

SYNTHETIC PRECURSOR TO MAKE ALKALI ACTIVATED CEMENTS

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This work is part of a research line in which the general objective is to establish the scientific and technological basis for the development of synthetic aluminosilicate materials (see Fig. 1) capable of reacting, in the presence of alkaline solutions, to developing alkaline cements or geopolymers. Specifically, the effect of the temperature on the precursor synthesis (1000 °C, 1100 °C and 1200°C) and the CaO content (~ 5.%, 10%, 20% and 40%) was studied in this work. These synthetic precursors were used in the manufacture of alkaline cements, for which they were mixed with a 8M NaOH solution (used as activator) and cured for 20h at 85°C. One-day compressive strengths (see Fig.2) were determined and selected pastes were characterized by XRD, FTIR and BSEM/EDX.



Fig.1 Synthetic aluminosilicates

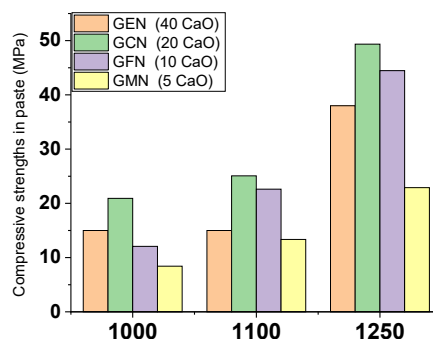


Fig.2 Mechanical strengths (MPa)

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