



Welcome
to the first
SeRaMCo Webinar
Secondary Raw
Materials for Concrete
Precast Products

22 June 2020
10:30-12:00 CEST

Programme

10:30	Welcome	Christian GLOCK, University of Kaiserslautern
10:35	Concrete and the challenge of a low-carbon, sustainable and circular construction: Will precast concrete still be used in 2050?	Alessio RIMOLDI, BIBM
10:45	The influence of the crushing production process on the quality of recycled aggregates	Julien HUBERT, University of Liège
10:55	Availability of recycled material: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Characterization of the building stock in Luxembourg• Assessment of concrete volumes• Availability of the future mineral waste stock based on stochastic scenarios	Lorenc BOGOVIKU, University of Luxembourg

Programme

11:05	<p>Development of innovative concrete mixtures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High water demand of the recycled aggregates and the regulating effect of the superplasticizer ACE in a mixture. • Effect of the particle size distribution on the workability of concrete. • Development of medium to high strength concrete with recycled aggregates 	Gaël Gelen CHEWE NGAPEYA, University of Luxembourg
11:15	<p>Concrete containing recycled aggregates from unknown origin – Development of new concrete mixes for structural precast elements and pavement blocks</p>	Anja TUSCH, University of Kaiserslautern
11:25	<p>Closed-loop supply chain of construction and demolition wastes: Towards a circular economy in French regions</p>	Nacef TAZI, Cerema
11:35	<p>Discussion, questions & answers</p>	All
11:55	<p>Wrap-up</p>	Christian GLOCK, University of Kaiserslautern
12:00	<p>End</p>	



Think Concrete, Go Precast



Concrete and the challenge of a low carbon, sustainable and circular construction

Will precast concrete still be used in 2050?

Alessio RIMOLDI
Secretary General

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22nd June 2020

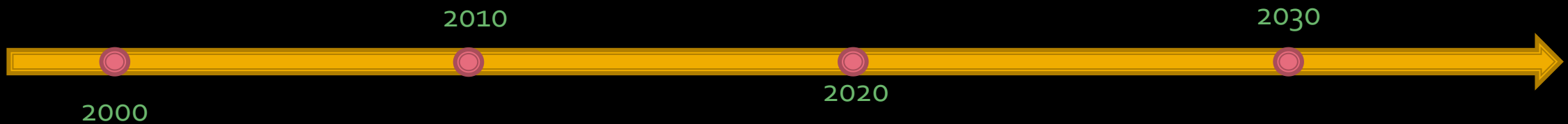


Construction 2050

- Energy efficient

Construction 2050

- Low carbon
- Sustainable
- Circular



Construction 2050

- Sustainable
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Construction 2050

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Construction 2050

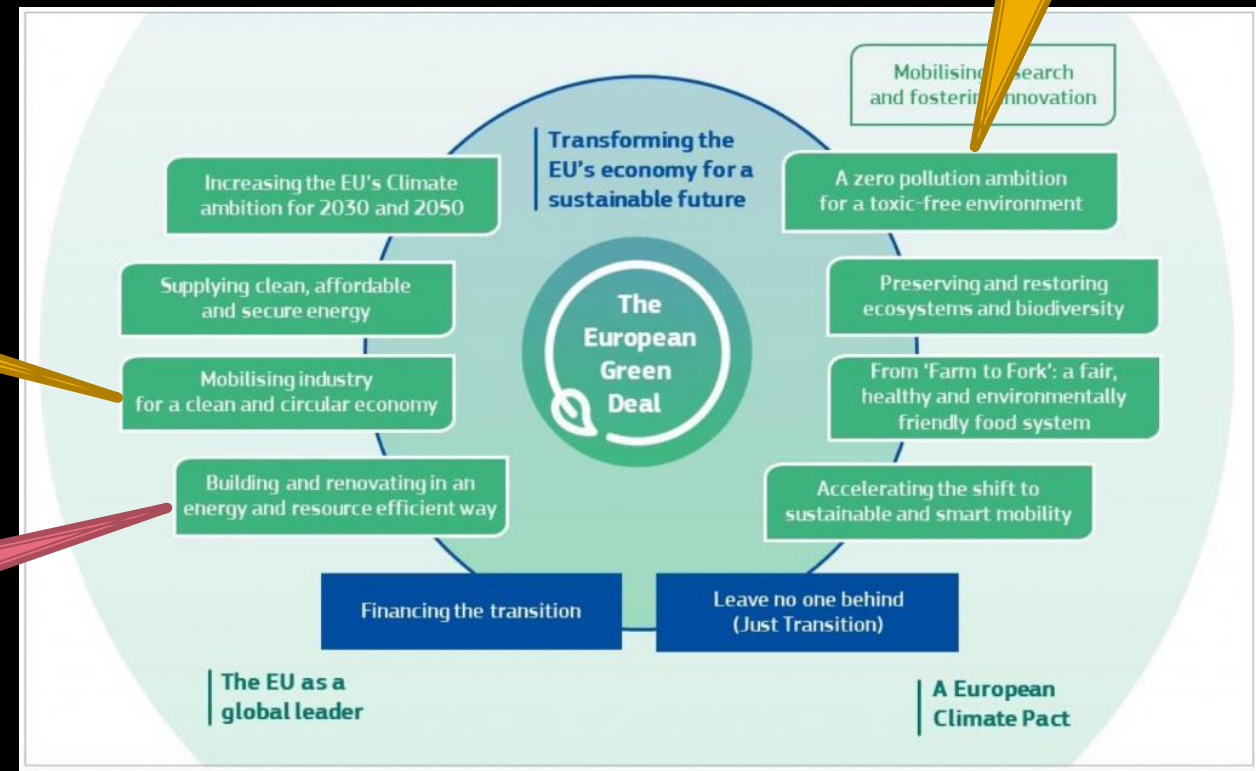
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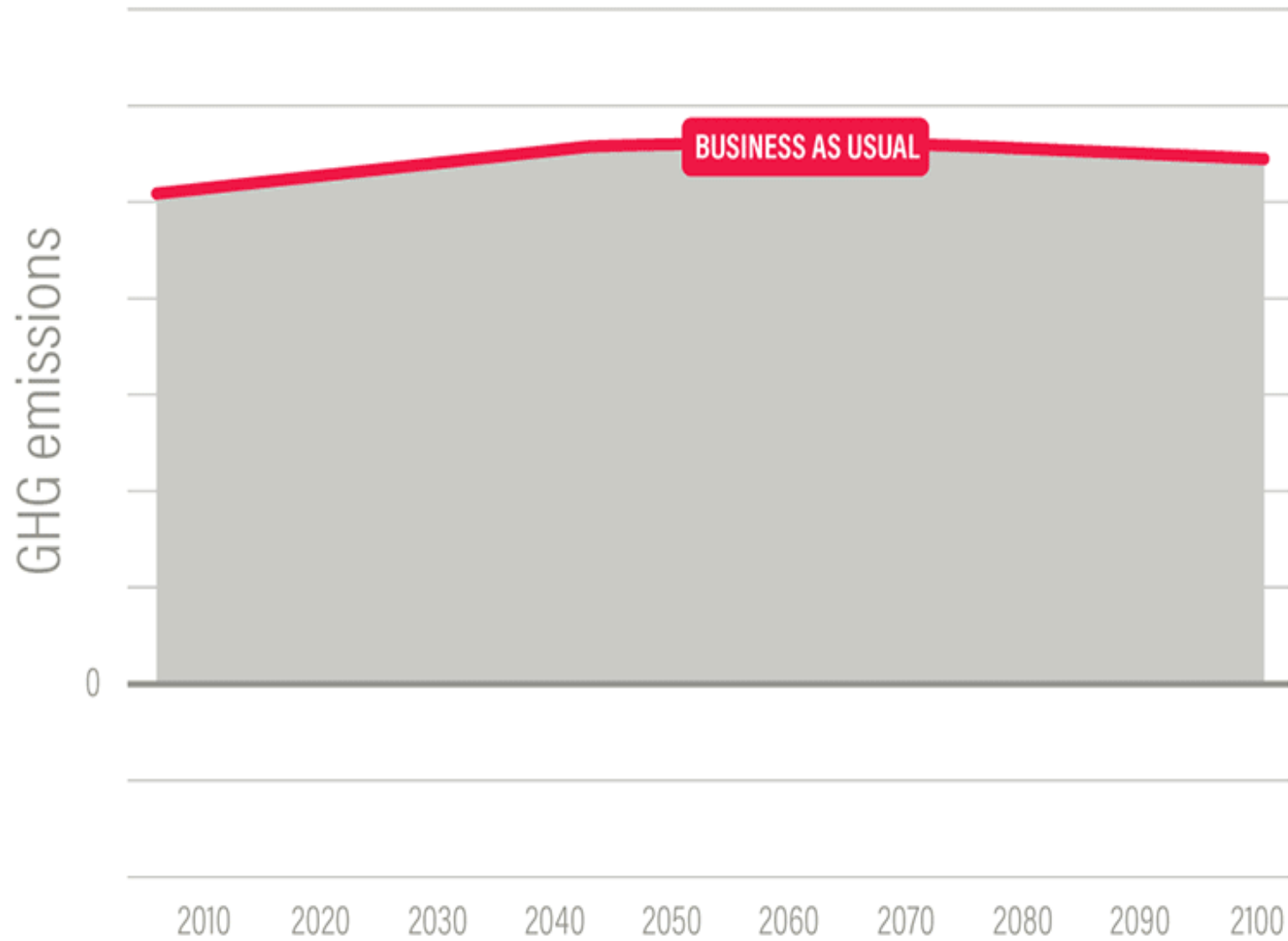
Zero pollution

Green Deal

Clean and circular economy

Building in energy/resource efficient way

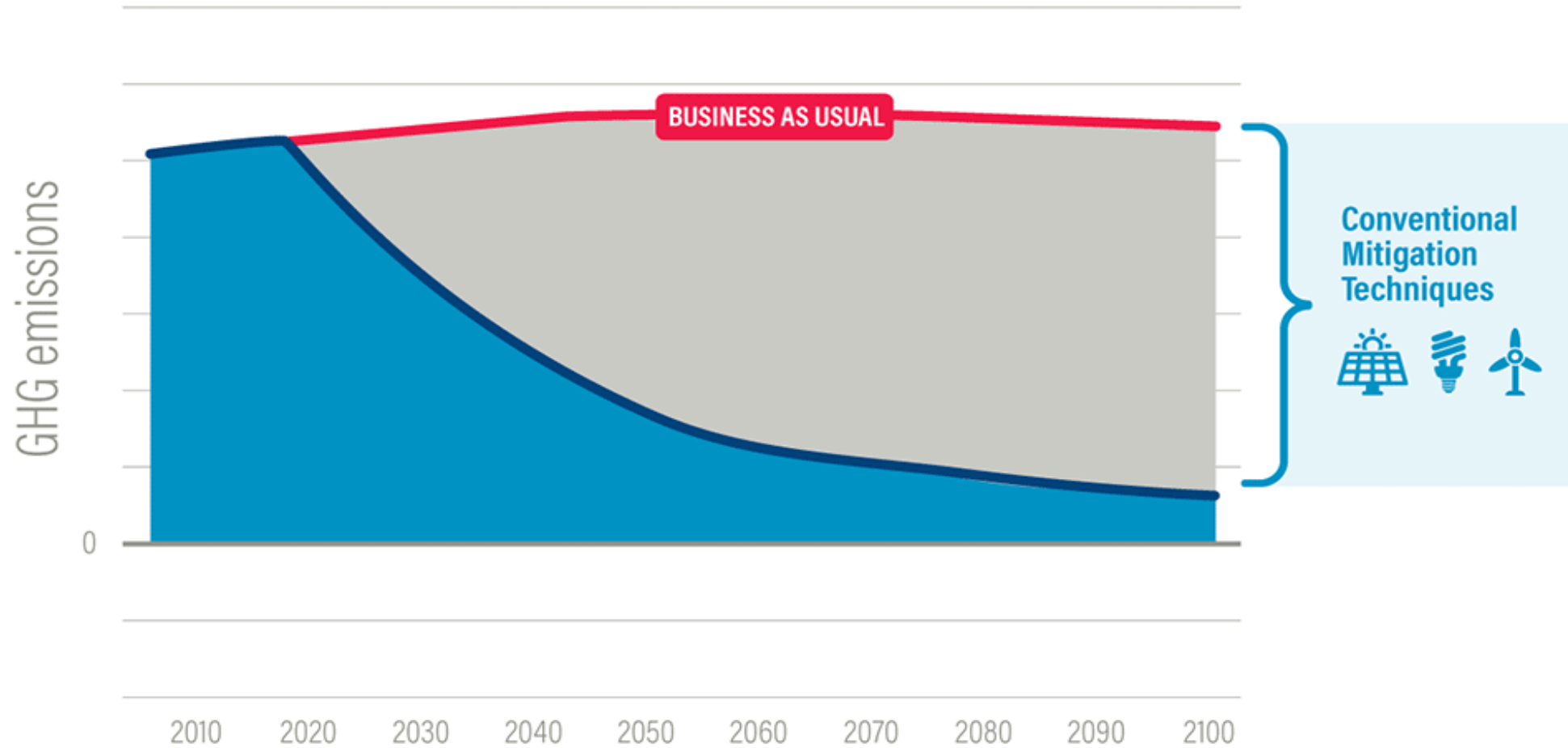




- Low carbon
o. business
as usual

HOW TO GET TO NET-ZERO

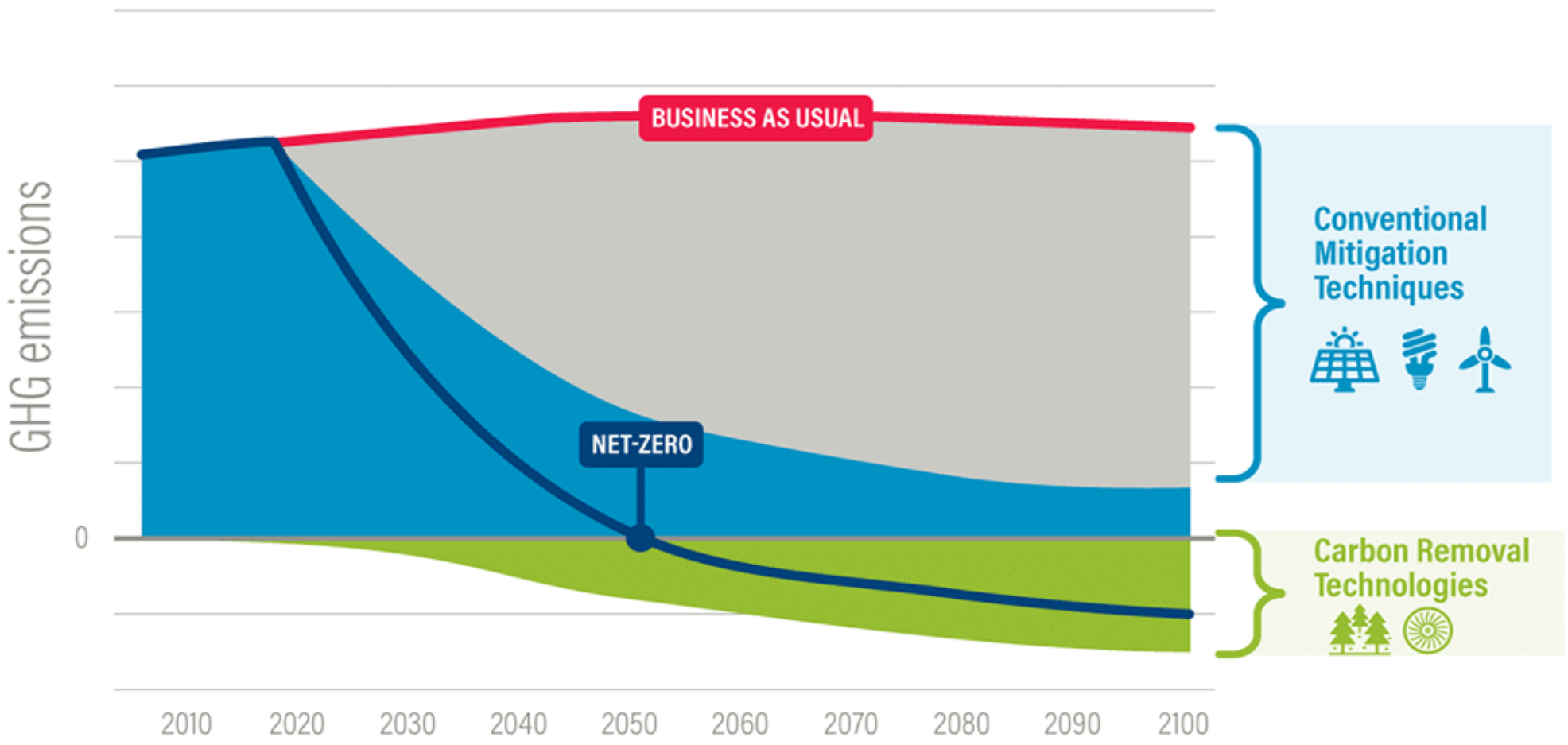
Transition to a low-carbon economy



- Low carbon
1. Mitigation
+

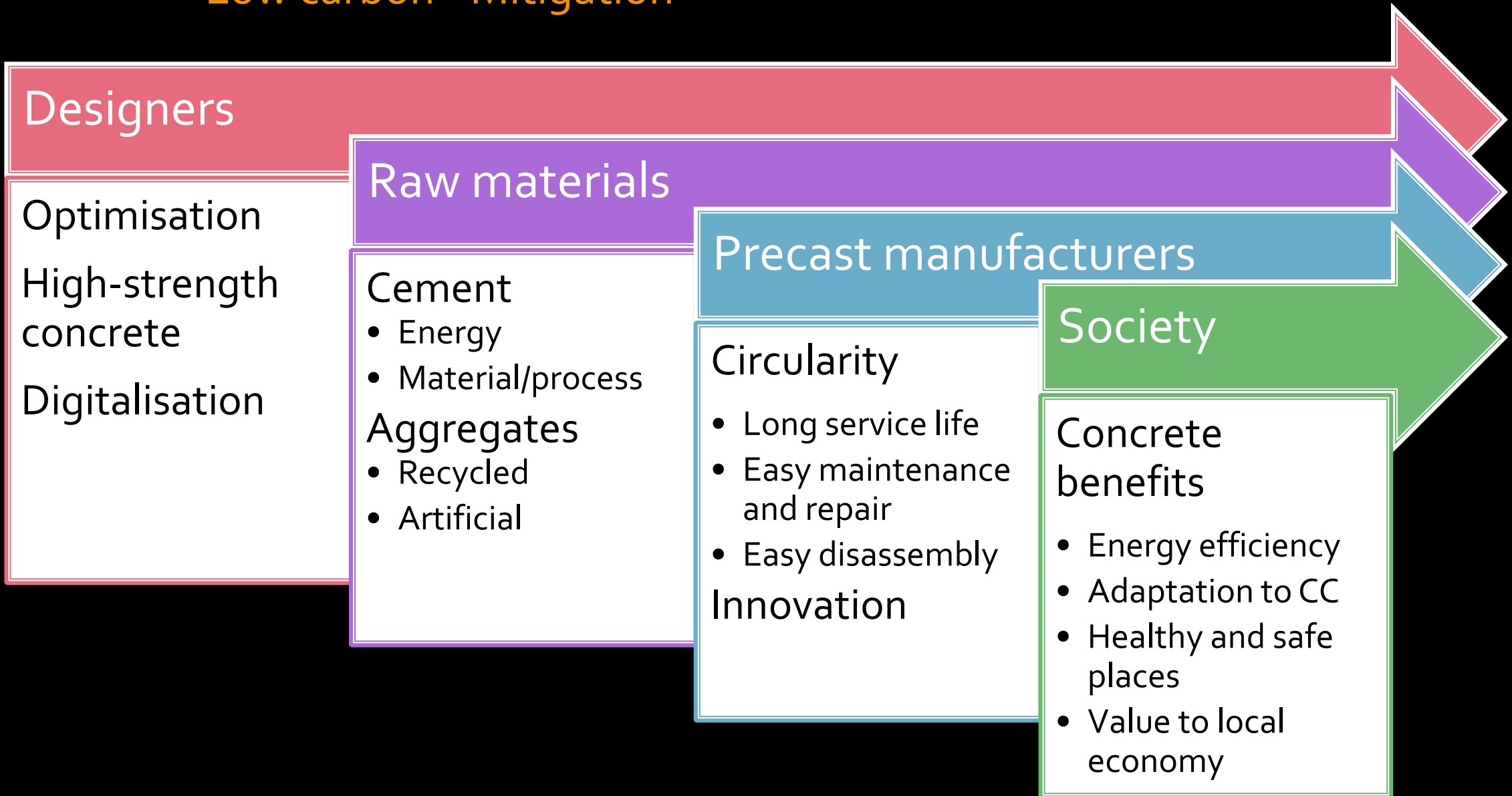
HOW TO GET TO NET-ZERO

Reach net-zero emissions

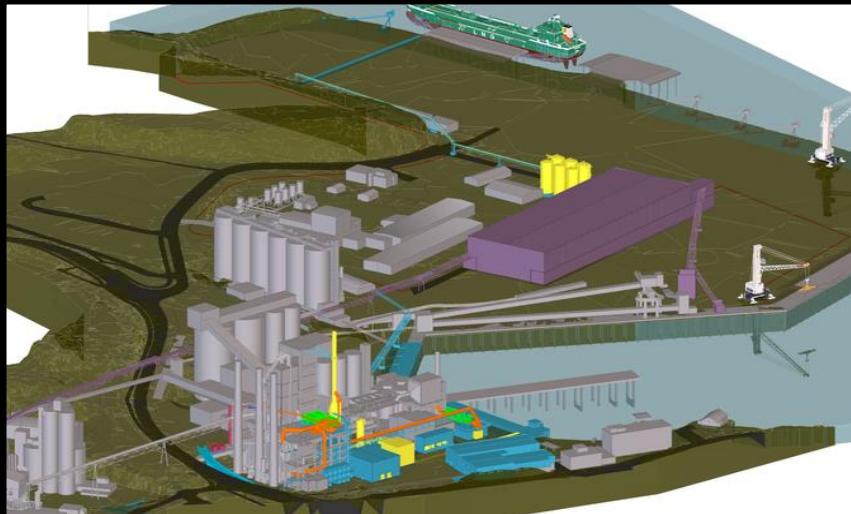
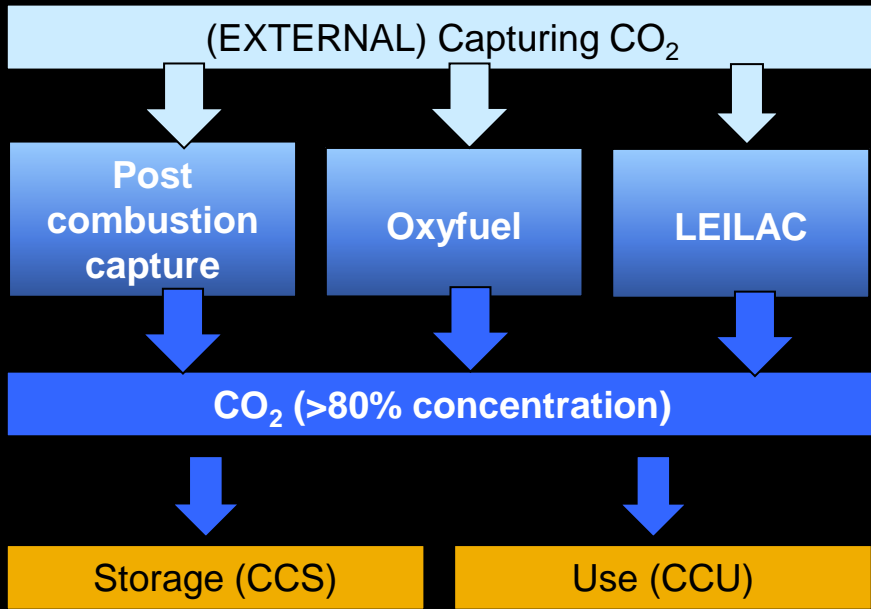


- Low carbon
+
2. Removal
= Net Zero
In 2050

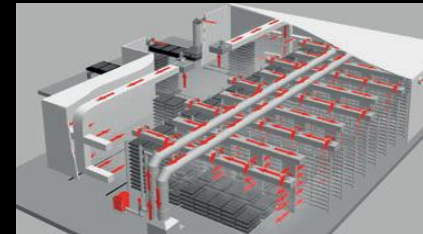
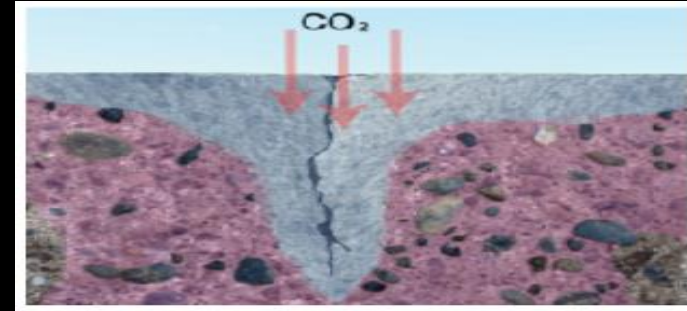
- Low carbon - Mitigation



- Low carbon - Removal



(INTERNAL) Carbonation



- Curing of pre-cast concrete with CO₂

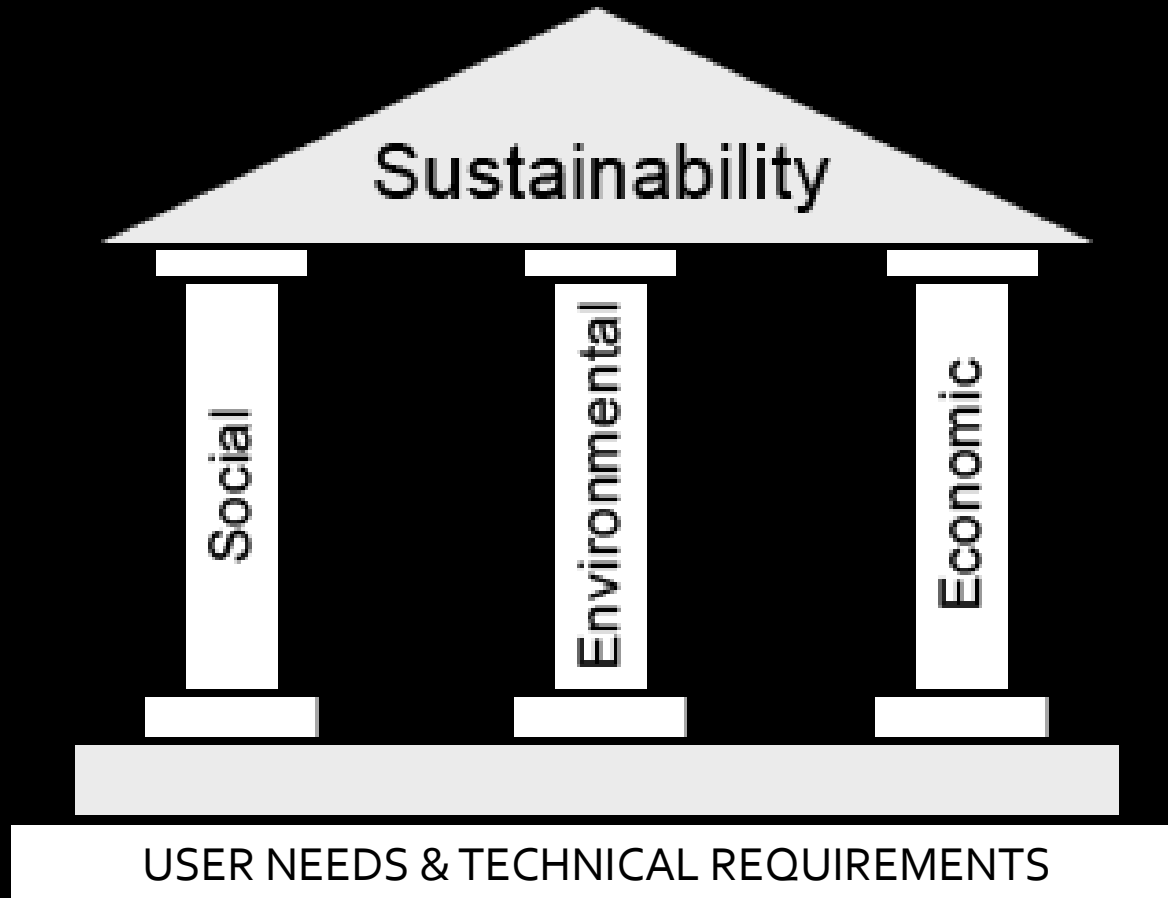


- Sequestration during lifetime of construction



- Recycled concrete fines recarbonate with CO₂

- Sustainable



HOLISTIC

Construction work

Whole life cycle

Concrete



- ◇ High quality
- ◇ Long service life
- ◇ Fire safety
- ◇ Versatility
- ◇ Healthy
- ◇ Affordable
- ◇ Aesthetic
- ◇ Thermal comfort
- ◇ Acoustic comfort



Respond to
societal challenges

Social



Healthy & Comfortable



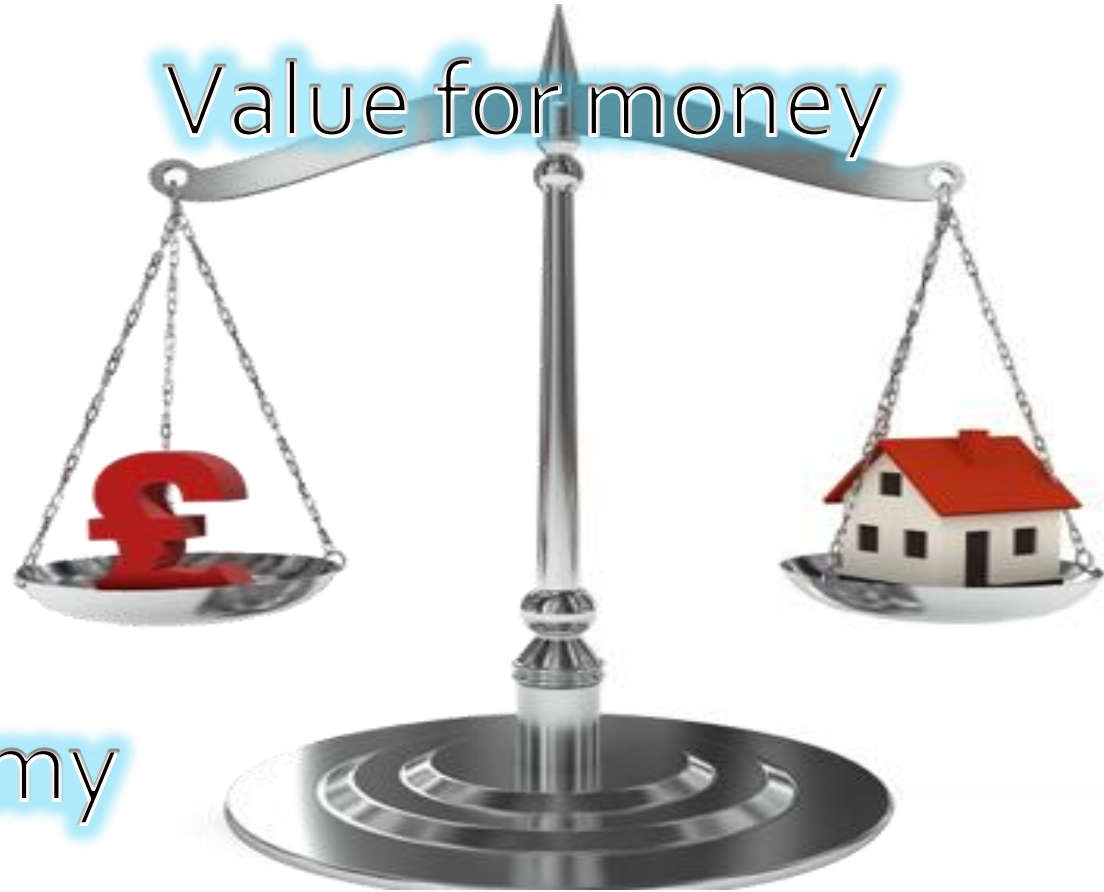
Safe and resilient

Growth



Economy

Value for money



Local

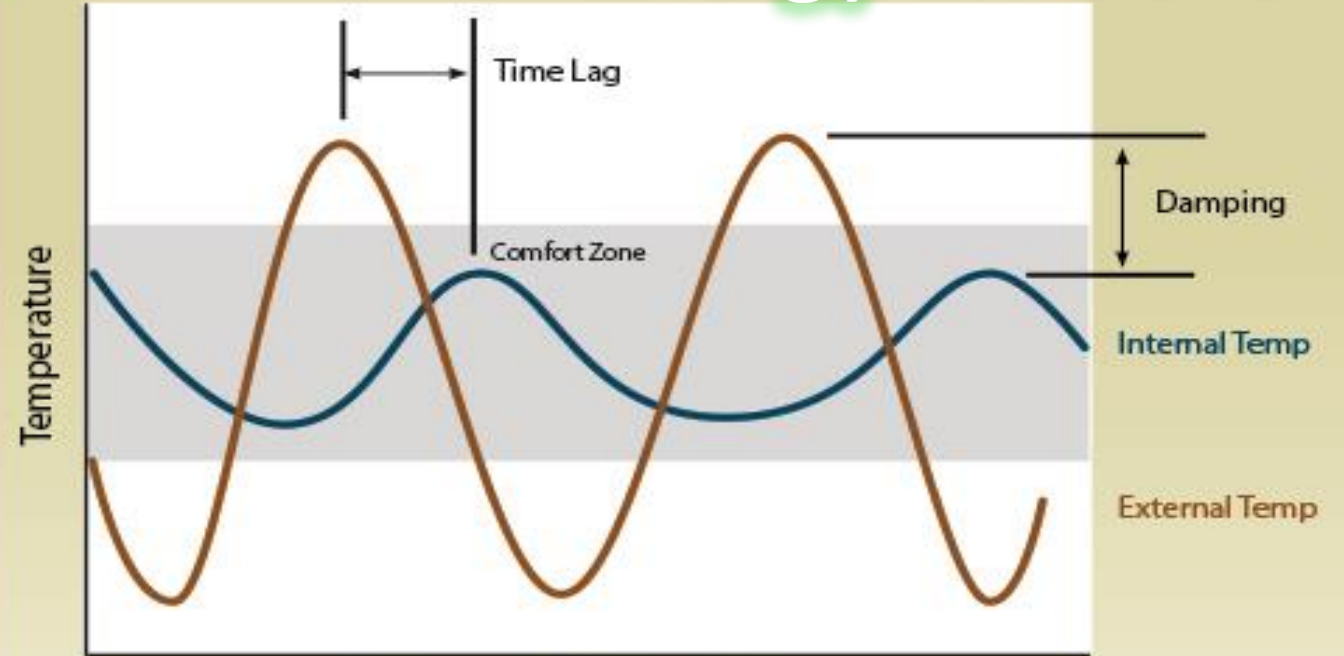


Natural materials



Thermal Mass

Energy Efficient

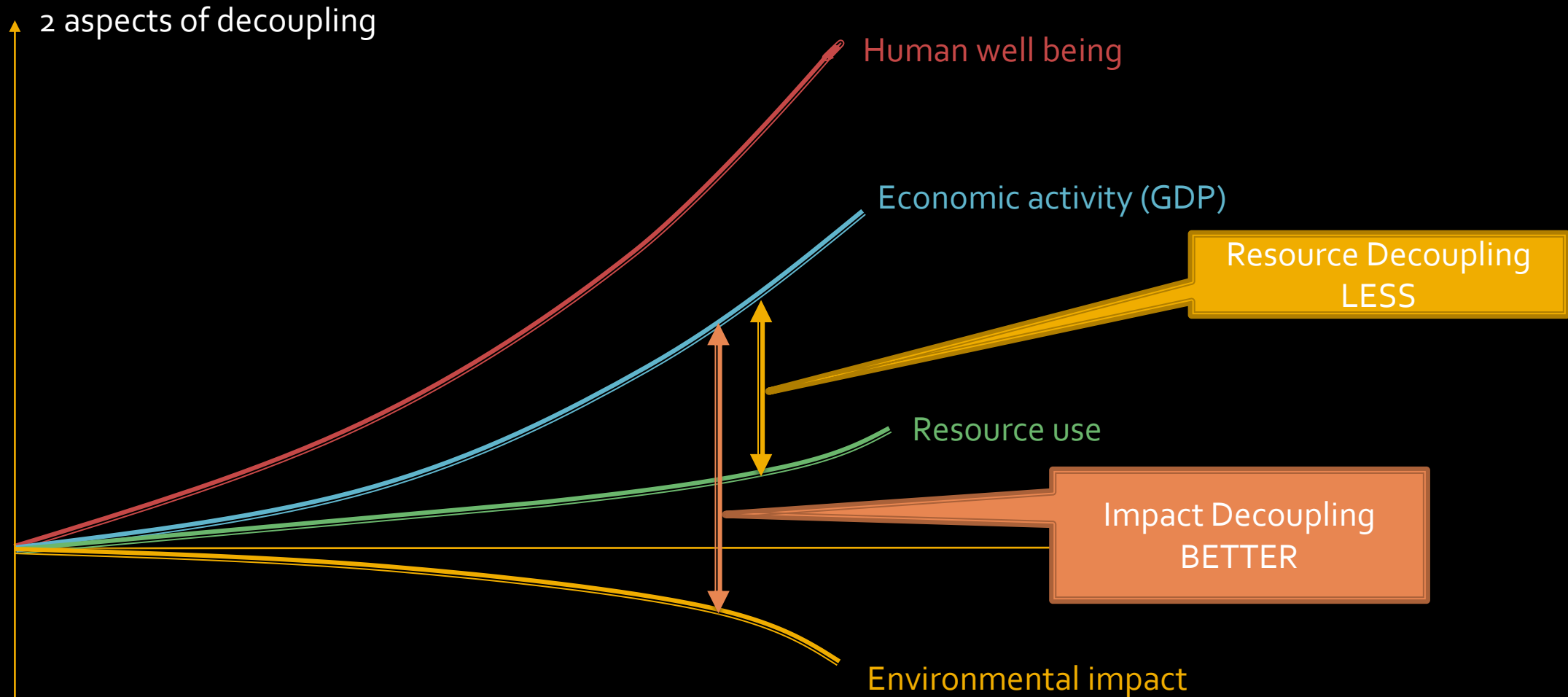


Environment

Climate resilient



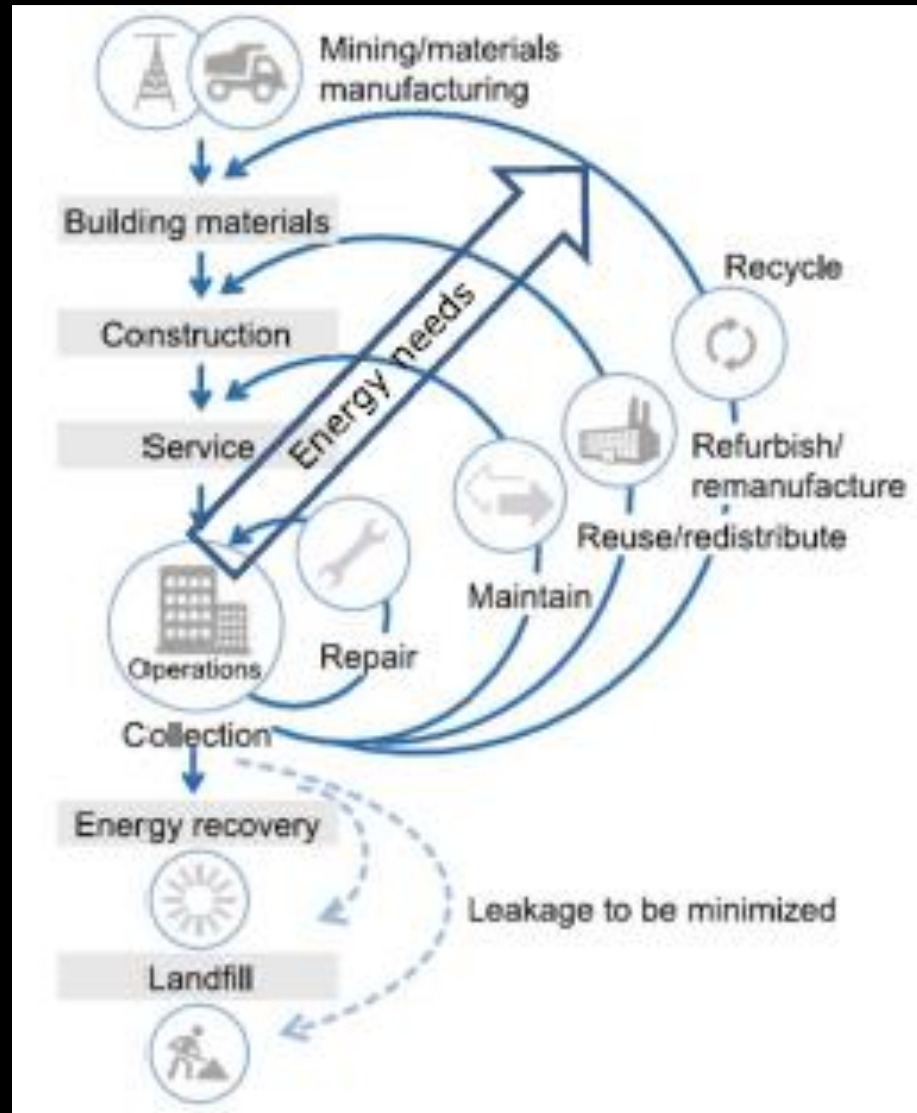
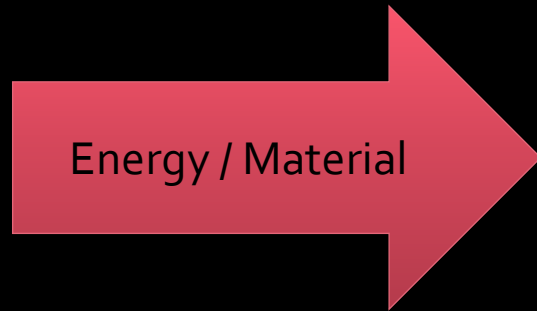
- Circular – decoupling economic growth from resource use



from: [Decoupling Natural Resource Use and Environmental Impacts from Economic Growth](#)
2011 UNEP International Resource Panel Report

- Circular in construction

MINIMISE



Ensure a service life as long as possible

Favour internal processes with lower energy

- Repair
- Maintain

Avoid “exiting”

- Re-use
- Recycle

Circular Economy

**MINIMIZATION AND
PREVENTION**



Most favored

Average

Least favored

Circular Economy

**MINIMIZATION AND
PREVENTION**



Durability

**Easy maintenance
and repair**

New Concretes

Circular Economy

REUSE



**STRUCTURE
REUSE**



**PRODUCT
REUSE**

Circular Economy



**GEOTECHNICAL
WORKS**



**RECYCLED
AGGREGATES**

- Conclusion

PRECAST provides
solutions
to the challenges of
construction 2050

- ◇ Low-carbon
- ◇ Sustainable
- ◇ Circular

- ◇ Fire resistance
- ◇ Adapting to climate change
- ◇ Affordable
- ◇ Thermal comfort
- ◇ Resilient

PRECAST provides
solutions
to other societal challenges

- Conclusion

PRECAST

will be the

backbone

for a transition to
Construction 2050

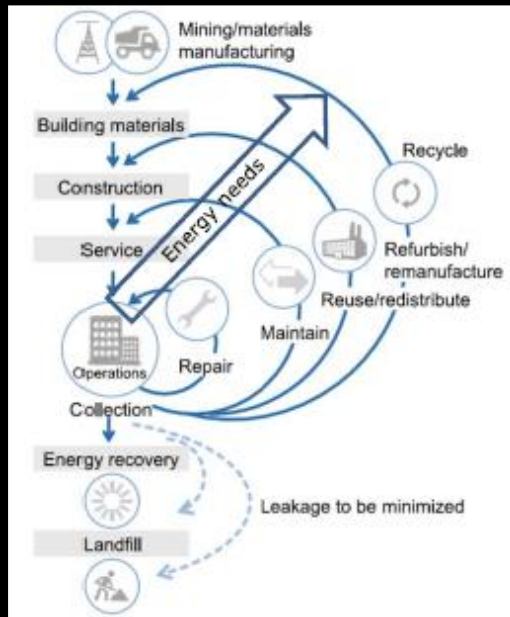


Not an obstacle

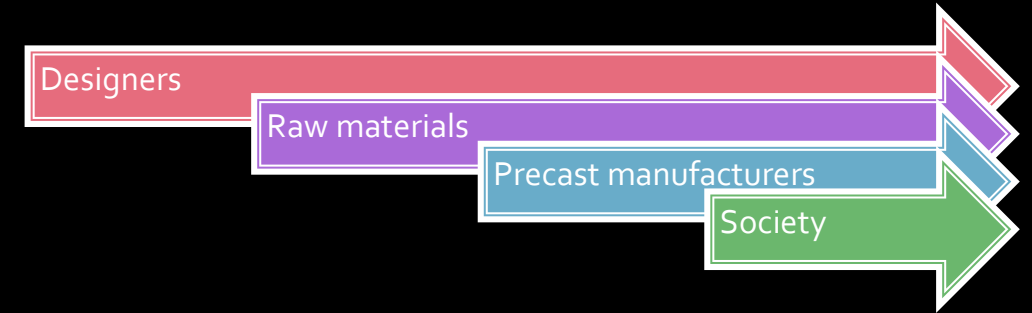
- Conclusion

Providing that the **precast industry**

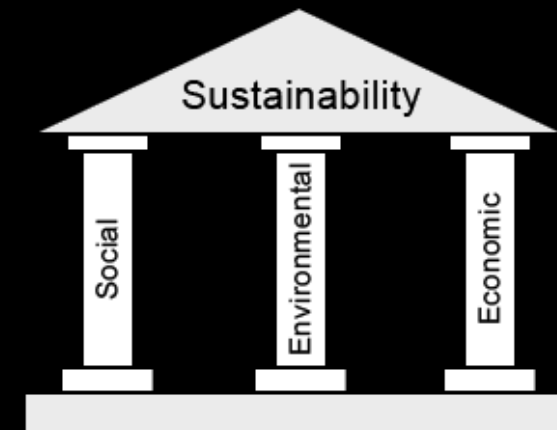
3. Fully embraces circular economy principles



1. Engages in a transition towards **low-carbon** together with stakeholders



2. Keeps on manufacturing with sustainability in mind





Thank you for attention.

Secondary Raw Materials for Concrete precast products



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Recycled aggregates properties – Influence of the crushing method

SeRaMCo Webinar

22nd of June 2020

Summary of the presentation

- Materials and methods
 - Crushing methods
 - Concrete compositions
- Results
 - Grain size distribution
 - Morphology of the aggregates
 - Cement paste content
 - Water absorption
- Energy consumption study

Materials and methods

Crushing methods

↳ Production of 0/25

Impact crusher



Set at 6,5 kW (40% of maximum power)

Jaw crusher



Jaw crusher set at a 22 mm opening

Materials and methods

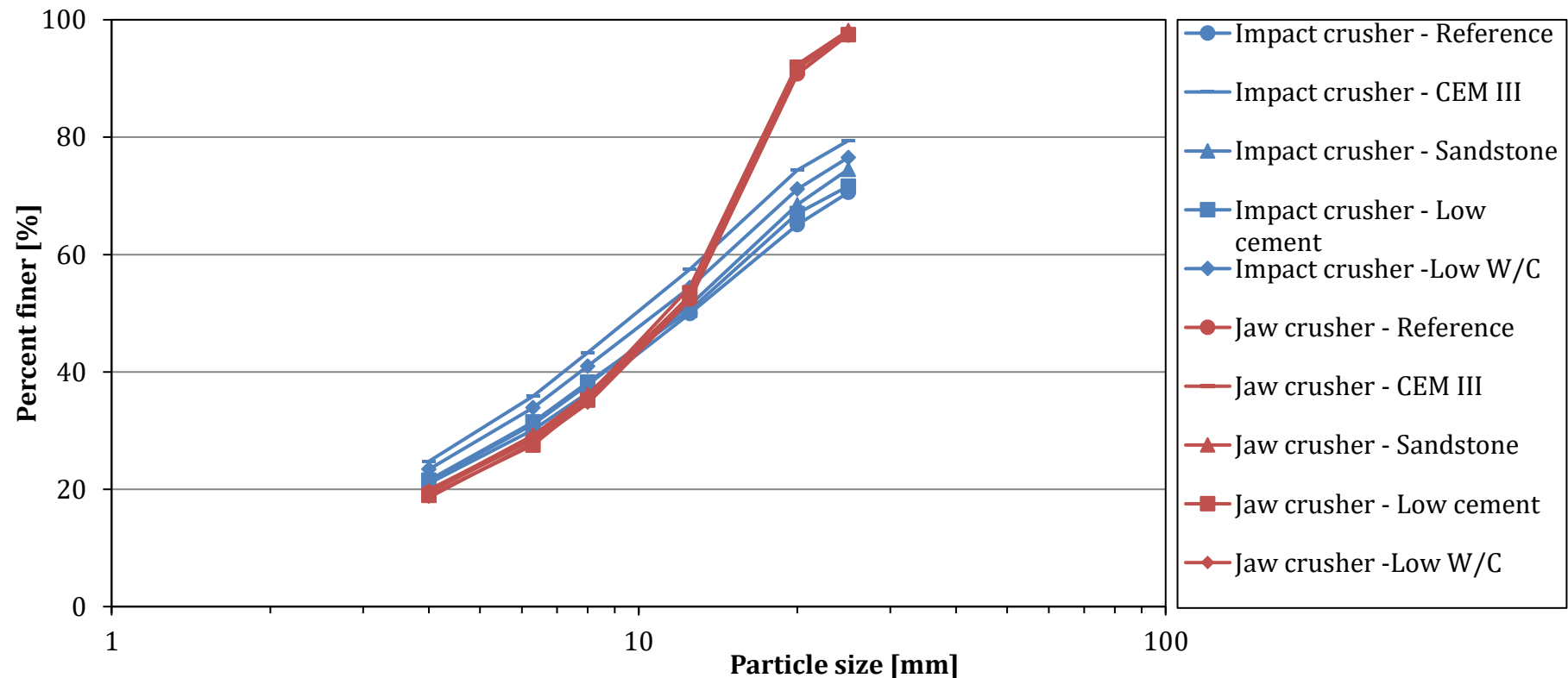
Concrete compositions

	1.0	1.1	1.2	2	3
Name	Reference	CEMIII	Sandstone	Low Cement	Low W/C
Aggregates type	Limestone	Limestone	Sandstone	Limestone	Limestone
Cement type	CEMI 52.5	CEMIII 52.5	CEMI 52.5	CEMI 52.5	CEMI 52.5
Cement quantity (kg/m ³)	400	400	400	320	452
Cement paste volume (dm ³ /m ³)	351	358	351	282	351
W/C	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.46

Results

Grain size distribution

The jaw crusher produces aggregates with a more constrained grain size range

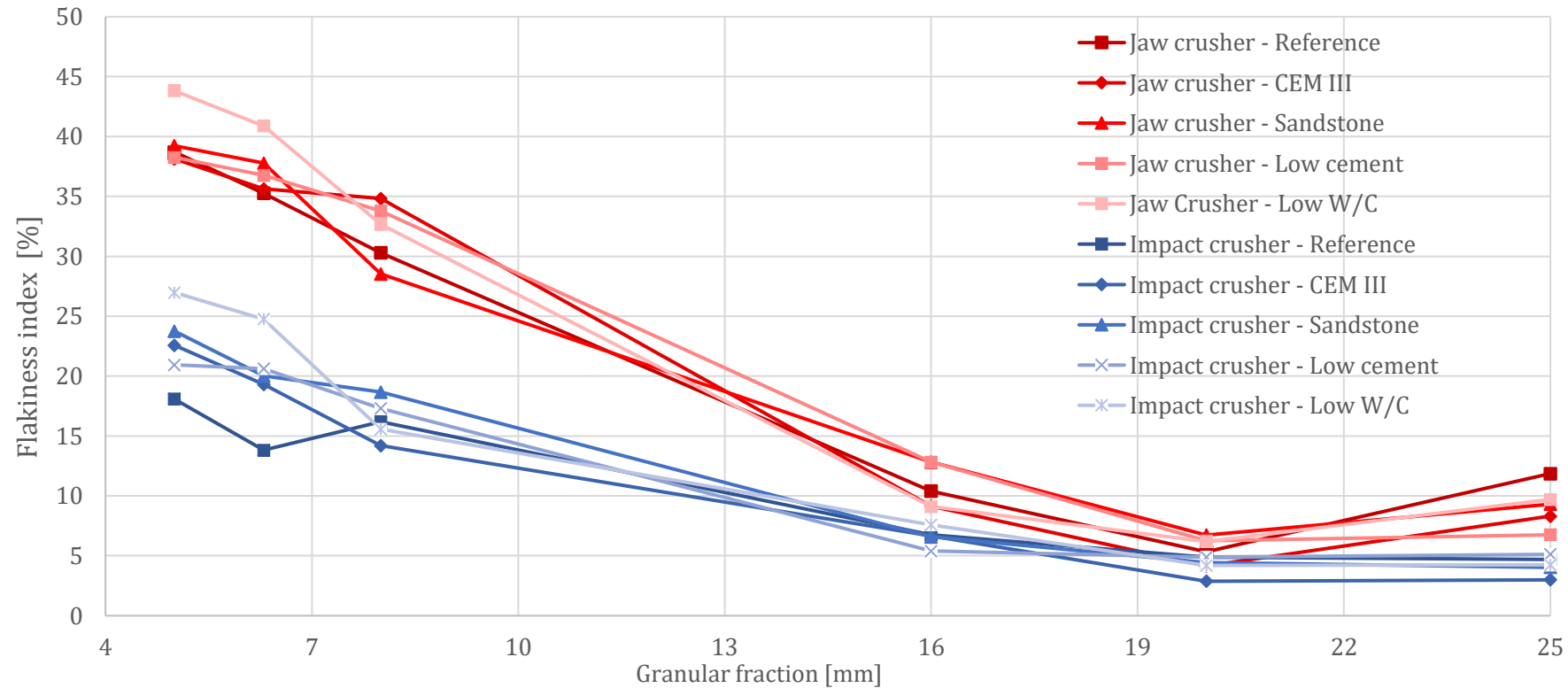


Results

Morphology

The flakiness index decreases with increasing granular fraction and the jaw crusher produces flakier aggregates

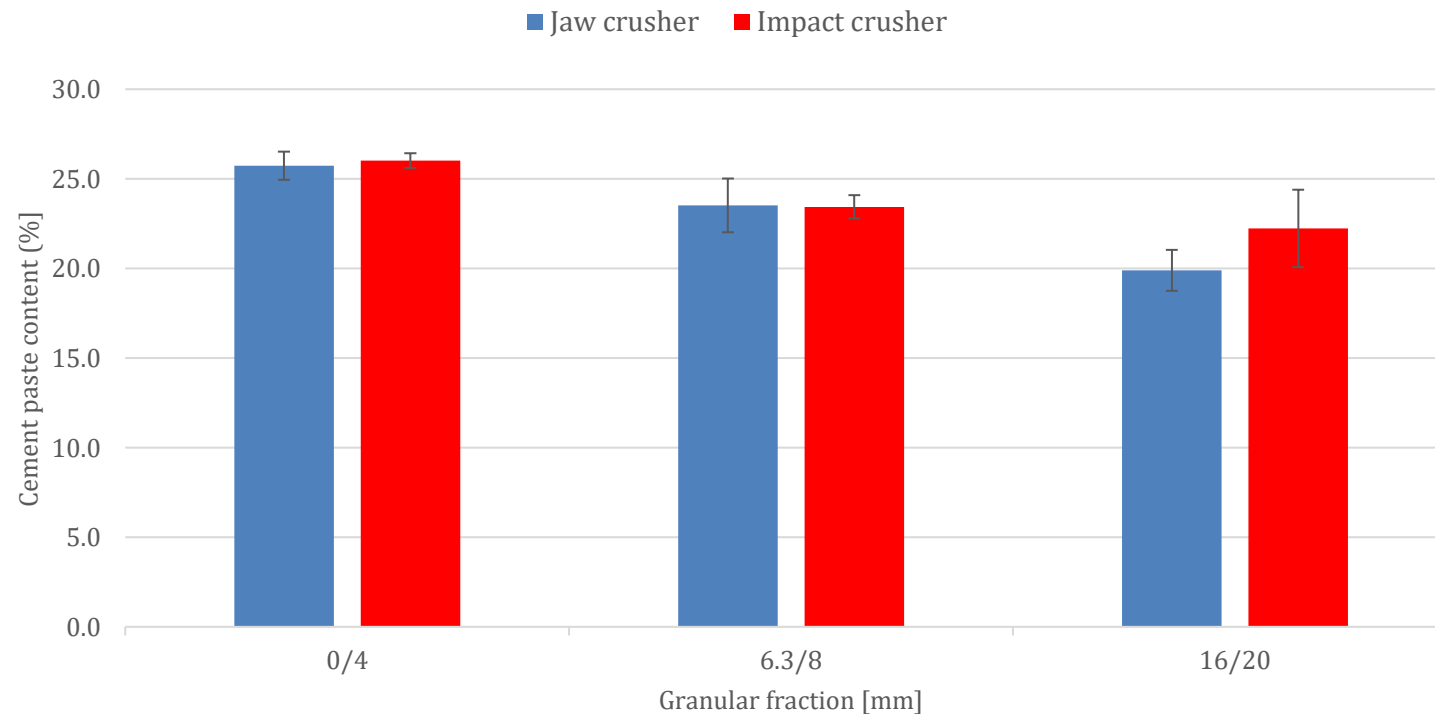
No influence of the concrete composition in the investigated range



Results

Cement paste content

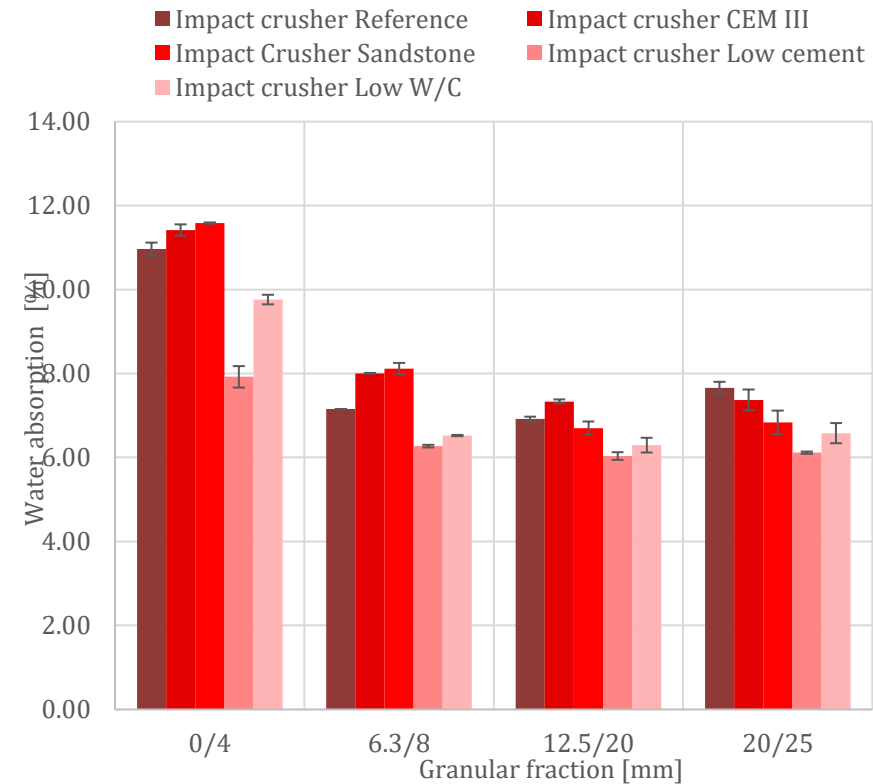
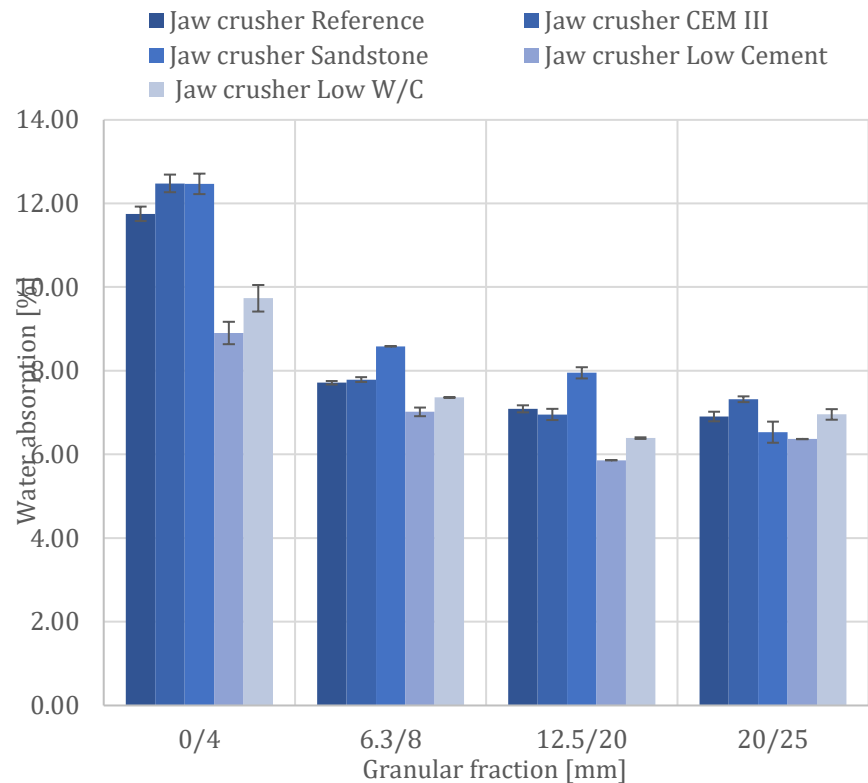
Decrease in cement paste content with increasing granular fraction
No influence of the crushing method



Results

Water absorption

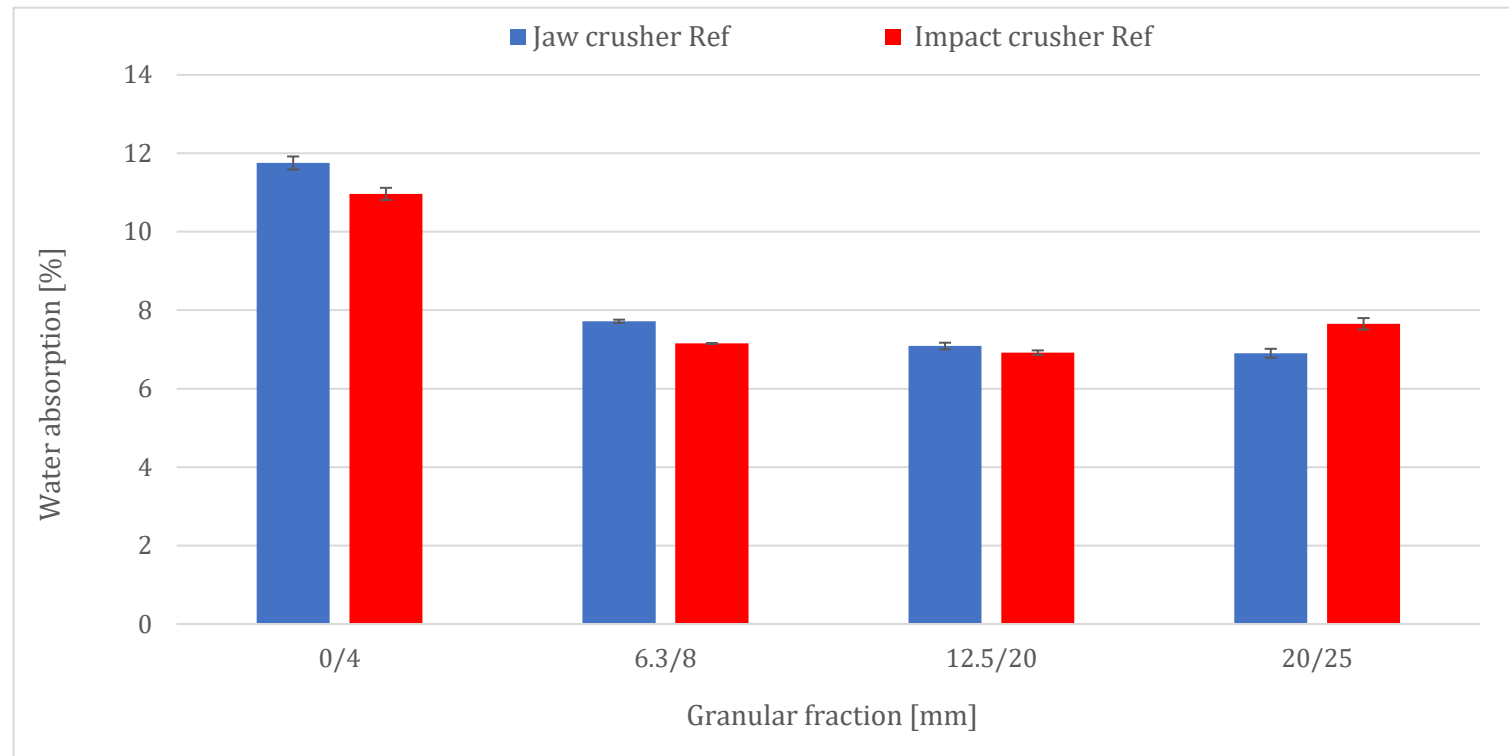
Decrease in water absorption with increasing granular fraction



Results

Water absorption

No significant influence of the crushing method on the water absorption of the recycled aggregates (for all tested composition)



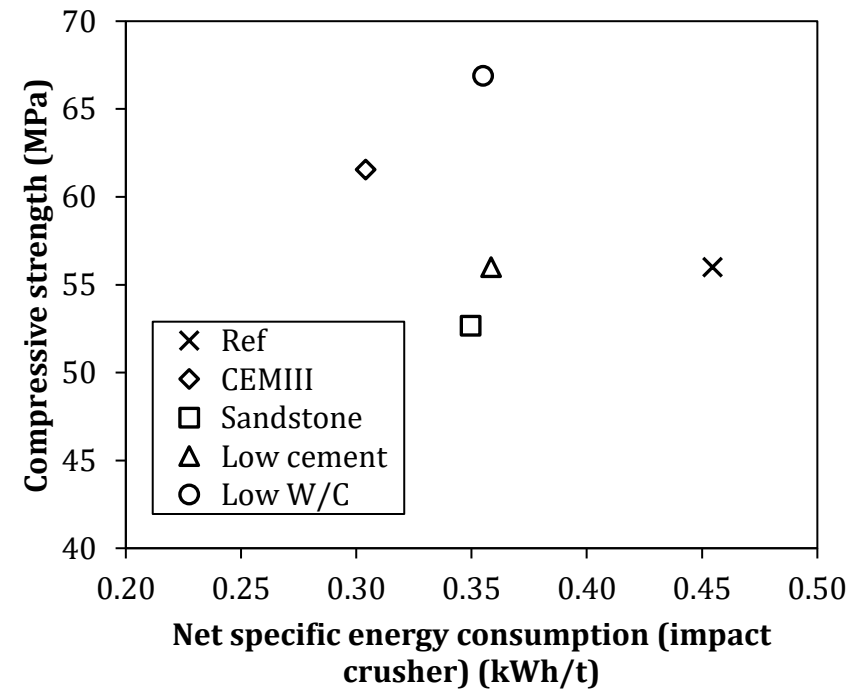
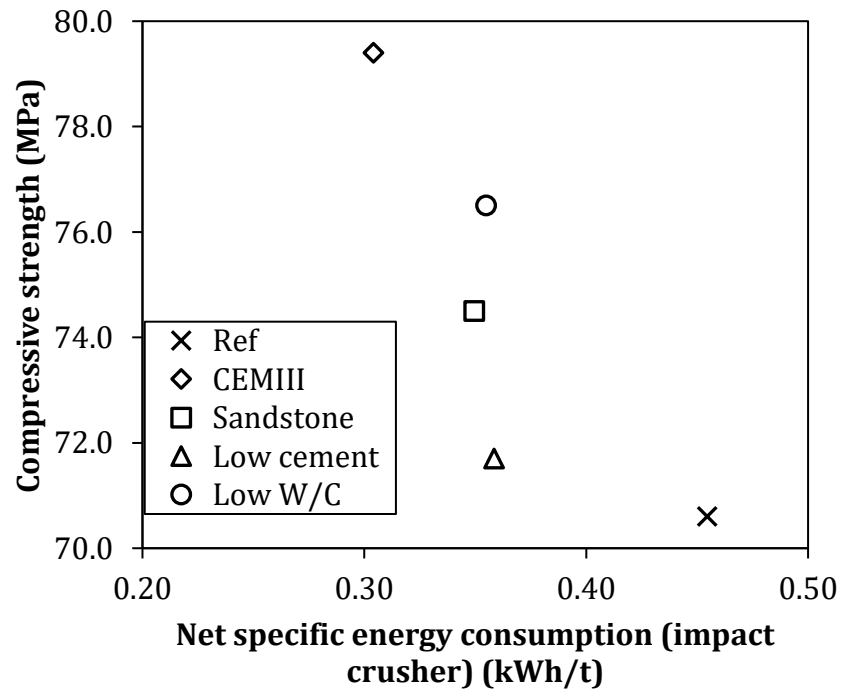
Energy consumption study

	Jaw crusher	Impact crusher
(a) Running power (kW)	1,8-2,0	6,5-6,6
(b) Mean net power (kW)	1,9-2,1	0,5-0,8
(c) Mean crushing duration (s)	200	252
(d) Crushed mass of material per hour (t/h)	2,0-2,3	1,6-1,7
(e) Net specific energy consumption (kWh/t) (b/d)	0,9-1,0	0,30-0,50
(f) Total specific energy consumption (kWh/t) ((a+b)/d)	1,8-1,9	4,1-4,5
(g) Percentage of energy consumed for crushing (=b/(a+b))	~50	~10

Crushing specific energy analysis

No correlation between jaw crusher specific energy consumption and impact crusher specific energy consumption

No correlation between specific energy consumption and compressive strength



Conclusion

	Impact crusher	Jaw crusher
Aggregates geometry	More spherical	-
Grain size distribution	-	More constrained
Fine content	-	Less fine content
Cement paste content	No influence	No influence
Water absorption	No influence	No influence
Energy consumption	-	Less consuming
Crushing duration	-	Shorter

Thank you for your attention

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Recycled Aggregates Concrete

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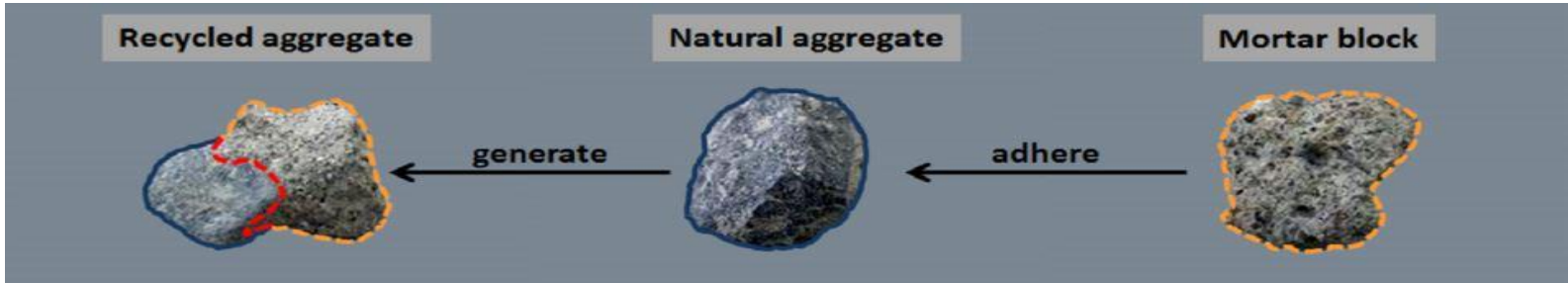
Luxembourg, June 2020

High water demand of RAC

Old mortar attached: the main differences between the properties of recycled aggregates and natural aggregates

Density,
Porosity,
Crushing index

Interfacial
Transition zone
(ITZ)



High water demand

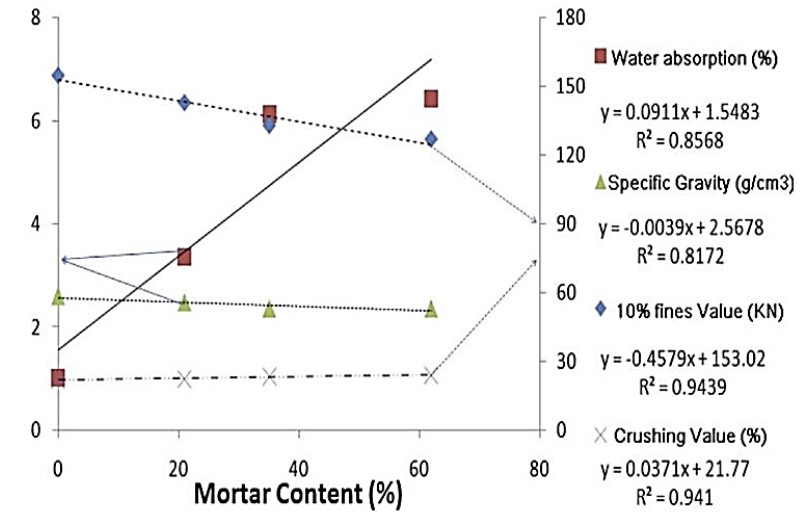
Part. size distribution and workability

Medium to high strength concrete

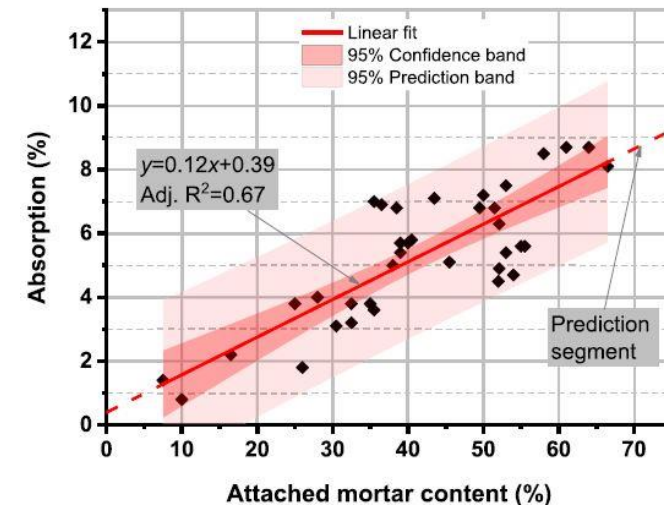
[1] T. Yoshikane, Present status of recycling waste cement concrete in Japan, Private Communication Research Laboratory Taiyu Kensetsu Co Ltd, Japan, 1988

High water demand of RAC

- The **higher the mortar content is, the higher the porosity of RA, and the higher the water absorption.**
- The **water absorption of RA is 2.3 to 4.6 times higher than that of natural aggregate, irrespective of the original concrete strength.** [3,4]
- The **high water demand of RA leads to a reduction of the workability of RA concrete.**
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[2] Z.H. Duan, C.S. Poon, Properties of recycled aggregate concrete made with recycled aggregates with different amounts of old adhered mortars, *Materials and Design* 58 (2014) 19-29



[5] Guoliang Bai, Chao Zhu, Chao Liu, Biao Liu, An evaluation of the recycled aggregate characteristics and the recycled aggregate concrete mechanical properties, *Constr. Buil. Mat.* 240 (2020) 117978

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Particle size distribution and workability of concrete

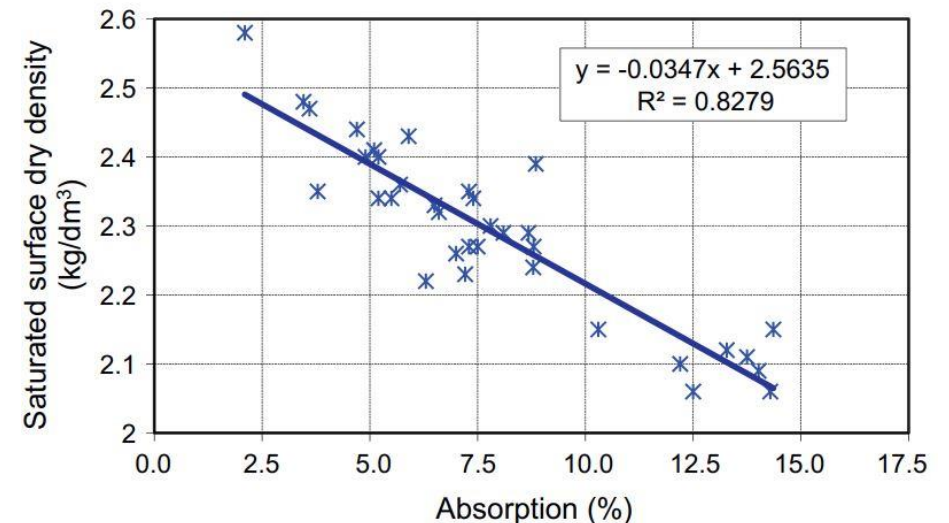
- The **adhered mortar content** increases with the **decrease** in the **aggregate size**.

As the RA gradually crumbles

Cement mortar accumulates in fines RA

Density of recycled fine aggregate decreases

- A proportion of **more than 20% recycled fine aggregate** results in a **large reduction of the workability**, a phenomenon linked to the saturated surface dry-density of RA.
- The **saturated surface dry density decreases** with the **absorption**, i.e. with the adhered mortar content, i.e. with the particle size distribution.



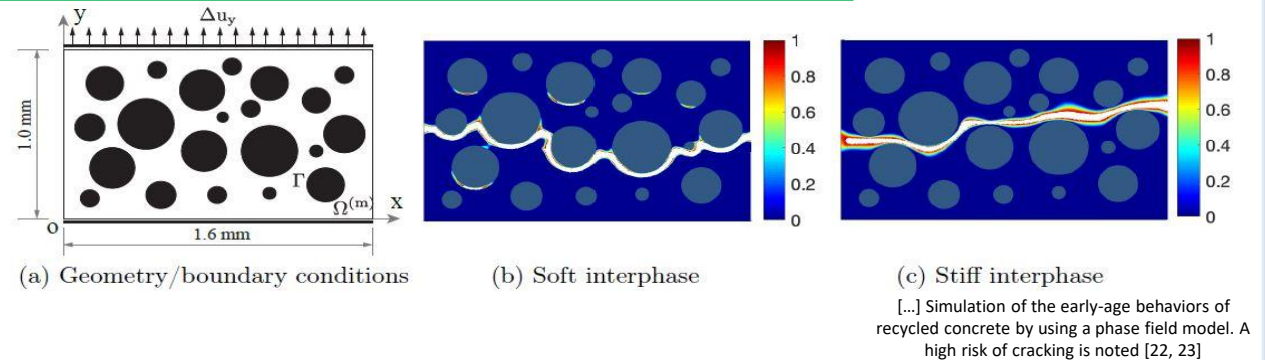
[6] F. Agrela et al., Limiting properties in the characterisation of mixed recycled aggregates for use in the manufacture of concrete

Development of medium to high strength concrete

- The interfacial transition zone strongly impact the performance of RA concrete



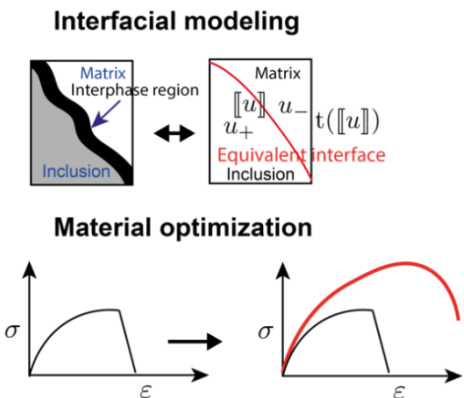
Soft interface provides a major interfacial cracking mode, while **stiff interface** induces a main bulk cracking behavior.



- An enhancement of the ITZ performance results in an improvement of the compressive strength of RA concrete.

The ITZ enhancement could be achieved by:

- 1- A two stage mixing approach for improving the micro structure of old adhered mortar.
- 2- A separation of adhered mortar or a treatment with a polymer solution



Development of medium to high strength concrete

Mixing procedure

WHY?

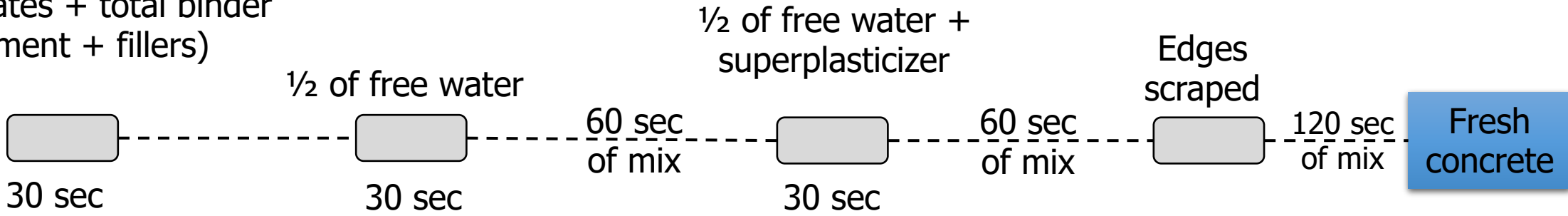
- ❑ Improve the microstructure of old mortar
- ❑ Enhance the performance of the ITZ by producing a thin layer of cement slurry on RA.

High water demand

Part. size distribution and workability

Medium to high strength concrete

Aggregates + total binder (cement + fillers)



Development of medium to high strength concrete

- It is already known that the **concrete compressive strength decreases with the increase of the replacement rate of NA with recycled ones**, irrespective of aggregate type.



Low performance of the **Interfacial Transition Zone**
Low bonding between **old attached mortars** and the **fresh mortar paste**

High-Strength Concrete

Micro-silica ~ 2% of the binder weight
 Superplasticizer ~ 3 % of the binder weight
 Binder to aggregate ratio ~ 1:3.6
 Water to binder ratio w/b ~ 0.35
 Particle size skeleton reconstructed

$$f_{c,28} = 58.5 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E = 29500 \text{ MPa}$$

SeRaMCo

Developed concretes using
 100% of recycled aggregates
 from known origin

Open Structure Concrete

Micro-silica ~ 2% of the binder weight
 Binder to aggregate ratio ~ 1:2.9
 Water to binder ratio w/b ~ 0.35
 Particle size skeleton reconstructed

$$f_{c,28} = 5.7 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E = 1500 \text{ MPa}$$

Self-Compacting Concrete

Master air ~ 0.15% of the binder weight
 Superplasticizer ~ 1.5 % of the binder weight
 Binder to aggregate ratio ~ 1:3.1
 Water to binder ratio w/b ~ 0.35
 Particle size skeleton reconstructed

$$f_{c,28} = 32.4 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E = 6700 \text{ MPa}$$

High water demand

Part. size distribution and workability

Medium to high strength concrete



Villmools Merci!



Concrete containing recycled aggregates from unknown origin

Development of new mixes for structural precast elements and pavement blocks



Anja Tusch

Development of different new concrete mixes containing recycled aggregates from unknown origin

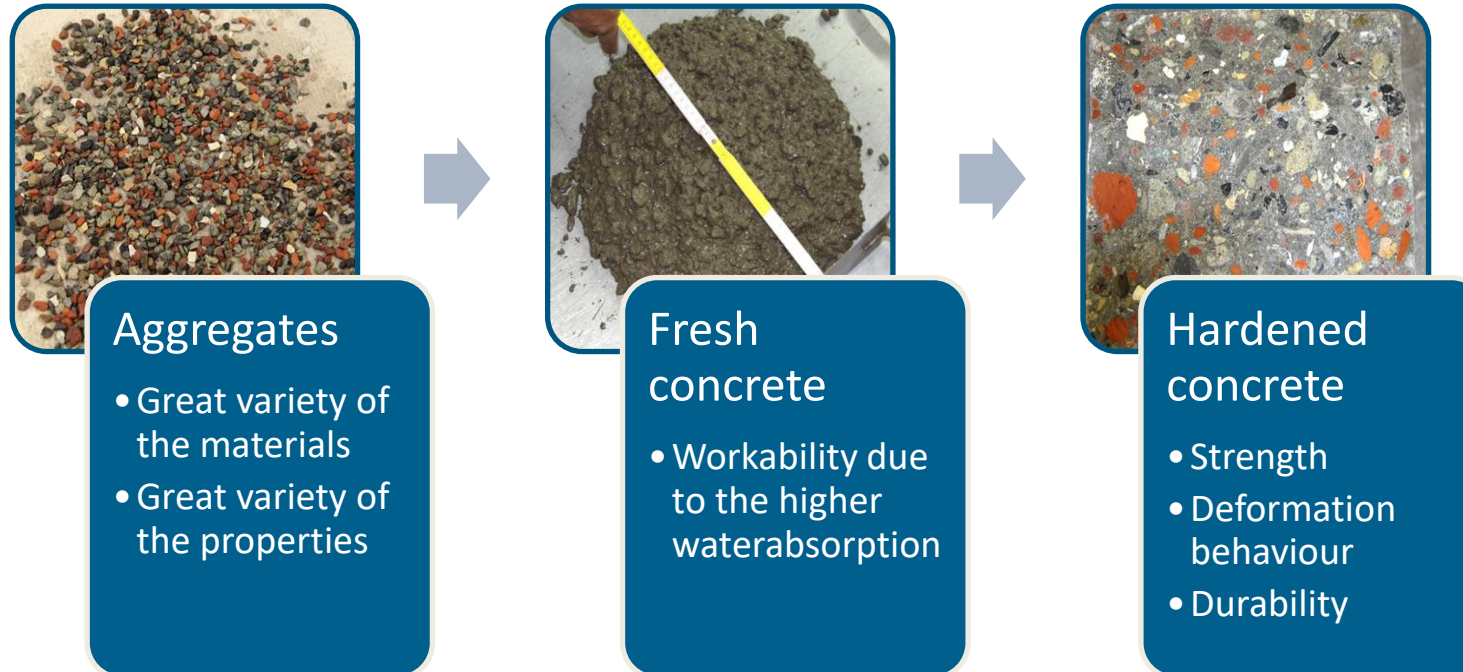
Recycled aggregates



Concrete



Production of concrete containing recycled aggregates from unknown origin causes some challenges:



Mixture for the production of structural elements

Mixture for the production of non-structural elements

Rammed concrete

Salty concrete



Crushed concrete

Type A (except R_a)

WA24: 4–5 %

Density: 2.3 kg/dm³

Fractions: 2-6 mm, 6-14 mm, 14-22 mm



Mixed aggregates

Type B (except R_a)

WA24: 6-9 %

Density: 2.2 kg/dm³

Fractions: 2-6 mm, 6-14 mm, 14-22 mm

Mixture for the production of structural elements

Mixture for the production of non-structural elements/ Pavement

Starting point: Development of a concrete mixture, which can be used for different structural elements

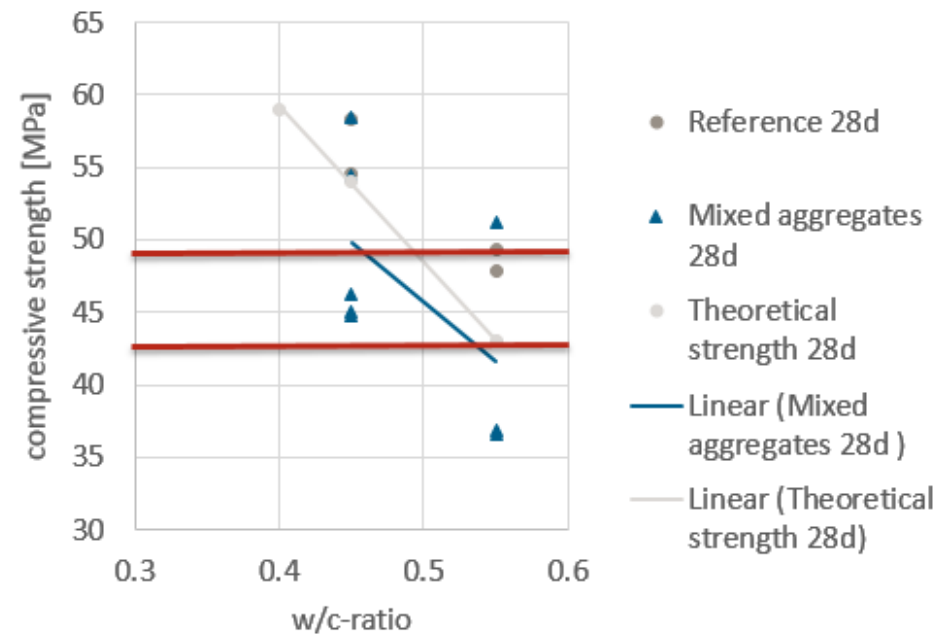
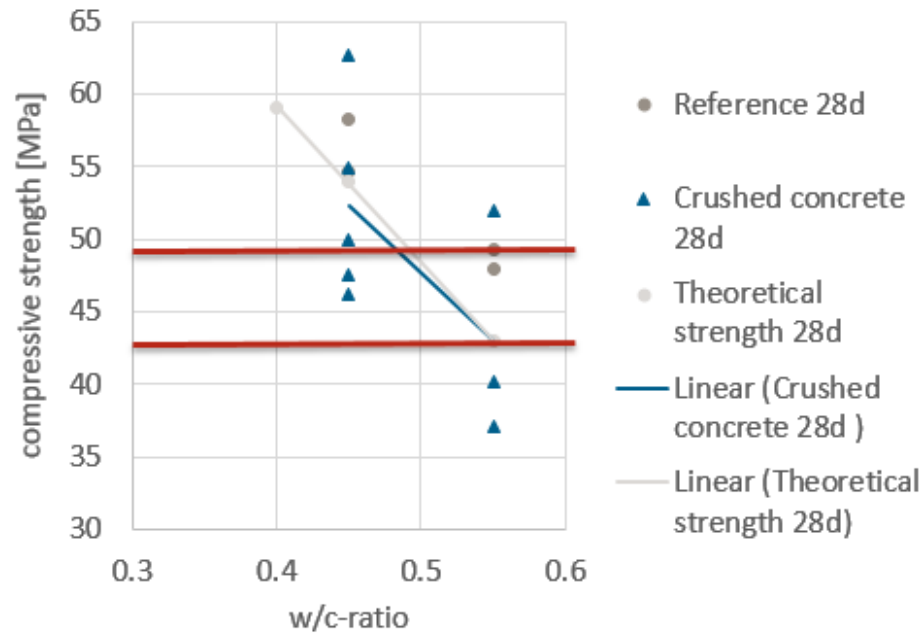
Challenge: The products are not known yet and the mixture has to be very variably

Planned test procedure:

- Design a mixture which is able to match C 30/37 by using a standard CEM I 42.5 and recycled aggregates
- Using two different w/c ratios for the concreting of the mixture → w/c: 0.45; 0.55
- Verify the results by using different cements → CEM II 42.5; CEM I 52.5

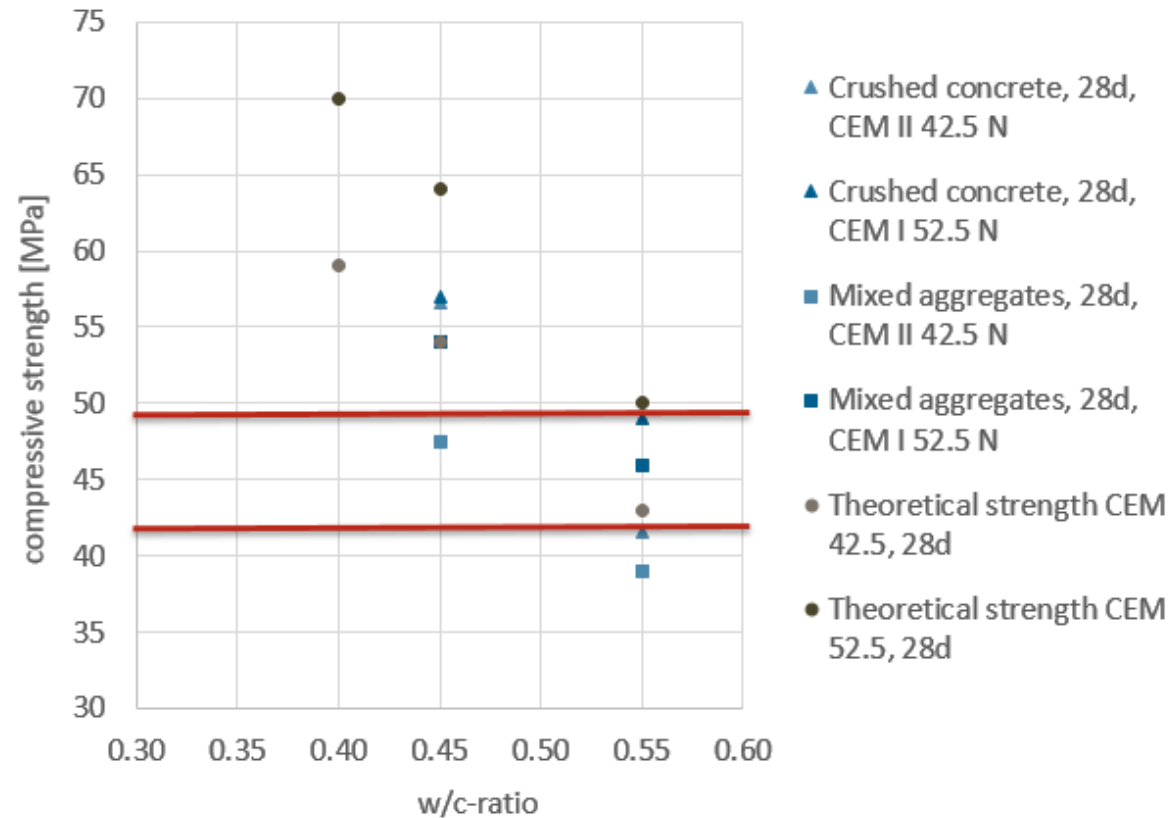


Results test series 1:



The variations of the w/c ratio results in a scattering of the compressive strength

Results test series 2:



Mixture for the production of structural elements

Mixture for the production of non-structural elements/ Pavement

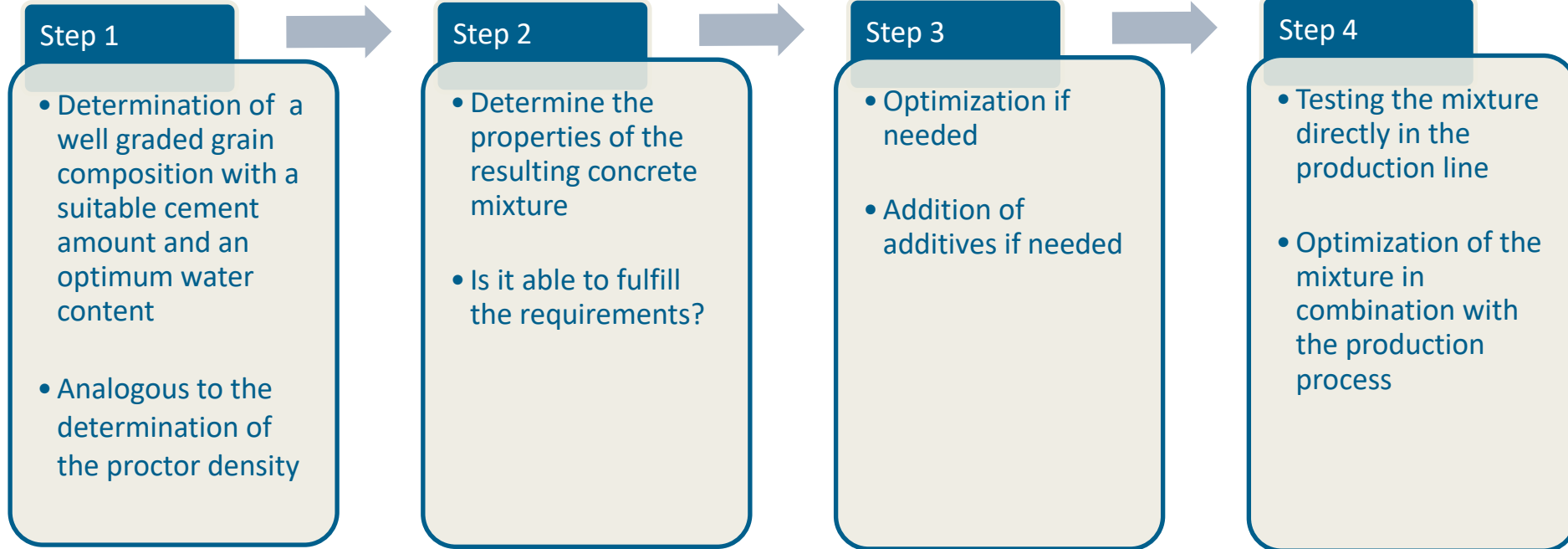
Requirements:

- Slump 0 (earth-moist concrete)
- High early age strength
- The resulting concrete has to fulfill the standards of EN 1338

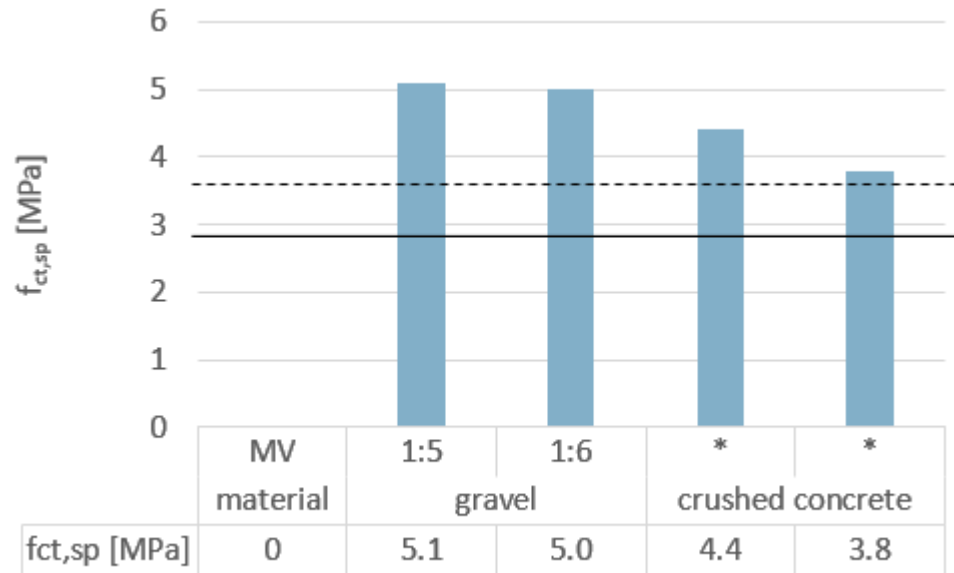
Challenge: Properties of the product depend on the mixture as well as on the used process technology



Test procedure:



First results



Procedure to find a suitable mixture:

- Selection of aggregates
- Determination of average cement content (corresponds to mixing ratio)
- Determination of the optimum water content in the test
- Preparation of samples and determination of strength (applying strength by cement content)
- Calculation of the mixture composition from the ingredients

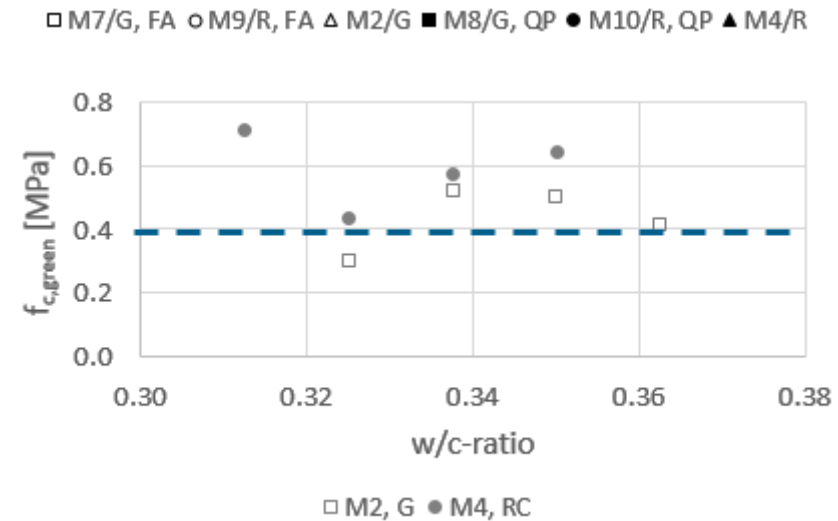
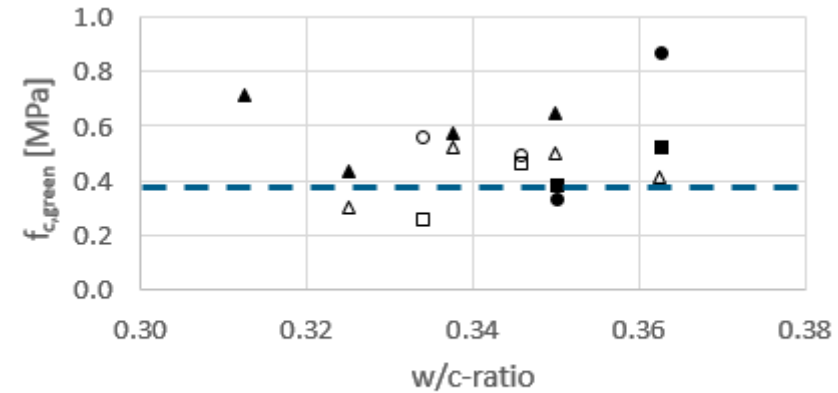
Results green strength

Parameter	Influence
Water content	Most important (optimum = W_{opt})
Concrete composition (cement content and specific surface!)	Increasing with increasing cement content and specific surface
Grading curve of aggregates	Minor influence
Admixtures/additives	Depends on individual case (mixing ratio, added amount)
Compaction energy	Important



Results green strength

Mix	Mixing ratio	W	C	FA	QP	Aggregates
1	1:6	x	x	0	0	Gravel
2	1:5	x	x	0	0	Crushed concrete
3	1:6	x	x	0	0	Gravel
4	1:5	x	x	0	0	Crushed concrete
5	1:5	x	x	x	0	Gravel
6	1:5	x	x	0	x	Gravel
7	1:5	x	x	x	0	Gravel
8	1:5	x	x	0	x	Gravel
9	1:5	x	x	x	0	Crushed concrete
10	1:5	x	x	0	x	Crushed concrete



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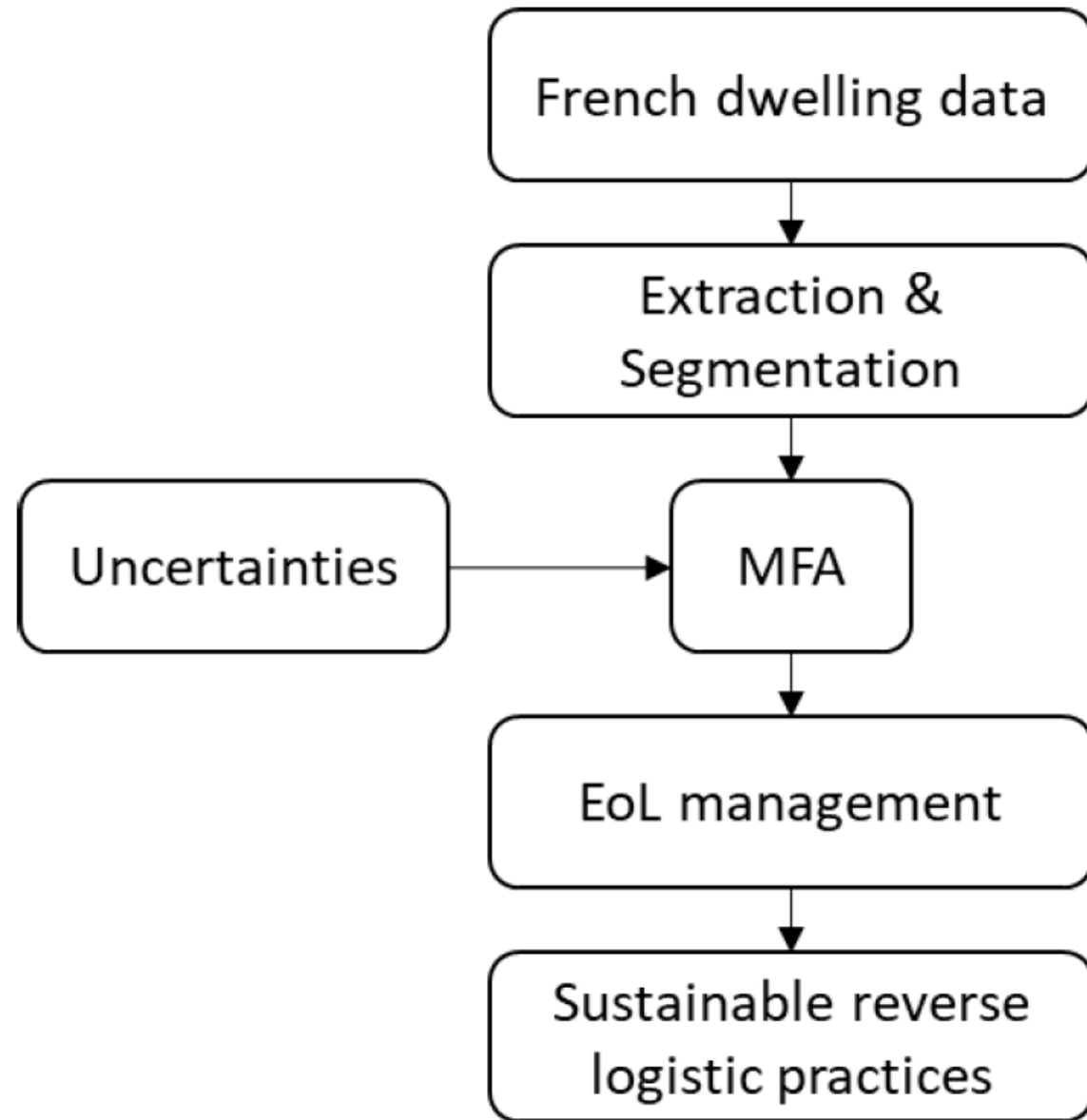
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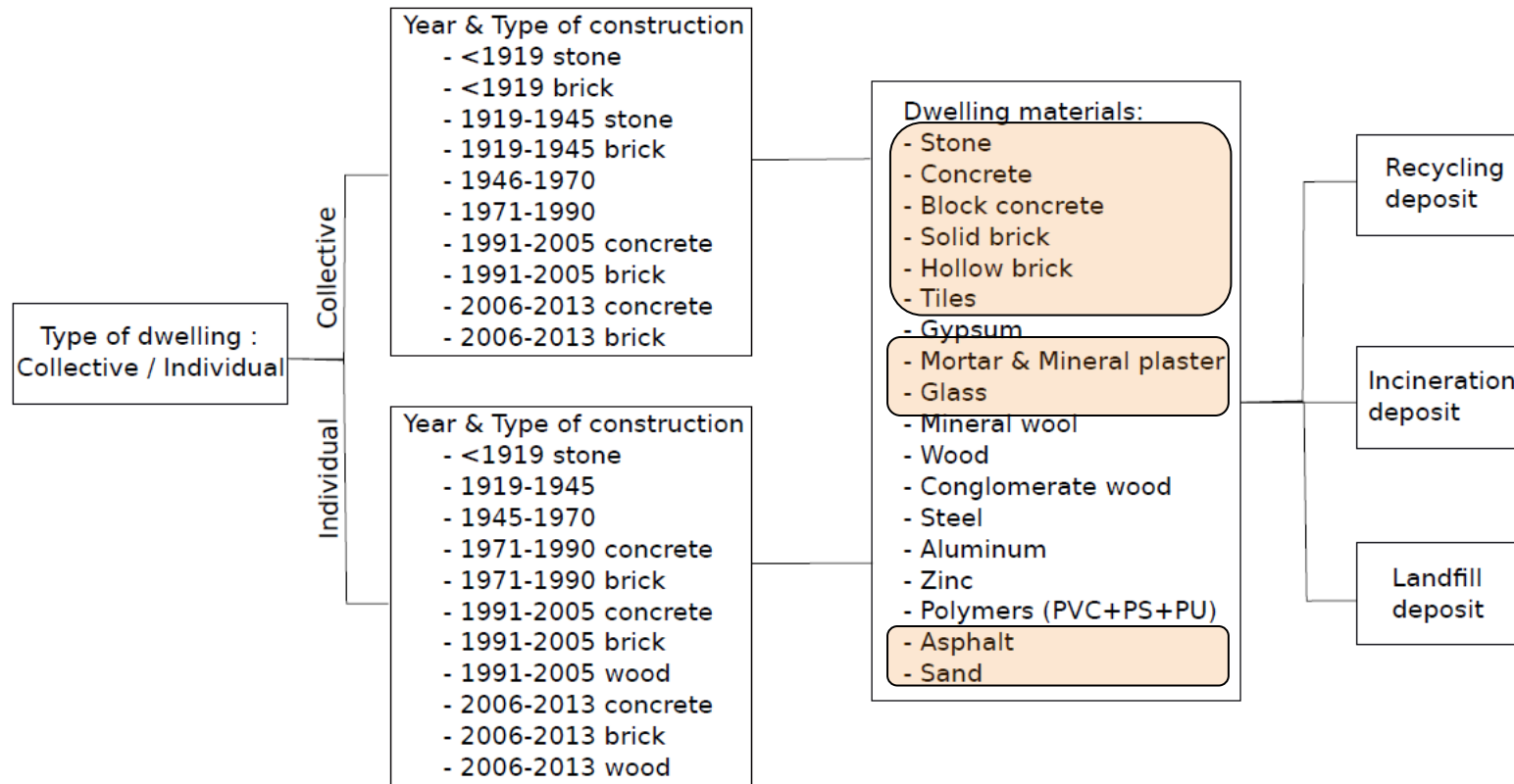
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- Methods
- Results in nutshell
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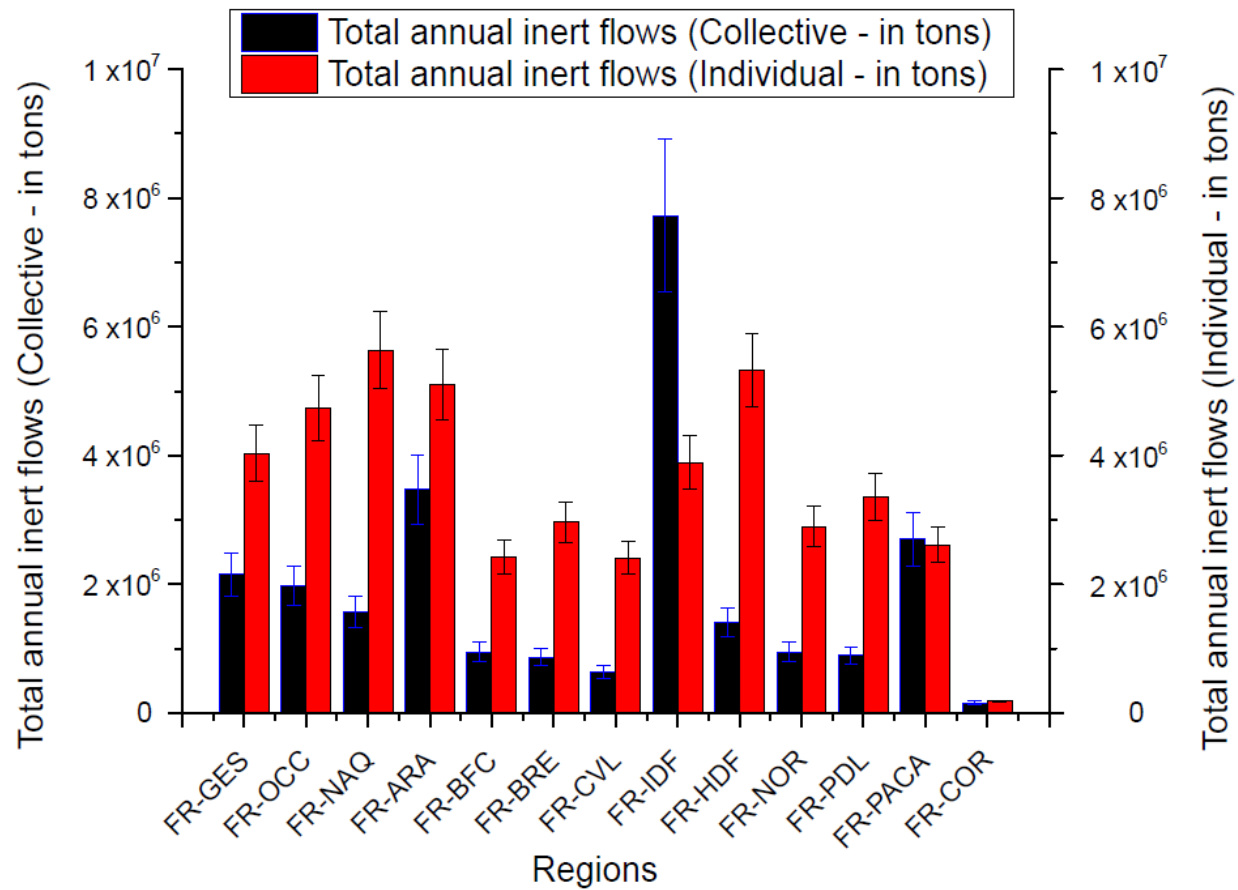
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Model Framework

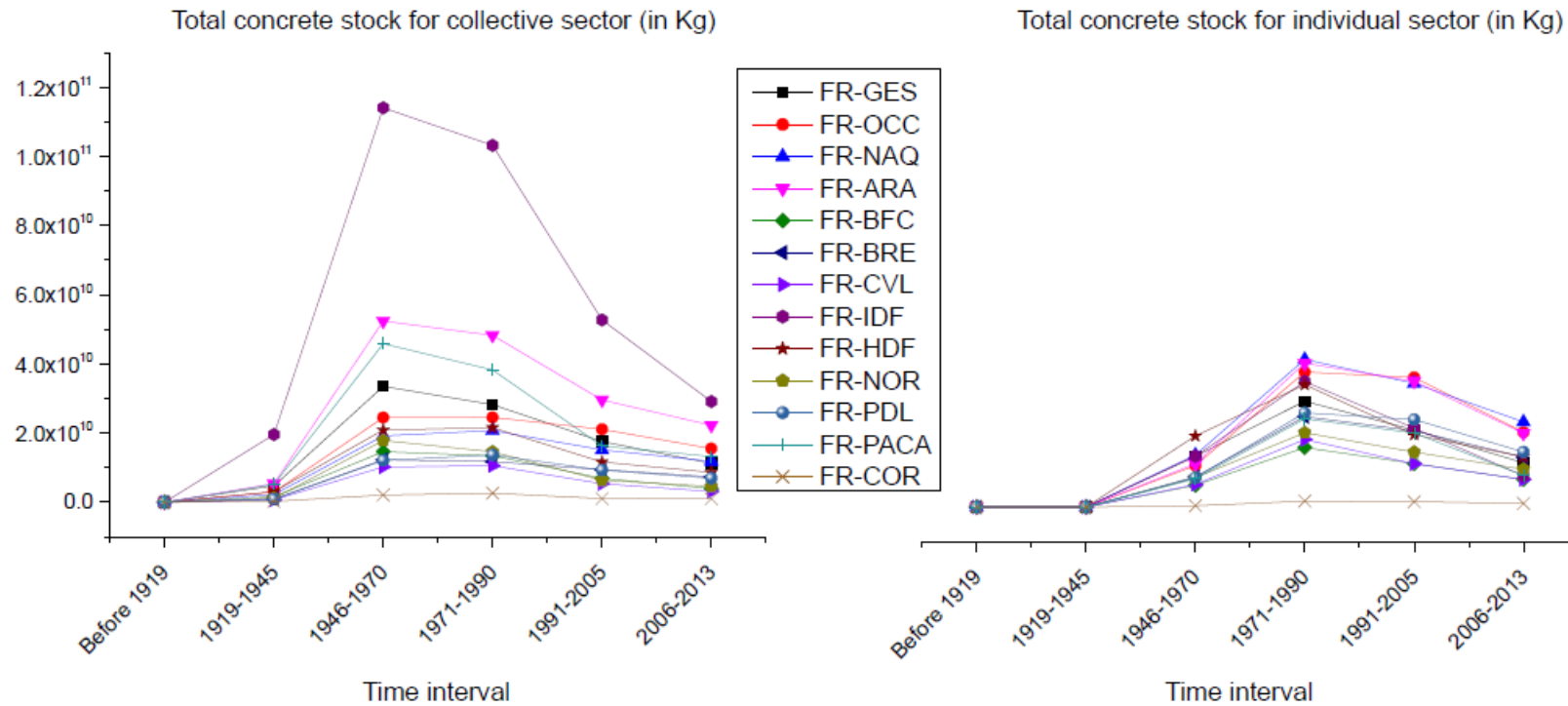




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Annual flows from inert wastes



Chronological concrete flows generated in French regions from collective (left) and individual (right) dwellings

➤ Annual recycled inert wastes (regional)

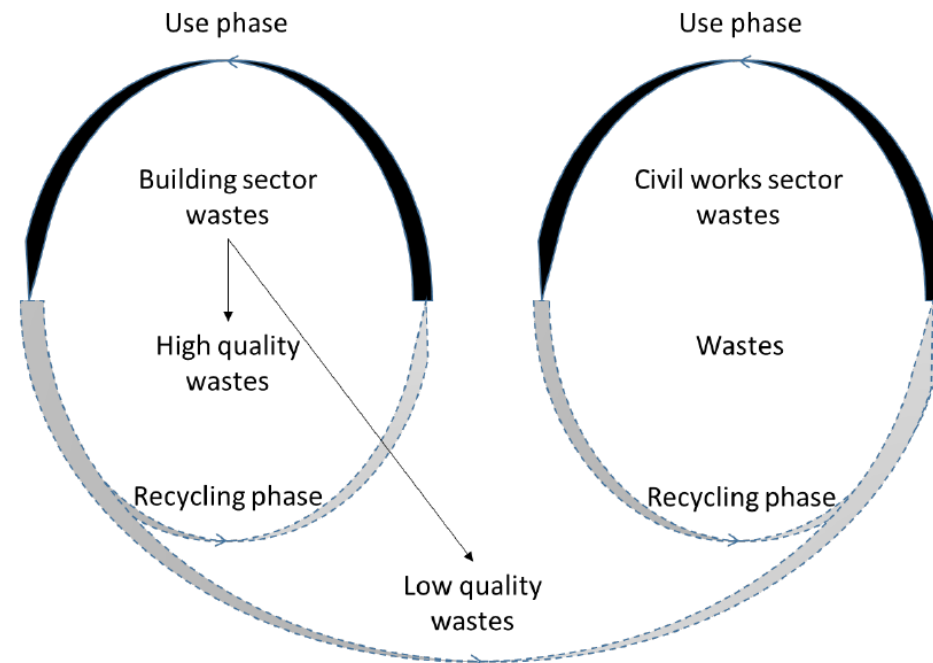
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➤ Regional natural resource depletion (NA)

Sustainability criterion



- Towards circular economy in the construction sector (locks and opportunities)
- MCDA of recycling processes of CDW
- Environmental assessment of the reverse logistic process



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