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**A study on the MSWI fly ash modifying for
inorganic gel of cement admixtures**

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Background

- ④ Municipal solid waste incinerator (MSWI) fly ashes contain high concentrations of **heavy metals** and **dioxins**, which are defined as hazardous wastes usually.
- ④ **Solidification followed by designated landfilling** has been popular used in the world, but the long term stability still be worried about.
- ④ **Zero-Waste or Zero-Landfill** policy has been ask in many countries, therefor, there were many studies discussed with the recycling of the MSWI fly ash, while seldom of then were commercialized.

- ③ **Eco-cement** and **melting technologies** have been developed in Japan for three decades already, but still been questioned a lot today.
- ③ Dioxin could be destroyed in the high temperature of cement kiln, but most of the **heavy metals** will **evaporated** in the form of chloride compounds, increased the hazard of fly ash in the APCD.
- ③ MSWI fly ashes have the characteristics of **pozzolanic property**, but applied as the substitute of cement directly is not feasibly due to the impurities in it.

- ② Washing followed by wet ball milling had been proved to have the ability to elevate the pozzolanic property and destroy Dioxin effectively, due to the mechno-chemical reaction.
- ② The pozzolanic material could be activated by alkali hydroxide accompanied with sodium silicate, which could produce an inorganic gel material to elevate the strength during cementing.

© In this study, the **silicate** component comes from **metakaolin**, **calcium** comes from **washed MSWI fly ash**, and the activation were executed by **wet ball milling** under the **sodium hydroxide** solution, after drying, the product was used as the cement admixture.



Methods

- ④ Fly ash was collected from the reaction product of a 1,350 ton/d MSW mechanical grate incinerator operated around 950 °C, with **semi-dry and bag-filter system**.
- ④ Ash washing was carried out twice with distill water in a liquid to solid ratio 5 for 5 min.

- ④ **Metakaolin** was adopted the industrial grade of kaolin from Yun-nan China. After drying, calcining at 550 °C for 1.5 hr, then 700 °C 3hr.
- ④ Conventional ball-milling machine were used, the **liquid to solid ratio was 9** during the milling of the mixed ash, the ball miller were operated below the critical speed.



Results and Discussion

Table 1 The properties of MSWI fly ash and metakaolin

	pH	Moisture content (%)	Ignition loss (%)	D ₅₀ (μm)
Raw fly ash	11.28	1.03	3.38	7.38
Washed fly ash	12.15	2.8	-	7.07
Metakaolin	4.37	0.5	-	8.92

Table 2 Elements

Elements	Washed fly ash	metakaolin
Ca	32.4	0.09
Si	2.03	19.3
Al	0.61	16.7
Mg	1.06	0.07
Fe	0.72	0.71
Na	0.62	0.54
K	0.46	1.22
		Unit : wt.%

Table 3 Heavy metals content

Elements	Washed fly ash	metakaolin
Zn	18,400	124
Pb	3,170	352
Cd	207	N.D. ^a
Cr	281	90
Cu	3,450	438
^aN.D. : Not detectable		Unit : mg/kg

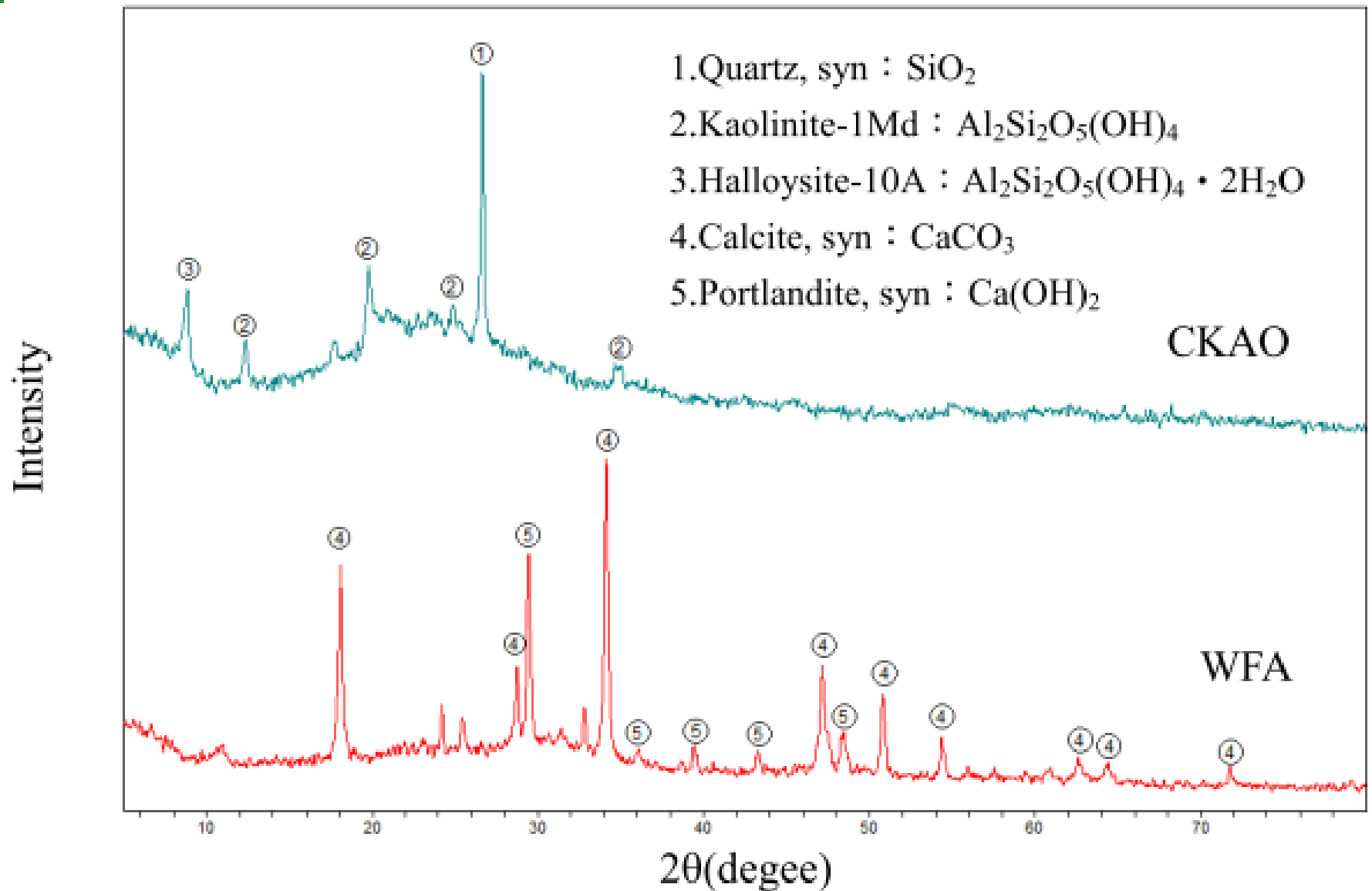
Table 4 TCLP leaching concentration

Elements	Washed fly ash	metakaolin	Hazardous waste standard
Zn	1.84	0.14	-
Pb	7.69	0.3	5
Cd	N.D. ^a	N.D.	1
Cr	0.06	N.D.	5
Cu	0.11	N.D.	15

^aN.D. : No detectable (Pb=5 ppb, Zn=0.3 ppb, Cu=0.6 ppb, Cd=0.35 ppb, Cr=0.5 ppb)

Unit : mg/L

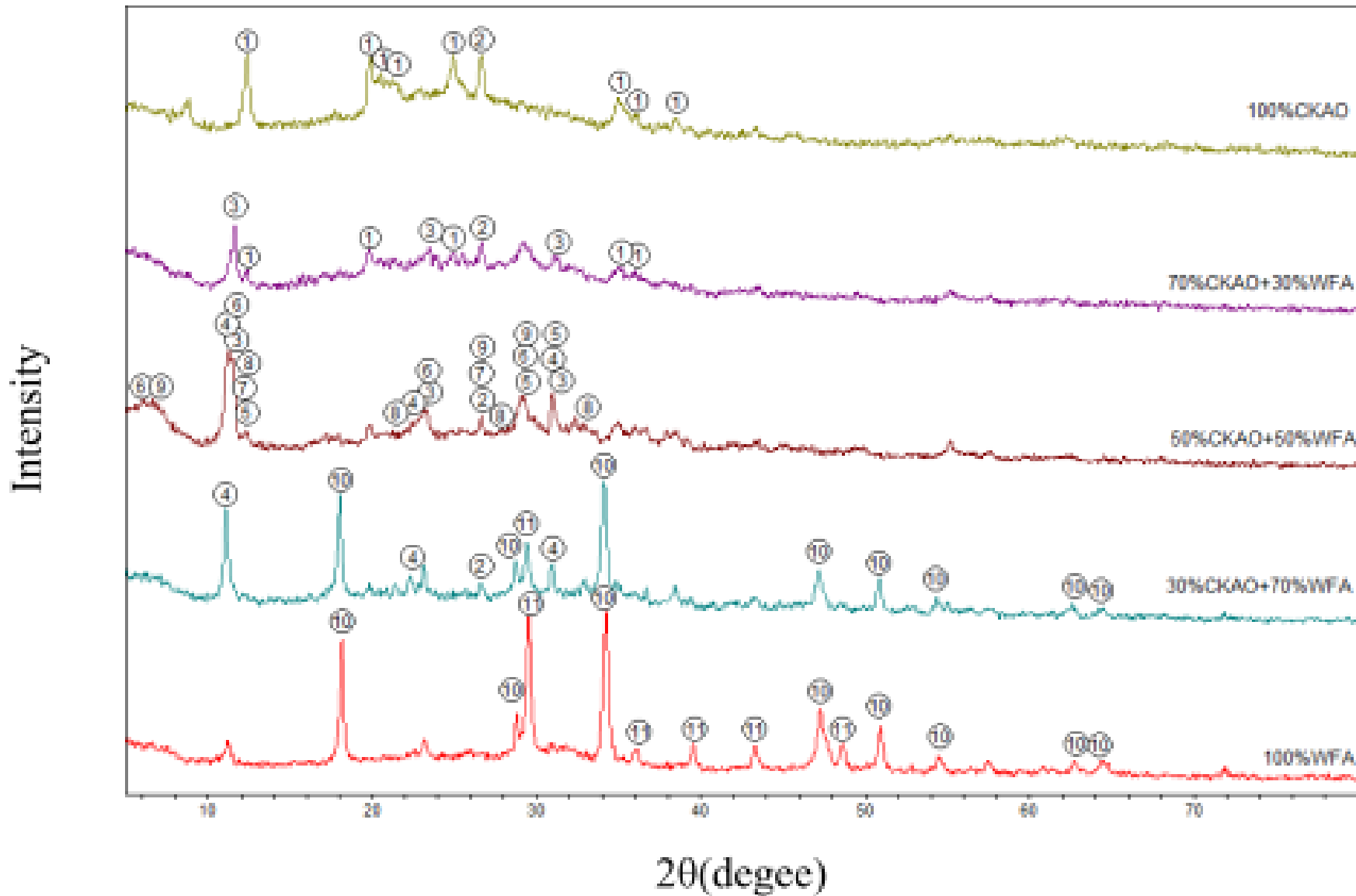
Fig. 1 XRD pattern





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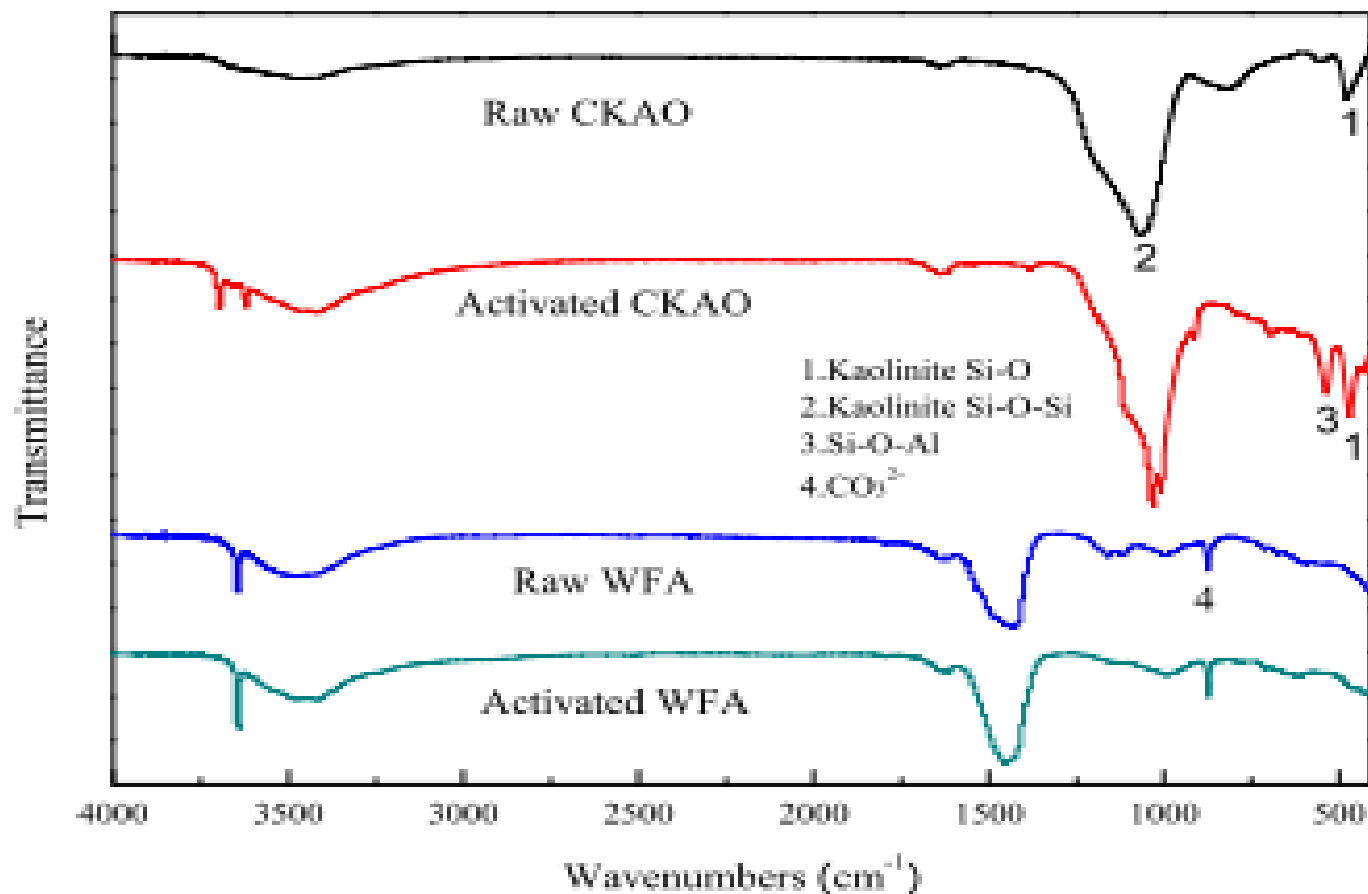
Fig. 2 XRD pattern of active powder
(1M NaOH, 24h)



XRD crystalline phase	CKAO	WFA	KA-73	KA-55	KA-37
① Kaolinite-1A : $\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$	○		○		
② Quartz, syn : SiO_2	○		○		
③ Calcium Aluminum Oxide Carbonate Hydrate : $\text{Ca}_4\text{Al}_2\text{O}_6\text{CO}_3 \cdot 11\text{H}_2\text{O}$			○		
④ Hydrocalumite : $\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○	○
⑤ Zeolite K-F, (Na) : $\text{Na}_5\text{Al}_5\text{Si}_5\text{O}_{20} \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○	
⑥ Faujasite-Na, syn : $\text{Na}_2\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_{2.4}\text{O}_{8.8} \cdot 6.7\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○	
⑦ Gismondine : $\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○	
⑧ Gobbinsite : $\text{Na}_4\text{Ca}(\text{Si}_{10}\text{Al}_6)\text{O}_{52} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○	
⑨ Tacharanite : $\text{Ca}_{12}\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_{18}\text{O}_{51} \cdot 18\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○	
⑩ Portlandite, syn : $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$		○			○
⑪ Calcite : CaCO_3		○			○

*K : CKAO , A : WFA , KA-73 : 70%CKAO+30%WFA and so on

* **Activation : 1M NaOH 24h**



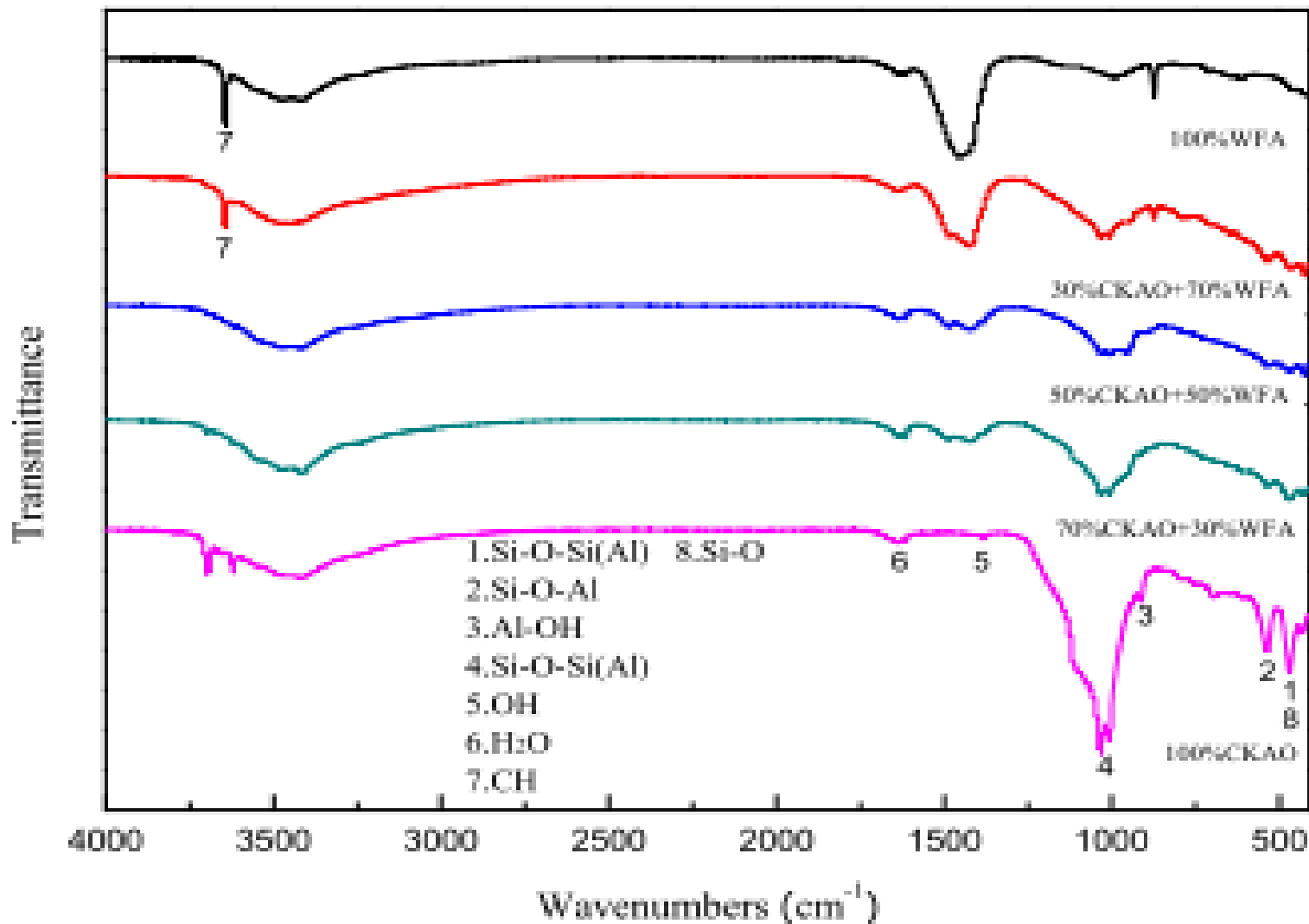


Table 6 TCLP leaching the activation powder (1M NaOH 24h)

Powder ratios	Zn	Pb	Cd	Cr	Cu
Regulation	-	5	1	5	15
100%CKAO	0.44	0.03	N.D. ^a	0.01	N.D.
70%CKAO+30%WFA	N.D.	0.07	N.D.	0.05	N.D.
50%CKAO+50%WFA	0.02	0.1	N.D.	0.06	N.D.
30%CKAO+70%WFA	0.37	0.38	N.D.	0.04	N.D.
100%WFA	1.87	2.93	N.D.	0.01	0.02

^aN.D. : Not detectible (Pb=5 ppb, Zn=0.3 ppb, Cu=0.6 ppb, Cd=0.35 ppb, Cr=0.5 ppb)

Unit : mg/L

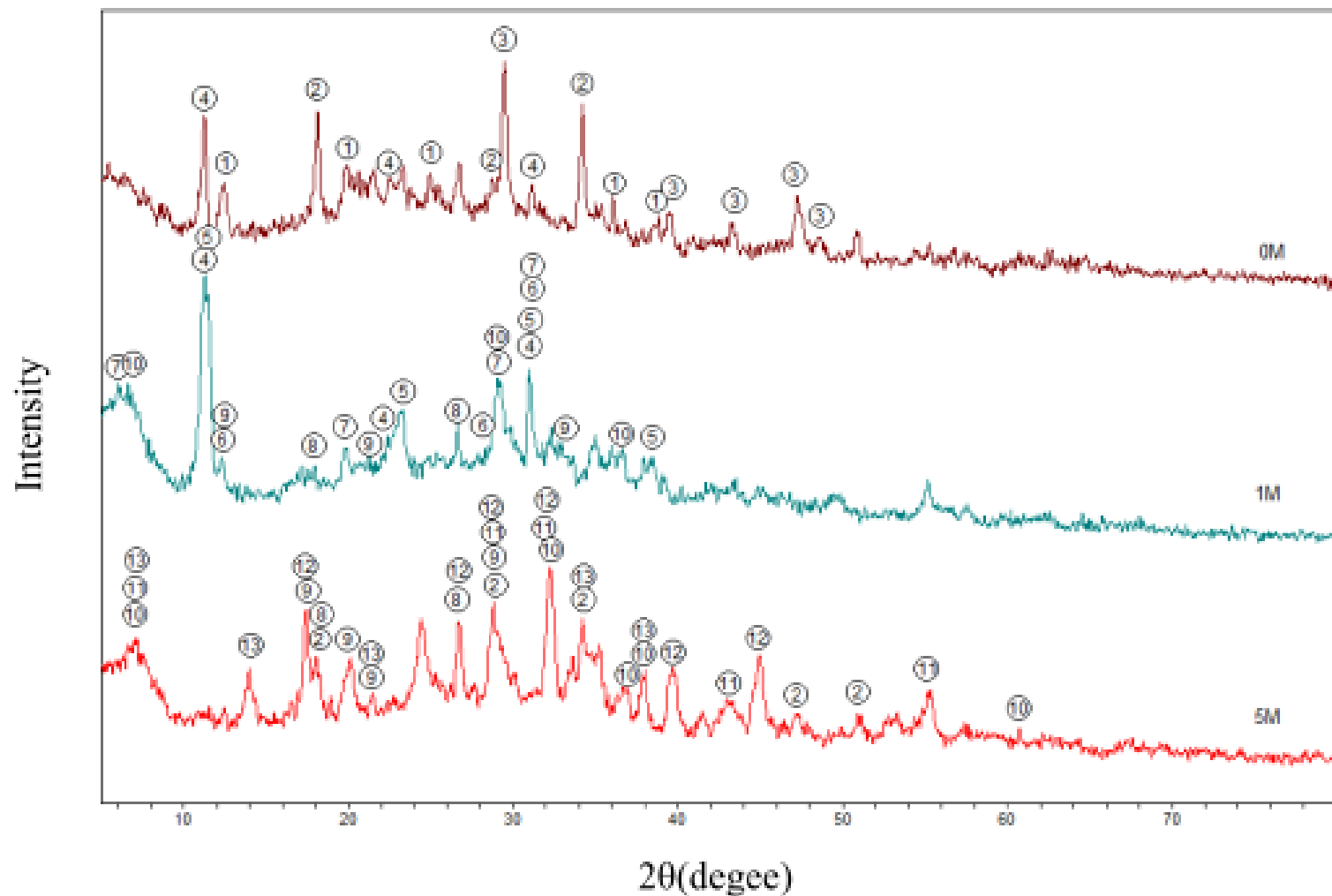


Fig. 4-8 The XRD pattern of milled active powder treated by NaOH active solution (50% CKAO + 50%WFA, 24h)

XRD crystalline phase	0M	1M	5M
①Kaolinite-1Md : $Al_2Si_2O_5(OH)_4$	○		
②Portlandite, syn : $Ca(OH)_2$	○		○
③Calcite, syn : $CaCO_3$	○		
④Hydrocalumite : $Ca_2Al(OH)_6Cl2H_2O$	○	○	
⑤Calcium Aluminum Oxide Carbonate Hydrate : $Ca_4Al_2O_6CO_3 \cdot 11H_2O$		○	
⑥Zeolite K-F, (Na) : $Na_5Al_5Si_5O_{20} \cdot 9H_2O$		○	
⑦Faujasite-Na, syn : $Na_2Al_2Si_{2.4}O_{8.8} \cdot 6.7H_2O$		○	
⑧Gismondine : $CaAl_2Si_2O_8 \cdot 4H_2O$		○	○
⑨Gobbinsite : $Na_4Ca(Si_{10}Al_6)O_{32} \cdot 12H_2O$		○	○
⑩Tacharanite : $Ca_{12}Al_2Si_{18}O_{51} \cdot 18H_2O$		○	○
⑪Calcium Silicate Hydrate : $CaOSiO_2 \cdot H_2O$			○
⑫Katoite, silicatian : $Ca_3Al_2(SiO_4)(OH)_8$			○
⑬Stratlingite, syn : $Ca_2Al_2SiO_7 \cdot 8H_2O$			○

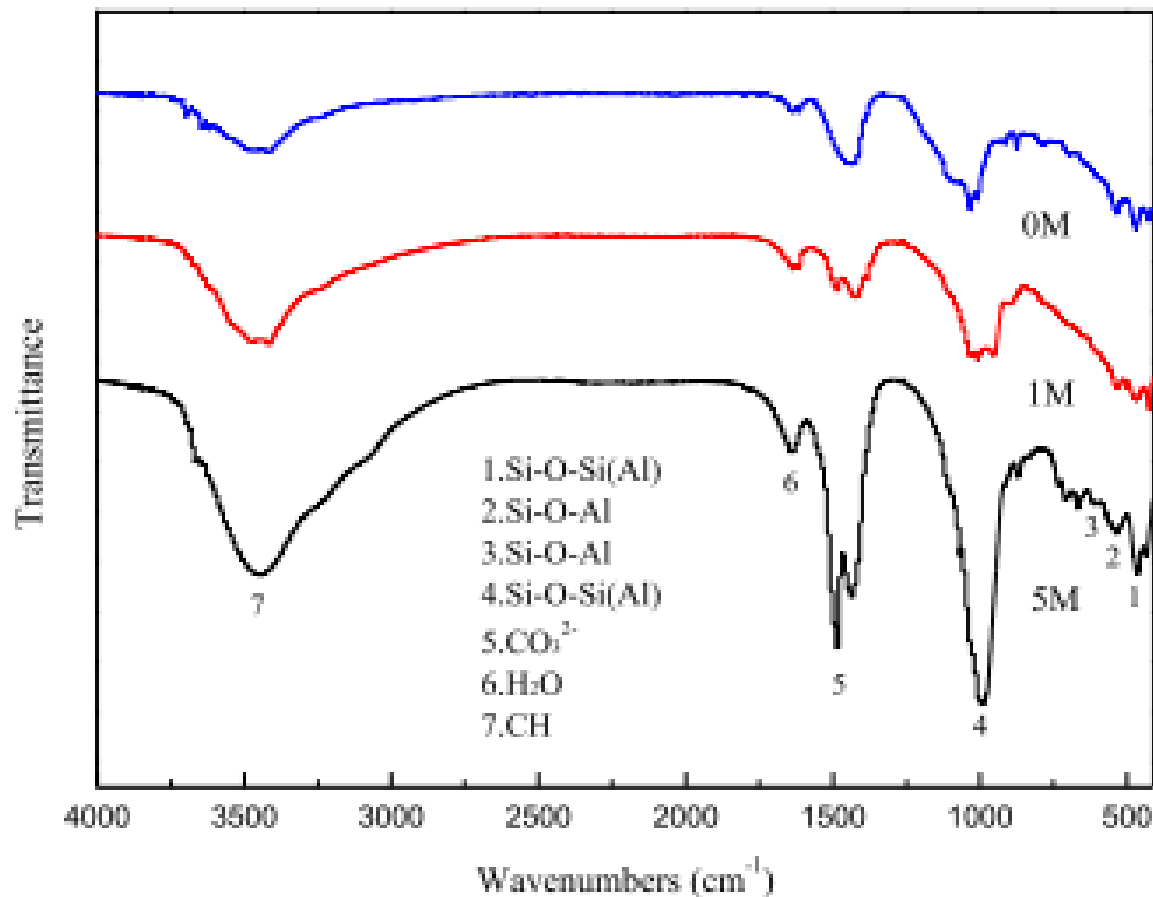


Fig. 4-9 FTIR pattern of the milling activation (50% CKAO + 50%WFA, 24h)

Table 8 The TCLP leaching of the milling activation powder

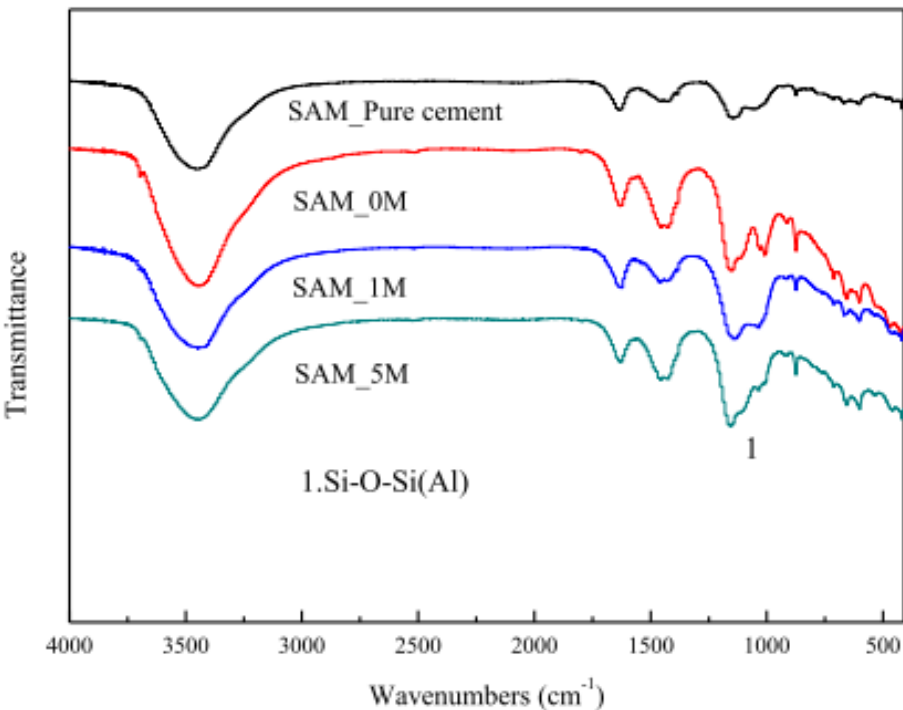
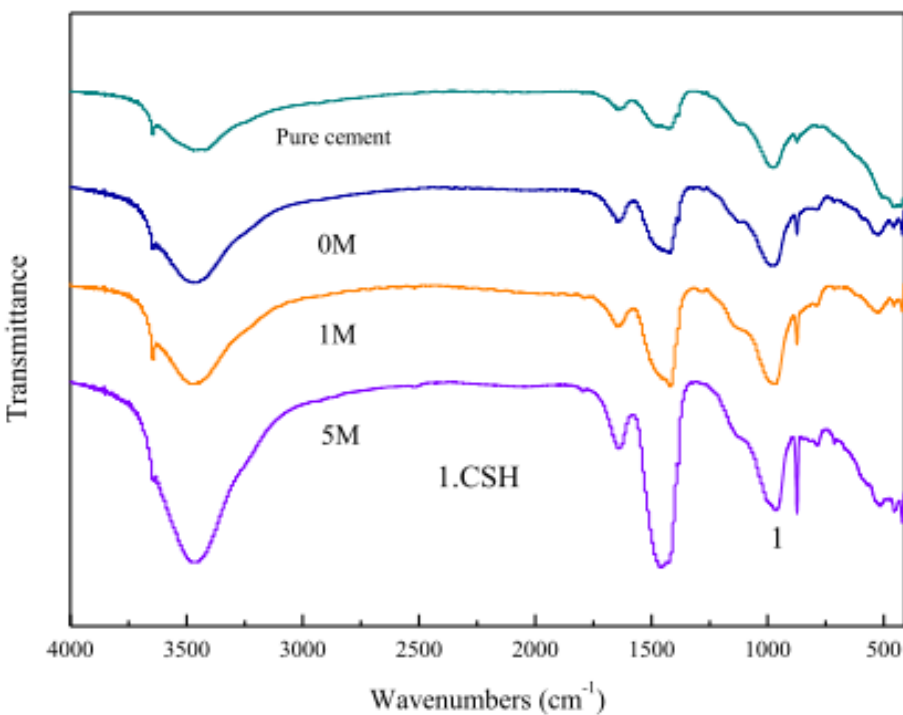
NaOH active solutions	Zn	Pb	Cd	Cr	Cu
Limitation	-	5	1	5	15
0M	N.D. ^a	0.03	N.D.	0.07	N.D.
1M	0.02	0.1	N.D.	0.06	N.D.
5M	0.38	0.24	N.D.	0.08	N.D.

^aN.D. : Not detectible (Pb=5 ppb, Zn=0.3 ppb, Cu=0.6 ppb, Cd=0.35 ppb, Cr=0.5 ppb)

Unit : mg/L

* Active parameter : 50% CKAO + 50%WFA, 24h of active time

活化液濃度對活化粉取代水泥之影響(1/1)



- NaOH活化液濃度對研磨活化粉取代水泥10%之28天水泥漿體與28天水泥漿體經SAM前處理之FTIR分析
- 活化粉條件：
1.50%CKAO+50%WFA
2.活化24 hr
- Pure cement：養護28天純水泥漿體
- SAM：水楊酸-甲醇萃取前處理

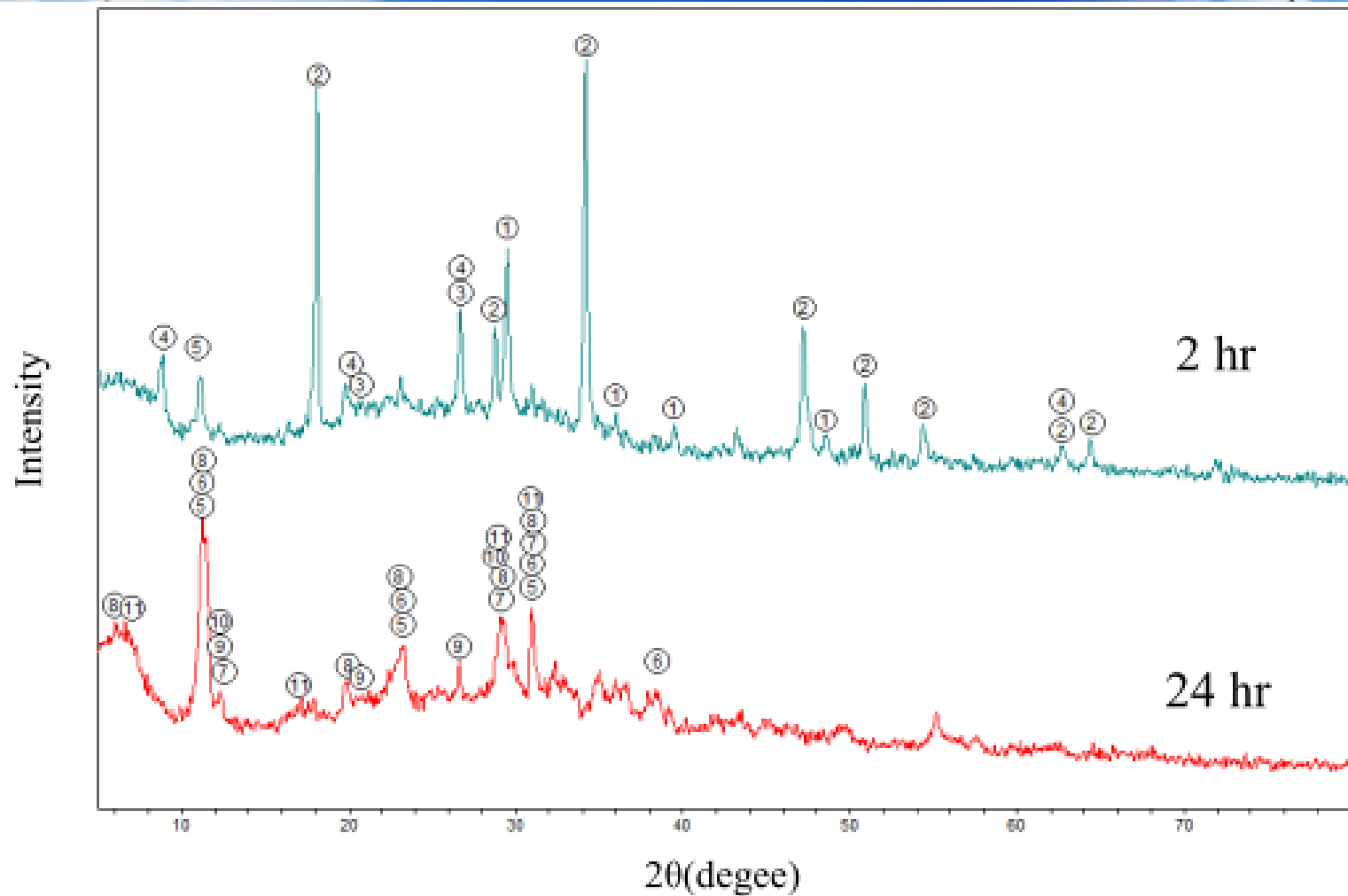


Fig. 4-12 XRD pattern of milled active powder in different active time (50% CKAO + 50%WFA, 24h)

XRD crystalline phase	*CKAO	*WFA	2 hr	24 hr
① Calcite, syn : CaCO_3		○	○	
② Portlandite, syn : $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$		○	○	
③ Quartz, syn : SiO_2	○		○	
④ Halloysite-10A : $\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	○		○	
⑤ Hydrocalumite : $\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}$			○	○
⑥ Calcium Aluminum Oxide Carbonate Hydrate : $\text{Ca}_4\text{Al}_2\text{O}_6\text{CO}_3 \cdot 11\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○
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⑧ Faujasite-Na, syn : $\text{Na}_2\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_{2.4}\text{O}_{8.8} \cdot 6.7\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○
⑨ Gismondine : $\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○
⑩ Gobbinsite : $\text{Na}_4\text{Ca}(\text{Si}_{10}\text{Al}_6)\text{O}_{32} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○
⑪ Tacharanite : $\text{Ca}_{12}\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_{18}\text{O}_{51} \cdot 18\text{H}_2\text{O}$				○
⑫ Kaolinite-1Md : $\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$	○			

* metakaolin and extracted fly ash before active process

* **Milling activation : 50% CKAO + 50%WFA, 1M of NaOH**

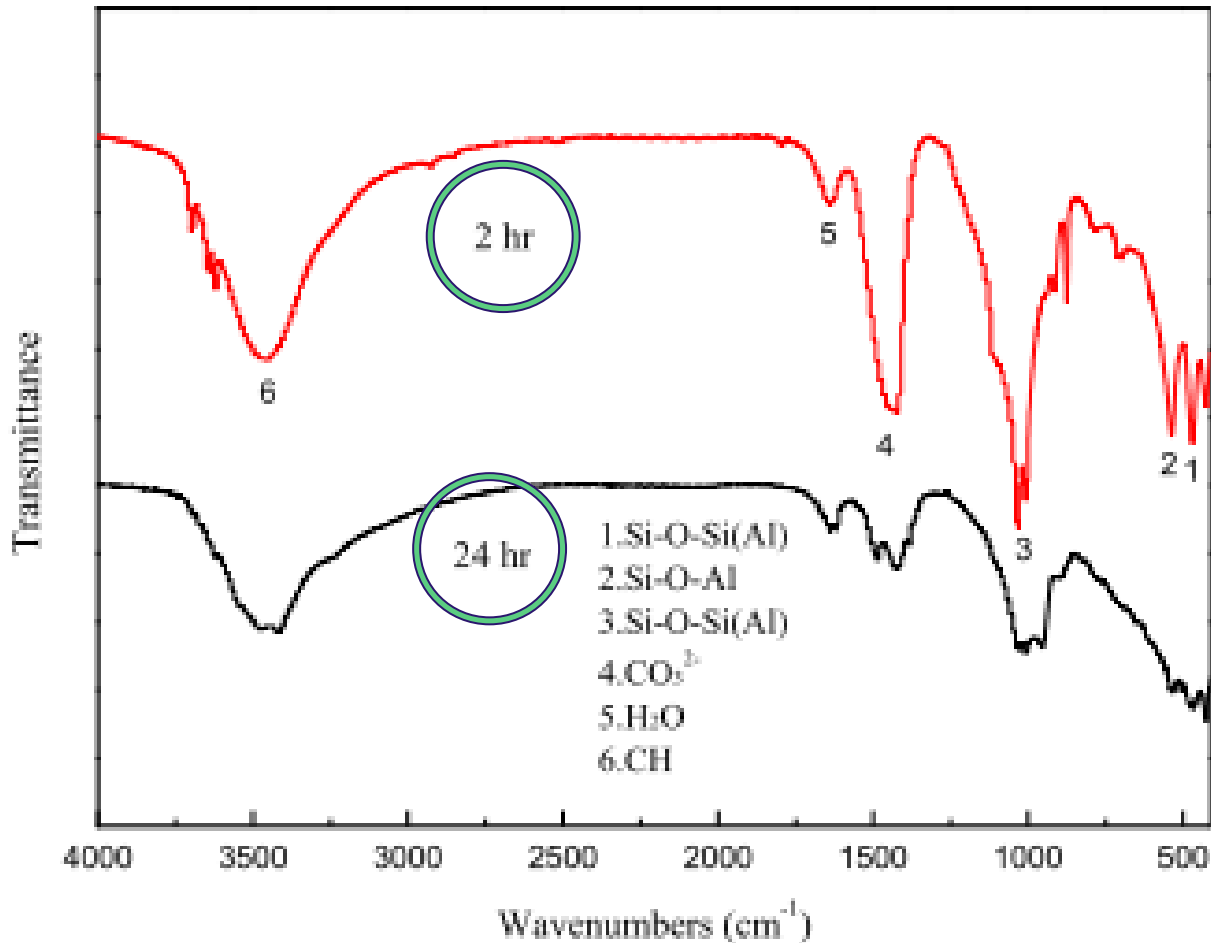


Fig. 4-12 FTIR pattern of milling activation powder (Active parameter : 50% CKAO + 50%WFA, 1M of NaOH)

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Table 10 The TCLP of the milling activation powder at different activation time

active time	Zn	Pb	Cd	Cr	Cu
Regulation	-	5	1	5	15
2hr	0.1	0.08	N.D. ^a	N.D.	N.D.
24hr	0.02	0.1	N.D.	0.06	N.D.

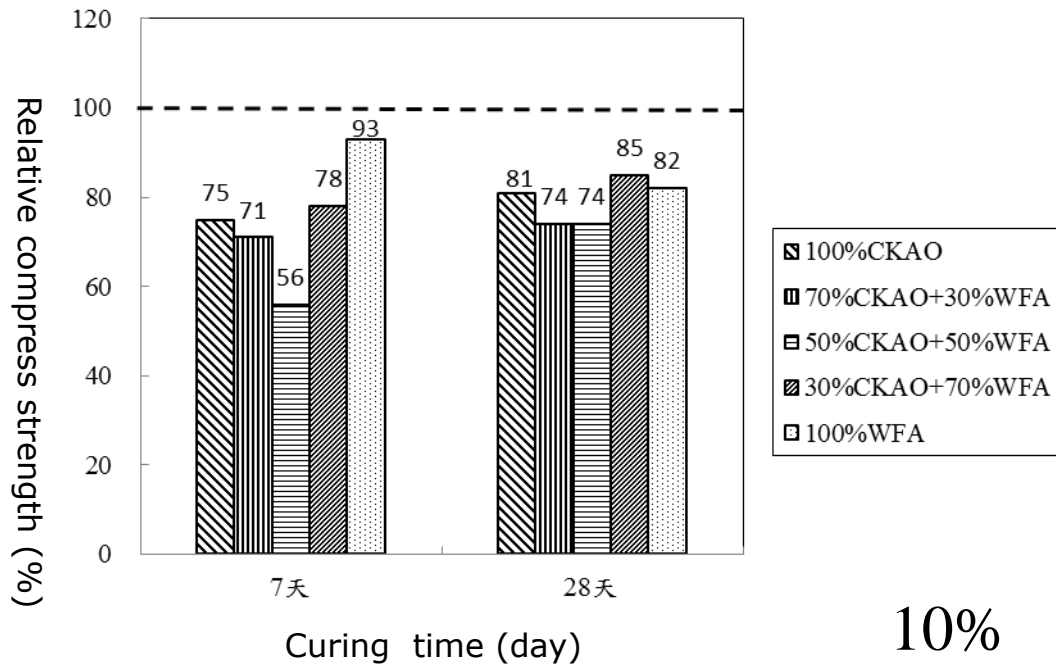
^aN.D. : Not detectible (Pb=5 ppb, Zn=0.3 ppb, Cu=0.6 ppb, Cd=0.35 ppb, Cr=0.5 ppb)

Unit : mg/L

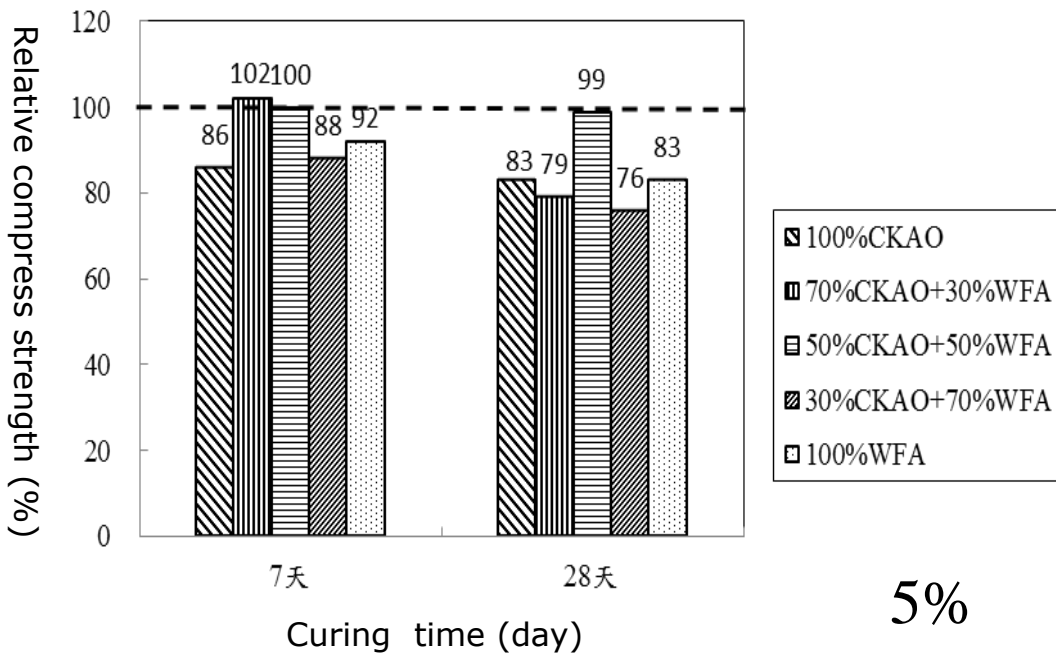
* **Activation : 50% CKAO + 50%WFA, 1M of NaOH**

Relative compressive strength

Activation:
1 M NaOH, milling 24 hr



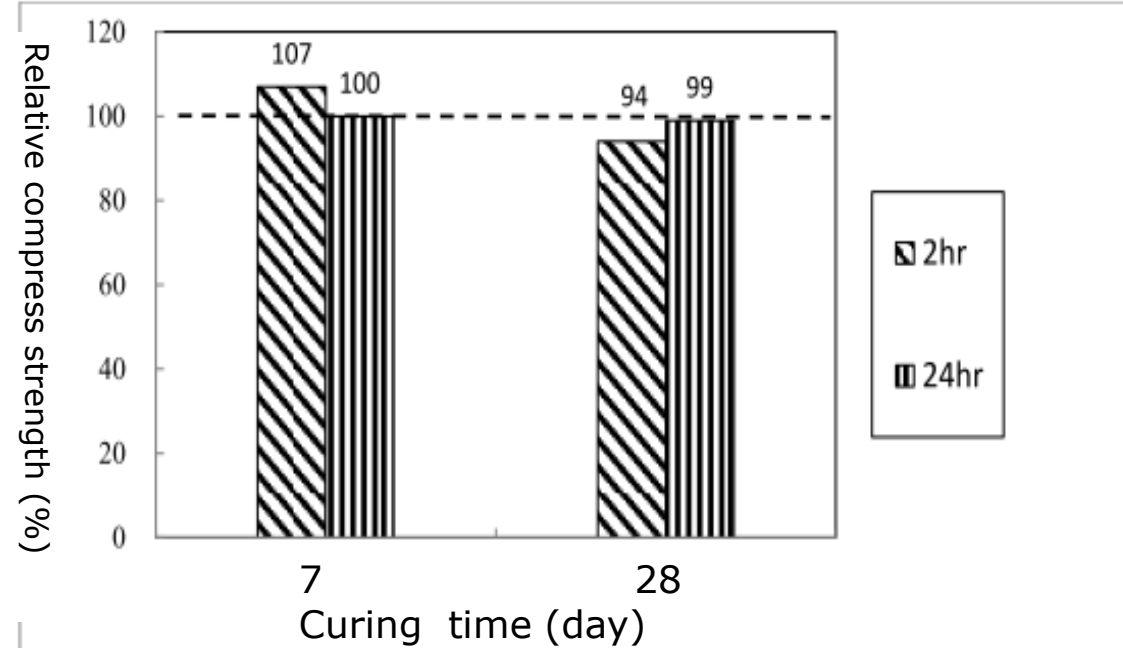
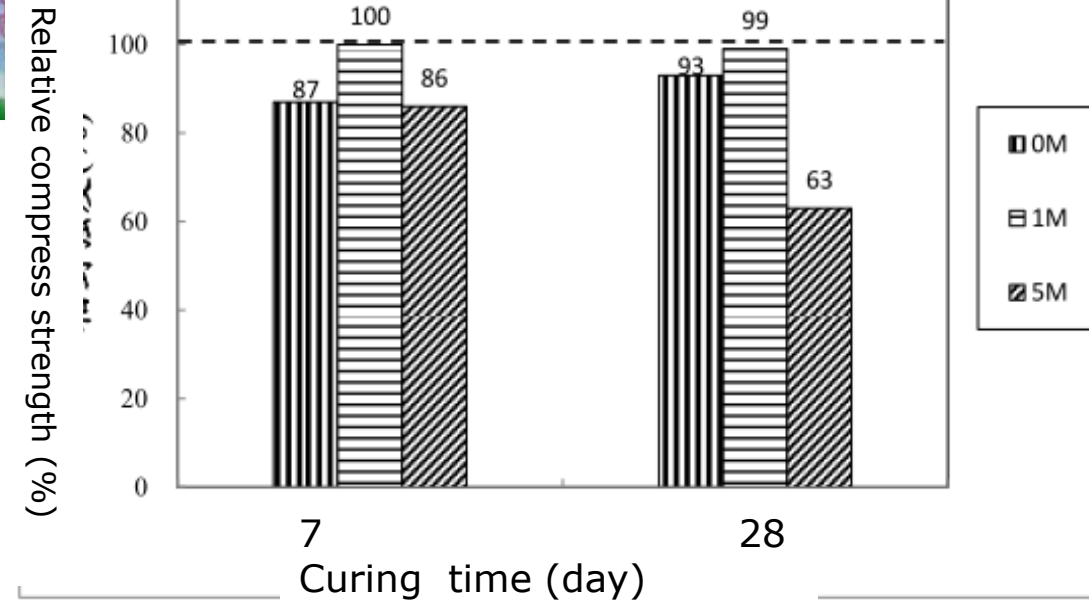
10%



5%

Relative compressive strength

- Cement additive 5%
- Activation 24 hr
- 50%CKAO+50%WFA



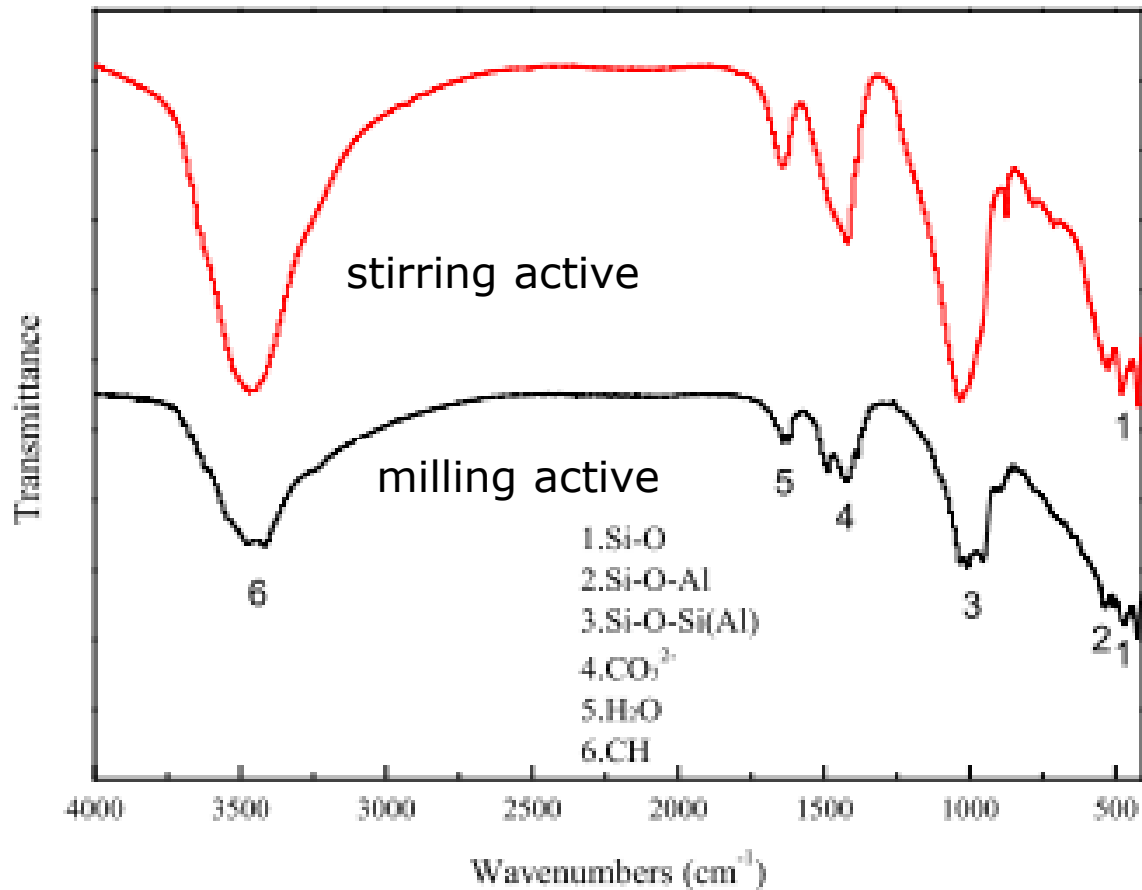
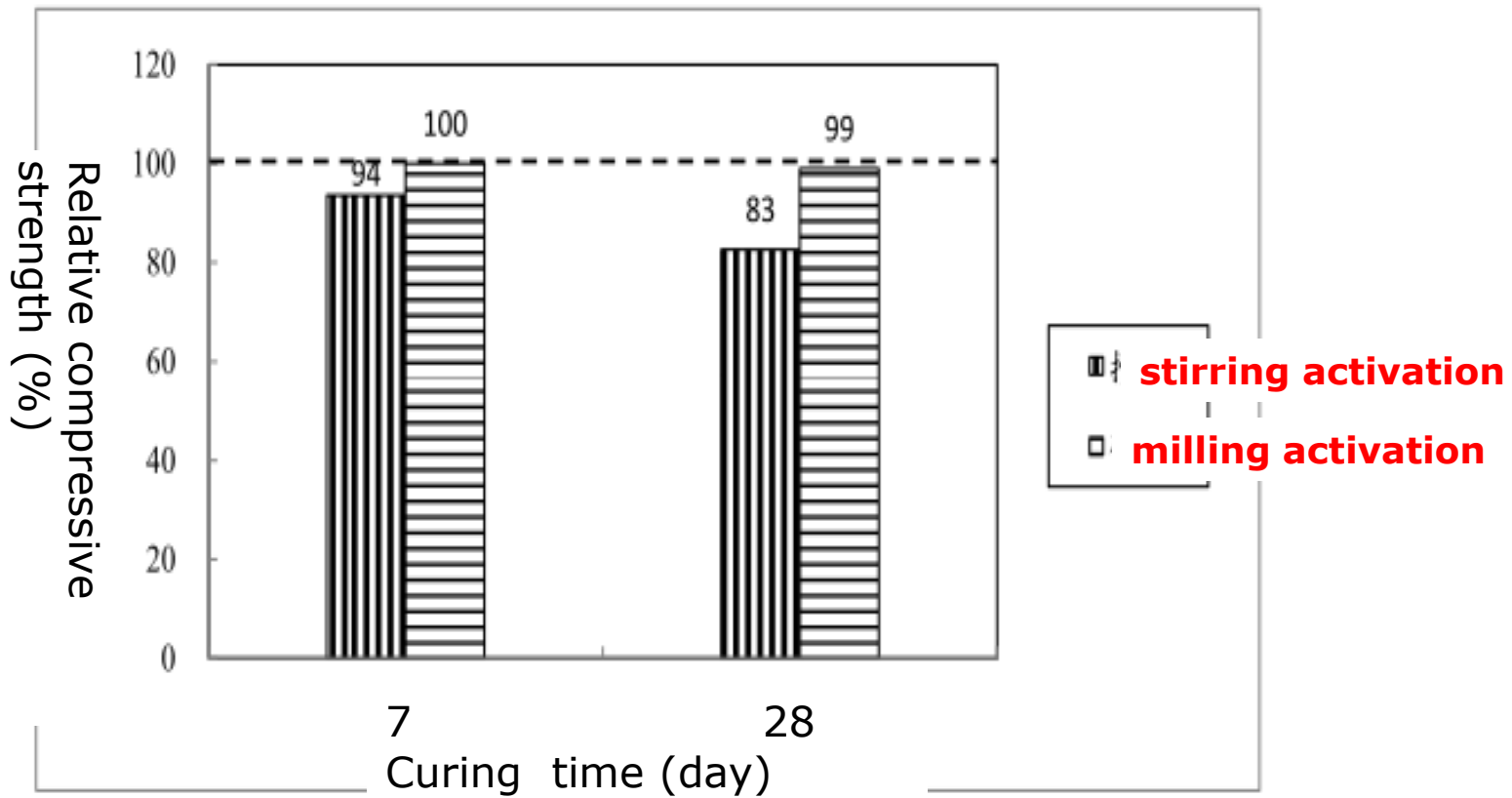


Fig. 4-22 FTIR pattern of active powder with stirring and milling activation(50% CKAO + 50%WFA, 1M of NaOH 24h)



Cement additive 5%



Conclusions

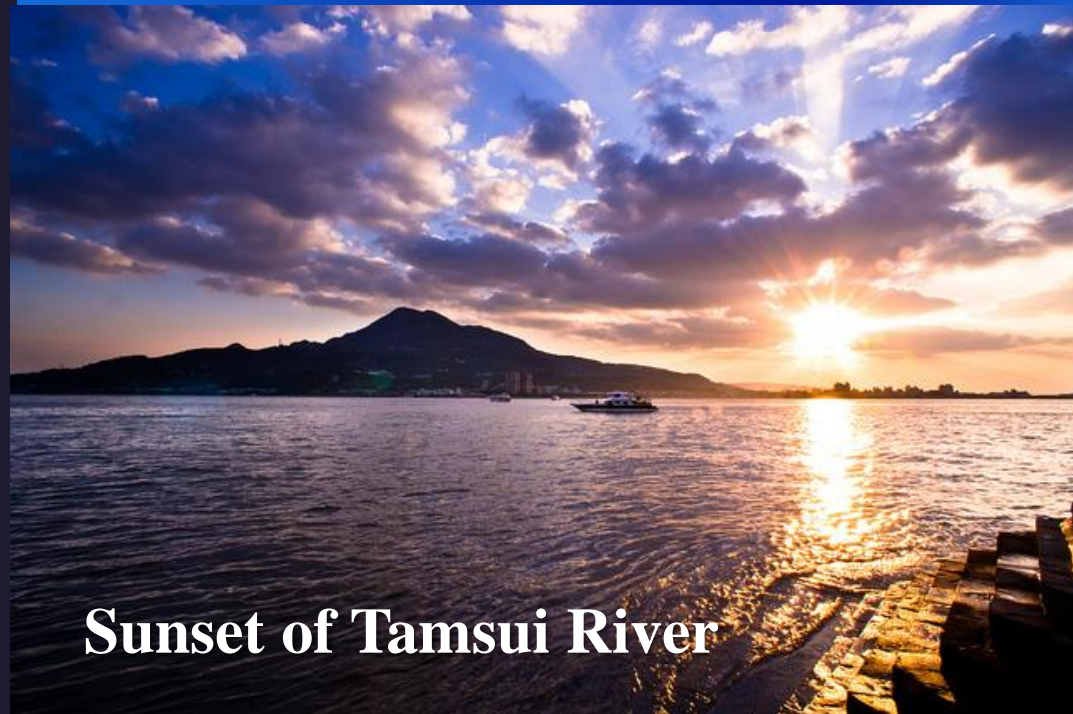
- © The reaction of 50% metakaolin, 50% washed fly ash (5C5W) with 1M NaOH solution after 24 hr milling produces multiple crystal species of inorganic gel.
- © TCLP test showed that, the activated powder were far below the hazard waste limitations of heavy metals.

- ② The milling activation powder were **replaces 10% of cement**, **low workability** caused lower relative compressive strength.
- ② **Replacing 5% cement** grouting to cure 7 days and 28 days, could form **inorganic gels** in the cured cement evidently, which raised the relative compressive strength up to **100% compared to the pure cement sample**.

- © For the **activated powder process**, **milling activation** has more contribution than **stirring activation** in the formation of inorganic gel and helps the growth of inorganic gel in cement curing.



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