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Durability and High Performance Concrete

The Best Way to Sustainable Concrete Structures



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Sustainability

“Sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

United Nations, 1987 - Brundtland Commission

Environmental – Social - Economical

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*Leadership for a sustainable culture
(Eng. Darío Ibarguengoitia)*

- It is not a luxury design and build with sustainable bases, but it is a commitment from which we cannot run away.
- “Now more than ever sustainability cannot be conceived if not through a holistic, integrated design, which means a very close collaboration between architects and engineers, listen to everyone.”

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Welcome to the Concrete Thinker web site, a resource to help design professionals make sustainable design a reality through the durability, versatility and energy performance of concrete.

Through **application overviews**, **case studies** and other **resources** and **tools** learn how forward-thinking architects rely on concrete to create healthy and vibrant places to work, live and play for years to come.

This site was developed by the Portland Cement Association to demonstrate how concrete can be used to achieve **sustainable solutions**.

Explore the site. Get inspired. **Share your ideas**. Be a Concrete Thinker.

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What is a Sustainable Material?
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Concrete's Vital Contribution to Sustainable Development

After water, concrete is the most widely used material in the world. Concrete is literally the foundation of our homes, communities, and cities. As such it has a critical role to play in the future success of sustainable development.

Sustainability is complex. On the most basic level it means being mindful of the interdependence between our economic activities, our social values, and our planet's capacities. It is about finding ways to meet our needs in one area without diminishing or damaging another, today and for future generations. Society's impacts are too large to assume that nature can simply absorb them as it could even just a hundred years ago; we must take responsibility for our actions and all their implications.

Because of the growing challenges of human interaction with the natural environment, it requires a whole new way to consider how we design and build our communities. The concept of resilience - a community's capacity to provide viable continued use in the built environment through extended service life; adaptive re-use; and the ability to resist, absorb, and recover from hazards - is the first and foremost step towards sustainability.

Fast Fact
In the United States, 140 million tons of concrete are recycled annually.
Photo courtesy of Recycled Materials Corp.

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The Concrete Sustainability Toolkit provides information sheets and presentations for quick reference or sharing information with others.

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International Documents

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ACI CONCRETE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM VII
Washington DC. October 29, 2014

The preparation of ACI 130R *"Guideline to Concrete Sustainability"* was discussed, sustainability requirements and *fib* Model Code for Concrete Structures, new materials for low-carbon cement and concrete systems, innovations in the cement industry for the purpose of reducing carbon emissions, sustainable paving program

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Environmental Design of Concrete Structures – general principles

TASK GROUP 3.6, Lausanne: **fib**, 2008. (Bulletin 47).

It is expected that the concrete construction industry contribute to realizing a sustainable society by establishing one design and construction procedures with environmentally correct development of the needed technologies.

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Environmental Design of Concrete Structures – general principles

- This report provides general principles and necessary considerations conferred on the environmental impacts when designing, constructing, dosing, using, maintaining/managing, demolishing, removing and reusing the concrete structure.
- One of the main points is the reduction of raw materials use

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- Other **fib** (*fedération internationale du beton*) commissions develop studies regarding sustainability.
- In Commission 6 (Precast Concrete Commission), with the participation of two brazilians: Prof. Paulo Helene and Iria Lícia Doniak, a study regarding this specific point for the Precast Industry is been developed in the TG 6.15

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fib bulletin 47 - Environmental Design of Concrete Structures – general principles

- The construction industry differs from the others for its products are not mass produces, have a long service life and high public profile, as this industry is exploring more raw materials and has a more significant energy consumption.
- The quality and quantity of the constructions affect future generations.

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fib bulletin 47 - Environmental Design of Concrete Structures – general principles

- Sustainable constructions take into account the following considerations:
 1. Construction materials which respect the environment,
 2. Energetic efficiency and resources consumption,
 3. The construction and the management of demolition wastes.
- But the main point is to reduce the use of raw materials.

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- Environmentally a structure can be evaluated using objective indexes (resource, energy, emissions) and average indexes (reduce, reuse, recycle) as environmental performance

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■ CLIENT:

The client is the part with greater opportunity to implement environmental objectives. They have authority for decision making and can control the focus on environmental issues.

It is important that the client is aware of the responsibility to assess the environmental and economic benefits in a life cycle perspective.

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fib bulletin 47 - Environmental Design of Concrete Structures – general principles

■ CONCEPTUAL DESIGN:

The most efficient moment to make good decisions is in the first phase of a project, the conceptual design phase.

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Recent standards

- ✓ ACI Committee 130. Sustainability of Concrete
- ✓ U.S. Green Concrete Council. Sustainable Concrete Guide. Strategies and Examples. Applications
- ✓ ISO TC 59/SC 17. Sustainability in Buildings and Civil Engineering Works
- ✓ *ISO 21929-2: Sustainability Indicators (energy, materials, water and land)*
- ✓ ISO TC 207. Environmental Management
- ✓ BS EN 15804:2012+Amendment 1:2013 Sustainability of construction works. Environmental product declarations. Core rules for the product category of construction products

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Published and under development/revision standards

Published			Under development/Revision	
ISO	CEN		ISO	CEN
Related to Environment Management	Related to Sustainability of Construction	Related to Sustainability of Construction	Related to Sustainability of Construction	Related to Sustainability of Construction
14001:2015	15392:2008	15643-1:2010	DIS 15686-5	PrEN CEN/TR 16970
14004:2016	TS 12720:2014	15643-2:2011	DIS 15686-7	prEN 16757
14040:2006	TS 21929-1:2011	15643-3:2012		
14025:2006	TS 21929-2:2015	15643-4:2012		
14044:2006	21930:2007	15941:2010		
	TS 21931-1:2010	15804:2012 + A1:2013		
	TR 21932:2013	15942:2011		
	15686-1:2011	15978:2011		
	15686-2:2012	16309:2014 + A1:2014	Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations Product Category Rules for concrete and concrete elements	
	15686-3:2002	16627:2015		
	15686-4:2014			
	15686-5:2008			
	15686-7:2006			
	15686-8:2008			
	TS 15686-9:2008			
	15686-10:2010			
	TR 15686-11:2014			

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Standard: CEN - PREN 16757

SUSTAINABILITY OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS - ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATIONS - PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES FOR CONCRETE AND CONCRETE ELEMENTS

Scope: This European Standard complements the core rules for the product category of construction products as defined in EN 15804:2012+A1:2013 and is intended to be used in conjunction with that standard.

This European Standard applies to concrete and concrete elements for building and civil engineering.

This document defines the parameters to be reported, what EPD types (and life cycle stages) to be covered, what rules to be followed in order to generate Life Cycle Inventories (LCI) and conduct Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) and the data quality to be used in the development of EPDs.

In addition to the common parts of EN 15804:2012+A1:2013, this European Standard for concrete and concrete elements:

- defines the system boundaries;
- defines the modelling and assessment of material-specific characteristics;
- defines allocation procedures for multi-output processes along the production chain;
- defines allocation procedures for reuse and recycling; — includes the rules for calculating the LCI and the LCIA underlying the EPD;
- provides guidance/specific rules for the determination of the reference service life (RSL);
- gives guidance on the establishment of default scenarios;
- gives guidance on default functional units for concrete elements.

This document is intended to be used either for cradle to gate, cradle to gate with options or cradle to grave assessment, provided the intentions are properly stated in the system boundary description.

Within the construction works context, a cradle to grave declaration delivers a more comprehensive understanding of the environmental impact associated with concrete and concrete elements.

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Standards / Entities / Groups

- ✓ U.S. Green Concrete Council. Sustainable Concrete Guide. Strategies and Examples. Applications (2012)
- ✓ EN 15643-1:2010 - Sustainability of construction works - Sustainability assessment of buildings - Part 1: General framework
- ✓ EN 15643-2:2011 - Sustainability of construction works - Assessment of buildings - Part 2: Framework for the assessment of environmental performance
- ✓ ISO 14000 - Environmental management

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Standards / Entities / Groups

- ✓ CEN/TR 15941:2010 - Sustainability of construction works - Environmental product declarations - Methodology for selection and use of generic data
- ✓ ISO TC 59/SC 17. Sustainability in Building and Civil Engineering Works (2010)
- ✓ ISO TC 71/SC 8. Environmental Management for Concrete and Concrete Structures (2009)
- ✓ ISO TC 207. Environmental Management (2009)
- ✓ ISO 13315:2011 Environmental Design of Concrete Structures
- ✓ ISO 21929:2012 Sustainability Indicators (energy, materials, water and land)

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Recent Standards

Concrete Sustainability. *Forum I, 2009; Forum II, 2010; Forum III, 2011, Forum IV, 2012; Forum V, 2012 and Forum VI, 2013.*

“reduce the volume and reduce CO₂”

“concrete is a regional material, and as such should be treated”

ISO TC 71/SC 8. Environmental Management for Concrete and Concrete Structures

ISO 13315-1: General Principles

ISO 13315-2: System Boundary and Inventory Data

ISO 13315-3: Constituents and Concrete Production

ISO 13315-4: Environmental Design of Concrete Structures

ISO 13315-5: Execution of Concrete Structures

ISO 13315-6: Use of Concrete Structures

ISO 13315-7: End of Life including Recycling

ISO 13315-8: Labels and Declaration

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**News since "ACI Concrete Sustainability -
Forum VI". Phoenix, Arizona, October 2013.**

1. Understand the impact of infrastructure and buildings construction to climate change and resource depletion;
2. Understand the opportunities to extend the life of concrete structures using eco-efficient materials incorporating ultra-high performance concrete;
3. Identify innovations that could potentially transform the cement industry, looking for low carbon concrete or, if possible, zero carbon emissions;

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**News since "ACI Concrete Sustainability -
Forum VI". Phoenix, Arizona, October 2013.**

4. Contribute in order that the specifications and design guidelines and construction around the world introduce resources for the effective incorporation of concrete in ecological and sustainable projects

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Also in the United States:

AHPBC American High-Performance Buildings Coalition

Union of 27 associations

Support the development of sustainable buildings and standards

NRMCA

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

- ✓ *Started the LCA (Life Cycle Assessment) program, complete and embracing*
- ✓ *Introduce the concrete mixes with EPD (Environmental Product Declaration).*
- ✓ *Wishes to increase sales and improve the sector image*

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Redefining High-Performance Concrete Structures

*Leo Panian; Phillip Williams; Mike Donovan
Concrete International nov. 2012 p. 23-30*

1. Bring aggregates up to 800km away is interesting
2. 70% of slag or fly ash class F
3. Foundations: 55MPa at 91d Content: 119kg/m³
4. Columns: 55MPa at 91d Content: 133kg/m³
5. Prestressed slabs: 31MPa at 3d and 41MPa at 56d.
Content = 208kg/m³

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EPD

Enviromental Product Declaration

ISO 14025:2010

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ENVIROMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATIONS



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What is EPD?



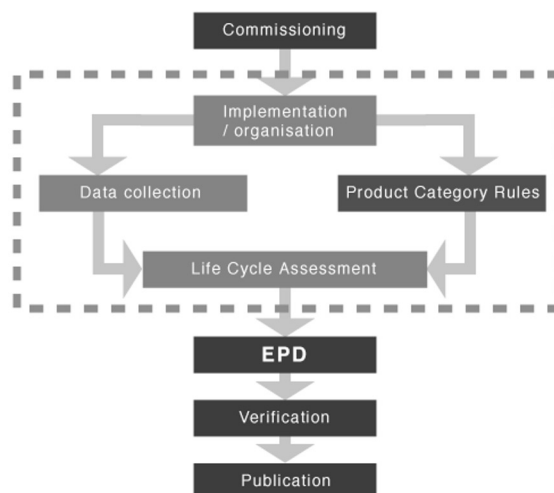
“An EPD® is an certified environmental declaration developed in accordance with the standard ISO 14025:2006” Environmental labels and declarations - Type III environmental declarations - Principles and procedures

The aim of the EPD system is to support the supply and demand for construction products and services that cause less impact to the environment, through the dissemination of production processes, accurate and verifiable data and environmental performance.

This is a document that seeks neutrality and credibility of the products in order to promote sustainable development through the market.

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How to elaborate an EPD?



www.greenspec.co.uk

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Therefore, to report the EPD, you must:

- ✓ **Search the available PCRs (*Product Core Rules*), with product specific guidelines analysis (ex: concrete); if it is not available, create the PCR according to ISO 14025:2010**
- ✓ **Collect the necessary data and carry out studies and analyzes of LCA (*Life Cycle Assessment*)**
- ✓ **Request the EPD's verification, made by an auditor of the EPD Program**

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So, the EPD can be validated and inscribed in a certification program (e.g. *International EPD System*)

It will be available for public examination and it is valid for 5 years!

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ECO PLATAFORM



- It is the set of operators, with the aim of developing environmental information verified in construction products, especially EPD's.
- ECO platform members are responsible for continuous improvement of normalizations, assessing quality, best practices and efficient communication of platform informations.

<http://www.eco-platform.org/>

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ECO PLATAFORM



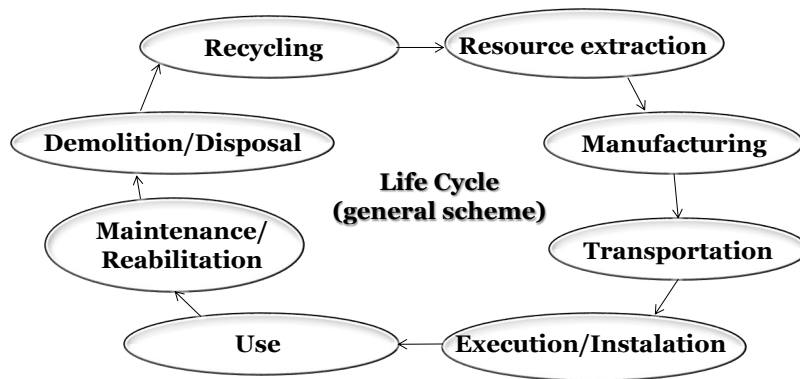
Consistency	▶	Mutual agreement Common procedures
Reliability	▶	Based on European and International standards Verified scientific approach
Volunteer	▶	Market driven Declaration of values
Transparency	▶	Credible information Full information dossier

<http://www.eco-platform.org/>

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LCA (Life Cycle Assessment)

This review shall be made in accordance with the specific product PCR, which will indicate the requirements and minimum life stages to be analyzed



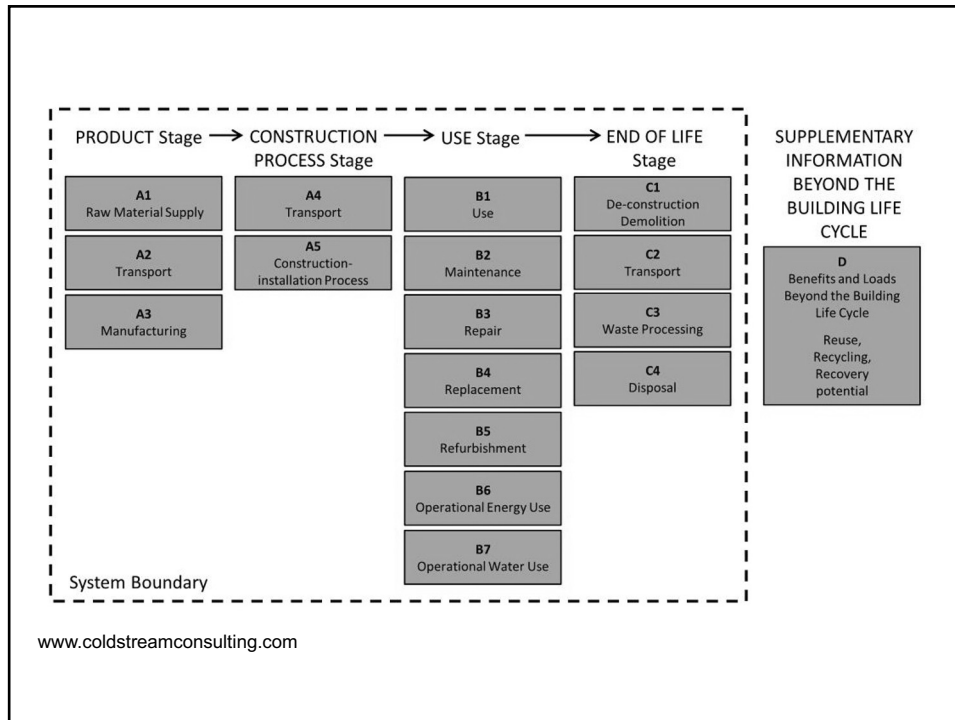
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LCA (Life Cycle Assessment)

EN 15804:2012 establishes a minimum number of stages of the service life to be considered in the EPD;

- EPD1 (Cradle to Gate)**
- EPD2 (Cradle to Gate with Options)**
- EPD3 (Cradle to Grave)**

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Coordenador do CT2-Inventários/PBACV (Prof. UnB)

OFICINA 02: GT CONSTRUÇÃO/CT2/PBACV
Inmetro, 21 de Junho de 2013

Assesment of Life Cycle Brazilian Program

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CNI, SEBRAE, Petrobras, ABCV, Abipti, ABNT

Reuniões Preparatórias: de 2004 a 2006
Início Oficial: Novembro 2006

Coordenação: Instituto Brasileiro para Informação Científica e Tecnológica-IBICT/MCT
Apoio: MCT

Fim da Primeira Fase: 2010
Apoio para a 2a. Fase (2010-2012): MCT/MDIC

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- Comitê Gestor
- Comitê de Coordenação
 - Comitês Técnicos
 - CT1 – Captação de Recursos
 - CT2 – Inventários
 - Grupos de Trabalho Setoriais: Gestão de Base de Dados; Construção; Metais, Energia Elétrica, Combustíveis, Agropecuária, Plásticos (Química), Eletroeletrônicos (Fim de Vida)
 - CT3 – Avaliação de Impactos Ambientais
 - CT4 – Disseminação
 - CT5 - Capacitação

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The future indicates the LCA, LCIA and LCI
LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS
“CRADLE TO GRAVE”

Environmental impact indicators:

- Global warming potential, in kg of CO₂ equivalent;
- Stratospheric ozone layer depletion potential, in kg of equivalent CFC 11;
- Ground and water acidification potential, in kg of equivalent SO₂;
- Eutrophication potential, in kg of (PO₄)³⁻ equivalent;
- Tropospheric ozone formation potential, in kg of equivalent ethylene;
- Abiotic resources (elements) depletion potential, in kg of equivalent Sb;
- Abiotic resources (fossil fuel) depletion potential, in MJ.

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The future indicates the LCA, LCIA and LCI
LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS
“CRADLE TO GRAVE”

Life cycle inventories indicators:

- Consumption of non-renewable primary energy, in MJ;
- Renewable primary energy consumption, in MJ;
- The use of non-renewable secondary fuels, in MJ;
- The use of renewable secondary fuels, in MJ;
- Consumption of fresh water, in m³;
- Production of waste (hazardous, non-hazardous and radioactive), in kg;
- The material for reuse, recycling, energy recovery, in kg.

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Rating and scoring systems for sustainability “the business”

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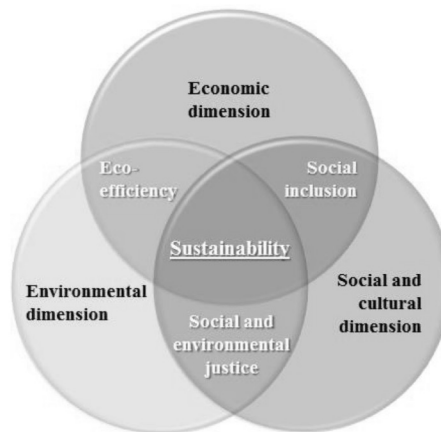
New Acronyms

- ✓ LCA → Life Cycle Assessment
- ✓ LCI → Life Cycle Inventory Analysis
- ✓ RSL → Reference Service Life
- ✓ EPD → Environmental Product Declaration
- ✓ PCR → Product Category Rules
- ✓ LCIA → Life Cycle Impact Assessment
- ✓ ESL → Estimated Service Life
- ✓ EPDB → Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

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The Sustainable Construction

Tripod of Sustainability



ELKINGTON, J. **Towards the sustainable corporation:** Win-win-win business strategies for sustainable development. California Management Review 36, 2, 90-100, 1994.

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What is LEED?

(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)

Certification for sustainable buildings created and granted by US NGO U.S. *Green Building Council* (USGBC). In Brazil this certification is granted by Green Building Council Brazil.



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LEED

The aim of the system is to reduce the carbon footprint of the built environment and create a competitive system for buildings efficiency by rewarding best practices in design, construction and maintenance, also creating a sustainable market for construction products sector.

The latest version of LEED also includes regional credits which allow tropicalization or adjustment of the system anywhere in the global climate.

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LEED

To be an online documented system certification, but also enabling international growth and adoption of LEED, creating an in fact global standard for sustainable buildings.

It applies to new constructions of commercial or residential buildings, industrial plants, school buildings, existing buildings, focusing on design and construction, interior design, operation and maintenance (use).

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LEED

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

This is a scoring system developed by USGBC (United States Green Building Council US) to measure the environmental performance of design, construction and maintenance of buildings.

The system is used to compare the environmental performance of a building and another in the amount of credits from 1-110.

The four levels of accreditation and punctuation are:

Certified → 40-49 credits

Silver → 50-59 credits

Gold → 60-79 credits

Platinum → 80+ credits

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Green Building Rating System

What is LEED?
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a rating system devised by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) to evaluate the environmental performance of a building and encourage market transformation towards sustainable design. The system is credit-based, allowing projects to earn points for environmentally friendly actions taken during construction and use of a building. LEED was launched in an effort to develop a "consensus-based, market-driven rating system to accelerate the development and implementation of green building practices." The program is not rigidly structured; not every project must meet identical requirements to qualify.

These LEED products are currently available:

- LEED - v3.0 for New Construction and Major Renovations
- LEED - for Homes
- LEED - for Core and Shell
- LEED - for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance
- LEED - for Commercial Interiors
- LEED - for Schools
- LEED - for Retail
- LEED - for Healthcare
- LEED - for Neighborhood Development (in pilot stage)

Detailed information on the LEED program and project certification process is available from USGBC at <http://www.usgbc.org/>. The program outlines the intent, requirements, technologies, and strategies for meeting each credit. Credits are broken down into individual points. A building requires at least 40 points for certification in LEED-NC v3.0. Silver, gold, and platinum levels are also available.

LEED Certification Levels

- Certified 40 - 49 Points
- Silver 50 - 59 Points
- Gold 60 - 79 Points
- Platinum 80-110 Points

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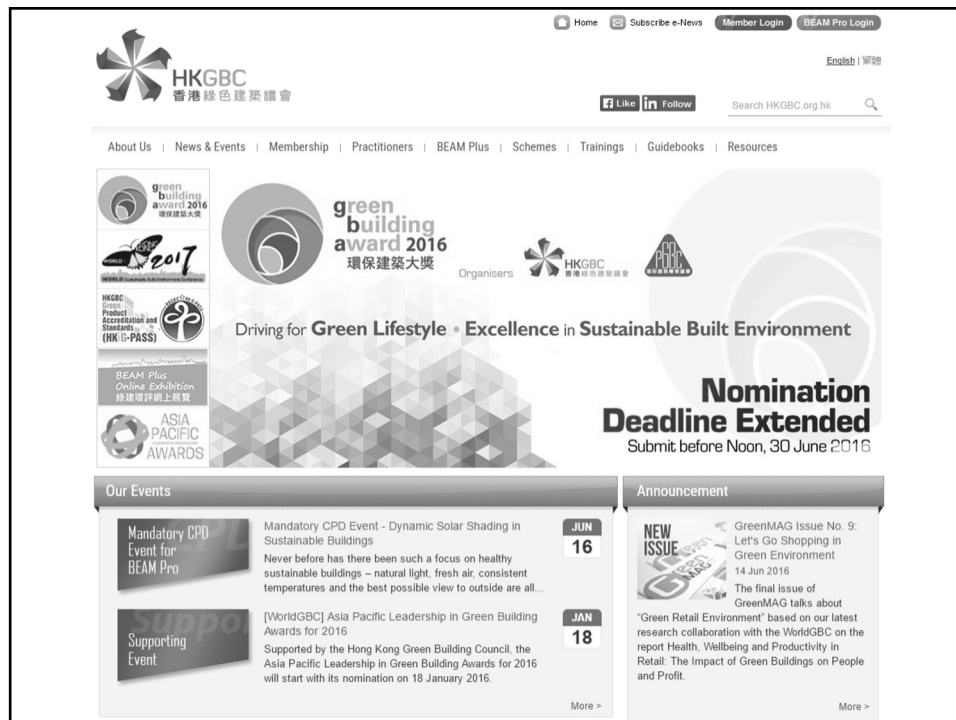
- Cast in Place
- Controlled Density Fill
- Decorative flatwork
- Fiber cement siding
- Green Roofs
- Hardscape & Pavers
- ICF (Insulating Concrete Forms)
- Masonry
- Paving
- Pervious Paving
- Precast
- Radiant Floors
- Soil Stabilization/Solidification
- Tilt-Up Construction
- Water Infrastructure
- Whole Building Design

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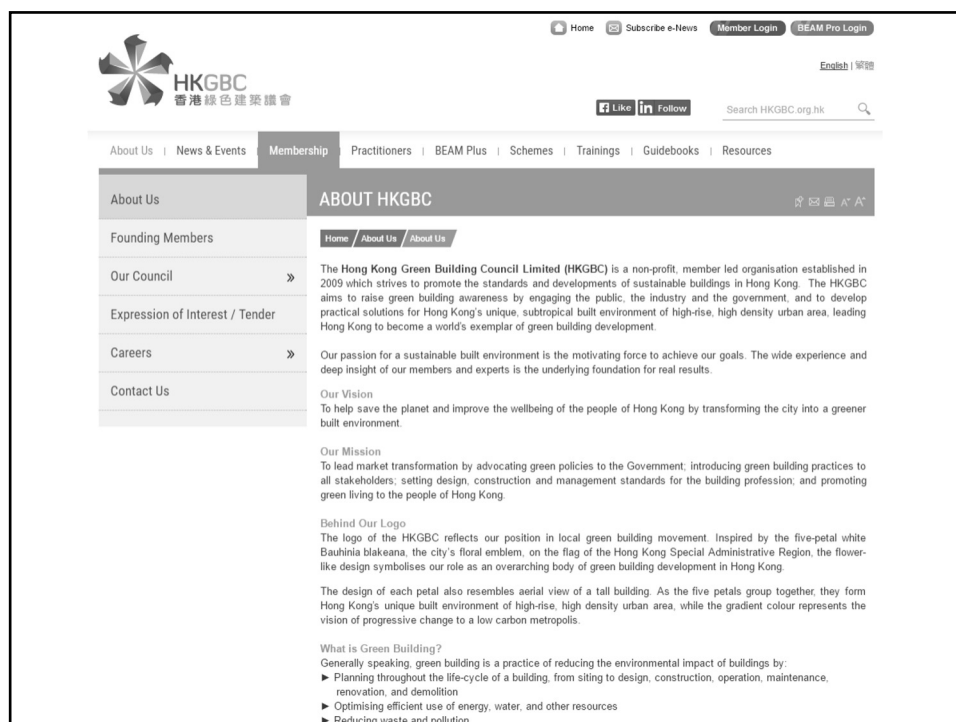
- Building Reuse
- Energy Performance
- Heat Island Reduction
- Locally Produced
- Minimize Site Disruption
- Recycled Content
- Stormwater Management
- Thermal Mass

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Green Building Design & Construction (BD&C)					
Category	PREVIOUS 2009 LEED-NC v3		NEW 2013 LEED-NC v4		CHANGE
	Prerequisites	Credits	Prerequisites	Credits	
Integrative Process	-	-	-	1	+1 credit
Location and transportation	-	-	-	16	+16 credits
Sustainable Sites	1	26	1	10	-16 credits
Water Efficiency	1	10	3	11	+2 prereq.; +1 credit
Energy & Atmosphere	3	35	4	33	+1 prereq, -2 credits
Materials & Resources	2	14	2	13	-1 credit
Indoor Environmental Quality	3	15	2	16	-1 prereq, +1 credit
Innovation	-	6	-	6	No changes
Regional Priority	-	4	-	4	No changes
Total Points	10	110	12	110	

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How can concrete contribute?	LEED Credit categories in Which Concrete Can Contribute		Points Potentially Influenced by Concrete
	Integrative Process		1
	Location & Transportation (16 Points Available)		
	Neighborhood Development Location		16, or
	High Priority Sites		2
	Surrounding Density and Diverse Uses		3
	Access to Quality Transit		5
	Sustainable Sites (10 Points Available)		
	Site Development – Protect or Restore Habitat		2
	Open Space		1
	Rainwater Management		3
	Heat Island Reduction		2
	Water Efficiency (11 Points Available)		
	Outdoor Water Use Reduction		2
	Indoor Water Use Reduction		6
	Energy & Atmosphere (33 Points Available)		
	Minimum Energy Performance		Required
	Optimize Energy Performance		18
	Material and Resources (13 Points Available)		
	Construction and Demolition Waste Management Planning		Required
	Building Life-Cycle Impact Reduction		3
	Building Product Disclosure and Optimization – Environmental Product Declarations		2
	Building Product Disclosure and Optimization - Sourcing of Raw Materials		2
	Building Product Disclosure and Optimization – Material Ingredients		2
	Construction and Demolition Waste Management		2
	Indoor Environmental Quality (16 Points Available)		
	Low-Emitting Materials		3
	Daylight		3
	Quality Views		1
	Acoustic Performance		1
	Innovation (6 Points Available)		
	Innovation		5
	LEED AP +		1
	Regional Priority (4 Points Available)		4
	TOTAL		74

LEMAY, L., PENG, T. Concrete Sustainability Report CSR11. National Ready Mixed Association (NRMCA), Maryland, 2014.

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High Performance Concretes: a sustainable future

Some LEED certified enterprises in Brazil:



$f_{ck} : 50\text{MPa}$

Use of prestressed concrete to reduce the dimensions of the structure.

Ventura Corporate Towers
Rio de Janeiro/RJ
2011
GOLD



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High Performance Concretes: a sustainable future

Some LEED certified enterprises in Brazil:



$f_{ck} : 50\text{MPa}$

Eldorado Business Tower
São Paulo/SP
2009
PLATINUM



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High Performance Concretes: a sustainable future

Some LEED certified enterprises in Brazil:



Reasons for the Platinum:

- ✓ Rational Use of Water
- ✓ Land development
- ✓ Energy efficiency
- ✓ Environmental care with wastes
- ✓ Air conditioning
- ✓ Braking elevators
- ✓ Sustainable materials

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LEED Scorecard

Platinum 46/62

► SUSTAINABLE SITES

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► WATER EFFICIENCY

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► ENERGY & ATMOSPHERE

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► MATERIAL & RESOURCES

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► INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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► INNOVATION

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High Performance Concrete: a sustainable future

Some LEED certified enterprises in Hong Kong/China (102 in total):

	Certification date	City	Country	Rating system	Version	Certification level
NAB Private Wealth HK	21/11/2013	Hong Kong Island	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	Platinum
ABN AMRO Bank N.V., Hong Kong Branch	01/11/2012	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	Gold
Jones Lang LaSalle	27/07/2011	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	Platinum
T Rowe Price Hong Kong Expansion	20 May 2016	Central Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	Gold
Yoo Residence		Hong Kong Island	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	New Construction	v2009	
Manulife Tower Project	16 May 2016	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	Platinum
TAL Apparel - HK Headquarters Phase 1		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	
HKU Post-Graduate Residence	14/03/2016	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	New Construction	v2009	Silver
1 Hennessy Road		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Core and Shell	v2009	
Wonder 8	29 Oct 2013	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Core and Shell	v2009	Gold
Sha Tin Communications Technology Centre	07/01/2016	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	New Construction	v2009	Gold
38-42 Lyndhurst Terrace Development	03/01/2016	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	New Construction	v2009	Silver
Grade A Office Development at KTIJ 761 HK		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Core and Shell	v2009	
Congress Plus	10/11/2015	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	Gold
Wells Fargo HK Office	27 Sep 2015	Hong Kong SAR	China [cn]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	Gold
Ferrero International S.A.	24 Sep 2015	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	Gold
Trade and Industry Tower in Kai Tak	22 Sep 2015	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	New Construction	v2.2	Platinum
Mapletree Logistics Hub - Tsing Yi		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Core and Shell	v2009	
Redevelopment of Central Mansion		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Core and Shell	v2009	
The Forum Redevelopment	28 Apr 2015	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Core and Shell	v2009	Platinum
88 Sai Yee Street		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Core and Shell	v2009	
3 Macdonnell Road		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Core and Shell	v2009	
Google Hong Kong T2 L25	17 Sep 2015	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	Certified
HSBC HK International Airport Branch	17 Sep 2015	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Retail - Commercial Interiors	v2009	Certified
Double Cove	16 Sep 2015	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Neighborhood Development plan	v2009	Gold
Sai Kung Hotel		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	New Construction	v2009	
LEED EB v4 Test 1.01		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Existing Buildings	v4	
Hotel Indigo (Tai Yuen Street Hong Kong)	29/07/2015	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	New Construction	v2.2	Silver
MANNINGS PLUS - HONG KONG IFC MALL	04/08/2015	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Retail - Commercial Interiors	v2009	Gold
Proposed Commercial Development NKIL6512		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Core and Shell	v2009	
HKU Chow Yei Ching Building	23/06/2015	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Existing Buildings	v2009	Gold
113 Argyle Street, Mongkok, Kowloon		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	New Construction	v2009	
ITC Causeway Hotel		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	New Construction	v2009	
704 -730 Kings Road		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Core and Shell	v2009	
M Moser Hong Kong	14 Oct 2014	Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v4	Silver
LEED CI for SM HSBC Training Centre		Hong Kong	Hong Kong S.A.R., China [hki]	Commercial Interiors	v2009	

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Sha Tin Communications
Technology Centre
Hong Kong/China
2016
Gold

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Some LEED certified enterprises in Hong Kong/China

LEED Scorecard

Gold 66/110

► SUSTAINABLE SITES	23 OF 26	
► WATER EFFICIENCY	10 OF 10	
► ENERGY & ATMOSPHERE	10 OF 35	
► MATERIAL & RESOURCES	5 OF 14	
► INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	8 OF 15	
► INNOVATION	6 OF 6	
► REGIONAL PRIORITY CREDITS	4 OF 4	
► INTEGRATIVE PROCESS CREDITS	0 OF 3	

Reasons for the Gold



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Trade and Industry Tower
in Kai Tak
Hong Kong/China
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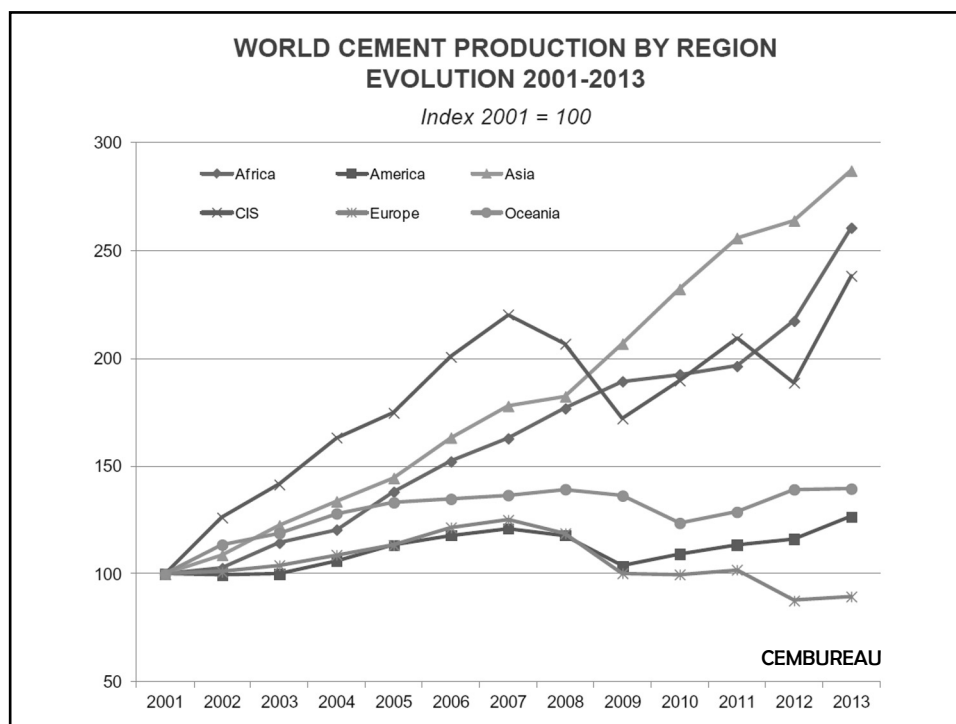
Why does this Programs control
much the building use and do not
give much relevance to the
Materials and Structures?

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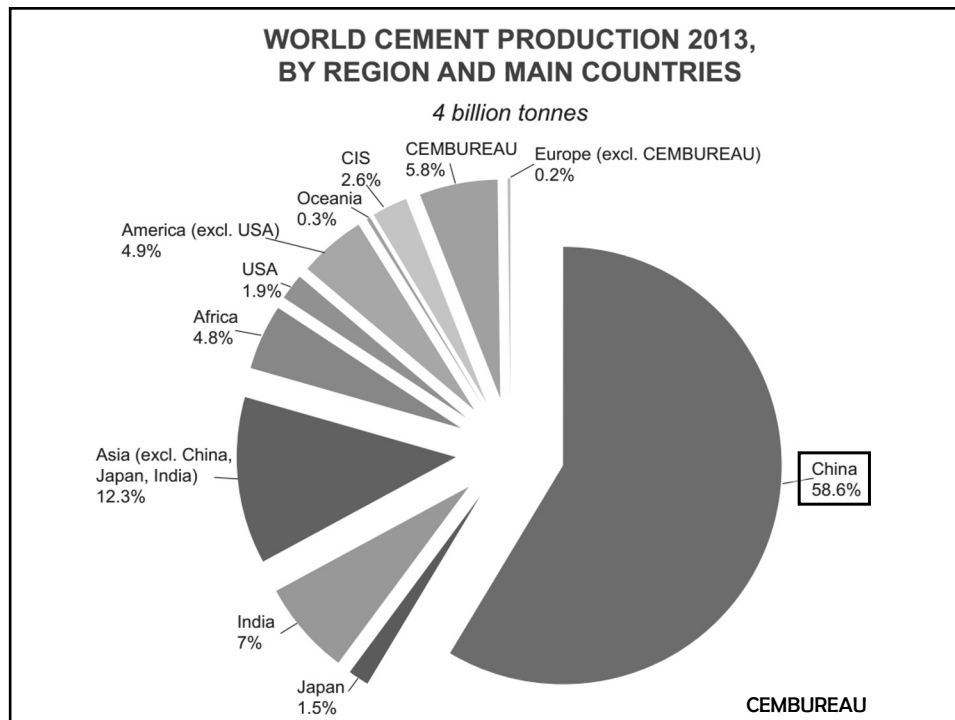
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If the cement is responsible for
6% to 7% of the whole planet's
CO₂ emissions, why not to
control the concrete from a
sustainable point of view?

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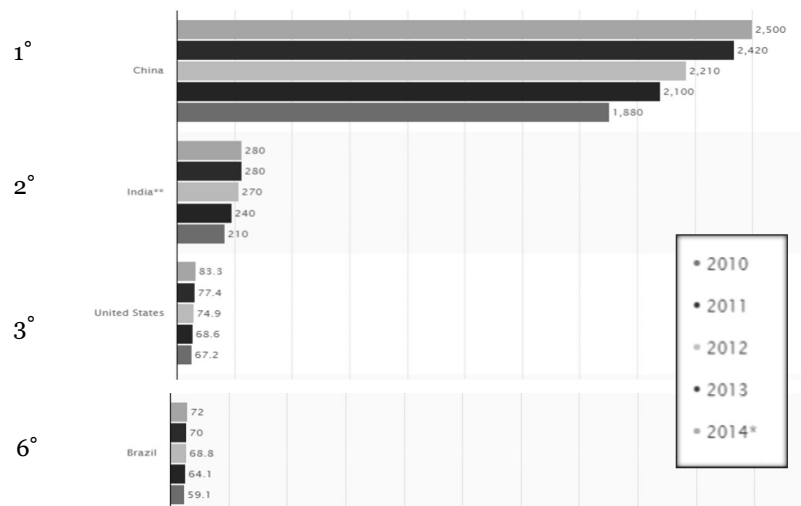
Production capacity

Source: The Global Cement Directory 2013 and work conducted towards publication of the Global Cement Directory 2014

Rank	Company/Group	Country	Capacity (Mt/yr)	No. of plants
1	Anhui Conch	China	217	26
2	Lafarge	France	205	134
3	Holcim	Switzerland	174	117
4	CNBM	China	128	80
5	HeidelbergCement	Germany	90	100
6	Italcementi	Italy	80	60
7	Cemex	Mexico	76	55
8	Taiwan Cement Corp	Taiwan	64	6
9	China Resources	China	59	17
10	Sinoma	China	53	4
11	UltraTech	India	49	23

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Major countries in worldwide cement production from 2010 to 2014 (in million metric tons)

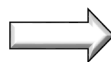


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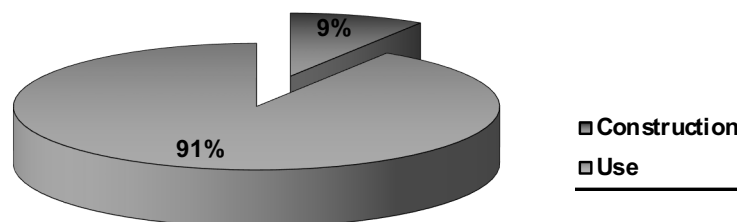
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Edification - Emissions of GWP

Considering a service life of 50 years for a middle class house



Holistic Vision:
operation and use



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CONCLUSIONS

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- **The cement is not the main villain**
- **The concrete is not banned or unserviceable**
- **Civil engineer of concrete is not reckless or villain**

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**The noble concept of
sustainability is
beautiful and it has
been practiced in
concrete structures,
which can do even
better!**

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Sustainability

**“Sustainable development meets
the needs of the present without
compromising the ability of
future generations to meet their
own needs.”**

United Nations, 1987 - Brundtland Commission

Environmental – Social - Economical

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How to walk in the direction of SUSTAINABILITY in concrete structures?

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Options:

1. act on the materials
2. use recycled aggregate
3. use self-compacting concrete (SCC)
4. use high durability concrete
5. use high-strength concrete (HSC)

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1. Acting on the construction materials:

- cement
- supplementary cementing materials (SMC)
- sand (fine aggregate)
- gravel (coarse aggregate)
- water;
- additives;
- steel / reinforcement;
- formwork

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CEMENT SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (WBCSD – CSI)



World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Cement Sustainability Initiative

- 1999
- 10 international groups
- 25 groups around the world are members of the CSI

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CEMENT SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (WBCSD – CSI)



World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Cement Sustainability Initiative

■ In China:



華潤水泥控股有限公司
China Resources Cement Holdings Limited



中国天瑞集团水泥有限公司
China Tianrui Group Cement Company Limited



中国西部水泥有限公司
WEST CHINA CEMENT LIMITED



China National
Building Material
Group Corporation

CNBM

Sinoma

China National
Materials Group
Corporation Ltd.

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CEMENT SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (WBCSD – CSI)



World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Cement Sustainability Initiative

■ In Brazil:



Votorantim
Cimentos



InterCement



LAFARGE



Holcim

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HOW TO MITIGATE CO₂ EMISSIONS?



World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Cement Sustainability Initiative

- Energy efficiency
- Alternative fuels
- Cement additives
- Carbon capture and imprisonment

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ALTERNATIVE FUELS



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Cement Sustainability Initiative

According to WBCSD – CSI, in the study “Getting the Numbers Right” (GNR):

“Brazil is the leader in the use of biomass as substitute fuel, with 12% of total thermal energy generated. Adding 9% fossil waste, Brazil also replaces more than one fifth of fossil fuels with alternative fuels”.

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Recent investigations in Brazil

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Nanotubes and Carbon Fibers: A way for the sustainability of cementitious materials

SOUZA, T. C. C.; SUZUKI, S.; LUDVIG, P.; CALIXTO, J. M.; LADEIRA, L. O.
CONCRETO & CONSTRUÇÕES. São Paulo: Ibracon, jan. 2015. Trimestral.

Use of NTC and NFC in order to
increase the strength and reduce
the concrete pores.

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Nanotechnology: NTC and NFC applied directly to Clinker particles

■ Results:

Increased durability by refinement of the pores in hydrated cement paste (20% reduction in pore diameter).

Increased setting time of up to 17%

Clinker content reduction for the same resistance by increasing the strength of concrete up to 21%.

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Yesterday Concrete: Tomorrow Cement: The use of concrete wastes in Clinker production

NOBRE, T. R. S.; GUERREIRO, A. Q.; KIRCHHEIM, A. P.
CONCRETO & CONSTRUÇÕES. São Paulo: Ibracon, jan. 2015. Trimestral.

Objective: Evaluate the possibility of using concrete and other industrial wastes as raw meal composition of Portland cement.

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Results of the Processing



- ✓ Environmental benefit;
- ✓ Economic factor;
- ✓ Innovation in Clinker production;
- ✓ Closure of the life cycle;
- ✓ Contains all the needed minerals which make up the raw material;
- ✓ Composite simple emits less CO₂ than pure sample.

VIABLE !

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**2. Use of concrete with recycled
aggregate from the wastes
generated by new construction or
demolition**

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RESEARCH**

Durability of recycled aggregates concrete: a safe way to sustainable development

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Concrete made with recycled aggregates (20%, 50%, and 100% replacement) from old masonry or from old concrete can have the **same fresh workability** and can achieve the **same compressive strength** of concrete made by natural aggregates in the range of 20–40 MPa at 28 days.

Referenced by 210 articles - Google Scholar

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Recycled Aggregate



- Recycled of cementitious base (concrete and mortars)
- Recycled of ceramic base (floors, masonry)
- Replace them from 20% to 50% of the fine and coarse aggregate without affecting strength and durability

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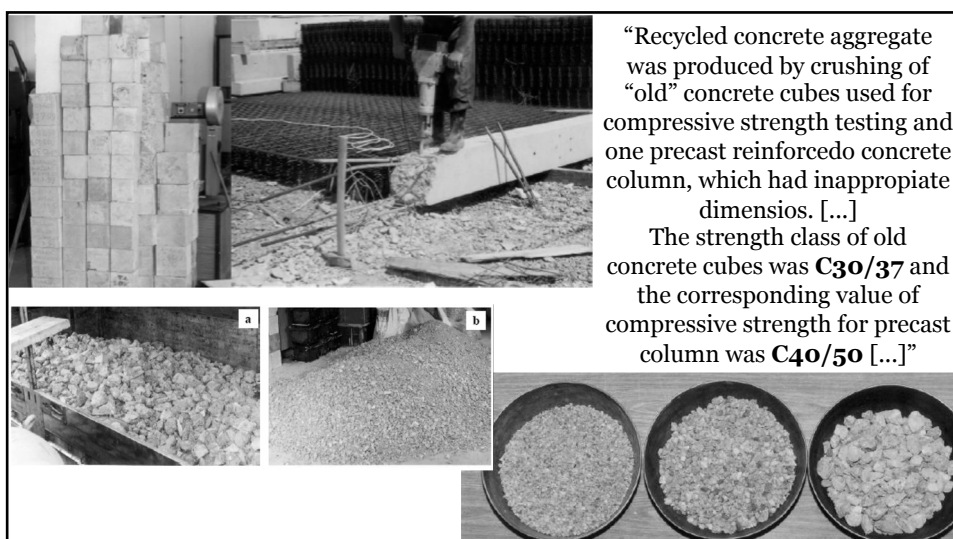
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Recycled Concrete as Aggregate for Structural Concrete Production

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“Recycled concrete aggregate was produced by crushing of “old” concrete cubes used for compressive strength testing and one precast reinforced concrete column, which had inappropriate dimensions. [...] The strength class of old concrete cubes was **C30/37** and the corresponding value of compressive strength for precast column was **C40/50** [...]”

Concrete compressive strength mainly depends on the quality of recycled aggregate. If good quality aggregate (obtained by crushing higher strength class concrete as in this case) is used for the production of new concrete, the recycled aggregate has no influence on the compressive strength, regardless of the replacement ratio of natural coarse aggregate with recycled aggregate. The same conclusion is valid for concrete tensile strength (splitting and flexural).

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3. use high performance self-compacting concrete (SCC)

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Comparative study



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self-compacting
concrete (SCC)



vibrated
concrete

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10 x productivity

Vibrated concrete:

placed and finished: 4.4min + 3.3min

n. of workers: 5 (five)

placing (2), vibrating (1) and finishing (2)

0.870 man-hour / m³ of concrete

SCC:

Placed and finished: 1.2min

n. of workers: 3 (three)

placing (1) and finishing (2)

0.081 man-hour / m³ of concrete

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SCC

1. Reduces noise → health
2. Reduces time → productivity
3. Increases uniformity
4. Reduces electric energy → do not use vibrator
5. Reduces formwork wear
6. Enhances service life

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a sustainable future**

**4. use high durability
concrete**

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Carbonation

$$e = 2,0 \text{ cm}$$

$$f_{ck} = 15 \text{ MPa} \rightarrow t = 8 \text{ years}$$

$$f_{ck} = 25 \text{ MPa} \rightarrow t = 38 \text{ years}$$

$$f_{ck} = 50 \text{ MPa} \rightarrow t = 240 \text{ years}$$

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Centro Empresarial Nações Unidas - Torre Norte

São Paulo - 1997

179 m high

$f_{ck} = 50 \text{ MPa}$



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250 anos de garantia.

Quem precisa de segurança, tecnologia e competência, precisa da Engemix. Como a Mabe Engenharia, pioneira, desenvolveu a tecnologia de bombeamento de concreto para o edifício de 35 andares, o edifício da Torre Norte do Centro Empresarial Nações Unidas, um bloco de 20m x 20m x 4m, correspondente a 2.024 m² de concreto, lançado em 23 horas consecutivas. Com a utilização de 360 toneladas de gás para controlar a temperatura do concreto, volume equivalente a um cubo de 4m x 4m x 24m. Ou ainda o Condomínio Residencial, obra com 16 andares, de 20m x 20m, com um volume de 36 toneladas de concreto lançado em 150 metros, o mais alto de São Paulo, com 26.000 m² de CAC, o concreto de alto desempenho. Edifícios que não são apenas monumentos por sua grandeza e tecnologia, mas também exemplos de aplicação do CAC, a mais nova tecnologia em sistemas de concretagem, menos de 1% de água. É a mais avançada de CAC do Brasil, e não deverá apresentar qualquer tipo de problema pelos próximos 250 anos. Ou até 250, segundo pesquisas e estudos realizados por consultores e técnicos especializados para o desenvolvimento e aplicação de aditivos, impo-
 É na construção do edifício do Centro Empresarial Nações Unidas, o maior edifício de bombeamento de concreto em altura 150 metros.

Em menos de 4 horas, foram bombeados quase 30 m³ de concreto para 36 Andares. Bombas de lançamento de concreto que suportam carga de 200 kg de concreto na boca de lançamento, equivalentes a 7,5 toneladas.

O resultado é que, hoje, o Centro Empresarial Nações Unidas é o edifício mais moderno e seguro do Brasil, com tecnologia de concretagem desenvolvida e aplicada em obras de concreto de alto desempenho, aplicando concreto grávido e expandido a compressão da Engemix. Que garante ao empreendimento não apenas redução de custos, mas também duração do tempo de concretagem, potencialização das pesquisas dos especialistas, redução da fricção do concreto na tubulação, otimização da resistência e da durabilidade do concreto na obra.

Quem precisa de estrutura segura em concretagem não tem medo. Chama a Engemix.

CONCRETO ENGEMIX

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Life cycle CO₂ evaluation on reinforced concrete structures with high-strength concrete

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The target building for evaluation is a tall apartment building made of reinforced concrete with a total floor area of 14,424 m², 35 stories above the ground

Table 7
Re-design of high-strength concrete.

	Previous design	Re-design of high-strength concrete
27-top	24 MPa	40 MPa
20–26 stories	27 MPa	40 MPa
10–19 stories	30 MPa	40 MPa
1–9 stories	35 MPa	40 MPa

Case 1: demolition and reconstruction after 50years
Case 2: maintenance after 50 years
Case 3: 100years service life due to the use of high strength concrete (redesign)

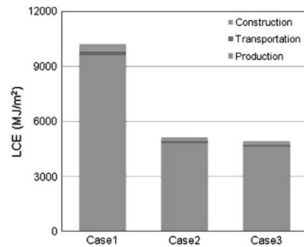


Fig. 4. Energy consumption for construction stage.

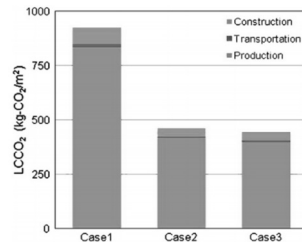


Fig. 5. CO2 emission for construction stage.

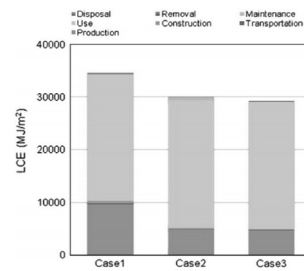


Fig. 6. Energy consumption for building life cycle.

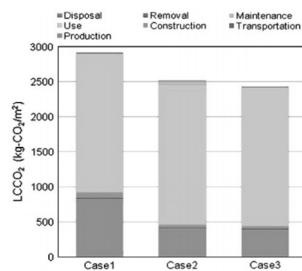


Fig. 7. CO2 emission for building life cycle.

In particular, the energy consumption of case 3 for construction stage **decreased 51.89% and 3.79%** respectively compared with case 1 and case 2, and the evaluation of CO2 emission also **decreased 52.06% and 4.12%** respectively compared with case 1 and case 2.

The energy consumption of case 3 for life cycle **decreased 15.53% and 2.95%** respectively compared with case 1 and case 2, and CO2 emission also **decreased 16.70% and 3.37%** respectively compared with case 1 and case 2.

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Sustainable Development, Global Change and Ecosystems

Sustainable Surface Transport



Strategic Targeted Research Project

ARCHES

Assessment and Rehabilitation of Central European Highway Structures

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE USE OF UHPFRC IN
COMPOSITE STRUCTURAL MEMBERS**

REHABILITATION LOG ČEZSOŠKI BRIDGE

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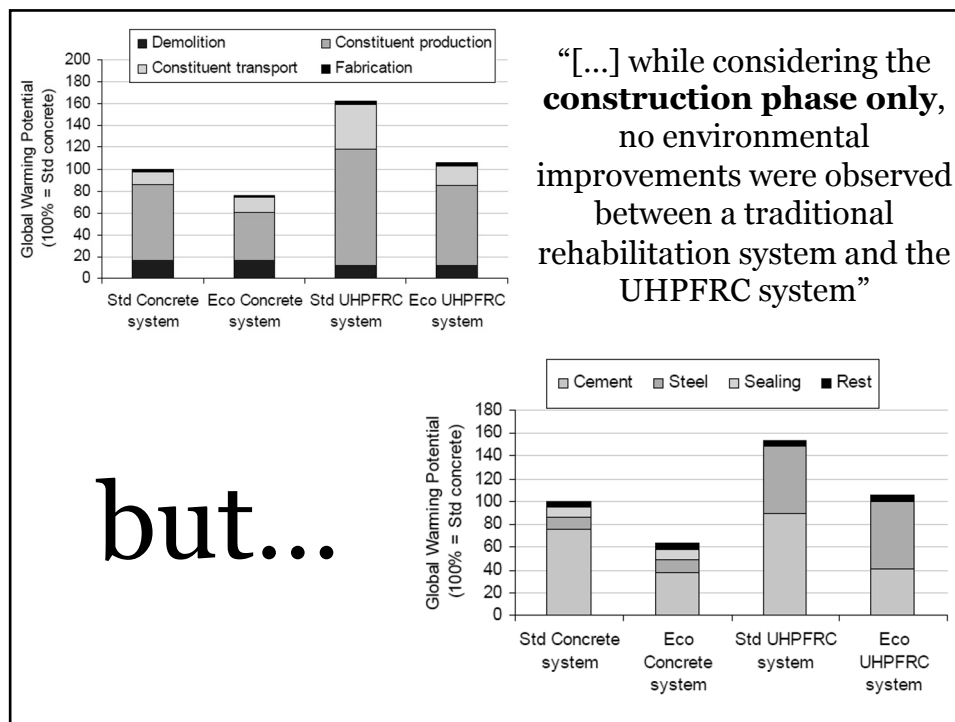
Recommendations for the Use of UHPFRC in Composite Structural Members e Rehabilitation Log Čezsoški Bridge.

Deliverable ARCHES D14.

Denarié, E., Habert, G., Sajna, A., 2009.

“Four systems are compared: two **traditional rehabilitation systems** and two **rehabilitation systems using UHPFRC**. The difference between the two solutions in the same system is the nature of the binder used. We have made a distinction between a standard solution where CEM I is the only binder that is used and an “eco-solution” where 50% of mineral addition is substituted to cement. [...]”

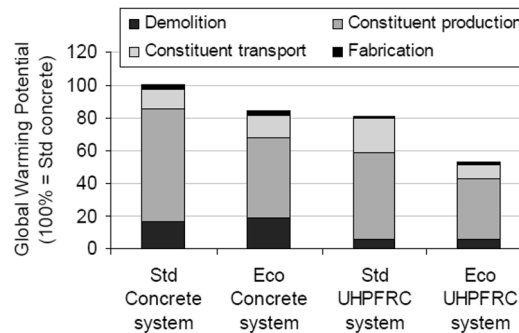
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“If it is assumed that the **durability** of a traditional solution is 30 years, the durability of eco-concrete can be set at 80% of that **and the durability of both UHPFRC can be assumed to be at least twice longer**. To compare the impact of the different solutions, it should then be assumed that one will need 2 rehabilitations with traditional systems while we will do a single rehabilitation with UHPFRC systems”

Rehabilitation systems with UHPFRC have then **much lower impact** than both traditional rehabilitation systems.



When the rehabilitation lifespan was considered, a CO₂ emissions reduction of close to 50% could be achieved

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Sustainable Development

“Increasing service life of concrete structures we can preserve the natural resources.

If we develop the design and construction ability we can get concrete structures with 500 years service life. Doing this we can multiply by ten our productivity which means preserve the 90% of them”

Kumar Mehta

Reducing the Environmental Impact of Concrete
Concrete International. ACI, v.23, n. 10, Oct. 2001. p.61-66

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5. use high-strength concrete (HSC)

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- **CO₂?**
- **Energy?**
- **Natural resources?**
- **Life cycle?**

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High Performance Concrete: a sustainable future

Column for 500t

$$f_{ck} = 20\text{MPa}$$

$$f_{ck} = 50\text{ MPa}$$

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**Considering a typical central column of a
20-story building, square cross section, 3m
high, main reinforcement**

Characteristic normal strength= 500 tf			
f_{ck} (MPa)	steel rate (%) → total of the column	cross section (cm)	adopted (cm)
20	0.4 → 49kg	71.8 x 71.8	72 x 72
50	0.4 → 24kg	46.9 x 46.9	50 x 50
20	4.0 → 255kg	51.2 x 51.2	52 x 52
50	4.0 → 151kg	39.5 x 39.5	40 x 40

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$$f_{ck} = 20\text{MPa}$$

Cement = 280 kg/m³

Sand = 845 kg/m³

Gravel = 1036 kg/m³

Water = 210 kg/m³

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High Performance Concrete: a sustainable future

$$f_{ck} = 50\text{MPa}$$

Cement = 420 kg/m³

Sand = 801 kg/m³

Gravel = 1010 kg/m³

Water = 160 kg/m³

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Trace Gas	GWP	Trace Gas	GWP
Carbon Dioxide	1	HFC-143a	3800
CCI 4	1300	HFC-152a	140
CFC- 11	3400	HFC-227ea	2900
CFC-113	4500	HFC-23	9800
CFC-116	>6200	HFC-236fa	6300
CFC-12	7100	HFC-245ca	560
CFC-I 14	7000	HFC-32	650
CFC-I 15	7000	HFC-41	150
Chloroform	4	HFC-43-IOmee	1,300
HCFC- 123	90	Methane	21
HCFC- 124	430	Methylenechloride	9
HCFC-141b	580	Nitrous Oxide	310
HCFC-142b	1600	Perfluorobutane	7000
HCFC-22	1600	Perfluorocyclobutane	8700
HFC- 125	2800	Perfluoroethane	9200
HFC-134	1,000	Sulphur hexafluoride	23900
HFC-134a	1300	Trifluoroiodomethane	<1
HFC-143	300		

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Gaseous emissions and energy consumption

Material	NOx (kg/t)	CO ₂ (kg/t)	GWP (kg/t)	Energy consumed (kWh/t)
Portland Clinker (≈ CP I)	1.85	855	1447 (880)	998
Pig iron (mineral) CA 50 & CA 60 (waste)	4.43	1588 380	3006 719	5,060 20,000

**Global warming potential (GWP) is a measure of how much a given mass of greenhouse gas is estimated to contribute to global warming. It is a relative scale which compares the gas in question to that of the same mass of carbon dioxide.*

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Structural Concrete ***f_{ck} 20MPa***

	1 m ³	GWP kg/t	GWP kg/m ³	Energy kWh/m ³
Cement CP I	280kg	1447	405	280
Sand	845kg	0	0	1
Gravel	1036kg	0	0	12
Water	210kg	0	0	0
Steel CA50 & CA60	32kg	719	23	640
	315kg		226	6300
Formwork 12 m ² /m ³ 6 reuses 1.4cm plate	0,0280 m ²	0	0	43
TOTAL			428	933
			631	6636

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Structural concrete ***f_{ck} 50MPa***

	1 m ³	GWP kg/t	GWP kg/m ³	Energy kWh/m ³
Cement CP I	420kg	1447	607	419
Sand	801kg	0	0	3
Gravel	1010kg	0	0	12
Water	160kg	0	0	0
Steel CA50 & CA60	32kg	719	23	640
	315kg		226	6300
Formwork 12 m ² /m ³ 6 reuses 1.4cm plate	0,0280 m ²	0	0	43
TOTAL			630	1117
			833	6777

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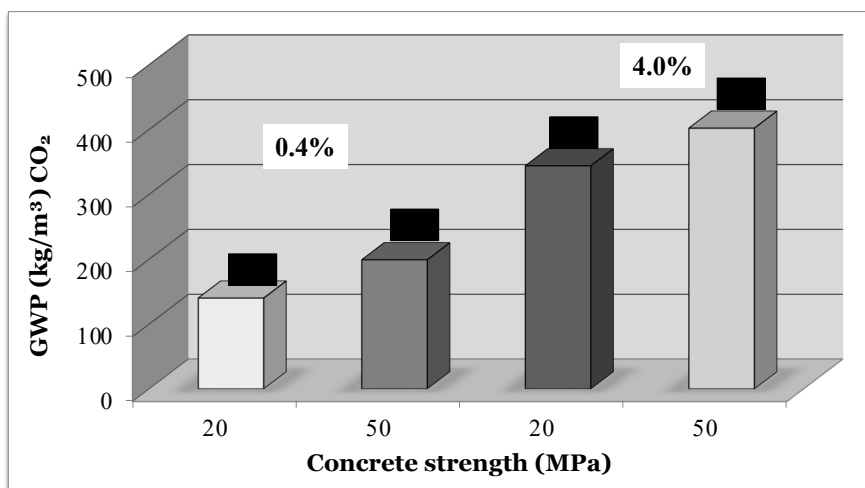
1 m³ of structural concrete

Material	Type	f_{ck}	GWP	Energy
		MPa	kg/m ³	kWh/m ³
Reinforced concrete	CP I	20	428 / 631	933 / 6636
Reinforced concrete	CP III	20	140 / 344	777 / 6437
Reinforced concrete	CP I	50	630 / 833	1117 / 6777
Reinforced concrete	CP III	50	199 / 402	820 / 6480

0.4% & 4%
steel rate

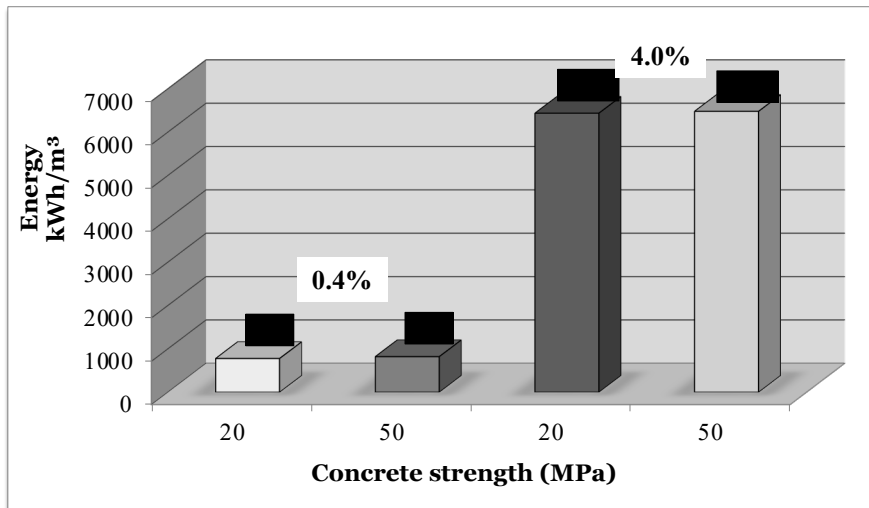
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1 m³ of structural concrete with 70% slag



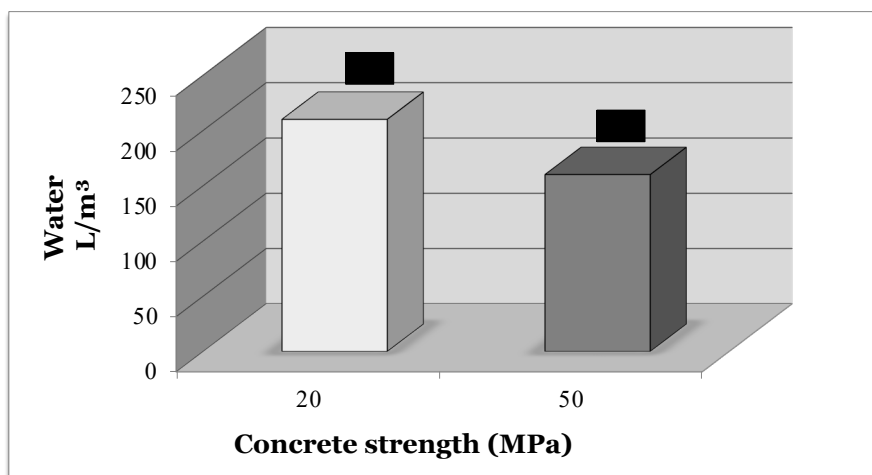
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1 m³ of structural concrete



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1 m³ of structural concrete



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**Column 3m high,
0.4% steel rate, 500tf**

Material	f_{ck}	cross section	energy	GWP
	MPa	cm	kWh	kg
Reinforced concrete	20	72x72	1208	218
Reinforced concrete	50	50x50	615	149

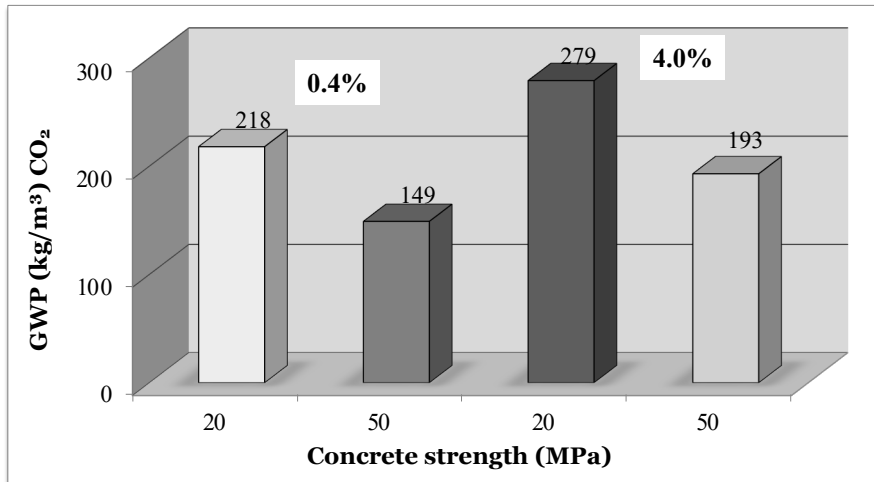
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**Column 3m high,
0.4% steel rate, 500tf**

Material	f_{ck}	cross section	energy	GWP
	MPa	cm	kWh	kg
Reinforced concrete	20	52x52	5221	279
Reinforced concrete	50	40x40	3110	193

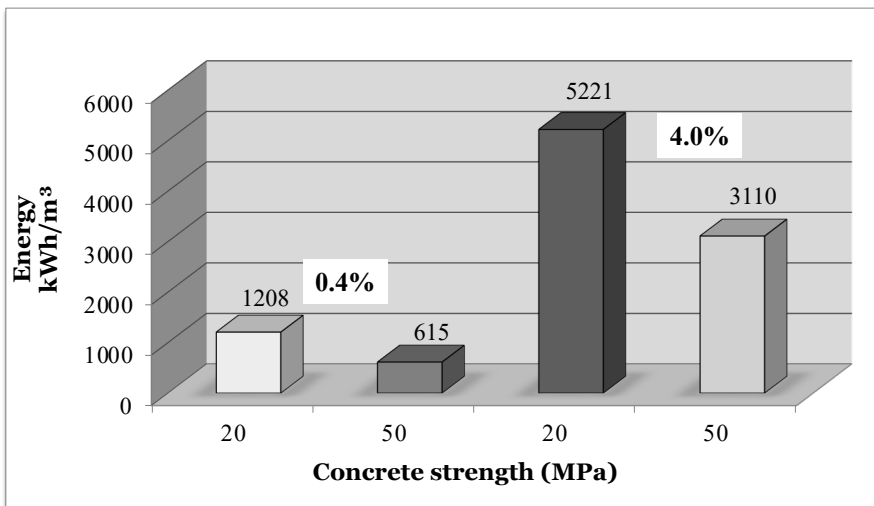
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Column 3m high, square cross section, 500tf



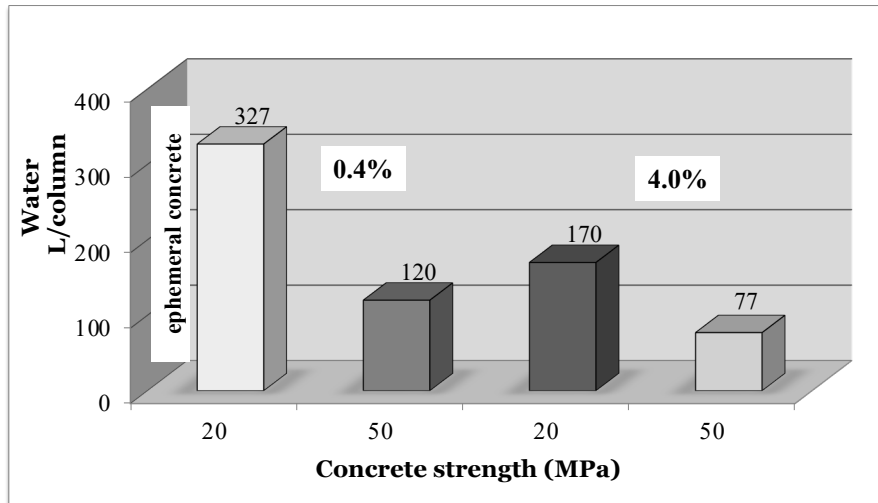
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Column 3m high, square cross section, 500tf



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Column 3m high, square cross section, 500tf



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High Performance Concrete: a sustainable future

Investigation:

Which is the most sustainable concrete?

$$f_{ck} = 25\text{MPa (250kgf/cm}^2\text{)}$$

$$f_{ck} = 30\text{MPa (300kgf/cm}^2\text{)}$$

$$f_{ck} = 35\text{MPa (350 kgf/cm}^2\text{)}$$

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Investigation: reinforced concrete building

- Low level;
- 8 storeys type;
- coverage, stairs and upper reservoir

Comparative analysis:

- 25 MPa;
- 30 MPa, keeping the same dimensions of the structural elements of 25 MPa;
- 35MPa, reducing the dimensions of structural elements.

Obtained structural area was of 2,078 m².

Load: 0.55 tf/ m² (permanent load + live load).

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Investigation: reinforced concrete building

25 MPa :

Cement: 310 kg
Sand: 870 kg = 0,53 m³ sand / m³ concrete
Gravel: 930 kg = 0,52 m³ gravel / m³ concrete
Water: 180 kg (or liters)

30 MPa :

Cement: 340 kg
Sand: 770 kg = 0,47 m³ sand / m³ concrete
Gravel: 970 kg = 0,54 m³ gravel / m³ concrete
Water: 180 kg (or liters)

35 MPa :

Cement: 370 kg
Sand: 744 kg = 0,45 m³ sand / m³ concrete
Gravel: 960 kg = 0,53 m³ gravel / m³ concrete
Water: 180 kg (or liters)

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Investigation: reinforced concrete building
Materials amount

Para 25MPa :

concrete	formwork	steel
471 m ³	4596 m ²	41619 kg
0.23 m ³ /m ²	2.20 m ² /m ²	20.0 kg/m ²
		88.0 kg/m ³

Para 30MPa :

concrete	formwork	steel
471 m ³	4596 m ²	40130 kg
0.23 m ³ /m ²	2.20 m ² /m ²	19.3 kg/m ²
		85.1 kg/m ³

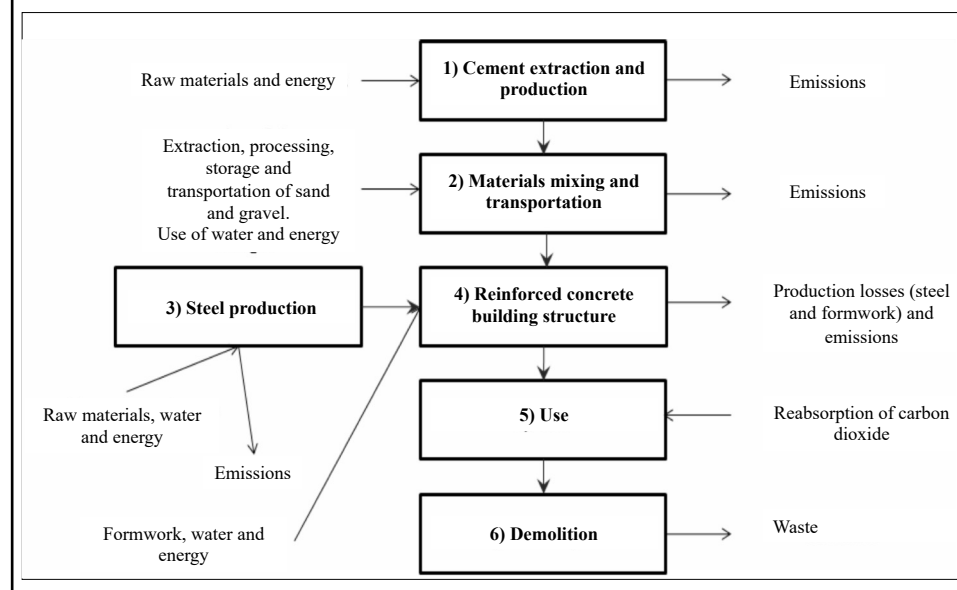
Para 35MPa :

concrete	formwork	steel
401 m ³	4464 m ²	39596 kg
0.19 m ³ /m ²	2.10 m ² /m ²	19.1 kg/m ²
		98.7 kg/m ³

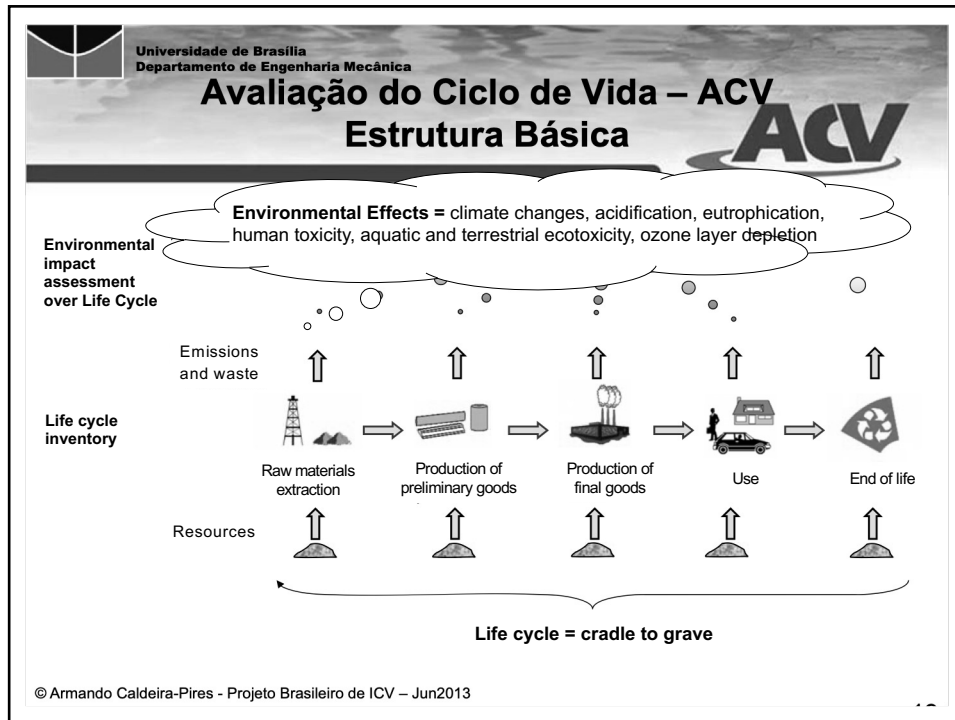
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Investigation: reinforced concrete building

Product flow diagram → ...from cradle to grave...



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a guide to understanding
**the embodied impacts
of construction products**

construction products association

RESEARCH REPORT R11-01, **Methods, Impacts, and Opportunities in the Concrete Building Life Cycle**, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Concrete Sustainable Hub, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, august, 2011.

ILCD handbook – **International reference Life Cycle Data System; General guide for Life Cycle Assessment – Detailed guidance**, Publications Office of the European Union, 2012, 394 p.

ISO 14025:2006
Environmental labels and declarations - Type III environmental declarations - Principles and procedures

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Reinforced concrete

... from cradle to grave...

Category	Unit	Total	Materials	Production	Transport	End of Life
						
 Global warming	[g CO ₂ -eq.]	102 610.0	67 800.0	27 700.0	3 720.0	3 390.0
 Acidification	[g SO ₂ -eq.]	836.6	535.0	266.0	35.3	0.3
 Eutrophication	[g NO ₃ -eq.]	712.2	471.0	179.0	59.2	3.0
 Photochemical smog	[g C ₂ H ₄ -eq.]	24.2	18.0	0.8	4.6	0.7

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Investigation: reinforced concrete building

The results obtained in relation to the impacts were studied:

	25 MPa	30 MPa	35 MPa
Eutrophication	Greater	Medium	Minor
Photochemical ozone formation	Greater	Medium	Minor
Material resources consumption	Greater	Medium	Minor
Energetic resources consumption	Greater	Medium	Minor
Ecotoxicity	Greater	Medium	Minor
Global Warming	Medium	Greater	Minor
Human toxicity	Greater	Medium	Minor
Acidification	Medium	Greater	Minor
Wastes	Medium	Greater	Minor

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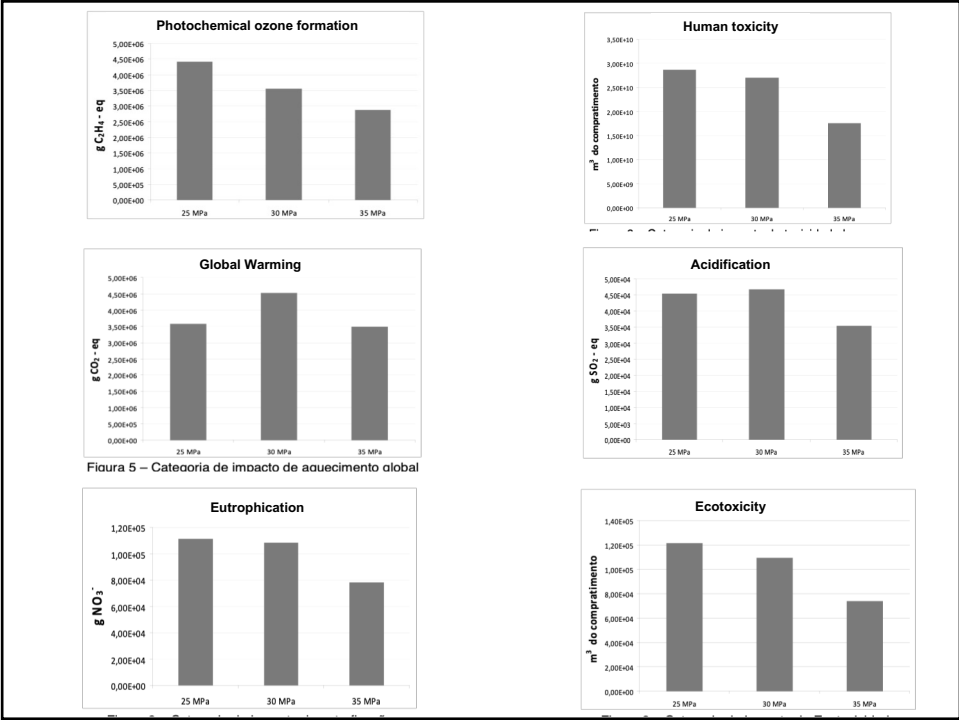
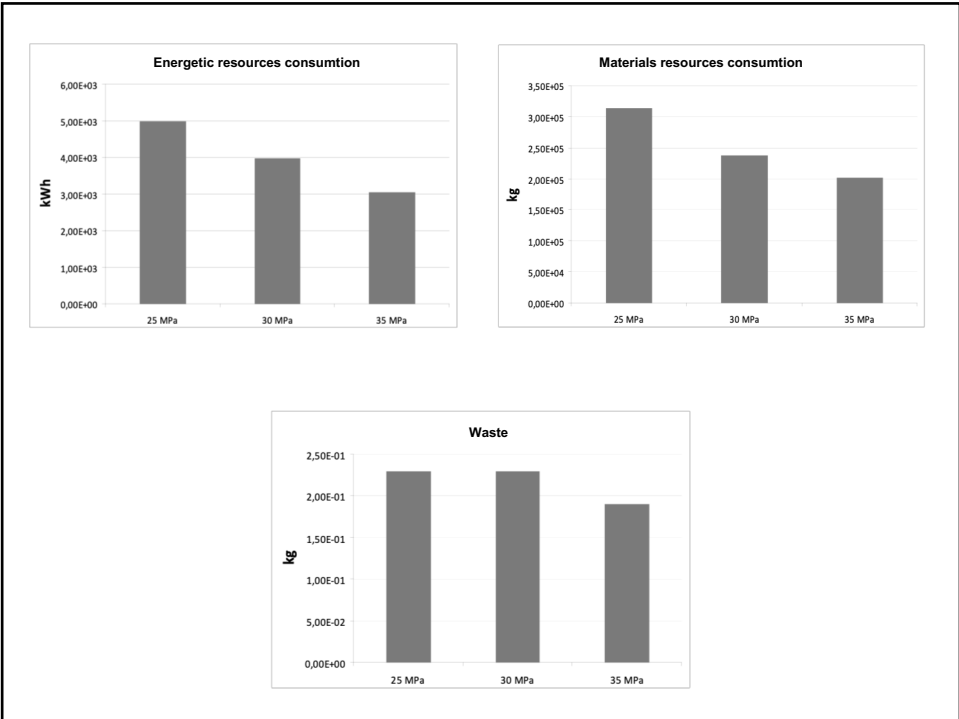


Figura 5 – Cateoria de impacto de aquecimento global

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Investigation: reinforced concrete building

This is an investigation of Eng. Ricardo Bento and it is part of his Doctoral thesis, that is still ongoing (on progress)

"Even though the work is not fully completed it is already possible to say that there was a clear advantage in replacing concrete 20MPa for 35MPa in a low middle class building with just 8 floors."

"The studies in progress will analyze other situations, houses and high buildings (> 25 floors) to verify that this partial findings, but very promising, can be generalized, and for the development of high performance concrete (high performance)"

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Investigation: reinforced concrete building

Conclusion:

For all the environmental impact categories, the 35MPa structure has the minimum values, performing the same function, then the 30MPa structure and, finally, the 25MPa structure

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Article

Analysis of CO₂ Emission Characteristics of Concrete Used at Construction Sites

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Column design change

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Column design change

Original design: 30 MPa + SRC structure

ALT 1: 45 MPa, concrete only

ALT 2: 50 MPa, concrete only

Table 7. Material fluctuation according to pillar strength change.

Category		Original Plan	ALT 1	ALT 2
Concrete (m ³)	30 MPa	1532	525	-
	45 MPa	-	1007	1007
	50 MPa	-	-	430
Rebar (ton)	SD40	199	-	-
	SD50	-	589	618
Steel-frame	SM49	747	-	-

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Table 9. CO₂ emission difference according to pillar change [Unit: kg-CO₂].

Category		Original Plan	ALT 1	ALT 2
Concrete	30 MPa	519,930	178,174	-
	45 MPa	-	299,985	299,985
	50 MPa	-	-	132,788
Rebar	SD40	877	-	-
	SD50	-	2597	2725
Steel-frame	SM49	3869	-	-
Total		524,676	480,756	435,495
Reduction ratio (%)		-	15%	23%

The CO₂ emission reduction method at the construction stage can be summarized as the application of high-strength concrete, the standardization of reduction mix design using blast-furnace slag, and the selection of RMC companies with low CO₂ emission.

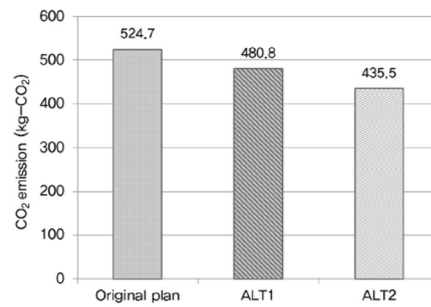


Figure 7. Comparison of CO₂ emission according to pillar change.

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These tools clearly established at ISO14025 environmental series allow the creation of a type III declaration, or allow an objective qualification of the products and services to construction.

In this way, it is developed a transparency of the products in relation to its environmental impacts.

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The revolution which is underway from these concepts uses a standardized methodology for data collection, environmental impact assessment, access to homogenized information and continued review of the environmental performance of products and services.



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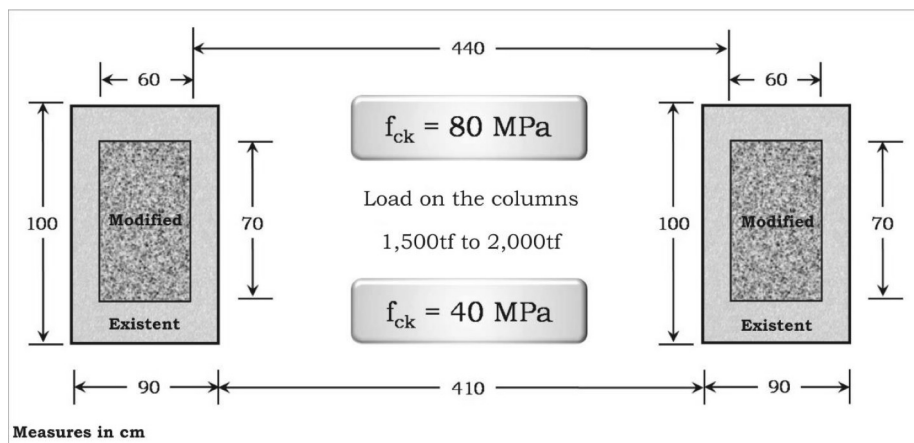
e-Tower

- e-Tower building / SP
- 42 floors
- Heliport
- semi-Olympic pool
- Gym
- 2 restaurants
- colored concrete
- f_{ck} columns = 80MPa



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Structural design (e-Tower)



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Myth
HSC > 125MPa
**consumes much
cement and is not
sustainable**

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TRUTH
**it may consume more
cement per m³, but the
amounts of CO₂ , energy
and water greatly
reduces with high
strength**
CO₂ / MPa

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Natural Resources Economy

Original:

$$f_{ck} = 40\text{MPa}$$

$$\text{Cross section} \rightarrow 90\text{cm} \times 100\text{cm} \rightarrow 0,90\text{m}^2$$

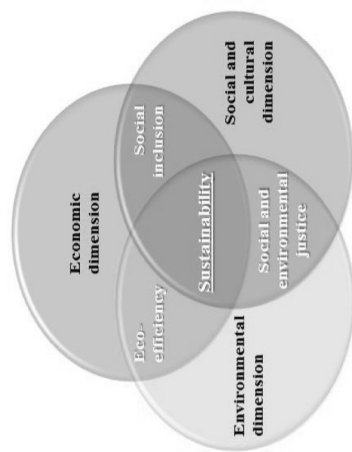
HPC / HSC:

$$f_{ck} = 80\text{MPa}$$

$$\text{Cross section} \rightarrow 60\text{cm} \times 70\text{cm} \rightarrow 0,42\text{m}^2$$

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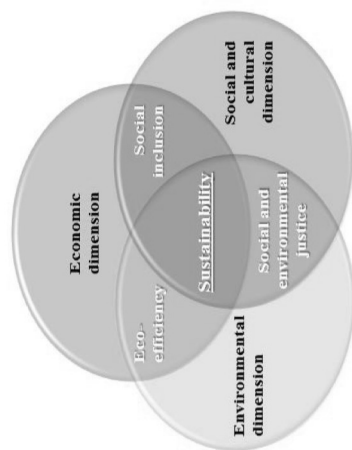
Sustainability



- **70% less sand**
- **70% less gravel**
- **53% less concrete**
- **53% less water**
- **20% less cement**
- **31% less formwork area**

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Sustainability



- **25% more reuse of formwork**
- **43% less steel**
- **16 more parking lots**
- **10x greater service life**
- **100% faster formwork removal**

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Reducing environmental impact by increasing the strength of concrete: quantification of the improvement to concrete bridges

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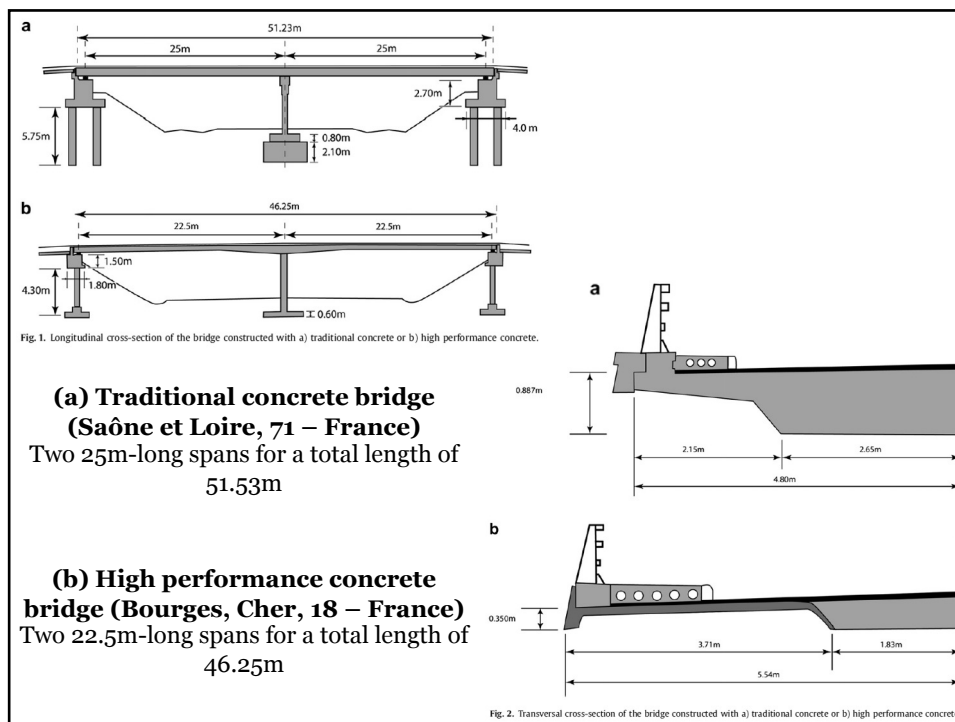
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Compares the environmental impacts of 2 existing classic bridges, made to cross a four-lane divided highway with a two-lane road

- *The 1st one made by traditional concrete*
- *The 2nd one constructed with high performance concrete*

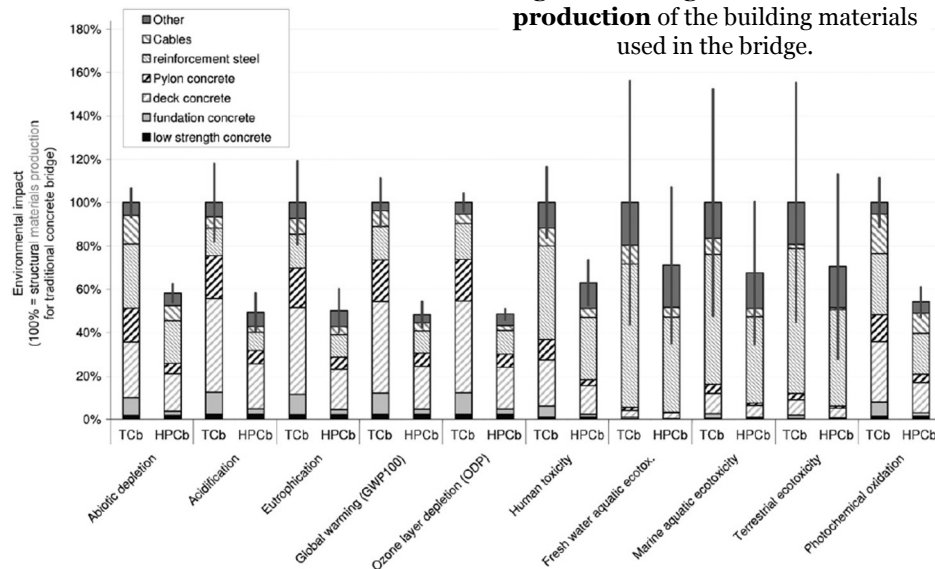
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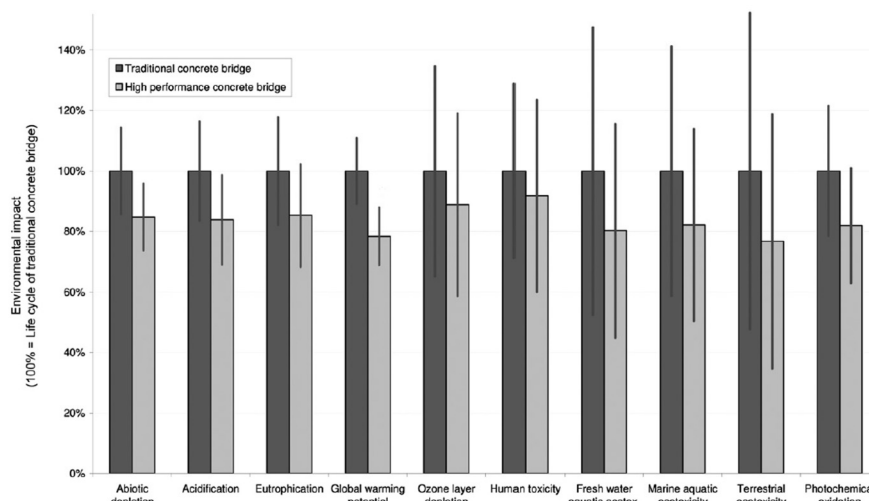
TCb = Traditional Concrete bridge
HPCb = High Performance Concrete bridge

The present study shows that the use of high performance concrete allows for a **50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions for production** of the building materials used in the bridge.



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[...] the HPC bridge design yields savings of **approximately 15% for all impact categories** [...] except for those dealing with ecotoxicity. For ecotoxicity, the HPC bridge solution allows **savings of 20%** [...].

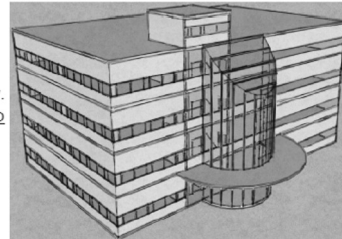


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IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY OF CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION – THE ROLE OF HIGH STRENGTH AND HIGH PERFORMANCE CONCRETE

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Compares design solutions for the same building, in terms of CO₂, cost and service life in a chloride exposure.

Four solutions were studied:

- Conventional structure: (B35)
- High-strength Concrete (HSC): 85 MPa, developed using particle packing model on local materials (B85)
- Different structural floor solutions were used for each concrete strength (conventional deck and flat slab bubbledeck)

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Table 9. Summary of results

	Building 1	Building 2	Building 3	Building 4
	Conv.	HSC	Conv.	HSC
	Conv deck	Conv. deck	Bubbledeck	Bubbledeck
Total CO ₂ [tonnes]	532.2	353.6	380.2	242.3
CO ₂ Saving	0	33.6	28.6	54.5
Total cost NOK	5 787 558	6 616 858	5 173 032	4 993 661
Service life (years)	52.9	206+	52.9	206+

“...In the longer term, the use of high strength HPC will give even larger benefits in terms of **long service life**, reduced maintenance because of durable structure and lastly the benefits of having an all-concrete, heavy structure that will reduce the total energy needed to modify the climate of the structure.”

DURABILITY

Chloride resistance (NTBUILD 492¹²) (Also AASHTO TP64)

The chloride resistance of this high strength concrete was excellent: Transport coefficients determined using Nordtest NT BUILD 492:

HSC (Mixture 11): $0.48 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$
Conventional concrete (C45): $8.18 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$

These values were then used to estimate service life in a chloride environment (Life365 default).

Table 10. Estimated service life in chloride environment (default environment)

LIFE365™ 2.01 ¹³	Conventional concrete	HSC
Service life (years) using default exposure	52.9	206+ (the maximum the software would determine)

“This example has shown that by using HSC/HPC in the chosen buildings, together with structural measures, it should possible to achieve **more than 50% reduction in total construction CO₂ emissions.**”

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Environmental Research Letters

LETTER

Greenhouse gas emissions from concrete can be reduced by using mix proportions, geometric aspects, and age as design factors

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Investigates the influence of **design age**, in addition to **mix proportions** and **geometric aspects**, on the GWP associated with 4 different functional units:

1. Cubic meter of concrete
2. Beam
3. Column
4. Concrete building frame

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Studied concrete mixes proportions

Name	w/b (kg/kg)	%FA (%)	Cement con- tent (kg m ⁻³)	Flyash con- tent (kg m ⁻³)	Water con- tent (kg m ⁻³)	Fine aggregate con- tent (kg m ⁻³)	Coarse aggregate con- tent (kg m ⁻³)	Superplasticizer content (kg m ⁻³)
Mix 1 1-0	1.00	0%	200	0	200	846	1060	0
Mix 2 0.71-0	0.71	0%	273	0	195	732	1116	0
Mix 3 0.56-0	0.56	0%	351	0	195	670	1147	0
Mix 4 0.45-0	0.45	0%	425	0	193	607	1122	0
Mix 5 0.38-0	0.38	0%	507	0	195	565	1096	0
Mix 6 0.71-0.57	0.71	57%	106	141	176	696	1180	0
Mix 7 0.56-0.67	0.56	67%	106	211	176	624	1168	0
Mix 8 0.45-0.73	0.45	73%	108	288	180	562	1126	1.3
Mix 9 0.38-0.77	0.38	77%	106	352	176	524	1099	3.3
Mix 10 0.71-0.29	0.71	29%	180	72	180	721	1166	0
Mix 11 0.56-0.44	0.56	44%	176	141	176	650	1191	0
Mix 12 0.45-0.55	0.45	55%	180	216	180	577	1136	0
Mix 13 0.38-0.62	0.38	62%	180	288	180	531	1097	2.1
Mix 14 0.33-0.67	0.33	67%	180	360	180	490	1052	3.8
Mix 15 0.56-0.22	0.56	22%	246	70	176	660	1174	0
Mix 16 0.45-0.36	0.45	36%	252	144	180	593	1147	0
Mix 17 0.38-0.46	0.38	46%	252	216	180	544	1110	1.7
Mix 18 0.33-0.53	0.33	53%	246	282	176	509	1082	4.2
Mix 19 0.29-0.59	0.29	59%	252	360	180	465	1017	7.2
Mix 20 0.45-0.18	0.45	18%	324	72	180	611	1155	1
Mix 21 0.38-0.31	0.38	31%	324	144	180	558	1122	2.1
Mix 22 0.33-0.40	0.33	40%	317	211	176	520	1096	3.6
Mix 23 0.29-0.47	0.29	47%	317	282	176	484	1048	8
Mix 24 0.38-0.15	0.38	15%	396	72	180	572	1135	3
Mix 25 0.33-0.27	0.33	27%	387	141	176	534	1108	4

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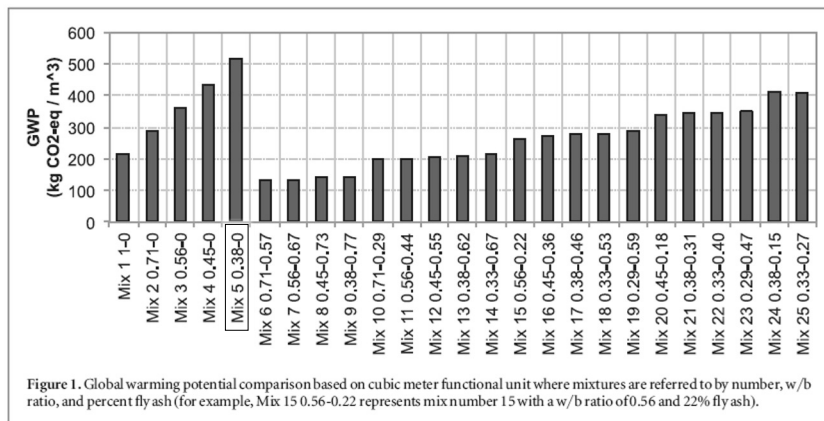
Studied concrete mixes compressive strengths

Name	w/b (kg/kg)	%FA (%)	Compressive strength (MPa)			
			14 days	28 days	56 days	112 days
Mix 1 1-0	1.00	0%	10.6	12.2	12.6	12.8
Mix 2 0.71-0	0.71	0%	22.7	24.7	28.5	30.1
Mix 3 0.56-0	0.56	0%	30.5	35.5	36.4	39.7
Mix 4 0.45-0	0.45	0%	41.9	45.0	49.2	51.2
Mix 5 0.38-0	0.38	0%	53.8	56.4	63.3	65.9
Mix 6 0.71-0.57	0.71	57%	6.6	7.7	9.0	12.7
Mix 7 0.56-0.67	0.56	67%	7.0	8.4	10.0	13.5
Mix 8 0.45-0.73	0.45	73%	8.8	11.1	13.6	19.3
Mix 9 0.38-0.77	0.38	77%	7.8	9.3	13.9	18.0
Mix 10 0.71-0.29	0.71	29%	13.4	15.9	18.0	22.0
Mix 11 0.56-0.44	0.56	44%	18.6	22.0	25.6	32.1
Mix 12 0.45-0.55	0.45	55%	18.0	23.3	29.2	34.9
Mix 13 0.38-0.62	0.38	62%	17.9	21.8	23.8	34.8
Mix 14 0.33-0.67	0.33	67%	19.4	25.5	30.2	39.2
Mix 15 0.56-0.22	0.56	22%	26.7	30.0	34.3	41.0
Mix 16 0.45-0.36	0.45	36%	24.1	29.2	35.0	46.1
Mix 17 0.38-0.46	0.38	46%	27.0	32.4	38.1	46.5
Mix 18 0.33-0.53	0.33	53%	24.5	28.3	35.9	43.2
Mix 19 0.29-0.59	0.29	59%	34.0	40.6	48.7	54.1
Mix 20 0.45-0.18	0.45	18%	36.1	44.0	48.6	56.3
Mix 21 0.38-0.31	0.38	31%	38.0	41.3	48.5	54.8
Mix 22 0.33-0.40	0.33	40%	50.1	54.0	60.0	73.7
Mix 23 0.29-0.47	0.29	47%	42.0	46.5	58.2	66.6
Mix 24 0.38-0.15	0.38	15%	44.2	48.9	52.3	61.9
Mix 25 0.33-0.27	0.33	27%	40.0	49.3	55.4	63.3

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1. Cubic meter functional unit

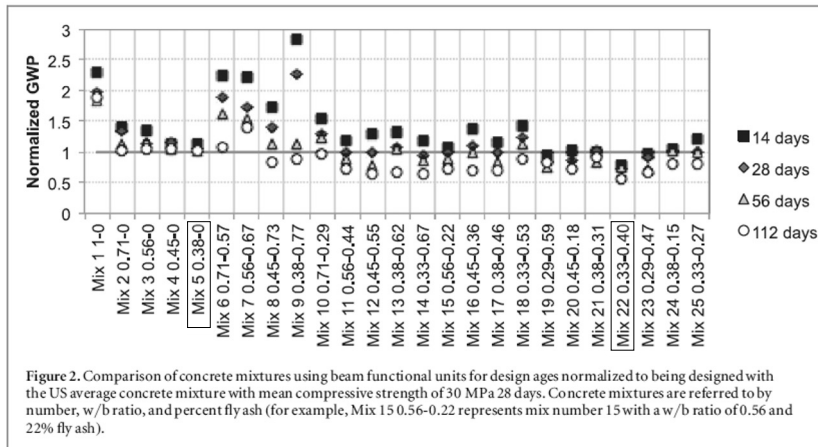
Using low levels of binder and especially low levels of cement would result in the lowest possible GWP. However, mechanical properties and changes in strength development differ based upon changes in binder and cement content.



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2. Beam functional unit

Increased age and the influence of strength development do not play a significant role in reducing GWP for the beam design functional unit. This is a reflection of the reinforcement playing a larger role in the member design than the concrete strength.

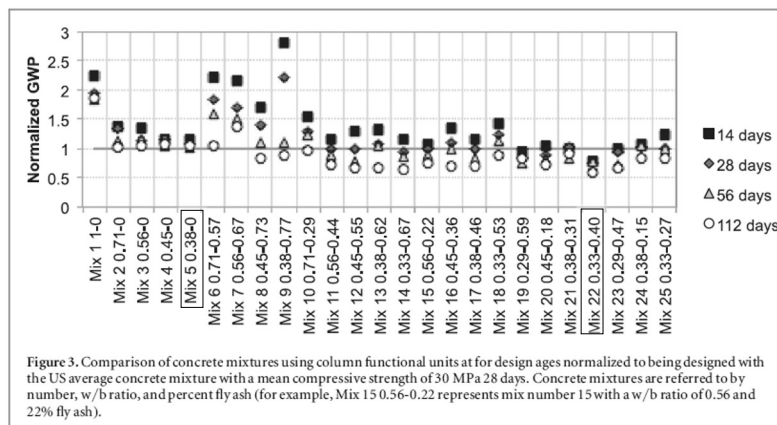


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3. Column functional unit

Notably, **the highest cement content concretes**, which have a high GWP on a cubic meter functional unit basis of comparison, **have among the most favorable GWP for the column design** at 28 days.

The attributes of low w/b ratio and high cement content typically are associated with high GWP concretes, but **in the case where strength can contribute significantly to the volume of material needed, the high associated GWP per cubic meter of material can be outweighed.**



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4. Concrete building frame functional unit

Table 3. Parameters investigated for improvements to concrete building frame.

Nomenclature	Definition
Baseline	Represents use of a concrete mixture with the US average fly ash use (22%) and 30 MPa compressive strength
Mix change (all)	Represents use of concrete mixtures that have the lowest GWP while meeting the specified strength (30 MPa)
Mix change (columns)	Represents use of the lowest GWP concrete mixtures that have the required strength for each column level
Geometric change (columns)	Represents reduction in volume of concrete used for columns at higher floor levels
Columns (both)	Represents a combination of two previous column changes
Combination	Represents a combination of all previous changes

Combining all methods, including using the lowest GWP concrete mixture with appropriate strength, column design methods, and strength development, results in a **potential 44% reduction of GWP for the concrete frame relative to designing at 28 days** with the US average FA replacements.

Based on the mixtures examined in this analysis, **use of the lowest-GWP concrete with appropriate strength for the building design at the highest design age has approximately 40% lower GWP** than the baseline mixture.

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4. Concrete building frame functional unit

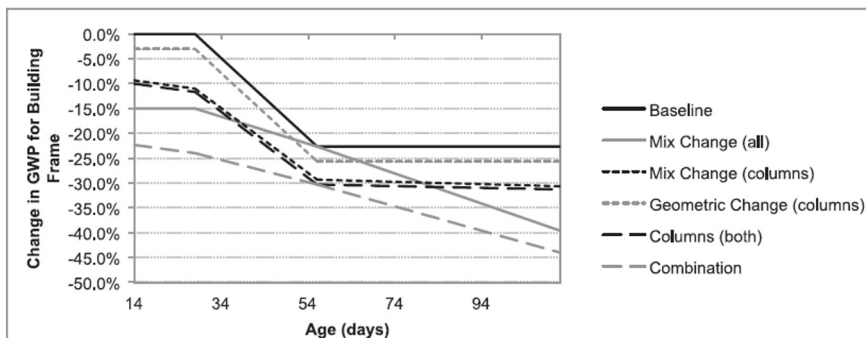


Figure 4. Comparison of design alternatives for a concrete frame: percent change reflects the difference in GWP for each design alternative relative to designing the entire concrete frame with the US average concrete mixture with 30 MPa strength at 28 days. The 'baseline' alternative represents use of concrete mixtures that have the US average FA replacement of OPC with at least 30 MPa compressive strength at the specified ages. The 'mix change (all)' alternative represents use of concrete mixtures that possess at least 30 MPa compressive strength at the specified ages with the lowest GWP. The 'mix change (columns)' alternative represents use of the lowest GWP concrete mixtures that have the required strength for each column level. The 'geometric change (columns)' alternative represents reduction in volume of concrete used for columns at higher floor levels. The 'columns (both)' alternative represents a combination of the two previous column changes. The final alternative represents a combination of all previous alternatives.

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CONCLUSIONS

- Constant volume comparisons do not adequately portray differences in GWP for structural members
- Incorporation of material properties and application are necessary for adequate comparisons of concrete mixtures
- Strength development and the different rates of strength development of concrete mixtures influence the ability to use certain concrete mixtures for a set application. Use of alternative concrete mixtures that require less cement can be achieved if higher design ages are specified, thus reducing associated GWP.

From these results, it is clear that **the influence of design requirements and strength development can play a large role in the GWP associated with materials for construction of structures: up to 40% reduction** for the building frame analyzed in this research.

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Important points

Yield concept:

Considering only cement content:

Concrete 120MPa → 4,0kg/MPa
→ 1,2kg clinker / MPa

Concrete 40MPa → 6,7 kg/MPa
→ 2,1kg clinker / MPa

Concrete 20MPa → 11,5 kg/MPa
→ 3,5kg clinker / MPa

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Materials Revolution!

1972	2016
cement / sand / gravel / water	cement / sand / gravel / water
slag	slag
fly ash	fly ash
plasticizer	plasticizer
	super plasticizer
	setting regulator
	fibers
	metakaolin HP
	silica fume
	nano silica
	pigments
	crystallizing / nanotube
	densifier / limestone

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RESPONSIBLE, SUSTAINABLE, BEAUTIFUL AND CONTEMPORANEOUS CONCRETE IS:

- stronger
- more durable
- more human (< noise and < physical effort)
- consumes less non-renewable material resources
- consumes less water
- consumes less energy
- produces less waste and garbage

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Other points for which concrete contributes

The use of energy in buildings accounts for a large share of the total end use of energy in Europe (40%).

Concrete's thermal mass can be used to avoid or reduce temperature swings in the building and to eradicate the need for energy guzzling air conditioning systems. Concrete stores heat in the winter and cools buildings in the summer, creating optimum comfort conditions for the occupants. Dense, heavyweight concrete provides the highest amount of thermal mass.

Research results demonstrate that buildings with high levels of thermal mass, passive solar features and effective ventilation controls perform extremely well as regards energy efficiency.

Sustainable benefits of concrete structures. European Concrete Platform ASBL, February 2009

For buildings, where the climate is of importance, the ability of heavy materials, like concrete or stone, to accumulate heat and to release it will encompass a saving in heating and cooling of up to 10 or 20%, something which has a huge impact on the accumulated energy consumption of a building

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Rein Terje Thorstensen, Elkem as Silicon Materials, Norway

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How to be a better and prevailing Architect or Engineer?

1. reduce greenhouse gas emissions
2. reduce energy consumption
3. reduce consumption of non-renewable natural resources
- 4. use the concrete rationally (do more with less)**
5. change the "way of life" of some people

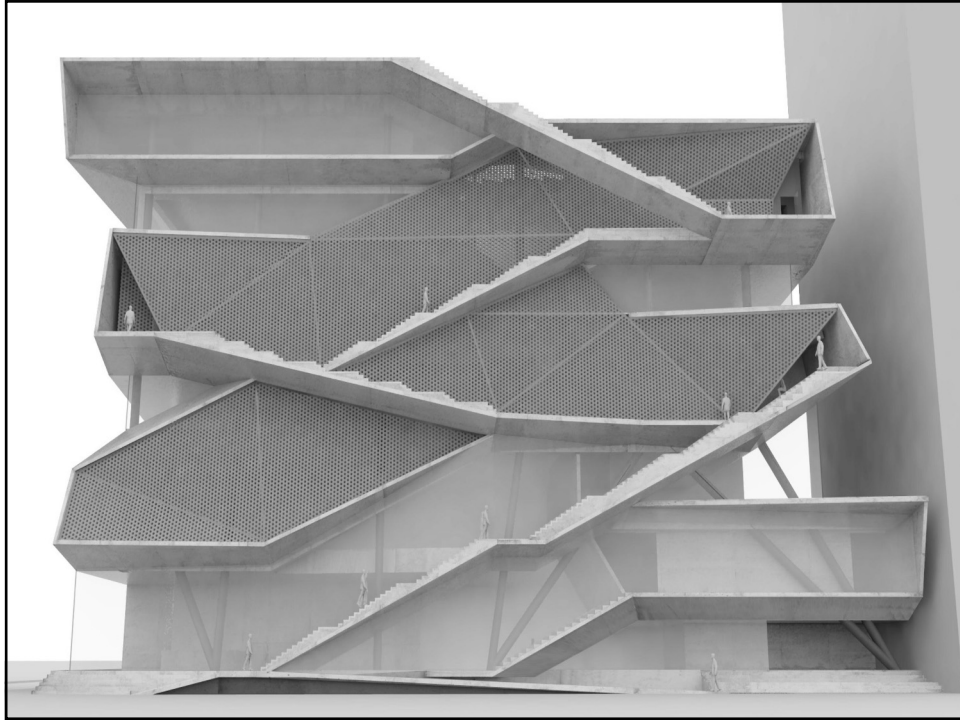
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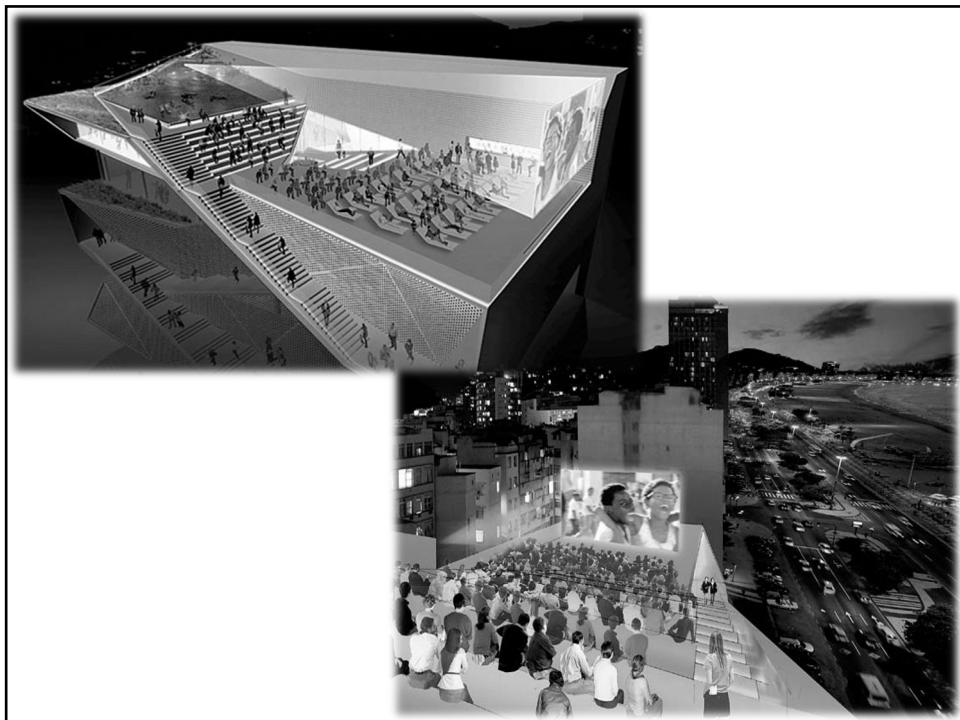
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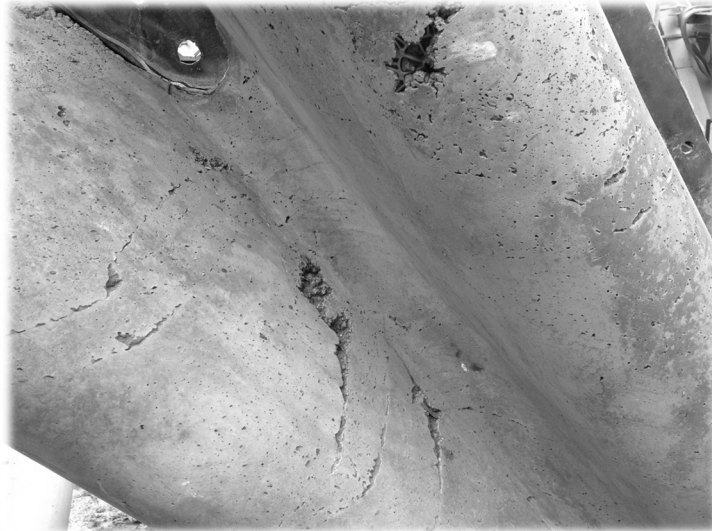
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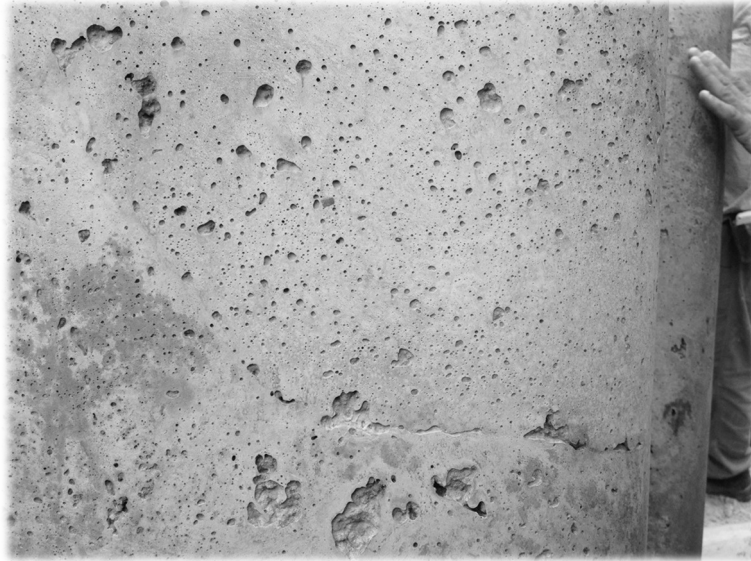
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Prototype column: SCC, 50MPa, not vibrated



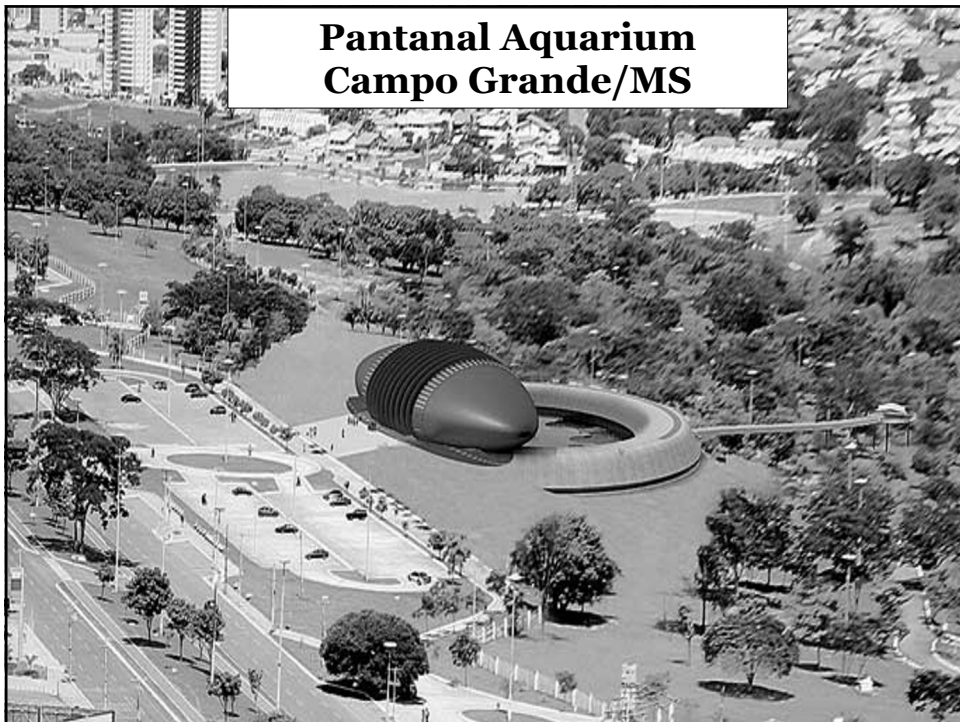
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**Pantanal Aquarium
Campo Grande/MS**



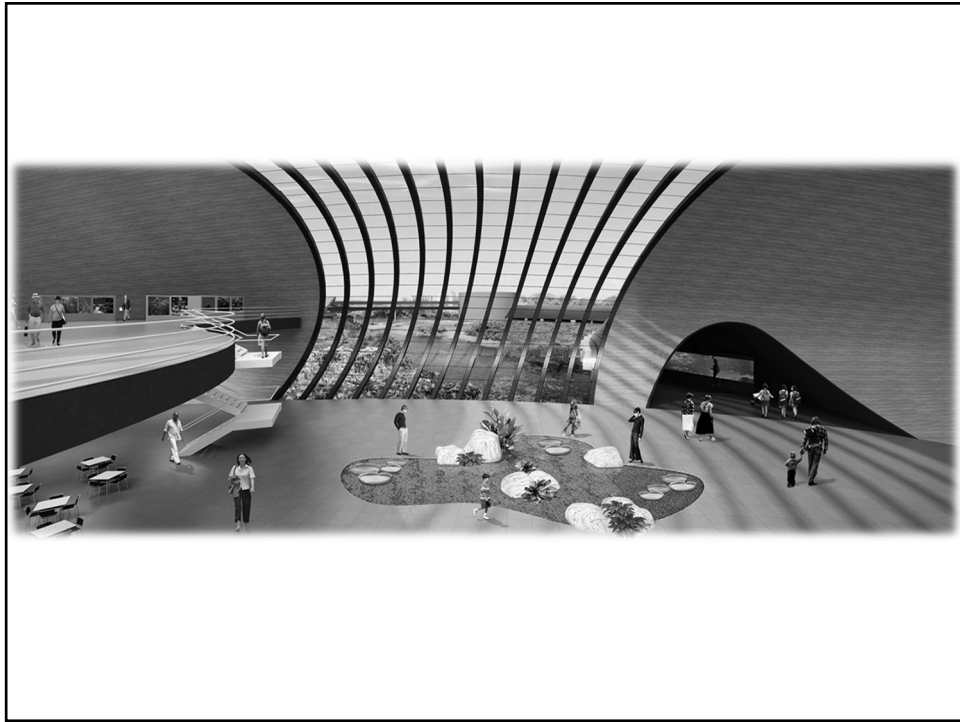
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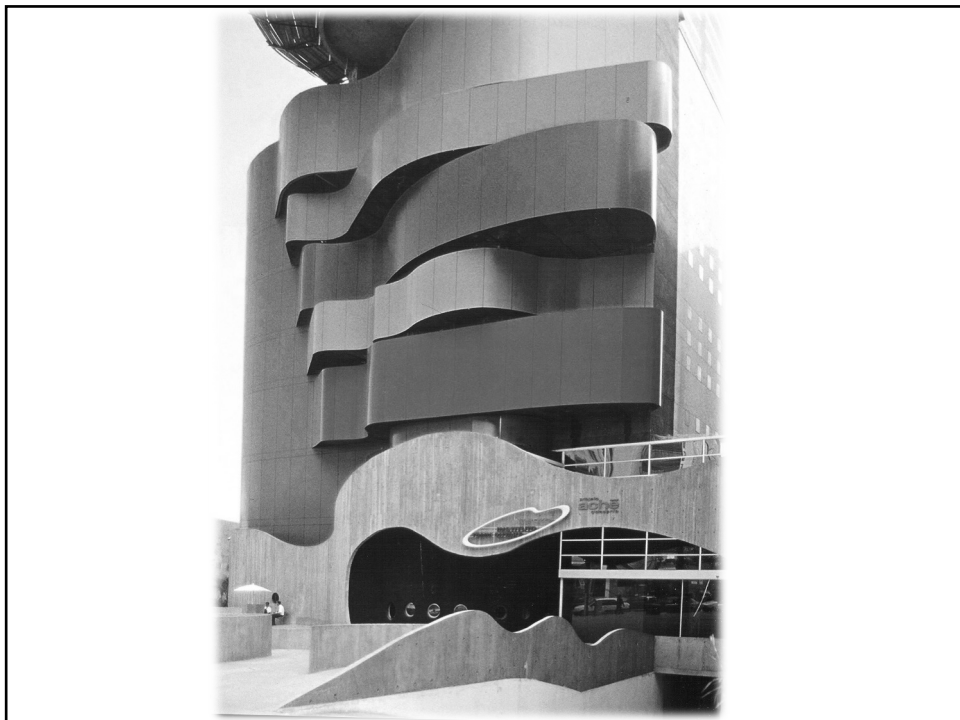
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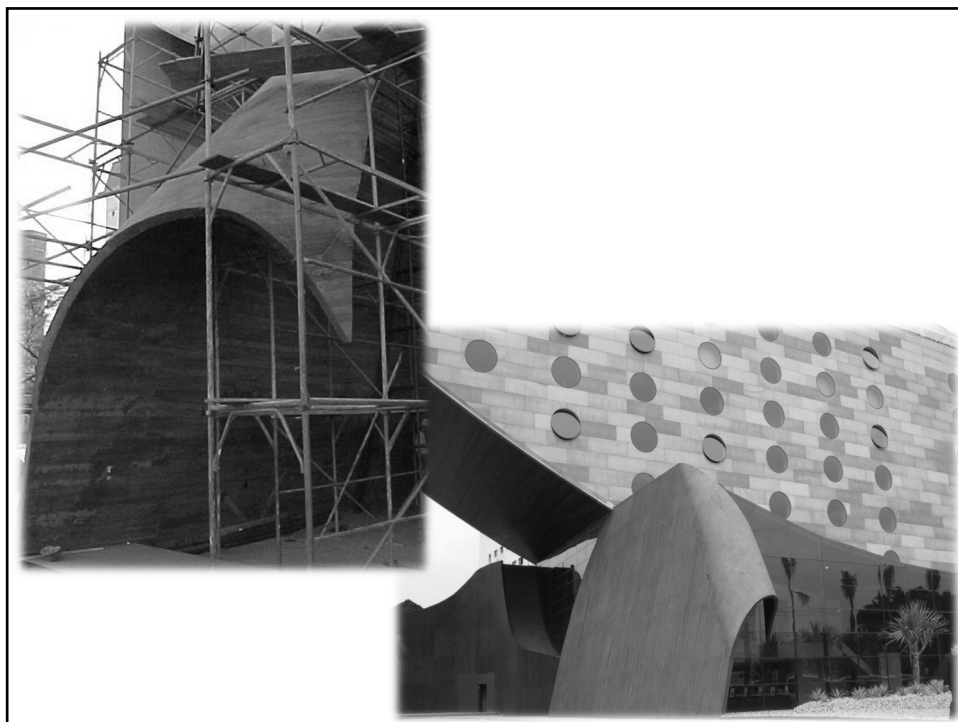
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Considered
by the
French press
of one of the
7 Wonders
of 2003



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**Some
thoughts**

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Is it correct to carry out growth assessment only by economic indexes?

- ✓ Did the quality of life improve?
- ✓ Did the sanitation and health improve?
- ✓ Were there fewer serious accidents in construction works?
- ✓ Were there evolution in the technology?
- ✓ Were there evolution in the quality and sustainability of construction works?
- ✓ Were there evolution in the knowledge and technology transfer between Universities, Architecture and Engineer and the companies?
- ✓ Which excellence indexes should be chased?

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Petronas Towers *Cesar Pelli*



Kuala Lumpur

Malasia 1997

452m

$f_{ck} = 800 \text{ kgf/cm}^2$

before / after

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Today there are
more than 100
constructed
buildings 300m+
high

CTBUH, 2016

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From this amount of
skycrapers:

- 36 are in concrete
- 54 are composite
concrete / steel
- only 10 are in steel

CTBUH, 2016

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Including the tallest building of the world, Burj Khalifa, in Dubai, with 820m-high, was constructed in concrete

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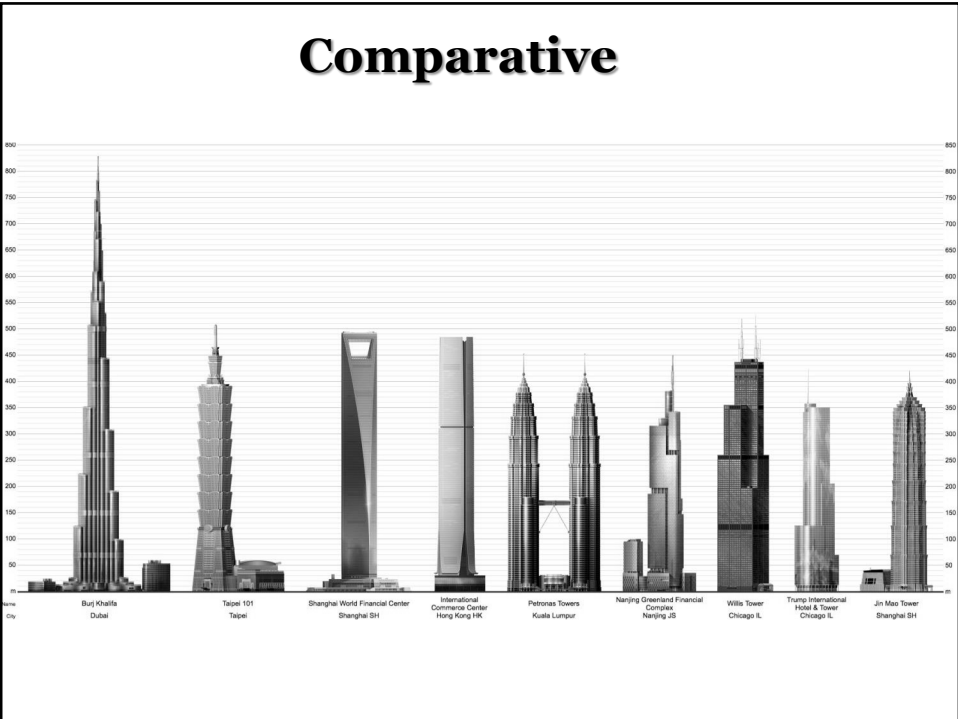
Burj Khalifa / Dubai - World tallest (2008)



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The world tallest building in the future



KINGDOM TOWER

1km-high

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

The calculations predict that the Kingdom Tower will consume a minimum of 500,000m³ of concrete

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High Performance Structures

- Reduce the problems risk**
- Demand previous studies**
- Demand the quality management**
- Demand the knowledge and use of standards and existing documents**
- Are a team, nation work...**

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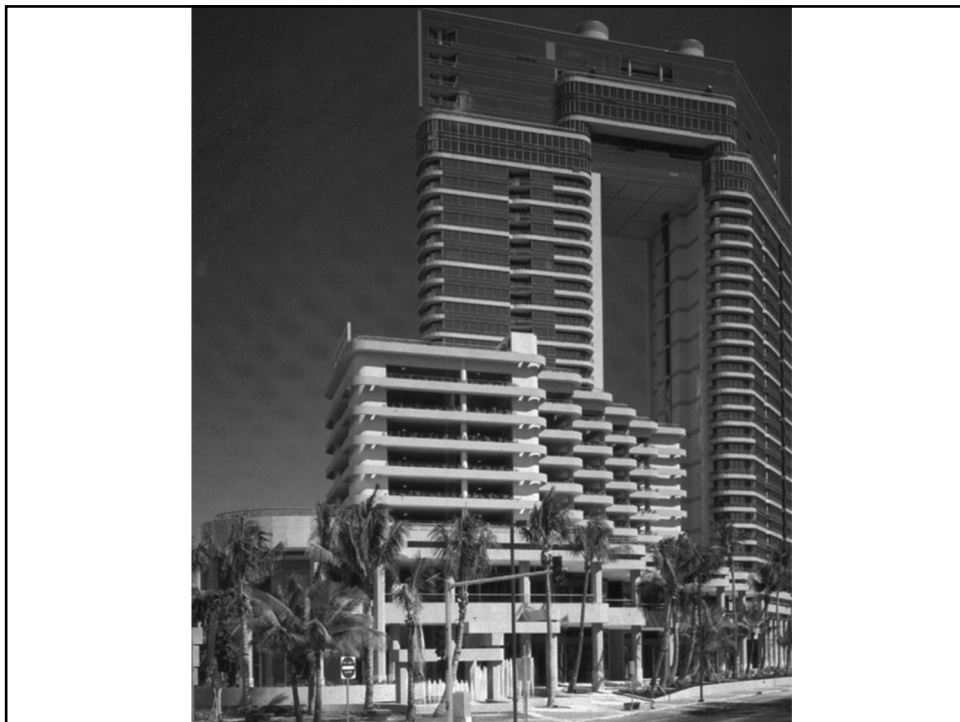
**Sustainability combines in gender,
number and degree with**

Rationalization

Precast Concrete

Industrialization

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Top 10 countries for LEED in 2015

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Rank	Nation	GSM of LEED-certified space (million)	Total GSM of LEED-certified and registered space (millions)	Total number of LEED-certified and registered projects
1	Canada	26.63	63.31	4,814
2	China	21.97	118.34	2,022
3	India	13.24	73.51	1,883
4	Brazil	5.22	24.50	991
5	Republic of Korea	4.81	17.47	279
6	Germany	4.01	8.42	431
7	Taiwan	3.84	9.08	149
8	United Arab Emirates	3.13	53.44	910
9	Turkey	2.95	23.74	477
10	Sweden	2.54	4.20	197
*	United States	276.90	727.34	53,908

GSM = Gross square meters

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