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Abstract

The current climate emergency begets swift and effective measures to drastically decrease carbon emissions: there is urgent need to develop feasible and safe ways to store and distribute energy from renewable sources.

One approach that has been given some discussion in recent years is the usage of methanol. Methanol, primarily produced from fossil-fuel-based synthetic gas, can also be synthesized from the direct carbon dioxide hydrogenation. This allows hydrogen to be safely stored in methanol, a critical energy vector and feedstock, while giving a good use to biogenic carbon dioxide from industrial effluents or captured from the atmosphere. Literature shows that green methanol can be produced cost effective from green hydrogen and biogenic CO₂.

Utilizing the simulation software Aspen Plus V12, the present work studies the efficiency and economic viability of different process configurations for methanol synthesis via direct CO₂ hydrogenation compared with the conventional process, based on natural gas. The impact of different key factors in the methanol unit production cost, namely the use of an innovative bifunctional catalyst, as well as the cost of fossil versus green methanol production, is analysed.

The obtained results indicate that the most competitive green methanol processes use either a single reactor with a recycle stream, or two reactors in series with a recycle stream. The cost of the produced methanol for both process configurations is the same as it is 375 €/ton. Further economic analysis shows that the methanol production cost is dictated primarily by the cost of hydrogen, which accounts for ca. 80% of the green methanol cost structure; the cost of CO₂ accounts for ca. 8% of the green methanol cost structure. The comparison between fossil methanol and green methanol shows that green methanol reaches the break-even point by 2025.

Keywords: methanol, process simulation, carbon dioxide hydrogenation, economic analysis, process configurations comparison

Resumo

A atual emergência climática obriga a medidas rápidas e efetivas de forma a diminuir drasticamente emissões de carbono: existe uma necessidade urgente de desenvolver formas viáveis e seguras de armazenar e distribuir energia proveniente de fontes renováveis.

Recentemente, uma abordagem que tem sido objeto de discussão é a utilização de metanol. Metanol, produzido principalmente através de gás de síntese à base de combustíveis fósseis, também pode ser sintetizado através da hidrogenação direta de dióxido de carbono. Isto permite que o hidrogénio seja armazenado em segurança no metanol, um vetor energético crítico e matéria-prima, enquanto, ao mesmo tempo, dá um bom uso ao dióxido de carbono biogénico de efluentes industriais ou capturado da atmosfera. A literatura mostra que o metanol verde pode ser produzido de forma rentável a partir de hidrogénio verde e dióxido de carbono biogénico.

Utilizando o software de simulação Aspen Plus V12, o presente trabalho estuda a eficiência e viabilidade económica de diferentes configurações processuais para síntese de metanol via hidrogenação direta do CO₂ em comparação com o processo convencional, baseado no gás natural. É analisado o impacto de diferentes fatores-chave no custo de produção por unidade de metanol, nomeadamente o uso de um catalisador bifuncional inovador, bem como o custo da produção de metanol fóssil versus metanol verde.

Os resultados obtidos indicam que os processos de metanol verde mais competitivos utilizam um único reator com uma corrente de reciclagem, ou dois reatores em série com uma corrente de reciclagem. O custo de produção por unidade de metanol é semelhante para ambas as configurações, sendo este 375 €/t. Adicionalmente, a análise económica mostra que o custo de produção do metanol é ditado principalmente pelo custo do hidrogénio, que é responsável por ca. 80% da estrutura de custos do metanol verde; o custo do CO₂ é responsável por ca. 8% da estrutura de custos do metanol verde. A comparação entre metanol fóssil e metanol verde mostra que o metanol verde atinge o ponto de *break-even* até 2025.

Palavras-chave: metanol, simulação de processos, hidrogenação de dióxido de carbono, análise económica, comparação entre configurações processuais

Declaration

I hereby declare, under word of honour, that this work is original and that all non-original contributions is indicated and due reference is given to the author and source

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Notation and Glossary

A	area	m^2
k_A	Reaction rate constant for reaction i	
K_A	Equilibrium constant for reaction i	
K_j	Adsorption constant for species j	$1/\text{bar}$
f_j	Fugacity for species j	bar
r_i	Rate expression for reaction i	
R	Gas constant = 8.314	J/mol.K

Greek Letters

ΔH	Enthalpy change	kJ/mol
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i	Reaction i
j	Component species j

Abbreviations

MeOH	Methanol
RWGS	Reverse Water-Gas Shift reaction
Conv	Conventional Process
LHHW	Langmuir-Hinshelwood-Hougen-Watson kinetics

1 Introduction

1.1 Framing and presentation of the work

Methanol is a key feedstock for the chemical industry, being one of the four major chemicals, alongside ethylene, ammonia and propylene, and is becoming a reference fuel. It is used in the production of other chemicals such as acetic acid, formaldehyde and plastics. Methanol can also be used as a fuel - either by itself, as a blend with gasoline, for the production of biodiesel, but as a feedstock of critical fuels such as jet fuel and marine fuel.

The first commercial methanol synthesis plant was built by BASF, in 1923, with a process running at 300 °C and 300 bar. Due to the high temperature and pressure requirements, a new catalyst was developed which required less extreme conditions. Conventionally, methanol is produced from synthesis gas, and the introduction of a CuO/ZnO/Al₂O₃ catalyst allowed for the synthesis of methanol at operating conditions of 200-300 °C and 50-100 bar (IRENA, 2021).

IRENA (2021) shows that methanol production accounts for around 10% of CO₂ emissions by the chemical and petrochemical sector. Therefore, addressing emissions from methanol synthesis is a key component for decarbonisation of the chemical sector, and possibly the transport sector as well.

While the worldwide annual production of methanol was about 98 Mt in 2019, renewable methanol synthesis accounted for less than 0.2 Mt. Methanol demand is expected to increase, to reach more than 120 Mt by 2025 and 500 Mt by 2050 (IRENA, 2021).

Methanol is produced almost exclusively from fossil fuels. However, methanol can also be made from biomass feedstocks (from forestry and agricultural waste and by-products to black liquor from the pulp and paper industry). Green methanol can also be synthesized from CO₂ captured from air or biogenic and green hydrogen.

In the past decades, methanol production from carbon dioxide and hydrogen (called carbon dioxide hydrogenation) was proposed as a green chemical process, which addresses CO₂ emissions from methanol synthesis. The cost of methanol production from carbon dioxide hydrogenation is higher than the cost of fossil methanol, due mostly to the price of pure hydrogen feed.

Regardless of the route of synthesis, green methanol is chemically identical to methanol produced from fossil fuel sources, allowing direct replacement of fossil methanol in all of its current uses. Olah (2005), laureate nobel prize of chemistry in 2005, proposes a “methanol economy” as a more practical approach compared to the widely discussed “hydrogen

economy”. Existing liquid fuel infrastructure (pipelines and tanks) could be used with little modification, and the safety concerns associated with hydrogen can be avoided.

A study by Kiss et al. (2016) of operating conditions of the reactor for methanol synthesis via carbon dioxide hydrogenation reported that high operating pressure at a temperature range of 230-260 °C, as well as an increase in reactant ratio ($H_2:CO_2$) directly correlated to improved reactant conversion to methanol. Borisut and Nuchitprasittichai (2020) performed simulation-based optimization, aiming to minimize the cost of methanol production via CO_2 hydrogenation, comparing different process configurations.

The aim of this thesis is the design and simulation of methanol synthesis through carbon dioxide hydrogenation, not only for different process configurations, but also for two different catalysts - a highly active Cu/Zn/Al/Zr fibrous catalyst and an experimental catalyst comprehending active sites for the methanol synthesis and for the reverse water gas shift reaction. Also, a simulation of the conventional process of methanol synthesis from synthetic gas was made, allowing for a comparison to be drawn between all simulations. Finally, an economic analysis was made for each design and to measure the impact of different process variables in the methanol production cost.

1.2 The Navigator Company

The Navigator Company is an integrated forest producer, whose end products are pulp and paper, tissue, and energy. Its operations are based at modern, large-scale industrial units that use state-of-the-art technology and are a benchmark for quality in the sector.

Navigator (2021) is Europe’s largest manufacturer of uncoated woodfree printing and writing paper, and the sixth largest in the world, pursuing a successful strategy of innovation and developing its own brands and premium products.

Currently, Navigator produces annually nearly 1.6 million tons of paper, 1.5 million tons of pulp each year, of which roughly 80% is integrated into paper production, and 2.5 TWh of electricity per annum. In Portugal, ca. 5% of all electricity is generated from The Navigator Company.

Aiming to be a global company, admired for their innovative and sustainable way of business that contributes to people’s wellbeing, Navigator is a company of integrity, excellence and sustainability, and an ambassador for Portuguese quality around the world.

1.3 Contribution of the author to the work

The reported work was completed in its entirety by the author, Vasco Araújo.

1.4 Organization of the dissertation

The rest of this dissertation is organized as follows: In Chapter Two, we present background information in the form of a brief historical perspective of methanol synthesis, and the literature that influenced the current work. Chapter Three discusses the software used, as well as all information regarding the catalysts and reaction kinetics. In Chapter Four, a simulation of the conventional process for methanol synthesis from synthetic gas is shown, followed by the studied process configurations. Key process parameters are explicit, followed by an insight into the usage of utilities and the Heat Integration for all processes, along with an economic analysis for each process configuration. The economic analysis continues, studying the impact of key process variables in the overall methanol production cost, as well as a cost comparison between fossil methanol and green methanol in the upcoming years. Finally, Chapter Five presents the conclusions and future work, with Chapter Six showing an assessment of the work done.

2 Context and State of the art

Methanol synthesis has been extensively studied in the scientific literature. Several kinetic models have been reported, for different catalysts, reaction conditions and feedstock composition. Many models consider the methanol synthesis from syngas, while others consider the direct hydrogenation of CO_2 , reporting different kinetic models and laws.

The work by Grabow and Mavrikakis (2011) reports a microkinetic model assuming different intermediates involved in methanol synthesis from syngas. Interestingly, two thirds of synthesized methanol is produced from the hydrogenation of carbon dioxide. Kunkes et al. (2015) discussed whether methanol synthesis and RWGS are parallel pathways, methanol synthesis proceeds forcefully by a “two-step” reaction - sequential RWGS followed by carbon monoxide hydrogenation, or whether methanol synthesis and RWGS share a common intermediate. These authors concluded that the first hypothesis is the correct one, the methanol synthesis involves parallel pathways.

Some studies, concerning macrokinetic models with explicit rate laws, were developed by Graaf et al. (1986, 1990). Taking into account the involved reactions of carbon monoxide hydrogenation, reverse water-gas shift and carbon dioxide hydrogenation, Graaf et al. developed a kinetic model based on an LHHW mechanisms, over a commercial $\text{CuO}/\text{ZnO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ catalyst from Haldor Topsoe. The determined rate laws assume two different active sites, with carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide adsorbing competitively on the metallic copper site, and hydrogen and water adsorbing competitively on the zinc oxide site. The reaction models by Graaf et al. (1988) were used the present work.

An exhaustive experimental study on the chemical equilibrium in methanol synthesis and water gas shift reaction was developed by Graaf et al. (1986), studying fixed-bed catalytic reactor at a pressure range of 10-80 bar and a temperature range of 200-270 °C. According to Graaf et al., 1990, a comparison with previously reported studies showed that the best results are obtained with the Soave-Redlich-Kwong equation of state. The difference between it and the Peng-Robinson equation state (Peng and Robinson, 1976) was not significant, however, the equation fits better to the experimental results than other equations, such as the Redlich-Kwong equation (Redlich and Kwong, 1949) and the Lewis and Randall rule (Lewis and Randall, 1923).

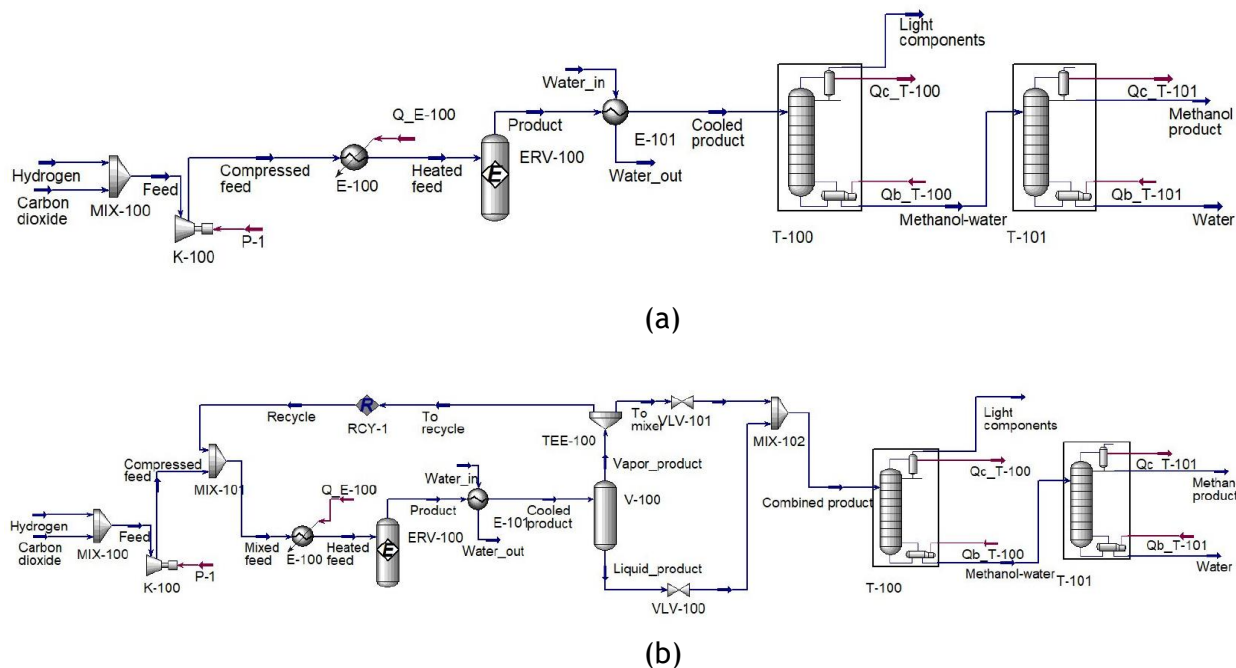
As previously mentioned, the exothermicity of the process and the decrease in stoichiometry during the reaction implies the need for low process temperatures and high pressures. Under normal synthesis conditions (75 bar, 225 °C), carbon conversion in traditional gas reactors cannot overcome the thermodynamic limit of about 60% (Dybkaer et al., 2006).

Two main types of reactors are used today in methanol synthesis: adiabatic and isothermal, with their use differing with the chosen working conditions. Slurry reactors are used for liquid phase synthesis of methanol, but to a much lesser extent.

In this work, an isothermal reactor was considered. Isothermal reactors work primarily as a heat exchanger, in which cooling is achieved by water circulation on the mantle of the tube bundle. These systems enable high conversion and low catalyst volume; however, temperatures need to reach 240 - 260 °C, with a high recycle ratio. Such reactors were developed and customized by several industries, such as Topsoe (Lahne and Lohmüller, 1986) and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (Shimomura and Nojima, 1988).

The work by Kiss et al. (2016) proposed an efficient process for carbon dioxide hydrogenation to methanol with a Cu/Zn/Al/Zr catalyst, with a stripping unit where wet hydrogen (saturated with water) flowed in counter-current with the reaction products, removing CO_x from the reaction products while also removing water from the wet hydrogen feed. The present work utilizes the reaction kinetics provided by Kiss et al..

Borisut and Nuchitprasittichai (2020) studied different process configurations for methanol synthesis via direct carbon dioxide hydrogenation: a once-through reactor; a reactor with a recycle stream; and two reactors in series, performing simulation-based optimization, in Aspen HYSYS V10.1, to minimize the cost of methanol production. The study of different process configurations served as basis for the present work:



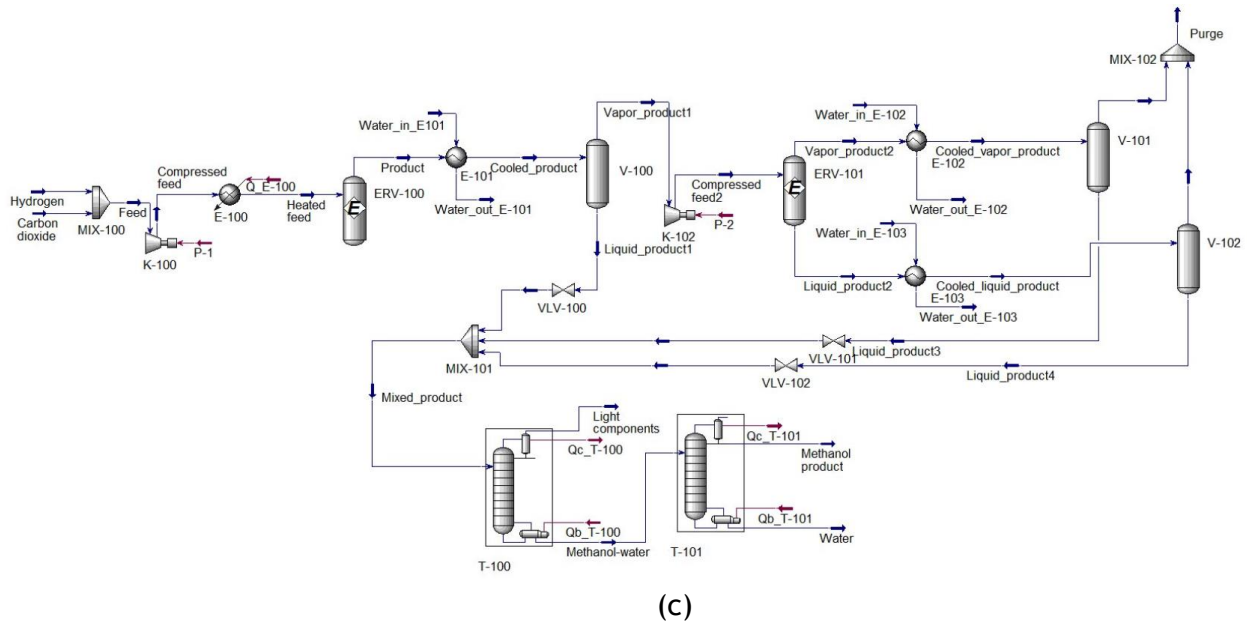


Figure 1. Process simulation of methanol production via carbon dioxide hydrogenation: (a) once-through reactor; (b) reactor with recycle; (c) two reactors in series, Borisut and Nuchitprasittichai (2020).

The current economic landscape for methanol synthesis is changing. In the past, methanol synthesis was easily governed by fossil fuel-based sources. However, trends show that green methanol synthesis will become soon competitive against fossil methanol.

Figure 2 shows a steady increase in methane costs for Europe. This translates into an increase in fossil hydrogen feedstock prices, which, in turn, since methanol synthesis costs is mostly governed by hydrogen feedstock prices, will make fossil methanol more expensive for the foreseeable future.

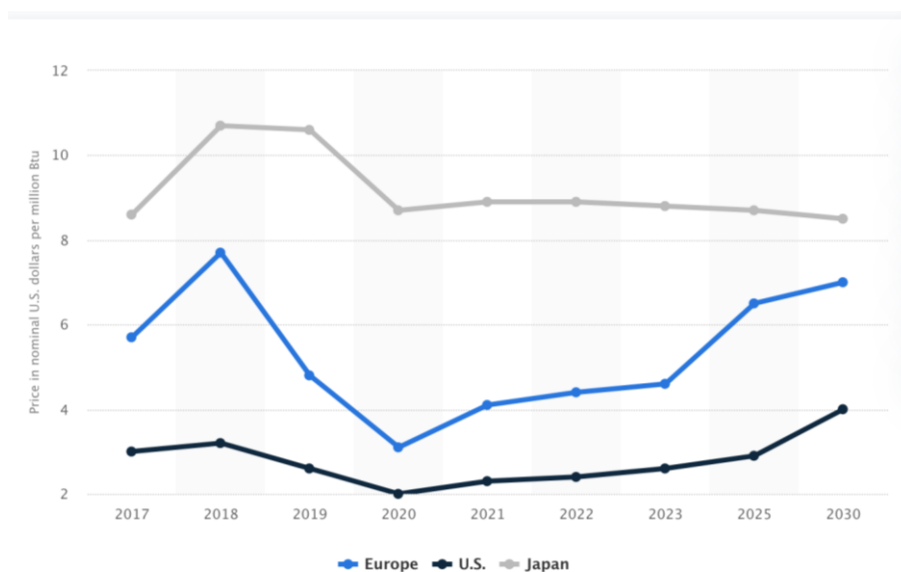


Figure 2. Natural gas prices in selected markets, from 2017 to 2030, Statista (2021).

Carbon market price for the European Union shows a drastic increase on the CO₂ allowances price now reaching over 55 €/ton (July 2021). Figures 3 and 4 show, respectively, the cost of fossil carbon feedstocks for the year of 2021, and the estimated cost of renewable-sourced carbon dioxide for the year of 2050:

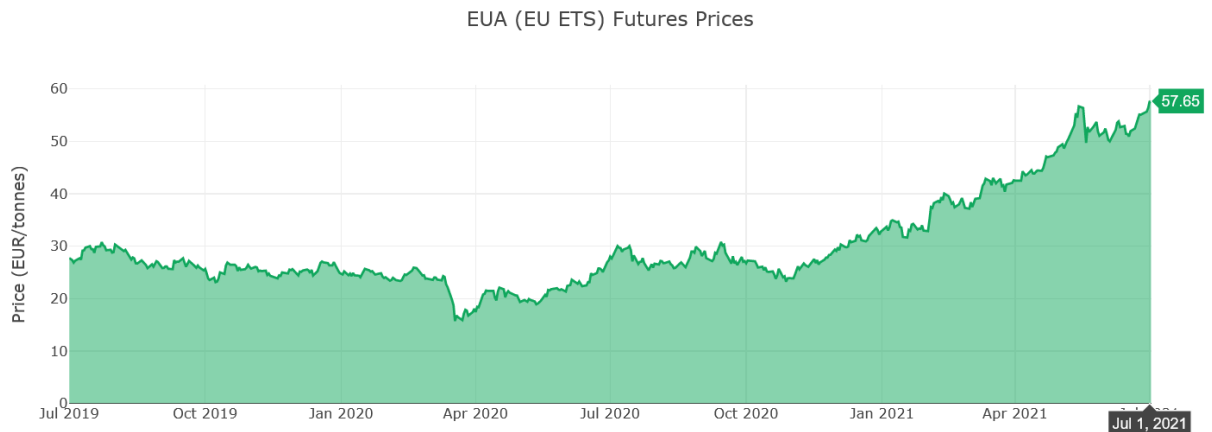
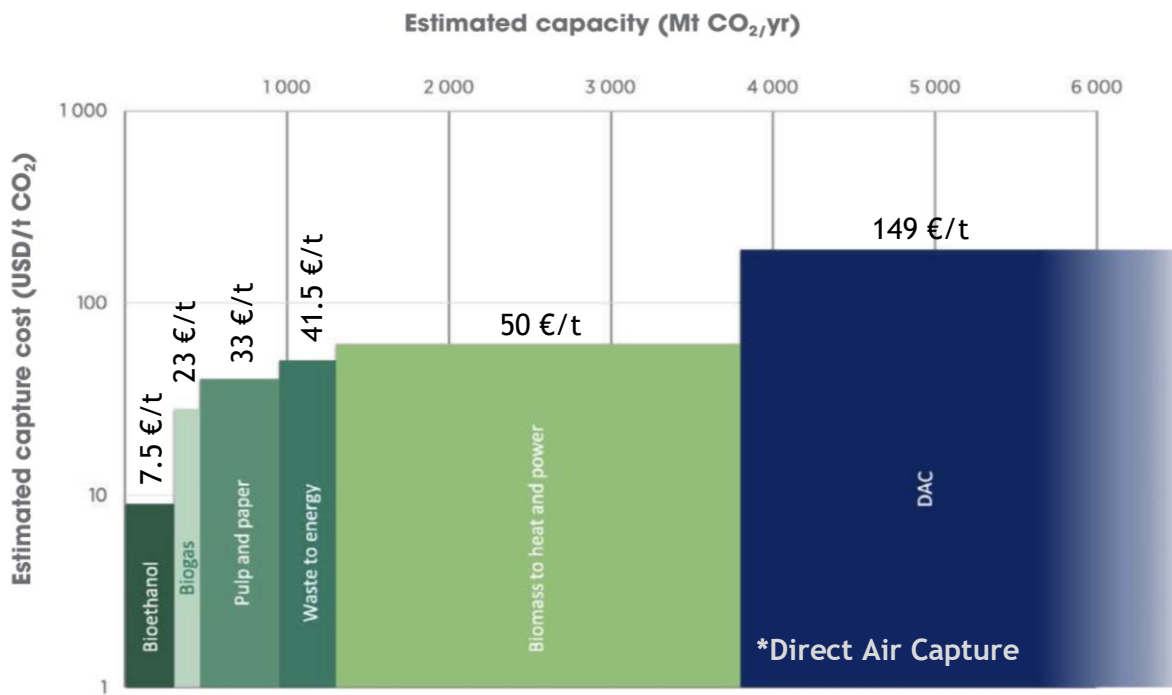


Figure 3. Carbon market price for the European Union, Ember Climate (2021).



Source: Based on Olsson et al. (2020).

Figure 4. Estimated renewable-sourced carbon dioxide prices for 2050, IRENA (2021).

As shown above, except for carbon dioxide sourced from Direct Air Capture, biogenic carbon dioxide will be either competitive or significantly cheaper than the fossil carbon market price. This shift in feedstock prices presents a major economic opportunity to bring forth new and efficient processes, for a cost-competitive production of green methanol.

3 Materials and Methods

3.1 Computer Application Aspen Plus V12

Aspen Plus V12 is a chemical process simulator used to mathematically model chemical processes, from unit operations to full chemical plants and refineries. Given a process design and an appropriate selection of thermodynamic models, *Aspen Plus* is able to perform many chemical engineering calculations, including mass and energy balance, vapor-liquid equilibrium, chemical kinetics, mass and heat transfer, among many others. It is used extensively both in industry and academia for steady-state and dynamic simulation, performance modelling, process design and optimization. One of the advantages of this software is its extensive database of species and their pure/binary regressed parameters. It can also handle very complex processes with ease, such as multiple-column separation systems, distillation of chemically reactive compounds, electrolyte solutions, chemical reactors, and complex recycle-bypass streams.

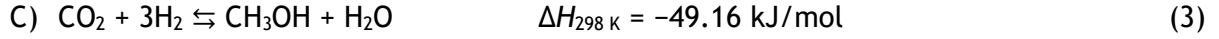
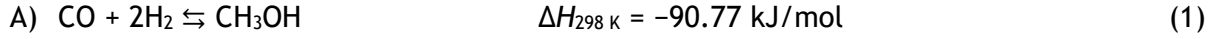
Two features, named “Design Spec” and “Sensitivity Analysis”, were used extensively in this work. The “Design Spec” feature allows the user to automatically vary parameters within user-specified boundaries, in order to achieve the required values. This tool is extremely versatile, allowing for automatic optimization of almost all parameters, from specifying stream purity, to varying the number of tubes in a reactor in order to achieve a desired residence time. The “Sensitivity Analysis” feature is similar to “Design Spec”, differing only in the automatic aspect. While the Design Spec makes changes to the simulation automatically, Sensitivity Analysis allows the user to collect data on varied parameters, for further study and optimization. In short, “Design Spec” allows for automatic optimization, whereas “Sensitivity Analysis” allows for manual optimization.

The Heat Integration was made utilizing the software *Aspen Energy Analyzer*. In terms of the economic analysis, the feature *Aspen Process Economic Analyzer* was used to assess the equipment costs for every configuration.

All configurations were rigorously simulated in *Aspen Plus* using the *RK-Soave* property model, the most suitable for these components (H_2 , CO , CO_2 , H_2O and CH_3OH) and conditions. Complementary to the chosen property model, the *NRTL* model with Henry components was used in order to accurately model the distillation column, operating at low pressure in which no hydrogen is present (Kiss et al., 2016). All the binary interaction parameters related to the property models are available in the pure components databank of the *Aspen Plus* process simulator.

3.2 Reaction Kinetics

The chemistry of methanol synthesis through carbon oxide hydrogenation involves three main reactions:



Reactions A and C, representing the carbon oxide conversions to methanol are exothermic. As such, a temperature increase in the reactor has a negative impact on equilibrium. Since reaction B, the carbon dioxide conversion to carbon monoxide, is endothermic, a temperature increase impacts positively the equilibrium. Thus, methanol yield is promoted by lower temperatures and higher pressures. This is in line with the work of Kiss et al. (2016). However, due to kinetic limitations at these lower temperatures, an optimal operating region exists, which depends on the hydrogen to carbon dioxide ratio.

In terms of catalyst, Kiss et al. utilize experimental data from An et al. (2009), obtained for a fibrous Cu/Zn/Al/Zr catalyst, designed specifically for the hydrogenation of CO₂. The Langmuir-Hinshelwood-Hougen-Watson (LHHW) kinetic model assumes two different active sites - as such, CO and CO₂ absorb competitively on the s1-sites, while H₂ and H₂O are absorbed competitively on the s2-sites. In the present work, this catalyst is designated as catalyst "A".

The corresponding rate equations for the best kinetic model, out of 48 models tested by Graaf et al. (1988), are:

$$r_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}} = k_A \frac{K_{\text{CO}} \left(f_{\text{CO}} f_{\text{H}_2}^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{f_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}}}{K_A \sqrt{f_{\text{H}_2}}} \right)}{(1 + K_{\text{CO}} f_{\text{CO}} + K_{\text{CO}_2} f_{\text{CO}_2}) \left[\sqrt{f_{\text{H}_2}} + \left(\frac{K_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}}{\sqrt{K_H}} \right) f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \right]} \quad (4)$$

$$r_{\text{CO}} = k_B \frac{K_{\text{CO}_2} \left(f_{\text{CO}_2} f_{\text{H}_2} - \frac{f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} f_{\text{CO}}}{K_B} \right)}{(1 + K_{\text{CO}} f_{\text{CO}} + K_{\text{CO}_2} f_{\text{CO}_2}) \left[\sqrt{f_{\text{H}_2}} + \left(\frac{K_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}}{\sqrt{K_H}} \right) f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \right]} \quad (5)$$

$$r_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}} = k_C \frac{K_{\text{CO}_2} \left(f_{\text{CO}_2} f_{\text{H}_2}^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} f_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}}}{f_{\text{H}_2}^{\frac{3}{2}} K_C} \right)}{(1 + K_{\text{CO}} f_{\text{CO}} + K_{\text{CO}_2} f_{\text{CO}_2}) \left[\sqrt{f_{\text{H}_2}} + \left(\frac{K_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}}{\sqrt{K_H}} \right) f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \right]} \quad (6)$$

Where k_A , k_B , and k_C respectively represent the kinetic constants for reactions A, B, and C; K_A , K_B , and K_C are the equilibrium constants for each reaction; K_j corresponds to the adsorption constant of species j ; and f_j represents the fugacity of each species j . All values and respective units are present in Annex A.

The generalized rate expression to be used in Aspen Plus is given by:

$$r = \frac{(\text{kinetic factor})(\text{driving force expression})}{(\text{adsorption term})} \quad (7)$$

In *Aspen Plus*, the kinetic factor is expressed by $kT^n \cdot \exp(-\frac{E_a}{RT})$. All the required input data for the kinetic factor of each reaction is included in Annex A, Table 7 (Kiss et al. 2016, An et al., 2009). It is of note that the units for the pre-exponential constant, driving force expression and adsorption term may vary, therefore may not be the same for all the reactions.

The adsorption term requires re-writing for correct application in *Aspen Plus*, being the same for all reactions (Kiss et al. 2016, Graaf et al., 1988):

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + K_{CO} f_{CO} + K_{CO_2} f_{CO_2}) \left[\sqrt{f_{H_2}} + \left(\frac{K_{H_2O}}{\sqrt{K_H}} \right) f_{H_2O} \right] = \\ = \sqrt{f_{H_2}} + \left(\frac{K_{H_2O}}{\sqrt{K_H}} \right) f_{H_2O} + K_{CO} f_{CO} \sqrt{f_{H_2}} + \frac{K_{CO} K_{H_2O}}{\sqrt{K_H}} f_{CO} f_{H_2O} + K_{CO_2} f_{CO_2} \sqrt{f_{H_2}} + \frac{K_{CO_2} K_{H_2O}}{\sqrt{K_H}} f_{CO_2} f_{H_2O} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The adsorption constants are a function of temperature:

$$K_i = a_i \cdot \exp\left(\frac{b_i}{RT}\right) \quad (9)$$

However, in *Aspen Plus*, K must be expressed in a logarithmic form. All input parameters are provided in Annex A, Table 8 (Kiss et al. 2016):

$$\ln(K) = A + \frac{B}{T} \quad (10)$$

Kiss et al. configured the LHHW-kinetics in Aspen Plus, testing in a plug flow reactor using equilibrium and kinetics data from literature (An et al. 2009). The comparison between experimental and simulated data showed a good agreement, indicating a correct characterization of the kinetics.

For the hypothetical “B” catalyst, comprehending the methanol synthesis function from CO_2 and from CO and a reverse water gas shift function - bifunctional catalyst. Both reaction functions were assumed to follow the models and parameters indicated by Kiss et al. (2016). As such, carbon dioxide would be consumed in two separate pathways: the direct hydrogenation to methanol, and a two-step pathway, converting carbon dioxide to carbon monoxide and

proceeding with carbon monoxide hydrogenation to methanol. This hypothetical catalyst increases carbon dioxide consumption to almost 100% per reactor pass.

In order to establish a point of comparison between the designs and simulations of this work and a regular methanol synthesis facility, which used synthesis gas, a simulation was made following the work of Luyben (2010). However, for the purpose of an apt comparison, the amount of methanol synthesized per year was normalized to 100 kt/y.

For the conventional process, the kinetics used in the work of Luyben (2010) are given by vanden Bussche and Froment (1996), utilizing a solid catalyst. The kinetic LHHW parameters used in the simulation are shown in Table 10, Annex B.

4 Results and discussion

4.1 Conventional Process

Figure 5 shows the flowsheet for the conventional process, aiming to replicate the work by Luyben (2010); all stream and block summaries are indicated in Appendix C and D, respectively. In this simulation, the RK-Aspen physical property model was used, with exception of the distillation column, where the van Laar equations were used to calculate liquid activity coefficients. Due to inconsistencies within the simulator, assumptions had to be made in order to replicate the reactor block “R1”. Thanks to a work by María et al. (2013), it was possible to input correct stream values for the reactor inlet and outlet.

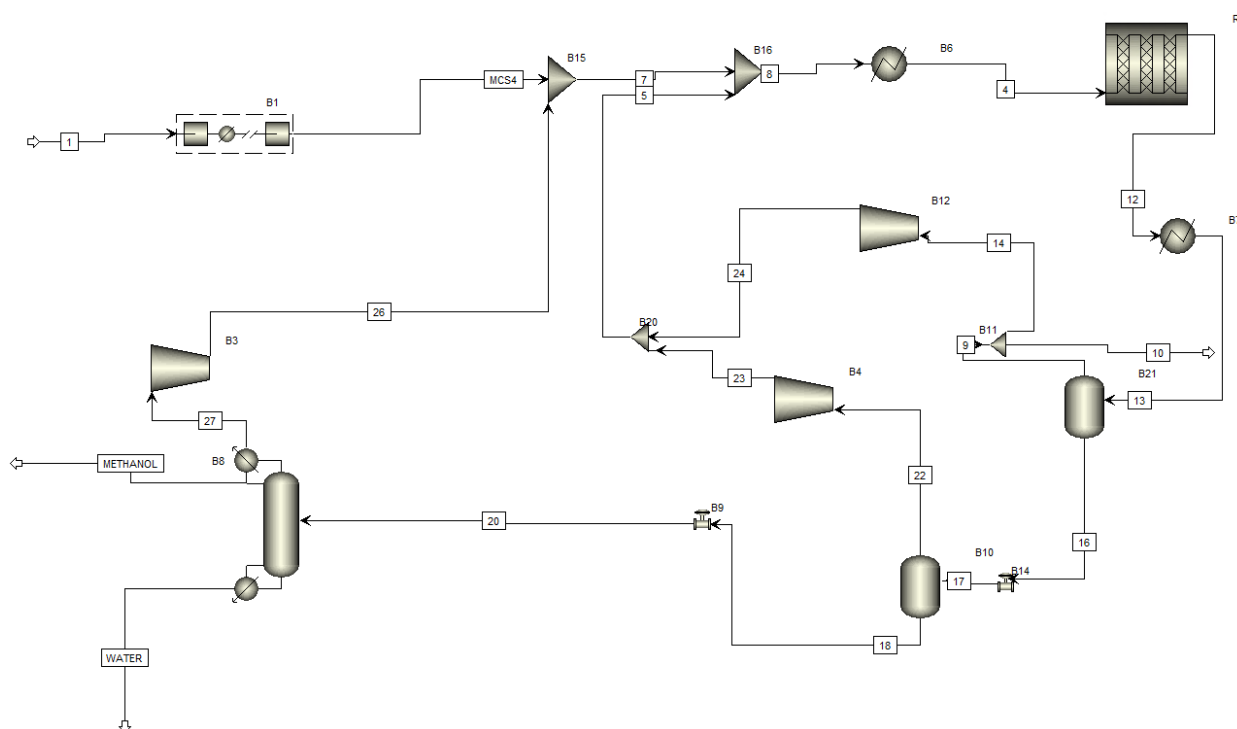


Figure 5. Process flowsheet for “Conventional Process”, replicating the work of Luyben (2010).

Synthesis gas at 1 bar is compressed in a four-stage compression system to 110 bar. The fresh feed has a $\text{H}_2\text{:CO}$ ratio of 3:1, containing carbon dioxide as well as small amounts of methane and nitrogen, which must be purged.

There are three recycle streams before entering the reactor. The gas is heated to 150 °C in a reactor preheater. Simulated in *Aspen Plus* using the RPLUG model, the reactor’s medium temperature is set at 264 °C, generating high-pressure steam to cool itself. The reactor has 1710 tubes with length of 12.2 m and a diameter of 0.03675 m.

The reactor effluent is then cooled to 38 °C. The stream flows into a separator tank operating at 106.5 bar and 38 °C, with most of the vapor stream being compressed back to 110 bar and recycled. A small molar fraction (0.022) is vented off, removing the inert methane and nitrogen from the system. The inert components, however, are allowed to build up in the system, so that the losses of the reactants in the vent are kept small.

The liquid flowing from the separator tank contains significant amounts of hydrogen, carbon dioxide and methane, due to the high pressure in the separator. These should not be fed directly into the distillation column. As such, a flash tank is used to remove these light components before feeding the stream into the column, operating at 2 bar and 38 °C. The gas is then compressed to 110 bar and recycled to the reactor.

The liquid effluent is fed into a 42-stage distillation column, at stage 27, which operates at 1 bar, with a reflux ratio of 1.00 and a fixed reflux-drum temperature of 50 °C. A small vapor stream from the reflux drum is recycled back into the reactor, after being compressed to 110 bar.

Table 1. Key performance indicators for the Conventional Process.

Configuration	Conv	Unit
MeOH production	102	kt/y
Recycle to feed ratio	4.6	mol/mol
Purge Fraction	0.022	mol/mol
H ₂ :CO ratio (reactor inlet)	5.9	mol/mol
H ₂ conversion (per pass)	21.7	%
CO conversion (per pass)	46.1	%
Syngas use per unit of MeOH product	1.2	kg/kg

4.2 Processes Studied

Figures 6, 7 and 8 show the flowsheet of the processes, for both catalysts “A” and “B”. The stream summary for all configurations is situated Appendix C. In the simulation, compressor and pump efficiencies were set to the default 70%. Other block-specific characteristics are present in Appendix A.

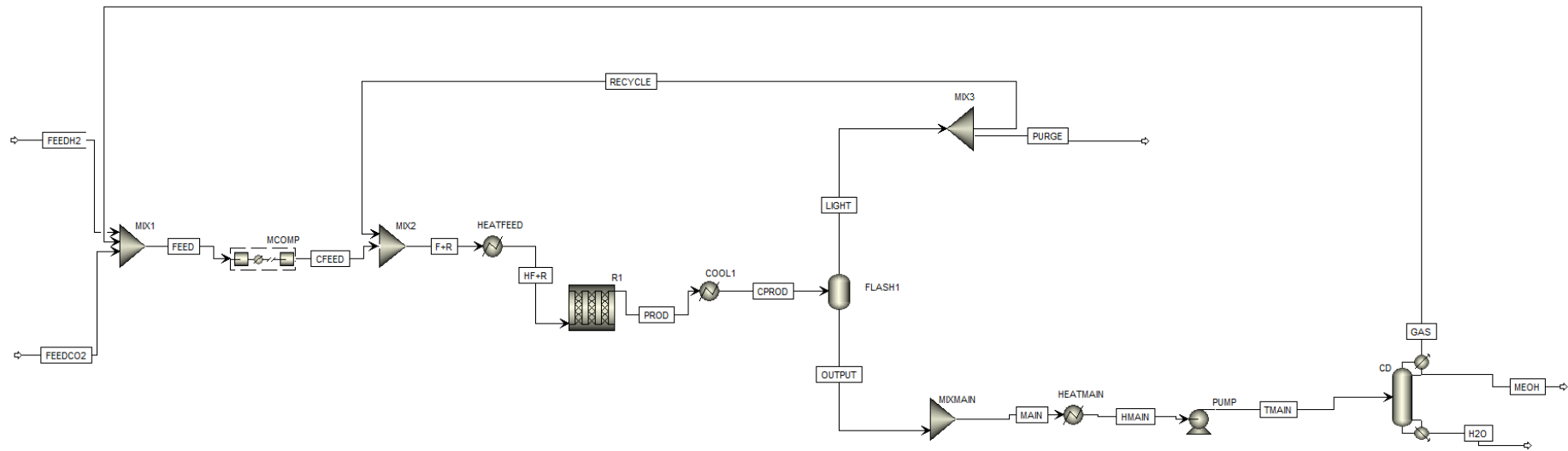


Figure 6. Process flowsheet for configuration I "Methanol Synthesis with a Recycle" for both catalysts.

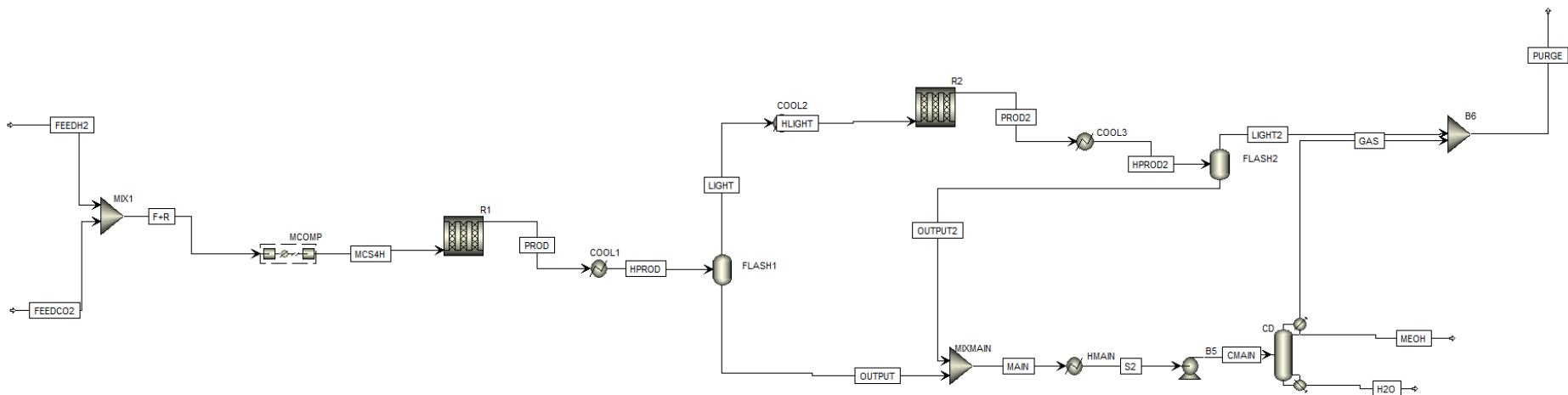


Figure 7. Process Flowsheet for Configuration II "Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series" for both catalysts.

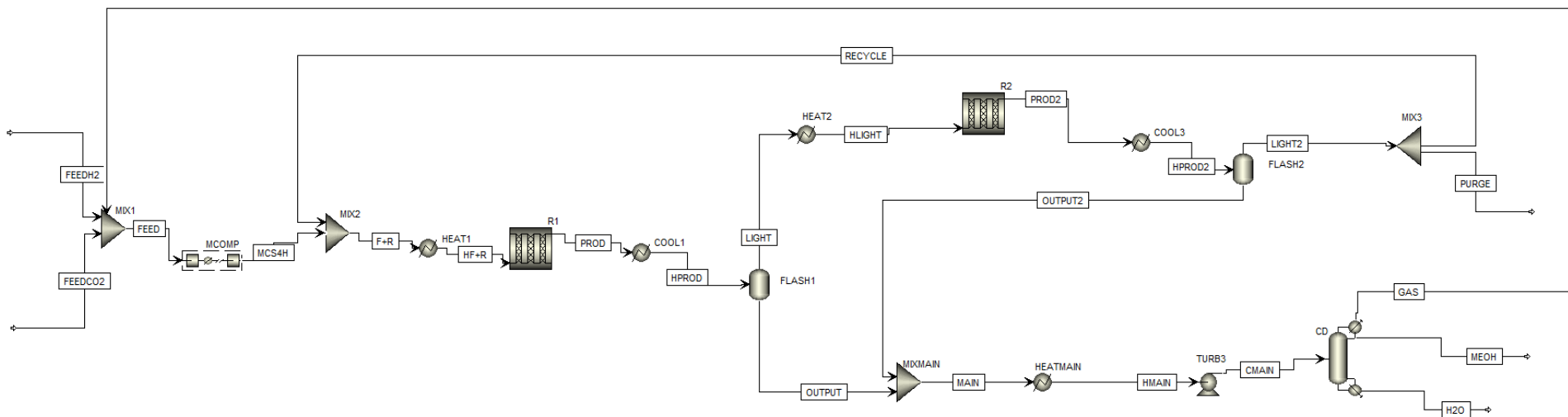


Figure 8. Process Flowsheet for Configuration III "Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series with a Recycle" for both catalysts.

4.2.1 Compression and Reactor Preheating

A hydrogen feed stream and carbon dioxide feed stream are mixed together at 1 bar, and then compressed in a four-stage compressor to 100 bar. Before the stream enters a reactor pre-heater, a recycled gas stream is added. A design spec of 6:1 was established for the ratio of hydrogen to carbon dioxide at the reactor inlet, varying the flow rate of each feed stream. This is necessary for an adequate simulation of the recycle stream in the process.

The feed stream with the added recycle stream then enters a heater at a design-specific temperature, exiting at a design-specific reactor temperature and pressure of 100 bar.

4.2.2 Reactor

The reactor specifications for every simulation are explicit in Appendix A, Table 15. The reactor kinetics are shown in Annex A. Sensitivity analyses for optimal temperature and pressure were carried, with the optimal operating conditions shown in Appendix A, Table 15. The reactor size was first tested utilizing the reactor residence time of approximately 13 seconds by Kiss et al. (2016), maintaining it as a constant for every simulation and varying the number of tubes in the reactor.

4.2.3 Flash Separator

After the reaction, the stream is cooled to 5 °C. At this temperature, the separation in the Flash Separator occurs optimally, while still preventing the freezing of any stream component. The liquid effluent is then fed to the distillation part of the process.

In configuration I, designated by “Methanol Synthesis with a Recycle”, the gas effluent is subsequently purged at a fraction of 0.02. The rest of the effluent is fed back into the feed stream. Since the flash separator is operated at 100 bar, there is no need for further compressor work to get the recycle stream at the required pressure.

In configuration II, designated by “Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series”, the gas effluent is fed to a second reactor, being pre-heated to the optimized reactor temperature, and cooled afterwards to 5 °C, before being fed to a second flash separator. The liquid effluent is, again, fed to the distillation part of the process, while the second gas effluent is completely purged.

In configuration III, designated by “Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series with a Recycle”, the gas effluent is fed similarly to configuration II. However, the second gas effluent, instead of being completely purged, is purged at a fraction of 0.02 and recycled back into the feed stream.

4.2.4 Distillation

Before being fed to the distillation column, the liquid effluent needs to be depressurized, while maintaining a 0.00% vapor fraction and a temperature above the freezing point for any of the components. The stream is heated from 5 °C to a design-specific temperature, and depressurized to 5 bar. The stream then flows to a distillation column with a partial condenser operating at 0.8 bar, separating water as the bottom product, methanol as the high purity liquid distillate and a light gas distillate, which may be recycled to the feed stream. For all process configurations, molar methanol purity was specified for a minimum of 99.85%. The distillation column specifications for each simulation are explicit in Appendix A, Table 16.

Table 2. Key performance indicators for all process configurations for methanol synthesis.

Catalyst	A			B			Unit
Configuration	I	II	III	I	II	III	
MeOH production	101	101	100	99.0	100	101	kt/y
Recycle to feed ratio	2.4	-	1.2	0.76	-	0.73	mol/mol
Purge Fraction	0.02	1.0	0.02	0.02	1.0	0.02	mol/mol
H ₂ :CO ₂ ratio (reactor inlet)	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	mol/mol
H ₂ conversion (per pass)	24.5	38.7	39.2	49.1	49.8	49.8	%
CO ₂ conversion (per pass)	49.2	80.6	79.8	98.5	100	100	%
CO ₂ use per unit of MeOH product	1.40	1.80	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	kg/kg
H ₂ use per unit of MeOH product	0.20	0.50	0.20	0.19	0.38	0.19	kg/kg

4.3 Heat Integration

The heat integration for all designs and simulations was completed utilizing the software *Aspen Energy Analyzer*, specifying a minimum temperature approach of 10 °C.

Medium-pressure steam generation was used in order to cool down the reactors for each configuration. However, configurations II and III for catalyst “B” utilize Low-pressure steam generation as well, since the second reactor functions at a lower temperature. Refrigerant at -25 °C was used to cool the reactor output to 5 °C.

The heat integration process was focused on minimizing utility usage. It is possible, for the economic analysis, that further optimizations can be made, regarding utility usage versus heat exchanger area.

Table 3. Utility usage for each simulation.

Catalyst	A			B			Conv	Unit
Configuration	I	II	III	I	II	III		
Electricity	9.23	19.11	8.92	8.70	14.55	10.16	8.65	MW
Cooling Water	19.47	25.61	19.72	17.91	21.79	18.94	19.29	
LP Steam Generation	-	-	-	-	0.61	0.76	-	
MP Steam Generation	6.72	6.54	6.66	6.77	6.18	6.09	-	
HP Steam Generation	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.54	
Refrigerant	2.10	1.64	1.31	0.39	0.53	0.53	-	
Hot Oil	5.26	0.55	3.87	2.63	0.24	3.77	-	

Heat exchanger networks for every simulation are explicit in Appendix D.

4.4 Economic Evaluation

The economic analysis for all designs and simulations was based on the equipment purchase costs, obtained by the *Aspen Process Economic Analyzer* function, integrated in the *Aspen Plus* software. For certain process blocks, such as reactors and multi-stage compressors, an online cost estimation tool, accompanying *Plant Design and Economics for Chemical Engineers*, 5th edition, Peters, Timmerhaus, and West, was used. For the overall cost estimation for each design, the spreadsheet “Cost and Evaluation Workbook”, accompanying *Plant Design and Economics for Chemical Engineers*, 5th edition, Peters, Timmerhaus, and West was utilized, along with correlations provided in a support book by Martins (2018), both present in Annex C.

4.4.1 Simulation Comparison

Table 4 compares the different economic indicators for each process configuration. A depreciation of 10 years was considered, along with a yearly inflation rate of 0.0225 (Portugal Inflation Rate, 2021), a minimum acceptable rate of return of 1% and an income tax rate of 0.35. For the first year, a 50% operation rate was assumed, and for the second year, a 90% operation rate.

Table 4. Economic Analysis for all process configurations for methanol synthesis, with a 25% uncertainty in equipment purchase cost, for a 100 kt/y methanol plant.

Catalyst	A			B			Conv	Unit
Configuration	I	II	III	I	II	III		
Total capital investment	17.91 ± 4.48	32.91 ± 8.23	19.58 ± 4.89	17.42 ± 4.35	33.04 ± 8.26	19.13 ± 4.78	30.21 ± 7.55	M€
Total production cost	37.80 ± 0.38	91.42 ± 0.65	37.39 ± 0.39	35.19 ± 0.37	70.32 ± 0.65	36.57 ± 0.38	39.43 ± 0.77	M€/y
Cost per ton of MeOH product	375.2 ± 3.8	908.2 ± 6.4	373.3 ± 3.9	355.5 ± 3.8	701.5 ± 6.5	362.1 ± 3.7	393.7 ± 7.7	€/t
Return on investment	6.38	-174	5.91	14.7	-106	10.7	-2.03	%/y
Return period	5.72	-0.49	5.92	3.62	-0.83	4.41	13.9	y

Firstly, it can easily be concluded that configuration II is not economically feasible for both catalysts. The lack of a recycle stream, which means a complete purge of unreacted components, forces an increase in raw material purchase for the same amount of methanol produced. The almost thrice-fold increase in hydrogen feed usage is damning for the overall production cost for this configuration.

An important optimization is the use of a multi-stage compressor in the feed stream only, maintaining the main process pressure at 100 bar. This allows for a minimum use of electricity for compression.

Despite the differences in total capital investment and total production cost, configurations I and III present similar results for the cost per ton of synthesized methanol. This is due to the variation in total capital investment being offset by a small variation in raw material consumption.

Comparing the different catalysts “A” and “B”, there is a significant difference between production costs per ton of synthesized methanol, due to a respective increase in raw material conversion to methanol.

Interestingly, whereas with catalyst “A” both configurations, I and III, are similar in terms of production cost, with catalyst “B” there is a noticeable difference between the two. Due to catalyst “B” providing a very high conversion in just one reactor, the second reactor in

configuration III does not bring enough value to compensate for the added equipment cost of a second reactor and flash separator.

It would seem that in order to maximize profits, the usage of fossil hydrogen feedstock and green sourced carbon dioxide is paramount. However, section 4.4.3 studies the usage of completely fossil and completely green feedstock.

4.4.2 Sensitivity analysis of the methanol production cost

Figure 9 shows the impacts of the raw materials cost and CAPEX in the overall methanol production cost, with a variation of 25% for each parameter value.

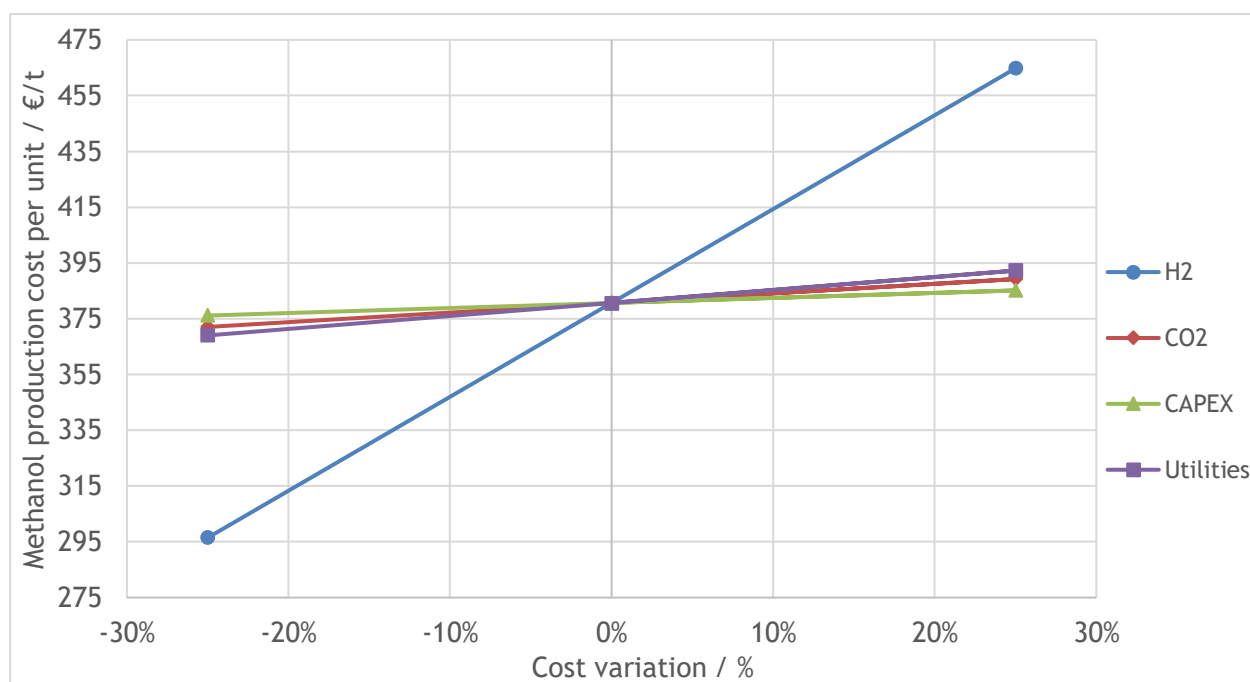


Figure 9. Impacts on methanol production cost for feedstocks, capital expenditures and utilities.

In the case of the hydrogen price impact, the results show a significant impact on methanol production costs - a variation of 25% in the price of hydrogen results in a variation of approximately 22% for the average methanol production cost.

In terms of carbon dioxide price impact, a price variation slightly impacts the average methanol production cost. A variation of 25% in carbon dioxide prices results in approximately 2% variation for the methanol production cost. This occurs due to two factors: first, for the same amount, the cost of hydrogen is two orders of magnitude greater compared to the cost of carbon dioxide; second, the amount of molar hydrogen in the process feed stream is consumed at a three times higher rate than the amount of molar carbon dioxide in the process feed stream.

In the case of the impact of CAPEX in the overall methanol production cost, there is also only a slight impact. A variation of 25% in the overall CAPEX only impacts the methanol production

cost by approximately 1%. In terms of utility costs, a variation of 25% impacts methanol synthesis costs by approximately 3%.

These results show that for these designs, the overall methanol production cost is dictated primarily by the cost of hydrogen. As such, it can be concluded that a further optimization of the operating conditions or utility usage can possibly offset an increase in carbon dioxide price, but will not offset an increase in hydrogen price.

4.4.3 Green Methanol versus Fossil Methanol

Table 5 shows the impact of fossil versus green raw material prices in the overall methanol production cost using catalyst “A”, for the years of 2021 and 2025.

Table 5. Fossil versus green methanol prices, for the years of 2021 and 2025, utilizing catalyst “A”.

Year	2021	2025	2021	2025	2021	2025	Unit
H ₂	1.50	1.94	2.45	2.45	3.16	3.16	€/kg
CO ₂ (allowances)	0.06	0.10	-	-	-	-	€/kg
CO ₂ (emissions avoided)	-	-	-0.03	-0.07	-0.03	-0.07	€/kg
TPC	50.7	68.1	57.9	51.6	75.0	68.7	M€/year
Electricity price	45.0	60.0	45.0	45.0	60.0	60.0	€/MWh
TPC/t MeOH	507	681	579	516	750	687	€/t MeOH
TPC/t MeOH, without CO ₂	413	524	-	-	-	-	€/t MeOH

The cost of carbon dioxide for 2021 and 2025 is, respectively, 60 €/t and 100 €/t. Concerning green carbon dioxide, the price was calculated by subtracting, from a purification cost of 30 €/t, the cost of purchased carbon dioxide.

For the price of fossil hydrogen, the values 1.5 €/kg and 1.94 €/kg were utilized for the years 2021 and 2025, respectively. In the case of green hydrogen price, the calculations are made for two different values, respectively 2.45 €/kg and 3.16 €/kg, for both 2021 and 2025 (Mendes, 2021).

Calculations were also made for the production of Methanol without the cost of carbon dioxide, resulting in a production cost per unit of methanol of 413 €/t for 2021, which compares nicely with the Methanex European Posted Contract Price of 410 €/t, valid from July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

For 2021, fossil methanol has a more competitive production cost than green methanol by approximately 14%, with a difference of 72 €/t.

For 2025, at a green hydrogen price of 2.45 €, green methanol production becomes quite competitive with the 2021 fossil methanol production costs, with discrepancy of about 2%. The 2025 fossil methanol production cost is competitive only to the worst-case-scenario green methanol production costs, with an increase from the former to the latter of approximately 1%.

Table 6. Fossil versus green methanol prices, for the years of 2021 and 2025, utilizing catalyst “B”.

Year	2021	2025	2021	2025	2021	2025	Unit
H ₂	1.50	1.94	2.45	2.45	3.16	3.16	€/kg
CO ₂ (allowances)	0.06	0.10	-	-	-	-	€/kg
CO ₂ (emissions avoided)	-	-	-0.03	-0.07	-0.03	-0.07	€/kg
TPC	47.2	62.6	54.5	48.4	68.8	63.9	M€/year
Electricity price	45.0	60.0	45.0	45.0	60.0	60.0	€/MWh
TPC/t MeOH	476	632	545	484	688	639	€/t MeOH
TPC/t MeOH, without CO ₂	385	491	-	-	-	-	€/t MeOH

Comparing the results for catalyst “A” with the same calculations for catalyst “B”, the average decrease in production cost per unit of methanol produced is of approximately 6%, which translates to an average cost reduction of 37 €/t.

5 Conclusion

This work compares three different process configurations of methanol synthesis via direct carbon dioxide hydrogenation for two different catalysts, and the conventional process comprehending natural gas reforming followed by methanol synthesis, for a total of seven simulations. The three process configurations were optimized for minimum methanol production cost, featuring methanol production with a recycle, methanol production with two reactors in series and methanol production with two reactors in series with a recycle.

The methanol production costs were compared across all configurations, showing that methanol production with two reactors in series - process configuration II - is not economically feasible, due to the purge of a large current of unreacted products. Process configurations I and III, showed the most economically competitive results; however, going from catalyst “A” to catalyst “B” showed a dramatic increase in conversion rates. As such, catalyst “B” shows that configuration I has the *de facto* lowest methanol production cost of all configurations, due to configuration III having an unnecessary second reactor.

An economic analysis of the feedstock price impacts on the production of the green methanol shows that hydrogen feedstock has the highest impact, accounting for *ca.* 80% of the cost structure of the green methanol; on the other hand, CO₂ has a humble contribution for the green methanol cost structure of just 8%. A comparison between fossil methanol synthesis and green methanol synthesis indicated that by 2025, green methanol should become price competitive, which allows for a unique economic opportunity.

6 Assessment of the work done

6.1 Objectives Achieved

For this thesis, the design and simulation of methanol synthesis through carbon dioxide hydrogenation, not only for different process configurations, but also for two different catalysts - a highly active Cu/Zn/Al/Zr fibrous catalyst and an experimental catalyst - was completed successfully: it was possible to see which configurations were efficient in the production of methanol. Also, a simulation of the conventional process of methanol synthesis from synthetic gas was made, which allowed for a comparison to be drawn between all simulations.

The economic analysis for each design was successful, showing an accurate description and assessment of methanol production costs, with the conventional process working as a sort of “control”. The measurement of the impact of different process variables in the methanol production cost was also carried out correctly.

Finally, the economic analysis of fossil versus green methanol was also carried out successfully, with the fossil methanol production cost without CO₂ giving a very accurate value compared to the current prices, provided by Methanex (2021).

6.2 Other Work Carried Out

A simulation was made to verify the work of Kiss et al. (2016), in order to confirm that an accurate implementation of the reaction kinetics was made by the author of the current work.

6.3 Final Assessment

In the opinion of the author, this work acts as a culmination of most recent green methanol studies: not only does it serve as an in-depth guide for cost-efficient methanol synthesis, but also as an innovative set piece in worldwide methanol synthesis, with an exhaustive study of the impact a bifunctional catalyst has on the processes studied. On top of this, this work also presents a reasonably accurate prediction of methanol synthesis costs in the near-future.

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Annex A - Catalyst kinetics by Kiss et al. (2013)

Table 7. Kinetic factor for reactions A, B and C.

Reaction	k	n	E _a [J/mol.K]
A	$4.0638 \cdot 10^{-6}$ [kmol./kg _{cat} .s.Pa]	0	11695
B	$9.0421 \cdot 10^8$ [kmol/kg _{cat} .s.Pa ^{1/2}]	0	112860
C	$1.5188 \cdot 10^{-33}$ [kmol/kg _{cat} .s.Pa]	0	266010

Table 8. Constants for driving force, using the format for Aspen Plus.

Reaction	K ₁		K ₂	
	A	B	A	B
A	-23.20	14225	28.895	2385
B	-22.48	9777	-28.12	15062
C	-22.48	9777	23.974	3222

Table 9. K_i factors for the adsorption term, using the format for Aspen Plus.

Term	Expression	A _i =ln(a _i)	B _i =b _i /R	$\prod c_j^{v_j}$
1	1	0	0	$\sqrt{f_{H_2}}$
2	$\frac{K_{H_2O}}{\sqrt{K_H}}$	-26.1568	13842	f_{H_2O}
3	K_{CO}	-23.2006	14225	$f_{CO} \sqrt{f_{H_2}}$
4	$\frac{K_{CO} K_{H_2O}}{\sqrt{K_H}}$	-49.3574	28067	$f_{CO} f_{H_2O}$
5	K_{CO_2}	-22.4827	9777	$f_{CO_2} \sqrt{f_{H_2}}$
6	$\frac{K_{CO_2} K_{H_2O}}{\sqrt{K_{rr}}}$	-48.6395	23619	$f_{CO_2} f_{H_2O}$

Annex B - Catalyst kinetics used the Conventional Process

Table 10. Catalyst kinetics used by Luyben (2010)

R_1 ($\text{CO}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$)	
kinetic factor	$k = 1.07 \times 10^{-3}$ $E = 36\,696 \text{ kJ/kmol}$
driving-force expressions	
term 1	
conc. exponents for reactants:	$\text{CO}_2 = 1; \text{H}_2 = 1$
conc. exponents for products:	$\text{CH}_3\text{OH} = 0; \text{H}_2\text{O} = 0$
coefficients:	$A = -23.02581; B = C = D = 0$
term 2	
conc. exponents for reactants:	$\text{CO}_2 = 0; \text{H}_2 = -2$
conc. exponents for products:	$\text{CH}_3\text{OH} = 1; \text{H}_2\text{O} = 1$
coefficients:	$A = 24.388981; B = -7059.7258;$ $C = D = 0$
adsorption expression	
adsorption term exponent:	3
concentration exponents:	
term 1:	$\text{H}_2 = 0; \text{H}_2\text{O} = 0$
term 2:	$\text{H}_2 = -1; \text{H}_2\text{O} = 1$
adsorption constants:	
term 1:	$A = 0, B = 0, C = 0, D = 0$
term 2:	$A = 8.1471087, B = 0, C = 0, D = 0$
R_2 ($\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$)	
kinetic factor	$k = 1.22 \times 10^9$ $E = 94765 \text{ kJ/kmol}$
driving-force expressions	
term 1	
conc. exponents for reactants:	$\text{CO}_2 = 1; \text{H}_2 = 0$
conc. exponents for products:	$\text{CO} = 0; \text{H}_2\text{O} = 0$
coefficients:	$A = -11.512952; B = C = D = 0$
term 2	
conc. exponents for reactants:	$\text{CO}_2 = 0; \text{H}_2 = -1$
conc. exponents for products:	$\text{CO} = 1; \text{H}_2\text{O} = 1$
coefficients:	$A = -16.184871; B = 4773.2589;$ $C = D = 0$
adsorption expression	
adsorption term exponent:	1
concentration exponents:	
term 1:	$\text{H}_2 = 0; \text{H}_2\text{O} = 0$
term 2:	$\text{H}_2 = -1; \text{H}_2\text{O} = 1$
adsorption constants:	
term 1:	$A = 0, B = 0, C = 0, D = 0$
term 2:	$A = 8.1471087, B = 0, C = 0, D = 0$

Annex C - Economic Analysis Spreadsheet by Peters, Timmerhaus and West

Table 11. Example of a Capital Investment page, with correlations sourced from a book by Martins (2018).

Project Identifier: Methanol Synthesis (example)	User: copy from values at left or insert	Calculated values, million €
Direct Costs		
Purchased equipment, E'		8.800
Delivery, fraction of E'	0.10	0.880
Subtotal: delivered equipment		9.680
Purchased equipment installation	0.10	0.968
Instrumentation&Controls(installed)	0.05	0.484
Piping (installed)	0.12	1.113
Electrical systems (installed)	0.06	0.581
Buildings (including services)	0.11	1.016
Yard improvements	0.04	0.339
Service facilities (installed)	0.14	1.355
Total direct costs	0.61	15.536
Indirect Costs		
Engineering and supervision	0.13	1.210
Construction expenses	0.10	0.968
Legal expenses	0.04	0.387
Contractor's fee	0.04	0.387
Contingency	0.10	0.968
Total indirect costs	0.41	3.920
Fixed capital investment (FCI)		19.457
Working capital (WC)	0.45	4.390
Total capital investment (TCI)		23.847

Table 12. Annual Operating Labour Costs, localized for Portugal, EUROSTAT (2021).

Operating Labor			
Number of operators per shift*	Shifts per day**	Operator rate, €/h	Annual operating labor cost, million €/y
5	3	12.8	0.561

Table 13. Example of an Utility Costs page, with unit costs for every utility used. Prices from Aspen Energy Analyzer and Martins (2018).

TOTAL UTILITY COST = - million €/y					
Utility	Default unit cost	Default cost units	Annual utility requirement,	Default units of utility requirement	Annual utility cost, million €/y
Electricity					
Purchased, average	0.050	€/kWh	-	kWh/y	-
Hot oil	2.79	€/GJ	-	GJ/y	-
Cooling Water	0.04	€/GJ	-	GJ/y	-
Refrigeration, to temperature					
-25 °C	6.37	€/GJ	-	GJ/y	-
HP Steam Generation	-1.98	€/GJ	-	GJ/y	-
Waste water					
Treatment (kg removed)	0.29	€/kg	-	kg/y	-
LP Steam Generation	-1.50	€/GJ	-	GJ/y	-
MP Steam Generation	-1.74	€/GJ	-	GJ/y	-

Table 14. Example of an Annual Total Product Cost page, with correlations sourced from a book by Martins, 2018.

Capacity	100	10 ⁶ kg per year		
Fixed Capital Investment, FCI	19.457	million €		
Item	Default factor, user may change	Basis	Basis cost, million €/y	Cost, million €/y
Raw materials				12.650
Operating labor				0.885
Operating supervision	0.15	of operating labor	0.885	0.133
Utilities				3.114
Maintenance and repairs	0.03	of FCI	19.457	0.584
Operating supplies	0.0075	of maintenance & repair	0.584	0.004
Laboratory charges	0.15	of operating labor	0.885	0.133
Royalties (if not on lump-sum basis)	0.01	of c_o	21.911	0.219
Catalysts and solvents	0.001	of FCI	19.457	0.019
Variable cost =				17.741
Taxes (property)	0.02	of FCI	19.457	0.389
Financing (interest)	0	of FCI	19.457	0.000
Insurance	0.007	of FCI	19.457	0.136
Rent	0.02	of FCI	19.457	0.389
Depreciation	Calculated separately			
Fixed Charges =				0.914
Plant overhead, general	0.6	of labor, supervision and maintenance	1.601	0.961
Plant Overhead =				0.961
Manufacturing cost =				19.616
Administration	0.2	of labor, supervision and maintenance	1.601	0.320
Distribution & selling	0.05	of c_o	21.911	1.096
Research & Development	0.04	of c_o	21.911	0.876
General Expense =				2.292
TOTAL PRODUCT COST <u>WITHOUT DEPRECIATION</u> = c_o =				21.911

Appendix A - Block Characteristics

Table 15. Reactor Characteristics for each simulation

Catalyst	A					B					Conv	Unit
Configuration	I	II	III			I	II	III				
Reactor	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	-
Tubes	403	261	192	252	185	154	161	80	163	87	1710	-
Length	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	12.2	m
Diameter	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.03675	m
Catalyst Loading	318.7	204.9	120.3	198.0	118.7	318.7	204.9	120.3	198.0	118.7	-	kg
Bed voidage	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.5	-
Temperature	255	255	255	255	255	232	234	150	240	180	272	°C
Pressure	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	107	bar

Table 16. Distillation Column characteristics for each simulation

Catalyst	A			B			Conv	Unit
Configuration	I	II	III	I	II	III		
Stages	30	30	30	30	30	30	42	-
Feed	22	20	20	20	22	22	27	-
Reflux Ratio	2	2	2	2	2	2.5	1	kg/kg
Distillate to Feed fraction	0.5074	0.4952	0.5062	0.5011	0.5002	0.5005	0.8325	-
Distillate Vapor fraction	0.04	0.029	0.032	0.005	0.0025	0.0025	-	-
Pressure	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1	bar

Appendix B - Utility and Component Prices

Table 17. Utility temperatures and cost per unit of energy

		Temperature, inlet / °C	Temperature, outlet / °C	Cost / €/GJ
Refrigerant		-25	-24	6.368
Cooling Water		20	30	0.0399
LP Steam Generation		124	125	- 1.504
MP Steam Generation		174	175	-1.743
HP Steam Generation		249	250	-1.982
Hot Oil	Configuration I, Catalyst "A"	280	250	2.786
	Catalyst "A"	290	260	
	Catalyst "B"	300	270	

Table 18. Costs utilized for other utilities, raw materials and products.

	Cost	Unit
Wastewater treatment	0.29	€/kg organics removed
Electricity	0.50	€/kWh
Methanol	0.41	€/kg
H ₂	1.50	€/kg
CO ₂	-0.022	€/kg

Appendix C - Stream Summary

Table 19. Stream Summary for the Conventional Process.

Description	Units	1	4	5	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	16	17	18	20	22	23	24	26	27	MCS4	METHANOL	WATER
From			B6	B20	B15	B16	B21	B11	R1	B7	B11	B21	B14	B10	B9	B10	B4	B12	B3	B8	B1	B8	B8
To		B1	R1	B16	B16	B6	B11		B7	B21	B12	B14	B10	B9	B8	B4	B20	B20	B15	B3	B15		
Stream Class		CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN
Maximum Relative Error																							
Cost Flow	\$/hr																						
MIXED Substream																							
Phase		Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase
Temperature	C	50	150	46.29332	194.2062	72.98127	38	38	272.25	38	38	38	34.4062	38	37.14847	38	507.8254	41.67635	542.4306	50	189.5563	50	99.52757
Pressure	bar	1	110	110	110	110	106.5	106.5	107.3032	107.3032	106.5	106.5		2	2	1	2	110	110	110	1	1	1
Molar Vapor Fraction		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.914097	1	0	0.068334	0	0.005658	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Molar Liquid Fraction		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.085903	0	1	0.931666	1	0.994342	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Molar Solid Fraction		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mass Vapor Fraction		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.816987	1	0	0.082837	0	0.007558	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Mass Liquid Fraction		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.183013	0	1	0.917163	1	0.992442	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mass Solid Fraction		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Molar Enthalpy	kcal/mol	-13.0375	-15.3614	-16.9083	-12.3472	-16.0015	-16.591	-16.591	-17.5506	-20.3717	-16.591	-60.6199	-60.6199	-59.5581	-59.5581	-72.9075	-67.6733	-16.5624	-61.2122	-67.5718	-12.0059	-56.3837	-66.8876
Mass Enthalpy	kcal/kg	-1146.4	-1218.75	-1314.24	-1068.9	-1269.54	-1305.98	-1305.98	-1234.86	-1433.36	-1305.98	-2002.21	-2002.21	-1998.95	-1998.95	-1992.81	-1849.74	-1303.73	-1647.89	-1819.09	-1055.7	-1759.61	-3710.98
Molar Entropy	cal/mol-K	6.867948	-6.21862	-10.1144	0.06207	-7.88817	-10.2555	-10.2555	-6.85201	-13.8474	-10.2555	-51.9035	-51.2991	-54.4324	-54.4253	-5.04131	-3.02204	-10.2301	-12.5436	-14.8798	0.074588	-55.6277	-34.8974
Mass Entropy	cal/gm-K	0.603907	-0.49338	-0.78617	0.005373	-0.62584	-0.80727	-0.80727	-0.48211	-0.9743	-0.80727	-1.71432	-1.69436	-1.82692	-1.82668	-0.1378	-0.0826	-0.80527	-0.33769	-0.40058	0.006559	-1.73602	-1.93614
Molar Density	kmol/cum	0.037203	2.987953	4.042205	2.691204	3.681754	4.02993	4.02993	2.280875	4.359723	4.02993	20.56359	1.097793	20.27696	5.157842	0.078091	1.641638	4.102709	1.59129	0.037569	2.716682	23.79593	50.95691
Mass Density	kg/cum	0.423094	37.66074	52.00487	31.08686	46.40554	51.19572	51.19572	32.41708	61.96283	51.19572	622.5922	33.23726	604.1454	153.6762	2.856999	60.05989	52.12029	59.10991	1.395535	30.89552	762.4991	918.4602
Enthalpy Flow	Gcal/hr	-17.7535	-105.948	-93.4325	-16.931	-110.364	-93.1069	-2.04835	-107.742	-125.061	-91.0585	-31.9503	-31.9503	-29.1637	-29.1637	-2.72615	-2.53044	-90.9021	-0.58219	-0.64267	-16.3488	-22.4494	-5.48492
Average MW		11.37252	12.60419	12.86547	11.55128	12.60419	12.70387	12.70387	14.21256	14.21256	12.70387	30.27643	30.27643	29.79468	29.79468	36.58533	36.58533	12.70387	37.14591	37.14591	11.37252	32.04325	18.02425
Mole Flows	kmol/hr	1361.731	6897.079	5525.837	1371.242	6897.079	5611.907	123.4619	6138.966	6138.966	5488.445	527.0596	527.0596	489.6676	489.6676	37.39191	37.39191	5488.445	9.510953	9.510953	1361.731	398.1547	82.00198
Mole Fractions																							
H2		0.672083	0.565774	0.540549	0.667423	0.565774	0.543997	0.543997	0.497502	0.497502	0.543997	0.002444	0.002444	2.57E-06	2.57E-06	0.034423	0.034423	0.543997	0.000132	0.000132	0.672083	1.73E-09	1.00E-33
CO2		0.07063	0.105341	0.113328	0.073156	0.105341	0.109506	0.109506	0.104895	0.104895	0.109506	0.055796	0.055796	0.008569	0.008569	0.674263	0.674263	0.109506	0.434856	0.434856	0.07063	0.000151	1.83E-27
CO		0.229073	0.095667	0.062956	0.227485	0.095667	0.063334	0.063334	0.057942	0.057942	0.063334	0.00053	0.00053	1.14E-06	1.14E-06	0.007455	0.007455	0.063334	5.86E-05	5.86E-05	0.229073	7.61E-10	8.65E-27
CH4		0.023168	0.200258	0.244232	0.023049	0.200258	0.244953	0.244953	0.224775	0.224775	0.244953	0.009936	0.009936	0.000117	0.000117	0.138527	0.138527	0.244953	0.006001	0.006001	0.023168	1.05E-07	0
H2O		0.002018	0.000952	0.000691	0.002004	0.000952	0.000583	0.000583	0.013986	0.013986	0.000583	0.156697	0.156697	0.167399	0.167399	0.016548	0.016548	0.000583	1.03E-05	1.03E-05	0.002018	5.07E-05	0.99936
N2		0.003027	0.002687	0.032563	0.003007	0.002687	0.032761	0.032761	0.02997	0.02997	0.032761	0.000248	0.000248	4.77E-07	4.77E-07	0.00349	0.00349	0.032761	2.46E-05	2.46E-05	0.003027	2.24E-10	3.26E-23
CH3OH		0	0.005322	0.00568	0.003877	0.005322	0.004865	0.004865	0.070929	0.070929	0.004865	0.774348	0.774348	0.823911	0.823911	0.125296	0.125296	0.004865	0.558918	0.558918	0	0.999798	0.00064
Mass Flows	kg/hr	15486.31	86932.1	71092.5	15839.61	86932.1	71292.95	15839.61	87250.43	87250.43	69724.5	15957.48	15957.48	14589.49	14589.49	1367.996	1367.996	69724.5	353.293	353.293	15486.31	12758.17	1478.024
H2	kg/hr	1844.927	7866.336	6021.407	1844.929	7866.336	6154.205	135.3925	6156.802	6156.802	6018.812	2.597229	2.597229	0.002536	0.002536	2.594693	2.594693	6018.812	0.002535	0.002535	1844.927	1.39E-06	1.65E-31
CO2	kg/hr	4232.802	31975.15	27560.33	4414.822	31975.15	27045.77	595.0068	28340	28340	26450.76	1294.235	1294.235	184.6617	184.6617	1109.574	1109.574	26450.76	182.0199	182.0199	4232.802	2.641795	6.60E-24
CO	kg/hr	8737.46	18481.86	9744.382	8737.476	18481.86	9955.597	219.0231	9963.421	9963.421	9736.574	7.82355	7.82355	0.015618	0.015618	7.807932	7.807932	9736.574	0.01561	0.01561	8737.46	8.49E-06	1.99E-23
CH4	kg/hr	506.1319	22158.17	21651.12	507.0475	22158.17	22053.19	485.1702	22137.2	22137.2	21568.02	84.01447	84.01447	0.916257	0.916257	83.09821	83.09821	21568.02	0.915589	0.915589	506.1319	0.000668	0
H2O	kg/hr	49.51039	118.2923	68.78013	49.51215	118.2923	58.92972	1.296454	1546.786	1546.786	57.63327	1487.856	1487.856	1476.709	1476.709	11.14686	11.14686	57.63327	0.00176	0.00176	49.51039	0.363954	1476.344
N2	kg/hr	115.4836	5156.235	5040.745	115.4901	5156.235	5150.398	113.3088	5154.06	5154.06	5037.09	3.661842	3.661842	0.006545	0.006545	3.655297	3.655297	5037.09	0.006542	0.006542	115.4836	2.50E-06	7.49E-20
CH3OH	kg/hr	0	1176.063	1005.732	170.331	1176.063	874.8599	19.24692	13952.16	13952.16	855.613	13077.3	13077.3	12927.18	12927.18	150.119	150.119	855.613	170.331	170.331	0	12755.16	1.680597
Mass Fractions																							
H2		0.119133	0.090488	0.084698	0.116476	0.090488	0.086323	0.086323	0.070565	0.070565	0.086323	0.000163	0.000163	1.74E-07	1.74E-07	0.001897	0.001897	0.086323	7.17E-06	7.17E-06	0.119133	1.09E-10	1.12E-34
CO2		0.273325	0.367818	0.387669	0.27872	0.367818	0.379361	0.379361	0.324812	0.324812	0.379361	0.081105	0.081105	0.012657	0.012657	0.811094	0.811094	0.379361	0.51521	0.51521	0.273325	0.000207	4.47E-27
CO		0.564205	0.212601	0.137066	0.551622	0.212601	0.139644	0.139644	0.114193	0.114193	0.139644	0.00049	0.00049	1.07E-06	1.07E-06	0.005708	0.005708	0.139644	4.42E-05	4.42E-05	0.564205	6.65E-10	1.34E-26
CH4		0.032683	0.25489	0.304549	0.032011	0.25489	0.309332	0.309332	0.25372	0.25372	0.309332	0.005265	0.005265	6.28E-05	6.28E-05	0.060744	0.060744	0.309332	0.002592	0.002592	0.032683	5.24E-08	0
H2O		0.003197	0.001361	0.000967	0.003126	0.001361	0.000827	0.000827	0.017728	0.017728	0.000827	0.093239	0.093239	0.101217	0.101217	0.008148	0.008148	0.000827	4.98E-06	4.98E-06	0.003197	2.85E-05	0.998863
N2		0.007457	0.059313	0.070904	0.007291	0.059313	0.072243	0.072243	0.059072	0.059072	0.072243	0.000229	0.000229	4.49E-07	4.49E-07	0.002672	0.002672	0.072243	1.85E-05	1.85E-05	0.007457	1.96E-10	5.07E-23
CH3OH		0	0.013529	0.014147	0.010753	0.013529	0.012271	0.012271	0.159909	0.159909	0.012271	0.819509	0.819509	0.886061	0.886061	0.109736	0.109736	0.012271	0.482124	0.482124	0	0.999764	0.001137
Volume Flow	cum/hr	36602.51	2308.295	1367.035	509.5275	1873.313	1392.557	30.63625	2691.496	1408.109	1361.92	25.63072	480.1083	24.14897	94.93653	478.8227	22.77719	1337.761	5.9768				

Table 20. Stream Summary for Configuration I "Methanol Synthesis with a Recycle" for catalyst "A".

Description	Units	CFEED	CPROD	F+R	FEED	FEEDCO2	FEEDH2	GAS	H2O	HF+R	HMAIN	LIGHT	MAIN	MEOH	OUTPUT	PROD	PURGE	RECYCLE	TMAIN
From		MCOMP	COOL1	MIX2	MIX1			CD	CD	HEATFEED	HEATMAIN	FLASH1	MIXMAIN	CD	FLASH1	R1	MIX3	MIX3	PUMP
To		MIX2	FLASH1	HEATFEED	MCOMP	MIX1	MIX1	MIX1		R1	PUMP	MIX3	HEATMAIN		MIXMAIN	COOL1		MIX2	CD
Stream Class		CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN
Maximum Relative Error																			
Cost Flow	\$/hr					- 471.151	4 616.122		-					6 295.833					
MIXED Substream																			
Phase		Vapor Phase		Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase
Temperature	C	177.53	5.00	58.60	25.65	25.00	25.00	15.16	93.52	255.00	38.00	5.00	5.00	15.16	5.00	255.00	5.00	5.00	33.49
Pressure	bar	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.80	1.00	35.00	0.80	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.38
Molar Vapor Fraction		1.000	0.836	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	-	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
Molar Liquid Fraction		-	0.164	-	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000
Mass Vapor Fraction		1.000	0.564	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	-	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
Mass Liquid Fraction		-	0.436	0.000	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000
Molar Enthalpy	kcal/mol	- 22.15	- 18.53	- 13.28	- 23.31	- 94.00	0.01	- 86.46	- 67.00	- 11.79	- 62.95	- 9.59	- 64.21	- 57.17	- 64.21	- 14.87	- 9.59	- 9.59	- 62.99
Mass Enthalpy	kcal/kg	- 1 780.30	- 1 953.23	- 1 625.24	- 1 873.72	- 2 135.84	4.73	- 2 074.92	- 3 718.84	- 1 442.04	- 2 489.35	- 1 499.55	- 2 539.06	- 1 783.85	- 2 539.06	- 1 566.78	- 1 499.55	- 1 499.55	- 2 490.81
Molar Entropy	cal/mol-K	4.78	- 15.54	7.30	1.75	0.69	- 7.04	- 2.10	- 35.18	- 3.76	- 46.27	- 8.69	- 50.51	- 58.03	- 50.51	- 6.15	- 8.69	- 8.69	- 46.29
Mass Entropy	cal/gm-K	- 0.38	- 1.64	- 0.89	0.14	0.02	- 3.49	- 0.05	- 1.95	- 0.46	- 1.83	- 1.36	- 2.00	- 1.81	- 2.00	- 0.65	- 1.36	- 1.36	- 1.83
Molar Density	mol/cc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
Mass Density	kg/cum	31.84	45.49	28.23	0.40	1.78	2.79	1.39	925.11	17.90	838.10	26.23	875.07	804.65	875.07	20.91	26.23	26.23	843.27
Enthalpy Flow	Gcal/hr	- 36.91	- 90.44	- 75.25	- 38.84	- 37.77	0.01	- 1.09	- 26.37	- 66.77	- 50.30	- 39.13	- 51.31	- 22.46	- 51.31	- 72.55	- 0.78	- 38.35	- 50.33
Average MW		12.44	9.49	8.17	12.44	44.01	2.02	41.67	18.02	8.17	25.29	6.40	25.29	32.05	25.29	9.49	6.40	6.40	25.29
Mole Flows	kmol/hr	1 666.16	4 879.52	5 664.95	1 666.16	401.77	1 251.80	12.59	393.64	5 664.95	799.12	4 080.40	799.12	392.89	799.12	4 879.52	81.61	3 998.79	799.12
Mole Fractions																			
CO2		0.2476	0.0834	0.1413	0.2476	1.0000	-	0.8560	0.0000	0.1413	0.0138	0.0971	0.0138	0.0005	0.0138	0.0834	0.0971	0.0971	0.0138
H2		0.7515	0.7454	0.8502	0.7515	-	1.0000	0.0205	0.0000	0.8502	0.0003	0.8913	0.0003	0.0000	0.0003	0.7454	0.8913	0.8913	0.0003
CH3OH		0.0009	0.0811	0.0005	0.0009	-	-	0.1230	0.0000	0.0005	0.4933	0.0004	0.4933	0.9995	0.4933	0.0811	0.0004	0.0004	0.4933
H2O		0.0000	0.0807	0.0000	0.0000	-	-	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.4926	0.0001	0.4926	0.0000	0.4926	0.0807	0.0001	0.0001	0.4926
CO		0.0000	0.0093	0.0079	0.0000	-	-	0.0005	0.0000	0.0079	0.0000	0.0112	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0093	0.0112	0.0112	0.0000
Mass Flows	kg/hr	20 729.78	46 302.27	46 302.27	20 729.78	17 681.64	2 523.48	524.65	7 091.66	46 302.27	20 207.98	26 094.29	20 207.98	12 591.67	20 207.98	46 302.27	521.89	25 572.40	20 207.98
CO2	kg/hr	18 155.99	17 916.57	35 240.14	18 155.99	17 681.64	-	474.34	0.00	35 240.14	483.84	17 432.74	483.84	9.49	483.84	17 916.57	348.65	17 084.08	483.84
H2	kg/hr	2 524.00	7 332.17	9 709.03	2 524.00	-	2 523.48	0.52	0.00	9 709.03	0.52	7 331.65	0.52	0.00	0.52	7 332.17	146.63	7 185.02	0.52
CH3OH	kg/hr	49.62	12 681.40	97.86	49.62	-	-	49.62	0.39	97.86	12 632.18	49.23	12 632.18	12 582.17	12 632.18	12 681.40	0.98	48.24	12 632.18
H2O	kg/hr	0.00	7 095.31	3.96	0.00	-	-	0.00	7 091.27	3.96	7 091.27	4.04	7 091.27	0.01	7 091.27	7 095.31	0.08	3.96	7 091.27
CO	kg/hr	0.17	1 276.80	1 251.27	0.17	-	-	0.17	0.00	1 251.27	0.17	1 276.63	0.17	0.00	0.17	1 276.80	25.53	1 251.10	0.17
Mass Fractions																			
CO2		0.8758	0.3869	0.7611	0.8758	1.0000	-	0.9041	0.0000	0.7611	0.0239	0.6681	0.0239	0.0008	0.0239	0.3869	0.6681	0.6681	0.0239
H2		0.1218	0.1584	0.2097	0.1218	-	1.0000	0.0010	0.0000	0.2097	0.0000	0.2810	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1584	0.2810	0.2810	0.0000
CH3OH		0.0024	0.2739	0.0021	0.0024	-	-	0.0946	0.0001	0.0021	0.6251	0.0019	0.6251	0.9992	0.6251	0.2739	0.0019	0.0019	0.6251
H2O		0.0000	0.1532	0.0001	0.0000	-	-	0.0000	0.9999	0.0001	0.3509	0.0002	0.3509	0.0000	0.3509	0.1532	0.0002	0.0002	0.3509
CO		0.0000	0.0276	0.0270	0.0000	-	-	0.0003	0.0000	0.0270	0.0000	0.0489	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0276	0.0489	0.0489	0.0000
Volume Flow	cum/hr	651.0	1 017.8	1 640.0	51 749.7	9 910.2	905.2	377.3	7.7	2 586.6	24.1	994.7	23.1	15.6	23.1	2 213.9	19.9	974.8	24.0

Table 21. Stream Summary for Configuration II "Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series" for catalyst "A".

Description	Units	CMAIN	F+R	FEEDCO2	FEEDH2	GAS	H2O	HLIGHT	HPROD	HPROD2	LIGHT	LIGHT2	MAIN	MCS4H	MEOH	OUTPUT	OUTPUT2	PROD	PROD2	PURGE	S2
From		B5	MIX1			CD	CD	COOL2	COOL1	COOL3	FLASH1	FLASH2	MIXMAIN	MCOMP	CD	FLASH1	FLASH2	R1	R2	B6	HMAIN
To		CD	MCOMP	MIX1	MIX1	B6		R2	FLASH1	FLASH2	COOL2	B6	HMAIN	R1		MIXMAIN	MIXMAIN	COOL1	COOL3		B5
Stream Class		CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN
Maximum Relative Error																					
Cost Flow	\$/hr			- 596.5	11 283.1		-								6 211.5						
MIXED Substream																					
Phase		Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase			Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase		Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase
Temperature	C	27.48	25.98	25.00	25.00	13.07	93.52	255.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	255.00	13.07	5.00	5.00	255.00	255.00	6.46	31.00
Pressure	bar	1.00	1.00	1.00	35.00	0.80	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.80	100.00
Molar Vapor Fraction		-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	0.838	0.869	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
Molar Liquid Fraction		1.000	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	0.162	0.131	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000
Mass Vapor Fraction		-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	0.564	0.526	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
Mass Liquid Fraction		1.000	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	0.436	0.474	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000
Molar Enthalpy	kcal/mol	- 63.12	- 13.39	- 94.00	0.01	- 86.44	- 67.00	- 7.33	- 18.11	- 12.62	- 9.18	- 4.90	- 64.20	- 11.66	- 57.22	- 64.44	- 63.81	- 14.47	- 9.34	- 5.26	- 63.08
Mass Enthalpy	kcal/kg	- 2 518.03	- 1 673.45	- 2 135.84	4.73	- 2 081.23	- 3 718.95	- 1 181.64	- 1 965.52	- 1 793.60	- 1 480.48	- 1 149.69	- 2 561.10	- 1 457.47	- 1 785.68	- 2 592.95	- 2 509.13	- 1 569.83	- 1 327.58	- 1 188.75	- 2 516.52
Molar Entropy	cal/mol-K	- 46.72	0.96	0.69	- 7.04	- 1.73	- 35.18	- 3.98	- 15.42	- 14.53	- 8.73	- 9.01	- 50.47	- 4.00	- 58.15	- 50.07	- 51.14	- 6.09	- 6.08	0.71	- 46.67
Mass Entropy	cal/gm-K	- 1.86	0.12	0.02	- 3.49	- 0.04	- 1.95	- 0.64	- 1.67	- 2.07	- 1.41	- 2.12	- 2.01	- 0.50	- 1.81	- 2.01	- 2.01	- 0.66	- 0.86	0.16	- 1.86
Molar Density	mol/cc	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
Mass Density	kg/cum	850.65	0.32	1.78	2.79	1.40	925.12	13.59	44.08	32.43	25.42	17.38	875.44	17.53	807.13	879.03	869.74	20.31	15.45	0.15	846.69
Enthalpy Flow	Gcal/hr	- 51.17	- 48.37	- 48.40	0.03	- 0.78	- 27.42	- 19.26	- 56.81	- 29.24	- 24.13	- 9.86	- 52.05	- 42.12	- 22.45	- 32.68	- 19.37	- 45.37	- 21.64	- 10.65	- 51.14
Average MW		25.07	8.00	44.01	2.02	41.53	18.02	6.20	9.21	7.03	6.20	4.26	25.07	8.00	32.04	24.85	25.43	9.21	7.03	4.43	25.07
Mole Flows	kmol/hr	810.70	3 611.93	514.87	3 097.06	9.04	409.24	2 629.51	3 136.61	2 317.39	2 629.51	2 013.79	810.70	3 611.93	392.42	507.10	303.60	3 136.61	2 317.39	2 022.83	810.70
Mole Fractions																					
CO2		0.0099	0.1425	1.0000	-	0.8627	0.0000	0.0930	0.0798	0.0430	0.0930	0.0483	0.0099	0.1425	0.0006	0.0112	0.0077	0.0798	0.0430	0.0520	0.0099
H2		0.0003	0.8575	-	1.0000	0.0277	0.0000	0.8963	0.7515	0.8199	0.8963	0.9434	0.0003	0.8575	0.0000	0.0003	0.0004	0.7515	0.8199	0.9393	0.0003
CH3OH		0.4848	-	-	-	0.1091	0.0000	0.0004	0.0758	0.0678	0.0004	0.0003	0.4848	-	0.9990	0.4668	0.5148	0.0758	0.0678	0.0008	0.4848
H2O		0.5050	-	-	-	0.0000	1.0000	0.0001	0.0844	0.0625	0.0001	0.0000	0.5050	-	0.0004	0.5217	0.4771	0.0844	0.0625	0.0000	0.5050
CO		0.0000	-	-	-	0.0005	0.0000	0.0103	0.0086	0.0068	0.0103	0.0078	0.0000	-	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0086	0.0068	0.0078	0.0000
Mass Flows	kg/hr	20 322.64	28 902.49	22 659.19	6 243.30	375.55	7 372.57	16 300.88	28 902.49	16 300.88	16 300.88	8 579.85	20 322.64	28 902.49	12 574.52	12 601.61	7 721.03	28 902.49	16 300.88	8 955.41	20 322.64
CO2	kg/hr	353.51	22 659.19	22 659.19	-	343.31	0.00	10 758.84	11 009.31	4 386.61	10 758.84	4 283.57	353.51	22 659.19	10.21	250.47	103.04	11 009.31	4 386.61	4 626.88	353.51
H2	kg/hr	0.50	6 243.30	-	6 243.30	0.50	0.00	4 751.22	4 751.50	3 830.14	4 751.22	3 829.92	0.50	6 243.30	0.00	0.28	0.22	4 751.50	3 830.14	3 830.42	0.50
CH3OH	kg/hr	12 592.97	-	-	-	31.61	0.00	30.46	7 615.05	5 030.95	30.46	22.58	12 592.97	-	12 561.36	7 584.60	5 008.37	7 615.05	5 030.95	54.19	12 592.97
H2O	kg/hr	7 375.52	-	-	-	0.00	7 372.57	2.66	4 768.85	2 611.11	2.66	1.77	7 375.52	-	2.95	4 766.18	2 609.34	4 768.85	2 611.11	1.77	7 375.52
CO	kg/hr	0.13	-	-	-	0.13	0.00	757.71	757.79	442.06	757.71	442.01	0.13	-	0.00	0.08	0.05	757.79	442.06	442.14	0.13
Mass Fractions																					
CO2		0.0174	0.7840	1.0000	-	0.9141	0.0000	0.6600	0.3809	0.2691	0.6600	0.4993	0.0174	0.7840	0.0008	0.0199	0.0133	0.3809	0.2691	0.5167	0.0174
H2		0.0000	0.2160	-	1.0000	0.0013	0.0000	0.2915	0.1644	0.2350	0.2915	0.4464	0.0000	0.2160	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1644	0.2350	0.4277	0.0000
CH3OH		0.6197	-	-	-	0.0842	0.0000	0.0019	0.2635	0.3086	0.0019	0.0026	0.6197	-	0.9990	0.6019	0.6487	0.2635	0.3086	0.0061	0.6197
H2O		0.3629	-	-	-	0.0000	1.0000	0.0002	0.1650	0.1602	0.0002	0.0002	0.3629	-	0.0002	0.3782	0.3380	0.1650	0.1602	0.0002	0.3629
CO		0.0000	-	-	-	0.0003	0.0000	0.0465	0.0262	0.0271	0.0465	0.0515	0.0000	-	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0262	0.0271	0.0494	0.0000
Volume Flow	cum/hr	23.9	89 872.0	12 700.0	2 239.5	269.0	8.0	1 199.2	655.7	502.6	641.4	493.7	23.2	1 648.9	15.6	14.3	8.9	1 423.3	1 054.8	58 810.5	24.0

Table 22. Stream Summary for Configuration III "Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series with a Recycle" for catalyst "A".

	Units	CMAIN	F+R	FEED	FEEDCO2	FEEDH2	GAS	H2O	HF+R	HLIGHT	HMAIN	HPROD	HPROD2	LIGHT	LIGHT2	MAIN	MCS4H	MEOH	OUTPUT	OUTPUT2	PROD	PROD2	PURGE	RECYCLE
Description																								
From		TURB3	MIX2	MIX1			CD	CD	HEAT1	HEAT2	HEATMAIN	COOL1	COOL3	FLASH1	FLASH2	MIXMAIN	MCOMP	CD	FLASH1	FLASH2	R1	R2	MIX3	MIX3
To		CD	HEAT1	MCOMP	MIX1	MIX1	MIX1	CONVEN	R1	R2	TURB3	FLASH1	FLASH2	HEAT2	MIX3	HEATMAIN	MIX2	CONVEN	MIXMAIN	MIXMAIN	COOL1	COOL3		MIX2
Stream Class		CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN
Maximum Relative Error																								
Cost Flow	\$/hr				- 455.22	4 401.17		-										6 183.87						
MIXED Substream																								
Phase		Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase			Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase		Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase
Temperature	C	25.0	126.6	25.7	25.0	25.0	15.8	93.5	255.0	255.0	25.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	255.0	15.8	5.0	5.0	255.0	255.0	5.0	5.0
Pressure	bar	1.0	100.0	0.8	1.0	35.0	0.8	0.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Molar Vapor Fraction		-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	-	0.837	0.867	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Molar Liquid Fraction		1.000	-	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	-	1.000	0.163	0.133	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	-
Mass Vapor Fraction		-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	-	0.564	0.527	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Mass Liquid Fraction		1.000	0.000	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	-	1.000	0.436	0.473	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	-
Molar Enthalpy	kcal/mol	- 63.1	- 12.7	- 23.5	- 94.0	0.0	- 85.7	- 67.0	- 11.7	- 7.6	- 63.1	- 18.3	- 13.0	- 9.4	- 5.1	- 64.1	- 21.7	- 57.2	- 64.3	- 63.8	- 14.7	- 9.6	- 5.1	- 5.1
Mass Enthalpy	kcal/kg	- 2 501.1	- 1 569.8	- 1 875.7	- 2 135.8	4.7	- 2 071.5	- 3 718.8	- 1 448.8	- 1 197.6	- 2 499.6	- 1 958.1	- 1 804.4	- 1 491.5	- 1 174.3	- 2 540.5	- 1 732.4	- 1 783.4	- 2 561.2	- 2 506.6	- 1 567.8	- 1 343.9	- 1 174.3	- 1 174.3
Molar Entropy	cal/mol-K	- 47.2	- 6.0	- 1.8	0.7	- 7.0	- 2.2	- 35.2	- 3.9	- 4.0	- 47.0	- 15.5	- 14.6	- 8.7	- 9.0	- 50.6	- 3.5	- 58.0	- 50.3	- 51.1	- 6.1	- 6.1	- 9.0	- 9.0
Mass Entropy	cal/gm-K	- 1.9	- 0.7	0.1	0.0	- 3.5	- 0.1	- 2.0	- 0.5	- 0.6	- 1.9	- 1.7	- 2.0	- 1.4	- 2.1	- 2.0	- 0.3	- 1.8	- 2.0	- 2.0	- 0.7	- 0.8	- 2.1	- 2.1
Molar Density	mol/cc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mass Density	kg/cum	851.9	23.3	0.4	1.8	2.8	1.4	925.1	17.7	13.8	851.9	44.9	33.2	25.9	17.8	874.0	27.4	803.9	876.7	869.7	20.7	15.8	17.8	17.8
Enthalpy Flow	Gcal/hr	- 50.0	- 44.6	- 37.8	- 36.9	0.0	- 0.9	- 26.2	- 41.2	- 19.2	- 49.9	- 55.6	- 28.9	- 23.9	- 9.9	- 50.7	- 34.9	- 22.3	- 31.7	- 19.0	- 44.6	- 21.5	- 0.2	- 9.7
Average MW		25.2	8.1	12.5	44.0	2.0	41.4	18.0	8.1	6.3	25.2	9.4	7.2	6.3	4.4	25.2	12.5	32.0	25.1	25.5	9.4	7.2	4.4	4.4
Mole Flows	kmol/hr	791.38	3 507.07	1 610.98	392.92	1 208.06	10.00	390.77	3 507.07	2 539.10	791.38	3 032.80	2 232.49	2 539.10	1 934.81	791.38	1 610.98	390.61	493.70	297.68	3 032.80	2 232.49	38.70	1 896.12
Mole Fractions																								
CO2		0.0110	0.1419	0.2492	1.0000	-	0.8459	0.0000	0.1419	0.0953	0.0110	0.0819	0.0450	0.0953	0.0507	0.0110	0.2492	0.0005	0.0126	0.0081	0.0819	0.0450	0.0507	0.0507
H2		0.0003	0.8532	0.7501	-	1.0000	0.0259	0.0000	0.8532	0.8935	0.0003	0.7481	0.8154	0.8935	0.9408	0.0003	0.7501	0.0000	0.0003	0.0004	0.7481	0.8154	0.9408	0.9408
CH3OH		0.4950	0.0006	0.0008	-	-	0.1277	0.0000	0.0006	0.0004	0.4950	0.0788	0.0691	0.0004	0.0004	0.4950	0.0008	0.9995	0.4823	0.5159	0.0788	0.0691	0.0004	0.0004
H2O		0.4938	0.0000	0.0000	-	-	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.4938	0.0822	0.0635	0.0001	0.0000	0.4938	0.0000	0.0000	0.5047	0.4756	0.0822	0.0635	0.0000	0.0000
CO		0.0000	0.0044	0.0000	-	-	0.0005	0.0000	0.0044	0.0108	0.0000	0.0090	0.0070	0.0108	0.0081	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0090	0.0070	0.0081	0.0081
Mass Flows	kg/hr	19 972.43	28 418.79	20 141.38	17 292.23	2 435.31	413.84	7 040.04	28 418.79	16 024.32	19 972.43	28 418.79	16 024.32	16 024.32	8 446.36	19 972.43	20 141.38	12 518.56	12 394.47	7 577.97	28 418.79	16 024.32	168.93	8 277.43
CO2	kg/hr	381.40	21 893.94	17 664.50	17 292.23	-	372.26	0.00	21 893.94	10 651.18	381.40	10 926.00	4 422.29	10 651.18	4 315.71	381.40	17 664.50	9.14	274.82	106.58	10 926.00	4 422.29	86.31	4 229.40
H2	kg/hr	0.52	6 032.00	2 435.83	-	2 435.31	0.52	0.00	6 032.00	4 573.24	0.52	4 573.54	3 669.84	4 573.24	3 669.62	0.52	2 435.83	0.00	0.30	0.22	4 573.54	3 669.84	73.39	3 596.23
CH3OH	kg/hr	12 550.93	62.29	40.91	-	-	40.91	0.62	62.29	30.12	12 550.93	7 660.54	4 942.33	30.12	21.83	12 550.93	40.91	12 509.40	7 630.43	4 920.50	7 660.54	4 942.33	0.44	21.39
H2O	kg/hr	7 039.44	1.67	0.00	-	-	0.00	7 039.44	1.67	2.54	7 039.44	4 491.37	2 552.32	2.54	1.71	7 039.44	0.00	0.02	4 488.83	2 550.61	4 491.37	2 552.32	0.03	1.67
CO	kg/hr	0.15	428.89	0.15	-	-	0.15	0.00	428.89	767.25	0.15	767.34	437.55	767.25	437.49	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.09	0.05	767.34	437.55	8.75	428.74
Mass Fractions																								
CO2		0.0191	0.7704	0.8770	1.0000	-	0.8995	0.0000	0.7704	0.6647	0.0191	0.3845	0.2760	0.6647	0.5110	0.0191	0.8770	0.0007	0.0222	0.0141	0.3845	0.2760	0.5110	0.5110
H2		0.0000	0.2123	0.1209	-	1.0000	0.0013	0.0000	0.2123	0.2854	0.0000	0.1609	0.2290	0.2854	0.4345	0.0000	0.1209	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1609	0.2290	0.4345	0.4345
CH3OH		0.6284	0.0022	0.0020	-	-	0.0988	0.0001	0.0022	0.0019	0.6284	0.2696	0.3084	0.0019	0.0026	0.6284	0.0020	0.9993	0.6156	0.6493	0.2696	0.3084	0.0026	0.0026
H2O		0.3525	0.0001	0.0000	-	-	0.0000	0.9999	0.0001	0.0002	0.3525	0.1580	0.1593	0.0002	0.0002	0.3525	0.0000	0.0000	0.3622	0.3366	0.1580	0.1593	0.0002	0.0002
CO		0.0000	0.0151	0.0000	-	-	0.0004	0.0000	0.0151	0.0479	0.0000	0.0270	0.0273	0.0479	0.0518	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0270	0.0273	0.0518	0.0518
Volume Flow	cum/hr	23.45	1 220.89	50 038.56	9 691.91	873.57	300.30	7.61	1 601.20	1 158.11	23.44	633.25	482.95	619.11	474.24	22.85	736.11	15.57	14.14	8.71	1 376.11	1 016.02	9.48	464.75

Table 23. Stream Summary for Configuration I "Methanol Synthesis with a Recycle" for catalyst "B".

	Units	CFEED	CPROD	F+R	FEED	FEEDCO2	FEEDH2	GAS	H2O	HF+R	HMAIN	LIGHT	MAIN	MEOH	OUTPUT	PROD	PURGE	RECYCLE	TMAIN
Description																			
From		MCOMP	COOL1	MIX2	MIX1			CD	CD	HEATFEED	HEATMAIN	FLASH1	MIXMAIN	CD	FLASH1	R1	MIX3	MIX3	PUMP
To		MIX2	FLASH1	HEATFEED	MCOMP	MIX1	MIX1	MIX1		R1	PUMP	MIX3	HEATMAIN		MIXMAIN	COOL1		MIX2	CD
Stream Class		CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN
Maximum Relative Error																			
Cost Flow	\$/hr					- 453.39	4 361.31		-					6 186.61					
MIXED Substream																			
Phase		Vapor Phase		Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase
Temperature	C	177.62	5.00	107.85	25.78	25.00	25.00	48.18	93.52	232.00	32.00	5.00	5.00	48.18	5.00	232.00	5.00	5.00	30.12
Pressure	bar	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.80	1.00	35.00	0.80	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.00
Molar Vapor Fraction		1.000	0.612	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	-	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
Molar Liquid Fraction		-	0.388	-	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000
Mass Vapor Fraction		1.000	0.141	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	-	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
Mass Liquid Fraction		-	0.859	-	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000
Molar Enthalpy	kcal/mol	- 22.03	- 25.29	- 12.89	- 23.19	- 94.00	0.01	- 52.09	- 67.00	- 11.95	- 62.61	- 0.93	- 63.79	- 56.41	- 63.79	- 19.47	- 0.93	- 0.93	- 62.65
Mass Enthalpy	kcal/kg	- 1 778.35	- 2 239.25	- 1 582.47	- 1 872.16	- 2 135.84	4.73	- 1 683.34	- 3 718.95	- 1 466.24	- 2 500.25	- 358.51	- 2 547.37	- 1 760.49	- 2 547.37	- 1 724.19	- 358.51	- 358.51	- 2 501.70
Molar Entropy	cal/mol-K	4.78	- 25.38	- 6.29	1.75	0.69	- 7.04	- 16.59	- 35.18	- 4.14	- 47.07	- 9.11	- 51.10	- 55.74	- 51.10	- 10.98	- 9.11	- 9.11	- 47.18
Mass Entropy	cal/gm-K	- 0.39	- 2.25	- 0.77	0.14	0.02	- 3.49	- 0.54	- 1.95	- 0.51	- 1.88	- 3.51	- 2.04	- 1.74	- 2.04	- 0.97	- 3.51	- 3.51	- 1.88
Molar Density	mol/cc	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
Mass Density	kg/cum	31.69	69.81	24.53	0.40	1.78	2.79	0.93	925.12	18.63	840.57	10.55	870.16	764.75	870.16	27.45	10.55	10.55	842.67
Enthalpy Flow	Gcal/hr	- 34.61	- 50.55	- 35.73	- 36.43	- 36.34	0.01	- 0.10	- 25.89	- 33.10	- 48.50	- 1.14	- 49.41	- 21.78	- 49.41	- 38.93	- 0.02	- 1.12	- 48.53
Average MW		12.39	11.29	8.15	12.39	44.01	2.02	30.94	18.02	8.15	25.04	2.60	25.04	32.04	25.04	11.29	2.60	2.60	25.04
Mole Flows	kmol/hr	1 571.33	1 998.79	2 771.04	1 571.33	386.62	1 182.70	2.01	386.48	2 771.04	774.64	1 224.16	774.64	386.15	774.64	1 998.79	24.48	1 199.67	774.64
Mole Fractions																			
CO2		0.2463	0.0029	0.1415	0.2463	1.0000	-	0.2284	0.0000	0.1415	0.0006	0.0043	0.0006	0.0001	0.0006	0.0029	0.0043	0.0043	0.0006
H2		0.7528	0.6005	0.8513	0.7528	-	1.0000	0.1271	0.0000	0.8513	0.0003	0.9803	0.0003	0.0000	0.0003	0.6005	0.9803	0.9803	0.0003
CH3OH		0.0008	0.1940	0.0006	0.0008	-	-	0.6408	0.0000	0.0006	0.5001	0.0003	0.5001	0.9999	0.5001	0.1940	0.0003	0.0003	0.5001
H2O		0.0000	0.1934	0.0000	0.0000	-	-	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.4989	0.0000	0.4989	0.0000	0.4989	0.1934	0.0000	0.0000	0.4989
CO		0.0000	0.0092	0.0065	0.0000	-	-	0.0037	0.0000	0.0065	0.0000	0.0150	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0092	0.0150	0.0150	0.0000
Mass Flows	kg/hr	19 461.39	22 575.85	22 575.85	19 461.39	17 015.03	2 384.18	62.18	6 962.51	22 575.85	19 397.90	3 177.96	19 397.90	12 373.21	19 397.90	22 575.85	63.56	3 114.40	19 397.90
CO2	kg/hr	17 035.22	251.85	17 261.14	17 035.22	17 015.03	-	20.19	0.00	17 261.14	21.31	230.54	21.31	1.12	21.31	251.85	4.61	225.93	21.31
H2	kg/hr	2 384.70	2 419.77	4 755.63	2 384.70	-	2 384.18	0.51	0.00	4 755.63	0.52	2 419.25	0.52	0.00	0.52	2 419.77	48.39	2 370.87	0.52
CH3OH	kg/hr	41.26	12 425.61	53.45	41.26	-	-	41.26	0.00	53.45	12 413.17	12.44	12 413.17	12 371.92	12 413.17	12 425.61	0.25	12.19	12 413.17
H2O	kg/hr	0.00	6 963.70	1.00	0.00	-	-	0.00	6 962.51	1.00	6 962.69	1.02	6 962.69	0.18	6 962.69	6 963.70	0.02	0.99	6 962.69
CO	kg/hr	0.21	514.93	504.63	0.21	-	-	0.21	0.00	504.63	0.21	514.71	0.21	0.00	0.21	514.93	10.29	504.42	0.21
Mass Fractions																			
CO2		0.8753	0.0112	0.7646	0.8753	1.0000	-	0.3248	0.0000	0.7646	0.0011	0.0725	0.0011	0.0001	0.0011	0.0112	0.0725	0.0725	0.0011
H2		0.1225	0.1072	0.2107	0.1225	-	1.0000	0.0083	0.0000	0.2107	0.0000	0.7613	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1072	0.7613	0.7613	0.0000
CH3OH		0.0021	0.5504	0.0024	0.0021	-	-	0.6635	0.0000	0.0024	0.6399	0.0039	0.6399	0.9999	0.6399	0.5504	0.0039	0.0039	0.6399
H2O		0.0000	0.3085	0.0000	0.0000	-	-	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.3589	0.0003	0.3589	0.0000	0.3589	0.3085	0.0003	0.0003	0.3589
CO		0.0000	0.0228	0.0224	0.0000	-	-	0.0034	0.0000	0.0224	0.0000	0.1620	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0228	0.1620	0.1620	0.0000
Volume Flow	cum/hr	614.14	323.39	920.25	48 824.98	9 536.54	855.23	67.10	7.53	1 211.75	23.08	301.10	22.29	16.18	22.29	822.38	6.02	295.07	23.02

Table 24. Stream Summary for Configuration II "Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series" for catalyst "B".

Description	Units	CMAIN	F+R	FEEDCO2	FEEDH2	GAS	H2O	HLIGHT	HPROD	HPROD2	LIGHT	LIGHT2	MAIN	MCS4H	MEOH	OUTPUT	OUTPUT2	PROD	PROD2	PURGE	S2
From		TURBMAIN	MIX1			CD	CD	HEAT1	COOL1	COOL3	FLASH1	FLASH2	MIXMAIN	MCOMP	CD	FLASH1	FLASH2	R1	R2	B6	HMAIN
To		CD	MCOMP	MIX1	MIX1	B6		R2	FLASH1	FLASH2	HEAT1	B6	HMAIN	R1		MIXMAIN	MIXMAIN	COOL1	COOL3		TURBMAIN
Stream Class		CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN
Maximum Relative Error																					
Cost Flow	\$/hr			- 454.24	8 592.05		-								6 185.66						
MIXED Substream																					
Phase		Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase			Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase		Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase
Temperature	C	29.03	25.98	25.00	25.00	30.87	93.52	150.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.97	234.00	30.87	5.00	5.00	234.00	150.00	8.63	31.00
Pressure	bar	1.00	1.00	1.00	35.00	0.80	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.80	100.00
Molar Vapor Fraction		-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	0.628	0.973	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
Molar Liquid Fraction		1.000	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	0.372	0.027	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000
Mass Vapor Fraction		-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	0.152	0.719	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
Mass Liquid Fraction		1.000	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	0.848	0.281	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000
Molar Enthalpy	kcal/mol	- 62.68	- 13.39	- 94.00	0.01	- 56.47	- 67.00	- 0.01	- 24.43	- 1.74	- 1.03	- 0.13	- 63.80	- 11.82	- 56.82	- 63.94	- 60.59	- 18.74	- 0.44	- 0.18	- 62.64
Mass Enthalpy	kcal/kg	- 2 504.24	- 1 673.45	- 2 135.84	4.73	- 1 895.26	- 3 718.95	- 3.77	- 2 240.95	- 634.73	- 391.07	- 66.45	- 2 549.05	- 1 477.54	- 1 773.24	- 2 572.24	- 2 088.25	- 1 719.16	- 159.74	- 90.02	- 2 502.73
Molar Entropy	cal/mol-K	- 47.24	0.96	0.69	- 7.04	- 5.52	- 35.18	- 6.15	- 24.63	- 10.90	- 9.11	- 9.64	- 51.08	- 4.31	- 56.96	- 50.83	- 57.09	- 10.56	- 7.11	0.08	- 47.12
Mass Entropy	cal/gm-K	- 1.89	0.12	0.02	- 3.49	- 0.19	- 1.95	- 2.33	- 2.26	- 3.97	- 3.45	- 4.75	- 2.04	- 0.54	- 1.78	- 2.04	- 1.97	- 0.97	- 2.59	0.04	- 1.88
Molar Density	mol/cc	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
Mass Density	kg/cum	844.05	0.32	1.78	2.79	0.94	925.12	7.18	66.06	11.43	10.72	8.25	870.26	18.23	785.95	872.43	832.41	25.94	7.47	0.07	841.85
Enthalpy Flow	Gcal/hr	- 49.10	- 36.83	- 36.85	0.02	- 0.06	- 26.23	- 0.01	- 49.32	- 2.12	- 1.31	- 0.16	- 49.98	- 32.52	- 22.20	- 48.01	- 1.96	- 37.84	- 0.53	- 0.22	- 49.07
Average MW		25.03	8.00	44.01	2.02	29.79	18.02	2.64	10.90	2.75	2.64	2.03	25.03	8.00	32.04	24.86	29.02	10.90	2.75	2.05	25.03
Mole Flows	kmol/hr	783.30	2 750.48	392.07	2 358.41	1.05	391.46	1 267.68	2 018.60	1 216.55	1 267.68	1 184.17	783.30	2 750.48	390.79	750.92	32.38	2 018.60	1 216.55	1 185.23	783.30
Mole Fractions																					
CO2		0.0007	0.1425	1.0000	-	0.4546	0.0000	0.0054	0.0037	0.0000	0.0054	0.0000	0.0007	0.1425	0.0002	0.0007	0.0000	0.0037	0.0000	0.0004	0.0007
H2		0.0003	0.8575	-	1.0000	0.2552	0.0000	0.9795	0.6152	0.9730	0.9795	0.9995	0.0003	0.8575	0.0000	0.0003	0.0012	0.6152	0.9730	0.9989	0.0003
CH3OH		0.4992	-	-	-	0.2840	0.0000	0.0003	0.1813	0.0213	0.0003	0.0004	0.4992	-	0.9997	0.4868	0.7857	0.1813	0.0213	0.0007	0.4992
H2O		0.4998	-	-	-	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.1906	0.0057	0.0000	0.0000	0.4998	-	0.0001	0.5122	0.2131	0.1906	0.0057	0.0000	0.4998
CO		0.0000	-	-	-	0.0062	0.0000	0.0148	0.0093	0.0000	0.0148	0.0000	0.0000	-	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0093	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Mass Flows	kg/hr	19 605.85	22 009.20	17 254.94	4 754.27	31.38	7 052.27	3 342.98	22 009.20	3 342.98	3 342.98	2 403.35	19 605.85	22 009.20	12 522.19	18 666.22	939.63	22 009.20	3 342.98	2 434.74	19 605.85
CO2	kg/hr	24.32	17 254.94	17 254.94	-	21.07	0.00	302.39	326.71	0.11	302.39	0.11	24.32	17 254.94	3.25	24.32	0.00	326.71	0.11	21.18	24.32
H2	kg/hr	0.54	4 754.27	-	4 754.27	0.54	0.00	2 503.02	2 503.48	2 386.11	2 503.02	2 386.04	0.54	4 754.27	0.00	0.46	0.08	2 503.48	2 386.11	2 386.58	0.54
CH3OH	kg/hr	12 528.05	-	-	-	9.59	0.00	12.69	11 725.50	831.74	12.69	16.50	12 528.05	-	12 518.46	11 712.81	815.24	11 725.50	831.74	26.08	12 528.05
H2O	kg/hr	7 052.76	-	-	-	0.00	7 052.27	1.07	6 929.52	124.81	1.07	0.50	7 052.76	-	0.49	6 928.45	124.31	6 929.52	124.81	0.50	7 052.76
CO	kg/hr	0.18	-	-	-	0.18	0.00	523.82	524.00	0.21	523.82	0.21	0.18	-	0.00	0.18	0.00	524.00	0.21	0.39	0.18
Mass Fractions																					
CO2		0.0012	0.7840	1.0000	-	0.6715	0.0000	0.0905	0.0148	0.0000	0.0905	0.0000	0.0012	0.7840	0.0003	0.0013	0.0000	0.0148	0.0000	0.0087	0.0012
H2		0.0000	0.2160	-	1.0000	0.0173	0.0000	0.7487	0.1137	0.7138	0.7487	0.9928	0.0000	0.2160	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.1137	0.7138	0.9802	0.0000
CH3OH		0.6390	-	-	-	0.3055	0.0000	0.0038	0.5328	0.2488	0.0038	0.0069	0.6390	-	0.9997	0.6275	0.8676	0.5328	0.2488	0.0107	0.6390
H2O		0.3597	-	-	-	0.0000	1.0000	0.0003	0.3148	0.0373	0.0003	0.0002	0.3597	-	0.0000	0.3712	0.1323	0.3148	0.0373	0.0002	0.3597
CO		0.0000	-	-	-	0.0058	0.0000	0.1567	0.0238	0.0001	0.1567	0.0001	0.0000	-	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0238	0.0001	0.0002	0.0000
Volume Flow	cum/hr	23.23	68 437.37	9 671.00	1 705.41	33.28	7.62	465.78	333.18	292.36	311.78	291.23	22.53	1 207.23	15.93	21.40	1.13	848.55	447.32	34 727.38	23.29

Table 25. Stream Summary for Configuration III "Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series with a Recycle" for catalyst "B".

	Units	CMAIN	F+R	FEED	FEEDCO2	FEEDH2	GAS	H2O	HF+R	HLIGHT	HMAIN	HPROD	HPROD2	LIGHT	LIGHT2	MAIN	MCS4H	MEOH	OUTPUT	OUTPUT2	PROD	PROD2	PURGE	RECYCLE
Description																								
From		TURB3	MIX2	MIX1			CD	CD	HEAT1	HEAT2	HEATMAIN	COOL1	COOL3	FLASH1	FLASH2	MIXMAIN	MCOMP	CD	FLASH1	FLASH2	R1	R2	MIX3	MIX3
To		CD	HEAT1	MCOMP	MIX1	MIX1			R1	R2	TURB3	FLASH1	FLASH2	HEAT2	MIX3	HEATMAIN	MIX2		MIXMAIN	MIXMAIN	COOL1	COOL3		MIX2
Stream Class		CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN
Maximum Relative Error																								
Cost Flow	\$/hr				- 457.44	4 397.88		-										6 236.76						
MIXED Substream																								
Phase		Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase			Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase		Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase	Vapor Phase
Temperature	C	23.27	109.84	25.76	25.00	25.00	34.71	93.52	240.00	180.00	25.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.95	177.70	34.71	5.00	5.00	240.00	180.00	5.00	5.00
Pressure	bar	1.00	100.00	1.00	1.00	35.00	0.80	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Molar Vapor Fraction		-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	-	0.632	0.970	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Molar Liquid Fraction		1.000	-	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	-	1.000	0.368	0.030	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	-
Mass Vapor Fraction		-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	-	0.159	0.688	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	-	-	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Mass Liquid Fraction		1.000	0.000	-	-	-	-	1.000	-	-	1.000	0.841	0.312	-	-	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	-
Molar Enthalpy	kcal/mol	- 62.79	- 12.78	- 23.16	- 94.00	0.01	- 53.66	- 67.00	- 11.79	0.14	- 62.76	- 24.25	- 1.95	- 1.09	- 0.14	- 63.80	- 22.00	- 56.73	- 63.98	- 60.13	- 18.54	- 0.39	- 0.14	- 0.14
Mass Enthalpy	kcal/kg	- 2 508.52	- 1 595.78	- 1 872.89	- 2 135.84	4.73	- 1 844.98	- 3 718.95	- 1 471.80	51.13	- 2 507.02	- 2 233.55	- 679.65	- 401.23	- 67.23	- 2 548.54	- 1 778.87	- 1 770.43	- 2 578.95	- 2 031.26	- 1 707.87	- 134.92	- 67.23	- 67.23
Molar Entropy	cal/mol-K	- 47.64	- 6.46	1.32	0.69	- 7.04	- 7.21	- 35.18	- 4.22	- 5.55	- 47.51	- 24.37	- 11.09	- 8.99	- 9.64	- 51.09	- 4.77	- 56.70	- 50.76	- 58.03	- 10.28	- 6.70	- 9.64	- 9.64
Mass Entropy	cal/gm-K	- 1.90	- 0.81	0.11	0.02	- 3.49	- 0.25	- 1.95	- 0.53	- 2.04	- 1.90	- 2.24	- 3.88	- 3.30	- 4.74	- 2.04	- 0.39	- 1.77	- 2.05	- 1.96	- 0.95	- 2.34	- 4.74	- 4.74
Molar Density	mol/cc	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mass Density	kg/cum	850.34	23.99	0.50	1.78	2.79	0.91	925.12	18.04	6.95	848.43	65.46	11.95	11.08	8.26	870.13	31.63	781.29	873.00	828.23	25.46	7.29	8.26	8.26
Enthalpy Flow	Gcal/hr	- 49.57	- 35.40	- 37.10	- 37.11	0.01	- 0.06	- 26.42	- 32.65	0.18	- 49.54	- 49.55	- 2.39	- 1.41	- 0.16	- 50.36	- 35.24	- 22.35	- 48.13	- 2.23	- 37.89	- 0.47	- 0.00	- 0.16
Average MW		25.03	8.01	12.37	44.01	2.02	29.09	18.02	8.01	2.73	25.03	10.86	2.86	2.73	2.03	25.03	12.37	32.04	24.81	29.60	10.86	2.86	2.03	2.03
Mole Flows	kmol/hr	789.44	2 770.20	1 601.99	394.83	1 207.16	1.09	394.34	2 770.20	1 290.77	789.44	2 043.15	1 229.15	1 290.77	1 192.09	789.44	1 601.99	394.01	752.38	37.06	2 043.15	1 229.15	23.84	1 168.25
Mole Fractions																								
CO2		0.0006	0.1425	0.2465	1.0000	-	0.3944	0.0000	0.1425	0.0049	0.0006	0.0033	-	0.0049	-	0.0006	0.2465	0.0001	0.0006	-	0.0033	-	-	-
H2		0.0004	0.8573	0.7535	-	1.0000	0.2546	0.0000	0.8573	0.9757	0.0004	0.6165	0.9694	0.9757	0.9995	0.0004	0.7535	0.0000	0.0003	0.0014	0.6165	0.9694	0.9995	0.9995
CH3OH		0.4995	0.0002	-	-	-	0.3434	0.0000	0.0002	0.0003	0.4995	0.1782	0.0254	0.0003	0.0005	0.4995	-	0.9998	0.4833	0.8275	0.1782	0.0254	0.0005	0.0005
H2O		0.4995	0.0000	-	-	-	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.4995	0.1899	0.0052	0.0000	0.0000	0.4995	-	0.0000	0.5157	0.1710	0.1899	0.0052	0.0000	0.0000
CO		0.0000	0.0000	-	-	-	0.0075	0.0000	0.0000	0.0190	0.0000	0.0120	0.0000	0.0190	0.0000	0.0000	-	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0120	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Mass Flows	kg/hr	19 761.51	22 182.68	19 809.87	17 376.38	2 433.50	31.64	7 104.23	22 182.68	3 518.28	19 761.51	22 182.68	3 518.42	3 518.28	2 421.32	19 761.51	19 809.87	12 625.64	18 664.40	1 097.11	22 182.68	3 518.42	48.43	2 372.89
CO2	kg/hr	21.48	17 376.38	17 376.38	17 376.38	-	18.88	0.00	17 376.38	277.19	21.48	298.67	-	277.19	-	21.48	17 376.38	2.59	21.48	-	298.67	-	-	-
H2	kg/hr	0.56	4 787.23	2 433.50	-	2 433.50	0.56	0.00	4 787.23	2 538.88	0.56	2 539.34	2 401.95	2 538.88	2 401.85	0.56	2 433.50	0.00	0.45	0.11	2 539.34	2 401.95	48.04	2 353.81
CH3OH	kg/hr	12 635.02	17.05	-	-	-	11.97	0.00	17.05	12.90	12 635.02	11 665.13	1 000.18	12.90	17.39	12 635.02	-	12 623.04	11 652.22	982.79	11 665.13	1 000.18	0.35	17.04
H2O	kg/hr	7 104.23	0.41	-	-	-	0.00	7 104.22	0.41	1.10	7 104.23	6 991.11	114.62	1.10	0.41	7 104.23	-	0.01	6 990.02	114.21	6 991.11	114.62	0.01	0.41
CO	kg/hr	0.23	1.63	-	-	-	0.23	0.00	1.63	688.21	0.23	688.44	1.67	688.21	1.67	0.23	-	0.00	0.23	0.00	688.44	1.67	0.03	1.63
Mass Fractions																								
CO2		0.0011	0.7833	0.8772	1.0000	-	0.5968	0.0000	0.7833	0.0788	0.0011	0.0135	-	0.0788	-	0.0011	0.8772	0.0002	0.0012	-	0.0135	-	-	-
H2		0.0000	0.2158	0.1228	-	1.0000	0.0176	0.0000	0.2158	0.7216	0.0000	0.1145	0.6827	0.7216	0.9920	0.0000	0.1228	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.1145	0.6827	0.9920	0.9920
CH3OH		0.6394	0.0008	-	-	-	0.3783	0.0000	0.0008	0.0037	0.6394	0.5259	0.2843	0.0037	0.0072	0.6394	-	0.9998	0.6243	0.8958	0.5259	0.2843	0.0072	0.0072
H2O		0.3595	0.0000	-	-	-	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.0003	0.3595	0.3152	0.0326	0.0003	0.0002	0.3595	-	0.0000	0.3745	0.1041	0.3152	0.0326	0.0002	0.0002
CO		0.0000	0.0001	-	-	-	0.0073	0.0000	0.0001	0.1956	0.0000	0.0310	0.0005	0.1956	0.0007	0.0000	-	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0310	0.0005	0.0007	0.0007
Volume Flow	cum/hr	23.24	924.67	39 821.50	9 739.07	872.92	34.81	7.68	1 229.83	506.51	23.29	338.87	294.50	317.49	293.18	22.71	626.26	16.16	21.38	1.32	871.37	482.84	5.86	287.31

Appendix D - Heat Integration

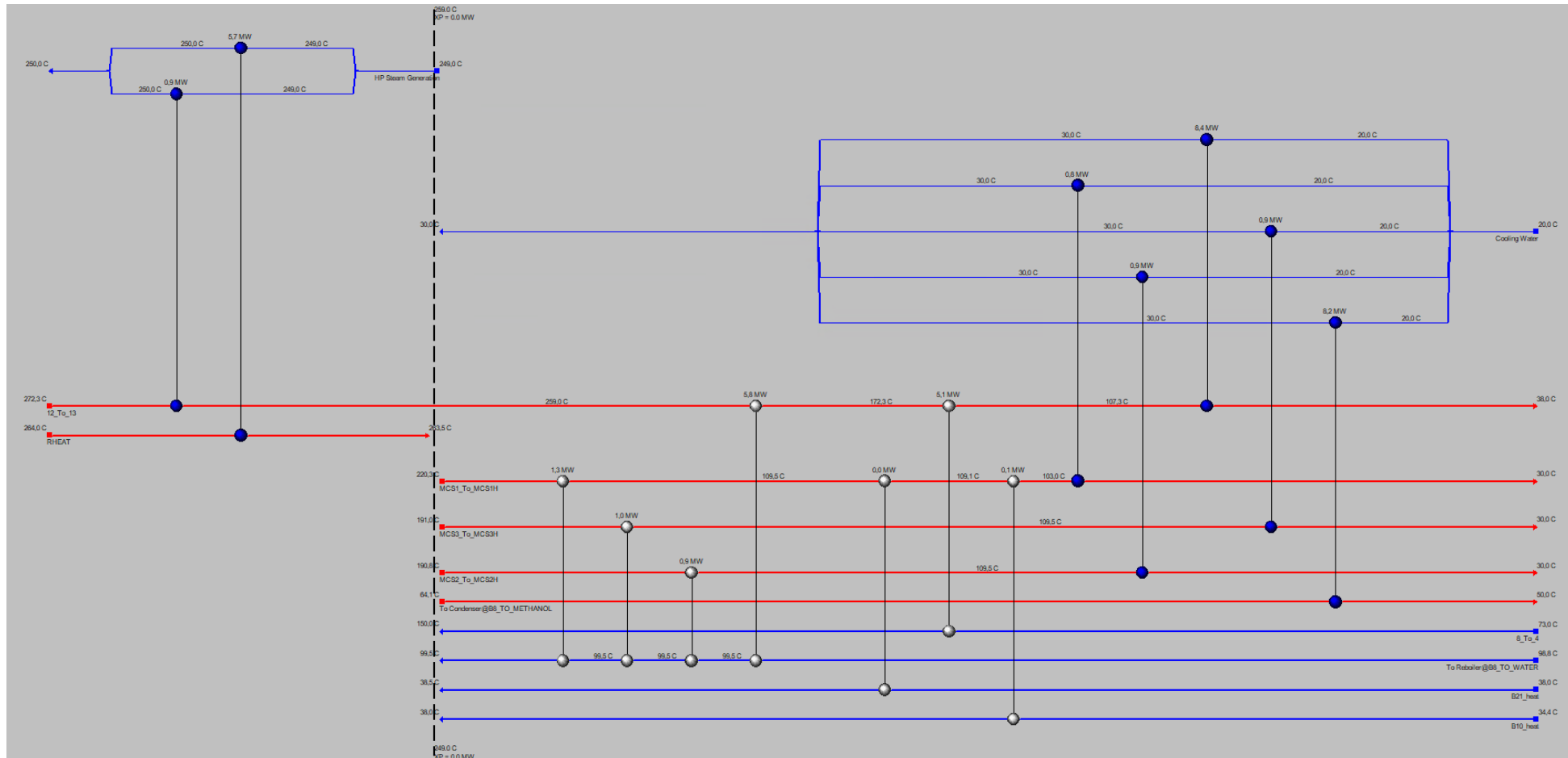


Figure 10. Heat integration for the “Conventional Process” in Aspen Energy Analyzer.

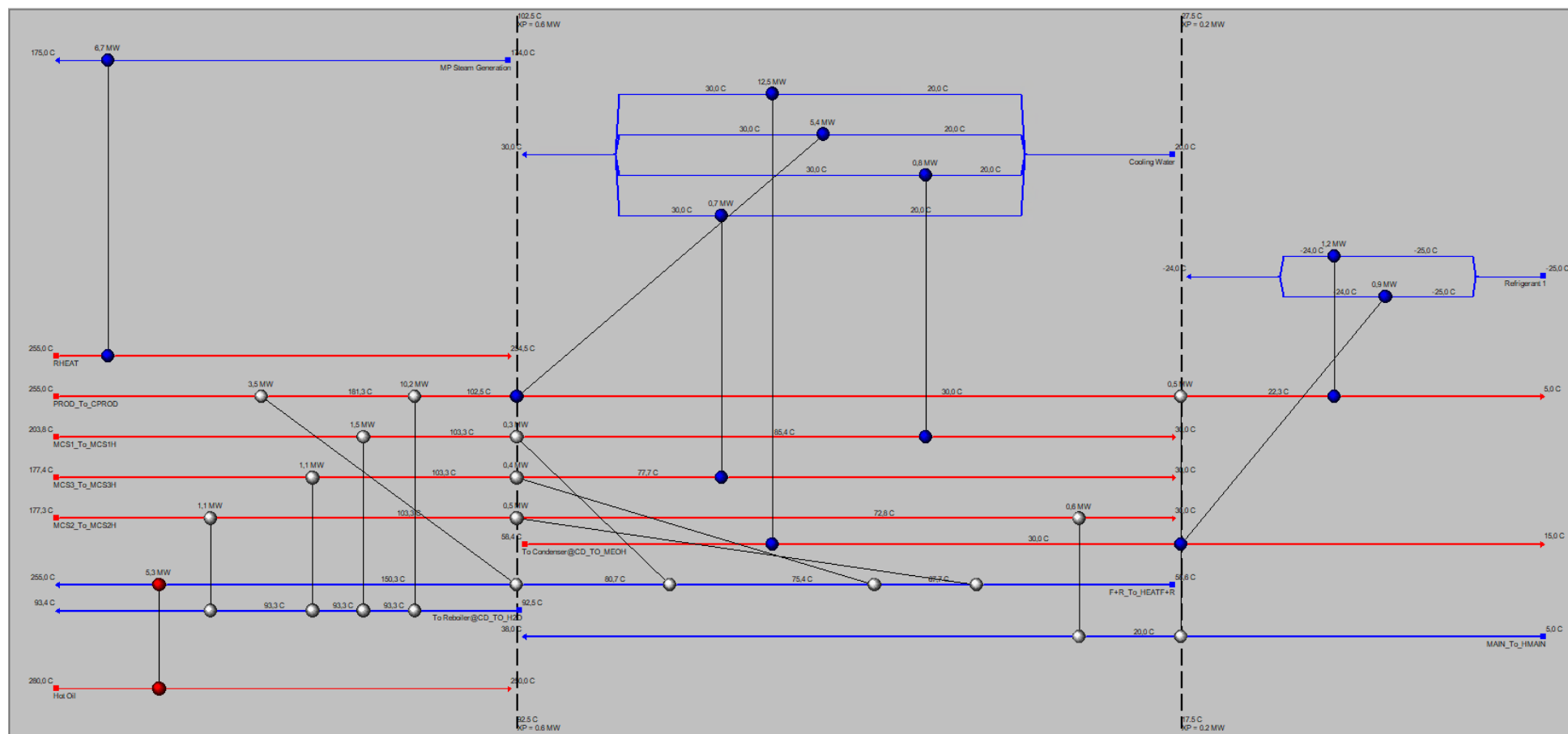


Figure 11. Heat integration for Configuration I "Methanol Synthesis with a Recycle" for catalyst "A" in Aspen Energy Analyzer.

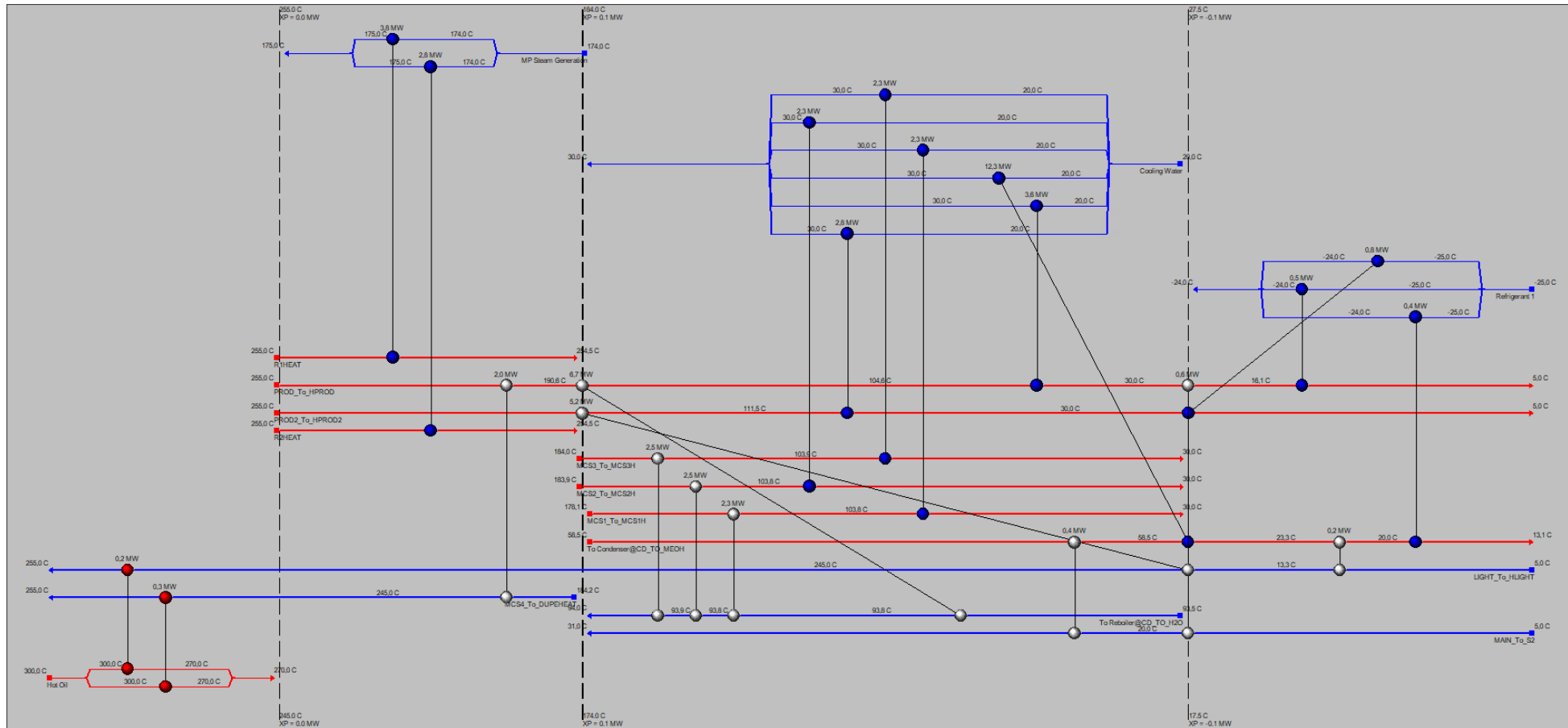


Figure 12. Heat integration for Configuration II "Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series" for catalyst "A" in Aspen Energy Analyzer.

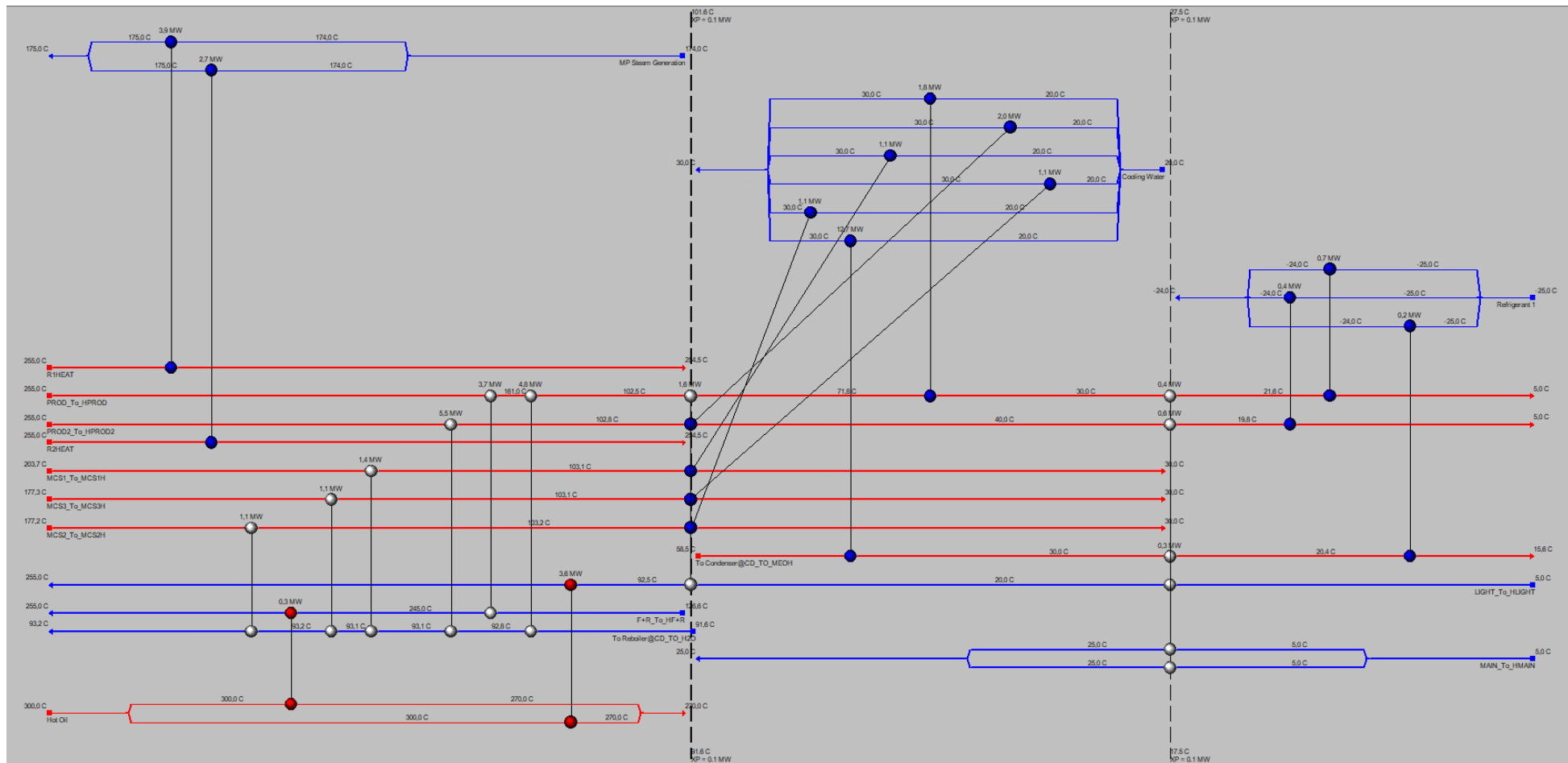


Figure 13. Heat integration for Configuration III "Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series with a Recycle" for catalyst "A" in Aspen Energy Analyzer.

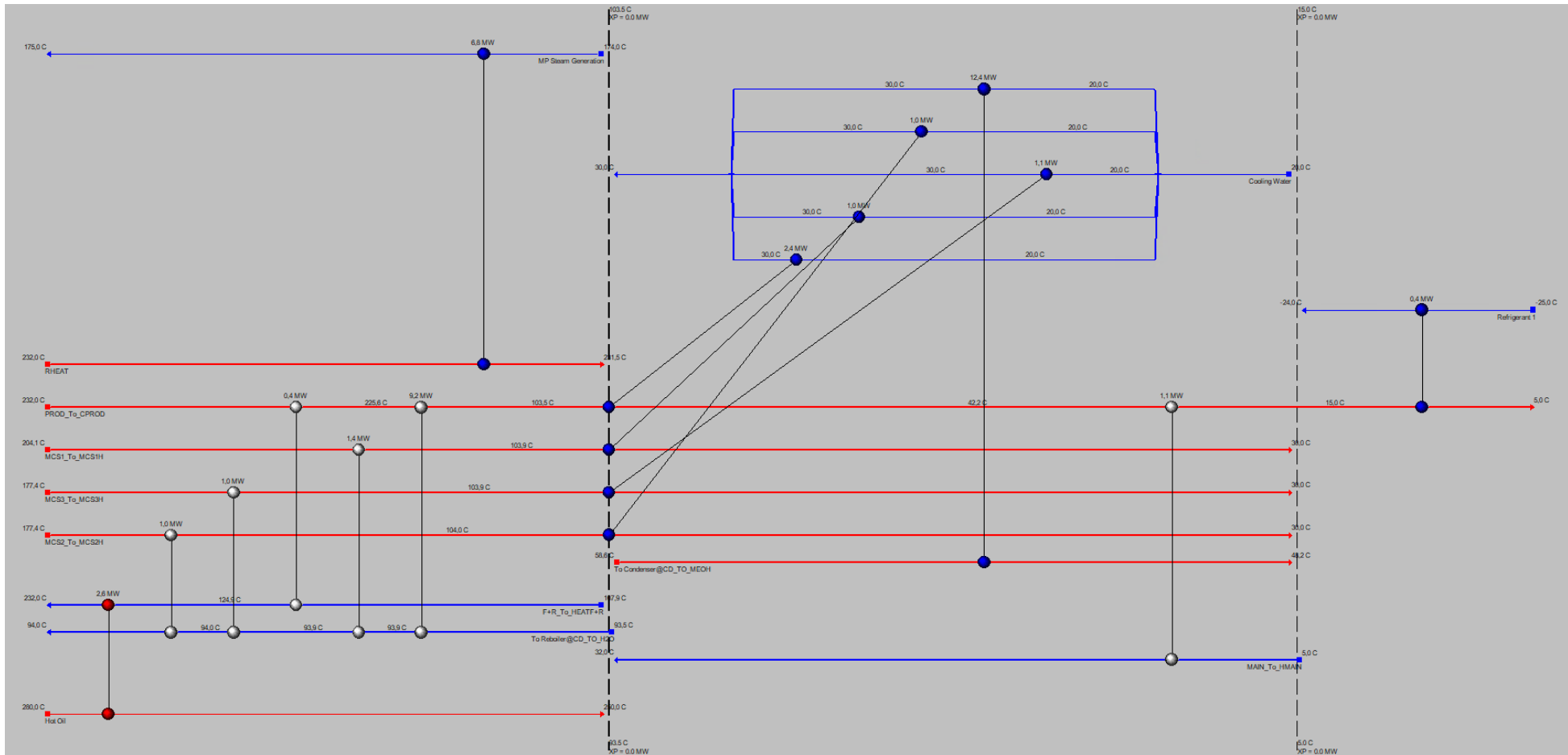


Figure 14. Heat integration for Configuration I "Methanol Synthesis with a Recycle" for catalyst "B" in Aspen Energy Analyzer.

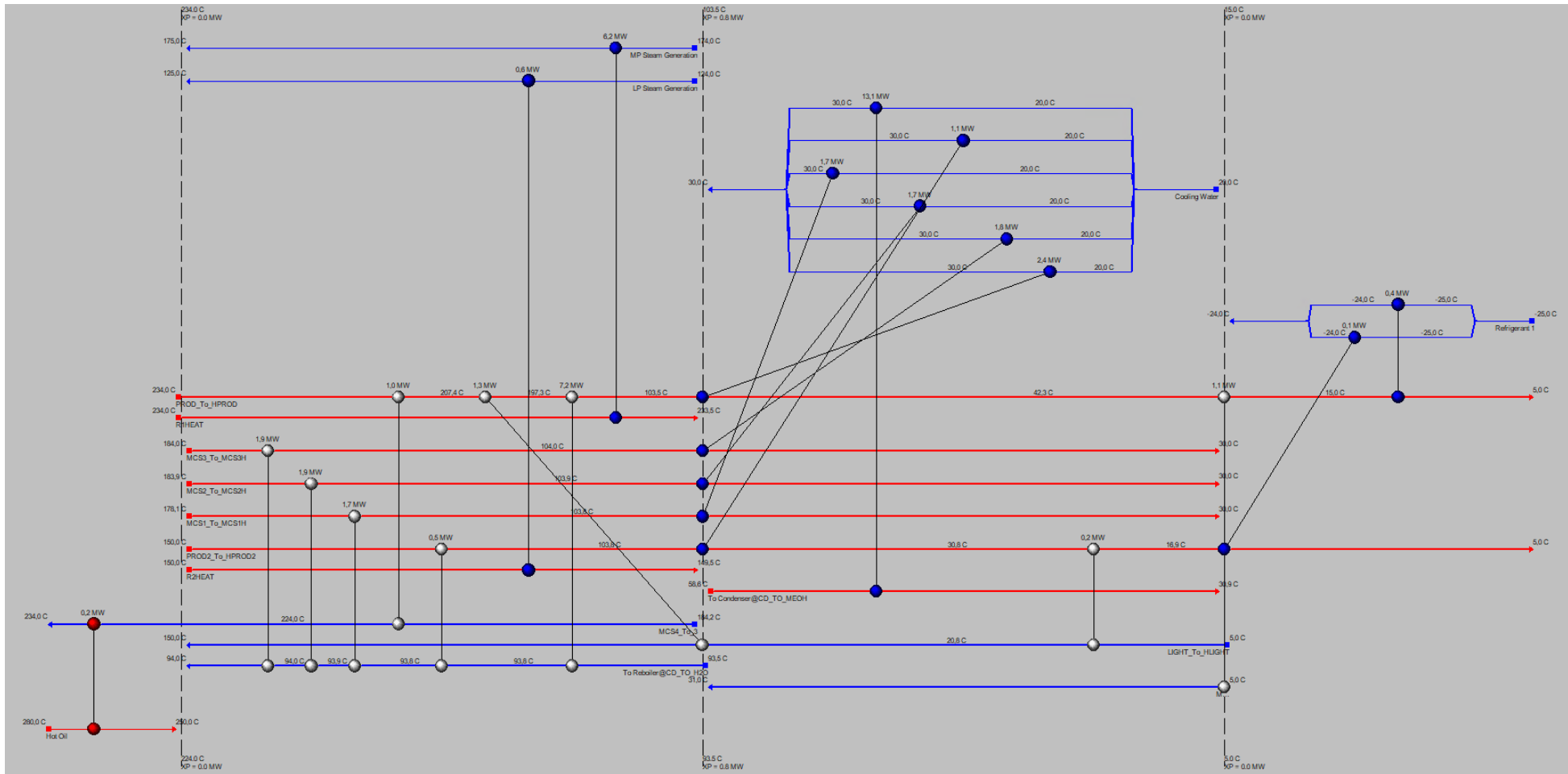


Figure 15. Heat integration for Configuration II "Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series" for catalyst "B" in Aspen Energy Analyzer.

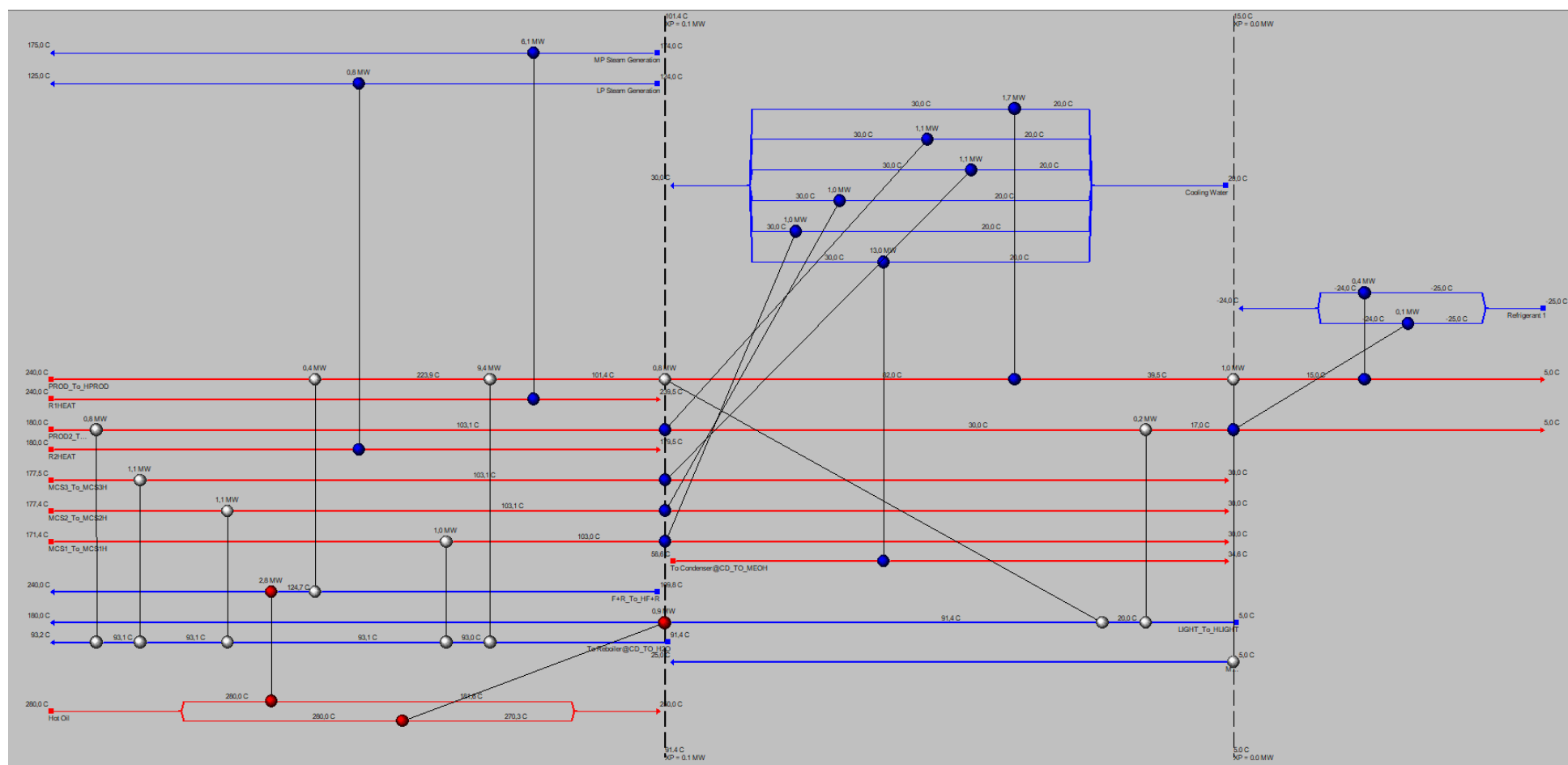


Figure 16. Heat integration for Configuration III "Methanol Synthesis with Two Reactors in Series with a Recycle" for catalyst "B" in Aspen Energy Analyzer.