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*Individual and inter-particle heterogeneity analysis  
of the surface and inner matrices of chelate-treated  
MSWI fly ash particles employing water extraction*

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# Introduction

## Municipal solid waste (MSW) management in Japan

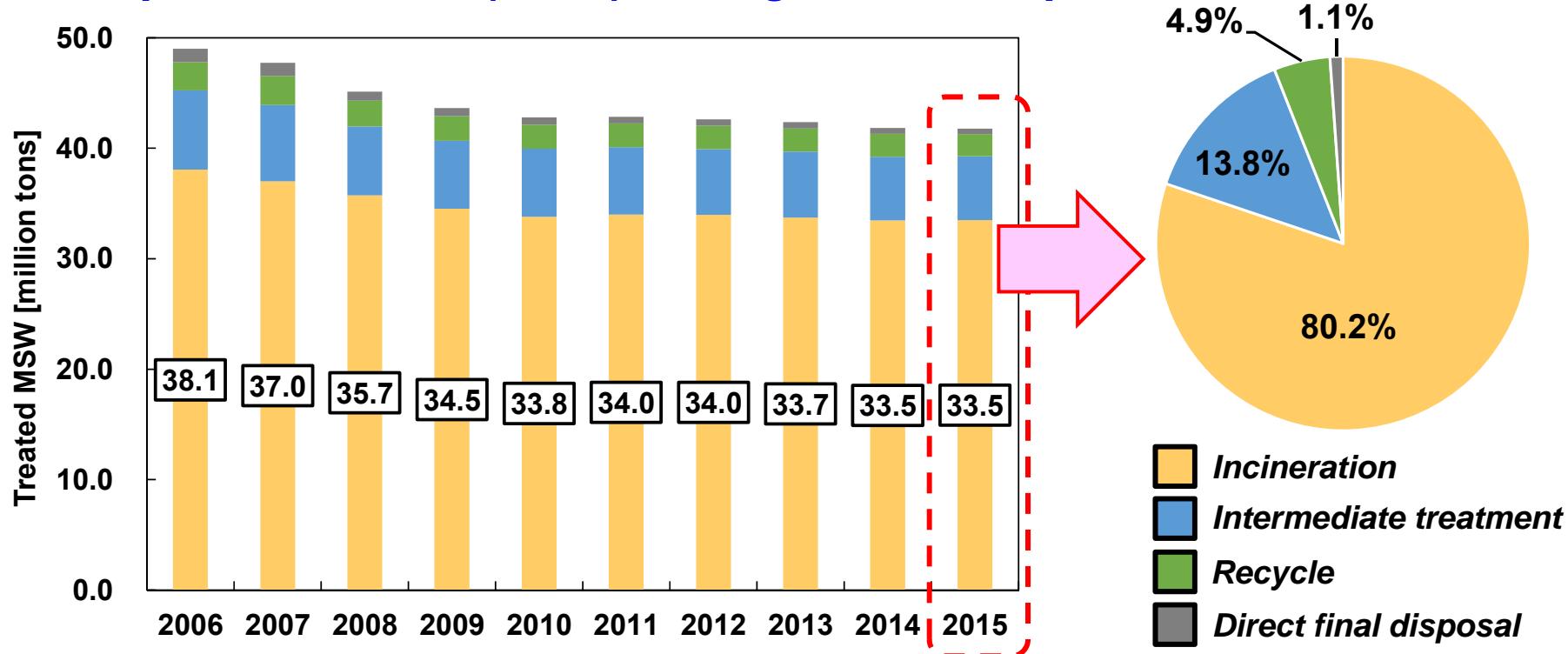


Fig.1 MSW management method in Japan <sup>1)</sup>

**Incineration is a main treatment method for MSW.**

# Introduction

2) Chofu city, Eco-cement project (accessed April 1st, 2017, in Japanese)  
<http://www.city.chofu.tokyo.jp/www/contents/1391998933307/index.html>

## Municipal solid waste incineration (MSWI) residues

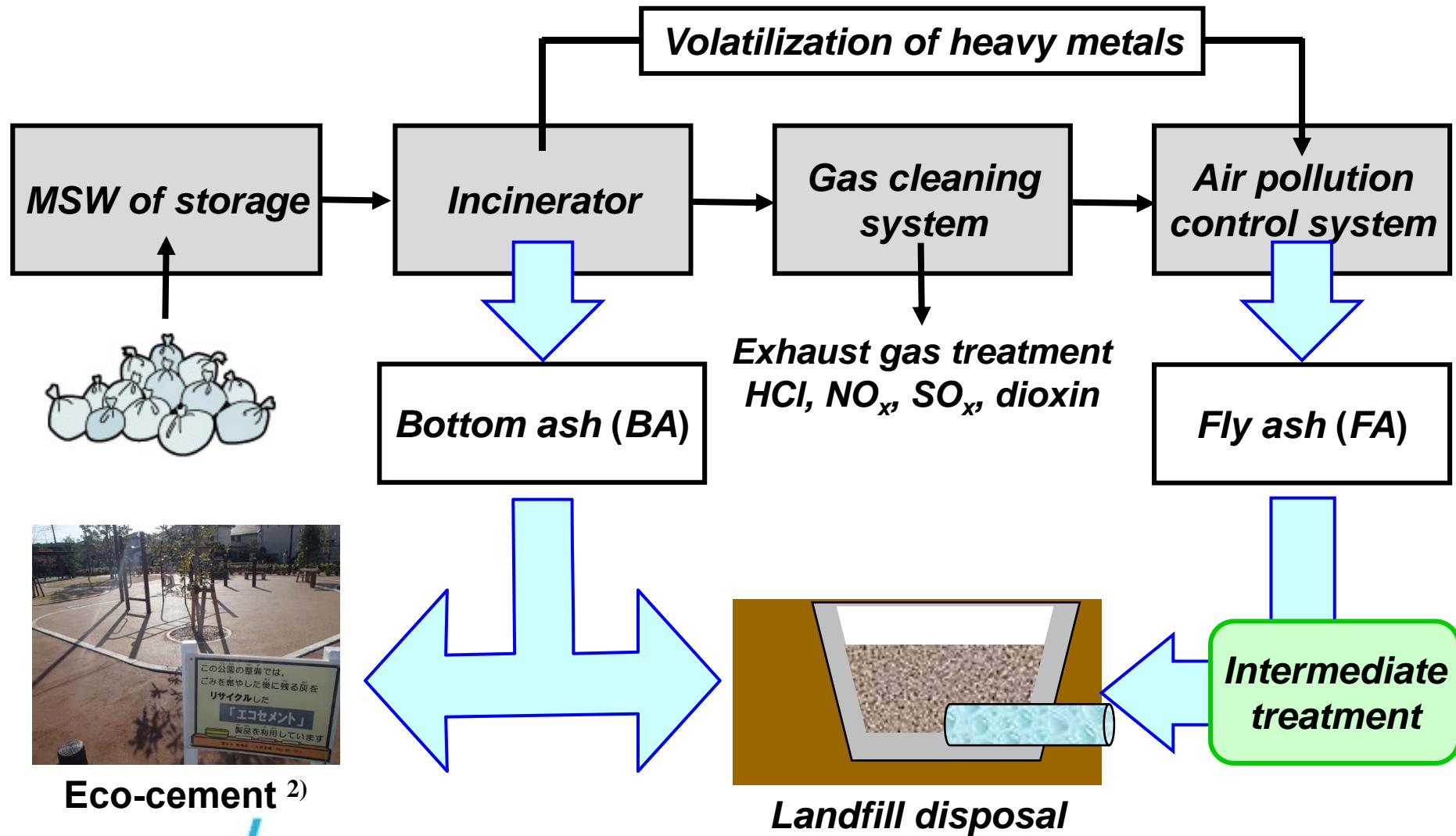


Fig.2 Flowchart of MSWI process

# Introduction

3) Sakanakura *et al.*, 2007. *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 41, 1717-1722.

4) Kitamura *et al.*, 2016. *Environ. Sci. Pollut. Res.* 23, 734-743.

## Regulatory treatments of MSWI FA before landfill disposal

Cement solidification

Melting solidification

Chemical treatment

Acid extraction

### • Chelate treatment for metal immobilization

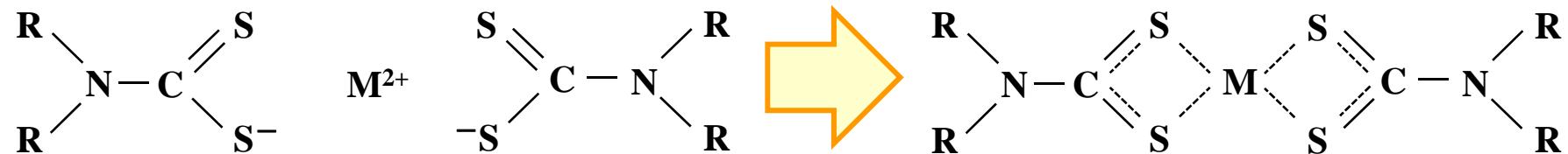


Fig.3 Main immobilization mechanism of chelate treatment <sup>3)</sup>

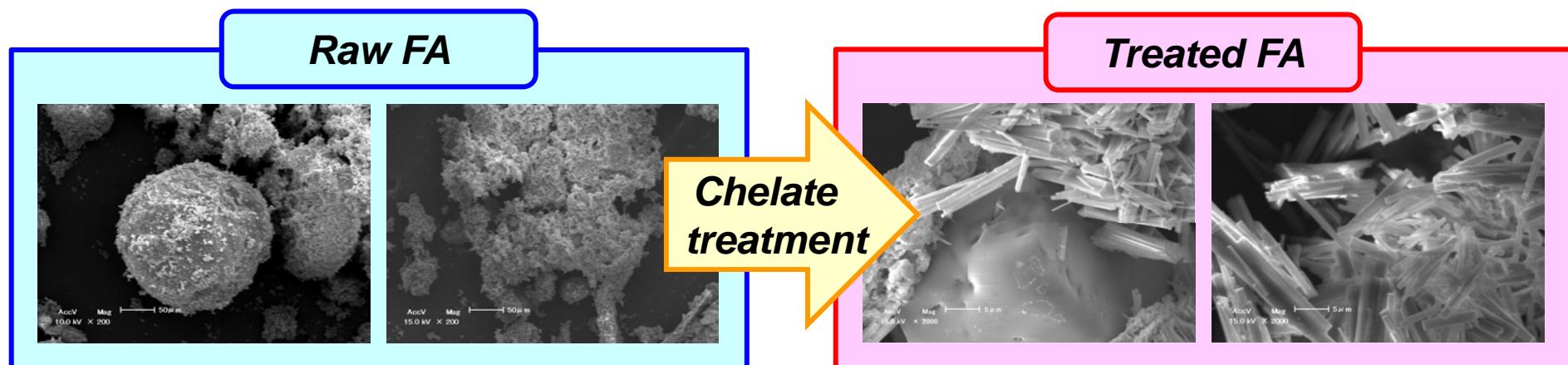


Fig.4 Mineralogical characteristics of MSWI fly ash before and after chelate treatment <sup>4)</sup>

# Introduction

## Inner structures of MSWI FA particle

MSWI FA is considered as homogeneous owing to fine particles.

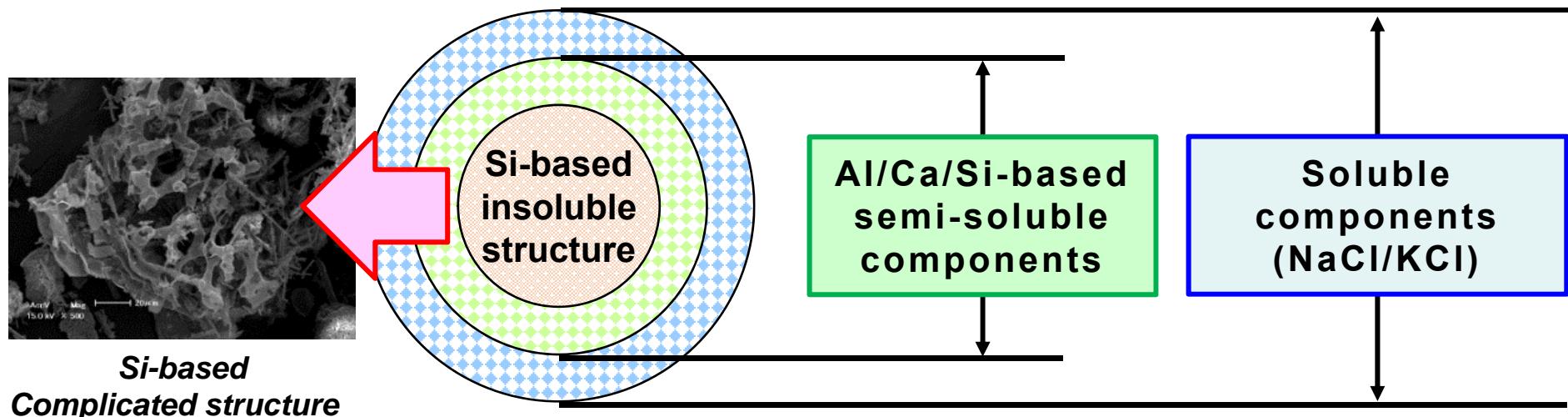


Fig.5 Component model of a MSWI fly ash particle <sup>4)</sup>

“Homogeneous” or “Heterogeneous” ?

How much the impact on leaching behaviors of heavy metals?

Study objective

To investigate intra/inter-particle heterogeneity of the surface / inner matrices for chelate-treated MSWI fly ash.

# *Experimental methods*

## *Experimental samples*

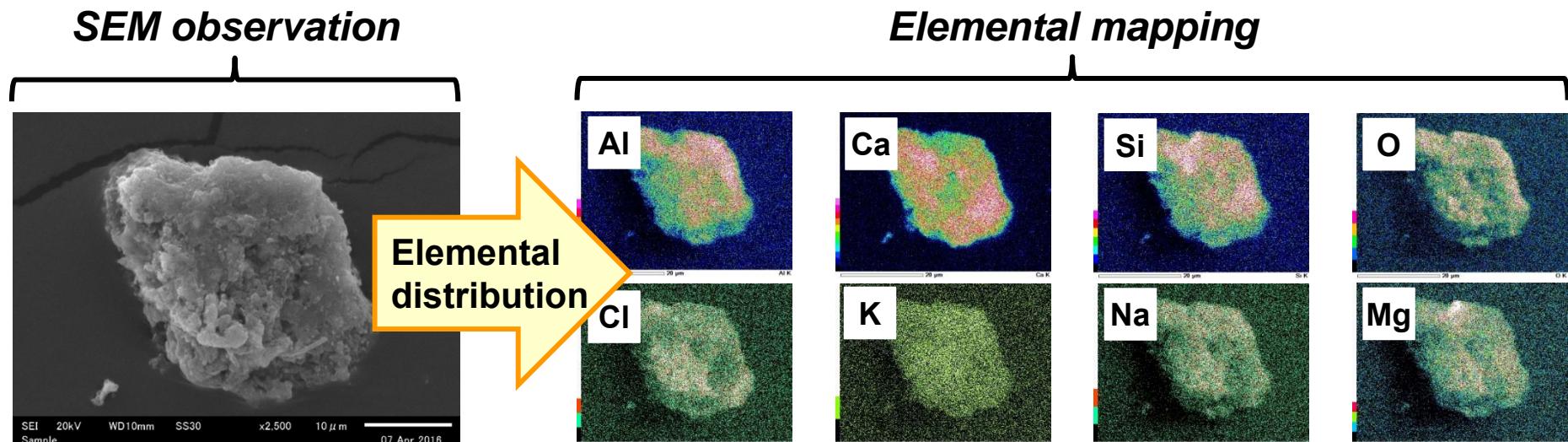
- Chelate-treated MSWI FA (from a stoker combustor in Japan)
  - Water extraction (Japan leaching test 46th : JLT46)
  - Shaking mixture of pure water / FA (L/S=10) at 200 rpm for 6 hours
- Residual materials after JLT46

## *Mineralogical analysis*

- Mineralogical characteristics : XRD (MultiFlex, Rigaku)

## *Microscopic observation*

- Morphological characteristics : SEM (JSM-6610LA, JEOL Ltd.)
- Elemental compositions and distributions : EDX (EX-94300S4L1Q, JEOL Ltd.)



*Fig.6 SME images and elemental mapping by SEM-EDX*

# Experimental methods

## “Intra-particle heterogeneity” analysis conducted by line profile

Heterogeneity inside each FA particles

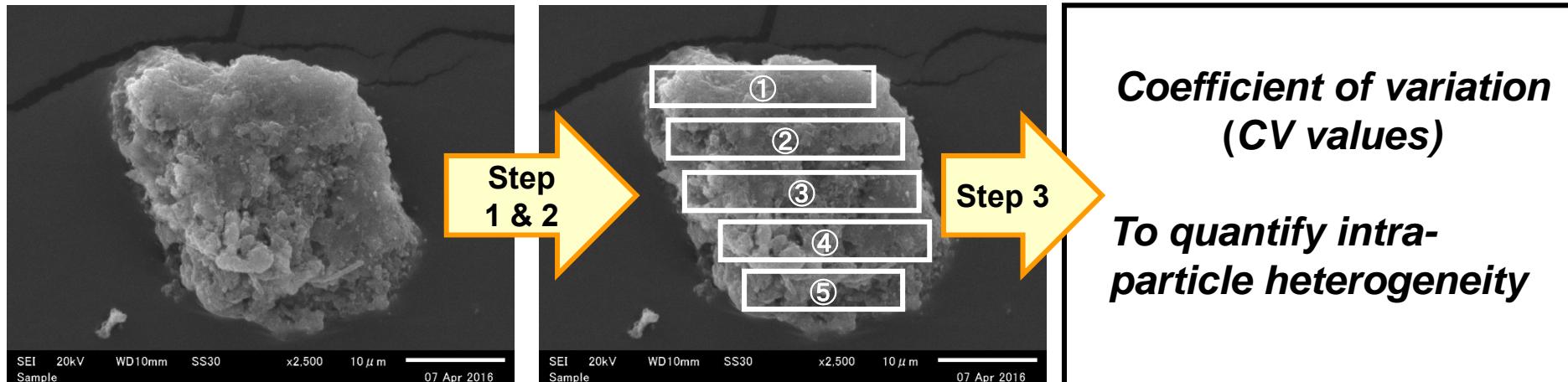


Fig.7 The dividing method of one fly ash particle for line profile analysis

1. One FA particle is divided to 5 sections horizontally.
2. Relative intensity of major elements are measured by “line profile analysis”.
3. CV values are calculated based on relative intensity data.  
They are defined as indicator to quantify intra-particle heterogeneity.

$$CV = \frac{\sigma(\text{Standard deviation})}{\mu(\text{Mean value})}$$

# Experimental methods

## "Inter-particle heterogeneity" analysis conducted by area analysis

### Heterogeneity among FA particles

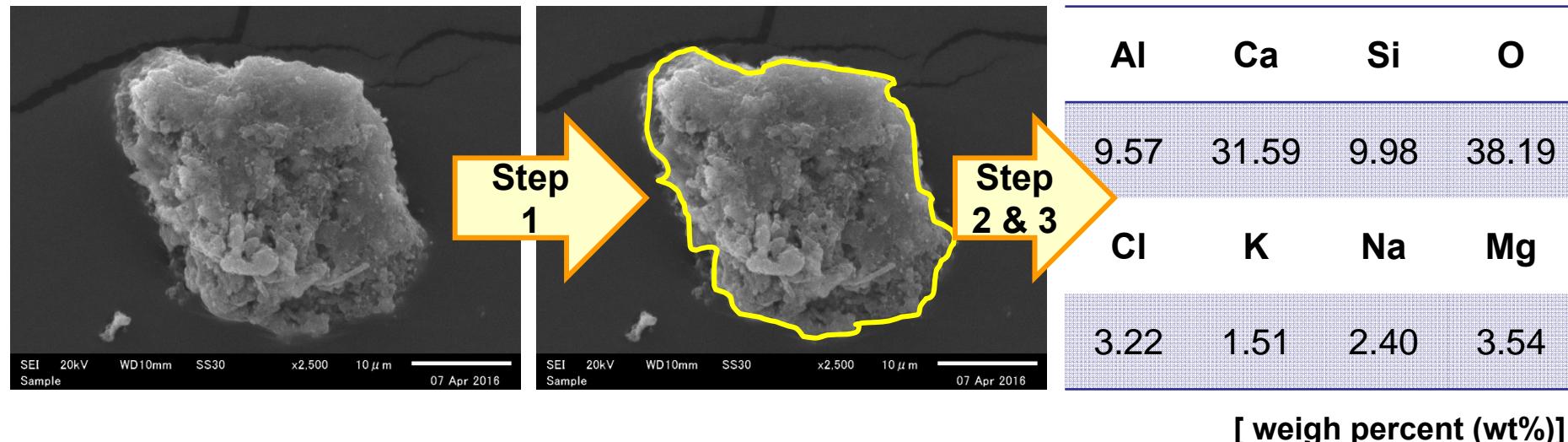
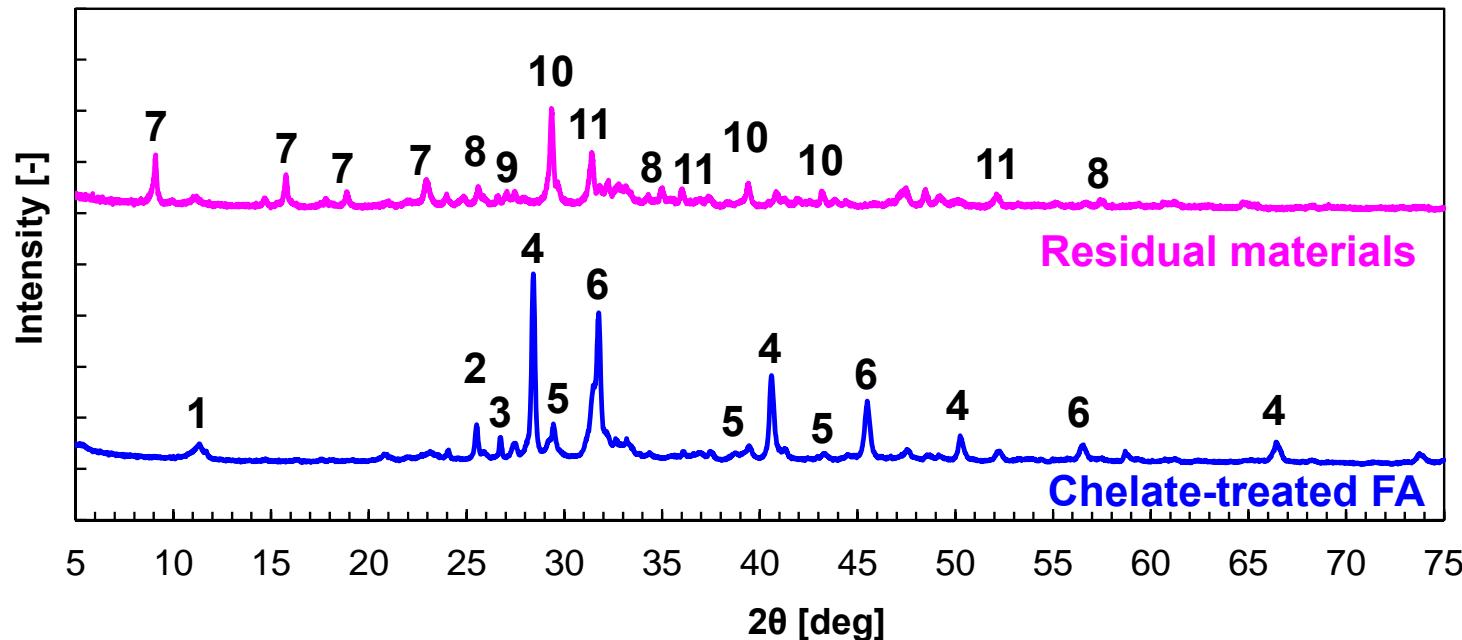


Fig.8 Area analysis for measurement of weigh percent [wt%]

1. Weight percent [wt%] of particle surfaces are measured by “area analysis”.
2. The weight percent data are plotted in histogram.
3. Spread of histogram distribution is defined as indicator to quantify inter-particle heterogeneity.

## Results and discussion

### Mineral compositions of chelate-treated MSWI FA and residual materials



#### Chelate-treated MSWI FA

- 1 : Gypsum ( $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )
- 2 : Anhydrite ( $\text{CaSO}_4$ )
- 3 : Quartz ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )
- 4 : Sylvite ( $\text{KCl}$ )
- 5 : Calcite ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ )
- 6 : Halite ( $\text{NaCl}$ )

#### Residual materials after JLT46

- 7 : Ettringite  
 $3\text{CaO}\cdot\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\cdot 3\text{CaSO}_4\cdot 32\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- 8 : Corundum ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ )
- 9 : Quartz ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )
- 10 : Calcite ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ )
- 11 : Gehlenite ( $\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_7$ )

Fig.9 Mineral compositions of chelate-treated MSWI fly ash and residual materials after JLT46

# Results and discussion

## Intra-particle heterogeneity of chelate-treated FA / residual materials

### Heterogeneity inside each FA particles

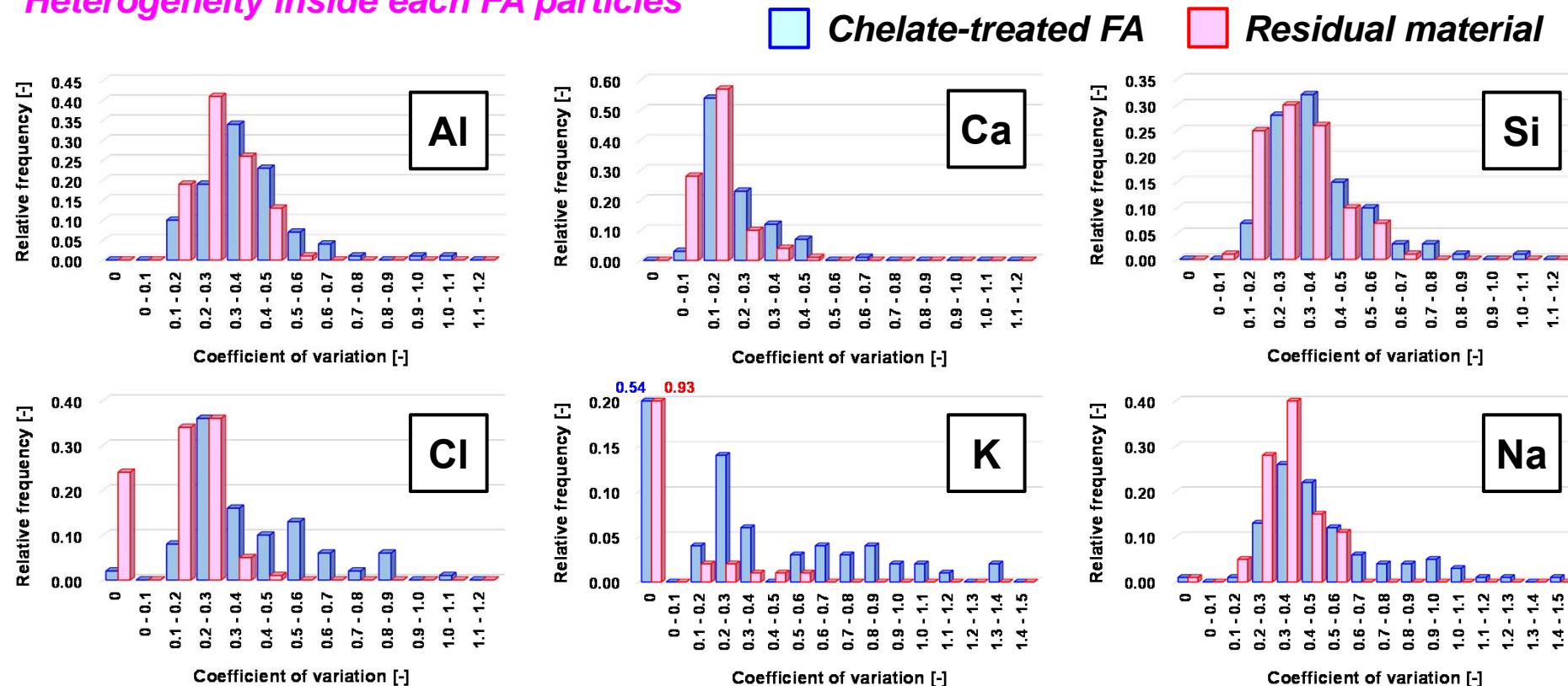


Fig.10 CV values of major elements for chelate-treated MSWI fly ash and residual materials after JLT46

- MSWI FA seems to be heterogeneous inside each FA particles.
- Soluble components (Cl, K, Na) seem to be more heterogeneous.
- Ca is the most slightly heterogeneous inside each FA particles.

## Results and discussion

5) Zhu et al., 2008. Environ. Sci. Technol. 42, 3932-3937.

### Intra-particle heterogeneity of chelate-treated FA / residual materials

Table 1 Correlation matrix of CV values for chelate-treated MSWI FA

Element	Correlation coefficient								
	O	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Cl	K	Ca
O	1.00								
Na	0.63	1.00							
Mg	0.23	0.12	1.00						
Al	0.73	0.57	0.11	1.00					
Si	0.72	0.65	0.24	0.74	1.00				
S	0.23	0.38	0.14	0.32	0.42	1.00			
Cl	0.39	<b>0.74</b>	0.06	0.50	0.55	0.36	1.00		
K	0.29	0.54	0.11	0.32	0.45	0.28	<b>0.61</b>	1.00	
Ca	0.51	0.59	0.17	0.69	0.64	0.27	<b>0.64</b>	0.54	1.00

*Soluble components such as CaCl<sub>2</sub>, KCl, NaCl<sup>5)</sup> on the particle surface*

Table 2 Correlation matrix of CV values for residual materials after JLT46

Element	Correlation coefficient								
	O	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Cl	K	Ca
O	1.00								
Na	0.81	1.00							
Mg	0.54	0.68	1.00						
Al	0.56	0.66	0.51	1.00					
Si	0.54	0.65	0.63	0.60	1.00				
S	0.32	0.41	0.36	0.40	0.43	1.00			
Cl	0.18	<b>0.36</b>	0.36	0.28	0.38	0.51	1.00		
K	-0.01	0.07	0.12	0.16	0.20	0.19	<b>0.18</b>	1.00	
Ca	0.29	0.37	0.38	0.33	0.38	0.26	<b>0.29</b>	0.42	1.00

*Semi-soluble components in inner matrices ?*

## Results and discussion

6) Eighmy *et al.*, 1995. *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 29, 629-646.

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Calcium aluminosilicate <sup>6)</sup>  
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Sodium aluminosilicate <sup>6)</sup>  
 $(\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8)$

# Results and discussion

## Inter-particle heterogeneity of chelate-treated FA / residual materials

### Heterogeneity among FA particles

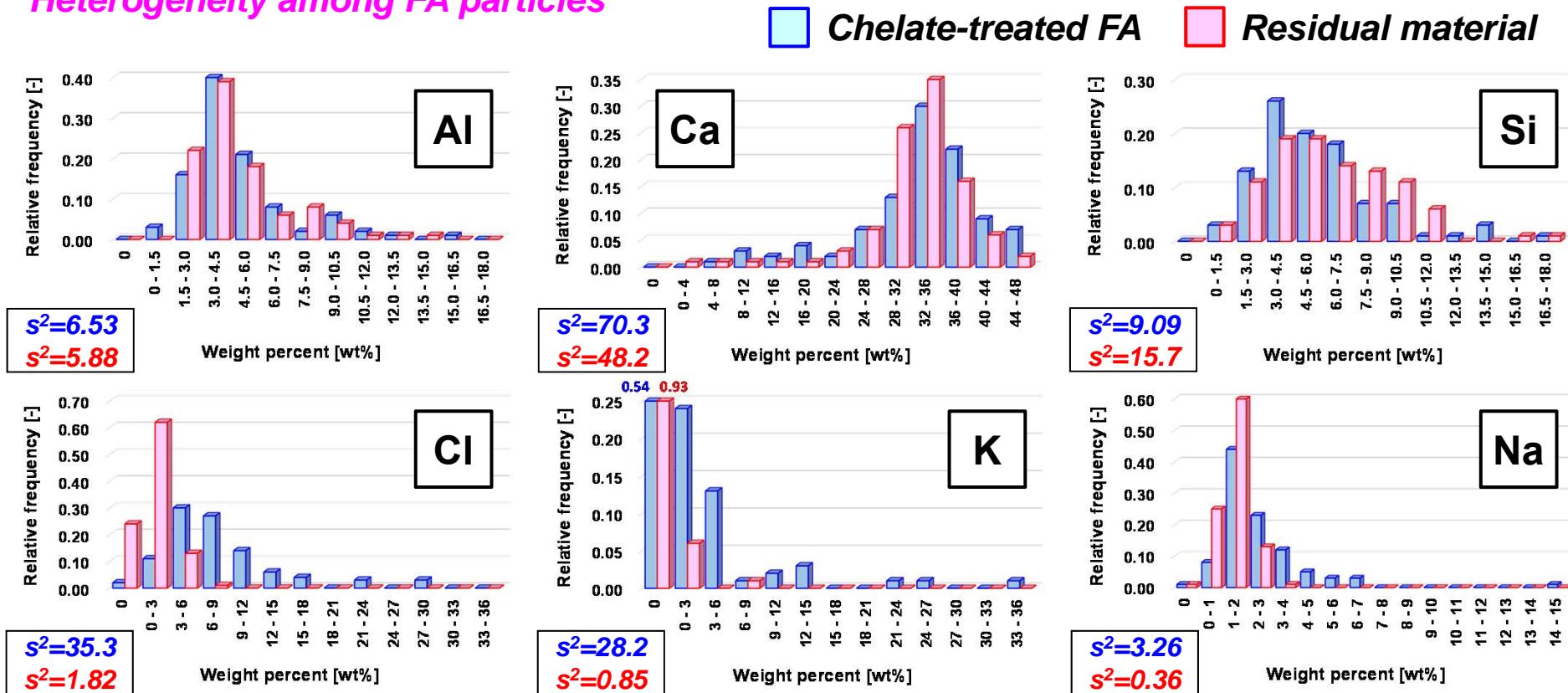


Fig.11 Weight percent of major elements for chelate-treated MSWI FA and residual materials

- MSWI FA seems to be heterogeneous among FA particles.
- Ca is the most heterogeneous among FA particles.

# Conclusion

## 1. *Intra-particle heterogeneity*

*MSWI FA seems to be heterogeneous at even micro-scale level.*

*Soluble components seem to be more heterogeneous.*

*Ca is the most slightly heterogeneous inside each FA particles.*

## 2. *Inter-particle heterogeneity*

*MSWI FA seems to be heterogeneous among FA particles.*

*Ca is the most heterogeneous characteristics among FA particles.*

## Future Work

*To investigate the impacts of heterogeneity on leaching behaviors of heavy metals using by geochemical modelling, etc.*

# Thank you for your kind attention!