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Abstract:

Electrical Swing Adsorption (ESA) is an interesting cyclic adsorption technology which relies on rapid Joule heating of the adsorbent to liberate adsorbed molecules such as CO₂. In this study we used a novel hybrid zeolite/activated carbon honeycomb to implement ESA and compared it to conventional vacuum swing adsorption (VSA) for CO₂ capture. We then combined electrical and vacuum swing adsorption (VESA) to assess the merits of this dual regeneration technology for recovering CO₂ from a 15% CO₂/N₂ gas stream at low pressure. With a simple VSA-only cycle, a CO₂ downstream purity of only 17 to 23 % was achievable when the desorption pressures varied from 30 to 10 kPa. This was primarily due to the adsorbent's poor adsorption characteristics which provided little change in CO₂ adsorption capacity over this pressure range. A CO₂ product purity of 15 to 34% and a recovery of 29 to 78% was achieved with ESA as the electrification time was extended from 30 s to 180 s. The combined VESA process provided a CO₂ purity of 33% and recovery of 72% with a short electrification time of 30s at a mild desorption pressure of 10 kPa. Energy

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