



Thermal Performance of Membrane Distillation

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Membrane distillation (MD) is a thermally driven membrane operation able to theoretically reject 100% of all nonvolatiles contained in aqueous streams. It is based on the evaporation of the feed to be treated at the feed–membrane interface, the migration of the vapor/volatiles through the micropores, and the condensation and recovery of the permeated species at the distillate side. Membranes used are hydrophobic and microporous.

This Special Issue focuses on the research efforts made to improve the thermal performance of MD, including the development of new module designs and heat recovery systems, the preparation of new types of membranes, the use of renewable energies, the energy and exergy analyses, and the integration with other membrane units.

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