Characterization of K175 Concrete SNI Standards Using Volcanic Ash Aggregates With Variation in Composition

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Abstract. K175 concrete research has been carried out with two types of volcanic ash addition, namely variations of 0%, 6%, 8%, 10%, 12% (K175 concrete) and 15%, 20%, 25%, 30% (density analysis XRD). K175 concrete contributes to residential concrete. The making of K175 concrete refers to SNI 7394: 2008 with compressive strength criteria of 14.53 Mpa. The method used is Precast concrete with sheet pile type. The making of concrete K175 with the addition of cube-shaped volcanic ash with 15 cm sides consisting of cement, sand, broken stone, volcanic ash and water. After casting is done, the concrete is soaked in the tub and then removed from the soaking tub after 28 days of age dried for 24 hours. The following is the water absorption test and compressive strength test by selecting 3 samples which have the optimum compressive strength for XRD, SEM and FTIR tests to see the concrete characterization. Analysis of XRD, SEM, and FTIR are in the variation of 0%, 10% and 25% low absorption, compressive strength respectively 21.06 MPa, 21.16 MPa and 19.46 MPa. The pressure strength also fulfills the compressive strength of Portland cement type I which is 20 MPa.

Keywords: Concrete K175, volcanic ash, absorption, compressive strength, analysis (XRD, SEM, FTIR)

1. Introduction
Lightweight concrete can be made by injecting air or by removing finer aggregate sizes or by replacing them with hollow, cellular, or porous aggregates. Lightweight concrete density usually ranges from 300 - 1800 kg / m³ while normal concrete density is around 2,400 kg / m³. Lightweight concrete has been categorized into three groups, (1) concrete without fines; (2) lightweight aggregate concrete; and (3) aerated / foamed concrete. Concrete without containing a small amount of aggregate, if any. Coarse aggregate must have a maximum size of 10 mm and 20 mm. The use of mixed
aggregates (10 mm and 7 mm; 20 mm and 14 mm) to fill the cavity so that it is distributed evenly is used in reinforced or prestressed concrete construction.

Lightweight aggregate concrete consists of lightweight aggregates (expanded shale material, clay to develop porous structures) which can be used instead of normal aggregates such as broken rock or sand. Foamed concrete is produced using cement paste or mortar [1]. Concrete is a composite mixture formed from cement, aggregate, water, and a mixture or partial cement substitute. The main factors increasing the compressive strength of concrete are using a low water to cement ratio increasing fine fillers, compacting wet concrete and removing cavities. One effective fine filler is silicon dioxide, which is a polymorph of silicon dioxide [2].

High quality concrete is an integral part of many high-rise buildings. In accordance with ACI 211.1-91 the aggregate size of the mixture must be less than 0.5 inches to achieve a compressive strength greater than 9000 psi. On the other hand the distribution of aggregates suitable for the design of concrete mixes is a big problem, the authors propose the proportion of mixtures using additional aggregates of volcanic ash instead of ultra-fine concrete aggregates (concrete silica sand powder).

Portland cement consists of two thirds of mass, calcium silicate (3CaO, SiO₂ and 2CaO • SiO₂ (in cement notation C = CaO, S = SiO₂; respectively C3S and C2S)) one third of aluminum-(3CaO • Al₂O₃ or C3A) and iron-(4CaO • Al₂O₃ • Fe₂O₃ or C4AF) containing phases and other crystalline compounds [3]. During the hydration process, water reacts with cement particles (called clinkers) and some chemical and physical reactions take place. cement has capillary pores called macropores or mesoporous caused by empty space after the hydration reaction takes place. Hydrated cement structures are very complex and consist of pores of different sizes where water molecules can be found.

The degree of crystallinity and purity were analyzed using x-ray diffraction (XRD), and analysis of higher resolution of texture and the presence of impurities using electron microscopy x-ray spectroscopy with dispersive energy (SEM-EDS), the functional groups of the samples were analyzed by FTIR.

Mix the proportion of concrete in kg / m³, made of cement, ordinary sand, gravel (broken stone) and volcanic ash (AV), volcanic ash is similar to the size of fine rubber particles [4]. Deformation of normal aggregate concrete specimens is more symmetrical when crushed. Normal aggregate concrete specimens and Mount Sinabung volcanic ash concrete specimens are the analyzes in this study. Very small volcanic ash particles have sizes smaller than 1 μm. Silica sand powder concrete aggregate size maximum less than 150 μm [2], with a 20 MPa compressive test is 1) using a low water ratio for high grade cement, 2) Suitable pozzolanic material can be added to the mixture design, 3) High-performance concrete can be achieved using sufficient super-plasticizers, 4) Chemical processes can be improved by heat treatment. Material which has pozzolanic properties, such as fly ash, slag, and as an additional cement material which is useful to increase mechanical properties and durability [5]. Total SiO₂ + Al₂O₃ + Fe₂O₃> 70% indicates it can be used as a pozzolanic material (ASTM C-618) [6].

The use of large amounts of cement requires a high w / c ratio, but the shrinkage ratio of the concrete must be reduced because it plays a very important role 1) reduction in interface tension, 2) Release of water trapped between cement particles, 3) Slowing effect of cement hydration, 4) Changing the morphology of hydrated semen.

The process of making concrete quality k175 uses a ratio of 326 kg of cement, 760 kg of sand, 1029 kg of gravel and 215 liters of water. If you want to make this type of concrete tailored to your needs, then you can use a 1: 2: 3 rough dose between cement, sand and gravel, see table 1 (SNI 7394: 2008) supported by table 1.2 [7] in contrast to table 1.3 [8].

Based on table 1.1, the K175 concrete composition has a size of 3: 4: 5: 6 or 6%, 8%, 10% and 12% of the total weight of cement used for normal aggregate concrete specimens while the Mount Sinabung volcanic ash concrete specimens are based on analysis of density XRD used is 15%, 20%, 25% and 30% of the total weight of sand used. This study uses the method of absorption, compressive strength, XRD, SEM, and FTIR.
TABLE 1.1 Composition of Reference Concrete with Aggregates (SNI 7394: 2008).

| Name of material | Mass/Volume comparison |
|------------------|------------------------|
|                  | (Kg/m³) | (Kg/cm³) |
| cement           | 326     | 0.326    | 1       |
| sand             | 760     | 0.760    | 2.3     |
| Broken stone     | 1029    | 1.029    | 3.2     |
| water            | 215     | 0.215    | 0.66    |
| Total            | 2330    | 2.33     | 7.16    |

Cement replacement material has the property of pozzolanic material which can improve concrete characteristics. [9], the test samples composition of 25%, 30%, and 35% of ceramic tile waste showed sufficient strength while the sample composition of 40% of ceramic tile waste showed good. Portland cement is usually filled with fine fillers weighing 10%, 20%, 40% and 60% to form four types of concrete CB-10, CB-20, CB-40, and CB-60. The proportion of concrete mixes in building construction is cement: fine aggregate: coarse aggregate = 1: 2: 4 used, water / cement ratio of 0.6 to 28-day cylinder compressive strength [8]; [10] as reference concrete / control. The concrete mixture increases slightly with the addition of fine aggregate as a substitute for a portion of sand.

Table 1.2 Composition of the Control Concrete [7].

|                   | Volume (L/m³) | Mass (kg/m³) |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Cement            | 114.8         | 350.0        |
| Fine aggregates (mm) |        |              |
| 0 - 0.063         | 0.0           | 0.0          |
| 0.063 - 0.125     | 16.0          | 42.0         |
| 0.125 - 0.25      | 43.6          | 114.1        |
| 0.25 - 0.5        | 50.0          | 131.1        |
| 0.5 - 1           | 57.5          | 150.6        |
| 1 - 2             | 66.0          | 173.0        |
| Coarse aggregates (mm) |      |              |
| 2 - 4             | 75.8          | 198.7        |
| 4 - 5.6           | 40.8          | 106.9        |
| 5.6 - 8           | 46.3          | 121.4        |
| 8 - 11.2          | 46.9          | 122.7        |
| 11.2 - 16         | 120.8         | 316.5        |
| 16 - 22.4         | 122.1         | 320.0        |
| Water             | 182.0         | 182.0        |
| Voids             | 17.4          | —            |
| Total             | 1,000         | 2,329.0      |

Table 1.3 Composition of Original Concrete [8].

| Komposisi          | wt% |
|--------------------|-----|
| CEM II 42.5R       | 7.9  |
| Sand               | 23.1 |
| Fly ash            | 4.8  |
| Coarse aggregate   | 58.8 |
| Plasticizer        | 0.1  |
| Water              | 5.3  |
The mixing approach is to make concrete strong and durable [11] by coarse aggregate mixed with additive applications and the amount of water needed for the coating, adding cement with fine aggregate, and mixing the final concrete with the remaining water and plasticizer.

**Tabel 1.4 Komposisi CEM IV / B (P) 32,5 R dan PÇ-42,5 tipe Portland Cement [12].**

| % OXIDE | % OXIDE | % OXIDE | % OXIDE | % OXIDE | % OXIDE |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Al₂O₃: 20.178 | Cr₂O₃: 0.100 | K₂O: 2.545 | NiO: 0.005 | SiO₂: 63.352 | ZnO: 0.116 |
| BaO: 0.034 | CuO: 0.015 | MgO: 3.253 | P₂O₅: 0.200 | SrO: 0.015 | ZrO₂: 0.011 |
| CaO: 3.653 | Fe₂O₃: 3.025 | MnO₂: 0.088 | Rb: 0.003 | TiO₂: 0.443 | - |
| Cl: 0.009 | Ga₂O₃: 0.001 | Na₂O₂: 2.996 | SO₃: 0.047 | Y₂O₃: 0.001 | - |

Cement mortar production is CEM IV / B (P) 32.5 R type pozzolanic cement and PÇ-42.5 type portland cement [12] the composition can be seen in table 1.4 Mortar residue attached to recycled concrete aggregates always leads on decreasing Young's modulus and increasing shrinkage of concrete drying, mainly due to an increase in total mortar volume.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 Materials and Mix Design

The material used in this study can be seen in Figure 2.1 consisting of cement, fine aggregate (river sand, volcanic ash), coarse aggregate (broken rock) and water. The cement used in this research is PORTLAND CEMENT TYPE I (Ordinary Portland Cement) according to SNI 2049: 2015 ASTM C 150 / C 150M-12BS EN 197-1: 2000 Cement. Volcanic ash comes from Mt. Sinabung. Volcanic ash is designed for two species, namely concrete sp. K175 coded A₀, A₅, A₆, A₁₀ and A₁₂ sieved at 120 mesh size, density analysis species with XRD coded B₁₅, B₂₀, B₂₅, and B₃₀ were not sieved. Each sample code is made in 3 experiments such as A₆₄, A₀₁₀, and A₀₁₅ and so on A₆₄, A₆₁₁ and A₆₁₃, A₈₄, A₈₁₁ and A₈₁₃, A₁₀₁, A₁₀₁₀, A₁₂₁₀, A₁₂₁₁, A₁₂₁₃, A₁₅₁, A₁₅₁₀, A₁₅₁₁, and A₁₅₁₃. For the purpose of characterizing the XRD test, the SEM test and the FTIR test were selected for the optimal specifications of the absorption test and the compressive strength test.

**FIGURE 2.1 Material used a) water, b) Portland cement type 1, c) broken stone, d) sand, e) volcanic ash**

The design was made according to table 1 (SNI 7394: 2008) of normal concrete K175 by reducing the composition of cement and adding volcanic ash can be seen in table 2.1, while the K175 concrete analysis of density XRD according to table 1 by reducing sand adding volcanic ash can be seen in Table 2.2.
Table 2.1 Concrete quality of K175 by reducing cement adds sifted volcanic ash to 120 mesh.

| Concrete | Cement G/cm³ | Sand G/cm³ | Broken Stone G/cm³ | Volcanic Ash G/cm³ | Water G/cm³ |
|----------|--------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| A₀       | 1,3176       | 3,0312     | 4,2168             | -                 | 0,7248      |
| A₆       | 1,2385       | 3,0312     | 4,2168             | 0,0790            | 0,7248      |
| A₈       | 1,2122       | 3,0312     | 4,2168             | 0,1050            | 0,7248      |
| A₁₀      | 1,1858       | 3,0312     | 4,2168             | 0,1318            | 0,7248      |
| A₁₂      | 1,1595       | 3,0312     | 4,2168             | 0,1581            | 0,7248      |

Table 2.2 Concrete quality K175 density analysis of XRD by reducing sand adding unsaved volcanic ash.

| Concrete | Cement G/cm³ | Sand G/cm³ | Broken Stone G/cm³ | Volcanic Ash G/cm³ | Water G/cm³ |
|----------|--------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| B₁₅      | 1,3176       | 2,5765     | 4,2168             | 0,4546            | 0,7248      |
| B₂₀      | 1,3176       | 2,4249     | 4,2168             | 0,6062            | 0,7248      |
| B₂₅      | 1,3176       | 2,2734     | 4,2168             | 0,7578            | 0,7248      |
| B₃₀      | 1,3176       | 2,1218     | 4,2168             | 0,9092            | 0,7248      |

2.2 Specimen Preparation

Based on the above composition which has been given code A₀; A₆, A₈, A₁₀ and A₁₂; B₁₅, B₂₀, B₂₅, and B₃₀ are labeled on each print. Each material is mixed using Molen according to Tables 2.1 and Table 2.2, first sand and cement are mixed evenly, then aggregate (fine / coarse) and water according to the code. The mass of the wet concrete as \( m_1 \) is weighed when inserted is molded, after 24 hours the dried concrete is weighed again as the mass of concrete \( m_2 \) to determine the absorption of concrete using equation 1. The effective porosity of the specimen is calculated based on the mass variation of the specimen after being immersed in water and dried with air for 24 hours [13] equation (1) in this study was not done only by SEM-EDX characterization.

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P = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{m_2 - m_1}{\rho_{\text{wv}}} \right) \right] \times 100 \% \tag{1}
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FIGURE 2.2 Tools used a) 120 mesh sieve, b) scales, c) molen, d) compressive strength test equipment, e) XRD, f) SEM_EDX, g) FTIR.
where $P$ is porosity (%), $m_1$ is the mass of the test specimen in water (g), $m_2$ is the mass of the test specimen after 24 hours of air drying (g), $v$ stands for the volume of the test specimen (cm$^3$), and $\rho_w$ is the density of water at room temperature (g/cm$^3$). Concrete absorption according to [14] in equation (2) in the age of concrete 7 days, 28 days etc of 24 hours the formation of concrete:

$$Absorption = \left(\frac{m_b - m_k}{m_k}\right) \times 100$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

where: $m_b =$ mass of wet concrete (kg) $m_k =$ mass of dry concrete (kg).

Then the K175 quality concrete is dried at room temperature for 28 days in normal concrete $A_0$, then the mountain fly ash concrete that has been sifted $A_6, A_8, A_{10}$ and $A_{12}$ and the mountain fly ash concrete that is not sifted $B_{15}, B_{20}, B_{25}$, and $B_{30}$ based (analysis density) with XRD compressive strength test. After analyzing the three best samples obtained, namely $A_{0-III}, A_{10-III}$ and $B_{25-II}$ which were characterized using XRD, SEM-EDX and FTIR.

2.3 Testing Methods
Measuring concrete with a ratio of cement: sand: split stone / gravel 1: 2: 3 volume of cement has a 1/6 part of 1 m$^3$ concrete = 0.167 m$^3$, Sand has a 2/6 part of 1 m$^3$ concrete = 0.333 m$^3$, Split Stone / Gravel has a 3/6 part of 1 m$^3$ concrete = 0.5 m$^3$. Planning concrete tests (concrete cubes) has a size of 15 x 15 cm$^2$, then the volume of concrete cubes that will be made with a thickness of 15 cm is 0.15 x 0.15 x 0.15 m$^3$ = 0.003375 m$^3$ = 3375 cm$^3$. Concrete made according to the rules set by SNI (Indonesian National Standard) K175 quality concrete means that it has a compressive strength of 175 kg/cm$^2$ issued by the Public Works Agency by (1) reducing cement adding volcanic ash sifted to table 2.1 [2], (2) reducing sand adding volcanic ash not sifted Table 2.2 [1].

3. Results and Discussion
The making of volcanic ash concrete has been successfully made with the following materials: cement, fine aggregate (ordinary sand and volcanic ash), coarse aggregate (broken rock) and water. The specimens were removed after 28 days from the soaking bath and placed in the treatment room until the samples dried for 24 hours. Then a mechanical test is carried out, namely water absorption, compressive strength, XRD test, SEM test and FTIR test. The compressive strength of concrete is very much determined by the composition of the material, which is the ratio between gravel, cement, ordinary sand, volcanic ash and water. In this study the manufacture of quality concrete K175 with a composition namely: cement: fine aggregate: coarse aggregate = 1: 2: 3. To determine the characteristics of the concrete needs to be tested namely water absorption, compressive strength, XRD test, SEM test and FTIR test, below can be seen the results of testing of samples.

3.1 Testing Methods
Water absorption in concrete can increase at 7 days or decrease at 28 days [14], water absorption provides information about the porosity of concrete studied at ages 7 and 28 days. Water absorption test to determine the ability of concrete to absorb water is made and maintained for 28 days after drying for 24 hours. Determination of water absorption in concrete can be obtained from the measurement of dry mass and wet mass. The results of water absorption from concrete with the addition of volcanic ash can be seen in the Figure 3.1.

Water absorption in a concrete is influenced by pores or cavities. The more pores contained in the concrete, the greater the absorption so that the resistance will be reduced. From the graph above the smallest absorption capacity in normal concrete is 0.3343 and the high water absorption is at the addition of volcanic ash 10% of the cement mass of 0.443, while the addition of 25% volcanic ash as a substitute for sand has an absorption of 0.3399. From the graph above it can be concluded that the size of the absorption is determined by the composition and size of volcanic ash aggregates.
Porosity is increasing but compressive strength decreases, compressive strength of porous concrete water is usually determined by friction of rough aggregate occlusion and bond strength between aggregate and cement mortar [15], the results of research have used this Mount Sinabung volcanic ash filler as a 10% aggregate (A_{10-III}) volcanic ash is sieved, 25% (B_{25-II}) volcanic ash is not sifted, clearly differentiating fine and coarse aggregates, while A_{0-III} without volcanic ash. The porosity associated with the pores of concrete can be seen morphologically from SEM sequentially getting smaller are A_{10-III}, A_{0-III}, and B_{25-II} in Figure 3.4.

3.2 Analysis of Compressive Strength Testing

Coarse aggregate acts as a concrete framework that can determine the properties of a concrete mixture, mechanical properties and durability after hardening [15]. Concrete compressive strength testing is carried out after 28 days after casting and soaking. Water absorption has the most important effect on aggregate characteristics, further affecting the compressive strength [16].

The compressive strength of concrete A_{6-I}, A_{6-II}, A_{0-III} normal concrete (0%) with the quality of concrete K175 has compressive strengths are 20.35 MPa, 19.34 MPa, and 21.06 MPa, concrete A_{6-I}, A_{6-II}, A_{0-III} have compressive strengths of 18.34 MPa, 19.80 MPa, 18.41 MPa, concrete A_{6-I}, A_{6-II}, A_{6-III} have compressive strengths of 18.06 MPa, 17.94 MPa, 17.59 MPa, respectively. Concrete A_{10-I}, A_{10-II}
and A\textsubscript{10-III} are concrete with a mixture of volcanic ash of 10% having compressive strengths of 19.00 MPa, 19.38 MPa and 21.16 MPa, concrete A\textsubscript{12-I}, A\textsubscript{12-II}, A\textsubscript{12-III} (12%) has sequential compressive strengths of 17.88 MPa, 17.29 MPa and 17.75 MPa. Concrete K175 based on (density analysis) XRD volcanic ash mixture of 15%, 20%, 25% and 30%, has a compressive strength of concrete B\textsubscript{15-I}, B\textsubscript{15-II} are 16.15 MPa and 15.47 MPa, respectively. Concrete B\textsubscript{20-I} and B\textsubscript{20-II} have compressive strengths of 16.35 MPa and 15.41 MPa, concrete B\textsubscript{25-I} and B\textsubscript{25-II} with a mixture of volcanic ash respectively 25% compressive strength are 18.33 MPa and 19.46 MPa. Concrete B\textsubscript{30-I} and B\textsubscript{30-II} have compressive strengths of 18.06 MPa and 16.87 MPa. So the selected sample on K175 quality concrete is betton A\textsubscript{0-III} (0%) with compressive strength of 21.06 MPa, A\textsubscript{10-III} (10%) with compressive strength of 21.16 MPa and based on (density analysis) XRD is B\textsubscript{25-II} (25%) with a compressive strength of 19.46 MPa can be seen Figure 3.2.

### 3.3 Analysis of XRD Test Results

XRD testing is carried out to identify the phase in each concrete sample. Through this test obtained formed phases, and crystal structures. The data obtained were analyzed using Match v3.8.0 software. Below is the result of the diffraction pattern of K175 quality concrete with the addition of volcanic ash A\textsubscript{10-III} and B\textsubscript{25-II}, while A\textsubscript{0-III} without the addition of volcanic ash.

Figure 3.3 shows the pattern of volcanic ash reactors (0%), showing the formation of SiO\textsubscript{2}, Ca(OH)\textsubscript{2}, CaCO\textsubscript{3} and optimum SiO\textsubscript{2} phases at an angle of 2\(\theta\) = 26.73° with an intensity of 804.3 (a.u) while Ca(OH)\textsubscript{2} phase is present in two the angle is 2\(\theta\) = 18.12°, and 2\(\theta\) = 34.19° with an intensity of 269 (au) and 286.4 (au) CaCO\textsubscript{3} phase at an angle of 2\(\theta\) = 29.53° with an intensity of 293.6 (a.u).

The diffraction pattern (10%) of the phases formed are SiO\textsubscript{2}, Ca(OH)\textsubscript{2}, CaCO\textsubscript{3}, and NiSi\textsubscript{2}. The SiO\textsubscript{2} phase experiences a peak shift towards the left and is optimum at an angle of 2\(\theta\) = 26.58° with an intensity of 647.7 (a.u) while the Ca(OH)\textsubscript{2} phase is at an angle of 2\(\theta\) = 34.1° with an intensity of 237.1 (a.u). The CaCO\textsubscript{3} phase is at an angle of 2\(\theta\) = 29.36° with an intensity of 512.2 (a.u), in the NiSi\textsubscript{2} phase there is an angle of 2\(\theta\) = 47.53° with an intensity of 231.3 (a.u).

![Diffraction Patterns of K175 Quality Concrete](image)

**FIGURE 3.3** Diffraction patterns of K175 quality concrete with the addition of volcanic ash A\textsubscript{10-III} and B\textsubscript{25-II}, without the addition of volcanic ash A\textsubscript{0-III}.

The diffraction pattern (25%) formed phases are SiO\textsubscript{2}, Ca(OH)\textsubscript{2}, and CaCO\textsubscript{3}. The SiO\textsubscript{2} phase experiences a peak shift towards the left and is optimum at an angle of 2\(\theta\) = 26.66° with an intensity of 753.1 (a.u). The Ca(OH)\textsubscript{2} phases are at two angles 2\(\theta\) = 18.06° and 2\(\theta\) = 34.11° with intensities of 309.5 (a.u) and 498.4 (a.u), respectively. The CaCO\textsubscript{3} phase is at an angle of 2\(\theta\) = 29.39° with an intensity of 148.5 (a.u), in the NiSi\textsubscript{2} phase there is an angle of 2\(\theta\) = 47.53° with an intensity of 231.3 (a.u).
Based on Figure 3.3, it can be concluded that SiO$_2$ has the greatest intensity compared to other elements contained in concrete. Crystal structure formed in K175 quality concrete without the addition of A0-III volcanic ash, the addition of A10-III and B25-II volcanic ash contained SiO$_2$ supported by [17], Ca(OH)$_2$ and CaCO$_3$ supported by [18]; [19], and there was an addition of NiSi$_2$ to A$_{10-III}$ concrete with the addition of 10% volcanic ash.

The main compounds in cement are 3CaO {SiO$_2$} labeled C3S in the chemical shorthand notation of cement 2CaO {SiO$_2$} labeled C2S, and 3CaO {Al$_2$O$_3$} labeled C3, and solid solutions with an average composition of 4CaO {Al$_2$O$_3$ {Fe$_2$O$_3$}} labeled C4AF [8].

3.4 Analysis of SEM Test Results

The SEM test has been used by [8] to look at morphology, EDX [20]; [21] to find out the composition of K175 quality concrete compound using a mixture of volcanic ash. From SEM magnification 1000 times, the following picture SEM test results on concrete samples.

If the aggregate has finer grain size and varies in size, then the pore volume of the concrete becomes smaller. This is because smaller grains will fill the pores between the larger grains, so that the pores become smaller and concrete has high compressive strength and has a small porosity. Fine aggregates meet international organizational standards for standardization (ISO) that the SiO$_2$ content is not less than 98% and the particle size ranges between 80 μm and 2 mm [5], the largest pores to the smallest can be seen in Figure 3.4 (a), (c) and (b).

Based on research [19] portland cement with the addition of 3% SiO$_2$ has a denser structure, finer and the content of Ca(OH)$_2$ decreases, in finer structures a higher compressive strength is formed.

After testing SEM-EDX K175 quality concrete according to SNI normal concrete A$_{0-III}$ has Oxygen (O), Calcium (Ca) and Silica (Si), A$_{10-III}$ concrete has Calcium (Ca), Oxygen (O) and Silica (Si) whereas in concrete B$_{25-II}$ has Oxygen (O), Calcium (Ca) and Silica (Si) can form CaO and SiO$_2$ [8].
FIGURE 3.4 SEM morphology and EDX characterization of K175 quality concrete (a) without A0-III volcanic ash (b) A10-III volcanic ash (c) B25-II volcanic ash with 1000 times magnification.

TABLE 2.3 Composition of compounds from SEM-EDX in concrete A0-III, A10-III and B25-II

| Chemical Element | Mass % | Chemical Element | Mass % | Chemical Element | Mass % |
|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| A0-III           |        | A10-III          |        | B25-II           |        |
| O                | 49.68  | O                | 31.38  | O                | 45.67  |
| Ca               | 30.03  | Ca               | 54.62  | Ca               | 28.85  |
| Si               | 12.40  | Si               | 4.46   | Si               | 12.61  |
| C                | 4.12   | C                | 3.90   | C                | 3.56   |
| Al               | 1.69   | Al               | 1.71   | Al               | 4.09   |
| Mg               | 1.09   | Nb               | 2.94   | Mg               | 0.63   |
| Fe               | 0.98   | K                | 0.99   | K                | 2.94   |

Based on Table 2.3 there are elements of Si, Al, Fe and O, meaning concrete contains pozzolanic material (SiO$_2$, Al$_2$O$_3$, Fe$_2$O$_3$) [4] as well as SiO$_2$, CaCO$_3$ concrete material [8], calcium silicate hydrate (CSH), portlandite (Ca(OH)$_2$), oxidation of iron hydroxide (Fe(OH)$_2$), decarbonation of calcium carbonate (CaCO$_3$) discoloration on concrete surfaces related to oxidation and decarbonation reactions [16].

3.5 *Analisis Fourier Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)*

Characterization of concrete A0-III, A10-III and B25-II using FTIR in the wave range 500-4000 cm$^{-1}$. The results of the test are shown in Figure 3.5 below.

The results of the FTIR functional group analysis showed that the addition of volcanic ash did not cause a new functional group in concrete, marked by the presence of a band that showed the Si-O-Si bond changed significantly. [11] volcanic ash has a wave number (wavenumber) between 1200-2400 cm$^{-1}$, wave number at 1004 cm$^{-1}$ there is Si-O-Si, at 1428 cm$^{-1}$ there is O-C-O, at 2358 cm$^{-1}$ there are O-H and H-O-H. The FTIR spectra of Portland anhydrous cement [19] has a wave number at 3570-3200 cm$^{-1}$ with OH-OH, at 3640 cm$^{-1}$ there is Ca(OH)$_2$. FT-IR wave numbers at 1300 - 1000, 807, and 478 cm$^{-1}$ were found in pure silica (SiO$_2$) samples for asymmetrical, symmetrical, tissue and bending [22], wave numbers 1947 cm$^{-1}$ in Ni-Si samples [23]. The Transmittance% pattern of the wave numbers of concrete A0-III, A10-III and A25-II shown in Figure 3.5 produces the functional groups shown in Table 2.4.

FTIR test on normal concrete A0-III above shows that there are two peaks at wave numbers 874.67 and 987.81, which are special features of the SiO peak. The results of FTIR concrete with the addition of volcanic ash as much as 25% of the amount of sand appear one peak at wave number 1000.82,
while the concrete with the addition of volcanic ash as much as 10% of the amount of cement appear one peak at wave number 1003.3 which is a special feature of the peak of SiO. Wave numbers for SiO functional groups in variations A_{10-III} and B_{25-II} (with the addition of volcanic ash) there is a shift in the peak / sharper. This happens because of the addition of volcanic ash which causes changes in the vibrational frequency of the SiO{	extsubscript{2}} molecule. The peak wave number 3400 - 4000 cm\textsuperscript{-1} shows the O - H bond which is a stretching and bending vibration, it is seen an increase in the sharpness of the absorption peak, [19] strengthen SiO{	extsubscript{2}} so that the compressive strength of concrete with a mixture of 10% high volcanic ash and small concrete pores by The SEM shown in Figure 3.4. Based on research conducted by [1] on Fly-ash obtained SiO{	extsubscript{2}} functional groups there are peaks at wave number 1004.10 cm\textsuperscript{-1} and O-H function groups at wave numbers 3715 – 2358 cm\textsuperscript{-1}.

![FTIR Characterization of concrete](image)

**FIGURE 3.5** FTIR Characterization of concrete functional groups A{	extsubscript{0-III}}, A\textsubscript{10-III} and A\textsubscript{25-II}.

**TABLE 2.4** Function clusters observed in FTIR testing [1].

| Bonds                        | A\textsubscript{0-III} (cm\textsuperscript{-1}) | A\textsubscript{10-III} (cm\textsuperscript{-1}) | A\textsubscript{25-II} (cm\textsuperscript{-1}) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Stretching vibration (OH, H-O-H) | 3443.02 – 1650.77                             | 3301–2333                                     | 3304–2343                                     |
| Bending vibration (H-O-H)    | -                                             | 1652                                          | 1653                                          |
| Stretching vibration (C=O)   | 1650.77                                       | -                                             | -                                             |
| Asymmetric stretching (Si-O-Si) | 874.67, 987.81                       | 970                                           | 969                                           |
| Ni-Si                        | -                                             | 1974                                          | -                                             |

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| Volcanic Ash % | Wavenumbers cm\(^{-1}\) | Frequency Area | Functional Groups |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                | Quality Concrete K175   |                |                 |
| A\(_{0-III}\)  | 779.16                   | 675 – 900      | C – H           |
|                | 874.67, 987.81           | 1400 – 800     | Si – O          |
|                | 1417.21                  | 1340 – 1470    | C – H           |
|                | 1650.77                  | 1690-1760      | C = O           |
|                | 3443.02                  | 3300-4000      | O – H           |
|                | 472.17                   | 675 – 900      | C – H           |
|                | 1003.31                  | 1400 – 800     | Si – O          |
|                | 1423.75, 1458.40         | 1340 – 1470    | C – H           |
|                | 1508.53, 1650.10         | 1500 – 1680    | C = C           |
|                | 3504.76, 3525.22         | 3300 – 4000    | O – H           |
|                | 3546.60, 3567.07,        |                 |                 |
|                | 3588.82, 3615.96,        |                 |                 |
|                | 3945.53                  |                 |                 |
| B\(_{25-II}\)  | 467.84,875.04            | 675 – 900      | C – H           |
|                | 1000.82                  | 1400 – 800     | Si – O          |
|                | 1419.67,                 | 1340 – 1470    | C – H           |
|                | 1493.18, 1510.98         | 1500 – 1680    | C = C           |
|                | 3435.90, 3572.60,        | 3300 – 4000    | O – H           |
|                | 3622.70, 3633.63,        |                 |                 |
|                | 3655.39                  |                 |                 |

4. Conclusion
Sifted volcanic ash added to K175 quality concrete acts as a substitute for cement for A\(_{10}\) concrete and without sifting acts as an aggregate substitute for B\(_{25}\) concrete, analyzed from absorption and compressive strength followed by characterization of XRD, SEM-EDX and FTIR. The following is the novelty obtained is the absorption is proportional to the compressive strength, NiSi\(_2\) can increase the compressive strength of concrete.

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