#### **Arrakis Materials**



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Minerals from CO<sub>2</sub>



#### **Arrakis Materials Founder**









## Ioana Knopf, CEO & Founder

- UPenn MS & BA | Chemistry
- MIT PhD | CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization & Catalysis
- 10 publications & 3 patents
- 5 years of early-stage startup experience







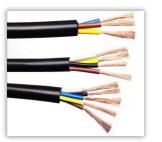




#### We make carbonates!

# Carbonates = Solid Form of $CO_2$

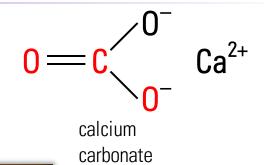
- Permanent Carbon Storage
- Ubiquitous Utilization















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- ✓ Arrakis Materials Process = fast & low-energy ≤ 2 days at room temperature & pressure

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# Early Stage



- Founded Fall 2022
- Funded with Grants & Fellowships
- Activate Boston Cohort 2023



- Bench scale experiments focused on increasing the %CO<sub>2</sub> uptake
- Material characterization & process optimization



- Looking for new uses for our carbon-negative minerals
- Let's chat about your needs!



# Thank you!

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