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Reuse of Mining Waste into Innovative Geopolymeric-based Structural Panels, Precast, Ready Mixes and Insitu Applications

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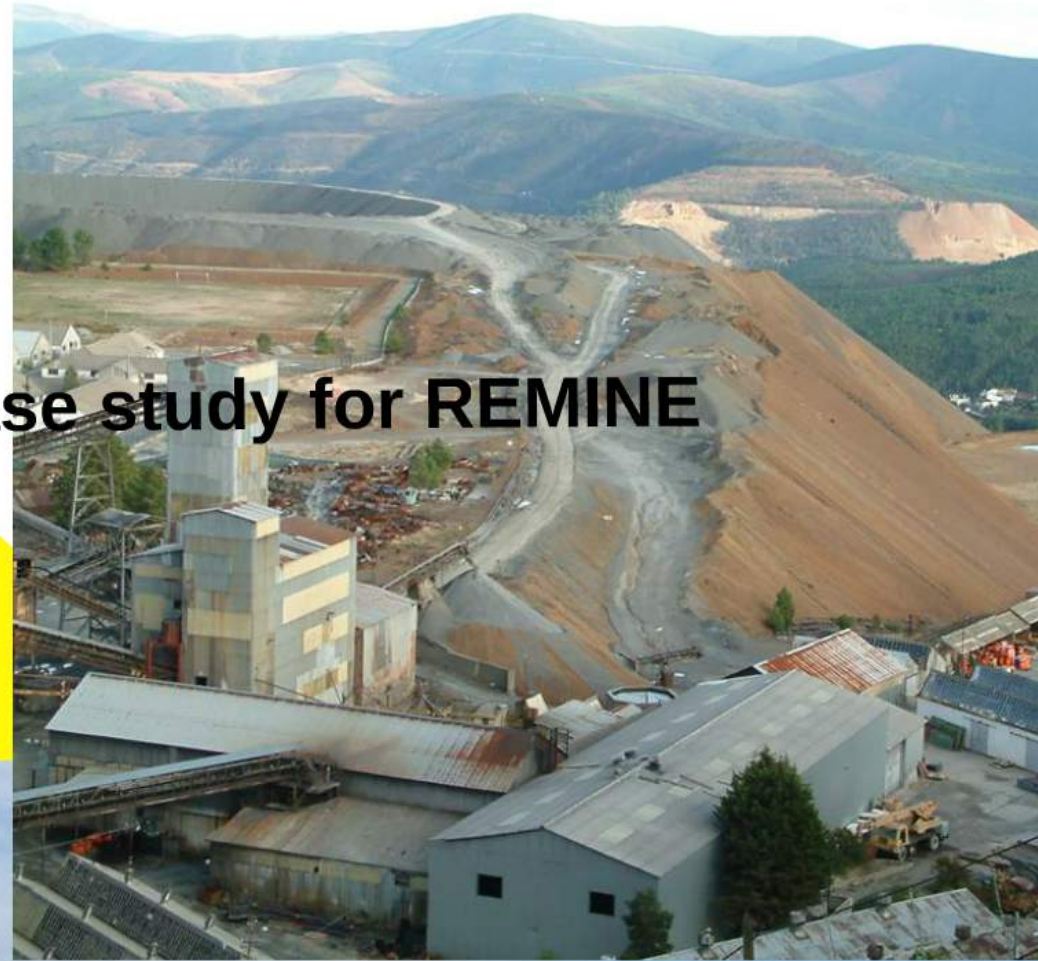




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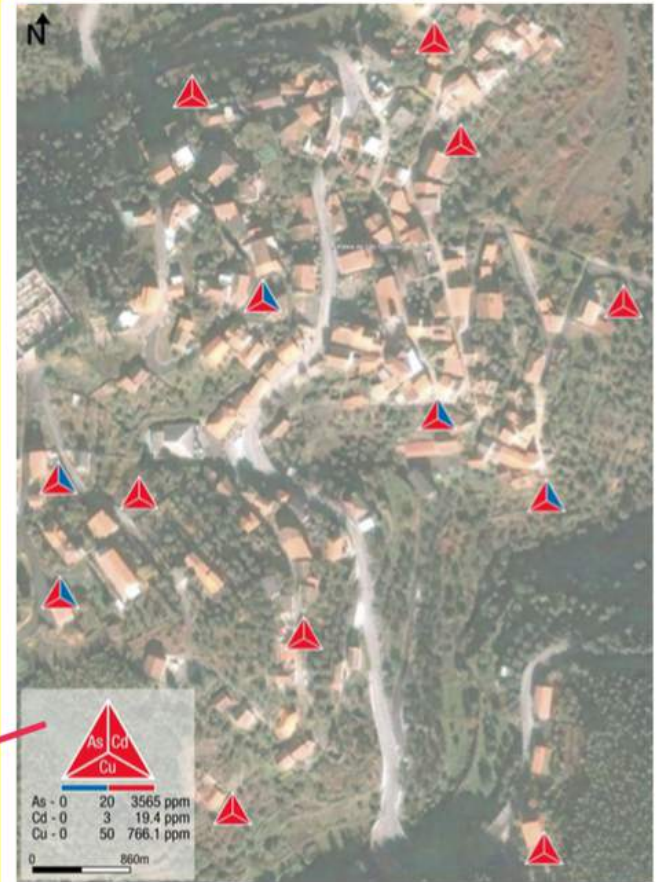


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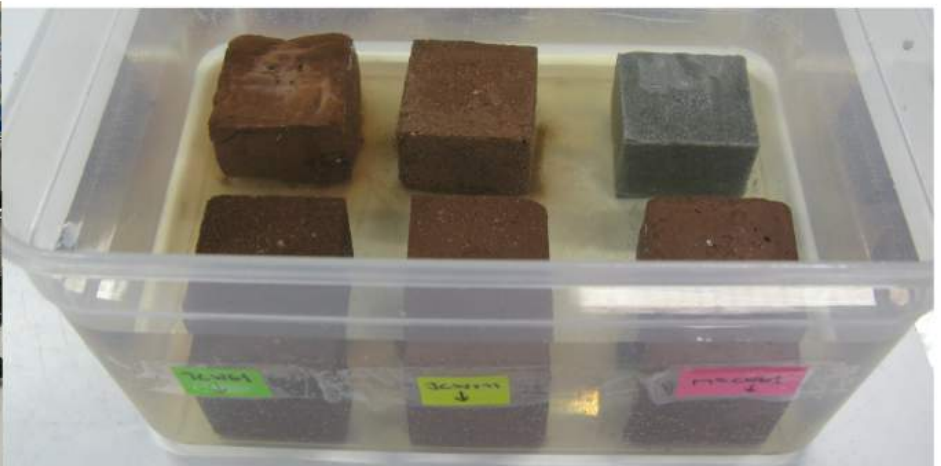
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Alkali-activation - novel binders

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calcium hydroxide;



alkali-activated binder

disordered alkali aluminosilicate
amorphous gel phase in SEM

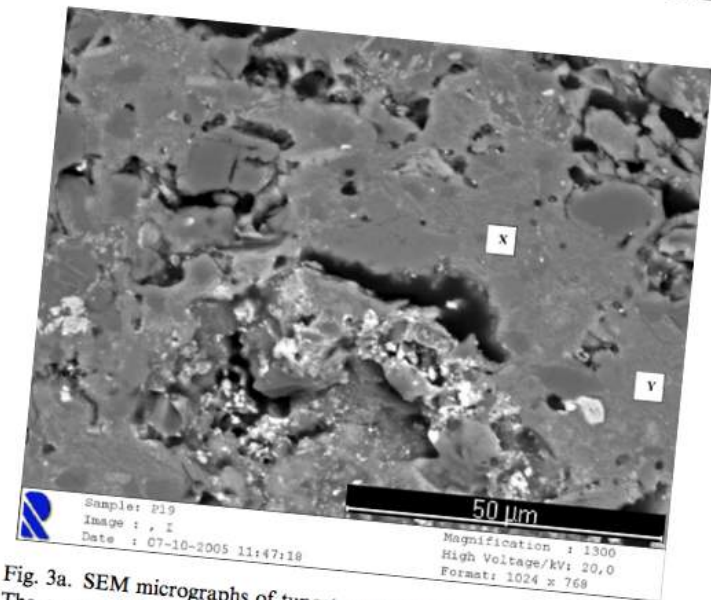


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Ceramic materials - thermal insulation

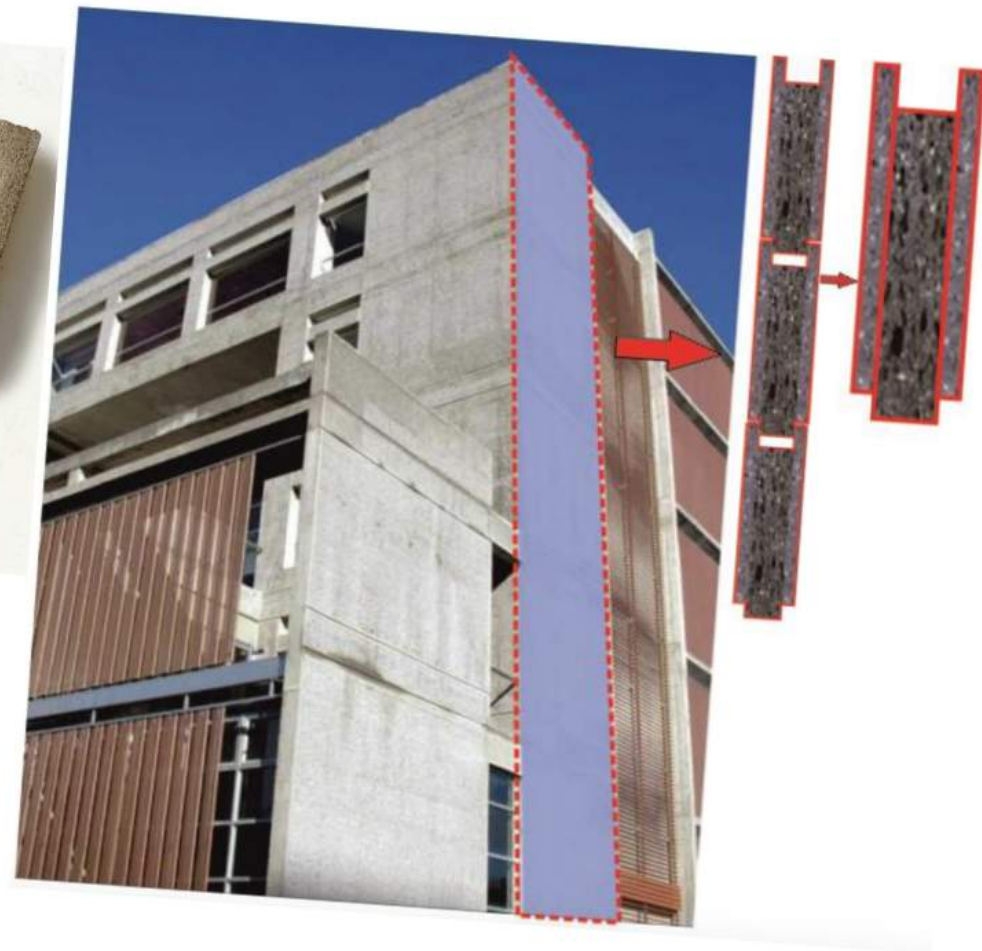
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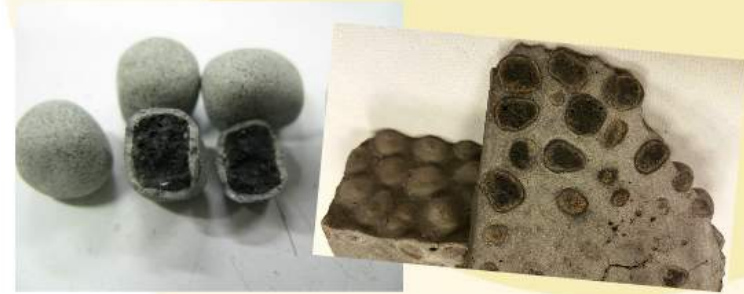
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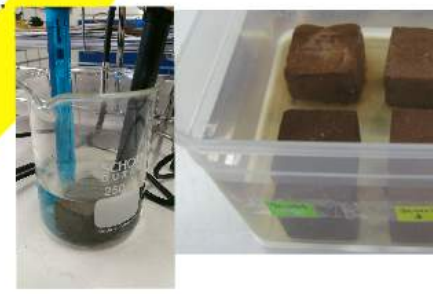
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Applications,
mud and
architectural
restoration;

for reuse of
vents
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- Waste-based + CO2 activated prototypes presented at Coimbra (Portugal)
- ALTERNATIVE FILLERS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BITUMINOUS MIXTURES: A SCREENING INVESTIGATION ON WASTE POWDERS
- REMINE dissemination during the European Researcher's Night (Bologna 2017)

ARCHIVES

- February 2018



WASTE-BASED + CO2 ACTIVATED PROTOTYPES PRESENTED AT COIMBRA (PORTUGAL)

"Sustainable building materials and solutions" is the topic of the Public Exhibition promoted by IteCons and CCDRC Centro, ongoing at Alma Shopping – Coimbra, between 14th to 24th February. The [...]

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ALTERNATIVE FILLERS FOR THE PRODUCTION

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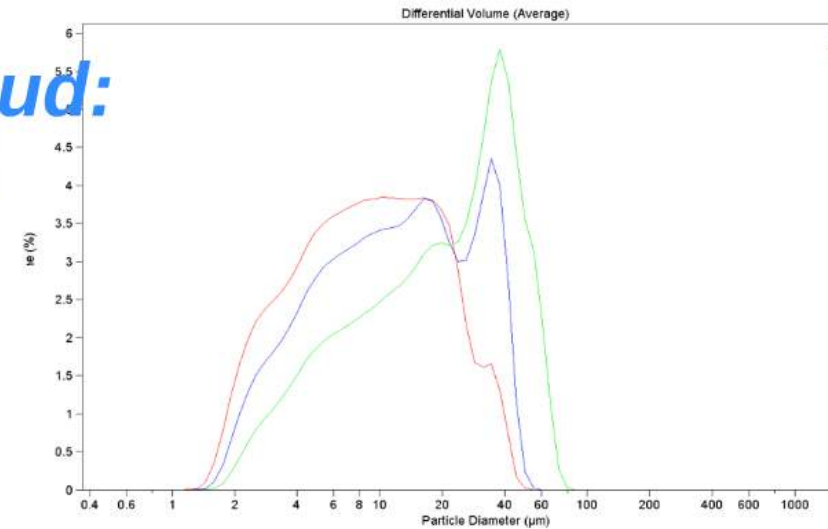
PANASQUEIRA mining waste mud: alumino-silicate rich mud



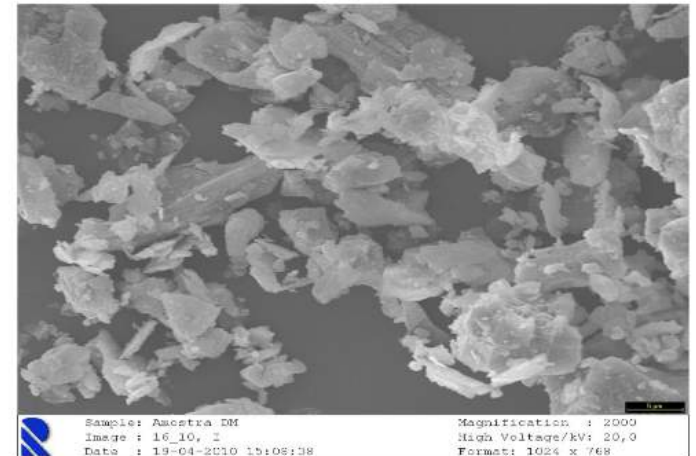
Mining waste mud chemical composition

| Oxide | (% in mass) |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| SiO ₂ | 68.54 |
| Na ₂ O | 1.14 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 18.27 |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | 5.64 |
| K ₂ O | 5.24 |
| TiO ₂ | 1.17 |
| H ₂ O | - |

high K, Na



fine powder

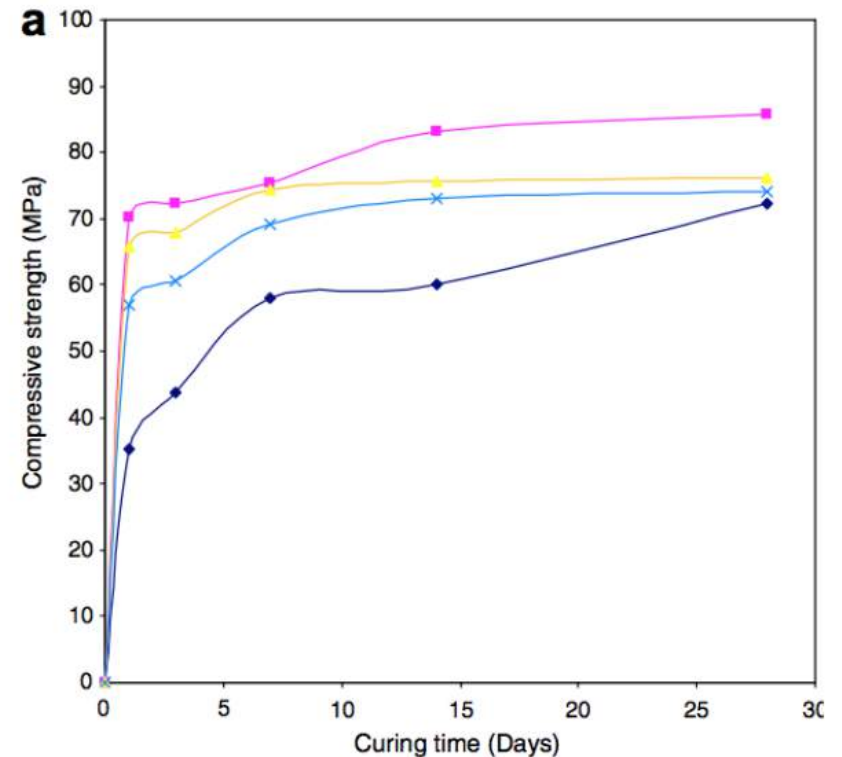


PANASQUEIRA mining waste mud Alkali-activation 2007 - Initial Research

- dehydroxylated of mine waste powder (calcinated at 800°C for 2 hours)
- blended up to 10% Ca(OH)₂
- Combined NaOH + Na₂SiO₃ activators
- Cured at room temperature



high temperature static calcination



increase of compressive strength along time



PANASQUEIRA mining waste mud (TMWM) :

2018 - Current research on alkali-activation

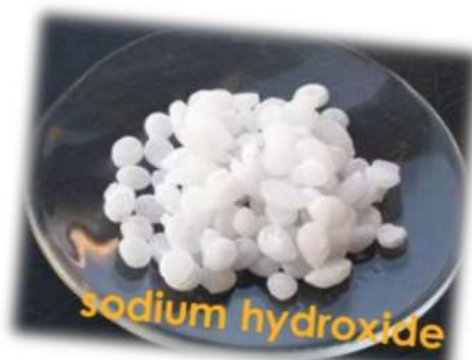
Precursores

TMWM+
Reactive Al+Si
rich powder,
waste glass,
metakaoline,
fly ash, GGBS

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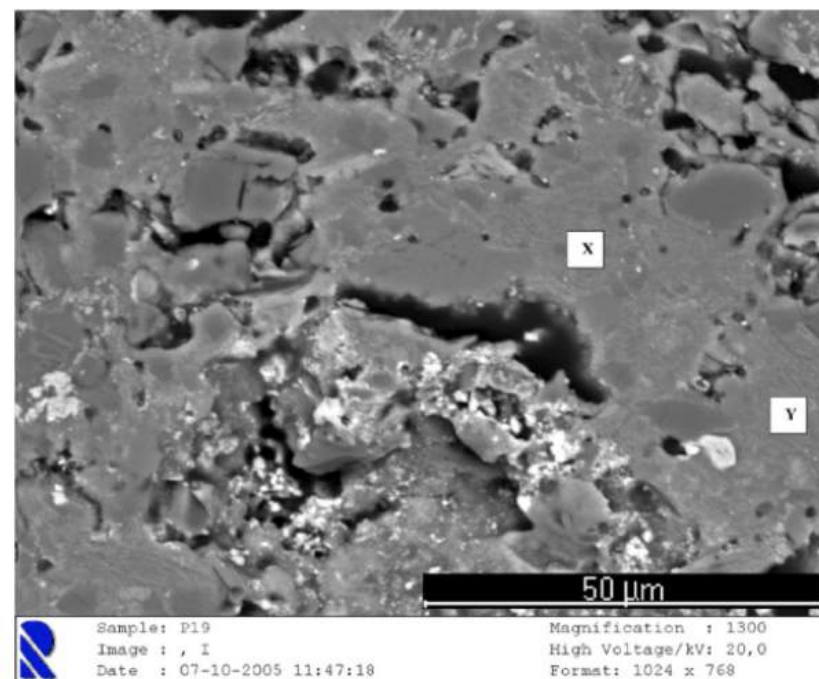


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PANASQUEIRA mining mud + brick waste powder

Element composition + Properties



| Composition/Properties | Materials | |
|---|-----------|--------|
| | BP | TMWM |
| O | 47.32 | 38.26 |
| Si | 27.39 | 18.2 |
| Al | 13.09 | 7.51 |
| Ti | 0.61 | 0.3 |
| S | 0.15 | 2.64 |
| K | 2.40 | 3.39 |
| Ca | 0.57 | 0.41 |
| Fe | 5.52 | 9.02 |
| Mg | 0.87 | 2.43 |
| Na | 0.37 | 0.80 |
| P | 0.06 | – |
| Zn | – | 1.09 |
| Other | 1.66 | 15.89 |
| LOI* | 3.8 | 11.6 |
| Density g/cm ³ | 2.7339 | 3.0319 |
| Blaine specific area cm ² /g | 2954 | 3339 |
| *LOI, Loss on ignition at 1000 °C | | |



500 μm

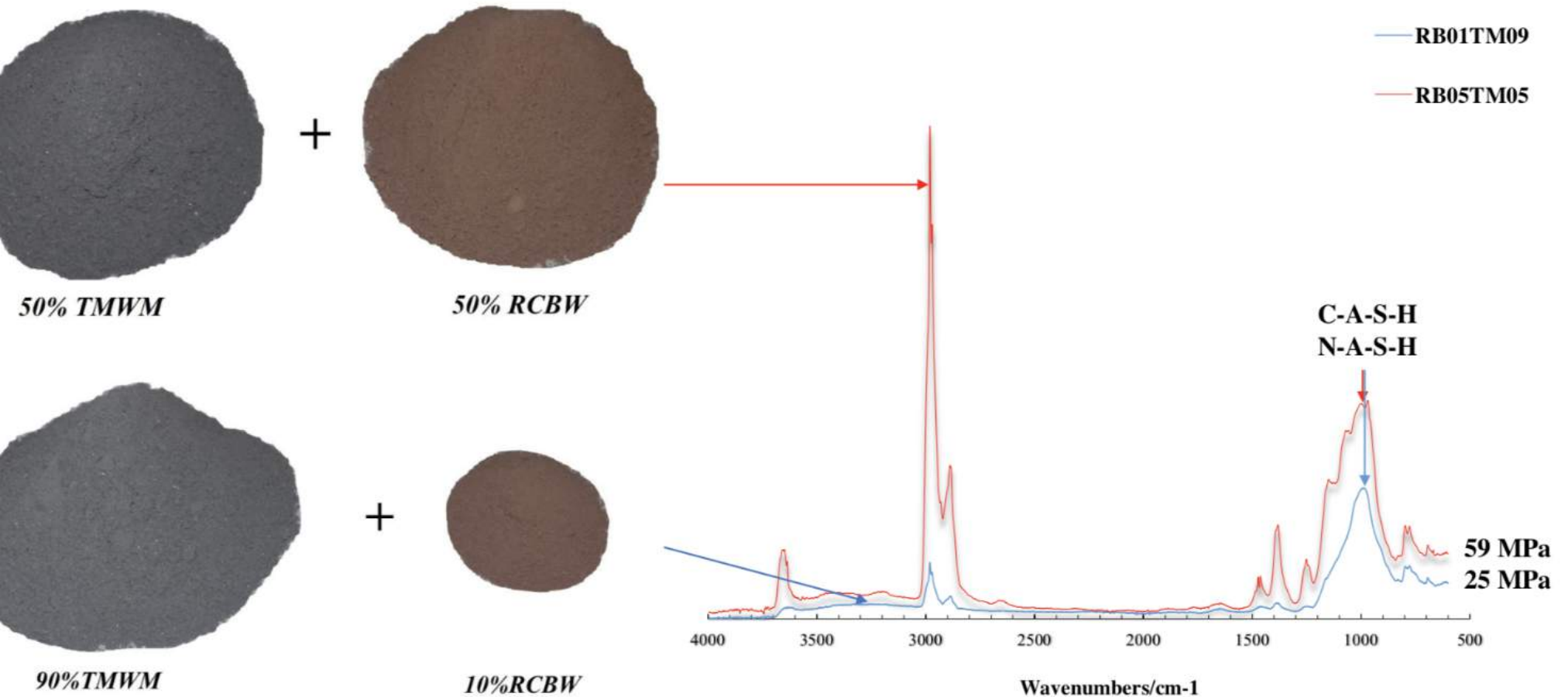
250 μm

Different mud collection, different composition

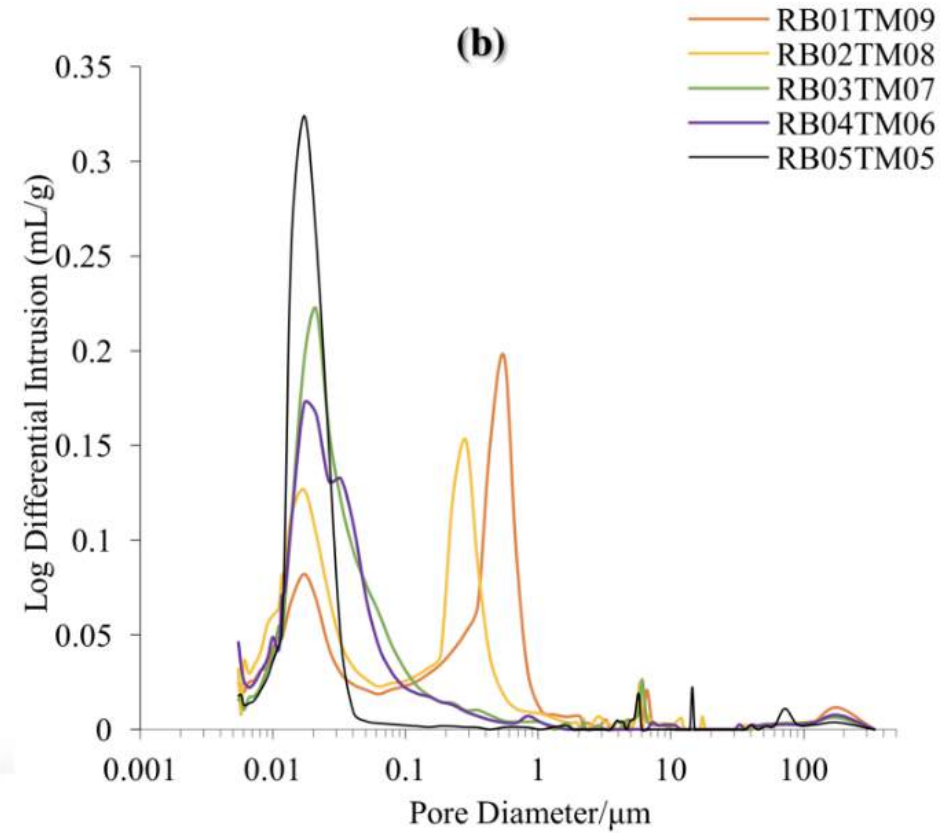
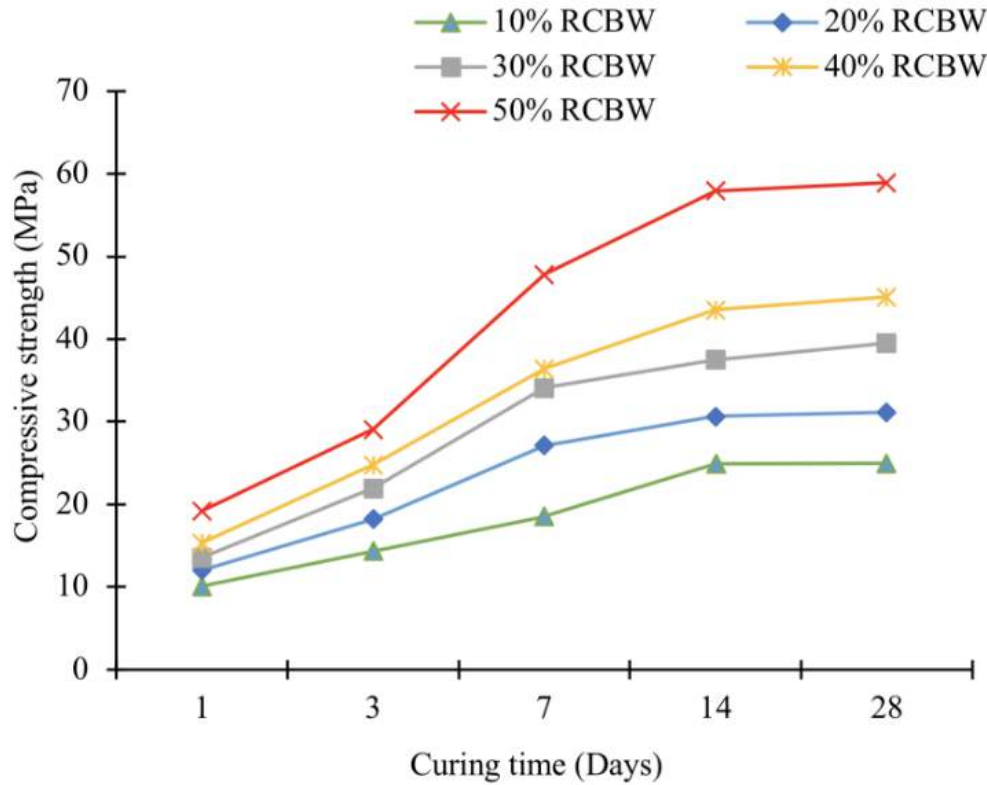
"other" - 9% to 16%

Arsenic (1.5%) Sulfur (4%), Zinc (0.6%), Manganese (0,2%), Wolfram (0.3%)

Alkali activation: mining mud + brick waste (RCBW) FTIR - fourier transform infrared spectroscopy



Alkali activation: mining mud + brick waste (RCBW) Compressive strength + Mercury Intrusion Porosimetry



Compressive strength x RCBW %
28 days

| 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| (~ 20MPa | ... | ... | ... | ~ 60 MPa) |

Critical Pore diameter x BPW %
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| (0.5534 ; 0.28338 ; 0.0171 ; 0.0170 ; 0.0170 μm) | ... | ... | ... | ... |

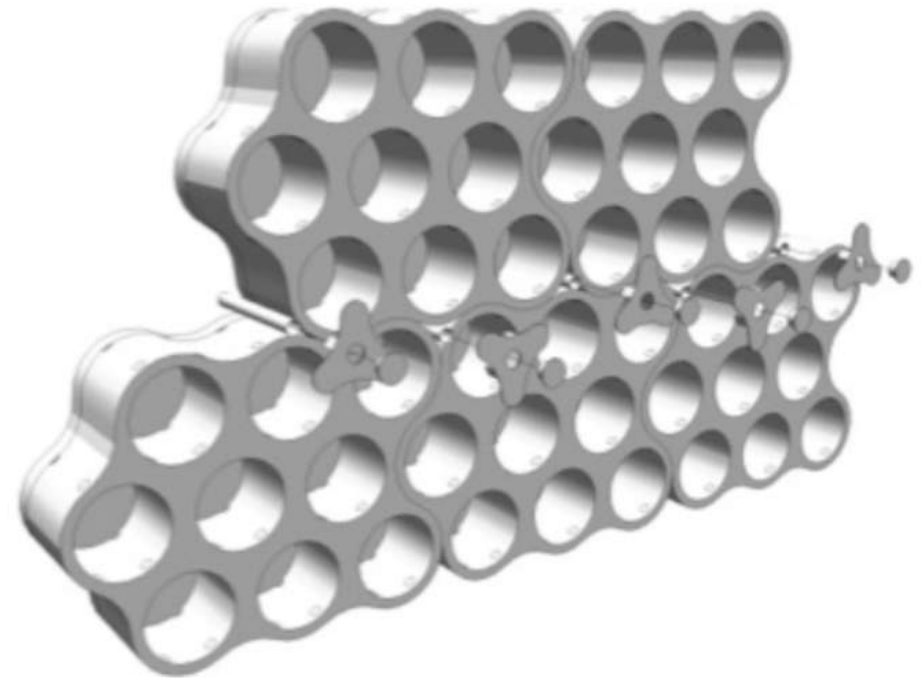
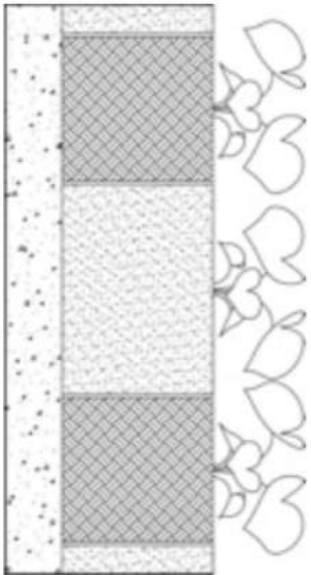
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The GEOGREEN modular system is based on pre-fabricated panels incorporating pre-planted vegetation. In vertical or sloped surfaces, each module can be held by a support structure or fixed directly in the building facade.

GEOGREEN system looks like that

plants are inserted in modules

modules are interlocked



-suitable for new and retrofit/rehabilitation of existing buildings and modernization of urban areas, and easy to modification and maintenance;

so, those are the GEOGREEN modules we did

AAM mortar

blend of mine waste mud and other waste materials.

Density - 1,3g/cm³

Weight 2.4Kg per plate – 26Kg/m² Compressive strength

6 MPa (7 days curing at 60°C)

Capillarity absorption coefficient
0,63 - 1,33 Kg.m⁻². h^{0,5}



Insulation cork board

Natural eco-friendly material

- Density 105 - 125 Kg/m³
- Weight 0,650Kg per plate
- 7Kg/m²
- Thermal insulator 0.5 W/m². K
- Thickness 8 cm / 3,15 inches



and GEOGREEN modules with plants

- the panels can include indigenous/endemic vegetation for a particular climate;



some ideias for GEOGREEN system



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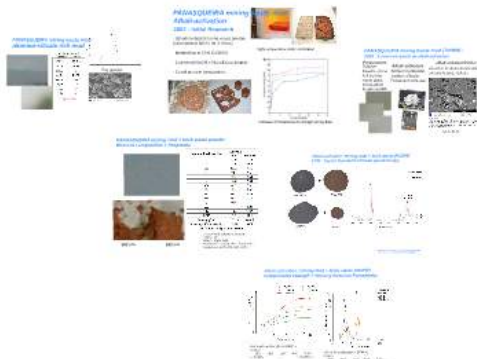
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Use of recycled aggregate

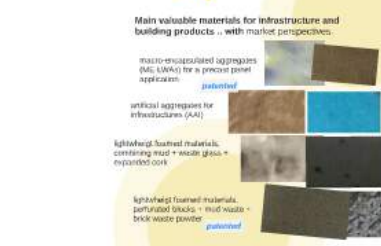


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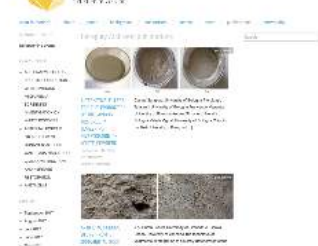
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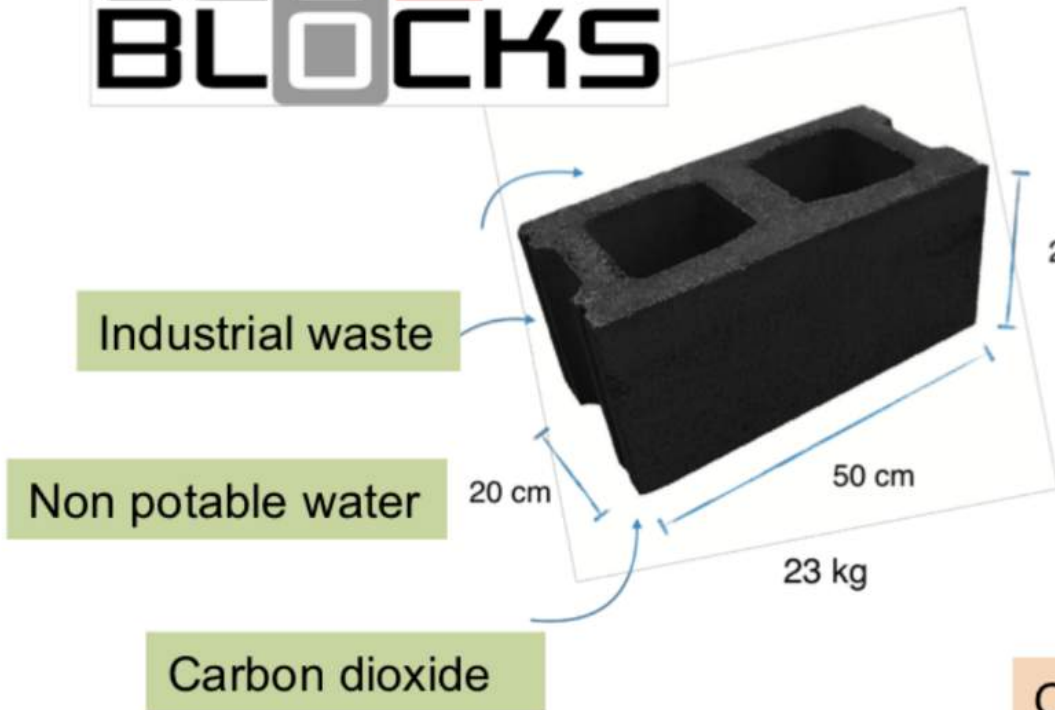
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48 hours fast hardening blocks

CO₂ stored as Calcium Carbonates

Recognized International publications

Patented (provisional)

Ongoing industrial prototyping tests



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Carbon dioxide absorbent construction blocks

Traditional manufacturing machines

10x manufacturing process

50% cheaper

5x higher mechanical resistance

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