

**Introduction on Chinese National Key Research Project
-Basic Research on Environmentally Friendly
Contemporary concrete**

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What is 973 project ?

- 973 Program (The National Basic Research Program) is China's on-going national keystone basic research program
- Approved by the Chinese government in June 1997 and is organized and implemented by the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- To meet the nation's major strategic needs.
- To create an excellent scientific research environment and to scale the peak of the world's science

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- 973 Program emphases:
 - [Agriculture](#)
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 - [Information](#)
 - [Resource and Environment](#)
 - [Population and Health](#)
 - [Materials](#)
 - [Synthesis and Frontier Science](#)

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- 973 Project application procedures:
 - Call for proposal
 - Proposal reviewed through internet
 - Interview by MOST consultant committee
 - Interview by high-level advisor committee
 - Decision by MOST

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- Basic requirements for 973 Project:
 - National needs
 - Scientific issues
 - Feasibility of research methodology
 - Strength of research team

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- The project of Basic Research of Environmentally Friendly Contemporary Concrete is the first one and only one for concrete field

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National Urgent Needs



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Traditional and contemporary concrete



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Problems in contemporary concrete-more brittle



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Problems in contemporary concrete-less durable

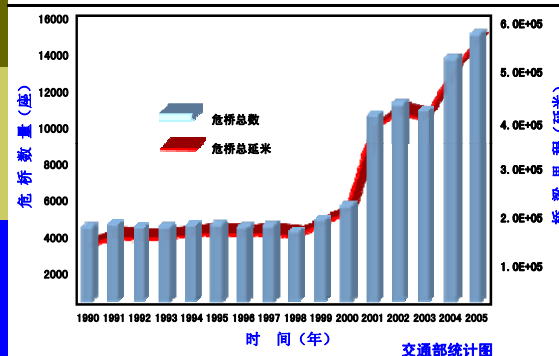
In USA, real service life for design service life of 75 years only have 40 years. According to statistics in 2004, 27.5% of bridges in US has durability problem
 --FHA, USA, 2006

In China, the number of bridges in danger increased linearly from 2000 and reached 15000 in 2005.
 --Transportation Ministry, China, 2007

In China, the economic lose due to corrosion in RC structure was 1 trillion RMB per year.
 -- CAE report 2002

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Bridges in danger



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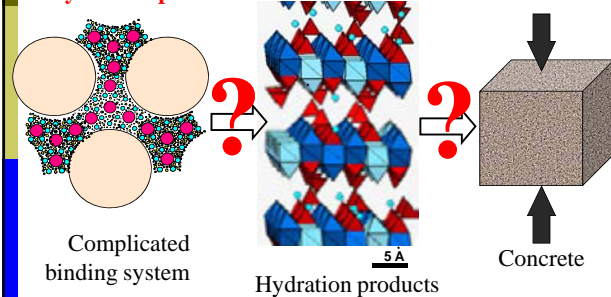
Challenge that contemporary concrete facing

- How to scientifically and effectively utilize industry waste, reduce cement content to minimum →
Save energy and reduce pollution
- Enhancing durability, prolong service life →
Most effective way to save energy and reduce pollution
- Improve the capability resisting natural disaster →
To ensure the safety of human being and properties

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Urgent issues need to be resolved

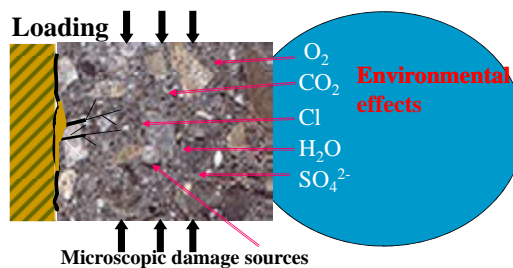
- Mechanism of formation of microstructure of hydration products



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- Mechanism of damage process



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Urgent issues need to be resolved

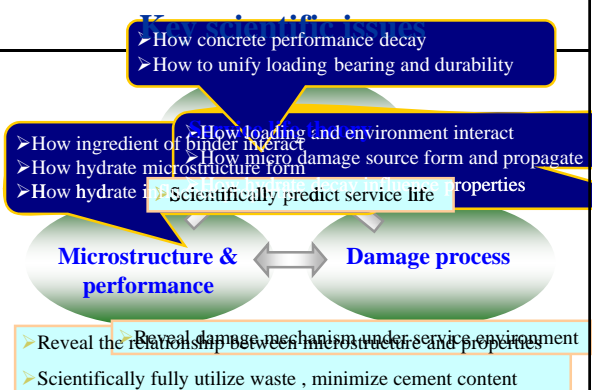
- Lack of study on unified design of loading carrying and durability

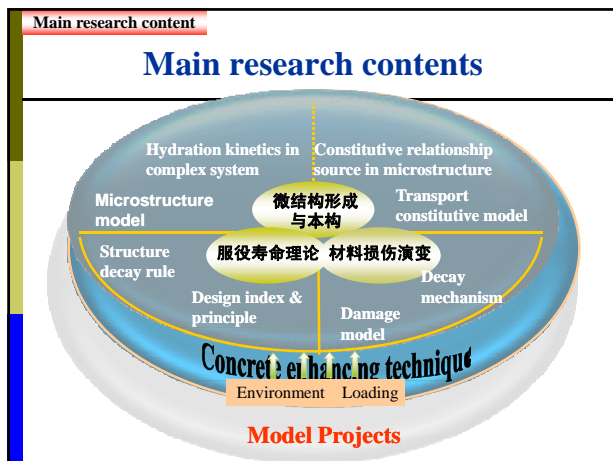
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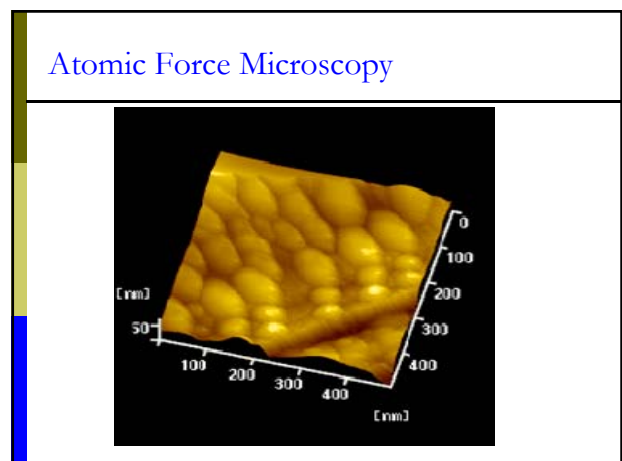
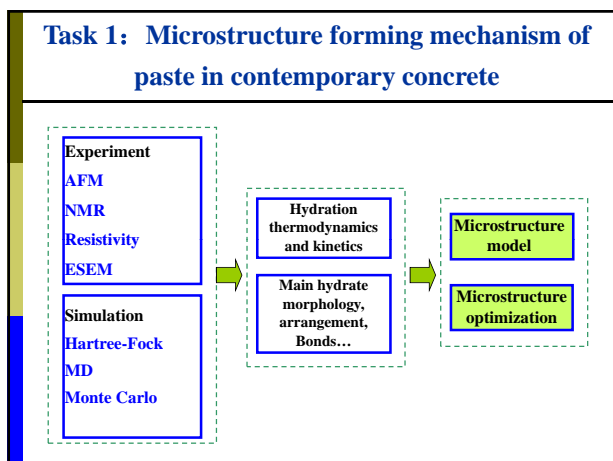
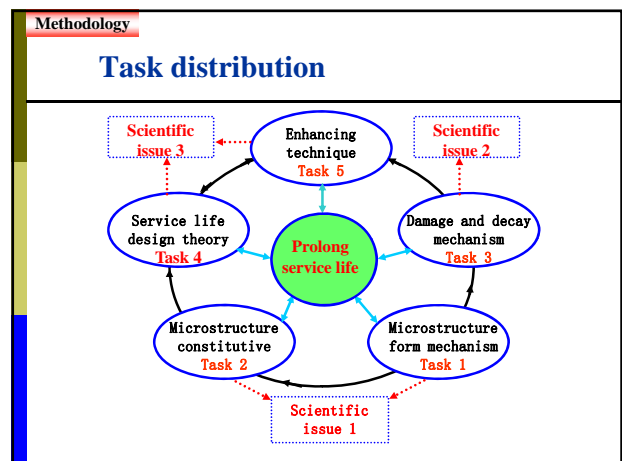
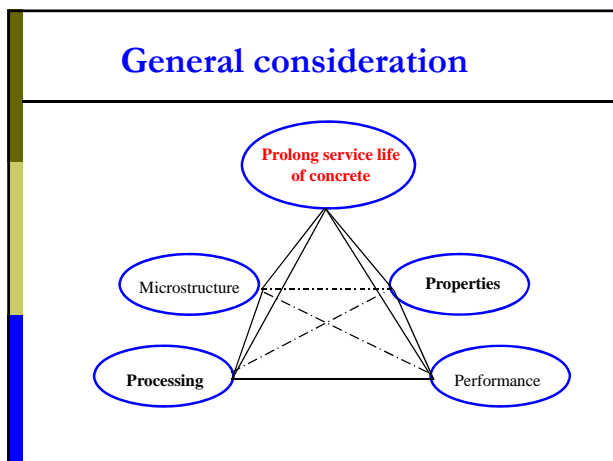
2、Key scientific issues & research contents

Key scientific issues



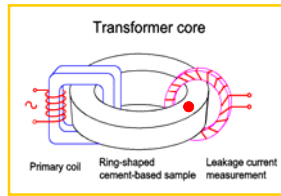


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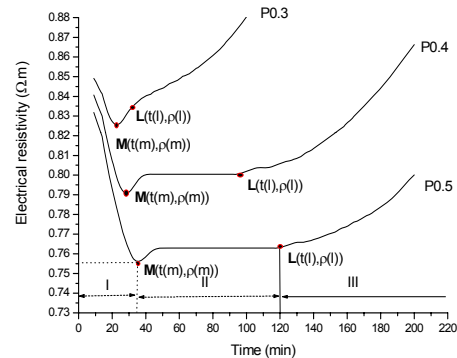
Non-contact resistivity measurement

US 663941, Nov. 2003

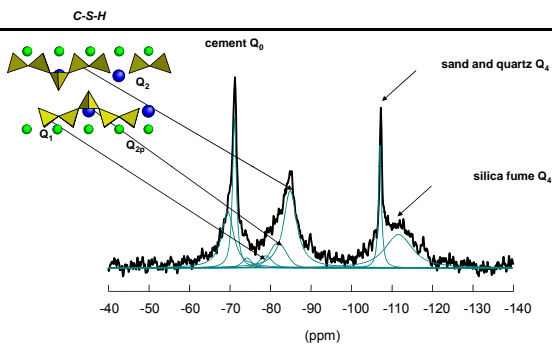


$$\rho = \frac{H}{2\pi} \left[-\frac{r_1}{r_2 - r_1} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1} + \ln \frac{r_3}{r_2} + \frac{r_4}{r_4 - r_3} \ln \frac{r_4}{r_3} \right] \frac{V}{I}$$

Resistivity curve

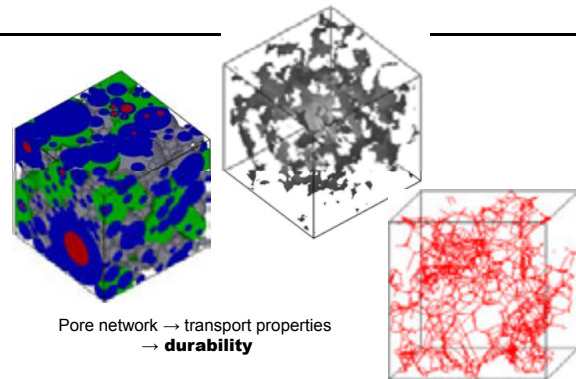


²⁹Si solid state NMR

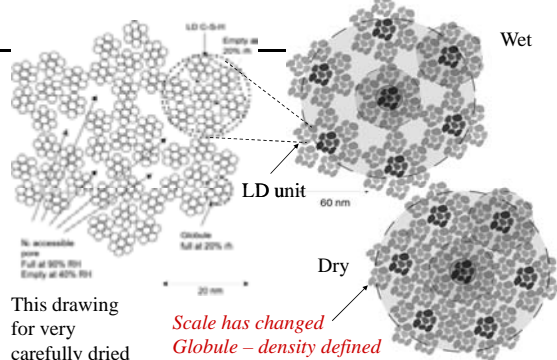


Slide H.Zanni et al ESPCI

Microstructural Modelling



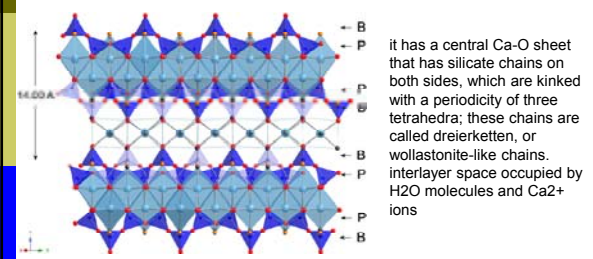
Fix the problem – adjust 2000 model by scale



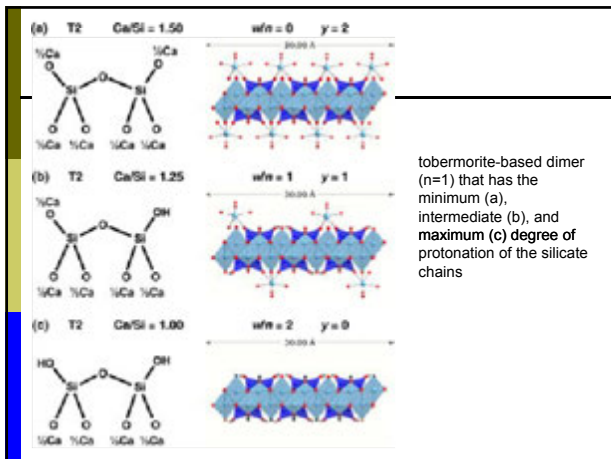
H. M. Jennings, J. J. Thomas, J. S. Gevrenov, G. Constantinides, and F.-J. Ulm, *Cem. Concr. Res.* (in press).

Revised model

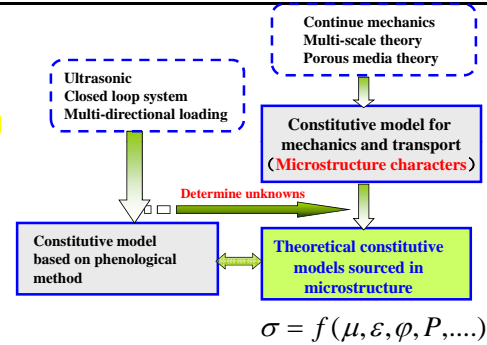
C-S-H structure



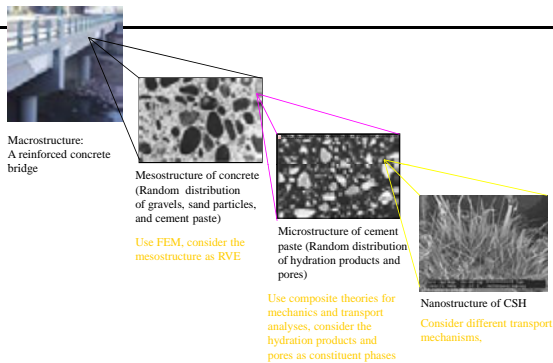
1.4 nm tobermorite projected along [210]



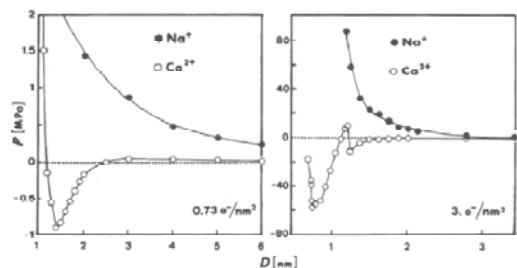
Task 2: Microstructure-sourced constitutive model



Multi-scale Modeling: Nanometer to real structure



Simulating C-S-H binding using Monte Carlo method- Pellenq et al.

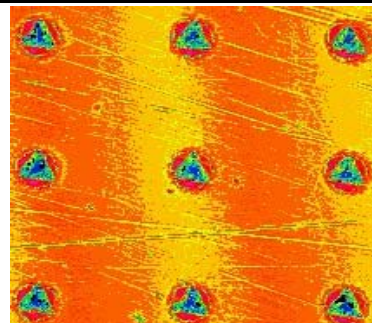


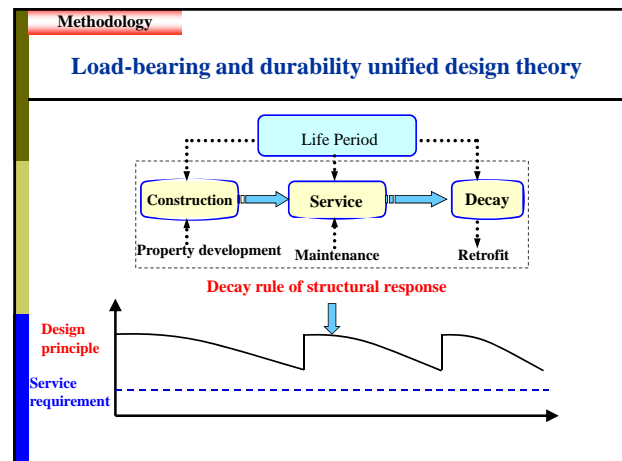
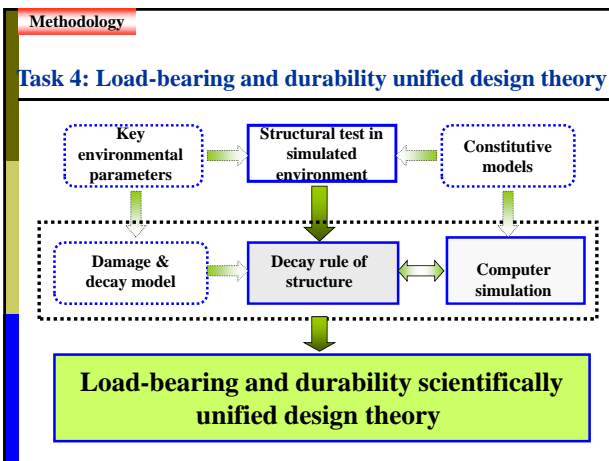
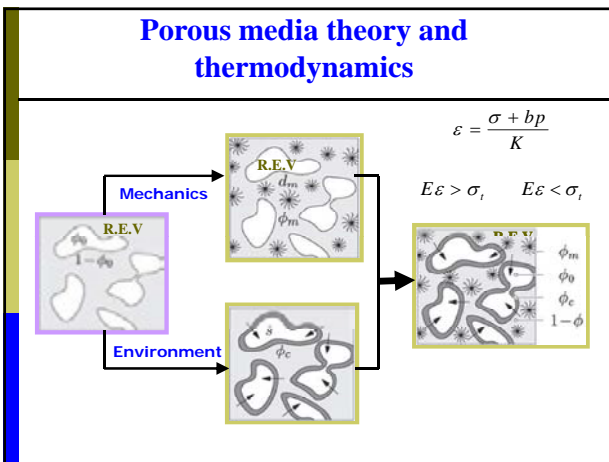
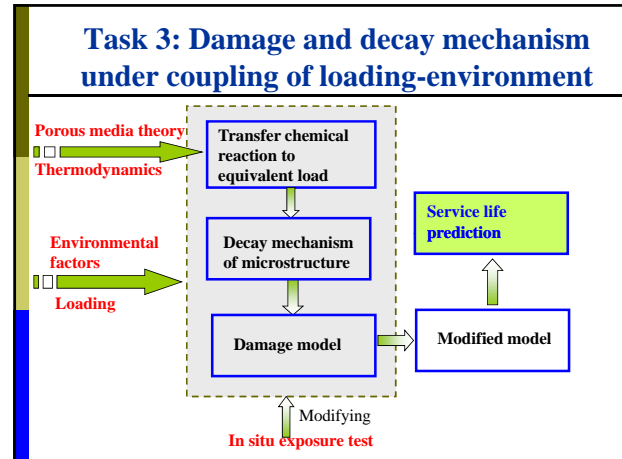
Primitive model calculation of the pressure between two negatively charged walls separated by sodium or calcium ions in water. The surface charge density is that of a smectite clay on the left and that of a Tobermorite-like C-S-H with all its OH groups ionized on the right.

Nanohardness measurement



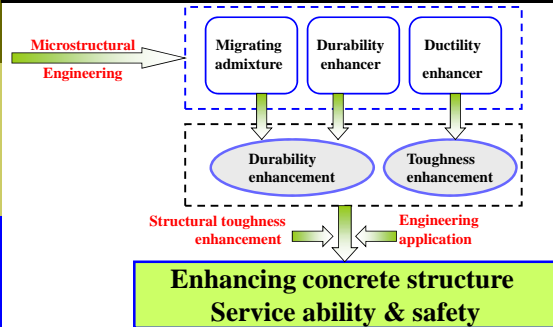
Nano-hardness



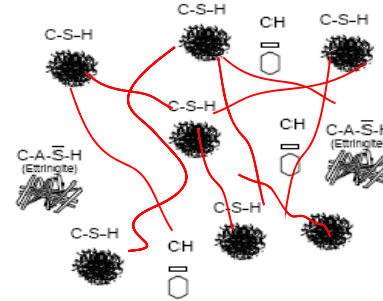


Methodology

Task 5: Concrete enhancing technique



Ductility enhancing admixture



4. Research team

Research team

General information

Hydration process & microstructure
Damage & decay mechanism

Institutes: 8

South East University

Zhejiang University

Tongji University

Tsinghua University

Manpower: 55

RC durability and service life

Wuhan University of Technology

Hong Kong University of Sci. & Tech.

Jiangsu Institute of Building Research Ltd

Micro-mechanics, fracture, and multi-scale theory

Wuhan University

Innovative admixture development

Academicians

CAE, and Canada Academy of Engineering

Changjiang Scholar

Jieqing

Professor

Associate Prof.

Research team

Chief Scientist: Zongjin Li

- BS. Zhejiang Univ. (1982) , PhD Northwestern Univ.(1993)
- Prof. HKUST
- Chairman or Co-chairman and Key note speaker for 20 international conferences
- Project manager for more than 35 projects with funding over 30 million HK dollars
- Awarded 2 US and 2 China patents
- Published two books and more than 230 papers

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