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**From Lab to Field:
Using AI to Decarbonize Concrete at Scale**

Concrete Carbon Footprint

% of global CO₂ emissions

Concrete

8%

Aviation

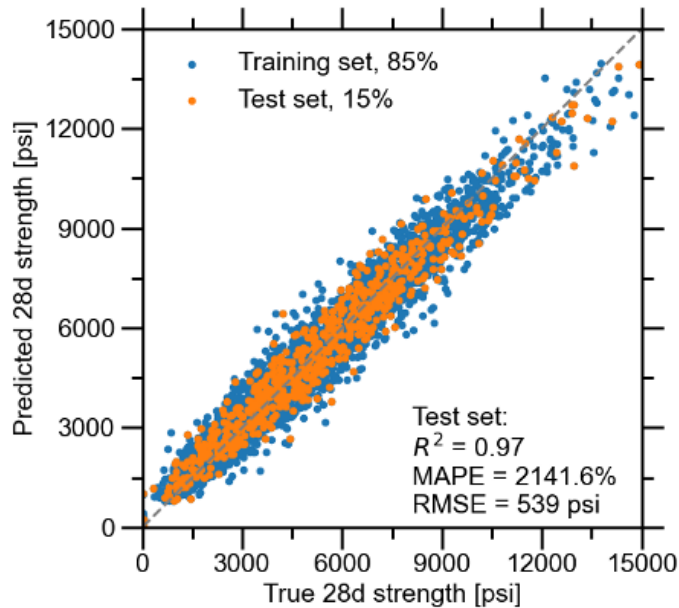
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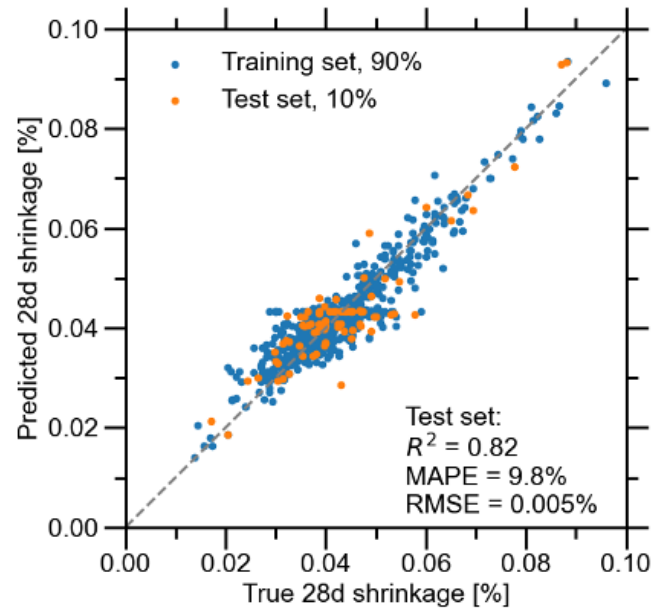
Machine Learning for Concrete Optimization

Traditional mix designs optimization is slow, laborious, and largely empirical.

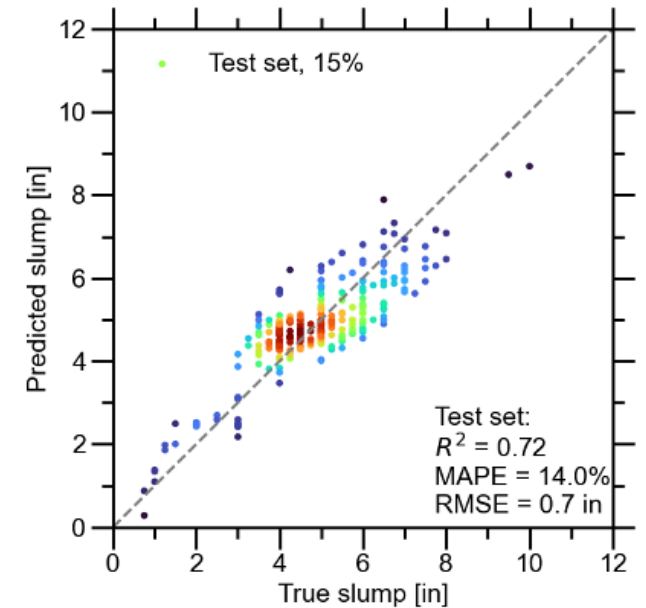
Machine learning can greatly accelerate mix designs optimization.



Compressive strength



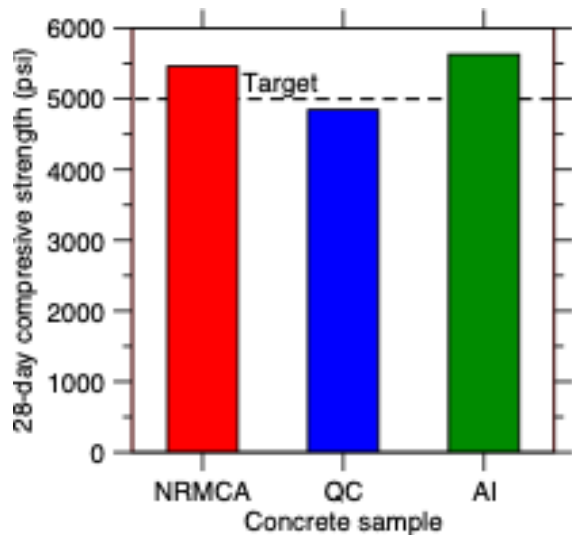
Shrinkage



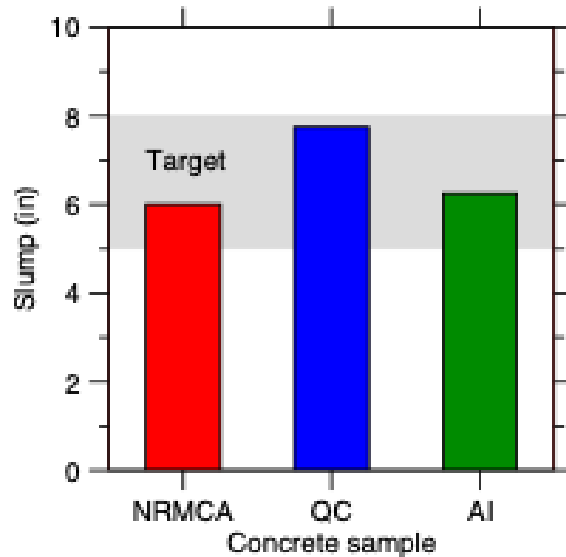
Slump

Human vs. AI Competition

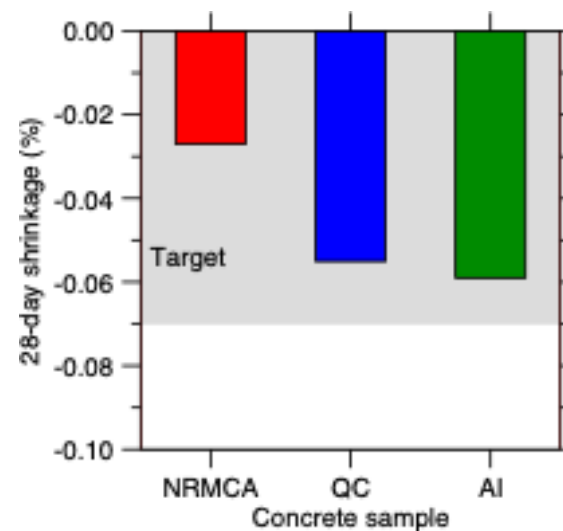
Goal: Designing the most economical mix design showing a 5000 psi strength
Using only materials available at the plant



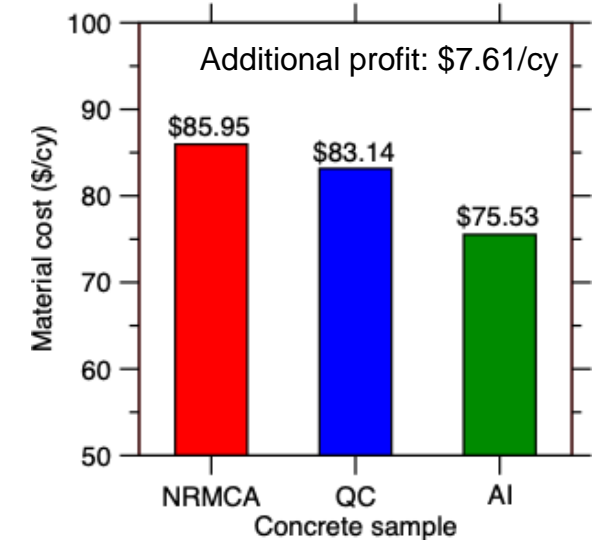
Target strength met



Target slump achieved



Maximum shrinkage satisfied



Materials cost decreased

Laboratory pilot

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Challenges with concrete optimization at scale



Regionality of materials

The large variety of materials prevents one-fits-all approaches



Manufacturing uncertainties

Concrete properties can be affected by the plant, transport time, temperature...



Material variations over time

Materials physical and chemical properties can change over time (e.g., fly ashes)



Hard-to-quantify properties

Some properties (e.g., finishability, pumpability, etc.) are challenging to quantify



Large number of mix designs

Concrete producers can have 1000s of mix designs in their catalogue

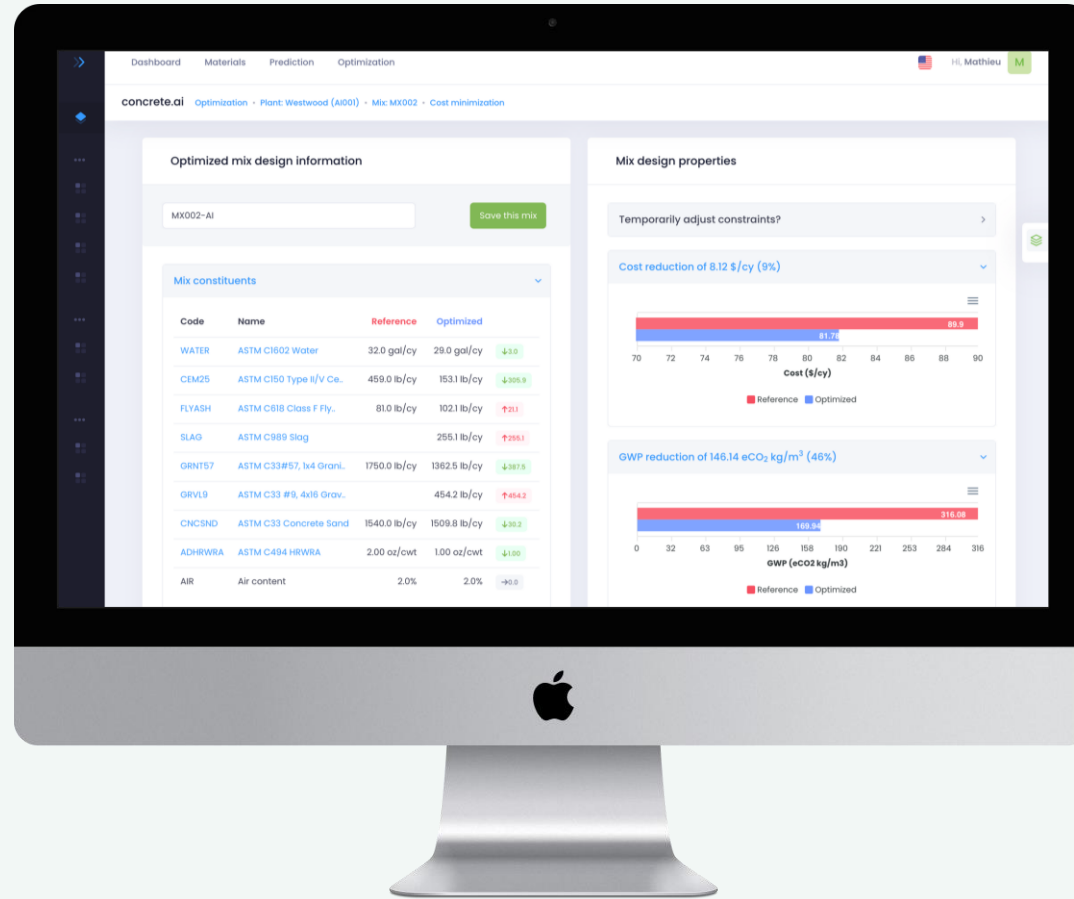


Data availability

Test results data is not always accessible, organized, or numerous enough

Concrete.ai

Concrete.ai is a software that uses generative AI to reduce concrete's cost and carbon footprint



Concrete.ai Innovations

Optimizing concrete at scale



Large curated dataset

More than 1 million concrete datapoints, covering strength, slump, shrinkage, air content, pumpability, setting time, etc.



Patented optimization engine

Our patented generative AI pipeline enables high-throughput mix designs optimization



Partners across North America

Conducted projects in California, Utah, Illinois, Virginia, Canada, etc., with very different SCM availability



Native software integrations

Direct integration with industry-leading quality-control (QC) and batching softwares

Recognized with the 2023 NRCMA Innovation Award



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**Million
cubic yard**

OPTIMIZED CONCRETE



5%

**MATERIALS COST
SAVINGS**



30%

**CARBON FOOTPRINT
REDUCTION**



500

Million tons of CO₂

**TO BE PREVENTED FROM
ENTERING
THE ATMOSPHERE**

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