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Thermal evolution and crystallization behavior of K/Cs activated aluminosilicate geopolymer

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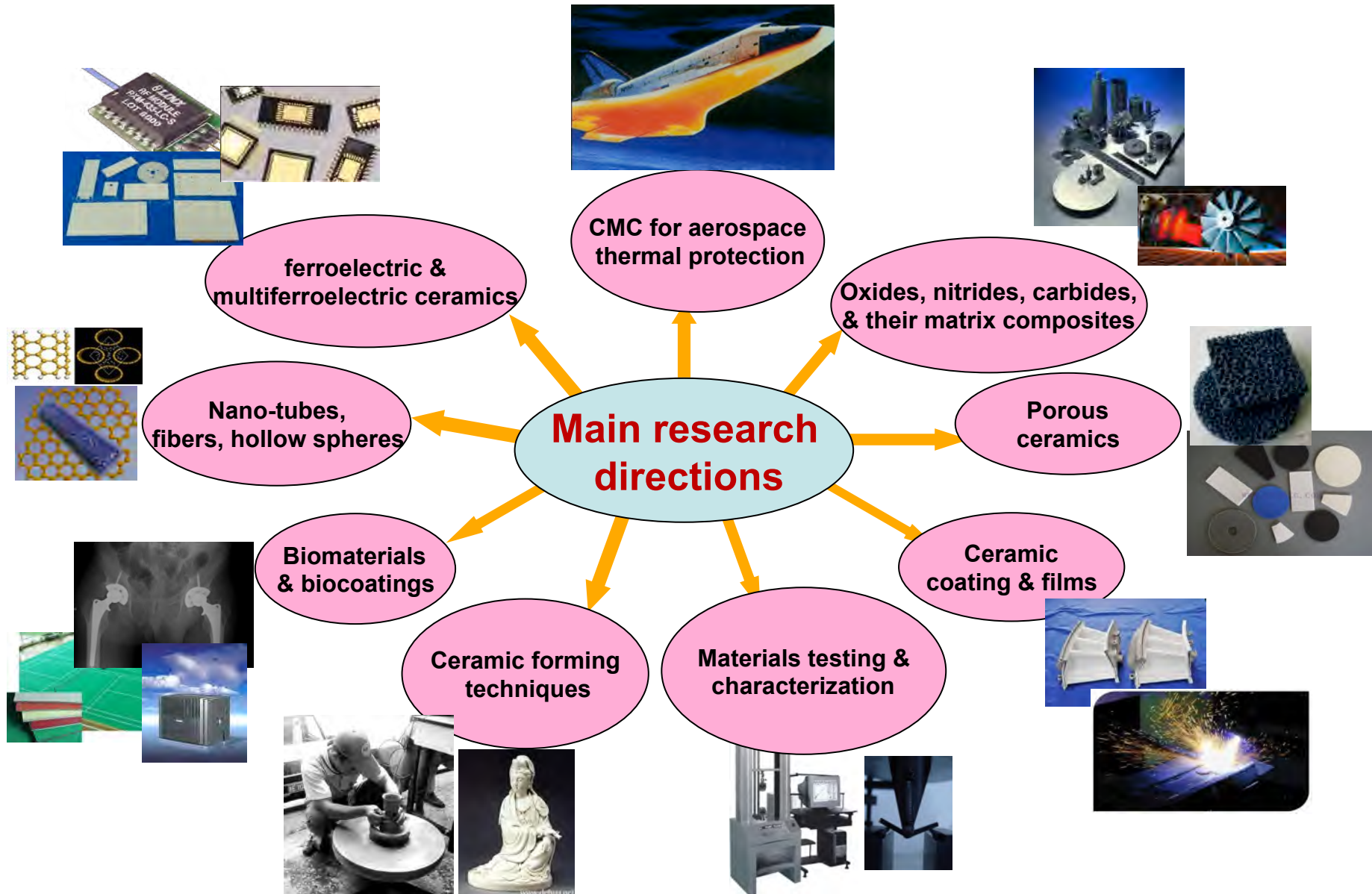
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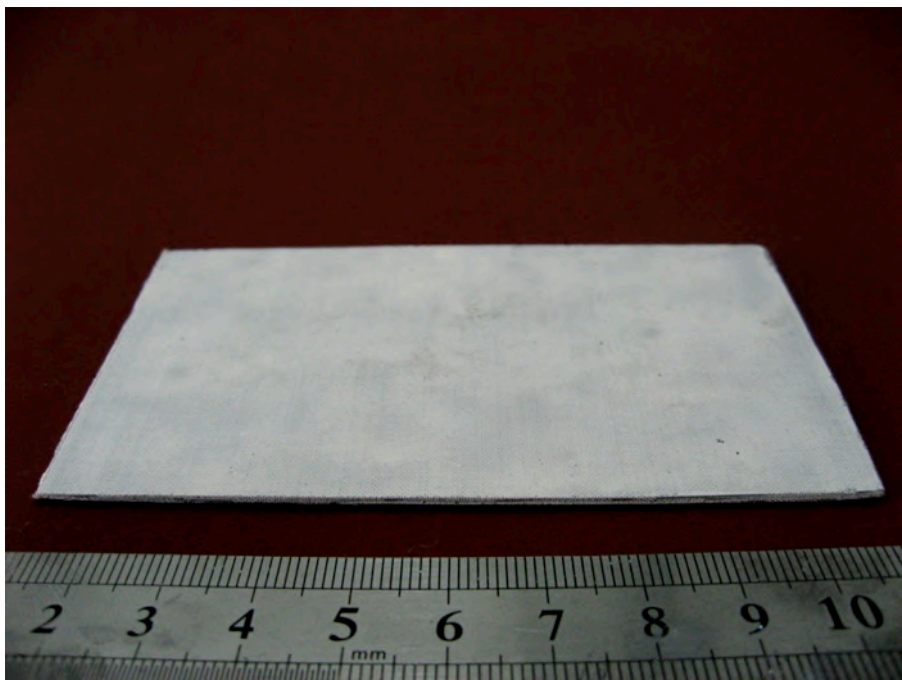
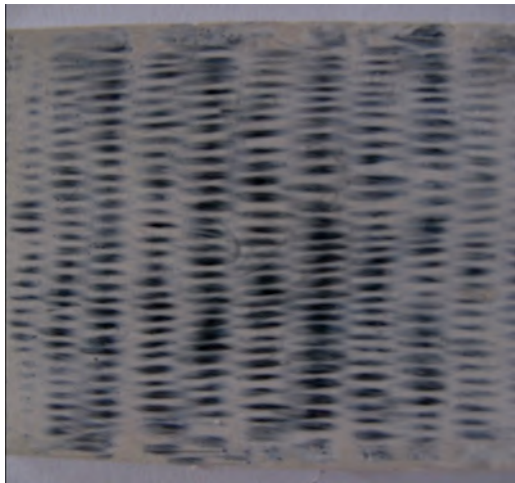
- 1 Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE)
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Outlines

1. Thermal evolution behavior of KGP
2. Effect of Cesium substitution on the thermal evolution of KGP
3. Summary



1. Thermal evolution behavior of KGP

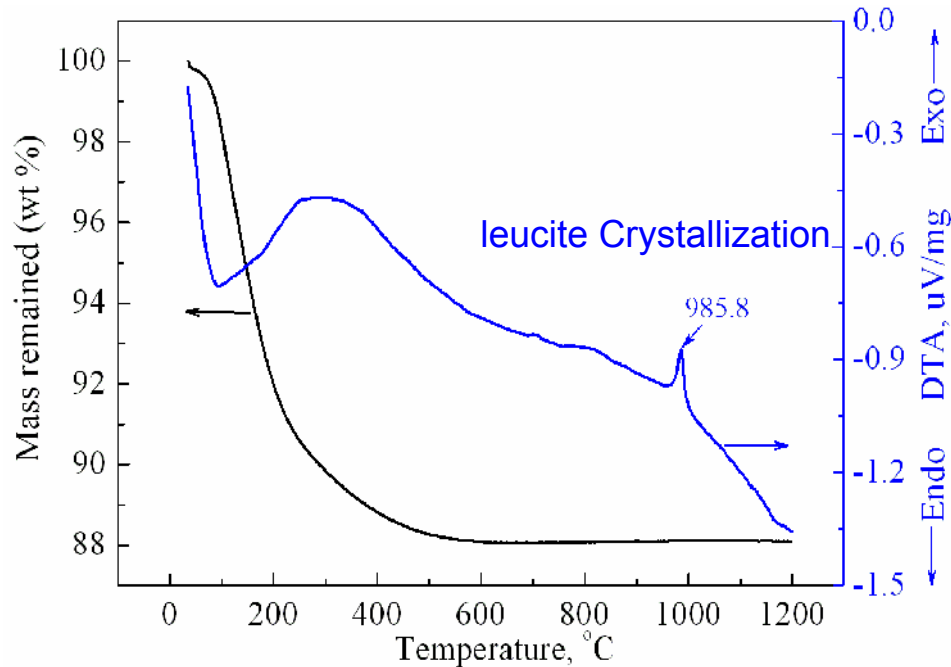


Fig. 1 TG/DTA of KGP

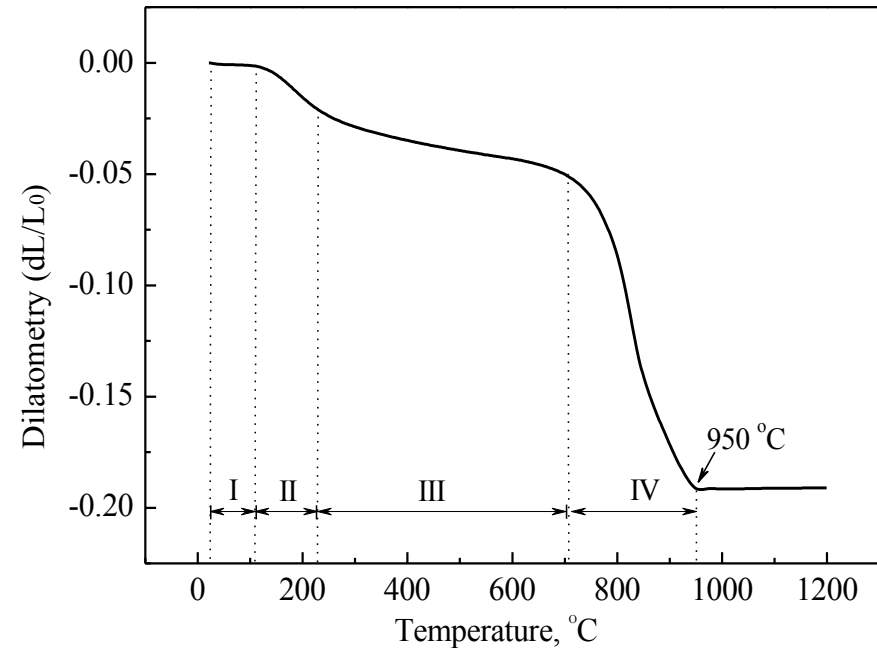


Fig.2 Thermal shrinkage of KGP

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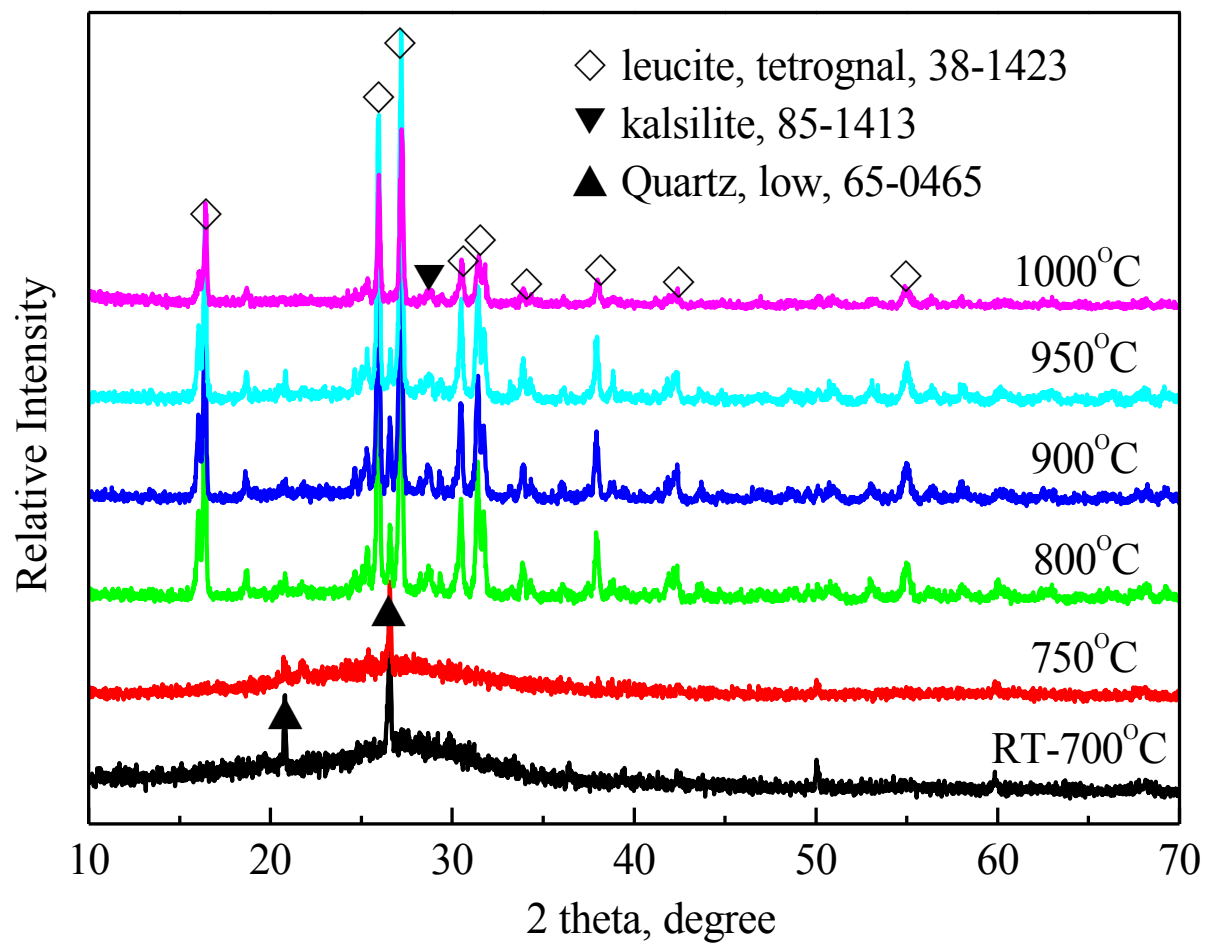


Fig. 3 XRD pattern of KGP soaked at different temperature for 2h

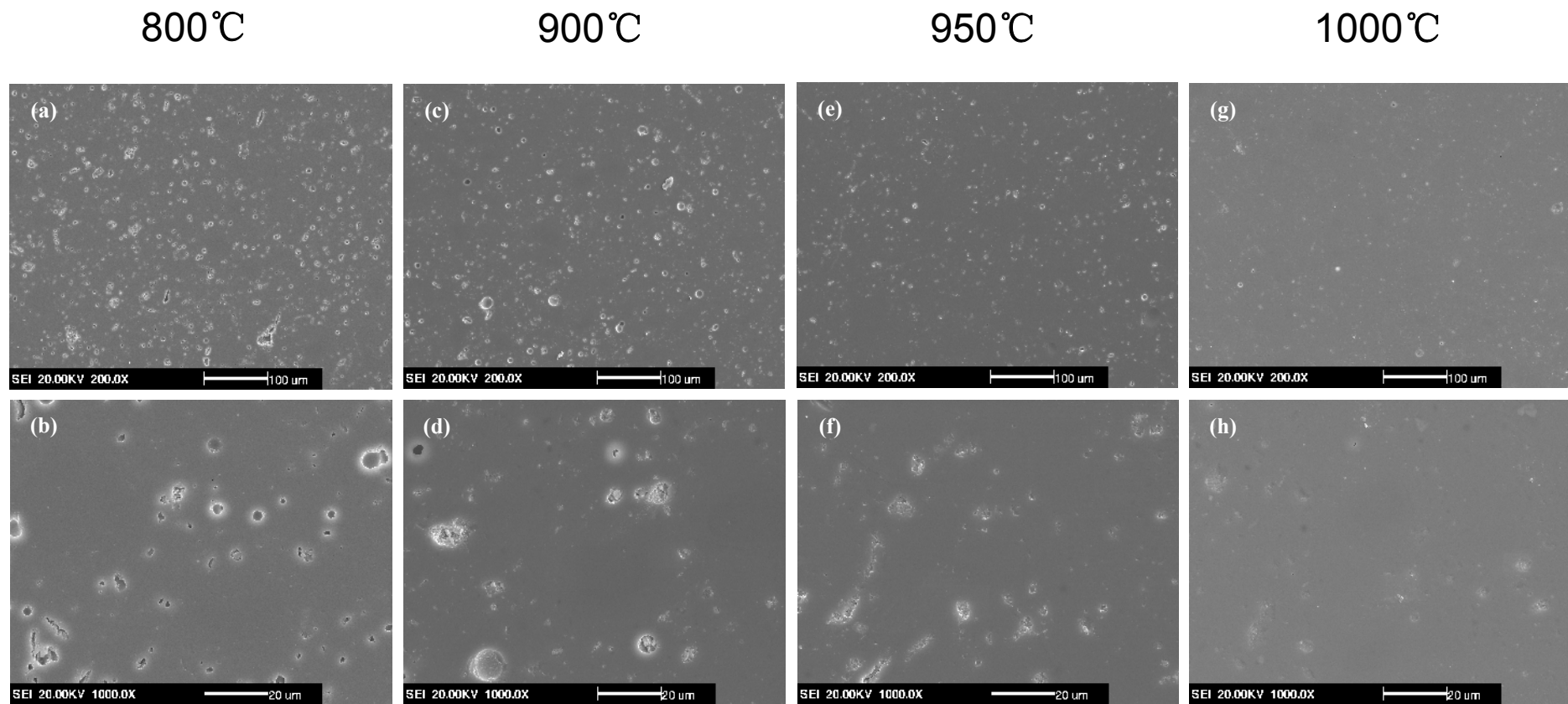
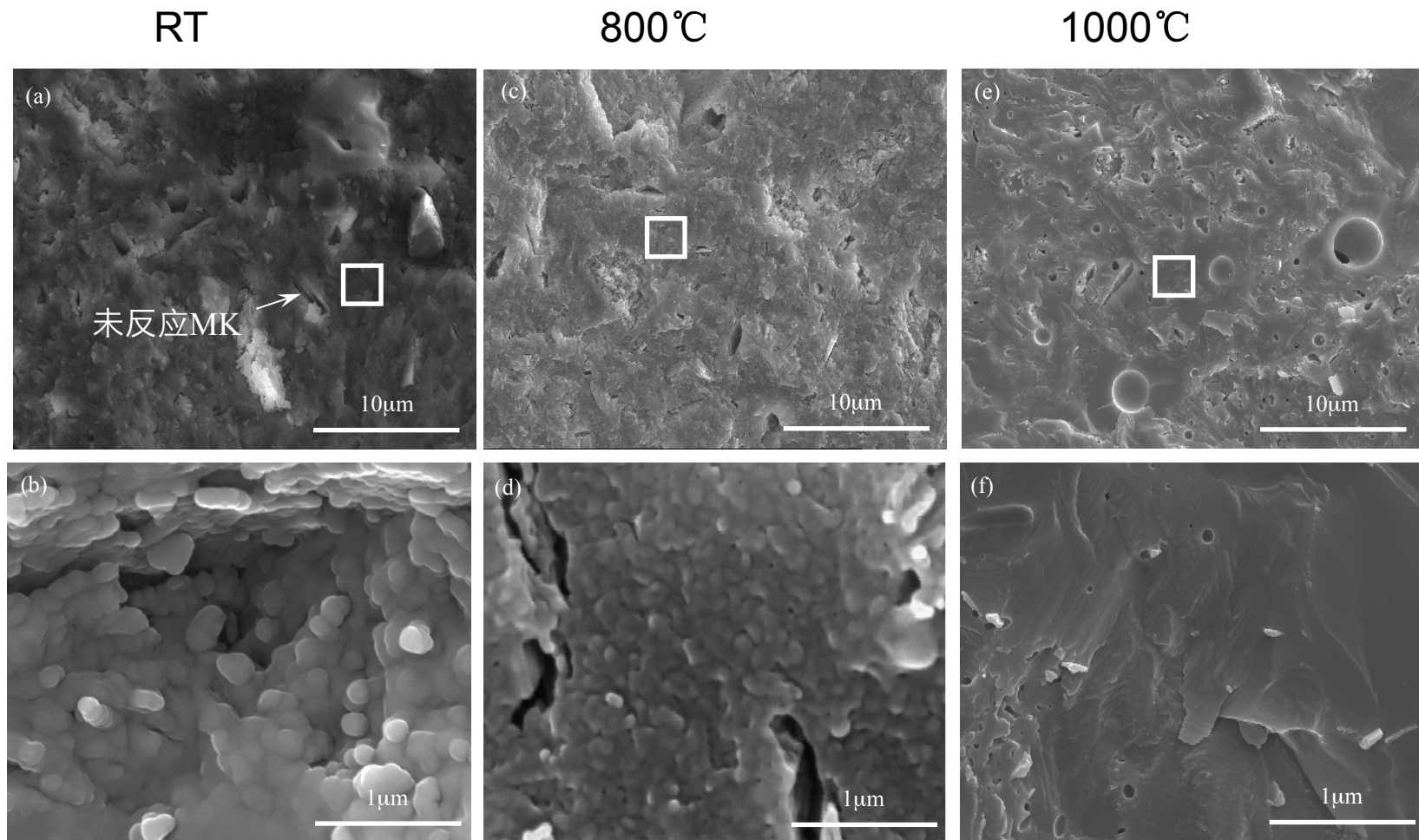


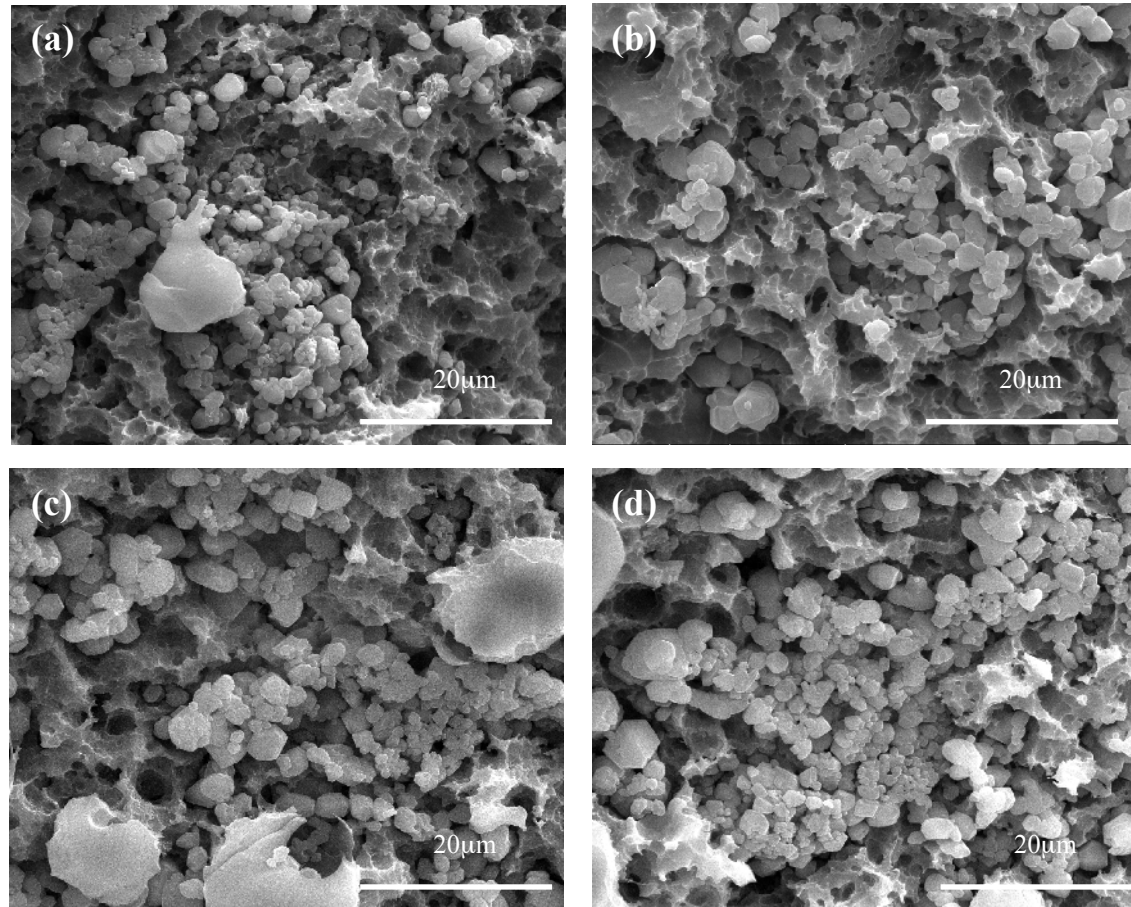
Fig. 4 Microstructure of KGP soaked at different temperature for 2h.
(a), (b) 800°C; (c), (d) 900°C; (e), (f) 950°C; (g), (h) 1000°C.



**Fig. 5 Fractographs of KGP soaked at different temperature for 2h
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**Fig. 6 Fracture surface morphology of the KGP treated at different temperature and etched in 3wt.% HF at room temperature for 30s:
(a) 800 °C, (b) 900 °C, (c) 950 °C, (d) 1000 °C**

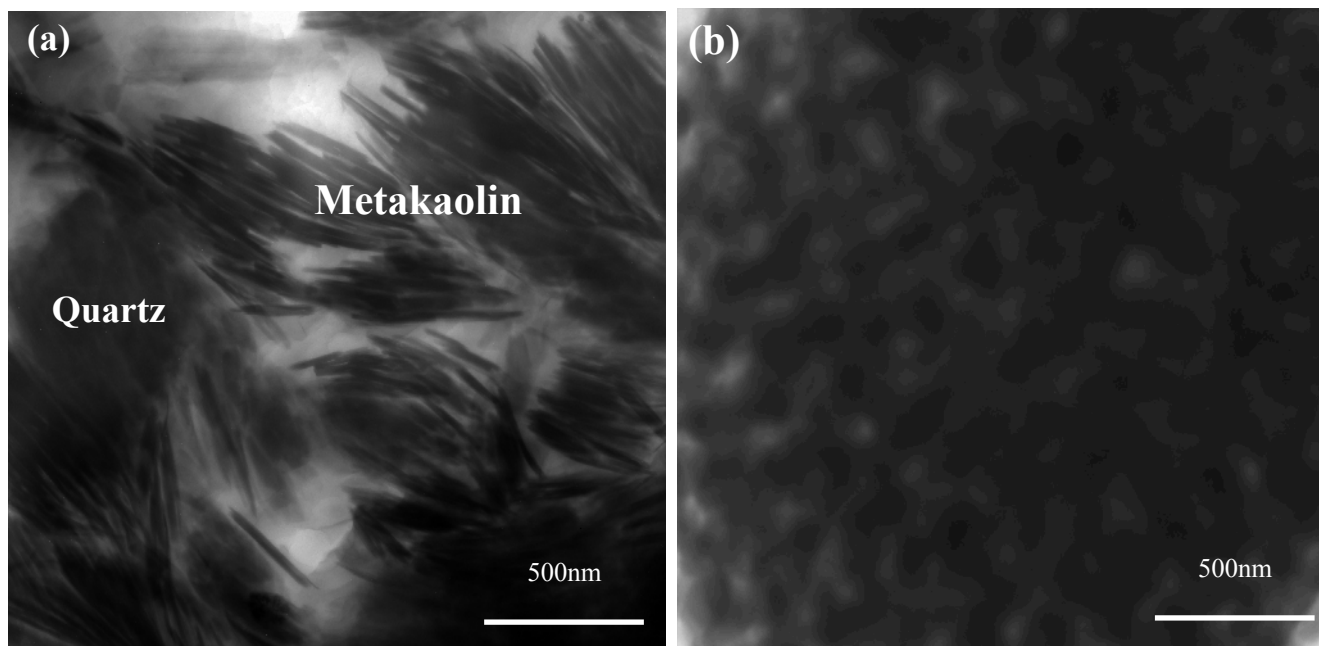


Fig. 7 TEM images of: metakaolin (a) and the resulted geopolymer (b)

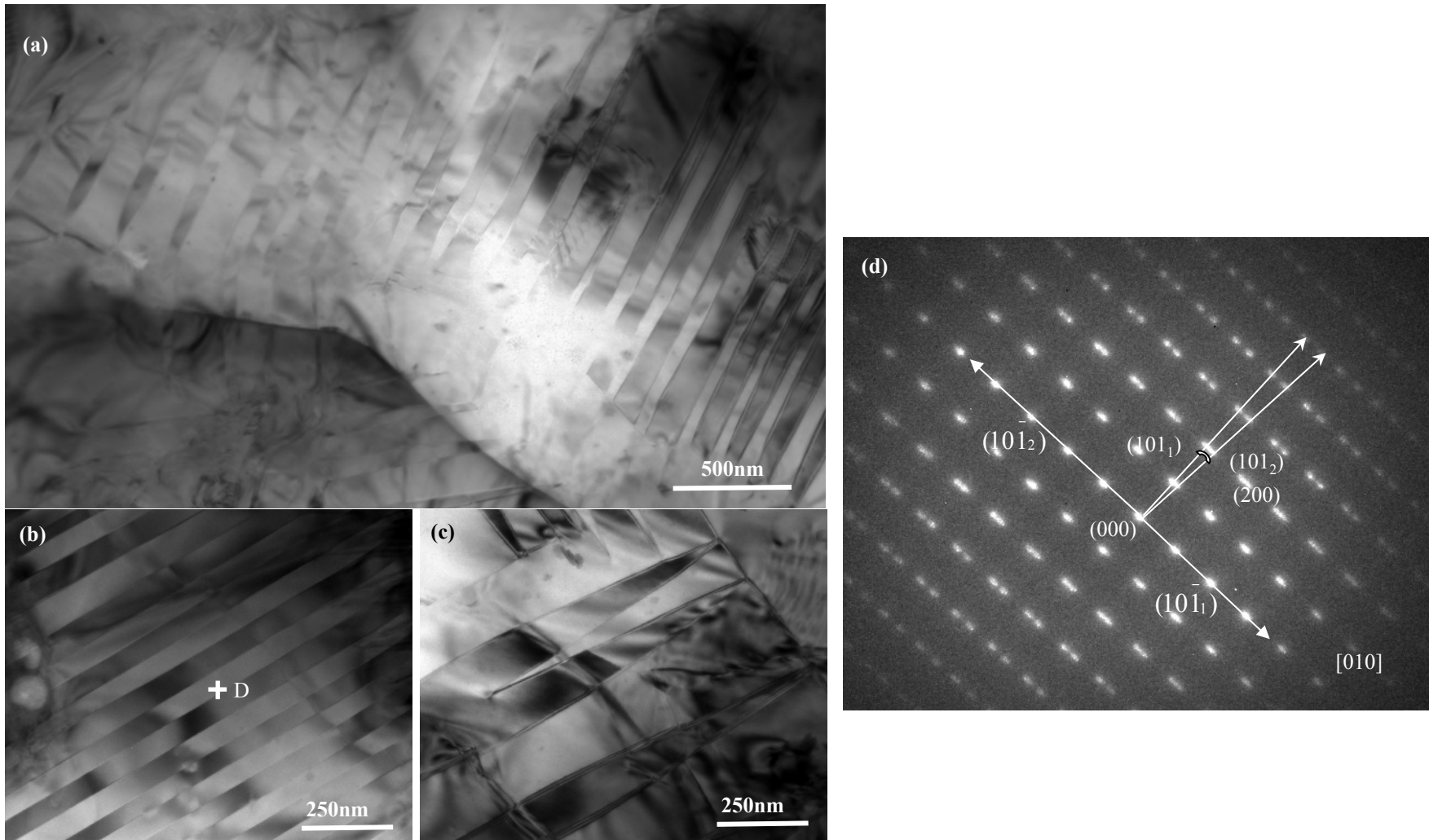


Fig. 8 TEM observation of geopolymer treated at 1000°C for 2h:
 (a) low magnification, (b) and (c) high magnification, (d) SAD pattern of area D

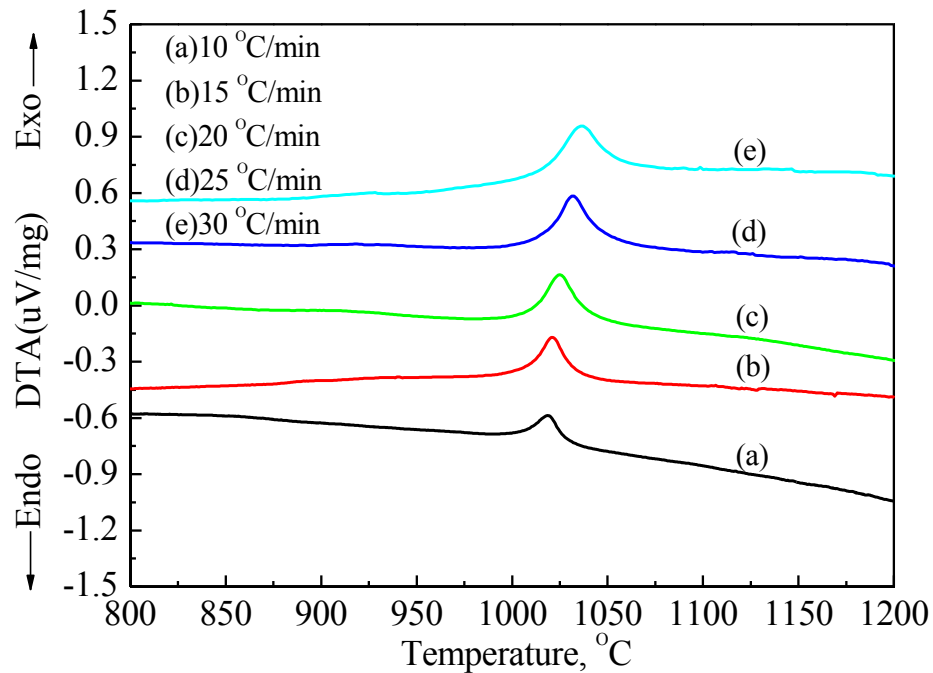


Fig.9 DTA of KGP using different heating rates

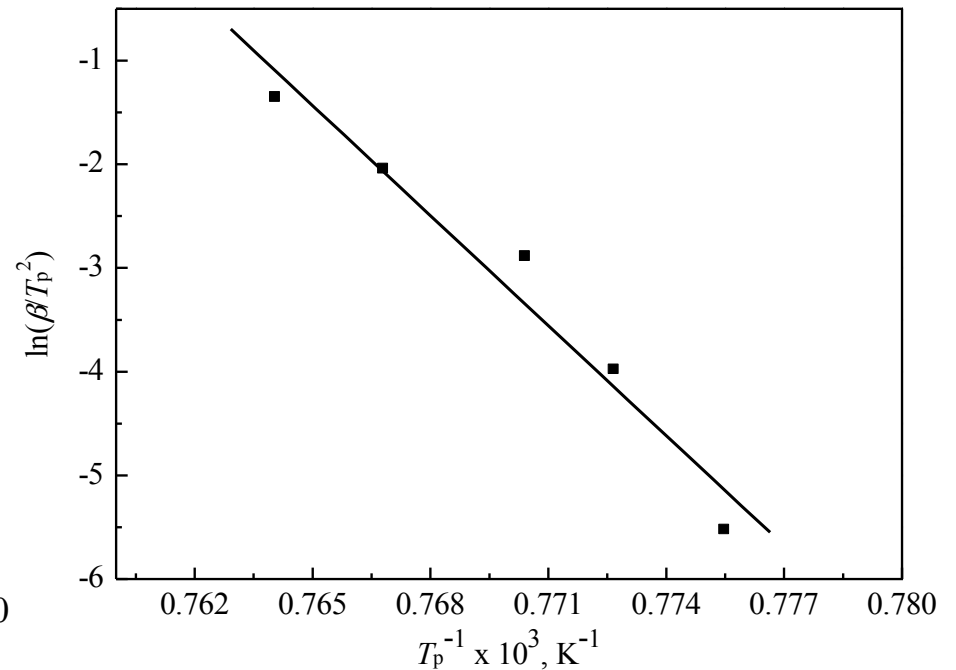


Fig. 10 Kissinger plot of $\ln(\beta/T_p^2)$ vs. T_p^{-1}

Kissinger method:
$$\ln\left(\frac{T_p^2}{\beta}\right) = -\frac{E_c}{RT_p} + \ln\frac{E}{Rv}$$

Augis-Bennett:
$$n = \frac{2.5RT_p^2}{\Delta TE}$$

$n=3.89, E_a=455.9 \text{ kJ/mol}$

Three dimensional crystal growth mechanism

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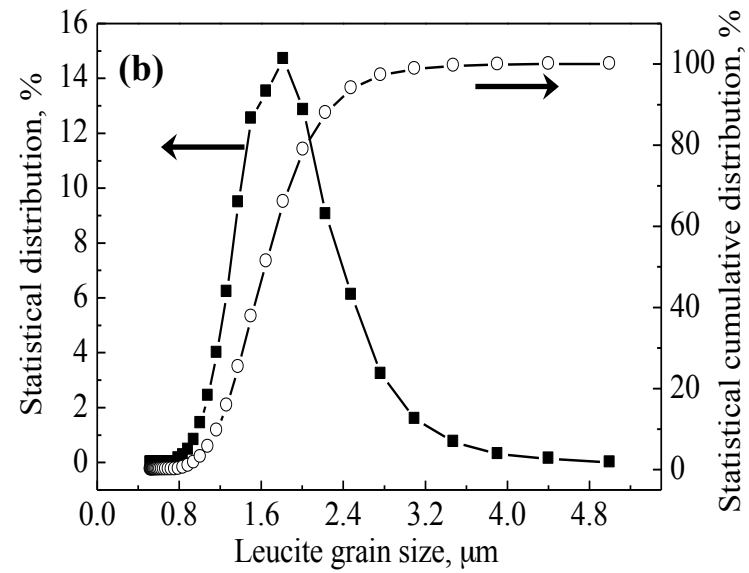
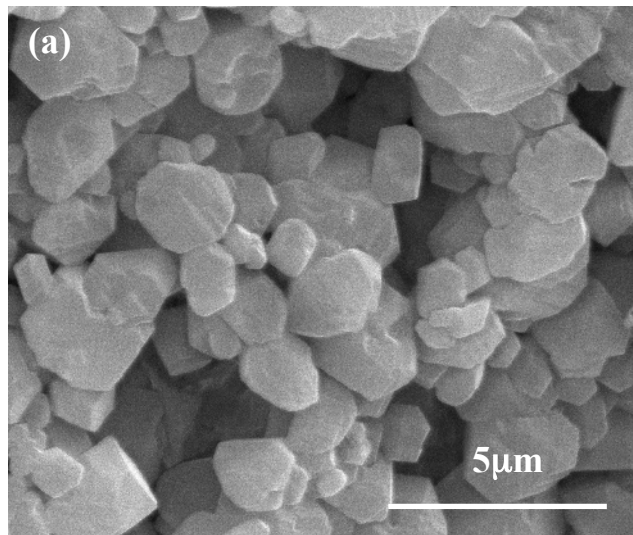


Fig. 11 SEM micrographs of leucite grains (a) and size distribution (b)

Table 1 Mechanical properties of the geopolymer and the resulted leucite ceramic

Specimen	Flexural strength (MPa)	Young's modulus (GPa)	Fracture toughness (MPa · m ^{1/2})	Vickers hardness (GPa)
KGP	12.3±1.2	10.3±1.2	0.2±0.04	0.68±0.04
Leucite ceramic	70.0±6.8	65.0±6.3	1.3±0.16	7.39±0.24



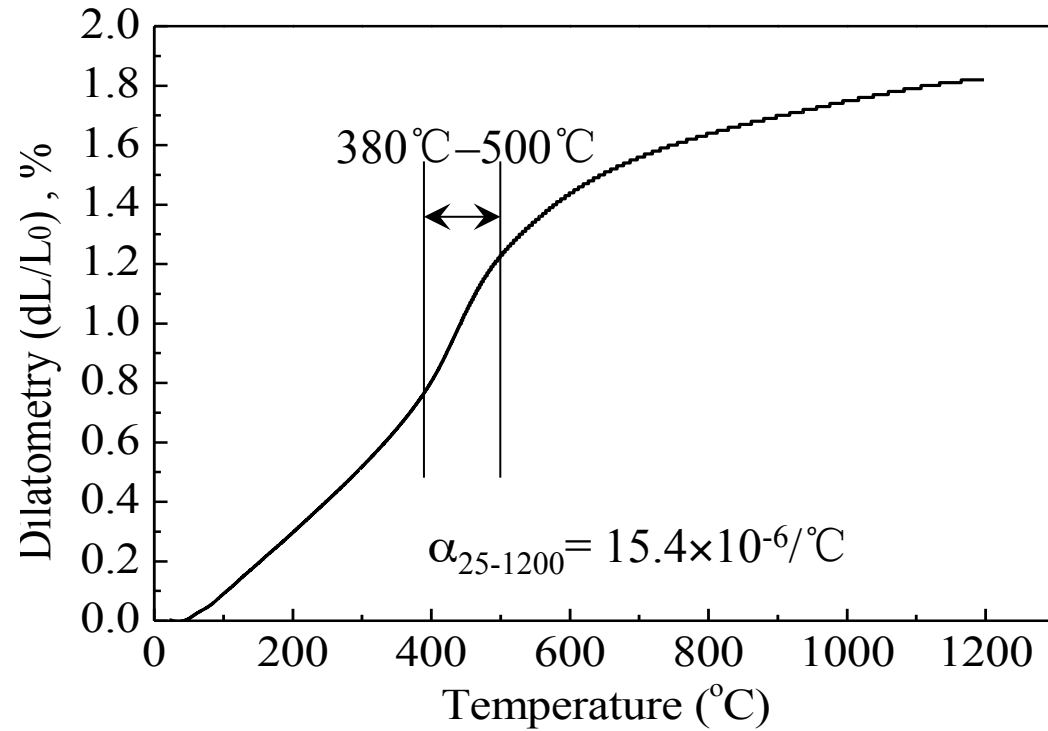


Fig.12 Thermal expansion of the ceramics derived from KGP

2. Effect of Cesium substitution on the thermal evolution of KGP

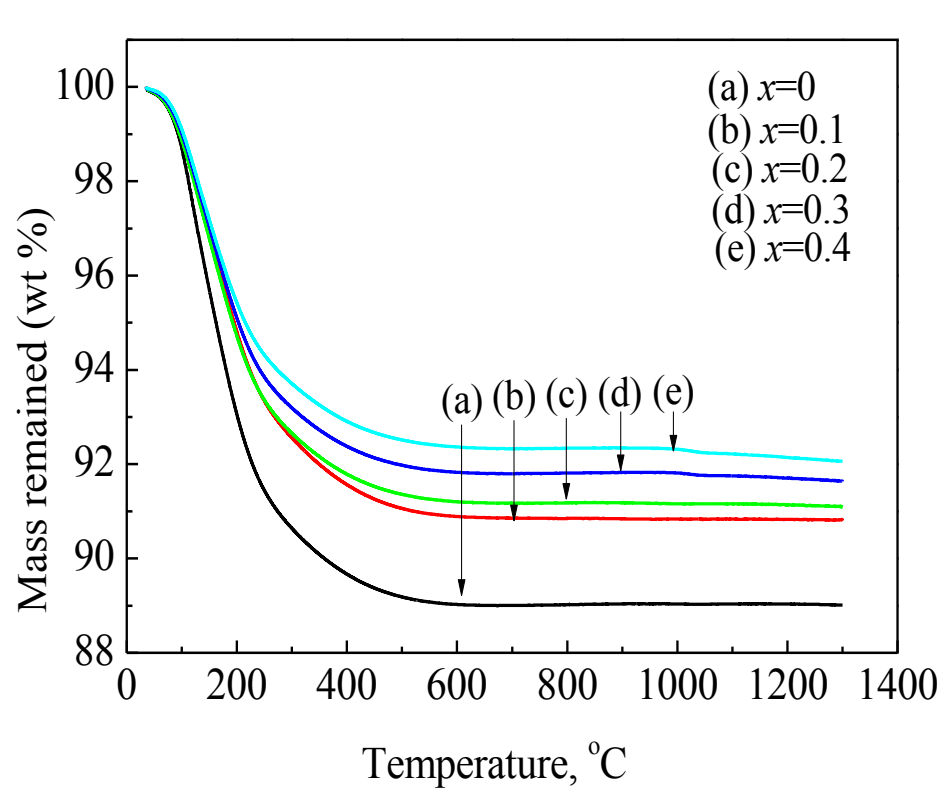


Fig. 13 Weight loss of $\text{Cs}_x\text{K}_{(1-x)}\text{GP}$

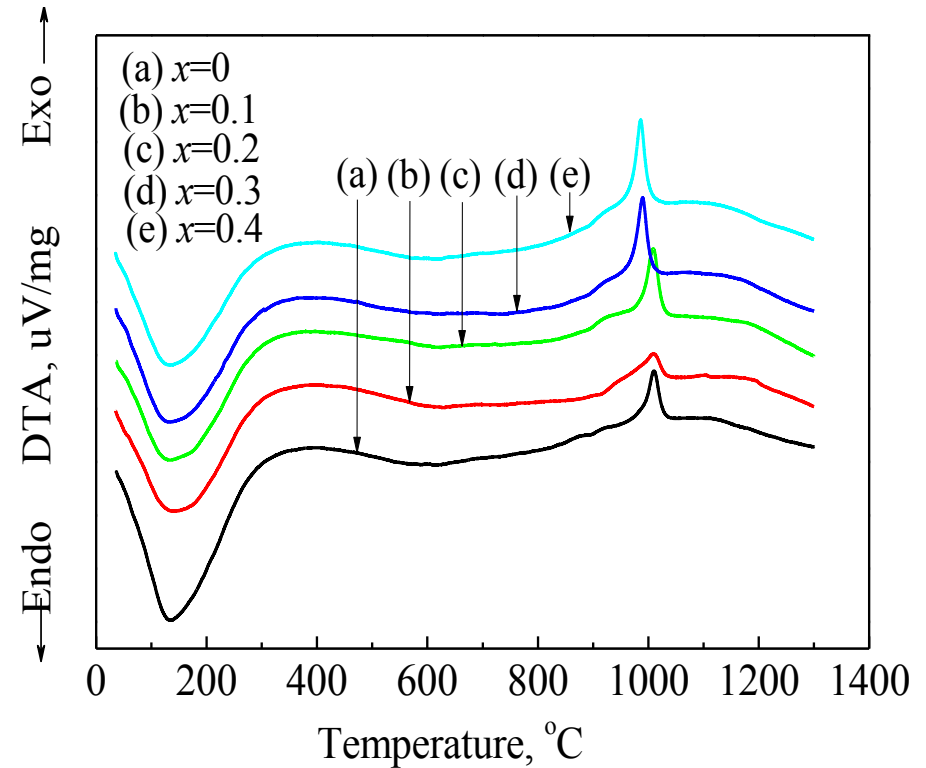


Fig. 14 DTA of $\text{Cs}_x\text{K}_{(1-x)}\text{GP}$

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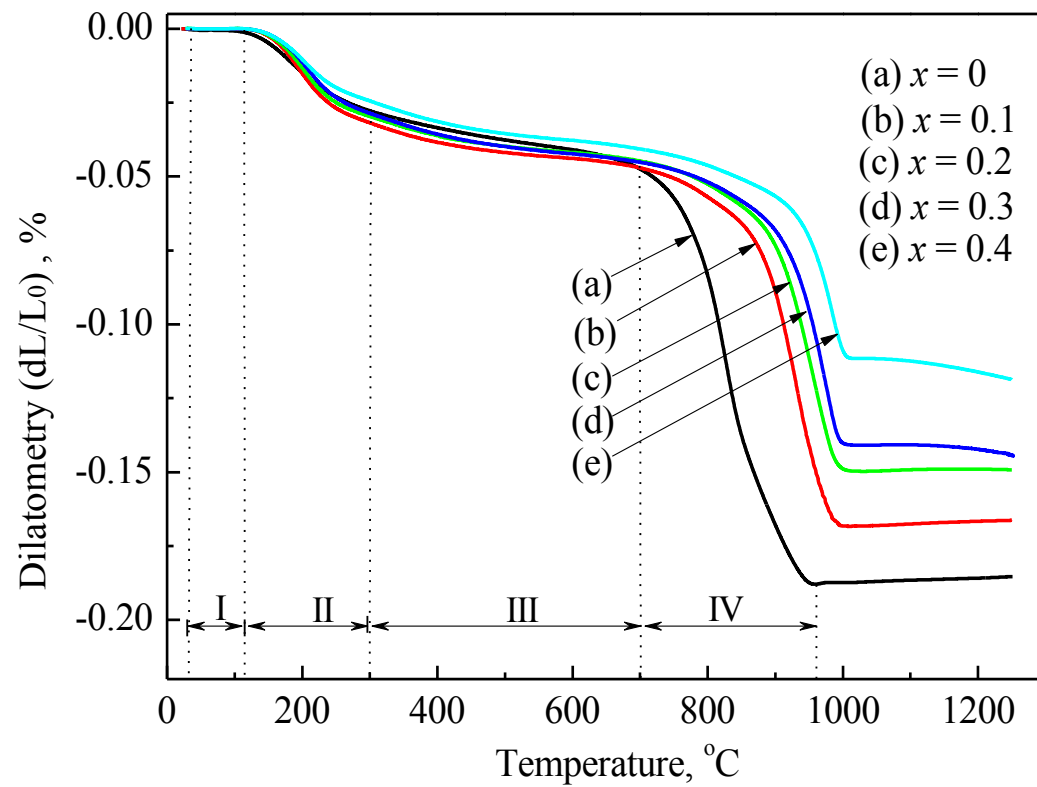


Fig.15 Thermal shrinkage of $\text{Cs}_x\text{K}_{(1-x)}\text{GP}$

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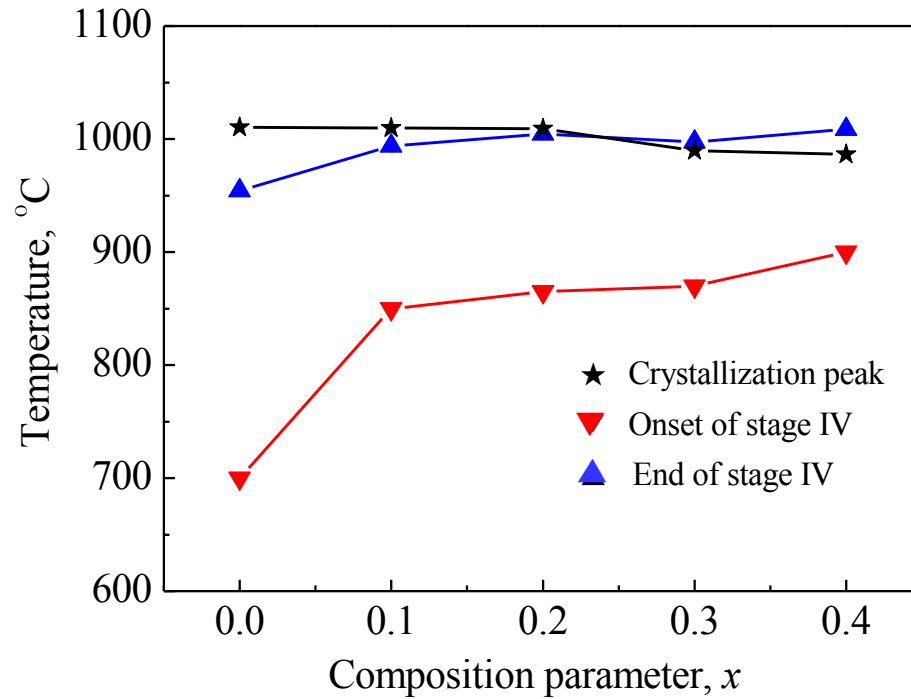


Fig. 16 Onset and end temperature of stage IV and crystallization temperature of $\text{Cs}_x\text{K}_{(1-x)}\text{GP}$

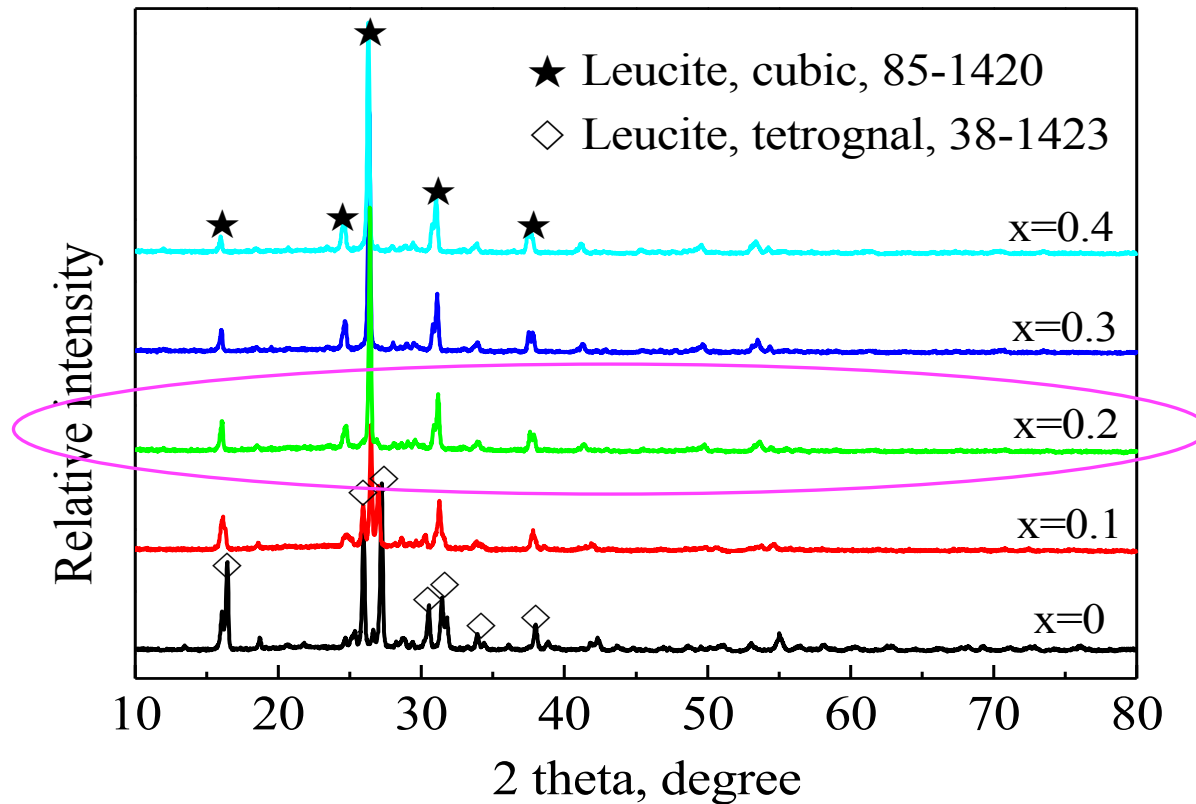


Fig. 17 XRD patterns of leucite ceramics derived from $Cs_xK_{(1-x)}GP$ soaked at $1200^\circ C/2h$

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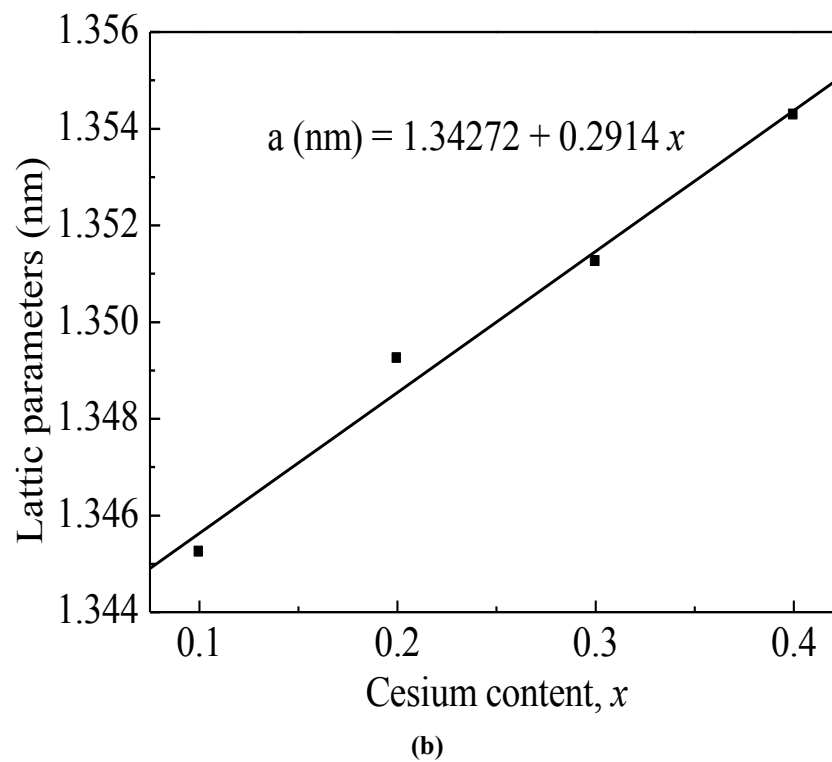
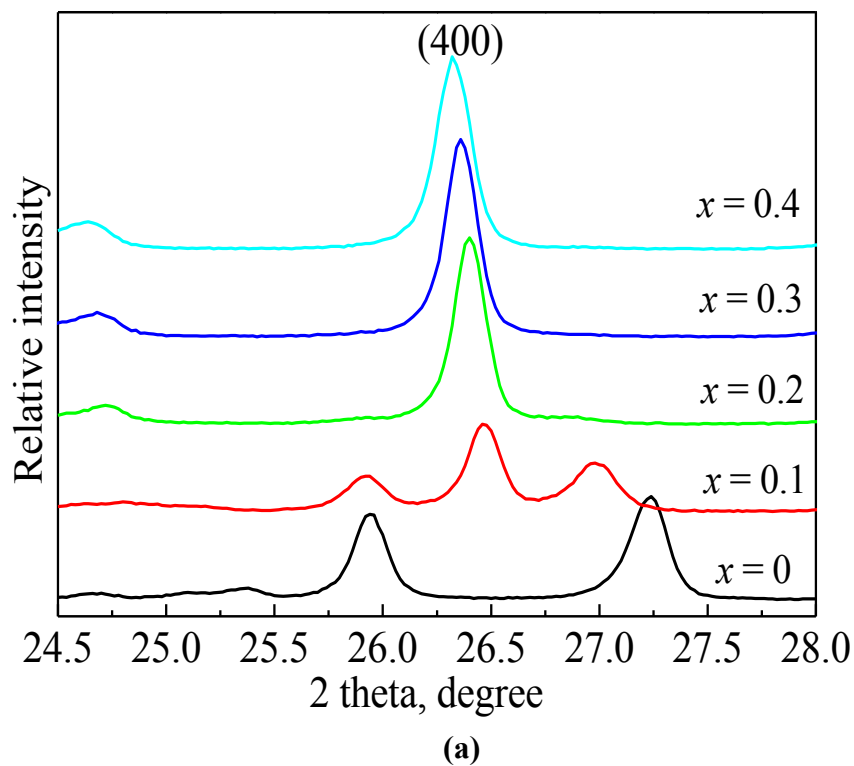


Fig. 18 Slow step-scan XRD patterns in a 2θ range of $24.5\sim 28^\circ$ (a) and the calculated lattice parameters (b) of leucite

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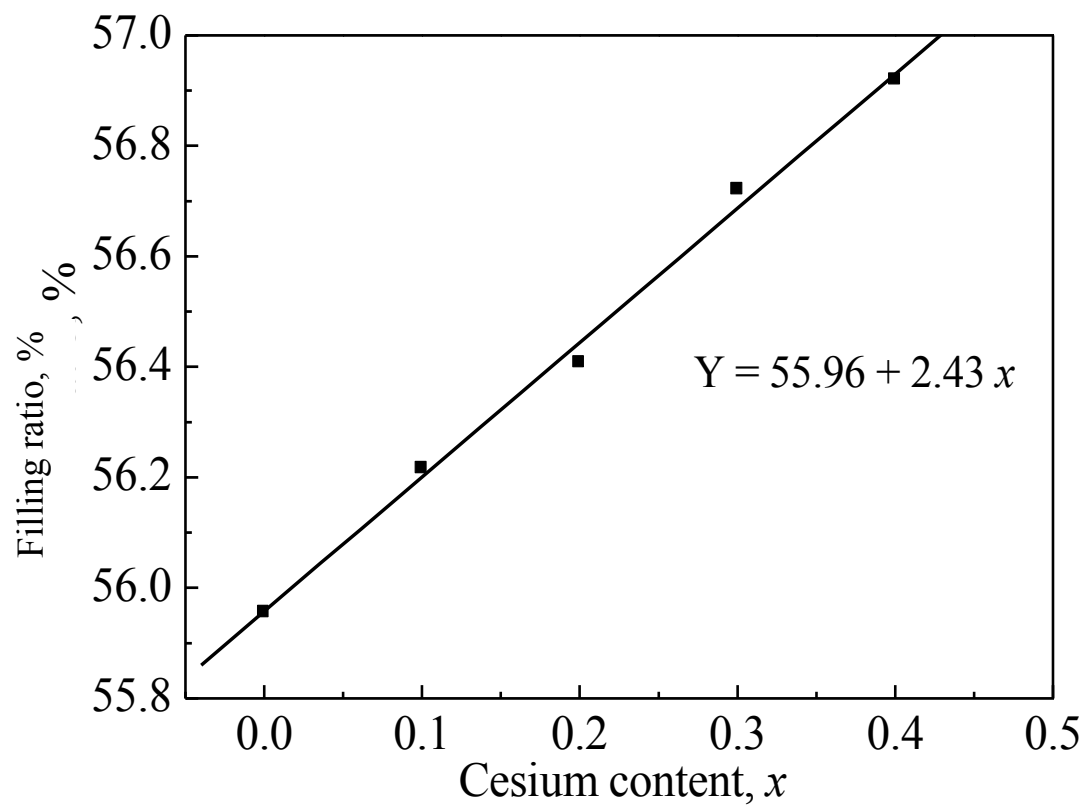


Fig. 19 The filling ratio of leucite crystal cell derived from $\text{Cs}_x\text{K}_{(1-x)}\text{GP}$

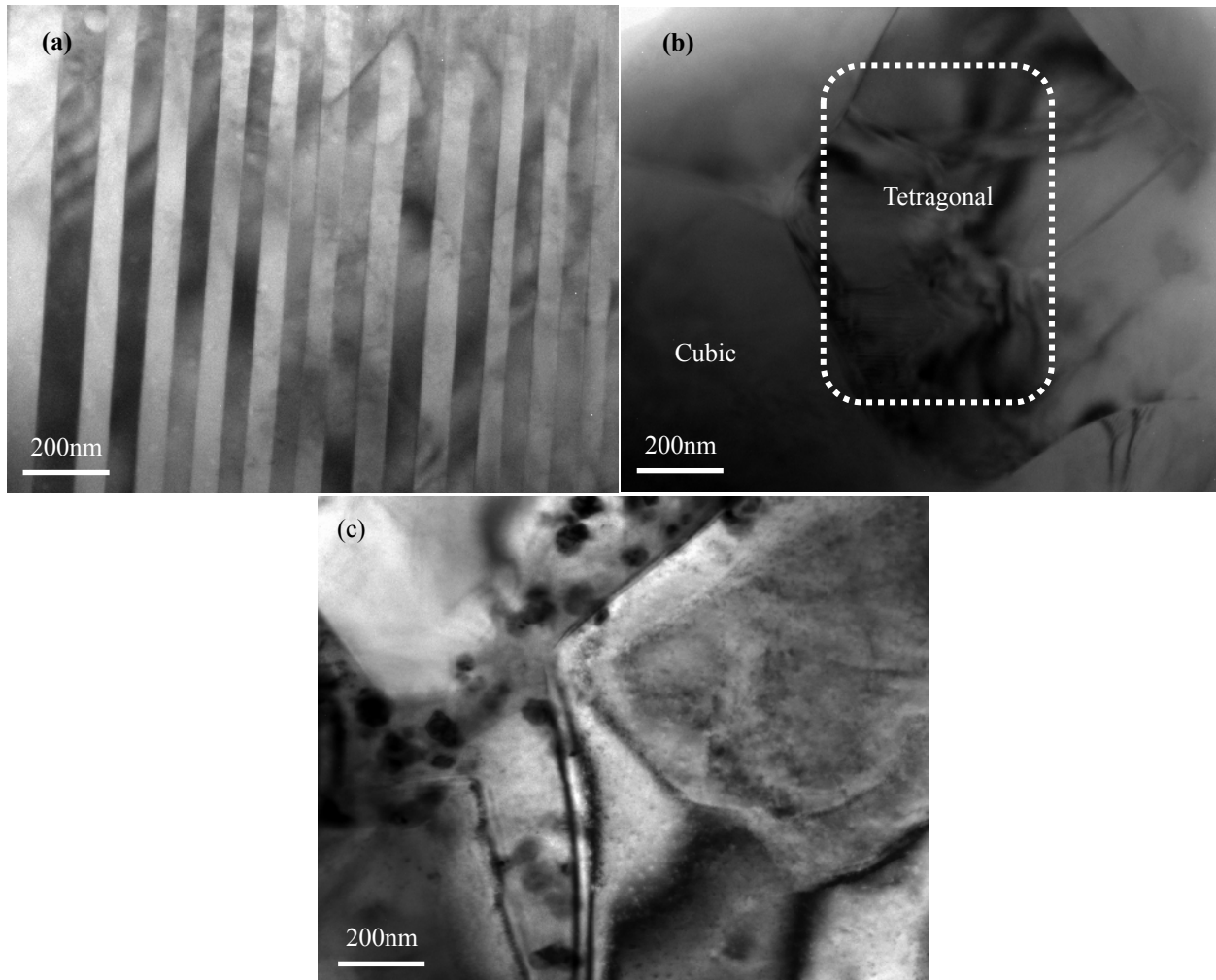


Fig. 20 TEM micrographs of the leucite ceramics derived from $Cs_xK_{(1-x)}GP$:
(a) $x=0$, (b) $x=0.1$, (c) $x=0.2$.

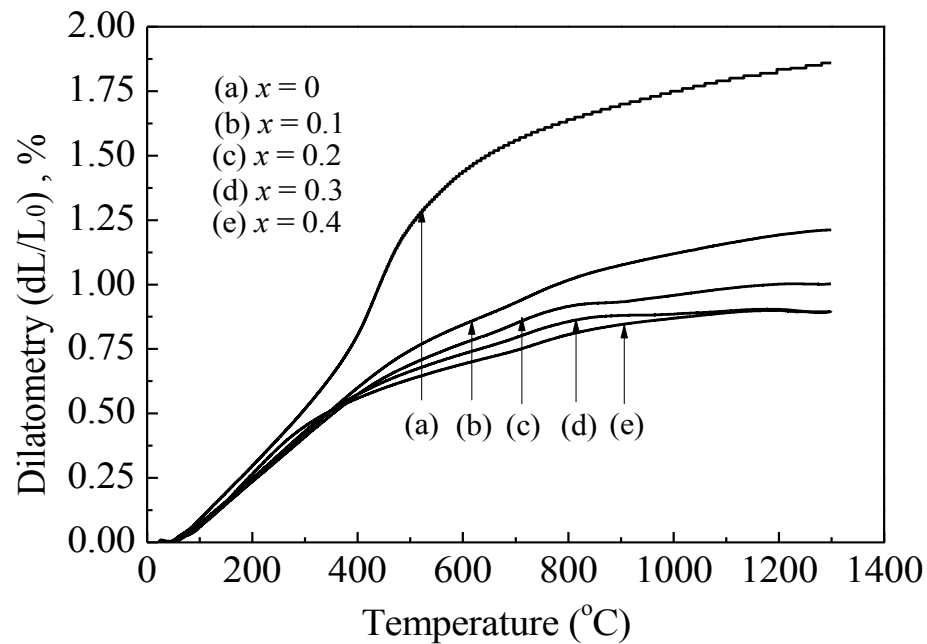


Fig. 21 Thermal expansion curves of leucite ceramic derived from $Cs_xK_{(1-x)}GP$

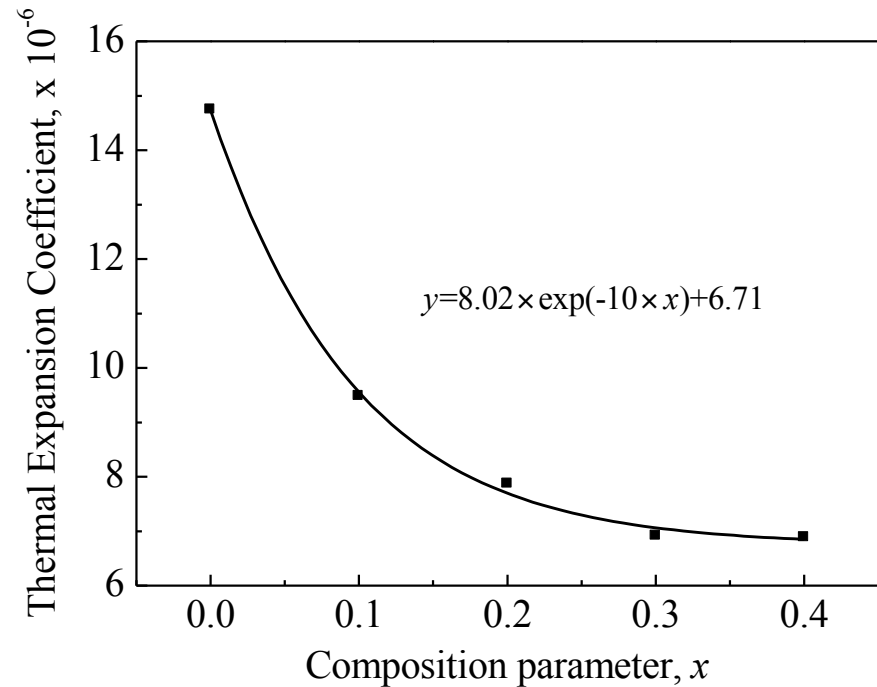


Fig. 22 Linear coefficient of thermal expansion of leucite ceramic derived from $Cs_xK_{(1-x)}GP$

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Summary

- ◆ Thermal shrinkage of KGP during heat treatment can be divided into 4 stages: structural resilience, dehydration, dehydroxylation and sintering.
- ◆ For the KGP, leucite crystallization appeared after the sintering stage and the Avrami parameter indicates the three-dimensional crystal growth mechanism.
- ◆ Geopolymer technology provides a novel method to fabricate leucite ceramic with relatively good mechanical properties.
- ◆ Leucite ceramic derived from $Cs_xK_{1-x}GP$ possesses a tunable thermal expansion coefficient by doping cesium ions.





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