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Modeling and Simulation of Carbon Dioxide Gas Reactive Desorption Process with Piperazine Promoted Diethanolamine Solvent in Sieve Tray Column

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Abstract

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is an acidic and corrosive gas, and the presence of this gas in the piping system can cause various problems in the industrial sector. Therefore, the CO₂ must be separated from the gas stream. One of the CO₂ gas separation processes from the gas stream is carried out in a CO₂ removal unit, where a desorption unit serves as a solvent regeneration step. Therefore, this study aims to develop a rate-based model and simulation of the reactive desorption process of CO₂ gas in a sieve tray column. The rate-based model in the reactive desorption process of CO₂ gas is based on film theory, the liquid in the tray is assumed completely agitated due to gas bubbling, the flow pattern of gas is plug flow, and the effect of the reaction on the mass transfer follows the enhancement factor concept. The number of trays used in this study was 20. In addition, the effect of several variables, such as: desorber pressure, rich amine temperature, rich amine flow rate, and reboiler load, was also assessed on the CO₂ stripping efficiency. The accuracy of our prediction model is 1.34% compared with industrial plant data. Compared with the chemical engineering simulator simulation results, the average deviation is 4%.

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1. Introduction

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) makes up most of the greenhouse gas emitted from human activities. Burning fossil fuels and deforestation have contributed to the rising level of CO₂ in the atmosphere. In July 2022, the atmospheric CO₂ level reached 419 ppm [1]. Excessive CO₂ emissions include various problems, such as climate change and global warming [2–5]. The industrial and agricultural sectors are among the signif-

icant contributors to the CO₂ emissions emitted through their power generation and natural gas processing units [6]. Due to its acidic and corrosive nature, CO₂ also causes damage to the industrial piping system and utilities. The presence of CO₂ in the gas streams can affect the plant performance resulting in problems, such as the low calorific value of natural gas and piping blockage of refineries at low temperatures [7,8].

Thus, various efforts have been made to reduce and suppress CO₂ gas emissions. One of the technologies currently being developed by researchers is Carbon Capture and Utilization

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(CCU). This technology converts the recovered CO₂ gas from the CO₂ removal unit into new substances or products that the industry can reuse.

Most CO₂ removal units in the industry use chemical solvent absorption accompanied by a desorption unit as a solvent regeneration step. However, solvent regeneration is the step that requires the highest cost in the process of separating CO₂ from the gas stream, which can reach 80% of the total cost of CO₂ separation [9]. For this reason, modeling and simulation steps are needed to determine the best performance in minimizing operating costs and reducing energy requirements for solvent regeneration.

Apart from the cost factor, another factor that needs to be considered is the solvent's capacity to separate CO₂ gas from the gas stream. Potassium carbonate (K₂CO₃) and alkanolamine solvents are the most widely used solvents. However, using K₂CO₃ solvent in the CO₂ gas separation process is constrained by the slow reaction and the need for expensive equipment.

Alkanolamine solvents are commonly used for CO₂ removal from gas streams. Reports show that alkanolamine has several advantages, including high CO₂ absorption capacity, slight reaction enthalpy with CO₂, and low heat loss [10]. In addition, alkanolamine solutions have been reported to absorb CO₂ gas [11–13]. Alkanolamines are classified into three groups: 1) primary amines, such as mono ethanolamine (MEA) and diglycol amine (DGA); 2) secondary amines, such as diethanolamine (DEA) and di-isopropanol amine (DIPA); and 3) tertiary amines, such as methyl diethanolamine (MDEA) [14]. DEA is preferable to the extensively used MEA due to its lower solvent degradation and corrosiveness even at high amine concentrations. DEA also has a higher CO₂ absorption capacity and lower energy requirements for solvent regeneration than MEA. However, a low reaction rate occurs when DEA is reacted without a promoter. Hence, a diamine compound such as piperazine (PZ) is used as a catalyst to increase the absorption capacity of CO₂ and accelerate the reaction rate of DEA with CO₂ gas [15].

Modeling and simulation of the reactive absorption of CO₂ gas in alkanolamine solvents on tray columns and packed columns have been developed in previous studies [7,16–21], but the number of studies on desorption process reported in the literature is limited. In previous studies, modeling and simulation of the reactive desorption process of CO₂ gas were carried out on

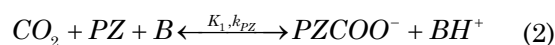
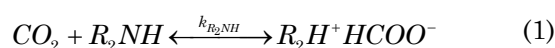
packed columns, both on a laboratory scale [22] and an industrial scale [9,23,24]. In addressing mass transfer in stripper, some authors in previous studies used the equilibrium stage [25], rate-based model [26–29], mass transfer with reaction in the liquid boundary layer and diffusion of reactants and products [22]. In completing the reactive desorption model, the author in previous studies used an in-house simulator [30], g-PROMS software [31], Aspen Plus [27,32,33], Aspen RateFrac [26], Aspen Custom Modeler [25], and MATLAB [23,34].

In previous studies, modeling and simulation of the reactive desorption process of CO₂ gas were carried out on packed columns in various solvents, such as K₂CO₃ [35], PZ [32], MEA [36], and MDEA [34], without considering other unreacted gases contained in the feed. Therefore, this study aims to develop a rate-based model and simulation of the reactive desorption process of CO₂ gas with piperazine-promoted DEA solvent in a sieve tray column by considering the presence of other unreacted gases in the feed (rich amine). The rate-based model in the reactive desorption process of CO₂ gas is based on film theory, the liquid in the tray is assumed completely agitated due to gas bubbling, the flow pattern of gas is plug flow, and the effect of the reaction on the mass transfer coefficient follows the enhancement factor concept. In addition, the effect of several variables, such as desorber pressure, rich amine temperature, rich amine flow rate, and reboiler load, was also assessed on the CO₂ stripping efficiency. The simulation results can be used to estimate the energy requirements for the CO₂ desorption process and optimize it to minimize the operating cost of the CO₂ removal unit.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1 Reaction Kinetic and Absorption Rate

The reaction mechanism of CO₂ gas with DEA solvent follows the reaction in Equation (1) [37]. Meanwhile, the reaction mechanism of CO₂ gas with the PZ promoter follows the reaction in Equation (2) [38].

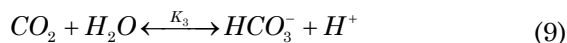
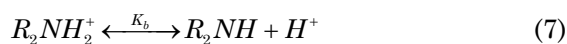
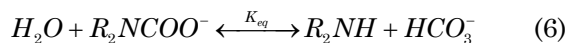
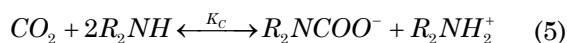


B are several types of bases in the solution, namely PZ, PZCOO[−], PZH⁺, H₂O, and OH[−]. The reaction rate constant ($k_{\text{R}_2\text{NH}}$ and k_{PZ}) in Equations (1) and (2) are determined from Equations (3) and (4) that correlated with temperature (T , Kelvin).

$$\ln k_{R_2NH} = 27.06 - \frac{5284.4}{T} \quad (3)$$

$$\ln k_{PZ} = 32.52 - \frac{6433.73}{T} \quad (4)$$

The equilibrium reaction in the solution is shown in Equations (5)-(11) below [39]:



Equilibrium constants (K) in Equation (5) can be obtained from the other equilibrium constants by following Equation (12):

$$K_c = \frac{K_3}{K_b K_{eq}} \quad (12)$$

The value of the reaction equilibrium constant for Equations (2) and (8) used Equations (13) and (14) [40]. Meanwhile, Equations (6), (7), and (9) used Equations (15), (16), and (17) [41]. The value of the reaction equilibrium constant for Equations (10) and (11) follows Equations (18) and (19) [37].

$$K_1 = \exp\left(466.497 + \frac{1614.5}{T} - 97.540 \ln T + 0.2471T\right) \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{1}{K_2} = \exp\left(514.314 - \frac{34910.9}{T} - 74.602 \ln T\right) \quad (14)$$

$$K_{eq} = \exp\left(4.825 - \frac{1885}{T}\right) \quad (15)$$

$$K_b = \exp\left(-2.551 - \frac{5652}{T}\right) \quad (16)$$

$$K_3 = \exp\left(\frac{-241.818 + \frac{298.253 \times 10^3}{T} - \frac{148.528 \times 10^6}{T^2}}{\frac{332.648 \times 10^8}{T^3} - \frac{282.394 \times 10^{10}}{T^4}}\right) \quad (17)$$

$$K_4 = \exp\left(\frac{-294.74 + \frac{364.385 \times 10^3}{T} - \frac{184.158 \times 10^6}{T^2}}{\frac{415.793 \times 10^8}{T^3} - \frac{354.291 \times 10^{10}}{T^4}}\right) \quad (18)$$

$$K_w = \exp\left(\frac{39.5554 - \frac{987.9 \times 10^2}{T} + \frac{568.828 \times 10^5}{T^2}}{-\frac{146.451 \times 10^8}{T^3} + \frac{136.146 \times 10^{10}}{T^4}}\right) \quad (19)$$

2.2. Gas Solubilities

The solubility of CO_2 gas in the promoted DEA solution follows the rules of Henry's law. The concentration of CO_2 at the interface ($C_{CO_2,i}$ kmole.m⁻³) was calculated by Equation (20) [42]. Since the reaction was a fast pseudo-first-order reaction, the enhancement factor (E) was calculated from Equation (21) [42] with the value of k_1 is shown in Equation (22) [42].

$$C_{CO_2,i} = \frac{k_G y_{CO_2} P + E k_L C_{CO_2,e}}{E k_L + k_G H_e} \quad (20)$$

$$E = \frac{\sqrt{k_1 C_B^0 D_A}}{k_L} \quad (21)$$

$$k_1 = k_{DEA} C_{DEA} + k_{PZ} C_{PZ} \quad (22)$$

Here, k_G , k_L , k_1 , y_{CO_2} , P , $C_{CO_2,e}$, H_e , C_B^0 , D_A are the mass transfer coefficient of the gas phase (kmole.m².s⁻¹), mass transfer coefficient of the liquid phase (kmole.m².s⁻¹), constant of the pseudo-first-order reaction (s⁻¹), mole fraction of CO_2 in the gas phase, pressure (atm), equilibrium concentration of CO_2 in liquid phase (kmole.m⁻³), Henry's constant, concentration of reactant B in the liquid body (kmole.m⁻³), and diffusivity (m².s⁻¹), respectively.

The gas solubility in the electrolyte solution was estimated by the method of Van Krevelen and Hoftijzer. This method corresponds to Henry's constant (H_e) in solution, calculated by Equations (23), (24), (25), and (26) [8].

$$\log\left(\frac{H_e}{H_e^0}\right) = \sum h_l \quad (23)$$

$$H_{e,T}^0 = H_{e,298.15}^0 \exp\left[\frac{-d \ln H}{d\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)}\left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298.15}\right)\right] \quad (24)$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \sum C_i z_i^2 \quad (25)$$

$$h = h_+ + h_- + h_G \quad (26)$$

In this equations, H_e^0 , h , I , C_i , h_+ , h_- , h_G , h_T are Henry's constant of component in pure water with temperature T (Pa.m³.kmole⁻¹), ion specific parameter (m³.kmole⁻¹), ionic strength in solution (g ion/liter), molar concentration of component (kmole.m⁻³), cation specific parameter (m³.kmole⁻¹), anion specific parameter (m³.kmole⁻¹), gas specific parameter (m³.kmole⁻¹), and temperature correction (m³.kmole⁻¹.K⁻¹), respectively. The value of h_G was calculated by Equation (27) [43].

$$h_G = h_{G,0} + h_T (T - 298.15) \quad (27)$$

Values of $H_{e,298.15}^0$ and $-d \ln H/d(1/T)$ can be seen in Table 1 [44]. Meanwhile, the values of $h_{G,0}$ (gas specific parameter at 298 K, $\text{m}^3.\text{kmole}^{-1}$) and h_T on each component is presented in Table 2 [45].

2.3 Mass and Heat Transfer Coefficient

The estimation of the diffusion coefficient in the mixture (D_L and D_G) was predicted using the Wilke-Chang equation for liquids (28) [43] and Fuller's equation for gases (29) [42].

$$D_L = 7.4 \times 10^{-8} \frac{(\Phi M_{H_2O})^{0.5} T}{\mu_{H_2O}^{0.6} V_i^{0.6}} \quad (28)$$

$$D_G = 10^{-7} T^{-1.75} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{M_A} + \frac{1}{M_B} \right)^{0.5}}{P \left((\sum v_A)^{1/3} + (\sum v_B)^{1/3} \right)^2} \quad (29)$$

In this equations, Φ , M_i , μ , v are association factor for solvent (2.6 for water), molecular weight of component (kg.kmole^{-1}), viscosity (Pa.s), and molar volume of component ($\text{m}^3.\text{kmole}^{-1}$), respectively.

The mass transfer coefficient of the gas phase k_G in the CO_2 gas desorption process on the sieve tray column ranged from 1 to $4.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm.s}^{-1}$ [43]. The mass transfer coefficient of the liquid phase k_L was calculated using Equation (30) [43], while the surface area of the interface (a) was determined by Equation (31) [43].

$$k_L = 0.31 (g v)^{1/3} \left(\frac{D_L}{v} \right)^{1/3} \quad (30)$$

$$a = 0.38 \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_i} \right)^{0.775} \left(\frac{\mu \rho}{n d \mu} \right)^{0.125} \left(\frac{g \rho}{d \sigma} \right)^{1/3} \quad (31)$$

Here, g , d , ρ , σ are gravity acceleration (m.s^{-2}), tray hole diameter (m), density (kg.m^{-3}), solvent surface tension (dyne.cm^{-1}), respectively.

Table 1. Value of Henry's constant component at the temperature of 298.15 K.

Component	$He_{298.15}^0$ ($\text{mole.m}^{-3}.\text{Pa}^{-1}$)	$-d \ln H/d(1/T)$ (K)
CO_2	3.3×10^{-4}	2400
N_2	6.4×10^{-6}	1300
CH_4	1.4×10^{-5}	1600
C_2H_6	1.9×10^{-5}	2400
C_3H_8	1.5×10^{-5}	2700
C_4H_{10}	1.2×10^{-5}	3100
C_5H_{12}	8.0×10^{-6}	3400
C_6H_{14}	6.1×10^{-6}	3800

2.4 Mathematical Model

The mathematical model used to simulate the reactive desorption process of CO_2 gas in piperazine-promoted DEA solvent on a sieve tray column was based on mass and heat balances for the liquid and gas components arranged to form a non-linear algebraic system equation. The model used was a rate-based model with several assumptions: CO_2 gas reactive desorption process in steady state; the desorption column is in adiabatic condition; the interfacial surface area is the same for mass and heat transfer processes; the reaction is fast and pseudo first order; the heat transfer resistance in the liquid phase is smaller than in the gas phase; the surface temperature is the same as the bulk temperature; the liquid and gas phases are in ideal mixed conditions; CO_2 gas reacts with DEA to produce non-volatile products; the liquid in the tray is assumed completely agitated due to gas bubbling, and the flow pattern of gas is plug flow; the content of rich amine, which includes acid gas, is only CO_2 without H_2S . The CO_2 removal unit studied is located after the SRU unit; the gas leaving the condenser is saturated with water vapor; the composition of the rich amine stream not only contains CO_2 gas, but also considers the solubility of other gases, including methane, ethane, propane, n-butane, n-pentane, hexane, and nitrogen.

The design of the CO_2 gas desorption unit used in this study is shown in Figure 1. This figure shows that the rich amine from the CO_2 gas reactive absorption process was used as a feed for the CO_2 gas reactive desorption process. The mechanism of mass and heat transfer processes in the sieve tray column in the reactive desorption process of CO_2 gas is presented in Figure 2. From this figure, the equation for the overall mass balance for the liquid and gas phases is determined from Equations (32) and (33). Meanwhile, the equation for the mass bal-

Table 2. Values of h_G and h_T for each component.

Component	$h_{G,0} (10^{-6})$ ($\text{cm}^3.\text{mole}^{-1}$)	$h_T (10^{-6})$ ($\text{cm}^3.\text{mole}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$)
CO_2	-17.2	-0.338
N_2	-1	-0.605
CH_4	2.2	-0.524
C_2H_6	12	-0.601
C_3H_8	24	-0.702
C_4H_{10}	29.7	-0.815
C_5H_{12}	33.5	-0.922
C_6H_{14}	37.1	-0.971

ance for the liquid phase on the tray (34-35) and the mass balance for the gas phase (36-37) was obtained.

$$L_{out} X_{out} = (1 - E_S) L_{in} X_{in} \quad (32)$$

$$G_1 Y_{CO_2,1} = G_{N+1} Y_{CO_2,N+1} + E_S L_{in} X_{in} \quad (33)$$

$$L_{k-1} + N_{k,CO_2} aV = L_k \quad (34)$$

$$L_{k-1} X_{k-1,CO_2} + N_{k,CO_2} aV = L_k X_{k,CO_2} \quad (35)$$

$$G_{k+1} = G_k + N_{k,CO_2} aV \quad (36)$$

$$G_{k+1} Y_{k+1,CO_2} = G_k Y_{k,CO_2} + N_{k,CO_2} aV \quad (37)$$

Here, k , L , X , E_S , G , Y , N_{k,CO_2} are tray number, mass of liquid (kgmole.m^{-3}), liquid fraction of component, stripping efficiency (%), mass of gas (kgmole.m^{-3}), gas fraction of component, and mass transfer flux of CO_2 ($\text{kmole.m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$), respectively.

Aside from the mass transfer process, a heat transfer occurred in the reactive desorption process of CO_2 gas. The heat balance equations in the liquid and gas phases in the sieve tray column are described in Equations (38) and (39). Here, (ΔH) and (ΔH_r) are the sensible heat of each component (J.kmole^{-1}) and heat of reaction (J.kmole^{-1}).

$$L_{k-i} \Delta H_{L,k-i} + (N_{k,CO_2} \Delta H_{k,CO_2} + N_{k,H_2O} H_{H_2O}^V) aV = L_k \Delta H_{L,k} + N_{k,CO_2} \Delta H_{r,CO_2} + h_G aV (T_G - T_L) \quad (38)$$

$$G_{k+1} \Delta H_{G,k+1} + h_G aV (T_G - T_L) = G_k \Delta H_{G,k} + (N_{k,CO_2} \Delta H_{k,CO_2} + N_{k,H_2O} H_{H_2O}^V) aV \quad (39)$$

The equation for the mass and energy balance for the condenser (40-42) and for the re-

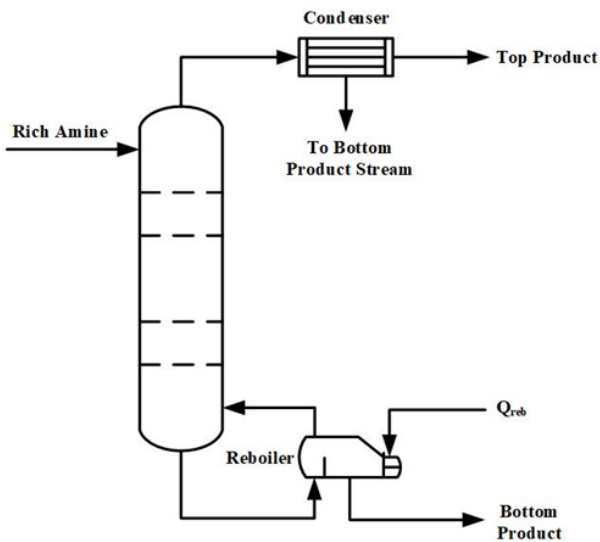


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of CO_2 gas desorption process.

boiler (43-45) was obtained. Here, D , B , Q_C , Q_{reb} are mass of distillate (kgmole.m^{-3}), mass of bottom product (kgmole.m^{-3}), condenser load (kW), and reboiler load (kW).

$$G_1 = D + G_0 \quad (40)$$

$$G_1 Y_{1,i} = DX_{D,i} + G_0 Y_{0,i} \quad (41)$$

$$G_1 \Delta H_{G_1} = D \Delta H_D + G_0 \Delta H_{G_0} + Q_C \quad (42)$$

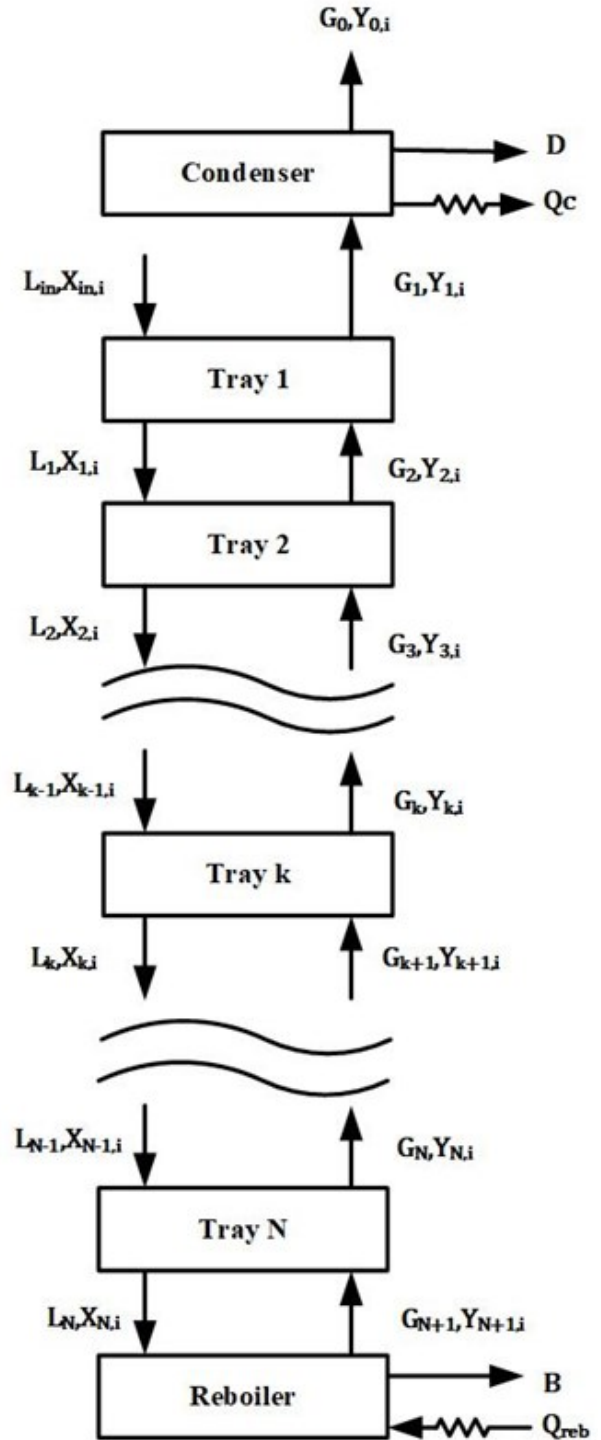


Figure 2. Mechanism of CO_2 gas reactive desorption process.

$$L_N = B + G_{N+1} \quad (43)$$

$$L_N X_{N,i} = B X_{B,i} + G_{N+1} Y_{N+1,i} \quad (44)$$

$$L_N \Delta H_{L,N} + Q_{reb} = B \Delta H_B + G_{N+1} \Delta H_{G_{N+1}} \quad (45)$$

The mass transfer flux of CO₂ (N_{k,CO_2}) from liquid to gas (stripping CO₂ on tray- k) uses the transport interface approach and the enhancement factor concept defined in Equation (46). The mass transfer flux for H₂O (N_{k,H_2O}) from gas to liquid uses the transport interface approach, which is shown in Equation (47). Where, the value of $C_{CO_2,i}$ in Equation (46) is obtained from Equation (20). The heat of reac-

tion (ΔH_r) was determined by Equation (48). Meanwhile, the sensible heat of each component (ΔH) was calculated by Equation (49).

$$N_{k,CO_2} = k_{L,CO_2} E (C_{CO_2,e} - C_{CO_2,i}) \quad (46)$$

$$N_{k,H_2O} = k_{G,H_2O} (P_{H_2O}^S - P_{H_2O}) \quad (47)$$

$$\Delta H_r = \Delta H_{desorption} \quad (48)$$

$$\Delta H = \int C_p dT \quad (49)$$

In addition, the heat of condensation of water (ΔH^v) was generated by linear interpolation of the steam table, and the heat transfer coefficient of water vapor was determined to be 125 W.m⁻².K⁻¹ from 100-1000 W.m⁻².K⁻¹.

Ion concentration (C) in the solution in the tray can be determined from equilibrium restriction in Equations (50)–(57), charge balance in Equation (58), and amine balance in Equations (59)–(60).

$$K_C = \frac{C_{DEACOO^-} C_{DEAH^+}}{C_{CO_2} C_{DEA}^2} \quad (50)$$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{C_{DEA} C_{HCO_3^-}}{C_{H_2O} C_{DEACOO^-}} \quad (51)$$

$$K_b = \frac{C_{DEA} C_{H^+}}{C_{DEAH^+}} \quad (52)$$

$$K_1 = \frac{C_{PZCOO^-} C_{H^+}}{C_{CO_2} C_{PZ}} \quad (53)$$

$$K_2 = \frac{C_{PZH^+}}{C_{PZ} C_{H^+}} \quad (54)$$

$$K_3 = \frac{C_{HCO_3^-} C_{H^+}}{C_{CO_2,e}} \quad (55)$$

$$K_4 = \frac{C_{CO_3^{2-}} C_{H^+}}{C_{HCO_3^-}} \quad (56)$$

$$K_W = C_H + C_{OH^-} \quad (57)$$

$$C_{PZH^+} + C_{DEAH^+} + C_{H^+} = C_{OH^-} + C_{HCO_3^-} + C_{CO_3^{2-}} \quad (58)$$

$$C_{DEA,in} = C_{DEA} + C_{DEAH^+} \quad (59)$$

$$C_{PZ,in} = C_{PZ} + C_{PZH^+} + C_{PZCOO^-} \quad (60)$$

2.5 Numerical Solution

The system of linear algebraic equations developed previously was solved numerically by Successive Approximation methods using the iterative variable percent stripping CO₂. The calculation is carried out in the following steps: The calculation begin with determination of

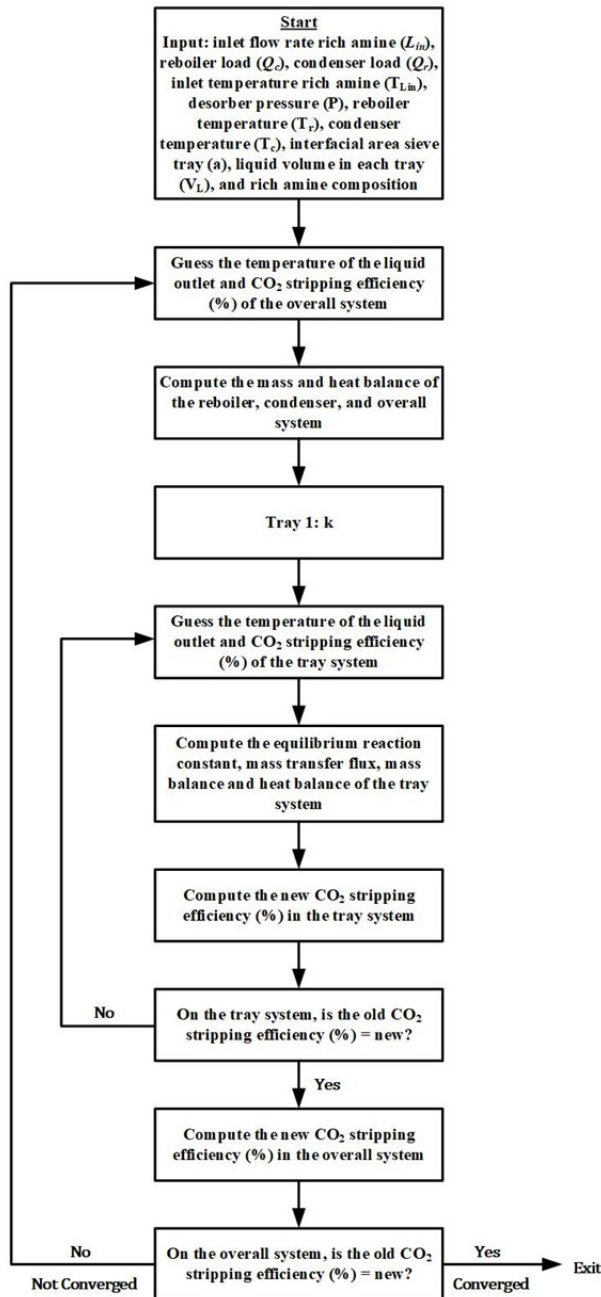


Figure 3. Algorithm of numerical calculation for the CO₂ desorption process.

flow rate of water vapor generated from reboiler using reboiler energy balance (Equation (45)). Next, a trial percent stripping of total CO₂, it continues calculating the overall system mass balance (Equations (32) and (33)) to determine the liquid and gas outflow condition. After that, the mass (Equations (34) and (35)) and energy balances (Equations (36) and (37)) are calculated for each tray, starting from the first tray. In calculating the mass balance per tray, the percent stripping of CO₂ on the tray is corrected from the mass transfer calculation. Percent stripping CO₂ overall can be checked from the calculated percent stripping CO₂ overall obtained from the stage-to-stage calculation. This numerical solution is carried out by creating a program in MATLAB R2020a. Algorithm of numerical calculation for the CO₂ desorption process can be seen in Figure 3.

2.6 Model Validation

The simulation results were compared with industrial data plant and ASPEN HYSYS V11. The deviation of the computation results with ASPEN HYSYS V11 computation was determined as Root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) in Equation (61) with CO₂ stripping efficiency in MATLAB R2020a (E_S^M) and CO₂ stripping efficiency in ASPEN HYSYS V11 (E_S^H).

$$RMSD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (E_S^M - E_S^H)^2}{\sum (E_S^H)^2}} \quad (61)$$

3. Results and Discussion

The developed model was used to simulate the performance of an industrial sieve tray column with diameter of 118.872 cm, weir height

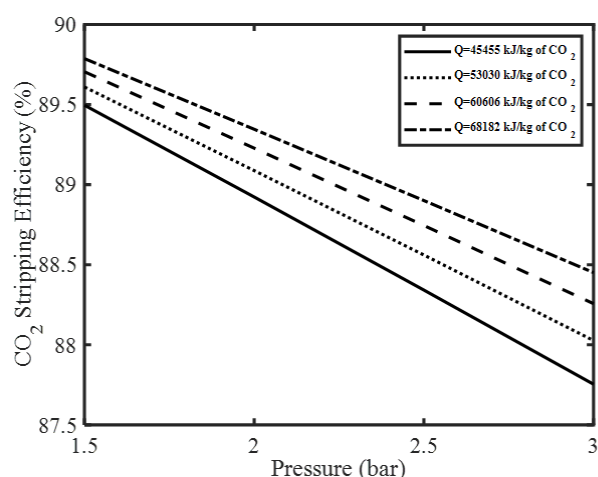


Figure 4. The effect of desorber pressure on CO₂ stripping efficiency.

of 3.95 cm and number tray of 20. This research was carried out by making mathematical modeling and process simulations to remove CO₂ gas from a liquid mixture consisting of several components in Table 3. The column pressure was varied from 1.5 to 3 bar. The inlet rich amine temperature varied from 343.15 K to 358.15 K. The inlet rich amine flow rate varied from 7 m³.hour⁻¹ to 10 m³.hour⁻¹. The reboiler load varied from 3,000 kW to 4,500 kW. With the amount of CO₂ feed in the desorber of 0.54 kmole.m⁻³ (Table 3) and rich amine flow rate 10 m³.hour⁻¹, the reboiler load variable (3,000 kW to 4,500 kW) can be converted to 45,455 kJ/kg of CO₂ to 68,182 kJ/kg of CO₂. The variable values are determined from the operation of the existing CO₂ removal plant in industry. This study also employed a rate-based model with an enhancement factor approach. The reactive desorption process occurred in a sieve tray column, so the mathematical modeling focused on the tray's mass and heat transfer process, chemical reactions, and thermodynamics.

Several operating variables were then reviewed for their effect on the CO₂ stripping efficiency, such as desorber pressure, rich amine temperature, rich amine flow rate, and reboiler load. The fast and pseudo first order assumption was validated by determining the value of Hatta Number (H_a) and instantaneous enhancement factor in each tray and check the following Equation (62) satisfied [43].

$$3 < H_a < 0.5E_i \quad (62)$$

Table 3. Inlet liquid composition.

Component	Composition (kmole.m ⁻³)
DEA	2.3982
DEACOO	0.47468
DEAH	0.47468
HCO ₃	0.049156
H	1.2348×10 ⁻¹⁰
OH	0.00012126
CO ₃	0.010833
PZ	0.25669
PZH	0.092229
PZCOO	0.0012871
CH ₄	0.0292
C ₂ H ₆	0.0038
C ₃ H ₈	0.0021
C ₄ H ₁₀	0.00125
C ₅ H ₁₂	0.000287
C ₆ H ₁₄	0.0000665
N ₂	0.000252

3.1 The Effect of Desorber Pressure on CO₂ Stripping Efficiency

Desorber pressure is one of the variables influencing the reactive desorption process of CO₂ gas. The effect of desorber pressure on CO₂ stripping efficiency is shown in Figure 4. From Figure 4, it can be seen that the higher the desorber pressure (ranging from 1.5 bar to 3 bars), the CO₂ stripping efficiency decreased by 1.74%. When the desorber pressure was 1.5 bar with a reboiler load of 45,455 kJ.kg⁻¹ of CO₂, the stripping efficiency of CO₂ obtained was 89.496%. Meanwhile, when the desorber pressure was 3 bars, the stripping efficiency of CO₂ obtained was 87.75%. The decrease in CO₂ stripping efficiency with increasing pressure was due to the CO₂ solubility increase and then, the CO₂ gas absorbed in the solution is difficult to escape [42].

3.2 The Effect of Rich Amine Temperature on CO₂ Stripping Efficiency

The effect of rich amine temperature on CO₂ stripping efficiency is presented in Figure 5. In this figure, it can be seen that the increase in the rich amine temperature was directly proportional to the stripping efficiency of CO₂ gas. The higher the rich amine temperature (343.15 K to 358.15 K), the CO₂ stripping efficiency increased by 15.28%. At a pressure of 1.5 bar with a rich amine temperature of 343.15 K, the stripping efficiency of CO₂ obtained was 77.56%. Meanwhile, when the rich amine temperature was 358.15 K the CO₂ stripping efficiency was 92.84%. The increase in CO₂ stripping efficiency was due to the greater the rich amine temperature, the greater the reaction rate and the diffusivity of the solution, so the greater the concentration gradient close to the

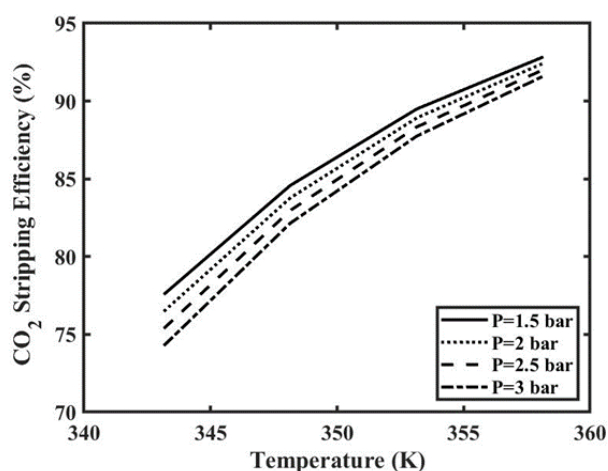


Figure 5. The effect of rich amine temperature on CO₂ stripping efficiency.

gas-liquid interface [9]. Increasing the rich amine temperature can also reduce the solubility of CO₂ gas in solution, where the smaller the gas solubility, the greater the resulting CO₂ stripping efficiency.

3.3 The Effect of Reboiler Load on CO₂ Stripping Efficiency

In the reactive desorption process of CO₂ gas, the reboiler serves to heat the solution to produce water and release the CO₂ that is still bound. The effect of reboiler load on CO₂ stripping efficiency is displayed in Figure 6. This figure shows that the higher the reboiler load (45,455 kJ.kg⁻¹ of CO₂ to 68,182 kJ.kg⁻¹ of CO₂), the greater the resulting CO₂ stripping efficiency. When reboiler load was 45,455 kJ.kg⁻¹ of CO₂ with a desorber pressure of 1.5 bar; the CO₂ stripping efficiency was 89.50%. Meanwhile, at the same pressure with the reboiler load of 68,182 kJ.kg⁻¹ of CO₂, the stripping efficiency of CO₂ was 89.78%. The increase in CO₂ stripping efficiency was due to the greater the reboiler load, the greater the steam mass required. The amount of steam added to the column greatly influenced achieving the desired level of separation [9]. The increase of reboiler load (or steam required) will increase the liquid temperature. This will decrease the CO₂ solubility in liquid and increase the separation efficiency. It led CO₂ gas absorbed in the piperazine-promoted DEA solution to be more easily released so that the resulting stripping efficiency was greater.

3.4 The Effect of Rich Amine Flow Rate on CO₂ Stripping Efficiency

Rich amine solution is produced from the CO₂ gas reactive absorption process and used

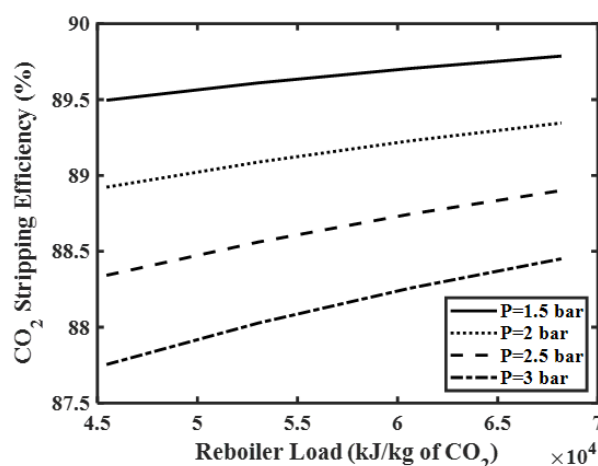


Figure 6. The effect of reboiler load on CO₂ stripping efficiency.

as a feed solution. This solution has a very large CO_2 content. Meanwhile, the effect of rich amine flow rate on CO_2 stripping efficiency is depicted in Figure 7.

From Figure 7, it can be seen that the increase in the rich amine flow rate was inversely proportional to the resulting CO_2 stripping efficiency. CO_2 stripping efficiency decreased by 3.29% from 92.78% to 89.50% in the rich amine flow rate range of $7 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{hour}^{-1}$ to $10 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{hour}^{-1}$, with a desorber pressure of 1.5 bar. It was because the greater the rich amine flow rate, the smaller the contact time of the solution in the sieve tray column so that the resulting CO_2 stripping efficiency decreased [23].

3.5 Distribution of Liquid and Gas Concentration in Sieve Tray Column

The distribution of the liquid phase concentration in the reactive desorption process of CO_2 gas in the sieve tray column is illustrated

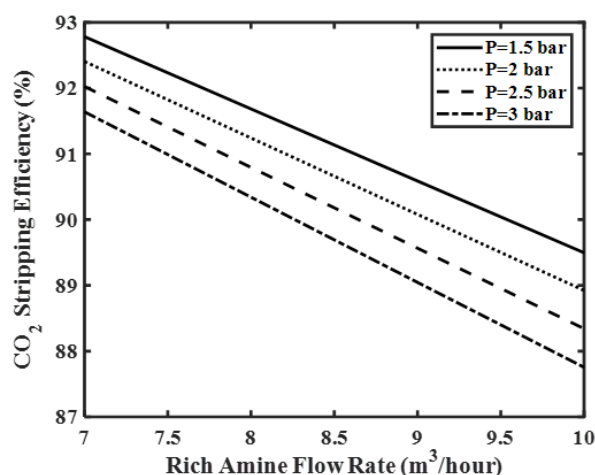


Figure 7. The effect of rich amine flow rate on CO_2 stripping efficiency.

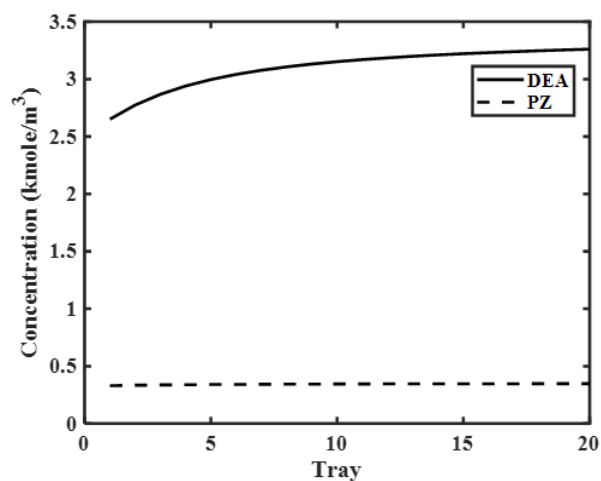


Figure 8. Distribution of DEA and PZ concentration in sieve tray column.

in Figure 8. From Figure 8, it can be seen that the DEA solution concentration increased from tray 1 to tray 20. DEA was regenerated from the reaction between DEAH^+ with DEACOO^- and HCO_3^- so that the composition increased. The same thing also happened to PZ, which experienced an increase but was less significant. PZ was regenerated from the reaction between PZH^+ and HCO_3^- . Regenerated PZ reacted again with H^+ ions from the water dissociation, thus forming PZH^+ . PZH^+ was also regenerated from the reaction between PZCOO^- and H^+ ions. The 1st tray position showed the top tray position, and the 20th tray indicated the bottom tray position.

The distribution of gas phase concentration on the sieve tray column is demonstrated in Figure 9. Unlike the liquid phase, the gas phase flowed from the bottom tray to the top tray. The position of the 1st tray showed the position of the top tray. From Figure 9, it can be seen that the concentration of CO_2 gas increased from $0.00045178 \text{ kmole}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ to $0.005252600 \text{ kmole}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$. It was because the higher the composition of DEACOO^- , HCO_3^- , CO_3^{2-} and PZCOO^- ions increased, the number of moles of CO_2 gas formed also increased.

The concentration of other dissolved gases, such as methane gas (CH_4), ethane gas (C_2H_6), propane gas (C_3H_8), and butane gas (C_4H_{10}), also increased. However, the increase in dissolved gases was less significant than the increase in CO_2 gas concentration in the sieve tray column. It was because when the rich amine solution flowed into the bottom tray, the solution would come into contact with steam from the reboiler so that the solution temperature would increase. Increasing the temperature would cause a decrease in the gas solubility.

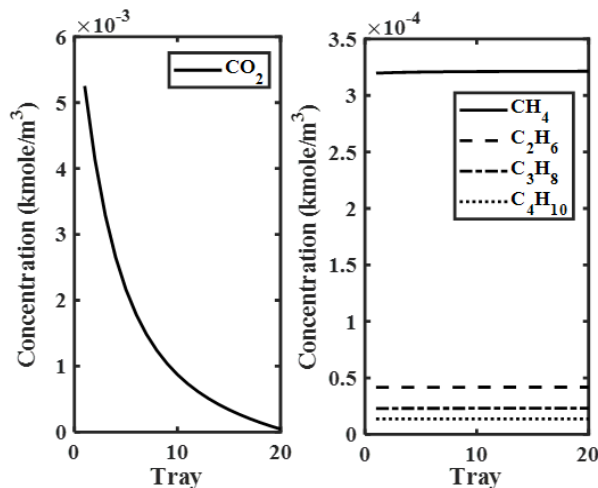


Figure 9. Concentration distribution of dissolved gases in sieve tray column.

ty so that the gas was to escape and flow to the top of the tray.

3.6 Model Validation

A comparison between the MATLAB R2020a simulation results and industrial plant data is used for model validation. Table 4 compares the MATLAB R2020a simulation results and industrial plant data. It can be seen from Table 4 that for the same operating conditions, the predicted CO₂ stripping efficiency is 88.35% compared to 89.68% in industrial plant data. The accuracy of our prediction model is 1.34% compared with industrial plant data.

Validation was also carried out with ASPEN HYSYS V11, where the average deviation between MATLAB R2020a and ASPEN HYSYS V11 was calculated using the Root-mean-square-deviation (RMSD) in Equation (61). The comparison between the MATLAB R2020a simulation results and the ASPEN HYSYS V11 simulation results is shown in Figure 10, with an average deviation of 4%.

4. Conclusion

In this research, a rate-based model of the reactive desorption process of CO₂ gas has been developed with piperazine-promoted DEA solvent in a sieve tray column. The number of trays used was 20. Several variables, such as

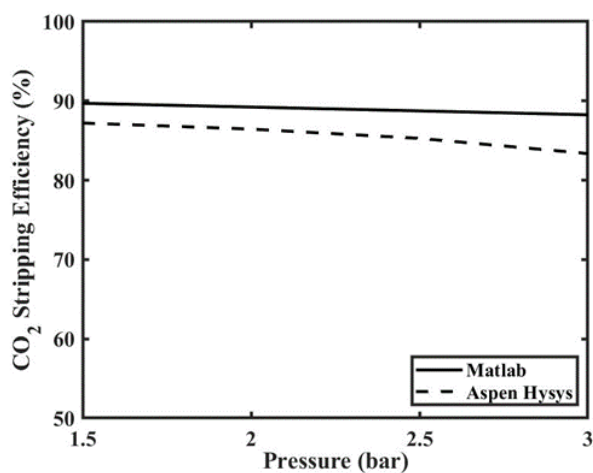


Figure 10. The effect of desorber pressure on CO₂ stripping efficiency.

Table 4. Comparison between MATLAB R2020a simulation result and industrial plant data.

Variable comparison	MATLAB	Industrial plant data
Pressure (bar)	1.86	1.86
Flow rate of rich amine solution (m ³ .hour ⁻¹)	10	10
Temperature of rich amine solution (K)	358.15	358.15
Reboiler load (kJ/kg of CO ₂)	60,606	60,606
CO ₂ stripping efficiency (%)	88.35	89.68

desorber pressure, rich amine temperature, reboiler load, and rich amine flow rate, were also studied for their effect on CO₂ stripping efficiency. The higher the desorber pressure (ranging from 1.5 bar to 3 bar) the CO₂ stripping efficiency decreased by 1.74%. The higher the rich amine temperature (343.15 K to 358.15 K) the CO₂ stripping efficiency increased by 15.28%. CO₂ stripping efficiency increased by 0.29% in the reboiler load of 45,455 kJ.kg⁻¹ of CO₂ to 68,182 kJ.kg⁻¹ of CO₂. The CO₂ stripping efficiency decreased by 3.29% in the rich amine flow rate of 7 m³.hour⁻¹ to 10 m³.hour⁻¹. The accuracy of our prediction model is 1.34% compared with industrial plant data. Compared with the ASPEN HYSYS V11 simulation results, the average deviation is 4%.

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