

Supplementary Material
for
Enhancing Molten Salt Oxidation Sustainability: Thermodynamic
Insights for Spent Salt Reuse and Carbonate Cycle Replenishment

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Supporting Figures

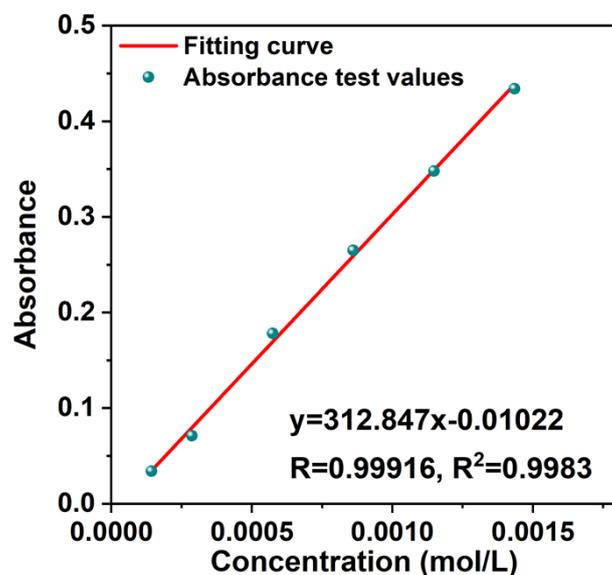


Fig. S1. The relation equation between standard solution concentrations and absorbance.

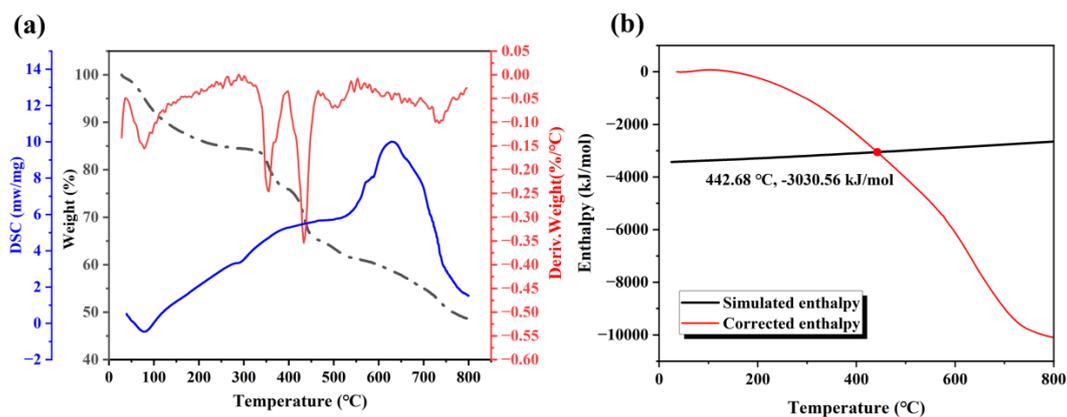


Fig. S2. (a) TG-DSC and (b) reaction enthalpy of CERs oxidized without carbonate process at 10 °C/min rate.

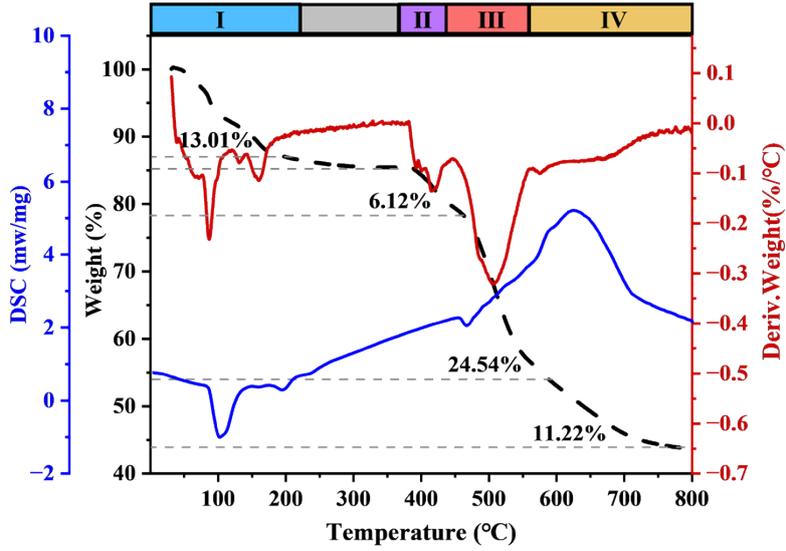


Fig. S3. TG-DSC curves and oxidation stage division of MSO process.

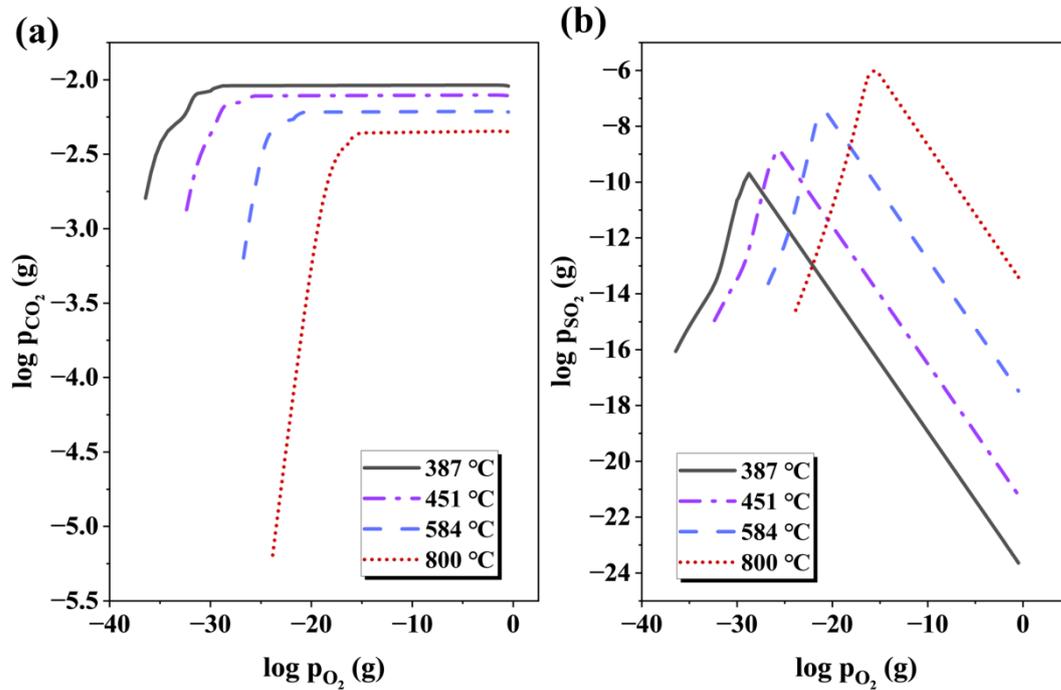


Fig. S4. Variation of CO₂ (a) and SO₂ (b) partial pressures in equilibrium calculations of MSO at different oxygen partial pressures and temperatures.

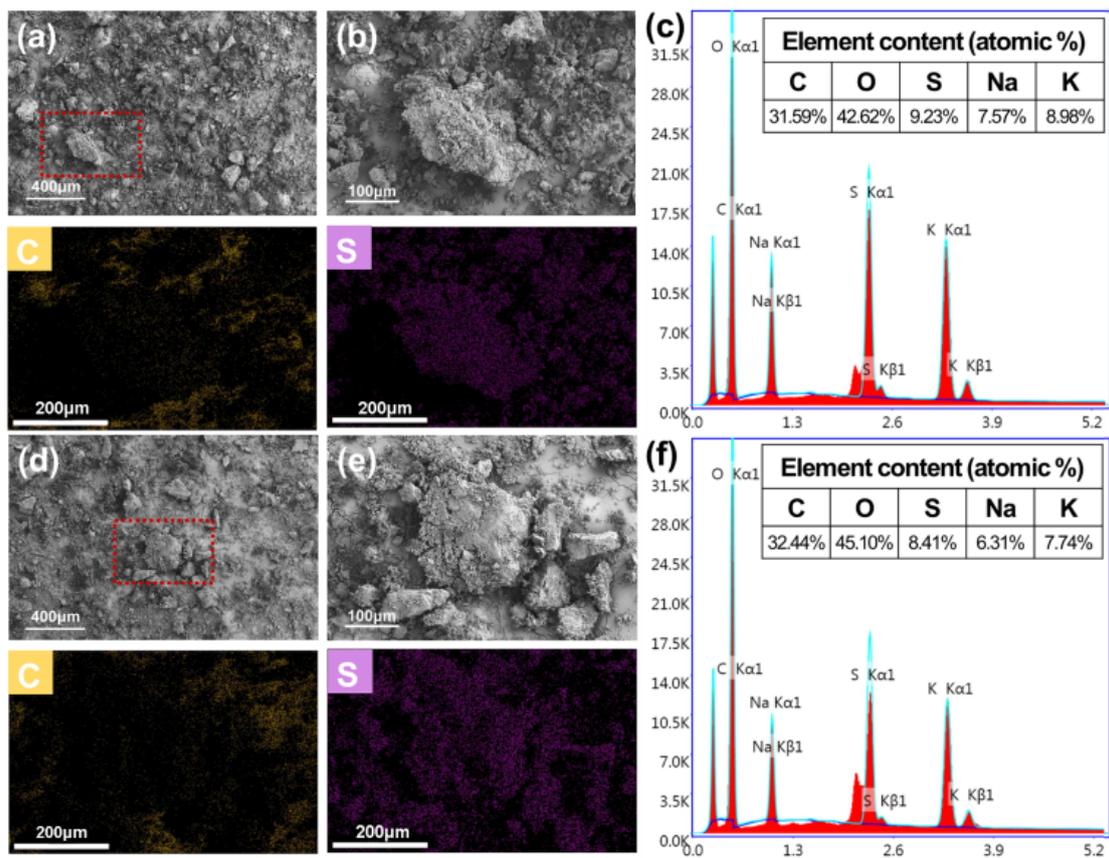


Fig. S5. SEM-mapping patterns and elemental analysis results of spent salt collected from MSO-DC (a-c) and MSO-RC (d-f).

Supporting Tables

Table S1 The input settings for the equilibrium calculations.

Species Formula	Feed Temperature°C	Activity Coefficient	Initial Amount (kmol)	51 Step Add Amount (kmol)
Initial Input Phase:				
C ₁₇ H ₂₉ O ₁₄ S ₂	25	1	0.1924	0.0000
Na ₂ CO ₃	25	1	0.3000	0.0000
Li ₂ CO ₃	25	1	0.4400	0.0000
K ₂ CO ₃	25	1	0.2600	0.0000
Gas Products:				
O ₂ (g)	0	1	0.0000	0.1443
CO (g)	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
CO ₂ (g)	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
H ₂ (g)	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
SO ₂ (g)	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
H ₂ S (g)	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
H ₂ O (g)	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
CH ₄ (g)	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
C ₂ H ₄ (g)	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
C ₂ H ₆ (g)	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
Inorganic Salt Products:				
Na ₂ SO ₄	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
K ₂ SO ₄	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
Li ₂ SO ₄	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
K ₃ Na(SO ₄) ₂	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
Na ₂ SO ₃	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
K ₂ SO ₃	0	1	0.0000	0.0000
Li ₂ SO ₃	0	1	0.0000	0.0000

Table S2 Equilibrium amounts of components of the molten salt oxidation process at different temperatures when reaching 1.08 ThOD (3.8961 kmol) oxygen content.

Species Formula	Equilibrium amounts at different temperatures (kmol)				
	25 °C	387 °C	451 °C	584 °C	800 °C
Initial Reaction Phase:					
C ₁₇ H ₂₉ O ₁₄ S ₂	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Na ₂ CO ₃	0.1752	0.1741	0.1731	0.1690	0.1635
Li ₂ CO ₃	0.4400	0.4394	0.4388	0.4375	0.4360
K ₂ CO ₃	0.0000	0.0016	0.0033	0.0088	0.0197
Gas Products:					
O ₂ (g)	0.0519	0.0519	0.0519	0.0519	0.0519
CO (g)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
CO ₂ (g)	3.6556	3.6556	3.6556	3.6556	3.6556
H ₂ (g)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
SO ₂ (g)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
H ₂ S (g)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
COS(g)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
H ₂ O (g)	2.7898	2.7898	2.7898	2.7898	2.7898
CH ₄ (g)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
C ₂ H ₄ (g)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
C ₂ H ₆ (g)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Inorganic Salt Products:					
Na ₂ SO ₄	0.1248	0.1259	0.1269	0.1310	0.1365
K ₂ SO ₄	0.2600	0.2584	0.2567	0.2512	0.2403
Li ₂ SO ₄	0.0000	0.0006	0.0012	0.0025	0.0040
K ₃ Na(SO ₄) ₂	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Na ₂ SO ₃	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
K ₂ SO ₃	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Li ₂ SO ₃	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

Table S3 Key parameters of unit for pyrolysis and MSO-RC processes.

Impact Category	Units	Pyrolysis Values	MSO-RC Values
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	765	402
Stratospheric ozone depletion	kg CFC11 eq	0.000474	0.000246
Ionizing radiation	kBq Co-60 eq	1.26×10^{11}	2.80×10^3
Ozone formation, Human	kg NO _x eq	2.65	1.38
Fine particulate matter formation	kg PM2.5 eq	2.32	1.11
Ozone formation, Terrestrial	kg NO _x eq	2.66	1.38
Terrestrial acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	6.39	2.99
Freshwater eutrophication	kg P eq	0.127	0.0687
Marine eutrophication	kg N eq	0.00805	0.00439
Terrestrial ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DCB	362	206
Freshwater ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DCB	6.12	3.51
Marine ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DCB	8.58	4.89
Human carcinogenic toxicity	kg 1,4-DCB	23.4	12.5
Human non-carcinogenic toxicity	kg 1,4-DCB	142	79.1
Land use	m ² a crop eq	9.14	4.98
Mineral resource scarcity	kg Cu eq	0.16	0.184
Fossil resource scarcity	kg oil eq	138	72.5
Water consumption	m ³	4.27	2.28