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CO2 Capture Solvent Selection by the Taguchi Method using Bubble Column Scrubbers

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[Abstract] This two-year project aims to use mixed amines to conduct a CO2 absorption test and employ a regeneration scrubbed solution containing CO2. There are five types of mixed amines, namely PZ (piperazine)+MEA (monoethanolamine), PZ+DIPA (diisopropanolamin), PZ+TEA (triethylamine), PZ+AMP (2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol), and PZ+DETA (diethylenetriamine). In the first year of this study, a continuous bubble-column scrubber was used for testing. The operating variables include the type of mixed amines (A), ratio of mixed amines (B), liquid flow rate (C), gas flow rate (D), concentration of mixed amines (E), and liquid temperature (F), each having five levels. Using Taguchi experimental design, the total number of experiments is L25(56)=25. The influence of the variables on the absorption efficiency (EF), absorption rate (RA), absorption factor (φ), and volumetric overall mass-transfer coefficient (KGa) are explored. The order of importance of parameters and the optimum conditions can be obtained from the Taguchi analysis of the experimental data. The solvent selection was performed according to the Taguchi analysis. Up to now, a total of fifteen-runs tests showed that the absorption efficiency (EF), absorption rate (RA), absorption factor (φ), and volumetric overall mass-transfer coefficient (KGa) were found to be 80-100%, 5.27x10-4-2.02x10-3 mol/L·s, 0.381-1.339 1/s, and 0.0664-3.082 mol-CO2/L·mol-amine, respectively. The 1st year project can be completed by the end of June 2023.

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