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Metal manufacturing for space architecture by Lunar regolith: Numerical simulation of melting and solidification process of graveled regolith

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In recent years, space development has become more and more active around the world. Japan is also planning a long-term manned lunar exploration in about 10 years¹⁾. To realize such long-term activities, it is necessary to construct habitats. For sustainable development, the construction should be completed locally²⁾. This study proposes a construction method to bond regolith with molten regolith as shown in Fig.1, which can be collected on the Moon. To check whether this construction process is realized, we estimate of the order of the penetration rate of the molten metal and the diffusion rate of the heat flowing into the void. Then, the melting and re-solidification process of regolith will be investigated.

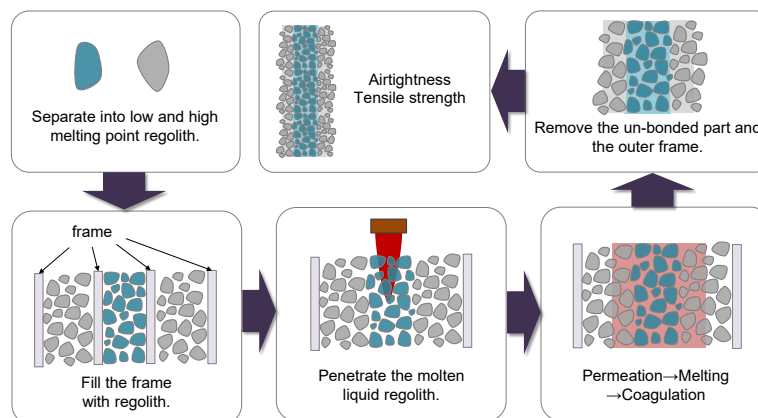


Fig.1 The proposed construction method using the regolith that can be collected on the Moon.

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