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Custom Unit Operations in DWSIM using Python

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Chapter 1

Introduction

DWSIM is a free and open source steady state chemical process simulator. It follows the sequential modular approach. *DWSIM* has more than fifteen thermodynamic property packages built into it along with basic unit operations that can be used to build a process flow-sheet. Furthermore, a user can also develop custom unit operations in *DWSIM* using Python scripts. This feature helps to develop unit operations that are otherwise not inherently available in *DWSIM*. This enhances the workability of the user to incorporate various features in *DWSIM* according to the needs of the user. This increases the versatility of *DWSIM* to be used in commercial process industries without the need for any proprietary tool.

Chapter 2

Inbuilt Functions

2.1 Calculate

Function used to calculate the equilibrium values and phase properties for a material stream based on set parameters.

2.2 Clear

Clear all the pre-existing values present in the material stream.

2.3 CalcEquilibrium

Function used to calculate equilibrium values by performing flash based on set parameters.

2.4 GetNumCompounds

Function that returns the number of compounds present in the given material stream.

2.5 GetPhase

Function that gets the phase object specified from the given material stream.

2.6 GetProp

Function used to extract values from the material streams.

2.7 SetProp

Function used to set values to the material streams.

2.8 WriteMessage

Function that Displays a string in the message box of the DWSIM UI.

Chapter 3

Custom Modelling of a Basic Mixer

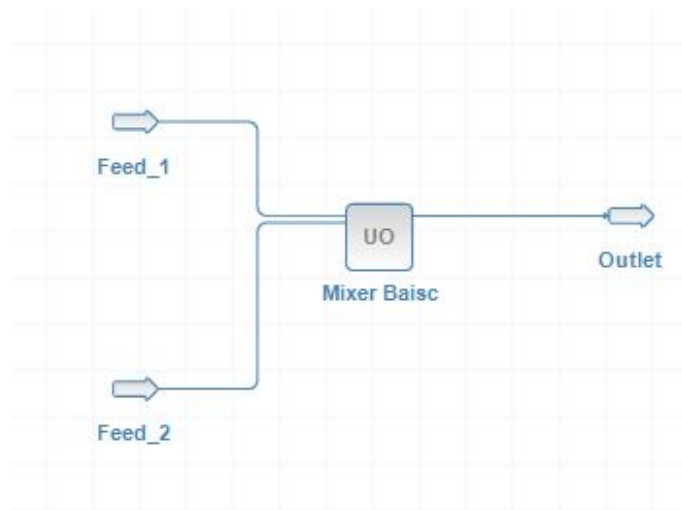
3.1 Objective

The objective is to develop a model that can mix two material streams to obtain one new material stream and calculate its properties based on the inlet streams. This particular model is created only for two inlet materials streams that contain only two components.

3.2 Assumptions

- Steady state.
- Complete mixing.
- Ideal mixing.
- No heat loss.
- No reaction between components.

3.3 Flowsheet



3.4 Equations

3.4.1 Overall Mass Balance

$$M_{outlet} = \sum_{i=1}^2 M_i \quad (3.1)$$

3.4.2 Overall Molar Balance

$$F_{outlet} = \sum_{i=1}^2 F_i \quad (3.2)$$

3.4.3 Individual Molar Balance

$$F_{outlet} * x_{outlet} = \sum_{i=1}^2 (F_i * x_i) \quad (3.3)$$

3.4.4 Overall Energy Balance

$$H_{outlet} * M_{outlet} = \sum_{i=1}^2 (H_i * M_i) \quad (3.4)$$

3.4.5 Average Pressure

$$P_{outlet} = \sum_{i=1}^2 P_i/2 \quad (3.5)$$

3.5 Algorithm

- Extract required properties from the inlet streams.
- Calculate output mass flow using input stream mass flows using equation 3.1
- Calculate output composition from input stream molar flow using equations 3.2 and 3.3
- Calculate output enthalpy from input stream enthalpy using equation 3.4
- Calculate output pressure as average of inlet pressure using equation 3.5
- Perform PH flash on output stream to calculate other properties

3.6 Python Script

Listing 3.1: Basic Mixer

```
1 #=====
2 #Mixer using custom unit operation
3 #Charan R
4 #SASTRA University
5
6 from DWSIM.Thermodynamics import *
7
8 #=====
9 #Extracting input from stream 1
10 feed1 = ims1
11 P_1 = feed1.GetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "")
12 massflow_1 = feed1.GetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass")
13 molfrac_1 = feed1.GetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
14 molflow_1 = feed1.GetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
15 enthalpy_1 = feed1.GetProp("enthalpy", "Overall", None, "Mixture", "mass")
16
17
18 #=====
19 #Extracting input from stream 2
20 feed2 = ims2
21 P_2 = feed2.GetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "")
22 massflow_2 = feed2.GetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass")
23 molfrac_2 = feed2.GetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
24 molflow_2 = feed2.GetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
25 enthalpy_2 = feed2.GetProp("enthalpy", "Overall", None, "Mixture", "mass")
26
27
28 #=====
29 #Initiating variables
30 massflow_3 = [0]
31 molflow_3 = [0]
32 enthalpy_3 = [0]
33 P_3 = [0]
34
35 #=====
36 #Calculation
37
38 #Calculating outlet mass flow
39 massflow_3[0] = massflow_1[0] + massflow_2[0]
40
41 #Calculating total outlet molar flow
42 molflow_3[0] = molflow_1[0] + molflow_2[0]
43
44 #Calculating the specific enthalpy of outlet stream
45 totalenthalpy = (massflow_1[0] * enthalpy_1[0]) + (massflow_2[0] * enthalpy_2[0])
```

```

46 enthalpy_3[0] = totalenthalpy/massflow_3[0]
47
48 #Calculating total molar flow of each component in outlet stream
49 totalmolflow_comp1= (molfrac_1[0] * molflow_1[0]) + (molfrac_2[0] * molflow_2[0])
50 totalmolflow_comp2= (molfrac_1[1] * molflow_1[0]) + (molfrac_2[1] * molflow_2[0])
51
52 #Calculating mol fraction of each component in the outlet stream
53 molfrac_comp1 = totalmolflow_comp1 / molflow_3[0]
54 molfrac_comp2 = totalmolflow_comp2 / molflow_3[0]
55 molfrac_3 = [molfrac_comp1,molfrac_comp2]
56
57 #Calculating outlet pressure by taking the average of the inlet streams
58 P_3[0] = (P_1[0] + P_2[0]) * 0.5
59
60 #=====
61 #Setting output stream values
62 out = oms1
63 out.Clear()
64 out.SetProp("enthalpy", "Overall", None, "", "mass",enthalpy_3)
65 out.SetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "", P_3)
66 out.SetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole", molfrac_3)
67 out.SetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass", massflow_3)
68 out.PropertyPackage.DW_CalcEquilibrium(PropertyPackages.FlashSpec.P,
        PropertyPackages.FlashSpec.H)
69
70
71 #End of script
72 #=====

```

3.7 Input Stream Specifications

Input Specifications			
Object	Feed_2	Feed_1	
Temperature	330	300	K
Pressure	202650	101325	Pa
Molar Flow	100	100	mol/s
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Water	0.3	0.4	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Acetic acid	0.7	0.6	

3.8 Results

Results			
Object	Outlet(Custom UO)	DWSIM	
Temperature	314.978	314.978	K
Pressure	151988	151988	Pa
Mass Flow	9.06794	9.06794	kg/s
Molar Flow	200	200	mol/s
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Acetic acid	0.65	0.65	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Water	0.35	0.35	

3.9 Additional Notes

A Tutorial based on this model was created to help beginners get a basic understanding of the functionality and syntax of the Python script that was used.

3.10 Nomenclature

- x Mol Fraction of a component in a stream
- F Molar Flow rate
- H Mass Specific Enthalpy
- M Mass Flow rate
- P Pressure of the streams

Chapter 4

Custom Modelling of a Generic Mixer

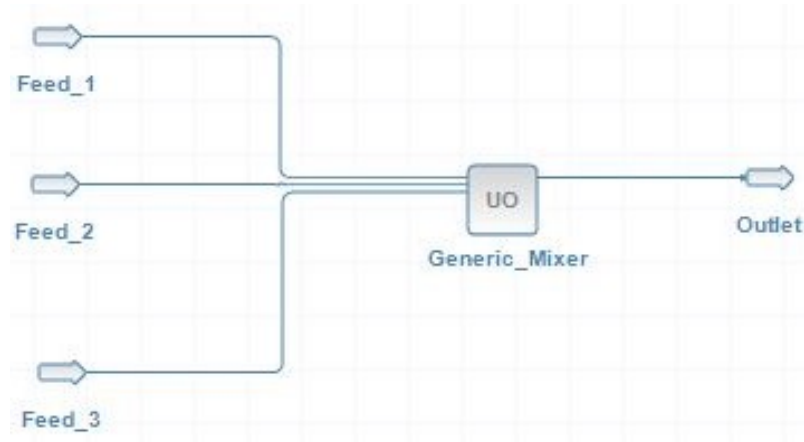
4.1 Objective

The objective is to develop a model that can mix two or more material streams to obtain one new material stream and calculate its properties. This model works without any limitation on the number of the components.

4.2 Assumptions

- Steady state.
- Complete mixing.
- Ideal mixing.
- No heat loss.
- No reaction between components.

4.3 Flowsheet



4.4 Equations

4.4.1 Overall Mass Balance

$$M_{outlet} = \sum_{i=1}^2 M_i \quad (4.1)$$

4.4.2 Overall Molar Balance

$$F_{outlet} = \sum_{i=1}^n F_i \quad (4.2)$$

4.4.3 Individual Molar Balance

$$F_{outlet} * x_{outlet} = \sum_{i=1}^n (F_i * x_i) \quad (4.3)$$

4.4.4 Overall Energy Balance

$$H_{outlet} * M_{outlet} = \sum_{i=1}^n (H_i * M_i) \quad (4.4)$$

4.4.5 Average Pressure

$$P_{outlet} = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i / n \quad (4.5)$$

4.5 Algorithm

- Get input stream properties
- Calculate output mass flow using input stream mass flows of all input streams (Restricted to 6) using equation 4.1
- Calculate output composition from input stream molar flow and component IDs using equations 4.2 and 4.3
- Calculate output enthalpy from input streams enthalpy using equation 4.4
- Calculate output pressure as average of all inlet stream pressures using equation 4.5
- Perform PH flash on output stream to calculate other properties of outlet stream.

4.6 Python Script

Listing 4.1: Generic Mixer

```
1 #
=====

2 #Mixer using custom unit operation
3 #Charan R
4 #SASTRA University
5
6 #Header file to access the thermodynamic Packages
7 from DWSIM.Thermodynamics import *
8
9 #
=====

10 #Assigning inlet streams
11 #Hard coded the following segment as could not find a way to make it a generic model
12 feed = [0] * 6 #6 is the maximum no of inlet connections allowed
13 for i in range (0,5):
14     #Checks if is any stream is attached in the respective port
15     if Me.GraphicObject.InputConnectors[i].IsAttached :
16         if (i==0):
17             feed[i] = ims1
18             no_of_feed = i
19         if (i==1):
20             feed[i] = ims2
21             no_of_feed = i
22         if (i==2):
23             feed[i] = ims3
24             no_of_feed = i
25         if (i==3):
26             feed[i] = ims4
27             no_of_feed = i
28         if (i==4):
29             feed[i] = ims5
30             no_of_feed = i
31         if (i==5):
32             feed[i] = ims6
33             no_of_feed = i
34 no_of_feed = no_of_feed + 1
35
36 #
=====

37 # Initialisation for feed stream
38 P = [0] * no_of_feed
39 massflow = [0] * no_of_feed
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```

40 molfrac = [0] * no_of_feed
41 molflow = [0] * no_of_feed
42 enthalpy = [0] * no_of_feed
43
44 # Initialisation for outlet stream
45
46 #Get the number of componenets in the outlet stream
47 noc = int(feed [0]. GetNumCompounds())
48 massflow_out = [0]
49 molflow_out = [0]
50 enthalpy_out= [0]
51 P_out=[0]
52 totalmolflow = [0] * noc
53 molfrac_out = [0] * noc
54
55 # Initialisation for Calculation Purposes
56 totalenthalpy = 0
57 P_tot = 0
58
59 #
=====

60 #Extracting input from feed streams
61
62 # Get compound IDs in the feed stream
63 noc = int(feed [0]. GetNumCompounds())
64 ids = feed [0]. ComponentIds
65
66 #Extracting input from inlet streams
67 for i in range (0 , no_of_feed):
68     P[i] = feed[i]. GetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "")
69     massflow[i] = feed[i]. GetProp("totalFlow" ,"Overall", None, "", "mass")
70     molfrac[i] = feed[i]. GetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
71     molflow[i] = feed[i]. GetProp("totalFlow" ,"Overall", None, "", "mole")
72     enthalpy[i] = feed[i]. GetProp("enthalpy" ,"Overall", None, "Mixture", "mass")
73
74 #NOTE : All the values are returned as vectors (1-D Array) and not as double values.
75 #     Therefore the above arrays will be treated as multidimensional arrays
76
77 #
=====

78 #Calculation
79
80 for i in range(0,no_of_feed):
81     #Calculating outlet mass flow
82     massflow_out[0] = massflow_out[0] + massflow[i][0]
83     #Calculating total outlet molar flow
84     molflow_out[0] = molflow_out[0] + molflow[i][0]

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85     #Calculating the specific enthalpy of outlet stream
86     totalenthalpy = totalenthalpy + massflow[i][0] * enthalpy[i][0]
87     P_tot = P_tot + P[i][0]
88     for j in range (0,noc) :
89         #Calculating total molar flow of each component in outlet stream
90         totalmolflow[j] = totalmolflow[j] + molfrac[i][j] * molflow[i][0]
91
92     #Calculating the specific enthalpy of the outlet stream
93     enthalpy_out[0] = totalenthalpy / massflow_out[0]
94     #Calculating the totalmolflow of the outlet stream
95     totalflow = sum(totalmolflow)
96
97     #NOTE : totalflow can also be calculated from molflow_out
98     #but calculatng the sum of a 2-D array is confusing and
99     #cumbersome and therefore i used this method
100
101     #Calculating the outlet composition
102     for i in range (0,noc) :
103         molfrac_out[i] = totalmolflow[i] / totalflow
104
105     #Calculating outlet pressure by taking the average of the inlet streams
106     P_out[0] = P_tot / no_of_feed
107
108     #
109     =====
110     #Setting output stream values
111     out = oms1
112     out.Clear()
113     out.SetProp("enthalpy", "Overall", None, "", "mass",enthalpy_out)
114     out.SetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "", P_out)
115     out.SetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole", molfrac_out)
116     out.SetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass", massflow_out)
117     out.PropertyPackage.DW_CalcEquilibrium(PropertyPackages.FlashSpec.P,
118         PropertyPackages.FlashSpec.H)
119
120     #End of script
121     #
122     =====

```

4.7 Input Stream Specifications

Input Specifications				
Object	Feed_3	Feed_2	Feed_1	
Temperature	300	330	345	K
Pressure	202650	101325	101325	Pa
Molar Flow	150	200	100	mol/s
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Methanol	0.5	0.1	0.25	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Water	0.25	0.2	0.1	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Ethanol	0.15	0.3	0.3	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / 1-propanol	0.1	0.4	0.35	

4.8 Results

Results			
Object	Outlet(Custom UO)	DWSIM	
Temperature	325.276	325.276	K
Pressure	135100	135100	Pa
Molar Flow	450	450	mol/s
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Methanol	0.266667	0.266667	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Water	0.194444	0.194444	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Ethanol	0.25	0.25	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / 1-propanol	0.288889	0.288889	

4.9 Additional Notes

The number of inlet streams are restricted to 6 due to restrictions in DWSIM.

4.10 Nomenclature

x	Mol Fraction of a component in a stream
F	Molar Flow rate
H	Mass Specific Enthalpy
M	Mass Flow rate
P	Pressure of the streams

Chapter 5

Custom Modelling of Evaporator

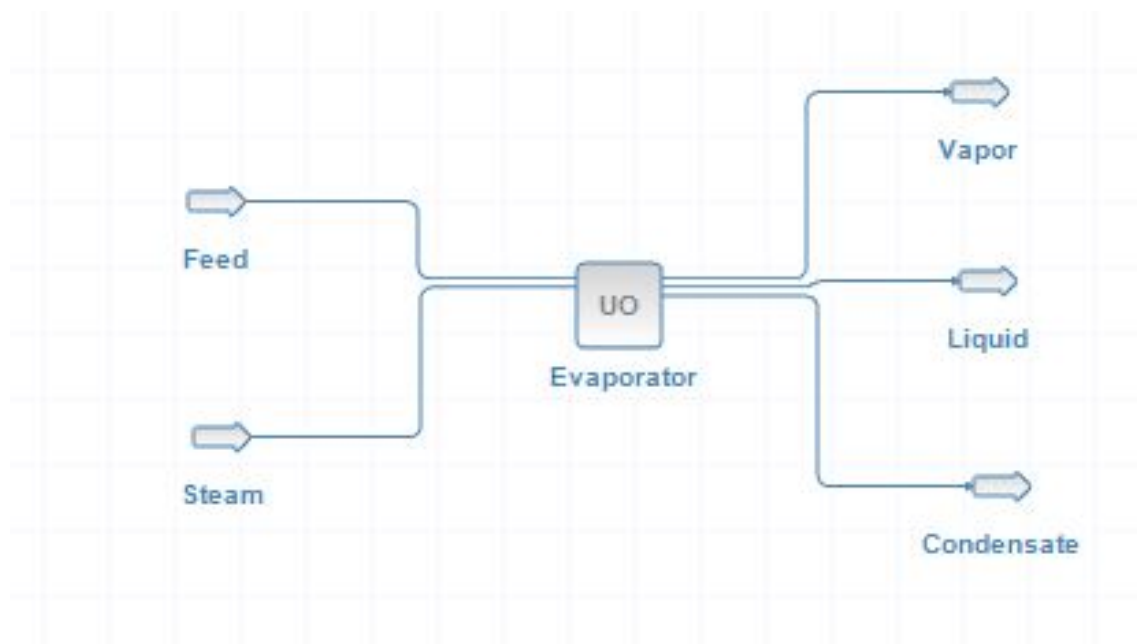
5.1 Objective

The objective of this model is to simulate a simple Evaporator where the feed material stream is heated using another material stream. The resultant heated feed stream is flashed and separated based on its phases into a liquid stream and a vapor stream. The liquid and vapor streams are the outlet streams from the evaporator model.

5.2 Assumptions

- Steady state.
- Complete heat transfer.
- No loss of energy to surroundings.

5.3 Flowsheet



5.4 Equations

5.4.1 Feed Stream Mass Balance

$$M_{feed} = M_{liquid} + M_{vapor} \quad (5.1)$$

5.4.2 Condensate stream Mass Balance

$$M_{steam} = M_{condensate} \quad (5.2)$$

5.4.3 Steam Energy Balance

$$H_{steam} * M_{steam} = H_{condensate} * M_{condensate} + \Delta E \quad (5.3)$$

5.4.4 Feed Energy Balance

$$H_{feed} * M_{feed} + \Delta E = H_{vapor} * M_{vapor} + H_{liquid} * M_{liquid} \quad (5.4)$$

5.5 Algorithm

- Get input stream properties.
- Get condensate temperature from user.
- The condensate stream is set as same as the steam material stream except for temperature. The temperature is set as the condensate temperature (user input). This is based on equation 5.2
- Check if condensate temperature less than inlet steam temperature. Display error if it is not.
- Get specific enthalpy of the material stream at the condensate temperature.
- Calculate change in enthalpy by comparing it with inlet steam enthalpy using equation 5.3
- The change in enthalpy is the amount of heat exchanged (assuming no losses).
- Create a temporary clone stream of the feed but only increase the enthalpy by amount of heat exchanged. This is based on equations 5.1 and 5.4
- Perform a PH flash on the clone stream to calculate phase properties.
- Extract the liquid and vapor phase properties from the temporary clone stream.
- The properties extracted are mass flow, specific enthalpy, composition and pressure.
- Set the extracted values for the Vapor and Liquid material streams.
- Perform a PT flash on both the streams to calculate other properties.

5.6 Python Script

Listing 5.1: Evaporator

```
1 #Simple Evaporator
2 #Charan R
3 #
=====
4 #Importing Required Namespaces
5 import clr
6 import sys
7 clr.AddReference("DWSIM.Interfaces")
8 from DWSIM.Interfaces import *
9 from DWSIM.Thermodynamics import *
10 from System import Math
11 from System import Array
12
13 #
=====
14 #Getting values from Input Feed stream
15 feed_in = ims1
16 T_feed_in= feed_in.GetProp("temperature", "Overall", None, "", "")
17 P_feed_in = feed_in.GetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "")
18 massflow_feed_in = feed_in.GetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass")
19 molfrac_feed_in = feed_in.GetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
20 enthalpy_feed_in = feed_in.GetProp("enthalpy", "Overall", None, "Mixture", "mass")
21 noc_feed_in = int(feed_in.GetNumCompounds())
22 ids_feed_in = feed_in.ComponentIds
23
24 #Getting values from Input Water Stream
25 steam_in = ims2
26 T_steam_in = steam_in.GetProp("temperature", "Overall", None, "", "")
27 P_steam_in = steam_in.GetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "")
28 massflow_steam_in = steam_in.GetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass")
29 molfrac_steam_in = steam_in.GetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
30 enthalpy_steam_in = steam_in.GetProp("enthalpy", "Overall", None, "Mixture", "mass")
31 )
32 noc_steam_in = int(steam_in.GetNumCompounds())
33 ids_steam_in = steam_in.ComponentIds
34 #
=====
35 # Initialize
36 T_Condensate = []
37 enthalpy_feed_out = [0]
38 pure_stream = False
```

```

39
40 #
=====

41 for i in molfrac_steam_in :
42     if (i == 1):
43         pure_stream = True
44
45     if (pure_stream):
46         Flowsheet.WriteMessage("Error : Cannot calculate for Pure water input stream")
47
48     else :
49         if (Condensate_Temperature <= T_steam_in[0]) :
50             T_Condensate.append(Condensate_Temperature)
51             #Calculating Condensate Stream
52             condensate = oms3
53             condensate.Clear()
54             condensate.SetProp("temperature", "Overall", None, "", "", Array[float](
                    T_Condensate))
55             condensate.SetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "", P_steam_in)
56             condensate.SetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole", molfrac_steam_in)
57             condensate.SetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass",
                    massflow_steam_in)
58             condensate.SpecType = Enums.StreamSpec.Temperature_and_Pressure
59             condensate.Calculate(True, True)
60
61             #
=====

62             #Calculating the Change in enthalpy
63             H_condensate = condensate.GetProp("enthalpy", "Overall", None, "Mixture", "
                    mass")
64             del_H = (enthalpy_steam_in[0] - H_condensate[0]) * massflow_steam_in[0]
65             enthalpy_feed_out [0] = (enthalpy_feed_in [0] * massflow_feed_in [0]) + del_H
66             enthalpy_feed_out [0] = enthalpy_feed_out [0] / massflow_feed_in [0]
67             Flowsheet.WriteMessage(str(H_condensate))
68             #
=====

69             #Calculating Properties of Total Feed out
70             feed_out = oms1
71             feed_out.Clear()
72             feed_out.SetProp("enthalpy", "Overall", None, "Mixture", "mass",
                    enthalpy_feed_out)
73             feed_out.SetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "", P_feed_in)
74             feed_out.SetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole", molfrac_feed_in)
75             feed_out.SetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass", massflow_feed_in)
76             feed_out.SpecType = Enums.StreamSpec.Pressure_and_Enthalpy
77             feed_out.Calculate(True, True)

```

```

78     #The first boolean argument of the Calculate function is to tell it to
       calculate
79     # the equilibrium, while the second one refers to the phase properties
80     #
       =====

81     #Extracting the Liquid Data from Feed out stream
82     H_liquid_out = feed_out.GetProp("enthalpy", "Liquid", None, "Mixture", "mass
       ")
83     T_liquid_out = feed_out.GetProp("temperature", "Liquid", None, "", "")
84     P_liquid_out = feed_out.GetProp("pressure", "Liquid", None, "", "")
85     massflow_liquid_out = feed_out.GetProp("totalFlow", "Liquid", None, "", "mass
       ")
86     molfrac_liquid_out = feed_out.GetProp("fraction", "Liquid", None, "", "mole")
87
88     #Extracting the Vapor Data from Feed out stream
89     H_vapor_out = feed_out.GetProp("enthalpy", "Vapor", None, "Mixture", "mass
       ")
90     T_vapor_out = feed_out.GetProp("temperature", "Vapor", None, "", "")
91     P_vapor_out = feed_out.GetProp("pressure", "Vapor", None, "", "")
92     massflow_vapor_out = feed_out.GetProp("totalFlow", "Vapor", None, "", "mass
       ")
93     molfrac_vapor_out = feed_out.GetProp("fraction", "Vapor", None, "", "mole")
94
95     #
       =====

96     #Setting up Vapor Stream
97     vap_out = oms1
98     vap_out.Clear()
99     vap_out.SetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "", P_vapor_out)
100    vap_out.SetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole", molfrac_vapor_out)
101    vap_out.SetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass", massflow_vapor_out)
102    if (massflow_vapor_out <> 0):
103        vap_out.SetProp("enthalpy", "Overall", None, "Mixture", "mass", H_vapor_out)
104        vap_out.SpecType = Enums.StreamSpec.Pressure_and_Enthalpy
105        vap_out.Calculate(True, True)
106
107    else :
108        vap_out.SetProp("temperature", "Overall", None, "", "", T_vapor_out)
109        Flowsheet.WriteMessage("None of the Feed is Vaporised")
110
111    #Setting up Liquid Stream
112    liq_out = oms2
113    liq_out .Clear()
114    liq_out .SetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "", P_liquid_out)
115    liq_out .SetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole", molfrac_liquid_out)
116    liq_out .SetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass", massflow_liquid_out)
117    if (massflow_liquid_out <> 0) :

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118         liq_out .SetProp("enthalpy","Overall",None,"Mixture","mass",H_liquid_out)
119         liq_out .SpecType = Enums.StreamSpec.Pressure_and_Enthalpy
120         liq_out .Calculate(True,True)
121     else :
122         liq_out .SetProp("temperature","Overall",None,"","",T_liquid_out)
123         Flowsheet.WriteMessage("Feed is completely Vaporised")
124
125     else :
126         Flowsheet.WriteMessage("Error : Condensate Temperature greater than Steam
            Temperature")
127
128 #End of Script
129 #

```

5.7 Input Stream Specifications

Input Specifications			
Object	Steam	Feed	
Temperature	353	400	K
Pressure	101325	101325	Pa
Mass Flow	40	100	kg/s
Molar Flow	2205.67	1280.93	mol/s
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Salicylic acid	0.001	0.5	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Water	0.999	0.5	

5.8 User Specifications

Condensate Temperature 323 K

5.9 Results

Input and Output						
Object	Vapor	Steam	Liquid	Feed	Condensate	
Temperature	405.013	353	405.013	400	323	K
Mass Flow	5.4099	40	94.5901	100	40	kg/s
Vapor Phase Mass Flow	5.4099	0	0	3.55162	0	kg/s
Liquid Phase (Mixture) Mass Flow	0	40	94.5901	96.4484	40	kg/s

5.10 Additional Notes

The vapor and liquid streams are composed of only vapor and liquid respectively. This is due to the fact that the streams are calculated by PH flash and not by PT flash.

5.11 Nomenclature

- H Mass Specific Enthalpy
- M Mass Flow rate
- E Energy Flow

Chapter 6

Custom Modelling of Absorption Column

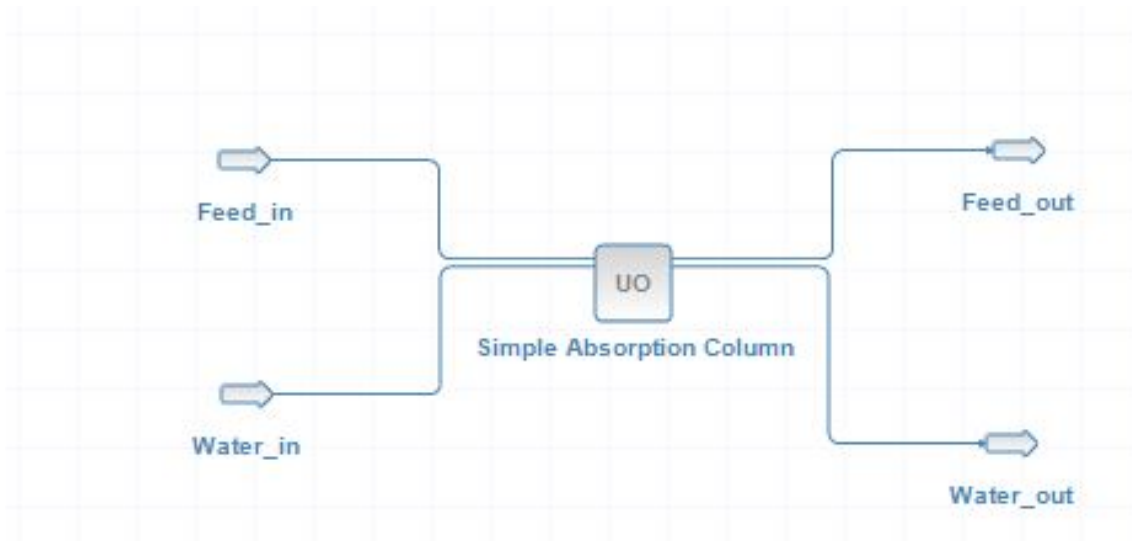
6.1 Objective

The objective is to develop a model which simulates a absorption column. In addition to simulating the absorption column it also calculates the ideal number of stages required using Kremser's equation and Wilson correlation

6.2 Assumptions

- Steady state conditions.
- Stages are Completely Efficient.
- Equilibrium constant is only an Estimate.

6.3 Flowsheet



6.4 Equations

6.4.1 Wilson Correlation

$$k = \frac{P_c}{P_{op}} * \exp(5.37 * (1 + a) * (1 - \frac{T_c}{T_{op}})) \quad (6.1)$$

6.4.2 Absorption Factor

$$A = \frac{L_{avg}}{k * V_{avg}} \quad (6.2)$$

6.4.3 Kremser Equation

$$N = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{x_{feedin} - k * x_{waterin}}{x_{feedout} - k * x_{waterout}}\right) * \frac{A-1}{A} + \frac{1}{A}}{\ln(A)} \quad (6.3)$$

6.4.4 Overall Molar Balance

$$M_{feedin} + M_{waterin} = M_{feedout} + M_{waterout} \quad (6.4)$$

6.4.5 Solute Molar Balance

$$M_{feedin} * x_{feedin} + M_{waterin} * x_{waterin} = M_{feedout} * x_{feedout} + M_{waterout} * x_{waterout} \quad (6.5)$$

6.5 Algorithm

- Get input stream properties.
- Get required inputs from user.
- Calculate molar fraction of solute in outlet streams using equation 6.5.
- Calculate outlet flow of outlet streams using equation 6.4.
- Get k value from user input, if $k=0$ use Wilson's Correlation (6.1).
- Calculate the Absorption factor (6.2)
- Calculate the Ideal number of Equilibrium Stages using Kremser Equation(6.3).
- Set the outlet stream at operating conditions(user input) .
- Performs PT flash on outlet streams to calculate other properties.

6.6 Python Script

```
1 #Simple Absorption Column
2
3 import clr
4 import sys
5
6 clr.AddReference('DWSIM.MathOps.DotNumerics')
7 from System import Math
8 from DotNumerics import *
9 from DotNumerics.ODE import *
10 from DotNumerics.LinearAlgebra import *
11 from System import Array
12
13 #
=====
14 #Getting values from Input Feed stream #
    Alternative Method to get inlet stream values
15 feed_in = ims1 #
    am_compound = feed_in.GetPhase('Mixture').Compounds[compound]
16 T_feed_in= feed_in.GetProp("temperature", "Overall", None, "", "") #temp =
    feed_in.GetPhase('Mixture').Properties.temperature
17 P_feed_in = feed_in.GetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "")
18 massflow_feed_in = feed_in.GetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass")
19 molfrac_feed_in = feed_in.GetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
20 molflow_feed_in = feed_in.GetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
21 noc_feed_in = int(feed_in.GetNumCompounds())
22 ids_feed_in = feed_in.ComponentIds
23
24 #Getting values from Input Water Stream
25 water_in = ims2
26 T_water_in = water_in.GetProp("temperature", "Overall", None, "", "")
27 P_water_in = water_in.GetProp("pressure", "Overall", None, "", "")
28 massflow_water_in = water_in.GetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mass")
29 molfrac_water_in = water_in.GetProp("fraction", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
30 molflow_water_in = water_in.GetProp("totalFlow", "Overall", None, "", "mole")
31 noc_water_in = int(water_in.GetNumCompounds())
32 ids_water_in = water_in.ComponentIds
33
34 #
=====
35 #INITIALISATION
36 molflow_water_out=[0]
37 molflow_feed_out=[0]
38 molfrac_feed_out=[0] * noc_feed_in
39 molfrac_water_out=[0] * noc_water_in
40 amt_feed_out = [0] * noc_feed_in
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41 amt_water_out = [0] * noc_water_in
42 total_water_out = 0
43 total_feed_out = 0
44 am_id_feed = 0
45 am_id_water = 0
46 T_feed_out = [0]
47 T_water_out = [0]
48
49 #USER INPUT
50 feed_out_ammonia_comp #outlet ammonia composition
51 compound #compound that get adsorbed
52 k_input #Equilibrium k-value
53 opt_temp #Operating Temperature
54 opt_pr #Operating Prssure
55
56 #
=====

57 #CALCULATION
58
59 #Loop to get compound id in feed stream
60 for i in range(0,noc_feed_in) :
61     if ( ids_feed_in [i] == compound) :
62         am_id_feed = i
63
64 #Loop to get compound id in water stream
65 for i in range(0,noc_water_in) :
66     if (ids_water_in [i] == compound) :
67         am_id_water = i
68
69 #NOTE The compound ids are same in the feed and water stream
70
71 molfrac_feed_out [am_id_feed] = feed_out_ammonia_comp #Assingning the user input to
    the mol fraction array
72 feed_inert_flow = (1-molfrac_feed_in[am_id_feed]) * molflow_feed_in [0] #Calculating
    the inert flow
73 molflow_feed_out [0] = feed_inert_flow / (1- molfrac_feed_out[am_id_feed]) #
    Calculating the molflow of outlet gas stream
74 molflow_water_out[0] = molflow_water_in[0] + molflow_feed_in[0] - molflow_feed_out[0]
    #Calculating molflow of the outlet water stream
75
76
77 #Calculating amount of each component in outlet gas stream
78 for i in range(0,noc_feed_in) :
79     if (i==am_id_feed):
80         amt_feed_out[i] = molfrac_feed_out[i] * molflow_feed_out [0]
81     else :
82         amt_feed_out[i] = molfrac_feed_in[i] * molflow_feed_in [0]

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83     total_feed_out = total_feed_out + amt_feed_out[i] #Calculating total molflow of
        outlet feed
84
85 #NOTE the total_feed_out should be equal to the molflow_feed_out[0]
86
87 #Calculating the molfrac of each component in the outlet gas stream
88 for i in range(0,noc_feed_in):
89     molfrac_feed_out[i] = amt_feed_out[i] / total_feed_out
90
91
92 #Calculating amount of each component in outlet water stream
93 for i in range(0,noc_water_in):
94     if (i==am_id_water):
95         amt_water_out[i] = molflow_feed_in[0] - molflow_feed_out[0]
96     else :
97         amt_water_out[i] = molfrac_water_in[i] * molflow_water_in[0]
98     total_water_out = total_water_out + amt_water_out[i]
99
100 #Calculating the molfrac of each component in outlet ater stream
101 for i in range(0,noc_water_in):
102     molfrac_water_out[i] = amt_water_out[i] / total_water_out
103
104 #Used in calculation of HTU and NTU
105 #Calculating average liquid and gas flow rate – not tested yet
106 V_avg = (molflow_feed_out[0] + molflow_feed_in[0]) * 0.5
107 L_avg = (molflow_water_out[0] + molflow_water_in[0]) * 0.5
108
109 #
=====

110 #Calculating K–value
111 #Method – 1 : Wilson correlation
112 am_compound = feed_in.GetPhase('Mixture').Compounds[compound]
113 crit_temp = am_compound.ConstantProperties.Critical_Temperature
114 crit_pr = am_compound.ConstantProperties.Critical_Pressure
115 a_factor = am_compound.ConstantProperties.Acentric_Factor
116 k = (crit_pr/(opt_pr*101325)) * Math.Exp(5.37 * (1 + a_factor) * (1 - (crit_temp /
        opt_temp)))
117
118 #
=====

119 #Method –2 : Raoults Law (Not – Used)
120 #Getting vapour pressure constants
121 am_compound = feed_in.GetPhase('Mixture').Compounds[compound]
122 A = am_compound.ConstantProperties.Vapor_Pressure_Constant_A
123 B = am_compound.ConstantProperties.Vapor_Pressure_Constant_B
124 C = am_compound.ConstantProperties.Vapor_Pressure_Constant_C
125 D = am_compound.ConstantProperties.Vapor_Pressure_Constant_D

```

```

126 E = am.compound.ConstantProperties.Vapor_Pressure_Constant_E
127
128 #Calculating vapour pressure
129 vp = Math.Exp (A + B / opt_temp + C * Math.Log(opt_temp) + D * Math.Pow(
    opt_temp , E))
130 K = vp / (101325 * opt_pr)
131
132 #
    =====

133 k_value = k #Method -1
134 #k_value = K #(use this for Method - 2 )
135
136 if (k_input <> 0) :
137     k_value = k_input
138
139 Flowsheet.WriteMessage("k-value : " + str(k_value))
140
141 #Calculating Absorption Factor
142 A = L_avg/(k_value * V_avg)
143 Flowsheet.WriteMessage("Absorption Factor : " + str(A))
144
145 #Calculating No of ideal stages from Kremser Equation
146 X = (molfrac_feed_in[am_id_feed] - k_value * molfrac_water_in[am_id_feed])/
    (molfrac_feed_out[am_id_feed] - k_value * molfrac_water_in[am_id_feed])
147 Y = 1 - 1 / A
148
149 check = X*Y + 1/A
150
151 if (check < 0) :
152     Flowsheet.WriteMessage("Cannot be Solved using Kremser equation")
153     Flowsheet.WriteMessage("Error : Negative Logarithmic")
154
155 else :
156     N = (Math.Log ((X * Y) + 1/A)) / (Math.Log(A))
157     N = int(N) + 1 #Converting no of stages to an integer
158     Flowsheet.WriteMessage("The Number of ideal stages required : " + str(N)) #
        Displays the no of stages in the information box
159
160 T_feed_out[0] = opt_temp
161 T_water_out[0] = opt_temp
162 #
    =====

163 #Outlet gas streams
164 feed_out = oms1
165 feed_out.Clear()
166 feed_out.SetProp("temperature","Overall",None,""," ",T_feed_out)
167 feed_out.SetProp("pressure","Overall",None,""," ",P_feed_in)

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168 feed_out.SetProp("fraction","Overall",None,"","mole",molfrac_feed_out)
169 feed_out.SetProp("totalFlow","Overall",None,"","mole",molflow_feed_out)
170
171 #Outlet Water stream
172 water_out = oms2
173 water_out.Clear()
174 water_out.SetProp("temperature","Overall",None,"","T_water_out)
175 water_out.SetProp("pressure","Overall",None,"","P_water_in)
176 water_out.SetProp("fraction","Overall",None,"","mole",molfrac_water_out)
177 water_out.SetProp("totalFlow","Overall",None,"","mole",molflow_water_out)
178
179 Flowsheet.WriteMessage("Enter k_input as Zero to Calculate its value using the Wilson
    Correlation")
180
181 #End of Program
182 #
=====

```

6.7 Input Stream Specifications

Input Specifications					
Object	Water_out	Water_in	Feed_out	Feed_in	
Temperature	293.15	293.15	294.15	294.15	K
Pressure	101325	101325	101325	101325	Pa
Molar Flow	25.41759	25	11.334583	11.752172	mol/s
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Water	0.98357083	1	0	0	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Air	0	0	0.985	0.95	
Molar Fraction (Mixture) / Ammonia	0.016429169	0	0.015	0.05	

6.8 User Input

```

Feed out Solute Molfraction 0.015
k input 1.67
opt Pressure 1 atm
opt Temperature 320 K

```

6.9 Results

Input Output					
Object	Water_out	Water_in	Feed_out	Feed_in	
Mass Flow	0.45748697	0.450375	0.32622136	0.33333333	kg/s
Molar Flow (Mixture) / Ammonia	0.41758988	0	0.17001874	0.58760862	mol/s

6.10 Additional Notes

The Model only gives an approximate number of stages based on Kremser equation. The model also checks for negative log values and gives the appropriate error.

6.11 Nomenclature

6.11.1 Latin Letters

- a Acentric factor
- k Equilibrium constant
- x Molar fraction of the solute
- A Absorption Factor
- M Mass Flow rate

6.11.2 Subscripts

- op Operating condition
- c Critical Value