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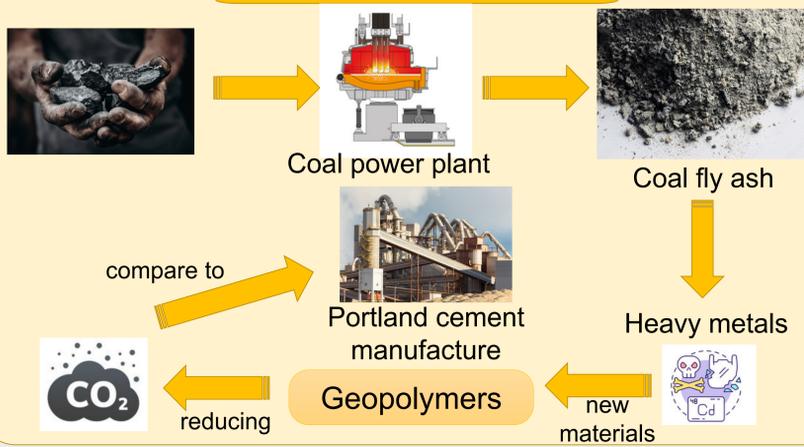
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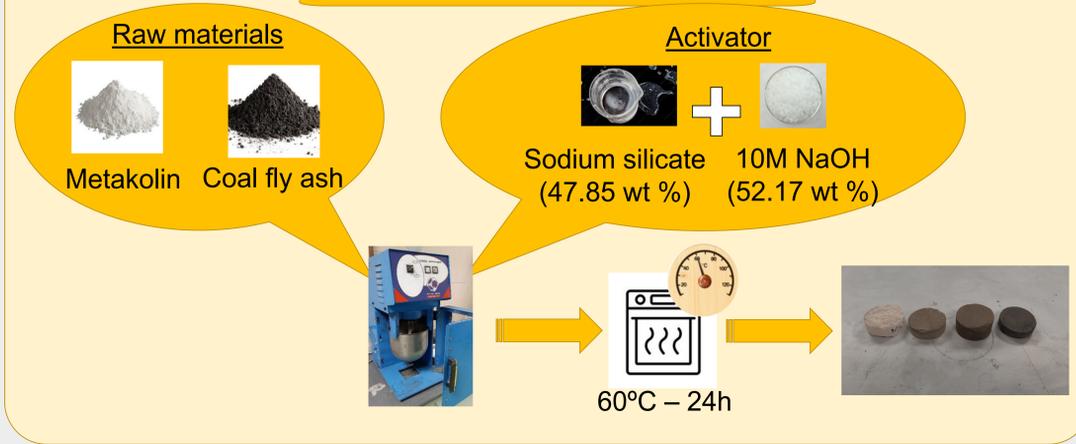
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## Introduction



## Materials & Methods



## Results & Discussion

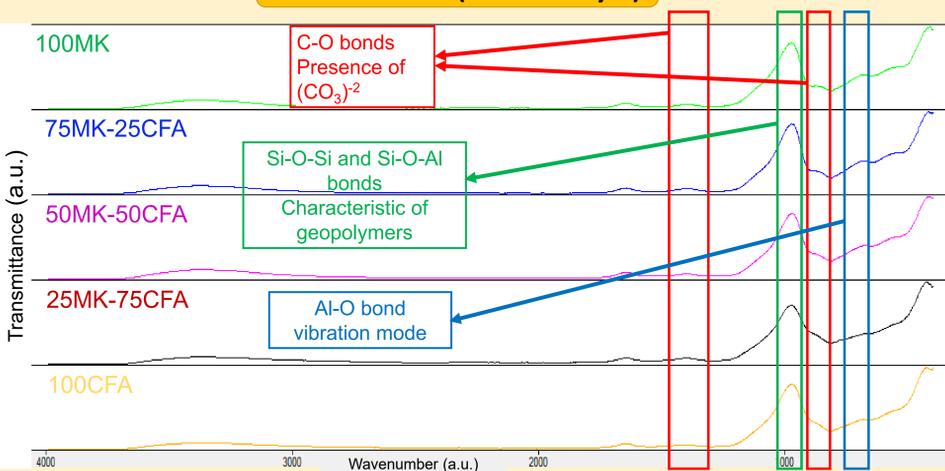
### XRF

	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO	MgO	MnO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>	LOI
MK	54.00	43.00	0.48	0.10	0.10	<0.01	0.01	0.50	0.24	0.05	-	0.44
CFA	53.34	21.02	7.20	3.77	1.57	0.05	-	1.87	0.90	0.40	0.82	4.74

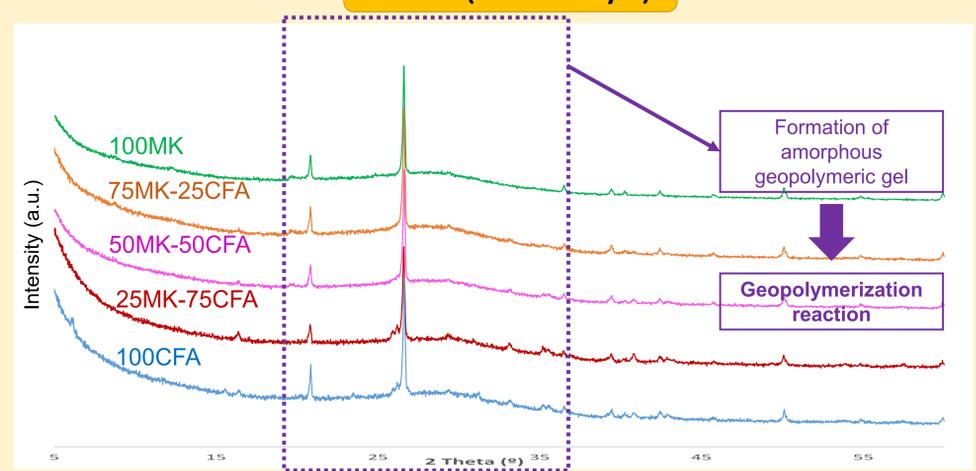
### Composition of geopolymers synthesized

Sample	Si/Al molar ratio	Na/Si molar ratio	MK (g)	CFA (g)	Na <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub> (g)	H <sub>2</sub> O (g)	NaOH (g)	M (mol/l)
100MK	1.45	0.51	450.0	0	300	195	80	10
75MK-25CFA	1.66	0.51	337.5	112.5	300	195	80	10
50MK-50CFA	1.94	0.52	225.0	225.0	300	195	80	10
25MK-75CFA	2.34	0.53	112.5	337.5	300	195	80	10
100CFA	2.94	0.53	0	450.0	300	195	80	10

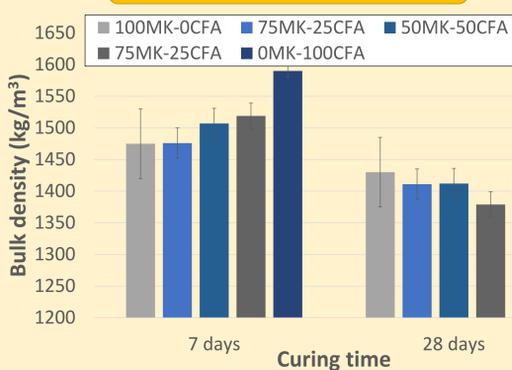
### FTIR-ATR (at 7 days)



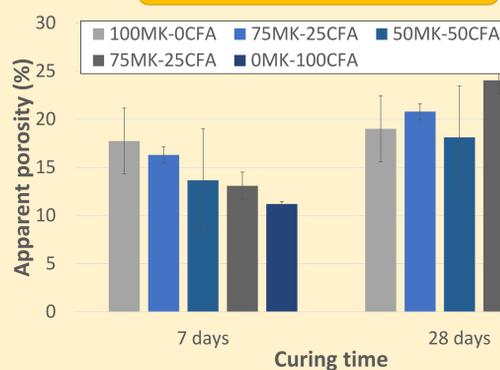
### XRD (at 7 days)



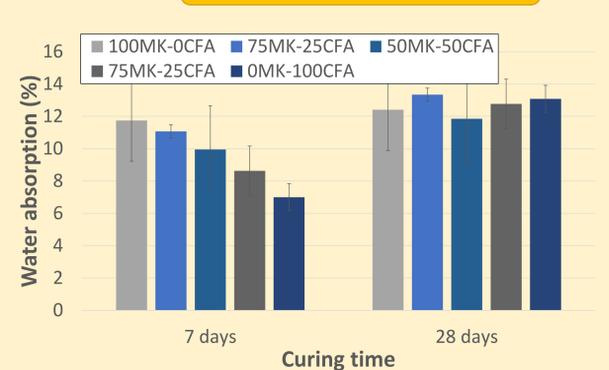
### Bulk density



### Apparent porosity



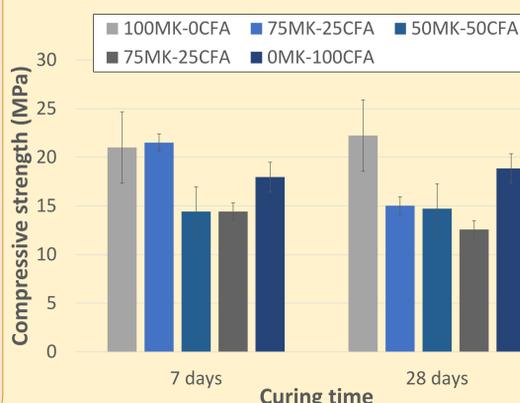
### Water absorption



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## Compressive strength



## Conclusions

- C-S-H geopolymeric gel is formed for all MK-CFA proportions. But more CFA content, less gel formed.
- Geopolymer process has concluded after 7 days.
- Incorporation of CFA produces a slight decrease of mechanical properties. Except when is used alone.
- Better physical properties are measured when 50MK-50CFA is synthesized.
- The results indicate that the replacement of the CFA residue by MK can be an alternative to conventional Portland cement.