

Supporting Information to: Resistance of ion exchange membranes in aqueous mixtures of monovalent and divalent ions and the effect on reverse electro- dialysis

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1. Composition of the solutions used for testing FKS-50 and FAS-50 as presented in Figure 5. Source: Gómez-Coma et al. 2019 [1].

| Exp | NaCl (M) | MgCl ₂ (M) | CaCl ₂ (M) | Rarea ($\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$) |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | 6·10 ⁻⁴ | 0 | 0 | 1.92 |
| 2 | 0.02 | 0 | 0 | 1.34 |
| 3 | 0.02 | 1·10 ⁻⁴ | 0 | 2.36 |
| 4 | 0.02 | 1·10 ⁻³ | 0 | 4.87 |
| 5 | 0.02 | 0 | 1·10 ⁻⁴ | 2.04 |
| 6 | 0.02 | 0 | 1·10 ⁻³ | 4.40 |
| 7 | 0.02 | 0 | 5·10 ⁻³ | 5.81 |
| 8 | 6·10 ⁻⁴ | 2.86·10 ⁻⁴ | 1.19·10 ⁻³ | 5.47 |
| 9 | 0.02 | 2.4·10 ⁻³ | 1.5·10 ⁻³ | 5.46 |
| 10 | 0.043 | 1.1·10 ⁻³ | 2.0·10 ⁻⁴ | 3.56 |
| 11 | 0.55 | 0 | 0 | 1.05 |
| 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.11 |
| 13 | 1 | 0.05 | 0 | 2.14 |
| 14 | 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 2.53 |
| 15 | 1 | 0.2 | 0 | 2.72 |
| 16 | 1 | 0 | 0.01 | 1.93 |
| 17 | 1 | 0 | 0.02 | 2.03 |
| 18 | 1 | 0 | 0.1 | 2.91 |

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Table S1. Resistances of FKS-50 measured at 297±1 K



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| Exp | NaCl (M) | Na ₂ SO ₄ (M) | R _{area} ($\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$) |
|-----|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 6·10 ⁻⁴ | 0 | 1.78 |
| 2 | 0.02 | 0 | 1.42 |
| 3 | 0.02 | 1·10 ⁻⁴ | 1.79 |
| 4 | 0.02 | 1·10 ⁻³ | 1.99 |
| 5 | 0.02 | 5·10 ⁻³ | 2.04 |
| 6 | 0.55 | 0 | 1.11 |
| 7 | 1 | 0 | 1.22 |
| 8 | 1 | 0.01 | 1.23 |
| 9 | 1 | 0.06 | 1.27 |
| 10 | 1 | 0.1 | 1.31 |

Table S2. Resistances of FAS-50 measured at 297±1 K**2. Composition of the solutions used for testing CMX as presented in Figure 6.**

Source: Galama et al. 2014 [2].

| Exp | NaCl (M) | R _{area} ($\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$) | R _{area} ($\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$) |
|-----|----------|--|--|
| | | DC | AC |
| 1 | 0.01 | 119.47 | 33.78 |
| 2 | 0.1 | 11.65 | 5.74 |
| 3 | 0.3 | 4.35 | 3.50 |
| 4 | 0.5 | 3.43 | 3.13 |
| 5 | 0.7 | 3.24 | 3.21 |
| 6 | 0.9 | 3.47 | 3.25 |
| 7 | 1.1 | 3.41 | 3.04 |

Table S3. Resistances of CMX measured at 298 K with direct current (DC) and with alternating current (AC).**3. Composition of the solutions used for testing Fuji-CEM-80050 as presented in Figure 7.**

Source: Avci et al. 2016 [3].

| Exp | NaCl (M) | MgCl ₂ (M) | R _{area} ($\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$) |
|-----|----------|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 3.284 |
| 2 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 8.579 |
| 3 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 11.6 |
| 4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 18.5 |
| 5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 22.52 |
| 6 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 24.4 |
| 7 | 0 | 1 | 26.88 |

Table S4. Resistances of Fuji-CEM-80050 CMX measured at 298 K.**4. Composition of the solutions used for testing AMX and CMX as presented in Figure 7.**

Source: Kuno et al. 2017 [4].

| Exp | NaCl (M) | MgSO ₄ (M) | R _{area} ($\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$) | R _{area} ($\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$) |
|-----|----------|-----------------------|--|--|
| | | | AMX | CMX |
| 1 | 0.508 | 0 | 2.122 | 2.175 |
| 2 | 0.4826 | 0.0254 | 2.443 | 3.61 |
| 3 | 0.4572 | 0.0508 | 2.499 | 4.196 |
| 4 | 0.381 | 0.127 | 2.613 | 5.902 |
| 5 | 0.254 | 0.254 | 2.891 | 9.151 |
| 6 | 0 | 0.508 | 4.244 | 14.48 |

Table S5. Resistances of AMX and CMX. .

5. Specifications of the discussed membranes.

| Specs | FAS-50 | FKS-50 | FAS-PET-75 | FKS-PET-75 | CMX | AMX | Fuji-CEM-80050 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Manufacturer | Fumatec BWT GmbH, Germany | | | | ASTOM Co., Ltd, Japan | | Fujifilm B.V. The Netherlands |
| Type | AEM | CEM | AEM | CEM | AEM | CEM | CEM |
| Ref. | [5] | [5] | [5] | [5] | [6] [7] | [6] [7] | [4] |
| Exchange group | ~Br ⁻ | ~H ⁺ | ~Br ⁻ | ~H ⁺ | ~SO ₃ ⁻ | ~N ⁺ (CH ₃) ₃ | ~N ⁺ (CH ₃) ₃ |
| Backbone | PET | PET | PET | PET | Styrene + divinylbenzene | | polyolifin |
| Reinforcement | no | no | PET | PET | PVC | | Electrospun nanofibers |
| Thickness (μm) | 45 - 55 | 45 - 55 | 70-80 | 74 - 87 | 164 | 134 | 114 ± 2 |
| IEC (meq/g) | 1.6 - 2.0 | 1.2 - 1.4 | 1.2-1.4 | 1.0 - 1.25 | 1.62 | 1.25 | 1.1 ± 0.1 |
| R _{area} (Ωcm ²) | 0.6 - 1.5 | 1.8 - 2.5 | 1.2-2.0 | < 2.5 | 2.91 | 2.35 | 3.0 |
| Perm-selectivity (%) | 92 - 96 | 97 - 99 | 94-97 | > 95 | 99.0 | 90.7 | - |
| H ₂ O uptake (%) | 10 - 25 | 10 - 20 | 15-25 | - | 18 | 16 | - |
| CD meq/gH ₂ O | 14.4 | 8.0 | 12.0 | - | 9.0 | 7.8 | 2.4 |

6. Experimental techniques

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|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| Applied | Gómez-Coma et al. | Gómez-Coma et al. | Galama et al. | Kuno et al. | Avci et al. |
| Ref. | [1] | This paper | [2] | [4] | [3] |
| Membranes | FAS-50 FKS-50 | FAS-PET-75 FKS-PET-75 | CEM | AMX CMX | Fuji-CEM-80050 |
| Preconditioning | . | 24 h | 3 x 24 h | ? | 3 x 8 h |
| Temp. (K) | 297 | 297 | 298 | ? | 298 |
| Compartments .in cell | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Work /counter electrodes | Hg Direct contact | Hg Direct contact | .Pt covered Ti | ? | Ag/AgCl covered Ag |
| Reference electrodes | no | no | Ag/AgCl via Haber-Luggin capillaries | no | Ag/AgCl via Haber-Luggin capillaries |

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