

# **Development of Geopolymer cements / concretes in India**



# **Geopolymer Concretes - Indian Context.**

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**“Pozzolanic industrial waste  
based geopolymer concretes  
with low carbon footprint”**

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## **EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

- **Development of high temperature resistant Geopolymeric Composites Geopolymer Concretes.**
- **Development of Geopolymeric products for housing applications.**
- **Evaluation studies of corrosion resistant cements.**



# Facilities

- **Concrete Testing and Chemical Analysis equipment**
- **X-ray diffractometer**
- **FESEM, NMR, Impedence spectroscopy, etc**
- **Electrochemical workstation**
- **TGA/DSC**
- **Tubular furnace**
- **Thermal conductivity meter**
- **Dilatometer**
- **ATT-FTIR/UV-Vis-NIR**
- **RCPT**
- **Electric Resistivity**

# Thrust Areas

- **Development of precast products:**
  - ✓ **Structural elements:**
    - ✓ **Beams, columns**
    - ✓ **Wall panel , pavers, building blocks (hollow and solid) : {normal and lightweight}**
    - ✓ **Road**
    - ✓ **Joins in pre cast elements.**
  - **Development of thin members**
    - ✓ **Ferrocement slabs.**
    - **Reinforced by steel : RCC**



**GEOPOLYMER: PORTLAND  
CEMENT FREE BINDER SYSTEM  
FROM INDUSTRIAL WASTES**

# **GEPOLYMER - A NEW BINDER**

## **Prof Davidovits of France**

- **Developed in mid 1970's**
- **Binding action by Aluminosilicate gel**
- **Utilised silica & alumina of specially processed clay (metakaolin) to get inorganic polymer of alumino-silicates**

# GEOPOLYMER - A NEW BINDER

**Rangan and Hardijto, [2005]**

- **Activated  $\text{SiO}_2$  &  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  of fly ash**
- **Produced 3-D polymeric chain & ring structure consisting of Si-O-Al-O bonds of geopolymer**
- **Binder for structural grade concretes**

# MAJOR INGREDIENTS OF GEOPOLYMER CONCRETES

- **Geopolymeric Source Material**
- **Alkaline activators made of**
- **Filler System**
  
- **etc**

# MAJOR INGREDIENTS OF GEOPOLYMER CONCRETES

- **Geopolymeric Source Materials**
  - ✓ **Fly Ash**
  - ✓ **GGBS**
  - ✓ **Rice Husk Ash**
  - ✓ **Silica Fume**
  - ✓ **Metakaolin**

## MAJOR INGREDIENTS OF GEOPOLYMER CONCRETES

- Alkaline activators made of
  - ✓ Alkali Hydroxide solutions
  - ✓ Alkali Silicate solutions
- etc

# MAJOR INGREDIENTS OF GEOPOLYMER CONCRETES

## ➤ **Filler System**

- ✓ **River sand**

- ✓ **Copper slag**

- ✓ **Quartz sand**

- ✓ **Crushed stone aggregates**

- ✓ **Fly ash aggregates**

## ➤ **etc**

# Alkaline Activator Solution

- **Mixture of NaOH solution and Sodium Silicate Solution**
- **Sodium Silicate Solution (SSS)**

<b>Specific Gravity</b>	<b>1.56-1.66</b>
<b>Na<sub>2</sub>O (%)</b>	<b>15.5-16.5</b>
<b>SiO<sub>2</sub> (%)</b>	<b>31-33</b>
<b>Weight ratio</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Molar ratio</b>	<b>2.05</b>
<b>Iron content, ppm</b>	<b>&lt;100</b>
<b>Baume</b>	<b>51-55</b>



# Geopolymer directly as binder

## Geopolymer concretes

- **28 day compressive strengths >70 MPa**
- **Rational application of Particle Packing Theory, Strengths > 150 MPa**

# Geopolymer concrete

**Fresh density**

**= 2200 - 2450 kg/m<sup>3</sup>**

**(Normal Weight Aggregates)**

**= 1800 - 2000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>**

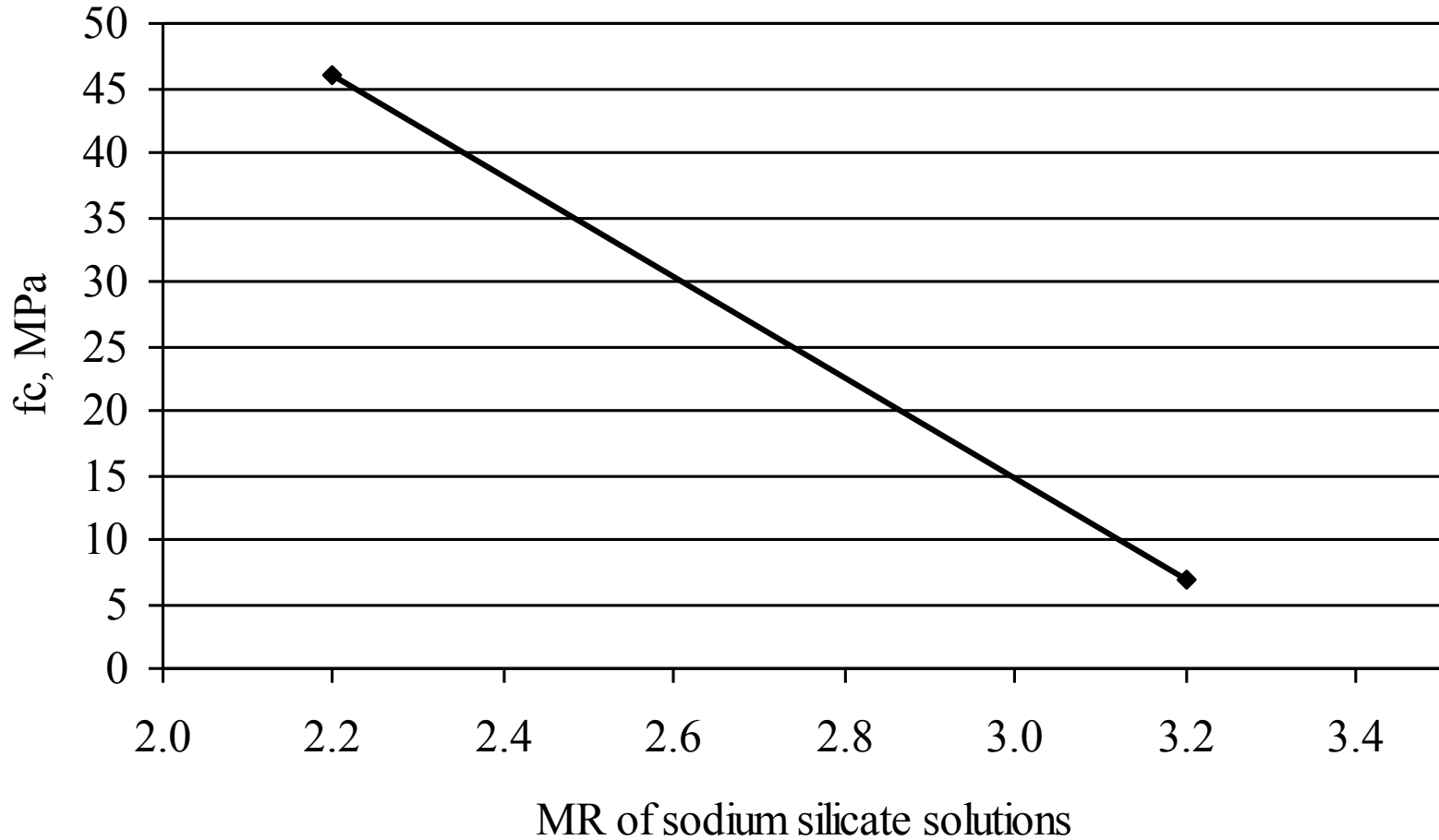
**(Light Weight Aggregates)**

**Working time available for fresh mixes > 45 minutes**

# Chemical nature of geopolymer concretes (GPCs)

<b>Molar ratio of SSS</b>		<b>mole/mole</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>AAS/GPS</b>	<b>w/w</b>	<b>kg/kg</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.55</b>
<b>(A/B)</b>	<b>v/w</b>	<b>litre/kg</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.47</b>
<b>Oxide ratios in GPCs</b>				
<b>Na<sub>2</sub>O/GPS</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>SiO<sub>2</sub>/GPS</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O/GPS</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>46.6</b>
<b>Relative values</b>	<b>[OH<sup>-</sup>]</b>		<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.86</b>
	<b>Na<sub>2</sub>O/GPS</b>		<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.89</b>
	<b>SiO<sub>2</sub>/GPS</b>		<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.87</b>
	<b>H<sub>2</sub>O/GPS</b>		<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.02</b>

Fig 1a Effect of molar ratio (MR) of sodium silicate solutions on compressive strength,  $f_c$ , of GGBS based GPCs

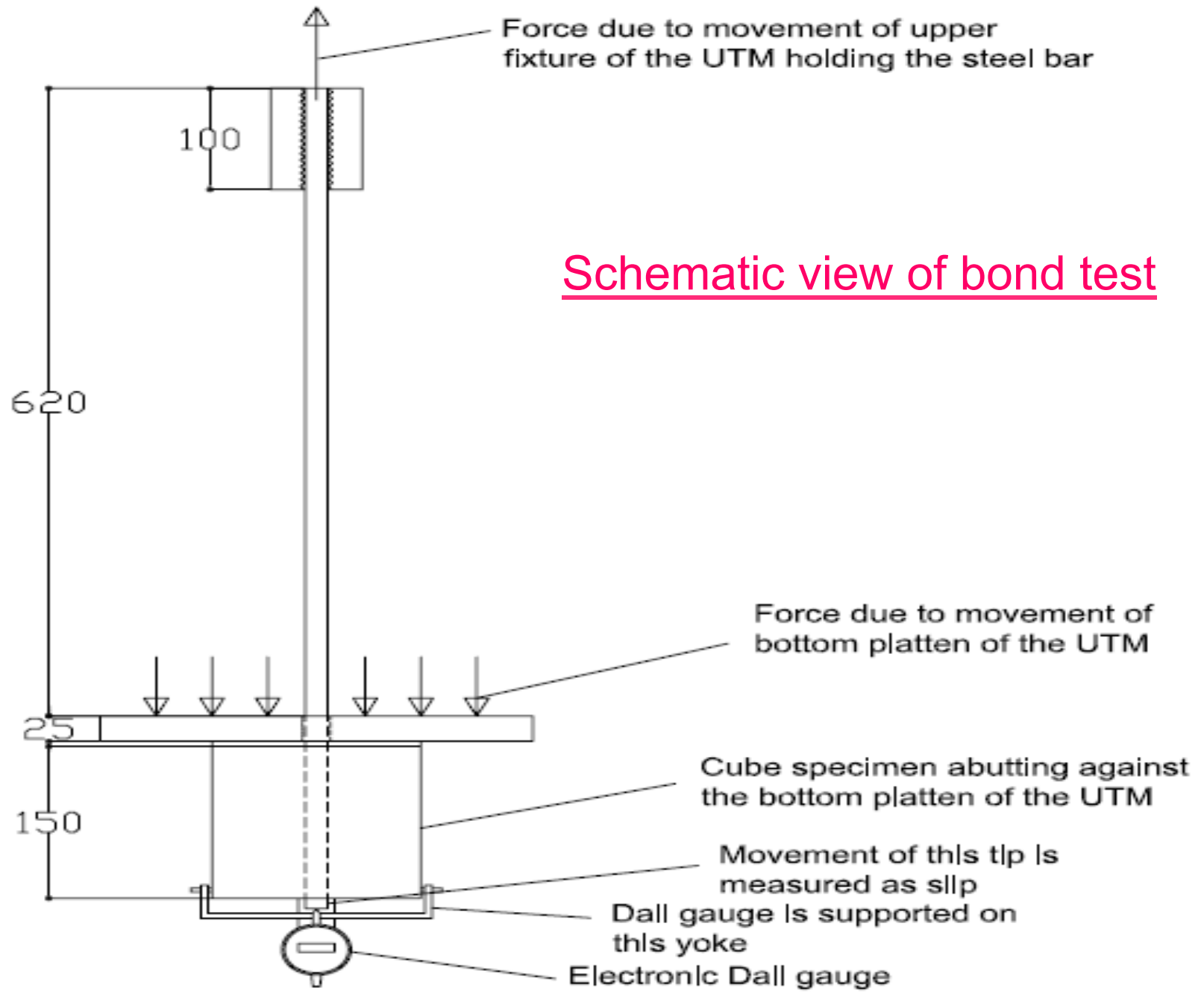


## **STATISTICS OF STRENGTHS**

**As per IS:456-2000, Grades of GPCs :  
GPC0, GPC25, GPC50, GPC75b, GPC75c  
are  
60, 50, 50, 40, 40**

**Low values of Kurtosis and Skewness  
show strength variation in GPCs is  
representable by Normal Distribution  
Curve as in case of CCs**

**Investigation on bond  
behaviour of GPCC with  
steel bars**



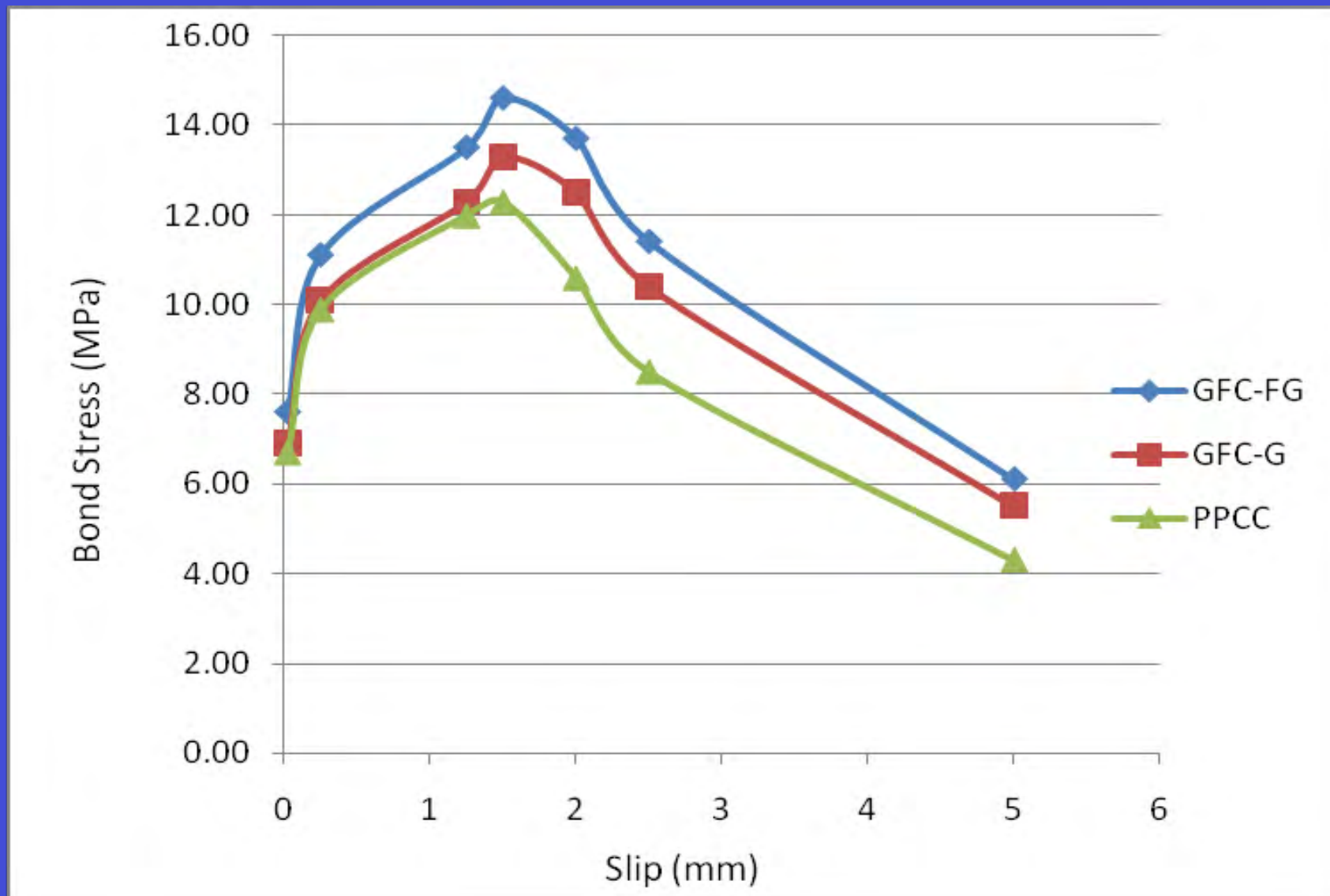
Schematic view of bond test

# Bond test set up





# Typical bond-slip relationship (12 mm dia)



# **Evaluation of stress-strain relationship of GPCs**



**Test Set up for recording stress-strain curve**

# Stress-strain Models

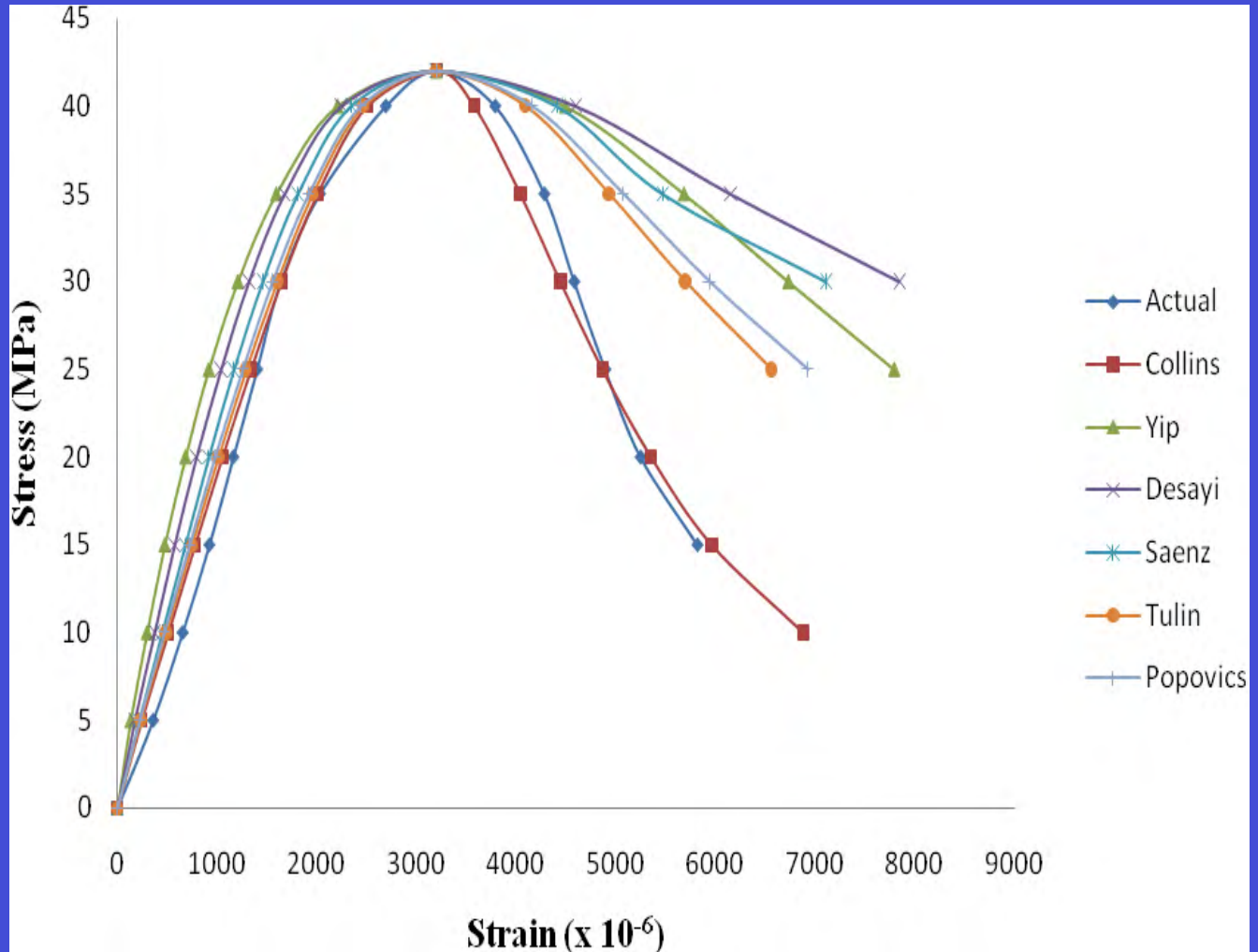
## Collins and Mitchell

$$\sigma = \frac{n E_s \varepsilon}{n - 1 + (\varepsilon / \varepsilon_o)^{nk}}$$

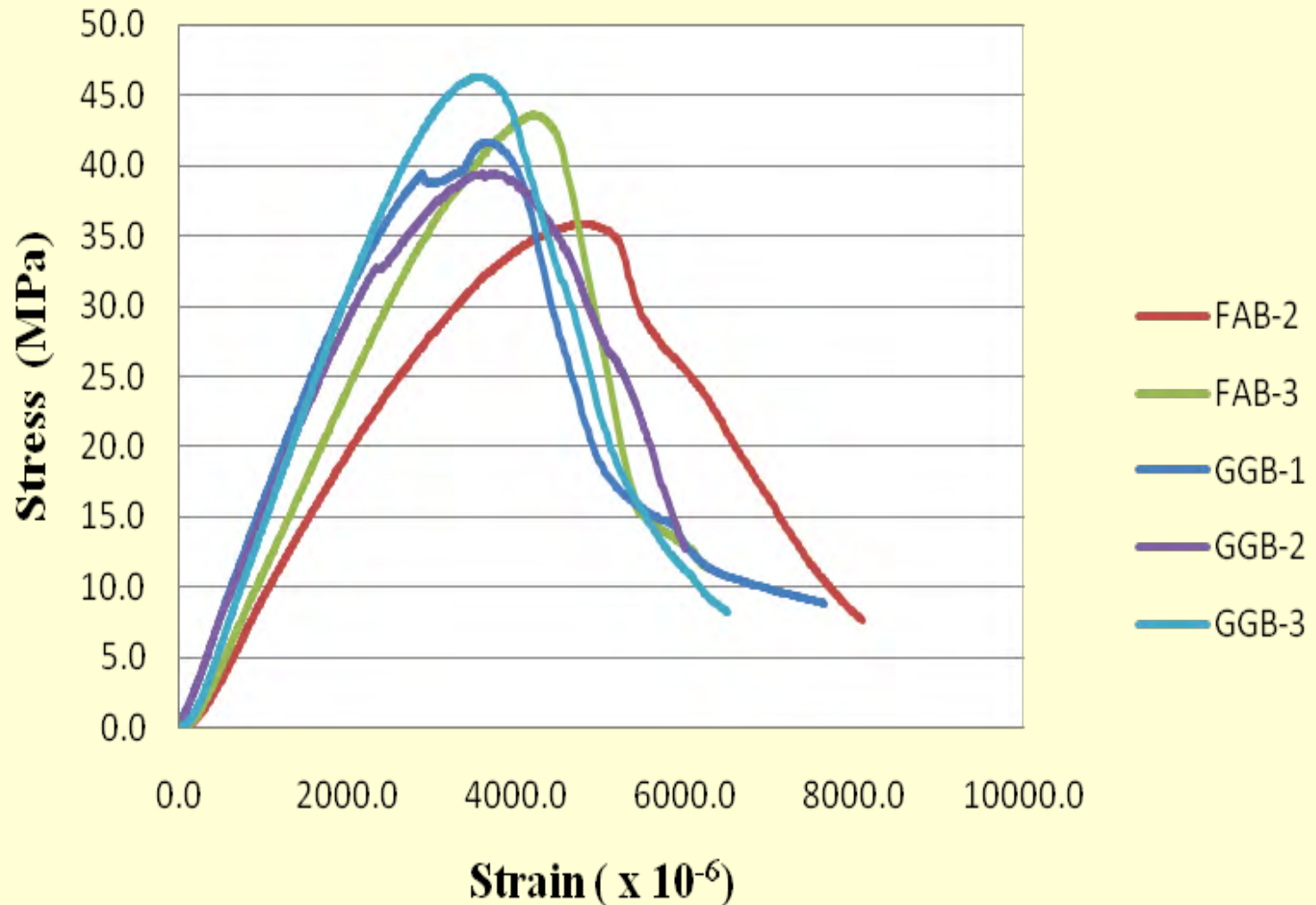
$$k = 0.67 + \frac{\sigma_{c,u}}{62}$$

$$n = 0.8 + \frac{\sigma_{c,u}}{17}$$

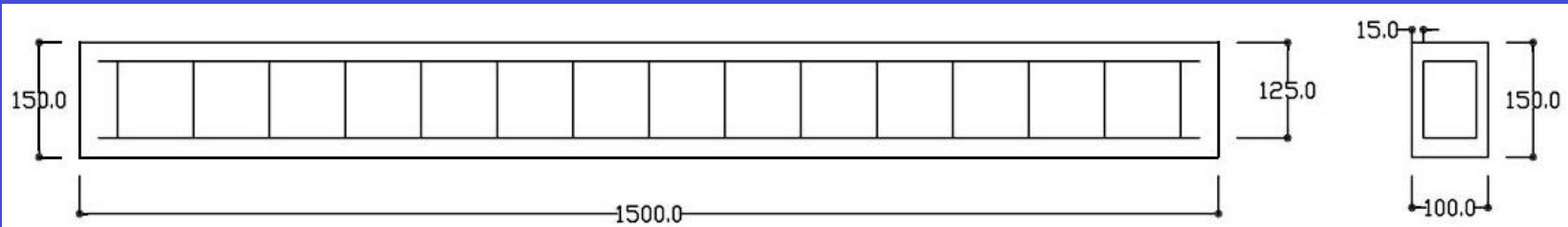
# Typical Stress-Strain curves for GPCC



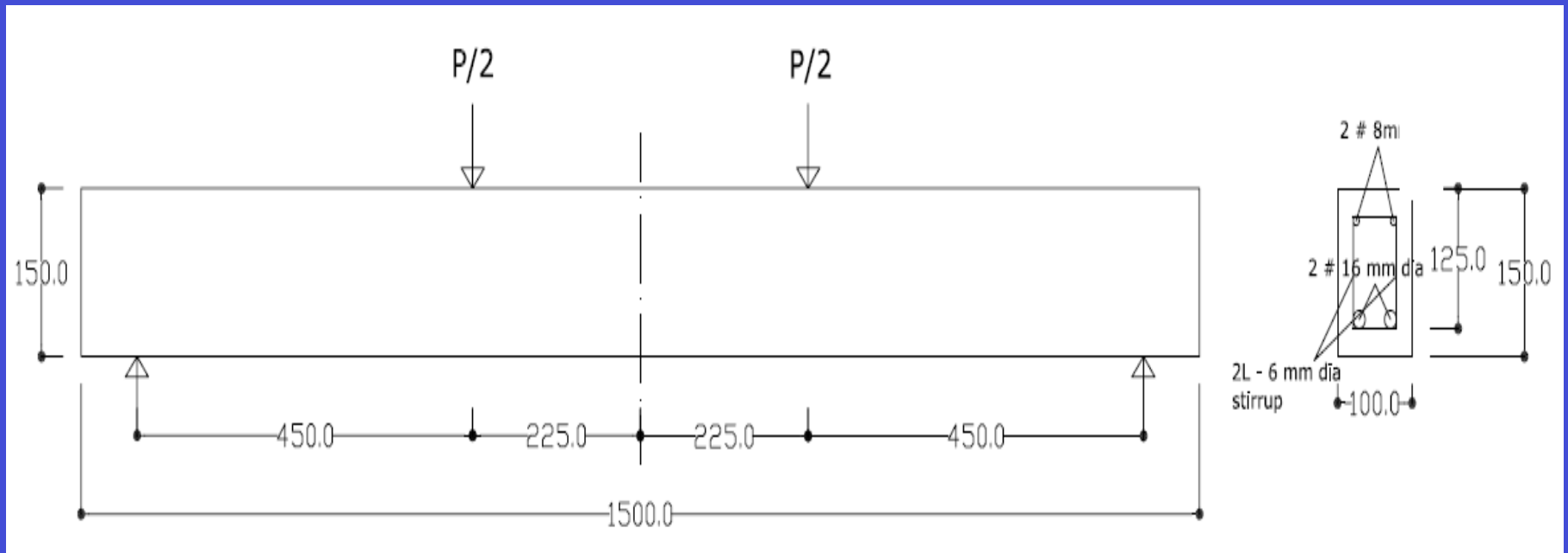
# Stress-strain Characteristics



# **Evaluation of reinforced GPC beam specimens in flexure**



## Geometry of Beam Specimen

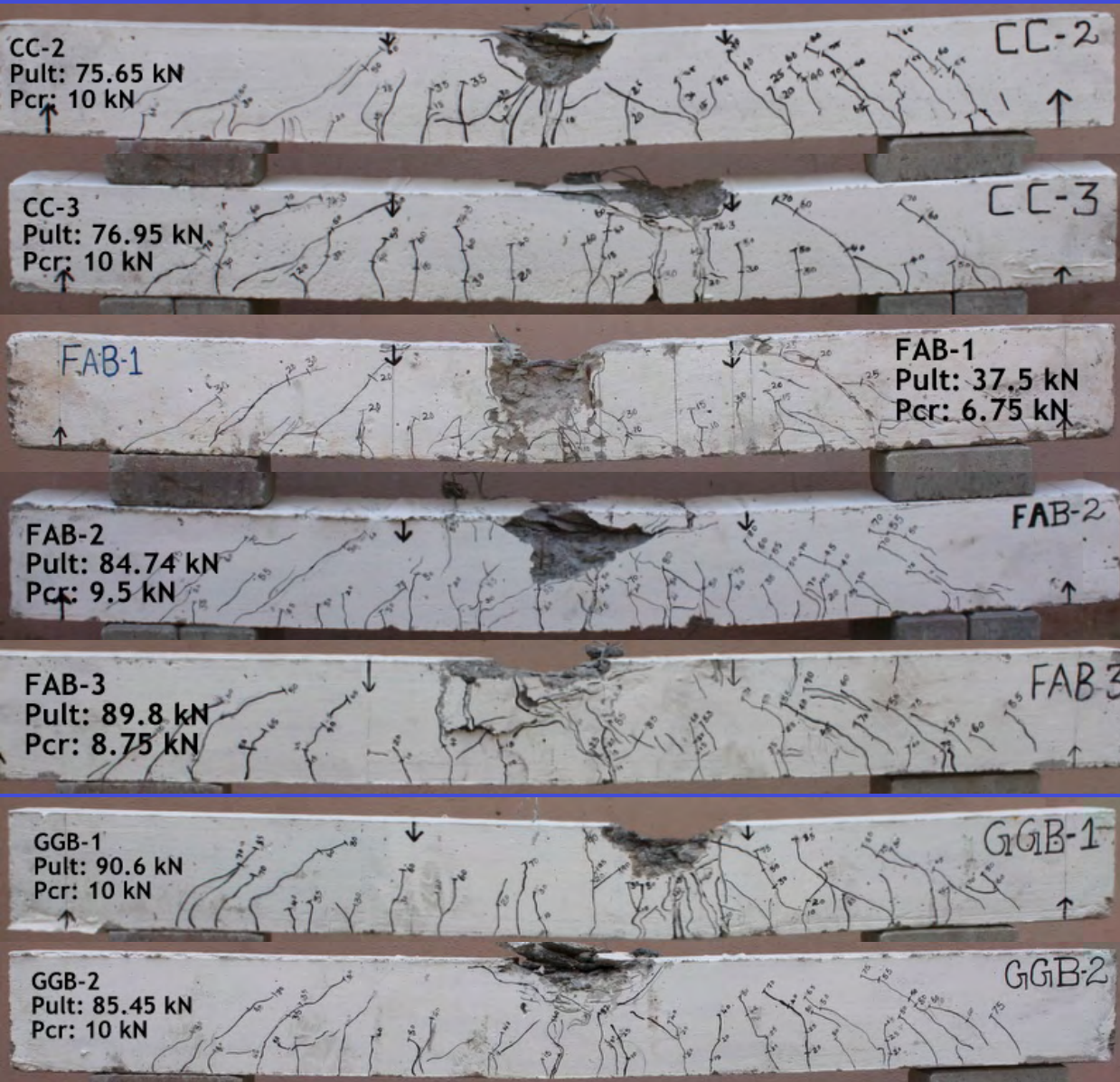


## Line sketch of test setup





**Experimental setup for flexural test**



# Crack patterns & failure modes in beam specimens

# GPC behaviour in flexure

- Performance of GPCs is similar to that of conventional concretes, with regards to :
  - compressive strength, modulus of elasticity and strain at peak loads
- Load-deflection characteristics, cracking pattern & failure modes of reinforced GPCC beams were similar to reinforced PPCC beams
- Reinforced GPC beams have marginally higher flexural capacity than reinforced PPCC beams for the same order of compressive strength

**Evaluation of alkalinity of  
pore solutions of  
concretes**

# Flame Photometry Test Results on Geopolymeric & Portland Cement Based Systems

SI No	Binder type	Dilution for FP test	FP Reading		Soln of binder paste	
			Na <sup>+</sup> ppm	K <sup>+</sup> ppm	[OH <sup>-</sup> ] mMol	=14+
						log <sub>10</sub> (OH)
1	Cement (OPC cement)	1	47	17	830	13.9
2	Cement + Fly Ash	1	45	23	854	13.9
3	Cement + Fly Ash	1	37	22	729	13.9
4	Cement+Silica fume	1	44	19	804	13.9
5	FAB-3	1	29	2	876	13.9
6	GGB-1	1	119	23	385	13.6
7	FAB-2	1	29	0.3	846	13.9
8	FAB-1	1	31	0.1	900	14.0
9	GGB-2	1	34	2	1021	14.0
10	GGB-3	1	24	0.5	704	13.8

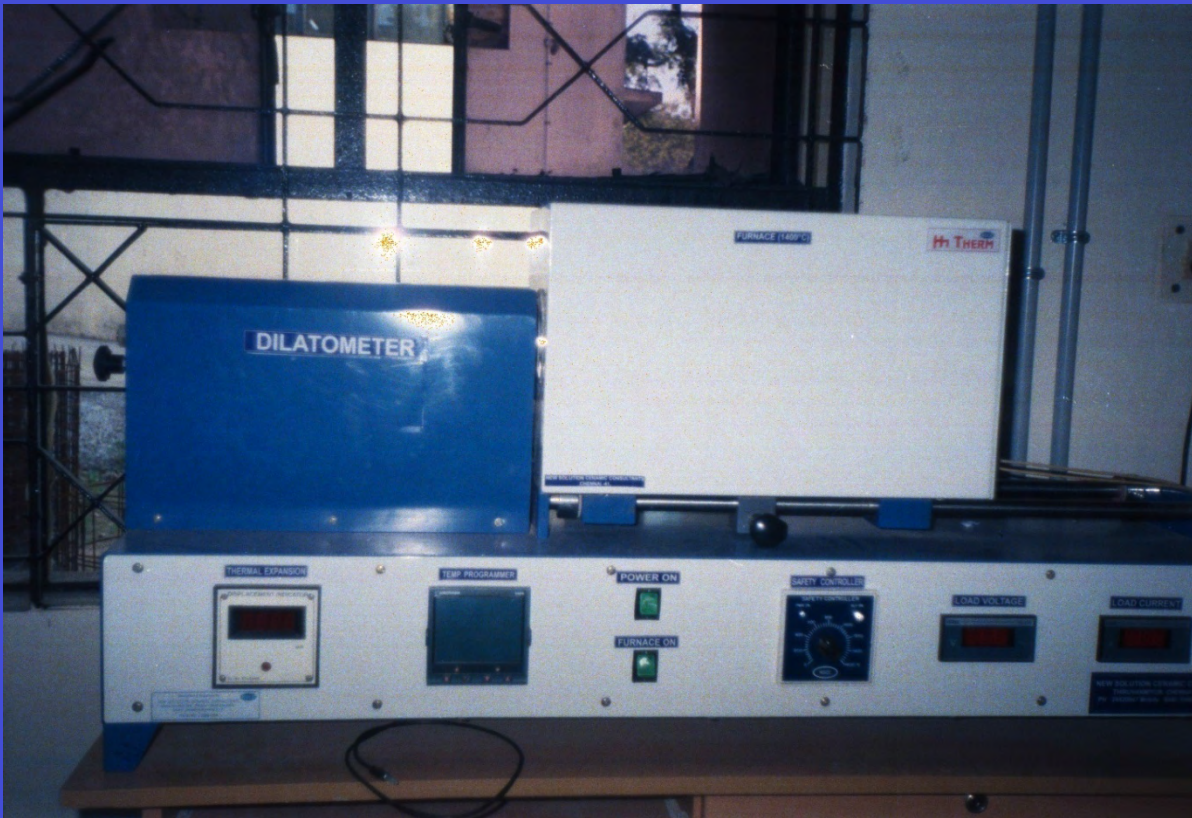
# **ALKALINITY OF PORE SOLUTIONS**

**Alkalinity of pore solutions of all the concretes studied are similar**

**(GPCs, Portland cement concretes with fly ash, silica fume)**



# **Tests for Coefficient of Thermal Expansion of Geopolymeric Mortars**



**Dilatometer for thermal expansion measurement**





**Test Specimen**

**Specimen Holder**

**Specimen inside dilatometer**  
**Specimen size: 100\*25\*25 mm (prism)**



**SPECIMEN  
BEFORE TESTING**



**SPECIMEN  
AFTER TESTING**

## COMPARISON of

# COEFFICIENTS of LINEAR THERMAL EXPANSION (CLTE)

### From literature:

➤ Cement paste	9.0 to 25.0 *10 <sup>-6</sup> /°C
➤ Cement concrete	6.1 to 12.1 *10 <sup>-6</sup> /°C
➤ Rocks	1.8 to 12.0 *10 <sup>-6</sup> /°C

### From present study

➤ Cement mortar	9.2 to 16.8 *10 <sup>-6</sup> /°C
➤ Geopolymer mortar	4.3 to 12.0 *10 <sup>-6</sup> /°C

# **Steel fibre reinforced concretes**

# Fibre reinforced geopolymer concretes with sintered fly ash lightweight aggregates

Mix ID	Proportions by weight				A/B	Fibre Vol.	Fresh density
	GGBS	FA	Sand	LWA		Per m <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>GSFF</b> 0.25,0	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1970</b>
<b>GSFF</b> 0.25,0.5	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>GSFF</b> 0.25,1	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2000</b>

# Fibre reinforced geopolymer concretes with normal weight aggregates

Mix ID	Proportions by weight				A/B	Fibre Volume	Fresh density
	GGBS	FA	Sand	LWA		Per m <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>GPC</b> 25,0	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2370</b>
<b>GPC</b> 25,0.5	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2392</b>
<b>GPC</b> 25,1	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2410</b>

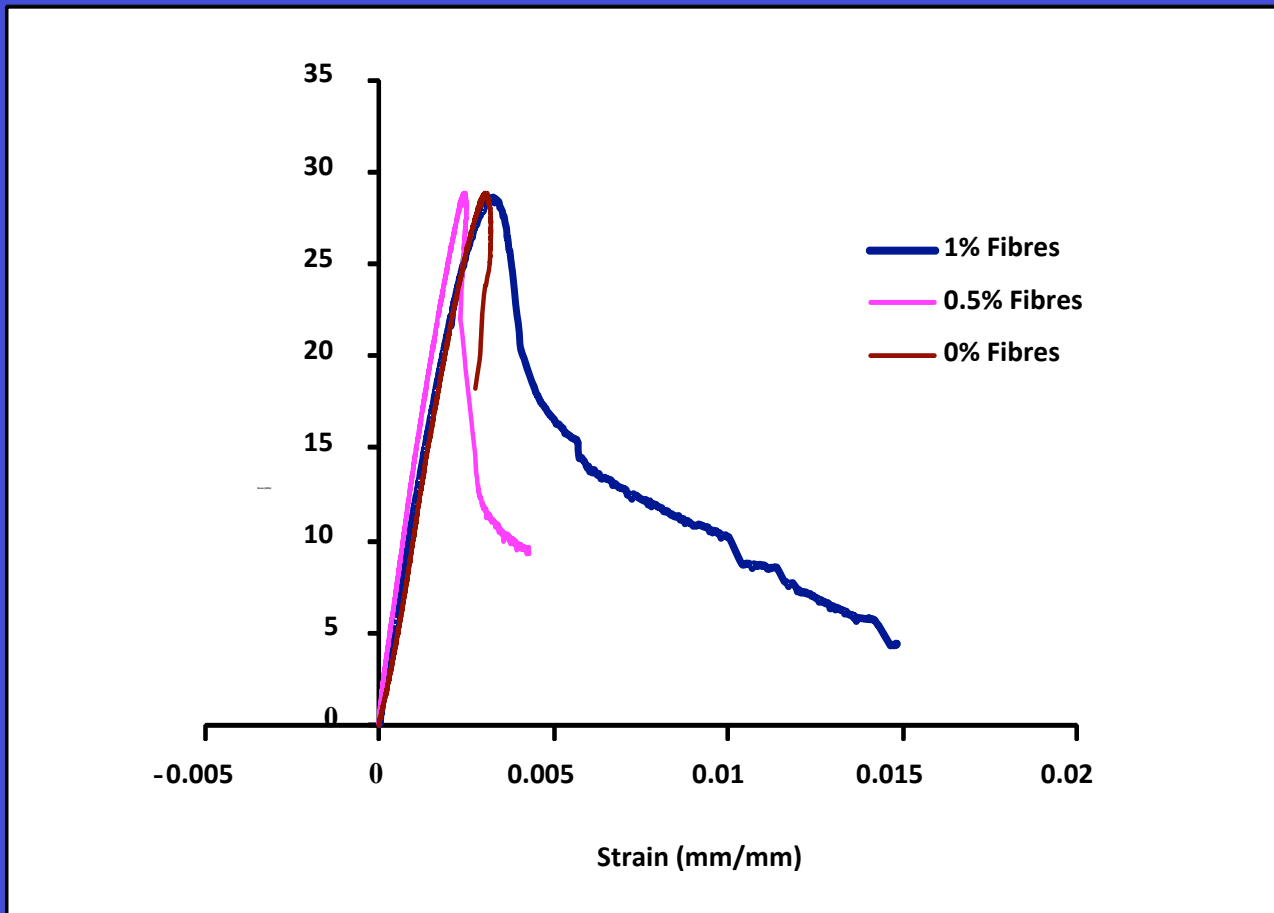
# SFR-LWC

Mix ID	$f_c$ MPa	$f_t$ MPa	$f_b$ MPa	E GPa	$f_t/f_c$ %	$f_b/f_c$ %	% Change due to fibre		
							$f_c$	$f_t$	$f_b$
<b>GSFF</b> 0.25,0	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>			
<b>G S F F</b> 0.25,0.5	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>G S F F</b> 0.25,1	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11-12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>13</b>

# SFR-NWC

Mix ID	$V_f$ %	$\sigma_{cu}$ MPa	0 . 4 * $\sigma_{cu}$ MPa	Long. strain ( $\epsilon$ ) (mm/ mm) at			$\beta$	ME GPa
				$\sigma_{cu}$	$f_{0.4 \sigma_{cu}}$	failure		
GPC <sub>25,0</sub>	0	60	24	0.003592	0.1026	0.0047	3.22	24
GPC <sub>25,0.5</sub>	0.5	63	25.2	0.0039	0.1085	0.0084	3.20	23
GPC <sub>25,1</sub>	1	67	26.8	0.0041	0.1153	0.0168	3.21	25

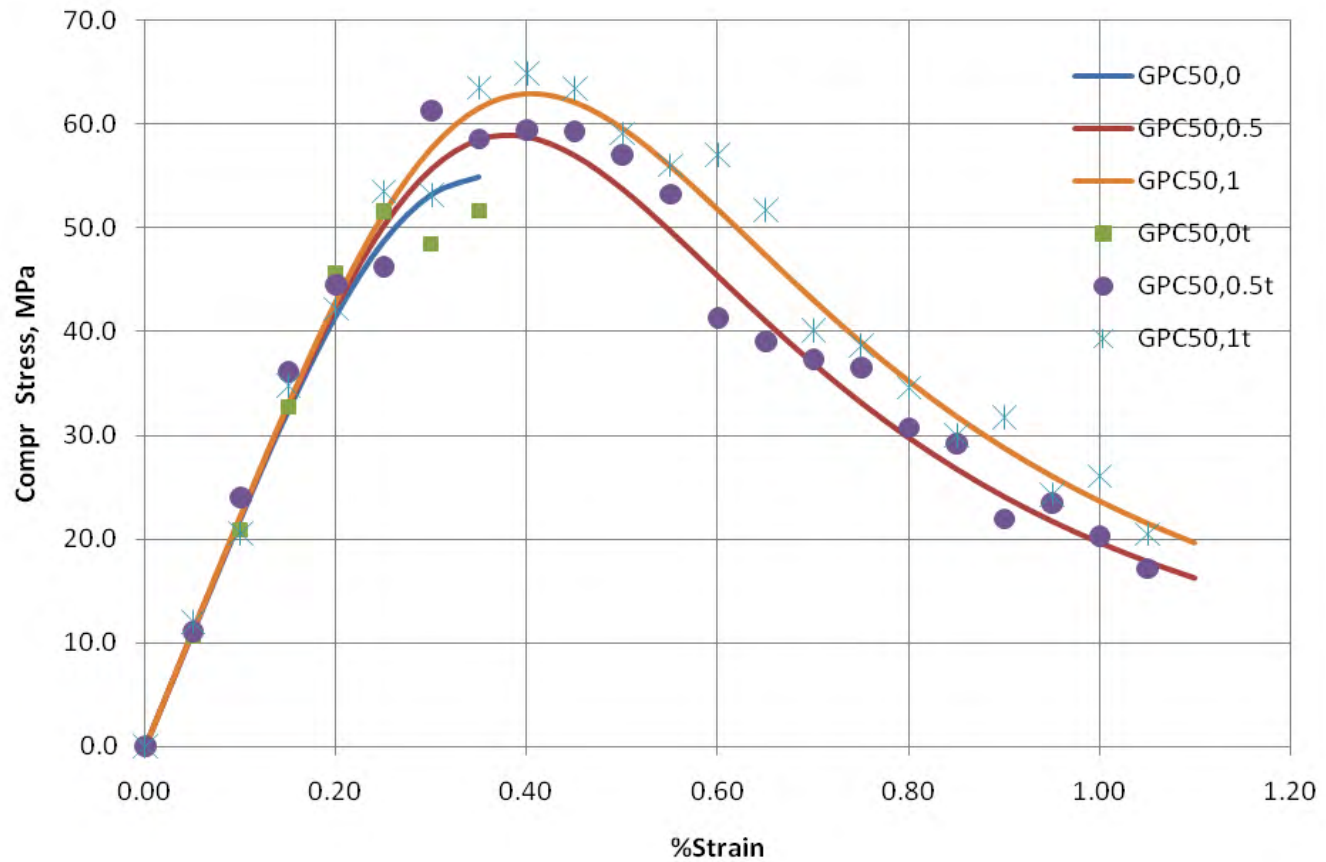




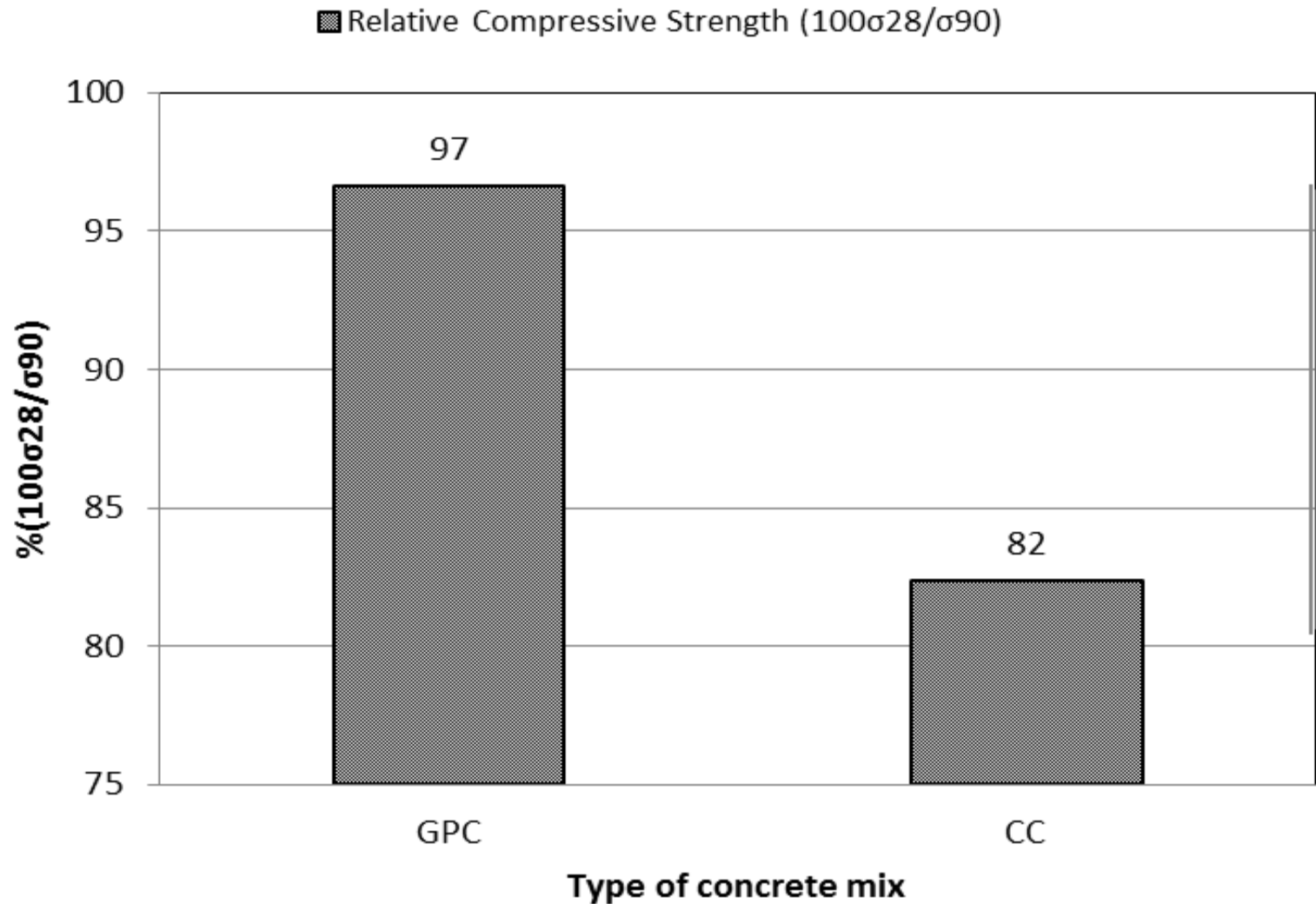
# Stress Strain curve for Steel Fibre Reinforced Lightweight GPCs

**Stress-strain  
relationship for  
Fibre Reinforced  
concretes**

# Stress-strain curve for Normal Weight GPC mix GPC50



# Rate of Strength Development



**%Compressive Strengths at 28 day  
Relative to 90 day ( $100 \cdot \sigma_{28} / \sigma_{90}$ )**

# **Ecological characteristics of concretes**

# Data for Ecological Computations

	<b>Embodied Energy MJ/kg</b>	<b>Embodied Carbon di oxide kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kg</b>	<b>Cost Rs/kg</b>
<b>Fly ash</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.008</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>GGBS</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.083</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>OPC</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Sand</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.005</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Fly Ash Aggregate</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.064</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Coarse Aggregate</b>	<b>0.083</b>	<b>0.005</b>	<b>1</b>

# Data for Ecological Computations

	<b>Embodied Energy MJ/kg</b>	<b>Embodied Carbon di oxide kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kg</b>	<b>Cost Rs/kg</b>
<b>Sodium Hydroxide flakes</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.015</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Sodium Silicate Solution</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.015</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Distilled Water</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8E-04</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8E-04</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Suprplasticiser</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>50</b>



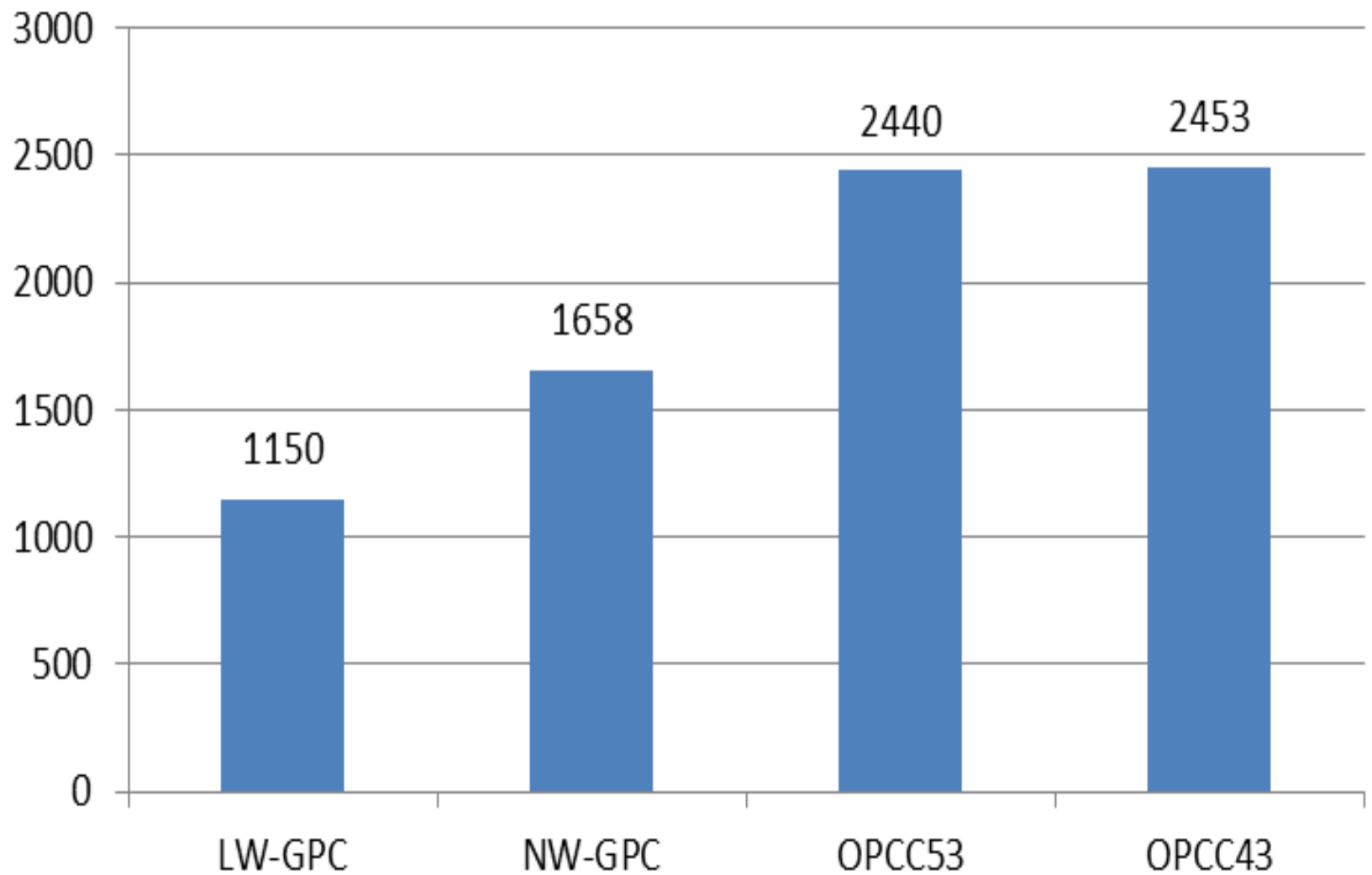
# Ecological Comparison of Light Weight-Geopolymer Concrete with OPC Concrete

Mix ID		LW-GPC	OPCC	% Relative to OPCC	Prefer
Embodied Energy, EE	MJ/m <sup>3</sup>	1150	2440	47.1	Lower
Embodied CO <sub>2</sub> Emission, ECO <sub>2</sub> e	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>3</sup>	109	419	26.0	
Material cost	Rs/m <sup>3</sup>	4747	5186	91.5	
fc28,	MPa	34	59	57.6	
Density, D	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1970	2380	82.8	
EE/D	MJ/kg	0.58	1.03	56.3	
ECO <sub>2</sub> e/D	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/kg	0.06	0.18	33.3	
Cost/D	Rs/kg	2.41	2.18	110.6	Higher
EE/fc28	MJ/kg	33.8	41.4	81.6	Lower
ECO <sub>2</sub> e/fc28	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/kg	3.2	7.1	45.1	
Cost/fc28	Rs/kg	139.6	87.9	158.8	Higher

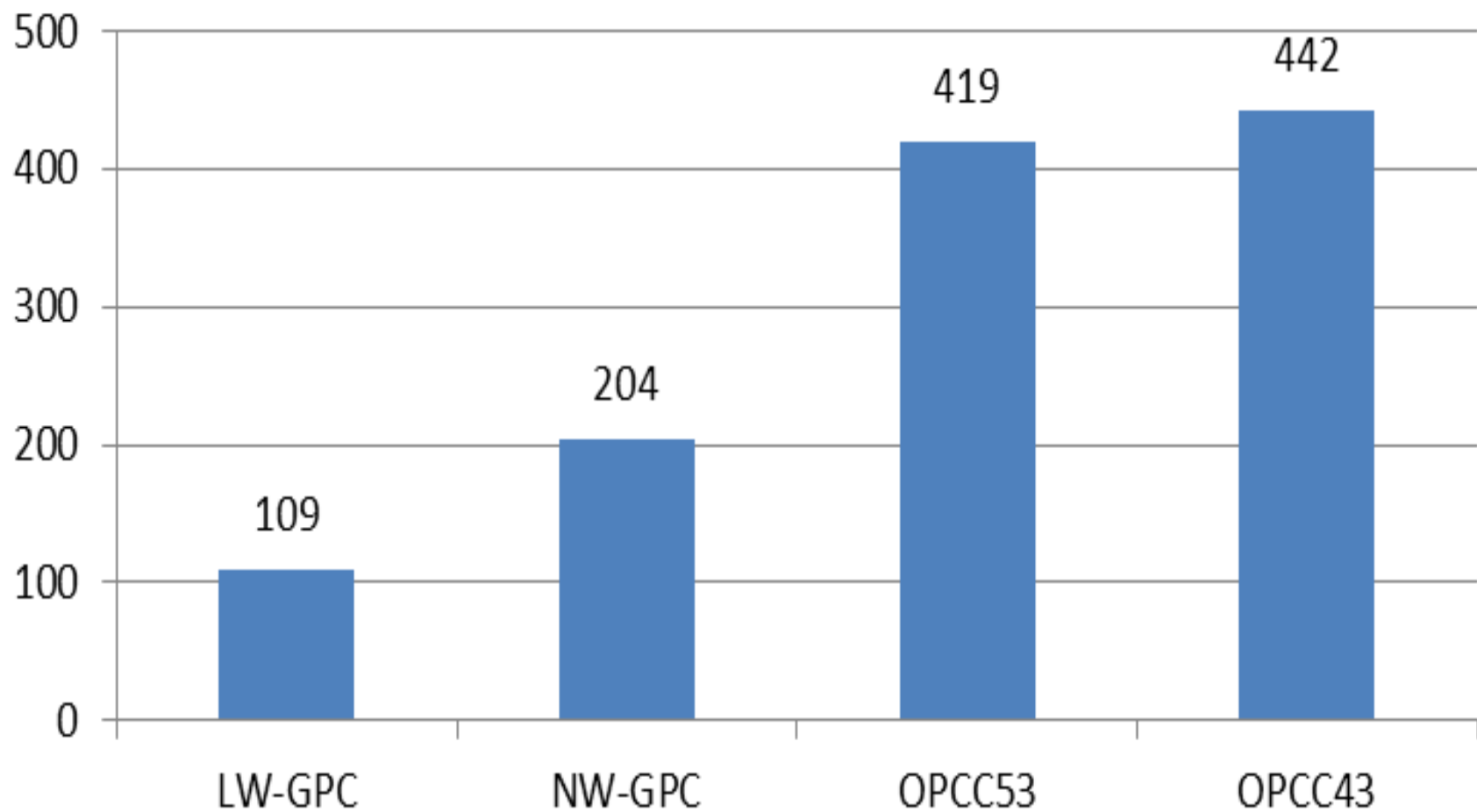
# Ecological Comparison of NW-GPC with OPCC

Parameter Detail		Unit	GPC25	OPCC
1	D	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	2360	2365
2	EE	MJ/m <sup>3</sup>	1658	2453
3	ECO <sub>2</sub> e	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>3</sup>	204	442
4	Cost	Rs/m <sup>3</sup>	4227	4246
5	fc28	MPa	60	43
6	D/f <sub>c28</sub>	kg/MPa	39	55
7	EE/f <sub>c28</sub>	MJ/MPa	28	57
8	ECO <sub>2</sub> e/f <sub>c28</sub>	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/MPa	3	10
9	Cost/f <sub>c28</sub>	Rs/MPa	70	99
10	Durability	Score (%)	76	11

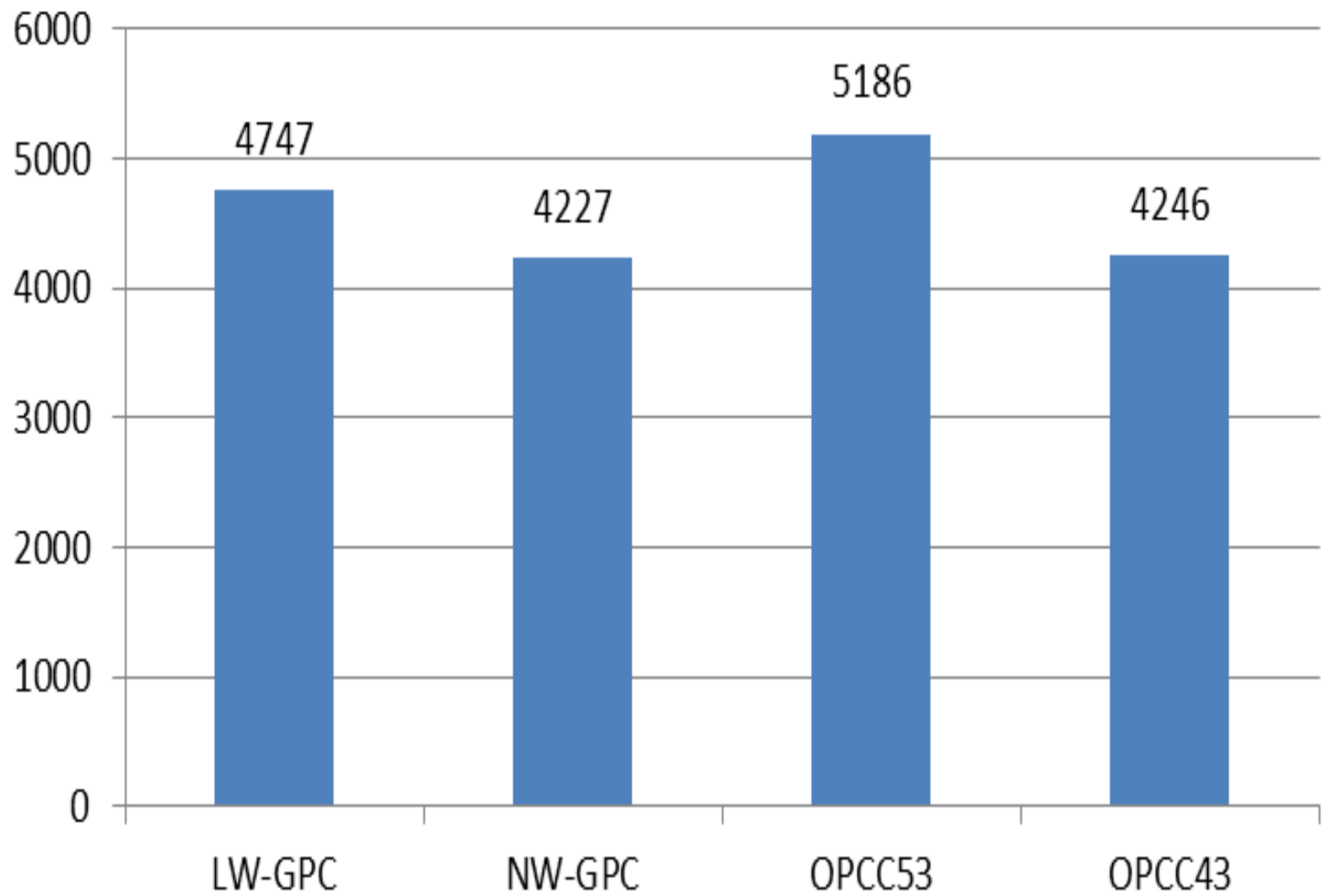
# Embodied Energy (EE), MJ/m<sup>3</sup>



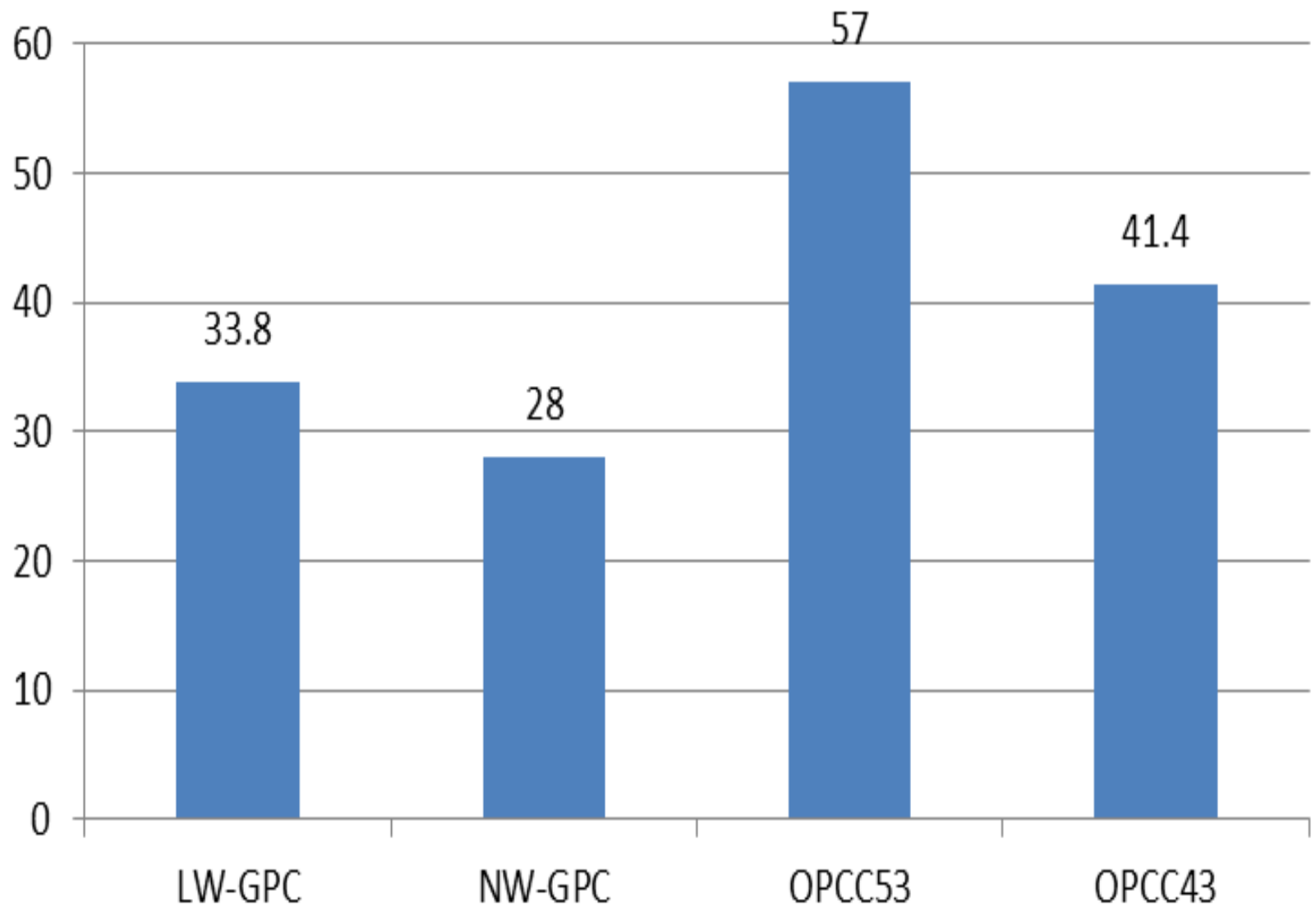
# Embodied CO<sub>2</sub> Emission (ECO<sub>2</sub>e), kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>3</sup>



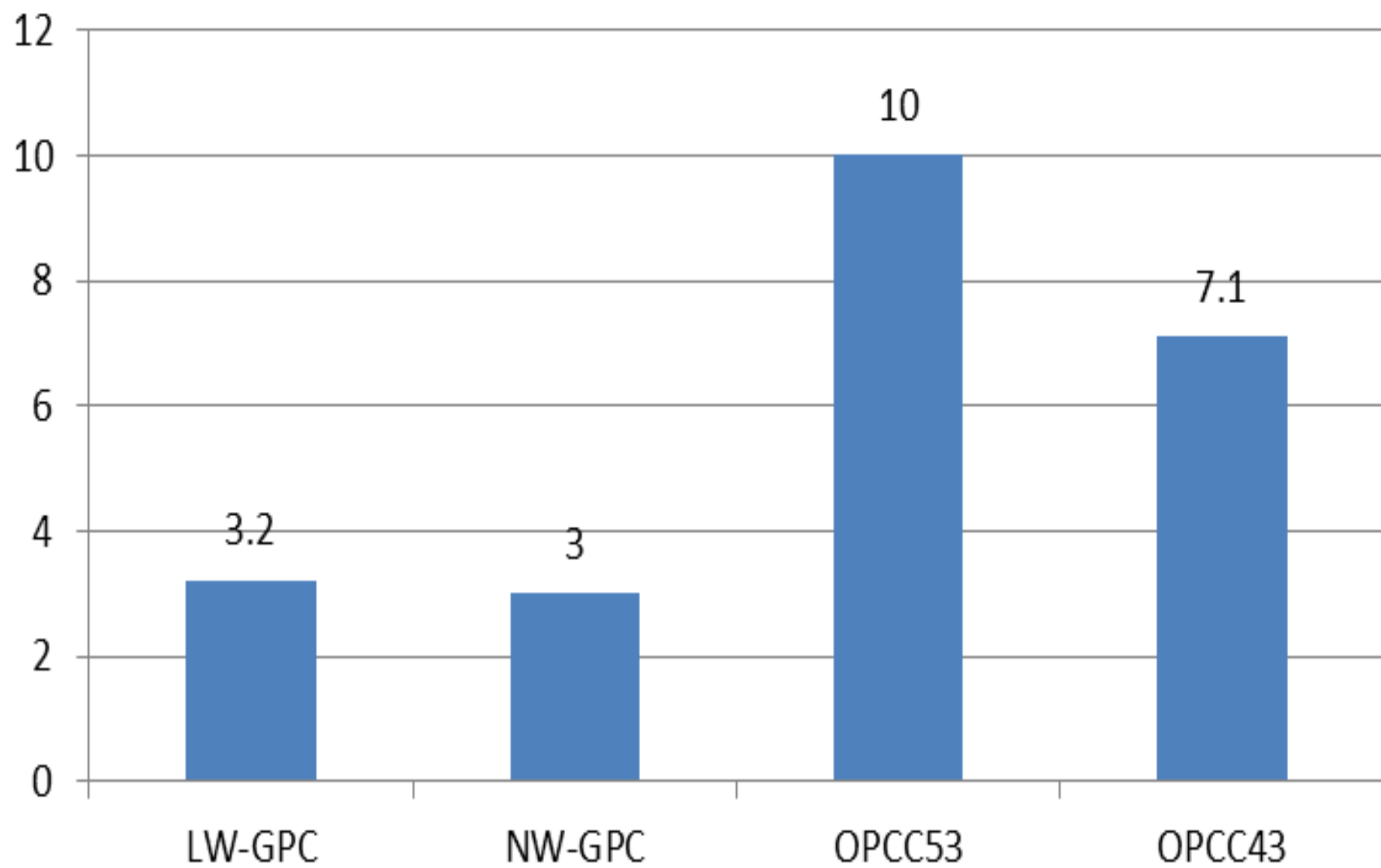
# Cost, Rs/m<sup>3</sup>



# $EE/f_{c28}$ , MJ/MPa



# $ECO_2e/f_{c28}$ , kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/MPa



**Durability  
characteristics of  
concretes**



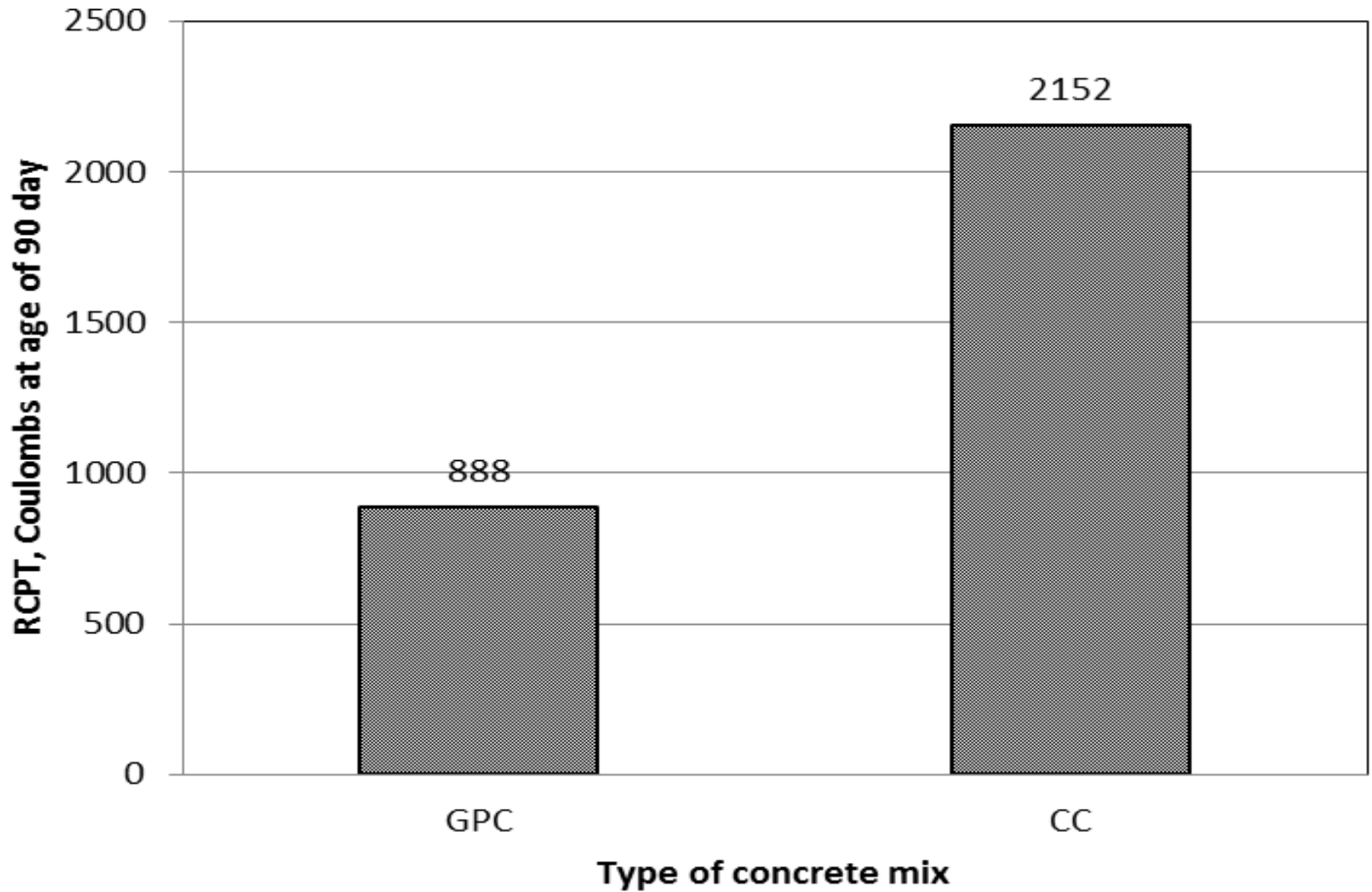
# 10% Sulphuric acid attack (60 days)



PPCC

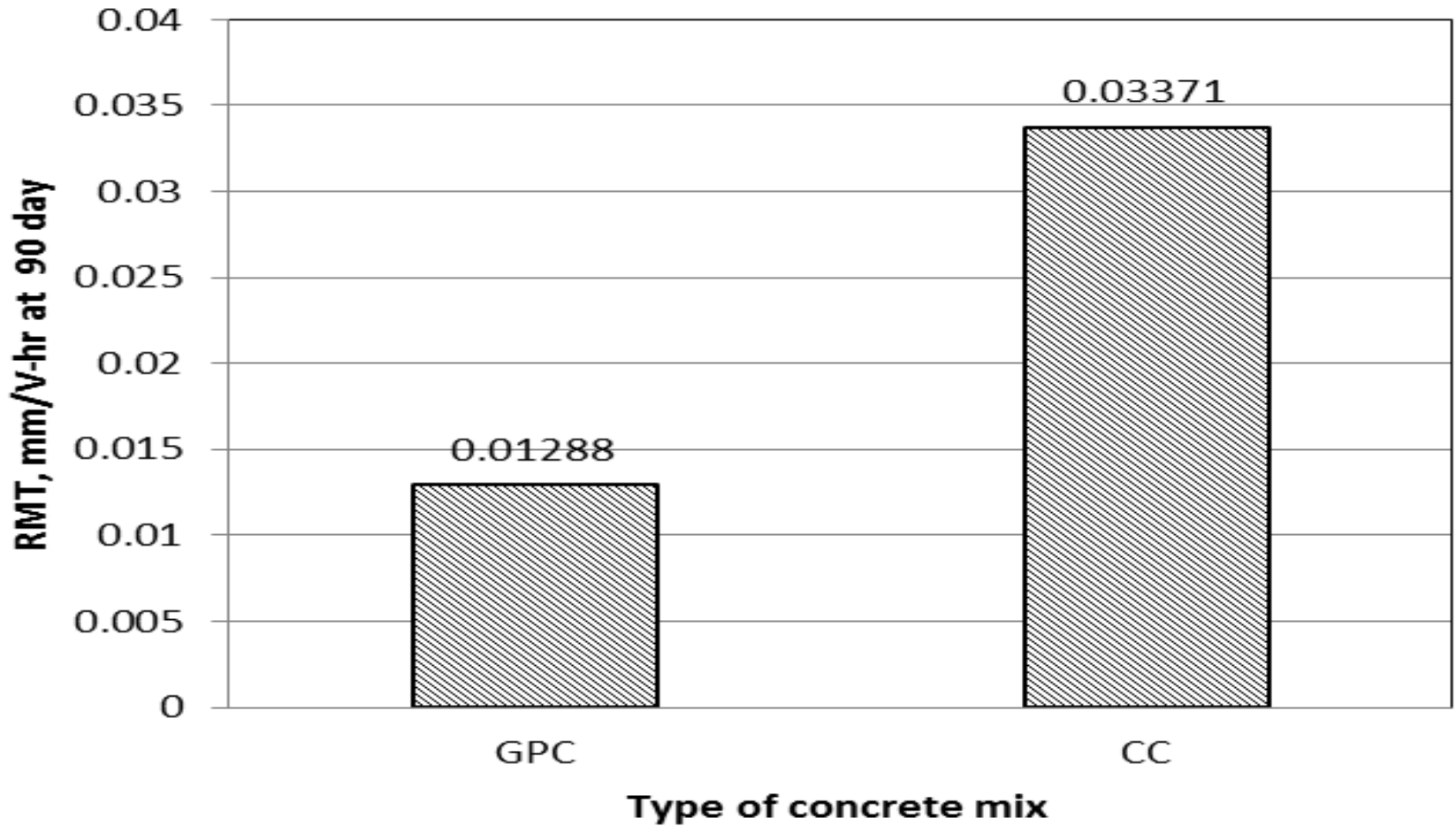


GPCC

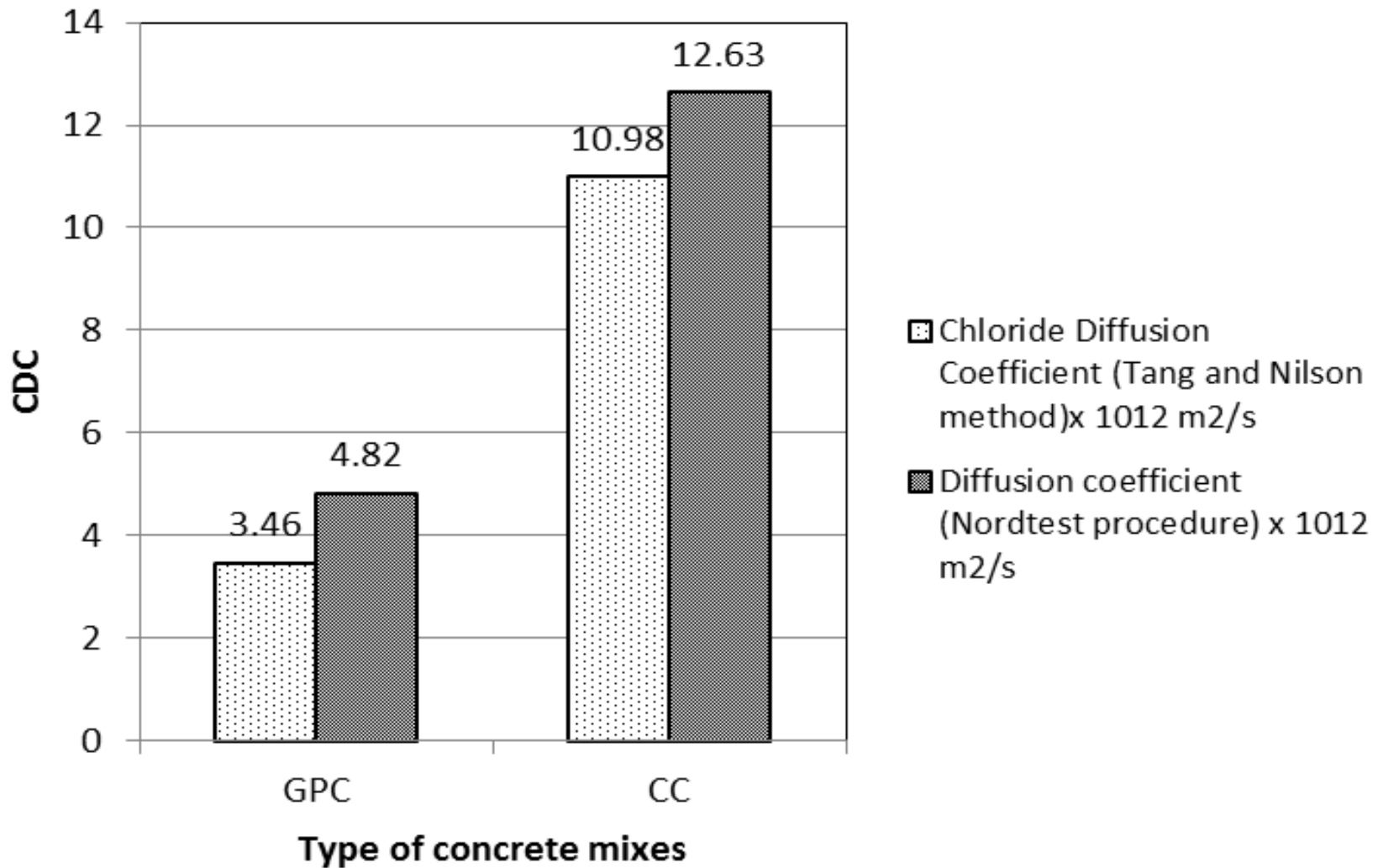


**Rapid Chloride Permeability Test (Coulombs)**

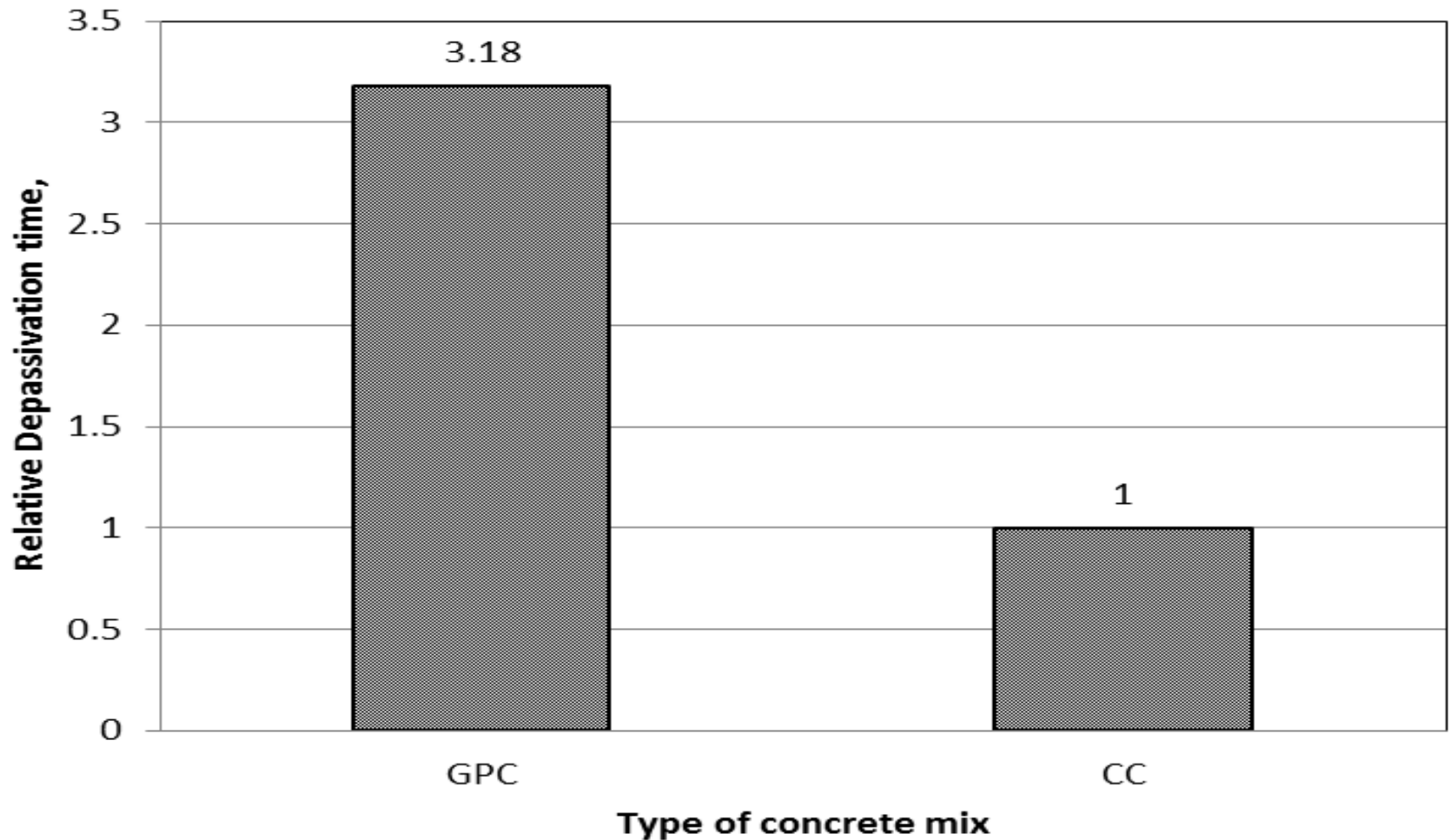
RMT,mm/V-hr at 90 days



**Rapid (Chloride) Migration Test**



**Chloride Diffusion Coefficient (  $\times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec )**



**Relative depassivation time (for initiation of corrosion of steel) for build-up of threshold Cl-concentration**

# **Practical applications of geopolymer blocks**





# Trial factory production of GPC blocks



# Topping of Road with GPC (Geopolymer Concrete Pavement)





# Patch (Spot) Repair of Concrete Roads

# **Geopolymer Concrete for fast Jointing of Precast Elements**





**Geopolymer Concrete as fast setting material in joints of Precast Elements**



**Testing of Slab with GPC Joint after 24 hours**





# GPC Paver Blocks

S No	%FA in GSM	%Sand in Fine Aggr	Mix proportions (by weight)				Compressive strength	
			GSM	Fine Aggr	Coarse Aggr	A/B	MPa	% Increase due to Sand addition
1	0	0	1	4.82	0.61	0.70	25.2	
2	0	24	1	4.73	0.62	0.70	33.2	32
3	25	0	1	4.82	0.61	0.70	25.6	
4	25	24	1	4.73	0.62	0.70	38.1	49
5	50	0	1	4.82	0.61	0.70	15.1	
6	50	24	1	4.73	0.62	0.70	15.1	0





# FIELD TRIALS

## GP Concrete Road

**Geopolymer Paver Blocks**  
**Size 20 x 9.5 x 9 cm**  
**Weight = 3.5 kg**



## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**A combination of Fly ash and GGBS produces geopolymer by action of sodium hydroxide-silicate based activator solutions, to serve as binder in self curing concretes**

**GPC mixes were produced easily using tools and machinery similar to those of Conventional Concretes (CCs).**

# CONCLUDING REMARKS

**GPC performs better in Rapid Migration Test (RMT) and Rapid Chloride Permeability Test (RCPT), compared to conventional concrete (CC)**

**Therefore, GPC is preferable in constructions**

**Chloride Diffusion Coefficient (CDC) for GPC is lower than CC**

**Therefore, de-passivation time required (to initiate corrosion) for embedded steel reinforcement is higher**



# CONCLUDING REMARKS

## GPCs

- can be used structural grade concretes
- have lower
  - Carbon Footprint
  - 'Embodied Energy'
  - 'Embodied CO<sub>2</sub> Emission'

**Possess longer service life**

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- (11) Alkali-bonded ceramic [Mallicoat, 2005]**
- (12) Hydroceramic [Bao, 2005]**
- (13) Inorganic polymer concrete [Sofi, 2007]**
- (14) Alkali-activated binders [Torgal, 2008]**
- (15) Alkali Activated Aluminosilicate  
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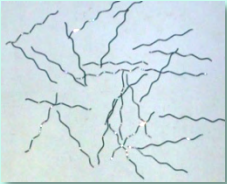
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# Materials and Mix proportions

Materials for M40 grade GPC	Quantity (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Coarse aggregate (max 12.5 mm)	1092
Fine aggregate	588
Fly ash	514
Sodium silicate solution	147
Sodium hydroxide solution (14 M)	59
Extra water	35
Super plasticizer	6.60

Type of fibre	 Crimped steel fibres
Length (mm)	30
Diameter (mm)	0.45
Aspect ratio	66
Ultimate tensile strength (MPa)	800



# Durability Characteristics

Properties		CC	GPC
Water permeability (cm/sec)		$5.556 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.777 \times 10^{-10}$
Chloride ion permeability		Very low	Very low
Loss in thickness(mm)		1.14	0.746
water absorption (%)		1.22	1.6
Sorptivity(mm/min <sup>0.5</sup> )		0.127	0.097
Marine Attack	Change in mass (%)	9.39	5.69
	Loss in Compressive strength (%)	53.70	20.42
Sulphuric Acid Attack	Change in mass (%)	1.63	1.30
	Loss in Compressive strength (%)	29.54	17.52

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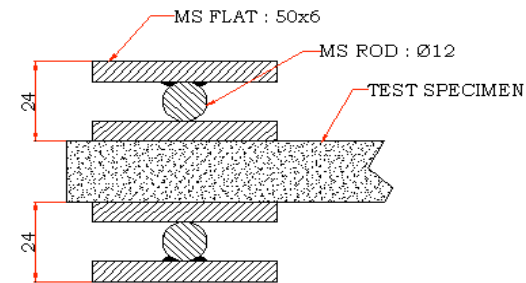
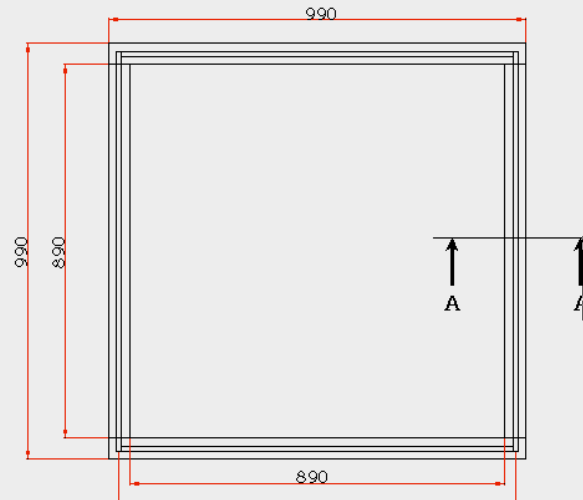


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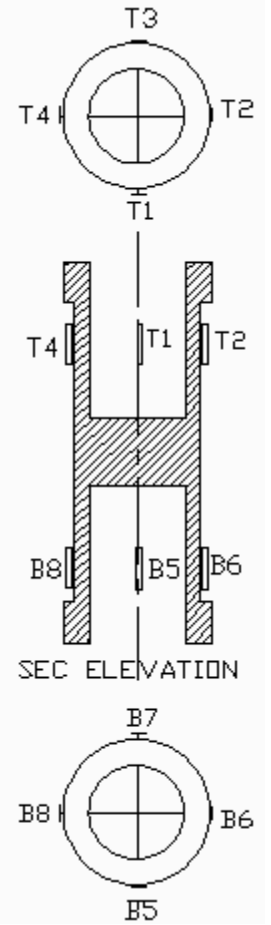
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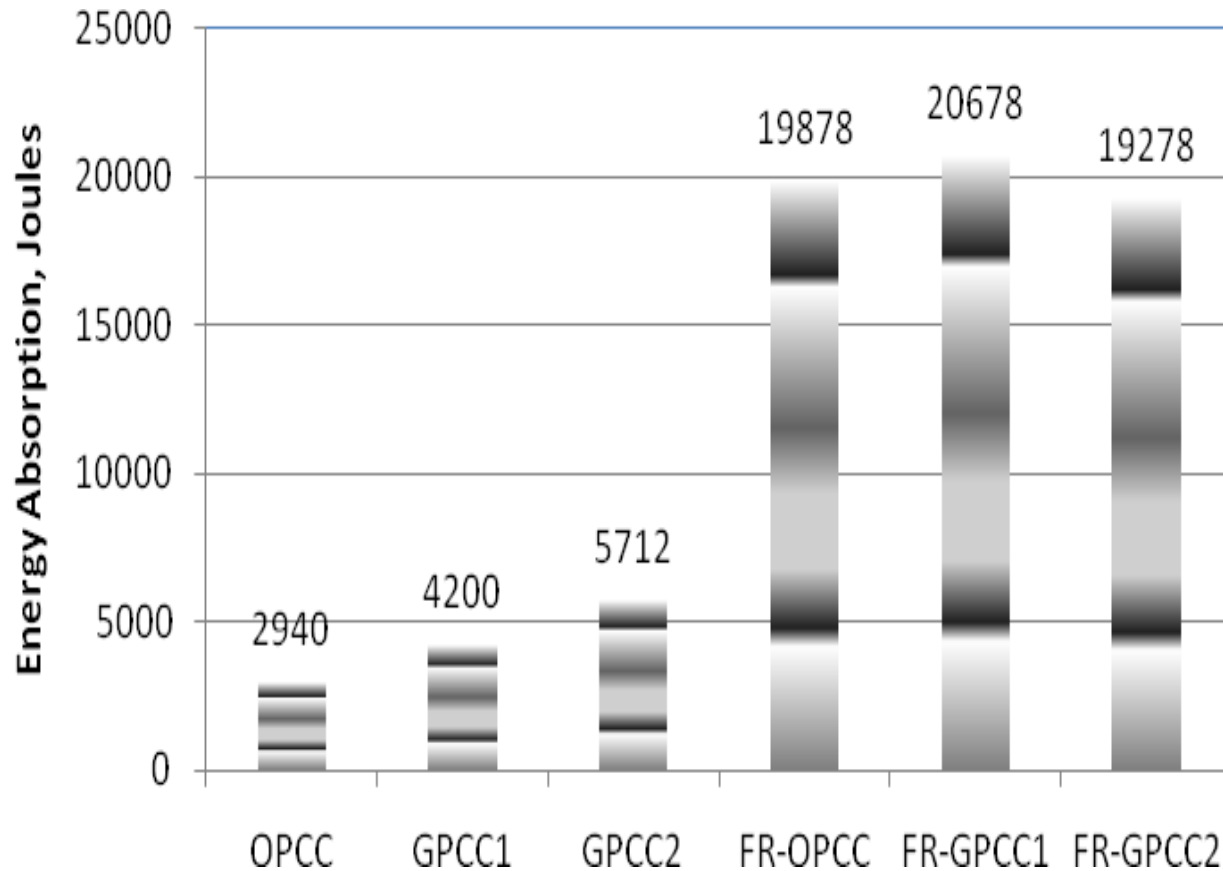
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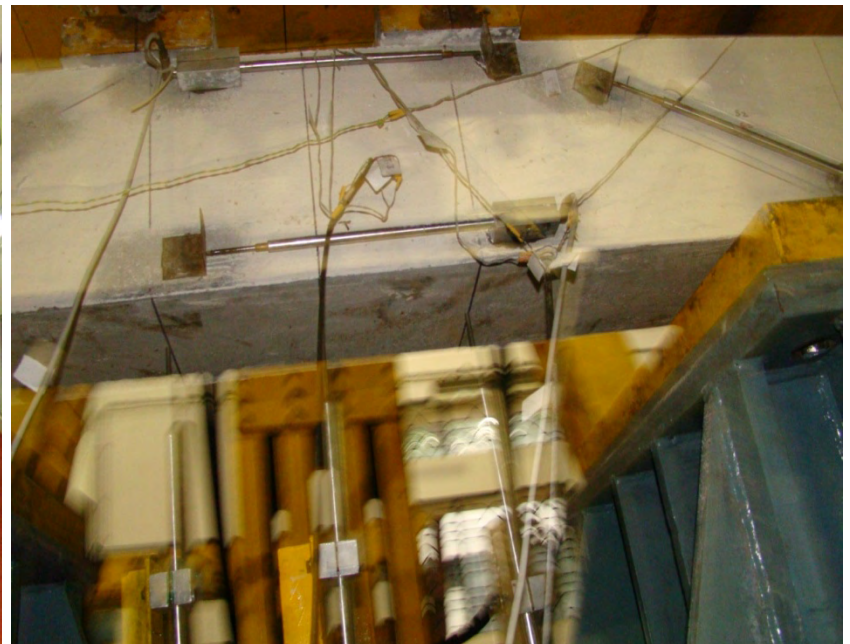


# Energy absorption up to failure (perforation/scabbing) for different types of OPCC and GPCC Slabs

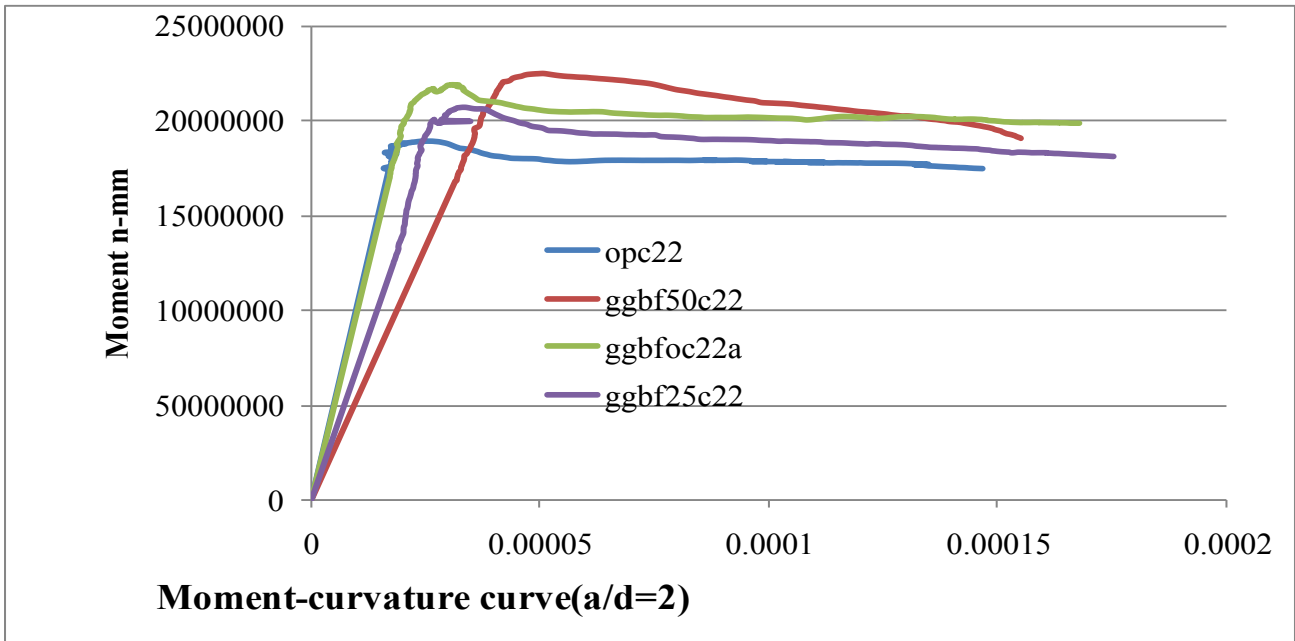




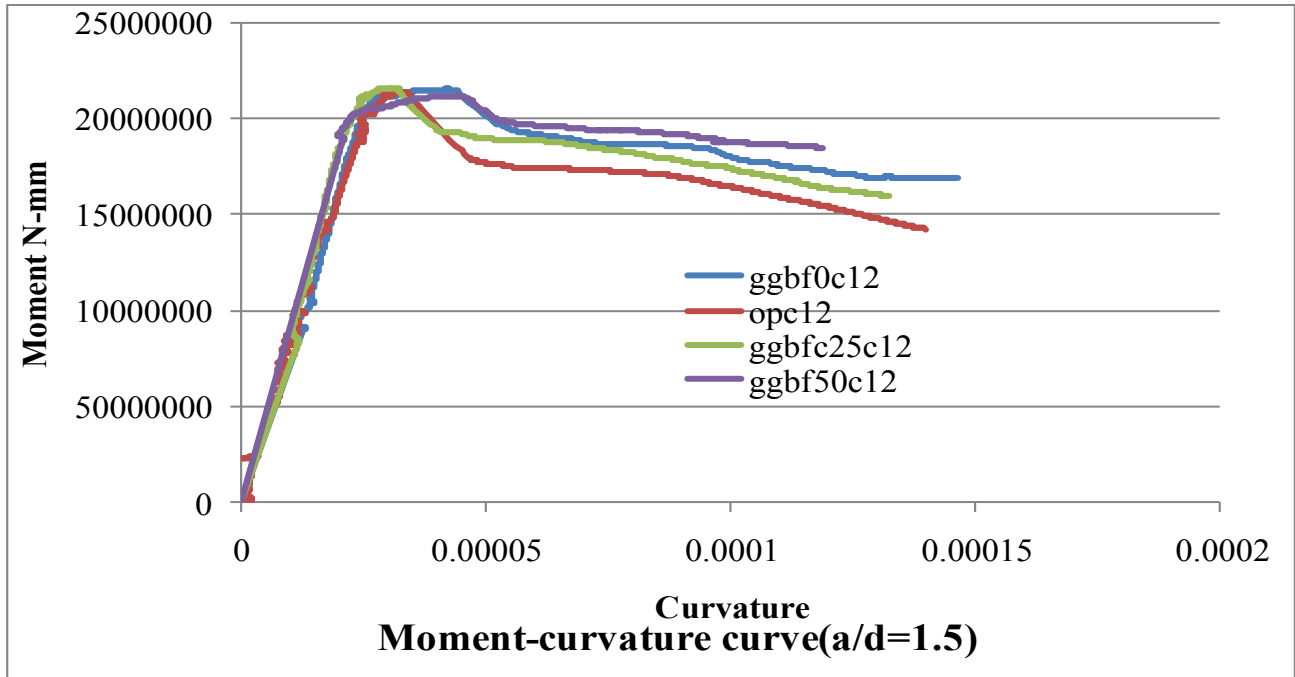
# EXPERIMENTAL SET UP



**Shear Behaviour of Geopolymer Beams**



**Ultimate Load capacity of GPCC Beam was 15% more than OPCC**



**Crack pattern of GPCC Beam was similar to OPCC Beam**

# Geopolymer concrete with different activators

SAMPLES	BINDER: SAND: CA	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH		DEGREE OF REACTIVI TY	pH	% of Na <sub>2</sub> O/ K <sub>2</sub> O
		7 <sup>th</sup> DAY	28 <sup>th</sup> DAY			
<b>SHSS</b>	1:1.31:1.44	38.08	38.77	73.99	12.92	1.23/0.12
<b>PHSS</b>	1:1.31:1.44	25.27	28.82	56.02	12.78	0.84/0.47
<b>SHPS</b>	1:1.31:1.44	40.12	47.39	84.25	12.99	0.54/0.70
<b>PHPS</b>	1:1.31:1.44	43.59	47.32	83.66	12.96	0.35/1.19

**SHPS, PHPS shows superior performance indicating Potassium silicate is a better activator.**



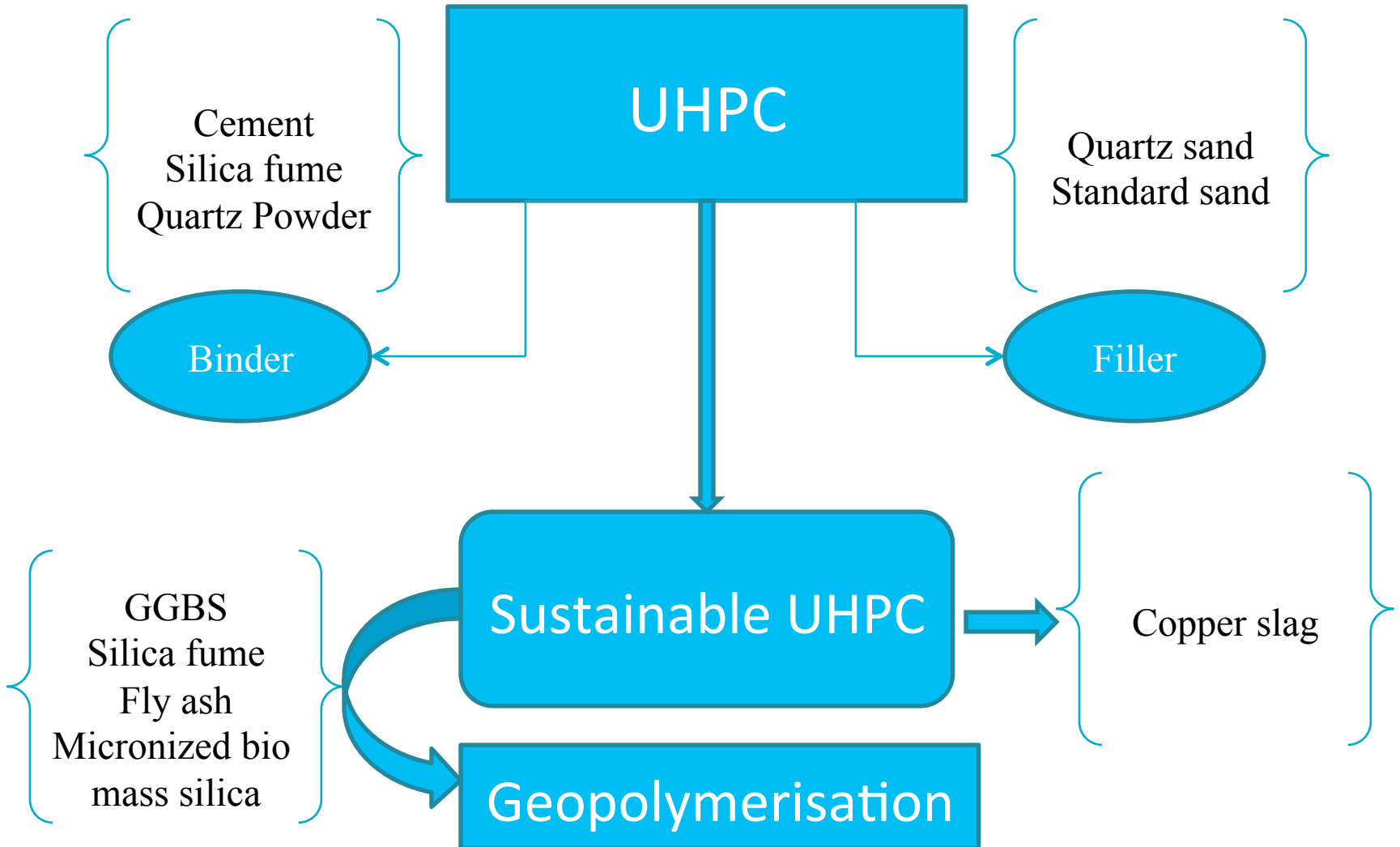
## CONNECTION AT JOINTS AND TO THE CHANEL FIXED ON SHAKE TABLE



## FILLING OF CUT OUT PORTIONS USING GEO-POLYMER CONCRETE



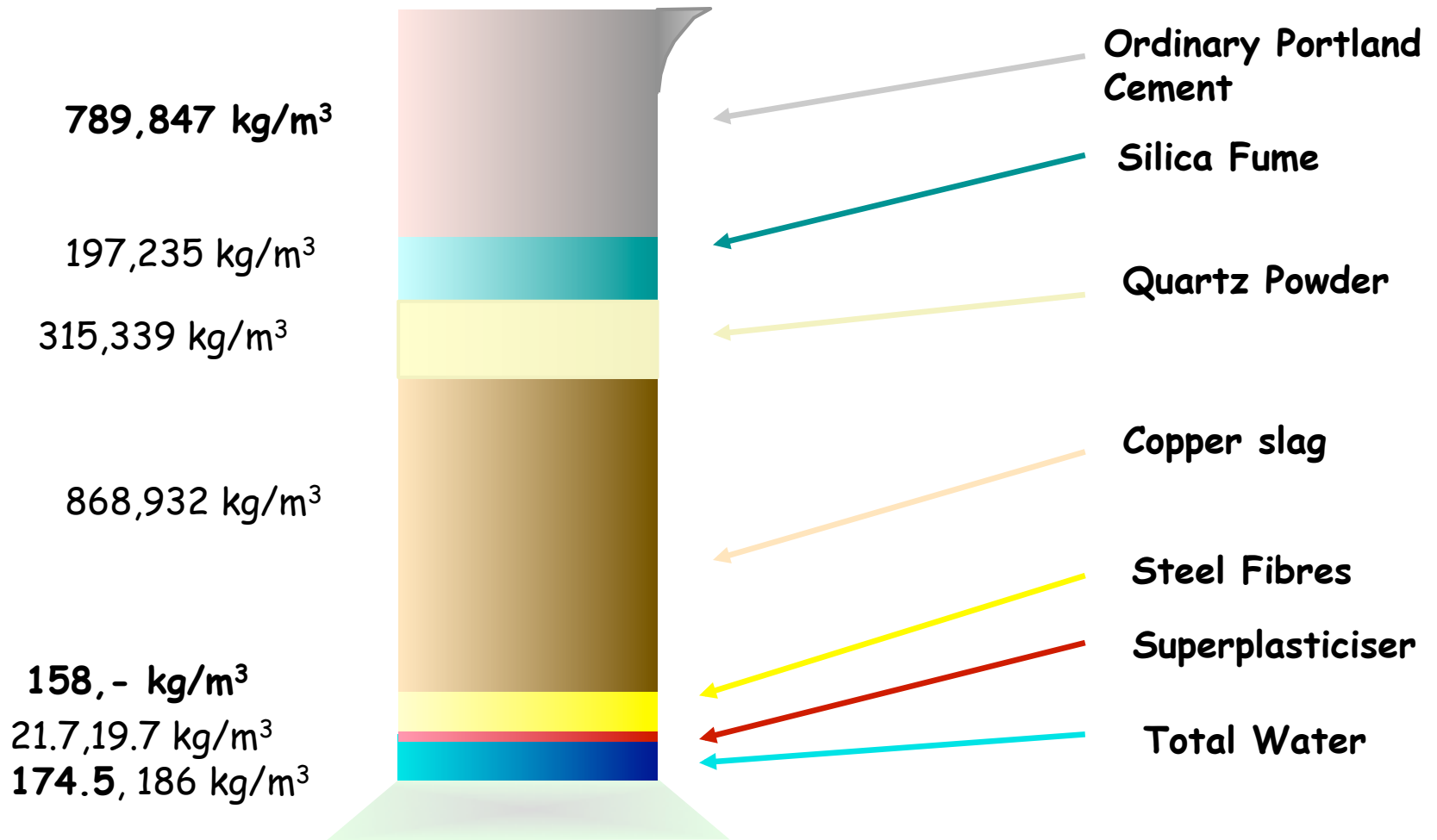
# Methodology



## IDENTIFIED INGREDIENTS

- + Ordinary Portland cement (53 grade OPC)
- + Micronised biomass silica
- + Quartz powder
- + Silica fume
- + Fly ash
- + Ground granulated blast furnace slag
- + Standard sand (Ennore sand, as per IS:650)
- + Quartz sand
- + Copper slag
- + Polyacrylic ester type super plasticizer
- + Steel fibre
- + Alkali Activator Solution made of
  - + Sodium hydroxide flakes (SHf)/ Potassium hydroxide flakes (PHf)
  - + Sodium silicate solution (SSS)/Potassium silicate solution (PSS)
- + Water

# UHPC-CS Mix Design



***No coarse aggregate***



**Eirich Mixer**



**Flowable UHPC mix**

**Mixing of UHPC**

## Properties of Finalised UHPGPC Mixes

	Without fibre	With fibre			
Mix ID	UG11	UG7	UG12	UG13	UG14
Fresh Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2394	2507	2513	2571	2501
Flow (%)	132	125	113	103	107
Compressive strength, $f_c$ (MPa)					
1 day ( $f_{c_1}$ )	59	59	60	66	62
7 day ( $f_{c_7}$ )	87	97	101	125	116
14 day ( $f_{c_{14}}$ )	111	114	128	152	142
28day ( $f_{c_{28}}$ )	124	130	144	175	154
Rate of compressive strength development (%)					
$f_{c_1}/f_{c_{28}}$	48	45	42	38	40
$f_{c_7}/f_{c_{28}}$	70	75	70	71	75
$f_{c_{14}}/f_{c_{28}}$	90	88	89	87	92
% increase in $f_{c_{28}}$ with fibre	0	5	16	41	25
Flexural strength, $f_b$ (MPa)					
28 day	9.1	10.3	12.1	13.5	12.15
% increase in $f_b$ (with fibre)	0	13	33	48	34

## Properties of UHGPC-CS Mixes

Mix ID	UEF	UE	UCF	UC
<b>Fresh Density(kg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	2530	2370	2550	2670
<b>Flow (%)</b>	120	130	135	Full Flow
<b>Compressive strength(MPa)</b>				
<b>1 day</b>	64	56	68.6	68.5
<b>7 days</b>	112.0	76.2	136.3	78.8
<b>14 days</b>	127.2	81.5	149.9	89.6
<b>28 days</b>	151.5	101	164.9	106
<b>Rate of compressive strength development (%)</b>				
<b>fc<sub>1</sub>/fc<sub>28</sub></b>	42	55	42	65
<b>fc<sub>7</sub>/fc<sub>28</sub></b>	74	75	83	74
<b>fc<sub>14</sub>/fc<sub>28</sub></b>	84	81	91	85
<b>% increase in fc<sub>28</sub> with fibre</b>	50	-	55	-
<b>Flexural strength (MPa)</b>				
<b>28 day</b>	11.6	7	10	6.9
<b>% increase in fb (with fibre)</b>	65	-	45	-

## Ultra High performance concrete

Mix ID	EE	ECo2e	Cost	Strength	EE / Strength	ECo2e / Strength
UHPC	7779	994	31223	191	40.7	5.2
UHPC-CS	7796	999	31223	162	48.1	6.2
UHPGPC	7936	869	36188	154	51.5	5.6

## Conventional Concrete

CC	2486	484	5429	43	58	11.3
GPC	1591	272	5212	45	35	6.0



THANK YOU

