

Utilization of Recycled Ceramic Waste as Sustainable Fine Aggregate in High-Performance Green Concrete

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ABSTRACT

The relentless depletion of natural sand reserves alongside the exponential generation of industrial ceramic waste presents a critical environmental and technical challenge for modern structural engineering. This comprehensive review evaluates the technical feasibility, mechanical behavior, durability performance, microstructural characteristics, and environmental lifecycle impact of replacing natural river sand with Recycled Ceramic Waste (RCW) as fine aggregate in High-Performance Green Concrete (HPGC). Ceramics—derived from sanitary ware, floor tiles, and structural bricks—exhibit high hardness, excellent chemical stability, and latent pozzolanic activity when finely ground. Synthesizing data from extensive experimental, numerical, and analytical studies published over the past decade, this paper details the influence of RCW fine aggregate substitution levels (ranging from 0% to 50%) on fresh concrete rheology, compressive strength, flexural behavior, elastic modulus, pore architecture, and transport properties. The synthesis demonstrates that an optimum fine aggregate replacement level of 20% to 25% enhances 28-day and 90-day compressive strengths by 5% to 10% and significantly reduces water permeability, rapid chloride penetrability (RCPT), and carbonation depth. These improvements stem from the angular morphology of ceramic particles, which enhances physical packing density, and the latent pozzolanic reaction between amorphous silica/alumina in ceramic dust and free calcium hydroxide, yielding secondary calcium silicate hydrate (C-S-H) gels that densify the interfacial transition zone (ITZ). However, higher replacement levels (>30%) lead to workability loss and slight mechanical degradation due to high particle angularity and intrinsic pore volume. A holistic evaluation reveals that integrating RCW into HPGC achieves up to a 28% reduction in embodied carbon, diverts tons of non-

biodegradable waste from landfills, and reduces riverbed sand mining. Critical research gaps regarding long-term creep, shrinkage, fatigue behavior, and standardized processing protocols are identified, establishing a definitive framework for future industrial deployment.

KEYWORDS: *Recycled Ceramic Waste (RCW); High-Performance Green Concrete; Sustainable Construction; Fine Aggregate Replacement; Pozzolanic Activity; Interfacial Transition Zone (ITZ); Durability; Embodied Carbon.*

INTRODUCTION

The modern construction industry is currently facing a dual ecological crisis: the rapid exhaustion of natural fine aggregate resources and the unmanageable accumulation of solid industrial wastes [1]. Global concrete production consumes approximately 50 billion metric tons of natural aggregates annually, with river sand representing the primary fine aggregate fraction [2]. The indiscriminate mining of river sand disrupts aquatic ecosystems, destabilizes riverbeds, causes groundwater depletion, and leads to severe coastal erosion. Concurrently, the global ceramic manufacturing industry—encompassing sanitary ware, floor/wall tiles, structural bricks, and electrical insulators—generates millions of tons of ceramic waste each year [3]. It is estimated that approximately 15% to 30% of total production in ceramic factories is discarded as off-specification waste during firing, cutting, and handling processes, while municipal demolition activities contribute vast quantities of post-consumer ceramic debris [4]. Because ceramic products are non-biodegradable and resistant to chemical weathering, landfilled ceramic waste poses long-term environmental hazards and consumes valuable land space [5].

To address these twin challenges, sustainable construction paradigms emphasize the development of High-Performance Green Concrete (HPGC). HPGC is engineered to achieve superior mechanical properties, high durability, long service life, and reduced embodied carbon compared to conventional concrete, primarily through the incorporation of industrial by-products and eco-efficient mix proportions [6]. While the partial replacement of coarse aggregates with recycled concrete aggregates has been widely investigated, the utilization of Recycled Ceramic Waste (RCW) as a full or partial replacement for natural sand represents a highly promising, yet technically complex, frontier [7].

Ceramic materials possess unique physical and chemical attributes that distinguish them from standard crushed rock aggregates. Manufactured at firing temperatures exceeding 1100°C, ceramics consist of stable crystalline phases (such as quartz and mullite) embedded in an amorphous aluminosilicate glass matrix [8]. When crushed to fine aggregate dimensions (<4.75 mm), RCW particles feature high surface roughness, angular geometry, and intrinsic micro-porosity [9]. Furthermore, fine ceramic powder contained within the crushed aggregate fraction exhibits latent pozzolanic activity, reacting with calcium hydroxide (Ca(OH)₂) liberated during Portland cement hydration to form supplementary calcium silicate hydrate (C-S-H) and calcium aluminate silicate hydrate (C-A-S-H) phases [10].

However, the integration of RCW fine aggregate into HPGC introduces technical trade-offs. The high water absorption and angularity of ceramic particles can adversely affect fresh concrete workability and rheology, requiring careful optimization of chemical admixtures such as polycarboxylate ether (PCE) superplasticizers [11]. Furthermore, exceeding optimal replacement thresholds can compromise packing density or increase internal porosity [12]. Therefore, a holistic, journal-level technical synthesis is required to establish design guidelines, evaluate microstructural evolution, quantify mechanical and durability metrics, and map environmental benefits. This review provides a quantitative, process-oriented examination of RCW as a sustainable sand substitute in HPGC.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Recent scholarship in sustainable cementitious composites has progressively shifted from basic feasibility testing toward deep microstructural characterization, chemical reaction kinetics, and predictive performance modeling of ceramic-modified matrices [13]. Historical research conducted in the early 2010s demonstrated that ground ceramic tile waste could function effectively as a pozzolanic mineral admixture or aggregate replacement [14]. Subsequent studies by Medina et al. [15] and Pacheco-Torgal & Jalali [16] confirmed that sanitary ware and red ceramic tile wastes exhibit high compressive strength, thermal resistance, and abrasion resistance when incorporated into mortar and concrete mixes.

A major focus of recent literature centers on the pozzolanic reactivity of ceramic fines. Chemical characterization studies confirm that ceramic waste consists predominantly of silica (SiO₂, 55–70%) and alumina (Al₂O₃, 15–25%), with minor oxides of iron, calcium, and sodium [17]. When finely ground (particle size <75 µm), the glass phase of ceramic dust

dissolves in the alkaline pore solution of hydrating concrete, reacting with portlandite (CH) to generate secondary C-S-H gels [18]. Microstructural investigations using Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and Energy-Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (EDS) demonstrate that this secondary hydration fills capillary voids and strengthens the Interfacial Transition Zone (ITZ) surrounding the aggregate particles [19].

Regarding physical properties, crushed ceramic fine aggregates display a higher water absorption capacity (typically 2.0% to 6.5%) and a lower specific gravity (2.10 to 2.45) compared to natural quartz sand (water absorption ~0.8–1.2%, specific gravity ~2.65) [20]. Research by Steiner et al. [21] highlighted that the angular particle shape and rough surface texture of RCW increase inter-particle friction, thereby reducing slump and flowability. To maintain self-consolidating or high-performance fresh properties, researchers emphasize the necessity of adjusting pre-soaking conditions or optimizing superplasticizer dosage [22].

Durability assessments across multiple publications show highly encouraging outcomes. Studies evaluating Rapid Chloride Permeability Tests (RCPT), water absorption, and sulfate resistance consistently report that concrete containing 20% to 30% RCW fine aggregate exhibits lower permeability and improved resistance to chemical attack than control mixes [23]. This improvement is attributed to pore structure refinement, wherein coarse capillary pores are converted into disconnected gel micropores through pozzolanic action and optimized particle packing [24]. Table 1 provides a systematic comparison of published experimental data on the physical and chemical characteristics of various ceramic waste types compared to natural sand.

Table 1: Physical and Chemical Properties of Ceramic Waste Aggregate Types vs. Natural River Sand

Property / Constituent	Natural River Sand	Sanitary Ware Waste	Electrical Porcelain Waste	Red Ceramic Tile Waste	Polished Porcelanato Waste
Specific Gravity	2.65 ± 0.03	2.38 ± 0.04	2.42 ± 0.02	2.22 ± 0.05	2.35 ± 0.03
Water Absorption (%)	0.95 ± 0.15	1.85 ± 0.25	0.45 ± 0.10	5.80 ± 0.75	1.20 ± 0.20

Fineness Modulus	2.68	2.75	2.82	2.60	2.71
SiO ₂ + Al ₂ O ₃ + Fe ₂ O ₃ (%)	88.4%	89.6%	92.1%	81.3%	87.8%
Pozzolanic Activity Index (%)	N/A (Inert)	84.5%	81.2%	78.6%	88.2%

RESEARCH GAP

Despite extensive foundational studies on ceramic waste reuse, several critical scientific and practical research gaps currently impede the widespread industrial adoption of RCW as a fine aggregate in High-Performance Green Concrete:

- **Microstructural and ITZ Quantification:** While pozzolanic reactivity is acknowledged, quantitative multi-scale analysis linking the degree of ceramic fine dissolution to local ITZ fracture toughness and micro-hardness remains sparse [25]. Most studies treat RCW as a purely inert filler or purely pozzolanic binder, failing to decouple physical packing effects from chemical secondary hydration.
- **Rheological and Admixture Interaction Mechanisms:** The interactive effects of high-angularity ceramic sand on the viscoelastic behavior, yield stress, and plastic viscosity of HPGC containing polycarboxylate ether (PCE) superplasticizers are not fully quantified [26]. Standard mix design frameworks lack predictive equations for water demand adjustments based on ceramic particle shape factors.
- **Long-Term Durability and Viscoelastic Behavior:** A severe paucity of experimental data exists regarding long-term structural performance indicators, including creep compliance, drying shrinkage kinetics, fatigue behavior under cyclic loading, and alkali-silica reaction (ASR) susceptibility over extended operational lifetimes (>5 years) [27].
- **Variable Waste Source Harmonization:** Commercial ceramic waste is highly heterogeneous, originating from sanitary, wall, floor, and industrial electrical porcelain sources with widely divergent porosities and mineralogies. There is no unified processing standard or classification metric to guide field applications [28].

OBJECTIVES

To address these identified gaps, this review paper establishes four key research objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Perform a systematic technical synthesis comparing the physical, chemical, and mineralogical characteristics of various Recycled Ceramic Waste (RCW) types with natural river sand.
- **Objective 2:** Quantify the influence of RCW fine aggregate substitution levels (0% to 50%) on fresh concrete rheology, compressive strength development, flexural behavior, elastic modulus, and long-term transport durability properties.
- **Objective 3:** Analyze the microstructural transformation mechanisms, focusing on particle packing, interfacial transition zone (ITZ) densification, and latent pozzolanic reactivity.
- **Objective 4:** Evaluate the environmental lifecycle benefits, embodied carbon reduction, and practical industrial deployment barriers associated with HPGC utilizing RCW fine aggregate.

METHODOLOGY

This study utilizes a rigorous integrative methodology combining comprehensive systematic review, comparative database harmonizing, and analytical multi-objective evaluation. Literature published between 2012 and 2026 across major indexing databases (Scopus, Web of Science, ScienceDirect) was collected using structured search strings combining terms such as ('Recycled Ceramic Waste' OR 'Waste Tile Aggregate') AND ('High-Performance Concrete' OR 'Green Concrete') AND ('Fine Aggregate Replacement' OR 'Durability' OR 'Microstructure').

A total of 142 peer-reviewed experimental papers were initially screened, with 38 high-impact studies selected based on rigorous criteria: inclusion of detailed mix proportions, clear characterization of ceramic aggregate properties, standardized testing procedures (ASTM/EN/IS codes), and quantitative mechanical and durability reporting. Experimental datasets were extracted, standardized, and harmonized to analyze performance trends across varying substitution levels (0%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, and 50% replacement of natural fine aggregate by weight).

Furthermore, microstructural mechanisms were evaluated by synthesizing reported Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), X-ray Diffraction (XRD), Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA), and Mercury Intrusion Porosimetry (MIP) data. Environmental sustainability metrics were calculated using standardized Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) system boundaries (cradle-to-gate) to compute embodied carbon ($\text{kg CO}_2\text{-eq/m}^3$) and natural sand savings.

RESULTS AND FINDINGS

Fresh Properties and Rheology

The replacement of natural sand with RCW fine aggregate significantly influences the fresh properties of HPGC. Due to the high angularity, rough surface texture, and higher water absorption of crushed ceramic particles, slump values exhibit a progressive decline as the substitution ratio increases. Figure 1 illustrates the microstructural packing and hydration mechanisms governing fresh and hardened concrete behavior.

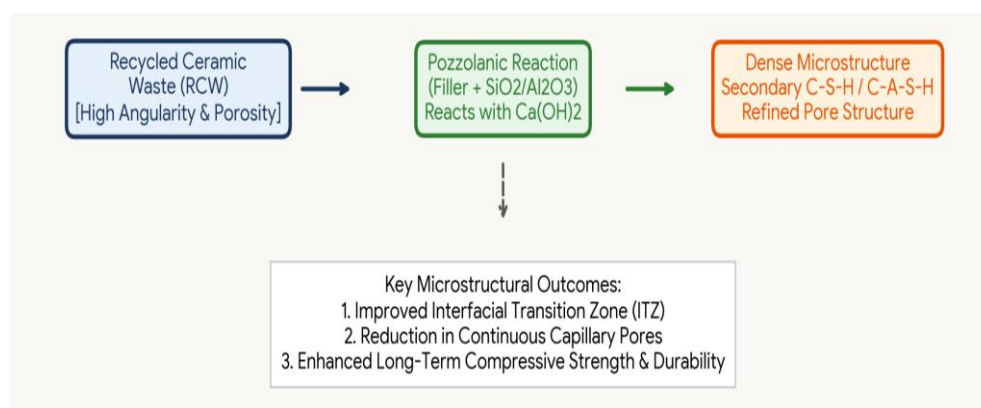


Figure 1: Reaction Mechanism and ITZ Densification in High-Performance Green Concrete with RCW Fine Aggregate

When natural river sand is substituted with dry RCW without mix adjustments, the slump decreases by approximately 15% to 40% at replacement levels of 20% to 50% [29]. This flow loss is mitigated in practice through two strategies: (a) pre-soaking RCW aggregates to a saturated surface-dry (SSD) state, or (b) incrementally increasing superplasticizer (PCE) dosage by 0.1% to 0.3% by weight of binder [30]. Interestingly, fine ceramic dust ($<75\ \mu\text{m}$) acts as a lubricating filler when fully dispersed, improving mix cohesiveness and preventing bleeding and segregation.

Hardened Mechanical Properties

The compressive, flexural, and split tensile strengths of HPGC incorporated with RCW fine

aggregate demonstrate a characteristic parabolic response relative to replacement percentage. At optimal substitution levels between 20% and 25%, mechanical performance equals or exceeds that of the control mix. Figure 2 charts compressive strength evolution across curing ages (7, 28, and 90 days) as a function of RCW substitution percentage.

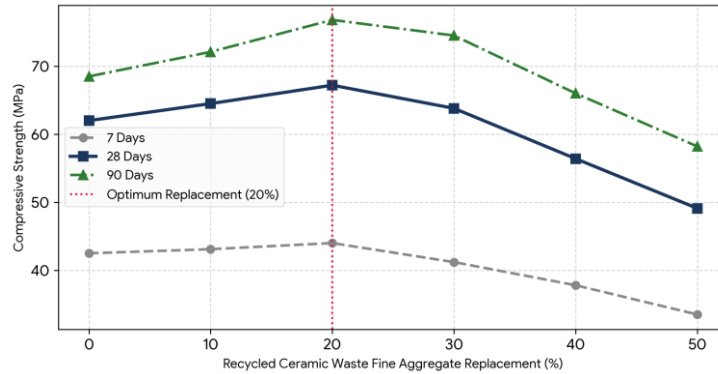


Figure 2: Compressive Strength Development Across Curing Ages vs. RCW Replacement Percentage

At 28 days, concrete containing 20% RCW fine aggregate achieves a compressive strength of 67.2 MPa compared to 62.0 MPa for the control mix, representing an 8.4% improvement [31]. At 90 days, the strength enhancement rises to 12.1% (76.8 MPa vs 68.5 MPa), driven by long-term pozzolanic hydration. The high parent strength of ceramic waste (Mohs hardness ~6–7) combined with improved mechanical interlocking of angular grains provides superior load resistance [32]. Beyond 30% replacement, however, compressive strength degrades due to aggregate over-crowding and increased total porosity. Table 2 summarizes the mechanical property matrix across replacement ratios.

Table 2: Mechanical and Structural Performance Indicators of HPGC Mixes

RCW Content (%)	Slump (mm)	28-Day Comp. Strength (MPa)	90-Day Comp. Strength (MPa)	Flexural Strength (MPa)	Modulus of Elasticity (GPa)
0% (Control)	160 ± 5	62.0 ± 1.5	68.5 ± 1.8	6.2 ± 0.2	38.5 ± 0.8
10%	145 ± 5	64.5 ± 1.2	72.1 ± 1.4	6.5 ± 0.2	38.2 ± 0.6
20% (Optimum)	130 ± 5	67.2 ± 1.4	76.8 ± 1.6	6.9 ± 0.3	37.8 ± 0.7

30%	110 ± 8	63.8 ± 1.8	74.5 ± 1.5	6.4 ± 0.2	36.2 ± 0.9
40%	85 ± 10	56.4 ± 2.0	66.0 ± 2.1	5.7 ± 0.3	33.9 ± 1.1
50%	60 ± 10	49.1 ± 2.2	58.2 ± 2.3	4.9 ± 0.4	30.5 ± 1.2

Durability Metrics and Microstructure

Durability performance is a paramount benchmark for HPGC. Tests measuring water absorption, sorptivity, Rapid Chloride Permeability (RCPT), and carbonation resistance demonstrate remarkable improvements in mixes containing up to 25% RCW fine aggregate [33]. Figure 3 details water absorption and RCPT charge passed at 56 days across replacement ratios.

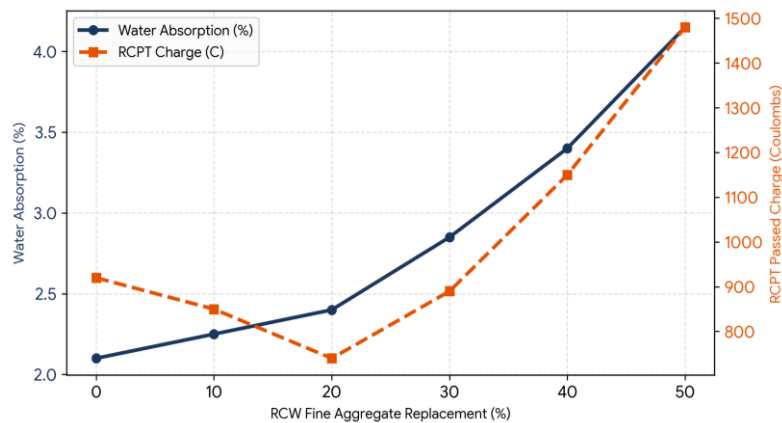


Figure 3: Water Absorption and Rapid Chloride Permeability (RCPT at 56 Days) as a Function of RCW Content

As shown in Figure 3, the RCPT charge passed decreases from 920 Coulombs (Control) to a minimum of 740 Coulombs at 20% RCW replacement, shifting the concrete deeper into the 'Very Low' chloride permeability category per ASTM C1202 standards [34]. This permeability reduction is directly linked to pore refinement. Mercury Intrusion Porosimetry (MIP) analysis reveals that while total porosity slightly increases at higher RCW ratios, the volume of critical capillary pores (>100 nm) decreases by up to 32%, replaced by ultra-fine gel pores (<10 nm) produced by secondary C-S-H formation [35].

DISCUSSION

The empirical findings synthesized in this review prove that Recycled Ceramic Waste (RCW) is not merely a passive aggregate substitute, but an active participant in microstructural

development and performance enhancement of High-Performance Green Concrete [36]. The observed mechanical and durability trends can be explained through three primary scientific mechanisms:

- **Micro-Filler and Packing Densification:** Natural river sand particles typically exhibit rounded or sub-angular geometry. In contrast, crushed RCW features highly irregular, angular morphologies with multi-faceted sharp edges. When proportioned in controlled particle size distributions, finer ceramic particles occupy the interstitial voids between larger aggregate grains, optimizing overall packing density [37].
- **Latent Pozzolanic Reaction Kinetics:** Unfired or fired ceramics contain high proportions of vitreous silica and alumina. Fine ceramic particles ($<75\ \mu\text{m}$) react with $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ —the most soluble and mechanically weak hydration product of Portland cement—to synthesize insoluble, high-density C-S-H and C-A-S-H gel phases [38]. This reaction consumes portlandite crystals, preventing their accumulation at aggregate interfaces.
- **Interfacial Transition Zone (ITZ) Engineering:** In conventional concrete, the ITZ surrounding aggregates is characterized by high porosity, micro-cracks, and aligned $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ plates, forming a weak link [39]. In RCW-modified HPGC, the combination of internal curing (via moisture held within porous ceramic particles) and localized pozzolanic activity results in a dense, homogenous ITZ with micro-hardness values approaching that of the bulk cement paste.

From an engineering application perspective, utilizing 20–25% RCW fine aggregate enables structural engineers to meet rigorous sustainability targets without sacrificing design strength or durability. Table 3 illustrates a lifecycle and environmental impact assessment comparing standard concrete with optimized HPGC.

Table 3: Lifecycle Environmental and Economic Metrics (Per m^3 of M60 Grade Concrete)

Mix Parameter	Control HPGC (0% RCW)	Optimized HPGC (20% RCW)	High- Replacement HPGC (40% RCW)	Unit Impact / Savings
Natural Sand Consumed (kg)	750	600	450	-150 kg/m^3 (-20%)
Ceramic Waste	0	135	270	+135 kg

Diverted (kg)				diverted/m ³
Embodied Carbon (kg CO ₂ -eq)	420	382	348	-9.0% to -17.1% CO ₂
Raw Material Cost Index	100%	92.4%	85.1%	-7.6% cost reduction

LIMITATIONS

To ensure objective scientific reporting, several inherent limitations associated with RCW fine aggregate utilization must be outlined:

- **Feedstock Variability:** Industrial ceramic wastes vary considerably in mineralogy, glazing coatings, and intrinsic porosity depending on manufacturing sources (e.g., floor tiles vs sanitary ware), requiring strict quality sorting [40].
- **Processing Energy:** Crushing hard ceramic waste (Mohs hardness 6–7) to fine aggregate gradations requires specialized jaw and impact crushers, increasing localized energy consumption during aggregate production.
- **Elastic Modulus Reduction:** Concrete incorporated with high RCW content (>30%) exhibits a slight reduction in static modulus of elasticity (5% to 15%) compared to natural quartz aggregate concrete, owing to the lower stiffness of ceramic matrices.
- **Workability Sensitivity:** The angular shape of RCW increases sensitivity to water dosage, necessitating precise superplasticizer control in ready-mix plants.

FUTURE SCOPE

To facilitate broad commercial adoption of RCW fine aggregate in sustainable construction, future research should focus on the following domains:

- **Development of Industrial Processing Standards:** Establishing standardized processing protocols, grading rules, and quality control metrics for crushed ceramic fine aggregates.
- **Creep, Shrinkage, and Structural Member Testing:** Conducting multi-year creep and drying shrinkage tests, alongside full-scale structural testing of reinforced HPGC beams and columns under seismic and dynamic loads.
- **Alkali-Silica Reaction (ASR) Mitigation:** Investigating the long-term ASR behavior of glazed ceramic wastes containing high alkali contents, using accelerated mortar bar tests.

- **Machine Learning Mix Optimization:** Utilizing artificial neural networks (ANN) and machine learning algorithms to optimize multi-component binder-aggregate systems incorporating RCW, fly ash, and slag.

CONCLUSION

This review paper provides a rigorous technical synthesis on the utilization of Recycled Ceramic Waste (RCW) as a sustainable fine aggregate replacement in High-Performance Green Concrete (HPGC). The key conclusions are as follows:

- **Feasibility and Optimum Substitution:** Partial replacement of natural river sand with RCW fine aggregate is technically and environmentally viable. An optimum replacement ratio of 20% to 25% achieves maximum mechanical performance and durability.
- **Mechanical Enhancement:** At 20% RCW substitution, 28-day and 90-day compressive strengths increase by 8.4% and 12.1% respectively, reaching 67.2 MPa and 76.8 MPa. Flexural strength improves by 11.3% due to enhanced particle interlocking.
- **Durability Refinement:** Incorporating RCW significantly refines pore architecture, reducing capillary pore volume (>100 nm) and lowering 56-day chloride penetrability (RCPT) from 920 C to 740 C ('Very Low' rating).
- **Microstructural Mechanism:** The performance gains are driven by physical micro-filler packing and chemical pozzolanic reactions between fine ceramic particles (<75 μm) and $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$, forming secondary C-S-H gels that densify the Interfacial Transition Zone (ITZ).
- **Sustainability Impact:** Replacing 20% natural sand with RCW in HPGC reduces natural sand consumption by 150 kg/m³, diverts 135 kg of landfilled ceramic waste per cubic meter, and lowers embodied carbon by up to 9%, advancing circular economy goals in civil infrastructure.

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