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# Evaluating concrete permeability by bulk resistivity based on DC step input

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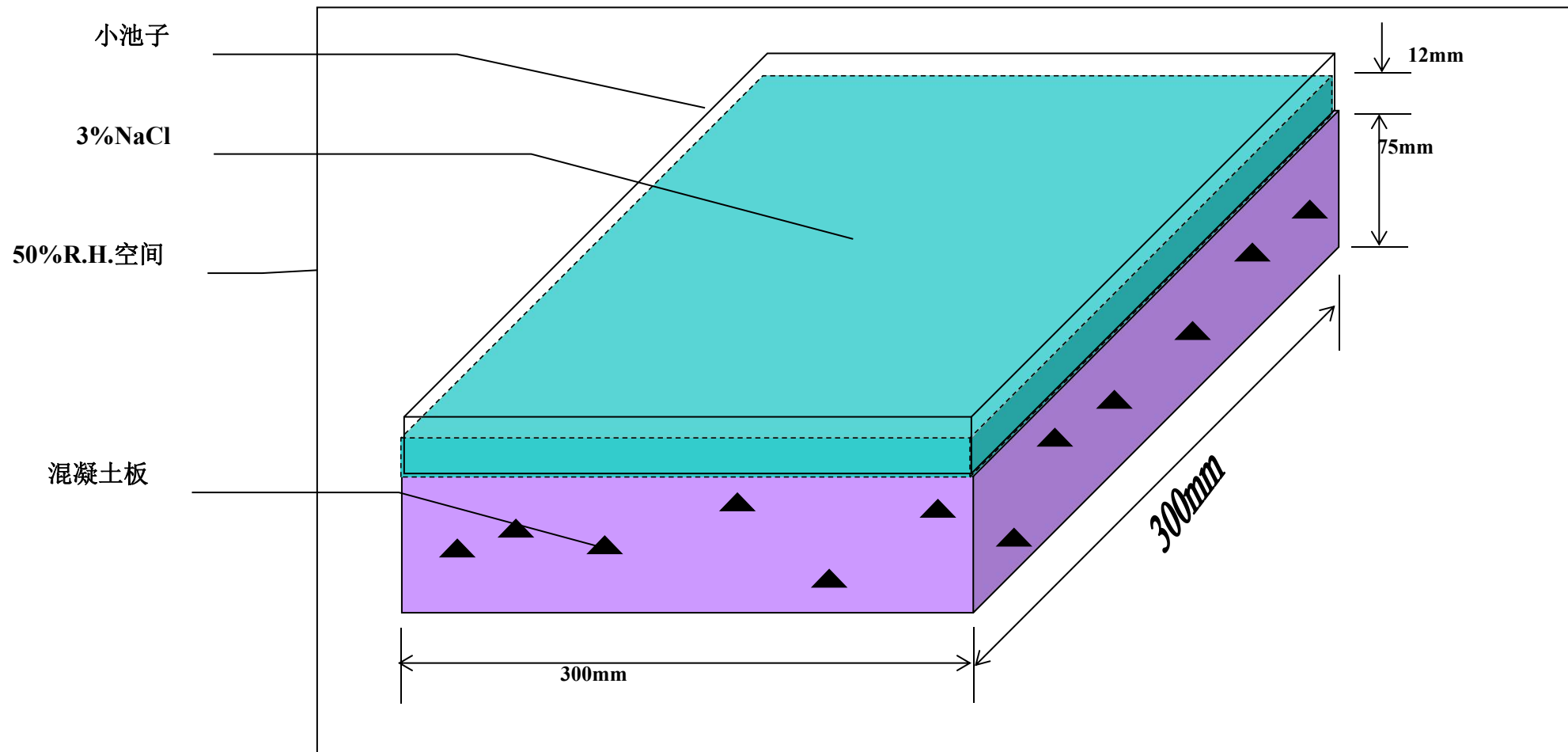
# 1、 Introduction

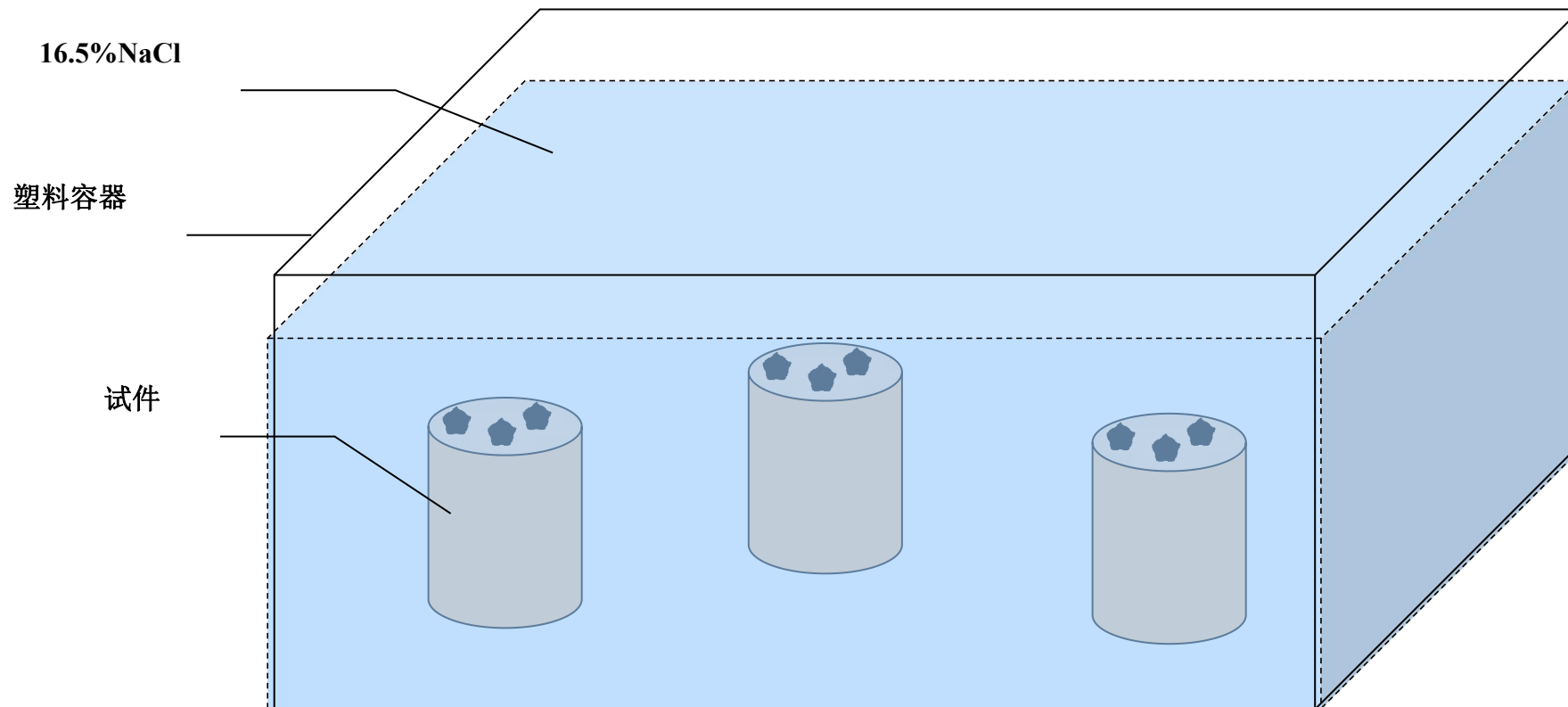
# Permeability matters

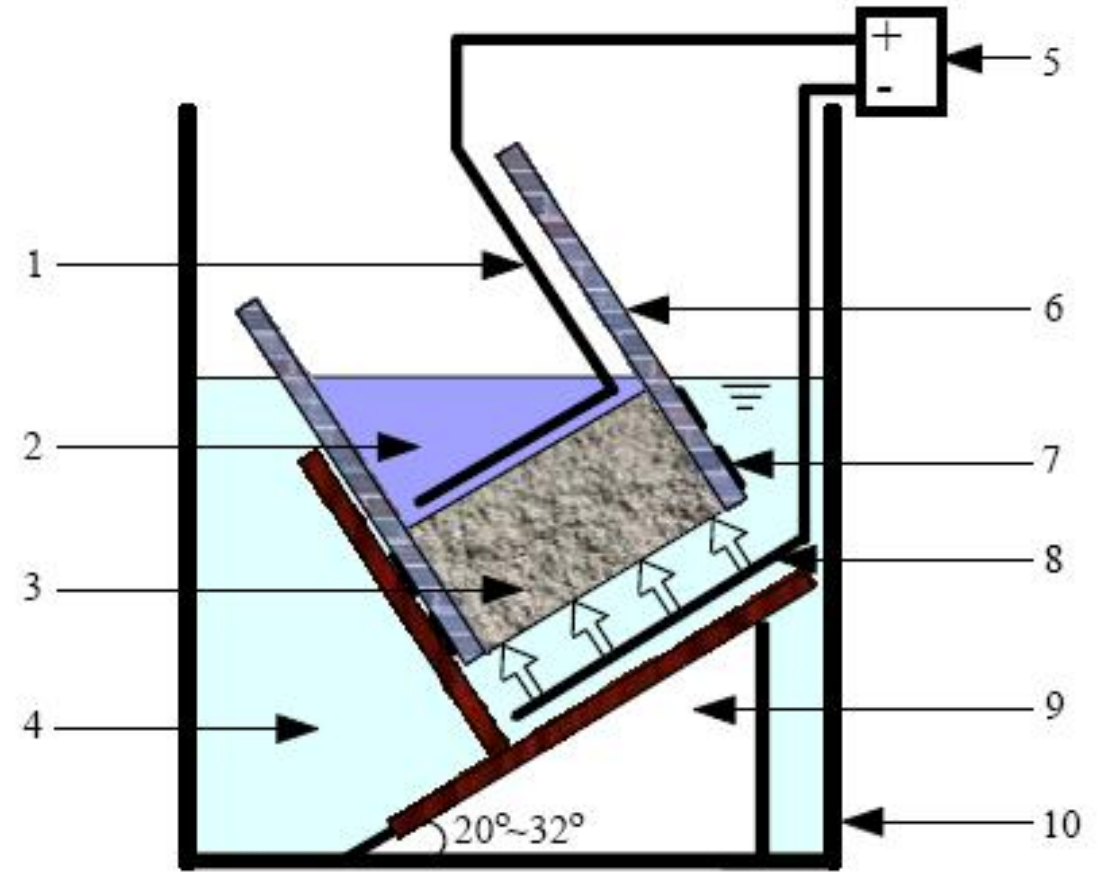
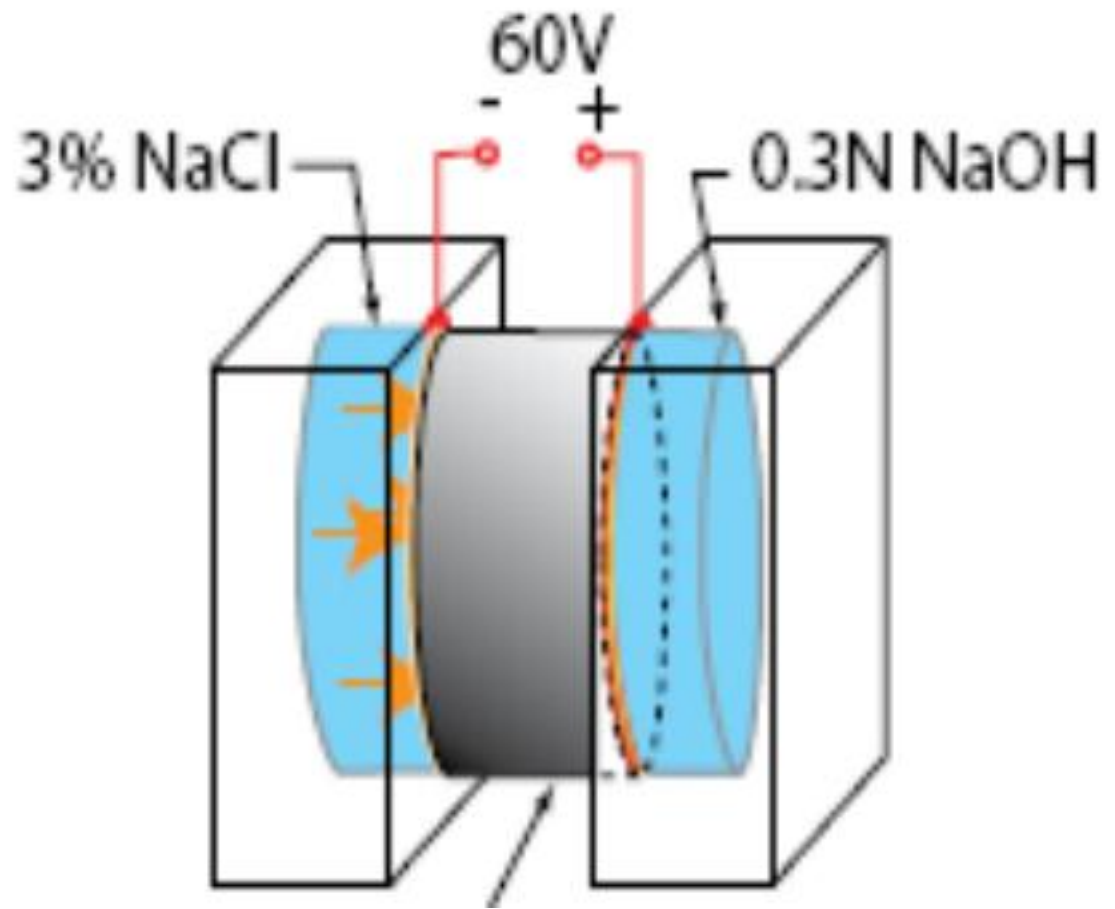
- 1. Most deterioration process linked with permeability.**
- 2. Water permeability is essential to concrete durability.**











1—阳极；2—阳极溶液；3—试件；4—阴极溶液；5—直流稳压电源；  
6—橡胶筒；7—环箍；8—阴极；9—支架；10—试验槽



# Problems

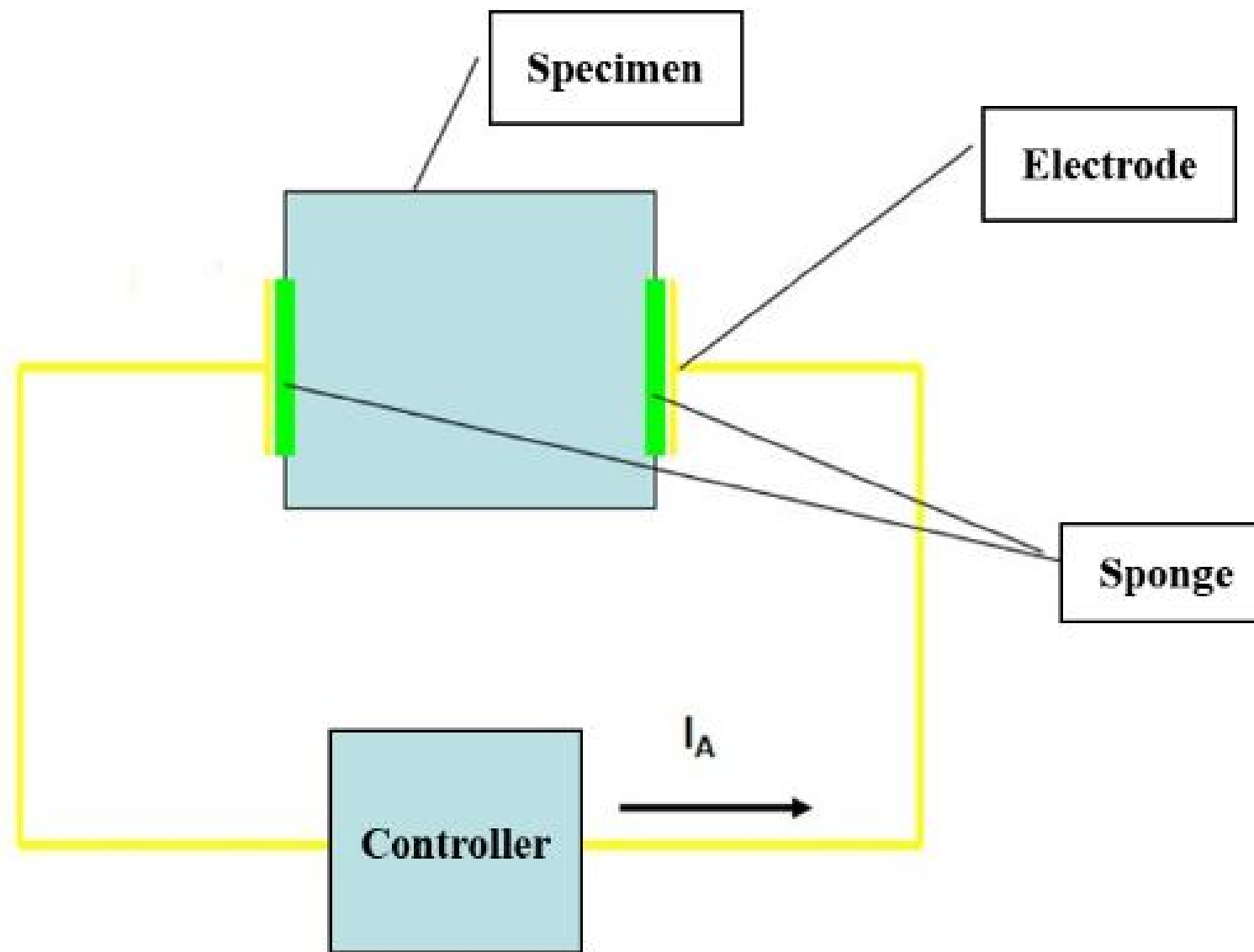
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- 1. Complex procedures**
- 2. High cost**

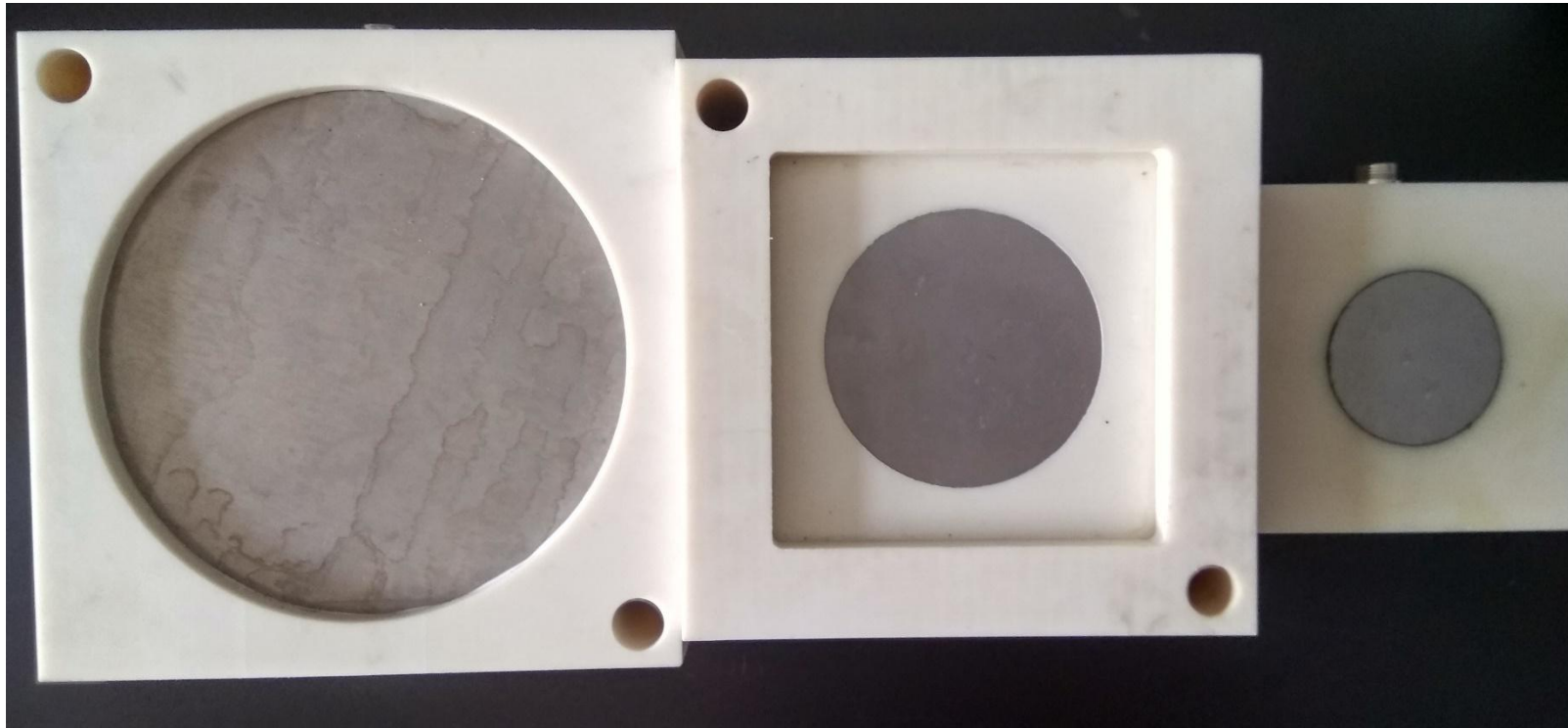
## 2、Equipment bast on DC step input



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# Select the size of electrode film



150mm

80mm

50mm

# Main steps

- 1) start the device, direct current  $I_A$  is applied between the two electrode and the potential  $V_A$  is measured;
- 2) turn off the power in a very short time and the switch potential is measured as  $V_B$ ;
- 3) the initial current is 200 mA, decrease the current step to 0 by step of 20 mA;
- 4) change the current direction, increase the current from 0 to 200 mA;
- 5) calculate the bulk resistivity by the following formula:

$$\rho = \frac{(V_A - V_B) \cdot S}{I_A \cdot L}$$

### 3、 Materials and methods

- 1. Cement: P·O 42.5 cement**
- 2. Fine aggregate: bulk density: 1540 kg/m<sup>3</sup>**
- 3. Coarse aggregate: bulk density: 1690 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, void ratio: 45%,**
- 4. Fly ash: fineness: 21.3%, water demand ratio: 102%.**
- 5. GGBS: 7-d activity: 91%, 28-day activity: 113%.**
- 6. Polycarboxylate superplasticizer: 34%**



Number	Cement (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Fine aggregate (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Coarse aggregate (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Water (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Sand ratio* (%)	Water- binder ratio	Fly ash (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Slag (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Water reducing agent content
WB-50	380	717	1075	190	40	0.5	/	/	/
WB-60	380	717	1075	228	40	0.6	/	/	/
WB-70	380	717	1075	266	40	0.7	/	/	/
SP-64	380	1147	645	152	64	0.4	/	/	2.1%
SP-60	380	1075	717	152	60	0.4	/	/	2.1%
SP-56	380	1004	788	152	56	0.4	/	/	2.1%
SP-52	380	933	859	152	52	0.4	/	/	2.1%
FA-00	380	717	1075	152	717	0.4	/	/	2.5%
FA-20	304	717	1075	152	717	0.4	76	/	2.5%
FA-40	228	717	1075	152	717	0.4	152	/	2.5%
FA-60	152	717	1075	152	717	0.4	228	/	2.5%
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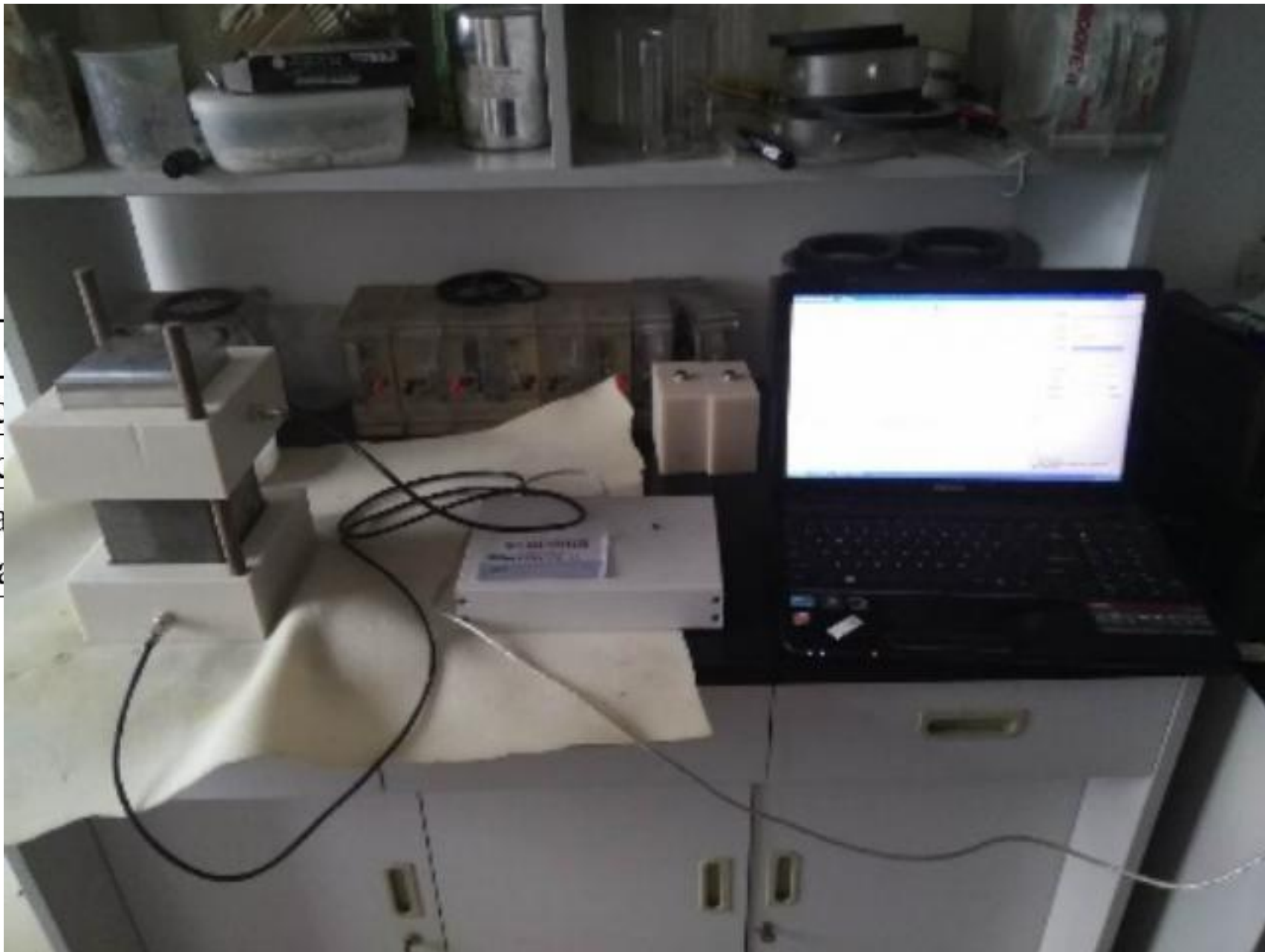
\*sand ratio means the ratio of the fine aggregate mass to the total aggregate mass





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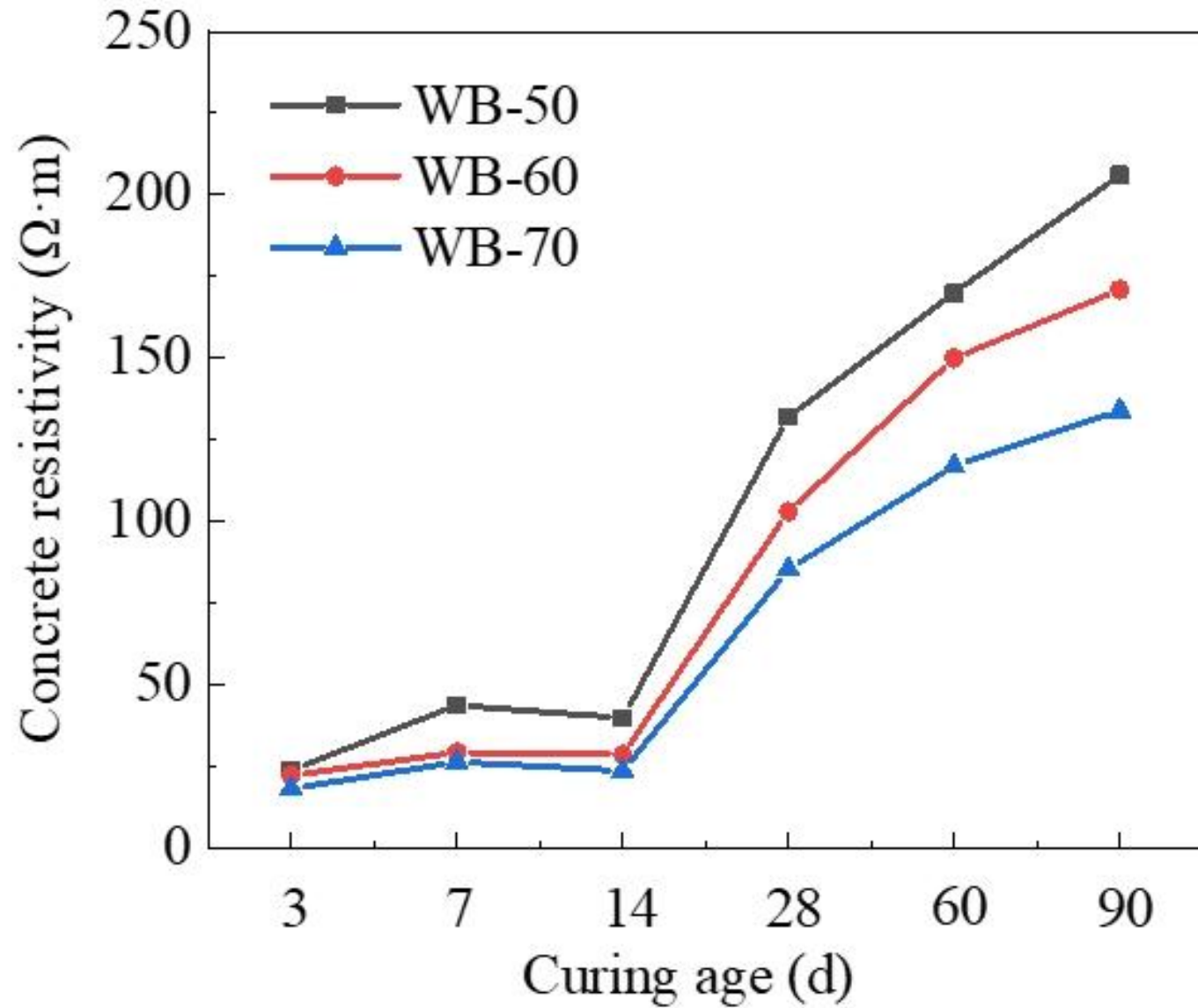


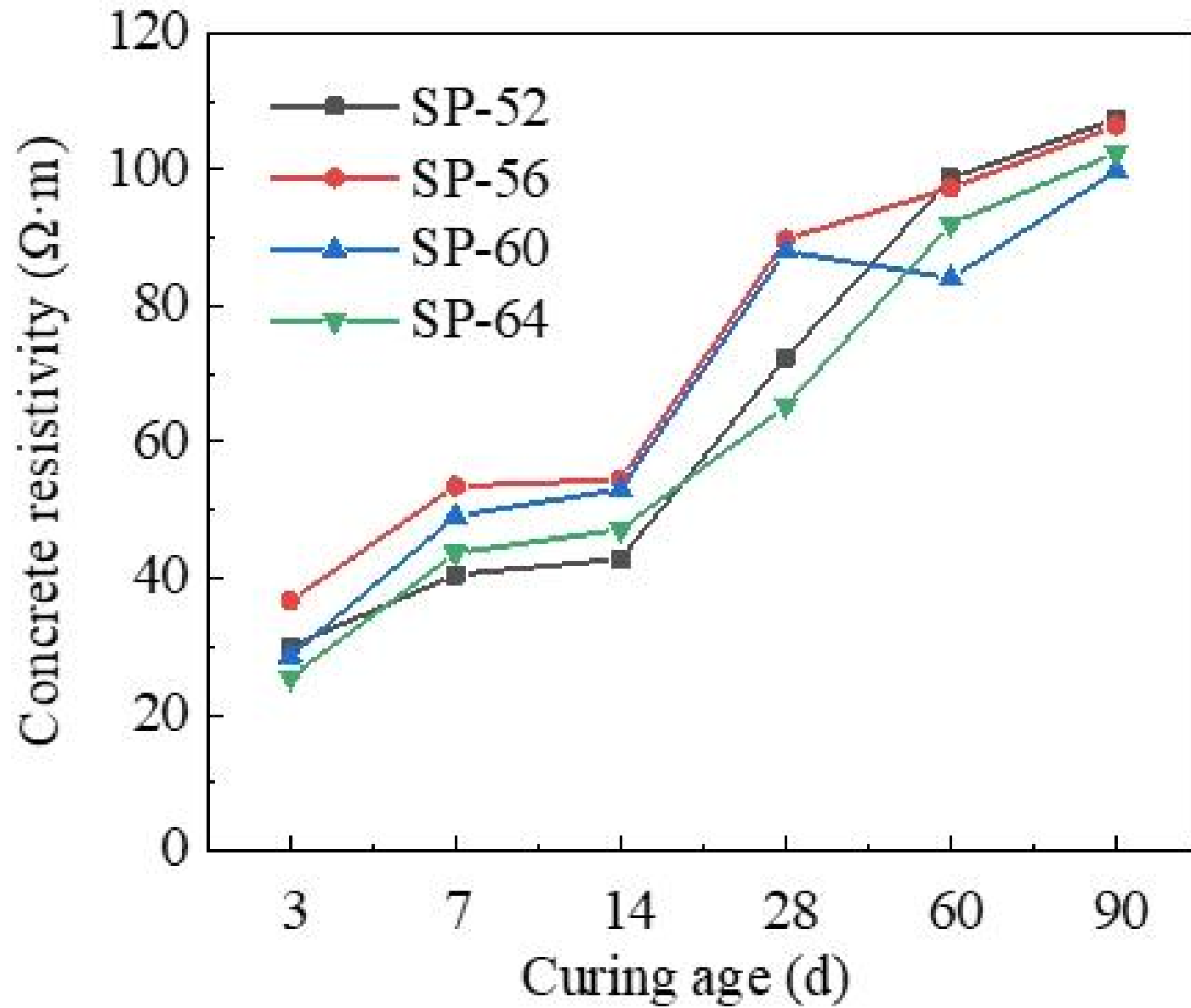
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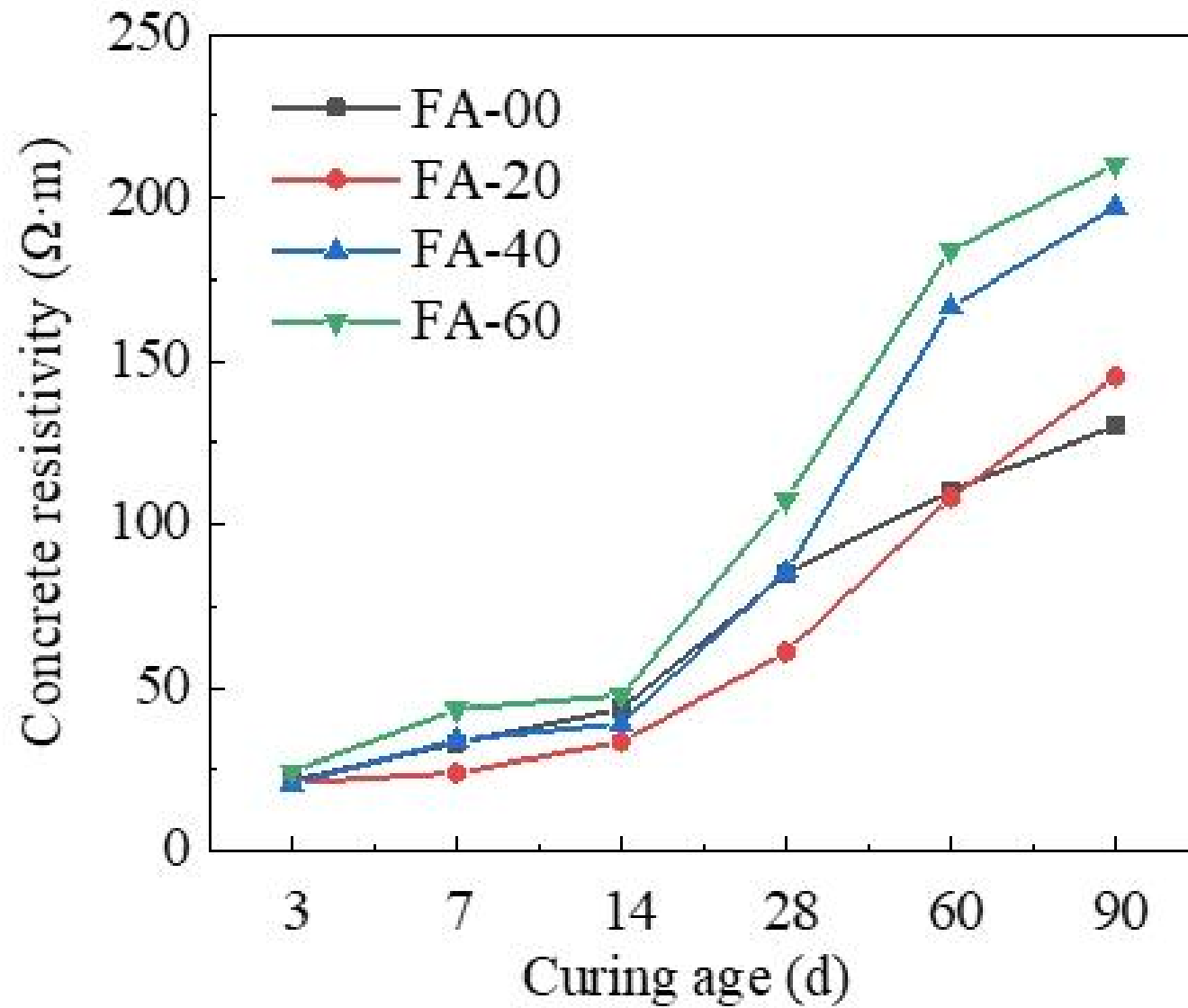
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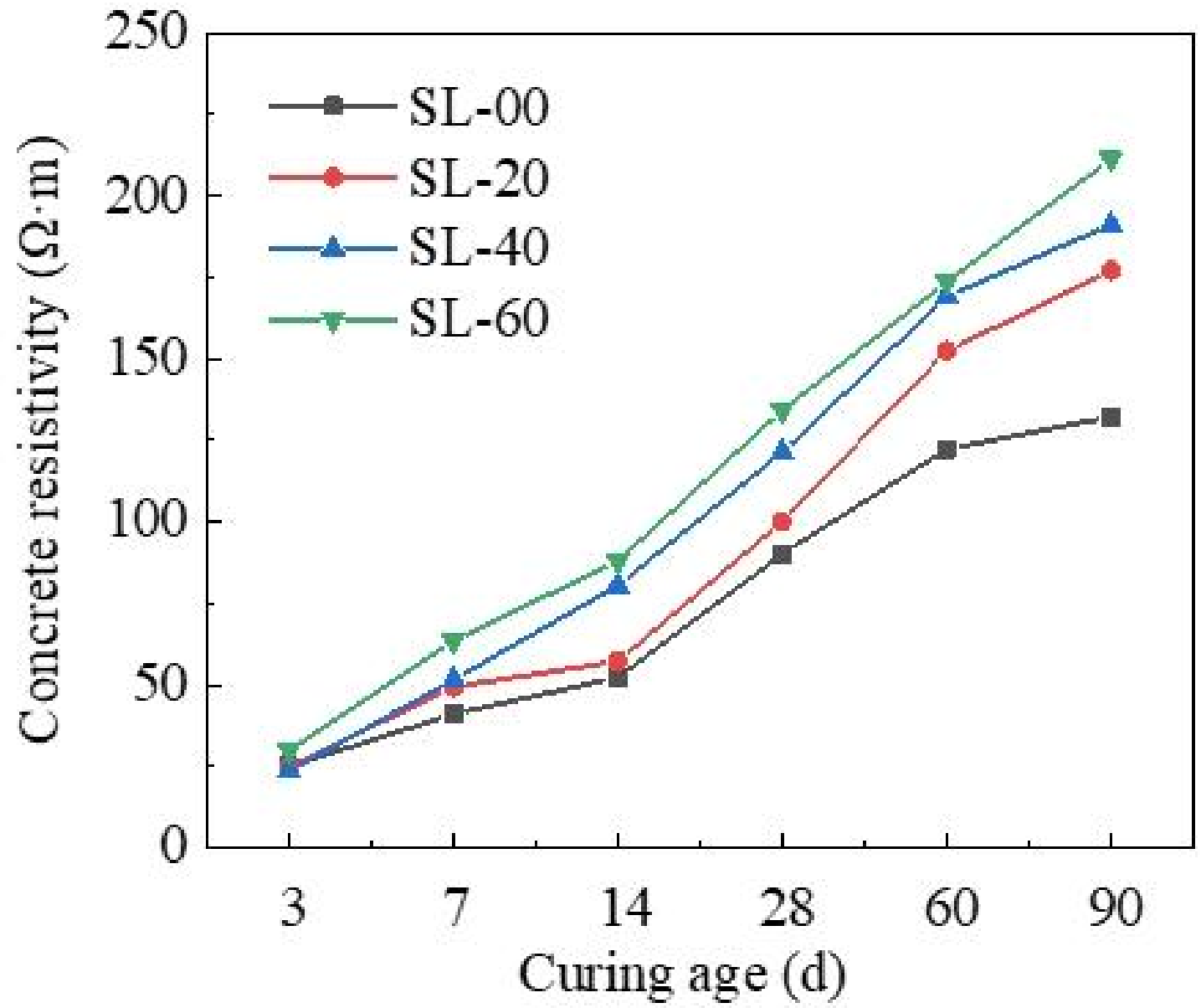
- 1) The influence of mixing ratio parameters (**water-binder ratio, sand ratio and mineral admixture content**) on concrete resistivity is studied by DCSI method, and the results are compared with those of other test methods;
- 2) Study the correlation between DCSI method, **electricity flux method and rapid chloride migration (RCM)** method to evaluate the permeability of concrete.

## 4、 Influence of mix proportion



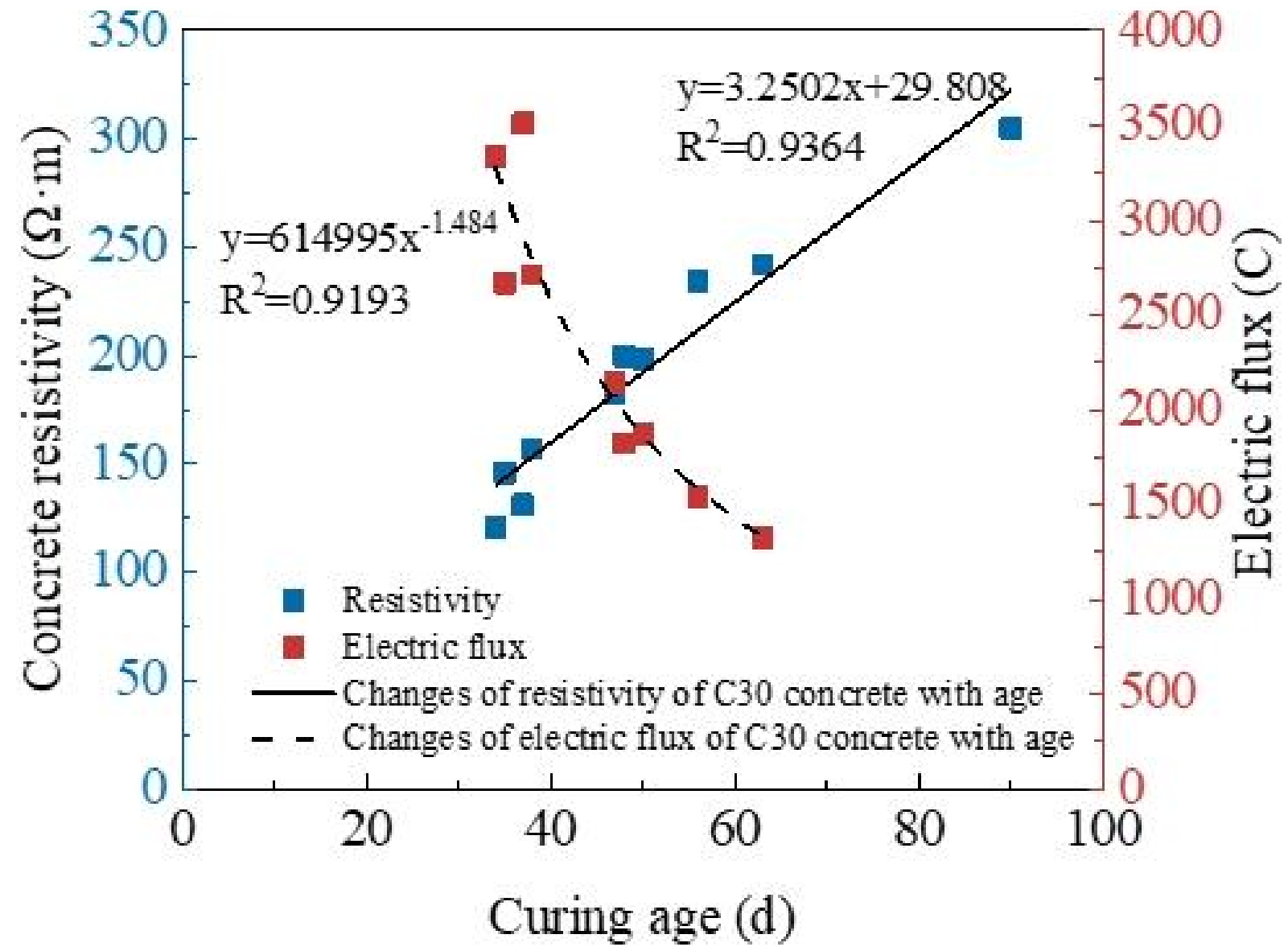


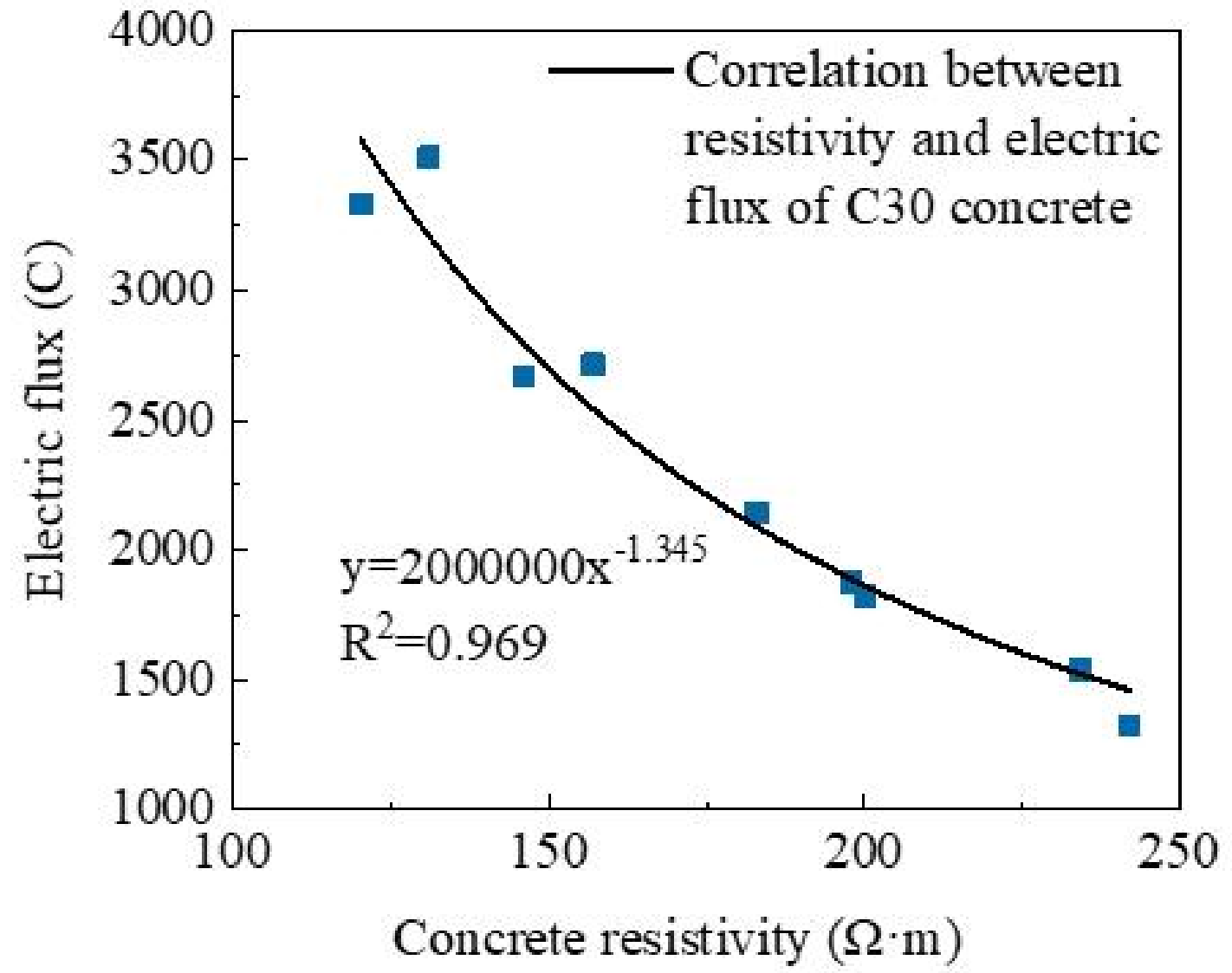


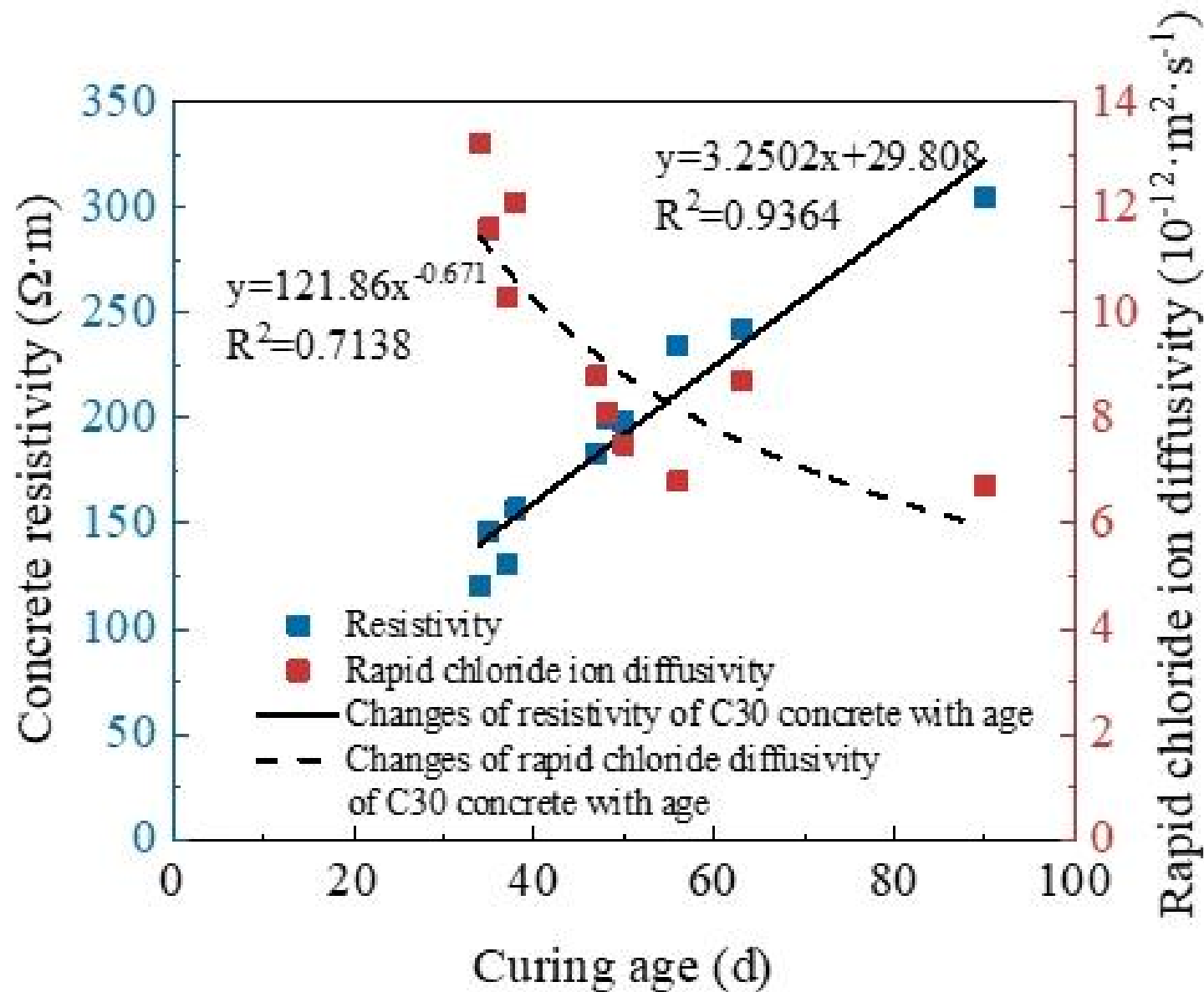


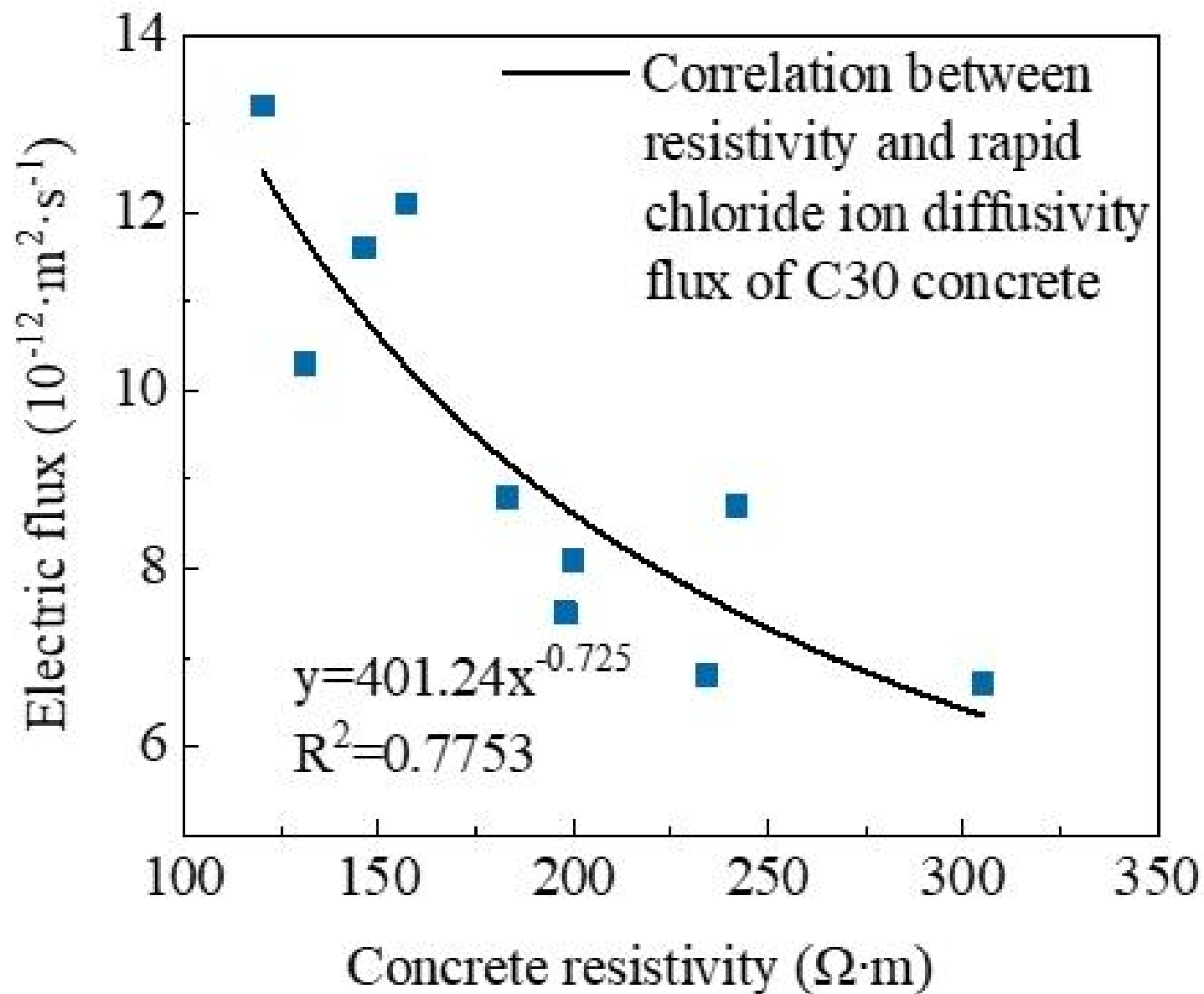
## 5、 Evaluation of permeability of concrete











## 6、 Conclusions

1. The DCSI method can quickly detect the electrical resistivity of concrete by testing cubic compressive strength specimens after standard curing in a few minutes, without need of extra cylinder specimens.
2. The water-cement ratio, kinds of mineral admixtures and its content influence the electrical resistivity significantly while the sand rate has no obvious effect.

**3.** The correlation between resistivity and electric flux and rapid chloride ion diffusion coefficient is tested using C30 concrete produced by a ready-mixed concrete company in Beijing, and the correlation coefficients reached 0.969 and 0.775 respectively.

It is tentatively demonstrated that the resistivity method proposed in this study **could replace the electric flux method in the laboratory** to evaluate the chloride ion penetration resistance of concrete.

## 河北雄安新区管理委员会改革发展局 关于发布《雄安新区电力用户用电导则》等六 项雄安新区地方标准的通告

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河北雄安新区管理委员会改革发展局组织制定了《雄安新区电力用户用电导则》等 2 项雄安新区地方标准，会同河北雄安新区管理委员会建设和交通运输局联合发布了《雄安新区高性能混凝土应用技术规程》等 2 项雄安新区地方标准，会同河北雄安新区管理委员会公共服务局联合发布了《农村人居环境整治效果评价指标体系》等 2 项雄安新区地方标准，现予以通告（详细目录见附件）。

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