C-2-2 Effect of nano-TiO₂ on polymer-cement based materials - A bifunctional coating: waterproof and self-cleaning

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ABSTRACT

A bi-functional coating, nano-TiO₂ modified polymer-cementitious material, is designed to have both waterproof and self-cleaning. The composition, structure, properties and construction process of this composite material, especially the effect of nano-TiO₂ are investigated by mechanical test, weather resistance, CIE (L,a,b) colorimetric standard system, FTIR, SEM and XPS. The results reveal that nano-TiO₂ cannot only enhance the inherent mechanical properties such as tensile strength, bond strength and low temperature flexibity but also improve water and ultraviolet resistance. As the nano-TiO₂ being the active site can optimize network structure between polymer and cement hydration, compared with the conventional polymer-cementious coating, it can improve the bond and tensile strength by 59% and 25%, respectively. And the modified coating shows better self-cleaning properties, the results indicate that the maximum Rhb degradation of 90% was achieved. Moreover, it can significantly slow down the coating aging with aging coefficient decease of 28% . Eventually, the nano-TiO₂ modified organic-inorganic composite coating have the advantages: not only "hardness with softness", excellent waterproof property, but also good ageing resistance and self-cleaning.