## Supplementary materials

| Table S1 Effect of reten | tion time on the dissolut | time on the dissolution of main impurity metals |       |       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| Time/h                   | Ca                        | Al  | Fe    | Cu    |
| 1.0                      | 2.16                      | 8.31  | 0.80  | 10.29 |
| 1.5                      | 4.02                      | 13.39   | 9.17  | 15.35 |
| 2.0                      | 6.18                      | 26.17   | 28.68 | 30.72 |
| 2.5                      | 8.53                      | 33.34   | 41.97 | 37.45 |
| 3.0                      | 9.60                      | 36.97   | 56.41 | 36.08 |
| 3.5                      | 10.22                     | 31.68   | 60.23 | 34.98 |
| 4.0                      | 9.93                      | 34.21   | 58.56 | 40.04 |

Table S2 Effect of temperature on the dissolution of main impurity metals

| Table S2 Effect of temp | perature on the dissolution | n of main impurity meta | mg/L  |       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| <i>T</i> /°C            | Ca                          | Al                      | Fe    | Cu    |
| 50                      | 1.02                        | 4.28                    | 4.39  | 1.07  |
| 60                      | 2.29                        | 7.63                    | 9.57  | 3.14  |
| 70                      | 3.67                        | 12.26                   | 17.10 | 8.69  |
| 80                      | 5.25                        | 21.33                   | 34.99 | 16.77 |
| 90                      | 9.60                        | 36.97                   | 56.42 | 36.11 |
| 100                     | 10.11                       | 35.71                   | 57.12 | 33.59 |
| 110                     | 9.97                        | 36.15                   | 58.30 | 38.30 |
| 120                     | 10.06                       | 34.58                   | 60.29 | 35.04 |

| Table S3 Effect of ligand co | oncentration on the | dissolution of | main imp | ourity metals |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------|---------------|
|                              |                     |                |          |               |

| Table S3 Effect of ligand c    | oncentration on the di | ation on the dissolution of main impurity metals |       |      |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|-------|------|
| $[Gly^-]_T/(mol \cdot L^{-1})$ | Ca                     | Al   | Fe    | Cu   |
| 0.5                            | 0.86                   | 1.96   | 1.60  | 2.01 |
| 1.0                            | 1.13                   | 3.15   | 3.47  | 4.14 |
| 1.5                            | 1.44                   | 4.58   | 3.95  | 6.72 |
| 2.0                            | 2.20                   | 8.33   | 7.55  | 6.46 |
| 2.5                            | 3.08                   | 10.82  | 11.39 | 8.56 |
| 3.0                            | 3.67                   | 12.26  | 17.10 | 8.69 |
| 3.5                            | 3.97                   | 10.11  | 18.30 | 8.01 |
| 4.0                            | 3.88                   | 11.58  | 18.75 | 8.95 |
| 4.5                            | 4.01                   | 10.76  | 19.16 | 8.62 |
| 5.0                            | 3.77                   | 11.52  | 19.22 | 8.17 |

| (L/S)/(mL:g) | Ca   | Al    | Fe    | Cu    |
|--------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3:1          | 8.15 | 29.25 | 47.38 | 29.85 |
| 4:1          | 7.66 | 31.25 | 45.06 | 34.95 |
| 5:1          | 9.60 | 36.97 | 56.41 | 36.08 |
| 6:1          | 9.79 | 36.21 | 56.81 | 36.45 |
| 7:1          | 8.36 | 40.33 | 54.04 | 39.08 |
| 8:1          | 6.53 | 41.78 | 57.55 | 36.45 |
| 9:1          | 8.22 | 42.44 | 58.12 | 37.12 |
| 10:1         | 7.36 | 42.53 | 53.13 | 34.13 |
| 11:1         | 8.58 | 43.68 | 57.74 | 29.40 |
| 15:1         | 9.13 | 45.07 | 48.96 | 27.68 |
| 20:1         | 9.14 | 44.79 | 50.30 | 26.31 |

Table S4 Effect of liquid-solid ratio on the dissolution of main impurity metals

Table S5 Effect of pH on the dissolution of main impurity metals

| pH   | Ca    | Al    | Fe    | Cu    |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 6.0  | 11.23 | 41.81 | 59.66 | 39.52 |
| 7.0  | 11.57 | 41.76 | 60.08 | 35.15 |
| 8.0  | 9.60  | 36.97 | 56.41 | 36.08 |
| 9.0  | 8.01  | 29.98 | 54.93 | 31.23 |
| 10.0 | 5.45  | 20.31 | 43.22 | 23.86 |
| 11.0 | 6.11  | 8.12  | 39.71 | 15.89 |
| 12.0 | 5.77  | 2.76  | 37.15 | 16.08 |

Table S6 Effect of stirring speed on the dissolution of main impurity metals

| $n/(\mathbf{r}\cdot\mathbf{min}^{-1})$ | Ca    | Al    | Fe    | Cu    |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 200                                    | 9.09  | 29.40 | 48.59 | 33.55 |
| 300                                    | 8.97  | 34.23 | 50.25 | 32.72 |
| 400                                    | 9.60  | 36.97 | 56.41 | 36.08 |
| 500                                    | 10.22 | 39.86 | 57.46 | 36.48 |
| 600                                    | 10.06 | 34.53 | 55.18 | 34.02 |

| Volume ratio/% | Ca    | Al    | Fe    | Cu    |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0              | 9.60  | 36.97 | 56.41 | 36.08 |
| 2              | 11.73 | 39.95 | 53.24 | 39.27 |
| 5              | 13.52 | 46.13 | 53.56 | 40.04 |
| 8              | 14.65 | 43.50 | 54.83 | 39.84 |
| 10             | 10.94 | 45.61 | 56.41 | 36.92 |

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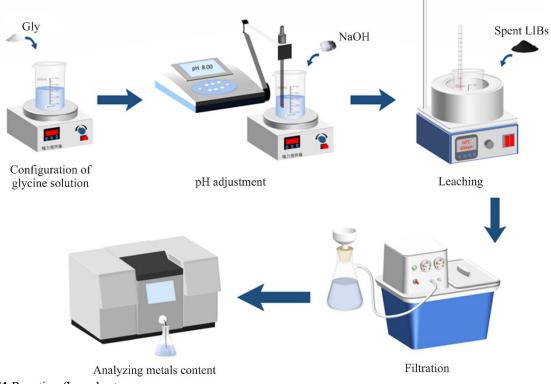
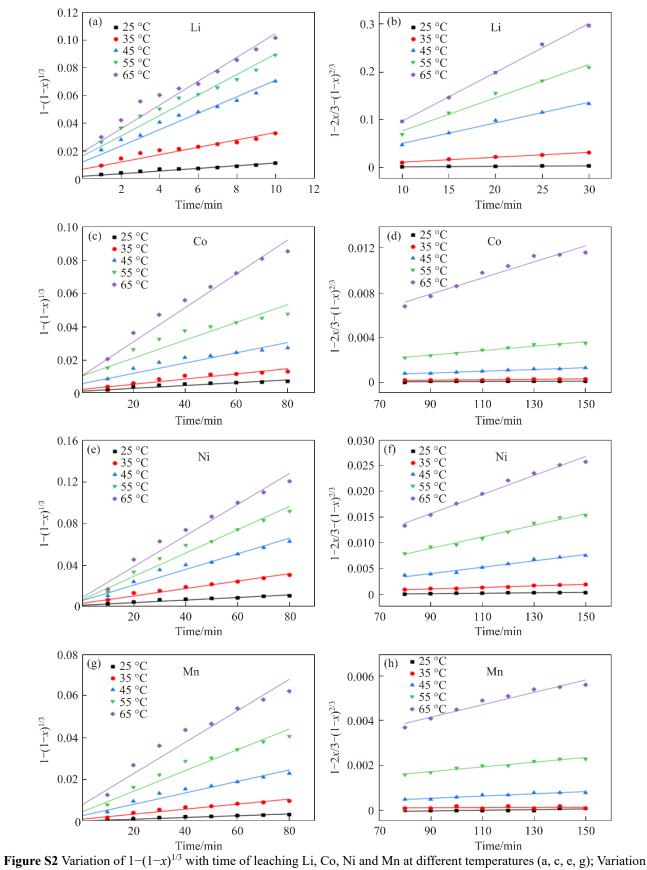


Figure S1 Reaction flow chart



**Figure S2** Variation of  $1-(1-x)^{1/3}$  with time of leaching Li, Co, Ni and Mn at different temperatures (a, c, e, g); Variation of  $1-2x/3-(1-x)^{2/3}$  with time of leaching Li, Co, Ni, and Mn at different temperatures(b, d, f, h)

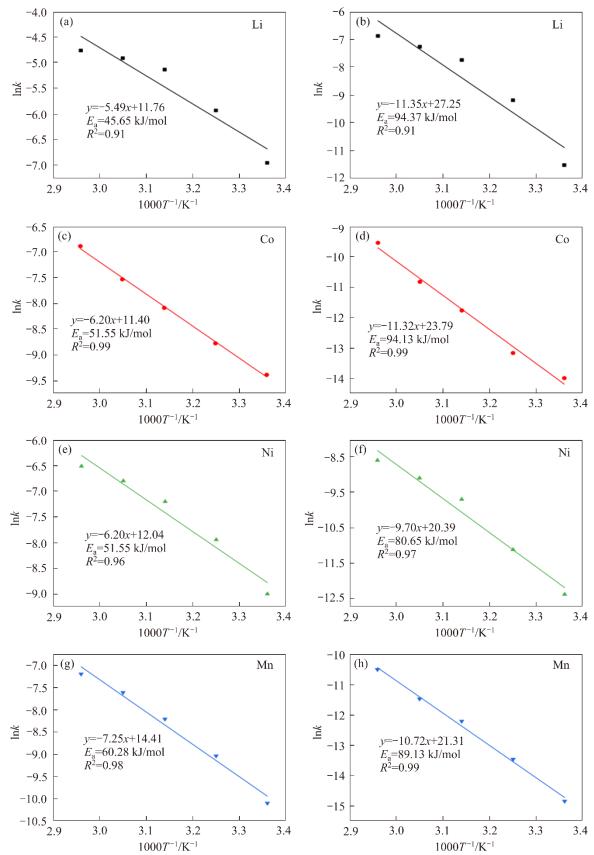
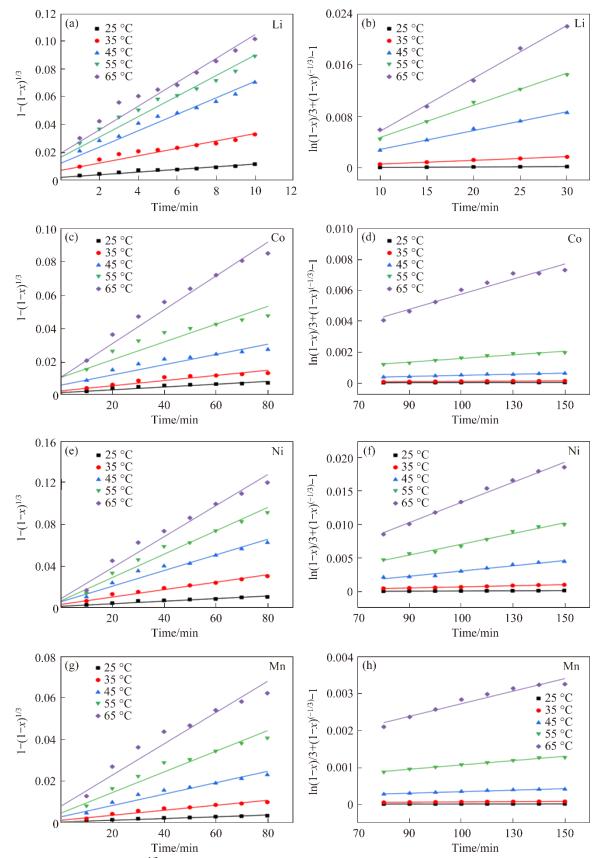


Figure S3 Arrhenius curves of Li, Co, Ni, and Mn in the temperature range 298-338 K

The correlation results of the second-step activation energy fit are shown in Figure S3. The leaching activation energies of Li, Ni, Co and Mn are 94.37, 94.13, 80.65 and 89.13 kJ/mol, respectively. The activation energies of Li, Co, Ni and Mn all exceed 42 kJ/mol, which is not consistent with the activation energy

controlled by the internal diffusion reaction, indicating that the leaching reaction is not controlled by the internal diffusion reaction in this section.



**Figure S4** Variation of  $1-(1-x)^{1/3}$  with a time of leaching Li, Co, Ni and Mn at different temperatures (a, c, e, g); Variation of  $\ln(1-x)/3+(1-x)^{(-1/3)}-1$  with a time of leaching Li, Co, Ni and Mn at different temperatures(b, d, f, h)

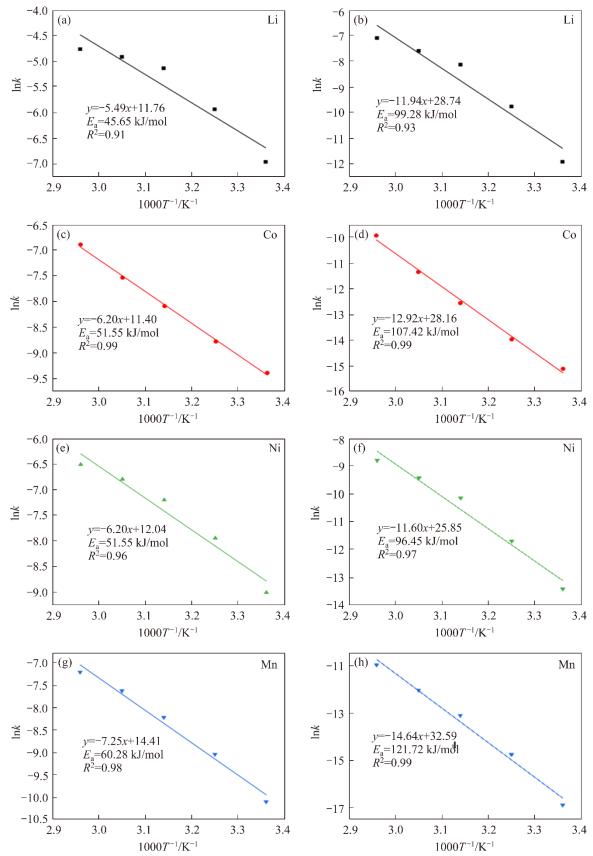


Figure S5 Arrhenius curves of Li, Co, Ni and Mn in the temperature range 25-65 °C

In the second paragraph, the activation energies ( $E_a$ ) of Li, Co, Ni and Mn in the mixed reaction control were calculated according to the Arrhenius equation as 99.28, 107.42, 96.45 and 121.72 kJ/mol, respectively.

The activation energies of Li, Co, Ni and Mn were much more than 42 kJ/mol, which is not in line with the activation energy controlled by the mixed reaction, indicating that the leaching reaction is not controlled by the mixed reaction. Therefore, the kinetic analysis of the dissolution of valent metal elements in decommissioned lithium-ion batteries in the alkaline glycinate system is not suitable to be divided into two-step control methods.

After leaching the spent LIBs powder through an alkaline glycinate system and obtaining a relatively pure leaching solution containing Li, Co, Ni and Mn, a new NCM111 precursor was synthesized by a hydroxide coprecipitation preparation process. Then, NCM111 anode materials were prepared by mixing lithium sintering. The precursor information prepared under certain conditions is shown in Figures S6 and S9.

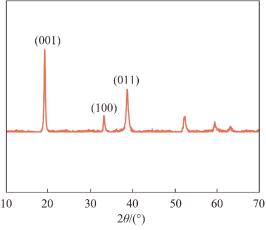


Figure S6 XRD pattern of NCM precursor

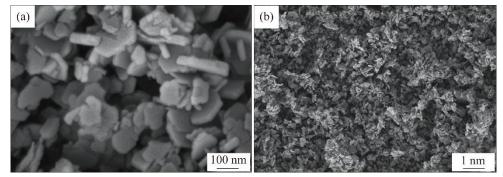


Figure S7 SEM images of NCM precursor

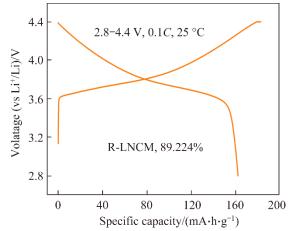


Figure S8 0.1C first cycle charge-discharge curve of R-LNCM

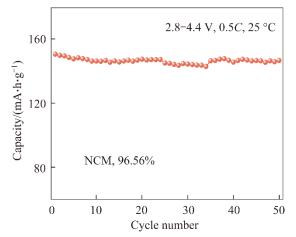


Figure S9 Cycle performance curve of R-LNCM at 0.5C in the voltage range of 2.8-4.4 V