

## PROCESS DESIGN-MAJOR EQUIPMENT

### Distillation Tower – 2.

This tower has a feed, binary mixture of methanol and water.

#### Assumptions :

1. Feed is the saturated liquid entering at b.p of methanol.
2. All assumptions for McCabe – Thiele method hold good here.
3. No heat loss from column.

From the material balance of this tower, we obtain,

D, Distillate (methanol) = 130.189 kmol/hr

W, Residue (water) = 8.171 kmol/hr

Since feed is saturated liquid, slope of q-line is  $\infty$ . Using equilibrium data for methanol from Perry.

$$X_D / (R_m + 1) = 0.655; R_m = 0.5226$$

Assume reflux ratio 1.5 times the minimum, then  $R = 0.7839$ ;  $X_D / (R + 1) = 0.559$

The plot gives  $\rightarrow$

No. of ideal stages = 17

No. of ideal stages in tower = 16

No. of enriching section stages = 11

No. of stripping section stages = 6

Feed enters at 11<sup>th</sup> tray.

$$L = R.D = 102.055 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

$$G = L + D = 232.244 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

$$L = L + qF = 240.415 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

$$G = G = 232.244 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

**Table 3 :**

	Enriching section		Stripping section	
	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom
Liq. Kmoles/hr	102.055	102.055	240.415	240.415
Vap. Kmoles/hr	232.244	232.244	232.244	232.244
$\bar{M}_{liq}$ kg/kmol	31.962	31.146	31.146	18.1404
$\bar{M}_{vap}$ kg/kmol	31.962	31.538	31.538	18.1404
X	0.9973	0.939	0.939	0.01
Y	0.9973	0.967	0.967	0.01
T <sub>liq</sub>	64.512	64.981	64.981	92.501
T <sub>vap</sub>	64.571	67.201	67.201	98.418
Liq kg/hr	3261.88	3178.6	7487.9	4361.13
Vap kg/hr	7422.98	7324.5	7324.5	4212.9
P <sub>L</sub> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	453.56	484.58	484.58	978.25
P <sub>v</sub> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.1536	1.1295	1.1295	0.5928
(L/G (P <sub>G</sub> /P <sub>L</sub> ) <sup>0.5</sup> )	0.02216	0.02095	0.04936	0.02548

Surface tension for mixture is evaluated as follows (Perry)

$$\sigma_{mix}^{1/4} = \Psi_w \sigma_w^{1/4} + \Psi_o \sigma_o^{1/4}$$

$\sigma_w$ , surface tension of pure water = 71.4 dynes/cm

$\sigma_o$ , surface tension of pure methanol = 22.6 dyn/cm

$\Psi_w$  is defined by relation,

$$\log \frac{(\Psi_w)^q}{1 - \Psi_w} = \log \left[ \frac{(X_w V_w)^q (X_w V_w + X_o V_o)^{1-q}}{X_o V_o} \right] + 0.441 \frac{q}{T} \left[ \frac{\sigma_o V_o^{2/3} - \sigma_w V_w^{2/3}}{q} \right]$$

$V_w$ , Molar volume of water = 18.09 cm<sup>3</sup>/mol

$V_o$ , molar volume of methanol = 40.98 cm<sup>3</sup>/mol

For methanol, q = 1

$X_o = 0.9675$ ;  $X_w = 0.03285$

Solving,  $\Psi_w = 7.5 \times 10^{-3}$ ;  $\Psi_o = 0.9925$

Then  $\sigma_{\text{mix}} = 22.827 \text{ dyn/cm}$

### ***ENRICHING SECTION***

Plate hydraulics

$$\text{Tray spacing } t_s = 18'' = 500 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Hole diameter } d_h = 5.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Hole pitch } l_p = 15 \text{ mm } \Delta$$

$$\text{Tray thickness } t_T = 3 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Total Hole Area / Perforated area, } A_h/A_p = 0.1$$

From table 3 it is seen –

$$(L/G)(\rho_G/\rho_L)^{0.5} = 0.02216, \text{ is maximum at top.}$$

Using Perry : For  $t_s = 18''$ ,  $C_{sb}$ , flood = 0.295 ft/s

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Unf} &= (C_{sb, \text{ flood}}) \frac{(\sigma)^{0.2}}{20} \frac{(\rho_L - \rho_v)^{0.5}}{\rho_r} \\ &= (0.295) \frac{(22.827)^{0.2}}{20} \frac{(484.58 - 1.1295)^{0.5}}{1.1295} \\ &= 6.267 \text{ ft/s} = 1.91 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$U_n = 0.8 \text{ Unf} = 1.52 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Vol flow rate of vapour at top} = \frac{7324.5}{3600 \times 1.1295} = 1.801 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\text{Net area, } A_n = 1.801 / 1.52 = 1.1786 \text{ m}^2$$

Assume  $L_w/D_c = 0.75$

$L_w \rightarrow$  Weir length

$D_c \rightarrow$  Plate diameter

$$\theta_c = 2 \sin^{-1} (L_w/D_c) = 97.2^\circ$$

$$A_c = 0.785 D_c^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Downcomer area, } A_d &= 0.785 D_c^2 \times \frac{\theta_c}{360} - \frac{0.75}{4} D_c^2 \cos \frac{97.2}{2} \\ &= 0.08795 D_c^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$A_n = A_c - A_d$$

$$1.1786 = 0.69705 D_c^2$$

$$D_c = 1.3 \text{ m}$$

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$$L_w = 0.975 \text{ m} \approx 1 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Then } L_w/D_c = 0.77$$

$$A_c = 1.3266 \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_d = 0.1486 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Active area, } A_a = A_c - 2 A_d = 1.029 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Perforated area, } A_p = A_a - A_{cz} - A_{2z} = 0.8039 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Calming zone, } A_{cz} = 0.134 A_c = 0.1459 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Waste peripheral zone, } A_{wz} = 0.06 A_c = 0.07959 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Then } A_h = 0.08039 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{No. of holes, } n_h = \frac{0.08039}{\frac{\pi}{4} (0.005)^2} = 4094.23$$

$$\text{Weir height, } h_2 = 50 \text{ mm (assumption)}$$

### Weeping check :

$$\text{Head loss through holes, } h_d = k_1 + k_2 \frac{P_G}{P_L} U_h^2$$

$$k_1 = 0; k_2 = 50.8 / C_v^2$$

$$\text{For } A_h / A_a = 0.07812 \text{ and } t_t / d_L = 0.6,$$

$$C_v = 0.74; K_2 = 92.77 \text{ (Sieve trays)}$$

$$\text{Vol. flow of vap at top} = 1.7874 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$U_h \text{ (at top)} = 1.7874 / 0.08039 = 22.34 \text{ m/s}$$

$$U_h \text{ (at bottom)} = 1.801 / 0.08039 = 22.4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Then } h_d \text{ (at top)} = 92.768 \times (1.1536 / 453.56) \times 22.34^2$$

$$= 146.79 \text{ mm clear liquid}$$

$$h_d \text{ (at bot.)} = 108.49 \text{ mm (min)}$$

$$h_{\sigma} = 409 (\sigma/d_L \rho_L) = 4.117 \text{ mm clear liq}$$

$$h_{ow} = F_w (664) (q/L_w)^{2/3}$$

$$q = 18.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}; \quad q^1 = 28.882 \text{ GPM}$$

$$q^1 / L_w^{2.5} = 28.882 / (3.2802)^{2.5} = 1.4814$$

$$L_w / D_c = 0.77$$

→ For these values,  $F_w = 1.005$

$$h_{ow} = 1.005 \times 664 (18.22 \times 10^{-4} / 1.0)^{2/3} = 9.955 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Now, } (h_d + h_{\sigma}) \text{ (min)} = 112.60 \text{ mm}$$

$$(h_w + h_{ow}) = 59.955$$

These are design values

$$\text{For } A_n / A_a = 0.07812, (h_d + h_{\sigma}) = 17 \text{ mm}$$

which is less than design value.

Hence no weeping.

$h_{ow}$  → Segmental weir hit

$h_{\sigma}$  → Head loss due to bubble formation

$h_{ds}$  → Dynamic seal

$h_{hg}$  → Hydraulic gradient

$h_t$  → Total pressure drop across plate

### **D.C. Flooding Check**

$$h_{ds} = h_w + h_{ow} + (h_{hg} / 2) \text{ (} h_{hg} \text{ neglected)}$$

$$q \text{ (max. at top)} = 19.97 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 31.667 \text{ GPM}$$

$$\text{For } q^1 / L_w^{2.5} = 1.624 \text{ and } L_w / D_c = 0.77, F_w = 1.01$$

$$h_{ow} = 10.64 \text{ mm (max. at top)}$$

$$h_{ds} = 60.64 \text{ mm}$$

$$U_a \text{ (bot.)} = 1.75 \text{ m/s} = 5.7414 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$U_a \text{ (top)} = 1.737 \text{ m/s} = 5.699 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$F_g a = U_a \rho_g^{1/2} = 1.86$$

$$\beta = 0.59 ; \phi_t = 0.2$$

$$h_e^1 = \beta \cdot h_{ds} = 35.78 \text{ mm}$$

$$h_f = h_e^1 / \phi_t = 178.9 \text{ mm}$$

$$h_{ad} = 165.2 (q/A_{da})^2 \quad A_{da} - \text{Min. flow area under down comer.}$$

$$C \rightarrow 13 \text{ to } 38 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Let } C = 1 - \text{in} = 25 \text{ mm}$$

$$L_{ap} = h_{ds} - C = 35.64 \text{ mm}$$

$$A_{da} = L_w \times h_{ap} = 0.03564 \text{ m}^2$$

$$h_{ad} = 0.5187 \text{ mm}$$

$$h_t = h_d (\text{top}) + h_e^1 = 146.79 + 35.78 = 165.75 \text{ mm}$$

#### **D.C. Back-up**

$$h_{dc} = h_t + h_w + h_{ow} + h_{hg} + h_{ad} = 24.36 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Taking } \phi_{dc} = 0.5 ; h_{dc}^1 S = 243.6 / 0.5 = 487 \text{ mm}$$

$$h_{dc} < t_s. \text{ NO FLOODING.}$$

#### ***STRIPPING SECTION***

$$t_s = 500 \text{ mm}$$

$$d_h = 5.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$l_p = 15 \text{ mm } \Delta \text{ pitch}$$

$$t_T = 3 \text{ mm}$$

$$A_h / A_p = 0.1$$

$$(L/G) (f_G / P_L)^{0.5} = 0.04936 \text{ (max. at top)}$$

$$C_{sb}, \text{ flood} = 0.28 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$\text{Surface tension is calculated to be } 38.289 \text{ dyne / cm} = \sigma_{\text{mix}}$$

$$U_{nf} = 6.596 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$U_n = 0.8 U_{nf} = 5.277 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$= 1.6084 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Vol. flow rate of vapour at top (max)} = 1.8013 \text{ m}^2 / \text{s}$$

$$A_n = 1.1199 \text{ m}^2$$

Assuming a  $L_w / D_c = 0.75$ ;  $\theta_c = 97.2^\circ\text{C}$ .

$D_c$  is found to be 1.267 m. We assume  $D_c = 1.3$  m for simplification of design and to bring down tower cost.

$$\begin{array}{ll} L_w & = 0.955 \approx 1\text{ m} & L_w / D_c & = 0.77 \\ A_c & = 1.3266 \text{ m}^2 & A_{cz} & = 0.1459 \text{ m}^2 \\ A_d & = 0.1486 \text{ m}^2 & A_h & = 0.08039 \text{ m}^2 \\ n_h & = 4094.23 & A_p & = 0.8039 \text{ m}^2 \\ A_a & = 1.029 \text{ m}^2 & A_{wz} & = 0.07959 \text{ m}^2 \end{array}$$

### Weeping Check

$$A_h / A_a = 0.07812 ; t_T / d_h = 0.6$$

$$\text{Then } C_v = 0.74 ; K_2 = 92.77$$

$$\text{Vol. flow of vapour at top} = 1.8013 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\text{Vol. flow of vapour at bot.} = 1.9741 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$A_h = 0.08039 \text{ m}^2$$

$$U_n \text{ (at top)} = 22.4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$U_h \text{ (at bot.)} = 24.56 \text{ m/s}$$

$$h_d \text{ (at top)} = 108.499 \text{ mm clear liq. (max)}$$

$$h_d \text{ (bottom)} = 33.909 \text{ mm clear liq. (min)}$$

$$h_\sigma = 3.2 \text{ mm liq.}$$

$$q \text{ (bottom)} = 12.3836 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{s} ; q^1 = 19.63 \text{ GPM}$$

$$\text{For } q^1 / L_w^{2.5} = 1.0069 \text{ and } L_w / d_c = 0.77, F_w = 1/02$$

$$h_{ow} = 7.793 \text{ mm clear liquid}$$

$$(h_d + h_\sigma) \text{ min} = 37.109 \text{ mm}; h_w + h_{ow} = 57.793 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{For } A_h / A_a = 0.07812$$

$$(h_d + h_\sigma) \text{ plot} = 15.5 < \text{design value}$$

NO WEEPING

### D.C. Flooding Check

$$q \text{ (max. at top)} = 42.92 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$q^1 = 680.4 \text{ GPM}$$

$$\text{For } q^1 / (L_w)^{2.5} = 45.42 \text{ and } L_w / D_c = 0.77$$

$$F_w = 1.75$$

$$h_{ow} = 20.57 \text{ mm liq}$$

$$h_{ds} = h_w + h_{ow} = 70.57 \text{ mm}$$

$$U_a (\text{top}) = 1.7507 \text{ m/s}$$

$$= 5.743 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$F_{ga} = 1.104 \rightarrow \phi = 0.21 ; \beta = 0.61$$

$$h_e^1 = 43.048 \text{ mm}$$

$$h_f = 215.34 \text{ mm}$$

$$c = 25 \text{ mm, } h_{ap} = 45.57 \text{ mm}$$

$$A_{da} = 0.04557 \text{ m}^2$$

$$h_{da} = 1.4655 \text{ mm}$$

$$h_t = 151.547 \text{ mm}$$

### **Actual D.C. Back-up**

$$h_{dc} = 223.58 \text{ mm}$$

$$h_{dc}^1 = h_{dc} / \phi_{dc} \quad \phi_{dc} = 0.5$$

$$= 447.165 < t_s \quad \text{NO FLOODING}$$

### **Column Efficiency**

#### **a. Enriching Section**

$$\text{Calculation of EOG : } h_w = 50 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Avg. vapour rate} = 7373.74 \text{ kg/hr}$$

$$\text{Avg. density} = 1.14155 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$A_a = 1.029 \text{ m}^2 ; U_a (\text{top}) = 1.737 \text{ m/s}$$

$$D_f = (D_c + L_w) / 2 = 1.15 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Avg. liquid rate} = 3220.24 \text{ kg/hr}$$

$$\text{Avg. liquid density} = 469.07 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$q = 19.97 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$$

$$w = q/D_f = 17.36 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{sec. m}$$

$$N_g = (0.776 + 0.00457 h_w - 0.238 U_a P_g^{0.5} + 105 w) (N_{scg})^{-0.5}$$

$$N_{scg} = (\mu_g/\rho_g D_g) = 0.578, \text{ Schimdt No.}$$

Gas viscosity and diffusivity in mixture are evaluated as follows :

$$T_{\text{vap}} = 65.886^\circ\text{C}$$

$$(\mu_g)_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}} = 0.015 \times 10^{-3} \text{ p.}; \quad (\mu_g)_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1200 \times 10^{-8} \text{ p.}$$

$$y_1 = 0.98215 \quad y_2 = 0.01785$$

$$\rho_g = 1.153 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$D_g = D_{AB} = \frac{10^{-3} T^{1.75} [1/\mu_A + 1/\mu_B]^{0.5}}{P [(\sum \gamma_i A)^{0.33} + (\sum \gamma_i B)^{0.33}]^{2+}}$$

$$\sum \gamma_i A = 29.9$$

$$\sum \gamma_i B = 9.44$$

$$D_{AB} = 29.38 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$N_g = 0.977$$

$$N_L = K_L \cdot a \cdot \theta_L$$

$$K_L a = (3.875 \times 10^8 \times D_i)^{0.5} (0.4 U_a P_g^{0.5} + 0.17)$$

### Liquid diffusivity Calculation

$$D_l = (7.4 \times 10^{-8} (\theta M_B)^{0.5} T) (n_B \gamma_A)^{-6}$$

$$\phi_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}} = 1.9$$

$$M_B = 32.04$$

$$T = 337.5 \text{ K}$$

$$n_B = 0.34 \text{ cp}$$

$$\gamma_A = 14.8 \text{ cm}^3 / \text{gmol}, \text{ molar volume of water}$$

$$D_e = D_{AB} = 113.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$K_L \cdot a = 1.259 (\text{sec})^{-1}$$

$$\theta_L = h_L \cdot A_a / (1000 q)$$

$$h_L = h_L^1 = 35.78 \text{ mm}$$

$$A_a = 1.029 \text{ m}^2$$

$$q = 19.95 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3 / \text{sec}$$

$$\theta_L = 18.43 \text{ sec}$$

$$\therefore N_L = 23.2115$$

$$m_{\text{top}} = 0.241$$

$$m_{\text{bot}} = 0.35$$

$$G_m / L_m = 2.27$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda_t = 0.547 \\ \lambda_b = 0.7945 \end{array} \right\} \lambda = 0.7877$$

$$N_{\text{og}} = \left[ (1/N_g) + (\lambda / N_L) \right]^{-1} = 0.9436$$

$$\text{EOG} = 1 - e^{-N_{\text{OG}}} = \underline{0.6115}$$

### Murphee Plate Efficiency, $E_{\text{MV}}$

$$Z_L = D_c \cos(\theta_c/2) = 0.8597 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta_L = 18.43 \text{ sec}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_E &= 6.675 \times 10^{-3} \times U_a^{1.44} + 0.92 \times 10^{-4} \times h_L - 0.00562 \\ &= 0.01246 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \end{aligned}$$

$$N_{\text{Pe}}, \text{ Pecllet No.} = Ze^2 / DE \theta_L = 3.218$$

$$\text{For } \lambda \text{ EOG} = 0.4816 \quad \text{and} \quad N_{\text{Pe}} = 3218,$$

$$E_{\text{mv}} / \text{EOG} = 1.1$$

$$\therefore E_{\text{mv}} = 0.67265$$

### Overall Column Efficiency, EOC

$$E_{\text{OC}} = N_{\text{th}} / N_{\text{act}}$$

$$E_{\text{OC}} = \log(1 + Ea(\lambda - 1)) / \log \lambda$$

$$E_a / E_{\text{mv}} = 1 / [1 + E_{\text{mv}}(\psi / 1.4)]$$

$$\text{For 80\% flooding and } (L/G)(P_G / P_L)^{0.5} = 0.0215,$$

$$\psi = 0.14$$

$$E_a = 0.6063$$

$$E_{oc} = 0.5773$$

$$N_{act} = N_{th} / E_{oc} = 19.05 = 19 \text{ trays}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{ Tower height} &= t_s \times N_{act} \\ &= \underline{9.5 \text{ m}} \end{aligned}$$

### Stripping Section

$$\text{Cal. of EOG : } h_w = 50 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Avg. vapour rate} = 5768.7 \text{ kg/hr}$$

$$\text{Avg. density} = 0.7964 \text{ kg / m}^3$$

$$U_a = 1.7507 \text{ m/s}$$

$$D_f = 1.15 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Avg. liquid rate} = 5924.15 \text{ kg/hr}$$

$$\text{Avg. density} = 731.415 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$q = 27.6518 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$w = 24.045 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3/\text{sec m}$$

$$N_{sg} = 0.429$$

Properties of gas mixtures after evaluation are as follows :

$$M_g = 1.29 \times 10^{-5} P_{as}$$

$$P_g = 0.9358 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$D_g = 32.14 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$\therefore N_g = 0.9563$$

$$\text{Liquid diffusivity, } D_e = 39.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$\theta_L = 16.03 \text{ sec}$$

$$\therefore N_L = 16.832$$

$$m_{top} = 0.35$$

$$m_{bot} = 4.44$$

$$G_m / L_m = 0.978$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lambda_t &= 0.342 \\ \lambda_b &= 4.32 \end{aligned} \right\} \lambda = 2.3425$$

$$N_{og} = 0.844$$

$$\mathbf{EOG = 0.5701}$$

**EMV :**

$$Z_L = 0.8597$$

$$D_E = 0.0133 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$N_{Pe} = 3.47$$

$$\text{For } \lambda \text{ EOG} = 1.335 \text{ and } N_{Pe} = 3.47$$

$$E_{mv} / \text{EOG} = 1.5$$

$$\therefore E_{mv} = 0.855$$

**EOC :**

$$\text{For 80\% flooding and } (L/G) (P_G / P_L)^{0.5} = 0.04936, \psi = 0.07$$

$$E_a = 0.8033$$

$$E_{oc} = 0.859$$

$$N_A = 6.98 = 7 \text{ trays}$$

$$\text{Tower height} = \underline{3.5 \text{ m}}$$

## **8. PROCESS DESIGN -MINOR EQUIPMENT**

### **Total condenser (horizontal)**

Methanol vapours leaving top of the distillation tower are condensed using cooling water on tube side. From energy balance and mass balance, we have –

$$\text{mass } m_1 \text{ of methanol vapors} = 1.1586 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\text{mass } m_2 \text{ of cooling water} = 32.069 \text{ kg/s.}$$

Log Mean Temperature difference is found to be  $31.4775^\circ\text{C}$

Assume overall h.t. coeff.  $U_d = 500 \text{ W/m}^2\text{k}$

$$\text{H.T. area } A = Q/U \text{ (LMTD)}$$

$$Q \text{ from heat balance,} = 2010.72 \text{ kJ/s}$$

$$\text{Choosing } 3/4 \text{ - in O.D. 16 BWG tubes with } \text{O.D.} = 19.05 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{I.D.} = 15.748 \text{ mm}$$

$$a = 0.05987 \text{ m}^2/\text{m length}$$

$$\text{And with shell length } L = 16 \text{ ft} = 4.88 \text{ m,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{No. of tubes } N_t &= 127.75 / (4.88 - 0.05) (0.05987) \\ &= 441.77 \text{ tubes} \end{aligned}$$

Let us choose TEMA L or M-type with 480 tubes of 3/4 -in O.D. on 1 - in  $\Delta$  pitch

1 -4 passes

$$\text{Shell dia} = 27'' - 686 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Corrected H.T. area} = 138.768 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Corrected } U_{od} = 460.43 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$$

$$\text{Shell side mean temp.} = 64.571^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{Tube side mean temp.} = 32.5^\circ\text{C}$$

Assuming a condensing film transfer co-efficient of  $1500 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ ,

$$(64.571 - T_w) A (1500) = (64.571 - 32.5) A (460.4)$$

$$T_w = 54.726^\circ\text{C, Wall temp.}$$

$$T_f = (64.571 + 54.726) / 2 = 59.6485^\circ\text{C, film temp.}$$

### **Tube side velocity :**

$$\text{Flow area at} = \frac{\pi/4 \times [15.748 \times 10^{-3}]^2 \times 480}{4}$$

$$= 0.02379 \text{ m}$$

$$V_t = 32.069 / (994 \times 0.02379) = 1.35 \text{ m/s}$$

Let  $N_v$  be avg. number of tubes in vertical row.

$$\rho_L = 746 \text{ kg/m}^3; \mu = 0.59 \text{ cp}; K = 0.163 \text{ W/mk.}$$

$$\text{Tubes in central row} = D_b / P_T$$

$$D_b = D_o [N_t / K_1]^{1/n}$$

$$= 586 \text{ mm}$$

$$K_1 = 0.249 \text{ and } n_1 = 2.207 \rightarrow \text{Table 12.4 of Coulson and Richardson}$$

$$\text{Then tubes in central row} = 23$$

$$(P_T = 25. \text{ mm}) \quad \text{and} \quad N_v = (2/3) \times (23) = \underline{16}$$

**Film transfer coefficients :**

$$h_o = 0.95 K_L \left( \frac{\rho_L (\rho_L - \rho_v)}{\mu_L \Gamma_h} \right)^{1/3} [N_v^{-1/6}]$$

$\Gamma_h \rightarrow$  the tube loading, condensate flow per unit length of the tube.

$$\Gamma_h = 1.157 / (4.88 \times 48) = 4.93 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg/ms}$$

$$\rho_v = 1.87 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$h_o = \underline{1296 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}}$$

**Tube side :**  $T = 32.5^\circ\text{C}$

$$P = 994 \text{ kg / m}^3$$

$$\mu = 0.724 \text{ cp}$$

$$K = 0.62 \text{ w/mk}$$

$$(N_{Re}) = D_i V P / \mu = 2.9228$$

$$(N_{Po}) = \mu C_p / K = 4.87$$

$$N_{Nu} = 0.023 (N_{Re})^{0.8} (N_{Pr})^{0.4} = 161.949$$

$$h_i D_o / K = 161.949$$

$$1/U_{od} = 1/1295.5 + 19.05 / (15.746 \times 6375) + 19.03 \times 10^{-3} \times \ln (19.05 / 15.748) \times 1 / (2 \times 45) + 5 \times 10^{-4}$$

Dirt factor is assumed.

$$U_{od} = 597.65 \quad \text{W/m}^2\text{K} > U_{ad} \text{ assumed}$$

**Pressure drop** : Bell's method, using Perry Tube side – cooling water.

$$(N_{Re}) = 29228$$

$$(N_{Pr}) = 4.87$$

$$h_i = 6375 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

$$\Delta P_L = 2fLV_t^2 \rho_t / D_1$$

$$f = 0.079 (N_{Re})^{-0.25} = 0.006$$

$$\therefore \Delta P_L = 6739.85 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$\Delta P_E = 2.5 [P_t V_t^2 / 2] = 2264.45 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$\Delta P_{total} = N_p [\Delta P_L + \Delta P_E] = 36.012 \text{ KN/m}^2$$

**Shell Side** : Methanol vapours

$$\rho_{vap} (64.571 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) \rightarrow 1.93 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu_{vap} \rightarrow 0.0135 \text{ cp}$$

$$\text{Let } N_b, \text{ No. of baffle} = 5$$

$$L_s, \text{ baffle spacing} = L / (N_b + 1) = 0.81$$

$$S_m = [(P^1 = D_o) L_s] (D_s/P^1)$$

$$= 0.1136 \text{ m}^2$$

$$V_s = m/\rho S_m = 7.24 \text{ m/s}$$

$$N_{Re} = 91703$$

Let us consider 30% baffle cut,

$$L_c = 0.3 \times 0.686 = 0.205 \text{ m}$$

$$P_p, \text{ pitch parallel to flow} = (\sqrt{3} / 2) \times 25.4 = 22\text{m}$$

$N_c$ , No. of tube rows crossed in each cross – flow region,

$$= D_s (1 - 2 (l_c/D_s) / P_P = 12.47$$

$\Delta P$  in cross flow section

$$\Delta P_c = [ b \cdot f_K \cdot W^2 \times N_c / \rho_t \cdot S_m^2 ] [\mu_w / \mu_b]^{0.14}$$

$$b = 2 \times 10^{-3} f_K = 0.1$$

$$\Delta P_c = 0.469 \text{ KPa}$$

$$(\Delta P)_t = 2\Delta P_{\#} + (N_b - 1) + N_b \Delta P_w$$

$$\Delta P \text{ in end zones, } \Delta P_E = \Delta P_c [ 1 + N_{cw} / N_c ]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{New number of effective tubes, } &= 0.8 L_c/P_P \\ &= 7.45 = 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta P_E = \underline{0.796 \text{ KPa}}$$

$$\text{Window Zone : } \Delta P_w = b_w^2 (2 + 0.6 N_{cw}) / S_m \cdot S_w \cdot P.$$

$$B = 5 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$S_w, \text{ area of flow through window} = 150 - \text{inch}^2$$

$$S_{wt}, \text{ area occupied by tubes} = (N_t/8) (1-F_c) \pi D_o^2$$

$$L_s / D_s = 0.3, F_c = 0.55$$

$$S_{wt} = 0.009798 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\therefore \Delta P_w = 0.831 \text{ KN/m}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta P)_t &= 2\Delta P_E + (N_b - 1) \Delta P_c + N_b \cdot \Delta P_w \\ &= \underline{8.923 \text{ KN/m}^2} \end{aligned}$$

## 9. MECHANICAL DESIGN

### Major : Distillation Tower – 2,

Shell diameter = 1300 mm = 51.18" = 4.265<sup>1</sup>

Working pressure = 1 atm = 14.7 lb/sq- in gauge

Design pressure = 16.17 lb / sq- in gauge

Shell length = 13 m = 42.6504 - in

Shell material = SA – 283, Grade C

Shell, double welded butt joints stress relieved but not radiographed.

Tray spacing = 18" – in

Skirt height = 3 m

Corrosion allowance, C = 1/8 – in

Tray support rings = 2.5 – in × 2.5 – in 3/8 – in angles

Insulation = 3 – in on column

Accessories → one caged ladder

Overhead vapor line - 12 – in, outside dia

Making use of Brownell and Young, calculation of minimum shell thickness.

$$t_{sh} = P / (SXE - 0.4 P) + C$$
$$= 0.1605 - \text{in}$$

But min. shell thickness must be 8 mm = 5/16 – in

SA – 283, Grade C, has allowable stress.

$$f = 12650 \text{ psi}$$

E, Joint Efficiency

Selection of head – torispherical

$$\text{Thickness} + = 0.885 pr / (fE - 0.1 p) + C$$
$$= 0.16 - \text{in}$$

Min. thickness should be 15/16 – in

$$\text{Black Dia} = \text{O.D.} + \text{O.D} / 24 + 2 Sf + 2/3 icr$$

Sf → Standard st. flange = 3 – in

icr → Inside corner radius = 15/16”

then B.D. = 70.6 – in

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Weight of head} &= (\pi/4) d^2 t (\rho/1728) \\ &= 346.89 \text{ lb} \\ &= \underline{157 \text{ kg}}\end{aligned}$$

### Calculation of axial stress

Assume  $d_i = d_o = 5.18$  – in

$$\text{Axial stress, } f_{ap} = Pd/4 (t_s - c) = 1003.13 \text{ psi}$$

### Calculation of dead weight

$$f \text{ dead wt. shell} = 3.4x$$

$$\begin{aligned}f \text{ dead wt. insulation} &= \rho_{ins} \times t_{ins} / 144 (t_s - c) \\ &= 4.44x\end{aligned}$$

insulation – asbestos,  $\rho_{ins} = 40$  lb/cuft

$$\text{Weight of top head} = 346.89 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{Weight of ladder} = 25.00 \text{ lb per ft}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Weight of 12 – in schedule 30 pipe (Appendix K)} \\ &= 43.8 \text{ lb per ft}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Weight of pipe insulation} &= \pi/4 (1.5^2 - 1.0^2) 40 \\ &= 39.3 \text{ lb per ft.}\end{aligned}$$

Adding up all these weights,  $W = 346.89 + 108.1x$

$$\begin{aligned}f \text{ dead wt. attachments (not including trays)} &= \sum W/\pi d (t_s - c) \\ &= 11.506 + 3.586 x\end{aligned}$$

The wt. of trays plus liquid (below  $x = 4$ ) is calculated as follows –

$$n = (x/2) - 1$$

$$f \text{ dead wt. (liq + trays)} = \frac{(x/2 - 1) 25 (\pi D^2 / 4)}{12 \pi D (t - c)}$$

$$= 5.925 x - 11.85$$

Adding all,  $f_{dw} = 17.351 x - 0.344$

**Calculation of stress due to wind loads :**

Assume wind pressure = 25 psi

$$f_{wx} = 15.89 \text{ def. } x^2 / d_0^2 (t_s - c)$$

def = insulated tower + vapor line

$$= (51.2 + 6) + (12+6) = 75.2 \text{ - in}$$

$$f_{wx} = 2.43x^2$$

**Calculation of combined stresses under operating conditions**

Upwind side :  $f_t (\text{max}) = f_{wx} + f_{ap} - f_{dx}$

$$f_{t (\text{max})} = 2.43 X^2 + 1003.13 - 17.351 X$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \quad \quad = (12650) (0.85)$$

Solving,  $x = \underline{67 \text{ ft}}$

Downwind side :  $f_c (\text{max}) = f_{wx} - f_{ap} + f_{dx}$

$$f_c (\text{max}) = 2.43 X^2 + 17.351 X - 1003.474$$

From elastic stability,

$$f_c = 1.5 \times 10^6 (t/r)$$

$$= 10986.3 \text{ psi} \leq 1/3 (\text{yield pressure} = 40,000)$$

Solving  $x = 66.76 \text{ ft.}$

If credit is taken for the stiffening effect of tray support rings, a higher allowable compressive stress will result. Therefore  $t_t = t_s + (A_y / d_y)$

$t_y \rightarrow$  equivalent thickness of shell, inches

$A_y \rightarrow$  c.s.a of one circumferential stiffener, in

$t_x = t_s$  (since no longitudinal stiffeners are used)

The tray support rings are  $2 \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8}$  -in angles

$$A_y = 1.73 \text{ sq - in}$$

$$d_y = 18'' \text{ (tray spacing)}$$

$$t_y = 0.1875 + 1.73/18 = 0.2836 \text{ -in}$$

$$\text{But } f_c = 1.5 \times 10^6 (t_y t_x)^{1/2} / r \leq 1/3 \text{ y.p.}$$

$$12,011.8 \leq 1/3 (40000)$$

$$2.43 x^2 + 17.351 x - 12.0131 = 0$$

$$\text{Solving, } x = \underline{66.83 \text{ ft.}}$$

Stress conditions are satisfied for a tower height of 42.65 -in. We choose 6 courses of 8 -ft wide and 5/16 -in plate.

$$\text{So the actual tower height} = 6 \times 8 = \underline{48 \text{ ft.}}$$

### **Design of Flanges**

$$\text{Design pressure} = 16.17 \text{ psi}$$

Flange material - ASTM - A - 201, grade B.

Bolting material - ASTM A - 193, grade B-7

Gasket material - Stainless steel

$$\text{Shell outside dia} = 51.18 \text{ -in}$$

$$\text{Shell thickness} = 5/16 \text{ -in}$$

$$\text{Allowable stress of flange material} = 15,000 \text{ psi}$$

$$\text{Allowable stress of bolting material} = 20,000 \text{ psi}$$

Calculation of gasket width

$$d_o/d_i = (Y - pm / (y - p (m+1)))^{1/2}$$

$$Y, \text{ min. design seating stress} = 3700$$

$$m, \text{ gasket factor} = 2.75$$

$$d_o/d_i = 1.002$$

Assume  $d_i$  of gasket to be 53 -in

$$\text{Then } d_o = 53.06 \text{ -in}$$

$$\text{Min. gasket width} = (53.06 - 53)/2 = 0.028 \text{ -in}$$

Therefore use a 1/2 -in gasket width

$$\text{Then mean gasket diameter } G = 53.5 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{Then } d_o = 54 \text{ -in}$$

Calculation of bolt loads

$$\text{Load to seat gasket, } W_{m_2} = H_y = b\pi GY$$

$$b_o = 0.5/2 = 0.25 = b$$

$$W_{m_2} = H_y = 1,55,470 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{Load to keep joint under operation, } H_p = 2b\pi Gpm = \underline{74741b}$$

$$\text{Load from internal pressure, } H = (\pi G^2/4)p = 36,350 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{Total operating load, } W_{m_1} = H + H_p = 46,541.7 \text{ lb}$$

$$W_{m_2} > W_{m_1}$$

Controlling load is 1,55,470 lb

Calculation of minimum bolting area

$$A_{m_2} = W_{m_2} / f_b \quad f_b = 20,000 \text{ psi}$$

$$= \underline{7.7735} \text{ sq -in}$$

By using shape constants,

$$K = A/B = \text{O.D. of flange} / \text{shell dia} = 1.24$$

$$A = 63.46 \text{ -in}$$

Taking 5/4 -in bolt size whose root area = 0.202 sq -in, no. of bolts is

$$n = \frac{2y \pi G \times \text{gasket width}}{\text{Root area} \times f_b}$$

$$= 154 \text{ bolts}$$

$$A_b, \text{ actual total c.s.a of bolt} = (154) (0.202)$$

$$= 31.108 \text{ sq -in}$$

### **Moment Computations**

For bolting up condition (no internal pressure)

Design load is given by,

$$W = (A_b + A_m) f / 2 = 3, 8, 8815$$

The corresponding level arm is given by :

$$h_G = (C - G) / 2 = 11.5$$

$$C \rightarrow \text{O.D. of gasket} + 2 \times \text{dia of bolt} = 56.5 \text{ in}$$

### **Flange Moment :**

$$M_a = Wh_G = 5,83,225.5 \text{ lb}$$

For operating condition,

$$W = W_{m2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } H_D ; H_D &= 0.785 B_p^2 \\ &= 33,249.13 \text{ lb} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{The lever arm } h_D = (C - B) / 2 = 2.66 \text{ in}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Moment } M_D &= H_D \times h_D \\ &= 88442.7 \text{ in-lb} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_G &= H_y - H \\ &= 1,19,120 \text{ lb} \end{aligned}$$

$$h_G = 1.5$$

$$\text{Moment } M_G = H_G \times h_G = 1,78,680 \text{ in-lb}$$

$$H_T \text{ is given by } H_T = H - H_D = 3100 \text{ lb}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The corresponding lever arm, } h_T &= (h_D + h_G) / 2 \\ &= 2.08 \text{ -in} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Moment } M_T &= H_T \times h_T \\ &= 6448 \text{ in-lb} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{ The summation of moments for operating condition } M_o &= M_D + M_G + M_T \\ &= 2,73,570.7 \text{ in-lb} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the operating moment is controlling and  $M_{\max} = 2,73,570.7 \text{ in-lb}$

### **Calculation of flange thickness :**

$$t = (y \cdot M_{\max} / f \cdot B)^{1/2}$$

For  $K = 1.24$ , from figure,  $y = 10$

$$t = 1.63 \text{ -in} = 41.5 \text{ mm}$$

### **Stress due to seismic loads**

$$\text{Total dead wt. stress } f_{dw} = 17.351 \times -0.344$$

X, Actual tower length = 48'

$$\therefore f_{dw} = 832,504 \text{ psi}$$

\therefore The total wt. of dead loads is

$$= f_{dw} \times \text{c.s.a. of tower}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum W_x = 48 \text{ ft} &= f_{dw} \times \pi \times d \times t_s \\ &= 41829.9 \text{ lb} \end{aligned}$$

$$W_{avg} = 41829.9 / 48 = 871.46 \text{ lb/ft}$$

From table 9.3, C = 0.04

$$\begin{aligned} M_{sx} &= 4CWX^2 [3H - X] / H^2 \\ &= 4 \times 0.04 \times 4182.9 \times 48^2 [3 \times 60 - 48] / 60^2 \\ &= 5,65406.4 \text{ in-lb} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Corresponding stress is } - f_{sx} &= M_{sx} / \pi r^2 (ts - c) \\ &= 1,466.524 \text{ psi} \end{aligned}$$

At X = 48.0 ft wind load stress is

$$F_{wx} = 2.43 X^2 = 5,598 \text{ psi} < f_{sx}$$

\therefore Wind loads are controlling rather than seismic.

## 10. MECHANICAL DESIGN-MINOR EQUIPMENT

### Horizontal condensor

using M.V. Joshi

**Shell side** : 1 –4 passes

Material – carbon steel

Corrosion allowance = 3mm

Working pressure = 0.1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Design pressure = 0.11 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Permissible stress for carbon steel = 95 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

### **Tube side** :

Working pressure = 0.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

No. of tubes – 688

$d_o = 19.05$  mm

$d_i = 15.748$  mm

Length, L = 4.88 m

Design pressure = 0.55 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

**Shell thickness**  $\rightarrow t_s = PD / (2fJ + P)$   
 $= 0.47$  mm

Minimum thickness of shell must be 6.3 mm, with corrosion allowance, let  $t_s=8$ mm

**Head thickness**  $\rightarrow$  Shallow dished and Torispherical head

$t_h = PR_cW / 2 fJ$

$R_c$ , Crown radius

W, stress intensification factor

$R_x$ , Knuckle radius = 0.06 $R_c$

$W = \frac{1}{4} [3 + (R_c/R_k)^{1/2}] = 1.77$

$R_c = 1$ ,  $R_k = 0.06$

$t_n = (0.11 \times 686 \times 1.77) / (2 \times 95 \times 1) = 0.858$ mm

from IS 4503 – 1967

min head thickness = 10mm

### **Baffles :**

No. of baffles = 5

Thickness = 6mm                      IS : 4503 – 1967

### **Tie Rods and spaces**

From IS – 4503 – 1967, for shell dia = 686mm

Dia of rod = 12mm

No. of tie rods = 6

### **Flanges**

Flange material, IS 2004 – 1962, Class R

Bolting steel → 5% G M<sub>o</sub> steel

Gasket material – asbestos composition

Allowable stress of bolting material = 138 MN/m<sup>2</sup>

Determination of gasket width

$do/di = 1.002$  with  $y = 25.5 \text{ MN/m}^2$

$$m = 2.75$$

Assumed gasket width = 1.6mm

Let  $d_i$  of gasket = 7.4mm

Then  $do = 0.7054m$

Taking a gasket width of 0.01m = N

$do = 0.724$

mean gasket dia,  $G = d_i + N = 0.705m$

### **Estimation of bolt loads**

Load due to design pressure,  $H = \pi G^2 P/4 = 0.043 \text{ MN}$

Load to keep joint tight under operation,  $H_p = \pi G (2b) m p = 0.0082 \text{ MN}$

Total operating load,  $W_m = H + H_p = 0.0512 \text{ MN}$

Load to seat gasket under botten up condition  $W_{m_2} = \pi G B = 0.3456 \text{ MN}$

$W_{m_2}$  is controlling

Calculation of minimum bolting area,

$$Am_2 = Wm_2 / S = 0.3456/138 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} m^2$$

**Total flange moment**

$$M_o = W_1a_1 + W_2a_2 + W_2a_3$$

$$a_1 = (C-B)/2 = 0.037M$$

$$a_3 = (C-G)/2 = 0.0275M$$

$$a_2 = (A_1 + A_3)/2 = 0.03225m$$

$$M_o = 1.8054 \times 10^{-3} MN$$

**For bolting up condition**

$$Mg = Wa_3$$

$$W = (Am_2 + Ab)Sg / 2$$

$$Ab = 44 (1.54 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$= 6.76 \times 10^{-3} m^2$$

$$W = 0.639MN$$

$$Mg = 0.0176MN$$

$Mg > M_o$ ;  $Mg$  is controlling

$$Mg = M$$

**Calculation of flange thickness,**

$$t = (My/BS_{F_o})^{1/2}$$

For  $K = 1.163$ ;  $y = 15 \rightarrow S_{F_o} = 100$

Bolt circle dia,  $C = O.D \text{ gasket} + 2 \times \text{bolt dia}$

$$C = 0.724 + 2 \times 0.018$$

$$= 0.76m$$

No. of bolts = 44, bolt dia = 18mm

Calculation of flange O.D

$$A = C + \text{bolt dia} + 0.02$$

$$= 0.798m$$

**Check of gasket width**

$$AbSg/\pi GN = 42.22 < 2y$$

Hence, satisfied.

### **Flange moment computations**

For operating conditions,  $W_o = W_1 + W_2 + W_3$

$$W_1 = \pi B^2 P / 4$$

$$= 0.04066 \quad \text{B – shell dia}$$

$$W_2 = H \cdot W_1$$

$$= 0.00234 \text{ MN}$$

$H_p$ , gasket load = 0.0082 MN

Then  $t = 0.062 \text{ m}$

Standard flange thickness = 50 mm

### **Tube sheet thickness**

$$t_{TS} = FG (0.25P/f)^{1/2} \quad f = 95, F = 1$$

$$= 0.0268 \text{ m}$$

$$= 27 \text{ mm.}$$

With corrosion allowances,  $t_{TS} = 30 \text{ mm}$

### **Nozzle : shell side**

Select inlet x outlet dia = 100 mm

Vent = 50 mm

Drain = 50 mm

Opening for relief valve = 75 mm

Nozzle thickness  $t_n = PD / (2fJ - P)$

$J = 1$ , for seamless pipe

$$t_n = 5.9836 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mm}$$

using a corrosion allowance of 3 mm

$$t_n = 4 \text{ mm}$$

### **Tube side**

Inlet and outlet dia = 100mm

Nozzle thickness  $t_n = 3.6\text{mm}$

With corrosion allowance,  $t_n = 8\text{mm}$

**Support for the vessel – saddle**

Material → low carbon steel