

## Separation of CO<sub>2</sub> Using MFI-Alumina Nanocomposite Hollow Fibre Ion-Exchanged with Alkali Metal Cation

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**Abstract :** Cs-type nanocomposite zeolite membrane was successfully synthesized on a alumina ceramic hollow fibre with a mean outer diameter of 1.7 mm, cesium cationic exchange test was carried out inside test module with mean wall thickness of 230  $\mu\text{m}$  and an average crossing pore size smaller than 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$ . Separation factor of n-butane/H<sub>2</sub> obtained indicate that a relatively high quality closed to 20. Maxwell-Stefan modeling provides an equivalent thickness lower than 1  $\mu\text{m}$ . To compare the difference an application to CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> separation has been achieved, reaching separation factors close to (4,18) before and after cation exchange on H-zeolite membrane formed within the pores of a ceramic alumina substrate.

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