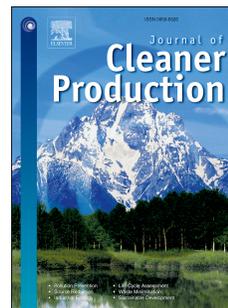


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# 1 **Reduced Alkali-Silica Reaction Damage in Recycled Glass Mortar Samples** 2 **with Supplementary Cementitious Materials**

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## 4 **Abstract**

5 Recycling waste glass aggregate into concrete can reduce environmental impacts but also may lead to  
6 serious alkali silica reaction (ASR) damage. This study aims to characterize ASR damage development in  
7 the mortar samples containing reactive glass aggregates and investigate the damage reduction effect of the  
8 waste supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs), including recycled glass powders and fly ash. The  
9 recycled glass aggregate mortar samples with/without SCMs were prepared in this study. The length  
10 change tests were first conducted with the prepared mortar samples based on the ASTM C1260 standard.  
11 The results demonstrated the added SCMs can largely decrease early-age ASR expansion rate. The optical  
12 microscope and Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) with Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy  
13 (EDS) were further conducted to characterize the ASR damage in mortar samples and investigate the  
14 damage mitigation mechanism with added SCMs. The combined SEM imaging and chemical analysis  
15 indicated added SCMs can decrease both the alkali and calcium content of the generated ASR gel. In  
16 addition, the ASR damage development inside mortar samples were monitored with dynamic micron X-  
17 ray CT ( $\mu$ CT) over a reaction period of 63 hour at the temperature of 80°C. The scanning patterns  
18 demonstrated the ASR damage can be easily developed from the area with initial cracks and sharp  
19 corners. The images of glass powder and fly ash samples showed significantly reduced ASR damage. This  
20 study showed that adding of SCMs can largely reduce ASR deterioration and thus facilitate the recycling  
21 glass particles into concrete.

22 **Key words:** Glass Particle, Fluorescent microscope, Supplementary cementitious materials, X-ray  
23 computed tomography, SEM-EDS, ASR damage

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## 25 **1. Introduction**

26 The amount of waste glass materials were quickly accumulated with the rapid social-economic  
27 development (Yu et al., 2016). Usually the glass materials can be repeatedly recycled without changing its  
28 physical-chemical property. However, the crushed waste glass particles with mixed color cannot be  
29 recycled and only be sent to landfill (Shayan and Xu, 2004). The accumulated waste glass can cause  
30 heavy burden to achieve the sustainable development. Furthermore, the heavy metals contained in colored  
31 glass (Co or Cr (Chen et al., 2006)) can lead to serious water or soil pollution. It is thus important to find  
32 additional recycling methods and the application of crushed glass as recycled aggregate (Ling et al., 2013)  
33 in concrete production can resolve this issue. The chemical composition of the crush glass aggregate  
34 (50% or more silica) is similar to that of the normal aggregate used in concrete (Ling and Poon, 2012a).  
35 The low water permeable cement paste can confine the glass aggregate and prevent the possible heavy  
36 metal leaching (Ling and Poon, 2014a). However, the active silica content in the added glass aggregate  
37 can react with the alkaline pore solution in concrete and thus lead to the alkali silica reaction (ASR)  
38 damage (Jin, 1998). Under high humid condition (80% or higher relative humidity (Olafsson, 1986)), the  
39 generated ASR gel during the reaction can significantly expand and crack concrete material through water  
40 imbibing. The field cases with ASR damage have been reported the area with sufficient moisture, like the  
41 Furnas dam in Brazil (Kurtis et al., 1998) and the Mactaquac dam in Canada (Hayman et al., 2010), which  
42 is in consistent with the requirement for ASR damage as mentioned above. The durability of the concrete  
43 infrastructure can thus be seriously damaged and the confinement effect on heavy metal can be  
44 deteriorated by the increased water permeability induced by the ASR damage (Davraz and Gündüz,  
45 2008). It is thus important to identify the ASR damage in cementitious materials containing recycled glass  
46 aggregate (Hobbs, 1988) and detect its development to better understand the damage mechanism for  
47 possible mitigation methods.

48 The alkali-silica reactivity of the recycled glass particle has been widely studied to examine its alkali-  
49 silica reactivity (Shi and Zheng, 2007). Jin et al. (Jin, 1998) studied the ASR damage features of the glass  
50 particles in the cementitious materials with the accelerated mortar bar (ASTM C1260), SEM and Energy  
51 Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (EDS) tests. The influence of glass particle size on the ASR damage were  
52 studied. The existence of pessimum size was confirmed, which can cause the most severe ASR  
53 destruction (Jin, 1998) . Further experimental study demonstrated the pessimum size was affected by the  
54 aggregate reactivity and gel permeability. Bažant et al. (Bažant and Steffens, 2000) built a representative  
55 model (one single spherical glass particle inside the unit cement cell) to study the ASR damage properties  
56 in concrete containing glass aggregate. The existence of pessimum size can also be confirmed through the  
57 model parametric analysis. Rajabipour et al. (Rajabipour et al., 2010) analyzed influence of the existed

58 initial defects on the size effect of glass aggregate. The residual cracks inside the larger glass aggregate  
59 were found to enhance its alkali reactivity, which can explain that severer ASR damage can more easily  
60 occur in the mortar samples with larger size glass aggregate. Maraghechi et al. (Maraghechi et al., 2012)  
61 further investigated the influence of residual cracks on the aggregate reactivity. Based on the accelerated  
62 mortar bar test, the microcracks thinner than 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  were found to be innocuous. Shi et al. (Shi, 2009)  
63 studied the glass dissolution process and the expansion mechanism of the concrete containing glass  
64 aggregate. The soda-lime glass can be dissolved when the pore solution is alkaline enough ( $\text{pH}>12$ ).  
65 Particularly due to the high alkali content in glass particles, the alkali content in pore solution is not  
66 needed to form the expansive ASR gel. Du et al. (Du and Tan, 2013, Du and Tan, 2014) compared the  
67 ASR reactivity of glass aggregate with different colors and sizes. The mortar prepared with clear glass  
68 aggregate was found to more expansive than the sample with green and brown glass sand. The green  
69 particle in the size range of [1.18, 2.36] mm had the highest alkali silica reactivity. Maraghechi et al.  
70 (Maraghechi et al., 2016) analyzed the influence of calcium on the glass aggregate dissolution rate in  
71 alkaline solution. The relative dense CSH gel can be form on the glass aggregate surface, which can lower  
72 its dissolution rate. Currently, the development mechanism of the ASR damage inside glass aggregate is  
73 still not clear enough. The examination technique on the ASR reactivity of glass concrete is still mainly  
74 dependent on the ASTM standard methods. New techniques are needed to examine ASR damage  
75 thoroughly, dynamically and time-efficiently.

76 Since the discovery of ASR damage (Stanton, 1940), various methods have been applied to evaluate the  
77 ASR damage inside cementitious materials, including expansion rate measurement (ASTM C1260, 2014),  
78 microwave examination (Donnell et al., 2013), damage stiffness test (Sanchez et al., 2014), acoustic  
79 testing (Saint-Pierre et al., 2007) and etc. These methods above are mainly depend on the expanded  
80 volume, changed viscoelastic properties or increased water content induced by the ASR damage, which  
81 actually can also be generated by the freeze thaw damage (Neville, 1995) or delayed ettringite formation  
82 (Taylor et al., 2001). Hence it is difficult to confirm the existence of ASR damage with these methods  
83 along, and the microscope examination (Haha et al., 2007) mostly still needs to be further conducted,  
84 including the optical microscope (Peterson et al., 2009) and scanning electron microscope (He et al.,  
85 2013). The application of microscope method to detect the ASR damage inside cementitious materials has  
86 also been widely conducted. Fernandes et al. (Fernandes et al., 2004) applied the SEM technique to study  
87 the morphology of the alkali-silica reaction product obtained from a concrete infrastructure after 50-year  
88 service. The initially noncrystalline ASR gel was found to transform into Na-rich crystals after 3 month  
89 storage in lab. Peterson (Peterson et al., 2006) analyzed the field ASR gel with the petrographic  
90 technique, which was obtained from a concrete structure built in late 1890s. Both the amorphous and

91 crystalline phases can be detected from the alkali silica reaction products. Bulteel (Bulteel et al., 2004)  
92 investigated the mechanism of ASR damage with a prepared concrete subsystem, which was contained of  
93 flint aggregate, portlandite and potassium hydroxide (KOH). The damaged flint aggregate was examined  
94 with both the optical microscope and SEM techniques. The aggregate porosity was found to increase with  
95 the ASR damage and the penetration of alkali content into aggregate can also be detected. Šťastná  
96 (Šťastná et al., 2012) investigated the ASR damage features in concrete with combined microscopic  
97 techniques (cathodoluminescence, polarizing and electron microscope). Compared to the polarizing and  
98 electron microscope, the source materials of the reactive silica can be easily identified with the  
99 cathodoluminescence microscope. Çopuroğlu (Çopuroğlu et al., 2009) investigated the alkali reactivity of  
100 one type basalt rock with the concrete microbar tests and examine the degradation features with the  
101 microscopy examination. The ASR gel formed along the aggregate perimeter and within the aggregate  
102 can both be detected with the thin section petrography and SEM. The microscope technique has been  
103 proved to be a feasible technique for the ASR damage detection at microscale. However, it is still difficult  
104 to monitor the ASR damage development with the microscope technique as the specimen will be  
105 destructed during the sample preparation.

106 Aiming at this problem, the non-destructive X-ray Computed Tomography (CT) technique was  
107 introduced to monitor the damage development process dynamically. Wan et al. (Wan and Xue, 2013)  
108 applied the in situ X-ray CT technique to analyze the compressive damage in cement paste. Based on the  
109 grey scale values of scanning patterns, the connection between the external compressive loading and the  
110 internal damage was analyzed quantitatively. Stappen et al. (Van Stappen et al., 2016) investigated the  
111 self-healing behavior of concrete materials containing capsules. The breakage of the built-in capsules and  
112 the leakage of the self-healing agents can be both detected with the micro CT technique. Currently, the  
113 application of X-ray CT technique on ASR damage detection is relative limited. Marinoni et al. (Marinoni  
114 et al., 2009) first analyzed the ASR damage in mortar cylinder samples with the X-ray CT technique. The  
115 progressive dissolution of aggregate and propagation of microcracks can both be detected with the  
116 reconstructed 3D images, which demonstrated the feasibility of X-ray CT technique in ASR damage  
117 detection. Marinoni et al. (Marinoni et al., 2015) further studied the ASR damage feature with the  
118 synchrotron radiation micro X-ray CT (SR Micro CT). The irregular voids induced by aggregate  
119 dissolution and the detachment at the aggregate-cement paste interface can both be detected with the SR  
120 micro CT technique. Hernández-Cruz et al. (Hernández-Cruz et al., 2016) studied the features of ASR  
121 damage in the fiber reinforced mortar sample with the micro CT technique. The voids filled with  
122 generated ASR gel can be detected with the micro CT observation and the added fiber was found to be  
123 able to restrain the expansion induced by the ASR damage. Currently, the application of dynamic X-ray

124 CT technique on cementitious materials containing glass aggregate has not been conducted. In this study,  
125 both the microscopy and the micro X-ray CT techniques will be applied to investigate the development of  
126 ASR damage in mortar samples prepared with the recycled glass aggregate.

127 Besides the investigation on mechanism, the mitigation methods on ASR damage had also been  
128 conducted for the cementitious materials containing reactive glass aggregate (Ling and Poon, 2014b).  
129 Ling (Ling and Poon, 2012b) applied fly ash to control the ASR damage in mortar sample containing  
130 glass aggregate and the expansion rate can be efficiently controlled by the added fly ash. The amorphous  
131 glassy phase (Bhagath Singh and Subramaniam, 2017) inside fly ash can easily participate into the  
132 Pozzolanic reaction and lower the pore solution alkalinity. Furthermore the added SCMs can also enhance  
133 the sulfate resistance of concrete based on both the experimental (Nie et al., 2014) and numerical  
134 simulation results (Nie et al., 2015), reduce the greenhouse gases emitted during the cement production  
135 and generate a greener product (Paris et al., 2016). In addition, the fine glass powder can also serve as  
136 supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs) to reduce the ASR damage caused by active glass  
137 aggregate (Schwarz et al., 2008). Afshinnia (Afshinnia and Rangaraju, 2015) studied the influence of  
138 glass powder fineness on controlling the ASR damage. The finer glass powder (17  $\mu\text{m}$  size) was found to  
139 work more efficiently than the relative coarser type (70  $\mu\text{m}$  size). Zheng (Zheng, 2016) studied the  
140 mitigation mechanism of the added glass powder on ASR expansion. The aluminum content in pore  
141 solution was found to increase with the added glass powder, which can reduce the dissolution rate of the  
142 reactive silica. Currently, the application of microscope technique to examine the influence of the added  
143 glass powder on ASR damage is relative limited, especially for the optical microscope technique.

144 This study aims to characterize the ASR damage caused by glass aggregate in cementitious materials and  
145 the deterioration reduction effect of the added SCMs. The recycled glass aggregate mortar samples with  
146 or without SCMs were prepared for this study. The samples were firstly examined with the accelerated  
147 mortar bar tests to evaluate the expansion potential. Then the samples were further examined with both  
148 the optical microscope and SEM tests to study the detailed ASR damage features. The dynamic micro X-  
149 ray Computed Tomography ( $\mu\text{CT}$ ) tests were further conducted to dynamically study the ASR damage  
150 development. This study can help to understand the ASR damage reduction mechanism of the added  
151 SCMs for the further field application.

## 152 **2. Preparation of mortar samples and expansion tests**

### 153 **2.1 Preparation of Mortar Samples for Length Change Test**

154 The mortar samples containing glass particles were prepared for this study and the detailed mixture  
155 design following the ASTM C1260 (ASTM C1260, 2014) can be found in Table 1. The reactive glass  
156 aggregate obtained from the Vitro Minerals Co. (Vitro Minerals Company, 2016) was used in this study.  
157 The No. 8, No. 16, No. 30, No. 50 and No. 100 size glass aggregates were used for the sample preparation,  
158 which account for a mass percentage of 10%, 25%, 25%, 25% and 15% respectively. Particularly the  
159 color of the waste aggregate used this study were mixed, including white, green, brown and etc. The main  
160 contents of glass particle are  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ , and  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , accounting for a mass percentage of  
161  $75\pm 5\%$ ,  $3\pm 2\%$ ,  $11\pm 2\%$ ,  $13\pm 3\%$  respectively (Vitro Minerals Company, 2016). Mortar samples were  
162 casted with the Larfage Type 1 cement. The main chemical compositions of the cement are  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  
163  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , which account for a mass percentage of 62.8%, 19.4%, 4.9% and 2.8% respectively  
164 based on the XRF measurement (Guo et al., 2017). The glass powder and the fly ash was also added into  
165 the mortar sample as SCMs to examine the potential on controlling the ASR damage. Totally seven type  
166 samples with different SCMs or replacement ratios were prepared as shown in Table 1.

167 The detailed chemical composition and fineness of the added SCMs are demonstrated in Table 2. The  
168 alkali content of the LA type glass powder is similar to that of the CS type and the LA type glass powder  
169 has higher alumina content compared to the CS type. The CS325 type glass powder is slightly finer than  
170 that of the LA300 type and the particle size of LA800 type glass powder is much smaller than the other  
171 two type glass powder. The fly ash has the highest alumina content but the coarsest particle size.

172 The 2.54 cm by 2.54 cm by 28.575 cm (1 in by 1 in by 11.25 in) mortar bars were prepared based on the  
173 ASTM C490 (ASTM International, 2011) for the length change tests. After demolded at 24 hours, the  
174 sample initial length was first measured. After the measurement, the samples were submerged into the  
175  $80^\circ\text{C}$  water and the zero readings was taken after 24 hour period. After that, the samples were stored into  
176  $\text{NaOH}$  solution ( $80^\circ\text{C}$ , 1 mol/L) to accelerate the development of ASR damage. The subsequent length  
177 change measurement were conducted at 1 day, 3 day, 5 day, 7 day, 14 day, 21 day and 28 day storage age.

## 178 2.2 Expansion test and length change analysis

179 The expansion potential of prepared mortar samples was examined with the accelerated mortar bar tests  
180 recommended by ASTM C1260 standard. The measured expansion rate up to 14 day reaction age of the  
181 first five type samples shown in Table 1 are demonstrated in Fig.1 a). The expansion rate of the Type 1  
182 sample reached 0.523% at 14 day age, which was much higher than the expansion limit (0.1% at 14 day  
183 age) and demonstrated the high alkali reactivity of the glass aggregate. Compared to the type 1 sample,  
184 the expansion rate of the Type 2, 3, 4 and 5 samples decrease by 46.6%, 58.1%, 64.9% and 59.30%  
185 respectively, which demonstrated the added SCMs can obviously reduce the ASR damage. As the particle

186 size of the LA300 is very similar to that of the CS325, the improvement on controlling ASR damage can  
187 be generated by the relative higher alumina content (Shi and Zheng, 2007). This result indicated the LA  
188 type glass powder can control the ASR damage more efficiently. The expansion rate of the type 4 sample  
189 was lowest among the five type samples, which indicated the finer glass powder can work more  
190 efficiently in reducing the ASR damage (Zeidan and Said, 2017). This finding was in accordance with the  
191 results shown in the reference (Afshinnia and Rangaraju, 2015).

192 Further tests with higher replacement ratio (30%) was conducted for LA300 (Type 6) and LA800 (Type 7)  
193 types glass powder as shown in Fig. 1 b). The expansion rate at 28 day age for the type 6 and 7 samples  
194 were 0.067% and 0.022% respectively, which were both lower than 0.1%. The results demonstrated the  
195 added glass powder can efficiently reduce the ASR damage with sufficient replacement ratio at early  
196 stage. The sample containing fly ash has similar reduction effect as the mortar samples with LA type glass  
197 powders.

### 198 **3. Microscope characterization of ASR tested mortar samples**

#### 199 **3.1 Surface Polishing and Treatment for the microscope examination**

200 After the length change tests, the samples were further examined with the optical microscope and SEM  
201 tests. The mortar bars were firstly surface sawn with a diamond saw cooled with kerosene. The cut  
202 samples were further detailed polished for the further examination. To better identify the cracks induced  
203 by ASR damage, the samples were dyed with fluorescent epoxy as shown in Figure 1. The sample dyeing  
204 process was conducted based on the procedure introduced in the reference (Hanson et al., 2003) with the  
205 IU30 Vacuum Impregnation as shown in Fig. 1 a). After dyeing with florescent epoxy, the mortar samples  
206 were stored overnight for the epoxy curing as shown in Fig. 1 b).

#### 207 **3.2 The examination of the mitigation effect with microscope method**

208 For optical microscope characterization, the tested samples were surface sawn, polished and dyed with  
209 fluorescent epoxy. The examination results of the type 1 sample are shown in Fig.3, where the cracks  
210 induced by the ASR damage can be clearly identified with the fluorescent light. The phases with brighter  
211 color indicated the developed ASR damage in mortar samples. The ASR damage can lead to obvious  
212 cracks inside the glass aggregate as shown in both Fig.3 a) and b). The aggregate-cement paste interface  
213 can also be deteriorated by the alkali silica reaction and the cracks along the aggregate perimeter can be  
214 detected in both Fig.3 b) and e). The development of ASR damage along the aggregate boundary can lead  
215 to the detachment between glass aggregate and cement paste as shown in Fig.3 b). The cracks induced by  
216 the expansive gel can propagate from damaged aggregate to surrounding air voids as shown in Fig.3 c)

217 and f), which can serve as the transport path for alkaline solution and promote the alkali silica reaction.  
218 Particularly the sample will be oven dried during the preparation process and the corresponding  
219 desiccation cracks can be found on the gel surface as shown in Fig.3 b), which is in accordance with the  
220 report in reference (Hanson et al., 2003).

221 The type 2, 3, 4 and 5 samples were also examined with the microscope technique to examine the  
222 reducing effect of the added SCMs on ASR damage. Compared to the Type 1 sample, relatively limited  
223 ASR damage can be detected in sample 2, 3, 4 and 5 as shown in Fig.4 a), b) and c) and d) respectively.  
224 The almost undamaged aggregate can be found in the areas close to air void as demonstrated in Fig.4,  
225 where the ASR damage can easily develop. However, the existence of expansive ASR gel can still be  
226 detected inside the sample Type 2, 3, 4 and 5 as shown in Figure 5 a), b), c) and d) respectively. The Fig.  
227 5 a), b) c) and d) indicates the developed damage in glass aggregate, propagated cracks inside glass  
228 particle, damaged aggregate besides air voids and the damage developed around the aggregate-cement  
229 paste interface respectively. It is also clear that the ASR damage in the samples with added SCMs can be  
230 mainly found inside the glass aggregate and the propagated cracks inside cement paste is still very limited.  
231 The expansion rate of Type 2, 3, 4 and 5 samples still exceeded the 0.1% limit at 14 day age and the  
232 replacement ratio of 15% was not sufficient.

#### 233 **4. Damage characterization and chemical composition analysis with SEM-EDS technique**

234 The ASR features inside mortar samples were further investigated with the Environmental Scanning  
235 Electron Microscope (ESEM). The high-resolution cracks can be found inside both aggregate and cement  
236 paste. In addition, the EDS with element mapping were also conducted to identify the phase chemical  
237 composition.

##### 238 **4.1 ESEM/EDS characterization of control mortar sample**

239 The examination results of the control mortar samples were demonstrated in Fig.6. It is obvious severe  
240 ASR damage can be detected in Fig. 6 a), where the whole glass particle has been broken into small parts  
241 by the cracks caused by the expansion of ASR gel. It is also clear the ASR damage mainly happen inside  
242 the reactive glass aggregate instead of the glass-cement paste interface, which is in accordance with the  
243 results in the reference (Rajabipour et al., 2010). The magnification of the Area A shown in Fig. 6 a) is  
244 demonstrated in Fig. 6 b), where the cracks developed from the damaged aggregate to surrounding  
245 cement paste can be clearly indicated. To better understand the property of the expansive ASR gel and its  
246 correlation to the gel composition, the chemical content analysis based on the EDS technique was  
247 conducted on the selected sites shown in Fig. 6 b). The chemical composition analysis results of the three

248 sites shown in Fig. 6 b) were indicated in Table 3, where the gel located in S1, S2 and S3 belonged to the  
249 gel inside damaged aggregate, gel along the aggregate-cement interface and gel penetrated to the  
250 surrounding cement paste. Particularly, the gel (S3) inside the cracks in cement paste has both high alkali  
251 and calcium content as shown in Table 1, which is in accordance with the results that both alkali and  
252 calcium contents were needed to generate destructive ASR gel (Vayghan et al., 2016).

253 The phase analysis in ASR damaged mortar samples shown in Fig.6 b) was further conducted based on  
254 the element mapping analysis as shown in Fig.6 c), where red, yellow, blue and white colors indicated the  
255 concentration of silica, calcium, sodium and aluminum respectively. Particularly, the brighter color  
256 indicated higher element concentration. Three different phases can be clearly detected from the element  
257 mapping results, the unreacted aggregate, the surrounding cement paste and the generated ASR gel. The  
258 silica content in unreacted glass aggregate was highest, followed by the generated ASR gel and the  
259 cement paste as depicted in Fig.6 c). The cement paste area had the highest calcium concentration and the  
260 calcium content of the generated ASR gel was higher than that of the unreacted aggregate. The gel  
261 penetration through the cracks in cement paste can also be obviously detected as shown in Fig.6 c).

#### 262 4.2 ESEM/EDS characterization of mortar sample with glass powders

263 The mortars sample with added glass powder (Type 3 and 4) samples were also examined with the ESEM  
264 technique to study the corresponding ASR damage features. The examination results of the type 3 and 4  
265 sample are demonstrated in Fig. 7 and Fig. 8 separately. As shown in Fig. 7 a) and Fig. 8 a), the observed  
266 cracks can be mainly found inside glass aggregate and the cracks in cement paste are relative limited. The  
267 damage level in these two type samples was obviously less severe than the Type 1 sample, which is in  
268 accordance with the optical microscope and expansion rate results. The magnification of the selected  
269 areas shown in Fig. 7 a) and Fig. 8 a) are indicated in Fig. 7 b) and Fig. 8 b) respectively. The  
270 morphology of the ASR gel inside glass aggregate and along the aggregate-cement paste interface can be  
271 both observed in Fig. 7 b). The crack tip of the fracture induced by ASR damage can be observed in Fig. 8  
272 b).

273 The chemical composition analysis of the samples with added glass powder was also conducted. The  
274 samples containing LA 300 type glass powder (Type 3 sample) and LA 800 type glass powder (Type 4  
275 sample) were investigated with the EDS tests and the examination sites were indicated in Fig. 7 a) and Fig.  
276 8 a) respectively. The corresponding measurement results were shown in Table 5 and 6 separately. The S1  
277 and S2 shown in Fig. 7 a) belonged to the gel along the aggregate-cement paste interface. The S1  
278 indicated in Fig. 8 a) was the internal gel inside the damaged aggregate, and S2 and S3 indicated the gel  
279 along the aggregate-cement paste interface. As shown in Table 4 and 5, the Alkali: Si ratios of the

280 samples with added glass powder were in similar range compared to the Type 1 sample without added  
281 glass powder. However, the calcium content of the ASR gel in samples with glass powder was much  
282 lower, which is in agreement with the finding that the added glass powder can lower the calcium content  
283 in pore solution (Zheng, 2016).

284 The sample with added fly ash (Type 5) was further examined with SEM technique to analyze its damage  
285 features and the examination results are shown in Fig. 9. The ASR induced damages are mainly limited  
286 inside the glass aggregate as shown in Fig. 9 and the surrounding cement paste has not been obviously  
287 cracked. The chemical composition analysis based on EDS test was also conducted on the sites shown in  
288 Fig. 9 a) and the corresponding results are shown in Table 6. Compared to the samples with glass powder,  
289 the sample containing fly ash has a similar Ca:Si ratio but a much lower Alkali:Si ratio. Furthermore, the  
290 alumina content of the fly ash sample is obviously higher than both the control sample and the glass  
291 powder samples. These results demonstrate the added fly ash can better bind the alkali content and the  
292 enhanced binding effect was probably generated from the higher alumina content (Chappex and Scrivener,  
293 2012).

## 294 **5. The detection of ASR damage using dynamic micro X-ray Computed Tomography ( $\mu$ CT)** 295 **technique**

### 296 **5.1. The sample preparation and basic setup of micro X-ray CT test**

297 The dynamic  $\mu$ CT tests were conducted at Beamline 2-BM of the Advance Photon Source (APS) at  
298 Argonne National Lab. The experiment setup parameters were determined based on the former study on  
299 the interaction between glass particle and sodium hydroxide solution (Sun et al., 2017). The scanning  
300 resolution was 1  $\mu$ m/pixel with the selected beam energy (27.4 keV) and exposure time (300 ms). The  
301 scanning was proceeded from 0° to 180° on each cross section with 1° angular increment. The distance  
302 between each cross section is 1  $\mu$ m.

303 The preparation of the dynamically scanned sample was conducted based on method used in reference  
304 (Guo et al., 2017). The micro scale mortar sample was prepared with the Lafarge Type 1 cement and the  
305 recycled glass aggregate from Vitro Minerals (Vitro Minerals Company, 2016). The volume ratio of  
306 cement to aggregate and the water/cement ratio in this study were chosen as 0.3 and 0.5 respectively. In  
307 addition, the cement was directly mixed with 1 mol/L NaOH solution to promote the ASR development  
308 for time-efficient evaluation. The prepared fresh mortar sample was put into a PTFE tube (2 mm inner  
309 diameter) and seated with epoxy for the X-ray CT test. To accelerate the reaction, the sample was located  
310 at 80 °C condition in an furnace as recommended by ASTM C1260 (ASTM C1260, 2014).

311 Besides the dynamic examination, the static scanning on the pre-prepared samples was also conducted.  
312 Three type glass aggregate mortar samples with different SCMs type and content were prepared: the  
313 control sample without SCMs, the sample with 30% cement replaced by fly ash and the sample with 30%  
314 replaced LA800 type glass powder. The statically scanned samples were prepared with the same glass  
315 aggregate used for the dynamically examined samples. The cement was directly mixed with water at 0.47  
316 w/c ratio and the prepared samples were submersed into 80°C water for 24 hours at one day age based on  
317 ASTM C1260 (ASTM C1260, 2014). After that the samples were further submersed into 1 mol/L NaOH  
318 solution at 80°C for another 7 day age before the  $\mu$ CT examination.

## 319 **5.2. Experimental image analysis for damage detection**

320 The dynamic  $\mu$ CT scan was conducted with the prepared microscale mortar sample up to 63 hours  
321 reaction age. To better demonstrate the development of ASR damage with higher resolution, the scanning  
322 results at 0, 12, 36 and 63 reaction hours are demonstrated in Fig. 9 a), b), c) and d) respectively. These  
323 figures showed that most of ASR damage or cracks initiated from area with initial defects. These defects  
324 were generated during glass particle recycling process. The defects in glass particles can further lead to  
325 stress concentration and the fracture can more easily initiate and propagate (Anderson and Anderson,  
326 2005).

327 The influence of the initial defects on ASR damage development can be more detailed demonstrated by  
328 comparing Fig.10 a) and b), which are scanned at initial and final stages (63 hrs) respectively. The Area A  
329 shown in Fig. 10 a) was almost intact at the beginning while several initial defects can be found in the  
330 Area B. After 63 hours reaction, it is clear the glass aggregate in Area B were more severe damaged  
331 compared to Area A as demonstrated in Fig.10 b). These findings further support that the ASR damage  
332 can more easily occur in the area with initial defects. By comparing Fig.10 c) and d), the developed  
333 radical cracks from the initial defects can be observed. This result indicated the cracks caused by ASR  
334 damage can propagate randomly from the initial defects.

335 In addition to the damage in glass aggregate, the expansive ASR gel can also affect the cement-aggregate  
336 bonding. A clear cement-aggregate gap can be found in Area B as demonstrated in Fig.11 b). This  
337 phenomenon was in accordance with the findings in the reference (Hernández-Cruz et al., 2016), which is  
338 due to the expansion of the generated ASR gel. The damage developed from sharp corner area is indicated  
339 in Fig.12, where the cracks were formed from the intact corner area after 63 hours reaction. The cracks  
340 can serve as the transport path for alkali ion, which can increase the water permeability of the  
341 cementitious materials and promote the development of ASR damage. The dynamic scanning results  
342 demonstrate the cracks can more easily develop from the area with initial defects or the sharp corner area.

343 The expansion of the ASR gel in these area can easily lead to stress concentration (Maraghechi et al.,  
344 2012). Furthermore the propagated cracks inside silica materials can lead the strained Si-O-Si bonds  
345 (Munekuni et al., 1991) and break the Si-O covalent bonds (Radtsig, 1995). These two defects can  
346 significantly enhance the surface reactivity of silica materials (Pacchioni, 2000). The stress concentration  
347 and the enhanced reactivity due to structure defects were the two main reasons that the ASR damage in  
348 glass aggregate mainly develop from the area with initial defects instead of the glass-cement paste area.

349 The static  $\mu$ CT scanning results of the pre-prepared samples are shown in Fig.13. The large-amount of  
350 ASR induced cracks can be observed with the control sample (without added SCMs) as shown in Fig. 13  
351 a) and d). The ASR damages in the samples with added fly ash and glass powder are both significantly  
352 reduced as demonstrated in Fig. 13 b)+e) and c)+f) respectively. The static scanning results further  
353 demonstrate the damage reduction effect of the added SCMs.

## 354 5. Conclusions

355 This study demonstrated that the utilizing the waste SCMs into recycled glass particle cement paste can  
356 reduce many ASR damage and thus reduce environmental impacts. The ASR damage mechanism in  
357 cementitious materials containing glass aggregate were characterized and the damage reduction effects  
358 with waste materials (fly ash and glass powder) were also evaluated. The accelerated mortar bar tests  
359 were firstly conducted to evaluate expansion. Then the tested samples were further examined with both  
360 the optical microscope and SEM tests to investigate the morphology of the ASR damage. The chemical  
361 composition of the reaction product was also studied with the EDS technique. The dynamic  $\mu$ CT tests  
362 were further conducted to study the ASR damage development in the mortar samples containing glass  
363 aggregate. The main conclusions of this paper are listed below.

364 (1) Both the added fly ash and the glass powder can obviously control the ASR damage during early age  
365 in the mortar samples containing reactive glass aggregate. The expansion rate at 14-day age can decrease  
366 by 46.6%, 58.1%, 64.9% and 59.30% with 15% replacement ratio of CS325, LA300, LA800 type glass  
367 powder and fly ash respectively. The expansion rates were 0.067% and 0.022% for the mortar samples  
368 with 30% replacement ratio of LA300 and LA800 type glass powder at 28 day age. Compared to LA300,  
369 the LA800 glass powder can work more efficiently in controlling ASR damage due to its finer particle  
370 size. Particularly, the reduction effect of the fine glass powder is comparable to that of the fly ash.

371 (2) The microscope examination results on control samples demonstrate the crack induced by the ASR  
372 damage can penetrate from the reactive aggregates to the surrounding cement pastes or air voids, which  
373 can increase permeability and reduce durability. The examination on the sample with added SCMs

374 demonstrate the damage are mainly limited in the glass aggregate and only few cracks in cement paste  
375 can be observed, which demonstrate the added SCMs can prevent the increase of water permeability. The  
376 examination also indicated ASR damage mainly developed inside the glass aggregate instead of the glass-  
377 cement interface. The detachment between the glass aggregate and cement paste induced by the ASR gel  
378 expansion can be observed from both optical microscope and SEM tests.

379 (3) Based on the element mapping analysis, the three main phases (unreacted aggregate, cement paste and  
380 ASR gel) in the ASR damaged mortar samples can be clearly identified. The unreacted glass aggregate  
381 and cement paste have the highest silica content and calcium concentration respectively. The calcium  
382 content of the generated ASR gel is higher than that of the unreacted aggregate. The expansion of the  
383 ASR gel into cement paste through the cracks can be clearly detected with the mapping analysis results.  
384 The gel inside the cracks in cement paste has both relative high calcium and alkali content, which  
385 demonstrate both calcium and alkali content are needed to generate destructive ASR gel. The chemical  
386 composition analysis results demonstrate the added SCMs can lower both the alkali and calcium content  
387 in the generated ASR gel, which can lead to less expansive and destructive gel.

388 (4) This X-ray CT scanning results in this study first time provide the direct evidence that the ASR  
389 damage can more easily generate from the area with initial defects or sharp corner area. The ASR damage  
390 evolution in different scenarios can be observed from the X-ray CT examination, including the  
391 development of the radical cracks and the detachment between aggregate and cement paste. Furthermore,  
392 the  $\mu$ CT images of glass power and fly ash samples showed significantly reduced ASR damage.

393 This study examined the damage reduction effect of the waste SCMs in the cementitious materials  
394 containing glass aggregates. The current study demonstrated the glass mortar samples had sufficient ASR  
395 damage resistance with 30% cement replaced by SCMs, which can applied for further concrete study.  
396 Besides mitigating the environmental pressure and reducing the generated CO<sub>2</sub> during cement production,  
397 the examination results further demonstrate replacing part of cement with waste glass powder/fly ash can  
398 facilitate the waste glass particles into concrete and lead to a both greener and durable building material.

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549 **Figure Captions:**

550 Fig.1. a) The length change test results of the Type 1, 2, 3 and 4 Samples up to 14 day age; b) The length  
551 change test results of the Type 1, 6 and 7 samples up to 28 day age.

552 Fig.2. Demonstration of mortar sample dyeing process with fluorescent epoxy. a) The basic setup of the  
553 IU30 Vacuum Impregnation Unit; b) The samples dyed with fluorescent epoxy.

554 Fig.3. Demonstration of ASR damage inside Type 1 samples. a) and d): Demonstration of cracks inside  
555 the reactive glass aggregate; b) and e): Indication of the cracks along the aggregate boundary; c) and f):  
556 Depiction of ASR damage in the area close to air voids.

557 Fig.4. Demonstration of the reduction effect of added SCMs on ASR damage. a), b), c) and d)  
558 Demonstration of reduced ASR damage in Type 2, 3, 4 and 5 Samples.

559 Fig.5. Demonstration of the ASR damage of mortar samples with SCMs. a), b), c) and d) Demonstration  
560 of the ASR damage in Type 2, 3, 4 and 5 Samples.

561 Fig.6. Demonstration ASR damage in type 1 sample using ESEM. a): Demonstration of the cracks existed  
562 in both aggregate and cement paste induced by the ASR gel; b) The magnification of the Area A in Fig. 6  
563 a) for the better demonstration of cracks in cement paste; c) The element mapping analysis results based  
564 on EDS within the area shown in Fig. 6 b).

565 Figure 7. Demonstration of the ASR damage in the sample with added glass powder a): Demonstration of  
566 the ASR damage features in type 3 sample; b) Magnification of the Area A shown in Fig. 7 a) for the  
567 demonstration of generated ASR gel.

568 Fig.8. Demonstration of the ASR damage in the sample with added glass powder a): Demonstration of the  
569 ASR damage features in type 4 sample; b) Magnification of the Area A shown in Fig. 8 a) for the  
570 demonstration of cracks inside glass aggregate.

571 Fig.9. Demonstration of the ASR damage in the sample with added fly ash a) and b): Demonstration of  
572 the ASR damage features in type 5 sample.

573 Fig.10. The dynamic development of ASR deterioration in aggregate. A) The initial scanning at 0 reaction  
574 hours; B) The scanning at 12 reaction hours; C) The scanning at 36 reaction hours; D) The final scanning  
575 at 63 reaction hours.

576 Fig.11. Demonstration of the developed ASR damage from the area with initial defects. a) and c) The  
577 original aggregate morphology at 0 hour reaction age; b) and d) The aggregate morphology after ASR  
578 damage at the 63 hours reaction age.

579 Fig.12. Indication of cracks developed from sharp corner. a) Glass particle with sharp corner and initial  
580 defect at 0 hour reaction age and b) Developed cracks in glass particle at 63 hours reaction age.

581 Fig.13. ASR damage feature for the static examined samples (7 day age). a) The examination results of  
582 controlled sample. b) The examination results of the sample with added fly ash; c) The examination  
583 results of the sample with added glass powder.

584 **Table 1**  
 585 Mix design of the mortar samples containing reactive glass aggregate

	Cement	SCMs	Glass Aggregate	Water
Type 1 (control type)	440 g	-	990 g	206.8 g
Type 2	374 g	66 g (LA 300 Type)	990 g	206.8 g
Type 3	374 g	66 g (CS 325 Type)	990 g	206.8 g
Type 4	374 g	66 g (LA 800 Type)	990 g	206.8 g
Type 5	374 g	66 g (Class F fly ash)	990 g	206.8 g
Type 6	308 g	132 g (LA 300 Type)	990 g	206.8 g
Type 7	308 g	132 g (LA 800 Type)	990 g	206.8 g

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588 **Table 2**  
 589 Details of chemical composition and mesh size of SCMs

		CS 325	LA 300	LA 800	Fly Ash (Sutter et al., 2014)
Chemical Composition (mass percentage)	SiO <sub>2</sub>	50-80%	50-55%	50-55%	47.3%
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1-10%	14-20%	14-20%	23.4%
	CaO	5-15%	20-25%	20-25%	3.8%
	Na <sub>2</sub> O+K <sub>2</sub> O	2-16%	8-14%	8-14%	2.4%
Particle Size ( $\mu$ m)	D50 median size	50	60	20	-
	D98 top size	10-12	10-12	6-7	45

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592 **Table 3**  
593 The chemical composition analysis results of the type 1 sample

	O (Wt %)	Si (Wt %)	Na (Wt %)	K (Wt %)	Ca (Wt %)	Al (Wt %)	Mg (Wt %)	Alkali:Si Molar ratio	Ca:Si Molar Ratio	Al:Si Molar Ratio
Site 1	52.0	23.5	8.0	0.2	13.6	1.2	1.5	0.42	0.40	0.053
Site 2	50.6	24.4	6.1	0.2	17.0	1.3	0.4	0.31	0.49	0.055
Site 3	46.9	22.8	11.6	0.4	17.3	0.9	0.1	0.63	0.53	0.041

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596 **Table 4**  
597 The chemical composition analysis results of the type 3 sample

	O (Wt %)	Si (Wt %)	Na (Wt %)	K (Wt %)	Ca (Wt %)	Al (Wt %)	Mg (Wt %)	Alkali:Si Molar ratio	Ca:Si Molar ratio	Al:Si Molar ratio
Site S1	51.63	25.94	9.41	1.23	10.53	0.81	0.45	0.48	0.28	0.032
Site S2	50.54	26.51	10.11	1.23	10.32	0.85	0.44	0.50	0.27	0.033

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600 **Table 5**  
601 The chemical composition analysis results of the type 4 sample

	O (Wt %)	Si (Wt %)	Na (Wt %)	K (Wt %)	Ca (Wt %)	Al (Wt %)	Mg (Wt %)	Alkali:Si Molar ratio	Ca:Si Molar ratio	Al:Si Molar ratio
Site S1	48.8	28.1	10.7	1.0	10.8	0.6	-	0.49	0.27	0.022
Site S2	46.8	29.5	10.4	1.1	11.6	0.6	-	0.46	0.28	0.021
Site S3	48.4	29.3	9.4	0.9	11.4	0.6	-	0.41	0.27	0.021

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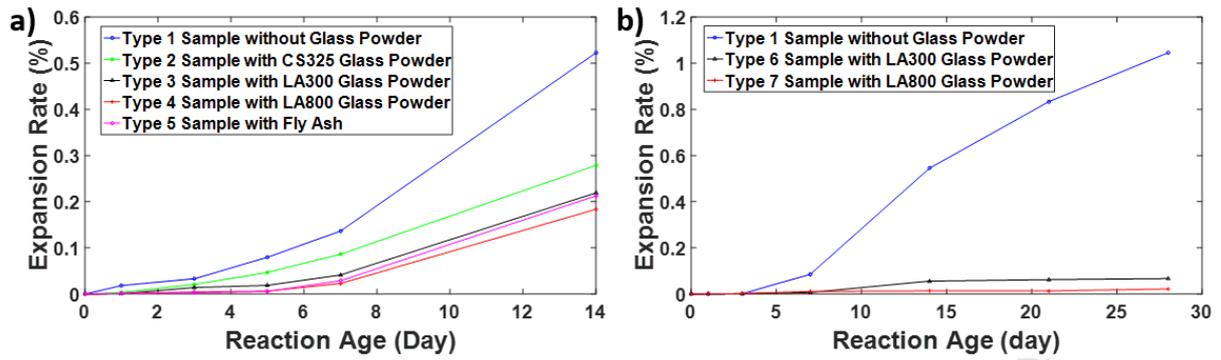
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604 **Table 6**  
605 The chemical composition analysis results of the Type 5 sample

	O (Wt %)	Si (Wt %)	Na (Wt %)	K (Wt %)	Ca (Wt %)	Al (Wt %)	Mg (Wt %)	Alkali:Si Molar ratio	Ca:Si Molar ratio	Al:Si Molar ratio
Site S1	48.3	29.2	7.3	2.6	11.0	0.9	0.7	0.37	0.26	0.032
Site S2	47.6	29.4	7.5	2.5	11.4	0.8	0.8	0.37	0.27	0.029

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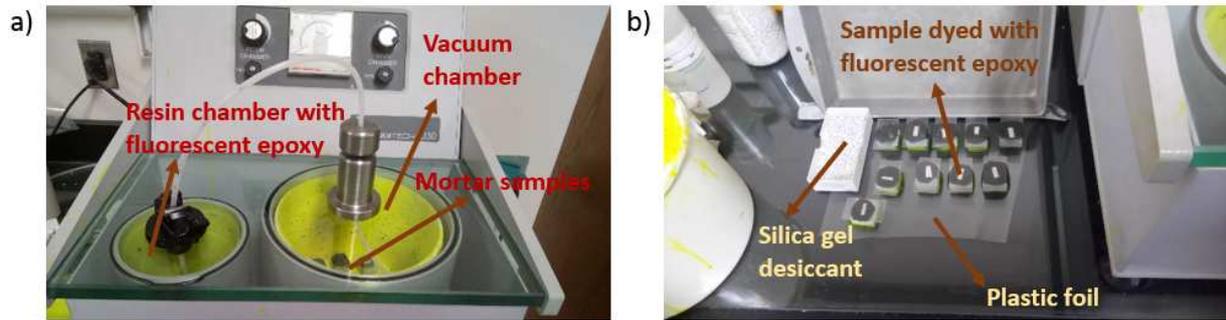
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610 change test results of the Type 1, 6 and 7 samples up to 28 day age.

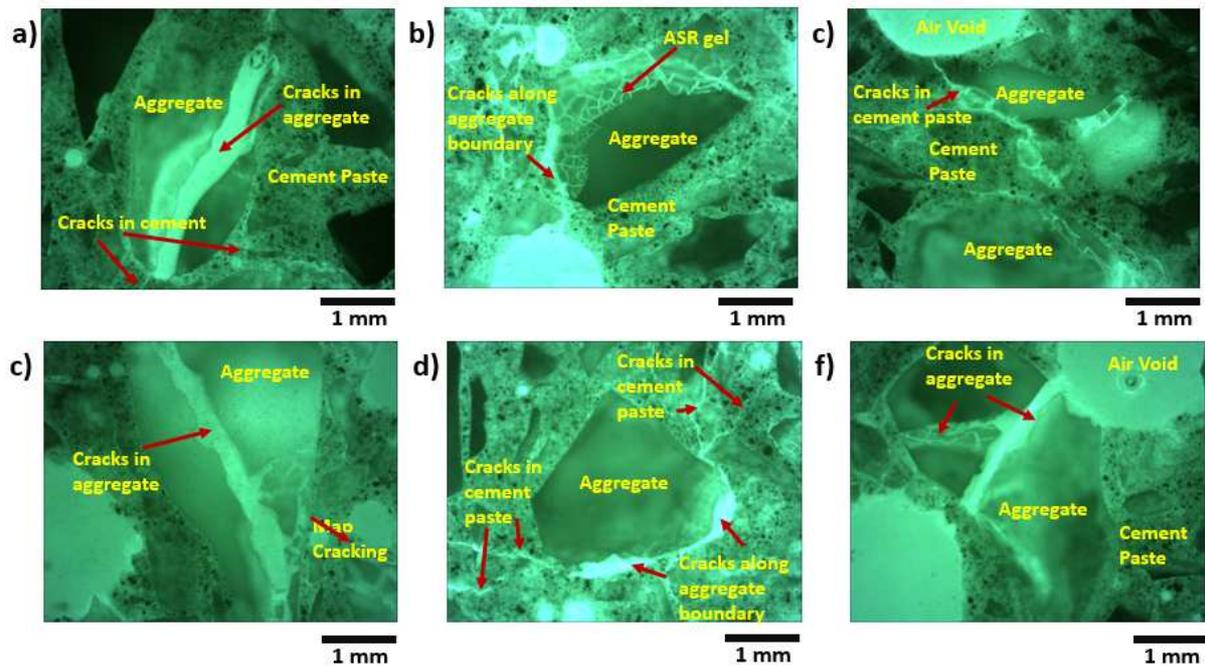
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613 Fig.2. Demonstration of mortar sample dyeing process with fluorescent epoxy. a) The basic setup of the  
614 IU30 Vacuum Impregnation Unit; b) The samples dyed with fluorescent epoxy.

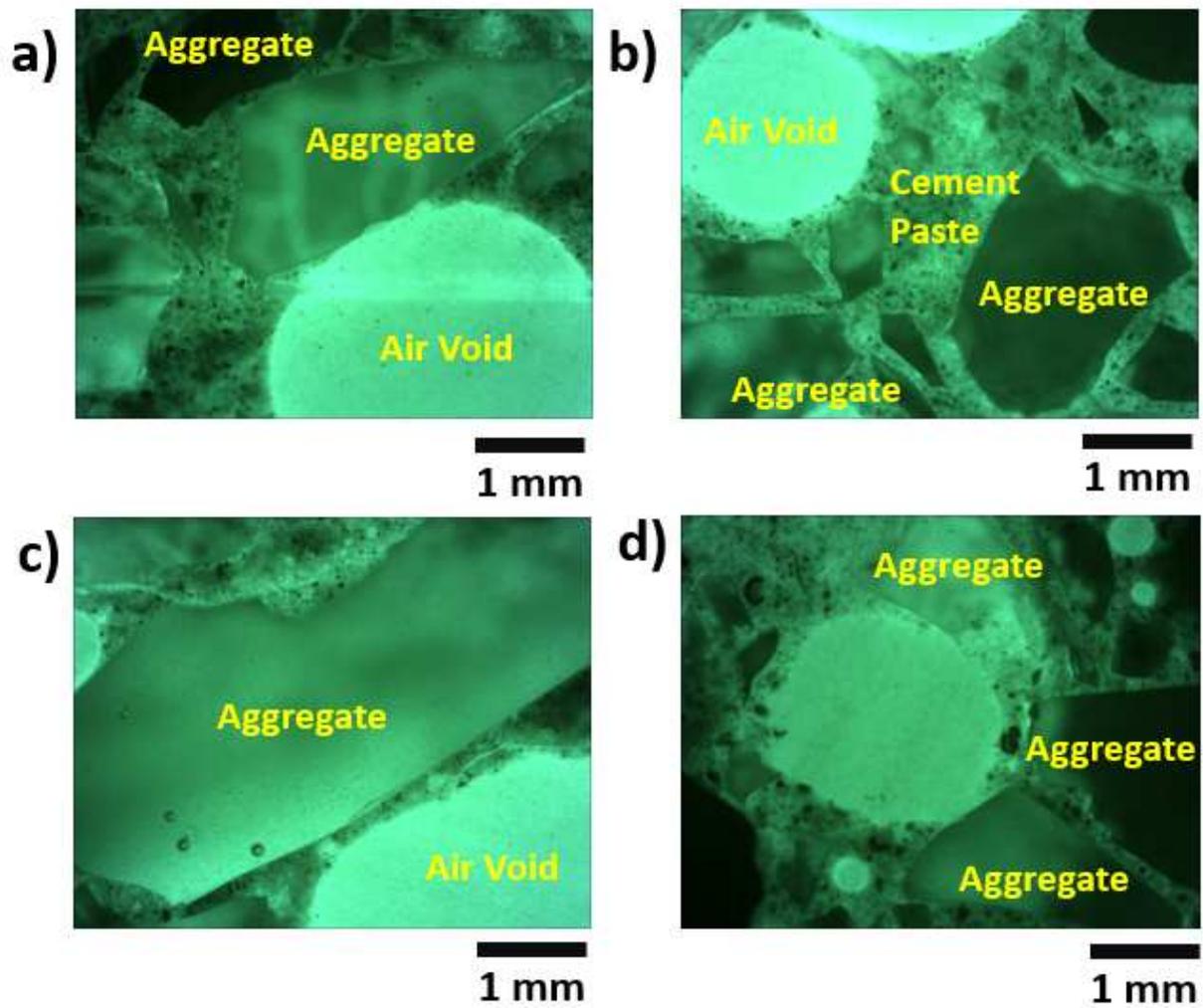
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617 Fig.3. Demonstration of ASR damage inside Type 1 samples. a) and d): Demonstration of cracks inside  
 618 the reactive glass aggregate; b) and e): Indication of the cracks along the aggregate boundary; c) and f):  
 619 Depiction of ASR damage in the area close to air voids.

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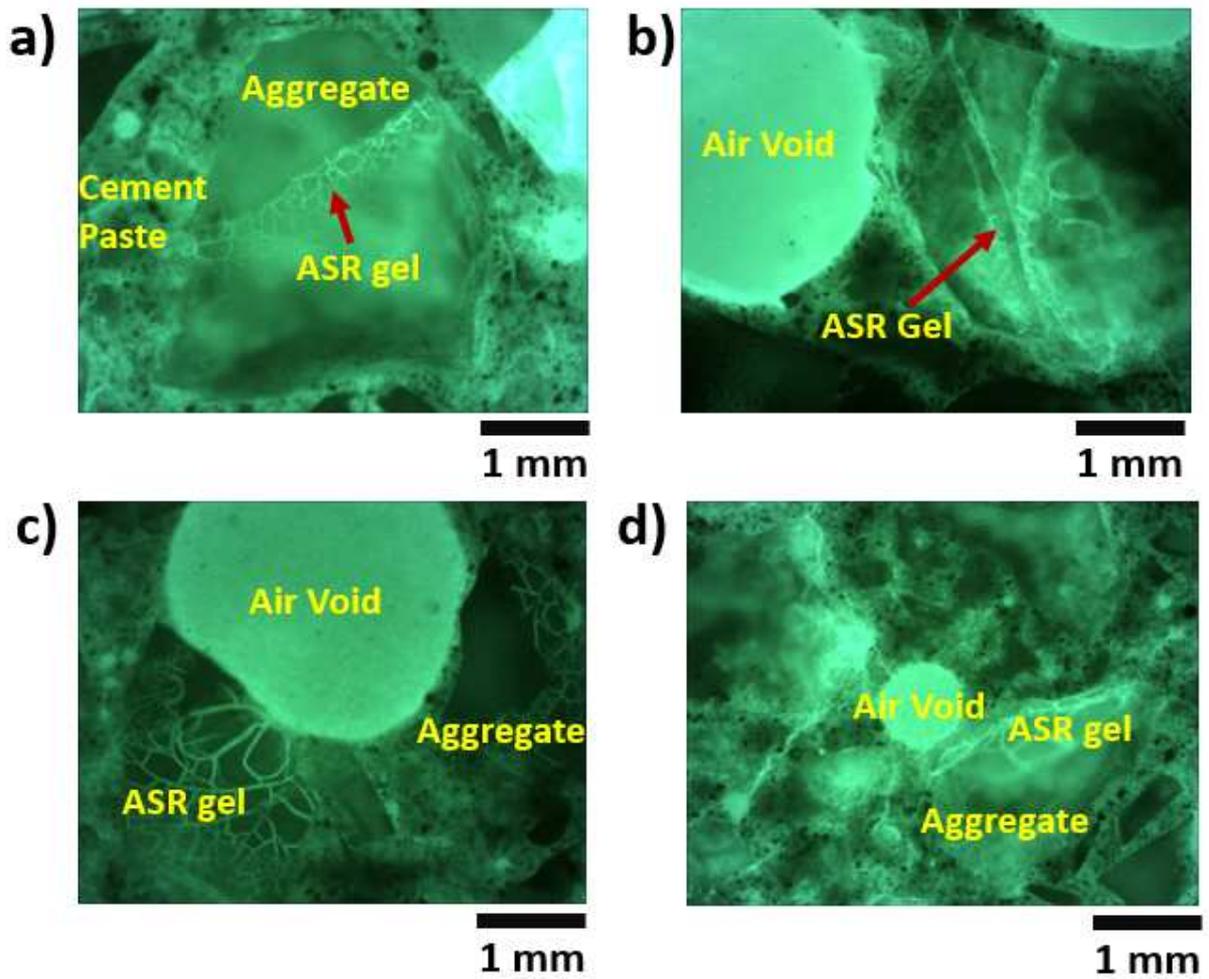


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622 Fig.4. Demonstration of the reduction effect of added SCMs on ASR damage. a), b), c) and d)

623 Demonstration of reduced ASR damage in Type 2, 3, 4 and 5 Samples.

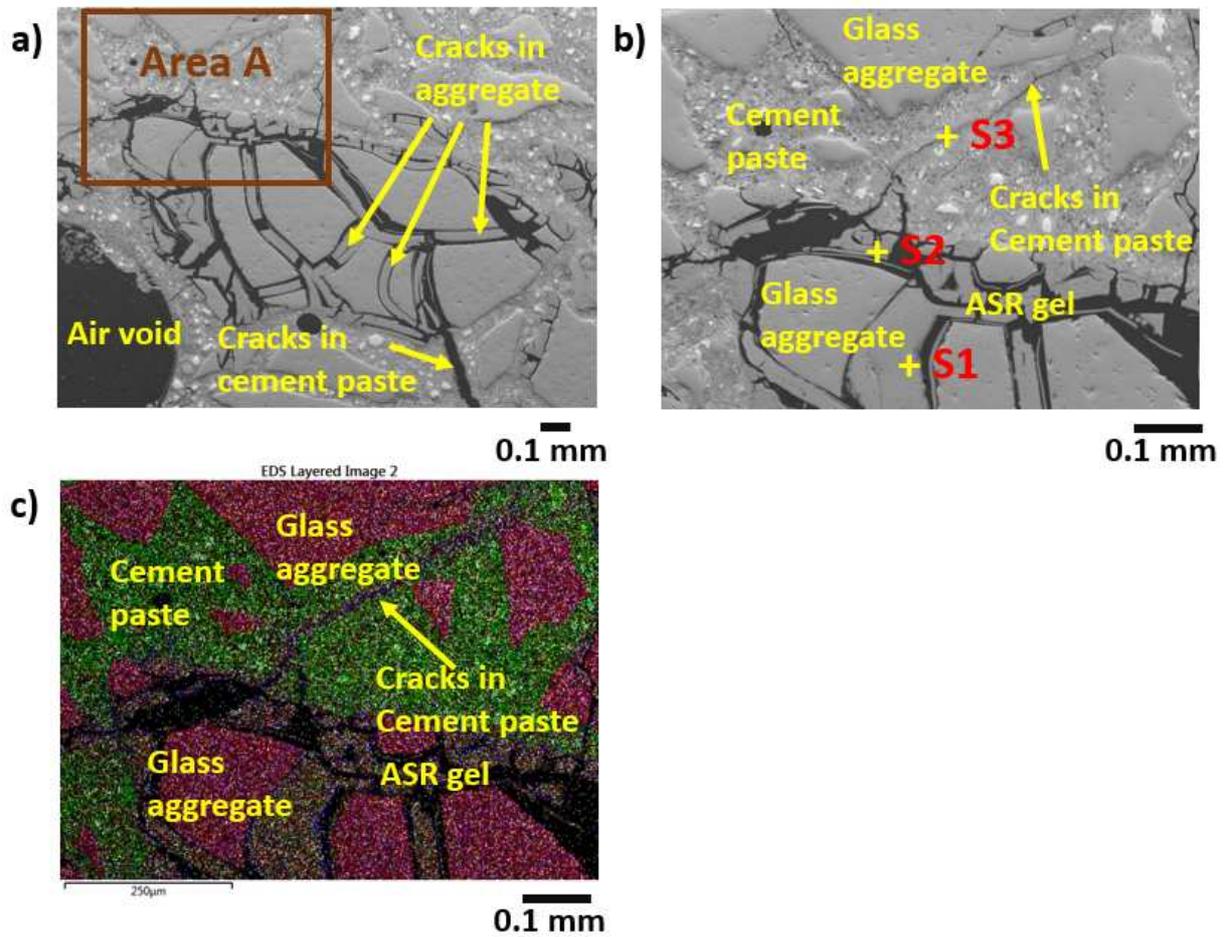
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627 of the ASR damage in Type 2, 3, 4 and 5 Samples.

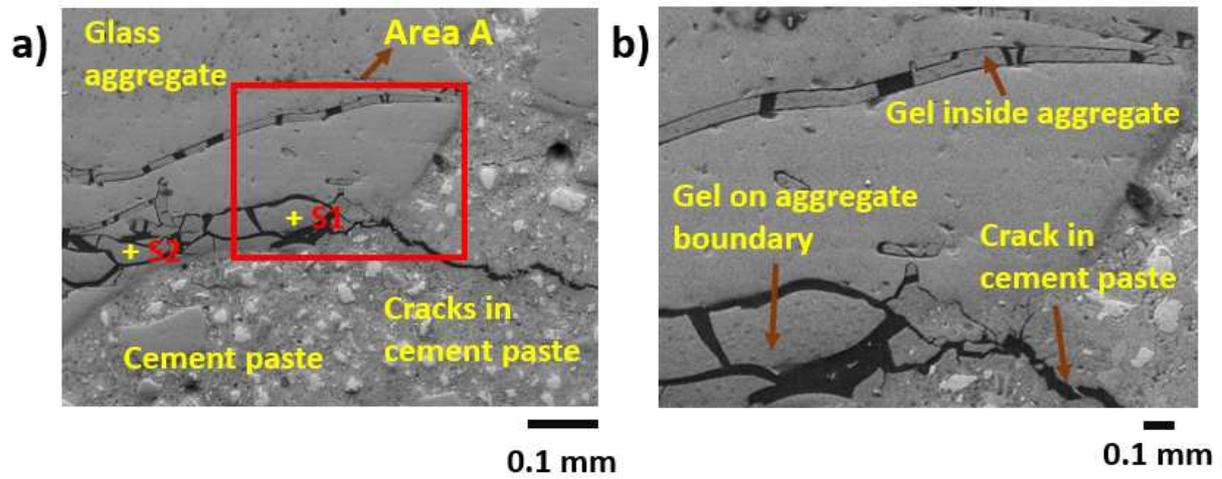
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630 Fig.6. Demonstration ASR damage in type 1 sample using ESEM. a): Demonstration of the cracks existed  
 631 in both aggregate and cement paste induced by the ASR gel; b) The magnification of the Area A in Fig. 6  
 632 a) for the better demonstration of cracks in cement paste; c) The element mapping analysis results based  
 633 on EDS within the area shown in Fig. 6 b).

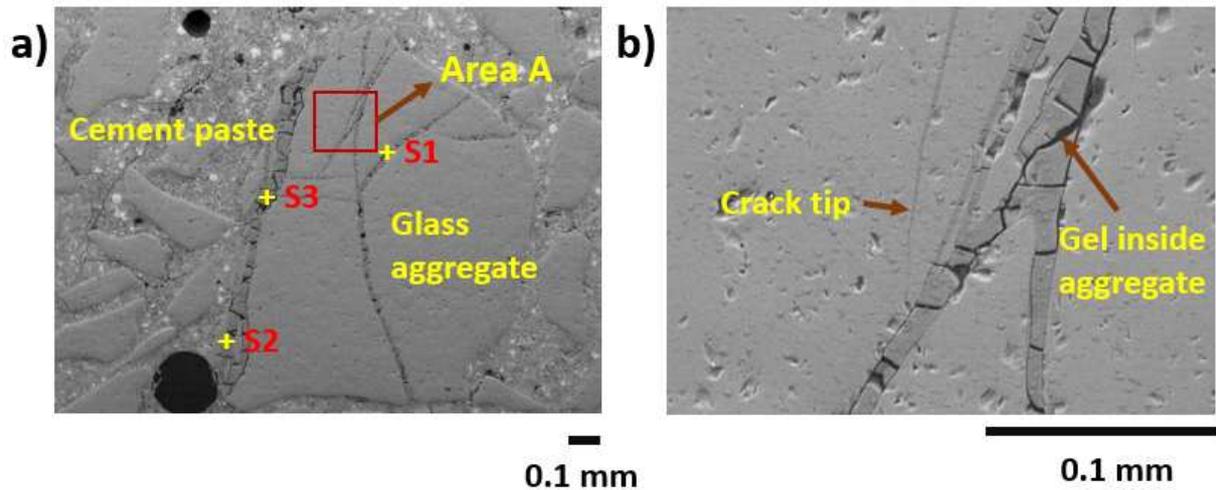
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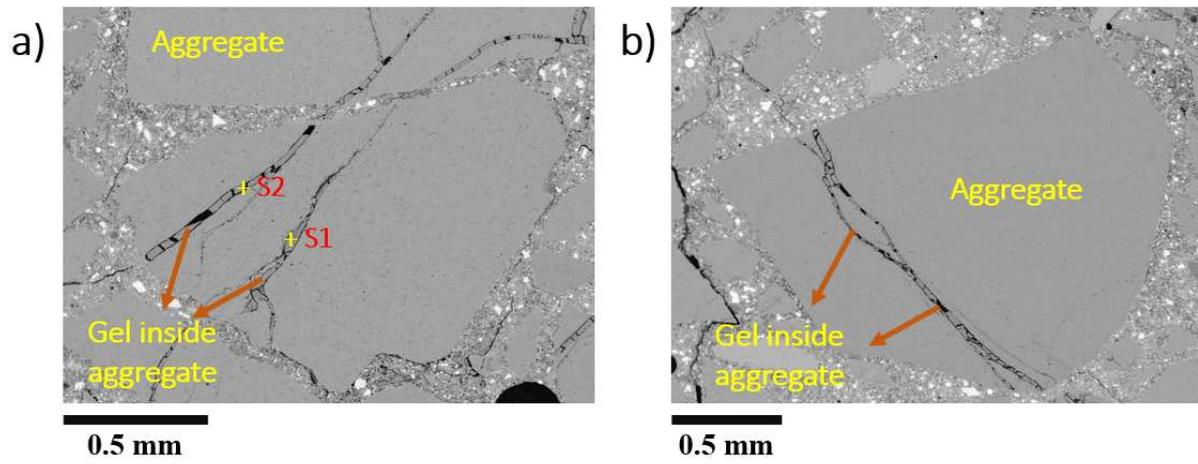
636 Figure 7. Demonstration of the ASR damage in the sample with added glass powder a): Demonstration of  
637 the ASR damage features in type 3 sample; b) Magnification of the Area A shown in Fig. 7 a) for the  
638 demonstration of generated ASR gel.

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640 Fig.8. Demonstration of the ASR damage in the sample with added glass powder a): Demonstration of the  
641 ASR damage features in type 4 sample; b) Magnification of the Area A shown in Fig. 8 a) for the  
642 demonstration of cracks inside glass aggregate.  
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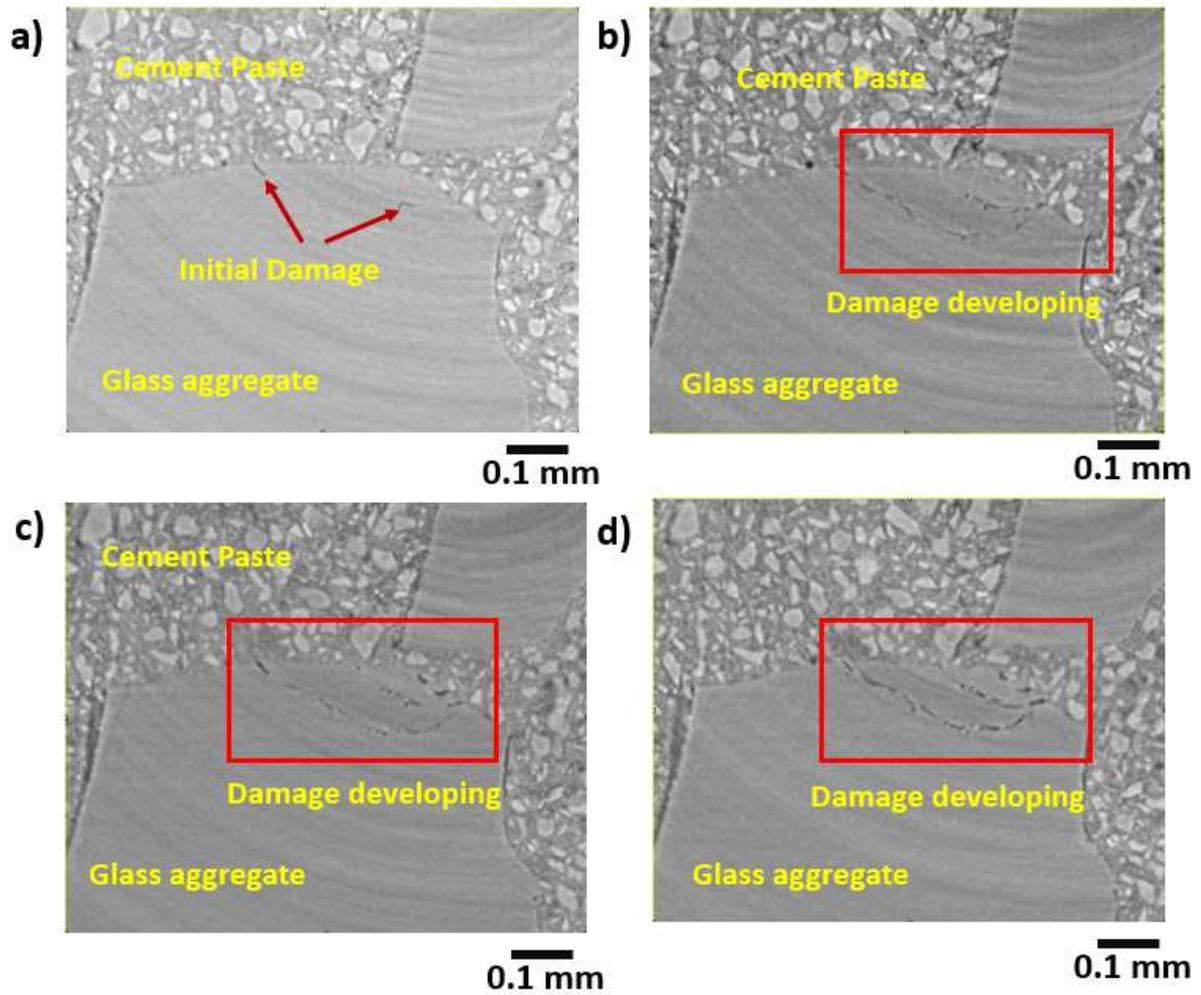
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646 Fig.9. Demonstration of the ASR damage in the sample with added fly ash a) and b); Demonstration of  
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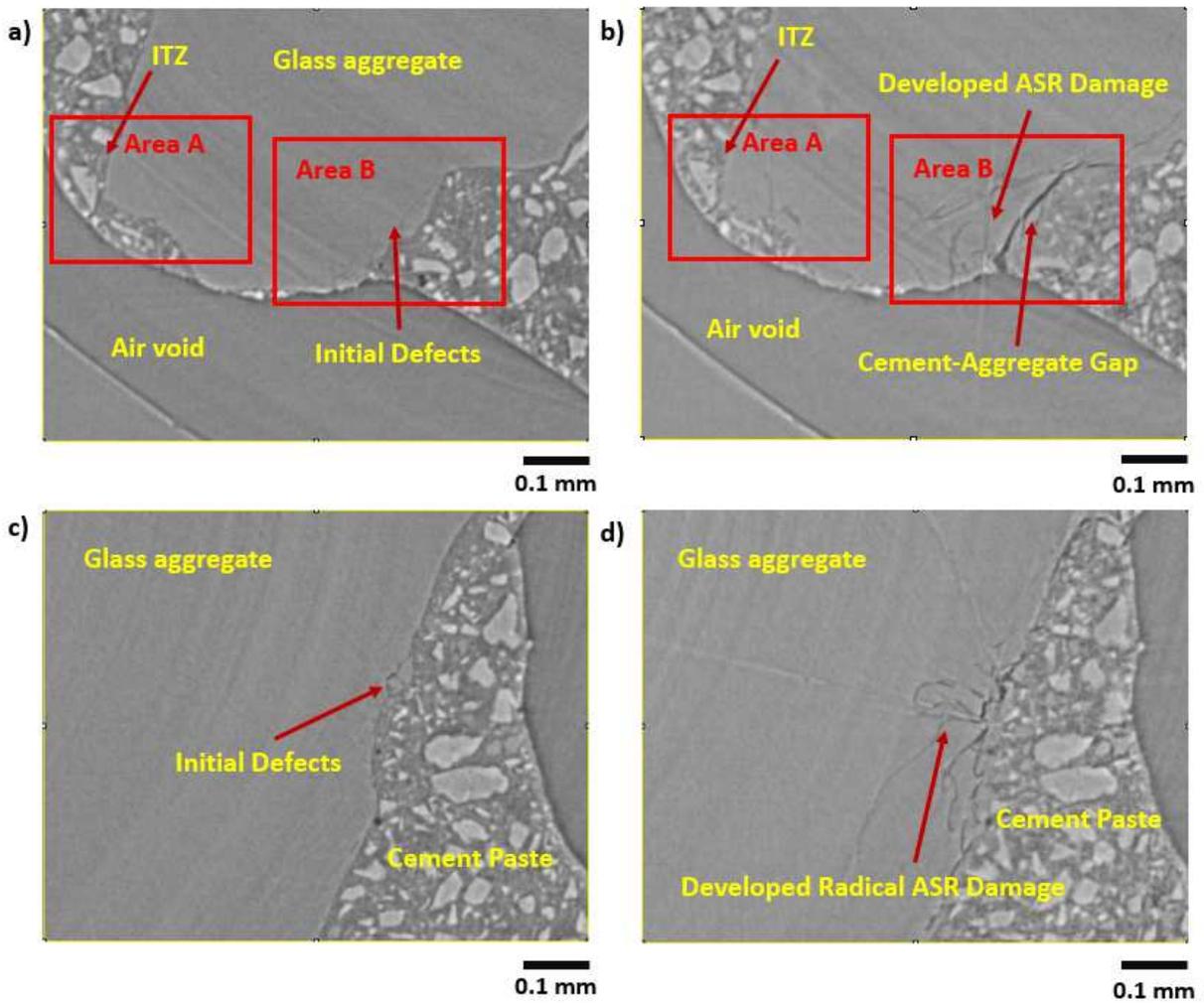
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650 Fig.10. The dynamic development of ASR deterioration in aggregate. A) The initial scanning at 0 reaction  
651 hours; B) The scanning at 12 reaction hours; C) The scanning at 36 reaction hours; D) The final scanning  
652 at 63 reaction hours.

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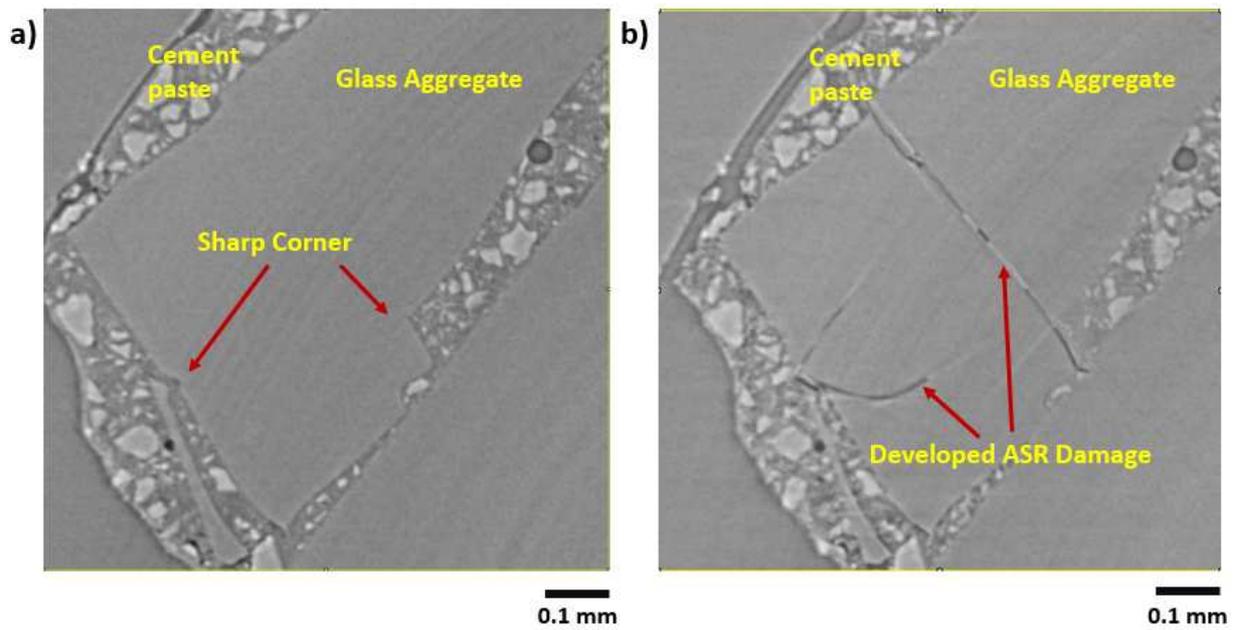


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655 Fig.11. Demonstration of the developed ASR damage from the area with initial defects. a) and c) The  
 656 original aggregate morphology at 0 hour reaction age; b) and d) The aggregate morphology after ASR  
 657 damage at the 63 hours reaction age.

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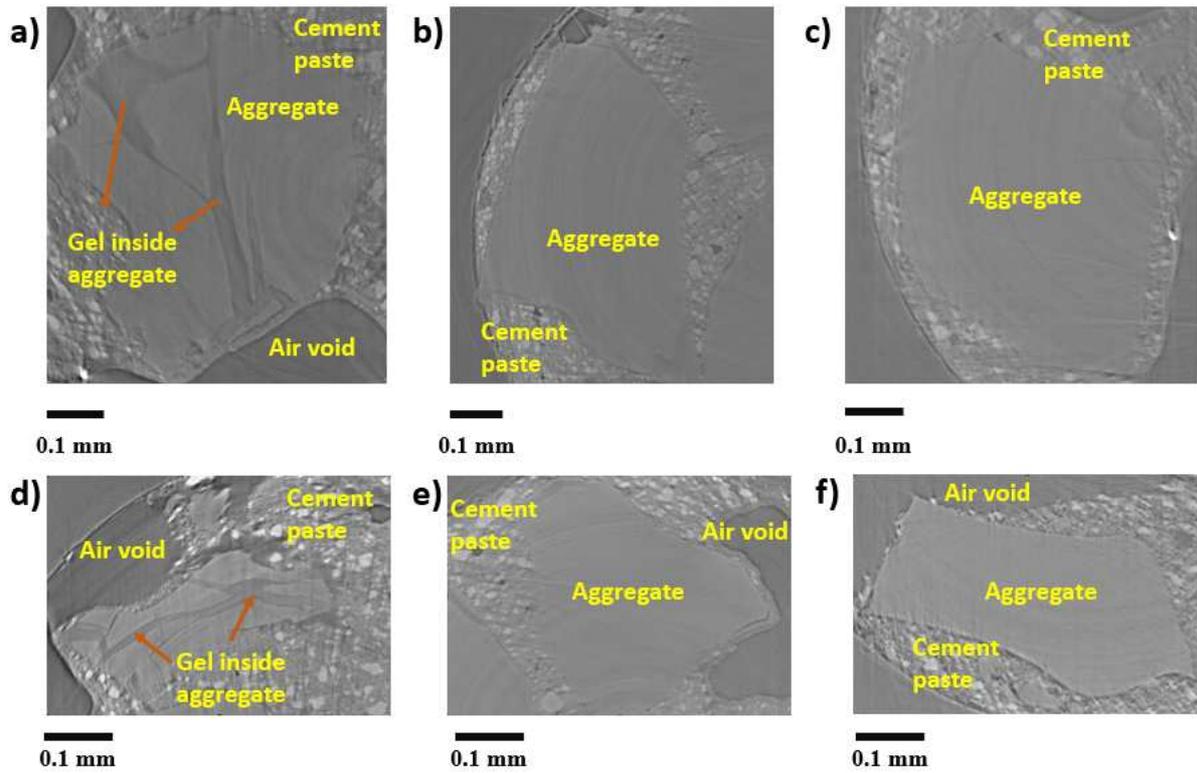
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661 Fig.12. Indication of cracks developed from sharp corner. a) Glass particle with sharp corner and initial  
662 defect at 0 hour reaction age and b) Developed cracks in glass particle at 63 hours reaction age.

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665 Fig.13. ASR damage feature for the static examined samples (7 day age). a) and d) The examination  
 666 results of controlled sample. b) and e) The examination results of the sample with added fly ash; c) and f)  
 667 The examination results of the sample with added glass powder.