

Dynamic Modeling of a Solid-Sorbent CO₂ Capture System

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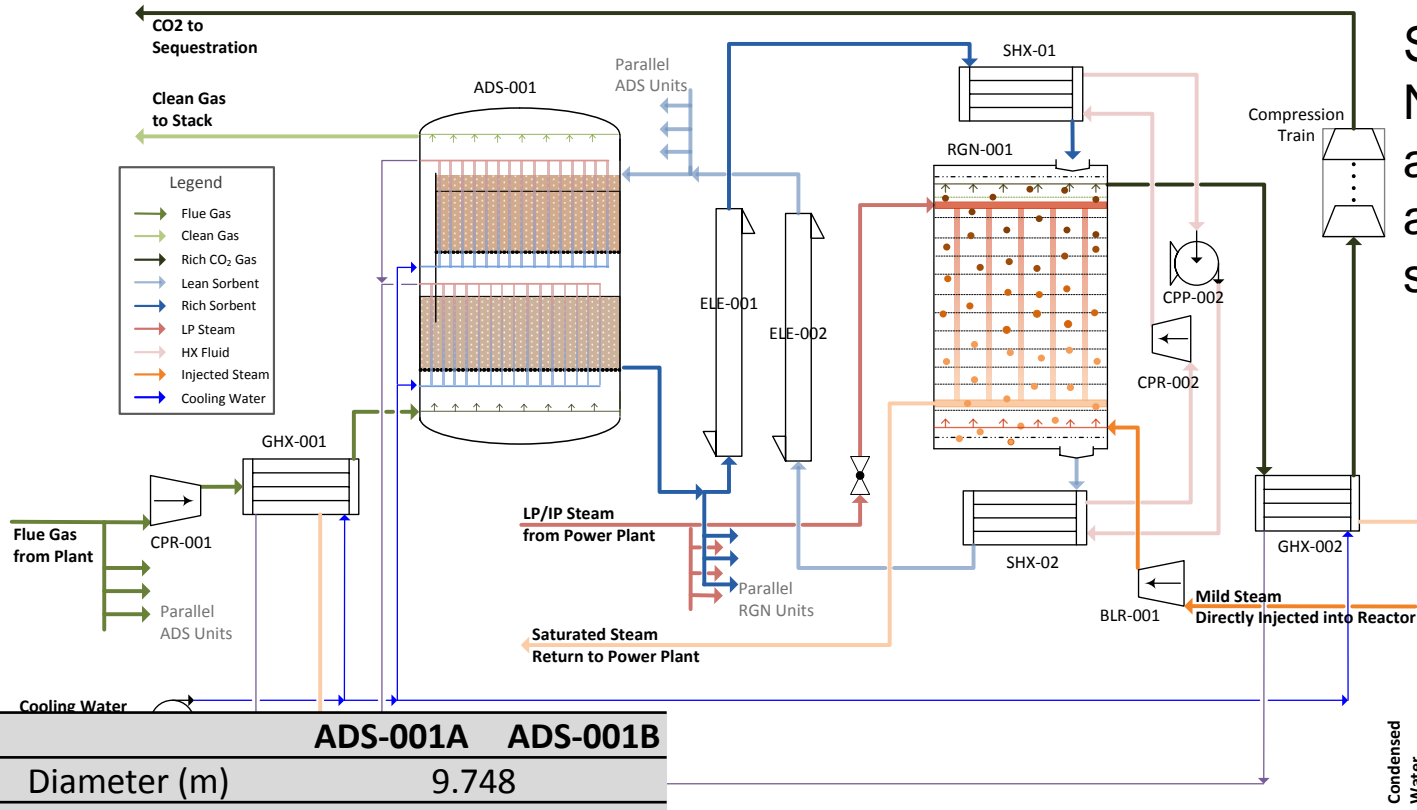
OUTLINE

- ❖ Motivation
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- ❖ Conclusions

MOTIVATION

- Under the auspices of US DOE's *Carbon Capture Simulation Initiative (CCSI)*, we are developing computational models of various post-combustion CO₂ capture technologies
- As part of this project, our current focus is on the development of dynamic models and control systems for solid-sorbent CO₂ capture and compression system.

Optimized Process Developed using CCSI Toolset

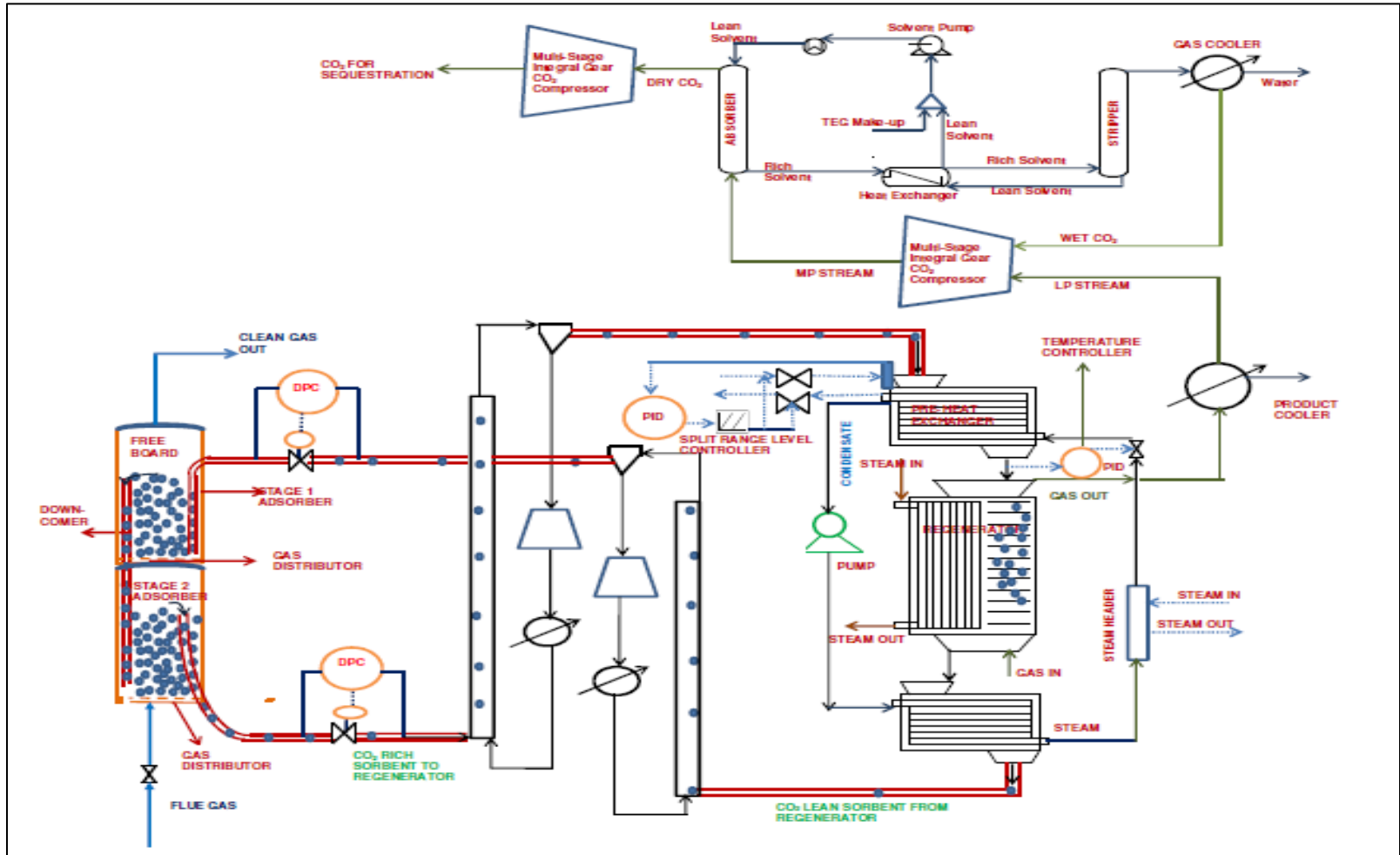


Solid Sorbent: NETL 32D, a mesoporous amine-impregnated silica substrate

	ADS-001A	ADS-001B
Diameter (m)	9.748	
Bed Depth (m)	7.232	4.854
Total HX Area (m ²)	1733.7	941.3
	RGN-001	
Diameter (m)	7.147	
Height (m)	4.592	
Total HX Area (m ²)	1573.1	

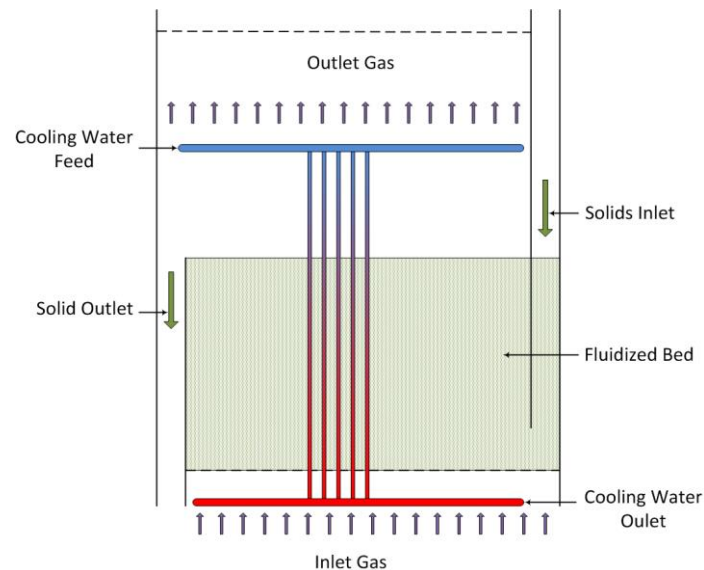
	Solid Sorbent	MEA ²⁷ ($\Delta 10^{\circ}\text{C HX}$)	MEA ²⁷ ($\Delta 5^{\circ}\text{C HX}$)
Q _{Rxn} (GJ/tonne CO ₂)	1.82	1.48	1.48
Q _{Vap} (GJ/tonne CO ₂)	0	0.61	0.74
Q _{Sen} (GJ/tonne CO ₂)	0.97	1.35	0.68
Total Q	2.79	3.44	2.90

Modeling Domain

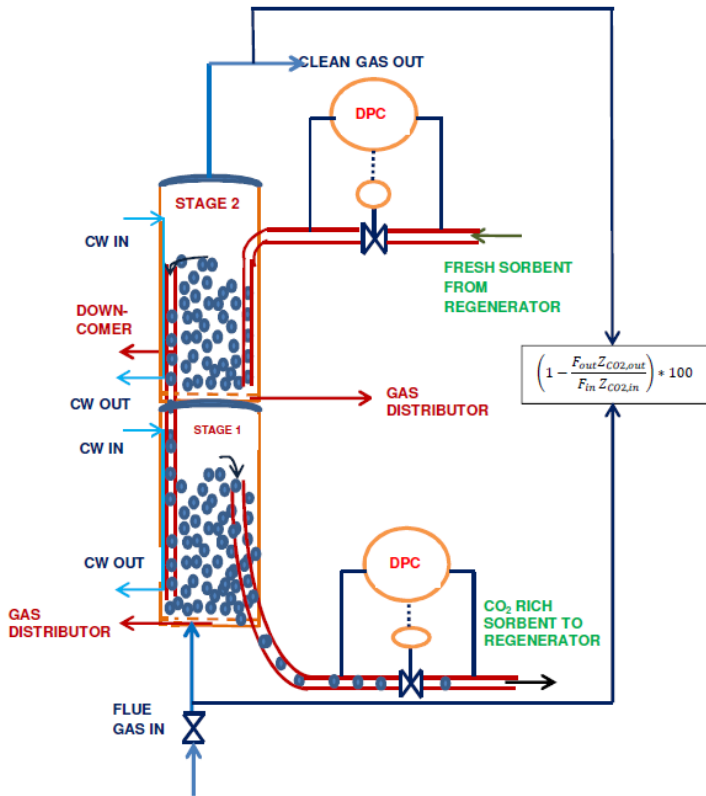


Bubbling Fluidized Bed Model Development

- 1-D two-phase pressure-driven non-isothermal dynamic model of a solid-sorbent CO₂ capture in a two-stage bubbling fluidized bed reactor system.
- Models are flexible such that it can be used as an adsorber or regenerator
- Embedded cooler/heater depending on the application
- Flexible configuration- solids can enter/leave at/from the top or bottom
- A 2-stage adsorption model with customized variables for uncertainty quantification capabilities has been developed



DYNAMIC MODEL – BUBBLING FLUIDIZED BED



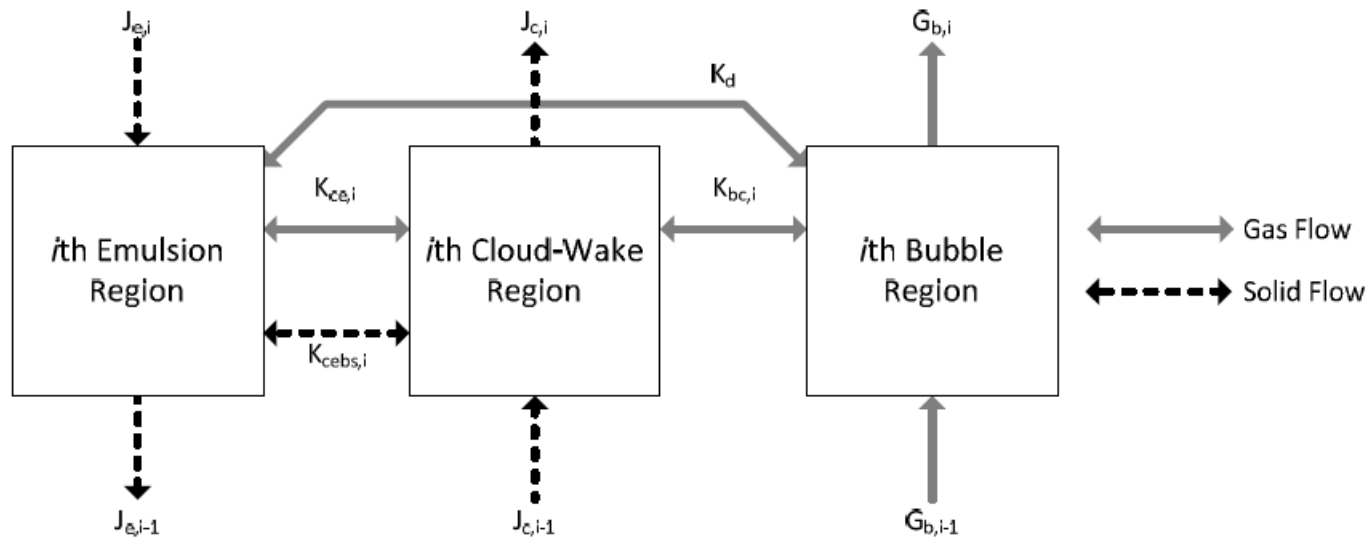
Model Assumptions

1. Each BFB consists of bubble, emulsion and cloud-wake regions.
2. Bubble region is free of solids.
3. Constant average particle properties throughout the bed
4. Adsorption-reaction takes place in solid-phase.
5. Solids leave at the top of the bed (Overflow-type configuration).
6. Transients of the immersed heat exchangers are neglected

*Lee, A.; Miller, D. A 1-D Three Region Model for a Bubbling Fluidized Bed Adsorber. *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.* , **52**, 469-484, 2013

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MODEL DEVELOPMENT



- Gaseous species : CO_2 , N_2 , H_2O
- Solid phase components: bicarbonate, carbamate, and physisorbed water.
- Transient species conservation and energy balance equations for both gas and solid phases in all three regions.

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CONSERVATION EQUATIONS

Bubble Region :

Gaseous Components

$$\frac{\partial(\delta_x A C_{b,j,x})}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial(y_{b,j,i} G_{b,x})}{\partial x} - \delta_x A K_{bc,j,x} (C_{b,j,x} - C_{c,j,x}) + K_{g,bulk,j,x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial(C_{bt,x} A \delta_x C_{p,g,b,x} (T_{g,b,x} - T_{ref}))}{\partial t} \\ & = -\frac{\partial(G_{b,x} C_{p,g,b,x} (T_{g,b,x} - T_{ref}))}{\partial x} - A \delta_x H_{bc,x} (T_{g,b,x} - T_{g,c,x}) + H_{g,bulk,x} \end{aligned}$$

Cloud-wake Region :

Gaseous Components

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial(\delta_x \alpha_x A C_{c,j,x})}{\partial t} \\ & = \delta_x A K_{bc,j,x} (C_{b,j,x} - C_{c,j,x}) - \delta_x A K_{ce,j,x} (C_{c,j,x} - C_{e,j,x}) \\ & \quad + \alpha_x \delta_x (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) A r_{g,c,j,x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial(C_{ct,x} A \alpha_x \delta_x \varepsilon_d C_{p,g,c,x} (T_{g,c,x} - T_{ref}))}{\partial t} \\ & = A \delta_x H_{bc,x} (T_{g,b,x} - T_{g,c,x}) - A \delta_x H_{ce,x} (T_{g,c,x} - T_{g,e,x}) \\ & \quad - A \alpha_x \delta_x (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) \rho_s \alpha_p h_{p,x} (T_{g,c,x} - T_{s,c,x}) \\ & \quad + \alpha_x \delta_x (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) A \sum_j (r_{g,c,j,x} C_{p,g,j,c,x} (T_{g,c,x} - T_{ref})) \end{aligned}$$

CONSERVATION EQUATIONS

Cloud Wake Region :

Adsorbed Species

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial (A\alpha_x \delta_x (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) \rho_s n_{c,i,x})}{\partial t} \\ &= -A \frac{\partial (J_{c,x} n_{c,i,x})}{\partial x} - K_{s,bulk,x} - A\delta_x \rho_s K_{ce,bs,x} (n_{c,i,x} - n_{e,i,x}) \\ &+ A\alpha_x \delta_x (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) r_{s,c,i,x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial (A\alpha_x \delta_x (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) \rho_s C_{p,s} (T_{s,c,x} - T_{ref}))}{\partial t} \\ &= -A \frac{\partial (J_{c,x} (C_{p,s} (T_{s,c,x} - T_{ref}) + h_{ads,c,x}))}{\partial x} - H_{s,bulk,x} \\ &- A\delta_x \rho_s K_{ce,bs,x} (C_{p,s} (T_{s,c,x} - T_{ref}) + h_{ads,c,x} - (C_{p,s} (T_{s,e,x} - T_{ref}) + h_{ads,e,x})) \\ &- \alpha_x \delta_x (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) A \sum_j (r_{g,c,j,x} C_{p,g,j,c,x} (T_{g,c,x} - T_{ref})) \\ &+ A\alpha_x \delta_x (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) \rho_s \alpha_p h_{p,x} (T_{g,c,x} - T_{s,c,x}) \end{aligned}$$

CONSERVATION EQUATIONS CONTD.

Emulsion Region :

Gaseous Components

$$\frac{\partial (A(1 - \alpha_x \delta_x - \delta_x) \varepsilon_d C_{e,j,x})}{\partial t} = \delta_x A K_{ce,j,x} (C_{c,j,x} - C_{e,j,x}) - K_{g,bulk,j,x} + (1 - \alpha_x \delta_x - \delta_x) (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) A r_{g,e,j,x}$$

$$\frac{\partial (C_{st,x} A (1 - \alpha_x \delta_x - \delta_x) \varepsilon_d C_{p,g,e,x} (T_{g,e,x} - T_{ref}))}{\partial t} = A \delta_x H_{ce,x} (T_{g,c,x} - T_{g,e,x}) - H_{g,bulk,x} - A (1 - \alpha_x \delta_x - \delta_x) (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) \rho_s a_p h_{p,x} (T_{g,e,x} - T_{s,e,x}) + A (1 - \alpha_x \delta_x - \delta_x) (1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) \sum_j (r_{g,e,j,x} C_{p,g,j,e,x} (T_{g,e,x} - T_{ref}))$$

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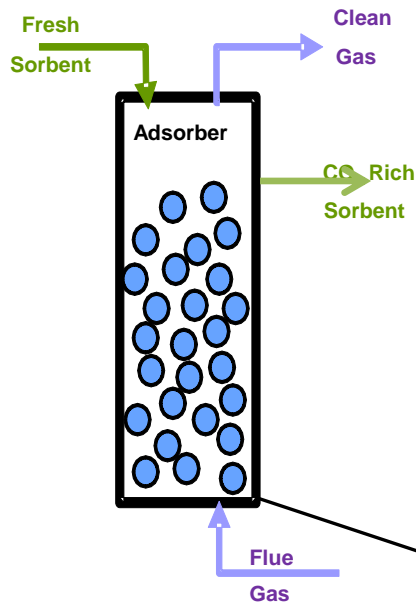
Emulsion Region :

Adsorbed Species

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial (A(1 - \alpha_x \delta_x - \delta_x)(1 - \varepsilon_{d,x})\rho_s n_{e,i,x})}{\partial t} \\ & = -A \frac{\partial (J_{e,x} n_{e,i,x})}{\partial x} + K_{s,bulk,x} + A \delta_x \rho_s K_{ce,bs,x} (n_{c,i,x} - n_{e,i,x}) \\ & \quad + A(1 - \alpha_x \delta_x - \delta_x)(1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) r_{s,e,i,x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial (A(1 - \alpha_x \delta_x - \delta_x)(1 - \varepsilon_{d,x})\rho_s C_{p,s}(T_{s,e,x} - T_{ref}))}{\partial t} \\ & = -A \frac{\partial (J_{e,x}(C_{p,s}(T_{s,e,x} - T_{ref}) + h_{ads,e,x}))}{\partial x} + H_{s,bulk,x} \\ & \quad + A \delta_x \rho_s K_{ce,bs,x} (C_{p,s}(T_{s,c,x} - T_{ref}) + h_{ads,c,x} - (C_{p,s}(T_{s,e,x} - T_{ref}) + h_{ads,e,x})) \\ & \quad - A(1 - \alpha_x \delta_x - \delta_x)(1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) \sum_j (r_{g,e,j,x} C_{p,g,j,e,x} (T_{g,e,x} - T_{ref})) \\ & \quad + A(1 - \alpha_x \delta_x - \delta_x)(1 - \varepsilon_{d,x}) \rho_s \alpha_p h_{p,x} (T_{g,e,x} - T_{s,e,x}) \\ & \quad + \pi d_{HX} h_{t,x} \Delta T_{HX,x} N_{HX} C_r \end{aligned}$$

HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL



$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{d_{b,u,x}} - \sqrt{d_{b,e,x}}}{\sqrt{d_{b,0}} - \sqrt{d_{b,e,x}}} \right)^{\left(1 - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_{3,x}}\right)} \left(\frac{\sqrt{d_{b,u,x}} - \sqrt{\gamma_{2,x}}}{\sqrt{d_{b,0}} - \sqrt{\gamma_{2,x}}} \right)^{\left(1 + \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_{3,x}}\right)} = e^{\left(\frac{0.3x}{D_t}\right)}$$

where $\gamma_1 = \frac{2.56 \times 10^{-2}}{v_{mf}} \sqrt{\frac{D_t}{g}}$ and $\gamma_{3,x} = \sqrt{\gamma_1^2 + 4 \frac{d_{b,m,x}}{D_t}}$

$$d_{b,e,x} = \frac{D_t}{4} (-\gamma_1 + \gamma_{3,x})^2$$

$$d_{b,m,x} = 2.59 g^{-0.2} (A_x [v_{g,x} - v_{e,x}])^{0.4}$$

$$d_{b,0} = 1.38 g^{-0.2} (a_o [v_{g,0} - v_{e,0}])^{0.4}$$

Mori and Wen (1975)

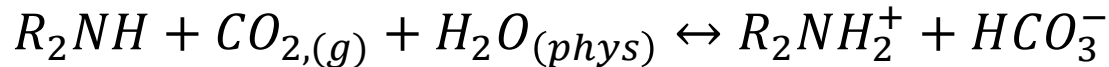
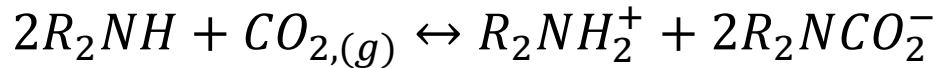
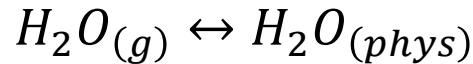
$$v_{b,x} = v_{g,x} - v_{mf} + 0.35 \sqrt{g D_{t,h}}$$

$$K_{bc,j,x} = 1.32 \times 4.5 \frac{v_{mf}}{d_{b,x}} + 5.85 \frac{D_{j,x}^{0.5} g^{0.25}}{d_{b,x}^{5/4}}$$

$$K_{ce,j,x} = 6.78 \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_{d,x}^2 D_{j,x} v_{b,x}}{d_{b,x}^3}}$$

Sit and Grace (1981)

REACTION KINETICS



$$r_{1,r,i} = k_{1,r,i} \left(\frac{P_i C_{r,H_2O,i}}{C_{r,t,i}} - \frac{n_{r,H_2O,i}}{K_{1,r,i}} \right)$$

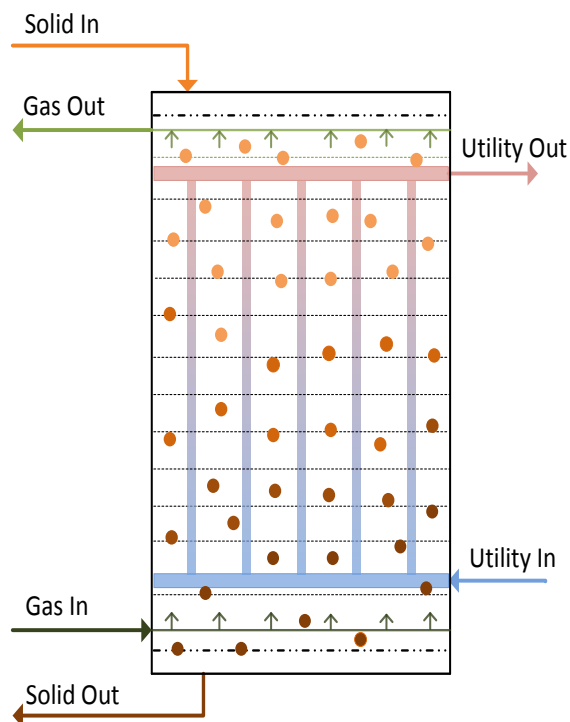
$$r_{2,r,i} = k_{2,r,i} \left(\left[1 - 2 \frac{n_{r,carb,i}}{n_v} - \frac{n_{r,bicarb,i}}{n_v} \right] n_{r,H_2O,i} \left[\frac{P_i C_{r,CO_2,i}}{C_{r,t,i}} \right] - \left[\frac{\left\{ \frac{n_{r,carb,i}}{n_v} + \frac{n_{r,bicarb,i}}{n_v} \right\} n_{r,bicarb,i}}{K_{2,r,i}} \right] \right)$$

$$r_{3,r,i} = k_{3,r,i} \left(\left[1 - 2 \frac{n_{r,carb,i}}{n_v} - \frac{n_{r,bicarb,i}}{n_v} \right]^2 \left[\frac{P_i C_{r,CO_2,i}}{C_{r,t,i}} \right] - \left[\frac{\left\{ \frac{n_{r,carb,i}}{n_v} + \frac{n_{r,bicarb,i}}{n_v} \right\} n_{r,carb,i}}{K_{3,r,i}} \right] \right)$$

*Lee et al. A model for the Adsorption Kinetics of CO₂ on Amine-Impregnated Mesoporous Sorbents in the Presence of Water, 28th International Pittsburgh Coal Conference 2011, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.

Dynamic Model–Moving Bed Reactor

- 1-D two-phase pressure-driven non-isothermal dynamic model of a moving bed reactor mainly for the regenerator application

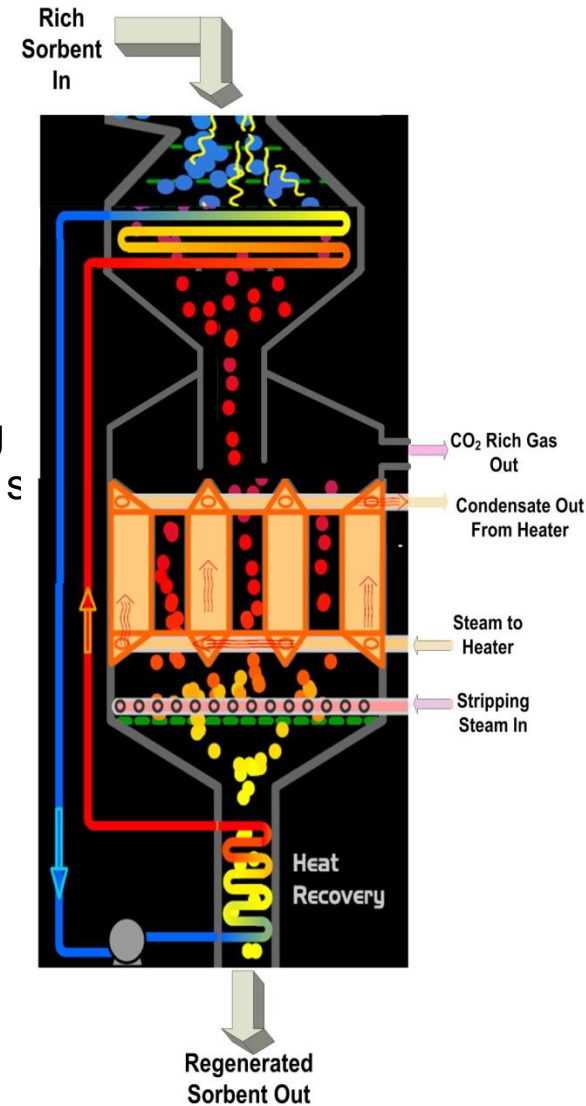


Model Assumptions

- Vertical shell & tube type reactor
 - Gas and solids flows are modeled by plug flow model with axial dispersion.
 - Particles are uniformly dispersed through the reactor with constant voidage
 - Particle attrition ignored
 - Temperature is uniform within the particles
- Gaseous species : CO_2 , N_2 , H_2O
 - Solid phase components: bicarbonate, carbamate, and physisorbed water.

Development of Moving Bed Model

- Integrated pre and post-heat exchangers are considered for heat recovery
- Gas and solids flows are modeled by plug flow model with axial dispersion
- For pressure drop calculation, a modified Ergun equation by using the slip velocity between the solids and gas is used instead of the solid velocity
- Energy balance equations consider heat transfer between solid and gas and tube wall and the mixed phase
- Heat transfer coefficient between the mixed phase and the tube wall is calculated by a modified packet-renewal theory
- Bed hydrodynamics are described by analogy to fixed bed and fluidized bed systems
- Reaction kinetics are similar to the bubbling bed model



Pneumatic Transport Modeling

❖ Assumptions

- Isothermal
- Ideal separation of gases and solids. Therefore, transport gas is free of solids after separation.
- No mass transfer and reactions during the transport

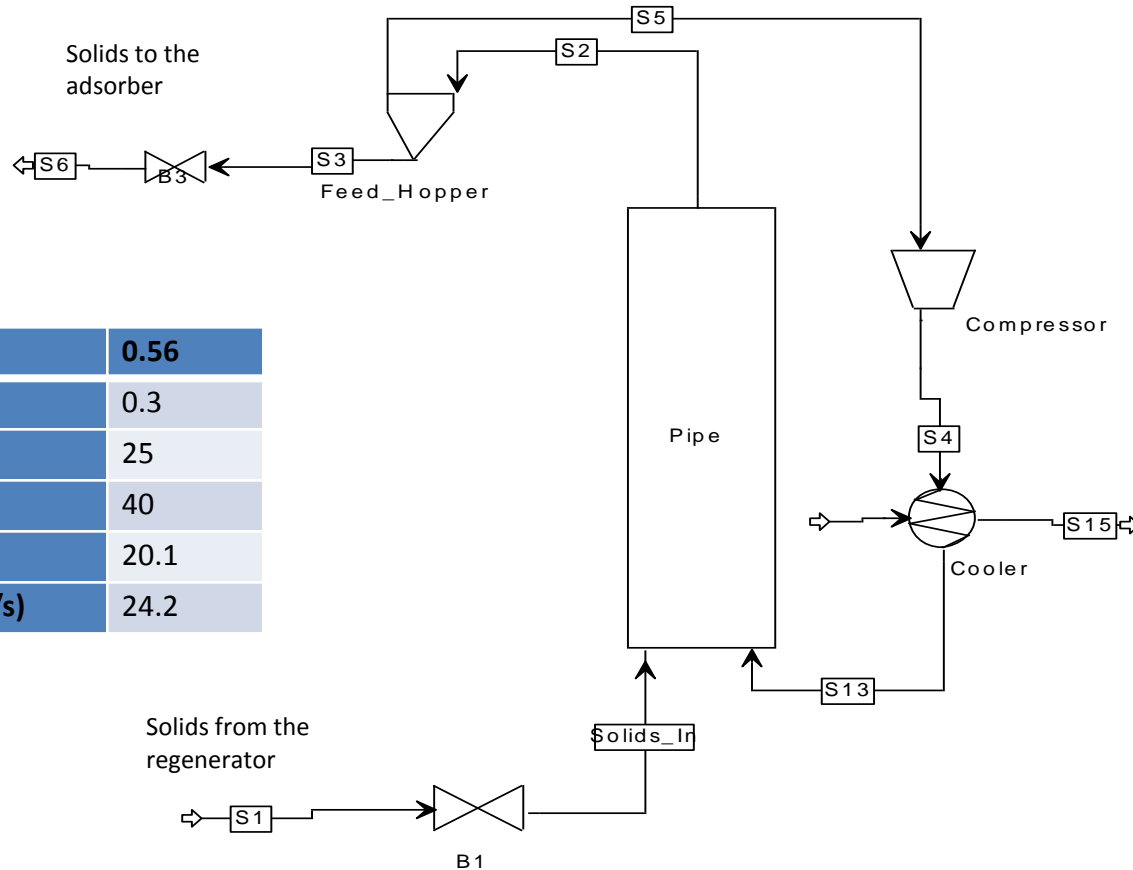
❖ Options considered for the transport medium

- Unclean flue gas from the adsorber inlet
- Clean flue gas from the adsorber outlet
- **A recycling transport medium with makeup from the clean gas**
- CO₂ from the outlet of the regenerator

❖ Calculation of the overall pressure drop in the vertical pipe

- Pressure drop due to gas acceleration
- Pressure drop due to solids acceleration
- Pressure drop due to gas to pipe friction
- Pressure drop due to solids to pipe friction
- Pressure drop due to static head of the solids

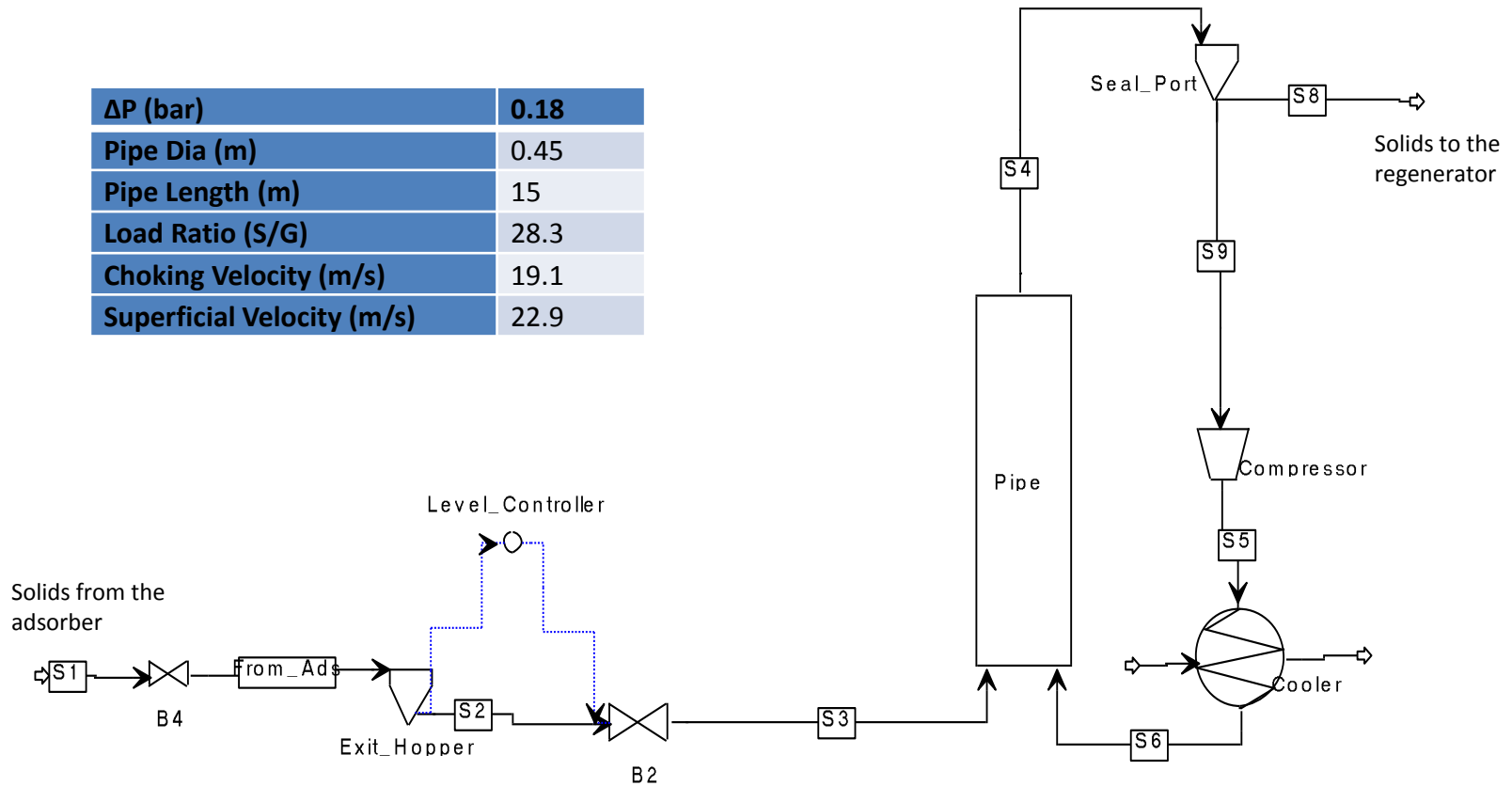
Pneumatic Transport Modeling: Regenerator to Adsorber



ΔP (bar)	0.56
Pipe Dia (m)	0.3
Pipe Length (m)	25
Load Ratio (S/G)	40
Choking Velocity (m/s)	20.1
Superficial Velocity (m/s)	24.2

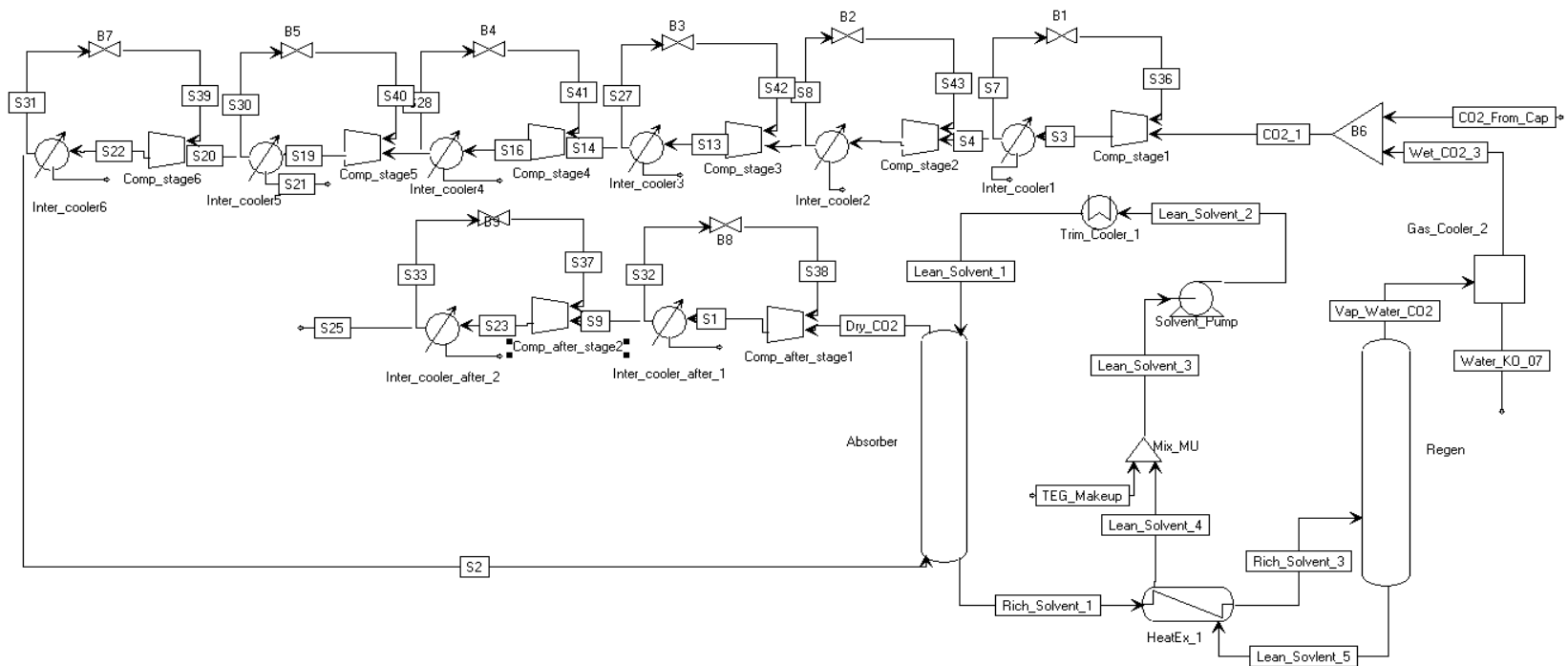
Pneumatic Transport Modeling: Adsorber to Regenerator

ΔP (bar)	0.18
Pipe Dia (m)	0.45
Pipe Length (m)	15
Load Ratio (S/G)	28.3
Choking Velocity (m/s)	19.1
Superficial Velocity (m/s)	22.9



CO₂ Compression System Model

- Dynamic model of a multi-stage integral gear compressor system with inter-stage coolers, knock-out drums, and TEG absorption system has been developed.
- Performance curves obtained from a commercial vendor has been used for calculating off-design performance.



CO₂ Compression System Model

Dimensionless Exit Flow Coefficient

$$\varphi_3 = \frac{\dot{V}_3}{\pi d_2 b_2 u_2}$$

$$\dot{V}_3 = \dot{V}_s \frac{z_d T_d P_s}{P_d z_s T_s}$$

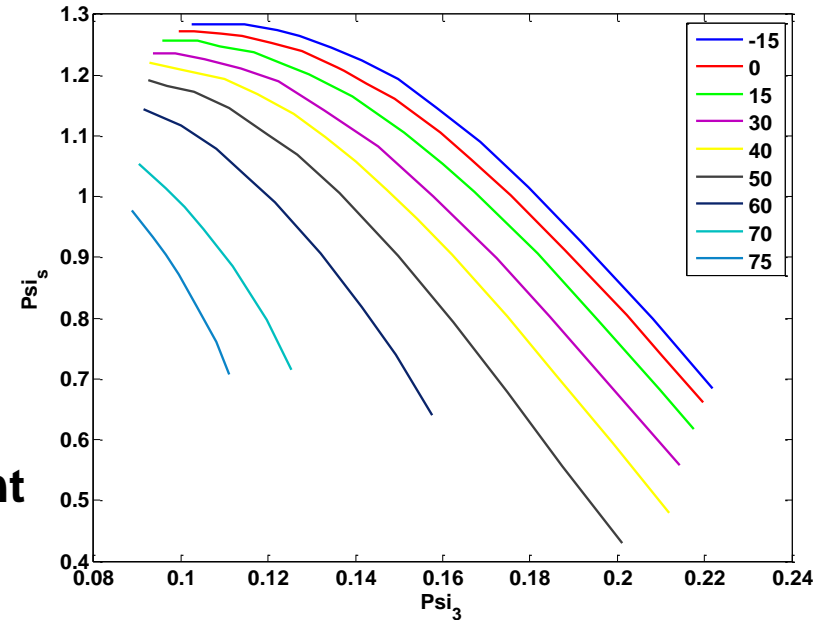
$$T_d = T_s \left(\frac{P_d}{P_s} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k\eta}}$$

Dimensionless Isentropic Head Coefficient

$$\varphi_s = \frac{2y_s}{u_2^2}$$

$$y_s = \text{Isentropic head} = z_s R T_s \frac{k}{k-1} \left(\left(\frac{P_d}{P_s} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\varphi_s = A\varphi_3^2 + B\varphi_3 + C$$



CO₂ Compressor Load Control

IGV Model

$$y = ae^{bx} + ce^{dx}$$

Surge Detection and Control

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{V}} (P_d / P_s) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi_s}{\partial \varphi_3} = 0$$

$$PS = \frac{\varphi_3^{op} - \varphi_3^*}{\varphi_3^*}$$

Gain Scheduling Controller

$$\sigma_\lambda(\xi) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq \xi \leq \lambda \\ \xi - \lambda & \text{if } \xi > \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$u(t) = k(t)y(t) + u_0$$

$$k(t) = \alpha \sigma_\lambda(|y(y)|)$$

$$k(0) = k_0$$

Modeling of Balance of the Plant

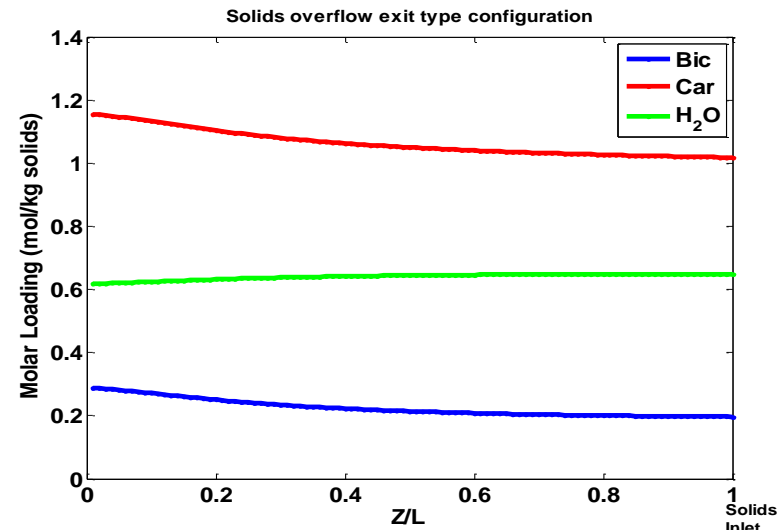
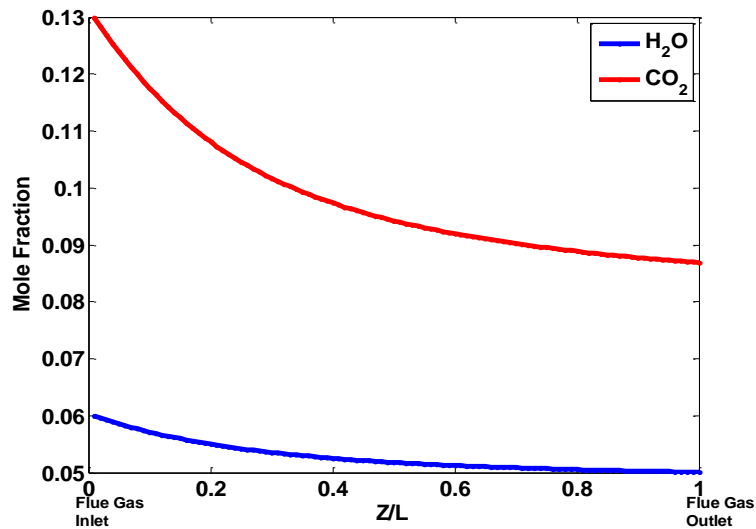
1. Pressure flow-network along with the control valves
2. Gas and Solid distributors
3. Downcomer and Exit-hopper
4. Other components such as flue-gas stack etc.
5. Pre-heater, post-heat exchanger, post-cooler, steam and BFW system for heat recovery

SOLUTION METHODOLOGY

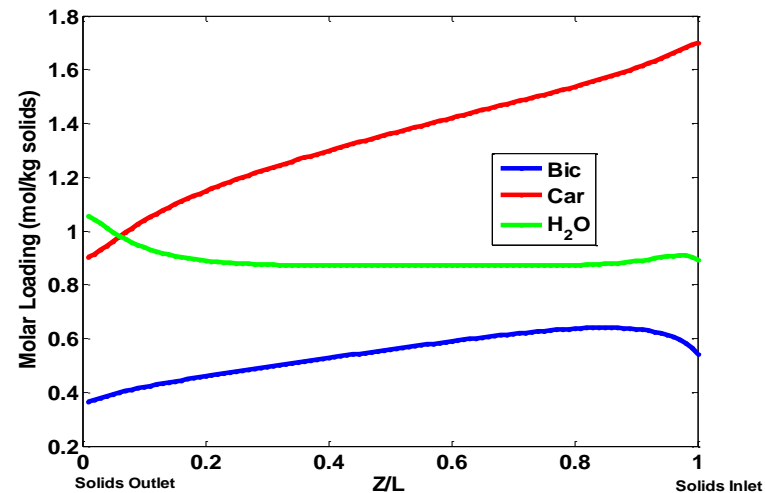
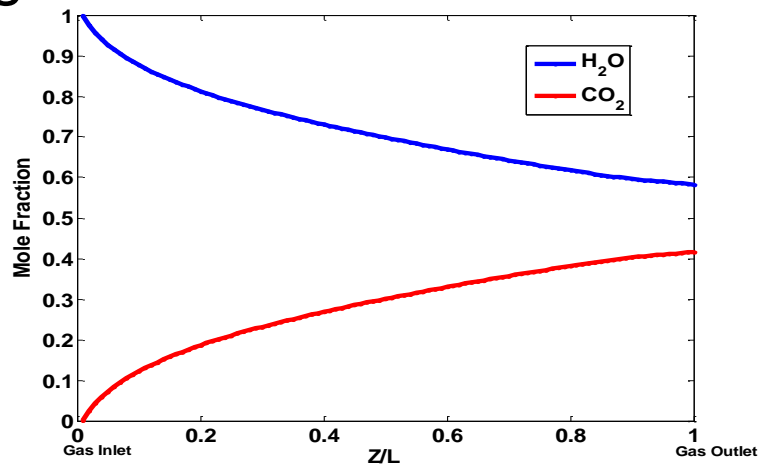
- All models are set up in Aspen Custom Modeler
- The dynamic model is solved by using the Method of Lines
- ACM model is embedded in Simulink for LMPC implementation.

Bubbling Bed Model : Results from Single Stage

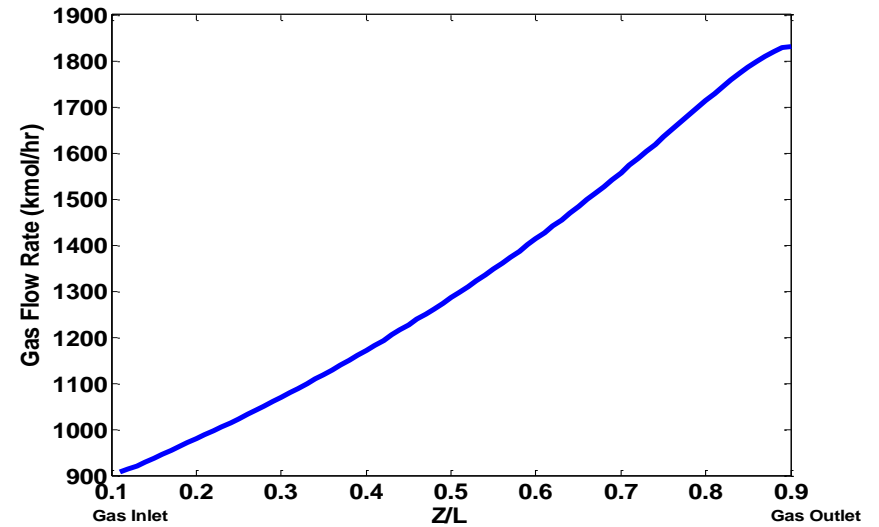
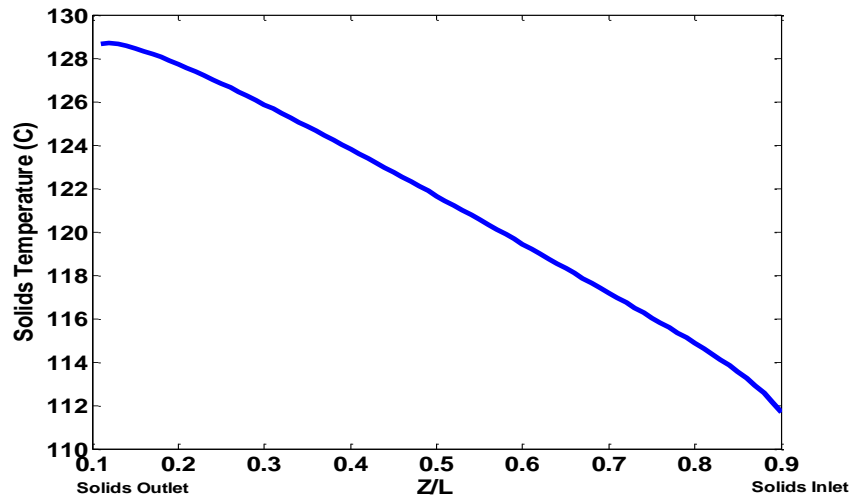
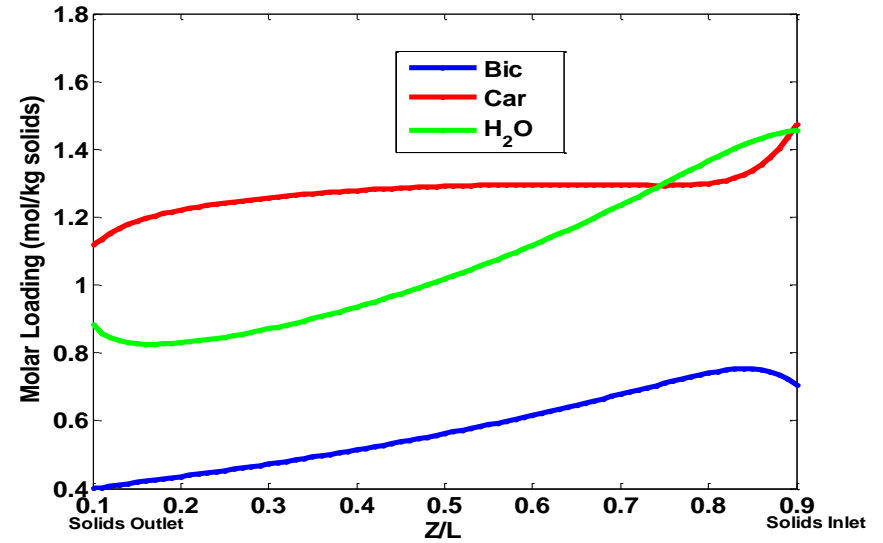
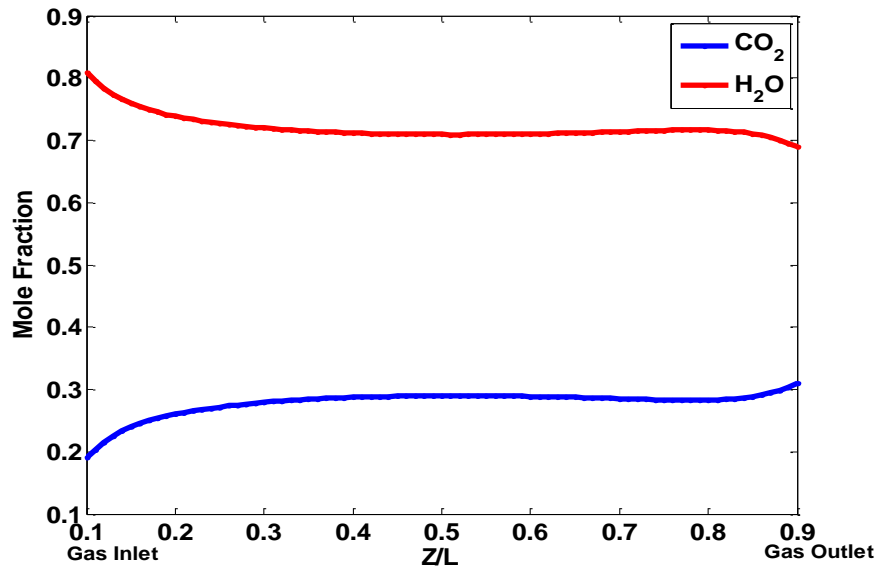
Adsorber



Regenerator



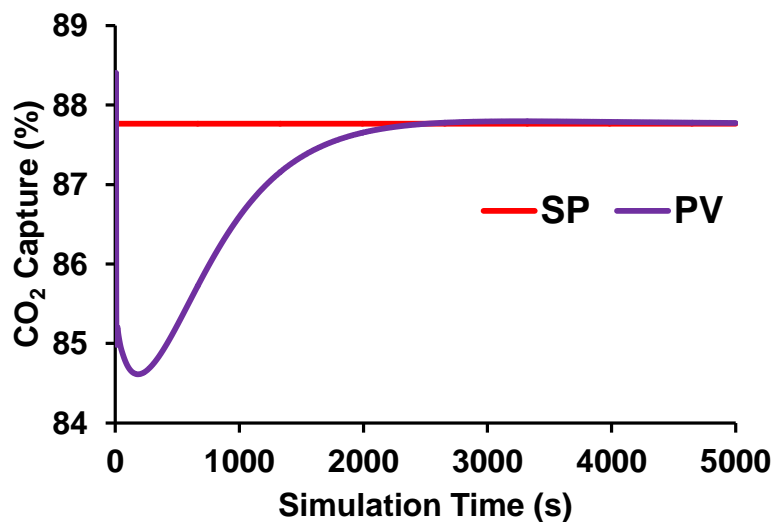
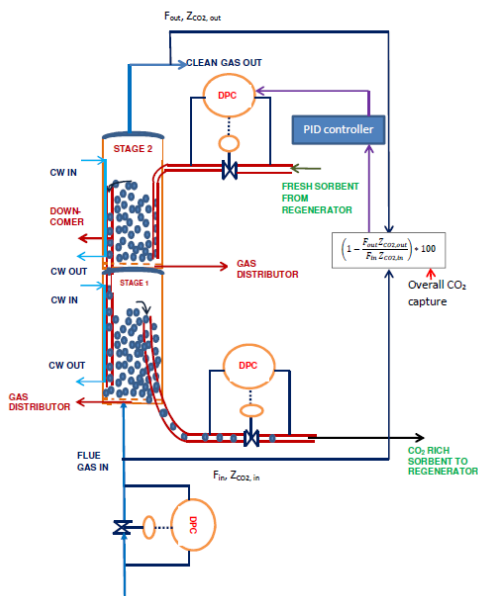
Moving Bed Regenerator: Results



CONTROLLER DESIGNS FOR MAINTAINING CO₂ CAPTURE – ADSORBER-ONLY (20% step increase in flue gas flowrate)

1. PID CONTROLLER

- PID controller for controlling CO₂ capture by manipulating the solid sorbent flowrate.
- Note the large undershoot and long settling time.

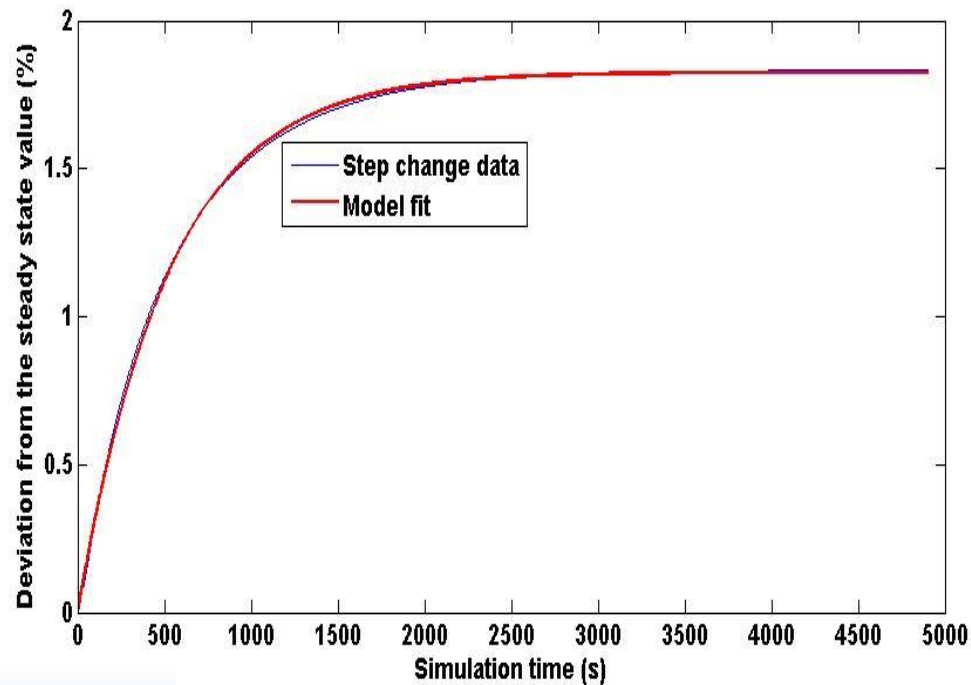


Configuration and Performance of the PID Controller

CONTROLLER DESIGN CONTD.

2.FEEDBACK-AUGMENTED FEEDFORWARD CONTROLLER

- Data for the process and disturbance models are generated by implementing step changes in the sorbent flowrate and the flue gas flowrate, respectively.
- Process and disturbance models are identified in MATLAB as first-order and pure-gain-plus-second-order models, respectively.

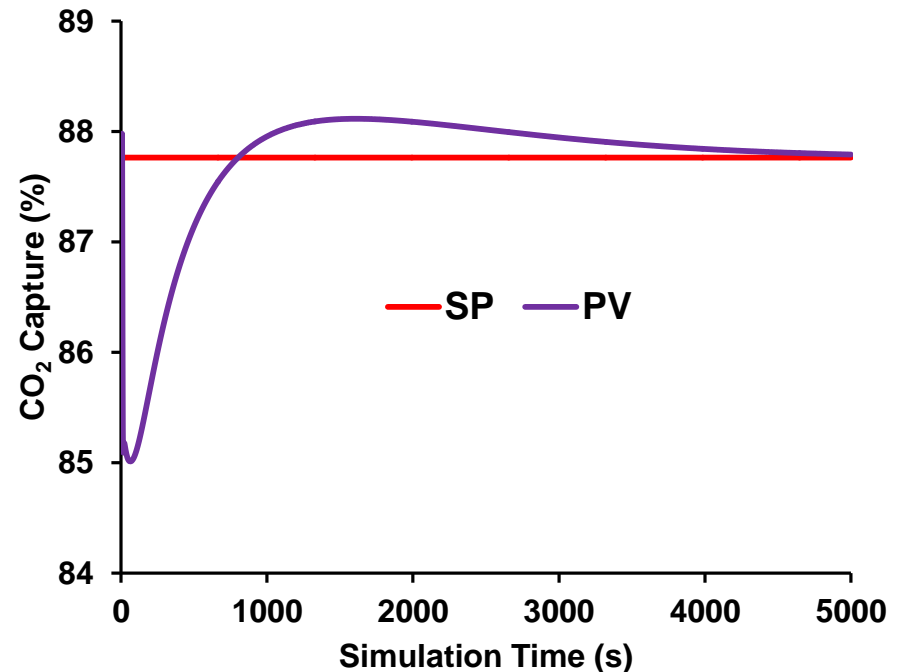
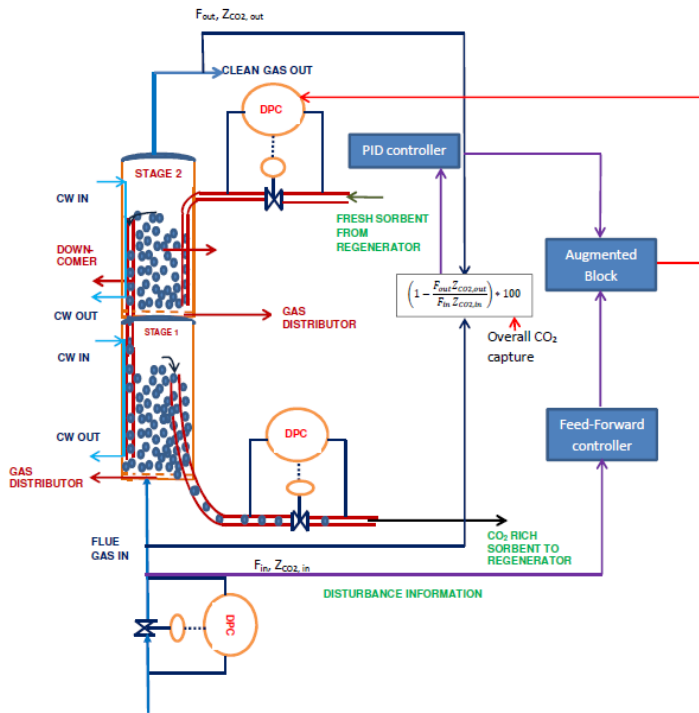


Comparison of the process model to the data from ACM®

CONTROLLER DESIGN CONTD.

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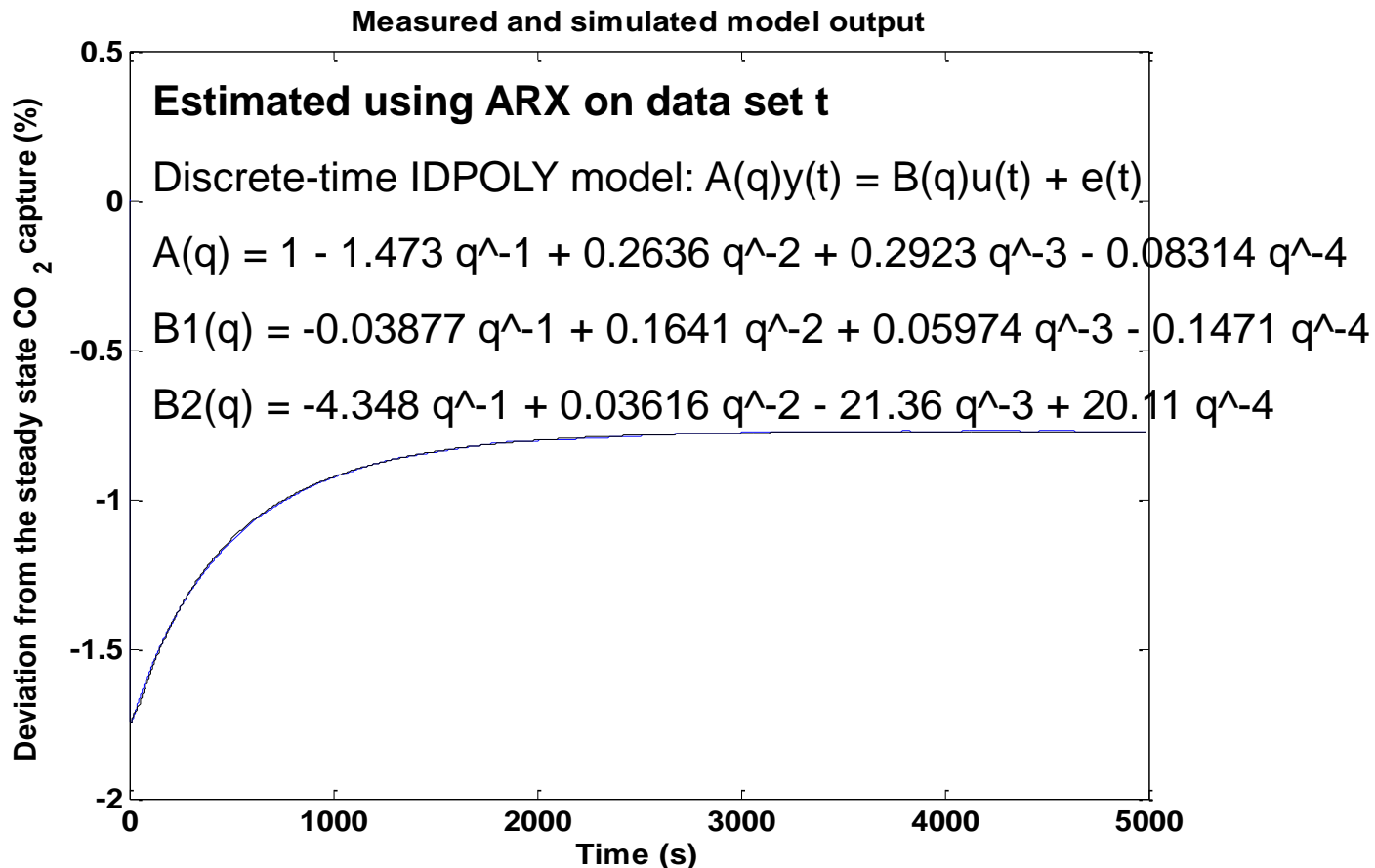
- Note the smaller/shorter undershoot with large overshoot and settling time



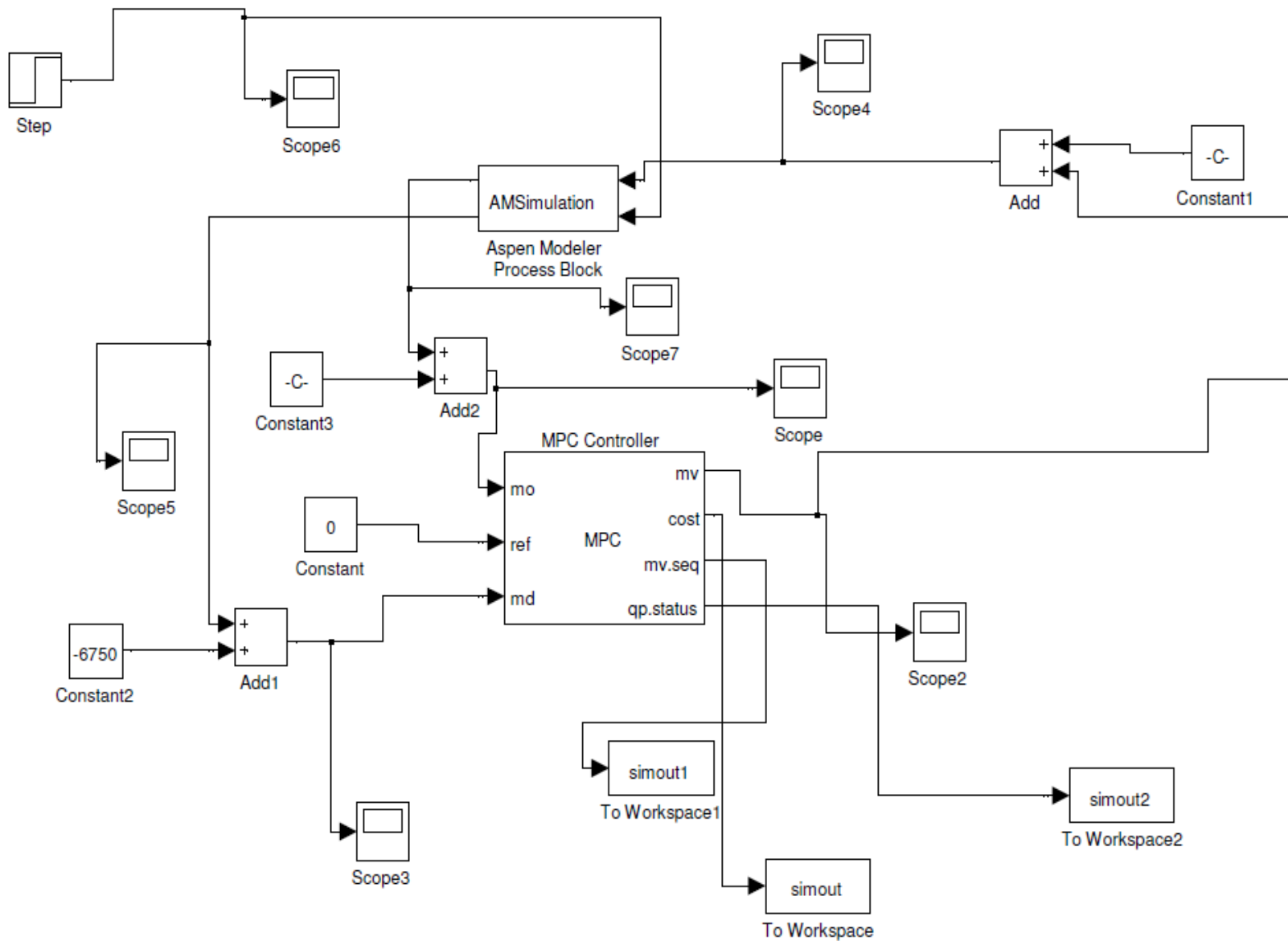
Configuration and Performance of the Feedback-Augmented Feedforward Controller

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3.LINEAR MODEL PREDICTIVE CONTROLLER



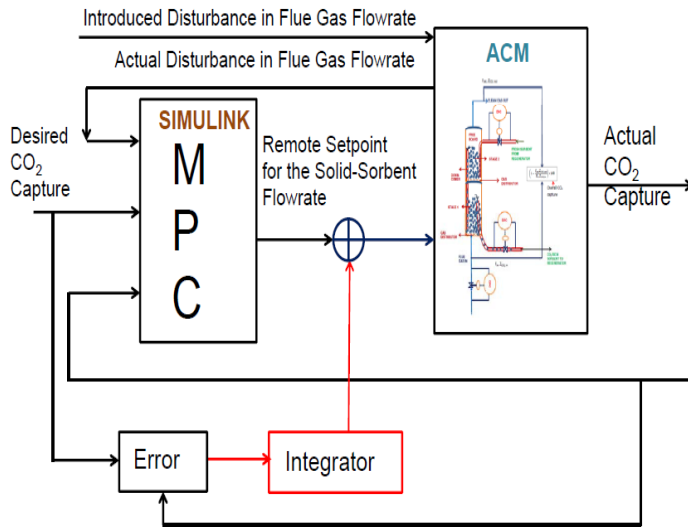
ARX model as the disturbance model



Simulink block diagram for LMPC implementation

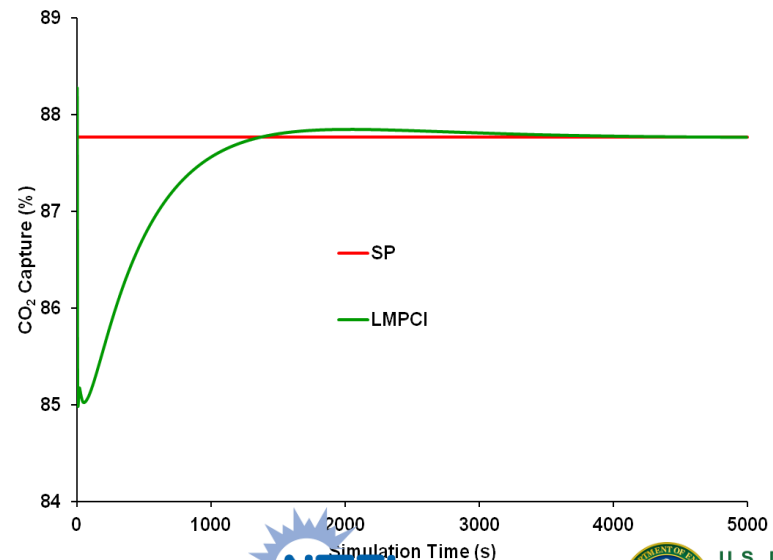
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3.1 Offset-free LMPC Using an Integrator



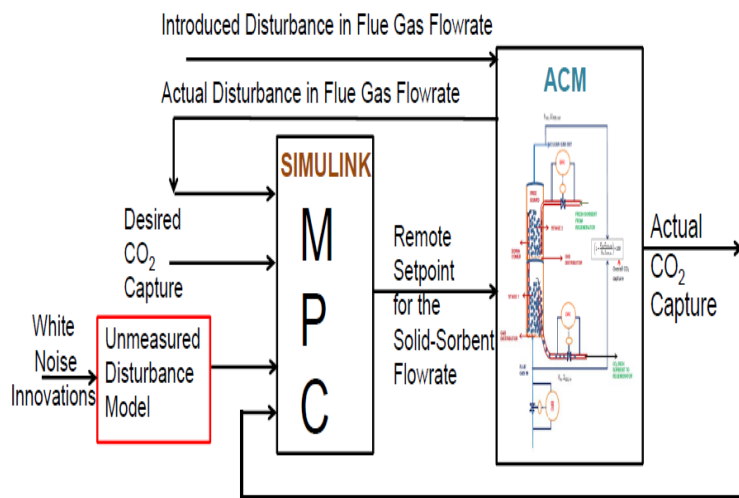
Configuration of LMPC with Additional Integrator

- Manipulated variable is sorbent flowrate.
- ACM model is embedded in SIMULINK for MPC implementation.
- 20% step increase in flue gas flowrate as disturbance.



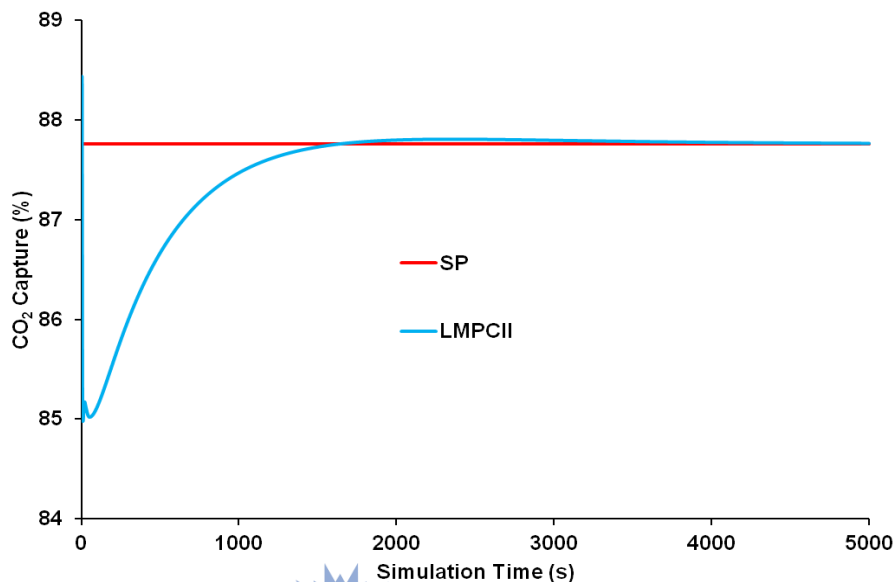
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3.2 Offset-free LMPC Using Unmeasured Disturbance

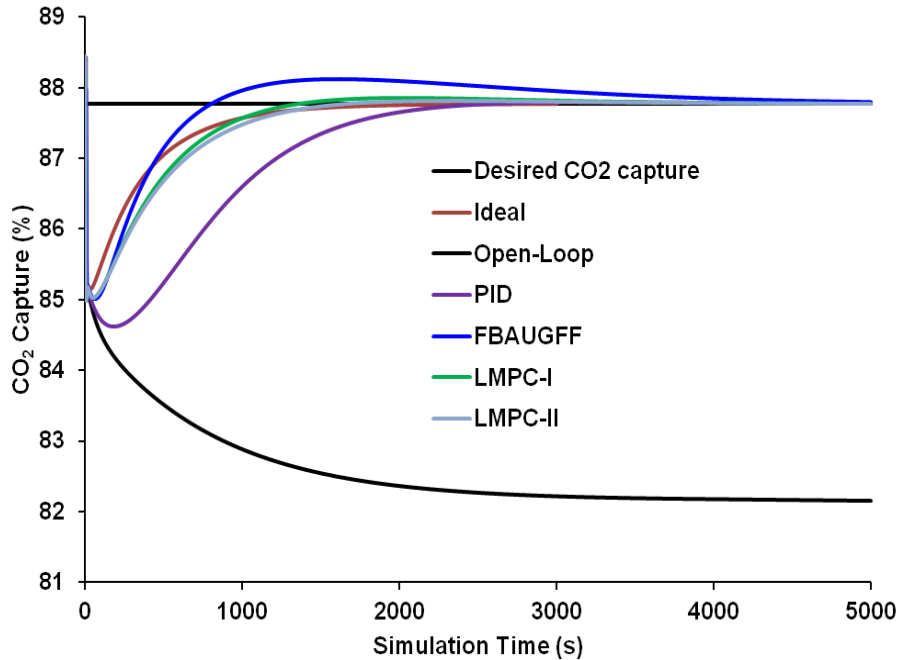


**Configuration and performance
of LMPC with
estimation of unmeasured
disturbance**

- Estimation of unmeasured disturbance using advanced Controllers of MPC toolbox in MATLAB[®].
- The ACM model is embedded in SIMULINK for MPC implementation.
- 20% step increase in flue gas flowrate.
- Performance is satisfactory even for other disturbances.



CONTROLLER PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

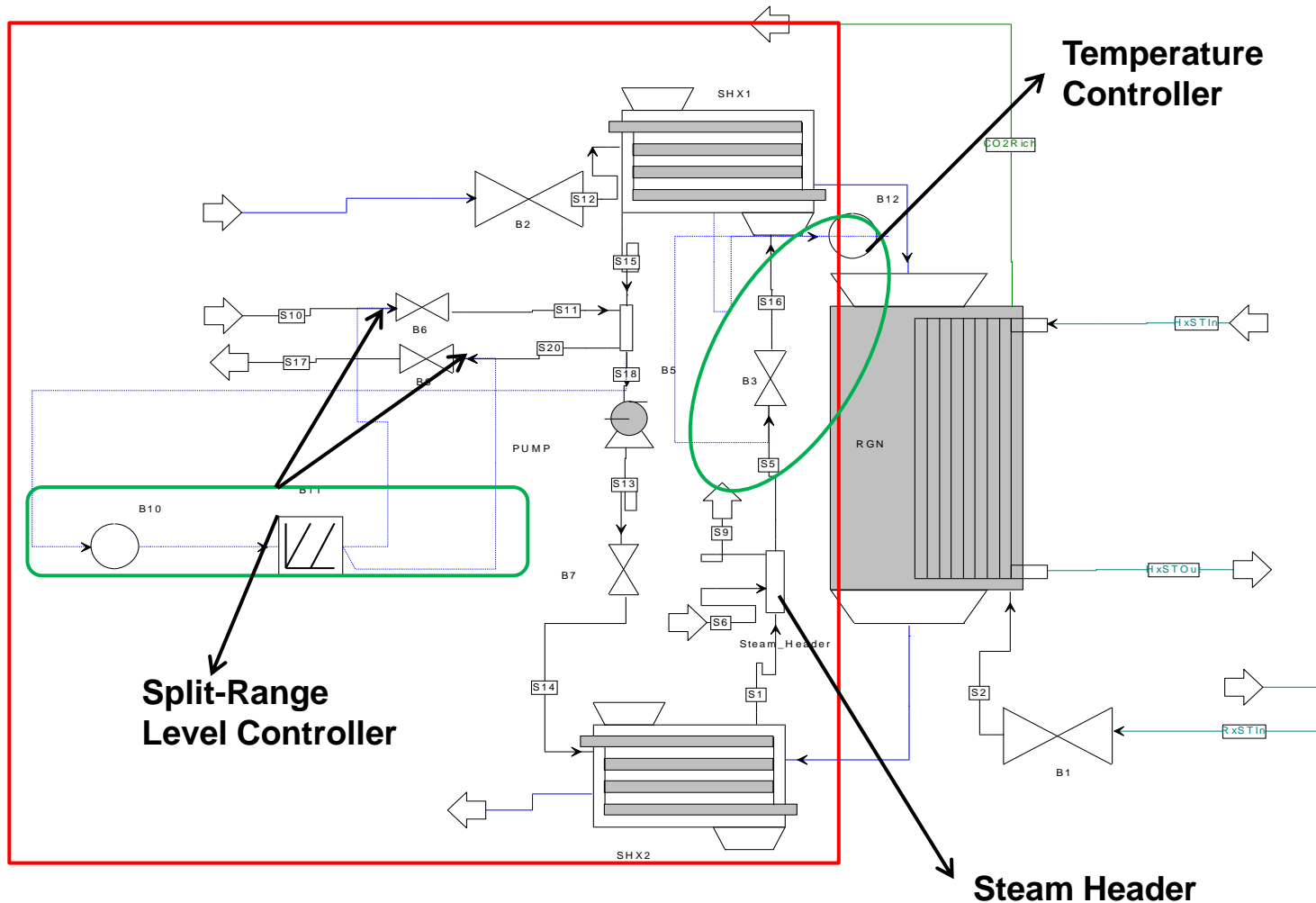


Control performances of LMPC-I and LMPC-II are superior to others

Control Performance Table

CONTROLLER	IAE	ISE	ITAE
	(hr)	(hr)	(hr ²)
(1) PID	0.8111	1.7551	1.12E-04
(2) FBAUGFF	0.4751	0.5502	6.60E-05
(3) LMPC-I	0.3913	0.6138	5.57E-05
(4) LMPC-II	0.4007	0.6386	6.30E-05

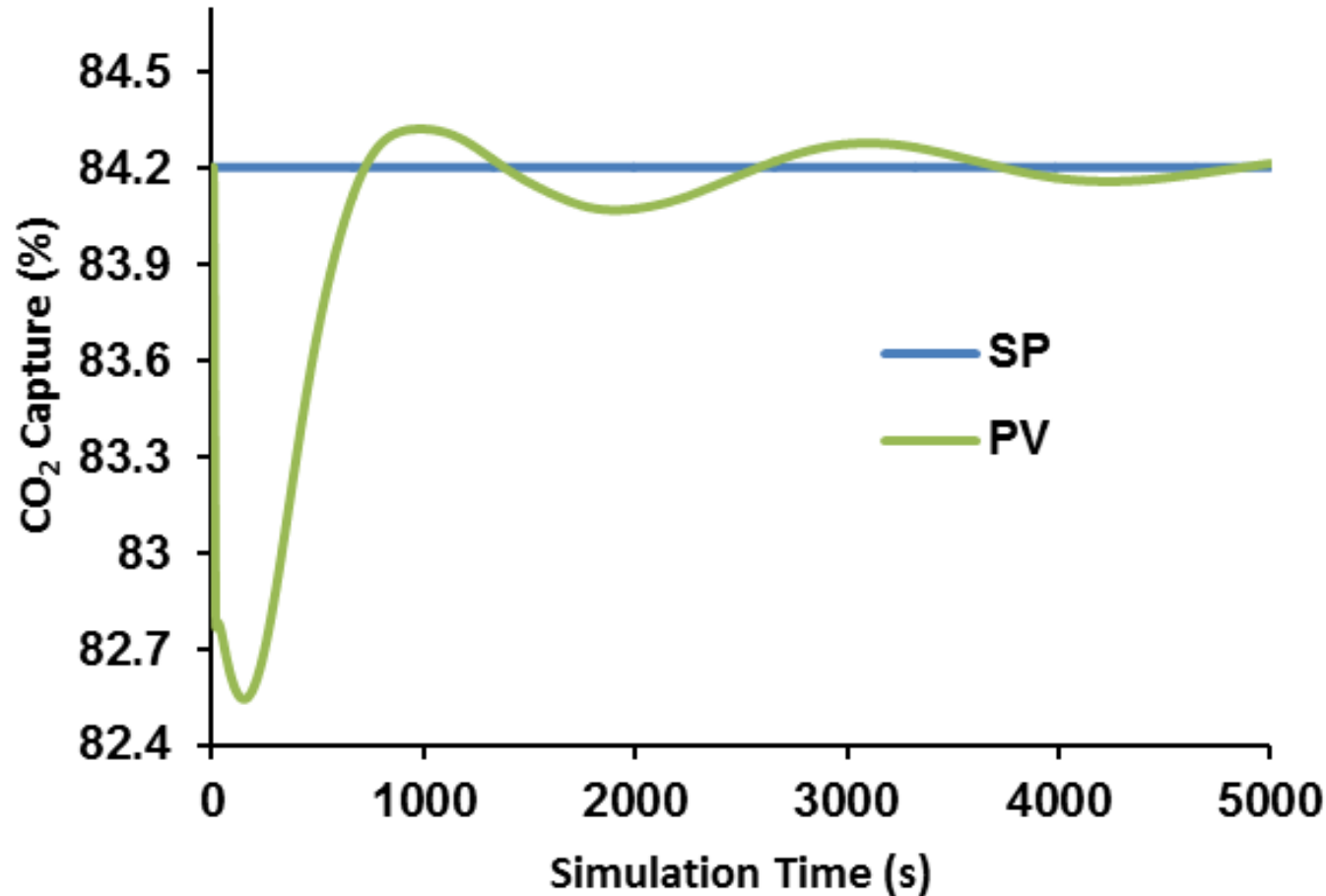
Control Configuration of the Regenerator System



Schematic of the ACM flow sheet of the moving bed regenerator with steam/BFW system

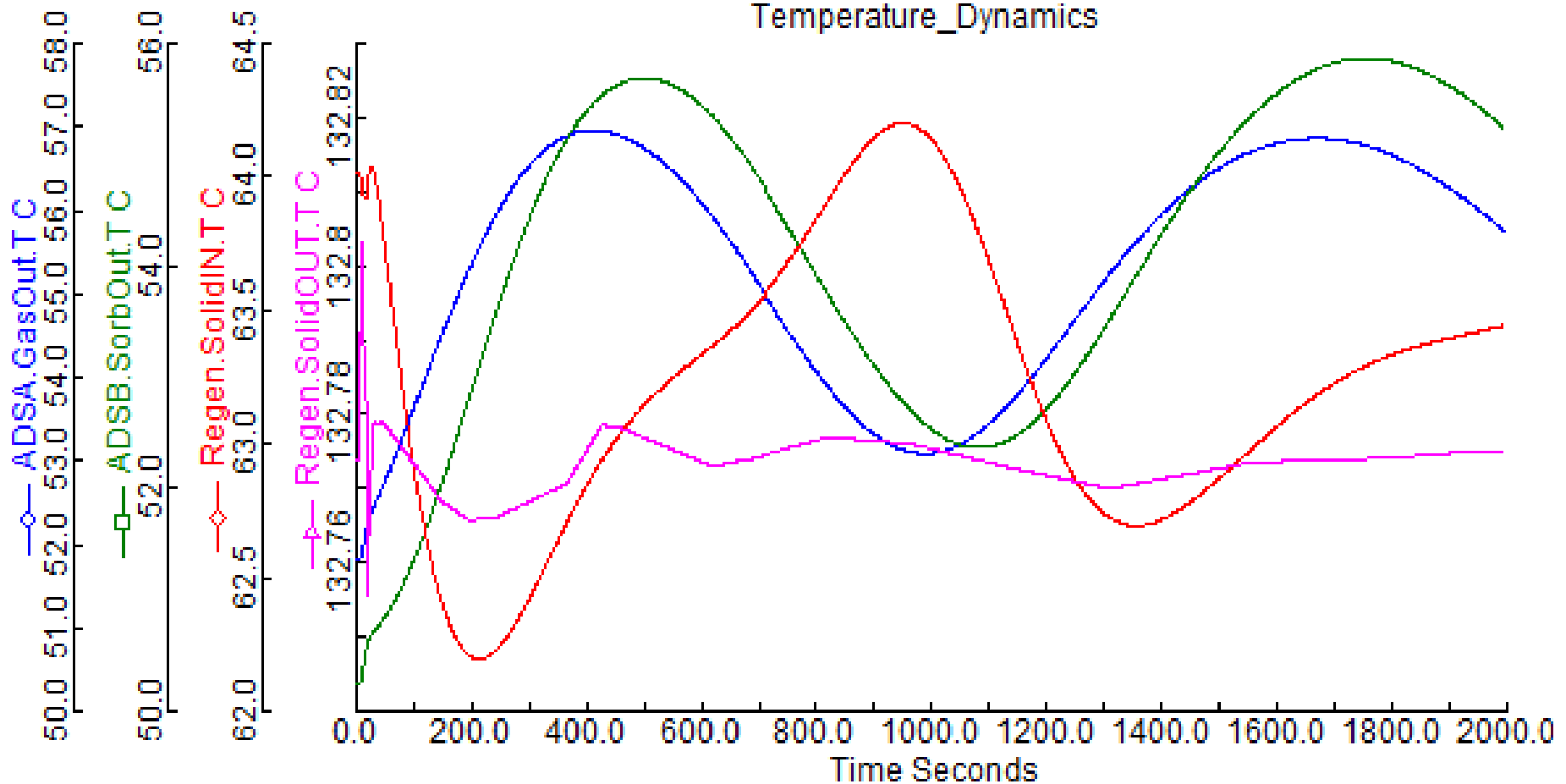
Integrated Adsorber-Regenerator Dynamic Model: PID Controller

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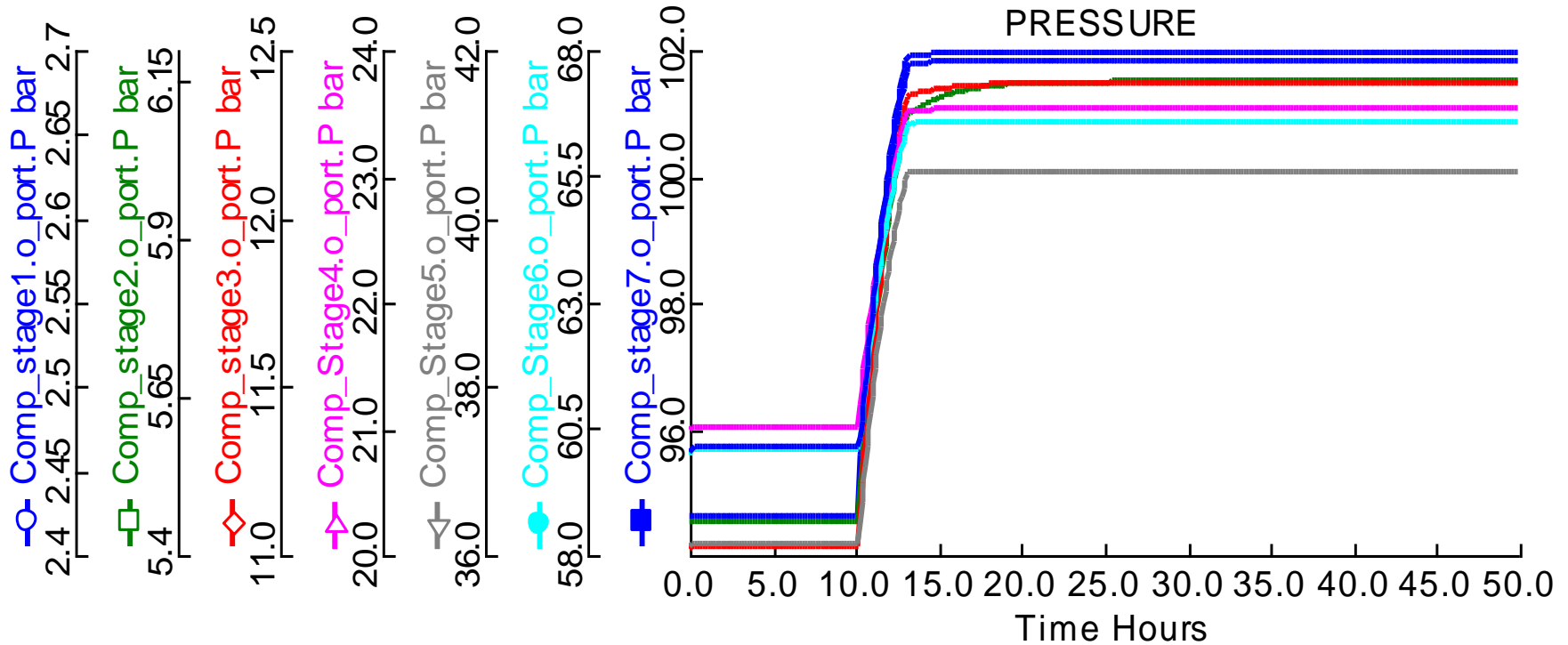


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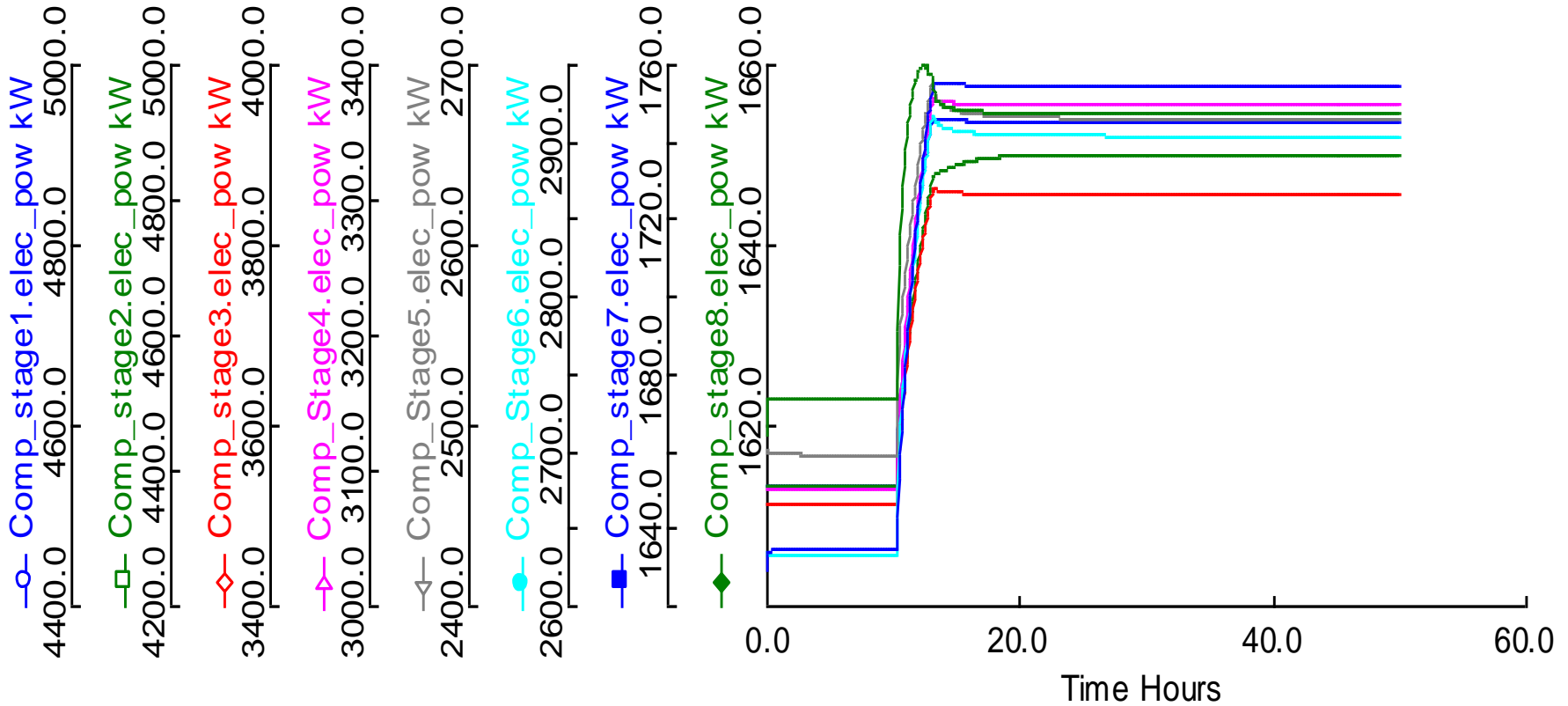
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Pressure Dynamics in CO₂ Compression System: 10% Ramp Change in flowrate



Power Dynamics in CO₂ Compression System: 10% Ramp Change in flowrate



CONCLUSIONS

1. One-dimensional, non-isothermal, pressure-driven dynamic models of a two-stage BFB adsorber-reactor, a moving bed regenerator, an integral gear CO₂ compression system along with the balance of the plant has been developed in ACM for solid-sorbent CO₂ capture.
2. For adsorber-only case, the performances of both LMPC strategies are satisfactory and superior to other control strategies.
3. The response of the coupled adsorber-regenerator system is slow and oscillatory due to interactions between the systems. Advanced control strategies should be considered for satisfying the overall CO₂ capture target over a period of time.

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Table 1. Base case conditions.

Geometry		Gas Conditions		Solid Conditions		HX Fluid Conditions	
D_t	8 m	$G_{b,in}$	2700 mol/s	$F_{sorb,in}$	230 kg/s	$F_{HX,in}$	216 kg/s
L_b	4 m	$T_{g,in}$	313.15 K	$T_{sorb,in}$	363.15 K	$P_{HX,in}$	101325 Pa
d_{HX}	0.03 m	$y_{g,CO_2,in}$	0.12	$n_{HCO_3,in}$	81.77 mol/m ³	$T_{HX,in}$	305.65 K
N_{HX}	2000	$y_{g,H_2O,in}$	0.12	$n_{H_2O,in}$	163.54 mol/m ³		
a_o	4.55×10 ⁻⁵ m ² per orifice	$y_{g,N_2,in}$	0.76	$n_{NHCO_2,in}$	572.39 mol/m ³	P_{L_b}	101325 Pa

Pneumatic Transport Modeling

Terminal Velocity of the particles:

$$u_t = u_t^* \left(\left(\mu_g (\rho_s - \rho_g) g \right) / \rho_g^2 \right)^{-1/3}$$

$$u_t^* = \frac{1}{18 / D_p^2} + \frac{(2.335 - 1.744 \phi_s)}{(D_p^*)^{0.5}}$$

$$D_p^* = D_p \left(\left(\rho_g (\rho_s - \rho_g) g \right) / \mu_g^2 \right)^{1/3}$$

Choking Velocity, Voidage at Choking, and Superficial Velocity

$$G_s = \frac{F_s / 3600}{\pi D^2 / 4}$$

$$\frac{u_{ch}}{\varepsilon_{ch}} - u_t = \frac{G_s}{\rho_s (1 - \varepsilon_{ch})}$$

$$\rho_g^{0.77} = 2250 D \frac{((\varepsilon_{ch})^{-4.7} - 1)}{\left(\frac{u_{ch}}{\varepsilon_{ch}} - u_t \right)^2}$$

$$u = 1.2 u_{ch}$$

Pneumatic Transport Modeling

Load Ratio, Gas and Solid Velocities

$$u_g = u / \varepsilon_p$$

$$u_s = u_g - u_t$$

$$G_s = \rho_s (1 - \varepsilon_p) u_s$$

$$G_g = \rho_g \varepsilon_p u_g$$

$$\text{Load Ratio} = G_s / G_g$$

Reynold's Number and Gas Friction Factor

$$f_g = 0.079 Re^{-0.25}$$

$$Re = \frac{Du\rho_g}{\mu_g}$$