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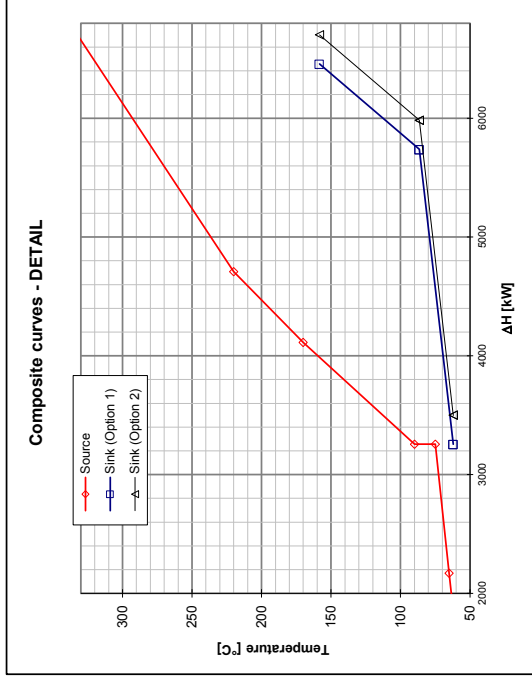
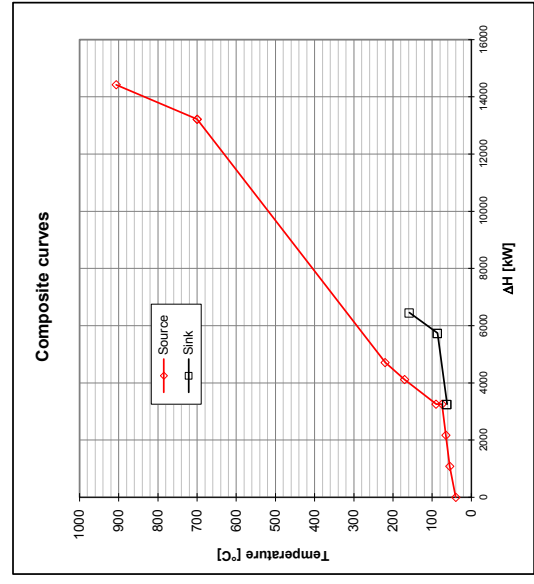
## **APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 3**

### **PROCESS SYNTHESIS AND FLOWSHEET DEVELOPMENT**



Stream Number(s)	Description	Type	Hot/Cold	T <sub>IN</sub> [°C]	H' <sub>IN</sub> [kW]	T <sub>OUT</sub> [°C]	H' <sub>OUT</sub> [kW]	m' Δ	C <sub>p</sub> [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> .m <sup>-1</sup> ]	m' <sub>cp</sub>	ΔH'
11,12 (a)	Vaporiser recycle	Sink (sens)	Cold	62.10	-28959.8	86.5	-26970.4	22.5059523	4.07307596	91.6684534	2238.7
11,12 (b)	Vaporiser recycle	Sink (lat.)	Cold	86.5	-26870.4	86.5	-37063.3	22.5059523	0	#DIV/0!	0
14,15	Superheating	Sink	Cold	62.08	2976.8	158.3	3940.1	7.9159	1.26525728	10.0156501	963.2882
ex-RXN-1,16	Boiler	Source	Hot	700.0	10745.1	170.0	4430.0	7.9159	1.50522238	11.9151898	-6315.0506
16,17 (a)	Absorber feed	Source (sens)	Hot	170.0	4430.0	90.0	3572.9	7.9159	1.35358993	10.7148825	-857.1906
16,17 (b)	Absorber feed	Source (lat.)	Hot	62.1	3572.9	62.0	3572.3	7.9159	0	#DIV/0!	0
16,17 (c)	Absorber feed	Source (lat.)	Hot	62.1	3572.3	62.0	3572.3	7.9159	0	#DIV/0!	0
19,20	Absorber, stage 1	Source	Hot	75.0	-53691.3	60.0	-56946.9	58.7193	1.232	72.34762	-1085.2143
28,29	Absorber, stage 2	Source	Hot	65.0	-53691.3	50.0	-56946.9	58.7193	1.232	72.34762	-1085.2143
31,32	Absorber, stage 3	Source	Hot	55.0	-53691.3	40.0	-56946.9	58.7193	1.232	72.34762	-1085.2143
38,40	***FIX Burner	Source	Hot	907	6542	220	2550	4.5937	1.266	5.81399228	-3992.0121
RCW	Utility	Sink		30.0		40				4.1899	0
TW	Utility	Sink		30.0		40				4.1899	0
DW	Utility	Sink		30.0		40				4.1899	0
LP Steam: 500bar(a)	Utility	Source		151.9		151				condensing	infinite
HP Steam: 1200bar(a)	Utility	Source		188.0		187				condensing	infinite

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SOURCE STREAMS Composite Curve

Interval Number	Lower Temp	Upper Temp	Stream	m' <sub>cp</sub>	ΔH'	Sub-Total ΔH'	Cumul-Total ΔH'
1	40.0	40.0	40	0	0	0	0
2	50.0	55.0	31,32	72.34762	1085.2143	1085.2143	1085.2143
3	60.0	65.0	28,29	72.34762	1085.2143	2160.4286	2160.4286
4	70.0	75.0	19,20	72.34762	1085.2143	3245.6429	3245.6429
5	80.0	90.0	16,17 (a)	10.7148825	857.1906	4102.8335	4102.8335
6	170.0	220.0	ex-RXN-1,16	11.9151898	595.759491	4708.59299	4708.59299
7	700.0	907	ex-RXN-1,16	11.9151898	5719.29111	8510.0074	13218.6004
							13218.6004
							14419.8962

SINK STREAMS Composite Curves

Interval Number	Lower Temp	Upper Temp	Stream	m' <sub>cp</sub>	ΔH'	Sub-Total ΔH'	Cumulative Total ΔH'
1	62.08	62.08					OPTION 1
2	62.10	62.10	14,15	10.0156501	0.13420971	0.13420971	OPTION 2
3	86.5	86.5	14,15	10.0156501	244.595196	2483.258	DATUM = 3255.6429 3500
							3255.77711 3500.13421
							5739.03511 5983.39221
							6457.5939 6701.951



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## **APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 5**

### **MASS AND ENERGY BALANCES & PROCESS SIMULATION**



### CALCULATION OF DESIGN "GRADE A" AND "GRADE B" CAPACITY

Total capacity: 80 kt(54%).y<sup>-1</sup>

Percentage of "Grade A": 90 %

Percentage of "Grade B": 10 %

Compositions [%]:

	HCHO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	H <sub>2</sub> O
"Grade A"	54	1	45
"Grade B"	37	7	56

350 d<sub>opn</sub>.y<sup>-1</sup>      24 h<sub>opn</sub>.d<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>      3600 s.h<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

Thus:

Flow of "Grade A": 74.34034 kt(54%).y<sup>-1</sup>

Flow of "Grade B": 5.659656 kt(54%).y<sup>-1</sup>

TOTAL flow 80 kt(54%).y<sup>-1</sup>

212.401 t(54%).d<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

16.17045 t(54%).d<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

228.5714 t(54%).d<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

8.850041 t(54%).h<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

0.673769 t(54%).h<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

9.52381 t(54%).h<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

2.458345 kg(54%).s<sup>-1</sup>

0.187158 kg(54%).s<sup>-1</sup>

2.645503 kg(54%).s<sup>-1</sup>

Flow of "Grade A": 74.34034 kt(54%).y<sup>-1</sup>

Flow of "Grade B": 8.260038 kt(37%).y<sup>-1</sup>

TOTAL flow 82.60038 kt(solution).y<sup>-1</sup>

212.401 t(54%).d<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

23.60011 t(37%).d<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

236.0011 t(solution).d<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

8.850041 t(54%).h<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

0.983338 t(37%).h<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

9.833379 t(solution).h<sub>opn</sub><sup>-1</sup>

2.458345 kg(54%).s<sup>-1</sup>

0.273149 kg(37%).s<sup>-1</sup>

2.731494 kg(solution).s<sup>-1</sup>





BASIC COMPLETE MATERIAL BALANCE

Assume: About half of the methanol goes to each of the following reactions [Mechetta, p.358]:
CH3OH + 0.5O2 -> HCHO + H2O (1) 36% of CH3OH reacted
CH3OH -> HCHO + H2 (2) 60% of CH3OH reacted
The former is decreased by the presence of water [Catalyst Handbook, p. 493]
Dehydrogenation (2) is more prevalent for catalysis by silver [Formaldehyde (3), p. 9]

Atomic masses:
C 12.011 kg.kmol-1
H 1.0079 kg.kmol-1
O 15.9994 kg.kmol-1
N 14.0067 kg.kmol-1
Sargent-Welch Sci. Co.

Molar masses:
CH3OH 0.032 kg.mol-1
HCHO 0.030 kg.mol-1
O2 0.032 kg.mol-1
N2 0.028 kg.mol-1
H2O 0.018 kg.mol-1
H2 0.002 kg.mol-1
CO2 0.044 kg.mol-1
CO 0.028 kg.mol-1
HCOOH 0.046 kg.mol-1
From Simon Farrar (Orica)
G.F.C Rogers & Y. R. Mayhew (3), p. 2

- Assume: - other (side) reactions are considered (as follows):
- nitrogen is inert and approximates any argon present
- methanol is in excess
- oxygen (limiting) consumed to:
- Off gases released contain all N2, O2 and H2 and
- by-products form by:
H2 + 0.5O2 -> H2O (3)
HCHO -> CO + H2 (4)
CH3OH + 1.5O2 -> CO2 + 2H2O (5)
HCHO + O2 -> CO2 + H2O (6)
- the formation of formic acid (during processing!) is considered here:
HCHO + 0.5O2 -> HCOOH (7)
cf. HCHO + 0.5O2 -> CO + H2O (8)
- the following are not considered:
CH3OH + 0.5O2 -> H2O + H2 + CO (9)
HCHO + HCHO -> CH3OCHO (10)
- Conversion of methanol is:
- Ratio of total off-gas to that which is recycled is:
- Percentage of fresh water entering the entire system on the process-side that enters the vaporiser (the rest entering the absorber):
- Ambient air: Relative humidity = 80% Temperature = 37°C hence Mole fraction = 0.049599 at 1atm(abs).

Assume: 99.5% (once-through)
13.2% of H2O exiting system
40.0% of H2 from (2) [WITHOUT recycled]
0.92% of HCHO formed by (1) & (2) + recycled
4.0% of CH3OH reacted
6.5% of HCHO formed by (1) & (2) + recycled
0.020% of HCHO formed by (1) & (2) + recycled
0.020% of HCHO formed by (1) & (2) + recycled
98.5% (once through) Yield: 88.9%
Ratio of recycled off-gas to (100%) methanol fed: 157% cf. US patent 4072717, col. 6
50%

NOTE: Compared to a 50:50 split b/n rxn's (1) & (2) with no side reactions, the scheme outlined here requires:
\* less water [now also by (3); & more methanol compensate for red'n in (1)]
\* more methanol [due to "losses" in side-rxn's]
& \* more oxygen (in air) [due to extra methanol consumed] as fresh feed.

NOTE: "Fresh Feed" is a hypothetical stream - in practice the components of this stream would be added variously at different points in the system.

NOTE (1): Absorber has not been properly modelled at all.

NOTE (2): Trace quantities of NOx will be present in all gas/vapour process streams except for the fresh feed.

NOTE (3): Water in the incoming methanol has not been considered here. Formic acid in incoming methanol is negligible, and may be assumed to be completely combusted to "inert" CO2

FORMULAE:
CH3OH + 1.5O2 -> CO2 + 2H2O (1)
HCHO + O2 -> CO2 + H2O (2)
H2 + 0.5O2 -> H2O (3)
CO + 0.5O2 -> CO2 (4)
HCOOH + 0.5O2 -> CO2 + H2O (5)

Water balance:
Note: Water in Absorber feed is already at a high mole fraction.
Total overhead/absorber feed = 0.22847389 if total pressure = 110 kPa(abs)
NOTE: p\_sat(water @ 44°C) = 9.10 kPa(abs) 8.273%
NOTE: p\_sat(water @ 50°C) = 12.33 kPa(abs) 11.209%
NOTE: p\_sat(water @ 55°C) = 15.74 kPa(abs) 14.309%
NOTE: p\_sat(water @ 60°C) = 19.92 kPa(abs) 18.109%
NOTE: p\_sat(water @ 70°C) = 31.16 kPa(abs) 28.327%

- Excess air supplied: 20%
- Assume complete combustion in off-gas burner (except N2)

Mass fractions [-]: HCHO 0.54 CH3OH 0.01 H2O < 0.45 HCOOH < 0.001
Mole fraction of air [-]: O2 0.2095 N2 0.7809 Ar 0.0093 CO2 0.0003
Approx. O2 0.2095 N2 0.7905
G.F.C Rogers & Y. R. Mayhew (3), p. 26

REACTIONS: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) NETT
Stream: Fresh feed Recycled off-gas Total reactor feed
MOLAR FLOWS [mol.s-1]
CH3OH 54.35507 0.0000 54.3551 0.1837 -19.2706 -32.1177 0 0 -2.14118 0 0 -53.52943
HCHO 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 19.2706 32.11766 0 -0.47476 0 -3.31545 -0.01028 -0.01028 47.5775
O2 22.65455 0.1254 0.0553 0.0005 22.7099 0.0768 -9.6353 0 -6.423532 0 -3.21177 -3.31545 -0.00514 -0.00514 -22.59632
N2 85.48174 0.4731 81.2076 0.7050 166.6894 0.5634 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
H2O 18.18057 0.1006 9.5298 0.0827 27.7104 0.0937 19.2706 0 12.84706 0 4.282355 3.315448 0 0.010278 39.72574
H2 0.0000 0.0000 18.7581 0.1628 18.7581 0.0634 0 32.11766 -12.84706 0.474756 0 0 0 0 19.74535
CO2 0.0000 0.0000 5.1838 0.0450 5.1838 0.0175 0 0 0 0 2.141177 3.315448 0 0 5.456626
CO 0.0000 0.0000 0.4608 0.0040 0.4608 0.0016 0 0 0 0.474756 0 0 0 0.010278 0.485033
HCOOH 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.010278 0.010278
TOTAL 180.6719 1.0000 115.1954 1.0000 295.8674 1.0000 9.635298 32.11766 -6.423532 0.474756 1.070589 0 -0.00514 0.005139 36.87477

NOTE: Some water enters with "fresh air" = 5.643335 mol.s-1 = 0.101666 kg.s-1
Actual reaction conversion: 35.453% 59.089% 25.02% 0.924% 3.939% 6.452% 0.0200% 0.0200%
basis: CH3OH CH2OH H2 HCHO CH3OH HCHO HCHO HCHO
\* Note: HCHO and H2 calculated from total generated
\*\*\* Or 97.5% of the CH3OH remaining after reactions (1) and (5) have proceeded





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DESIGN OF: ADDITIONAL GRADE "B" REQUIREMENTS

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TOTAL FLOWS.

From the spreadsheet  $\dot{m}_B = 0.273149 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ 

$$\dot{m}_B = 0.273 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

Equating formaldehyde content, this requires  
 $\dot{m}_A = 0.187158 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ 

$$\dot{m}_A = 0.187 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

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ADDITIONAL METHANOL

The feed Grade A contains  $(0.01 \dot{m}_A) \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  of methanol,  
but the Grade B product  $(0.07 \dot{m}_B) \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ .Thus a difference of  $0.0172489 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  of fresh methanol

$$\dot{m}_M = 0.0172 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

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ADDITIONAL WATER

Likewise, additional water  $\dot{m}_W = [(0.45 - 0.00018) \dot{m}_A]$   
 $+ [(0.56 - 0.00018 \times \frac{37}{54}) \dot{m}_B]$   
 $= 0.0687423 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ 

$$\therefore \dot{m}_W = 0.0687 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$



Table 5a. Thermodynamic &amp; Essential Data of Components

All data from Sinnott<sup>19</sup>, unless otherwise stated

	Methanol (CH <sub>3</sub> OH)	Air	Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )	Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> )	Formaldehyde (HCHO)	Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	Carbon Monoxide (CO)	Water (H <sub>2</sub> O)	Formic Acid (HCOOH)	Methyl Formate (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	Hydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> )
MW	Molecular Weight [g.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]		32	28.013	30.026	44.01	28.01	18.015	46.025	60.052	2.016
TFP	Normal Freezing Point [°C]		-218.8	-209.9	-117.2	-56.6	-205.1	0	8.3	-99	-259.2
TBP	Normal Boiling Point [°C]		-183	-195.8	-19.2	-78.5	-191.5	100	100.6	31.7	-252.8
TC	Critical Temperature [K]		512.6	126.2	408	304.2	132.9	647.3	580	487.2	33.2
PC	Critical Pressure [bar(abs)]		81	33.9	65.9	73.8	35	220.5		60	13
VC	Critical Volume [m <sup>3</sup> .mol <sup>-1</sup> ]		0.118	0.09	0.093	0.094	0.093	0.056		0.172	0.065
LDEN	Liquid Density [kg.m <sup>-3</sup> ]		791	805	815	777	803	998	1226	974	71
TDEN	Ref. Temp for liquid density [°C]		20	-195	-20	20	-192	20	15	20	-253
HVAP	Heat of Vaporisation at normal boiling point [J.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]		35278	5581	23027	17166	6046	40683	21939	28219	904
VISA	Constants in the liquid viscosity eq.		555.3	90.3	319.83	578.08	94.06	658.25	729.35	363.19	13.82
VISB	Constants in the liquid viscosity eq.		260.64	46.14	171.35	185.24	48.9	283.16	325.72	212.7	5.39
DELHF	Standard Enthalpy of formation of vapour at 298K [kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]		-201.3	0	-115.97	-393.77	-110.62	-242	-378.86	-350.02	0
DELGF	Standard Gibbs energy of formation of vapour at 298K [kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]		-6282.379	0	-3862.319323	-8947.284708	-3949.30382	-13433.2501	-8231.613254	-5828.6152	0
DELGF	Standard Gibbs energy of formation of vapour at 298K [kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]		-162.62		-109.99	-394.65	-137.37	-228.77	-351.23	-297.39	
CPVAPA	Constant in ideal gas heat capacity equation (see below)		21.152	31.15	23.475	19.795	30.869	32.243	11.715	1.432	27.143
CPVAPB	Constant in ideal gas heat capacity equation (see below)		7.09E-02	-1.36E-02	3.16E-02	7.34E-02	-1.29E-02	1.92E-03	1.36E-01	2.70E-01	9.27E-03
CVPAPC	Constant in ideal gas heat capacity equation (see below)		2.59E-05	2.68E-05	2.99E-05	-5.60E-05	2.79E-05	1.06E-05	-8.41E-05	-1.95E-04	-1.38E-05
CPVAPD	Constant in ideal gas heat capacity equation (see below)		-2.58E-08	-1.17E-08	-2.30E-08	1.72E-08	-1.27E-08	-3.60E-09	2.02E-08	5.70E-08	7.65E-09
ANTA	Constant in Antoine equation		18.5875	14.9502	16.4775	22.5898	14.3686	18.3036	16.9882	16.5104	13.6333
ANTB	Constant in Antoine equation		3626.55	588.72	2204.13	3103.39	530.22	3816.44	3599.58	2590.87	164.9
ANTC	Constant in Antoine equation		-34.29	-6.6	-30.15	-0.16	-13.15	-46.13	-26.09	-42.6	3.19
TMN	Minimum temperature for Antoine constant [°C]		-16	-219	-88	-119	-210	11	-2	-48	-259
TMX	Maximum temperature for Antoine constant [°C]		91	-183	-2	-69	-165	168	136	51	-248

$$C_p [J.mol^{-1}.K^{-1}] = A + B.T + C.T^2 + D.T^3; T \text{ in K}$$

$$\text{LOG}(\text{Viscosity}[\text{mPa.s}]) = (\text{VISA}).\{(1/T) - (1/\text{VISB})\}; T \text{ in K}$$

$$\text{LN}(p_{\text{vapour}}[\text{sat}])[\text{mmHg}(\text{abs})] = \text{ANTA} - (\text{ANTB}/(T + \text{ANTC})); T \text{ in K}$$



From Oxtoby & Nachtrieb<sup>(2)</sup>

Heat of formation of the pure liquids at 25°C:

<b>Methanol</b>	-238.66	-7448.349			
<b>Water</b>	-285.83	-15866.22			
<b>Formic acid</b>	-424.72	-9228.028			
	[kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	[kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	cf. (aq)		
				-245.93	-7675.24
			cf. (aq)	-425.43	-9243.45
				[kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	[kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]

From Ulmann's<sup>(6)</sup>

Heat of solution at 23°C:  
(T = 296.15 K)

Then with the mean specific heat of HCHO(g):

Mean specific heat of HCHO(l):

Mean specific heat of H<sub>2</sub>O(l):

well might the mean  $c_p$  of 25%(mol.mol<sup>-1</sup>) HCHO-H<sub>2</sub>O(solution) be (approx.)

$$74.59608 \text{ J.mol}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$$

\*Assuming additive specific heats of the pure liquid constituents (ideal), as per Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, p. 284.

However, by the same token we would assume that the HCHO component of that mixture would have

mean  $c_p$  of HCHO(aq) = mean  $c_p$  of HCHO(l) =

Heat of formation at 25°C:

Hence:

$$\text{Gas} = -116.0 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Aq} = -177.9254 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$$

$$\text{( cf. } -178.0 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1} \text{ if } c_p\text{'s not considered. )}$$

From Perry<sup>(7)</sup>

Liquid Phase Heat Capacities						
T in K,	$c_p$ in J.kmol <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>	$c_p = C1 + C2.T + C3.T^2 + C4.T^3 + C5.T^4$				
		C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
<b>Methanol</b>	105800	-362.23	0.9379		T_min	T_max
<b>Water</b>	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.014116	175.47	400
				9.3701E-06	273.16	533.15

From AIChE'S (Table 4)

Liquid Phase Heat Capacity						
T in K,	$c_p$ in J.mol <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>	$c_p = A + B.T + C.T^2 + D.T^3$				
		A	B	C	D	
<b>HCHO</b>	4.16E+02	-2.64E+00	4.98E-03		T_min	T_max
					?	?

From Perry<sup>(6)</sup>

Liquid-phase heat capacity of formic acid:

$$0 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C} : 0.436 \text{ cal.g}^{-1}.\text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}, 1.824224 \text{ kJ.kg}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$$

$$15.5 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C} : 0.509 \text{ cal.g}^{-1}.\text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}, 2.129656 \text{ kJ.kg}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$$

$$20 \text{ to } 100 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C} : 0.524 \text{ cal.g}^{-1}.\text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}, 2.192416 \text{ kJ.kg}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$$

This last row should be sufficiently accurate for the purposes of this report.

$$83.95991 \text{ J.mol}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$$

$$98.01742 \text{ J.mol}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$$

$$100.9059 \text{ J.mol}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$$





Energy Balance over Vaporiser (HX-1)

NOTE: Heat of solution of methanol (implicitly) considered.  
 Ideal vapour- [ & liquid(?) ]- phase assumed.  
 Recirc. liquid flow: 23.945 kg.s<sup>-1</sup>

STREAMS IN:	Flow	t	T	Species	State	Mass frac.	M <sub>R</sub>	A / C1	B / C2	C / C3	D / C4	C5	c <sub>p</sub>	ΔH <sub>f,298K</sub>	ΔH <sub>0,T</sub>	ΔH <sub>0,T</sub>	
No. Description	[kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	[°C]	[K]		[-]		[kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]						[kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	[kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	[kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	[kW]	
3 Demin'd water	WaterFeed	0.225861	37.05	310.20	H <sub>2</sub> O	L	1	0.0180152	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	-15866.04645	-15815.69214	-3572.148043	H <sub>2</sub> O
6 Methanol	MethanolFeed	1.7416	37.04	310.19	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	L	1	0.032042	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	2.571789791	-7448.349042	-7417.396286	-12918.13734	CH <sub>3</sub> OH
9 Air & rec. off-gas	HPCGas	5.948366	121.58	394.73	O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.122168	0.0319988	28.11	-3.68E-06	1.79E-05	-1.07E-08	0.9302	0	89.8450	65.29035916	O <sub>2</sub>
		5.948366		394.73	N <sub>2</sub>	V	0.7850055	0.0280134	31.15	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.17E-08	1.042040847	0	100.8434311	469.9545017	N <sub>2</sub>
		5.948366		394.73	H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.0459585	0.0180152	32.24	0.001924	1.08E-05	-3.60E-09	1.868880215	-13433.10094	-13250.66722	-3622.281895	H <sub>2</sub> O
		5.948366		394.73	H <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0063547	0.0020158	27.14	0.009274	-1.38E-05	7.65E-09	14.39067509	0	1389.894573	52.53801484	H <sub>2</sub>
		5.948366		394.73	CO <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0383467	0.0440098	19.8	0.07344	-5.60E-05	1.72E-08	0.890766635	-8948.007035	-8861.974121	-2021.416297	CO <sub>2</sub>
		5.948366		394.73	CO	V	0.0021687	0.0280104	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.27E-08	1.0441883	-3948.533402	-3847.682563	-49.63510507	CO
13 Refluxed liquid	AAA	23.945	86.52	359.67	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Aq	0.3151	0.032042	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	2.759445804	-7675.238749	-7505.483162	-56629.16116	CH <sub>3</sub> OH
		23.945		359.67	H <sub>2</sub> O	L	0.6849	0.0180152	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	-15866.04645	-15608.68704	-255980.3387	H <sub>2</sub> O
													(average over 298K to T)			SUM =	-334205.3357

Check mass balances: -7.3E-05

\*Note: Aqueous c<sub>p</sub>'s taken as those for the pure liquid.

STREAMS OUT:	Flow	t	T	Species	State	Mass frac.	M <sub>R</sub>	A / C1	B / C2	C / C3	D / C4	C5	c <sub>p</sub>	ΔH <sub>f,298K</sub>	ΔH <sub>0,T</sub>	ΔH <sub>0,T</sub>	
No. Description	[kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	[°C]	[K]		[-]		[kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]						[kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	[kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	[kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	[kW]	
14 Reactor feed	Process/vap	7.9159	62.08	335.23	HCHO	V	0	0.0300262	23.48	3.16E-02	2.99E-05	-2.30E-08	1.1904	-3862.293597	-3818.1510	0	HCHO
		7.9159		335.23	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	V	0.2200129	0.032042	21.15	7.09E-02	2.59E-05	-2.85E-08	1.4137	-6282.379377	-6229.9540	-10850.08793	CH <sub>3</sub> OH
		7.9159		335.23	O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0918026	0.0319988	28.11	-3.68E-06	1.79E-05	-1.07E-08	0.9226	0	34.2136	24.86299793	O <sub>2</sub>
		7.9159		335.23	H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.0630629	0.0180152	32.24	0.001924	1.08E-05	-3.60E-09	1.8759	-13433.10094	-13363.5378	-6671.078078	H <sub>2</sub> O
		7.9159		335.23	H <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0047752	0.0020158	27.14	0.009274	-1.38E-05	7.65E-09	14.353614	0	532.2793741	20.12016034	H <sub>2</sub>
		7.9159		335.23	CO <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0288154	0.0440098	19.8	0.07344	-5.60E-05	1.72E-08	0.862979507	-8948.007035	-8916.004907	-2033.740719	CO <sub>2</sub>
		7.9159		335.23	CO	V	0.0016296	0.0280104	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.27E-08	1.042309198	-3948.533402	-3909.881137	-50.43746667	CO
		7.9159		335.23	HCOOH	V	0	0.0460256	11.71	0.1358	-8.41E-05	2.02E-08	1.01930732	-8231.505945	-8193.706665	0	HCOOH
		7.9159		335.23	N <sub>2</sub>	V	0.5898887	0.0280134	31.15	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.17E-08	1.041329524	0	38.61593515	180.3171092	N <sub>2</sub>
10 Liquid to heater	CCC	23.945	62.08	335.23	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Aq	0.3151	0.032042	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	2.660808728	-7675.238749	-7576.567181	-57165.49283	CH <sub>3</sub> OH
		23.945		335.23	H <sub>2</sub> O	L	0.6849	0.0180152	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	-15866.04645	-15711.094	-257959.7989	H <sub>2</sub> O
													(average over 298K to T)			SUM =	-334205.3357

Difference in enthalpy between Recirc. liquid in/out: -2215.8  
 Difference in/out for others: + 2215.79  
 Recirc. liquid in/out, but HYSIM with "correct" flow: -2215.79  
 Recirc. "ERROR" = -10%  
 HYSIM: -1990.7995  
 Recirc. 1.7814 pump  
 HYSIM: 2238.6648  
 H/EX1 1131.6109  
 H/EX2 857.1907  
 H/EX3 1990.383  
 H/EX4 2238.6628  
 netl proc. 2238.6628



(Mass & ) Energy Balance over Absorber (ABS-1)

NOTE: Heats of solution of methanol (implicitly) considered. Ideal vapour- & liquid(?) - phase assumed. Formic acid is treated as water for VLE.

Total pump-around flow: 56.750 kg s-1 (excluding product) Total HEAT-EXCHANGED pump-around flow: 56.750 kg s-1 (excluding product)

STAGE 1 (BASE OF COLUMN)

Table with columns: No., Description, Flow, t, T, Species, State, Mass frac., Mass Flow, M\_R, Mole flow, Mole frac., A/C1, B/C2, C/C3, D/C4, C5, C\_p, AH\_p,298K, AH\_p,T, AH\_p,T. Includes rows for Fresh DMW feed, Reactor effluent, and Pump-around 1.

Note: Aqueous c\_p,s taken as those for the pure liquid. Note: Aqueous c\_p,s taken as those for the pure liquid.

STREAMS OUT:

Table with columns: No., Description, Flow, t, T, Species, State, Mass frac., Mass Flow, M\_R, Mole flow, Mole frac., A/C1, B/C2, C/C3, D/C4, C5, C\_p, AH\_p,298K, AH\_p,T, AH\_p,T. Includes rows for Product (pre-cooling), V from stage 4, and Pump-around 1.

Summary table with columns: Difference in enthalpy between Recirc. liquid in/out, Difference in/out for others, Difference in/out for others AND heat loss, Overall. Includes values for Recirc. liquid in/out, Recirc. liquid in/out, and net proc.



**Energy Balance over Reactor (both RXN-1 and RXN-2)**

Ideal vapour-phase assumed.

**STREAMS IN:**

No. Description	Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	t [°C]	T [K]	Species	State	Mass frac. [-]	M <sub>r</sub> [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	A/C1	B/C2	C/C3	D/C4	C5	$\bar{c}_p$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H^{\circ}_{f,298K}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H^{\circ}_{f,T}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H^{\circ}_{f,T}$ [kW]	
14 Reactor feed	7.9159	158.26	431.41	HCHO	V	0	0.0300262	23.48	3.16E-02	2.99E-05	-2.30E-08		1.2609	-3862.293597	-3694.2703	0 HCHO	
	7.9159		431.41	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	V	0.2200129	0.032042	21.15	7.09E-02	2.59E-05	-2.88E-08		1.5314	-6282.379377	-6078.2973	-10585.9625 CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
	7.9159		431.41	O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0918026	0.0319988	28.11	-3.68E-06	1.75E-05	-1.07E-08		0.9351	0	124.6193	90.56087089 O <sub>2</sub>	
	7.9159		431.41	H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.0630629	0.0180152	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.60E-09		1.8973	-13433.10094	-13180.2587	-6579.585144 H <sub>2</sub> O	
	7.9159		431.41	H <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0047752	0.0020158	27.14	0.009274	-1.38E-05	7.68E-09		14.41034721	0	1920.345926	72.589076 H <sub>2</sub>	
	7.9159		431.41	CO <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0288154	0.0440098	19.8	0.07344	-5.60E-05	1.72E-08		0.906900818	-8948.007035	-8827.151981	-2013.473367 CO <sub>2</sub>	
	7.9159		431.41	CO	V	0.0016296	0.0280104	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.27E-08		1.045932979	-3948.533402	-3809.1507	-49.13804402 CO	
	7.9159		431.41	HCOOH	V	0	0.0460256	11.71	0.1358	-8.41E-05	2.02E-08		1.106826808	-8231.505945	-8084.008433	0 HCOOH	
	7.9159		431.41	N <sub>2</sub>	V	0.5898887	0.0280134	31.15	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.17E-08		1.043067619	0	139.0008598	649.0645146 N <sub>2</sub>	
																SUM =	-18415.9446

Check mass balances: 0  
(average over 298K to T)

**STREAMS OUT:**

No. Description	Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	t [°C]	T [K]	Species	State	Mass frac. [-]	M <sub>r</sub> [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	A/C1	B/C2	C/C3	D/C4	C5	$\bar{c}_p$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H^{\circ}_{f,298K}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H^{\circ}_{f,T}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H^{\circ}_{f,T}$ [kW]	
14 Reactor effluent	7.9159	700.00	973.15	HCHO	V	0.1804678	0.0300262	23.48	3.16E-02	2.99E-05	-2.30E-08		1.6375	-3862.293597	-2756.9508	-3938.483684 HCHO	
	7.9159		973.15	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	V	0.003342	0.032042	21.15	7.09E-02	2.59E-05	-2.88E-08		2.1308	-6282.379377	-4844.0821	-128.1497527 CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
	7.9159		973.15	O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.000459	0.0319988	28.11	-3.68E-06	1.75E-05	-1.07E-08		1.0100	0	681.7529	2.477099311 O <sub>2</sub>	
	7.9159		973.15	H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.1534721	0.0180152	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.60E-09		2.0506	-13433.10094	-12048.9316	-14637.88172 H <sub>2</sub> O	
	7.9159		973.15	H <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0098049	0.0020158	27.14	0.009274	-1.38E-05	7.68E-09		14.60847417	0	9860.720061	765.3386233 H <sub>2</sub>	
	7.9159		973.15	CO <sub>2</sub>	V	0.059157	0.0440098	19.8	0.07344	-5.60E-05	1.72E-08		1.076275079	-8948.007035	-8221.521356	-3849.979696 CO <sub>2</sub>	
	7.9159		973.15	CO	V	0.0033468	0.0280104	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.27E-08		1.101087454	-3948.533402	-3205.29937	-84.91653062 CO	
	7.9159		973.15	HCOOH	V	5.976E-05	0.0460256	11.71	0.1358	-8.41E-05	2.02E-08		1.466439451	-8231.505945	-7241.659315	-3.42554358 HCOOH	
	7.9159		973.15	N <sub>2</sub>	V	0.5898907	0.0280134	31.15	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.17E-08		1.089651368	0	735.5146735	3434.497342 N <sub>2</sub>	
																SUM =	-18440.52387

NOTE: For completely adiabatic operation the exit temperature would be: 975.049413 K, which is a difference of only -0.19%  
 cf. HYSIM: 6804.973  
 "ERROR" = -27786%  
**OUT - IN = -24.57927093**  
 ==> Approx. ADIABATIC



**Energy Balance over Tail-gas Burner (RXN-3)**

Ideal vapour-phase assumed.

**STREAMS IN:**

No. Description	Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	t [°C]	T [K]	Species	State	Mass frac. [-]	M <sub>R</sub> [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	A/C1	B/C2	C/C3	D/C4	C5	$\bar{c}_p$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{f,298K}^{\circ}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{f,T}^{\circ}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{f,T}^{\circ}$ [kW]	
39 Purged off-gas	2.870748	45.71	318.86	HCHO	V	0	0.0300262	23.48	3.16E-02	2.99E-05	-2.30E-08		1.1785	-3862.293597	-3837.8900	0 HCHO	
	2.8707		318.86	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	V	0	0.032042	21.15	7.09E-02	2.59E-05	-2.89E-08		1.3936	-6282.379377	-6253.5212	0 CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
	2.8707		318.86	O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0006491	0.0319988	28.11	-3.68E-06	1.75E-05	-1.07E-08		0.9206	0	19.0635	0.035521049 O <sub>2</sub>	
	2.8707		318.86	H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.0629512	0.0180152	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.60E-09		1.8724	-13433.10094	-13394.3273	-2420.58511 H <sub>2</sub> O	
	2.8707		318.86	H <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0138649	0.0020158	27.14	0.009274	-1.38E-05	7.65E-09		14.34216332	0	296.9917812	11.82106887 H <sub>2</sub>	
	2.87074824		318.86	CO <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0836524	0.0440098	19.8	0.07344	-5.60E-05	1.72E-08		0.854967694	-8948.007035	-8930.302706	-2144.567625 CO <sub>2</sub>	
	2.87074824		318.86	CO	V	0.0047326	0.0280104	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.27E-08		1.04201441	-3948.533402	-3926.955784	-53.35154132 CO	
	2.87074824		318.86	HCOOH	V	0	0.0460256	11.71	0.1358	-8.41E-05	2.02E-08		1.003562547	-8231.505945	-8210.724573	0 HCOOH	
	2.87074824		318.86	N <sub>2</sub>	V	0.8341498	0.0280134	31.15	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.17E-08		1.04135553	0	21.56397378	51.63782648 N <sub>2</sub>	
49 Extra air	1.717638	45.71	318.86	HCHO	V	0	0.0300262	23.48	3.16E-02	2.99E-05	-2.30E-08		1.1785	-3862.293597	-3837.8900	0 HCHO	
	1.7176		318.86	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	V	0	0.032042	21.15	7.09E-02	2.59E-05	-2.89E-08		1.3936	-6282.379377	-6253.5212	0 CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
	1.7176		318.86	O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.2250448	0.0319988	28.11	-3.68E-06	1.75E-05	-1.07E-08		0.9206	0	19.0635	7.368900182 O <sub>2</sub>	
	1.7176		318.86	H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.0315613	0.0180152	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.60E-09		1.8724	-13433.10094	-13394.3273	-726.1181003 H <sub>2</sub> O	
	1.7176		318.86	H <sub>2</sub>	V	0	0.0020158	27.14	0.009274	-1.38E-05	7.65E-09		14.34216332	0	296.9917812	0 H <sub>2</sub>	
	1.71763799		318.86	CO <sub>2</sub>	V	0	0.0440098	19.8	0.07344	-5.60E-05	1.72E-08		0.854967694	-8948.007035	-8930.302706	0 CO <sub>2</sub>	
	1.71763799		318.86	CO	V	0	0.0280104	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.27E-08		1.04201441	-3948.533402	-3926.955784	0 CO	
	1.71763799		318.86	HCOOH	V	0	0.0460256	11.71	0.1358	-8.41E-05	2.02E-08		1.003562547	-8231.505945	-8210.724573	0 HCOOH	
	1.71763799		318.86	N <sub>2</sub>	V	0.7433939	0.0280134	31.15	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.17E-08		1.04135553	0	21.56397378	27.5346413 N <sub>2</sub>	
																SUM =	-5246.224418

Check mass balances: 0

**STREAMS OUT:**

No. Description	Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	t [°C]	T [K]	Species	State	Mass frac. [-]	M <sub>R</sub> [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	A/C1	B/C2	C/C3	D/C4	C5	$\bar{c}_p$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{f,298K}^{\circ}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{f,T}^{\circ}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{f,T}^{\circ}$ [kW]	
- Tail-gas	4.588386	907.69	1180.8	HCHO	V	0	0.0300262	23.48	3.16E-02	2.99E-05	-2.30E-08		1.7476	-3862.293597	-2319.7099	0 HCHO	
	4.5884		1180.84	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	V	0	0.032042	21.15	7.09E-02	2.59E-05	-2.89E-08		2.3026	-6282.379377	-4249.8801	0 CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
	4.5884		1180.84	O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0141084	0.0319988	28.11	-3.68E-06	1.75E-05	-1.07E-08		1.0297	0	908.8792	58.83611875 O <sub>2</sub>	
	4.5884		1180.84	H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.128726	0.0180152	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.60E-09		2.1174	-13433.10094	-11564.1121	-6830.27937 H <sub>2</sub> O	
	4.58838623		1180.84	H <sub>2</sub>	V	0	0.0020158	27.14	0.009274	-1.38E-05	7.65E-09		14.75453281	0	13023.70807	0 H <sub>2</sub>	
	4.58838623		1180.84	CO <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0569898	0.0440098	19.8	0.07344	-5.60E-05	1.72E-08		1.118892788	-8948.007035	-7960.369322	-2081.566783 CO <sub>2</sub>	
	4.58838623		1180.84	CO	V	0	0.0280104	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.27E-08		1.122938148	-3948.533402	-2957.324883	0 CO	
	4.58838623		1180.84	HCOOH	V	0	0.0460256	11.71	0.1358	-8.41E-05	2.02E-08		1.55866563	-8231.505945	-6855.684263	0 HCOOH	
	4.58838623		1180.84	N <sub>2</sub>	V	0.8001758	0.0280134	31.15	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.17E-08		1.110363036	0	980.1085692	3598.483976 N <sub>2</sub>	
																SUM =	-5254.526057

NOTE: For completely adiabatic operation the exit temperature would be:

1182.1838 K, which is a difference of only -0.11%

cf. HYSIM: 4858.9326

OUT - IN = -8.301636695

====> Approx. ADIABATIC

"ERROR" = -58630%









Stream	HPGas	LPAir	LPGas	MainsWater	Stream	W_BPump4	W_Blower	W_MethPump	W_Turb2
Description					Description				
Vapour frac.	1	1	1	0	Vapour frac.	2.0000*	2.0000*	2.0000*	2.0000*
Temperature C	121.583	37.0000*	43.5838	37.0000*	Temperature C	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Pressure kPa	185.0000*	101.0000*	101	400.0000*	Pressure kPa	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Molar Flow mol/s*	228.9755	113.7801	228.9755	12.5395	Molar Flow mol/s*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Mass Flow kg/s*	5.9484	3.2212*	5.9484	0.2259*	Mass Flow kg/s*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
LiqVol Flow L/s	7.5372	3.7087	7.5372	0.2264	LiqVol Flow L/s	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Enthalpy kW	2635.0243	1030.0533	2104.1736	-423.1333	Enthalpy kW	2.1046	530.8508	0.2252	547.7165
Density kg/m3	1.4644	1.1089	0.9963	998.3729	Density kg/m3	0	0	0	0
Mole Wt.	25.9782	28.3107	25.9782	18.0151	Mole Wt.	0	0	0	0
Spec. Heat kJ/kg-C	1.1508	1.0368	1.1387	4.1901	Spec. Heat kJ/kg-C	---	---	---	---
Therm Cond W/m-K	0.0382	0.0264	0.032	0.6277	Therm Cond W/m-K	---	---	---	---
Viscosity cP	0.021	0.0187	0.0179	0.6904	Viscosity cP	---	---	---	---
Z Factor	1	1	1	0.0028	Z Factor	---	---	---	---
Sur Tension dyne/cm	---	---	---	70.0165	Sur Tension dyne/cm	---	---	---	---
Std Density kg/m3	---	---	---	1014.836	Std Density kg/m3	---	---	---	---
Formaldehyde mass frac.	0	0.0000*	0	0	Formaldehyde mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Methanol mass frac.	0	0.0000*	0	0	Methanol mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Oxygen mass frac.	0.1222	0.2250*	0.1222	0	Oxygen mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
H2O mass frac.	0.046	0.0316*	0.046	1	H2O mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Hydrogen mass frac.	0.0064	0.0000*	0.0064	0	Hydrogen mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
CO2 mass frac.	0.0384	0.0000*	0.0384	0	CO2 mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
CO mass frac.	0.0022	0.0000*	0.0022	0	CO mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
FormicAcid mass frac.	0	0.0000*	0	0	FormicAcid mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Nitrogen mass frac.	0.785	0.7434*	0.785	0	Nitrogen mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Argon mass frac.	0	0.0000*	0	0	Argon mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*

Stream	MethanolFeed	MethanolPipe	OHead_Total	Off-gas	Stream	W_VapPump	WaterFeed
Description					Description		
Vapour frac.	0	0	1	1	Vapour frac.	2.0000*	0
Temperature C	37.0355	37.0000*	50.0000*	50	Temperature C	0.0000*	37.0456
Pressure kPa	185.0000*	110.0000*	110.0000*	110	Pressure kPa	0.0000*	185
Molar Flow mol/s*	54.3538	54.3538	236.5498	121.3501	Molar Flow mol/s*	0.0000*	12.5395
Mass Flow kg/s*	1.7416	1.7416*	5.5993	2.8724	Mass Flow kg/s*	0.0000*	0.2259
LiqVol Flow L/s	2.1887	2.1887	7.8596	4.032	LiqVol Flow L/s	0.0000*	0.2264
Enthalpy kW	-1473.7222	-1473.9474	2205.7159	1131.5323	Enthalpy kW	1.7814	-423.1333
Density kg/m3	773.4377	773.4186	0.9691	0.9691	Density kg/m3	0	998.2705
Mole Wt.	32.0419	32.0419	23.6706	23.6706	Mole Wt.	0	18.0151
Spec. Heat kJ/kg-C	3.6422	3.642	1.26	1.26	Spec. Heat kJ/kg-C	---	4.1901
Therm Cond W/m-K	0.1747	0.1747	0.0382	0.0382	Therm Cond W/m-K	---	0.6277
Viscosity cP	0.4623	0.4625	0.017	0.017	Viscosity cP	---	0.6898
Z Factor	0.003	0.0018	1	1	Z Factor	---	0.0013
Sur Tension dyne/cm	27.6753	27.6809	---	---	Sur Tension dyne/cm	---	70.0085
Std Density kg/m3	796.4045	796.4045	---	---	Std Density kg/m3	---	1014.836
Formaldehyde mass frac.	0.0000*	0	0	0	Formaldehyde mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*
Methanol mass frac.	1.0000*	1	0	0	Methanol mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*
Oxygen mass frac.	0.0000*	0	0.0008	0.0008	Oxygen mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*
H2O mass frac.	0.0000*	0	0.0632	0.0632	H2O mass frac.	0.0000*	1.0000*
Hydrogen mass frac.	0.0000*	0	0.0139	0.0139	Hydrogen mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*
CO2 mass frac.	0.0000*	0	0.0834	0.0834	CO2 mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*
CO mass frac.	0.0000*	0	0.0047	0.0047	CO mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*
FormicAcid mass frac.	0.0000*	0	0	0	FormicAcid mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*
Nitrogen mass frac.	0.0000*	0	0.8339	0.8339	Nitrogen mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*
Argon mass frac.	0.0000*	0	0	0	Argon mass frac.	0.0000*	0.0000*

Stream	PRODUCT	ProcessVap	Q_Abs	Q_Burner
Description				
Vapour frac.	0	1	2.0000*	2.0000*
Temperature C	60	62.0833	0.0000*	0.0000*
Pressure kPa	120	185.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Molar Flow mol/s*	114.3723	295.8674*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Mass Flow kg/s*	2.6441	7.9159	0.0000*	0.0000*
LiqVol Flow L/s	3.1235	9.9523	0.0000*	0.0000*
Enthalpy kW	-2562.5408	2976.8316	-27.5397	0.0000*
Density kg/m3	790.785	1.7759	0	0
Mole Wt.	23.1182	26.7549	0	0
Spec. Heat kJ/kg-C	3.6248	1.2336	---	---
Therm Cond W/m-K	0.3747	0.0295	---	---
Viscosity cP	0.2115	0.0154	---	---
Z Factor	0.0013	1	---	---
Sur Tension dyne/cm	43.9075	---	---	---
Std Density kg/m3	839.4352	---	---	---
Formaldehyde mass frac.	0.5407	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Methanol mass frac.	0.01	0.2200*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Oxygen mass frac.	0	0.0918*	0.0000*	0.0000*
H2O mass frac.	0.4492	0.0631*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Hydrogen mass frac.	0	0.0048*	0.0000*	0.0000*
CO2 mass frac.	0	0.0288*	0.0000*	0.0000*
CO mass frac.	0	0.0016*	0.0000*	0.0000*
FormicAcid mass frac.	0.0002	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Nitrogen mass frac.	0	0.5899*	0.0000*	0.0000*
Argon mass frac.	0	0.0000*	0.0000*	0.0000*



STREAM MASS COMPOSITIONS

Stream name **BBB**

Mass Fraction

Component	Total	Vapour	Light Liquid	Heavy Liquid
Formaldehyde	0	0	0	---
Methanol	0.2881	0.1958	0.3232	---
Oxygen	0.026	0.0946	0	---
H2O	0.5086	0.0658	0.6768	---
Hydrogen	0.0014	0.0049	0	---
CO2	0.0082	0.0296	0	---
CO	0.0005	0.0017	0	---
FormicAcid	0	0	0	---
Nitrogen	0.1673	0.6077	0	---
Argon	0	0	0	---

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Mass Flows in kg/h

Formaldehyde	0	0	0	---
Methanol	28956.3262	5415.8833	23540.4434	---
Oxygen	2616.1794	2615.8643	0.3154	---
H2O	51110.7188	1819.2366	49291.4844	---
Hydrogen	136.1387	136.1146	0.0241	---
CO2	821.2947	819.3807	1.914	---
CO	46.4667	46.4565	0.0102	---
FormicAcid	0	0	0	---
Nitrogen	16810.0879	16809.3906	0.6961	---
Argon	0	0	0	---

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Total flow	27.9159	7.684	20.2319	0
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STREAM MASS COMPOSITIONS

Stream name **ColdFeed**

Mass Fraction

Component	Total	Vapour	Light Liquid	Heavy Liquid
Formaldehyde	0	0	0	---
Methanol	0.22	0.13	0.6829	---
Oxygen	0.0918	0.1097	0	---
H2O	0.0631	0.0137	0.3171	---
Hydrogen	0.0048	0.0057	0	---
CO2	0.0288	0.0344	0	---
CO	0.0016	0.0019	0	---
FormicAcid	0	0	0	---
Nitrogen	0.5899	0.7046	0	---
Argon	0	0	0	---

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Mass Flows in kg/h

Formaldehyde	0	0	0	---
Methanol	6269.7598	3101.2915	3168.4683	---
Oxygen	2616.0107	2615.9941	0.0165	---
H2O	1797.4092	326.3094	1471.0997	---
Hydrogen	136.1388	136.1351	0.0037	---
CO2	821.295	821.1005	0.1945	---
CO	46.4667	46.4646	0.0021	---
FormicAcid	0	0	0	---
Nitrogen	16810.0859	16810.0605	0.0265	---
Argon	0	0	0	---

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Total flow	7.9159	6.627	1.2888	0
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STREAM MASS COMPOSITIONS

**Stream name Convert\_Eff**

Mass Fraction

Component	Total	Vapour	Light Liquid	Heavy Liquid
Formaldehyde	0.1806	0.1916	---	0
Methanol	0.0033	0.0035	---	0
Oxygen	0.0006	0.0006	---	0.0001
H2O	0.1534	0.1628	---	0.0001
Hydrogen	0.0098	0.0104	---	0
CO2	0.059	0.0018	---	0.9969
CO	0.0033	0.0034	---	0.0024
FormicAcid	0.0001	0.0001	---	0
Nitrogen	0.5899	0.6258	---	0.0005
Argon	0	0	---	0
---	---	---	---	---
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Mass Flows in kg/h

Formaldehyde	5146.2549	5146.1899	---	0.0651
Methanol	95.2399	95.2387	---	0.0012
Oxygen	16.6598	16.5632	---	0.0966
H2O	4371.5361	4371.4492	---	0.0869
Hydrogen	279.4381	279.4333	---	0.0049
CO2	1680.9608	48.5047	---	1632.4562
CO	95.3084	91.3722	---	3.9362
FormicAcid	1.5783	1.5782	---	0.0001
Nitrogen	16810.0879	16809.2734	---	0.8148
Argon	0	0	---	0
---	---	---	---	---
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---	---	---	---	---
Total flow	7.9159	7.461	0	0.4549

**STREAM MASS COMPOSITIONS**

**Stream name Stack-gas**

Mass Fraction

Component	Total	Vapour	Light Liquid	Heavy Liquid
Formaldehyde	0	0	0	---
Methanol	0	0	0	---
Oxygen	0.0142	0.0003	0.1968	---
H2O	0.1289	0.1387	0	---
Hydrogen	0	0	0	---
CO2	0.0568	0	0.8031	---
CO	0	0	0	---
FormicAcid	0	0	0	---
Nitrogen	0.8001	0.861	0.0001	---
Argon	0	0	0	---
---	---	---	---	---
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Mass Flows in kg/h

Formaldehyde	0	0	0	---
Methanol	0	0	0	---
Oxygen	234.4494	4.3651	230.0844	---
H2O	2129.9111	2129.8926	0.0185	---
Hydrogen	0	0	0	---
CO2	939.0356	0	939.0356	---
CO	0	0	0	---
FormicAcid	0	0	0	---
Nitrogen	13219.3457	13219.2148	0.1309	---
Argon	0	0	0	---
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Total flow	4.5897	4.2649	0.3248	0

**Van Laar, IDEAL (DEFAULT)**

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| HOT KEYS | F1_Help | F2_Menu | S_Switch-Matrices | A_UnifacVLE |
| H_Henry's Coeff | L_UnifacVLE | C_UnifacVLE | All |
| I_j immiscible in i | B_all immiscible in i |
| Formaldehyde | Methanol | Oxygen | H2O |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Formaldehyde | -5.7036 |
| Methanol | 0.6257 |
| Oxygen | 29.1896 |
| H2O | 62.9893 | 0.7643 | -80.3697 |
| Hydrogen | 2.6055 | 8.0175 |
| CO2 | 676.2780 |
| CO | -12385.0000 |
| FormicAcid | -1.5362 |
| Nitrogen | 7.0546 |
| Argon | 33.2214 |
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| HOT KEYS | F1_Help | F2_Menu | S_Switch-Matrices | A_UnifacVLE |
| H_Henry's Coeff | L_UnifacVLE | C_UnifacVLE | All |
| I_j immiscible in i | B_all immiscible in i |
| Formaldehyde | Methanol | Oxygen | H2O | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Formaldehyde | 24.7952 | 13.8729 |
| Methanol | -6.5127 | -183.6914 | 266.3600 | -0.7971 |
| H2O |
| Hydrogen |
| CO2 |
| CO |
| FormicAcid |
| Nitrogen |
| Argon |
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| HOT KEYS | F1_Help | F2_Menu | S_Switch-Matrices | A_UnifacVLE |
| H_Henry's Coeff | L_UnifacVLE | C_UnifacVLE | All |
| I_j immiscible in i | B_all immiscible in i |
| Formaldehyde | Methanol | Oxygen | H2O |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Formaldehyde | -5.7036 |
| Methanol | 0.6257 |
| Oxygen | 29.1896 |
| H2O | 62.9893 | 0.7643 | -80.3697 |
| Hydrogen | 2.6055 | 8.0175 |
| CO2 | 676.2780 |
| CO | -12385.0000 |
| FormicAcid | -1.5362 |
| Nitrogen | 7.0546 |
| Argon | 33.2214 |
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| HOT KEYS | F1_Help | F2_Menu | S_Switch-Matrices | A_UnifacVLE |
| H_Henry's Coeff | L_UnifacVLE | C_UnifacVLE | All |
| I_j immiscible in i | B_all immiscible in i |
| Formaldehyde | Methanol | Oxygen | H2O | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Formaldehyde | 24.7952 | 13.8729 |
| Methanol | -6.5127 | -183.6914 | 266.3600 | -0.7971 |
| H2O |
| Hydrogen |
| CO2 |
| CO |
| FormicAcid |
| Nitrogen |
| Argon |
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**Van Laar, IDEAL (DEFAULT PLUS UNIFAC VLE)**

Unifac Groups Unavailable for Formaldehyde - Methanol interaction pair

Unifac Groups Unavailable for Formaldehyde - FormicAcid interaction pair

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| HOT KEYS | Fl_Help | F2_Menu | S_Switch-Matrices | A_UnifacVLE |
| :         | H_Henry's Coeff | L_UnifacLLE | C_UnifacLLE.All |
| :         | I_j immiscible in i | B_all immiscible in i |
| :         | Formaldehyde | Methanol | Oxygen | H2O |
|:Formaldehyde | --- | --- | -12.1627 | -5.7036 |
|:Methanol | --- | --- | -12.1627 | 0.6257 |
|:Oxygen | 1480.4229 | 2570.1833 | --- | 29.1896 |
|:H2O | 62.9893 | 0.7643 | --- | 8.0175 |
|:Hydrogen | 693.7556 | 2.6055 | --- | 676.2780 |
|:CO2 | -3918.1270 | -3094.8086 | --- | -12385.0000 |
|:CO | 1192.2665 | -4.0521 | --- | --- |
|:FormicAcid | --- | 0.2458 | -12.1627 | -1.5362 |
|:Nitrogen | -124.3227 | 1518.7225 | --- | 7.0546 |
|:Argon | 1356.6383 | 2893.7578 | --- | 33.2214 |
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| HOT KEYS | Fl_Help | F2_Menu | S_Switch-Matrices | A_UnifacVLE |
| :         | H_Henry's Coeff | L_UnifacLLE | C_UnifacLLE.All |
| :         | I_j immiscible in i | B_all immiscible in i |
| :         | Formaldehyde | Methanol | Oxygen | H2O |
|:Formaldehyde | 11.5578 | 69.6759 | -2.0741 | --- |
|:Methanol | 24.7952 | 69.6759 | 13.8729 | 0.0257 |
|:Oxygen | --- | --- | --- | 1792.9489 |
|:H2O | -6.5127 | -183.6914 | 266.3600 | -0.7971 |
|:Hydrogen | --- | --- | --- | 1025.6306 |
|:CO2 | --- | --- | --- | -3727.8840 |
|:CO | --- | --- | --- | 1542.3230 |
|:FormicAcid | 11.5578 | 69.6759 | -2.0741 | --- |
|:Nitrogen | --- | --- | --- | 339.0691 |
|:Argon | --- | --- | --- | 1772.0728 |
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| HOT KEYS | Fl_Help | F2_Menu | S_Switch-Matrices |
| :         |
| :         |
|:Formaldehyde | --- | |
|:Methanol | --- |
|:Oxygen | -0.0043 | -0.0043 |
|:H2O | --- | 19.3401 |
|:Hydrogen | -0.0010 | -0.0009 |
|:CO2 | 0.0011 | 0.0011 |
|:CO | -0.0024 | -0.0036 |
|:FormicAcid | --- | 3.6612 |
|:Nitrogen | -0.0037 | -0.0037 |
|:Argon | -0.0039 | -0.0039 |
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| HOT KEYS | Fl_Help | F2_Menu | S_Switch-Matrices |
| :         |
| :         |
|:Formaldehyde | --- | |
|:Methanol | --- |
|:Oxygen | --- |
|:H2O | 4.4304 | 39.0684 |
|:Hydrogen | --- | --- |
|:CO2 | --- | --- |
|:CO | --- | --- |
|:FormicAcid | -0.1687 | -8.4077 |
|:Nitrogen | --- | --- |
|:Argon | --- | --- |
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**NRTL, IDEAL (DEFAULT)**

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NRTL Interaction Parameters					NRTL Interaction Parameters				
HOT KEYS	F1_Help	F2_Menu	S_Switch-Matrices	A_UnifacVLE	HOT KEYS	F1_Help	F2_Menu	S_Switch-Matrices	A_UnifacVLE
	H_Henry's Coeff	L_UnifacVLE	C_UnifacVLE_All	C_UnifacVLE_All		H_Henry's Coeff	L_UnifacVLE	C_UnifacVLE_All	C_UnifacVLE_All
	I_j immiscible in i	B_all immiscible in i	Oxygen	H <sub>2</sub> O		I_j immiscible in i	B_all immiscible in i	CO	FormicAcid
Formaldehyde	---	---	---	---	Formaldehyde	---	---	---	---
Methanol	-79.2009	-2642.7380	---	321.3200	Methanol	24.7952	---	---	---
Oxygen	---	---	---	610.4030	Oxygen	---	13.8729	---	---
H <sub>2</sub> O	-2806.8950	-48.6725	-80.3697	29.1896	H <sub>2</sub> O	-6.5127	-183.6914	266.3600	248.8916
Hydrogen	---	---	---	---	Hydrogen	---	---	---	---
CO <sub>2</sub>	---	---	---	8.0175	CO <sub>2</sub>	---	---	---	---
CO	---	---	---	676.2780	CO	---	---	---	---
FormicAcid	---	-4.0521	---	-12385.0000	FormicAcid	---	---	---	---
Nitrogen	---	---	---	-250.2830	Nitrogen	---	---	---	---
Argon	---	---	---	7.0546	Argon	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	33.2214		---	---	---	---

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NRTL Interaction Parameters					NRTL Interaction Parameters				
HOT KEYS	F1_Help	F2_Menu	S_Switch-Matrices	A_UnifacVLE	HOT KEYS	F1_Help	F2_Menu	S_Switch-Matrices	A_UnifacVLE
	H_Henry's Coeff	L_UnifacVLE	C_UnifacVLE_All	C_UnifacVLE_All		H_Henry's Coeff	L_UnifacVLE	C_UnifacVLE_All	C_UnifacVLE_All
	I_j immiscible in i	B_all immiscible in i	Oxygen	H <sub>2</sub> O		I_j immiscible in i	B_all immiscible in i	CO	FormicAcid
Formaldehyde	---	---	---	---	Formaldehyde	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	Methanol	-1.9464	---	---	---
Oxygen	---	---	---	-0.0498	Oxygen	---	-0.0294	---	---
H <sub>2</sub> O	---	---	---	19.3401	H <sub>2</sub> O	4.4304	39.0684	-36.7130	---
Hydrogen	---	-0.0009	---	---	Hydrogen	---	---	---	---
CO <sub>2</sub>	---	---	---	-0.0100	CO <sub>2</sub>	---	---	---	---
CO	---	---	---	-0.0977	CO	---	---	---	---
FormicAcid	---	-0.0036	---	---	FormicAcid	---	---	---	---
Nitrogen	---	---	---	-0.0004	Nitrogen	---	---	---	---
Argon	---	---	---	-0.0299	Argon	---	---	---	---

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NRTL Alpha(i,j) Interaction Parameter					NRTL Alpha(i,j) Interaction Parameter				
HOT KEYS	F1_Help	F2_Menu	S_Switch-Matrices	A_UnifacVLE	HOT KEYS	F1_Help	F2_Menu	S_Switch-Matrices	A_UnifacVLE
	H_Henry's Coeff	L_UnifacVLE	C_UnifacVLE_All	C_UnifacVLE_All		H_Henry's Coeff	L_UnifacVLE	C_UnifacVLE_All	C_UnifacVLE_All
	I_j immiscible in i	B_all immiscible in i	Oxygen	H <sub>2</sub> O		I_j immiscible in i	B_all immiscible in i	CO	FormicAcid
Formaldehyde	---	---	---	---	Formaldehyde	---	---	---	---
Methanol	2.4335	---	---	1.4582	Methanol	---	---	---	---
Oxygen	---	---	---	0.3001	Oxygen	---	---	---	---
H <sub>2</sub> O	1.4582	0.3001	---	---	H <sub>2</sub> O	---	---	---	4.3935
Hydrogen	---	---	---	---	Hydrogen	---	---	---	---
CO <sub>2</sub>	---	---	---	---	CO <sub>2</sub>	---	---	---	---
CO	---	---	---	---	CO	---	---	---	---
FormicAcid	---	---	---	4.3935	FormicAcid	---	---	---	---
Nitrogen	---	---	---	---	Nitrogen	---	---	---	---
Argon	---	---	---	---	Argon	---	---	---	---



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+----- Binary Interaction Parameters -----+
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HYSIM displays all binary interaction parameters in the form of two corresponding matrices. Any blanks in the matrix correspond to a stored value of zero. Any element in the matrix may be overwritten by using the cursor to move to that position and either pressing <F2> for a menu or entering the number directly. There are also a series of Hot Keys available in the form.

If you are entering data the components across the top of the menu represent the "i" and the components down the side represent the "j".

		a(i,j)			
		1	2	3	4
j	i-->	ic4	nc4	ic5	nc5
	ic4	---	2,1	3,1	4,1
v	nc4	1,2	---	3,2	4,2
	ic5	1,3	2,3	---	4,3
	nc5	1,4	2,4	3,4	---

more

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+----- Binary Interaction Parameters -----+
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Each activity model, with the exception of NRTL and Chien-Null has two such matrices, you may use the "S" key to switch between the two. The second matrix corresponds to the  $b_{ij}$  matrix and is filled in exactly the same manner as the  $a_{ij}$  matrix. All of the activity models follow this format where

$$A_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij} * T \quad (T = \text{temperature in Kelvin deg})$$

The NRTL model is different in that it contains a third matrix corresponding to the " $\alpha(i,j)$ " term. In this case "S" acts as a three way switch, pressing from the  $B_{ij}$  matrix will give you the alpha matrix. The units of  $A_{ij}$  are different for each activity model and are explained in their corresponding section. If  $A_{ijs}$  are not available for all binary parameters you may use the various UNIFAC estimation methods. You have the choice of using the <F2> menu to regress a specific binary pair, or utilize the Hot Keys available in the form.

more

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+----- Binary Interaction Parameters -----+
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+----- Binary Interaction Parameters -----+
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The LLE option is not available for the Wilson model since it is not capable of predicting three phase equilibria. HYSIM's implementation of the NRTL equation contains temperature dependent energy parameters as well as the alpha parameter. After selecting the NRTL equation, the second matrix accessed using the "S" command

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+----- Binary Interaction Parameters -----+
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| is the B(i,j) parameter matrix. Pressing the "S" key a second time |
| will result in HYSIM displaying the Alpha(i,j) matrix, it is |
| important to note that Alpha(i,j) = Alpha(j,i). In order to toggle |
| back to the A(i,j) matrix you must press the "S" key a third time. |
| As with the other activity models, only the aij parameter is |
| regressed, the alpha parameter is set equal to 0.3. |
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+----- Paramater Estimation Using Unifac -----+
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|
| HYSIM uses Unifac to generate Aij's or energy parameters for all of |
| the available activity models. Only Aij and Aji are regressed for |
| each activity model, Bij and Bji are set to zero and the Alpha term |
| for the NRTL is set equal to 0.3. Given a binary HYSIM, will calculate |
| the Unifac activities at the two infinite dilution points, and three |
| intermediate compositions, at a temperature of 298 K and 1 atm pressure. |
| All of the library components in HYSIM carry Unifac structure information, |
| any Hypothetical components should have these groups assigned if the |
| Unifac option is being used. The calculated activities are then used |
| in the internal regression routines to produce the Aij's. There are two |
| important things to note;
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| First, the parameters are regressed at atmospheric pressure, this will |
| produce better results when using the ideal model for the vapour phase. |
| Second, Unifac is a generalized method and is only going to produce |
| approximate results +/- (10 - 15)%. The method will work quite well as |
| long as the given binary components are NOT the primary constituents |
| being separated in a fractionation system. If no other source of Aij |
| data is available this option should be used as opposed to using zero |
| for the energy parameters.
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| Hot Keys |
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+-----+
|Wilson          UNIQUAC          NRTL          VanLaar |
|Margules        Chien-Null |
|VanLaar two or four parameter VanLaar equation [Aij = aij + bij*T] |
| Which activity model do you require |
|> |
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M O N A S H U N I V E R S I T Y  
D E P A R T M E N T O F C H E M I C A L E N G I N E E R I N G



## **APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 6**

### **SPECIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT ITEMS**







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DESIGN OF: HX-6 : STAGE 3 RECIRCULATION COOLER	CHKD. DIV

①

DUTY  
From worksheet "Abs'r" of spreadsheet  $D_p$ -eb-09.xls :   
 *↓ detailed design section.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Energy of incoming fluid} &= -16148.8 \\ &\quad -210.4 \\ &\quad -171101.7 \\ &\quad \underline{\quad -12.7} \\ &= -187473.6 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

similarly  
Energy of outgoing fluid = -188061.1 kW  
 $\Rightarrow \Delta H = 587.5 \text{ kW}$

$\Delta H \doteq 590 \text{ kW}$

②

TEMPERATURE DRIVING FORCE.

$(\Delta T)_{lm} = 10^\circ\text{C}$

$$\text{Perry}^{(6)} : S = \frac{t_2 - t_1}{T_1 - t_1} = \frac{41 - 30}{51 - 30} = \frac{11}{21} = 0.52$$

$$R = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{51 - 40}{41 - 30} = \frac{11}{11} = 1.$$

$(\Delta T)_{lm} = 10^\circ\text{C}$

$\Rightarrow F_T \doteq 0.8 \rightarrow \text{OKAY} \downarrow$   
*two tube passes.*  
 $\rightarrow$  better :  $F_T = 1$  (one tube pass).

$F_T = 1$

③

AREA

$\Delta H = UA(\Delta T)_{lm} \cdot F_T$

From Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup> take  $U \approx 800 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$   
*↑ aqueous solution*

$\Rightarrow A = \frac{587.5}{73.4} \text{ m}^2 \rightarrow \text{OKAY}.$

$A \doteq \frac{110}{75} \text{ m}^2$

④

BRANCH NOMINAL SIZES

Process :  $\dot{V}_p = (13.830 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}) \div (1050 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}) = 0.0132 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

Take  $v \leq 1 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \Rightarrow A_p \geq \frac{0.00659}{0.0168} \text{ m}^2$

~~GRAVITY FLOW~~  
 $\Rightarrow D_p \geq \frac{0.092}{0.130} \text{ m} = \frac{92}{130} \text{ mm}$   
 $\rightarrow$  Take  $D_p = \frac{152}{102} \text{ mm}$  [Perry<sup>(6)</sup>]

$D_p = \frac{102}{152} \text{ mm}$

Utility :  $\dot{m}_u = \frac{\Delta H}{c_{p,u} \Delta T_u} = \frac{587.5 \text{ kW}}{(4.18)(11) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}} = 12.8 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

$\dot{m}_u = 12.8 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

$\therefore \dot{V}_u \approx 0.0128 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \Rightarrow A_u \geq \frac{0.0064}{0.0168} \text{ m}^2$  ( $v \leq 1 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ )  
 $\Rightarrow D_u \geq \frac{0.090}{0.090} \text{ m} \rightarrow$  Take  $D_u = \frac{152}{102} \text{ mm}$

$D_u = \frac{102}{152} \text{ mm}$





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DESIGN OF: HX-6: STAGE 3 RECIRCULATION COOLER

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PRESSURE

As the exchanger is at the base of the tall column, pressure will be affected.

Nominal operating pressure for stage 3 = 124 kPa(abs) at the top, 126 kPa(abs) at the bottom.

The height above the exchanger : 11.6 m (bottom)  
14.1 m (top)

$\Delta H \approx 14.1 \text{ m}$

With  $\rho_c = 995 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  &  $g = 9.78 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  [Ciancetti<sup>(2)</sup>]

$\Rightarrow \Delta p = (995)(9.78)(14.1) = 137 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa (abs)}$

$\Rightarrow P_{\text{exiting HX-6}} \geq 137 + 124 = 261 \text{ Pa (abs)}$

$P_{\text{exit}} \approx 265 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

$\Rightarrow$  Take 265 kPa(abs) [consider nozzles, 'fortuosity', ...]

$\hookrightarrow$  for  $(-\Delta p)$  across the exchange = 40 kPa(abs) [Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>]

$P_{\text{in}} \approx 305 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

$P_{\text{in}} = 305 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

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DESIGN VALUES

Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup> recommends adding 5 to 10% to pressure:

take  $P_{\text{DESIGN}} = 450 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

$P_{\text{DESIGN}} = 450 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

Take  $T_{\text{DESIGN}} = 150^\circ\text{C}$

$T_{\text{DESIGN}} = 150^\circ\text{C}$





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 DESIGN OF: HX-7 : STAGE 2 RECIRCULATION COOLER

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①	NOTE See specification of HX-6 for method.	
②	DUTY $\Delta H = (+525189.8) - (+522840.7) = 2349 \text{ kW}$	$\Delta H = 2349 \text{ kW}$
③	TEMPERATURE DRIVING FORCE $(\Delta T)_{LM} = 18^\circ\text{C}$ $S = \frac{45-30}{63-30} = \frac{15}{33} = 0.45$ , $R = \frac{63-48}{45-30} = \frac{15}{15} = 1.00$ $\Rightarrow F_T = 0.88$ for 2 tube passes (or 4, ...) $\Rightarrow$ CHOOSE THIS.	$(\Delta T)_{LM} = 18^\circ\text{C}$ $F_T = 0.88$
④	AREA $A = \frac{2349 \times 10^3}{700 \times 0.88 \times 18} = \frac{297}{212} \text{ m}^2 \rightarrow \text{OKAY (Gannett)}$	$A = \frac{297}{210} \text{ m}^2$
⑤	BRANCHES Process: $\dot{V}_p = (41.2 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}) \div (1100 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}) = 0.037 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ Then for $v \leq 2 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ $\Rightarrow D_p \geq \frac{0.217}{0.153} \text{ m} \Rightarrow$ take $D_p = \frac{178}{229} \text{ mm}$ Utility: $\dot{m}_u = \frac{\Delta H}{c_p \Delta T_u} = \frac{2349}{(4.18)(15)} = 37.5 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \rightarrow \dot{V}_u = 0.0375 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ $\therefore v \leq 2 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \Rightarrow D_u \geq \frac{219}{155} \text{ mm} \Rightarrow D_u = \frac{178}{229} \text{ mm}$	$D_p = \frac{178}{229} \text{ mm}$ $\dot{m}_u = 37.5 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ $D_u = \frac{178}{229} \text{ mm}$
⑥	PRESSURE $\Delta p = \rho g \Delta H = (1100)(9.78)(10.1) = 108.7 \text{ kPa}$ $\Rightarrow p_{\text{exit}} \approx 109 + 126 = 235 \text{ kPa} \rightarrow \sim 240 \text{ kPa (abs)}$ $\therefore p_{in} = 240 + 40 = 280 \text{ kPa (abs)}$	$p_{\text{exit}} = 240 \text{ kPa (abs)}$ $p_{in} = 280 \text{ kPa (abs)}$
⑦	DESIGN VALUES $p_{\text{DESIGN}} \approx 450 \text{ kPa (abs)}$ $T_{\text{DESIGN}} = 150^\circ\text{C}$	$p_{\text{DESIGN}} = 450 \text{ kPa (abs)}$ $T_{\text{DESIGN}} = 150^\circ\text{C}$





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DESIGN OF: HX-8 : STAGE 1 RECIRCULATION COOLER	CHKD.

①

NOTE  
See specification of HX-6 for method

②

DUTY  
 $\Delta \dot{H} = (-298663.8) - (-300284.5) = 1620.7 \text{ kW}$

$\Delta \dot{H} = 1621 \text{ kW}$

③

TEMPERATURE DRIVING FORCE  
 $(\Delta T)_{LM} = 30^\circ\text{C}$

$(\Delta T)_{LM} = 30^\circ\text{C}$

Alternatively, for co-current exchange:  $(\Delta T)_{LM,cc} = \frac{(75-30) - (60-45)}{\ln(\frac{45}{15})}$   
 $\rightarrow$  equivalent to  $F_T = \frac{27.3}{30} = 0.91 \rightarrow \text{okay}$

$\therefore (\Delta T)_{LM,cc} = 27.3^\circ\text{C}$

Compare:  $S = \frac{45-30}{75-30} = \frac{15}{45} = 0.33$ ,  $R = 1.00$   
 $\rightarrow$  For a 1-2 exchanger, Reynolds says  $F_T \approx 0.96$

Counter-current  $\Rightarrow T_{wall, min} \approx \frac{60+30}{2} = 45^\circ\text{C}$   
 $\rightarrow$  too low for 54% HCHO (by mass) [Kirk-Othmer<sup>(4)</sup>]

Co-current:  $T_{wall, min} \approx \frac{60+45}{2} = 52.5^\circ\text{C}$   
 $\rightarrow$  better!

$\Rightarrow$  CHOOSE CO-CURRENT ARRANGEMENT.  
 Record  $(\Delta T)_{LM} = 30^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $F_T = 0.91$

$F_T = 0.91$

④

AREA  
 $A = \frac{1621 \times 10^3}{600 \times 27.3} = 98.96 \text{ m}^2$

$A = 100 \text{ m}^2$

⑤

BRANCHES  
 Process:  $V_p = \frac{29.7 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}}{(1150 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3})} = 0.0258 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$   
 $v \leq 2 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \Rightarrow D_p \geq 128 \text{ mm}$  Take  $D_p = 152 \text{ mm}$

$D_p = 152 \text{ mm}$

Utility:  $\dot{m}_u = \frac{1621 \text{ kW}}{(4.18 \times 15)} = 25.9 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \rightarrow \dot{V}_u \approx 0.0259 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$   
 $\therefore v \leq 2 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \Rightarrow D_u \geq 128 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow D_u = 152 \text{ mm}$

$\dot{m}_u = 25.9 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

$D_u = 152 \text{ mm}$

⑥

PRESSURE  
 $\Delta p = \rho g h \approx (1150 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3})(9.78 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2})(6.4 \text{ m}) = 72 \text{ kPa}$

$\Rightarrow p_{exit} \approx 72 + 128 = 200 \text{ kPa (abs)}$   
 $\therefore p_{in} \approx p_{exit} + 40 = 240 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

$p_{exit} = 200 \text{ kPa (abs)}$   
 $p_{in} = 240 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

⑦

DESIGN VALUES  
 Take  $p_{design} = 450 \text{ kPa (abs)}$ , as before,  
 but increase  $T_{design}$  to  $170^\circ\text{C}$  to cope with  
 absorber feed cooler failure

$p_{design} = 450 \text{ kPa (abs)}$   
 $T_{design} = 170^\circ\text{C}$







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DESIGN OF: MX-11: SERPENTINE COOLING COILS	CHKD. DJV.

①

DUTY  
From the specification of P-8,  $\Delta H = 153 \text{ kW}$

$\Delta H = 153 \text{ kW}$

②

TEMPERATURE  
 $(\Delta T)_{\text{lm}} = 7^\circ\text{C}$  — minimum

37 — 42  
30 — 35

$\Delta T_{\text{lm}} = 7^\circ\text{C}$

Counter-current flow can be assumed.

③

AREA  
 $A = \frac{153 \times 10^3}{1000 \times 7} = 21.8 \text{ m}^2$

$A = 21.8 \text{ m}^2$

use  $U = 1000 \text{ W.m}^{-2}.\text{K}^{-1}$ , after Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, due to the vigorous agitation, and water on both sides (essentially).

⇒ If the coil is one inch in diameter (outer)  
 ⇒ circumference = 79.8 mm  
 ⇒ Total length = 273 m

Total length = 273 m

At 21 trays, length = 13 m per tray.

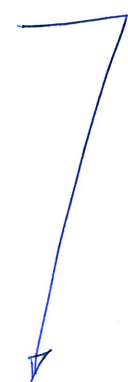
Length = 13 m per tray.

④

PRESSURE  
See P-8  
 $P_{\text{in}} = 143 \text{ kPa (abs)}$  } minimum (at top)  
 $P_{\text{out}} = 103 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

$P_{\text{in}} = 143 \text{ kPa (abs)}$   
 $P_{\text{out}} = 103 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

There is room for 254 mm coil between trays, with room for 8 lengths of tubing of various lengths on either side of the baffle.  
 Recall: column diameter = 1.8 m.







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DESIGN OF: P-4A : STAGE 1 RECIRCULATION PUMP	CHKD.

①

NOTE:  
Refer also to specification of KX-8

②

VOLUMETRIC FLOWRATE  
 $m_i = 29.7 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  ,  $\rho = 1150 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \dot{V} = 29.8 \div 1150 \times 3600 = 93.3 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$

$\dot{V} = 93 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$

④

PUMP MODEL  
 From CHE3108, two models cope with  $\dot{V} \geq 100 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$   
 Take the smaller, with higher efficiency,  $\eta$ : DR-816 (Worthington)

Model = DR-816

⑤

POWER  
 From the manufacturers graph, taking  $\phi = 168 \text{ mm}$   
 $\Rightarrow \eta = 67\%$ , Power  $\approx 14 \text{ BHP} = 10.4 \text{ kW}$

$\phi = 168 \text{ mm}$

Alternatively: Power<sup>r</sup> =  $A_p \cdot \dot{V} = (40 \text{ kPa}) \times (0.0259 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}) = 1036 \text{ W}$

③

HEAD  
 Total delivered head =  $\frac{40 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}}{(9.78 \text{ m}^2) \times (1150 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3})} = 3.56 \text{ m}$

TDM = 3.56 m

Whereas the selected pump delivers  $\approx 25 \text{ m}$  of head (hence the extra power).

Perry<sup>(6)</sup> indicates that the combination of TDM and  $\dot{V}$  given here is suitable for a single-stage centrifugal pump.

However, there is concern that pumps capable of handling the relatively large  $\dot{V}$  are often designed with a relatively large TDM (design), which must then be let down through a valve while still consuming the higher power.  
 $\Rightarrow$  "Arbitrarily" take  $\eta = 0.5$  [Else typically  $\approx 80\%$  - Sinnott<sup>(12)</sup>]

$\eta_p = 50\%$

$\hookrightarrow$  Power =  $\frac{1.036 \text{ kW}}{0.5} = 2.07 \text{ kW}$

Power<sub>p</sub> = 2.07 kW (required)

⑥

MOTOR  
 From Siemens 1980 catalogue [CHE409], typical drive efficiency is 80%.  
 Take motor power (round up) as 3 kW.

$\eta_m = 80\%$   
 Power<sub>m</sub> = 3 kW

⑦

As the system is under gravity flow, take  $v_s \leq 1 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  here.  
 $\therefore A_s \geq 0.0259 \text{ m}^2 \Rightarrow D_s \geq 181 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow$  take  $D_s = 203 \text{ mm}$

$D_s = 203 \text{ mm}$





CLIENT: CHEM17

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DESIGN OF: P-6 : STAGE 2 RECIRCULATION PUMP.

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- ① NOTE  
Refer to specifications of P-4A & HX-7
- ② VOLUMETRIC FLOWRATE  
 $\dot{m} = 41.2 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \rightarrow \dot{V} = \frac{41.2}{1100} = 0.0375 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$   
 $\dot{V} = 135 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$
- ③ HEAD  
 $\text{TDM} = \frac{40 \times 10^3}{(9.78)(1100)} = 3.718 \text{ m}$   
 $\text{TDM} = 3.72 \text{ m}$
- ④ POWER  
 $\text{Power} = \frac{\Delta p \cdot \dot{V}}{\eta} = \frac{(40 \times 10^3)(0.0375)}{0.5} = 3000 \text{ W}$   
 $\text{Power}_p = 3.0 \text{ kW}$   
(req'd)
- ⑤ MOTOR  
 $\eta_m = 80\%$   
 $\text{Take Power}_m = 4.5 \text{ kW}$   
 $\eta_m = 80\%$   
 $\text{Power}_m = 4.5 \text{ kW}$
- ⑥ BRANCH  
 $A_s \geq 0.0375 \text{ m}^2 \Rightarrow D_s \geq 218 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow D_s = 229 \text{ mm}$   
 $D_s = 229 \text{ mm}$





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DESIGN OF: P-7 : STAGE 3 RECIRCULATION PUMP

CHKD:

①

NOTE  
Refer to specification of HX-6 and P-6.

②

VOLUMETRIC FLOWRATE

$$\dot{m} = 13.7 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \Rightarrow \dot{V} = \frac{13.7}{1050} = 0.0130 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\dot{V} = 47 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$$

③

HEAD

$$\text{TDM} = \frac{40 \times 10^3}{(9.78)(1050)} = 3.90 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{TDM} = 3.90 \text{ m}$$

④

POWER

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\Delta p \cdot \dot{V}}{\eta} = \frac{(40 \times 10^3)(0.0130)}{0.50} = 1040 \text{ W}$$

$$\text{Power}_p = 1.04 \text{ kW}$$

⑤

MOTOR

$$\eta_m = 80\%$$

$$\text{Take Power}_m = 1.5 \text{ kW}$$

$$\eta_m = 80\% \\ \text{Power}_m = 1.5 \text{ kW}$$

⑥

BRANCH

$$V \leq 1 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \Rightarrow A_s \geq 0.0130 \text{ m}^2 \Rightarrow D_s \geq 129 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow D_s = 152 \text{ mm}$$

$$D_s = 152 \text{ mm}$$







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DESIGN OF: P-8: STAGE 4 COOLANT PUMP	CHKD. DIV

①

PRESSURE DROP:

Assume a pressure drop of 40 kPa due to valves and frictional losses, etc. — both in the coils and in the pipework to and from the coils.

Suppose the exit pressure at the base of the column is  $\geq 150$  kPa (abs), to get back to the cooling tower.

The top coil is at a height of  $33.57 + 15 \approx 35$  m  
[See Detailed Design of Absorber]

$$\Rightarrow (\Delta p)_{\text{static}} \approx (35 \text{ m})(9.78 \text{ m/s}^2)(1000 \text{ kg/m}^3) \approx 342 \text{ kPa}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Exit pressure requirement satisfied.

Thus, to exit the coil, the water undergoes a  $(-\Delta p)$  of  $\approx 382$  kPa

However the water is "only" supplied at 400 kPa (abs), and at no time must the water in the tubes be at a pressure lower than 101 kPa (abs)

$$\Rightarrow \text{Inlet } p \text{ at base of column (after pump)} \Rightarrow \overset{523}{\cancel{483}} \text{ kPa (abs)}$$

Take Inlet  $p = \overset{525}{\cancel{485}} \text{ kPa (abs)}$

$$\therefore p_{\text{in}} = 400 \text{ kPa (abs)}, p_{\text{out}} = \overset{525}{\cancel{485}} \text{ kPa (abs)} \text{ w.r.t. P-8}$$

$$p_{\text{in}} = 400 \text{ kPa (abs)}$$

$$p_{\text{out}} = \overset{525}{\cancel{485}} \text{ kPa (abs)}$$

②

TEMPERATURE  
 $T = 30^\circ\text{C}$  (assumed const.) for RCW.

$$T = 30^\circ\text{C}$$

③

FLOW  
 From the Detailed Design of the Absorber,  $\dot{M} = 153.0 \text{ kW}$

$$\dot{M} = 153.0 \text{ kW (HX-11)}$$

$$\dot{m} = 7.32 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m} = \frac{153.0}{(4.18)(35-30)} = 7.32 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \dot{V} = 0.0073 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\dot{V} = 26.4 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$$

④

HEAD  
 $\text{TDM} = \frac{\overset{125}{\cancel{85}} \times 10^3}{(1000)(9.78)} = \overset{12.78}{\cancel{8.69}} \text{ m}$

$$\text{TDM} = \overset{12.78}{\cancel{8.69}} \text{ m}$$

⑤

POWER  
 $\text{Power}^r = \dot{V} \cdot \Delta p = \overset{913}{\cancel{622}} \text{ W}$

From Sinnott<sup>2</sup>,  $\eta \approx 70\%$

$$\eta \approx 70\%$$

$$\therefore \text{Power}_p = \overset{1304}{\cancel{889}} \text{ W}$$

$$\text{Power}_p = \overset{1.30}{\cancel{0.970}} \text{ kW}$$





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⑥ Motor Taking  $\eta_m = 80\%$   
 $\Rightarrow$  say Power<sub>m</sub> =  $\frac{2.0}{2.0} \text{ kW}$

⑦ BRANCHES.

Suction: Take  $V \leq 1.5 \text{ m/s}^1$   
 $\Rightarrow D_s \geq 79 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow D_s = 102 \text{ mm}$

Delivery: Take  $V \leq 2.0 \text{ m/s}^1$   
 $\Rightarrow D_d \geq 68 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow D_d = 76 \text{ mm}$

$\eta_m = 80\%$   
 Power<sub>m</sub> =  $\frac{1.5 \text{ kW}}{2.0}$

$D_s = 102 \text{ mm}$

$D_d = 76 \text{ mm}$





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DESIGN OF: P-10: Absorber water pump.

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①

NOTES  
Refer also to specification of P-8

②

NUMERICAL FLOWRATE  
 $m = 0.3275 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$   
 $\therefore \dot{V} = 0.00033 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

$m = 0.3275 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$   
 $\dot{V} = 1.18 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$

③

HEAD  
If  $\Delta p = 382 \text{ kPa}$  as for P-8, and the column pressure is  $110 \text{ kPa (abs)}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Pressure at base of column  $= 495 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

$p_{exit} = 495 \text{ kPa (abs)}$   
 $p_{in} = 400 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

cf.  $p_{in} = 400 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

$$\text{TDM} = \frac{95 \times 10^3}{(1000)(9.78)} = 9.71 \text{ m}$$

TDM = 9.71m

④

POWER  
 $\text{Power}_p = \frac{(95 \times 10^3)(0.000328)}{\eta_p} = 51.9 \text{ W}$   
for  $\eta_p = 0.60$  [Sinnott<sup>(3)</sup>]

$\text{Power}_p = 52 \text{ W}$   
 $\eta_p = 60\%$

⑤

MOTOR  
 $\eta_m = 80\%$   
Take  $\text{Power}_m = 0.10 \text{ kW}$  — small motors not in a great range of sizes  
 $\rightarrow$  Note: this is small enough for flange-mounting.

$\eta_m = 80\%$   
 $\text{Power}_m = 0.10 \text{ kW}$

⑥

BRANCHES  
Suction: Take  $v \leq 1.5 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow D_s \geq 16.7 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow D_s = 19 \text{ mm} (\frac{3}{4} \text{")}$

$D_s = 19 \text{ mm}$

Delivery: Take  $v \leq 2 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow D_D = 14.4 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow D_D = 19 \text{ mm} (\frac{3}{4} \text{")}$

$D_D = 19 \text{ mm}$





## APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 7

### PART 1: VAPOUR-LIQUID EQUILIBRIA





## Vapour pressures over solutions, by the van Laar equation(s)

From R, P & P<sup>(9)</sup>, Chapter 8, Table 8-3

$$g^E = A_1 x_1 x_2 / \{x_1(A/B) + x_2\}$$

$$R.T \ln(\gamma_i) = A_i \{1 + (A/B)(x_1/x_2)\}^2$$

$$R.T \ln(\gamma_2) = B_i \{1 + (B/A)(x_2/x_1)\}^2$$

## For the binary system methanol(1)-water(2):

From HYSIM:

$$a_{12} = \frac{0.7643}{0} \quad b_{12} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$a_{21} = \frac{0.6257}{0} \quad b_{21} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$T [^\circ\text{C}] = \boxed{60} \quad \therefore T [\text{K}] = 333.15$$

hence:  $A_{12} = 0.7643 = A ?$   
 $A_{21} = 0.6257 = B ?$

By estimation from *typical* activity coefficients at infinite dilution:(From R, P & P<sup>(9)</sup>, Chapter 8, Table 8-17)

Note: species (1) is the solute, at infinite dilution

For n-primary alcohols(1)-water(2):

T [°C]	$\alpha$	$\epsilon$	$\zeta$	$\eta$	$\theta$	Equation
25	-0.995	0.622	0.558	...	0	(a)
60	-0.755	0.583	0.460	...	0	(a)
100	-0.420	0.517	0.230	...	0	(a)

Equations:

(a)  $\log(\gamma_1^\infty) = \alpha + \epsilon N_1 + \zeta/N_1 + \theta/N_2$

where  $N_i$  is the number of carbon atoms in molecule  $i$ 

$$N_1 = \boxed{1} \quad N_2 = \boxed{0}$$

where A and B may be found by observing that for the van Laar equation:

for  $x_1 \rightarrow 0$   $R.T \ln(\gamma_1^\infty) = A$

for  $x_2 \rightarrow 0$   $R.T \ln(\gamma_2^\infty) = B$

where  $R = 8.31451 \text{ J.mol}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$

For water(1)-n-primary alcohols(2):

T [°C]	$\alpha$	$\epsilon$	$\zeta$	$\eta$	$\theta$	Equation
25	0.760	0	0	...	-0.630	(a)
60	0.680	0	0	...	-0.440	(a)
100	0.617	0	0	...	-0.280	(a)

where  $N_i$  is the number of carbon atoms in molecule  $i$ 

$$N_1 = \boxed{0} \quad N_2 = \boxed{1}$$

NOTE:

DECHEMA Chemistry Data Series, Vol. 1, Part 1b (VLE .... Aq systems, Supp.2) gives:

$A_{12} = 0.8509$

$A_{21} = 0.5291$

$\gamma_1^\infty = 2.34$

$\gamma_2^\infty = 1.70$

This is not very similar to the values estimated.

Where these have been correlated for atmospheric pressure (101.325kPa(abs)).

It is to be assumed that the constants listed here are A/(R.T) and B/(R.T), respectively.

Thus: at 60°C:

$A_{12} \Rightarrow 2356.975 = A \quad \gamma_1^\infty \Rightarrow 2354.9 = A$

$A_{21} \Rightarrow 1465.596 = B \quad \gamma_2^\infty \Rightarrow 1469.829 = B$

$$\gamma_1^\infty \quad \text{A}$$

1.531087	1055.988
1.940886	1836.896
2.123244	2336.058

$$\therefore A = T[\text{K}] \times 16.95899 = 3935.17$$

$$\gamma_1^\infty \quad \text{B}$$

1.348963	742.0455
1.737801	1530.747
2.172701	2407.487

$$\therefore B = T[\text{K}] \times 22.19922 = 5672.57$$

Plotting VLE data based on these parameters:

**methanol(1)-water(2), T [°C] = 60**  
 $\therefore T [K] = 333.15$

From Antoine data, at 60°C:

$P_{vap,1} [kPa(ats)] = 84.65408$        $P_{vap,2} [kPa(ats)] = 19.94065$

**Total pressure:**  $P_1 + P_2 = y_1 P + y_2 P = P = y_1 P_{vap,1} + y_2 P_{vap,2}$

Substance	A	B	C	D	eq'n	T <sub>c</sub> [K]	P <sub>c</sub> [bar]
Formaldehyde	-7.76451	1.08395	-1.63882	-2.30677	1	408	65.9
Water	-7.76451	1.45538	-2.7758	-1.23003	1	647.3	221.2
Methanol	-8.54796	0.76982	-3.1085	1.54481	1	512.6	80.9

(1)  $\ln(P_{red}) = (A(1 - T/T_c) + B(1 - T/T_c)^2 + C(1 - T/T_c)^3 + D(1 - T/T_c)^4) / (T_c T)$

x <sub>1</sub>	x <sub>2</sub>	y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>2</sub>	From HYSIM		From DECHEMA	
				P <sub>1</sub> [kPa(a)]	P <sub>2</sub> [kPa(a)]	P <sub>1</sub> [kPa(a)]	P <sub>2</sub> [kPa(a)]
0.001	0.999	1.937802	1.000001	0.164043	19.92073	20.08477	0.008168
0.05	0.95	1.798037	1.001952	7.610557	18.9806	28.59116	0.286206
0.1	0.9	1.675797	1.007678	14.18631	18.08438	32.27069	0.439603
0.2	0.8	1.48052	1.029867	25.06641	16.42897	41.49538	0.604077
0.3	0.7	1.335354	1.065817	33.91294	14.87715	48.79009	0.695078
0.4	0.6	1.227125	1.11534	41.55246	13.34437	54.89683	0.756919
0.5	0.5	1.146843	1.178705	48.54249	11.75207	60.29455	0.805089
0.6	0.4	1.088265	1.256561	55.27565	10.02266	65.29831	0.84651
0.7	0.3	1.046995	1.34991	62.04268	8.075424	70.1181	0.884831
0.8	0.2	1.019909	1.460077	69.07153	5.822977	74.89451	0.922251
0.9	0.1	1.004774	1.588714	76.55239	3.167899	79.72039	0.960281
0.999	0.001	1.736201	1.736201	84.56946	0.034621	84.60408	0.999591

Experimental data from Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 3-73 (Table 3-26)

Note: Evaluated at 59.4°C

x <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>1</sub> [mmHg]	P <sub>2</sub> [mmHg]	P [kPa(a)]	y <sub>1</sub>
0.0000	0	145.4	19.38507	0
0.217	210.1	106.9	42.26319	0.662776
0.2740	240.2	45.64958	0.701519	
0.3324	272.1	96.6	49.15998	0.737998
0.3980	301.9	91.7	52.47568	0.767022
0.4708	335.6	84.8	56.04872	0.798287
0.555	373.7	76.9	60.07506	0.829339
0.692	439.4	57.8	66.28788	0.883749
0.785	486.6	43.8	70.71418	0.917421
0.859	526.9	30.1	74.26056	0.945961
1.000	609.3	0	81.23332	1

Note also the error in the original: they actually quote mole PERCENT

**For the binary system formaldehyde(1)-water(2):**

From HYSIM:

$a_{12} = 62.9893$        $b_{12} = 0$   
 $a_{21} = -5.7036$        $b_{21} = 0$

$T [°C] = 60$        $\therefore T [K] = 333.15$

hence:  $A_{12} = 62.9893 = A ?$

$A_{21} = -5.7036 = B ?$

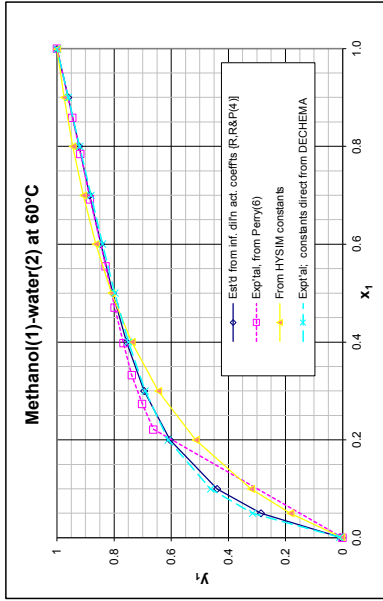
By estimation from *typical* activity coefficients at infinite dilution:

(From R, P & P<sup>(6)</sup>, Chapter 8, Table 8-17)

Note: species (1) is the solute, at infinite dilution

For n-aldehydes(1)-water(2):

T [°C]	α	ε	ζ	η	θ	Equation	γ <sub>1∞</sub>
25	-0.780	0.622	0.320	...	0	(a)	1.452112
60	-0.400	0.583	0.210	...	0	(a)	2.471724
100	-0.03	0.517	0	...	0	(a)	3.069022



\*\*\*Note: SAME AS previous

Equations:

(a)  $\log(\gamma_1^*) = \alpha + \epsilon N_1 + \zeta/N_1 + \theta N_2$

where  $N_1$  is the number of carbon atoms in molecule  $i$   
 $N_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$        $N_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

where A and B may be found by observing that for the van Laar equation:

for  $x_1 \rightarrow 0$       R.T.  $\ln(\gamma_1^*) = A$   
 for  $x_2 \rightarrow 0$       R.T.  $\ln(\gamma_2^*) = B$

where  $R = 8.31451 \text{ J.mol}^{-1}.K^{-1}$

This may be COMPARED with the case for a hypothetical single-carbon ketone:

For  $n$ -ketones(1)-water(2):

T [°C]	$\alpha$	$\epsilon$	$\zeta$	$\eta$	$\theta$	Equation
25	-1.475	0.622	0.500	0	...	(b)
60	-1.040	0.583	0.330	0	...	(b)
100	-0.621	0.517	0.200	0	...	(b)

\*\*\*Note: SAME AS previous

Equations:

(b)  $\log(\gamma_1^*) = \alpha + \epsilon N_1 + \zeta/(N_1 + 1/N_1) + \eta(N_1 - N_2)^2$

where  $N_1$  is the number of carbon atoms in molecule  $i$   
 $N_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$        $N_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$N_1, N_2$  are the number of carbon atoms in respective branches of branched compounds, INCLUDING the "polar grouping."

Thus  $N_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$        $N_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

We observe that this approximation was acceptable for the lowest temperature (25°C), but quite inaccurate for larger deviations from ideality.

For water(1)- $n$ -ketones(2):

T [°C]	$\alpha$	$\epsilon$	$\zeta$	$\eta$	$\theta$	Equation
25	1.857	0	0	...	-1.019	(c)
60	1.493	0	0	...	-0.73	(c)
100	1.231	0	0	...	-0.557	(c)

Equations:

(c)  $\log(\gamma_1^*) = \alpha + \epsilon N_1 + \zeta/(N_1 + 1/N_1) + \eta(N_1 + 1/N_1) + \theta/(N_2 + 1/N_2)$

where  $N_1$  is the number of carbon atoms in molecule  $i$   
 $N_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$        $N_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$N_1, N_2$  are the number of carbon atoms in respective branches of branched compounds, INCLUDING the "polar grouping."

Thus  $N_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$        $N_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore A = T[K] \times 33.82772 - 9022.62$

Plotting VLE data based on these parameters:

formaldehyde(1)-water(2), T = 60 °C      A = 2506.598      B = 210.4777

$\therefore T[K] = 333.15$

From Antoine data, at 60°C:

$P_{\text{sat},1} [\text{kPa(ats)}] = 1403.154$        $P_{\text{sat},2} [\text{kPa(ats)}] = 19.94065$

$P_1 + P_2 = y_1 P + y_2 P = P = y_1 x_1 P_{\text{sat},1} + y_2 x_2 P_{\text{sat},2}$

$\ln(P_{\text{sat}}/P_c) = \{A(1 - T/T_c)^B + C(1 - T/T_c)^{1.5} + D(1 - T/T_c)^3\} (\frac{T_c}{T})^D$

$\ln(P_{\text{sat}}/P_c) = \{A(1 - T/T_c)^B + B(1 - T/T_c)^{1.5} + C(1 - T/T_c)^3\} (\frac{T_c}{T})^D$

$x_1$	$x_2$	$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$	$P_1$ [kPa(a)]	$P_2$ [kPa(a)]	$P$ [kPa(a)]	$y_1$	$y_2$
0.0001	0.9999	2.466411	1	0.346076	19.933866	20.28474	0.017061	0.982939
0.001	0.999	2.419887	1.000011	3.395474	19.92092	23.3164	0.145626	0.854374
0.02	0.98	1.796153	1.002909	50.40561	19.59869	70.00429	0.720036	0.279964
0.05	0.95	1.407668	1.011344	98.75878	19.15852	117.9173	0.837526	0.162474
0.1	0.9	1.182532	1.024956	165.9274	18.39447	184.3219	0.900205	0.099795
0.2	0.8	1.058873	1.043459	297.1525	16.64643	313.799	0.946952	0.053048
0.3	0.7	1.024586	1.054584	431.2955	14.72009	446.0156	0.968996	0.033004
0.4	0.6	1.011388	1.061769	567.6535	12.70342	580.3569	0.978111	0.021889
0.5	0.5	1.005445	1.066806	705.3973	10.6364	716.0337	0.985145	0.014855
0.6	0.4	1.002546	1.070518	844.0363	8.53873	852.5751	0.989985	0.010015

NOTE: No data is given by R, P & P<sup>(6)</sup> for a water(1)-aldehyde(2) system. However information is available for water(1)-ketone(2) systems. It has been assumed that methanal (i.e. formaldehyde) can be modeled as a HYPOTHETICAL single-carbon ketone (i.e. "methanone"). This is based on the statement, "aldehydes and ketones behave similarly and undergo many of the same reactions," in John McMURRY, Organic Chemistry<sup>(6)</sup>, Brooks/Cole Publishing, Pacific Grove, California, 1992, p. 687.

$\therefore A = T[K] \times 33.82772 - 9022.62$

$\therefore B = T[K] \times 24.70012 - 8265.62$

Substance	A	B	C	D	eq'n	$T_c$ [K]	$P_c$ [bar]
Formaldehyde	-7.29343	1.08395	-1.63882	-2.30677	1	408	65.9
Water	-7.76451	1.45538	-2.7758	-1.23303	1	647.3	221.2
Methanol	-8.54796	0.76982	-3.1085	1.54481	1	512.6	80.9

$\therefore A = T[K] \times 17.08844 - 4505.68$

$\therefore B = T[K] \times 17.08844 - 4505.68$

0.7	0.3	1.001093	1.073364	983.2811	6.421076	989.7022	0.993512	0.006488
0.8	0.2	1.000383	1.075615	1122.953	4.289694	1127.243	0.996195	0.003805
0.9	0.1	1.000077	1.077439	1262.937	2.148484	1265.085	0.998302	0.001698
0.999	0.001	1	1.078933	1401.751	0.021515	1401.773	0.999985	1.53E-05

Experimental data from M. Albert, L. Hehmenstein, H. Hesse & G. Maurer, *AIChE J.*, p. 1743 (Table 1)

& also, hence recalculated van Laar data

Note: Evaluated at  $T^0[C] =$

$x_1$	$p$ [kPa(a)]	$y_1$	$70^\circ$ as $T^0[K] = 343.15$ (approx.)	ERROR <sup>2</sup>	but also, $y_2 = Y_2/Y_{total,2}$	ERROR <sup>2</sup>	
0.030	31	0.029	0.016761	8.58E-06	0.995006	2.49E-05	
0.064	30.9	0.064	0.014583	5.64E-07	1.00136	1.849E-06	
0.068	31.2	0.066	0.014372	2.91E-07	1.013274	0.0001762	
0.091	30.9	0.071	0.013485	1.204E-07	1.012574	0.0001581	
0.110	30.9	0.083	0.013041	6.25E-07	1.020832	0.000434	
0.129	30.7	0.093	0.012379	2.109E-06	1.025047	0.0006274	
0.137	30.5	0.098	0.012203	2.652E-06	1.022144	0.0004904	
						SUM =	0.001913

1000 \* SUM = 0.014945 (least-squares regression)  
TOTAL SUM = 0.016857599

Alternative correlation:

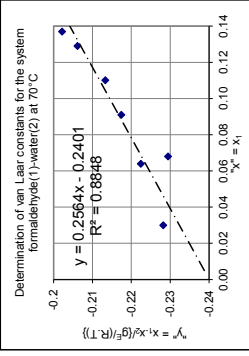
Linearised van Laar equation: (see R.P.&P., Example 8-1)

$$x_1 x_2 (g^E(R,T)) = D + C(2x_1 - 1)$$

$$\text{where: } A = R \cdot T / (D - C)$$

$$B = R \cdot T / (D + C)$$

$$\text{and by definition: } g^E(R,T) = x_1 \ln(\gamma_1) + x_2 \ln(\gamma_2)$$



Experimental data from M. Albert, L. Hehmenstein, H. Hesse & G. Maurer, *AIChE J.*, p. 1743 (Table 1)

Note: Evaluated at  $T^0[C] = 90^\circ$ ,

as  $T^0[K] = 363.15$  (approx.)

$x_1$	$p$ [kPa(a)]	$y_1$
0.051	71.4	0.061
0.056	71.4	0.064
0.058	70.6	0.066
0.150	71.6	0.136

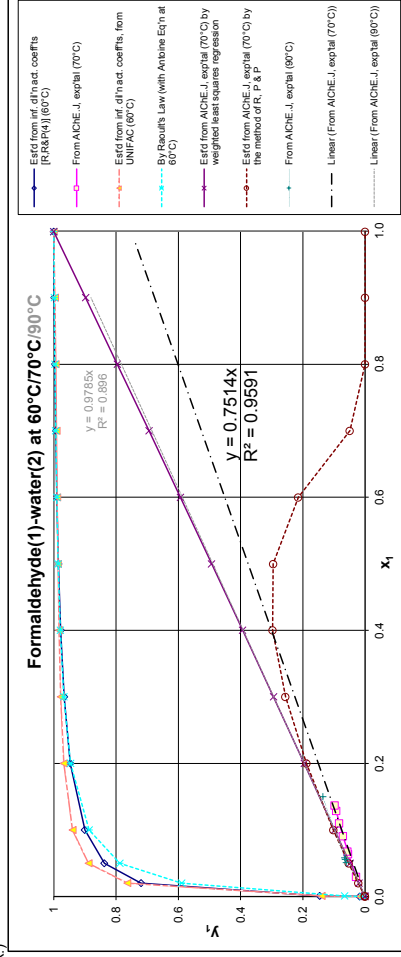
$x_1$	$x_2$ ( $g^E(R,T)$ )	$x_1 x_2 (g^E(R,T))$	$y_1 = p_1/(x_1 p_{sat,1})$	$y_2 = p_2/(x_2 p_{sat,2})$
0.016761	0.995006	-0.2282	0.016761	0.995006
0.014583	1.00136	-0.22243	0.014583	1.00136
0.014372	1.013274	-0.22946	0.014372	1.013274
0.013485	1.012574	-0.21739	0.013485	1.012574
0.013041	1.020832	-0.21328	0.013041	1.020832
0.012379	1.025047	-0.20617	0.012379	1.025047
0.012203	1.022144	-0.2022	0.012203	1.022144

Hence:

$$A = -11885.1$$

$$B = 174684.3$$

However observe that the sensitivity in B is very great, as it is found by dividing by the SUM of 2C and (D - C), which are both of very similar magnitude, but opposite sign. From the graph (below) it is not physically realistic at large  $x_1$ , and it "probably" does not satisfy the Gibbs-Duhem equation.



Recalculated van Laar constants:

T = 70 °C  
 ∴ T [K] = 343.15  
 From Antoine data, at 70 °C:  
 $P_{\text{vap},1}$  [kPa(abs)] = 1787.843  
 $P_{\text{vap},2}$  [kPa(abs)] = 31.18772

A = -12213.6  
 B = -1.7E+10

-9273.5679 -29317.985 -12262.41228 -11885.138  
 -6805.042 -4113.3916 -1009875.48 174684.34  
 (previous "guesses")

$P_{\text{tot}} = P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + P_{\text{HCHO}}$   
 $P_1 + P_2 = y_1 P + y_2 P = P = y_1 x_1 P_{\text{vap},1} + y_2 x_2 P_{\text{vap},2}$   
 [Estid from AIChE-J. exptal (70°C) by the method of R, P & P]  
 A = -11885.1377  
 B = 11128.0122

x <sub>1</sub>	x <sub>2</sub>	y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub> [kPa(a)]	P <sub>2</sub> [kPa(a)]	P [kPa(a)]	y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>2</sub>	V <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>2</sub>
0.0001	0.9999	0.013832	1	0.001941	19.93866	19.94006	0.73E-05	0.999903	0.000109199	0.000109199
0.001	0.999	0.013832	1	0.019408	19.92071	19.94012	0.000973	0.999027	0.00109134	0.00109134
0.02	0.98	0.013832	1	0.388164	19.94184	19.93	0.019476	0.980524	0.0215527	0.0215527
0.05	0.95	0.013832	1	0.97041	18.94362	19.91403	0.04873	0.95127	0.032791981	0.032791981
0.1	0.9	0.013832	1	1.940821	17.94659	19.88741	0.09759	0.90241	0.101888421	0.101888421
0.2	0.8	0.013832	1	3.881648	15.95252	19.83416	0.195705	0.804295	0.188165947	0.188165947
0.3	0.7	0.013832	0.999999	5.822482	13.95844	19.78093	0.294348	0.705652	0.255687777	0.255687777
0.4	0.6	0.013832	0.999998	7.763327	11.96437	19.72769	0.393524	0.606476	0.295298603	0.295298603
0.5	0.5	0.013832	0.999995	9.704189	9.970278	19.67447	0.493238	0.506762	0.295529812	0.295529812
0.6	0.4	0.013832	0.999989	11.64508	7.976175	19.62126	0.593493	0.406507	0.214488827	0.214488827
0.7	0.3	0.013832	0.999974	13.58604	5.98204	19.56808	0.694296	0.305704	0.048001975	0.048001975
0.8	0.2	0.013832	0.999924	15.52715	3.987826	19.51497	0.795653	0.204347	2.07486E-05	2.07486E-05
0.9	0.1	0.013833	0.999614	17.46887	1.993295	19.46217	0.897581	0.102419	2.62696E-76	2.62696E-76
0.999	0.001	0.013964	0.008681	19.57402	0.000173	19.57419	0.999991	8.84E-06	2.86146E-23	2.86146E-23

From UNIFAC estimation of activity coefficients at infinite dilution (R,P&P and AIChE-J)

T = 60 °C  
 A = 2319.507  
 B = 2851.515

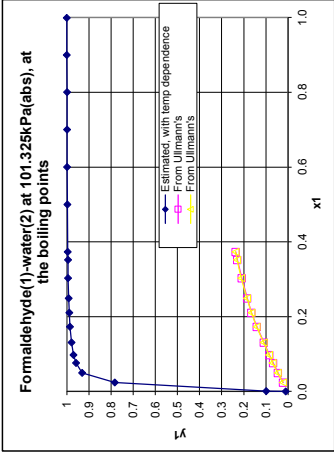
∴ T [K] = 333.15

NOTE: The previous (initial) estimation was close to this value for A

From Antoine data, at 60 °C:  
 $P_{\text{vap},1}$  [kPa(abs)] = 1403.154  
 $P_{\text{vap},2}$  [kPa(abs)] = 19.94065

$P_{\text{tot}} = P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + P_{\text{HCHO}}$   
 $P_1 + P_2 = y_1 P + y_2 P = P = y_1 x_1 P_{\text{vap},1} + y_2 x_2 P_{\text{vap},2}$

x <sub>1</sub>	x <sub>2</sub>	y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub> [kPa(a)]	P <sub>2</sub> [kPa(a)]	P [kPa(a)]	y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>2</sub>	cf. Y <sub>residual</sub>
0.0001	0.9999	2.309974	1	0.324125	19.93866	20.26278	0.015996	0.984004	0.006988178
0.001	0.999	2.307144	1.000001	3.237279	19.92072	23.158	0.139791	0.860209	0.065802063
0.02	0.98	2.248465	1.000275	63.09888	19.5472	82.64608	0.753483	0.236517	0.589499648
0.05	0.95	2.159827	1.001737	151.5285	18.97652	170.505	0.888704	0.111286	0.787392424
0.1	0.9	2.022445	1.007098	283.7802	18.07397	301.8542	0.940124	0.059876	0.866602064
0.2	0.8	1.782948	1.029835	500.3503	16.42847	516.7788	0.968821	0.03179	0.946212357
0.3	0.7	1.584723	1.071209	667.0831	14.95242	682.0355	0.978077	0.021923	0.967904568
0.4	0.6	1.421961	1.135724	798.0925	13.58824	811.6808	0.983259	0.016741	0.979127973
0.5	0.5	1.28999	1.230139	905.0276	12.26489	917.2925	0.986629	0.013371	0.985987828
0.6	0.4	1.185169	1.364689	997.7851	10.88512	1008.67	0.989208	0.010792	0.990614716
0.7	0.3	1.104846	1.555139	1085.189	9.303147	1094.492	0.9915	0.0085	0.993946312
0.8	0.2	1.047366	1.826335	1175.693	7.283664	1182.977	0.993843	0.006157	0.996459752
0.9	0.1	1.012168	2.218582	1278.205	4.423997	1282.629	0.996551	0.003449	0.998423456
0.999	0.001	1.000001	2.792411	1401.753	0.055682	1401.809	0.999996	3.97E-05	0.999985775



Plotting VLE data based on these parameters:

formaldehyde(1)-water(2)  
 Total pressure = 101.325 kPa(abs)  
 $T[K] = 273.15 + t[°C]$   
 From Antoine data, at T[K]:  
 $P_1 + P_2 = y_1 P + y_2 P = P = y_1 x_1 P_{\text{vap},1} + y_2 x_2 P_{\text{vap},2}$

A = 33.82772 \* T[K] +  
 B = 24.70012 \* T[K] +  
 -9022.62  
 -8265.62

$P_{\text{tot}} = P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + P_{\text{HCHO}}$   
 $P_1 + P_2 = y_1 P + y_2 P = P = y_1 x_1 P_{\text{vap},1} + y_2 x_2 P_{\text{vap},2}$

x <sub>1</sub>	x <sub>2</sub>	guess T [K]	A	B	P <sub>vap,1</sub>	P <sub>vap,2</sub>	y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>2</sub>	P [kPa(a)]	P <sub>1</sub> [kPa(a)]	P <sub>2</sub> [kPa(a)]	y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>2</sub>
0.0001	0.9999	372.84	3589.601	943.4921	3409.471	100.2506	3.180605	1	1.084417841	100.2406	0.010702	0.989298	
0.001	0.999	370.28	3502.945	880.2182	3236.943	91.40732	3.091958	1.000005	10.00849006	91.31633	0.098776	0.901224	
0.02408	0.97592	335.74	2334.751	2000.0000	1496.138	22.45697	2.203823	1.000562	79.39647307	21.92853	0.783582	0.216418	
0.049585	0.950415	313.04	1566.757	533.5355	822.2511	7.342221	2.315175	0.993312	94.39352083	6.931486	101.325	0.931592	
0.076291	0.923709	304.51	1178.299	-744.1603	641.2998	4.59191	1.985022	0.991998	97.11739886	4.20765	101.325	0.958474	
0.097782	0.902218	289.54	1109.996	-867.0508	550.9463	3.443021	1.823689	0.991005	98.24359106	3.078416	101.325	0.969818	
0.131141	0.868859	283.73	913.4836	-1010.539	458.2639	2.425547	1.651316	0.989724	99.23919177	2.085803	101.325	0.979415	
0.172983	0.827017	288.39	732.8137	-1142.46	384.192	1.73293	1.503317	0.988625	99.90830338	1.416861	101.3252	0.986017	

	284.71	608.6011	-1233.156	338.942	1.363857	1.406109	0.988132	100.2608535	1.064159	101.325	0.989498	0.010502	
0.210371	0.789629	284.71	608.6011	-1233.156	338.942	1.363857	1.406109	0.988132	100.2608535	1.064159	101.325	0.989498	0.010502
0.24947	0.75053	281.59	502.8934	-1310.341	303.8154	1.106178	1.326047	0.988105	100.5047291	0.820344	101.3251	0.991904	0.008096
0.302879	0.697121	278.11	385.3565	-1396.164	268.1794	0.870923	1.240057	0.988853	100.7246077	0.600371	101.325	0.994075	0.005925
0.351845	0.648155	275.48	296.3594	-1481.148	243.4523	0.723339	1.177487	0.990282	100.8606203	0.464312	101.3249	0.995418	0.004582
0.37312	0.62688	274.46	261.8400	-1486.352	234.3607	0.672415	1.153954	0.991103	100.9071454	0.417773	101.3249	0.995877	0.004123
0.5	0.5	269.41	90.8153	-1611.23	193.188	0.463859	1.046583	0.997437	101.0936494	0.231335	101.325	0.997717	0.002283
0.6	0.4	266.17	-18.5966	-1691.12	170.0118	0.362735	0.991901	0.999799	101.1808733	0.145065	101.3259	0.998568	0.001432
0.7	0.3	263.19	-119.5476	-1764.831	150.6419	0.287356	0.960083	0.985089	101.2400513	0.084921	101.325	0.999162	0.000838
0.8	0.2	260.13	-222.9547	-1840.337	132.6669	0.224942	0.954307	0.913329	101.2839122	0.041089	101.325	0.999594	0.000406
0.9	0.1	256.84	-334.2593	-1921.608	115.2788	0.171557	0.9765	0.71529	101.3127295	0.012271	101.325	0.999879	0.000121
0.999	0.001	253.92	-433.0178	-1993.719	101.4268	0.134009	0.999996	0.392314	101.3249457	5.26E-05	101.325	0.999999	5.19E-07

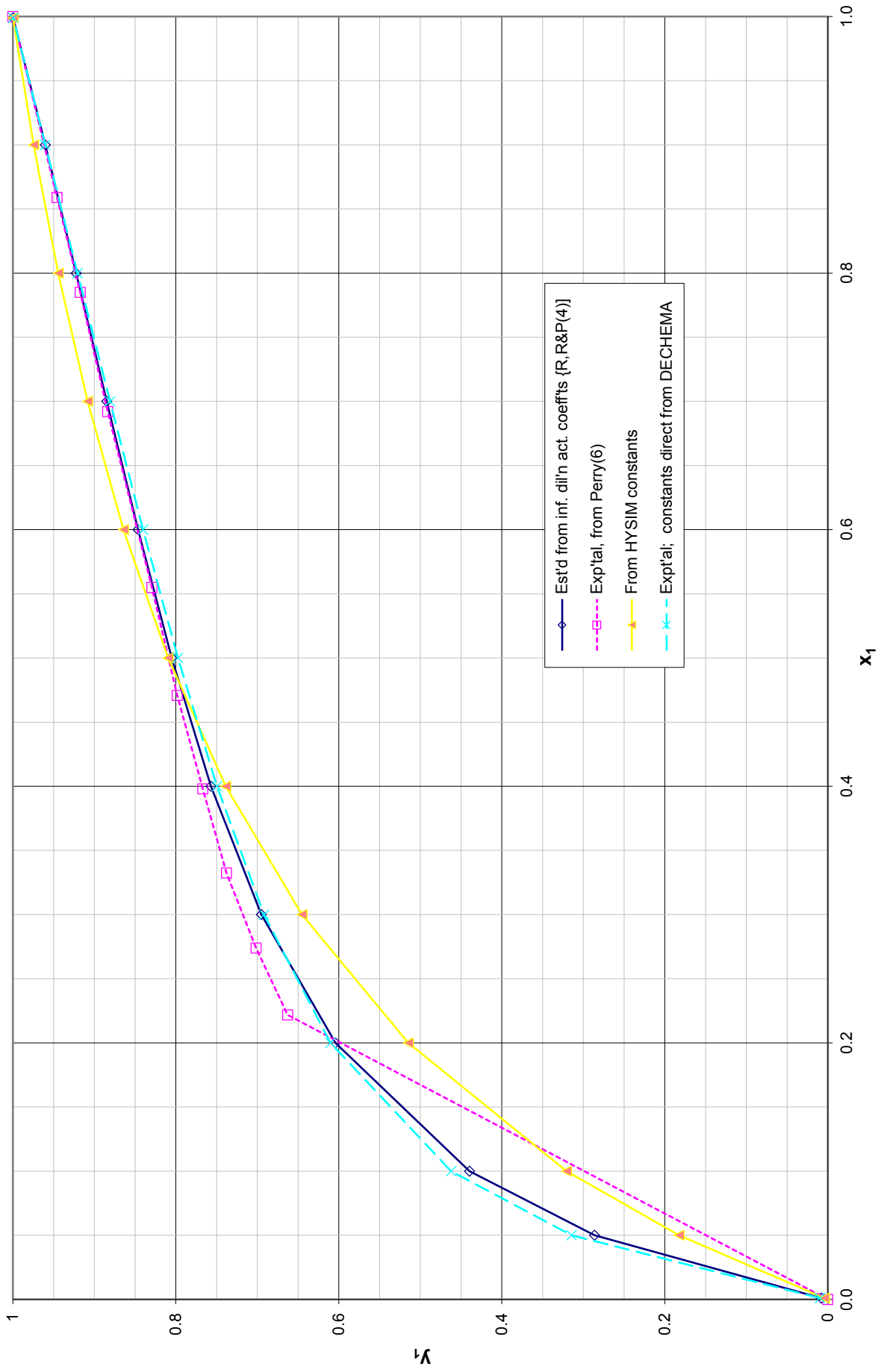
Experimental data from Ulmann's<sup>(9)</sup>, Vol. A11, p. 622 (Table 3)

Note: Evaluated at the boiling points, at P [kPa(abs)] = 101.325

$x_{\text{HCHO}}$	$x_1$	$y_1$	$P_1$ [kPa(a)]	$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_1^{\text{above}}$	$\text{ERROR}^2$	$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$	$\text{HCHO}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$
0.0395	0.02408	0.0368	2.35	0.023	0.7835823	0.5767882	0.032	0.030	0.018
0.08	0.049585	0.073	4.75	0.046	0.9315916	0.7842768	0.032	0.030	0.018
0.121	0.076291	0.106	7	0.068	0.9584737	0.7933898	0.032	0.030	0.018
0.153	0.097782	0.132	8.65	0.085	0.9696184	0.7834509	0.032	0.030	0.018
0.201	0.131141	0.1695	11.2	0.110	0.9794147	0.7562042	0.032	0.030	0.018
0.2585	0.172983	0.2145	14.45	0.142	0.9860167	0.7128827	0.032	0.030	0.018
0.3075	0.210371	0.249	16.8	0.165	0.9894876	0.6783744	0.032	0.030	0.018
0.3565	0.24947	0.274	18.8	0.185	0.9919038	0.6506539	0.032	0.030	0.018
0.420	0.302879	0.305	21.4	0.211	0.9940748	0.6150673	0.032	0.030	0.018
0.475	0.351845	0.331	23.4	0.230	0.9954176	0.5859848	0.032	0.030	0.018
0.498	0.37312	0.340	24.1	0.237	0.9958769	0.5759287	0.032	0.030	0.018

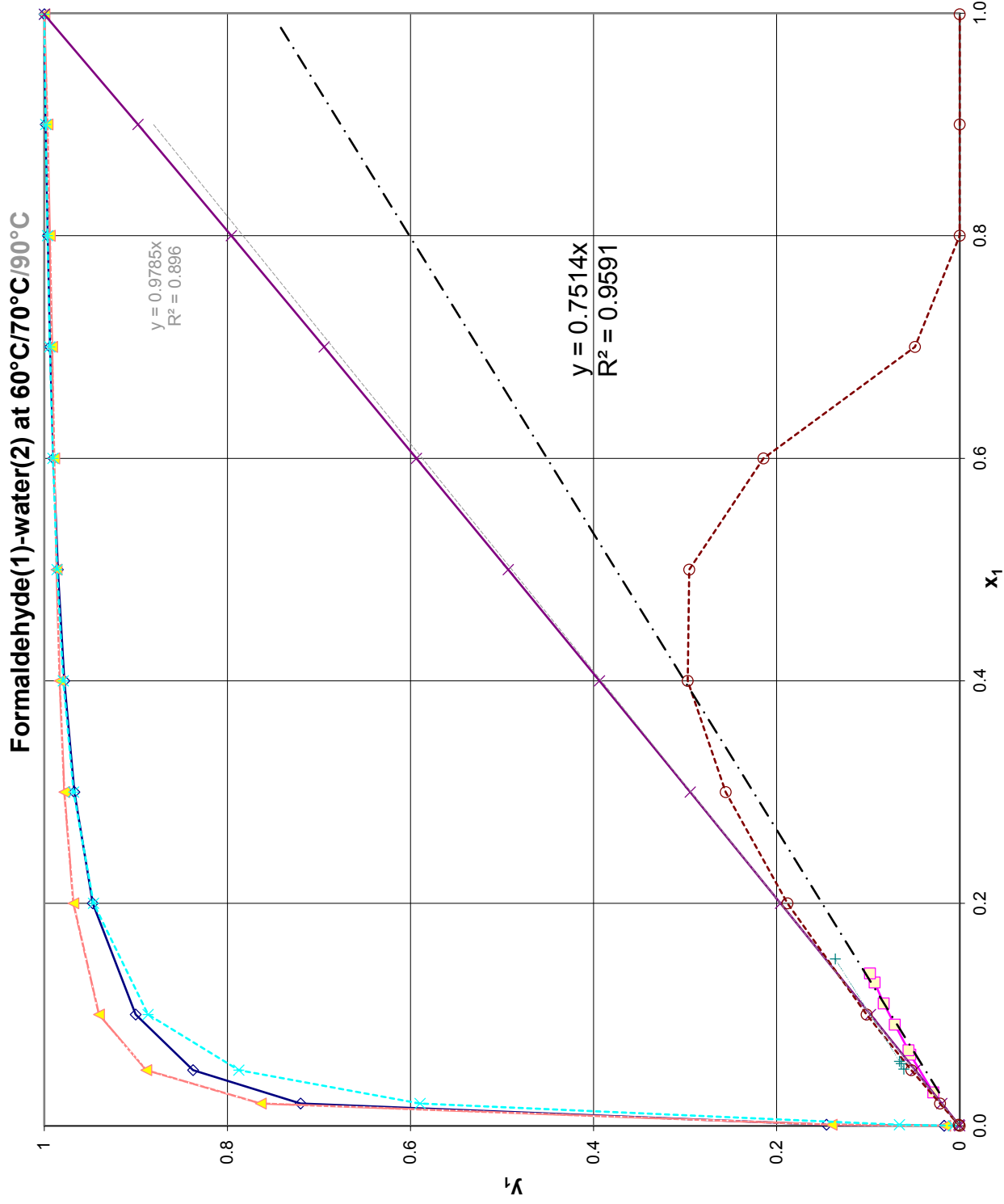
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# Methanol(1)-water(2) at 60°C











Formaldehyde(1)		Water(2)	
0.9183	$r_i$	0.9200	
0.780	$q_i$	1.400	
-149.00	$u_{ij}$	240.00	
0.0001	$x_i$	0.9999	
60	$T [^{\circ}C]$	60	
333.15	$T [K]$	333.15	
9.98E-05	$\phi_i$	0.9999	
5.57E-05	$\theta_i$	0.999944	
1.055264	$\tau_{ij}$	0.917004	
10	$z$	10	
0.7732	$l_i$	-2.32	

Refer to:  
R,P&P; T8-21, T8-3  
AIChE.J; T6, T7

2.310288  $\Rightarrow$   $\gamma_i$   $\Rightarrow$  1  $\Rightarrow$  1.93E-05 = B (van Laar)  
 $\Rightarrow$  2319.50663 = A (van Laar)

Similarly:

t [°C]	T [K]	$\gamma_1^{\infty}$	A	$\gamma_2^{\infty}$	B
60	333.15	2.310288	2319.507	2.799482	2851.515
25	298.15	2.316579	2082.565	2.811124	2562.229
100	373.15	2.304493	2590.208	2.78857	3181.768
0	273.15	2.32201	1913.26	2.821003	2355.352
45	318.15	2.312822	2217.971	2.804196	2727.577
80	353.15	2.307233	2454.867	2.79375	3016.682
120	393.15	2.302023	2725.532	2.783866	3346.785

Hence:  $A = T[K] \times 6.76855 + 64.54$

$B = T[K] \times 8.26043 + 2355.78$



TUTORIAL 4 Question 1

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DECHEMA experimental data

PART (a)

	Methanol	Methanol	Methanol	Water	Methanol	Water				
	Water	Water	Water	Temp. Feed	Mole_Frac Vap Methanol	Mole_Frac Vap Methanol	Mole_Frac Vap Methanol	Temp. Feed	Temp. Feed	Temp. Feed
	Water	Water	Water	[°C]	[-]	[-]	[-]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]
Case	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
x_meth	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
x_w	1.0000	0.9911	0.9796	0.9694	0.9581	0.9484	0.9384	0.9311	0.9241	0.9046
T [°C]	100.00	99.43	96.65	95.12	93.32	92.13	91.05	90.21	89.54	87.86
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Liq	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Vap	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Temp. Feed	99.7769	99.5691	98.2843	99.0172	98.7061	98.4268	98.1279	97.9028	97.662	97.042
[°C]	99.7769	99.5691	98.2843	99.0172	98.7061	98.4268	98.1279	97.9028	97.662	97.042
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Liq	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Vap	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
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[°C]	99.7769	99.5691	98.2843	99.0172	98.7061	98.4268	98.1279	97.9028	97.662	97.042
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Liq	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Vap	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Temp. Feed	99.7769	99.5691	98.2843	99.0172	98.7061	98.4268	98.1279	97.9028	97.662	97.042
[°C]	99.7769	99.5691	98.2843	99.0172	98.7061	98.4268	98.1279	97.9028	97.662	97.042

PART (b)

	Methanol	Methanol	Methanol	Water	Methanol	Water				
	Water	Water	Water	Temp. Feed	Mole_Frac Vap Methanol	Mole_Frac Vap Methanol	Mole_Frac Vap Methanol	Temp. Feed	Temp. Feed	Temp. Feed
	Water	Water	Water	[°C]	[-]	[-]	[-]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]
Case	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
x_meth	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
x_w	1.0000	0.9911	0.9796	0.9694	0.9581	0.9484	0.9384	0.9311	0.9241	0.9046
T [°C]	100.00	99.43	96.65	95.12	93.32	92.13	91.05	90.21	89.54	87.86
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800	-0.1800
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Liq	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Vap	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Temp. Feed	99.7769	99.5691	98.2843	99.0172	98.7061	98.4268	98.1279	97.9028	97.662	97.042
[°C]	99.7769	99.5691	98.2843	99.0172	98.7061	98.4268	98.1279	97.9028	97.662	97.042
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Liq	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Vap	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Temp. Feed	99.7769	99.5691	98.2843	99.0172	98.7061	98.4268	98.1279	97.9028	97.662	97.042
[°C]	99.7769	99.5691	98.2843	99.0172	98.7061	98.4268	98.1279	97.9028	97.662	97.042

PART (c)

	Methanol	Methanol	Methanol	Water	Methanol	Water				
	Water	Water	Water	Temp. Feed	Mole_Frac Vap Methanol	Mole_Frac Vap Methanol	Mole_Frac Vap Methanol	Temp. Feed	Temp. Feed	Temp. Feed
	Water	Water	Water	[°C]	[-]	[-]	[-]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]
Case	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
x_meth	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
x_w	1.0000	0.9911	0.9796	0.9694	0.9581	0.9484	0.9384	0.9311	0.9241	0.9046
T [°C]	100.00	99.43	96.65	95.12	93.32	92.13	91.05	90.21	89.54	87.86
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	-0.4742	-0.4742	-0.4742	-0.4742	-0.4742	-0.4742	-0.4742	-0.4742	-0.4742	-0.4742
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Liq	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Vap	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Temp. Feed	99.9909	98.4445	96.6251	95.1575	93.6702	92.5002	91.3789	90.6111	89.9113	88.1297
[°C]	99.9909	98.4445	96.6251	95.1575	93.6702	92.5002	91.3789	90.6111	89.9113	88.1297
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Liq	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Mole_Frac Vap	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Methanol	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Water	0.0000	0.0089	0.0204	0.0306	0.0419	0.0516	0.0616	0.0689	0.0759	0.0954
Temp. Feed	99.9909	98.4445	96.6251	95.1575	93.6702	92.5002	91.3789	90.6111	89.9113	88.1297
[°C]	99.9909	98.4445	96.6251	95.1575	93.6702	92.5002	91.3789	90.6111	89.9113	88.1297

Mean Deviation  
 Maximum Deviation

7.03  
 12.25

0.27  
 0.71



Antoine constants from "VLE of Formaldehyde Mixtures: New Data and Model Revision" in AIChEJ, 42(6), p. 1745.

Substance	Constant			Constant (Sinnott <sup>(2)</sup> )			Constant (Reid, Prausnitz & Poling <sup>(4)</sup> )				T <sub>c</sub> [K]	p <sub>c</sub> [bar]	
	A <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	A	B	C	D			eq'n
Formaldehyde	14.4625	-2204.13	-30.15	16.4775	-2204.13	-30.15	-7.29343	1.08395	-1.63882	-2.30677	1	408	65.9
Water	16.2886	-3816.44	-46.13	18.3036	-3816.44	-46.13	-7.76451	1.45838	-2.7758	-1.23303	1	647.3	221.2
Methanol	16.5725	-3626.55	-34.29	18.5875	-3626.55	-34.29	-8.54796	0.76982	-3.1085	1.54481	1	512.6	80.9

Equation:  $\ln(p^0 [\text{kPa}]) = A_2 + B_2 / (T[\text{K}] + C_2)$

(1)  $\ln(p_{\text{vap}}/p_c) = \{A(1 - T/T_c) + B(1 - T/T_c)^{1.5} + C(1 - T/T_c)^3 + D(1 - T/T_c)^6\} \cdot (T_c/T)$   
 (2)  $\ln(p_{\text{vap}}) = A - B/T + C \cdot \ln(T) + D(p_{\text{vap}}/T^2)$

**NOTE: All pressures are absolute**

Check pure-component boiling points at atmospheric pressure

==> p <sup>0</sup> =	101.325 kPa	t <sup>0</sup> [°C] = -273.15	+ T[K]
254.0521 K	=	-19.0979 °C	-19.0982
373.1525 K	=	100.0025 °C	100.0021
337.6612 K	=	64.51121 °C	64.51083

Now for Raoult's Law:

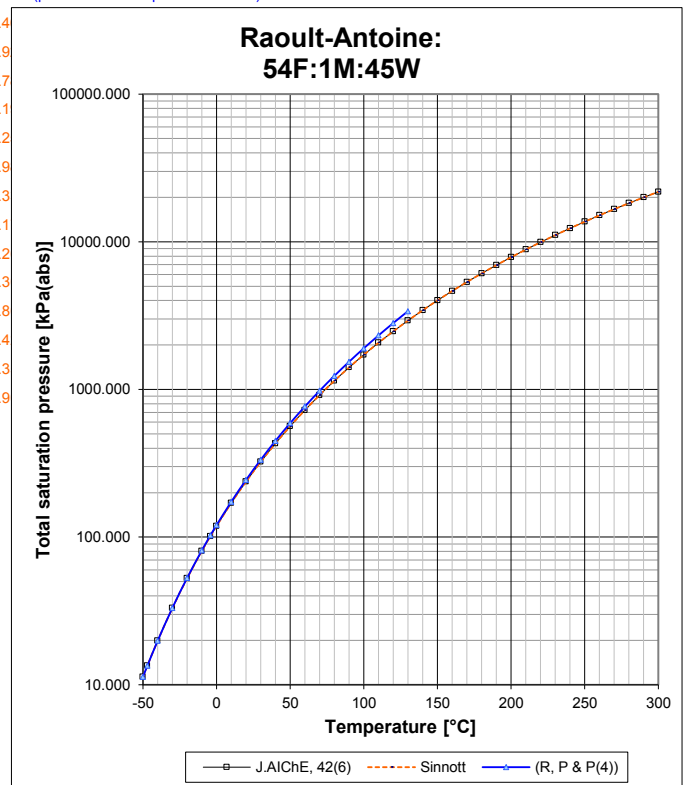
Composition:

Formaldehyde	0.54
Water	0.45
Methanol	0.01
SUM	<u>1</u>

p <sup>0</sup> [kPa]	p [kPa]	p <sup>0</sup> [kPa]	p [kPa]		
t <sup>0</sup> [°C] = -20	97.36911	52.57932	t <sup>0</sup> [°C] = 0	219.6436	118.6075
T[K] = 253.15	0.116889	0.0526	T[K] = 273.15	0.593078	0.266885
	1.002321	<u>0.010023</u>		4.013874	<u>0.040139</u>
		<u>52.64194</u>			<u>118.9146</u>

t <sup>0</sup> [°C]	T[K]	p <sub>TOTAL</sub>	(Sinnott <sup>(2)</sup> )	(R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup> )
-50	223.15	11.316 kPa(abs)	11.316	11.303 -0.1%
-46.9606	226.1894	13.509 kPa(abs)	13.509	13.498 = ERROR
-40	233.15	19.866 kPa(abs)	19.866	19.874
-30	243.15	33.084 kPa(abs)	33.084	33.185
-20	253.15	52.642 kPa(abs)	52.643	52.985
-10	263.15	80.505 kPa(abs)	80.506	81.367 1.1%
-4.2046	268.9454	101.325 kPa(abs)	101.326	102.688 = ERROR
0	273.15	118.915 kPa(abs)	118.916	120.767
10	283.15	170.368 kPa(abs)	170.371	173.960
20	293.15	237.586 kPa(abs)	237.590	244.059
30	303.15	323.482 kPa(abs)	323.487	334.511 3.3%
40	313.15	431.129 kPa(abs)	431.135	449.097 = ERROR
50	323.15	563.728 kPa(abs)	563.736	591.940
60	333.15	724.578 kPa(abs)	724.589	767.523
70	343.15	917.055 kPa(abs)	917.069	980.723
80	353.15	1144.583 kPa(abs)	1144.599	1236.857 7.5%
90	363.15	1410.618 kPa(abs)	1410.639	1541.762 = ERROR
100	373.15	1718.635 kPa(abs)	1718.660	1901.913
110	383.15	2072.110 kPa(abs)	2072.141	2324.628
120	393.15	2474.514 kPa(abs)	2474.551	2818.469
130	403.15	2929.300 kPa(abs)	2929.344	3394.358 13.7%
140	413.15	3439.900 kPa(abs)	3439.950	#NUM! = ERROR
150	423.15	4009.711 kPa(abs)	4009.770	#NUM!
160	433.15	4642.099 kPa(abs)	4642.167	(pure HCHO is super-critical here)
170	443.15	5340.384 kPa(abs)	5340.4	
180	453.15	6107.839 kPa(abs)	6107.9	
190	463.15	6947.685 kPa(abs)	6947.7	
200	473.15	7863.082 kPa(abs)	7863.1	
210	483.15	8857.126 kPa(abs)	8857.2	
220	493.15	9932.840 kPa(abs)	9932.9	
230	503.15	11093.173 kPa(abs)	11093.3	
240	513.15	12340.990 kPa(abs)	12341.1	
250	523.15	13679.065 kPa(abs)	13679.2	
260	533.15	15110.081 kPa(abs)	15110.3	
270	543.15	16636.619 kPa(abs)	16636.8	
280	553.15	18261.156 kPa(abs)	18261.4	
290	563.15	19986.060 kPa(abs)	19986.3	
300	573.15	21813.584 kPa(abs)	21813.9	

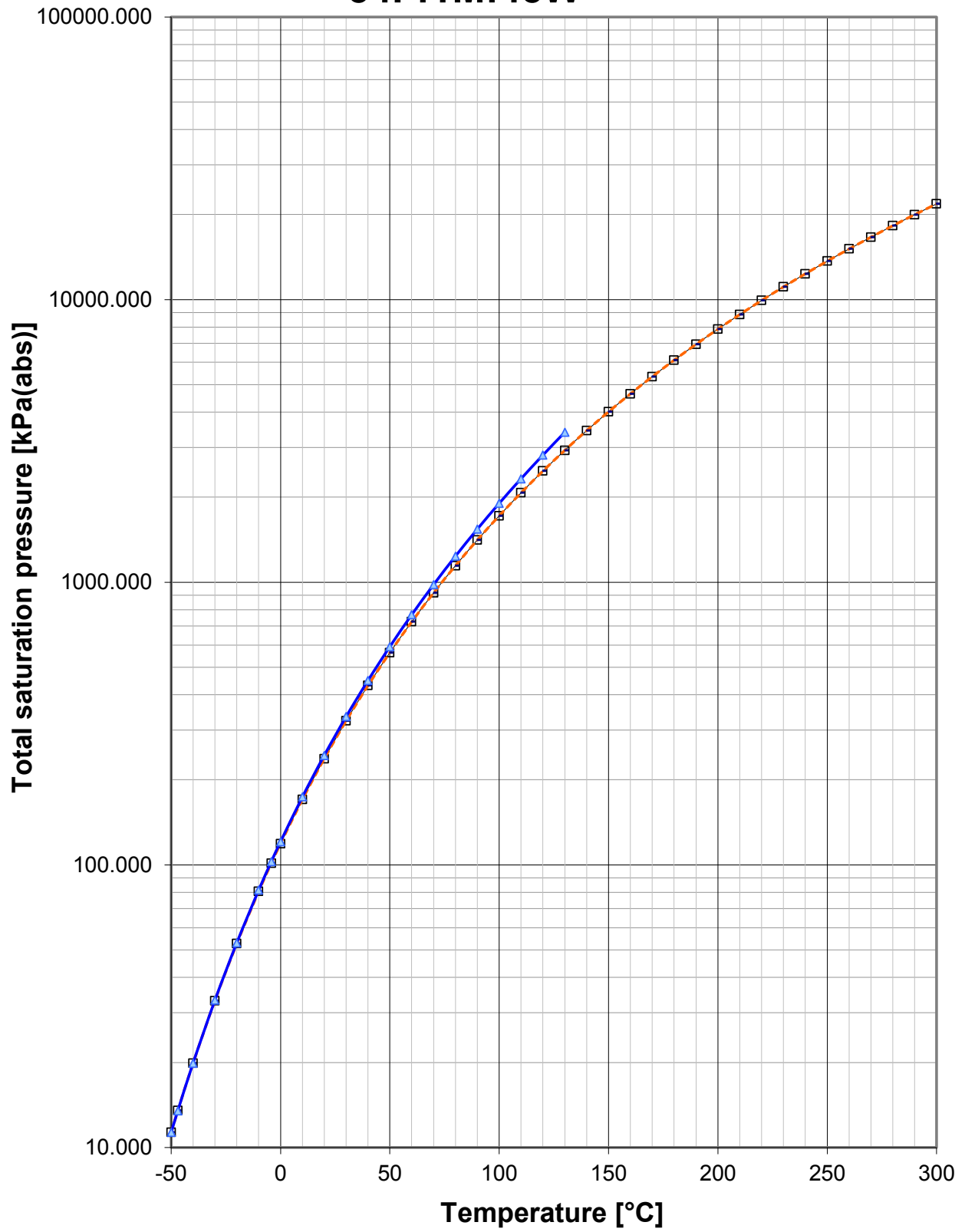
t <sup>0</sup> [°C] = 20	T[K] = 293.15	p <sup>0</sup> [kPa]	p [kPa]	Error:
		437.8067	236.4156	
		2.313304	1.040987	
		12.97214	<u>0.129721</u>	
			<u>237.5863</u>	
t <sup>0</sup> [°C] = 0.01	T[K] = 273.16	J.AIChE p <sup>0</sup> [kPa]	0.5935	-2.9%
		Sinnott	0.5935	-2.9%
		R, P & P	0.6120	0.12%
		ACTUAL	0.6112	
t <sup>0</sup> [°C] = 100	T[K] = 373.15	J.AIChE p <sup>0</sup> [kPa]	101.316	-0.0090%
		Sinnott	101.317	-0.0075%
		R, P & P	101.378	0.053%
		ACTUAL	101.325	
t <sup>0</sup> [°C] = 373.7	T[K] = 646.85	J.AIChE p <sup>0</sup> [kPa]	20650	-6.1%
		Sinnott	20651	-6.1%
		R, P & P	22001	0.0065%
		ACTUAL	22000	







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—□— J.A.IChE, 42(6)    - - - Sinnott    —△— (R, P & P(4))



M O N A S H U N I V E R S I T Y  
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## **APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 7**

### **PART 2: DETAILED PROCESS DESIGN**



**Property calculation: VLE**

Experimental data from M. Albert, L. Hahnenstein, H. Hasse & G. Maurer, *AIChE.J.*, p. 1743 (Table 1) & also, hence recalculated van Laar data

Note: Evaluated at  $t[^\circ\text{C}] = 70$ , as  $T[\text{K}] = 343.15$  (approx.)

$x_1$	$p$ [kPa(a)]	$y_1$
0.030	31	0.029
0.064	30.9	0.054
0.068	31.2	0.056
0.091	30.9	0.071
0.110	30.9	0.083
0.129	30.7	0.093
0.137	30.5	0.098

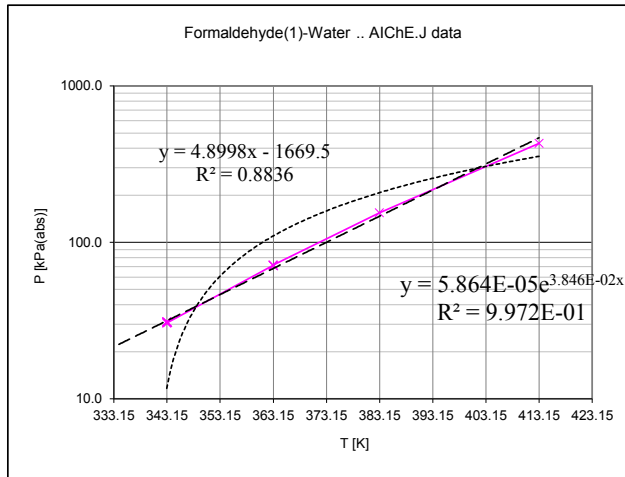
Substance	Constant (Reid, Prausnitz & Poling <sup>(4)</sup> )				eq'n	$T_c$ [K]	$p_c$ [bar]
	A	B	C	D			
Formaldehyde	-7.29343	1.08395	-1.63882	-2.30677	1	408	65.9
Water	-7.76451	1.45838	-2.7758	-1.23303	1	647.3	221.2
Methanol	-8.54796	0.76982	-3.1085	1.54481	1	512.6	80.9

(1)  $\ln(p_{\text{vap}}/p_c) = \{A(1 - T/T_c) + B(1 - T/T_c)^{1.5} + C(1 - T/T_c)^3 + D(1 - T/T_c)^6\} \cdot (T_c/T)$

Their data:

Note: In all cases HCHO concentration increases down a column.

	T [K]	t [°C]	P [kPa(abs)]
	343.1	69.95	31.0
	343.1	69.95	30.9
	343.1	69.95	31.2
	343.1	69.95	30.9
	343.2	70.05	30.9
	343.3	70.15	30.7
	343.1	69.95	30.5
MEAN:	343.1428571	69.99286	30.87143
$\sigma$ :	0.078679579	0.07868	0.221467
	363.1	89.95	71.4
	363.1	89.95	71.4
	363.2	90.05	70.6
	363.1	89.95	71.6
MEAN:	363.125	89.975	71.25
$\sigma$ :	0.05	0.05	0.443471
	383.1	109.95	153.1
	383.3	110.15	155.0
	383.1	109.95	155.1
	383.0	109.85	155.1
MEAN:	383.125	109.975	154.575
$\sigma$ :	0.125830574	0.125831	0.984463
	413.2	140.05	405.3
	413.2	140.05	414.4
	413.1	139.95	423.1
	413.2	140.05	423.7
	413.2	140.05	432.9
	413.1	139.95	443.1
	413.1	139.95	442.7
	413.1	139.95	449.1
MEAN:	413.15	140	429.2875
$\sigma$ :	0.053452249	0.053452	15.3195



Hence with:

Henry's law:  $y = 0.7514 x$  or  $y = x ???$   
 & Total pressure:  $P_{\text{BINARY}} = 5.86E-05 \exp(3.85E-02 T[\text{K}])$

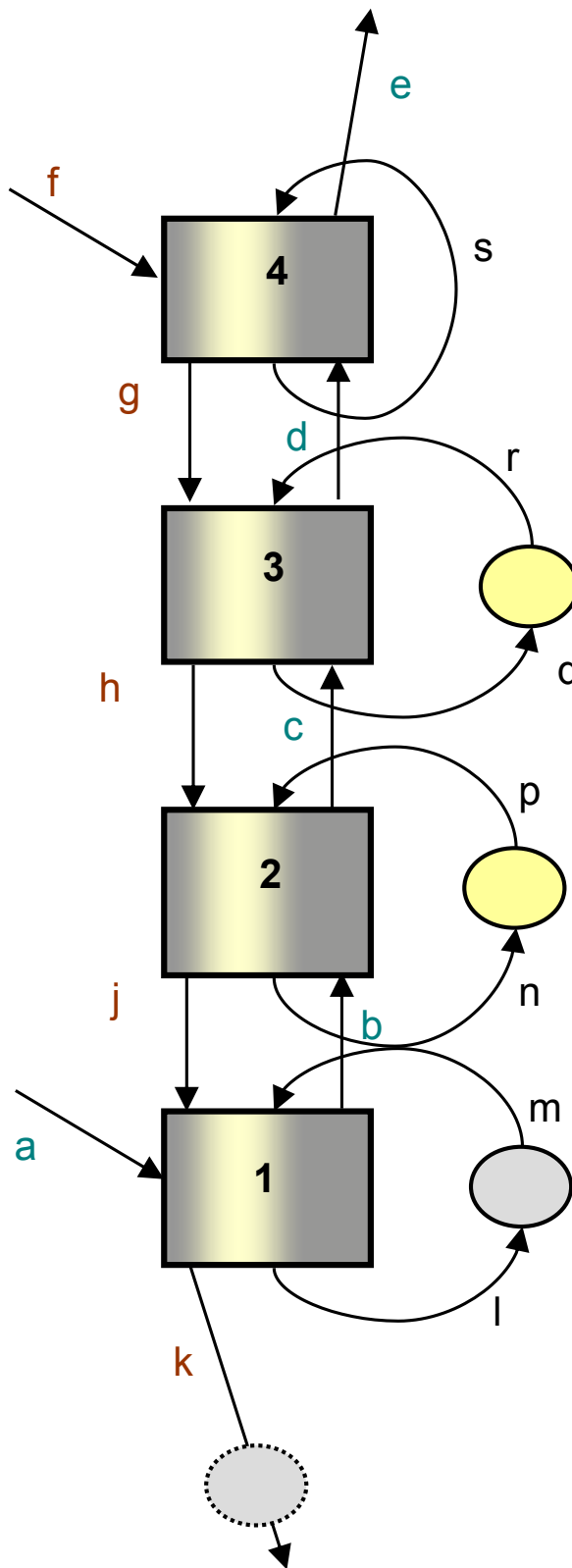
Note(1): all pressures in kPa(abs).

Note(2): "with inerts" signifies inert gases present to a TOTAL, COMBINED pressure of "P"

Note(3): obviously the "BINARY" refers to the situation with no inerts, although hydrolysis & polymerisation still occur.

Data for:	$x_1$	T [K]	$P_{\text{BIN}}$ [kPa]	$y_1$ BINARY	$p_1$	e.g. $y_1$ WITH INERTS $P = ?$	Ullmann's <sup>(5)</sup> $x_{\text{Mass } 1}$	$p_1$	$y_1$ w. INERTS	Ratio of $y_1$ w. INERTS	
Assuming a binary liquid.											
TOP Abs. Stage 1	0.402006	335.15	23.23769	0.302067	7.019346	128	0.054839	0.528406	3.487933	0.027249	50%
BOTTOM	0.42	348.15	38.3117064	0.312309799	11.96512131	130	0.092039395	0.542435098	7.762824198	0.059714032	65%
TOP Abs. Stage 2	0.195415	323.15	14.64729	0.146835	2.150735	126	0.017069	0.288159	0.943184	0.007486	44%
BOTTOM	0.196488451	336.15	24.14881957	0.147641422	3.565366059	128	0.027854422	0.289558558	2.101505518	0.016418012	59%
TOP Abs. Stage 3	0.129216	315.15	10.76796	0.097093	1.045492	124	0.008431	0.198284	0.407343	0.003285	39%
BOTTOM	0.13020155	324.15	15.22160042	0.097833445	1.489181608	126	0.011818902	0.199676262	0.726852471	0.00576867	49%
TOP Abs. Stage 4	0	313.15	9.970747	0	0	110	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
BOTTOM (top)	0.096071711	316.15	11.1901676	0.072188284	0.807798993	124	0.006514508	0.150485765	0.344611498	0.002779125	43%
NEAR TOP	0.000001	313.15	9.970746937	7.514E-07	7.49202E-06	110	6.81093E-08	1.66672E-06	1.08208E-05	9.83706E-08	144%
Note(4): Order-of-magnitude concordancy(?) with Ullmann's <sup>(5)</sup> - which has lower $p_{\text{vap}}$ 's.(1)											
(Assuming binary liquid)											
$p_1[\text{kPa}] = 0.1333F \cdot \exp\{-F \cdot (a_0 + a_1/T + a_2/T^2)\}$											
$\alpha = 0.08760 \pm 0.00950$											
$a_0 = -12.0127 \pm 0.0550$											
$a_1 = 3451.72 \pm 17.14$											
$a_2 = 248257.3 \pm 5296.8$											
TOP Abs. Stage 4			5.86E-05	0	0	#DIV/0!		0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
BOTTOM (top)											#DIV/0!









**(Mass &) Energy Balance over Absorber**

NOTE: Heats of solution of methanol (implicitly) considered.  
Formic acid is treated as water for VLE.

**STAGE 1 (BASE OF COLUMN)**

Streams																								
Mass fraction of HCHO in liquid from stage above:																								
Pump-around flow																								
Total pump-around flow: <b>84.639 kg s<sup>-1</sup></b> (excluding product)																								
Total HEAT-EXCHANGED pump-around flow: <b>84.639 kg s<sup>-1</sup></b> (excluding product)																								
Pump-around flow from stage above: <b>29.737 kg s<sup>-1</sup></b> (TOTAL REACT)																								
Mass fraction of HCHO in total liquid fed: <b>52.01%</b> (From JICHEJ & van Laar)																								
Hence equilibrium partial pressure in the vapour: <b>0.0583368 kPa</b> (given a total pressure of <b>128 kPa</b> )																								
Hence equilibrium mole fraction in the vapour: <b>99.50%</b> (Hence "approach to equilibrium" is <b>77%</b> )																								
Check mass balances: <b>0</b>																								
Check mass balances: <b>-7.10543E-15</b>																								
STREAMS IN:																								
No. Description	HSYM	Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	T [°C]	t [s]	Species	State	Mass frac. [J]	Mass Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	MR [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mole flow [mol.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mole frac.	A/C1	B/C2	C/C3	D/C4	C5	$\bar{x}_p$ [K.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{eq}^{298K}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{eq}^{T}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{p,T}$ [kW]				
j	L from stage 2	-	63.00	336.15	HCHO	Aq	<b>0.2889974</b>	0.5034995	0.030026	16.76867	0.190488	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984			2.7053	-5555.656	-5452.853	-2745.5091	HCHO			
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Aq	<b>0.005</b>	0.0087142	0.032042	0.27196	0.0379	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	0	0	2.6642	-7675.239	-7573.995	-66.000988	CH <sub>3</sub> OH		
	Combined liquid-IN temperature: <b>60.20 °C</b>				H <sub>2</sub> O	L	<b>0.7059526</b>	1.2303564	0.018015	68.29256	0.276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06			4.1785	-15866.05	-15707.26	-1932.5528	H <sub>2</sub> O		
					HCOOH	Aq	<b>0.00015</b>	0.0002614	0.046026	0.00568	0.00568	6.68E-05						2.1924	-9243.455	-9170.143	-2.3946878	HCOOH		
a	Reactor effluent	Feed	<b>7.920</b>	90.00	363.15	HCHO	V	0.1804678	1.4293205	0.030026	47.60193	0.142996	23.48	0.03157	2.99E-05	-2.3E-08		1.2107	-3862.294	-3783.597	-5407.9144	HCHO		
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	V	0.003342	0.0264686	0.032042	0.82608	0.002481	21.15	0.07092	2.59E-05	-2.9E-08				1.4480	-6282.379	-6188.261	-163.79466	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
					O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.000459	0.0036353	0.031999	0.000341	28.11	-3.7E-06	1.75E-05	-1.1E-08				0.9261	0	0	60.1986	0.2189404	O <sub>2</sub>	
					H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.1534721	1.2154989	0.018015	67.47074	0.202668	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.6E-09				1.8819	-13463.1	-13310.78	-16179.239	H <sub>2</sub> O	
					H <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0098049	0.0776551	0.020216	38.52321	0.115716	27.14	0.009274	-1.4E-05	7.69E-09				14.371	8531	0	934.17045	72.5430833	H <sub>2</sub>
					CO <sub>2</sub>	V	0.059157	0.4685232	0.04401	10.64588	0.031978	19.8	0.07344	-5.6E-05	1.72E-08				0.8762	156	-8948.007	-8891.049	-4165.6632	CO <sub>2</sub>
					CO	V	0.0033468	0.0265063	0.02801	0.946301	0.002842	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.3E-08				1.0430	3748	-3948.533	-3880.736	-102.86381	CO
					HCOOH	V	5.976E-05	0.0004733	0.046026	0.010283	0.09E-05	11.71	0.1358	-8.4E-05	2.02E-08				1.0455	7342	-8231.506	-8163.544	-3.8636254	HCOOH
					N <sub>2</sub>	V	0.5898907	4.6719343	0.028013	166.775	0.009957	31.15	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.2E-08				1.0415	0997	0	67.698148	316.281298	N <sub>2</sub>
m	Pump-around 1	-	<b>29.737</b>	<b>60.00</b>	333.15	HCHO	Aq	0.54	16.057959	0.030026	534.7982	0.415637	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984			2.6765	-5555.656	-5461.975	-87708.178	HCHO		
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Aq	0.01	0.2973696	0.032042	9.280619	0.007213	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	0	0	0	2.6529	-7675.239	-7582.386	-2254.7711	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
					H <sub>2</sub> O	L	0.44982	13.37628	0.018015	742.4997	0.57706	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06			4.1783	-15866.05	-15719.8	-210272.5	H <sub>2</sub> O	
					HCOOH	Aq	0.00018	0.0053527	0.046026	0.116397	0.04E-05							2.1924	-9243.455	-9166.72	-49.066272	HCOOH		
					(average over 298K to T)																			
					<b>SUM = -348058.24</b>																			
Hence equilibrium partial pressure in the vapour: <b>7.019345926 kPa</b> (From JICHEJ & van Laar)																								
Hence equilibrium mole fraction in the vapour: <b>0.0583368</b> (given a total pressure of <b>128 kPa</b> )																								
Check mass balances: <b>0</b>																								
Check mass balances: <b>-7.10543E-15</b>																								
STREAMS OUT:																								
No. Description	HSYM	Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	T [°C]	t [s]	Species	State	Mass frac. [J]	Mass Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	MR [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mole flow [mol.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mole frac.	A/C1	B/C2	C/C3	D/C4	C5	$\bar{x}_p$ [K.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{eq}^{298K}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{eq}^{T}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{p,T}$ [kW]				
k	Product (pre-cooling)	-	<b>2.645503</b>	75.00	348.15	HCHO	Aq	<b>0.54</b>	1.4285716	0.030026	47.5775	0.415637	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984			2.8302	-5555.656	-5414.143	-7734.4904	HCHO		
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Aq	0.01	0.026455	0.032042	0.825636	0.007213	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	0	0	0	2.7114	-7675.239	-7539.664	-199.46203	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
					H <sub>2</sub> O	L	0.44982	1.1900002	0.018015	66.05534	0.57706	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06			4.1804	-15866.05	-15657.02	-18631.862	H <sub>2</sub> O	
					HCOOH	Aq	0.00018	0.004762	0.046026	0.103948	0.04E-05							2.1924	-9243.455	-9133.834	-4.3494453	HCOOH		
					(average over 298K to T)																			
					<b>SUM = -348239</b>																			
b	V from stage 1	-	<b>7.017</b>	<b>62.00</b>	335.15	HCHO	V	0.0718554	0.5042329	0.030026	16.7931	0.055279	23.48	0.03157	2.99E-05	-2.3E-08		1.1903	-3862.294	-3818.252	-1925.2885	HCHO		
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	V	0.0012437	0.0087277	0.032042	0.272384	0.000897	21.15	0.07092	2.59E-05	-2.9E-08				1.4136	-6282.379	-6230.076	-54.374472	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
					O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.000518	0.0036353	0.031999	0.000374	28.11	-3.7E-06	1.75E-05	-1.1E-08				0.9226	0	0	34.1363	0.1240961	O <sub>2</sub>	
					H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.1789649	1.2558551	0.018015	69.71086	0.229474	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.6E-09				1.8758	-13463.1	-13363.69	-16782.865	H <sub>2</sub> O	
					H <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0110662	0.0776551	0.020216	38.52321	0.12881	27.14	0.009274	-1.4E-05	7.69E-09				14.353	5572	0	531.08162	41.2411865	H <sub>2</sub>
					CO <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0667666	0.4685232	0.04401	10.64588	0.030044	19.8	0.07344	-5.6E-05	1.72E-08				0.8629	3916	-8948.007	-8916.078	-4177.3898	CO <sub>2</sub>
					CO	V	0.0037773	0.0265063	0.02801	0.946301	0.003115	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.3E-08				1.0423	0745	-3948.533	-3909.968	-103.63865	CO
					HCOOH	V	3.684E-05	0.0002585	0.046026	0.005617	1.85E-05	11.71	0.1358	-8.4E-05	2.02E-08				1.0192	2786	-8193.795	-8193.795	-1.181955	HCOOH
					N <sub>2</sub>	V	0.6657111	4.6719343	0.028013	166.775	0.048988	31.15	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.2E-08				1.0413	2941	0	38.529188	180.005835	N <sub>2</sub>
					(average over 298K to T)																			
					<b>SUM = -4.5286E-08</b>																			
i	Pump-around 1	-	<b>29.737</b>	75.00	348.15	HCHO	Aq	0.54	16.057959	0.030026	534.7982	0.415637	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984			2.8302	-5555.656	-5414.143	-86940.078	HCHO		
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Aq	0.01	0.2973696	0.032042	9.280619	0.007213	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	0	0	0	2.7114	-7675.239	-7539.664	-2242.0669	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
					H <sub>2</sub> O	L	0.44982	13.37628	0.018015	742.4997	0.57706	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06			4.1804	-15866.05	-15657.02	-2094.3274	H <sub>2</sub> O	
					HCOOH	Aq	0.00018	0.0053527	0.046026	0.116397	0.04E-05							2.1924	-9243.455	-9133.834	-48.890243	HCOOH		
					(average over 298K to T)																			
					<b>SUM = -4.5286E-08</b>																			

**STAGE 2 (LOWER-MIDDLE SECTION OF COLUMN)**

Pump-around flow: **41.158** [kg s<sup>-1</sup>] (TOTAL REBK)

Mass fraction of HCHO in liquid from stage above: **0.199483**

Mass fraction of HCHO in total liquid fed: **28.75%** (From AICHE J & van Laar)

Hence equilibrium partial pressure in the vapour: **0.037069323** (given a total pressure of: **126** kPa(abs))

Hence equilibrium mole fraction in the vapour: **0.037069323** (From AICHE J & van Laar)

Hence equilibrium mole fraction in the liquid: **0.19541523** (From Himmels 09)

Hence equilibrium mole fraction in the vapour: **0.037069323** (given a total pressure of: **126** kPa(abs))

Streams IN:	No. Description	HYSIM	Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	t [°C]	Species	State	Mass frac. [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mass Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	MR [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mole flow [mol.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mole frac. [mol.frac.]	A/C1	B/C2	C/C3	D/C4	C5	$\bar{x}_p$ [K.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{eq, 298K}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{eq, T}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{p, T}$ [kW]			
L from stage 3	L	-	<b>0.65</b>	<b>51.00</b>	324.15	HCHO	Aq	<b>0.199486</b>	0.1296676	0.030026	<b>416.31</b>	-2.6391	0.004984	-	-	-	2.59631201	-55555.656	-5486.151	-7111.6353	HCHO		
						CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Aq	<b>0.0013</b>	0.032042	0.040572	0.000223	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	0	2.61990898	-7675.239	-7607.121	-9.8892575	CH <sub>3</sub> OH		
						H <sub>2</sub> O	Aq	<b>0.7984114</b>	0.5189674	0.018015	0.066533	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	4.17828821	-15866.05	-15757.41	-8177.583	H <sub>2</sub> O		
						HCOOH	Aq	<b>0.0001</b>	0.00065	0.001412	<b>4.26E-05</b>	2.192416	0.9226	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
V from stage 1	V	-	7.01732848	62.000	HCHO	V	<b>0.0718554</b>	0.5042329	0.030026	<b>16.7931</b>	0.059279	23.48	0.03157	2.99E-05	-2.3E-08	1.1903	-3862.294	-3818.252	-1925.2885	HCHO			
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	V	<b>0.0012437</b>	0.0087277	0.032042	0.272384	0.000897	21.15	0.07092	2.59E-05	-2.9E-08	1.4136	-6282.379	-6230.076	-54.374472	CH <sub>3</sub> OH			
					O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.000518	0.0036353	0.031999	0.113608	0.000374	28.11	-3.7E-06	1.75E-05	-1.1E-08	0.9226	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
					H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.1789649	1.2558551	0.018015	69.71068	0.229474	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.6E-09	1.8758	-13433.1	-13363.69	-16782.865	H <sub>2</sub> O			
					H <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0110662	0.0776551	0.002016	38.52321	0.12881	27.14	0.009274	-1.4E-05	7.65E-09	14.3535572	0	531.08162	41.2411865	H <sub>2</sub>			
Pump-around 2	P	-	41.158	48.00	HCHO	Aq	0.2888974	11.890551	0.030026	<b>396.0059</b>	0.196488	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984	-	-	2.57158014	-55555.656	-5496.51	-65365.531	HCHO		
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Aq	0.005	0.2057919	0.032042	6.422568	0.003187	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	0	2.60925057	-7675.239	-7615.226	-1567.152	CH <sub>3</sub> OH		
					H <sub>2</sub> O	L	0.7059526	29.055867	0.018015	1612.853	0.800258	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	4.17849345	-15866.05	-15769.94	-458209.31	H <sub>2</sub> O		
					HCOOH	Aq	0.00015	0.0061738	0.046026	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05

Streams OUT:

Streams OUT:	No. Description	HYSIM	Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	t [°C]	Species	State	Mass frac. [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mass Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	MR [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mole flow [mol.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mole frac. [mol.frac.]	A/C1	B/C2	C/C3	D/C4	C5	$\bar{x}_p$ [K.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{eq, 298K}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{eq, T}$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{p, T}$ [kW]			
L from stage 2	L	-	1.742831	63	HCHO	Aq	0.2888974	5.034995	0.030026	<b>16.76867</b>	0.196488	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984	-	-	2.70531878	-55555.656	-5452.853	-2745.5091	HCHO		
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Aq	0.005	0.087142	0.032042	0.27196	0.003187	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	0	2.66428888	-7675.239	-7573.995	-66.000988	CH <sub>3</sub> OH		
					H <sub>2</sub> O	L	0.7059526	1.2303564	0.018015	68.29546	0.800258	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	4.1785776	-15866.05	-15707.26	-19325.528	H <sub>2</sub> O		
					HCOOH	Aq	0.00015	0.002614	0.046026	0.05658	6.66E-05	0.05658	6.66E-05	0.05658	6.66E-05	0.05658	6.66E-05	0.05658	6.66E-05	0.05658	6.66E-05	0.05658	6.66E-05
V from stage 2	V	-	5.924	50.00	HCHO	V	<b>0.0220105</b>	0.130401	0.030026	<b>4.342906</b>	0.017278	23.48	0.03157	2.99E-05	-2.3E-08	1.1816	-3862.294	-3832.754	-199.79479	HCHO			
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	V	<b>0.0002217</b>	0.0013136	0.032042	0.040966	0.000163	21.15	0.07092	2.59E-05	-2.9E-08	1.3989	-6282.379	-6247.407	-8.2064774	CH <sub>3</sub> OH			
					O <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0006136	0.0036353	0.031999	0.113608	0.000452	28.11	-3.7E-06	1.75E-05	-1.1E-08	0.9211	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
					H <sub>2</sub> O	V	0.0919008	0.5444662	0.018015	30.2226	0.120116	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.6E-09	1.8733	-13433.1	-13386.27	-7288.3702	H <sub>2</sub> O			
					H <sub>2</sub>	V	0.0131075	0.0776551	0.002016	38.52321	0.153106	27.14	0.009274	-1.4E-05	7.65E-09	14.3452205	0	358.63051	27.8494819	H <sub>2</sub>			
Pump-around 2	P	-	41.158	63.00	HCHO	Aq	0.2888974	11.890551	0.030026	<b>396.0059</b>	0.196488	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984	-	-	2.70531878	-55555.656	-5452.853	-64837.432	HCHO		
					CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Aq	0.005	0.2057919	0.032042	6.422568	0.003187	105800	-362.23	0.9379	0	0	2.66428888	-7675.239	-7573.995	-1568.667	CH <sub>3</sub> OH		
					H <sub>2</sub> O	L	0.7059526	29.055867	0.018015	1612.853	0.800258	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	4.1785776	-15866.05	-15707.26	-4563.88	H <sub>2</sub> O		
					HCOOH	Aq	0.00015	0.0061738	0.046026	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05	0.134137	6.66E-05

STAGE 3 (UPPER-MIDDLE SECTION OF COLUMN)

Table with columns: STREAMS IN/OUT, No. Description, HYSIM, Flow, t, T, Species, State, Mass frac., Mass Flow, MR, Mole frac., A/C1, B/C2, C/C3, D/C4, C5, xP, AH=, 298K, AH=, T, AHF, T. Includes detailed stream data and balance calculations.

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**STAGE 4 (TOP OF COLUMN)**

Mass fraction of HCHO in liquid from stage above: **0.000** kg s<sup>-1</sup> GOAL SEEK  
 Pump-around flow: **0** kg s<sup>-1</sup>

STREAMS IN:	No. Description	HYSIM	Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	t [°C]	T [K]	Species	State	Mass frac. [-]	Mass Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	MR [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mole frac. [-]	A / C1	B / C2	C / C3	D / C4	C5	$\bar{x}_p$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta\bar{H}_{\text{ref}}$ , 298K [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta\bar{H}_{\text{ref}}$ , T [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{p,T}$ [kW]	
<b>F</b>	Fresh DM Water	AbsWater	0.3275	37.00	310.15	HCHO Aq	Aq	0	0.030026	0	0	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984	-	-	2.48927756	-5555.656	-5525.784	0 HCHO	
			0.3275	MAXIM	310.15	CH <sub>3</sub> OH Aq	Aq	0	0.032042	0	0.105800	-382.23	0.9379	0	0	0	2.57167231	-7675.239	-7644.379	0 CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
			0.3275	SUMMER	310.15	H <sub>2</sub> O L	L	1	0.3275	18.17909	1.276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	0	1.803182	-15866.05	-15815.88	-5179.7016	H <sub>2</sub> O
			0.3275		310.15	HCOOH Aq	Aq	0	0.046026	0	0	-	-	-	-	2.192416	-9243.455	-9217.146	0 HCOOH		
<b>d</b>	V from stage 3		5.674	42.00	315.15	HCHO V	V	0.0107321	0.0608993	0.030026	2.024925	0.008476	23.48	0.03157	2.99E-05	-2.3E-08	1.1758	-3862.294	-3842.305	-233.98383	HCHO
			5.674497		315.15	CH <sub>3</sub> OH V	V	7.288E-05	0.004136	0.032042	0.012907	5.39E-05	21.15	0.07092	2.59E-05	-2.9E-08	1.3890	-6282.379	-6258.766	-2.5885082	CH <sub>3</sub> OH
			5.674497		315.15	O <sub>2</sub> V	V	0.0006406	0.003635	0.031999	0.113608	0.000475	28.11	-3.7E-06	1.75E-05	-1.1E-08	0.9202	0	15.6426	0.05686569	O <sub>2</sub>
			5.674497		315.15	H <sub>2</sub> O V	V	0.0643075	0.3649129	0.018015	20.25583	0.084646	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.6E-09	1.8717	-13433.1	-13401.28	-4890.3004	H <sub>2</sub> O
			5.674497		315.15	H <sub>2</sub> V	V	0.0138849	0.0776551	0.002016	38.52321	0.160982	27.14	0.009274	-1.4E-05	7.65E-09	14.3394902	0	243.77133	18.9300883	H <sub>2</sub>
			5.674497		315.15	CO <sub>2</sub> V	V	0.0825665	0.4685232	0.04401	10.64588	0.044487	19.8	0.07344	-5.6E-05	1.72E-08	0.8531335	-8948.007	-8933.504	-4185.5541	CO <sub>2</sub>
			5.674497		315.15	CO V	V	0.0046711	0.0265063	0.02801	0.946301	0.003954	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.3E-06	1.04196167	-3948.533	-3930.82	-104.19136	CO
			5.674497		315.15	HCOOH V	V	3.011E-06	1.709E-05	0.046026	0.000371	1.55E-06	11.71	0.1358	-8.4E-05	2.02E-08	0.99996278	-8231.506	-8214.507	-1403648	HCOOH
			5.674497		315.15	N <sub>2</sub> V	V	0.8233213	4.6719343	0.028013	166.775	0.699925	11.71	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.2E-08	1.04197653	0	17.703381	82.7090306	N <sub>2</sub>
<b>S</b>	Pump-around 4		0.000	40.00	313.15	HCHO Aq	Aq	0.1504147	0.030026	0	0.030026	0	#DIV/0!	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984	-	2.51038749	-5555.656	-5518	0 HCHO
			0		313.15	CH <sub>3</sub> OH Aq	Aq	0.001	0.032042	0	0.032042	0	#DIV/0!	105800	-382.23	0.9379	0	2.58168676	-7675.239	-7636.513	0 CH <sub>3</sub> OH
			0		313.15	H <sub>2</sub> O L	L	0.8486353	0	0.018015	0	#DIV/0!	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	4.17964476	-15866.05	-15803.35	0 H <sub>2</sub> O
			0		313.15	HCOOH Aq	Aq	0.00005	0.046026	0	0.046026	0	#DIV/0!	-	-	-	2.192416	-9243.455	-9210.568	0 HCOOH	
																				SUM = -14494.774	

Mass fraction of HCHO in total liquid fed: 0.00%  
 Hence equilibrium partial pressure in the vapour: 0 (From Antoine eq. & von Laar)  
 Hence equilibrium mole fraction in the vapour: 110 kPa(abs)  
 Check mass balances: 8.88178E-16  
 Note: Aqueous c<sub>p</sub>'s taken as those for the pure liquid.  
 Hence "approach to equilibrium" is: 98.78%

STREAMS OUT:	No. Description	HYSIM	Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	t [°C]	T [K]	Species	State	Mass frac. [-]	Mass Flow [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	MR [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mole frac. [-]	A / C1	B / C2	C / C3	D / C4	C5	$\bar{x}_p$ [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta\bar{H}_{\text{ref}}$ , 298K [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta\bar{H}_{\text{ref}}$ , T [kJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta H_{p,T}$ [kW]		
<b>G</b>	L from stage 4		0.4	43	316.15	HCHO Aq	Aq	0.1504147	0.0601659	0.030026	2.00376	0.096072	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984	-	2.53249354	-5555.656	-5510.071	-331.51834	HCHO	
			0.4		316.15	CH <sub>3</sub> OH Aq	Aq	0.001	0.0004	0.032042	0.012484	0.000599	105800	-382.23	0.9379	0	2.59187684	-7675.239	-7628.585	-3.051434	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
			0.4		316.15	H <sub>2</sub> O L	L	0.8486353	0.3394141	0.018015	18.84043	0.903309	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	4.17910619	-15866.05	-15790.82	-5359.6279	H <sub>2</sub> O
			0.4		316.15	HCOOH Aq	Aq	0.00005	0.00002	0.046026	0.000435	0.08E-05	-	-	-	-	2.192416	-9243.455	-9203.991	-0.1840798	HCOOH	
<b>e</b>	V from stage 4	Ahead_Total	5.602	37.50	310.65	HCHO V	V	0.0001309	0.0007334	0.030026	0.0244925	0.000103	23.48	0.03157	2.99E-05	-2.3E-08	1.1725	-3862.294	-3847.637	-2.8218137	HCHO	
			5.601997		310.65	CH <sub>3</sub> OH V	V	2.424E-06	1.358E-05	0.032042	0.000424	1.79E-06	21.15	0.07092	2.59E-05	-2.9E-08	1.3835	-6282.379	-6265.085	-0.0850878	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	
			5.601997		310.65	O <sub>2</sub> V	V	0.0006489	0.0036353	0.031999	0.113608	0.00048	28.11	-3.7E-06	1.75E-05	-1.1E-08	0.9196	0	11.4951	0.04178834	O <sub>2</sub>	
			5.601997		310.65	H <sub>2</sub> O V	V	0.063013	0.3529988	0.018015	19.5945	0.082809	32.24	0.001924	1.06E-05	-3.6E-09	1.8707	-13433.1	-13409.72	-4733.6134	H <sub>2</sub> O	
			5.601997		310.65	H <sub>2</sub> V	V	0.013862	0.0776551	0.002016	38.52321	0.162804	27.14	0.009274	-1.4E-05	7.65E-09	14.336205	0	179.20256	13.9159897	H <sub>2</sub>	
			5.601997		310.65	CO <sub>2</sub> V	V	0.083635	0.4685232	0.04401	10.64588	0.044991	19.8	0.07344	-5.6E-05	1.72E-08	0.85089134	-8948.007	-8937.371	-4187.3659	CO <sub>2</sub>	
			5.601997		310.65	CO V	V	0.0047316	0.0265063	0.02801	0.946301	0.003999	30.87	-0.01285	2.79E-05	-1.3E-06	1.0419047	-3948.533	-3935.51	-104.31566	CO	
			5.601997		310.65	HCOOH V	V	-5.2E-07	-2.91E-06	0.046026	-6.33E-05	-2.67E-07	11.71	0.1358	-8.4E-05	2.02E-08	0.99557618	-8231.506	-8219.061	0.02393859	HCOOH	
			5.601997		310.65	N <sub>2</sub> V	V	0.8339766	4.6719343	0.028013	166.775	0.704812	11.71	-0.01357	2.68E-05	-1.2E-08	1.04140635	0	13.017579	60.8172753	N <sub>2</sub>	
<b>S</b>	Pump-around 4		0.000	43.00	316.15	HCHO Aq	Aq	0.1504147	0.030026	0	0.030026	0	#DIV/0!	416.31	-2.6391	0.004984	-	2.53249354	-5555.656	-5510.071	0 HCHO	
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			0		316.15	H <sub>2</sub> O L	L	0.8486353	0	0.018015	0	#DIV/0!	276370	-2090.1	8.125	-0.01412	9.37E-06	4.17910619	-15866.05	-15790.82	0 H <sub>2</sub> O	
			0		316.15	HCOOH Aq	Aq	0.00005	0.046026	0	0.046026	0	#DIV/0!	-	-	-	2.192416	-9243.455	-9203.991	0 HCOOH		
																				SUM = -14647.765		

(average over 298K to T)

Serpentine inter-cooling req'd b/n TRAYS?

OUT - IN = -153.01063

## ABSORBER DETAILED DESIGN

### Model of a simplified case:

#### Stage 1

**Reference(s):** Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 14-20, 14-10.  
 "van Laar VLE" worksheet [by D.I.V.], & the relevant references therein.  
 "Diam.", "Visc.", "Gdiff" & "Ldiff" worksheets [D.I.V.], & references therein.  
 HYSIM material  
 I. Hahnenstein, H. Hasse, Y.-Q. Liu and G. Maurer; AIChE Symposium series  
 Onda *et alii* - original reference.

#### Assumptions:

##### Assume:

1. Straight operating line (*i.e.* dilute solutions - small mass transfer)
2. Straight equilibrium line (*i.e.* Henry's law is valid:  $y_i = H_i x_i$ )
3. Absorption heat effects are negligible

Note: Perry's definition of the assumption is ambiguous, if not confusing.

##### Comment:

This implies constant flowrates.

This may be reasonable, based on data presented in worksheet "van Laar VLE".

This may or may not be valid:

- Hysim's simulation says a large amount of heat [in kW] is evolved
- however the absorber also has pump-around cooling, with large(?) liquid flow and so the actual temperature PROFILES in the absorber will not be great

Additionally, reaction is ignored.

#### Data:

**Temperature at bottom of stage:** LIQUID: 75.00 °C GAS: 90.00 °C

**Temperature at top of stage:** LIQUID: 60.20 °C GAS: 62.00 °C

It is assumed that thermal equilibrium is (almost) reached.

Thus a nominal column temperature of 67.60214 °C will be used here

± 10°C, say.

#### Pressures:

TOP: 125 kPa(abs)  
 BOTTOM: 130 kPa(abs)  
 AVERAGE: 127.5 kPa(abs)

Estimate.

#### Henry's constant: ("m")

By linear regression of AIChE J data in worksheet "van Laar VLE": 0.7514 (70°C)  
 By weighted least squares regression of the above: (approx.) 1 (70°C)  
 Data from Ullmann's<sup>(5)</sup> & Walker<sup>(3)</sup>: << 1  
 All other estimates, including Raoult's law: >> 1 (60°C)  
 Hence use the value: 0.7514

This was only based on  $x_{\text{HCHO}}$  under 0.20

This assumes equilibrium of reaction.

This doesn't consider liquid-phase formation of nonvolatiles.  
 On the conservative side.

THESE DO NOT CONSIDER INERTS PRESENT

#### Flows:

TOTAL liquid inflow: 1372.037 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 TOTAL liquid outflow: 1401.164 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 RATIO of BOTTOM to TOP liquid flows: 1.021229  
 Average stage TOTAL liquid flow: 1386.6 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 Vapour inflow: 332.913 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 Vapour outflow: 303.7859 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 RATIO of BOTTOM to TOP vapour flows: 1.09588  
 Average (total) vapour flow: 318.3495 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>

Thus the flow may be considered constant.

This average is justified by the high pump-around rate.

Note: no vapour recirculation.

This is really NOT too large to assume constant flow.

#### Mean molar masses:

GAS: 0.0231 kg.mol<sup>-1</sup>  
 LIQUID: 0.022944 kg.mol<sup>-1</sup>

Worksheet "Diam."

Worksheet "Diam."

#### Mole-fractions:

Mole-fraction of formaldehyde in vapour: TOP: 0.055279  
 BOTTOM: 0.1430  
 AVERAGE: 0.099133

NOTE: This average for reference only.

(based on a 99.5% nominal approach to equilibrium)

There will be some formaldehyde in the pump-around liquid(!)...

...but too high would cause more formaldehyde to escape more easily.

The similarity is due to the large pump-around.

Mole-fraction of formaldehyde in liquid: TOP: 0.4020  
 BOTTOM: 0.4156  
 AVERAGE: 0.408822

Mole-fraction IN EQUILIBRIUM WITH liquid: TOP: 0.0548  
 BOTTOM: 0.0920  
 AVERAGE: 0.073439

Note that temperature is the dominant effect here.

#### Equilibrium:

Hence "m": TOP: 0.136412  
 BOTTOM: 0.221442  
 AVERAGE: 0.179636

Defined by  $y_{\text{equilibrium}} = m \cdot x$

Actual mean: 0.178927

#### Diameter:

1.8 m

Calculated in worksheet "Diam."

#### Flooding:

DESIGN: 73%  
 TURNDOWN: 44%

Worksheet "Diam."

Worksheet "Diam."

#### Internals:

Type: Pall rings  
 Material: S.S.  
 $\sigma_c$ : 75 mN.m<sup>-1</sup>  
 Nominal size: 0.051 m  
 $a_i$ : 102 m<sup>2</sup>.m<sup>-3</sup>

Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>

*i.e.* 2 inches.

#### Fluid properties:

$\mu_G$ : 1.66E-05 Pa.s

See worksheet "Visc."

$\mu_L$ :		1.89E-03 Pa.s	Worksheet "Diam."
$D_G$ :		0.174 cm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>	See worksheet "GDiff".
$D_L$ :		3.5E-05 cm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>	See worksheet "LDiff".
$\rho_G$ :		1.04 kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	Worksheet "Diam."
$\rho_L$ :		1132 kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	Worksheet "Diam."
$\sigma$ :	WATER, 303.15K:	71.40 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	Perry <sup>(6)</sup>
	WATER, 293.15K:	70 mN.m <sup>-1</sup>	Sinnott <sup>(2)</sup>
	WATER, 293K:	72.8 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	WATER, 303K:	71.18 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	METHANOL, 333K:	19.41 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	ACETONE, 318K:	21.22 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	FORMAMIDE, 338K:	53.66 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	METHYL FORMATE, 298K:	24.62 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	METHYL FORMATE, 323K:	20.05 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	METHYL FORMATE, 373K:	12.90 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	ASSUME:	60 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	Surface tension reduces with T rising.

**Mass-transfer coefficients:**

Liquid "film":	Calculated; see below.
Vapour "film":	Calculated; see below.
Overall:	Calculated; see below.

**Equations:**

**Height:**  $h_{bed} = H_{Oy} \cdot N_{Oy}$

**$H_{Oy}$ :**  $H_{Oy} = G_M / [(K_y \cdot a) \cdot y^*_{BM}]$

where:

$y^*_{BM} = \{(1 - y) - (1 - y^*)\} / \ln\{(1 - y)/(1 - y^*)\}$

with  $y^*$  the equilibrium gas-phase mole fraction, such that  $y^* = m \cdot x$

and the rate of mass transfer,  $N_i = K_y \cdot (y_1 - y^*)$ , defines the overall gas-phase mass transfer coefficient

This  $K_y$  can also be expressed in terms of the "film" coefficients, viz.:

$1/K_y = 1/k_y + m/k_x$

NOTE: Poxey W. M. Edwards (& predecessors) use a different notation - care!

From Onda *et alii*:

$k_L \cdot (\rho_L \cdot \mu_L \cdot g)^{1/3} / \{(\mu_L / \rho_L \cdot D_L)^{-1/2} \cdot (a_t \cdot D_p)^{0.4}\}$  is correlated against  $(Re)_L = L / (a_w \cdot \mu_L)$   
 $\{(k_G \cdot R \cdot T) / (a_t \cdot D_G)\} / \{(\mu_G / \rho_G \cdot D_G)^{-1/3} \cdot (a_t \cdot D_p)^{-2.0}\}$  is correlated against  $(Re)_G = G / (a_t \cdot \mu_G)$   
 $a_w / a_t = 1 - \exp\{-1.45(\sigma_w / \sigma)^{0.75} \cdot (L / a_t \cdot \mu_L)^{0.1} \times (L^2 \cdot a_t / (\rho_L^2 \cdot g))^{-0.05} \cdot (L^2 / (\rho_L \cdot \sigma \cdot a_t))^{0.2}\}$

Where  $[G] = [L] = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$   $a_w$  is the "effective" - wetted - area per volume

Where:  $K_G = K_y / P$  Where:  $k_G = k_y / P$  Where:  $k_L = k_x / \rho_L$

From Uhlherr, CHE3102 notes.

Alternatively, an estimate may be obtained from Cornell's method (Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, updated by Bolles/Fair)

$H_y [m] = 0.0190283 \cdot \psi_h [m] \cdot (Sc)_v^{0.5} \cdot (D_c / 0.3048)^{1.24} \cdot (Z / 3.048)^{1/3} / \{L \cdot (\mu_L / \mu_w)^{0.16} \cdot (\rho_w / \rho_L)^{1.25} \cdot (\sigma_w / \sigma_L)^{0.8}\}^{0.6}$

$H_x [m] = \phi_h [m] \cdot (Sc)_L^{0.5} \cdot K_3 \cdot (Z / 3.048)^{0.15}$

Where  $D_c$  is a "corrected" diameter: the lesser of {diameter} or  $\{2 \times 0.3048\}$ .

Where  $\mu_w = 1.002 \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$   $\rho_w = 998.2032 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$   $\sigma_w = 70 \text{ mN} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$  (All at 20°C)

And  $H_{Oy} = H_y + (m \cdot G_M / L_M) \cdot H_x$  NOTE: use of the coefficient  $(m \cdot G_M / L_M)$  implied the subscripts "Oy", "y" and "x" by CHE3102/Uhlherr.

**$N_{Oy}$ :** Colburn's equation of 1939 is:

$N_{Oy} = 1 / \{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} \times \ln\{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} \times \{(y_1 - m \cdot x_2) / (y_2 - m \cdot x_2)\} + m \cdot G_M / L_M$

"m" is a Henry's law-type constant here:

Note: the  $G_M$  and  $L_M$  are (moles per time) per unit area (of the column).

$y_{\text{equilibrium } 1} \equiv m \cdot x_1$

Feintuch/Treybal(1978) present an "Edmister-type approach":

$N_{Oy} = \ln\{ (y_1 - y_2^*) / (y_2 - y_2^*) \} \cdot (1 - 1/A_F) + 1/A_F / (1 - 1/A_F)$

where  $A_F = [A_{\text{BOTTOM}} \cdot (A_{\text{TOP}} + 1) + 0.25]^{0.5} - 0.5$

and  $(1/A_F) = (m_i \cdot G_i / L_i)$

**Calculations:**

**$N_{Oy}$ :** According to Colburn:

$(m \cdot G_M / L_M) = 0.041243$

$\{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} = 0.958757$

$\therefore N_{Oy} = 5.482$

According to Feintuch & Treybal:

$A_{\text{BOTTOM}} = 19.00635$

$A_{\text{TOP}} = 33.10883$

The big difference here means the more sophisticated average is probably worth calculating!

$A_F = 24.96634$  (cf. arithmetic mean of 26.05759)

$$\therefore N_{Oy} = 5.477$$

This non-simple short-cut method has resulted in a **VERY SIMILAR** result to the result from Colburn.

$$H_{Oy}: \quad Y^*_{BM} = \begin{array}{l} \text{TOP: } 0.944941 \\ \text{BOTTOM: } 0.882242 \\ \text{AVERAGE: } 0.913592 \end{array} \quad \text{"Averages" are just simple, arithmetic.}$$

$$G_M = \begin{array}{l} \text{TOP: } 130.8265 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ \text{BOTTOM: } 119.3803 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ \text{AVERAGE: } 125.1034 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \end{array}$$

**From the data of Onda et alii:**

$$\begin{array}{l} L = 12.5021 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \quad \text{OKAY} \\ (\sigma_w/\sigma)^{0.75} = 1.1822 \quad (L/a_t \mu_L)^{0.1} = 1.5175 \quad (L^2 a_t / (\rho_L^2 g))^{0.05} = 1.3958 \quad (L^2 / (\rho_L \sigma a_t))^{0.2} = 0.4685 \\ \text{Bolles/Fair: } 0.3 < (\sigma_w / \sigma) < 2 \quad \text{Bolles/Fair: } 2.5e-9 < Fr_L < 0.018 \quad \text{Bolles/Fair: } 1.2e-8 < We_L < 0.27 \\ a_w = 83.4 \text{ m}^2.\text{m}^{-3} \\ (Re)_L = 7.92E+01 \text{ OKAY} \quad (\mu_L / \rho_L D_L)^{-1/2} = 0.046027 \quad (a_t D_p)^{0.4} = 1.934052 \\ \text{Bolles/Fair: } 0.04 < Re_L < 500 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Hence: } k_L (\rho_L / \mu_L g)^{1/3} = 0.00985 \quad \text{where } 0.0060 \text{ (cf. } 0.0051) \text{ is the constant for this large, modern packing}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Thus, } k_L = 0.00025 \text{ m.s}^{-1} \\ p_B = 49341 \text{ mol.m}^{-3} \\ \therefore k_x = 12.35 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} G = 2.8898 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ (Re)_G = 1.71E+03 \text{ OFF SCALE!} \quad (\mu_G / \rho_G D_G)^{-1/3} = 1.027408 \quad (a_t D_p)^{-2.0} = 0.036954 \\ \text{Hence: } (k_G R.T) / (a_t D_G) = 41.708 \quad \text{where } 6.00 \text{ (cf. } 5.23) \text{ is the constant for this large, modern packing} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Thus, } k_G = 2.54E-05 \text{ mol.Pa}^{-1}.\text{m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \quad 0.000258 \text{ mol.atm}^{-1}.\text{cm}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ P = 128 \text{ kPa(abs)} \\ \therefore k_y = 3.24 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \end{array}$$

We see that the gas-phase resistance is dominant... (...also, "m" is small).

$$\text{Hence: } K_y = 3.098 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore H_{Oy} = 0.530 \text{ m}$$

**cf. The data of the Norton Co. (for specific conditions) in Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 14-34, T14-4:**

$$\begin{array}{l} K_y \cdot a \cdot Y^*_{BM} = 114 \text{ kmol.h}^{-1}.\text{m}^{-3} \\ \text{i.e. } 31.667 \text{ mol.m}^{-3}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ \text{Whence } H_{Oy} = 3.951 \text{ m} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Height: } h_{bed} = 2.91 \text{ m}$$

**By Cornell's (updated) method:**

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Flooding: } 73\% \quad K_3 = 0.69 \\ \text{(At design percentage flooding, from charts in Bolles/Fair \& Sinnott}^{(2)}) \\ \text{Flooding: } 73\% \quad \psi_h = 140 \text{ ft} \quad 42.672 \text{ m} \\ L [lb_m.h^{-1}ft^{-2}]: 9.22E+03 \quad \phi_h = 0.105 \text{ ft} \quad 0.032004 \text{ m} \\ \text{(At design percentage flooding, from charts in Bolles/Fair: specific to metal Pall rings.)} \\ \text{Estimated height, "Z" = } 1.93 \text{ m} \\ (Sc)_v^{0.5} = 0.960253 \quad D_c = 0.6096 \text{ m} \\ \{L \cdot (\mu_L / \mu_w)^{0.16} \cdot (\rho_w / \rho_L)^{1.25} \cdot (\sigma_w / \sigma_L)^{0.8}\} = 13.37842 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ H_v = 0.333588 \text{ m} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (Sc)_L^{0.5} = 21.7266 \\ H_x = 0.447998 \text{ m} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore H_{Oy} = 0.352 \text{ m}$$

(We note that the extraordinarily low value of  $m \cdot G_M / L_M$  means the contribution of  $H_x$  is ~negligible.)

$$\text{Height: } h_{bed} = 1.93 \text{ m} \quad \text{(or } 2.25 \text{ m without height-correction)}$$





## ABSORBER DETAILED DESIGN

### Model of a simplified case:

#### Stage 2

**Reference(s):** Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 14-20, 14-10.  
 "van Laar VLE" worksheet [by D.I.V.], & the relevant references therein.  
 "Diam.", "Visc.", "Gdiff" & "Ldiff" worksheets [D.I.V.], & references therein.  
 HYSIM material  
 I. Hahnenstein, H. Hasse, Y.-Q. Liu and G. Maurer; AIChE Symposium series  
 Onda *et alii* - original reference.

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2. Straight equilibrium line (*i.e.* Henry's law is valid:  $y_i = H_i x_i$ )
3. Absorption heat effects are negligible

Note: Perry's definition of the assumption is ambiguous, if not confusing.

##### Comment:

This implies constant flowrates.  
 This may be reasonable, based on data presented in worksheet "van Laar VLE".  
 This may or may not be valid:  
 - Hysim's simulation says a large amount of heat [in kW] is evolved  
 - however the absorber also has pump-around cooling, with large(?) liquid flow  
 and so the actual temperature PROFILES in the absorber will not be great

Additionally, reaction is ignored.

#### Data:

**Temperature at bottom of stage:** LIQUID: 63.00 °C GAS: 62.00 °C

**Temperature at top of stage:** LIQUID: 48.05 °C GAS: 50.00 °C

It is assumed that thermal equilibrium is (almost) reached.

Thus a nominal column temperature of 55.52624 °C will be used here

± 10°C, say.

#### Pressures:

TOP: 120 kPa(abs)  
 BOTTOM: 125 kPa(abs)  
 AVERAGE: 122.5 kPa(abs)

Estimate.

#### Henry's constant: ("m")

By linear regression of AIChE.J data in worksheet "van Laar VLE": 0.7514 (70°C)  
 By weighted least squares regression of the above: (approx.) 1 (70°C)  
 Data from Ullmann's<sup>(5)</sup> & Walker<sup>(3)</sup>: << 1  
 All other estimates, including Raoult's law: >> 1 (60°C)  
 Hence use the value: 0.7514

This was only based on  $x_{\text{HCHO}}$  under 0.20

This assumes equilibrium of reaction.  
 This doesn't consider liquid-phase formation of nonvolatiles.  
 On the conservative side.  
 THESE DO NOT CONSIDER INERTS PRESENT

#### Flows:

TOTAL liquid inflow: 2048.583 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 TOTAL liquid outflow: 2100.757 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 RATIO of BOTTOM to TOP liquid flows: 1.025468  
 Average stage TOTAL liquid flow: 2074.67 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 Vapour inflow: 303.7859 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 Vapour outflow: 251.6118 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 RATIO of BOTTOM to TOP vapour flows: 1.20736  
 Average (total) vapour flow: 277.6989 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>

Thus the flow may be considered constant.

This average is justified by the high pump-around rate.

Note: no vapour recirculation.

This is really NOT too large to assume constant flow.

#### Mean molar masses:

GAS: 0.023546 kg.mol<sup>-1</sup>  
 LIQUID: 0.020408 kg.mol<sup>-1</sup>

Worksheet "Diam."

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#### Mole-fractions:

Mole-fraction of formaldehyde in vapour: TOP: 0.01726  
 BOTTOM: 0.0553  
 AVERAGE: 0.03627

NOTE: This average for reference only.

(based on a 99.5% nominal approach to equilibrium)

There will be some formaldehyde in the pump-around liquid(!)...

...but too high would cause more formaldehyde to escape more easily.

The similarity is due to the large pump-around.

Mole-fraction of formaldehyde in liquid: TOP: 0.1954  
 BOTTOM: 0.1965  
 AVERAGE: 0.195952

Mole-fraction IN EQUILIBRIUM WITH liquid: TOP: 0.0171  
 BOTTOM: 0.0279  
 AVERAGE: 0.022462

Note that temperature is the dominant effect here.

#### Equilibrium:

Hence "m": TOP: 0.087349  
 BOTTOM: 0.141761  
 AVERAGE: 0.11463

Defined by  $y_{\text{equilibrium}} = m \cdot x$

Actual mean: 0.114555

#### Diameter:

1.8 m

Calculated in worksheet "Diam."

#### Flooding:

DESIGN: 58%  
 TURNDOWN: 35%

Worksheet "Diam."

Worksheet "Diam."

#### Internals:

Type: Pall rings  
 Material: S.S.  
 $\sigma_c$ : 75 mN.m<sup>-1</sup>  
 Nominal size: 0.051 m  
 $a_i$ : 102 m<sup>2</sup>.m<sup>-3</sup>

Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>

*i.e.* 2 inches.

#### Fluid properties:

$\mu_G$ : 1.66E-05 Pa.s

See worksheet "Visc."

$\mu_L$ :		5.44E-04 Pa.s	Worksheet "Diam."
$D_G$ :		0.174 cm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>	See worksheet "GDiff".
$D_L$ :		2.9E-05 cm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>	See worksheet "LDiff".
$\rho_G$ :		1.05 kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	Worksheet "Diam."
$\rho_L$ :		1071 kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	Worksheet "Diam."
$\sigma$ :	WATER, 303.15K:	71.40 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	Perry <sup>(6)</sup>
	WATER, 293.15K:	70 mN.m <sup>-1</sup>	Sinnott <sup>(2)</sup>
	WATER, 293K:	72.8 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	WATER, 303K:	71.18 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
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	METHYL FORMATE, 373K:	12.90 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	ASSUME:	60 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	Surface tension reduces with T rising.

**Mass-transfer coefficients:**

Liquid "film":	Calculated; see below.
Vapour "film":	Calculated; see below.
Overall:	Calculated; see below.

**Equations:**

**Height:**  $h_{bed} = H_{Oy} \cdot N_{Oy}$

**$H_{Oy}$ :**  $H_{Oy} = G_M / [(K_y \cdot a) \cdot y^*_{BM}]$

where:

$y^*_{BM} = \{(1 - y) - (1 - y^*)\} / \ln\{(1 - y)/(1 - y^*)\}$

with  $y^*$  the equilibrium gas-phase mole fraction, such that  $y^* = m \cdot x$

and the rate of mass transfer,  $N_i = K_y \cdot (y_1 - y^*)$ , defines the overall gas-phase mass transfer coefficient

This  $K_y$  can also be expressed in terms of the "film" coefficients, viz.:

$1/K_y = 1/k_y + m/k_x$

NOTE: Poxey W. M. Edwards (& predecessors) use a different notation - care!

From Onda *et alii*:

$k_L \cdot (\rho_L \cdot \mu_L \cdot g)^{1/3} / \{(\mu_L / \rho_L \cdot D_L)^{-1/2} \cdot (a_t \cdot D_p)^{0.4}\}$  is correlated against  $(Re)_L = L / (a_w \cdot \mu_L)$   
 $\{(k_G \cdot R \cdot T) / (a_t \cdot D_G)\} / \{(\mu_G / \rho_G \cdot D_G)^{-1/3} \cdot (a_t \cdot D_p)^{-2.0}\}$  is correlated against  $(Re)_G = G / (a_t \cdot \mu_G)$   
 $a_w / a_t = 1 - \exp\{-1.45(\sigma_w / \sigma)^{0.75} \cdot (L / a_t \cdot \mu_L)^{0.1} \times (L^2 \cdot a_t / (\rho_L^2 \cdot g))^{-0.05} \cdot (L^2 / (\rho_L \cdot \sigma \cdot a_t))^{0.2}\}$

Where  $[G] = [L] = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$   $a_w$  is the "effective" - wetted - area per volume

Where:  $K_G = K_y / P$  Where:  $k_G = k_y / P$  Where:  $k_L = k_x / \rho_L$

From Uhlherr, CHE3102 notes.

Alternatively, an estimate may be obtained from Cornell's method (Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, updated by Bolles/Fair)

$H_y [m] = 0.0190283 \cdot \psi_h [m] \cdot (Sc)_v^{0.5} \cdot (D_c / 0.3048)^{1.24} \cdot (Z / 3.048)^{1/3} / \{L \cdot (\mu_L / \mu_w)^{0.16} \cdot (\rho_w / \rho_L)^{1.25} \cdot (\sigma_w / \sigma_L)^{0.8}\}^{0.6}$

$H_x [m] = \phi_h [m] \cdot (Sc)_L^{0.5} \cdot K_3 \cdot (Z / 3.048)^{0.15}$

Where  $D_c$  is a "corrected" diameter: the lesser of {diameter} or  $\{2 \times 0.3048\}$ .

Where  $\mu_w = 1.002 \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$   $\rho_w = 998.2032 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$   $\sigma_w = 70 \text{ mN} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$  (All at 20°C)

And  $H_{Oy} = H_y + (m \cdot G_M / L_M) \cdot H_x$  NOTE: use of the coefficient  $(m \cdot G_M / L_M)$  implied the subscripts "Oy", "y" and "x" by CHE3102/Uhlherr.

**$N_{Oy}$ :** Colburn's equation of 1939 is:

$N_{Oy} = 1 / \{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} \times \ln\{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} \times \{(y_1 - m \cdot x_2) / (y_2 - m \cdot x_2)\} + m \cdot G_M / L_M$

"m" is a Henry's law-type constant here:

Note: the  $G_M$  and  $L_M$  are (moles per time) per unit area (of the column).

$y_{\text{equilibrium } 1} \equiv m \cdot x_1$

Feintuch/Treybal(1978) present an "Edmister-type approach":

$N_{Oy} = \ln\{(y_1 - y_2^*) / (y_2 - y_2^*)\} \cdot (1 - 1/A_F) + 1/A_F / (1 - 1/A_F)$

where  $A_F = [A_{\text{BOTTOM}} \cdot (A_{\text{TOP}} + 1) + 0.25]^{0.5} - 0.5$

and  $(1/A_F) = (m_i \cdot G_i / L_i)$

**Calculations:**

**$N_{Oy}$ :** According to Colburn:

$(m \cdot G_M / L_M) = 0.015343$

$\{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} = 0.984657$

$\therefore N_{Oy} = 5.365$

According to Feintuch & Treybal:

$A_{\text{BOTTOM}} = 48.78104$

$A_{\text{TOP}} = 93.21043$

The big difference here means the more sophisticated average is probably worth calculating!

$A_F = 67.29331$  (cf. arithmetic mean of 70.99574)

$\therefore N_{Oy} = 5.363$

This non-simple short-cut method has resulted in a **VERY SIMILAR** result to the result from Colburn.

$H_{Oy}$ :  $y^*_{BM} =$  TOP: 0.982835  
 BOTTOM: 0.958368  
 AVERAGE: 0.970601 "Averages" are just simple, arithmetic.

$G_M =$  TOP: 119.3803 mol.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 BOTTOM: 98.8772 mol.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 AVERAGE: 109.1288 mol.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>

From the data of Onda et alii:

$L = 16.6389 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$  OKAY  
 $(\sigma_w/\sigma)^{0.75} = 1.1822$   $(L/a_i \mu_L)^{0.1} = 1.7689$   $(L^2 a_i / (\rho_L^2 g))^{0.05} = 1.3490$  OKAY  $(L^2 / (\rho_L \sigma a_i))^{0.2} = 0.5311$  OKAY  
 Bolles/Fair:  $0.3 < (\sigma_w / \sigma) < 2$  Bolles/Fair:  $2.5e-9 < Fr_L < 0.018$  Bolles/Fair:  $1.2e-8 < We_L < 0.27$   
 $a_w = 90.4 \text{ m}^2.\text{m}^{-3}$   
 $(Re)_L = 3.38E+02$  OKAY  $(\mu_L / \rho_L D_L)^{-1/2} = 0.075777$   $(a_i D_p)^{0.4} = 1.934052$   
 Bolles/Fair:  $0.04 < Re_L < 500$

Hence:  $k_L (\rho_L / \mu_L g)^{1/3} = 0.04270$  where 0.0060 (cf. 0.0051) is the constant for this large, modern packing

Thus,  $k_L = 0.000729 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$   
 $\rho_B = 52479 \text{ mol.m}^{-3}$   
 $\therefore k_x = 38.26 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$

$G = 2.5696 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$   
 $(Re)_G = 1.52E+03$  OFF SCALE!  $(\mu_G / \rho_G D_G)^{-1/3} = 1.032485$   $(a_i D_p)^{-2.0} = 0.036954$   
 Hence:  $(k_G R.T) / (a_i D_G) = 38.606$  where 6.00 (cf. 5.23) is the constant for this large, modern packing

Thus,  $k_G = 2.5E-05 \text{ mol.Pa}^{-1}.\text{m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$  0.000253 mol.atm<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 $P = 123 \text{ kPa(abs)}$   
 $\therefore k_y = 3.06 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$

We see that the gas-phase resistance is dominant... (...also, "m" is small).

Hence:  $K_y = 3.033 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$

$\therefore H_{Oy} = 0.410 \text{ m}$

cf. The data of the Norton Co. (for specific conditions) in Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 14-34, T14-4:

$K_y \cdot a \cdot y^*_{BM} = 114 \text{ kmol.h}^{-1}.\text{m}^{-3}$   
 i.e.  $31.667 \text{ mol.m}^{-3}.\text{s}^{-1}$   
 Whence  $H_{Oy} = 3.446 \text{ m}$

Height:  $h_{bed} = 2.20 \text{ m}$

$H_{Oy}$ : By Cornell's (updated) method:

Flooding: 58%  $K_3 = 0.90$   
 (At design percentage flooding, from charts in Bolles/Fair & Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>)  
 Flooding: 58%  $\psi_h = 140 \text{ ft}$  42.672 m  
 $L [lb_m.h^{-1}.ft^{-2}] : 1.23E+04$   $\phi_h = 0.120 \text{ ft}$  0.036576 m  
 (At design percentage flooding, from charts in Bolles/Fair: specific to metal Pall rings.)  
 Estimated height, "Z" = 1.53 m  
 $(Sc)_v^{0.5} = 0.953179$   $D_c = 0.6096 \text{ m}$   
 $\{L \cdot (\mu_L / \mu_w)^{0.16} \cdot (\rho_w / \rho_L)^{1.25} \cdot (\sigma_w / \sigma_L)^{0.8}\} = 15.63202 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$   
 $H_v = 0.279133 \text{ m}$

$(Sc)_L^{0.5} = 13.19657$   
 $H_x = 0.391743 \text{ m}$

$\therefore H_{Oy} = 0.285 \text{ m}$   
 (We note that the extraordinarily low value of  $m \cdot G_M / L_M$  means the contribution of  $H_x$  is ~negligible.)

Height:  $h_{bed} = 1.53 \text{ m}$  (or 1.93 m without height-correction)



## ABSORBER DETAILED DESIGN

### Model of a simplified case:

#### Stage 3

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 - however the absorber also has pump-around cooling, with large(?) liquid flow  
 and so the actual temperature PROFILES in the absorber will not be great

Additionally, reaction is ignored.

#### Data:

**Temperature at bottom of stage:** LIQUID: 51.00 °C GAS: 50.00 °C

**Temperature at top of stage:** LIQUID: 40.09 °C GAS: 42.00 °C

It is assumed that thermal equilibrium is (almost) reached.

Thus a nominal column temperature of 45.54601 °C will be used here

± 10°C, say.

#### Pressures:

TOP: 115 kPa(abs)  
 BOTTOM: 120 kPa(abs)  
 AVERAGE: 117.5 kPa(abs)

Estimate.

#### Henry's constant: ("m")

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 By weighted least squares regression of the above: (approx.) 1 (70°C)  
 Data from Ullmann's<sup>(5)</sup> & Walker<sup>(3)</sup>: << 1  
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 Hence use the value: 0.7514

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This assumes equilibrium of reaction.  
 This doesn't consider liquid-phase formation of nonvolatiles.  
 On the conservative side.  
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#### Flows:

TOTAL liquid inflow: 722.1627 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 TOTAL liquid outflow: 734.4732 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 RATIO of BOTTOM to TOP liquid flows: 1.017047  
 Average stage TOTAL liquid flow: 728.318 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 Vapour inflow: 251.6118 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 Vapour outflow: 239.3013 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 RATIO of BOTTOM to TOP vapour flows: 1.051444  
 Average (total) vapour flow: 245.4566 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>

Thus the flow may be considered constant.

This average is justified by the high pump-around rate.

Note: no vapour recirculation.

This is really NOT too large to assume constant flow.

#### Mean molar masses:

GAS: 0.023713 kg.mol<sup>-1</sup>  
 LIQUID: 0.019585 kg.mol<sup>-1</sup>

Worksheet "Diam."

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#### Mole-fractions:

Mole-fraction of formaldehyde in vapour: TOP: 0.008476  
 BOTTOM: 0.0173  
 AVERAGE: 0.012868

NOTE: This average for reference only.

(based on a 99.5% nominal approach to equilibrium)

There will be some formaldehyde in the pump-around liquid(!)...

...but too high would cause more formaldehyde to escape more easily.

The similarity is due to the large pump-around.

Mole-fraction of formaldehyde in liquid: TOP: 0.1292  
 BOTTOM: 0.1302  
 AVERAGE: 0.129709

Mole-fraction IN EQUILIBRIUM WITH liquid: TOP: 0.0084  
 BOTTOM: 0.0118  
 AVERAGE: 0.010125

Note that temperature is the dominant effect here.

#### Equilibrium:

Hence "m": TOP: 0.06525  
 BOTTOM: 0.090774  
 AVERAGE: 0.078061

Defined by  $y_{\text{equilibrium}} = m \cdot x$

Actual mean: 0.078012

#### Diameter:

1.8 m

Calculated in worksheet "Diam."

#### Flooding:

DESIGN: 53%  
 TURNDOWN: 32%

Worksheet "Diam."

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#### Internals:

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 Material: S.S.  
 $\sigma_c$ : 75 mN.m<sup>-1</sup>  
 Nominal size: 0.051 m  
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Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>

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$\rho_G$ :		1.04 kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	Worksheet "Diam."
$\rho_L$ :		1050 kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	Worksheet "Diam."
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Liquid "film":	Calculated; see below.
Vapour "film":	Calculated; see below.
Overall:	Calculated; see below.

**Equations:**

**Height:**  $h_{bed} = H_{Oy} \cdot N_{Oy}$

**$H_{Oy}$ :**  $H_{Oy} = G_M / [(K_y \cdot a) \cdot y^*_{BM}]$

where:

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with  $y^*$  the equilibrium gas-phase mole fraction, such that  $y^* = m \cdot x$

and the rate of mass transfer,  $N_i = K_y \cdot (y_1 - y^*)$ , defines the overall gas-phase mass transfer coefficient

This  $K_y$  can also be expressed in terms of the "film" coefficients, viz.:

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 $\{(k_G \cdot R \cdot T) / (a_t \cdot D_G)\} / \{(\mu_G / \rho_G \cdot D_G)^{-1/3} \cdot (a_t \cdot D_p)^{-2.0}\}$  is correlated against  $(Re)_G = G / (a_t \cdot \mu_G)$   
 $a_w / a_t = 1 - \exp\{-1.45(\sigma_w / \sigma)^{0.75} \cdot (L / a_t \cdot \mu_L)^{0.1} \times (L^2 \cdot a_t / (\rho_L^2 \cdot g))^{-0.05} \cdot (L^2 / (\rho_L \cdot \sigma \cdot a_t))^{0.2}\}$

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Where:  $K_G = K_y / P$  Where:  $k_G = k_y / P$  Where:  $k_L = k_x / \rho_L$

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$H_x [m] = \phi_h [m] \cdot (Sc)_L^{0.5} \cdot K_3 \cdot (Z / 3.048)^{0.15}$

Where  $D_c$  is a "corrected" diameter: the lesser of {diameter} or  $\{2 \times 0.3048\}$ .

Where  $\mu_w = 1.002 \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$   $\rho_w = 998.2032 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$   $\sigma_w = 70 \text{ mN} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$  (All at 20°C)

And  $H_{Oy} = H_y + (m \cdot G_M / L_M) \cdot H_x$  NOTE: use of the coefficient  $(m \cdot G_M / L_M)$  implied the subscripts "Oy", "y" and "x" by CHE3102/Uhlherr.

**$N_{Oy}$ :** Colburn's equation of 1939 is:

$N_{Oy} = 1 / \{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} \times \ln\{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} \times \{(y_1 - m \cdot x_2) / (y_2 - m \cdot x_2)\} + m \cdot G_M / L_M$

"m" is a Henry's law-type constant here:

Note: the  $G_M$  and  $L_M$  are (moles per time) per unit area (of the column).

$y_{\text{equilibrium } 1} \equiv m \cdot x_1$

Feintuch/Treybal(1978) present an "Edmister-type approach":

$N_{Oy} = \ln\{(y_1 - y_2^*) / (y_2 - y_2^*)\} \cdot (1 - 1/A_F) + 1/A_F / (1 - 1/A_F)$

where  $A_F = [A_{\text{BOTTOM}} \cdot (A_{\text{TOP}} + 1) + 0.25]^{0.5} - 0.5$

and  $(1/A_F) = (m_i \cdot G_i / L_i)$

**Calculations:**

**$N_{Oy}$ :** According to Colburn:

$(m \cdot G_M / L_M) = 0.026308$

$\{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} = 0.973692$

$\therefore N_{Oy} = 5.414$

According to Feintuch & Treybal:

$A_{\text{BOTTOM}} = 32.15762$

$A_{\text{TOP}} = 46.24948$

The big difference here means the more sophisticated average is probably worth calculating!

$A_F = 38.48309$  (cf. arithmetic mean of 39.20355)

$$\therefore N_{Oy} = \mathbf{5.413}$$

This non-simple short-cut method has resulted in a **VERY SIMILAR** result to the result from Colburn.

$$H_{Oy}: \quad y_{BM}^* = \begin{array}{l} \text{TOP: } 0.991547 \\ \text{BOTTOM: } 0.985458 \\ \text{AVERAGE: } 0.988502 \end{array} \quad \text{"Averages" are just simple, arithmetic.}$$

$$G_M = \begin{array}{l} \text{TOP: } 98.8772 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ \text{BOTTOM: } 94.03947 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ \text{AVERAGE: } 96.45834 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \end{array}$$

**From the data of Onda et alii:**

$$\begin{array}{l} L = 5.6055 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \quad \text{OKAY} \\ (\sigma_w/\sigma)^{0.75} = 1.1822 \quad (L/a_i \mu_L)^{0.1} = 1.5638 \quad (L^2 a_i / (\rho_L^2 g))^{0.05} = 1.5011 \quad (L^2 / (\rho_L \sigma a_i))^{0.2} = 0.3450 \\ \text{Bolles/Fair: } 0.3 < (\sigma_w / \sigma) < 2 \quad \text{Bolles/Fair: } 2.5e-9 < Fr_L < 0.018 \quad \text{Bolles/Fair: } 1.2e-8 < We_L < 0.27 \\ a_w = 76.6 \text{ m}^2.\text{m}^{-3} \\ (Re)_L = 1.17E+02 \text{ OKAY} \quad (\mu_L / \rho_L D_L)^{-1/2} = 0.063423 \quad (a_i D_p)^{0.4} = 1.934052 \\ \text{Bolles/Fair: } 0.04 < Re_L < 500 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Hence: } k_L (\rho_L / \mu_L g)^{1/3} = 0.01756 \quad \text{where } 0.0060 \text{ (cf. } 0.0051) \text{ is the constant for this large, modern packing}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Thus, } k_L = 0.000317 \text{ m.s}^{-1} \\ p_B = 53626 \text{ mol.m}^{-3} \\ \therefore k_x = 16.98 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} G = 2.2873 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ (Re)_G = 1.35E+03 \text{ OFF SCALE!} \quad (\mu_G / \rho_G D_G)^{-1/3} = 1.028897 \quad (a_i D_p)^{-2.0} = 0.036954 \\ \text{Hence: } (k_G R.T) / (a_i D_G) = 35.462 \quad \text{where } 6.00 \text{ (cf. } 5.23) \text{ is the constant for this large, modern packing} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Thus, } k_G = 2.37E-05 \text{ mol.Pa}^{-1}.\text{m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \quad 0.00024 \text{ mol.atm}^{-1}.\text{cm}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ P = 118 \text{ kPa(abs)} \\ \therefore k_y = 2.78 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \end{array}$$

We see that the gas-phase resistance is [VERY!] dominant... (...also, "m" is small).

$$\text{Hence: } K_y = 2.746 \text{ mol.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore H_{Oy} = \mathbf{0.464 \text{ m}}$$

**cf. The data of the Norton Co. (for specific conditions) in Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 14-34, T14-4:**

$$\begin{array}{l} K_y \cdot a \cdot y_{BM}^* = 114 \text{ kmol.h}^{-1}.\text{m}^{-3} \\ \text{i.e. } 31.667 \text{ mol.m}^{-3}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ \text{Whence } H_{Oy} = 3.046 \text{ m} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Height: } h_{bed} = \mathbf{2.51 \text{ m}}$$

**By Cornell's (updated) method:**

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Flooding: } 53\% \quad K_3 = 0.94 \\ \text{(At design percentage flooding, from charts in Bolles/Fair \& Sinnott}^{(2)}) \\ \text{Flooding: } 53\% \quad \psi_h = 140 \text{ ft} \quad 42.672 \text{ m} \\ L [lb_m.h^{-1}ft^{-2}]: 4.13E+03 \quad \phi_h = 0.088 \text{ ft} \quad 0.026822 \text{ m} \\ \text{(At design percentage flooding, from charts in Bolles/Fair: specific to metal Pall rings.)} \\ \text{Estimated height, "Z" = } 3.95 \text{ m} \\ (Sc)_v^{0.5} = 0.958168 \quad D_c = 0.6096 \text{ m} \\ \{L \cdot (\mu_L / \mu_w)^{0.16} \cdot (\rho_w / \rho_L)^{1.25} \cdot (\sigma_w / \sigma_L)^{0.8}\} = 5.522268 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1} \\ H_v = 0.718652 \text{ m} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (Sc)_L^{0.5} = 15.76725 \\ H_x = 0.413303 \text{ m} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore H_{Oy} = \mathbf{0.730 \text{ m}}$$

(We note that the extraordinarily low value of  $m \cdot G_M / L_M$  means the contribution of  $H_x$  is ~negligible.)

$$\text{Height: } h_{bed} = \mathbf{3.95 \text{ m}} \quad (\text{or } 3.62 \text{ m without height-correction})$$





## ABSORBER DETAILED DESIGN

### Model of a simplified case:

#### Stage 4

**Reference(s):** Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 14-20, 14-10.  
 "van Laar VLE" worksheet [by D.I.V.], & the relevant references therein.  
 "Diam.", "Visc.", "Gdiff" & "Ldiff" worksheets [D.I.V.], & references therein.  
 HYSIM material  
 I. Hahnenstein, H. Hasse, Y.-Q. Liu and G. Maurer; AIChE Symposium series  
 Onda *et alii* - original reference.

#### Assumptions:

##### Assume:

1. Straight operating line (*i.e.* dilute solutions - small mass transfer)
2. Straight equilibrium line (*i.e.* Henry's law is valid:  $y_i = H_i x_i$ )
3. Absorption heat effects are negligible

Note: Perry's definition of the assumption is ambiguous, if not confusing.

##### Comment:

This implies constant flowrates.  
 This may be reasonable, based on data presented in worksheet "van Laar VLE".  
 This may or may not be valid:  
 - Hysim's simulation says a large amount of heat [in kW] is evolved  
 - however the absorber also has pump-around cooling, with large(?) liquid flow  
 and so the actual temperature PROFILES in the absorber will not be great

Additionally, reaction is ignored.

#### Data:

**Temperature at bottom of stage:** LIQUID: 43.00 °C GAS: 42.00 °C  
**Temperature at top of stage:** LIQUID: 37.00 °C GAS: 37.50 °C It is assumed that thermal equilibrium is (almost) reached.

Thus a nominal column temperature of 40 °C will be used here ± 10°C, say.

#### Pressures:

TOP: 110 kPa(abs) Estimate.  
 BOTTOM: 115 kPa(abs)  
 AVERAGE: 112.5 kPa(abs)

#### Henry's constant: ("m")

By linear regression of AIChE J data in worksheet "van Laar VLE": 0.7514 (70°C)  
 By weighted least squares regression of the above: (approx.) 1 (70°C)  
 Data from Ullmann's<sup>(5)</sup> & Walker<sup>(3)</sup>: << 1  
 All other estimates, including Raoult's law: >> 1 (60°C)  
 Hence use the value: 0.7514

This was only based on  $x_{\text{HCHO}}$  under 0.20

This assumes equilibrium of reaction.  
 This doesn't consider liquid-phase formation of nonvolatiles.  
 On the conservative side.  
 THESE DO NOT CONSIDER INERTS PRESENT

#### Flows:

TOTAL liquid inflow: 18.17909 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 TOTAL liquid outflow: 20.85713 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 RATIO of BOTTOM to TOP liquid flows: 1.147314  
 Average stage TOTAL liquid flow: 19.51811 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 Vapour inflow: 239.3013 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 Vapour outflow: 236.6233 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 RATIO of BOTTOM to TOP vapour flows: 1.011318  
 Average (total) vapour flow: 237.9623 mol.s<sup>-1</sup>

Thus the flow may NOT be considered constant.  
 Not justified, due to the absence of any (high) pump-around.

Note: no vapour recirculation.

This is really NOT too large to assume constant flow.

#### Mean molar masses:

GAS: 0.023675 kg.mol<sup>-1</sup>  
 LIQUID: 0.018015 kg.mol<sup>-1</sup>

Worksheet "Diam."  
 Worksheet "Diam."

#### Mole-fractions:

Mole-fraction of formaldehyde in vapour: TOP: 0.000103  
 BOTTOM: 0.0085  
 AVERAGE: 0.004289  
 Mole-fraction of formaldehyde in liquid: TOP: 0.0000  
 BOTTOM: 0.0961  
 AVERAGE: 0.048036  
 Mole-fraction IN EQUILIBRIUM WITH liquid: TOP: 0.0000  
 BOTTOM: 0.0065  
 AVERAGE: 0.003257

Entering zero here would give infinite height.

NOTE: This average for reference only.  
 (based on a 99.5% nominal approach to equilibrium)  
 There will be some formaldehyde in the pump-around liquid(!)...  
 ...but too high would cause more formaldehyde to escape more easily.  
 The dissimilarity is due to the absence of a (large) pump-around.

Note that temperature is the dominant effect here.

#### Equilibrium:

Hence "m": TOP: 0.068109  
 BOTTOM: 0.067809  
 AVERAGE: 0.067809

Defined by  $y_{\text{equilibrium}} = m \cdot x$

We see that for this reducing concentration which varies little absolutely,  
 "m" is quite constant. Thus bottom value can be taken as value everywhere at top.

Actual mean: 0.067959  
 Calculated in worksheet "Diam."

#### Diameter:

1.8 m

#### Flooding:

DESIGN: 179% Minute liquid flow!  
 TURNDOWN: 107% Minute liquid flow!

Worksheet "Diam."  
 Worksheet "Diam."

#### Internals:

Type: Pall rings  
 Material: S.S.  
 $\sigma_c$ : 75 mN.m<sup>-1</sup>  
 Nominal size: 0.051 m  
 $a_i$ : 102 m<sup>2</sup>.m<sup>-3</sup>

???  
 ?  
 ? Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>  
 ???  
 ???  
 I.e. 2 inches.

#### Fluid properties:

$\mu_G$ : 1.66E-05 Pa.s

See worksheet "Visc."

$\mu_L$ :		7.58E-04 Pa.s	Worksheet "Diam."
$D_G$ :		0.174 cm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>	See worksheet "GDiff".
$D_L$ :		2.2E-05 cm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>	See worksheet "LDiff".
$\rho_G$ :		1.01 kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	Worksheet "Diam."
$\rho_L$ :		995 kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	Worksheet "Diam."
$\sigma$ :	WATER, 303.15K:	71.40 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	Perry <sup>(6)</sup>
	WATER, 293.15K:	70 mN.m <sup>-1</sup>	Sinnott <sup>(2)</sup>
	WATER, 293K:	72.8 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	WATER, 303K:	71.18 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	METHANOL, 333K:	19.41 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	ACETONE, 318K:	21.22 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	FORMAMIDE, 338K:	53.66 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	METHYL FORMATE, 298K:	24.62 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	METHYL FORMATE, 323K:	20.05 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	METHYL FORMATE, 373K:	12.90 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	R, P & P <sup>(4)</sup>
	ASSUME:	60 dyn.cm <sup>-1</sup>	Surface tension reduces with T rising.

**Mass-transfer coefficients:**

Liquid "film":	Calculated; see below.
Vapour "film":	Calculated; see below.
Overall:	Calculated; see below.

**Equations:**

**Height:**  $h_{bed} = H_{Oy} \cdot N_{Oy}$

**$H_{Oy}$ :**  $H_{Oy} = G_M / [(K_y \cdot a) \cdot y^*_{BM}]$

where:

$y^*_{BM} = \{(1 - y) - (1 - y^*)\} / \ln\{(1 - y)/(1 - y^*)\}$

with  $y^*$  the equilibrium gas-phase mole fraction, such that  $y^* = m \cdot x$

and the rate of mass transfer,  $N_i = K_y \cdot (y_1 - y^*)$ , defines the overall gas-phase mass transfer coefficient

This  $K_y$  can also be expressed in terms of the "film" coefficients, viz.:

$1/K_y = 1/k_y + m/k_x$

NOTE: Poxey W. M. Edwards (& predecessors) use a different notation - care!

From Onda *et alii*:

$k_L \cdot (\rho_L / \mu_L \cdot g)^{1/3} / \{(\mu_L / \rho_L \cdot D_L)^{-1/2} \cdot (a_t \cdot D_p)^{0.4}\}$  is correlated against  $(Re)_L = L / (a_w \cdot \mu_L)$

$\{(k_G \cdot R \cdot T) / (a_t \cdot D_G)\} / \{(\mu_G / \rho_G \cdot D_G)^{-1/3} \cdot (a_t \cdot D_p)^{-2.0}\}$  is correlated against  $(Re)_G = G / (a_t \cdot \mu_G)$

$a_w / a_t = 1 - \exp\{-1.45(\sigma_w / \sigma)^{0.75} \cdot (L / a_t \cdot \mu_L)^{0.1} \times (L^2 \cdot a_t / (\rho_L^2 \cdot g))^{-0.05} \cdot (L^2 / (\rho_L \cdot \sigma \cdot a_t))^{0.2}\}$

Where  $[G] = [L] = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$   $a_w$  is the "effective" - wetted - area per volume

Where:  $K_G = K_y / P$     Where:  $k_G = k_y / P$     Where:  $k_L = k_x / \rho_L$

From Uhlherr, CHE3102 notes.

Alternatively, an estimate may be obtained from Cornell's method (Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, updated by Bolles/Fair)

$H_y [m] = 0.0190283 \cdot \psi_h [m] \cdot (Sc)_v^{0.5} \cdot (D_c / 0.3048)^{1.24} \cdot (Z / 3.048)^{1/3} / \{L \cdot (\mu_L / \mu_w)^{0.16} \cdot (\rho_w / \rho_L)^{1.25} \cdot (\sigma_w / \sigma_L)^{0.8}\}^{0.6}$

$H_x [m] = \phi_h [m] \cdot (Sc)_L^{0.5} \cdot K_3 \cdot (Z / 3.048)^{0.15}$

Where  $D_c$  is a "corrected" diameter: the lesser of {diameter} or  $\{2 \times 0.3048\}$ .

Where  $\mu_w = 1.002 \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$      $\rho_w = 998.2032 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$      $\sigma_w = 70 \text{ mN} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$  (All at 20°C)

And  $H_{Oy} = H_y + (m \cdot G_M / L_M) \cdot H_x$     NOTE: use of the coefficient  $(m \cdot G_M / L_M)$  implied the subscripts "Oy", "y" and "x" by CHE3102/Uhlherr.

**$N_{Oy}$ :** Colburn's equation of 1939 is:

$N_{Oy} = 1 / \{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} \times \ln\{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} \times \{(y_1 - m \cdot x_2) / (y_2 - m \cdot x_2)\} + m \cdot G_M / L_M$

"m" is a Henry's law-type constant here:

Note: the  $G_M$  and  $L_M$  are (moles per time) per unit area (of the column).

$y_{\text{equilibrium } 1} \equiv m \cdot x_1$

Feintuch/Treybal(1978) present an "Edmister-type approach":

$N_{Oy} = \ln\{(y_1 - y_2^*) / (y_2 - y_2^*)\} \cdot (1 - 1/A_F) + 1/A_F / (1 - 1/A_F)$

where  $A_F = [A_{\text{BOTTOM}} \cdot (A_{\text{TOP}} + 1) + 0.25]^{0.5} - 0.5$

and  $(1/A_F) = (m_i \cdot G_i / L_i)$

**Calculations:**

**$N_{Oy}$ :** According to Colburn:

$(m \cdot G_M / L_M) = 0.826716$

$\{1 - (m \cdot G_M / L_M)\} = 0.173284$

$\therefore N_{Oy} = 14.978$

According to Feintuch & Treybal:

$A_{\text{BOTTOM}} = 1.285356$

$A_{\text{TOP}} = 1.127999$

The big difference here means the more sophisticated average is probably worth calculating!

$A_F = 1.227783$  (cf. arithmetic mean of 1.206677)

$\therefore N_{Oy} = 14.961$  (Note: using  $A_{BOTTOM}$  only yields: 13.264 )  
 This non-simple short-cut method has resulted in a **VERY CLOSE** result to the result from Colburn.  
 However previous results so close to Colburn, that we will assume that result is good here too.

$H_{Oy}$ :  $Y^*_{BM} =$  TOP: 0.999948  
 BOTTOM: 0.992505  
 AVERAGE: 0.996227 "Averages" are just simple, arithmetic.

$G_M =$  TOP: 94.03947 mol.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 BOTTOM: 92.98707 mol.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 AVERAGE: 93.51327 mol.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>

**From the data of Onda et alii:**

$L = 0.1382$  kg.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup> OKAY  
 $(\sigma_w/\sigma)^{0.75} = 1.1822$  ( $L/a_i \mu_L$ )<sup>0.1</sup> = 1.0599 ( $L^2 \cdot a_i / (\rho_L^2 \cdot g)$ )<sup>-0.05</sup> = 2.1622 ( $L^2 / (\rho_L \cdot \sigma \cdot a_i)$ )<sup>0.2</sup> = 0.0793 OKAY  
 Bolles/Fair: 0.3 <  $\sigma_c / \sigma$  < 2 Bolles/Fair: 2.5e-9 <  $Fr_L$  < 0.018 Bolles/Fair: 1.2e-8 <  $We_L$  < 0.27  
 $a_w = 27.3$  m<sup>2</sup>.m<sup>-3</sup>  
 $(Re)_L = 6.68E+00$  OKAY ( $\mu_L / \rho_L \cdot D_L$ )<sup>-1/2</sup> = 0.053323 ( $a_i \cdot D_p$ )<sup>0.4</sup> = 1.934052  
 Bolles/Fair: 0.04 <  $Re_L$  < 500

Hence:  $k_L \cdot (\rho_L / \mu_L \cdot g)^{1/3} = 0.00220$  where 0.0060 (cf. 0.0051) is the constant for this large, modern packing

Thus,  $k_L = 4.29E-05$  m.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 $\rho_B = 55255$  mol.m<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\therefore k_x = 2.37$  mol.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>

$G = 2.2139$  kg.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 $(Re)_G = 1.31E+03$  OFF SCALE! ( $\mu_G / \rho_G \cdot D_G$ )<sup>-1/3</sup> = 1.018091 ( $a_i \cdot D_p$ )<sup>-2.0</sup> = 0.036954  
 Hence:  $(k_G \cdot R \cdot T) / (a_i \cdot D_G) = 34.298$  where 6.00 (cf. 5.23) is the constant for this large, modern packing

Thus,  $k_G = 2.34E-05$  mol.Pa<sup>-1</sup>.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup> 0.000237 mol.atm<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 $P = 113$  kPa(abs)  
 $\therefore k_y = 2.63$  mol.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>

We see that the gas-phase resistance is dominant... (...also, "m" is small).  
 Hence:  $K_y = 2.443$  mol.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>

$\therefore H_{Oy} = 1.407$  m

**cf. The data of the Norton Co. (for specific conditions) in Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 14-34, T14-4:**

$K_y \cdot a \cdot Y^*_{BM} = 114$  kmol.h<sup>-1</sup>.m<sup>-3</sup>  
 i.e. 31.667 mol.m<sup>-3</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 Whence  $H_{Oy} = 2.953$  m

**Height:**  $h_{bed} = 21.08$  m

**By Cornell's (updated) method:**

Flooding: **179%**  $K_3 = 1$  ??? - Off chart!  
 (At design percentage flooding, from charts in Bolles/Fair & Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>)  
 Flooding: **179%**  $\psi_h = 150$  ft 45.72 m ??? - Off chart!  
 $L [lb_m \cdot h^{-1} \cdot ft^{-2}] = 1.02E+02$   $\phi_h = 0.051$  ft 0.015545 m ??? - [Just] Off chart!  
 (At design percentage flooding, from charts in Bolles/Fair: specific to metal Pall rings.)  
 Estimated height, "Z" = 529.71 m  
 $(Sc)_v^{0.5} = 0.973464$   $D_c = 0.6096$  m  
 $\{L \cdot (\mu_L / \mu_w)^{0.16} \cdot (\rho_w / \rho_L)^{1.25} \cdot (\sigma_w / \sigma_L)^{0.8}\} = 0.149992$  kg.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>  
 $H_v = 34.84471$  m

$(Sc)_L^{0.5} = 18.75357$   
 $H_x = 0.631935$  m

$\therefore H_{Oy} = 35.367$  m  
 (We note that the extraordinarily low value of  $m \cdot G_M / L_M$  means the contribution of  $H_x$  is ~negligible.)

**Height:**  $h_{bed} = 529.71$  m (or 94.92 m without height-correction)



Diameter computation

Design for a pressure drop of 42 mm(H<sub>2</sub>O).m<sup>-1</sup> at the design condition.  
 ==> approx. 412 Pa.m<sup>-1</sup>  
 i.e. 20.58 kPa for a 50 m column.

Note: Assuming a CONSTANT DIAMETER for the entire column, this would have to be evaluated for all stages, for the full range of possible operating conditions. Each evaluated at the top of the stage (the lower values).

	STAGE 1		STAGE 2		STAGE 3		STAGE 4: Option a		STAGE 4: Option b	
	Design	0.6*Design	Design	0.6*Design	Design	0.6*Design	Design	0.6*Design	Design	0.6*Design
Lower gas flow rate [mol.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	303.79	182.27	251.61	150.97	239.30	143.58	236.62	141.97	236.62	141.97
Lower gas flow rate [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	7.0173	4.2104	5.9245	3.5547	5.6745	3.4047	5.6020	3.3612	5.6020	3.3612
Mean M <sub>g</sub> [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.02310	0.02310	0.02355	0.02355	0.02371	0.02371	0.02367	0.02367	0.02367	0.02367
Lower liquid flow rate [mol.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	1372.04	823.22	2048.58	1229.15	722.16	433.30	18.18	10.91	18.18	10.91
Lower liquid flow rate [kg.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	31.4798	18.8879	41.8084	25.0850	14.1438	8.4863	0.3275	0.1965	0.3275	0.1965
Mean M <sub>l</sub> [kg.mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.02294	0.02294	0.02041	0.02041	0.01959	0.01959	0.01802	0.01802	0.01802	0.01802
p [kPa(abs)]	125	125	120	120	115	115	110	110	110	110
Temperature [K]	335.15	335.15	323.15	323.15	315.15	315.15	310.65	310.65	310.65	310.65
	62.00	62	50.00	50	42.00	42	37.50	37.5	37.50	37.5
Ideal gas density [mol.m <sup>-3</sup> ]	44.857	44.857	44.662	44.662	43.888	43.888	42.588	42.588	42.588	42.588
Ideal gas density [kg.m <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.036	1.036	1.052	1.052	1.041	1.041	1.008	1.008	1.008	1.008
Liquid mass fraction HCHO [-]	0.526098	0.526098083	0.287507	0.287507374	0.198101	0.198100722	0	0	0	0
Liquid mass fraction CH <sub>3</sub> OH [-]	0.009723	0.009723183	0.004953	0.004953359	0.001972	0.001971719	0	0	0	0
a	1.151	1.151	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092
b	0.5015	0.5015	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
c	0.0161	0.0161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquid density [kg.m <sup>-3</sup> ]	1132.1	1132.1	1071.0	1071.0	1050.3	1050.3	995.4	995.4	995.4	995.4
ρ/1000 = a + 0.30(X <sub>F</sub> -b) - 0.25(X <sub>F</sub> -c) - 10 <sup>-4</sup> ·{5.5(X <sub>F</sub> -0.30) + 5.4}·(t <sup>o</sup> C-20)					(Ullmann's <sup>(5)</sup> )					
And note the misprinted exponent in the original.										
Compare with Walker <sup>(2)</sup> : Values greater than 1000 okay.										
Compare with K-O <sup>(6)</sup> :	1134.8	1134.8	1071.9	1071.9	1050.4	1050.4	993.5	993.5	993.5	993.5
ρ/1000 = {1.119 + 0.30(X <sub>F</sub> -0.45) - 0.27(X <sub>M</sub> )}·{1.0 + 0.00055·(55-t <sup>o</sup> C)}										
∴ (L/G)·(ρ <sub>V</sub> /ρ <sub>L</sub> ) <sup>0.5</sup>	1.36E-01	1.36E-01	2.21E-01	2.21E-01	7.85E-02	7.85E-02	1.86E-03	1.86E-03	1.86E-03	1.86E-03
From Fig. 11.44: K <sub>a</sub>	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.13	0.13	???	???
cf. K <sub>a</sub> at flooding	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.5	0.32	0.32	???	???
Percentage of flooding	65%	65%	61%	61%	61%	61%	64%	64%	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Sinnott <sup>(2)</sup> calls 66% "satisfactory"							(out of range)	(out of range)	(out of range)	(out of range)
Liquid viscosity [mPa.s]	1.892	1.892	1.226	1.226	1.054	1.054	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380
From Ullmann's <sup>(5)</sup> = K-O <sup>(4)</sup> : η = 1.28 + 3.9XF + 5X <sub>M</sub> - 0.024(t <sup>o</sup> C)					Out of range ==> compare with values for water					
Hence:	0.450	0.450	0.544	0.544	0.628	0.628	0.758	0.758	0.758	0.758
	1.892	1.892	1.226	1.226	0.841	0.841	0.758	0.758	0.758	0.758
Packing Size [mm]	Pall rings	Pall rings	Pall rings	Pall rings	Pall rings	Pall rings	Pall rings	Pall rings	Plastic gauze (e.g. Sulzer, Type BX) or trays???	
F <sub>p</sub> [m <sup>3</sup> ]	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	CG,MAX,....	
a [m <sup>2</sup> .m <sup>3</sup> ]	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66		
∴ G <sup>2</sup> = [K <sub>a</sub> ·ρ <sub>V</sub> ·(ρ <sub>L</sub> -ρ <sub>V</sub> )] / {13.1F <sub>p</sub> ·(μ <sub>L</sub> /ρ <sub>L</sub> ) <sup>0.1</sup> } [kg.m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ] <sup>2</sup>	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102		
G [kg.m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ]	6.151	6.151	6.134	6.134	6.683	6.683	0.617	0.617	0.6	5 G <sub>p,v</sub> <sup>0.5</sup> [(m <sup>3</sup> .m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> )·(kg.m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>0.5</sup> ]
	2.480	2.480	2.477	2.477	2.585	2.585	0.785	0.785	0.5975	4.9795
Whence A [m <sup>2</sup> ]	2.829	1.698	2.392	1.435	2.195	1.317	7.133	4.280	Largest A Smallest A	
∴ L [kg.m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ]	11.126	11.126	17.477	17.477	6.443	6.443	0.046	0.046	0.6025	5.0206
G <sub>M</sub> [mol.m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ]	107.389	107.389	105.182	105.182	109.019	109.019	33.173	33.173	G [kg.m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ] = "F"	
L <sub>M</sub> [mol.m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ]	484.927	484.927	856.378	856.378	328.996	328.996	2.549	2.549	∴ A [m <sup>2</sup> ]	
Thus diameter [m]	1.898	1.470	1.745	1.352	1.672	1.295	3.014	2.334	Fortunately the 2.5447 m <sup>2</sup> chosen for the bottom three stages is right within this range!	
									...so use that value for the top stage too.	
Say diameter of column (bottom 3 stages) is			1.8 m						2.5447	2.5447
Column area [m <sup>2</sup> ]			2.5447						2.2014	1.3209
Packing size to column diameter ratio:			36.0						2.1834	1.3101
Sinnott <sup>(2)</sup> : "a larger packing size could be considered"									0.128699	0.0772
Percentage flooding at selected diameter:									0.465441	0.2793
	72.8%	43.7%	57.6%	34.5%	52.6%	31.5%	178.7%	107.2%	Fortunately this is within the range:	
This should be okay.							CLEARLY PALL RINGS DON'T APPLY		Minimum:	0.05
									Maximum:	60
									Typical:	4
G [kg.m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ]	2.7576	1.6546	2.3282	1.3969	2.2299	1.3380	2.2014	1.3209	m <sup>3</sup> .m <sup>2</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup>	
L [kg.m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ]	12.371	7.422	16.430	9.858	5.558	3.335	0.129	0.077	m <sup>3</sup> .m <sup>2</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup>	
G <sub>M</sub> [mol.m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ]	119.380	71.628	98.877	59.326	94.039	56.424	92.987	55.792	m <sup>3</sup> .m <sup>2</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup>	
L <sub>M</sub> [mol.m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ]	539.176	323.506	805.042	483.025	283.792	170.275	7.144	4.284	m <sup>3</sup> .m <sup>2</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup>	
									13.2	Pressure drop [kPa.m <sup>-1</sup> ]
									(from Sulzer-Chemtech chart)	
									6.4	Typical NTU.m <sup>-1</sup>
									Is this Ho <sub>G</sub> <sup>-1</sup> xor Ho <sub>L</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ???	
									Note: This is NOT for the (reacting) HCHO-H <sub>2</sub> O system	



## Gas viscosity computation

Using the method of Wilke, given by R, P & P<sup>(4)</sup>

<b>Molar mass:</b>	Water (1)	18.0152 g.mol <sup>-1</sup>
	Formaldehyde (2)	30.0262 g.mol <sup>-1</sup>
	Hydrogen (3)	2.0158 g.mol <sup>-1</sup>
	Nitrogen (4)	28.0134 g.mol <sup>-1</sup>

	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4
<b>Temperature:</b>				
t [°C]	76	56	46	39.75 Average for gas.
T [K]	349.15	329.15	319.15	312.9

### Composition: mole fraction

Water (1)	0.202668	0.229474	0.120116	0.084646
Formaldehyde (2)	0.142986	0.055279	0.01726	0.008476
Hydrogen (3)	0.115716	0.12681	0.153106	0.160982
Nitrogen (4)	0.538631	0.588437	0.709518	0.745897

This is entering, so not at equilibrium.  
Nitrogen mole fraction decreased by taking value at bottom of stage, but increased by assuming all other components as nitrogen.

### Approx. pure component viscosity [Pa.s]:

Water (1)	1.11E-05	1.04E-05	1.00E-05	9.87E-06 From Y&R <sup>(5)</sup> , rounded to nearest 5°C
Formaldehyde (2)	1.12E-05	1.05E-05	1.02E-05	1.00E-05 Assume as for methanol: Perry <sup>(6)</sup> , to nearest 10°C
Hydrogen (3)	1.00E-05	9.50E-06	9.50E-06	9.00E-06 Perry <sup>(6)</sup> , to nearest ~25K
Nitrogen (4)	2.00E-05	1.90E-05	1.90E-05	1.80E-05 Perry <sup>(6)</sup> , to nearest ~25K

### Wilke's parameter's:

$$\phi_{ij} = \{1 + (\eta_i/\eta_j)^{1/2} \cdot (M_j/M_i)^{1/4}\}^2 / \{8(1 + M_i/M_j)\}^{1/2}$$

**i = 1**

$\phi_{11}$	1	1	1	1
$\phi_{12}$	1.269471	1.269066	1.262202	1.266702
$\phi_{13}$	0.290487	0.288971	0.284755	0.289163
$\phi_{14}$	0.925623	0.919832	0.90374	0.920565

**i = 2**

$\phi_{21}$	0.768523	0.768739	0.772445	0.770009
$\phi_{22}$	1	1	1	1
$\phi_{23}$	0.209955	0.208986	0.206894	0.209371
$\phi_{24}$	0.739786	0.735653	0.726742	0.737295

**i = 3**

$\phi_{31}$	2.338808	2.359044	2.417614	2.356457
$\phi_{32}$	2.792292	2.816461	2.870285	2.8068
$\phi_{33}$	1	1	1	1
$\phi_{34}$	1.910394	1.910394	1.910394	1.910394

**i = 4**

$\phi_{41}$	1.072542	1.080692	1.104258	1.07965
$\phi_{42}$	1.415965	1.426829	1.451003	1.422487
$\phi_{43}$	0.274938	0.274938	0.274938	0.274938
$\phi_{44}$	1	1	1	1

### Terms in series:

<b>i = 1</b>	2.45E-06	2.72E-06	1.45E-06	1.01E-06
<b>i = 2</b>	2.22E-06	8.4E-07	2.68E-07	1.29E-07
<b>i = 3</b>	5.73E-07	6.18E-07	7.87E-07	8.01E-07
<b>i = 4</b>	1.09E-05	1.18E-05	1.48E-05	1.5E-05
<b>∴ SUM = viscosity of mixture [Pa.s]:</b>				
	1.61E-05	1.59E-05	1.73E-05	1.7E-05

It turns out that the decrease in temperature (==> decreasing viscosity) almost exactly compensates for the increase in mole fraction of nitrogen (which has double the viscosity of the others)!

**Thus, in ALL cases in the absorber, take the gas viscosity as: 1.66E-05 Pa.s**

Comparison with mole-fraction weighted means:

	1.58E-05	1.54E-05	1.63E-05	1.58E-05
"ERROR"	-2.1%	-3.7%	-5.9%	-6.9%

Hence the viscosity would have been underestimated by an average factor of 4.7%

However we see that, although in some cases Wilke's method gives identical values as experiment (methane-propane at 498K), in other cases errors may be +12% (nitrogen-hydrogen at 373K,  $y_N = 0.2$ ) or -12% (ammonia-hydrogen at 306K,  $y_A = 0.399$ ).

Only Reichenberg's method is consistently accurate to **no more than ±4.8%** w.r.t. experiment (these extremes occur for the same conditions as for Wilke's method, above).

As may be guessed, Reichenberg's method is more involved.





## Gas-phase diffusivity computation

Assuming binary diffusion:  
Formaldehyde in nitrogen (main constituent)

Use the method of Fuller *et alii* (1965–1969), recommended by R, P & P<sup>(4)</sup>

(Average abs. error = 5.4%)

$$D_{AB}[\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}] = 0.00143 T[\text{K}]^{1.75} / \{P[\text{bar}] \cdot M_{AB}[\text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}]^{1/2} \cdot [(\Sigma_v)_A^{1/3} + (\Sigma_v)_B^{1/3}]^2\}$$

where  $M_{AB} = 2 / (1/M_A + 1/M_B)$

and  $\Sigma_v$  is the "diffusion volume" sum - atoms (xor =molecule):

$\Sigma_v$

Atomic and Structural Diffusion Volume Increments		Diffusion Volumes of Simple Molecules	
C	15.9	He	2.67
H	2.31	Ne	5.98
O	6.11	Ar	16.2
N	4.54	Kr	24.5
Aromatic ring	-18.3	Xe	32.7
Heterocyclic ring	-18.3	H <sub>2</sub>	6.12
F	14.7	D <sub>2</sub>	6.84
Cl	21.0	N <sub>2</sub>	18.5
Br	21.9	O <sub>2</sub>	16.3
I	29.8	Air	19.7
S	22.9	CO	18.0
		CO <sub>2</sub>	26.9
		N <sub>2</sub> O	35.9
		NH <sub>3</sub>	20.7
		H <sub>2</sub> O	13.1
		SF <sub>6</sub>	71.3
		Cl <sub>2</sub>	38.4
		Br <sub>2</sub>	69.0
		SO <sub>2</sub>	41.8

Thus, for formaldehyde:

( $\Sigma_v$ )<sub>A</sub> 26.63  
M<sub>A</sub> 30.0262 g.mol<sup>-1</sup>

For nitrogen:

( $\Sigma_v$ )<sub>B</sub> 18.5 (cf. 9.08 for individual contributions)  
M<sub>B</sub> 28.0134 g.mol<sup>-1</sup>

Hence:  $[(\Sigma_v)_A^{1/3} + (\Sigma_v)_B^{1/3}] = 5.631019$

	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4
p [kPa(abs)]	125	120	115	110
Temperature [K]	335.15	323.15	315.15	310.65
Temperature [°C]	62.00	50.00	42.00	37.50
M <sub>AB</sub>	28.98	28.98	28.98	28.98
Hence DAB[cm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ] =	0.176	0.172	0.172	0.175

Again this is so invariant that it may be taken as constant across the entire column:

**0.174 cm<sup>2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>**

(We note that the decreasing temperature is compensated for by [commensurately?] decreasing pressure.)

Use the method of Gilliland (1934), recommended by Holman<sup>(7)</sup>

$$D_{AB}[\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}] = 435.7 T[\text{K}]^{1.5} / \{P[\text{Pa}] \cdot M_{AB}[\text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}]^{1/2} \cdot [(\Sigma v)_A^{1/3} + (\Sigma v)_B^{1/3}]\}^2$$

where  $M_{AB} = 2 / (1/M_A + 1/M_B)$

and  $\Sigma v$  is the molecular volume - summation of atomic contributions:

$\Sigma v$

#### Atomic and Structural Diffusion Volume Increments

C	14.8
H	3.7
O	
in aldehydes/ketones	7.4
in methyl esters	9.1
in ethyl esters	9.9
in higher esters/ethers	11
in acids	12
in union with S/P/N	8.3
N	
in primary amines	10.5
in secondary amines	1.20
F	8.7
Cl	
terminal	21.6
medial	24.6
Br	27.0
I	37.0
S	25.6
P	27.0

#### Diffusion Volumes of Simple Molecules

H <sub>2</sub>	14.3
N <sub>2</sub>	15.6
O <sub>2</sub>	7.4
Air	29.9
CO <sub>2</sub>	34.0
H <sub>2</sub> O	18.8

Thus, for formaldehyde:

$(\Sigma v)_A = 29.6$   
 $M_A = 30.0262 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$

For nitrogen:

$(\Sigma v)_B = 15.6$   
 $M_B = 28.0134 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$

Hence:  $[(\Sigma v)_A^{1/3} + (\Sigma v)_B^{1/3}] = 5.592027$

	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4
p [kPa(abs)]	125	120	115	110
Temperature [K]	335.15	323.15	315.15	310.65
Temperature [°C]	62.00	50.00	42.00	37.50
$M_{AB}$	28.98	28.98	28.98	28.98
Hence $D_{AB}[\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}] =$	0.127	0.125	0.126	0.129

Again this is so invariant that it may be taken as constant across the entire column:

**0.127 cm<sup>2</sup>·s<sup>-1</sup>**

(We note that the decreasing temperature is compensated for by [commensurately?] decreasing pressure.)

NOTE: DUE TO THE OBVIOUS ERRORS IN ESTIMATING BINARY GAS DIFFUSION COEFFICIENTS, COMPUTATION OF DIFFUSIVITIES FOR THE MIXTURE WOULD CLEARLY **NOT** BE JUSTIFIED.

### Liquid-phase diffusivity computation

Assuming binary diffusion:

Formaldehyde in water (main constituent)

NOTE: While the correlations are for **dilute** solute diffusion, the hydrolysis of HCHO renders this **valid** here.

**Use the correlation of Hayduk and Minhas (1982), recommended by R, P & P<sup>(4)</sup>**

In aqueous solutions:

(Average abs. error = ~10%)

$$D_{AB}^o[\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}] = 1.25 \times 10^{-8} \cdot (V_A^{-0.19} - 0.292) \cdot T[\text{K}]^{1.52} \cdot \eta_w^{\epsilon^*}$$

where  $\epsilon^* = (9.58/V_A) - 1.12$

$\eta_w$  is the viscosity of water [mPa.s]

and  $V_A$  is the molar volume of the solute at its normal b.p. [ $\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ ]

From Ullmann's<sup>(5)</sup>:

"Formaldehyde liquefies at -19.2°C, the density of the liquid being 0.8153 g.cm<sup>-3</sup> at 20°C [...]"

Given a molar mass of: 30.026 g.mol<sup>-1</sup>

This yields  $V_A = 36.828 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$

whence  $\epsilon^* = -0.85987$

	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4
p [kPa(abs)]	125	120	115	110
Temperature [K]	335.15	323.15	315.15	310.65
Temperature [°C]	62.00	50.00	42.00	37.50
From <i>Rogers &amp; Mayhew</i> <sup>(3)</sup>				
Viscosity of liquid water (to nearest 5°C) = $\eta_w$ [mPa]:	0.463	0.544	0.651	0.718
Hence $D_{AB}^o[\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}] =$	<b>3.5E-05</b>	<b>2.9E-05</b>	<b>2.4E-05</b>	<b>2.2E-05</b>

This probably should **not** be taken as constant across the whole column:

2.8E-05 cm<sup>2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>



M O N A S H U N I V E R S I T Y  
D E P A R T M E N T O F C H E M I C A L E N G I N E E R I N G



## **APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 7**

### **PART 3: DETAILED MECHANICAL DESIGN**





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## NUMBER OF IDEAL STAGES

From the method of Treybal & Feintuch presented in worksheet "Bed 4", it has been shown that

$$N_{og} = \frac{\ln \left[ \left( \frac{y_1 - y_2^*}{y_2 - y_2^*} \right) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{A_E} \right) + \frac{1}{A_E} \right]}{1 - \frac{1}{A_E}} \doteq 15$$

Treybal<sup>(3)</sup> presents the relevant Kremser equation for calculating the number of ideal plates:

$$N_p = \frac{\log_{10} \left[ \left( \frac{y_{n+1}}{y_1} \right) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{A_E} \right) + \frac{1}{A_E} \right]}{\log_{10}(A_E)}$$

for the absorption section, with pure water "solvent".

As before  $A_E \doteq 1.2278$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+1} &= 0.0085 && \text{(entering)} \\ y_1 &= 0.0001032 && \text{(exiting)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_p = 13.54$$

13.54 ideal trays.

We see that this is of the same order of magnitude as  $N_{og}$ , as expected.

Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup> gives a correlation specifically for the plate efficiency of absorbers, due to O'Connell (1946).

$$\text{given } \alpha = 0.062 \left( \frac{\rho_s}{\mu_s K M_s} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 0.062 \left( \frac{1000 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}}{0.8 \text{ mPa}\cdot\text{s} \times 0.067459 \times 18.015 \text{ g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}} \right)$$

$$\alpha = 6.33 \times 10^1$$

From Fig. 11.14 of Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>

$$\text{Efficiency} \approx 56\% \quad (\text{bubde-caps}).$$

$$\underline{E_o = 56\%}$$

While this may seem quite low, it is higher than it might have been, had  $K$  been much larger.







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Hence the actual number of plates required is

$(13.54)(0.56)^{-1} = 24$  actual trays  
 $P_{em}^{(6)}$  & VLE data indicate 56% too low: take 21 trays ( $E_o = 64.5\%$ )

~~24 real trays.~~  
 $E_o = 64.5\%$   
 21 real trays.

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PLATE SPACING

Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, p. 510 recommends plate spacings of 0.3 to 0.6 m for this diameter column (1.8m), which can be adjusted after detailed design, with larger spacings for manholes/"manways". Typically estimate 0.5m

J.R. Baddehurst & J.R. Harker (1973) recommend plate spacings of 0.46m for sieve trays in columns of diameter  $\leq 1.2m$  to avoid mechanical problems of "supporting a tall, slender column," with spacings down to 0.15m possible. Larger columns have sieve tray spacings of 0.6 to 0.9m. [p.166]

For valve trays the sieve tray recommendations may be used, except that 1.22m spacings are preferred for "very large diameter columns". However this may be able to be reduced based on subsequent calculation of hydraulic parameters, subject to acceptable entrainments.

With these recommendations in mind, and also remembering that bubble-cap trays (for the low liquid flow and heat exchange) will be used with "serpentine" cooling coils, a spacing of 0.75m is selected.

Normal spacing  
 $= 0.75m = 1.5t$





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However there shall be manhole spacing every 7 trays (or 5.25m). Manholes may be a significant cost, and so provision is made for access through tray sections. Manholes must accommodate a person and tray sections. Bachhurst & Harder list sizes from 0.37 m to 0.61 m, inner diameter. As manholes are not installed between each plate, a diameter of 0.61 m (24 inches) can be afforded. Say total tray-to-tray manway spacing is  $(0.61m + 0.75m) = 1.36m$

manholes every 7 trays

0.61m internal diameter manholes

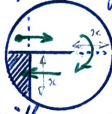
1.36m tray-to-tray manway spacing.

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### PLATE LAYOUT.

Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p 18-8 gives equilateral triangle layouts of bubble-caps as the general arrangement, with spacings between cap centres of {diameter + 25mm} to {diameter + 50mm} as the general arrangement.

A typical cap diameter is said to be 100 mm for a 1.8 m diameter column. There is significant periphery waste.

For the low liquid flow Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, p. 514 recommends reverse flow:  — see also Figure of p. 523.

Reverse flow baffle.

However this will again reduce the number of available caps. Thus 75mm caps will be used at 125 mm equilateral spacing

Cap diameter = 75mm

Cap spacing = 125mm





④ PLATE PRESSURE DROP.

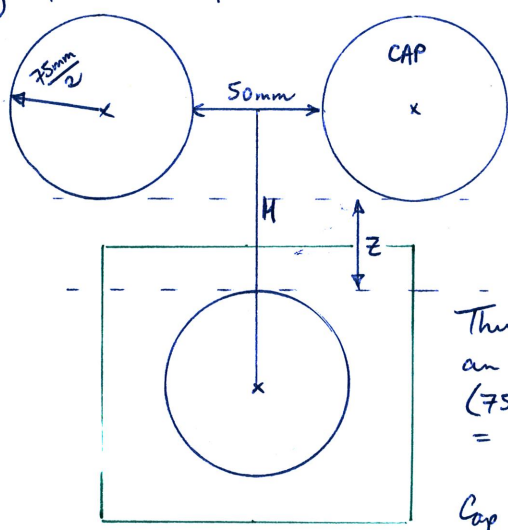
Perry<sup>(6)</sup> gives pressure drop correlation equations, from Smith, for bubble-caps [p. 18-9]. However dimensions of the caps are required.

④(a) BUBBLE CAP DIMENSIONS.

Dimensions will be assumed as follows:

For the 75mm diameter caps selected  
 circumference = 236 mm  
 Say 40 slots of width 3mm and height 10mm

40  $h_{sh} = 10\text{mm}$   
 3mm x 10mm slots



$$H = \left( 125^2 - \left( \frac{125}{2} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\therefore H = 108\text{mm}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 33\text{mm} \quad (\text{cf. 23-25})$$

Thus each cap fits into an area  
 $(75 + 33)\text{mm} \times (75 + 50)\text{mm}$   
 $= 13532\text{mm}^2$

Cap area = 4418 mm<sup>2</sup>

From Table 18-3 of Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, a typical "active area" would be  $0.66 \times \{\text{total cross sectional area}\}$ .

Note: Increase in this fraction due to selecting a lower cap size would be compensated for by decrease due to the reverse flow baffle.

Total area =  $\frac{\pi}{4} \times (1.8)^2 = 2.545\text{m}^2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Active area  $\approx 1.679\text{m}^2$

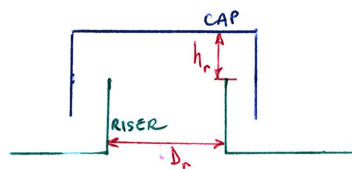
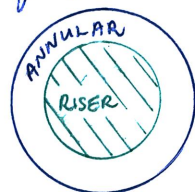
Hence we might estimate  $\frac{1.679 \times 10^6}{13532} = 124$  caps per tray,  
 or, rounding down 100 caps per tray.

100 Caps per Tray



Slot area =  $40 \times 3 \times 10 = 1200 \text{ mm}^2$  per cap

By assumption from Fig. 18-13b of Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, it will be assumed that the ratio of annular area to riser area is 1.0, with the reversal area equal to 1.35 times {average of riser and annular areas} (equal here).



④(b)

Reversal area is taken as  $(\pi D_r) \cdot h_r$ .

PRESSURE DROP

With these specifications the head-loss coefficient for dry bubble-caps,  $K_2$ , is approx. 16.6

$$K_2 = 16.6$$

Given that cap area = riser area + annular area,

$$\text{here riser area} = 4418 \div 2 = 2209 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow D_r = 53 \text{ mm}$$

$$(\text{reversal area} = 2982 \text{ mm}^2) \Rightarrow h_r = 18 \text{ mm}$$

Riser diameter = 53 mm

Hence linear gas velocity through risers:

$$u_h = \frac{(238 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{s}^{-1})(43 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-3})^{-1}}{100 \times (2209 \times 10^{-6}) \text{ m}^2} = 25 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$u_h = 25 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

Given  $\rho_L = 1000 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$  (as for water)  
 $\rho_G = 1.02 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$

$$\Rightarrow K_2 \frac{\rho_G}{\rho_L} u_h^2 = 10.6 \text{ mm (liquid)} \sim 10.6 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}.$$

As linear velocity through the slots,  $u_s$  is

$$u_s = \frac{(238)(43)^{-1}}{1200 \times 10^{-4}} = 46 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

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$$\text{then } K_1 = 3.73 \left( \frac{\rho_G}{\rho_L - \rho_G} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} h_{sh}^{\frac{4}{5}} u_s^{\frac{2}{5}} = 27.4 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$$

Hence the pressure drop across the disperser is

$$h_d = K_1 + K_2 \frac{\rho_G}{\rho_L} u_h^2 = 27.4 + 10.6 = 38.0 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$$

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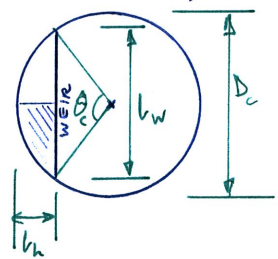


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WEIR DIMENSIONS are needed to find the pressure drop through the aerated liquid.

Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, p. 526, recommends 40 to 50 mm as weir height. Given the need to cool, we will specify 50 mm.

Given the low liquid flow, from Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, p. 527, take  $\frac{l_w}{D_c} \approx 0.70$ ,  $\frac{l_h}{D_c} \approx 0.18$ ,  $\theta_c \approx 89^\circ$  (approx.)



$\Rightarrow l_w \approx 1.26 \text{ m}$   
 $\frac{l_h}{D_c} \approx 0.18$   
 Reference to Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 1-26 shows that  $\frac{l_h}{l_w} \approx 0.205 \Rightarrow l_h \approx 258 \text{ mm}$  (while  $\frac{l_h}{D_c} \approx 0.143$ ).

$l_w = 50 \text{ mm}$   
  
 $l_w = 1.26 \text{ m}$   
 ~~$l_h = 0.18 \text{ m}$~~   
 $l_h = 258 \text{ mm}$

DYNAMIC SEAL HEIGHT.

This is the calculated height of clear liquid (equivalent) above dispersers. From Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, pp. 18-10ff.:

$h_s \equiv \text{static slot seal} \equiv \{ \text{weir height} \} - \{ \text{height of top of slot above floor} \}$   
 $h_{ds} = h_s + h_{ow} + \frac{1}{2} h_{hg}$

If the bottom of the slot is assumed 10 mm above the plate floor  
 $h_s = 50 - (10 + 10) = 30 \text{ mm}$

$h_{ow} \equiv \text{height of crest above weir}$   
 From the Francis weir equation:  $h_{ow} = 664 \left( \frac{V_L}{l_w} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$   
 $\therefore h_{ow} = 664 \left( \frac{0.35 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}}{1000 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \times 1.26 \text{ m}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 2.83 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$

$h_{hg} \equiv \text{hydraulic gradient across plate.}$   
 From Fig. 18-17

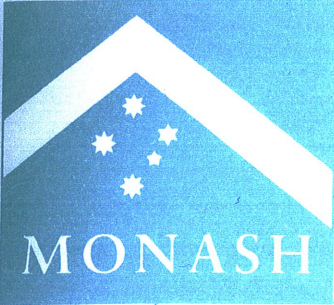
$h_{hg}' \approx 0.05 \text{ inches}$   
 With  $U_a \equiv \text{linear gas velocity through active area}$   
 $U_a = \frac{(238)(43)}{0.66 \frac{\pi}{4} (1.8)^2} \approx 3.3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$   
 say  $C_{vf} = 1.5 \Rightarrow h_{hg} \approx 1.9 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$

Thus  $h_{ds} = 30 + 2.8 + 1.9 = 34.7 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$

From Fig. 18-15, the aeration factor,  $\beta \approx 0.58$   
 and the relative froth density,  $\beta_t \approx 0.18$

$h_s = 30 \text{ mm}$   
  
 $h_{ow} = 2.8 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$   
  
 $h_{hg} = 1.9 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$   
 $h_{ds} = 34.7 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$   
 $\beta = 0.58$





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Hence the pressure drop through the aerated liquid is

$$h_l^r = \beta \cdot h_{ds} = 20.1 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)} \approx 20 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$$

$$h_l^r \approx 20 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$$

Hence the actual height of froth on the plates is

$$h_p = h_l^r \div \phi_t \approx 112 \text{ mm}$$

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Though this was larger than anticipated, the tray spacing of 0.75m is still valid.

Finally, the total pressure drop across one plate is thus

$$h_t = h_d + h_l^r = 38 + 20 = 58 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O) \cdot plate}^{-1}$$

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For 21 plates  $h_t \approx 12 \text{ kPa}$

$$(-\Delta p) \approx 12 \text{ kPa for all 21 plates}$$

This is acceptable.

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DOWNCOMER DESIGN. — Assumed segmental.

From Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 18-7  $h_{dc}^r = \frac{1}{\phi_{dc}} \cdot h_{dc} = \frac{1}{\phi_{dc}} [h_t + h_w + h_{ow} + h_{da} + h_{ng}]$

$$h_t = 58 \text{ mm}, h_w = 50 \text{ mm}, h_{ow} = 2.8 \text{ mm} \text{ from (4).}$$

and  $h_{ng} = 1.9 \text{ mm}$

$\phi_{dc}$  is the average relative froth density in the downcomer, and is taken as 0.5

$h_{da} \equiv$  head loss due to liquid flow under downcomer apron  
[From p. 18-10]

Taking a liquid-seal depth of 25mm from top of liquid on plate to bottom of downcomer.

$$\text{Liquid seal} = 25 \text{ mm} = h_{ap}$$

Thus the minimum flow area under the apron is

$$A_{da} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 1.26 \text{ m}\right) \times (50 - 25) \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 0.01575 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Whence } h_{da} = 165.2 \left( \frac{3.5 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}}{1000 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \times 0.01575 \text{ m}^2} \right)^2 = 8.2 \text{ mm}$$

$$h_{da} = 8.2 \text{ mm (H}_2\text{O)}$$

$$\text{Thus } h_{dc} \approx 121 \text{ mm (clear liquid)} \Rightarrow h_{dc}^r = 242 \text{ mm (aerated liquid)}$$

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So again the plate spacing of 0.75m is satisfactory [see Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, p. 532]

Check downcomer residence time (should be greater than 3 seconds for adequate disengagement — Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, p. 532)

$$t_r = \frac{A_{da} \cdot h_{dc} \cdot \rho_L}{L} = \frac{(0.0127 \text{ m}^2)(0.121 \text{ m})(1000 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3})}{(0.35 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1})} = 44 \text{ s}$$

$$t_r = 44 \text{ s.}$$

[Also Bachhurst & Marker, p. 177] plenty.





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THICKNESS OF ABSORBER TRAYS.

Assume that the tray may be modeled as a circular plate freely supported and loaded concentrically, as per Morley<sup>(1)</sup>, Art. 151, pp. 460ff.

Supposing the load to be 1000N (or just over 100kg), distributed over an area much smaller than that of the tray, then the maximum deflection is given (approximately) by:

$$\delta_{max} \approx \frac{5}{3\pi} \frac{Pr^2}{Et^3}$$

in which P is the load (1000N)  
 r the radius of the plate (0.9m)  
 E is the Young's modulus of elasticity  
 t the thickness

[Poisson's ratio is assumed  $\nu = \frac{1}{m} = \frac{1}{3}$ .]

From AS 1210 (1989), Table 3.3.7, for austenitic stainless steels  $E \approx 0.194 \times 10^6$  MPa at 50°C.

∴ For a deflection of 0.010m,  $t \approx 6$ mm

For comparison,  $t = 3$ mm yields a heart-attack-inducing  $\delta_{max} \approx 0.082$  m.

Suppose two 25mm pipes were welded to the underside of the support ring, parallel to the weir. This places it approximately 325mm off-centre, giving a length of 1650mm.

length = 1650mm

If this is subject to a uniformly distributed load, then

$$\delta_{max} = \frac{5}{384} \frac{PL^3}{EI}, \text{ whence } I = \frac{1.51 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^4}{2} \text{ for } \delta_{max} = 0.020 \text{ m}$$

[Morley<sup>(1)</sup>, p. 187].

↳ two bars.

For the hollow pipe  $I = \frac{\pi}{64} (d_o^4 - d_i^4)$   
 for  $d_o = 25$ mm  $\Rightarrow d_i = 0.022$  m = 22mm  
 $\Rightarrow$  i.e. thickness = 1.5mm

Hence specify 3mm thick plate with two supports, 325mm off centre, parallel to the weir, with  $d_o = 25$ mm and thickness at least 1.5mm  $\rightarrow$  2mm.

From Perry<sup>(6)</sup>, p. 6-42,  $\frac{3}{4}$ " schedule 40 is ample.  
 ↳ (nominal)

3mm thick trays  
 2 supports  
 325mm off-centre  
 parallel to weir  
 $d_o = 25$ mm  
 thickness = 2mm  
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " schedule 40.





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### COLUMN DIMENSIONS

The column has an internal diameter of 1.8m and a height of

$$\begin{aligned}
 H = & 2.90 && \text{(Bed 1)} \\
 & + 2.20 && \text{(Bed 2)} \\
 & + 2.50 && \text{(Bed 3)} \\
 & + 21 \times 0.75 + 2 \times 0.61 && \text{(Stage 4 including manways)} \\
 & + 1.50 && \text{(Vapour space above stage 4)} \\
 & + 1.50 && \text{(Between bed 3 and stage 4)} \\
 & + 3 \times (0.5 + 1.5) && \text{(Below beds 1 to 3, including liquid hold-up)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore H = 33.57 \text{ m}$ , without ends

$D_i = 1.8 \text{ m}$

$H = 33.57 \text{ m}$

②

### WALL THICKNESS

This will be taken as constant for the cylindrical shell.

②(a)

### PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE

Taking a corrosion allowance of 2mm, Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, p. 739, recommends a "minimum practical wall thickness" of 7mm for this diameter vessel.

$t \geq 7 \text{ mm}$

②(b)

### DESIGN PRESSURE

Operating pressure of the absorber may be taken at a maximum of 130 kPa (abs), at the base. [CHE4109]

Design pressure will be taken above Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>'s recommended +5 to 10% in view of the added explosion risk  
 $\Rightarrow P_{\text{DESIGN}} = 150 \text{ kPa (abs)}$

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As Bontang may be prone to hurricanes of wind speed up to  $\sim 100 \text{ km.h}^{-1}$ , wind speed will be set at a fixed  $27 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$

Given  $C_D \approx 1.0$  for cylinders [Potter and Wiggert<sup>(1)</sup>], the drag coefficient.

Equivalent wind pressure,  $p_{\text{WIND}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\text{AIR}} V^2$   
As  $\rho_{\text{AIR}} \approx 1 \text{ kg.m}^{-3} \Rightarrow p_{\text{WIND}} \approx 365 \text{ Pa}$

This acts on the projected area.

For the column  $\frac{A_{\text{PROJ}}}{L} = D_o = 1.8 \text{ m}^2.\text{m}^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow$  Treat the wind as a uniformly distributed load,  $F_{\text{WIND}} = 656 \text{ N.m}^{-1}$

Treating the vessel as a cantilever,  $M_{\text{BEND}} = F_{\text{WIND}} \cdot \frac{L^2}{2} = 370 \text{ kN.m}$  (at the base)







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For a cylinder (ignoring end effects)  $I_z = \frac{\pi}{64} (D_o^4 - D_i^4)$

For a thickness of 5mm (ie. without corrosion allowance):

$$I_z = \frac{\pi}{64} [(1.8m)^4 - (1.8 + 0.010)^4 m^4] = 0.0115 m^4$$

$$\text{Thus } \sigma_z \text{ bend} = \pm \frac{M_{\text{bend}} \cdot D_o}{2I_z} \cong \begin{cases} +29.3 \text{ MPa, upwind} \\ -29.3 \text{ MPa, downwind} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_z \text{ bend} = \pm 29.3 \text{ MPa}$$

where negative signifies compression.

$$\sigma_{\text{HOOP}} = \frac{P_{\text{DESIGN}} D_i}{2t} = +8.8 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{AXIAL}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{HOOP}}}{2} = +4.4 \text{ MPa}$$

$$P_{\text{DESIGN}} = 49 \text{ kPa (g)}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{HOOP}} = +8.8 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{AXIAL}} = +4.4 \text{ MPa}$$

There must also be some self-weight:

$$\text{Mass of shell} \approx (33.57m) \frac{\pi}{4} (D_o^2 - D_i^2) (\rho)$$

and  $\rho \approx 7.7 \times 10^3 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$  [Perry (6)]

$$\Rightarrow m_{\text{SHELL}} \approx 7.3 \text{ t}$$

$$\text{Mass of liquid} \approx (21 \times 0.050m + 3 \times 0.50m) \times \frac{\pi}{4} (1.8m)^2 \rho$$

$$m_{\text{LIQUID}} \approx 6.5 \text{ t}$$

There is also packing, trays and other internals  
say  $m_{\text{INTERNALS}} \approx 10 \text{ t}$

$$\Rightarrow m_{\text{TOTAL}} \approx 23.8 \text{ t}$$

$$\therefore \sigma_{\text{SELF-WEIGHT}} = \frac{(23.8 \times 10^3 \text{ kg})(9.78 \text{ ms}^{-2})}{\frac{\pi}{4} [(1.8m)^2 + (1.81m)^2]} \approx -8.3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{SELF-WEIGHT}} = -8.3 \text{ MPa}$$

where the value for gravity used is for sea level, at the equator [Biancoli (2)].

Thus, at the base of the column:

	UPWIND	DOWNWIND
$\sigma_z$ [MPa]	+25.4	-33.2
$\sigma_{\text{HOOP}}$ [MPa]	+8.8	+8.8
$\sigma_{\text{RADIAL}}$ [MPa]	~0	~0 (thin shell)

Here the danger of assuming internal pressure to be the dominant factor is clear.

$$\text{In summary, } \sigma_{\text{MAX}} \approx -33.2 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{MAX}} = -33.2 \text{ MPa}$$





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For type F316 "high alloy" (stainless) steel, we abstract a value of  $\approx 100$  MPa as the design tensile strength from AS 1210 (1989).

$$\sigma_{\text{MAX. TENSILE}} \approx 100 \text{ MPa}$$

This is evaluated at a design temperature of  $170^\circ\text{C}$ , corresponding to a complete failure of the cooler on the absorber feed line.

$$T_{\text{DESIGN}} = 170^\circ\text{C}$$

As  $\sigma_{\text{MAX}} \ll \sigma_{\text{MAX. TENSILE}} \Rightarrow$  this analysis shows 5mm to be an adequate thickness.

Okay for normal operation during cyclone

②(c)

WATER TESTING

For a completely flooded column,

$$m_{\text{WATER}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot (1.8\text{m})^2 \cdot (33.57\text{m}) \cdot (1000\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}) \approx 85.4 \text{ t}$$

$$\text{So now } m_{\text{total}} = 7.3 + 85.4 + 10 = 102.7 \text{ t}$$

$$\therefore \sigma_{\text{SELF-WEIGHT}} \approx -35.6 \text{ MPa}$$

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Obviously hydraulic testing would not take place during a cyclone. Taking  $v_{\text{WIND}} = 10 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow p_{\text{WIND}} = 50 \text{ Pa}$$

Analysing as before,

$$\sigma_{z, \text{bend}} = (\pm 29.3) \left( \frac{50}{365} \right) = \pm 4.0 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{z, \text{bend}} = \pm 4.0 \text{ MPa}$$

At the base of the column the pressure due to the hydrostatic head is  $p = \rho gh$

$$\Rightarrow p_{\text{WATER}} = 328 \text{ kPa (g)}$$

$$\text{Thus, now } \sigma_{\text{HOOP}} = \frac{p_{\text{WATER}} \cdot D_i}{2t} = +58.8 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{HOOP}} = +58.8 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{AXIAL}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{HOOP}}}{2} = +29.3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{AXIAL}} = +29.3 \text{ MPa}$$

where again  $t = 5\text{mm}$  has been used.

Hence, at the base of the column:

	UPWIND	DOWNWIND	
$\sigma_z$ [MPa]	-2.3	-10.3	
$\sigma_{\text{HOOP}}$ [MPa]	+58.8	+58.8	
$\sigma_{\text{RADIAL}}$ [MPa]	0	0	(thin wall)

Here  $\sigma_{\text{MAX}} = +58.8 \text{ MPa}$  is larger than the previous case, but still substantially below the maximum allowable.

$$\sigma_{\text{MAX}} = +58.8 \text{ MPa}$$

$\Rightarrow 7\text{mm}$  thickness (total) is adequate.

Okay for hydrostatic testing.





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EARTHQUAKE LOADING.

Bontang may be subject to earthquakes.

From Brownell & Young (1959), cited in CHE4109 by Obrich,

$$F_{\text{HORIZ}} = C \cdot m_{\text{VESSEL}} \cdot g$$

where C will be taken as 0.10 (empirical correlation)

Assuming hydraulic testing does not take place,  $m_{\text{VESSEL}} \approx 23.8t$ .

$$\Rightarrow F_{\text{HORIZ}} = 23.3 \text{ kN}$$

The average shear stress due to this force:

$$\tau_{\text{ave.}} = \frac{23.3 \cdot 10^3 \text{ N}}{\frac{\pi}{4} (1.8^2 + 1.81^2) \text{ m}^2} = 822 \text{ kPa}$$

From Morley<sup>(1)</sup>, Art. 71, p. 161, we observe  $\tau_{\text{max}} = 2\tau_{\text{ave}}$  due to  $F_{\text{HORIZ}}$ .  $\Rightarrow \tau_{\text{max}} \approx 1.65 \text{ MPa}$ .

Even allowing for the fact that the actual maximum shear stress will be increased by the effect of other forces acting, it is evident that this is not a significant factor

→ the suggested design is satisfactory from an earthquake-loading perspective.

②(e)

BUCKLING

Neglecting the stiffening effects of the internals, Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>, p. 760, gives the following equation for buckling:

$$\sigma_c = 2 \times 10^4 \left( \frac{t}{D_0} \right) \text{ MPa}$$

This is the maximum allowable compressive stress.

Here  $\sigma_c = 55 \text{ MPa}$ , taking  $t = 5 \text{ mm}$ .

From section ②(b), page 2, we found that the maximum compressive stress was  $\approx 33 \text{ MPa}$ , so the buckling criterion is satisfied.

Okay for buckling. (normal operation at high wind speed).





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Alternatively, in the absence of high wind load,

$$\sigma_{z, \text{ bend}} = \pm 4 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_{\text{SELF-WEIGHT}} = -8.3 \text{ MPa}$$

Thus the limit of maximum compressive stress =  $\sigma_c = 55 \text{ MPa}$  is reached when

$$\text{for which } \sigma_{\text{HOOP}} = -55 \text{ MPa}, \\ \sigma_{\text{AXIAL}} = -27.5 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\text{Given } \sigma_{\text{HOOP}} = \frac{p D_i}{2t}, \text{ this implies } p = -306 \text{ kPa(g)}$$

Thus, this implies the vessel would withstand even an absolute vacuum inside, with atmospheric pressure outside.

Comparison with AS1210 (1989), § 3.9.3

$$\text{gives } \frac{D_o}{t} \approx 360, \quad \frac{L}{D_o} \approx 20 \Rightarrow A \approx 10^{-5} \\ \Rightarrow B \approx 0.94$$

$$\text{And } P = \frac{4B}{3(D_o E)} \approx 0.003 \text{ MPa net external overpressure} \\ = 3 \text{ kPa(g)}$$

Equation (13.51) of Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>,  $P_c = 2.2 E \left(\frac{t}{D_o}\right)^3$ , gives  $P_c \approx -9 \text{ kPa(g)}$

and the recommended safety factor of 3 then yields a maximum (magnitude) overpressure  $P_c = -3 \text{ kPa(g)}$ , as before.

⇒ NOT SUITABLE FOR NON-NEGLECTIBLE VACUUM  
(Note: stiffening effects not considered).

②(F)

#### INSTALLATION

Consider the installation of the empty vessel, transported horizontally to site.

If it is raised according to 

$$\text{then, taking the empty mass as } 8t \Rightarrow F = \frac{78.2 \text{ kN}}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus } M_{\text{bend}} = (2F) \cdot \frac{L}{2} = 1313 \text{ kN.m}$$

Given  $I_z = 0.0115 \text{ m}^4$  (as before)

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{z, \text{ bend}} = \frac{\pm M_{\text{bend}} \cdot D_o}{2I_z} = \pm 103 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{z, \text{ bend}} = \pm 4 \text{ MPa} \\ \sigma_{\text{SELF-WEIGHT}} = -8.3 \text{ MPa}$$

Okay for buckling (vacuum)?

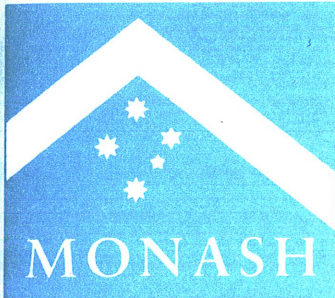
Maximum external overpressure = 3 kPa(g)

Will fail due to buckling at moderate vacuum.

$$\sigma_{z, \text{ bend}} = \pm 103 \text{ MPa}$$







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This is right at the suggested allowable maximum for tensile stress.

However:

- \* the maximum tensile stress was evaluated at 150°C, however installation at 50°C gives a design tensile strength of 129 MPa [AS1210(1989)] ⇒ OKAY.
- \* when installed, the 2mm corrosion allowance will still be entirely present ⇒ OKAY
- \* in practice the vessel may not be lifted from a single point, and certainly would not be lifted from its end. ⇒ OKAY.

OKAY for installation.





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CHARACTERISTICS  
 Diameter is 1.8m (internal)  
 $\Delta p_{max} = 328 \text{ kPa}$  [see design of ABSORBER SHELL]

$D = 1.8 \text{ m}$   
 $\Delta p_{max} = 328 \text{ kPa}$

②

TYPE  
Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup> recommends standard torispherical heads  
 "dished ends". Formed head (no joints)  
 Take ratio of knuckle to crown radius  $\geq \frac{6}{100}$   
 Also crown radius  $\leq$  Diameter of cylinder  
 $\rightarrow$  Physically  $R_c > \frac{D}{2}$

Torispherical  
 Formed (no joints)  
 $\frac{R_k}{R_c} \geq \frac{6}{100}$   
 $R_c \leq D$   
 $R_c > \frac{D}{2}$

③

DIMENSIONS.  
 $0.9 \text{ m} < R_c \leq 1.8 \text{ m}$   
 say  $R_c = 1.4 \text{ m}$   
 if  $\frac{R_k}{R_c} = \frac{7}{100} \Rightarrow R_k = 0.2 \text{ m}$

$R_c = 1.4 \text{ m}$   
 $R_k = 0.2 \text{ m}$

④(a)

THICKNESS  
 Calculate using the "stress concentration factor",  $C_s$ , of  
Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>:  
 $C_s = \frac{1}{4} (3 + \sqrt{\frac{R_c}{R_k}}) = 1.41 (\approx \sqrt{2})$   
 $S = 1.0$  (formed)

$C_s = 1.41$   
 $S = 1.0$

$$\therefore \text{Thickness}_{max} = \frac{(328 \text{ kPa})(1.4 \text{ m})(1.41)}{2\sigma_{max}(1.0) + (328 \text{ kPa})(1.41 - 0.2)}$$

From AS1210(1989)  $\Rightarrow \sigma_{max, TENSILE} \hat{=} 100 \text{ MPa}$

$\sigma_{max, TENSILE} = 100 \text{ MPa}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Thickness}_{max} = \frac{0.648}{200 + 0.397} = 0.00323 \text{ m}$$

$\text{Thickness}_{max} = 3.2 \text{ mm}$

Add 2mm Corrosion allowance: Thickness  $\approx 5.2 \text{ mm}$

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④(b)

CHECK STRESS  
 Maximum stress is in toroidal section.  
 From Sinnott<sup>(2)</sup>  
 For the maximum stress = hypothetical inner edge of torus:  
 $\sigma_2 = \frac{PR_k}{2t} \left[ \frac{D - R_k}{\frac{D}{2} - R_k} \right] = 1.58 \frac{PR_k}{2t} = 1.58\sigma_1 = 16.2 \text{ MPa}$

$\sigma_1 = 10.25 \text{ MPa}$   
 $\sigma_2 = 16.2 \text{ MPa}$





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Both values are far below the maximum allowable

OKAY.

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD.

Check the above with AS1210(1989)

§ 3.12

$$\frac{D}{t} = \frac{1800}{3.2} = 563 > 100 \Rightarrow$$

particular case should be exercised (buckling)

CARE! (buckling)

Suppose  $t = 5\text{mm}$  (+2mm corrosion allowance)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{D}{t} = \frac{1800}{5} = 360 > 100 \Rightarrow \text{Care still required.}$$

↳ However this would match the existing shell better.

Thickness = 5mm  
+ 2mm Corrosion allowance

AMENDMENT 1:

As  $\frac{D}{t} > 300$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P_{\text{max}}}{\sigma_{\text{MAX, TENSILE}}} \leq \frac{150 \left(\frac{R_k}{D}\right)^{0.84}}{\left(\frac{D}{t_k}\right)^{1.53} - \left(\frac{R_c}{D}\right)^{1.1}}$$

is recommended.

Current dimensions give

$$\frac{P_{\text{max}}}{100\text{MPa}} \leq \frac{23.69}{6181.}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\text{max}} \leq 0.383\text{MPa}$$

$$\text{i.e. } P_{\text{max}} \leq 383\text{ kPa}$$

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Note that the initial 3.2mm thickness would have been too low.

OKAY

THICKNESS:

$$t = \frac{P R_c C_s}{2 \sigma_{\text{MAX, TENSILE}} J - 0.2 P} = \frac{0.649}{200 - 0.0656} = 0.003248$$

$$= 3.2\text{mm}$$

(as before).





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TYPE : Skirt

Skirt.

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REFERENCE : AS1210 (1989)

AS1210 (1989)

③

TEMPERATURE

Check for excessive discontinuity stresses :

$$t \cdot D_o \cdot (T - T_{amb})_{max} \approx (5mm)(1800mm)(90-20) = 6.3 \times 10^5$$

$$6.3 \times 10^5 < 16 \times 10^6$$

OKAY FOR TEMPERATURE.

④ (a)

AXIAL COMPRESSIVE STRESS — HYDROSTATIC TEST CONDITION

$$S_a = \left( \frac{4M}{\pi D_o^2 t} + \frac{W}{\pi D_o t} \right) \frac{1}{\cos(\alpha)}$$

$$W = (102.7t)(9.78 \text{ m/s}^2) = 1004 \text{ kN} \approx 10^6 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{take } M = (S_a) (1.8 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{m}^{-1}) \frac{(34 \text{ m})^2}{2} = 52020 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$\approx 5.2 \times 10^7 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm}$$

Suppose a cylindrical cell of the same thickness as the column :

$$D_o \approx 1810 \text{ mm}, \quad t = 5 \text{ mm}, \quad \alpha = 0^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow S_a = (4.04 + 35.2)(1) = 39.2 \text{ MPa.}$$

④ (b)

YIELD

$2S_a < \text{yield strength} \Rightarrow \text{OKAY}$

YIELD OKAY.

④ (c)

YOUNG'S MODULUS

$$0.125 \frac{Et}{D_o} = 0.125 \times \left[ \frac{(0.191 \times 10^6 \text{ MPa})(5 \text{ mm})}{1810 \text{ mm}} \right] \approx 66 < S_a$$

$\Rightarrow \text{OKAY}$

MODULUS OKAY.

⑤

CHECK BASE RING

$\left[ \frac{S_{min} t^3}{6} \right]$

$$\text{Circumference (cylindrical)} \approx 1800 \pi \text{ mm}$$

$$8 \text{ bolts} \Rightarrow \text{pitch} = 706.9 \text{ mm} > 600 \text{ mm}$$

PITCH OKAY.

$$\therefore A_b \approx \frac{1}{(8)(125 \text{ MPa})} \left[ \frac{4 \times 52020}{1.8} - 10^6 \right] \rightarrow \text{none required FOR HYDRO. TEST.}$$

$$A_b \approx \frac{1}{(8)(125)} \left[ \frac{4 \times 370000}{1.8} - (23.8 \times 10^3)(9.78) \right] = 589 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow D_b = 27.4 \text{ mm}$$

CYCLONE LOADING.

$$D_b = 27.4 \text{ mm}$$







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WIDTH OF BASE RING

From Sinnott <sup>(2)</sup>:

$$F_b = \left[ \frac{4M_s}{\pi D_s^2} + \frac{W}{\pi D_s} \right] \cong t S_a$$

$$\therefore F_b = 196 \text{ Nm}^{-1} \Rightarrow L_b = \frac{196 \times 10^3}{5} \times \frac{1}{10^3} = 39.2 \text{ mm}$$

$$L_b \geq 40 \text{ mm}$$

⑦

THICKNESS

Choose simple anchor (AS1210 (1989)) ... plus gusset [Sinnott <sup>(2)</sup>]

$$\Rightarrow L_r \rightarrow L_b = 39.2 \text{ mm} \cong 40 \text{ mm}$$

$$\therefore t_b = L_r \sqrt{\frac{3f_c^r}{f_r}} \cong 40 \sqrt{\frac{3 \cdot (8.75)}{140}}$$

$$\text{As } f_c^r \cong \frac{10^6 \text{ N}}{\frac{\pi}{4} [1840^2 - 1800^2] \text{ mm}^2} = 8.74 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\therefore t_b = 17.3 \text{ mm} \rightarrow 17 \text{ mm}$$

$$t_b = 17 \text{ mm.}$$

→  $L_b$  must be greater: - to accommodate bolt head + spacer  
- for inside-skirt provision (50mm)





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CONVECTIVE HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT.

From Holman<sup>(7)</sup>, fiber-glass blankets for wrapping are recommended, with  $k = 0.05 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ .

Fiber-glass blankets.  
 $k = 0.05 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$

For a vertical cylinder

$$h = \begin{cases} 1.42 \left(\frac{\Delta T}{L}\right)^{1/4} & , \text{ laminar} \\ 1.31 (\Delta T)^{1/3} & , \text{ turbulent} \end{cases}$$

where  $L$  is "vertical or horizontal dimension".

②

TEMPERATURES

if  $T_a = 20^\circ\text{C}$  (minimum of range)

and  $T_{\text{ABS-1}} = 75^\circ\text{C}$

$$\rightarrow T_{\text{wall}_{\text{MIN}}} \approx 48^\circ\text{C} \dots \text{OKAY}$$

But, at the top of stage 1

$$T_{\text{ABS-1}} = 60^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow T_{\text{wall}_{\text{MIN}}} \approx 40^\circ\text{C} \dots \text{Too low}$$

In that case  $\Delta T = 40^\circ\text{C}$

$\therefore$  take  $h \approx 3 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$

$$h = 3 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$$

③

$$h A \Delta T_{\text{surface}} = \dot{Q} = \frac{k}{\Delta x} A \Delta T_{\text{ins}}$$

THICKNESS

Suppose the outer surface of the insulation were at  $40^\circ\text{C}$

$$\Rightarrow (3)(40 - 20) = \frac{0.05}{\Delta x} (60 - 40)$$

$$\therefore \Delta x \doteq 0.0167 \text{ m} = 16.7 \text{ mm}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Take insulation thickness as 25mm.

$$\Delta x = 25 \text{ mm}$$

Tube wall temperature is thus  $T_{\text{wall}_{\text{MIN}}} \rightarrow 60^\circ\text{C}$ .

$$T_{\text{wall}_{\text{MIN}}} \rightarrow 60^\circ\text{C} \text{ OKAY}$$



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D E P A R T M E N T O F C H E M I C A L E N G I N E E R I N G



## **APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 9**

**RECORD OF HAZOP MEETING**



**Stream 3**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pipe blockage</li> <li>• Control valve V-1 malfunction</li> <li>• Pipe rupture or leakage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility of entering the explosive limits</li> <li>• Visible on flow indicator</li> <li>• Reactor feed will be outside design composition ==&gt; product may be out of spec.</li> <li>• Reactor temperature may increase (less thermal ballast)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display flow reading of Stream 3 on panel (control room)</li> <li>• Have alarm for low flow</li> <li>• Have temperature indicator and alarm in reactor</li> <li>• Regular maintenance and inspection of control valve and piping</li> </ul>
More	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control valve V-1 failure (fail-open to avoid previous deviation)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deterioration of catalyst</li> <li>• Decrease in yield</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install alarm for high flow</li> </ul>
Less	Flow Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As for "No Flow"</li> <li>• Control valve V-1 failure</li> <li>• Upstream pipe rupture or leakage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As for "No Flow"</li> <li>• Reverse flow, possibly including methanol ==&gt; flammability hazard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As for "No Flow"</li> <li>• Install low pressure alarm and indicator</li> <li>• Install non-return valve</li> </ul>
What else?	Instrument air failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As for "More Flow"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As for "More Flow"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular inspection</li> </ul>

**Stream 6**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upstream pump failure or trip</li> <li>Pipe blockage</li> <li>Control valve V-2 failure (fail closed to avoid following deviation)</li> <li>Pipe rupture or leakage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visible on flow indicator</li> <li>Reactor feed will be outside design composition ==&gt; product will be out of spec.</li> <li>Reactor temperature will decrease (no reaction), catalyst degradation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular maintenance and inspection</li> <li>Stand-by pump installed</li> </ul>
More	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Control valve V-2 malfunction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product out of specification</li> <li>Visible on flow indicator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install alarm for high flow</li> <li>Have panel-mounted indicator</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downstream blockage AND pump-trip failure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased likelihood of rupture and leakage ==&gt; flammability risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressure indicator and high alarm</li> <li>Regular maintenance and testing of pump motor trip</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pump dead-heading, as for "More Pressure"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Pressure"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Pressure"</li> </ul>
Less	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Flow"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Flow"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Flow"</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Control valve V-2 failure</li> <li>Upstream pipe rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream pump failure or trip</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reverse flow of methanol ==&gt; flammability hazard</li> <li>Loss of feedstock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install low pressure alarm and indicator (panel mounted)</li> <li>Install non-return valve</li> <li>Regular inspection and maintenance</li> </ul>
What else?	Instrument air failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Flow"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Flow"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular inspection</li> </ul>



**Stream 7**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upstream pump failure or trip</li> <li>Pipe blockage</li> <li>Malfunction of V-1 AND V-2</li> <li>Pipe rupture or leakage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No product</li> <li>Reactor temperature will decrease (no reaction)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision for indicator on flow controller</li> <li>Regular maintenance and inspection</li> <li>Stand-by pump installed</li> </ul>
More	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malfunction of V-1 AND V-2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product out of specification (contact time in reactor affected)</li> <li>Visible on flow indicators</li> <li>Possible level increase in vaporiser</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install alarms for high flow on Streams 3 AND 6</li> <li>Have panel-mounted indicators</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downstream blockage AND pump-trip failure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased likelihood of rupture and leakage ==&gt; flammability risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressure indicator and high alarm on stream 6</li> <li>Regular maintenance and testing of pump motor trip</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pump dead-heading, as for "More Pressure"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Pressure"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Pressure"</li> </ul>
Less	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Flow"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less product</li> <li>Reactor temperature will decrease (less reaction)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Flow"</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Control valve V-1 OR V-2 malfunction</li> <li>Upstream pipe rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream pump failure or trip</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reverse flow of methanol ==&gt; flammability hazard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install low pressure alarm and indicator (panel mounted)</li> <li>Install non-return valve</li> <li>Regular inspection and maintenance</li> </ul>

**Stream 9**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upstream blower (CP-1) failure or trip of steam turbine (TRB-1)</li> <li>Duct blockage</li> <li>Duct rupture or leakage</li> <li>Failure of control valve V-3 (fails closed to avoid feeding a fire)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reactor feed will be outside design composition ==&gt; product will be out of spec.</li> <li>Reactor temperature will decrease (no reaction)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision for indicator on flow controller</li> <li>Regular maintenance and inspection (Stand-by compressor and turbine too expensive and impractical)</li> </ul>
More	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malfunction of V-3</li> <li>Steam turbine (TRB-1) goes haywire</li> <li>Too much off-gas recycle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product out of specification (contact time in reactor affected)</li> <li>Visible on flow indicators</li> <li>Possibly enter flammability limits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install alarm for high flow</li> <li>Have panel-mounted indicators</li> <li>Remove all ignition sources</li> <li>Adjust off-gas recycle</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downstream blockage (e.g. V-3 failure) AND turbine-trip malfunction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased likelihood of rupture and leakage ==&gt; flammability risk (contains hydrogen)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressure indicator and high alarm</li> <li>Regular maintenance and testing of turbine trip system</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compressor dead-heading, as for "More Pressure"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Pressure"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Pressure"</li> </ul>
Less	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Flow"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less product</li> <li>Reactor temperature will decrease (less reaction)</li> <li>Product out of spec.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Flow"</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Control valve V-3 failure</li> <li>Upstream pipe rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream blower/turbine failure or trip</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reverse flow of vapour, possibly including methanol ==&gt; flammability hazard</li> <li>Product out of spec.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install low pressure alarm and indicator (panel mounted)</li> <li>Regular inspection and maintenance</li> <li>(Non-return valve impractical)</li> </ul>

**Stream 10**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downstream pump (P-2A / P-2B) failure</li> <li>Pipe blockage</li> <li>Pipe rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream feed system failure</li> <li>Accidental closure of isolation valves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No vaporisation due to zero heat transfer ==&gt; Level in vaporiser rises ==&gt; increased rupture risk of vaporiser ==&gt; flammability hazard</li> <li>Visible on vaporiser level indicator</li> <li>composition ==&gt; product will be out of spec.</li> <li>Reactor temperature will decrease (no reaction)</li> <li>More cooling required in absorber (control system will detect this)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision for panel display of level</li> <li>Regular maintenance and inspection</li> <li>Training of operators not to close isolation valves during operation AND interlocks</li> </ul>
More	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in upstream flow</li> <li>Lower temperature on exit of HX-10 (Stream 13)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No increase in vaporisation due to limited utility capacity ==&gt; Level in vaporiser rises ==&gt; increased rupture risk of vaporiser ==&gt; flammability hazard</li> <li>Visible on vaporiser level indicator</li> <li>Product out of spec.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install alarm for high flow</li> <li>Have panel-mounted indicators</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downstream blockage of pipe</li> <li>Accidental closure of isolation valves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased likelihood of rupture and leakage ==&gt; flammability risk (contains methanol)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High pressure alarm on pump discharges (to existing indicators)</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High temperature of Stream 9 OR 13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vapour in pump suction ==&gt; damage to pump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install low level alarm to trip pump</li> </ul>
Less	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Flow"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less product</li> <li>Reactor temperature will decrease (less reaction)</li> <li>Product out of spec.</li> <li>More cooling required in absorber (control system will detect this)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Flow"</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low level in vaporiser (HX-1)</li> <li>Upstream rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream blower/pump failure or trip</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Temperature"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Temperature"</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate heat transfer in heat exchangers (HX-5 OR HX-10)</li> <li>Steam utility failure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level in vaporiser rises ==&gt; increased rupture risk of vaporiser ==&gt; flammability hazard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install panel-mounted temperature indicators and alarms on exits of heat exchangers HX-5 AND HX-10</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On start-up temperatures of Streams 20 and 21 will be low</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visible on vaporiser level indicator</li><li>• Product out of spec.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attempt to make up additional duty in OTHER exchanger, ELSE reduce flow of vaporiser feed</li><li>• Recycle until operating temperature reached</li></ul>
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**Stream 11**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upstream pump (P-2A / P-2B) failure</li> <li>Pipe blockage</li> <li>Pipe rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream feed system failure</li> <li>Accidental closure of isolation valves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>
More	Flow Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 10</li> <li>Downstream blockage of pipe (including fouling of heat exchangers, HX-5 OR HX-10)</li> <li>Accidental closure of isolation valves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 10</li> <li>Increased likelihood of rupture and leakage ==&gt; flammability risk (contains methanol)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 10</li> <li>High pressure alarm on pump discharges (to existing indicators)</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High temperature of Stream 9 OR 13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vapour in pump suction ==&gt; damage to pump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install low level alarm to trip pump</li> </ul>
Less	Flow Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow”</li> <li>Low level in vaporiser (HX-1)</li> <li>Upstream rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream blower/pump failure or trip</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Flow” of Stream 10</li> <li>As for “More Temperature”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow”</li> <li>As for “More Temperature”</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 10</li> </ul>

**Stream 12**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>
More	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downstream blockage of pipe (including fouling of heat exchangers, HX-5 OR HX-10)</li> <li>Accidental closure of isolation valves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased likelihood of rupture and leakage ==&gt; flammability risk (contains methanol)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High pressure alarm on pump discharges (to existing indicators)</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High temperature of Stream 9 OR 13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vapour in pump suction ==&gt; damage to pump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install low level alarm to trip pump</li> </ul>
Less	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow”</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low level in vaporiser (HX-1)</li> <li>Upstream rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream blower/pump failure or trip</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Temperature”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Temperature”</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 10</li> </ul>

**Stream 13**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>
More	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downstream blockage of pipe (including fouling of heat exchangers, HX-5 OR HX-10)</li> <li>Accidental closure of isolation valves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased likelihood of rupture and leakage ==&gt; flammability risk (contains methanol)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High pressure alarm on pump discharges (to existing indicators)</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High temperature of Stream 9 OR 13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vapour in pump suction ==&gt; damage to pump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install low level alarm to trip pump</li> </ul>
Less	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Flow” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow”</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low level in vaporiser (HX-1)</li> <li>Upstream rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream blower/pump failure or trip</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Temperature”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Temperature”</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 10</li> </ul>

**Stream 14**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upstream blockage (including accidental closure of isolation valves)</li> <li>Upstream leakage or rupture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reaction ==&gt; reactor temperature decrease ==&gt; visible on reactor temperature indicator (with alarm)</li> <li>No product</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display flow reading of Stream 14 on panel</li> <li>Have alarm for low flow</li> <li>Regular maintenance and inspection of ductwork</li> </ul>
More	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More flow of feed streams into vaporiser (HX-1) – see Streams 3, 6, 7 and 9</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product out of spec. (altered contact time in reactor)</li> <li>Temperature at inlet to reactor will decrease due to limited heat transfer in Superheater (HX-2) ==&gt; possible degradation of catalyst; product out of spec.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install a flow indicator, to be displayed in the control room with integral high flow alarm</li> <li>Size vaporiser unit and steam system to handle some contingency (say 20% above design)</li> <li>Temperature indicator AND controller will exist on exit of superheater (HX-2)</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downstream blockage of duct</li> <li>Accidental closure of isolation valves downstream</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased likelihood of rupture and leakage ==&gt; flammability risk (contains methanol)</li> <li>Discharge through safety valve at top of vaporiser (HX-1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install high pressure alarm</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High temperature of Stream 9 OR 13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vapour in pump suction ==&gt; damage to pump (P-2)</li> <li>Less heating required in superheater (HX-2)</li> <li>Composition may be different ==&gt; product out of spec.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install low level alarm to trip pump</li> <li>Temperature indicator AND controller on HX-2</li> </ul>
Less	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less reaction ==&gt; reactor temperature decrease ==&gt; visible on reactor temperature indicator (with alarm)</li> <li>Less product</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow”</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upstream rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream blower (CP-1) failure OR trip</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reaction may be affected via a shift in equilibrium (principally of the dehydrogenation reaction)</li> <li>Saturation mole fractions of condensables in absorber (ABS-1) will increase ==&gt; less effective</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install low flow alarm</li> <li>Make the ducts strong</li> </ul>



	<p>absorption ==&gt; lower plant yield; product out of spec.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifiable by blower trip alarm</li> </ul>		
Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 13</li> </ul>
Percentage of methanol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate vaporisation (e.g. insufficient steam OR temperature of Stream 20 too low, as on start-up)</li> <li>Malfunction of ratio controller</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less reaction</li> <li>Enter the flammability limits (no longer above the upper limit)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have alarm on ratio controller – increase the ratio of methanol supplied, if possible, ELSE feed less feed to process and recycle more off-gas</li> </ul>

**Stream 118**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blockage in steam lines (including accidental closure of isolation valves; including build-up of deposits [“fouling”] in HX-10)</li> <li>Upstream leakage or rupture</li> <li>Failure to add additional fuel (natural gas) to the off-gas burner (RXN-3) on start-up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No heating in HX-10 ==&gt; less vaporisation occurring ==&gt; less product / out of spec.</li> <li>Likely to be registered by the pressure indicator on Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display flow reading of Stream 119 on panel</li> <li>Have alarm for low flow on Stream 119</li> <li>Indicate pressure on panel</li> <li>Regular maintenance and inspection of ductwork</li> </ul>
More	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malfunction in steam system control valves (including V-4 – which should be fail-open to vaporise methanol out of vaporiser)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over heating of vaporiser recycle stream (in HX-10) ==&gt; gas phase in Stream 13 ==&gt; liquid hold-up in base of vaporiser drops ==&gt; cavitation in pump (P-2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install a flow indicator, to be displayed in the control room with integral high flow alarm on Stream 119</li> <li>Temperature indicator AND controller will exist on exit of superheater (HX-2), and duty in this exchanger will decrease as required</li> <li>Low pressure/Level alarms will trip pump (P-2)</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downstream blockage of line</li> <li>Accidental closure of isolation valves downstream</li> <li>Malfunction in steam system control valves (including V-4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased likelihood of rupture and leakage ==&gt; risk to personnel</li> <li>Discharge through safety valve on shell-side of HX-10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install high pressure alarm at boiler (RXN-3)</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Pressure”</li> <li>Very low boiler feed water flow leading to super-heating of the 1200kPa(abs) steam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased risk of materials failures ==&gt; risk to personnel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct steam lines of rugged material</li> </ul>
Less	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less heating in HX-10 ==&gt; less vaporisation occurring ==&gt; less product / out of spec.</li> <li>Likely to be registered by the pressure indicator on Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow”</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upstream rupture or leakage</li> <li>Upstream pump (on boiler feed water to off-gas burner) failure OR trip</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Control system would attempt to increase the flow (IF necessary), however there is a limit to the flow that can be handled by HX-10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detect with low temperature alarm on Stream 13 AND low flow alarm Stream 119</li> <li>Ease off on the flow of feedstock to</li> </ul>

	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate heating in boiler (RXN-3)</li> <li>Heat loss through steam lines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temperature of Stream 13 would decrease ==&gt; less vaporisation ==&gt; less feed to reactor ==&gt; less product / out of spec.</li> <li>Control system would attempt to increase the flow (IF necessary), however there is a limit to the flow that can be handled by HX-10</li> <li>Temperature of Stream 13 would decrease ==&gt; less vaporisation ==&gt; less feed to reactor ==&gt; less product / out of spec.</li> </ul>	<p>the vaporiser (HX-1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cover steam lines with adequate insulation and ensure its upkeep</li> <li>Control temperature of steam at point of generation (RXN-3)</li> <li>Detect with low temperature alarm on Stream 13 AND low flow alarm Stream 119</li> <li>Ease off on the flow of feedstock to the vaporiser (HX-1)</li> <li>Cover steam lines with adequate insulation (“Personnel Protection”) and ensure its upkeep</li> </ul>
What else?	Personnel performing maintenance on OR near steam lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular maintenance</li> <li>Equipment break-down</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employees suffer burns to their persons</li> </ul>	

**Stream 119**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “No Flow” of Stream 118</li> </ul>
More	Flow Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 118</li> <li>As for “More Pressure” of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 118</li> <li>As for “More Pressure” of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “More Flow” of Stream 118</li> <li>As for “More Pressure” of Stream 118</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low flow of Stream 12 (<math>q.v.</math>)</li> <li>As for “More Pressure”</li> <li>Very low boiler feed water flow leading to super-heating of the 1200kPa(abs) steam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased risk of materials failures ==&gt; risk to personnel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct condensate lines of rugged material</li> </ul>
Less	Flow Pressure Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Flow” of Stream 118</li> <li>As for “Less Pressure” of Stream 118</li> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Flow” of Stream 118</li> <li>As for “Less Pressure” of Stream 118</li> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “Less Flow” of Stream 118</li> <li>As for “Less Pressure” of Stream 118</li> <li>As for “Less Temperature” of Stream 118</li> </ul>
What else?	Personnel performing maintenance on OR near condensate lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “What else?” of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “What else?” of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for “What else?” of Stream 118</li> </ul>

**Vaporiser (HX-1)**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No inlet flows (blockage of inlet lines/closed control valves)</li> <li>Inlet flows are too hot (vapour)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vapour to suction port of pump (P-2) ==&gt; Damage to pumps</li> <li>Product out of spec.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automatic trip on pumps</li> </ul>
More	Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate heating in recirculation loop (including due to blockage in pipes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flooding of vaporiser</li> <li>Blower may have to work harder to blow gas stream (Stream 9) through the increased head of liquid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install high level alarm on existing liquid level controller</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downstream blockage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressure will be relieved through existing safety valve on top of HX-1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure regular maintenance, testing AND inspection of safety valve</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upstream blockage or disturbance</li> <li>High inlet temperatures on streams 9 OR 13 (q.v.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased risk of materials failures ==&gt; risk to personnel; flammability risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct vaporiser shell of heavy duty materials</li> </ul>
Less	Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less inlet flows (blockage of inlet lines/closed control valves)</li> <li>Inlet flows are too hot (e.g. two-phase)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Level"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Level"</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blower (CP-1) or pump (P-1) failure</li> <li>Blockage in lines 7 OR 9 (upstream)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reaction may be affected via a shift in equilibrium (principally of the dehydrogenation reaction)</li> <li>Saturation mole fractions of condensables in absorber (ABS-1) will increase ==&gt; less effective absorption ==&gt; lower plant yield; product out of spec.</li> <li>Identifiable by blower/pump trip alarm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install low flow alarm</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate heating in recirculation loop (including due to blockage in pipes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flooding of vaporiser</li> <li>Blower may have to work harder to blow gas stream (Stream 9) through the increased head of liquid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install high level alarm on existing liquid level controller</li> </ul>

**Methanol Heater (HX-10)**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
No	Level (shell-side)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blockage in Stream 118 (including Less inlet flows: blockage of inlet lines)</li> <li>Steam trap failure</li> <li>Leak in HX-10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No heat transfer</li> <li>Loss of containment ==&gt; risk to personnel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low flow alarm on Stream 119</li> <li>Install liquid level controller with low level alarm</li> </ul>
More	Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blockage in Stream 119 (including closed control valves)</li> <li>Insufficient flow of steam through Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flooding of exchanger shell</li> <li>Evident due to low flow indicator on stream 119</li> <li>Heat transfer [coefficient] would decrease ==&gt; evident due to low temperature indicator on Stream 13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install liquid level controller with high level alarm</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Pressure" of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Pressure" of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Pressure" of Stream 118</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Temperature" of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Temperature" of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Temperature" of Stream 118</li> </ul>
Less	Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Level"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Level"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "No Level"</li> </ul>
	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the exchanger were isolated (shell-side) with steam initially present, then the steam would condense ==&gt; decrease in pressure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This may cause material failure in extreme cases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Train employees to NOT isolate exchanger while it still contains steam – it must be vented</li> <li>Install vent if not already present (not marked) ELSE discharge through safety valve</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "Less Temperature" of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "Less Temperature" of Stream 118</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "Less Temperature" of Stream 118</li> </ul>

**Pumps (P-2A AND P-2B)**

GUIDE WORD	DEVIATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION REQUIRED
More	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dead-heading of pump due to downstream obstruction in line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible material failure in extreme cases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design pressures rated above operating pressures</li> <li>Trip pump in case of high pressure alarm (to be installed)</li> </ul>
	Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for "More Pressure"</li> <li>High inlet temperatures (see Stream 7)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible material failure in extreme cases (due to reduction in the yield strength of metals at elevated temperatures)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design temperatures rated above operating temperatures</li> </ul>
Less	Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low level in vaporiser (HX-1) ==&gt; Insufficient Net Positive Suction Head (NPSH)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cavitation ==&gt; Damage to pump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automatic trip on pump, activated by low level alarm on vaporiser (HX-1)</li> </ul>
Reverse	Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check-valve failure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damage to pump(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sure that those responsible check the check valves to make sure that the check valves will check the flow, as required</li> </ul>





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## APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 11

### ECONOMIC EVALUATION



**1999 currency exchange rates:**Source: The Saturday Age, Business section (from CBA - *not* for currency notes)

One Australian dollar was worth:

DATE	German DM			US \$		
	Buy	Sell	AVERAGE	Buy	Sell	AVERAGE
08 May	1.2290	1.2004	1.215	0.6718	0.6668	0.669
22 May	1.2289	1.2003	1.215	0.6620	0.6570	0.660
10 July	1.2910	1.2610	1.276	0.6692	0.6642	0.667
24 July	1.2209	1.1923	1.207	0.6506	0.6456	0.648
09 October	1.2188	1.1904	1.205	0.6620	0.6570	0.660
Average	1.238	1.209	<b>1.22</b>	0.663	0.658	<b>0.66</b>

So a German DM is equal to <b>0.5400</b> US \$.
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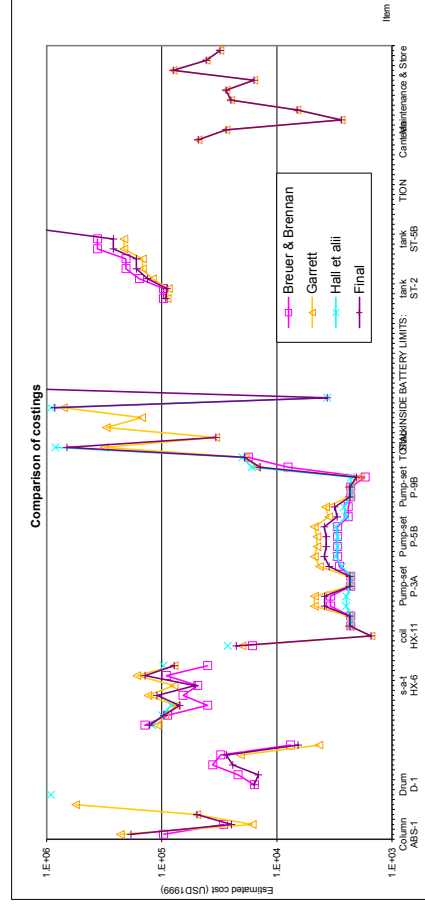
### PURCHASED EQUIPMENT COSTS

Indonesian, USD<sub>1999</sub> basis.

ABBREVIATIONS: n.a. = not available, N/A = not applicable, s-at = shell-and-tube (heat exchanger)

ITEM	DESCIP- TION	DIMENSION & TYPE	BREUER & BRENNAN			GARRETT			HALL, MATLEY & MCNAUGHTON			FINAL VALUE	COMMENTS		
			Original cost [AUD <sub>1978</sub> ]	Updated cost [USD <sub>1999</sub> ]	FACTORS Type [-] [-] [-] Pressure [-]	Final cost [USD <sub>1999</sub> ]	Original cost [USD <sub>1999</sub> ]	Updated cost [USD <sub>1999</sub> ]	FACTORS Type [-] [-] [-] Pressure [-]	Final cost [USD <sub>1999</sub> ]	Original cost [USD <sub>1999</sub> ]			Updated cost [USD <sub>1999</sub> ]	FACTORS Type [-] [-] [-] Pressure [-]
<b>REFERENCE:</b>															
Current location factor [B & B; BRENNAN]: 0.769															
Historical currency conversion factor [B & B]: 0.769															
CE Index for original date [BRENNAN; CE]: 363.0															
CE Index for 1999 [CE]: 390															
Inflation factor: 1.074															
<b>INSIDE BATTERY LIMITS</b>															
ABS-1	Column	1.8m diameter, 33m height	80.0E+3	50.9E+3	1	1.9	1	96.6E+3	92.0E+3	108.8E+3	1	2.1	1	228.5E+3	185E+3
	Packing	19.3 m <sup>3</sup> , 50mm Pall	13.1E+3	8.9E+3	1	3.5	1	29.0E+3	13.1E+3	15.5E+3	1	1.05	1	16.3E+3	25E+3
	Trays	21 x 1.8m dia., b-caps	n.a.	n.a.				n.a.	22.1E+3	26.1E+3	1	1.9	1	49.5E+3	50E+3
CP-1	Blower	Centrifugal 6 m <sup>3</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> 85kPa	n.a.	n.a.				n.a.	190.0E+3	224.6E+3	1	2.5	1	561.5E+3	see below
	Blower WITH turbine	539KW	13.0E+3	8.3E+3	1	1.9	1	15.7E+3	N/A	N/A				250.0E+3	914.2E+3
D-1	Drum	1.4 cubic metres	18.0E+3	11.4E+3	1	1.9	1	21.7E+3	n.a.	n.a.				n.a.	16E+3
D-2	Drum	2.2 cubic metres	30.0E+3	19.1E+3	1	1.9	1	36.2E+3	n.a.	n.a.				n.a.	14E+3
D-3	Drum	12 cubic metres	25.0E+3	15.9E+3	1	1.9	1.02	30.7E+3	8.4E+3	9.9E+3	1	2.1	1	20.8E+3	24E+3
HX-1	Column	1.8m diameter, 3m height	3.4E+3	2.2E+3	1	3.5	1	7.6E+3	3.5E+3	4.1E+3	1	1.05	1	4.3E+3	27E+3
	Packing	5.1 m <sup>3</sup> , 50mm Pall	60.0E+3	38.1E+3	1	3.5	1.05	140.2E+3	32.0E+3	37.8E+3	1	0.79	1	109.1E+3	7E+3
HX-2	s-at	Fixed-tube, 148 m <sup>2</sup>	40.0E+3	25.4E+3	1	3.5	1	89.0E+3	29.0E+3	34.3E+3	1	3.48	1	94.2E+3	128E+3
HX-3	s-at	Fixed-tube, 131 m <sup>2</sup>	18.0E+3	11.4E+3	1	3.5	1	40.1E+3	23.0E+3	27.2E+3	1	0.79	1	74.7E+3	90E+3
HX-4	s-at	Fixed-tube, 87.2 m <sup>2</sup>	28.0E+3	17.8E+3	1	3.5	1.05	64.4E+3	36.0E+3	42.6E+3	1	0.85	1	132.1E+3	70E+3
HX-5	s-at	U-tube, 160 m <sup>2</sup>	22.0E+3	14.0E+3	1	3.5	1	49.0E+3	19.0E+3	22.5E+3	1	3.48	1	78.1E+3	110E+3
HX-6	s-at	Floating, 75 m <sup>2</sup>	41.0E+3	26.1E+3	1	3.5	1	91.2E+3	40.0E+3	47.3E+3	1	3.48	1	164.4E+3	51E+3
HX-7	s-at	Floating, 210 m <sup>2</sup>	18.0E+3	11.4E+3	1	3.5	1	40.1E+3	19.0E+3	22.5E+3	1	3.48	1	78.1E+3	140E+3
HX-8	s-at	Floating, 100 m <sup>2</sup>	see RXN-3	see RXN-3				see RXN-3	see RXN-3	see RXN-3			see RXN-3	78E+3	
HX-9	fixed boiler	See RXN-3 (1478KW)	7.0E+3	4.5E+3	1	3.5	1.05	16.4E+3	5.9E+3	7.0E+3	1	0.79	1	20.1E+3	see below
HX-10	s-at	Fixed-tube, 13 m <sup>2</sup>	n.a.	n.a.				n.a.	62.70E+3	74.12E+3	1	2.05	1	1.5E+3	26.7E+3
HX-11	coil	273 m	2.0E+3	1.3E+3	1	1.8	1	2.3E+3	1.0E+3	1.2E+3	1	2.0	1	2.4E+3	2E+3
P-1A	Pump-set	0.32KW 7.9 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 9.7m	2.0E+3	1.3E+3	1	1.8	1	2.3E+3	1.0E+3	1.2E+3	1	2.0	1	2.4E+3	2.3E+3
P-1B	Pump-set	0.32KW 7.9 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 9.7m	3.0E+3	1.9E+3	1	1.8	1	3.4E+3	2.0E+3	2.4E+3	1	2.0	1	4.7E+3	2E+3
P-2A	Pump-set	2.55KW 96 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 7.1m	3.0E+3	1.9E+3	1	1.8	1	3.4E+3	2.0E+3	2.4E+3	1	2.0	1	4.7E+3	2E+3
P-2B	Pump-set	2.55KW 96 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 7.1m	2.0E+3	1.3E+3	1	1.8	1	2.3E+3	1.0E+3	1.2E+3	1	2.0	1	2.4E+3	4E+3
P-3A	Pump-set	0.22KW 3.9 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 10.2m	2.0E+3	1.3E+3	1	1.8	1	2.3E+3	1.0E+3	1.2E+3	1	2.0	1	2.4E+3	2E+3
P-3B	Pump-set	0.22KW 3.9 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 10.2m	2.5E+3	1.6E+3	1	1.8	1	2.9E+3	1.8E+3	2.1E+3	1	2.0	1	4.3E+3	2E+3
P-4A	Pump-set	2.1KW 93 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 3.6m	2.8E+3	1.7E+3	1	1.8	1	3.0E+3	2.0E+3	2.4E+3	1	2.0	1	4.7E+3	4E+3
P-4B	Pump-set	3.0KW 135 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 3.7m	2.8E+3	1.7E+3	1	1.8	1	3.0E+3	2.0E+3	2.4E+3	1	2.0	1	4.7E+3	4E+3
P-5A	Pump-set	2.76KW 6.2 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 82m	2.8E+3	1.7E+3	1	1.8	1	3.0E+3	1.9E+3	2.2E+3	1	2.0	1	4.5E+3	2E+3
P-5B	Pump-set	2.76KW 6.2 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 82m	2.8E+3	1.7E+3	1	1.8	1	3.0E+3	1.9E+3	2.2E+3	1	2.0	1	4.5E+3	2E+3
P-6	Pump-set	3.0KW 135 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 3.7m	2.1E+3	1.3E+3	1	1.8	1	2.4E+3	1.5E+3	1.8E+3	1	2.0	1	3.5E+3	4E+3
P-7	Pump-set	1.0KW 47 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 3.9m	2.1E+3	1.3E+3	1	1.8	1	2.4E+3	1.5E+3	1.8E+3	1	2.0	1	3.5E+3	4E+3
P-8	Pump-set	1.3KW 26 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 3m	2.1E+3	1.3E+3	1	1.8	1	2.4E+3	1.5E+3	1.8E+3	1	2.0	1	3.5E+3	4E+3
P-9A	Pump-set	0.32KW 5.9 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 10.2m	2.0E+3	1.3E+3	1	1.8	1	2.3E+3	1.0E+3	1.2E+3	1	2.0	1	2.4E+3	2E+3
P-9B	Pump-set	0.32KW 5.9 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 10.2m	2.0E+3	1.3E+3	1	1.8	1	2.3E+3	1.0E+3	1.2E+3	1	2.0	1	2.4E+3	2E+3
P-10	Pump-set	0.05KW 1.2 m <sup>3</sup> .h <sup>-1</sup> 9.7m	1.5E+3	953.6E+0	1	1.8	1	1.7E+3	800.0E+0	945.8E+0	1	2.0	1	1.9E+3	2E+3
RXN-1	Cat. Bed	Take as 20% of HX-4	80E+3					14.9E+3	14.9E+3					16.9E+3	2E+3
RXN-2	Cat. Bed	Take as 20% of HX-3	17.8E+3					18.8E+3	18.8E+3					19.9E+3	2E+3
RXN-3	Burner	12.3 x 10 <sup>6</sup> bit/h	N/A						200.0E+3	236.4E+3	1	1.34	1	316.8E+3	14E+3
	Stack	15m	n.a.					12.5E+3	14.8E+3		2.3	1	34.0E+3	34E+3	
TRB-1	Steam turq	639KW centrifugal 3600rpm	n.a.					85.0E+3	100.5E+3		1.04	2.9	303.1E+3	665E+3	
	Corresponding motor		N/A					42.0E+3	49.7E+3		1.04	2.9	149.8E+3	34E+3	
	.. Blower + Turbine:							714.9E+3						914.2E+3	848E+3

V-1 Exp. Valve under 1 inch		n.a.		n.a.		1.0E+3		1.3E+3		1		2.9		1		3.7E+3		4E+3 IF h.p. butterfly (negl.)					
TOTAL INSIDE BATTERY LIMITS:																							
ITEM	DESCIP-TION	DIMENSION & TYPE		Original cost [AUD_1789.1]	Updated cost [USD_1999]	Type	Materials	Pressure	Final cost [USD_1999]	Original cost [USD_1997]	Updated cost [USD_1999]	Type	Materials	Pressure	Final cost [USD_1999]	Original cost [USD_1999]	Updated cost [USD_1999]	Type	Materials	Pressure	Final cost [USD_1999]	Comments	
<b>STORAGE TANKS</b>																							
ST-1	tank	closed	190 m <sup>3</sup>	80.0E+3	50.9E+3	1	1.9	1	96.6E+3	38.0E+3	44.9E+3	1	2.0	1	89.8E+3	Out of range						92E+3	B&B "pressure vessels"
ST-2	tank	closed	183 m <sup>3</sup>	80.0E+3	50.9E+3	1	1.9	1	96.6E+3	37.0E+3	43.7E+3	1	2.0	1	87.5E+3	Out of range						91E+3	Garrett: cone roof
ST-3	tank	closed	330 m <sup>3</sup>	130.0E+3	82.8E+3	1	1.9	1	157.0E+3	51.0E+3	60.3E+3	1	2.0	1	120.6E+3	Out of range						133E+3	(cf. ellipsoid)
ST-4A	tank	closed	507 m <sup>3</sup>	170.0E+3	108.1E+3	1	1.9	1	205.3E+3	62.0E+3	73.3E+3	1	2.0	1	146.6E+3	Out of range						168E+3	
ST-4B	tank	closed	507 m <sup>3</sup>	170.0E+3	108.1E+3	1	1.9	1	205.3E+3	62.0E+3	73.3E+3	1	2.0	1	146.6E+3	Out of range						168E+3	
ST-5A	tank	closed	1120 m <sup>3</sup>	300.0E+3	190.7E+3	1	1.9	1	362.4E+3	90.0E+3	106.4E+3	1	2.0	1	212.8E+3	Out of range						263E+3	B&B extrapolated
ST-5B	tank	closed	1120 m <sup>3</sup>	300.0E+3	190.7E+3	1	1.9	1	362.4E+3	90.0E+3	106.4E+3	1	2.0	1	212.8E+3	Out of range						263E+3	B&B extrapolated
<b>TOTAL STORAGEES:</b>																							
<b>BUILDINGS</b>																							
	Canteen		60 m <sup>2</sup> : ft <sup>2</sup>	646 n.a.						40.8E+3	48.2E+3		1	1	48.2E+3	n.a.						48E+3	All assumed to be
	Control Room		30 m <sup>2</sup> : ft <sup>2</sup>	323 n.a.						23.4E+3	27.7E+3		1	1	27.7E+3	n.a.						28E+3	equivalent (in cost) to:
	Fire Shed		4 m <sup>2</sup> : ft <sup>2</sup>	43 n.a.						4.7E+3	5.5E+3		0.5	1	2.8E+3	n.a.						3E+3	Office type with
	Gate House		12 m <sup>2</sup> : ft <sup>2</sup>	129 n.a.						11.3E+3	13.3E+3		0.5	1	6.7E+3	n.a.						7E+3	air conditioning.
	Laboratory		16 m <sup>2</sup> : ft <sup>2</sup>	172 n.a.						14.2E+3	16.7E+3		1.5	1	25.1E+3	n.a.						25E+3	not a standard size.
	Maintenance & Store		30 m <sup>2</sup> : ft <sup>2</sup>	323 n.a.						23.4E+3	27.7E+3		1	1	27.7E+3	n.a.						28E+3	equivalent walls,
	Medical Centre		9 m <sup>2</sup> : ft <sup>2</sup>	97 n.a.						8.9E+3	10.6E+3		1.5	1	15.9E+3	n.a.						16E+3	insulation, modest
	Offices & Admin.		112 m <sup>2</sup> : ft <sup>2</sup>	1206 n.a.						67.2E+3	79.4E+3		1	1	79.4E+3	n.a.						79E+3	architectural features."
	Religious Centre		49 m <sup>2</sup> : ft <sup>2</sup>	527 n.a.						34.7E+3	41.0E+3		1	1	41.0E+3	n.a.						41E+3	EXCEPT where type
	Toilets & Showers		21 m <sup>2</sup> : ft <sup>2</sup>	226 n.a.						17.6E+3	20.8E+3		1.5	1	31.2E+3	n.a.						31E+3	factors are used
<b>TOTAL BUILDINGS:</b>																							

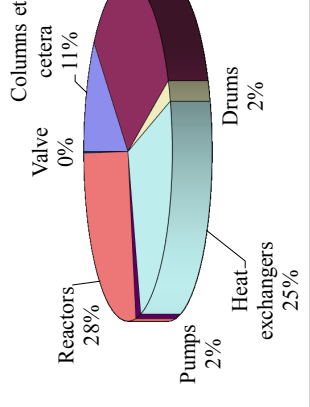


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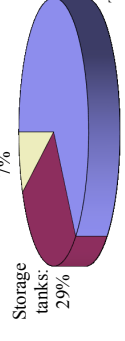
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Blower & Turbine	847.8E+3
Drums	54.4E+3
Heat exchangers	662.5E+3
Pumps	48.5E+3
Reactors	732.6E+3
Valve	3.7E+3
<b>Total IBL:</b>	<b>2.6E+6</b>
<b>Storage tanks:</b>	<b>1.2E+6</b>
<b>Buildings:</b>	<b>305.6E+3</b>
SUM:	4.1E+6

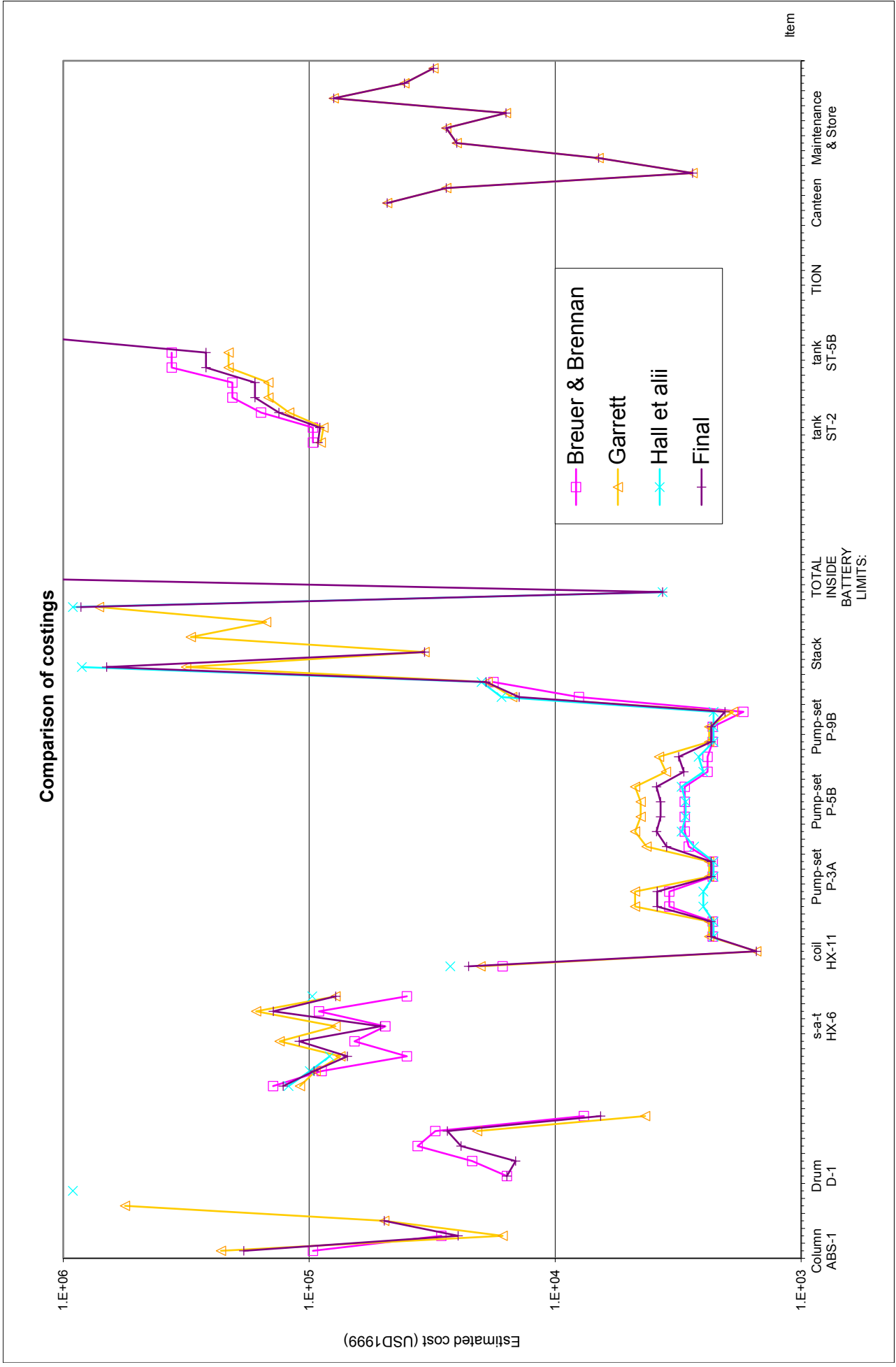
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 Storage tanks: 0.44  
 Buildings: 0.12

**Proportion of IBL Purchased Cost of Equipment**



**Proportion of "PCE"**









## OPERATING & PRODUCTION COSTS: 100% capacity utilisation

**PRODUCT** Formaldehyde  
**PROCESS ROUTE** Production from methanol via a silver catalyst-type process, with off-gas recycle

GENERAL DATA		
	VALUE	UNITS COMMENTS
PLANT CAPACITY	80000	t.y <sup>-1</sup>
CAPACITY UTILISATION	1.00	(t.y <sup>-1</sup> )/(t.y <sup>-1</sup> )
FIXED CAPITAL: Inside Battery Limits	2.64 × 10 <sup>6</sup> \$	All "\$" symbols denote USD <sub>1999</sub> . 1AUD <sub>1999</sub> = 0.66USD <sub>1999</sub> .
FIXED CAPITAL: Outside Battery Limits	6.50 × 10 <sup>6</sup> \$	
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL	13.37 × 10 <sup>6</sup> \$	
PRODUCT SELLING PRICE	300	\$.t <sub>product</sub> <sup>-1</sup> "Expected" price, Freight On Board. 54%(kg.kg <sup>-1</sup> ) basis.
EXPECTED ECONOMIC PLANT LIFE	10	y Minimum value (conservative).

ANNUAL COST COST PER TONNE OF PRODUCT (54% basis)

[×10<sup>6</sup> \$.y<sup>-1</sup>] [\$.t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>]

PRODUCTION COST		UNITS	UNIT COST	UNIT USAGE	COMMENTS
			[\$.unit <sup>-1</sup> ]	[unit.t <sub>product</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ]	
<b>RAW MATERIALS</b>					
Methanol	t	100	0.6648	5.32	66.48
TOTAL RAW MATERIALS COSTS				5.32	66.48
<b>UTILITIES</b>					
Steam	t	7.92	-0.252	-0.16	-2.00
Nitrogen	Nm <sup>3</sup>	0.198	0.000	0.00	0.00
Demineralsed water	t	1.65	1.912	0.25	3.15
Recirculated cooling wate	m <sup>3</sup> ≈ t	0.0396	31.57	0.10	1.25
Towns water	t	0.396	6.314	0.20	2.50
Electric power	MWh	29.7	0.0271	0.06	0.81
Natural gas	GJ	2.64	0.000	0.00	0.00
TOTAL UTILITIES COSTS				0.46	5.71
<b>PROCESS LABOUR</b>					
Operators per shift		2			
(Hours required per day)		(24)			
(Days required per week)		(7)			
(Hours per shift)		(8)			
Shift teams		4			
TOTAL shift operators		8	33000	0.26	3.30
TOTAL day operators		0	26400	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PROCESS LABOUR WAGES				0.26	3.30

**COMMENTS**  
From a neighbouring plant in Bontang, by pipeline.  
The unit cost is adjusted so that the minimum viable selling price equals the expected selling price.  
There are two inlets streams!

**COMMENTS**

Surplus steam is exported for profit.  
Not required during normal operation.  
20% of BFW (Streams 100, 105 and 112) + Streams 2, 33 and 41.  
Streams 122, 124, 126 and 128.  
Taken as 20% of the RCW flow.  
From actual pump motor requirements (only): 19.95 kW.  
Only required on start-up.  
This is only 9% of the Raw Materials cost.

**COMMENTS**

(Ignoring time required during shift change-over)

It is assumed that all operators are on a rotating shift, such that none are classed as "day" operators

**FRACTION OF TOTAL PROCESS LABOUR WAGES**

PAYROLL OVERHEADS 0.08 0.99 Plant is not in a highly "developed" country 0.30 ≤ 0.30 ≤ 0.50

**FRACTION OF TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL**

MAINTENANCE LABOUR 0.67 8.36 See, e.g., Brennan, p. 126, and cf. p. 118.  
Assuming "equal division between materials and labour." See also below  
This is 19% of the Raw Materials cost.

NETT "OPERATING" LABOUR COSTS 1.01 12.65

**FRACTION OF TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL**      **FRACTION OF NETT "OPERATING" LABOUR COSTS**

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS 0.67 8.36

OPERATING SUPPLIES ≈ CONSUMABLE STORES 0.125 0.41  
cf. 0.10028 1.25344 Alternative to the above 0.005 ≤ 0.008 ≤ 0.01

PLANT OVERHEADS 0.4 1.32 Plant is part of a larger petrochemical complex 0.3 ≤ 0.4 ≤ 1.0

INSURANCE 0.015 2.51 Moderate risk 0.001 ≤ 0.015 ≤ 0.03

PROPERTY TAXES 0.01 1.67 Relatively undeveloped industrial area; incentive 0.01 ≤ 0.01 ≤ 0.04

"BOOK" DEPRECIATION (not a cash cost) 0.10 16.71 Calculated based on a 10 y plant life 0.05 ≤ 0.10 ≤ 0.2

TOTAL FIXED COSTS 3.49 43.63

TOTAL PRODUCTION COST 3.49 43.63  
FIXED  
VARIABLE 5.78 72.19  
TOTAL 9.27 115.82

Raw materials & Utilities  
Check: Methanol makes up 57% of the total "production cost." ✓

**NON-MANUFACTURING COSTS**

Corporate administration 0.025 2.90 Relatively simple division; mostly central admin. 0.02 ≤ 0.03 ≤ 0.06  
cf. Fraction of total fixed capital 0.01375 Alternative to the above 0.01 ≤ 0.014 ≤ 0.04

Research & Development 0.005 0.58 An established technology, largely bought into 0.00 ≤ 0.01 ≤ 0.05  
cf. Fraction of sales revenue 0.006 24 × 10<sup>6</sup> \$(gr).y<sup>-1</sup> 0.00 ≤ 0.006 ≤ 0.06

Selling expenses 0.05 5.79 Relatively one major customer (contract) 0.05 ≤ 0.05 ≤ 0.025  
cf. Fraction of sales revenue 6.00 Alternative to the above 0.02 ≤ 0.020 ≤ 0.2

TOTAL NON-MANUFACTURING COSTS 0.020 6.00 9.27

TOTAL OPERATING COST 10.01 125.08

MINIMUM PROFIT Fraction of total fixed capital = 0.20 2.67 33.43 \$t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup> This is a (pseudo)-commodity ==> Profit margin not so high

**MINIMUM VIABLE SELLING PRICE**

12.68 158.51 \$t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup> NOTE: The expected selling price is 300 \$t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

Recall:

TOTAL RAW MATERIALS COSTS 5.32 66.48 \$t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup> Which is only methanol.

Hence:

"CONVERSION COST" 4.69 58.61 \$t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

Check: Methanol makes up 53% of the total "operating cost." ✓

## OPERATING & PRODUCTION COSTS TO "BREAK EVEN": 100% capacity utilisation

**PRODUCT** Formaldehyde  
**PROCESS ROUTE** Production from methanol via a silver catalyst-type process, with off-gas recycle

GENERAL DATA	VALUE	UNITS	COMMENTS
PLANT CAPACITY	80000	t.y <sup>-1</sup>	
CAPACITY UTILISATION	1.00	(t.y <sup>-1</sup> )/(t.y <sup>-1</sup> )	
FIXED CAPITAL: Inside Battery Limits	2.64 × 10 <sup>6</sup> \$		All "\$" symbols denote USD <sub>1999</sub> . 1AUD <sub>1999</sub> = 0.66USD <sub>1999</sub> .
FIXED CAPITAL: Outside Battery Limits	6.50 × 10 <sup>6</sup> \$		
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL	13.37 × 10 <sup>6</sup> \$		
PRODUCT SELLING PRICE	300	\$.t <sub>product</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	"Expected" price, Freight On Board. 54%(kg.kg <sup>-1</sup> ) basis.
EXPECTED ECONOMIC PLANT LIFE	10	y	Minimum value (conservative).

### ANNUAL COST COST PER TONNE OF PRODUCT (54% basis)

[×10<sup>6</sup> \$.y<sup>-1</sup>] [\$.t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>]

PRODUCTION COST	UNITS	UNIT COST	UNIT USAGE	COMMENTS
		[\$.unit <sup>-1</sup> ]	[unit.t <sub>product</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ]	
RAW MATERIALS	t	297.09	0.6648	
Methanol		15.80	197.49	From a neighbouring plant in Bontang, by pipeline. The unit cost is adjusted so that the minimum viable selling price equals the expected selling price. There are two inlets streams!
TOTAL RAW MATERIALS COSTS		15.80	197.49	COMMENTS

UTILITIES	UNITS	UNIT COST	UNIT USAGE	COMMENTS
		[\$.unit <sup>-1</sup> ]	[unit.t <sub>product</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ]	
Steam	t	7.92	-0.252	Surplus steam is exported for profit.
Nitrogen	Nm <sup>3</sup>	0.198	0.000	Not required during normal operation.
Demineralsised water	t	1.65	1.912	20% of BFW (Streams 100, 105 and 112) + Streams 2, 33 and 41.
Recirculated cooling water	m <sup>3</sup> ≈ t	0.0396	31.57	Streams 122, 124, 126 and 128.
Towns water	t	0.396	6.314	Taken as 20% of the RCW flow.
Electric power	MWh	29.7	0.0271	From actual pump motor requirements (only): 19.95 kW.
Natural gas	GJ	2.64	0.000	Only required on start-up.
TOTAL UTILITIES COSTS		0.46	5.71	This is only 3% of the Raw Materials cost.

PROCESS LABOUR	NUMBER	COST PER "UNIT"	COMMENTS
		[\$.y <sup>-1</sup> ]	
Operators per shift	2		
(Hours required per day)	(24)		
(Days required per week)	(7)		
(Hours per shift)	(8)		(Ignoring time required during shift change-over)
Shift teams	4		
TOTAL shift operators	8	0.26	
TOTAL day operators	0	0.00	It is assumed that all operators are on a rotating shift, such that none are classed as "day" operators
TOTAL PROCESS LABOUR WAGES		0.26	

**FRACTION OF TOTAL PROCESS LABOUR WAGES**

PAYROLL OVERHEADS 0.08 0.99 Plant is not in a highly "developed" country 0.30 ≤ 0.30 ≤ 0.50

**FRACTION OF TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL**

MAINTENANCE LABOUR 0.67 8.36 See, e.g., Brennan, p. 126, and cf. p. 118.

**NETT "OPERATING" LABOUR COSTS**

1.01 12.65 Assuming "equal division between materials and labour." See also below  
This is 6% of the Raw Materials cost.

**FRACTION OF TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL**      **FRACTION OF NETT "OPERATING" LABOUR COSTS**

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS 0.67 8.36 See Brennan, p. 118: here the two fractions sum to 0.02 ≤ 0.10 ≤ 0.12  
The fraction is increased due to high capacity utilisation: 100%

OPERATING SUPPLIES ≈ CONSUMABLE STORES 0.125 0.41 and due to the corrosive process fluid (though 316SS is used) which precipitates.  
cf. 0.10028 1.25344 Moderately "dirty" and "complicated" process 0.05 ≤ 0.13 ≤ 0.20

PLANT OVERHEADS 0.11 1.32 Alternative to the above 0.005 ≤ 0.008 ≤ 0.01

INSURANCE 0.20 2.51 Plant is part of a larger petrochemical complex 0.3 ≤ 0.4 ≤ 1.0

PROPERTY TAXES 0.13 1.67 Moderate risk 0.001 ≤ 0.015 ≤ 0.03

"BOOK" DEPRECIATION (not a cash cost) 1.34 16.71 Relatively undeveloped industrial area; incentive 0.01 ≤ 0.01 ≤ 0.04  
Calculated based on a 10 y plant life 0.05 ≤ 0.10 ≤ 0.2

TOTAL FIXED COSTS 3.49 43.63

**NON-MANUFACTURING COSTS**

Corporate administration 0.49 6.17 Relatively simple division; mostly central admin. 0.02 ≤ 0.03 ≤ 0.06  
cf. 2.30 Alternative to the above 0.01 ≤ 0.014 ≤ 0.04

Research & Development 0.10 1.23 An established technology, largely bought into 0.00 ≤ 0.01 ≤ 0.05  
cf. 1.80 Expected sales revenue =  $24 \times 10^6 \text{ \$/gr.y}$  0.00 ≤ 0.006 ≤ 0.06

Selling expenses 0.99 12.34 Relatively one major customer (contract) 0.05 ≤ 0.05 ≤ 0.025  
cf. 6.00 Alternative to the above 0.02 ≤ 0.020 ≤ 0.2

TOTAL NON-MANUFACTURING COSTS 1.58 19.75

TOTAL OPERATING COST 21.33 265.58 Check: Methanol makes up 74% of the total "operating cost." ✓

MINIMUM PROFIT Fraction of total fixed capital = 0.20 2.67 33.43  $\text{\$/t}_{\text{product}}^{-1}$  This is a (pseudo)-commodity ==> Profit margin not so high

MINIMUM VIABLE SELLING PRICE 24.00  $\text{\$/t}_{\text{product}}^{-1}$  300  $\text{\$/t}_{\text{product}}^{-1}$  NOTE: The expected selling price is 300  $\text{\$/t}_{\text{product}}^{-1}$

Recall:

TOTAL RAW MATERIALS COSTS 15.80 197.49  $\text{\$/t}_{\text{product}}^{-1}$  Which is only methanol.

Hence:

"CONVERSION COST" 5.53 69.09  $\text{\$/t}_{\text{product}}^{-1}$



**FRACTION OF TOTAL PROCESS LABOUR WAGES**

PAYROLL OVERHEADS 0.08 1.65 0.30 ≤ 0.30 ≤ 0.50

**FRACTION OF TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL**

MAINTENANCE LABOUR 0.67 13.93  
 NETT "OPERATING" LABOUR COSTS 1.01 21.08

Plant is not in a highly "developed" country  
 See, e.g., Brennan, p. 126, and cf. p. 118.  
 Assuming "equal division between materials and labour." See also below  
 This is 32% of the Raw Materials cost.

**FRACTION OF TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL FRACTION OF NETT "OPERATING" LABOUR COSTS**

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS 0.67 13.93  
 OPERATING SUPPLIES ≈ CONSUMABLE STORES 0.125 0.69  
 cf. 0.10028 2.08906  
 PLANT OVERHEADS 0.11 2.2  
 INSURANCE 0.015 4.18  
 PROPERTY TAXES 0.01 2.79  
 "BOOK" DEPRECIATION (not a cash cost) 0.10 27.85  
 TOTAL FIXED COSTS 3.49 72.71

See Brennan, p. 118: here the two fractions sum to 0.02 ≤ 0.10 ≤ 0.12  
 The fraction is increased due to high capacity utilisation: 60%  
 and due to the corrosive process fluid (though 316SS is used) which precipitates.  
 Moderately "dirty" and "complicated" process 0.05 ≤ 0.13 ≤ 0.20  
 Alternative to the above 0.005 ≤ 0.008 ≤ 0.01  
 Plant is part of a larger petrochemical complex 0.3 ≤ 0.4 ≤ 1.0  
 Moderate risk 0.001 ≤ 0.015 ≤ 0.03  
 Relatively undeveloped industrial area; incentive 0.01 ≤ 0.01 ≤ 0.04  
 Calculated based on a 10 y plant life 0.05 ≤ 0.10 ≤ 0.2

TOTAL PRODUCTION COST 3.49 72.71  
 VARIABLE 3.47 72.19  
 TOTAL 6.96 144.90

Raw materials & Utilities  
 Check: Here methanol makes up 46% of the total "production cost." \*

**NON-MANUFACTURING COSTS**

**FRACTION OF TOTAL PRODUCTION COST (above)**

Corporate administration 0.025 3.62  
 cf. Fraction of total fixed capital 0.01375 3.83  
 Research & Development 0.005 0.72  
 cf. Fraction of sales revenue 0.006 1.80  
 Selling expenses 0.05 7.24  
 cf. Fraction of sales revenue 0.020 6.00  
 TOTAL NON-MANUFACTURING COSTS 0.56 11.59

Relatively simple division; mostly central admin. 0.02 ≤ 0.03 ≤ 0.06  
 Alternative to the above 0.01 ≤ 0.014 ≤ 0.04  
 An established technology, largely bought into 0.00 ≤ 0.01 ≤ 0.05  
 Expected sales revenue = 14.4 × 10<sup>6</sup> \$(gr).y 0.00 ≤ 0.006 ≤ 0.06  
 Relatively one major customer (contract) 0.05 ≤ 0.05 ≤ 0.025  
 Alternative to the above 0.02 ≤ 0.020 ≤ 0.2

**TOTAL OPERATING COST**

7.51 158.49

Check: Here methanol makes up 42% of the total "operating cost." \*

MINIMUM PROFIT Fraction of total fixed capital = 0.20 2.67 55.71 \$t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

This is a (pseudo)-commodity ==> Profit margin not so high

**MINIMUM VIABLE SELLING PRICE**

10.19 212.20 \$t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

NOTE: The expected selling price is 300 \$t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

Recall:

TOTAL RAW MATERIALS COSTS

3.19 66.48 \$t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

Which is only methanol.

Hence:

"CONVERSION COST"

4.32 90.02 \$t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

## OPERATING & PRODUCTION COSTS TO "BREAK EVEN": 60% capacity utilisation

**PRODUCT** Formaldehyde  
**PROCESS ROUTE** Production from methanol via a silver catalyst-type process, with off-gas recycle

GENERAL DATA	VALUE	UNITS	COMMENTS
PLANT CAPACITY	80000	t.y <sup>-1</sup>	
CAPACITY UTILISATION	0.60	(t.y <sup>-1</sup> )/(t.y <sup>-1</sup> )	The possibility of turndown to 60% is a required attribute.
FIXED CAPITAL: Inside Battery Limits	2.64 × 10 <sup>6</sup> \$		All "\$" symbols denote USD <sub>1999</sub> . 1AUD <sub>1999</sub> = 0.66USD <sub>1999</sub> .
FIXED CAPITAL: Outside Battery Limits	6.50 × 10 <sup>6</sup> \$		
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL	13.37 × 10 <sup>6</sup> \$		
PRODUCT SELLING PRICE	300	\$.t <sub>product</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	"Expected" price, Freight On Board. 54%(kg.kg <sup>-1</sup> ) basis.
EXPECTED ECONOMIC PLANT LIFE	10	y	Minimum value (conservative).

### ANNUAL COST COST PER TONNE OF PRODUCT (54% basis)

[×10<sup>6</sup> \$.y<sup>-1</sup>] [\$.t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>]

PRODUCTION COST	UNITS	UNIT COST	UNIT USAGE	COMMENTS
		[\$.unit <sup>-1</sup> ]	[unit.t <sub>product</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ]	
RAW MATERIALS	t	222.30	0.6648	
Methanol		7.09	147.77	From a neighbouring plant in Bontang, by pipeline. The unit cost is adjusted so that the minimum viable selling price equals the expected selling price. There are two inlets streams!
TOTAL RAW MATERIALS COSTS		7.09	147.77	COMMENTS

UTILITIES	UNITS	UNIT COST	UNIT USAGE	COMMENTS
		[\$.unit <sup>-1</sup> ]	[unit.t <sub>product</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ]	
Steam	t	7.92	-0.252	Surplus steam is exported for profit.
Nitrogen	Nm <sup>3</sup>	0.198	0.000	Not required during normal operation.
Demineralsised water	t	1.65	1.912	20% of BFW (Streams 100, 105 and 112) + Streams 2, 33 and 41.
Recirculated cooling water	m <sup>3</sup> ≈ t	0.0396	31.57	Streams 122, 124, 126 and 128.
Towns water	t	0.396	6.314	Taken as 20% of the RCW flow.
Electric power	MWh	29.7	0.0271	From actual pump motor requirements (only): 19.95 kW.
Natural gas	GJ	2.64	0.000	Only required on start-up.
TOTAL UTILITIES COSTS		0.27	5.71	This is only 4% of the Raw Materials cost.

PROCESS LABOUR	NUMBER	COST PER "UNIT"	COMMENTS
		[\$.y <sup>-1</sup> ]	
Operators per shift	2		
(Hours required per day)	(24)		
(Days required per week)	(7)		
(Hours per shift)	(8)		(Ignoring time required during shift change-over)
Shift teams	4		
TOTAL shift operators	8	0.26	
TOTAL day operators	0	0.00	It is assumed that all operators are on a rotating shift, such that none are classed as "day" operators
TOTAL PROCESS LABOUR WAGES		0.26	

**FRACTION OF TOTAL PROCESS LABOUR WAGES**

PAYROLL OVERHEADS 0.08 1.65 0.30 ≤ 0.30 ≤ 0.50

**FRACTION OF TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL**

MAINTENANCE LABOUR 0.67 13.93

**NETT "OPERATING" LABOUR COSTS**

1.01 21.08

Plant is not in a highly "developed" country  
 See, e.g., Brennan, p. 126, and cf. p. 118.  
 Assuming "equal division between materials and labour." See also below  
 This is 14% of the Raw Materials cost.

**FRACTION OF TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL**      **FRACTION OF NETT "OPERATING" LABOUR COSTS**

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS 0.67 13.93

OPERATING SUPPLIES ≈ CONSUMABLE STORES 0.125 0.69

cf. 0.0075 0.10028 2.08906

PLANT OVERHEADS 0.4 2.2

INSURANCE 0.015 4.18

PROPERTY TAXES 0.01 2.79

"BOOK" DEPRECIATION (not a cash cost) 0.10 27.85

TOTAL FIXED COSTS 3.49 72.71

TOTAL PRODUCTION COST 3.49 72.71

VARIABLE 7.37 153.49

TOTAL 10.86 226.20

Raw materials & Utilities  
 Check: Here methanol makes up 65% of the total "production cost." \*

**NON-MANUFACTURING COSTS**

**FRACTION OF TOTAL PRODUCTION COST (above)**

Corporate administration 0.025 5.65

cf. Fraction of total fixed capital 0.01375 3.83

Research & Development 0.005 1.13

cf. Fraction of sales revenue 0.006 1.80

Selling expenses 0.05 11.31

cf. Fraction of sales revenue 6.00

TOTAL NON-MANUFACTURING COSTS 0.020 18.10

Relatively simple division; mostly central admin. 0.02 ≤ 0.03 ≤ 0.06  
 Alternative to the above 0.01 ≤ 0.014 ≤ 0.04  
 An established technology, largely bought into 0.00 ≤ 0.01 ≤ 0.05  
 Expected sales revenue = 14.4 × 10<sup>6</sup> \$(gr)/y 0.00 ≤ 0.006 ≤ 0.06  
 Relatively one major customer (contract) 0.05 ≤ 0.05 ≤ 0.025  
 Alternative to the above 0.02 ≤ 0.020 ≤ 0.2

**TOTAL OPERATING COST**

11.73 244.29

Check: Here methanol makes up 60% of the total "operating cost." \*

MINIMUM PROFIT Fraction of total fixed capital = 0.20

2.67 55.71 \$·t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

This is a (pseudo)-commodity ==> Profit margin not so high

**MINIMUM VIABLE SELLING PRICE**

14.40 300 \$·t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

NOTE: The expected selling price 300 \$·t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

Recall:

TOTAL RAW MATERIALS COSTS

7.09 147.77 \$·t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

Which is only methanol.

Hence:

4.63 96.52 \$·t<sub>product</sub><sup>-1</sup>

"CONVERSION COST"



**WORKING CAPITAL: 80000t.y<sup>-1</sup> plant with 100% capacity utilisation**

**PRODUCT** Formaldehyde  
**PROCESS ROUTE** Production from methanol via a silver catalyst-type process, with off-gas recycle

<b>GENERAL DATA</b>		
	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
PLANT CAPACITY	80000	t.y <sup>-1</sup>
CAPACITY UTILISATION	1.00	(t.y <sup>-1</sup> )/(t.y <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>
FIXED CAPITAL: Inside Battery Limits	2.64 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	\$
FIXED CAPITAL: Outside Battery Limits	6.50 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	\$
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL	13.37 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	\$
PRODUCT SELLING PRICE	300	\$/t <sub>product</sub> <sup>1</sup>
EXPECTED ECONOMIC PLANT LIFE	10	y
<b>COMMENTS</b>		
All based on a solution of equivalent conc'n 54% by mass. Assumed to be "normal" operation. All "\$" symbols denote USD <sub>1999</sub> . 1AUD <sub>1999</sub> = 0.66USD <sub>1999</sub> .		
"Expected" price, Freight On Board. 54%/(kg.kg <sup>-1</sup> ) basis.		
Minimum value (conservative).		

**RAW MATERIAL STOCKS**

	INVENTORY [weeks]	UNIT USAGE [t <sub>product</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ]	UNIT COST [\$/t <sup>1</sup> ]	VALUE [× 10 <sup>6</sup> \$]	COMMENTS
TOTAL = Methanol	0.43	0.6563	100	0.043	From a neighbouring plant in Bontang, by pipeline, with small storage tank.

**MATERIALS IN PROGRESS INVENTORY**

	INVENTORY [weeks of production]	INVENTORY [t]	UNIT VALUE [\$/t <sup>1</sup> ]	VALUE [× 10 <sup>6</sup> \$]	COMMENTS
TOTAL	1.0	1276	104	0.133	This low value may still be conservative for such a "short" process. Take "unit value" as average between product and (mean) raw materials. Tonnes composed of average of (contributions from each raw material) and (product)

**PRODUCT STOCKS**

	INVENTORY [weeks]	PRODUCT CASH COST [\$/t <sup>1</sup> ]	VALUE [× 10 <sup>6</sup> \$]	COMMENTS
TOTAL = 54% formaldehyde solution	0.57	108.37	0.095	By pipeline to neighbouring resins plant, with moderate storage.
SUB-TOTAL (process materials)			0.272	*NOTE: valued at "cash operating cost" (no depreciation)

**DEBTORS**

	PERIOD [weeks]	PRODUCT SELLING PRICE [\$/t <sup>1</sup> ]	VALUE [× 10 <sup>6</sup> \$]	COMMENTS
TOTAL = Customers	6	300	2.769	Assume monthly payments (every ~ 4 weeks)
SUB-TOTAL (debtors)		*Using the expected price	2.769	NOTE: Other debtors exist (e.g. insurance, et cetera), but are not considered here

**CREDITORS**

	PERIOD [weeks]	COST PER TONNE OF PROD [\$/t <sub>product</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ]	VALUE [× 10 <sup>6</sup> \$]	COMMENTS
RAW MATERIALS	6	66.48	(0.614)	Monthly payments assumed (every ~ 4 weeks)
UTILITIES	6	5.71	(0.053)	Monthly payments assumed (every ~ 4 weeks)
WAGES	1.5	12.65	(0.029)	"Paid, say on average, 1.5 weeks in arrears" - Brennan, p. 90
SUB-TOTAL (creditors)			(0.696)	NOTE: Other creditors exist (e.g. "operating supplies"), but are not considered here

**TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL** = {Process materials} + {Debtors} - {Creditors}

**2.345**



## Cash flows

Note: Basis is USD<sub>1999</sub> and 54% formaldehyde solution (by mass).

All cash flows in millions of USD<sub>1999</sub>.

Calendar year Year number	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Fixed capital</b>													
Working capital		-13.37	-0.23	-0.23									2.35
		-1.88											
<b>Sales volume [t·y<sup>-1</sup>]</b>		0	60000	72000	80000	80000	80000	80000	80000	80000	80000	80000	0
Selling price [USD <sub>1999</sub> ·t <sup>-1</sup> ]													
<b>Sales revenue</b>		0	18	21.6	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	0
Variable cost [USD <sub>1999</sub> ·t <sup>-1</sup> ]*													
<b>Variable costs</b>		0	-4.33	-5.20	-5.78	-5.78	-5.78	-5.78	-5.78	-5.78	-5.78	-5.78	0
<b>Fixed costs†</b>		0	-2.89	-2.89	-2.89	-2.89	-2.89	-2.89	-2.89	-2.89	-2.89	-2.89	0
<b>CASH FLOW BEFORE TAX‡</b>		0	10.77	13.51	15.33	15.33	15.33	15.33	15.33	15.33	15.33	15.33	0
Investment allowance‡													
Tax depreciation rate													
<b>Tax depreciation allowance</b>			0										
			10%										
Taxable income		0	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	0
Tax rate													
<b>Tax payments¶</b>		0	9.44	12.17	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	0
<b>Tax payments¶</b>		0	-2.83	-3.65	-4.20	-4.20	-4.20	-4.20	-4.20	-4.20	-4.20	-4.20	0
<b>CASH FLOW AFTER TAX</b>		-15.25	7.71	9.62	11.13	11.13	11.13	11.13	11.13	11.13	11.13	11.13	2.35
<b>CUMULATIVE CASH FLOW AFTER TAX</b>													
• DISCOUNT RATE =		0	-7.54	2.08	13.22	24.35	35.48	46.61	57.75	68.88	80.01	91.14	<b>93.49</b>
• DISCOUNT RATE =		0	-7.90	0.82	10.44	19.60	28.32	36.63	44.54	52.07	59.25	66.08	<b>67.46</b>
• DISCOUNT RATE =		0	-8.24	-0.29	8.08	15.68	22.59	28.88	34.59	39.78	44.50	48.80	<b>49.62</b>
• DISCOUNT RATE =		0	-8.82	-2.14	4.30	9.67	14.14	17.87	20.98	23.57	25.73	27.52	<b>27.84</b>
• DISCOUNT RATE =		0	-10.47	-6.79	-4.15	-2.52	-1.50	-0.88	-0.49	-0.25	-0.10	-0.01	<b>0.00</b>
<b>(annual)</b>													

\* All non-manufacturing costs are assumed to be fixed.

‡ This therefore 125.08 – 72.19 = 16.71\$ USD<sub>1999</sub>·t<sup>-1</sup>.

† This is assumed to be zero. § This is book depreciation.

¶ No tax is paid on the working capital recovered, after Brennan.

‡ Similarly, this does not include the working (or fixed) capital.

We assume all tax is paid in the same year (no delay)

We assume production is 75% in the first year, 90% in the following year and 100% thereafter.

We assume all fixed capital is disbursed in "year zero", along with 80% of the working capital, with the remainder distributed equally over the following two years, with full recovery.

Tax rate estimated at 30%, slightly lower than the 36% corporate rate in Australia.

