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Graphical abstract

Highlights

- Exergy analysis is used to seek enhancement of MD process thermal efficiency.
- Reject brine is found to have high exergy losses.
- Arranging MD units in series reduces the exergy losses associated with reject brine.
- Exit warm permeates is found to be another source of exergy losses.
- Arranging MD vessels in parallel improves water production and exergy efficiency.

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