

Bio-inspired/Water activated Systems for CO₂ capture

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Introduction

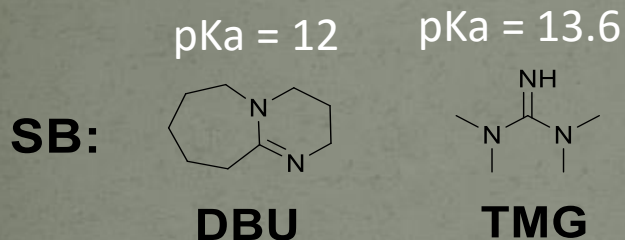
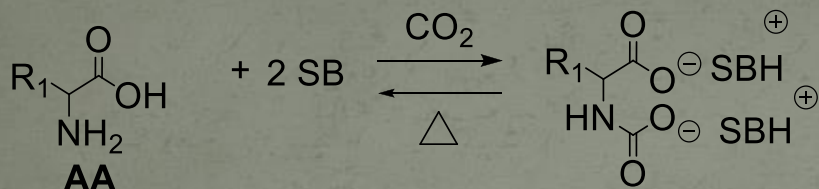
- In the present environmental and energetic context frameworks for CO₂ capture are highly sought.
- Commercial systems in the market available for more than 60 years – Aqueous solutions of alkanolamines
- Major drawbacks:
 1. Requirement of dilution of the capture agent in water (in order to avoid corrosion and mitigate excessive release of heat during reaction)
 2. Moderate performances in CO₂ capture (7 wt% of CO₂ uptake in 30% aqueous solution of ethanolamine)
 3. High energy demand for CO₂ stripping, due to the high heat capacity of water.
 4. Additionally, the solvent is lost during operations

Is here presented alternative CO₂ capture systems based on compounds from chiral pool, cheap carboxylic acids and organic superbases

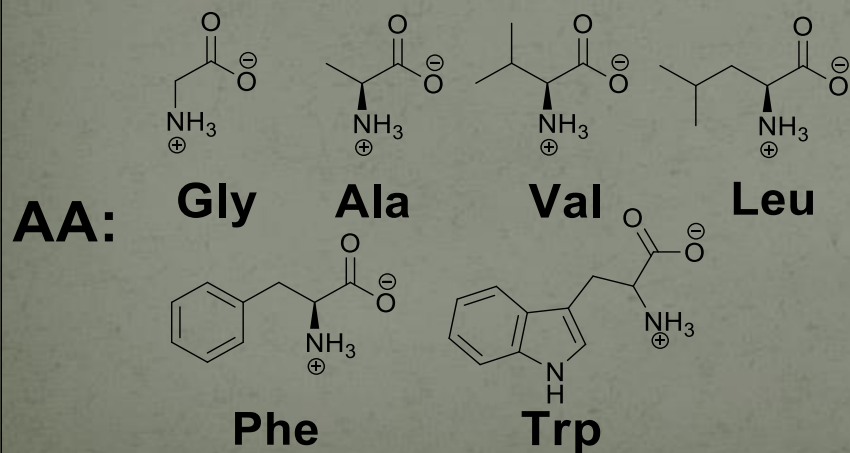
Reversible Systems Based on CO₂, Amino-acids and Organic Superbases

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Organic
superbases

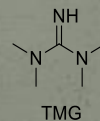
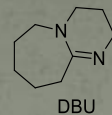
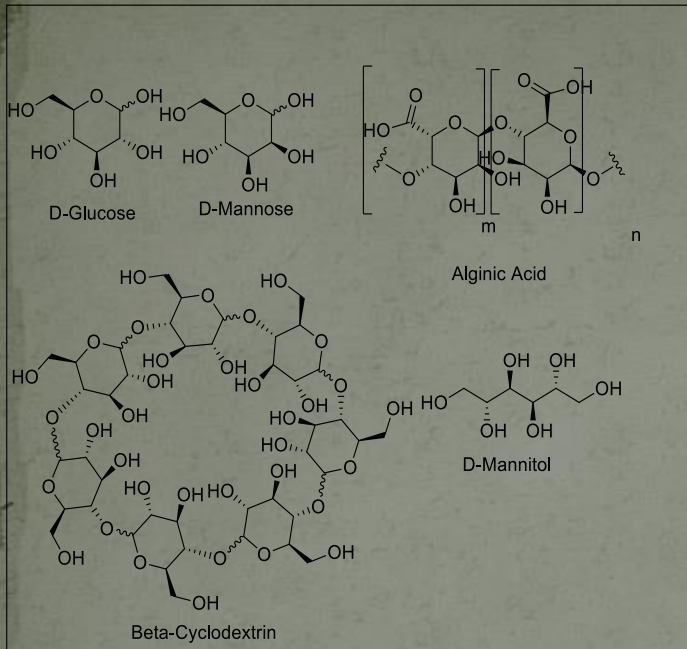


Aminoacids from chiral pool

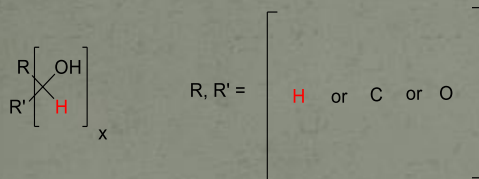
Main Results

Compound	T _d (°C)
[TMGH ⁺] ₂ [GlyCOO ⁻]	> 120
[DBUH ⁺] ₂ [GlyCOO ⁻]	106.36
[TMGH ⁺] ₂ [AlaCOO ⁻]	> 88
[DBUH ⁺] ₂ [AlaCOO ⁻]	101.77
[TMGH ⁺] ₂ [ValCOO ⁻]	> 120
[DBUH ⁺] ₂ [ValCOO ⁻]	96.35
[TMGH ⁺] ₂ [LeuCOO ⁻]	109.07
[DBUH ⁺] ₂ [LeuCOO ⁻]	95.6
[TMGH ⁺] ₂ [PheCOO ⁻]	93.79
[DBUH ⁺] ₂ [PheCOO ⁻]	86.91
[TMGH ⁺] ₂ [TrpCOO ⁻]	> 74
[DBUH ⁺] ₂ [TrpCOO ⁻]	79.62

- Amino-acid based carbamate salts were successfully prepared using CO₂ and an Organic Superbase.
- For DBU based salts, as the size of R- group of the amino-acid increases the value of T_d, associated to CO₂ release, decreases.

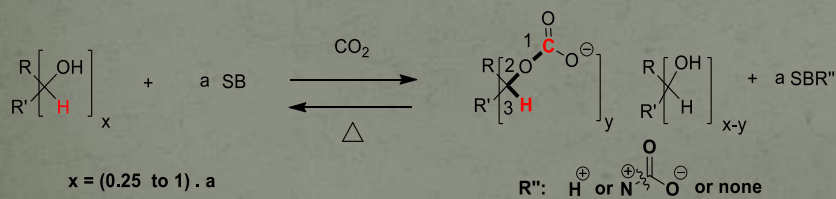


Saccharides and derived structures



Organic Superbases

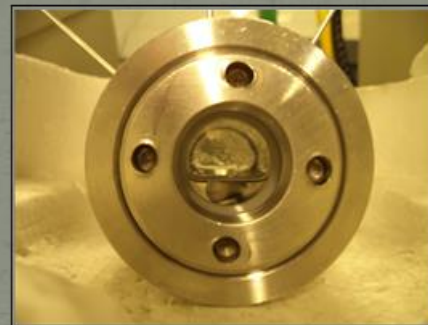
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CO₂ Capture systems based on saccharides and organic superbases

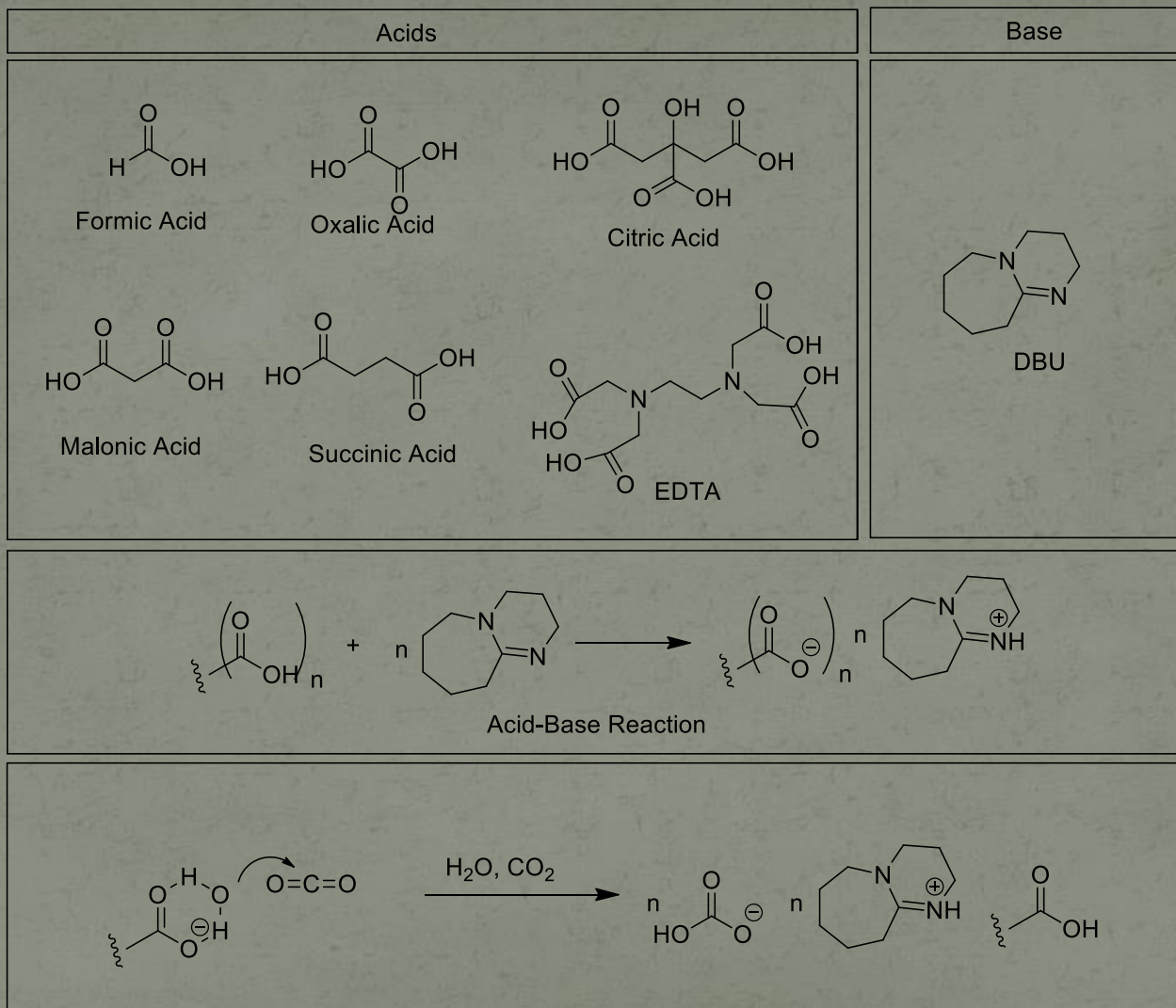
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- Best performance: D-Mannose:DBU (0.625:1 in equivalents) → 13.9 wt% of CO₂ uptake and 3.3/5 alcohol groups to carbonates.
- Energy Requirement for CO₂ strip → (2790 kJ/kg CO₂)
Benchmark system → (3873 kJ/kg CO₂).

Aqueous Carboxylic Acid-Based Solutions for CO₂ Capture



In progress...

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