

# Integrated and Sustainable Pathways for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Mineralization with Recovery of High Value Metals and Filler Materials (INSPIRE)

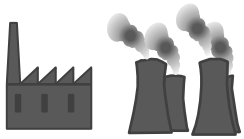
## DE – FE0032398 (Managed by Kara Zabetakis)

Greeshma Gadikota | Sustainable Energy and Resource Recovery Group |  
Civil and Environmental Engineering | **Cornell University**  
DOE FECM Project Update Meeting | August 7, 2024



### Our past ...

Greenhouse gas emissions



Energy and resource conversions

Recovery of hydrocarbons from subsurface environments and mining ores and minerals for essential commodities including cement and iron and steel

transition



Low carbon energy and resource conversions

Heat mining from geothermal environments, mining ores and minerals for batteries, nuclear energy, essential commodities including cement and iron and steel

### Our future ...



Greenhouse gas capture utilization, storage; and advanced waste utilization and conversion processes

CO<sub>2</sub> storage, nuclear waste storage

*How do we innovate while managing the need to meet our energy and resource demand in response to a changing climate?*

# INSPIRE Team



Greeshma Gadikota  
PI, Cornell University  
Associate Professor



T. Alan Hatton  
Co-PI, MIT  
Professor



David Heldebrant  
Co-PI, PNNL  
Chief Scientist



Julien Leclaire  
Co-PI, UCBL  
Professor

## Key Personnel



Deepika Malhotra  
Senior Scientist  
PNNL



Quin Miller  
Geochemist  
PNNL



Hassnain Asgar  
Director of Technology  
Carbon To Stone

## Key Team Members

Deborah Romito, UCBL  
Franck Ulm, UCBL  
Yuan Jiang, PNNL

## Industry Partners

Novelis Inc | Nucor

## INSPIRE Team at Cornell University



Greeshma Gadikota  
PI, Cornell University  
Associate Professor



Porus Jadhav  
PhD student  
Cornell University



Dhruv Mehta  
PhD student  
Cornell University

## INSPIRE Aim and Objectives

The **aim** of INSPIRE is to develop molecularly integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization pathways with inherent recovery of high value metals using multifunctional solvents and electrochemically mediated transformations.

The **two primary objectives** of the INSPIRE technology are to:

- (i) demonstrate the recovery of acids (alongside CaCO<sub>3</sub>, Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>) from industrial wastewater for recovering Fe- and Al-rich solids followed by the use of CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing solids for recovering Ca- and Mg-carbonates, and electrochemical separation of base metals such as Ni, Zn, Co as carbonates, and Cu in Mode 1 in alkaline industrial residues bearing more than 5 wt% of (non-carbonate) Al, Fe, Mg, and Ca-components,
- (i) develop an integrated approach for the recovery of Ni, Zn, Co as carbonates, Cu metal, and solid carbonate product bearing Ca, Mg, Fe, or Al in Mode 2 in alkaline industrial residues where a single metal component is dominant (e.g., Al is at least 5-fold greater compared to other major elements such as Fe, Mg, Ca).

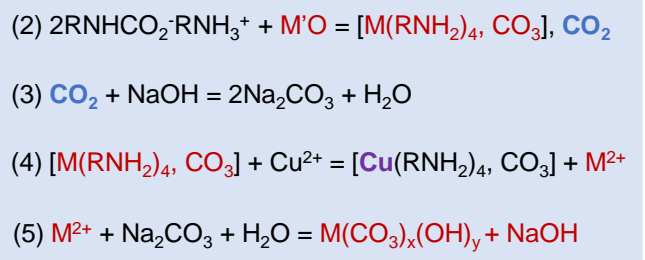
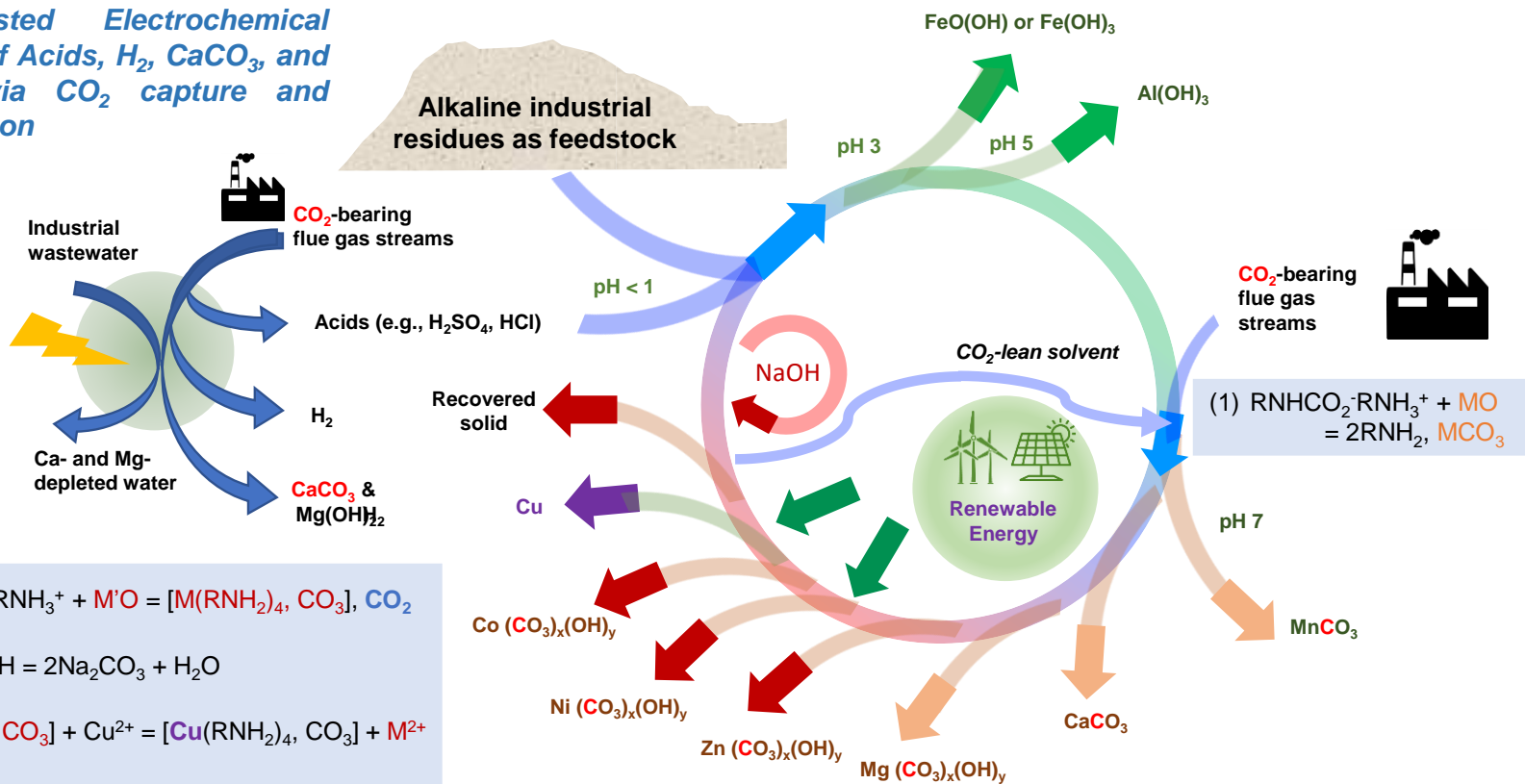
# INSPIRE Mode 1: Metal Recovery and Carbon Mineralization

Schematic representation of the INSPIRE technology for selective metal recovery integrated with CO<sub>2</sub> capture and conversion.

(A) Mode 1: Compositions of Al, Fe, Ca, Mg exceed 5 wt%

Integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization for recovering high value metals

Photo-Assisted Electrochemical Recovery of Acids, H<sub>2</sub>, CaCO<sub>3</sub>, and Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> via CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization



Mode 1 is applied for alkaline residues with Al, Fe, Ca, and Mg content exceeding 5 wt%

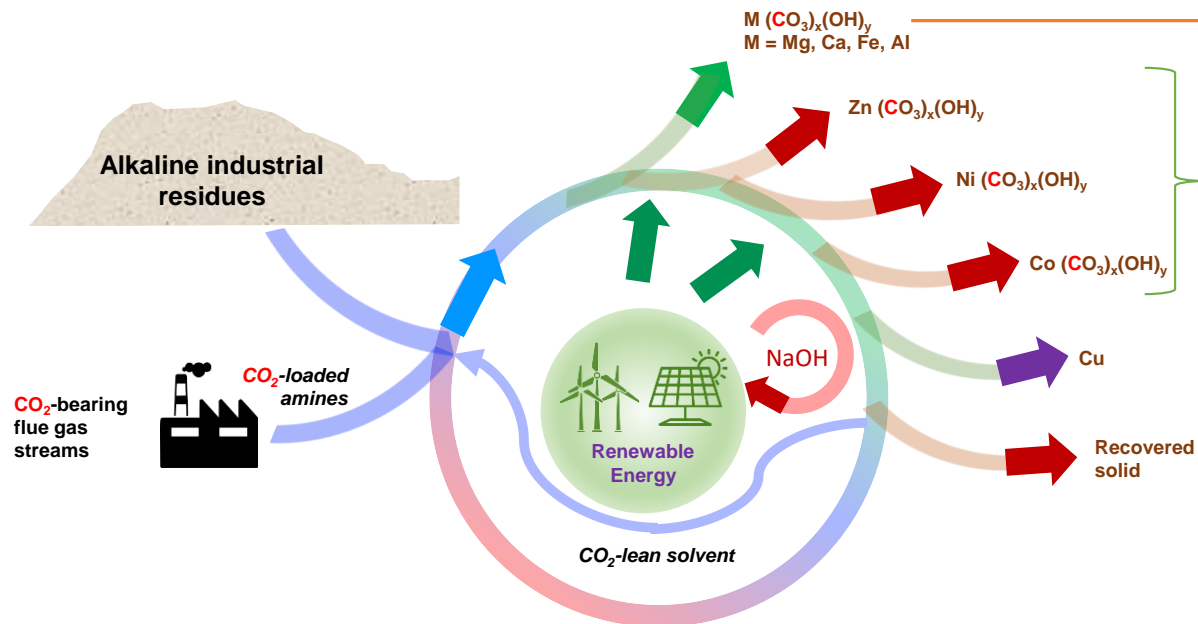


# INSPIRE Mode 2: Metal Recovery and Carbon Mineralization

Schematic representation of the INSPIRE technology for selective metal recovery integrated with CO<sub>2</sub> capture and conversion.

(B) Mode 2: Compositions of one of the following elements: Al, Fe, Ca, Mg is at least 5 fold greater compared to other elements,

*Integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization for recovering high value metals*



- (1)  $\text{RNHCO}_2\text{RNH}_3^+ + \text{MO} = 2\text{RNH}_2, \underline{\text{MCO}_3}$
- (2)  $2\text{RNHCO}_2\text{RNH}_3^+ + \text{M}'\text{O} = [\text{M}(\text{RNH}_2)_4, \text{CO}_3] + \text{CO}_2$
- (3)  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{NaOH} = \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- (4)  $[\text{M}(\text{RNH}_2)_4, \text{CO}_3] + \text{Cu}^{2+} = [\text{Cu}(\text{RNH}_2)_4, \text{CO}_3] + \text{M}^{2+}$
- (5)  $\text{M}^{2+} + \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 = \underline{\text{M}(\text{CO}_3)_x(\text{OH})_y}$

*Mode 2 is applied for alkaline residues with Al, Fe, Ca, and Mg content at least 5 fold greater compared to other elements*

# Key Tasks and Subtasks

Task & Subtasks	Year 1				Year 2				
	Quarter	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
<b>1 Project Management and Planning (including kick-off meeting)</b>		<b>1.1</b>							
<b>2 Material characterization, solvent synthesis and identify solvents</b>									
2.1 Characterize chemical and morphological features of alkaline materials		<b>2.1</b>							
2.2 Synthesize third generation solvents and determine CO <sub>2</sub> capture behavior			<b>2.2</b>						
2.3 Determine the appropriate solvents based on thermodynamics and kinetics				<b>2.3</b>					
<b>3 Metal recovery using CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing solvents and electrochemical approaches</b>					<b>3.1S</b>				
<b>4 Extractive carbon mineralization for Mn, Ca, and Mg recovery</b>					<b>4.1</b>				
<b>5 Experimental setup for electromediated stripping, recovery, and solvent regeneration</b>					<b>5.1</b>				
<b>6 Develop frameworks for techno-economic assessments and life cycle analyses</b>									
6.1 Develop frameworks for process-scale analyses and TEA					<b>6.1</b>				
6.2 Develop a framework to assess life cycle impacts					<b>6.2</b>				
<b>C1 Engage K-12 students in science education and communication</b>									<b>C1.1</b>
<b>7 Recover Al – and Fe – bearing solids</b>						<b>7.1</b>			
<b>8 Recover Mn-, Ca-, and Mg-bearing carbonates</b>									
8.1 Phase separation, compositional analyses, quantification of CO <sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization						<b>8.1</b>			
8.2 Produce Ca-carbonate via integrated CO <sub>2</sub> capture and conversion							<b>8.2</b>		
<b>9 Electromediated critical metal stripping, recovery, and solvent regeneration</b>									
9.1 Selective Ni stripping by Cu <sup>2+</sup> ion substitution						<b>9.1</b>			
9.2 Selective Ni and Co stripping by Cu <sup>2+</sup> substitution and metal recovery by carbon mineralization							<b>9.2,9.3</b>		
<b>10 Conduct whole system TEA and LCA</b>									
10.1 Evaluate the overall techno-economic impacts								<b>10.1</b>	
10.2 Assess whole system life cycle impacts								<b>10.2</b>	
<b>C2 Expand internship opportunities for underrepresented students and women</b>									<b>C2.1</b>
<b>C3 Engage women, rural communities, and general public through symposia organization and presentations</b>									<b>C3.1</b>

# Milestones

	Type	Milestones
1. Project Management	Y1, Q1	1.1. Develop the communication plan and other deliverables and organize the project kick-off meeting
2. Material characterization, solvent synthesis and identification for metal recovery	Y1, Q1	2.1. Quantify the chemical compositions and morphological features of the alkaline industrial residues from secondary aluminum processing and steel making
	Y1, Q2	2.2. Synthesize third generation solvents and quantify CO <sub>2</sub> capture behavior
	Y1, Q3	2.3. Identify 2-3 appropriate solvent systems
3. Metal recovery	Y1, Q4	3.1. Leach > 60% of Ni and > 80% of Ca from select alkaline industrial residues - SMART; Go – No Go Milestone
4. Extractive carbon mineralization of Mn, Ca, and Mg recovery	Y1, Q4	4.1. Achieve selective separation of Mn, Ca, and Mg-carbonates
5. Experimental setup for electromediated separation	Y1, Q3	5.1. Demonstrate a working experimental setup for separating metals of interest
6. Develop frameworks for TEA and LCA	Y1, Q4	6.1. Complete the TEA framework for INSPIRE
	Y1, Q4	6.2. Complete the LCA framework for INSPIRE
7. Recover Al- and Fe-bearing solids	Y2, Q1	7.1. Achieve the precipitation of Al- and Fe-rich solids from select alkaline industrial residues with yields > 60% - SMART
8. Recover Mn-, Ca-, and Mg-bearing carbonates	Y2, Q2	8.1. Recover > 90% of select solvents after Mn,Ca, and Mg-carbonate precipitation - SMART
	Y2, Q4	8.2. Produce > 10 kg of CaCO <sub>3</sub> based on optimal conditions - SMART
9: Electromediated metal recovery	Y2, Q3	9.1 Selective electrochemical recovery of Ni, Co, Zn-carbonates
	Y2, Q4	9.2. Develop solvent regeneration strategy
10: Conduct whole system TEA and LCA	Y2, Q4	10.1. Final TEA for the fully integrated INSPIRE technology
	Y2, Q4	10.2. Final LCA for the fully integrated INSPIRE technology



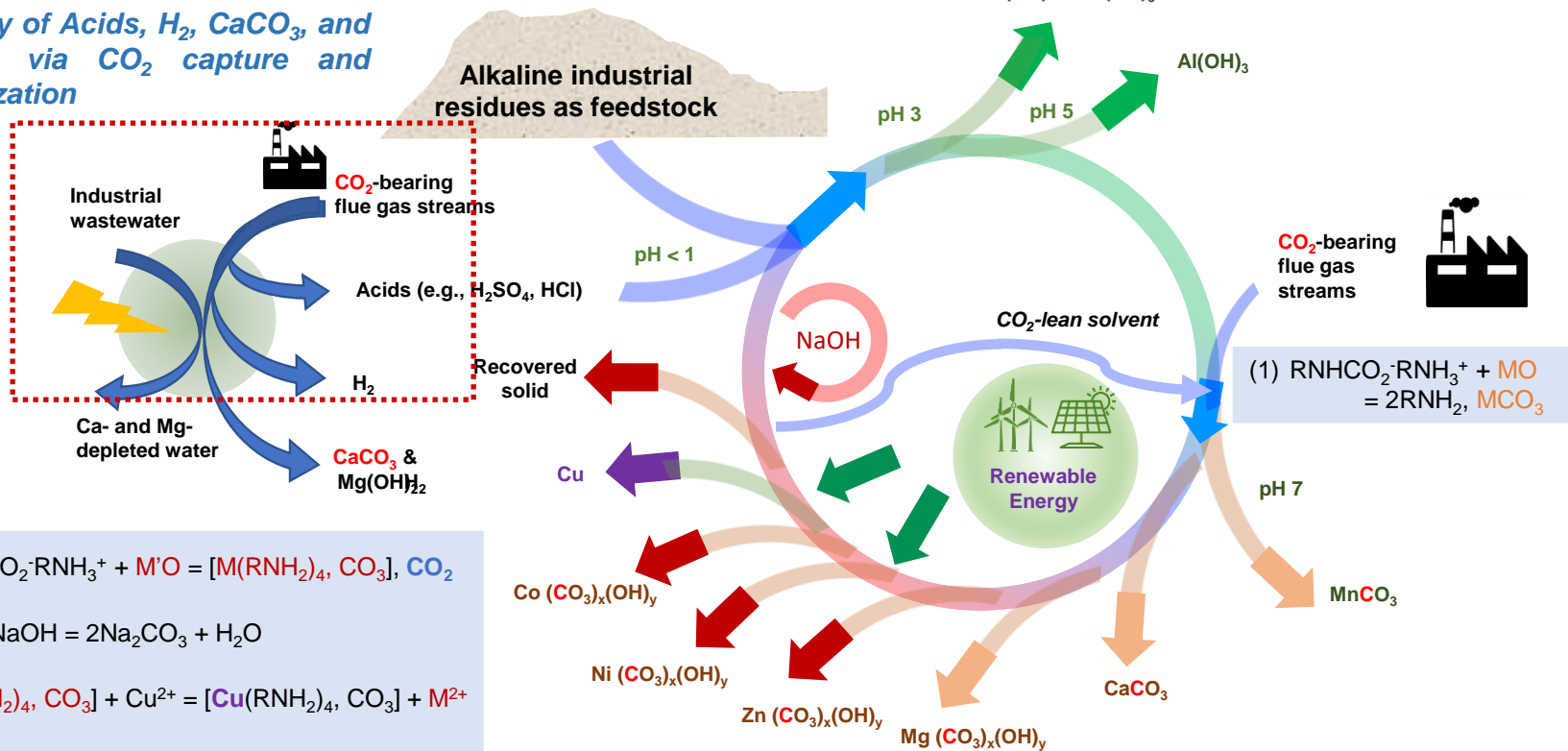
# INSPIRE Mode 1: Metal Recovery and Carbon Mineralization

Schematic representation of the INSPIRE technology for selective metal recovery integrated with CO<sub>2</sub> capture and conversion.

(A) Mode 1: Compositions of Al, Fe, Ca, Mg exceed 5 wt%

Integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization for recovering high value metals

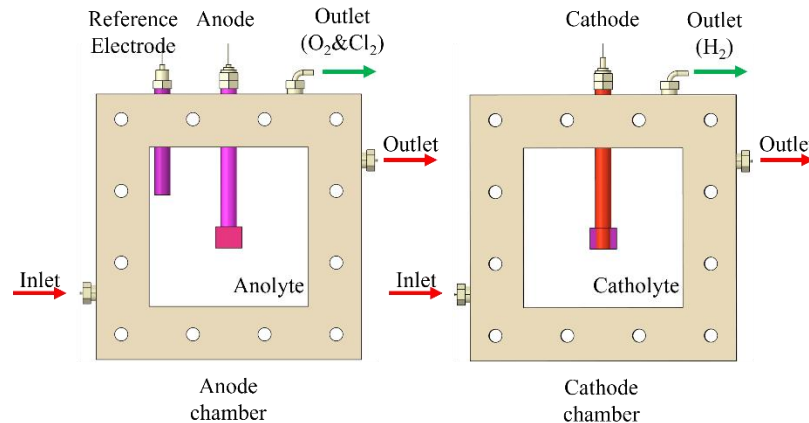
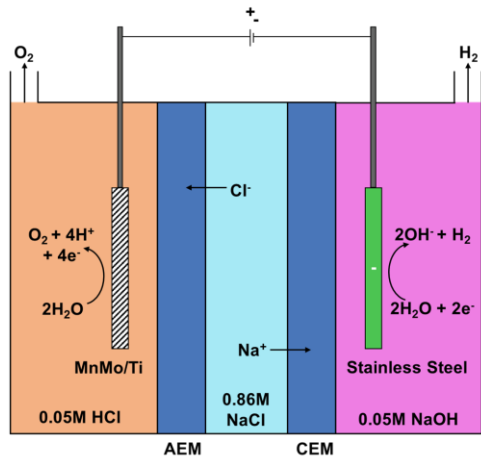
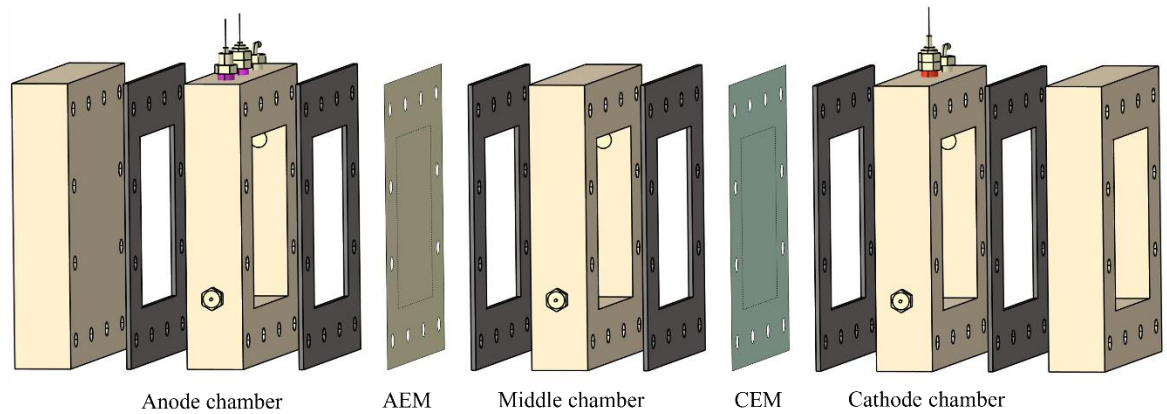
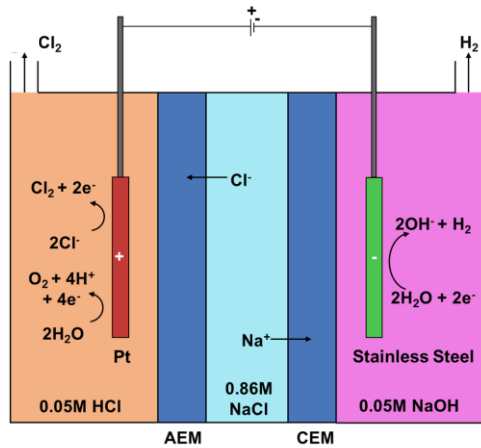
Photo-Assisted Electrochemical Recovery of Acids, H<sub>2</sub>, CaCO<sub>3</sub>, and Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> via CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization



Mode 1 is applied for alkaline residues with Al, Fe, Ca, and Mg content exceeding 5 wt%

# Advances in Direct Electrolysis of Brine

How can we produce acids, bases, H<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> by harnessing brine and electricity while suppressing Cl<sub>2</sub> gas evolution?

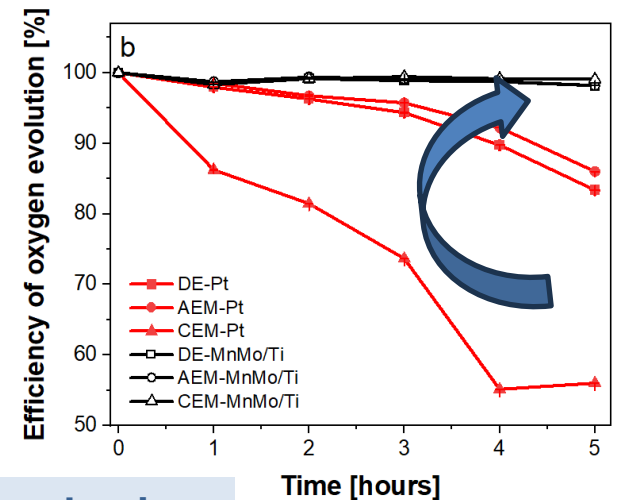
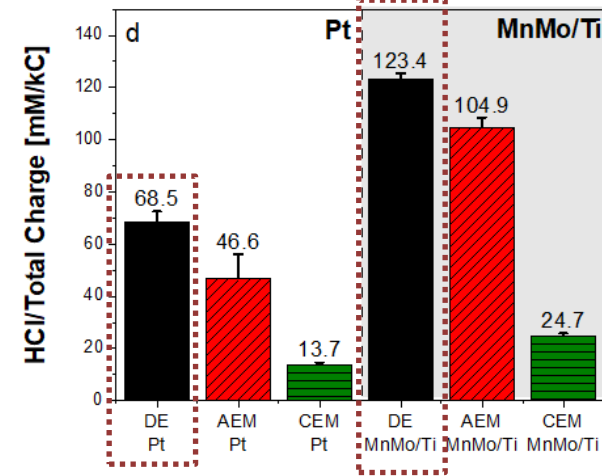
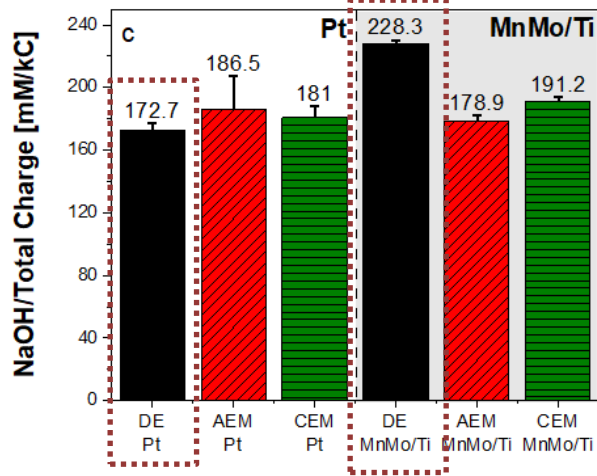
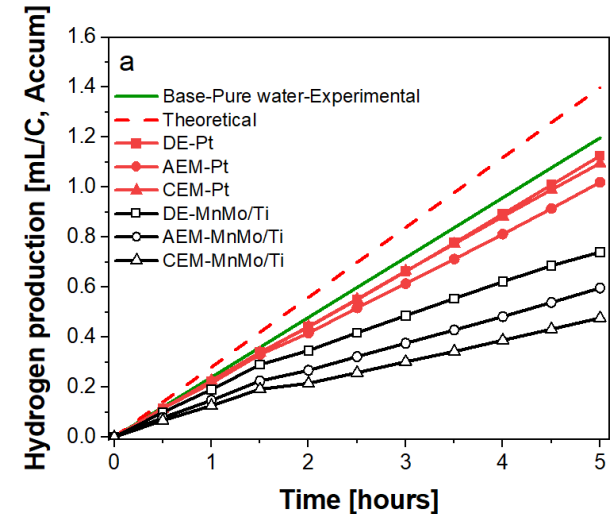
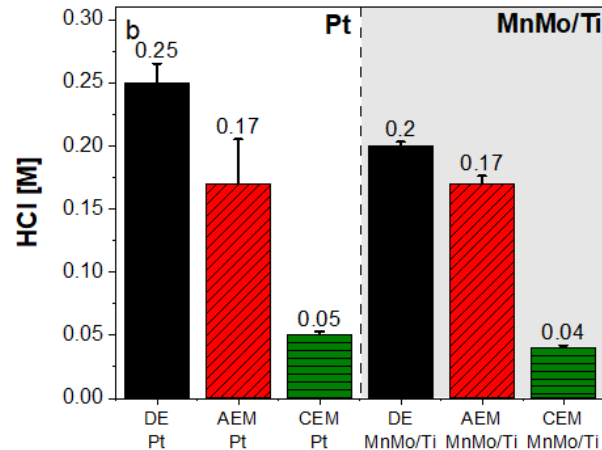
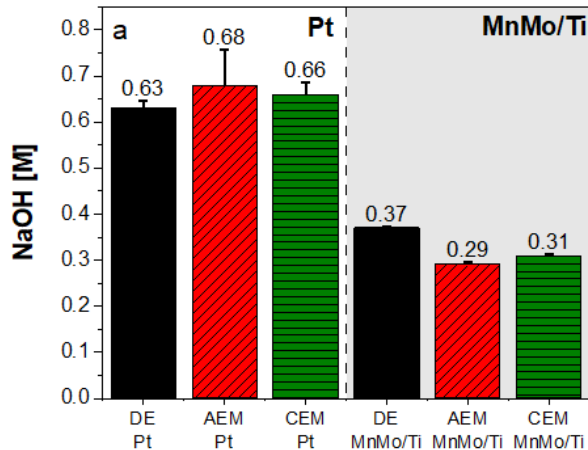


**What is the effectiveness of using MnMo/Ti electrode for suppressing Cl<sub>2</sub> gas evolution?**

# Advances in Direct Electrolysis of Brine

NaOH and HCl yields normalized to charge are higher using MnMo/Ti vs. Pt electrode

Lower H<sub>2</sub> yield using MnMo/Ti electrode



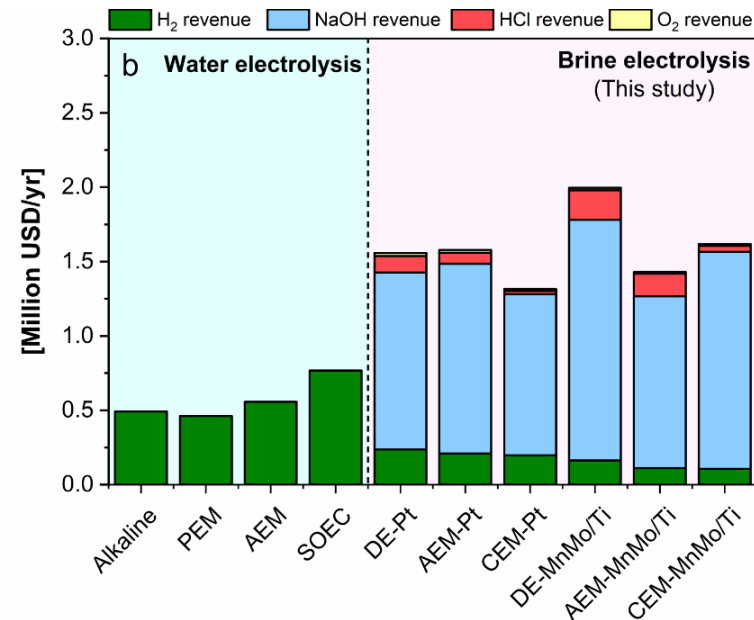
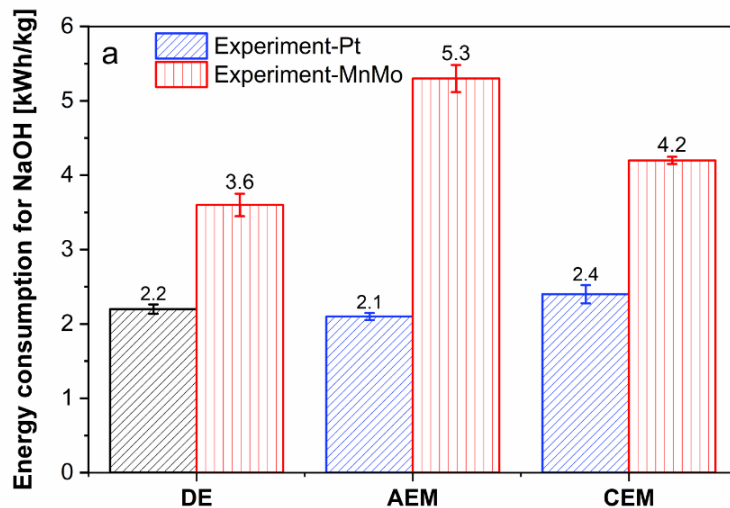
O<sub>2</sub> gas evolution is enhanced using MnMo/Ti electrode

# Advances in Direct Electrolysis of Brine

Calculated oxygen evolution efficiencies using various electrodes and membrane configurations

Anode	System	Total Coulomb [C]	Cl <sub>2</sub> [mol]	Cl <sub>2</sub> Evolution Efficiency [%]	O <sub>2</sub> Evolution Efficiency [%]
Pt	DE	3,647	0.0031	16.6	83.4
Pt	AEM	3,647	0.0026	13.4	86.0
Pt	CEM	3,647	0.0083	44.0	56.0
MnMo/Ti	DE	1,621	0.0002	1.8	98.2
MnMo/Ti	AEM	1,621	0.0002	1.8	98.2
MnMo/Ti	CEM	1,621	0.0001	0.9	99.1

Significant decrease in Cl<sub>2</sub> gas evolution efficiency and enhancement in O<sub>2</sub> gas evolution efficiency using MnMo/Ti electrode compared to Pt electrode



Energy consumption for producing NaOH is higher using MnMo/Ti electrode but economics are more favorable with brine electrolysis compared to water electrolysis!

Ongoing work involves developing novel electrodes for direct electrolysis!

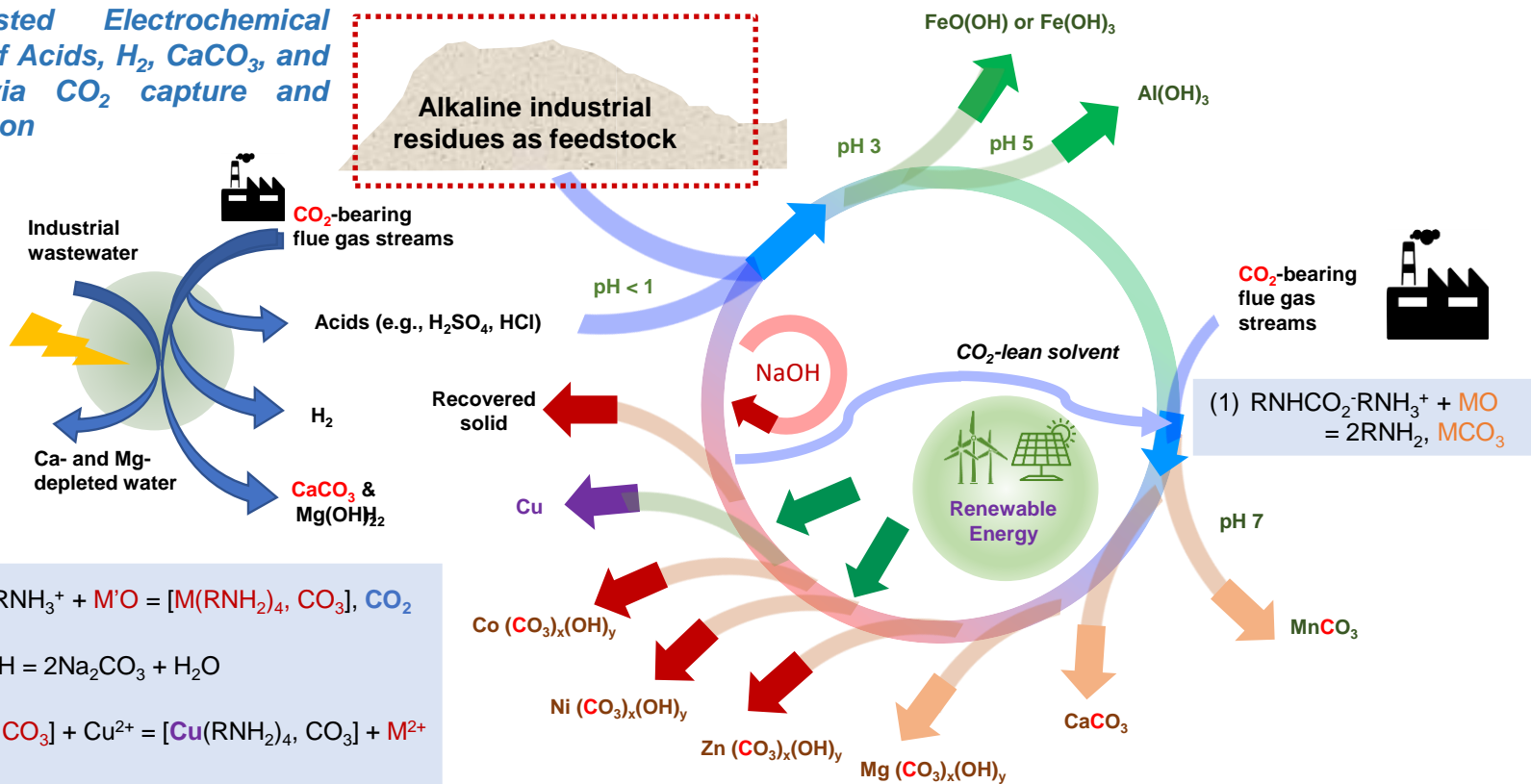
# INSPIRE Mode 1: Metal Recovery and Carbon Mineralization

Schematic representation of the INSPIRE technology for selective metal recovery integrated with CO<sub>2</sub> capture and conversion.

(A) Mode 1: Compositions of Al, Fe, Ca, Mg exceed 5 wt%

*Integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization for recovering high value metals*

*Photo-Assisted Electrochemical Recovery of Acids, H<sub>2</sub>, CaCO<sub>3</sub>, and Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> via CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization*



*Mode 1 is applied for alkaline residues with Al, Fe, Ca, and Mg content exceeding 5 wt%*

# Milestone 2.1: Quantify the chemical compositions and morphological features of the alkaline industrial residues from secondary aluminum processing and steel making

EAF Steel Slag		EAF Ladle Slag
Major Elements	Wt.(%)	Wt.(%)
CaO	33.8	33.4
MgO	11.6	31.3
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.04	0.08
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.04	0.1
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.23	11.2
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	21.4	5.35
SiO <sub>2</sub>	18	9.66
MnO	4.68	0.92
ZnO	--	--
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.4	0.11
NiO	--	--
CuO	--	--

Compositions of Ca- and Mg-bearing content exceeds 40 %.

*Ultramafic mine tailings can contain ~ 40 – 50% SiO<sub>2</sub>, and 30 – 40% Mg-oxide, 5 – 15% Fe-oxides in addition to ~ 100 – 2000 ppm of Ni*

Black Dross		White Dross	
Major elements	Wt (% oxides)	Major elements	Wt % (oxides)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	12.29	SiO <sub>2</sub>	n.d.
TiO <sub>2</sub>	2.381	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.089
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	38.40	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	104.22
FeO*	1.11	FeO*	0.28
MnO	0.978	MnO	0.213
MgO	11.77	MgO	3.90
CaO	2.10	CaO	0.15
Na <sub>2</sub> O	13.44	Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.11
K <sub>2</sub> O	9.13	K <sub>2</sub> O	0.22
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.138	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.011
LOI (%)	-0.17	LOI (%)	-10.69
Total	99.13	Total	99.12

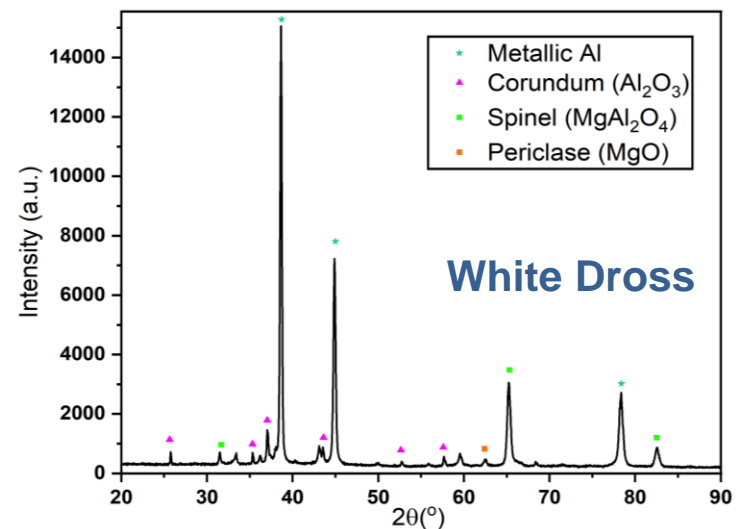
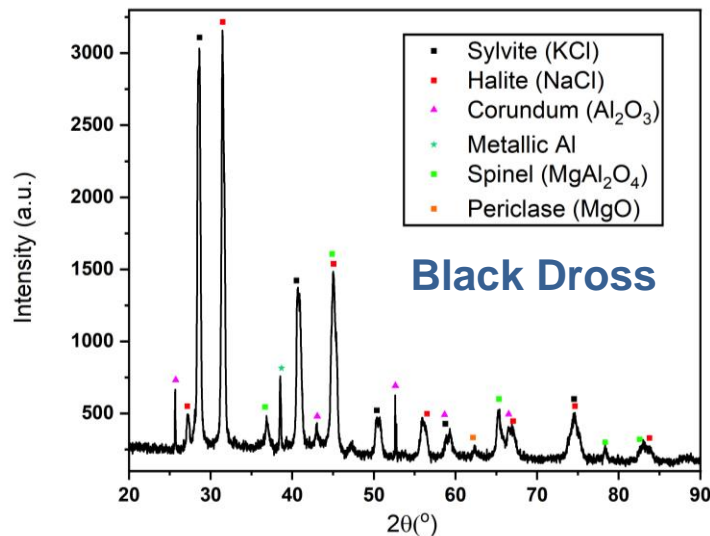
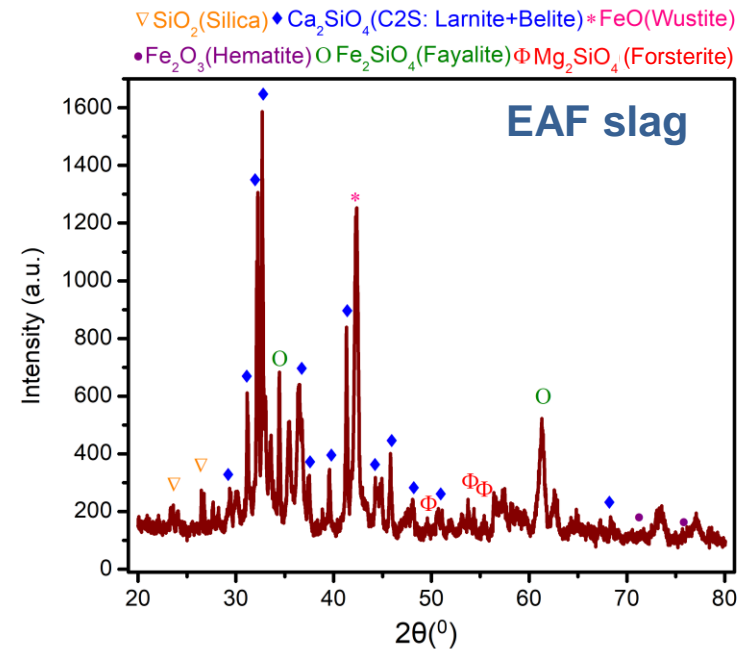
Compositions of Ca- and Mg-bearing content is less than 20 %.

Cu ~ 200 – 500 ppm;  
Ni ~ 50 – 100 ppm;  
Cr ~ 50 – 200 ppm



# Milestone 2.1: Quantify the chemical compositions and morphological features of the alkaline industrial residues from secondary aluminum processing and steel making

- ❑ Evidence of Ca-, Mg-, and Fe-silicates, silica, and iron oxide phases in EAF slags
- ❑ Evidence of soluble KCl and NaCl phases in addition to insoluble  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , Al, MgO, and  $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$  phases in black dross
- ❑ Evidence of metallic Al,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$ , and MgO phases in white dross.
- ❑ Significant differences in the compositions of the slags and dross materials motivate advances in customized pathways to recover high value products

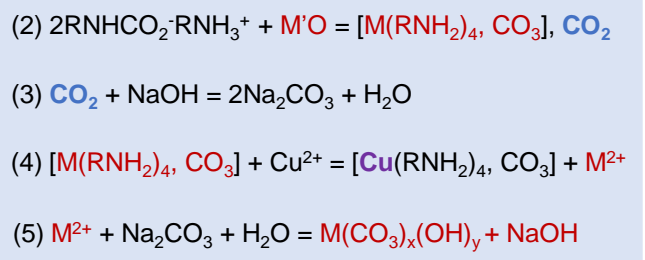
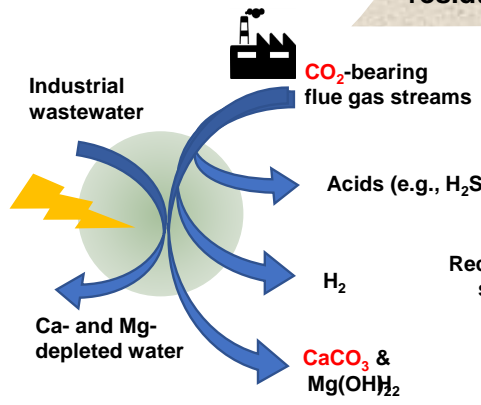


# INSPIRE Mode 1: Metal Recovery and Carbon Mineralization

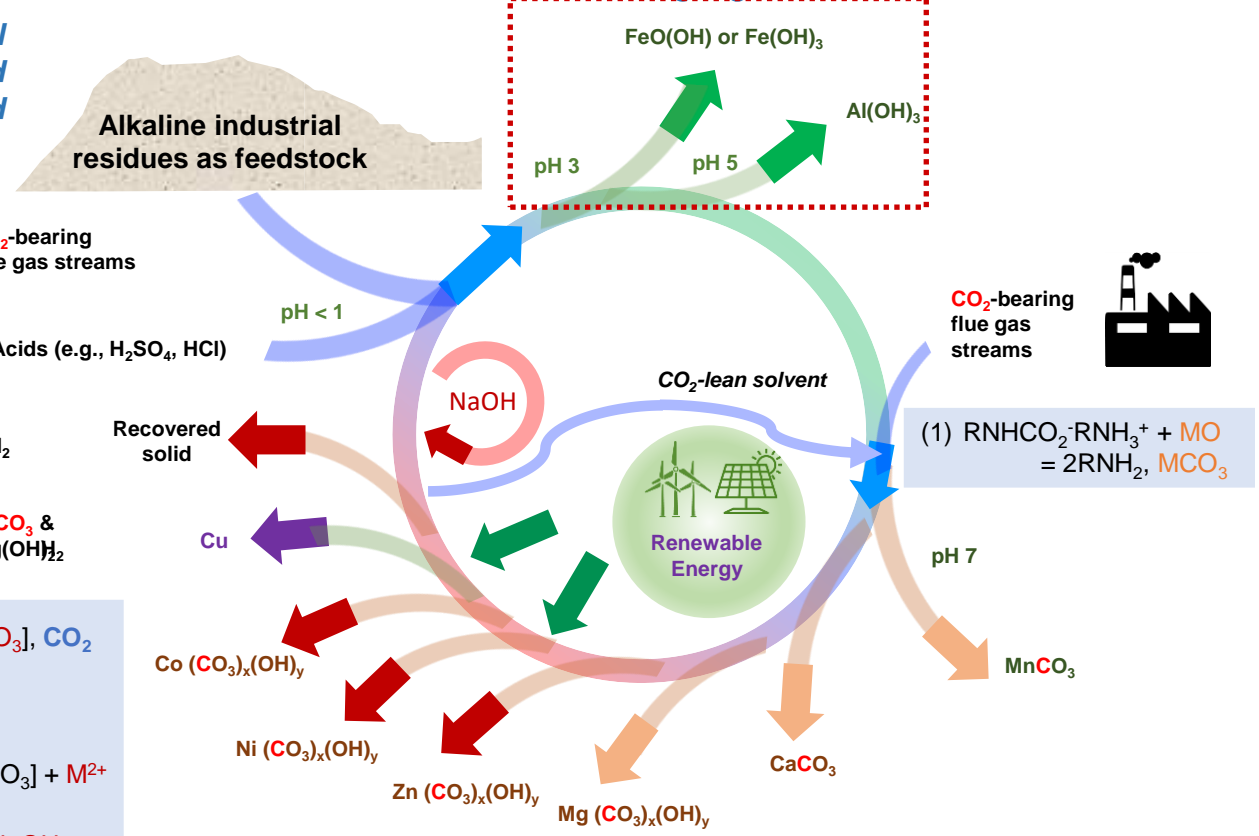
Schematic representation of the INSPIRE technology for selective metal recovery integrated with CO<sub>2</sub> capture and conversion.

(A) Mode 1: Compositions of Al, Fe, Ca, Mg exceed 5 wt%

*Photo-Assisted Electrochemical Recovery of Acids, H<sub>2</sub>, CaCO<sub>3</sub>, and Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> via CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization*



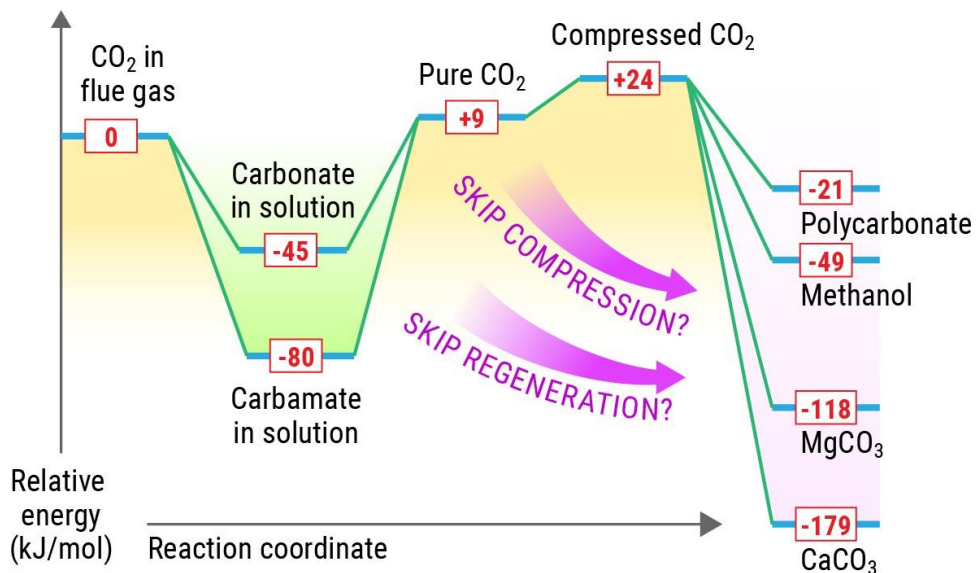
*Integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization for recovering high value metals*



Mode 1 is applied for alkaline residues with Al, Fe, Ca, and Mg content exceeding 5 wt%

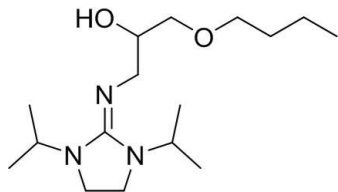
# Task 2. Material Characterization, Solvent Synthesis, and Determination of Key Solvents

Water-lean solvents are a prime medium for integration of capture and mineralization and metal recovery.



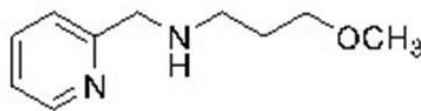
- Overall process is catalytic with respect to solvent
- Catalytic exothermic mineralization offsets endothermic solvent regeneration
- Bypasses CO<sub>2</sub> compression
- PNNL's single-component water-lean solvents are tunable bi-dentate ligands for cation chelation

## Alkanolguanidines



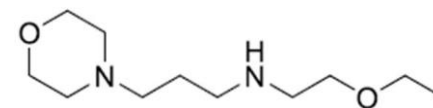
e.g. 1-BEIPADIP-2-BOL

## Aminopyridines (AP)



e.g. 2-MeOEAMP

## Diamines (DA)

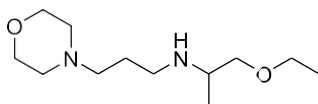
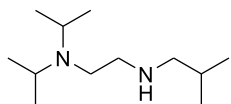
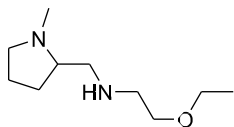
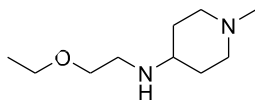
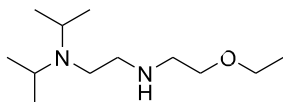
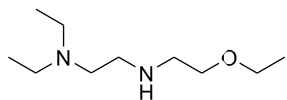
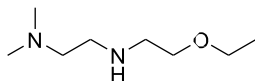
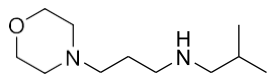
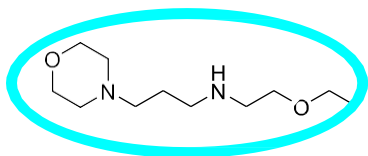


e.g. EEMPA: *N*-(2-ethoxyethyl)-3-morpholinopropan-1-Amine

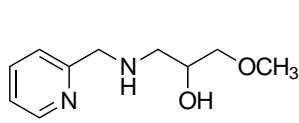
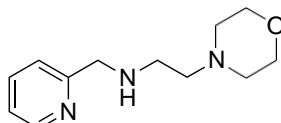
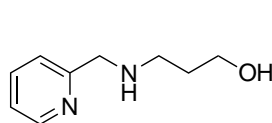
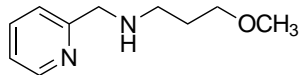
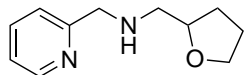
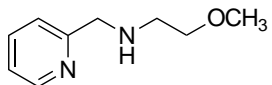
# Task 2. Material Characterization, Solvent Synthesis, and Determination of Key Solvents

*Towards Designing Candidate Solvents:* PNNL has libraries of available solvents from three classes to select from and reduced-order models enable us to quickly design and synthesize solvents with tailored properties (as needed).

*Syntheses are designed for use of off-the-shelf reagents.*

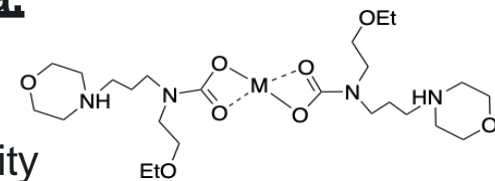


## 2-EEMPA w/wo CO<sub>2</sub> + Ni and Co



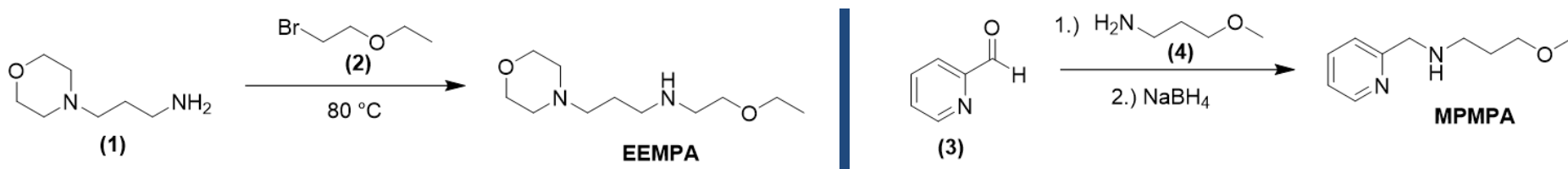
### Design Criteria:

- Hardness
- pKa
- Nucleophilicity
- Conductance
- Binding enthalpy

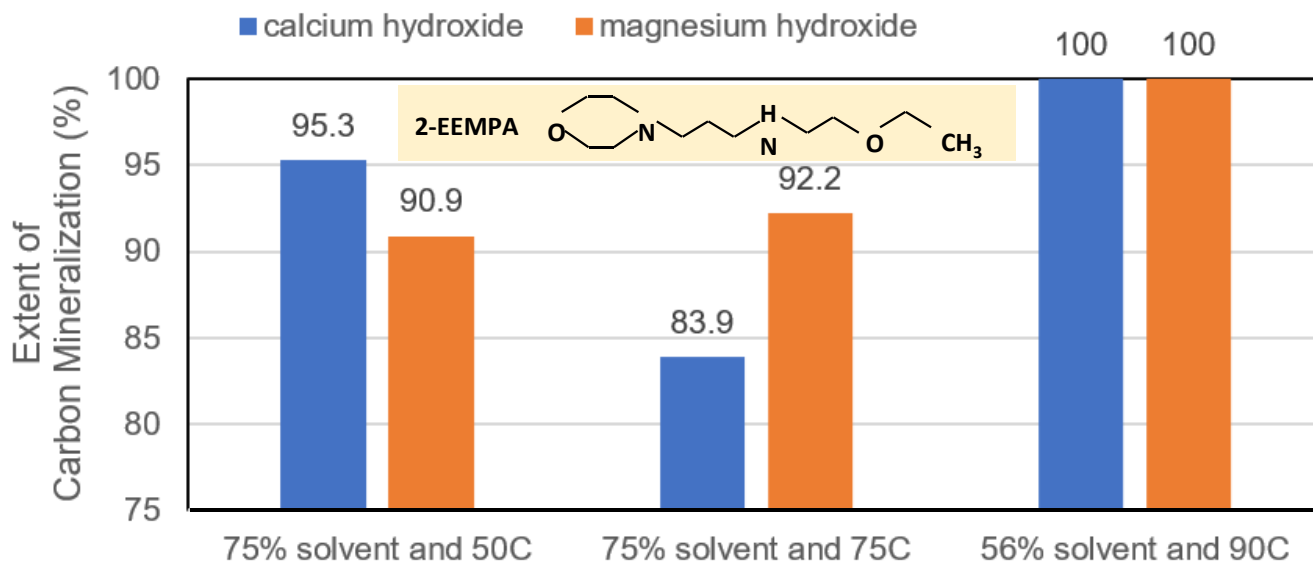


**Milestone: 2.2:** Synthesize third generation solvents and quantify CO<sub>2</sub> capture behavior and **2.3:** Identify 2 – 3 appropriate solvent systems

**Water – lean solvents developed at PNNL**



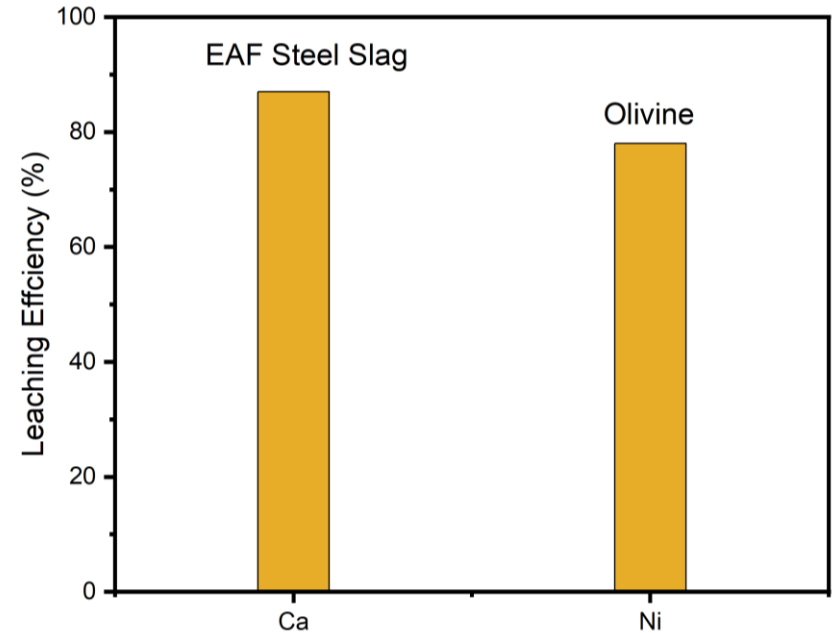
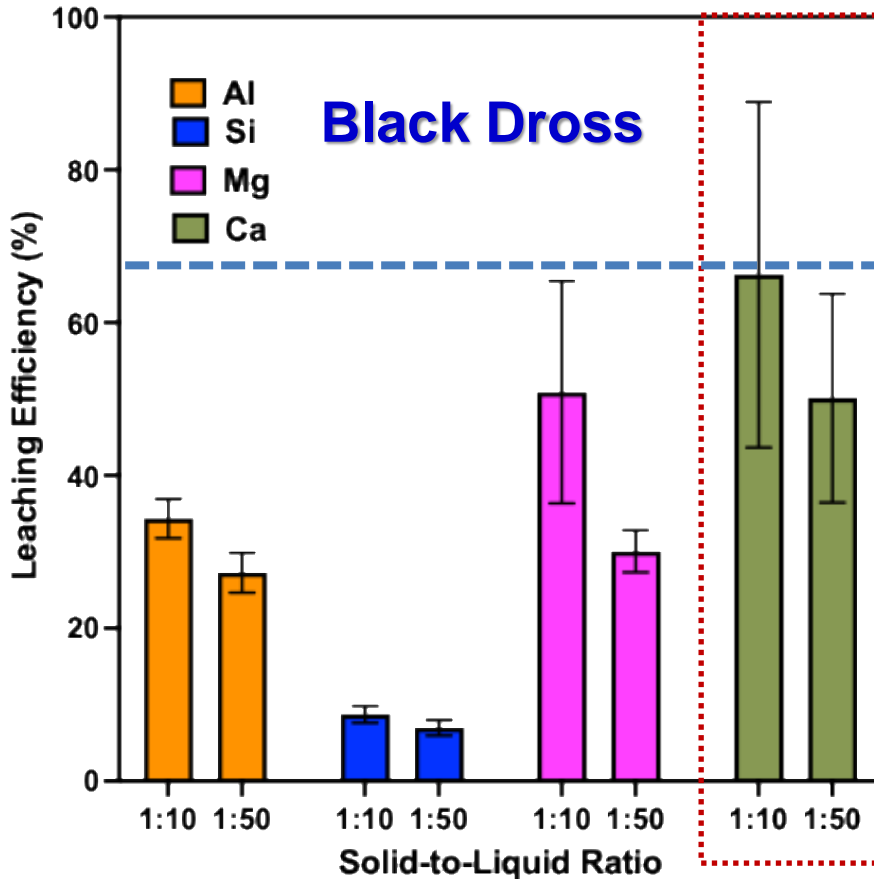
Evidence of the carbon mineralization of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> and Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> using 2-EEMPA in gas – liquid – solid mode. Experimental conditions include pCO<sub>2</sub> of 1 atm, 15 wt% solid in a well-stirred slurry environment



The team will build on these studies for the selective separation of Mn, Ca, and Mg-bearing carbonates in INSPIRE.

**Milestone 3.1:** Leach > 60% of Ni and > 80% of Ca from select alkaline industrial residues - SMART; Go – No Go Milestone

## Inorganic acid driven leaching



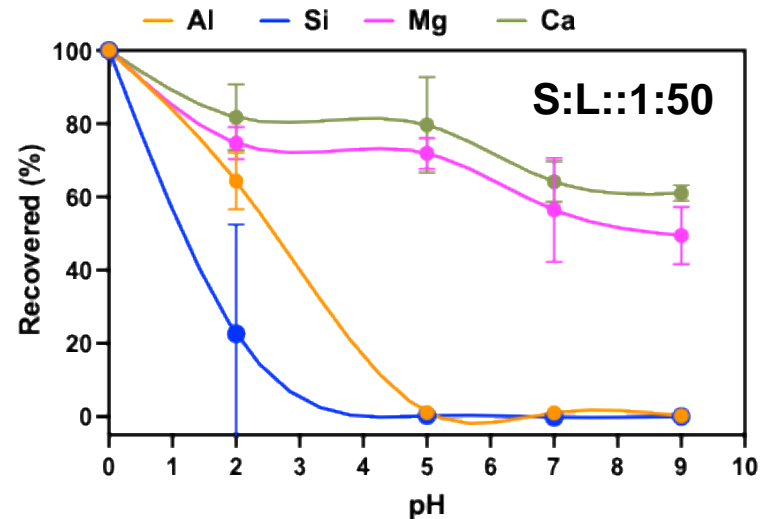
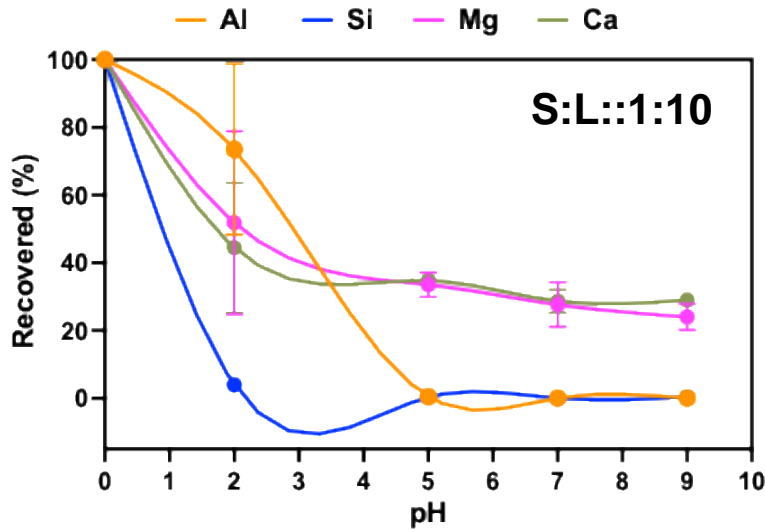
**87% leaching of Ca** in EAF slag and **78% leaching of Ni** in olivine was observed using 1.5 M HCl on stirring at 300 rpm at 40 °C for 60 minutes.

Dissolution of black dress in a 2 M HCl solution at 50 °C and 300 rpm for two hours

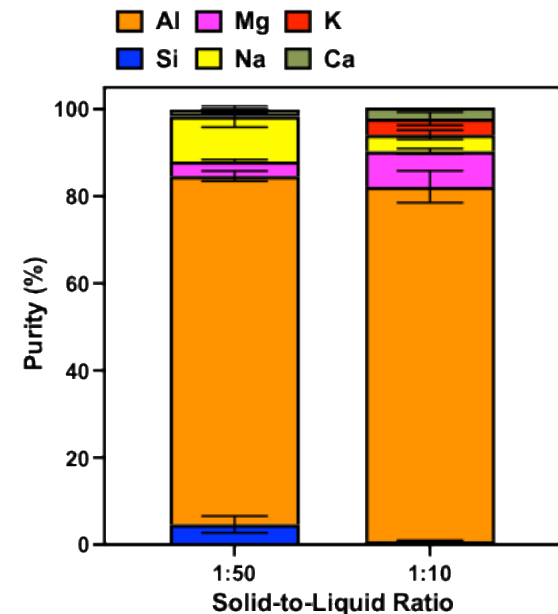


## Task 3. Metal Recovery

Decreasing concentrations => precipitation of dissolved ions



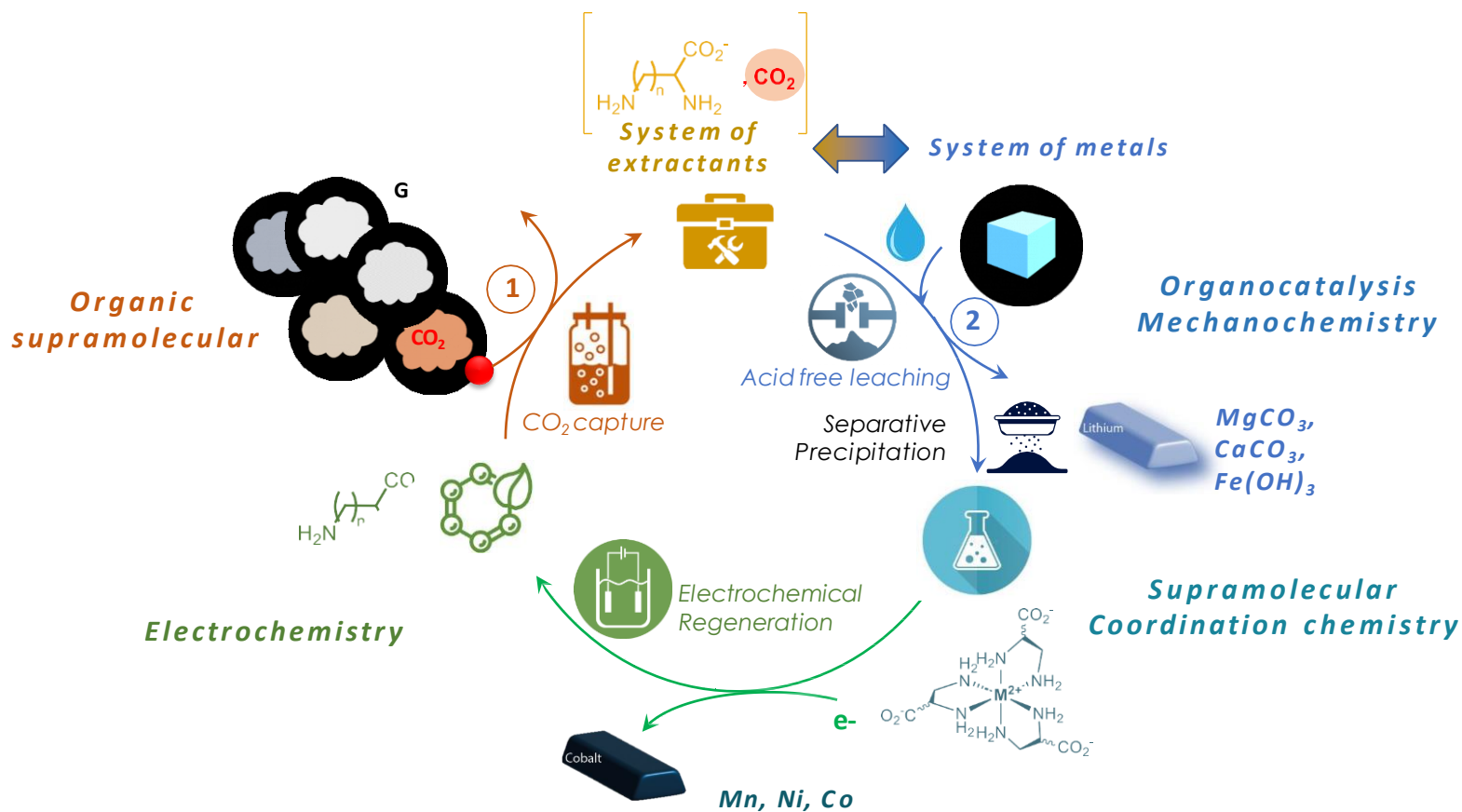
- Gradual increase in the pH from 2, 5, 7, and 9 using sodium hydroxide (NaOH) results in the precipitation of various products. Near complete recovery of Si and Al is achieved.
- High content of Al in the solid recovered at pH 5 is noted.
- Similar quantity of Al is noted in the recovered product with S:L::1:50 and 1:10



# Task 3. Metal Leaching using CO<sub>2</sub>-Bearing Solvents and Electrochemical Approaches



## Acid – free leaching and metal recovery



Advance sustainable pathways to recover energy critical metals by harnessing selective chelation ability of specific ligands.

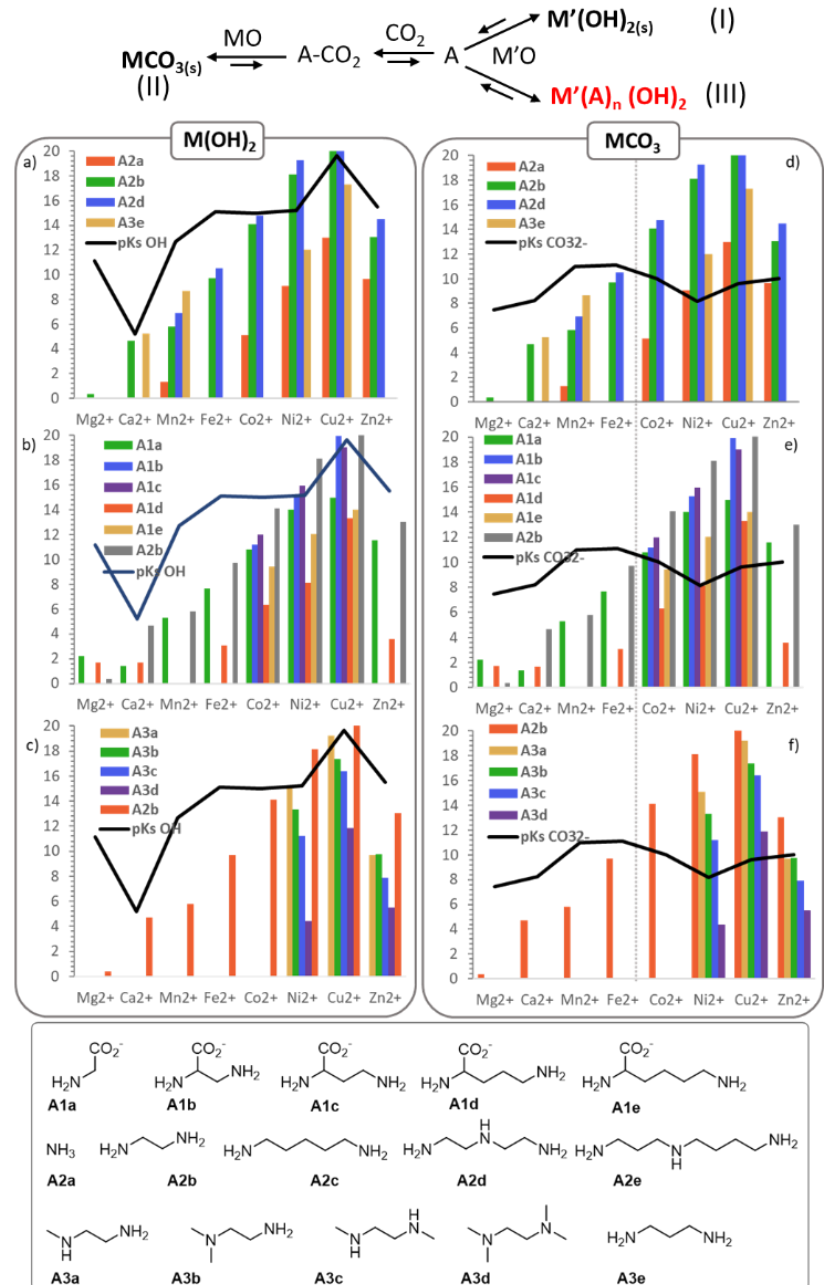
# Task 3. Metal Leaching using CO<sub>2</sub>-Bearing Solvents and Electrochemical Approaches

*Harness differences in the binding affinities of various metals for ligands to drive metal separations*

Thermodynamic constants of competing solvent-metal complexation (columns) vs hydroxylation (black line) (a-c) and carbonation (d-f) (black line).

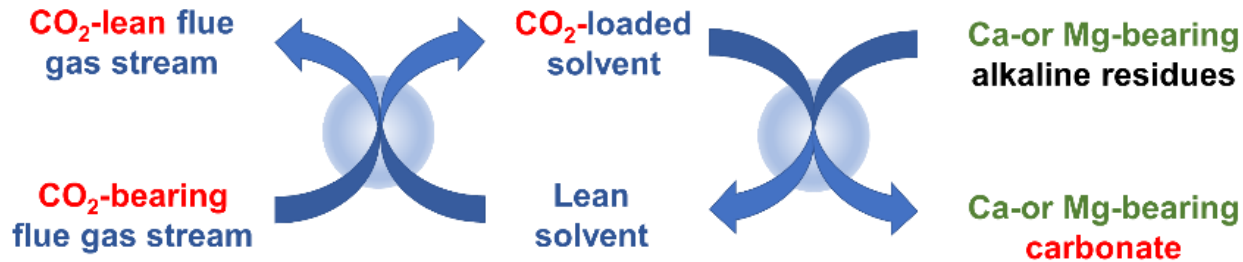
Bottom: water-lean solvent models (A3), polyamines (A2) and aminoacid solvents (A1) reported in the literature.

**Next steps:** Advance experimental efforts to determine the effectiveness of various solvents in effectively capturing energy relevant metals.



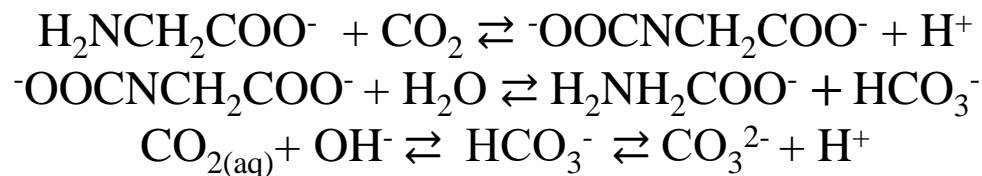
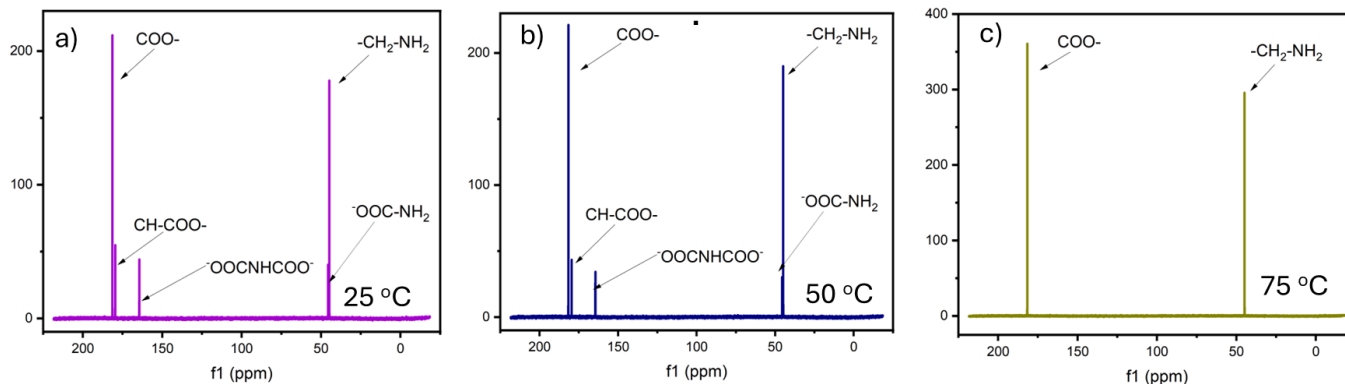
# Task 4. Extractive carbon mineralization of Mn, Ca, and Mg recovery

## Milestone 4.1. Achieve selective separation of Mn, Ca, and Mg-carbonates



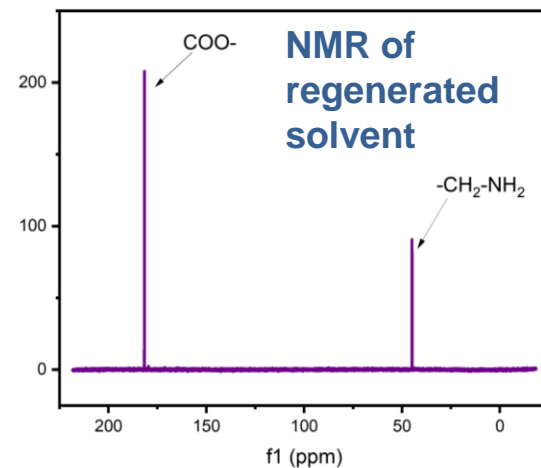
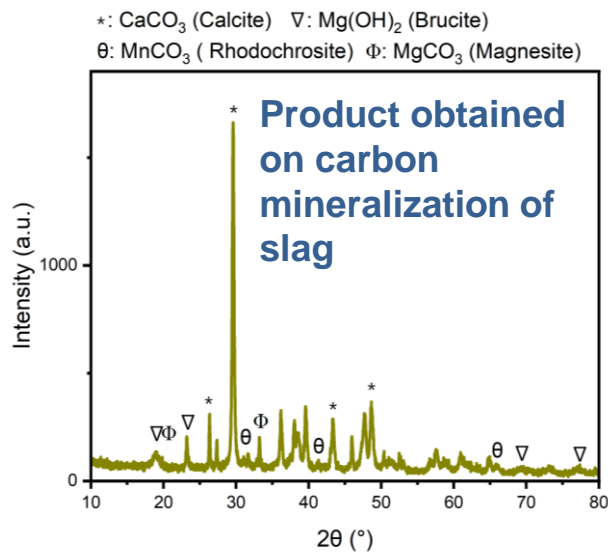
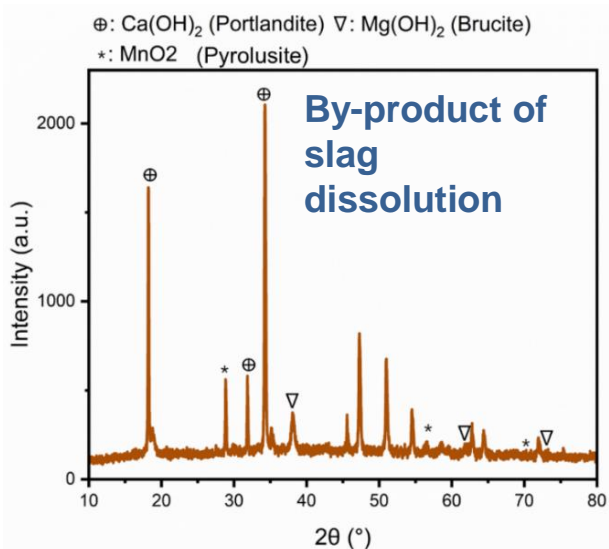
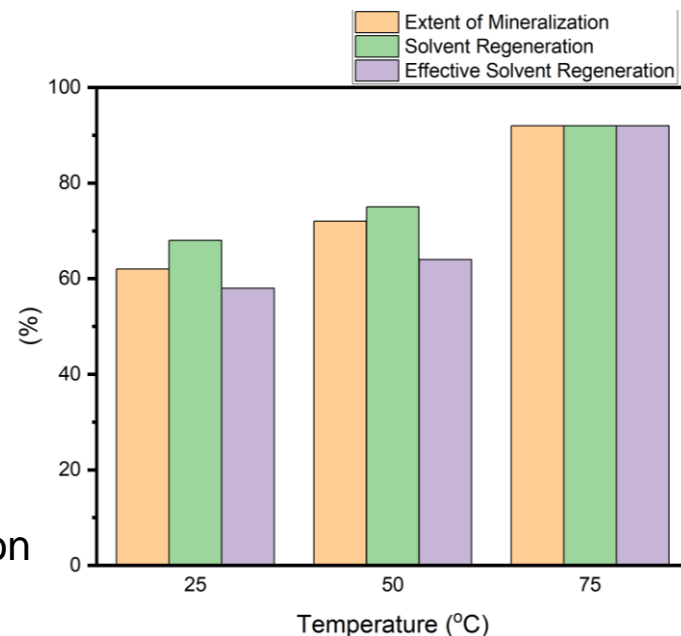
### How do we quantify solvent regeneration?

<sup>13</sup>C NMR comparison for solvents recovered after mineralization of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> using CO<sub>2</sub> pre-loaded 2.5 M Na-Glycinate at: a) 25<sup>o</sup>C, b) 50<sup>o</sup>C and c) 75<sup>o</sup>C.

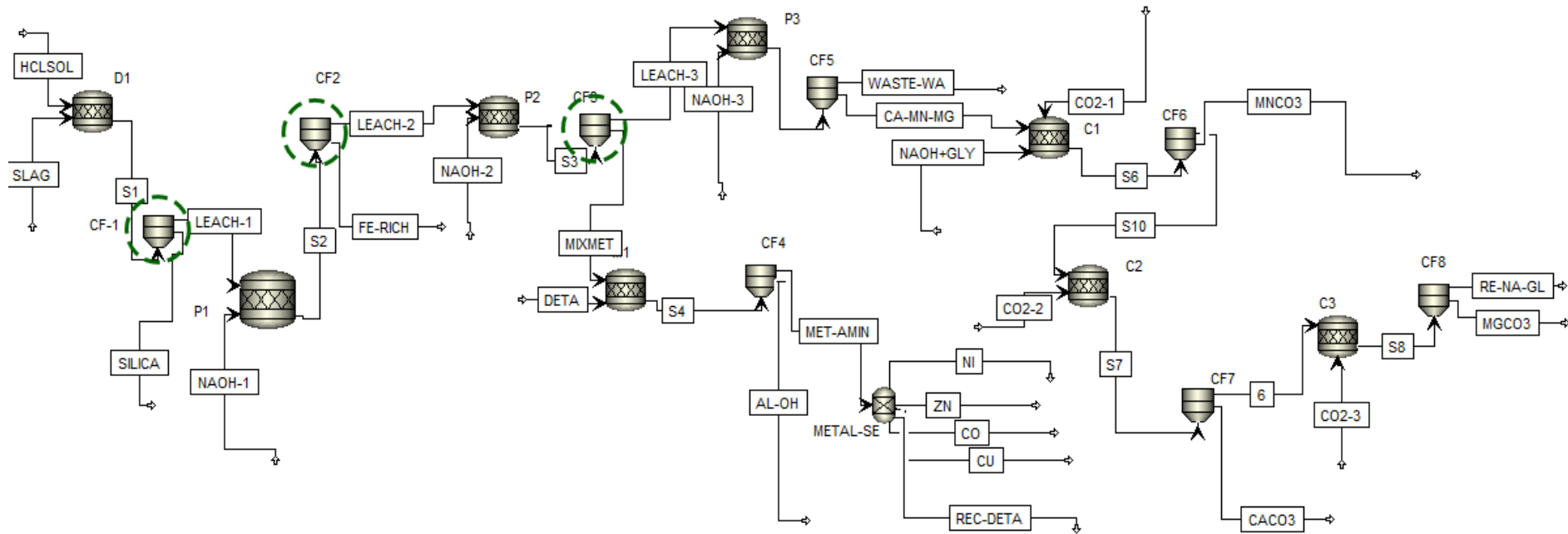


# Task 4. Extractive carbon mineralization of Mn, Ca, and Mg recovery

- Extent of mineralization, solvent regeneration and effective solvent regeneration for mineralization of  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  using  $\text{CO}_2$  pre-loaded 2.5 M Na - Glycinate at 25 °C, 50 °C and 75 °C.
- Extent of carbon mineralization ~ 92% and solvent regeneration ~ 92% is realized using  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$
- Solvent regeneration ~ 94% is achieved on the mineralization of by-product obtained on slag dissolution



# Milestone 6.1. Complete the TEA framework for INSPIRE



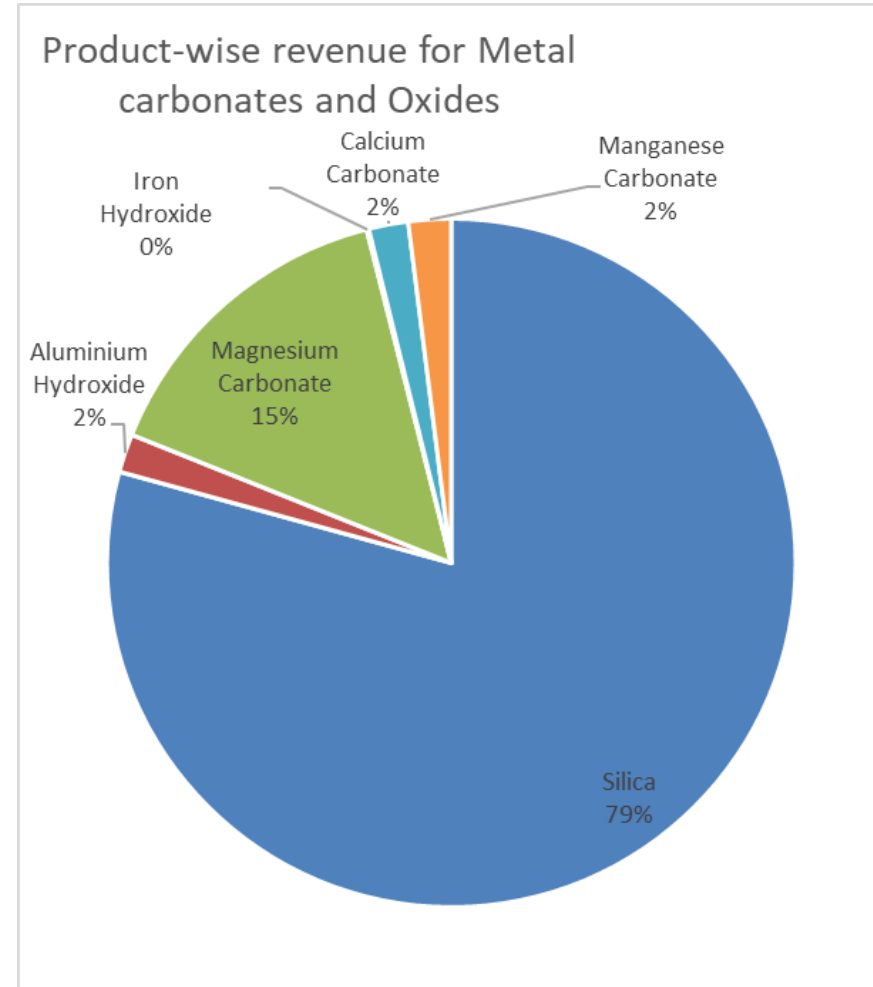
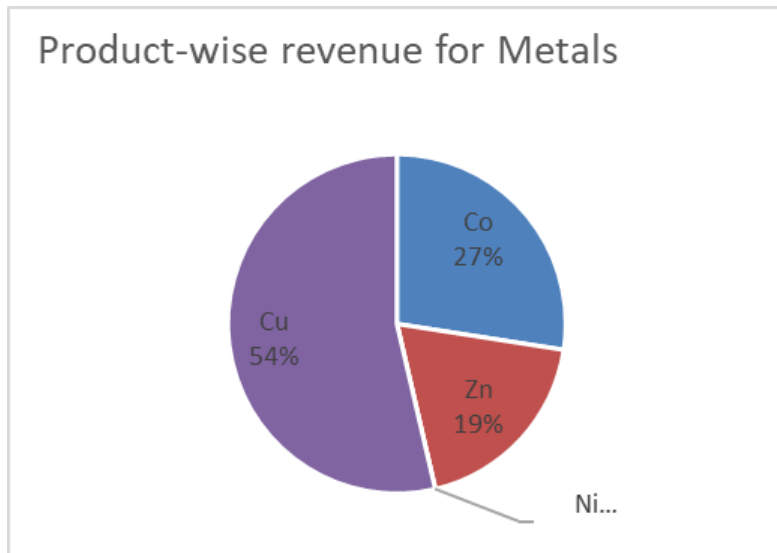
Key criteria	USD
Total Operating Cost	\$174,221.06
Total Raw Materials Cost	\$160,842.59
Total Product Sales	\$555,884.26
Total Utilities Cost	\$158.16
Operating Profit per ton	\$220,662.44

#	Assumptions
1	The costs of crushing and grinding slag is \$10/ton which is incorporated in ASPEN.
2	The tax credits for carbon capture are considered to be \$20/ton of CO <sub>2</sub> captured. In ASPEN, this is reflected as -\$0.02 per kilogram to incorporate it into raw material costs.
3	The separation efficiency of the centrifuge filters in ASPEN model is set at 99%. The power required for processing 1 m <sup>3</sup> /hr. of feed rate in a centrifuge filter is 1 kW.
4	Solvent recovery rates are set at 90% for CO <sub>2</sub> capture solvent (Sodium Glycinate) and 95% for metal-recovery solvent (DETA). These rates are factored into the calculation of raw material costs.



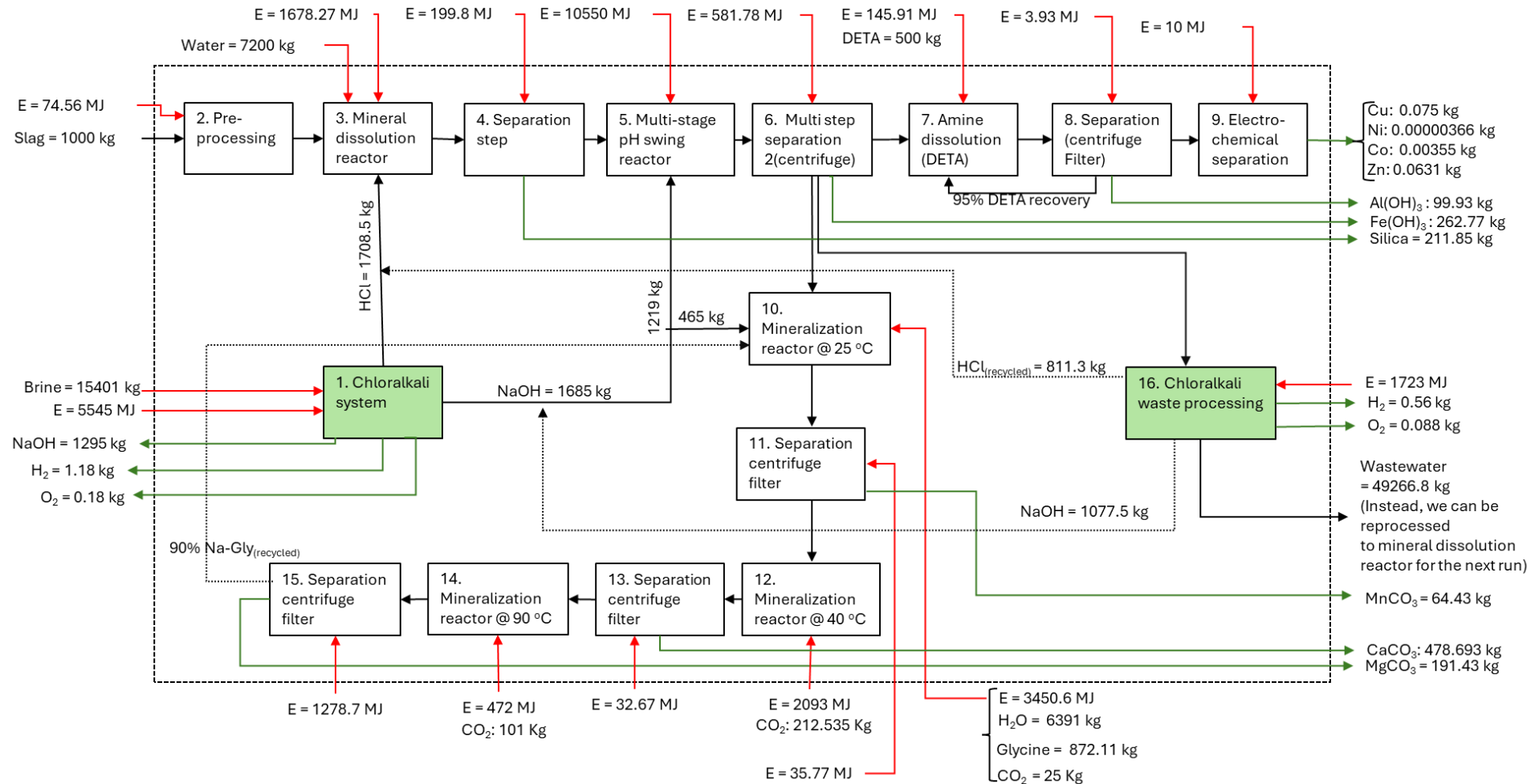
## Milestone 6.1. Complete the TEA framework for INSPIRE

- ❑ The annual slag processing volume amounts to 8,640 tons, based on plant operation for 360 days per year. Each ton of slag yields a profit of \$220,662.44, predominantly derived from the sale of carbonates and metal oxides. Additionally, revenue is generated from the recovery of critical metals.
- ❑ About 338 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> captured per ton of slag.

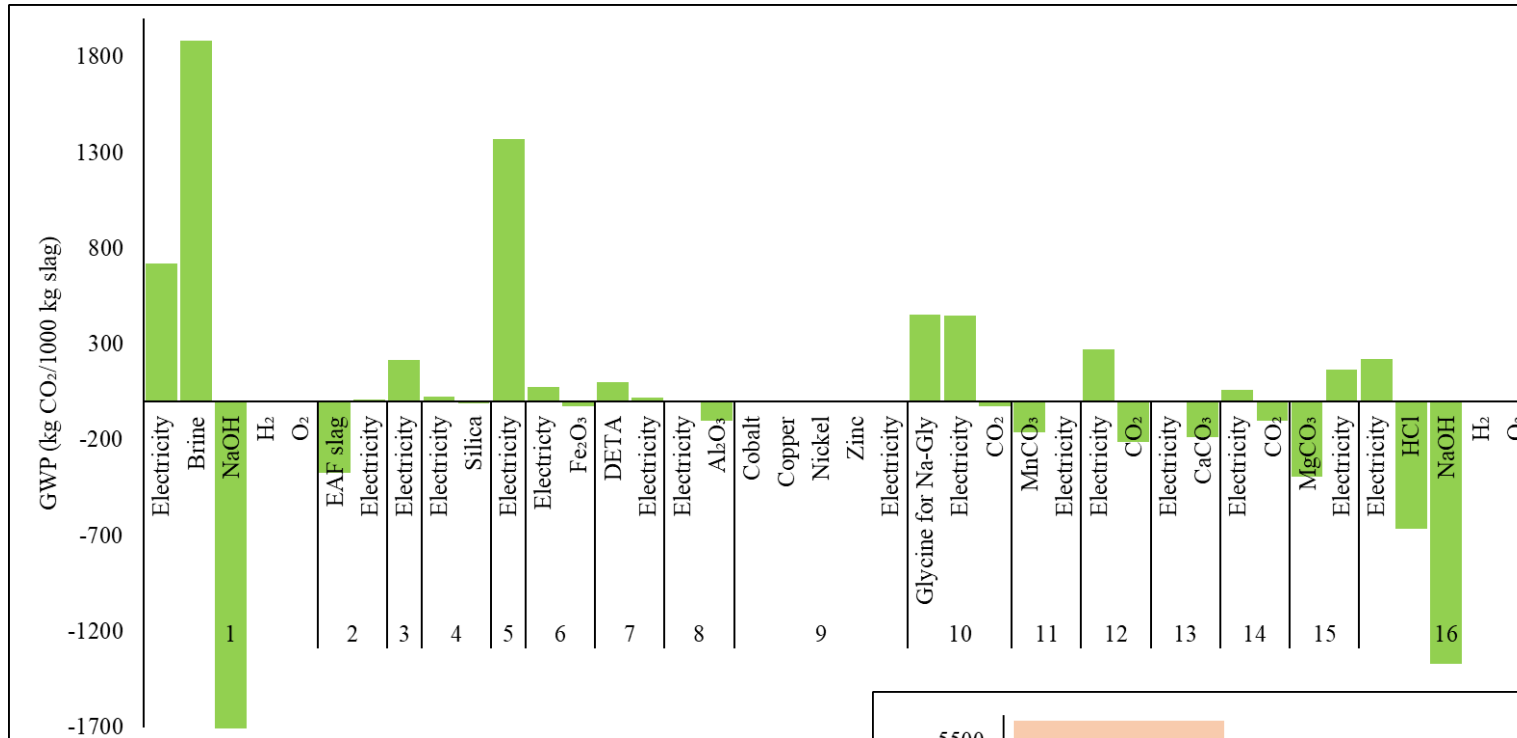


# Milestone 6.2. Complete the LCA framework for INSPIRE

LCA is based on processing 1 ton of slag coupled with the electrochemical co-generation of NaOH, HCl, H<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> for extracting energy critical metals and producing inorganic carbonates via CO<sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization.

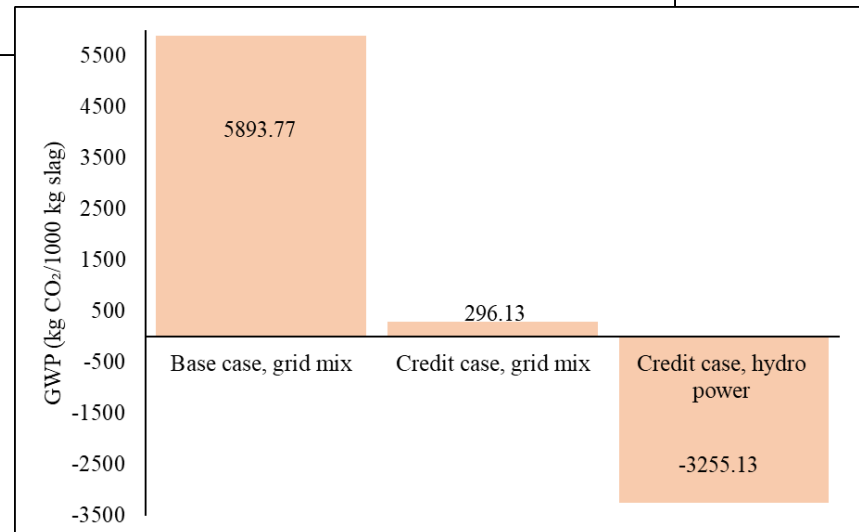


# Milestone 6.2. Complete the LCA framework for INSPIRE



CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are predominantly from electricity, brine, and solvent. Negative emissions arise from co-product generation.

Switching to electricity from renewable energy resources and crediting the products can result in carbon – negative products.



# Outreach Activities

## C1. Engage K – 12 community in science education and communication

The **REACT (Research Education and Activities for Community Teachers)** program connects K-12 educators with cutting-edge research at Cornell University. Organized by graduate students, this initiative highlights the latest research techniques and advancements for teachers, aiming to bring cutting-edge research into their classrooms. Dhruv Mehta participated in the virtual lab tour, where he showcased various equipment and analytical instruments in the lab used for research on carbon capture and metal recovery.



### Upcoming activities

We are organizing the **ACS Women in Energy Symposium in the ACS Fall Meeting in Denver, Colorado from August 18 – 22, 2024.**

We welcome you to attend!



# Key Tasks and Subtasks

The team has made significant progress on Tasks 1 – 6 during the first year

Task & Subtasks	Year 1				Year 2				
	Quarter	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
<b>1 Project Management and Planning (including kick-off meeting)</b>		1.1							
<b>2 Material characterization, solvent synthesis and identify solvents</b>									
2.1 Characterize chemical and morphological features of alkaline materials		2.1							
2.2 Synthesize third generation solvents and determine CO <sub>2</sub> capture behavior			2.2						
2.3 Determine the appropriate solvents based on thermodynamics and kinetics				2.3					
<b>3 Metal recovery using CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing solvents and electrochemical approaches</b>					3.1S				
<b>4 Extractive carbon mineralization for Mn, Ca, and Mg recovery</b>					4.1				
<b>5 Experimental setup for electromediated stripping, recovery, and solvent regeneration</b>					5.1				
<b>6 Develop frameworks for techno-economic assessments and life cycle analyses</b>									
6.1 Develop frameworks for process-scale analyses and TEA					6.1				
6.2 Develop a framework to assess life cycle impacts					6.2				
<b>C1 Engage K-12 students in science education and communication</b>					C1.1				
<b>7 Recover Al – and Fe – bearing solids</b>						7.1			
<b>8 Recover Mn-, Ca-, and Mg-bearing carbonates</b>									
8.1 Phase separation, compositional analyses, quantification of CO <sub>2</sub> capture and mineralization						8.1			
8.2 Produce Ca-carbonate via integrated CO <sub>2</sub> capture and conversion							8.2		
<b>9 Electromediated critical metal stripping, recovery, and solvent regeneration</b>									
9.1 Selective Ni stripping by Cu <sup>2+</sup> ion substitution						9.1			
9.2 Selective Ni and Co stripping by Cu <sup>2+</sup> substitution and metal recovery by carbon mineralization							9.2	9.3	
<b>10 Conduct whole system TEA and LCA</b>									
10.1 Evaluate the overall techno-economic impacts								10.1	
10.2 Assess whole system life cycle impacts								10.2	
<b>C2 Expand internship opportunities for underrepresented students and women</b>								C2.1	
<b>C3 Engage women, rural communities, and general public through symposia organization and presentations</b>								C3.1	

# Milestones

Milestones 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 6.1, and 6.2 are achieved.

Significant progress is being made towards Milestones 2.3, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, and 6.2.

**Green: completed** | **Blue: In Progress** | **Black: To Begin**

	Type	Milestones
1. Project Management	Y1, Q1	1.1. Develop the communication plan and other deliverables and organize the project kick-off meeting
2. Material characterization, solvent synthesis and identification for metal recovery	Y1, Q1	2.1. Quantify the chemical compositions and morphological features of the alkaline industrial residues from secondary aluminum processing and steel making
	Y1, Q2	2.2. Synthesize third generation solvents and quantify CO <sub>2</sub> capture behavior
	Y1, Q3	2.3. Identify 2-3 appropriate solvent systems
3. Metal recovery	Y1, Q4	3.1. Leach > 60% of Ni and > 80% of Ca from select alkaline industrial residues - SMART; Go – No Go Milestone
4. Extractive carbon mineralization of Mn, Ca, and Mg recovery	Y1, Q4	4.1. Achieve selective separation of Mn, Ca, and Mg-carbonates
5. Experimental setup for electromediated separation	Y1, Q3	5.1. Demonstrate a working experimental setup for separating metals of interest
6. Develop frameworks for TEA and LCA	Y1, Q4	6.1. Complete the TEA framework for INSPIRE
	Y1, Q4	6.2. Complete the LCA framework for INSPIRE
7. Recover Al- and Fe-bearing solids	Y2, Q1	7.1. Achieve the precipitation of Al- and Fe-rich solids from select alkaline industrial residues with yields > 60% - SMART
8. Recover Mn-, Ca-, and Mg-bearing carbonates	Y2, Q2	8.1. Recover > 90% of select solvents after Mn,Ca, and Mg-carbonate precipitation - SMART
	Y2, Q4	8.2. Produce > 10 kg of CaCO <sub>3</sub> based on optimal conditions - SMART
9: Electromediated metal recovery	Y2, Q3	9.1 Selective electrochemical recovery of Ni, Co, Zn-carbonates
	Y2, Q4	9.2. Develop solvent regeneration strategy
10: Conduct whole system TEA and LCA	Y2, Q4	10.1. Final TEA for the fully integrated INSPIRE technology
	Y2, Q4	10.2. Final LCA for the fully integrated INSPIRE technology



**Thank you!**