

Sustainable Biphasic Solvents for Industrial CO₂ Removal: Absorption Dynamics and Stability Traits

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Abstract

The urgent need to mitigate carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions has prompted intensive research into innovative carbon capture technologies. Among these, biphasic solvents have emerged as promising candidates due to their potential for enhanced efficiency and sustainability. This article provides a comprehensive overview of the development, mechanisms, and stability characteristics of sustainable biphasic solvents for industrial CO₂ removal. We delve into the absorption dynamics and stability traits that make these solvents viable options for large-scale CO₂ capture applications.

Keywords: Sustainable solvents; Biphasic systems; Industrial CO₂ capture; Absorption kinetics; Stability characteristics; Carbon dioxide removal

Introduction

The escalating levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere and their contribution to global warming underscore the critical importance of developing effective carbon capture technologies. Biphasic solvents represent a significant advancement in this field, offering enhanced performance and sustainability compared to traditional solvent systems [1]. In this article, we explore the fundamental principles underlying biphasic solvent-based CO₂ capture, focusing on absorption dynamics and stability traits crucial for industrial applications. The escalating levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the Earth's atmosphere represent a pressing environmental challenge, driving the urgency for effective carbon capture technologies. Industrial activities, particularly those associated with fossil fuel combustion, are major contributors to CO₂ emissions, necessitating innovative solutions for CO₂ removal [2,3]. Among the emerging technologies, biphasic solvents have garnered significant attention for their potential to revolutionize industrial CO₂ capture processes. Biphasic solvents offer a promising approach to CO₂ removal by utilizing two immiscible phases, typically aqueous and organic, to enhance capture efficiency and sustainability. Unlike conventional single-phase solvent systems, biphasic solvents exhibit distinct advantages, including improved CO₂ solubility, selectivity, and resistance to degradation. These attributes make them well-suited for large-scale industrial applications where efficiency, stability, and environmental considerations are paramount [4,5]. The development of sustainable biphasic solvents involves careful selection and optimization of solvent components to achieve efficient CO₂ capture while minimizing environmental impact. Researchers have explored various combinations of aqueous and organic phases, tailoring solvent properties to enhance CO₂ solubility and selectivity. Additionally, efforts have been directed towards utilizing renewable resources and minimizing energy requirements during solvent synthesis and regeneration, aligning with sustainability goals. Understanding the absorption dynamics of biphasic solvents is essential for optimizing CO₂ capture efficiency [6,7]. The biphasic nature of these solvents facilitates rapid mass transfer between the aqueous and organic phases, promoting high CO₂ absorption rates. Factors such as solvent composition, temperature, and pressure influence absorption kinetics, providing opportunities for fine-tuning solvent performance [8,9]. Advances in experimental techniques and modeling approaches have enabled a deeper understanding of absorption dynamics, aiding in

the design of more efficient capture processes. Stability considerations encompass solvent reusability, resistance to degradation, and compatibility with process conditions. Robust solvent formulations exhibit minimal loss of CO₂ capture capacity over multiple cycles of absorption and regeneration, ensuring continuous operation with minimal maintenance requirements. Moreover, stability against impurities and fouling agents prevalent in industrial flue gases is essential for maintaining solvent performance over extended periods [10].

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Stability traits: The stability of biphasic solvents is critical for long-

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Future perspectives: The ongoing research and development of sustainable biphasic solvents hold promise for advancing CO₂ capture technology towards commercialization. Future efforts should focus on further enhancing solvent efficiency, stability, and scalability to meet the growing demand for carbon capture in various industrial sectors. Additionally, interdisciplinary collaborations between researchers, engineers, and policymakers are essential for accelerating the adoption of biphasic solvent-based CO₂ capture solutions and addressing the challenges associated with large-scale implementation.

Conclusion

Sustainable biphasic solvents offer a promising pathway for industrial CO₂ removal, combining efficiency with environmental stewardship. By understanding the absorption dynamics and stability traits of these solvents, researchers and engineers can design optimized capture processes tailored to specific industrial applications. Continued innovation and collaboration are essential for realizing the full potential of biphasic solvent-based CO₂ capture and mitigating the impacts of anthropogenic carbon emissions on the environment. Biphasic solvents represent a significant advancement over traditional single-phase solvent systems, providing enhanced CO₂ solubility, selectivity, and resistance to degradation. The synergistic interaction between aqueous and organic phases facilitates rapid mass transfer, leading to high CO₂ absorption rates and improved capture efficiency. By optimizing solvent composition and process parameters, researchers

and engineers can further enhance the performance of biphasic solvents, making them suitable for diverse industrial applications. Sustainable biphasic solvents offer a promising pathway for industrial CO₂ removal, combining technological innovation with environmental stewardship. By harnessing the absorption dynamics and stability traits of biphasic solvents, we can move closer to achieving our goals of mitigating carbon emissions and combating climate change on a global scale.

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