



# Recent Development and Application of Low Carbon LC<sup>3</sup> Concrete

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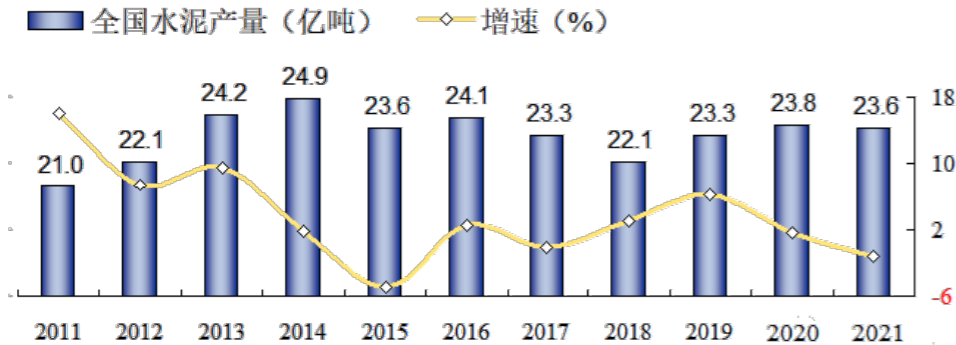
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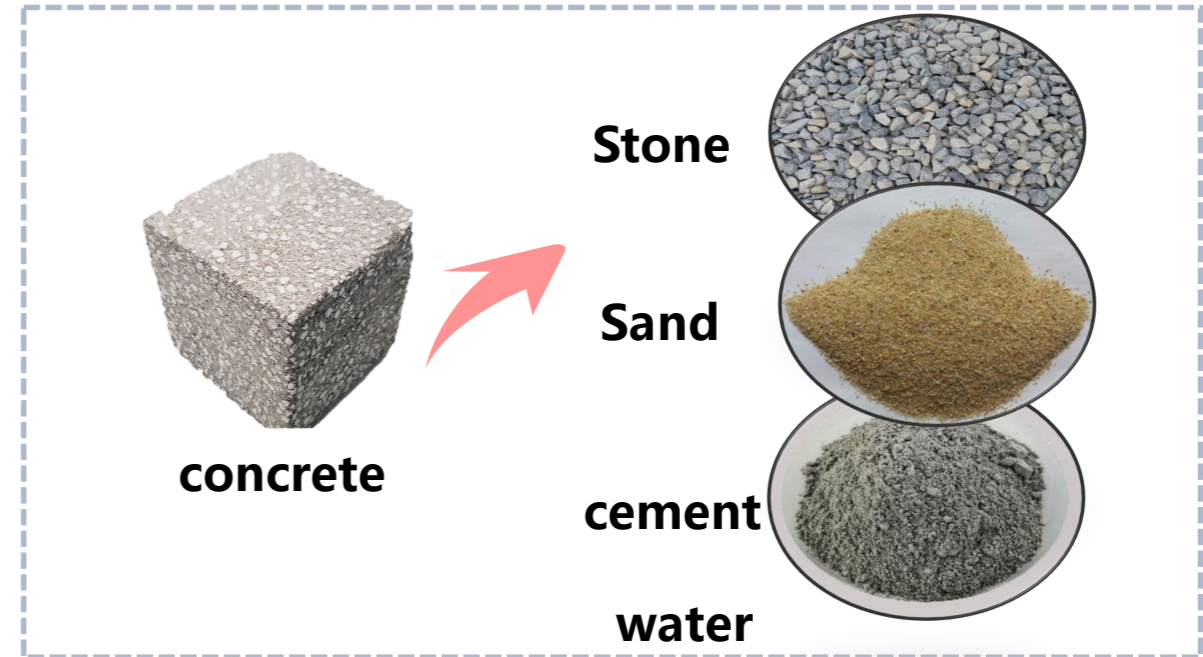
## Challenge: Resource depletion and environmental damage

China's construction industry consumes 2 billion tons of cement a year, accounting for 13% of its carbon emissions

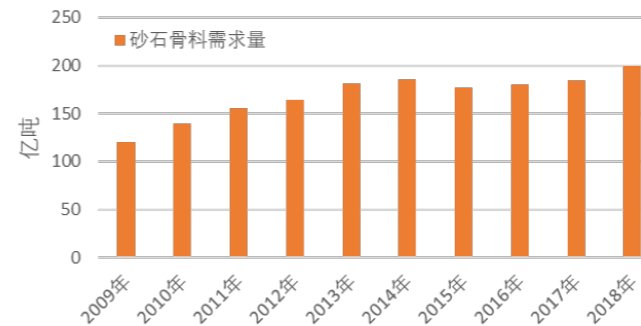


建材行业中水泥年产量超20亿吨

Cement production beyond 2 billion tones



China's annual aggregate consumption of up to 20 billion tons of sand & stone



China has approximately 840 hectares of mountainous land at an elevation of 500 meters are leveled each year.

## Carbon Peak by 2030 and Carbon Neutralization by 2060 (CPCN)

- Global cement grows by 3% annually;
- Low-carbon supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs) and environmentally friendly cement.



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## Opportunities: Low-Carbon Cement and Waste Utilization

Low carbon solution: Limestone Calcined Clay Cement, LC<sup>3</sup>

**Emissions of LC<sup>3</sup> are estimated to be 20-30% lower than OPC:**

➤ **Reduced clinker content** leads to less process emissions from the decarbonation of limestone and less emissions from heating limestone to form clinker;



➤ **Grinding limestone** takes less energy than heating it;

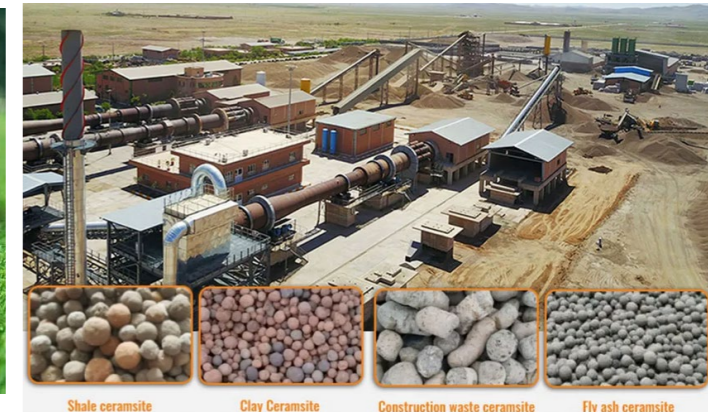


➤ **Calcination of clay** takes place at 800°C and uses roughly 55% of the energy needed for clinkerisation at 1450°C.



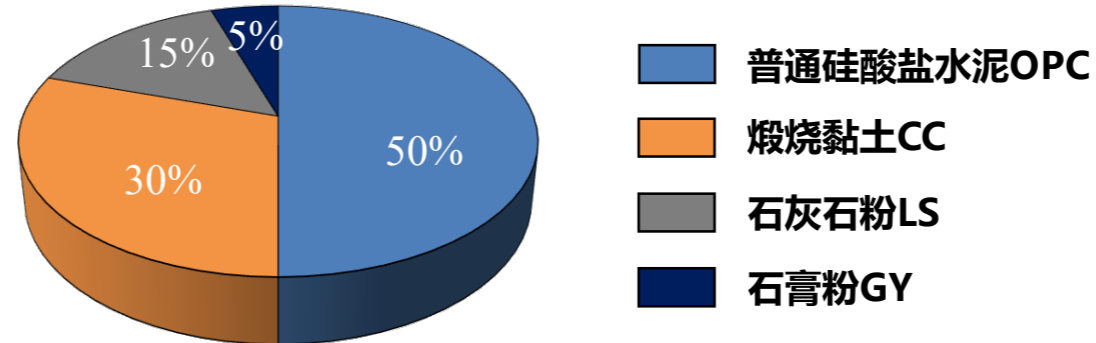
Green aggregates : artificial aggregate by waste utilization

- China annually produces ~2 billion tons of construction waste
- Recycling and reuse save ~700 billion and conserve 530 million tons of standard coal, reduces 1.39 billion tons CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Light aggregate products such as shale ceramsite, fly ash ceramsite, sludge ceramsite, and clay ceramsite
- “3060 CPCN Goals” : China is vigorously promoting environmentally friendly waste utilization, prefabricated construction, and green energy-saving buildings...



Company: Henan Baichy Machinery Equipment Co.,Ltd  
Scrivener K, Martirena F, Bishnoi S, et al. Calcined clay limestone cements (LC<sup>3</sup>). Cement and Concrete Research, 2018, 114:49-56.

Limestone + Calcined Clay + Cement = LC<sup>3</sup>



## Motivation

- Raw materials for calcined clay, such as **low-quality tailings or waste clay (other solid waste)**, are available
- Hydration mechanism, physical and chemical properties, short-term mechanical properties, mix design, and durability
- Structural performance of LC<sup>3</sup>-RC members is **not well understood**

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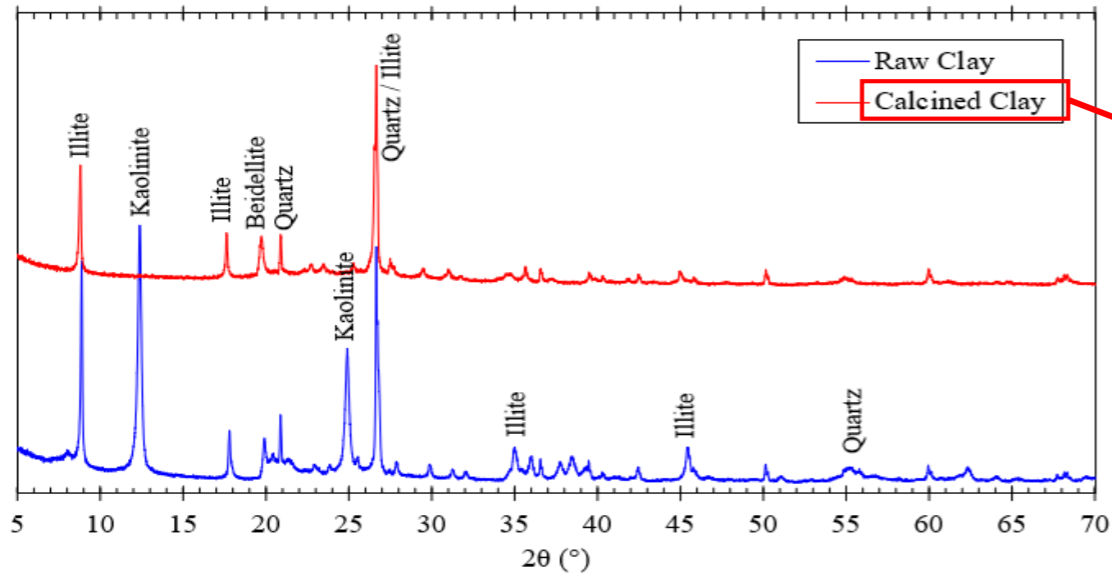
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Calcined clay 煅烧黏土 (广东茂名)

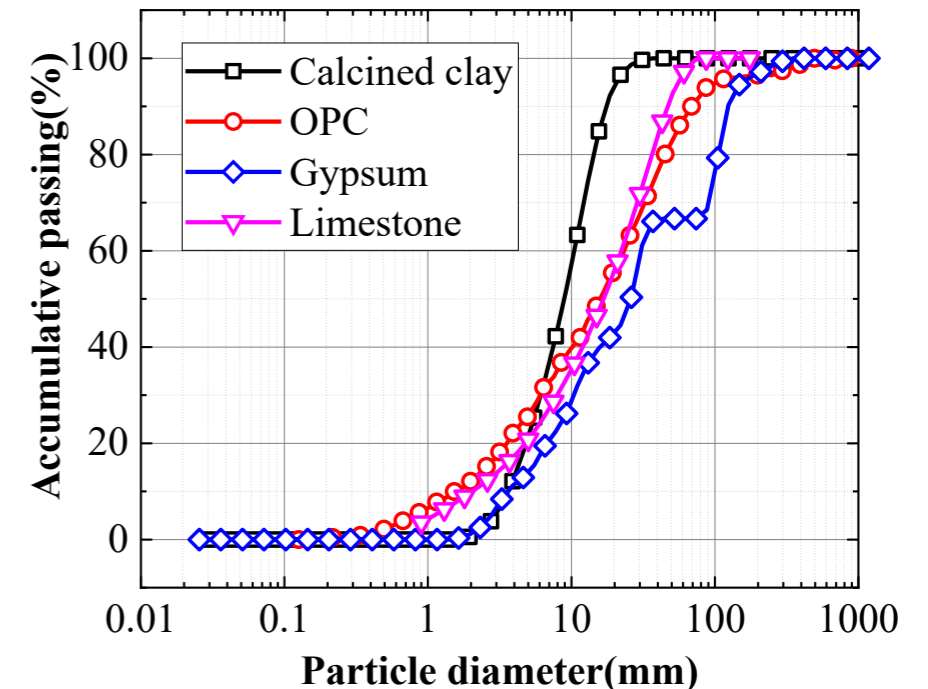
### “Kaolin + Tailing” Comprehensive Utilization

“高岭土+尾矿综合利用”模式

The kaolin reserves in Maoming, Guangdong are abundant and of high quality, accounting for **80%** of kaolin used in papermaking in China.

### Chemical composition of each constituent in LC<sup>3</sup>

Oxides	Calcined Clay (%)	Gypsum (%)	Limestone (%)	clinker (%)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	52.70	3.09	0.30	22.37
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	36.90	1.34	0.10	4.36
K <sub>2</sub> O	3.49	0.05	-	-
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.99	0.36	0.08	3.38
MgO	0.28	1.31	0.64	2.43
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.18	-	-	-
SO <sub>3</sub>	0.12	40.87	-	2.45
CaO	0.04	30.51	81.13	61.08
Rb <sub>2</sub> O	0.03	-	-	-
SrO	-	-	0.02	-
Others	4.27	23.26	17.73	2.71



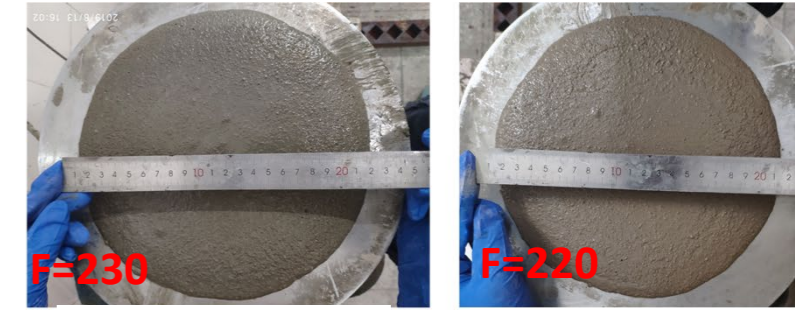
## Binder system compositions

Binder	OPC	Calcined Clay	Limestone	Gypsum	Water
LC <sup>3</sup>	52.3	30	15	2.7	50
OPC	100.0	-	-	-	50

## Mix proportion of mortar and concrete

Mixture No.	W/B	Binder proportion				Proportion			Slump/flow (mm)	Remark
		OPC	CC	LS	GYP	Sand	CAgg	SP		
OPM-0.50	0.50	1.000	-	-	-	3.00	-	-	230	OPC mortar
OPM-0.45	0.45	1.000	-	-	-	3.00	-	-	200	
OPM-0.40	0.40	1.000	-	-	-	3.00	-	0.0027	190	
OPM-0.35	0.35	1.000	-	-	-	3.00	-	0.0047	185	
LCM-0.50	0.50	0.523	0.300	0.150	0.027	3.00	-	0.0037	220	LC <sup>3</sup> mortar
LCM-0.45	0.45	0.523	0.300	0.150	0.027	3.00	-	0.0052	200	
LCM-0.40	0.40	0.523	0.300	0.150	0.027	3.00	-	0.0073	180	
LCM-0.35	0.35	0.523	0.300	0.150	0.027	3.00	-	0.0115	180	
OC-0.50	0.50	1.000	-	-	-	1.43	2.21	-	190	OPC concrete
OC-0.40	0.40	1.000	-	-	-	1.43	2.21	0.0032	70	
LCC-0.50	0.50	0.523	0.300	0.150	0.027	1.43	2.21	0.0032	175	LC <sup>3</sup> concrete
LCC-0.40	0.40	0.523	0.300	0.150	0.027	1.43	2.21	0.0057	90	

## Workability



(a) OPM-0.50

(b) LCM-0.50



(c) OPM-0.35

(d) LCM-0.35

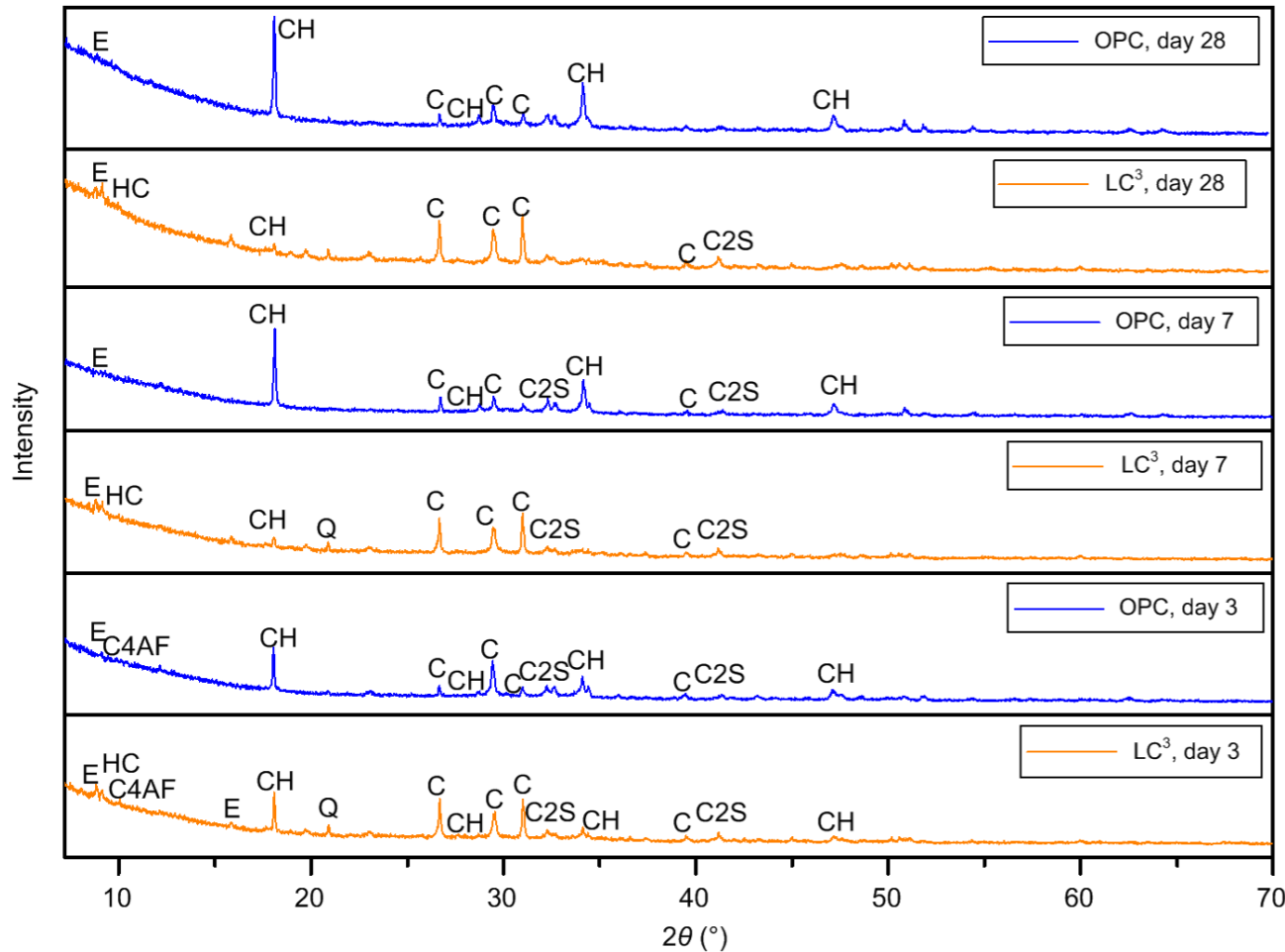


(e) OC-0.50

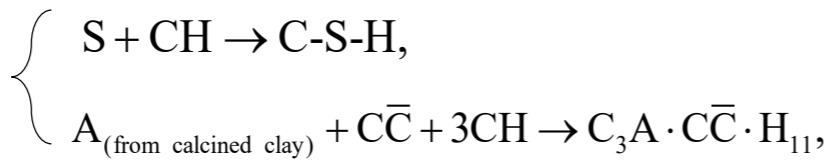
(f) LCC-0.50



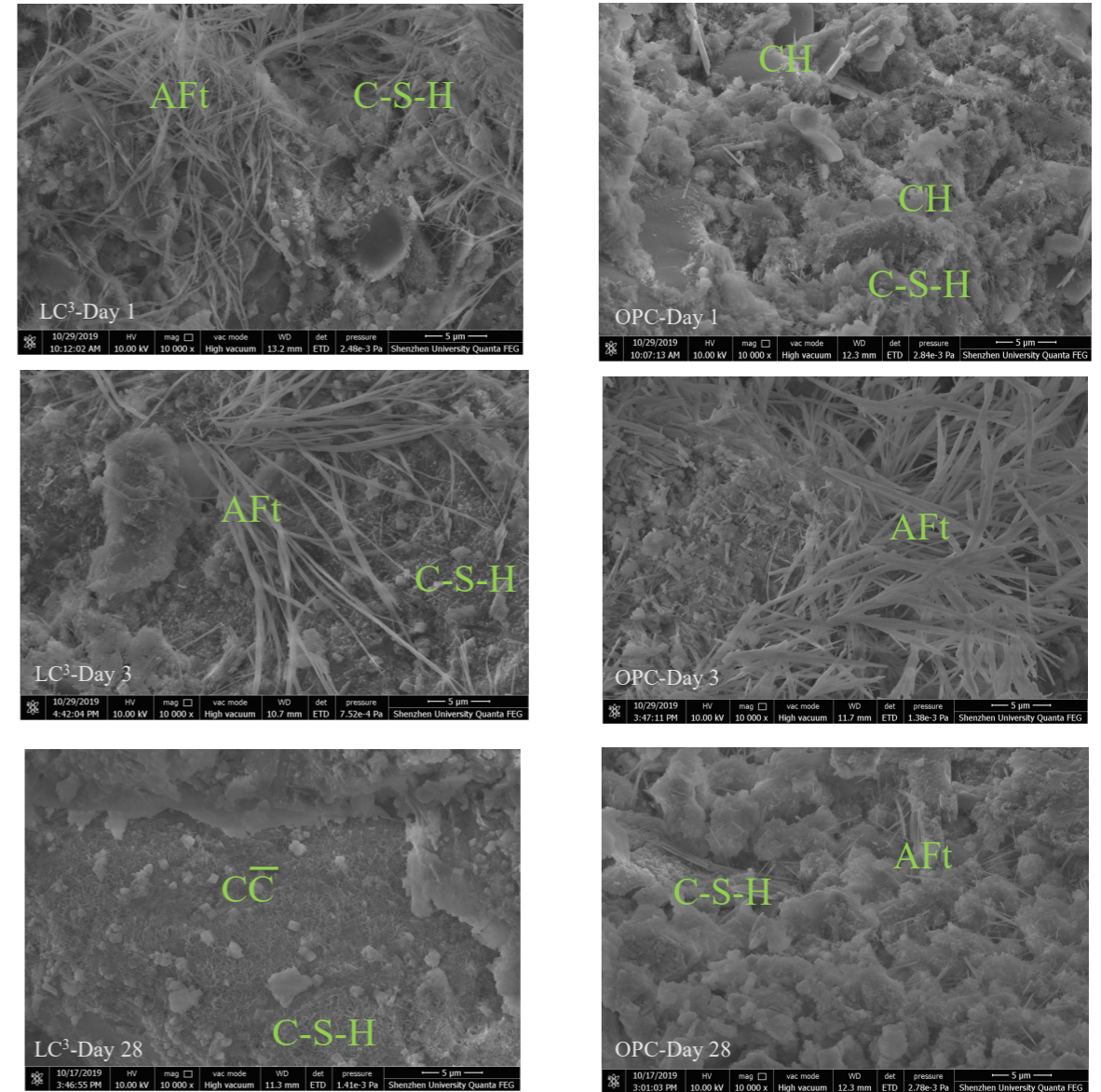
XRD plots of OPC and LC<sup>3</sup> pastes with different curing ages



Second hydration



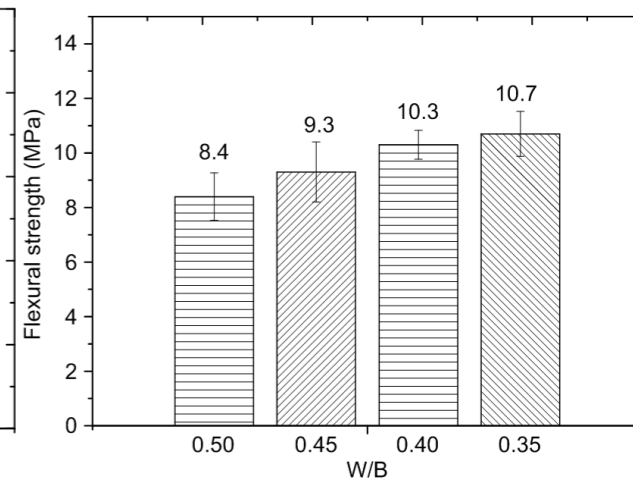
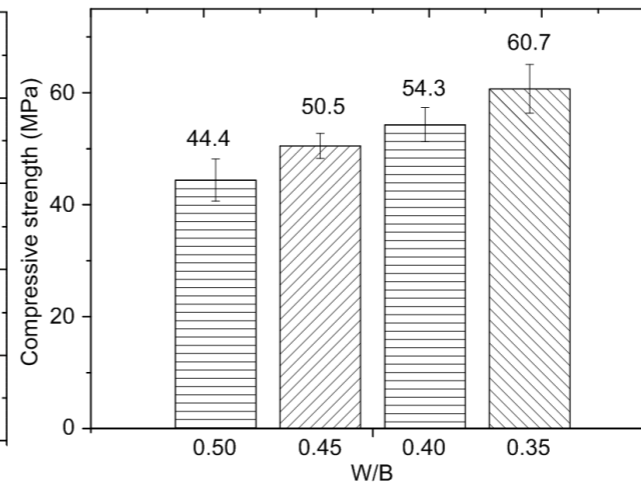
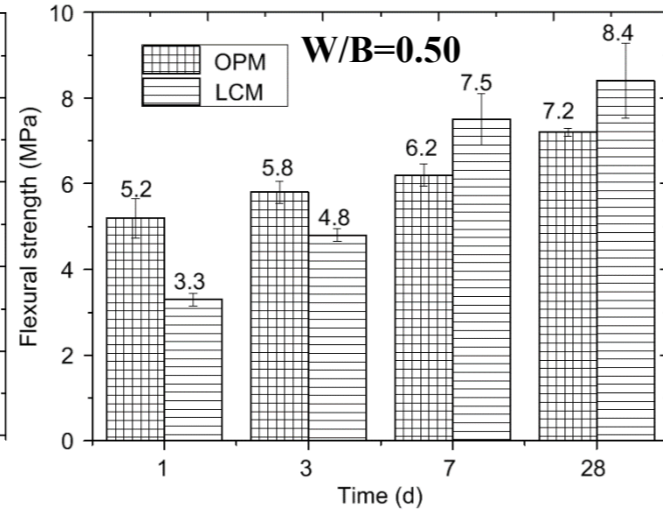
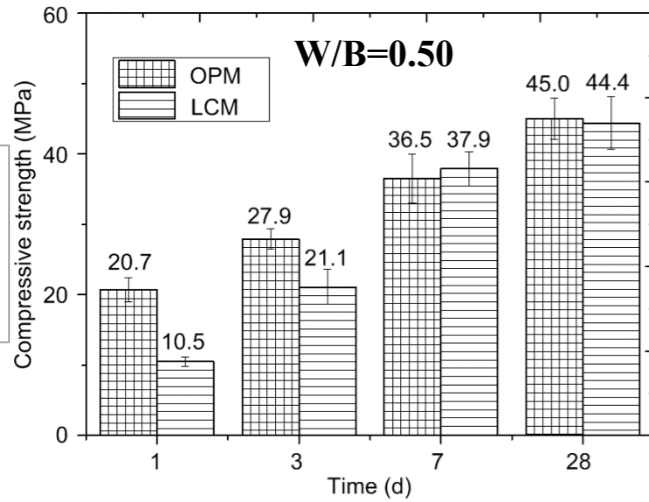
S represents amorphous silica from calcined clay, A represents alumina, C3A represents tricalcium aluminate, and  $\overline{CC}$  represents CaCO<sub>3</sub>.



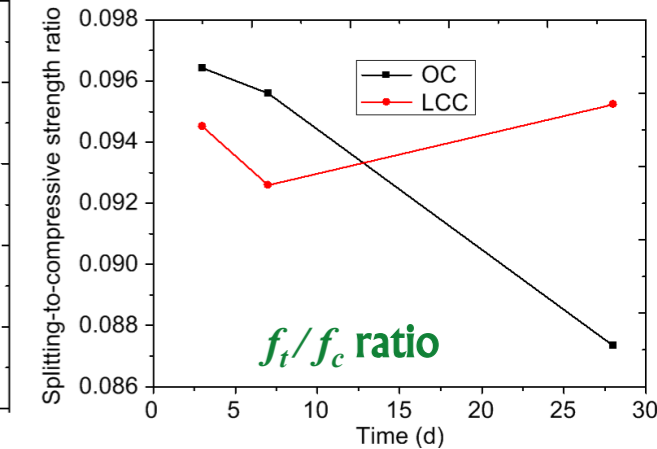
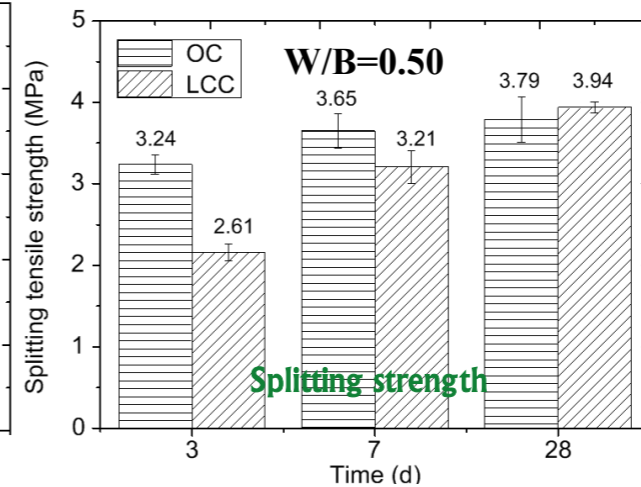
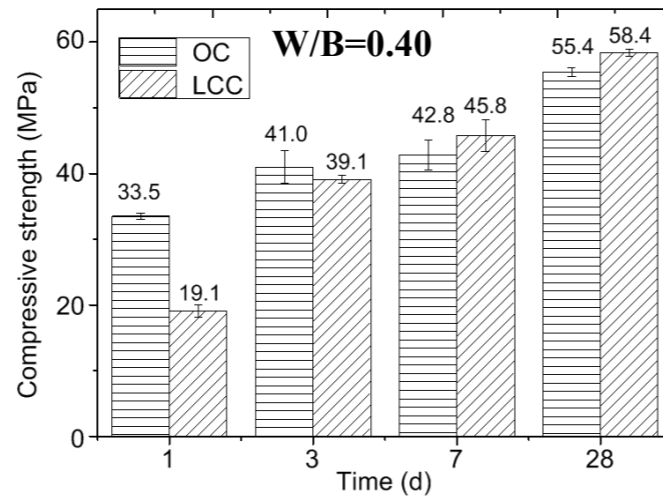
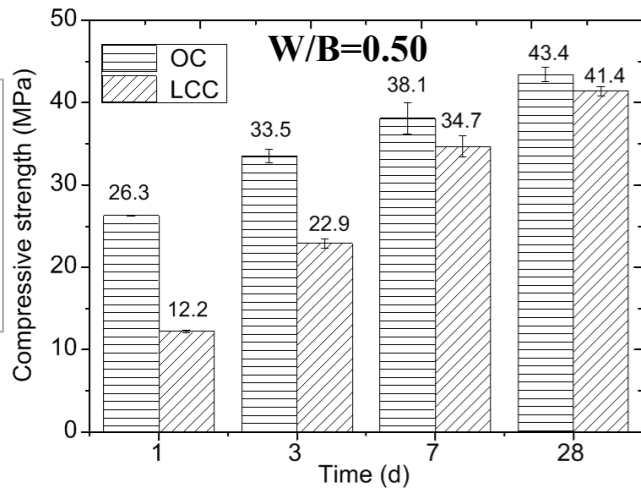
SEM images of OPC and LC<sup>3</sup> pastes under different curing ages

## Mechanical properties

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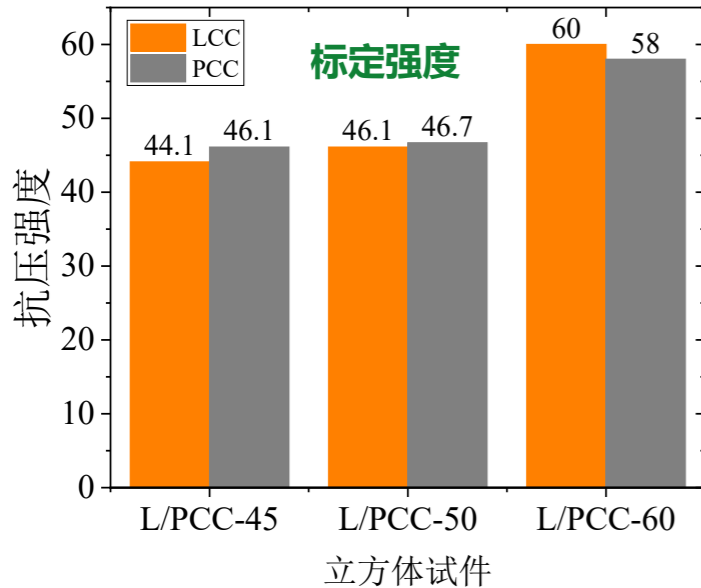
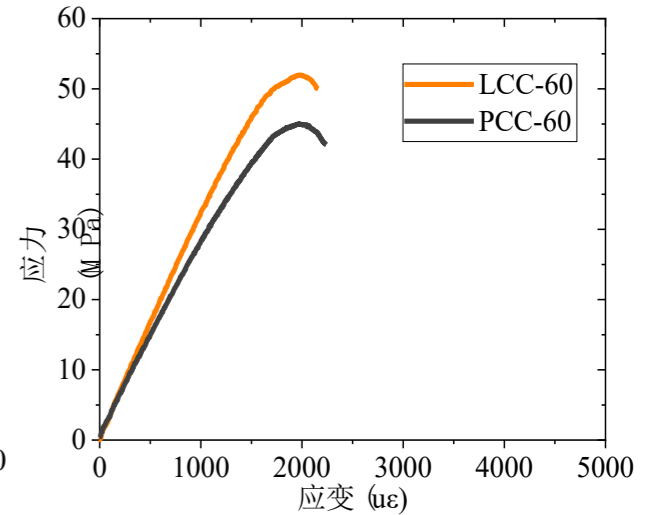
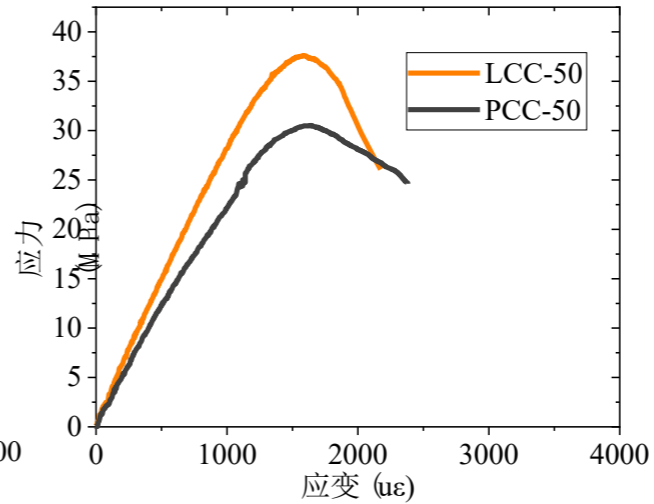
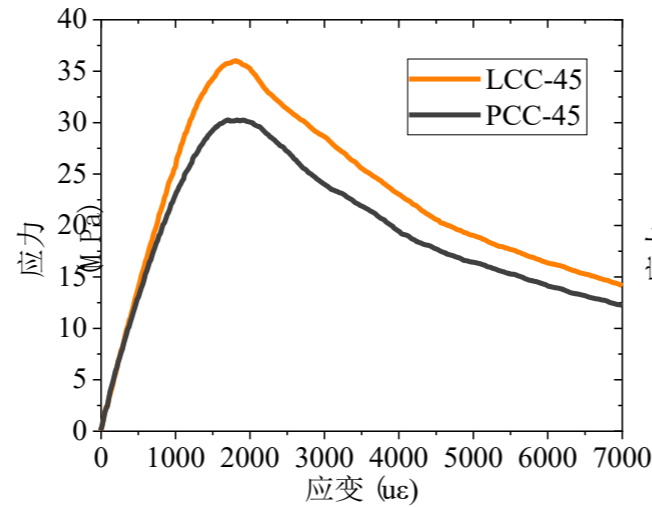
- LC<sup>3</sup> mortar: 1-3day lower early strength; 7 day strength catch up to OPC, 28day comparable strength;
- LC<sup>3</sup> concrete: higher splitting-compressive strength ratio(折压比), indicating a higher toughness.

## Compression test



LC<sup>3</sup>

OPC



## Elastic modulus (GPa)

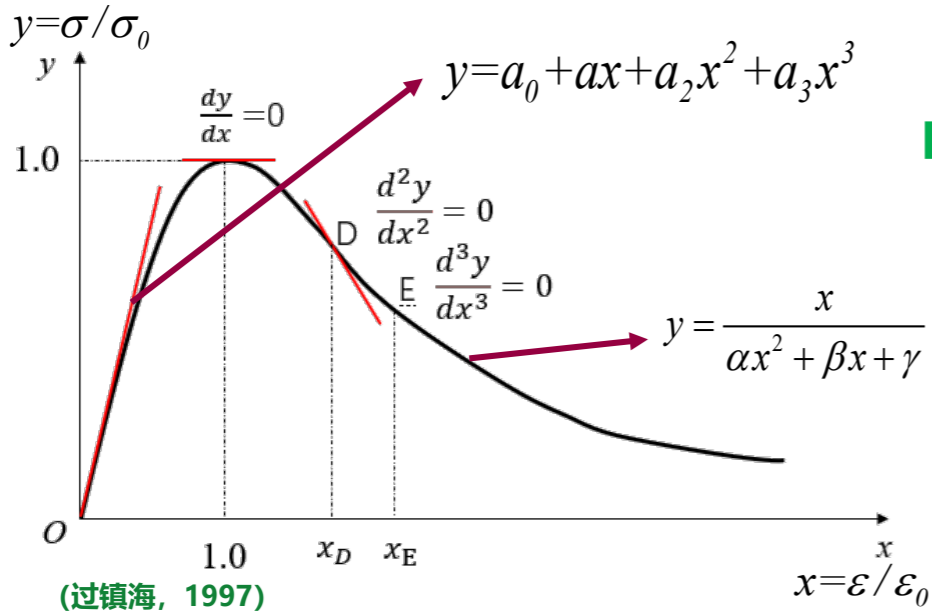
Type	L/PCC-45	L/PCC-50	L/PCC-60
LCC	27	30	32
PCC	26	24	29

## Ultimate strain

Type	L/PCC-45	L/PCC-50	L/PCC-60
LCC	$1801 \times 10^{-6}$	$1582 \times 10^{-6}$	$1990 \times 10^{-6}$
PCC	$1710 \times 10^{-6}$	$1640 \times 10^{-6}$	$1970 \times 10^{-6}$

- Similar failure mode, stress-strain curve and ultimate strain;
- Higher elastic modulus due to denser microstructure.

## Constitutive model for LC3 concrete



$$\begin{matrix} x=0 & y=0 \\ x=1 & y=1 \\ x=1 & \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \end{matrix}$$

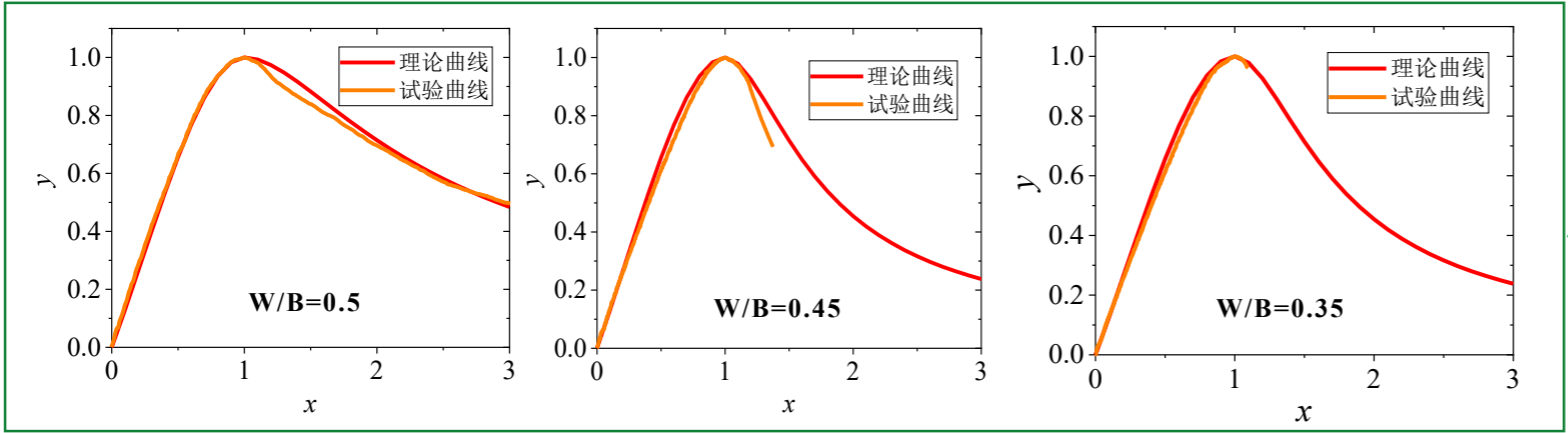
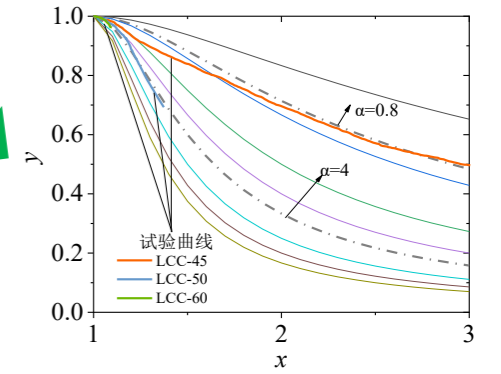
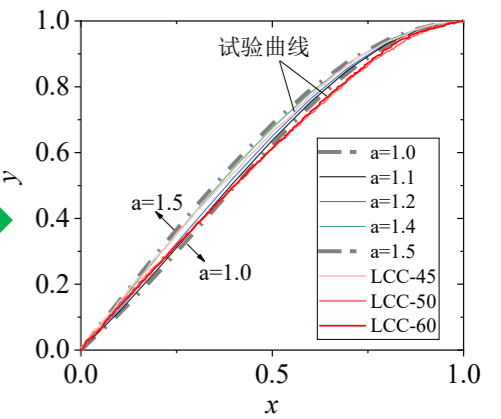
$$y = ax + (3-2a)x^2 + (a-2)x^3$$

独立参数  $a$

$$\begin{matrix} x=1 & y=1 \\ x=1 & \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$y = \frac{x}{\alpha(x-1)^2 + x}$$

独立参数  $\alpha$



$$y = \begin{cases} ax + (3-2a)x^2 + (a-2)x^3, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 1 \leq a \leq 1.5 \\ \frac{x}{\alpha(x-1)^2 + x}, & 1 < x, 0.8 \leq a \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

➤ Typical concrete constitutive model is applicable to LC<sup>3</sup> concrete.

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- **3.3 Code predictions and assessments of flexural and shear resistance**

# 3.1 Bond behavior between reinforced bar and LC<sup>3</sup> concrete

## Pull-out test program

Normal concrete

	$f_{cu}$ (MPa)	d(mm)	S(mm)	$l_d$ (mm)
PCC-12D	45	12	150	60
LCC-12D	45	12	150	60
LCC-16D	45	16	150	60
LCC-18D	45	18	150	60
LCC-20D	45	20	150	60
LCC-50L	45	12	150	50
LCC-60L	45	12	150	60
LCC-100L	45	12	150	100
LCC-45	45	12	150	60
LCC-50	50	12	150	60
LCC-60	60	12	150	60
LCC-110S	45	12	110	60
LCC-150S	45	12	150	60
LCC-200S	45	12	200	60

## Mix proportions (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Mixture	Concrete Grade	W/B	OPC	Calcined Clay	Limestone	Gypsum	Coarse aggregate	Sand
LCC-45	C45	0.5	255	146.4	73.2	13.2	1080	700
LCC-50	C50	0.45	255	146.4	73.2	13.2	1080	700
LCC-60	C60	0.35	255	146.4	73.2	13.2	1080	700
PCC-45	C45	0.55	488	-	-	-	1080	700
PCC-50	C50	0.5	488	-	-	-	1080	700
PCC-60	C60	0.4	488	-	-	-	1080	700

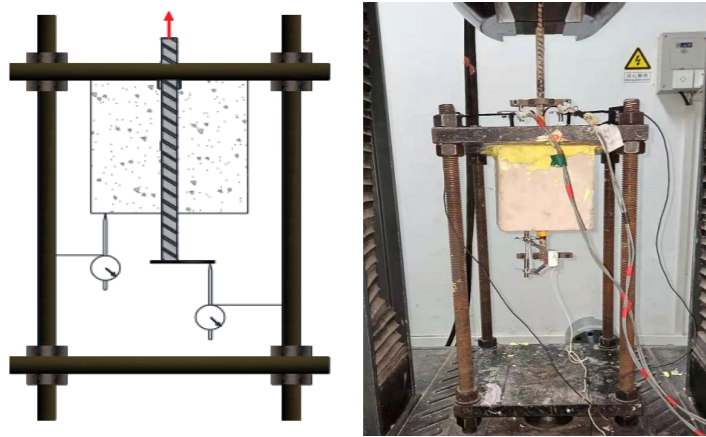
Rebar diameter
  Bond length
  Concrete strength
  Concrete cover



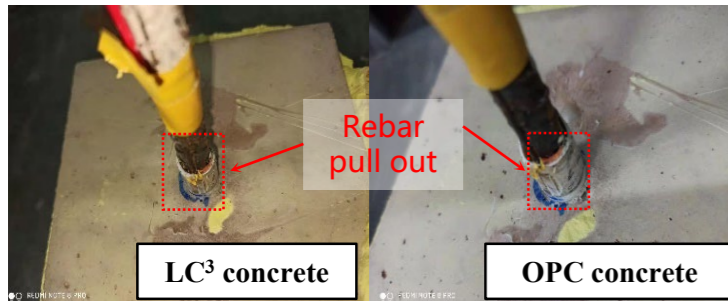
- Mix proportion design to obtain similar compressive strength: **C45, C50 and C60**;
- Concrete cylinders: **D150mm × 300mm**;
- Pull out tests: **36 specimens**.

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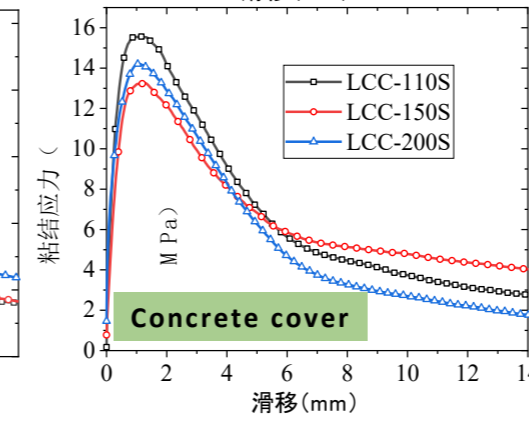
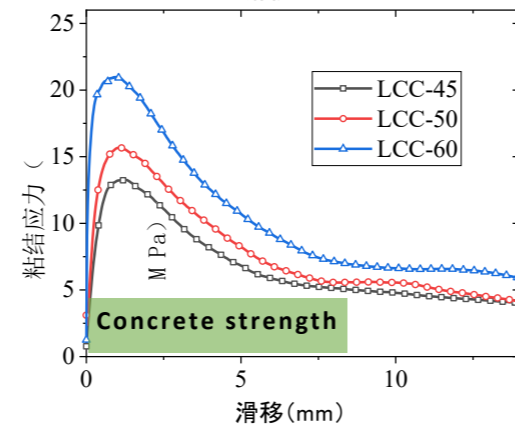
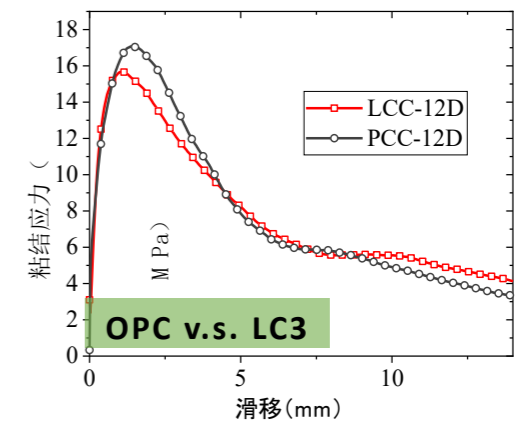
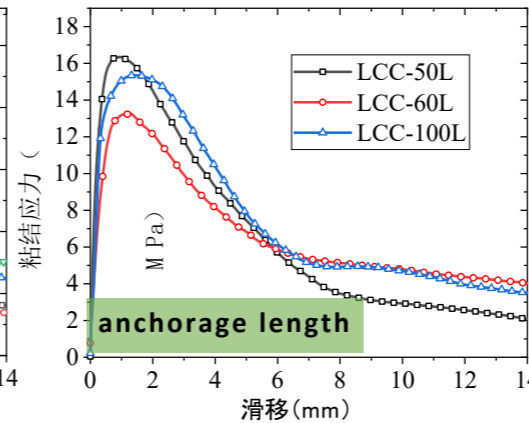
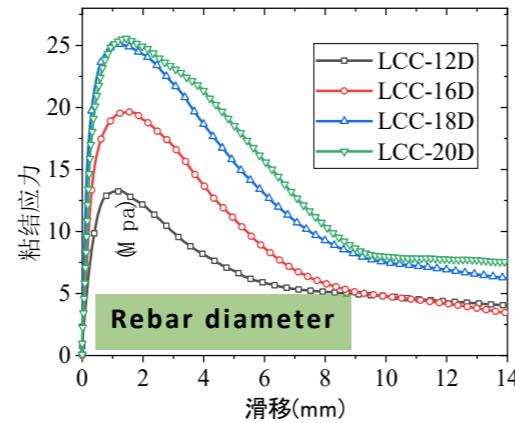
(1) Bond-slip behavior between LC<sup>3</sup> concrete and rebar : bond failure mechanism, bond-slip curve, key parameters



Pull out test setup



Failure mode



Parametric study

- Bond strength increases with larger bar diameter
- Higher concrete strength induces to higher bond strength
- Little impact on bond slip behavior from concrete cover

Bond-slip behavior between LC<sup>3</sup> concrete and rebar is **essentially consistent** with that of OPC concrete and rebar.

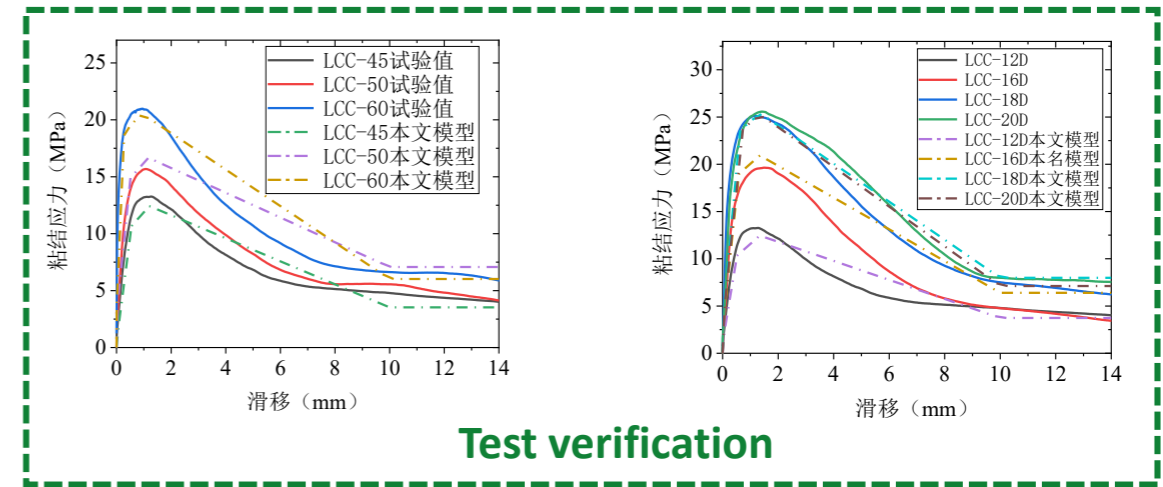
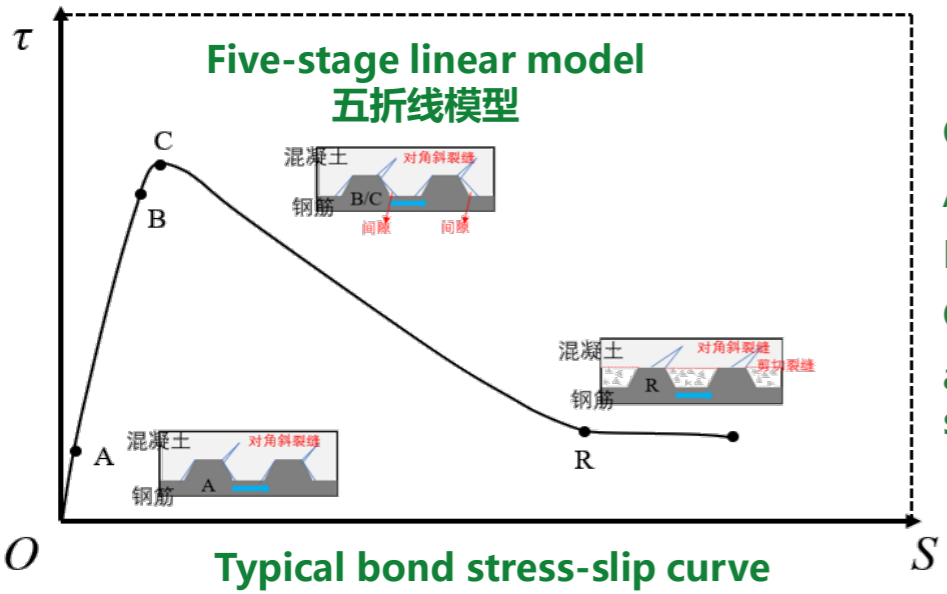
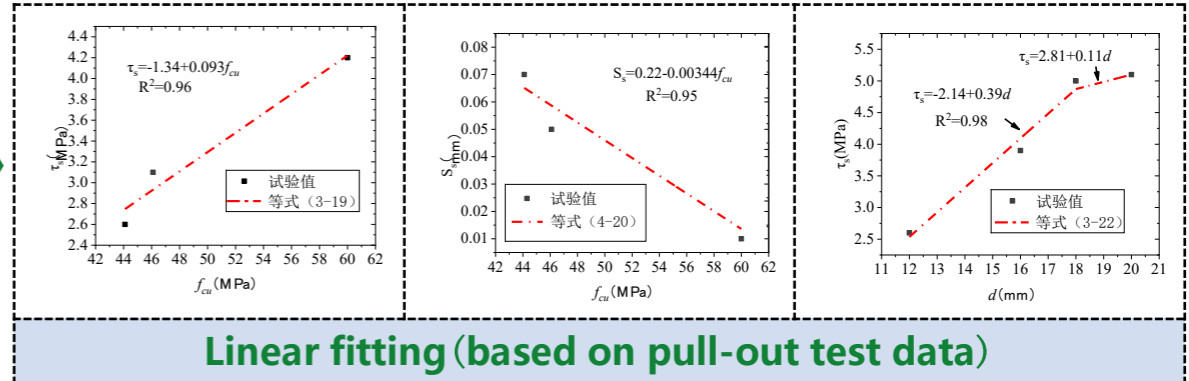


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(2) Bond-slip behavior between LC<sup>3</sup> concrete and rebar : propose modified bond-slip constitutive model

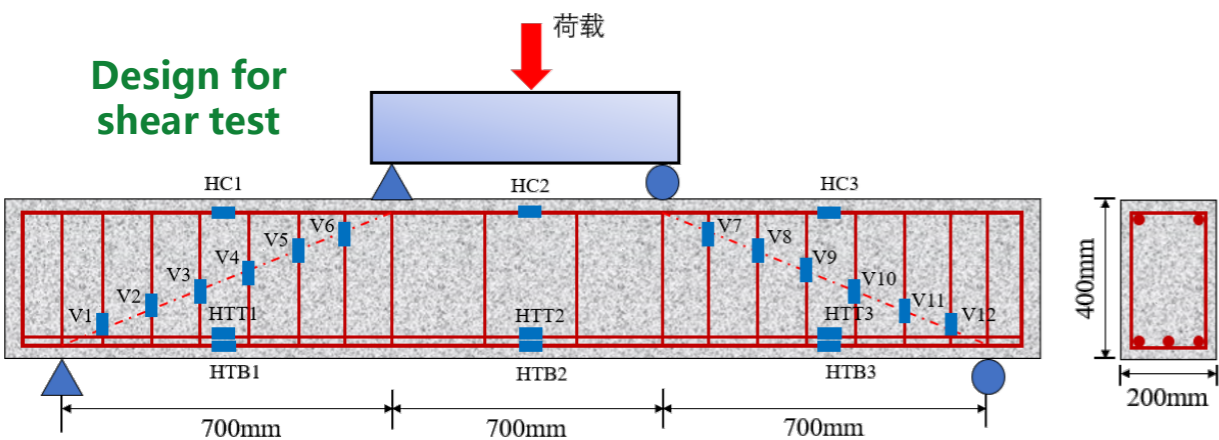
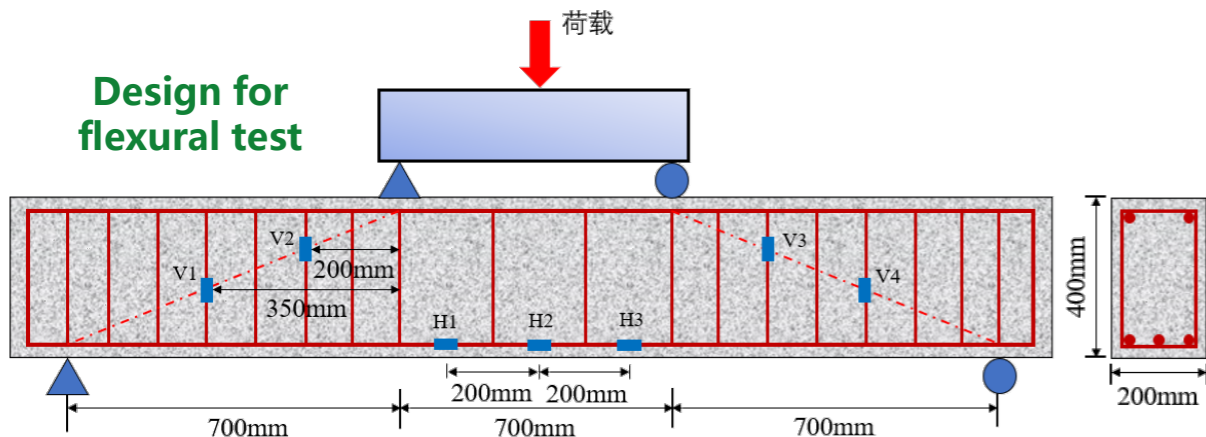
$$\tau = \begin{cases} K_1 S, & S \leq S_s \\ \tau_s + K_2 (S - S_s), & S_s \leq S \leq S_{cr} \\ \tau_{cr} + K_3 (S - S_{cr}), & S_{cr} \leq S \leq S_u \\ \tau_{max} + K_4 (S - S_u), & S_u \leq S \leq S_r \\ \tau_r, & S \geq S_r \end{cases}$$

The key parameters: **concrete strength** and **diameter of rebar**



# 3.2 Flexural behavior of reinforced LC<sup>3</sup> concrete beam

(1) Reveal the failure mechanism under bending, and quantify the impact of concrete type, strength, and reinforcement ratio



Parameters for flexural test 抗弯试验梁参数(10 full scaled beams)

梁编号	$f_c$ /MPa	$\rho\%$	s/mm	$l_0$ /mm	b/mm	h/mm	$f_{cu}$ /MPa
L/PCC-45-L	45	1.07	80	2100	200	400	46/47
L/PCC-45-M	45	1.60	80	2100	200	400	46/47
L/PCC-45-H	45	2.32	50	2100	200	400	46/47
L/PCC-50-M	50	1.60	80	2100	200	400	52/55
L/PCC-60-M	60	1.60	80	2100	200	400	58/61

  混凝土类型  
   混凝土强度  
   配筋率

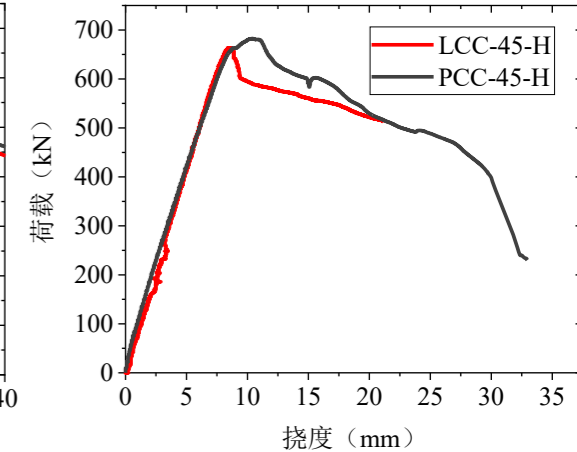
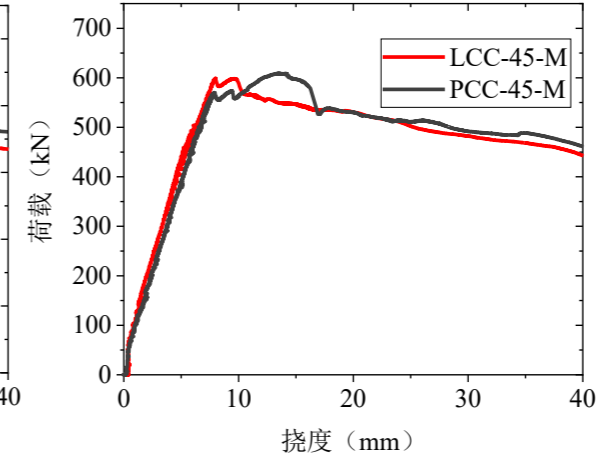
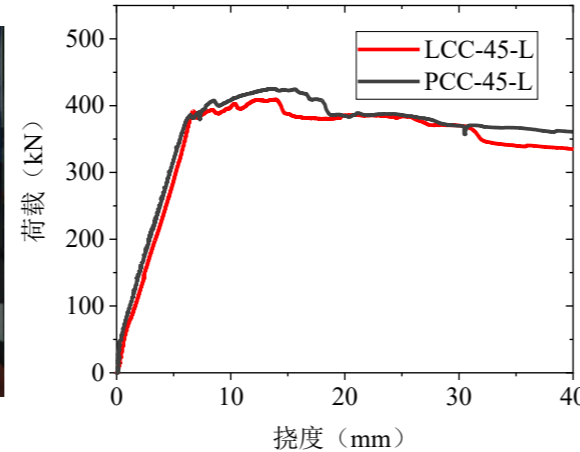
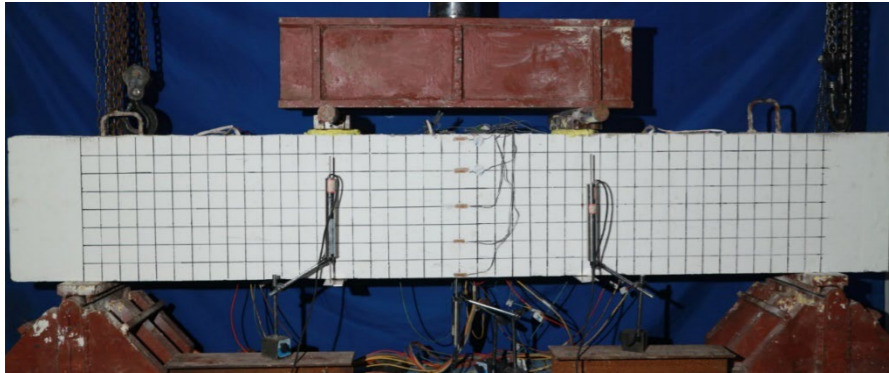
Parameters of shear test 抗剪试验梁参数(14 full scaled beams)

梁编号	$f_c$ /MPa	$\rho\%$	$\lambda$	s/mm	$l_0$ /mm	b/mm	h/mm	$f_{cu}$ /mm
L/PCC-45-M-1.5	45	3.67	1.5	150	2100	200	400	46/47
L/PCC-45-M-2	45	3.67	2.0	150	2100	200	400	46/47
L/PCC-45-M-2.5	45	3.67	2.5	150	2100	200	400	46/47
L/PCC-45-L-2	45	3.67	2.0	200	2100	200	400	46/47
L/PCC-45-H-2	45	3.67	2.0	100	2100	200	400	46/47
L/PCC-50-M-2	50	3.67	2.0	150	2100	200	400	52/55
L/PCC-60-M-2	60	3.67	2.0	150	2100	200	400	58/61

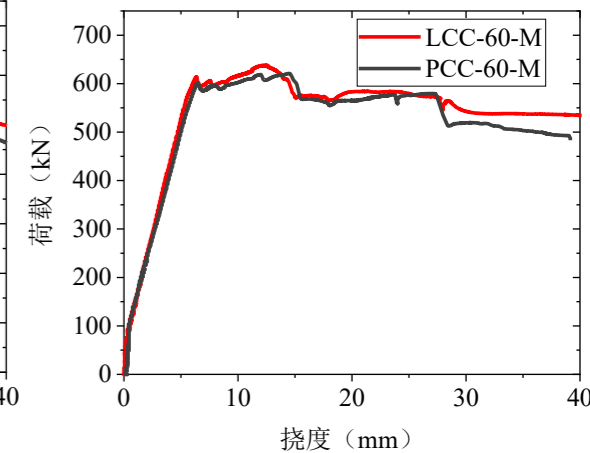
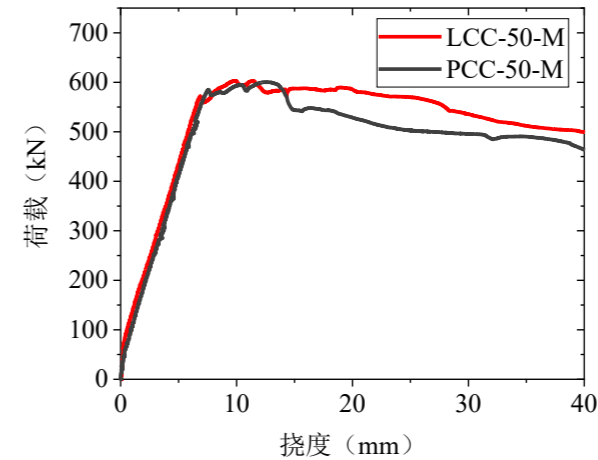
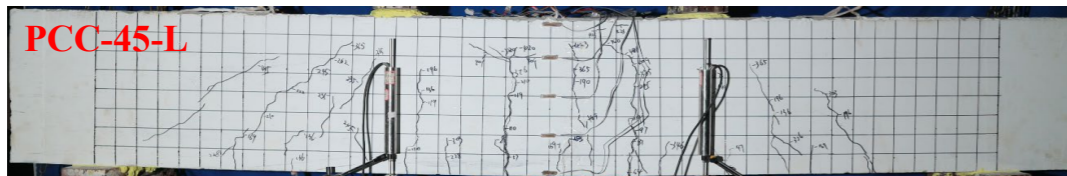
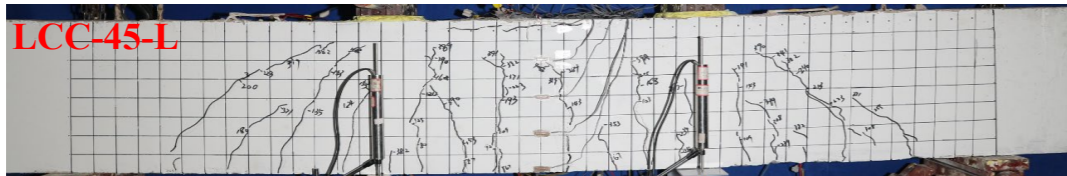
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## 3.2 Flexural behavior of reinforced LC<sup>3</sup> concrete beam

(1) Reveal the failure mechanism under bending, and quantify the impact of concrete type, strength, and reinforcement ratio



Typical flexural failure: steel bar yielded with vertical cracks

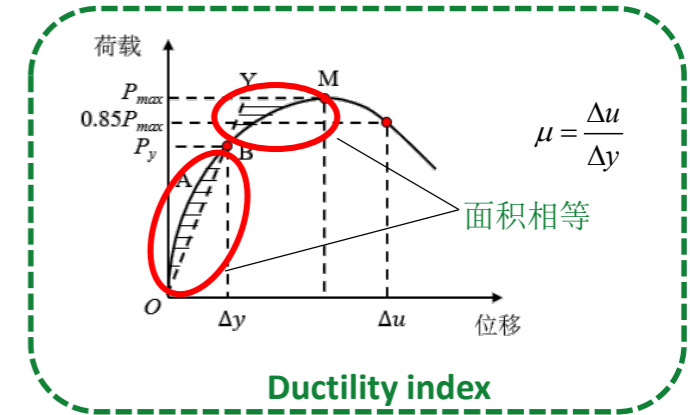
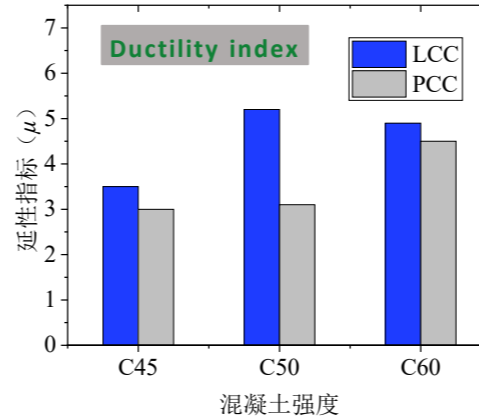
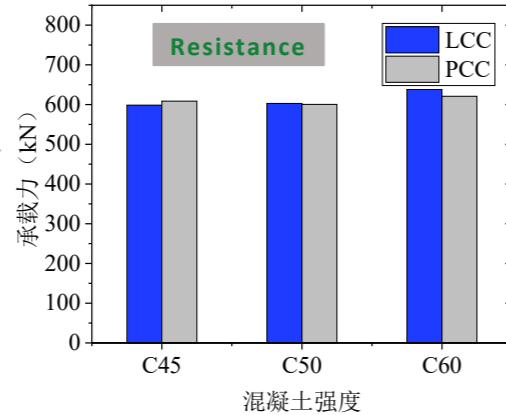
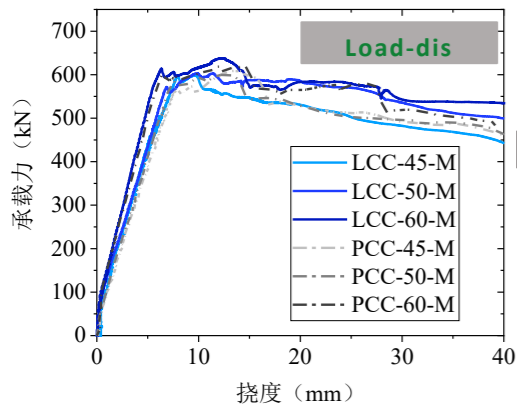


- Similar load-displacement curves and failure mode.
- Comparable stiffness and flexural resistance.

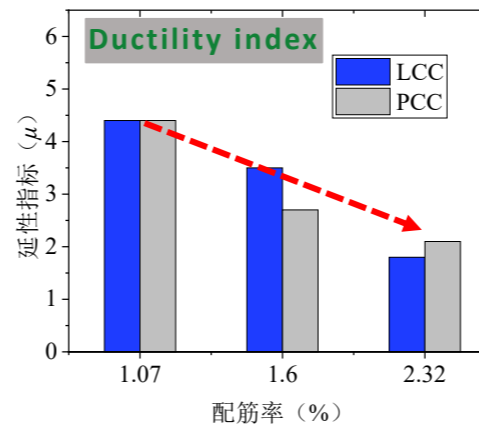
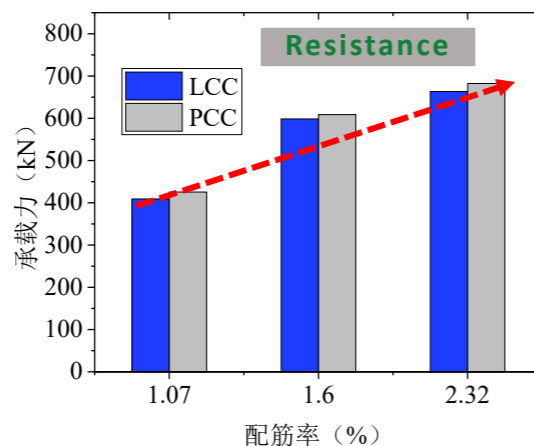
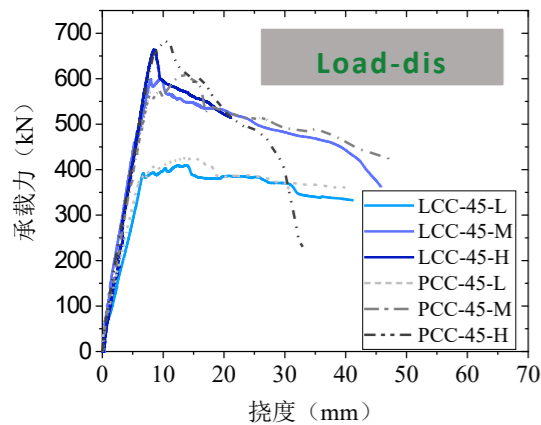
# 3.2 Flexural behavior of reinforced LC3 concrete beam

(1) Reveal the failure mechanism under bending, and quantify the impact of concrete type, strength, and reinforcement ratio

## Effect of concrete strength



## Effect of reinforcement ratio

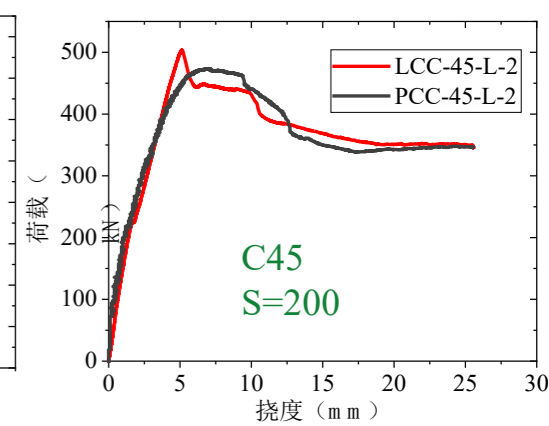
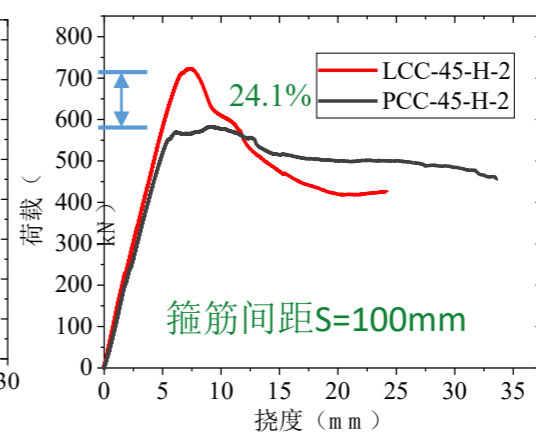
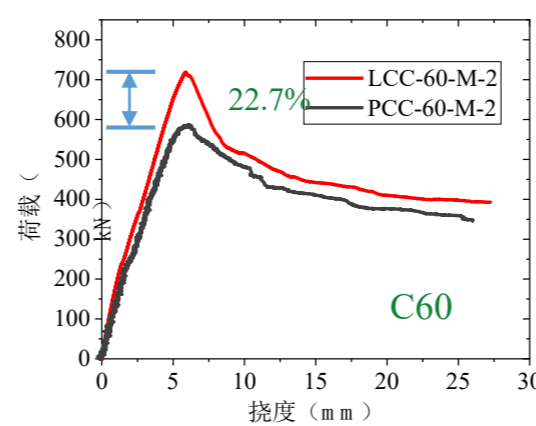
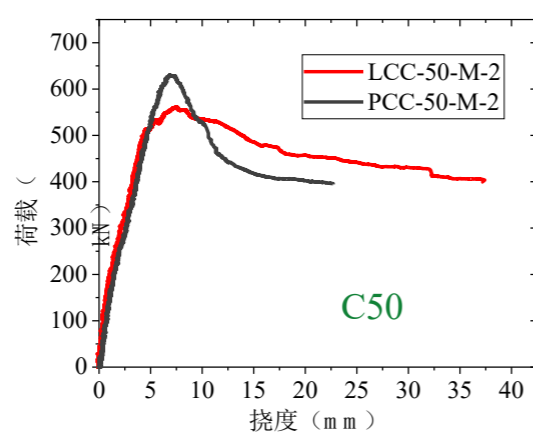
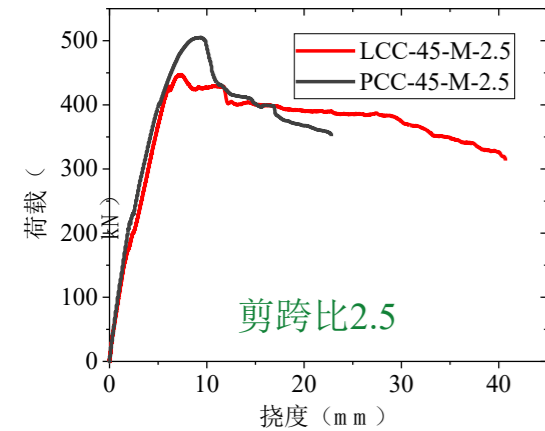
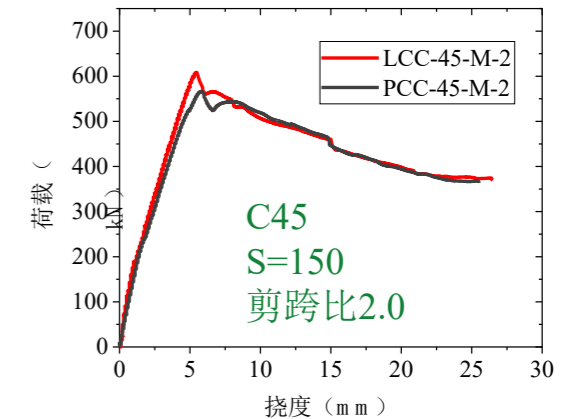
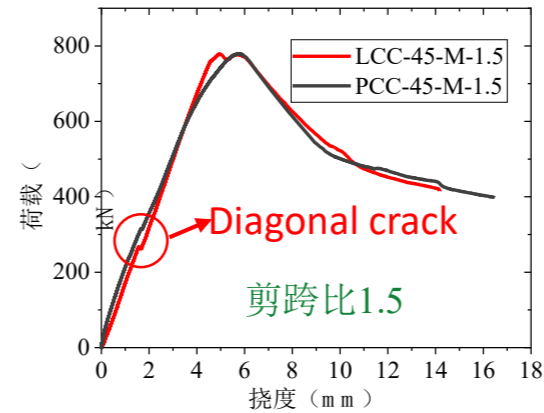
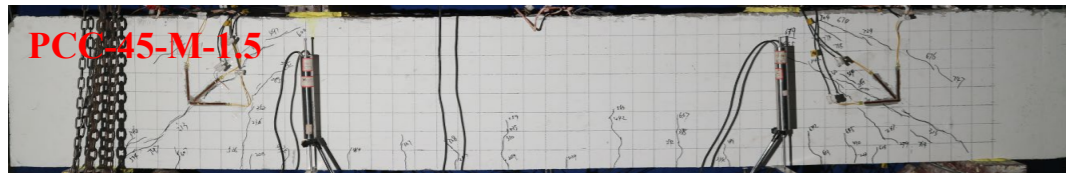
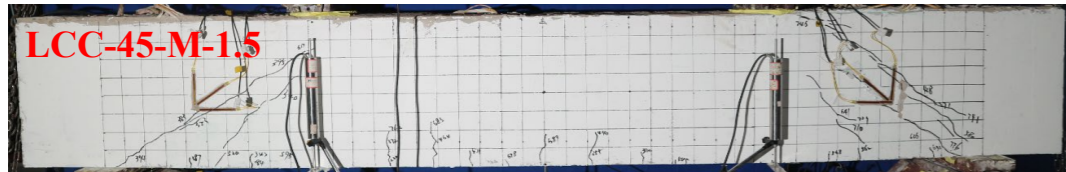


- Stiffness increases as increasing the strength;
- Have similar increasing ratio;
- **LC<sup>3</sup> beam has higher ductility behavior.**

## 3.2 Flexural behavior of reinforced LC<sup>3</sup> concrete beam

(2) Reveal the failure mechanism under shear, and quantify the impact of concrete type, strength, stirrup ratio and shear-span ratio

Shear-compression failure: longitudinal bar not yielded with diagonal cracks

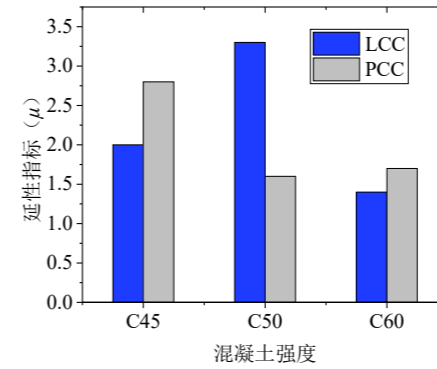
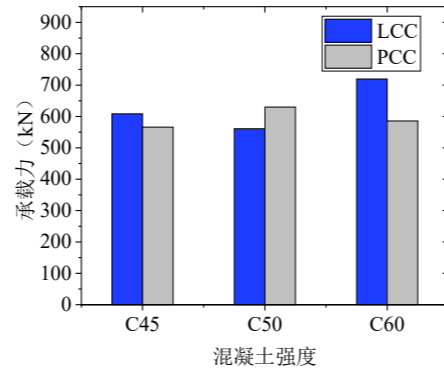
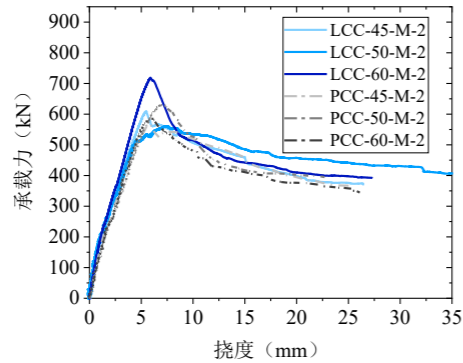


- Similar load-displacement curves: shear-compression failure; longitudinal bar not yielded,
- Higher stirrup ratio and concrete strength group has 24.1% and 22.7% higher shear resistance.

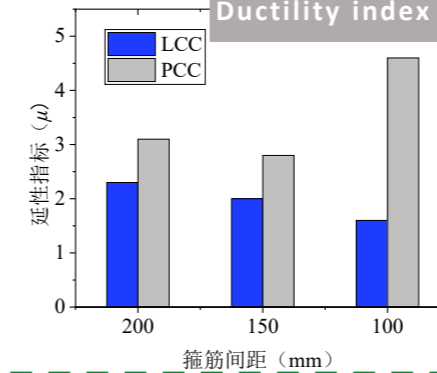
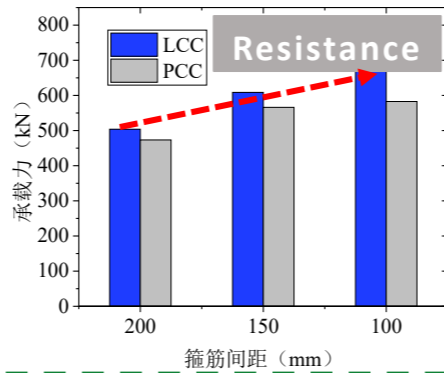
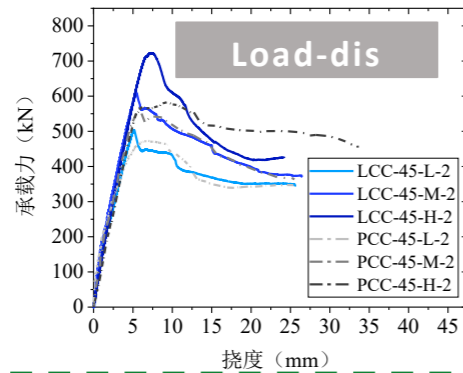
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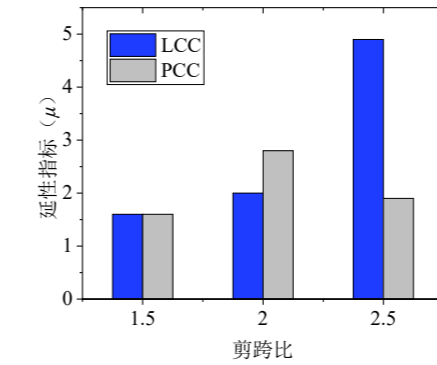
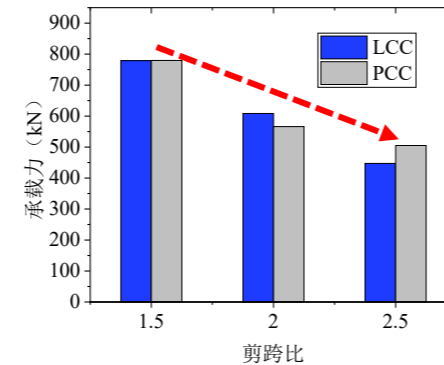
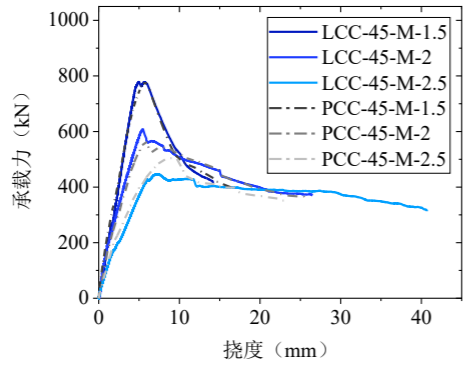
Concrete strength



Stirrup ratio



Shear span ratio



1. Shear-span ratio reduces significantly the shear stiffness;  
2. Stirrup ratio and shear span ratio have a more significant impact on the shear resistance.

# 3.3 Code predictions and assessments of flexural and shear resistance

## (1) Prediction and assessment of flexural resistance

### Calculation modes in different design codes

#### Codes Calculation formulae

**GB50010**  
(中国规范)

$$\alpha_1 f_c b x = f_y A_s - f_y' A_s' + f_{yv} A_{pv} + (\sigma_{p0}' - \sigma_{pv}') A_p'$$

$$M_u = \alpha_1 f_c b x \left( h_0 - \frac{x}{2} \right) + f_y A_s (h_0 - a_s') + f_{yv} A_{pv} + (\sigma_{p0}' - \sigma_{pv}') A_p' (h_0 - a_p')$$

**ACI 318**  
(美国规范)

$$A_s f_y = 0.85 f_c' a b + A_s' f_y'$$

$$M_u \leq \phi M_n = \phi \left[ 0.85 f_c' a b \left( d - \frac{a}{2} \right) + A_s f_y (d - d') \right]$$

**EC 2**  
(欧洲规范)

$$\eta f_{cd} (\lambda x) b = A_s f_{yd} - A_s' \sigma_s'$$

$$M_{Ed} \leq M_{Rd} = \eta f_{cd} (\lambda x) b \left( d - \frac{\lambda x}{2} \right) + A_s' \sigma_s' (d - d')$$

### LC3 concrete: GB, EC 2 and ACI 318

Specimen s	M <sub>u</sub> (kN·m)	M <sub>GB</sub> (kN·m)	M <sub>u</sub> /M <sub>GB</sub>	M <sub>ACI</sub> (kN·m)	M <sub>u</sub> /M <sub>ACI</sub>	M <sub>EN</sub> (kN·m)	M <sub>u</sub> /M <sub>EN</sub>
LCC-45-L	143.2	113.8	1.26	101.1	1.42	113.8	1.26
LCC-45-M	209.5	170.8	1.23	150.5	1.39	170.8	1.23
LCC-45-H	232.2	200.0	1.16	174.8	1.33	200.0	1.16
LCC-50-M	211.0	172.0	1.23	151.8	1.39	172.0	1.23
LCC-60-M	223.3	177.1	1.26	157.3	1.42	177.2	1.26
Mean.	—	—	1.23	—	1.39	—	1.23
Std.	—	—	0.04	—	0.03	—	0.04

### Normal concrete: GB, EC 2 and ACI 318

Specimen s	M <sub>u</sub> (kN·m)	M <sub>GB</sub> (kN·m)	M <sub>u</sub> /M <sub>GB</sub>	M <sub>ACI</sub> (kN·m)	M <sub>u</sub> /M <sub>ACI</sub>	M <sub>EN</sub> (kN·m)	M <sub>u</sub> /M <sub>EN</sub>
PCC-45-L	148.9	112.4	1.32	99.7	1.49	112.4	1.32
PCC-45-M	213.0	167.4	1.27	146.9	1.45	167.4	1.27
PCC-45-H	238.9	194.5	1.23	168.9	1.41	194.5	1.23
PCC-50-M	210.1	168.5	1.25	148.1	1.42	168.5	1.25
PCC-60-M	217.4	174.9	1.24	155.1	1.40	175.1	1.24
Mean.	—	—	1.26	—	1.44	—	1.26
Std.	—	—	0.03	—	0.03	—	0.03

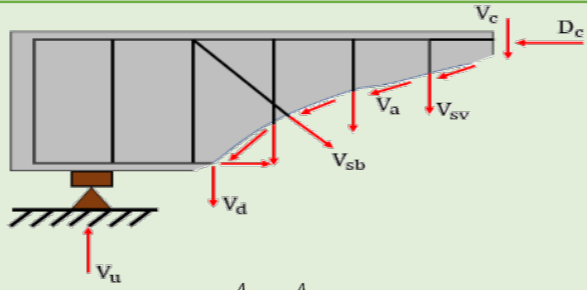
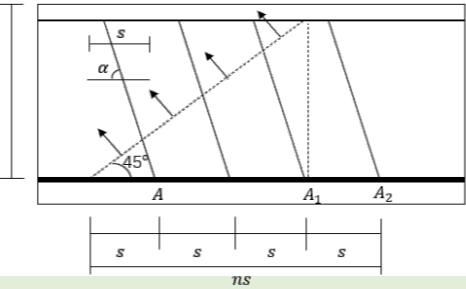
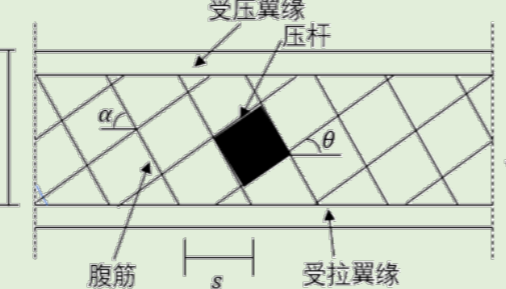
Note: M<sub>u</sub>=test results; M<sub>GB</sub>=GB results; M<sub>ACI</sub>=ACI results; M<sub>EN</sub>=EC 2 results.

**GB 50010, EC 2 predictions are closer to the flexural resistance of reinforced-LC<sup>3</sup>concrete members.**

# 3.3 Code predictions and assessments of flexural and shear resistance

## (2) Prediction and assessment of shear resistance

### Shear resistance models in different design codes

Codes	Calculation model and formulae
GB50010 (中国规范)	 $V_u = V_c + V_{sv} + V_{sb} + V_d + V_a'$ $V_u = V_{cs} + 0.8 f_y A_{sb} \sin \alpha_s$ $V_{cs} = \frac{1.75}{\lambda + 1} f_t b h_0 + f_{yv} \frac{A_{sv}}{s} h_0$
ACI 318 (美国规范)	 $V_u \leq \phi V_n = \phi (V_c + V_s)$ $V_c = 0.166 \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d$ $V_s = \frac{A_v f_y d}{s} \leq 0.665 \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d$
EC 2 (欧洲规范)	 $V_{Rd,s} = \frac{A_{sw} f_{yw} d Z}{s} (\cot \theta + \cot \alpha) \sin \alpha$ $V_{Rd,max} = \alpha_{cw} v_1 f_{cd} b_w Z \frac{\cot \theta + \cot \alpha}{1 + \cot^2 \theta}$



# 3.3 Code predictions and assessments of flexural and shear resistance

## (2) Prediction and assessment of shear resistance

### LC3: GB, EC 2 and ACI 318

Specimens	$V_u$ (kN)	$V_{GB}$ (kN)	$V_u / V_{GB}$	$V_{ACI}$ (kN)	$V_u / V_{ACI}$	$V_{EU}$ (kN)	$V_u / V_{EU}$
LCC-45-M-1.5	389.4	271.5	1.43	139.4	2.79	128.3	3.03
LCC-45-M-2	304.3	238.1	1.28	139.4	2.18	128.3	2.37
LCC-45-M-2.5	223.6	214.3	1.04	139.4	1.60	128.3	1.74
LCC-45-L-2	251.9	220.3	1.14	121.6	2.07	96.2	2.62
LCC-45-H-2	361.5	273.8	1.32	175.1	2.06	192.5	1.88
LCC-50-M-2	280.5	256.7	1.09	141.6	1.98	128.3	2.19
LCC-60-M-2	359.3	291.4	1.23	154.0	2.33	128.3	2.80
Mean.			1.22		2.15		2.38
Std.			0.14		0.36		0.48

GB 50010 predictions are more precise than other codes. ACI and EC 2 provide more conservative predictions.

### Normal concrete: GB, EC 2 and ACI 318

Specimens	$V_u$ (kN)	$V_{GB}$ (kN)	$V_u / V_{GB}$	$V_{ACI}$ (kN)	$V_u / V_{ACI}$	$V_{EU}$ (kN)	$V_u / V_{EU}$
PCC-45-M-1.5	389.9	254.6	1.53	134.3	2.90	128.3	3.04
PCC-45-M-2	283.1	224.1	1.26	134.3	2.11	128.3	2.21
PCC-45-M-2.5	252.6	202.2	1.25	134.3	1.88	128.3	1.97
PCC-45-L-2	236.6	206.3	1.15	116.5	2.03	96.2	2.46
PCC-45-H-2	291.4	259.7	1.12	170.0	1.71	192.5	1.51
PCC-50-M-2	315.0	241.0	1.31	135.8	2.32	128.3	2.45
PCC-60-M-2	292.9	275.0	1.07	148.3	1.98	128.3	2.28
Mean.			1.24		2.13		2.27
Std.			0.15		0.39		0.47

### Highlights:

1. GB 50010 uses  $f_t$  to represent the concrete contribution while EC 2 and ACI both use  $f_c$ .
2. Shear-span effect is ignored in EC 2
3. Most codes/research use  $f_c$  rather than  $f_v$ ,  $f_t$  to represent shear/tensile resistance (indirect way), which may cause prediction errors.

$$V_{cs} = \frac{1.75}{\lambda + 1} f_t b h_0 + f_{yv} \frac{A_{sv}}{s} h_0$$

$$V_c = 0.166 \sqrt{f_c} b_w d$$

$$V_{Rd,max} = \alpha_{cw} v_1 f_{cd} b_w z \frac{\cot \theta + \cot \alpha}{1 + \cot^2 \theta}$$

# Outline

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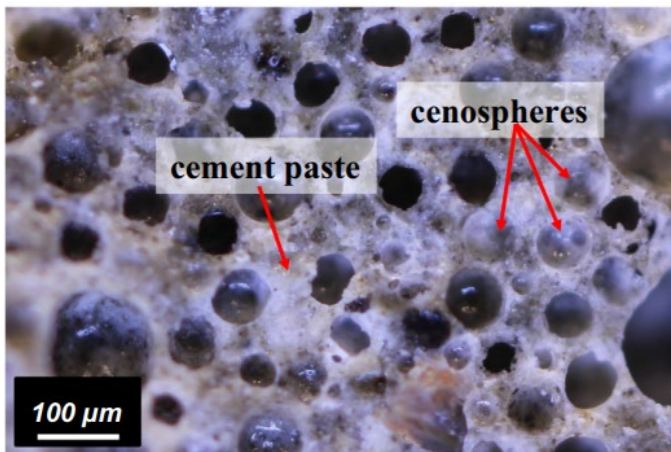
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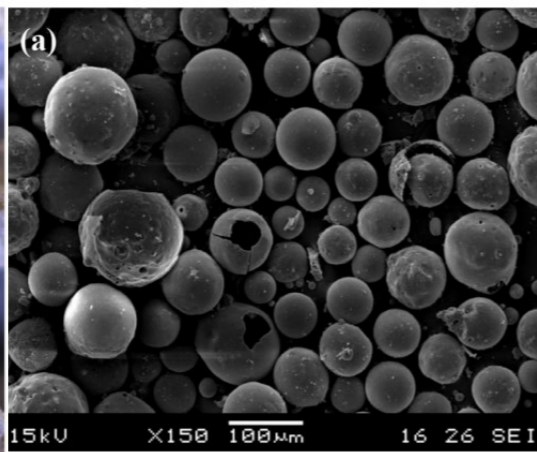
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## Durability performance of LC<sup>3</sup>-based ULCC against chloride ingress and carbonation

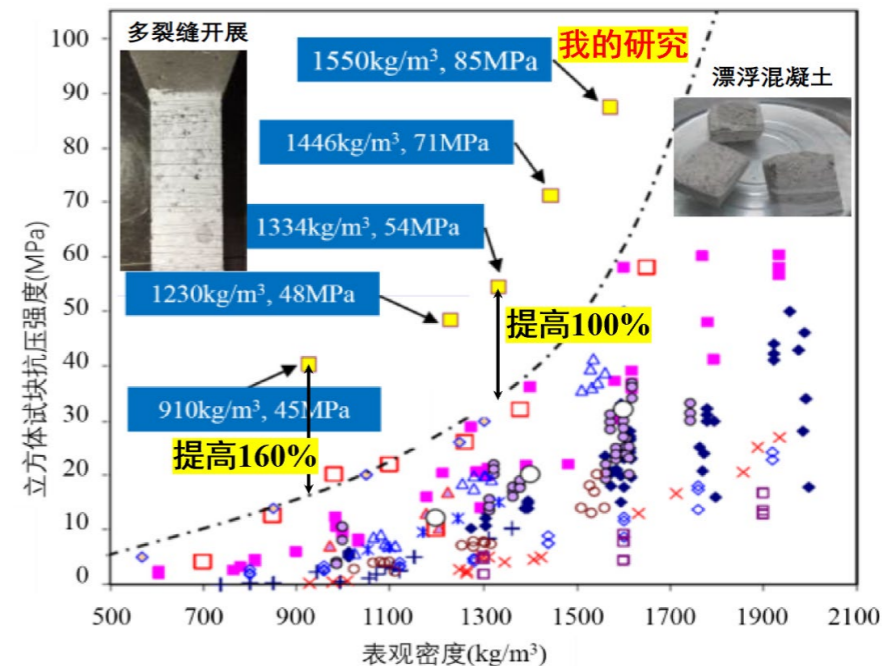
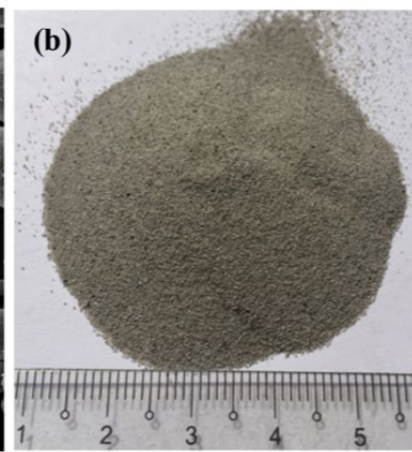
Ultra-lightweight cement composite (ULCC) 超轻质水泥基复合材料  
density less than 1550kg/m<sup>3</sup> with structural strength(40-85MPa)



Microstructure of ULCC



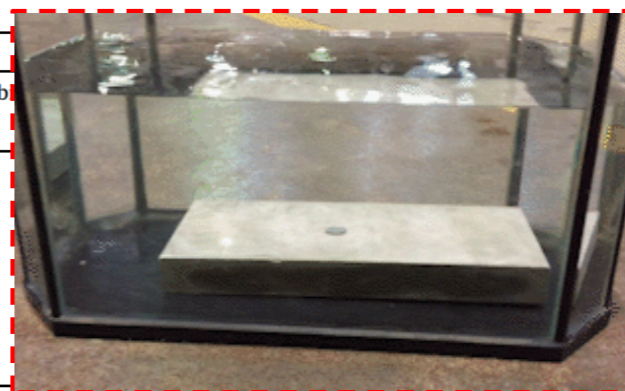
Fly ash cenospheres



Mixture proportions of ULCC with water/binder ratio of 0.33.

Mix ID	Fibre type	Fibre content (vol%)	Mixture proportion of matrix by mass of total binder			Cenosphere/binder % by volume
			Binder			
			Cement	Silica fume	Fly Ash	
ULCC-N	-	0	0.92	0.08	0	0.42
ULCC-02PP	PP	0.2				
ULCC-05PP	PP	0.5				
ULCC-1PP	PP	1.0				
ULCC-02PP08S	PP + Steel	0.2 + 0.8				
ULCC-1S	Steel	1.0				
ULCC-02PP15FA	PP	0.2	0.78		0.14	
ULCC-02PP30FA	PP	0.2	0.64		0.28	

PP = polypropylene fibre, SRA = Shrinkage reduced admixture; S = Steel fibre, FA = fly ash, SP = superplasticizer.



### Limitations:

1. High cement content: high carbon footprint
2. High porosity: lower elastic modulus, easy to crack



Low carbon LC<sup>3</sup>-based ULCC

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## Durability performance of LC<sup>3</sup>-based ULCC against chloride ingress and carbonation

50-2:1=50%cement, calcined clay/limestone=2:1

### Mix design of ULCC-LC<sup>3</sup>

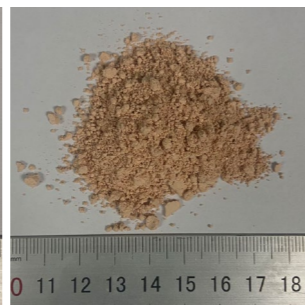
Group	OPC (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Calcined clay (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Limestone (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Gypsum (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Cenosphere (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Silica fume (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Water (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Superplasticizer (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	SRA (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	PE fiber (%)
ULCC	873.9	0	0	0	287.6	97.1	264.9	4.3	9.3	0
50-1:1	464.0	196.6	196.6	16.6	287.6	97.1	264.9	6.5	9.3	0
50-2:1	464.0	262.2	131.1	16.6	287.6	97.1	264.9	8.3	9.3	0
50-3:1	464.0	294.9	98.3	16.6	287.6	97.1	264.9	8.5	9.3	0
45-2:1	418.6	291.3	145.7	18.4	287.6	97.1	264.9	9.0	9.3	0
65-2:1	600.4	174.8	87.4	11.4	287.6	97.1	264.9	6.7	9.3	0
ULCC-1	873.9	0	0	0	287.6	97.1	264.9	4.6	9.3	1
50-1:1-1	464.0	196.6	196.6	16.6	287.6	97.1	264.9	6.9	9.3	1
50-2:1-1	464.0	262.2	131.1	16.6	287.6	97.1	264.9	8.7	9.3	1
50-3:1-1	464.0	294.9	98.3	16.6	287.6	97.1	264.9	9.1	9.3	1
45-2:1-1	418.6	291.3	145.7	18.4	287.6	97.1	264.9	9.6	9.3	1
65-2:1-1	600.4	174.8	87.4	11.4	287.6	97.1	264.9	7.0	9.3	1



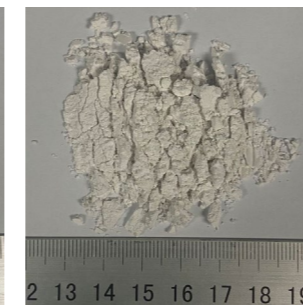
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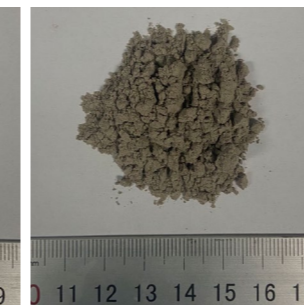
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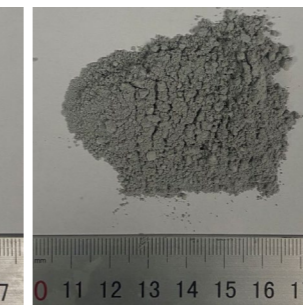
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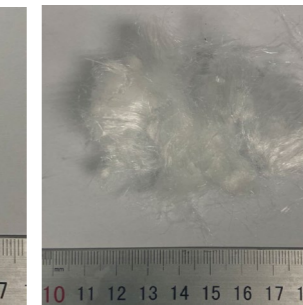
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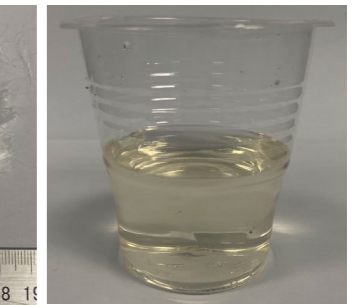
Gypsum



Silica fume



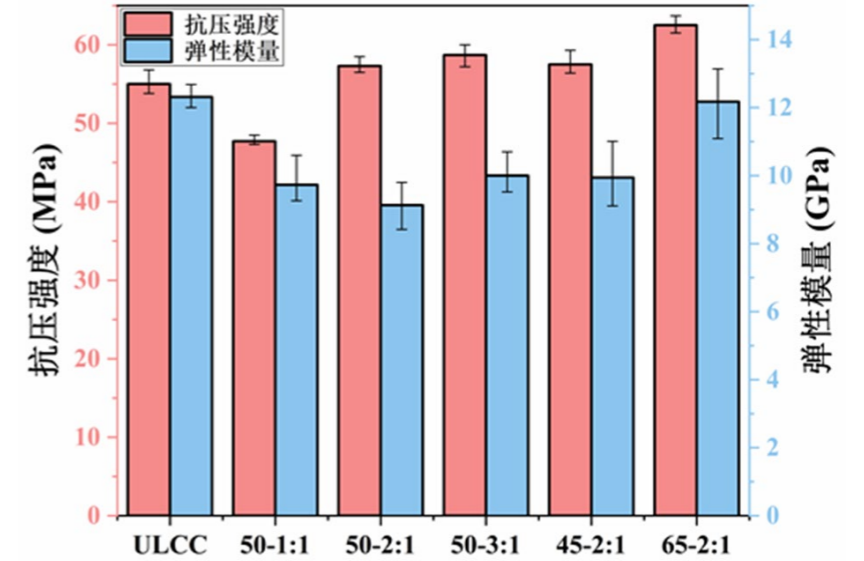
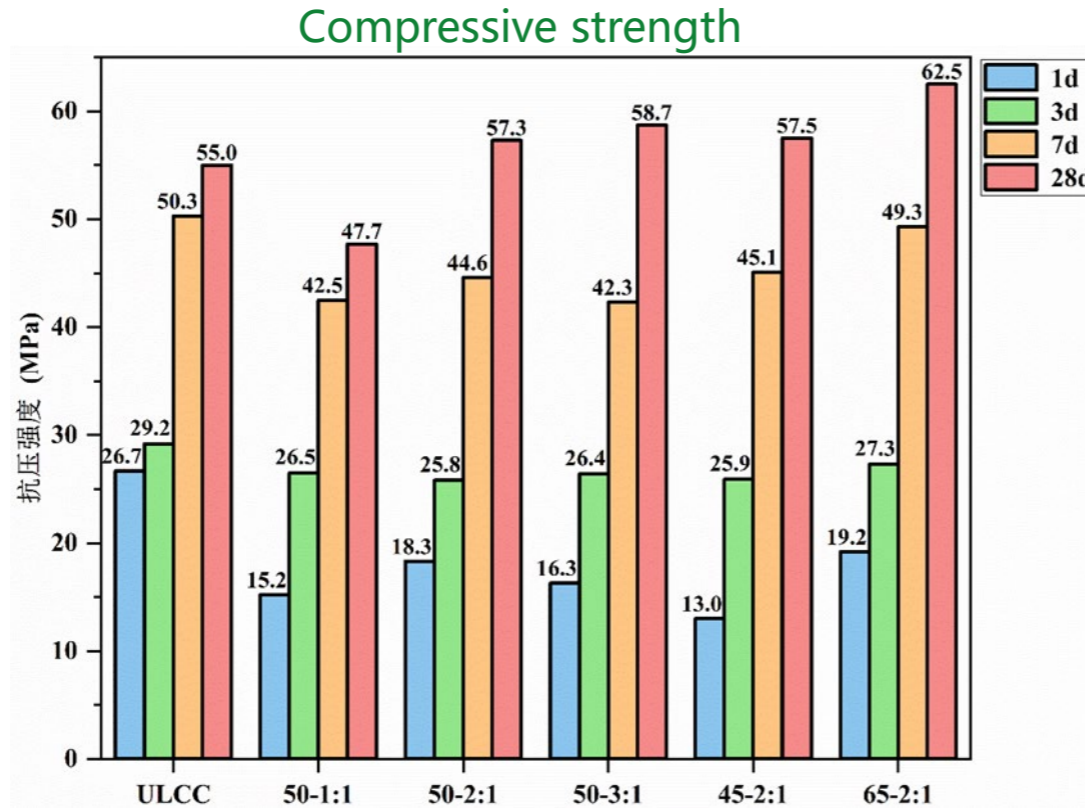
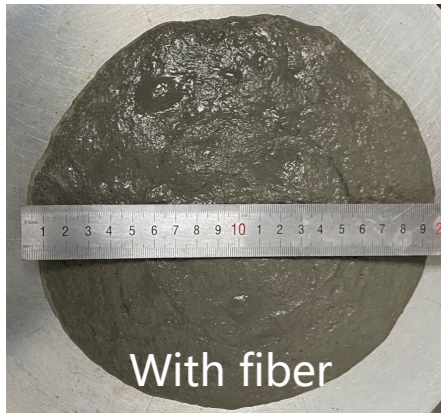
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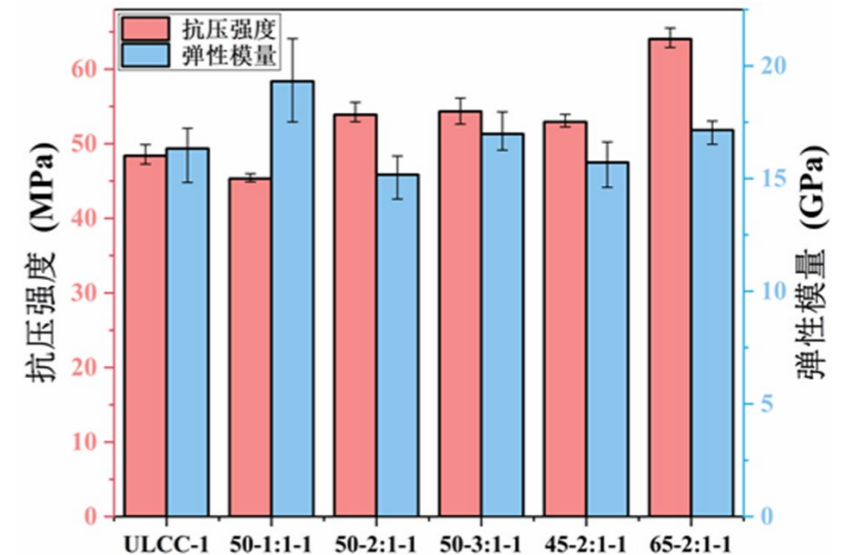
Superplasticizer

# 04

## Durability performance of LC<sup>3</sup>-based ULCC against chloride ingress and carbonation



Without fiber



With fiber

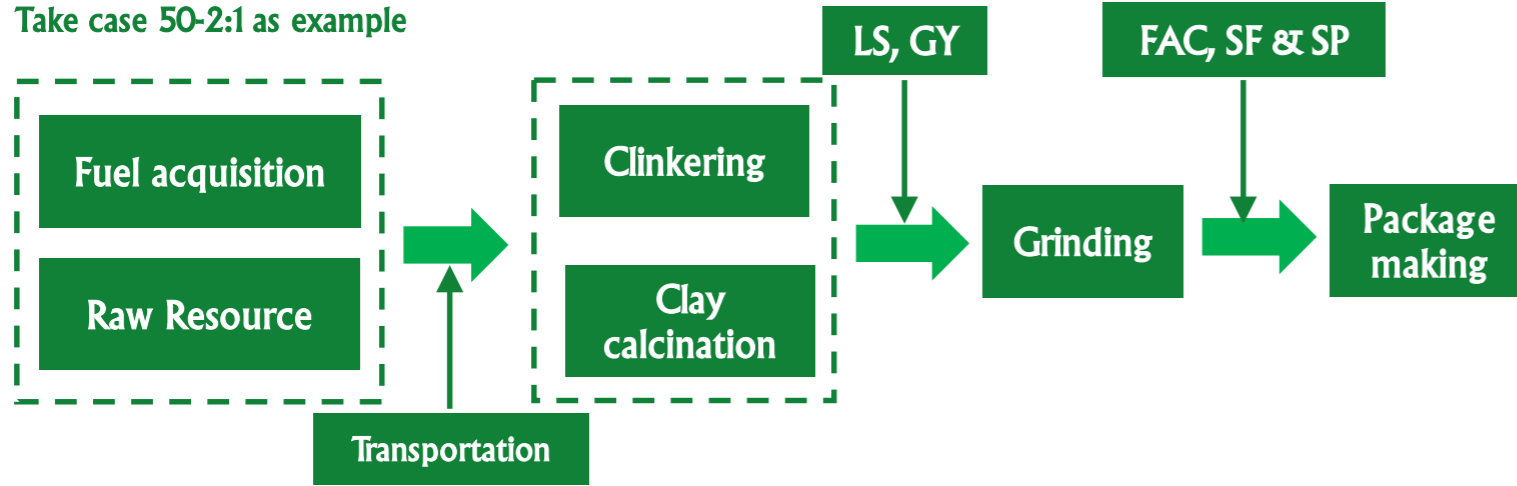
- **Good workability:** 181-205mm
- **Density range:** 1510.6-1567.0kg/m<sup>3</sup>, much lower than 《轻骨料混凝土应用技术标准 JGJ/T 122019》 -1950 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- **Strength:** Comparable compressive strength, but lower elastic modulus

# 04

## Durability performance of LC<sup>3</sup>-based ULCC against chloride ingress and carbonation

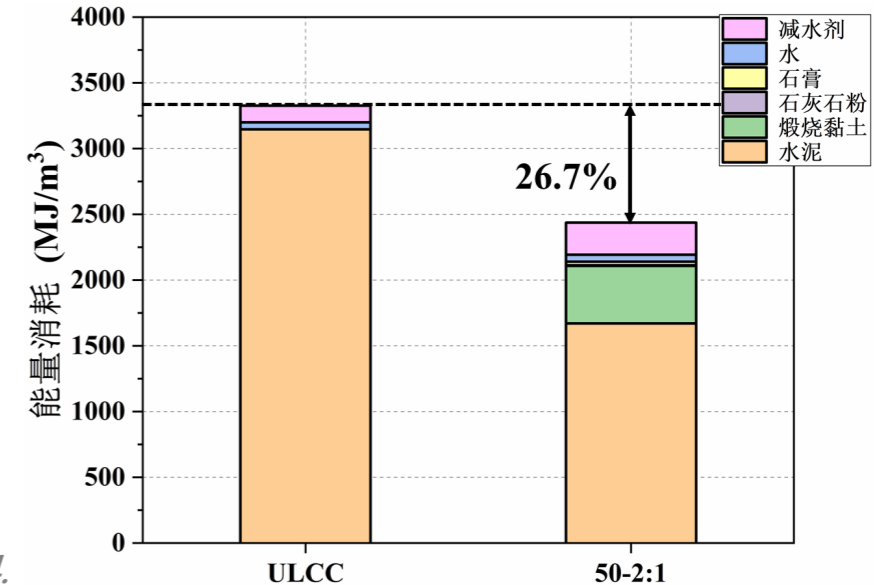
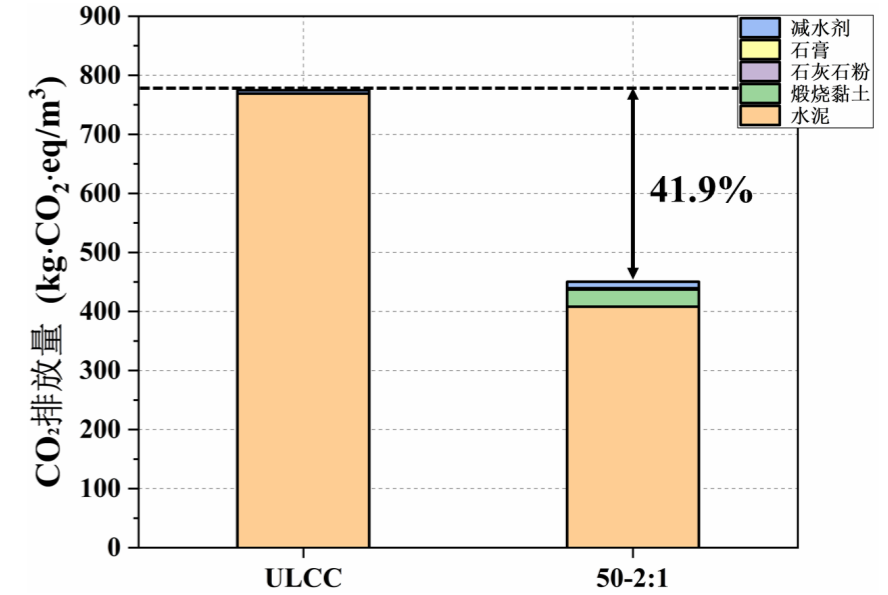
### Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) 生命周期评估

Take case 50-2:1 as example



系统边界：从“开采”到“大门” —— “from cradle to gate”

- CO<sub>2</sub> emission and energy consumption is largely from **cement**;
- Compared to ULCC, the use of LC<sup>3</sup> effectively reduce CO<sub>2</sub> (41.9%) and energy consumption (26.7%)



# 04

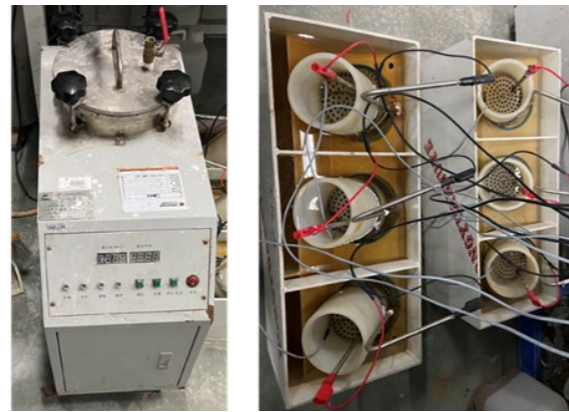
## Durability performance of LC<sup>3</sup>-based ULCC against chloride ingress and carbonation

### 快速氯离子迁移系数法(GB/T 50082)

### Rapid Chloride Migration Method (RCM)



Test setup



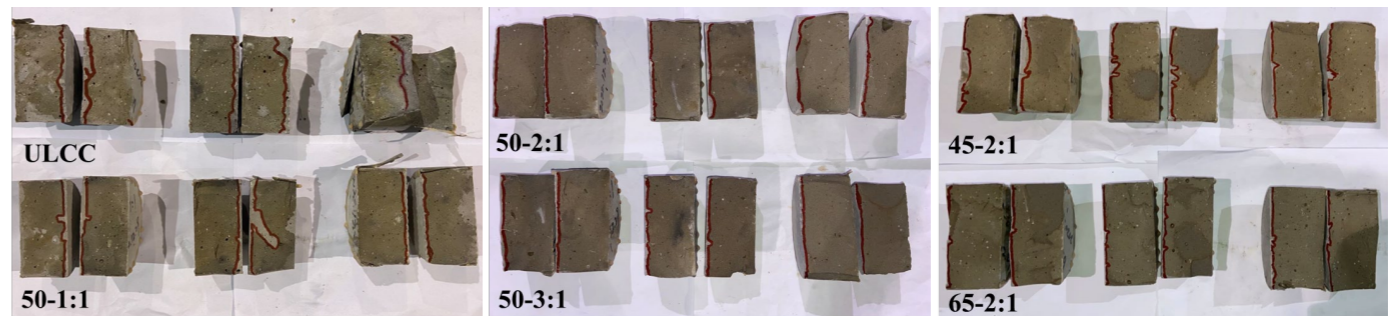
φ50mm × φ100mm samples

Chloride ion migration coefficient :

$$D_{RCM} = \frac{0.0239 \times (273 + T)L}{(U - 2)t} \left( X_d - 0.0238 \sqrt{\frac{(273 + T)LX_d}{U - 2}} \right)$$

### RCM test results

ID	Tem (°C)	Thickness (mm)	渗透深度 (mm)	Time (h)	电压 (V)	氯离子迁移系数 (10 <sup>-12</sup> m <sup>2</sup> /s)	迁移系数平均值 (10 <sup>-12</sup> m <sup>2</sup> /s)
ULCC	1	24.40	51.3	9.6	24	60	2.2(剔除)
	2	24.35	51.3	5.3	24	60	1.2
	3	24.40	51.5	5.2	24	60	1.1
50-1:1	1	25.35	50.0	4.4	24	60	0.9
	2	25.40	50.3	4.0	24	60	0.8
	3	25.35	50.7	2.9	24	60	0.6
50-2:1	1	24.60	51.8	2.6	24	60	0.5
	2	24.40	51.9	3.3	24	60	0.7
	3	24.15	50.1	3.5	24	60	0.7
50-3:1	1	24.50	51.7	2.1	24	60	0.4
	2	24.45	51.5	2.9	24	60	0.6
	3	24.50	51.2	2.2	24	60	0.4
45-2:1	1	25.05	50.1	6.1	24	60	1.3
	2	25.00	50.3	4.5	24	60	1.0
	3	24.75	50.7	3.7	24	60	0.8
65-2:1	1	25.10	51.8	2.6	24	60	0.5
	2	24.90	51.6	2.9	24	60	0.6
	3	24.90	51.7	2.9	24	60	0.6

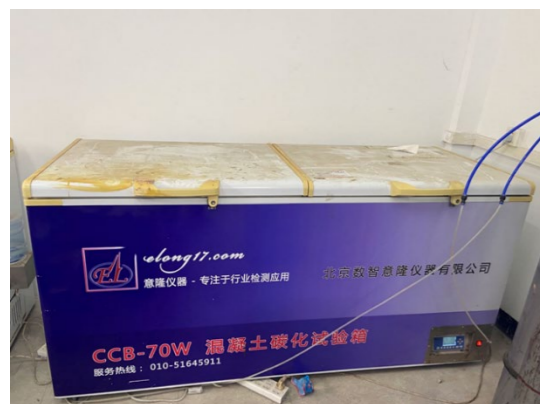


Comparison of chloride penetration depth for test samples

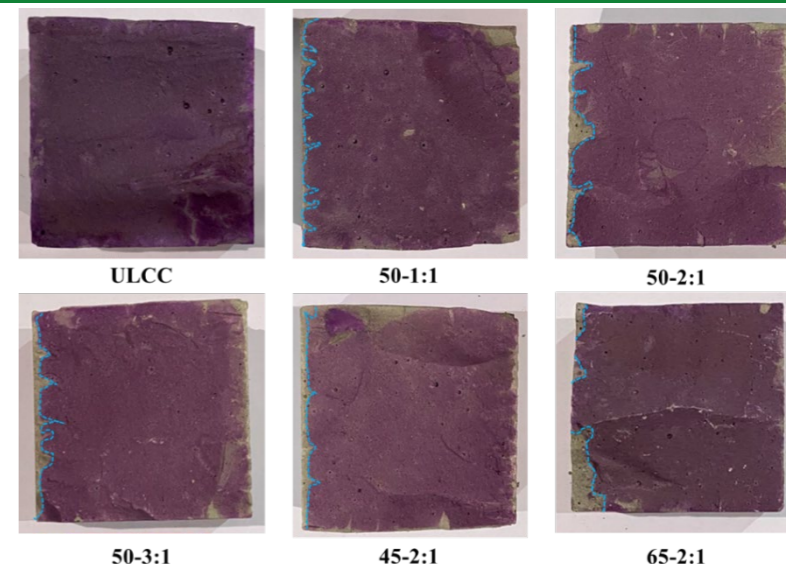
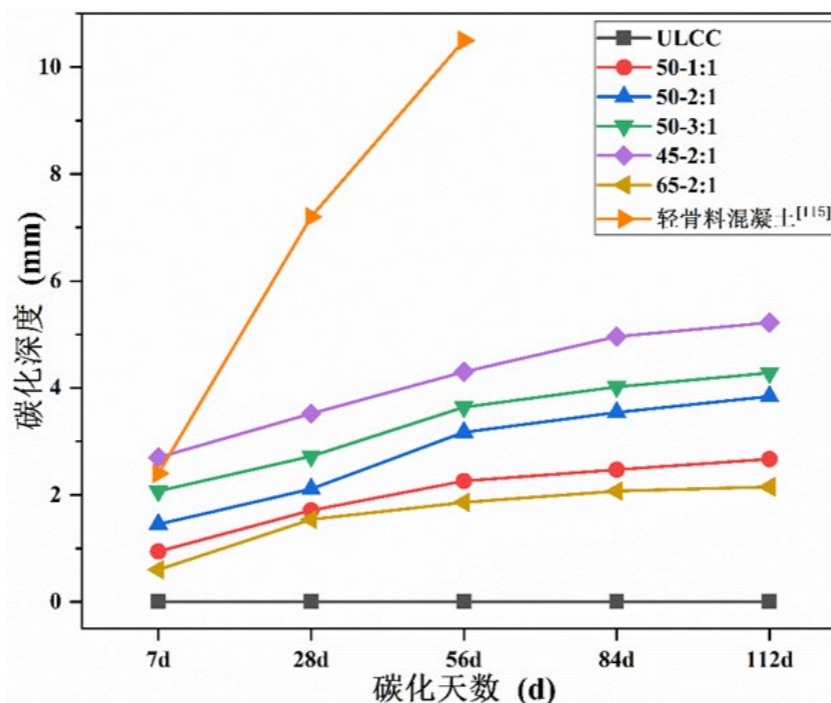
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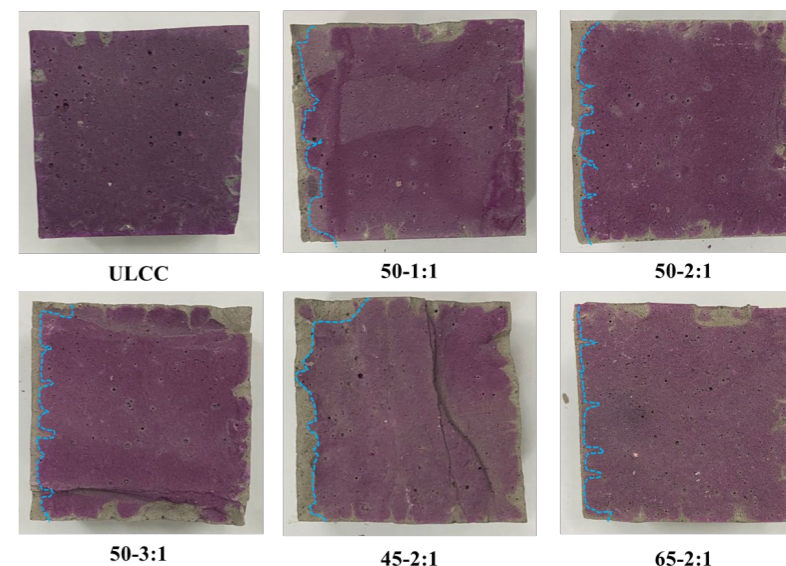
### 加速碳化试验 Accelerated carbonation tests (GB/T 50082)



Test setup



Carbonation depth at 7 day



Carbonation depth at 28 day

- Use of LC<sup>3</sup> reduces the carbonation resistance, resulting in an increased carbonation depth.
- Still better than normal lightweight aggregate concrete.



# Outline

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## 3. Structural behavior of reinforced LC<sup>3</sup> concrete members

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## 6. Conclusions

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# 05

# Development and application of LC<sup>3</sup> based lightweight core-shell aggregate concrete



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### Expanded clay/shale aggregate

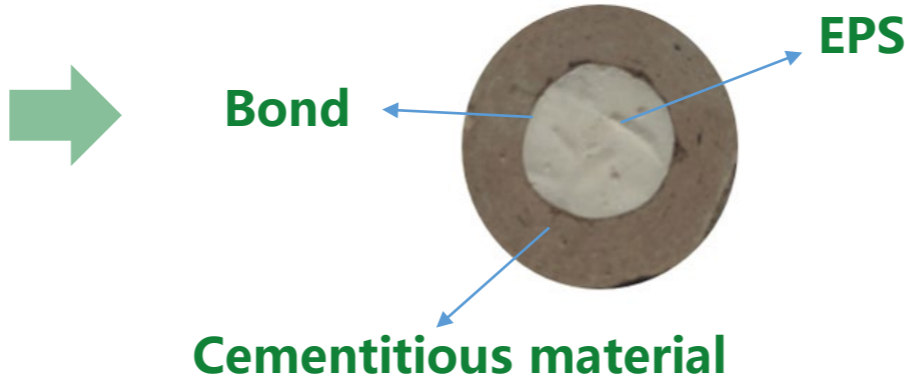
**Sintering method 烧结法**  
**High carbon emission & energy demand (Rotary kiln temperature up to 1200°C)**



### Cold-bond method 冷粘法

**Low carbon emission & energy demand (Room temperature production)**

### Core-shell aggregate



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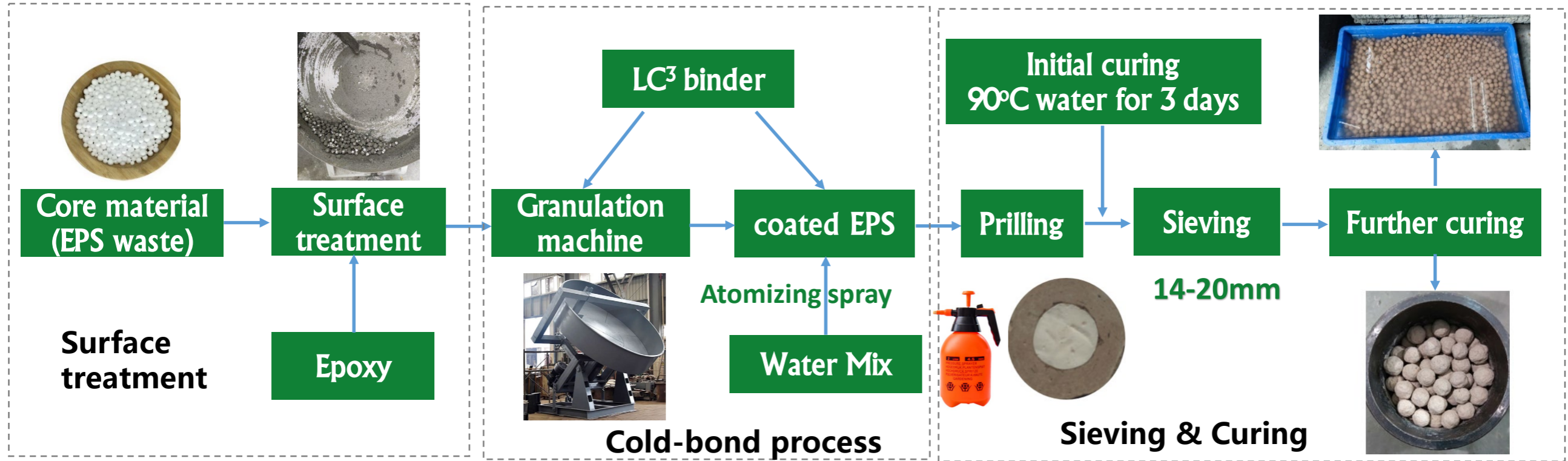
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## Development and application of LC<sup>3</sup> based lightweight core-shell aggregate concrete

Core-shell lightweight aggregates production



Non-structural partition wall



## 05

# Development and application of LC<sup>3</sup> based lightweight core-shell aggregate concrete

## LC<sup>3</sup> binder proportion

ID	Core material	Shell material			
		OPC ( % )	CC ( % )	LS ( % )	GY ( % )
LC <sup>3</sup> -50-2:1	8-10mm EPS	50	30	15	5

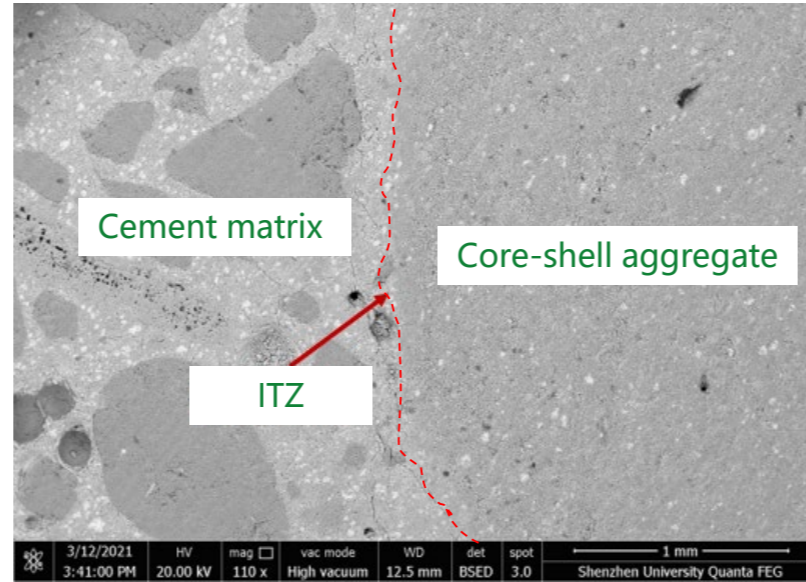
## Physical properties of core-shell lightweight aggregate

ID	Size (mm)	Apparent density ( kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Bulk density ( kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	筒压强度 ( MPa )	1h吸水率 ( % )	24h吸水率 ( % )
LC3-50-2:1	14-20	1546	843	8.7	4.85	5.68

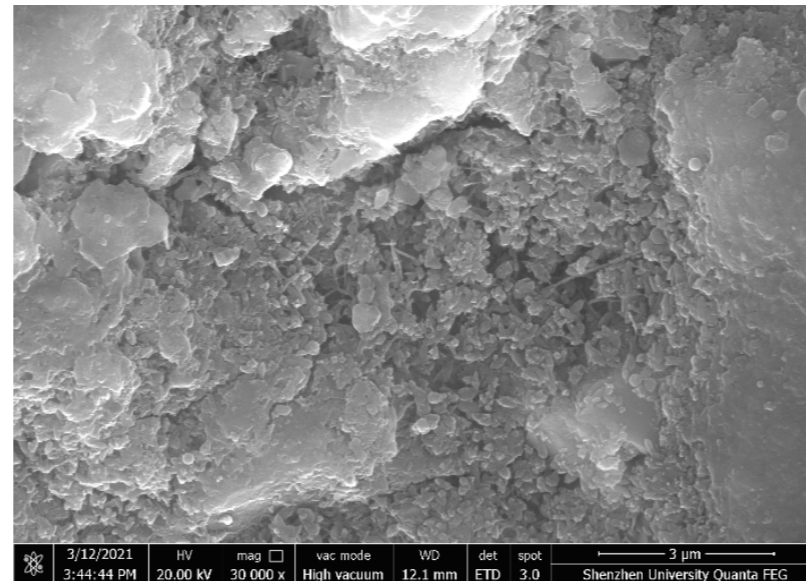
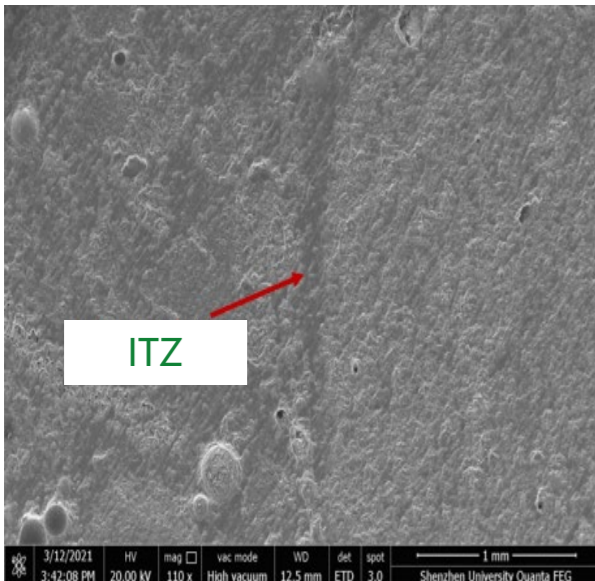
**Calcined clay: limestone=2:1, speed/angle/water..., to achieve the highest compressive strength**

# 05

## Development and application of LC<sup>3</sup> based lightweight core-shell aggregate concrete



- ITZ is difficult to discern.
- Core-shell material closely resembles the cement matrix, resulting in good contact between aggregate and paste.
- Aggregate surface undergoes secondary hydration to produce hydration products to form a denser ITZ.

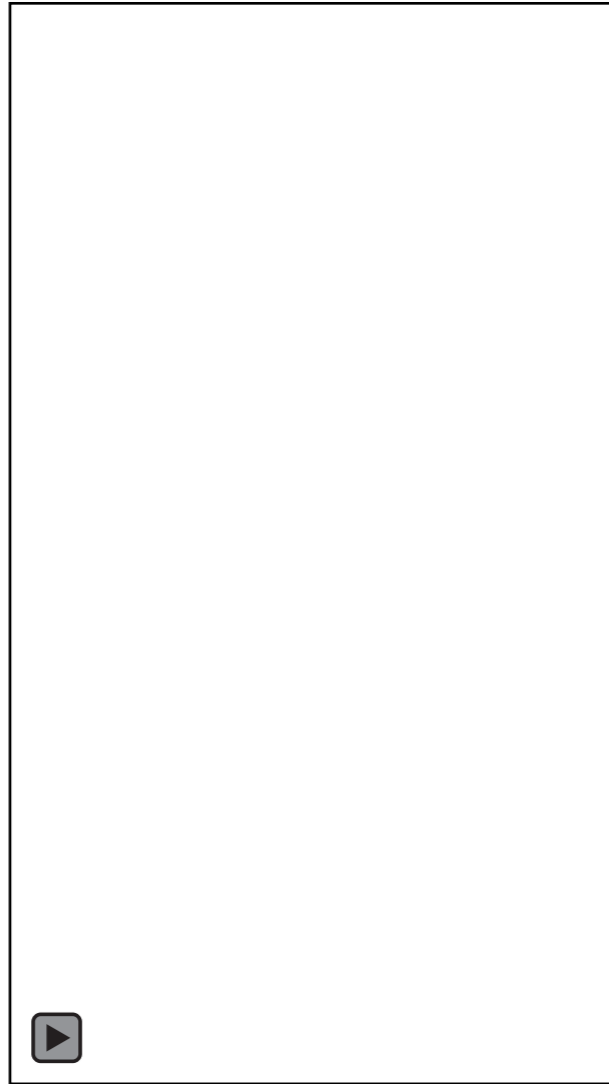


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Granulation machine



Granulation process



Sealed for 1d



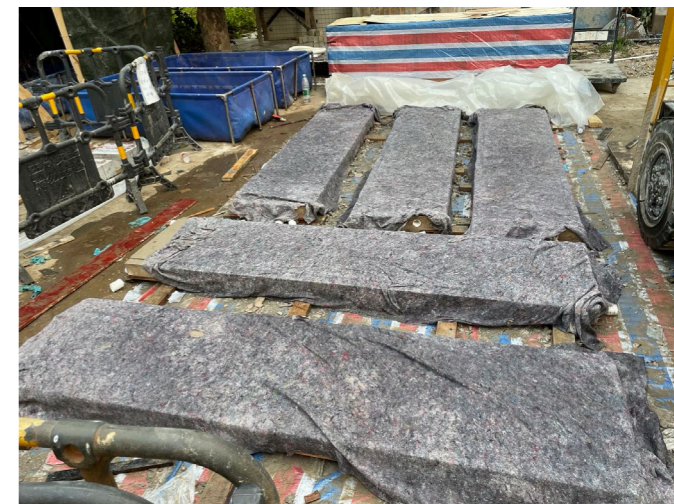
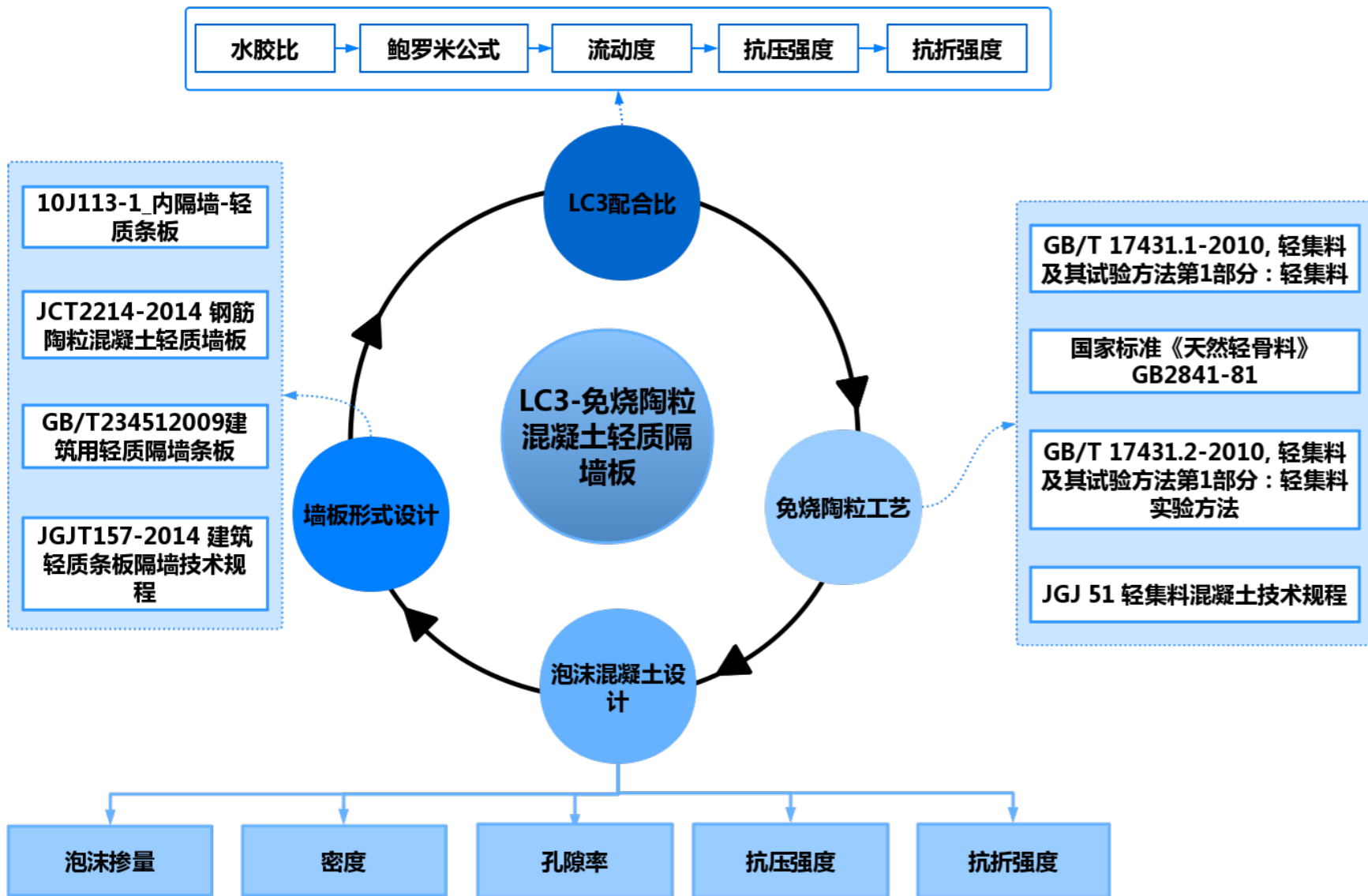
water curing



Core-shell  
lightweight  
aggregate

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Curing and production

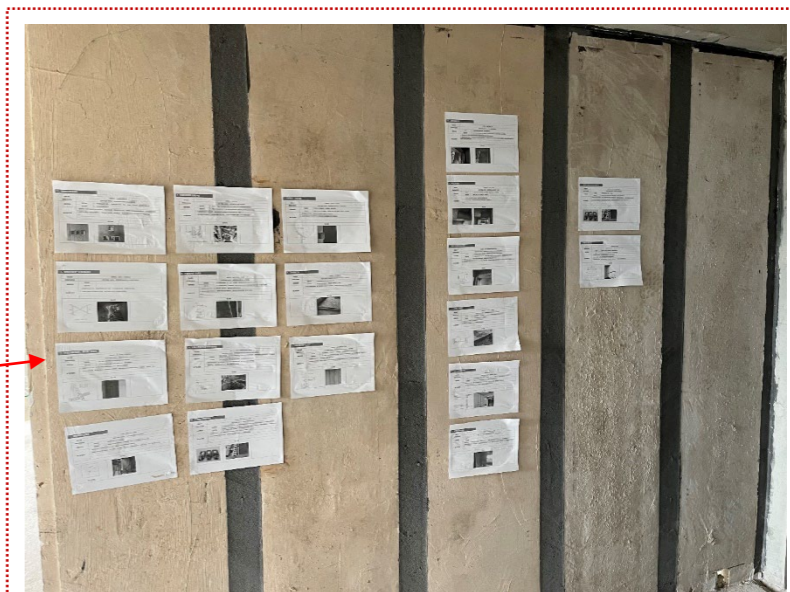
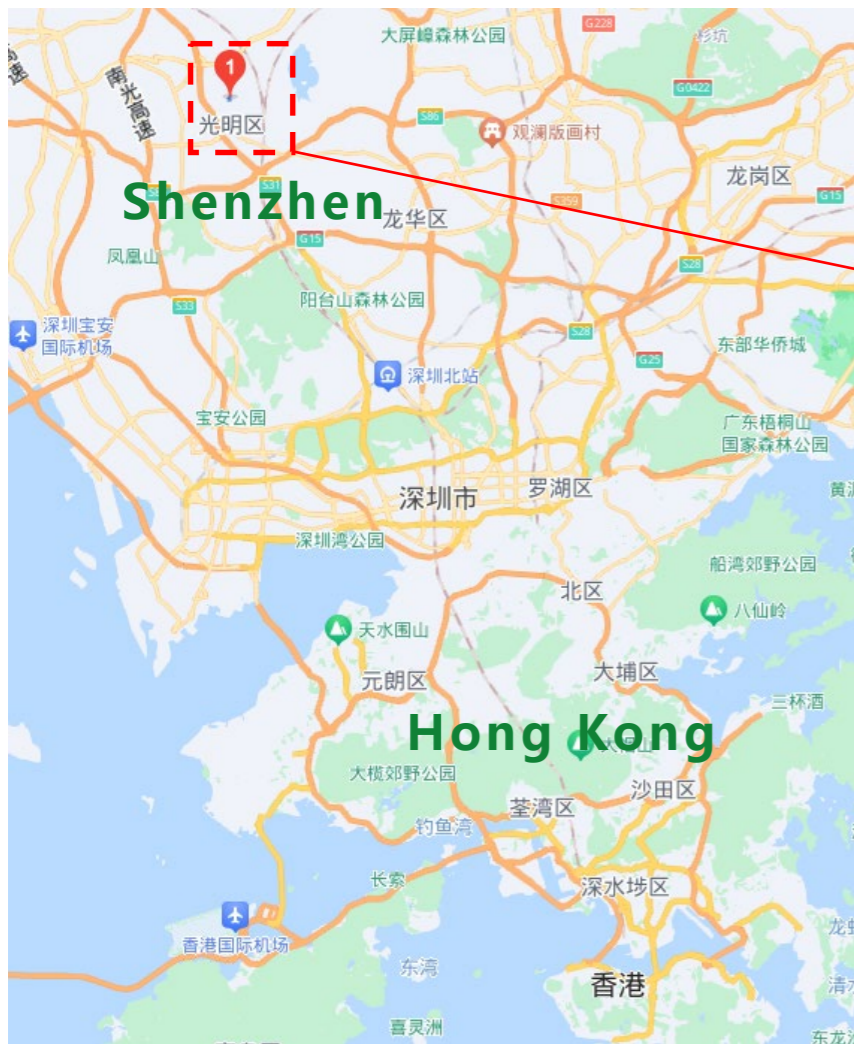


Production of Core-shell lightweight panel

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# Development and application of LC<sup>3</sup> based lightweight core-shell aggregate concrete

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Core-shell lightweight panel



# 06

## Conclusions

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### For normal concrete:

- (1) **Develop** a new type of green cement concrete using LC<sup>3</sup>
- (2) Conduct **tests** of compression, splitting, bond behavior, flexural and shear behavior as compared to conventional RC beams.
- (3) **Assessment** of current flexural and shear design formulae.
- (4) LC3 concrete has **higher splitting-compression ratio** (折压比) :  $f_c$  or  $f_t$ ?

### For lightweight ULCC:

- (1) **Develop** low-carbon LC<sup>3</sup>-based ULCC with low density (1500 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) and high strength.
- (2) The use of LC<sup>3</sup> significantly **decreases** the carbon emission and energy consumption.
- (3) The **chloride resistance** of ULCC-LC<sup>3</sup> is significantly improved as compared with ULCC and normal concrete which is due to the refined pore structure and increased chloride binding capacity.
- (4) LC<sup>3</sup> can effectively densify the porosity, reduce the chloride migration coefficient. In accelerated **carbonation** tests, LC<sup>3</sup> lowers the carbonation resistance.

# 06

## Conclusions

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**Further research:**

- (1) Improve early strength of LC<sup>3</sup> concrete;**
- (2) Evaluate long term (durability) structural behavior for marine civil engineering;**
- (3) LC<sup>3</sup> standards;**
- (4) Resources, Superplasticizers...**

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