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Technology Evaluation for Midland and Delaware Basin Produced Water

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Objectives



- **Provide technical information to assist in expanding treatment of produced water and beneficial uses of that treated water**
- **Evaluating treatment technologies**
 - ✓ Application of ASPEN process evaluation tool
 - Ensuring mass and energy balances are satisfied and understood
 - Developing a framework for evaluating demonstrations
 - Assessing precipitation and scaling (e-NRTL framework)
 - ✓ Analytical support for pilot scale testing
- **Evaluation appropriate technologies for Delaware and Midland Basin**

Comparison of Delaware & Midland Basins



Delaware Basin

25%ile 50,980mg/L

50%ile 71,700 mg/L

75%ile 98,100 mg/L

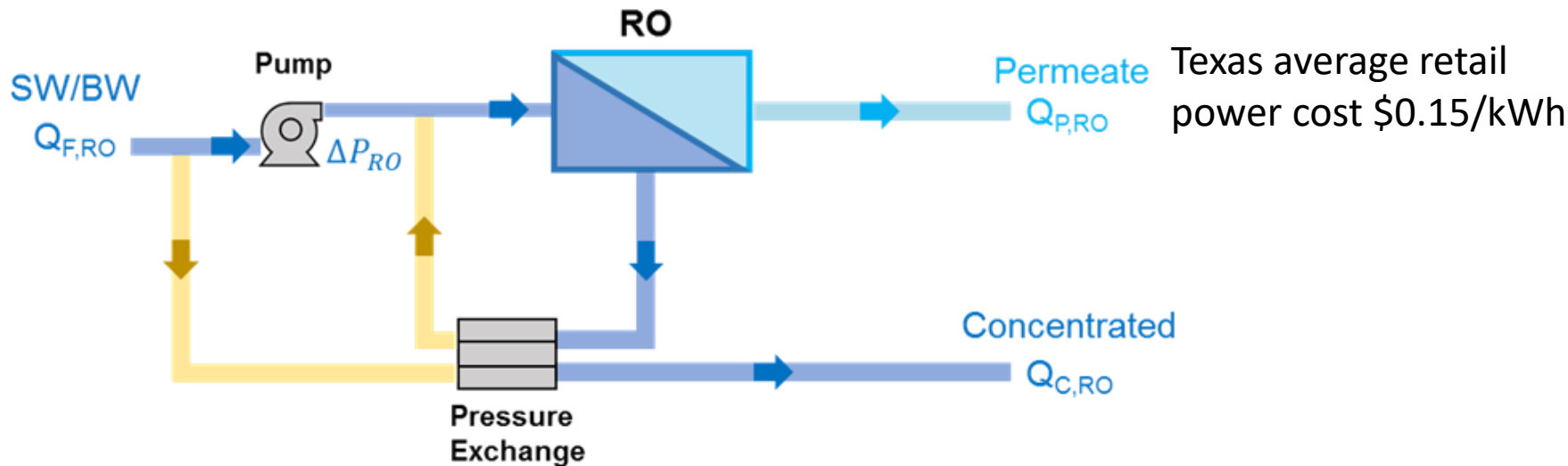
Midland Basin

25%ile 109,000 mg/L

50%ile 129,000 mg/L

75%ile 145,000 mg/L

Desalination of Delaware Basin Produced Water by RO/UHP-RO

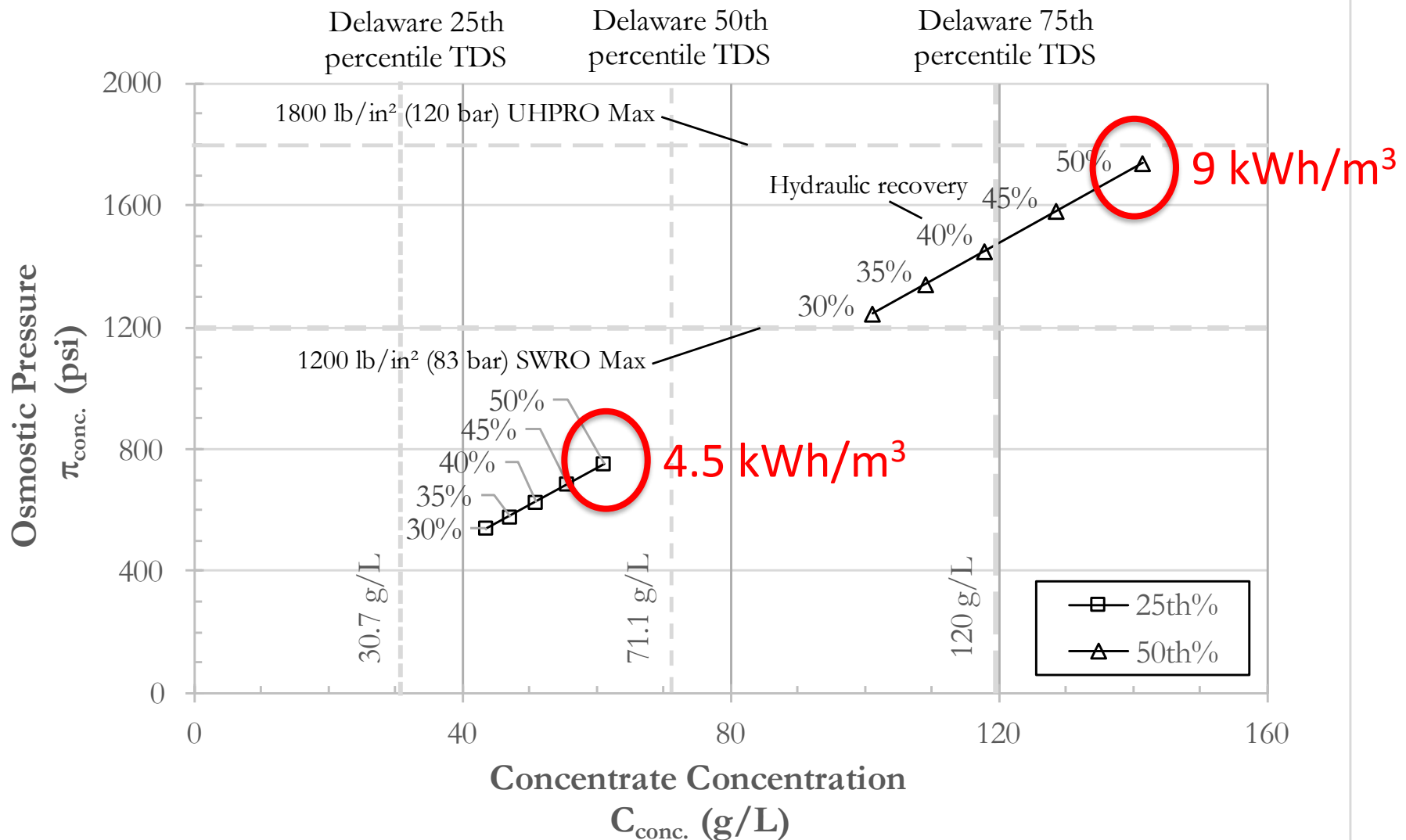


Texas average retail
power cost \$0.15/kWh

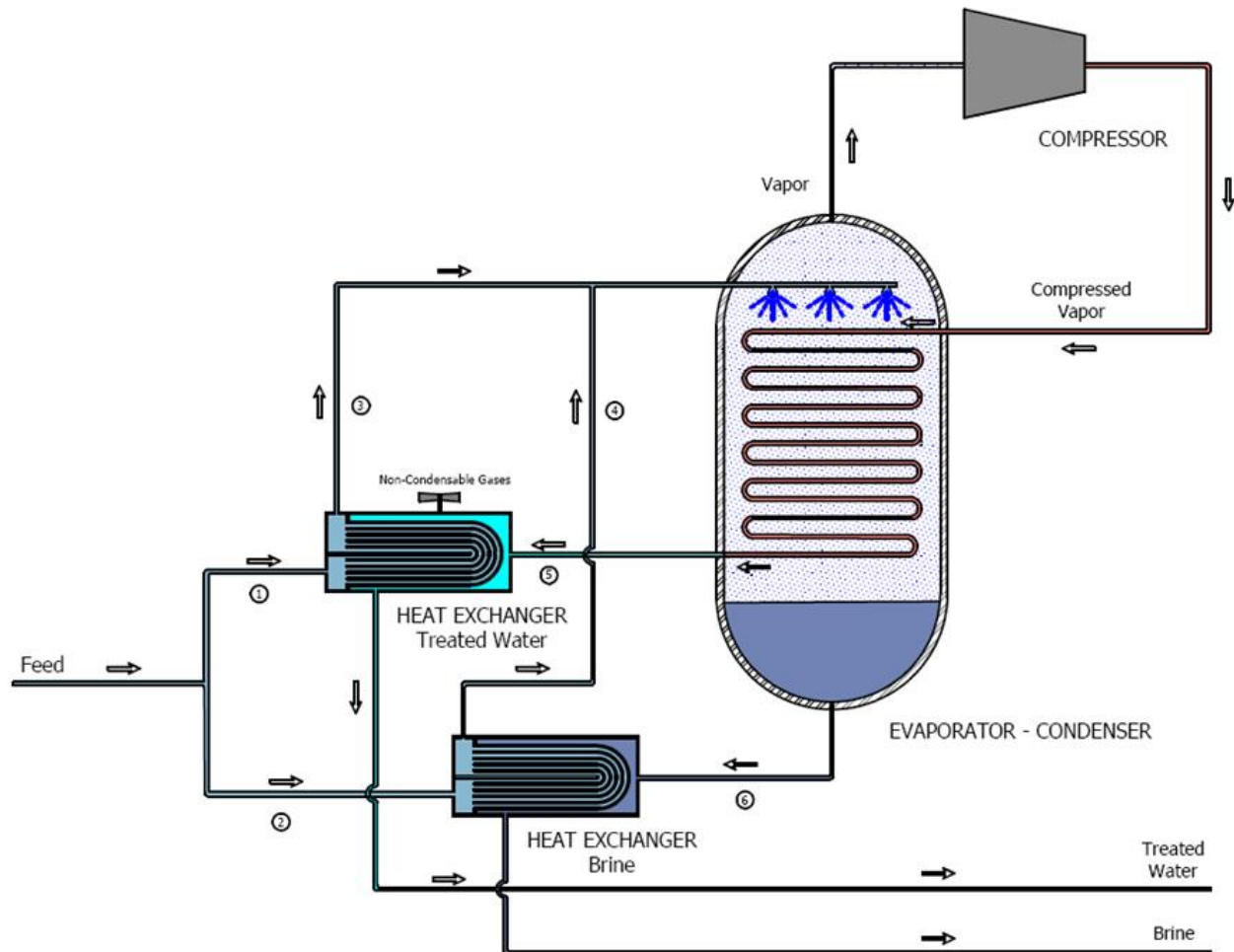
RO – Seawater ~\$2000/acre-ft or \$6/1000 gallons or \$0.26/bbl
Actual SEC – 3 to 5 kWh/m³* \$0.07-0.12/bbl 30-50% of total cost

RO – Median Delaware Basin Water
8-10 kWh/m³* \$0.19-0.24/bbl or total of \$0.50-0.60/bbl

RO Limited by Osmotic Pressure Requirements



Desalination of Delaware Basin Produced Water by MVR



Shale Water Demonstration (Hayes et al. 2014)

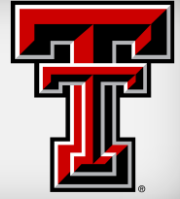


			Influent Water	Post Clarifier	Distillate	Concentrate
TDS	mg/L		44900	46900	103	162000
Calcium	(Ca),	mg/L	2570	2705	0.8	8960
Magnesium	(Mg),	mg/L	291	296	0.1	1055
Sodium	(Na),	mg/L	10700	12100	3.6	39000
Potassium	(K),	mg/L	296	349	0.1	1670
Barium	(Ba),	mg/L	7	7	0.1	5
Strontium	(Sr),	mg/L	467	467	0.1	1735
Iron	(Fe),	mg/L	27	27	0.1	2
Lithium	(Li),	mg/L	11	11	0.1	38
Sulfate	(SO4),	mg/L	316	205	5	793
Chloride	(Cl),	mg/L	-	-	-	-
Phosphate	(PO4),	mg/L	9	6	0.3	18
Boron	(B),	mg/L	18	16	0.4	62
Bicarbonate	(HCO3),	mg/L	-	-	-	-
Carbon Dioxide	(CO2),	mg/L	-	-	-	-
	(CO3),	mg/L	-	-	-	-
Ammonia		mg/L	84	84	64	114
BTEX		mg/L	2.9	2.1	0.1	0

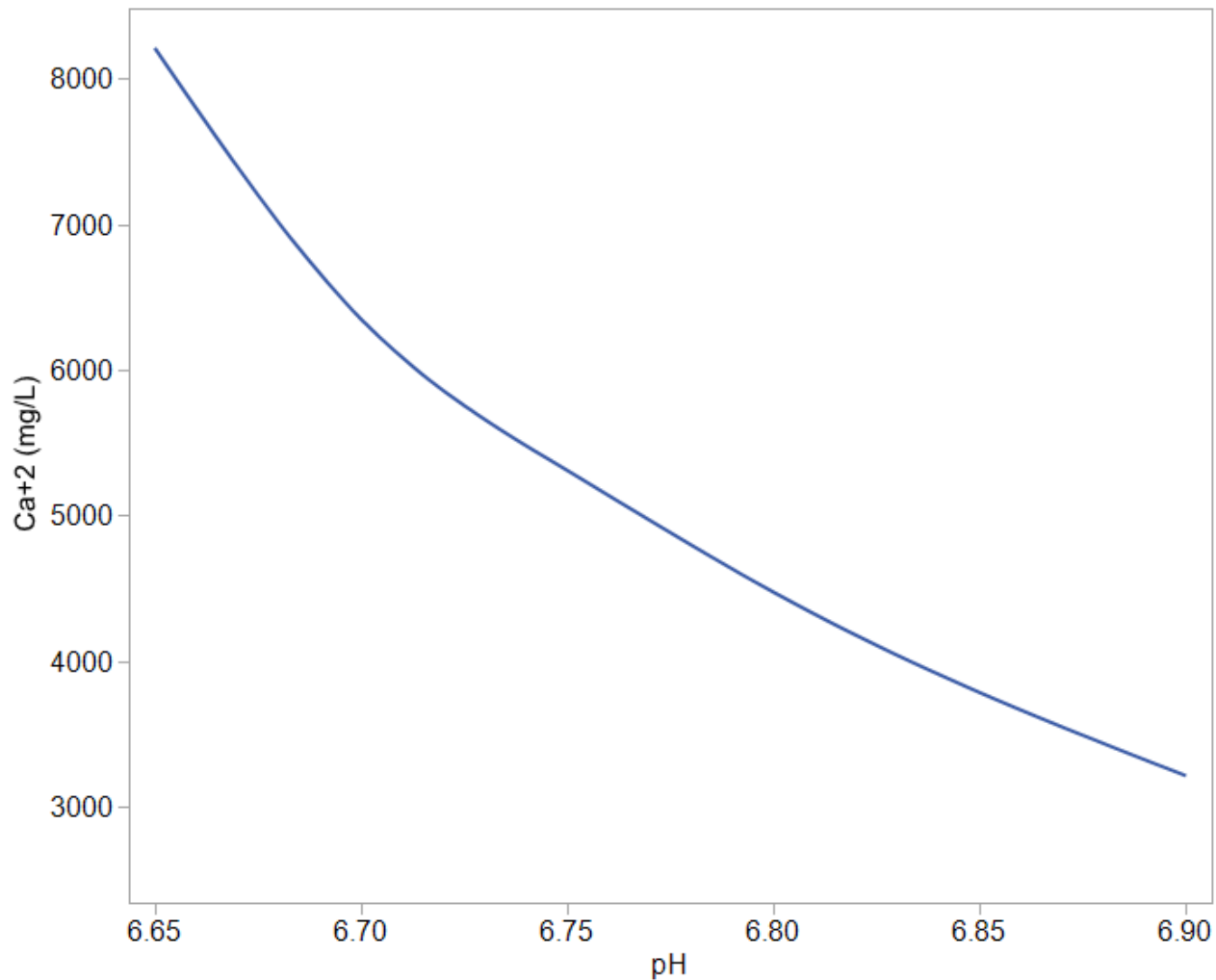
Recovery 68% based upon mass

Estimated SEC – 18 (Aspen)-20 (observed- estimated efficiency) kWh/m³

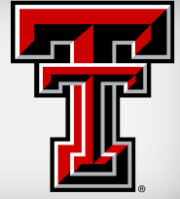
CaCO₃ precipitation



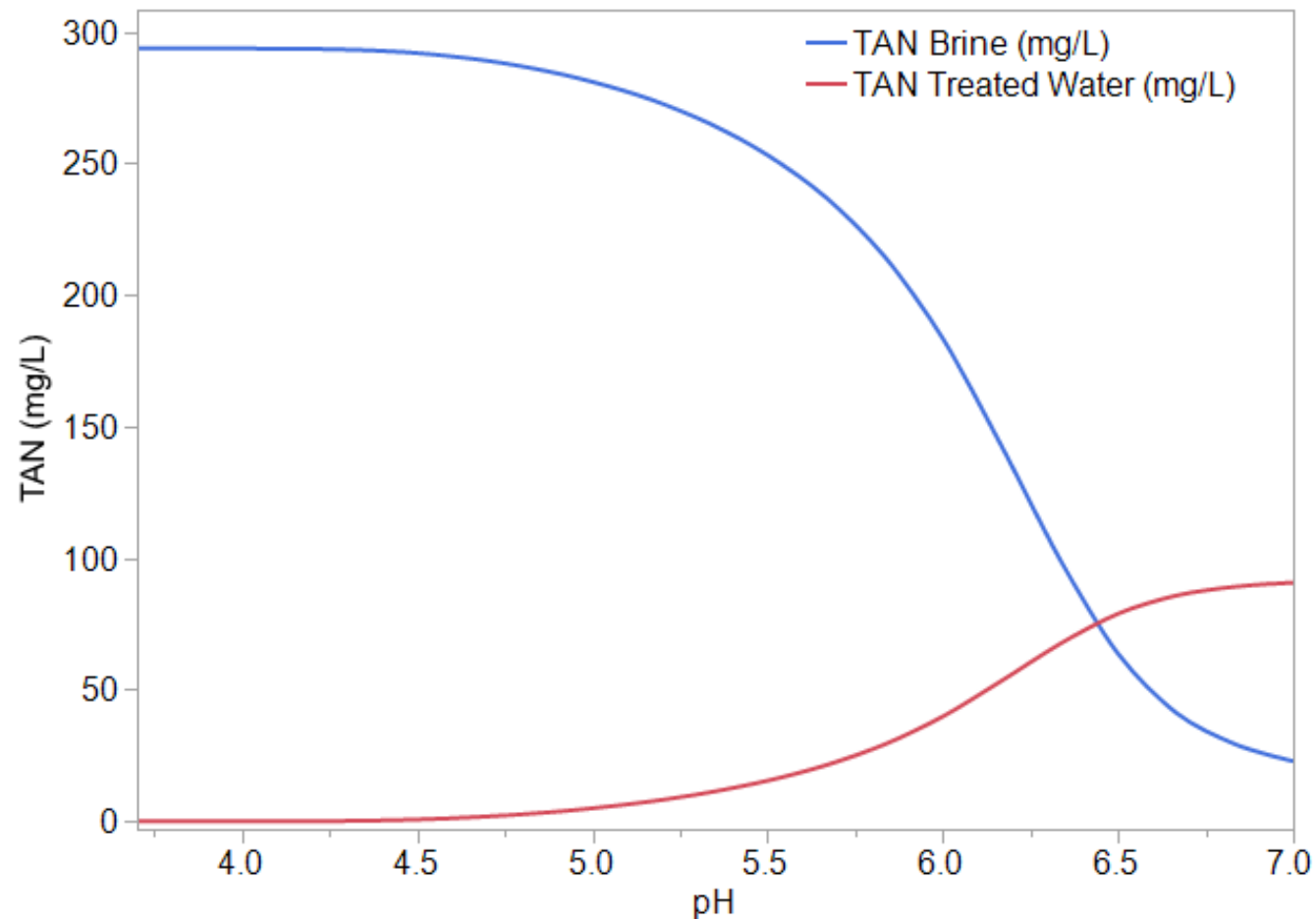
**Brine Stream Change in Ca²⁺ Concentration as a Function of pH
Using 2014 Hayes Data**



Total Ammonia Nitrogen (TAN)



TAN Concentration in Treated Water and Brine Stream as a Function of Feed pH using 2014 Hayes Data



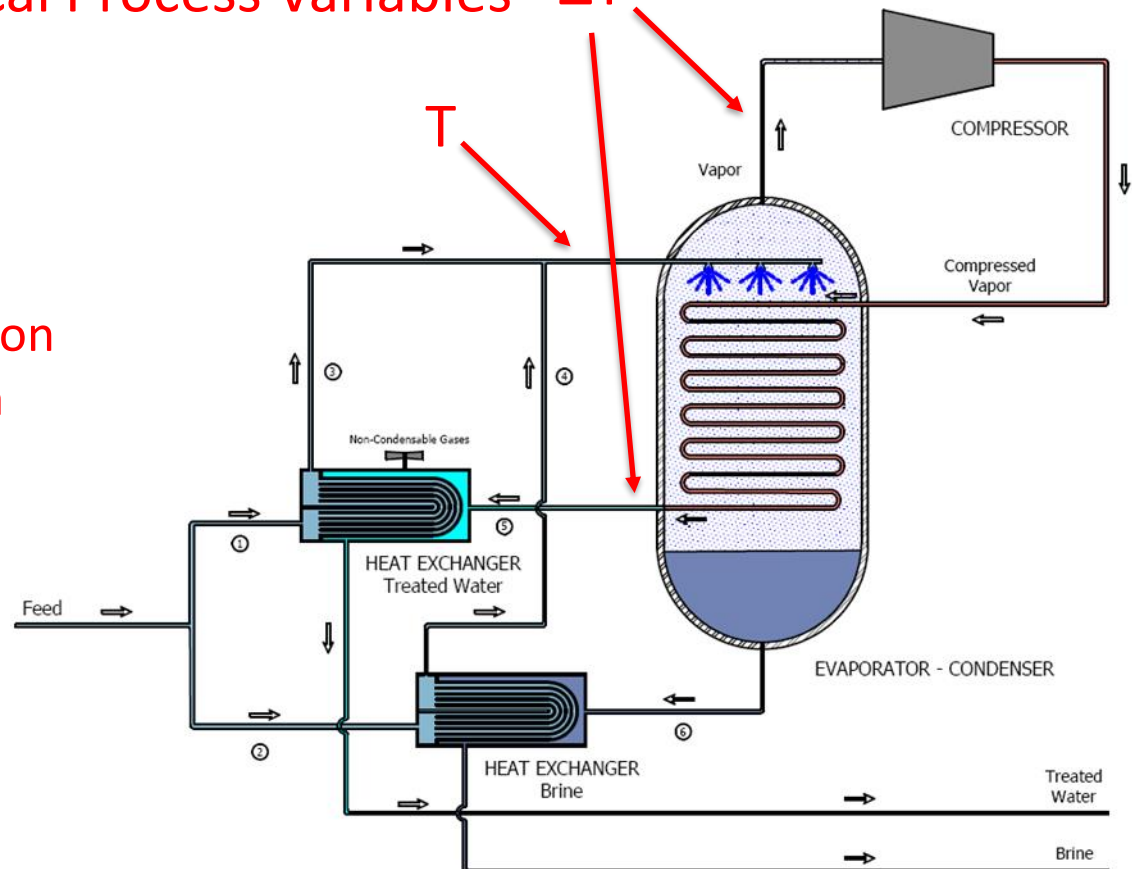
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Critical Process Variables ΔT

Important Feed Conditions

- Dissolved inorganic carbon
- Total Ammonia Nitrogen
- pH



Effect of Operating Conditions



SEC in kWh/m ³ by Evaporator Temperature				
ΔT	60 C	70 C	80 C	90 C
1 C	18.9	19.2	19.6	19.9
2 C	21.8	22.0	22.2	22.4
3 C	24.8	24.9	24.9	25.0
4 C	27.8	27.7	27.7	27.7

ΔT – Approach Temperature Condenser – Evaporator

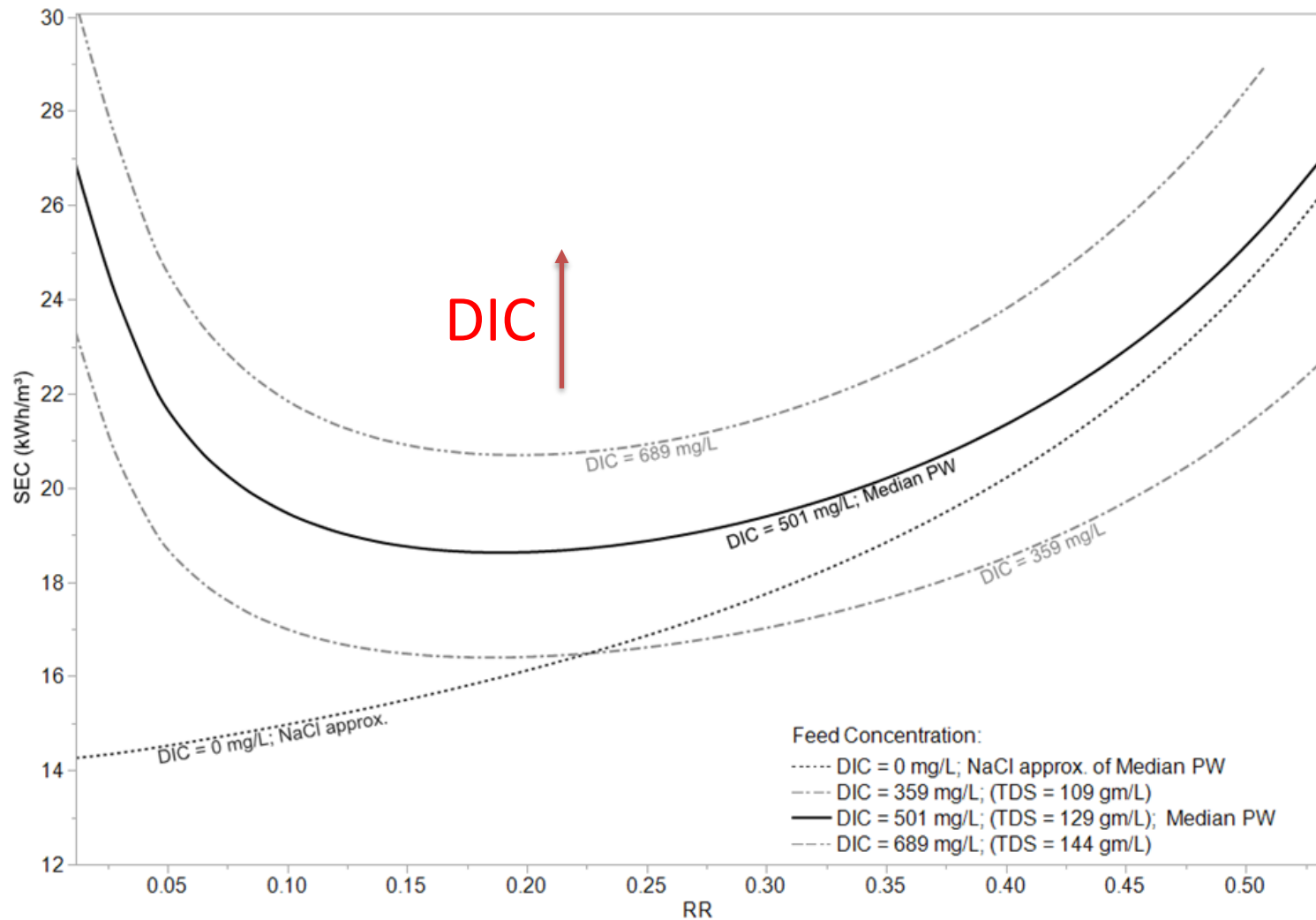
T – Temperature of feed to evaporator

50% recovery

SEC for MVR



Analysis of Noncondensable Gases: SEC vs. Recovery Rate

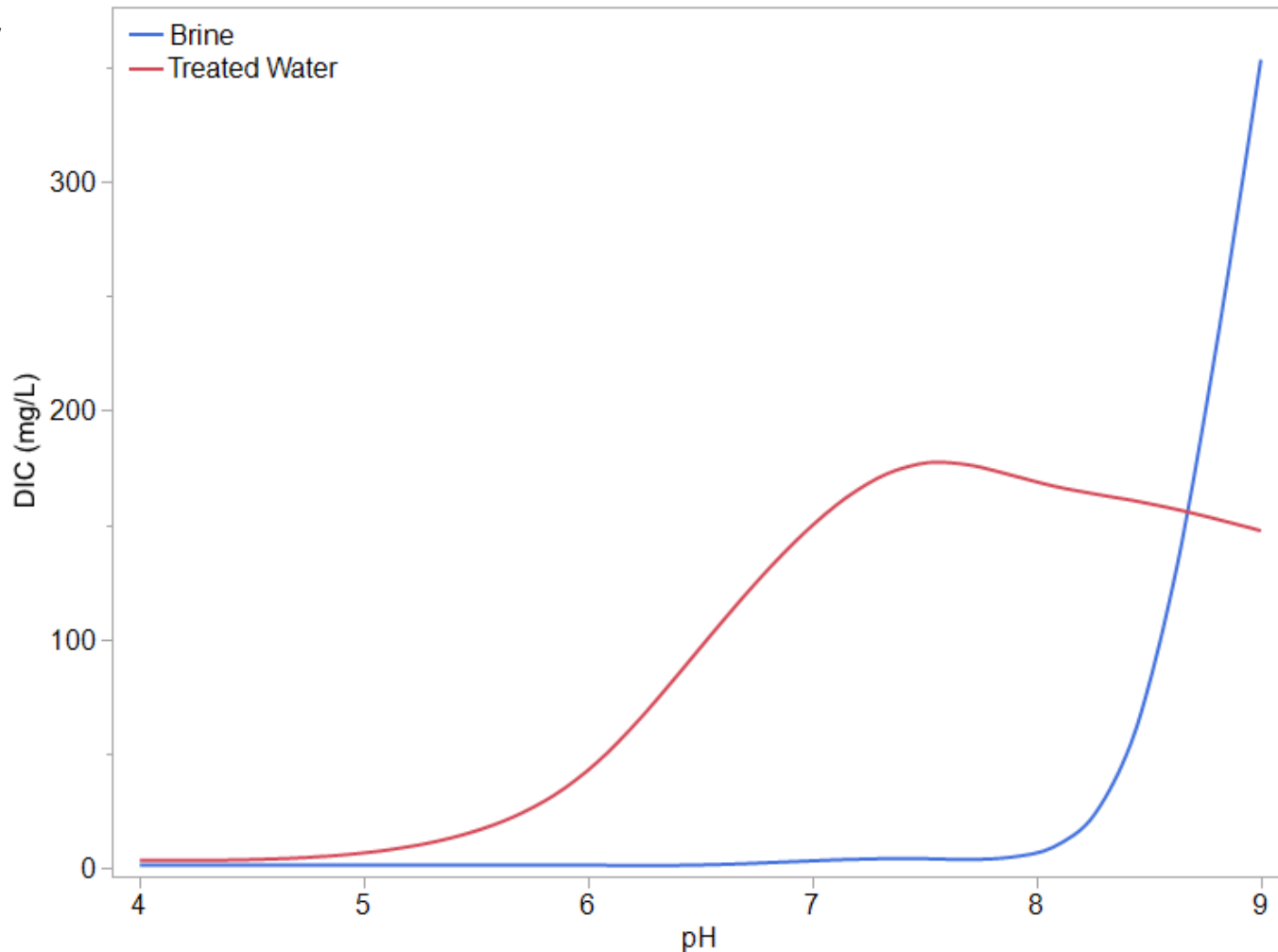


DIC (Carbonates/CO₂) and TAN



**Treated Water and Brine Stream DIC Concentration as a Function of pH
for Median PW Chemistry and Feed DIC of 500 mg/L**

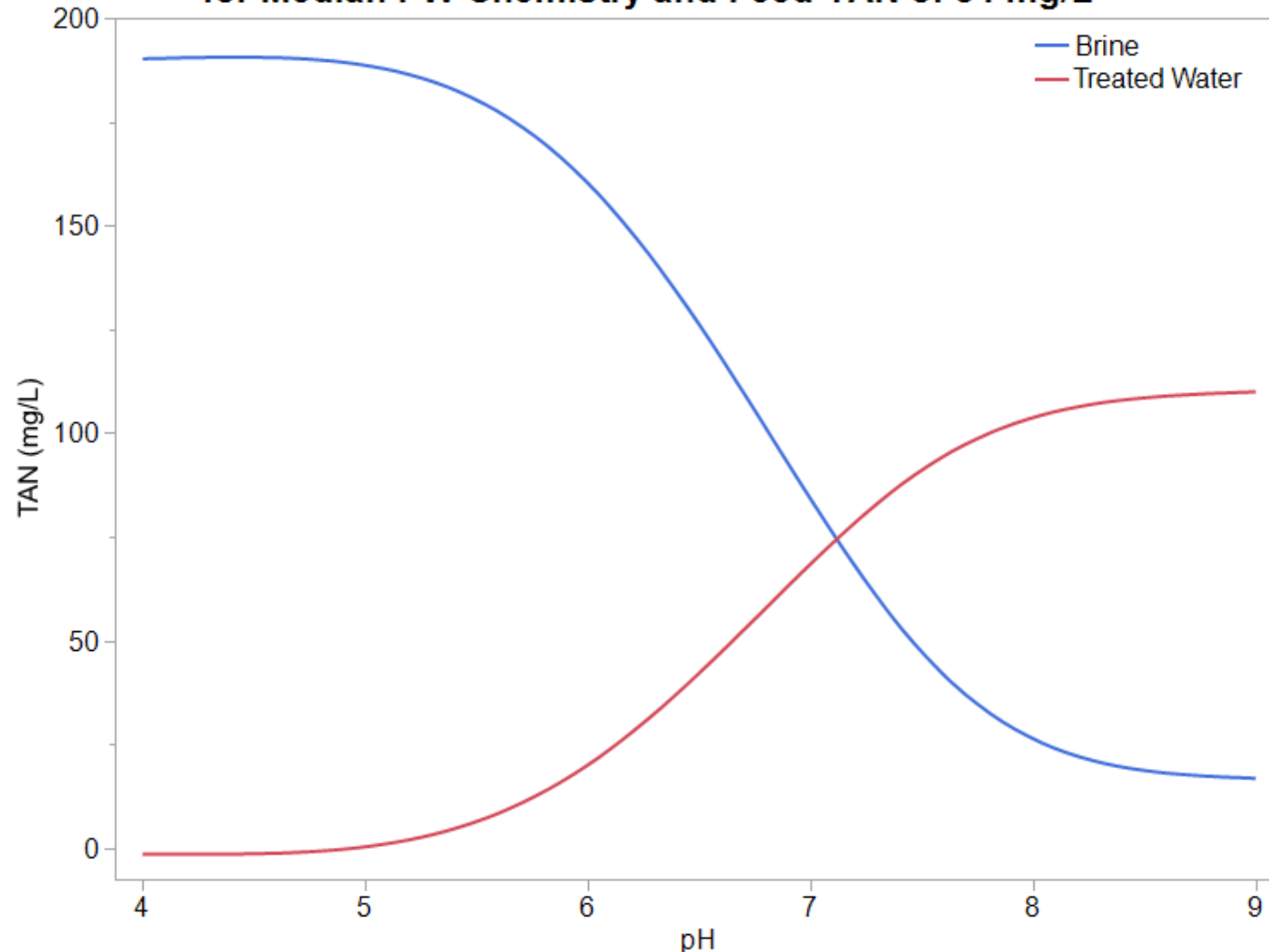
50% recovery



DIC (Carbonates/CO₂) and TAN



**Treated Water and Brine Stream TAN Concentration as a Function of pH
for Median PW Chemistry and Feed TAN of 84 mg/L**



50% recovery

Conclusions



- **Delaware Basin Produced Water**

- Median 71,700 mg/L, (25%ile 51,980 mg/L)
- Up to 50% recovery by UHP-RO should be possible
- Energy requirements of 8-10 kWh/m³
- Total cost of \$0.50-0.60/bbl (excluding significant pre/post treatment)
- MVR – SEC of 18-20 kWh/m³ for 25%ile (Hayes et al. 2014)

- **Midland Basin Produced Water**

- Median 129,000 mg/L (25%ile 109,000 mg/L, 75%ile 145,000 mg/L)
- Limited to 50% recovery (precipitation of concentrated brine)
- SEC 18-28 kWh/m³ significant influence of non-condensables (DIC)
- Potential for raising pH in feed step to precipitate and separate DIC
- Potential for control of CaCO₃ scale and Ammonia by pH of feed <6