

Electronic Supplementary Information

Steam generator energy balance:

1-Heat source energy balance

$$\left[(M_{hw} \cdot Cp_{hw}) \right] \frac{dT_{hw}}{dt} = \left(\dot{m}_{hw} h_{f,Thw,in} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{hw} h_{f,Thw,out} \right) - h_{in,o} \cdot A_{in,i} (T_{hw} - T_{tube,i})$$

2- Tube metal energy balance

$$\left[(M_{HX,i} \cdot Cp_{hx,i}) \right] \frac{dT_{tube,i}}{dt} = h_{in,i} \cdot A_{in,i} (T_{hw,i} - T_{tube,i}) - h_{out,i} \cdot A_{out,i} (T_{tube,i} - T_{v,i})$$

3- Brine inventory balance

$$\frac{dM_{b,i}}{dt} = \dot{m}_{f,i} - \dot{m}_{b,i} - \dot{m}_{v,i}$$

4- Evaporator energy balance

$$\left[(M_{b,i} \cdot Cp_{b,Tb}) + (M_{HX,i} \cdot Cp_{HX}) \right] \frac{dT_i}{dt} = \left(\dot{m}_{f,i} h_{f,Tf} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{b,i} h_{f,Tb} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{v,i} h_{g,Tv} \right) + Q_{in,i}$$

5-Salt balance

$$M_{b,i} \frac{dX_{b,i}}{dt} = \left(\dot{m}_{f,i} X_{f,i} \right) + \left(\dot{m}_{b,i} X_{b,i} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{v,i} X_{v,i} \right)$$

6- Convective heat transfer coefficient³⁵

$$Nu = \frac{h_{in,i} d_{in,i}}{K_{tube,i}} = 0.023 Re_l^{0.80} Pr_l^{0.40}$$

7- Falling film heat transfer coefficient³⁶

$$h_o = \left[0.277 \left\{ \frac{\mu_l^2}{g \cdot \rho_l^2 \cdot k_l^3} \right\}^{-0.333} Re_\Gamma^{-2.11} Pr^{4.55} \left\{ 2 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{S}{S_o}\right) - 1 \right\}^{-0.41} \left(\frac{T_{sat}}{T_{ref}}\right)^{14.70} \right] + \left[0.885 \left(\frac{q}{\Delta T}\right) \left(\frac{v_g}{v_{ref}}\right)^{-0.34} \right]$$

$$Q_{in} = h_{o,i} A_i (T_t - T_{v,i})$$

8- Condensation heat transfer coefficient

$$Nu = \frac{h_{in,i+1} L_{i+1}}{K_{tube,i+1}} = 0.728 \left[\frac{g h_{fg,Tcond} \rho_{l,Tcond} (\rho_l - \rho_v) T_{cond} K_{l,Tcond}^3}{\mu_{l,Tcond} d_i (T_{v,i+1} - T_{tube,i+1})} \right]^{1/4}$$

9- Overall heat transfer coefficient

$$U_i A_i = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{h_{in,i} A_{in,i}} + R_{wall,i} + \frac{1}{h_{out,i} A_{out,i}}}$$

10- Condenser side energy balance

$$\left[(M_{l,i+1} \cdot Cp_{l,Tcond}) \right] \frac{dT_{cond,i+1}}{dt} = \left[\dot{m}_v \cdot h_{fg,Tv} \right]_i - [h_{in} \cdot A_{in} (T_{cond} - T_{tube})]_{i+1}$$

Intermediate stages model

11- Tube material energy balance

$$\left[(M_{HX,i+1} \cdot Cp_{hx,i+1}) \right] \frac{dT_{tube,i+1}}{dt} = h_{in,i+1} \cdot A_{in,i+1} (T_{cond,i+1} - T_{tube,i+1}) - h_{out,i+1} \cdot A_{out,i+1} (T_{tube,i+1} - T_{v,i+1})$$

12- Evaporator side energy balance

$$\left[(M_{b,i+1} \cdot Cp_b) + (M_{HX,i+1} \cdot Cp_{HX,i+1}) \right] \frac{dT_{i+1}}{dt} = \left(\dot{m}_{f,i+1} h_{f,Tf} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{b,i+1} h_{f,Tb} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{v,i+1} h_{g,Tv} \right) + Q_{in,i+1}$$

$$Q_{in,i+1} = h_{out,i+1} A_{i+1} (T_{t,i+1} - T_{v,i+1})$$

13- Brine inventory balance

$$M_{b,i+1} \frac{dX_{b,i+1}}{dt} = \left(\dot{m}_{f,i+1} X_{f,i+1} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{b,i+1} X_{b,i+1} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{v,i+1} X_{v,i+1} \right)$$

14- Salt balance

$$M_{b,i+1} \frac{dX_{b,i+1}}{dt} = \left(\dot{m}_{f,i+1} X_{f,i+1} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{b,i+1} X_{b,i+1} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{v,i+1} X_{v,i+1} \right)$$

15- Energy balance of last stage of MED integrated with AD

$$\left[(M_{b,n} \cdot Cp_b) + (M_{HX,n} \cdot Cp_{HX,n}) \right] \frac{dT_n}{dt} = \left(\dot{m}_{f,n} h_{f,Tf} \right) - \left(\dot{m}_{b,n} h_{f,Tb} \right) - (M_{sg} h_{g,Tv}) \frac{dq_{ads}}{dt} + Q_{in,n}$$