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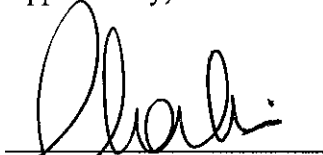
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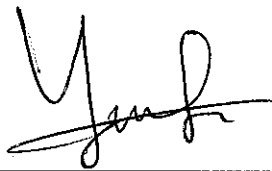
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## **ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this report is to deliver the progress research work for author's Final Year Research Project 2. This study consists of conceptual design the CO<sub>2</sub> gas separation via hydrate formation and economics evaluation of this process and comparison with other conventional processes. The basis for hydrate process design gathered from several literatures. Then the process is simulated using CHEMCAD process simulation software. There are several important design considerations during simulation. From the simulation results and conceptual design, the economics are evaluated. In general, this research project has potential advantages in terms of economics and environment as long as detailed conceptual design is done.

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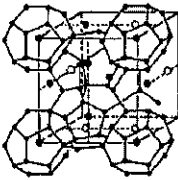
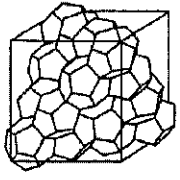
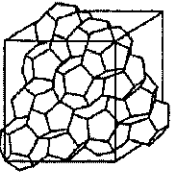
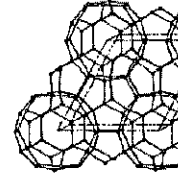
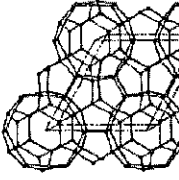
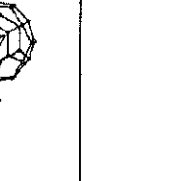

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# CHAPTER 1 – PROJECT BACKGROUND

## 1.1 Introduction

In general, clathrate hydrate or gas hydrate is an inclusion compound of which the cage-like structure formed by hydrogen-bonded water molecules. There is no chemical reaction between water and gas molecules but they are held together by physical bonding. Clathrate hydrates are thermodynamically stable under low-temperature and high-pressure conditions. This cage-like structures, known as cavities can hold relatively small gas molecules (guest) in it. Among the suitable guest molecules for hydrate formation are CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, and natural gas components. Three different hydrate structures namely structure I (sI), structure II (sII) and structure H (sH) can be formed depending on the types of cavities that are formed and the distribution of those cavities in a unit cell. **FIGURE 1.1** presents the structures formed from types of cavities and their coordination number.

A variety of applications of gas hydrates has been studied, especially in the field of gas storage and transportation, disposal of CO<sub>2</sub> and gas separation [1]. They are very important in safety issue in oil and gas pipelines, they offer a large unexploited means of energy and they have a significant role in past and future climate change.

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**FIGURE 1.1** Hydrate structures formed from different type of cavities for small and large cage [2].

As previously mentioned, carbon dioxide has been known to be among a number of molecules that can form clathrate hydrate. The existence of CO<sub>2</sub> hydrates dates back to the year 1882, when Wróblewski [1882] reported the clathrate hydrate



formation in a system of carbonic acid and water. The hydrate dissociation curve in the range 267 K to 283 K is first published by Villard in 1897 [Villard, 1897].

Later on, Tamman and Krige [1925] measured the hydrate decomposition curve from 230 K to 250 K. Frost and Deaton [1946] determined the dissociation pressure between 273 K and 283 K. Takenouchi and Kennedy [1965] measured the decomposition curve from 4.5 to 200 MPa. Carbon dioxide hydrate was classified as a structure I clathrate for the first time by von Stackelberg & Muller [1954].

As a simple hydrate, carbon dioxide forms structure I hydrate under appropriate pressure and temperature conditions. If all the hydrate cavities are occupied, the chemical formula is  $8\text{CO}_2 \cdot 46\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{CO}_2 \cdot 5.75\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . [3]

Compilations of hydrate equilibrium conditions of carbon dioxide in pure water can be found in Sloan and Koh [2008]. The phase behaviour of carbon dioxide and water in the hydrate forming region is presented in FIGURE 1.2. As shown in this figure, the hydrate stability region is bounded by the H-I-V, H-L<sub>W</sub>-V and H-L<sub>W</sub>-L<sub>CO2</sub>. As such, at any specified temperature, carbon dioxide hydrate will be stable as long as the pressure of the system is higher or equal to the equilibrium pressure of the system. As shown in this figure, carbon dioxide hydrate has two quadruple points, Q<sub>1</sub> and Q<sub>2</sub>. The quadruple point Q<sub>1</sub> is a four-phase equilibrium point of I-L<sub>W</sub>-H-V and it is located at 273.1 K (-0.05 °C) and 1.256 MPa (about 10 bar). The quadruple point Q<sub>2</sub> is a four phase equilibrium point of L<sub>W</sub>-H-L<sub>V</sub>-V and is located at 283.0 K (9.85 °C) and 4.499 MPa (44 bar). In literature, the lowest measured equilibrium pressure for carbon dioxide hydrate is at 0.535 kPa and 151.5 K for I-H-V equilibrium point and its value is reported by Miller and Smythe [1970].

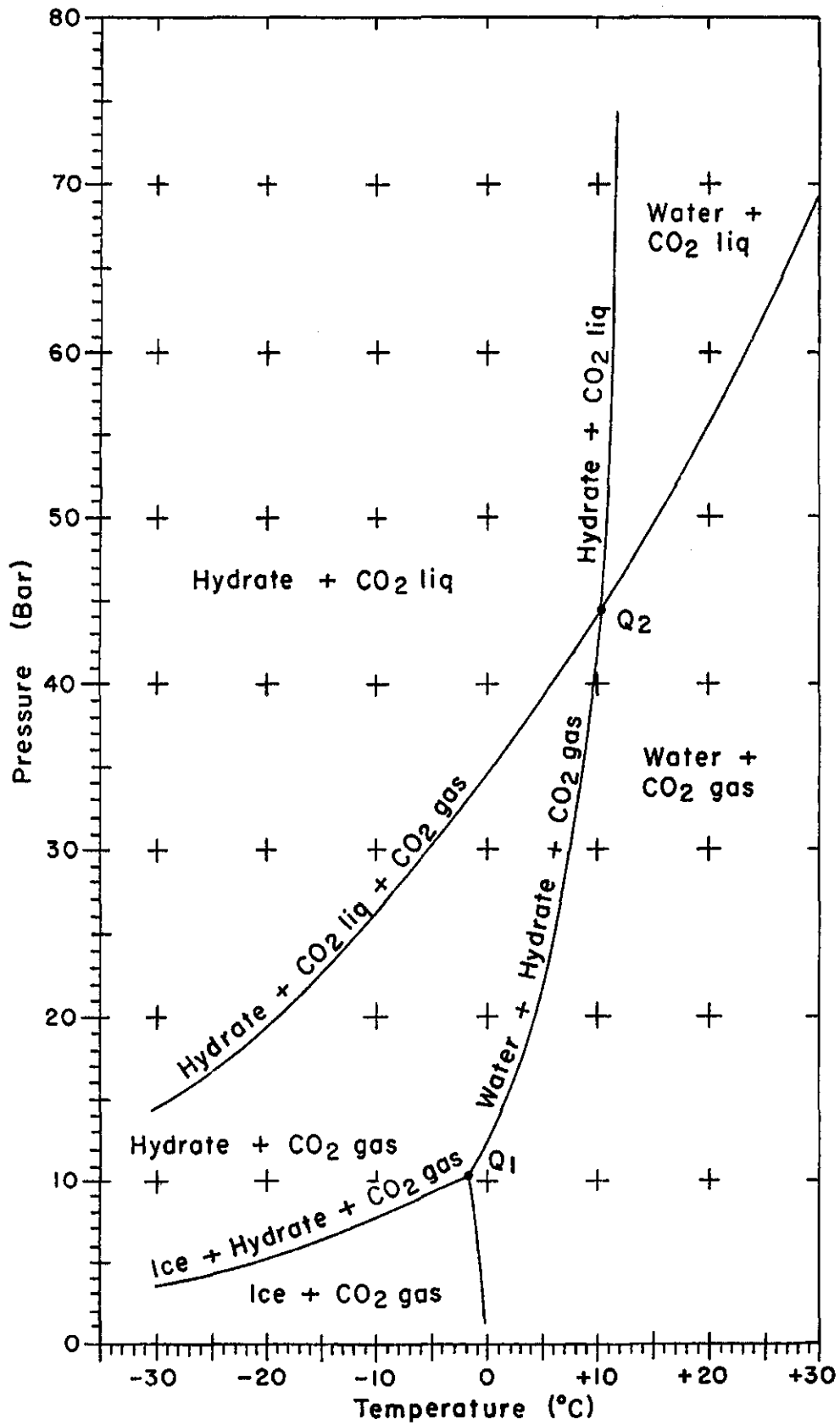
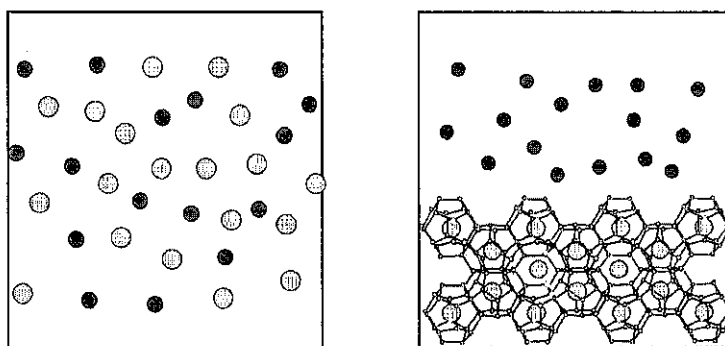


FIGURE 1.2 P-T diagrams for CO<sub>2</sub>+N<sub>2</sub> hydrate system as reported by Miller [4]

Concerns on CO<sub>2</sub> as one of the major contributors to greenhouse effects has lead to many studies regarding carbon dioxide recovery and utilization for global sustainability. The main interest in this project is the CO<sub>2</sub> recovery from flue gas (post-combustion) from coal-fired power plant via hydrate formation. Post-combustion capture involves separating CO<sub>2</sub> from flue gas (15-20% CO<sub>2</sub>, 5% O<sub>2</sub> and balance N<sub>2</sub>). In a conventional power generation station a CO<sub>2</sub> separation and capture unit can be retrofit and carbon dioxide can be separated before letting the flue gas to go out in the atmosphere.

Gas separation process by using hydrates is based on selective partition of the components in the mixture between the gaseous phase and the hydrate phase. Apart from low-temperature and high-pressure conditions requirement, the stability of the hydrates depends on the shape and size of guest molecules, interaction between guest and host molecules, thermodynamic conditions for the hydrate formation would differ in wide range of pressure and temperature depending on the gas molecules. Shiojiri et al. [2004] stated that the separation process is assumed to be conducted in the following three steps; hydrate formation, separation of the solid hydrate from the feed gas and water, and recovery of the enriched gas by dissociation of the hydrate. [1].

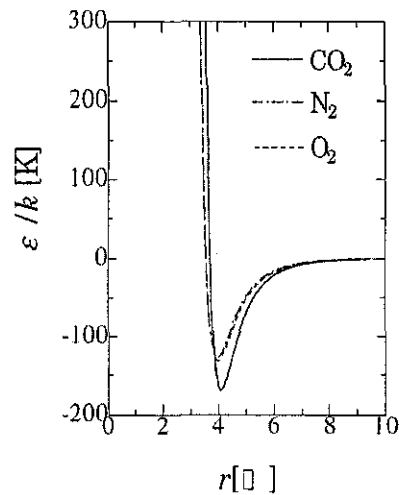
The basic phenomenon that explains the reason why hydrates can separate the specified constituent from mixed gases is demonstrated in **FIGURE 1.3**. The constituent is separated as the solid solutions.



**FIGURE 1.3.** The separation mechanism of the specified constituent from mixed gases by hydrates. [5]

If the mixed gases were compounded of the components that formed hydrates and the components that could not make hydrates, the former components would be captured in hydrates' cages and the latter components should be left in the mixed gases.

In addition intermolecular force between the gas molecule in the cage and water molecules that surrounding the gas molecule is different among gas components, so the specified constituent exists excessively in the hydrate phase. The mole fraction of each component in hydrate phase depends basically upon the fugacity of each component in the gas phase and the intermolecular potential between the gas molecule and water molecules when they take the hydrate structure. The flue gases from the thermal electric power station contained mainly CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>O. Although these components all can make hydrates, but the intermolecular potential is different each other, that enables us to separate CO<sub>2</sub> from other components. The comparison of the intermolecular potential is indicated in **FIGURE 1.4**. The potential well depth of CO<sub>2</sub> is deeper than that of other components and it means that CO<sub>2</sub> makes hydrates in more moderate condition than others. [5]



**FIGURE 1.4.** The intermolecular potentials of CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub>. [5]

Currently, there are many processes developed for removing or isolating a particular gaseous component from a multi-component gaseous stream. These processes include absorption, adsorption, membrane separation etc. and this will be explained later on in Chapter 2 [6]. Praveen et al. [2007] mentioned that the liquid

absorption using amines was considered the most promising current method while some other methods are promising but too new for comparison. There is continued interest in the development of less energy intensive processes.

One of the new methods for separating CO<sub>2</sub> from flue gas is through clathrate or gas hydrate formation. When gas hydrate crystals are formed from a mixture of gases the concentration of these gases in the hydrate crystals is different than that in the original gas mixture. This is the basis for the utilization of clathrate hydrate formation decomposition as a separation process [6].

## **1.2 Problem Statement**

Currently, the thermodynamic data for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrate, N<sub>2</sub> hydrate, and CO<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub> hydrate systems are available though many of them are only for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrate system only. The thermodynamic experimental data for CO<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub> hydrate system needs to be verified by modeling means. There are only a few proposed conceptual design of this hydrate separation process and there are only available on high level. The detailed process design with material and energy balances with complete streams information are not yet available. The process design simulation also not available and it needs to be optimized as well. The detailed cost estimation also not available and it is needed to produce more accurate costing for economic potential. Therefore, the problem is to produce complete process design with its economics.

## **1.3 Objectives and Scope of Study**

Upon completing the project, a few objectives need to be achieved. The objectives of this research project are as the following:

- To conduct high level thermodynamic analysis of gas hydrate system
- To simulate the proposed hydrate based CO<sub>2</sub> separations with and without additive
- To evaluate the economics for both system with and without additive and thus to study its effect to the economics

## CHAPTER 2 – LITERATURE REVIEW

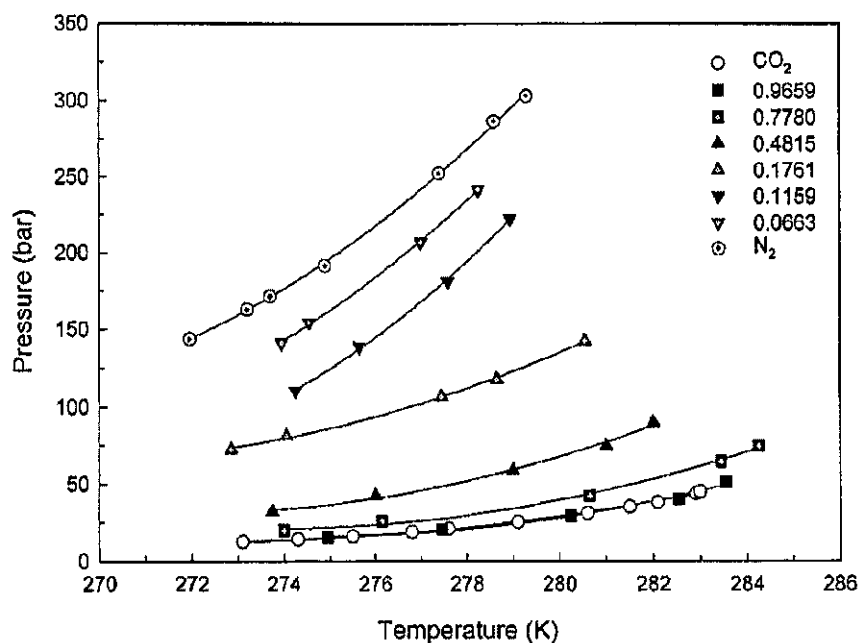
### 2.1 Hydrate Phase Behavior

Phase equilibria for hydrate formation is the temperature and pressure where microscopic amount of hydrate exist in equilibrium with gas and liquid phase. As reported by Kang and Lee, the three phases H-L-V equilibria of the ternary CO<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>-water system were determined at several different ratios of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>. The mixed hydrates formed over the wide temperature and pressure ranges of 272-284 K and 15-300 bar largely depending upon the gas-phase compositions. The complete data were demonstrated in **FIGURE 2.1**. As simple hydrates, CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> form structure I (sI) and structure II (sII), respectively. The structure of mixed hydrates is considered to be either sI or sII depending on the relative ratio of these two different gas molecules occupied in the small and large cavities. As generally expected, all the hydrate formation lines were located between two pure CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> H-L-V. [7]

With the fundamental information in **FIGURE 2.1** an attempt for developing a new hydrate-based gas separation process was initiated, and its thermodynamic validity was closely examined. One important application of this process is the CO<sub>2</sub> recovery from power plant flue gases containing various concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>. Flue gas from power plant usually consists of 15 to 20 mol % CO<sub>2</sub>, 5 to 9 mol % O<sub>2</sub>, trace gases, and balance N<sub>2</sub>. After suitable pretreatment steps, flue gas can be simplified as ternary CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub> mixture. [7]

Furthermore, it can be assumed that the treated flue gas is the binary mixture of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> because the hydrate formation characteristic of O<sub>2</sub>, for example hydrate formation pressure, is nearly the same as that of N<sub>2</sub>. In this work, a binary mixture of 17 mol % CO<sub>2</sub> and balance N<sub>2</sub> will be paid special interest for this reason. According to **FIGURE 2.1**, the gas mixtures having concentrations of 17 mol% CO<sub>2</sub> and 83 mol% N<sub>2</sub> can form hydrates with water slightly above 70 bar at temperature of at 273 K. [7]

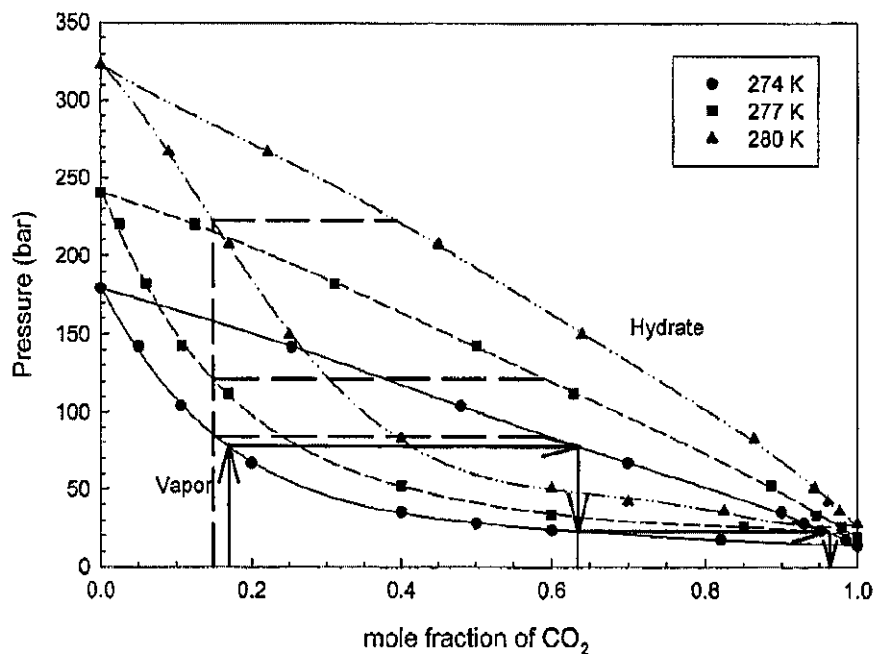
However, such a high pressure requirement might be regarded as a fatal disadvantage when adopted to the actual process. Therefore, a more favorable condition is to lower the pressure and raise the temperature much higher than 273 K for hydrate formation. But, as shown in **FIGURE 2.1**, when the hydrate formation temperature increases, the corresponding equilibrium pressure also increases. To solve this inherent problem, THF was used as a potential hydrate promoter which enables the operating conditions to shift to milder ones. [7]



**FIGURE 2.1** Hydrate phase equilibria for the CO<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O mixture measured at several composition ratios of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>.

The hydrate-phase compositions were determined at three isotherms of 274, 277, and 280 K, and the results are presented in **FIGURE 2.2**. The relative CO<sub>2</sub> amount in the hydrate phase increased when that in the vapor phase increased. At the vapor composition of 15 mol % CO<sub>2</sub> the corresponding CO<sub>2</sub> composition in the hydrate phase appeared to be about 59, 58, and 39 mol % at three temperatures of 274, 277, and 280 K, respectively. This result indicates that the CO<sub>2</sub> selectivity in the hydrate phase increases when the hydrate formation temperature is lowered. Another sample of 17 mol % CO<sub>2</sub> in the vapor phase shows a similar trend resulting to a little higher selectivity of 63 mol % CO<sub>2</sub> at 274 K. The gas components captured in the hydrate phase can be dissociated and easily recovered simply by

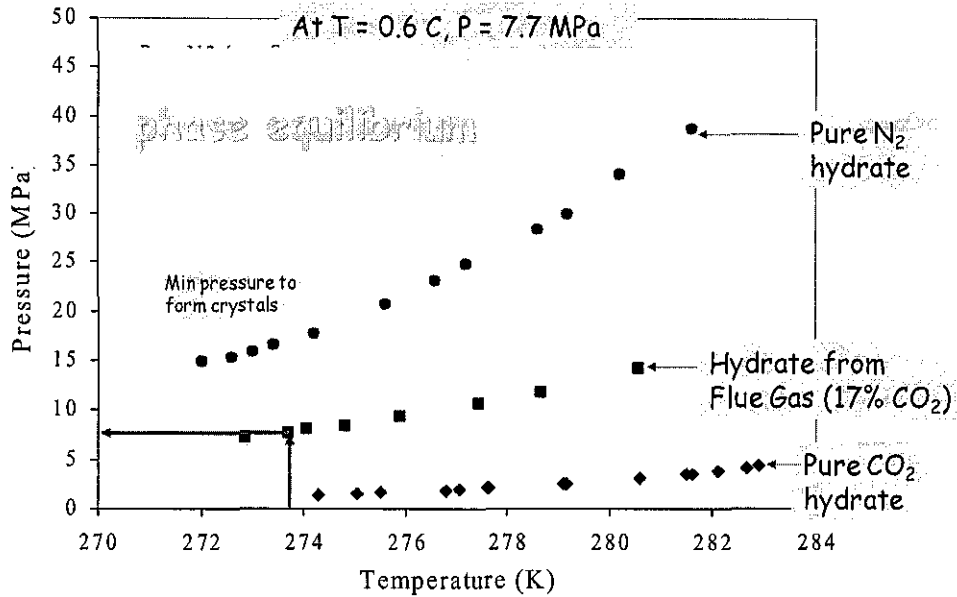
either elevating temperature or decreasing the pressure. Only two consecutive steps are required to achieve the recovery of more than 95% CO<sub>2</sub>. A new and efficient gas separation/recovery process can be developed using the hydrate formation/dissociation phenomena and more clearly understood through the isothermal *P*-*x* diagram given in **FIGURE 2.2**. [7]



**FIGURE 2.2** Pressure-composition diagram of the CO<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O mixture measured at three temperatures of 274, 277, and 280 K. Arrow path conceptually illustrates the two-stage separation process for recovering CO<sub>2</sub> from a binary gas mixture.

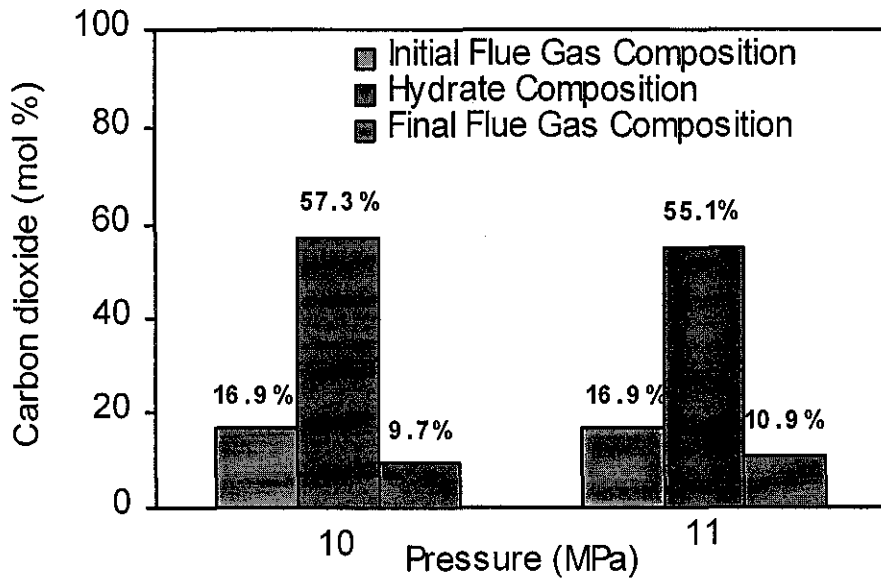
Another research which has been done by Praveen et al stated that carbon dioxide forms hydrate at much milder condition than nitrogen, and as expected a gas mixture containing CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> takes a middle route. As we can see here, at 0.6 degree centigrade the minimum pressure at which flue gas mixture containing 17% CO<sub>2</sub> and rest nitrogen can form hydrates is 7.7 MPa. [6]





**FIGURE 2.3** P-T diagram (H-L<sub>w</sub>-V) shows comparison between pure  $\text{CO}_2$ , pure  $\text{N}_2$  and mixture  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{N}_2$  hydrate equilibrium lines [6]

For a substantial hydrate growth we need a driving force, that can be achieved by either performing the experiment at lower temperature or at higher pressure we chose to perform our experiment at higher pressure as we intend to study the kinetics of hydrate formation from liquid water. [6]



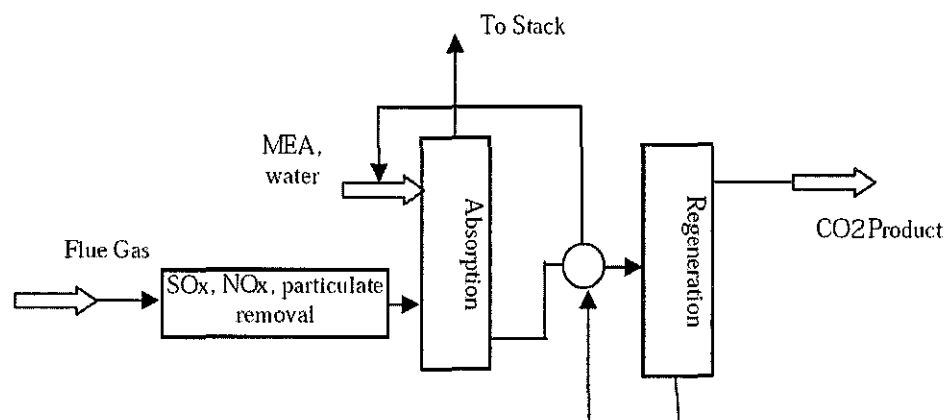
**FIGURE 2.4** Carbon dioxide mol composition at 10 and 11 MPa which shows that  $\text{CO}_2$  prefers hydrate phase.

From their work, hydrate formation experiments were carried out at 0.6 °C and at two pressures 10 MPa and 11 MPa ( $P_{eq} = 7.7$  MPa). One of the results which show the composition of different phases at two different driving forces for a flue gas mixture is shown here in bar graph. With an initial composition of 16.9% CO<sub>2</sub> we end up with 57.3% CO<sub>2</sub> in hydrate phase and 9.7% CO<sub>2</sub> in gaseous phase, at 0.6 degree and 10 MPa, the result shown above is for a single stage. [6]

## 2.2 Reviews of Several Conventional Processes

Absorption processes are currently the most developed CO<sub>2</sub> removal technology. Absorption systems are continuous scrubbing systems used to remove CO<sub>2</sub> from a gaseous stream. Three main absorption processes available are chemical, physical and hybrid.

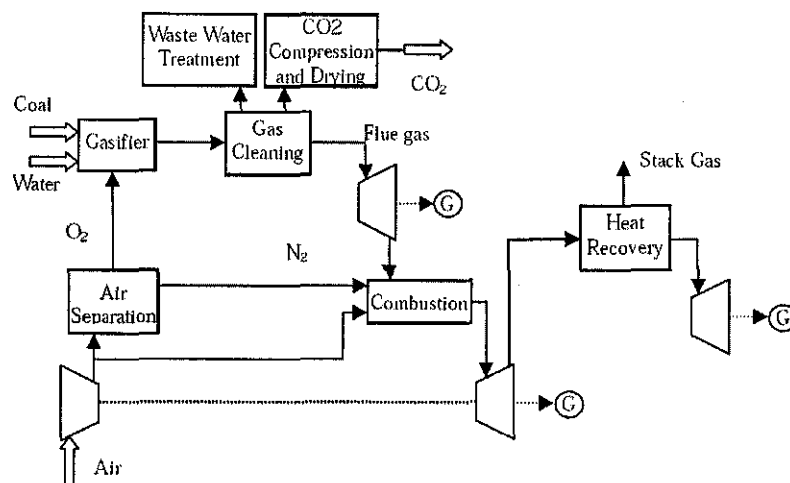
CO<sub>2</sub> capture from a power plant is a commercial process nowadays. So far, all commercial CO<sub>2</sub> capture plants use processes based on chemical absorption with a monoethanolamine (MEA) solvent [Klemes and Bulatov, 2005]. Active research is being carried out on new processes and approaches. Technologies such as cryogenic fractionation, membrane separation, and adsorption using molecular sieves to capture the CO<sub>2</sub> from the flue gas of a power plant have been considered but they are even less energy efficient and more expensive than chemical absorption [Herzog, 2001].



**FIGURE 2.5:** Chemical Absorption Process

Most conventional coal-burning power plants produce electricity using steam turbines, while most natural gas plants use gas turbines (the excess heat being applied to a second, steam-driven turbine).

Flue gas streams generated by those plants are characterised with low to moderate concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>. For such streams, the current most effective way to capture CO<sub>2</sub> is absorption using a chemical solvent such as monoethanol amine (MEA) or diethanolamine (DEA), ammonia and hot potassium carbonate [Chinn et al., 2004]. Recent research shows that amino-acid salt solutions can be an alternative to amine based solutions [Feron et al., 2004].



**FIGURE 2.6:** IGCC power plant with CO<sub>2</sub> removal by means of Selexol scrubbing (IEA, 1998)

Besides chemical absorption of CO<sub>2</sub>, the gas can be physically absorbed in a solvent in accordance with Henry's law. By applying heat or reducing pressure or combining both, the gas can be regenerated. Industrial solvents used for this purpose are Selexol (dimethylether of polyethylene glycol) and Rectisol (cold methanol) [Klemes and Bulatov, 2005]. However, they have to be applied at high pressures which can make the process economically prohibitive. At lower pressures, the chemical absorption processes can prove more economical.

For source streams with high concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>, as is the case for the IGCC plant, physical absorption using a solvent like Selexol (dimethylether of polyethylene glycol) or Rectisol (cold methanol) can be less costly than chemical absorption. Increasing external gas pressure and decreasing the temperature

improves the absorptive capacity of these solvents. Consequently, applying heat or diminishing the external pressure regenerates the solvents and releases the CO<sub>2</sub> [8].

Physical and chemical absorption currently represent the most developed technical options for CO<sub>2</sub> capture but significant research efforts are being made for more 'exotic' capture technologies. Most of these technologies have been developed for use in other applications and some are used in niche applications. However the answer to the question whether they would be competitive and economically viable for CCS compared to alternative capture techniques (i.e., MEA and physical absorption) in, say, the electric power sector, remains uncertain.

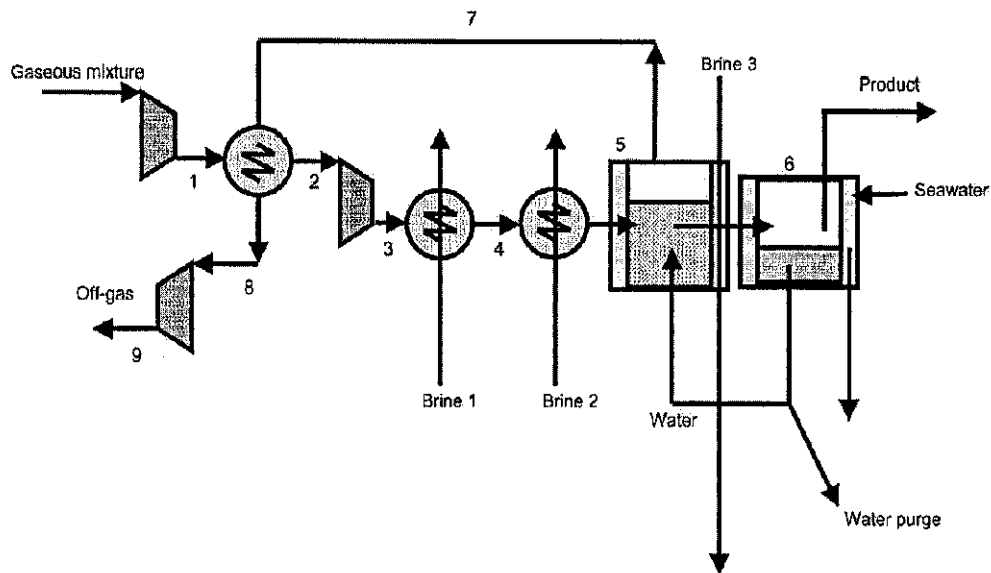
In this research project, hydrate based separation system will be compared with at least one current technology which is amine absorption.

### **2.3 Proposed Process Design of CO<sub>2</sub> Hydrate-based Separation**

There are yet several researches done regarding the CO<sub>2</sub> gas separation via hydrate formation. For instance, the hydrate based gas separation (HBGS) was proposed by Kang and Lee [2000] for the separation of carbon dioxide from flue gas with tetrahydrofuran (THF) as a promoter. The authors claimed that the advantages of this process include high CO<sub>2</sub> recovery from the flue gas, moderate operational temperatures and possibility to treat a large amount of gaseous stream in continuous operations. Another attractive development research is high pressure process for CO<sub>2</sub> separation [Tam et al, 2001] which focuses on the low temperature process, namely SIMTECHE. It is attractive in the first place in terms of its economics finding which shows that SIMTECHE process requires less additional capital cost and the cost of carbon dioxide removal for the SIMTECHE process is also found to be the cheapest if compared to amine and Selexol absorption. These are for the integration of carbon capture system (CCS) in an integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) plant [Tam et al., 2001]. Therefore, the mentioned development could provide basis theory and understanding for this research project.

Before the economics of this project are evaluated, the conceptual design for the separation processes must be done beforehand. Three conceptual designs are relevant and available from the literatures.

### Design 1



**FIGURE 2.7:** Process flow diagram for the separation process of CO<sub>2</sub> from the flue gas by using hydrate formation (proposed by H. Tajima et al.) [13]

The separation process of CO<sub>2</sub> from the flue gas of point emission sources such as thermal power plants is considered. The composition of the flue gas is given in **TABLE 2.1**, corresponding to a composition of the flue gas emitted from a typical natural gas-fired thermal power plant after desulfurization and denitration (pre-treatment). Pressure, temperature and flow rate conditions for separating CO<sub>2</sub> is given in **TABLE 2.2**. The total flow rate of the flue gases is  $1.0 \times 10^6 \text{ N m}^3\text{h}^{-1}$ , assuming the treatment of the total emission from a 1000 MW thermal power plant. The hydrate formation condition is set to 274 K, and 140 bar. Since the final pressure after compression is extremely high, a two-stage adiabatic compression of the feed gas is used in this case; 1–20 bar at the first stage, and 20–140 bar at the second stage. After the first compression, the feed gas is cooled to 298 K by the off-gas stream from the hydrate formation unit and cooled down to 274 K after the second compression with a brine stream.

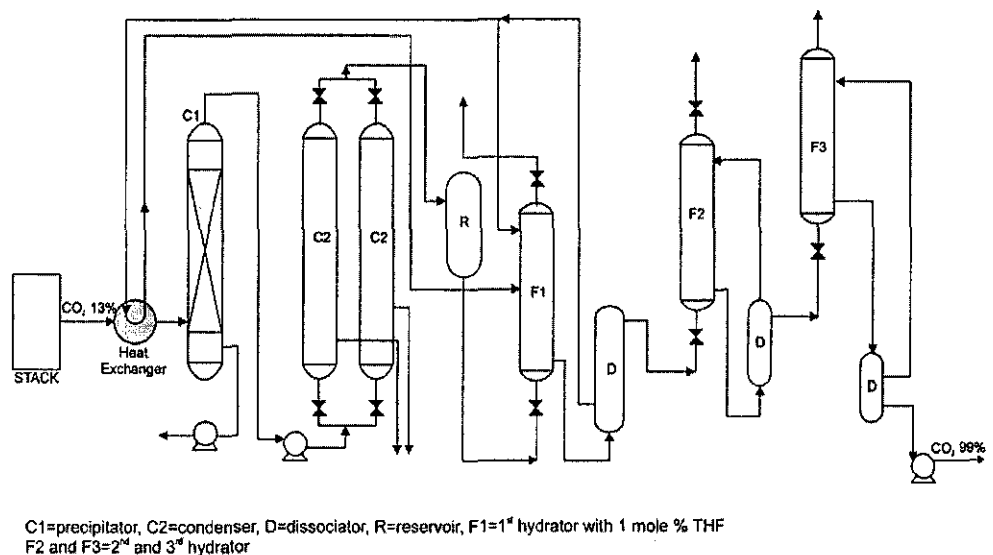
Component	Mole fraction in the feed (-)	Flow rate in the feed ( $10^3 \text{ N m}^3/\text{h}$ )	Flow rate in the feed (ton/h)	Flow rate in the product (ton/h)	Flow rate in the off-gas (ton/h)
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.10	100	196	186.2	9.8
N <sub>2</sub>	0.79	790	988	0	988
O <sub>2</sub>	0.04	40	57	0	57
H <sub>2</sub> O(g)	0.07	70	56	0	56
Total	1.00	1000	1298	186.2	1111.8

**TABLE 2.1** Composition of the feed gas for the separation of CO<sub>2</sub>.

<i>Pressure and temperature</i>									
<i>i</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$P_i$ (bar)	20	20	140	140	140	1.0	140	140	1.0
$T_i$ (K)	776	298	536	298	274	274	274	768	280
<i>Flow rate (ton/h)</i>									
Brine 1	Brine 2	Brine 3	Water	Water purge	Seawater	Product	Off-gas		
5310	813	7466	430	56	6343	186	1112		

**TABLE 2.2** Pressure, temperature and flow rate conditions for separating CO<sub>2</sub>.

Design 2



**FIGURE 2.8:** Schematic diagram of the hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> recovery process (proposed by S.P Kang and Huen Lee)

With the fundamental information from experimental results done by Kang and Lee [2000], an attempt for developing a new hydrate-based gas separation process was initiated. One important application of this process is the CO<sub>2</sub> recovery from power plant flue gases containing various concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>. Flue gas

from power plant usually consists of 15 to 20 mol % CO<sub>2</sub>, 5 to 9 mol % O<sub>2</sub>, trace gases, and balance N<sub>2</sub>. After suitable pretreatment steps, flue gas can be simplified as ternary CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub> mixture.

Furthermore, it can be assumed that the treated flue gas is the binary mixture of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> because the hydrate formation characteristic of O<sub>2</sub>, for example hydrate formation pressure, is nearly the same as that of N<sub>2</sub>. In this work, a binary mixture of 17 mol % CO<sub>2</sub> and balance N<sub>2</sub> will be paid special interest for this reason. The gas mixtures having concentrations of 17 mol% CO<sub>2</sub> and 83 mol% N<sub>2</sub> can form hydrates with water slightly above 70 bar at temperature of at 273 K.

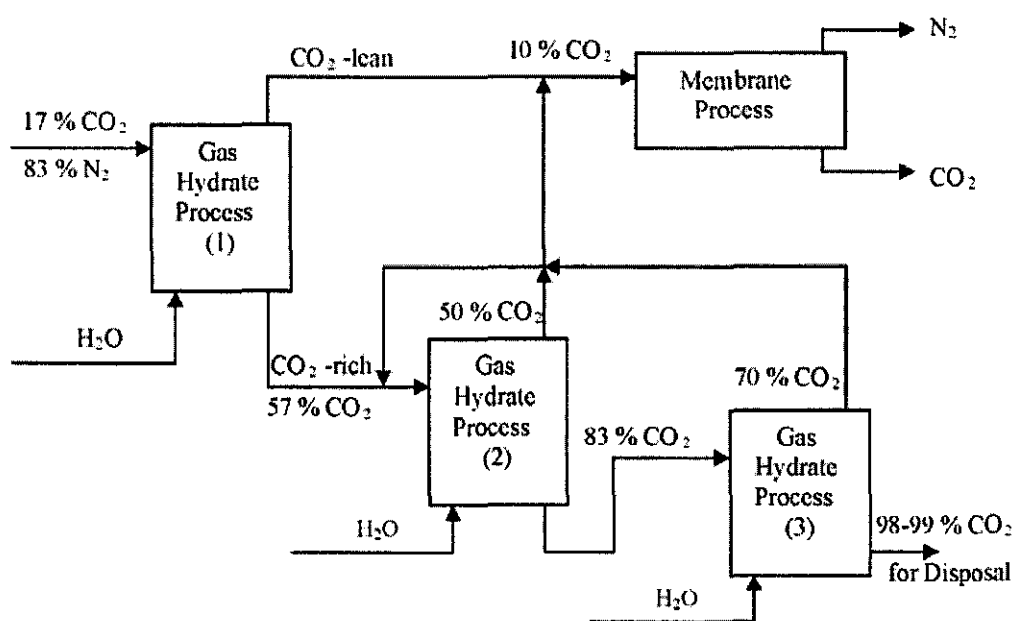
However, such a high pressure requirement might be regarded as a fatal disadvantage when adopted to the actual process. Therefore, a more favorable condition is to lower the pressure and raise the temperature much higher than 273 K for hydrate formation. But, however, when the hydrate formation temperature increases, the corresponding equilibrium pressure also increases [Kang and Lee, 2000]. To solve this inherent problem, THF was used as a potential hydrate promoter which enables the operating conditions to shift to milder ones.

When flue gas containing about 17 mol % CO<sub>2</sub> is introduced to the first hydrator at 280 K and 16.5 bar, the hydrates formed are expected to have a composition of 34.71 mol % CO<sub>2</sub> and 65.39 mol % N<sub>2</sub> in THF-free base. The gas mixture produced by dissociating the hydrates formed in the first hydrator can be fed again into a second hydrator. The next two reactors had better use only water without THF because a larger amount of CO<sub>2</sub> can be recovered to 89.34 mol% at 274 K and 38.7 bar in the second hydrator and 99.67 mol% at 274 K and 28.7 bar in the third hydrator. The hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> separation and recovery process developed from the overall experimental results done in this study is schematically demonstrated in **FIGURE 2.8**. The flue gas from a power plant must be first passed to the commercial desulfurization facility for removing SO<sub>x</sub>. The pretreated flue gas goes to the first hydrator charged with an aqueous solution containing THF. However, the next two hydrators contain only water. This process makes it possible to recover more than 99 mol % of CO<sub>2</sub> from the flue gas.

This hydrate-based gas recovery process provides several advantages over the conventional ones. First, the operational temperature is low in the range of 273-283 K, and a continuous operation permits this process to treat a large amount of gas stream and to compete with absorption processes. Second, only a small amount of THF is needed together with water and therefore severe corrosion problem can be avoided. Third, the used aqueous solution containing THF can be easily recycled to the hydrator. Several potential candidates of hydrate promoters have been tested and found that THF is the most effective on largely reducing the formation pressure of mixed gas hydrates.

Additional work for optimizing this process with key design data is in progress along with the effect of hydrate promoter on improving process conditions.

*Design 3*



**FIGURE 2.9:** A hybrid hydrate-membrane process for CO<sub>2</sub> recovery from flue gas (proposed by P. Linga et al.)

The above diagram indicates that following a one-stage hydrate formation-decomposition process for the CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> mixture, a CO<sub>2</sub>-rich gas is obtained which contains 57.3% CO<sub>2</sub> at 10MPa. Given that the equilibrium hydrate formation



pressure of this gas is about 2.4MPa, a second stage is advocated to obtain a more concentrated CO<sub>2</sub> mixture. The second hydrate formation vessel would operate at a lower pressure compared to the first one since the equilibrium pressure is lower by about 5.3MPa.

Preliminary results indicate that the new CO<sub>2</sub>-rich mixture will contain about 83.2% CO<sub>2</sub>. Moreover, we envision a hybrid process whereby hydrate formation in three stages is combined with a membrane process. This concept is illustrated in **FIGURE 2.9**. This work is ongoing and another objective is to identify additives to lower the hydrate formation pressures without compromising significantly the separation efficiency. Tetrahydrofuran is one such additive that has been suggested from various sources.

The major disadvantage of the above processes is the high pressure required specially in the first stage. As was mentioned above one way to alleviate this problem for the CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> case is to use THF. The above-illustrated processes show the feasibility of the concept and not the economic viability. Clearly, from an economic viewpoint lower pressures are required which can be achieved by adding proper additives to reduce the hydrate formation pressure at any given temperature without compromising the CO<sub>2</sub> recovery and separation efficiency. Compression costs were calculated for a 500MW conventional power plant, in order to pressurize the flue gas from 0.1 MPa and 70 °C to 10MPa and 1 °C. It was found that four compression stages with intercooling are required [9].

Clearly, this demonstrates the need for additives. The work on additives is ongoing and is the avenue to render the hydrate process economically attractive.

## **2.4 Economic Evaluation**

Allen D. H. (1991) mentioned that the techniques of economic evaluation are tools for us to help ensure that good decisions are made. The author has outlined a systematic guide which is applicable especially for investment of new development projects. These guidelines will be adapted for this research project and implemented as explained later in Chapter 3. Similar to process design, economic

evaluation needs a basis, namely cost estimate basis meant for the plant and facilities. This initial information must be provided from the conceptual design stage before developing the cash flow data and eventually evaluating the economics. During economic evaluation stage, values of the appropriate measures such as capital expenditure (CAPEX), operating expenditure (OPEX), net present value (NPV), discounted cash flow rate (DCFR) etc. and sensitivity analysis for changes in important factors contribute to the make-up of the project cash flows must be further investigated [10]. However in this research project, the use of simulation software helps in evaluating the economics provided the right input data of economics such as Chemical Plant Index is inserted.

## CHAPTER 3 – METHODOLOGY

In this chapter, the methodology for this research project is presented. The methodology is divided into four main phases and the tools used specifically computer software are mentioned with brief explanation. The Gantt chart with key milestones and work schedule is provided in **APPENDIX A**. Three basis designs are taken. All key properties for key components are noted. Any important properties which are not mentioned in the literature will be assumed appropriately, accordingly.

### 3.1 Research Methodology

The research works in this project mainly divided into four phases, as described below.

#### 3.1.1 Basis of Design

The feed basis must be known firsthand for both thermodynamic modeling and process simulation. From the literature basis as proposed by Praveen and Kang and Lee, both conclude that the feed composition from the flue gas from power plant usually consists of 15 to 20 mol % CO<sub>2</sub>, 5 to 9 mol % O<sub>2</sub>, trace gases, and balance N<sub>2</sub>. After suitable pretreatment steps, flue gas can be simplified as ternary CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub> mixture. Furthermore, it can be assumed that the treated flue gas is the binary mixture of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> because the hydrate formation characteristic of O<sub>2</sub>, for example hydrate formation pressure, is nearly the same as that of N<sub>2</sub>. In this work, a binary mixture of 17 mol % CO<sub>2</sub> and balance N<sub>2</sub> will be paid special interest for this reason [66]. The feed basis is 5000 mol/hr. Meanwhile, the product target is hydrate consist of 98-99% CO<sub>2</sub> [6]

#### 3.1.2 Thermodynamic Analysis

Since temperature and pressure play great role for hydrate formation, thermodynamic analysis should be done at the first place to determine the temperature and pressure range of the hydrate process and later on to develop the P-T diagram, P-x or T-x diagram for CO<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O system. These values will become

inputs to the process simulator that is when simulating the reactor for hydrate formation. The thermodynamics data gathered from the experimental as compiled in Sloan [12] are also compared with the results from the thermodynamic modeling using CSMGem Hydrate Prediction program. This work will help in determining the equilibrium hydrate formation pressure and thus the operating pressure for the hydrate process.

### **3.1.3 Simulation**

After the conceptual design where the separation process flow has been visualized, the process is simulated using computer software namely CHEMCAD. The most crucial part for the simulation is selecting the thermodynamics package of the hydrate. CHEMCAD is used in this project since it has the built-in hydrate prediction tools and capable to detect any hydrate formation in the process streams. Once the simulation is complete, we are able to change the variables of the process to see the effects of some parameters.

There are some important notes to be taken. The first one is the proper selection of unit operations during CHEMCAD simulation such as precipitator, condenser, dissociator, and hydrator. Further investigation should be made to determine the suitable equipments. As usual, several assumptions should be made and the simulation will be in steady-state mode in the early stage of this research.

These are step-by-step procedures for process simulation using CHEMCAD which is basically divided into three main stages.

#### **3.1.3.1 Basis Environment**

Within the basis environment, all components inside the hydrate system must be entered – CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O. Then the thermodynamics properties packages, called as fluid package must be selected properly as this is the crucial part in process simulation and determines how accurate the simulation will be. As studied by Sabil K.M [2009], for the fluid phase, the Peng-Robinson equation of state (EoS) as modified by Stryjek and Vera (PRSV EoS) [1986] combined with Huron-Vidal-Orbey-Sandler mixing rules are used. Meanwhile, the UNIQUAC (Universal Quasi-Chemical Activity Coefficient) model is used to calculate the excess Gibbs free

energy. As for hydrate phase, the thermodynamic model is based on the van der Waals and Platteeuw model. In CHEMCAD, not all thermodynamic packages are available for use. Therefore, in this early stage, only the PRSV, UNIQUAC and van der Waals are considered to be used.

### **3.1.3.2 *Simulation Environment***

In simulation environment all required unit operations (equipments) are added and for each, sufficient data for inputs must be gathered and entered into the software. The data includes operating conditions like temperature and pressure and also the flow rate (assumed) and compositions of each stream (from literature). Common practice is to simulate the process stage by stage rather than adding all equipments and solve them later on. This is to avoid much simulation problems which is called as troubleshooting. Troubleshooting must be done based on the basic concept of the process. References must be made to clarify that the simulation is a good to go.

### **3.1.4 Economic Evaluation**

Theoretically, the ‘straight’ economic evaluation is to be done which requires initial information of the projects and development of cash flow data. There are other ways where the cost minimization in equipment selection can be applied and the added values of the project can be analyzed. Furthermore, the complete economic evaluation should consist of uncertainty and risk whereas the sensitivity analysis is done. During economic risk analysis, the subjective probability distributions should be considered with the Monte Carlo simulation. Eventually, the interpretation of results of a project economic risk analysis is to be done.

The computer-aided software which is needed during economic evaluation includes spreadsheet like Microsoft Excel. This software mainly aids to calculate the economic measures like NPV and DCFR. There is also built-in spreadsheet economic template in CHEMCAD which will help calculating the cost of the equipments.

## CHAPTER 4 – RESULTS & DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Phase Diagrams

Phase equilibria data for H-L<sub>w</sub>-V phases are gathered from Sloan and Koh, for CO<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub> hydrate system. The experimental data from Kang and Lee are used for comparison with the modeling using CSMGem. At different CO<sub>2</sub> composition and temperature, the pressure are recorded and presented in a table as in Appendix B. Based from the table, the P-T diagram are plotted as shown in FIGURE 4.1.

Based on the P-T diagram shown, it can be concluded that there are good agreement between experimental data and modeling data with pressure ranging from 1 – 10 MPa since there is no huge deviation. However, the modeling work does not agree with the experimental data for pressure higher than 10 MPa. It also can be concluded that the temperature range from 274 K – 280 K shows good agreement and it is also the preferable range for hydrate formation as the formation of ice must be avoided.

From P-T diagram, the P-x diagram is developed. It is found out that during modeling work, at 279 – 280 K and lower concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>, the result from CSMGem gives convergence error in terms of pressure. This represents that the loading composition of CO<sub>2</sub> should not be lower than 0.1 for operation temperature of 279-280 K since the operating pressure cannot be determined from this data. The operating pressure must be higher at about 25% from the equilibrium pressure.

P-T Diagram of CO<sub>2</sub>+N<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O for H-Lw-V

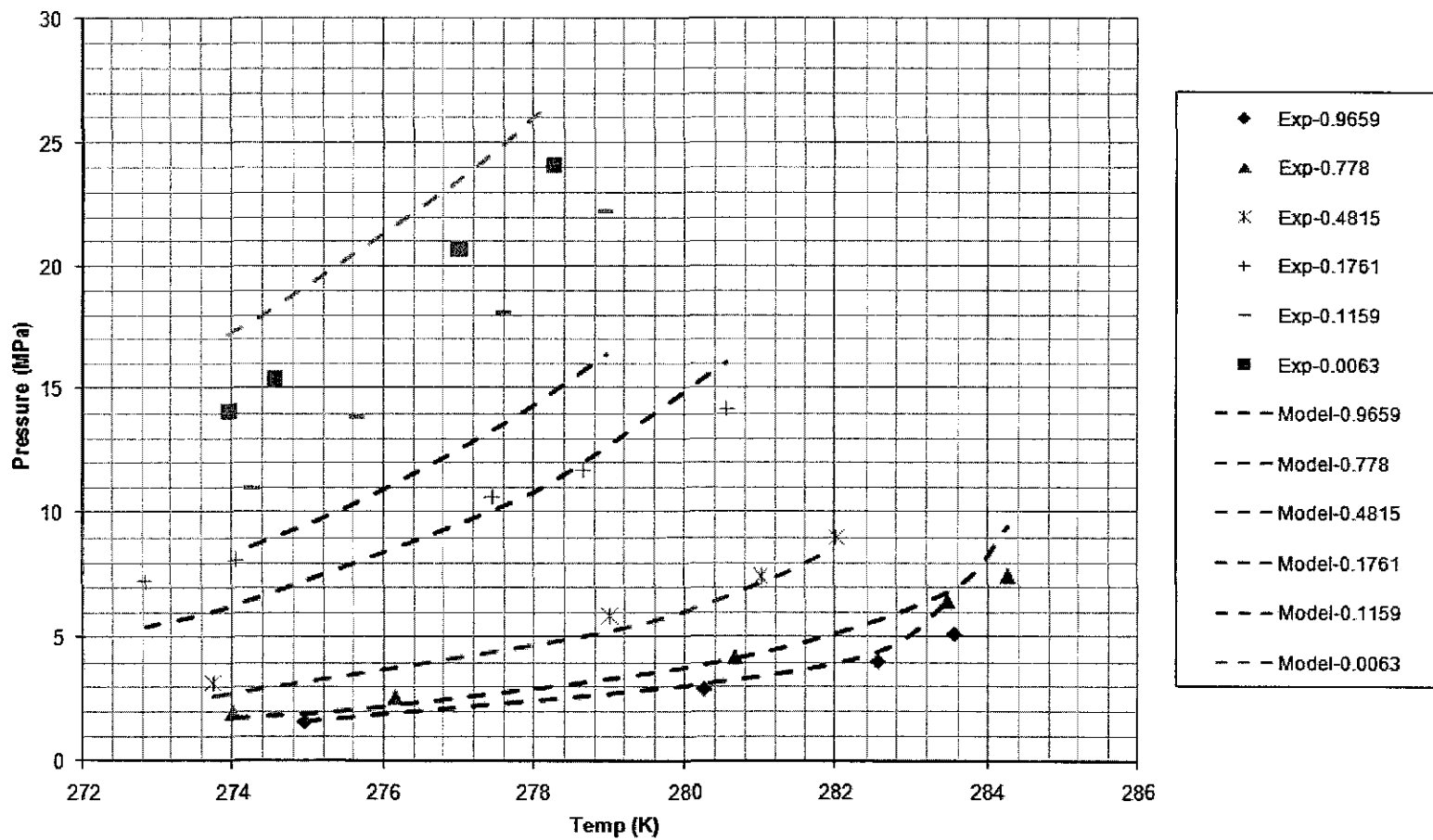
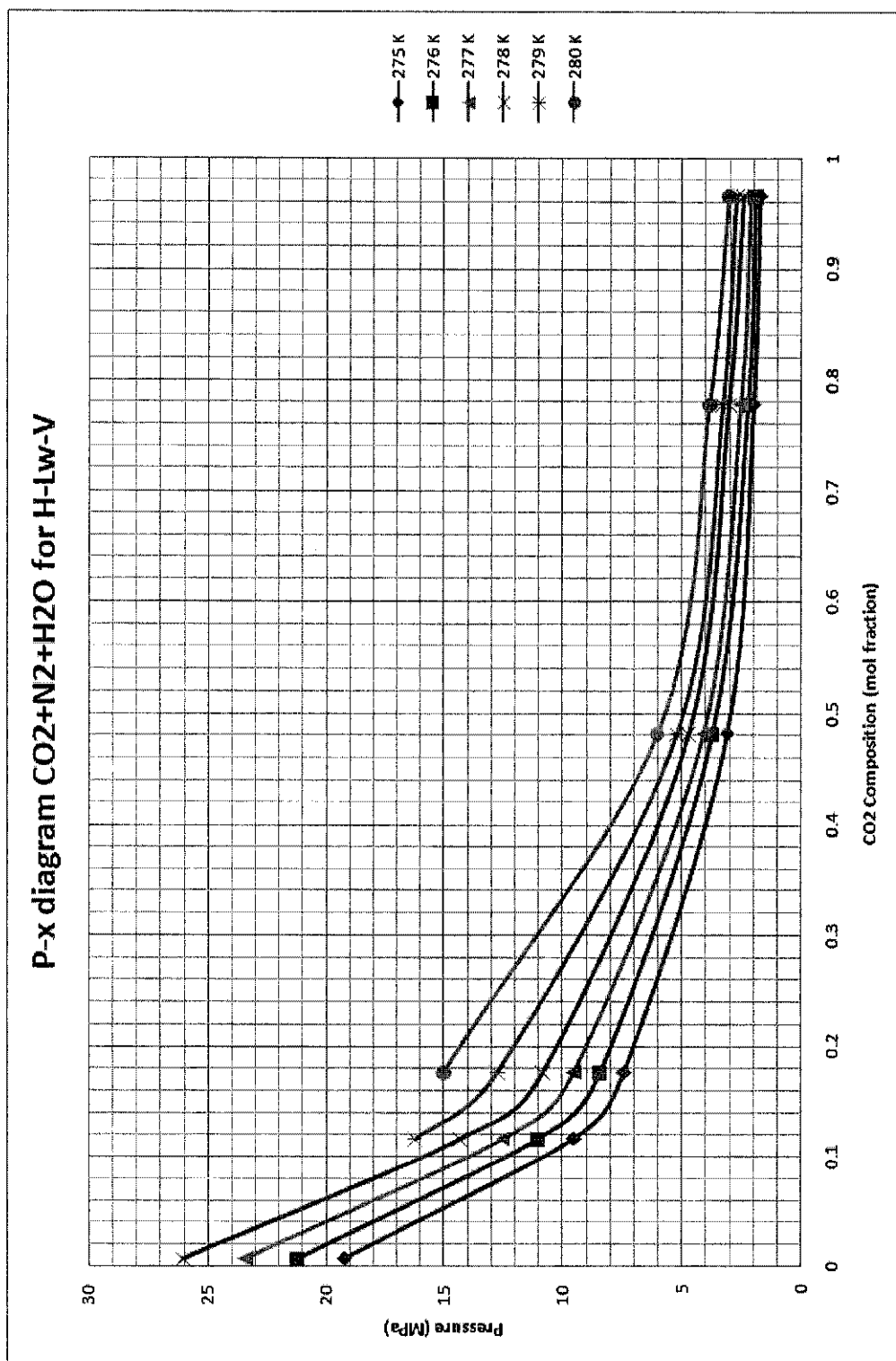


FIGURE 4.1 P-T diagram (H-L<sub>w</sub>-V) for CO<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub> hydrate system at different CO<sub>2</sub> compositions



**FIGURE 4.2** Pressure-composition diagram for CO<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub> hydrate system (H-Lw-V) for different temperatures.



## 4.2 Simulation

Process simulation of hydrate process are then developed using CHEMCAD process simulation software. The thermodynamic packages chosen by the software by default after the input of temperature and pressure range are entered are Ideal Vapor Pressure for equilibrium constant, K value and SRK for enthalpy values. Then, the process flow shown is based on the conceptual design of block diagram as proposed by P. Linga (Design 3). The feed and streams composition are shown in Appendix C.

From Appendix C, it can be said that the hydrate are formed after using the built-in CO<sub>2</sub> solid tools to check whether there is hydrate in the streams. The need for compression is a must since the hydrate formation pressure is high. It is also needed to maintain the equilibrium pressure inside the hydrate formation vessel, crystallizer as in the simulation, so that the hydrate will continuously form. Crystallizer is chosen as the major unit operation since the hydrate process needs to be continuous and the liquid water need to be stirred for the physical 'reaction' to occur inside the vessel.

It is no doubt that using the process simulator will lead the simulation to several convergence problems. As for this project, the convergence problem occurred around the crystallizers. The crystallizer module in CHEMCAD namely CRY module can be used to simulate crystallization or melting processes by cooling or heating. It can also be used as a dissolver where a second solvent stream is added to maintain the outlet stream at a desired concentration level. During input specification, the operation type #1 of three shown below is selected.

0 = No vapor phase (liquid and solid only).

**1 = Vapor phase exists; solid formation by boiling off liquid.**

2 = Dissolver; calculate solvent flow rate to maintain desired weight fraction of a component (liquid and solid only).

Then the calculation mode #0 of three shown below is selected.

**0 = Specify temperature, calculate heat duty.**

1 = Specify heat duty, calculate temperature.

2 = Specify vapor flow rate (type = 2, solid formation).

However, the problem is when the input of crystallization stoichiometry has to be entered in order to run the CRY module. Crystallization stoichiometry is defined

similarly to reactions, where negative coefficients refer to liquid precursors (reactants) and positive coefficients refer to crystals (products). As for example:

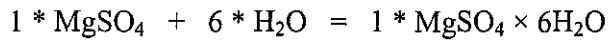
Component:

MgSO<sub>4</sub>

H<sub>2</sub>O

MgSO<sub>4</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O (Hydrate crystal)

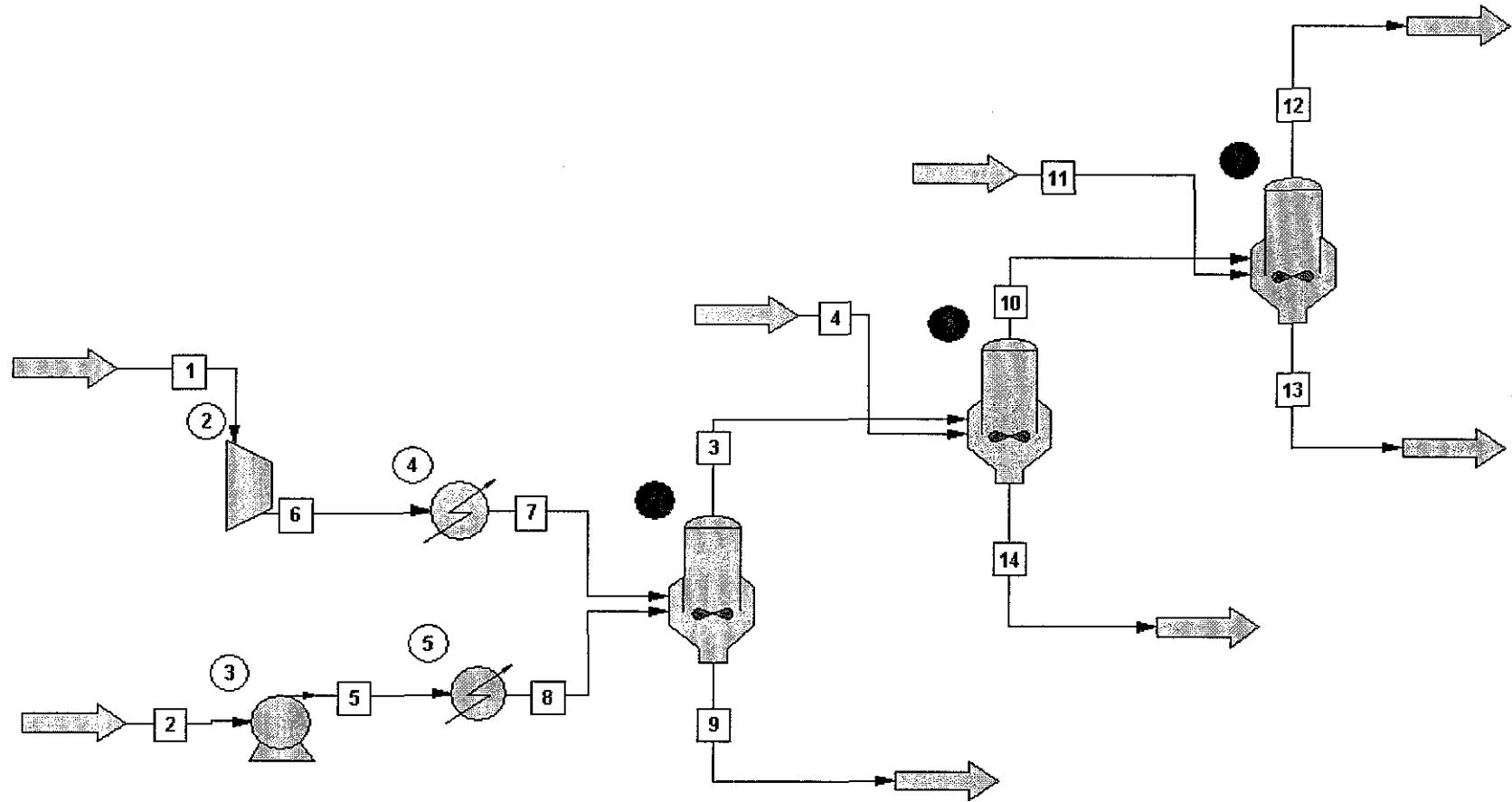
Crystallization equation:



The solid crystal must be on the right hand side of the equation whether crystallizing or melting. Thus, data entry for this example:

<u>Coeff.</u>	<u>Component</u>
-1	Magnesium sulfate
-6	Water
1	Hydrate crystal

It is known that during the hydrate process, there is no chemical reaction occurs as there is only the physical reaction between the water and guest molecules. Therefore, there is no crystallization equation for hydrate process. Moreover, the product in this project which is CO<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>-hydrate is not available in the CHEMCAD database. This convergence problem around the CRYST module is the main reason for the CHEMCAD Economics module to not be able to calculate the crystallizer cost automatically. The convergence problem of crystallizer can be seen by the red-coloured label of the crystallizer unit operation shown in FIGURE 4.4 and FIGURE 4.5.



**FIGURE 4.3** Preliminary process flow diagram generated from CHEMCAD for the hydrate process

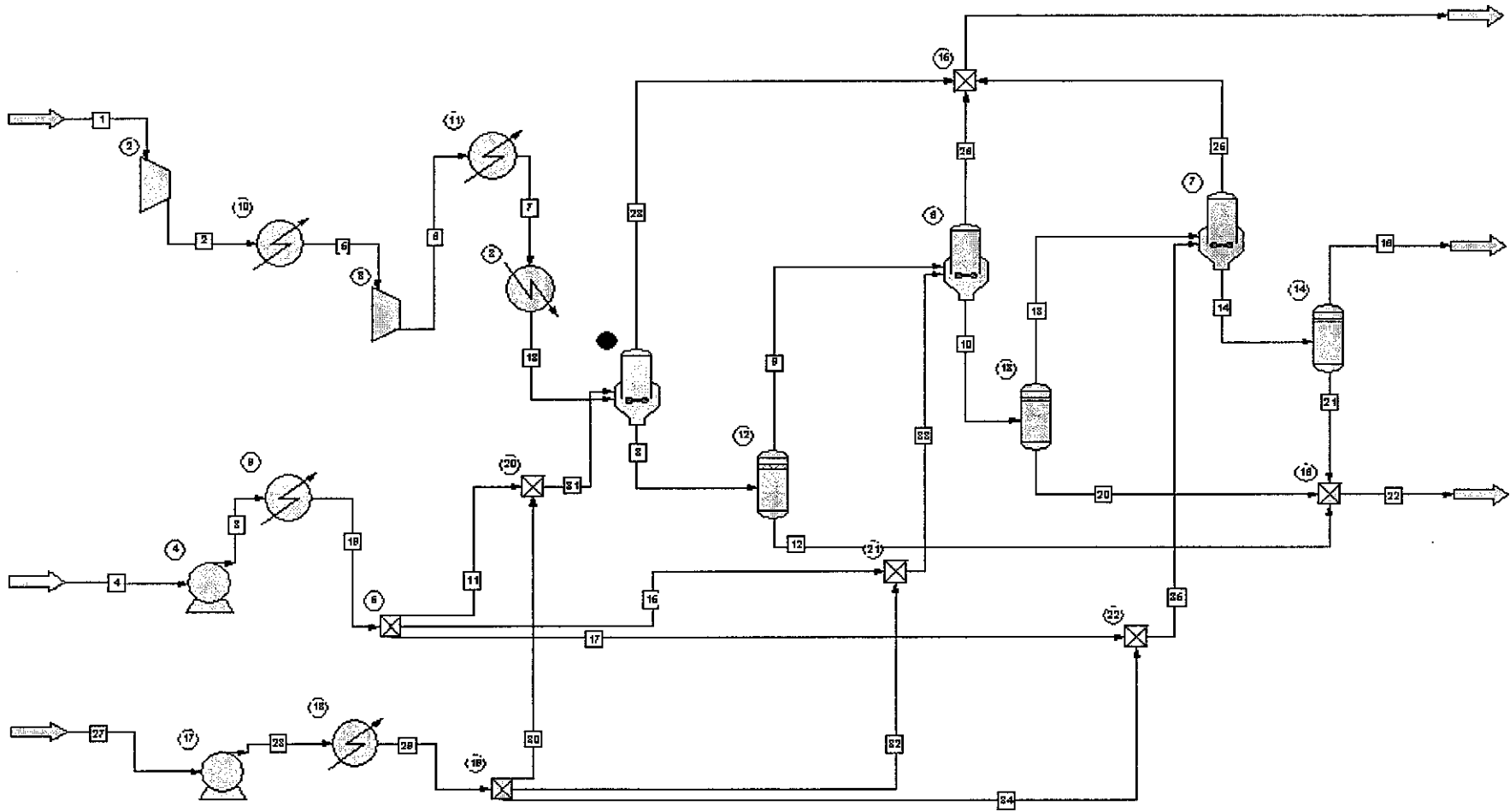


FIGURE 4.4 Complete process flow diagram generated from CHEMCAD for the hydrate process (with 1 mol% THF)



### 4.3 Mass Balance

The process flow diagram is developed first before the mass balance is done around the major equipments that are crystallizer and dissociator. The mass balance is done by setting the boundary into three major parts at which each part consist of one crystallizer and one dissociator. TABLE 4.1 and TABLE 4.2 show the result of mass balance from process without THF and with 1 mol% THF. The compositions of hydrate streams are not yet calculated. They may be estimated if the hydration number of gas hydrate is known as such in  $x\text{CO}_2.y\text{N}_2.z\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The composition of each component for each stream is based on the proposed design by P.Linga.

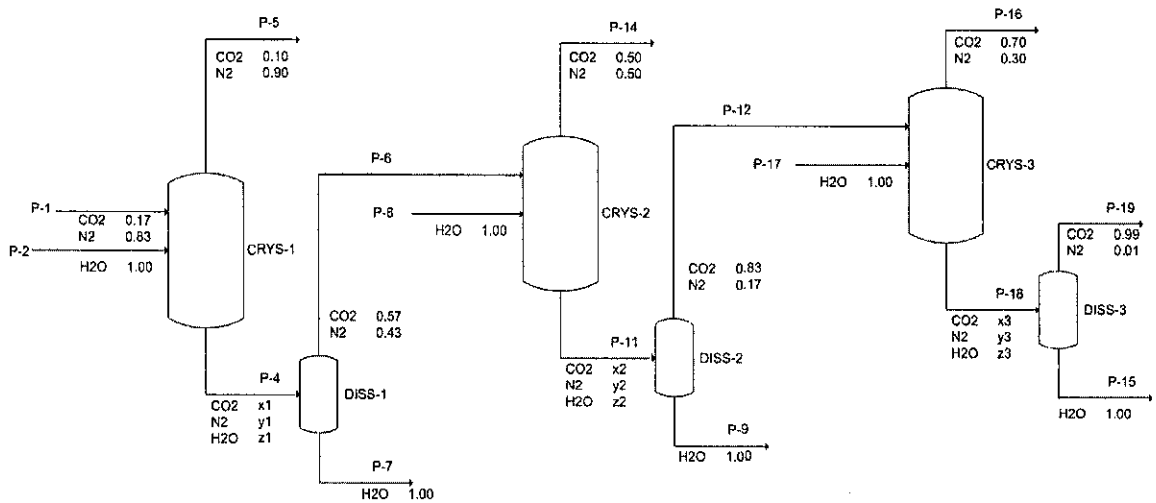


FIGURE 4.6 Process flow diagrams (without THF)

#### 4.3.1 Mass Balance Equation for System Without THF

In this section, the mass balance calculations are done step by step using substitution method. The feed basis are 5,000 mol/hr of flue gas and 10,000 mol/hr of fresh water. The water will be divided and pumped into three crystallizers as appeared in the simulation design. Therefore, it is noted that water supply for each crystallizer =  $10000 / 3 = 3333.333$  mol/hr.

Overall:

$$\mathbf{P-1 + P-2 = P-5 + P-6 + P-7} \quad (1)$$

$$5000 + 3333.333 = P-5 + P-6 + 3333.333$$

$$\mathbf{P-6 + P-8 = P-9 + P-12 + P-14} \quad (2)$$

$$P-6 + 3333.333 = 3333.333 + P-12 + P-14$$

$$\mathbf{P-12 + P-17 = P-15 + P-16 + P-19} \quad (3)$$

$$P-12 + 3333.333 = 3333.333 + P-16 + P-19$$

1<sup>st</sup> stage hydrate process:

CO<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.17(P-1) = 0.10(P-5) + 0.57(P-6)$$

$$0.17(5000) = 0.10(P-5) + 0.57(P-6)$$

$$\mathbf{850 = 0.10(P-5) + 0.57(P-6)} \quad (4)$$

N<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.83(P-1) = 0.90(P-5) + 0.43(P-6)$$

$$0.83(5000) = 0.90(P-5) + 0.43(P-6)$$

$$\mathbf{4150 = 0.90(P-5) + 0.43(P-6)} \quad (5)$$

H<sub>2</sub>O:

$$1.00(P-2) = 1.00(P-7) \quad (6) \quad \text{balance H}_2\text{O can be ignored}$$

$$P-5 = [ 850 - 0.57(P-6) ] / 0.10 \quad (7)$$

(7) substituted into (5):

$$4150 = 0.90 \times [ \{ 850 - 0.57(P-6) \} / 0.10 ] + 0.43(P-6)$$

$$4150 = 9 \times [ 850 - 0.57(P-6) ] + 0.43(P-6)$$

$$4150 = 7650 - 5.13(P-6) + 0.43(P-6)$$

$$-3500 = -4.7(P-6)$$

$$\mathbf{P-6 = \underline{744.68 \text{ mol/hr}}}$$

$$P-5 = [ 850 - 0.57(744.68) ] / 0.10 = \underline{4255.324 \text{ mol/hr}}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> stage hydrate process:

CO<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.57(P-6) = 0.83(P-12) + 0.50(P-14)$$

$$0.57(744.68) = 0.83(P-12) + 0.50(P-14)$$

$$424.468 = 0.83(P-12) + 0.50(P-14) \quad (8)$$

N<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.43(P-6) = 0.17(P-12) + 0.50(P-14)$$

$$0.43(744.68) = 0.17(P-12) + 0.50(P-14)$$

$$320.212 = 0.17(P-12) + 0.50(P-14) \quad (9)$$

H<sub>2</sub>O:

$$1.00(P-8) = 1.00(P-9) \quad (10) \quad \text{balance H}_2\text{O can be ignored}$$

$$P-14 = [ 424.468 - 0.83(P-12) ] / 0.50 \quad (11)$$

(11) substituted into (9):

$$320.212 = 0.17(P-12) + 0.50 \times [ \{424.468 - 0.83(P-12)\} / 0.50 ]$$

$$320.212 = 0.17(P-12) + 1 \times [ 424.468 - 0.83(P-12) ]$$

$$320.212 = 0.17(P-12) + 424.468 - 0.83(P-12)$$

$$-104.256 = -0.66(P-12)$$

$$P-12 = \underline{\underline{157.964 \text{ mol/hr}}}$$

$$P-14 = [ 420.468 - 0.83(157.964) ] / 0.50 = \underline{\underline{578.716 \text{ mol/hr}}}$$

3<sup>rd</sup> stage hydrate process:

CO<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.83(P-12) = 0.70(P-16) + 0.99(P-19)$$

$$0.83(157.964) = 0.70(P-16) + 0.99(P-19)$$

$$131.11 = 0.70(P-16) + 0.99(P-19) \quad (12)$$

N<sub>2</sub>:



$$0.17(P-12) = 0.30(P-16) + 0.01(P-19)$$

$$0.17(157.964) = 0.30(P-16) + 0.01(P-19)$$

$$26.854 = 0.30(P-16) + 0.01(P-19) \quad (13)$$

H<sub>2</sub>O:

$$1.00(P-15) = 1.00(P-17) \quad (14) \quad \text{balance H}_2\text{O can be ignored}$$

$$P-16 = [ 131.11 - 0.99(P-19) ] / 0.70 \quad (15)$$

(15) substituted into (13):

$$26.854 = 0.30 \times [ \{ 131.11 - 0.99(P-19) \} / 0.70 ] + 0.01(P-19)$$

$$26.854 = 0.43 \times [ 131.11 - 0.99(P-19) ] + 0.01(P-19)$$

$$26.854 = 56.19 - 0.4257(P-19) + 0.01(P-19)$$

$$-29.336 = -0.4157(P-19)$$

$$P-19 = \underline{70.57 \text{ mol/hr}}$$

$$P-16 = [ 131.11 - 0.99(70.57) ] / 0.70 = \underline{87.494 \text{ mol/hr}}$$

### Hydrates produced

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ stage crystallization: } P-4 = P-6 + P-7 = 744.68 + 3333.333 = \underline{4078.01 \text{ mol/hr}}$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ stage crystallization: } P-11 = P-9 + P-12 = 3333.333 + 157.964 = \underline{3491.294 \text{ mol/hr}}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ stage crystallization: } P-18 = P-15 + P-19 = 3333.333 + 70.57 = \underline{3403.9 \text{ mol/hr}}$$

All balances calculation is tabulated as below:

Streams	Components	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	TOTAL	REMARKS
P-1	mol fraction	0.17	0.83	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	850	4150	0	5000	
P-2	mol fraction	0	0	1	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3333	3333	
P-4	mol fraction	x1	y1	z1	1	HYDRATE
	flowrate (mol/h)				4078.01	
P-5	mol fraction	0.1	0.9	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	407.801	3670.209	0	4255.324	
P-6	mol fraction	0.57	0.43	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	424.468	320.212	0	744.68	
P-7	mol fraction	0	0	1	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3333	3333	
P-8	mol fraction	0	0	1	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3333	3333	
P-9	mol fraction	0	0	1	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3333	3333	
P-11	mol fraction	x2	y2	z2	1	HYDRATE
	flowrate (mol/h)				3491.294	
P-12	mol fraction	0.83	0.17	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	131.110	26.854	0	157.964	
P-14	mol fraction	0.50	0.50	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	289.358	289.358	0	578.716	
P-15	mol fraction	0	0	1	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3333	3333	
P-16	mol fraction	0.70	0.30	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	61.246	26.248	0	87.494	
P-17	mol fraction	0	0	1	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3333	3333	
P-18	mol fraction	x3	y3	z3	1	HYDRATE
	flowrate (mol/h)				3403.9	
P-19	mol fraction	0.99	0.01	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	69.864	0.706	0	70.57	

TABLE 4.1 Mass balance of hydrate process (without THF)

FIGURE 4.7 Process flow diagrams (with THF)

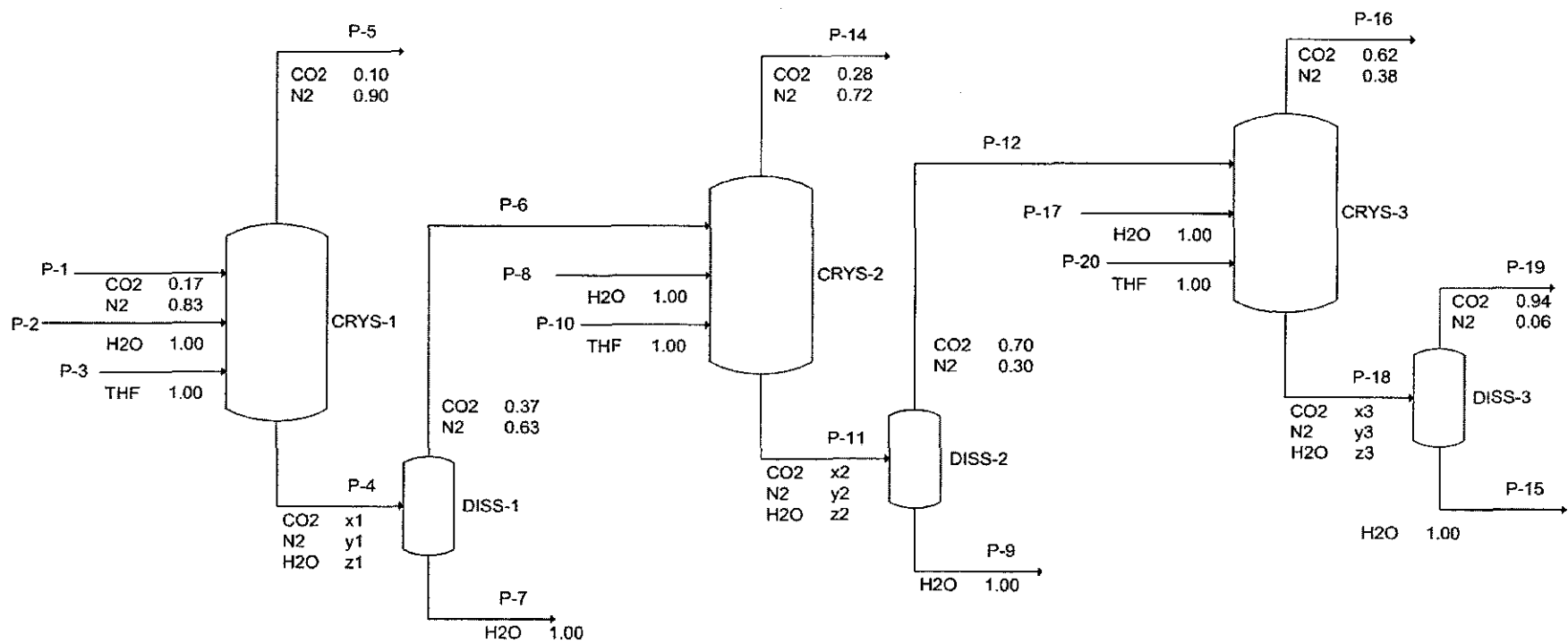
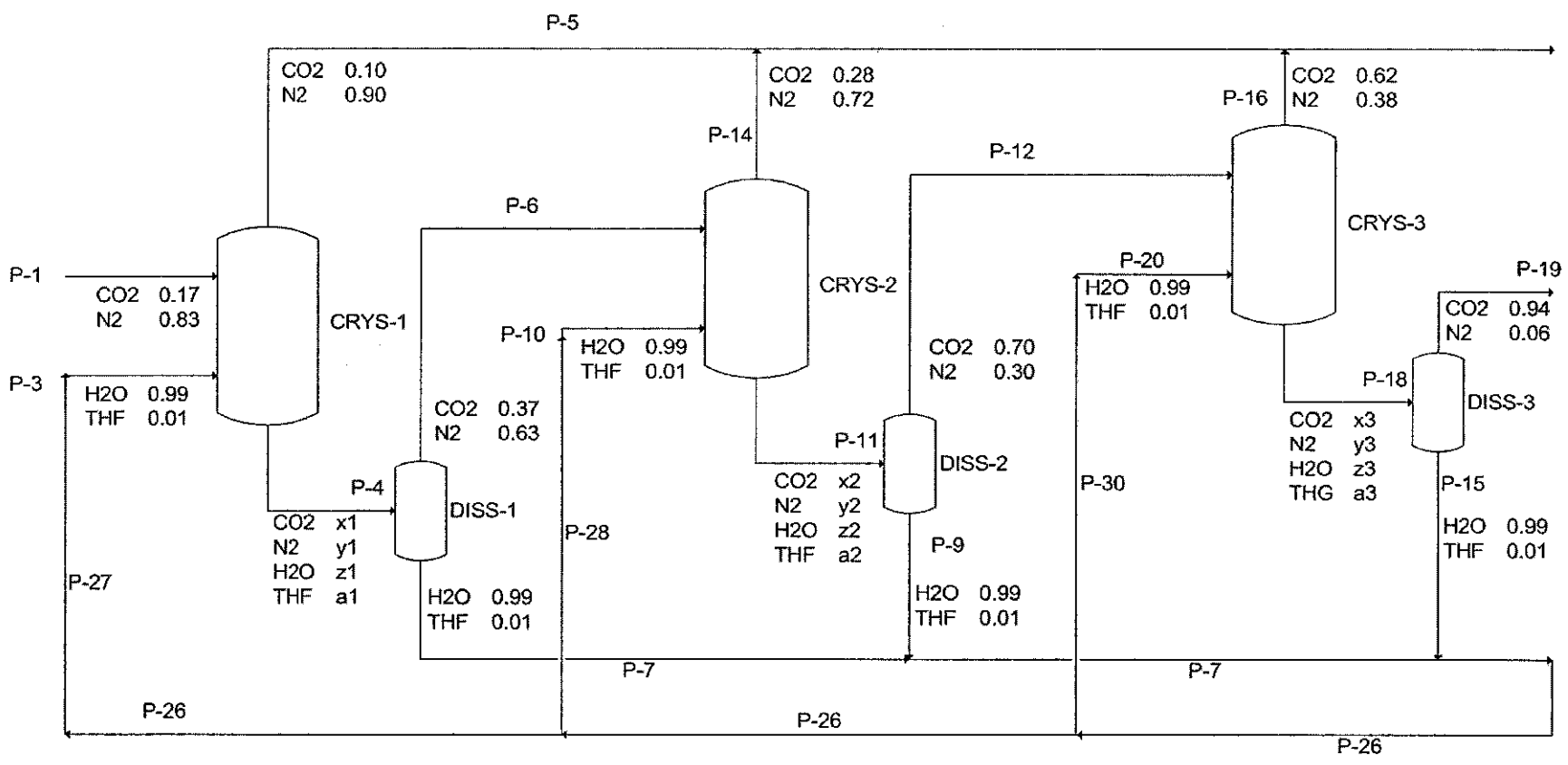


FIGURE 4.8 Process flow diagrams (with THF + recycle streams)



### 4.3.2 Mass Balance Equation for System With THF

As for system with 1 mol% THF, the mass balances are done using the same substitution method as for system without THF with the same basis of flue gas and fresh water. The difference is only it is assumed in this system the 1-mol% THF is mixed with water before entering the crystallizer. Thus, if 3333.333 mol/hr mixture of water and THF is entering each crystallizer, 1 mol% THF will give 33.333 mol/hr of THF and 99% water will give 3299.999 mol/hr. THF cannot be released into the environment so the after the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage crystallization, the effluent consist of water and THF will be separated first so that THF can be recycled back to the feed. The recycle stream must be considered in the real design as for safety issue. For the mass balance, the recycle loop is ignored to ease the calculation.

Overall:

$$\mathbf{P-1 + P-3 = P-5 + P-6 + P-7} \quad (1)$$

$$5000 + 3333.333 = P-5 + P-6 + 3333.333$$

$$\mathbf{P-6 + P-10 = P-9 + P-12 + P-14} \quad (2)$$

$$P-6 + 3333.333 = 3333.333 + P-12 + P-14$$

$$\mathbf{P-12 + P-20 = P-15 + P-16 + P-19} \quad (3)$$

$$P-12 + 3333.333 = 3333.333 + P-16 + P-19$$

1<sup>st</sup> stage hydrate process:

CO<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.17(P-1) = 0.10(P-5) + 0.37(P-6)$$

$$0.17(5000) = 0.10(P-5) + 0.37(P-6)$$

$$\mathbf{850 = 0.10(P-5) + 0.37(P-6)} \quad (4)$$

N<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.83(P-1) = 0.90(P-5) + 0.63(P-6)$$

$$0.83(5000) = 0.90(P-5) + 0.63(P-6)$$

$$\mathbf{4150 = 0.90(P-5) + 0.63(P-6)} \quad (5)$$

H<sub>2</sub>O:

$$0.99(P-3) = 0.99(P-7) \quad (6) \quad \text{balance of H}_2\text{O can be ignored}$$

THF:

$$0.01(P-3) = 0.01(P-7) \quad (7) \quad \text{balance of THF can be ignored}$$

$$P-5 = [ 850 - 0.37(P-6) ] / 0.10 \quad (8)$$

(7) substituted into (5):

$$4150 = 0.90 \times [ \{ 850 - 0.37(P-6) \} / 0.10 ] + 0.63(P-6)$$

$$4150 = 9 \times [ 850 - 0.37(P-6) ] + 0.63(P-6)$$

$$4150 = 7650 - 3.33(P-6) + 0.63(P-6)$$

$$-3500 = -2.7(P-6)$$

$$P-6 = \underline{\underline{1296.296 \text{ mol/hr}}}$$

$$P-5 = [ 850 - 0.37(1296.296) ] / 0.10 = \underline{\underline{3703.704 \text{ mol/hr}}}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> stage hydrate process:

CO<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.37(P-6) = 0.70(P-12) + 0.28(P-14)$$

$$0.37(1296.296) = 0.70(P-12) + 0.28(P-14)$$

$$479.63 = 0.70(P-12) + 0.28(P-14) \quad (9)$$

N<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.63(P-6) = 0.30(P-12) + 0.72(P-14)$$

$$0.63(1296.296) = 0.30(P-12) + 0.72(P-14)$$

$$816.67 = 0.30(P-12) + 0.72(P-14) \quad (10)$$

H<sub>2</sub>O:

$$0.99(P-10) = 0.99(P-9) \quad (11) \quad \text{balance H}_2\text{O can be ignored}$$

THF:

$$0.01(P-10) = 0.01(P-9)$$

$$P-12 = [ 479.63 - 0.28(P-14) ] / 0.70 \quad (12)$$

(12) substituted into (10):

$$816.67 = 0.72(P-14) + 0.30 \times [ \{479.63 - 0.28(P-14)\} / 0.70 ]$$

$$816.67 = 0.72(P-14) + 0.43 \times [ 479.63 - 0.28(P-14) ]$$

$$816.67 = 0.72(P-14) + 206.241 - 0.1204(P-14)$$

$$610.429 = 0.5996(P-14)$$

$$P-14 = \underline{1018.06 \text{ mol/hr}}$$

$$P-12 = [ 479.63 - 0.28(1018.06) ] / 0.70 = \underline{278.236 \text{ mol/hr}}$$

3<sup>rd</sup> stage hydrate process:

CO<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.70(P-12) = 0.62(P-16) + 0.94(P-19)$$

$$0.70(278.236) = 0.62(P-16) + 0.94(P-19)$$

$$194.765 = 0.62(P-16) + 0.94(P-19) \quad (13)$$

N<sub>2</sub>:

$$0.30(P-12) = 0.38(P-16) + 0.06(P-19)$$

$$0.30(278.236) = 0.38(P-16) + 0.06(P-19)$$

$$83.471 = 0.38(P-16) + 0.06(P-19) \quad (14)$$

H<sub>2</sub>O:

$$0.99(P-20) = 0.99(P-15) \quad (15) \quad \text{balance H}_2\text{O can be ignored}$$

THF:

$$0.01(P-20) = 0.01(P-15) \quad (16)$$

$$P-19 = [ 194.765 - 0.62(P-16) ] / 0.94 \quad (17)$$

(17) substituted into (14):

$$83.471 = 0.06 \times [ \{194.765 - 0.62(P-16)\} / 0.94 ] + 0.38(P-16)$$

$$83.471 = 0.064 \times [194.765 - 0.62(P-16)] + 0.38(P-16)$$

$$83.471 = 12.465 - 0.04(P-16) + 0.38(P-16)$$

$$71.01 = 0.34(P-16)$$

$$\mathbf{P-16 = \underline{208.85 \text{ mol/hr}}}$$

$$P-19 = [ 194.765 - 0.62(208.85) ] / 0.94 ] = \mathbf{\underline{69.38 \text{ mol/hr}}}$$

#### Hydrates produced

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ stage crystallization: } P-4 = P-6 + P-7 = 1296.296 + 3333.333 = \mathbf{\underline{4629.629 \text{ mol/hr}}}$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ stage crystallization: } P-11 = P-9 + P-12 = 3333.333 + 278.236 = \mathbf{\underline{3611.569 \text{ mol/hr}}}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ stage crystallization: } P-18 = P-15 + P-19 = 3333.333 + 69.38 = \mathbf{\underline{3402.713 \text{ mol/hr}}}$$



All balances calculation is tabulated as below:

Streams	Components	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	THF	TOTAL	REMARKS
P-1	mol fraction	0.17	0.83	0	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	850	4150	0	0	5000	
P-3	mol fraction	0	0	0.99	0.01	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3299	33	3333	
P-4	mol fraction	x1	y1	z1	1	1	HYDRATE
	flowrate (mol/h)					4629.629	
P-5	mol fraction	0.1	0.9	0	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	370.3704	3333.334	0	0	3703.704	
P-6	mol fraction	0.37	0.63	0	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	479.62952	816.6665	0	0	1296.296	
P-7	mol fraction	0	0	0.99	0.01	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3299	33	3333	
P-9	mol fraction	0	0	0.99	0.01	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3299	33	3333	
P-10	mol fraction	0	0	0.99	0.01	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3299	33	3333	
P-11	mol fraction	x2	y2	z2	1	1	HYDRATE
	flowrate (mol/h)					3611.569	
P-12	mol fraction	0.7	0.3	0	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	194.7652	83.4708	0	0	278.236	
P-14	mol fraction	0.28	0.72	0	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	285.10608	733.1299	0	0	1018.236	
P-15	mol fraction	0	0	0.99	0.01	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3299	33	3333	
P-16	mol fraction	0.62	0.38	0	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	129.487	79.363	0	0	208.85	
P-18	mol fraction	x3	y3	z3	1	1	HYDRATE
	flowrate (mol/h)					3402.713	
P-19	mol fraction	0.94	0.06	0	0	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	65.2172	4.1628	0	0	69.38	
P-20	mol fraction	0	0	0.99	0.01	1	
	flowrate (mol/h)	0	0	3299	33	3333	

TABLE 4.2 Mass balance of hydrate process (with THF)

## 4.4 Economics

Economics template from CHEMCAD maybe adopted in this project to evaluate the economics. As an example, the costing for crystallizer can be estimated as shown below. The costing for other equipments are included in the detailed economic section.

### *Costing Results*

#### Without THF

##### Preliminary Crystallizers Cost Estimation

Crystallizerr Cost for Equip. 1

Material = Mild steel

fm = 1

External forced circulation

Base cost index = 347.5

Current cost index = 616.6

Purchase cost = \$187672

Installed cost = \$187672

Crystallizerr Cost for Equip. 6

Material = Mild steel

fm = 1

External forced circulation

Base cost index = 347.5

Current cost index = 616.6

Purchase cost = \$154381

Installed cost = \$293325

Crystallizerr Cost for Equip. 7

Material = Mild steel

fm = 1

External forced circulation

Base cost index = 347.5

Current cost index = 616.6

Purchase cost = \$154788

Installed cost = \$294097

**Total Crystallizers Cost = \$187672 + \$293325 + \$294097 = \$775094**

With 1 mol% THF

Preliminary Crystallizers Cost Estimation

Crystallizerr Cost for Equip. 1

Material = Mild steel

fm = 1

External forced circulation

Base cost index = 347.5

Current cost index = 616.6

Purchase cost = \$187673

Installed cost = \$187673

Crystallizerr Cost for Equip. 6

Material = Mild steel

fm = 1

External forced circulation

Base cost index = 347.5

Current cost index = 616.6

Purchase cost = \$154381

Installed cost = \$154381

Crystallizerr Cost for Equip. 7

Material = Mild steel

fm = 1

External forced circulation

Base cost index = 347.5

Current cost index = 616.6

Purchase cost = \$154788

Installed cost = \$154788

**Total Crystallizers Cost = \$187673 + \$154381+ \$154788= \$496842**

Since there is convergence problem around the crystallizer, the CHEMCAD is not able to calculate the cost of crystallizer, therefore using Costing Tool in

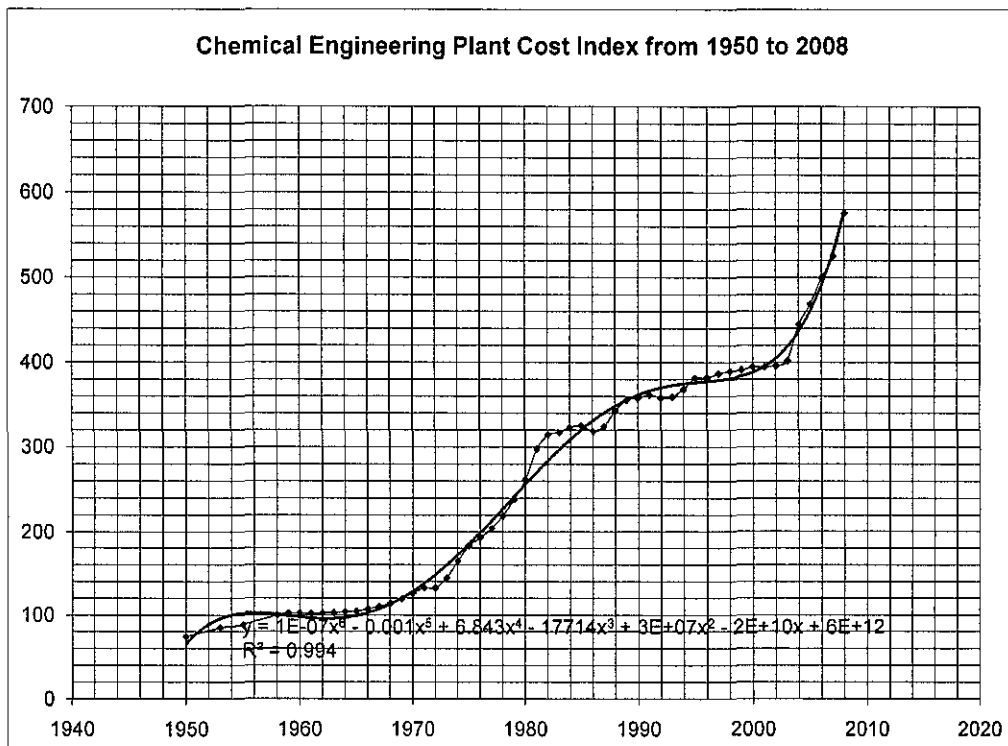
CHEMCAD, the costs show above are manually added to the cost of other equipments as calculated by CHEMCAD. Therefore, the total equipments cost for both system will be;

$$\text{System without THF: } \$775,094 + \$343,953 = \$1,119,037$$

$$\text{System with THF: } \$496,842 + \$292,750 = \$789,592$$

From this calculation of crystallizers which is the major part of this hydrate process, it can be preliminary concluded that the cost for system without THF is higher than the system with THF. However, to verify this, the results of detailed economic estimates are shown in the next section and be interpreted.

The cost index or called as Chemical Plant Index (CPI) of the latest must be entered as an input for the software. Then the preliminary costing can be estimated as for both purchase and installed cost. The CPI is varied and **FIGURE 4.9** shows the trend from the earlier years.



**FIGURE 4.9** Trend of Chemical Engineering Plant Cost Index from 1950 to 2008. From the trendline equation generated, the cost index for current or next few years may be estimated.

1/May/2009	Final	509.1	CEPCI
Detailed breakdown for Mar/2009 (Final)			
<b>Equipment</b>		616.6	
Heat Exchangers and Tanks		563.2	
Process Machinery		597.3	
Pipe, valves and fittings		761.0	
Process Instruments		385.1	
Pumps and Compressors		898.0	
Electrical Equipment		459.6	
Structural Supports & Misc.		636.1	
<b>Construction Labour</b>		325.7	
<b>Buildings</b>		494.9	
<b>Engineering &amp; Supervision</b>		349.0	

**TABLE 4.3** Chemical Engineering Plant Cost Index (CEPCI) as in March 2009

In gas capture by hydrate technology, there are only two chemical products: water and hydrate promoter which is tetrahydrofuran (THF). There is nearly no loss of water and THF because THF and water exist in liquid and solid states during the production phase. There might be a very little loss of chemical products that is carried by gas flow. After hydrate dissociation to capture CO<sub>2</sub>, the THF and water (in liquid state) will come back to the hydrate crystallizer to begin a new production cycle.

#### 4.5 Detailed Economics Result

This section provides result generated from CHEMCAD simulation based on cost data and process input. Some cost input need to be done manually since the CHEMCAD simulation does not effectively reliable in terms of crystallizer design and operation. For system without THF, there are two cases which the first case deals with negative present value while the second case deals with positive present value which is more preferable in terms of economic. The summary of equipment cost shown does not include the cost of crystallizer which has been manually added beforehand.

System Without THF (Case 1 – Negative Present Value with 10% projected cost increase and 15% projected revenue increase)

<b>Executive Summary</b>	
Total Plant Cost	3692822
Raw Materials Cost	100000
By-product Credit	0
Raw Materials Cost (final?)	110000
Cost to Manufacture	2104262
Product Revenues	2000000
Income before tax	-149262
Income tax	-74631
Income after tax	-74631
Return on Investment	4.92
Length of project (yrs)	10.00
Payout time (yr)	7.76
Rate of Return (%)	8.11

**TABLE 4.4** Summary of hydrate process economics (without THF – Case 1)

Summary of Equipment Costs			
Unit ID	Unit Name	Unit Type	Equipment Cost
2		Compressors	86,758
3		Compressors	43,007
4		Heat Exchangers	3,734
8		Compressors	35,388
9		Heat Exchangers	4,433
10		Heat Exchangers	2,787
11		Compressors	25,634
12		Drums & Vessels	35,620
13		Drums & Vessels	35,620
14		Drums & Vessels	35,620
17		Heat Exchangers	4,433
18		Heat Exchangers	4,433
19		Heat Exchangers	2,787
20		Pumps	7,168
21		Pumps	7,718
22		Pumps	8,803

**TABLE 4.5** Summary of equipment costs (without THF – Case 1)

TOTAL PROJECT COST - DETAILED ESTIMATE		
		\$/yr
Total Major Equipment Cost		1,119,037
Installation		167,856
Piping		503,567
Instrumentation		111,904
Building & Structure		111,904
Auxillaries		279,759
Outside Lines		167,856
Total Direct Cost		2,461,882
Engineering & Construction		738,564
Contingencies		492,376
Total Plant Cost		3,692,822
	MANUFACTURING COST	
Raw Materials		100,000
Credit from By-products		0
Net Raw Materials		110,000
DIRECT EXPENSES		
Utilities		0
Labor		637,200
Supplies		73,856
Maintenance		369,282
Office & Service Overhead		270,000

Laboratory	90,000
Royalties	0
Other Direct Expenses	0
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>	
Property Taxes	184,641
Depreciation	369,282
Total Manufacturing Cost	2,104,262

**TABLE 4.6** Total project cost (without THF – Case 1)

CAPITAL COST ANALYSIS	
	\$/yr
Total New Property (Fixed Capital)	3,692,822
Total Allocated Property	1,292,488
Gross Fixed Investment	4,985,310
Working Capital	690,000
Corporate Capital Allocation	115,000
Gross Investment	5,790,310
Total Revenues	2,000,000
Cost of Goods Manufactured	2,104,262
Cost of Selling Goods	115,000
Total Cost of Goods Sold	2,219,262
SARE (Sales, Admin, R&D Expense)	230,000
Income Before Tax	-149,262
Income Tax	-74,631
Income After Tax	-74,631
Return on Investment, %	4.92

**TABLE 4.7** Capital cost analysis (without THF – Case 1)



Year	Income AFIT	Depreciation	Working Capital	Salvage Value	Total Inflow
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	-74.6	369.3	0.0	0.0	294.7
2	66.5	369.3	0.0	0.0	435.8
3	229.1	369.3	0.0	0.0	598.3
4	416.3	369.3	0.0	0.0	785.6
5	416.3	369.3	0.0	0.0	785.6
6	416.3	369.3	0.0	0.0	785.6
7	416.3	369.3	0.0	0.0	785.6
8	416.3	369.3	0.0	0.0	785.6
9	416.3	369.3	0.0	0.0	785.6
10	416.3	369.3	690.0	73.9	1475.6

Year	Fixed Capital	Working Capital	Startup Expense AFIT	Total Outflow	Cashflow (IN - OUT)
0	3692.8	690.0	277.0	4659.8	-4659.8
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	294.7
2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	435.8
3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	598.3
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	785.6
5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	785.6
6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	785.6
7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	785.6
8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	785.6
9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	785.6
10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1475.6

Payout Time (years)	7.8
Rate of Return (%)	8.1
Present Value (\$M)	-849.3

**TABLE 4.8** Cash flow (without THF – Case 1)

System Without THF (Case 2 – Positive Present Value with 15% projected cost increase and 20% projected revenue increase)

Executive Summary	
Total Plant Cost	3692822
Raw Materials Cost	100000
By-product Credit	0
Raw Materials Cost (final?)	115000
Cost to Manufacture	2109262
Product Revenues	2000000
Income before tax	-69262
Income tax	-34631
Income after tax	-34631
Return on Investment	8.22
Length of project (yrs)	10.00
Payout time	5.08
Rate of Return (%)	12.88

**TABLE 4.9** Summary of hydrate process economics (without THF – Case 2)

Summary of Equipment Costs			
Unit ID	Unit Name	Unit Type	Equipment Cost
2		Compressors	86,758
3		Compressors	43,007
4		Heat Exchangers	3,734
8		Compressors	35,388
9		Heat Exchangers	4,433
10		Heat Exchangers	2,787
11		Compressors	25,634
12		Drums & Vessels	35,620
13		Drums & Vessels	35,620
14		Drums & Vessels	35,620
17		Heat Exchangers	4,433
18		Heat Exchangers	4,433
19		Heat Exchangers	2,787
20		Pumps	7,168
21		Pumps	7,718
22		Pumps	8,803

**TABLE 4.10** Summary of equipment costs (without THF – Case 2)

TOTAL PROJECT COST - DETAILED ESTIMATE	
	\$/yr
Total Major Equipment Cost	1,119,037
Installation	167,856
Piping	503,567
Instrumentation	111,904
Building & Structure	111,904
Auxillaries	279,759
Outside Lines	167,856
 Total Direct Cost	 2,461,882
Engineering & Construction	738,564
Contingencies	492,376
 Total Plant Cost	 3,692,822
MANUFACTURING COST	
Raw Materials	100,000
Credit from By-products	0
 Net Raw Materials	 115,000
 DIRECT EXPENSES	
Utilities	0
Labor	637,200
Supplies	73,856
Maintenance	369,282
Office & Service Overhead	270,000
Laboratory	90,000
Royalties	0
Other Direct Expenses	0
 INDIRECT EXPENSES	
Property Taxes	184,641
Depreciation	369,282
 Total Manufacturing Cost	 2,109,262

**TABLE 4.11** Total project cost (without THF – Case 2)

CAPITAL COST ANALYSIS	
	\$/yr
Total New Property (Fixed Capital)	3,692,822
Total Allocated Property	1,292,488
Gross Fixed Investment	4,985,310
Working Capital	720,000
Corporate Capital Allocation	120,000
Gross Investment	5,825,310
Total Revenues	2,000,000
Cost of Goods Manufactured	2,109,262
Cost of Selling Goods	120,000
Total Cost of Goods Sold	2,229,262
SARE (Sales, Admin, R&D Expense)	240,000
Income Before Tax	-69,262
Income Tax	-34,631
Income After Tax	-34,631
Return on Investment, %	8.22

**TABLE 4.12** Capital cost analysis (without THF – Case 2)

Year	Income AFIT	Depreciation	Working Capital	Salvage Value	Total Inflow
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	-34.6	369.3	0.0	0.0	334.7
2	160.7	369.3	0.0	0.0	530.0
3	395.6	369.3	0.0	0.0	764.9
4	678.0	369.3	0.0	0.0	1047.3
5	678.0	369.3	0.0	0.0	1047.3
6	678.0	369.3	0.0	0.0	1047.3
7	678.0	369.3	0.0	0.0	1047.3
8	678.0	369.3	0.0	0.0	1047.3
9	678.0	369.3	0.0	0.0	1047.3
10	678.0	369.3	720.0	73.9	1767.3

Year	Fixed Capital	Working Capital	Startup Expense AFIT	Total Outflow	Cashflow (IN - OUT)
0	3692.8	720.0	277.0	4689.8	-4689.8
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	334.7
2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	530.0
3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	764.9
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1047.3
5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1047.3
6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1047.3
7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1047.3
8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1047.3
9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1047.3
10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1767.3

Payout Time (years)	5.1
Rate of Return (%)	12.9
Present Value (\$M)	209.7

**TABLE 4.13** Cash flow (without THF – Case 2)

System With 1 mol% THF

Executive Summary	
Total Plant Cost	2605654
Raw Materials Cost	150000
By-product Credit	0
Raw Materials Cost (final?)	165000
Cost to Manufacture	1865727
Product Revenues	2000000
Income before tax	89274
Income tax	44637
Income after tax	44637
Return on Investment	8.95
Length of project (yrs)	10.00
Payout time	5.28
Rate of Return (%)	13.94

**TABLE 4.14** Summary of hydrate process economics (with THF)

Summary of Equipment Costs			
Unit ID	Unit Name	Unit Type	Equipment Cost
2		Compressors	86,758
3		Compressors	49,644
4		Pumps	6,111
8		Heat Exchangers	3,913
9		Heat Exchangers	3,913
10		Heat Exchangers	3,913
11		Heat Exchangers	3,913
12		Drums & Vessels	35,620
13		Drums & Vessels	35,620
14		Drums & Vessels	35,620
17		Pumps	23,812
18		Heat Exchangers	3,913

**TABLE 4.15** Summary of equipment costs (with THF)

TOTAL PROJECT COST - DETAILED ESTIMATE		\$/yr
Total Major Equipment Cost		789,592
Installation		118,439
Piping		355,316
Instrumentation		78,959
Building & Structure		78,959
Auxillaries		197,398
Outside Lines		118,439
<b>Total Direct Cost</b>		<b>1,737,102</b>
Engineering & Construction		521,131
Contingencies		347,420
<b>Total Plant Cost</b>		<b>2,605,654</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING COST</b>		
Raw Materials		150,000
Credit from By-products		0
Net Raw Materials		165,000
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		
Utilities		0
Labor		637,200
Supplies		52,113
Maintenance		260,565
Office & Service Overhead		270,000
Laboratory		90,000
Royalties		0
Other Direct Expenses		0
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>		
Property Taxes		130,283
Depreciation		260,565
<b>Total Manufacturing Cost</b>		<b>1,865,727</b>

**TABLE 4.16** Total project cost (with THF)

CAPITAL COST ANALYSIS	
	\$/yr
Total New Property (Fixed Capital)	2,605,654
Total Allocated Property	911,979
Gross Fixed Investment	3,517,632
Working Capital	690,000
Corporate Capital Allocation	115,000
Gross Investment	4,322,632
Total Revenues	2,000,000
Cost of Goods Manufactured	1,865,727
Cost of Selling Goods	115,000
Total Cost of Goods Sold	1,980,727
SARE (Sales, Admin, R&D Expense)	230,000
Income Before Tax	89,274
Income Tax	44,637
Income After Tax	44,637
Return on Investment, %	8.95

**TABLE 4.17** Capital cost analysis (with THF)



Year	Income AFIT	Depreciation	Working Capital	Salvage Value	Total Inflow
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	44.6	260.6	0.0	0.0	305.2
2	183.0	260.6	0.0	0.0	443.6
3	342.6	260.6	0.0	0.0	603.1
4	526.5	260.6	0.0	0.0	787.0
5	526.5	260.6	0.0	0.0	787.0
6	526.5	260.6	0.0	0.0	787.0
7	526.5	260.6	0.0	0.0	787.0
8	526.5	260.6	0.0	0.0	787.0
9	526.5	260.6	0.0	0.0	787.0
10	526.5	260.6	690.0	52.1	1477.0

Year	Fixed Capital	Working Capital	Startup Expense AFIT	Total Outflow	Cashflow (IN - OUT)
0	2605.7	690.0	195.4	3491.1	-3491.1
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	305.2
2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	443.6
3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	603.1
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	787.0
5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	787.0
6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	787.0
7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	787.0
8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	787.0
9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	787.0
10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1477.0

Payout Time (years)                      5.3  
Rate of Return (%)                            13.9  
Present Value (\$M)                            343.1

**TABLE 4.18** Cash flow (with THF)

	System without THF	System with THF
Total major equipments cost (\$/yr)	1,119,037	789,592
Total plant cost (\$/yr)	3,692,822	2,605,654
Total manufacturing cost (\$/yr)	2,104,262	1,865,727
Total capital cost (\$/yr)	5,790,310	4,322,632
Payout time (yr)	7.8	5.3
Return on investment (%)	4.92	8.95
Rate of return (%)	8.1	13.9
Present value (\$million)	-849.3	343.1

**TABLE 4.19** Summary of costs for both systems

From TABLE 4.19, it is shown that the cost for system without THF is higher than the system with THF. The reduction in cost is significantly due to the lower compression requirement at which the hydrate formation pressure is lowered by the addition of THF into the process. The system without THF needs at least four compression stages while for system with THF needs only two compression stages. However, the cost of raw material is increased for system with THF but this does not affect the overall cost of the process since the cost of crystallizers for system without THF is much higher. Significantly, higher pressure affects the design and sizing of the crystallizer vessels. In addition from this result, it can be said that the process with THF is economically feasible if compared to system without THF.

#### **4.5 Concluding Remarks**

Based from the literatures, it can be said that the development of this hydrate based CO<sub>2</sub> recovery from the flue gas is still in the early stage. This is probably because the key issue of this hydrate process is to find the lowest possible pressure requirement.

A common problem during simulation is underspecified operating conditions. CHEMCAD is not reliable for process design calculation for hydrate process, but applicable in cost estimation. CHEMCAD is used only to help generate detailed cost estimate. Special process simulation software for hydrate process should be developed so that the detailed and more accurate process design can be developed. This project should also be optimized later on before estimating the cost and then be compared with current conventional process - absorption in MEA

Another challenge is regarding the accuracy of the process simulation. In order to tackle this issue, thorough literature reviews and references should be done properly and thoroughly.

## CONCLUSION

As a conclusion, the CO<sub>2</sub> recovery from flue gas via hydrate formation has potential advantages in terms of economics and environmental aspects if it is studied thoroughly. The thermodynamics of CO<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub> hydrate system are verified by modeling means using CSMGem. The process design is done by CHEMCAD and proven not reliable for mass balance of hydrate process, but can help to generate the cost estimates. The costs are estimated and the system with THF is cheaper than the system without THF due to its lower pressure requirement and compression stages.

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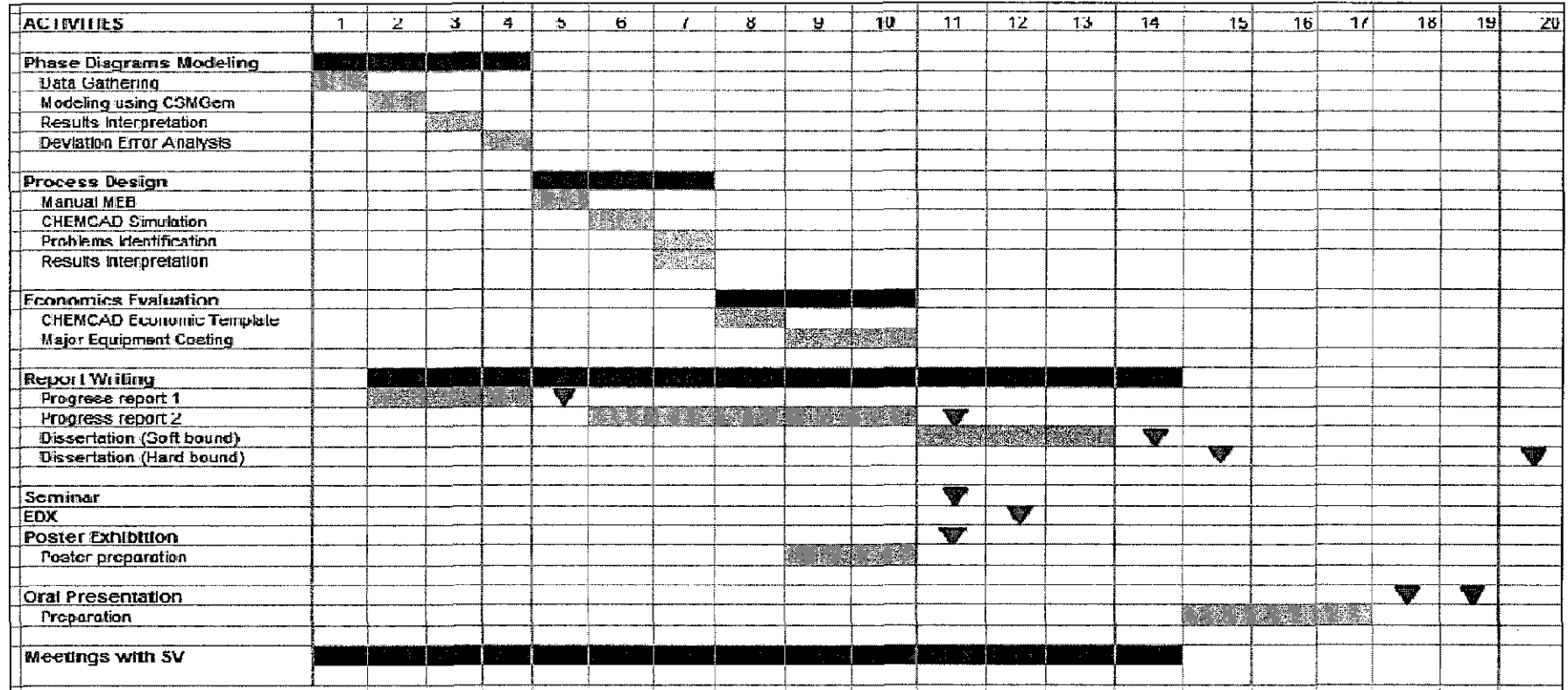
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# APPENDICES

## APPENDIX A: FYP 2 Gantt Chart

TITLE: Economic Evaluation of CO<sub>2</sub> Recovery from Flue Gas Using Gas Hydrate



**APPENDIX B1: CO<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub> Hydrate Lw-H-V Phase Equilibrium Experimental Data and CSMGem Modeling Result**

Hydrate: Nitrogen + carbon dioxide			
Reference: Kang et al. (2001)			
Phases: LW-H-V			
xCO <sub>2</sub> (loading)	T (K)	P (MPa)	P CSM (MPa)
0.9659	274.95	1.565	1.5878
	280.25	2.9	3.1158
	282.55	4	4.4028
	283.55	5.115	6.6328
0.778	274	2	1.7375
	276.15	2.6	2.2597
	280.65	4.225	4.1297
	283.45	6.45	6.7807
0.4815	284.25	7.445	9.3946
	273.75	3.195	2.6234
	279	5.867	5.2523
	281	7.449	7.1846
0.1761	282	8.975	8.5966
	272.85	7.24	5.4428
	274.05	8.12	6.3479
	277.45	10.65	10.088
0.1159	278.65	11.748	12.023
	280.55	14.22	16.09
	274.25	11.02	8.6806
	275.65	13.87	10.426
0.0063	277.6	18.1	13.573
	278.95	22.23	16.375
	273.95	14.085	17.216
	274.55	15.4	18.297
	277	20.68	23.477
	278.25	24.12	26.664

**APPENDIX B2: CO<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub> Hydrate Lw-H-V Pressure-Composition Data for different temperatures**

T (K)	x	P
275	0.0063	19.2
	0.1159	9.5
	0.1761	7.4
	0.4815	3.1
	0.778	2
	0.9659	1.7
276	0.0063	21.2
	0.1159	11
	0.1761	8.4
	0.4815	3.7
	0.778	2.2
	0.9659	1.9
277	0.0063	23.4
	0.1159	12.5
	0.1761	9.5
	0.4815	4.1
	0.778	2.5
	0.9659	2.1
278	0.0063	26
	0.1159	14.3
	0.1761	10.8
	0.4815	4.7
	0.778	3
	0.9659	2.4
279	0.0063	
	0.1159	16.2
	0.1761	12.7
	0.4815	5.2
	0.778	3.3
	0.9659	2.7
280	0.0063	
	0.1159	
	0.1761	15
	0.4815	6
	0.778	3.8
	0.9659	3



# APPENDIX C1: Streams Composition for CHEMCAD Process Simulation

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Job Name: hydrate\_process\_noTHF Date: 05/04/2010 Time: 17:12:32

Stream No.	1	2	3	4
Stream Name				
Temp C	25.0000*	335.3851	0.6000	129.2060
Pres MPa	0.1000*	1.0000	7.5000	2.5000
Enth MMBtu/h	-0.31708	-0.27028	-3.1723	-0.30229
Vapor mole fraction	1.0000	1.0000	0.00000	1.0000
Total gmol/h	5000.0001	5000.0001	11618.7191	5000.0001
Total g/h	153666.6106	153666.6106	209825.3825	153666.6106
Total std L ft3/hr	6.6780	6.6780	7.4164	6.6780
Total std V scfh	3957.65	3957.65	9196.57	3957.65
Component mole fractions				
Carbon Dioxide	0.170000	0.170000	0.001701	0.170000
Nitrogen	0.830000	0.830000	0.000003	0.830000
Water	0.000000	0.000000	0.998296	0.000000

Stream No.	5	6	7	8
Stream Name				
Temp C	25.0000	25.0000	101.7977	25.0000
Pres MPa	1.0000	2.5000	5.0000	5.0000
Enth MMBtu/h	-0.31752	-0.31823	-0.30711	-0.31937
Vapor mole fraction	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Total gmol/h	5000.0001	5000.0001	5000.0001	5000.0001
Total g/h	153666.6106	153666.6106	153666.6106	153666.6106
Total std L ft3/hr	6.6780	6.6780	6.6780	6.6780
Total std V scfh	3957.65	3957.65	3957.65	3957.65
Component mole fractions				
Carbon Dioxide	0.170000	0.170000	0.170000	0.170000
Nitrogen	0.830000	0.830000	0.830000	0.830000
Water	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000

Stream No.	9	10	11	12
Stream Name				
Temp C	0.6000	0.6000	70.7171	0.6000
Pres MPa	7.5000	5.0000	7.5000	7.5000
Enth MMBtu/h	0.00000	-0.90037	-0.31277	-3.1723
Vapor mole fraction	1.0000	0.00000	1.0000	0.00000
Total gmol/h	0.0000	3300.0002	5000.0001	11618.7191
Total g/h	0.0000	59449.5037	153666.6106	209825.3825
Total std L ft3/hr	0.0000	2.0994	6.6780	7.4164
Total std V scfh	0.00	2612.05	3957.65	9196.57
Component mole fractions				
Carbon Dioxide	0.000000	0.000000	0.170000	0.001701
Nitrogen	0.000000	0.000000	0.830000	0.000003
Water	0.000000	1.000000	0.000000	0.998296

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Stream No.	13	14	15	16
Stream Name				
Temp C	0.6000	0.6000	25.0000*	0.6000
Pres MPa	5.0000	2.5000	0.1000*	2.5000
Enth MMBtu/h	0.00000	-0.92766	-2.7110	0.00000
Vapor mole fraction	1.0000	0.00000	0.00000	1.0000
Total gmol/h	0.0000	3400.0001	10000.0001	0.0000
Total g/h	0.0000	61251.0000	180150.0000	0.0000
Total std L ft3/hr	0.0000	2.1631	6.3619	0.0000
Total std V scfh	0.00	2691.20	7915.30	0.00
Component mole fractions				
Carbon Dioxide	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
Nitrogen	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
Water	0.000000	1.000000	1.000000	0.000000
Stream No.	17	18	19	20
Stream Name				
Temp C	25.0000	0.6000	0.6000	0.6000
Pres MPa	7.5000	7.5000	0.1000	5.0000
Enth MMBtu/h	-0.32045	-0.32473	-2.7284	-0.90037
Vapor mole fraction	1.0000	1.0000	0.00000	0.00000
Total gmol/h	5000.0001	5000.0001	10000.0001	3300.0002
Total g/h	153666.6106	153666.6106	180150.0000	59449.5037
Total std L ft3/hr	6.6780	6.6780	6.3619	2.0994
Total std V scfh	3957.65	3957.65	7915.30	2612.05
Component mole fractions				
Carbon Dioxide	0.170000	0.170000	0.000000	0.000000
Nitrogen	0.830000	0.830000	0.000000	0.000000
Water	0.000000	0.000000	1.000000	1.000000

Stream No.	21	22	23	24
Stream Name				
Temp C	0.6000	0.5932	0.6000	0.6000
Pres MPa	2.5000	2.5000	7.5000	5.0000
Enth MMBtu/h	-0.92766	-5.0003	-0.86283	0.00000
Vapor mole fraction	0.00000	5.6888E-006	1.0000	1.0000
Total gmol/h	3400.0001	18318.7182	7687.8036	0.0000
Total g/h	61251.0000	330526.0000	251725.6316	0.0000
Total std L ft3/hr	2.1631	11.6789	10.9005	0.0000
Total std V scfh	2691.20	14499.82	6085.13	0.00
Component mole fractions				
Carbon Dioxide	0.000000	0.001079	0.295756	0.000000
Nitrogen	0.000000	0.000002	0.704104	0.000000
Water	1.000000	0.998919	0.000141	0.000000

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Stream No.	25	26	27	28
Stream Name				
Temp C	0.6000	-23.0756	0.6000	2.8115
Pres MPa	2.5000	2.5000	0.1000	7.5000
Enth MMBtu/h	0.00000	-0.86283	-0.90037	-0.89985
Vapor mole fraction	1.0000	0.99991	0.00000	0.00000
Total gmol/h	0.0000	7687.8036	3300.0002	3300.0000
Total g/h	0.0000	251725.6039	59449.5037	59449.4968
Total std L ft3/hr	0.0000	10.9005	2.0994	2.0994
Total std V scfh	0.00	6085.13	2612.05	2612.05
Component mole fractions				
Carbon Dioxide	0.000000	0.295756	0.000000	0.000000
Nitrogen	0.000000	0.704104	0.000000	0.000000
Water	0.000000	0.000141	1.000000	1.000000
Stream No.	29	30	31	32
Stream Name				
Temp C	0.6000	0.6000	2.0643	1.3169
Pres MPa	0.1000	0.1000	5.0000	2.5000
Enth MMBtu/h	-0.90037	-0.92766	-0.90003	-0.92748
Vapor mole fraction	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Total gmol/h	3300.0002	3400.0001	3300.0000	3400.0001
Total g/h	59449.5037	61251.0000	59449.4968	61251.0000
Total std L ft3/hr	2.0994	2.1631	2.0994	2.1631
Total std V scfh	2612.05	2691.20	2612.05	2691.20
Component mole fractions				
Carbon Dioxide	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
Nitrogen	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
Water	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000

Job Name: hydrate\_process\_noTHF Date: 05/04/2010 Time: 17:21:15

Calculation mode : Sequential

Flash algorithm : Normal

Equipment Calculation Sequence

2 10 19 3 4 5 8 9 11 17 18 20 21 22 1 12 6 13  
7 14 15 16

No recycle loops in the flowsheet.

Run Time Error and Warning Messages:

\*\*\* Equip. 1 \*\*\*

Error: CRY5 did not converge.

\*\*\* Equip. 6 \*\*\*

\* Error: TPFLASH did not converge.

\* Uop 1, Check mass balance.

Stream 3 has two liquid phases.

Stream 12 has two liquid phases.

Stream 22 has two liquid phases.

Stream 26 has two liquid phases.

Job Name: hydrate\_process\_noTHF Date: 05/04/2010 Time: 17:21:15

Overall Mass Balance	gmol/h		g/h	
	Input	Output	Input	Output
Carbon Dioxide	850.000	2293.478	37408.499	100936.000
Nitrogen	4150.000	5413.043	116258.104	151641.000
Water	10000.000	18300.001	180150.000	329674.512
Total	15000.000	26006.523	333816.604	582252.000

## APPENDIX C2: CO2 Solid Tools from CHEMCAD Simulation (Preliminary)

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Job Name: hydrate\_startup5 Date: 01/26/2010 Time: 23:39:20

CO2 Hydrate Solid Prediction (Valid Range: -210 F to -70 F):

Strm	Temp C	Press MPa	Fugacity MPa	Solid Point	
C					
1	25.0000	0.1000	0.0169	-94.8632	
3	0.6000	10.0000	0.3247	-61.1339	
6	838.9504	10.0000	1.7556	-29.3949	
7	0.6000	10.0000	1.0672	-40.2572	
9	0.6000	10.0000	36.0290	78.8474	* Check CO2 Solid
10	0.6000	5.0000	0.2753	-63.5658	
12	0.6000	2.5000	0.2727	-63.7036	
13	0.6000	2.5000	42.0726	87.0087	* Check CO2 Solid
14	0.6000	5.0000	41.7745	86.6276	* Check CO2 Solid



## APPENDIX D : CSMGem Hydrate Prediction Program Procedural Screenshots

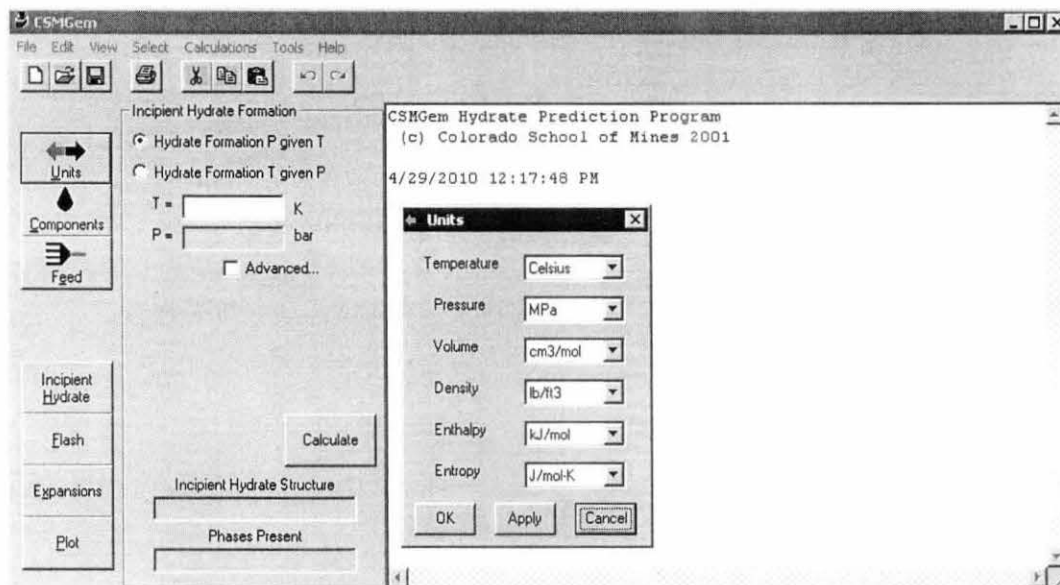


FIGURE D.1 Units for temperature and pressure can be easily changed.

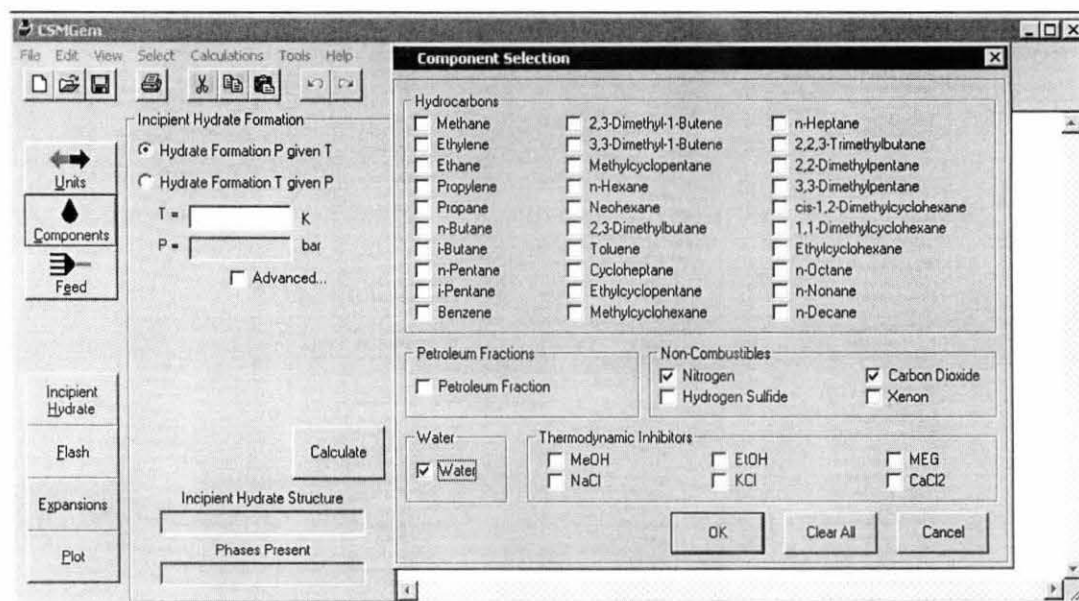


FIGURE D.2 CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and water are selected components

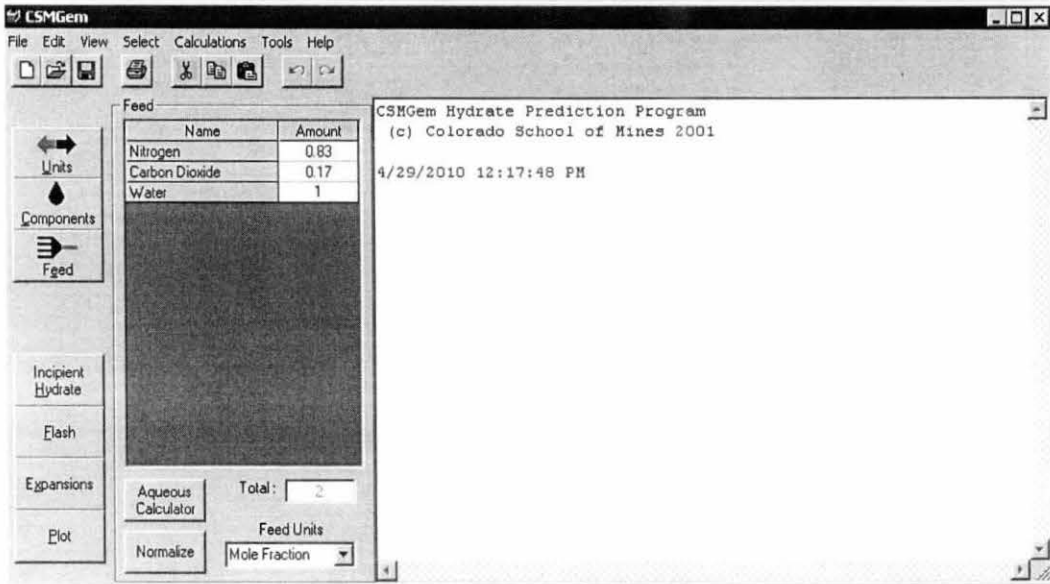


FIGURE D.3 The mol fraction of the feed basis is entered.

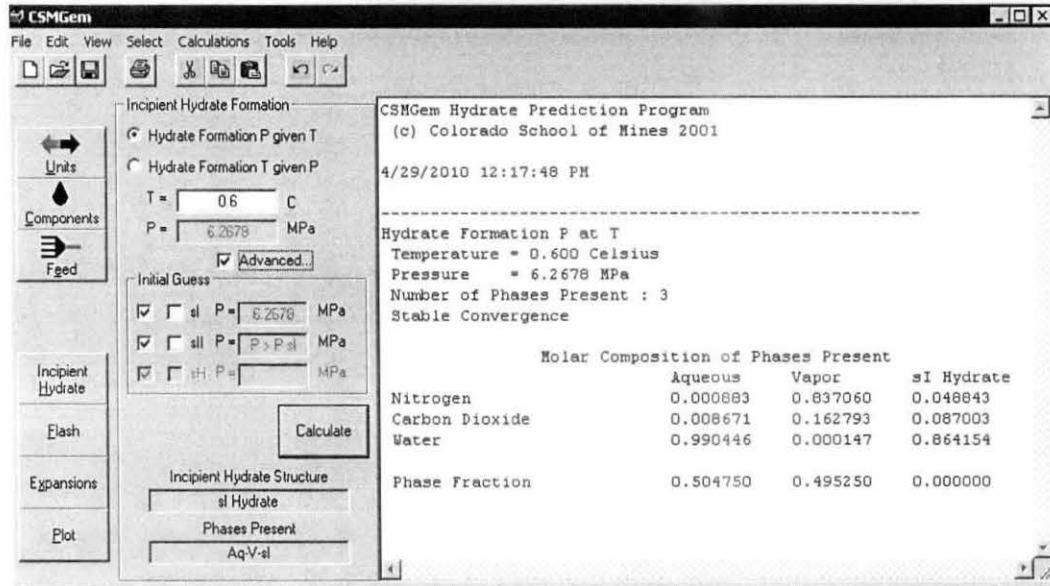


FIGURE D.4 Using Incipient Hydrate function, the hydrate formation P given T can be easily calculated by the program and produce the result as shown.

**APPENDIX E : CSMGem Results (Raw Data)**

CSMGem Hydrate Prediction Program  
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Hydrate Formation P at T  
Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
Pressure = 6.4659 MPa  
Number of Phases Present : 3  
Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	<b>0.000916</b>	0.844037	0.050499
Carbon Dioxide	<b>0.008477</b>	0.155820	0.085473
Water	0.990607	0.000143	0.864028
Phase Fraction	0.672941	0.327059	0.000000

Hydrate Formation P at T  
Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
Pressure = 6.4659 MPa  
Number of Phases Present : 3  
Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	<b>0.276667</b>	0.000916	0.844037	0.050499
Carbon Dioxide	<b>0.056667</b>	0.008477	0.155820	0.085473
Water	0.666667	0.990607	0.000143	0.864028
Phase Fraction		0.672941	0.327059	0.000000
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.851	-62.885	-252.884

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5737	0.2569
Carbon Dioxide	0.1803	0.6983

Hydrate Formation T at P  
 Temperature = 3.813 Celsius  
 Pressure = 10.000 MPa  
 Number of Phases Present : 3  
 Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	<b>0.276667</b>	0.001258	0.845784	0.057502
Carbon Dioxide	<b>0.056667</b>	0.009525	0.154082	0.080899
Water	0.666667	0.989217	0.000135	0.861599
Phase Fraction		0.673890	0.326110	0.000000
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.152	-62.433	-252.008

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.6371	0.2993
Carbon Dioxide	0.1687	0.6636

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**CO<sub>2</sub> = 17%**

Hydrate Formation P at T  
 Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
 Pressure = 6.2678 MPa  
 Number of Phases Present : 3  
 Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	<b>0.415000</b>	0.000883	0.837060	0.048843
Carbon Dioxide	<b>0.085000</b>	0.008671	0.162793	0.087003
Water	0.500000	0.990446	0.000147	0.864154
Phase Fraction		0.504750	0.495250	0.000000
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.809	-65.626	-252.925

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5619	0.2460
Carbon Dioxide	0.1877	0.7093

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**CO<sub>2</sub> = 57%**

Hydrate Formation P at T

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 5.0109 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sII Hydrate
Nitrogen	<b>0.215000</b>	0.000392	0.440515	0.020127
Carbon Dioxide	<b>0.285000</b>	0.023985	0.559280	0.117125
Water	0.500000	0.975623	0.000205	0.862748

Phase Fraction		0.512390	0.487610	0.000000
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-280.568	-222.575	-252.734

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sII Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.1647	0.0671
Carbon Dioxide	0.6977	0.9125

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**CO<sub>2</sub> = 83%**

Hydrate Formation P at T

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 1.5870 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	<b>0.085000</b>	0.000050	0.172424	0.003324
Carbon Dioxide	<b>0.415000</b>	0.014583	0.827083	0.126483
Water	0.500000	0.985367	0.000493	0.870193

Phase Fraction		0.507179	0.492821	0.000000
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-283.431	-327.323	-254.736

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.0540	0.0113
Carbon Dioxide	0.4902	0.9510

P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 10.000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.893856	0.068622
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.106042	0.069780
Water	0.500000	0.000102	0.861599

Phase Fraction                      0.419733   0.580267

Enthalpy (kJ/mol)                      -43.472   -252.109

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.6958	0.3787
Carbon Dioxide	0.1198	0.5810

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P-T Flash

\*\* Flash Calculation Error \*\*

\*\* T and P Flash

\*\* Maximum number of iterations reached.

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 5.0000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000717	0.836067
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.007509	0.163760
Water	0.500000	0.991774	0.000173

Phase Fraction                      0.504061   0.495939

Enthalpy (kJ/mol)                      -285.213   -65.870

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 2.5000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2  
 Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present			
	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000372	0.833402
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.004441	0.166293
Water	0.500000	0.995187	0.000306
Phase Fraction		0.502265	0.497735
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-286.239	-66.606

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 P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
 Pressure = 6.0000 MPa  
 Number of Phases Present : 2  
 Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present			
	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000849	0.836867
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008444	0.162982
Water	0.500000	0.990707	0.000151
Phase Fraction		0.504614	0.495386
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.888	-65.672

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 P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
 Pressure = 7.0000 MPa  
 Number of Phases Present : 3  
 Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present				
	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.001004	0.860963	0.054915
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.007966	0.138903	0.081373
Water	0.500000	0.991030	0.000134	0.863712
Phase Fraction		0.317330	0.467953	0.214717
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.964	-56.238	-252.782

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.6032	0.2864
Carbon Dioxide	0.1619	0.6683

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.5000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000922	0.845196	0.050783
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008444	0.154662	0.085210
Water	0.500000	0.990635	0.000142	0.864007

Phase Fraction	0.442658	0.486256	0.071085
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)	-284.859	-62.430	-252.878

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5757	0.2587
Carbon Dioxide	0.1791	0.6964

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.4000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000905	0.841762	0.049949
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008541	0.158094	0.085981
Water	0.500000	0.990554	0.000144	0.864069

Phase Fraction	0.469040	0.490084	0.040876
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)	-284.837	-63.779	-252.898

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5698	0.2532
Carbon Dioxide	0.1827	0.7020



P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.3000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000889	0.838223	0.049113
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008639	0.161631	0.086754
Water	0.500000	0.990472	0.000146	0.864133

Phase Fraction	0.495957	0.493979	0.010063
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)	-284.816	-65.169	-252.918

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5639	0.2478
Carbon Dioxide	0.1865	0.7075

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000875	0.837012
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008614	0.162840
Water	0.500000	0.990511	0.000148

Phase Fraction	0.504716	0.495284
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)	-284.829	-65.637

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2500 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000881	0.837048
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008656	0.162806
Water	0.500000	0.990463	0.000147

Phase Fraction	0.504741	0.495259
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)	-284.814	-65.629

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2800 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000885	0.837502	0.048945
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008659	0.162351	0.086909
Water	0.500000	0.990456	0.000146	0.864146

Phase Fraction	0.501409	0.494767	0.003824
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)	-284.811	-65.452	-252.922

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5627	0.2467
Carbon Dioxide	0.1872	0.7086

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2700 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000884	0.837140	0.048861
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008669	0.162713	0.086986
Water	0.500000	0.990448	0.000147	0.864152

Phase Fraction	0.504147	0.495163	0.000690
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)	-284.809	-65.595	-252.924

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5621	0.2461
Carbon Dioxide	0.1876	0.7092

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2600 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000882	0.837055
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008664	0.162799
Water	0.500000	0.990453	0.000147
Phase Fraction		0.504746	0.495254
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.811	-65.627

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2650 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000883	0.837058
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008669	0.162795
Water	0.500000	0.990448	0.000147
Phase Fraction		0.504749	0.495251
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.809	-65.627

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2670 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000883	0.837060
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008670	0.162794
Water	0.500000	0.990447	0.000147
Phase Fraction		0.504749	0.495251
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.809	-65.626

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2680 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000883	0.837067	0.048845
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008671	0.162786	0.087002
Water	0.500000	0.990446	0.000147	0.864154

Phase Fraction 0.504694 0.495242 0.000064

Enthalpy (kJ/mol) -284.809 -65.623 -252.925

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5620	0.2460
Carbon Dioxide	0.1877	0.7093

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 5.0000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.215000	0.487819	0.017303
Carbon Dioxide	0.285000	0.511995	0.120510
Water	0.500000	0.000186	0.862187

Phase Fraction 0.420170 0.579830

Enthalpy (kJ/mol) -203.804 -252.368

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.2756	0.0620
Carbon Dioxide	0.4705	0.9148

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 2.5000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.085000	0.194881	0.004532
Carbon Dioxide	0.415000	0.804793	0.129549
Water	0.500000	0.000326	0.865919
Phase Fraction		0.422738	0.577262
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-318.882	-253.475

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.0773	0.0144
Carbon Dioxide	0.5637	0.9591

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
 Pressure = 10.000 MPa  
 Number of Phases Present : 2  
 Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.893856	0.068622
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.106042	0.069780
Water	0.500000	0.000102	0.861599
Phase Fraction		0.419733	0.580267
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-43.472	-252.109

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.6958	0.3787
Carbon Dioxide	0.1198	0.5810

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P-T Flash

\*\* Flash Calculation Error \*\*  
 \*\* T and P Flash  
 \*\* Maximum number of iterations reached.

P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
Pressure = 5.0000 MPa  
Number of Phases Present : 2  
Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present			
	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000717	0.836067
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.007509	0.163760
Water	0.500000	0.991774	0.000173
Phase Fraction		0.504061	0.495939
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-285.213	-65.870

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
Pressure = 2.5000 MPa  
Number of Phases Present : 2  
Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present			
	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000372	0.833402
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.004441	0.166293
Water	0.500000	0.995187	0.000306
Phase Fraction		0.502265	0.497735
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-286.239	-66.606

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
Pressure = 6.0000 MPa  
Number of Phases Present : 2  
Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present			
	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000849	0.836867
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008444	0.162982
Water	0.500000	0.990707	0.000151
Phase Fraction		0.504614	0.495386
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.888	-65.672

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 7.0000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.001004	0.860963	0.054915
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.007966	0.138903	0.081373
Water	0.500000	0.991030	0.000134	0.863712

Phase Fraction 0.317330 0.467953 0.214717

Enthalpy (kJ/mol) -284.964 -56.238 -252.782

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.6032	0.2864
Carbon Dioxide	0.1619	0.6683

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.5000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000922	0.845196	0.050783
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008444	0.154662	0.085210
Water	0.500000	0.990635	0.000142	0.864007

Phase Fraction 0.442658 0.486256 0.071085

Enthalpy (kJ/mol) -284.859 -62.430 -252.878

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5757	0.2587
Carbon Dioxide	0.1791	0.6964

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.4000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000905	0.841762	0.049949
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008541	0.158094	0.085981
Water	0.500000	0.990554	0.000144	0.864069
Phase Fraction		0.469040	0.490084	0.040876
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.837	-63.779	-252.898

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5698	0.2532
Carbon Dioxide	0.1827	0.7020

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
 Pressure = 6.3000 MPa  
 Number of Phases Present : 3  
 Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000889	0.838223	0.049113
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008639	0.161631	0.086754
Water	0.500000	0.990472	0.000146	0.864133
Phase Fraction		0.495957	0.493979	0.010063
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.816	-65.169	-252.918

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5639	0.2478
Carbon Dioxide	0.1865	0.7075

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
 Pressure = 6.2000 MPa  
 Number of Phases Present : 2  
 Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000875	0.837012



Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008614	0.162840
Water	0.500000	0.990511	0.000148
Phase Fraction		0.504716	0.495284
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.829	-65.637

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2500 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000881	0.837048
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008656	0.162806
Water	0.500000	0.990463	0.000147
Phase Fraction		0.504741	0.495259
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.814	-65.629

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2800 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000885	0.837502	0.048945
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008659	0.162351	0.086909
Water	0.500000	0.990456	0.000146	0.864146
Phase Fraction		0.501409	0.494767	0.003824
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.811	-65.452	-252.922

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5627	0.2467
Carbon Dioxide	0.1872	0.7086

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2700 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present				
	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000884	0.837140	0.048861
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008669	0.162713	0.086986
Water	0.500000	0.990448	0.000147	0.864152
Phase Fraction		0.504147	0.495163	0.000690
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.809	-65.595	-252.924

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests		
	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5621	0.2461
Carbon Dioxide	0.1876	0.7092

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2600 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present			
	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000882	0.837055
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008664	0.162799
Water	0.500000	0.990453	0.000147
Phase Fraction		0.504746	0.495254
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.811	-65.627

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2650 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present			
	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000883	0.837058
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008669	0.162795
Water	0.500000	0.990448	0.000147
Phase Fraction		0.504749	0.495251
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.809	-65.627

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2670 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000883	0.837060
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008670	0.162794
Water	0.500000	0.990447	0.000147

Phase Fraction	0.504749	0.495251
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)	-284.809	-65.626

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 6.2680 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000883	0.837067	0.048845
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.008671	0.162786	0.087002
Water	0.500000	0.990446	0.000147	0.864154

Phase Fraction	0.504694	0.495242	0.000064
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)	-284.809	-65.623	-252.925

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.5620	0.2460
Carbon Dioxide	0.1877	0.7093

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 5.0000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.215000	0.487819	0.017303
Carbon Dioxide	0.285000	0.511995	0.120510

Water	0.500000	0.000186	0.862187
Phase Fraction		0.420170	0.579830
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-203.804	-252.368

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests  
sI Hydrate

	small	large
Nitrogen	0.2756	0.0620
Carbon Dioxide	0.4705	0.9148

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 2.5000 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.085000	0.194881	0.004532
Carbon Dioxide	0.415000	0.804793	0.129549
Water	0.500000	0.000326	0.865919

Phase Fraction		0.422738	0.577262
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-318.882	-253.475

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests  
sI Hydrate

	small	large
Nitrogen	0.0773	0.0144
Carbon Dioxide	0.5637	0.9591

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Hydrate Formation P at T

Temperature = 280.000 Kelvin

Pressure = 151.28 bar

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.001666	0.838613	0.063911
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.010599	0.161252	0.076489
Water	0.500000	0.987735	0.000135	0.859599

Phase Fraction		0.506141	0.493859	0.000000
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-283.414	-65.593	-251.236

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.6912	0.3396
Carbon Dioxide	0.1563	0.6301

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**[This section - to compare with S.P. Kang proposed design]**

**CO<sub>2</sub> = 34.71%**

**P = 38.7 bar**

Hydrate Formation P at T

Temperature = 274.000 Kelvin

Pressure = 36.216 bar

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.326450	0.000418	0.660553	0.024444
Carbon Dioxide	0.173550	0.011893	0.339209	0.109157
Water	0.500000	0.987689	0.000239	0.866398
Phase Fraction		0.506113	0.493887	0.000000
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.044	-135.065	-253.615

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.3398	0.1030
Carbon Dioxide	0.3296	0.8561

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**CO<sub>2</sub> = 89.34%**

**P = 28.7 bar**

Hydrate Formation P at T

Temperature = 274.000 Kelvin

Pressure = 15.257 bar

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.053300	0.000030	0.108167	0.001993

Carbon Dioxide	0.446700	0.015036	0.891311	0.127697
Water	0.500000	0.984933	0.000522	0.870310
Phase Fraction		0.507388	0.492612	0.000000
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-283.289	-352.654	-254.759

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.0328	0.0066
Carbon Dioxide	0.5053	0.9565

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 274.000 Kelvin

Pressure = 28.700 bar

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.053300	0.122307	0.002951
Carbon Dioxide	0.446700	0.877394	0.132457
Water	0.500000	0.000300	0.864592

Phase Fraction		0.421839	0.578161
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-347.788	-253.069

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests

	sI Hydrate	
	small	large
Nitrogen	0.0520	0.0088
Carbon Dioxide	0.6170	0.9689

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P-T Flash

Temperature = 274.000 Kelvin

Pressure = 38.700 bar

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Nitrogen	0.326450	0.000462	0.686185	0.026778
Carbon Dioxide	0.173550	0.011586	0.313590	0.107111
Water	0.500000	0.987952	0.000225	0.866111

Phase Fraction		0.313877	0.466983	0.219140
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-284.115	-124.976	-253.528

Fractional Cage Occupancy of Hydrate Guests  
sI Hydrate

	small	large
Nitrogen	0.3658	0.1151
Carbon Dioxide	0.3135	0.8436

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**[NO HYDRATE FORMED]**

P-T Flash

Temperature = 280.000 Kelvin

Pressure = 16.500 bar

Number of Phases Present : 2

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Feed	Aqueous	Vapor
Nitrogen	0.415000	0.000216	0.831455
Carbon Dioxide	0.085000	0.002474	0.167858
Water	0.500000	0.997310	0.000687
Phase Fraction		0.501005	0.498995
Enthalpy (kJ/mol)		-286.397	-67.014

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**CO2 + N2 + H2O + Propane/Methane/Ethane**

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Hydrate Formation P at T

Temperature = 0.600 Celsius

Pressure = 3.2269 MPa

Number of Phases Present : 3

Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present

	Aqueous	Vapor	sII Hydrate
Propane	0.000021	0.009936	0.045577
Nitrogen	0.000471	0.825905	0.042300
Carbon Dioxide	0.005391	0.163913	0.036424
Water	0.994118	0.000246	0.875699
Phase Fraction	0.497805	0.502195	0.000000

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Hydrate Formation P at T  
Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
Pressure = 3.2054 MPa  
Number of Phases Present : 3  
Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present			
	Aqueous	Vapor	sII Hydrate
Propane	0.000021	0.010036	0.045601
Nitrogen	0.000467	0.824219	0.042022
Carbon Dioxide	0.005413	0.165497	0.036622
Water	0.994099	0.000247	0.875755
Phase Fraction	0.502844	0.497156	0.000000

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Hydrate Formation P at T  
Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
Pressure = 6.1162 MPa  
Number of Phases Present : 3  
Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present			
	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Methane	0.000022	0.010072	0.002788
Nitrogen	0.000854	0.826872	0.047131
Carbon Dioxide	0.008538	0.162906	0.085971
Water	0.990587	0.000149	0.864110
Phase Fraction	0.504676	0.495324	0.000000

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Hydrate Formation P at T  
Temperature = 0.600 Celsius  
Pressure = 5.5266 MPa  
Number of Phases Present : 3  
Stable Convergence

Molar Composition of Phases Present			
	Aqueous	Vapor	sI Hydrate
Ethane	0.000024	0.010063	0.011576
Nitrogen	0.000778	0.826421	0.044013
Carbon Dioxide	0.008000	0.163355	0.079654
Water	0.991198	0.000161	0.864756
Phase Fraction	0.504360	0.495640	0.000000

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## APPENDIX F1 : CHEMCAD Simulation Major Procedural Screenshots



FIGURE F1.1 Components tab to add component(s) to the simulation.

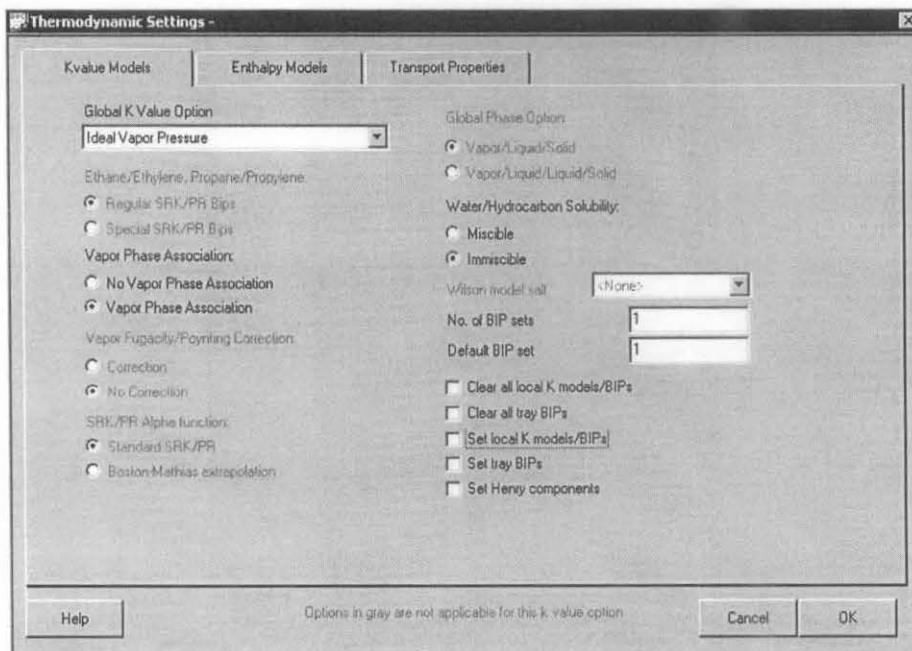


FIGURE F1.2 Thermodynamic package (K Value) setting of the simulation

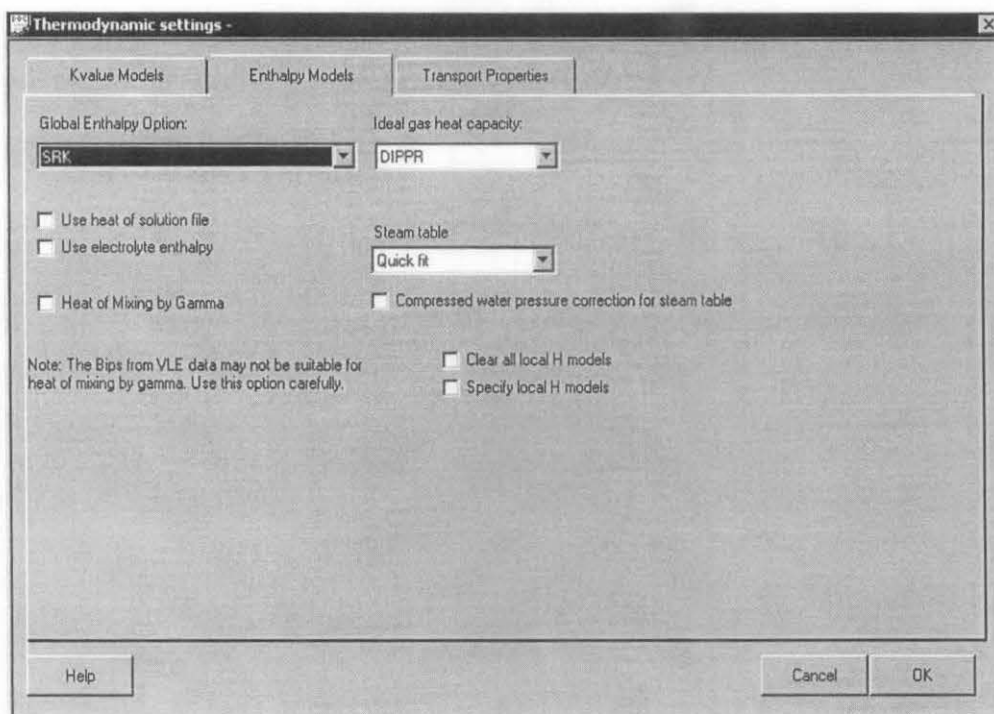


FIGURE F1.3 Thermodynamic package (Enthalpy) setting of the simulation

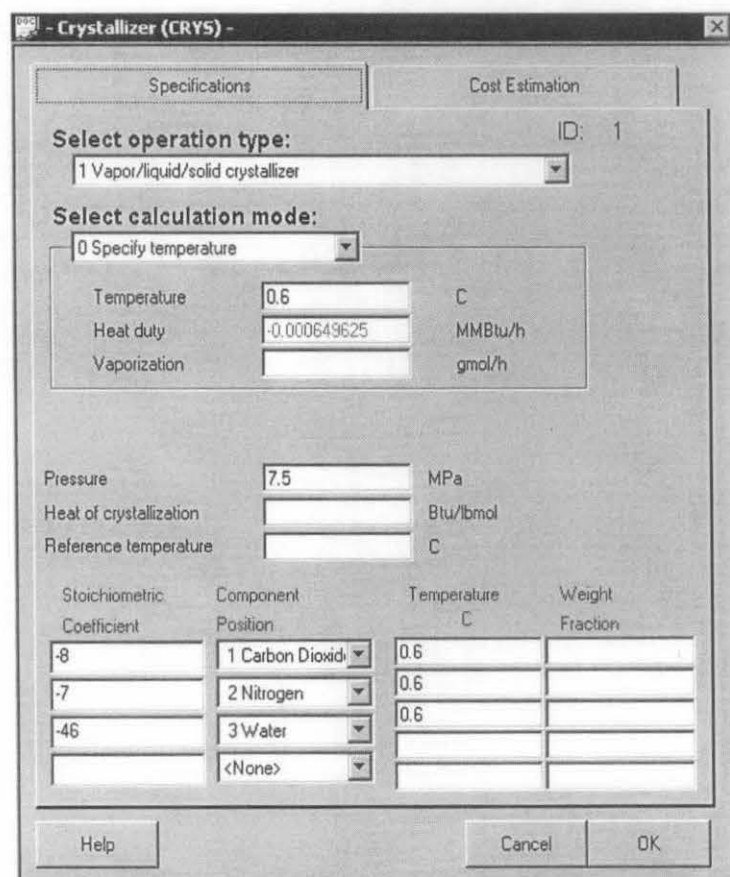


FIGURE F1.4 CRYS Module Input Specification tab

## APPENDIX F2 : CHEMCAD Economics Input Procedural Screenshots

The screenshot shows the 'CHEMCAD Profitability Factors' dialog box with the 'Project' tab selected. The following parameters are visible:

Parameter	Value
Project Length (years)	10
Operation Time (hours per year)	8400
Interest rate for Borrowed funds	12
Start-up Expense	15
Salvage Value (%)	2
Depreciation method	Straight Line
Depreciation period (yrs)	10

Navigation buttons at the bottom include '< Back', 'Next >', 'Help', and 'Finish'. The version 'CHEMCAD Economics v1.0' is noted at the bottom left.

**FIGURE F2.1** Salvage value is set to 2% while the rest is by default.

The screenshot shows the 'CHEMCAD Profitability Factors' dialog box with the 'Equipment' tab selected. The following parameters are visible:

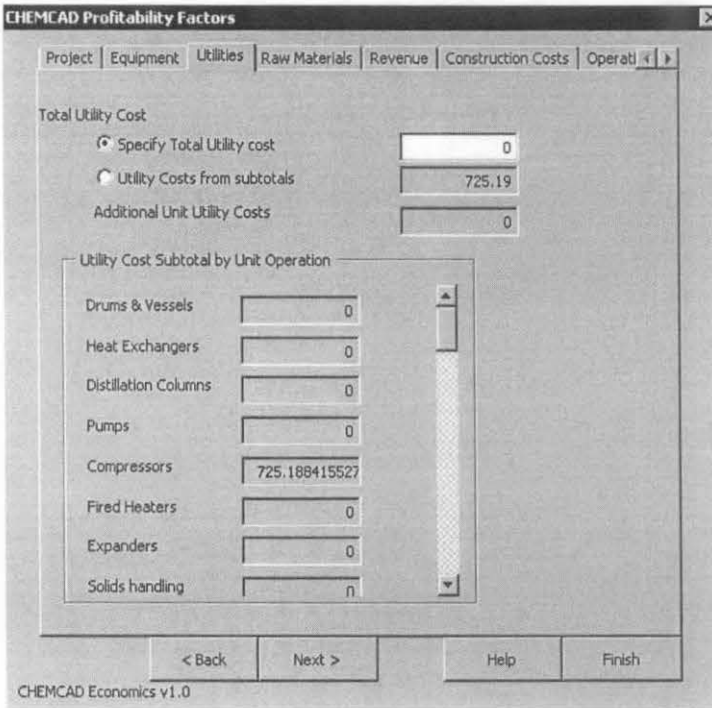
Parameter	Value
Total Equipment Cost	1119037
Additional Unit Operations Costs	0

Under 'Cost Subtotal by Unit Operation', the following values are listed:

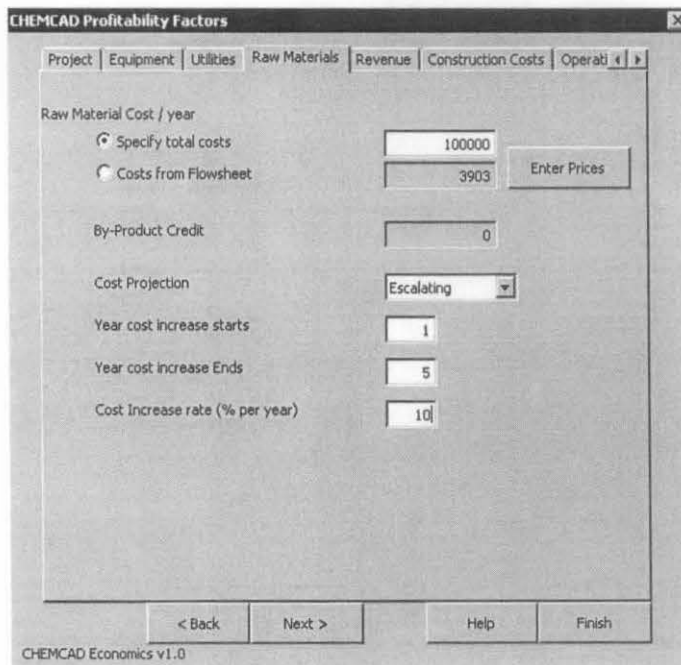
Unit Operation	Cost
Drums & Vessels	106860
Heat Exchangers	22607
Distillation Columns	0
Pumps	23689
Compressors	190787
Fired Heaters	0
Expanders	0
Solids handling	0

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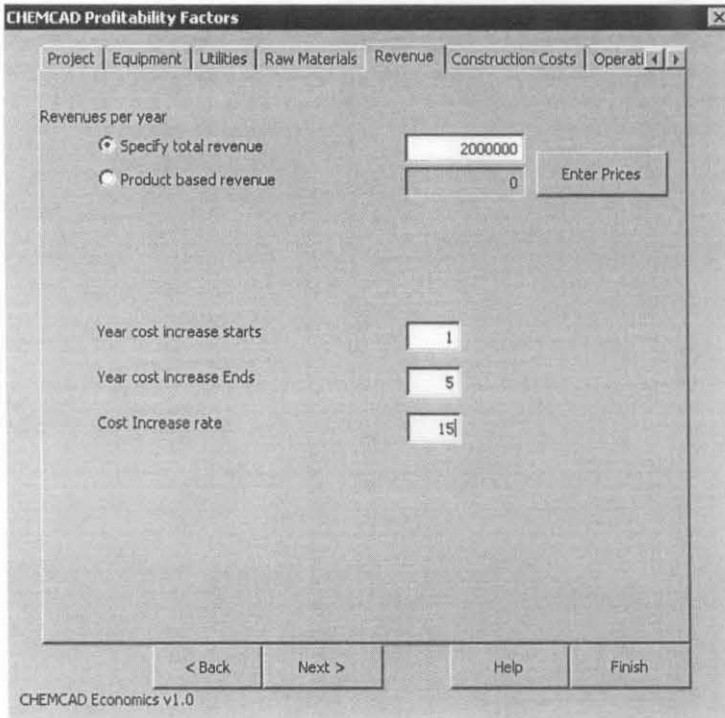
**FIGURE F2.2** Cost of crystallizer is manually added with cost from subtotals generated by CHEMCAD



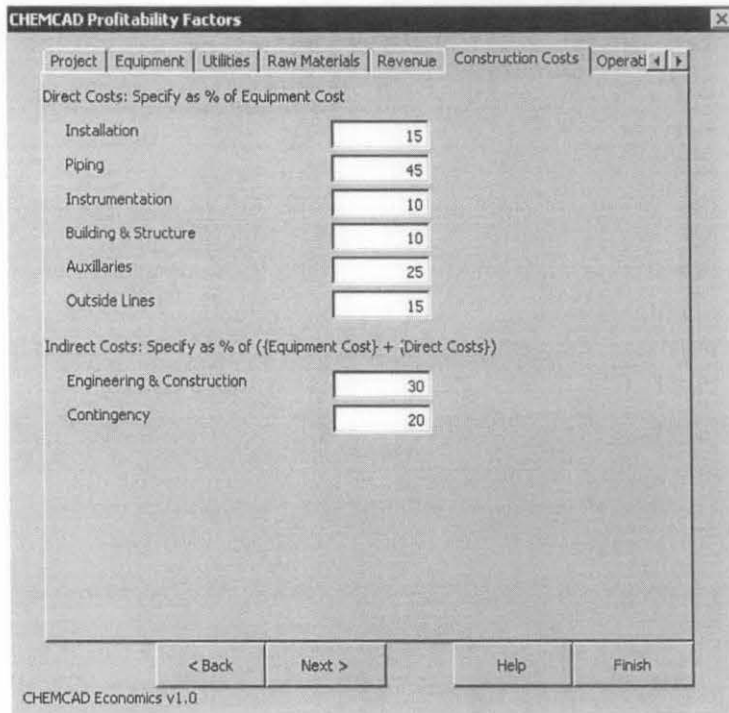
**FIGURE F2.3** Total utility cost is set to zero and not been considered since it will greatly affect the cash flow resulting negative return (one of the simulation accuracy reduction factor)



**FIGURE F2.4** Total costs of raw material are entered with escalating cost projection. Selecting the fixed cost projection will result the negative return in cash flow. The cost increase is set to 10% per year.



**FIGURE F2.5** The estimated revenue is entered. The cost increase rate is set to 15%.



**FIGURE F2.6** All values within this tab are kept as in default.

**CHEMCAD Profitability Factors**

Utilities | Raw Materials | Revenue | Construction Costs | **Operations Costs** | Cash Flow

Specify as % of (Labor + Supervision)

Payroll Benefits	18
Office Overhead	50

Specify as % of Total Project Cost

Supplies	2
Property Tax	5
Maintenance	10
Allocated Property	35

Specify as % of Revenue from Sales

Working Capital	30
Corporate Capital Allocation	5
Cost of Selling Goods	5
SARE (Sales, Administration, Research Expenses)	10
Federal Income Tax Rate	50

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**FIGURE F2.7** All values within this tab are kept as in default.

**CHEMCAD Profitability Factors**

Raw Materials | Revenue | Construction Costs | **Operations Costs** | Cash Flow

Cash Outflows (per year)

Labor Expense	450000
Supervision Expense	90000
Laboratory Expense	90000
Royalty Fees	0
Other Expenses	0

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**FIGURE F2.8** Labor expense is set to \$450,000 and the supervision and laboratory expense are 20% each of the labor expense.