



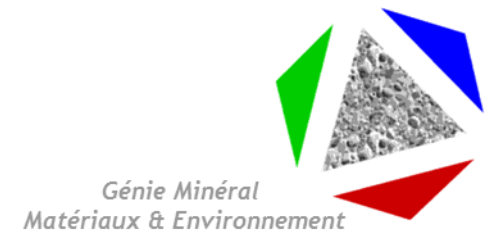
CIRMAP - 1st Public Meeting

Liège le 24/03/2022 à 14h00

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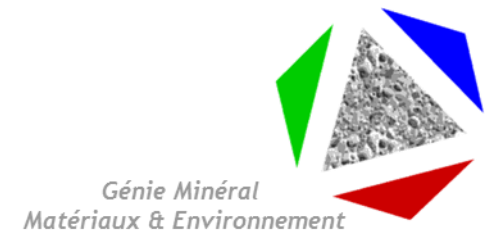


- Birthplace of Charlemagne
- Witness of a millenary principality
- Economic capital of Wallonia



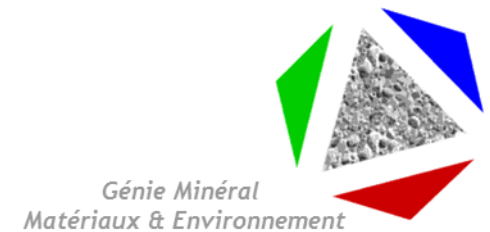


- Coal mining, steelmaking, weaponry
- Aerospace, logistics, mechanics,...
- Exceptional post-industrial and natural environments





- A widespread campus in the heart of nature
- 26.863 students among which 22% foreigners
- 11 faculties (Science, Applied Science, Medicine,...)





Urban and Environmental Engineering research Unit (UEE) Architecture, Geology, Environment and Construction Department (ArGEnCo)

194 professors, researchers, technicians

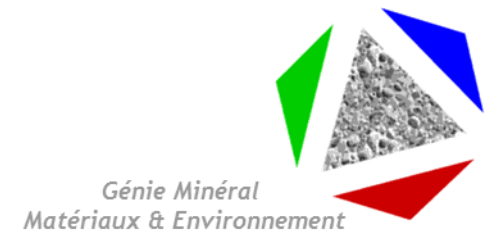
11 laboratories

3 masters (civil, architectural and geological engineering)

316 students (Bachelor and Master degrees)

109 PhD students (2017)

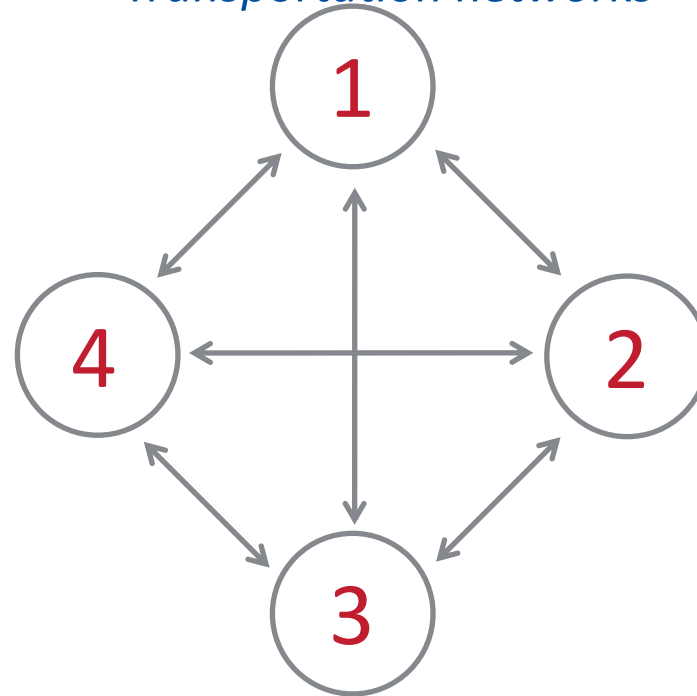
63 on-going research projects





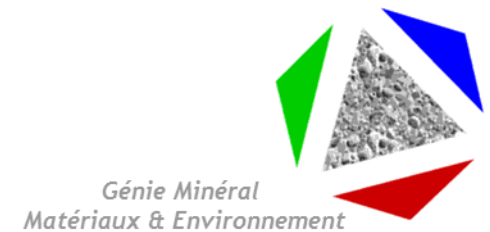
*Buildings, Engineering
structures and
Transportation networks*

*Human
activities and
Living
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*Materials and
Resource
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*Risks and
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For helping you ...

Luc COURARD - Professor

Julien HUBERT – Senior researcher

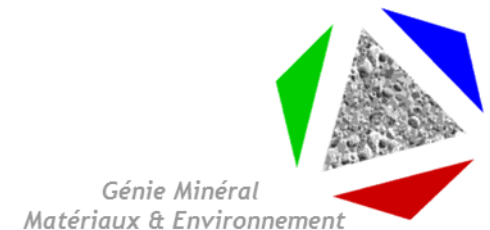
Frédéric MICHEL – Laboratory manager

Yeak Lang MUY – Post Doc Researcher

Céline VAN PUYVELDE – Technician

Marine MARECHAL – Administration officer

Laurence PONCELET – Financial officer

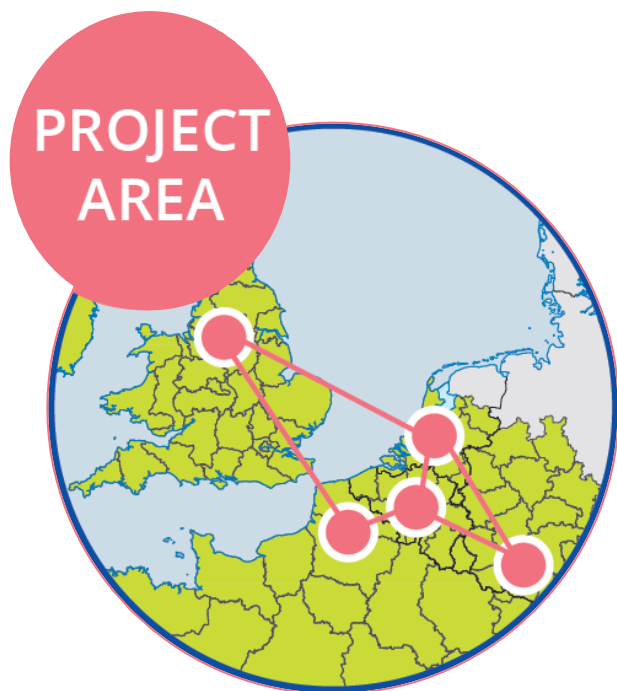




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Project presentation





- FRANCE
- GERMANY
- NETHERLANDS
- BELGIUM
- UNITED KINGDOM



Total budget : € 6.98 Million
EU funding : € 4.19 Million
Duration: 36 months (April 2020 – March 2023)



Project led by : ARMINES / IMT NORD EUROPE



Associate Partners





**Recycled sand and
recycled fine
particles**



3D Printing (3DP) is developing rapidly in the field of construction.

- + **Fast realization** of customized or complex geometries and optimization of shapes are amongst the main advantages of the process that could allow significant breakthroughs.
- However, mortars used in 3DP contain very large amounts of cement and natural sand in comparison to ordinary concrete and the overall ecological and economic balance seems unfavourable to 3DP.

3DP of concrete pieces without formwork: great interest in precast industries when unique and costly pieces have to be built

Production of urban furniture: local public authorities want furniture to be a banner of their identity

2 levers of action :

- Binders
- Granular skeleton



Solutions

1

The use of construction and demolition waste could be used as a local granular material resource
→ in particular the coarse fraction
Recycled Concrete Aggregates (RCA): greater than 4 mm

On the contrary, adherent cement paste concentrates in **fine** RCA during crushing which makes it much harder to valorise into concrete.

2

Recycled sand and recycled fine particles could be re-used as raw materials for the manufacture of 3D printing mortars for urban furniture
→ high mechanical behaviour is not required.





Developing new
solutions



Ecological materials



**Design and optimization
of shapes:**
reduction of mortar's
quantity

Project Objective

Design and manufacture of customized 3D printed urban concrete furniture using recycled fine aggregate.



WP Management

General, administrative and financial management of the project



WP Communication

Coordinate communication actions around the project's achievements, as well as scientific productions and presentations made at conferences



WP Long Term

**Study of standards and regulations.
Creation of a training programme around 3D printing → Workshop in ULille**





WP T1	WP T2	WP T3
University of Liège	University of Manchester	Polytech Lille





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WP 1 - Material flow, market and life cycle analyses

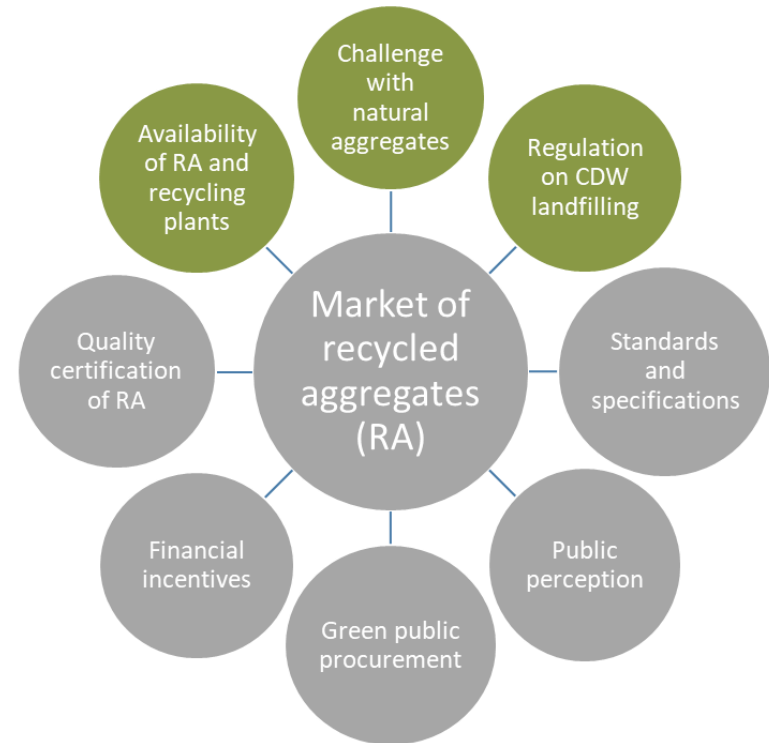




WP T1 : Material flow, market and life cycle analyses

Activity 1 : Material flow / Territorial analysis

Activity 2 : Life Cycle Analysis





3 billion tonnes of aggregates produced in the EU27+UK+EFTA in 2019 (UEPG, 2021)

Virgin Aggregates

46.9% crushed rock



39.7% sand & gravel



Recycled Aggregates

9.3% recycled (278 million tonnes)



Concrete

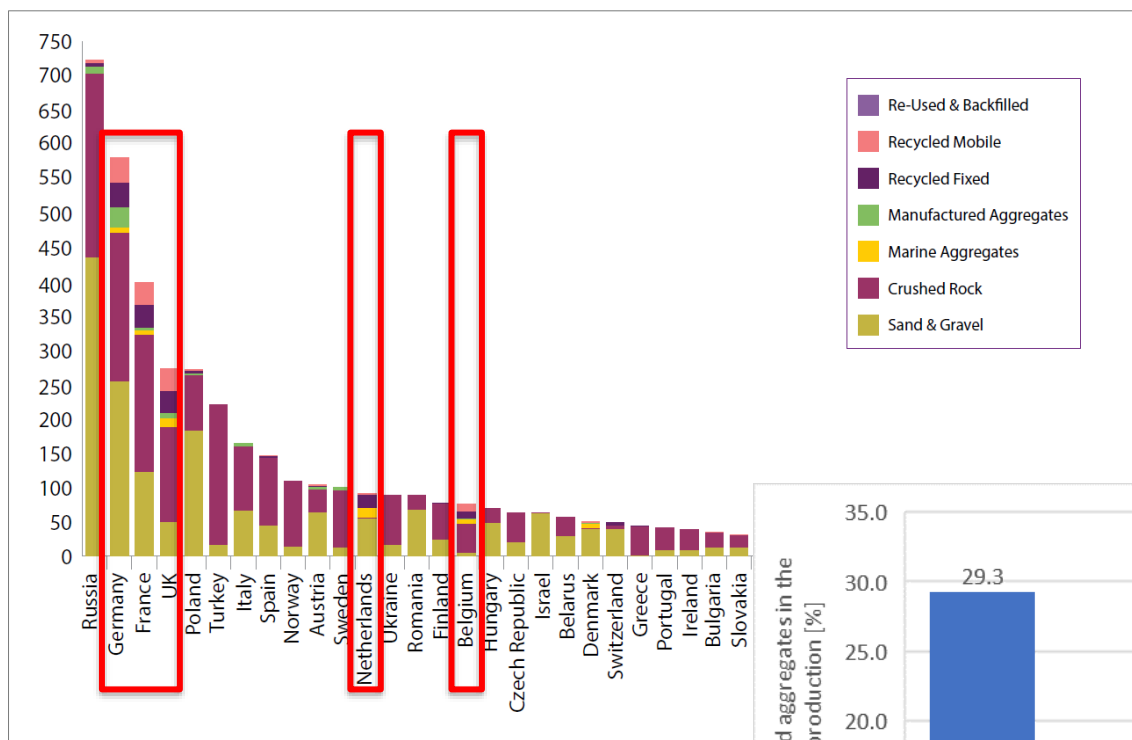
Mixed

Construction & demolition wastes (CDW)



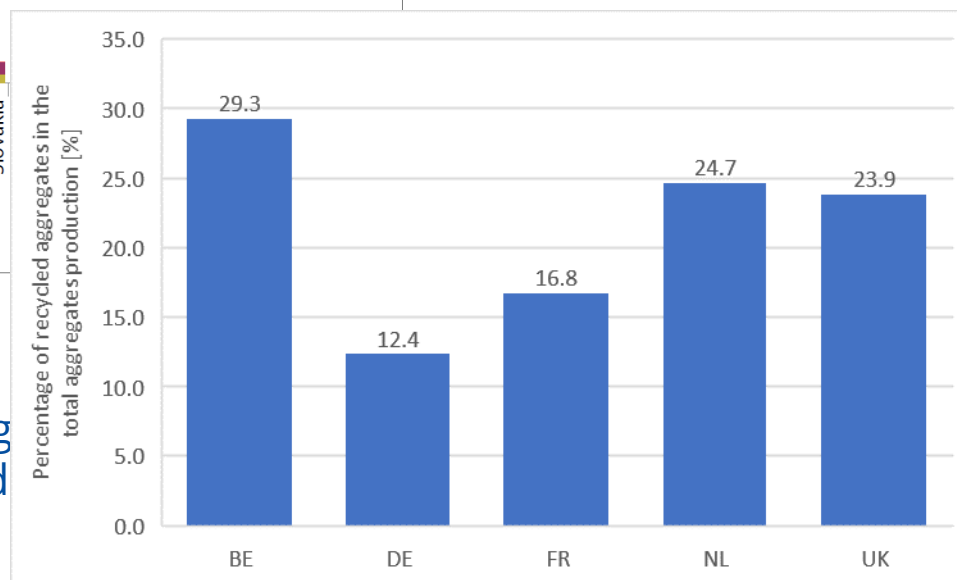


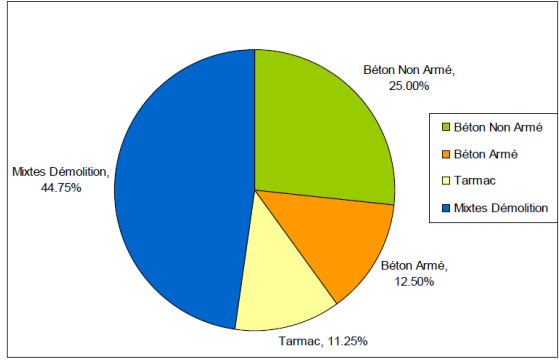
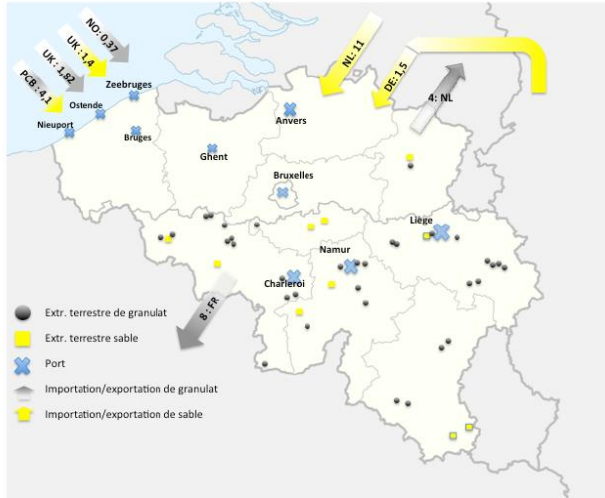
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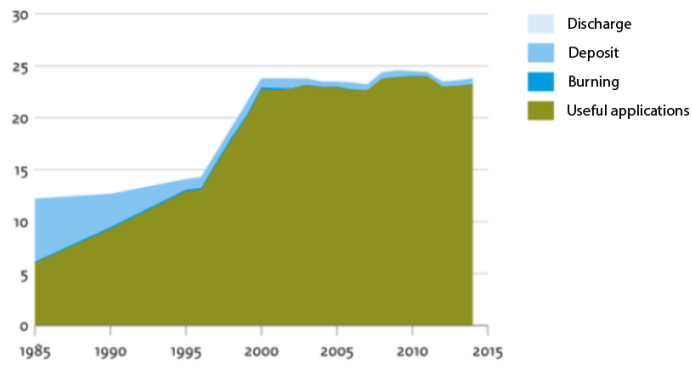
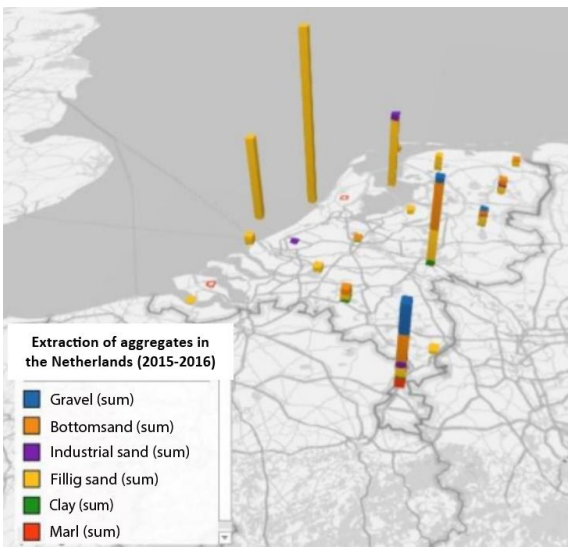
Partner countries are responsible for :

- **47%** of the virgin ag
- **89%** of the recycled





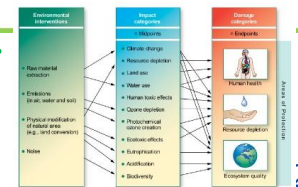
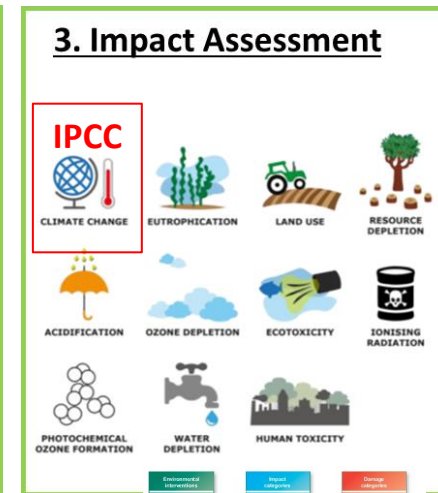
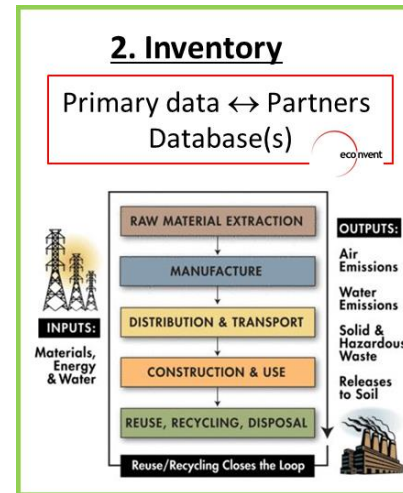
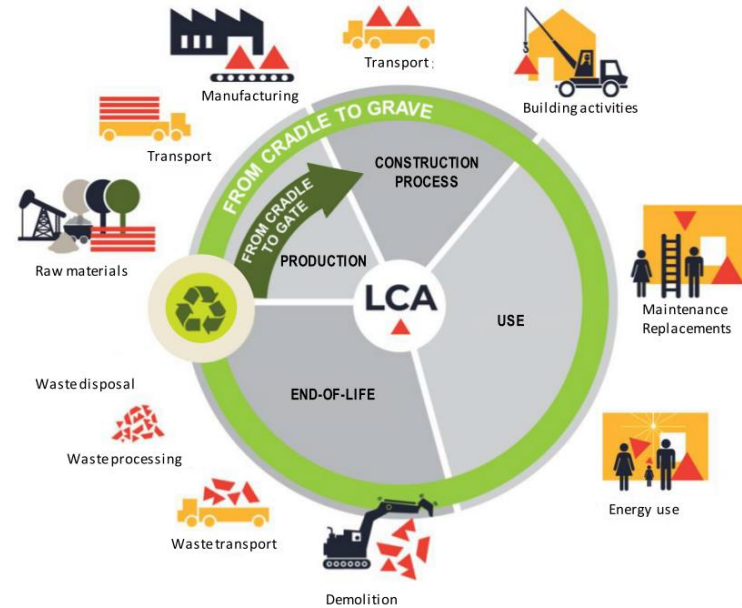
Primary to secondary resources





Life cycle assessment – ISO 14040/44:2006

- addresses environmental aspects & potential environmental impacts (use of resources and environmental consequences of releases)
- throughout a product life cycle



<https://www.totem-building.be>
<https://ecochain.com/knowledge/life-cycle-assessment-lca-guide/>
https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Stages-of-products-life-cycle-4_fig1_312073799



Bibliographic research → Scientific literature

- Advantages of recycling aggregates (especially upcycling vs downcycling)
- Importance of transport distance
- CO₂ capture by crushed aggregates
- Avoided landfill not taken into account (standard EN 15804+A2:2019)
- Importance of economic incitants to help recycling (taxes on natural resources such as river sand, or on landfill)
- Data on crushing, grinding, and aggregate processing in general
- Realization of concrete furniture, and additive printing of concrete



Life cycle assessment: preliminary LCA

- **LCA of recycled fine aggregates (RFA)**
(based on PhD thesis - Mohamed Elkarim Bouarroudj
– *Use of RFA as mineral addition in mortars*)
- Comparison with limestone fillers (NA)
- **Goal** : comparison of the environmental impacts of the production of additives for the mortar, either natural limestone filler, or recycled sand (<4 mm) (or fines, <125 µm)
- **Scope**:
 - **Functional unit (FU)**: the output of **1 kg** of material
 - **System boundaries**: include only the production of the material, at the gates of the quarry (natural materials) or the sorting center (recycled materials)
 - The substitution is considered equivalent (1 kg limestone filler = 1 kg of recycled sand)



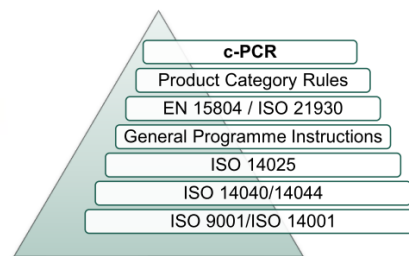


Life cycle assessment: preliminary LCA

- **Inventory:** Evaluation of **grinding energy**
- Previous study: mobile crusher (PREFER) → 12.1 MJ/ton (diesel)
- B-EPD: default values for sorting center with shredder:
1.5 kWh/ton (BE mix) + 11.8 MJ/ton (diesel)
- Ecoinvent : limestone crushed for mill:
0.51 kWh/ton (BE mix) + 18 MJ/ton(diesel)



- CML IA baseline v3.06/EU25+3, 2000
- Consistent with EN15804+A2:2019
- Cut-off approach: waste is "free"
- "Polluter pays" principle



Belgian Standard	
EN 15804:2012+A2:2019	NBN
NBN EN 15804:2012+A2:2019	

Sustainability of construction works - Environmental product declarations - Core rules for the product category of construction products

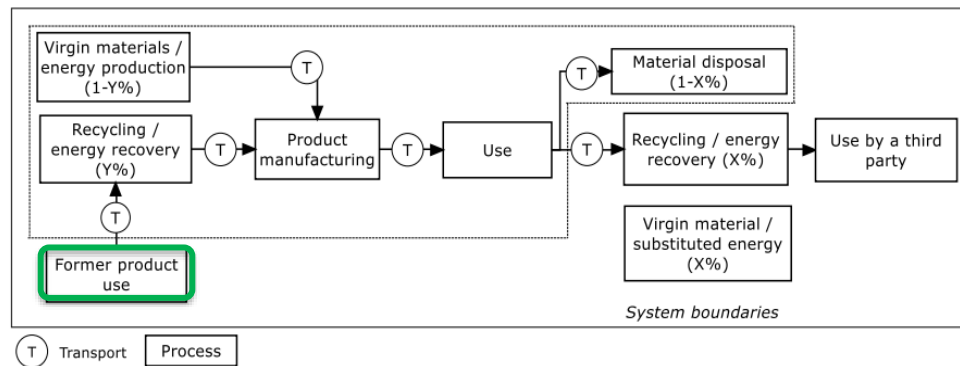
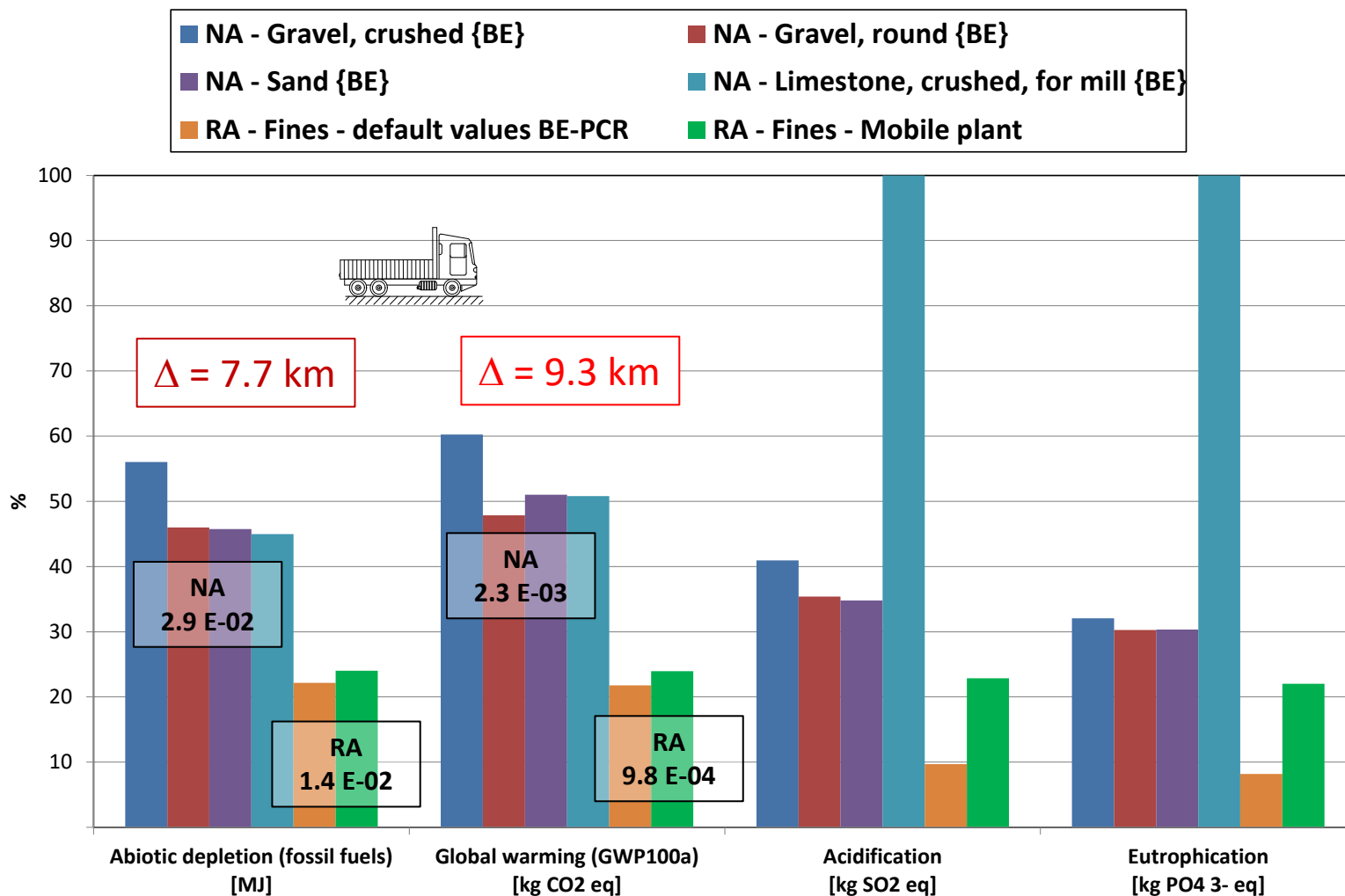


Figure 6-2: Cut-off approach



Life cycle assessment: preliminary LCA – Characterization for 1 kg of NA/RA





Life cycle assessment: preliminary LCA

- CIRMAP primary data: 3D printing
→ concrete formulation
- Primary data collection from producers (Vicat, Chryso, Carrières du Boulonnais)
- RFA: Helfaut
- Model for LCA of concrete with NA – RFA
- Missing data: 3DP

Excel file for data collection from partners

- Formulation, origin of raw materials, processing of raw materials (N or R)
- Energy for 3D printing, water, losses, waste, ...: MATRICE data, primary data
- ⇒ data WPT1 - A2 - 1.1 - Formulation of 3D printable RFA-based mortars - 2021.08.30.xlsx / 2022.02.01 / ...
- **Modelling** of missing records in database(s): river sand, additives
- **Bibliographic** research on traditional precast concrete process & 3DP
- **Adaptation** of OPC record of Ecoinvent (→ Vicat / SeRaMCo)

Raw materials used for the study

2 hydraulic binders:

Used separately

- Eqiom cement: CEM I 52.5 N
- Vicat cement: Performat®, CEM I 52.5 N



1 Natural sand:

Screened at 2 mm beforehand (only grains < 2 mm are used for the 3DP tests)

- Boulonnais quarry natural sand (France)

3 Recycled Fine Aggregates (RFA):

Screened at 2 mm beforehand (only grains < 2 mm are used for the 3DP tests)

- Recynov RFA (France, northern area)
- Revaga RFA (France, eastern area)
- Tradecowall RFA (Belgium, western area)

2 admixtures:

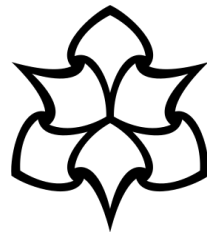
- Liquid superplasticizer (SP): Chryso®Fluid Optima 100
- Solid viscosity modifying admixture (VMA): Chryso Belitex® Addichap





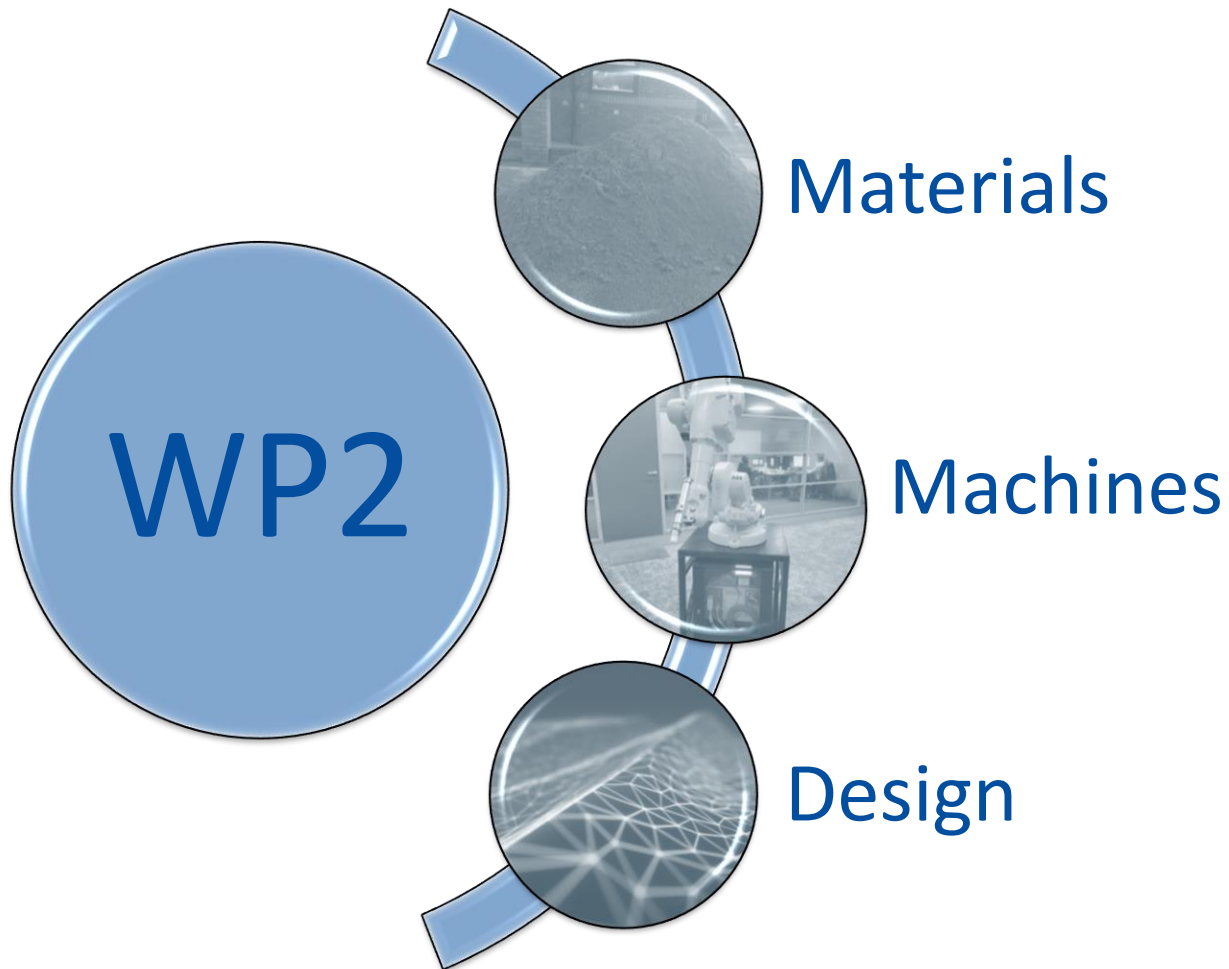
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WP 2 – Development of
methodologies and process for the
3DP of mortars containing RFA



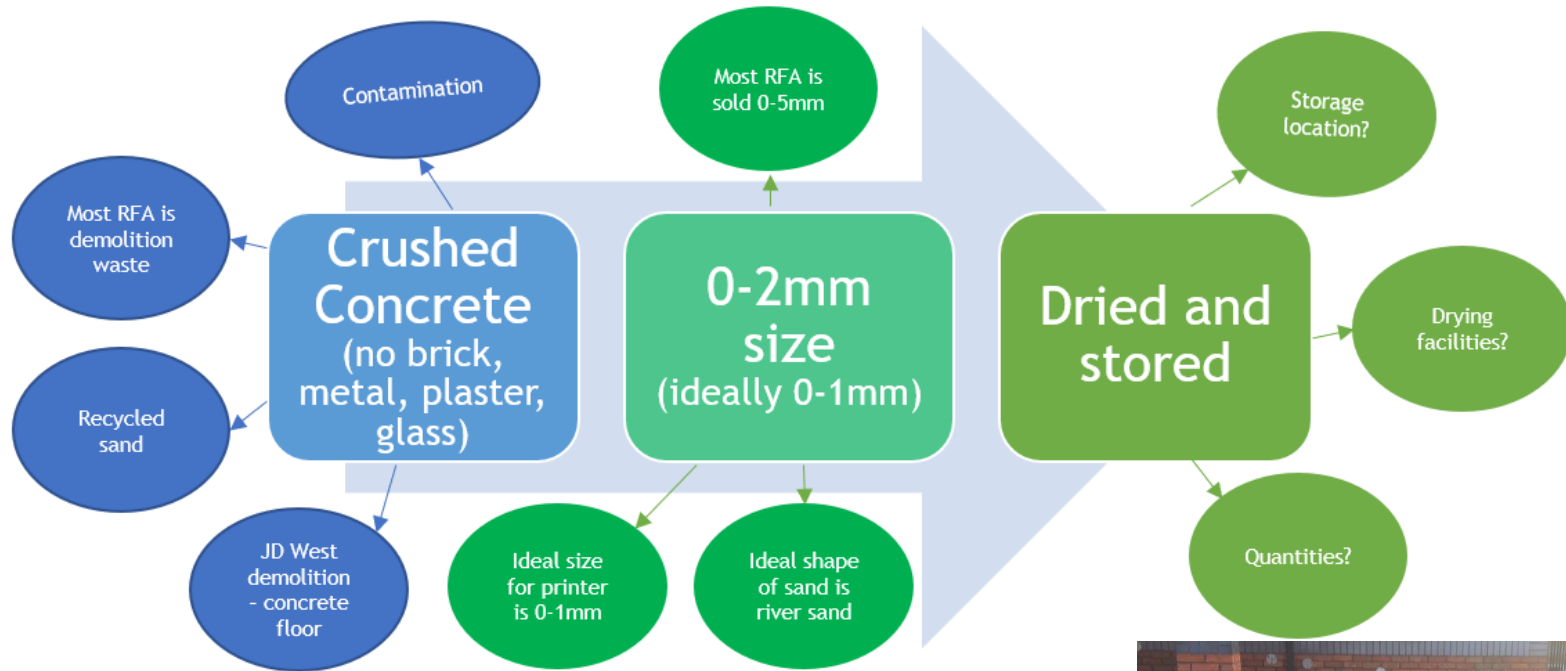
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Source the Recycled Fine Aggregate (RFA)





Characterising the RFA in 3 MPM Labs

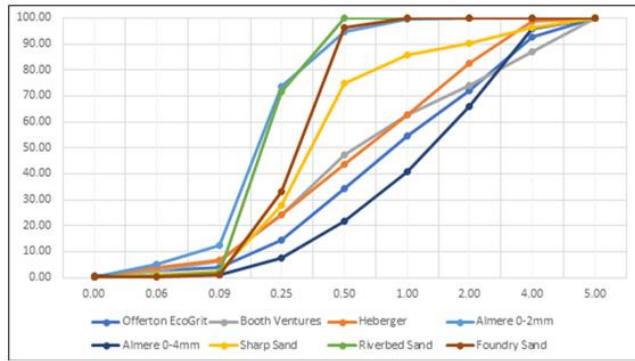


Figure 1: Particle Size Distribution

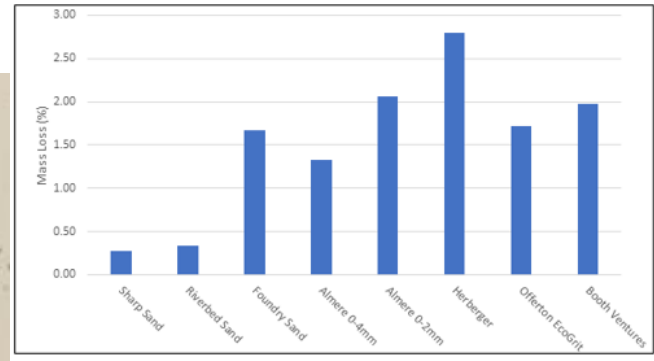
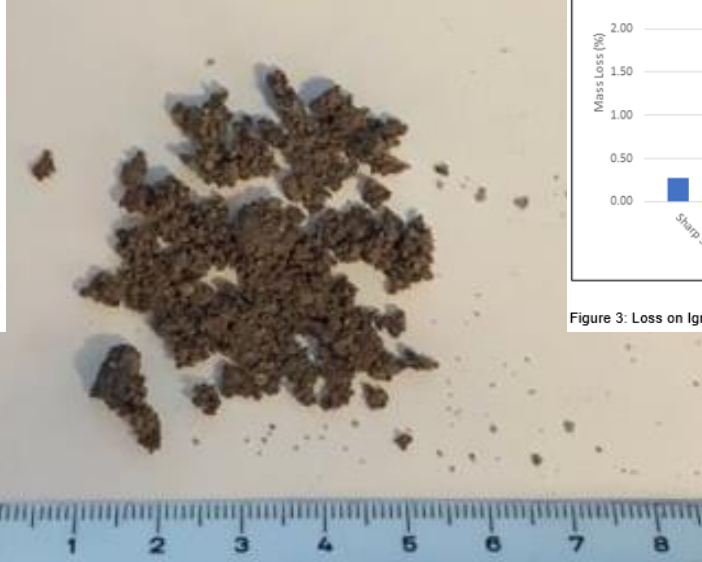


Figure 3: Loss on Ignition

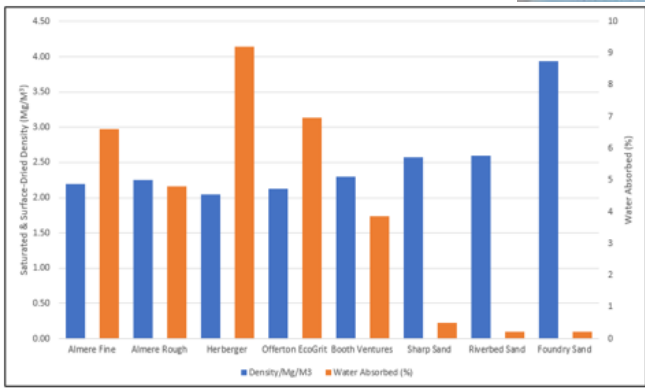


Figure 2: Particle density and water absorption

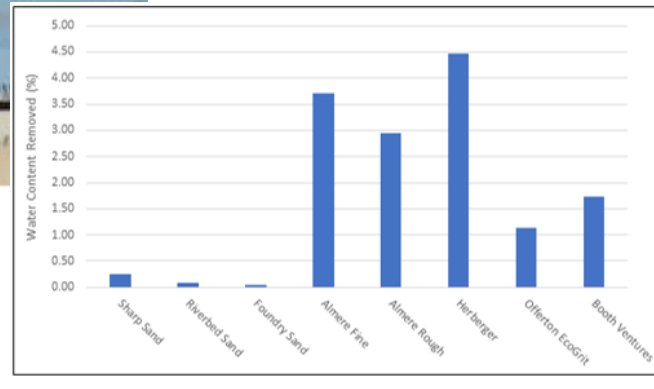
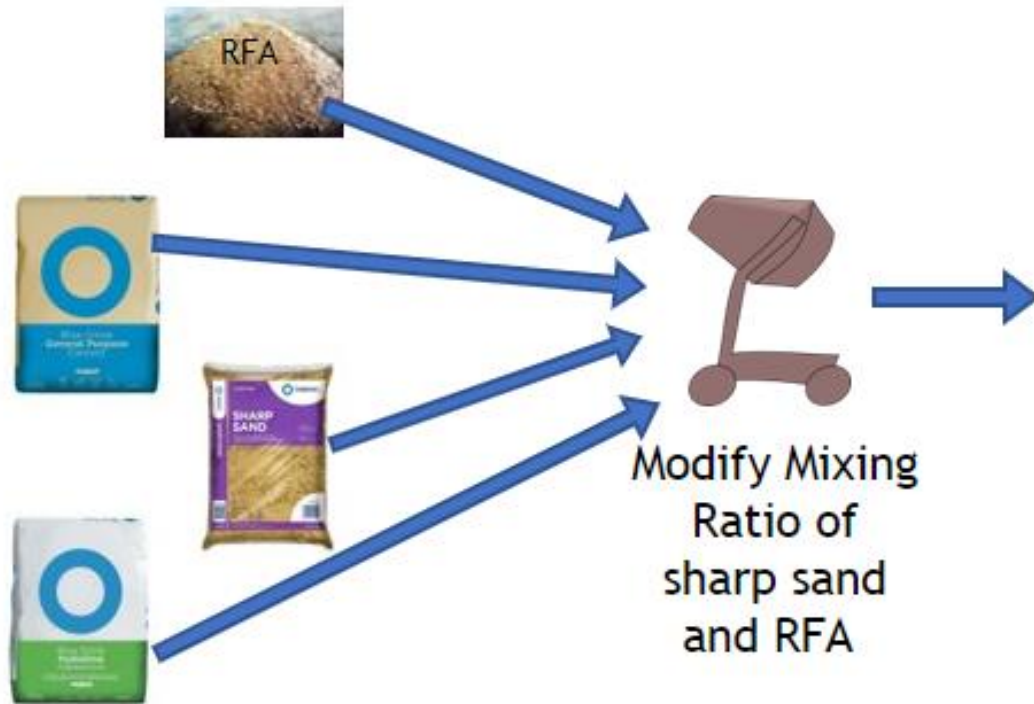


Figure 4: Water content



RFA feasibility testing





Fresh state testing

Flowability

Pumpability

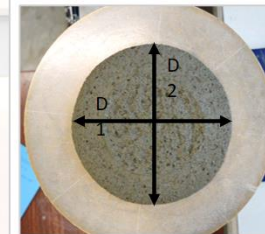
Buildability



Flow table test



Table used to apply the jolts, with the packing cylinder and the conical mold

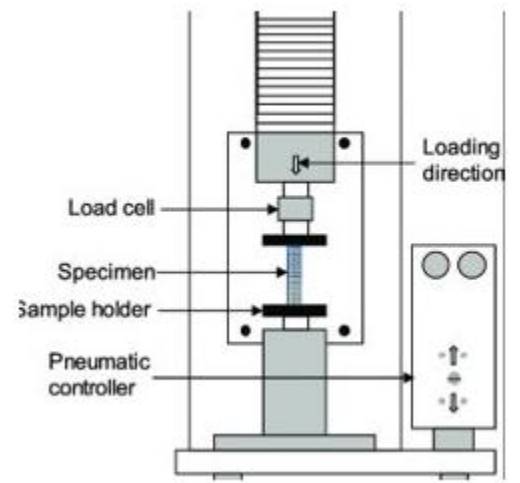


Mortar after applying 15 jolts (the black arrows represent the two perpendicular length measured)

This test gives information about the mortar's ability to slump and to spread.



Strength testing



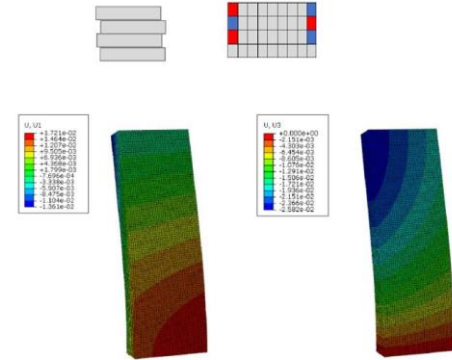


Validation of models



➤ Elastic buckling:

- Geometrical imperfections during printing

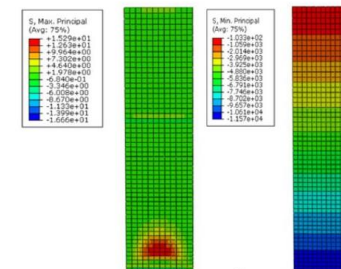


➤ Plastic failure

- Elasto-plastic (Mohr-Coulomb) model

$$FoS = \frac{2 * \sqrt{(C_t + S_1 \tan(\varphi_t)) * (C_t + S_3 \tan(\varphi_t))}}{\sqrt{(S_1 - S_3)^2}}$$

$FoS < 1$ → Plastic Failure





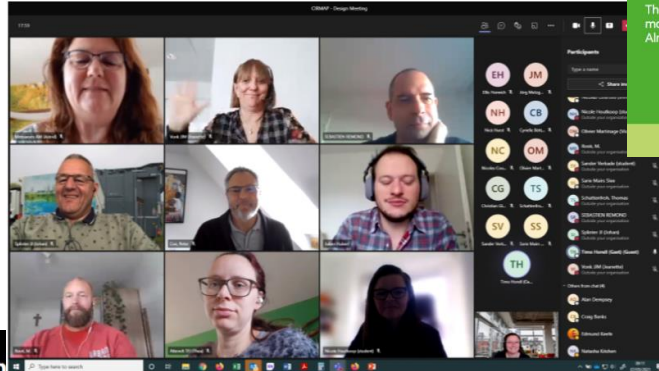
Transnational online conference with municipalities



City of Pirmasens – TU Kaiserslautern



Premium Hiking Trails Pirmasens 1. „Felsenwald“ (Rockyforrest)



Elephants Almere Buiten



The elephants along the A6 motorway symbolize Almere Buiten

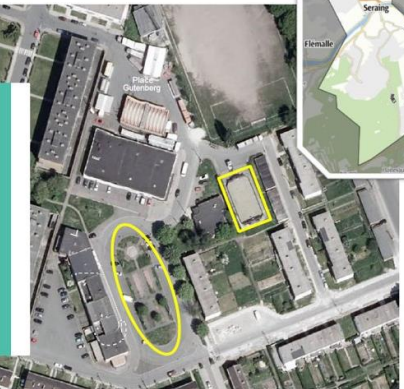
For the centre of Almere Buiten it would be nice to place a seating element in the shape of an elephant, just like the elephant statues along the highway.



Spirit of Salford, Commemorating the Pandemic Proposal for the CIRMAP public artwork(s)



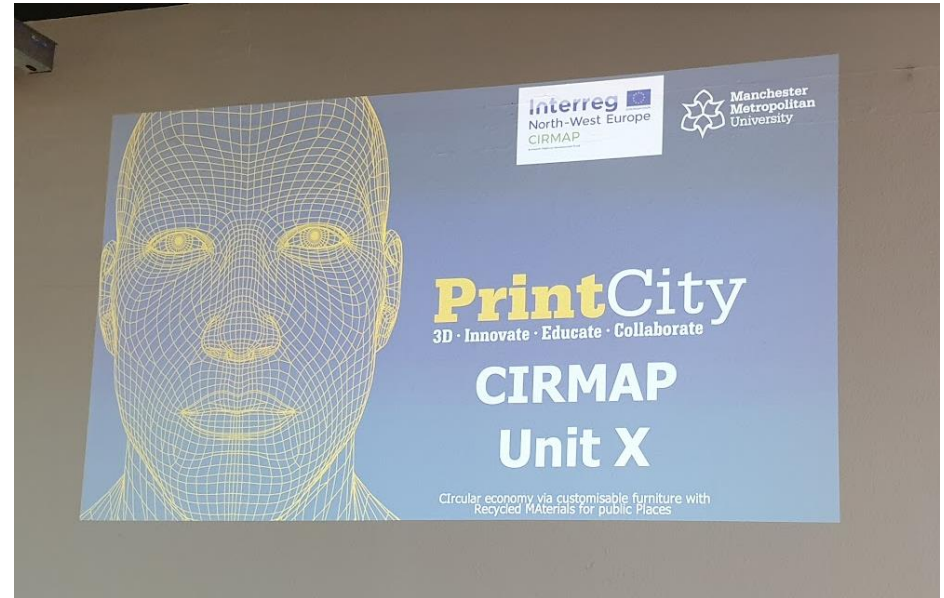
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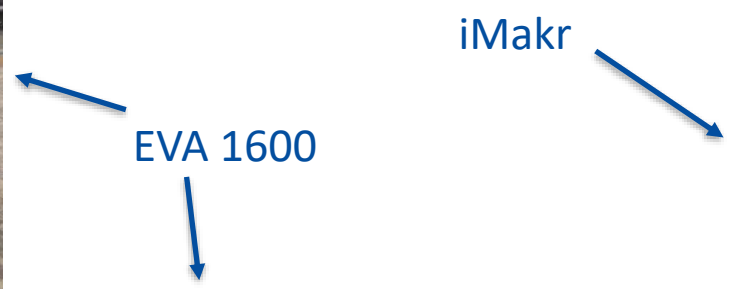


Student design

- Unit X student design (NL and UK)
- Lille student workshop (FR, BE and DE)
- MSc Industrial Digitisation (MMU) - 2 workshops



Machines (MMU)





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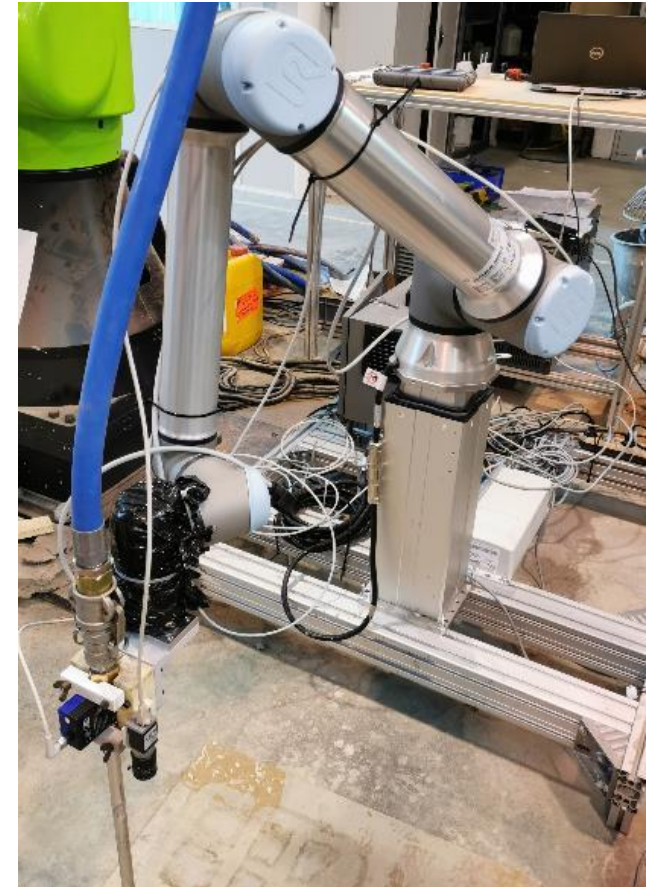
WPT3: Industrial feasibility

University of Lille





- Validation of laboratory procedures in terms of:
 - models and design methodologies developed in **WPT2** at a larger scale and in real printing conditions.
- Demonstration that the concrete 3DP process allows for the manufacture of customized shapes with RFA mortars by printing and installing pilots in several places in Europe




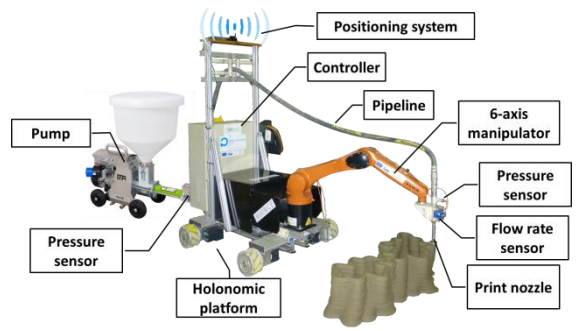


- Activity 1 aims to select and collect of large-scale samples of RFA close to the 5 locations of testing;
- Activity 2 concerns trial 3DP campaign for large scale experimental validation;
- Activity 3 concerns the identification of the construction sites for 3DP campaign;
- Activity 4 aims implementing the 3D printing pilot in the 5 sites for construction of 5 type of furniture;
- Activity 5 demonstrates the technological transfer of 3DP concept to industrial scale.



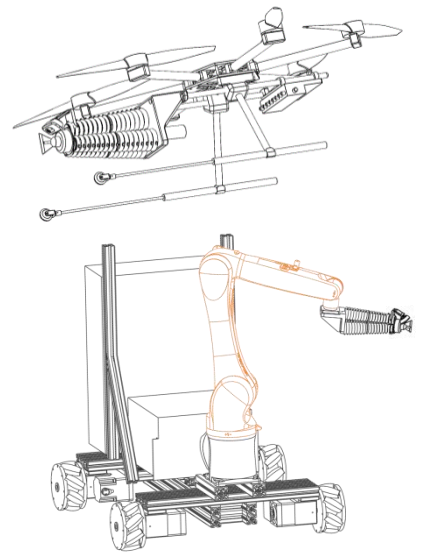


• **Activity 2 : Pilots preparation**

Pre-printing (emulated environment)	Printing (on-site)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simulated environment • Rapid calibration of machines according to environmental variations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncontrolled environment • Online adaptive printing 

Post-printing (maintaining the quality)

- Quality control
- Predictive maintenance of structure

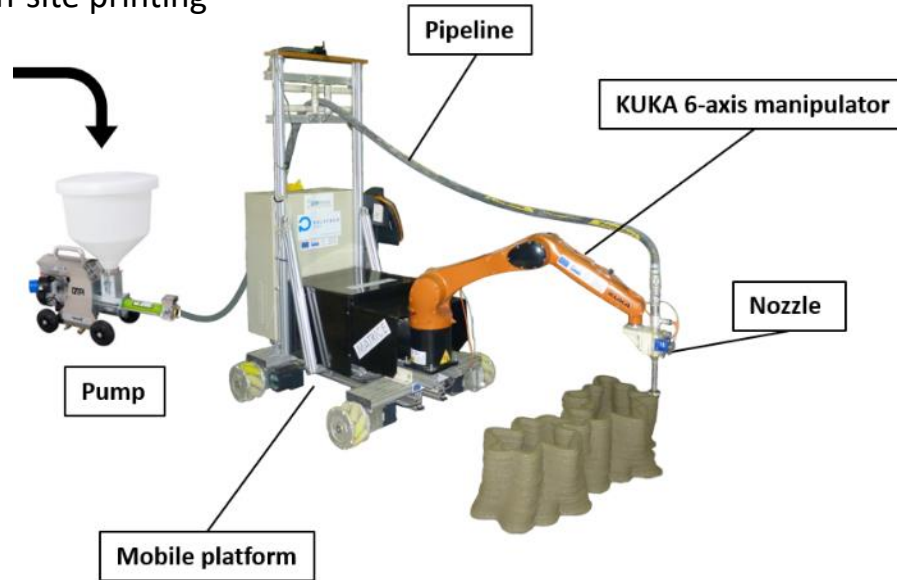




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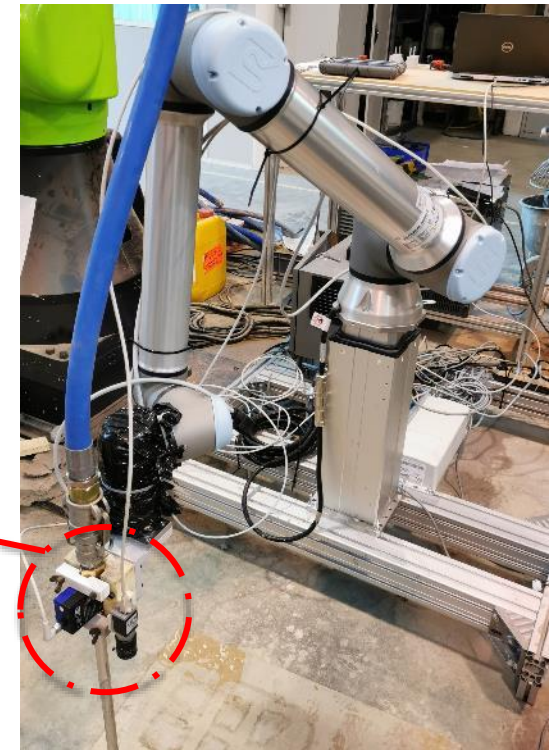
Pilot 1

Mobile Manipulator for on-site printing



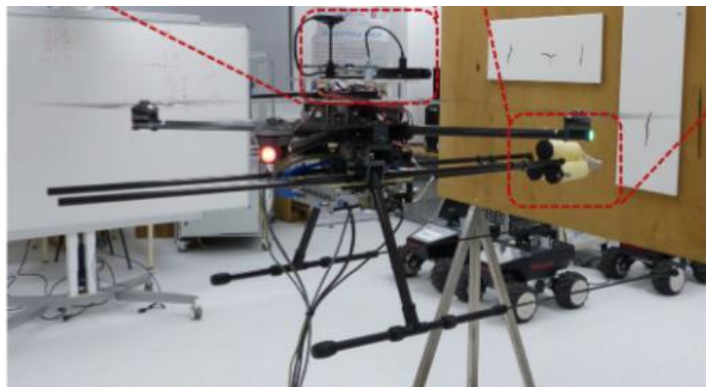
Pilot 3

Manipulator robot for physical lab printing



Pilot 2

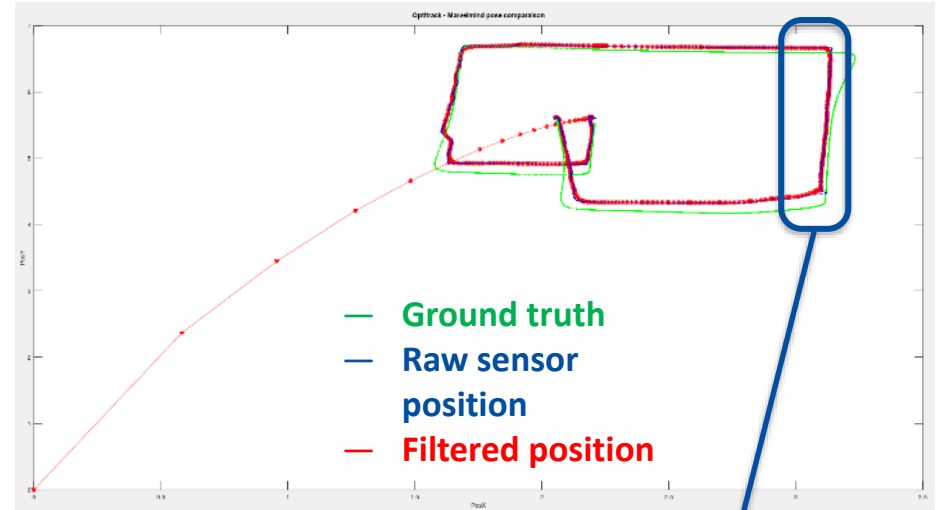
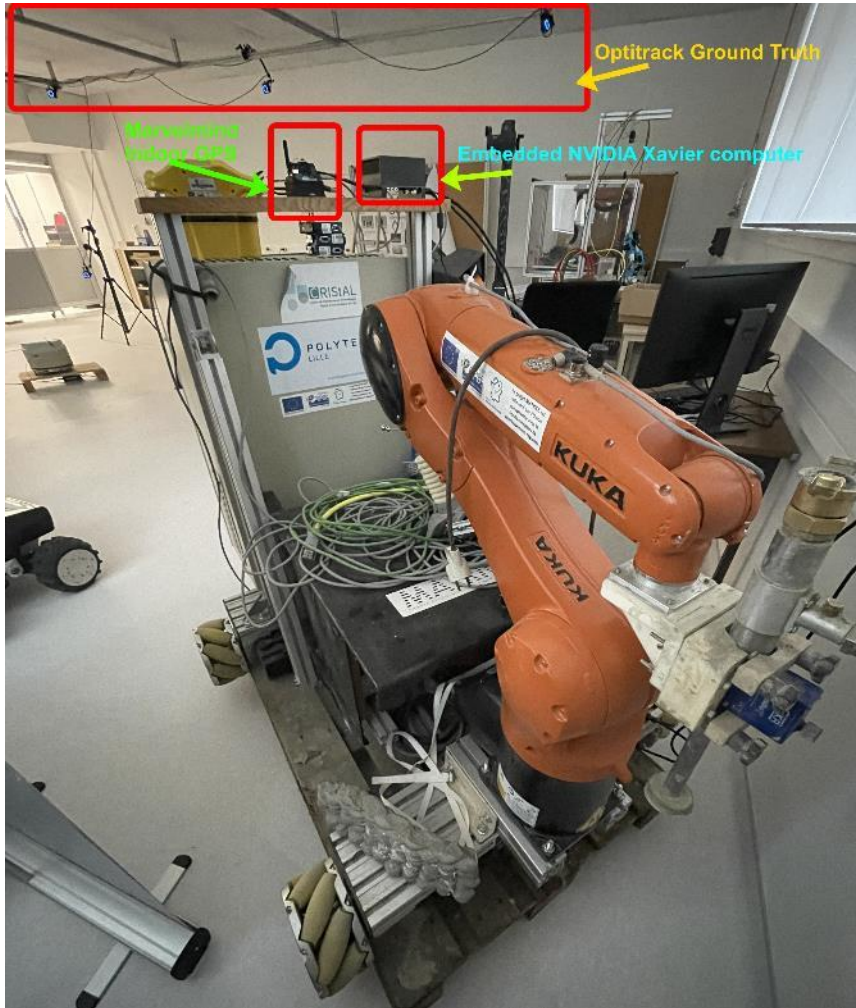
Flying robot for on-site printing



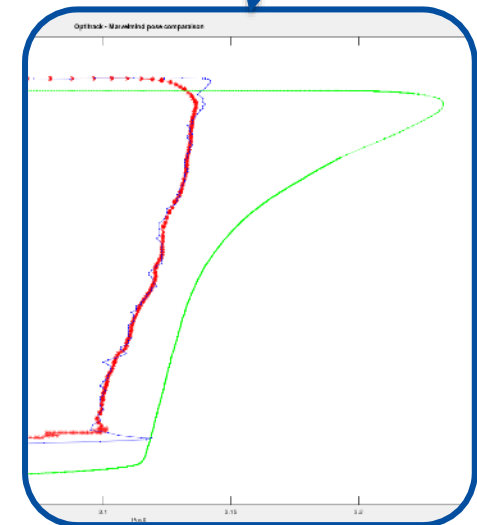


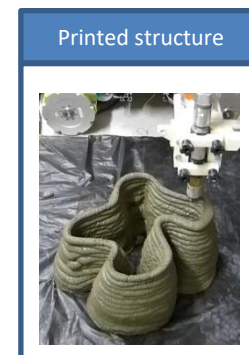
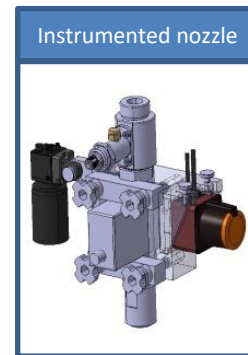
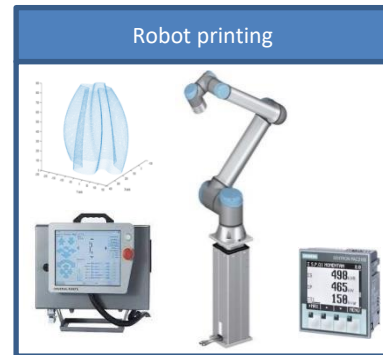
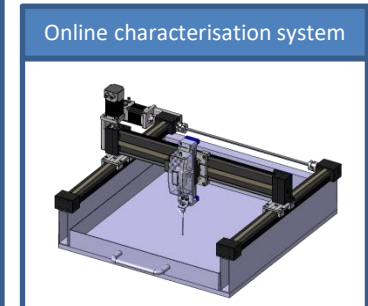
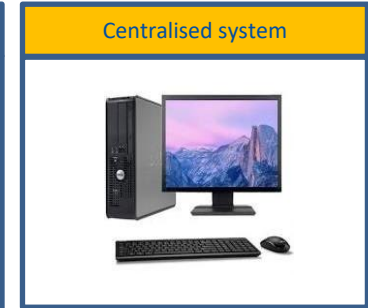
• Activity 2 : Pilots

Pilot 4 Navigation of mobile manipulator robot



Accuracy: 5 to 10cm





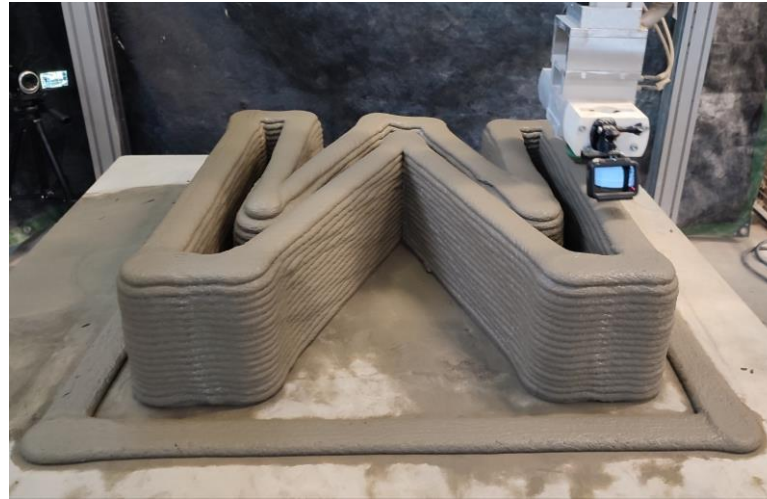


manufacturing
Additive
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Printing
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Material
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Recycle



Thanks for your
attention

*Public Meeting
24 March 2022*





- Diner on Thursday, March 24th at 19:30
- Restaurant Terra terrae
 - rue Hors Château 48, 4000 LIEGE
 - <https://terraterrae.be>
 - Phone number :+32495321643
- Recommended parking :
 - Parking: Saint Georges (Liège) Quai de la Batte, 4000 Liège
 - Parking Cité (Liège) Quai de la Goffe 15, 4000 Liège



For meetings on Friday 25th

Building B52 – Room 0/429 – Arrival at 8:30