# Introduction to CHEMCAD

# **Getting Started with CHEMCAD**

- Creating flowsheets and running simulations is fast and easy with CHEMCAD
- The program is highly customizable to fit your needs and the way you work.
- The basic procedure for creating a simulation can be broken down into the following common steps



Start new simulation

Select engineering units for the simulation



Select chemical components for the process





Select K-value and enthalpy options for the process

Define the feedstreams used inthe process



Run the simulation



Enter specifications for the unit operations

- A flash chamber operating at 80 °C (176 ° F) and 500 kPa (72.5 psia) is separating 1000 kg/hr (2204 lb/hr) of a feed that is 10 mol% Ethane, 5% Propane, 15% n-Butane, 10% n-Pentane, 12% iso-Pentane, 8% n-Hexane, 30% Heptane and 10% Nonane.
  - What are the product compositions and flow rates? Feed conditions are the same as that of the flash chamber.

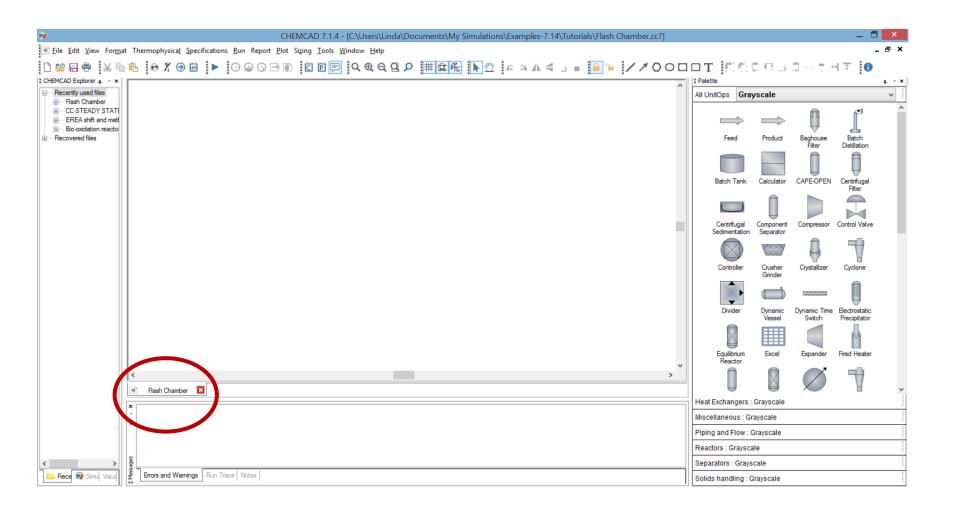
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#### Solution Methodology

• Step 1:

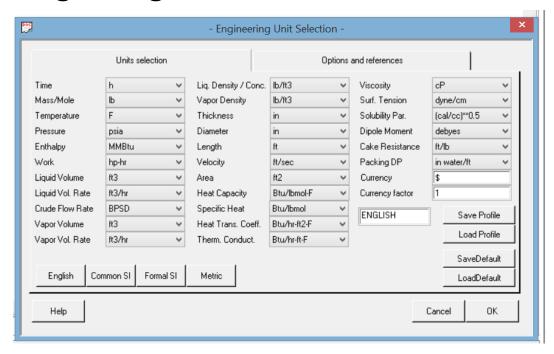
After you Start up CHEMCAD, start new simulation, how?

 Select File>>Save as, then name your simulation Flash Chamber.



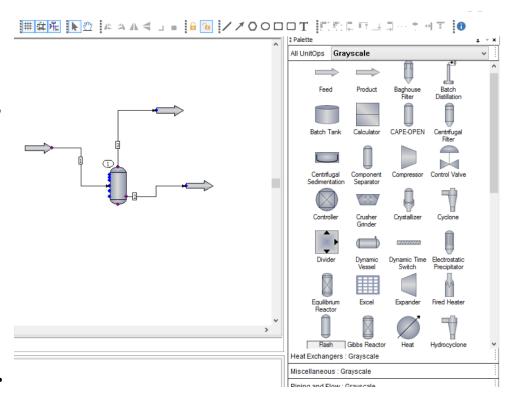
#### • Step 2:

- Select engineering units that you will use for your simulation.
- Select Format>> Engineering Unit>>
   Select default setting in English units.

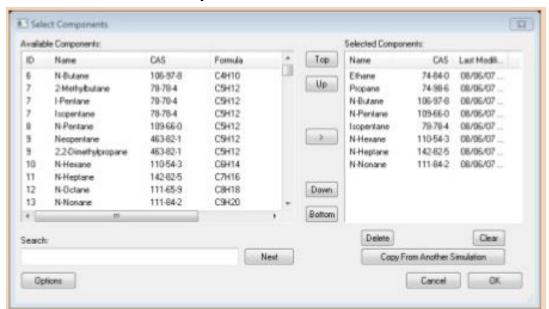


## Step3: Create flowsheet

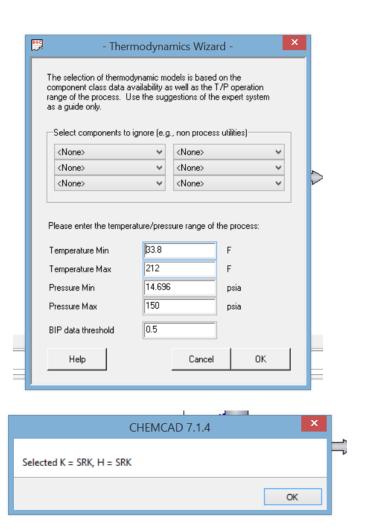
- First you need to select the piece(s) of equipment you desire, from All UnitOps tap select Feed arrow, two product arrows, and Flash.
- Then select Stream to connect Flash with in and outputs arrows.
- After connecting press ESC



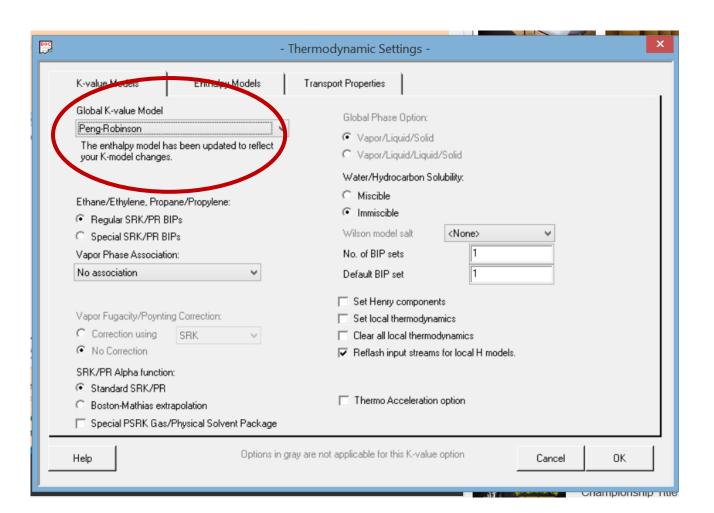
- Step 4: Select chemical components for the process
  - Here we have (Ethane, Propane, n-Butane, n-Pentane, iso-Pentane, n-Hexane, Heptane and Nonane)
  - From toolbar select , or select Thermophysical>>Select components.. from available component select desired components and then press OK



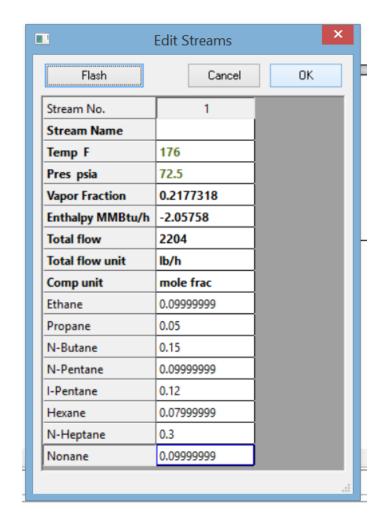
- Step 5: Select K-value and enthalpy options for the process
  - After selecting the desired components thermodynamic wizard window open to let the user enter pressure/temperature range for the process or you can use the default range;
    - These input let the program choose the suitable thermodynamic models.



- Step 5: Select K-value and enthalpy options for the process
  - After pressing OK, the program choose thermodynamic process for your process. Press OK, and the program open a thermodynamic setting
    - If you accept the default thermodynamic model by program press OK, if not change it, from global K values option select the thermodynamic model that you want
    - Here want to change SRK to Peng-Robinson.

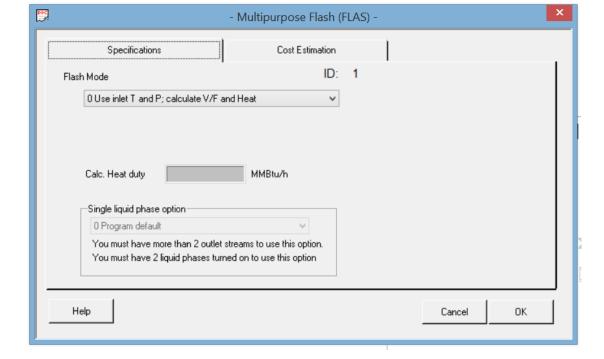


- Step 6: Define the feed streams
  - Double click on stream 1 entering to the flash separator
  - Enter the name to the stream (optional)
  - Specify temperature and pressure and the enthalpy and vapor fraction calculated automatically
    - OR
  - Specify pressure and vapor fraction and the enthalpy and temperature calculated and so on..
  - After you entered the required data press flash, then vapor fraction and enthalpy calculated, after that press OK to transport the next step.



- Step 7: specify the flash
  - Double click on flash unit operation
  - Since the feed conditions are same as that flash use the 0 mode for flash mode, then

press OK.

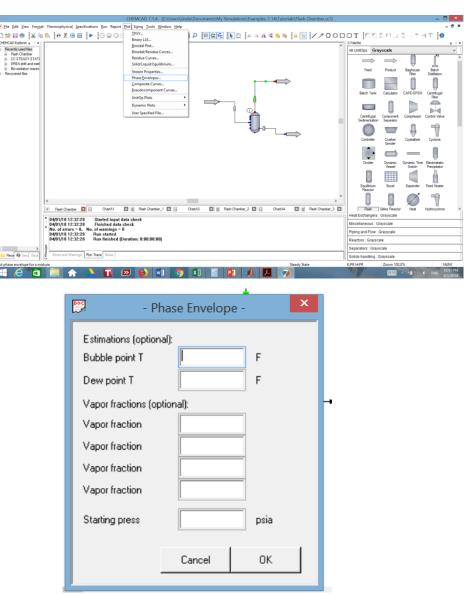


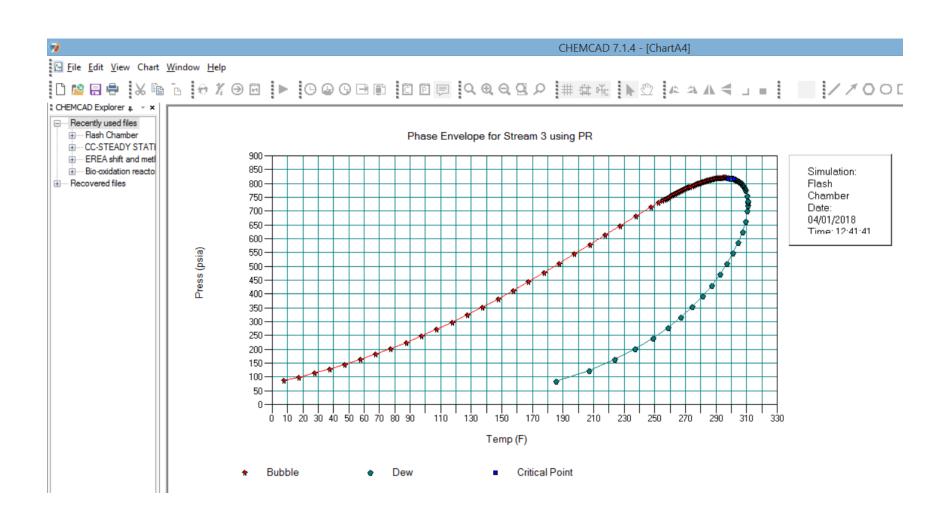
## • Step 8:

- from run list choose Run>>Run all, or from toolbar press 
   ■ to run the simulation.
- After running simulation check the outputs by:
  - 1. Double click on stream 2 & 3
  - 2. go to specifications >> select streams >> write the number of streams or click on them one by one.

#### Plot Results:

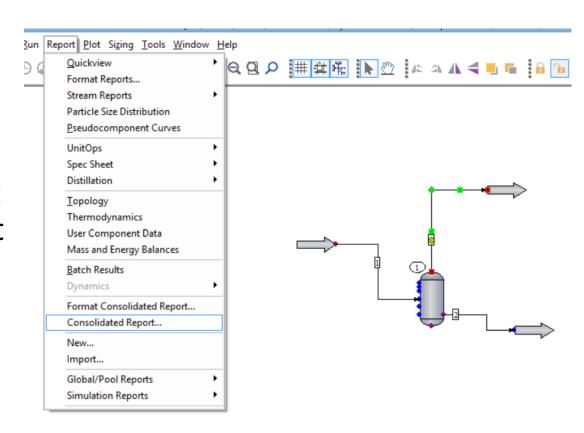
- For example to check the dew and bubble points for the vapor (stream 3):
  - 1. Select stream 3
    - >> Plot
    - >> Phase Envelop
    - >> select streams
  - 2. All information in this window is optional
  - 3. press OK

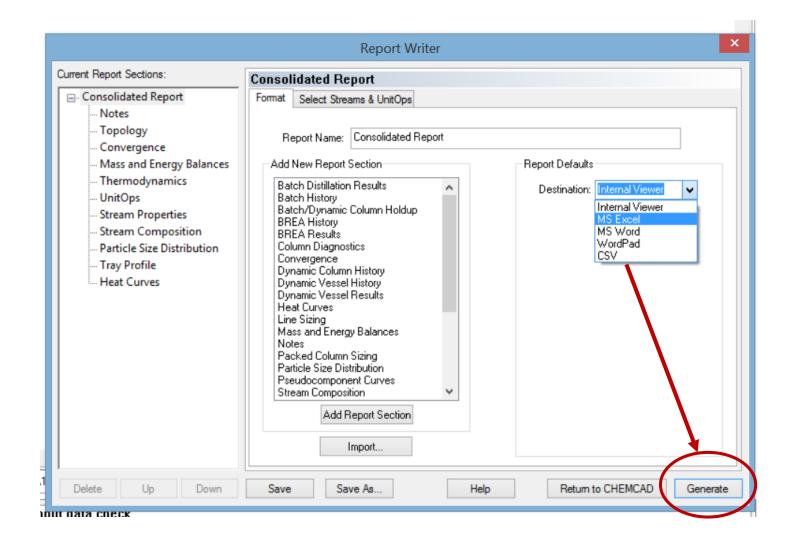




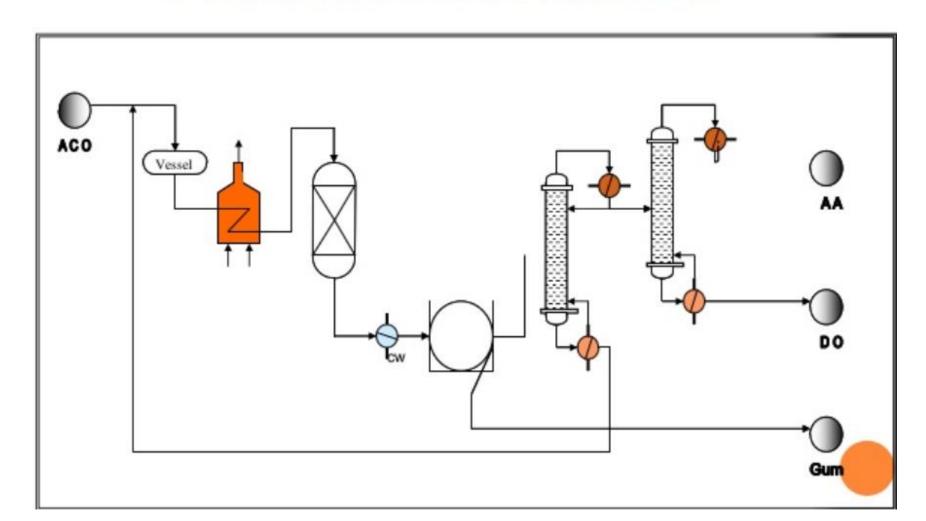
## Producing Report

- Report
  - >> Consolidated Report
  - >> Report Format
  - >> Choose output
    for report
    (Word or Excel)
- We will choose Excel
  - >> Generate
  - >> calculate and Give Result





# Example 2 1-TETRADECENE PLANT PROCESS FLOWSHEET



# MATERIAL BALANCE

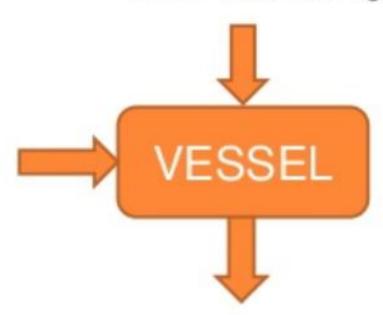
$$C_{16}H_{32}O_2 \rightarrow CH_3COOH + C_{14}H_{28}$$
 (Acetylated castor oil) (acetic acid) (1-tetradecene) 
$$2C_{14}H_{28} \rightarrow C_{28}H_{56}$$
 (1-tetradecene) (1-octadecene)

Production rate = 100tonne/yr of 1-Tetradecene = 12.6264 kg/hr

## MIXING VESSEL:

Feed IN ACO=18.52685 kg/hr

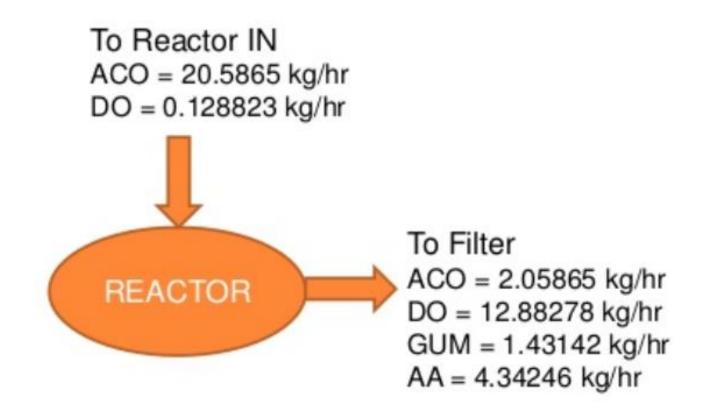
Recycle IN ACO=2.05865 kg/hr DO=0.128823 kg/hr



To Reactor OUT ACO = 20.5865 kg/hr DO = 0.128823

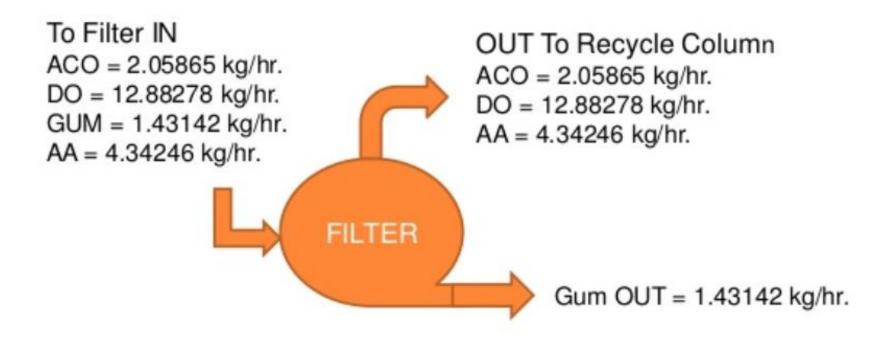
Total IN = Total OUT = 20.715323 kg/hr

## REACTOR:



Total IN = Total OUT = 20.71531 kg/hr

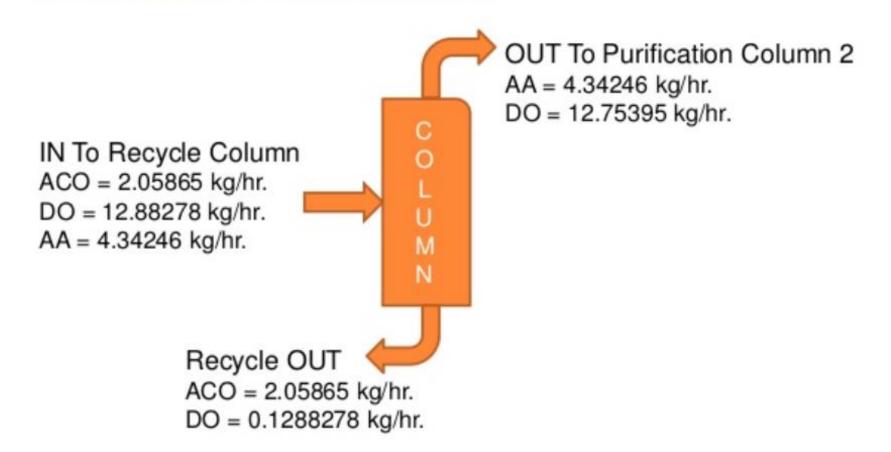
## FILTER:



Total IN = Total OUT = 20.71531 kg/hr.



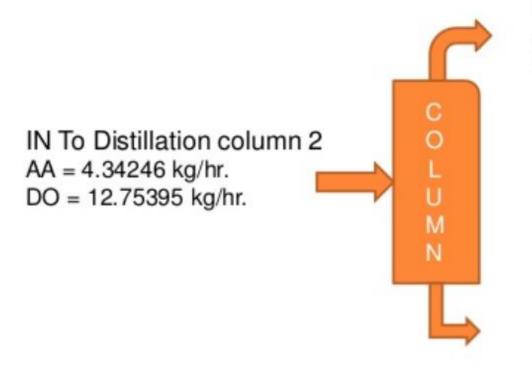
## ACO RECYCLE COLUMN:



Total IN = Total OUT = 19.28389 kg/hr.



### DO Purification Column:

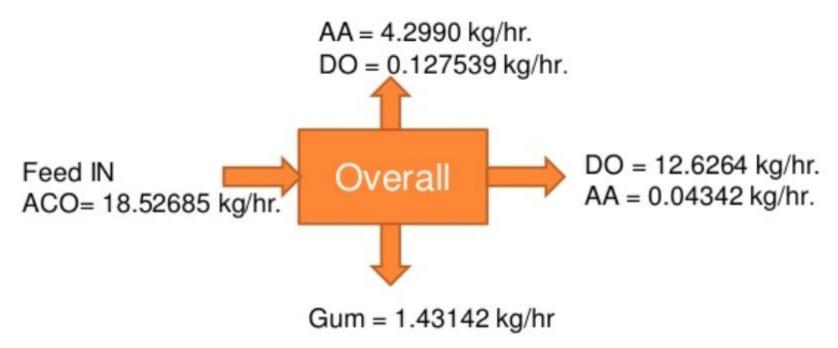


Product OUT AA = 4.2990 kg/hr. DO = 0.127539 kg/hr.

> Product OUT DO = 12.6264 kg/hr. AA = 0.04342 kg/hr.

Total IN = Total OUT = 17.09641 kg/hr.

# OVERALL MASS BALANCE:

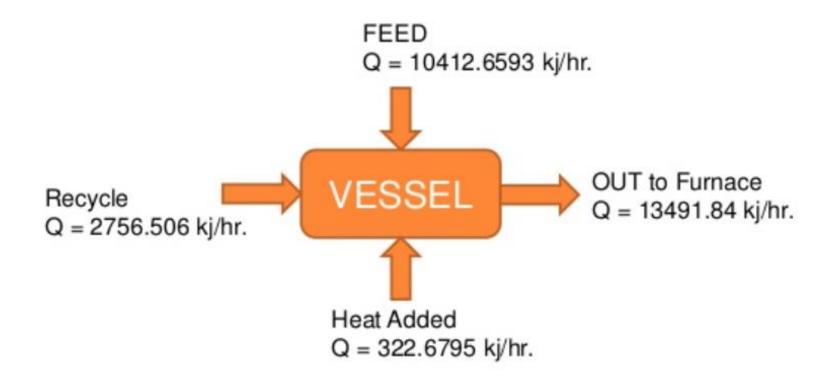


Feed IN = Feed OUT ACO = AA + DO + GUM 18.52685 kg/hr. = 17.528 kg/hr.

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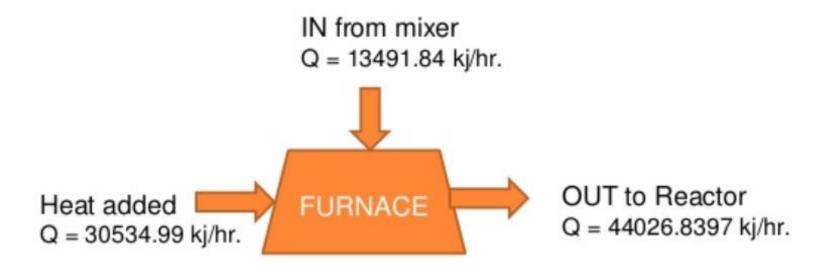
# ENERGY BALANCE

## MIXING VESSEL:



Total IN = Total OUT = 3491.84 kj/hr.

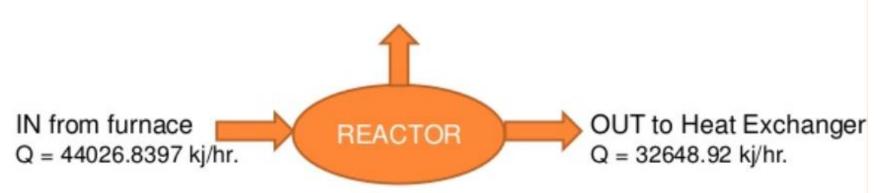
## **FURNACE:**



Total IN = Total OUT = 44026.8397 kj/hr.

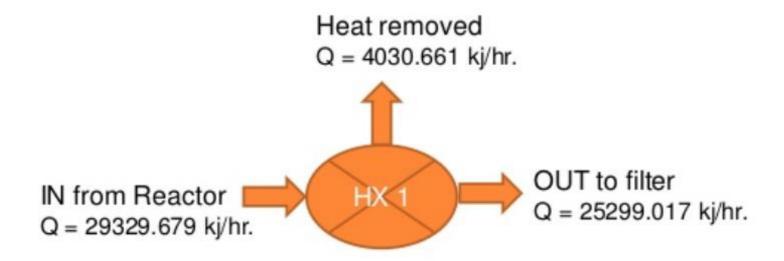
## REACTOR:

Heat Removed Q = 11377.9165 kj/hr.



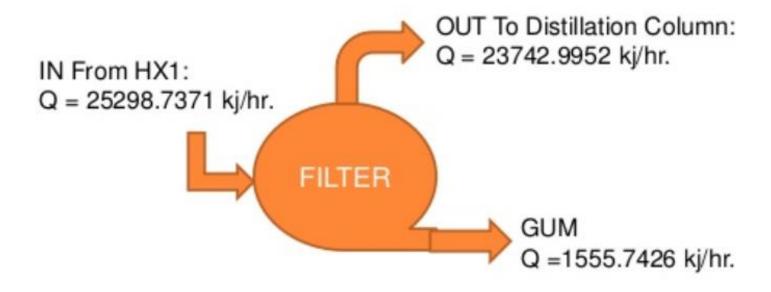
Total IN = Total OUT = 44026.8397 kj/hr.

## HEAT EXCHANGER



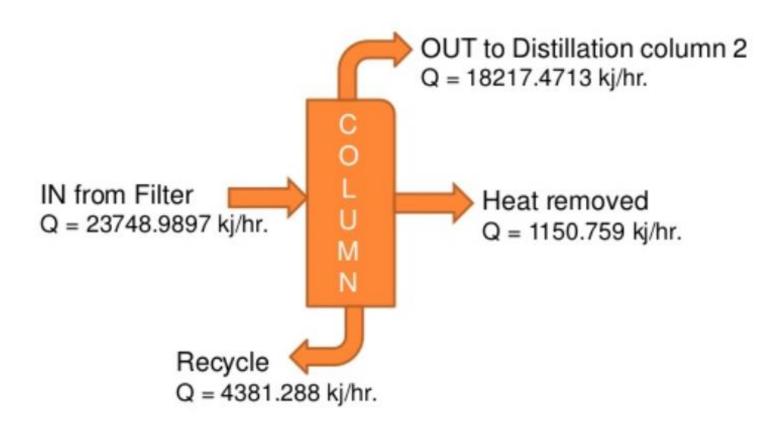
Total IN = Total OUT = 29329.679 kj/hr.

## FILTER:



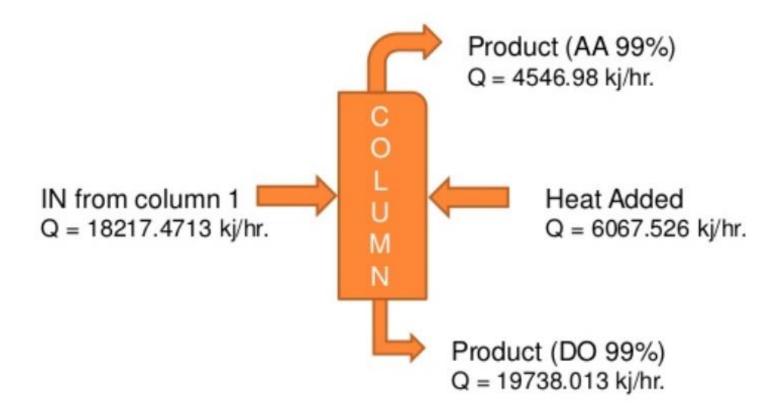
Total IN = Total OUT = 2598.7371 kj/hr.

## ACO RECYCLE COLUMN:



Total IN = Total OUT = 23748.9897 kj/hr.

## D.O. PURIFICATION COLUMN:



Total IN = Total OUT = 24284.998 kj/hr.

## Heat exchanger 2:

Heat Removed Q=-1624.7752 kj/hr.

## Heat exchanger 3:

Heat removed Q = -11599.6613 kj/hr.

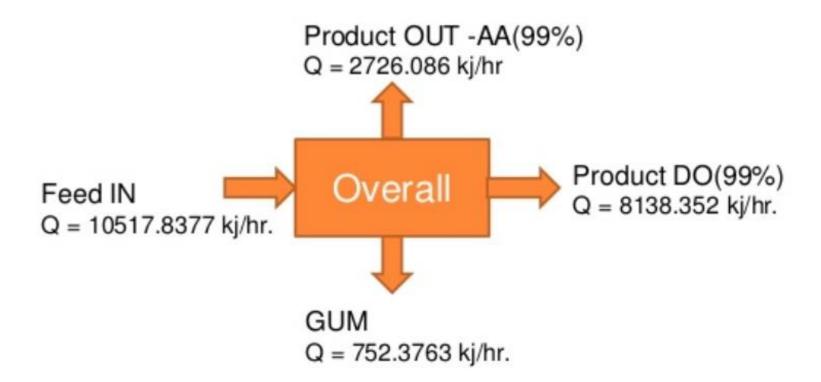
## Heat exchanger 4:

Heat Removed Q = -1820.8976 kj/hr.

## Heat exchanger 5:

Heat Removed Q = -803.3663 kj/hr.

# OVERALL energy BALANCE.



Total IN = Total OUT = 10517.8377 kj/hr. BALANCED