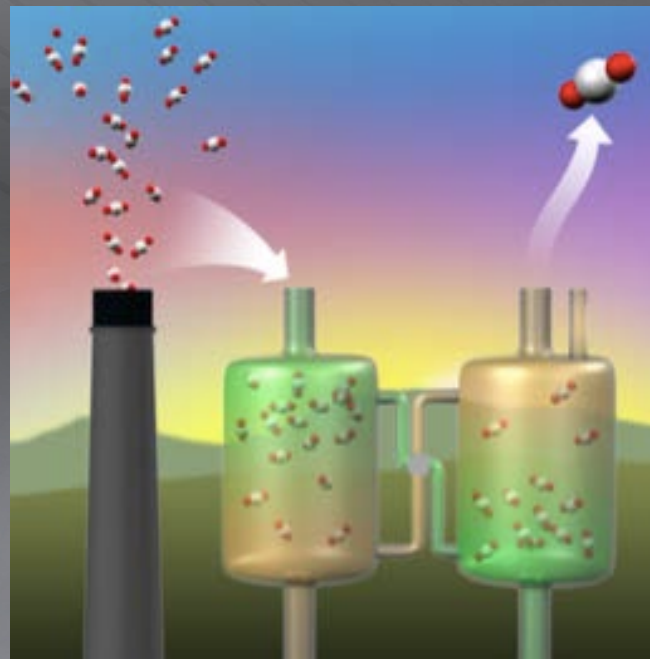




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# Low-Viscosity, Water-Lean CO<sub>2</sub>BOLs with Polarity-Swing Assisted Regeneration (FWP-70924)

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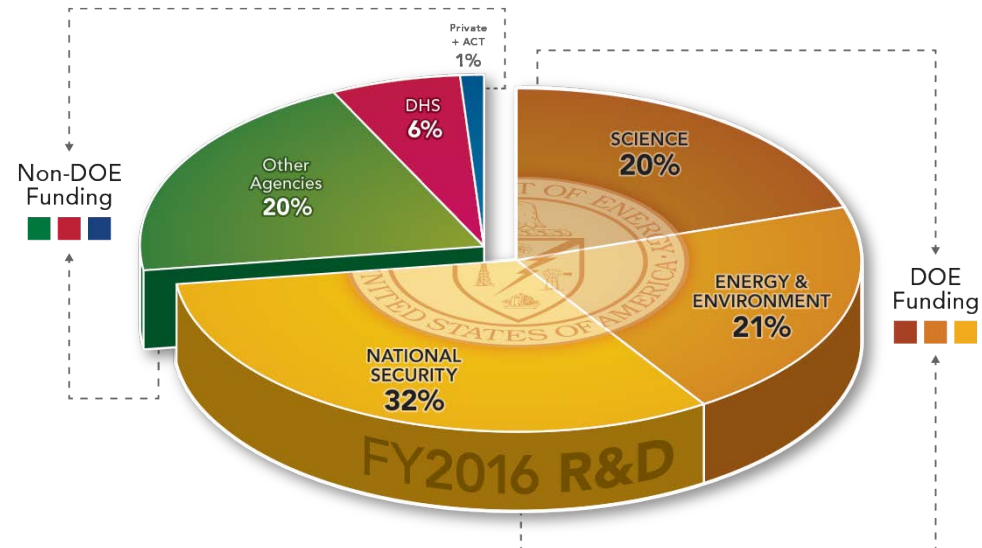


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# Project Goals and Objectives

## Goals

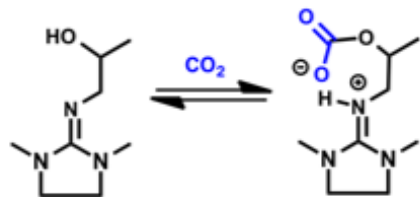
- ▶ Comprehensive physical and thermodynamic property testing of 1-BEIPADIP-2-BOL
- ▶ Project the energetics (e.g. reboiler duty, parasitic load) and preliminary cost analysis using Aspen Plus Modelling
- ▶ Develop technology that meets DOE's cost and performance baselines for post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture.
- ▶ Collaborations with industry, national lab and academia through the Carbon Capture Simulation for Industry Impact (CCSI<sup>2</sup>) program.
- ▶ Transfer to industry

## Objectives

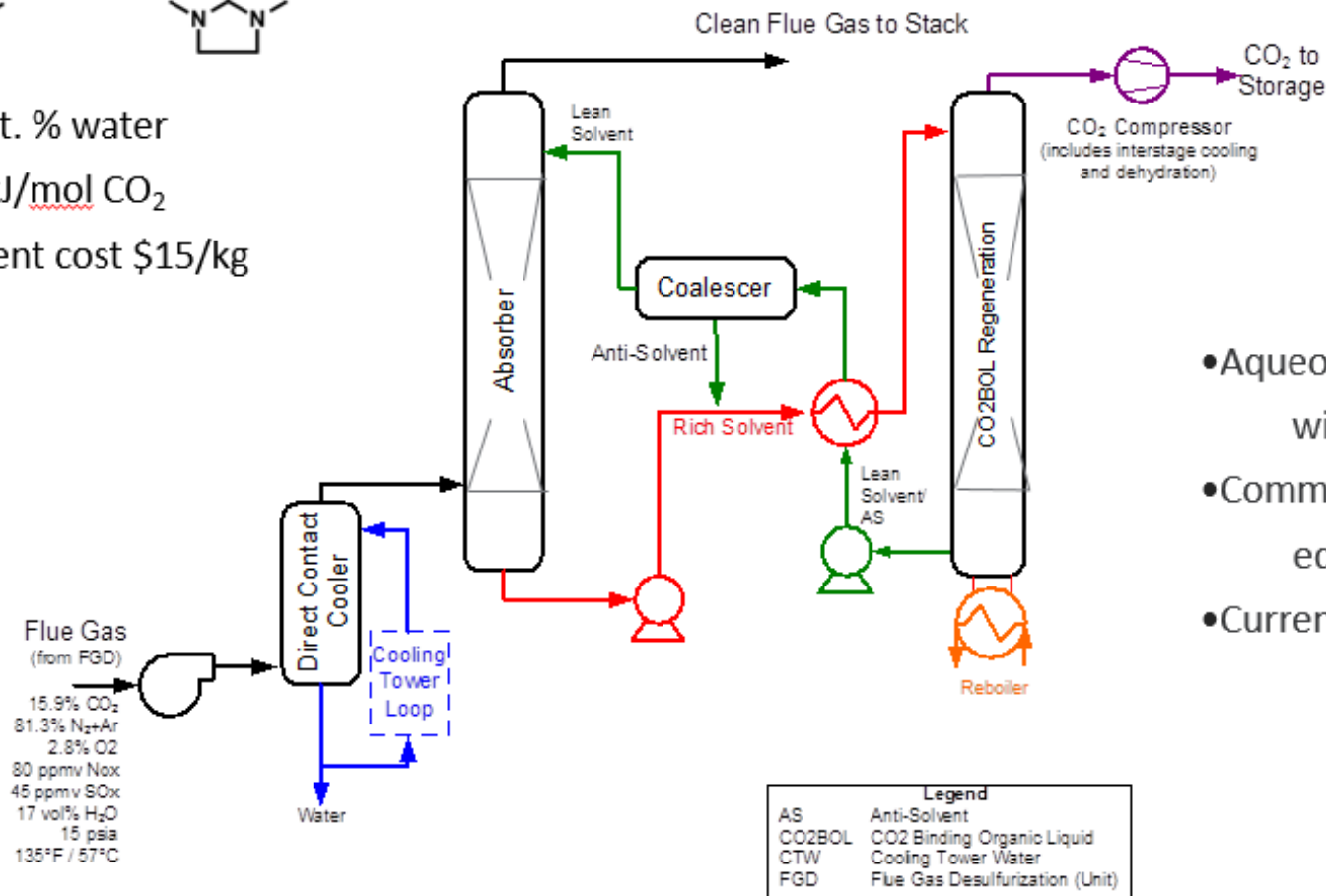
- ▶ Scale-up low-viscosity CO<sub>2</sub>BOL derivative (1-BEIPADIP-2-BOL).
- ▶ Perform testing and evaluation through laboratory scale to inform techno-economic assessment of solvent performance towards DOE's target capture cost of \$30 per metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- ▶ Identify data needs and collect necessary data to support future scale-up of the solvent manufacturing and capture processes.

# CO<sub>2</sub>-Binding Organic Liquids (CO<sub>2</sub>BOLs)

“Water-lean” organic switchable ionic liquid solvent system.



- ~5 wt. % water
- -80 kJ/mol CO<sub>2</sub>
- Current cost \$15/kg

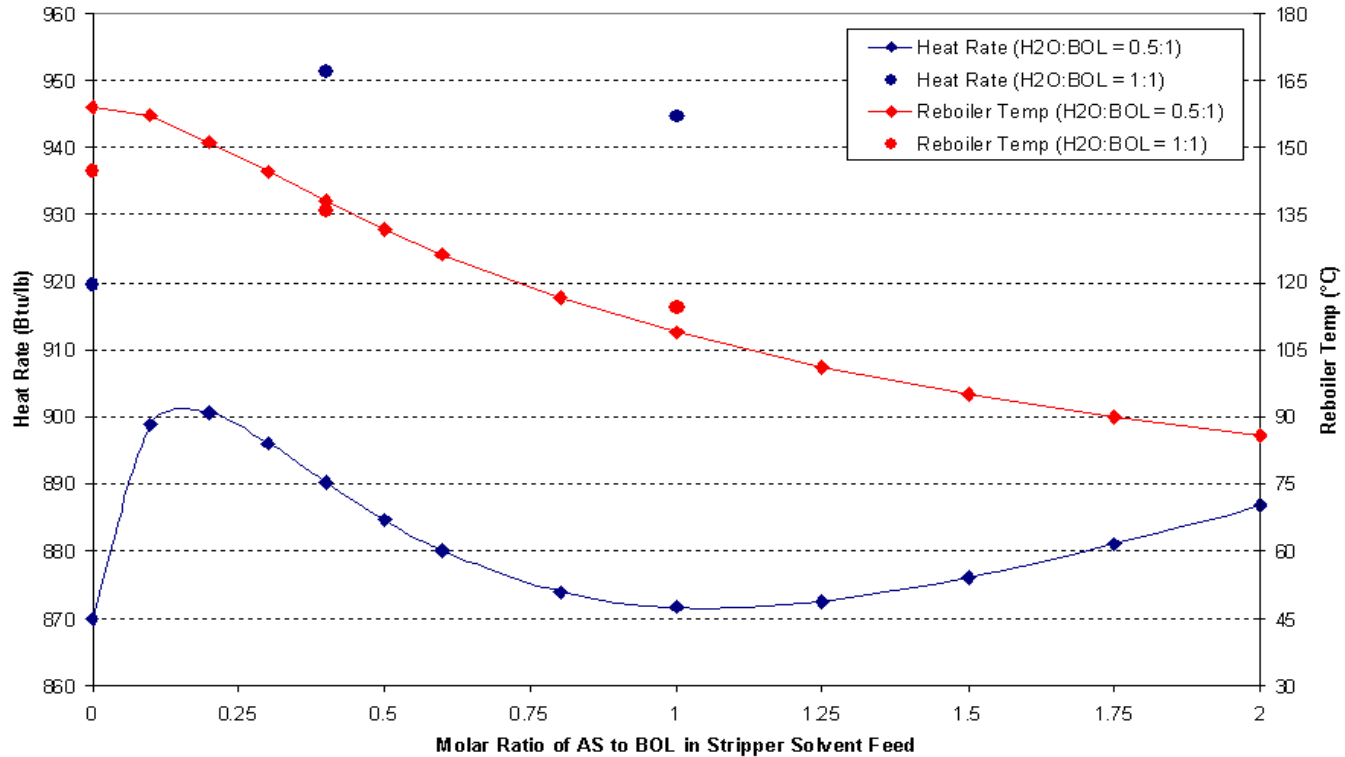


- Aqueous amines design with added PSAR
- Commercially available equipment
- Currently un-optimized

# Polarity-Swing Assisted Regeneration (PSAR)

*Maintains Reboiler Heat Duty but decreases  $T_{regen}$  by destabilizing the  $CO_2$  carrier.*

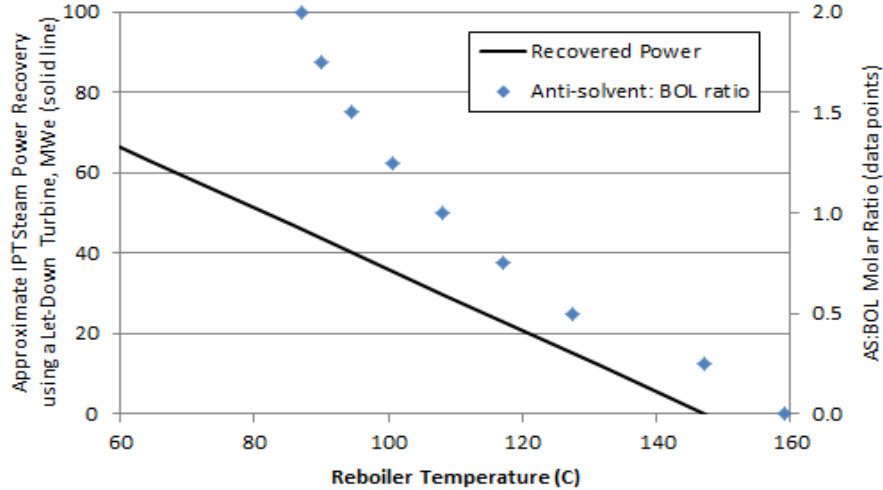
NETL  
baseline:  
1520  
btu/lb  $CO_2$



- Addition of hexadecane “antisolvent” equivalents
- 72 °C decrease in reboiler temperature
- Reboiler heat duty remains unchanged
- Sensitive to water

# Polarity-Swing Assisted Regeneration (PSAR)

**May Increase Net Power Output by 102 Mwe (550 Mwe baseline).**



- Extract power via a let-down turbine before passing the lower temperature steam to the reboiler
- Uses more steam than directly condensing IP steam from the plant power cycle but the power generated more than compensates.

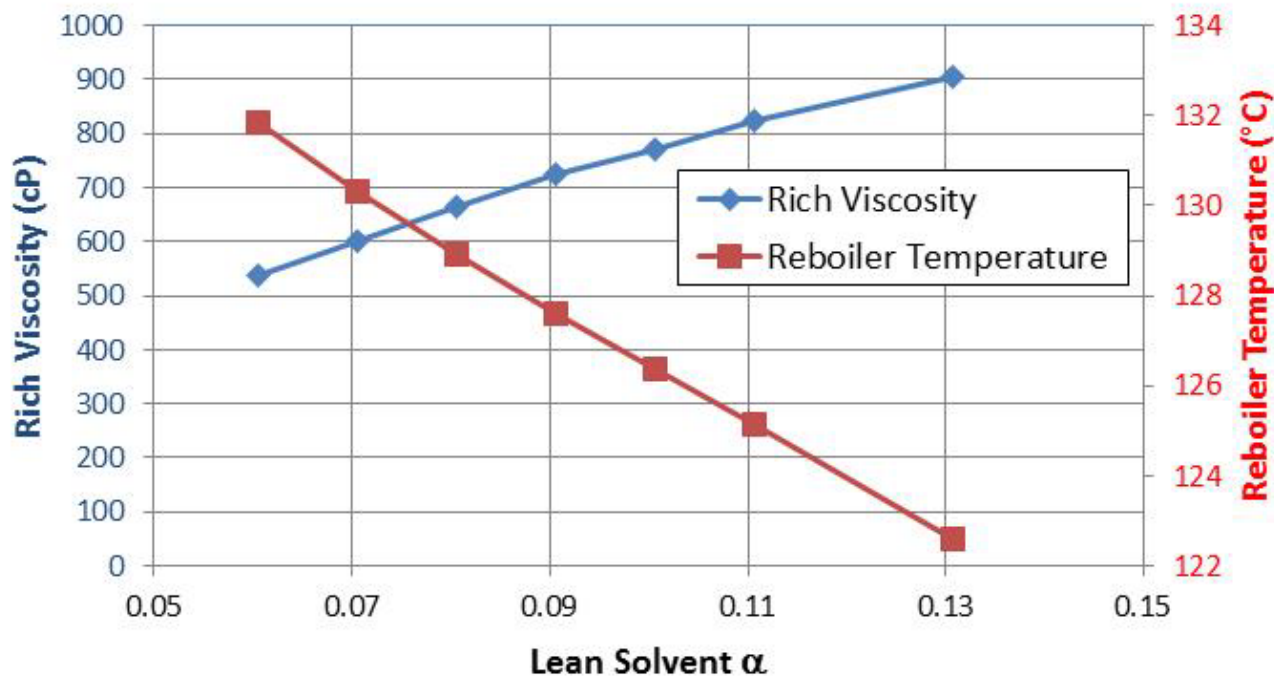
Antisolvent Loading (Molar Equivalent)	Regeneration Temperature (°C)	Net Electric Power Produced (MWe)	Parasitic Load
0	159	594	25%
0.5	132	603	23%
1	109	621	21%
2	86	637	19%
TBD <sup>1</sup>	65	652	17%

<sup>1</sup>Based on projections of upper critical solution temperature

# CO<sub>2</sub>BOL/PSAR Catch-22



*High rich-solvent viscosity negates the benefits of PSAR.*



- Rich viscosity limits reboiler temperature and process performance
- Reduced viscosity allows higher  $\alpha$ , which reduces  $T_{\text{reboiler}}$  and reduces circulation rate
- Power plant efficiency benefit becomes significant when  $T_{\text{reboiler}} < 100$  °C

# CO<sub>2</sub>BOL Solvent Class...

## Where we Left Off

*Process projected to be highly energy efficient but limited by viscosity.*

- ▶ 27% lower reboiler duty
- ▶ 2.1% higher net plant efficiency
- ▶ 2x's CAPEX
- ▶ Potential to meet DOE target

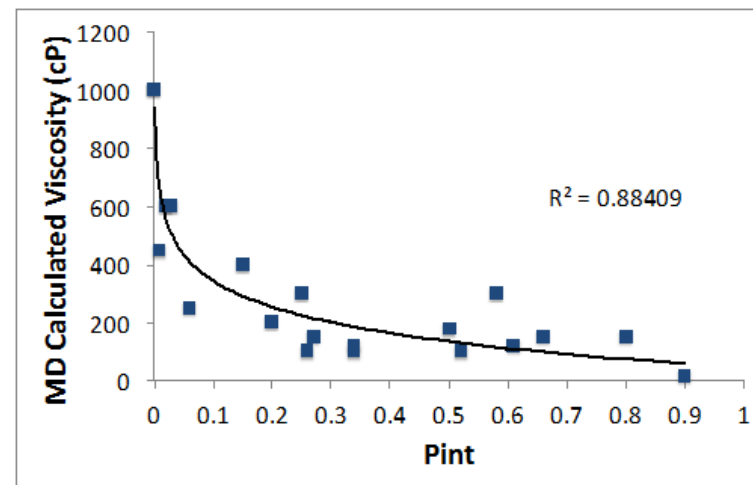
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# Viscosity Depends on Hydrogen Bonds Orientation

**% of internal H-bonding ( $P_{int}$ ) is the biggest descriptor of viscosity.**

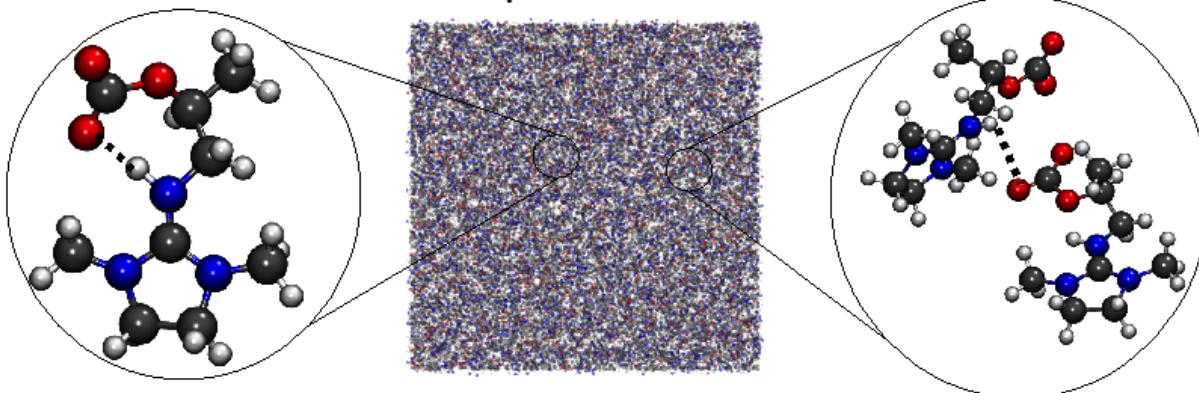
25% mol loading	100% zwitterion	
system	viscosity (cP)	% internal H-bond
EODM-2-BOL	45.5	92
IPADM-2-BOL	149.5	34
IPATFMM-2-BOL	328.5	13



Internal hydrogen bond

Extended liquid structure

Hydrogen bond with neighbor



# $P_{int}$ From an Optimized Structure



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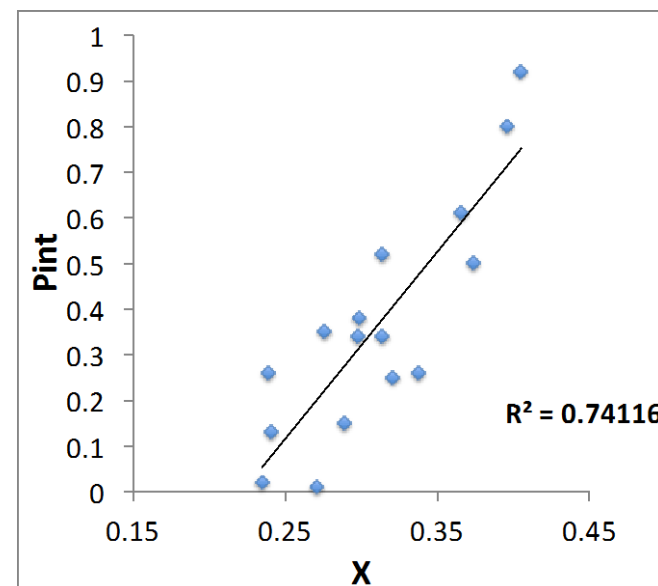
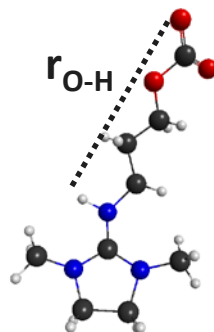
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**Viscosity can be predicted without time intensive synthesis or modeling.**

▶ If  $r_{O-H} > 2.0 \text{ \AA}$ , then  $P_{int} = 0.001$

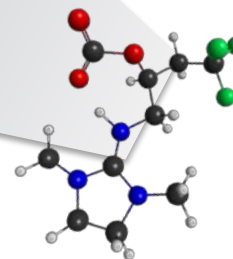
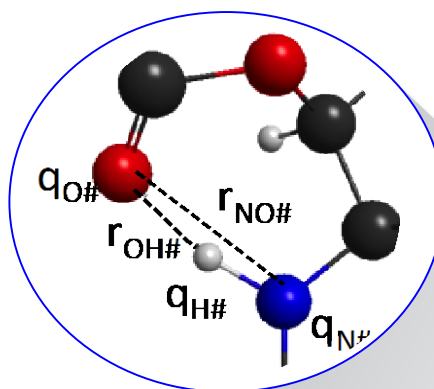
▶ If  $r_{O-H} < 2.0 \text{ \AA}$ , then

▶ Difference between electrostatic repulsion (NO) and attraction (OH)



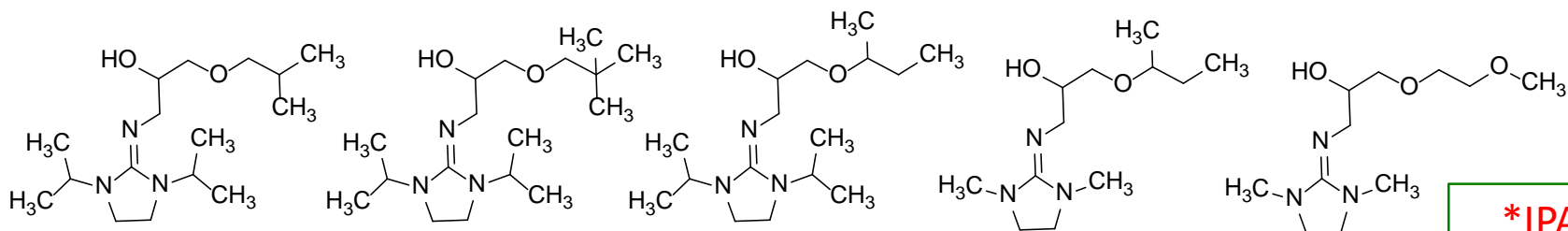
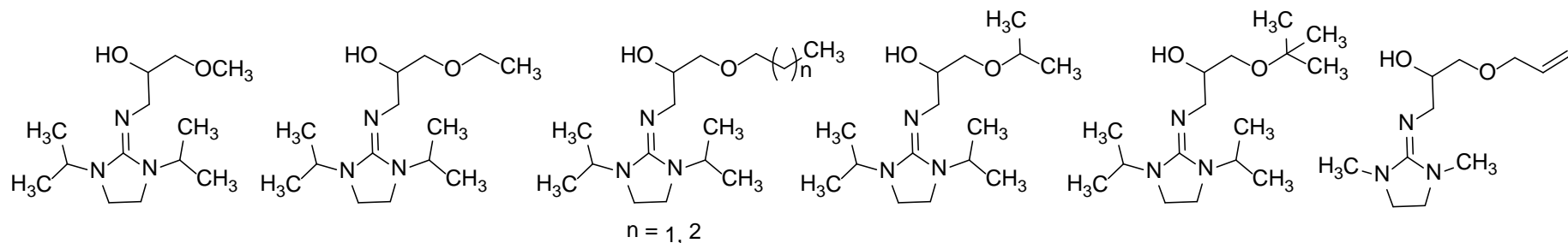
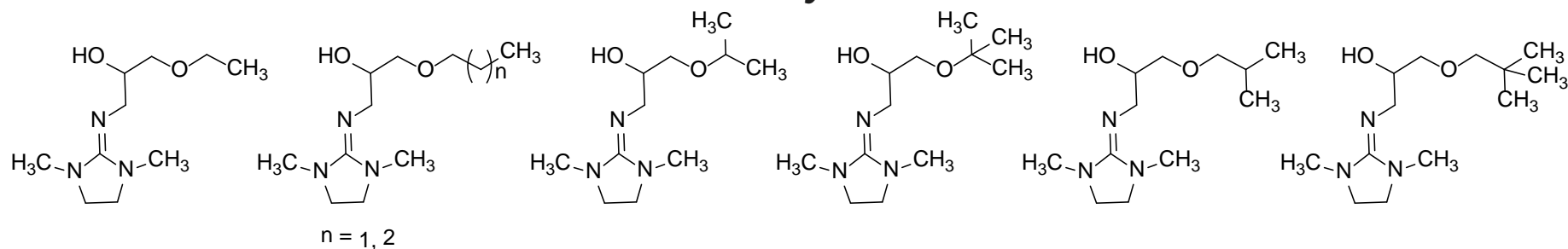
$$P_{int} = c_1 X + c_2$$

$$X = \frac{q_N q_O}{r_{NO}} - \frac{q_O q_H}{r_{OH}}$$



# Designing 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation CO<sub>2</sub>BOLs

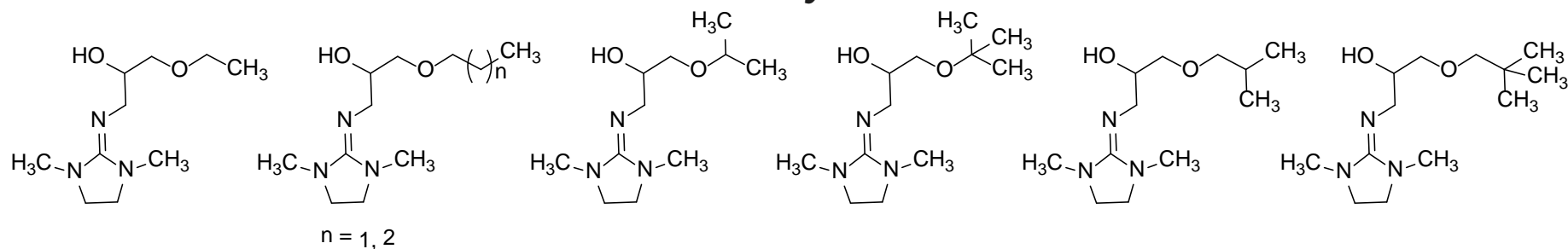
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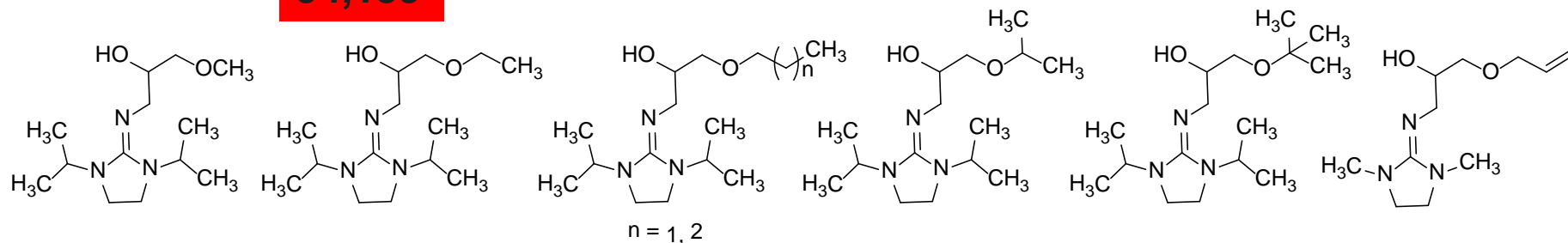
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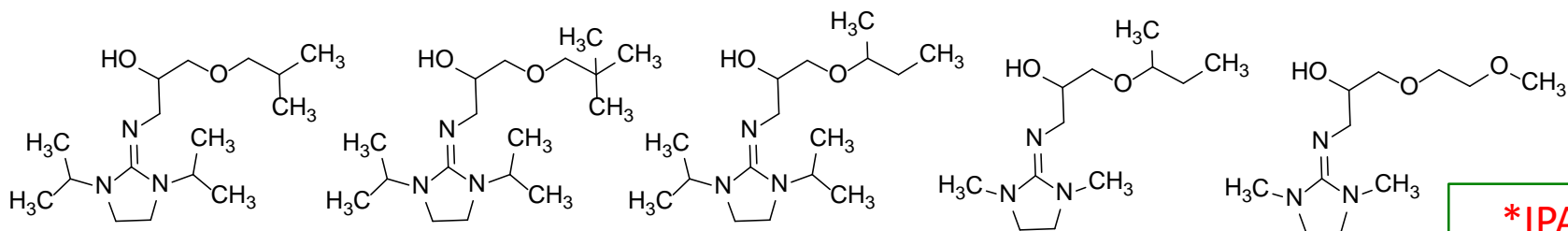
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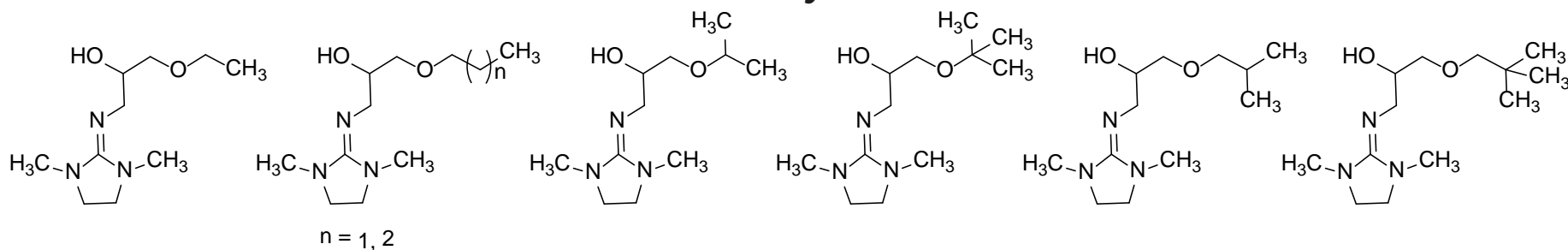
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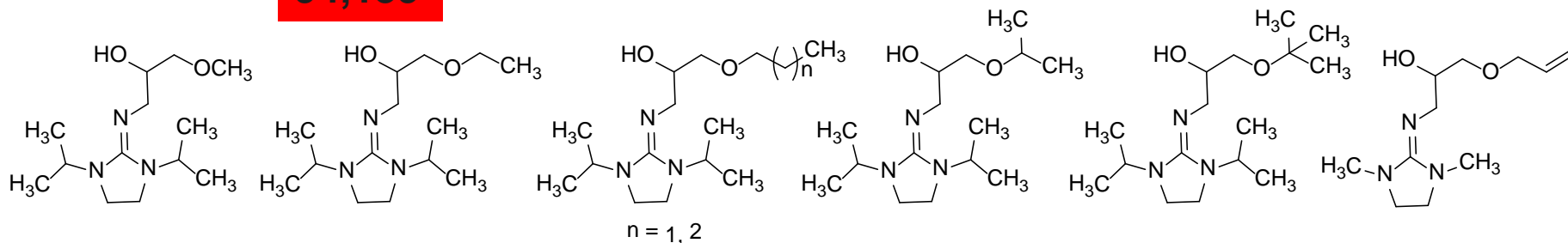
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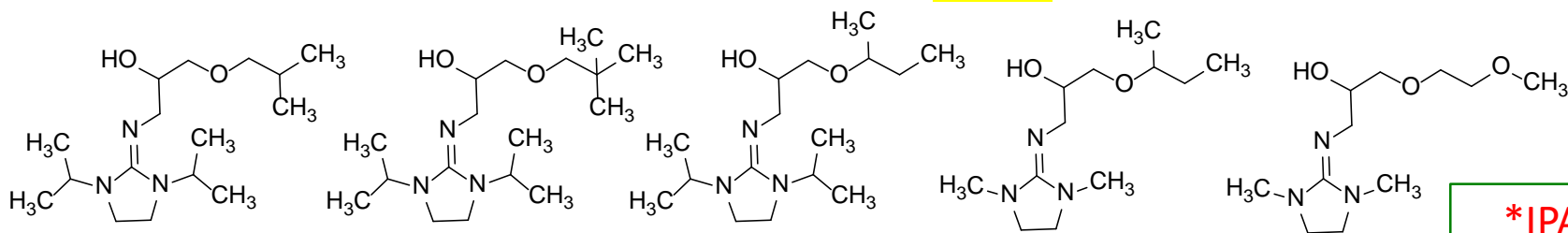


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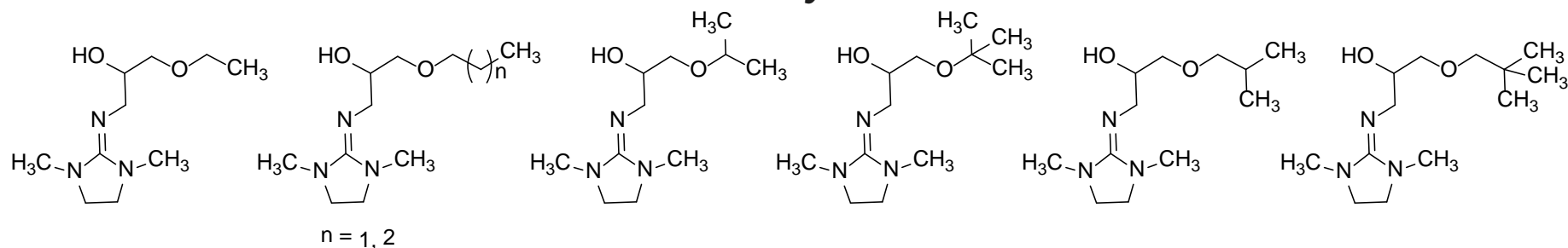
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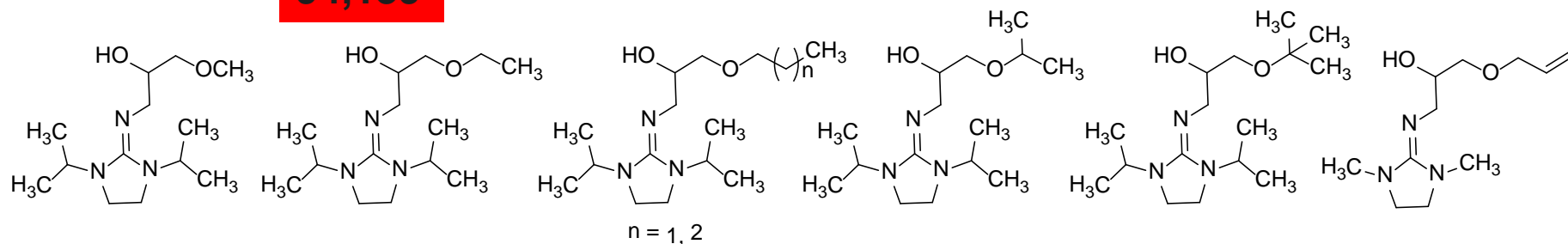
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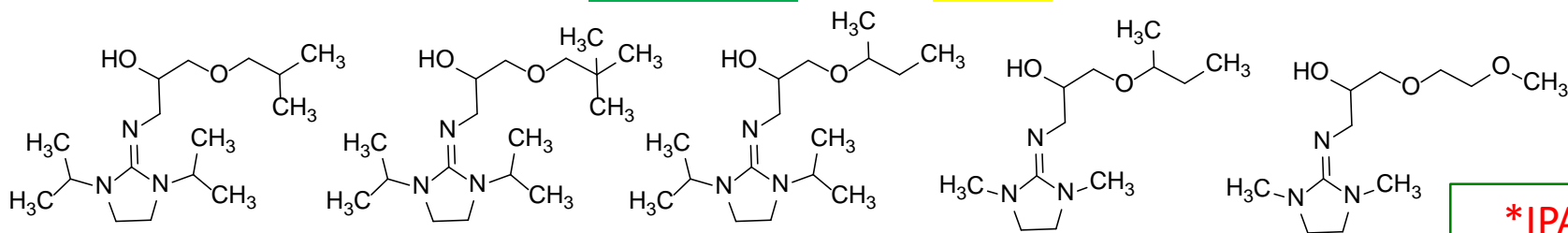
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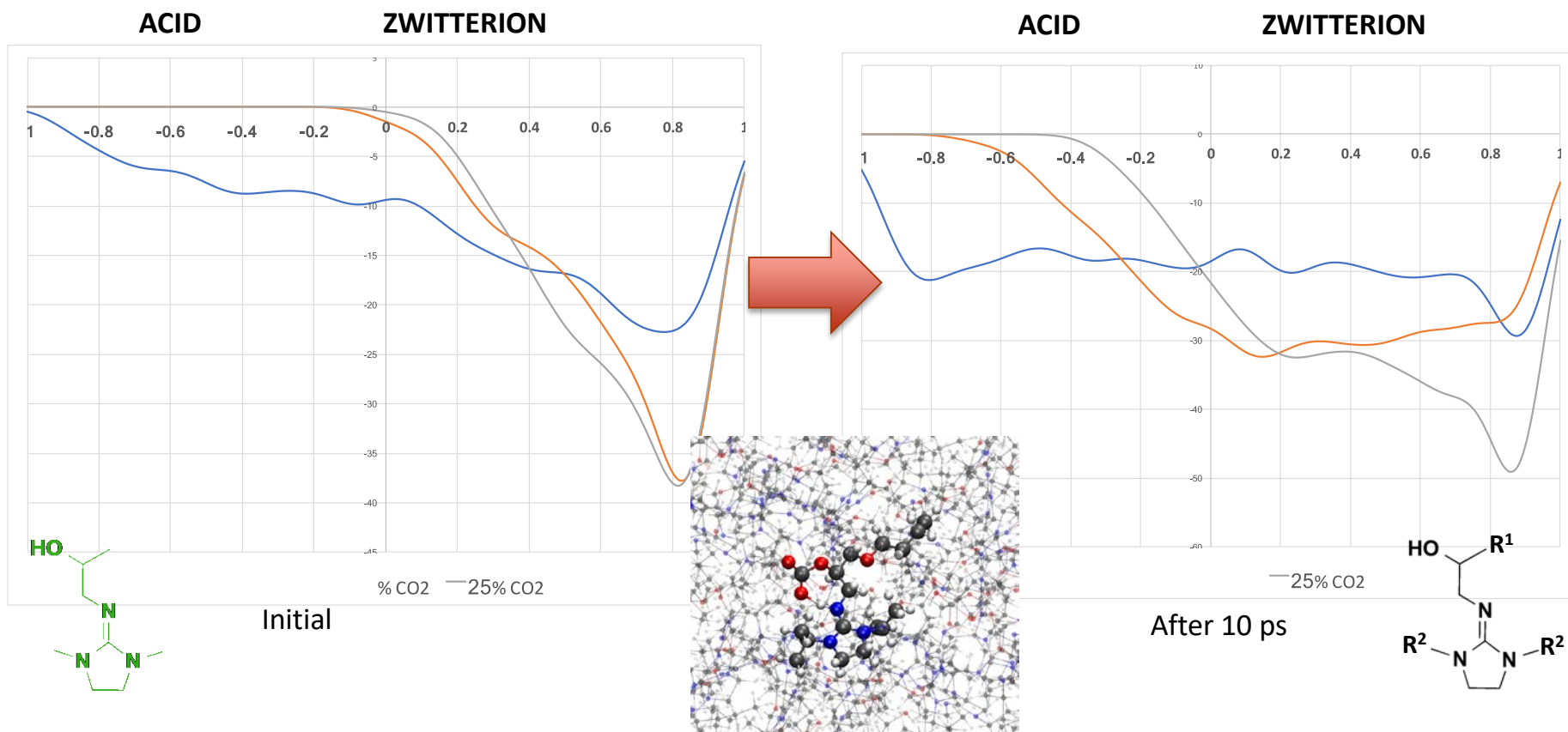
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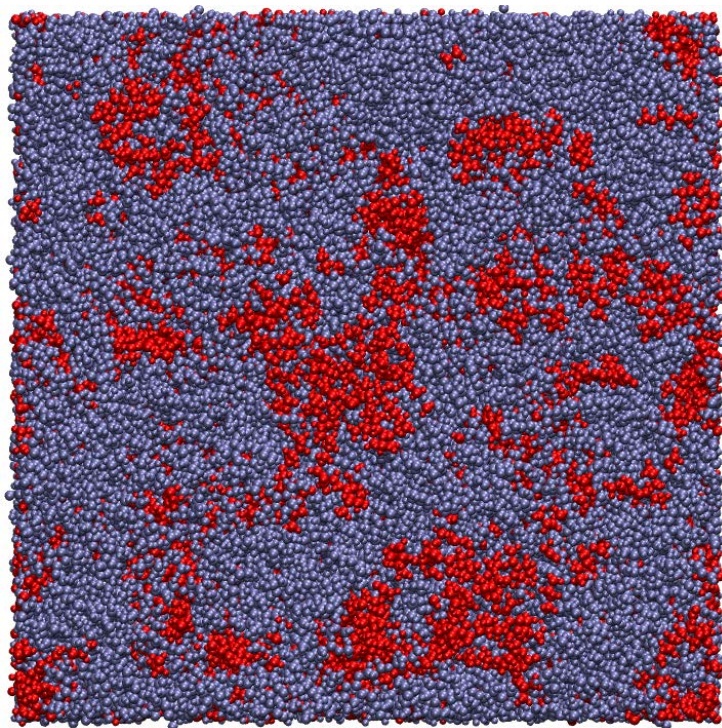
# High $P_{int}$ Favors Neutral Alkylcarbonic Acid

*Internal H-bonding begins to favor “neutral” forms of capture, reducing the concentration of ions in solution.*

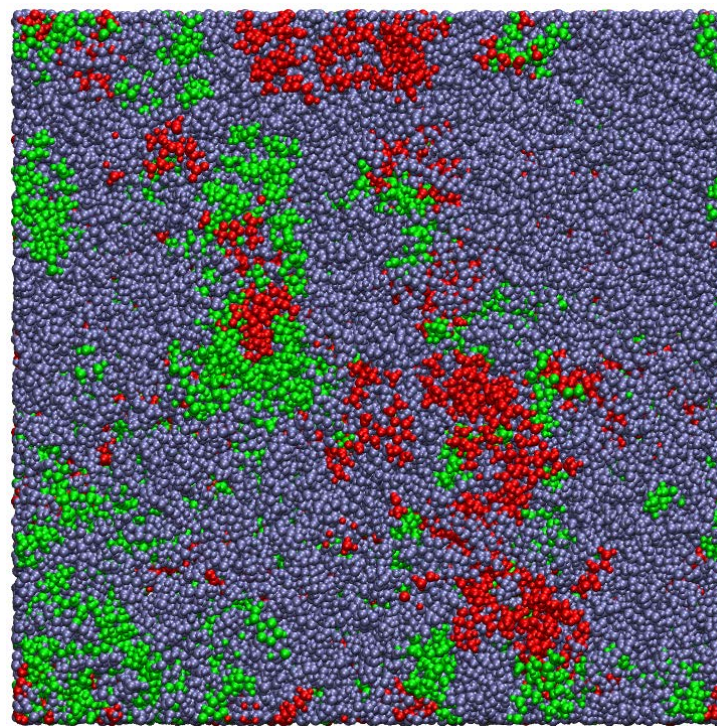


# Predicted Solvent Structure of Final Derivatives

*Solvents retain heterogeneous structure with reduced ionicity, still allowing for PSAR.*



25% CO<sub>2</sub> loading, all Zwitterion



25% CO<sub>2</sub> loading, 1:1 acid:Zwitterion



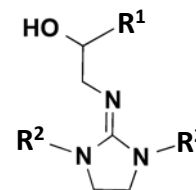
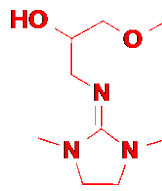
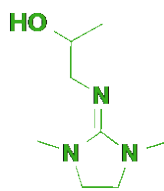
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**CO<sub>2</sub>BOL Generations**

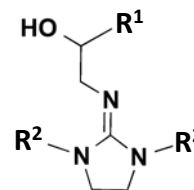
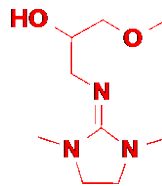
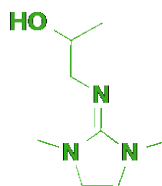
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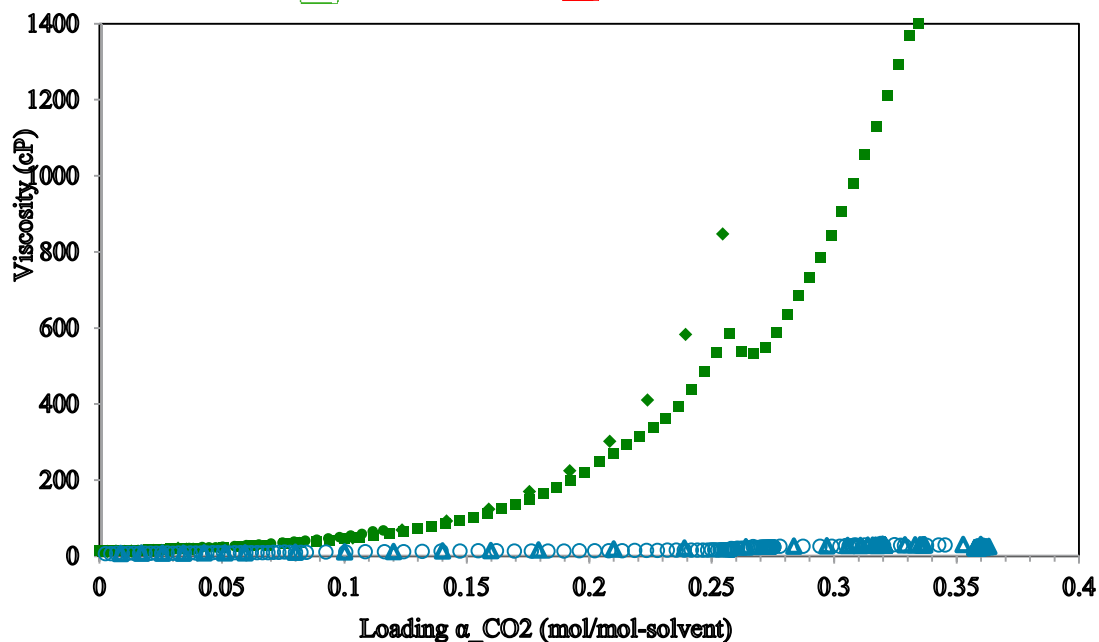
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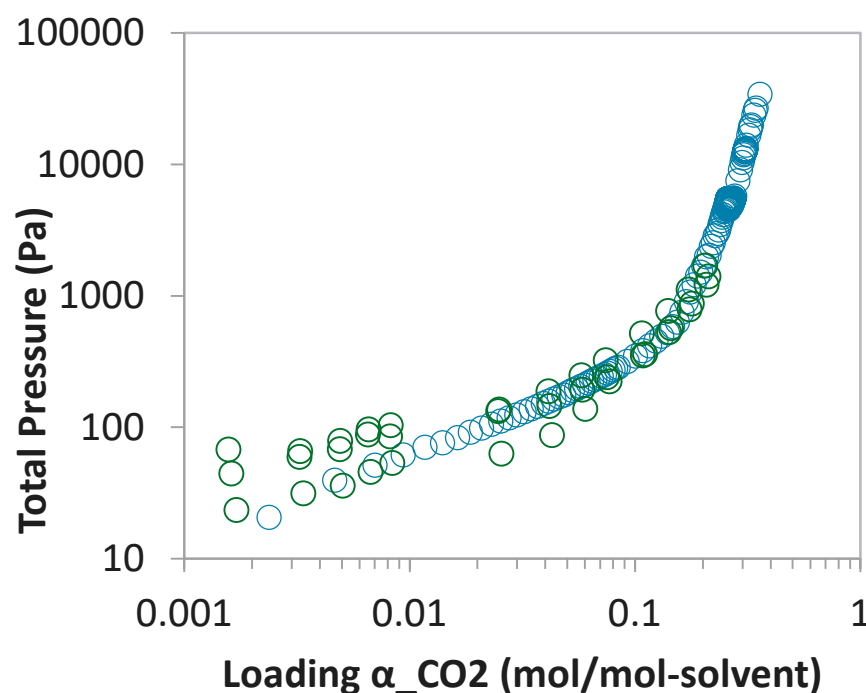
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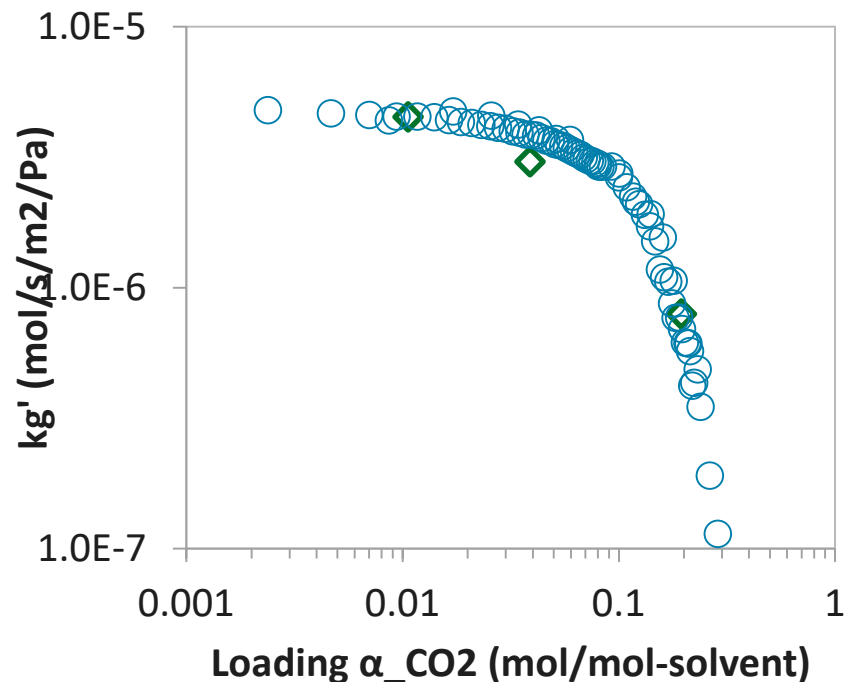
**CO<sub>2</sub>BOL Generations**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Derivative Properties

***PVT testing shows physical and thermodynamic properties are retained.***



○ IPADM-2-BOL (a)    ○ BEIPADIPR-2-BOL



◇ IPADM-2-BOL    ○ BEIPADIPR-2-BOL

- ▶ Comparable  $P^*$  at 40 °C to IPADM-2-BOL at 40 °C
- ▶ Identical mass transfer of  $CO_2$  ( $kg'$ ) to IPADM-2-BOL at 40 °C

# CO<sub>2</sub>BOL Solvent Class... Where We Are Now.

*Revised formulation is projected to be close in performance to theoretical case.*

Potential:

- ▶ 40% lower reboiler duty
- ▶ 4% higher net plant efficiency
- ▶ Meet DOE's \$40/tonne metric

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**CO<sub>2</sub>BOLs/PSAR have a higher percentage of theoretical minimum work than aqueous amines.**

$$W_{eq} = W_{heat} + W_{pump} + W_{comp}^*$$

$$W_{heat} = \eta_{stm-tb} \left( \frac{T_{stm.sat} - T_{sink}}{T_{stm.sat}} \right) Q_{reb}$$

$$W_{pump} = \frac{V_{rich}(P_{strp} - 1 \text{ bar})}{\eta_p}$$

$$W_{comp} \left( \frac{kJ}{mol \text{ CO}_2} \right) = 15.3 - 4.6 \ln P_{in} + 0.81 (\ln P_{in})^2 - 0.24 (\ln P_{in})^3 + 0.03 (\ln P_{in})^4$$

$$1 \text{ bar} \leq P_{in} \leq 149 \text{ bar}$$

2 <sup>nd</sup> gen amines = ~36 kJ/mol	Theoretical Minimum Work*	Recreated NETL Case 10 MEA capture <sup>1</sup>	CO <sub>2</sub> BOL/PSAR IPADM-2-BOL 356 cP <sup>1</sup>	CO <sub>2</sub> BOL/PSAR IPADM-2-BOL 20 cP Theoretical <sup>1**</sup>	CO <sub>2</sub> BOL/PSAR BEIPADIP-2- BOL 36 cP
RAW (kJ/mol CO <sub>2</sub> )	18.2	44.1	35.6	27.4	TBD
% minimum	100%	41.3%	51.1%	66.4%	TBD

1. *Energy Fuels*, (2016), 30, 1192–1203. *Energy Environ. Sci.*, (2013), 6, 2233. CO<sub>2</sub>BOL cases include 13 MW refrigeration duty.

\*Lin, Y. J., Doctoral dissertation, U. T. Austin, 2016. \*\* Theoretical minimum, not experimentally observed.

# Project Objectives and Major Tasks



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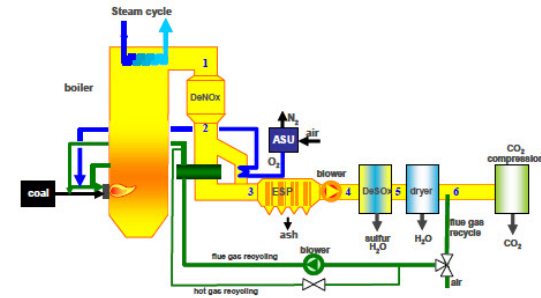
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Funding: \$2,792,000 / 30 months

Solvent  
Scale-up



Parametric  
testing:  
 $O_2$ ,  $SO_x$ ,  
 $NO_x$ ,  $H_2O$



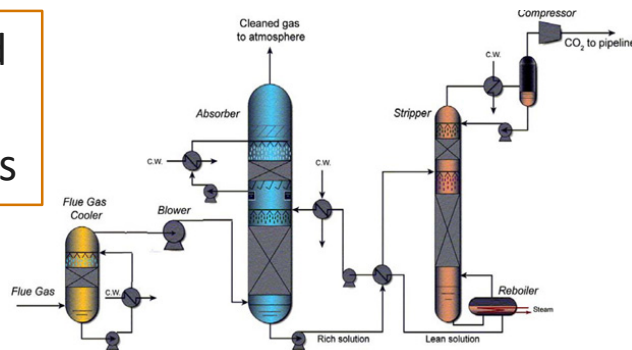
Kinetic  
Testing



Techno-  
economic  
Assessment



Absorber and  
Stripper  
Configurations



Industry  
Handoff



# DOCCSS Solvent Program Plan

7/17/2017 – 12/31/2019



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	FY17				FY18				FY19			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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<b>2. Solvent Physical Property Measurements</b>												
<b>3. Solvent Synthesis</b>												
<b>4. Initial Techno-Economic Projections</b>												
<b>5. Laboratory Continuous Flow System Redesign, Retrofitting and Testing</b>												
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<b>7. Initial Industry Outreach</b>												
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Industry Partnering Focus

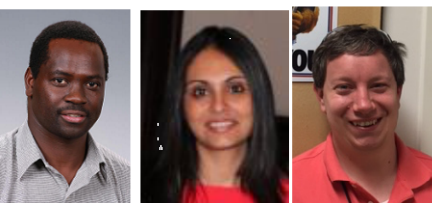
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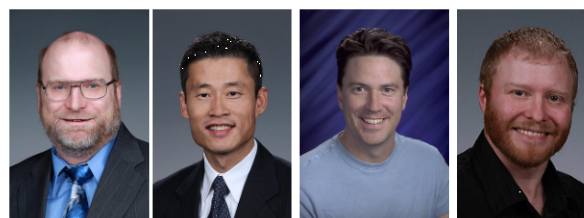
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