

1 **Effect of aging time and Al substitution on the morphology of**  
2 **aluminous goethite**

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9 **Abstract:**

10 Goethite and Al-substituted goethite were synthesized from the reaction  
11 between ferric nitrate and/ or aluminum nitrate and potassium hydroxide.  
12 XRF, XRD, TEM with EDS were used to characterize the chemical  
13 composition, phase and lattice parameters, and morphology of the  
14 synthesised products. The results show that  $d(020)$  decreases from 4.953  
15 Å to 4.949 Å and the  $b$  dimension decreases from 9.951 Å to 9.906 Å  
16 when the aging time increases from 6 days to 42 days for 9.09 mol % Al-  
17 substituted goethite. A sample with 9.09 mol% Al substitution in Al-  
18 substituted goethite was prepared by a rapid co-precipitation method. In  
19 the sample, 13.45 mol%, 12.31mol% and 5.85 mol% Al substitution with  
20 a crystal size of 163, 131, and 45 nm are observed as shown in the TEM  
21 images and EDS. The crystal size of goethite is positively related to the  
22 degree of Al substitution according to the TEM images and EDS results.

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23 Thus, this methodology proved to be effective to distinguish the  
24 morphology of goethite and Al substituted goethite.

25 **Keywords:**

26 Goethite, Al substitution, Morphology, Aging time, Unit cell dimension

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## 29 **1. Introduction**

30 Goethite ( $\alpha$ -FeOOH) occurs in rocks and throughout the various parts of  
31 the global ecosystem and is frequently used as an important raw material  
32 to produce magnetic iron oxide and pigments [1-3]. The structure of  
33 goethite is similar to that of gibbsite containing essentially layers of  
34 oxygen ions in the sequence of hexagonal close-packing with the iron  
35 ions in the octahedral interstices [4-7]. Goethite is the best studied  
36 example of an isomorphously substituted iron oxide (hydroxide) and of  
37 the various possible substitutions in both natural and synthetic goethite  
38 samples. The substitution of aluminum for iron in goethite was well  
39 demonstrated and has been shown to occur in natural goethites [8-15]. Al  
40 substitution amount for Fe differs from different natural goethites ranging  
41 from zero to 33 mol% [16-18]. In addition, Al-substituted goethite can  
42 also be synthesized easily in the laboratory. Thiel *et al.* [19] synthesized  
43 goethite containing about 33 mol% Al, a level recognized as the probable  
44 upper limit of Al tolerated by the goethite structure [20]. However, as  
45 much as 47 mol% Al has been reported for Al-substituted goethite  
46 synthesized from sulfate solutions [21].

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48 It is well-known that radius of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  (0.53Å) is slightly smaller than that of  
49  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  (0.65 Å) [22]. Therefore, the substitution of Al for Fe in the structure  
50 of goethite will result in the decrease of average size of the unit cell,  
51 which is related to the amount of Al substitution and is indicated by shifts  
52 of the Al-substituted goethite XRD lines to smaller d spacings. Besides,  
53 the effect of Al substitution for Fe on crystallographic structure and  
54 physicochemical properties of goethite has been researched extensively.  
55 The report of Schulze [4] indicated that the *c* dimension is a linear

56 function of Al substitution in the range 0-33 mol% Al, but the *a*  
57 dimension is variable over the same composition range. A linear  
58 relationship exists between the extent of Al substitution and the *a*, *b* and *c*  
59 edge lengths of the unit cell of synthetic goethite obtained from different  
60 ways researched by Thiel *et al.* [19], Jonas and Solymar [23], and Taylor  
61 and Schwertmann [24]. The goethite crystals become smaller as Al  
62 substitution increases and change from large polydomainic crystals to  
63 smaller, monodomainic ones [16]. On the other hand, Al substitution  
64 affects the thermal stability of goethite. Ruan *et al.* [25] reported that Al-  
65 substituted goethite is thermally more stable than non-substituted goethite  
66 based on the results of XRD and DTG and wavenumber of hydroxyl  
67 bending and stretching vibrations shifted to higher positions using FTIR  
68 technologies. As the increase of Al substitution, the dehydration  
69 temperature, the OH stretching wavenumber and the position of both OH  
70 bending vibrations increase. Besides, many researches on the effect of Al  
71 substitution on unit cell dimension, hydroxyl units, and dehydration  
72 temperature of goethite have been reported [17, 26].

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74 However, no report on the effect of Al substitution on the morphology of  
75 goethite using TEM, especially, for one sample prepared in the same way.  
76 As is well-known, the morphology of clay minerals plays a crucial role in  
77 adsorption of environmental pollutions such as phosphorus, lead, etc.  
78 Thus, the objectives of the paper are to make it clear that the effect of  
79 aging time on unit cell dimension of Al-substituted goethite and to show  
80 the changes of morphology with an increase of Al substitution in one  
81 sample prepared under the absolute same conditions. EDS was used to  
82 measure the Al substitution in the structure of goethite.

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## 84 **2. Experimental**

### 85 **2.1 Synthesis of goethite and Al-substituted goethite**

#### 86 **Preparation of goethite**

87 100g of  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 400mL deionized water were placed in a  
88 1000 mL beaker.  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was dissolved by stirring continuously.  
89 After dissolution, KOH with a concentration of 5 mol/L and a  
90 concentration of 0.1 mol/L were used to regulate the pH at  $13.9 \pm 0.1$  pH  
91 units. After finishing the above, the beaker was sealed with film to  
92 prevent evaporation and placed in a thermotank controlled at  $70^\circ\text{C}$ . After  
93 6d, the beaker was taken out to removal of excess KOH by centrifugation  
94 several times until the pH comes to 7 pH units or so. After centrifugation,  
95 the deposits were dried at  $105^\circ\text{C}$ , cooled to room temperature and ground  
96 to obtain powder for further characterization. The sample was labeled as  
97 synthetic goethite (SG-6)

#### 98 **Preparation of Al-substituted goethite**

99 9.378g of  $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 90.905g  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were placed in a  
100 1000 mL beaker and then 400 mL deionized water were put into the  
101 beaker. The  $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were dissolved by  
102 stirring continuously. After dissolution, KOH with a concentration of  
103 5mol/L and a concentration of 0.1mol/L were used to regulate the pH at  
104  $13.9 \pm 0.1$  pH units. After adjust of pH, the mixture was divided into five  
105 beakers. These beakers were sealed with film to prevent evaporating, put  
106 into thermotank controlled at  $70^\circ\text{C}$  and kept for 6, 11, 17, 23, 42 days.  
107 After the selected aging time, redundant KOH had to be removed by  
108 centrifugation for every sample. After centrifugation, the deposits were

109 dried at 105 °C, cooled to room temperature, and ground to obtain powder  
110 for further characterization. The samples were labeled as SAG-10-x (x=6,  
111 11, 17, 23, 42), namely, 10 mol% Al substitution for Fe in goethite was  
112 aged for x days. In fact, the sample proved an Al substitution of 9.06  
113 mol% (10 mol% Al substitution in theory, Al / (Al+Fe)). The Al  
114 substitution amount is calculated by the Chemical composition measured  
115 on a Shimadzu XRF-1800 with Rh radiation.

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## 117 **2.2 XRD**

118 XRD patterns were recorded using Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$ ) on a  
119 Philips PANalytical XPert Pro multi purpose diffractometer. The tube  
120 voltage is 40kV and the current, 40mA. All XRD diffraction patterns  
121 were taken in the range of 10-70° at a scan speed of 2° min<sup>-1</sup> with 0.5°  
122 divergence slit size. Phase identification was carried out by comparison  
123 with those included in the Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (ICSD).  
124 The following formula was used to calculate the unit cell dimensions  
125 (UCD) because goethite was orthorhombic,

126  $d_{hkl} = \frac{abc}{\sqrt{b^2c^2h^2 + a^2c^2k^2 + a^2b^2l^2}}$ , where h, k, l represent the crystalline face

127 parameters and a, b, c represent the unit cell parameters.

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## 129 **2.3 BET**

130 13-point BET-nitrogen isotherms were used to quantify changes in the  
131 specific surface area. All samples were degassed at 110°C for 12h before  
132 analysis were conducted. The multi-point BET surface area of each  
133 sample was measured at atmospheric pressure using TriStar II 3020

134 Surface Area and Pore Size Analyzer. The adsorption isotherms achieved  
135 a  $p/p_0$  range of 0.009-0.25.

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## 137 **2.4 TEM and EDS**

138 Transmission electron microscope (TEM) measurements were performed  
139 on JEM-2100 with an energy dispersive X-ray (EDS) facility. The sample  
140 was mixed with alcohol and deposited on a Cu grid. Images of the  
141 microstructure and the relevant selected area electron diffraction patterns  
142 are acquired using an analytical electron microscope.

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## 144 **3. Results and discussion**

### 145 **3.1 Effect of aging time on Al-substituted**

146 Fig. 1 reports the XRD patterns of synthetic goethite, synthetic Al-  
147 substituted goethite at an elevated aging time, and goethite from the ICSD  
148 data base (96-900-2159). These reflections ((020), (110), (120), (130),  
149 (111), etc) are observed and identified as goethite compared with the  
150 ICSD (96-900-2159) pattern. As shown in Fig. 1, the intensity of  
151 reflections increases with increasing aging time, which should be  
152 assigned to the re-crystallization and growth of Al-substituted goethite  
153 with aging. High degree of crystallinity gives rise to stronger diffraction  
154 intensity for a certain sample. Therefore, the stronger the reflection  
155 intensity, the longer the aging time.

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157 In addition, the effect of Al substitution on the d-spacings of goethite  
158 reflection face and the effect of aging time on that of Al-substituted  
159 goethite are presented in Fig. 2. The d-spacings were derived from the

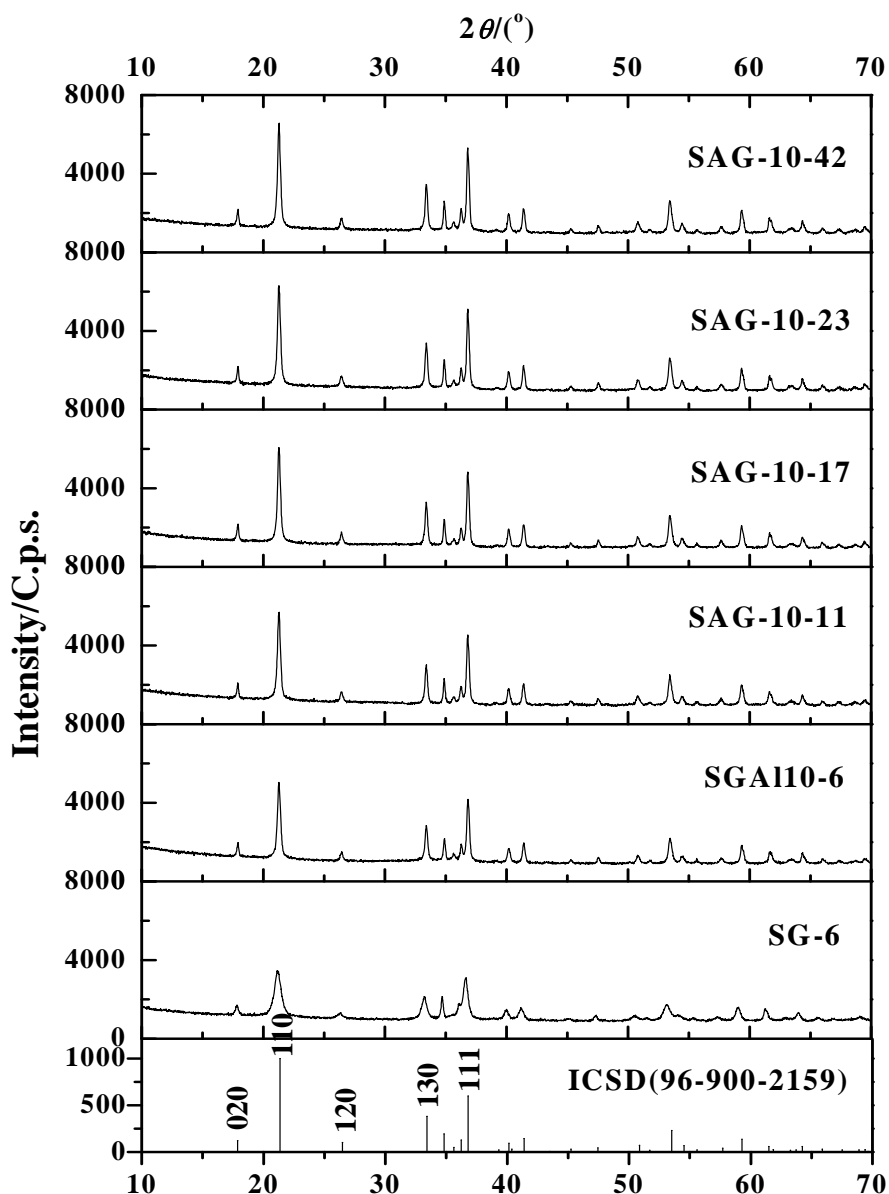
160 XRD patterns using the software of X'Pert HighScore Plus. As is shown  
161 in Fig. 2, all d-spacings of goethite reflection face derived from ICSD  
162 (96-900-2159) are lower than that of the synthetic goethite in the  
163 experiment, which should be ascribed to the different preparation  
164 methods. What is more important, all d-spacings decrease after the  
165 addition of  $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  during the preparation of goethite, which is  
166 attributed to the smaller  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  ionic radius than that of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ . This is in good  
167 agreement with the report [4]. Schulze [4] has reported that diffraction  
168 peaks became broad and shifted to high diffraction angle (namely smaller  
169 d spacing) with the increase of Al substitution in the structure of goethite.  
170 Especially, d-spacing of (020) reflection decreases gradually from 4.953  
171 Å to 4.949 Å with an increase of aging time. The relationship between  
172 d(020) and reaction time is basically consistent with the formula:  
173  $d(020)=4.95452-2.67\text{E-}4 t+3.22\text{E-}6 t^2$  ( $R^2=0.997$ ), where t represents  
174 aging time in the experiment. It indicates that d(020) of Al-substituted  
175 goethite has a negative relationship to aging time. However, little  
176 fluctuations are observed for other d-spacings as a function of aging time.

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178 The UCD calculated from d-spacings using the formula above as affected  
179 by aging time and the BET results are shown in Table 1. It is noted that  
180 unit cell parameters of Al-substituted goethite decrease from 4.638 to 4.6  
181 Å for *a* dimension, from 9.951 to 9.906 Å for *b* dimension, and from  
182 3.022 to 3.009 Å for *c* dimension as compared with that of synthetic  
183 goethite, which is consistent with the published reports [17, 27, 28].  
184 These researches showed that unit cell parameters of goethite decreased  
185 as the Al substitution amount in goethite increased. In addition, *b*  
186 dimension has a little decrease from 9.906 to 9.898 Å as a function of  
187 aging time. As presented in Table 1, a increase of BET from 52.931 to



188 72.628m<sup>2</sup>/g is observed when Al(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O was added in the process of  
189 the preparation of goethite. The increase in BET should be considered to  
190 be related to the decrease of crystallite size in goethite with the addition  
191 of Al(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O [17]. However, the BET decreases up to 47.392 m<sup>2</sup>/g  
192 dramatically from 72.628 m<sup>2</sup>/g and then is maintained stable when the  
193 aging time increases from 6 to 42 days. Obviously, the decrease in BET is  
194 attributed to the re-crystalline and growth of Al-substituted goethite,  
195 which is good agreement with the results of XRD. As well-known,  
196 goethite has been proved to be a good absorbent to adsorb many potential  
197 contaminants in natural such as arsenic, antimony, copper, zinc, cadmium,  
198 lead, and others. [29-33] . Specific surface area plays an important role in  
199 the adsorption/desorption process of goethite [34], the larger the specific  
200 surface area, the greater the adsorption at a given condition. Therefore,  
201 the substitution of Al and high crystalline degree would decrease the  
202 specific surface area and the adsorption amount. It is postulated that the  
203 existence of Al<sup>3+</sup> will have a competitive adsorption with other cations  
204 and result in desorption of cations because Al substitution for Fe in the  
205 structure of goethite is much easier than other cations. Maybe, this is the  
206 reason why Al-substituted goethite attracted so much attention.



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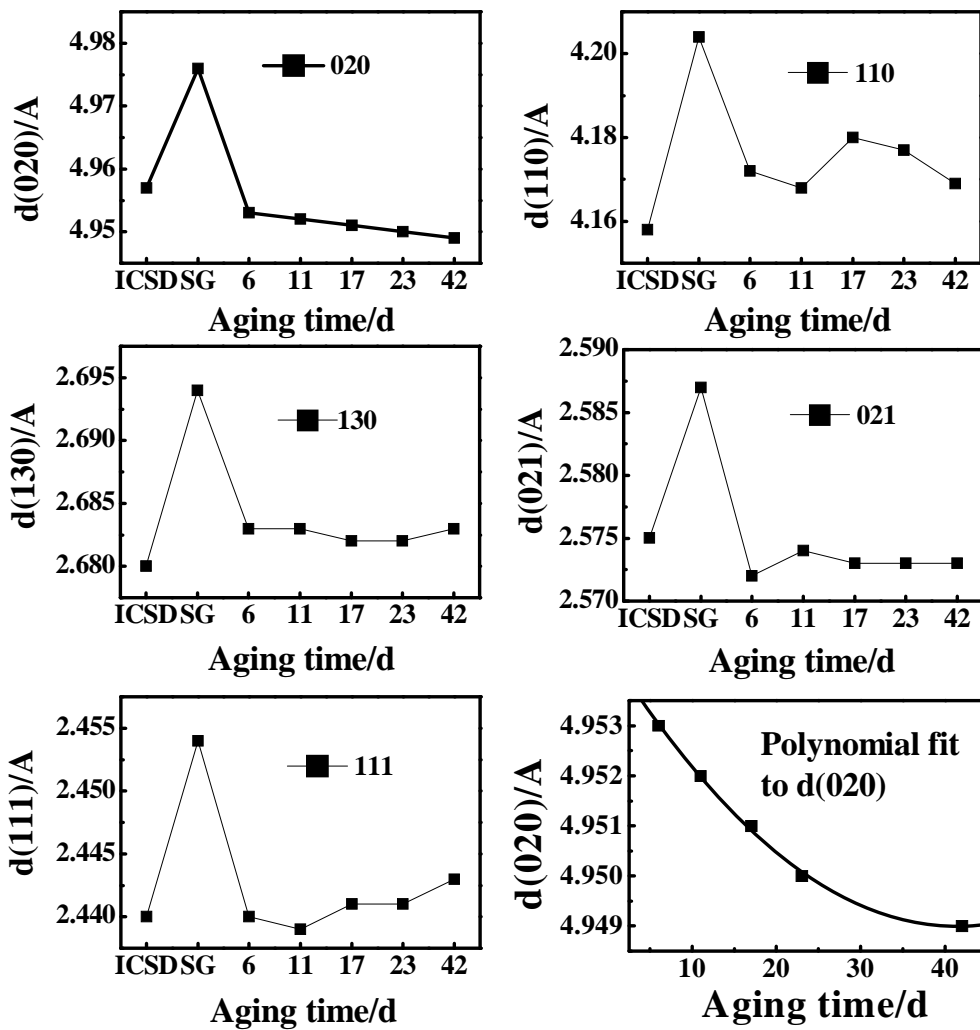
208 **Fig. 1. XRD patterns of goethite and Al-substituted goethite at**  
 209 **different aging time**

210 **Table 1. UCD and BET of goethite and Al-substituted goethite at**  
 211 **different aging time.**

Samples	d-spacings/Å			Unit cell parameters/Å			BET/m <sup>2</sup> /g
	020	101	111	a	b	c	
ICSD	4.957	3.364	2.440	4.580	9.913	3.013	—
SG-6	4.976	3.378	2.454	4.638	9.951	3.022	52.9

SAG-10-6	4.953	3.365	2.440	4.600	9.906	3.009	72.6
SAG-10-11	4.952	3.368	2.439	4.594	9.904	3.007	61.9
SAG-10-17	4.951	3.371	2.441	4.611	9.901	3.007	52.5
SAG-10-23	4.950	3.370	2.441	4.607	9.899	3.009	47.4
SAG-10-42	4.949	3.368	2.443	4.597	9.898	3.014	47.2

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214 **Fig. 2. d-spacings of goethite and Al-substituted goethite at different**  
 215 **aging time.**

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### 218 3.2 Chemical compositions analysis

219 The chemical composition analysis of SG-6 and SAG-10-6 is presented in  
220 Table 2. Based on the percentage of iron and aluminum, the substitution  
221 amount of Al for Fe in goethite is calculated as 9.09 mol% compared with  
222 the theoretic value of 10 mol% which is calculated before preparation.

223 This indicates just a little  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  was washed away due to the reaction  
224 between  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$  and  $\text{KOH}$ . Meanwhile, some impurities are also  
225 detected in the synthetic Al-substituted goethite including Cr, Ca, K, etc,  
226 in which K should come from precipitator ( $\text{KOH}$ ). In a word, the  
227 synthetic Al-substituted goethite main contains  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  79.25 %,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$   
228 5.05 %. In contrast, almost only  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  84.37 % is detected in SG-6.  
229 Combined with the results of XRD,  $(\text{Fe}, \text{Al})\text{OOH}$  is the main chemical  
230 composition for SAG-10-6 and  $\text{FeOOH}$  is the main chemical  
231 composition for SG-6 and the purity of the two kinds of goethite is over  
232 99 wt%.

233 **Table 2. Chemical compositions of goethite and Al-substituted**  
234 **goethite**

Samples	$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{SiO}_2$	$\text{CaO}$	$\text{K}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Na}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$	Loss of ignition
	%							
SG-6	84.37	0.08	0.05	0.01	—	—	0.02	14.4
SAG-10-6	79.25	5.05	0.12	0.01	2.28	0.02	0.03	13.7

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237 **3.3 Morphology of goethite with different Al substitution level**

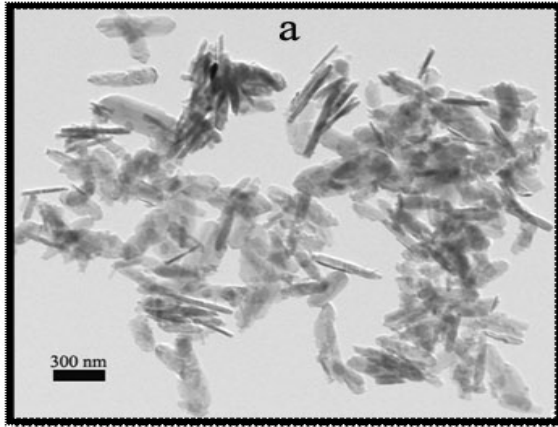
238 The TEM images and corresponding EDS of 10 mol% Al substitution  
239 amount for Fe in the structure of goethite is presented in Fig. 3. Some  
240 rod-like and acicular substance can be observed obviously in Fig. 3(a).

241 These substances are confirmed to be goethite combined with the results  
242 of XRD and XRF. In addition, the results of EDS indicate these substance  
243 main contain Fe, O, Al, and Cu (deriving from copper grid). Thus, it is  
244 concluded that the synthetic products are Al-substituted goethite.

245 However, an apparent difference in morphology can be observed in the  
246 TEM images and the materials with different morphology have different  
247 Al substitution amount for Fe based on the results of EDS with an area  
248 resolution of measurement of 500nm. According to the weight percentage  
249 of Fe and Al as determined by EDS, the Al substitution amount is  
250 calculated as 13.45 mol% for Fig. 3(c), 12.31 mol% for Fig. 3(e), and  
251 5.85 mol% for Fig. 3(g). The corresponding crystal size is 163 nm, 131  
252 nm, and 45nm, respectively. That is to say, the width increases with an  
253 increase of Al substitution amount. The research [17] showed dehydration  
254 temperature increased due to an increasing Al substitution, which was

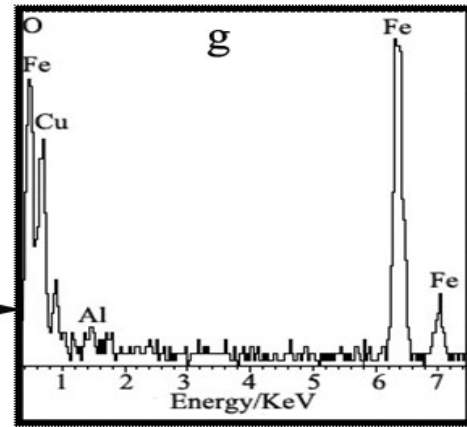
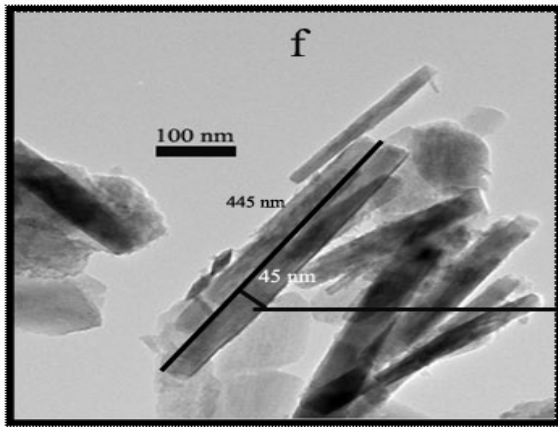
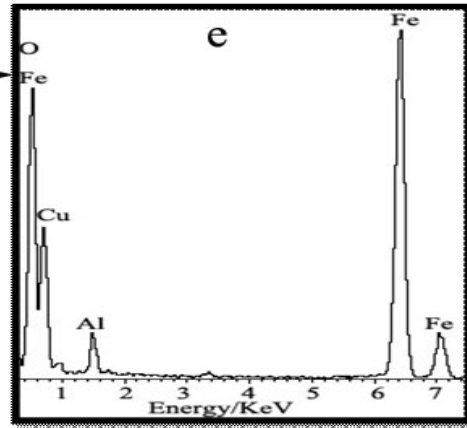
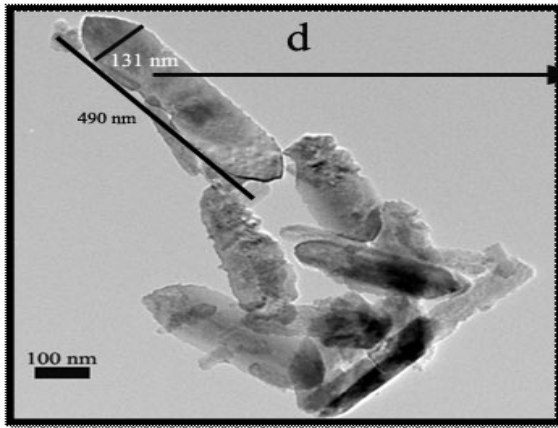
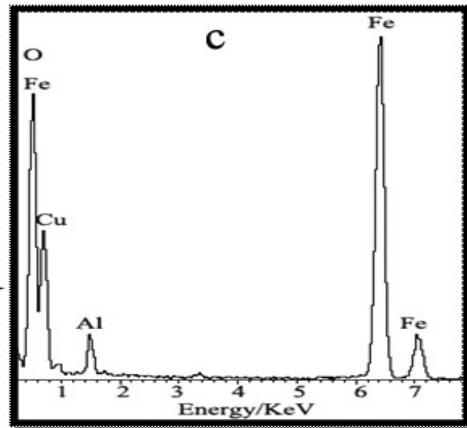
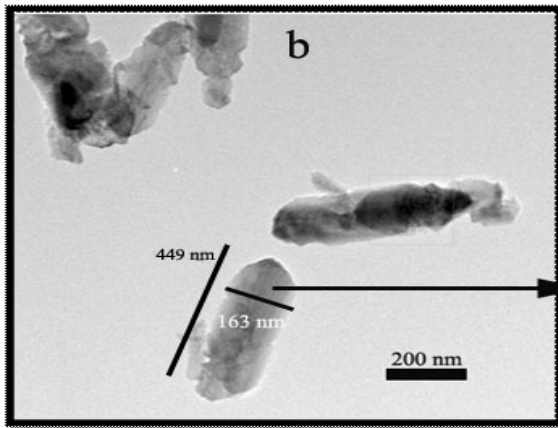
255 ascribed to the  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  ion, retains coordinated OH more strongly than  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$   
256 because of the higher ionic potential of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ . The high ionic potential  
257 would attract more other ions. Therefore, goethite with more Al  
258 substitution amount has more broad width in the same aging time.  
259 Besides, the length of three selected crystal of Al-substituted goethite is  
260 observed from Fig. 3. The aspect ratio between length and width linearly  
261 decreases from 9.89 to 2.76 when Al substitution amount has an increase  
262 from 5.85 mol% to 13.45 mol%, as shown in Fig. 4. The results are  
263 consistent with the formula  $y=15.403-0.943x$  with a highly related  
264 coefficient ( $R^2=0.999$ ), where y denotes the aspect ratio, x represent Al  
265 substitution amount. This illustrates that the aspect (L/W) has a negative  
266 relationship with the Al substitution amount. Why the same sample has  
267 different Al substitution amount? The reason should be ascribed to the  
268 rapid titration of KOH into the mixture of  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  
269  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Obviously, it is difficult to distribute well for KOH under  
270 the condition of rapid titration. Actually, in the experiment, KOH is  
271 almost poured into the mixture and then low concentration of KOH is  
272 used to regulate the pH. The research [35] reported that the level of Al  
273 incorporation into the goethite structure is dependent on the concentration  
274 of both KOH and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  and Al substitution amount increases with a  
275 decrease of KOH concentration at a given  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  concentration. Therefore,  
276 this rapid co-precipitation made an Al-substituted goethite with

277 considerably different Al substitution amount. Fortunately, the method  
278 provides a better way to investigate the morphology of goethite with  
279 different Al substitution amount in one sample, which is prepared under  
280 absolutely same conditions.



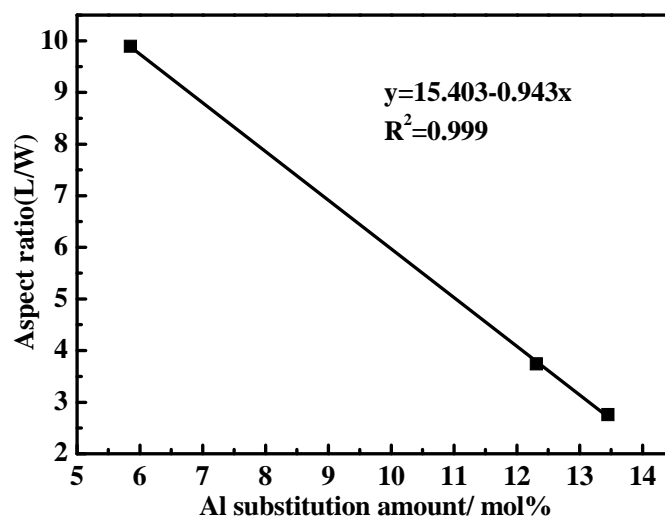
a, b, d, f---TEM images of Al-substituted goethite

c, e, g---EDS of Al-substituted goethite





282 **Fig. 3. TEM and EDS of SAG-10-6.**



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284 **Fig. 4. Linear relationship between aspect ratio (L/W) and Al**  
285 **substitution amount.**

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#### 287 **4. Conclusions**

288 Goethite and Al-substituted goethite were obtained using a rapid  
289 precipitation method. The addition of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  decreased the unit cell  
290 parameters of goethite.  $d(020)$ ,  $b$  dimension, and specific surface area of  
291 Al-substituted goethite decreased with an increase of aging time. It was  
292 suggested the decrease of BET would make against the application of the  
293 goethite in removal of environmental pollutions. The effect of aging time  
294 of Al-substituted goethite on adsorption of environmental pollutions such  
295 as heavy metal will be investigated in the next work.

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297 13.45 mol% Al, 12.31 mol% Al and 5.85 mol% Al-substituted goethite  
298 was gotten in one sample whose average Al substitution amount was 9.09  
299 mol%. And the crystal width of goethite increased apparently with  
300 increasing Al substitution amount as shown in TEM and EDS. Therefore,

301 the rapid co-precipitation method provided a better way to investigate the  
302 difference of crystal morphology of goethite with different Al substitution  
303 amount.

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