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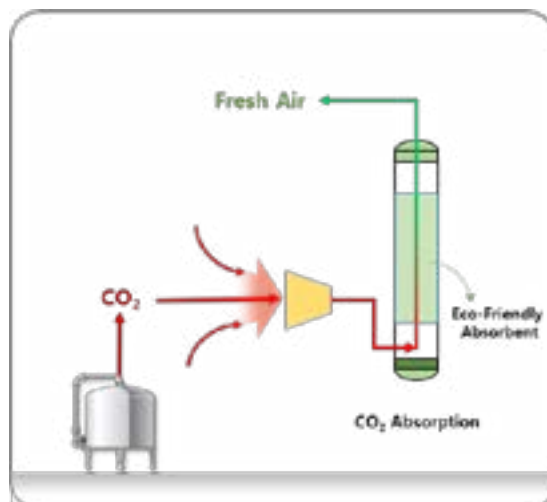
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Amino-acids salt solutions for CO₂ capture from flue gases

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Anthropogenic carbon dioxide (CO₂) is a major greenhouse gas that acts as a blanket to absorb thermal radiation emitted by the earth's surface. Many studies have introduced new technologies for CO₂ capture; however, the quest for feasible capture technologies continues. Amino acid salt solutions have distinguished features such as fast reaction kinetics, high cyclic loading capacity, and good stability towards oxygen, low vapor pressure and biodegradable property. In this study, the CO₂ absorption capacity, absorption rate and heat of absorption of the aqueous potassium salts of amino acids were investigated using semi-batch absorption system, wetted wall column and a differential reaction calorimeter (DRC). The results were compared to amine solvents. The CO₂ loading capacity of amino-acids salts solutions showed higher than that of amine solutions. The CO₂ loading capacities were found to be 0.50 and 0.68 mol of CO₂/mol of solvent for aqueous MEA and potassium salt of L-alanine at 298 K, respectively. The heat of regeneration depends on the heat of absorption as well as sensible heat and latent heat. Therefore, the heat of absorption can be used as useful data for the continuous process. MEA and DEA showed 81.77 kJ/mol of CO₂ and 67.06 kJ/mol of CO₂, respectively. Among the amino-acids salts solutions, potassium salt of L-alanine showed the lowest heat of absorption of 53.26 kJ/mol CO₂. Amino-acids salts solutions had the higher CO₂ loading capacity and lower heat of absorption than those of MEA. Therefore, amino-acids salts solutions are deemed to be the potential CO₂ absorbent to replace the existing system.



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