



INFLUENCE OF WATER WASHING ON THE QUALITY OF RECYCLED AGGREGATES

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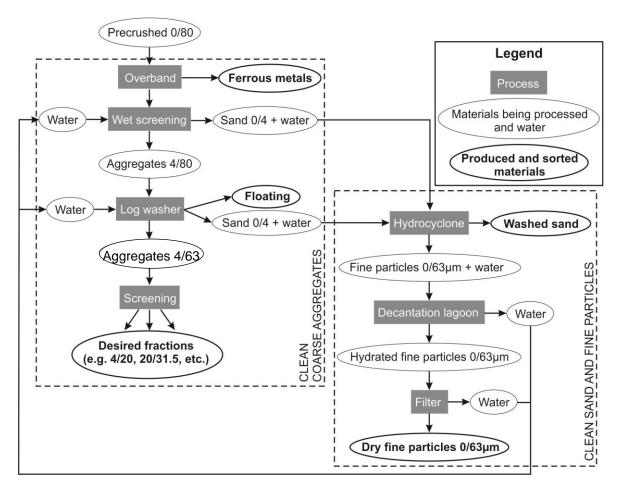
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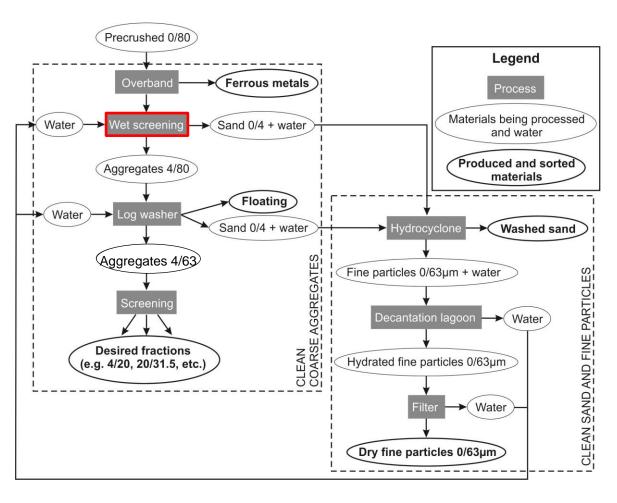
RECYCLED AGGREGATES CHARACTERIZATION CONCRETE WITH HIGH QUALITY RCA

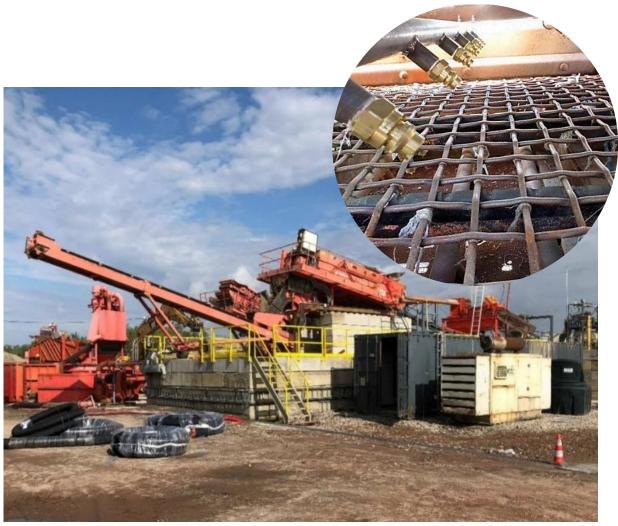
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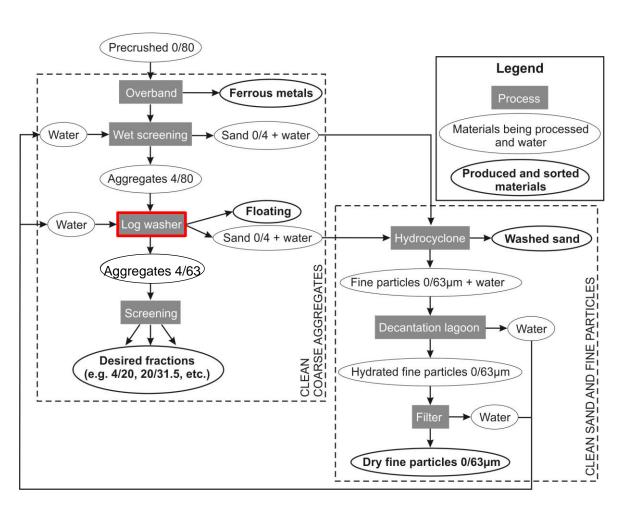




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Final product granular fractions:

- 4/20 mm
- 20/31,5 mm
- 31,5/63 mm



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RECYCLED AGGREGATES CHARACTERIZATION

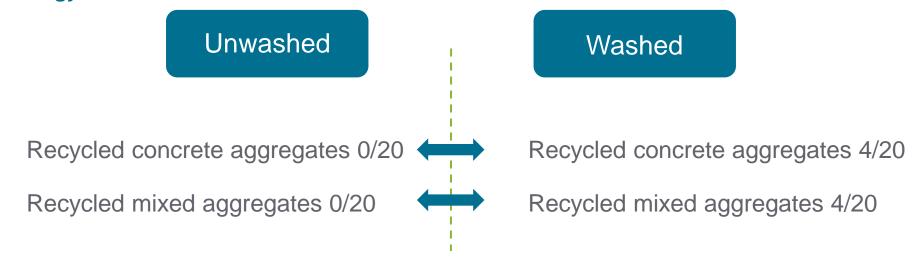
CONCRETE WITH HIGH QUALITY RCA

INFLUENCE OF WASHING ON THE PROPERTIES OF RECYCLED CONCRETE AGGREGATES

Anticipated outputs:

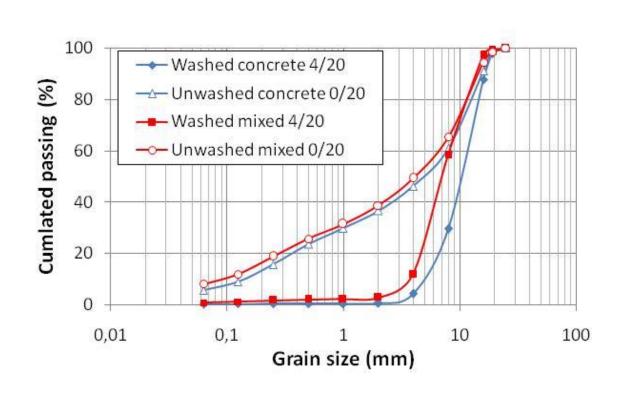
- Narrower grain size distribution curve
- Reduced fines content
- Reduced unwanted elements content (plaster, clay, plastic, wood, etc.)
- Better abrasion resistance
- Lower water absorption by immersion

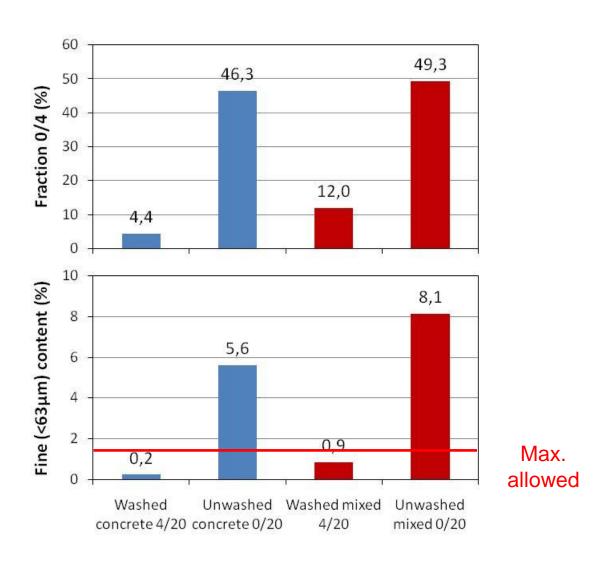
Methodology:



EFFECT OF THE WET SCREENING

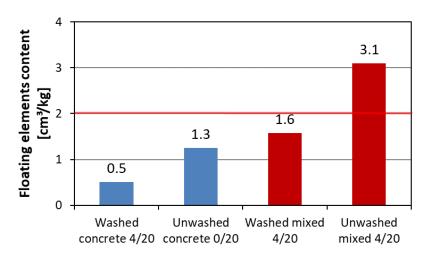
Washing significantly reduces the importance of the sand fraction and the fines content

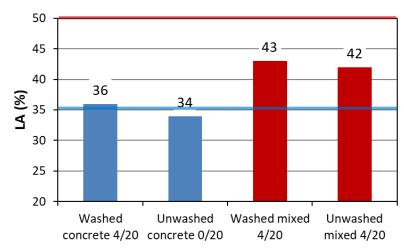


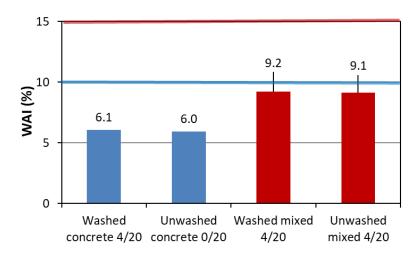


EFFECT OF THE LOG WASHER

50% reduction in unwanted elements content (plaster, clay, plastic, wood, etc.)
No influence on either the resistance to abrasion of the water absorption by immersion







EFFECT OF WATER WASHING

Anticipated output:

- ► Narrower grain size range

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- ► Reduced fines content ✓
- ► Reduced unwanted elements content (plaster, clay, plastic, wood, etc.)
- ▶ Better abrasion resistance 🔀

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RECYCLED AGGREGATES CHARACTERIZATION

CONCRETE WITH HIGH QUALITY RECYCLED AGGREGATES

CONCRETE MIXES

For each type of recycled aggregates, three substitution rate have been considered to assess the influence of the recycled aggregates on concrete properties

Concrete mixes		Test series n°3 - CEM I 52 R LA								
		REF - 0 %	Concrete	recycled agg	regates	Mixed recycled aggregates				
		N100	B100	B75	B40	M100	M75	M40		
Total Water	[kg]	180	180	180	180	180	180	180		
Absorption water	[kg]	9	50	40	25	53	41	26		
Cement	[kg]	400	400	400	400	400	400	400		
Effective W/C	[-]	0,45	0,45	0,45	0,45	0,45	0,45	0,45		
W/C	[-]	0,47	0,57	0,55	0,51	0,58	0,55	0,51		
Sand 0/2	[kg]	615	615	615	615	615	615	615		
NA 2/6	[kg]	273	-	273	273	-	273	273		
NA 6/14	[kg]	909	-	-	454	-	-	454		
RA 2/6	[kg]	-	237	-	-	216	-	-		
RA 6/14	[kg]	-	791	791	395	723	723	362		
Substitution rate	[%]	0	100	77	38	100	77	38		
SP	[%]	0,5%	0,5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%		

Target properties

 R_c : 50-55 MPa W/C <= 0,45 Cement >= 340 kg/m³ WAI <= 6,5%

CONCRETE PROPERTIES

The Concrete samples tested verify most of the criterion for an environmental class EE 4 (rain, freeze-thaw cycle with de-icing salts)

Properties	REF - 0 %	Recycled concrete aggregates			Recycled mixed aggregates								
•	N100	B100	B75	B40	M100	M75	M40						
Fresh concrete properties													
W/C measured	[-]	0,41	0,44	0,41	0,44	0,42	0,41	0,44					
Slump	[-]	S4(21c m)	S3(10c m)	S4(18c m)	S4(21c m)	S3(10c m)	S4(18c m)	S4(17c m)					
Fresh state Density	[kg/m³]	2344	2254	2319	2229	2299	2261	2326					
Hardened concrete properties & durability													
Rc 28 days	[MPA]	76.4	42,5	74,3	72,4	59,0	69,6	75,8					
WAI	[%]	5,2	9,1	5,6	5,9	7,1	6,0	5,5					
Density	[kg/m³]	2380	2051	2195	2282	2071	2195	2234					
Freeze-thaw cycles (mass loss)	[kg/m²]	0,67	5,28	1,73	1,77	2,61	2,54	1,87					

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THANK YOU



Secondary Raw
Materials for
Concrete
precast products

Résultats des essais de cycles gel-dégel à 28 jours

La surface des échantillons produit à base de granulats recyclés est fortement endommagée

