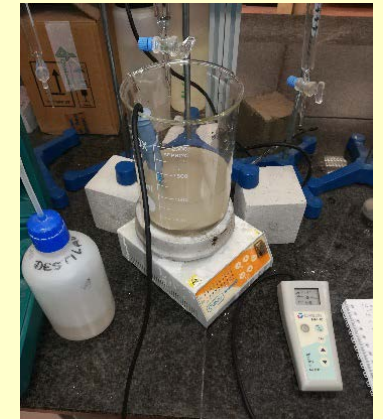


LEACHING BEHAVIOUR BASED ON DIFFUSION TEST PERFORMED AT LONG-TERM ON RECYCLED CONCRETE MADE WITH PRECAST CONCRETE REJECTS



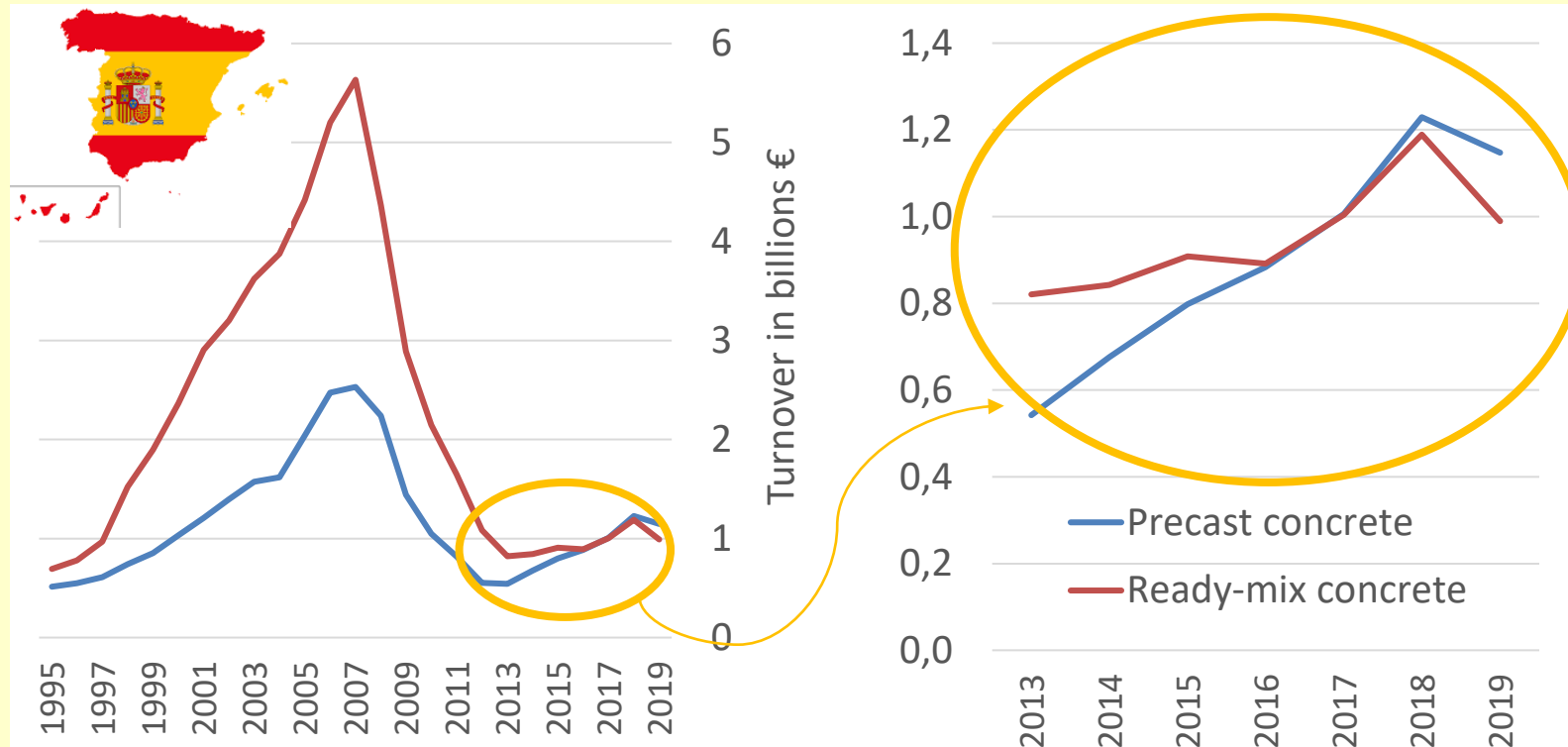
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Concrete → The most consumed material in the world
→ Two types: Ready-mix and precast concrete



Source: <https://www.nationmaster.com/nmx/timeseries/>



Plant facilities/
plant process



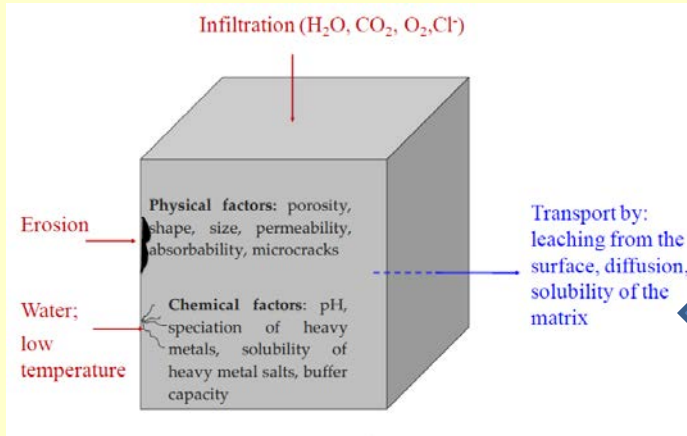
Rejected pieces (CDW)
precast concrete rejects



Concrete recycled
aggregates (RA)

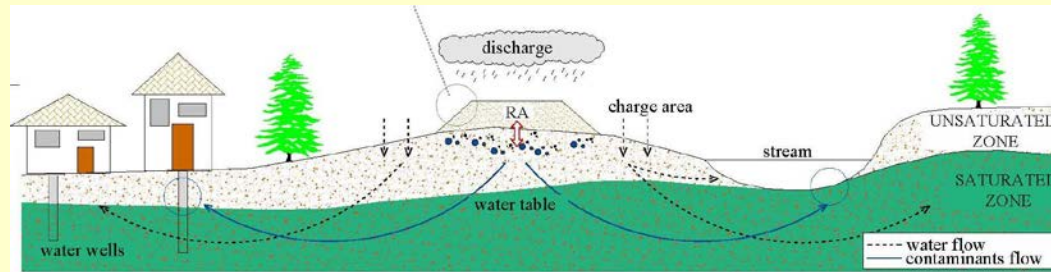


New specimens of recycled
concrete prepared in lab



Diffusion tank leaching tests

Transport by:
leaching from the
surface, diffusion,
solubility of the
matrix



Incorporation of RA in concrete →

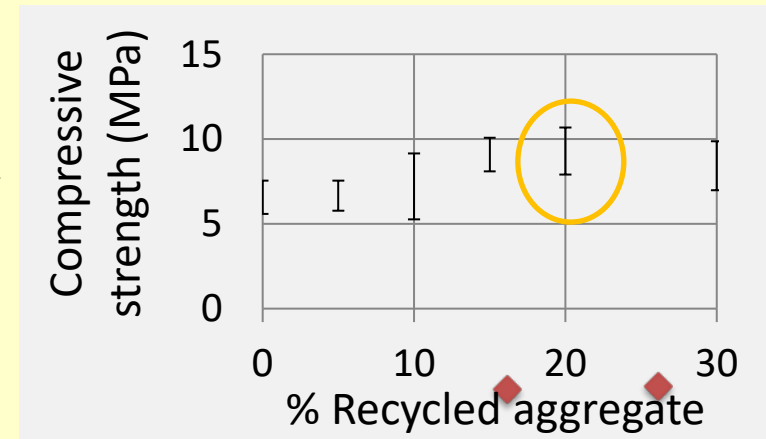
leaching study



Aim:

The present research work is focused on the leaching study of recycled concrete made with precast concrete rejects. In a previous phase of the study (0%, 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 30% of recycled aggregate ratio incorporation), it was determined that 20% presented the highest compressive strength. So, different leaching tests were carried out with the purpose of:

- (i) identify most conflictive contaminants released in leaching tests
- (ii) study of the long-term behaviour → dynamic tank leaching test





Materials



Recycled aggregate from precast plants (0-10 mm)



C-20



Sand (0-4 mm)



Fine gravel (2-6.3 mm)



Coarse gravel (4-10 mm)





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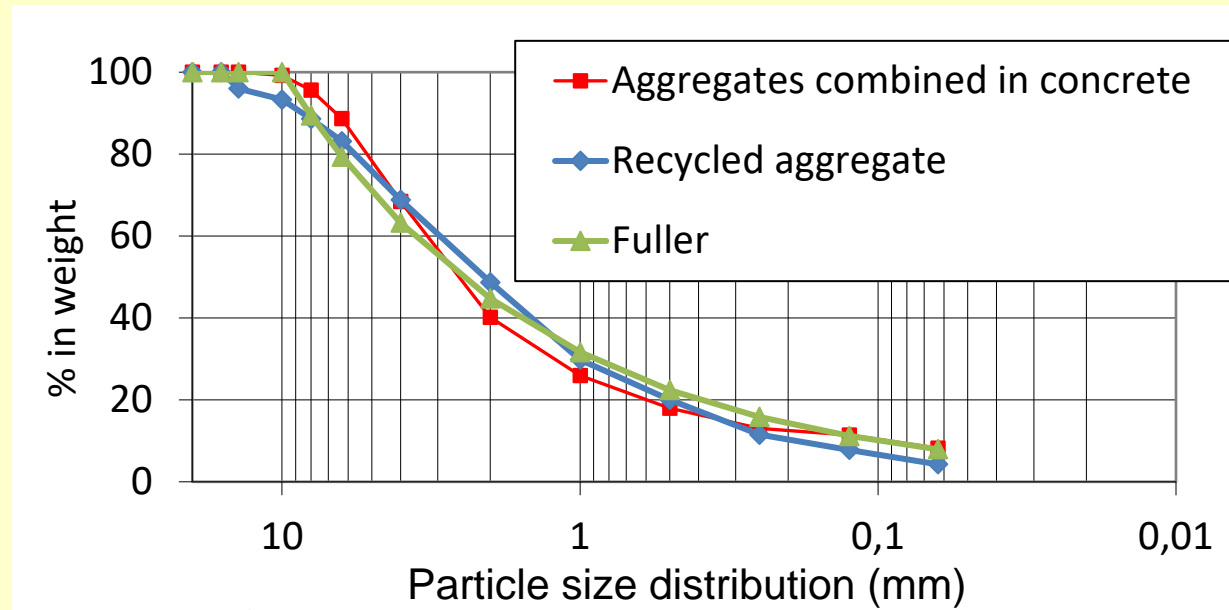
Sand (0-4 mm)



Fine gravel (2-6.3 mm)



Coarse gravel (4-10 mm)



WATER	69.2
SAND	748.8
FINE GRAVEL	481.2
COARSE GRAVEL	240
RECYCLED AGGREGATE	351.2
CEMENT I 52.5 R	165.6

Kg/m³





Experimental methods

1.- Compliance test UNE EN 12457-4: 2003:

➔ *Basic characterisation of release levels of pollutants*



2.- Availability test (NEN 7371) and total content in C-20

➔ *Maximum levels of release and content on materials*



3.- Tank leaching test (NEN 7375) and one-step leaching test (CEN/TS 15862)

➔ *Release levels in monolithic state for C-20 specimens*





Results 1.- Compliance test of the RA



Council Decision 2003/33/CE



Criteria and procedures for the acceptance of waste at landfill



Component	1/S = 2 1/kg	1/S = 10 1/kg	C _s (percolation test)
	mg/kg dry substance	mg/kg dry substance	mg/l
As	0.1	0.5	0.06
Ba	7	20	4
Cd	0.03	0.04	0.02
Cr total	0.2	0.5	0.1

Elements	Data from recycled aggregate	Council Decision 2003/33/CE		
	mg/kg	Inert	Non hazardous	Hazardous
Cr	0.0124	0.5	10	70
Ni	0.0017	0.4	10	40
Cu	0.0065	2	50	100
Zn	0.0393	4	50	200
As	0.0046	0.5	2	25
Se	n.d	0.1	0.5	7
Mo	0.0616	0.5	10	30
Cd	n.d	0.04	1	5
Sb	0.0611	0.06	0.7	5
Ba	0.0793	20	100	300
Hg	n.d	0.01	0.2	2
Pb	n.d	0.5	10	50
C (µS/cm)	377	Units → mg/kg Footnote: n.d. Non detected element		
T ^a (°C)	20,6			
pH	8,72			



Results 2.- One-step leaching test

Elements	C-20	SQD	Inert
Cr	0.1032	7	0.5
Ni	0.0071	2.1	0.4
Cu	0.0200	10	2
Zn	0.0224	14	4
As	0.0004	2	0.5
Se	0.0076	3	0.1
Mo	0.0618	15	0.5
Cd	0.0000	0.06	0.04
Sb	0.0163	0.7	0.06
Ba	0.0599	100	20
Hg	0.0000	0.08	0.01
Pb	0.0007	8.3	0.5
C (μS/cm)	873		Units → mg/kg
T ^a (°C)	20.4		
pH	11,08		

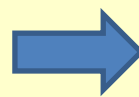


Council Decision 2003/33/CE

Component	LS = 2 kg	LS = 10 kg	C _c
	mg/kg dry substance	mg/kg dry substance	(penetration test)
As	0.1	0.5	0.06
Ba	7	20	4
Cd	0.03	0.04	0.02
Cr total	0.2	0.5	0.1

The Soil quality decree (SQD).
Use of mineral construction products (NL)

Parameter	Minimum (μg/g dry wt)	Max. admissible (mg/kg dwt)	Min. admissible (mg/kg dwt)
arsenic (As)	6.7	6.32	0.7
barium (Ba)	200	6.9	7
beryllium (Be)	1.000	22	100
cadmium (Cd)	3.8	0.04	0.06
chromium (Cr)	100	6.64	7
nickel (Ni)	60	0.74	2.8
lead (Pb)	30	0.79	10
zinc (Zn)	1.8	0.02	0.02
total (Σ)	100	2.1	8.3
total (Σ)	100	7	75



CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING
TO POTENTIAL POLLUTION

Non hazardous

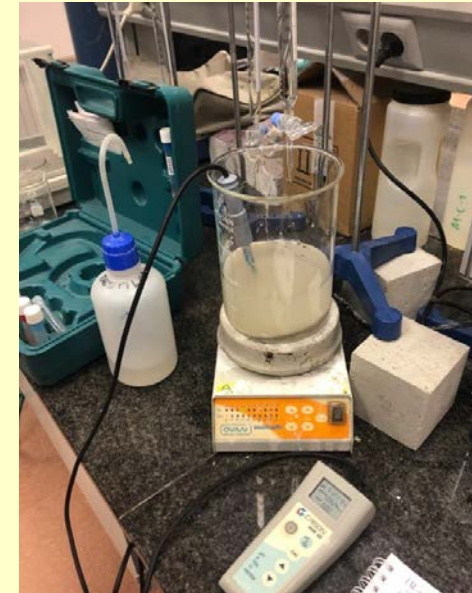
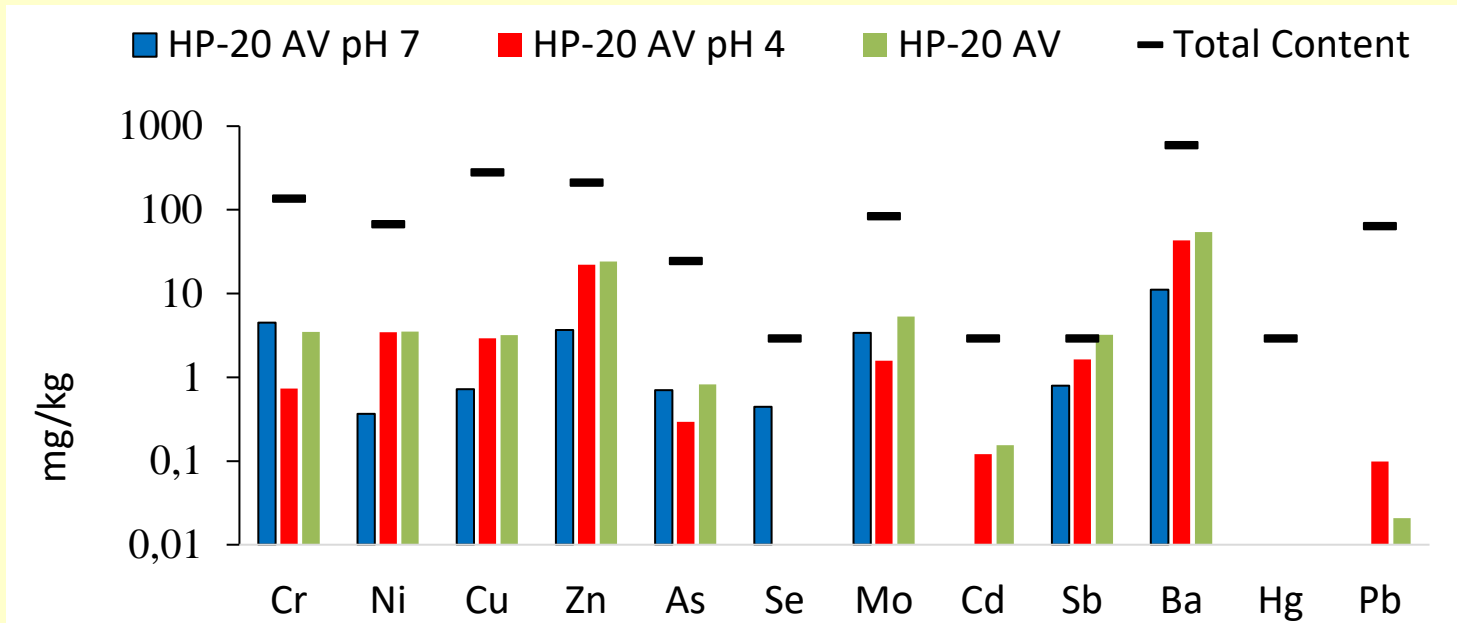


Inert





Results 2.- Availability test and total content



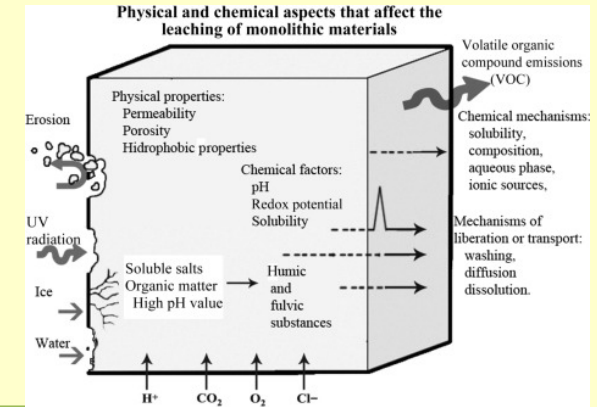


Results 3.- Leaching tank test

$$\varepsilon_{64} = \sqrt{64} \left\{ \prod_{i=a}^b \frac{E_i^*}{\sqrt{t_i} - \sqrt{t_{i-1}}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{1+b-a}}$$



$$D_e = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{64}}{2653 \times \rho \times U_{avail}} \right)^2 \times f$$



Mobility criteria:

Low
 $pD_e > 12.5$

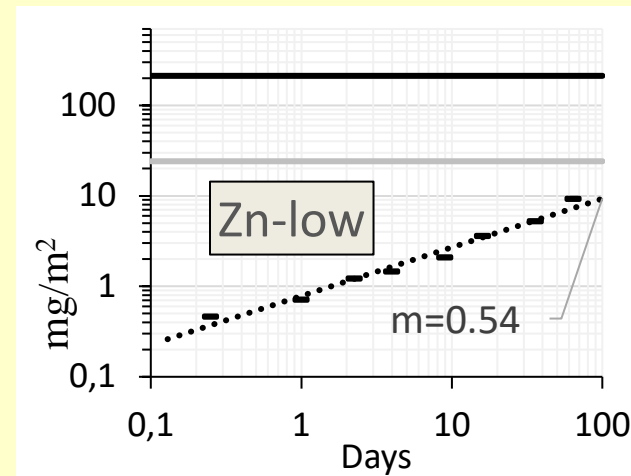
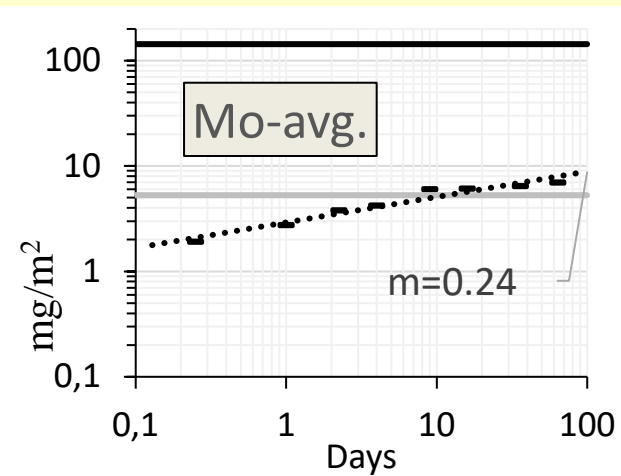
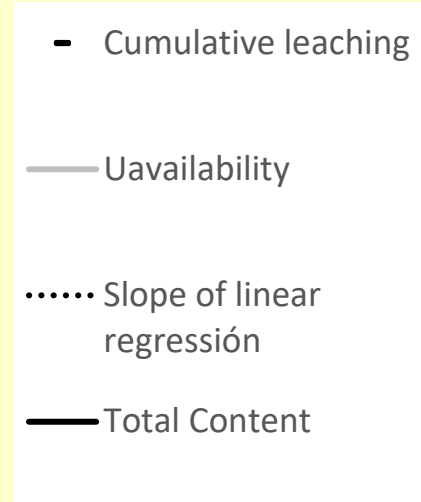
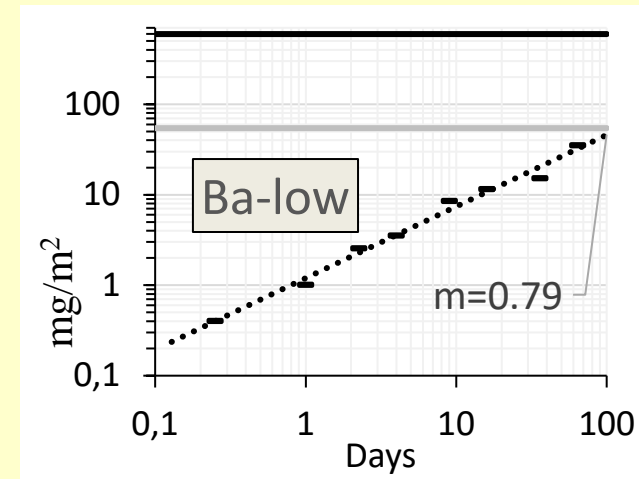
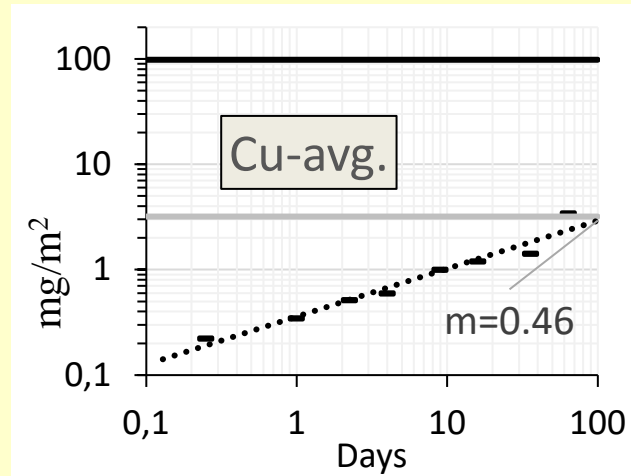
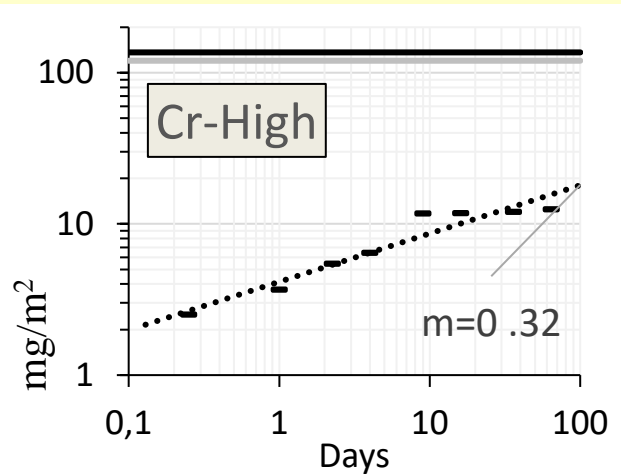
Average
 $11 < pD_e < 12.5$

High
 $pD_e < 11$

Element	Derived cumulative leaching over 64 days	Diffusion coefficient	Mobility
	ε_{64} (mg/m ²)	D_e (m ² /s)	$pD_e = -\log D_e$
Cr	12.64	$8.17 \cdot 10^{-11}$	High
Cu	1.06	$6.87 \cdot 10^{-13}$	Average
Mo	5.96	$7.89 \cdot 10^{-12}$	Average
Ba	8.40	$1.50 \cdot 10^{-13}$	Low
Zn	1.98	$4.20 \cdot 10^{-14}$	Low



Results 3.- Leaching tank test



Mechanism criteria:

Surface dissolution
 $m > 0.65$

diffusion
 $0.35 < m < 0.65$

Initial wash-off
 $m < 0.35$



Conclusions

- Release levels from monolithics samples were lower to the legal limits clasifying the tested materials as inert materials.
- From the study about the mobility Cr showed a high mobility consistent with previous studies on RA from CDW. Cu and Mo → average mobility and Ba and Zn → low mobility
- The identified mechanism were: Initial wash-off for Mo and Cr, diffusion for Cu and Zn and surface dissolution for Ba

The research deeps into the perfomance of leaching behaviour in recycled concrete produced in a similar way to a precast concrete plant observing (according to legal limits) low release levels of heavy metals, which allows to confirm the environmental safe/feasibility of RA from precast rejected pieces for a second life cycle.



Thank you very much for your attention

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