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1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name: Razi Epsztein

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2. ACADEMIC DEGREES

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| 2013-2017 | Ph.D. | Civil and Environmental Engineering, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology; Dissertation: “ <i>Groundwater Hydrogenotrophic Denitrification in a Pressurized Reactor</i> ”; Advisor: Prof. Michal Green. Co-advisor: Dr. Sheldon Tarre |
| 2010-2012 | M.Sc. | Environmental Engineering, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheba, Israel. Advisor: Prof. Vitaly Gitis |
| 2006-2010 | B.Sc. | Biotechnological Engineering, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheba, Israel |

3. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2019-present | Senior Lecturer | Civil and Environmental Engineering, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology |
| 2017-2019 | Postdoctoral Fellow | Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Yale University; Host: Prof. Menachem Elimelech |

4. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (outside academia)

5. RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Membrane processes for selective separation at the water-energy nexus
- Molecular transport and selectivity in membranes and nanopores
- Biological processes for water and wastewater treatment

6. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- “Biological Processes in Environmental Engineering”, undergraduate-level course (2020-present)
- “Membrane Separation”, undergraduate- and graduate-level course (2020-present)
- “Advanced Wastewater Treatment”, graduate-level course (2020-present)

7. TECHNION ACTIVITIES**8. DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY**

- 2020-present Member in the undergraduate studies committee
- 2022 Organizing committee of the departmental seminar day (April 26)

9. PUBLIC PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2018-present Reviewer for the following journals: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Science Advances; Journal of the American Chemical Society; Water Research; Environmental Science & Technology; Journal of Membrane Science; Desalination; Environmental Science: Nano; Environment International; Frontiers in Microbiology; ACS Applied Polymer Materials; Environmental Science & Technology Engineering; Resources, Conversion & Recycling; Separation and Purification Technology; ACS Sustainable Chemistry and Engineering; and Langmuir.
- 2022-present Reviewer of grant applications for the following foundations: Israel Science Foundation (ISF)

10. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**11. FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

- 2022-2023 Dalfen Family Fund, New Directions in Membrane Science – excellence award (research grant)
- 2022 *Nature Water* Prize for the Excellent Presentation in the Nanofiltration 2022 conference, Achalm, Germany, 26-30 June 2022
- 2022 Henri Gutwirth Fund for the Promotion of Research – excellence award (research grant)
- 2021 *ES&T* Excellence in Review Award 2021
- 2017-2018 Vaadia-BARD Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2016 The Eitan Spitzer Memorial Award for excellent oral presentation at the annual conference for science and environment organized by "The Israel Society of Ecology and Environmental Science", Tel-Aviv, Israel, 21-23 June 2016
- 2015-2016 The Irwin and Joan Jacobs Excellence Fellowship (Technion)
- 2014-2015 The Miriam and Aaron Gutwirth Memorial Excellence Fellowship (Technion)
- 2014 The Grand Water Research Institute Excellence Fellowship (Technion)

12. GRADUATE STUDENTS

Completed MSc theses

1. Vladislav Pavluchkov, year of graduation: 2022, title of thesis: Elucidating transport and selectivity mechanisms of anions in polyamide membranes, sole advisor

PhD theses in progress

2. Idit Shefer, starting year: 2020, expected year of graduation: 2024, title of thesis: Applying transition-state theory to explore and improve solute-solute selectivity in polyamide nanofiltration membranes, sole advisor (personal awards: Russell Berrie Nanotechnology Institute Excellence Fellowship 2021-2022, Jacobs Excellence Fellowship 2022-2023)

MSc theses in progress

3. Ophir Peer-Haim, starting year: 2020, expected year of graduation: 2023, title of thesis: Mechanisms for cation transport and selectivity in polyamide membranes, sole advisor
4. Rebecca-Sophia Roth, starting year: 2021, expected year of graduation: 2023, title of thesis: Effect of ion “stickiness” on surface charge and performance of nanofiltration membranes, sole advisor
5. Mor Avidar, starting year: 2021, expected year of graduation: 2024, title of thesis: before topic Temperature-dependent ion-ion selectivity in nanofiltration membranes, sole advisor
6. Oren Ben Porat, starting year 2022, expected year of graduation: 2024, title of thesis: before topic selection (first year student), sole advisor
7. Noa Bachinsky, starting year 2022, expected year of graduation: 2025, title of thesis: before topic selection (starting in Oct 2022)
8. Jinghao Gao, starting year: 2023, expected year of graduation: 2025, title of thesis: before topic selection (first year student), primary advisor: Xiaowu Huang (GTIIT)

13. SPONSORED LONG-TERM VISITORS AND POST-DOCTORAL ASSOCIATES

1. Dr. Liat Birnhak, research associate (2022-present)

14. RESEARCH GRANTS

Competitive

<u>Grant period</u>	<u>Grant details</u>
2022-2025	National Science Foundation (NSF) - Binational Science Foundation (BSF), \$236,933, Ion transport and selectivity in salt-rejecting membranes operating at elevated salinities and pressures, PIs: Razi Epsztein, Anthony P. Straub (University of Colorado Boulder), and Michael R. Shirts
-	Binational Science Foundation (BSF), \$75,000, Ion transport and selectivity in salt-rejecting membranes operating at elevated salinities and pressures, PIs: Razi Epsztein, Anthony P. Straub (University of Colorado Boulder). Replaced with NSF-BSF grant (see line above)
2022	German - Israeli Foundation (GIF), €25,000, Production of mineral-rich desalinated brackish water using a hybrid filtration scheme with “reversed” nanofiltration selectivity, personal grant

- 2021-2025 Israel Science Foundation (ISF, personal grant), 1,040,000 Shekels, Applying transition-state theory to elucidate mechanisms of ion transport in polyamide membranes, personal grant
- 2021-2025 Israel Science Foundation (ISF, personal equipment), 702,780 Shekels, Equipment required for chemical analyses of water and for synthesis and characterization of membranes

Industrial and other sources

<u>Grant period</u>	<u>Grant details</u>
2020-2022	Israel-US Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation (BIRD), \$90,000 (shared budget), Israel-US CoWERC, PIs: Razi Epsztein, Matthew Suss, and Guy Ramon.

15. PUBLICATIONS

Theses

- MSc thesis title: ‘*Effect of Coagulation on Effluent Quality and UF Operational Stability at Tertiary Treatment of Municipal Wastewater*’, advised by Prof. Vitaly Gitis, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, 2012
- PhD dissertation title: ‘*Groundwater Hydrogenotrophic Denitrification in a Pressurized Reactor*’, advised by Prof. Michal Green; co-advised by Dr. Sheldon Tarre, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, 2017

Refereed papers in professional journals

Published papers

1. Felder A., **Epsztein R.**, Villensky N., and Gitis V., (2011) 'Optimization of coagulation pretreatment in desalination of municipal wastewater effluents', *Desalination and Water Treatment* 35, 62-67
2. Naim R., **Epsztein R.**, Felder A., Heyer M., Heijnen M. and Gitis V., (2014) ‘Rethinking the role of in-line coagulation in tertiary membrane filtration of municipal effluents’, *Separation and Purification Technology* 125, 11-20
3. **Epsztein R.**, Nir O., Lahav O. and Green M., (2015) ‘Selective nitrate removal from groundwater using a hybrid nanofiltration-reverse osmosis filtration scheme’, *Chemical Engineering Journal* 279, 372-378
4. **Epsztein R.**, Beliavski M., Tarre S. and Green M., (2016) ‘High-rate hydrogenotrophic denitrification in a pressurized reactor’, *Chemical Engineering Journal* 286, 578-584
5. **Epsztein R.**, Beliavski M., Tarre S. and Green M., (2016) ‘Submerged bed versus unsaturated flow reactor: a pressurized hydrogenotrophic denitrification reactor as a case study’, *Chemosphere* 161, 151-156
6. **Epsztein R.**, Beliavski M., Tarre S. and Green M., (2016) ‘Simplified model for hydrogenotrophic denitrification in a novel unsaturated-flow pressurized reactor’, *Chemical Engineering Journal* 306, 233-241
7. **Epsztein R.**, Beliavski M., Tarre S. and Green M., (2018) ‘Pressurized hydrogenotrophic denitrification reactor for small water systems’, *Journal of Environmental Management* 216, 315-319

8. **Epsztein R.**, Desitti C., Beliavski M., Tarre S. and Green M., (2017) 'Co-reduction of nitrate and perchlorate in a pressurized hydrogenotrophic reactor with complete H₂ utilization', *Chemical Engineering Journal* 328, 133-140
9. **Epsztein R.**, Cheng W., Shaulsky E., Dizge N. and Elimelech M., (2018) 'Elucidating the mechanisms underlying the difference between chloride and nitrate rejection in nanofiltration', *Journal of Membrane Science* 548, 694-701
10. Dizge N., **Epsztein R.**, Cheng W., Porter C. J. and Elimelech M., (2018) 'Biocatalytic and salt selective multilayer polyelectrolyte nanofiltration membrane', *Journal of Membrane Science* 549, 357-365
11. Cheng W., Liu C., Tong T., **Epsztein R.**, Sun M., Verduzco R., Ma J. and Elimelech M., (2018) 'Selective removal of divalent cations by polyelectrolyte multilayer nanofiltration membrane: role of polyelectrolyte charge, ion size, and ionic strength', *Journal of Membrane Science* 559, 98-106
12. **Epsztein R.**, Shaulsky E., Dizge N., Warsinger D. M. and Elimelech M., (2018) 'Role of ionic charge density in Donnan exclusion of monovalent anions by nanofiltration', *Environmental Science & Technology* 52, 4108-4116
13. Qin M., Deshmukh A., **Epsztein R.**, Patel S. K., Owoseni O. M., Walker W. S., and Elimelech M., (2019) 'Comparison of energy consumption in desalination by capacitive deionization and reverse osmosis', *Desalination* 455, 100-114
14. DuChanois R. M., **Epsztein R.**, Trivedi J. A., and Elimelech M., (2019) 'Controlling pore structure of polyelectrolyte multilayer nanofiltration membranes by tuning polyelectrolyte-salt interactions', *Journal of Membrane Science* 581, 413-420
15. Qin M., Deshmukh A., **Epsztein R.**, Patel S. K., Owoseni O. M., Walker W. S., and Elimelech M., (2019) 'Response to comments on "Comparison of energy consumption in desalination by capacitive deionization and reverse osmosis"', *Desalination* 462, 48-55
16. Faucher S., Narayana A., Bazant M. Z., Elimelech M., **Epsztein R.**, Strano M. S. et al., (2019) 'Critical knowledge gaps in mass transport through single-digit nanopores: a review and perspective', *The Journal of Physical Chemistry C* 123, 21309-21326
17. **Epsztein R.**, Shaulsky S., Qin M., and Elimelech M., (2019) 'Activation behavior for ion permeation in ion-exchange membranes: Role of ion dehydration in selective transport', *Journal of Membrane Science* 580, 316-326
18. Lester Y., Shaulsky E., **Epsztein R.**, and Zucker I., (2020) 'Capacitive deionization for simultaneous removal of salt and uncharged organic contaminants from water', *Separation and Purification Technology* 237, 116388
19. Aydin F., Zhan C., Ritt., **Epsztein R.**, Elimelech M., Schwegler E., and Pham T. A., (2020) 'Similarities and differences between potassium and ammonium ions in liquid water: A first-principles study', *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics* 22, 2540-2548
20. Malmir H., **Epsztein R.**, Elimelech M., and Haji-Akbari A., (2020) 'Induced charge anisotropy: A hidden variable affecting ion transport through membranes', *Matter* 2, 735-750
21. Sigurdardottir S., Duchanois R. M., **Epsztein R.**, Pinelo M., and Elimelech M., (2020) 'Energy barriers to anion transport in polyelectrolyte multilayer nanofiltration: Role of intrapore diffusion', *Journal of Membrane Science* 603, 117921
22. Patel S. K., Ritt C. L., Deshmukh A., Wang Z., Qin M., **Epsztein R.**, and Elimelech M., (2020) 'The relative insignificance of advanced materials in enhancing the energy efficiency of desalination technologies', *Energy & Environmental Science* 13, 1694-1710

23. **Epsztein R.**, DuChanois R. M., Ritt C. L., Noy A., and Elimelech M., (2020) 'Towards single-species selectivity of membranes with sub-nanometer pores', *Nature Nanotechnology* 15, 426-436
24. Zhou X., Wang Z., **Epsztein R.**, Zhan C., Li W., Fortner J. D., Pham T. A., Kim. J., and Elimelech M., (2020) 'Intrapore energy barriers govern ion transport and selectivity of desalination membranes', *Science Advances* 6, eabd9045
25. Keisar I., Desitti C., Beliavski M., **Epsztein R.**, Tarre S., and Green M., (2021) 'A pressurized hydrogenotrophic denitrification system for removal of nitrates at high concentrations', *Journal of Water Process Engineering* 42, 102140
26. Nativ P., Leifman O., Lahav O., **Epsztein R.**, (2021) 'Desalinated brackish water with improved mineral composition using monovalent-selective nanofiltration followed by reverse osmosis', *Desalination* 520, 115364
27. Zhou X., Heiranian N., Yang M., **Epsztein R.**, Gong K., White CE., Hu S., Kim. J., Elimelech M., (2021) 'Selective Fluoride transport in subnanometer TiO₂ pores', *ACS Nano* 15, 16828-16838
28. Shefer I., Peer-Haim O., Leifman O., **Epsztein R.**, (2021) 'Enthalpic and entropic selectivity of water and small ions in polyamide membranes', *Environmental Science & Technology* 55, 14863-14875
29. Ritt C. L., Liu M., Pham T. A., **Epsztein R.**, Kulik H. J., Elimelech M., (2022) 'Machine learning reveals key ion selectivity mechanisms in polymeric membranes with subnanometer pores', *Science Advances* 8, eabl5771
30. Pavluchkov V., Shefer I., Peer-Haim O., Blotevogel J., **Epsztein R.**, (2022) 'Indications of ion dehydration in diffusion-only and pressurized nanofiltration', *Journal of Membrane Science* 648, 120358
31. Shefer I., Lopez K., Straub A. P., **Epsztein R.**, (2022) 'Applying transition-state theory to explore molecular transport and selectivity in salt-rejecting membranes: A critical review', *Environmental Science & Technology* 56, 7467-7483
32. Shefer I., Peer-Haim O., **Epsztein R.**, (2022) 'Limited ion-ion selectivity in salt-rejecting membranes due to enthalpy-entropy compensation', *Desalination* 541, 116041
33. Shocron A. N., Roth R. S., **Epsztein R.**, Suss M. E., (2022) 'Comparison of ion selectivity in electrodialysis and capacitive deionization', *Environmental Science & Technology Letters* 9, 889-899
34. **Epsztein R.**, (2022) 'Intrinsic limitations of nanofiltration membranes to achieve precise selectivity in water-based separations', *Frontiers in Membrane Science and Technology* 1, 1048416

Submitted papers

35. Jeong N., **Epsztein R.**, Wang R., Park S., Lin S., Tong T., (2023) 'Exploring the knowledge attained by machine learning on ion transport across polyamide membranes using explainable artificial intelligence', *Environmental Science & Technology* (revision submitted)
36. Peer-Haim O., Shefer I., Singh P., Nir O., **Epsztein R.**, (2023) 'The adverse effect of concentration polarization on ion-ion selectivity in nanofiltration', *Environmental Science & Technology Letters* (in revision)

Review papers (Shown also in the list of published papers above)

1. **Epsztein R.**, DuChanois R. M., Ritt C. L., Noy A., and Elimelech M., (2020) ‘Towards single-species selectivity of membranes with sub-nanometer pores’, *Nature Nanotechnology* 15, 426-436
2. **Shefer I.**, Lopez K., Straub A. P., **Epsztein R.**, (2022) ‘Applying transition-state theory to explore molecular transport and selectivity in salt-rejecting membranes: A critical review’, *Environmental Science & Technology* 56, 7467-7483
3. Shocron A. N., **Roth R. S.**, **Epsztein R.**, Suss M. E., (2022) ‘Comparison of ion selectivity in electrodialysis and capacitive deionization’, *Environmental Science & Technology Letters* 9, 889-899
4. **Epsztein R.**, (2022) ‘Intrinsic limitations of nanofiltration membranes to achieve precise selectivity in water-based separations’, *Frontiers in Membrane Science and Technology* 1, 1048416

Patents granted

1. Green M., Tarre S., **Epsztein R.**, Method and device for nitrate removal from water. PCT/IL2016/050888, WO2017029659, Published on February 23, 2017
2. Green M., Lahav O., **Epsztein R.**, Nir O., Removal of nitrates from ground water. PCT/IL2016/050457, US 2018/0257964 A1, Published on Nov 10, 2016

Research reports and other publications

1. Siebrath N., Uhl W., **Epsztein R.**, Felder A., Gitis V., Heyer M., Heijnen M., Dahdal Y., Rapaport H., Kasher R., Pipich V., Schwahn D., Herzberg M., Ying W., Al-Ashaab A., Gillor O., Ding W., Lerch A., Fouling minimised reclamation of secondary effluents with reverse osmosis - fundamental and applied research (ReSeRO), German – Israeli Cooperation in Water Technology Research, 12th Status Seminar, Leonardo Haifa Hotel, Israel, 17-18 October 2012
2. **Epsztein R.**, Shaulsky S., Qin M., and Elimelech M., (2019) ‘Corrigendum to “Activation behavior for ion permeation in ion-exchange membranes: Role of ion dehydration in selective transport” ’, *Journal of Membrane Science* 596, 117582
3. Qin M., Deshmukh A., **Epsztein R.**, Patel S. K., Owoseni O. M., Walker W. S., and Elimelech M., (2019) ‘Corrigendum to “Comparison of energy consumption in desalination by capacitive deionization and reverse osmosis” ’, *Desalination* 461, 55

16. CONFERENCES

Plenary, keynote or invited talks

- Invited talk: title to be determined, Alleviating Global Water Scarcity by Desalination and Water Reuse - The 2023 annual Blavatnik US-Israel Scientific Forum organized by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities (IASH) and the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Israel, 6-8 November 2023
- Invited talk: ‘Intrinsic limitations of nanofiltration membranes to achieve precise separations’, The 8th International Conference on Drylands, Deserts, & Desertification, Israel, 27 November – 1 December 2022

- Invited talk: ‘The adverse effect of concentration polarization on ion-ion selectivity in nanofiltration’, 5th International Symposium on Physics of Membrane Processes (PMP2022), The Netherlands, 13-14 October 2022

Contributed talks and posters

International

- Zhou X., Heiranian N., Yang M., **Epsztein R.** Gong K., White C.E., Hu S., Kim J., and Elimelech M. ‘Selective fluoride transport through subnanometer TiO₂ voids’, Association of Environmental Engineering & Science Professors (AEESP) conference, Washington University, St. Louis, USA, 28-30 June 2022 (Oral)
- Peer-Haim O., and **Epsztein R.** ‘Can pressure induce dehydration of ions in polyamide membranes?’, Nanofiltration 2022, Achalm, 26-30 June 2022 (Poster)
- Shefer I., Pavluchkov V., Peer-Haim O., and **Epsztein R.** ‘Selectivity of ionic species in polyamide membranes and the relation to the dehydration phenomenon’, Nanofiltration 2022, Achalm, 26-30 June 2022 (Poster)
- Shefer I., Lopez K., Straub A. P., and **Epsztein R.** ‘Insights into the application of transition-state theory to transport in nanofiltration membranes’, Nanofiltration 2022, Achalm, 26-30 June 2022 (Oral)
- Shefer I., Pavluchkov V., Peer-Haim O., and **Epsztein R.** ‘Experimental indications of ion dehydration in nanofiltration membranes’, Nanofluidics 2022, Lake Tahoe, 23-27 May 2022 (Oral)
- Peer-Haim O., Shefer I., and **Epsztein R.** ‘Indications of pressure-induced ion dehydration in polyamide membranes’, International Water Summit, Sde Boker Campus, Israel, 22-23 May 2022 (Poster)
- Shefer I., Pavluchkov V., Peer-Haim O., and **Epsztein R.** ‘Enthalpic and entropic selectivity of water and small ions in polyamide membranes and the relation to the dehydration phenomenon’, International Water Summit, Sde Boker Campus, Israel, 22-23 May 2022 (Poster)
- Shefer I., Peer-Haim O., Leifman O., Pavluchkov V., and **Epsztein R.** ‘Enthalpic and entropic selectivity of water and small ions in polyamide membranes’, Euromembrane 2021, Copenhagen, Denmark, 28 November - 2 December 2021 (Oral)
- Shefer I., Peer-Haim O., Leifman O., and **Epsztein R.** ‘Elucidating molecular mechanisms for selective separation in polyamide membranes using transition-state theory’, Membrane Desalination 2021 (MEMDES2021), Online international conference, Shanghai, China, 14-17 November 2021 (Oral).
- Shefer I., Peer-Haim O., Leifman O., and **Epsztein R.** ‘Elucidating molecular mechanisms for selective separation in polyamide nanofiltration membranes using transition-state theory’, NANOIL- the international nanotechnology conference in Israel, Jerusalem, Israel, 4-6 October 2021 (Poster)
- Ritt C. L., Liu. M., Pham T. A., **Epsztein R.** Kulik H.J., and Elimelech M. ‘Molecular mechanisms of ion selectivity in nanoporous polymeric membranes’, North American Membrane Society (NAMS) – 30th Annual Meeting, Estes Park, Colorado, USA, 28 Aug – 2 Sep 2021 (Oral)
- **Epsztein R.**, DuChanois R. M., Ritt C. R., and Elimelech M. ‘Applying Transition-State Theory to Model Solute Transport in Membranes with Sub-nanometer Pores’, North

American Membrane Society (NAMS) - 29th Annual Meeting, online conference (due to COVID-19), 18-21 May 2020 (Oral)

- **Zhou X., Epsztein R.,** Kim J., and Elimelech M. ‘Energy Barriers for decoupled Cation and Anion Transport in Sub-nanometer Pores’, North American Membrane Society (NAMS) - 29th Annual Meeting, online conference (due to COVID-19), 18-21 May 2020 (Oral)
- **DuChanois R. M., Epsztein R.,** Trivedi J.A., and Elimelech M. ‘Controlling pore structure of polyelectrolyte multilayer nanofiltration membranes by tuning polyelectrolyte-salt interactions’, Environmental Nanotechnology (Gordon Research Seminar and Conference), Newry, Maine, USA, 2-7 June 2019 (Poster)
- **Epsztein R. and Elimelech M.** ‘Transport and selectivity in membranes with sub-1-nm pores’, Dead Sea Water 2019 Workshop - Nanomaterials at the water-energy nexus, Ein Gedi Hotel, the Dead Sea, Israel, 4-7 February 2019 (Oral)
- **Epsztein R.** Cheng W., Dizge N., Shaulsky E., Warsinger D. M., and **Elimelech M.** ‘Role of ion dehydration in the selectivity of membrane with sub-1-nm pores’, Dead Sea Water 2019 Workshop - Nanomaterials at the water-energy nexus, Ein Gedi Hotel, the Dead Sea, Israel, 4-7 February 2019 (Poster)
- **Malmir H., Epsztein R.,** Elimelech M., and Haji-Akbari A. ‘Computational investigation of water desalination across nanofiltration membranes using advanced sampling techniques’, American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) – Recent Advances in Molecular Simulation Methods II, David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, 2 November 2018 (Oral)
- **DuChanois R. M., Epsztein R.,** and Elimelech M. ‘Controlling pore structure of polyelectrolyte multilayer nanofiltration membranes’, North East Graduate Students Water Symposium, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, 7-9 September 2018 (Oral)
- **Epsztein R.,** Shaulsky E., Dizge N., Warsinger D.M., and Elimelech M. ‘Elucidating the mechanisms underlying the difference in selectivity of nanofiltration membranes for various monovalent anions’, Membranes: Materials and Processes (Gordon Research Conference), Colby-Sawyer College, New-London, New Hampshire, USA, 12-17 August 2018 (Poster)
- **DuChanois R. M., Epsztein R.,** and Elimelech M. ‘Control of pore structure of layer-by-layer polyelectrolyte nanofiltration membranes to tune ion selectivity’, Membranes: Materials and Processes (Gordon Research Conference), Colby-Sawyer College, New-London, New Hampshire, USA, 12-17 August 2018 (Poster)
- **Porter C.,** Dizge N., **Epsztein R.,** Cheng W., and Elimelech M. ‘Layer-by-layer assembled biocatalytic and salt selective nanofiltration membrane’, American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) - North America Membrane Society (NAMS) 2018 Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, USA, 9-13 June 2018 (Poster)
- **Epsztein R.,** Beliaevski M., Tarre S., Green M. ‘Pressurized hydrogenotrophic denitrification reactor for small water systems’, The 13th IWA Specialized Conference on Small Water and Wastewater Systems, Athens, Greece, 14-16 September 2016 (Oral)
- **Epsztein R.,** Beliaevski M., Tarre S., Green M. ‘Groundwater denitrification using hydrogen gas in a new reactor type’, The annual conference for science and environment, Tel-Aviv, Israel, 21-23 June 2016 (Oral)

- **Epsztein R.**, Tarre S., Green M. ‘High-rate groundwater denitrification in a pressurized hydrogen gas reactor’, The annual conference for science and environment, Jerusalem, Israel, 12-14 October 2015 (Oral)
- **Epsztein R.**, Tarre S., Green M. ‘Groundwater denitrification using a closed biofilm reactor with hydrogen at low partial pressure’, Water research in Israel – The 2nd conference for research students, Grand Water Research Institute (Technion), Israel, 21 December 2014 (Poster)
- **Gitis V.**, Shitrit H., Felder A., **Epsztein R.**, Naim R., Heijnen M., Siebrath N., Uhl W. ‘Tertiary treatment of municipal wastewater by diverse filtrations’, IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition, Lisbon, Portugal, 21-26 September 2014 (Poster)
- **Gitis V.**, Shitrit H., Felder A., **Epsztein R.**, Naim R., Heijnen M., Siebrath N., Uhl W. ‘Bio- and membrane filtrations as two options for tertiary wastewater treatment’, The 5th International Slow Sand and Alternative Biological Filtration Conference, Nagoya, Japan, 19-21 June 2014 (Oral)
- **Epsztein R.**, Felder A., Shitrit H., **Gitis V.** ‘Pretreatment-driven organic fouling of UF membranes and its effect on RO performance’, Membranes in drinking and industrial water production, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands, 10–12 September 2012 (Oral)
- **Epsztein R.**, Felder A., **Gitis V.** ‘Pretreatment-driven organic fouling of UF membranes and its effect on RO performance’, BMBF-MOST project "Fouling minimized Reclamation of Secondary Effluents with Reverse Osmosis - ReSeRO“ meeting in conjunction with the International Workshop "Understanding Fouling of RO Membranes in Reclamation of Secondary Effluents and its Minimization by Pre-Treatment", Dresden, Germany, 27 February - 2 March 2012 (Oral)

Israeli

- **Shefer I.**, **Peer-Haim O.**, and **Epsztein R.**, ‘Exploring ion-ion selectivity in polyamide membranes with transition-state theory’, Graduate student conference – Water Research in Israel, Technion, Israel 22 December 2022 (Oral)
- **Roth R. S.**, **Birnhak L.**, and **Epsztein R.**, ‘Effect of ion stickiness on surface charge and performance of polyamide membranes’, Graduate student conference – Water Research in Israel, Technion, Israel 22 December 2022 (Poster)
- **Avidar M.**, **Shefer I.**, and **Epsztein R.**, ‘Temperature-dependent ion-ion selectivity in nanofiltration membranes’, Graduate student conference – Water Research in Israel, Technion, Israel 22 December 2022 (Poster)
- **Ben-Porat O.**, **Birnhak L.**, and **Epsztein R.**, ‘Applying Quartz crystal microbalance (QCM) to explore molecular partition in polyamide membranes’, Graduate student conference – Water Research in Israel, Technion, Israel 22 December 2022 (Poster)
- **Shefer I.**, **Pavluchkov V.**, and **Epsztein R.**, ‘Applying Transition-State Theory to Explain Water-Ion and Ion-Ion Selectivity in Polyamide Membranes’, Water Research in Israel – The Next Generation of Research, Management & Industry (Virtual Graduate Student Conference), online conference (due to COVID-19), 13 December 2020 (Oral)
- **Pavluchkov V.**, **Shefer I.**, and **Epsztein R.**, ‘Arrhenius Energy Barriers and Pre-Exponential Factors for the Transport of Monovalent Anions Through Dense Polyamide Membranes’, Water Research in Israel – The Next Generation of Research, Management & Industry (Virtual Graduate Student Conference), online conference (due to COVID-19), 13 December 2020 (Poster)

- **Epsztein R.** ‘Learning from the K⁺ Channel: Principles for Selective Membrane Separation’, Open day of the Environmental Engineering Department at the Technion, Technion, Israel, 23 January 2020 (Oral)
- **Epsztein R.** ‘Removal of nitrate and perchlorate from groundwater and brines using hydrogenotrophic pressurized reactor’, Invited speaker at “The Grand Water Research Institute” (Technion), Haifa, Israel, 21 December 2016 (Oral)
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