

# Synthesis of Strontium Based on Natural Iron Sand North Lombok Coastal Club Doping Co and Cu Metal Ions As Power Generating Materials

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**Abstract:** The  $\text{SrCl}_2$  with natural iron sand is the basic material for making Strontium M-Hexaferrite ( $\text{SrM}$ ) as a generator of electricity in the form of permanent magnets samples which are doped to make the utilization of  $\text{SrM}$  more effective by adding metal ions that have almost the same size as cobalt (Co) and copper (Cu) using the coprecipitation method. The synthesis process was carried out in the chemical laboratory of the FKIP, the Highway Engineering Laboratory, the Faculty of Engineering and the advanced Biology Laboratory of the FMIPA UNRAM. In this study, concentration variations and temperature variations were used during the calcination process, namely ( $x = 0.0; 0.4; 0.8$  and  $1.0$ ) ( $T = 800; 1000$  and  $1100$  °C). These variations greatly affect the sample, where the greater the concentration and calcination temperature, the darker the resulting color in the sample and this is in accordance with the purpose of the calcination process, namely the greater the temperature at the time of calcination, the higher the water content in the sample reduced because the solvent in the sample evaporates. In addition to these materials, the solvent used also plays an important role in the process of making samples, namely using 25% HCl to dissolve, 37% NaOH so that the precipitation process is faster and distilled water as a neutralizer.

**Keywords:** Coprecipitation; Co and Cu; Doping; Generator; Natural iron sand;  $\text{SrM}$ ; Synthesis

## Introduction

Technological developments are increasingly innovative to make it easier for humans to do work. However, technological developments cannot be separated from the energy sources used. Energy sources are increasingly depleting, so other energy is needed as an alternative to new energy sources to reduce the energy crisis which will ultimately improve human welfare. Alternative energy as the energy used aims to stop the use of natural resources or damage to the environment. There are lots of primary natural resources that are renewable and can be used to produce energy, one of which is electricity (Syahbana, 2022). Both natural sources such as light, wind and water as well as those that are material physics such as permanent magnets.

The integration of technologies that use renewable energy is very helpful for human activities besides saving the earth, because it is environmentally friendly and can reduce global warming.

Permanent magnets are a material with wide applications in various industries in Indonesia and are very strategic materials (Hindasyah et al., 2002; Susilawati, Doyan, et al., 2023; Wijaya et al., 2016). Energy efficiency such as in electric generator systems, electric drive systems/electric motors, industrial automation and others is largely determined by the nature and quality of the magnetic material. Even in the application of electronic automation systems, industrial automation and the like require a large number of magnets and specifications of different magnetic properties for each component. In developing permanent magnets, natural resources can be utilized,

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namely natural iron sand containing Fe (ferrite) magnets (Susilawati, Doyan, & Muliyadi, 2020; Susilawati et al., 2022).

Ferrite (Fe) is a magnetic material that has been widely used (Fatari et al., 2022; Tahanian et al., 2020; Tolani et al., 2022). Ferrite-based magnets can easily be found in various electronic equipment, sensors and power generators. Ferrite has a relatively low price, good physical and chemical stability and a fairly easy raw material that can be obtained as a basic material for making permanent magnets (Fatimah et al., 2022).

In general, the magnets commonly developed are M-type hexaferrite magnets, (MFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub>; M = Sr, Pb, Ba). Strontium ferrite (SrM) (Elansary et al., 2020; Mangai K et al., 2020) is a magnet whose composition consists of iron (Fe) as a synthetic material. These magnets have excellent chemical stability, corrosion resistance, good thermal resistance and have good electrical and magnetic properties as well. The element iron can be obtained from abundant natural materials, namely iron sand which is located along the coastline and is dark in color.

The materials used in synthesizing M-type hexaferrite magnets are hematite (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) (Elinda et al., 2022; Susilawati et al., 2021) and magnetite (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) (Daud et al., 2016), as raw materials added with an additive, namely SrFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub>. In the synthesis of SrM to determine its effect on the magnetic properties of the material as a basic material for electricity generators in the form of permanent magnets which have high quality and are varied by using Co (Miessler et al., 2014), Cu (Hambali et al., 2021), Mn-Ni (Susilawati et al., 2021), Zn-Mn (Doyan et al., 2020), Co-Ni (Susilawati et al., 2020), Co-Zn (Susilawati et al., 2023) metal ion doping. Doping was carried out to reduce the anisotropic properties of the Strontium M-Hexaferrite (SrM) species without changing the original structure. The synthesis process has various methods, such as the powder maturation method (Winatapura et al., 2019), sol gel (Muliyadi et al., 2019; Wardiyati et al., 2017), and coprecipitation method (Kurniawan et al., 2017; Winatapura et al., 2019).

**Method**

This study used a pure experimental method, namely the coprecipitation method, which consisted of three stages: the separation of natural iron sand obtained at Tebing Beach, North Lombok, the separation of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> compounds from magnetic materials and the synthesis of SrM with Co and Cu metal ions doped. The three stages used the coprecipitation method using HCl 25% solvent, distilled water and to form a precipitate using NaOH 37% solution. The steps in the coprecipitation method are as shown in Figure 1.

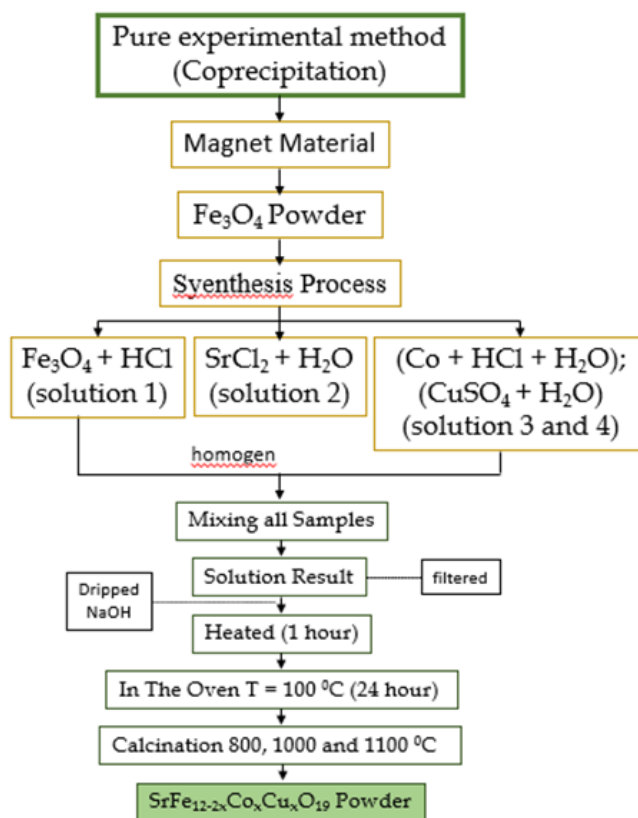
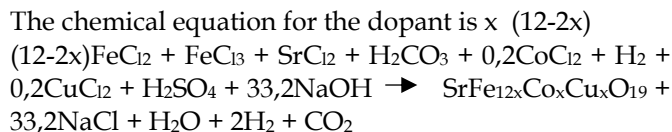
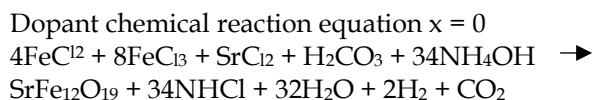


Figure 1. Synthesis process with coprecipitation method

**Result and Discussion**

The synthesis of SrFe<sub>12-2x</sub>Co<sub>x</sub>Cu<sub>x</sub>O<sub>19</sub> was carried out using the coprecipitation method where the basic material used was natural iron sand obtained from one of the beaches in West Lombok, namely the Tebing beach of North Lombok and SrCl<sub>2</sub> and doped with Co and Cu metal ions. These materials are then weighed according to the composition obtained in the chemical reaction equation below (Munib et al., 2016):



Based on the reaction equation above, it can be determined the amount of elemental/compound composition needed to manufacture SrFe<sub>12-2x</sub>Co<sub>x</sub>Cu<sub>x</sub>O<sub>19</sub> powder. After knowing the amount of elemental/compound composition needed, then the SrFe<sub>12-2x</sub>Co<sub>x</sub>Cu<sub>x</sub>O<sub>19</sub> synthesis process is carried out by following the steps as shown in Figure 1. The first step

in making  $\text{SrFe}_{12-2x}\text{Co}_x\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_{19}$  is to make a solution which is stirred with a magnetic stirrer on a hot plate at room temperature until the solution is homogeneous. The homogeneous solution is then heated and dripped with  $\text{NaOH}$  37% until the desired precipitate is formed, as shown in Figure 2. After obtaining the desired precipitate, then filtered to obtain a neutral pH, as shown in Figure 3. The neutral precipitate is then heated in the oven for 24 hours at  $100^\circ\text{C}$ , as shown in Figure 4. The final product from the oven, then crushed and calcined at predetermined temperatures, namely  $800^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $1000^\circ\text{C}$  and  $1100^\circ\text{C}$ , as shown in Figure 5.



Figure 2. Form a precipitate by dropping  $\text{NaOH}$  37%



Figure 3. Filtered and washed to obtain a neutral pH

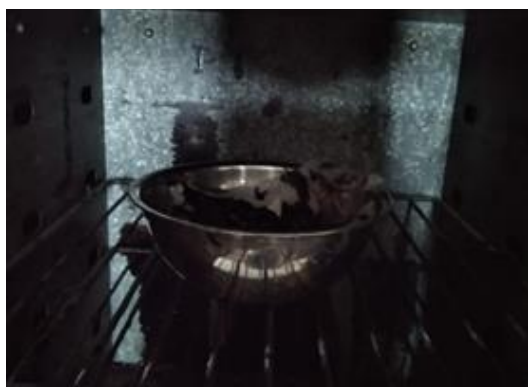


Figure 4. Oven process



Figure 5. Calcination process

The calcination process greatly affects the color of the sample, as shown below in Table 1.

Table 1. Effect of Calcination Temperature on Powder Color Change  $\text{SrFe}_{12-2x}\text{Co}_x\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_{19}$

Concentration Variation (x)	Calcination Temperature		
	$800^\circ\text{C}$	$1000^\circ\text{C}$	$1100^\circ\text{C}$
0			
0.4			
0.8			
1.0			

As seen in the table above, the calcination process is suitable for its purpose, namely to purify the sample by removing the water content (Fatimah et al., 2022). The powder that is used in the calcination process is of course already in the oven so that the texture of the powder can be easily crushed to get the desired sample powder results.

Very visible color difference in the sample. This change occurred due to the presence of doping which played a role in the dissolution process which was dripped with  $\text{NaOH}$  as a solvent to get precipitate in the sample (Khaerunnisa et al., 2018). The higher the mole fraction of metal used as doping, namely  $\text{Co}$  and  $\text{Cu}$  and the volume of  $\text{NaOH}$ , the darker the color of the sample produced (Susilawati et al., 2020). Apart from doping, temperature in the calcination process also plays an important role. This can be proven in the table above,



where the greater the temperature at the time of calcination, the water content in the sample will decrease because the solvent in the sample evaporates (Susilawati et al., 2022).

In this study, the solvents used had a good effect, namely HCl and NaOH because these solvents were easily removed from the results of the synthesis (an integration of two or more existing elements that produced a new result) (Wulandari et al., 2021) and easily removed by using distilled water by means of washed until it gets a neutral pH so that during the final process, the sample to be tested will be as desired. So in this study, it can be concluded that the doping used in the natural sand-based Sr synthesis process using doping ions is very influential in the process of making samples using the coprecipitation method in the formation of SrM powder with the higher the temperature, the darker the resulting color.

## Conclusion

Based on the results and discussion above, it can be concluded that Strontium M-Hexaferrite ( $\text{SrFe}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$ ) is based on natural iron sand on the cliffs of North Lombok using cobalt (Co) and Copper (Cu) metal ions as doping using the coprecipitation method which can dissolve using hydrochloric acid (HCl). which produces darker colors with higher calcination temperatures, namely from 800, 1000 and 1100 °C. The darker the color of the sample is also influenced by the doping used, as well as the solvent which plays a very important role in the precipitate process, namely NaOH and neutralization of the sample using distilled water. So that in the process of making the  $\text{SrFe}_{12-2x}\text{Co}_x\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_{19}$  sample it can be said to be successful by looking at the color of the resulting powder according to the calcination temperature from low to high and the amount of doping applied.

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