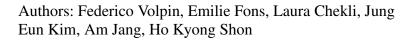
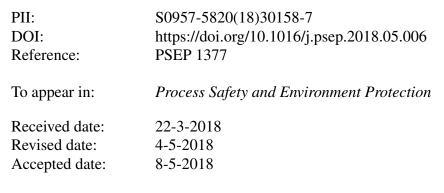
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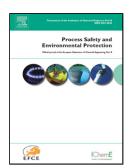
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Hybrid forward osmosis-reverse osmosis for wastewater reuse and seawater desalination: Understanding the optimal feed solution to minimise fouling

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Research highlights

- Commercial state-of-the-art FO membranes were tested with real wastewater and seawater;
- Initial water flux of 22.5 Lm⁻²h⁻¹ was observed;
- Secondary effluent wastewater caused negligible fouling over long term operation;
- Ammonia leakage to the seawater was negligible;

Abstract

To enhance the seawater desalination energy efficiency forward osmosis – reverse osmosis (FO-RO) hybrid system has recently been developed. In this process, the FO "pre-treatment" step is designed to dilute the seawater (SW) with reclaimed wastewater (WW) before the desalination step, thereby reducing the energy demand for the SWRO process. However, membrane fouling is a major issue that

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