

Mechanism of ultrasonic enhanced alkaline selective leaching of zinc from steel waste: Experimental and DFT simulation analysis

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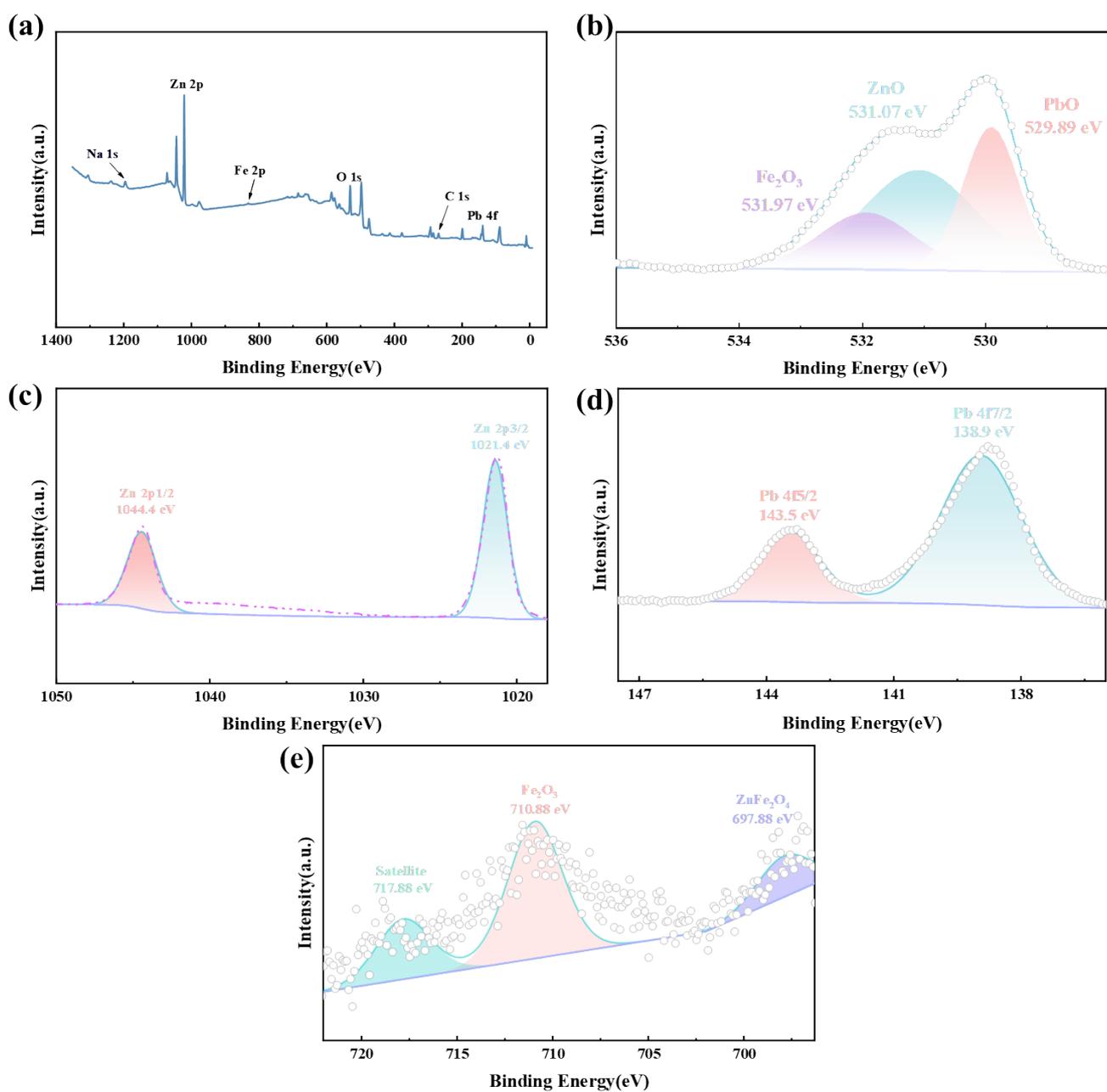


Fig. S1. XPS spectra of SZS: (a) Total spectrum; (b) O 1s; (c) Zn 2p; (d) Pb 4f; (e) Fe 2p.

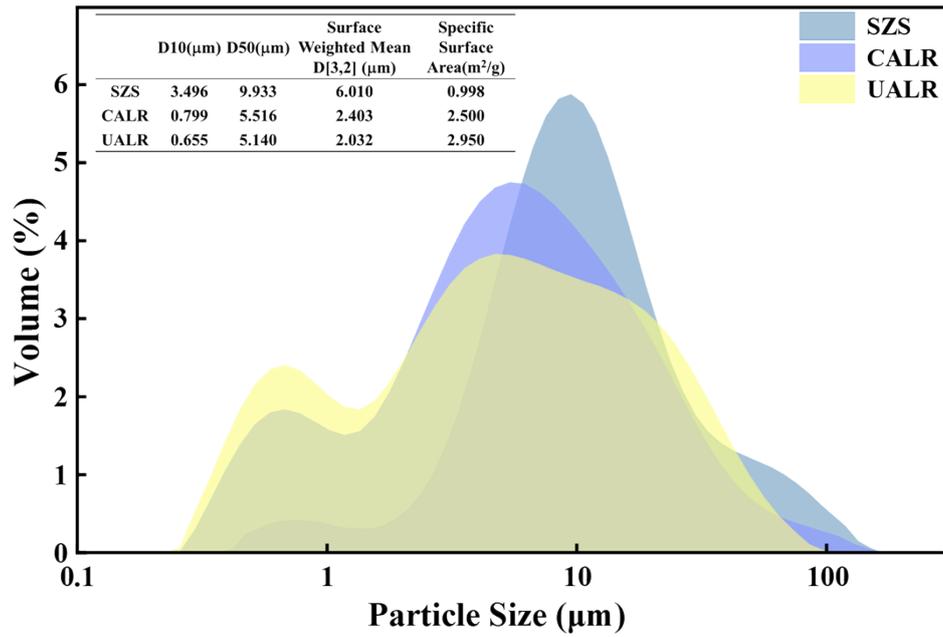


Fig. S2. Particle Size Distribution: (a) SZS; (b) CALR; (c) UALR.

Table S1 Model fitting correlation analysis of Zn leaching kinetics.

| Process Type | Temperature (°C) | Correlation coefficients(R ²) | | |
|--------------|------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | $1-(1-x)^{1/3}$ | $1-(2/3)x-(1-x)^{2/3}$ | $(1/3)\ln(1-x)-[1-(1-x)^{-1/3}]$ |
| UAL | 30 | 0.99674 | 0.99661 | 0.97928 |
| | 40 | 0.99474 | 0.99544 | 0.95781 |
| | 50 | 0.98516 | 0.98994 | 0.91200 |
| | 60 | 0.96629 | 0.98661 | 0.78804 |
| CAL | 30 | 0.99179 | 0.99362 | 0.99889 |
| | 40 | 0.98763 | 0.98999 | 0.99759 |
| | 50 | 0.98551 | 0.98748 | 0.99750 |
| | 60 | 0.98846 | 0.98981 | 0.99913 |