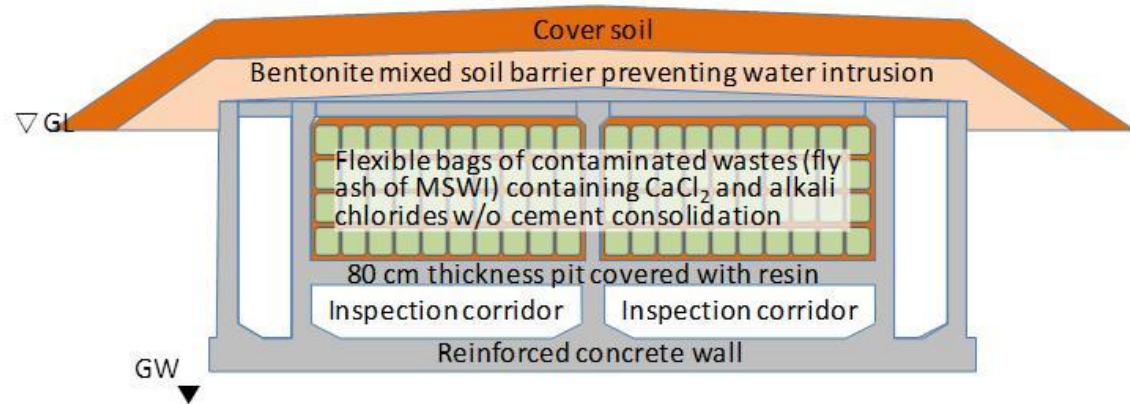


Toward safe disposal of radioactively contaminated municipal solid waste incinerator fly ash

-Moisture absorption and Cs immobilization-



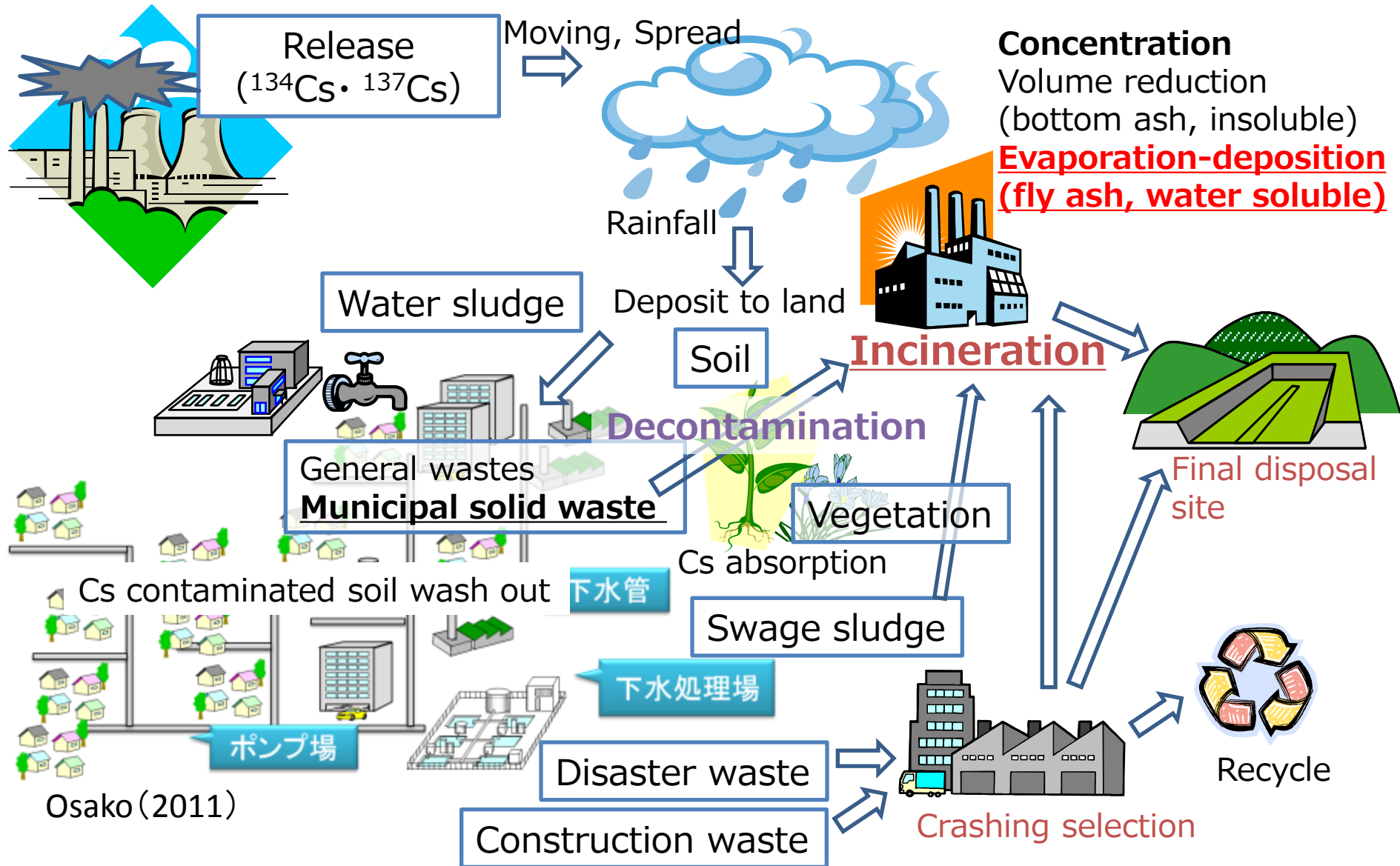
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Problems of radionuclide contaminated wastes in artificial extensive recovering system



Examples of major elements in fly ash of MSWI

	Moving gates		Fluidizing bed	
	mass%	(soluble)	mass%	(soluble)
Ca	23.3	(8.5 %, 23.6 % as CaCl_2)	21.3	(1.8 %, 5.0 % as CaCl_2)
K	4.0	(3.6 %, 6.8 % as KCl)	3.1	(1.8 %, 3.4% as KCl)
Na	3.2	(2.3 %, 5.8 % as NaCl)	4.1	(1.9%, 4.8 % as NaCl)
Cl	25.2	(19.5 %)	10.7	(7 %)
Al	2.3		5.5	
Si	7.7		9.2	
Cs	2.7 ppm	(1.7 ppm)		

Fly ash of MSWI = Powder including

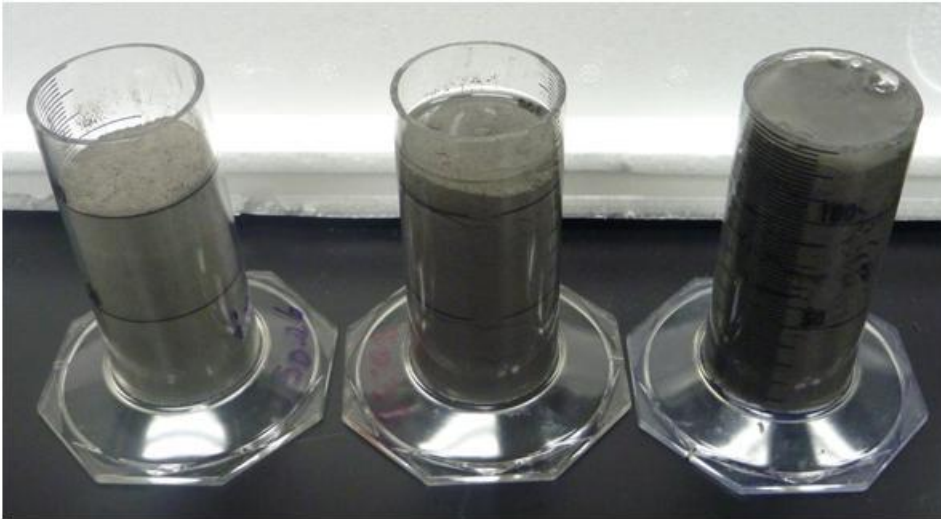
Large quantity of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ and $\text{CaCl}_2 = 2 \text{ mol/kg}$,

$\text{NaCl} = 1 \text{ mol/kg}$, $\text{KCl} = 1 \text{ mol/kg}$

Majority of stable and radioactive Cs is water soluble.

Final disposal of deliquescent salt powder is a challenging subject.

Self generation of concentrated chloride solution



CaCl₂ = 10 wt% 20 wt% 30 wt%
Moisture absorption of MSWI-FA
1000 hrs at 30 °C and 90 %RH.

Modeling of moisture absorption

$$T = (L\phi/100)^{1/2}/k$$

L : height of MSWI-FA,

ϕ : porosity of MSWI-FA in %,

k : rate of moisture absorption

$$k = CH^{3.2}\exp(-4790/K)$$

K : absolute temperature,

H : relative humidity

The leaching time of MSWI-FA containing 30 wt% of CaCl₂ is estimated as 6000 days.

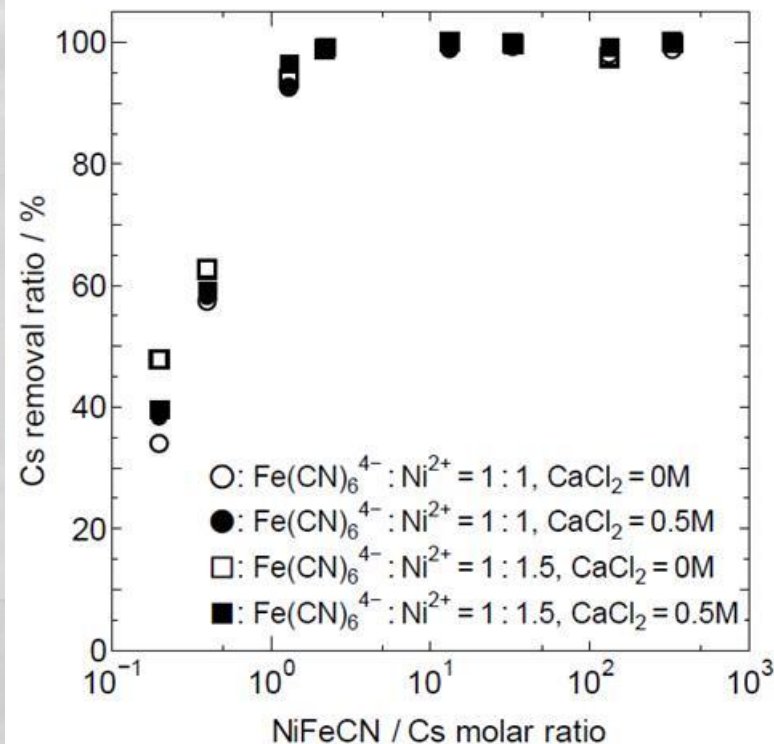
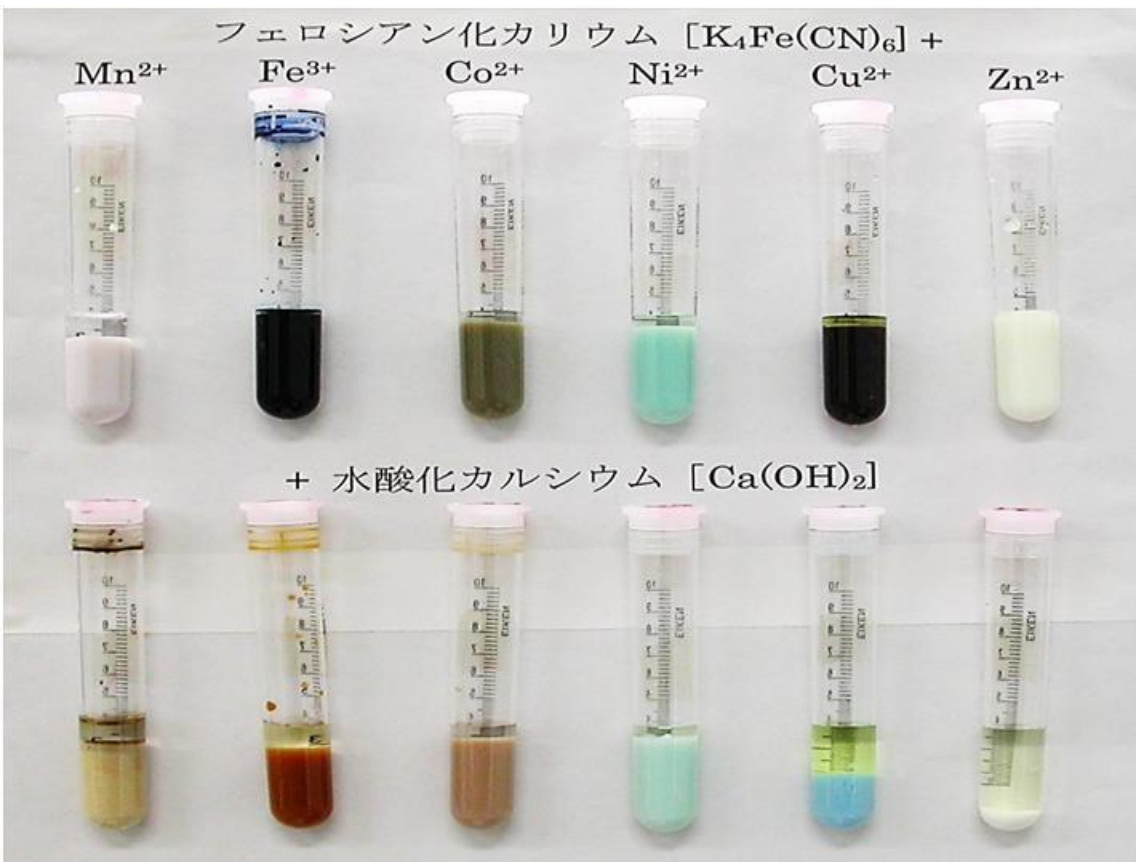
Assuming the moisture absorption for two months/year at 30 °C and 90 %RH,

The leaching time is 100 years, long enough for decreasing the radioactivity of Cs-137.

However, if the height of MSWI-FA is reduced to 1/10, the leaching time is shortened to 60 days.

Therefore, insolubilization is required.

Stability of ferrocyanides in alkaline solution & adsorption of Cs



- Only NiFeCN is stable in alkaline solution.
- 2 mole of NiFeCN is enough to remove 1 mole of Cs from alkaline solution, so that the required amount of NiFeCN is less than 100g per one ton of MSWI-FA.