# Metrology for CDR and CCUS

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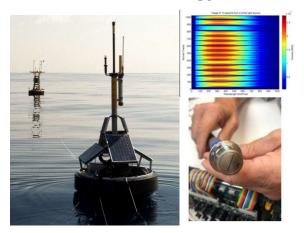
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### Mission



Promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life.

#### **Technology**



Develop critical measurement science to accelerate innovation, scalability, & reduce uncertainties

### Benchmark Measurements Data & Materials



Facilitate rigor and reproducibility across measurement ecosystems

#### **Documentary Standards**



Support industry and Federal use of voluntary consensus standards

### NIST Prepares Industry for the Future

#### NST

# Climate Measurements and Monitoring

- Traceability of GHG measurements
- GHG measurement technology
- Ensuring climate data quality and standardization

# Decarbonization of the Economy

- Built environment
- Energy infrastructure
- Carbon Dioxide
   Removal (CDR),
   Carbon Capture Use
   and Storage (CCUS)
- Manufacturing

# Adaptation and Resilience

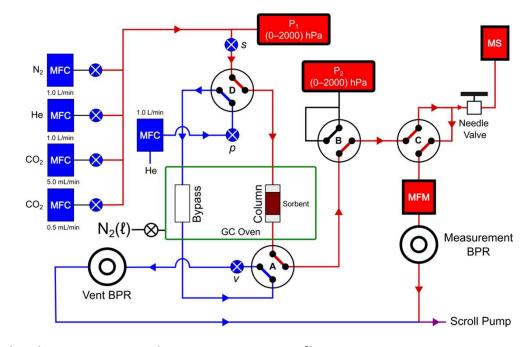
- Disaster and failure studies
- Wildland-Urban Interface fires
- Community resilience
- Connected systems resilience

Life Cycle Analysis, Carbon Accounting

### Dynamic Column Breakthrough Measurements N

#### Designed and built new instrument specifically for DAC Conditions

- Minimize dispersion and uncertainties
- Fully evaluated uncertainties, u<sub>r</sub>=0.05
- CO<sub>2</sub> uptake of 13X zeolite
- Compared to adsorption isotherms
- Identifying candidate benchmark materials



MFC: mass flow controller; BPR: backpressure regulator; MFM: mass flow meter; P<sub>i</sub>: manometer

McGivern, W.S., Nguyen, H.G., Manion, J. Improved Apparatus for Dynamic Column-Breakthrough Measurements Relevant to Direct Air Capture of CO2 *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.* 2023, published online 16 May 2023 https://pubs.acs.org/doi/pdf/10.1021/acs.iecr.2c04050

### Benchmark Material Characterization

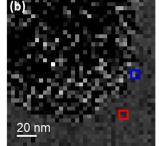


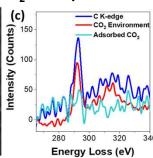
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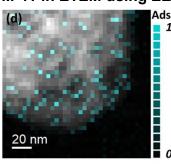
- CO2 locations & binding
- Diffusion, kinetics
- Structures & microstructures
- Local adsorption potential and vibrations
- Effects of water and competitive binding
- Effects of trace gases and particulates

- Environmental Transmission Electron Microscopy (ETEM)
- Scanning Electron Microscopy
- Neutron and X-ray Scattering
- Tandem Polarization Modulated IR Reflection Absorption Spectroscopy (PMIRRAS with QCM)
- Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy (DRIFTS)
- Molecular Simulations

#### In situ observation of CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption on MCM-41 in ETEM using EELS









Locally confined PEI exhibit slower motions

Moon et al., JACS 144, 26, 116644 (2022)

# Carbon Sequestration in Building Materials NUST

# Accelerate adoption of innovative low-carbon building materials Cements & Concretes

Convening Low Carbon Cement and Concrete Consortium

- 38 member organizations industry, academics, other agencies
- Coordinate with voluntary consensus standards organizations, e.g. ASTM
- Facilitate standards development, interlaboratory comparisons and standard test materials
- Coordinate with other agencies EOP/CEQ, DOE-LPO, EPA



























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## Foundational Metrology

- Trusted measurements, standards, and methods provide
  - Validation
  - Metrological Traceability
  - Quantification of Measurement Uncertainty
- Enables measurement <u>comparability across space</u> <u>and time</u>



Trusted measurements, metrology, data, & standards

Metrological traceability, quantification of measurement uncertainty