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Technology Development Toward the Sustainable Society

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.



Recycling of crushed concrete



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.



Work in a clean room

Example of the fabricated nano-channels



Micro channels after water saturation and freezing



Concrete only

Strength development

Recycled concrete samples

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.



Triaxial testing machine (Brown Univ.)



(c)20MPa





High frost damage resistance after vacuuming

Analysis via special devices

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



Pore structure obtained via FIB-SEM







Surface property obtained via SPM





