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# CO<sub>2</sub> Concrete



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**Research Interest:** Sustainable construction, Green buildings, life-cycle analyses, recycled concrete

## **Editor**

International Journal of Construction Management, Taylor and Francis Group

Construction and Building Materials, Elsevier, Impact factor of 3.485

**1 of 184 College of Experts** employed by the Australian Research Council (ARC), Australian Government

**Competitive research funding:** Awarded 36 research grants (totalled AU\$2.5 million), including two ARC Discovery Project, Life cycle analysis for green building implementation.

**Research outcomes:** 2 books, 19 book chapters, 227 refereed journal articles and 121 refereed conference papers.

**Research impacts:** Hirsch Index of 40 (Scopus), 52 (Google Scholar), i10 index of 154 (Google Scholar), a total of 4,714 citations (Scopus) and 9,688 citations (Google Scholar)





27M



20M





17M

2M



# Why Recycled Concrete cannot currently be used for<sup>W</sup> Structural Applications?

- Weak points such as old cement paste attached to old virgin aggregate;
- Possible pre-cracked aggregate;
- Frail interfacial transition zone;
- Poor grading;
- High porosity;
- Low density; and
- High water absorption.

# **Keys for using Recycled Concrete for Structural Applications**

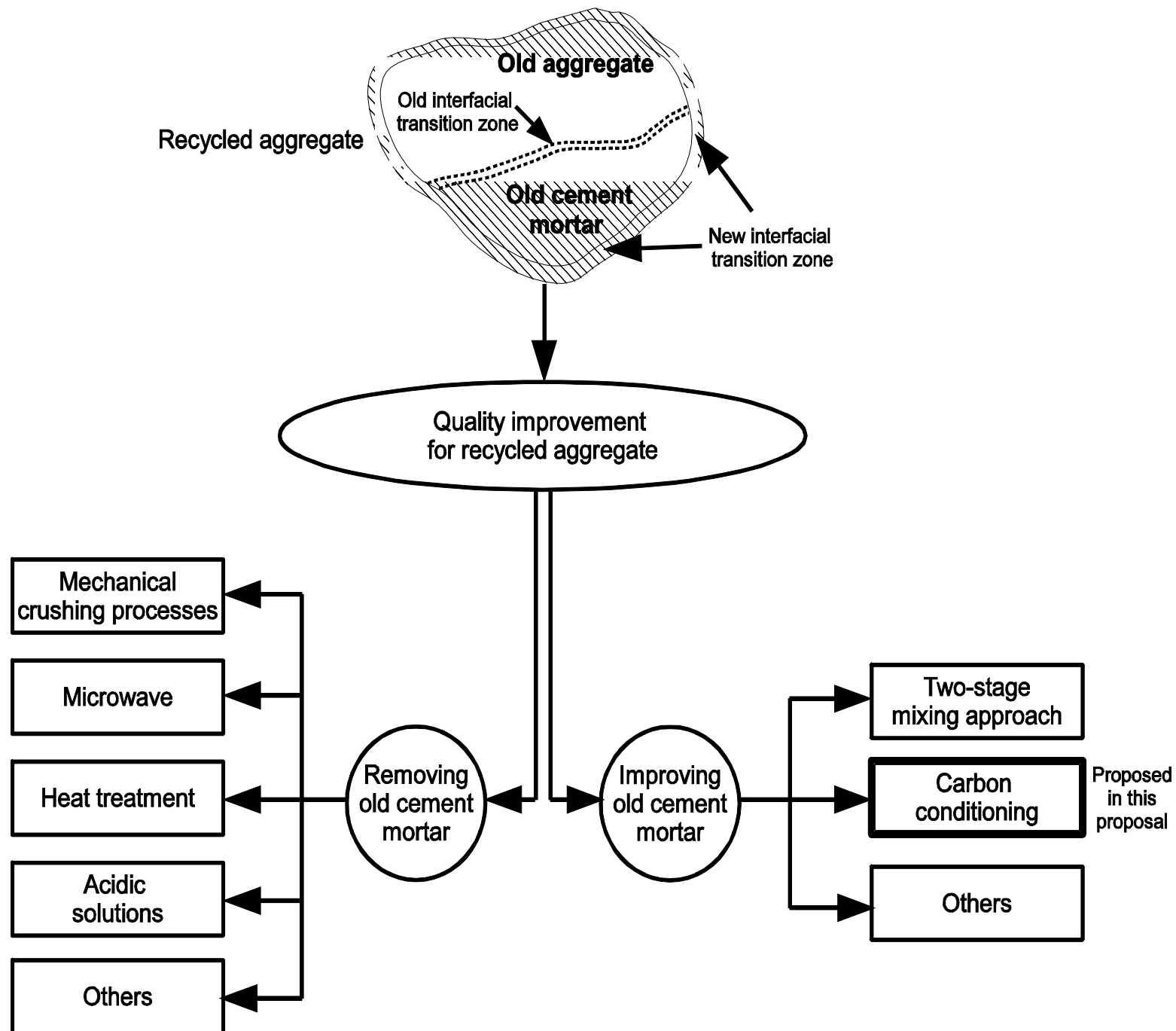
Suitable Physical and Mechanical Properties

- Recycled concrete must match or surpass qualities of virgin concrete.

Real world practicality

- Concrete can be delivered in a timely and achievable manner similar to virgin concrete. Recourses required in these methods must be readily available.

Cost efficiency



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This benefits the environment in two ways:

- Using carbon dioxide which would otherwise be released into the atmosphere, worsening global warming and climate change issues; and
- Reducing landfill space by turning construction waste into construction material, i.e. recycled concrete whose performance is similar to virgin concrete.

This process can bring direct benefits to concrete batching plants as



Slump



Compression Strength



Modulus of Elasticity



Flexural Strength



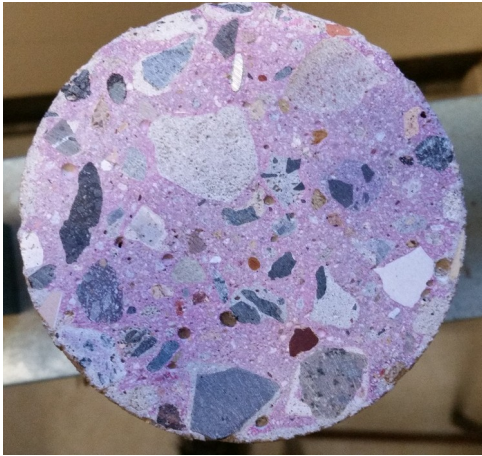
Tensile Strength



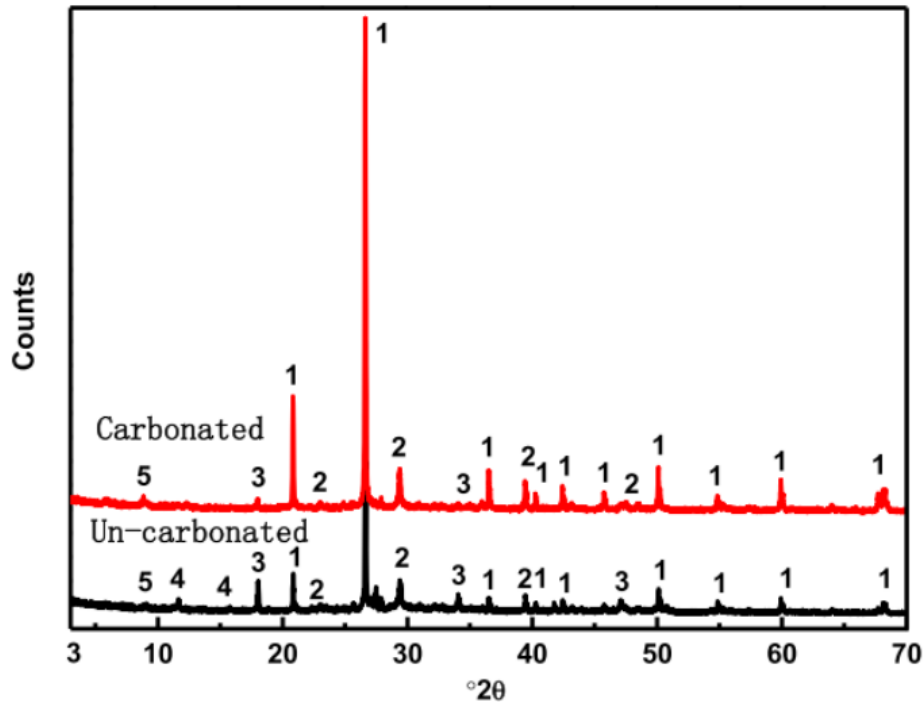
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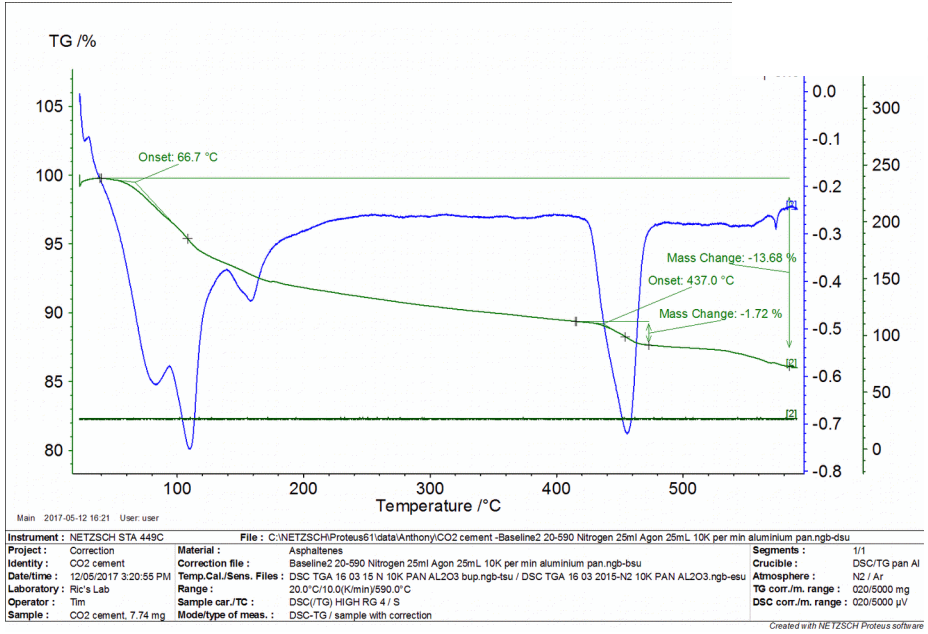
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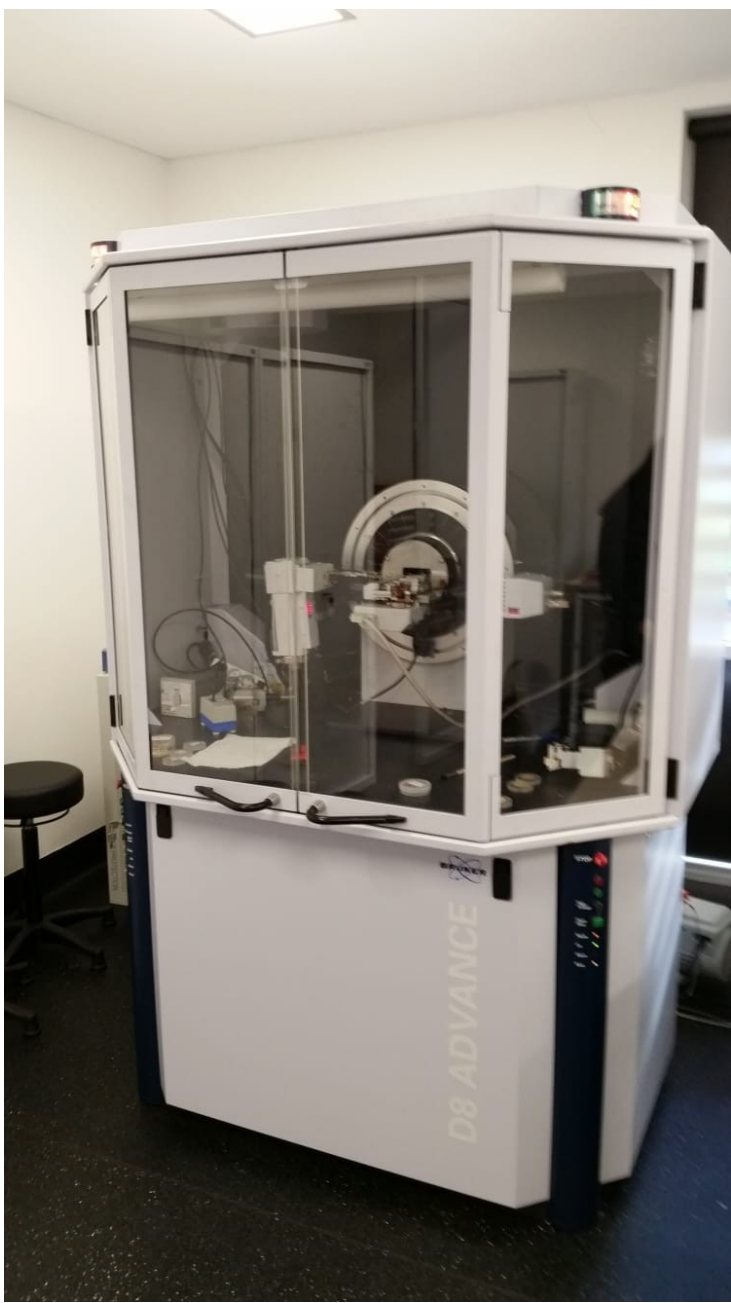
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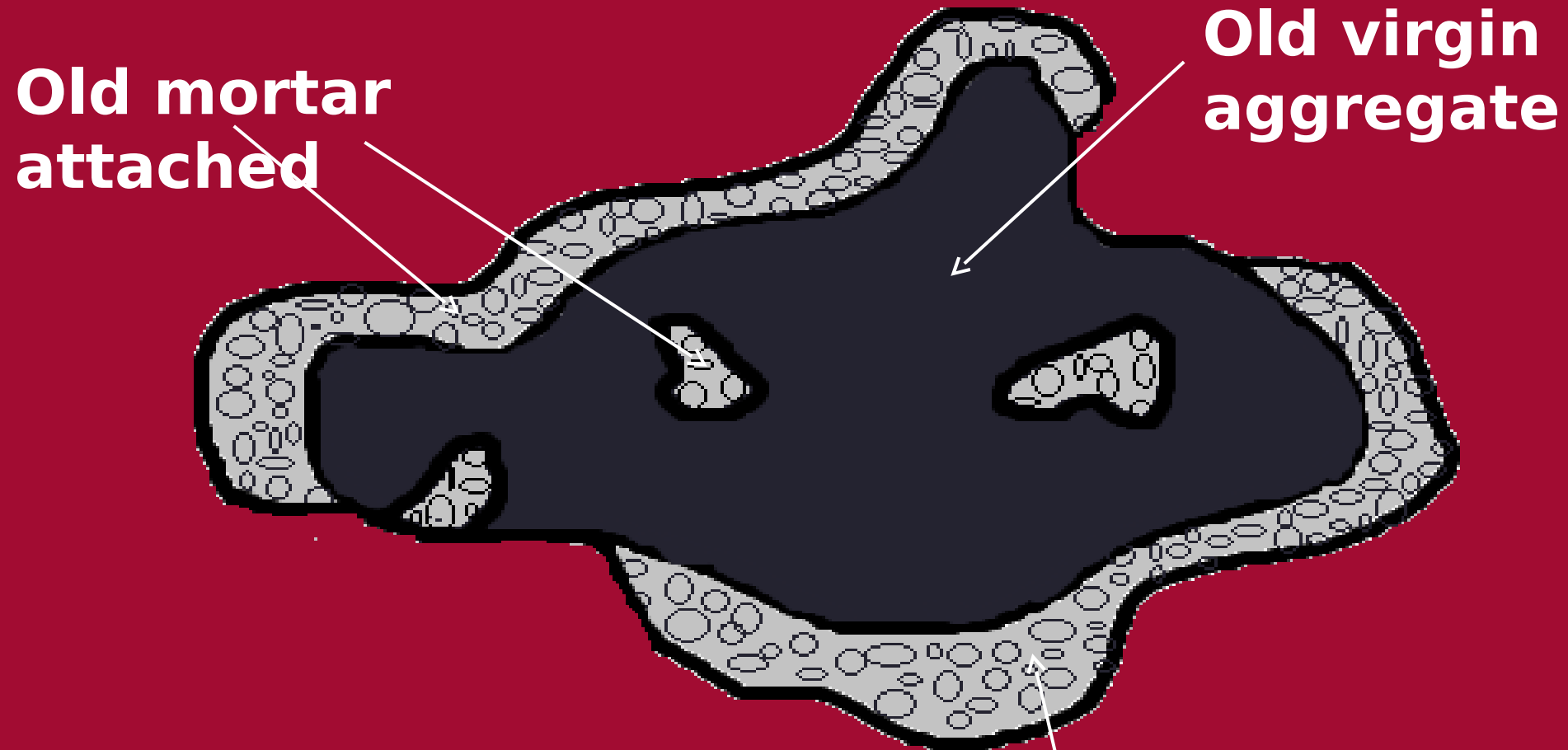


X-ray powder diffraction

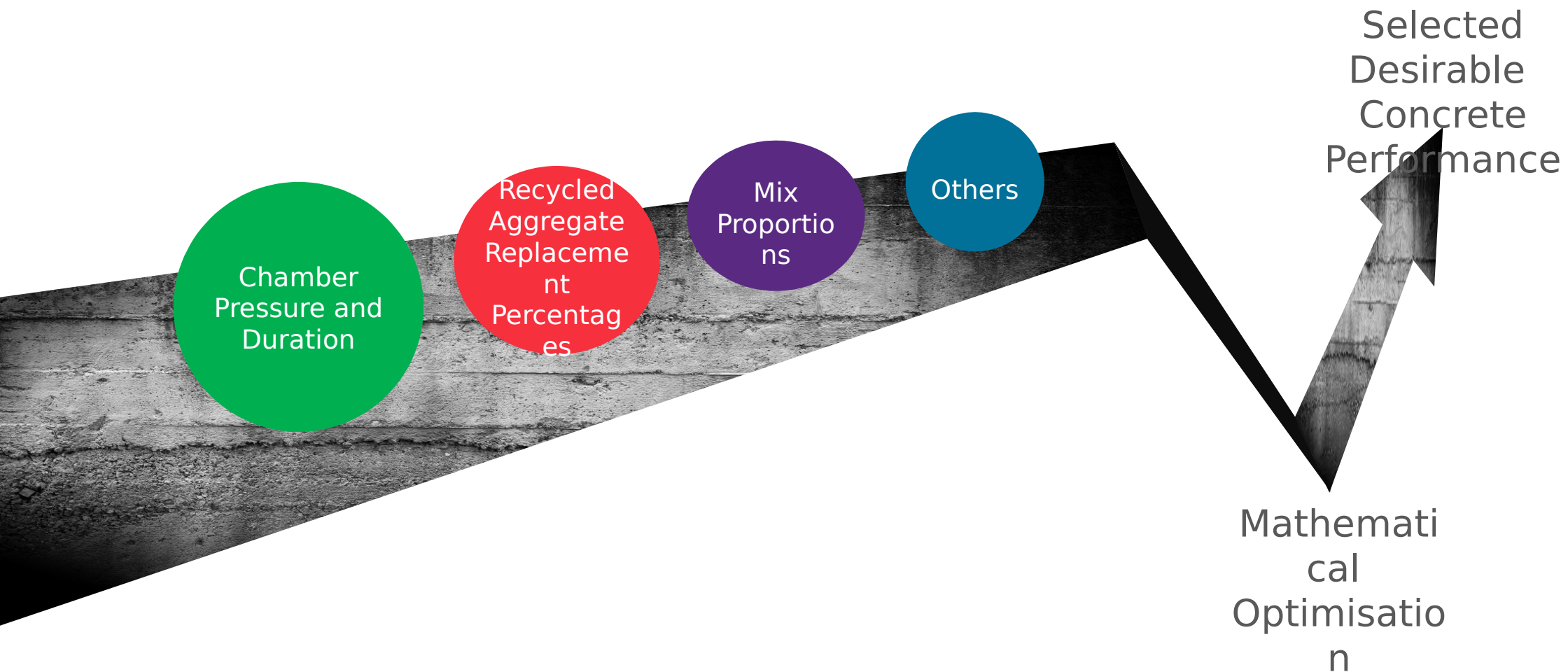


Differential scanning calorimetry





**CO<sub>2</sub> enters the old mortar pores and makes it stronger**



Compressive Strenght

Carbonated RCA Compressive Strength Calculation  
based on an MLP ANN trained and tested using a 49  
registers data set for the specific characteristics:  
Dosage Method: British  
Use of Admixture: No  
Use of Two Stages: No  
Aggregate type: MRA  
Cement type: GB

Water / Cement ratio:

RCA percentage:

Chamber time:

Chamber pressure:

Cement:

Water:

Sand:

Calculate CS

Compressive Strength

MPa

OK

Compressive Strength Optimisation Mix

Compressive Strength to be achieved:  Choose a value between

Parameters to be optimised:

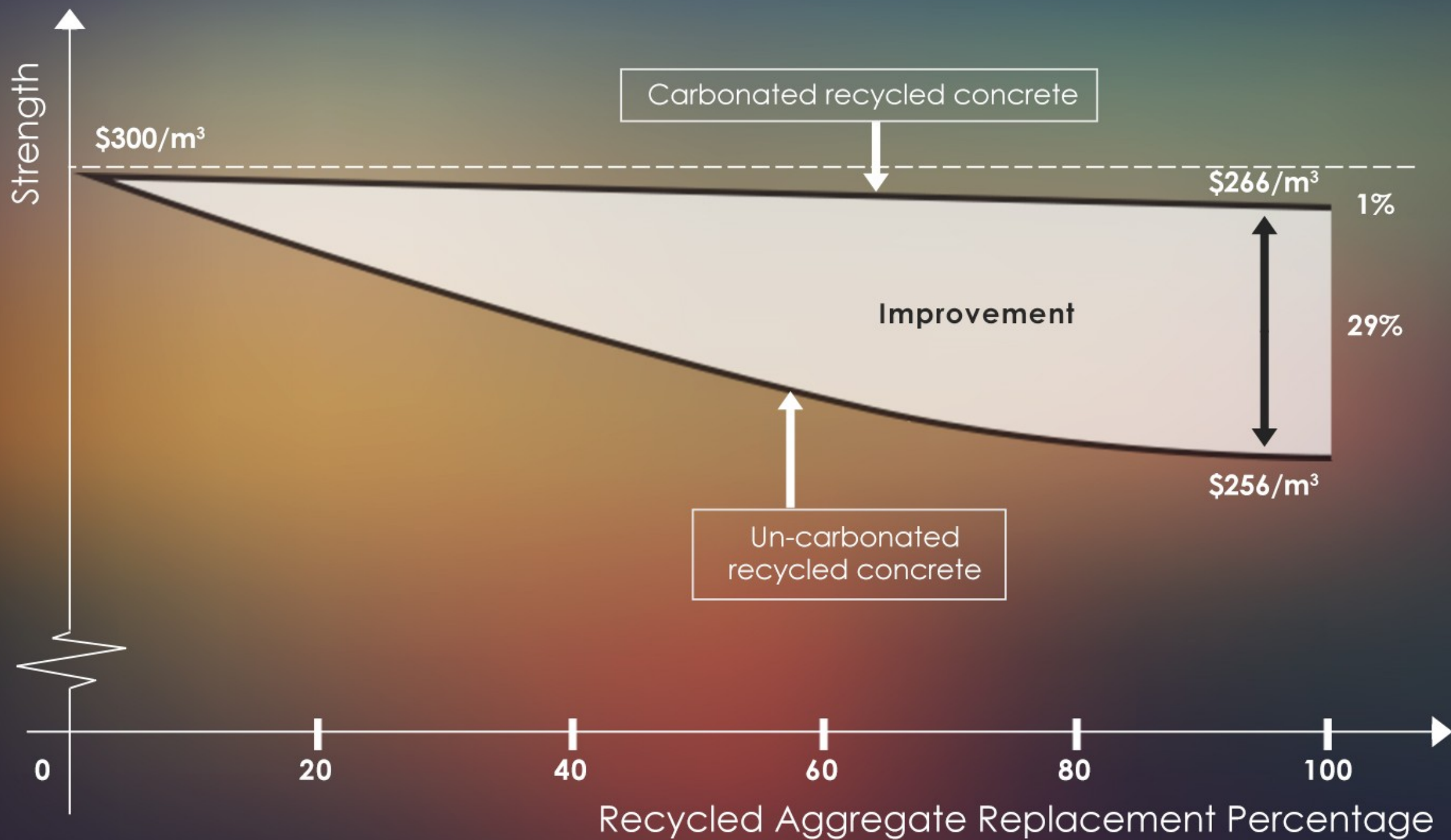
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RCA %:	<input type="text"/>	Choose a value between
CT:	<input type="text"/>	Choose a value between
CP:	<input type="text"/>	Choose a value between
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Sand:	<input type="text"/>	Choose a value between

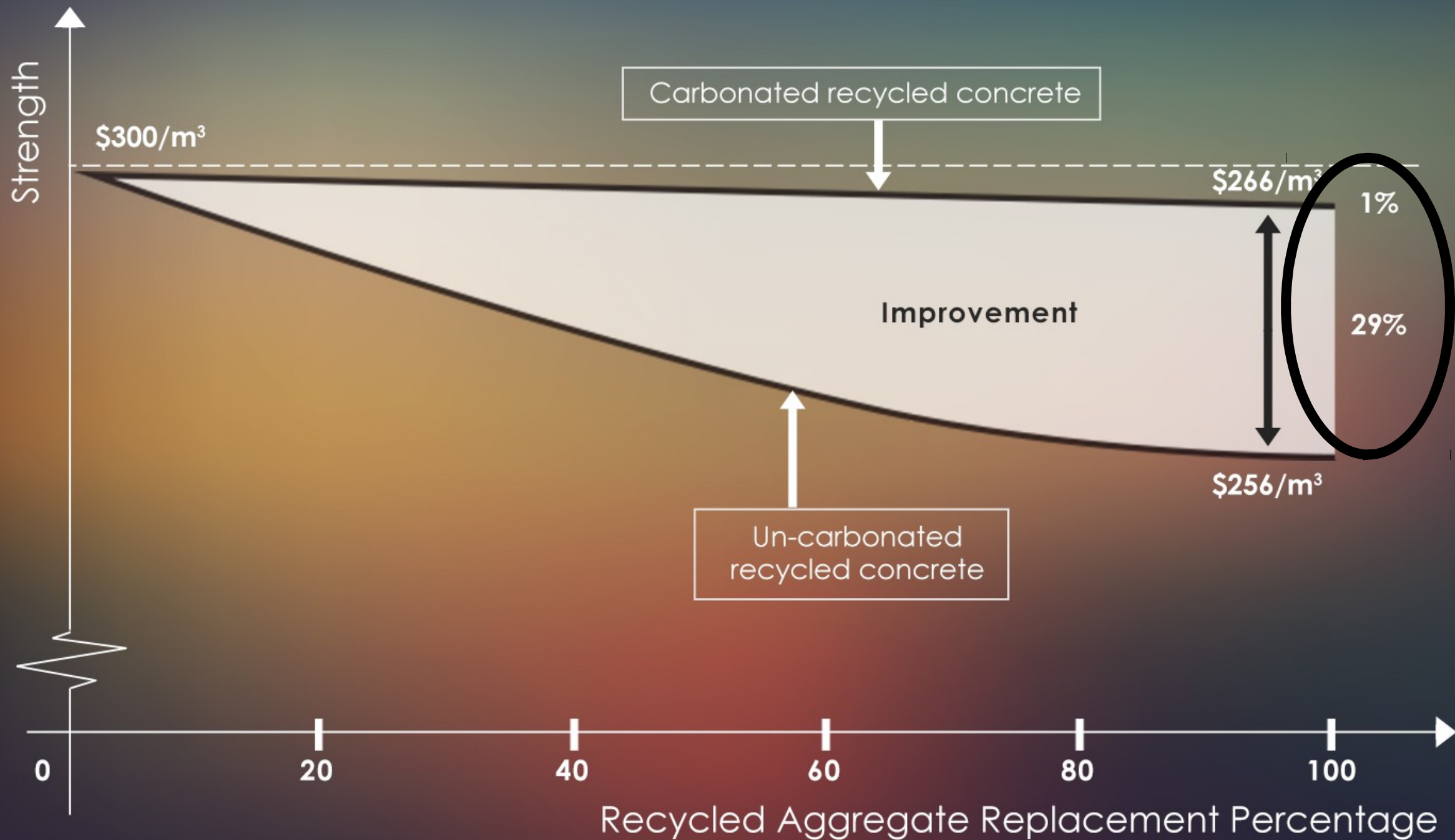
Calculate Mix

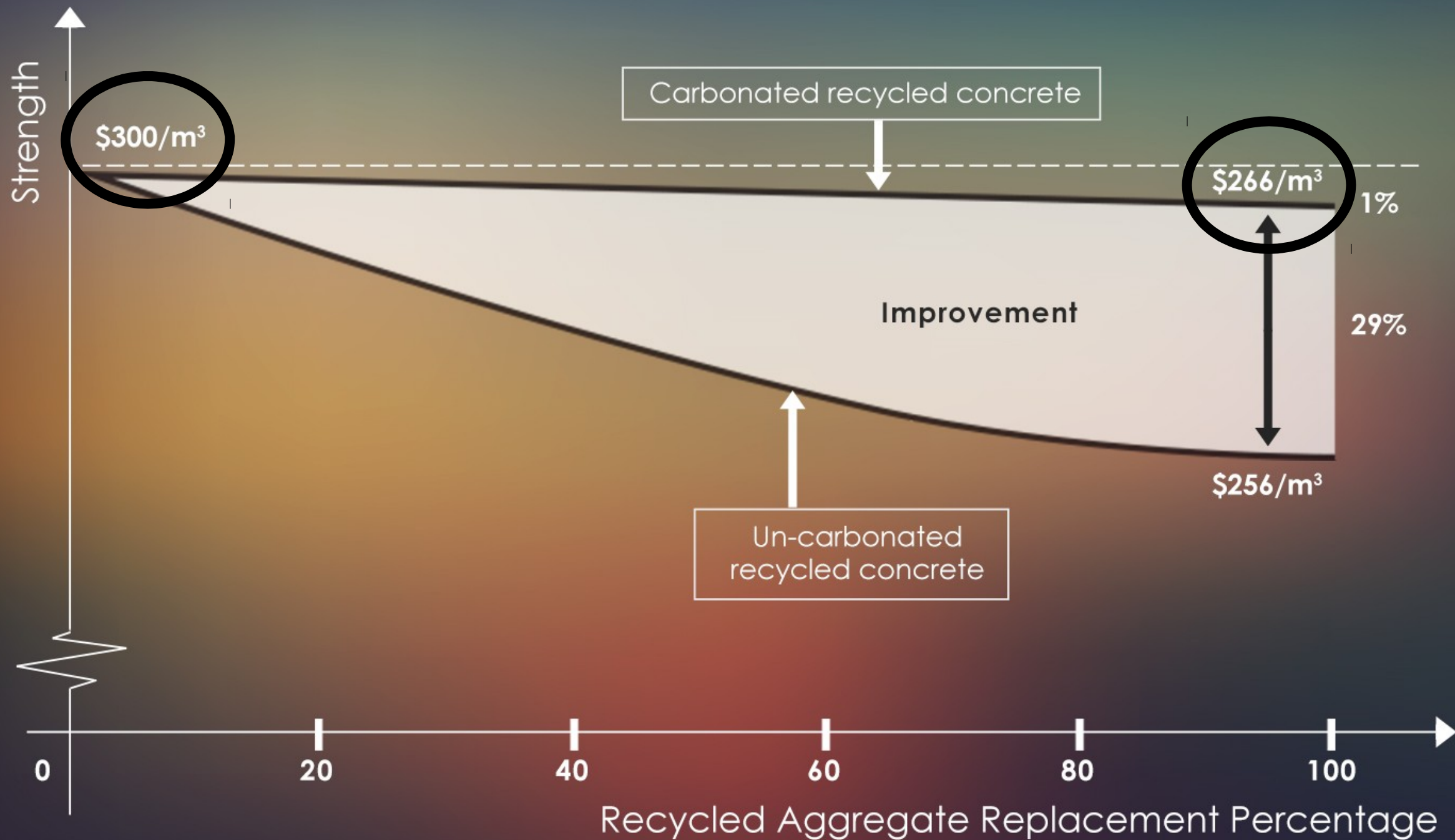
Best Mixtures

Desired Compressive Strength: MPa  
Mixtures found: 5  
W/C | RCA | CT | CP | C | W | S | FC |

OK







# Moving Forward

- Commercialisation?
- Impact to the Environment / Economy / Society



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Fundamental research Commenced

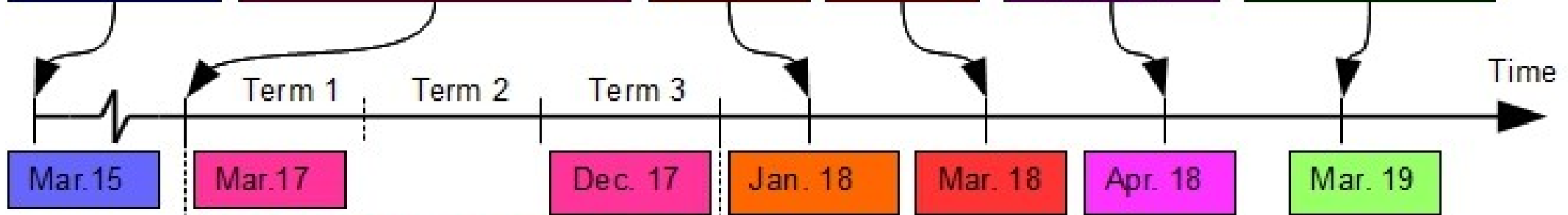
Project leader, Top 8 research teams selected by Innovyz Institute, Pty. Ltd. for a Waste and Recycling Technologies Program under 1.5 million support by Green Industries SA

Founded EcoBond Pty. Ltd.

EcoBond Pitching

World's first CO2 Concrete: Biosecurity Platform

Upscale CO2 Concrete: 4 3m x 3m slabs



9-month intensive training on commercialisation and research development skills

Term 1 is validating and expanding technologies;

Term 2 is defining commercialization paths;

Term 3 is for investment strategies and capital raising activities.



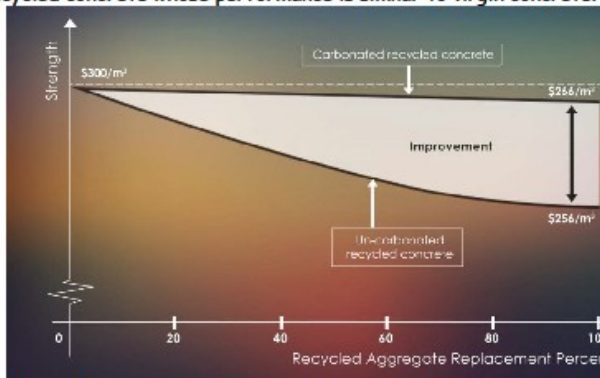
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We have invented  $CO_2$  Concrete, which is a new process for producing strength recycled concrete. We inject carbon dioxide into recycled aggregate bonding, and thus performance of recycled concrete.

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- Reducing landfill space by turning construction waste into construction recycled concrete whose performance is similar to virgin concrete.



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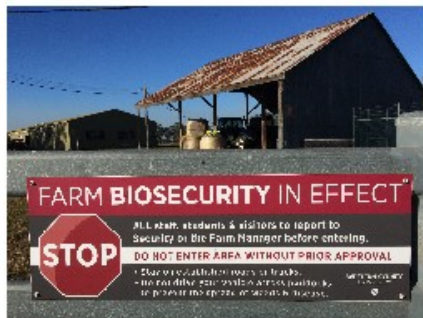
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## UPSCALED - $CO_2$ Concrete Slabs

We have upscaled our  $CO_2$  Concrete production. With the success of our biosecurity platforms at Hawkesbury Farm, Western Sydney University, we made four 3m x 3m concrete slabs with our  $CO_2$  Concrete. The slabs were cast in March 2019 using our 2 innovative mix designs. The slabs are employed to support gross animal weight (about 1 ton each) for their troughs (drinking stations).



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