

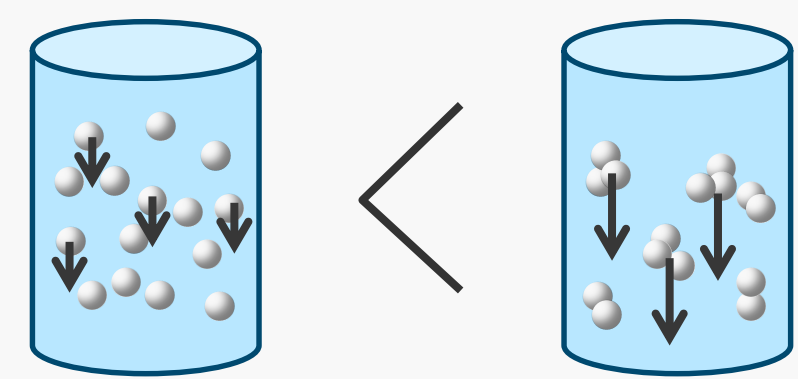
The effect of material and slurry conditions on the aggregation of particles in aqueous slurries by using D.C. electric field

Hosei U. (Stu. PCEF) Nagashima Hiroataka, (Fu) Mori Takamasa, (NISRI) Tsubaki Junichiro

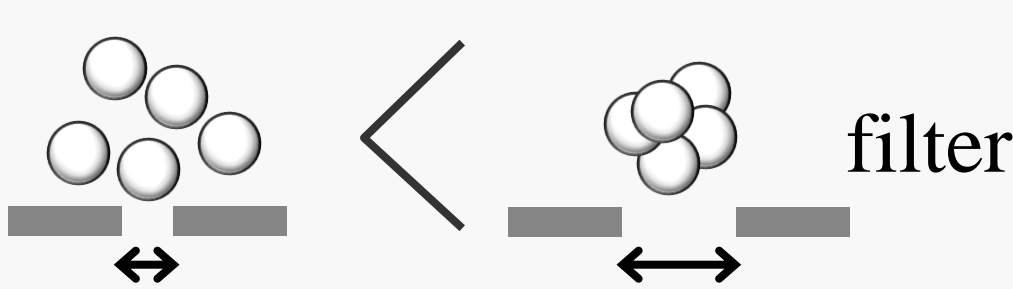
Introduction

By forming aggregates, the efficiency of solid – liquid separation can be improved.

ex.1 sedimentation thickening



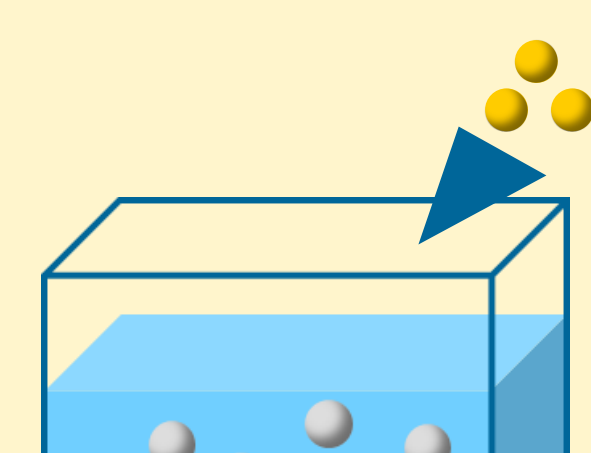
ex.2 filtration



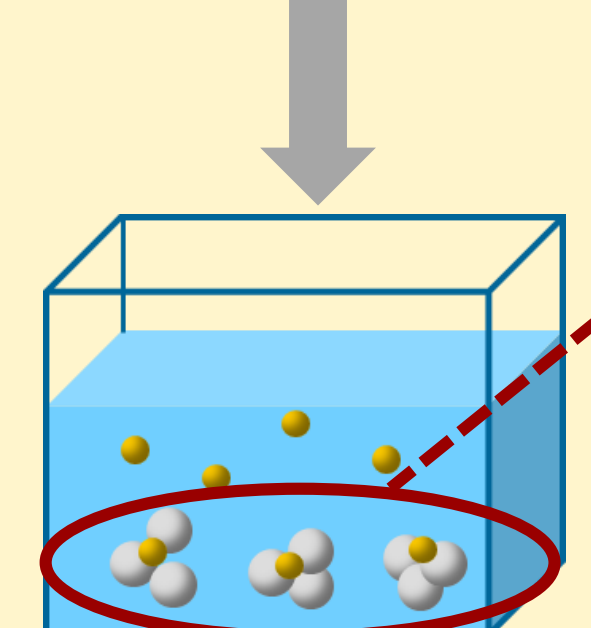
- quick separation
- cost reduction

■ If you'd like to recycle fine particles in the liquid, you need to consider the method.

The conventional method



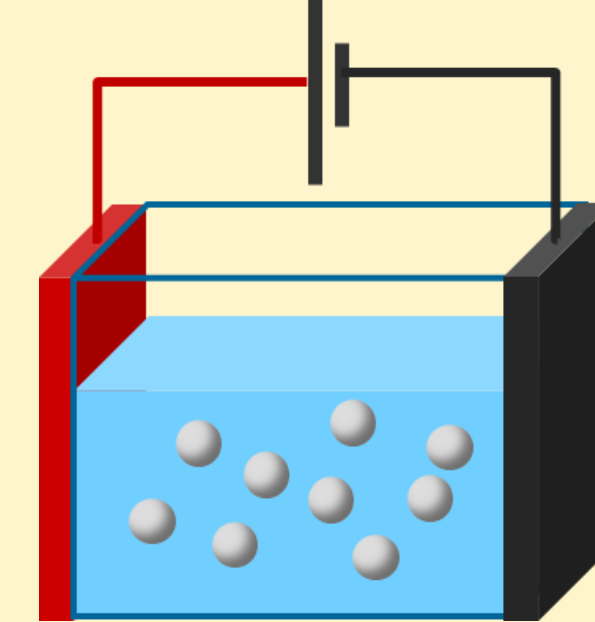
Addition of flocculants



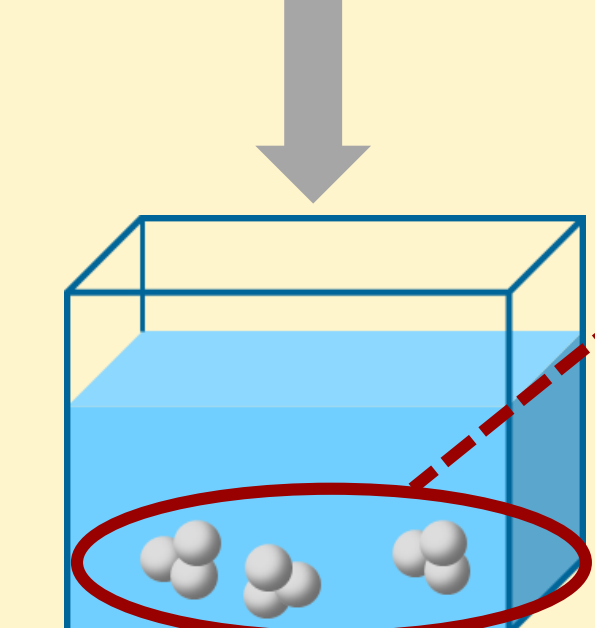
flocculants become impurities

recycling is **difficult**

This research



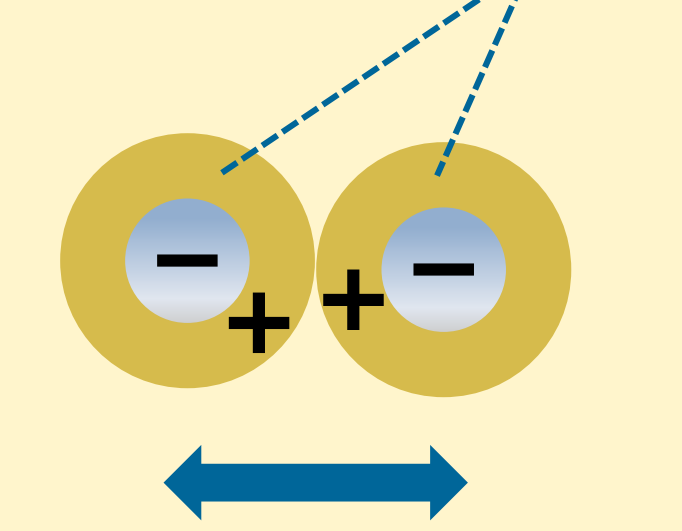
Application of D.C. electric field



aggregates are pure

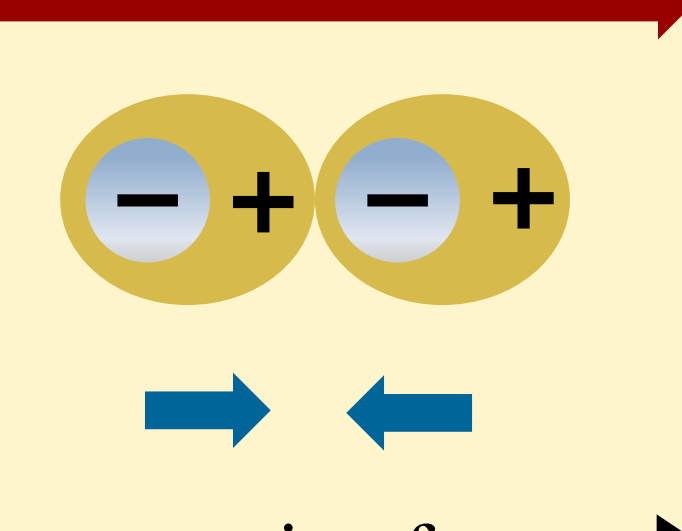
recycling is **easy**

electrical double layer



repulsive force → particles disperse

D.C. electric field



attractive force → particles aggregate

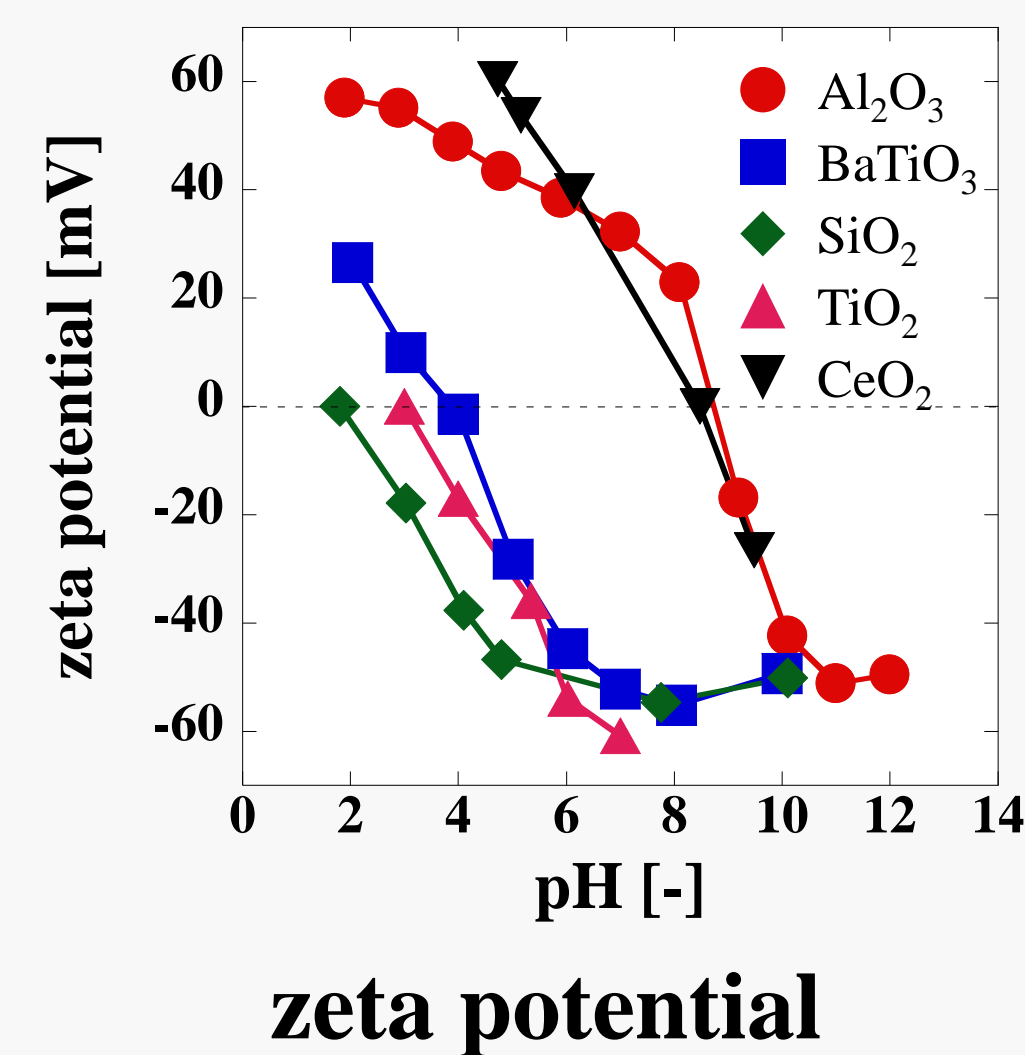
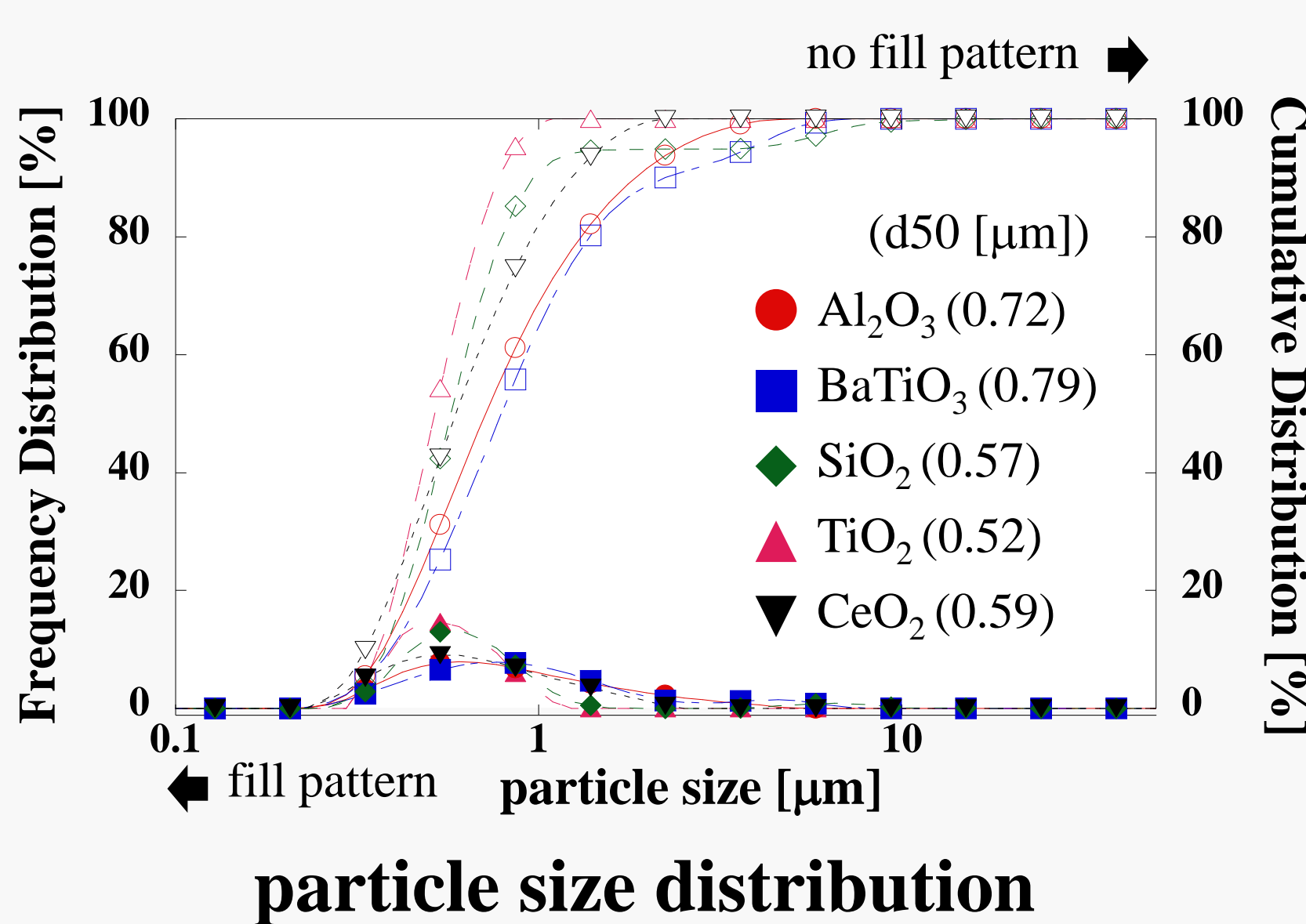
In this paper, we applied D.C. electric field on different types of particle slurry with different pH, and we discussed the particle aggregation efficiency.

The effect of material and slurry conditions

■ material information

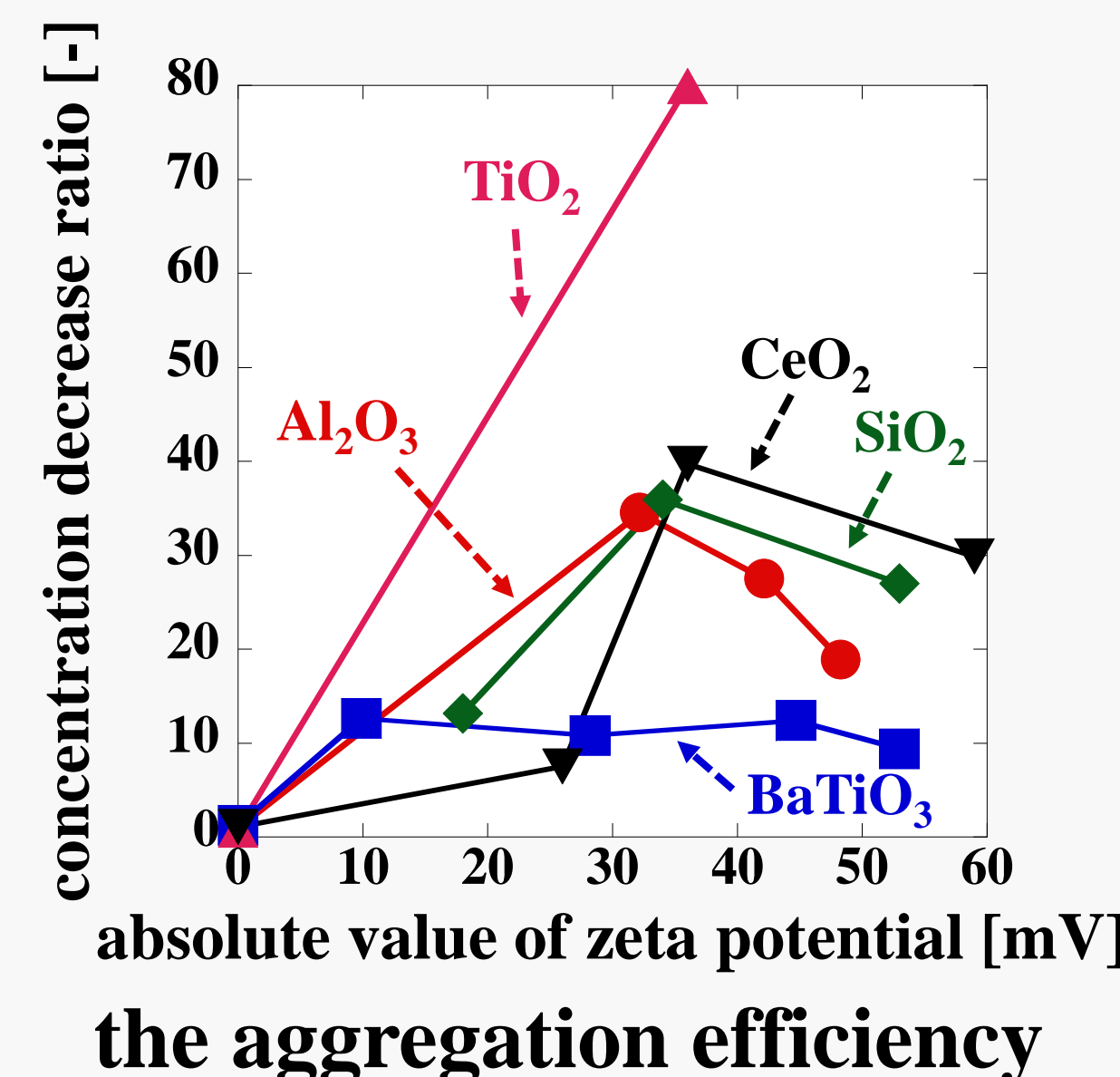
| powder | density [g·cm ⁻³] | relative permittivity [-] |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 3.96 | 9.6 |
| BaTiO ₃ | 6.08 | 1500 |
| SiO ₂ | 2.65 | 3.6 |
| CeO ₂ | 7.30 | 7 |
| TiO ₂ | 3.90 | 83 ~ 183 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| initial particle concentration | 0.01 vol% |
| dispersion medium | deionized water |
| distance between electrodes | 40 mm |
| voltage | 5 V |



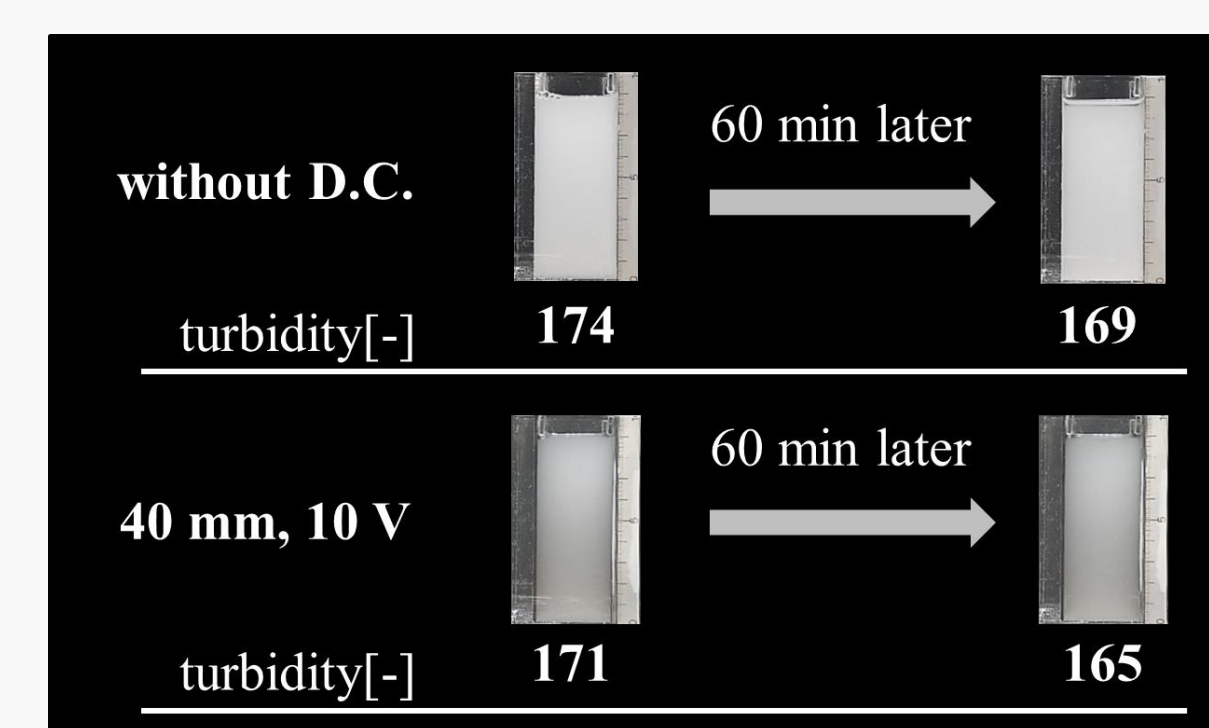
■ the particle aggregation efficiency

measurement of supernatant concentration
→ calculation of concentration decrease ratio



■ when dispersion medium is oil

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| particle | Al ₂ O ₃ |
| dispersion medium | standard liquid for calibrating viscometer (1.94 mPa·s, at 20 °C) |



→ No effect

The aggregation efficiency decreases on the conditions below:

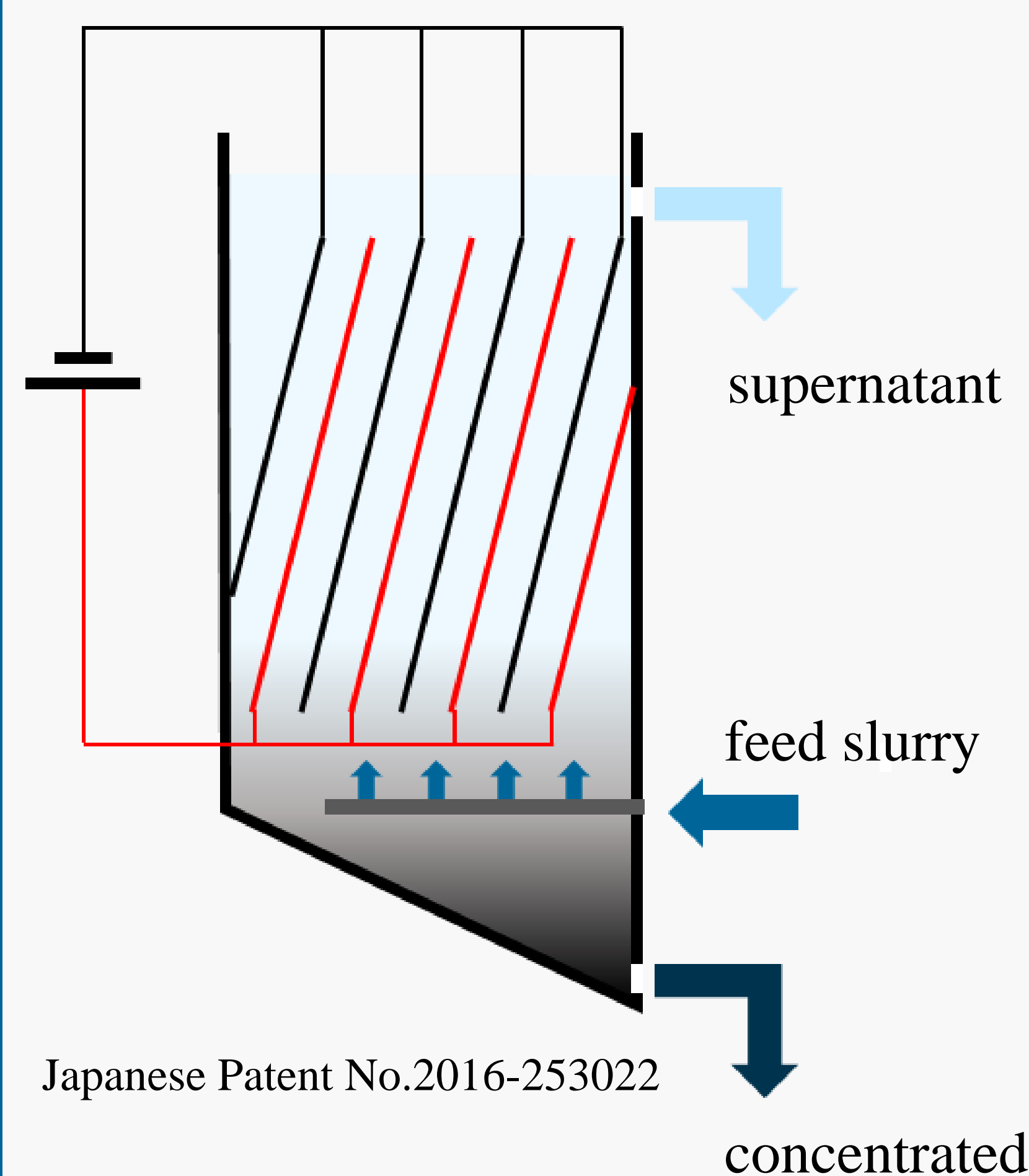
1. the slurry is **on the isoelectric point**
2. particles have **so high zeta potential**

In order to aggregate fine particles by D.C. electric field,

they need to form electrical double layer.

Large scale processing

■ development of equipment



D.C. electric field effect

Boycott effect

Inclined plates

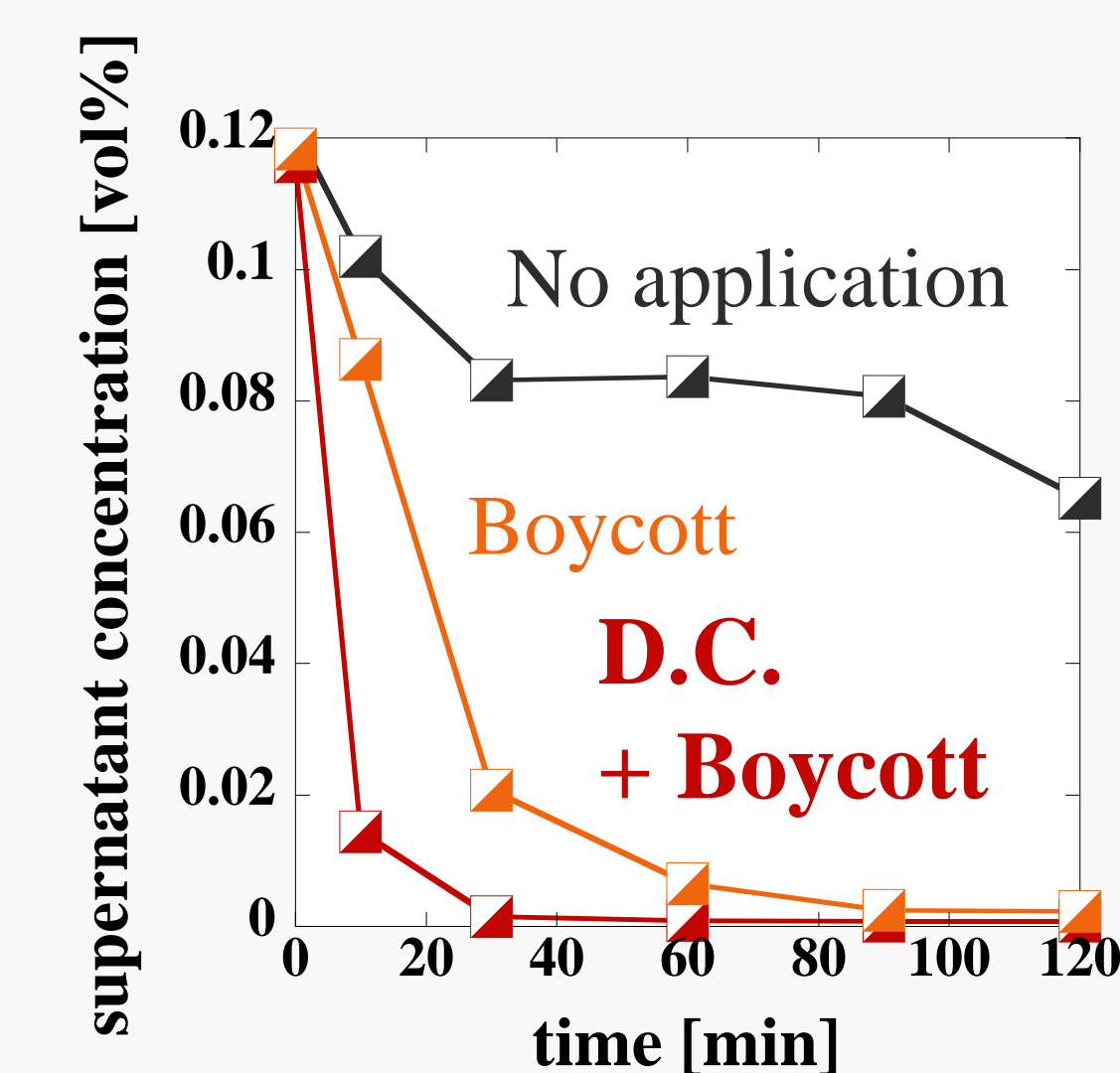
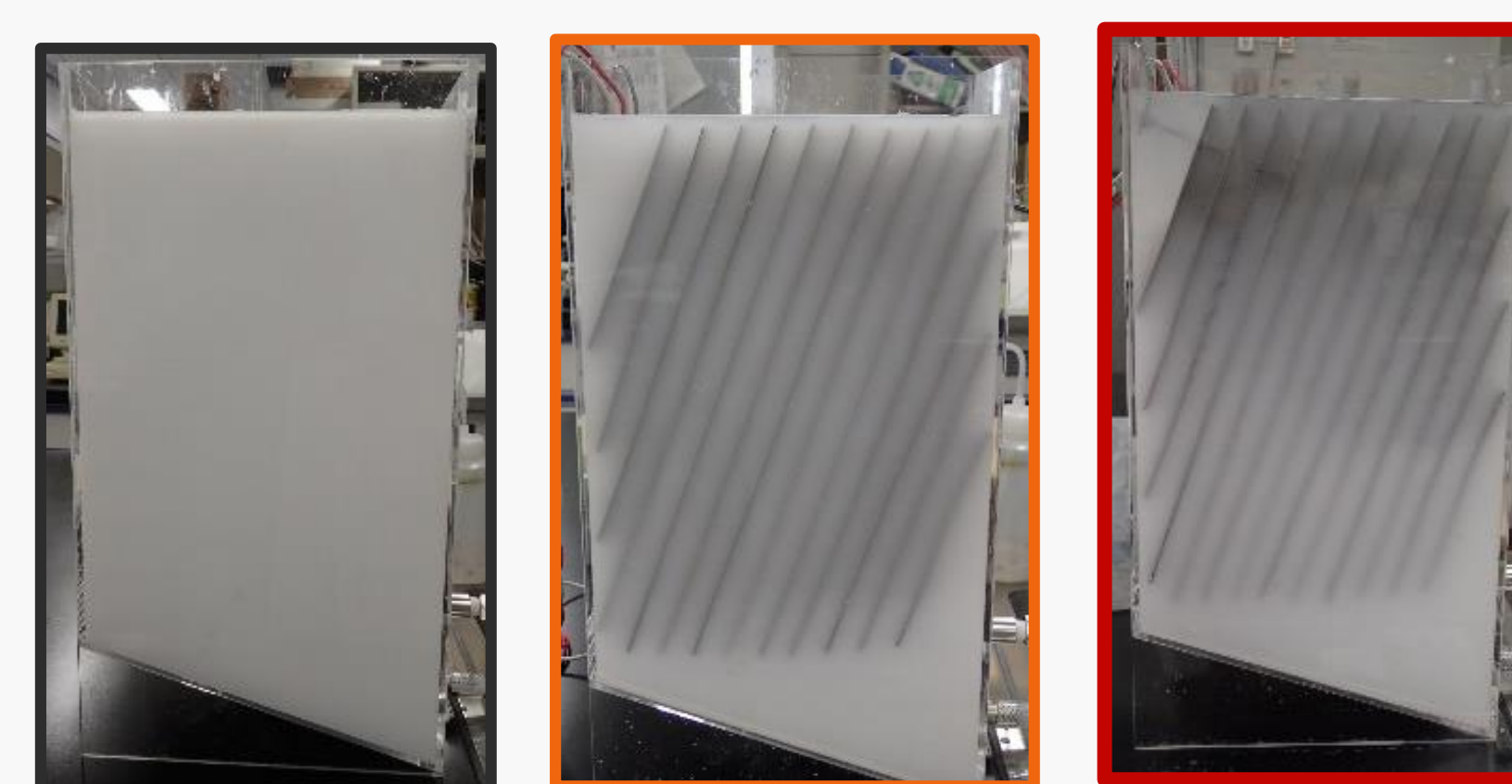
Inclined plates help fining layer to form.

■ Batch experiment

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| powder | Al ₂ O ₃ |
| dispersion medium | deionized water |
| pH [-] | 7.0 (ζ = 32.2 mV) |

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| distance between electrodes | 20 mm |
| voltage | 10 V |

■ a state after 30 min from application



| condition | initial sedimentation velocity ratio [-] |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| No application | 1.0 |
| Boycott effect | 1.7 |
| D.C. electric field + Boycott effect | 5.5 |

0.1 vol% alumina slurry was concentrated to **6.6 vol%**

The continuous processing is possible on the feed rate of 100 mL·min⁻¹.

Conclusion

■ In the particle aggregation by using D.C. electric field, any particles can aggregate on the condition that they form electrical double layer, however, the aggregation efficiency decreases extremely when the slurry is on the isoelectric point.

Acknowledgement – This research is carried out under the support of Grant-in-aid for Scientific Research (B) 15H02849.

Address : 3-7-2 Kajino-cho, Koganei City, Tokyo, Japan Hosei Univ. Koganei campus E-4001 Mori Lab. E-mail : hiroataka.nagashima.6y@stu.hosei.ac.jp Tel : 042-387-6161