BASIC DESIGN OF PROPYLENE RECOVERY UNIT

A PROJECT REPORT

Submitted by **MALAVIKA MANOJ (R670215007)**

In partial fulfillment of the requirement for the award of the degree of

MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY

in

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

with specialization in PROCESS DESIGN ENGINEERING

Under the guidance of

Mr. Vimal Chikhaliya Process Design Engineer Essar Oil Ltd

Ms. Rose Havilah Pulla Dr. M Gopinath Assistant Professor Department of Chemical Engineering

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING STUDIES UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM & ENERGY STUDIES

Bidholi campus, Energy Acres, Dehradun-248007 **APRIL – 2017**

DECLARATION BY THE SCHOLAR

I hereby declare that this submission is my own and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it contains no material previously published or written by another person nor material which has been accepted for the award of any other Degree or Diploma of the University or other Institute of Higher learning, except where due acknowledgement has been made in the text.

Malavika Manoj R670215007

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the thesis entitled "**BASIC DESIGN OF PROPYLENE RECOVERY UNIT"** submitted by **MALAVIKA MANOJ (R670215007)**, to the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, for the award of the degree of Master of Technology in Chemical Engineering with specialization in Process Design Engineering is a bonafide record of project work carried out by her under our supervision. The results embodied in this project report are based on literature and the research done in Essar Oil Ltd.

Signature of the Internal Guide

Ms. Rose Havilah Pulla

Assistant Professors Department of Chemical Engineering UPES Dehradun - 248007

Signature of the Internal Co-Guide

Dr. M Gopinath

Assistant Professors Department of Chemical Engineering UPES 22 Dehradun - 248007

Signature of the Head of the Department

Date:……………………………………

REFINERY DIVISION

CERTIFICATION OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

S.

This is to certify that Malawika a student of Iniversity O Setroleum & gergy has successfully completed the Industrial Training on V Cropylene Recovery <u>Tesign Ol</u> Pasie 9 from $1st$ μ μ , k μ δ to 30th fanuary, k σ 17 under the guidance of Parmal & hirhaliya We wish him/her all the success.

Ruikralize

Project Guide

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With a sense of gratitude and respect, I would like to extend my heartfelt acknowledgement to all those who have rendered their help and guidance during the entire period of the dissertation.

I am highly indebted to **The Chemical Engineering Department, University of Petroleum & Energy Studies, Dehradun and Essar Oil Limited, Vadinar, Gujarat,** for giving me this opportunity to pursue an internship and work on a live industrial project.

First of all, I take this opportunity to express my intense feeling of gratitude towards my external guide from Essar Oil Ltd. **Mr. Vimal Chikhaliya** and my internal guides from UPES **Ms. Rose Havilah Pulla** and **Dr. M Gopinath** their suggestions, guidance and constant inspiration at every stage of this project work. Their focusing ability and criticisms have always helped me during my work.

Then, I would like to expresses my profound thanks to **Dr. P Vijay**, Head of Chemical Engineering Department, for his support in doing this project.

It would be difficult, to sum up in words my gratitude towards my parents for being the pillar of strength throughout the work. Finally, great thanks to my department members from college and Vadinar refinery for giving me valuable knowledge, which would help me in future to prove myself as a Master of Technology in Chemical Engineering with Specialization in Process Design Engineering.

Sincere thanks to all those people whose names I might have missed out, for their cooperation in every possible way that helped me to complete this project successfully.

Date: $27th$ April 2017 Place: Dehradun

MALAVIKA MANOJ

ABSTRACT

Propylene, otherwise called Propene, is one of the most vital petrochemical feedstock created in the business sectors around the world. The by a wide margin biggest share of worldwide propylene yield around 66% is handled into polypropylene (PP). Interest for this plastic is anticipated to increment by 3.7% for every annum until 2021 and will, in this way, rule request improvement in the propylene advertise. Polypropylene is a standout amongst the most adaptable bundling materials. Different applications incorporate filaments, materials, vehicle parts, electric gadgets and family unit merchandise, and substantially more. The growing source for propylene production is from the refineries mainly from FCCU, coker and cracking units. In this thesis, a propylene recovery unit has been simulated based on the data obtained from Essar oil Ltd. The design criterion and objectives for the project were fixed from the findings obtained as a result of literature survey and the product requirement studies. A model for the propylene recovery unit was created in Aspen Hysys by using the Soave-Redlich-Kwong (SRK) as the fluid package. After completing the basic design of Propylene Recovery Unit (PRU) in Hysys, a yield of 99.58% by volume pure propylene was obtained which is 0.08% more than the value acquired from the simulation data received from Engineering India Ltd. (EIL). The study can be further continued by changing the fluid packages or by comparing the study with other licensors.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

LIST OF TABLES

LIST OF FIGURES

ABBREVIATIONS

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 OIL REFINERY

An oil refinery is a modern procedure plant where unrefined petroleum is changed over into more valuable items, for example, petrol, kerosene, diesel, fuel oil, asphalt base, heating oil, and liquefied petroleum gas (Gary & Handwerk, 1984; Leffler, 1985**)**. An extensive refinery unit comprises of gigantic funnels and other complex structures used to convey floods of liquids between vast concoction handling units. An oil refinery is viewed as a fundamental piece of the downstream side of the oil business. Contingent on the refinery area, desired products, and financial contemplations, every refinery has its own novel course of action and mix of refining procedures. The general schematic flow diagram of a typical petroleum refinery is given in figure 1.1

Figure 1.1: Flow diagram of typical petroleum refinery units

1.2 HISTORY OF ESSAR OIL

Essar Oil Ltd. (EOL) was begun in June 1976 underneath the name of Essar Construction Limited and was locked in essentially in center part exercises, and additionally marine developments, pipeline laying, digging and distinctive port-related exercises. In 1984, the corporate wandered extra into various center parts primarily the circle of investigation and improvement, penetrating coastal and seaward oil and gas wells for Indian open division oil investigation firms. The organization's name was then adjusted to Essar Offshore and Exploration Limited in May 1987.

In August 2000, the organization's name was altered to Essar Gujarat Limited, to mirror it to a great degree differed business intrigue. In 1988, the corporate made an underlying open supply for its shares that range unit at present recorded on Bombay stock exchange, national stock exchange of India and two other Indian stock trades. In the 1990s the gathering went into steel making market with its Hazira plant in Gujarat and a pilot plant in Visakhapatnam.

Essar's essential business is inside the power and oil divisions. The greater part of this is regularly dealt with by Essar Energy that is around seventy six percent firmly held by Essar gathering, is these days India's second biggest power era organization inside the non-open area. Its present era capacity is 1,600 MW and is being extended to 8,070 MW. Control era originates from a blend of gas, coal and Liquid fuel based power plants.

Essar Oil might be a completely coordinated oil and open utility of universal scale with a powerful nearness over the natural compound worth chain from investigation and creation to refinement and oil retail. Essar Oil also possesses India's second biggest single site mechanical plant at Vadinar, Gujarat, having a capacity of 20 MMTPA, or 405,000 barrels for each day. Vadinar mechanical plant fuses a multifaceted nature of 11.8 that is among the absolute best all inclusive. The modern plant is equipped for process some of the hardest crudes and in any case creates top notch money related unit IV and V review item. The mechanical plant has been found at a truly focused capex of \$12,746/bbl that is concerning the overall normal. Industrial overview of Essar Oil Ltd, Vadinar is given in figure 1.2.

Figure 1.2: Industrial overview of Essar Oil Ltd, Vadinar

1.2.1 REFINERY UNITS IN ESSAR

Crude Distillation Unit (CDU) is used to separate crude into different products by taking boiling point difference into consideration. The capacity of this unit in EOL is about 18MMTPA.

In Vacuum Distillation Unit (VDU), the Atmospheric residue from CDU bottom is used as the feed which further separates the reduced crude oil into medium and heavy distillates under vacuum. This is a very good energy saving process.

The visbreaking unit is converted to Crude Distillation Unit II (CDU II), where the vacuum column functions as both CDU/VDU. This unit is capable of processing ultra-heavy crude on a standalone basis and also provides improved economics. Saturated Gas Unit (SGU) in the refinery is used to separate LPG and stabilized naphtha from unstabilized naphtha. EOL has one of the largest coker units in the world, which has a capacity of 6 MMTPA. The unit is capable of converting bottom of the barrel vacuum residue to valuable products.

Diesel Hydrodesulphurization unit (DHDS) is a medium pressure diesel hydro-Treater which produces Euro IV grade diesel. Diesel Hydrotreater unit (DHDT) is a very high-pressure hydrotreater which is capable of producing Euro V diesel. Vacuum Gas oil Hydro Treater (VGO-HDT) is used to hydrotreat FCC feed to enable the refinery to produce premium quality low Sulfur, high octane products.

Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU) is the most important unit in any refinery that produces high-value product like LPG, Gasoline, and Diesel from low-value product VGO (vacuum gas oil). This unit helps in improving overall refinery profitability. Naphtha Hydro Treater /Continuous Catalytic Reformer unit (NHT/CCR) prepares clean feed stroke for CCR and ISOM. CCR Produces reformate and hydrogen, reformate is the key component of gasoline and the H² produced is used in DHDS.

Isomerization Unit (ISOM) produces high octane Isomerate. The unit is used to converts Naphtha to Gasoline and also enables an increased production of BS-IV and BS-V grade gasoline. Amine Recovery Unit (ARU) is used to strip H2S from Rich Amine coming from units DHDS, DCU and CDU and, supplying lean amine back to the unit.

Sour Water Striper (SWS) in the refinery is used to remove $H₂S$ and $NH₃$ from sour water coming from the units FCCU, DCU, CDU-1 and CDU-2 and supply stripped water to CDU-1. The next unit is Sulfur Recovery Unit (SRU), which converts H_2S present in acid gasses to elemental sulfur and thereby avoids pollution of the environment.

1.3 INTRODUCTION TO PROPYLENE

In 2013, Propylene processed about 85 million tonnes worldwide and became the second most important petrochemical feedstock in the global markets. Uses of propylene incorporate the assembling of plastic polypropylene (PP) and furthermore the creation of critical chemicals, for example, propylene oxide, acrylonitrile, cumene, butyraldehyde, and acrylic corrosive. The global propylene market is mainly being dominated by some established vendors such as BASF, ExxonMobil Chemical, Dow Chemical, Lyondell Basell Industries, and INEOS.

1.3.1 STABILIZATION OF PROPYLENE PRICES

A huge share of overall propylene yield starts as a by-result of ethylene generation utilizing steam breaking or by reactant splitting in refineries. Accordingly of an expanding utilization of C_2H_6 , steam splitting produces a greater amount of ethylene and less of propylene. Be that as it may, in light of an extra across the board utilization of deliberately innovations, the accessibility of propylene worldwide is most likely going to unwind. This advancement is anticipated to direct to an adjustment of expenses for propylene. Overall incomes created with propylene are relied upon to perpetually increment by 5.3% p.a. in the vicinity of 2013 and 2021, and in this way at bottomless lower development rates than inside the past eight year sum.

1.3.2 HIGHER PRODUCTION POTENTIAL BY PROPANE DEHYDROGENATION

The most key of the intentionally advancements for the creation of propylene is the dehydrogenation of propane (PDH innovation). Given an expanding value differential amongst propylene and propane, this innovation is changing into extra beneficial not exclusively in nations with escalated gas assets however conjointly in nations with less gas assets. Both the USA and China can put numerous PDH plants on stream inside what's to come. Creation potential for propylene can rise subsequently.

1.3.3 REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT

Bolstered by the new PDH plants, gas generation in North America can rise significantly inside the future after the yield fell in the vicinity of 2005 and 2013. The most astounding development rates, then again, we gauge for Eastern Europe, where improvement will be ruled by Russia and the Middle East. Western Europe, in any case, can endure the consolidated impacts of soaring global rating and feeble request improvement.

1.3.4 POLYPROPYLENE DETERMINING DEMAND FOR PROPYLENE

The by a long shot biggest share worldwide for propylene yield is around 66% which are prepared into polypropylene (PP). Interest for this plastic is anticipated to increment by 3.7% p.a. until 2021 and along these lines will rule request improvement in the propylene advertise. Polypropylene is one among the first flexible bundling materials. Elective applications typify strands, materials, vehicle parts, electrical gadgets and family unit merchandise.

1.3.5 MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS OF PROPYLENE

figure 1.3 shows the application of propylene in a pie chart.

Second biggest deals commercial center for propylene is the creation of propylene oxide, trailed by the assembling of acrylonitrile, butyraldehyde, cumene, and acrylic corrosive. The subordinates of propylene oxide are required as crude materials for the assembling of items like polyurethane (PUR), veneers and glues, polyester pitches, cooling operators, liquid catalyst, and solvents. Furthermore, the generation of the designing plastic acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS), acrylonitrile is additionally used to deliver acrylic strands that are then handled into materials. Butyraldehyde is a middle of the road in the generation of butanol and 2-ethylhexanol. Cumene is basically used to fabricate phenol and **acetone** and is hence conjointly, a precursor for bisphenol A, phenolic tars, caprolactam, and methyl methacrylate. By keeping the product value, profitability and all the above factors into account Essar oil Ltd is constructing a new PRU unit in their Vadinar refinery. The product from the unit is polymer grade propylene and is expected to have 99.5% by Volume purity. The propylene is being recovered from FCCU and Delayed Coker units, which supplies unsaturated LPG to PRU. The

Figure 1.3: Applications of Propylene in a Pie chart

1.3.6 GENERAL PROCESS DESCRIPTION OF PROPYLENE RECOVERY UNIT

The cracked LPG from FCCU and Delayed Coker unit is processed in propylene recovery unit. The LPG is pumped to de propaniser column, from the bottom; the stream is further sent to the LPG storage after cooling. The vapors from the column top are split into two streams.

The major stream is condensed in de propaniser condenser and refluxed back and the other split goes to the COS hydrolyser.

In hydrolyser, COS is converted into H_2S and CO_2 in the presence of water vapors filled with catalyst. The feed to hydrolyzer is preheated before entering the column with hot effluent vapors. Prior to that deaerated water is injected into vapor stream to ensure that minimum 0.2 wt% H2O of feed is present before entering into the reactor.

Now the cooled product from the hydrolyzer is sent to de ethaniser column, where light components namely C_2 hydrocarbons, H₂S, H₂O, CO, CO₂ etc are separated from C_3 hydrocarbons by the distillation process. The C_3 hydrocarbons are taken from the bottom of the column and used future in the process. The top product is sent as fuel gas to the battery limit.

Propane –propylene splitter is the next major equipment in the unit. The splitter is built in two units to minimize the difference between height/diameter ratio. The propane is obtained as the bottom product, which after cooling goes to LPG return pool. The top product goes into the H2S removal.

H2S removal is effected by H2S separator. This is filled with ZnO catalyst which reacts with Hydrogen sulphide and the effluent propylene is free of sulfur. The vapor is preheated and resent to the H₂S splitter and bottom product is future taken ahead to the drying unit where it is dried using N_2 and filtered and later stored. The explanation above is from the figure 1.4 showing the block flow diagram of PRU in general

Figure 1.4: Block Flow Diagram of Propylene Recovery Unit

1.4 OBJECTIVES OF THE THESIS

The main objectives of the project are:

Basic design of a Propylene Recovery unit (PRU)

- Simulation of the unit will be done in Aspen Hysys as the first basic step to obtain the product data.
- Calculation of the overall heat and mass balances is done by Aspen Hysys simulation software.
- Process Flow Diagram (PFD) and Process data sheet (PDS) is to be developed.
- Finally, a Control philosophy is to be made for the unit, which would give a clear idea on how the controllers will work (in standard and emergency conditions).

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 INTRODUCTION

A literature survey helps in summarizing the current knowledge in the area of investigation, identifying any strengths and weaknesses in previous work, which in turn helps you to identify them in your own research and thus serving to you to spot them in your own analysis and so eliminate the potential weaknesses, whilst bringing to the fore the potential strengths. Additionally, a decent and full literature search can offer the context within which to place your study.

This project is mainly based on the designing of the Propylene Recover Unit. So the survey's topic of interests includes, the procedure for designing columns and heat exchanger, the functioning of the subunits present in the recovery unit and their problems, different technologies used all over the world etc.

2.2 PROPYLENE PRODUCTION METHODS AND FCC PROCESS RULES IN PROPYLENE DEMANDS

Amir, 2008 article on Propylene production methods and FCC process rules in propylene demands states that the markets for propylene as a basic intermediate petrochemical continue to grow at average rates of 4-5% per year and the largest source of propylene supply to the petrochemical markets is steam crackers and the second largest source of propylene supply to petrochemical markets is refinery FCC units. However, the FCC unit is becoming increasingly important as a source of propylene supply to meet future demand growth into the world petrochemical markets. Ethylene growth rates have lagged propylene growth rates and will continue to do so in the future. Similarly, the growth rate of transportation fuels is several times lower than propylene. Currently, steam cracking and refinery operations constitute over 97% of the propylene produced today. Clearly alternative routes to propylene will gain prominence as producers seek to leverage their existing assets and available internal streams to find an optimum solution for meeting the demand for propylene. In this Manuscript all the following methods for increasing of propylene from FCC process is investigated:

- o Add additives of ZSM-5 catalyst to FCC catalyst
- o Change catalyst of FCC to Propylene mode FCC catalyst as Grace and Davison or Albemarle Company Catalyst that will be considered for propylene purpose production.
- o Change the FCC operation condition to HS FCC process condition.
- o Use SUPERFLEX process

2.3 OPTIMIZING THE PSA PROCESS OF P/P USING NEURO-FUZZY MODELING

In optimizing the PSA process of propylene/propane using Neuro-Fuzzy modeling was studied by Mona *et al.,* 2012, Cryogenic distillation is the common method for separating propylene/propane mixtures, but this is highly energy intensive. Some 8-ring silica zeolites, especially pure silica chabazite (SiCHA), are known to show high diffusivity ratio for propylene over propane. In this work, the separation of propylene/propane using pure silica chabazite (SiCHA) in a simple 4-step pressure swing adsorption process is studied. An isothermal isobaric micropore diffusion model was created to simulate this kinetically controlled separation. It is first developed and implemented in the multi-physics software COMSOL to simulate different modes of PSA process. In this study, we present a sequential optimization strategy based on neuro-fuzzy model and genetic algorithm (GA) with synergistic combination of COMSOL simulation model to maximize the purity of propylene and propane productions.

2.4 MODIFICATION OF A DE-ETHANISATION PLANT FOR ENHANCING PROPANE AND PROPYLENE RECOVERY

A study was conducted by Ahmed *et al.,* 2016 on Modification of a de-ethanisation plant

for enhancing propane and propylene recovery and solving some operational problems in the Journal of Natural Gas Science and Engineering. In this, the primary goal was to increase the propane and propylene recoveries as well as to overcome some operational problems of this process. In order to accomplish this goal, a change in the process configuration and in some operating conditions was suggested. The simulation tool used in this study to examine the proposed modifications is HYSYS version 8.0 with Peng–Robinson Equation of State (EoS). The validity of simulation is proved by the good correspondence between laboratory and simulation results of the modified plant. The benefits of this study were realized when the proposed modification was applied to the original plant. The results show that the modified plant in operation is capable of recovering 2235 tons/year of propane and propylene more than the original plant. It is also noted that more ethane and ethylene are separated in the modified plant. Furthermore, the modified process provides a solution to some operational problems like increased carryover in the de ethaniser rectifying column. The last part of this work considered the investigation of the maximum feed stream $CO₂$ concentration at which the plant can operate properly without freezing.

2.5 PROPYLENE/PROPANE SEPARATION BY VACUUM SWING ADSORPTION USING Cu-BTC SPHERES

In the studies carried out by Plaza *et al.,* 2016 on Propylene/propane separation by vacuum swing adsorption using Cu-BTC spheres, Cu-BTC MOF is an appealing candidate to carry out propane/propylene separation by adsorption due to its high adsorption capacity and propylene selectivity. In this work, a brand new sample of Cu-BTC, synthesized and shaped into spheres by the Korean Research Institute of Chemical Technology (KRICT) is studied for this commitment. The sample under evaluation presents the very best propylene specific adsorption capability known up to date for a shaped material (up to 8 mol kg^{-1} of dry adsorbent at 323 K).

A mathematical model is projected that adequately describes the breakthrough in these experiments. This model has conjointly been used to simulate an experimental 5-step VSA cycle formed to produce polymer-grade propylene. Although this cycle presents low recoveries, the valid model is used as a base for VPSA design.

2.6 RECOVERY OF PROPYLENE FROM REFINERY OFF-GAS

The article on Recovery of propylene from refinery off-gas using metal incorporated ethyl cellulose membranes by Susheela *et al.,* 2000 discusses the performance of certain changed ethyl cellulose (EC) films which was explored for the recuperation of propylene from a blend of gas that has an indistinguishable synthesis from the safeguard tail gas (ATG) of a liquid reactant breaking unit of HPCL refinery, Vishakhapatnam. The blend contains C_1-C_5 hydrocarbons and non-hydrocarbons like CO , $CO₂$, $H₂$ and $N₂$. Various metals like silver, ruthenium, palladium and iridium were joined into EC films to roll out improvements in the membrane permeation properties for specifically expanding the propylene flux by encouraging its vehicle. Ethyl cellulose films appeared to have great potential for the business recuperation of propylene from a hydrocarbon rich off-gas blend which contains olefin as a noteworthy constituent. A genuinely high selectivity of 5.1 accompanied by high transport rates was acquired for propylene concerning propane in the multi-component blend. Among the metalconsolidated films, the least complex outcomes were gotten with a silver (5 wt. %)- EC layer which yielded a permeate stream of around 65 mol% propylene. The pervasion of the different hydrocarbon parts introduce in the ATG blend through the metal fused EC layers was likewise broke down. Association of the metal particles with the layer grid has been clarified by portraying the movies with the help of FTIR, WAXD and SEM–EDX procedures that are accessible.

2.7 NEW 13X ZEOLITE FOR PROPYLENE/PROPANE SEPARATION

Campo *et al.,* 2013 has conducted a study on New 13X zeolite for propylene/propane separation by vacuum swing adsorption where adsorption equilibrium isotherms for propane and propylene on a new 13X zeolite from CECA were measured at three temperatures (323, 373, 423 K) up to 5 bar pressure. Maximum capacities of 3.47 and 3.08 mole /kg were found for propylene and propane, respectively. These values are considerably better than those reported in the literature. Adsorption isotherms were fitted with Toth equation. Heats of adsorption were evaluated as a function of loading from experimental data with Van Hoff's equation leading to 53 kJ/mol and 35 kJ/mol for propylene and propane, respectively; values were conjointly obtained from fitting with Toth equation. For fixed bed adsorbers, single and binary breakthrough curves were measured and simulated with the help of a mathematical model. A 5-step VSA cycle was conjointly simulated to produce 99.5% propylene from a mixture of 25:75 propane/propylene; experimental validation confirms a good prediction. Propylene obtained was having a purity of 99.54%, a productivity of 1.46 mol C_3H_6/kg_{ad} h and a recovery of 85%.

2.8 PRESSURE SWING ADSORPTION PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION OF NITROGEN AND PROPYLENE

Pressure swing adsorption process for the separation of nitrogen and propylene with a MOF adsorbent MIL-100(Fe) by Ana *et al.,* 2013 talks about the recovery of propylene and nitrogen from the stream produced during the resin degassing $(70\% \text{ N}_2/30\% \text{ C}_3\text{H}_6)$ within the polypropylene production. This work proposes the utilization of a pressure swing adsorption process with MIL-100(Fe) as an adsorbent to hold out this separation, either for recovering only nitrogen, or for recovering both nitrogen and propylene from the process. On a lab-scale set-up, single and binary breakthrough curves were experimentally determined and simulated to validate the mathematical model. PSA simulation shows that a product purity of 99.9% and a recovery of 81.5% could be achieved for the nitrogen recovery process. For the nitrogen and propylene recovery process, a recovery of 97.4% for nitrogen and 87.6% for propylene has been obtained and the products purities obtained were 99.9% for nitrogen and 97.9% for propylene respectively also the adsorbent productivity values obtained was $0.20 \text{ kgN}_2/\text{kg}_{\text{ads}}/h$ and $0.07 \text{ kgC}_3\text{H}_6/\text{kg}_{\text{ads}}/\text{h}$. The overall power consumption raised to 179 W h/kgN₂ or 309 W h/kgC_3H_6 a value that is still below those reported previously in the literature for alternative technologies.

2.9 OPTIMAL DESIGN OF CRYOGENIC DISTILLATION COLUMNS

In studies carried out by Rafael *et al.,* 2014 on optimal design of cryogenic distillation columns with side heat pumps for the propylene/propane separation tell us about propylene/ propane production process. The boiling point of propylene (−47.6 °C) and propane (−42.1 °C) are very similar, so it is very hard to separate them. Plus it's a very high energyintensive process. To separate this mixture, a conventional columns that operate at high pressure and cryogenic distillation columns that operate at low pressure have to be used; however, these methods are still energy consuming. This work shows the design and optimization of an energy-efficient column, which helps in minimizing the energy consumption in the propylene/propane separator. Conceptual design, superstructure representation, rigorous simulations and mathematical programming techniques are effectively combined to assess all the distillation structures used. Results obtained from the project showed that VRC and distillation columns with heat-integrated stages can scale down the energy consumption between 58 and 75% when compared with conventional distillation at high pressure.

2.10 OPTIMAL FEED LOCATIONS AND NO. OF TRAYS FOR DISTILLATION COLUMNS WITH MULTIPLE FEEDS

In the study, optimal feed locations and a number of trays for distillation columns with multiple feeds done by Jagadisan *et al.,* 1993 uses a MINLP models for finding the optimal locations for the feeds to enter a column and also finds the number of trays required in a column for a specified separation process to take place. Systems with ideal, Soave-Redlich-Kwong equation of state and UNIQUAC thermodynamic models are taken into consideration. The steps in the optimization process automatically determine the order and the location of the feed, no assumptions has to be made. The results obtained, helped to create a frame work that could solve any difficult problems with non-ideal thermodynamics.

2.11 DESIGN AND ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION OF SHELL AND TUBE HEAT EXCHANGERS

This study conducted by Oguz *et al.,* 2014 uses an improved Intelligent Tuned Harmony Search (I-ITHS) algorithm to design a shell and tube heat exchangers. ITHS has an advantage of deciding intensification and diversification processes by adjusting the pitch properly. Their aim was to improve the search capacity of ITHS algorithm by using chaotic sequences instead of uniformly distributed random numbers and also applying alternative search strategies. In order to minimize the total cost of a heat exchanger, baffle spacing, shell diameter, tube outer diameter and number of tube passes are minimized. Results obtained after analysis shows that I-ITHS can be used in optimizing shell and tube heat exchangers.

2.12 CONCLUSIONS

The survey has given an insight on how to move forward with the project, it provided information on different types of feeds used for recovering propylene, the market value of propylene, how the different subunits in Propylene recovery unit work and the challenges faced. A thorough understanding of how a distillation column operates is also acquired from the journals. Few of the papers include aspen techniques and mathematical models which helped in gaining more knowledge on how to approach the simulation part of the project. The design procedure journals have provided a better understanding of how a system can be designed for a multi-component feed.

CHAPTER 3

MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1 DESIGN BASIS: UNIT CAPACITY

From the findings obtained as a result of literature survey and the product requirement studies the design capacity specifications are fixed and is provided in table 3.1 given below.

Propylene Production	100,000 TPA		
Design Margin	10% of Design capacity		
Recovery of Propylene	95% (minimum)		
No. of Stream hours	8000 hrs/Year		
Turn Down of Max. Capacity	50% of 110,000 TPA of Propylene production		

Table 3.1: Design capacity data

3.2 FEED AND PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

3.2.1 FEEDSTOCK CHARACTERISTICS

The feed for Propylene recovery unit is from FCCU and Delayed Coker units with flow rates 47,390 kg/hr and 7,742.1 kg/hr, which supplies unsaturated LPG and components in the feed is provided in table 3.2.

COMPONENTS	FCCU	COKER	COMBINED
	$(wt \, \%)$	$(wt \%)$	$(wt \, \%)$
H_2O	0.044		0.0003782926
H_2S	0.00002		0.0000001720

Table 3.3: Composition of feed in PRU

3.2.2 PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

The major products from the unit are Polymer grade Propylene (with a purity of 99.5%), Lean LPG and Light Gas. The specifications of LPG and Light Gas are to be confirmed by EIL (if IS specification is met or not).

3.3 FEED BATTERY LIMIT CONDITIONS

The table 3.4 given below shows the conditions of the feed coming from the boundaries of the other plant units.

Table 3.4: Feed battery limit condition

3.4 DESIGN PROCEDURE FOR DISTILLATION COLUMNS

3.4.1 MAJOR STEPS TO DETERMINE NUMBER OF TRAYS IN A COLUMN

Identify the components to be separated

- 1. Identify light and heavy key
- 2. Material balance across the column
- 3. Determine the feed temperature
- 4. Define minimum Reflux ratio
- 5. Identify the bubble point and dew point temperature
- 6. Determine the actual number of trays by finding out minimum and theoretical number of trays

The detailed procedure for the above steps is explained as follows:

- It is convenient to list the feed components and their weight% in the order of the boiling point.
- Find out the individual component flow rates (kg/h) by multiplying weight % to feed flow rate.
- Next step is to find the light and heavy key components. The light key is the component present in the residue in important amounts while components lighter than light key are present in small amounts. Similarly, heavy key is the component present

in distillate in important amounts and the components heavier than heavy key are present in small amounts.

 Now the feed components have to be separated to distillate and residue with respect to the column chosen.

For example:

If we assume the column to be De propaniser column, then C_3 + components will be in distillate and C_4 + components will be in the residue.

If the column is a De ethaniser column, then C_2 + components will be in distillate and C_3 + components will be in the residue.

- The distillate and residue flow rates can be obtained by adding individual component flow rates that belong to the distillate and residue composition.
- In order to find the weight % for components in distillate and residue, the following material balance equations can be used.

Figure 3.1: Schematic diagram of distillation column

Over all material balance:

$$
F = D + W \tag{3.1}
$$

Individual component balance:

$$
Fz_{F,j} = Dy_{D,j} + Wx_{W,j} \tag{3.2}
$$

For Distillate:

$$
Fz_{F, j} = Dy_{D,j} \tag{3.3}
$$

For residue:

$$
Fz_{F,j} = Wx_{W,j} \tag{3.4}
$$

Where,

To find the weight percent of light and heavy key equation $Fz_{F,j}=Dy_{D,j}+Wx_{W,j}$ has to be used since they are present in both distillate and residue composition. It is important to know the exact weight fraction of the light key and heavier key present in distillate and residue for future calculations.

Example: Given below are the main columns in PRU unit

Figure 3.2: BFD of the main columns used in PRU unit

Assuming that the heavy and light components are i -C₄H₈ and C₃H₈, now we need to find out weight percent of these components in De propaniser. Also, assume the flow rate of residual P/P splitter as 7034 kg/h.

Residual flow rate of C_3 component (light key) in P/P splitter= $x_{W, C3}X$ Feed flow rate

Residual flow rate of C_4 component (heavy key) in P/P splitter

= 7034 - Residual flow rate of C₃ component
\n% of split =
$$
\frac{\text{Residual flow rate of } C_4 \text{ in } \frac{P}{P} \text{ splitter}}{P} \qquad \qquad \dots 3.5
$$

$$
z_{F, C4}
$$
 of % of split would give the percentage of weight fraction of *i*- C_4H_8 in the distillate.

To find the weight fraction in residue equation (2) is used

$$
43515 z_{F,i-c4} = 17744 y_{D,i-c4} + 25771 x_{W,i-c4} x_{W,i-c4} = \frac{(43515 zF,i-c4=) - (17744 yD,i-c4=)}{25771}
$$

Similarly, C_3H_8 is also found out

- Reflux ratio $=$ $\frac{\ }{D}$ *L*
- Ratio between Residue and distillate flow rates, *D W*

INLET TEMPERATURE

- In order to fix the inlet temperature, trial and error method has to be used. The procedure is as follows:
- At first from the data obtained assume an inlet temperature, now with respect to that temperature fill in the table given in table 4.2

In the table calculation, if the total of y_i (concentration in gas) becomes equal to 1 then the assumed temperature is apt for the column, if not keep changing the temperature until or unless you get $\sum y_i=1$

The equation for volatility:

Volatility,
$$
\alpha = \frac{m_j}{m_{hk}}
$$
 ...3.6
Where,
 m_j = distribution coefficient of jth component
 m_{hk} = distribution coefficient of heavy key

MINIMUM REFLUX

Many methods of estimating the minimum reflux have been proposed, Underwood's method [13] is the one that we use here. In this, two equations have to be solved:

$$
\sum \frac{\alpha_j z_{jF} F}{\alpha_j - \theta} = F(1 - q)
$$
...(3.7)

$$
\sum \frac{\alpha_j y_{jD} D}{\alpha_j - \theta} = D(1 + R_m)
$$
...(3.8)

Where,

D = the flow rate of distillate (kg/h)

 $F =$ flow rate of feed (kg/h)

 α_j = relative volatility of jth component

 $z_{F, j}$ = the weight fraction of jth component in the feed

 y_{jD} = weight fraction of jth component in the distillate

 R_m = minimum reflux ratio

q $= D/F$

ACTUAL REFLUX RATIO

The rule of thumb is:

$$
R = (1.2...1.5) R_{min} \tag{3.9}
$$

DEW POINT

Assume the dew point temperature and fill in table 4.3 from materials and methods.

Here $\sum y_i/\alpha = m_{hk}$

So the obtained value has to be compared to De-Priester chart (Appendix 3: Image A3.1) for the corresponding heavy key component and find the temperature with respect to it.

BUBBLE POINTS

Assume the bubble point temperature.

According to the table 4.4 in materials and methods, collect the data

Here $m_{hk} = 1/\sum X_i^* \alpha$

Similarly like above, compared the obtained value from the above equation to De-Priester chart (Appendix 3: Image A3.1) and find the temperature with respect to it.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAYS

Fenskey equation is not limited to binary mixture and can be applied to the key components to determine the mini number of trays (Robert, 1956)

$$
N_{min} + 1 = \frac{\log \left(\frac{y_{ik}}{y_{hk}} \right)_D \left(\frac{X_{HK}}{X_{LK}} \right)_W}{\log \left(\alpha_{D,W} \right)_{ave}} \tag{3.10}
$$

Where,

 N_m+1 = Total number of theoretical stages including the reboiler

 $Y_{ik,d}$ = Distillate light key component weight fraction

 $Y_{hk,d}$ = Distillate heavy key component weight fraction

 $x_{lk,d}$ = Residue light key component weight fraction

 $x_{hk,d}$ = Residue heavy key component weight fraction

 $\left(\alpha_{D,\,W}\,\right)_{\rm ave}\ = \left(\alpha\, \det$ pt temp. X $\alpha\,$ bubble pt temp) $^{0.5}$

Average relative volatility of light and heavy component with respect to the dew and bubble point temperature obtained

THEORETICAL NUMBER OF PLATES

Gilliland related the number of equilibrium stages and the minimum reflux ratio and the no. of equilibrium stages with a plot that was transformed by Eduljee into the relation (Niranjan, 1980):

$$
(N - N_{\min})/(N+1) = .75 \left[1 - \left(\frac{R - R_{\min}}{R+1} \right)^{0.566} \right] \tag{3.11}
$$

Where,

 $N = Theoretical plates$

N min= Minimum reflux

 $R =$ Actual reflux ratio

 R_{min} =Minimum reflux ratio
ACTUAL NUMBER OF TRAYS

Assuming the tray efficiency, find the actual number of trays:

$$
Actual number of trays = \frac{Theoretical trays}{Tray efficiency}
$$
...(3.12)

The above design procedure is elaborated through the calculations done in 4.1 of Results and Discussion.

3.5 DESIGN PROCEDURE FOR HEAT EXCHANGERS

3.5.1 MAJOR STEPS IN HEAT EXCHANGER DESIGN:

- o Find out the heat transfer area
- o Determine the number of tubes
- o Calculate bundle diameter and shell diameter
- o Calculation of shell and tube side heat transfer coefficients
- o Overall Heat transfer coefficient determination
- o Calculate heat exchanger pressure drop

The detailed procedure for the above steps is explained as follows:

Shell and tube heat exchangers are generally designed by trial and error calculations. In Kem method following steps is involved for designing a heat exchanger:

- 1. The properties of the hot and cold fluids used in the heat exchanger have to be found.
- 2. Energy balance is performed and heat duty (Q) of the exchanger is found out.

Figure 3.3: Schematic diagram of Heat exchanger

- 3. Overall heat transfer coefficient (U) value has to be assumed. The value of U for hot and cold fluids can be taken from the books (Kern, 1965; Dutta, 2006).
- 4. Number of shell and tube passes is then decided. The LMTD and the correction factor FT of the heat exchanger unit is then found out (Kern, 1965; Dutta, 2006). FT normally should be greater than 0.75 for the steady operation of the exchangers. Otherwise, it is required to increase the number of passes to obtain higher FT values.
- 5. Calculate heat transfer area (A) required from:

$$
Q=U A \Delta T_M \qquad \qquad \dots 3.12
$$

Where,

 $Q =$ Heat transfer per unit time

 $U =$ Over all heat transfer coefficient

 $A =$ Heat transfer area

 ΔT_{M} = the mean temperature difference (LMTD X FT)

6. A tube material is selected and tube diameter (ID= id, OD = od), wall thickness (in terms of BWG or SWG) and tube length (L) are fixed to proceed further in the

calculations. Calculate the number of tubes (N_t) required to provide the heat transfer area (A):

$$
N_t = \frac{A}{\pi d_0 L} \tag{3.13}
$$

- 7. Decide the type of shell and tube exchanger (fixed tube sheet, U-tube etc.). Select the tube pitch, determine inside shell diameter (D_s) that can accommodate the calculated number of tubes. Use the standard tube counts table for this purpose. Tube counts are available in standard textbooks (Kern, 1965; Dutta, 2006).
- 8. On the basis of general guidelines the fluid to shell side or tube side has to be assigned. Select the type of baffle (segmental, doughnut etc.), its size (i.e. percentage cut, 25% baffles are widely used), spacing (B) and number. The baffle spacing is usually chosen to be within 0.2 D_s to D_s .
- 9. Calculate bundle diameter and shell diameter:

$$
D_b = d_o \left(\frac{N_t}{K_t}\right)^{1/n_1} \tag{3.14}
$$

10. The shell side and tube side film heat transfer coefficient is estimated from:

$$
j_h = \frac{h d_e}{k} \frac{c_p \mu^{1/3}}{k} \frac{\mu}{\mu_w}^{-0.14}
$$
 ... 3.15

Where,

 μ $\frac{\mu}{\mu_w} = 1$

d^e = Equivalent diameter (Sinnott *et. al.,* 1993)

 $k =$ thermal conductivity of the fluid

 C_p = Specific heat capacity

h = Heat transfer coefficient (h_0 = outside film coefficient; h_i = inside film coefficient)

The overall heat transfer coefficient $(U_{cal}$ based on the outside tube area is estimated (including dirt factors) from:

$$
\frac{1}{U_{cal}} = \frac{1}{h_o} + \frac{1}{h_{od}} + \frac{d_o \ln(\frac{d_o}{d_i})}{2k_w} + \frac{d_o}{d_i} \frac{1}{h_{id}} + \frac{d_o}{d_i} \frac{1}{h_i}
$$
 ...3.16

Where,

 U_{cal} =Overall coefficient

 h_o = outside fluid film coefficient

 h_i = Inside fluid film coefficient

 h_{od} = outside dirt coefficient

 h_{id} = inside dirt coefficient

 d_i = tube inside diameter

 d_0 = tube outside diameter

 k_w = thermal conductivity of tube wall material

Select the outside tube (shell side) dirt factor and inside tube (tube side) dirt factor (Dutta, 2006).

11. If

$$
0 < \frac{U_{cal} - U}{U} < 30\%
$$

Then go to the next step 11 or else go to step 5 and the heat transfer area (A) is re calculated using U_{cal} from step 5. A baffle space of 0.2 D_s is assumed, if the calculated shell side heat transfer coefficient is too low. Now the shell side heat transfer coefficient is recalculated for better result.

12. Calculate the tube-side pressure drop (ΔP_T) by calculating the pressure drop in the straight section of the tube (frictional loss) (ΔP_t) and pressure drop due to return loss (ΔP_{rt}) which is caused because of the change in direction of fluid in a multi-pass exchanger. Total tube side pressure drop:

$$
\Delta P_T = \Delta P_t + \Delta P_{rt} \tag{3.17}
$$

Or

$$
\Delta P_{\rm T} = N_{\rm P} [8j_{\rm f} \frac{L}{d_i} (\frac{\mu}{\mu_w})^{-m} + 2.5] \frac{\rho u_{\rm t}^2}{2} \qquad \qquad \dots 3.18
$$

Where,

 ΔP_T = Tube side pressure drop j^f = friction factor (Sinnott *et. al.,* 1993) N_P = Number of tube side passes $L =$ Length of one tube u_t = Tube side velocity = $\frac{W_t}{R}$ ρA_t W_t = Tube side fluid flow rate A_t = Tube side area ρ = Density

13. Calculate shell side pressure drop ΔP_S by calculating pressure drop for flow across the tube bundle (frictional loss) (ΔP_s) and pressure drop due to return loss (ΔP_s). Now the total shell side pressure drop is:

$$
\Delta P_{\rm S} = \Delta P_{\rm s} + \Delta P_{\rm rs} \tag{3.19}
$$

Or

$$
\Delta P_{\rm S} = 8j_{\rm f} \frac{D_{\rm s}}{d_e} \frac{L}{l_{\rm B}} \frac{\rho u_{\rm s}^2}{2} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_{\rm w}}\right)^{-m} \qquad \qquad \dots 3.20
$$

Where

j^f = friction factor (Sinnott *et. al.,* 1993) $L =$ Length of one tube l_b = baffle spacing D_s =Shell diameter d_e = Equivalent diameter u_s = shell side velocity = $\frac{W_s}{gA}$ ρA_S W_s = shell side fluid flow rate A_s = shell side area ρ = Density

If the for the system, the tubes passes are increased or decreased when the tube-side pressure drop exceeds the allowable pressure drop. After this, recalculation starts from step 6.

If the shell-side pressure drop exceeds the allowable pressure drop, go back to step7 and re do the calculations.

The above design procedure is elaborated through the calculations done in 4.2 of Results and Discussion.

Given below are the heat exchangers available in the propylene recovery unit. The detailed data sheet is provided in Appendix 1: Process datasheet.

				Shell Side		Tube Side	
	Heat Exchanger Name	Shell Side Fluid	Tube Side Fluid	Inlet Temp $(^{\circ}C)$	Outlet Temp $(^{\circ}C)$	Inlet Temp $({}^{\circ}C)$	Outlet Temp $({}^{\circ}C)$
1	De propaniser Reboiler	LP steam	Hydro Carbon	143	138.2	104.3	106.2
$\overline{2}$	De propaniser Cooler	Hydro Carbon	Cooling water	46.5	45.7	31	40
$\overline{3}$	\cos Hydrolyser Heat exchanger	Hydro Carbon	Hydro carbon	46.5	128.8	150	64
$\overline{4}$	COS Reboiler	MP steam	Hydro Carbon	259	235.4	128.8	148.8
5	COS Cooler	Hydro Carbon	Cooling water	64.18	41.76	31	41.05
6	De ethaniser Reboiler	Hydro Carbon	Hot water	68.21	68.2	94	77.35
7	De ethaniser Cooler	Cooling water	Hydro Carbon	31	38.62	57.78	44.8
8	PP Splitter Reboiler	Hot water	Hydro Carbon	59.15	59.18	94	73.65
9	PP Splitter Cooler	Cooling water	Hydro Carbon	31	41.41	48.45	47.78
10	$H2S$ Separate Heat exchanger	Hydro Carbon	Hydro Carbon	48.45	149.6	180	79.39
11	$H2S$ Reboiler	MP steam	Hydro Carbon	259	236.4	149.6	179.9
12	H ₂ S Separate Cooler	Cooling water	Hydro Carbon	31	38.34	79.39	40.36

Table 3.5: List of heat exchangers in PRU

3.6 SIMULATION BY ASPEN HYSYS

Simulation is the imitation of the operation of a real-world method or system over time (Banks *et. al.,* 2001). Selecting a suitable property package is one among the foremost vital concerns for a successful process simulation. Two of the key factors to taken into consideration are:

- Specific system under consideration
- Operating conditions

The property package is a collection of methods for calculating the properties of the selected components. After you have established a component list, you combine the component list with a property package.

For oil, gas and natural segments, the Peng-Robinson EOS (PR) is for the most part the suggested property package. Hyprotech's upgrades to the present equation of state empower it to be precise for an assortment of frameworks over a decent scope of conditions. It thoroughly settles any single, two-stage or three-stage framework with a high level of effectiveness and dependability, and is material over a decent scope of conditions. The PR condition of state has been improved to yield exact stage harmony computations for frameworks beginning from low-temperature cryogenic systems to high temperature, high-pressure reservoir systems. A similar condition of state acceptably predicts part circulations for overwhelming oil frameworks, watery glycol and CH3OH frameworks, and corrosive gas/acrid water frameworks, however particular sour water models (Sour PR and Sour SRK) are accessible for more specific treatment.

The Soave-Redlich-Kwong (SRK) condition will offer practically identical outcomes to the PR in a few cases, it has been found that its scope of use is essentially constrained and is not as solid for non-ideal systems. For example, it shouldn't be utilized for systems with $CH₃OH$ or glycols. As a substitute, the PRSV condition of state can likewise be considered. It can deal with an indistinguishable system from the PR condition with equivalent, or higher accuracy, in addition to it is more reasonable for taking care of respectably non-ideal systems.

The upside of the PRSV condition is that not exclusively will it can possibly more precisely foresee the stage conduct of hydrocarbon systems, especially for systems made out of dissimilar components, however it can likewise be reached out to deal with non-ideal system with accuracies that rival traditional activity coefficient models. The sole bargain is the increased computational time and the additional collaboration parameter that is required for the equation (Murdock & James, 1993).

The PR and PRSV conditions of state perform thorough three-stage flash estimations for aqueous systems containing water, $CH₃OH$ or glycols, moreover as a system containing different hydrocarbons or non-hydrocarbons in the second liquid stage. For SRK, water is the exclusively segment that will start an aqueous phase. The PR may likewise be utilized for crude systems that have generally been demonstrated with dual model thermodynamic bundles. These earlier models are suspect for systems with giant amounts of light ends or when approaching critical regions. Likewise, the dual model system winds up in inward irregularities. The restrictive improvements to the PR and SRK techniques permit these EOSs to appropriately represent vacuum conditions and heavy components (an issue with conventional EOS strategies).

However, in my project the fluid package used is SRK because the feed composition has only water and hence it is safe to use this package. The mathematical equations used by SRK are (Murdock & James, 1993):

$$
P = \frac{RT}{V - b} - \frac{a}{V(V + b) + b(V - b)}
$$
...(3.21)

$$
Z^{3}-(1-B) Z^{2} + (A-2A-3A^{2}) Z - (AB-B^{2}-B^{3}) = 0
$$
 ...3.22

Where,

$$
A = aP / ((RT)2)
$$
 ...3.23

$$
B = bP/RT
$$

$$
b = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (0.077796 \frac{RT_i}{P_i}) \tag{3.25}
$$

3.7 CONTROLLERS IN PRU

A process has to be controlled tolerably so as to get more uniform and better quality products. Processes are controlled by either manually or automatically controllers. Automatic controllers are proven to be apt for industries where one has to control so many variables. Generally,

controllers are used in maintaining temperature, pressure, flow, level etc by retaining the set point provided in a process. There exist different types of controls to control a process such as:

1. Open Loop control: An open loop reaction is controlled by shifting the contribution to a framework and measuring the yield's reaction from the framework. In an open loop control, the controller sets the information incentive to the procedure with no learning of the output variable.

A typical case of open circle control is the control of traffic in a town. The activity lights change as per an arrangement of foreordained tenets.

2. Feedback control: This control is accomplished by bolstering the procedure output data back to the controller. The controller makes utilization of the present data about the process variable to figure out what move to make to manage the process variable. This is the least difficult and most by and large utilized controller framework.

The disadvantage of this is that the controller has to wait until disturbances upset the process to respond. There are different types of feedback controllers like:

- Digital On/Off controller- On/Off controller is one among the first fundamental administrative control. An on-off controller only drives the controlled variable from completely closed to completely open contingent upon the position of the controlled variable with respect to the set point. This controller is a suitable controller, if the deviation from the set point is inside an adequate range and the cycling doesn't destabilize whatever is left of the process.
- P-Only Controller This controller will damp out motions from unsettling influences/disturbances and can stop the cycling of the procedure variable. The sole detriment of this controller is that it will have an offset i.e. it will never accomplish the set point yet will run parallel to the set point. The output response is

$$
OP(t) = KCE(t) \qquad \qquad \dots 3.26
$$

Where,

 $OP(t) = Controller Output$

$$
K_c = \text{Proportional gain of the controller}
$$

 $E(t) = Error at the time$

• PI Controller – In contrast to P controllers, PI controllers will dampen out oscillations and return the process variables to the set point. Notwithstanding the very certainty that PI control brings about zero error, the fundamental activity of the controller builds increases the time of oscillation and sets aside longer opportunity to time out the process variable. The output of the proportional integral controller is

$$
OP(t) = K_{C}E(t) + \frac{K_{C}}{T_{i}}\int E(t) \qquad \qquad \dots 3.27
$$

Where,

 T_i = Integral time $OP(t) = Controller Output$ K_c = Proportional gain of the controller $E(t) = Error at the time$

 PID Controller- If the response of a PI controller to a disturbance isn't sufficient; the derivative action in a PID controller will cut back the natural period of significantly further. They are faster compared to other controllers. The output is defined as

$$
OP(t) = K_{C}E(t) + \frac{K_{C}}{T_{i}} \int E(t) + K_{C}T_{d} \frac{dE(t)}{dt}
$$
 ...3.28

Where,

3. Feedforward control: This control is employed when the feedback controller fails to control a process variable. Here, process disturbances are measured and compensated for, without waiting for the disturbance to affect the process. Feedforward control is also useful wherever the final controlled variable can't be measured.

4. Cascade control: This is an often used method for minimizing the disturbances entering a slow process is cascade multi-loop control. Cascade control can also speed up the response of the controller system by reducing the time constant of the process transfer function relating the manipulated variable and process output. In here, the output of the primary control is the set point for the secondary control loop.

STABILITY:

Stability of a system is an essential angle to consider when outlining control plans. A few frameworks have oscillatory reactions, contingent upon its controller tuning parameters. Once a process is agitated with a bounded disturbance or bounded change in the input forcing function, the output typically will respond in one of these three ways:

- 1. The reaction can oscillate with the diminishing amplitude and in the end achieve steady state and stabilize.
- 2. The reaction can oscillate with consistent amplitude.
- 3. The reaction can develop persistently and never achieve steady state

3.8 PROCESS DATA SHEET IN PRU

As the role of information in our world grows, it is increasingly important that people should know how to handle and use the obtained information or data. A datasheet is a complete encyclopedia where data are stored in a particular format. Datasheets can be of different formats depending upon the different departments it is being used. To put it plainly, a datasheet also called a spec sheet is a record that outlines the execution and other specialized qualities of an item, machine, segment, material and so forth. These sufficient details are used by a design engineer to integrate the component into a system. Most of the design errors are caused due to (deliberately or not) overlooking certain specifications in the datasheet. The data sheets can start with an early on page depicting the record, trailed by postings of particular qualities, with more data In this project, a process data sheet has been provided which includes all the information related to all the equipment used in the PRU unit.

The process data sheets obtained after simulating the PRU unit in Aspen Hysys has been provided in Appendix 1: Process datasheet section of the thesis.

3.9 HEAT AND MASS BALANCE DATA SHEET IN PRU

Material and energy balances are critical in an industry. The expanding estimation of energy has made the ventures take a gander at recommendations to diminish energy utilization in handling. Energy balances are utilized as a part of the examination of the different phases of a process, over the entire process and notwithstanding stretching out over the full generation framework from the raw material to the finished products.

Similarly, material balances are basic to the control of processing, especially in the control of yields of the products. In industries, heat and mass balance are documented in a heat and mass balance data sheet (HMB data sheet). In fact, HMB datasheet is a document made by process design engineers while designing a process plant. Sometimes heat and mass balance is not a separate sheet/document but appears along the Process Flow Diagram (PFD). A heat and mass balance sheet represent each and every process stream on the corresponding PFD in terms of the process conditions.

The HMB data obtained after the simulation is provided in Appendix 2: Heat and Mass balance data sheet.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 DE-PROPANISER COLUMN DESIGN

According to the detailed procedure provided in 3.4.2 of Materials and Methods, the number of trays has been found out for a multiple component systems. Similarly, the number of trays in De-propaniser column is also obtained. Given below are the detailed steps used for the manual calculation.

Figure 4.1: BFD of De propaniser column

STEP 1:

- 1. Identify the components to be separated
- 2. Identify light and heavy key
- 3. Material balance across the column

COMPONENTS	BP (^{0}C)	kg/h W.R.T FLOWRATE	wt FRACTION IN F	SUM OF FLOW RATES (kg/h)	DISTILLATE $wt\%$	RESIDUE wt $%$
N_2	-195.8	0.004739	0.00000009		0.00000022	
CO	-192	0.004739	0.00000009		0.00000022	
C_2H_6	-103.9	125.06273	0.00226891		0.00572963	
C_2H_4	-88.6	0.4739	0.00000860		0.00002171	
CO ₂	-78.5	0.004739	0.00000009		0.00000022	
H_2S	-59.6	0.009478	0.00000017	21827.4	0.00000043	
\cos	-50.2	0.023695	0.00000043		0.00000109	
C_3H_6	-48	14475.1797	0.26261072		0.66316642	
C_3H_8 (light key)	-42.2	7226.5747	0.13110552		0.03131711	0.19652840
Propadiene	-34	0.0023695	0.00000004		0.00000011	
Methyl Acetylene	-23.21	0.0260645	0.00000047		0.00000119	
$i-C_4$ =(heavy key)	-11.7	5374.026	0.09749632		0.08120000	0.10817960
i -C ₄ H ₁₀	-10	5531.1246	0.10034643			0.16613515
$1 - C_4H_8/1 - C_4 =$	-5	5775.1913	0.10477432			0.17346604
Butadiene	-4.41	66.8199	0.00121226			0.00200703
$n - C_4H_{10}$	-1	6121.8328	0.11106314			0.18387791
$t2-C_4$	0.9	5208.161	0.09448718			0.15643448
$c2-C_4$	3.7	3573.206	0.06482560	33292.9		0.10732630
C_5H_{12}	27	1551.5486	0.02814841			0.04660296
Mercaptan	34.4	0.00004	0.00000020			0.00000033
$n - C_5H_{12}$	36	69.6789	0.00126412			0.00209290
n-Hexane	69	0.4739	0.00000860			0.00001423
H_2O	100	20.8516	0.00037829			0.00062631
Caustic	1390	0.000551321	0.00000001			0.00000002

Table4. 1: Compositions of feed, distillate, and residue in De-propaniser column

STEP 2: FEED TEMPERATURE DETERMINATION

Assuming the inlet temperature to be 50 \degree C

COMPONENTS	Z/100	$m_{j,i}$	α	$+1)$ $Y =$
H ₂ O	0.00000009			
H_2S	0.00000009			
C_2H_4	0.00226891	5.1	8.5	1.7×10^{-5}
C_2H_6	0.00000860	3.5	5.833	0.00397
C_3H_6	0.00000009	1.45	2.417	0.3227
C_3H_8	0.00000017	1.3	2.167	0.15218
Mercaptan	0.00000043	3.5	5.833	3.5×10^{-7}
Methyl Acetylene	0.26261072	5.1	8.5	$9.1 X10^{-7}$
Propadiene	0.13110552	1.45	2.416	$5.3 X10^{-8}$
COS	0.00000004			
CO	0.00000047			
CO ₂	0.09749632			
N_2	0.10034643			
$N-C_4H_{10}$	0.10477432	0.44	0.73	0.06297
$i - C_4H_{10}$	0.00121226	0.6	$\mathbf{1}$	0.07168
$1-C_4H_8$	0.11106314	0.6	$\mathbf{1}$	0.07484
$i-C_4=$	0.09448718	0.6	$\mathbf{1}$	0.06964
c_2 - C_4	0.06482560	0.6	$\mathbf{1}$	0.0463
t_2 -C ₄	0.02814841	0.6	$\mathbf{1}$	0.06749
Butadiene	0.00000020	0.6	$\mathbf{1}$	0.00087
$i - C_5H_{12}$	0.00126412	$\overline{2}$	3.33	0.04021
$n - C_5H_{12}$	0.00000860	0.153	0.255	0.00029
n-Hexane	0.00037829	0.068	0.113	$9.3 X10^{-7}$
Caustic	0.00000001			
Total				0.913

Table 4.2: Feed temperature determination

The total of y is found almost equal to, that means the assumed temperature is correct for the column.

STEP 3: DEW POINT DETERMINATION

Assuming the dew point temperature to be 46° C

COMPONENTS	$y_i * D/100$	$m_{j,i}$ @46 °C	\mathbf{A}	y_i^*D/D	y_i / α
C_2H_4	2.17×10^{-5}	4.4	8.8	$2.78 \text{ X}10^{-5}$	3.16×10^{-6}
C_2H_6	5.73 $X10^{-3}$	$\overline{3}$	6	7.33 $X10^{-3}$	$1.22 \text{ X}10^{-3}$
C_3H_6	0.663	1.2	2.4	0.849	0.354
C_3H_8	0.0313	1.1	2.2	0.0401	0.0182
Methyl Acetylene	$1.19 X10^{-6}$	4.4	8.8	1.53E-06	$1.74 \text{ X}10^{-7}$
Propadiene	$1.09 \text{ X}10^{-7}$	1.2	2.4	$1.39 \text{ X}10^{-7}$	5.79 $X10^{-8}$
$i-C4=$	0.0812	0.5	1	0.104	0.104
H_2S	4.34 $X10^{-7}$				
COS	1.09E-06				
CO	2.17×10^{-7}				
CO ₂	2.17×10^{-7}				
N_2	2.17×10^{-7}				
Total	0.781			0.896	0.476
	D Value				

Table 4.3: Dew point determination

Here $\sum y_i/\alpha = m_{hk} = 0.47$

After comparing the value to De-Priester chart (Appendix 3, image A3.1), we obtained the temperature as 44° C, which is almost close to the assumed value.

STEP 4: BUBBLE POINT DETERMINATION

Assuming the dew point temperature to be 106°C

COMPONENTS	$X_i * W$	X_i *W/W	$m_{j,I}$ (a)106 °C	А	$X_i^* \alpha$
C_3H_8	0.196	0.171	7.2	1.894	0.325
$N-C_4H_{10}$	0.184	0.161	3.1	0.815	0.131
i -C ₄ H ₁₀	0.166	0.145	3.8		.145
$1-C4H8$	0.173	0.152	3.8		0.151

Table 4.4: Bubble point determination

Here $m_{hk} = 1 / \sum X_i^* \alpha = 1.098$

After comparing with De-Priester chart (Appendix 3, image A3.1), the obtained temperature is $61⁰$ C.

STEP 5: NUMBER OF ACTUAL TRAYS

1. Minimum Number of trays determination

By using Fenskey equation

We determined the minimum number of trays as 14

COMPONENTS	$m_{j,i}$	α @44 $^{\circ}$ C	$m_{j,i}$	α @61 $^{\circ}$ C	AVG
C_2H_4	4.2	8.75	7.2	8	8.36
C_2H_6	2.8	5.83	4.8	5.33	5.57
C_3H_6	1.15	2.39	2.2	2.44	2.42
C_3H_8	1.05	2.18	1.9	2.11	2.14
Mercaptan	2.8	5.83	4.8	5.33	5.57
Methyl Acetylene	4.2	8.75	7.2	8	8.36
Propadiene	1.15	2.39	2.2	2.44	2.42
$N-C_4H_{10}$	0.34	0.71	0.68	0.76	0.73

Table 4.5: The average relative volatility determination

- 2. Theoretical tray determination By using Eduljee's relation: The number of theoretical trays obtained $= 29$ trays
- 3. Actual tray determination

Assuming the tray efficiency to be 70% (This may not be the correct efficiency used)

Actual number of trays $=$ Theoretical trays Tray efficiency $=60$

4.2 COS HYDROLYSER DESIGN

The manual design of the heat exchanger is explained in 3.5.2 of Materials and Methods by taking that into consideration, the COS hydrolyser has been designed. The steps are as follows: Data provided:

Tube and shell fluid are the same with different temperatures

Use a 1/ 2 Heat exchanger with split head floating head

Figure 4.2: COS heat exchanger

Assumptions:

- 1. Carbon steel tube material is used, $K_w = 45$ W/m \degree C
- 2. U = 266.9 kJ/ h m² ° C
- 3. $O.D = 20$ mm, $I.D = 16$ mm, $L = 5.5$ m

$$
= \frac{(150 - 85.45) - (107.6 - 46.5)}{\ln_{(107.6 - 46.5)}}
$$

\n= 62.81 °C
\nHeat transfer Area
\n
$$
= \frac{1987000}{266.9 \text{ X } 62.81 \text{ X } .92} = 120.7 \text{ m}^2
$$

\nArea of 1 tube
\n= π X 20 X 10⁻³ X5.5
\n= 0.345 m²

No. of tubes
$$
= \frac{\text{Heat transfer Area}}{\text{Area of 1 tube}} = 350 \text{ tubes}
$$

Since the tube pass is 2

Example 12.207

\nExample 2.207

\n
$$
= d_{0} \left(\frac{N_{t}}{K_{t}} \right)^{1/n_{1}}
$$
\n
$$
= 535 \text{ mm}
$$

For split head floating head exchanger, the typical shell clearance is 58mm ([2] page 831, Fig 12.12)

$$
534 + 58 = 534 + 58
$$

$= 592$ mm

Tube side

Heat transfer coefficient:

To find the value for j_h

Reynolds no., Re $\mathsf{pud_i}$ μ

$$
= 16698.53
$$

$$
\frac{L}{d_i} = 344
$$

 j_h = 2. 9 X 10⁻³

Applying the equation from procedure

$$
h_i = 303.33
$$
 W/m² ° C

Pressure drop:

$$
\Delta P_{T} = N_{P} [8j_{f} \frac{L}{d_{i}} (\frac{\mu}{\mu_{w}})^{-m} + 2.5] \frac{\rho u_{t}^{2}}{2}
$$

$$
= 1.2 \times 10^{5} \text{ kPa}
$$

Shell side

 $l_b = 20\%$ of D_s A_s = $(P_t - d_0)D_s$ l_B P_{t} $= 0.014$ m² Considering a triangle pitch $d_e = 14.4$ mm ([19] pages 858) Mean temperature $150 + 107.6$ $\overline{\mathbf{c}}$ **=** 128. 8 ºC Re = ρud_i μ **=** 37680.05

Use baffle segment to be 25%

Pressure drop:

$$
\Delta P_{\rm S} = 8j_{\rm f}\frac{D_s}{d_e}\frac{L}{l_B}\frac{\rho u_s^2}{2}(\frac{\mu}{\mu_w})^{-m}
$$

$$
\Delta P_s = 2.26 \text{ X} 10^5 \text{ kPa}
$$

Overall Heat transfer

$$
\frac{1}{U_{\text{cal}}} = \frac{1}{1760} + \frac{20X \, 10^{-3} \ln\left(\frac{20}{16}\right)}{2 \, X \, 45} + \frac{20}{16} \frac{1}{307.33}
$$
\n
$$
= 221.5 \, \text{KJ/h m}^2 \, ^\circ \text{C}
$$

The obtained U_{cal} obeys the condition below

$$
0 < \frac{U_{cal} - U}{U} < 30\%
$$

4.3 SIMULATED RESULTS

The feed consists of unsaturated LPG from FCCU and delayed Coker units, which after undergoing the process yields 99.58% by volume pure polymer grade propylene.

The expected purity was 99.5% by Volume but the simulation result has shown a 0.08% by volume increase in the purity which is a sign of successes in the designing aspect. The table given below shows the major product streams coming out of the Propylene Recovery Unit.

	Feed (1)	To LPG Storage Pool (3)	Fuel Gas (15)	To LPG Storage Pool (19)	Propylene (28)
Temperature $({}^{\circ}C)$	64	106.43	52.15	59.74	40.04
Pressure (kPa)	1961.33	1892.68	2834.12	2147.65	1667.13
Molar Flow (kgmole/h)	1092.10	577.65	14.09	171.69	332.29
Mass Flow (kg/h)	55115.82	33168.43	544.01	7570.58	13986.00
Liquid Volume Flow (m^3/h)	98.52	55.92	1.15	14.91	26.85
Heat Flow (kJ/h)	$-5.7X$ 107	-3.7×10^{7}	-2.6×10^5	-1.8×10^7	-2.0×10^{7}
COMPOSITION	$wt\%$	$wt\%$	$wt\%$	$W\%$	$wt\%$
H ₂ O	0.0004	θ	$\boldsymbol{0}$	θ	$\overline{0}$
H_2S	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$	0.000012	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$
Ethane	0.003795	$\mathbf{0}$	0.297123	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$
Propane	0.150104	0.000235	0.057457	0.956425	0.00414
CO ₂	$\overline{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.000006	$\overline{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$

Table 4.6: Feed and Product Properties obtained after simulation

The above results have been obtained from the simulation done in Aspen Hysys. The figure 4.3 shows the Aspen Hysys simulation of the entire PRU unit, which includes three distillation units, two hydrolyser units and rest of the equipment, includes splitters heat exchangers reboilers and coolers.

Figure 4.3: Simulation diagram of Propylene Recovery unit in Aspen Hysys

4.4 DETAILED PROCESS DESCRIPTION FOR PRU

DE-PROPANISER COLUMN

The cracked LPG from FCCU and Delayed Coker unit is available at the plant battery limit at a pressure of 18 kg/cm² g and temperature equal to 40°C. The LPG is pumped to de propaniser column 36C-101 under flow control.

The top pressure of the column is maintained at 17.8 Kg/cm^2 g through the pressure controller by controlling the flow of LP steam into 36E-101.

The de propaniser bottom stream at 106.4 °C is sent to the LPG storage under flow control cascaded with the level controller installed at the bottom of the column. The vapours from the column top are split into two streams and the major stream is condensed in de propaniser condenser 36E-102 by cooling water and refluxed back. The condenser is partially flooded with C_3 components. Then the other split which is stream 5 goes to the COS hydrolyser.

COS HYDROLYSER

In hydrolyser, COS is converted into H_2S and CO_2 in the presence of water vapours at 150 °C filled with catalyst. The feed to hydrolyzer is preheated in COS preheaters 36E-103 with hot effluent vapours from reactor 36R-101X from 46.5 ºC to 128.8 ºC. Prior to that deaerated water is injected into vapour stream to ensure that minimum $0.2 \text{ wt\% H}_2\text{O}$ of feed is present before entering into the reactor. The C_3 hydrolyser vapours are further heated to about 150 °C in COS hydrolyser superheater 36E-104 ºC by means of MP stream. Hydrolyser feed is controlled by a temperature controller.

The hot vapours are sent to R-101X where COS is hydrolyzed and after exchanging heat with the reactor feed vapours and attending a temperature of 64.18 ºC are finally condensed in 36E-105, COS hydrolyser condenser. The condensate is sent to condensate drum 36V-101. System pressure is maintained at a constant level by partially flooding 36E-105

The condensed C_3 carbon stream is pumped by $36P-101$ through a control valve which is cascaded to the level controller of 36V-101 to de ethaniser column 36C-102.

DE-ETHANISER

The light components namely C_2 hydrocarbons, H₂S, H₂O, CO, CO₂ etc are separated from C_3 hydrocarbons by distillation process in $36C-101$. The C_3 hydrocarbons are taken from the bottom of the column and used future in the process. The above light components are purged through the exchanger 36E-107 under a flow control and are sent as fuel gas to the battery limit.

The system pressure is also controlled by varying the duty of 36E-106. Condenser gets flooded up to the desired level to match the duty required which depends on the product reflux rate. Feed is sent to the column under flow control. C_3 hydrocarbon stream is drawn as a bottom product from column 36C-102 under level/ flow controller. The level controller controls the set point of the flow controller.

P/P SPLITTER

Propane –propylene splitter 36C-103 is the next major equipment in the unit. Feed is sent to the column 36C-103 by the flow controller. Propane is obtained as the bottom product from 36C-103, which after cooling goes to LPG return pool via a cascade control, where level and flow controllers are interconnected in a loop.

PP splitter operates at a pressure of around 20-21 kg/cm² and is maintained by the pressure controller which intern is controlled by the hot water flow to 36E-108. Heat to the reboiler is supplied by hot water via closed loop hot water system.

The vapour from the top splits into two streams, the major stream goes for H_2S removal and the later into the column as reflux. The reflux to the column is condensed in 36E-109 and then pumped back trough a pump 36P-102 via flow controller.

The column operation is monitored by checking the propane content in propylene distillate by means of an analyzer.

H2S SEPARATOR

H2S removal is effected by H2S separator 36R-102X. This is filled with ZnO catalyst which reacts with Hydrogen Sulphide and the effluent propylene is free of sulfur. The sulfur removal is more effective at about 180ºC and the exact reactor temperature that has to be maintained will be confirmed by the catalyst vendor.

The vapours from 36C-103 are preheated in exchanger 36E-110 and further heated by MP steam in 36E-111 and enters H_2S separator, 36R-102X.

A temperature controller maintains the inlet temperature by controlling MP steam flow to 36E-111. The effluent from 36R-102X are cooled in 36E-110 and further condensed in 36E-112 by cooling water.

In the reactor 36R-102X, with the help of an analyzer, the total sulfur and COS content is continuously checked. Partial flooding of condenser 36E-112 maintains the system pressure at a constant level. 36E-112 gets flooded up to the desired level to match the duty requirement. The propylene is further taken ahead to the drying unit where it is dried using N_2 and filtered and later stored.

The detailed process flow diagram is given in figure 4.4, which has been created from the data obtained. The software used for making the PFD is MS Visio.

4.5 CONTROL PHILOSOPHY OF PRU

DE-PROPANISER

The feed stream to the column 36C-101 is being connected to a flow controller which helps to keep the flow rate intact, here the flow controller detects the difference in the flow rate in stream 1, compares it to the set point that has been provided and maintains the flow according to it. The top product has been connected to a Pressure controller which is controlled by the reboiler 36E-101. When a variation in pressure is detected, the PC sends a signal to the valve which will open or close the flow of LP steam into the reboiler which thereby helps in maintaining the pressure.

To the bottom of the tower, a cascade system is implemented where the level controller is being connected to a flow control, when there is increase or decrease in the level inside the column the level controller gives instructions to the flow controller to open or close the valve attached to the stream 3 so as to maintain the required Liquid level. An additional flow controller has been provided at the reflux stream after 36E-102, this also serves the same purpose that is to control the flow rate of the reflux stream entering back into the column.

COS HYDROLYSER

A temperature controller is implemented after the heat exchanger 36E-104 before entering 36R-101, the temperature controller detects the temperature variation and instructs the control valve to control the flow of MP stream to 36E-104 and henceforth maintaining the temperature.

The effluent coming from the hydrolyzer is further taken to 36V-101, where a level controller is installed, when there is a change in the level inside the column the level controller gives instructions to the flow controller installed in stream 14 and thereby opening or closing the control valve. The control system provided here is cascade controller. The level controller sets the set point for flow controller.

DE-ETHANISER

In de-ethaniser column 36C-102, the feed is sent to the column under flow control. The set point of the flow controller is controlled by the cracked LPG feed from 36C-101. Reflux to 36C-102 is controlled by another flow controller. Flue gas obtained as the top product from 36C-102, which goes to the boundary limit via the flow controller provided at the $15th$ stream. C³ hydrocarbon stream is drawn as the bottom product from the column, 36C-102 under level /flow rate control. In here, level control controls the set point of the flow rate controller.

P/P SPLITTER

The C_3 hydrocarbon bottom product from 36C-102 is sent to 36C-103as feed via flow controller. Propane is the bottom product which goes to LPG return pool via the flow controller. The set point for this flow controller is obtained from level controller installed at the bottom of the 36C-103. PP splitter operates at a pressure of 20- 21kg/cm² and is maintained by a pressure controller by means of controlling the hot water flow to 36E-108. A flow controller is installed to the reflux of the column to maintain the reflux flow.

H2S SEPARATOR

In 36R-102X, temperature controller maintains the inlet temperature of the hydrocarbon stream by approximately controlling the MP steam flow to 36E-111. If any variation in the temperature is detected, the controller detects it and increase or decrease the steam flow.

Figure 4.4: Process flow diagram of Propylene Recovery unit, Vadinar refinery

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSIONS

The overall aim of this project is to achieve an understanding in designing a Propylene unit. EOL aims at commissioning a PRU unit, in order to effectively use the unsaturated naphtha obtained from FCCU and coker units. The propylene market is experiencing a hike and this process could thus economically benefit any industry that is a producer of propylene.

The design criterion and objectives for the project were fixed from the findings obtained as a result of literature survey and the product requirement studies. After completing the basic design of Propylene Recovery Unit (PRU) in Hysys, a yield of 99.58% by volume pure propylene was obtained, whereas originally a yield of 99.5% by volume was expected as per the EIL's technology. Hence it can be concluded that if the conditions used in the simulation are followed while constructing and running the plant, a better result can be expected. The project effectively demonstrates an improvement in the quality of yield by a factor of 0.08% which can prove to be quite substantial in the present industrial scale.

Detailed Process Data Sheets and Heat & Mass Balance Data study have also been done and the data obtained is given in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

REFERENCES

Ahmed Bhran, A., & **M. Mohamed El-Gharbawy** (2016). Modification of a deethanization plant for enhancing propane and propylene recovery and solving some operational problems. Journal of Natural Gas Science and Engineering, **31**, p. 503–514.

Amir Farshi (2008). Propylene production methods and FCC process rules in propylene demands. Research gate.

Ana Ribeiro, **M., C. Marta Campo**, **C. Guler Narin**, **Joao Santos**, **Alexandre Ferreira**, **Jong-San Chang**, **Young Kyu Hwang**, **You-Kyong Seo**, **U-Hwang Lee**, **M. Jose Loureiro**, **E. Alírio Rodrigues** (2013). Pressure swing adsorption process for the separation of nitrogen and propylene with a MOF adsorbent MIL-100(Fe). Separation and purification technology, **110**, p. 101-111.

Banks, J., J. Carson, **B. Nelson, D. Nicol** (2001). Discrete-Event System Simulation. Prentice Hall, p. 3.

Campo, **M.C., A.M. Ribeiro**, **A. Ferreira**, **J.C. Santos**, **C. Lutz**, **J.M. Loureiro**, **A.E. Rodrigues** (2013). New 13X zeolite for propylene/propane separation by vacuum swing adsorption. Separation principle and purification technology, **103**, p. 60-70.

Dutta, B.K (1st ed. 2006). Heat Transfer-Principles and Application, PHI Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi .

Gary, J.H., & G.E Handwerk (2nd ed. 1984). Petroleum Refining Technology and Economics. Marcel Dekker.

Jagadisan Viswanathan & **E. Ignacio Grossmann** (1993). Optimal feed locations and number of trays for distillation columns with multiple feeds. Engineering Design Research Center', Carnegie Mellon University. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, **32**, p. 2942-2949.

Kern, D. Q. (1965). Process Heat Transfer. McGraw-Hill Book Company, Int.

Leffler, W.L., (2nd ed. 1985). Petroleum refining for the nontechnical person. PennWell Books.

Mona Khalighi, **S. Farooq**, **I.A. Karimi** (2012). Optimizing the PSA process of propylene/propane using Neuro-Fuzzy modeling. 11th International Symposium on Process Systems Engineering, **31**, p. 1336–1340.

Murdock & **W. James**(1993). Fundamental fluid mechanics for the practicing engineer. CRC Press, p. 25–27

Niranjan Kodanda, Design of Distillation column, p.123

Oguz Emrah Turgut, **Mert Sinan Turgut**, **Mustafa urhan Coban** (2014),'Design And Economic Investigation Of Shell And Tube Heat Exchangers Using Improved Intelligent Tuned Harmony Search Algorithm', Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Ege University, Bornova, and Dokuz Eylul University, Tınaztepe,Izmir, Turkey

Plaza, **M.G., A.M. Ribeiro**, **Ferreira**, **J.C. Santos**, **U-Hwang Lee**, **Jong-San Chang**, **J.M. Loureiro**, **A.E. Rodrigues** (2016), 'Propylene/propane separation by vacuum swing adsorption using Cu-BTC spheres', **90**, p.109-119

Rafael Alcantara-Avila, **J., I. Fernando Gomez-Castro**, **J. Gabriel Segovia-Hernandez**, **Ken-Ichiro Sotowa**, **Toshihide Horikawa** (2014). Optimal design of cryogenic distillation columns with side heat pumps for the propylene/propane separation. Chemical Engineering and Processing: Process Intensification, **82**, p. 112-122.

Ray Sinnott & Gavin Towler (5th ed. 2009). Chemical Eng. Design, Elsevier.

Robert Perry, H. & **H. Cecil Chilton** (1895-1953). Chemical Eng. Handbook. McGraw Hill.

Robert Treybal, E. (1956). Mass transfer operations (3rd ed.), McGraw Hill, p.439

Sinnott, R. K., Coulson & **Richardsons** (1993). Chemical Engineering: Chemical Engineering Design , Butterworth-Heinemann, **6**

Susheela Bai, **S. Sridhar**, **A. A. Khan** (2000). Recovery of propylene from refinery offgas using metal incorporated ethyl cellulose membranes. Journal of membrane science, **174**, p. 67-79.

Underwood, **A. J. V.** (1948, 1949)**.** Che. Eng. Prog., p.44; 45

APPENDIX 1

PROCESS DATA SHEET

DISTILLATION COLUMN DATA SHEET

Table A1.1: PDS OF De-propaniser column

Table A1.2: PDS of De-ethaniser column

Table A1.3: PDS of P/P Splitter

 $\overline{}$

PUMPS DATA SHEET

Table A1.4: PDS OF P-101

Table A1.5: PDS OF P-102

 Γ

HEAT EXCHANGER DATA SHEET

Table A1.6: PDS OF E-101

Table A1.7: PDS OF E-102

Table A1.8: PDS OF E-103

Г

Table A1.9: PDS OF E-104

Table A1.10: PDS OF E-105

Table A1.11: PDS OF E-106

 Γ

Table A1.12: PDS OF E-107

 \blacksquare

Table A1.13: PDS OF E-108

Table A1.14: PDS OF E-109

Table A1.15: PDS OF E-110

Table A1.16: PDS OF E-111

Table A1.17: PDS OF E-112

APPENDIX 2

HEAT AND MASS BALANCE DATA SHEET

Table A2.1: HMB of material stream 1

CONDITIONS					
		Over all	Vapour Phase	Liquid Phase	
Vapour / Phase Fraction		0.0045	0.0045	0.9955	
Temperature	\overline{C}	45.23	45.23	45.23	
Pressure	kPa	1824	1824	1824	
Molar Flow	kgmole/h	1128	5.050	1123	
Mass Flow	kg/h	$4.808X10^{4}$	214.1	4.787 X10 ⁴	
Std Ideal Liquid Volume Flow	m^3/h	93.37	0.4166	92.95	
Molar Enthalpy	kJ/kgmole	$-3.351X10^{4}$	$-1.939X10^{4}$	$-3.357 X104$	
Molar Entropy	kJ/kgmole ^o C	56.44	94.74	56.27	
Heat Flow	kJ/h	$-3.780X10^{7}$	-9.790×10^4	-3.770×10^4	
Liquid Volume Flow @Std Cond	m^3/h	92.92	0.4140	92.51	
PROPERTIES					
		Over all	Vapour Phase	Liquid Phase	
Molecular Weight		42.62	42.39	42.62	
Molar Density	kgmole/ m^3	10.41	0.9330	10.91	
Mass Density	kg/m^3	443.7	39.55	465.0	
Act. Volume Flow	m^3/h	108.4	5.413	102.9	
Mass Enthalpy	kJ/kg	-786.2	-457.3	-787.7	
Std. Gas Flow	$STD \overline{m^3/h}$	$2.667X10^{4}$	119.4	2.655X10 ⁴	
Z Factor			0.7386	$6.316X10^{-2}$	
Watson K		14.38	14.41	14.38	
C_p/C_v		1.110	1.418	1.641	
Surface Tension	dyne/cm	4.426		4.426	
Thermal Conductivity	$W/m-K$		$2.171X10^{-2}$	9.202×10^{-2}	
Viscosity	Cp	$---$	$1.019X10^{-2}$	$6.279 X10^{-2}$	
True VP at 37.8 C	kPa	1543	1579	1543	

Table A2.2: HMB of material stream 2

CONDITIONS					
	Over all	Liquid Phase			
Vapour / Phase Fraction	0.0000	1.0000			
0Ω Temperature	106.4	106.4			

Table A2.3: HMB of material stream 3

Table A2.4: HMB of material stream 4

Ē

Table A2.5: HMB of material stream 5

Table A2.6: HMB of material stream 6

Table A2.7: HMB of material stream 7

٦

Table A2.6: HMB of material stream 8

ī

Table A2.9: HMB of material stream 9

Table A2.10: HMB of material stream 10

Table A2.11: HMB of material stream 11

 \blacksquare

Table A2.12: HMB of material stream 12

CONDITIONS				
		Over all	Liquid Phase	
Vapour / Phase Fraction		0.0000	1.0000	
Temperature	α	41.76	41.76	
Pressure	kPa	1795	1795	
Molar Flow	kgmole/h	518.3	518.3	
Mass Flow	kg/h	2.211 X10 ⁴	2.211 X10 ⁴	

Table A2.13: HMB of material stream 13

Table A2.14: HMB of material stream 14

'n

Table A2.15: HMB of material stream 15

Table A2.16: HMB of material stream 16

Table A2.17: HMB of material stream 17

Table A2.18: HMB of material stream 18

Table A2.20: HMB of material stream 20

Table A2.21: HMB of material stream 21

Table A2.22: HMB of material stream 22

Mass Density	kg/m^3	463.8	463.8	
Act. Volume Flow	m^3/h	561.2	561.2	
Mass Enthalpy	kJ/kg	180.6	180.6	
Act. Gas Flow	$ACT \ m^3/h$			
Std. Gas Flow	$STD \ m^3/h$	$1.463 \text{ X}10^5$	$1.463 \text{ X}10^5$	
Z Factor		$6.76 \text{ X}10^{-2}$	$6.76 \text{ X}10^{-2}$	
Watson K		14.18	14.18	
C_p/C_v		1.681	1.681	
Surface Tension	dyne/cm	4.007	4.007	
Thermal				
Conductivity	$W/m-K$	$9.497X10^{-2}$	$9.497X10^{-2}$	
Viscosity	cP	$4.829X10^{-2}$	$4.829X10^{-2}$	
Reid VP at 37.8 C	kPa	1583	1583	
True VP at 37.8 C	kPa	1583	1583	

Table A2.23: HMB of material stream 23

Table A2.24: HMB of material stream 24

Table A2.25: HMB of material stream 25

 \blacksquare

Table A2.27: HMB of material stream 27

ī

Molar Enthalpy	kJ/kgmole	$2.193 \text{ X}10^4$	$2.193 \text{ X}10^4$				
Molar Entropy	kJ/kgmole°C	73.72	73.72				
Heat Flow	kJ/h	7.286×10^6	$7.286 X10^{6}$				
Liquid Volume Flow							
@Std Cond	m^3/h	26.73	26.73				
PROPERTIES							
		Over all	Vapour Phase				
Molecular Weight		42.09	42.09				
Molar Density	kgmole/ m^3	0.8154	0.8154				
Mass Density	kg/m^3	34.32	34.32				
Act. Volume Flow	m^3/h	407.5	407.5				
Mass Enthalpy	kJ/kg	521.0	521.0				
Act. Gas Flow	$ACT \ m^3/h$	407.5	407.5				
Std. Gas Flow	$STD \overline{m^3/h}$	7857	7857				
Z Factor		0.8165	0.8165				
Watson K		14.18	14.18				
C_p/C_v		1.286	1.286				
Surface Tension	dyne/cm	\overline{a}	$---$				
Thermal Conductivity	$W/m-K$	2.46×10^{-2}	2.46×10^{-2}				
Viscosity	cP	$1.11 \text{ X}10^{-2}$	$1.11 \text{ X}10^{-2}$				
Reid VP at 37.8 C	kPa	1582	1582				
True VP at 37.8 C	kPa	1582	1582				

Table A2.28: HMB of material stream 28

APPENDIX 3

DE-PRIESTER CHART

Figure A3.1: De-Priester chart for K-values for hydrocarbons, high temperature