

## Supplementary materials

### DSC/TG data.

Fig.3.

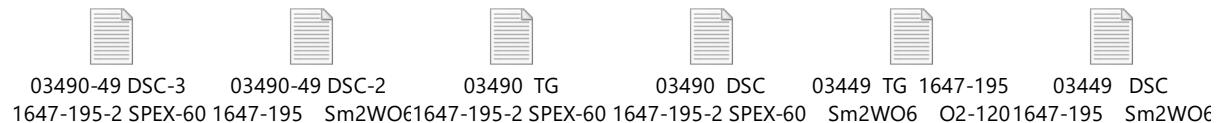
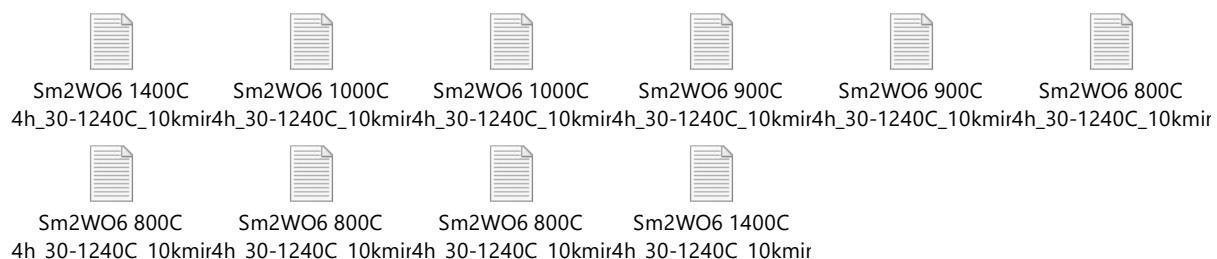


Fig.9



### XRD data.

Fig. 1

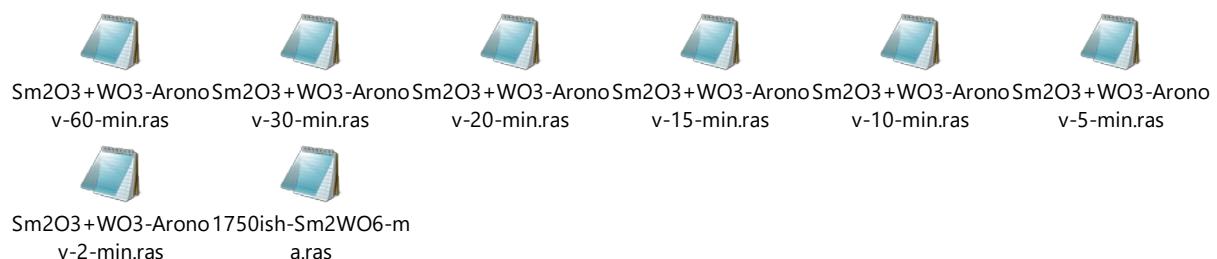


Fig.4a

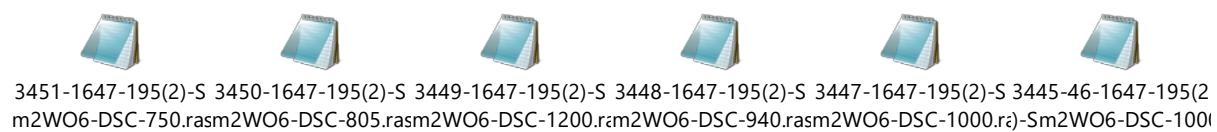
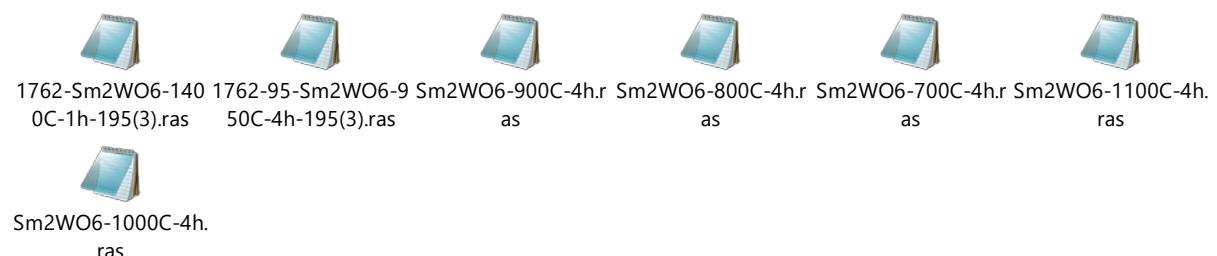


Fig. 5.



### Raman data





Aronov mill



frequency – 50 Hz,  
amplitude – 50 mm,  
vessel volume – 108 ml,  
mass of balls –  $\approx$ 272 g,  
loading of oxide  
mixture – 10 g.

SPEX 8000M

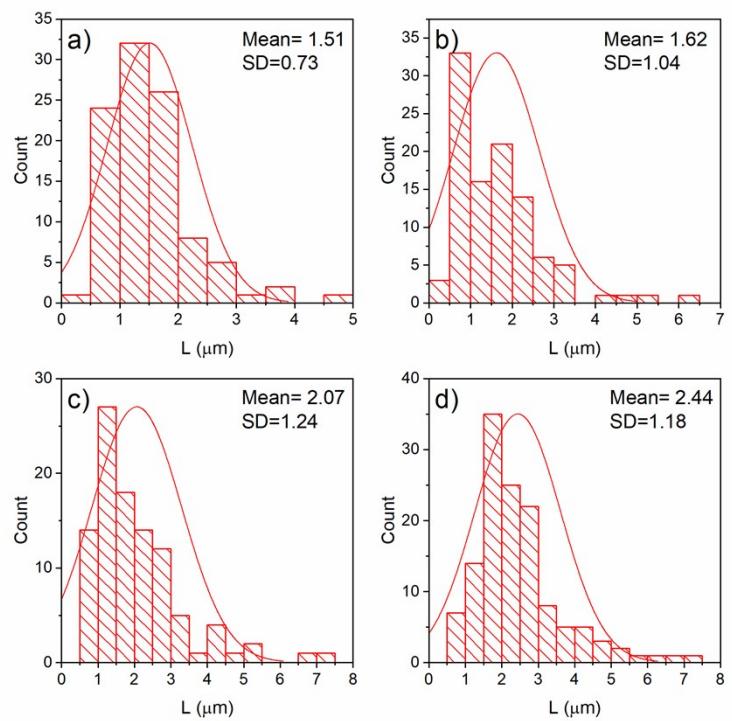
frequency – 60 Hz,  
vessel volume – 25  
ml, mass of balls –  
35.6 g, loading of  
oxide mixture – 10 g.



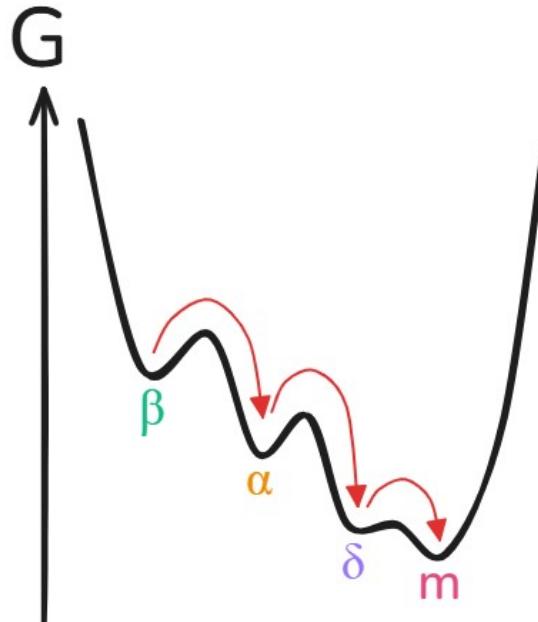
**Fig. S1.** Photographs of mills, vessels and balls used for mechanical activation of powders.

One of the methods used to compare the energy intensity of mills of different designs is to compare the rate of increase in the specific surface area of the test object. It is known that in the early stages of graphite milling, the specific surface area increases linearly with milling time. Thus, by comparing the rate of increase of the graphite surface in different mills, it is possible to estimate the ratio of their specific powers.

In this case, to compare the specific powers of the SPEX 8000M mill and the Aronov mill, we took 10 g of artificial graphite with an initial surface area of  $2 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  and ground it for 5 min in an argon atmosphere in both mills. The specific surface area of the ground graphite was then determined using the low temperature argon adsorption method. The specific surface area of graphite after 5 minutes milling in the Aronov mill was  $170 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  and after 5 minutes milling in the SPEX 8000M –  $12.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ . It can be assumed that the Aronov mill is 13.6 times more powerful than the SPEX 8000M for a given load of balls and powder.



**Fig. S2** Crystal size distribution of the  $\text{Sm}_2\text{WO}_6$  sintered at (a) 800 °C, (b) 900 °C, (c) 950 °C for 4 h and (d) 1400 °C for 1h.



**Fig. S3** Schematic dependence of the total energy on the reaction coordinate.