

# Advanced Integrated Technologies for Treatment and Reutilization of Impaired Water in Fossil Fuel-Based Power Plant Systems

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# Presentation Overview

- Institute for Sustainable Energy and the Environment Overview
- Produced Water Management
- Supercritical separation via Joule-Heating
- Experimental Results
- Modelling
- Summary



# ISEE Overview

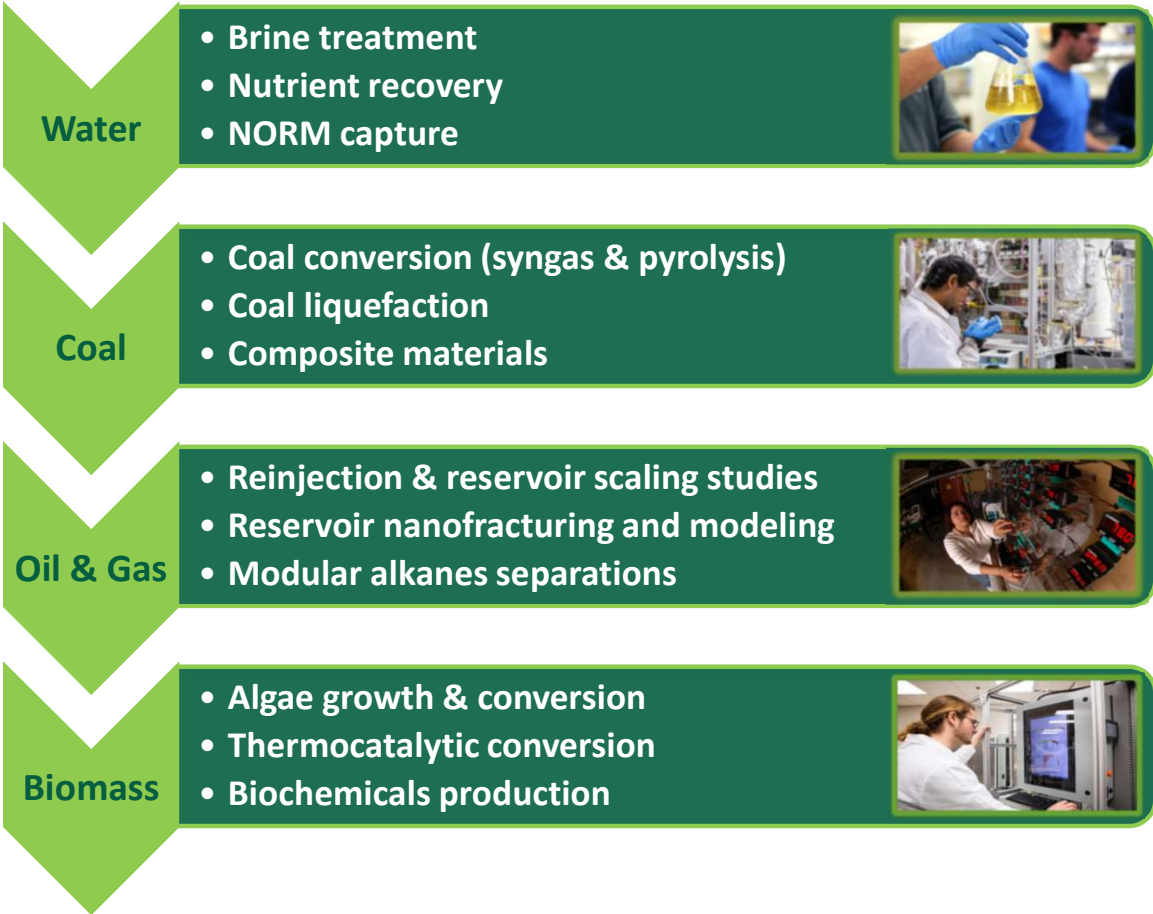
## Institute Facts

- Faculty: 3
- Staff: 4 (Engineers and scientists)
- Students: 16 GS; 14 UG
- Space: 14,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Over \$15M in external research since 2008

## Research Capabilities

- Thermocatalytic Processes
- Process Engineering & Design
- Process Modeling & Simulation


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# Project Specifics and Team

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT



U. S. Department of Energy  
Office of Fossil Energy  
National Energy Technology Laboratory

*Transitional Technology Development to Enable Highly Efficient Power Systems  
with Carbon Management*

Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0001238  
Announcement Type: Initial  
CFDA Number: 81.085 Fossil Energy Research and Development

Issue Date: 01/27/2015  
Letter of Intent Due Date: Not Applicable  
Pre-Application Due Date: Not Applicable  
Application Due Date: 03/30/2015 at 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time

*This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will remain open until the  
Application Due Date indicated above; however, applications may be submitted  
any time before this date.*

*It is strongly recommended that application submission begin well in advance (at  
least 48 hours) of the Application Due Date.*

NOTE: Applications in response to this FOA must be submitted through  
Grants.gov.

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## Project Specifics

- DOE/NETL Cooperative Agreement No. DE-FE0026315
- DOE Project Manager: Barbara Carney
- Principal Investigator: Jason Trembly
- Collaborators: WVU and AEP

## Period of Performance

- September 1, 2015 to August 30, 2018

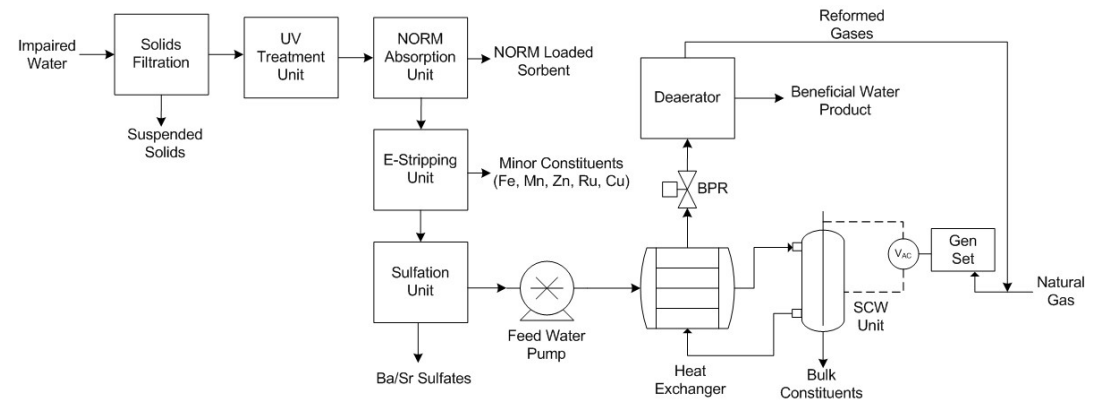


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# Brine Treatment Process

## • Technologies

- UV Treatment
- NORM Absorption (Produced water)
- Electrochemical Removal
  - Minor constituent removal ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ru}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ )
- Selective precipitations
  - Minor constituents ( $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ )
- SCW Treatment
  - Bulk constituents



**Brine Treatment Process**

# Project Objectives

## Overall

- Develop a site deployable cost-effective technology for treating brine generated from CO<sub>2</sub> storage operations

## Small Scale Testing

- Validate technical and commercial feasibility of new internally heated SCW treatment methodology for removal of major constituents from impaired water
- Determine effectiveness of electrochemical stripping to remove minor constituents from impaired water
- Determine effectiveness of corrosion resistant coatings to improve SS performance in high chloride content water

## Process Engineering

- Identify process configurations which maximize constituent removal, optimize heat integration, and minimize water treatment costs





# Methodologies

- Three sorbents tested in batch (Figure 1)
- DI and Simulated produced water



Figure 1. Solid sorbents evaluated in batch equilibrium studies. a) Dowex® G-26 resin (Dowex), b) granulated clinoptilolite (G-Clino), c) powdered clinoptilolite (P-Clino)

Ionic Strength (M)	Na <sup>+</sup> (mg/L)	Ca <sup>2+</sup> (mg/L)	Ba <sup>2+</sup> (mg/L)	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (mg/L)	Sr <sup>2+</sup> (mg/L)	Ra-226 (nCi/L)
0.5	8,300	3,300	750	350	500	10

- Batch Testing (Equilibrium)
  - 50 mL centrifuge tubes
  - 0.01 g to 1 g of sorbents (P-Clino, G-Clino, and Dowex)
  - 10 mL radioactive solution (10 nCi/L)
  - Overnight agitation
  - RadEye HEC testing on supernatant

- Column Testing (Dynamic)
  - NORM sorption reactor (Figure 15)
  - 1 g of sorbents (P-Clino, and Dowex)
  - ~ 3 L radioactive solution (10 nCi/L)
  - ¼" tubing bed
  - 10 mL/min flow rate
  - Sampling every 15 to 20 min
  - RadEye HEC testing

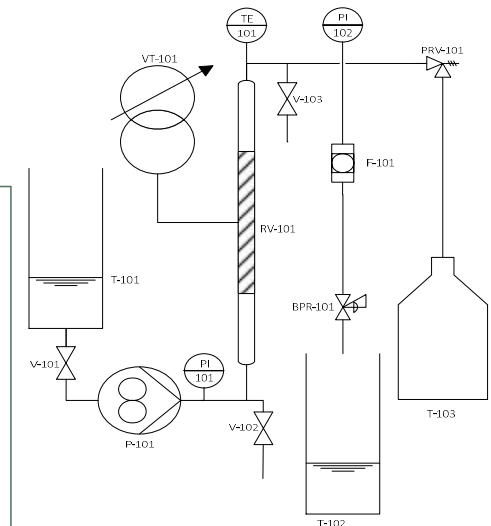
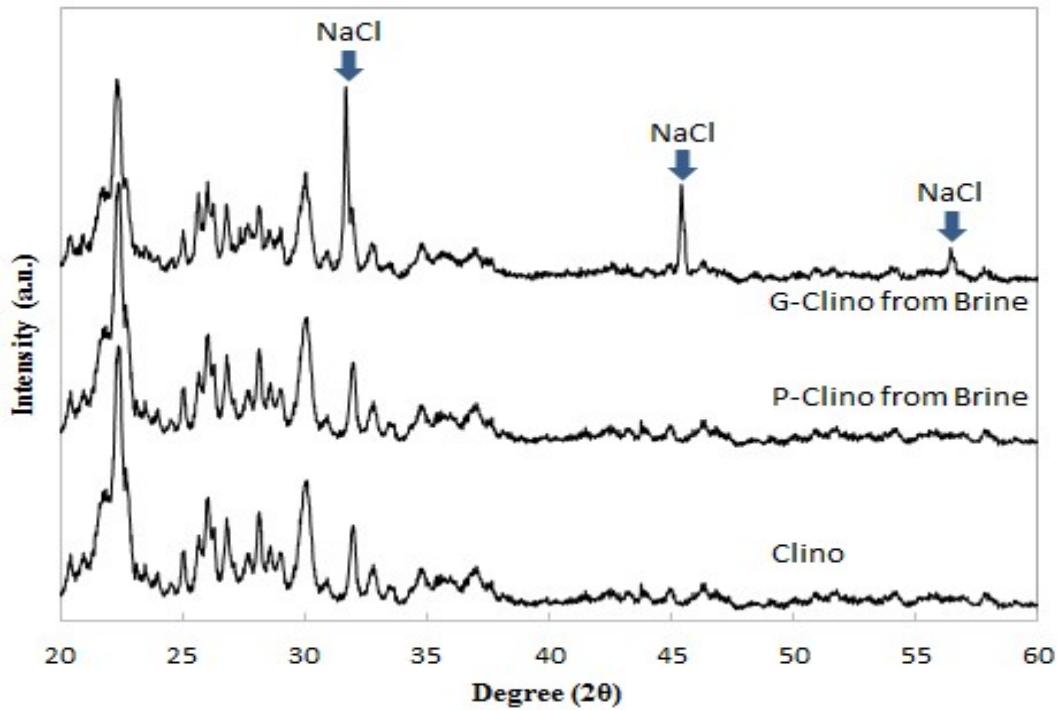


Figure 2. P&ID of the NORM Sorption column reactor



# Clino Stability



**Figure 3. XRD pattern of clino before and after brine treatment containing 168,000 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup> at 120 °C for 25 days**

## Clino Properties

- Bear River Zeolite Company (Preston, ID)
- Chemical formula:  $(Ca_{0.67}K_{1.44})(Al_{2.50}Si_{15.50}O_{36})$
- Density:  $\sim 950 \text{ kg/m}^3$

**Table 1. Evaluated clino properties**

Material	Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Pore Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
Granulated (G-Clino)	25.49	0.008
Powdered (P-Clino)	70.21	0.026

# Selectivity Results

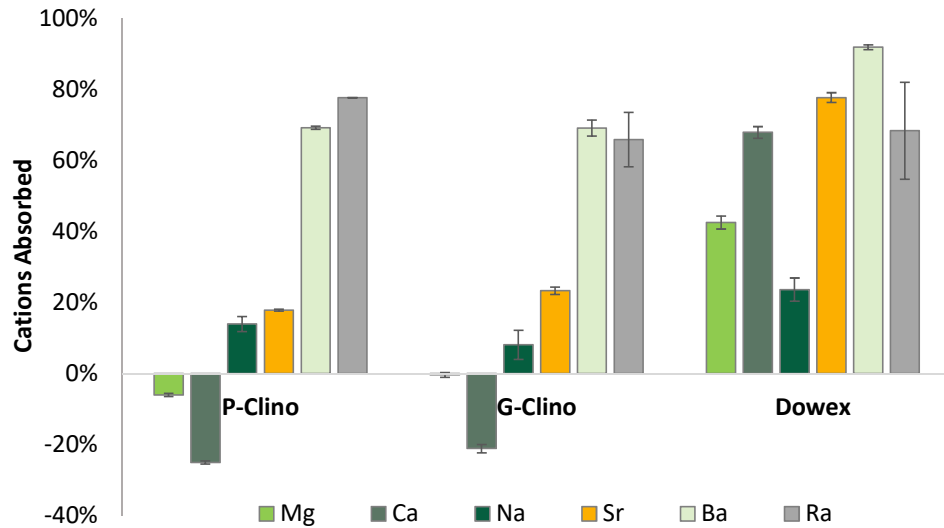


Figure 5. Percentage of cations absorbed on three different sorbents

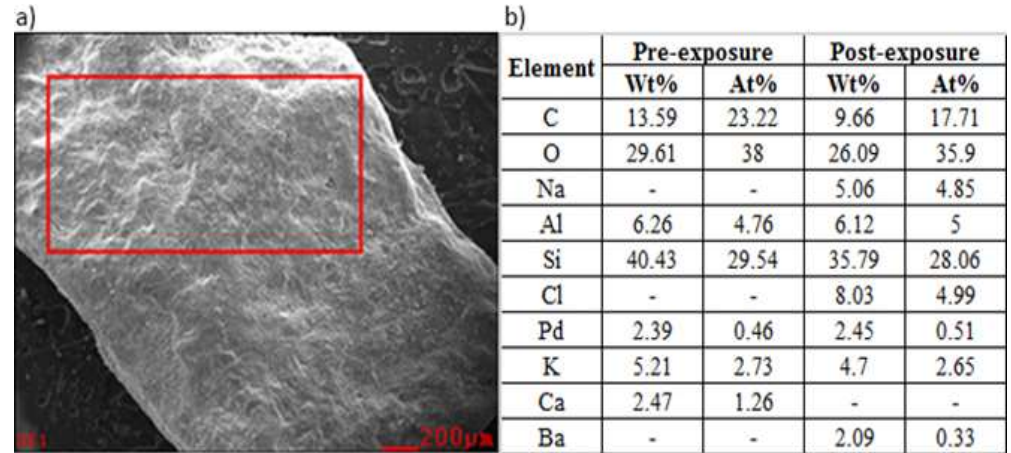


Figure 4. Clino pre- and post-exposure to simulated produced water a) representative SEM image and b) representative EDS analysis results (“-” indicated below limits of detection)

Table 2. Compiled batch capacity results for clino and Dowex® resin

Solution	Capacity (nCi/g)		
	G-Clino	P-Clino	Dowex® Resin
DI water	2.0 ± 0.15	19.3 ± 0.91	14.8 ± 0.73
Simulated produced water	0.08 ± 0.006	0.69 ± 0.06	0.48 ± 0.04

# Joule-heating Desalination



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# H<sub>2</sub>O/NaCl Phase Behavior

## Characteristics

- Increased pseudocritical temperature
  - Vapor/solid phases
- Vapor-liquid equilibrium
  - Vapor: Low salt concentration
  - Liquid: High salt concentration

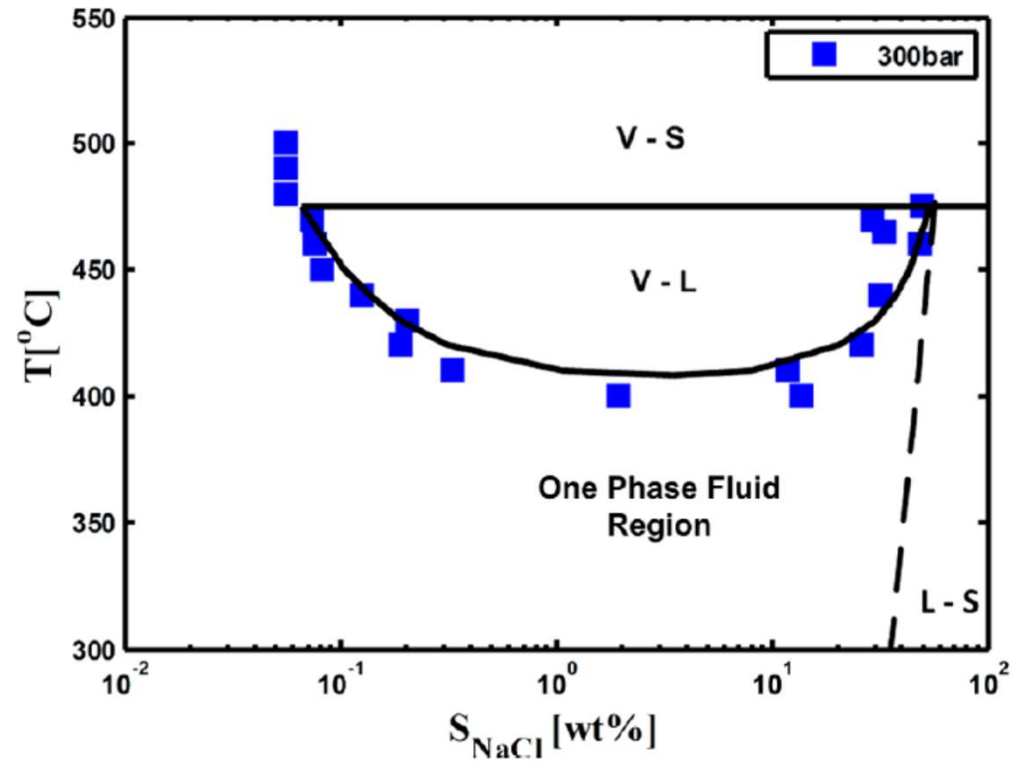


Figure 6. H<sub>2</sub>O/NaCl phase diagram at 300 bar\*

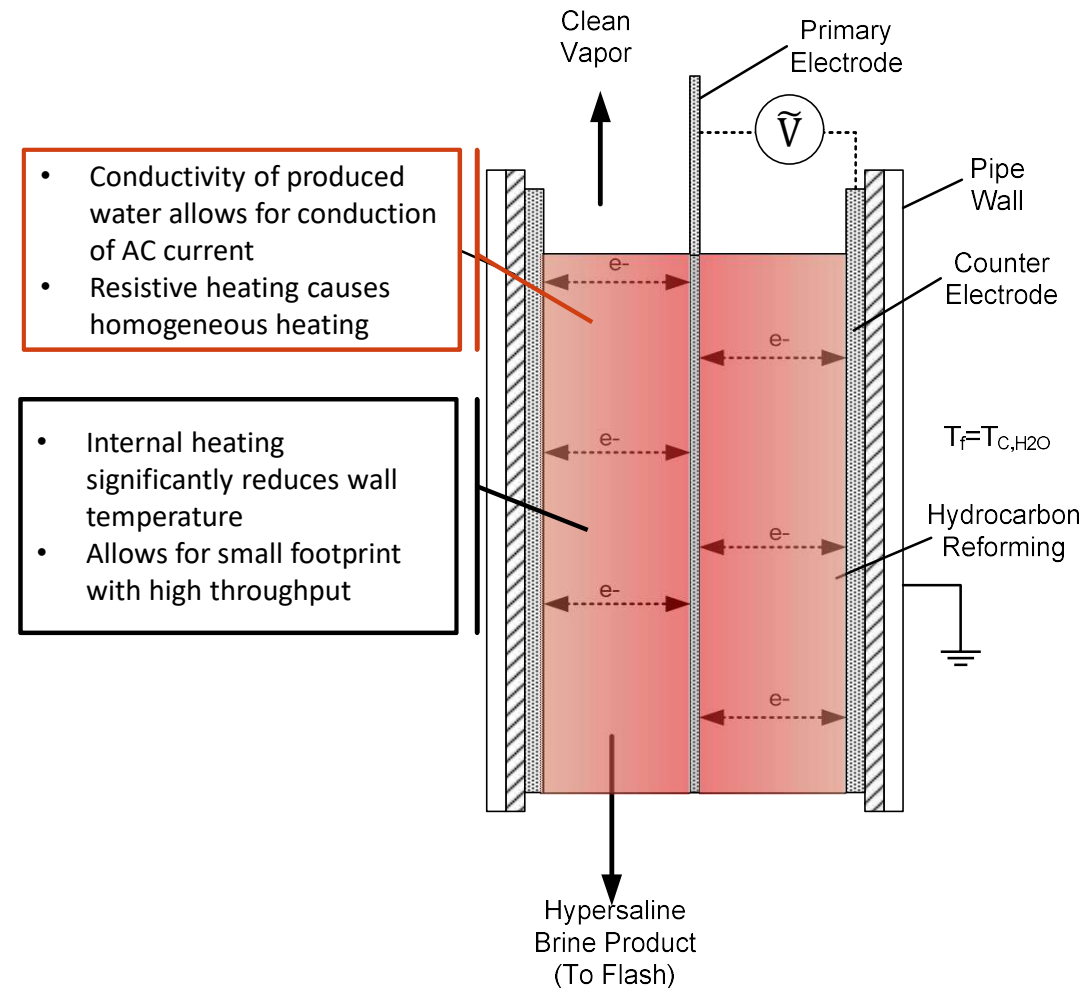
\*Odu et al, 2015



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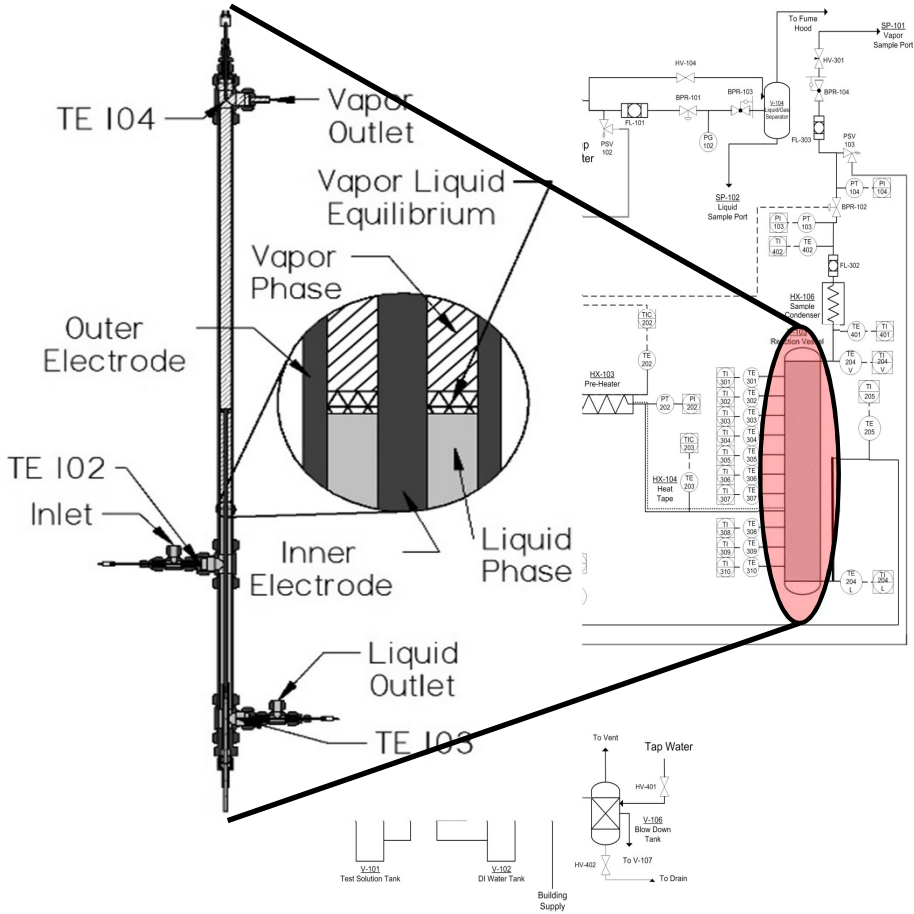
# Joule Heating Design

- Operating Fundamentals
  - Utilizes brine conductivity and AC electrical power to heat solution
  - Products include clean vapor and hypersaline brine streams
    - Product brine flashed to achieve further water recovery
- Advantages
  - Significantly lower reactor wall temperature
  - Small footprint with high throughput



# Experimental Setup

- Design Specs
  - Pressure: 32 MPa (4,641 psi)
  - Temperature: 450 °C
  - Material of Construction: Hastelloy C-276
  - Feed Rate: 0-300 mL/min
- Safety Measures
  - Pressure relief valves (3) and rupture discs (3)
  - Interlocked control system monitoring system temperature, pressure, and current





# System Operation

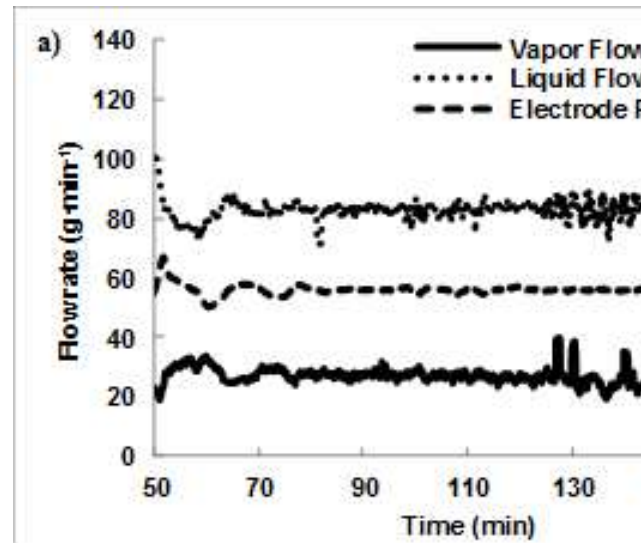


Figure 8. Reverse flow system P&ID

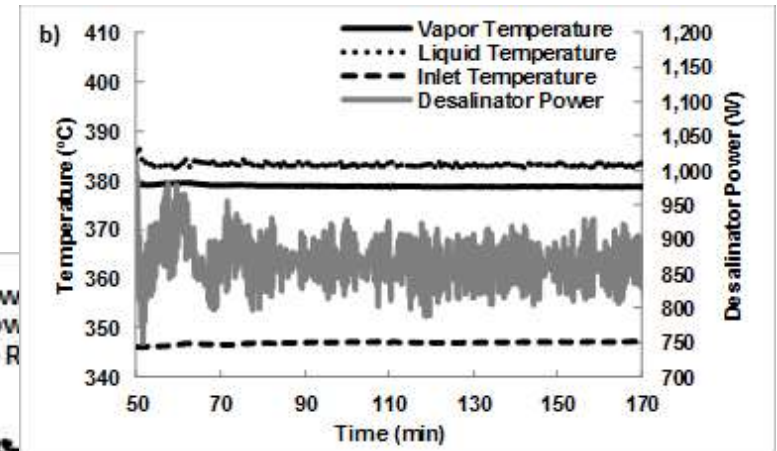


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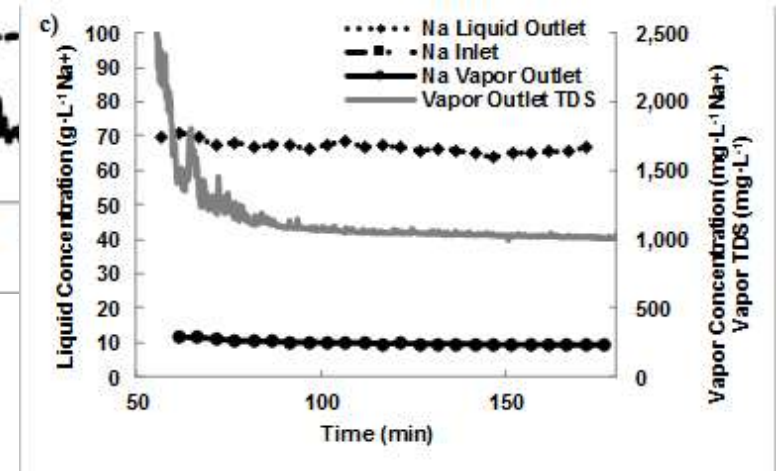


Figure 10. Reverse flow system P&ID



# Desalination Results

- Calibration trials
  - Pressure: 250 bar
  - Solutions: 50 and 180 g·L<sup>-1</sup> NaCl
- Multicomponent Trials
  - Pressure: 230-280 bar
  - Solutions: 50 and 180 g·L<sup>-1</sup> multicomponent

Component	Concentration
K <sup>+</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	54-194
Ca <sup>2+</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	4,261-15,222
Na <sup>+</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	14,956-53,429
Sr <sup>2+</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	109-389
Ba <sup>2+</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	27-97
Total (g·L <sup>-1</sup> )	50-180

Ogden and Tremblay, Desalination 424, 149-158

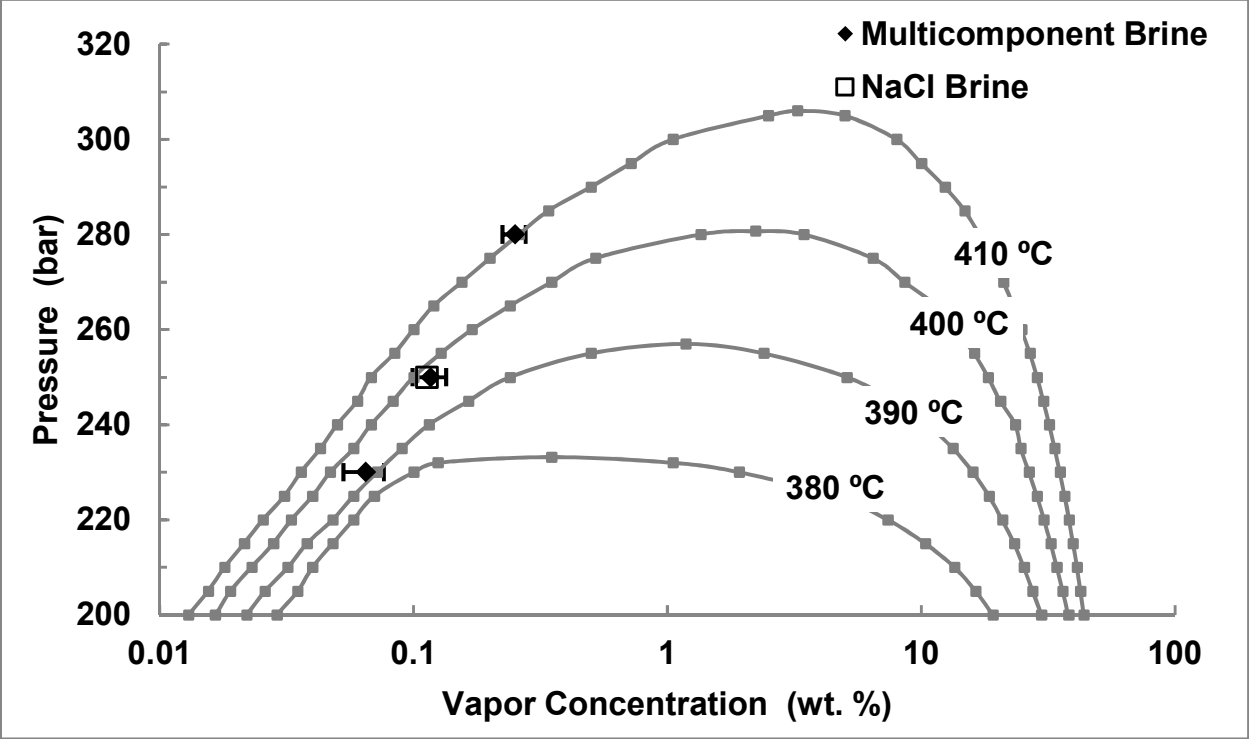


Figure 11. Comparison of vapor TDS concentrations from 50 and 180 g·L<sup>-1</sup> NaCl brine and 50 and 180 g·L<sup>-1</sup> multicomponent brine study results with Bischoff and Pitzer data\*

\*Bischoff and Pitzer, 1989.



# Vapor Composition/ $T_{VLE}$

## Inlet Composition

Component	Concentration
$K^+$ (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	54-194
$Ca^{2+}$ (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	4,261-15,222
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$Sr^{2+}$ (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	109-389
$Ba^{2+}$ (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	27-97
Total (g·L <sup>-1</sup> )	50-180

## Product Water Quality

- 230 bar:  $655 \pm 41$  mg·L<sup>-1</sup>
- 250 bar:  $1,240 \pm 75.2$  mg · L<sup>-1</sup>
- 280 bar:  $2,608 \pm 263$  mg · L<sup>-1</sup>

## Product Water Composition

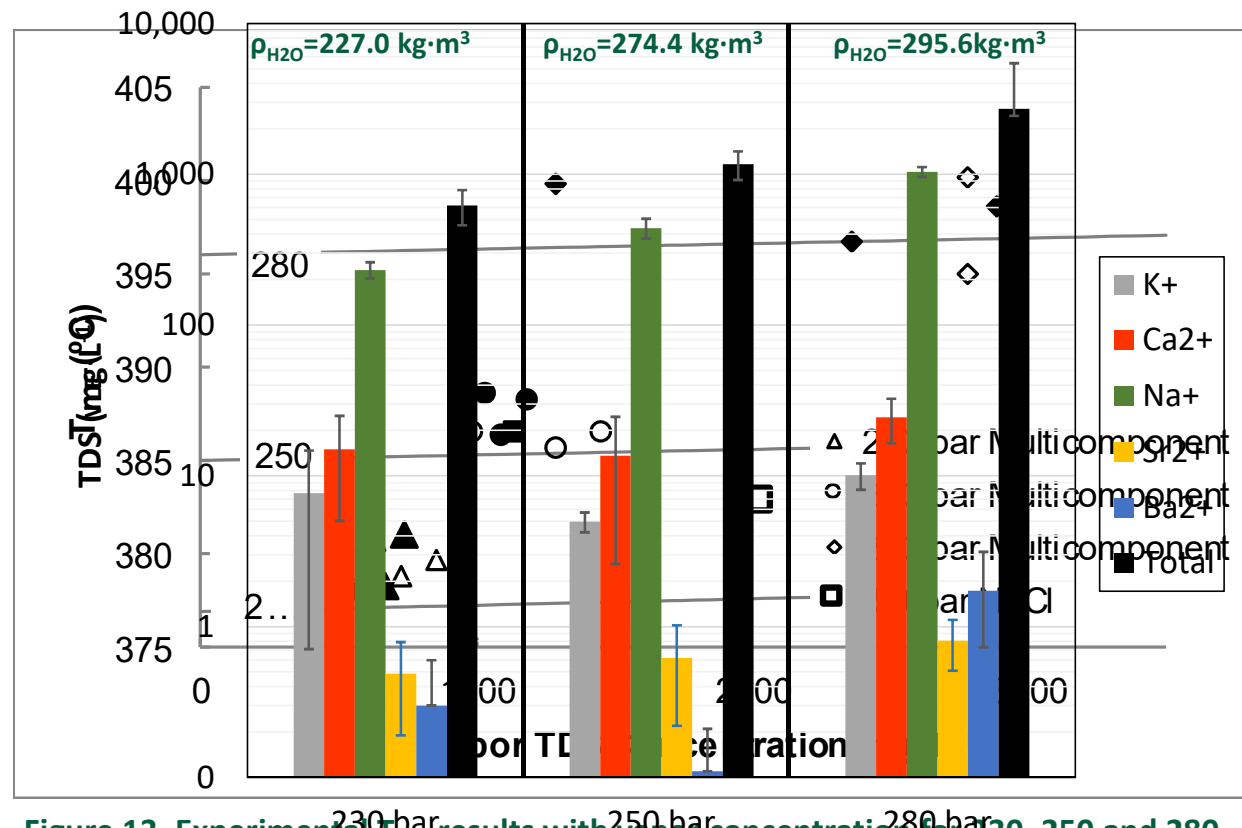


Figure 13. Experimental TDS results with vapor concentration for 230, 250 and 280 bar. Provided lines of pseudocritical temperature derived from Driesner model

Figure 12. Vapor product compositions

\*Driesner and Heinrich, 2007.

Ogden and Tremblay, Desalination 424, 149-158



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# Voltage/Current Relationship

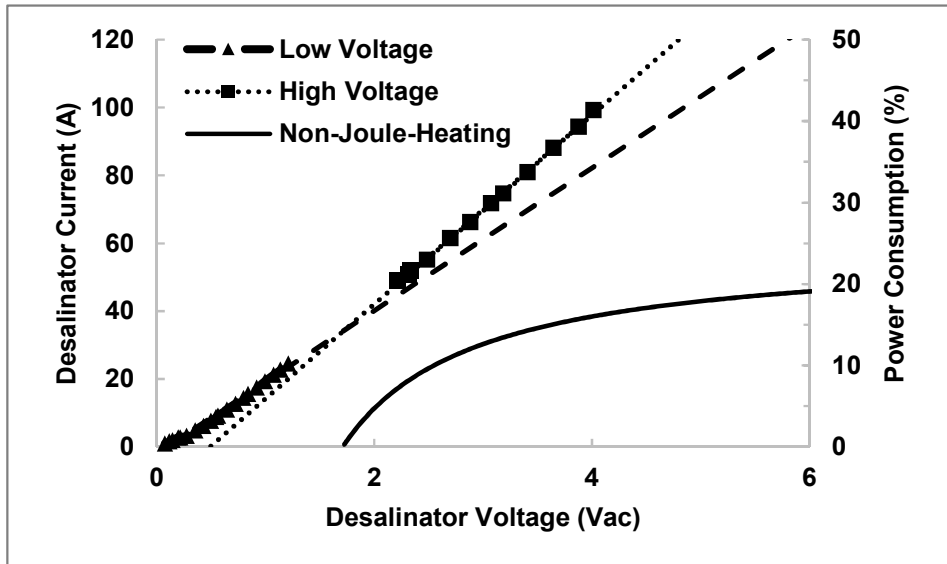


Figure 14. Desalinators voltage/current relationship and electrochemical reaction power consumption.

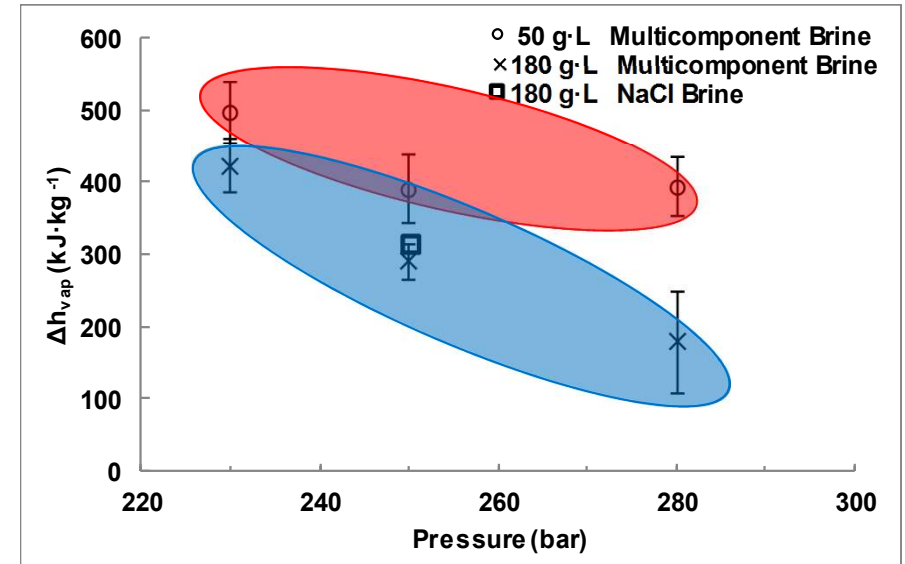


Figure 15. Enthalpy of vaporization for 180 g·L<sup>-1</sup> NaCl brine and 50 and 180 g·L<sup>-1</sup> multicomponent brines at evaluated pressures.

[Ogden and Tremblay, Desalination 424, 149-158](#)



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# Water Recovery

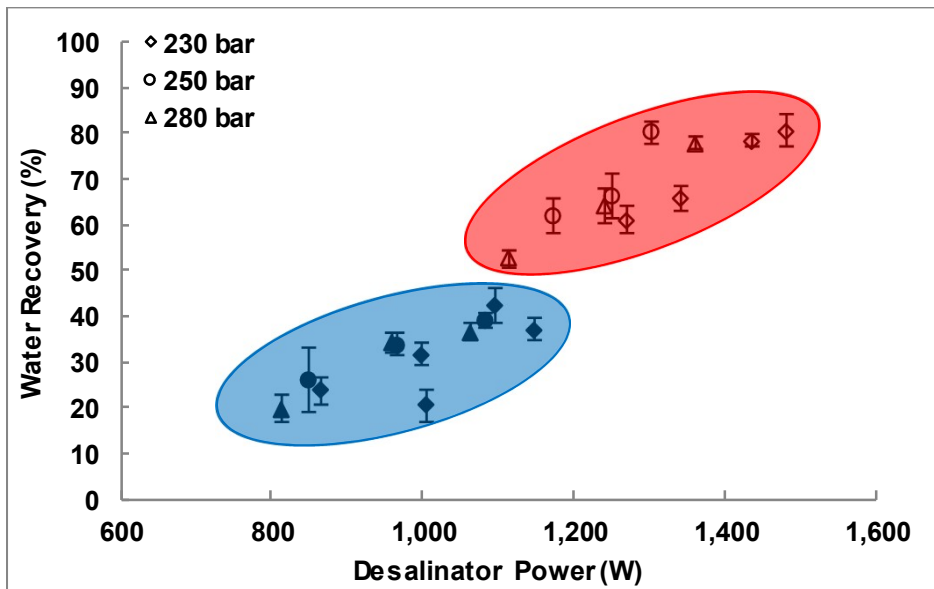


Figure 16. Water recovery from experimental trials based upon desalinator power. Corrected for reactor heat loss. Filled data: 180 g·L<sup>-1</sup>; Hollow data: 50 g·L<sup>-1</sup>.

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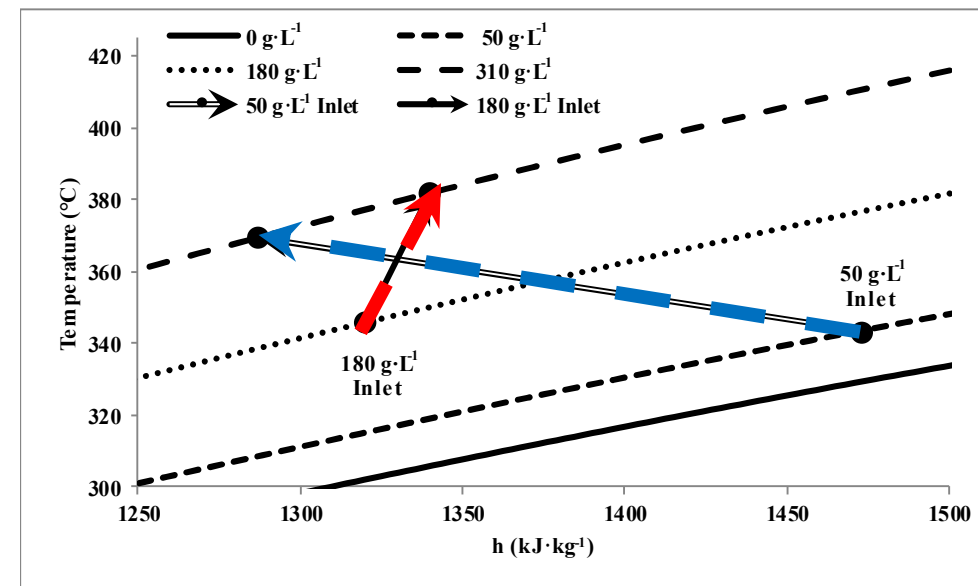


Figure 17. T-h diagram for H<sub>2</sub>O/NaCl system.



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# Utica Shale Brine Results

## Inlet Composition

Component	Concentration
K <sup>+</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	430.7±20.3
Ca <sup>2+</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	25,767±910
Na <sup>+</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	35,406±853
Sr <sup>2+</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	2,093±61
Total (g·L <sup>-1</sup> )	178,961±4,110

## Product Water Quality

- 230 bar: 655 ± 41 mg·L<sup>-1</sup>
- 250 bar: 1,240 ± 75 mg · L<sup>-1</sup>
- Flash: 618 ± 34 mg · L<sup>-1</sup>

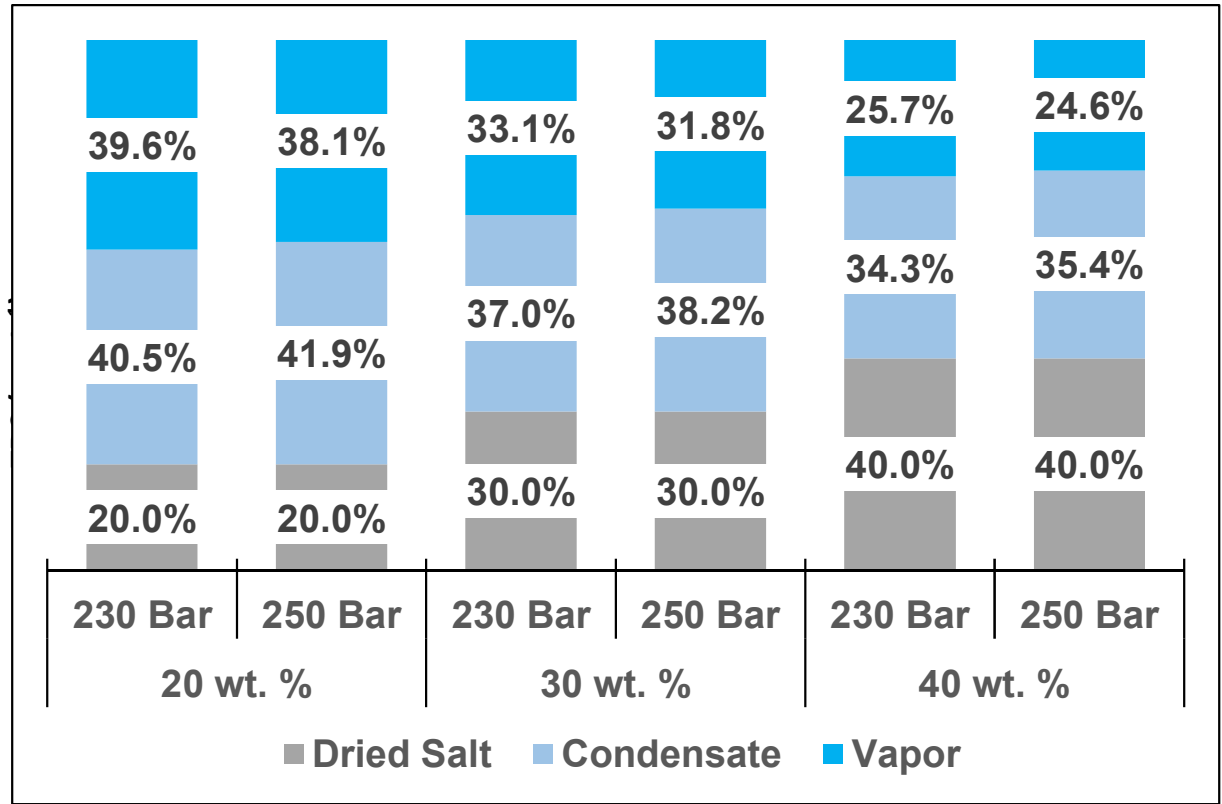


Figure 18. Flash product compositions



# Process Modeling & Techno-economics



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# Water Recovery

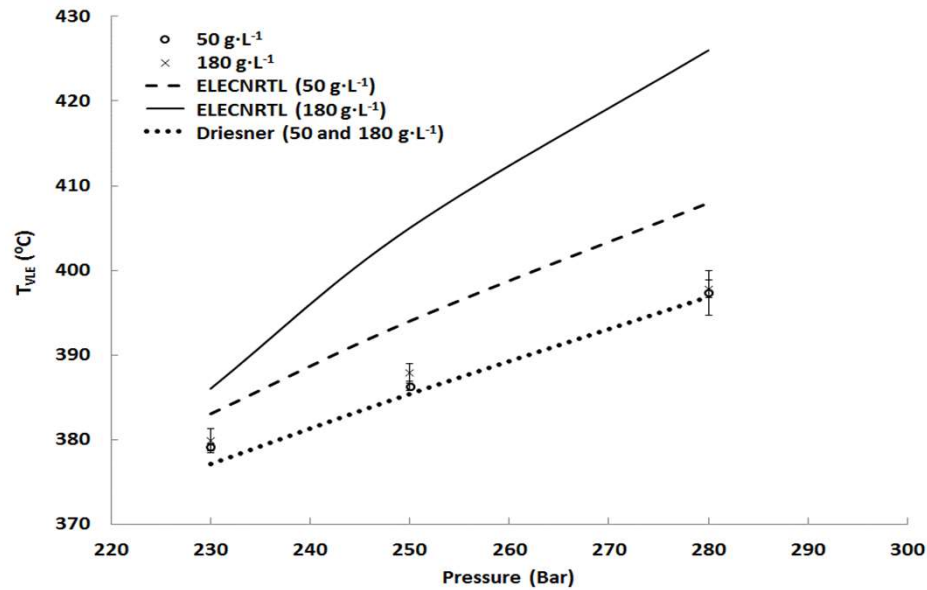


Figure 20.  $T_{VLE}$  comparison of 50 and 180 g·L<sup>-1</sup> experimental values with Aspen Plus® ELECRTL model results.

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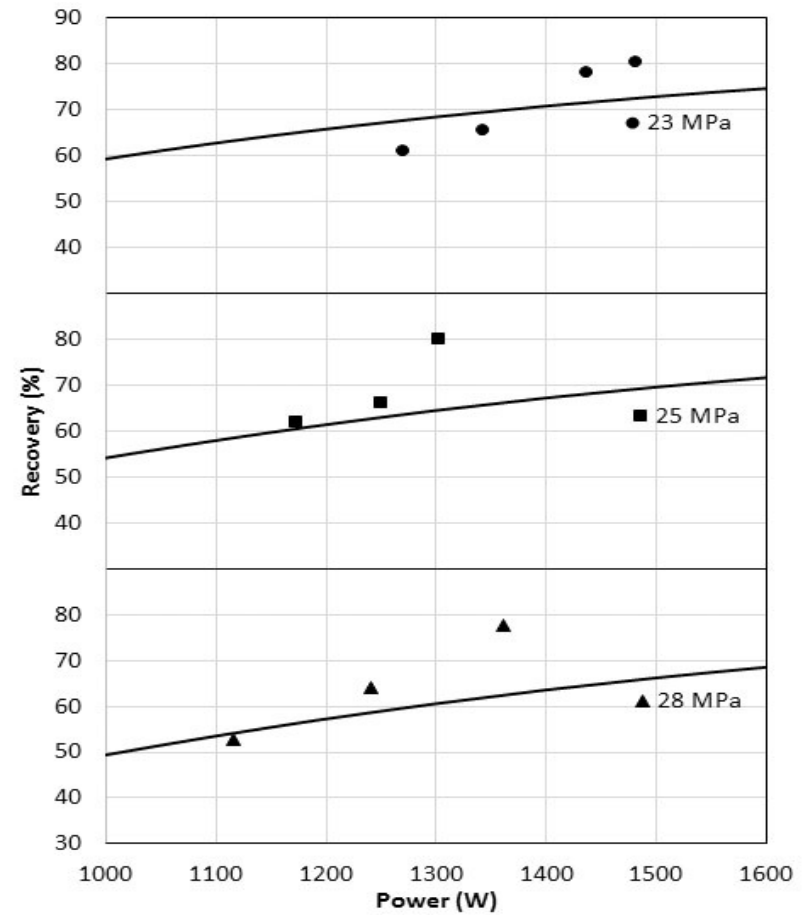


Figure 21. Water recovery based with desalinator duty for 50 g·L<sup>-1</sup>.



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# Model Overview

## Aspen Plus® desalination simulation

Software	Aspen Plus® V9
Thermodynamic property method	ELECNRTL
Water chemistry	Produced water
Nameplate plant capacity	500 GPM of brine (> 15 wt. %)
Feed conditions	25 °C and 1 bar

## Economic Assessment

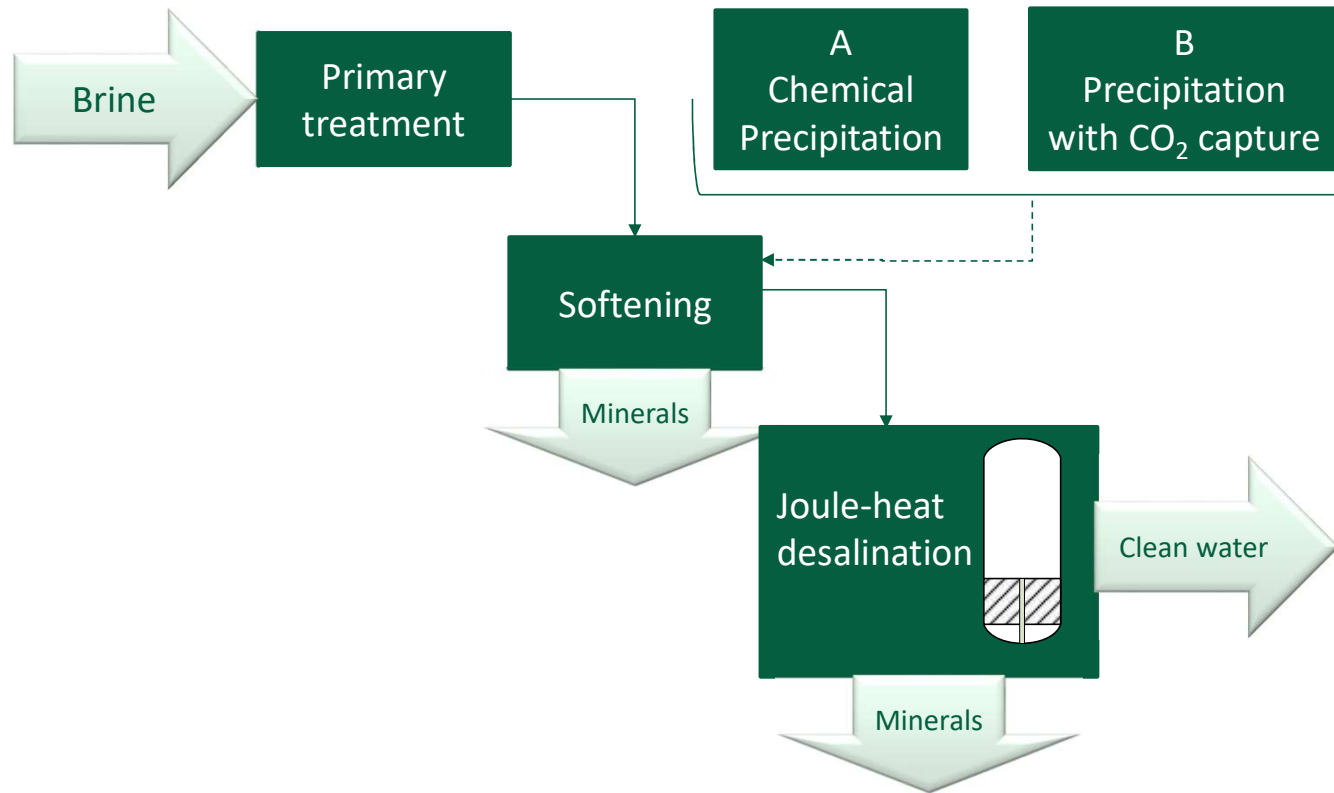
Capital Expense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>APEA (Aspen Process Economic Analyzer)</li> <li>AED&amp;R (Aspen Exchanger Design &amp; Rating)</li> <li>Cost charts</li> <li>Vendor quotes</li> </ul>
Year basis	2015
Capacity factor	0.85
Interest rate (capital charge factor)	10 %
Cost Units	U.S. dollars

**Table 1. Model Brine Composition**

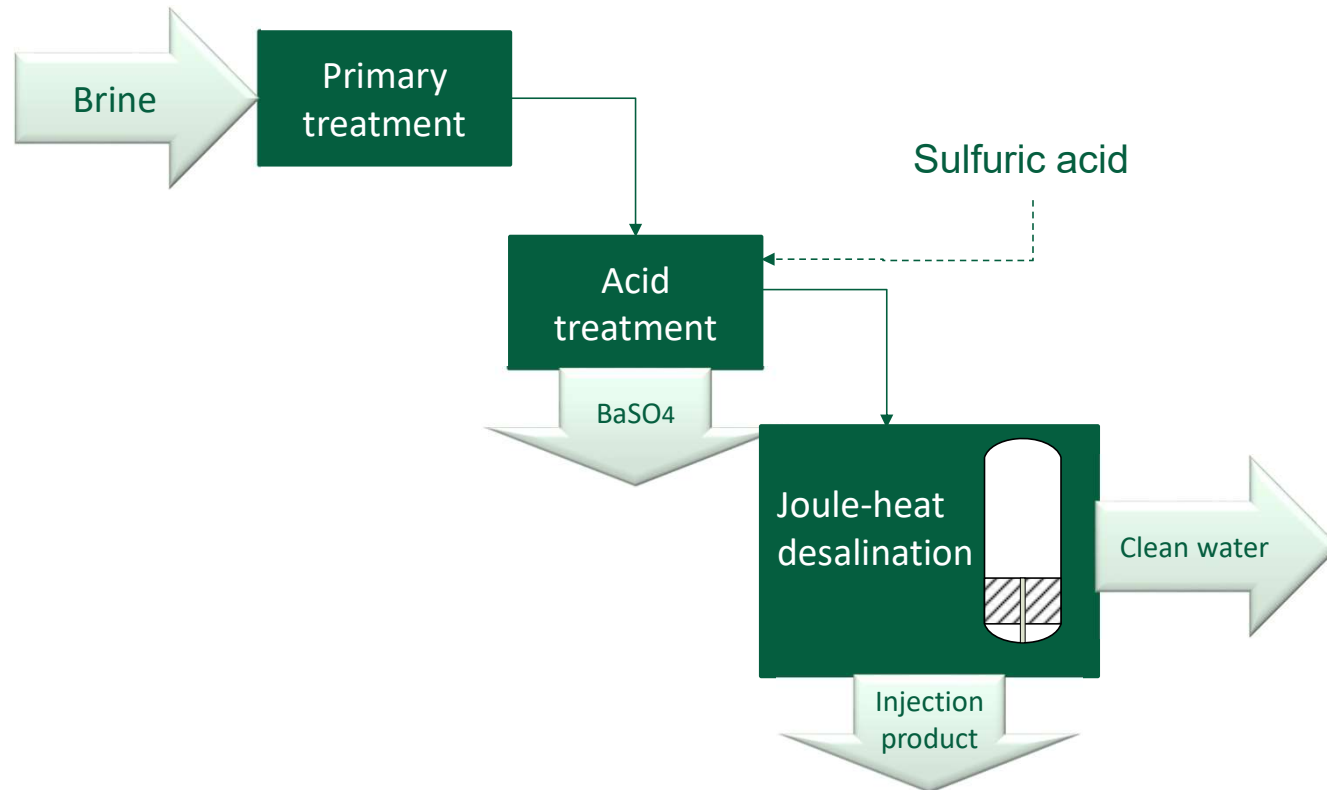
Constituent	Concentration (mg/L)	Molarity (mol/L)
Na <sup>+</sup>	37,939.0	1.650
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	12,575.0	0.314
Ba <sup>2+</sup>	7,944.6	0.058
Sr <sup>2+</sup>	4,153.8	0.047
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1,106.4	0.046
Cl <sup>-</sup>	90,869.3	2.563
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	779.0	0.008
<b>TDS</b>	<b>155,336.1</b>	



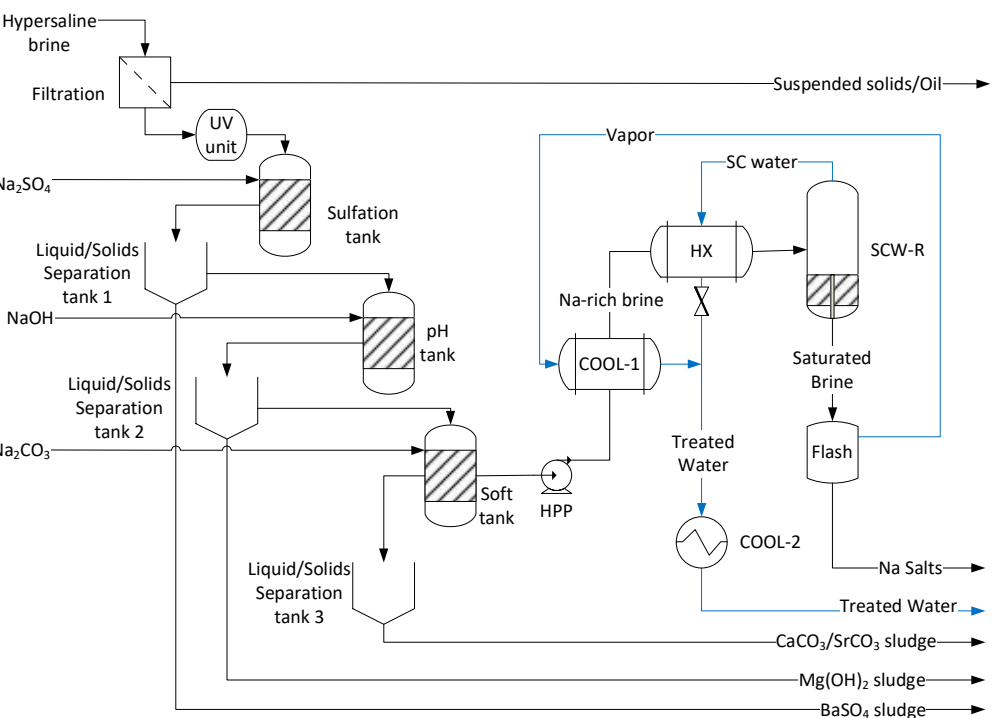
# Model Scenarios (A & B)



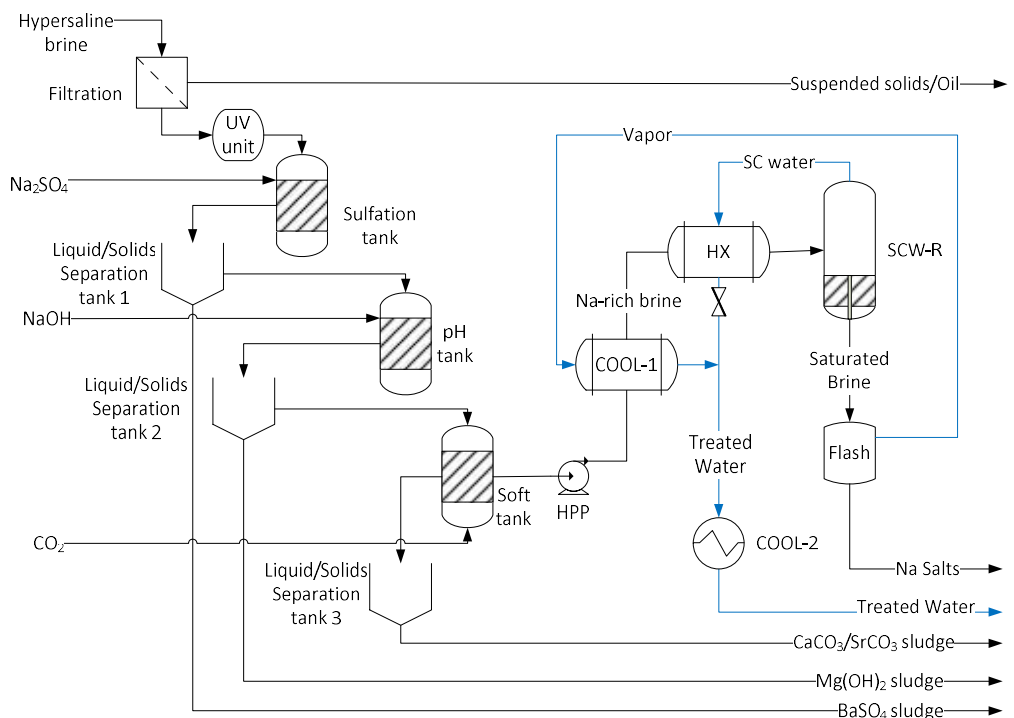
# Model Scenarios (C)



# Process Flow Diagrams

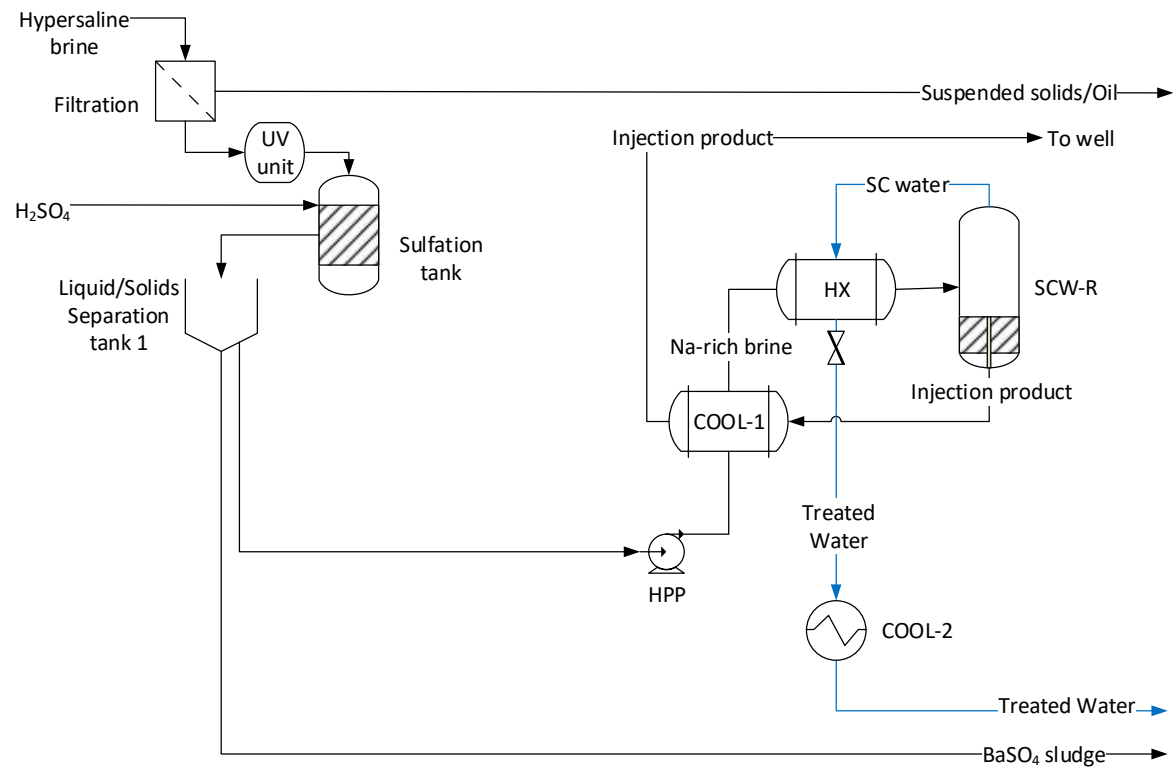


**Scenario A**



**Scenario B**

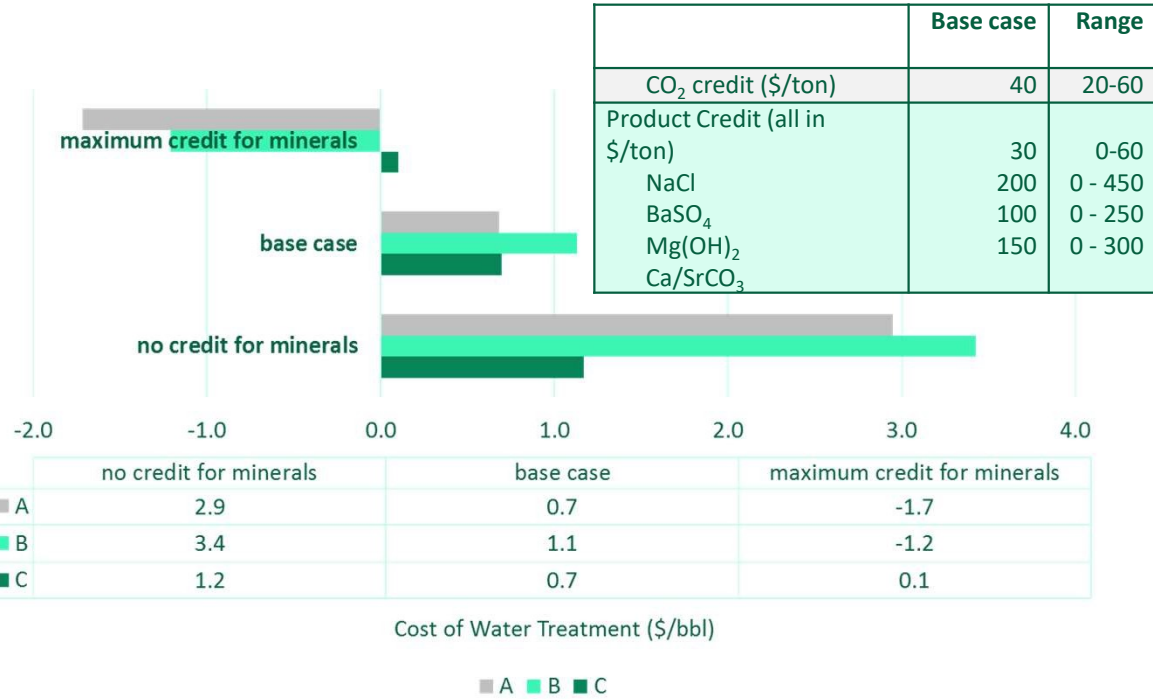
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**Scenario C**



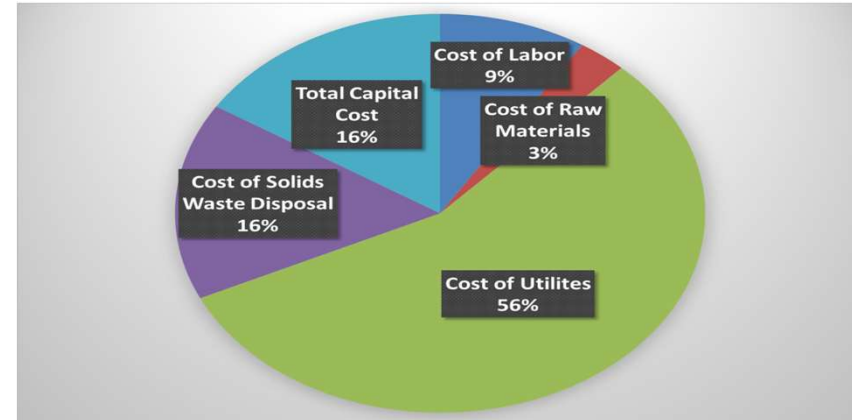
# Process Costing



**Table 3. Scenario Cost Comparison**

	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
Brine flow (GPM)	500	500	500
Capital cost (\$M)*	7.8	8.6	7.5
Mineral product (tons/day)	597	594	40
Treatment cost (\$/bbl)	0.7	1.2	0.7

\* uncertainty +40%/-25 %



**Figure 22. Produced Water Treatment Cost Categories**

**López and Tremblay, Desalination 415, 49-57 and Dong et al., Energy, 133, 777-783**



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# Summary

- Joule heating system
  - Wide range of brine solutions containing 50 to 180 g·L<sup>-1</sup> tested
  - Ability to produce clean water product containing 600-2,800 mg · L<sup>-1</sup> TDS demonstrated
  - Zero liquid discharge capability
  - Fundamental brine properties assessed
  - Over 2,200 hours of operational experience gained
- Process modeling & techno-economics
  - Existing ELECNRTL model insufficient in predicting brine properties at near critical conditions
  - Three process scenarios modeled ranging from zero liquid discharge to concentration with injection
  - Promising estimated brine treatment costs ranging from 0.7-1.2 \$/bbl





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# Energy Consumption of Electro-Coagulation for Zn-ion Removal

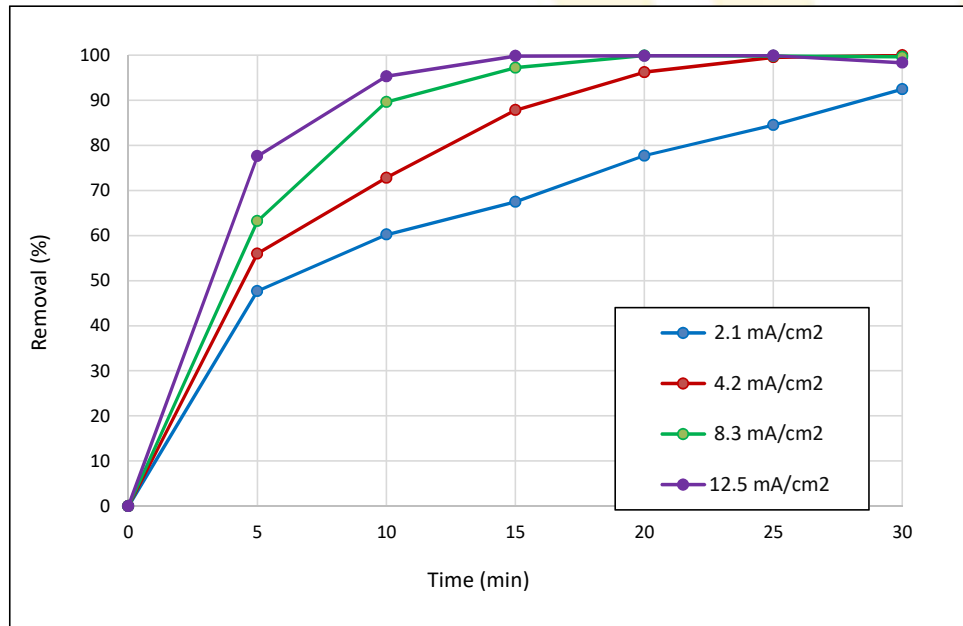


Fig. 1 Evolution of zinc removal efficiency versus EC time at different current densities.  $C_0 = 50$  mg/L.

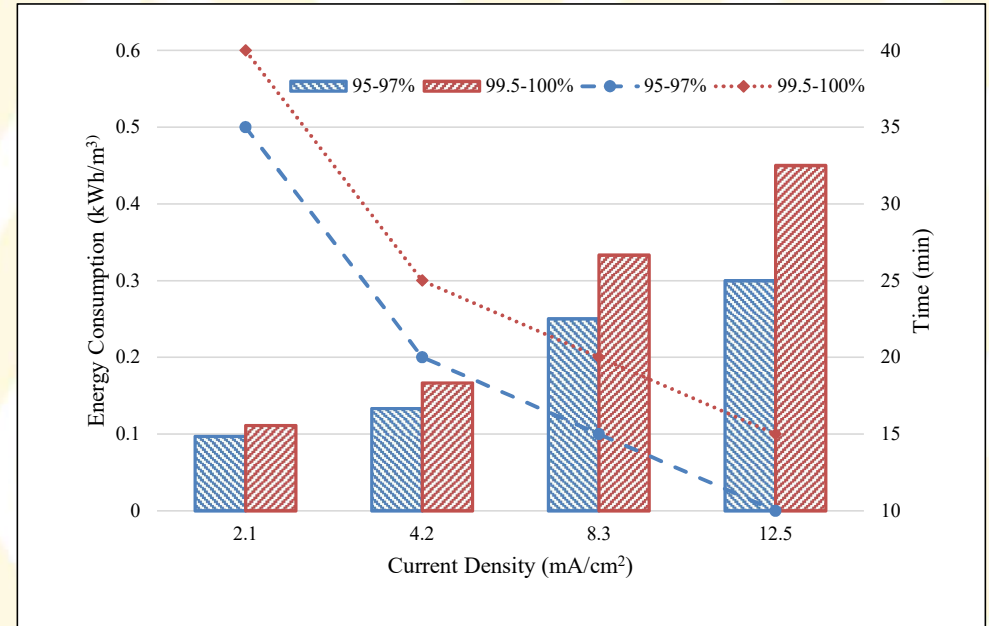


Fig. 2 Variation of energy consumption (bar) and required EC time (line) as a function of current densities for removal efficiency of 96% and 99%.



## Removal of Metal Ions from Multi-Ion Solution

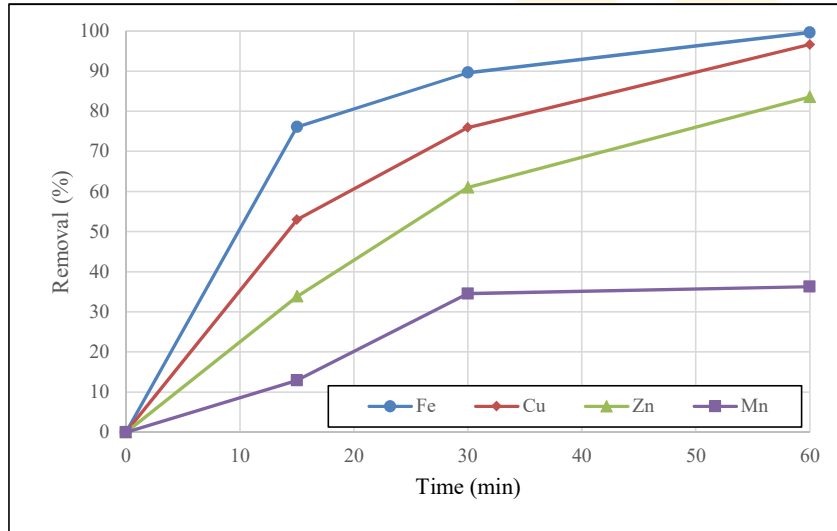


Fig. 3 Evolution of heavy metal ions removal efficiency versus EC time. Initial concentration of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  = 25 mg/L in mixed solution.

- Competitive removal of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  in the mixed solution.
- Removal rate of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  is almost two times slower than of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ , and half times slower than  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  during a short EC time, but it tends to similar removal efficiency as increasing of duration time.

Typically, previous work focused on the zinc removal by EC.



What makes the different removal behavior of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ?



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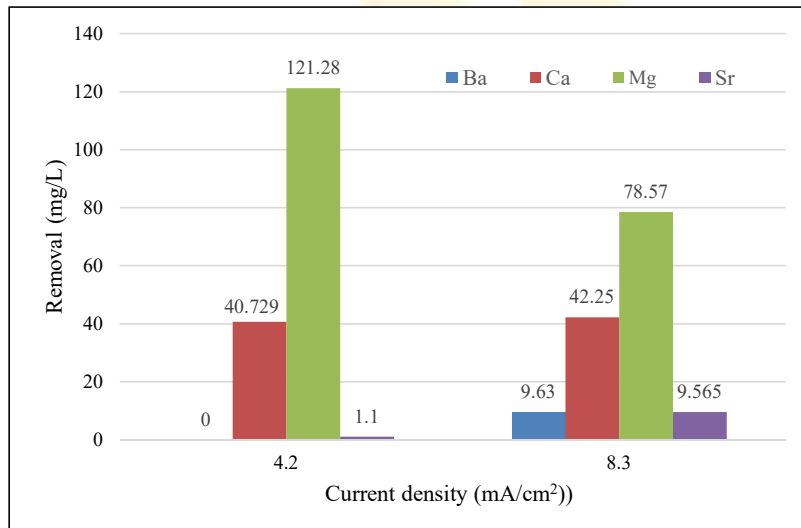


Fig. 4 Evolution of metal ions removal versus EC time at different current densities. mixed solution:  $t = 30$  min  
 $C_{Ba} = 249.15$  mg/L,  $C_{Ca} = 729.73$  mg/L  
 $C_{Mg} = 316.07$  mg/L,  $C_{Sr} = 1760.22$  mg/L

Remove rate: Mg > Ca > Sr > Ba

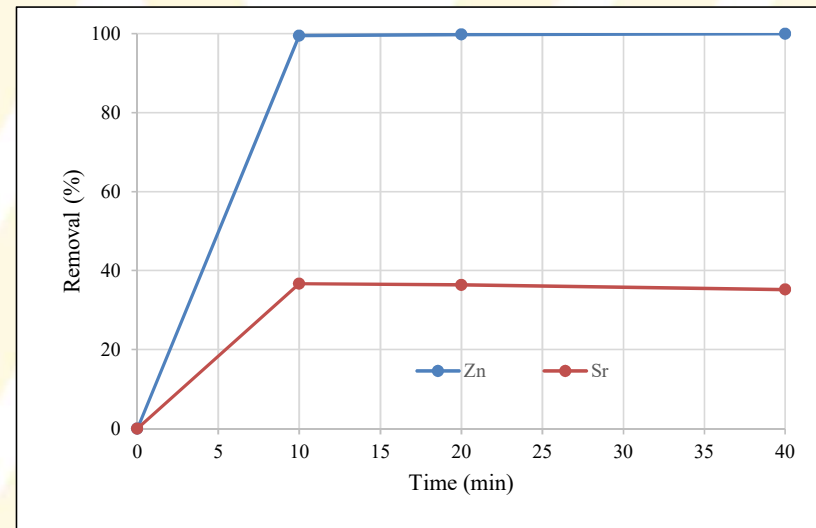


Fig. 5 Evolution of heavy metal ions removal efficiency versus EC time. Initial concentration of  $Zn^{2+}$  and  $Sr^{2+} = 10$  mg/L in mixed solution, current density is  $4.2$  mA/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Remove rate: Zn >> Sr

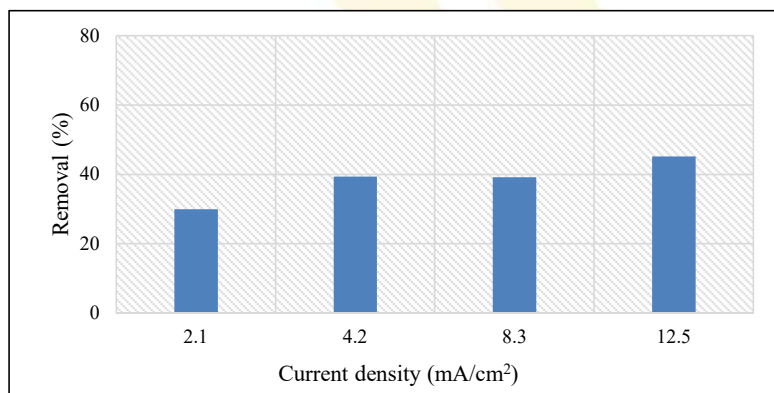


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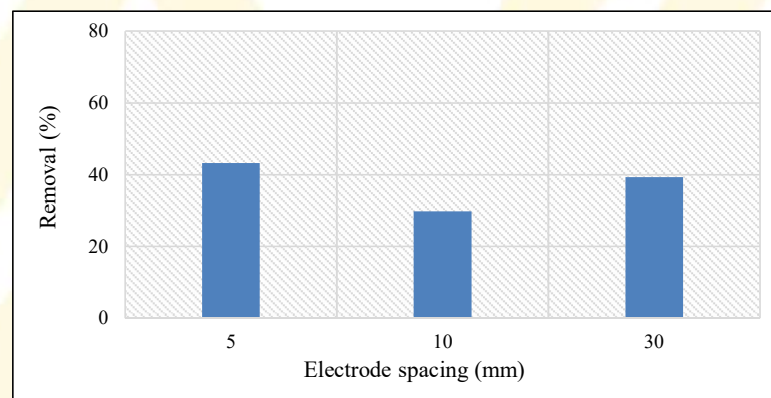
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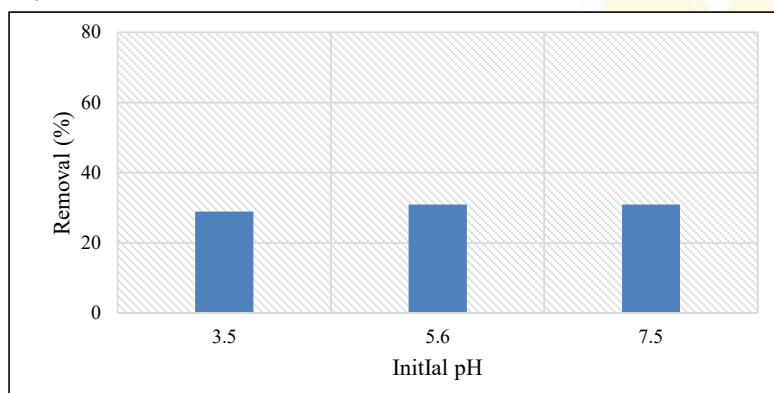
## Removal of Strontium Ions



$C_0 = 10$  mg/L,  $t = 60$  min,  $d = 10$  mm,  $\text{pH} = 5.6$



$C_0 = 10$  mg/L,  $d = 10$  mm,  $\text{CD} = 2.1$  mA/cm<sup>2</sup>,  $\text{pH} = 5.6$



$C_0 = 10$  mg/L,  $t = 30$  min,  $d = 10$  mm,  $\text{CD} = 2.1$  mA/cm<sup>2</sup>

The slower removal of  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  compared to  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  is attributed to a difference in the removal mechanisms



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## Possible Removal Mechanisms: co-precipitation, precipitation as hydroxide forms

Ionic solid	$K_{sp}$ (at 25°C)
Fe(OH) <sub>3</sub>	$4.0 \times 10^{-38}$
Al(OH) <sub>3</sub>	$2.0 \times 10^{-32}$
Cu(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$1.6 \times 10^{-19}$
Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$4.5 \times 10^{-17}$
Mn(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$2.0 \times 10^{-13}$
Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$8.9 \times 10^{-12}$
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$1.3 \times 10^{-6}$
Sr(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$3.2 \times 10^{-4}$
Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$5.0 \times 10^{-3}$

□ The differences of removal behavior between Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup> and Mn<sup>2+</sup> could be attributed to the co-presence of different removal mechanisms.

➤ Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup> and Mn<sup>2+</sup> compete for hydroxide ions produced at the cathode.

Precipitation as hydroxide forms

➤ Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup> and Mn<sup>2+</sup> compete for sorption sites at the aluminum hydroxide surface

Coprecipitation: adsorbed by Al(OH)<sub>3</sub> coagulant

➤ Co-precipitation of Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup> and Mn<sup>2+</sup> at iron hydroxide surface, or Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub> and Zn(OH)<sub>2</sub> surface

Attributed to increase of removal efficiency

