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# Effect of co-existing ions on lead leaching behaviour from hardened cement paste



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# Background



Recently, due to environmental problems, a recycling-oriented society is required. In the concrete field, concrete made from industrial wastes is expected.



However, some industrial wastes contain harmful heavy metals. Therefore utilizing the industrial wastes may be dangerous, due to the leaching of heavy metals which are harmful for human bodies and environment.

# Previous study

Previous study 1

In Cement paste, Portlandite, Ettringite and CSH have an ability to adsorb and fix heavy metals.

**BUT** 

Previous study 2

In CaCl<sub>2</sub> solutions, the leaching amount is larger than the amount in deionized water.

The leaching amount in CaCl<sub>2</sub> solutions is 35-40 times as much as the amount in deionized water.



It is necessary to investigate the leaching behaviour of lead in different circumstances.



1. leaching behaviours

The leaching behaviours of lead from cement pastes immersed in three kinds of chloride solutions as well as those in deionized water were examined.

#### 2. what affects the leaching behavior

Focusing on the difference of Ca(OH)2 content, the relationship between leaching amount and Ca(OH)2 content was investigated.



#### Experimental program



Specimens (Cement paste) W/C : 0.40, 0.55 Water : Pure water Lead : 1 mass% of cement.

mixture	W/C	Unit content [kg/m³]		Addition[kg/m³]
		Water	Cement	lead
Pb40	0.40	558	1394	13.94
Pb55	0.55	634	1153	11.53

Tank Leaching Test On 0.25,1,2.25,4,9,16,25,36,64 days from the beginning, all solutions were changed. The concentrations of lead leaching was determined by an atomic absorption spectrophotometer.

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atomic absorption spectrophotometer

solution	concentration
NaCl	5,10,20%
KCI	5,10,20%
CaCl2	5,10,20%
deionized	
water	

Solution's types of tank leaching test

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0-0.1mm from surface



TG-DTA

After 64days of immersion, TG-DTA test was carried out to measure Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> content. The relation between the amount of lead leaching and Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> content.





#### Focusing on 10% solutions (W/C=0.40),



= (the amount of lead leaching[mg])/(the mass of specimens[kg])

- The largest amount of lead was leached in CaCl<sub>2</sub> solutions, followed by KCl solutions, NaCl solutions and deionized water.
- The lead leaching amount in 10%-CaCl2 solution was approximately 35 times as much as that in deionized water.





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Be Further investigation will be needed to clarify the reason. around 4 to 9 days of immersion.



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#### Leaching rate



- > The leaching rate in 20% CaCl2 solution was highest in all solutions.
- The rate of W/C=0.55 in CaCl2 solution (highest in all specimens) was only 8%.
  Thus, it was shown most parts of specimens were **not** affected by chloride solutions and deionized water.





> The Ca(OH)2 content decreased since immersion.

 $\rightarrow$ Thus, all specimens could reduce an ability to fix heavy metal ions. (Previous study shows Ca(OH)<sup>2</sup> has an ability to fix heavy metal ion.)

The difference of the Ca(OH)2 content between the specimens with W/C=0.40 and W/C=0.55 is very small.



# Lead leaching

#### Leaching rate



- The leaching rate for the specimens with W/C=0.40 is lower than that with W/C=0.55 in each case.
- The difference of the lead leaching amount in W/C is related to factors other than the difference of the Ca(OH)2 content.
- The difference of **pore structure** may affect this phenomenon.





There is no relationship between the cumulative leaching amounts of lead and the Ca(OH)2 content in the specimens after immersion.

#### Conclusion

- From the results of the tank leaching test, the largest leaching amount of lead was observed in CaCl2 solution, followed by KCl solution, NaCl solution and deionized water.
- In the case of CaCl2 solution, the lead leaching amount increased as the concentration of the solution increased. However, in the case of KCl solution and NaCl solution, the lead leaching amount was almost the same regardless of the concentration.
- Based on the results of the Ca(OH)2 content after immersion in the vicinity of the specimen surface exposed to the solution, the difference of the lead leaching amount in the type of solution is not directly related to the Ca(OH)2 content in the specimen after immersion.



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# Thank you for your kind attention.

# Appendix



## Lead leaching

#### Focusing on W/C=0.55,



(the amount of lead leaching[mg/kg])
= (the amount of lead leaching[mg])/(the mass of specimens[kg])

The same tendency can be observed in the specimens with W/C=0.40.



# Lead leaching

#### Focusing on CaCl2 solutions,





Previous study show

Concrete is deteriorate in high concentration CaCl2 solution.

One of the causes of this phenomenon is generation of  $3CaO \cdot CaCl2 \cdot 15H2O$ .  $3Ca(OH)2 + CaCl2 + 12H2O \rightarrow 3CaO \cdot CaCl2 \cdot 15H2O$ 

In this study,

the cause which leaching amount was highest in CaCl<sub>2</sub> solutions can be deterioration to generate  $3CaO \cdot CaCl_2 \cdot 15H_2O$  in the specimens.

Deterioration of hardened cement pastes immersed in calcium chloride chloride solution, Hiroaki MORI, Ryuichiro KUGA, Shoichi OGAWA and Yoshimori KUBO, Cement Science and Concrete Technology, Vol.66, 2012





Focusing on W/C=0.40,

Qualitative analysis

Damaraite was confirmed in the specimens immersing chloride solutions.

Quantitative analysis

- Decreasing Portlandite and Ettringite was confirmed.
- Increasing CSH was also confirmed. However, it was not clear the relation between their changing amount and immersed solution.





These figures show there were a relation between leaching amount and pH. However, it wasn't clear that pH affected the leaching amount dominantly.





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