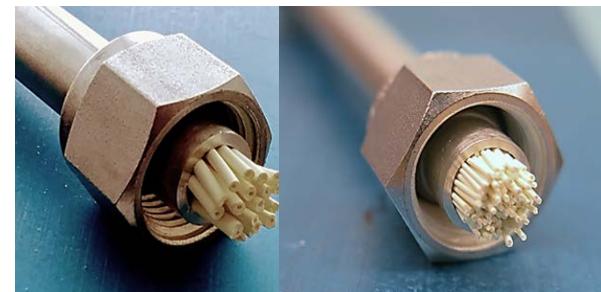
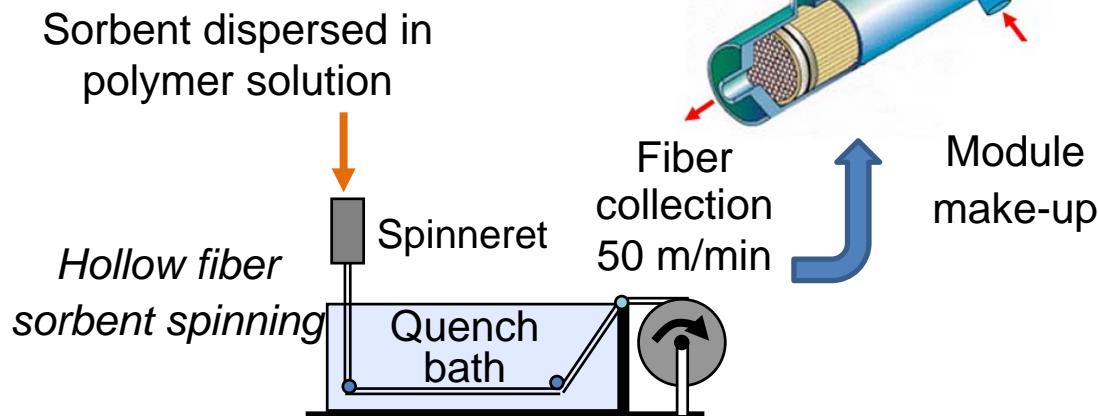


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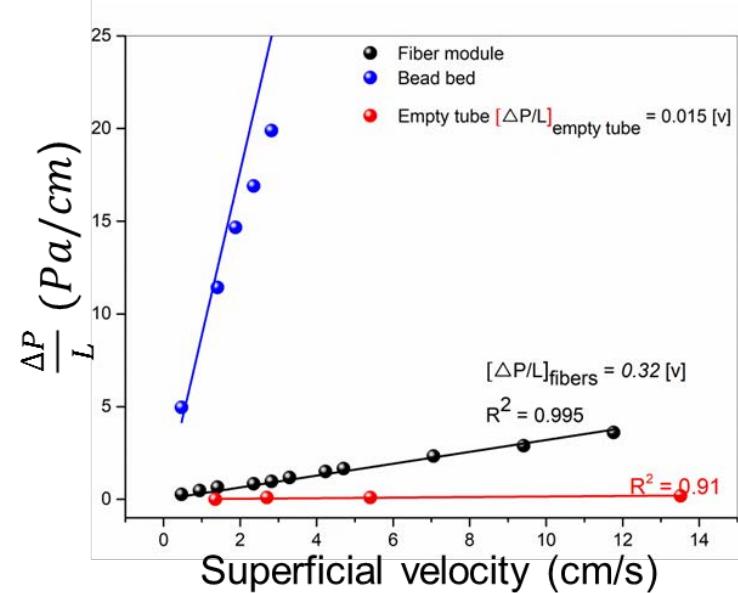
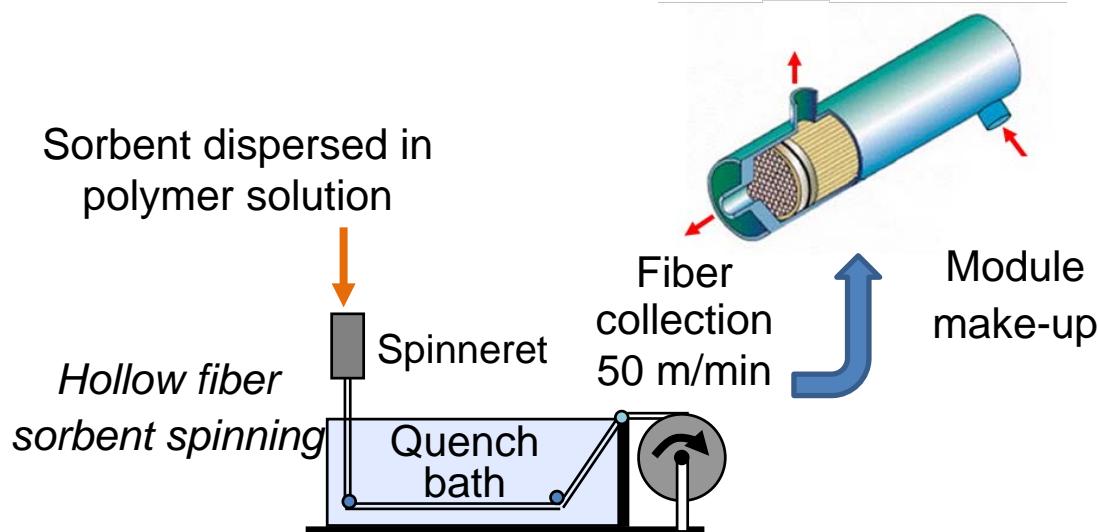


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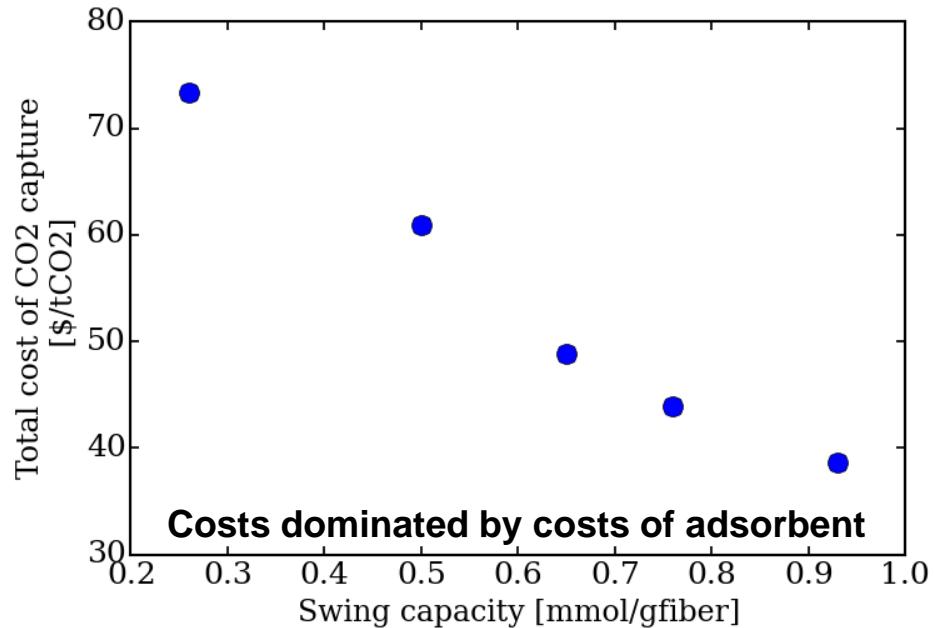
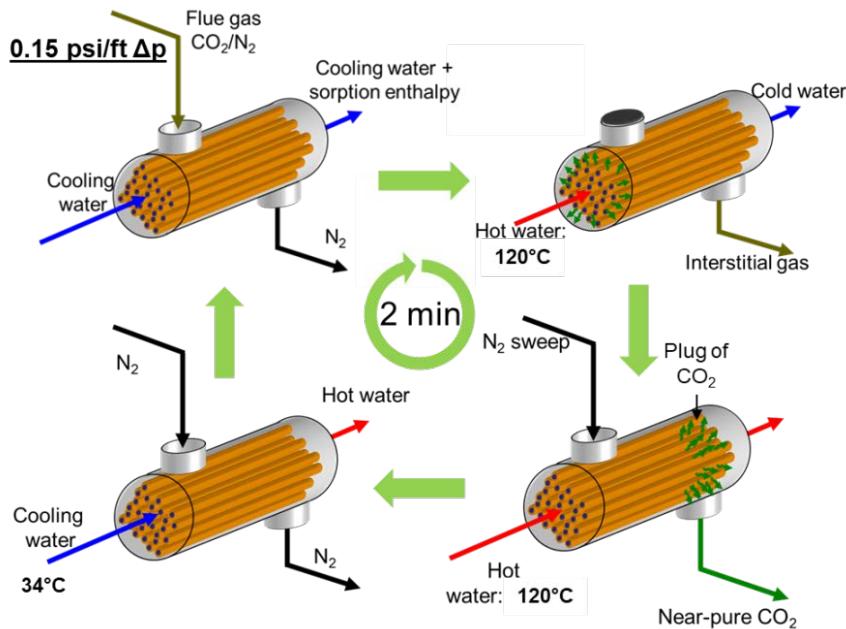
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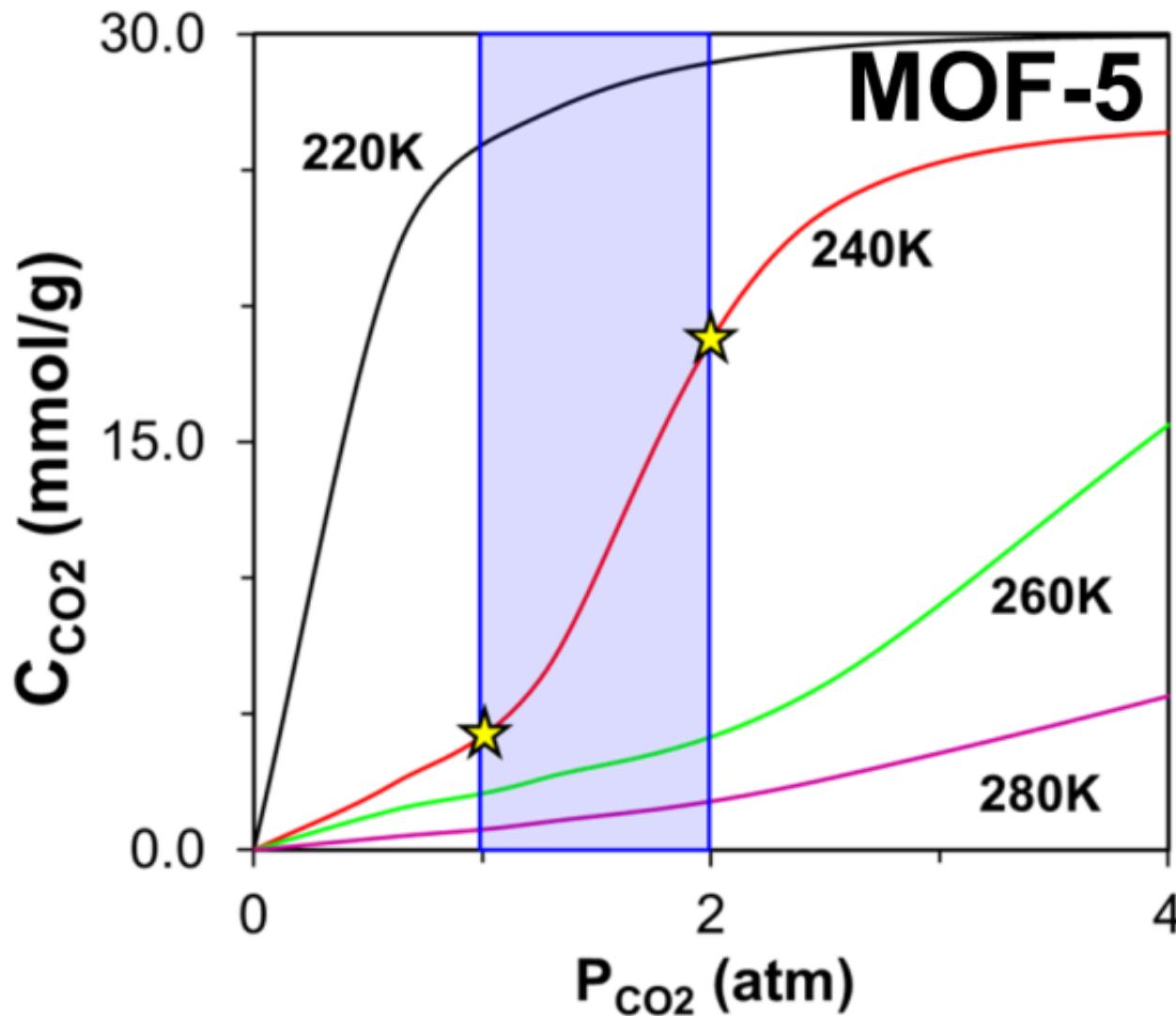
**Capital cost of RTSA system for NETL 550 MW<sub>e</sub> baseline: ~\$1B**

Swing capacity and cycle time are key for driving down capital costs of adsorption-based CO<sub>2</sub> capture systems!

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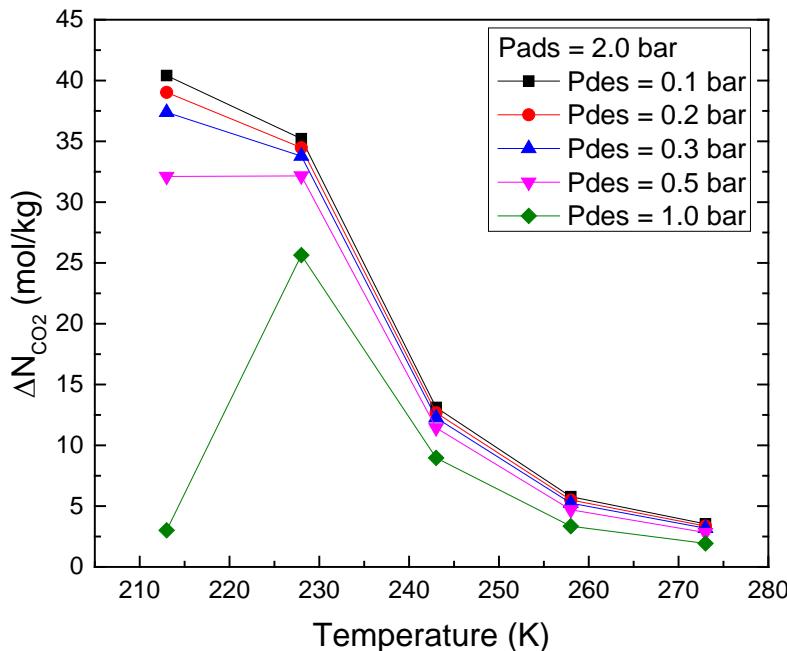
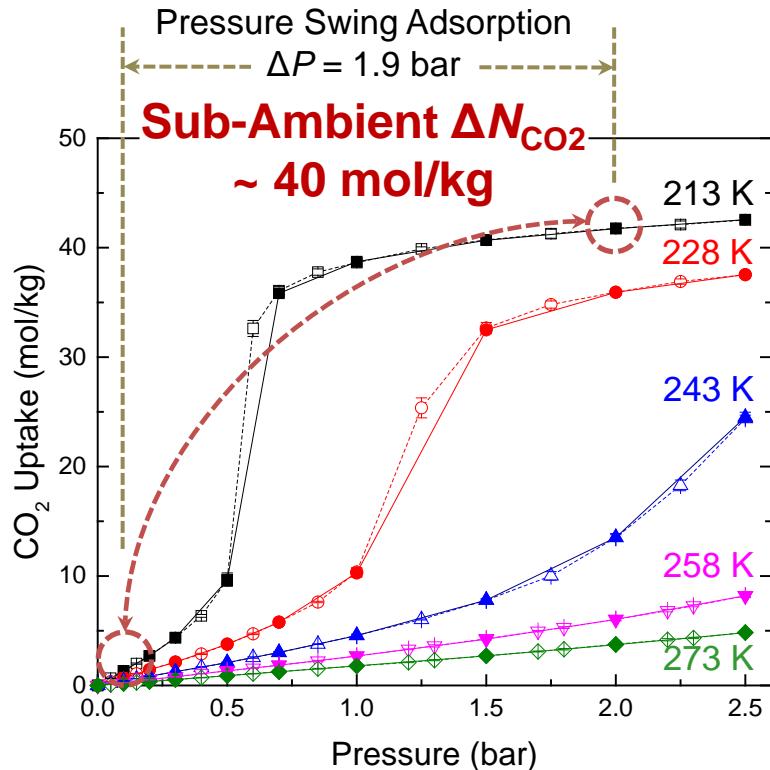
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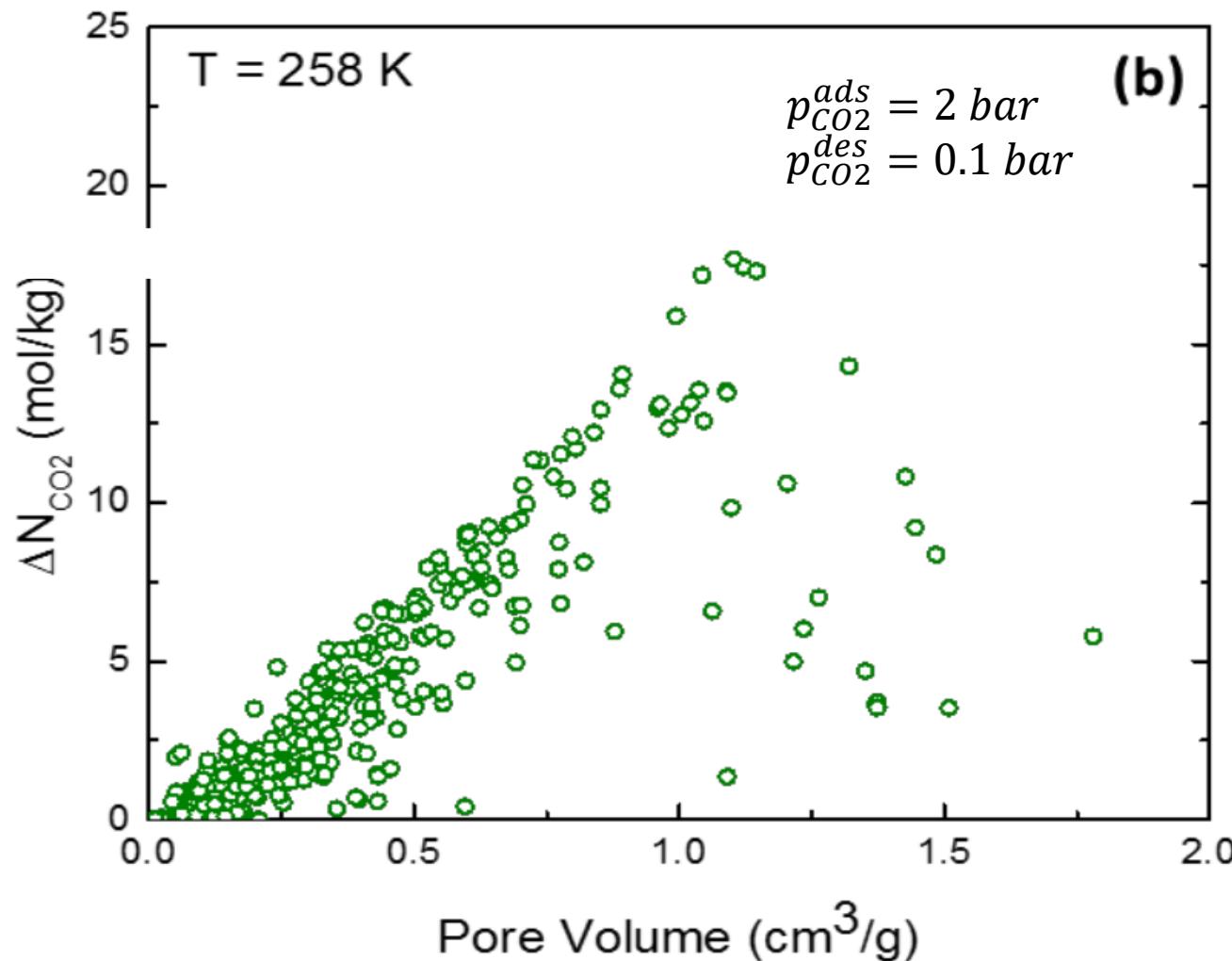
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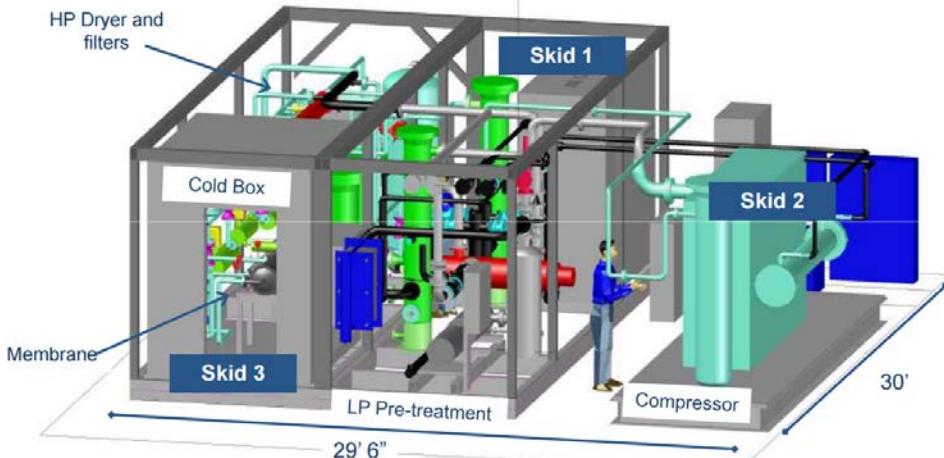
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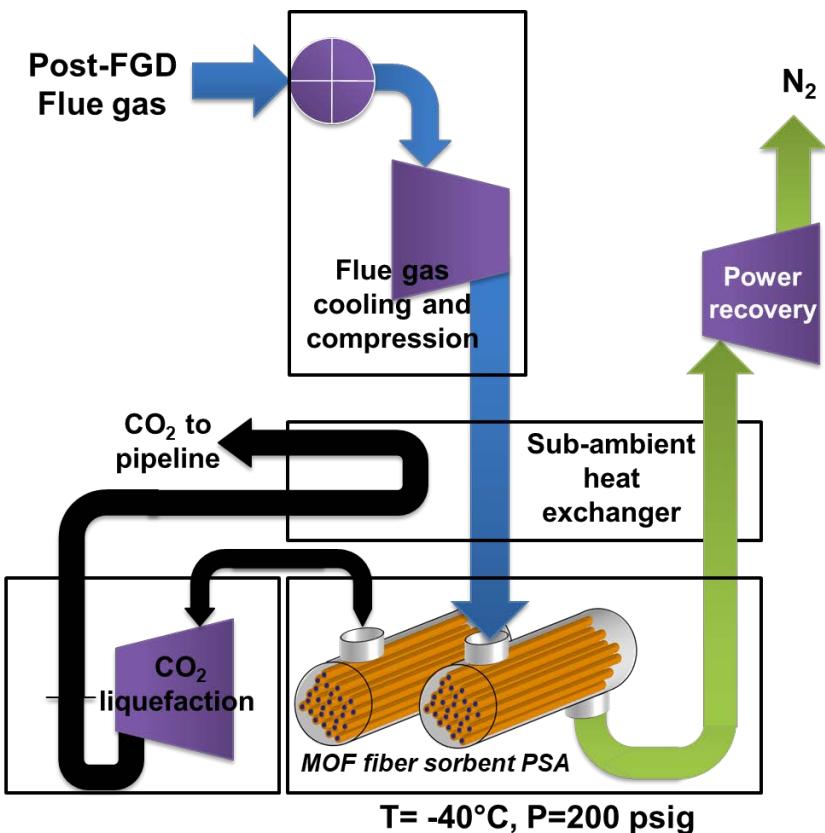
How to economically achieve these pressurized, sub-ambient conditions?

# Enabling 10 mol/kg swing capacities via flue gas pretreatment

## Air Liquide Sub-Ambient Membrane System

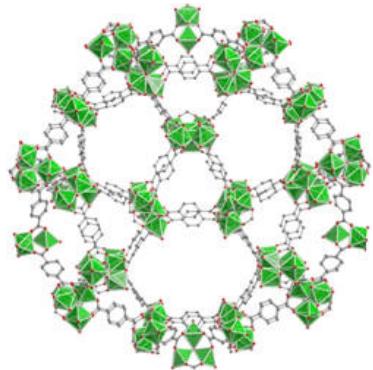


## Sub-Ambient Adsorption System

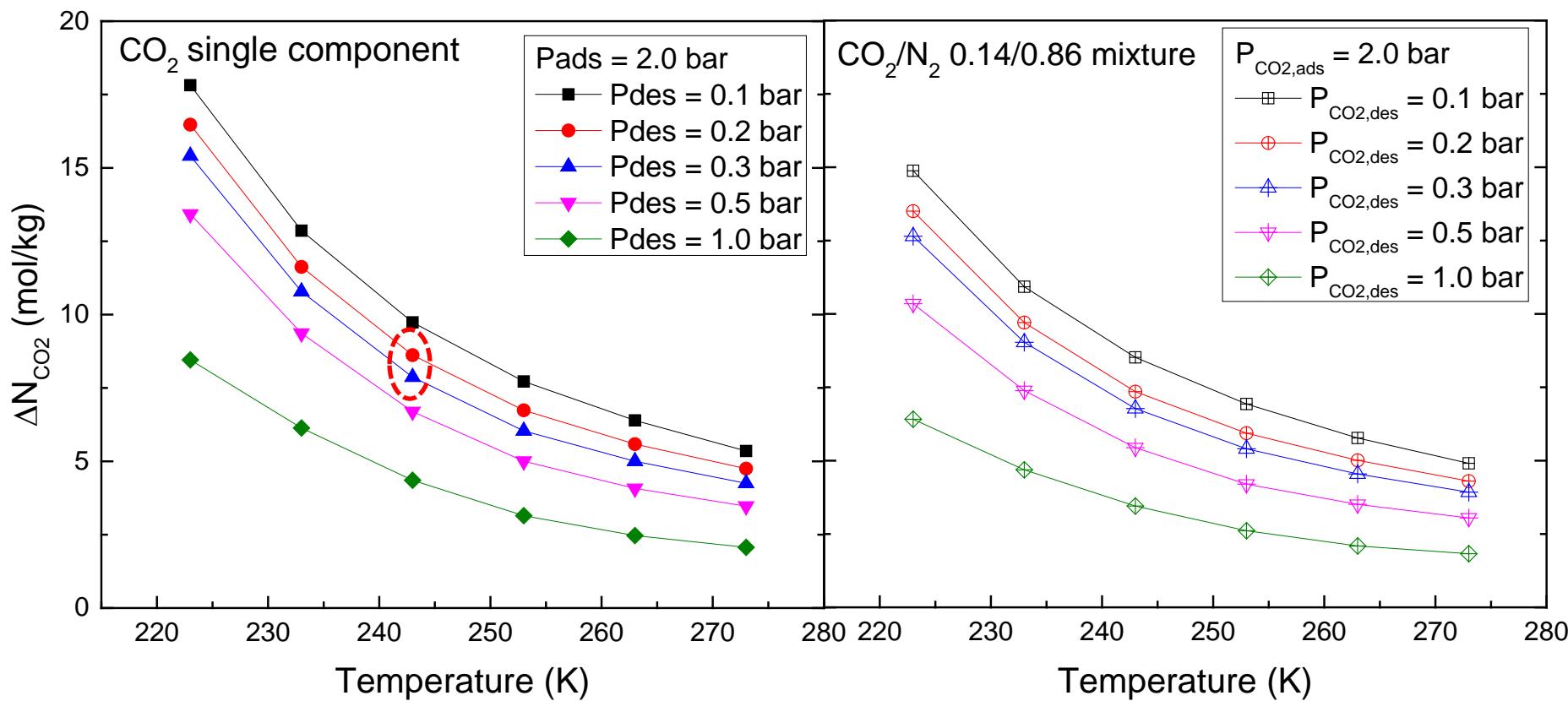


**Key parameters: swing capacity & selectivity**

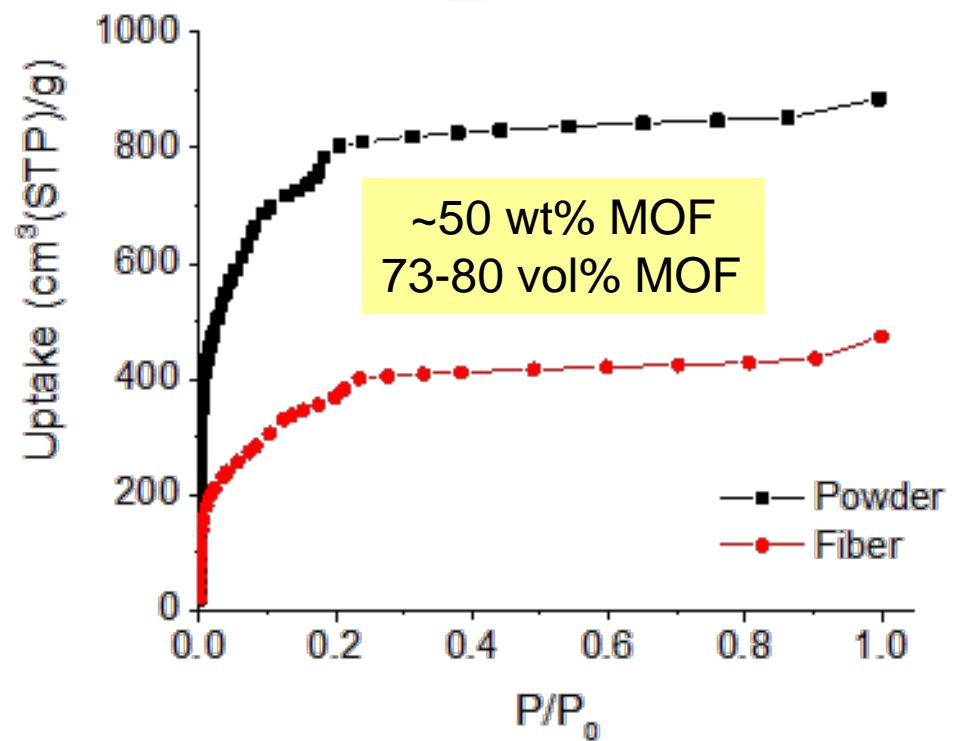
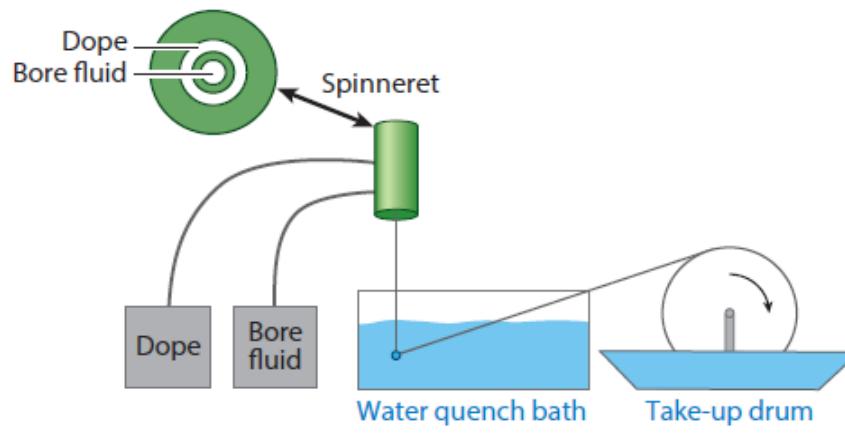
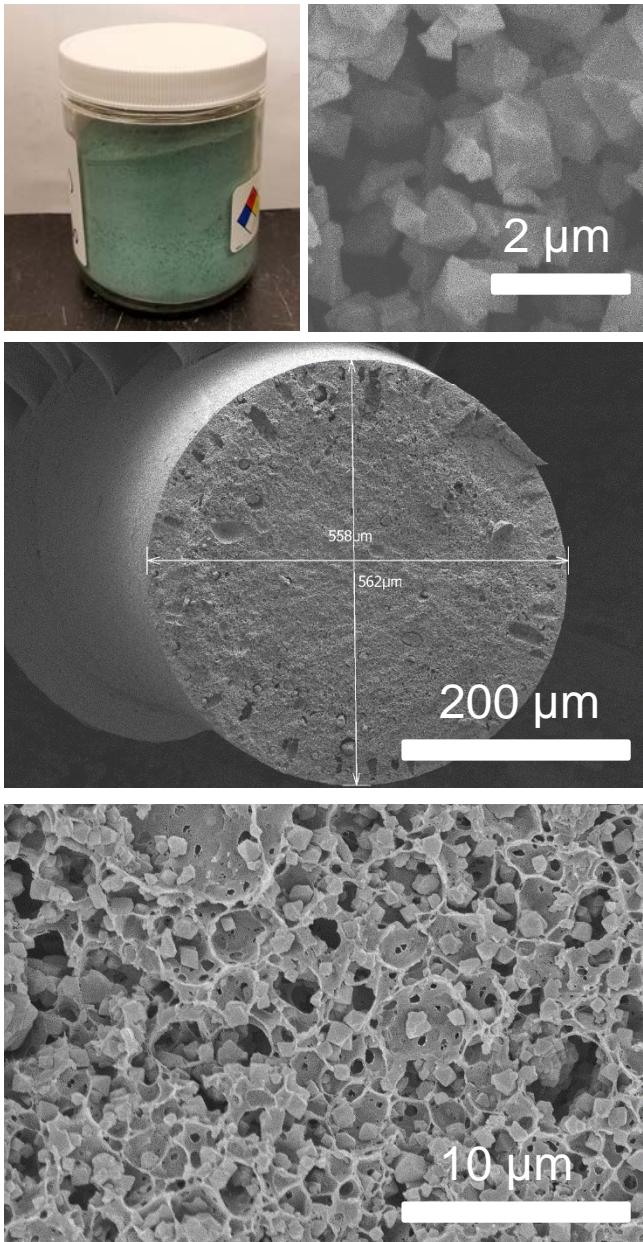
# MIL-101(Cr) emerged as a promising candidate



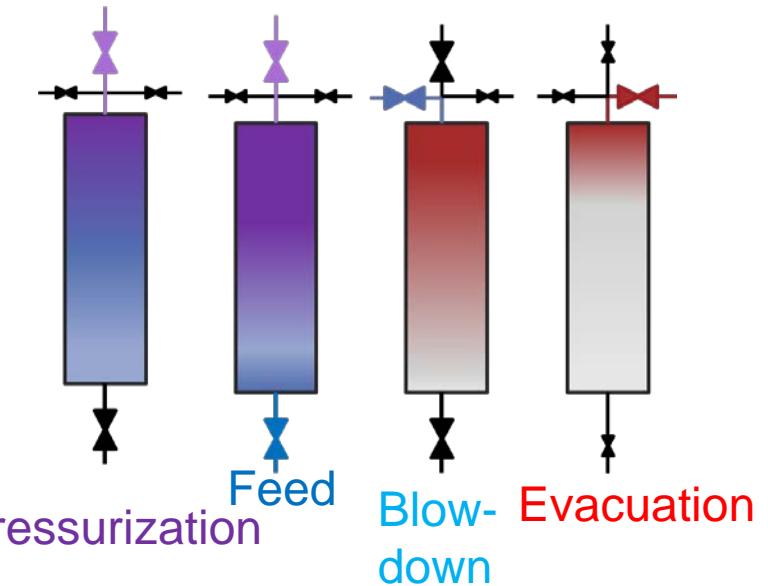
Low cost ligands (benzene dicarboxylate)  
 Relatively low cost metal centers (chromium nitrate)  
 Scale-up is straight forward (70% yield on large batches)  
 Water stable



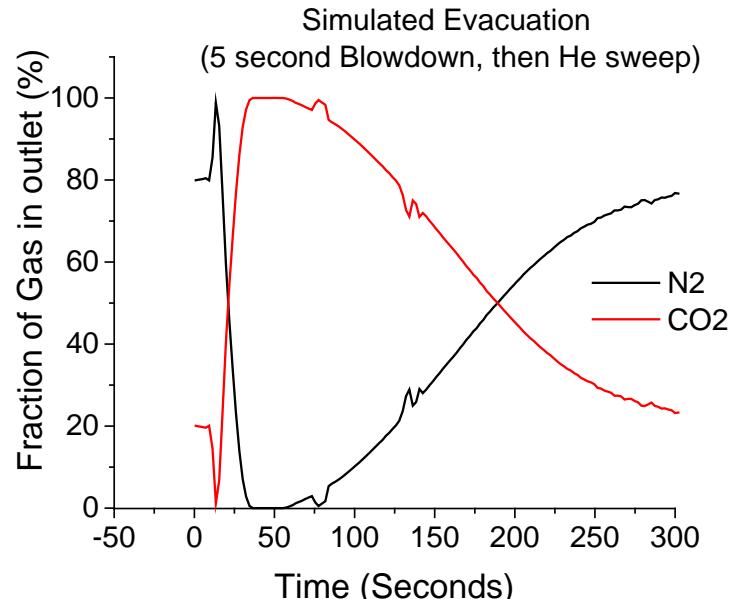
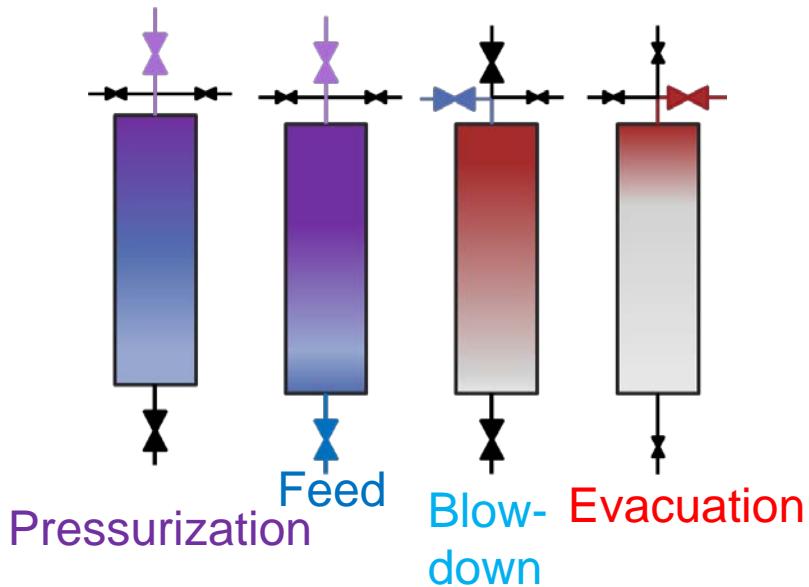
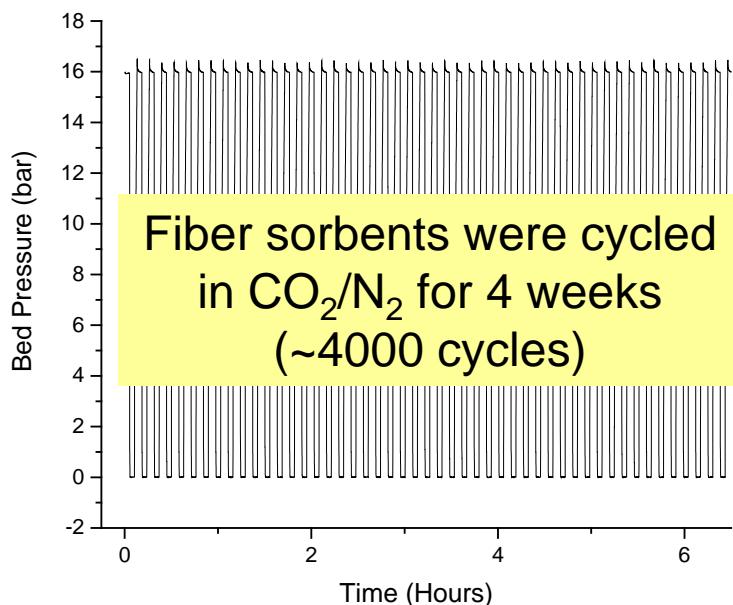
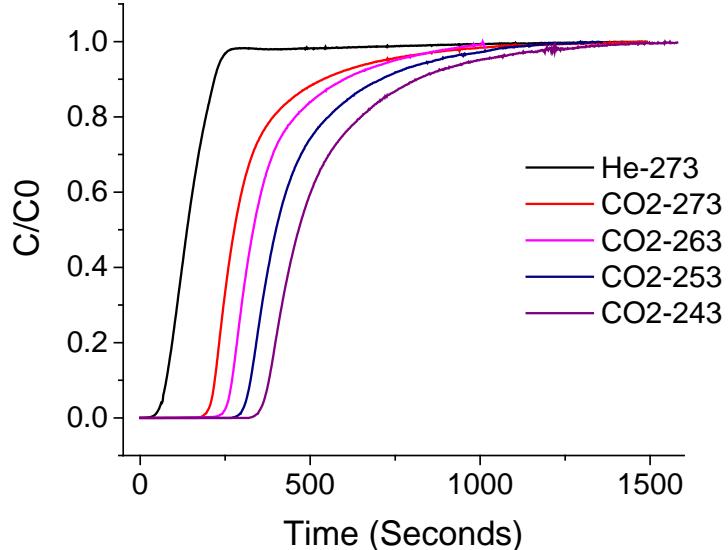
# Manufacturing MIL-101(Cr) fiber sorbents



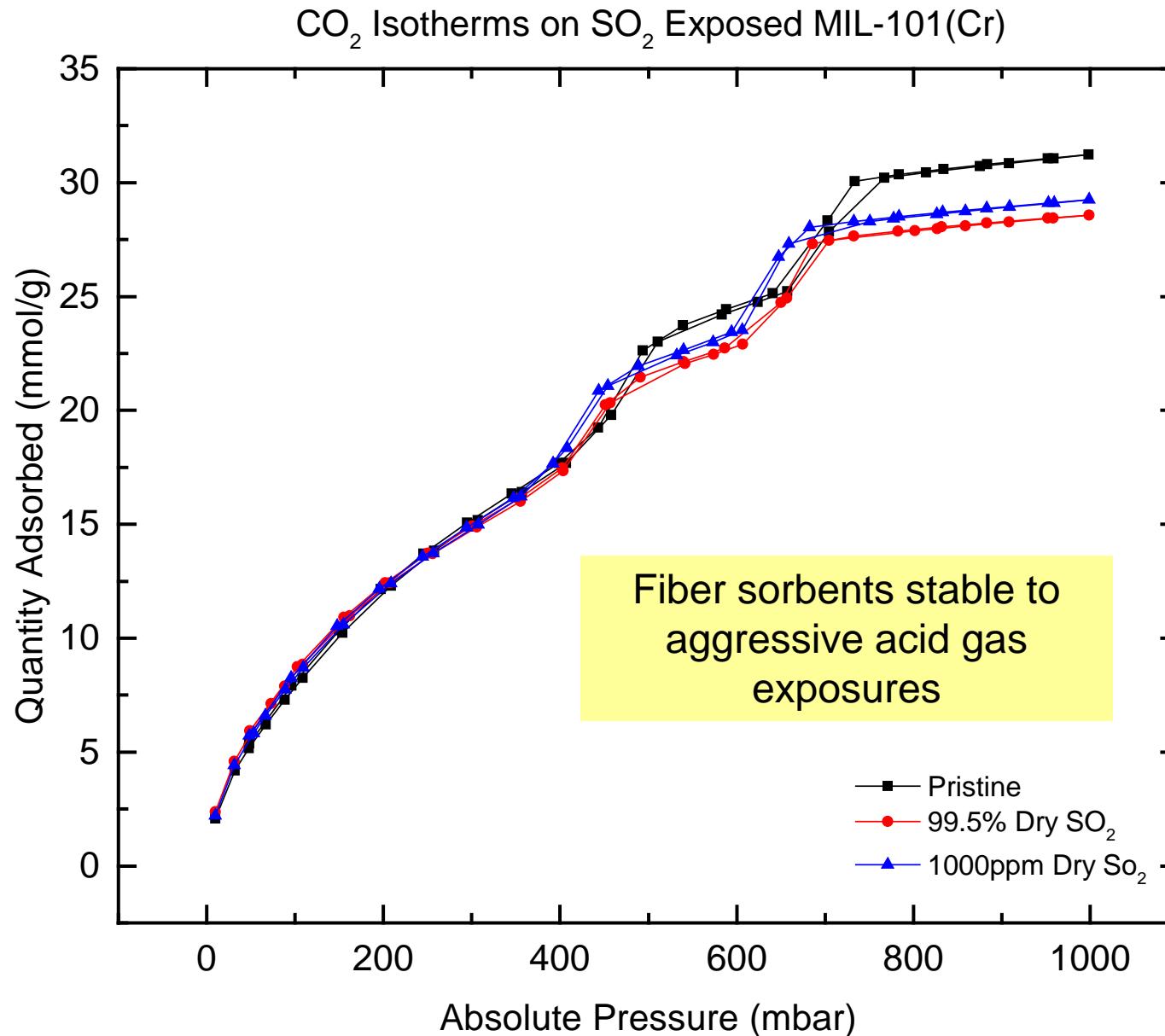
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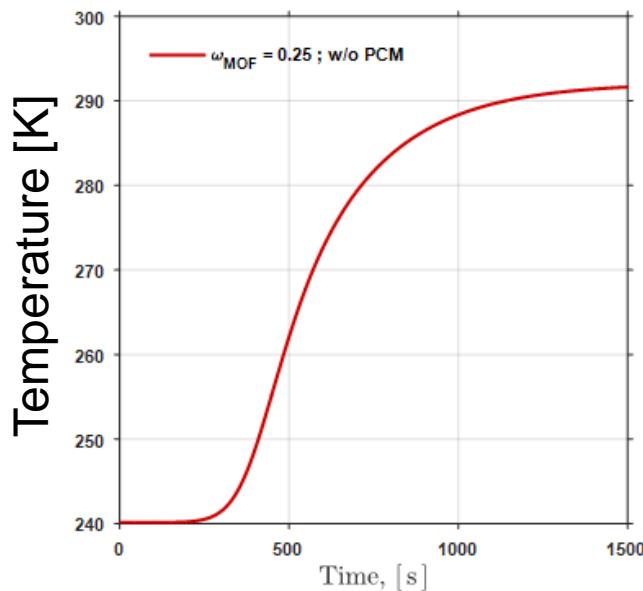
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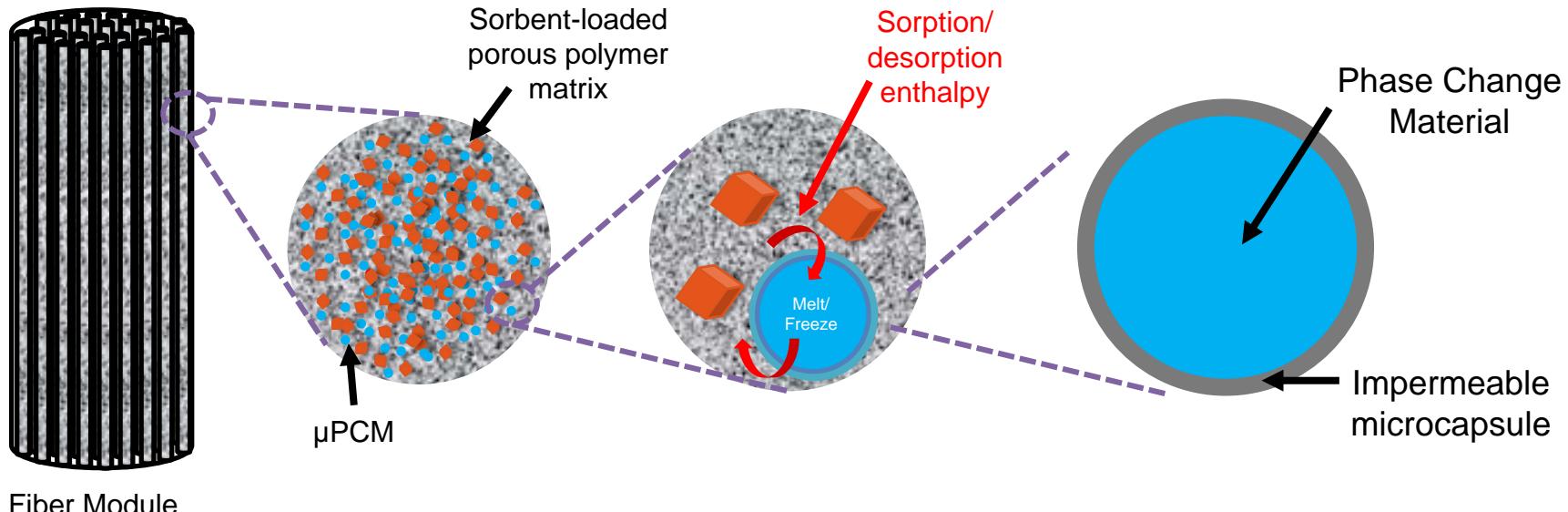
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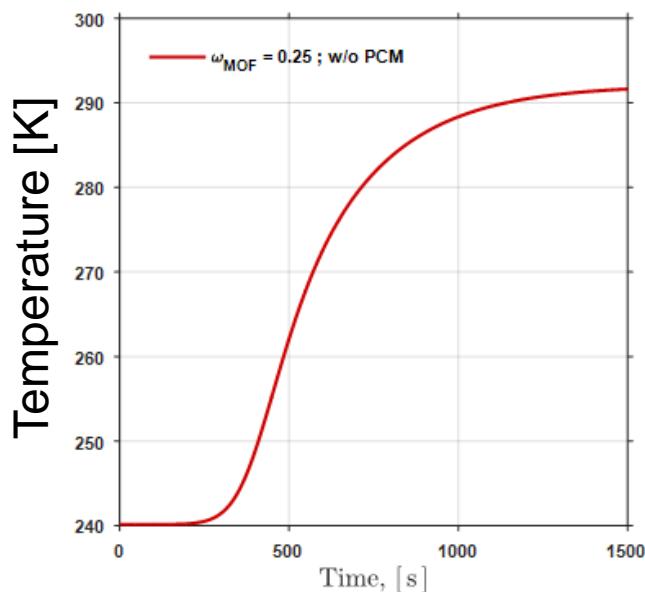
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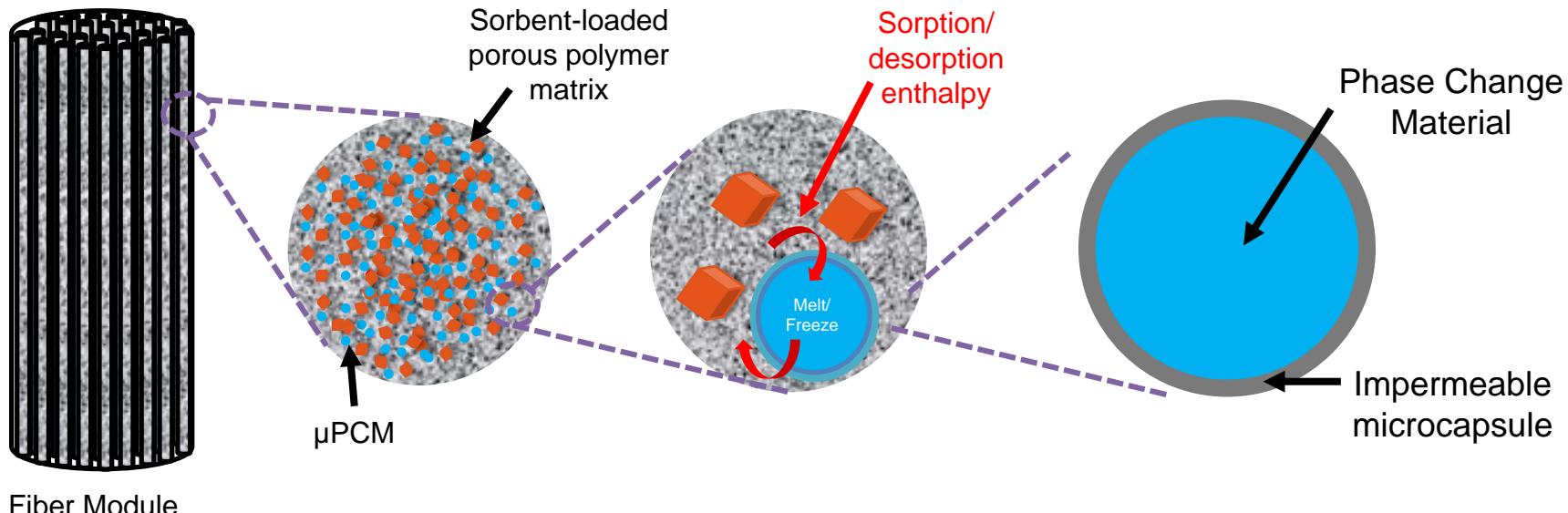
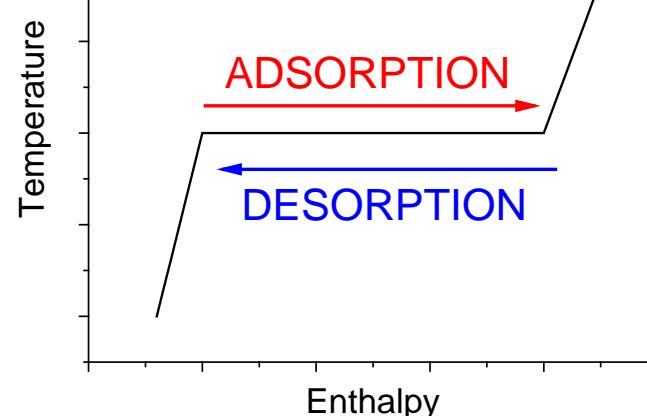
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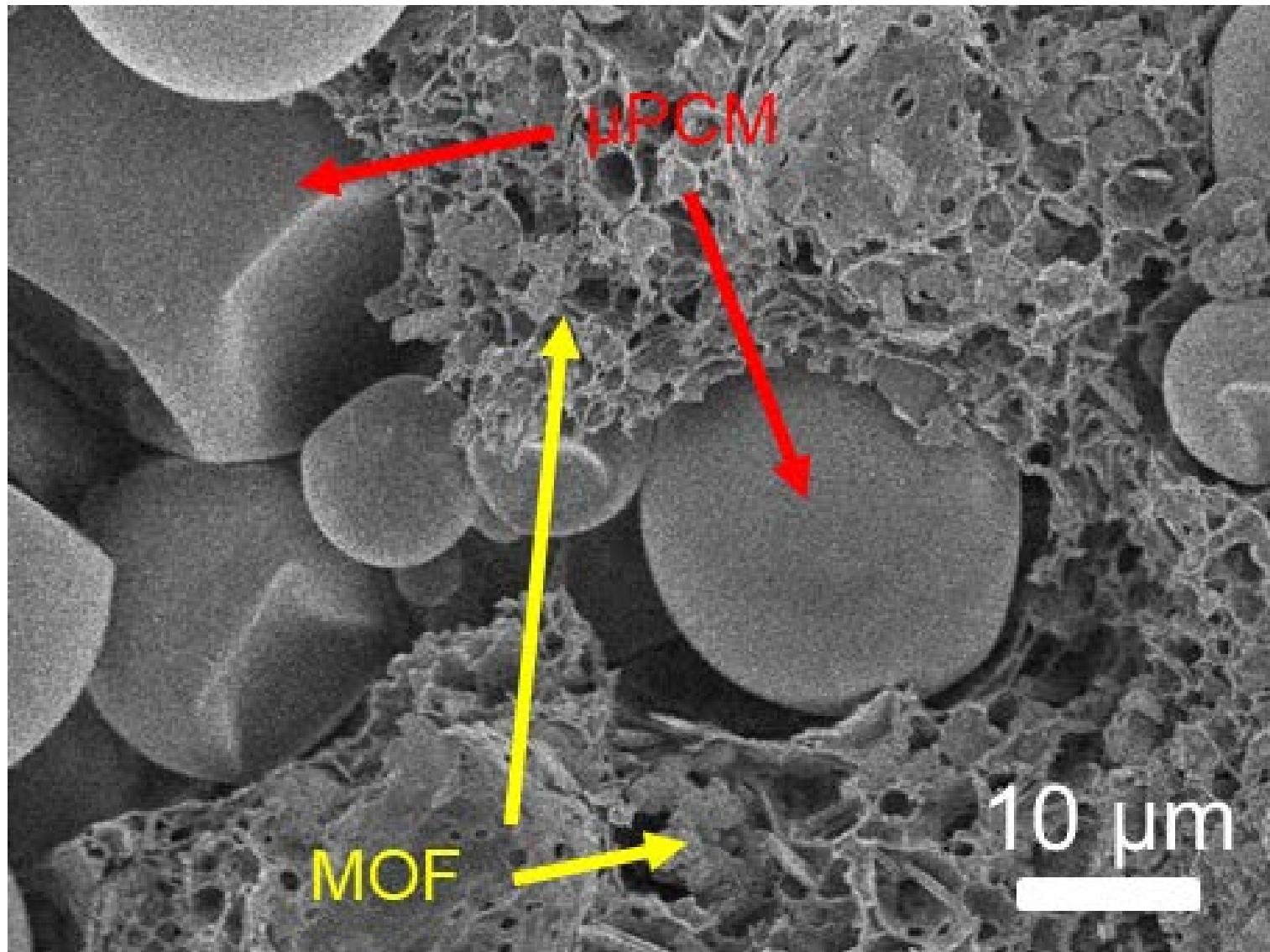
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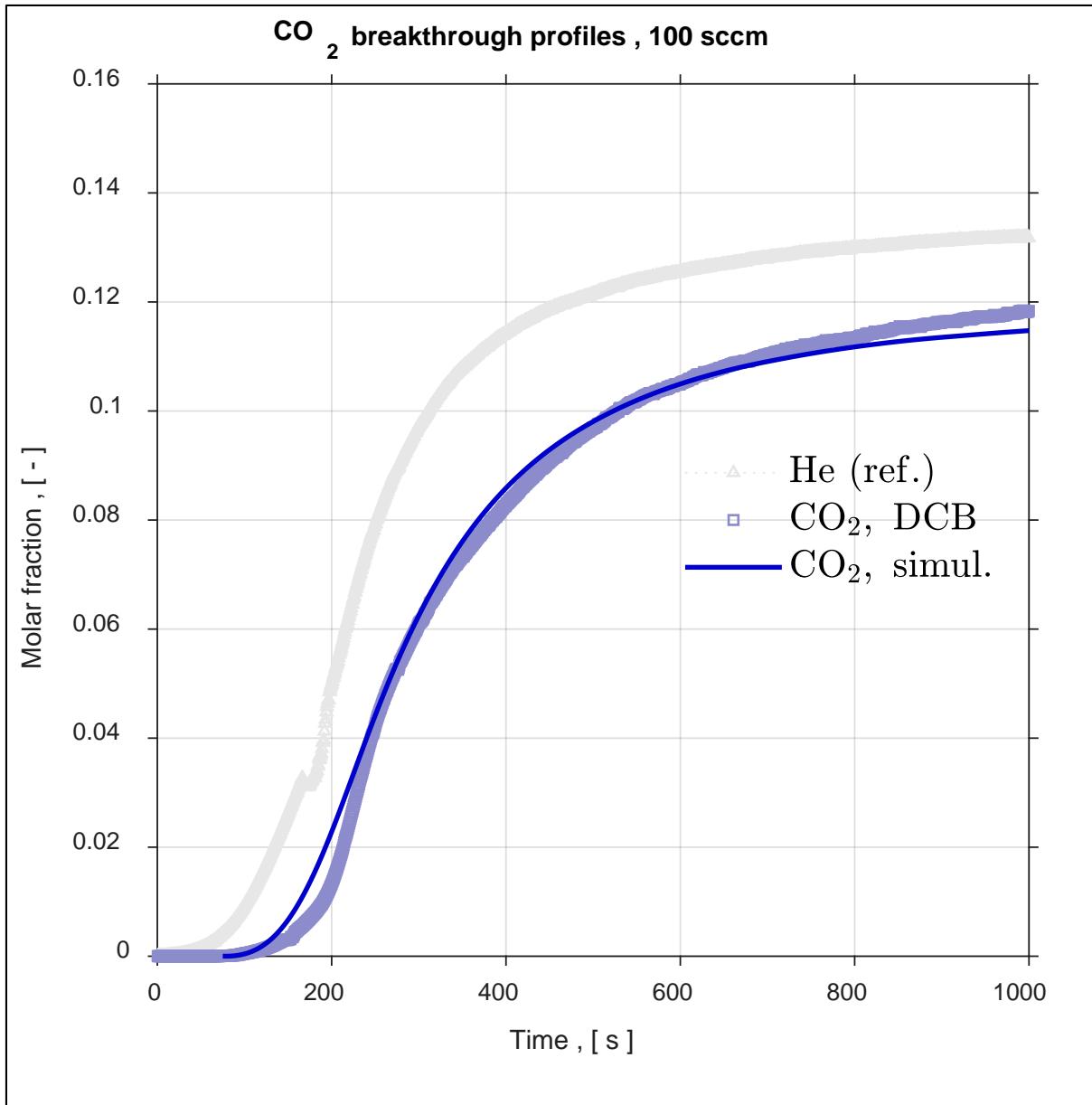
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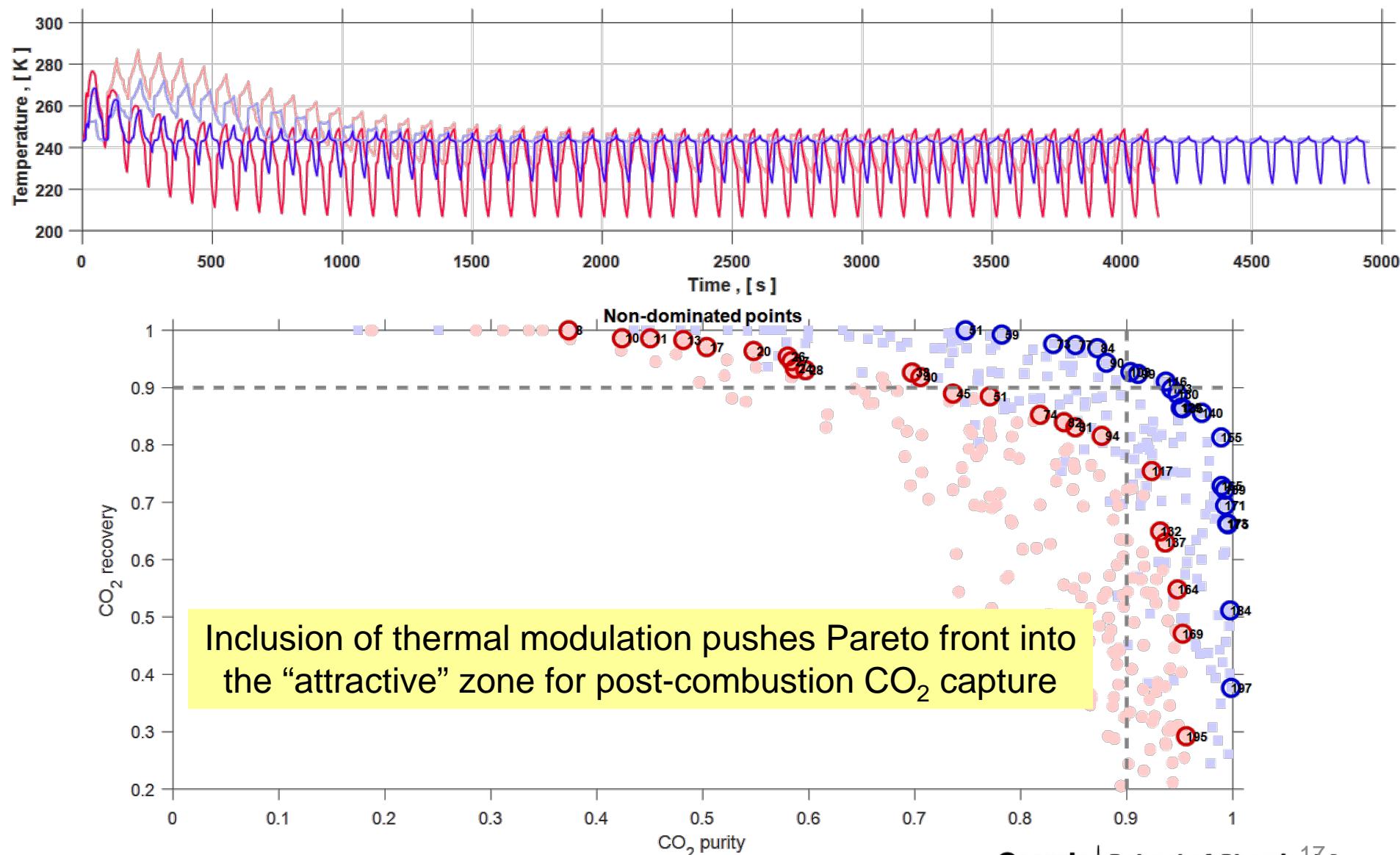


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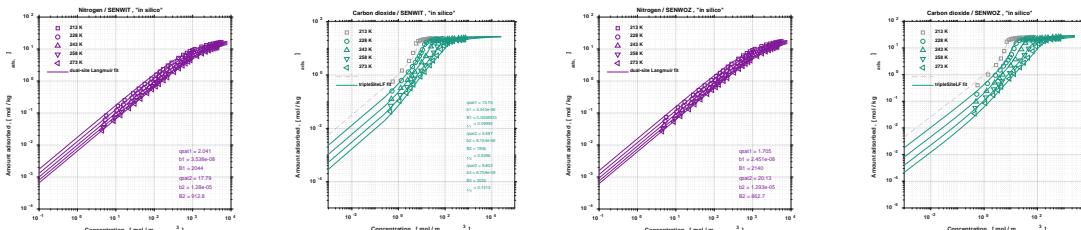
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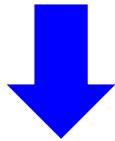


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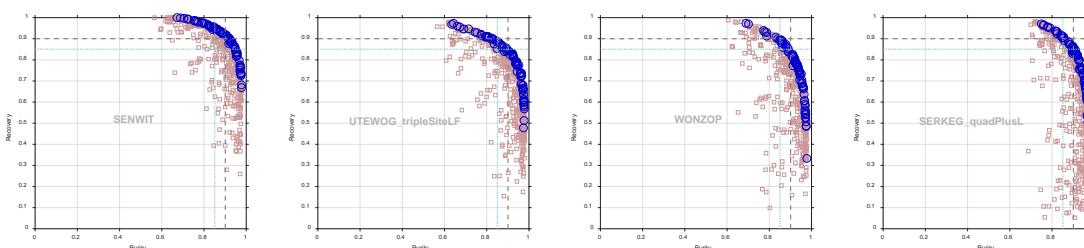
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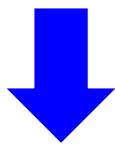
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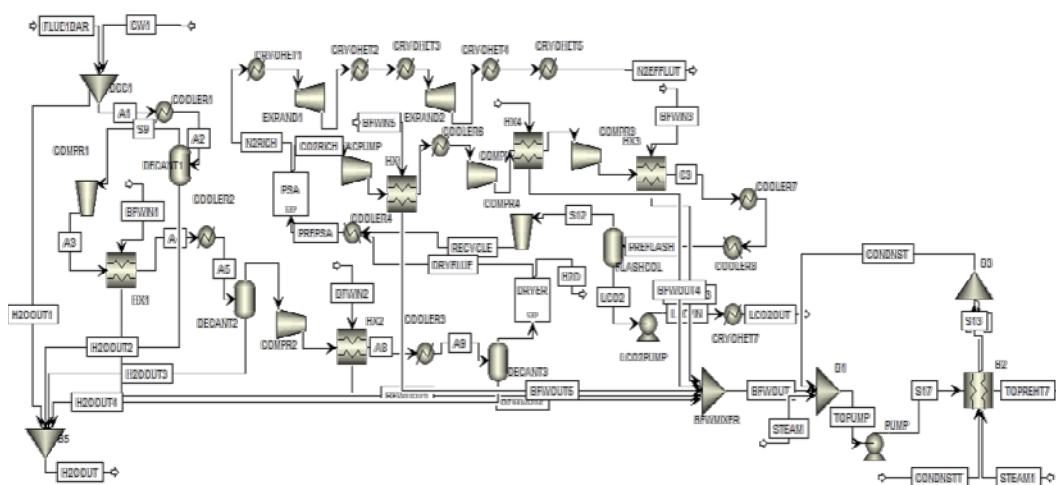
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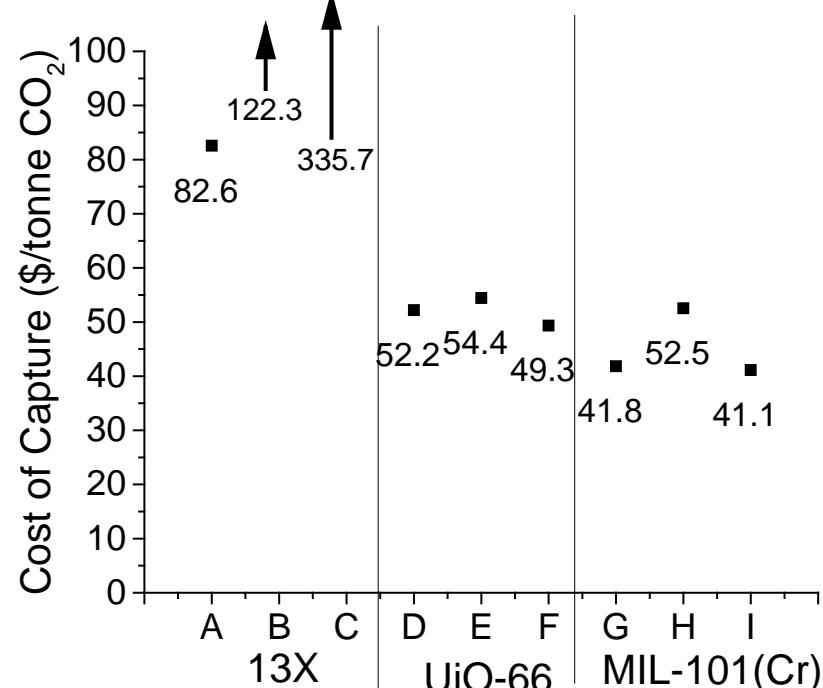
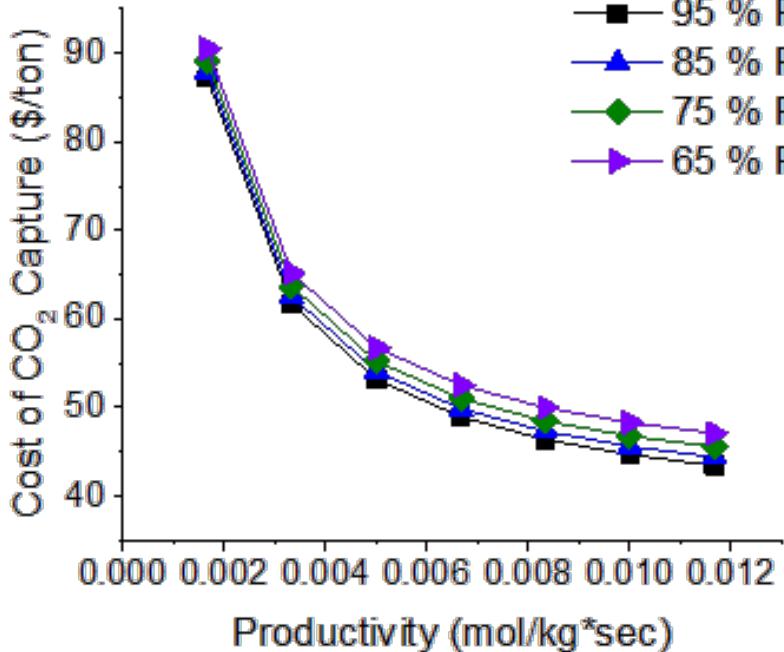
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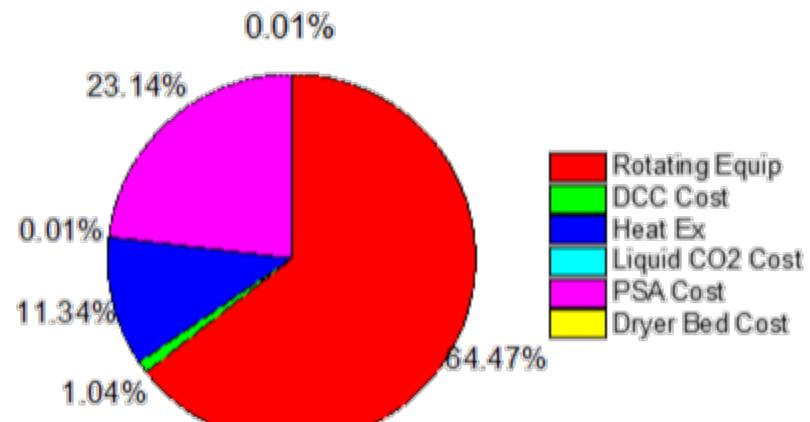
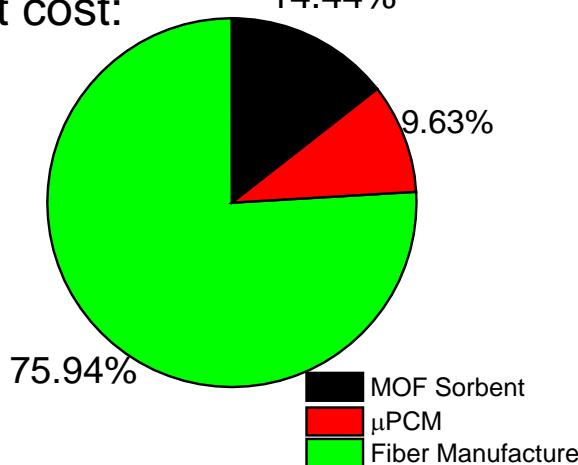
# Flowsheet optimization for each material



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Fiber sorbent cost:



Total capex: \$216M (25% of RTSA) 19

# Accomplishments and outcomes

- Developed a “template” flowsheet for any sub-ambient pressure-driven CO<sub>2</sub> capture process
- Created multi-scale workflow for process-driven material screening and selection for adsorption processes
- Scaled-up two different MOFs (MIL-101(Cr) and UiO-66) to >1 kg scale
- Fabricated MOF fiber sorbents with integrated, passive thermal management
- Constructed two PSA minipilot systems (~500 grams of CO<sub>2</sub>/day productivity)
- Humid acid gas stability of MOFs, PSA, and fiber sorbents demonstrated
- Capital and operating cost estimation for sub-ambient PSA CO<sub>2</sub> capture

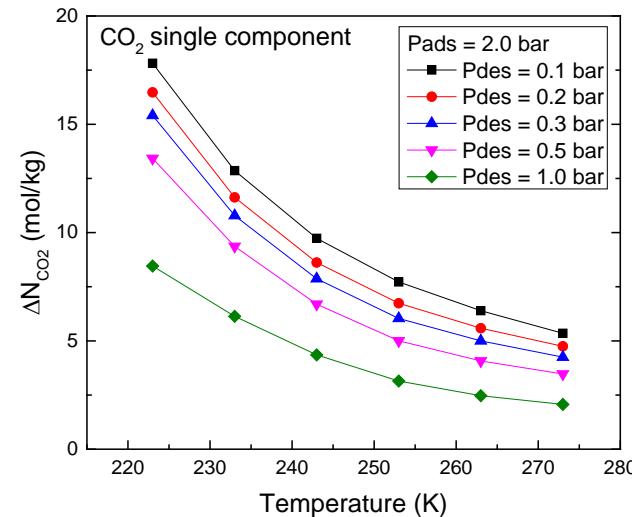
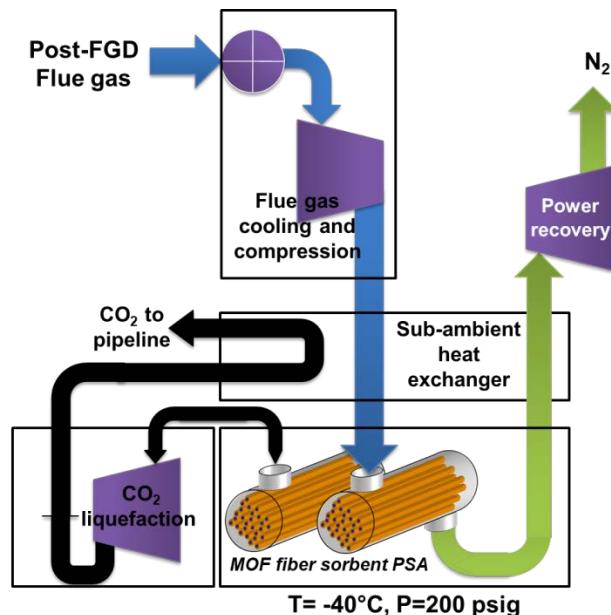
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# Conclusions and perspectives

*Key question: Can we increase swing capacity by 10x and reduce cycle time by 5x to dramatically drive down adsorbent costs?*

- Combining RCPSA cycles with appropriate metal-organic frameworks in sub-ambient conditions results in highly productive adsorption systems (i.e., ~30 tonne CO<sub>2</sub>/tonne adsorbent-day)



- Significant “real world” complexities exist, but hollow fiber sorbent platform provides solutions to many of these (scalability, transport limitations, etc.)
- Costs in the range of **\$40-\$50/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>** at sequestration pressures may be achievable using these materials in this process concept, but significant work remains. Advantages of small size, material stability to flue gas conditions, and modularity are important.

