

## The effect of pH and hydrogen bond donor on the dissolution of metal oxides in deep eutectic solvents

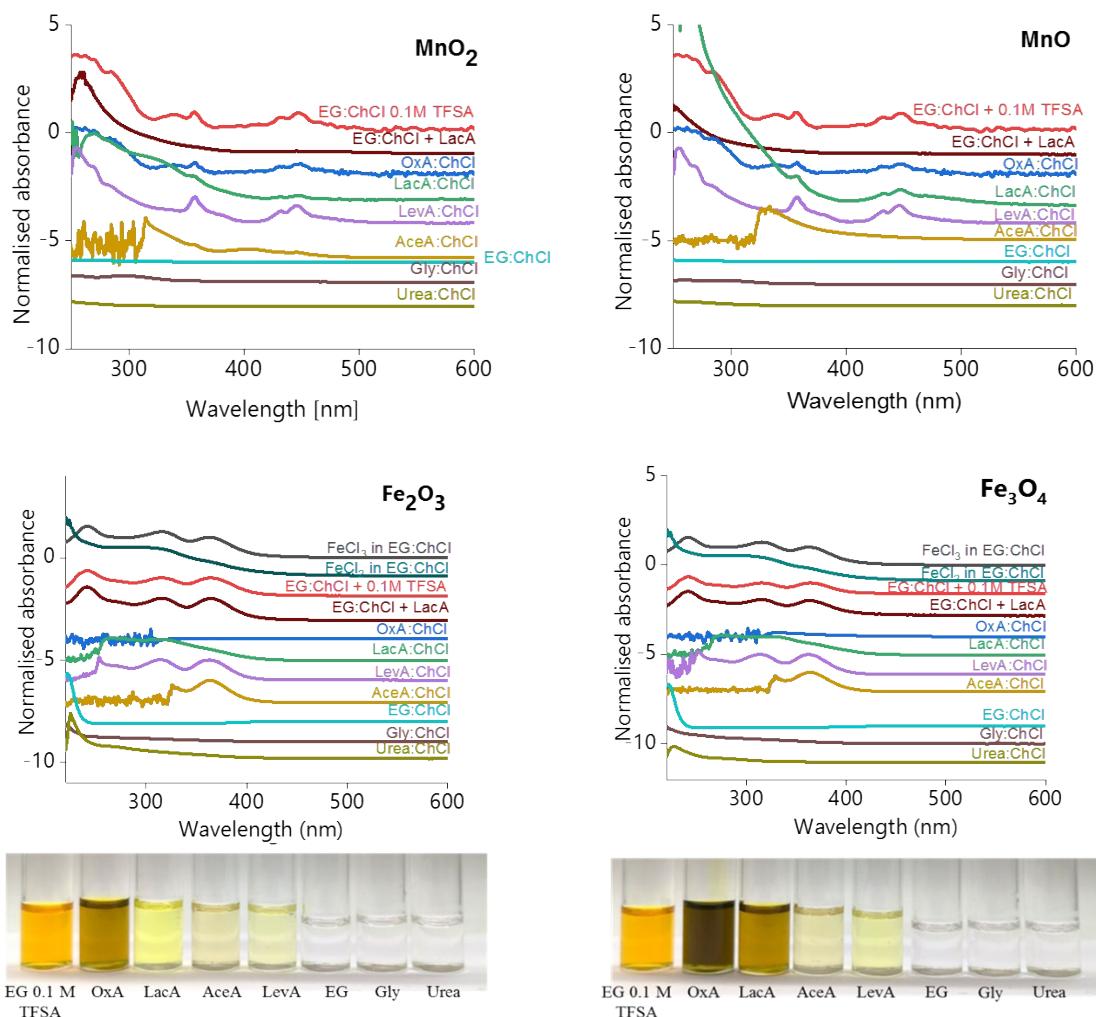
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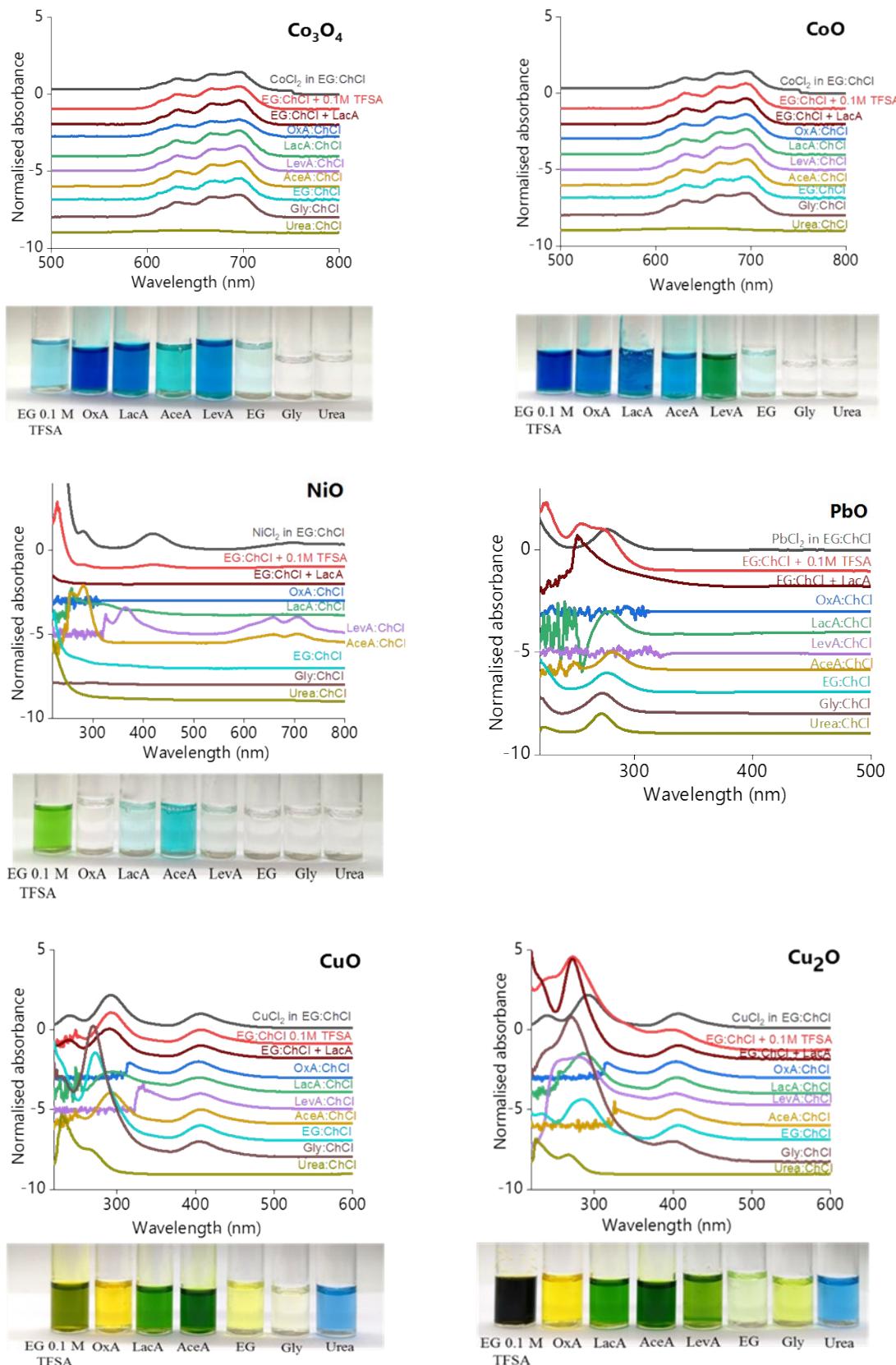
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### Supplementary information:



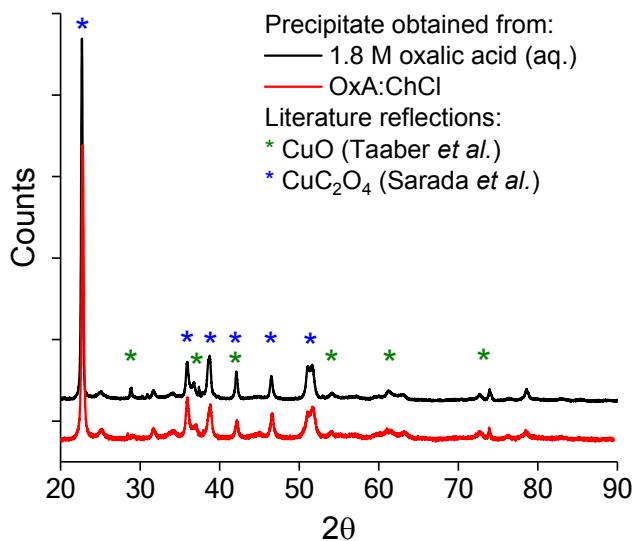
**Figure S1:** UV-Vis spectra of metal oxides and comparison of their coloured solutions upon dissolution in different DESs.



**Figure S2:** UV-Vis spectra of metal oxides and comparison of their coloured solutions upon dissolution in different DESs.



**Figure S3:** Precipitates of MnO, CoO, CuO, ZnO and PbO from top to bottom in OxA:ChCl (left) and aqueous solution of 1.8M oxalic acid (right).



**Figure S4:** Comparison of XRD patterns for the precipitates obtained after dissolution of CuO in 1.8 M oxalic acid(aq.) and OxA:ChCl. The asterisks indicate where literature sources observed reflections.<sup>1, 2</sup>

**Table S1:** Concentration of metals (mg L<sup>-1</sup>) in precipitates formed in different carboxylic based DESs.

Metal Oxide	OxA:ChCl	LacA:ChCl	AceA:ChCl
MnO <sub>2</sub>	1914 ± 180	-	-
MnO	784 ± 65	230 ± 15	-
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	-	-	-
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	-	-	-
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	-	-	-
CoO	435 ± 36	-	-
NiO	-	-	-
CuO	1315 ± 150	-	-
Cu <sub>2</sub> O	2730 ± 231	-	-
ZnO	2525 ± 337	930 ± 67	795 ± 52
PbO	678 ± 29	750 ± 85	1037 ± 57

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