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Innovatieve betonmengsels:
labo-piloot-implementatie

28/03/2025 – living labs event

A photograph of three men in a warehouse or workshop setting, all wearing dark-colored sweatshirts with the Resourcefull logo. They are looking down at something in the man on the left's hands. The background shows shelves with boxes and materials. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Enabling **low impact** building materials,
shoulder to shoulder with our customers.



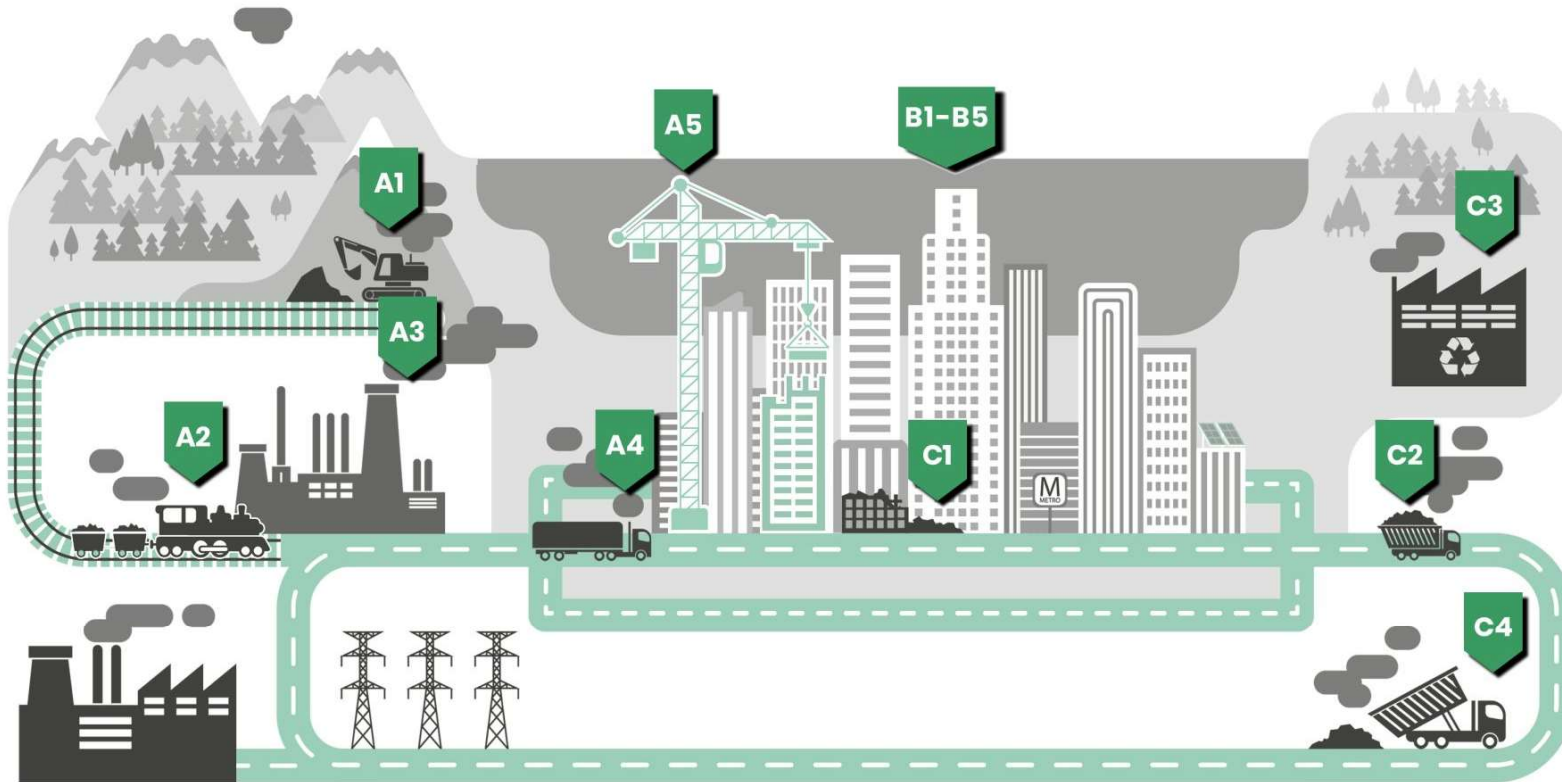
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Agenda

- **Waarom ecologische beton?**
- **Hoe pakken we dat aan, van labo naar piloot naar implementatie?**
 - **Koperslak: van reststroom naar 250 m³ kwalitatieve beton**
 - **Nog meer voorbeelden**
- **Conclusie**



Sources of embodied carbon across the construction lifecycle



A1 - A3 Product stage

- A1 Raw material extraction
- A2 Transport to manufacturing site
- A3 Manufacturing

A4 - A5 Construction stage

- A4 Transport to construction site
- A5 Installation / Assembly

B1 - B5 Use stage

- B1 Use
- B2 Maintenance
- B3 Repair
- B4 Replacement
- B5 Refurbishment

C1 - C4 End of life stage

- C1 Deconstruction & demolition
- C2 Transport
- C3 Waste processing
- C4 Disposal



ECO-footprint: concrete element

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DATA

CORE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INDICATORS – EN 15804+A2, PEF

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP – total ¹⁾	kg CO ₂ e	2,23E+02	1,82E+01	3,02E+00	2,44E+02	2,26E+01	1,22E+01	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	7,98E+00	7,36E+00	1,29E+01	6,36E-01	3,04E+00
GWP – fossil	kg CO ₂ e	2,23E+02	1,82E+01	3,02E+00	2,44E+02	2,26E+01	1,22E+01	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	7,98E+00	7,35E+00	1,29E+01	6,35E-01	2,84E+00
GWP – biogenic	kg CO ₂ e	2,38E-02	8,16E-03	1,06E-03	3,30E-02	8,75E-03	2,23E-03	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	1,46E-03	2,84E-03	2,36E-03	4,13E-04	2,07E-01
GWP – LULUC	kg CO ₂ e	1,52E-02	1,35E-02	4,95E-04	2,92E-02	8,34E-03	1,21E-03	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	7,94E-04	2,71E-03	1,28E-03	5,99E-04	-2,37E-03
Ozone depletion pot.	kg CFC ₁₁ e	8,45E-06	4,00E-06	5,20E-07	1,30E-05	5,20E-06	2,60E-06	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	1,70E-06	1,69E-06	2,75E-06	2,57E-07	-3,19E-07
Acidification potential	mol H ⁺ e	1,15E+00	9,96E-02	1,83E-02	1,27E+00	9,58E-02	1,27E-01	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	8,29E-02	3,11E-02	1,34E-01	5,97E-03	-4,88E-02
EP-freshwater ²⁾	kg Pe	5,05E-03	1,62E-04	1,72E-05	5,23E-03	1,85E-04	4,04E-05	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	2,64E-05	6,02E-05	4,27E-05	6,65E-06	-8,37E-05
EP-marine	kg Ne	4,03E-02	3,49E-02	7,49E-03	8,27E-02	2,85E-02	5,60E-02	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	3,67E-02	9,25E-03	5,92E-02	2,07E-03	-2,81E-02
EP-terrestrial	mol Ne	3,13E+00	3,84E-01	8,19E-02	3,60E+00	3,14E-01	6,14E-01	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	4,02E-01	1,02E-01	6,50E-01	2,27E-02	-4,28E-01
POCP (“smog”) ³⁾	kg NMVOCe	7,34E-01	1,11E-01	2,30E-02	8,68E-01	1,00E-01	1,69E-01	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	1,11E-01	3,26E-02	1,79E-01	6,61E-03	-8,47E-02
ADP-minerals & metals ⁴⁾	kg Sbe	1,02E-04	4,12E-05	1,51E-05	1,59E-04	5,30E-05	6,17E-06	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	4,04E-06	1,72E-05	6,53E-06	1,46E-06	-6,44E-06
ADP-fossil resources	MJ	1,37E+03	2,64E+02	4,42E+01	1,68E+03	3,40E+02	1,64E+02	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	1,07E+02	1,10E+02	1,73E+02	1,74E+01	5,45E+01
Water use ⁵⁾	m ³ e depr.	1,81E+01	1,30E+00	2,14E-01	1,96E+01	1,52E+00	4,40E-01	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	2,88E-01	4,94E-01	4,66E-01	5,52E-02	-1,49E+00

1) GWP = Global Warming Potential; 2) EP = Eutrophication potential. Required characterisation method and data are in kg P-eq. Multiply by 3,07 to get PO4e; 3) POCP = Photochemical ozone formation; 4) ADP = Abiotic depletion potential; 5) EN 15804+A2 disclaimer for Abiotic depletion and Water use and optional indicators except Particulate matter and Ionizing radiation, human health. The results of these environmental impact indicators shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.



Ecologische voetafdruk: grondstoffen



water

1
kg CO₂ / ton



aggregates

10
kg CO₂ / ton



SCM

30 - 100
kg CO₂ / ton



CEM I 52,5 R

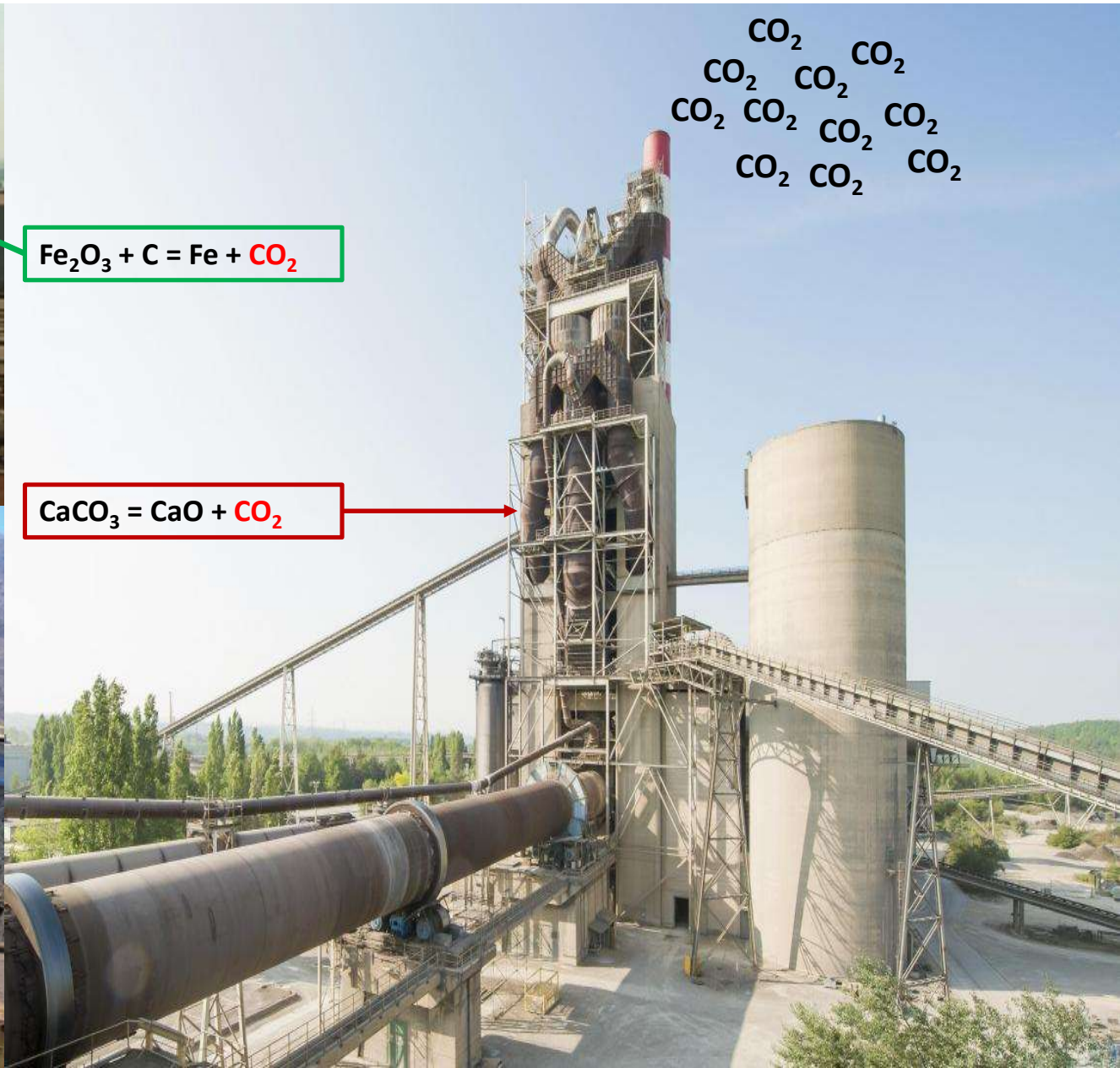
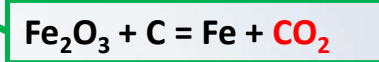
1000
kg CO₂ / ton



steel

2000
kg CO₂ / ton





Concrete is the most used man-made material in the world

12.500.000.000 m³ per year



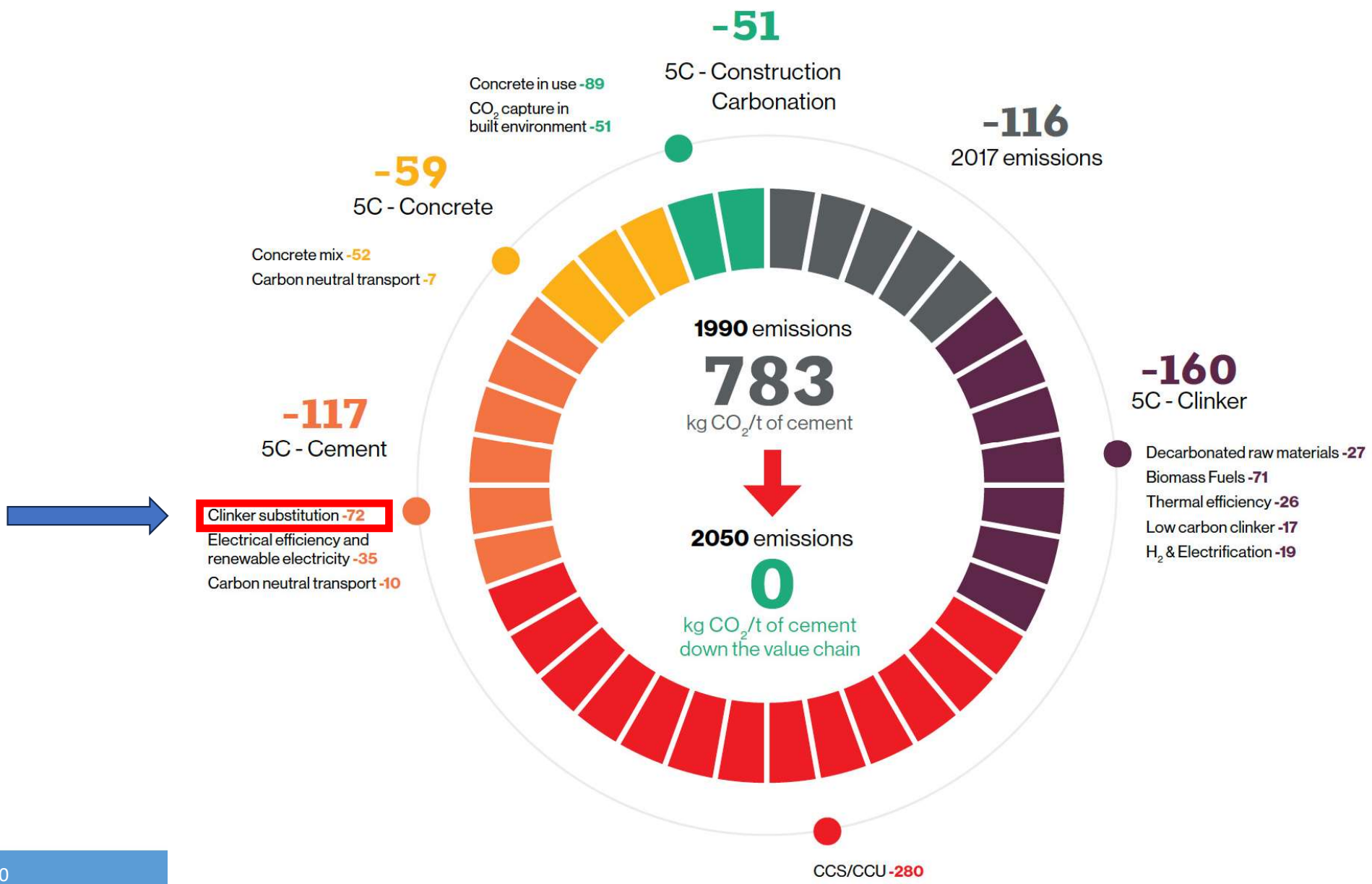
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Belgium can be covered by 40cm of concrete





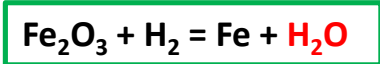
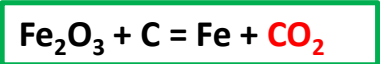
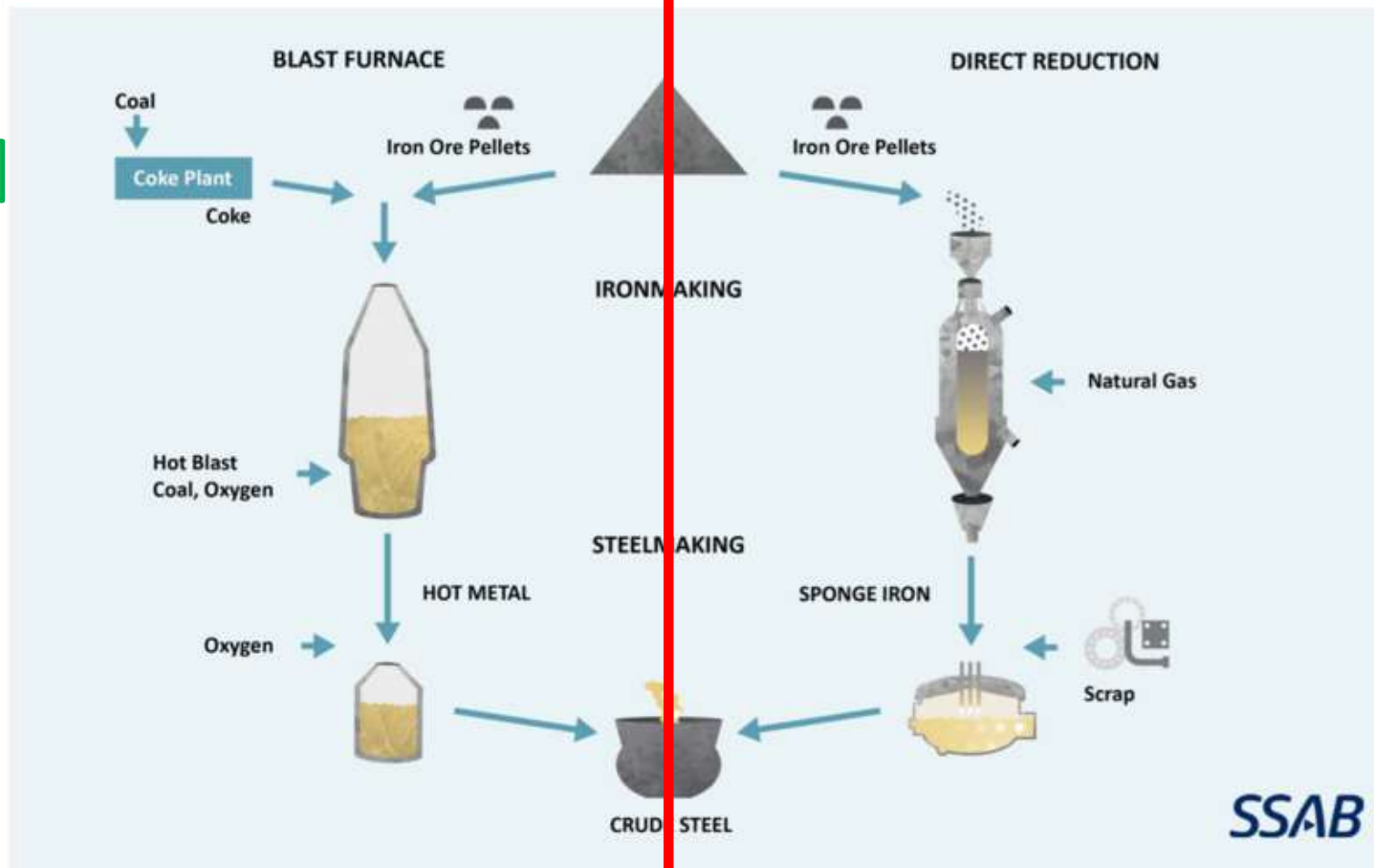
CO₂-free cement: carbon capture



CO₂-free steel: electrical and with hydrogen

Current flowsheet

Future flowsheet



ECO-footprint: raw materials



water

1
kg CO₂ / ton



aggregates

10
kg CO₂ / ton



SCM

30 - 100
kg CO₂ / ton



CEM I 52,5 R

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kg CO₂ / ton



steel

2000
kg CO₂ / ton



Residue waste piles



**Non-existing or
low value
applications**

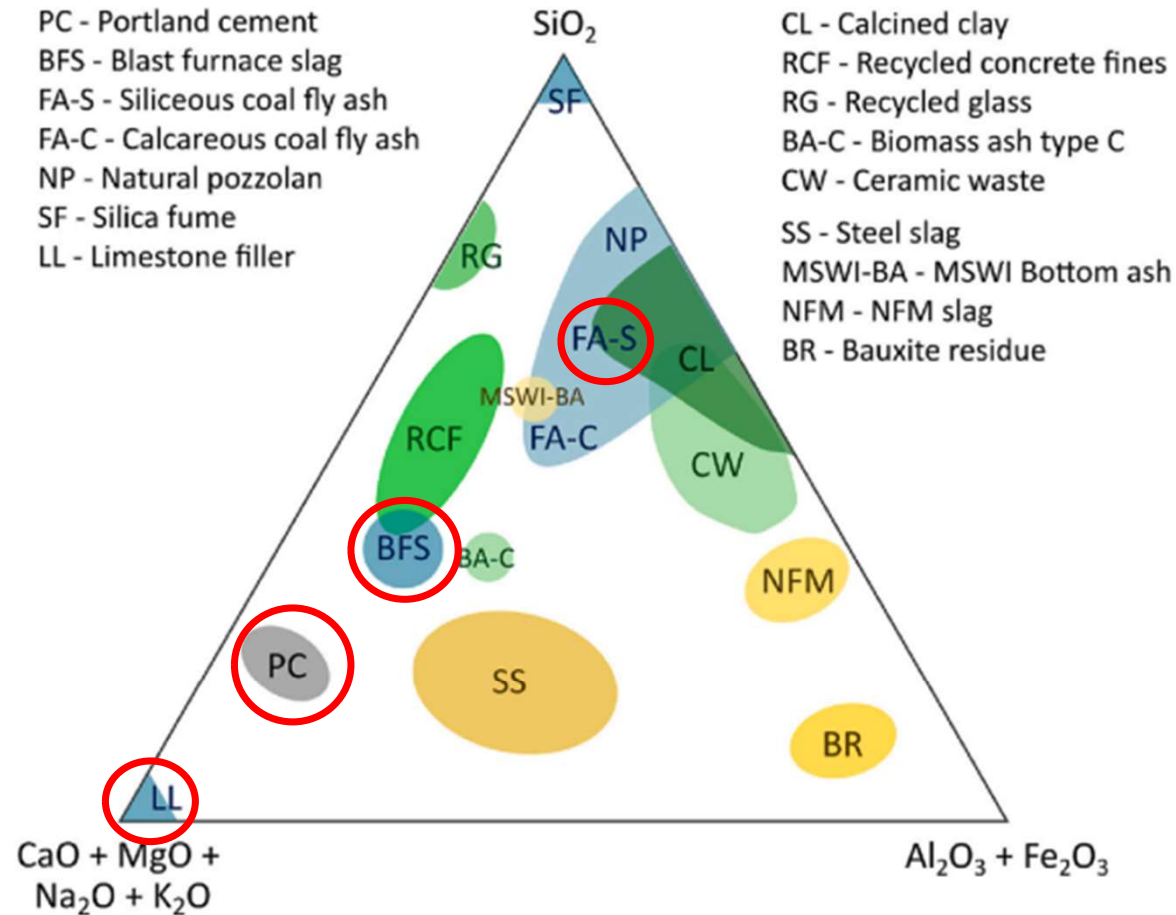














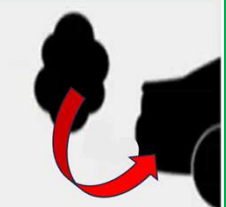
Fig. 1. The chemical composition ranges of common, emerging and future SCMs in a ternary diagram of (earth)alkalis–silica–alumina/iron oxide (in wt%). NFM stands for “non-ferrous metallurgical”, MSWI for “municipal solid waste incineration”. Commonly used SCMs and fillers are in green shades and emerging SCM sources are in yellow shades. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)







Binders vs. Auto's

	 CONVENTIONAL	 CNG	 PLUG-IN HYBRID	 ALL-ELECTRIC	 ALL-ELECTRIC	
EMISSIONS						
	Traditional Concrete (CEM I)	Conventional Concrete Technology	Hybrid binder technology	Alkali-silicate binder technology	Steel Slag binder technology	Carbon Capture and Usage

Labo – piloot - implementatie



The story of the copperslag



Your engineering partner for low carbon concrete



1



Pre-treatment and analysis

- Chemical analysis
- Mineral analysis
- Crushing/grinding
- Sizing and separation
- Thermal processing

2



Binder development

- Alkali activation
- Cement replacement
- Acid activation
- Carbonation
- Mg-cement
- Ceramics

3



Product development

- 3D-printing mortar
- Acid resistant mortar
- Floor screed
- Ready-mix concrete
- UHPC

4



Performance testing

- Aggregate testing
- Workability
- Strength testing
- Freeze-Thaw
- Carbonation

5



Scale - up

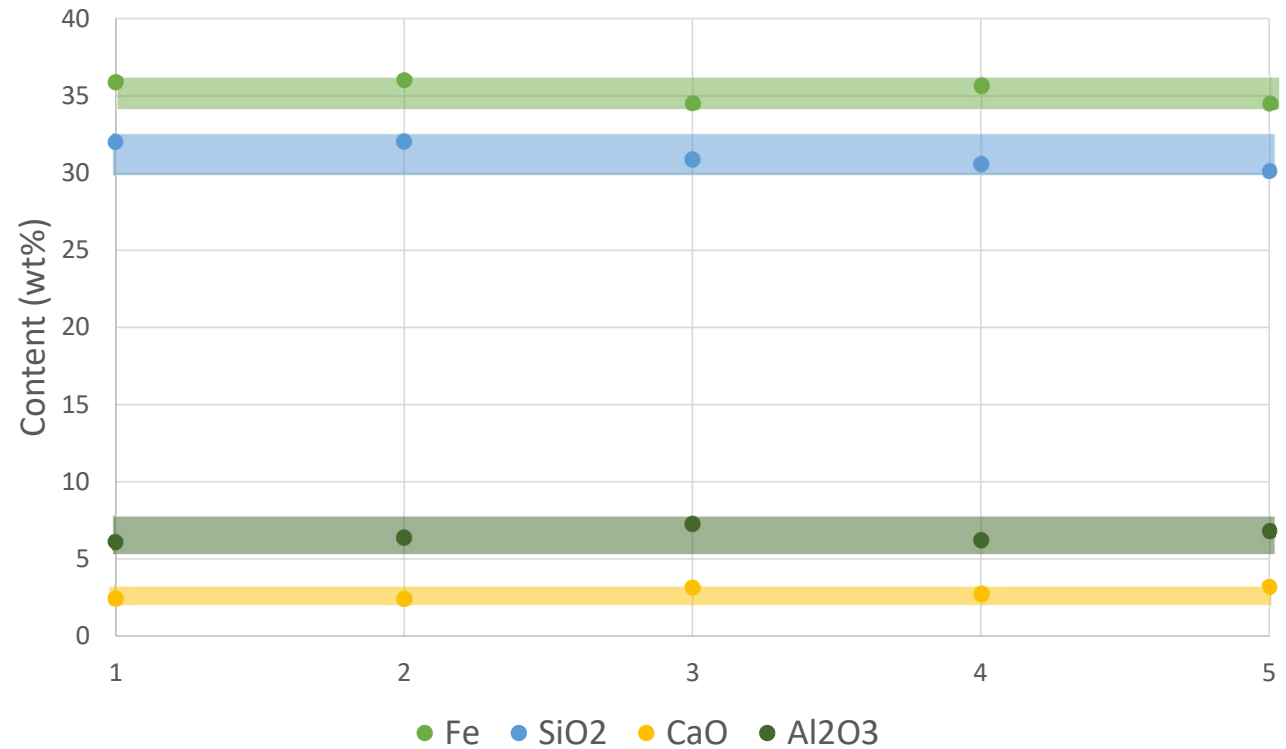
- Industrial implementation
- LCA
- Waste legislation
- Building legislation

Copper slag

Monitoring gedurende 3 maanden:

- Chemical variabiliteit
- Mineralogie
- Fe-oxidatie staat

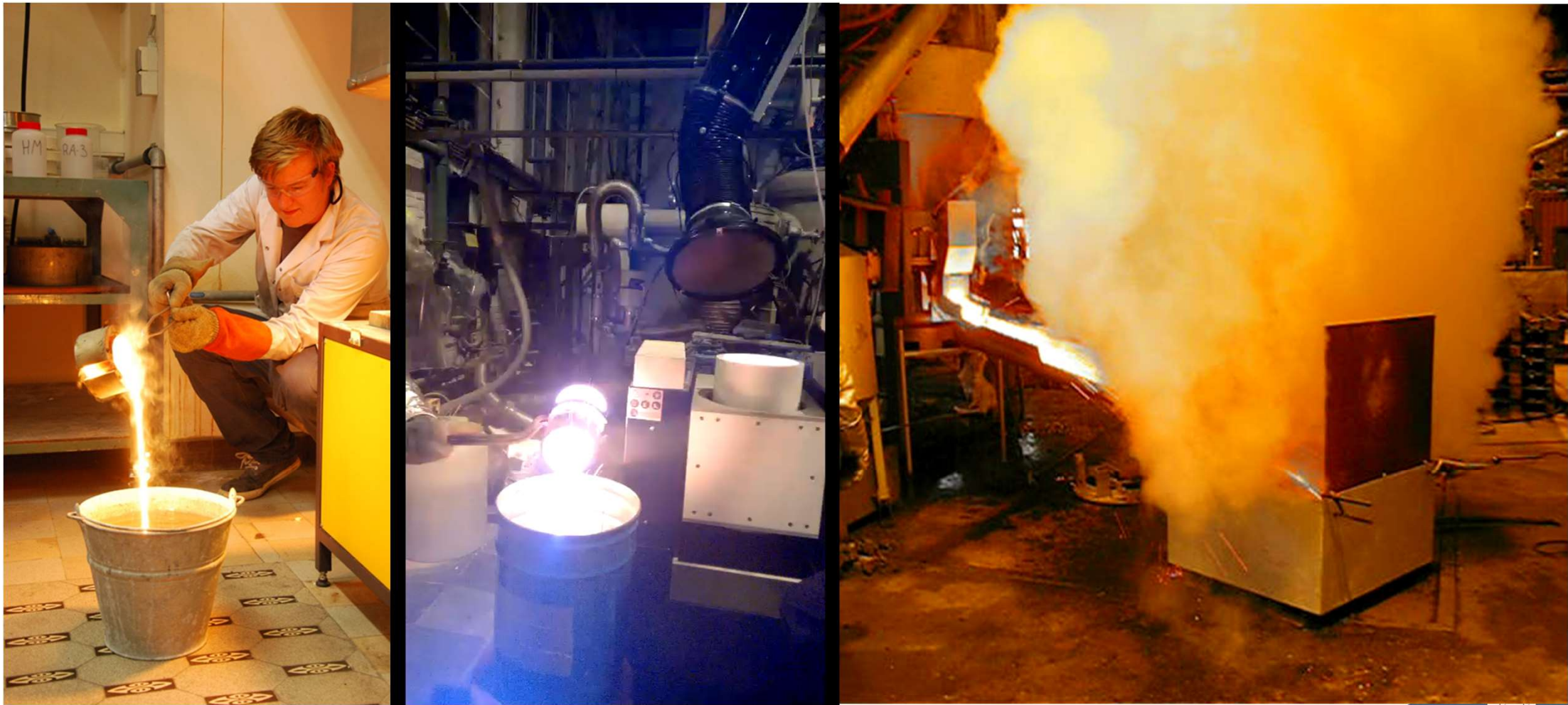
	Koranel	Blast Furnace Slag	Fly Ash
FeO	45,3%	0,6%	5,6%
SiO₂	32,2%	33,9%	54,3%
CaO	3,8%	46,5%	1,9%
Al₂O₃	7,7%	10,3%	28,2%
MgO	1,3%	6,9%	1,6%



	Koranel	Blast Furnace Slag	Fly Ash
Amorphous	94 ± 3 %	95%	80%
FeO/Fe₂O₃	97 ± 2%	/	/

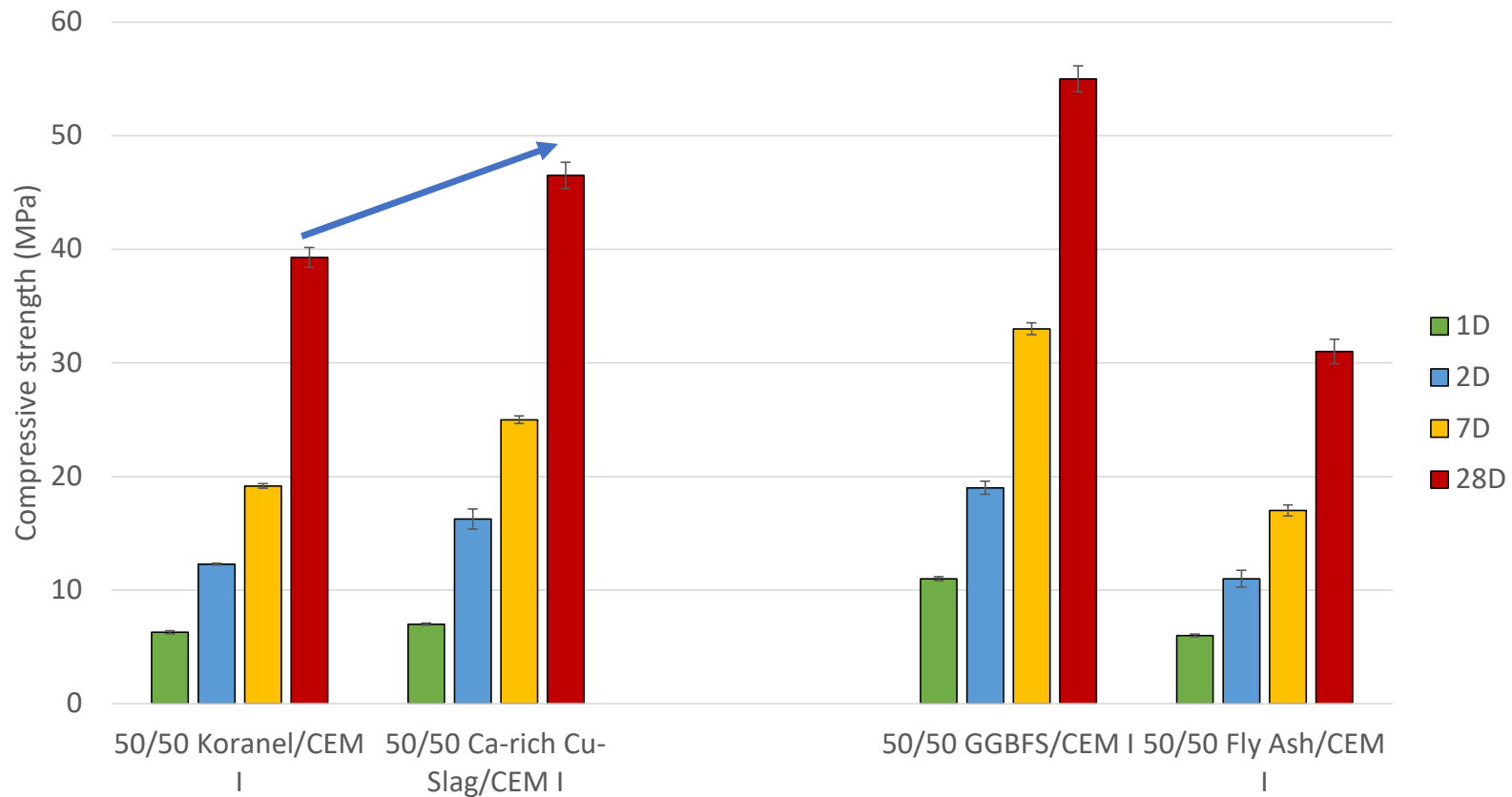


Water granulation of slag + adaptation chemistry



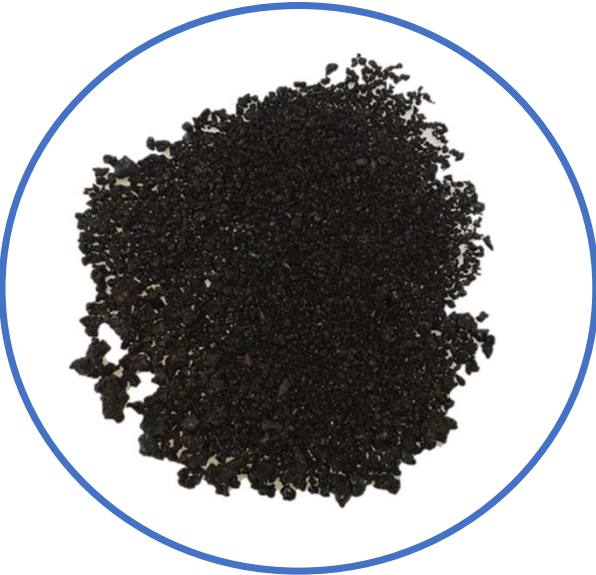
Comparison on mortar level according to EN 196-1:

- 50 wt% replacement of CEM I 52,5R by copper slag, Fly ash and GGBFS

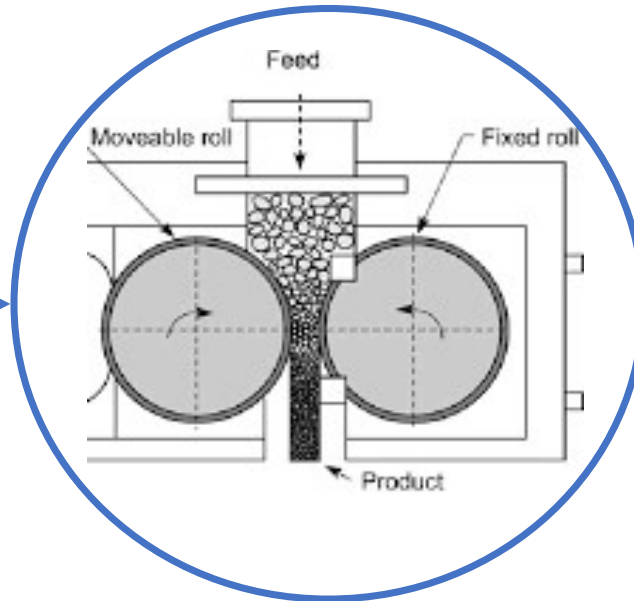


Grindability?

Water gegranuleerde slak



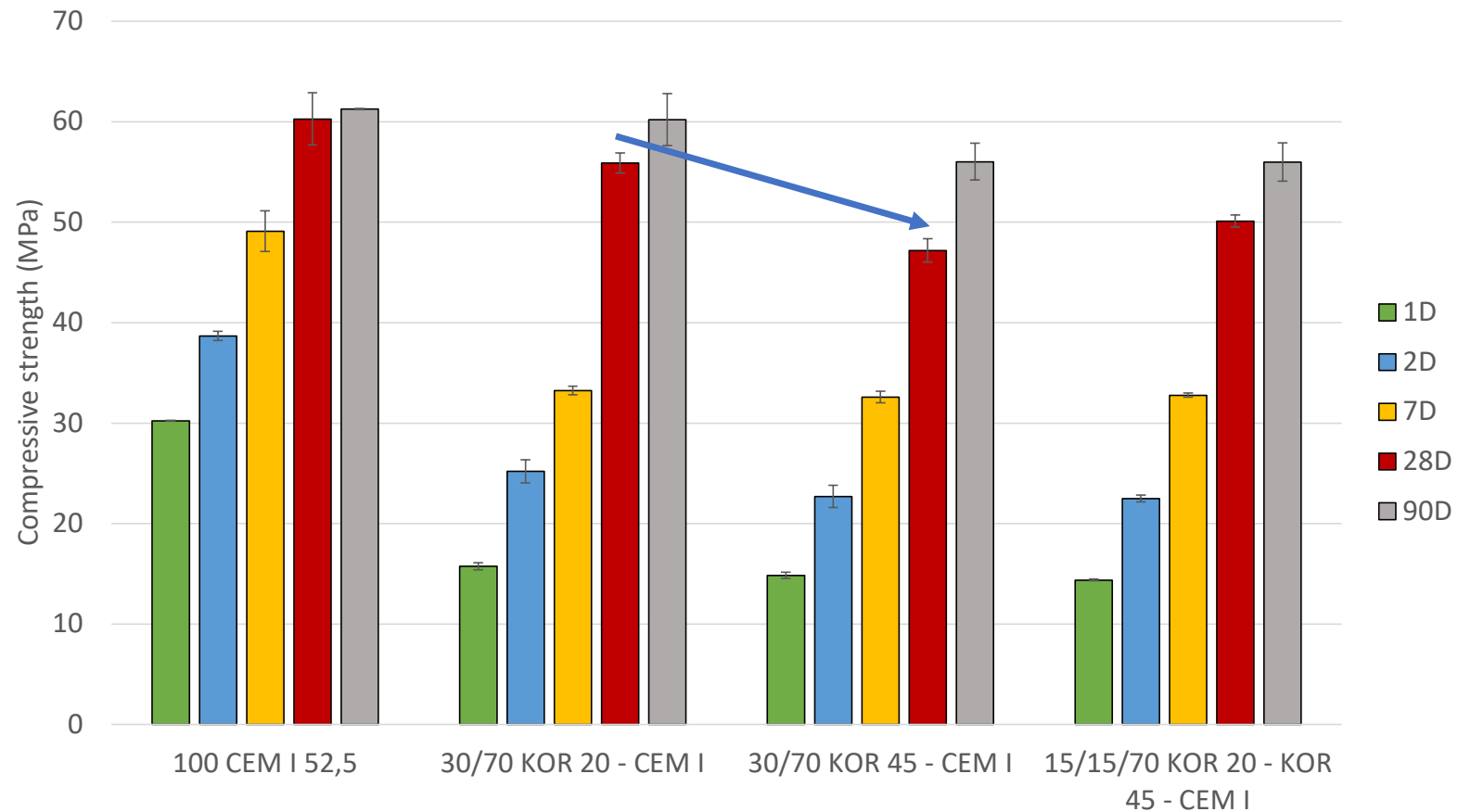
High pressure roller mill
Vertical roller mill
Ball mill



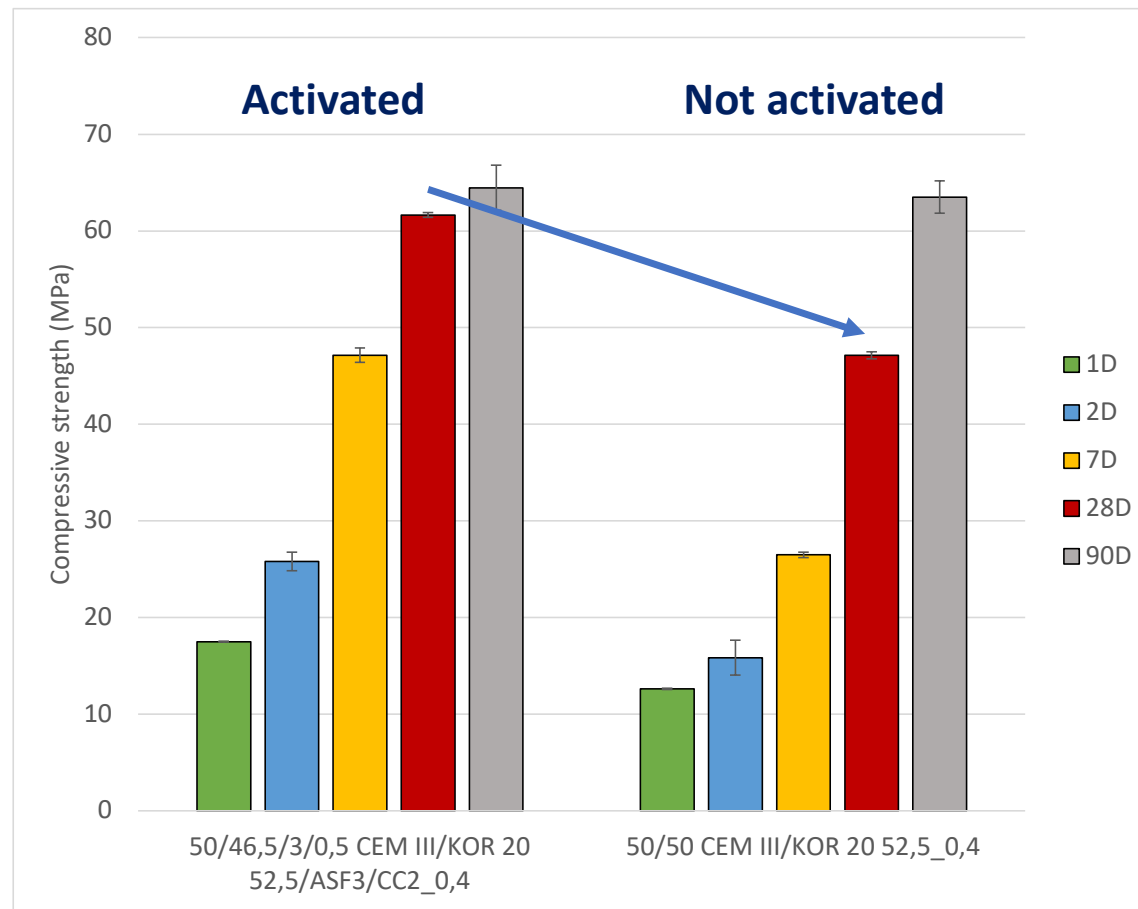
Ground Granulated
Copper Slag



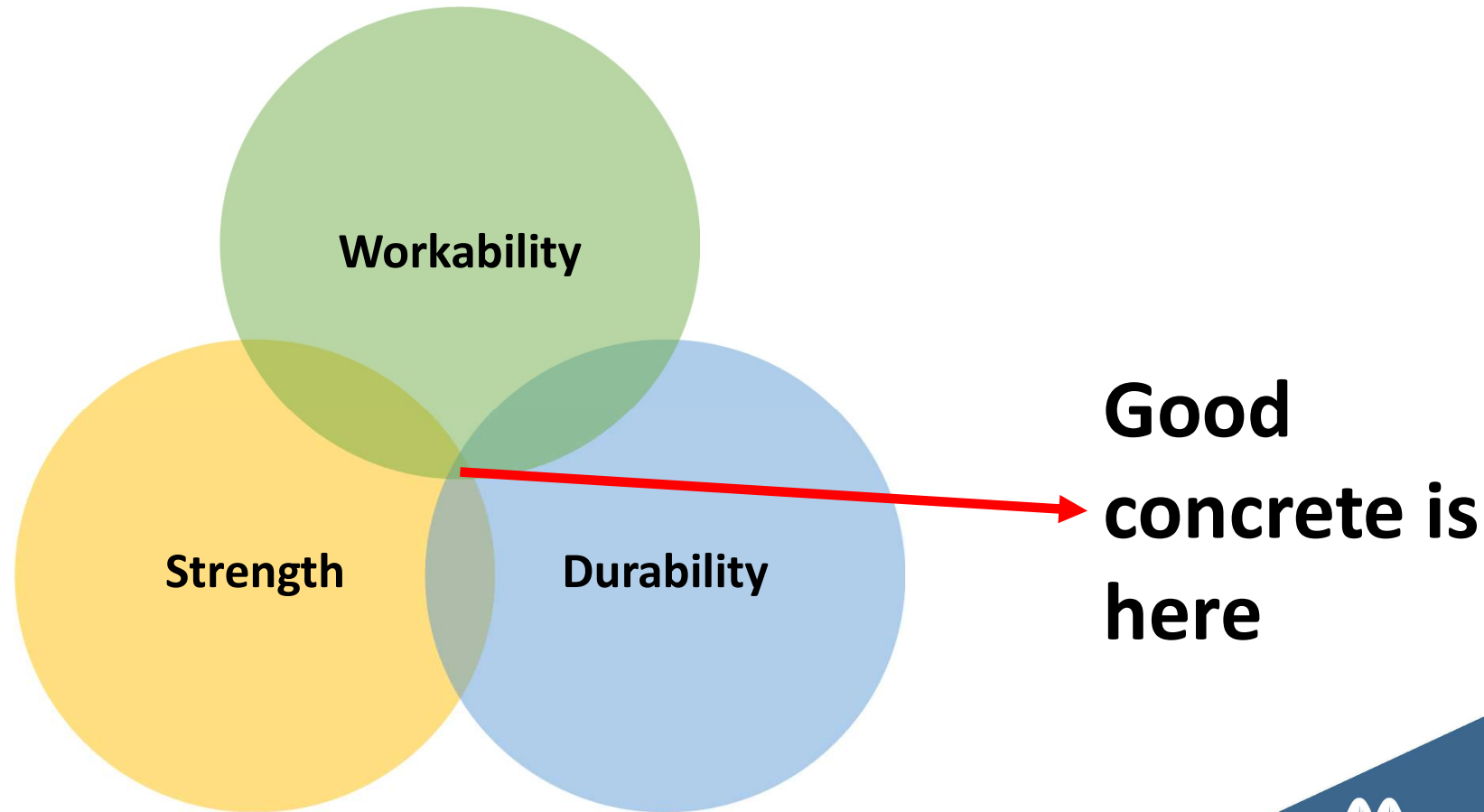
Effect of fineness: 30 wt% cement replacement



Effect of activation

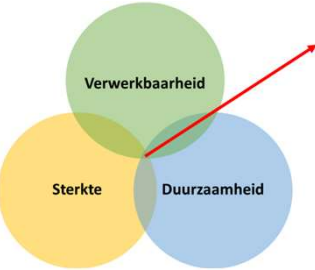


Holy trinity of concrete theology



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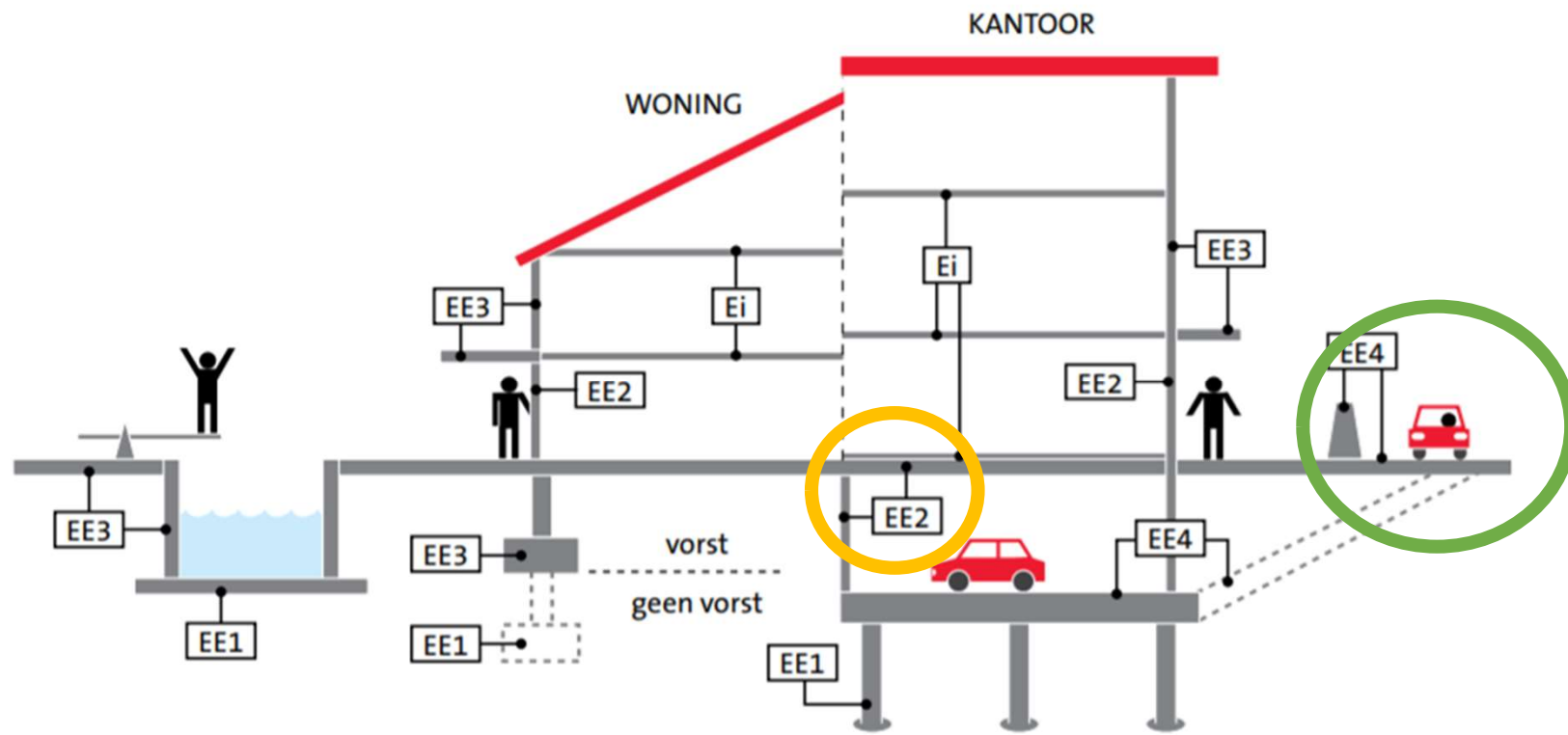


Test	standard	status	
Slump stability	EN 12350-2	Done	Fresh properties
Fresh density	EN 12350-6	Done	
Air content	EN 12350-7	Done	
Compressive strength	EN 12390-3	Done	Mechanical properties
Flexural strength	EN 12390-5	Done	
Splitting tensile strength	EN 12390-6	Done	
Elastic modulus	EN 12390-13	Done	
Chloride Migration	NT Build 492	Done	Durability properties
Carbonation	EN 12390-12	Done	
Water absorption		Done	
Freeze and thaw - salt	EN 12390-9	Done	
Reinforcement corrosion		Ongoing	
Creep and shrinkage	EN 12390-17	Ongoing	Structural Properties
Pull out (steel rebars)	EN 10080	Done	
Flexural strength - slab	Labo Magnel	Done	
Shear capacity - slab	Labo Magnel	Done	



Environmental classes

- Concrete composition based on requirements needed in certain environment: $E_i < EE1 < EE2 < EE3 < EE4$
- EE2 and EE3 represent the largest part of concrete produced in Belgium

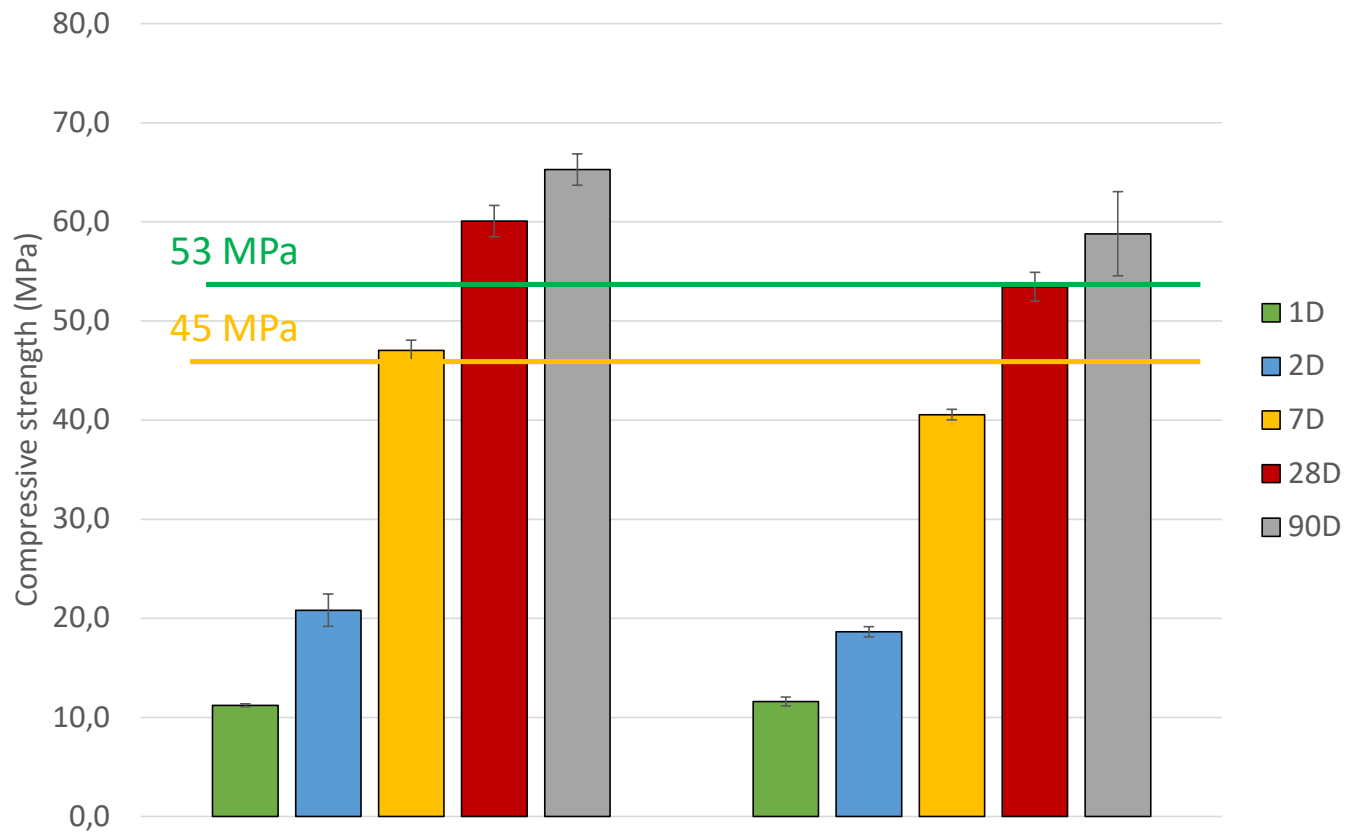


Slump class

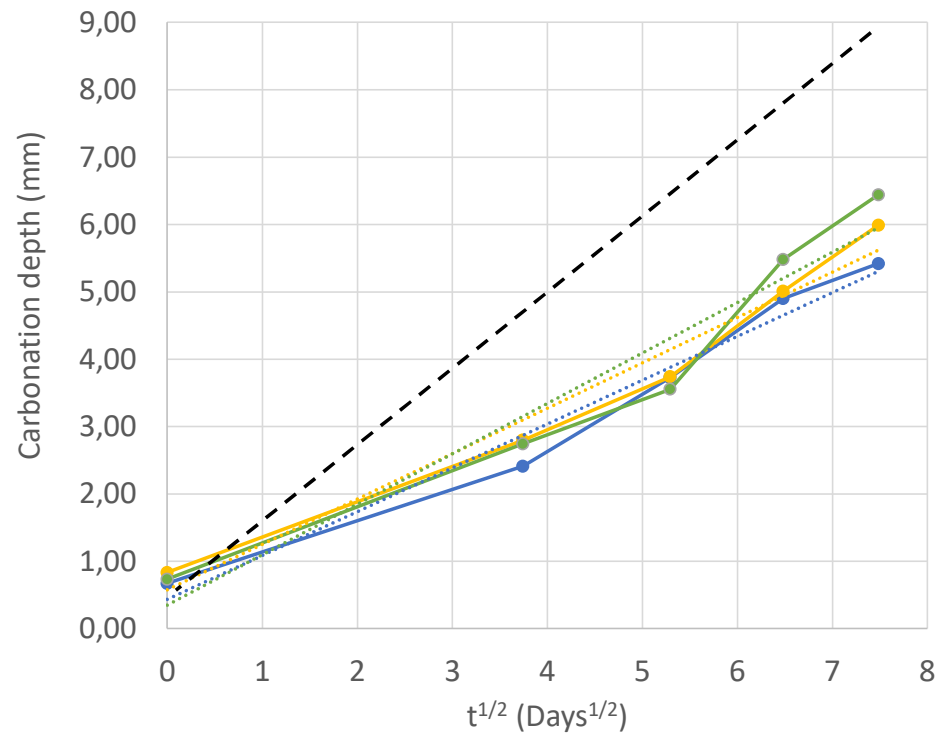
	Kg/m ³ binder	w/b	SP (l)	Slump (mm)
(1) 50% CEM III/A 52,5 + 47,5% KOR20 + 2,5 % PC 95	400	0,42	2	220
(2) 50% CEM III/A 52,5 + 47,5% KOR45 + 2,5 % PC 95	400	0,42	2	215



Good strength development



Carbonatation



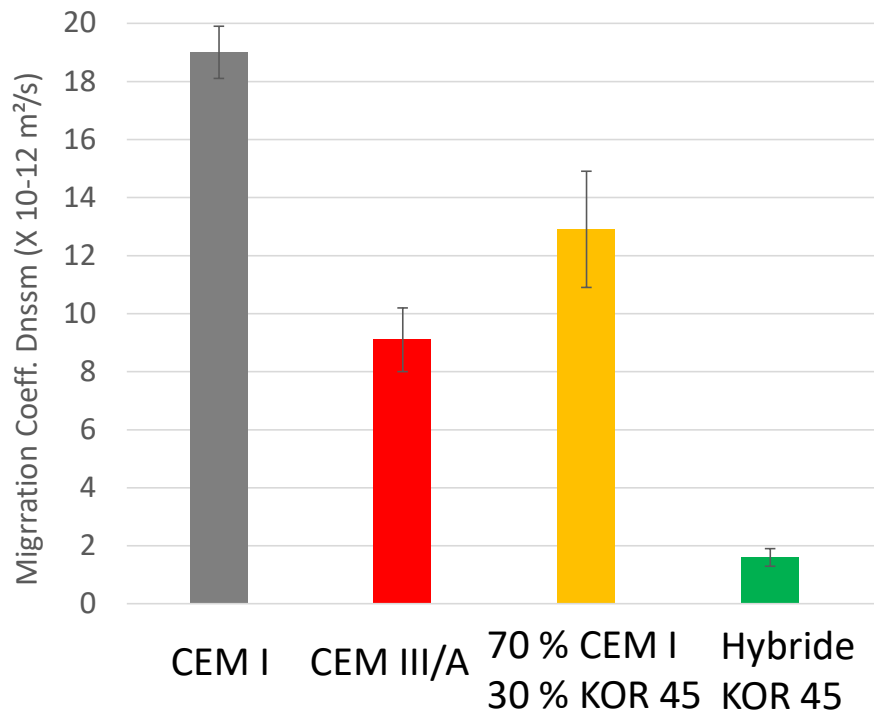
- CEM III/A ref EE2
- Hybride KOR 45
- Hybride KOR 20
- CEM III/B ref EE2



- Hybride mengsels hebben gelijkaardige weerstand tegen carbonatatie als CEM III/A

Chloride migration

- Evaluation of resistance to Cl-migration (NT-Build 492):
- Hybride mengsels hebben lagere chloride migratie coëfficiënt



$$D_{nssm} = \frac{RT}{zFE} \cdot \frac{x_d - \alpha \sqrt{x_d}}{t}$$

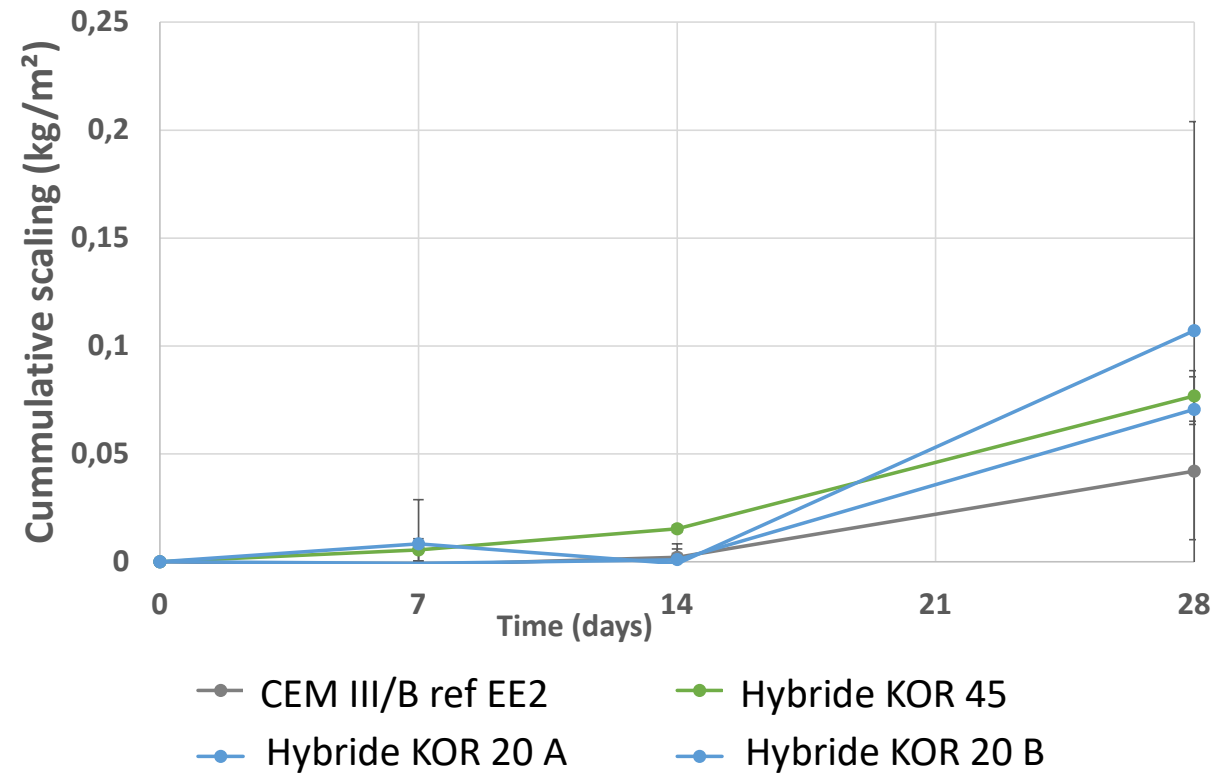
where:

$$E = \frac{U-2}{L}$$

$$\alpha = 2 \sqrt{\frac{RT}{zFE}} \cdot \operatorname{erf}^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{2c_d}{c_0} \right)$$



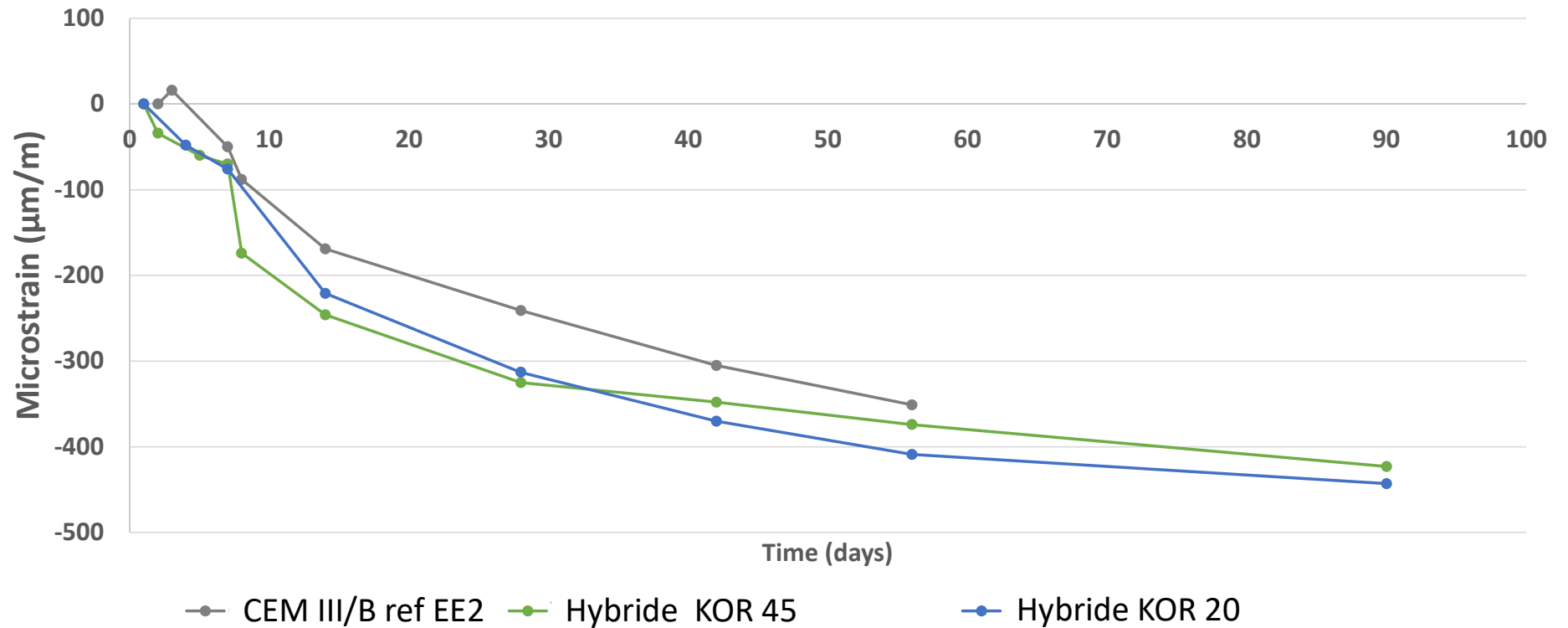
Freeze thaw without salts:



- Geen criterium voor EE2
- Alle stalen voldoen aan eis voor EE3



Shrinkage:



- Beton krimp EE2 moet lager zijn dan 570 $\mu\text{m/m}$ op 90 D



Field testing



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& ZONEN NV**

Field testing



Field testing



Validation durability

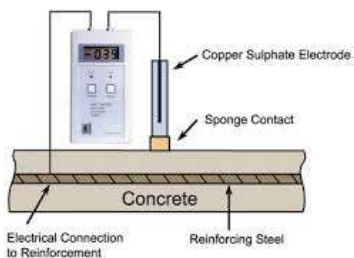
Validatie van versnelde carbonatie test

- Live-monitoring van natuurlijke carbonatie
- 10 mm & 20 mm dekking om wapeningscorrosie te onderzoeken



Validation durability

- Live-monitoring van Chloride migratie

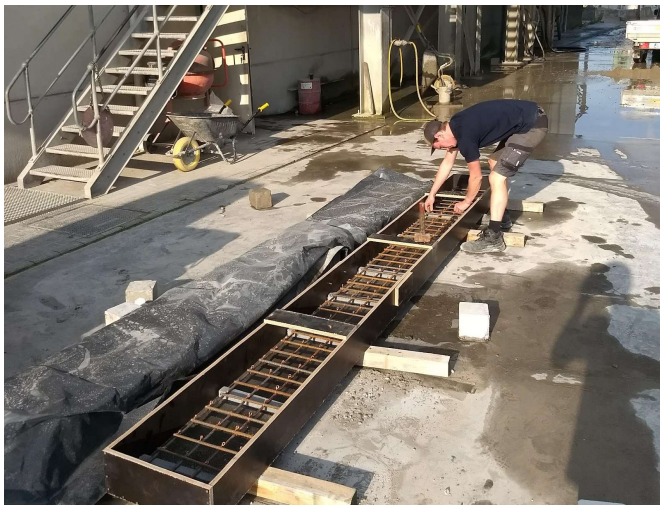


1 day wet / 6 days dry cycle with 3% NaCl



Structural properties

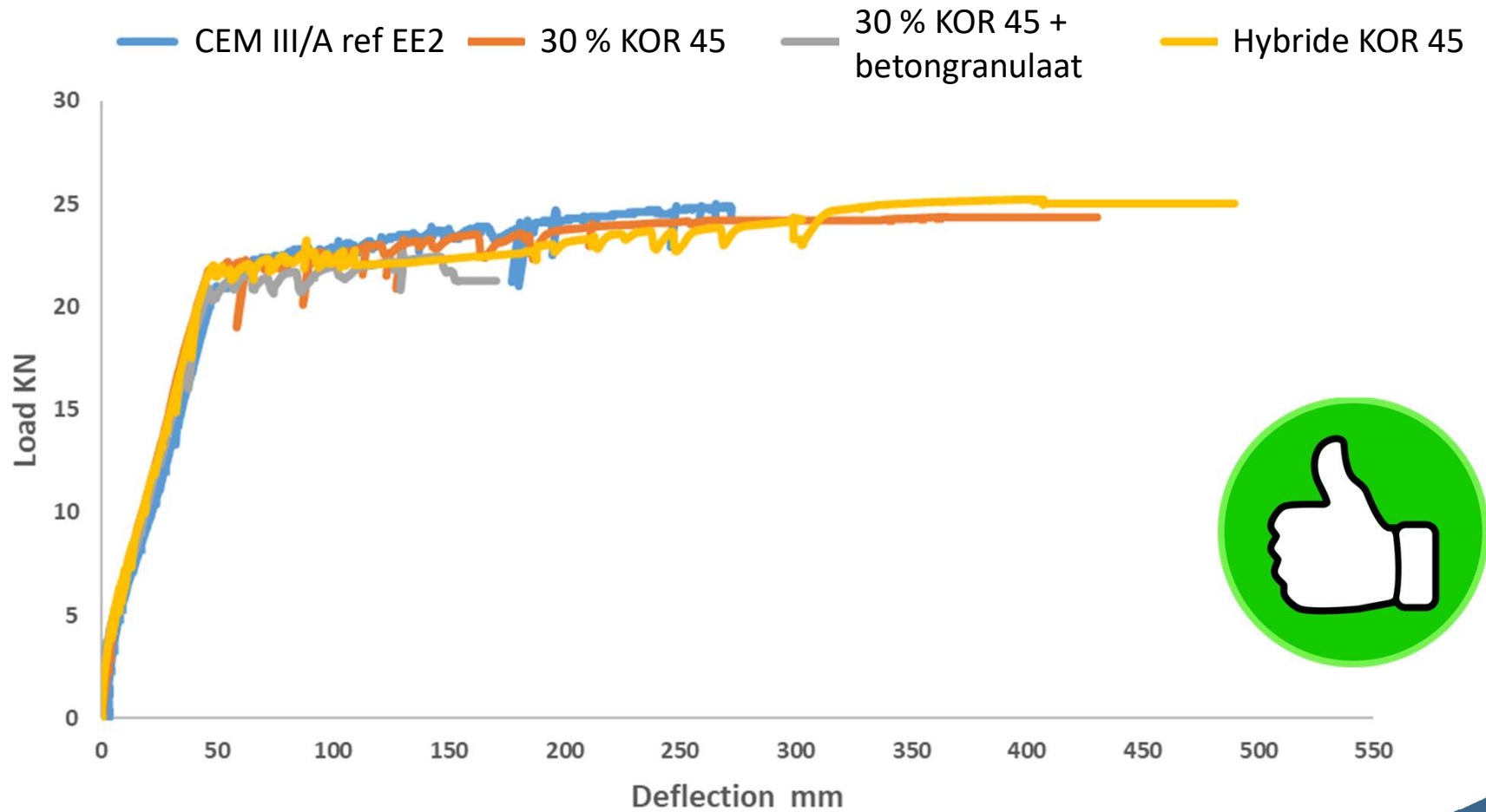
- Structurele eigenschappen worden getest op gewapende balken van 4,3 meter lang
- Verplaatsing en kracht worden gemeten en vergeleken met de berekeningen
- Design compliance: zijn de modellen van de EUROCODE 2 valide?



Structural properties



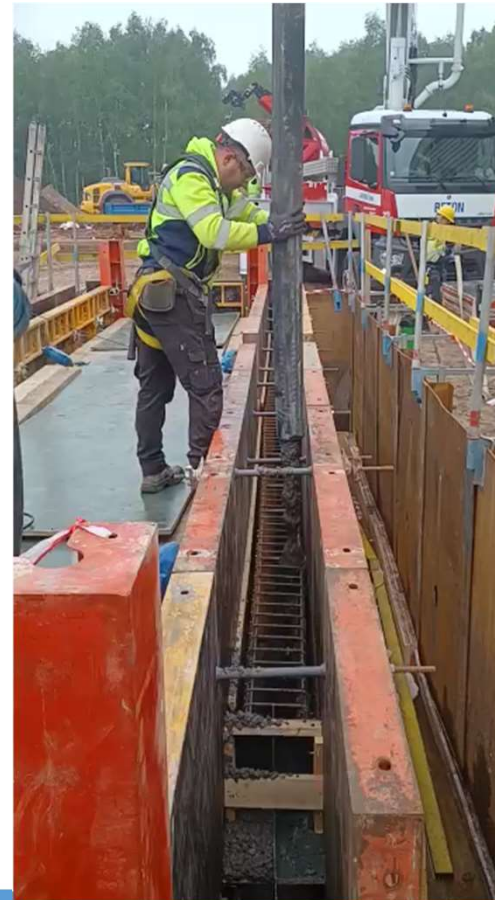
Structural properties



The real deal!



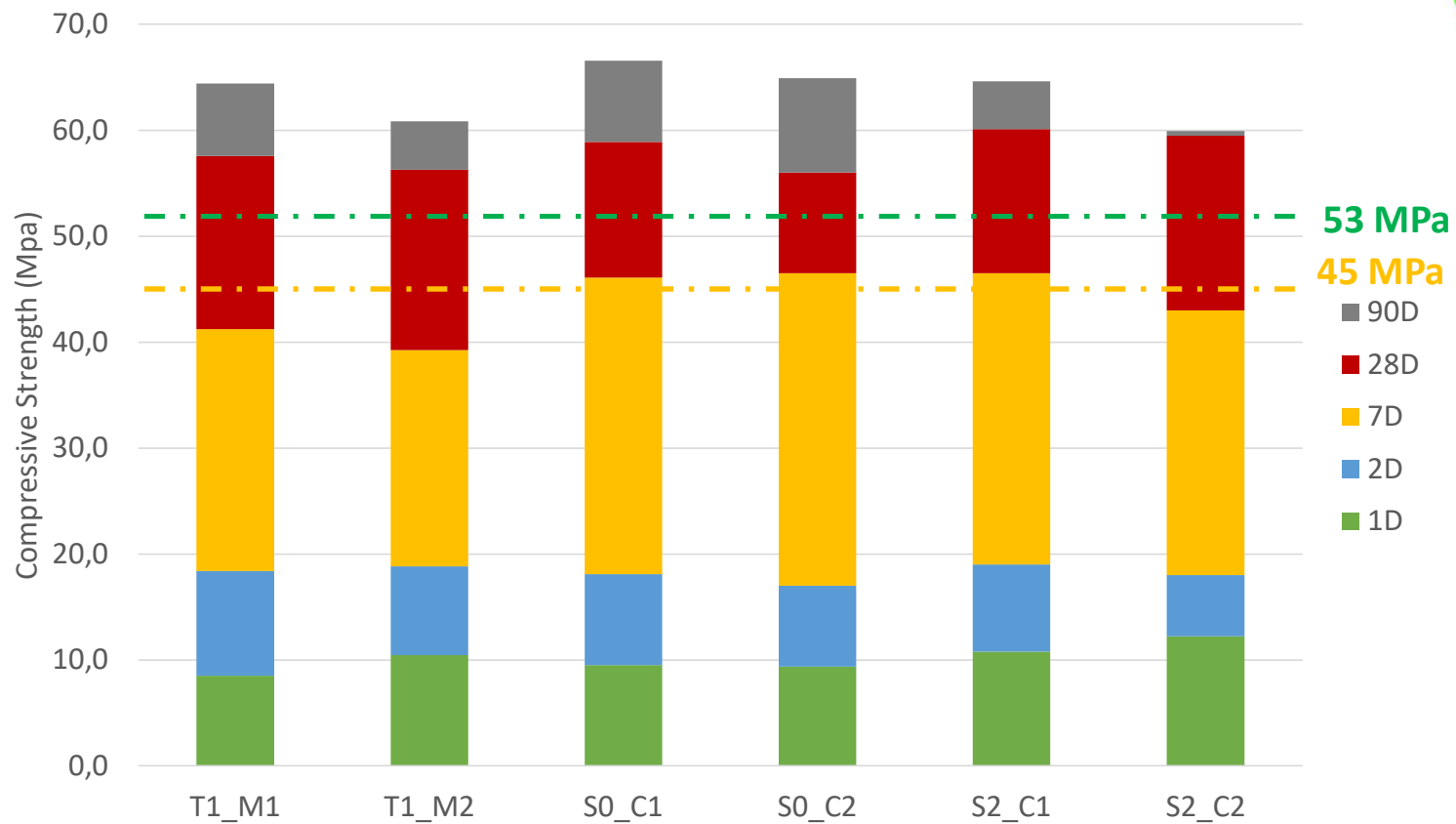
Pumpability



Beautiful



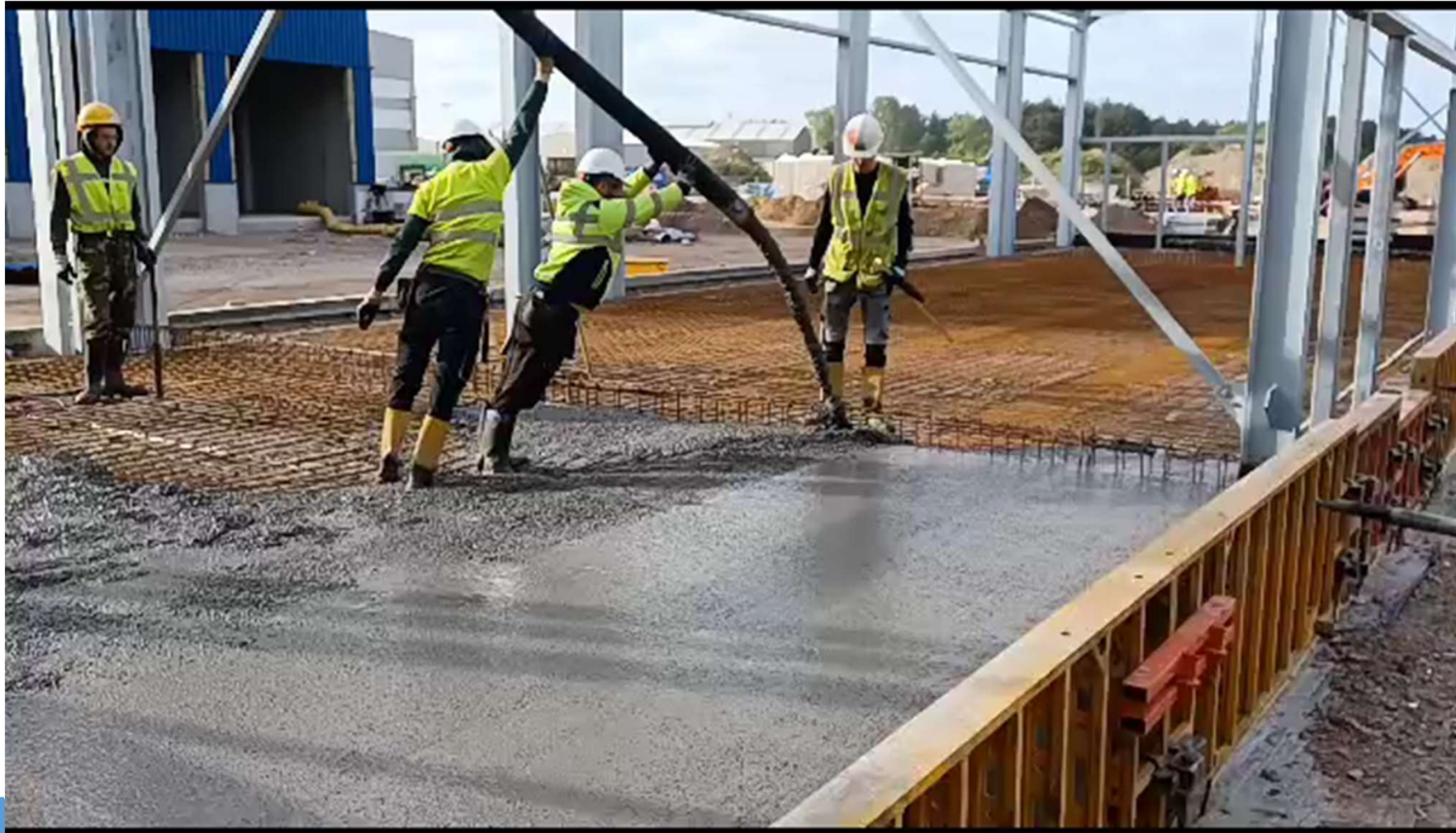
Statistics per truck



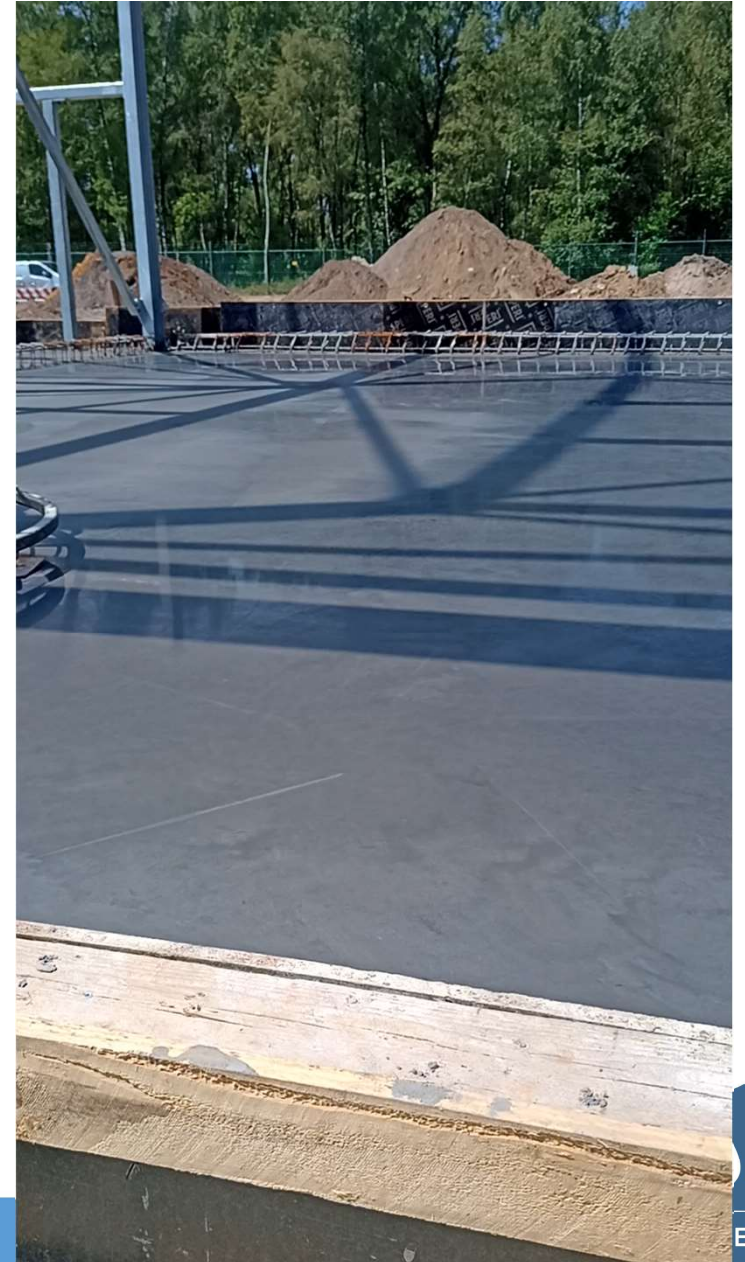
RMX based on copperslag for floors



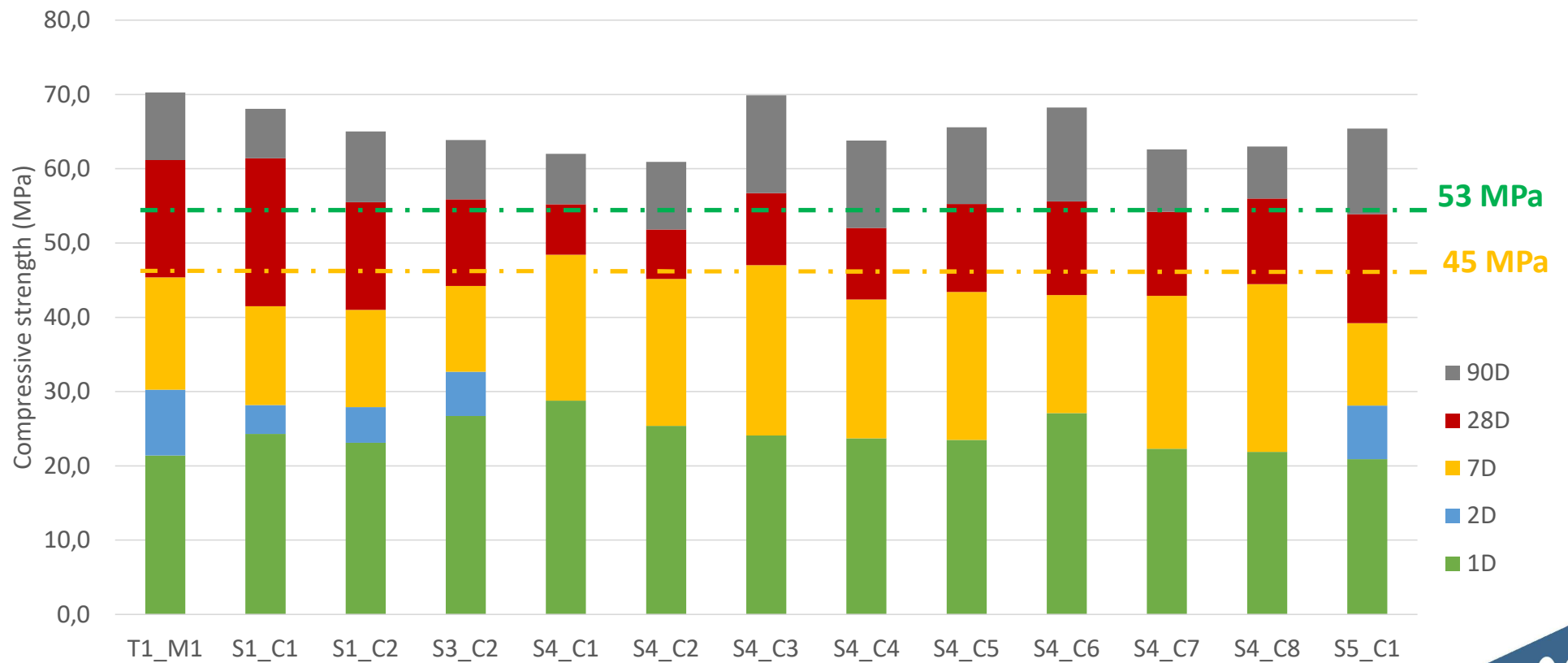
RMX based on copper slag for floors



Polishing

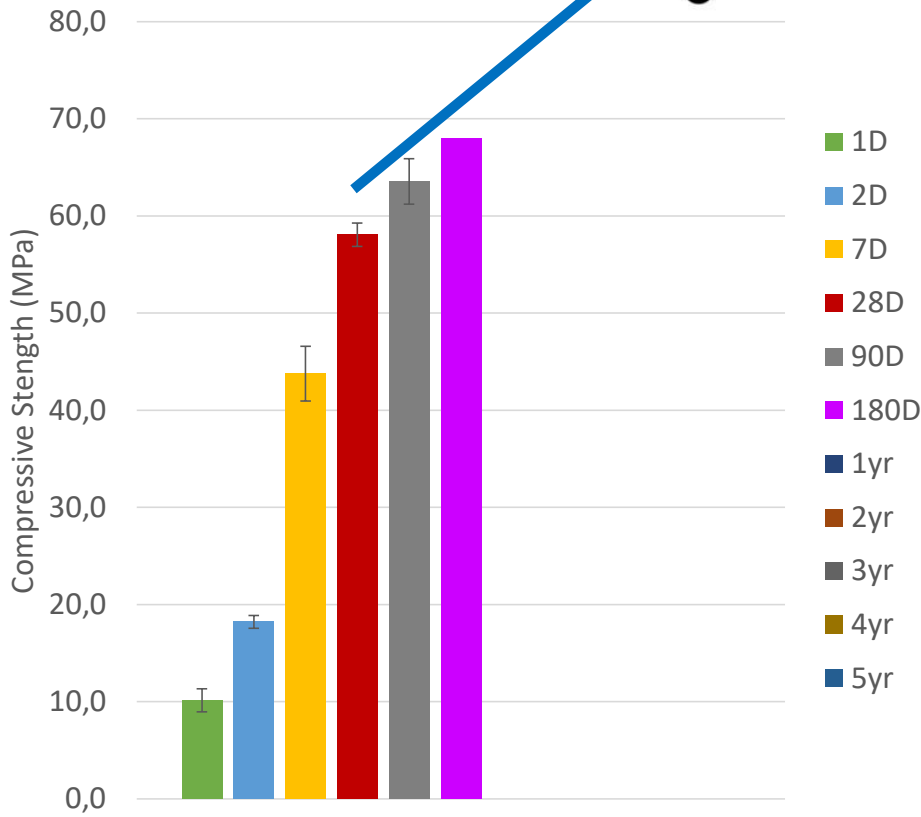


Statistics per truck



Follow up assured

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Yes yes, EE4 as well!



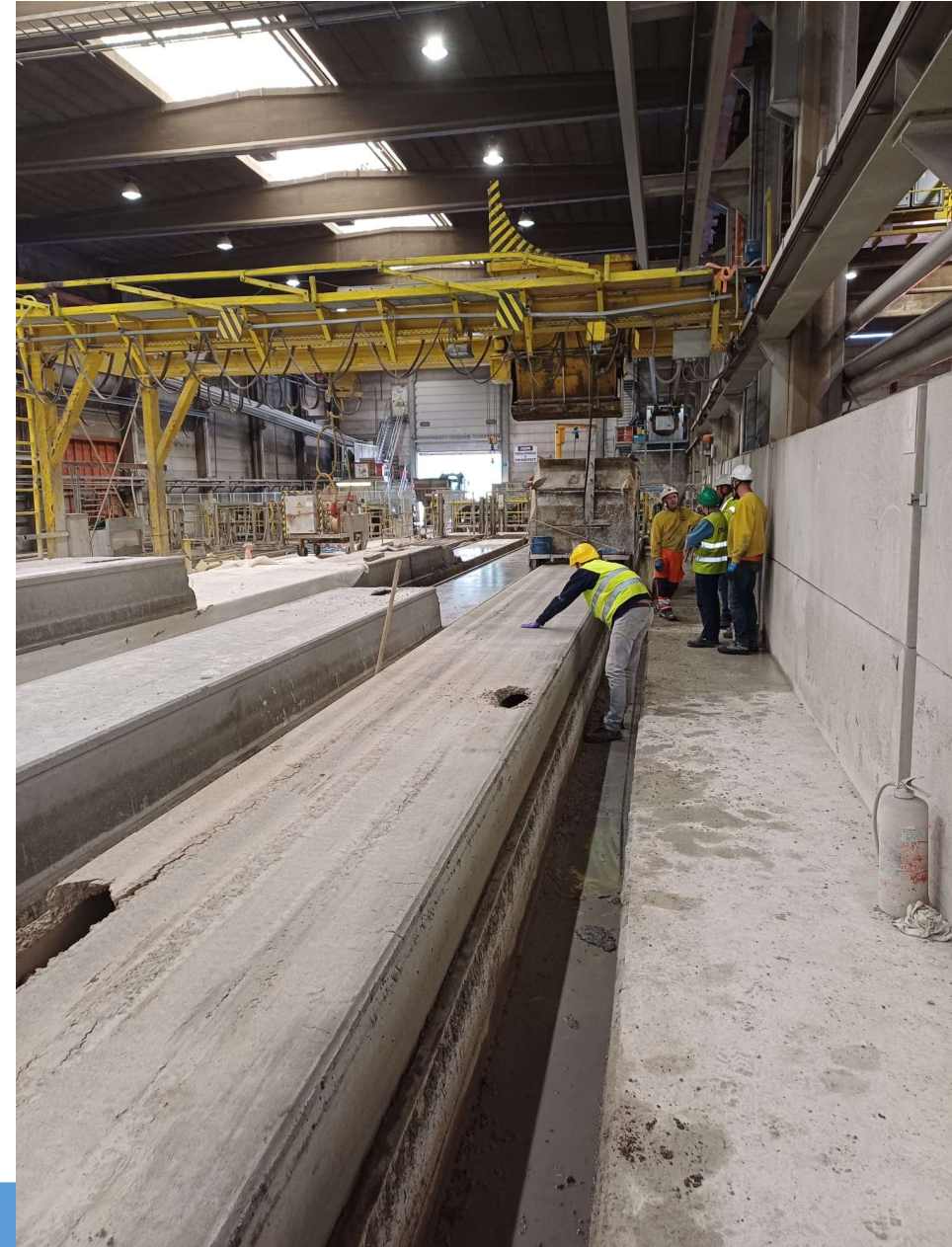
Nog veel meer producten onder weg!



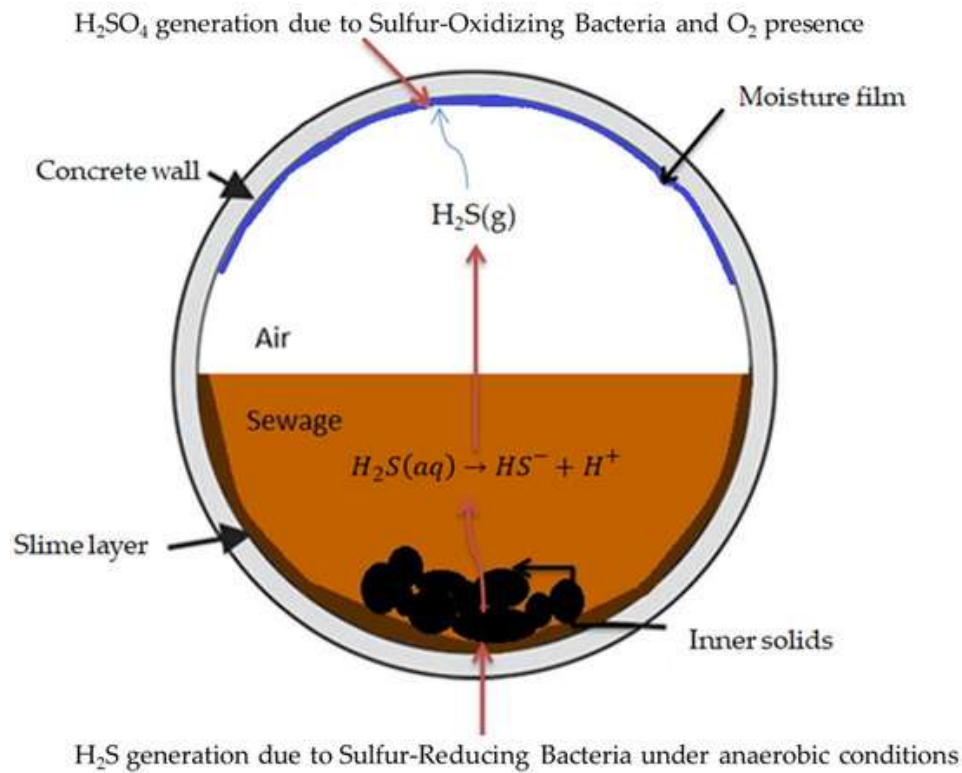
Eco-beton klinkers – grasdallen - metselblokken



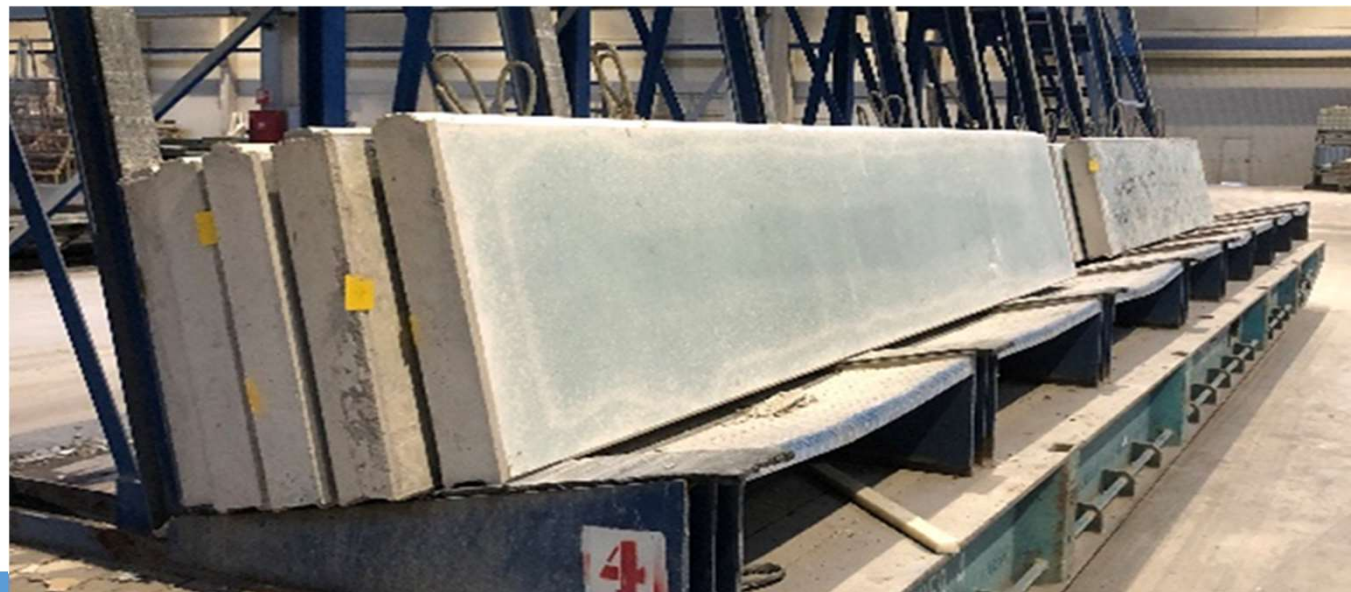
Kanaalplaten op basis van hoogovenslak



Buizen: geopolymeer op basis van slak en vlieggas



Funderingen uit zerozem - GGBFS







Slenk Tondelier: zerozem GGBFS



Slenk Tondelier: AC Materials



Sandwich Panelen:



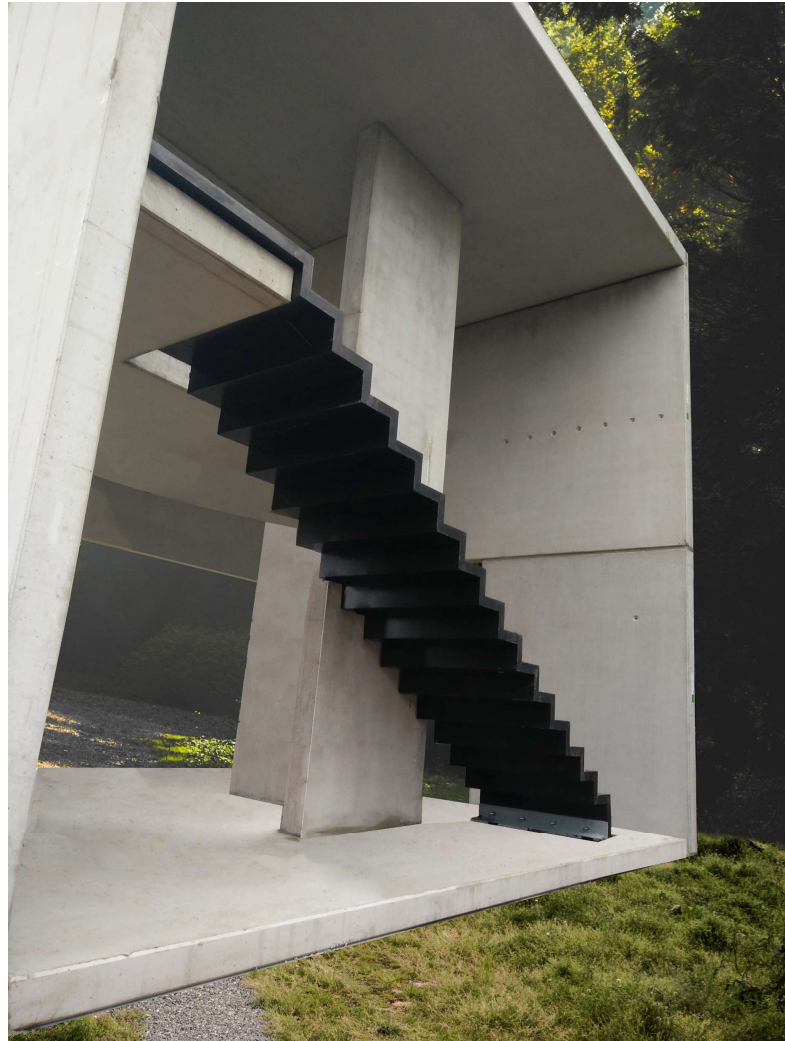
Trap uit ecobeton

- Zelfverdichtend beton C45/55
- Hybride Klinker-GGBFS-Fillinox
- 20 u ontkistingstijd (22 Mpa)



**ENJOY
CONCRETE**
PREFABULOUS

High strength concrete based on steel slag



Marine concrete

Development of 3D printed sea dike reinforcement and water breaking elements.

Zero Cement mortars that are sea water resistant.



Ceramics made with steel slag and red mud



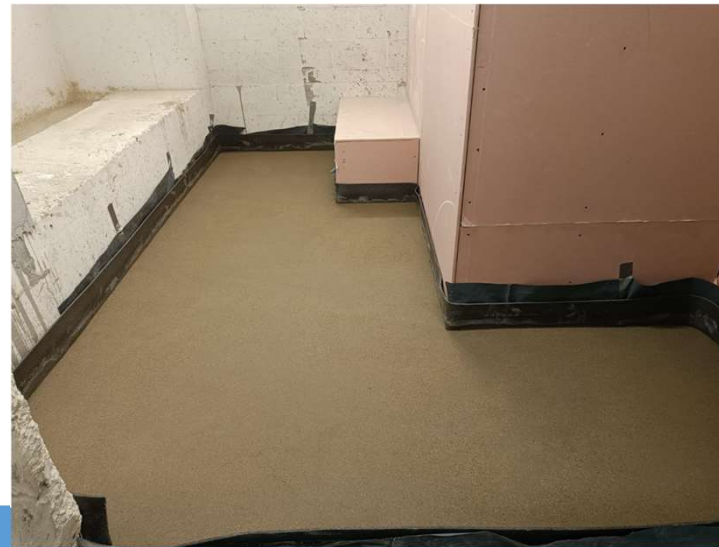
Self levelling floors based on steelslag



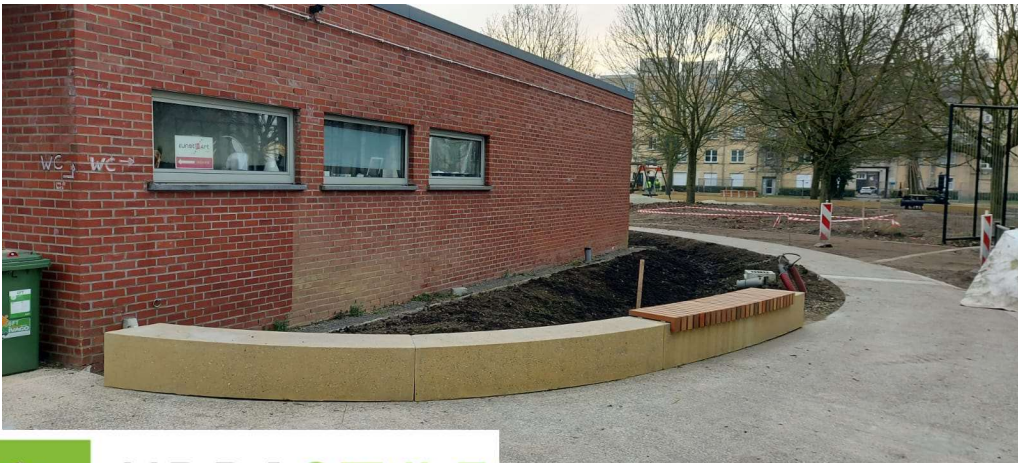
Self levelling floors based on steelslag



Chape op het Martelaarsplein



Street furniture



Conclusie



Conclusie

- Kwalitatieve beton met een lage voetafdruk kan in het labo en in het echt!
- Welke hordes komen we tegen op weg naar grootschalige commercialisering?
 - Supply chain van nieuwe grondstoffen
 - Normering/certificering
- Maar deze hordes zijn zeer product en technologie afhankelijk





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