

AI-Based Predictive Modeling of Sustainable Geopolymer Concrete Using Agricultural Waste Materials.

Abstract

The construction industry is one of the largest contributors to global carbon emissions due to the extensive use of cement in conventional concrete production. Sustainable alternatives such as geopolymer concrete have gained significant attention because they incorporate agricultural and industrial waste materials while reducing environmental impact. This research presents an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based predictive modeling framework for sustainable geopolymer concrete utilizing agricultural waste materials including Sugarcane Bagasse Ash (SBA), Banana Peel Ash (BPA), and Fly Ash Type C polymer. The proposed framework integrates machine learning algorithms with a lightweight web-based application to predict key concrete performance metrics including compressive strength, flexural strength, and initial and final setting times. Four regression-based machine learning models—Ridge Regression, Elastic Net Regression, Partial Least Squares Regression (PLS), and Support Vector Regression (SVR)—were trained and evaluated using experimental geopolymer concrete datasets. Results demonstrated that SVR significantly outperformed the other models, achieving high predictive accuracy with R^2 values reaching 0.979 for certain output variables. Feature analysis revealed that Sugarcane Bagasse Ash positively influenced compressive and flexural strength, while Banana Peel Ash reduced concrete setting times. Fly Ash Type C demonstrated predominantly negative effects on overall concrete performance. The developed system provides researchers and material scientists with a rapid, cost-effective, and user-friendly decision-support platform capable of accelerating sustainable concrete research and minimizing the need for extensive laboratory experimentation. Concrete is one of the most widely used construction materials worldwide; however, conventional cement production contributes significantly to global carbon emissions and environmental degradation. The incorporation of agricultural and industrial waste materials into geopolymer concrete presents a sustainable alternative capable of reducing environmental impact while maintaining structural integrity. This study proposes an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based predictive modeling framework for sustainable geopolymer concrete using agricultural waste materials including Sugarcane Bagasse Ash (SBA), Banana Peel Ash (BPA), and Fly Ash Type C polymer. Machine learning techniques were utilized to predict compressive strength, flexural strength, and initial and final setting times of geopolymer concrete mixtures. Four regression models including Ridge Regression, Elastic Net Regression, Partial Least Squares (PLS), and Support Vector Regression (SVR) were trained and evaluated using experimental concrete composition data. The developed framework also includes a lightweight web-based interface for user interaction and predictive analysis. Results demonstrate that SVR achieved the highest predictive performance across most output variables, with R^2 scores ranging from 0.73 to 0.98 and low prediction error rates. Feature analysis revealed that Sugarcane Bagasse Ash positively influenced compressive and flexural strength, while Banana Peel Ash significantly reduced setting times. Fly Ash Type C showed predominantly negative effects on concrete performance. The proposed AI-driven system provides material scientists and researchers with a rapid and

45 cost-effective decision-support tool for evaluating sustainable geopolymer concrete
46 compositions.

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48 **Keywords**

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50 Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Sustainable Concrete, Geopolymer Concrete,
51 Agricultural Waste, Support Vector Regression, Fly Ash, Banana Peel Ash, Sugarcane Bagasse
52 Ash

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54 **1. Introduction**

55 Concrete is the most widely used construction material in the world and plays a critical role in
56 the development of roads, bridges, residential buildings, commercial infrastructure, and
57 industrial facilities [1], [10], [18]. Despite its importance, conventional concrete production
58 contributes significantly to global environmental degradation due to the carbon-intensive
59 manufacturing process associated with Portland cement production [1], [18], [31]. Current
60 studies estimate that cement manufacturing alone contributes nearly 7–8% of total global carbon
61 dioxide emissions, making the construction industry one of the largest contributors to climate
62 change and environmental pollution [1], [31], [33]. As concerns regarding sustainability and
63 greenhouse gas emissions continue to increase, researchers have focused on identifying
64 environmentally friendly alternatives capable of reducing the ecological footprint of modern
65 infrastructure development [12], [14], [15].

66 One promising solution involves the development of geopolymer concrete utilizing agricultural
67 and industrial waste materials [12], [14]. Geopolymers are inorganic aluminosilicate materials
68 formed through chemical activation processes that can partially or completely replace
69 conventional cementitious binders [12], [15]. Agricultural waste products such as Sugarcane
70 Bagasse Ash (SBA) and Banana Peel Ash (BPA), along with industrial byproducts such as Fly
71 Ash Type C polymer, have demonstrated strong potential for improving concrete sustainability
72 while maintaining desirable mechanical and durability properties [13], [16], [17], [30]. Previous
73 studies have shown that geopolymer systems can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions
74 while improving resistance to chemical degradation and environmental exposure [15], [19], [20],
75 [31].

76 Experimental evaluation of geopolymer concrete compositions is highly time-consuming and
77 resource-intensive because researchers must conduct extensive curing, testing, and validation
78 procedures for every concrete formulation [3], [15]. A single experimental cycle may require
79 several weeks of curing and considerable laboratory resources before meaningful performance
80 metrics can be obtained [15], [18]. In addition, the growing complexity of geopolymer
81 compositions makes it increasingly difficult to manually evaluate nonlinear interactions between
82 different agricultural waste materials and resulting concrete properties [25], [30]. Consequently,
83 there is an increasing demand for intelligent computational systems capable of predicting
84 concrete performance characteristics prior to physical experimentation [24], [27].

85 Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) techniques provide effective solutions
86 for modeling complex relationships between geopolymer compositions and concrete properties

87 [11], [24], [32]. By learning from experimental datasets, machine learning algorithms can rapidly
88 predict mechanical and chemical characteristics of sustainable concrete mixtures while
89 significantly reducing experimental cost, labor, and testing duration [21], [22], [23]. Previous
90 studies have demonstrated that machine learning algorithms such as Artificial Neural Networks,
91 Random Forests, Support Vector Machines, and ensemble learning approaches can successfully
92 predict compressive strength, durability, and curing behavior of concrete systems [2], [21], [22],
93 [23], [24], [28], [29]. Among these methods, Support Vector Regression (SVR) has shown
94 particularly strong performance in nonlinear concrete datasets because of its ability to effectively
95 capture complex interactions among material compositions and output variables [24], [28].

96 This research proposes an Artificial Intelligence-based predictive modeling framework for
97 sustainable geopolymer concrete utilizing agricultural waste materials including Sugarcane
98 Bagasse Ash, Banana Peel Ash, and Fly Ash Type C polymer. The proposed framework aims to
99 predict key concrete performance characteristics such as compressive strength, flexural strength,
100 initial setting time, and final setting time using multiple machine learning regression algorithms.
101 The study evaluates the predictive capabilities of Ridge Regression, Elastic Net Regression,
102 Partial Least Squares Regression, and Support Vector Regression in modeling geopolymer
103 concrete behavior. The primary objective of this work is to develop an accurate and scalable
104 predictive analytics framework capable of accelerating sustainable material discovery while
105 minimizing the need for extensive laboratory experimentation [11], [24], [32].

106 The proposed framework demonstrates how Artificial Intelligence can contribute to sustainable
107 infrastructure research by enabling rapid evaluation of geopolymer compositions and improving
108 the efficiency of material optimization processes [11], [24], [32]. The integration of agricultural
109 waste materials with predictive machine learning approaches has the potential to reduce
110 environmental impact, lower experimental costs, and support the development of
111 environmentally responsible construction materials for future infrastructure systems [15], [16],
112 [30], [31].

113 114 **2. Literature Review**

115 Recent advancements in sustainable construction materials have encouraged researchers to
116 investigate the use of agricultural and industrial waste products in geopolymer concrete
117 production as alternatives to conventional Portland cement systems [3], [12], [15]. The growing
118 environmental concerns associated with cement manufacturing, including excessive carbon
119 dioxide emissions and depletion of natural resources, have accelerated the development of
120 sustainable binder systems capable of reducing the environmental footprint of infrastructure
121 projects [1], [15], [31]. Geopolymer concrete has emerged as a promising sustainable material
122 because it utilizes aluminosilicate-rich industrial and agricultural waste products to partially or
123 completely replace traditional cementitious materials [12], [14], [33].

124 Several studies have demonstrated that agricultural waste materials such as Sugarcane Bagasse
125 Ash, rice husk ash, and Banana Peel Ash possess strong pozzolanic properties that can improve
126 the mechanical and durability characteristics of concrete systems [13], [16], [17], [30].
127 Sugarcane Bagasse Ash has been shown to enhance compressive strength, flexural strength, and

128 long-term durability due to its silica-rich composition and reactivity within geopolymer systems
129 [16], [17]. Similarly, Banana Peel Ash has demonstrated beneficial effects on curing behavior
130 and setting time reduction, making it suitable for applications requiring rapid stabilization and
131 early strength development [17], [30]. Previous studies have also investigated fly ash-based
132 geopolymer systems and reported improvements in chemical resistance, sulfate resistance, and
133 durability under aggressive environmental conditions [14], [19], [20], [34], [35].

134 Traditional approaches for evaluating geopolymer concrete properties primarily rely on
135 laboratory experimentation and destructive testing procedures [3], [15]. Although these methods
136 provide accurate measurements, they are expensive, labor-intensive, and time-consuming
137 because each concrete composition requires extensive curing and validation before meaningful
138 performance metrics can be obtained [15], [18]. Furthermore, the increasing complexity of
139 geopolymer formulations makes it difficult to manually analyze the nonlinear interactions
140 between multiple agricultural waste components and resulting concrete properties [25], [30].
141 Consequently, researchers have increasingly explored Artificial Intelligence and Machine
142 Learning approaches for predictive modeling and optimization of sustainable concrete systems
143 [24], [27], [32].

144 Machine learning algorithms such as Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs), Random Forests,
145 Support Vector Machines (SVMs), and ensemble learning techniques have demonstrated strong
146 predictive performance in modeling compressive strength and durability behavior of concrete
147 mixtures [4], [21], [22], [23], [24]. Yeh [23] demonstrated the effectiveness of Artificial Neural
148 Networks in predicting the compressive strength of high-performance concrete. Chou and Bui
149 [22] further demonstrated the effectiveness of machine learning approaches for recycled
150 aggregate concrete analysis, highlighting the growing role of data-driven techniques in
151 sustainable infrastructure research.

152 Support Vector Regression (SVR) has received particular attention because of its ability to
153 model nonlinear relationships between input variables and concrete performance outputs [24],
154 [28], [29]. Nikoo et al. [28] demonstrated that Support Vector Machines achieved strong
155 predictive accuracy in estimating concrete properties, particularly on nonlinear datasets involving
156 complex material interactions. Similarly, Golafshani et al. [24] reported that machine learning
157 techniques significantly improved predictive performance for sustainable concrete systems
158 compared to traditional empirical approaches. These findings suggest that SVR may be highly
159 suitable for geopolymer concrete datasets involving multiple agricultural waste materials and
160 nonlinear curing behaviors [24], [28].

161 In addition to predictive performance, recent studies have emphasized the growing importance of
162 Artificial Intelligence in the development of sustainable construction materials and smart
163 infrastructure systems [11], [24], [32]. AI-driven predictive analytics frameworks have the
164 potential to reduce experimental costs, accelerate sustainable material discovery, and improve
165 decision-making processes for infrastructure engineers and material scientists [24], [27], [32].
166 However, many existing studies primarily focus on conventional concrete systems and do not
167 extensively investigate agricultural-waste-based geopolymer materials [15], [30]. Furthermore,
168 relatively few studies integrate multiple agricultural waste materials with advanced machine

169 learning regression techniques for predictive analysis of compressive strength, flexural strength,
170 and setting times simultaneously [24], [30].

171 Therefore, this research addresses an important gap in the literature by developing an Artificial
172 Intelligence-based predictive modeling framework specifically designed for sustainable
173 geopolymer concrete systems utilizing Sugarcane Bagasse Ash, Banana Peel Ash, and Fly Ash
174 Type C polymer. The proposed framework integrates multiple machine learning regression
175 models to predict key concrete performance characteristics while supporting rapid and cost-
176 effective evaluation of sustainable geopolymer formulations [11], [24], [32].

177 **3. Research Methodology**

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179 **3.1 Dataset Description**

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182 The dataset used in this research consisted of experimentally generated geopolymer concrete
183 compositions involving three primary sustainable geopolymer materials: Fly Ash Type C
184 polymer, Sugarcane Bagasse Ash (SBA), and Banana Peel Ash (BPA). These materials were
185 selected due to their availability as agricultural and industrial waste products and their potential
186 environmental benefits when used as partial replacements for conventional cement. The dataset
187 contained multiple input-output relationships designed to capture the effects of varying
188 geopolymer ratios on concrete performance characteristics. Input variables included the
189 percentages of Fly Ash Type C polymer, Sugarcane Bagasse Ash, and Banana Peel Ash used
190 within each concrete mixture. Output variables included Initial Setting Time (IST), Final Setting
191 Time (FST), Compressive Strength after 3 Days (CS-3d), Compressive Strength after 7 Days
192 (CS-7d), Compressive Strength after 28 Days (CS-28d), Compressive Strength after 24 Hours at
193 170°F, and Flexural Strength (FS). These outputs were selected because they represent critical
194 indicators of concrete quality, curing behavior, and structural integrity. The dataset served as the
195 foundation for training and evaluating multiple machine learning regression models capable of
196 learning complex relationships between geopolymer compositions and resulting concrete
197 performance.

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199 **3.2 System Architecture**

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201 The proposed framework was designed as an integrated predictive analytics system capable of
202 processing geopolymer composition data and generating performance predictions for sustainable
203 concrete mixtures. The workflow begins with preprocessing the experimental geopolymer data,
204 followed by training and evaluation of multiple machine learning regression models. The trained
205 models then generate predictions for compressive strength, flexural strength, and concrete setting
206 times based on varying geopolymer ratios. The architecture was intentionally designed as a
207 lightweight predictive framework capable of rapid deployment and experimental evaluation.
208 Proposed framework is shown in Figure 1.

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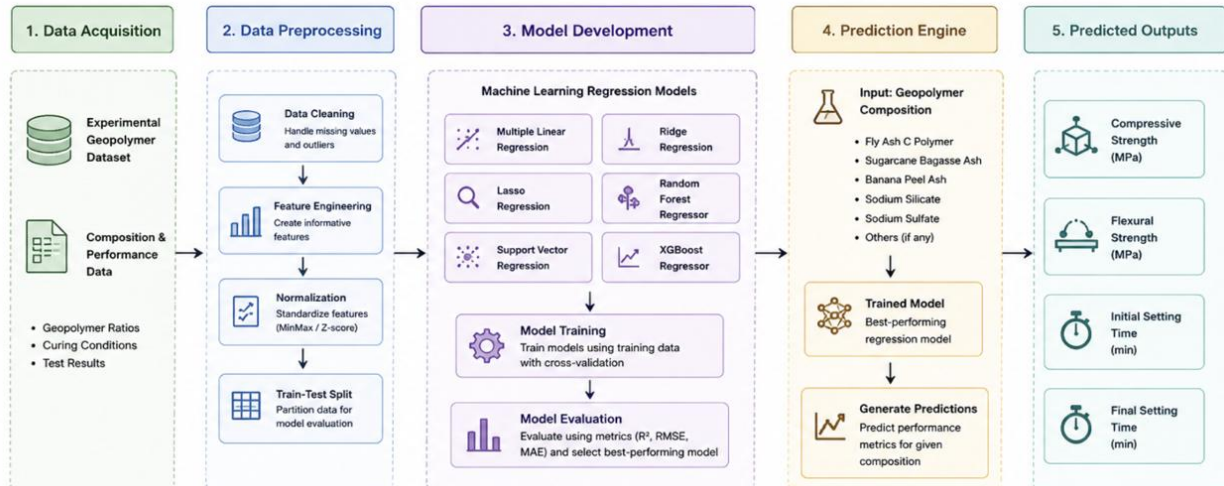


Figure 1: Proposed Framework

3.3 Machine Learning Models

This research evaluated four machine learning regression algorithms to determine the most effective predictive model for geopolymer concrete analysis. The first model implemented was Ridge Regression, a linear regression algorithm that incorporates L2 regularization to reduce overfitting and improve model stability when working with smaller datasets. Ridge Regression is particularly useful when predictor variables exhibit multicollinearity, which was present within the geopolymer composition dataset.

The second model utilized was Elastic Net Regression, which combines both L1 and L2 regularization penalties. Elastic Net is advantageous when datasets contain highly correlated variables because it balances feature selection and coefficient shrinkage simultaneously. The model was evaluated to determine whether its hybrid regularization capabilities could improve predictive performance compared to standard Ridge Regression.

The third model implemented was Partial Least Squares Regression (PLS), which transforms the original predictor variables into latent variables before regression analysis. PLS is commonly used for datasets with limited observations and highly correlated inputs because it can effectively reduce dimensionality while preserving important predictive information.

The final model evaluated was Support Vector Regression (SVR), which utilizes kernel-based learning techniques to model nonlinear relationships between inputs and outputs. Unlike the linear regression models, SVR can capture complex nonlinear interactions among geopolymer compositions and concrete properties. A Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel was implemented because it provided superior flexibility and adaptability for nonlinear prediction tasks. Each machine learning model was trained and tested using standardized datasets, and performance was evaluated using multiple statistical metrics including R2 score, Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE).

3.4 Software Environment

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244 The computational environment for this research was implemented using Python along with
245 several supporting scientific computing and machine learning libraries. Pandas was utilized for
246 data preprocessing and manipulation, NumPy was used for numerical computations, matplotlib
247 supported statistical visualization and graph generation, and scikit-learn was employed for
248 machine learning model development and evaluation. Additional libraries, such as joblib, were
249 used for model serialization and deployment. The computational framework was intentionally
250 designed to remain lightweight and reproducible while supporting rapid experimentation and
251 predictive analysis.

252 253 **3.5 Evaluation Metrics**

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255 Model performance was evaluated using:

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257 Coefficient of Determination (R²)
258 Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
259 Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)

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261 These metrics were used to compare predictive accuracy across all machine learning models.
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263 **4. Feature Analysis of Geopolymers**

264 **4.1 Fly Ash Type C Polymer**

265 Feature analysis revealed that Fly Ash Type C polymer had predominantly negative effects on
266 the mechanical and curing properties of the resulting geopolymer concrete mixtures. Increasing
267 the concentration of Fly Ash Type C significantly reduced compressive strength across multiple
268 curing durations, including 3-day, 7-day, and 28-day measurements. In addition, the polymer
269 negatively impacted flexural strength, thereby reducing the overall structural performance of the
270 concrete. The analysis also demonstrated that Fly Ash Type C increased both the initial and final
271 setting times, resulting in slower curing behavior. Pearson correlation analysis further confirmed
272 strong negative relationships between Fly Ash Type C and most strength-related output
273 variables. These findings suggest that excessive incorporation of Fly Ash Type C may weaken
274 geopolymer concrete performance and should therefore be minimized in sustainable concrete
275 formulations[13,17, 30].

276 **4.2 Sugarcane Bagasse Ash (SBA)**

277 Sugarcane Bagasse Ash demonstrated the most positive influence on the strength-related
278 properties of geopolymer concrete. The experimental analysis showed that increasing SBA
279 concentration improved compressive strength after 7 days, 28 days, and after 24 hours of heating
280 at 170°F. In addition, SBA significantly enhanced flexural strength, indicating improved
281 structural durability and resistance to deformation. Unlike Fly Ash Type C, Sugarcane Bagasse
282 Ash exhibited only minimal influence on initial setting time, although it slightly increased the
283 final setting time of the concrete mixtures. Correlation and regression analyses consistently
284 identified SBA as the most beneficial agricultural waste additive among the evaluated

285 geopolymer materials. These results indicate that increasing SBA concentration can substantially
286 improve the overall structural integrity and long-term performance of sustainable geopolymer
287 concrete systems.

288 **4.3 Banana Peel Ash (BPA)**

289 Banana Peel Ash demonstrated unique and highly beneficial effects on the curing behavior of
290 geopolymer concrete. The feature analysis showed that increasing BPA concentration
291 significantly reduced both the initial and final setting times, allowing the concrete to cure more
292 rapidly. This characteristic makes BPA particularly useful for construction applications requiring
293 faster setting and early structural stabilization. In addition to improving curing speed, BPA also
294 contributed moderate improvements in flexural strength and early compressive strength.
295 However, its influence on long-term compressive strength was less significant compared to
296 Sugarcane Bagasse Ash. The experimental findings suggest that BPA can serve as an effective
297 sustainable additive when rapid curing behavior is desired while still maintaining acceptable
298 mechanical properties.

299 **5. Experimental Results**

300 **5.1 Correlation Analysis**

301 Pearson correlation analysis was conducted to evaluate the relationships between geopolymer
302 input variables and concrete performance outputs. The analysis revealed that Sugarcane Bagasse
303 Ash exhibited strong positive correlations with compressive strength and flexural strength,
304 indicating that increasing SBA concentration generally improved the mechanical performance of
305 the geopolymer concrete. In contrast, Banana Peel Ash demonstrated strong negative correlations
306 with initial and final setting times, confirming its effectiveness in accelerating the curing process.
307 Fly Ash Type C exhibited negative correlations across most output variables, particularly
308 strength-related metrics, indicating that higher concentrations negatively impacted the structural
309 properties of the concrete. These findings were highly consistent with the regression-based
310 feature analysis and provided additional statistical validation for the observed material behaviors.

311 **5.2 Machine Learning Model Performance**

312 **5.2.1 R² Performance**

313 The performance evaluation of the machine learning models demonstrated that Support Vector
314 Regression consistently outperformed all other regression models across nearly every output
315 variable. The nonlinear learning capability of SVR enabled the model to capture complex
316 relationships between geopolymer compositions and concrete properties more effectively than
317 the linear regression-based approaches. Representative R² scores obtained using SVR included
318 0.855 for Initial Setting Time (IST), 0.860 for Final Setting Time (FST), 0.915 for Compressive
319 Strength after 28 days (CS-28d), 0.942 for Flexural Strength (FS), and 0.979 for Compressive
320 Strength after 24 hours at 170°F. In comparison, Ridge Regression, Elastic Net Regression, and
321 Partial Least Squares Regression produced significantly lower predictive performance due to
322 their inability to fully capture nonlinear material interactions within the dataset. Table 1 shows
323 the results of R² performance.

324 Table 1: R² Performance.

Variable	Ridge	Elastic Net	PLS	SVR
IST	0.047	0.047	0.064	0.855
FST	0.539	0.539	0.546	0.860
CS-3d	0.662	0.662	0.662	0.731
CS-7d	0.196	0.196	0.200	0.505
CS-28d	0.769	0.770	0.769	0.915
FS	0.902	0.899	0.896	0.942
170F/24h	0.900	0.902	0.901	0.979

325 5.2.2 Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

326 The Mean Absolute Error analysis further confirmed the superior predictive performance of
327 Support Vector Regression. SVR produced the lowest MAE values across nearly all concrete
328 performance metrics, indicating higher predictive accuracy and stronger model generalization
329 capability. The highest prediction errors were observed for compressive strength after 7 days,
330 likely due to nonlinear scaling effects between Sugarcane Bagasse Ash and Banana Peel Ash
331 during intermediate curing periods. Nevertheless, SVR maintained considerably lower error rates
332 compared to the linear regression-based models. Table 2 shows the results of the Mean Absolute
333 Error.

334 Table 2: Mean Absolute Error results.

Variable	Ridge	Elastic Net	PLS	SVR
IST	60.30	60.30	60.23	14.60
FST	38.93	38.92	38.10	17.87
CS-3d	179.90	179.90	179.90	130.91
CS-7d	502.00	502.01	501.91	207.03
CS-28d	184.47	184.47	184.47	77.41
FS	0.119	0.119	0.119	0.086
170F/24h	119.52	119.17	120.17	52.90

335 5.2.3 Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)

336 Root Mean Squared Error analysis demonstrated that Support Vector Regression also achieved
337 the lowest RMSE values across most output variables. Lower RMSE values indicate reduced
338 large-scale prediction errors and improved prediction stability. The reduced error magnitude
339 observed in SVR confirms its ability to model complex nonlinear relationships within
340 geopolymer concrete datasets more effectively than traditional regression techniques. Table 3
341 shows the results of the Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)

342 Table 3: Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) results.

Variable	Ridge	Elastic Net	PLS	SVR
IST	65.95	65.95	65.51	24.17

FST	44.45	44.44	43.70	23.95
CS-3d	243.60	243.60	243.60	188.02
CS-7d	580.07	580.07	581.96	311.70
CS-28d	221.47	221.47	221.47	101.03
FS	0.144	0.145	0.145	0.110
170F/24h	152.38	152.07	152.11	76.59

343 **5.2.4 Best Performing Model**

344 Among all evaluated machine learning algorithms, Support Vector Regression demonstrated the
345 best overall predictive performance. The superior accuracy of SVR can primarily be attributed to
346 its ability to effectively model nonlinear relationships between geopolymer compositions and
347 concrete performance characteristics. Unlike the linear regression-based approaches, SVR
348 predicts each output individually while adapting efficiently to smaller datasets with complex
349 feature interactions. The nonlinear behavior of geopolymer materials, particularly the
350 interactions between Sugarcane Bagasse Ash and Banana Peel Ash, likely contributed to the
351 significantly improved predictive capability of SVR compared to the other evaluated models.

352 **6. Discussion**

355 The experimental findings demonstrate the effectiveness of Artificial Intelligence techniques for
356 sustainable geopolymer concrete prediction and analysis. The ability of machine learning models
357 to accurately predict compressive strength, flexural strength, and setting times highlights the
358 growing importance of data-driven methodologies in modern construction material research. The
359 proposed system successfully reduced the need for repetitive physical experimentation by
360 allowing material scientists to virtually evaluate concrete compositions before laboratory
361 implementation.

363 The feature analysis results revealed meaningful insights regarding the impact of agricultural
364 waste materials on concrete behavior. Sugarcane Bagasse Ash consistently showed positive
365 effects on compressive and flexural strength, indicating that it may serve as an effective
366 sustainable reinforcement material for geopolymer concrete systems. Conversely, Banana Peel
367 Ash demonstrated substantial reductions in initial and final setting times, making it valuable for
368 applications requiring faster curing processes. Fly Ash Type C exhibited negative correlations
369 with several strength-related outputs, suggesting that excessive concentrations may weaken the
370 overall concrete structure.

372 Among the evaluated machine learning algorithms, Support Vector Regression achieved the
373 highest predictive accuracy across nearly all output variables. The superior performance of SVR
374 can largely be attributed to its nonlinear learning capabilities and the use of the Radial Basis
375 Function kernel, which enabled the model to better capture the complex relationships between
376 geopolymer compositions and concrete properties. In contrast, the linear regression-based
377 models, including Ridge Regression, Elastic Net Regression, and Partial Least Squares
378 Regression, showed similar but comparatively weaker performance due to the nonlinear nature of
379 the dataset.

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381 Although the proposed framework achieved promising results, several limitations remain. The
382 dataset utilized in this study was relatively small, limiting the generalizability of the machine
383 learning models. Furthermore, environmental variables such as humidity, curing conditions, and
384 long-term weather exposure were not incorporated into the predictive framework. Additional
385 experimental samples and environmental factors would likely improve predictive performance
386 and real-world applicability.

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388 Despite these limitations, the proposed system demonstrates the potential of AI-driven predictive
389 modeling as a practical decision-support tool for sustainable construction research. The
390 integration of machine learning with an intuitive software platform provides a foundation for
391 future smart-material engineering systems that can accelerate sustainable infrastructure
392 development.

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394 The results indicate that AI-based predictive modeling can significantly accelerate research on
395 sustainable concrete. The proposed framework allows researchers to evaluate geopolymer
396 combinations before conducting costly laboratory experiments. Sugarcane Bagasse Ash emerged
397 as the most beneficial additive for strength enhancement, while Banana Peel Ash improved
398 curing speed by reducing setting time. Fly Ash Type C negatively affected most performance
399 variables and should likely be minimized in future formulations. The success of SVR suggests
400 that nonlinear relationships exist between geopolymer compositions and concrete performance
401 characteristics. Traditional linear models struggled to capture these complex interactions. Despite
402 strong predictive performance, several limitations remain. The dataset size was relatively
403 small. Environmental conditions were not extensively modeled. Real-world large-scale testing
404 was limited. Additional geopolymer combinations were not evaluated. Future research should
405 incorporate larger datasets, additional environmental variables, and advanced deep learning
406 architectures.

407 408 **7. Conclusion and Future Work**

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410 This research presented an AI-based predictive modeling framework for sustainable geopolymer
411 concrete using agricultural waste materials. The proposed system integrated machine learning
412 algorithms with a user-friendly web interface to predict compressive strength, flexural strength,
413 and setting times of geopolymer concrete mixtures. Among the evaluated machine learning
414 algorithms, Support Vector Regression achieved the best predictive performance across nearly all
415 output variables. Feature analysis revealed that: Sugarcane Bagasse Ash positively influenced
416 compressive and flexural strength. Banana Peel Ash reduced concrete setting times. Fly Ash Type
417 C negatively impacted most strength properties. The developed framework provides a practical
418 decision-support system for material scientists and demonstrates the growing importance of AI in
419 sustainable infrastructure research. The proposed approach has the potential to reduce
420 experimental costs, minimize environmental impact, and accelerate sustainable material
421 innovation.

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423 Future work for this research will focus on expanding the dataset with additional experimental
424 samples to improve model generalization and predictive accuracy. Additional environmental and
425 climatic variables may also be incorporated to better simulate real-world conditions affecting
426 geopolymer concrete performance. The system can further be enhanced through deployment on

427 scalable cloud-based infrastructure and integration of advanced deep learning architectures
428 capable of modeling more complex nonlinear relationships. Future studies may also explore
429 optimization algorithms that automatically recommend ideal geopolymer compositions based on
430 desired mechanical properties. Furthermore, large-scale industrial validation studies and the
431 incorporation of explainable AI techniques can improve system reliability, transparency, and
432 adoption within the construction and material science industries.

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435 Conflict of Interest

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