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# Interdependence of Contributing Factors Governing Dead-End Fouling of Nanofiltration Membranes

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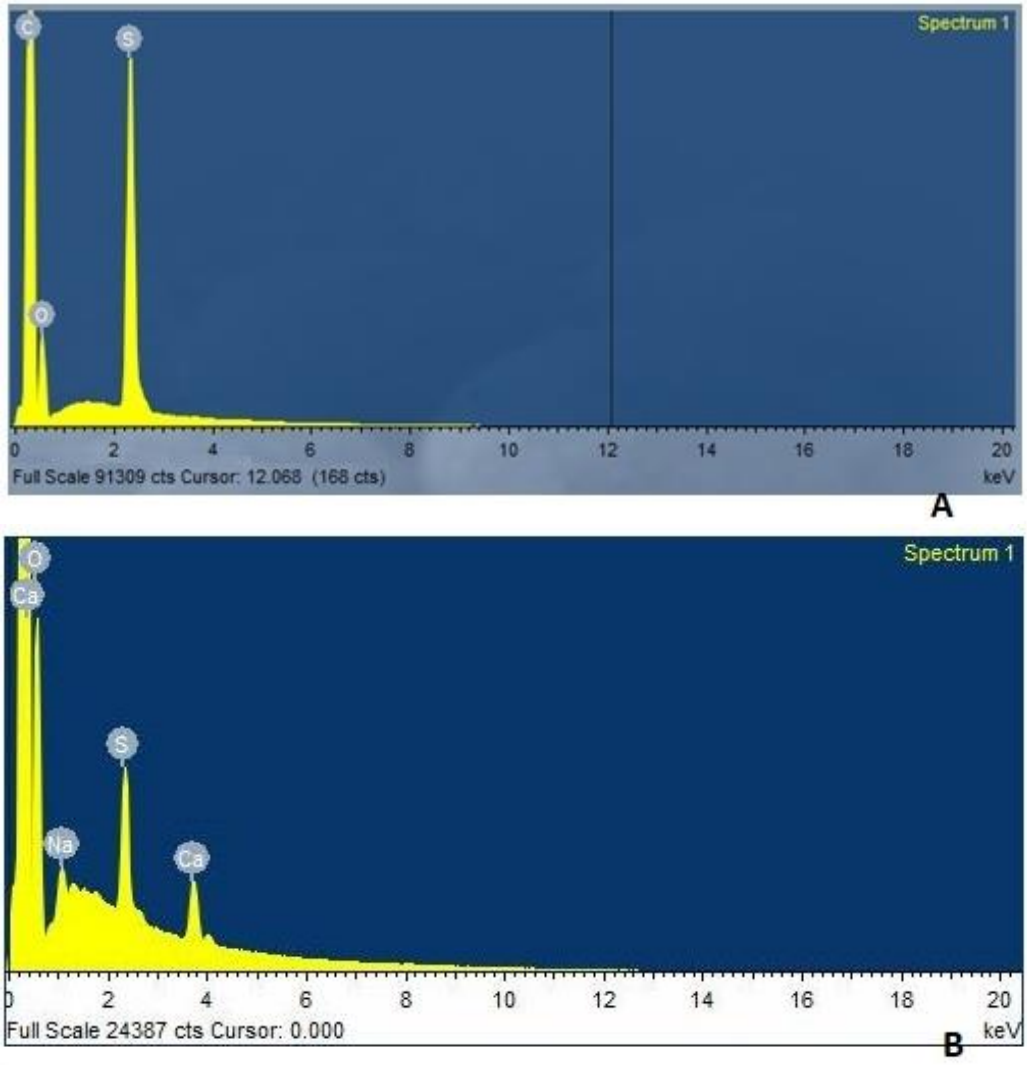


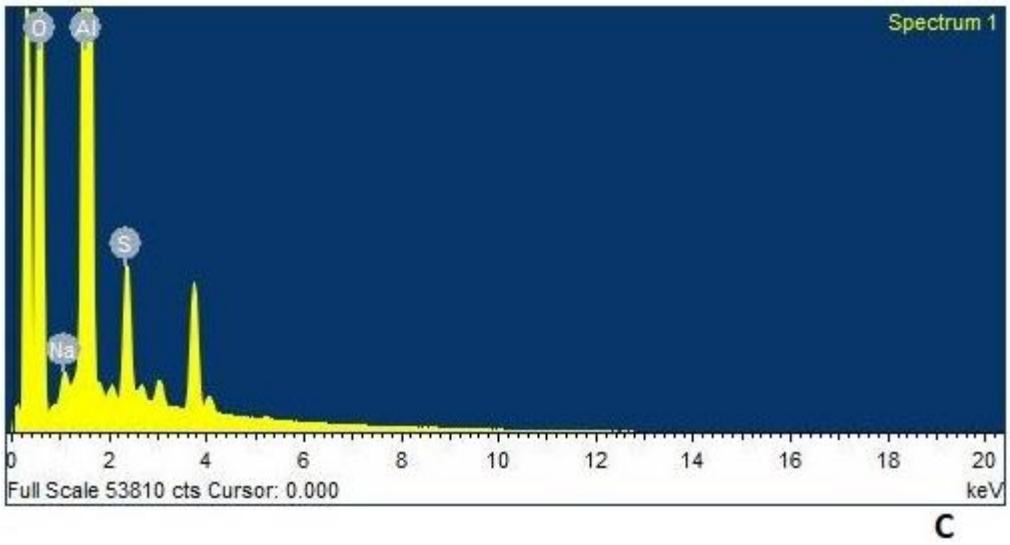
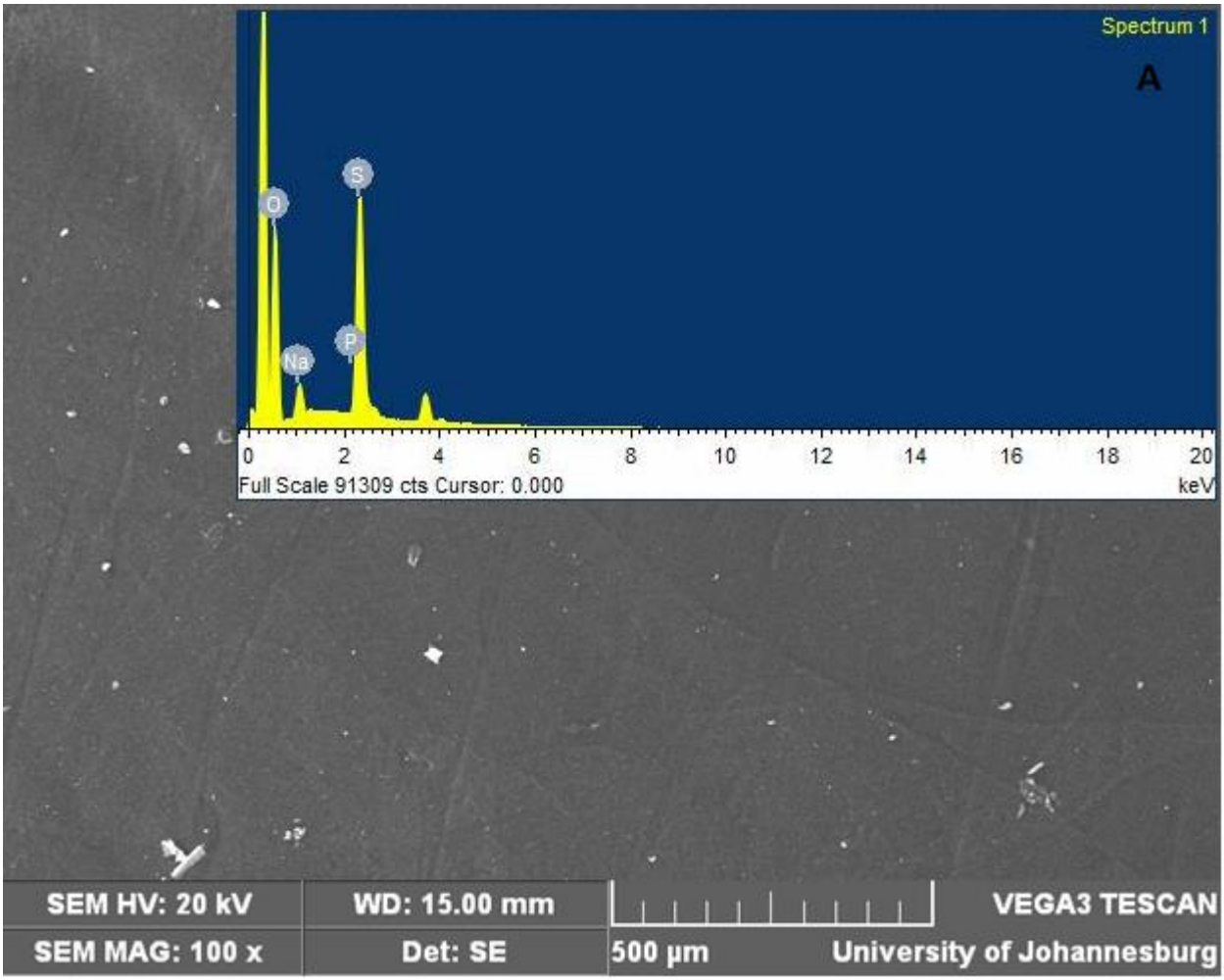
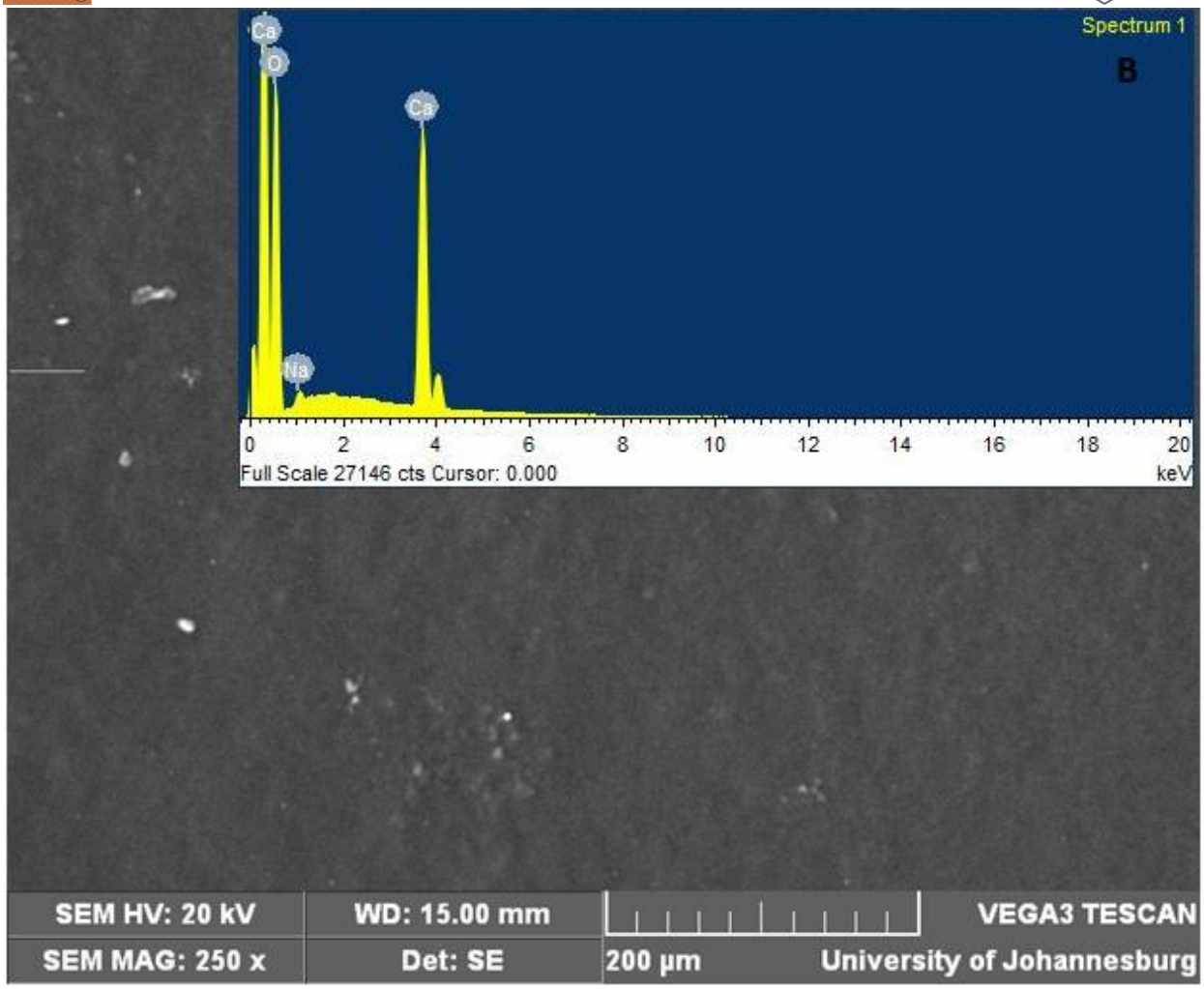



**Figure S1.** EDS micrographs of the virgin and fouled NF-270 membranes: (**A**)—Virgin membrane; (**B**)—latex + calcium-fouled membrane; (**C**)—$Al_2O_3$-fouled membrane.

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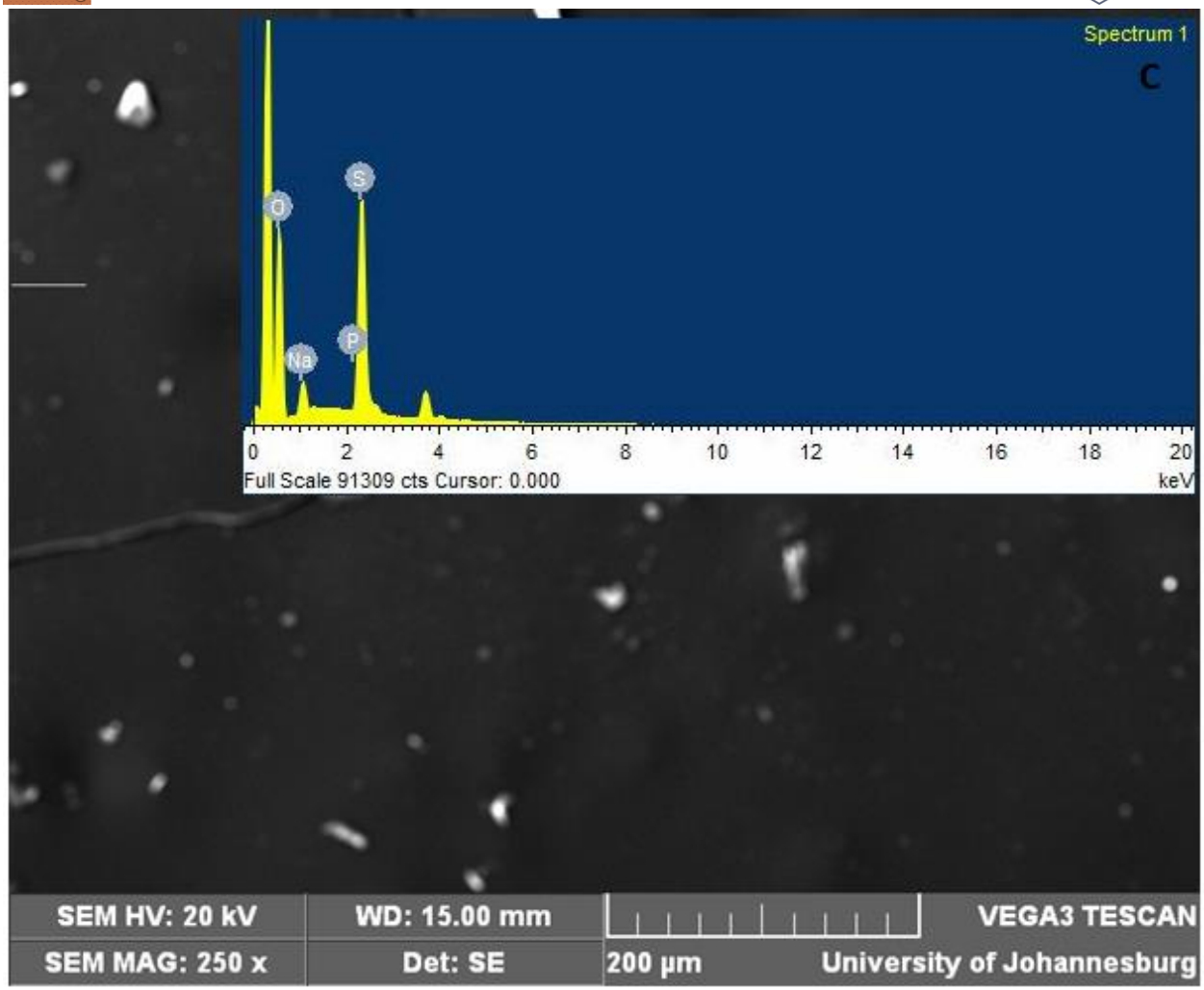
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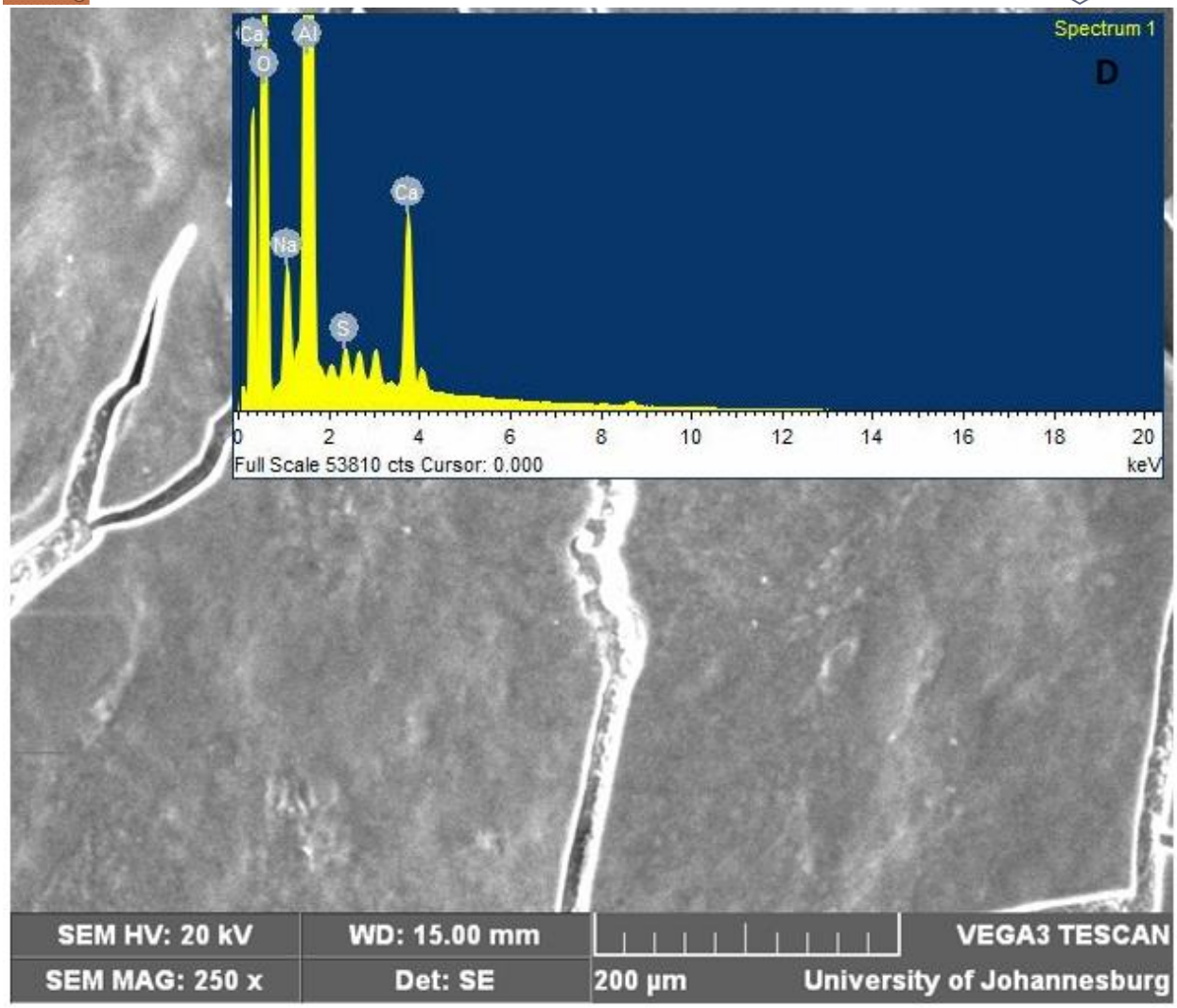


**Figure S2.** SEM/EDS micrographs of fouled NF-270 membranes: A – alginate fouling; B – alginate + Calcium; C – latex; D – Al2O3 + alginate + Calcium