

**Morphological analysis of mercury in solid wastes from natural gas processing plants: Optimization of temperature-programmed decomposition and desorption method**

Shengji Wu<sup>a</sup>, Guiyuan Hu<sup>a</sup>, Yutao Shen<sup>b</sup>, Rui Tang<sup>c</sup>, Fan Yang<sup>a</sup>, Lei Che<sup>a,c</sup>, Wei Yang<sup>a,\*</sup>

<sup>a</sup>College of Engineering, Huzhou University, No. 759, East 2nd Road, Huzhou, 313000 China

<sup>b</sup>Huzhou Weineng Environmental Service Co., LTD. Huzhou, 313000 China

<sup>c</sup>Zhejiang ECO Environmental Technology Co., LTD. No. 1188, Wuxing District, Huzhou, 313000 China

\*Corresponding author: wei\_yang15@hotmail.com

Table S1. Designation of pure mercury compound samples

Sample	Concentration			
	0.1%	0.5%	1%	1%
HgS(Red)	0.1%HgS (Red)/SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.5%HgS (Red)/SiO <sub>2</sub>	1%HgS (Red)/SiO <sub>2</sub>	1%HgS(Red)/ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
HgS(Black)	0.1%HgS (Black)/SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.5%HgS (Black)/SiO <sub>2</sub>	1%HgS (Black)/SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.1% HgS (Black)/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
HgO(Red)	/	/	1%HgO(Red)/SiO <sub>2</sub>	/
Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	/	/	1%Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	1%Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> /Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
HgCl <sub>2</sub>	/	/	/	1%HgCl <sub>2</sub> /Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
HgSO <sub>4</sub>	/	/	1%HgSO <sub>4</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	1%HgSO <sub>4</sub> /Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>

/: Sample not prepared

Table S2. Mercury desorption temperatures of pure mercury compounds

Mercury species	Peak temperature (°C)	Temperature range (°C)	Carrier gas (L/min)	Diluent	Ref.
HgCl <sub>2</sub>	120±10	70-220			
Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	80±5; 130±10	60-220			
HgS(Black)	205±5; 245±5	170-290			
HgS(Red)	310±10	240-350	N <sub>2</sub> (0.5)	SiO <sub>2</sub>	[1]
HgO	505±5	430-560			
HgSO <sub>4</sub>	540±2	500-600			
Hg <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	280±10	120-480			
HgCl <sub>2</sub>	105±10	50-280			
	170±10*	100-250*			
Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	110±10	100-250			
HgS(Black)	260±10	60-400			
HgS(Red)	310±10	180-350	He (0.5)	SiO <sub>2</sub>	[2]
HgO(Yellow)	260±10	250-400			
HgSO <sub>4</sub>	405±10	200-620			
	580±10				
HgCl <sub>2</sub>	138±4	90-350			
Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	119±13	60-250			
HgS(Black)	190±11	150-280			
HgS(Red)	305±12	210-340			
HgO(Red)	308±1; 471±5	200-360; 37-530	Air (1.0)	Pure	[3,4]
HgO(Yellow)	284±7; 469±6	190-380; 320-540			
Hg(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	215 ± 4; 280 ± 13	150-370; 375-520			
HgSO <sub>4</sub>	460 ± 25	400-600			
	583 ± 8				
HgCl <sub>2</sub>	90±10*	60-400			
Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	120±5	65-240			
HgS(Black)	230±10	180-340			
HgS(Red)	308±10	201-420	N <sub>2</sub> (0.5)	SiO <sub>2</sub>	This study
	460±10				
HgO(Red)	330±10	195-515			
HgSO <sub>4</sub>	590±10	480-600			

\*: Diluted by Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

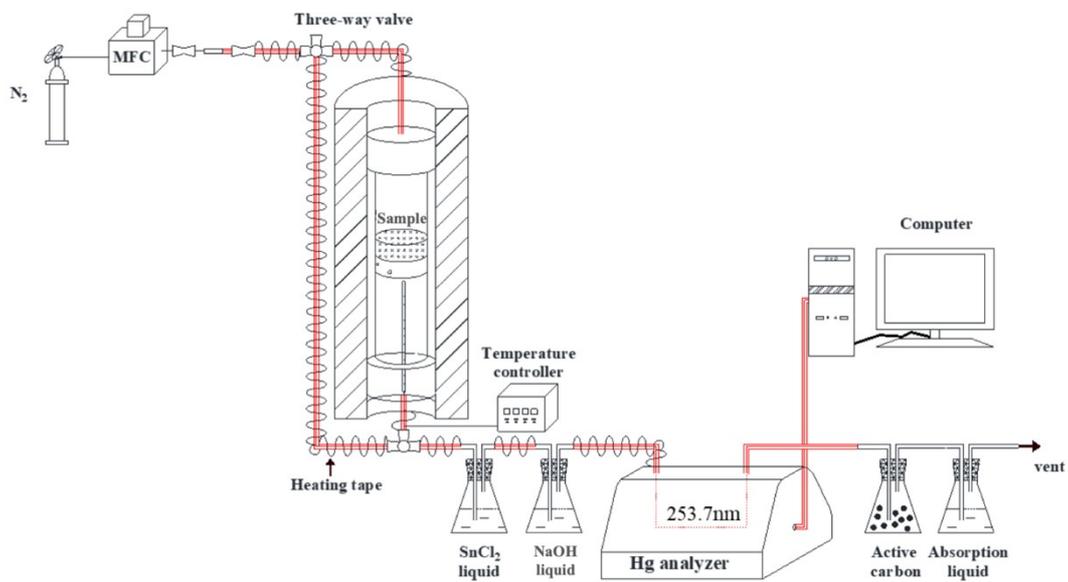


Figure S1. Schematic diagram of the fixed-bed reactor for the TPDD experiment

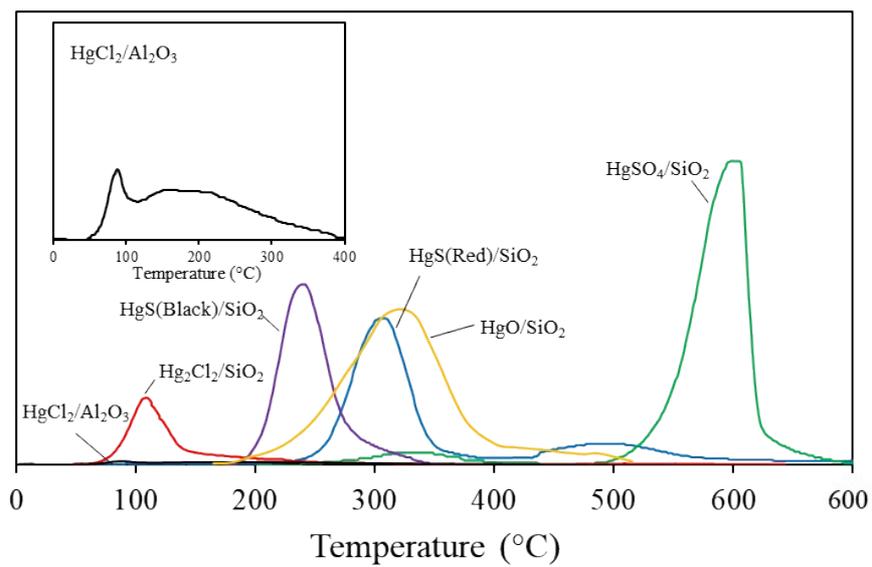


Figure S2. TPDD curves of HgS(Black), HgS(Red), HgCl<sub>2</sub>, Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, HgO(Red) and HgSO<sub>4</sub> supported over SiO<sub>2</sub> or Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

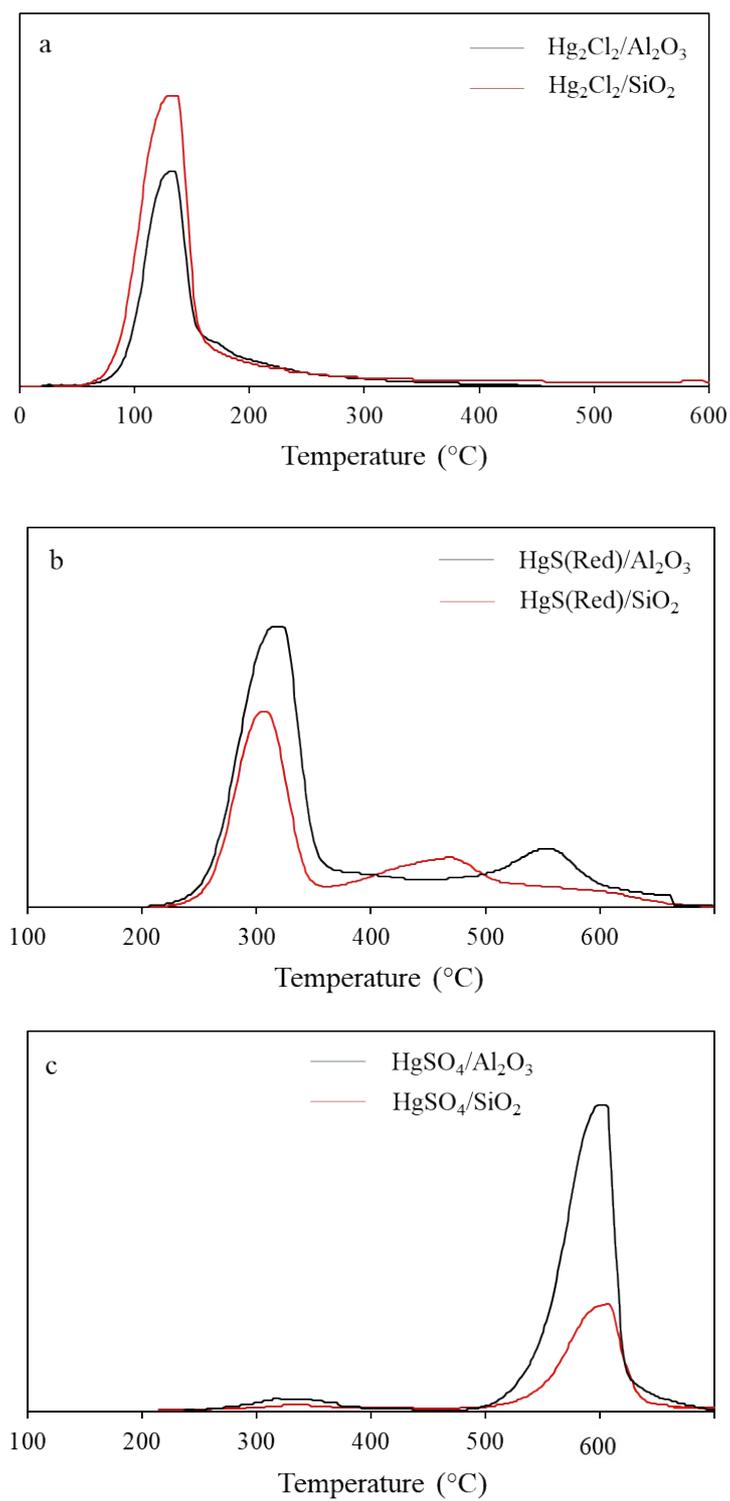


Figure S3. Effect of supporter on the desorption temperatures of (a)  $\text{Hg}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , (b)  $\text{HgS}(\text{Red})$  and (c)  $\text{HgSO}_4$

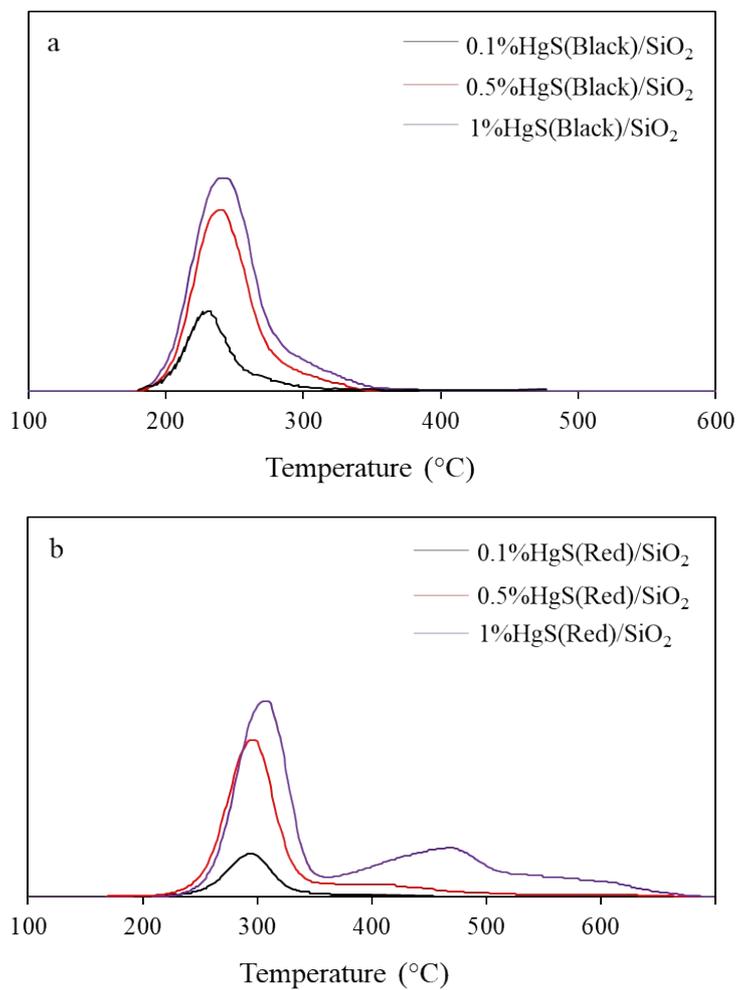


Figure S4. Effect of (a) HgS(Black) and (b) HgS(Red) concentrations on mercury desorption peak

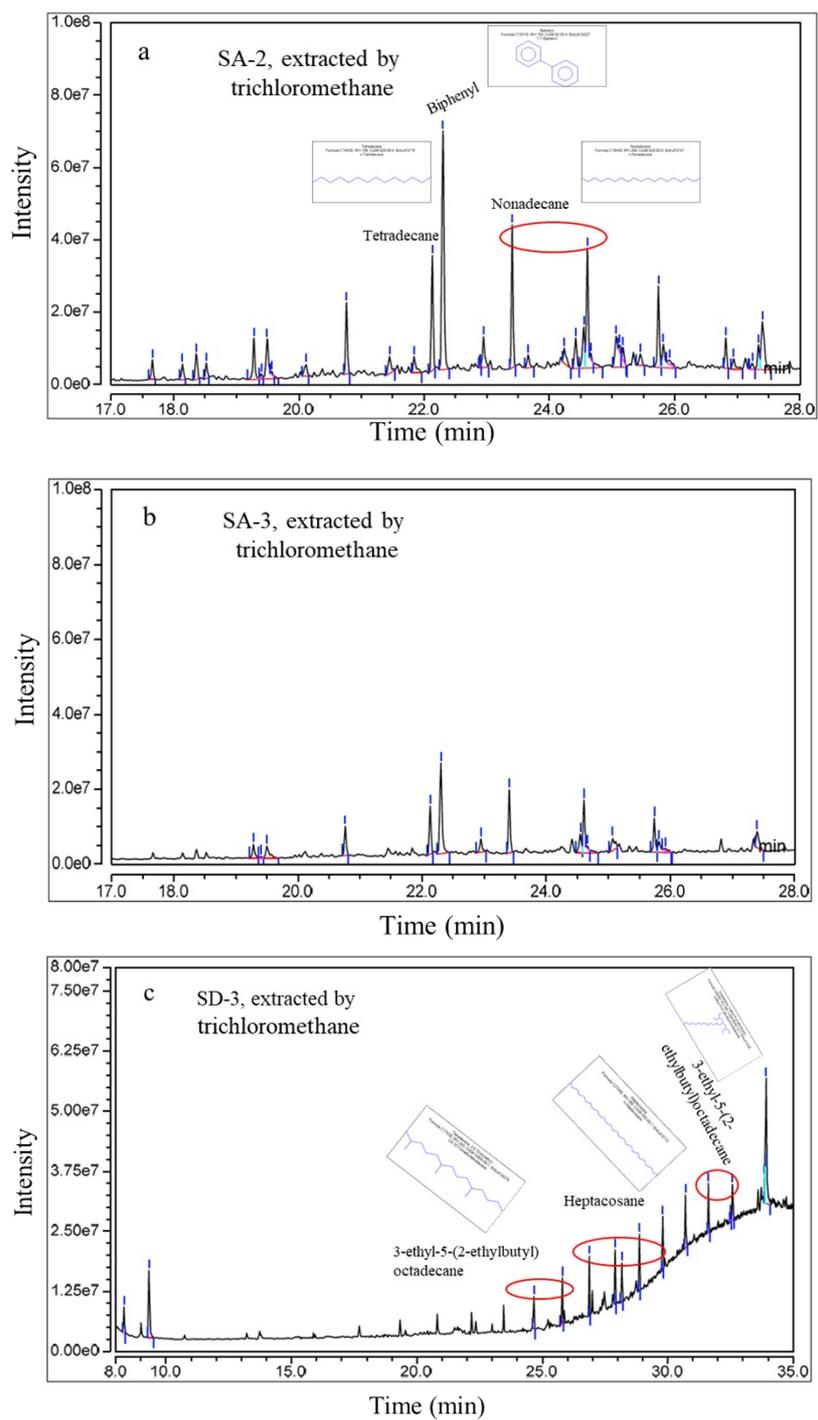


Figure S5. Oil components over (a) SA-2, (b) SA-3 and (c) SD-3

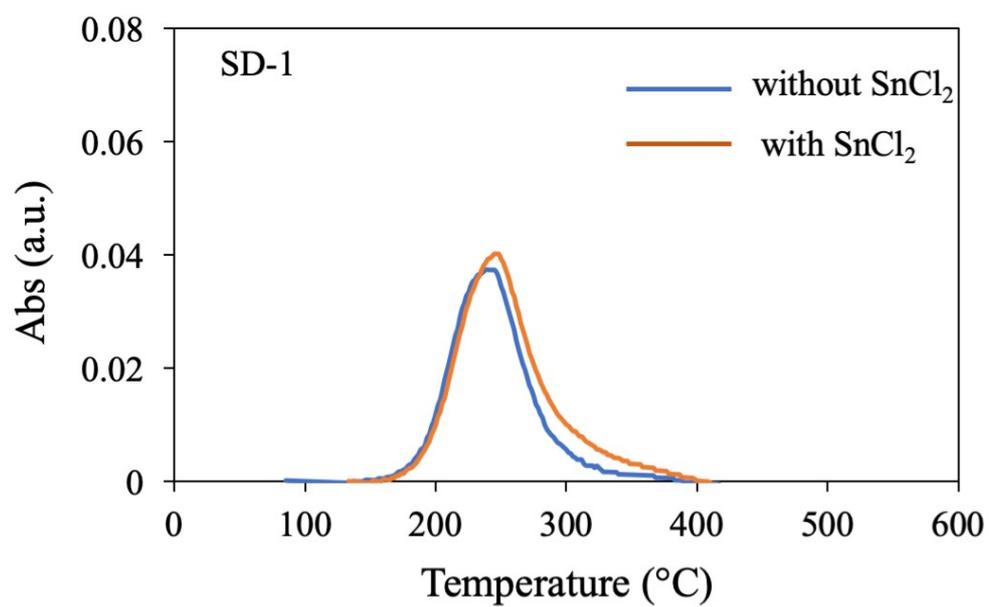


Figure S6. TPDD curves of SD-1 with and without passing through the SnCl<sub>2</sub> solution

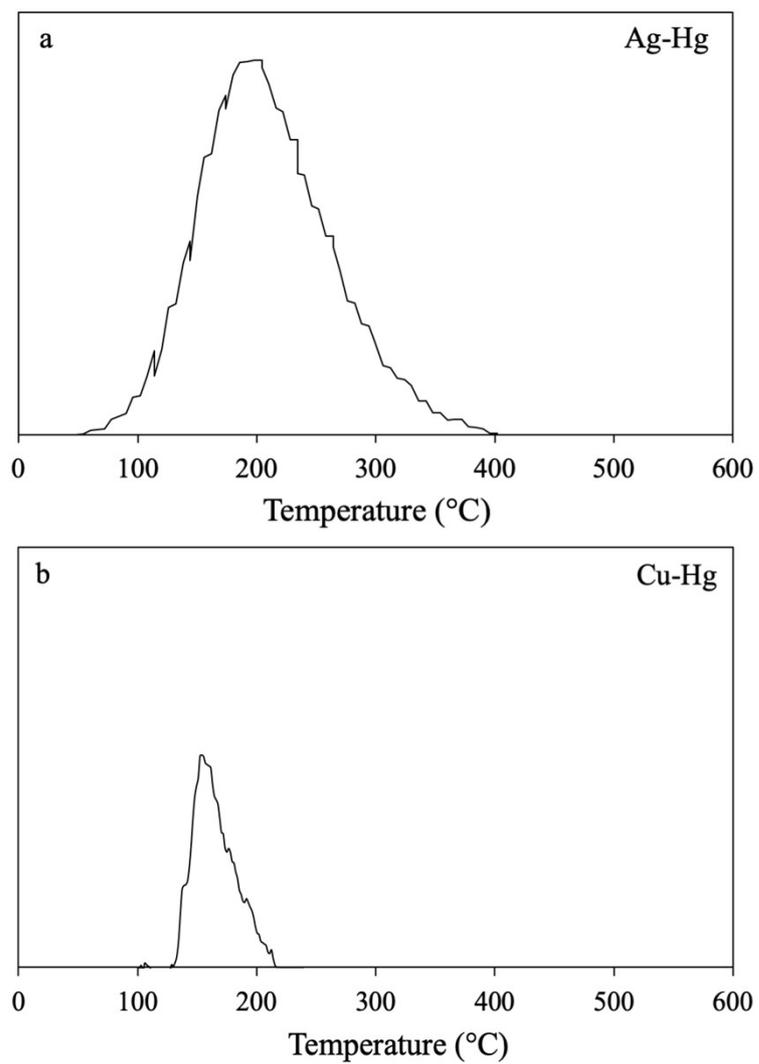


Figure S7. TPDD desorption curves of (a) Ag-Hg and (b) Cu-Hg amalgam

## References

1. Lopez-Anton MA, Yuan Y, Perry R, Maroto-Valer MM. Analysis of mercury species present during coal combustion by thermal desorption. *Fuel* 2010;89:629-34.
2. Wu SJ, Uddin MdA, Nagano S, Ozaki M, Sasaoka E. Fundamental study on decomposition characteristics of mercury compounds over solid powder by temperature-programmed decomposition desorption mass spectrometry. *Energy Fuels* 2011;25:144-53.
3. Lopez-Anton MA, Yuan Y, Perry R, Maroto-Valer MM. Analysis of mercury species present during coal combustion by thermal desorption. *Fuel* 2010;89:629-34.
4. Rumayor M, Diaz-Somoano M, Lopez-Anton MA, Martinez-Tarazona MR. Mercury compounds characterization by thermal desorption. *Talanta* 2013;114:318-22.