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PhD Training Network on **Du**rable, **R**eliable and **S**ustainable Structures with Alkali-Activated Materials

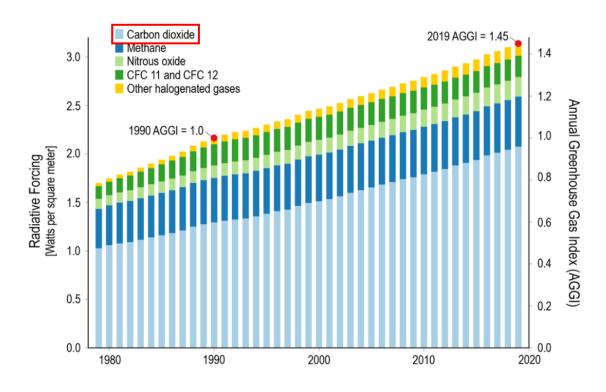
What is concrete and why we are making it GREEN?



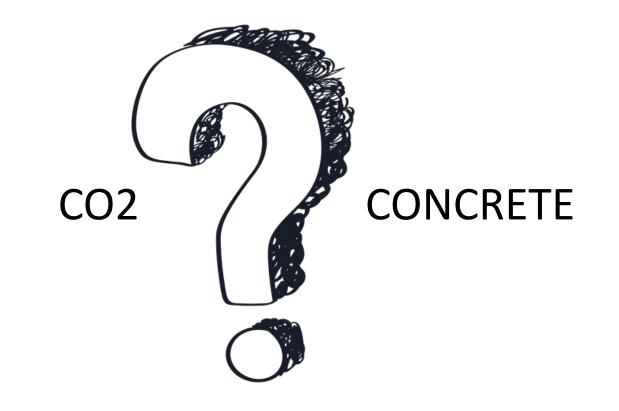
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Global Climate Change

Annual Greenhouse Gas Index



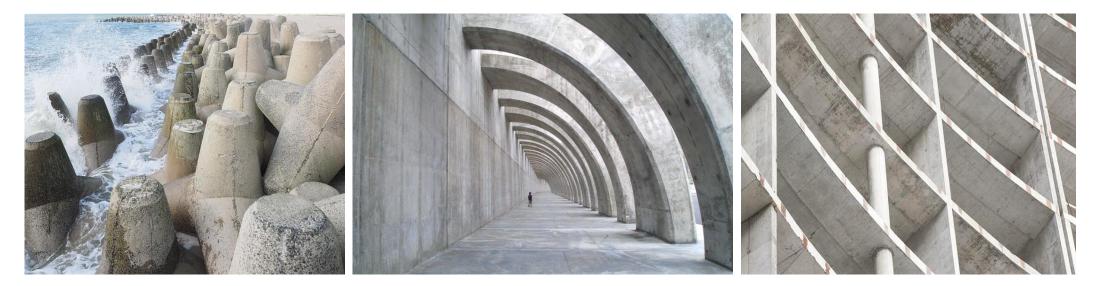
U.S. Global Change Research Program. (2020)





<u>Concrete – the most used human-made material</u>









Concrete – An artificial stone made of









Water Cement CHEMICAL REACTION CO. FUEL 1,400-2,000° C CO. INGREDIENTS: LIMESTONE SILICA ALUMINA **GYPSUM** CO_* Aor 2. CEMENT MANUFACTURING 3. MIXING 4. TRANSIT 5. USE 6. END OF MATERIA END OF LIFE: Concrete can be ground up at the end of its useful life to make aggregate for new concrete. * If exposed to air, concrete will absorb some CO. AIR CEMENT WATER AGGREGATE COMPONENTS OF CONCRETE

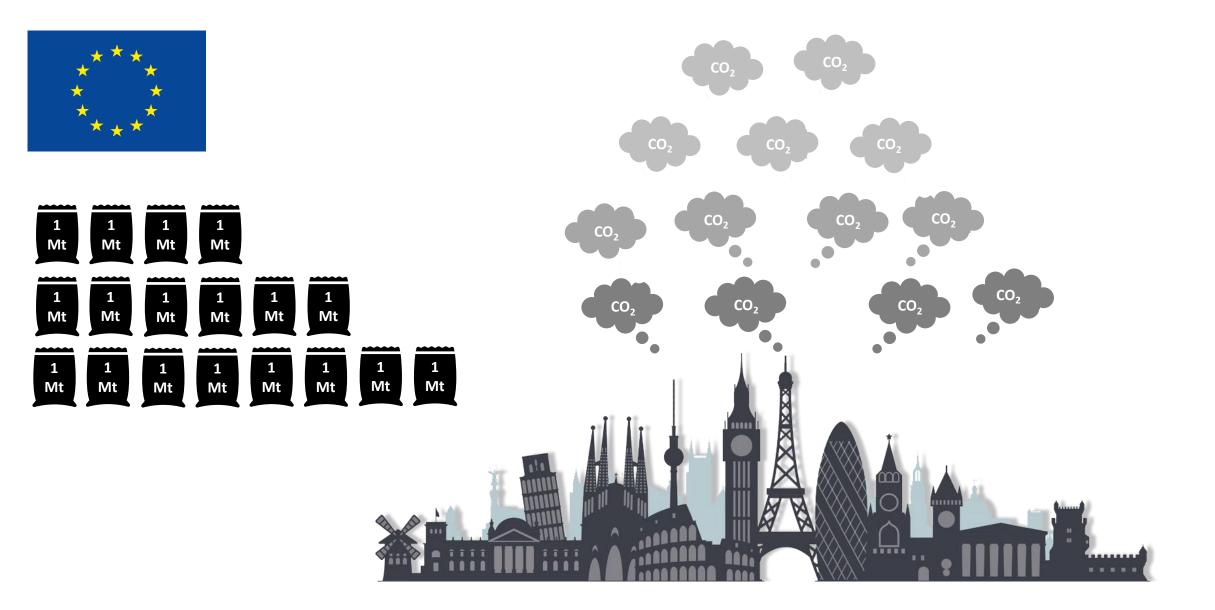
Sand and gravel

Concrete

Cement is the source of about
8% of the world's carbon
dioxide (CO2) emissions!

MATERIALS PALETTE. (2019)

In EU we produce ~180 Million tons of cement every year which leads to about 140 Million tons of CO₂



Sustainable Construction material



Signed Paris Agreement on climate change for annual emissions from cement to fall by at least 16% by <u>2030</u>



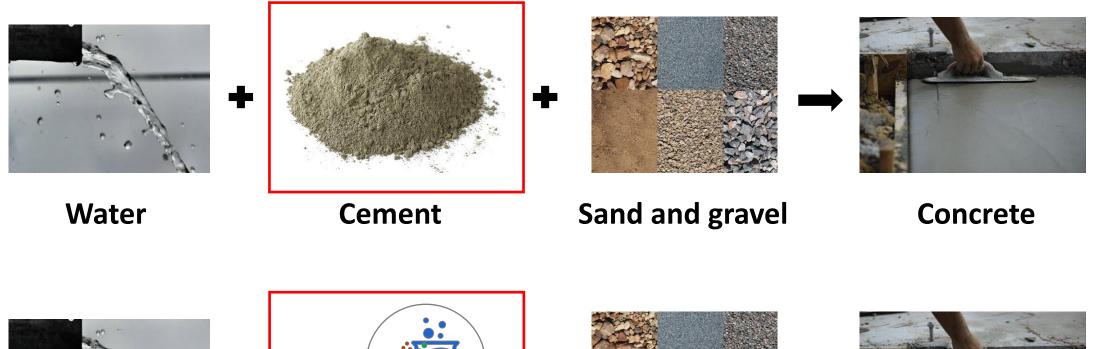




European Green Deal : Carbon neutrality



Alkali-activated Concrete







Industrial waste/byproducts + Chemical activators



Sand and gravel



Green Concrete

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Alkali-activated concrete

Existing AAM concrete structures

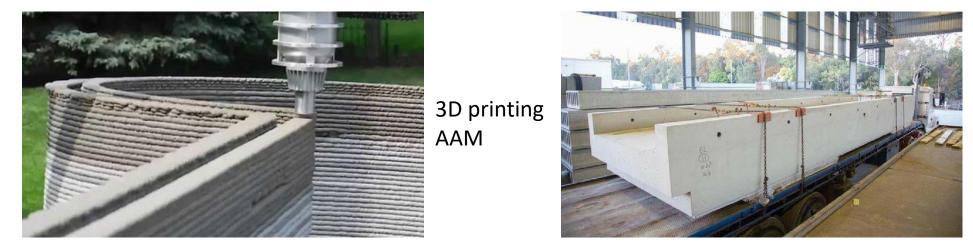


9-storey building in the city of Mariupol, Ukraine (1960s)



The University of Queensland's Global Change Institute (2014)

AAM with modern concrete techniques



Pre-cast AAM elements





QUESTIONS TIME













