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This study involved the evaluation of the factors that affect the degradation of aqueous monoethanolamine solution during CO₂ capture from power plant flue gas streams. Specific achievements involved the development of analytical techniques for analysis of MEA and its oxidative degradation products, the elucidation of the roles played by SO₂, O₂, MEA and CO₂ in MEA degradation, the formulation and development of mechanism based O₂-SO₂ induced MEA degradation kinetics, and the investigation of degradation prevention techniques based on both the use of degradation inhibitors and suitable operating procedures for amine based CO₂ capture. GC-MS with different column arrangements, HPLC-RID with nucleosil column/KH₂PO₄ mobile phase, CE-DAD using phosphate and borate electrolytes were all capable of analyzing MEA and its degradation products in MEA-O₂ systems with/without CO₂. A total of four kinetic models for MEA-O₂-SO₂-CO₂ degradation system were developed. It was only the combined mechanism based model that best characterized the MEA degradation system in terms of acceptable accuracy, no limitations in predicting MEA degradation rate, and the capability in providing the degradation mechanistic details. Some of the degradation inhibitor chemical such as UR-A were found to minimize the degradation of MEA in the presence of O₂ and SO₂ when used at their optimum concentrations.

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ABBREVIATIONS

OECD	organisation for economic co-operation and development
NIST	national institute for standards and technology
LNG	liquid natural gas
MEA	monoethanolamine
DEA	diethanolamine
MDEA	methyldiethanolamine
TEA	tirethanolamine
DIPA	diisopropanolamine
DGA	diglycolamine
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
GC-MS	gas chromatography-mass spectrometry
HPLC-RID	high performance liquid chromatography-refractive index detector
CE-DAD	capillary electrophoresis-diode array detector
IR	infrared spectroscopy
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy
TCD	thermal conductivity detector
FID	flame ionization detector
AED	atomic emission detector
%AAD	averaged absolute deviation percentage

LIST OF SYMBOLS

CO_2	carbon dioxide
O_2	oxygen
SO_2	sulfur dioxide
CO	carbon monoxide
H_2O	water
N_2	nitrogen
H_2	hydrogen
Ar	argon
OH	hydroxyl group
NH_2	amino group
COS	carbonyl sulphide
CS_2	carbon disulfide
NaOH	sodium hydroxide
Na_2CO_3	sodium carbonate
NaHCO_3	sodium bicarbonate
$\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$	sodium tetraborate decahydrate
H_3BO_3	boric acid
H_2SO_4	sulphuric acid
H_3PO_4	phosphoric acid
KNO_3	potassium nitrate
KH_2PO_4	potassium dihydrogen phosphate
NaH_2PO_4	sodium dihydrogen phosphate
OH^\cdot	hydroxyl radical
$[\text{MEA}]$	MEA concentration (kmol/m^3)
$[\text{O}_2]$	O_2 concentration (kmol/m^3)
$[\text{SO}_2]$	SO_2 concentration (ppm or kmol/m^3)
$[\text{CO}_2]$	CO_2 concentration (kmol/m^3)
a	reaction order with respect to MEA in Eq. (5.3), (5.4), (5.41), and (5.56)

a'	reaction order of MEA in Eq.(5.41)
b	reaction order with respect to O_2 in Eq.(5.3), (5.4), (5.41), and (5.56)
c	reaction order with respect to SO_2 in Eq.(5.3), (5.4), (5.41), and (5.56)
d	reaction order with respect to CO_2 in Eq.(5.3), (5.4), (5.41), and (5.56)
d'	reaction order of CO_2 in Eq.(5.41)
k_0	preexponential constant in Eq.(5.3), (5.4), and (5.56)
k_{01}	Preexponential constant in Eq.(5.41)
k_{02}	Preexponential constant in Eq. (5.41)
k_1'	rate constant in Eq.(5.41)
k_2'	rate constant in Eq.(5.41) and (5.56)
E_a	activation energy (J/mol) in Eq.(5.3), (5.4), and (5.56)
E_{a1}	activation energy (J/mol) in Eq.(5.41)
E_{a2}	activation energy (J/mol) in Eq.(5.41)
R	gas constant
T	temperature (K)