

Sandia Materials for the Capture, Storage or Purification of Cs, Sr and Fission Gases

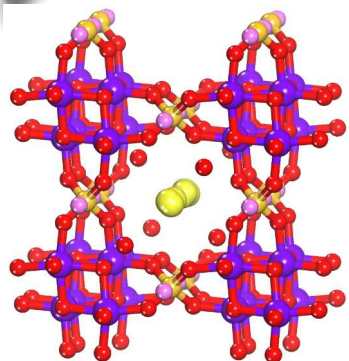
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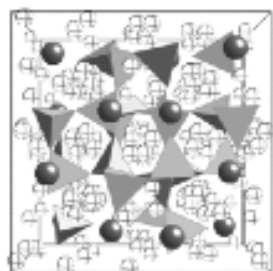
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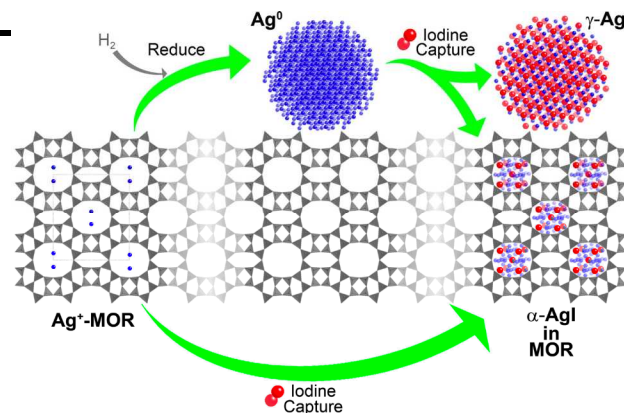
Nenoff, et.al., Portfolio of NE related Technologies: Novel Separations and Waste Forms



CST, Cs⁺ removal from water to Pollucite Waste Form



R&D100 1996
JACerS, **2009**, 92(9), 2144
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Solvent Extr. & Ion Exch, **2012**, 30, 33

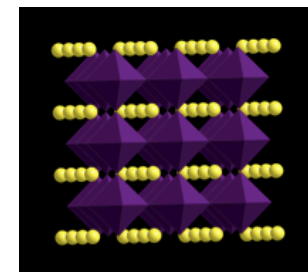
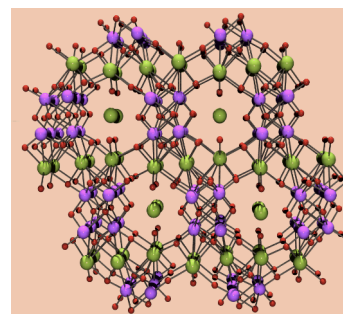


**Ag-MOR
I₂(g) capture & mechanisms**

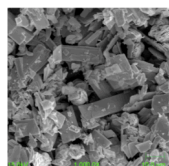
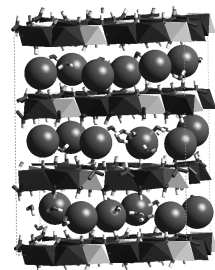
JACS, **2010**, 132(26), 8897
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**Fundamental Research to
Applied to Commercial Products
Design the Separation Material
To Develop the Waste Form**



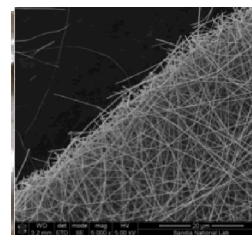
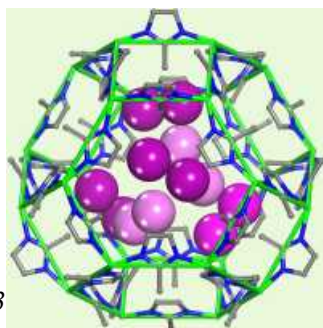
**Sr²⁺ getter, 1-step to
Perovskite waste form**
JACS, **2002**, 124(3), 1704



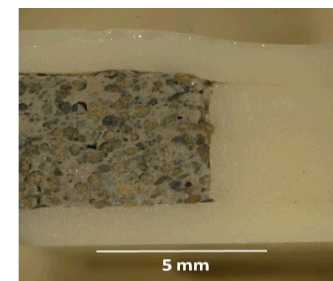
**In-situ Iodine
removal from water**

**I₂/MOF, Isolation
to Waste Form**

JACS, **2011**, 133(32), 12398
Ind.Eng. Chem.Res, **2012**,
51(2), 614
Provisional Patent Oct 2013



**Nanoporous Nanofibers
Volatile Gas Removal**
US Patent Application, 2011



**Universal Core-Shell Glass Waste
Form Iodine & Getter**

JACerS, **2011**, 94(8), 2412
US Patent 8,262,950

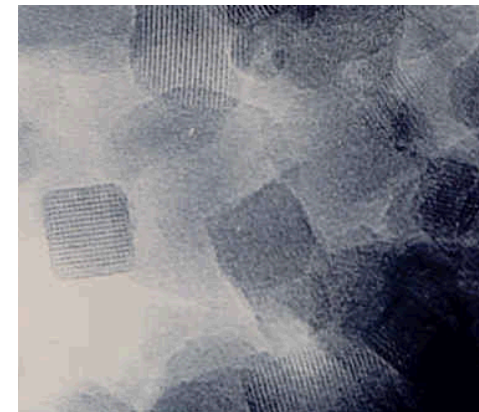
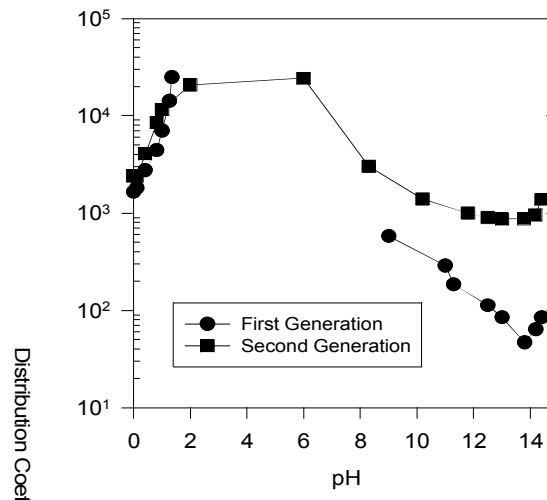
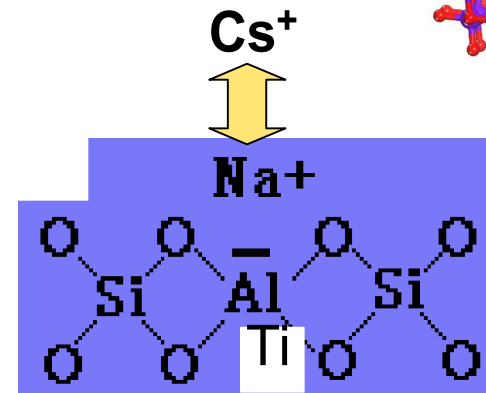
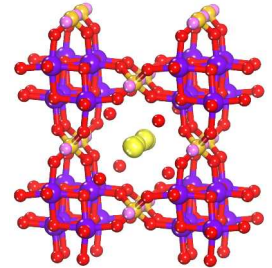
Removal of Rad-Cs⁺ from Pooled Seawater (heat treat to Pollucite WF or add into SNL GCM)

Crystalline Silicotitanates (CSTs)

With exceptional Cs⁺ selectivity, and mechanical, thermal and radiological stability

CST properties:

- Removes 1 part Cs per 100,000 parts Na
- Stable over entire pH range
- Stable in extreme environments
- *Commercially available as IONSIV™ IE-910 & IE-911*



Sandia Octahedral Molecular Sieves (SOMS)

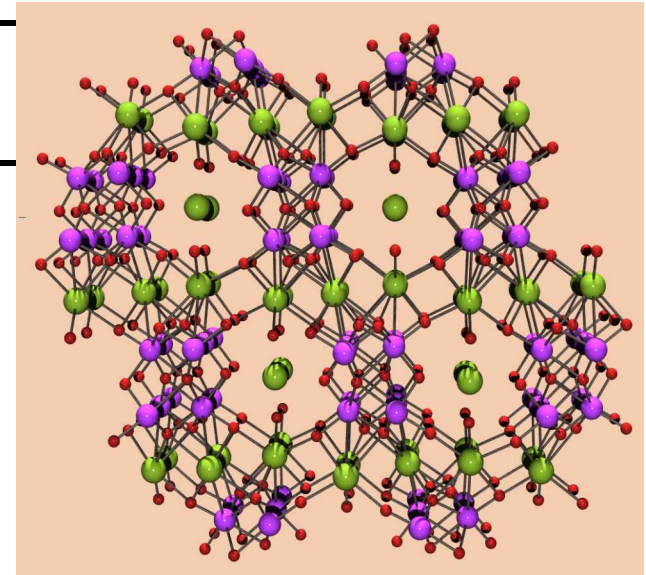
Selectivity (heat treat to perovskite WF)

Radionuclides ←
High concentration
in natural systems ←

Industrial
Waste
Metals

metal ion	Ti-niobate phase Nb:Ti = 1:4	Zr-niobate phase Nb:Zr = 1:6
Ba ²⁺	> 99,800 *	> 99,800 *
Sr ²⁺	> 99,800 *	> 99,800 *
Ca ²⁺	2,300	2,657
Mg ²⁺	226	458
Pb ²⁺	66,467	22,022
Cr ³⁺	> 99,800 *	> 99,800 *
Co ²⁺	> 99,800 *	> 99,800 *
Ni ²⁺	> 99,800 *	> 99,800 *
Zn ²⁺	> 99,800 *	> 99,800 *
Cd ²⁺	> 99,800 *	> 99,800 *
Cs ⁺	150	169
K ⁺	95	153
Li ⁺	8	35

*Instead use CST:
high
selectivity*



$$K_d = [M]_{ie} / [M]_{sol}$$

* 0.1 ppm detection limit

K_d obtained from 50 ppm metal ion solutions (no competing ions)

Long Term Storage of I₂ Capture Materials: Waste Forms

Homogenous Glass GCM: for
AgI or AgI-MOR off-gas capture and storage



50 wt% AgI/50 wt% Glass
500°C for 3 hr



50 wt% AgI/50 wt% Glass,
500°C for 3 hr

**All These waste forms have been made with the
SNL Low Temperature Sintering Oxide Glass**

No HIP-ping needed: Sintering 550°C

Accepting of all types of rad-loaded getters:

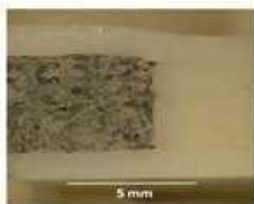
zeolites (AgI-MOR), Metals (AgI), MOFs (I₂-MOF), and Cs-CSTs

Durability studies: equal to better performance than basalt glass

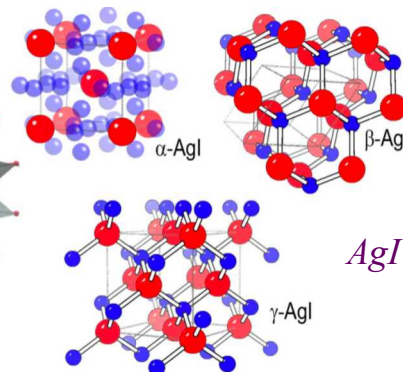
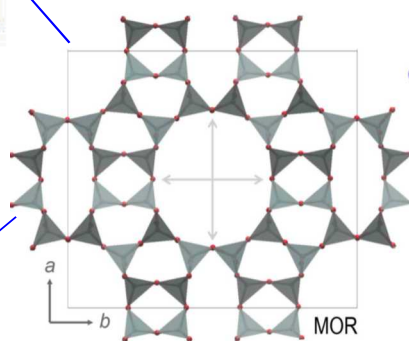
Core-Shell GCM Glass Waste Forms



Glass shell, AgI/glass core,
75/25



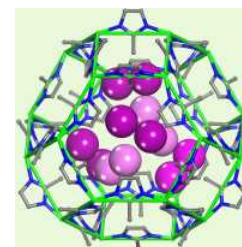
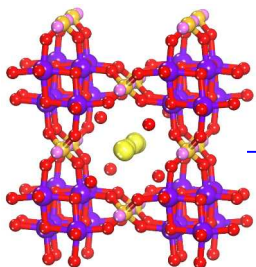
Glass shell,
AgI-MOR/Ag/Glass core 80/20/5



AgI bp 556°C

JACerS, 2011, 94(8), 2412

***Cs-CST in Low Temp Glass
Waste Form, No Cs Loss in Sintering***



***I₂/MOF, Isolation
to Waste Form***

JACS, 2011, 133(32), 12398

Ind. Eng. Chem. Res (Invited Article)

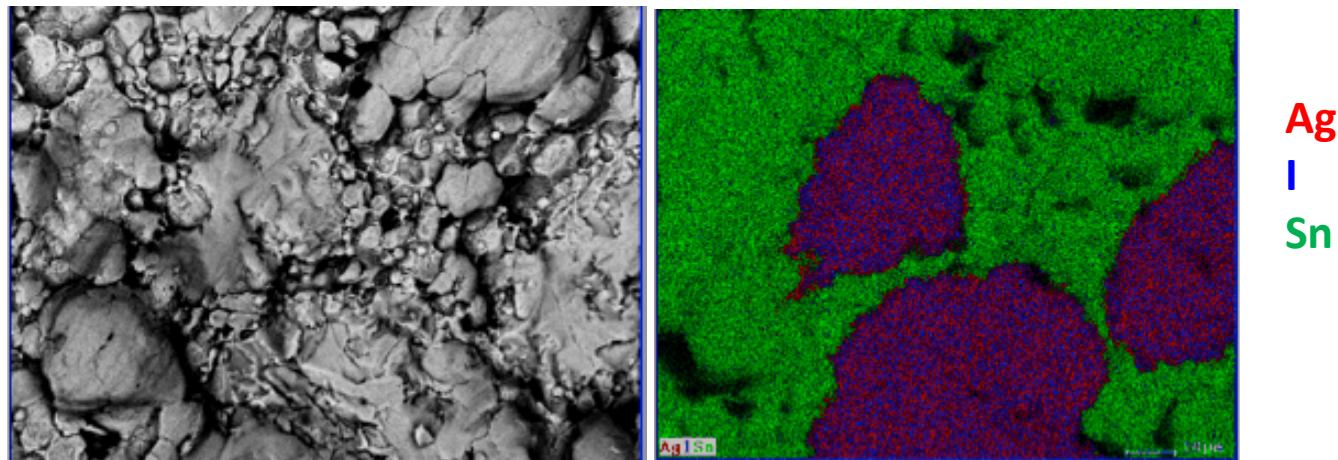
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Metal Matrix Waste Form



- Highly attractive to encapsulate iodine-loaded zeolites and MOFs due to low temperature processability.
- This methodology prevents the use of expensive Ag for both the getter material and the waste form.
- Potential to incorporate a very high capacity of iodine into a final waste form.
- Waste form durability testing procedures need to be established.



SEM-EDS image of Sn with 25% AgI waste form



Nenoff, et. al., Patents Awarded and Pending Related to Nuclear Fuel and Legacy Waste

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- Niobate-based octahedral molecular sieves, 6,596,254, July 22, 2003.
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- Low Sintering Temperature Glass Waste Form for Sequestering Radioactive Iodine, 8,262,950, September 11, 2012
- Mixed-Layered Bismuth-Oxygen-Iodine Materials for Capture and Waste Disposal of Radioactive Iodine, 8,383,021, February 2013

Applications

- An Inexpensive Method for bulk synthesis and Commercial Scale up of SOMS: Sandia Octahedral Molecular Sieves (2006)
- Pelletized Molecular Sieves and Method of Making Pelletized Molecular Sieves (Nonprovisional Patent Application, SD11971), 11/07/12.
- Metal Matrix Waste Forms for Fission Products. (Aug 2013)

Working with Dan Jenkins and Brooke Garcia for Tech Transfer Possibilities in (1) waste forms and (2) engineered/ pelletized getter materials, along with others