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Conversion of Coal Fly Ash (C.F.A.) Into Mcm-41 Mesoporous Molecular Sieves

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Abstract :

Mesoporous molecular sieves in the hexagonal phase (MCM-41) is synthesized from fuser coal fly ash (C.F.A.) solutions and CTAB surfactants. It is found that C.F.A. could be effectively transformed into mesoporous materials depending upon the hydrothermal conditions. It is also observed that a high concentration of Na- ions in the supernatant of the fused coal fly ash is no critical in the formation of MCM-41 when prepared under controlled pH of gel, calcinations temperature and calcinations duration conditions. We provide direct evidence of MCM-41 alumine silicates with a homogeneous chemical composition of Si/Al=13.78 can be prepared with cations surfactants. Our results resemble that coal combustion byproducts can be utilized for producing mesoporous molecular sieves even if containing significant amounts of impurities. The highes crystalline and well defined phase purity MCM-41 is obtained without hydrothermal treatment if short interval of time.

Keywords: Mesoporous material, surfactants, flies ash, hydrothermal synthesis Introduction:

In India power sector has been receiving adequate priority ever since the process of planned development began in 1950. Hydro and coal based thermal power have been the main sources of generating electricity. In our country more than ninety million tones of coal fly ash (C.F.A.) is being generated annually with more than 6500 acres of land being occupied by ash-ponds and create environmental and health hazards. The recycling of C.F.A. has become an increasing concern i recent years due to increasing landfill costs and current interests in sustainable development of huma society from view points of Energy economy and Environmental strategy, still about only 15% c total C.F.A. produced from coal combustion is reused in various applications i.e. in road construction cement production, land reclamation and restoration of eroded soil.

Conversion of C.F.A. into useful Si-MCM-41 materials is one of the approaches to recyc C.F.A. which has extensive applications in basic sciences, petrochemical sciences, energy conservation, medicine, chemical sensor, air purification and waste remediation. This paper has reported A green, cost effective and fast method for production of Si-MCM 41 from Waste C.F.A. an inorganic silica source & ethyl acetate as a mild acid hydrolyser. This method gives a high degr of crystallanity of Si-MCM 41 even in the comparatively short duration of time. This approach to 18 hrs at 298 K (R.T.) to produce Si-MCM 41 from C.F.A. which is so far as the knowledge, is t least time and lowest reaction temperature required to produce pure and ordered Si-MCM-However we came to conclusion that the change of pH of gel solution, change of calcination duration, change of calcinations temperature results into the varying yields and crystallinity synthesized material. FTIR, XRD, N₂. Adsorption-desorption resembles crystal structure and porosity.

Porous solids are an important class of materials due to their wide applications in varia separation, purification and catalytic processes. Although there are many kinds of amorphous por materials which contain micro porous, mesoporous and macroporous, but there were no material possessing uniform mesoporous until the early 1990s. Mobil corporation scientists first reported

M41S family of materials¹⁻³ with pore size from 2nm to 50 nm. Because of high specific areas a large uniform pore sizes, mesoporous Si-MCM-41 materials found a lot of applications in sh selective catalysis, adsorption of gases and liquids⁴⁻⁷ etc. Perhaps the large scale production of MCM-41 became very expensive due to costly silica sources and harmful due to toxic chemicals⁸.

Resource recovery of the Si-MCM-41 materials in large scale from C.F.A. is one of the no and green approach for reducing energy consumption and the waste generated in production proces Materials And Methods:

Source materials Coal Fly Ash

The coal fly ash (C.F.A.) was obtained from Thermal Power Stations at Chandrapur, and I (Vaidyanath) Maharashtra (India). The Chemical composition of fly ash collected from both

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Al ₂ O ₃	19.82	0.193
Fe ₂ O ₃	5.95	0.039
CaO	3.06	0.053
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Fig. 1 : FT-IR spectra of CFA collected from Chandrapur (M.S.) India. A) As collected B) calcined at 800 .C

FTIR spectra shown in the Fig. 1 provide valuable information about the basic characteristic of the molecule, namely, the nature of atoms, their spatial arrangement and their chemical linkas forces. Infrared spectroscopy has been extensively used for identifying the various functional group of the support, as well as identifying the various functional groups of the active component. The mi infrared region of the spectrum contains the fundamental frame work vibration of Si(Al)O4 groupin; The absorption band in between the wave numbers 980-1320 cm⁻¹ in IR spectrum of fly ash an treated fly ash represent the presence of substitutated Al atoms in the tetrahydral forms of silica fram work.

XRD of collected fly ash :

The XRD pattern of Coal Fly Ash (CFA) collected from Chandrapur TPS shown in Fig. 2 The different minerals have different unit cell composition, therefore XRD technique allows fc qualitative identification of the phases present in the collected mineral. The XRD peak information i important to quantity changes in the composition of Quartz and Mullite reactants that affectin reaction conditions of hydrothermal synthesis of materials and reaction products. From these XRI patterns it can be seen that the major crystalline phases found in the fly ash are common mineralogica phases such as quartz, mullite and alumino-silicate glass amorphous material forming during th combustion process.



. 2 : XRD pattern of Fly ash obtained from Chandrapur Super Power

The X-ray pattern of the synthesized mesoporous silica material is an highly periodic silica phases which is normally reflected by the distinct XRD signatures at low $2\Box\Box$ angles from P_{10} to 30° as shown in Fig.3. Sharp signal in XRD spectra indicates the presence of long range order of uniform hexagonal phase in the mesoporous materials. The well defined reflections from [100] plane are prime characteristics of the hexagonal lattice symmetry of the MCM-41 structure.

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The observation of three higher angle reflections other than d_{100} indicates that the product is likely to possess the symmetrical hexagonal pore structure typical of MCM-41. X-ray diffraction data therefore indicates that the supernatant of the fly ash can be successfully used in the synthesis gel to prepare mesoporous materials.





Effect of pH of synthesis gel

The pH of reaction mixture of the gel is also plays an important role in synthesis of MCM-41 phase. The effect of change of pH of gel shows that, when pH varies from 1.87 to 6.91 the crystalline nature and phase purity improves to highest level. calcinations temperature 550°C for 4 h. The crystallinity reduces when pH of the gel is below 6.91 The synthesis was carried out at constant



Fig. 4: XRD Patterns of MCM-41 at different pH of synthesis gel.

The XRD data further analyzed to calculate UIo, Unit Cell parameters ao, percent crystallinity and obtained data presented in Table 4. The hexagonal unit cell parameter a₀ in the calcined sample Table 2: The effect of pH of gel prepared for synthesis of Si-MCM

esignatio n	pH of gel	20 for d ₁₀₀	d ₂₀₀	I/Io	ao	%	BET Surface Area 2
MP ₁	1.87	2.64	33.43	0.08	20.0	Crystallamity	Surface Area m' g'
MP ₂	3.82	2.66	32 10	0.00	38.8	19	632,161
MP ₃	4.72	2.86	30.10	0.06	38.5	28	
MP ₄	5.73	2.00	30.86	0.05	35.8	37	
MP ₅	6.76	2.20	38.71	0.16	44.9	38	10000
MP ₆	6.91	2.59	35.91	0.28	41.7	84	1276.181
MP7	8.86	2.50	33.30	1	40.9	100	
H.	1	2.08	32.93	0.2	38.2	Inviam/59	1801,788

MP ₈	11.2	2.40	36.78	0.09	42.7	30	368.121
MPg	11.87	2.60	33.95	0.03	39.4	25	14.274

Therefore it is observed from presented data in the table 4 that pH of gel solution at 6.9 gives good results. The variation of pH of gel plays an important role in the formation of MCM-41. Effect of Calcination Time

The crystallization kinetics was also studied by changing calcinations period from 1h to 12 1 at constant temperature 550° C. The different powder XRD patterns obtained in this time variation were plotted and given in Figure 7. It shows that at 4 h well crystalline and phase purity of MCM 41 was obtained.



Fig. 5: XRD Patterns of MCM-41 at different calcinations time period

The XRD data further analyzed to calculate I/I₀, Unit Cell parameters **a**₀, percent crystallinity and obtained data presented in Table 3.

Sampl e Name	Time (hours)	20 for d ₁₀₀	d ₁₀₀ a.u.	I/Io	[•] Unit cell paramet er a.u. a ₀	% Crystallanity	BET Surface Area m ² g ⁻¹
MH ₁	01.30	2.38	37.08	0.5	43.00	76	886.184
MH ₂	03.00	2.46	35.88	0.2 5	41.60	99	
MH ₃	04.30	2.50	35.30	1	40.90	100	1801.788
MH₄	06.00	2,32	38.04	0.3	44.10	89	
MH ₅	07.30	2.32	38.04	0.3	44.10	70	620,702
MH ₆	12.00	4.10	21.53	0.0	25.00	61	564.092

Table - 3 : The effect of calcined period of Si-MCM-41 at 550 °C on its physical properties

The tabulated data shows that as calcinations time duration increases, percent crystalinity also increases up to 4.3 h then after decreases for the synthesis system under the study. During the change in calcinations time duration pH of the gel was kept constant at 6.9 and calcinatins temperature at 550° C. The highest crystallinity sample was obtained at 4 h.

Effect of Calcination Temperature

The synthesized samples were calcined at different temperature from 500 to 800 °C to study change in crystalline nature of synthesized sample, thermal stability etc. All these samples of MCM-41 were calcined at various temperature for content period of 4 h.

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MT ₁	500°C	2.32	38.04	0.24			Area m' g'		
MT ₂	55000	1		0.24	44.10	20			
ME	330 C	2.50	35.30	1	40.90	+ 100	1801 700		
M13	600°C	2.46	38.19	0.26		100	1001./88		
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1	050°C	2.54	34.75	0.31	40.31				
MT ₅	700°C	2.38	37.00		10.01	40	1101.316		
MT			37.08	0.35	43.02	29			
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crystalline nature of MCM-41 is obtained. The effect of change of calcination temperature v/s ws that at 550 $^{\circ}C$ the value of I/I_{\circ} is maximum and higher percent crystallinity of MCM-41 was ploted and shown in the Figure 6. It shows that, at initial temperature increases upto 550°C, percent crystallinity also increases and after that it decreases from 100 % to 15 %. Hence 550 °C is optimized temperature to get highest crystalline MCM-41 in the V2-Adsorption Desorption Analysis Of Synthesized Mcm-41 Material:

Nitrogen physisorption probes the textural properties of materials i.e. surface area, pore olume, pore size and pore geometry. At very low relative pressures (p/p₀) a very large amount of itrogen becomes physisorbed which assigns to condensation of nitrogen inside and outside on the irface of MCM-41. As the surface area is very high this corresponds monolayar adsorption. Upon ionolayer adsorption multilayer of nitrogen starts to developed at higher relative pressures. Also in

is case both the external surface area and mesopores contributes to the physisorption process. The collected data from the N₂ adsorption desorption graph is used to calculate the surface of e material using BET method. (Tables 2, 3 & 4).

rom the above tabular data it is confirmed that the maximum calculated surface area amounts to 01 m²/g. for the Si-MCM-41 materials keeping pH of gel 6.91, calcination time about 4 h. at Ir Analysis :

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Fig. 7: The FT-IR spectra of as synthesized MCM-41 from coal fly ash

The FT-IR spectra of as synthesized MCM-41 from coal fly ash are shown in Fig. 10. From FT-IR spectra, the absorption bands around 2921 and 2851 cm⁻¹ correspond to n-C-H and d-C-H vibrations of the surfactant molecules, such bands disappeared in the calcined sample indicating the total removal of organic material during calcinations. The broad band around 3392.65 cm⁻¹ as observed due to surface silanols and O-H stretching frequency of adsorbed water molecule. Moreover the peaks in the range of 1500-1600 cm⁻¹ are because of the deformation mode of surface hydroxyl group. A peak at 1070.63 cm⁻¹ and 964.44 cm⁻¹ corresponds to the asymmetric and symmetric Si-O groups, respectively. The peaks in the range 1010-1079 cm⁻¹ are assigned to M-O-M bonding, the bands from 960 to 990 cm⁻¹ appeared due to Si-O-M (M=metal ions) vibrations in metal incorporated silanols. The shift in the lattice vibration bands to lower wave numbers is due to the substitution of silicon by other metal ions.

Conclusions:

Based upon the experimental study it was concluded that pure and ordered MCM-41 material could be successfully synthesized from coal fly ash at room temperature during 18 hrs of reaction. The parametric variations such as change of calcination temperature, the change of calcination time duration and the change of initial pH value of gel suggested that from CFA the well ordered mesoporous material MCM-41 can be synthesized at 550°C for 4 hrs. keeping pH of gel 6.91. The maximum calculated surface area amounts to 1801 m²/g for the MCM-41 materials keeping pH of gel 6.91, calcination time about 4 h. at 550°C.

This study demonstrates that converting CFA into mesoporous materials not only eliminates the disposal problem of CFA but also turns a waste material into a value added product. The synthesized MCM-41 materials may find applications in the waste water treatment, Chemical industries and Agriculture industry etc. The proposed method provides one of the ways of recycling CFA.

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