

**Removal of metallic coatings from rare-earth  
permanent magnets by solutions of bromine in  
organic solvents**

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Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

## Results

**Table S1.** Dissolution yields,  $\eta$  (%), from SmCo<sub>5</sub> PMs in 2 M HNO<sub>3</sub> as function of the time, (min).

t (min)	$\eta_{\text{Co}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Cu}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Ni}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Sm}}$ (%)	RSD (%)
0	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	—
30	0.0	—	0.0	—	28.1	0.5	0.0	—
60	0.0	—	0.0	—	58.7	1.6	0.0	—
90	0.0	—	0.0	—	80.2	0.9	0.0	—
210	0.8	1.4	0.0	—	80.8	1.5	0.8	1.7

**Table S2.** Dissolution yields,  $\eta$  (%), from Sm<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> PMs in 2 M HNO<sub>3</sub> as function of the time, (min).

t (min)	$\eta_{\text{Co}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Cu}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Fe}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Ni}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Sm}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Zr}}$ (%)	RSD (%)
0	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	—
30	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	—	10.0	0.6	0.0	—	0.0	—
60	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	—	12.3	0.3	0.0	—	0.0	—
90	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	—	14.9	1.4	0.0	—	0.0	—
210	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	—	32.3	1.0	0.0	—	0.0	—

**Table S3.** Dissolution yields,  $\eta$ (%), of metals from Nd–Fe–B PMs in 1 vol.% Br<sub>2</sub> in EtOH as function of the time, (min).

t (min)	$\eta_B$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Co}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Cu}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Dy}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Fe}$ (%)	RSD (%)
5	0.3	18.9	0.0	—	74.1	3.8	0.0	—	0.0	5.8
10	0.3	20.6	0.2	7.9	91.7	4.0	0.1	5.6	0.1	6.0
20	0.9	13.8	1.0	2.8	89.7	3.0	0.9	2.5	1.0	4.5
30	2.8	8.5	1.0	6.3	84.1	5.5	1.2	1.9	1.1	3.4
45	3.1	7.8	2.3	2.5	91.6	5.5	2.6	2.2	2.5	4.5
60	3.6	7.4	3.3	0.2	99.9	5.1	3.6	2.1	3.3	5.2

t (min)	$\eta_{Nd}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Ni}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Pr}$ (%)	RSD (%)
5	0.0	—	28.6	—	0.0	—
10	0.1	2.8	66.9	2.8	0.1	2.8
20	0.7	4.5	74.7	4.5	1.2	4.5
30	1.0	2.4	63.4	2.4	1.6	2.4
45	2.2	1.8	74.0	1.8	3.5	1.8
60	3.1	1.0	87.2	1.0	5.0	1.0

**Table S4.** Dissolution yields,  $\eta$ (%), of metals from Nd–Fe–B PMs in 1 vol.% Br<sub>2</sub> in DMF as function of the time, (min).

t (min)	$\eta_B$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Co}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Cu}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Dy}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Fe}$ (%)	RSD (%)
5	0.4	12.3	0.0	—	85.0	2.4	0.0	—	0.0	5.9
10	0.2	29.6	0.0	—	86.2	3.5	0.0	—	0.0	4.0
20	0.5	7.9	0.6	0.7	86.1	2.9	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.8
30	1.6	9.6	1.6	1.9	93.0	3.3	1.5	1.4	1.6	2.0
45	2.5	6.4	2.6	2.7	93.1	1.0	2.6	3.8	2.6	3.1
60	3.1	5.7	3.4	2.2	101.2	2.6	3.3	2.1	3.4	3.2

t (min)	$\eta_{Nd}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Ni}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{Pr}$ (%)	RSD (%)
5	0.0	—	32.3	1.7	0.0	—
10	0.0	—	44.7	1.7	0.0	—
20	0.4	2.6	61.7	1.0	0.6	5.5
30	1.4	1.1	86.1	1.8	2.0	5.0
45	2.2	4.4	90.5	1.8	3.3	5.8
60	2.8	2.6	102.2	1.5	4.2	3.8

**Table S5.** Dissolution yields,  $\eta$  (%), of metals from SmCo<sub>5</sub> PMs in 1 vol.% Br<sub>2</sub> in EtOH as function of the time, (min).

t (min)	$\eta_{\text{Co}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Cu}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Ni}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Sm}}$ (%)	RSD (%)
5	0.0	—	1.4	4.2	34.7	1.3	0.0	—
10	0.0	—	19.8	1.3	60.2	0.8	0.0	—
20	0.2	0.2	66.9	1.9	83.6	0.9	0.2	1.8
30	0.7	3.6	80.1	5.9	92.7	3.4	0.7	4.7
50	1.9	1.8	74.0	3.8	94.0	1.7	1.9	2.5
80	3.2	2.2	74.4	6.3	94.3	2.2	3.4	6.5

**Table S6.** Dissolution yields,  $\eta$  (%), of metals from SmCo<sub>5</sub> PMs in 1 vol.% Br<sub>2</sub> in DMF as function of the time, (min).

t (min)	$\eta_{\text{Co}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Cu}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Ni}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Sm}}$ (%)	RSD (%)
5	0.0	—	28.9	0.8	55.0	1.4	0.0	—
10	0.2	0.2	69.7	6.0	73.8	0.2	0.1	5.0
20	0.6	1.0	76.6	2.8	84.3	0.5	0.6	2.5
30	1.2	1.0	81.1	1.5	84.9	0.9	1.4	1.6
50	2.4	0.6	75.6	1.5	89.2	0.5	2.4	2.4
80	6.0	1.1	75.8	2.2	87.4	1.3	6.7	2.0

**Table S7.** Dissolution yields,  $\eta$ (%), of metals from  $\text{Sm}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  PMs in 1 vol.%  $\text{Br}_2$  in EtOH as function of the time, (min).

t (min)	$\eta_{\text{Co}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Cu}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Fe}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Ni}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Sm}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Zr}}$ (%)	RSD (%)
5	0.0	—	11.6	2.0	0.0	—	56.6	1.7	0.0	—	0.0	—
10	0.0	—	89.6	3.7	0.0	—	77.0	2.4	0.0	—	0.0	—
20	0.5	1.0	100.0	—	0.5	16.2	103.2	1.1	0.5	3.9	0.4	8.8
30	1.0	1.7	100.0	—	1.7	1.1	103.5	1.2	1.1	6.5	0.8	4.4
50	1.8	1.0	100.0	—	2.0	1.9	93.5	1.0	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.6
80	2.7	1.1	100.0	—	3.0	2.5	101.9	3.6	2.8	4.8	2.2	3.9

**Table S8.** Dissolution yields,  $\eta$ (%), of metals from  $\text{Sm}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  PMs in 1 vol.%  $\text{Br}_2$  in DMF as function of the time, (min).

t (min)	$\eta_{\text{Co}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Cu}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Fe}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Ni}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Sm}}$ (%)	RSD (%)	$\eta_{\text{Zr}}$ (%)	RSD (%)
5	0.0	—	53.9	5.0	0.0	—	60.2	0.5	0.0	—	0.0	—
10	0.1	0.4	87.9	1.4	0.1	0.7	82.9	1.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	—
20	1.0	1.8	100.0	—	1.1	0.4	101.2	1.1	1.0	2.4	0.0	—
30	2.2	1.6	100.0	—	2.5	1.8	102.3	0.8	2.4	2.3	0.0	—
50	3.6	1.9	100.0	—	4.0	1.9	102.4	2.2	3.9	5.6	0.0	—
80	4.4	1.1	100.0	—	4.9	1.7	103.5	1.3	4.5	2.0	0.0	—