, etc. using model channels.



Micro channels after water saturation and freezing





High frost damage resistance after vacuuming

Property change due to high-speed impact

The microscopic change in concrete due to high-speed impact is not understood well. We are investigating the property change collaborating with the impact engineering laboratory in Ritsumeikan University



Diaphramless Vertical Gas Gun (Ritsumeikan University)

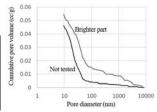


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Fracture due to impact



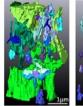
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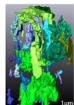


Pore structure change

Analysis via special devices

We use various special devices, such as FIB-SEM to observe the three-dimensional pore structure of concrete; SPM to measure microscopic surface property; and MRI to observe water permeation into concrete.







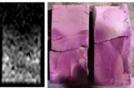


Pore structure obtained by FIB-SEM



3T-MRI used for observation

Surface property obtained by SPM



Left: MRI, Right: Splitting surface with developer

Deformation mechanism of concrete

We observed that hardened cement paste shows large deformation without macroscopic damage under confining pressure. We are trying to understand this mechanism.





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Triaxial testing machine (Brown Univ.) Stress-Strain relationship