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# Recycling of Some Steel Industrial Solid Wastes for High-value Materials Application

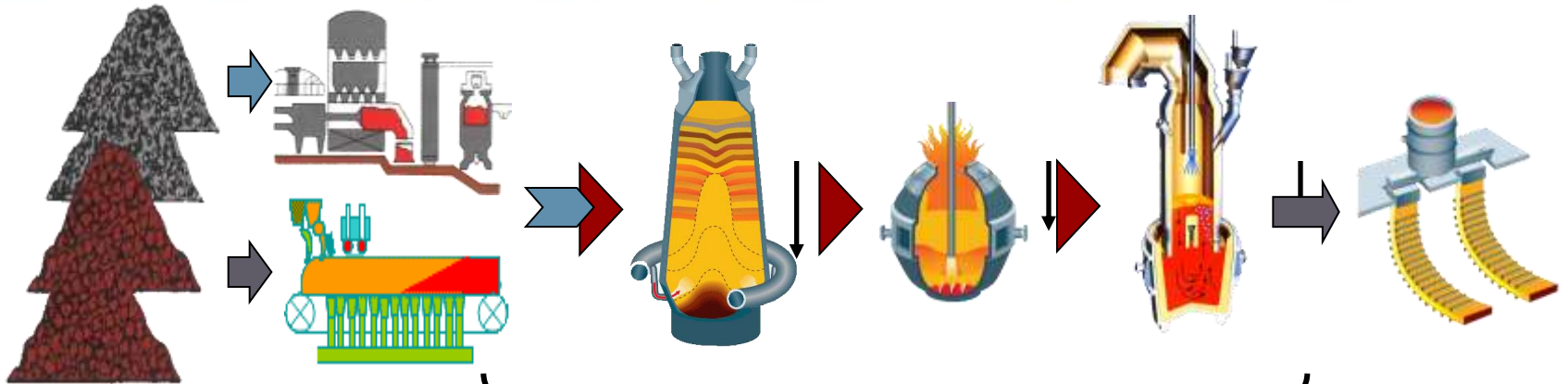
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# Introduction---problem 1

dust of steel works

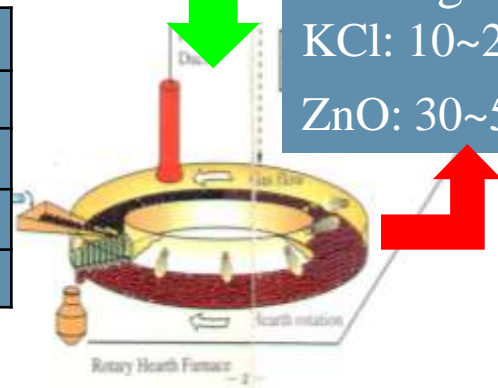


dust:  
~100 kg/ton steel

Second fume  
~100kg/ton pellet  
KCl: 10~20%  
ZnO: 30~50%

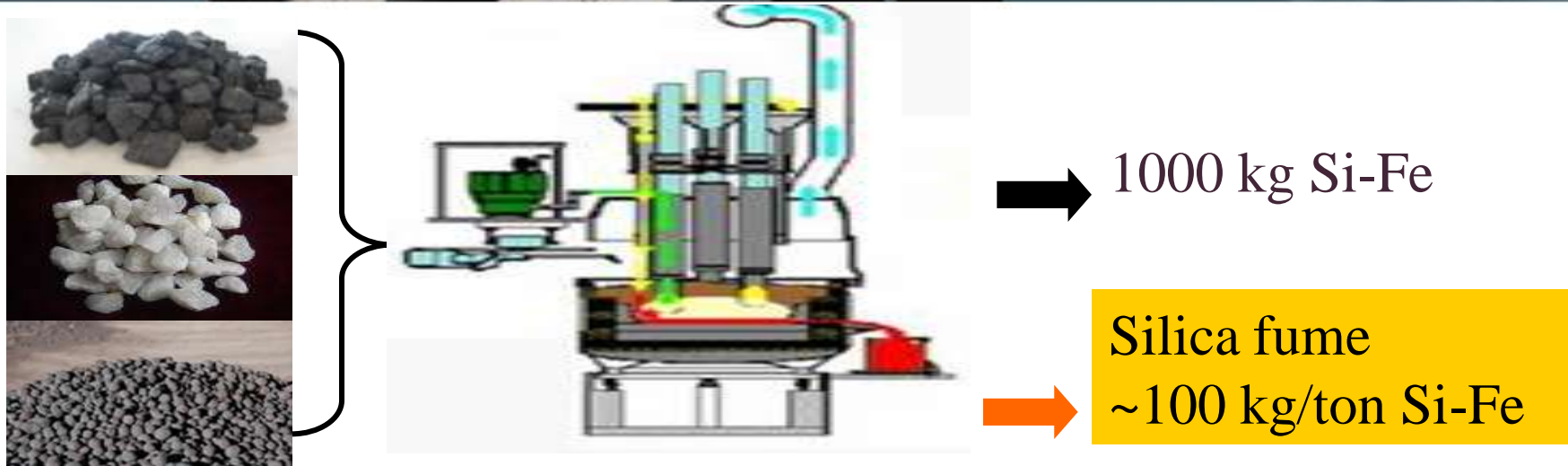
|               | TFe  | C    | K <sub>2</sub> O | Na <sub>2</sub> O | Pb   | Zn          |
|---------------|------|------|------------------|-------------------|------|-------------|
| <b>LD</b>     | 60.7 | 1.6  | 0.14             | 0.43              | 0.03 | 0.11        |
| <b>BF</b>     | 24.2 | 33.3 | 0.07             | 0.63              | 0.15 | <b>6.70</b> |
| <b>EAF</b>    | ~36  | ~2   |                  |                   | ~4   | <b>~25</b>  |
| <b>Sinter</b> | 23.1 | 10.0 | <b>26.9</b>      | 2.24              | 2.15 | 0.50        |

**How to use the sintering dust ?**



# Introduction---problem 2

dust of Si-Fe alloy works



## Composition of typical silica fume

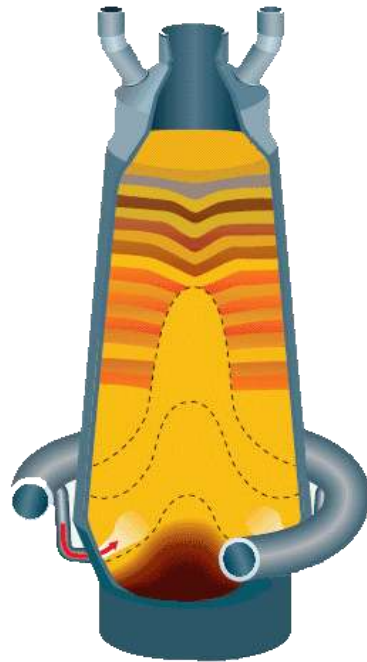
| Comp. | SiO <sub>2</sub> | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | CaO  | MgO  | K <sub>2</sub> O | Na <sub>2</sub> O | P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | S    | size          |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------|---------------|
| % wt  | 86.5             | 0.54                           | 3.15                           | 0.73 | 2.39 | 3.34             | 0.56              | <0.1                          | 0.24 | <1um<br>(80%) |

If SiO<sub>2</sub> >90%, silica fume can be used as cement additive.

But generally, SiO<sub>2</sub> <90%, **How to use it ?**

# Introduction---problem 3

slag of steel works



250 kg slag/T hot-metal

water-granulated slag



Pore particles

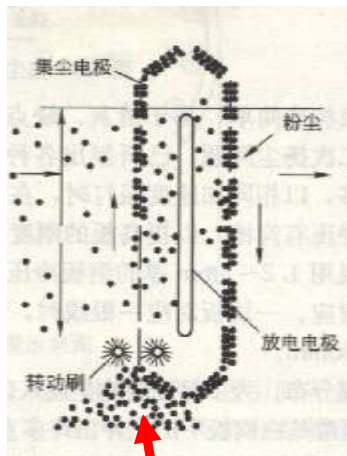
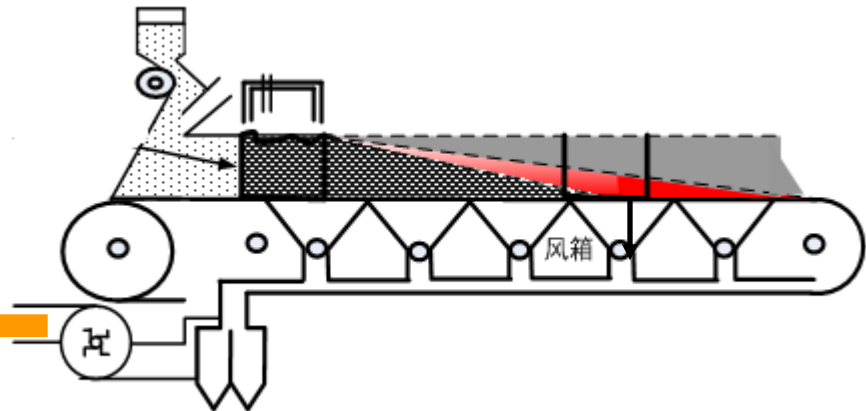
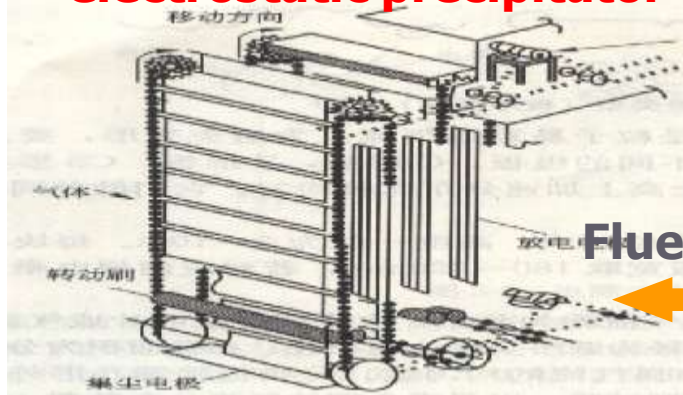
Cement production



**If it is possible to be used as the of other high-value material ?**

# 1. Recovery of Potassium Chloride from Sintering Dust of Iron making Works

**electrostatic precipitator**



**Sintering Dust  
~4kg/ton sinter**

**At the sintering temperature:**

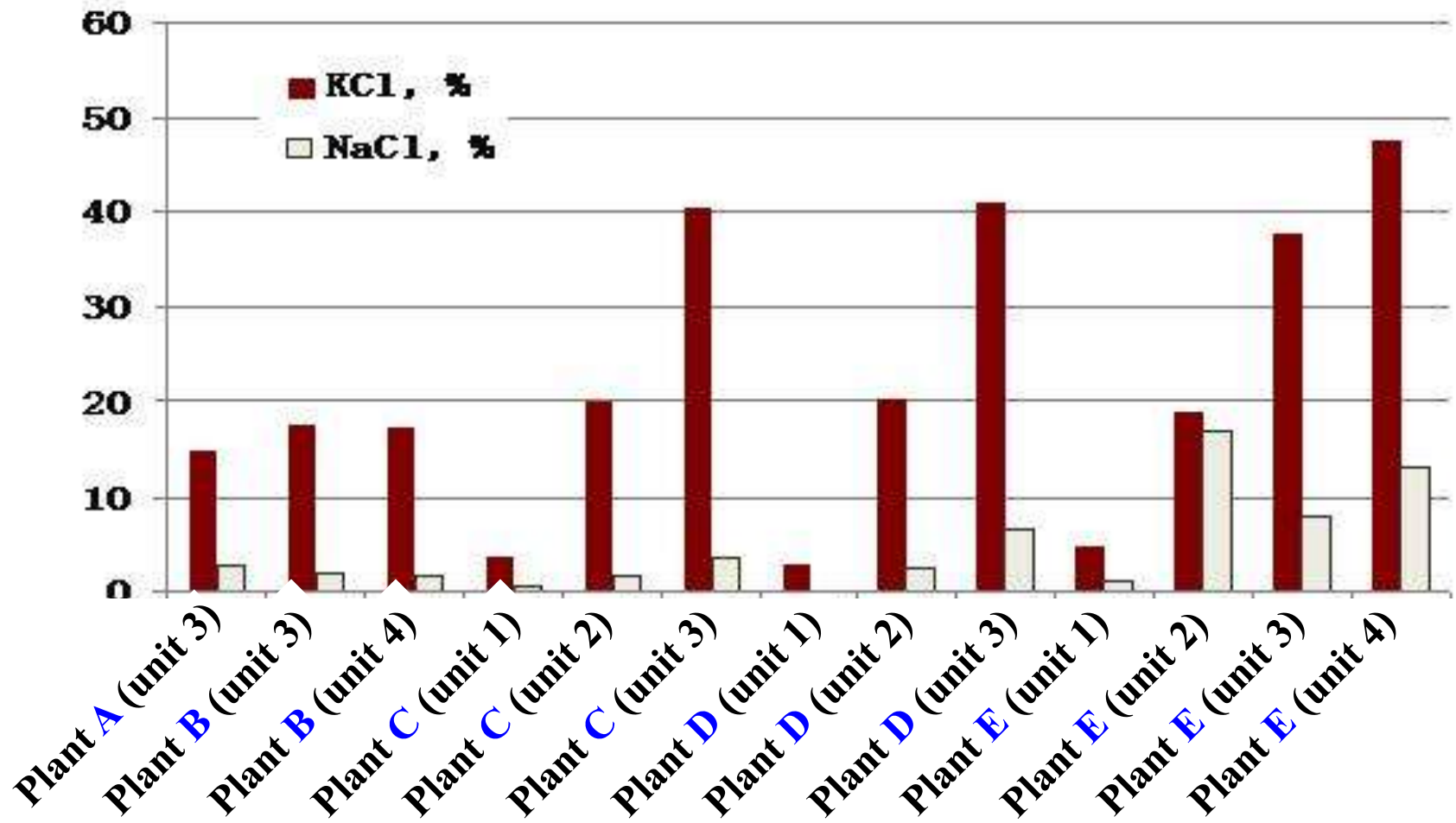


**At the low temperature:**



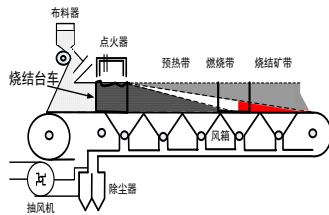
$P_{\text{KCl}} > P_{\text{NaCl}}$ , **KCl is more than NaCl in the dust**

# KCl, NaCl content the sintering dust collected by electrostatic precipitator ( 5 steel works in China)



# Potassium resource estimation

## ✓ About 800 million tons sinter in China



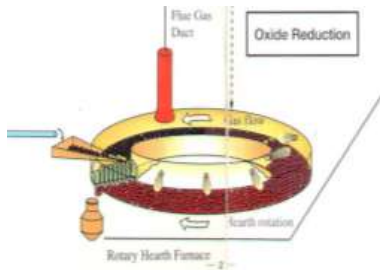
✓ Sinter fume ~4 kg/ton sinter

✓ ~ 3 million tons sinter fume per year

✓ If the average KCl is 20% estimated

**Pure KCl resource is  $60 \times 10^3$  tons**

## About 50 million tons general dust



✓ if 60% of dusts treated by RHF in the future

✓ ~100 kg fume generated again to treat one ton dust

✓ ~3 million tons fume per year

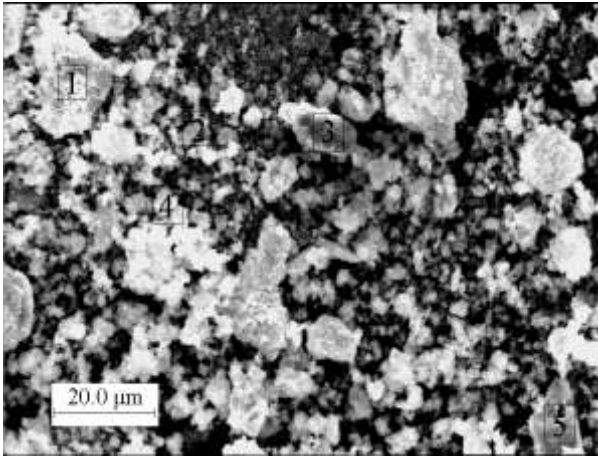
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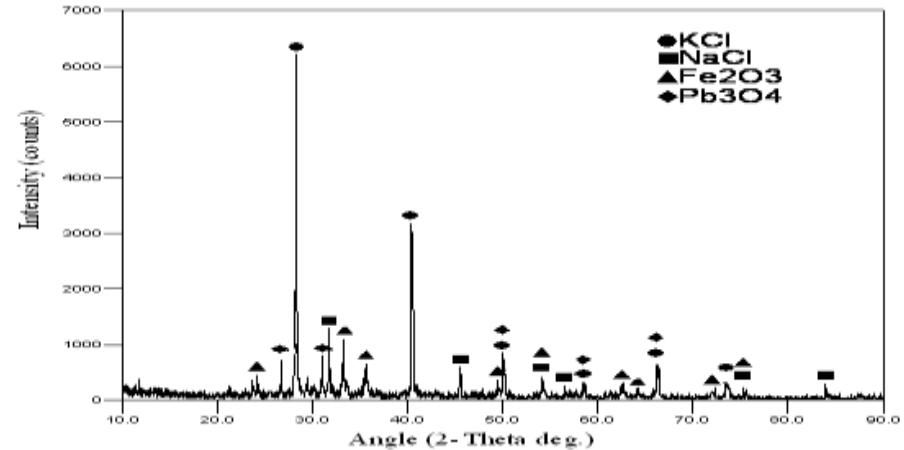
**1.5 million tons potassium fertilizer production**

**About 50% of Chinese potassium fertilizer output in present**

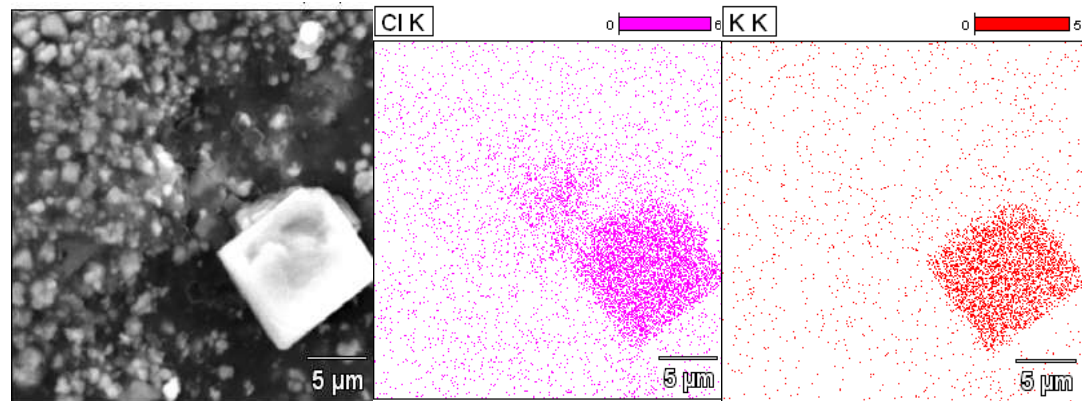
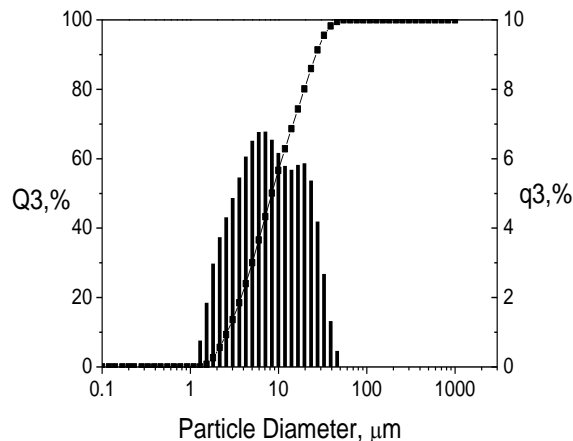
# Properties of sintering fume



SEM of sintering fume

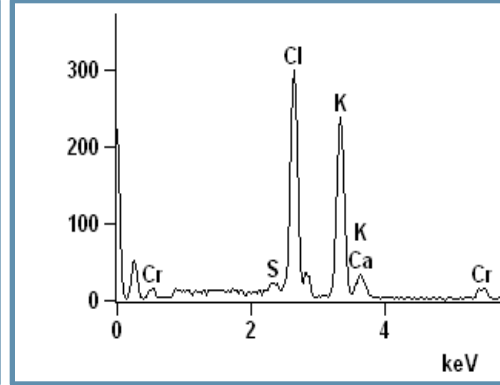
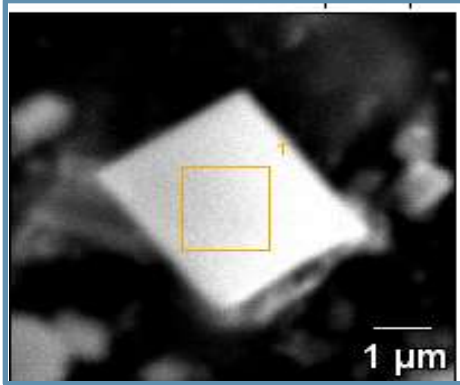


XRD pattern of as-received fume

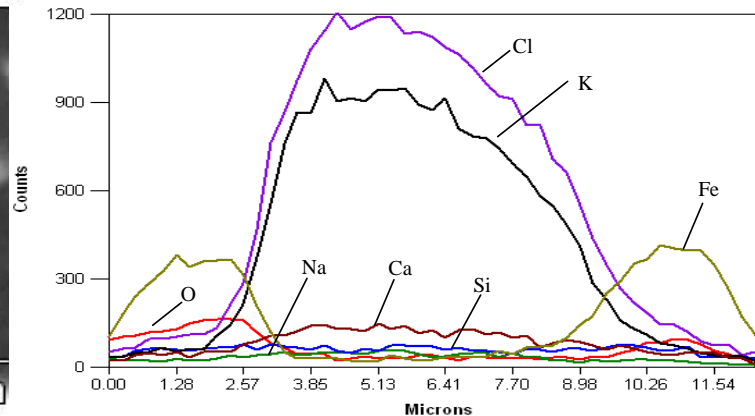
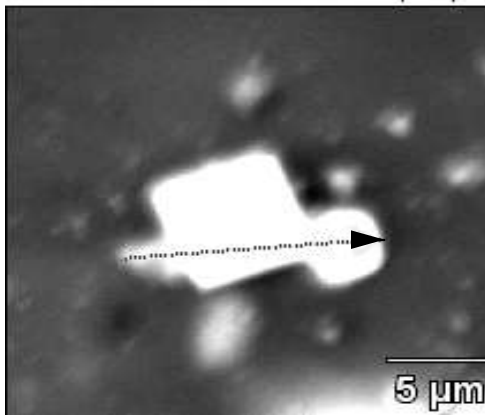


SEM EDS mapping of Cl and K for an fume particle (magnification  $\times 20000$ )

# Properties of sintering fume



| element | S    | Cl    | K     | Ca   |
|---------|------|-------|-------|------|
| % atom  | 1.42 | 43.95 | 46.25 | 3.76 |



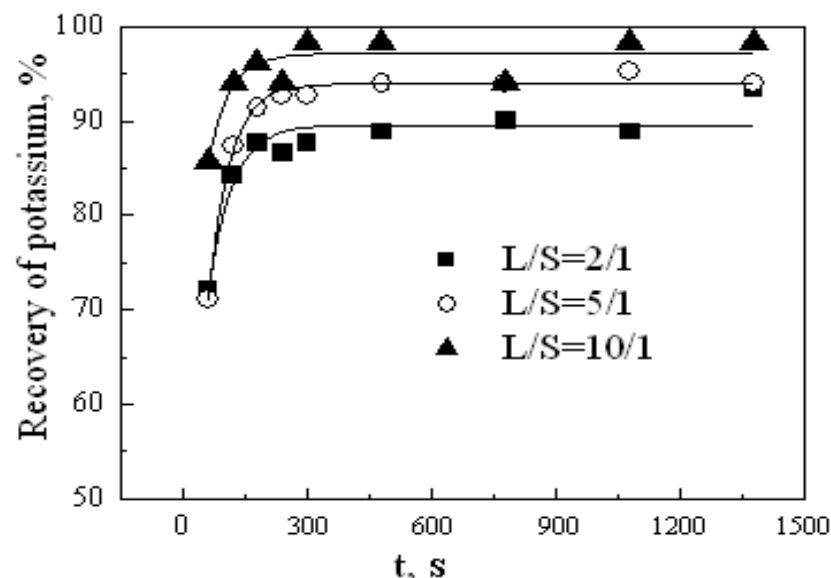
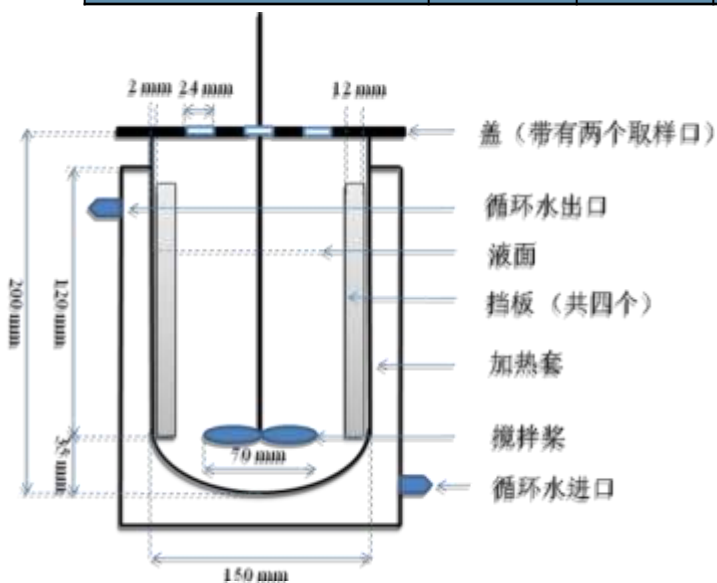
SEM and EDS for an KCl particle in fume

# How to separate KCl ?

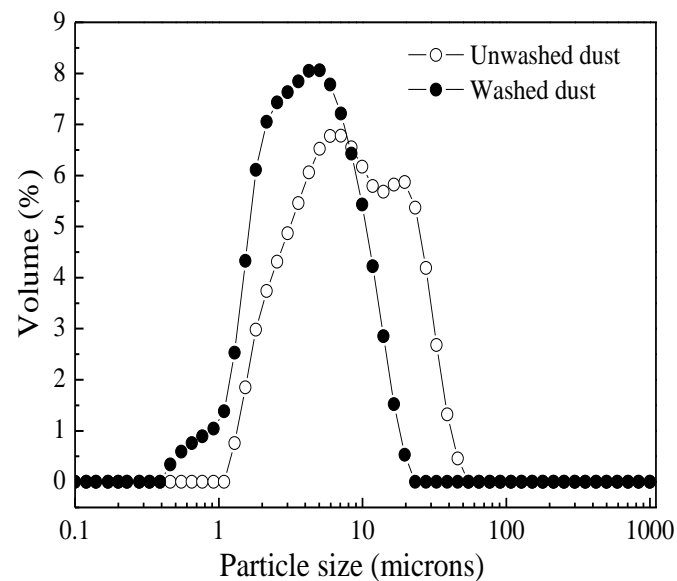
## Step 1---leaching

### Composition of the fume used in the experiment

| Elements        | K     | Na   | Ca   | Mg    | Zn    | Pb    | Fe    | C    |
|-----------------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Composition,wt% | 11.50 | 1.48 | 6.71 | 1.002 | 0.20  | 0.885 | 21.73 | 2.76 |
| Elements        | Si    | S    | Al   | Cu    | Mn    | Ti    | P     | Ni   |
| Composition,wt% | 1.762 | 1.21 | 4.56 | 0.041 | 0.132 | 0.060 | 0.065 | /    |

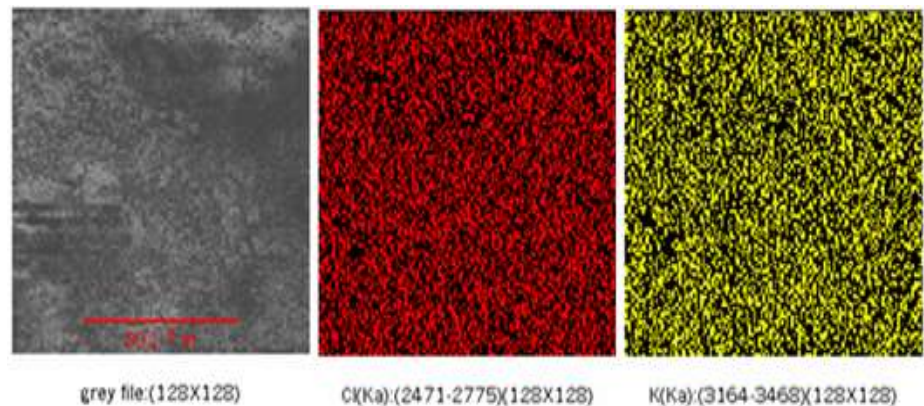


Effect of L/S ratio on leaching rate of K element at 303 K with particle size of  $8.297\mu\text{m}$  and stirring speed of 550 rad/min

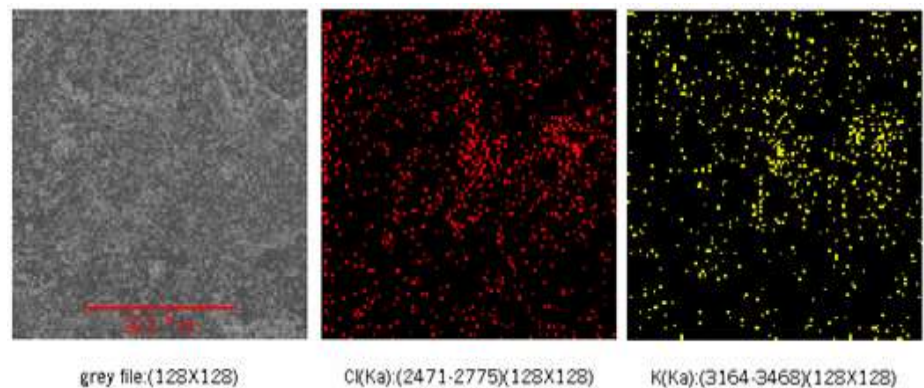


Sizing analyses of un-washed and washed dust

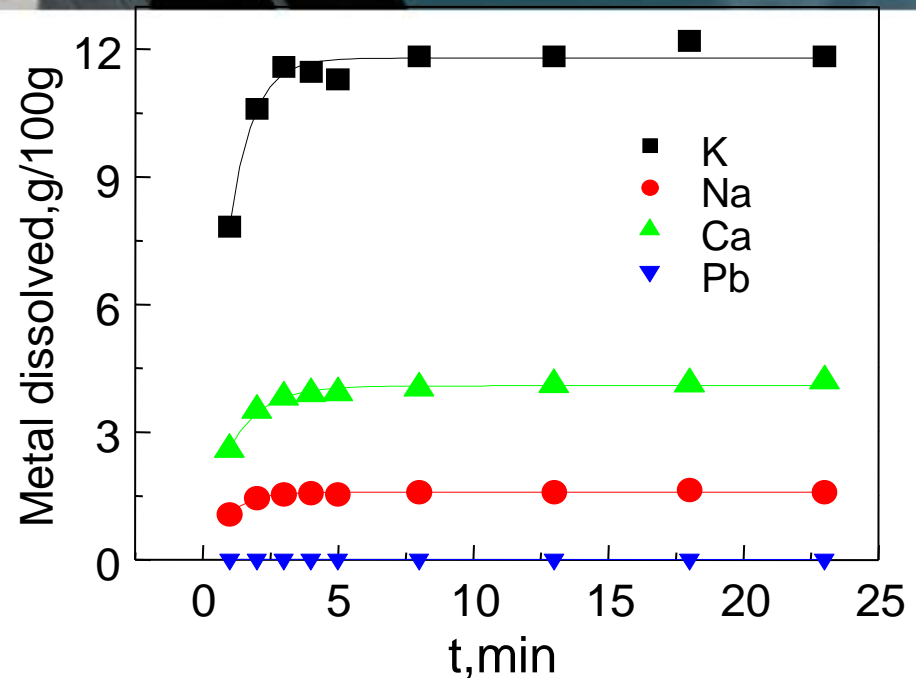
EDS map for an Cl and K the received dust



EDS map for an Cl and K the washed dust



Comparison of available leaching content of potassium, calcium, sodium and lead as a function of leaching time

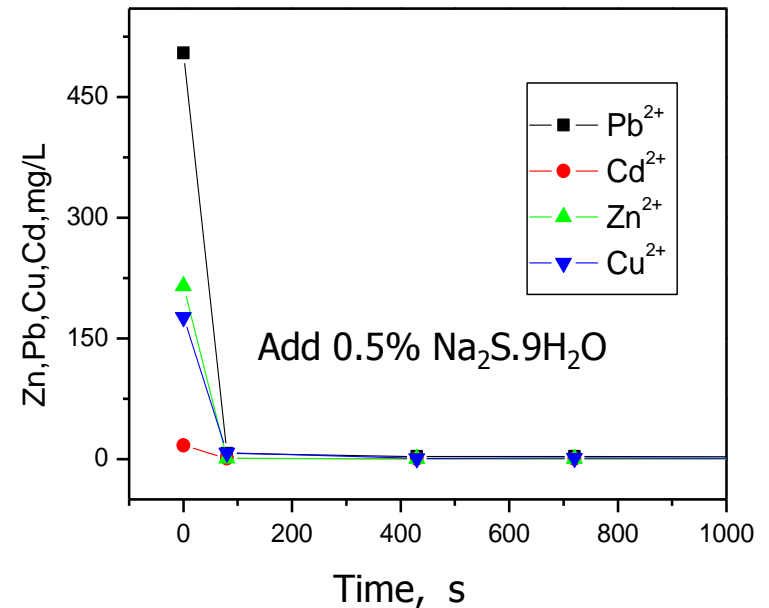
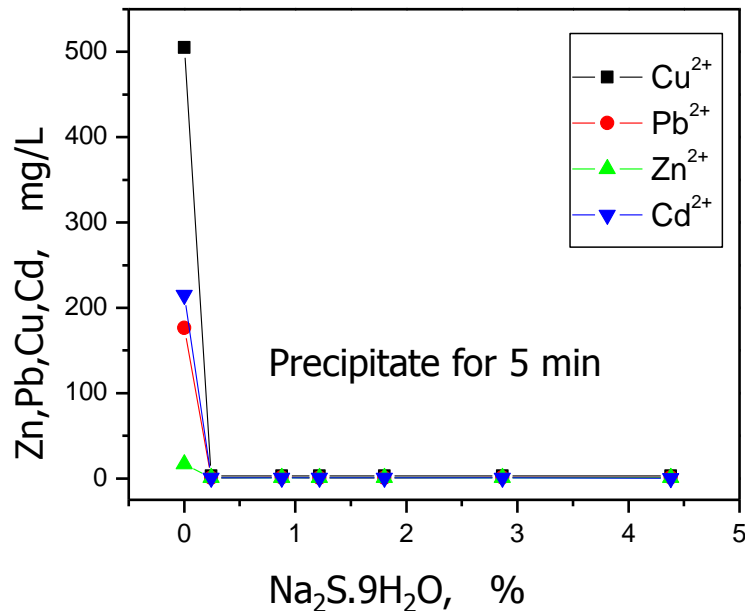


Comparison of ion concentration in the leach liquor with L/S ratio of 1/1 and that after sulfide precipitation

| Constituents                      | KCl,<br>g/L | NaCl,<br>g/L | CaCl <sub>2</sub> ,<br>g/L | Pb, ppm | Zn,<br>ppm | Cu,<br>ppm | Cd,<br>ppm |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| Concentration in the leach liquor | 206         | 46           | 24.7                       | 504.9   | 176.6      | 215.1      | 16.8       |

## Step 2---impurities removal

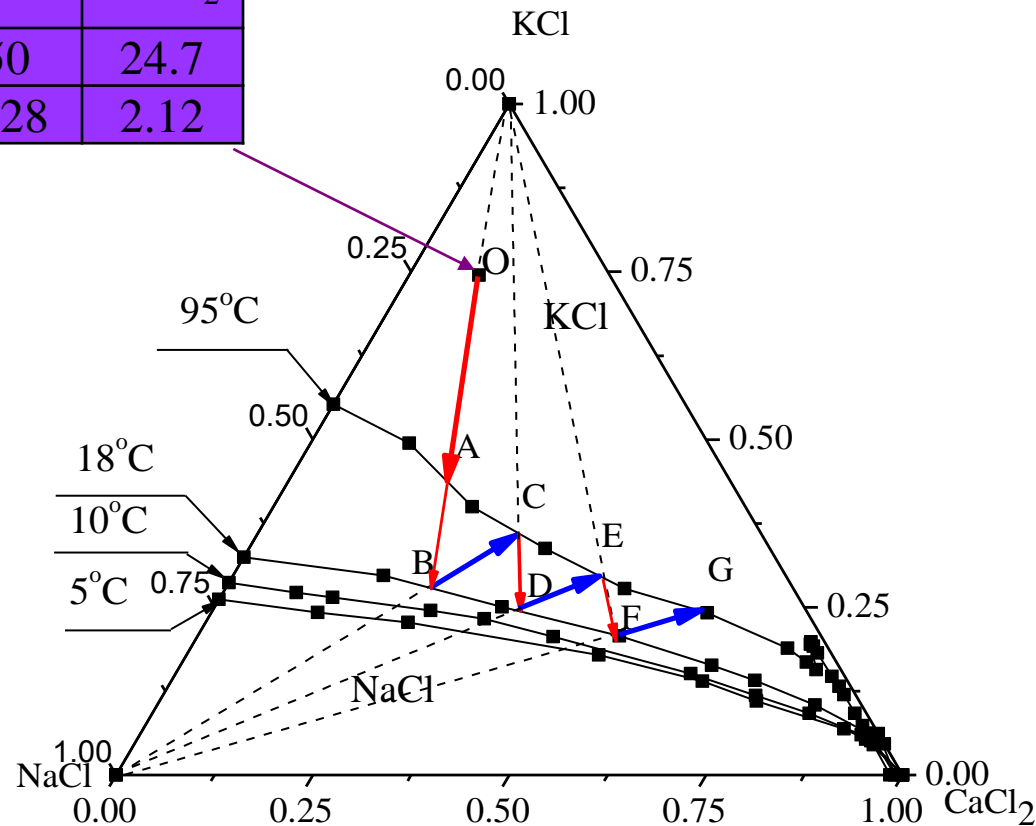
Sodium sulfide can be used to precipitate the heavy metals



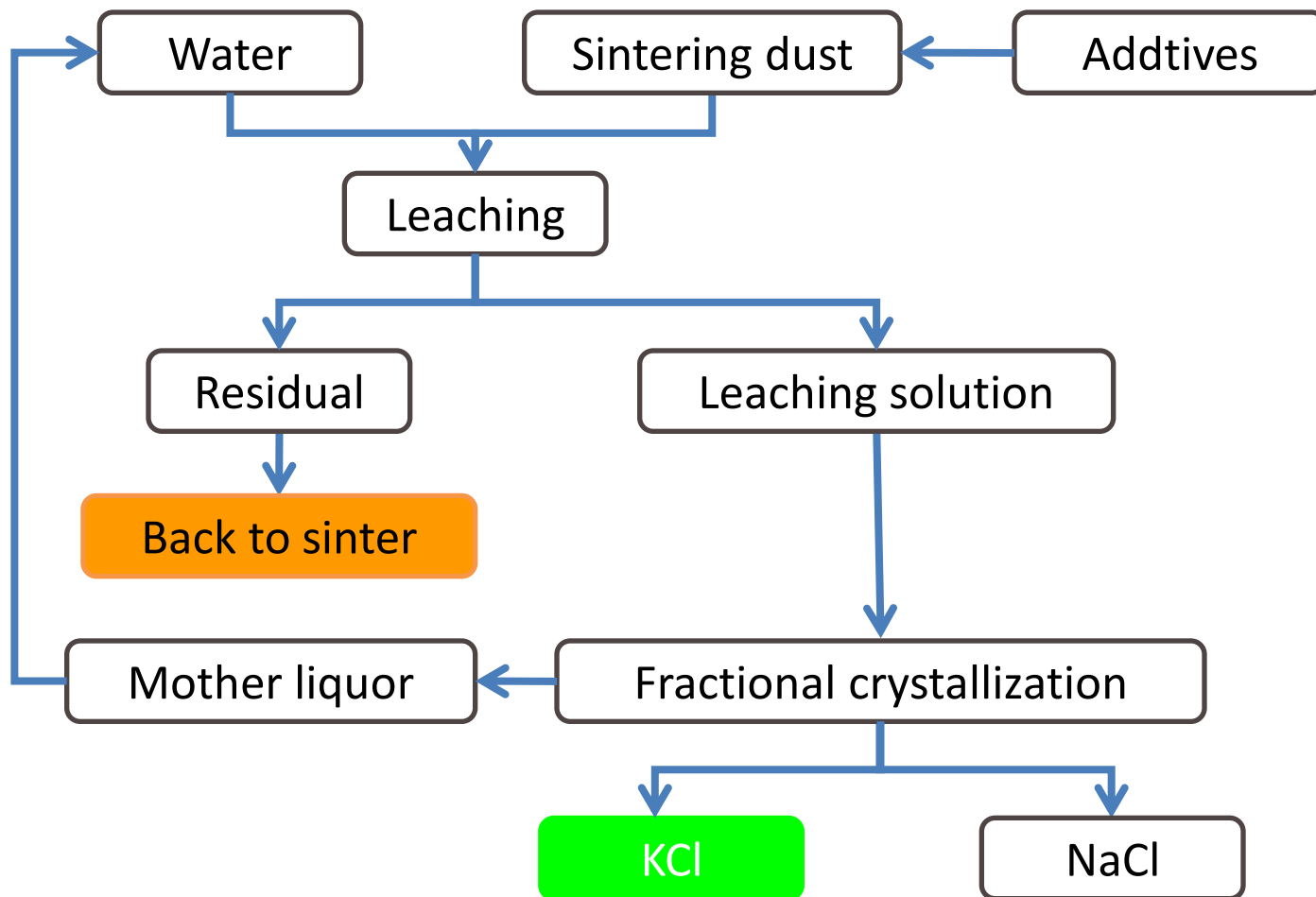
| Constituents                | KCl,<br>g/L | NaCl,<br>g/L | CaCl <sub>2</sub> ,<br>g/L | Pb <sup>2+</sup> ,<br>mg/L | Zn <sup>2+</sup> ,<br>mg/L | Cu <sup>2+</sup> ,<br>mg/L | Cd <sup>2+</sup> ,<br>mg/L |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| leach liquor                | 206         | 46           | 24.7                       | 504.9                      | 176.6                      | 215.1                      | 16.8                       |
| after sulfide precipitation | 205         | 51           | 2.45                       | 2.9                        | 0.9                        | 0.3                        | 0.2                        |

# Step 3---evaporating and cooling crystallization

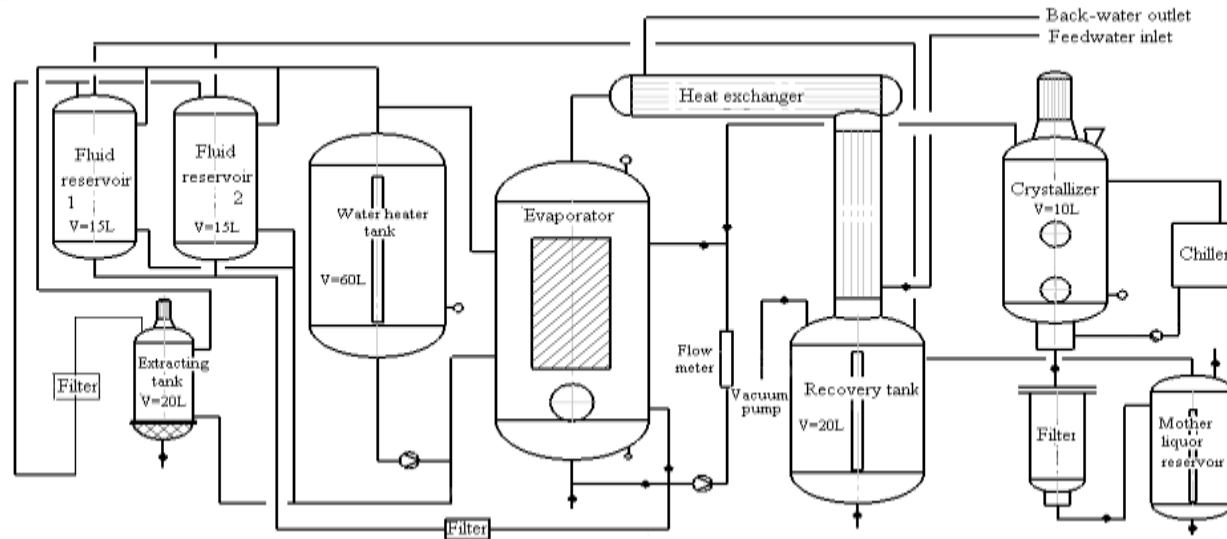
|     | KCl   | NaCl | CaCl <sub>2</sub> |
|-----|-------|------|-------------------|
| g/L | 206   | 50   | 24.7              |
| wt% | 17.65 | 4.28 | 2.12              |



# Schematic diagram of recovery KCl from the sintering dust



# pilot test



purity  
96.5%

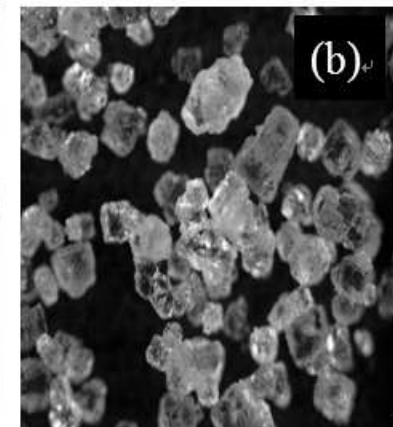
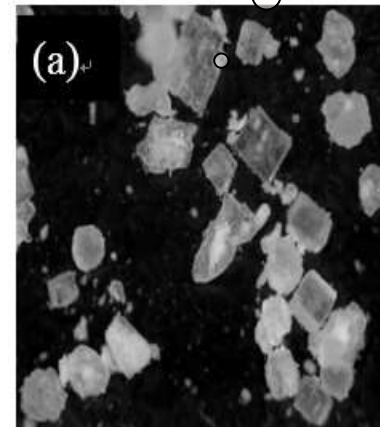
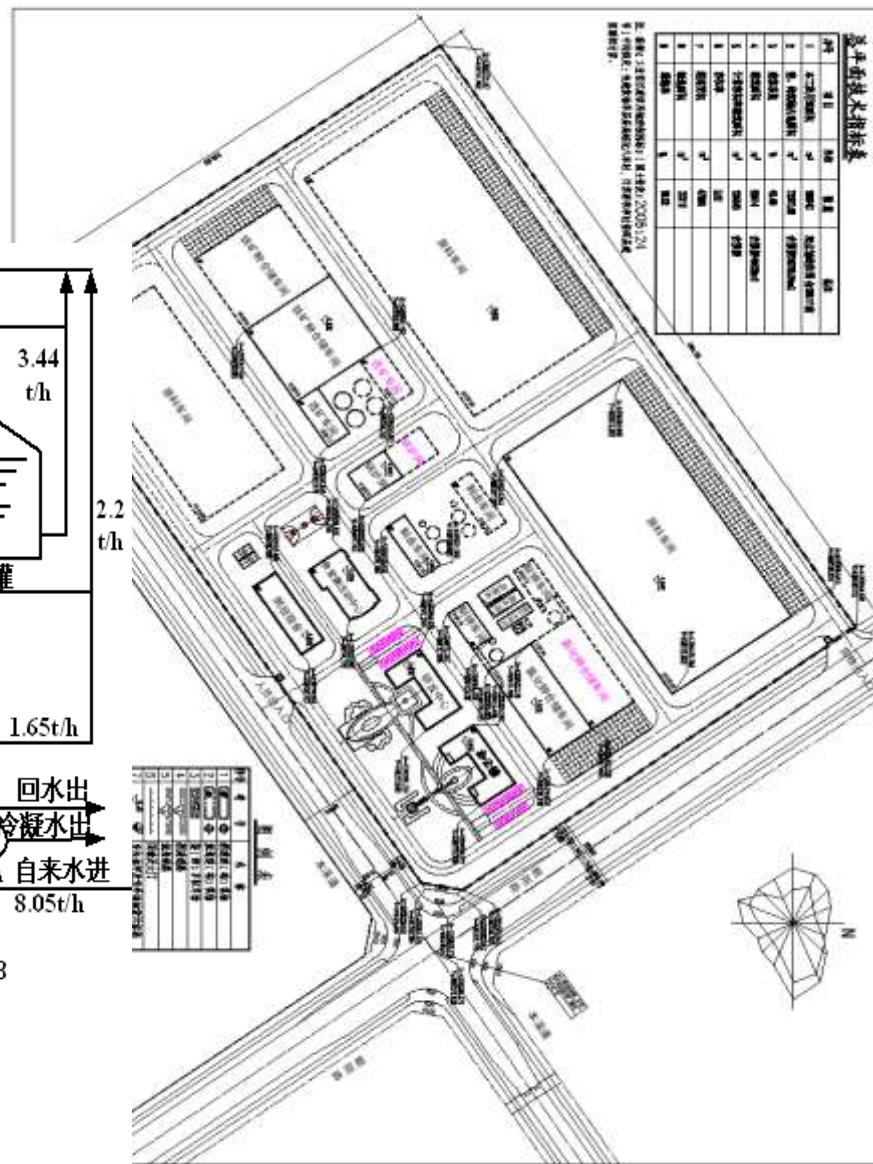
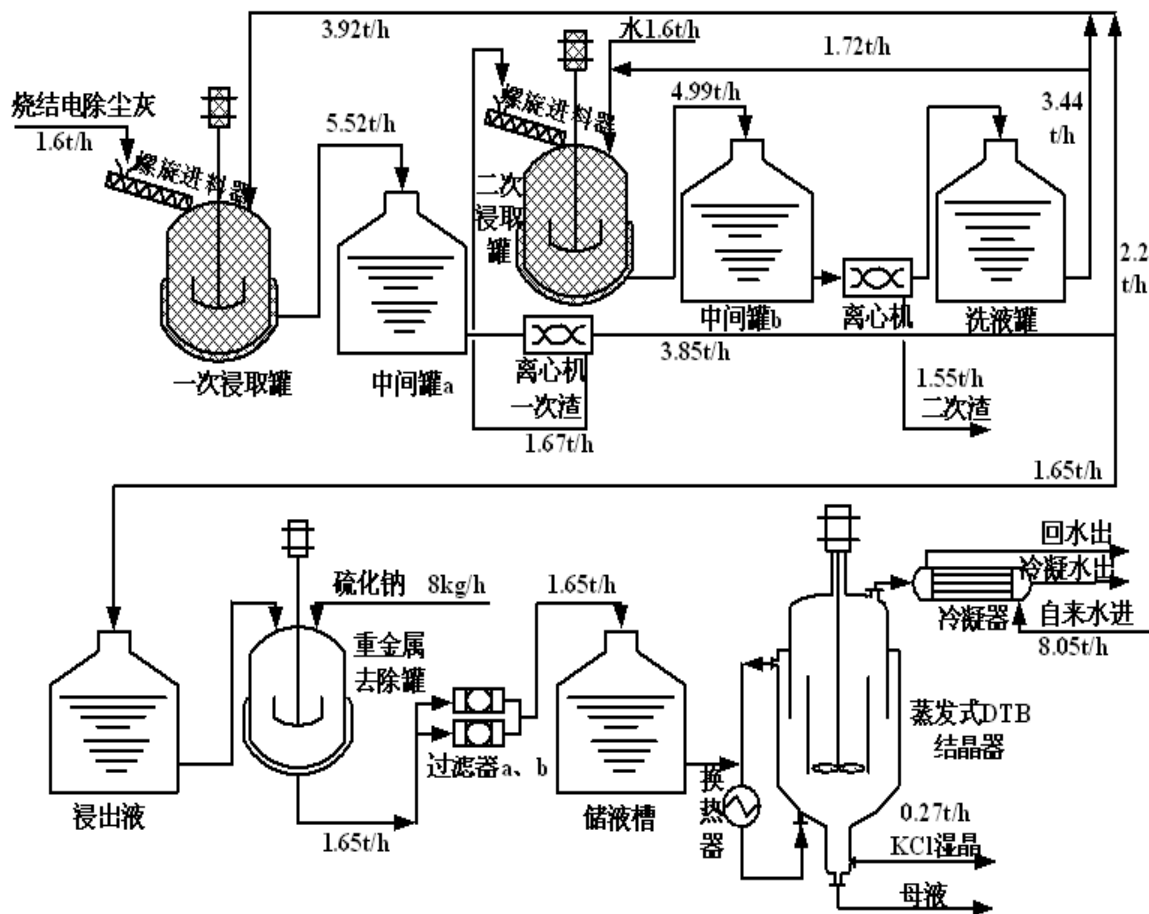


Photo of KCl product recovered from the sintering dust

# A industrial plant will be set up in Dangshan

$100 \times 10^3 \text{ ton dust/year}$   
 $2 \times 10^3 \text{ ton KCl/year around}$

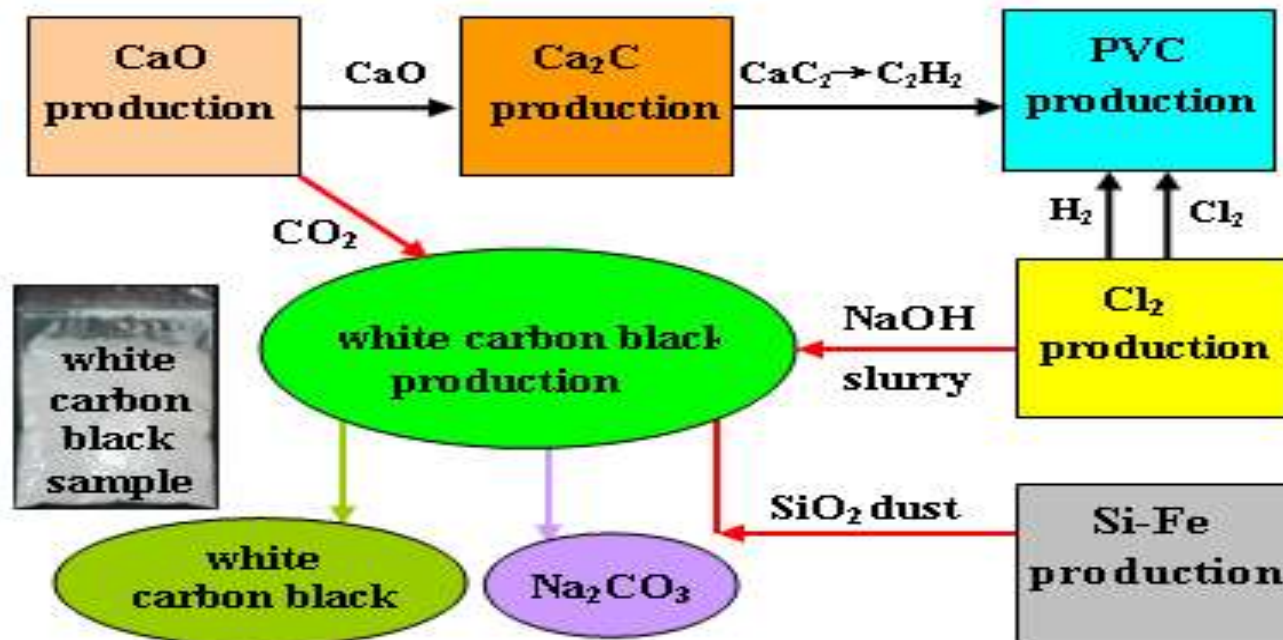


## 2. White Carbon Black Preparation from the Dust of Ferrosilicon Plant

**White Carbon Black:** A kind of mic-nano size  $\text{SiO}_2$

Used as rubber additives

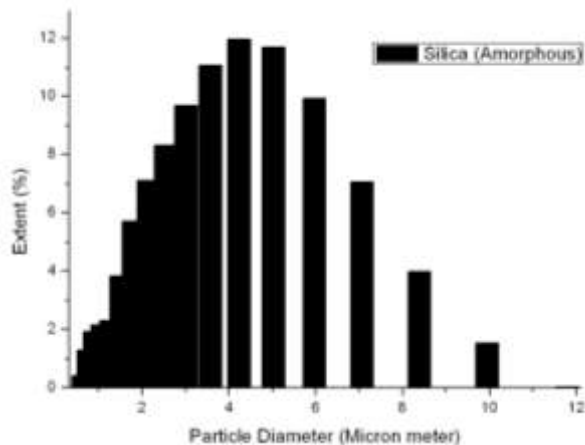
Produced by precipitation of sodium silicate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) solution with acid ( $\text{HCl}$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ )



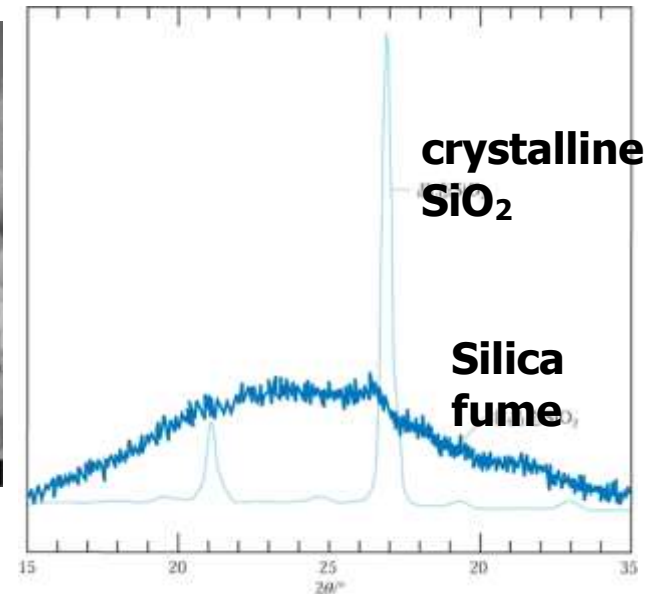
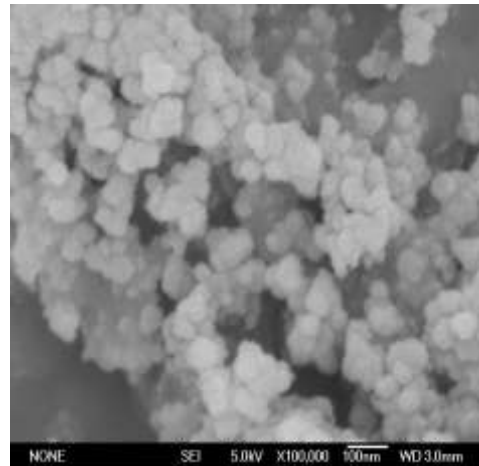
# Properties of silica fume

## Composition of typical silica fume

| Comp. | SiO <sub>2</sub> | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | CaO  | MgO  | K <sub>2</sub> O | Na <sub>2</sub> O | P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | S    | size          |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------|---------------|
| % wt  | <b>86.5</b>      | 0.54                           | 3.15                           | 0.73 | 2.39 | 3.34             | 0.56              | <0.1                          | 0.24 | <1um<br>(80%) |



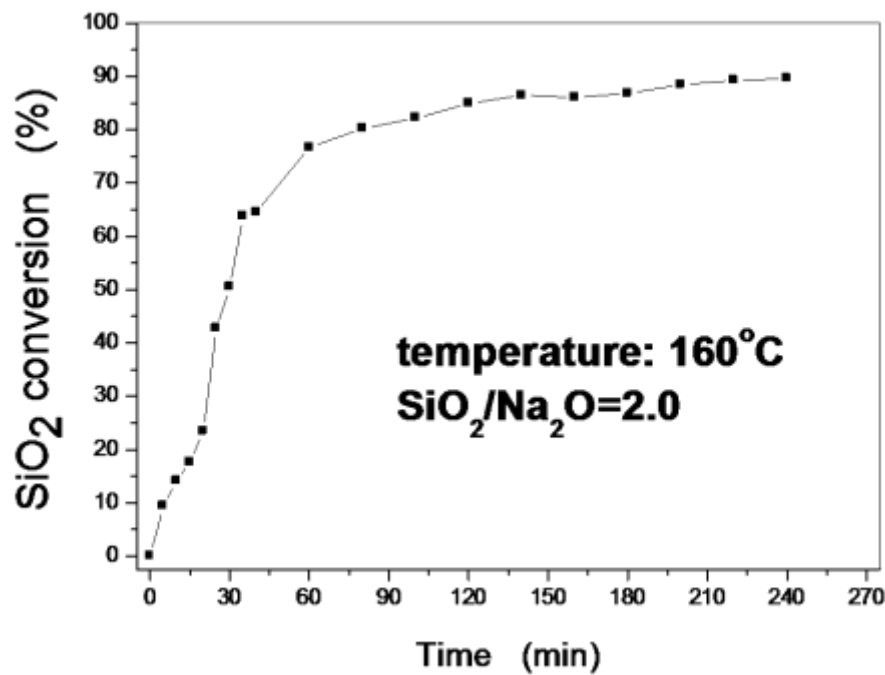
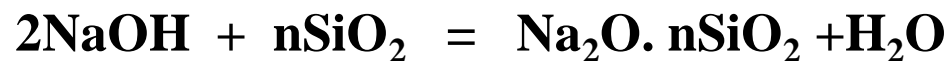
SEM of silica fume



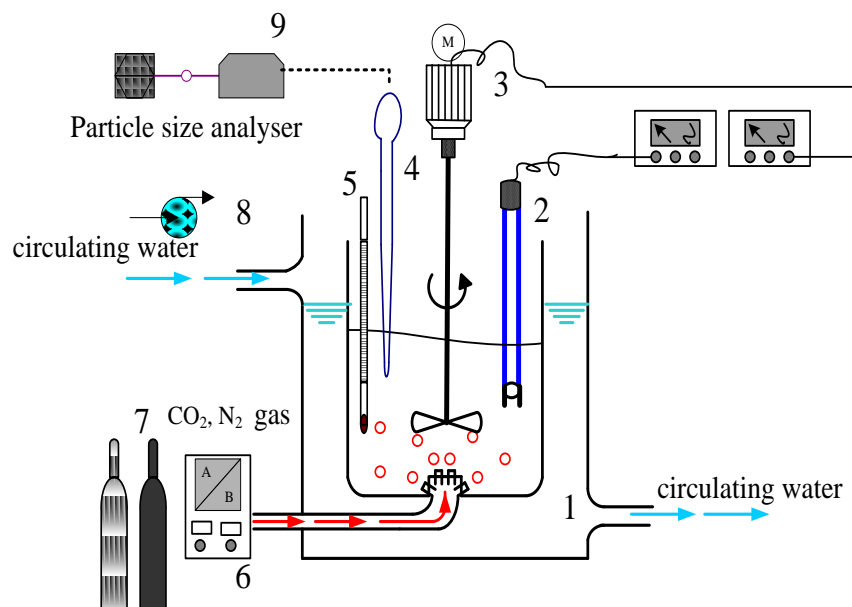
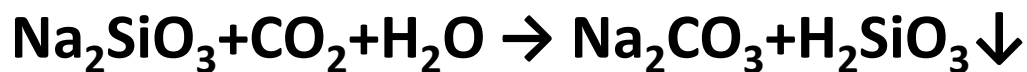
XRD of silica fume

# How to make white carbon black ?

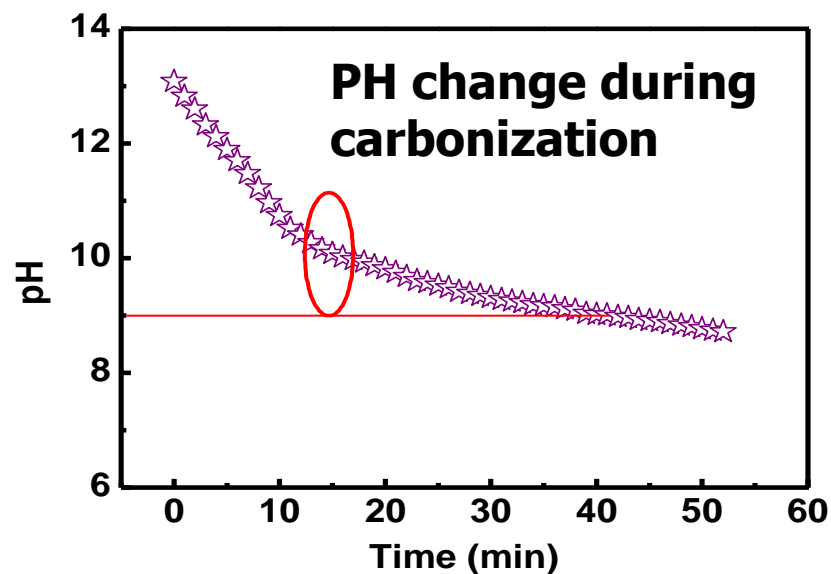
## Step 1--- prepare sodium silicate solution



## Step 2--- Preparation of silica particles by CO<sub>2</sub>



- 1—碳化恒温反应器；2—pH计；3—增力搅拌器；4—取样吸管；  
5—温度计；6—气路控制柜；7—CO<sub>2</sub>、N<sub>2</sub>钢瓶；  
8—恒温循环水；9—粒度分析系统



**feasible conditions:**

**Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>: 20-80 g/L**

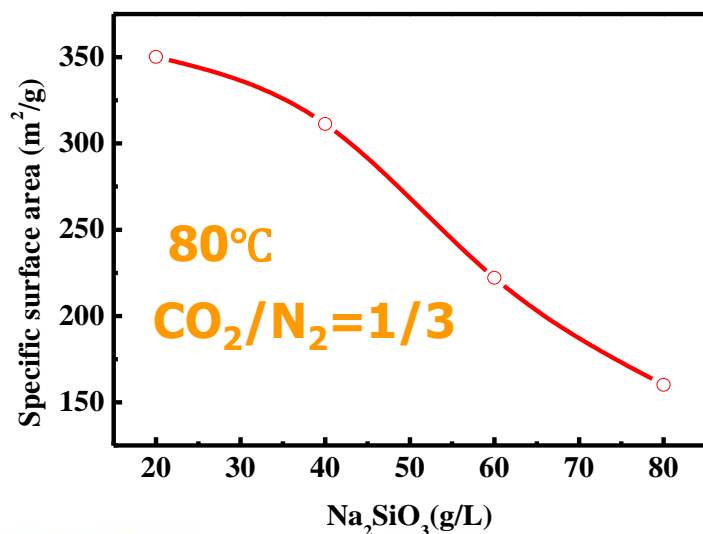
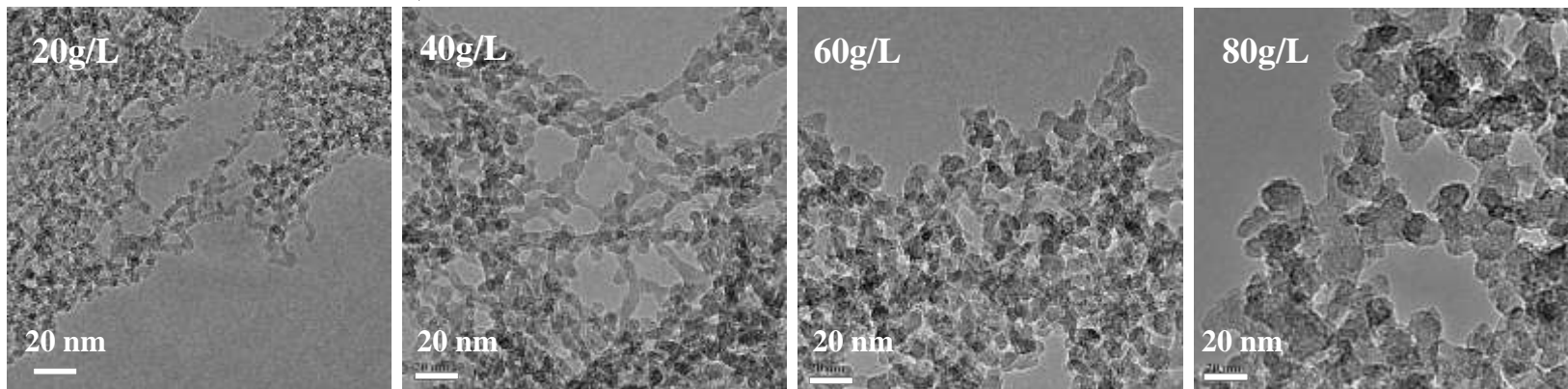
**Temperature: 50-95 °C**

**CO<sub>2</sub>: 10-40 %**

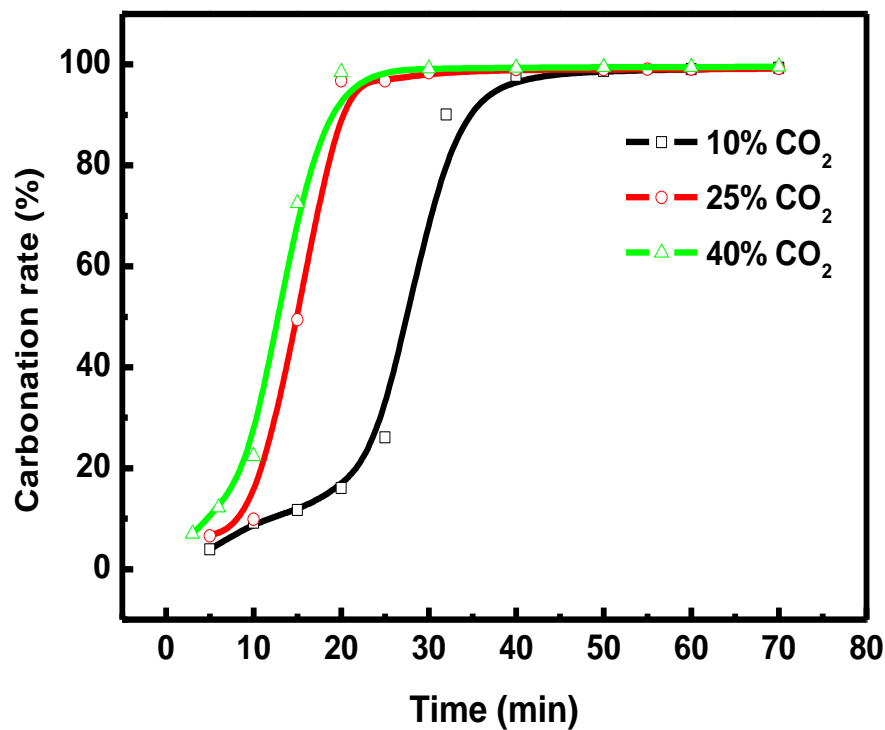
# Experimental Results

Effect of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$  content on  $\text{SiO}_2$  partical size

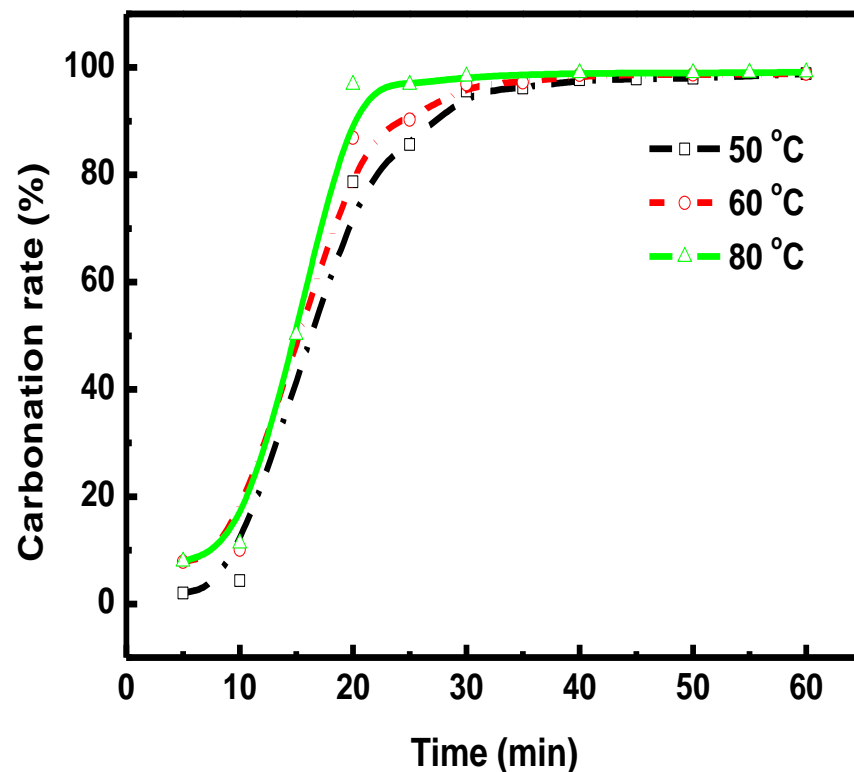
TEM  $\times 100,000$



The size of white carbon black particle increase with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$  content,  
and BET surface decreases with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$

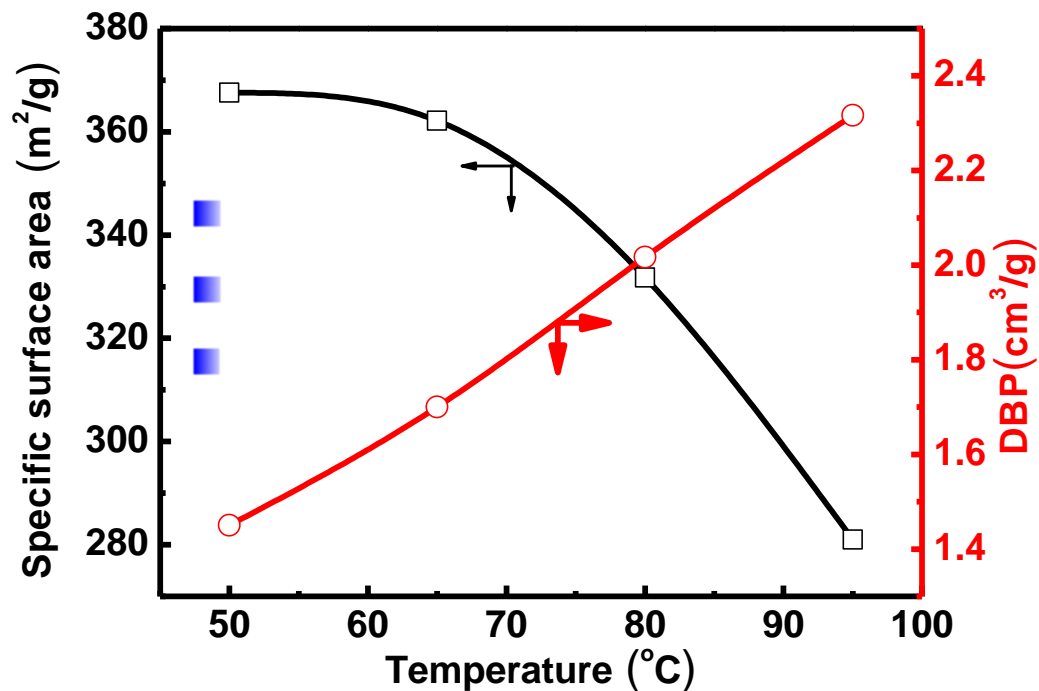


**Effect of CO<sub>2</sub> content on carbonation rate**

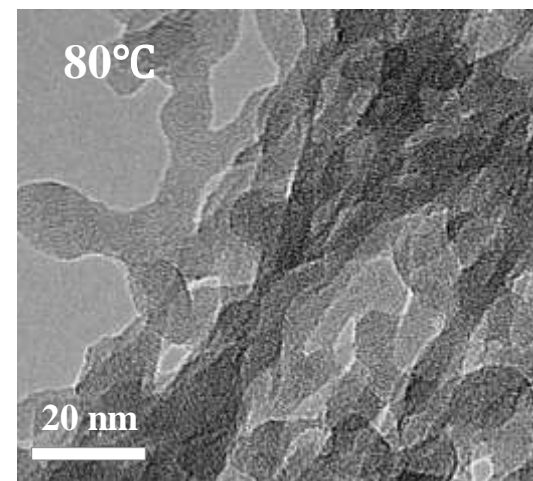
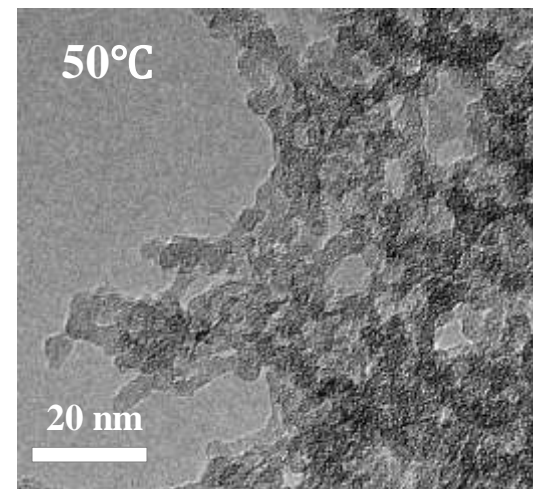


**Effect of temperature on carbonation rate**

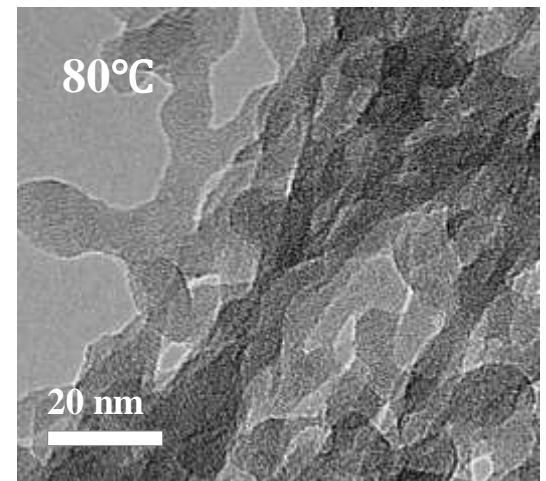
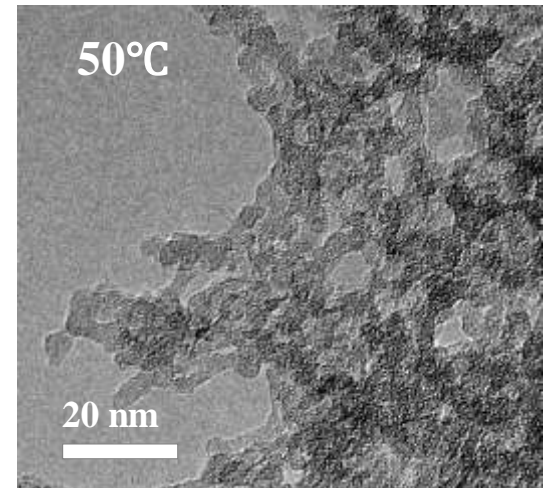
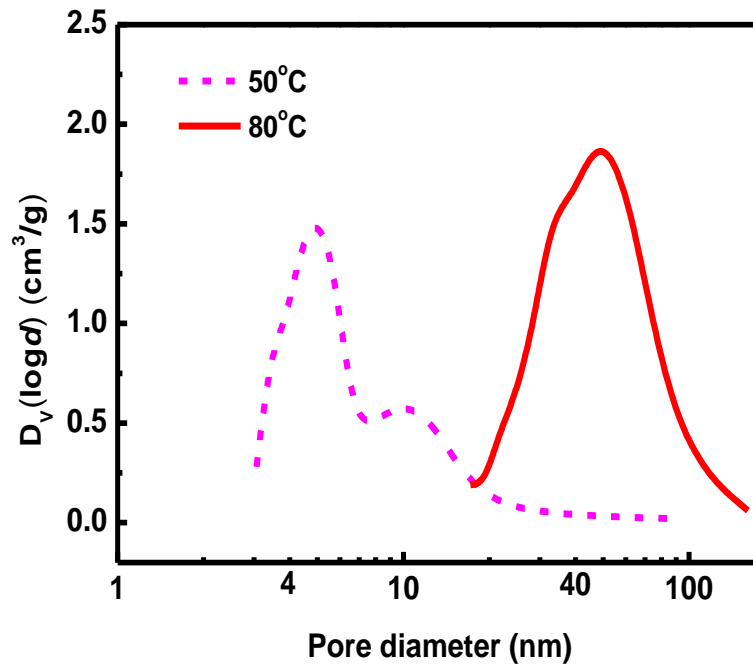
# Effect of temperature on properties of the product



**T** ↑    **d** ↑    **BET** ↓    **DBP** ↑

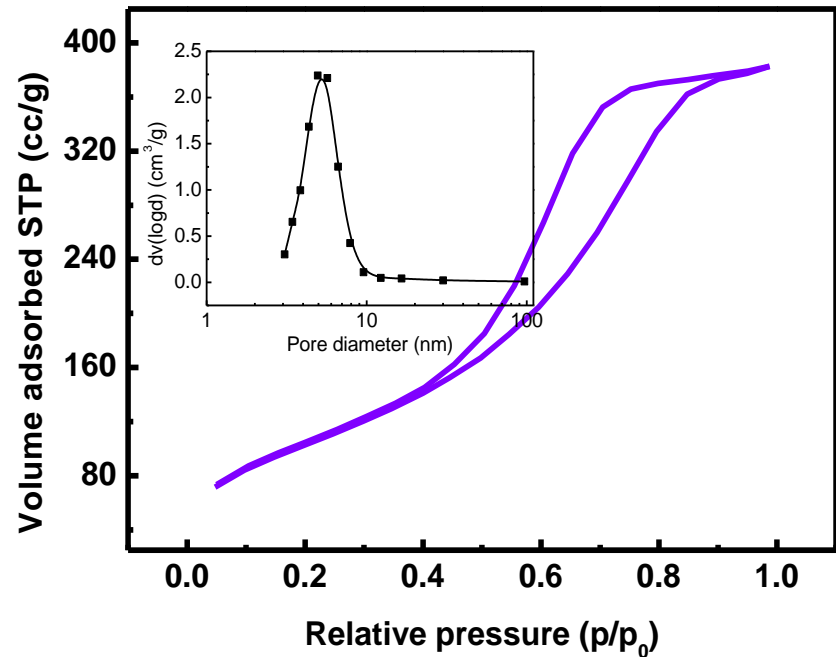
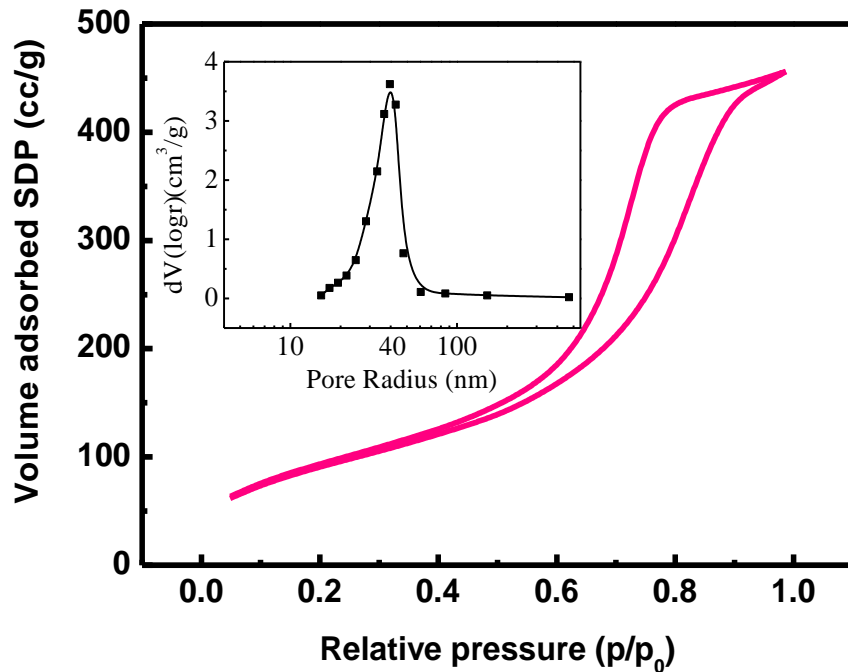


# pore size distribution of the product



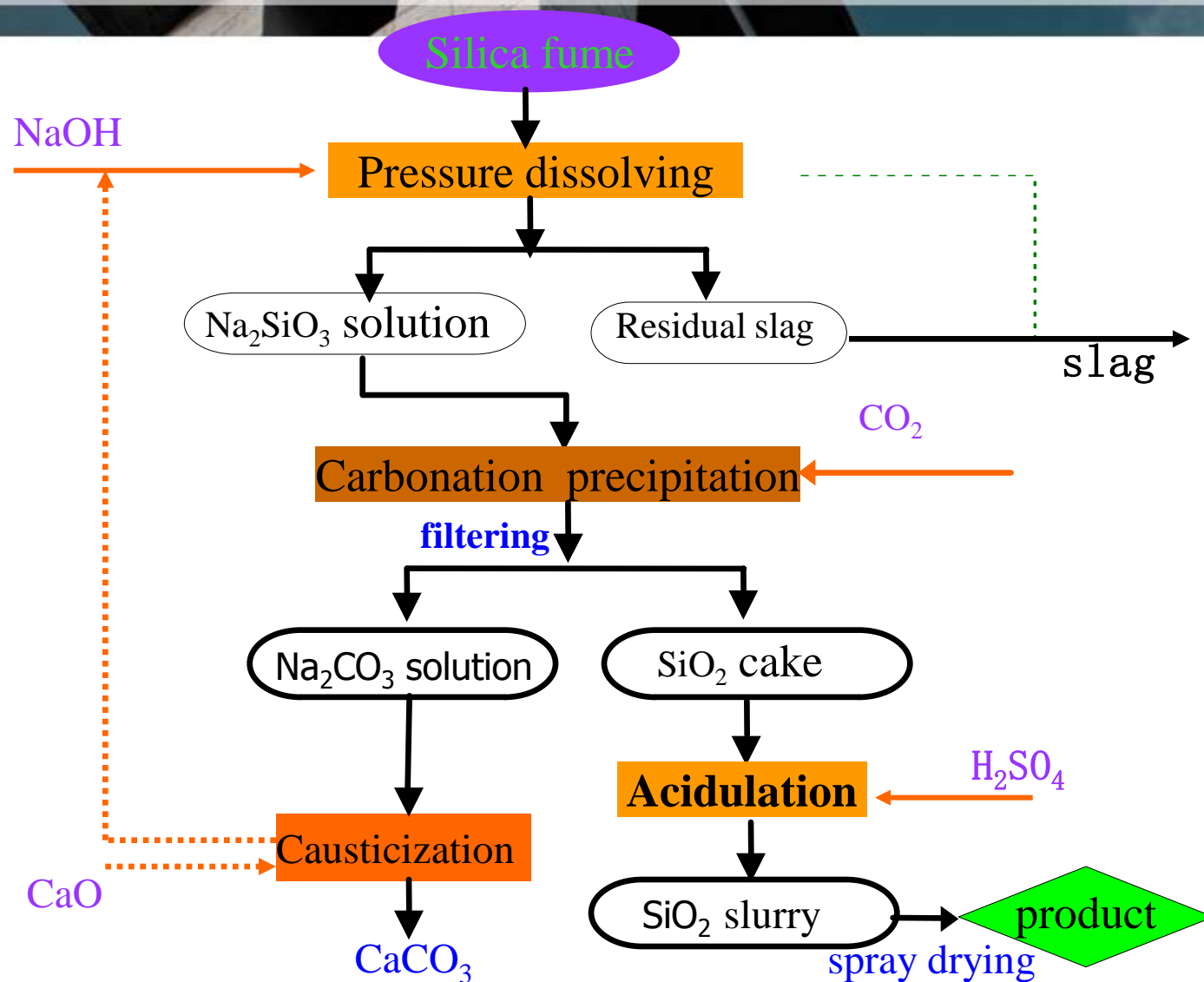
**Effect of temperature on pore size distribution**

# Comparison between $\text{CO}_2$ precipitation and $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ precipitation

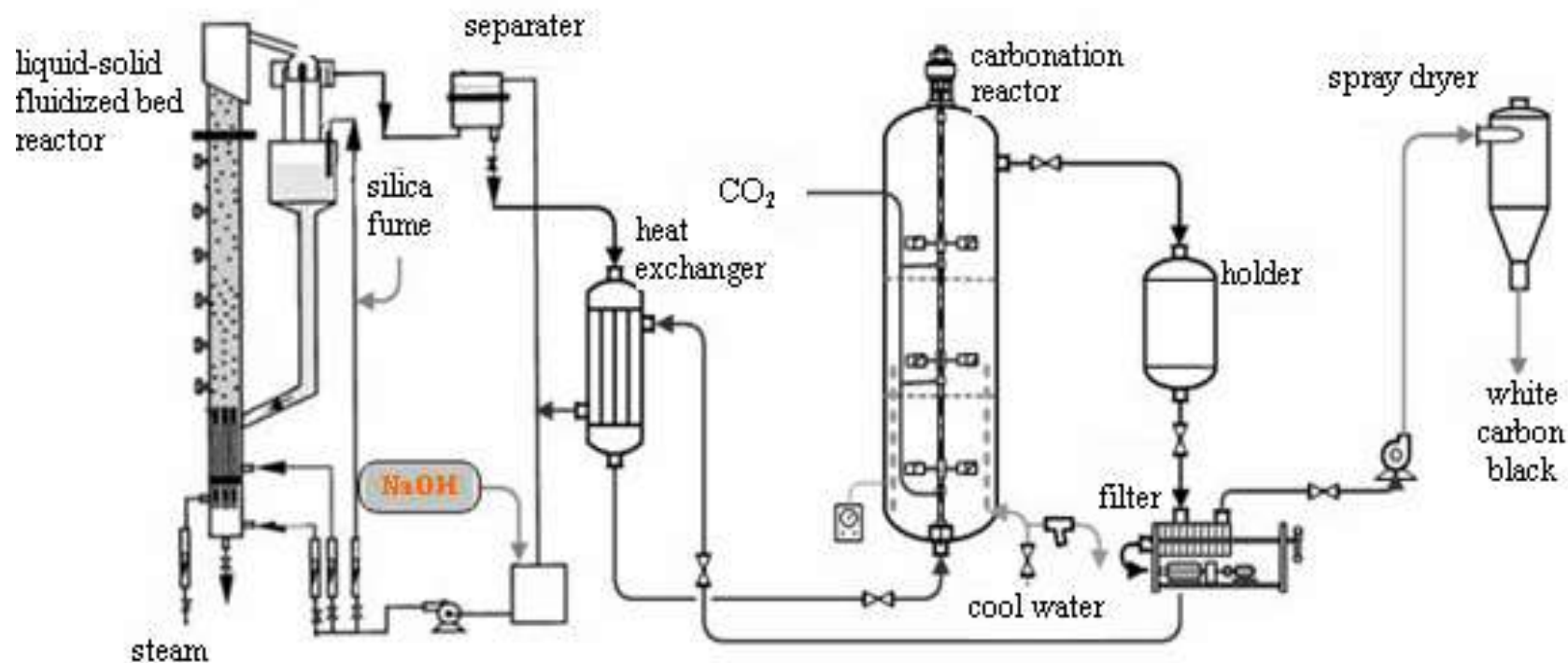


**The white carbon black with more pore and larger pore diameter can be obtained by carbonization precipitation than acid precipitation.**

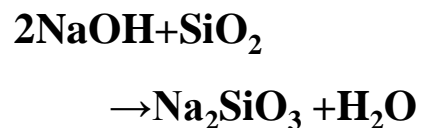
# Schematic diagram of white carbon black production by silica fume with NaOH and CO<sub>2</sub>



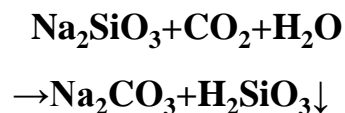
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dissolving reaction



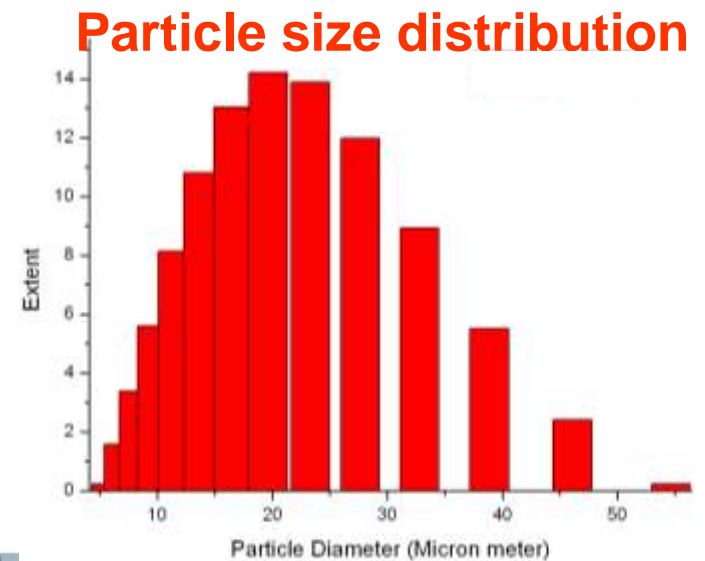
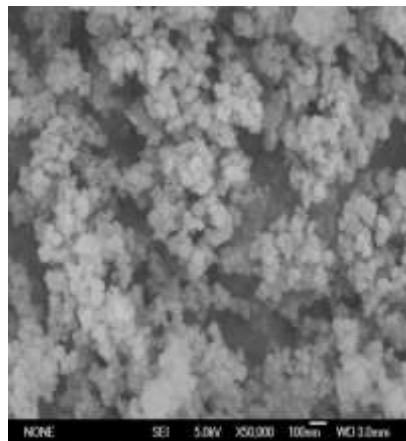
Carbonation reaction



hydrolyzation reaction



# Pilot plant test: 1500 tons/year of white carbon black product

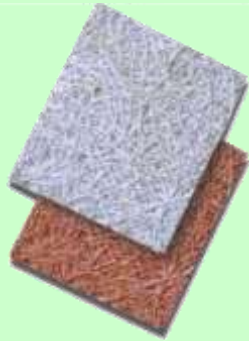


**The plant of industrial scale with  
10000 ton/year will be set up.**

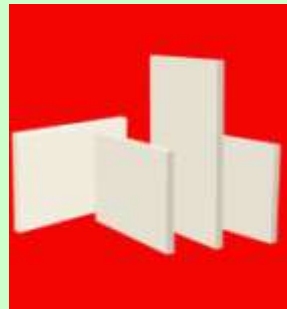


### 3. Sound-absorbing Material preparation from Iron-making Slag

sound absorbing material



**wood  
fiberboard**



**organic  
fiberboard**



**micropunch  
plate**



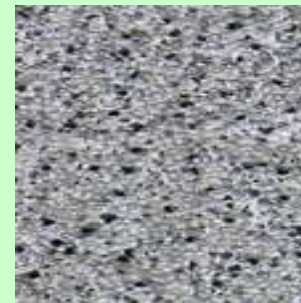
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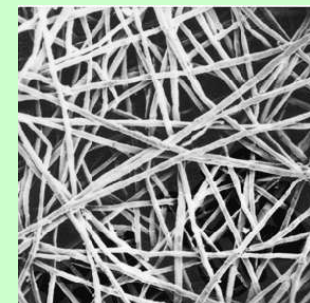
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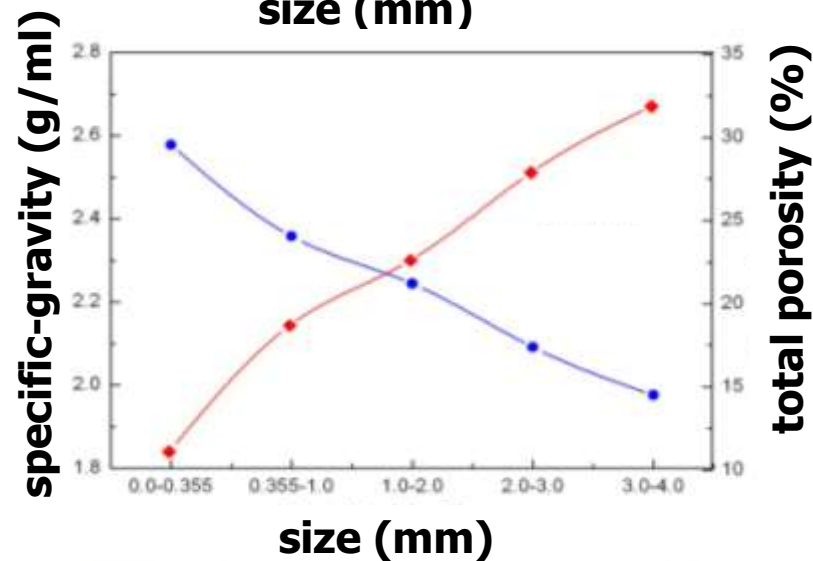
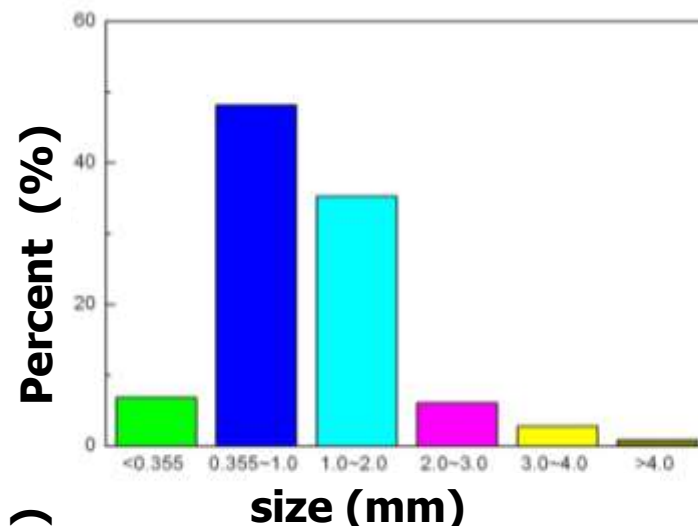
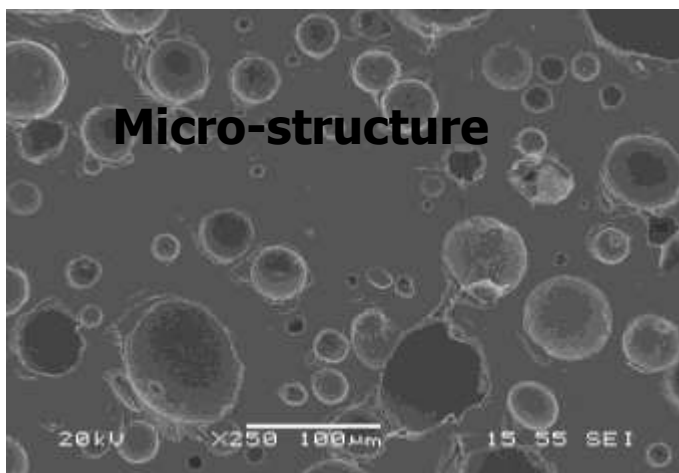


**foamed  
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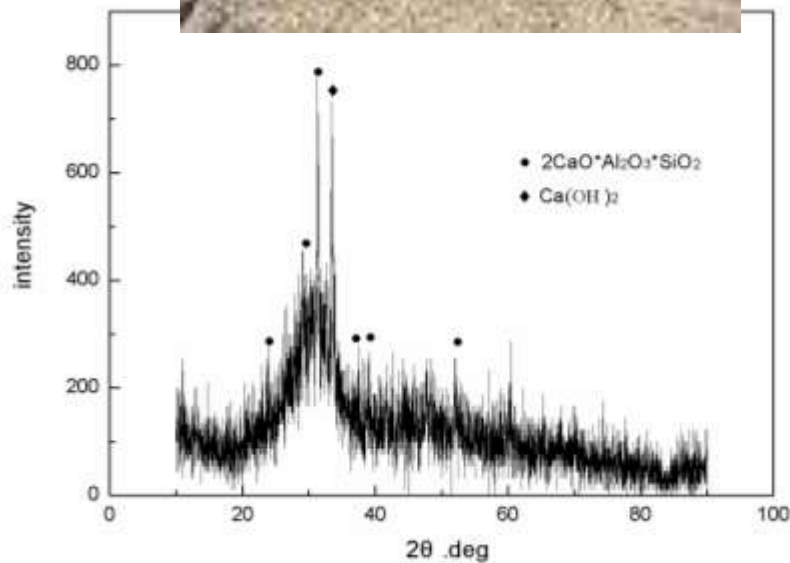
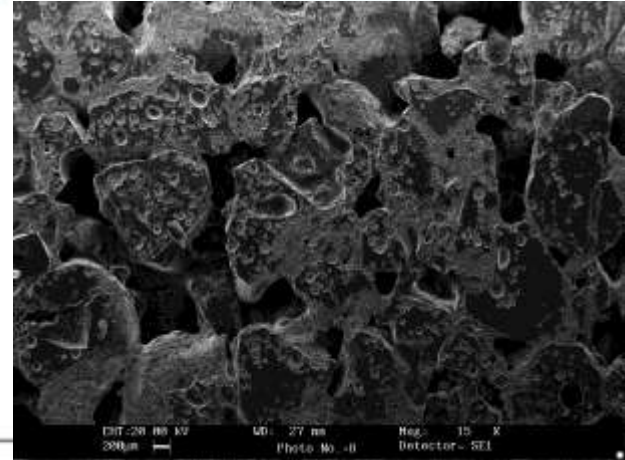


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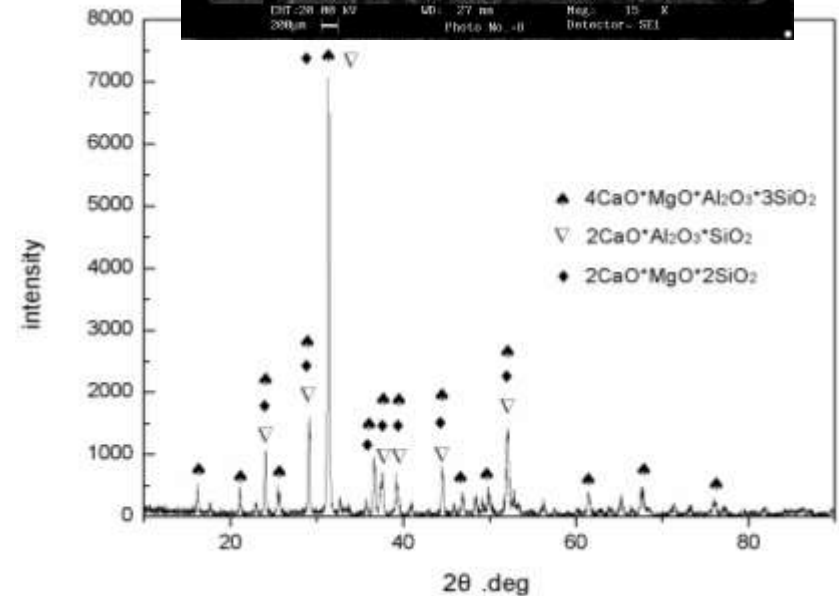
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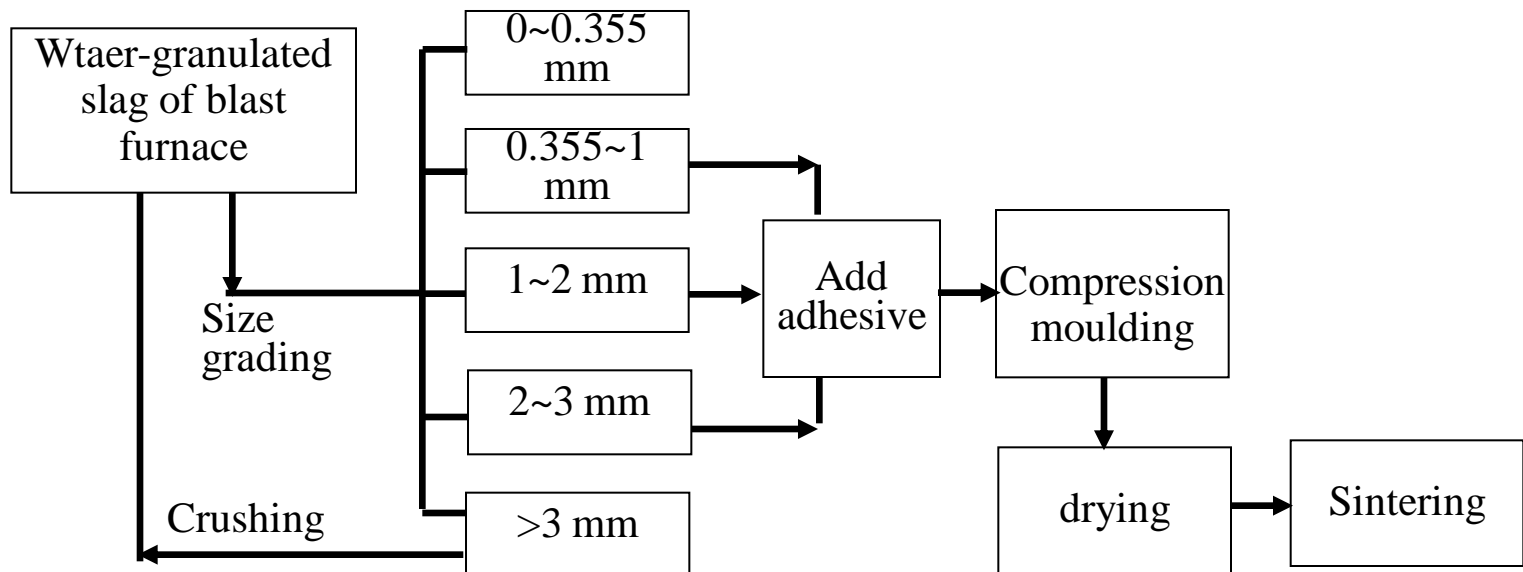
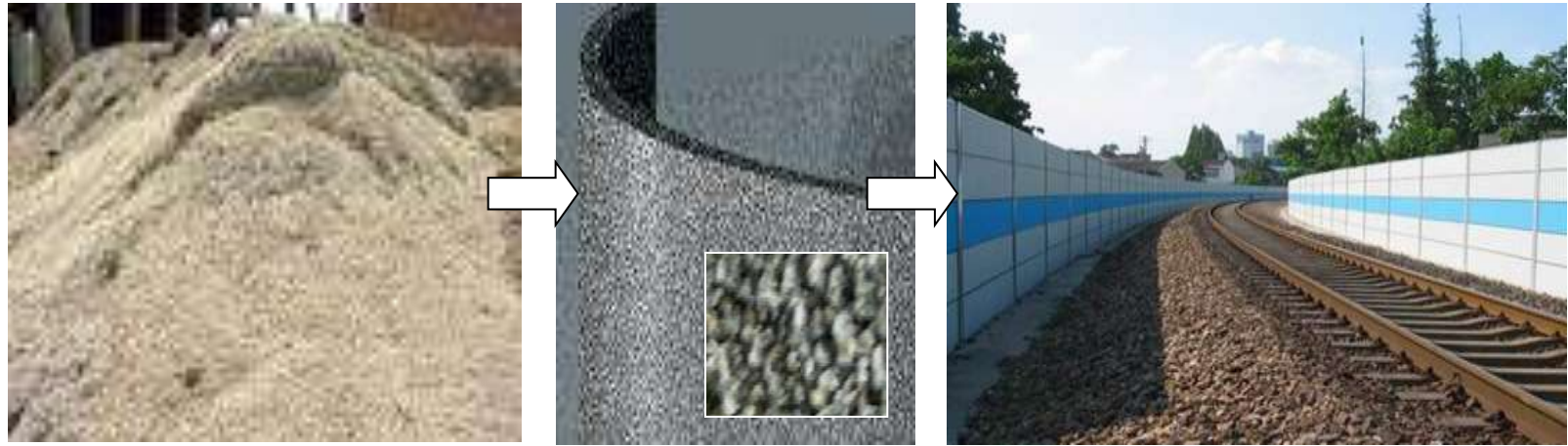


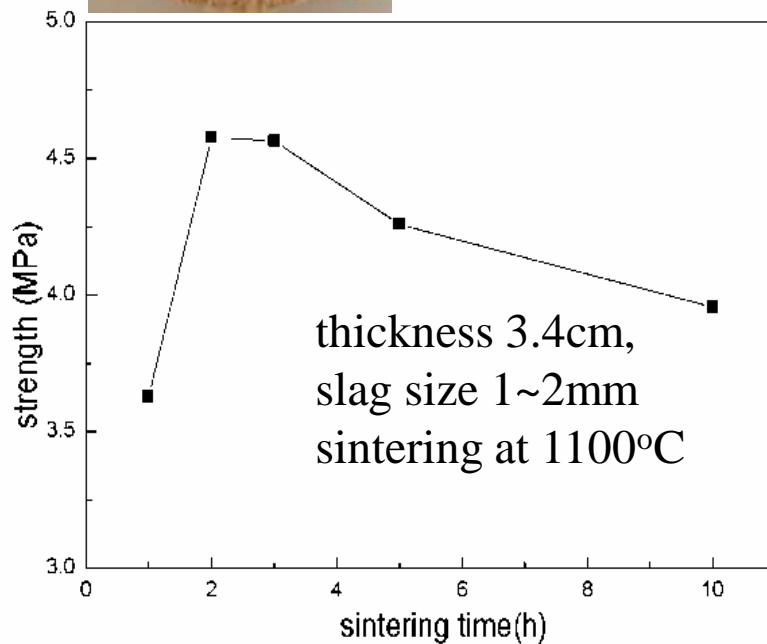
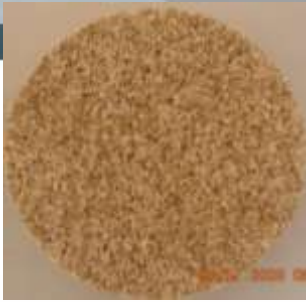
XRD of the original slag



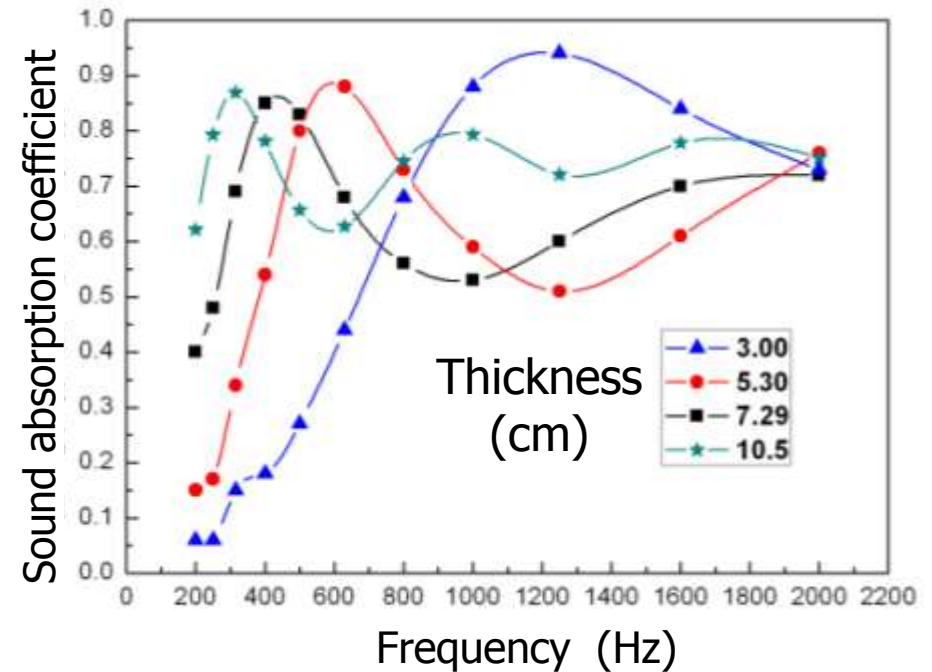
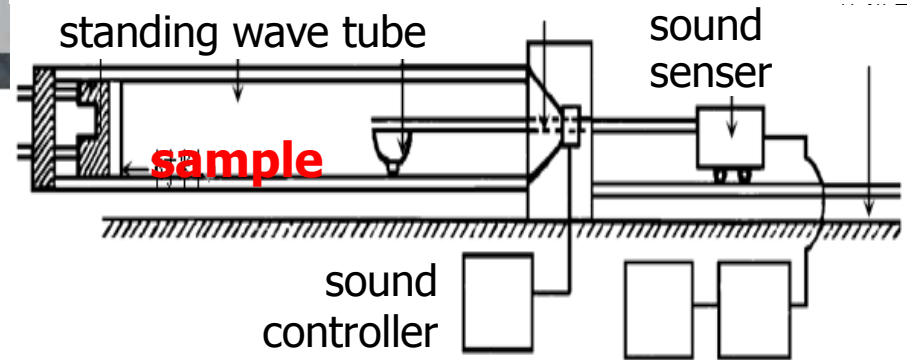
XRD after sintered at 1100°C for 2h

# Schematic diagram of sound-absorbing material made from Iron-making slag





Effect of sintering time on strength



Effect of sample thickness on sound absorption

# Conclusions

- ◆ Due to the rich pores and good sintering property of the water-granulated slag of ironmaking, it is possible to be used to produce sound-absorption plate.
- ◆ Due to the high activity property of silica fume, it can be used to produce white carbon black.
- ◆ The sintering fume in steel industry contain high content potassium chloride. It can be used to produce potassium chloride by hydro-process.

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