

EXPERIMENTATION AND MODELLING OF HISTORICAL STRUCTURES

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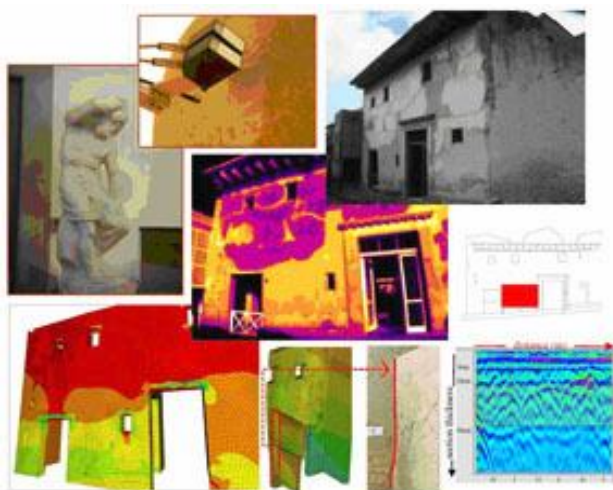


Fig.1 Cases of experimental testing and numerical modeling

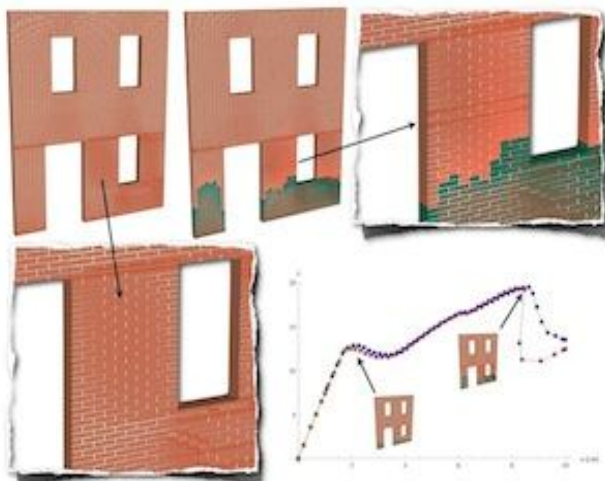


Fig.2 Effect of salt diffusion in masonry on damage evolution

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This research line deals with the analysis, preservation and rehabilitation of historical structures. In particular, the research focuses on techniques for the health state evaluation and monitoring of historical structures. The research is supported by means of advanced modeling for structural analysis of historical constructions. Solutions based on innovative materials and technologies for structural rehabilitation are developed and tested.

Some aspects of this research are briefly outlined:

- radar and sonic tomography, ultrasonics, impact echo and other NDT methods for assessment of structural elements made of brick, stone, wood and concrete belonging to architectural heritage, buildings and infrastructure;
- microelectronic and optical sensors for structural health monitoring;
- advanced structural modelling and computer simulation of historical monuments and buildings;
- advanced modeling of coupled problems in masonry such as salt diffusion in masonry walls;
- development, mechanical characterisation and improvement of fibrous composites with polymer or cementitious matrix;
- technologies for restoring ancient structural elements made of masonry, stone, wood, concrete and steel.

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