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## PREFACE

This book collects selected papers presented at the 6th International Symposium on High-Temperature Metallurgical Processing organized in conjunction with the TMS 2015 Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Orlando, Florida, USA.

As the title of symposium suggests, the book is on thermal processing of minerals, metals and materials and intends to promote physical and chemical transformations in the materials to enable recovery of valuable metals or produce products such as pure metals, intermediate compounds, alloys, or ceramics through various treatments. The symposium was open to participants from both industry and academia and focused on innovative high-temperature technologies including those based on non-traditional heating methods as well as their environmental aspects. Because high-temperature processes require high energy input to sustain the temperature at which the processes take place, the symposium intends to address the needs for sustainable technologies with reduced energy consumption and reduced emission of pollutants. The symposium also welcomed contributions on thermodynamics and kinetics of chemical reactions and phase transformations that take place at elevated temperature.

Over 400 authors have contributed to the symposium with a total of 149 submissions. After reviewing the submitted manuscripts, 98 papers were accepted for publication in this book, which covers the following topics: high-efficiency new metallurgical process and technology; fundamental research of metallurgical process; materials preparation; direct reduction and smelting reduction; coking, new energy; utilization of solid slag/wastes and complex ores; and characterization of high-temperature metallurgical process. Basically, these papers represent the accomplishments attained and new advances in the area of high-temperature metallurgical processing in the last few years over the world.

This is the fifth book exclusively dedicated to this important and burgeoning topic published in the 21st century. We hope this book will serve as a reference for both new and current metallurgists, particularly those who are actively engaged in exploring innovative technologies and routes that lead to more energy efficient and environmentally sustainable solutions.

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## RECOVERY OF IRON FROM HEMATITE-RICH DIASPORIC-TYPE BAUXITE ORE

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### Abstract

A technique has been proposed for recovering iron from hematite-rich diasporic-type bauxite ore in this study. Direct reduction roasting followed by low intensity wet magnetic separation process was carried out. The parameters including reduction temperature and time, sodium salts, grinding conditions and magnetic field intensity for separation of iron were determined. The optimum process parameters as follows: roasting temperature of 1050 °C, time of 60 min, sodium salts involving sodium sulfate, borax, sodium carbonate with dosages of 10 wt%, 2 wt%, 35 wt% respectively, and magnetic field intensity of 1000 Gs with fineness of pulp reached 92.75% passing -0.074mm. Under the optimal conditions, an iron concentrate containing 88.17% total iron grade and iron recovery of 92.51% was obtained, 4.55% total iron grade in tailings. This novel technique provide a potential route for utilizing hematite-rich diasporic bauxite ore, recovering iron resource firstly, and extracting alumina from magnetic separation tailings further.

### Introduction

Bauxite is considered as the main material for producing alumina. In generally, the primary beneficiation processes of bauxite is by Bayer process and this will be generated a large amount of red mud that contains considerable quantities of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$  and other minor valuable constituents[1]. Due to iron oxides cannot react with caustic soda solution, more residue will be generated particularly treating high iron content bauxite in Bayer process [2]. Especially, iron-rich bauxite is usually defined as  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  content excess 15 wt% [3]. Bauxite with high iron content resource has a huge amount worldwide, especially in Australia, Guinea, Brazil, Vietnam, Laos, etc. [4, 5]. There are also abundant high iron bauxite ores in China, which primarily distribute over Guang'xi, Yunnan, Shan'xi, He'nan provinces. Several achievements have been attained in recent years on iron-rich bauxite processing, including physical, chemical and biological methods. The physical method is straightforward with low cost, but it has some limits such as low separation efficiency and is only suitable for those with simple minerals occurring relationship [6]. Chemical method can get higher removal rate of iron and better recovery of alumina, but this method not only has a high cost but also potential environmental pollution [7, 8]. Biological method with low cost and minor environment issues is very suitable for removing iron from bauxite ores, however, the cycle of this method is extended makes it impossible to apply in industry . In this study, a new process was proposed for treating iron-rich diasporic-type bauxite, separating and recovering iron and alumina from hematite-rich diasporic-type bauxite were achieved by direct reduction roasting followed by magnetic separation methods.

## Experiments

### Materials

Hematite-rich diaspore bauxite was taken from the southwest of China. The chemical compositions are presented in Table I. The results indicate that A/S ratio is as low as 2.77 in the raw material and the iron oxide is much higher than conventional bauxite ores, the microstructures are shown in Fig.1. XRD patterns and chemical analysis of the main elements in raw material demonstrate that iron oxide exists as hematite, account for 91.85% of the total iron. Aluminium and silicon mainly exist in diaspore and silicate phase. Furthermore, the bearing relationships in the raw material demonstrates that hematite, kaolinite and diaspore or aluminum silicate are complex, which leads to the full liberation of mineral impossible and a difficulty of separating each other by physical processing methods.

Sodium salts used in this research are sodium sulfate (SS), borax (B), and sodium carbonate (SC), which are all analytical reagent. Bituminous coal was used as reductant.

Table I. Chemical Compositions of the Raw Material /%

Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	FeO	CaO	MgO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	LOI
24.90	41.83	15.10	0.35	0.092	0.077	3.81	0.051	0.057	0.13	13.10

LOI—loss on ignition

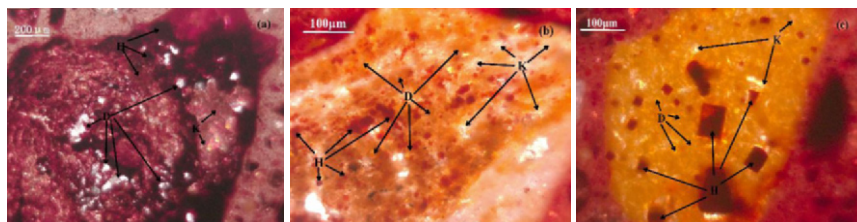


Fig.1 Microstructures of bauxite (D-Diaspore, H- Hematite, K-Kaolinite )

### Methods and Evaluation Indexes

The direct reduction was conducted in a blast resistance furnace and wet magnetic separation was performed in Davis magnetic tube. The raw material was crushed and ground to certain fineness, and then mixed with the additives evenly, and agglomerated into a  $\Phi 10 \times 10$  mm column briquette. The reduction was performed in  $\Phi 50 \times 200$  mm stainless pot with enough reduction agent. The reduced products were cooled to ambient temperature. Then, all the roasted products were crushed and separated via magnetic separation. The contents of the total iron, alumina and silica were measured by chemical analysis or XRF (X-ray fluorescence). The phase compositions were characterized using an X-ray diffractometer.

Total iron grade, metallization of iron and magnetic recovery of iron in concentrate were taken as evaluation indexes in this study. Whereby the grade of metallic iron and the total iron in concentrate was determined with chemical analysis, metallization and recovery of iron was calculated as following equation.

The metallization is defined as  $(\text{Metallic Fe in percentage} / \text{Total Fe in percentage}) \times 100$ .



The recovery of iron is defined as:  $\mathcal{R} = \text{yield} \times \frac{TFe(\text{ironconcentrate})}{TFe(\text{roastedprodcuts})}$

## Results and Discussion

### Effects of Sodium Salts on Recovering Iron during DR Roasting

Based on the previous researches, alkali or alkali-earth metal oxide can accelerate iron oxide reduction during high temperature roasting [9, 10]. Sodium sulfate, borax and sodium carbonate were used as additives in current research, and the effects of sodium additives on recovering iron from bauxite were investigated. To optimize the dosages of sodium additives, various salt dosages were conducted separately at first. The parameters were roasting temperature of 1100°C, time of 60 min, grinding fineness of more than 95% passing 0.074mm sieve and magnetic field intensity of 1000Gs. The results are presented in Fig.2. The results demonstrate that the metallization of iron was improved by adding salts of SS, B, and SC respectively. The  $Al_2O_3$ ,  $SiO_2$  contents in the concentrate were also decreased at some extent. Especially, the optimum result of total iron in concentrate up to 72.40% was obtained with SC dosage of 40 wt%. However, the total iron grade cannot meet the demand of raw materials for steelmaking.

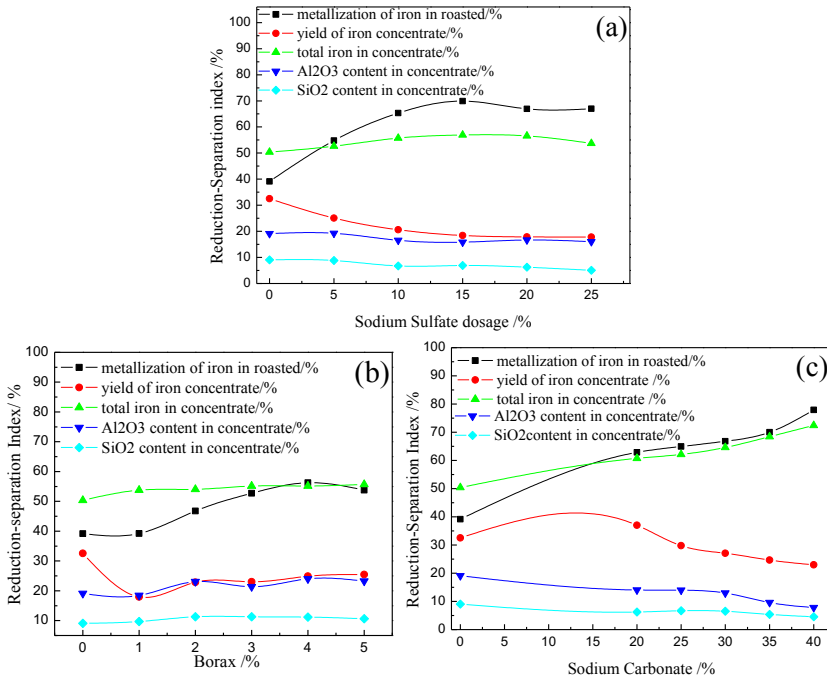


Fig.2 Effects of sodium salts on reduction and magnetic separation

Therefore, in order to realize separation and recovery of iron in hematite-rich diasporite ores effectively, further research on enriching iron and alumina by combining three additives in roasting process was conducted under optimum roasting conditions. The results are shown in Table II.

Table II. Effect of Sodium Salts Dosages on Recovering Iron / wt%

Dosages			Metallization of iron	Iron concentrate	
SS	B	SC		Grade	Recovery
10	1	30	90.51	82.48	92.21
15	1	35	86.77	81.84	78.65
15	2	30	93.47	86.91	86.25
10	2	35	94.25	82.83	91.65
10	2	40	90.93	86.40	93.42
15	2	30	81.49	80.51	77.49
15	2	35	88.48	88.49	87.00
15	2	40	86.67	87.48	81.86

The results revealed that comprehensive effect of combined additives was better than used sodium salts additives separately. In particularly, with dosage of combined sodium salts additives SS, B, SC 10 wt.%, 2 wt.%, 35 wt.%, respectively, the metallization of iron in roasted products reached 94.25%, and the total iron of 82.83% and iron recovery of 91.65% can be attained in concentrate.

Effects of Roasting Temperature and Time on Recovering Iron during DR Process

The impacts of roasting temperature and time were tested with optimum dosages of sodium salts compared with no sodium salts. The results are shown in Figs.4 and 5. Reduction roasting was conducted for 60 min under various temperatures. Fig.4 shows the metallization of iron in roasted products without sodium salts increased gradually with temperature increasing from 950 °C to 1150 °C and reached the maximum of 41.31% at temperature of 1150°C. Also, the total iron in concentrate remained in the range of 50~60% with temperature increasing and the maximum recovery of iron was only 60% at 1150 °C. Further reduced with optimum dosages of sodium salts, the metallization of roasted products increased up to maximum of 94.25% (presented as Curve A). Particularly, the total iron of 86.53% with the recovery of 84.20% in concentrate was obtained at temperature of 1050°C.

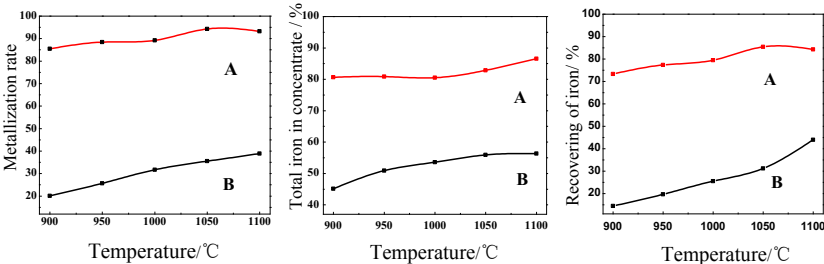


Fig.3 Effects of roasting temperature on reduction and magnetic separation (A-with sodium salts; B-no sodium salts in direct reduction)

Meanwhile, reduction time has the same effects on the roasting process. With reduction time of 60 min, the metallization of iron in roasted products reached 93.18%, the total iron content of iron concentrate was 88.17% and the recovery of iron reached 88.55% at this point.

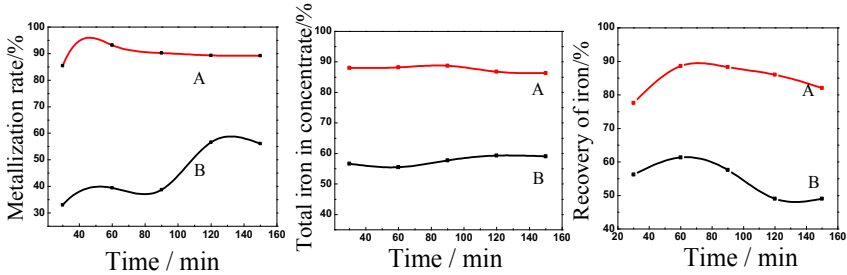


Fig.4 Effects of roasting time on reduction and magnetic separation  
(A-with sodium salts; B-no sodium salts in direct reduction)

#### Effects of Magnetic Separation on Recovery of Iron

##### Effect of Grinding

The influence of grinding was also investigated in this research. Tests of grinding time and pulp concentration were conducted. The results are shown in Fig.5. The magnetic field intensity was 1000Gs in this test. The grinding concentration was 50% with various grinding time and the grinding 20min with different pulp concentration.

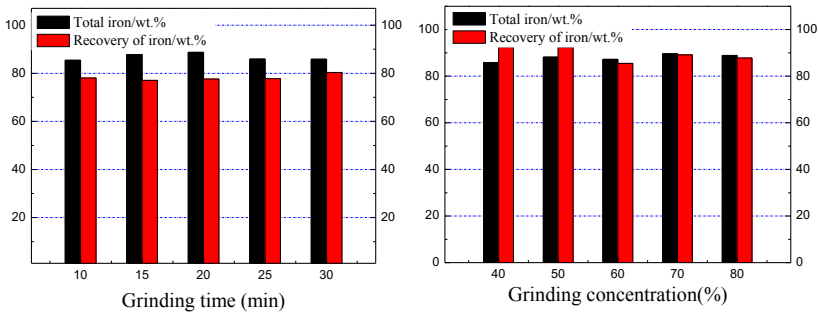


Fig.5 Effect of grinding conditions on recovery of Iron

Fig.5 revealed that the total iron grade in concentrate increased firstly, then decreased, and reached maximum at time of 20 min. The maximum iron grade of 88.72% was attained. Iron grade in concentrate increased firstly and then remained stable almost with pulp concentration increased from 50% further. In conclusion, grinding time of 20min with pulp concentration of 50% was suitable for recovering of iron in this process. The grinding fineness was more than 97.25% passing -0.074mm sieve under this condition.

Effect of Magnetic Field Intensity. Fig.6 shows the impacts of magnetic field intensity on the recovery of iron.

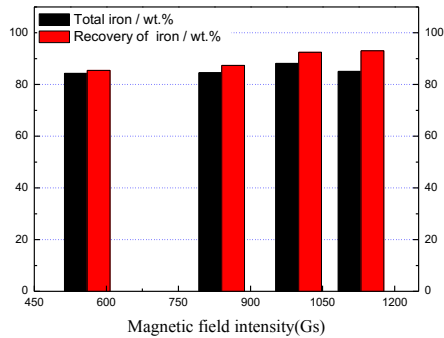


Fig.6 Effects of different magnetic field intensity on the recovery iron

With the increasing of magnetic field intensity, the total iron in the magnetic concentrate increased gradually and remained stable when the magnetic field intensity exceeded 1000Gs. Recovery of iron increased gradually in the meantime. Iron grade reached maximum of 88.17% and recovery of iron to 92.51% in concentrate when magnetic field intensity of 1000Gs. For entire process, magnetic field intensity of 1000Gs is suitable for separating iron in this process.

The Properties of Final Products

Micro image of roasting products.

As shown in Fig.7, the image revealed that larger metallic iron particles formed after reducing with optimum dosages of sodium salts, which is favorable for magnetic separation process.

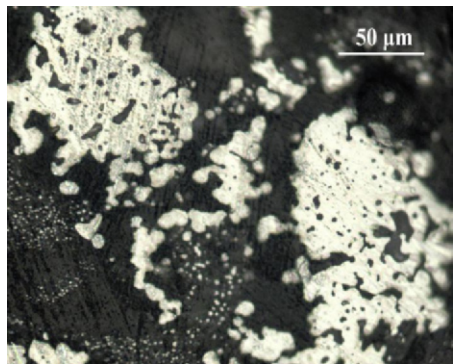


Fig.7 Image of roasted products

XRD patterns of the products. Fig.8 shows XRD patterns for iron concentrate and alumina rich residue products. From XRD results, it can be concluded that, the primary mineral in magnetic

materials is metallic iron and with a little amount of sodium aluminosilicate. While the sodium aluminosilicate mainly occurring in nonmagnetic materials, contained little aluminates. Therefore, iron in the diasporite type bauxite with high iron content ores can be separated and extracted effectively. The aluminum, silica in raw material also get concentrate in residue at the end.

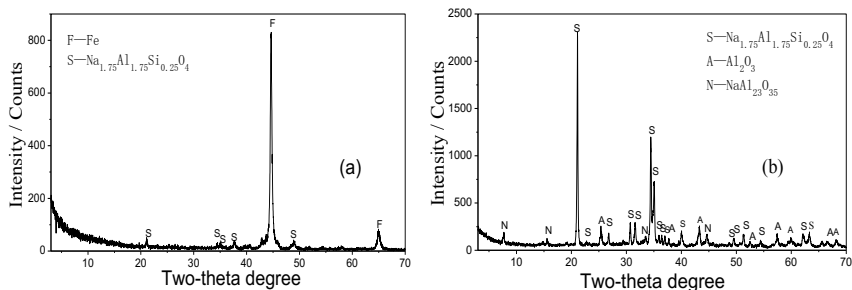


Fig.8 XRD patterns of the final products (a: Iron concentrate; b: Alumina-rich residue)

## Conclusions

The results of treating hematite-rich diasporite by direct reduction followed by magnetic separation reveals that direct reduction cannot realize completely separating and recovering of iron without adding sodium salts during roasting process, metallization of iron is less than 65% and total iron in concentrate only reached maximum 56.13%. But, effects of sodium salts in roasting research reveals that the reduction and recovering of iron improved slightly using additives singly, and reached maximum of metallization of iron 77.93% in roasted products, total iron of 72.40% in concentrate with the dosage of sodium carbonate 40%. However, recovering and separating of iron are enhanced dramatically by adding three kinds sodium salts during reduction roasting. In particularly, metallization of iron over 90% in roasted products, and iron grade of 88.17% with recovery of 92.51% in concentrate were obtained, which is could take as raw material for ironmaking process. And the final products properties indicated that main phase is metallic iron in iron concentrate and aluminosilicate in alumina rich residue, respectively.

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