



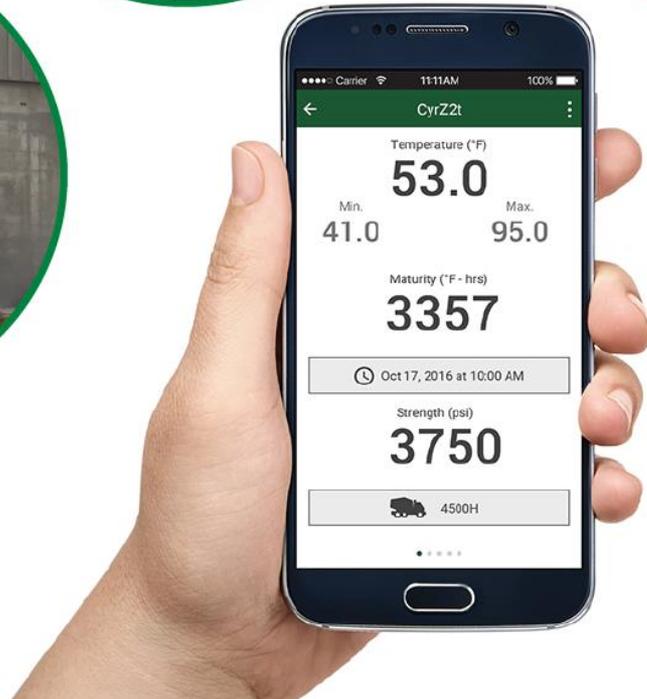
# **Wireless Concrete Sensors as IoT Solutions for Construction Industry**

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## Concrete:

- Second most consumable material after water on the planet
- The most economical material for construction
- Concrete production: 1 m<sup>3</sup> per capita
- Change properties after mixing over time
- Ambient temperature and humidity impact its properties after pouring
- Lack of concrete quality results in structural failure

# Industry Challenge:



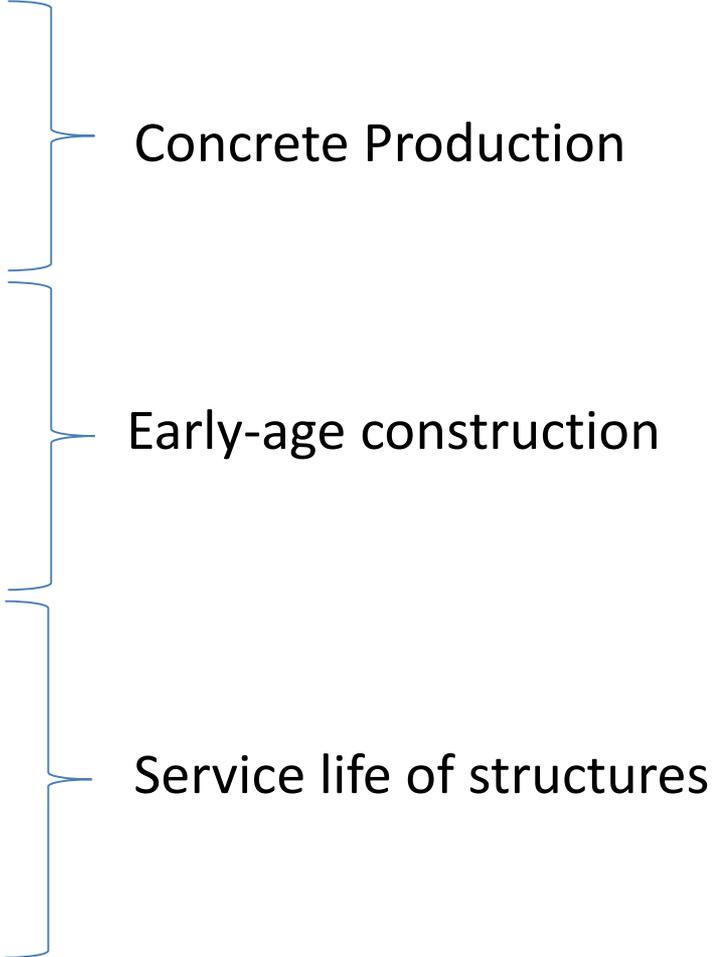
# Sensing challenges in concrete industry:

- Wires: Safety issues
- Battery life: 50 to 100 years
- RF wireless signal: Obstacles/wet media
- Ease-of-use: Smartphone connectivity
- Aggressive environment: High pH, high water
- Reliability: Structural integrity
- Memory: Storage capacity for long-term

# Important characteristics of concrete

Measurement/sensing the following characteristics of concrete required for quality control or optimization of critical operations such as:

- Flowability (slump)
- Air content
- Water content
- Setting time (solidification time)
- Strength
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Strain
- Vibration
- pH
- Chloride content



Concrete Production

Early-age construction

Service life of structures

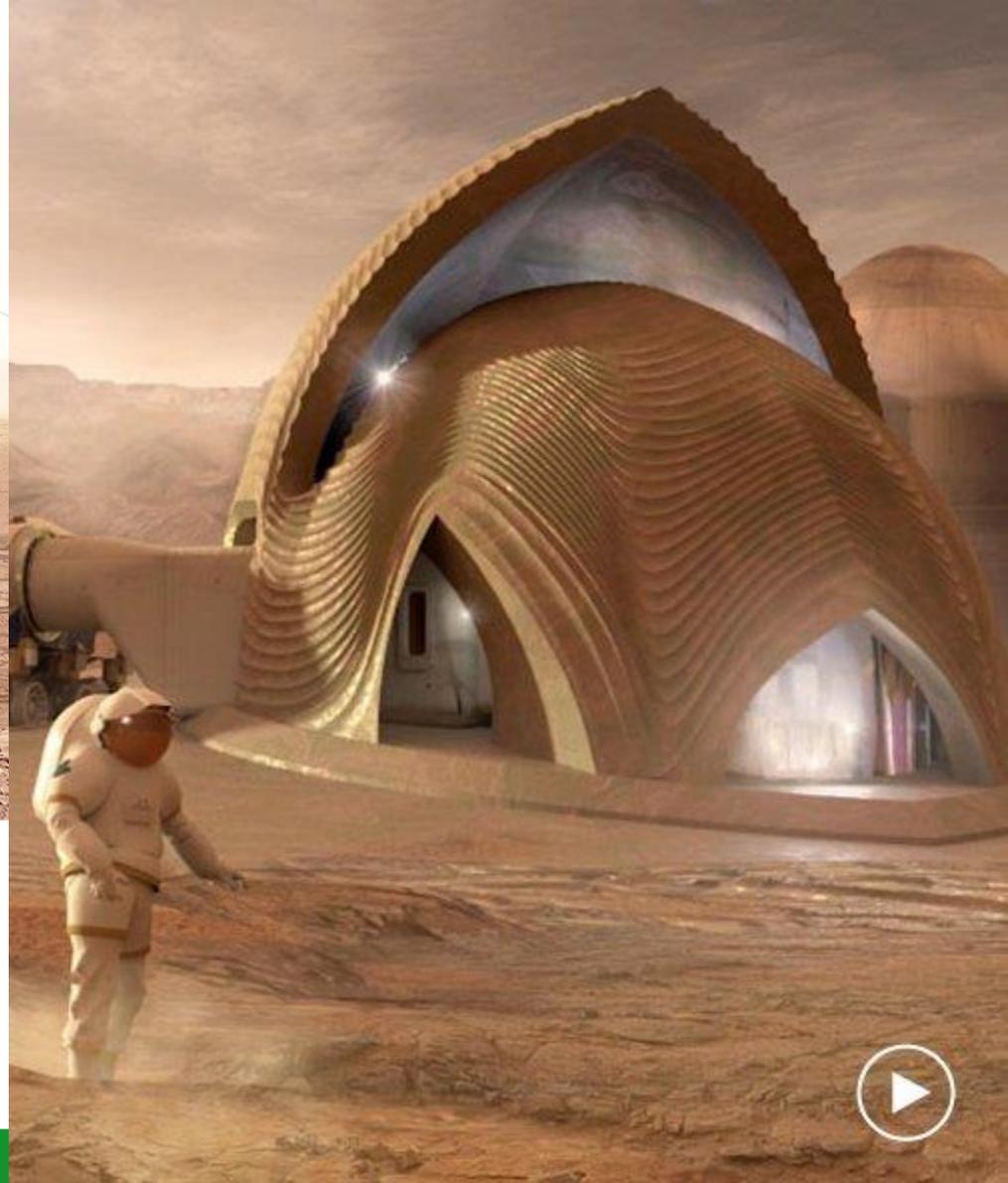
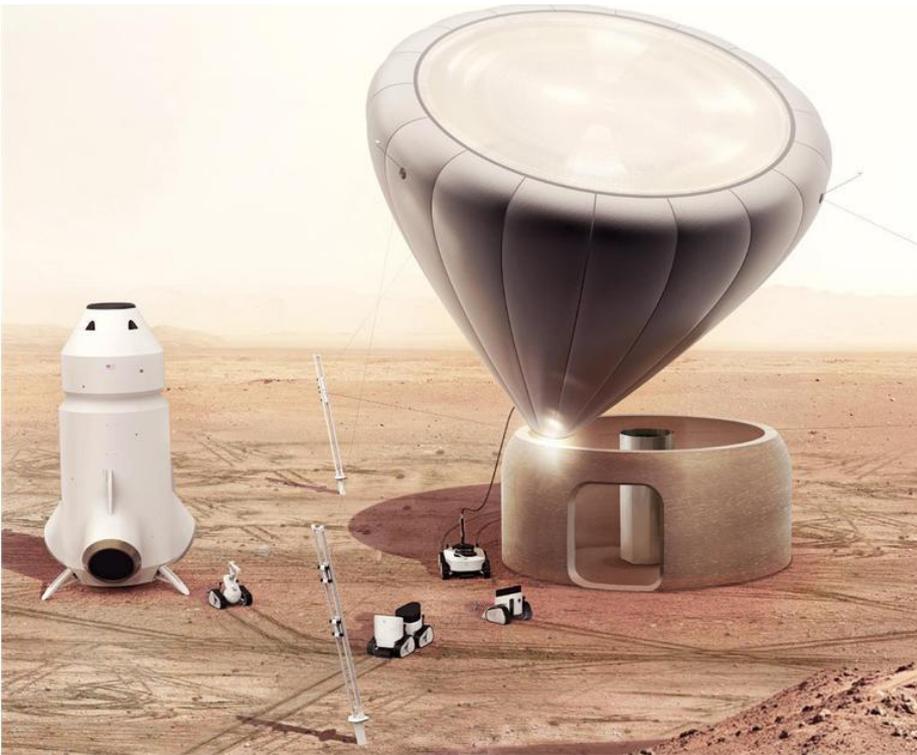
# Flowability (slump)



# Concrete Sensing in 3D Print



# 3D Print in Space (Mars/Moon)



# Success Case: Strength of Concrete

**Strength of concrete is required for optimization of critical operations such as:**

- Formwork removal
- Post-tensioning
- Heat curing optimization
- Saw cutting
- Opening traffic on concrete pavement
- Speed of Nozzle in 3D printing

# Industry Problem



Field-cured or  
CIPPOC specimens



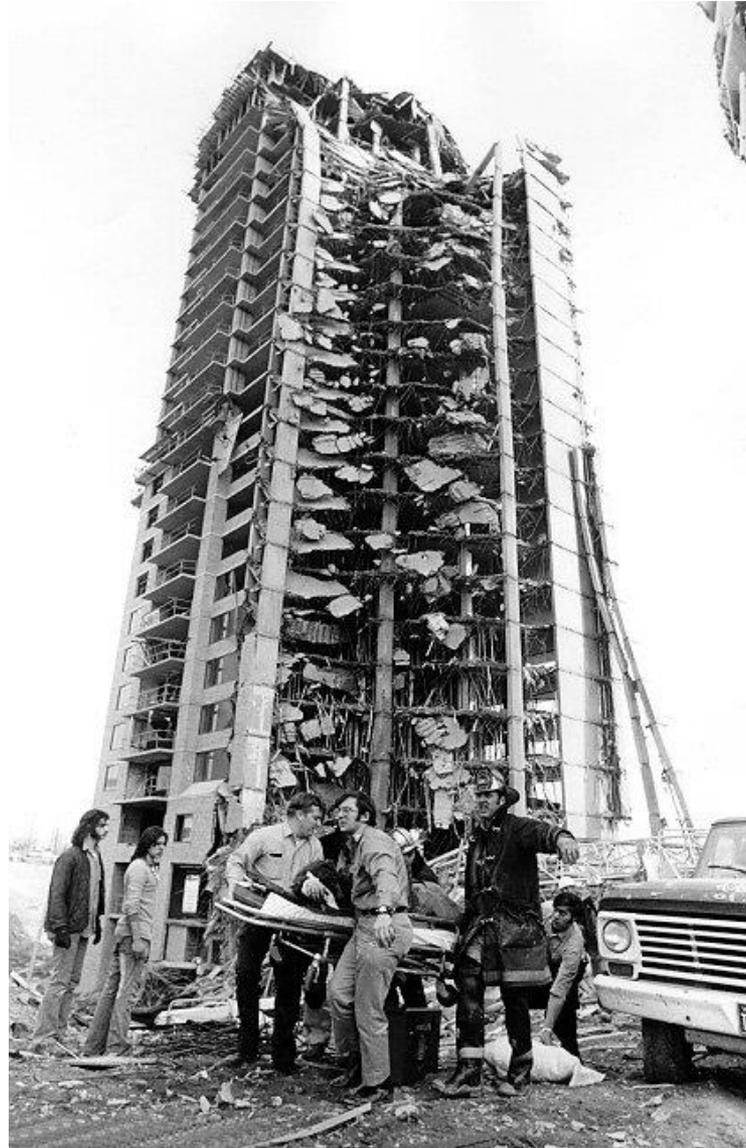
Formwork removal  
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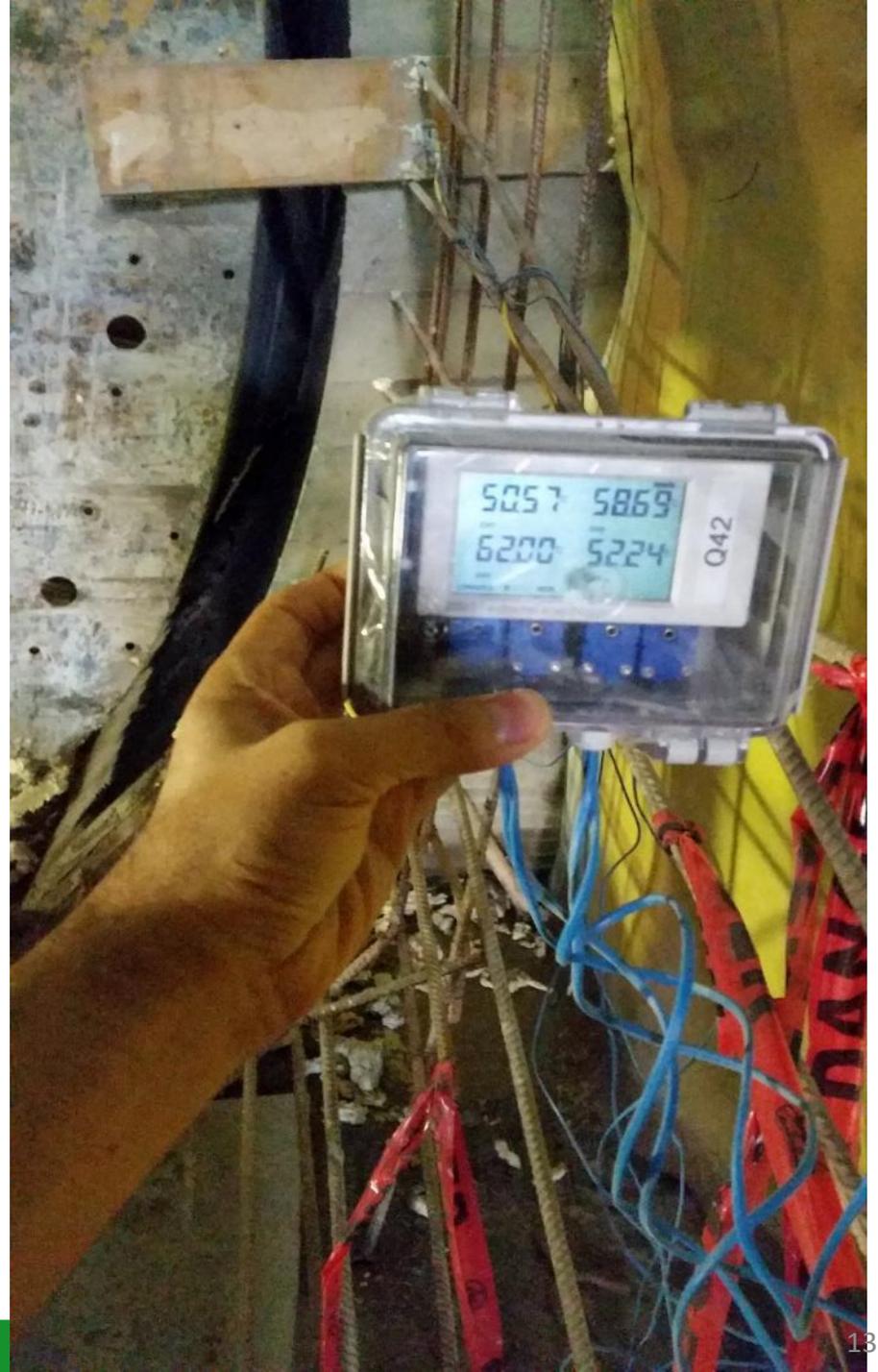


# Structure failure due to inadequate concrete strength!



# Structure failure due to early formwork removal!





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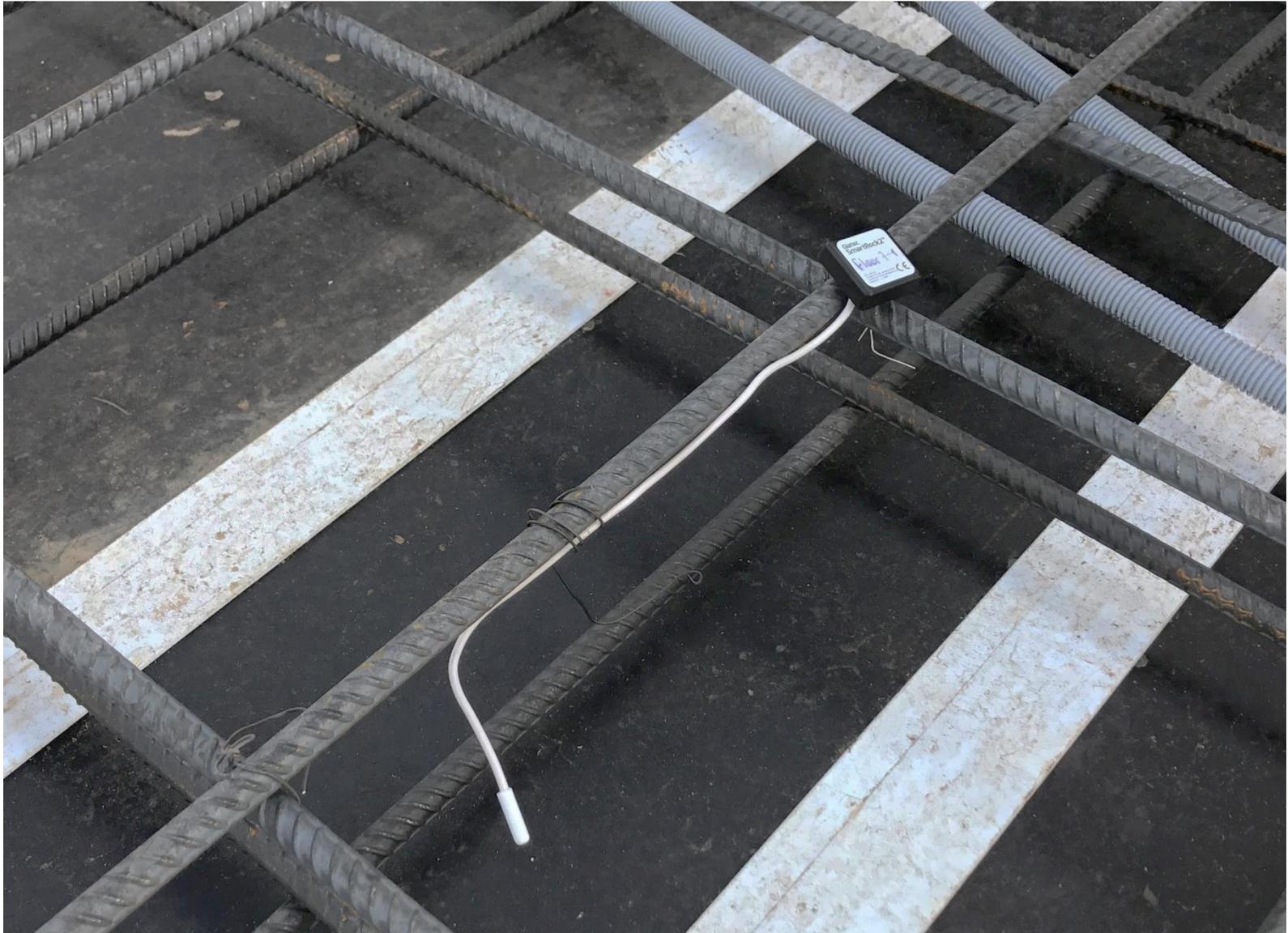


# Sensor Technology

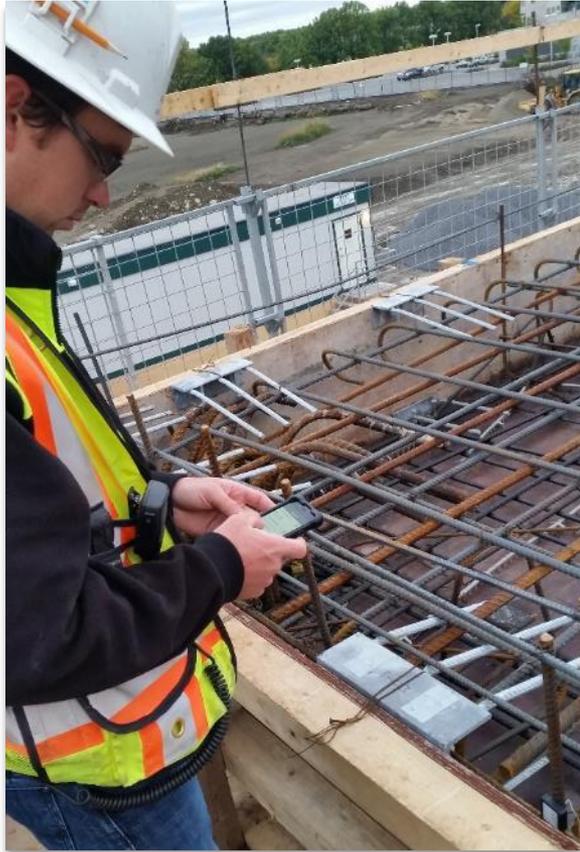
- Long-range low-power Bluetooth: BLE5
- Rugged & water proof
- Coin-cell battery
- 6-month operation life
- Up to 3 inches installation depth
- 10 m communication range



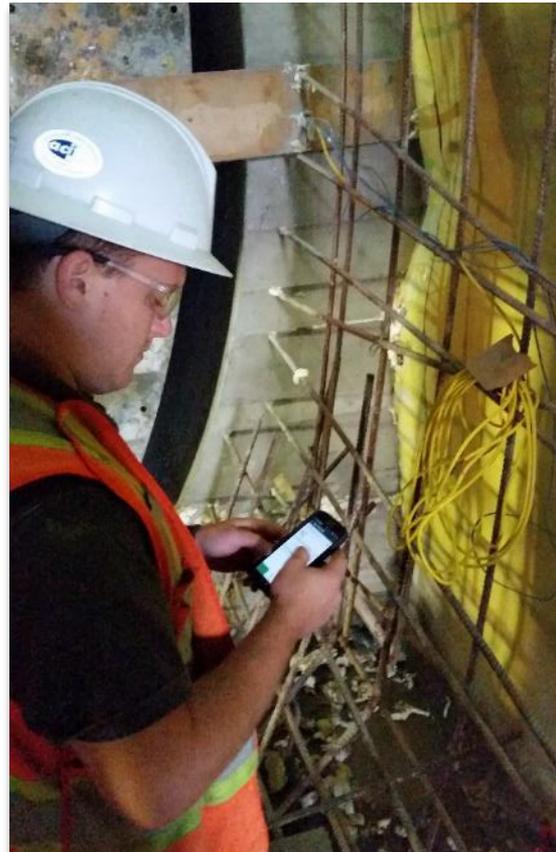
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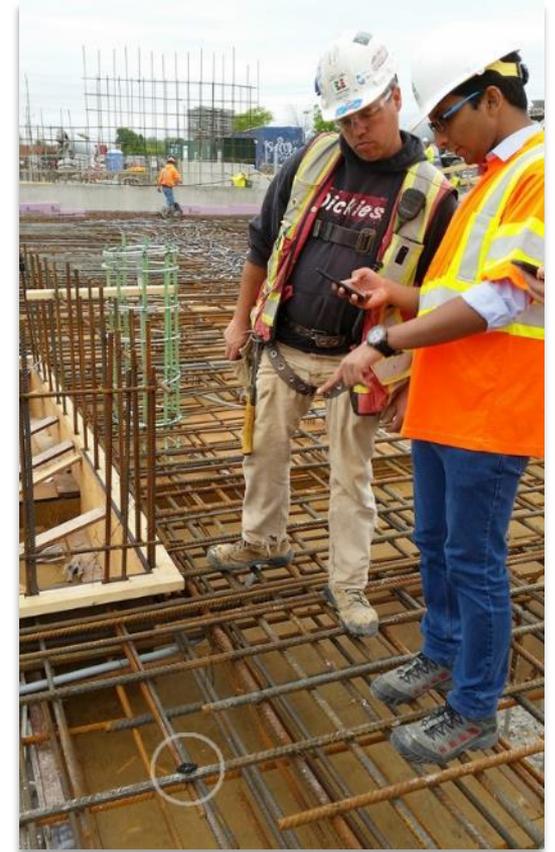
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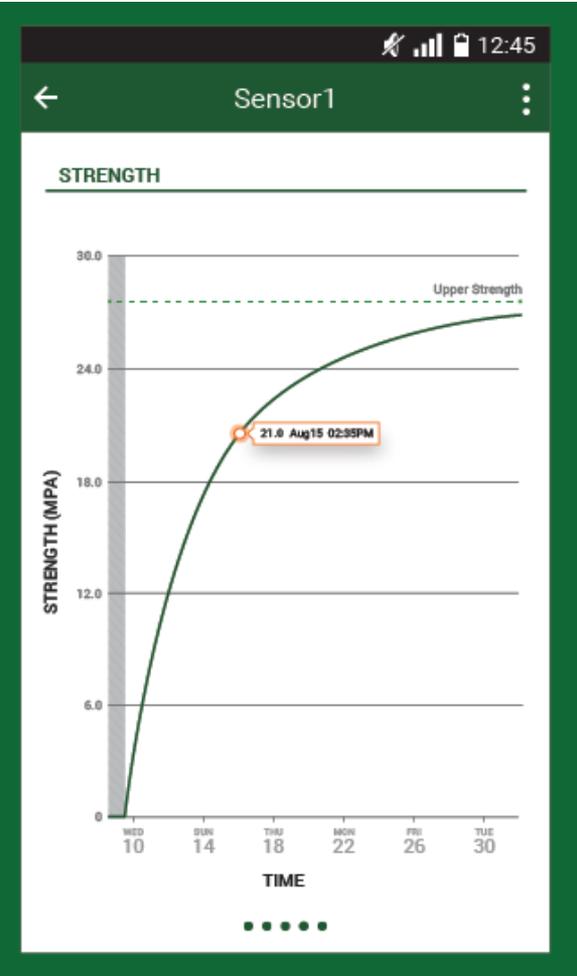
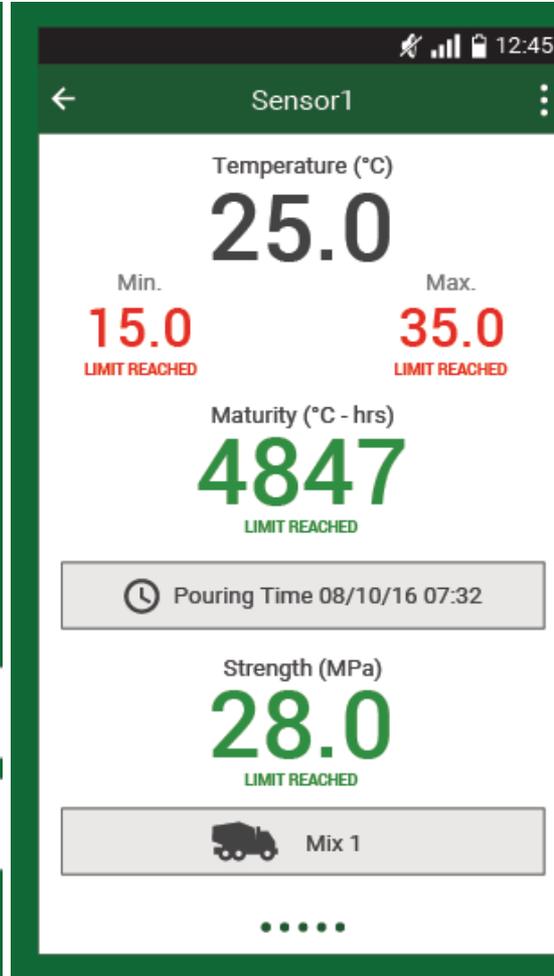
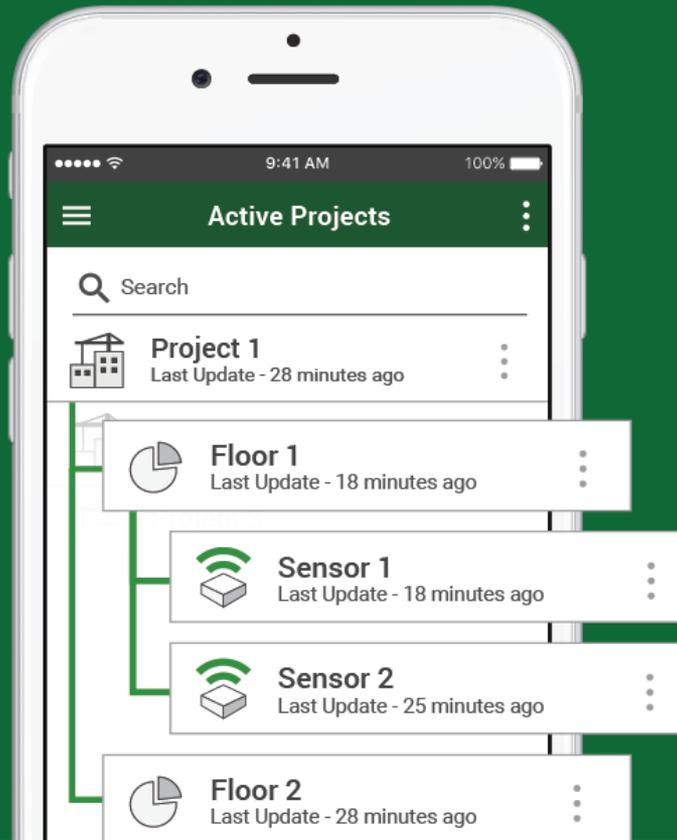


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# SmartRock™ | Mobile App (iOS and Android)



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# Current challenges:

- Limited communication range in concrete
- Limited operation life/battery life
- Looking for a “passive wireless sensor technology” to address these challenges.





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