

Advanced Materials and Electric Swing Adsorption Process for CO, Capture

### Porous systems for high performance CO<sub>2</sub> capture: The MATESA selective CO<sub>2</sub> capture materials

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  - ✤ Characterization of the materials
  - ✤ MATESA selective CO<sub>2</sub> capture materials adsorbents
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# The adsorbers of MATESA

**TARGET:** Performing CO<sub>2</sub> adsorbers for Electric Swing Adsorption (ESA)



Static characterization of physical-chemical properties Dynamic characterization of physical-chemical properties

#### **REFERENCE ADSORBENTS**

(Selective CO<sub>2</sub> capture adsorbent)

13-X zeolite

NH<sub>4</sub>-ZSM5 zeolite

Commercial materials

#### **ADVANCED ADSORBENTS**

(Selective CO<sub>2</sub> capture adsorbent)

CPO-27-Ni MOF

UTSA-16 MOF

Laboratory materials

#### **BIO CARBONS**

#### **REAL PROCESS ADSORBERS**

Active phase

Conductive phase



# The adsorbers of MATESA

#### Under the supervision of Prof. Alan Chaffee



### TARGET

Synthesis and grafting of

**UTSA-16 over different types** 

of carbonaceous supports

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#### Transmission Electron Microscopy + EDX analysis: Morphology and composition

ZSM-5

**UTSA-16 MOF** 



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#### Thermogravimetric analysis



	Temperature ( C)	near capacity (5 c g )	
UTSA-16	60	1.0	
CPO-27-Ni	60	1.2	
ZSM-5	60	0.8	

Cp of water: 4.18 J °C<sup>-1</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>

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**STATIC** adsorption isotherms of CO<sub>2</sub>



The adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub> has been studied at relevant temperature and pressures

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# Adsorption of $CO_2$ , $N_2$ and $O_2$

**STATIC** adsorption isotherms of CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>



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# Adsorption of $CO_2$ , $N_2$ and $O_2$

**DYNAMIC** adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> on UTSA-16 MOF



Henry Constant K<sub>H</sub> for CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>

	T (°C)	CO <sub>2</sub> K <sub>H</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> K <sub>H</sub>	O <sub>2</sub> K <sub>H</sub>
UTSA-16	60	112.6	3.3	3.0

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# $\mathbf{S}_{cale}$ up of $CO_2$ capture adsorbents

5.5 liter batch reactor

**Properties:** 

- Volume: 1.5 gallon (~5.5 liters)
- Pressure up to 200 bar
- Temperature to 500 °C
- Internal stirring



Literally a heavy work

# **S**cale up of $CO_2$ capture adsorbents

### UTSA-16 scaled-up successfully (>100g/batch)





# **S**cale up of $CO_2$ capture adsorbents

CPO-27-Ni was also scaled-up to > 100g/batch





(as seen in LCA results)

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### The conductive media – bio carbon Biokol



**TARGET:** Performing conductive carbon for Electric Adsorption (ESA)

**Bio carbon** from lignin (nature's most abundant aromatic polymer)

Carbonized lignin:

- Carbon content: 95.2 wt. %
- Surface area: 155 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>

Chemically activated lignin:

- Activation agent: K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>
- Surface area: 1099 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>

- $CO_2$  at 0 °C Quantity adsorbed (mol kg<sup>-1</sup>) T N W F G 9 Chemically activated lignin 0 200 0 400 600 800 1000 1200 Absolute pressure (mbar)
- CO<sub>2</sub> uptake at 0 °C and 0.2 bar: 2.6 mol kg<sup>-1</sup>
- Electrical conductivity is comparable with carbon black values.

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### **ZEOLITE SELECTIVE CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE ADSORBENTS**

- $\succ$  ZSM-5 zeolite can selectively adsorb CO<sub>2</sub> with respect to N<sub>2</sub> or O<sub>2</sub>
- > Specific heat capacity of ZSM-5 is  $< 1 \text{ J g}^{-1} \circ \text{C}^{-1}$ .
- > ZSM-5 can bear high temperature treatments.

#### MOF SELECTIVE CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE ADSORBENTS

> UTSA-16 and CPO-27-Ni are both very promising materials

- UTSA-16 CO<sub>2</sub> uptake at 0.15 bar and 60 °C is 0.92 mol kg<sup>-1</sup> (vs. ZSM5: 0.33 mol kg<sup>-1</sup>)
- ➤ UTSA-16 is thermally stable till 350 °C.
- ➢ UTSA-16 specific heat capacity is 1 J °C<sup>-1</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> at 60 °C

#### MORE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE IN:

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### **Final remarks**

#### THE BIO CARBON

- > Easily prepared from lignin a residue from the pulp industry.
- Good electrical conductivity comparable to carbon black.
- Fair adsorption CO<sub>2</sub> capacity that can be exploited for selective adsorbers

#### **SCALE UP**

Successful scale-up processes allowed to produce > 100 g of/batch in case of both MOF materials.

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# CO<sub>2</sub> capture: key points

Carbon Capture Utilization and Sequestration technique (CCUS):

A sustainable solution for the reduction of  $CO_2$  emissions.



### Without CO<sub>2</sub>-capture system

- Combustion of fuel to generate heating
- Post-combustion exhaust contains 15% of  $CO_2$  that will be dispersed in the atmosphere

### With CO<sub>2</sub>-capture system

- CO<sub>2</sub> is captured by adsorbers
- Only decarbonized AIR is dispersed in the atmosphere

CO<sub>2</sub> is desorbed and stored for utilization/sequestration

# The target of MATESA project

**TARGET 1.** To capture the largest amount of  $CO_2$  at the following conditions:



**TARGET 2.** To desorb the captured  $CO_2$  by electricity and low-grade heat:



# he adsorbers of MATESA

#### **REFERENCE ADSORBER**

ZEOLITES

13X zeolite



ADVANCED ADSORBER

METAL-ORGANIC FRAMEWORKS

# The adsorbers of MATESA

To perform Electric Swing Adsorption, adsorbers must be conductive!

### The mixture:

60-70% Active phase

30-40 % Conductive phase



Carbonization process



Active + Phenolic resin

# **A**dsorption of $CO_2$ in steam environment

Water vapour constitutes an important fraction (5-20%) of coal and NG-fired plant exhaust.

