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Missing data for forecasting the properties of concrete containing waste bricks: state of the art and missing results

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INTELLIGENT METHODS FOR STRUCTURES,
ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS



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About the Project

Introduction

- Multidisciplinary team with a consortium of 7 partners.



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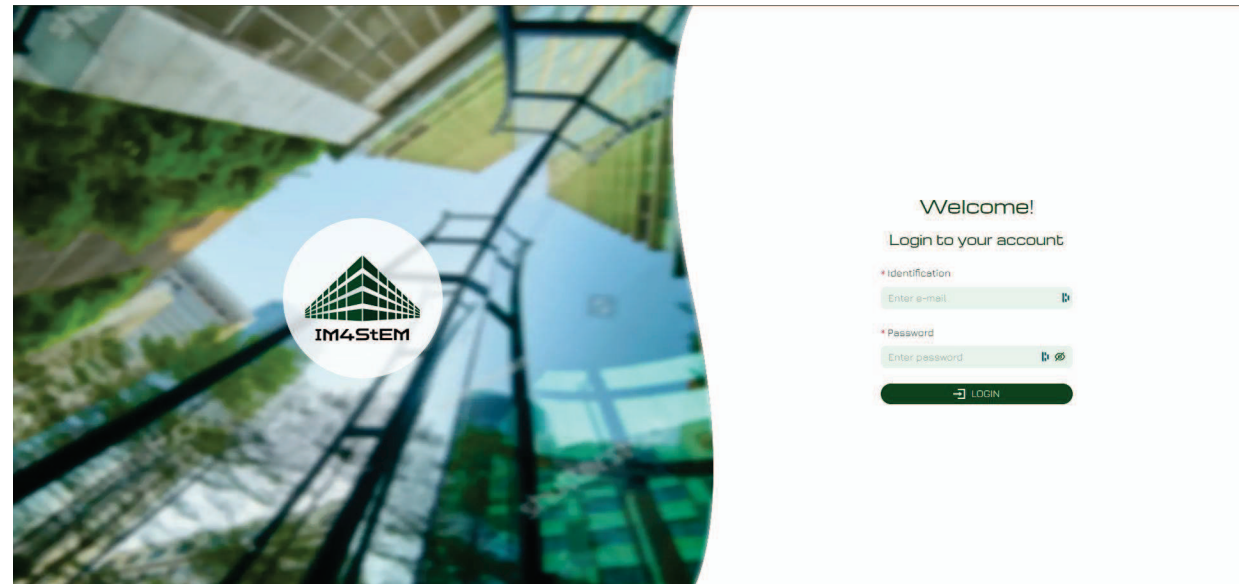


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- Creation of an international (freely available) database containing the characteristics of buildings, elements and materials.

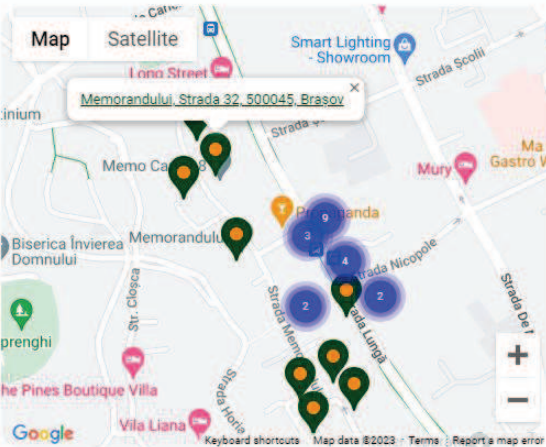
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Total buildings

67

Average age of buildings

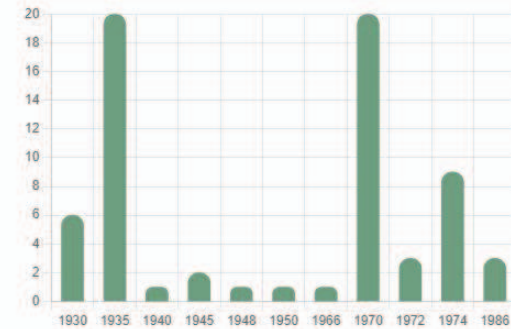
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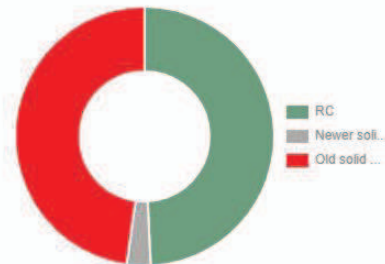
The oldest building

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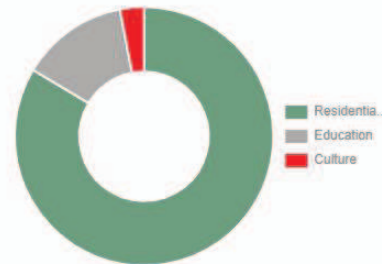
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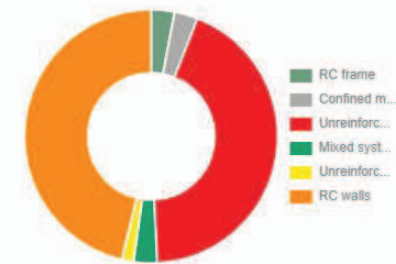
Material



Sector



Structural type



Goals of our Work Package (WP)

The goals of our WP (work package) include:

- ▣ creating an international database of elements and materials;
- ▣ supporting the circular economy;
- ▣ analyzing data on the reuse of secondary building materials, such as **crushed bricks** (coarse aggregate), **as a component of concrete**;
- ▣ using digital tools and machine learning.

The compressive strength of concrete is the most important criterion for assessing its quality and durability.

- ▣ **Safety of construction:** Compressive strength determines how much load concrete can withstand, which is crucial for safety.
- ▣ **Durability and longevity:** Higher compressive strength means that concrete will be more resistant to various types of damage.
- ▣ **Cost efficiency:** Concrete with high compressive strength can allow for less material consumption in construction (e.g. thinner walls), which reduces costs.

Crushed bricks can be used as a substitute for some aggregate, which causes:

Reduced
compressive
strength

Improved thermal
insulation

Lower weight

Higher water
absorption

Impact on the setting
process

Impact on
consistency

Methods of assessing the compressive strength of concrete



Standard methods:

- Testing of cylindrical or cubic samples
- Non-destructive methods (sclerometric method)
- Ultrasonic method

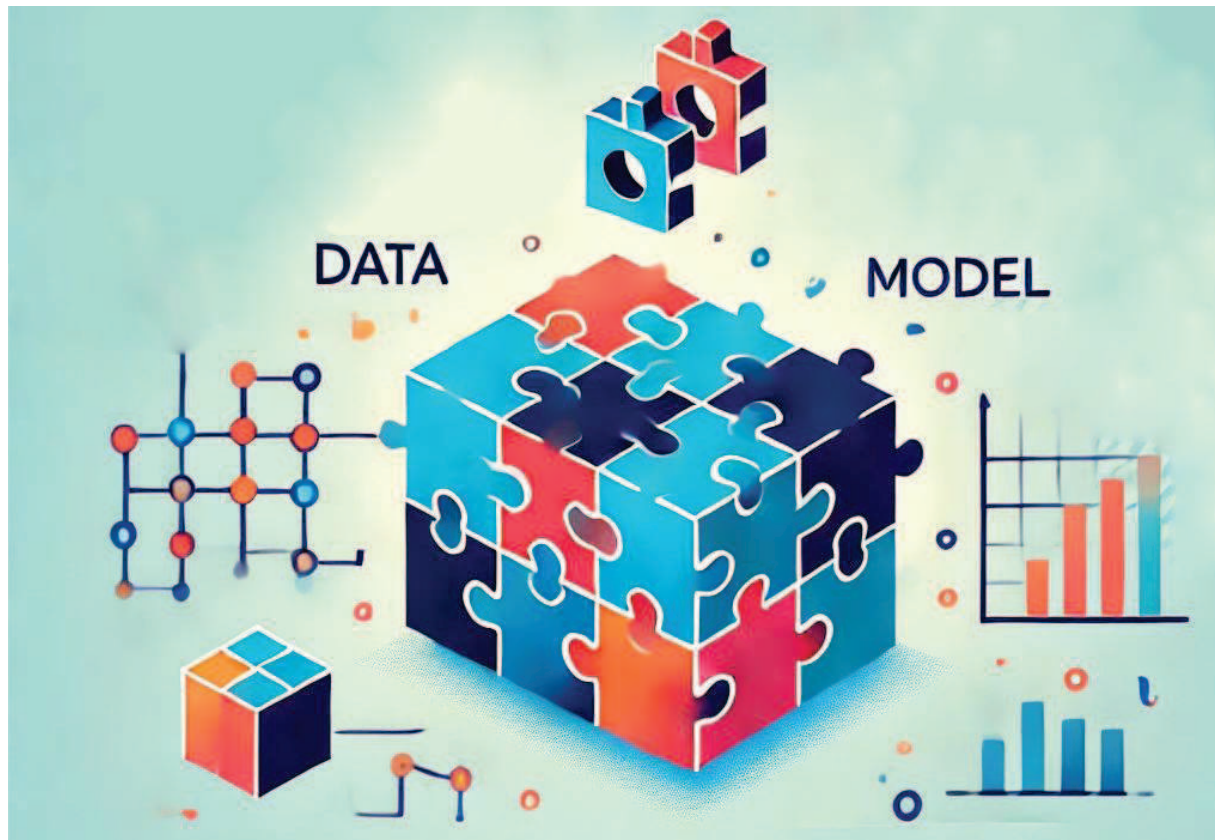


Maybe a new method?

Machine learning

Data collection

To build a model we need data!



Collection of data on experimental studies available in the literature

sustainability

waste clay bricks

concrete

demolition waste

concrete with waste bricks

recycled aggregate

mechanical properties

crushed brick

brick aggregate

compressive strength

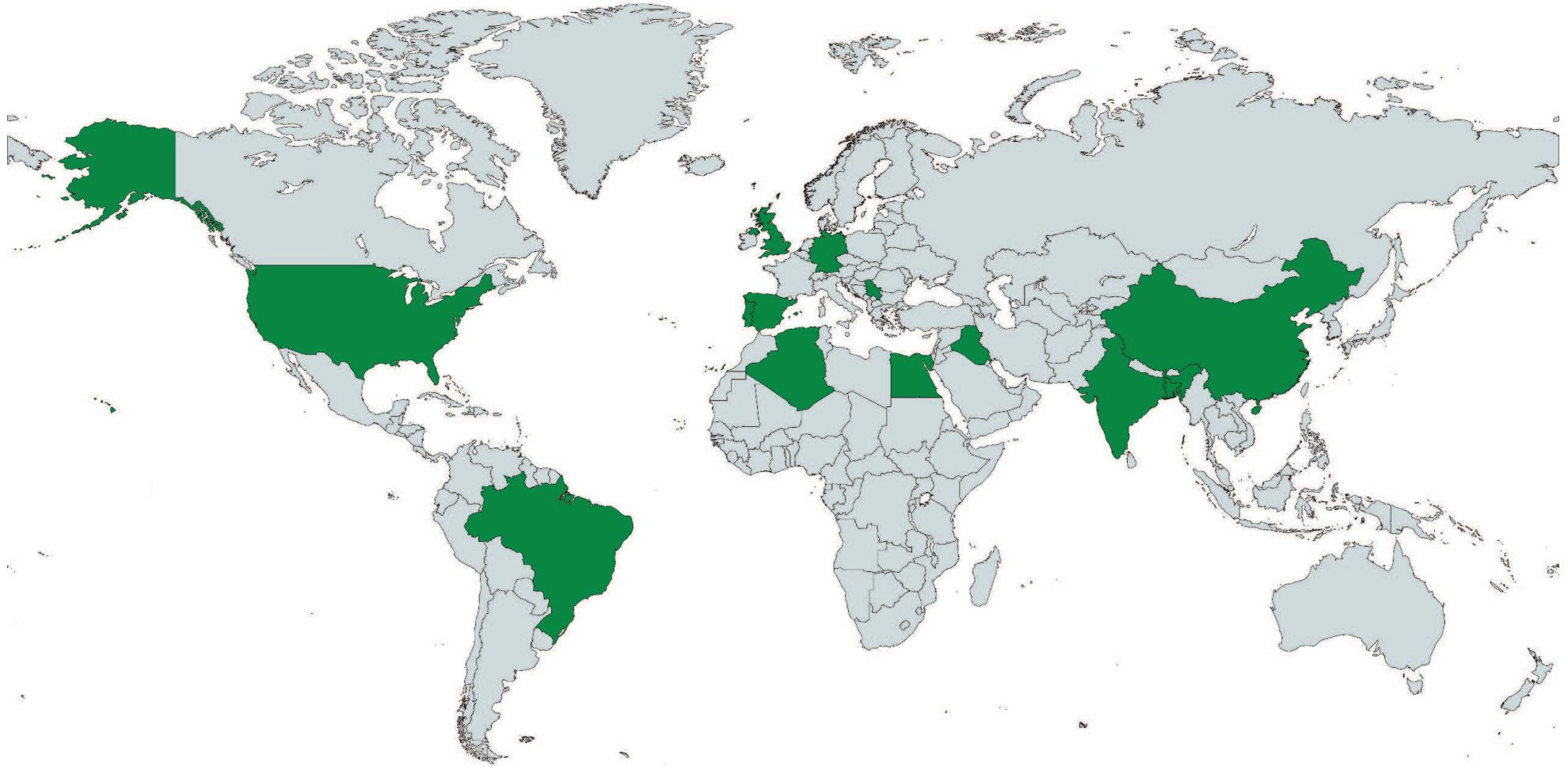
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Data collection

▣ Data collection



Depending on the reference, different cement and different sample shapes were used.

- cubes 10x10x10 cm,
- cubes 15x15x15 cm,
- cylinders 15x30 cm.

Reference no.	Cement type	Sample shape
1	Portland 32.5	Cube 15x15x15
2	Portland CEM I 42.5 R	Cube 10x10x10
3	Portland	Cube 10x10x10
4	Portland CEM II 32.5	Cube 15x15x15
5	Portland PCC	Cylinder 15x30
6	Portland CEM I 42.5	Cube 10x10x10
7	Portland CEM I	Cylinder 15x30
8	Portland CEM I	Cylinder 15x30
9	Portland CEM I	Cube 15x15x15
10	Portland CEM II A-L 42.5 R	Cube 15x15x15
11	Portland PCC	Cube 15x15x15
12	Portland CEM I	Cube 10x10x10
13	Portland CEM I 42.5R	Cube 10x10x10
14	Portland CEM I 42.5	Cube 10x10x10
15	Portland CEM I 32.5	Cube 10x10x10
16	Portland CEM I 42.5N	Cube 15x15x15
17	Silicate cement P.O 42.5	Cube 15x15x15

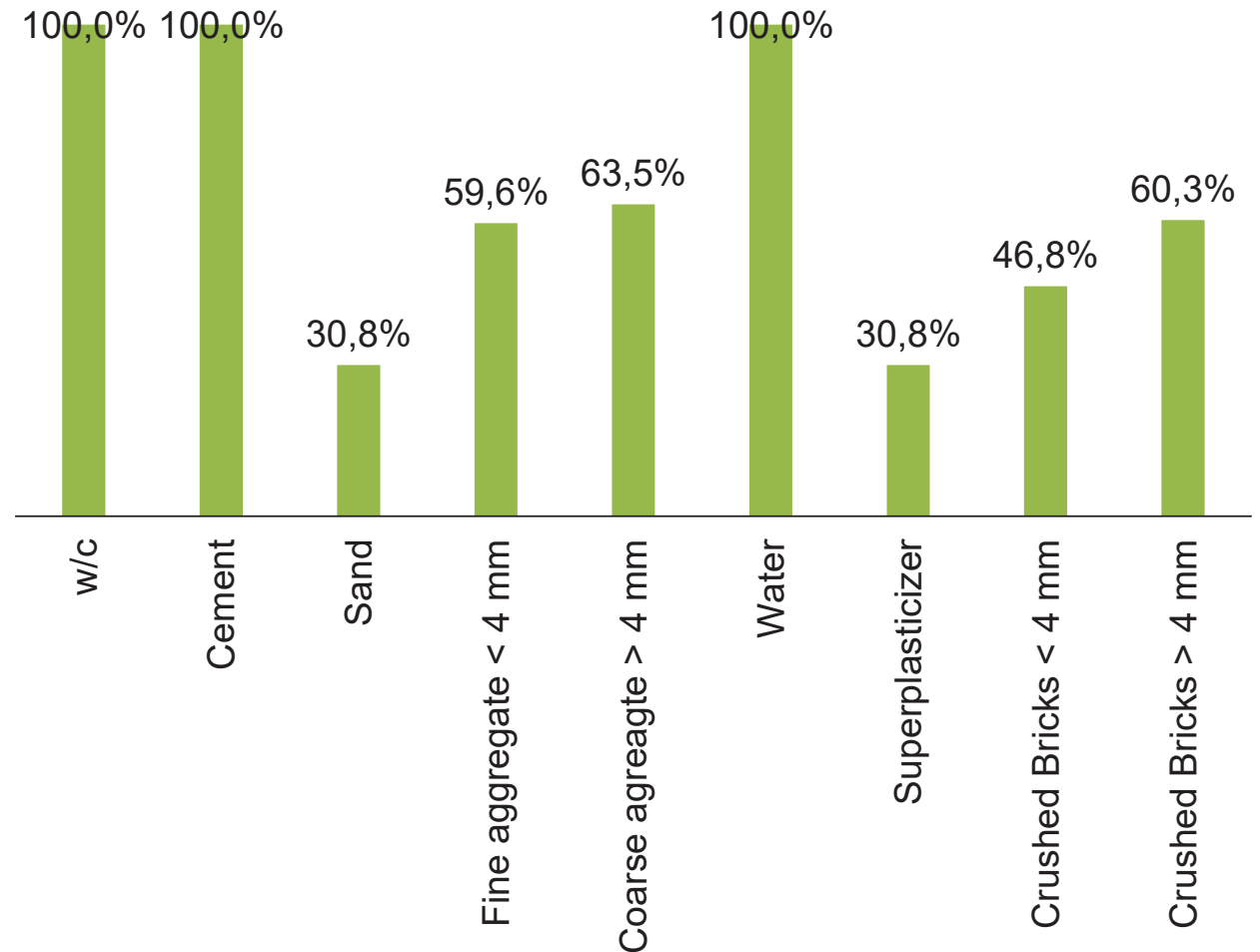
The following parameters of the concrete mix were searched:

- w/c
 - cement content
 - sand content
 - fine aggregate content (< 4 mm)
 - coarse aggregate content (> 4 mm)
 - water content
 - superplasticizer content
 - crushed bricks content (< 4 mm)
 - crushed bricks content (> 4 mm)
- in kg/m³

and the compressive strength (in MPa) of concrete after a specified number of days after making the samples.

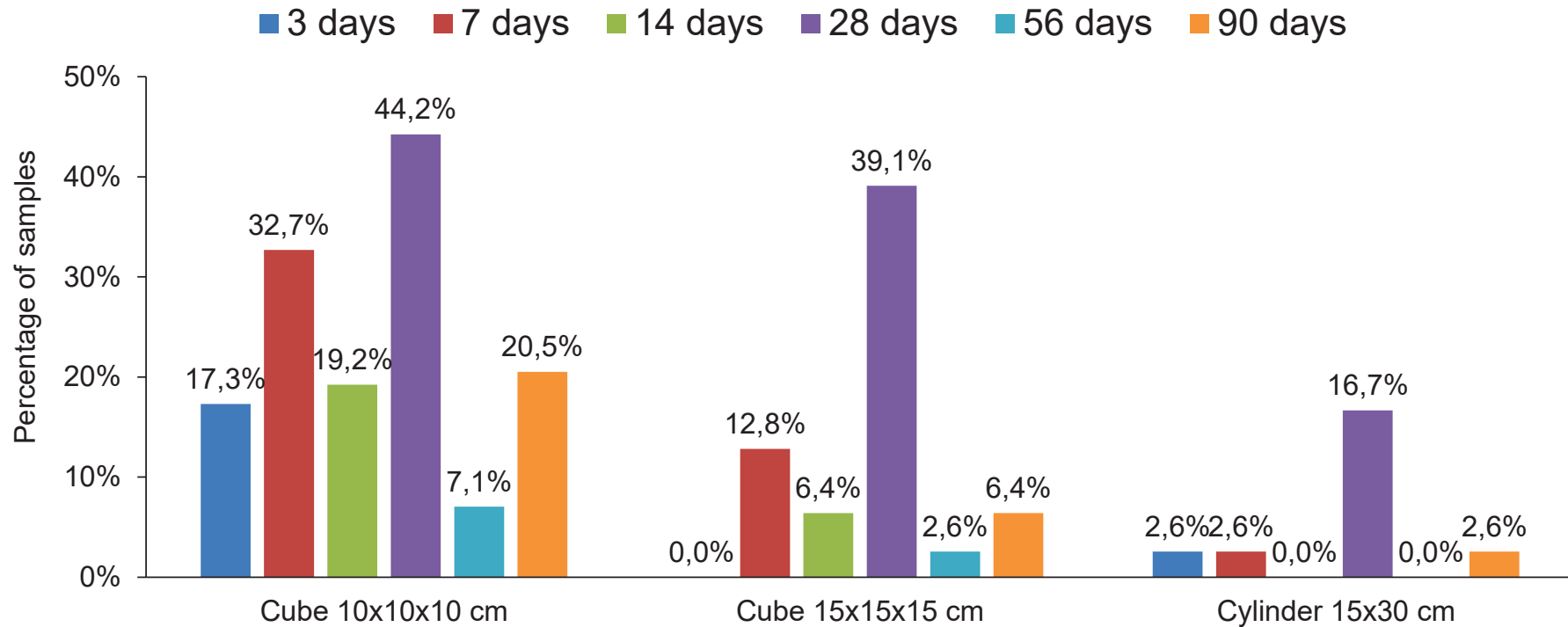
Analysis results

Graph showing how many samples have information about a given component of the concrete mix.



Total number of samples: 156

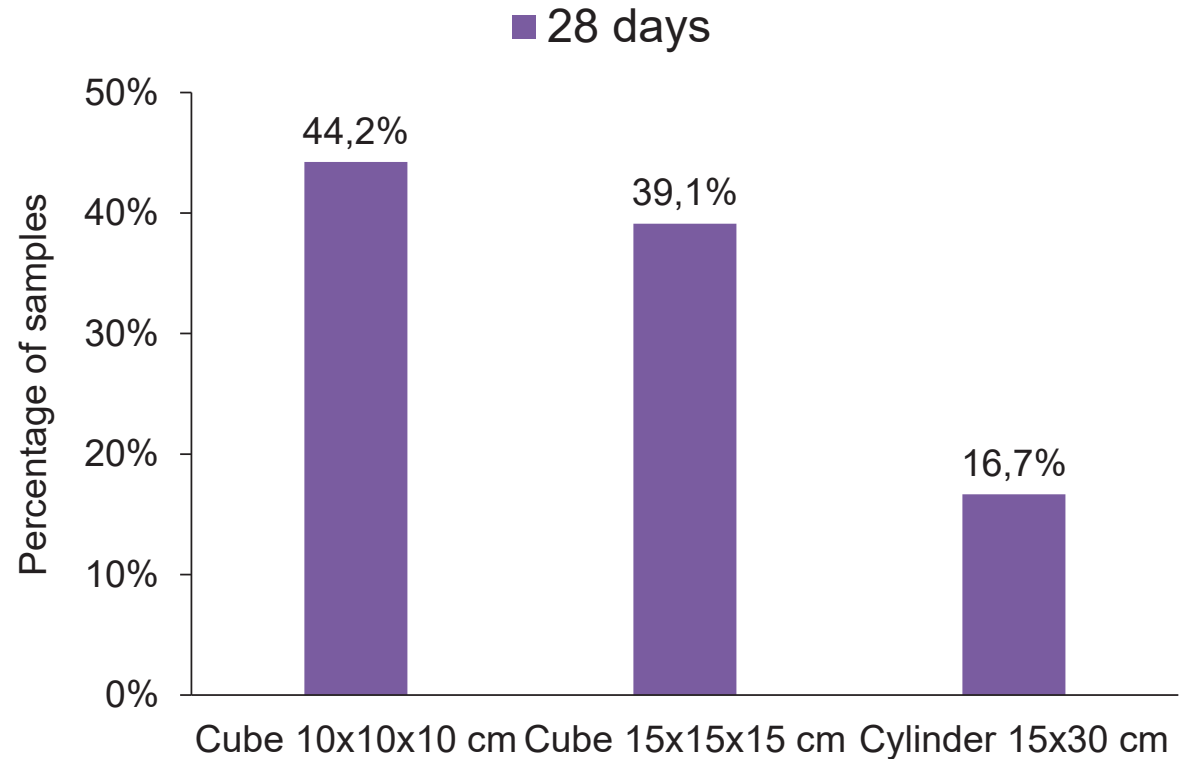
Graph showing what percentage of samples had compressive strength information after a specified number of days.



Total number of samples: 156

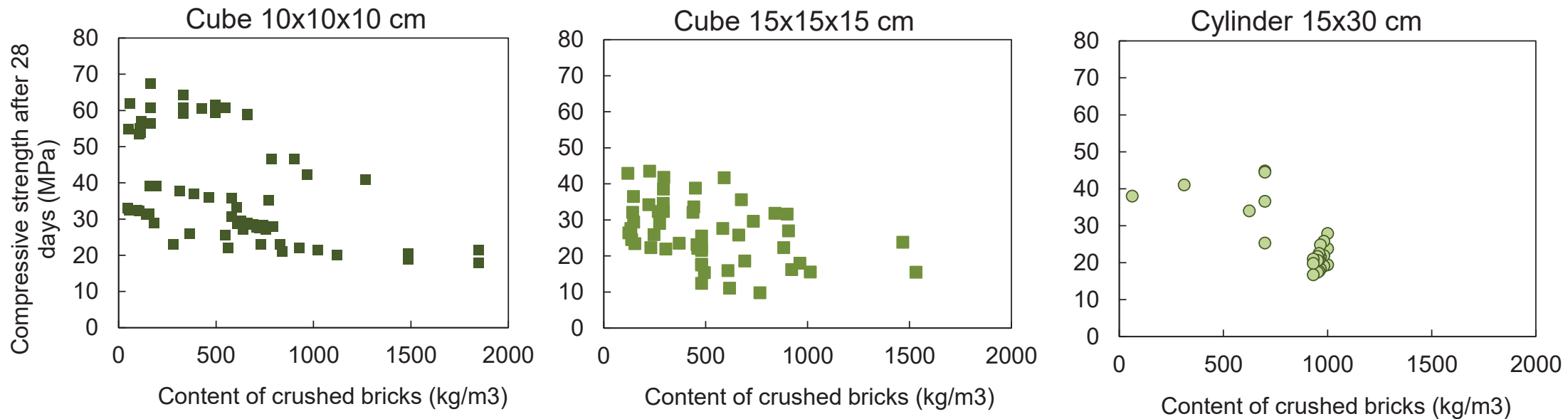
The compressive strength of concrete is normally tested after 28 days, so this information was obtained in each test.

Total number of samples: 156



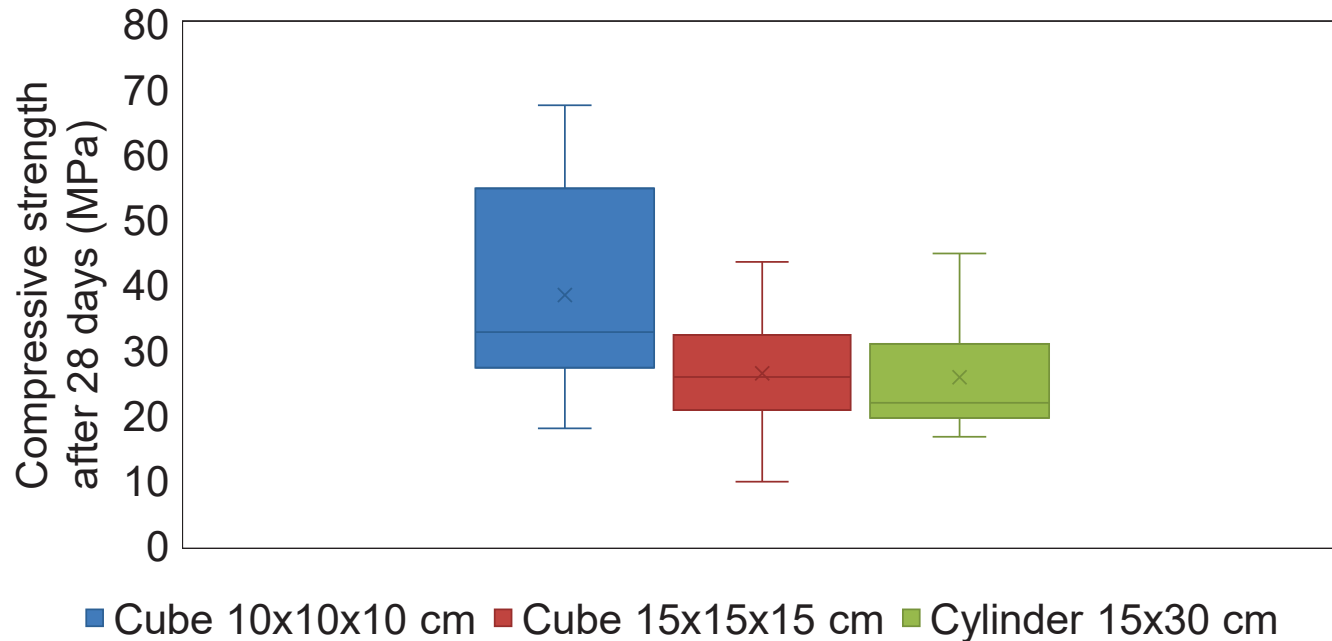
However, the samples had different dimensions!

Adding crushed bricks as an ingredient to a concrete mixture deteriorates the compressive strength of the concrete.



For the 10x10x10 cubic samples the highest median and variability of strength results were obtained.

Box plot of 28-day compressive strength



Based on the collected data, the following conclusions were drawn:

- Data for modeling purposes are not standardized.
- Tests performed at different times after samples were prepared.
- In all studies, tests were performed after the standard 28 days, but on samples of different sizes and shapes.
- The samples vary in composition.
- Generally, crushed bricks reduce the compressive strength of concrete.

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