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In this project work, permanent magnet barium/ strontium hexaferrite materials was prepared from millscale, using hematite derived from millscale by the Curie Temperature Separation Technique (CTST). The excellent CTST isolation and purification of wustite,FeO contained in the millscale and converted to hematite,Fe_2O_3, was confirmed by X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) pattern analysis and element analysis by Electron Dispersive X-Ray (EDAX). The sample was prepared by recycling the waste product from Malaysian steel-making factories. Using a Curie temperature separation technique, the wustite,FeO contained in the millscale was separated by this new technique using deionized water at $90^oC/100^oC$ in the presence of 1T external magnetic field. The wustite was then oxidized in air at

400°C/500°C/600°C for 10 hours. An XRD phase analysis showed that a very high percentage of Fe_2O_3 was present in the final powder preparation. A conventional ceramic powder processing method was then carried out to prepare hexagonal $BaFe_{12}O_{19}$ and $SrFe_{12}O_{19}$ pallet shaped samples. Analysis of samples was done on density, resistivity, X-Ray Diffraction (XRD), Particle Size Analysis (PSD), Electron Dispersive X-Ray (EDAX), Scanning Electron Micrsocopy (SEM), grain size, saturation magnetization, coercive force and remanence. The effect of prolonged milling time shows a positive tendency for the formation of needle shape microstructure (0.3µm-1µm) of barium hexaferrite. The magnetic properties were measured using an Approximation Method (APM) theory. The 3.33 kG high remanence , 0.74 kG saturation magnetisation and 2.857 kOe coercive force of the sample derived from millscale shows that recycling a waste steel-making product has a high potential to produce a low cost ferrite in the future.

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Di dalam kajian ini, kami telah menyediakan barium/ strontium hexaferit dari bahan buangan sisik besi telah disediakan, dengan menggunakan hematite yang dihasilkan dari sisik besi melalui teknik pengasingan suhu Curie (CTST). Keberkesanan proses pengasingan dan penulinan wustit,FeO di dalam bahan sisik besi di tukar kepada hematite, Fe_2O_3 telah berjaya dikenalpasti dari pembelauan sinar-x (XRD) patten dan analisis serakan electron sinar-x (EDAX). Sampel ini disediakan dari proses kitar semula bahan buangan sisik besi dari industri-industri besi di Malaysia. Dengan menggunakan teknik pengasingan suhu Curie, wustit,FeO dapat diasingkan dengan teknik baru ini dengan menggunakan air pengnyahion pada suhu $90^o/100^oC$ dan 1T magnet luar yang dibekalkan. Wustit tersebut kemudiannya dioksida pada suhu $400^o/500^o/600^oC$ selama 10 jam. Fasa XRD telah menunjukkan peratusan yang tinggi Fe_2O_3 yang terhasil. Kaedah biasa pemprosesan penyediaan serbuk seramik

dijalankan untuk menyediakan heksagon $BaFe_{12}O_{19}$ dan $SrFe_{12}O_{19}$. Analisis sample yang dijalankan adalah ketumpatan, kerintangan, Pembelauan Sinar-X (XRD), Serakan Saiz Zarah (PSD), Serakan Elektron Sinar-X (EDAX), Mikroskop Pengimbas Elektron (SEM), saiz butir, pemagnetan tepu, daya paksa dan pemagnetan baki. Kesan pemanjangan penghancuran serbuk penyediaan menunjukkan kecenderungan positif pembentukan struktur jejarum (0.3μm-1μm). Ciri pemagnetan telah diukur dengan menggunakan kaedah penghampiran (APM). Nilai pemagnetan baki yang tinggi 3.33 kG, pemagnatan tepu yang tinggi 0.74 kG dan daya paksa sampel yang tinggi 2.857 kOe, dari bahan buagan sisik besi menunjukkan potensi yang tinggi untuk penghasilan bahan ferit berkos rendah di masa hadapan.

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CTST	Curie temperature separation technique
IMS	Impurity separation technique
APM	Approximation technique
SFM	strontium ferrite (millscale derived sample)
BFM	barium ferrite (millscale derived sample)
SFP	strontium ferrite (high purity iron oxide)
BFM	barium ferrite (high purity iron oxide)
SEM	scanning electron microscopy
XRD	x-ray diffraction
EDAX	electron dispersive x-ray
PSD	particle size analysis
T_c	Curie temperature
H	applied field
ρ	density
f	frequency
B	induction
μ_B	Bohr magneton
A	cross section
L	induction
l	length
PVA	polyvinyl alcohol
B_r	remanence induction
R	resistance
ρ	resistivity
Hc	coercive force
B_s	saturation induction
$(BH)_{max}$	energy product

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

General

Ferrites are magnetic materials, which have been studied for several decades due to their wide range of applications in the field of telecommunications, microwave telecommunication system, transformers, inductors, audio and video electronics, power transformer, EMI suppression, antennas and many others involving electric signals with frequencies normally not exceeding a few hundreds Megahertz. A very important use of ferrites have occurred in electric mortar and loudspeakers. Ferrite is a member of a class of mixed oxides $MO.Fe_2O_3$, where M is metal such as Ba, Sr, Mn, Co, etc. Ferrite materials have been produced with strong magnetic properties, high electrical resistivity, and low hysterisis loss [31]. These materials are ceramic materials and are ferromagnetic, but not electrical conductors. For this reason, ferrites are used in high-frequency circuits as magnetic cores [26].

Ferrites are hard, brittle, ceramic-like materials with magnetic properties that make them useful in many electrical devices [18]. They are polycrystalline and are generally gray or black in color. They can be formed into permanent magnets uses in motors, speakers and other electrical-mechanical energy conversion devices as well as devices requiring the simple use at attraction or repulsion by a dc magnetic field. Normally, they have a very high electrical resistance and can be operated at high frequencies (MHz) without excessive losses.

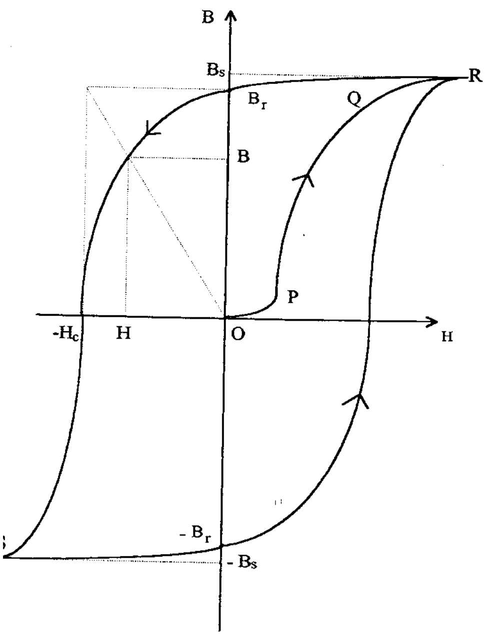
Hard Ferrite and Soft Ferrite

Ferrites can be classified according to **crystal structure**, ie, cubic versus hexagonal, or **magnetic behavior**, soft versus hard ferrites [20]. A soft ferrite is easy to magnetize and easy to demagnetize. Soft magnetic ferrites have a high electrical resistivity and they permit eddy current losses in a-c applications and have largely replaced the iron-based core materials in the radio frequency range. An example of soft ferrites is MnZn ferrite (frequencies up to about 1 MHz) and NiZn ferrites (frequencies >> 1 MHz).

The main composition for hard ferrites is $BaFe_{12}O_{19}$, $SrFe_{12}O_{19}$ and $PbFe_{12}O_{19}$, and some rare earth elements that is a W,X, and Z type compounds. But mostly W,X and Z type are not interesting economically because of relative difficulty of the processing. A hard ferrite is hard to magnetize and hard to demagnetize. The magnetization of the hard ferrite is strongly bound to its hexagonal axis, which is the reason it exhibits a hard magnet behaviour, that is high permeability in the plane and low permeability in other directions. Hard ferrites have a wide application in the tape recording market for their highly useful magnetic properties. According to Stuijts (1964), the most straightforward relation between microstructure and properties of permanent magnet materials are based on **single domain** behavior of their constituent particles [21].

Permanent Magnet

Hard Magnetic Materials



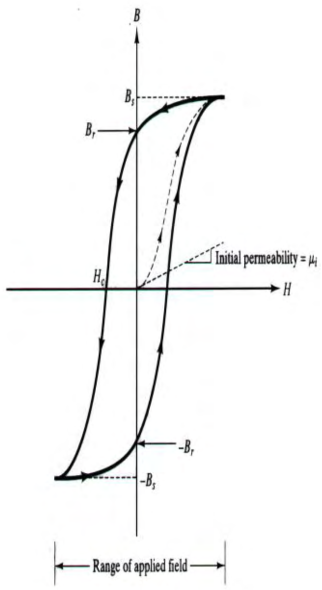
* High coercivity

* High remanent magnetism

* Wide hysterisis loop

* Difficult to demagnetize

Soft Magnetic Materials



* Low coercivity

*High saturation flux density

* Narrow hysterisis loop

* High relative permeability

*Easy to magnetize and demagnetize

Figure 1 : The comparison between soft ferrite and hard magnetic ferrite [30].

Permanent magnet

Permanent magnets play an important role and are spread in daily-life applications. Due to their very low cost, large availability of the raw materials and their high chemical stability, hard ferrites are still dominant in the permanent magnet market although their relatively poor magnetic properties area a distinct disadvantage. Today's high-performance magnets are mostly made from $Nd_2Fe_{14}B$. The aim of on this research is to combine the large spontaneous magnetization of 3d metals with strong anisotropy fields known from rare-earth transition-metal compounds and at the same time, to maintain a high value of the Curie temperature [1].

Permanent magnet materials have found many application in a wide variety of areas [2]. Ferrite- based magnetic materials, especially $BaFe_{12}O_{19}$ and $SrFe_{12}O_{19}$, are still the most widely used starting materials as permanent magnets. They have excellent chemical stability and are relatively cheap to produce [3]. Ferrite magnetic materials with high coercivity due to the relatively high magnetocrystalline anisotrophy field exhibit important properties for permanent magnet applications. [4]. Advanced magnetic material permanent magnet now underpin the data storage, telecommunications, consumer electronics and appliance industries [5].

Among the different classes of magnetic materials, hexagonal hard ferrites such as barium ferrite have attracted much attention because of their potential applications in permanent magnet, microwave devices and magnetic recording media [6,7,8]. The