

Clorosur Technical Seminar & WCC Safety Workshop

# New Flemion Membranes for Zero Gap Configuration

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# Influence of Zero Gap on the membrane

# F-8080A : New Type of F-8080 series for Zero Gap

# Next Generation Membrane



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# Configuration of Finite Gap and Zero Gap AGC





# Less Catholyte Flow at Membrane Surface AGC



Less flow of catholyte at membrane surface removes less heat of membrane, which makes membrane higher temperature than catholyte outlet.

# **Higher Temperature in Zero Gap**



F-8080, 6 kA/m<sup>2</sup>, 32 wt% NaOH, 200 g/I NaCI



at least 5 °C higher than in finite gap.



# **Magnified View of Configuration**







# Less H<sub>2</sub> Gas Flow in Zero Gap Structure



Less flow makes more  $H_2$  gas bubbles touch the membrane, caused by zero gap structure.

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# **Higher H**<sub>2</sub> in Cl<sub>2</sub> at Lower CD



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#### H<sub>2</sub>/Cl<sub>2</sub> on anode side at low CD in commercial size electrolyzer



Zero gap shows higher  $H_2$  in  $CI_2$  than finite gap in same electrolyzer, which indicates more  $H_2$  gas touches to cathode side surface of the membrane.



# Influence of Zero Gap on the membrane

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# F-8080 : CE Decrease in Zero Gap



#### F-8080, 6 kA/m<sup>2</sup>, 32 wt% NaOH, 200 g/l NaCl



# F-8080 in zero gap shows 0.5-1% lower CE than in finite gap at high temperature.

# F-8080A : Higher CE at High Temperature AGC



F-8080A shows more than 96 % CE even at 100 °C.



# F-8080A : Higher CE in commercial size nx-BiTAC

### Zero gap (Commercial size nx-BiTAC)

6kA/m<sup>2</sup>, 32wt% NaOH, 200g/I NaCl



# F-8080A : Higher CE in Hydrated Condition AGC



#### F-8080A shows higher CE in weak brine.



# 1. Higher stability for zero gap

• Especially, higher CE at high temperature

# 2. Higher CE against hydrated state

higher CE in weak brine

# 3. Same voltage and durability as F-8080

- Low voltage and high durability
- Fine adjustment of F-8080 which has proven reliability





# Influence of Zero Gap on the membrane

# F-8080A : New Type of F-8080 series for Zero Gap

# Next Generation Membrane

- Lowest Voltage
- Higher CE in Wider Range
- Higher Durability against I/Ba



# **Lowest Voltage**

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# **Stability of Lowest Voltage**

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Prototypes of next generation membrane keep stable low voltage in AGC commercial electrolyzers for over one year.

## **Key Technology of Next Membrane**



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# **Key Technology of Next Membrane**



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	Advantages	Key Technologies
	Voltage Reduction	Fiber Arrangement
	Higher CE in Wider Range	Fine Ion Channel
	Higher Durability against I/Ba	Uniform Ion Channel



# **Optimized Fiber Arrangement**





Making use of optimized fiber arrangement, this makes next generation membrane shows lowest voltage.



# Higher CE in Wider Temperature Range

6 kA/m<sup>2</sup>, 32 wt% NaOH, 200 g/l NaCl



# Next generation membrane shows higher CE not only at high temperature but also at low temperature.

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# **Higher CE in Weak Brine**



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Next generation membrane shows higher CE in weak brine. It is suitable for electrolyzers which have less inner circulation of brine.

### Higher CE in Wider Range of Caustic Strength

6 kA/m<sup>2</sup>, 90 °C, 200 g/l NaCl



#### Next generation shows higher CE in weak and strong caustic.



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# **Durability against I/Ba**





Next generation membrane has higher durability against I/Ba.

Note : Same durability against Ca as F-8080







# Furthermore!

## **Frequent Load Tensile Test**

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Total number of frequent load tensile test until membrane breaking (Sum of the value to various direction. Load : 60 % of tensile strength)



Next generation membrane is more robust than F-8080 and F-8080A.



#### 1. Lowest voltage

- -50 mV lower voltage than F-8080 and F-8080A
- Optimized fiber arrangement

### 2. Higher CE in both hydrated and dehydrated state

- Suitable for zero gap and finite gap
- Suitable for electorolyzer which has less inner circulation of brine
- 3. Higher durability against I/Ba
- 4. Better robustness

Large quantity of Fx-634 will be delivered from 2Q 2017.









# Influence of Zero Gap on the membrane

Higher temperature due to less heat removal

# ● F-8080A : New Type of F-8080 series for Zero Gap

- Advanced F-8080 for higher temperature and weak brine, for hydrated state.
- Fine adjustment of F-8080 which has proven reliability.

# Next Generation Membrane : Fx-634

- •50 mV lower voltage than F-8080/F-8080A
- Higher CE in both more hydrated and more dehydrated state
- Durability against I/Ba and better robustness





# Information of CTCN (Climate Technology Centre and Network)





• Expected energy consumption reduction by converting into membrane is 20-30%.

Electrolysis Process	Mercury	Diaphragm	Membrane
Energy efficiency	as 1.0	0.8-0.9	0.7-0.8



# Potential financial scheme by UNFCCC

**COP 16** in 2010 **Climate Technology Centre &** Network (CTCN) is the operational established the covernance COP arm of the Technology Mechanism. Technology Mechanism. Climate Technology Centre & Network Advisory Board Network Technology .... Mechanism Technology Climate Technology Executive NDEs Sill Dort for implementing Committee Centre Network Strategic guidanc Network

Courtesy: Rajiv Garg, "CTCN: Support implementation of NAMAs"

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The CTCN's mission is "Stimulating technology cooperation and enhance the <u>development and transfer of</u> <u>technologies</u> to developing country Parties at their request"

### Services:

- 1. Technical assistance to developing countries
- 2. Knowledge sharing and training
- 3. Fostering collaboration on climate technologies (including linking climate technology projects with financing opportunity)



### **Overview of CTCN Services**



# **CTCN Technical Assistance**

Fast and short (3 pages) application process for countries

#### **Provided:**

- To developing countries upon their request
- Free of charge (value up to 250,000 USD)
- State of the art and locally relevant expertise
- To academic, public, NGO, or private entities ...





## Thank you for your attention



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