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Geopolymer research 1988

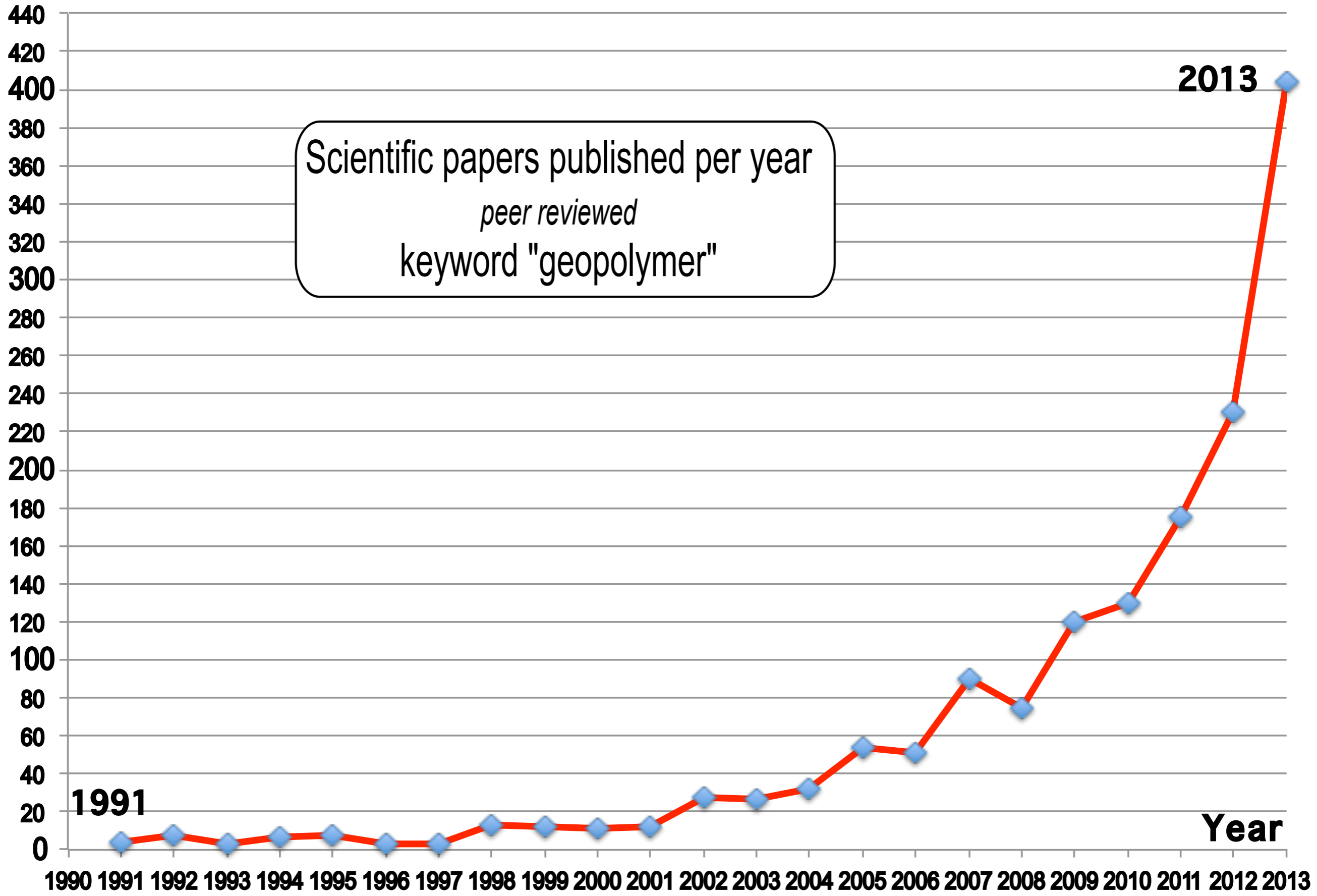
1st Geopolymer conference



Geopolymer research 2013



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.....The **Journal of Geopolymer Science** should serve as a focal point for scientists, engineers, academicians, graduate and undergraduate students, The journal will be led by the founder of geopolymer science, Prof. Joseph Davidovits, assisted by world's reputed editors.

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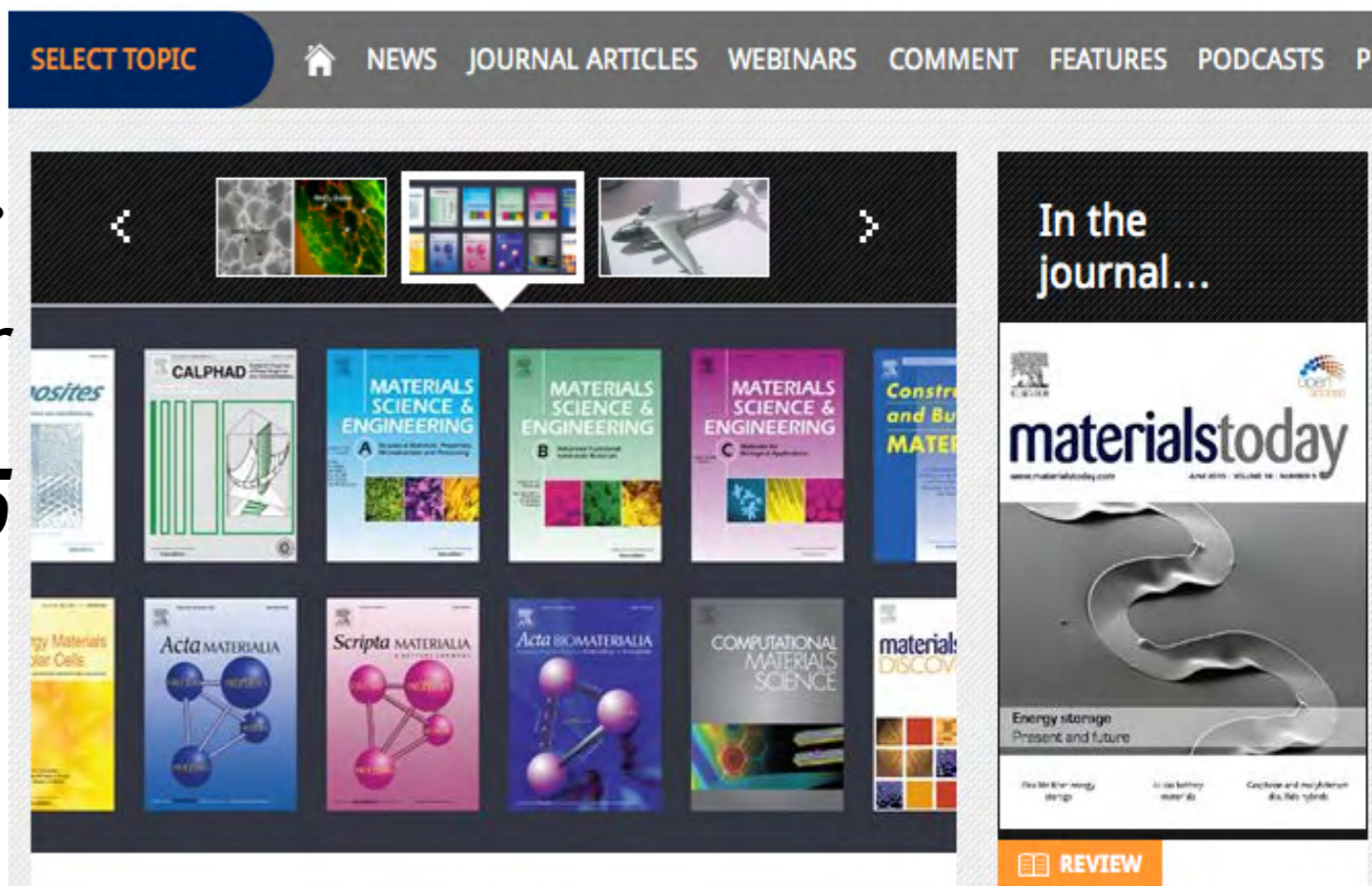
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A collection of already published research papers,
curated by us, all relating to geopolymers:

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What are geopolymers?

Geopolymers are new materials for fire- and heat-resistant coatings and adhesives, medicinal applications, high-temperature ceramics, new binders for fire-resistant fiber composites, toxic and radioactive waste encapsulation and new cements for concrete. The properties and uses of geopolymers are being explored in many scientific and industrial disciplines: modern inorganic chemistry, physical chemistry, colloid chemistry, mineralogy, geology, and in other types of engineering process technologies.

Along with the discovery of the geopolymer chemistry, the research was applications driven and generated numerous patents, especially in the 1980-1990's, but few scientific papers. This is demonstrated in the number of research publications in this field; according to Scopus database, during the period from 1984-1999, there were typically between 1 to 3 publications per year (namely those of the Geopolymer Institute). The number has been steadily increasing only since year 2000. Several products are already industrialized and commercialized since the 1980's. See at the Geopolymer Institute internet, the page [Who is selling geopolymers](#).

What research has been done, and where is it heading?

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Celebration of publications



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Environmental implications of Geopolymers

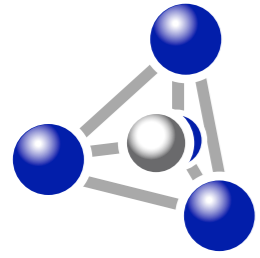
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How should we consider geopolymers? Many scientists and civil engineers are mistaking alkali-activation for geopolymers, fuelling confusion, using them as synonyms without understanding what they really are. We find in the literature either LCAs of geopolymer cements/concretes or LCA of alkali-activated-materials. The latter encompass the specific fields of alkali-activated slags, alkali-activated coal fly ashes, alkali-activated blended Portland cement.

A dedicated Geopolymer Institute video deals with the major differences prevailing between alkali-activated-materials and geopolymer cements: *Why Alkali-Activated Materials are NOT Geopolymers?*

<http://www.geopolymer.org/faq/alkali-activated-materials-geopolymers>. First, we explain the main differences between alkali-activated-concrete, alkali-activated-slag, alkali-activated-fly ash on one hand and Slag-based Geopolymer cement on the other hand, in terms of chemistry, molecular structure, long-term durability. In a second part, we comment the industrialization of Slag/fly ash-based geopolymer cement/concrete by the company Wagners, Australia, and we focus on the results provided by the



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Principles of alumino-silicate geopolymer



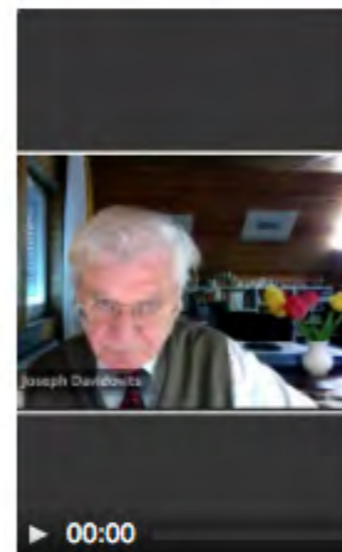
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The 6 basic rules

in Geopolymer processing

Na,K-alumino-silicates

(Na,K,Ca)-poly(sialate)



Heat- and fire-resistant geopolymer



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Fly ash-based geopolymer



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Durability tests



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Geopolymer Science and Roman Cement



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a review
by

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Geopolymer

inorganic macromolecules

not gel, or unknown structure

alkaline polymerization

acidic polymerization

Until 1999

***2nd Geopolymer Conference,
GP' 99, Saint-Quentin***

**geopolymers = advanced knowledge
in alumino-silicate chemistry**

Since 2002

3rd Geopolymer Conference

GP' 2002, Melbourne

**everything that is not Portland
cement is called Geopolymer.**

Geopolymer is not equal to AAM.

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Since 2005 (Congress Geopolymer 2005, Saint-Quentin/France-Perth/Australia), I am fighting against those who use the concept of geopolymer as an interchangeable synonym for AAM.

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This is wrong.

Life-cycle analysis of geopolymers

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K DOMBROWSKI, Technische Universität
Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany and

A BUCHWALD, Bauhaus University Weimar,
Germany

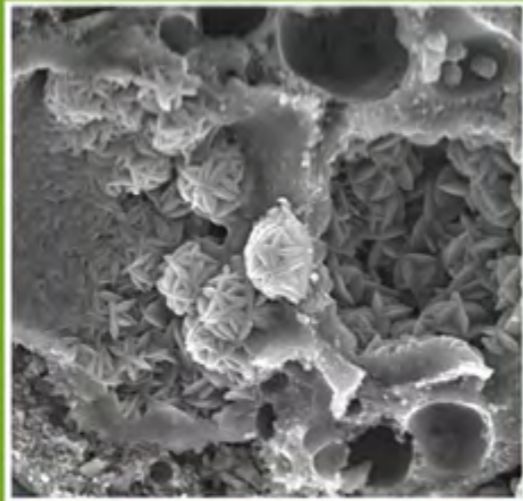
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According to the publications of Glukhovsky, geopolymers or inorganic polymer binder systems had already emerged in the late 1960s (Glukhovsky, 1959). In Russia and the Eastern part of Europe, some industrial applications of geopolymers (e.g., railway sleepers) were reported (Petrova *et al.*, 2005), but it seems that geopolymers were never in a state of mass production. Until today, only niche applications (e.g., fire-resistant glue, exhaust fume pipes, heat/fire barriers) have been established in Western Europe.

Glukhovsky worked on alkali-activation; he did not invent the geopolymer terminology and chemistry (see later).

In this paper, everything that has been implemented and commercialized in Western Europe and USA, is considered as negligible developments.

WOODHEAD PUBLISHING IN MATERIALS



Geopolymers

Structure, processing,
properties and
industrial applications

Edited by John L. Provis and
Jannie S. J. van Deventer

2009

Every

alkali-activated waste

=

Geopolymer !!



Alkali-Activated Materials

State-of-the-Art Report, RILEM TC 224-AAM

1. Introduction and Scope

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1.4 Notes on terminology

keyword search on an academic search engine. In the context of this Report, the terms ‘alkali-activated material (AAM)’ and ‘geopolymer’ are at least worthy of some comment:

- Alkali activated material (AAM) is the broadest classification, encompassing essentially any binder system derived by the reaction of an alkali metal source

- Geopolymers [17] are in many instances viewed as a subset of AAMs, where the binding phase is almost exclusively aluminosilicate and highly coordinated [18,

The distinction between these classifications is shown schematically in Figure 1-2. This is obviously a highly simplified view of the chemistry of concrete-forming systems; any

Geopolymers are shown here as a subset of AAMs, with the highest Al and lowest Ca concentrations.

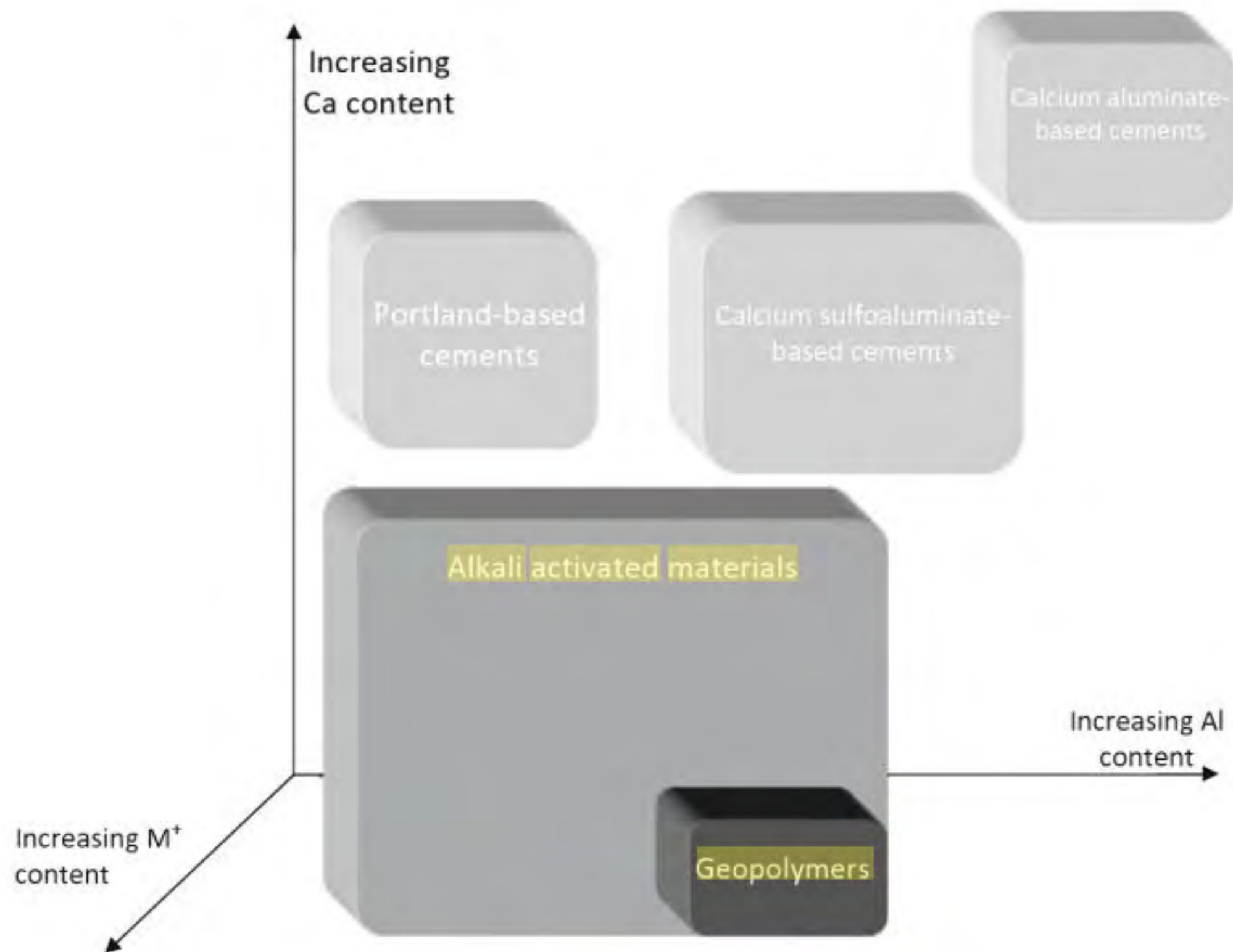


Fig. 1.2 Classification of AAMs, with comparisons to OPC and calcium sulfoaluminate binder chemistry. *Shading* indicates approximate **alkali** content; *darker shading* corresponds to higher concentrations of Na and/or K (Diagram courtesy of I. Beleña)

precursors used in geopolymer synthesis [22]. It is also noted that the term 'geopolymer' is also used by some workers, both academic and commercial, in a much broader sense than this; this is often done for marketing (rather than scientific) purposes.

Research Associate - Geopolymer Durability



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POSITION TYPE:	Full-time		
SALARY:	£29,552		



We are seeking a Research Associate within the Cements research group (Professor John Provis), in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Sheffield.

This 3-year fixed-term position is predominantly laboratory-based. The appointee will conduct research within the framework of a European Research Council-funded project, focused on analysing and optimising the durability of steel reinforcing elements within low-CO₂ alkali-activated 'geopolymer' concretes, and will become a key member of a world-leading research team in the area of novel construction materials. Applicants should hold a doctoral degree in materials engineering, electrochemistry or a related field, and should be familiar with standard and advanced characterisation techniques used to analyse steels, cements and concretes. **Experience in working with alkali-activated materials will be strongly advantageous.**

The appointee will become a key member of a world-leading research team, and will be active in communicating research outcomes to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.

According to RILEM
GEOPOLYMER is a type
of CONCRETE.

Nothing else !!

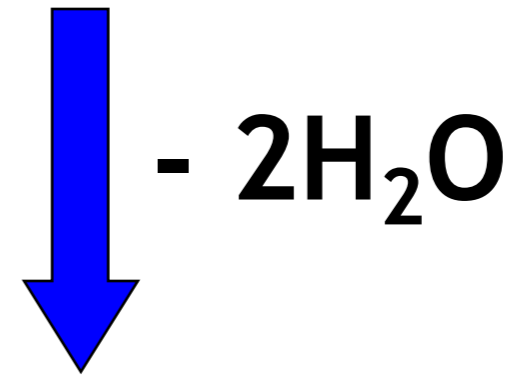
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Clarifying Statement

**History on geopolymer
science development**

Kaolinite
 $\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5, \text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_4$



1975

Metakaolin

$\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5, \text{Al}_2\text{O}_2$

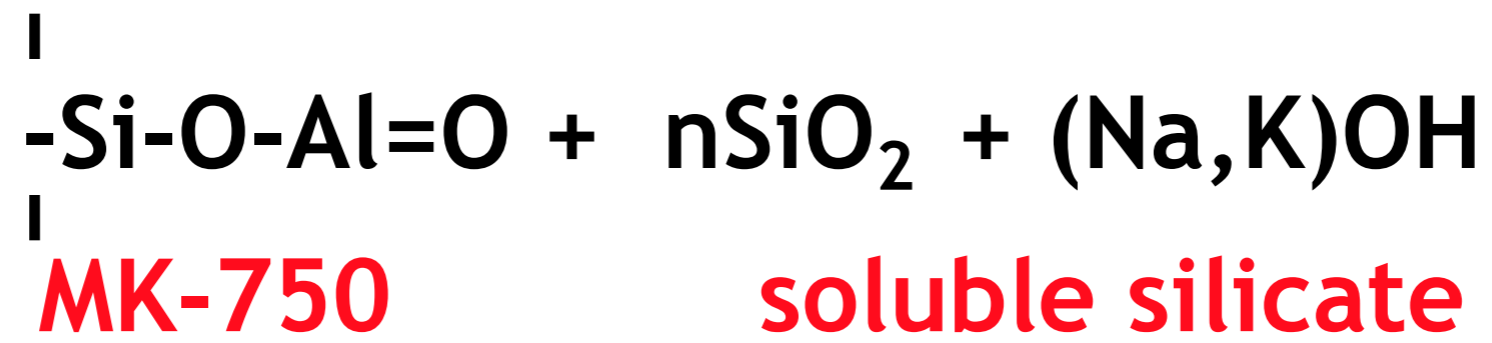
Alumino-silicate Oxide

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MK-750

1977

1st mineral polymer resin



mineral polymer Resin

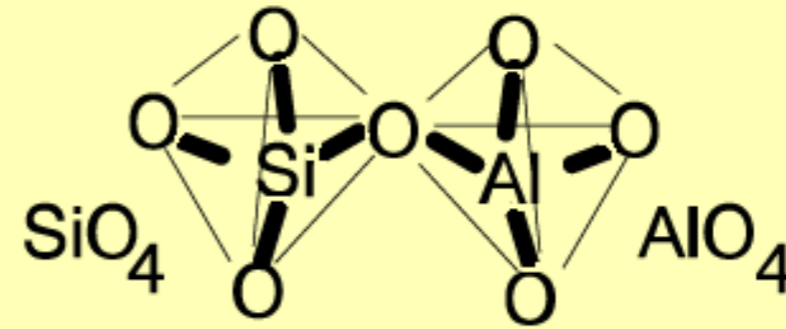


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Geopolymer Terminology

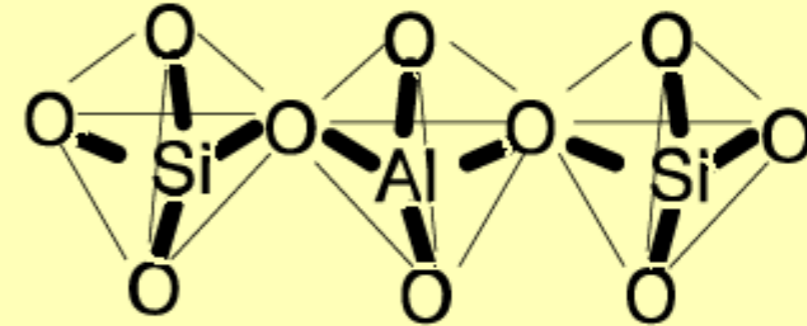
Si:Al = 1:1

Poly(sialate)
(-Si-O-Al-O-)



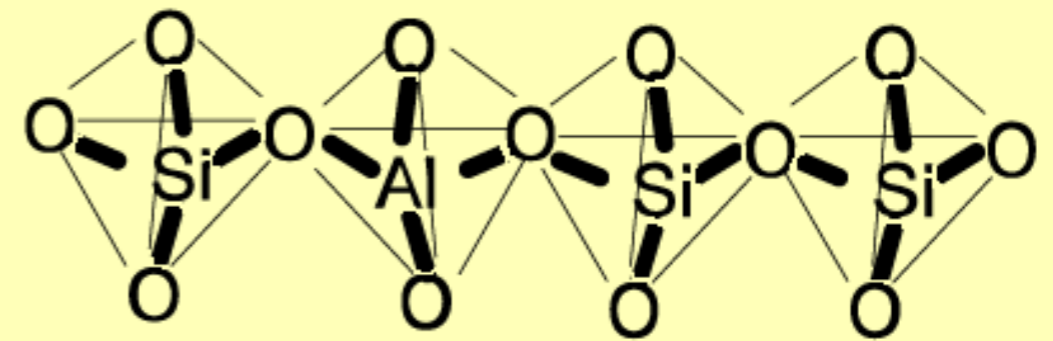
Si:Al = 2:1

Poly(sialate-siloxo)
(-Si-O-Al-O-Si-O-)



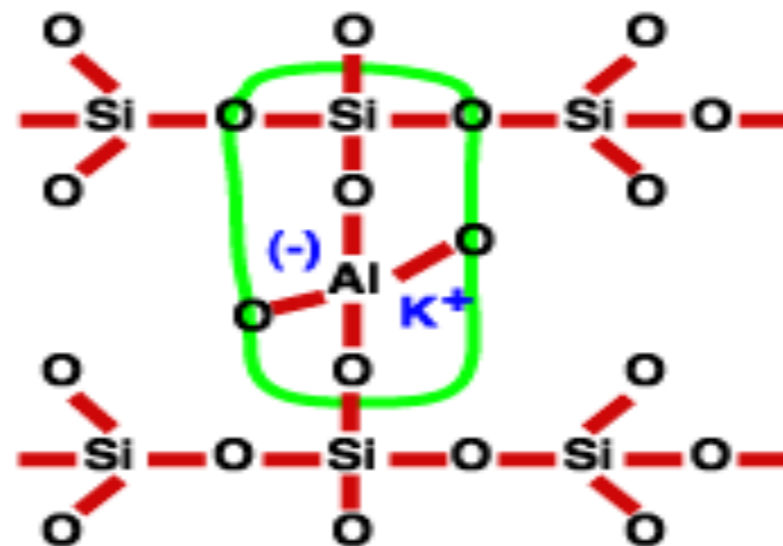
Si:Al = 3:1

Poly(sialate-disiloxo)
(-Si-O-Al-O-Si-O-Si-O-)



Si:Al >3:1

Sialate link



Geopolymers are

**Polymers,
processed like
organic polymers**

**Yet,
GEO- polymers
Fire and heat resistant**

1979

**Creation of the GEOPOLYMER INSTITUTE,
Saint-Quentin, France**

Non for profit scientific association



The word « geopolymer » : public domain

PACTEC conference, Los Angeles, USA



Cement applications !

U.S.A.

Lone Star Industries

Geopolymer cement, PYRAMENT

(1983, 11 years after begin of research, 1972)



Barry University, Miami, Florida

Institute for Applied Archaeological Sciences

1st PYRAMENT patent

United States Patent [11]

Davidovits et al.

[11] Patent Number: 4,509,985

[45] Date of Patent: Apr. 9, 1985

[54] EARLY HIGH-STRENGTH MINERAL POLYMER

[75] Inventors: Joseph Davidovits, Saint-Quentin, France; James L. Sawyer, Friendswood, Tex.

[73] Assignee: Pyrament Inc., Houston, Tex.

[21] Appl. No.: 582,279

[22] Filed: Feb. 22, 1984 1984

[51] Int. Cl.³ C04B 19/04

[52] U.S. Cl. 106/84; 106/85; 106/117

[58] Field of Search 106/84, 85, 117

[56] References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,349,386 9/1982 Davidovits 106/85

Primary Examiner—James Poer
Attorney, Agent, or Firm—McAulay, Fields, Fisher, Goldstein & Nissen

[57] ABSTRACT

An early high-strength mineral polymer composition is formed of a polysialatesiloxo material obtained by adding a reactant mixture consisting of alumino-silicate oxide ($\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5, \text{Al}_2\text{O}_2$) with the aluminum cation in a four-fold coordination, strong alkalis such as sodium hydroxide and/or potassium hydroxide, water, and a sodium/potassium polysilicate solution; and from 15 to 26 parts, by weight, based upon the reactive mixture of the polysialatesiloxo polymer of ground blast furnace slag. Sufficient hardening for demolding is obtained in about 1 hour with this composition.

6 Claims, No Drawings

Lone Star/PYRAMENT cement



Los Angeles: a crew begins placing geopolymer concrete.

New York: a Boing departs

1 hour
Strong enough
to walk on

4 hours
Strong enough
to drive on

6 hours
Ready for the weight
of a commercial jet

Start March **1983** / all rights sold to Lone Star Ind. Oct. **1989**

PYRAMENT PBC until 1997

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MISCELLANEOUS PAPER GL-85-15

POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS OF ALKALI-ACTIVATED ALUMINO-SILICATE BINDERS IN MILITARY OPERATIONS

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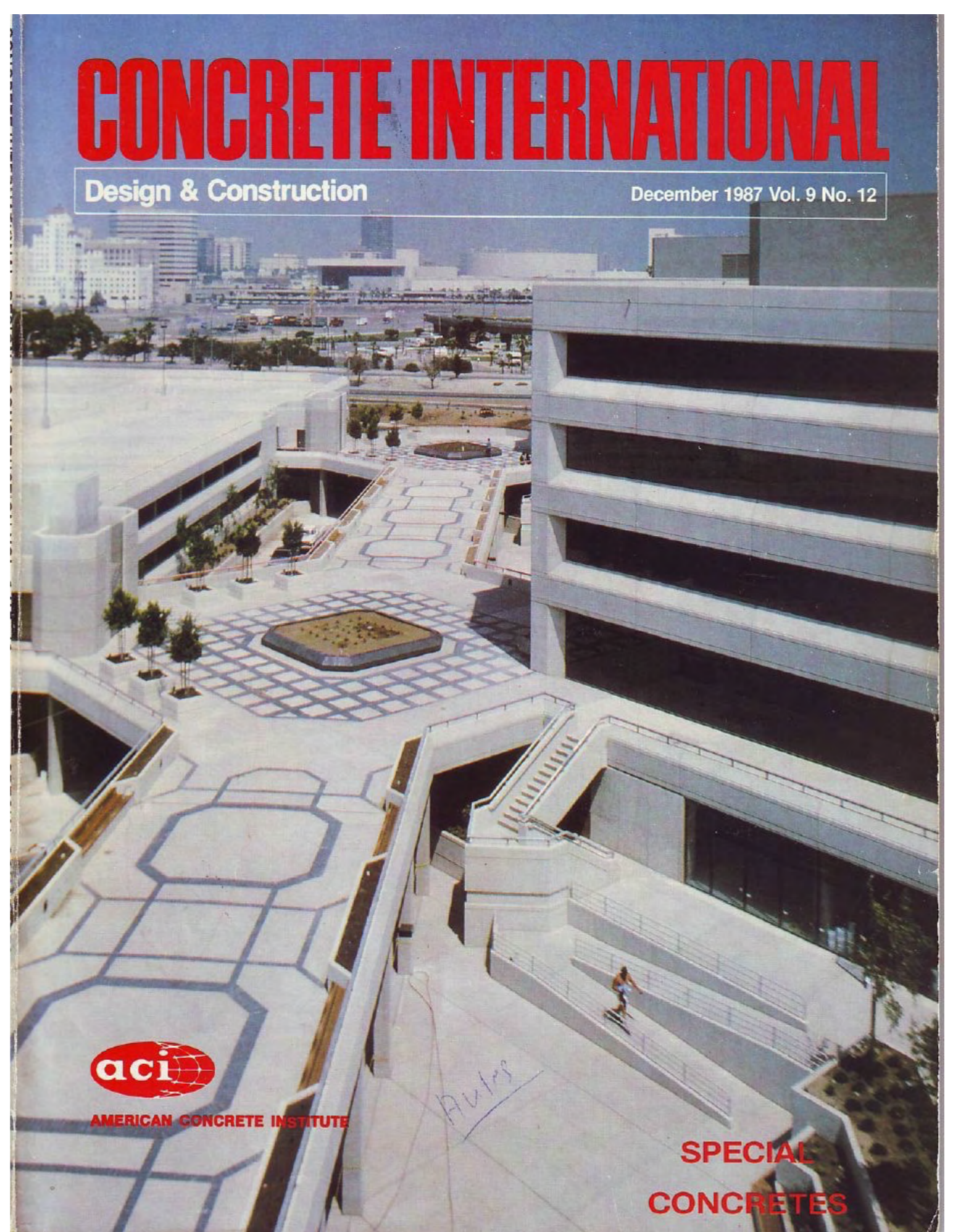
US ARMY CORPS ENGINEERS Test of geopolimer cement PYRAMMENT

Study on various
alkali-activated
systems,
V. Glukosvsky

14 years after

1987

1st paper on
geopolymer
concrete



Geopolymeric concrete may be
a key to increased durability

Ancient and Modern Concretes: What Is the Real Difference?

by Joseph Davidovits

Many observers of ancient architecture are struck by the vast difference in quality between original structures and more recent repairs. Recent studies have attempted to determine why ancient mortars and concretes are so much more durable than their modern counterparts. Many of these materials have been found to be geopolymeric concrete which has been replicated and may prove to be an appropriate concrete for many modern purposes.

magazine² dealt with a fascinating idea which would put the origin of concrete much earlier....According to this theory...to build a pyramidEgyptian workers could have carried crushed limestone to the work site in buckets, mixed it with Nile River silt for the needed aluminum and silicon binder, and added salts available locally as catalysts to make the solution alkaline. They could have dumped the ingredients into wooden molds and a few hours in the desert heat would have dried the mixture

same conditions. Under certain climatic conditions, some portland cement structures that are only ten years old are being severely eroded, whereas two thousand year old cement in structures in the same locations remains unaffected.

Unfortunately, only cements and mortars of surviving monuments can be investigated, since monu-

1989

Last paper by
V.D. Glukhovsky

Title:

*Ancient, Modern
and Future Concretes*

based on

J. Davidovits,
Concrete International
paper, 1987

Document

D9:1989

Durability of concrete

**Aspects of admixtures and
industrial by-products**

2nd International seminar, June 1989

Swedish Council for Building Research

KIEV

1994

FIRST
INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE



ALKALINE CEMENTS AND CONCRETES



Scientific-Research Institute
on Binders and Materials
named after V D Glukhovsky

...These compounds are similar to those commonly found in the sediments and hydrothermal metamorphous rock-forming minerals in the earth's crust, named « geopolymers » by American scientists .

Geopolymeric cement resembles the alkali-alkaline Soil-cements....

V.D. Glukhovsky

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...Kiev scientists learned about the excellent durability and long-term properties of geopolymer cements, due to the reaction with metakaolin MK-750.

They used Davidovits' work on geopolymer cement to improve the quality of their alkali-activated material and coined it: ***Geo-cement.***

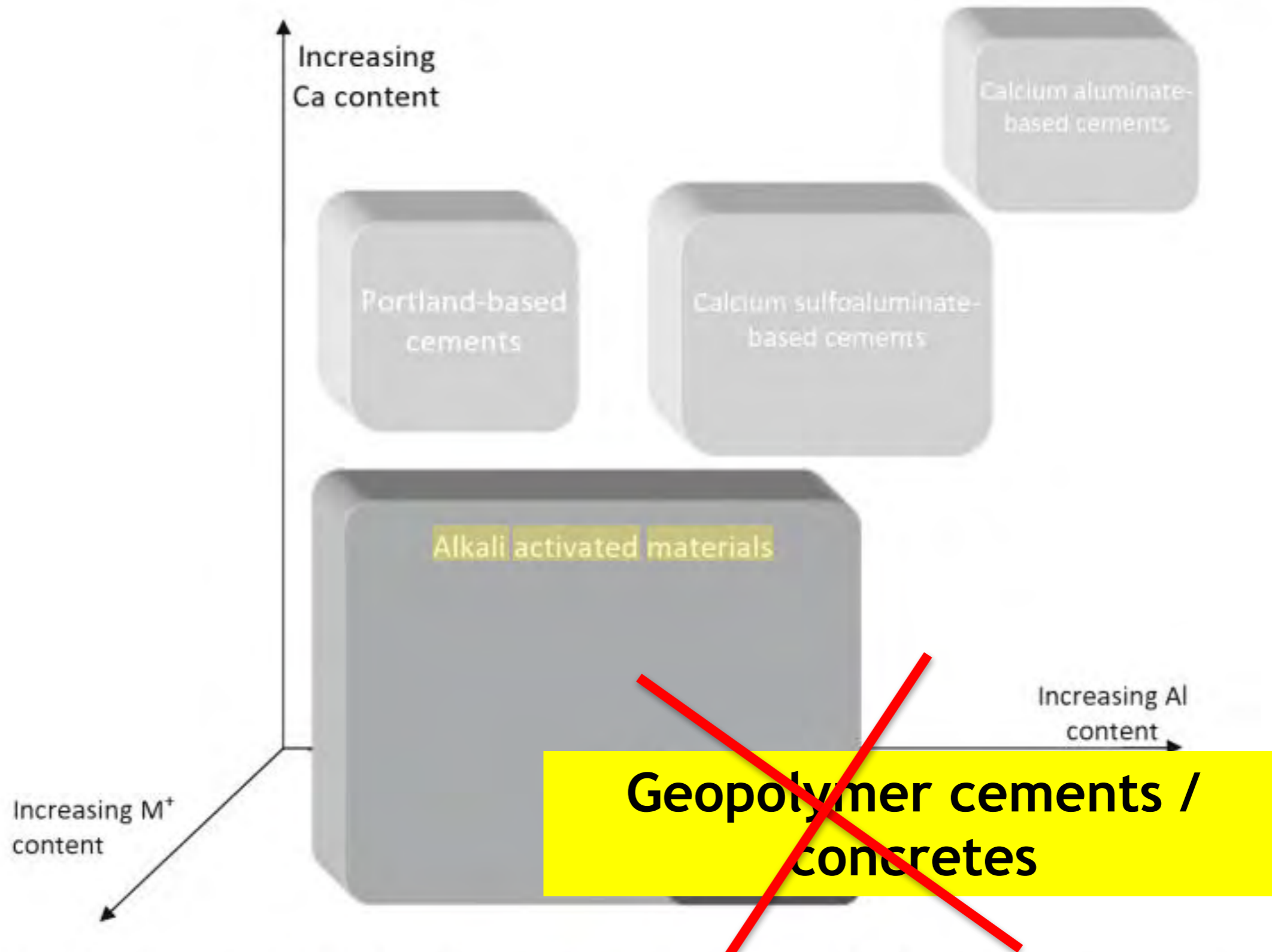
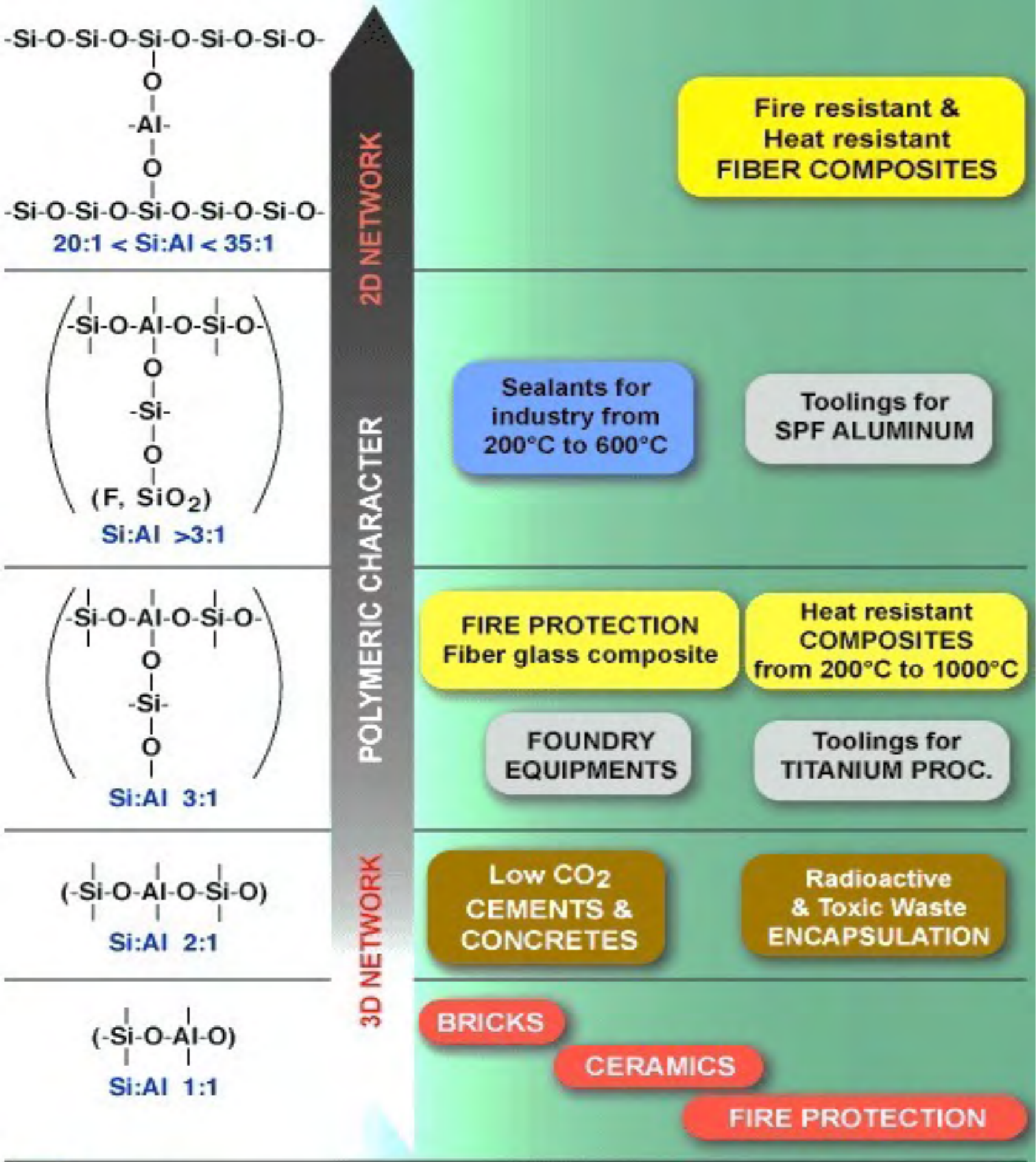


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Innovation and further researches

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Prof. Joseph Davidovits presents the road map for the next couple of years on geopolymer science innovation and research, at the 2nd International Congress on Ceramics, Verona, Italy, July 4th, 2008.

Road map R&D
presented at 2nd
International Congress on
Ceramics,
Verona, Italy,
July 4th, 2008.

15 research topics

#1 Polymeric character of geopolymers:

#2 Poly(siloxonate), soluble silicate (water-glass)

#3 Metakaolin MK-750-based geopolymer

#4 Calcium-based geopolymer

#5 Rock-based geopolymer

#6 Silica-based geopolymer

#7 Fly ash-based geopolymer

#8 Phosphate-based geopolymer

15 research topics

#9 Organic-mineral geopolymer:

#10 Long-term durability

#11 Geopolymer-fiber composites:

#12 Geopolymer in ceramic processing

#13 The manufacture of geopolymer cements

#14 Geopolymer concrete

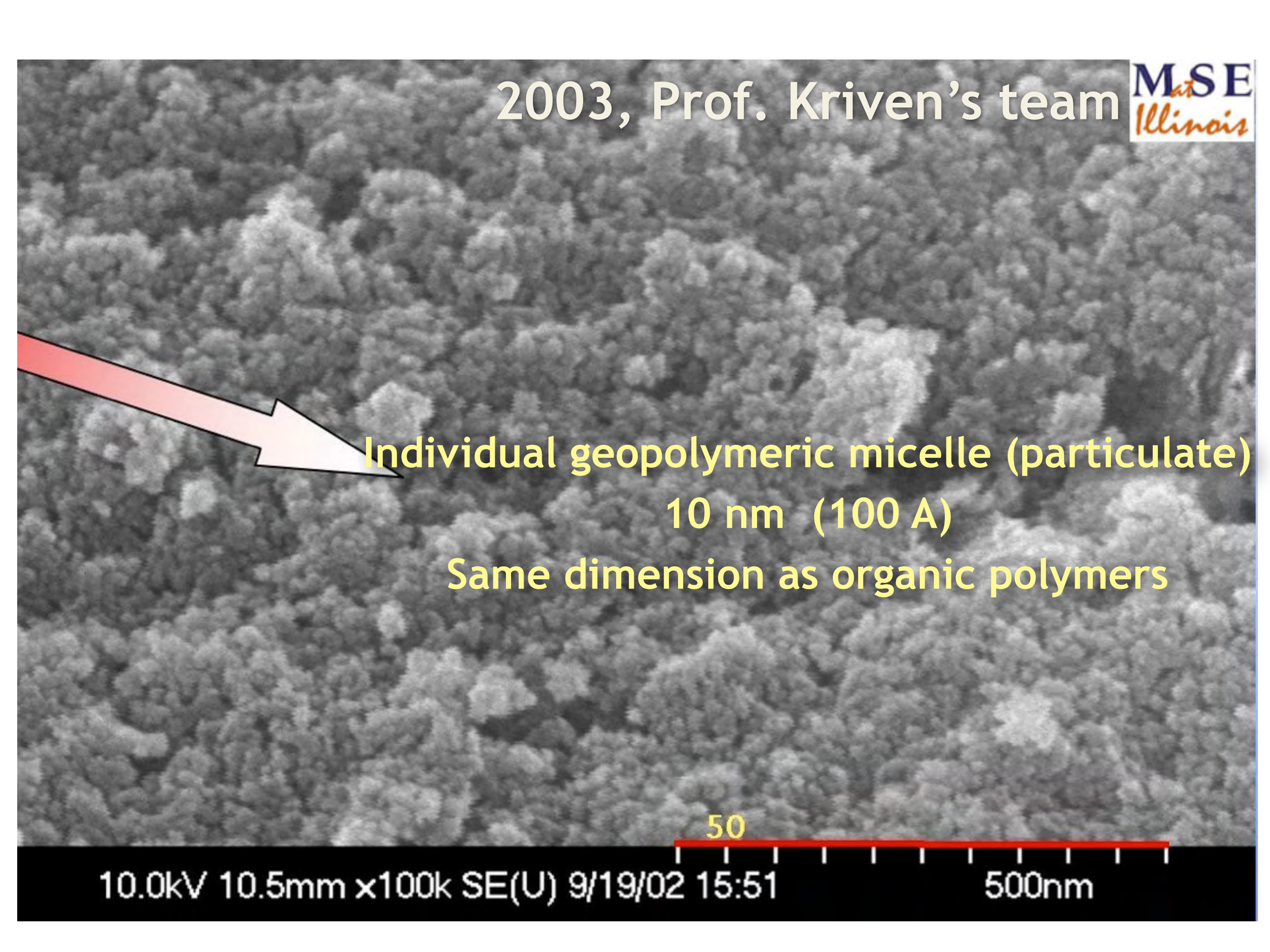
#15 Material for medicinal applications

15 research topics

#1 Polymeric character of geopolymers:

geopolymer micelles or nanoparticulates

2003, Prof. Kriven's team

A scanning electron microscope (SEM) image showing a dense field of small, spherical particles. A red arrow points from the left towards a specific particle. The particles appear to be geopolymeric micelles.

Individual geopolymeric micelle (particulate)
10 nm (100 Å)

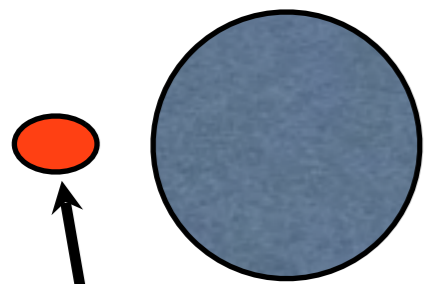
Same dimension as organic polymers

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500nm

Colloidal
silica
30-40 nm



GP-micelle
10 nm

Silica Fume
200-300 nm

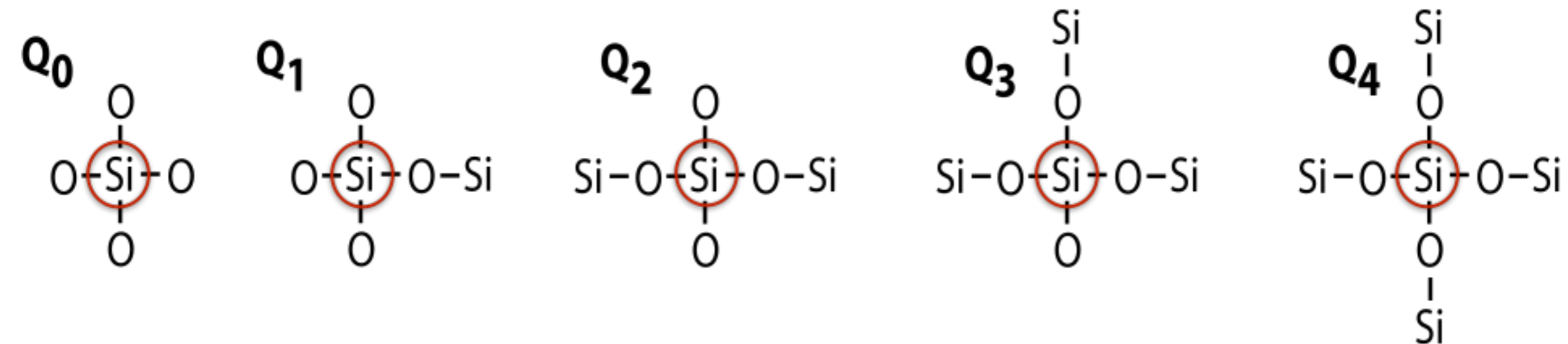
Fly ash
3-15 μ

Geopolymer = nano material
not unknown « Gel »

15 research topics

#2 Poly(siloxonate), soluble silicate (water-glass):

- *study ESPCI-ParisTech, microsilica-based (silica fume)*
- *Si speciations in Na-silicate solutions*





Joseph Davidovits

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2014

15 research topics

#3 Metakaolin MK-750-based geopolymer:

synthetic MK-750 (3 methods)

#4 Calcium-based geopolymer

alkali-activation vs geopolymerization

See Video « *Why alkali-activated materials are not geopolymers* »

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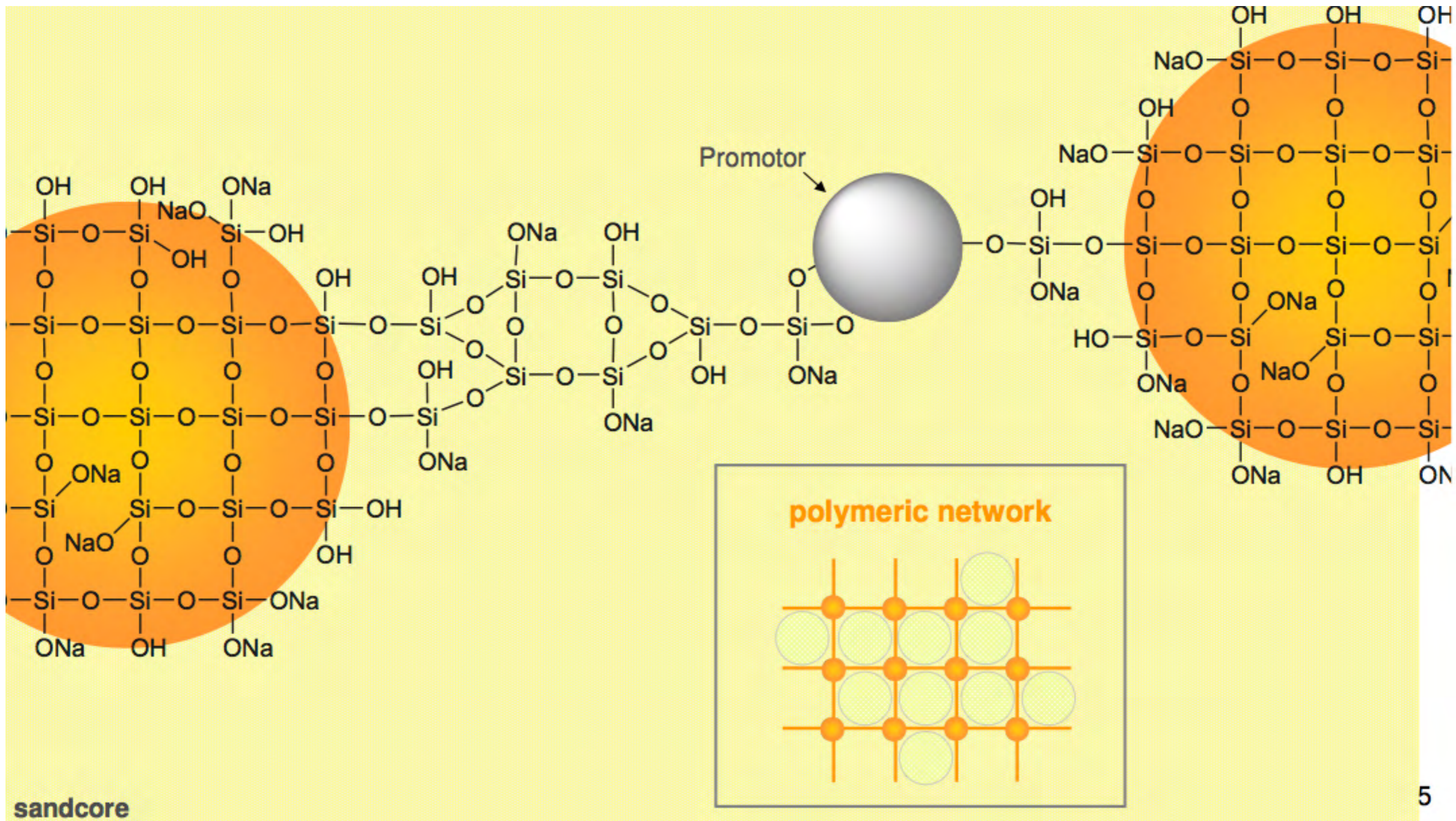
#5 Rock-based geopolymer

Ferro-sialate (-Fe-O-Si-O-Al-O-)

#6 Silica-based geopolymer

nano-poly(silanol)

Silica-based geopolymer resin (Na,K) nano-poly(silanol) (Chap. 11)



adapted from INOTEC binding system, ASK Chemicals

15 research topics

#7 Fly ash-based geopolymer

no alkali-activated fly ash (user hostile)

#8 Phosphate-based geopolymer:

AlPO₄ isomorphs

#9 Organic-mineral geopolymer:

phenolic, water-based latex, ethyl ester silicate

silane, epoxy,

compatibility rule: Napoli Parthenope Univ.



Research paper

Novel hybrid organic-geopolymer materials

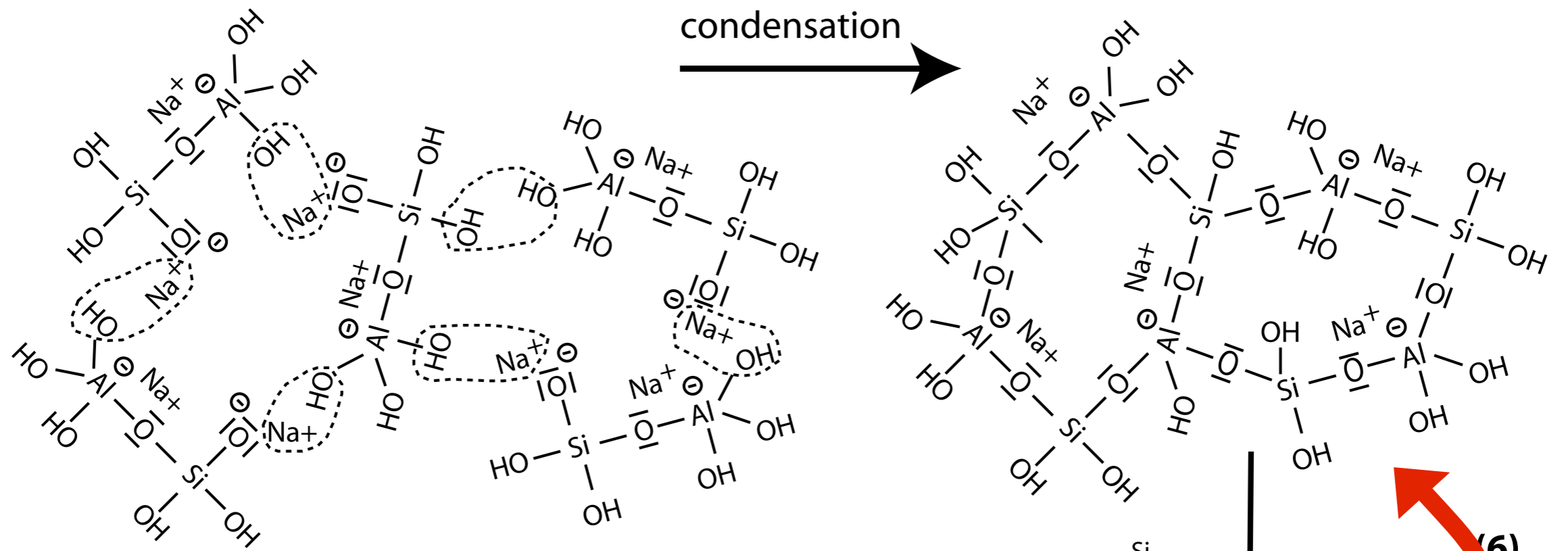
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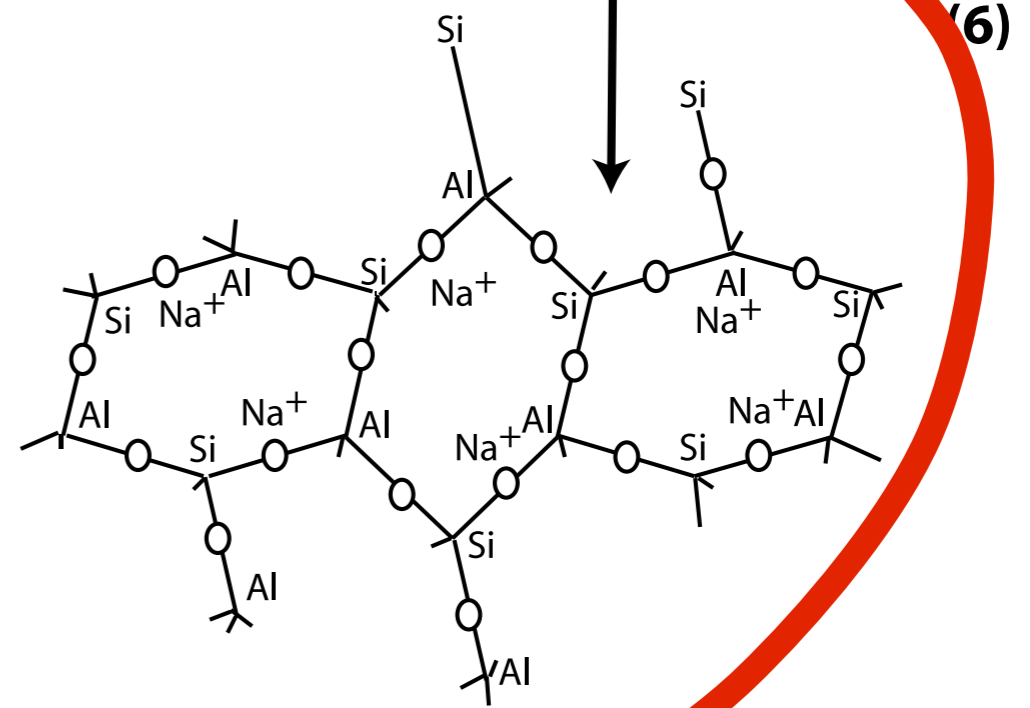
Epoxy resin + MK-750-based Poly(sialate-siloxo):

- good compatibility between the organic and the aqueous inorganic phases is obtained thanks to the *numerous hydroxyl tails (-OH)* formed during the epoxy ring opening reaction that make the organic phase "*temporarily hydrophilic*" increasing the compatibility with the aqueous inorganic phase.



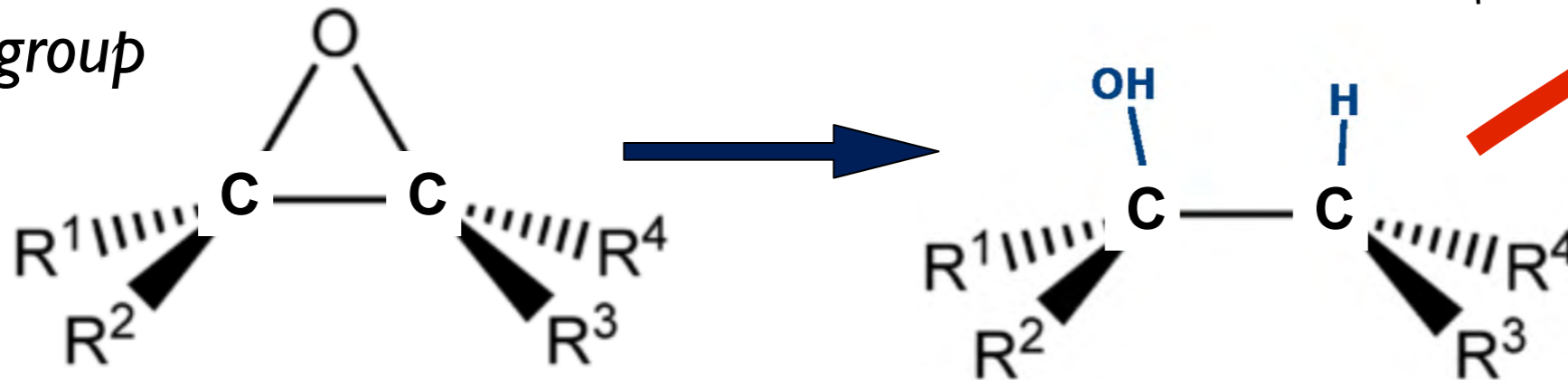
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Na-poly(sialate)
Nepheline framework



Napoli Parthenope Univ.

epoxy group



15 research topics

#10 Long-term durability

Roman cement: silicate link

#11 Geopolymer-fiber composites:

high-temperature up to 1300°C, flax fiber

#12 Geopolymer in ceramic processing

high temperature ceramics (Cs, Li, Ga, Ge)

#13 The manufacture of geopolymer cements

reduction of K-silicate amount

(K-Ca) geopolymer cements

Evolution since 1983-85.

K-silicate % by weight of geopolymeric formulation

Pyrament (1985)	Geopolymite 50 (1987)	Rock- based (1997) 100 MPa	Rock- based (2002) 50 MPa	Fly Ash- based (2006) 100 MPa	Fly Ash- based (2006) 40 MPa
50 %	50 %	20 %	17 %	14 %	10 %

#14 Geopolymer concrete

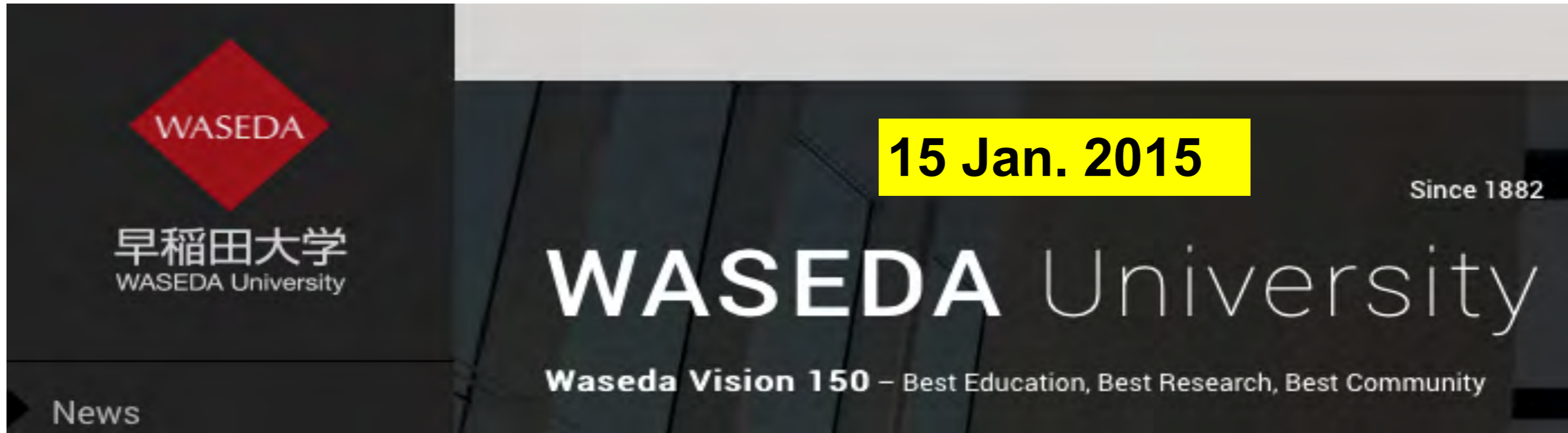
First structural geopolymer concrete (Brisbane, Wagners)

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Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport



#15 Radioactive and nuclear waste



New decontamination tool – Catenacio PA expected to help Fukushima clean up

RISSET developed this material after its attention was drawn to the cation exchange capacity (CEC) of geopolymer. Noting the material's CEC level, the researchers decided to make use of this feature. *Catenaccio PA* is expected to make a significant contribution towards improved safety not only through its use in the treatment of contaminated water from nuclear power plants.

(6) Issues for the future

Since this adsorbent has only been developed recently, although its basic functions have been confirmed in the laboratory, full performance assessments against a variety of real-life effluents have not yet been undertaken. It is planned to deliver samples of the adsorbents for assessment by a third party beginning in January 2015.

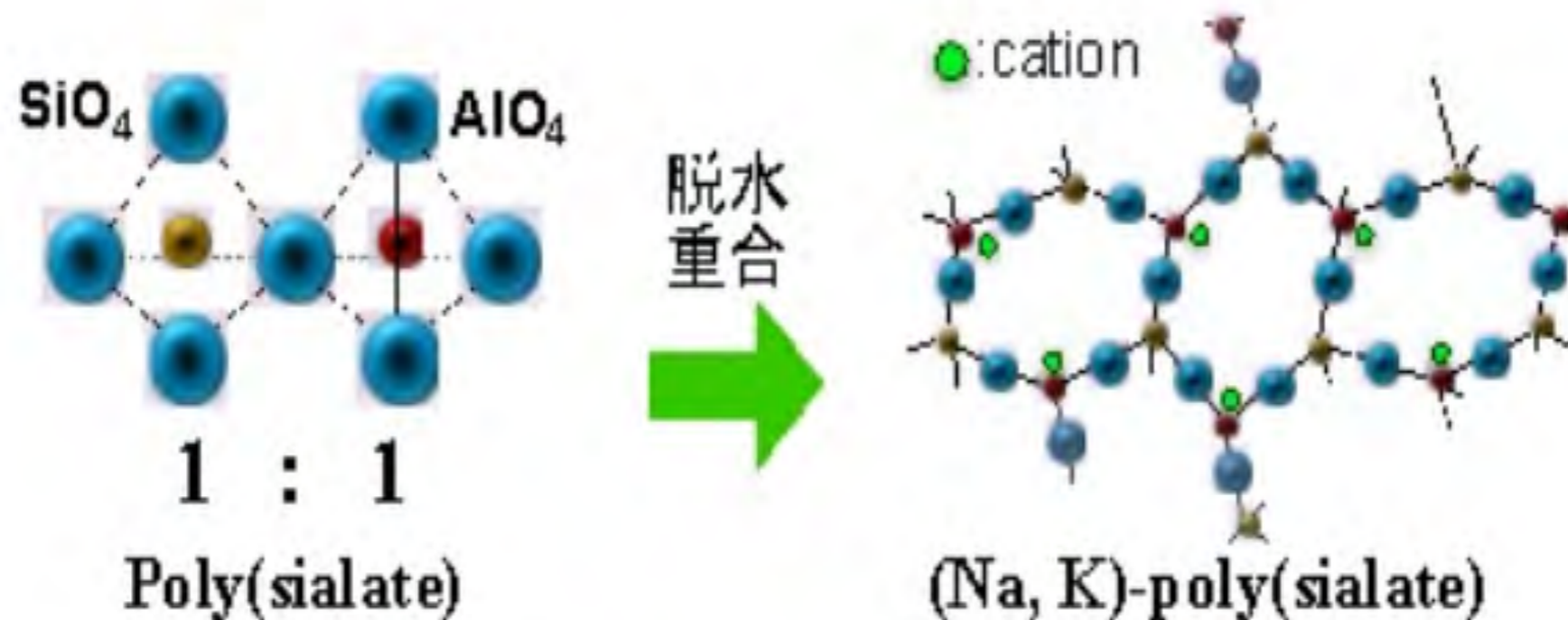


Fig. 1: Structural pattern of geopolymer-based adsorbents

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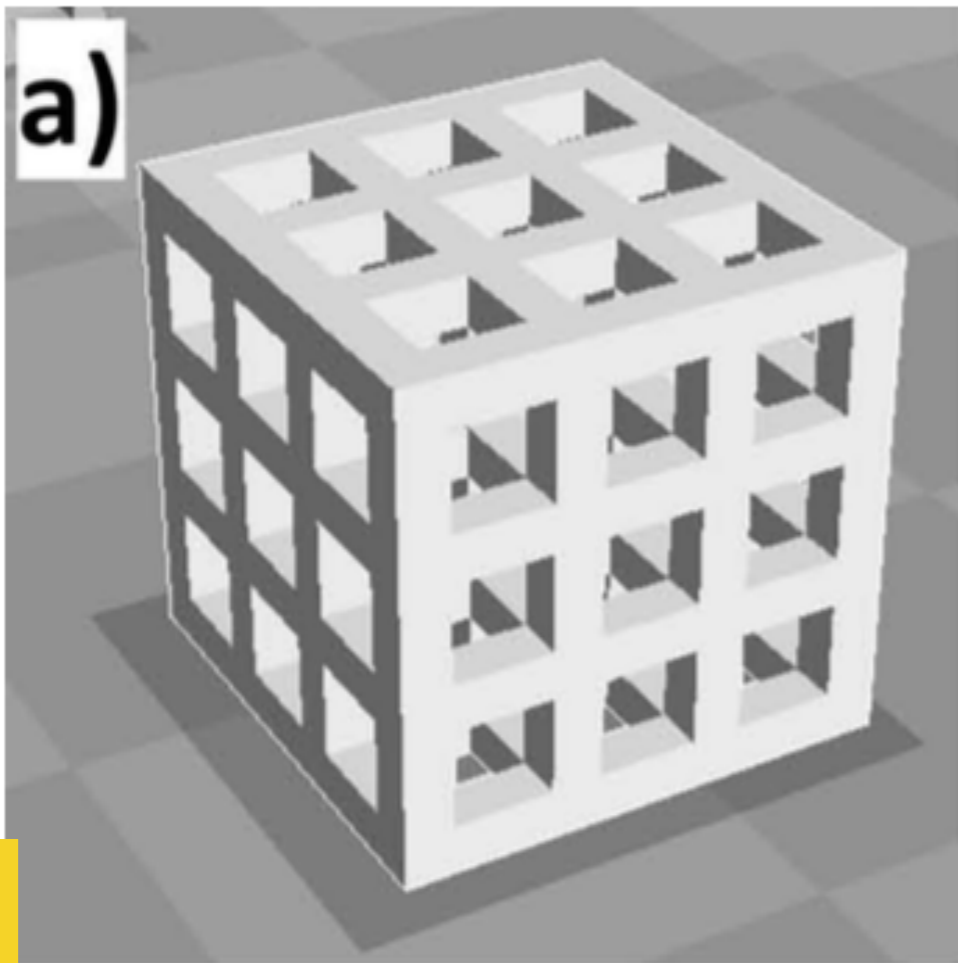
Porous Geopolymer Components through Inverse Replica of 3D Printed Sacrificial Templates

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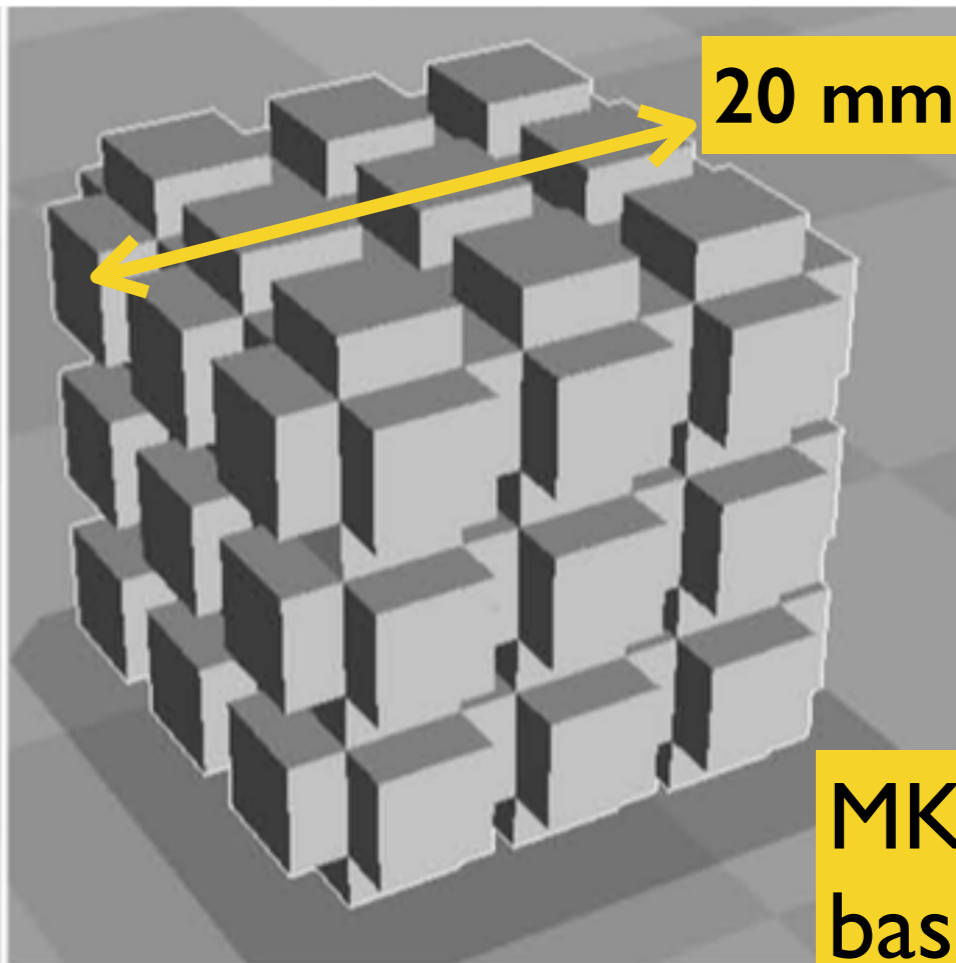
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Abstract

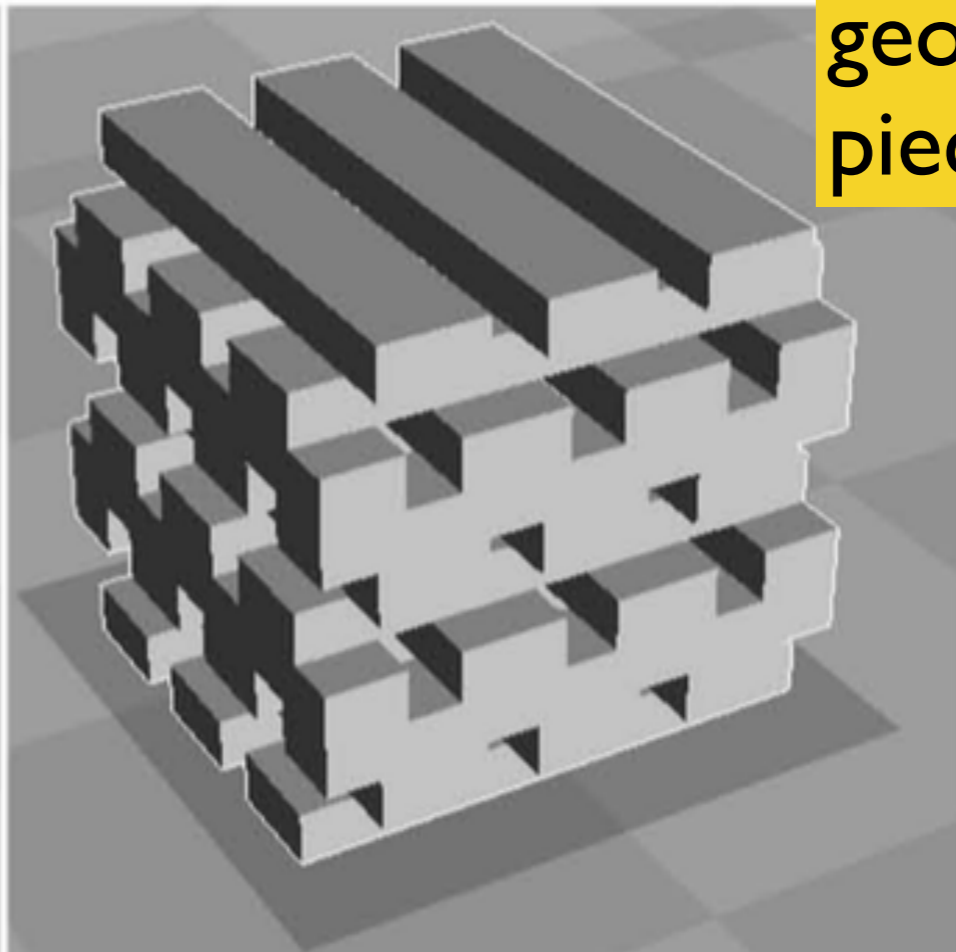
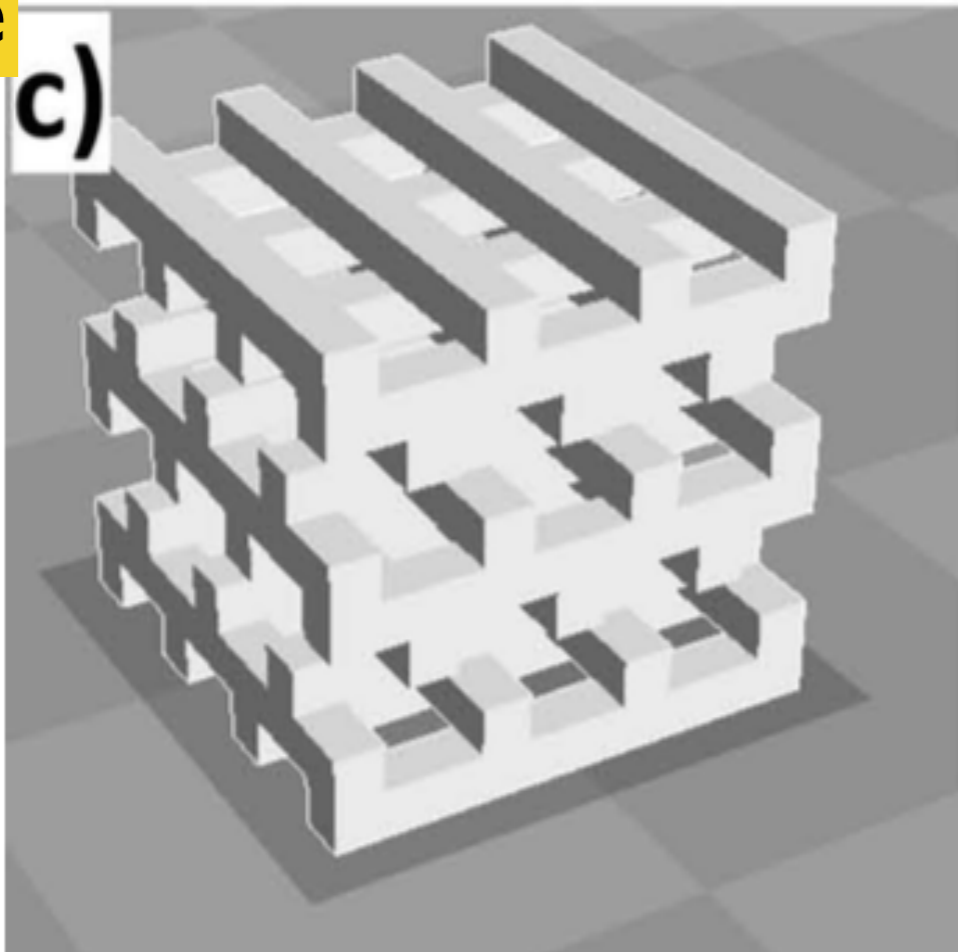
Geopolymeric components with high controlled porosity were designed and produced by means of CAD/CAM and FDM (Fused Deposition Modeling) techniques. PLA (Poly-lactic-acid) sacrificial structures with different patterns were 3D printed with high accuracy and a geopolymeric slurry was used to produce close inverse replicas.....



PLA
template



MK-750-
based
geopolymer
pieces



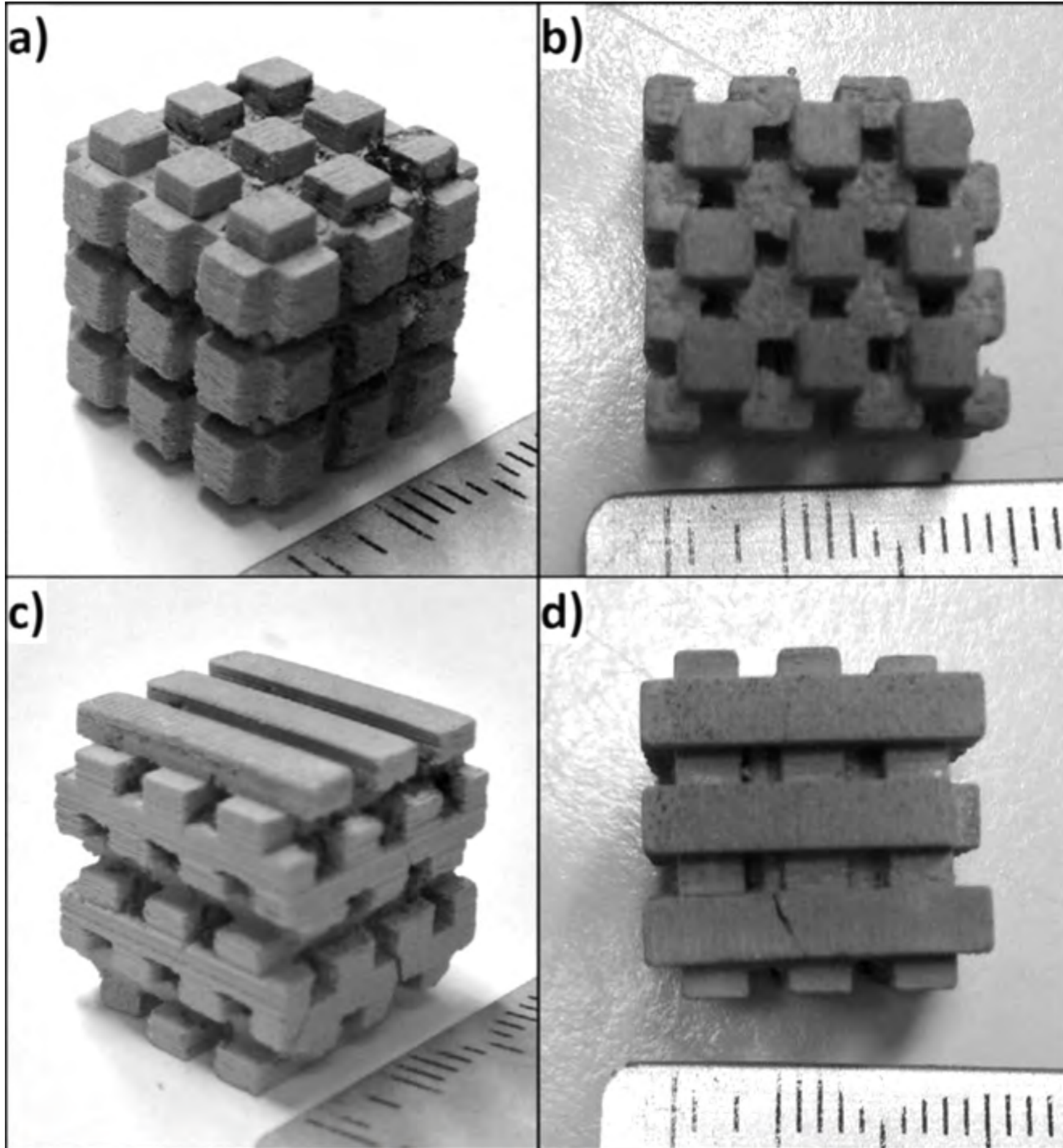
Method

Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM) 3D printer...A Poly(Lactic Acid) (PLA) filament (3 mm diameter) was used to print the molds with a resolution of 0.1 mm in the Z direction (which determines the height of each layer) and of 0.35 mm in the X, Y directions, corresponding to the nozzle diameter.

The external shape of the final lattice was a cube with 15-mm sides; molds were designed to have open interconnected channels of (WxH) 3x3 mm or 1.5x3mm...

PLA sacrificial templates impregnated with MK-750/Fly ash-based geopolymer slurry. Sealed, hardening at RT for 72 hours. After hardening, the sacrificial PLA templates is removed: directly immersed in KOH 15M at a temperature of 72 °C for 24 h, nucleophilic attack of the polymer chain links, partial hydrolysis.

Samples were then washed with hot water to extract the PLA. Subsequently, the samples were heat-treated at 330 °C for 24 h in a tube furnace under an air flux.: complete PLA removal and retention of the geopolymer integrity.



MK-750-based
geopolymer
cubes | 5-mm
sides

Fig. 2: Inverse replica of the four lattices after complete PLA degradation.

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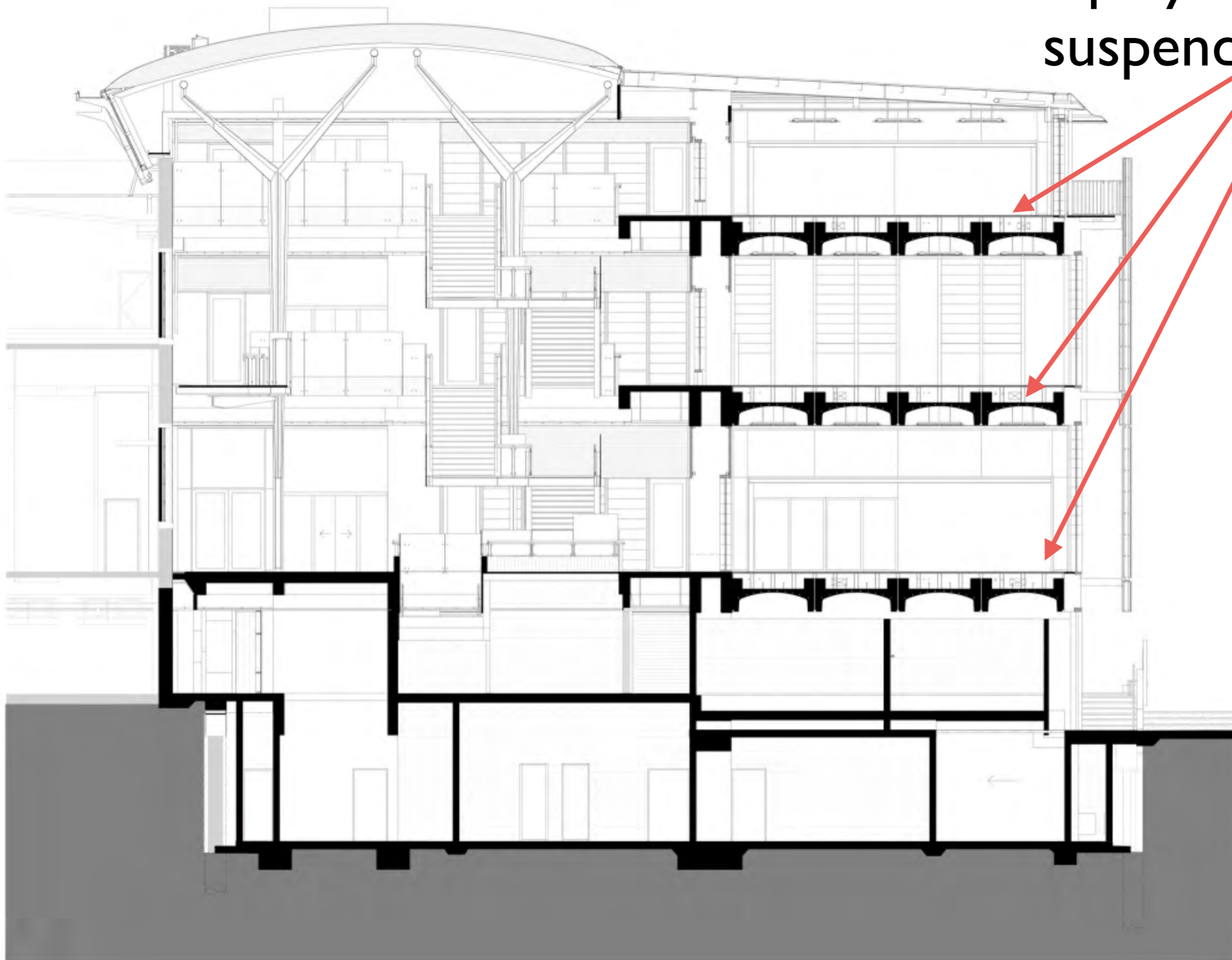


Global Change Institute (\$32 million building designed by HASSELL) ... zero-energy and carbon neutral workplace.

The University of Queensland's Global Change Institute (GCI), designed by HASSELL in conjunction with Bligh Tanner and Wagners, is the world's first building to successfully use geopolymers for structural purposes.

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Geopolymer concrete
suspended floors



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3 floors: 33 precast panels of
slag/fly ash-based geopolymer concrete

Runways + Taxiways + Buildings



West Brisbane Wellcamp Airport Site



EFC geopolymmer concrete batch plant





Turning node + Aprons + Taxiways
+ Hangars
= 50,500 m² ; 43.5 cm thick

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In Australia, on September 28, 2014, the newly complete Brisbane West Wellcamp airport (BWVA) held a community open day.

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Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport

Credit: [The Chronicle 29 Sept. 2014](#)

« *The greenest airport in the world. More than 30,000 cubic metres of the world's lowest carbon, cement-free **geopolymer concrete**, Wagners' Earth Friendly Concrete (EFC), ... »*

Question : why so long ?

1983 - 2013 = 30 years

2013



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GÉOPOLYMER CEMENT

a review

by

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The existing Portland cement standards are not adapted to geopolimer cements. They must be created by an *ad hoc* committee. Yet, to do so, requires also the presence of standard geopolimer cements.

Presently, every expert is providing his own recipe based on local raw materials (wastes, by-products or extracted).

There is a need for selecting the right geopolimer cement category.

The 2012 State of the Geopolymer R&D, suggested to select two categories, namely:

- *Slag/fly ash-based geopolymer cement*: fly ashes are available in the major emerging countries;
- *Rock-based geopolymer cement*: this geological iron rich raw material is present in all countries through out the globe.

Technical data on Wagners' geopolymer concrete

- *First category:*
 - *slag/fly-ash based
geopolymer cement*

Engineering Properties of a Proprietary Premixed Geopolymer Concrete

James M Aldred

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Aldred, J., 2013, “Engineering Properties of a Proprietary Premixed Geopolymer Concrete”, Proceedings Concrete Institute of Australia Biennial Conference, Concrete 2013 – Understanding Concrete, Gold Coast, Australia.

Geopolymer concrete has been extensively studied by various universities and is starting to gain acceptance in a range of different applications. There are many publications discussing different properties of geopolymer synthesised from different raw materials and activators.

Product information sheets, and even technical papers, may present positive data obtained from different binder chemistries giving the misleading impression that a specific proprietary material has been comprehensively tested when it has not.

Alternatively papers may also focus on a particular material with poor performance to negatively characterise geopolymers [*i.e. alkali-activation*].

One common concern raised by designers regarding the use of geopolymer concrete, is compliance with the relevant Australian Standards. Standards necessarily develop from the established construction materials and practices which can inhibit the use of innovative materials and procedures.

Generally, National Standards and Codes which are more prescriptive in nature and explicitly limit concrete to a Portland cement based binder are an *impediment* to non-Portland based binders being accepted in the industry.

*a hindrance or
obstruction in doing
something*

European concrete standard EN 206 includes an equivalent performance concept, but there is a restriction that potential binders should comply with *European cement standard EN 197* and therefore would technically exclude geopolymers which do not contain Portland cement clinker.

Australian Standard for Concrete Structures (AS 3600) does not specify Portland cement based concrete. The components of the Standard are primarily *performance based*.

In USA, recent adoption of **ASTM C 1157, *Performance Specification for Hydraulic Cement*** (the first version of ASTM C 1157 appeared in 2000), represents an important development in this area.

ASTM C1157 simply requires that the cement meet physical performance test requirements.

The use of **ASTM C1157** is being implemented on a small number of projects to evaluate its effectiveness. The Colorado DOT has been a leader in the use of performance-specified cements and has used them on a number of highway projects.

*Establish standards for global economy:
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geopolymeric processes*

1) (Na,K,Ca)-fly ash-based geopolymer cement

**2) (Na,K,Ca)-rock-based geopolymer
cement**

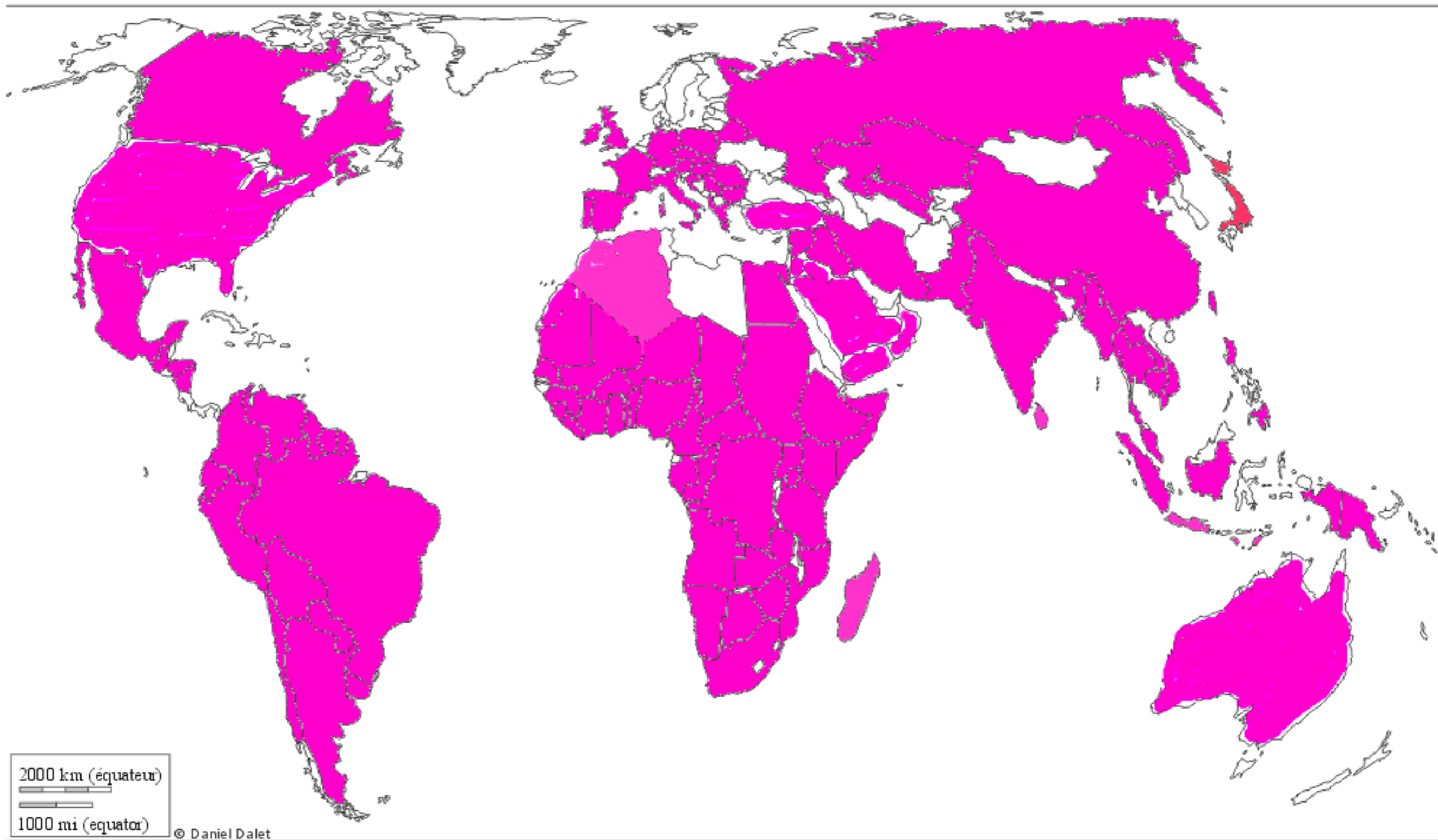
and

one industrial hardener based on geology

**(Na,K,Ca)-rock-based
geopolymer cement
(iron rich)**



World-wide raw material for ferro-sialate geopolymer



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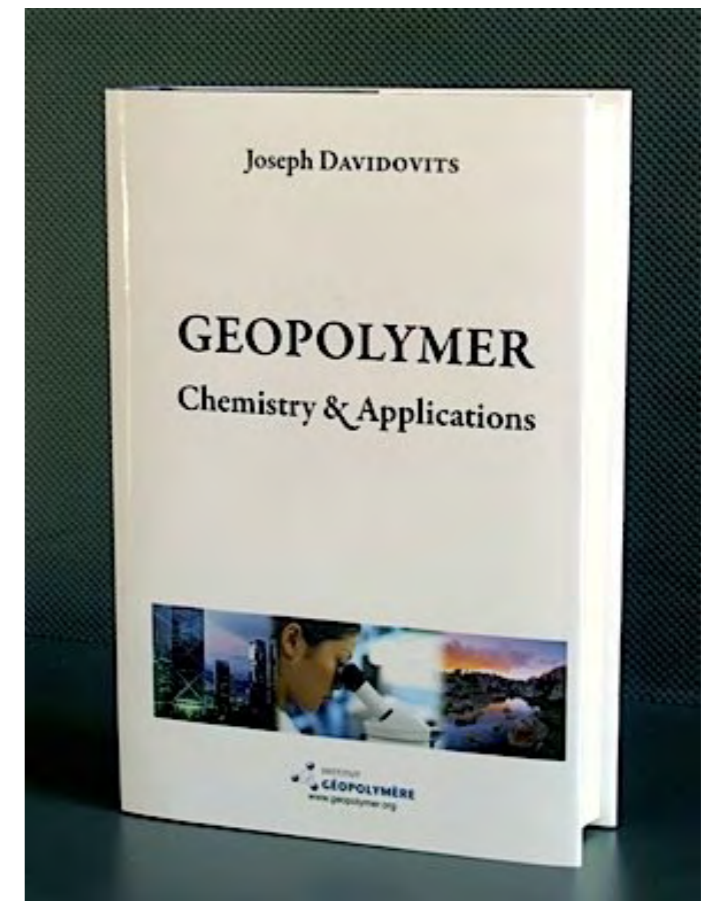
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Geopolymer Science and Roman Cement

Chapter 17

Long term durability

Archaeological analogues





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