# MEA Steady-State Model Release 3.2

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The MEA Steady State Model is a model of an aqueous monoethanolamine solvent-based  $CO_2$  capture system. The process flowsheet includes both absorption and stripping columns, with equipment specifications based on the pilot system (0.5 MWe scale) at the National Carbon Capture Center. The process model is implemented in Aspen Plus<sup>®</sup> and currently supports V10 and later.

#### CHAPTER

## ONE

## **REPORTING ISSUES**

To report a problem, make a suggestion or ask a a question, please either open an issue at our Github repository at: https://github.com/CCSI-Toolset/MEA\_ssm/issues or alternatively send an e-mail to our support list: ccsi-support@acceleratecarboncapture.org.

#### CHAPTER

### TWO

## **VERSION LOG**

Product	Ver-	Re-	Description
	sion	lease	
	Num-	Date	
	ber		
Steady	3.2.1	3/31/20	2 Minor updates to documentation, including confirmation that model is compatible
State			with Aspen Plus V12.
MEA			1
Model			
Steady	3.2.0	2/5/202	1 Addition of a dynamic link library containing compiled Fortran code for compati-
State			bility with Aspen Plus V11.
MEA			
Model			
Steady	3.1.0	7/31/20	20nclusion of additional user Fortran subroutine for mass transfer model in order to
State			fix bug that is present when using in-built correlation for mass transfer in conjunc-
MEA			tion with user subroutine for interfacial area.
Model			
Steady	3.0.0	8/31/20	19 New version of model created for compatibility with Aspen Plus V10. Additional
State			new features include a more rigorous flowsheet and instructions for creating FOR-
MEA			TRAN user subroutines needed for the model.
Model			
Steady	2.0.0	3/31/20	18nitial Open Source release
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MEA			
Model			
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MEA			
Model			

## 2.1 Model Development

### 2.1.1 Model Background

This model contains a process flowsheet of a solvent-based  $CO_2$  capture system with aqueous monoethanolamine (MEA). The model consists of the CCSI\_MEAModel.bkp file with supporting files ccsi.opt, ccsi10.dll, and ccsi11.dll. The dll files are not provided in the MEA\_ssm repository, but are available on the release page for the product (https://github.com/CCSI-Toolset/MEA\_ssm/releases/tag/3.2.1). The dll files contain compiled FOR-TRAN code associated with user subroutines called in the bkp file; separate versions of the dll have been developed

for compatibility with Aspen Plus<sup>®</sup> V10 and V11. This is due to a change starting with V11 in which Aspen Plus is compiled as a 64-bit program, and the associated user subroutines must be compiled as 64-bit code. The opt file is used to specify the dll file within the bkp file.

Note: When executing the bkp file in Aspen Plus V11, the text in the opt file must be modified to ccsi11.dll.

It has been confirmed that the model is also functional in Aspen V12 if the ccsi11.dll is used, and it is expected to also be compatible with later versions (e.g., V12.1, V12.2) that have not yet been evaluated by the model developers.

This model represents the first version of the "gold standard" model for the MEA capture system. It is composed of individually developed sub-models for physical properties of  $CO_2$  -loaded aqueous MEA solutions and hydraulic and mass transfer models for the system of interest. Each sub-model is developed and calibrated with relevant data over the full range of process conditions of interest (e.g., temperature, composition). For each sub-model, existing models were considered as candidates and modified to better fit experimental data over the conditions of interest.

#### 2.1.2 Physical Property Models

Physical property models developed for this system include stand-alone models and an integrated thermodyamic framework. Stand-alone models for viscosity, density, and surface tension of the system have been developed, with uncertainty quantification, as described in Morgan et al., [1]\_ and are implemented as FORTRAN user models. The thermodynamic framework of this system is developed using UT Austin's Phoenix model<sup>2</sup> thermodynamic framework as a precursor. The solution thermodynamics are represented by the ELECNRTL method in Aspen Plus, which uses the Redlich-Kwong equation of state to calculate the vapor phase fugacity coefficients and the electrolyte non-random two liquid (e-NRTL) model to calculate the activity coefficients in the liquid phase. Model parameters are calibrated by fitting data for VLE, heat capacity, and heat of absorption for the ternary MEA (monoethanolamine)-H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub> system and VLE data for the binary MEA-H<sub>2</sub>O system<sup>3</sup>. The kinetic model used in this work is taken from the Phoenix model, in which the ionic speciation of the system is simplified into two equilibrium reactions:

> $2MEA + CO_2 \leftrightarrow MEA^+ + MEACOO^ MEA + CO_2 + H_2O \leftrightarrow MEA^+ + HCO_3^-$

The forward reaction rate constants are taken from the Phoenix model, and the overall reaction rate is written in terms of the equilibrium constants which are also calculated as part of the thermodynamic framework of the system. This follows the methodology presented in Mathias and Gilmartin<sup>4</sup>, and is implemented to ensure that the reaction kinetics are consistent with the thermodynamic framework.

#### 2.1.3 Mass Transfer and Hydraulic Models

The development of mass transfer and hydraulic models for this MEA steady-state model is presented in the work of Chinen et al.<sup>5</sup>. Hydrodynamic models developed in this work include models for pressure drop and hold-up. The Billet and Schultes correlation<sup>6</sup> is regressed with data from Tsai<sup>7</sup> for MellapakPlus<sup>TM</sup>250Y packing, which is similar to the MellapakPlus 252Y packing that is used in this work. In this work, a novel and integrated methodology to obtain

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Plaza, J.M. Modeling of Carbon Dioxide Absorption Using Aqueous Monoethanolamine, Piperazine, and Promoted Potassium Carbonate. The University of Texas at Austin, 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Morgan, J.C.; Chinen, A.S.; Omell, B.; Bhattacharyya, D.; Tong, C.; Miller, D.C., Thermodynamic Modeling and Uncertainty Quantification of CO<sub>2</sub> -Loaded Aqueous MEA Solutions. Chem Eng. Sci. 2017, 168, 309-324.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Mathias, P.M.; Gilmartin, J.P., Quantitative Evaluation of the Effect of Uncertainty in Property Models on the Simulated Performance of Solvent-Based CO<sub>2</sub> Capture. Energy Procedia. 2014, 63, 1171-1185.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Chinen, A.S.; Morgan, J.C.; Omell, B.; Bhattacharyya, D.; Tong, C.; Miller, D.C., Development of a Rigorous Modeling Framework for Solvent-Based CO<sub>2</sub> Capture. Part 1: Hydraulic and Mass Transfer Models and their Uncertainty Quantification. Ind. Eng. Chem. Res. 2018, 57, 10448-10463.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Billet, R., Schultes, M., Predicting mass transfer in packed columns. Chem Eng Technol 1993, 16, 1-9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Tsai, R.E. Mass Transfer Area of Structured Packing. The University of Texas at Austin, 2010.

the mass transfer model is proposed. In this integrated mass transfer model, parameters of the interfacial area, mass transfer coefficient, and diffusivity models are regressed using wetted wall column data from Dugas<sup>8</sup> and pilot plant data from Tobiesen et al.<sup>9</sup>. This required simultaneous regression of process model and property parameters, which was accomplished using the CCSI software Framework for Optimization, Quantification of Uncertainty, and Surrogates [FOQUS].

#### 2.1.4 Development of Process Model

The aforementioned submodels are integrated into this steady-state process model, which is representative of the configuration of the National Carbon Capture Center (NCCC) in Wilsonville, Alabama, for which data have been obtained for the validation of this model<sup>1011</sup>. No parameters have been tuned to improve the fit of the model to the pilot plant data. The model includes both the absorber and stripper columns, although the recylce of the lean solvent from the regenerator outlet to the absorber inlet is not modeled. The columns are modeled as rate-based columns using RateSep<sup>TM</sup>.

The various submodels are implemented in Aspen Plus either as built-in models (e.g., ELECNRTL thermodynamic framework) or FORTRAN user models, in cases where built-in models with the appropriate model form are not available. The user models are combined into a dynamic library (ccsi10.dll or ccsi11.dll for this model) and a dynamic linking options (DLOPT) file (ccsi.opt) is also provided, which has already been specified in the Aspen Plus file for this model. The various user models contained in the linked library include physical property models for viscosity, density, surface tension, and diffusivity, the hydraulics model, the interfacial area model, and the reaction kinetics model. Further information on the user subroutines may be found *here*.

#### 2.1.5 Model Features

The CCSI\_MEAModel.bkp file included is representative of a typical operating case at NCCC and some adjustment of operating variables is possible. Table 1 includes some of these variables and suggested ranges for which the model is expected to work, based on the ranges considered in testing at NCCC.

Variable	Range
Lean Solvent Amine Concentration (g MEA/g MEA+ h2o )	0.25 - 0.35
Lean Solvent CO <sub>2</sub> Loading (mol CO <sub>2</sub> /mol MEA)	0.05 - 0.50
Lean Solvent Flowrate (kg/hr)	3000 - 12000
Flue Gas Flowrate (kg/hr)	1250 - 3000
Regenerator Reboiler Duty (kW)	150 - 700

#### Table 1. Suggested Ranges for Simulation Variables

Table 1 includes the major variables that dictate the performance of the process, although the list is not exhaustive. Other variables, including operating temperature and pressure of the equipment, are set at typical values for the MEA-based  $CO_2$  capture process, and slight variation of these variables is allowable. As the lean solvent flowrate is decreased, the intercooler flow rates should be adjusted accordingly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Dugas, R.E. Carbon Dioxide Absorption, Desorption, and Diffusion in Aqueous Piperazine and Monoethanolamine. The University of Texas at Austin, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Tobiesen, F.A.; Svendsen, H.F.; Juliussen, O., Experimental Validation of a Rigorous Absorber Model for CO<sub>2</sub> Postcombustion Capture. AIChE Journal. 2007, 53, 846-865.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Morgan, J.C.; Chinen, A.S.; Omell, B.; Bhattacharyya, D.; Tong, C.; Miller, D.C.; Buschle, B.; Lucquiaud, M., Development of a Rigorous Modeling Framework for Solvent-Based CO<sub>2</sub> Capture. Part 2: Steady-State Validation and Uncertainty Quantification with Pilot Data. Ind. Eng. Chem. Res. 2018, 57, 10464-10481.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Morgan, J.C.; Chinen, A.S.; Anderson-Cook, C.; Tong, C.; Carroll, J.; Saha, C.; Omell, B.; Bhattacharyya, D.; Matuszewski, M.; Bhat, K.S.; Miller, D.C., Development of a Framework for Sequential Bayesian Design of Experiments: Application to a Pilot-Scale Solvent-Based CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Process. App. Energy. 2020, 262, 114533.

The apparent mole fractions of molecular species may be calculated from the amine concentration ( $W_{MEA}$ ) and  $CO_2$  loading () using the equations:

$$X_{\text{MEA}} = \left(1 + \alpha + \left(\frac{\text{MW}_{\text{MEA}}}{\text{MW}_{H_2O}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\text{W}_{\text{MEA}}} - 1\right)\right)^{-1}$$
$$X_{\text{CO}_2} = \alpha X_{\text{MEA}}$$
$$X_{H_2O} = 1 - X_{\text{MEA}} - X_{\text{CO}_2}$$

#### References

### 2.2 Development of FORTRAN Subroutines

This section is optional and intended primarily for those users who wish to directly develop the FORTRAN subroutines used in this model and compile them as a dll file. Otherwise, the user may used the provided ccsi.opt and either the ccsi10.dll or ccsi11.dll file. In order to create the dll file, ensure that an Intel Fortran compiler and Microsoft Visual Studio are installed in the machine. Open the Aspen application *Set Compiler for V10* (or the application corresponding to the version of Aspen Plus in use) to see the list of combinations compatible with V10 and V11, respectively; this is shown for both versions in Figure 1.

#### Figure 1. 'Set Compiler' applications for (A) Aspen Plus V10 and (B) Aspen Plus V11

As directed in the set compiler application, select an option for which the *State* is *OK*. The provided dll files ccsi10. dll and ccsi11.dll were compiled with the respective FORTRAN compilers shown with the 'OK' status in Figure 1. If all options are shown with the *ERROR* status, then one cannot proceed with the following steps until the appropriate software is installed.

To obtain the FORTRAN template .f files distributed with Aspen Tech software, navigate to one of the following folders depending on the Aspen verson of interest:

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\AspenTech\Aspen Plus V10.0\Engine\User
C:\Program Files\AspenTech\Aspen Plus V11.0\Engine\User
```

**Note:** Templates for V10 (32-bit program) may be found in the Program Files (x86) directory, while those for later versions (64-bit program) are found in the Program Files directory.

The following subsections provide the details of the required updates to the template files.

#### 2.2.1 Viscosity Model

For the liquid viscosity model, open the file mul2u2.f. In the section of the code titled DECLARE ARGUMENTS, add the following code for declaring additional variables. The existing code in this section of the template should not be deleted, as it is needed to declare the major input and output variables of the subroutine.

```
INTEGER DMS_KCCIDC,I
INTEGER IH2O,IMEA,IMEACOO,ICO2,IMEAH,IHCO3
REAL*8 XX(100),SUM,DSUM,DPSUM
REAL*8 A,B,C,D,E,F,G
REAL*8 MUW,XCO2T,XMEAT,XH2OT,LDG,WTMEA,MUBLEND
```

In the BEGIN EXECUTABLE CODE section, remove the template code that has been provided. Note that the final section of the template, which includes the definitions of the liquid viscosity (MUMX), its temperature derivative (DMUMX), and its pressure derivative (DPMUMX), should not be deleted. Insert the following code under BEGIN EXECUTABLE CODE:

```
IH20 = DMS_KCCIDC('H20')
IMEA = DMS_KCCIDC('MEA')
IMEACOO = DMS_KCCIDC('MEACOO-')
ICO2 = DMS_KCCIDC('CO2')
IMEAH = DMS_KCCIDC('MEA+')
IHCO3 = DMS_KCCIDC('HCO3-')
DO I=1,100
      XX(I) = 0
END DO
DO I=1,N
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IH20) XX(IH20) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IMEA) XX(IMEA) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IMEACOO) XX(IMEACOO) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. ICO2) XX(ICO2) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IMEAH) XX(IMEAH) =Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IHCO3) XX(IHCO3) = Z(I)
END DO
A = MULU2A(1, IMEA)
B = MULU2A(2, IMEA)
C = MULU2A(3, IMEA)
D = MULU2A(4, IMEA)
E = MULU2A(5, IMEA)
F = MULU2A(1, IH2O)
G = MULU2A(2, IH2O)
MUW = 1.002
MUW=MUW*10**(1.3272*(293.15-T-0.001053*(T-293.15)**2)/(T-168.15))
XCO2T = XX(IMEACOO) + XX(IHCO3) + XX(ICO2)
XMEAT = XX(IMEACOO) + XX(IMEAH) + XX(IMEA)
XH2OT = XX(IHCO3) + XX(IH2O)
LDG = XCO2T/XMEAT
WTMEA = XMEAT*XMW(IMEA) + XH2OT*XMW(IH2O)
WTMEA = 100*((XMEAT*XMW(IMEA))/WTMEA)
MUBLEND = (A*WTMEA+B)*T+(C*WTMEA+D)
MUBLEND = MUBLEND^* (LDG^* (E^*WTMEA + F^*T + G) + 1)^*WTMEA
MUBLEND=DEXP(MUBLEND/T**2)
IF (XMEAT.EQ.0) THEN
SUM=MUI(IH2O)
ELSE IF (XH2OT.EQ.0) THEN
      SUM=DEXP(-102.07+7992.1/T+13.724*LOG(T))/1000
ELSE
      SUM=MUBLEND*MUW/1000
END IF
```

The existing RETURN and END statements at the end of the code must be retained. Ensure that the inserted code lines do not get commented.

#### 2.2.2 Molar Volume Model

For the liquid molar volume model, the process is analogous to that used for the viscosity model. In the folder that contains the Fortran templates, select vl2u2.f. The following code should be added to the DECLARE ARGUMENTS section without deleting the existing code:

INTEGER DMS\_KCCIDC,I INTEGER IH2O,IMEA,IMEACOO,ICO2,IMEAH,IHCO3 REAL\*8 XX(100),SUM,DSUM,DPSUM REAL\*8 A,B,C,D,E REAL\*8 AM,BM,CM,AW,BW,CW REAL\*8 VH2O,VMEA REAL\*8 XCO2T,XMEAT,XH2OT,XTOT

In the section marked BEGIN EXECUTABLE CODE, remove the template code and replace with the code given below. As with the viscosity model, avoid deleting the definitions of liquid molar volume (VMX), its temperature derivative (DVMX), and its pressure derivative (DPVMX).

```
IH20 = DMS_KCCIDC('H20')
IMEACOO = DMS_KCCIDC('MEACOO-')
ICO2 = DMS_KCCIDC('CO2')
IMEAH = DMS_KCCIDC('MEA+')
IHCO3 = DMS_KCCIDC('HCO3-')
IMEA = DMS_KCCIDC('MEA')
DO I=1,100
      XX(I) = 0
END DO
DO I=1,N
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IH20) XX(IH20) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IMEA) XX(IMEA) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IMEACOO) XX(IMEACOO) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. ICO2) XX(ICO2) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IMEAH) XX(IMEAH) =Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IHCO3) XX(IHCO3) = Z(I)
END DO
A = VL2U2A(1, IMEA)
B = VL2U2A(2, IMEA)
C = VL2U2A(3, IMEA)
D = VL2U2A(4, IMEA)
E = VL2U2A(5, IMEA)
AM=-0.000000535162
BM=-0.000451417
CM=1.19451
AW=-0.00000324839
BW=0.00165311
CW=0.793041
```

```
VH20 = XMW(IH20) / (AW*T**2+BW*T+CW)
VMEA = XMW(IMEA) / (AM*T**2+BM*T+CM)
XCO2T = XX(IMEACOO) + XX(IHCO3) + XX(ICO2)
XMEAT = XX(IMEACOO) + XX(IMEAH) + XX(IMEA)
XH2OT = XX(IHCO3) + XX(IH2O)
XTOT = XCO2T+XMEAT+XH2OT
XCO2 = XCO2T/XTOT
XMEA = XMEAT/XTOT
XH2O = XH2OT/XTOT
SUM = XMEA*VMEA + XH2O*VH2O + XCO2*A + XMEA*XH2O*(B+C*XMEA)
SUM = SUM + XMEA * XCO2 * (D + E * XMEA)
IF (XMEA.EQ.0) THEN
SUM=VI(IH20)
ELSE IF (XH20.EQ.0) THEN
      SUM=VMEA/1000
ELSE
      SUM=SUM/1000
END IF
DSUM=0D0
DPSUM=0D0
```

The existing RETURN and END statements at the end of the code must be retained.

#### 2.2.3 Surface Tension Model

The process for creating the surface tension model is very similar to that used for the viscosity and molar volume models. In the folder containing the Fortran templates, select sig2u2.f. The following code should be added to the DECLARE ARGUMENTS section without deleting the existing code:

```
INTEGER DMS_KCCIDC,I
INTEGER IH2O,IMEA,IMEACOO,ICO2,IMEAH,IHCO3
REAL*8 XX(100),SUM,DSUM,DPSUM
REAL*8 A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,K,J
REAL*8 S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,S6
REAL*8 C1W,C1M,C2W,C2M,C3W,C3M,C4W,C4M,TCW,TCM
REAL*8 XMEAT,XCO2T,XH2OT
REAL*8 XMEAT,XCO2,XH2O,LDG,WTMEA
REAL*8 FXNF,FXNG,SIGCO2,SIGH2O,SIGMEA
```

In the BEGIN EXECUTABLE CODE section, remove the template code and replace with the code given below. The definitions of the liquid surface tension (STMX) and its temperature and pressure derivatives (DSTMX and DPSTMX) should be retained.

```
IH20 = DMS_KCCIDC('H20')
IMEA = DMS_KCCIDC('MEA')
IMEACO0 = DMS_KCCIDC('MEACOO-')
```

```
ICO2 = DMS_KCCIDC('CO2')
IMEAH = DMS_KCCIDC('MEA+')
IHCO3 = DMS_KCCIDC('HCO3-')
DO I=1,100
      XX(I) = 0
END DO
DO I=1,N
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IH20) XX(IH20) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IMEA) XX(IMEA) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IMEACOO) XX(IMEACOO) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. ICO2) XX(ICO2) = Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IMEAH) XX(IMEAH) =Z(I)
      IF (IDX(I). EQ. IHCO3) XX(IHCO3) = Z(I)
END DO
A=SIGU2A(1,IMEA)
B=SIGU2A(2,IMEA)
C=SIGU2A(3,IMEA)
D=SIGU2A(4,IMEA)
E=SIGU2A(5,IMEA)
F=SIGU2A(1,IH20)
G=SIGU2A(2,IH2O)
H=SIGU2A(3,IH2O)
K=SIGU2A(4,IH2O)
J=SIGU2A(5,IH2O)
S1 = -5.987
S2=3.7699
S3=-0.43164
S4=0.018155
S5=-0.01207
S6=0.002119
C1W=0.18548
C1M=0.09945
C2W=2.717
C2M=1.067
C3W=-3.554
C3M=≬
C4W=2.047
C4M=≬
TCW=647.13
TCM=614.45
XCO2T=XX(IMEACOO)+XX(IHCO3)+XX(ICO2)
XMEAT=XX(IMEACOO)+XX(IMEAH)+XX(IMEA)
XH2OT=XX(IH2O)+XX(IHCO3)
WTMEA=(XMW(IMEA)*XMEAT)/(XMW(IMEA)*XMEAT+XMW(IH2O)*XH2OT)
LDG=XCO2T/XMEAT
XMEA=(1+LDG+(XMW(IMEA)/XMW(IH2O))*(1-WTMEA)/WTMEA)**(-1)
```

```
XCO2=XMEA*LDG
XH2O=1-XMEA-XCO2
FXNF=A+B*LDG+C*LDG**2+D*WTMEA+E*WTMEA**2
FXNG=F+G*LDG+H*LDG**2+K*WTMEA+J*WTMEA**2
SIGC02=S1*WTMEA**2+S2*WTMEA+S3+T*(S4*WTMEA**2+S5*WTMEA+S6)
SIGH20=C1W*(1-T/TCW)**(C2W+C3W*(T/TCW)+C4W*(T/TCW)**2)
SIGMEA=C1M*(1-T/TCM)**(C2M+C3M*(T/TCM)+C4M*(T/TCM)**2)
SUM=SIGH2O+(SIGCO2-SIGH2O)*FXNF*XCO2+(SIGMEA-SIGH2O)*FXNG*XMEA
IF (XMEAT.EQ.0) THEN
      SUM=STI(IH2O)
ELSE IF (XH2OT.EQ.0) THEN
      SUM=SIGMEA
ELSE
      SUM=SUM
END IF
DSUM=0D0
DPSUM=0D0
```

The existing RETURN and END statements at the end of the code must be retained.

#### 2.2.4 Diffusivity Model

Select the template dl0u.f and add the following statement required for accessing component data stored in the labeled common DMS\_PLEX, to the end of the DECLARE VARIABLES USED IN DIMENSIONING section:

#include "dms\_plex.cmn"

Ensure that the other #include statements are retained.

The following code should be added to the DECLARE ARGUMENTS section of the subroutine without deleting the existing code:

```
INTEGER DMS_KCCIDC,DMS_IFCMNC,NBOPST(6),NAME(2)
INTEGER IH20,IMEA,IMEACOO,ICO2,IMEAH,IHCO3,IN2,IO2
REAL*8 VISC,MUMX
REAL*8 E,MU0,THET,A,BB,C,R,HG,MUW
REAL*8 B(1)
EQUIVALENCE (B(1),IB(1))
INTEGER DFACT_IDX,EFACT_IDX
REAL*8 DFACTCO2,DFACTMEA,EFACT,CO2DW,CO2D,MEAD
```

Remove all code given in the BEGIN EXECUTABLE CODE section, leaving only the final END statement. Replace this code with the following:

IH20 = DMS\_KCCIDC('H20')
IMEA = DMS\_KCCIDC('MEA')

```
IMEACOO = DMS_KCCIDC('MEACOO-')
ICO2 = DMS_KCCIDC('CO2')
IMEAH = DMS_KCCIDC('MEA+')
IHCO3 = DMS_KCCIDC('HCO3-')
IN2 = DMS_KCCIDC('N2')
IO2 = DMS_KCCIDC('O2')
CALL PPUTL_GOPSET(NBOPST, NAME)
CALL PPMON_VISCL (T, P, X, N, IDX, NBOPST, KDIAG, VISC, KER)
MUMX = VISC
E = 4.753D0
MU0 = 0.000024055D0
THET = 139.7D0
A = 0.000442D0
BB = 0.0009565D0
C = 0.0124D0
R = 0.008314D0
P = P / 100000D0
HG = A * P + ((E - BB * P)/(R * (T - THET - C * P)))
MUW = (MU0 * EXP(HG))
DFACT_IDX = DMS_IFCMNC('DFACT1')
EFACT_IDX = DMS_IFCMNC('EFACT')
DFACTCO2 = B(DFACT_IDX+IDX(ICO2))
DFACTMEA = B(DFACT_IDX+IDX(IMEA))
EFACT = B(EFACT_IDX+IDX(ICO2))
CO2DW = 0.00000235D0 \times EXP(-2119D0/T)
CO2D = CO2DW * (MUW / MUMX) ** (0.8D0) * ((T/313.15) ** (EFACT))
CO2D = CO2D * DFACTCO2
CO2D = ((DFACTCO2)**2)/DFACTMEA * (MUW/MUMX)**0.8
CO2D = CO2D^{*}(T/313.15)^{**}(EFACT)
MEAD = (1/((MUMX/MUW)^{**0.8D0}))^{*}((T/313.15)^{**}(EFACT))
MEAD = MEAD * DFACTMEA
DO 200 I = 1, N
      DO 100 J = 1, N
      IF (I.EQ.J) THEN
            QBIN(I,J) = ODO
      ELSE
            QBIN(I,J) = MEAD
            IF (I.EQ.ICO2)QBIN(I,J) = CO2D
            IF (J.EQ.ICO2)QBIN(I,J) = CO2D
            IF (I.EQ.IN2)QBIN(I,J) = CO2D
            IF (J.EQ.IN2)QBIN(I,J) = CO2D
```

	END	IF
100	CONTINUE	1
200	CONTINUE	1

#### 2.2.5 Reaction Kinetics Model

The template to be used for the reaction kinetics model is tiled usrknt.f, which is designed specifically for use with the reaction kinetics in rate-based columns (REACT-DIST type reaction). The following code should be placed at the end of the DECLARE VARIABLES USED IN DIMENSIONING section, after the code lines

EQUIVALENCE (RMISS, USER\_RUMISS)

and

**EQUIVALENCE** (IMISS, USER\_IUMISS)

```
#include "dms_rglob.cmn"
#include "dms_lclist.cmn"
#include "pputl_ppglob.cmn"
#include "dms_ipoff3.cmn"
#include "dms_plex.cmn"
```

EQUIVALENCE(IB(1),B(1))

The following code should be placed in the DECLARE ARGUMENTS section without deleting the existing code:

```
INTEGER I,K,FN,L_GAMMA,L_GAMUS,GAM,US,DMS_KFORMC,KPHI,KER
INTEGER DMS_ALIPOFF3,IHELGK
REAL*8 B(1)
REAL*8 N_H2O,N_CO2,N_MEA,N_MEAH,N_MEAC,N_HCO3
REAL*8 PHI(100),DPHI(100),GAMMA(100),COEFFCO2,COEFFMEA
REAL*8 ACCO2,ACMEA,ACH2O,ACMEAH,ACMEAC,ACHCO3,R,STOI(100),LNRKO
REAL*8 DUM,KEQ1,KEQ2,RXNRATES(100)
```

The following code should be placed in the BEGIN EXECUTABLE CODE section:

```
FN(I) = I+LCLIST_LBLCLIST
L_GAMMA(I) = FN(GAM) + I
L_GAMUS(I) = FN(US) + I
N_H20 = DMS_KFORMC('H20')
N_C02 = DMS_KFORMC('C02')
N_MEA = DMS_KFORMC('C2H7NO')
N_MEAH = DMS_KFORMC('C2H8NO+')
N_MEAC = DMS_KFORMC('C3H6N03-')
N_HC03 = DMS_KFORMC('HC03-')
T = TLIQ
```

```
KPHI = 1
CALL PPMON_FUGLY(T,P,X,Y,NCOMP,IDX,NBOPST,KDIAG,KPHI,PHI,DPHI,KER)
GAM = DMS_ALIPOFF3(24)
DO I=1,NCOMP
GAMMA(I)=1.D0
IF (INT(1).EQ.1) GAMMA(I) = DEXP(B(L_GAMMA(I)))
END DO
US = DMS_ALIPOFF3(29)
COEFFCO2 = DEXP(B(L_GAMUS(N_CO2)))
COEFFMEA = DEXP(B(L_GAMUS(N_MEA)))
ACCO2 = COEFFCO2 * X(N_CO2, 1)
ACMEA = COEFFMEA*X(N_MEA, 1)
ACH2O = GAMMA(N_H2O) * X(N_H2O, 1)
ACMEAH = GAMMA(N_MEAH) * X(N_MEAH, 1)
ACMEAC = GAMMA(N_MEAC) * X(N_MEAC, 1)
ACHCO3 = GAMMA(N_HCO3) * X(N_HCO3, 1)
R = PPGLOB_RGAS/1000
DO I=1,100
      STOI(I) = 0D0
END DO
DO I=1,NCOMP
      IF (IDX(I).EQ.N_MEA) STOI(I)=-2D0
      IF (IDX(I).EQ.N_CO2) STOI(I)=-1D0
      IF (IDX(I).EQ.N_MEAH) STOI(I)=1D0
      IF (IDX(I).EQ.N_MEAC) STOI(I)=1D0
END DO
LNRKO = RGLOB_RMISS
CALL PPELC_ZKEQ(T,1,1,0,STOI,0D0,NCOMP,IDX,0,1,1,NB0PST,KDIAG,
 2 LNRKO, P, IHELGK, DUM, 0, 0, 0)
KEQ1 = DEXP(LNRKO)
DO I=1,100
      STOI(I) = ODO
END DO
DO I=1,NCOMP
      IF (IDX(I).EQ.N_MEA) STOI(I)=-1D0
      IF (IDX(I).EQ.N_CO2) STOI(I)=-1D0
      IF (IDX(I).EQ.N_H2O) STOI(I)=-1D0
      IF (IDX(I).EQ.N_MEAH) STOI(I)=1D0
      IF (IDX(I).EQ.N_HCO3) STOI(I)=1D0
```

```
ENDDO
LNRKO = RGLOB_RMISS
CALL PPELC_ZKEQ(T,1,1,0,STOI,0D0,NCOMP,IDX,0,1,1,NBOPST,KDIAG,
 2 LNRKO, P, IHELGK, DUM, 0, 0, 0)
KEQ2 = DEXP(LNRKO)
RXNRATES(1)=REAL(1)*DEXP(-REAL(3)/R*(1/TLIQ-1/298.15))*
 2 (ACMEA**2*ACCO2-ACMEAC*ACMEAH/KEQ1)
RXNRATES(2) = REAL(2) * DEXP(-REAL(4)/R*(1/TLIQ-1/298.15))*
 2 (ACMEA*ACCO2-ACMEAH*ACHCO3/(KEQ2*ACH2O))
DO K=1,NRL(1)
      RXNRATES(K) = RXNRATES(K) * HLDLIQ
      RATEL(K) = RXNRATES(K)
END DO
DO I=1,NCOMP
      RATES(I) = 0.D0
END DO
DO K=1,NRL(1)
      DO I=1, NCOMP
            IF (DABS(STOIC(I,K)).GE.RGLOB_RMIN) RATES(I) = RATES(I) +
 2
              STOIC(I,K)*RXNRATES(K)
      END DO
END DO
```

The existing RETURN and END statements at the end of the code must be retained.

#### 2.2.6 Mass Transfer Model

The template to be used for the mass transfer model is usrmtrfc.f. The following should be added to the section titled "Declare local variables used in the user correlations":

**REAL**\*8 CL, CV, HYDDIAM, HOLDL

Here, only the code associated with mass transfer coefficients in packed columns will be replaced. This can be accomplished by deleting all code between the lines:

```
IF (COLTYP .EQ. 1) THEN
```

and

```
ELSE IF (COLTYP .EQ. 2) THEN
```

and replacing this code with:

CL = REAL(1)

```
CV=REAL(2)
     HYDDIAM=4*VOIDFR/SPAREA
     rhoLms = DENMXL*AVMWLI
     uL = FRATEL / TWRARA / DENMXL
     rhoVms = DENMXV*AVMWVA
     uV = FRATEV/TWRARA/DENMXV
     HOLDL = (12*VISCML*uL*SPAREA**2/(9.81*rhoLms))**0.3333333
     IF (IPHASE.EQ.0) THEN
      LIQUID PHASE
с
     EXPKD = 0.50
     PREK = CL*(9.81*rhoLms/VISCML)**0.166666667*(1/HYDDIAM)**0.5
     PREK=PREK*TWRARA*HTPACK*AREAIF*DENMXL
     ELSE
       VAPOR PHASE
С
     PREK = CV^*(SPAREA/HYDDIAM)^{**0.5}
     PREK = PREK*(uV*rhoVms/(VISCMV*SPAREA))**0.75
     PREK = PREK/(VOIDFR-HOLDL)**0.5
     PREK=PREK*TWRARA*HTPACK*AREAIF*DENMXV
     EXPKD = 0.6666666666
```

**Note:** In earlier versions (up to and including 3.0) of the CCSI Steady State MEA model, the mass transfer coefficients were modeled using the built-in "Billet and Schultes (1993)" and the interfacial area (which is an input to the mass transfer coefficient calculation) with a user subroutine. However, it was determined that when modeling a rate-based column in Aspen Plus V10 with an in-built mass transfer coefficient and a user subroutine for interfacial area, the user-defined interfacial area correlation is overwritten by the in-built interfacial area correlation from the same source as the chosen mass transfer correlation. For this example, the interfacial area correlation associated with the selection "Billet and Schultes (1993)" was used in calculating interfacial area passed on to the mass transfer correlation despite the selection of "User" as the choice for interfacial area method. To fix this problem, the "User" method is used for both mass transfer coefficient and interfacial area methods in the new version of the CCSI Steady State MEA Model. The code for liquid and gas-phase mass transfer coefficients in the user subroutine is based on the equations given in Billet and Schultes,<sup>1</sup> in order to ensure consistency with the original model.

#### 2.2.7 Interfacial Area Model

The template to be used for the interfacial area model is titled usrintfa.f. The following code should be added to the section titled "Declare local variables used in the user correlations":

REAL\*8 Aa, Bb

Remove the equations defining the variable dTemp and replace with the following:

```
Aa = REAL(2)
Bb = REAL(3)
dTemp = Aa*((WeL*FrL**(-1/3))**Bb)
```

The existing RETURN and END statements at the end of the code must be retained.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Billet, R., Schultes, M., Predicting mass transfer in packed columns. Chem Eng Technol 1993, 16, 1-9.

#### 2.2.8 Holdup Model

The template to be used for the liquid and vapor holdup in the RateSep routine is titled usrhldup.f. No additional variable names need to be declared. Remove the code between the statements

```
IF (COLTYP .EQ. 1) THEN
```

and

```
ELSE IF (COLTYP .EQ. 2) THEN
```

Insert the following replacement code:

```
IF (USRCOR .EQ. 1) THEN
    RHOL = AVMWLI*DENMXL
    UL = FRATEL/DENMXL/TWRARA
    HT=REAL(1)*(3.185966*(VISCML/RHOL)**0.3333*(UL))
+**REAL(2)
    LHLDUP = HT * TWRARA * HTPACK
    VHLDUP = (1D0 - HT - VOIDFR) * TWRARA * HTPACK
END IF
```

The existing RETURN and END statements at the end of the code must be retained.

#### 2.2.9 Creation of dll and opt files

Once the updated Fortran subroutines are ready to be implemented in the Aspen Plus model, open the *Customize Aspen Plus* utility associated with the Aspen Plus version of interest. Within the simulation window, navigate to the directory containing the updated .f files. Enter the following line of code:

aspcomp \*.f

This will create a separate .obj file for all .f file in the current directory. Alternatively, individual .obj files can be created by executing the **aspcomp** command for each .f file. Once the .obj files are created, enter the following code to create the file ccsi10.dll in the current directory:

```
asplink ccsi10
```

The user may modify this command based on their preference for the dll file name.

The dll file is called within the ccsi.opt file distributed with the model. The opt file may be created as a text file by entering the name of the dll file that it points to, and changing the file extension to opt. The opt file is specified within the Aspen model in order to access the Fortran subroutines. For users who choose not to create the dll file, a version is provided with the release notes in the GitHub repository.

#### 2.2.10 References

## 2.3 Tutorials

Two tutorials are provide here to acquaint the user with the MEA process model. The first is focused on property calculations, in terms of estimating the equilibrium partial pressure of  $CO_2$  as a function of temperature and  $CO_2$  loading. The second tutorial is focused on flowsheet simulation of the  $CO_2$  absorption and solvent regeneration processes.

#### 2.3.1 Predicting System VLE

1. Place the CCSI\_MEAModel.bkp file and the supporting files ccsi.opt and ccsi10.dll in the same directory. Open the CCSI\_MEAModel.bkp file. When prompted with the *Column Sizing/Rating Detected* box, select the *Use Legacy Hydraulics* option. If the Model Palette is not visible, it may be selected from the *View* tab at the top of the window. In the Model Palette, navigate to the *Manipulators* tab and then select *Mult* to create a multiplier block, which will be referred to by its default name *B1*. Double-click *B1* and then set the multiplication factor to *1*. Add an inlet stream to the block by clicking *Material* in the Model Palette, the red arrow on the inlet of *B1*, and then elsewhere in the flowsheet. Repeat the procedure for the outlet stream of *B1*. Name the inlet and outlet streams as *IN* and *OUT*, respectively.

Note: The streams may be renamed by double clicking the default name and typing the new name.

- 2. Double-click *IN* and configure it as follows:
  - a. Select Temperature and Vapor Fraction as the Flash Type specifications.
  - b. Temperature: 40°C.
  - c. Vapor Fraction: 0.0001.
  - d. Select *Mass-flow* in *gm/hr* as the composition basis. Set the values for *H2O* and *MEA* as 7 and 3 respectively.
- In the left navigation pane, navigate to Model Analysis Tools → Sensitivity and then click New. The new sensitivity block may be named "PCO2". Under Manipulated variable in the Vary tab, select New, select Mole Flow as type, IN as stream, CO2 as component, and mol/hr as the units. Under Manipulated variable limits, specify 0.0005 and 0.03 as the lower and upper limits, respectively, and 10 as the number of points. Navigate to the Define tab and then create a new measured variable named PCO2. Under Edit selected variable, select Streams as the category, Stream-Prop as the type, IN as the stream, and PPCO2 as the prop set. Change the units to kPa. Navigate to the Tabulate tab and then click Fill Variables. Navigate to the Options tab and select the Do not execute base case option under Execution options.
- 3. Run the simulation by clicking the *Run* arrow or pressing F5. The results of the *PCO2* sensitivity block should be consistent with what is shown in Table 1.

Note: All of the warnings that appear in the Control Panel while running the simulation may be ignored.

 Table 1: Results of VLE Sensitivity Block

Row/ Case	Status	CO2 MOLEFLOW (MOL/HR)	PCO2 (KPA)
1	OK	0.0005	2.24E-5
2	OK	0.003778	0.00097
3	OK	0.007056	0.00363
4	OK	0.010333	0.00955
5	OK	0.013611	0.02339
6	OK	0.016889	0.06171
7	OK	0.020167	0.21295
8	OK	0.023444	1.47244
9	OK	0.026722	18.5729
10	OK	0.03	103.162

4. From this example, the vapor-liquid equilibrium (VLE) of the ternary MEA-H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub> system as a function of temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> loading may be determined for 30 wt% MEA. The CO<sub>2</sub> loading (mol CO<sub>2</sub> /mol MEA) may be calculated by multiplying the CO<sub>2</sub> molar flow by the molecular weight of MEA and dividing by the mass flow of MEA. For example:

$$\frac{0.0005 \text{ mol CO}_2}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{61.08308 \text{ g MEA}}{\text{mol MEA}} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{3 \text{ g MEA}} \approx 0.0102 \text{ mol CO}_2/\text{mol MEA}$$

Following this procedure and evaluating the sensitivity block for temperatures of 80 and  $120^{\circ}$ C, by changing the temperature of the stream *IN* and re-running the simulation, a plot similar to Figure 2 may be generated.



Figure 1: CO2 partial pressure as a function of loading and temperature (30 wt% MEA)

### 2.3.2 CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Process Simulation

The base case model that is set up in the file CCSI\_MEAModel.bkp has operating variables and equipment configurations as specified in Table 2.

#### Table 2: Variables for Base Case Simulation

Variable	Value
ABSLEAN Stream (Absorber Solvent Inlet)	
Temperature (°C)	40.97
Pressure (kPa)	245.94
Mass Flow (kg/hr)	6803.7
Component Mole Fractions	
H <sub>2</sub> O	0.87457
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.01585
MEA	0.10958
GASIN Stream (Absorber Gas Inlet)	
Temperature (°C)	42.48
Pressure (kPa)	108.82
Mass Flow (kg/hr)	2266.1
Component Mass Fractions	
H <sub>2</sub> O	0.04623
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.17314
NO <sub>2</sub>	0.71165
O <sub>2</sub>	0.06898
Absorber	
Intercooler #1 Flowrate (kg/hr)	7364.83
Intercooler #1 Return Temperature (°C)	40.13
Intercooler #2 Flowrate (kg/hr)	7421.57
Intercooler #2 Flowrate (°C)	43.32
Absorber Top Pressure (kPa)	108.82
Absorber Packing Diameter (m)	0.64135
Absorber Packing Height (ft)	60.7184
Regenerator	
Inlet Temperature (°C)	104.81
Inlet Pressure (kPa)	183.87
Top Pressure (kPa)	183.7
Reboiler Duty (kW)	430.61
Packing Diameter (in)	23.25
Packing Height (ft)	39.6837

The variables described in Table 3 may be varied within reason, although abrupt changes in certain variables may results in failure of the simulation to converge. In the simulation provided in the example file, the variables for the *ABSLEAN* and *GASIN* streams can be located by double-clicking the respective streams. The variables for the absorber intercoolers can be located from the navigation pane by selecting *Blocks*  $\rightarrow$  *ABSORBER*  $\rightarrow$  *Configuration*  $\rightarrow$  *Pumparounds*, and the first and second intercoolers are referred to as *P*-1 and *P*-2, respectively. The top pressure of the absorber and regenerator can be located by double-clicking the *ABSORBER* and *REGEN* blocks and selecting the *Pressure* tab. Moreover, the reboiler duty for *REGEN* is located under the *Configuration* tab. The column packing diameters and height can be located by selecting *Blocks*  $\rightarrow$  *ABSORBER* or *REGEN*  $\rightarrow$  *Sizing and Rating*  $\rightarrow$  *Packing Rating*  $\rightarrow$  1  $\rightarrow$  *Setup*. The values of the regenerator inlet pressure and temperature are specified in the *PUMP* and *EXCHANGE* blocks, respectively. **Note:** A sensitivity block, referred to as *FLOW* in the simulation, is used to set the flowrate of the inlet solvent stream, as the simulation will not automatically converge for such a low flow rate.

Next, the  $CO_2$  capture process, which includes the absorber and regenerator columns, is evaluated for two sets of operating conditions.

1. Open the CCSI\_MEAModel.bkp file. In the navigation pane, right-click *Blocks*, select *Activate*, right-click *Streams*, and then select *Activate*. Run the simulation.

**Note:** All streams and blocks have been deactivated to reduce the time required to obtain the results for the test in Section 2.2 Predicting System VLE. If block *B1* and streams *IN* and *OUT* have already been created in the same file, they need to be deactivated by right-clicking them and selecting *Deactivate* before activating all streams with the aforementioned procedure.

5. In the flowsheet, right-click stream *ABSRICH*, select *Results*, and then select *STRIPOUT* from the drop-down arrow at the top of the right column. Ensure that the results obtained match those given in Table 3, noting that only selected rows are included in the table. The results shown in Table 3 were obtained from Aspen V10, and may vary slightly when using Aspen V11.

 Table 3: Selected Stream Table Results

Mole Flow mol/hr	ABSRICH	STRIPOUT	
H2O	260007	256376	
CO2	0.344276	0.976410	
MEA	8684.95	26272.89	
MEA+	12184.17	3270.263	
MEACOO-	11833.81	3152.68	
НСО3-	350.36	117.58	
N2	33.17	2.14E-16	
02	5.55	5.47E-18	
Temperature C	52.01	120.94	
Pressure kPa	108.82	183.7	
Enthalpy J/kmol	-301829043	-281379385	

- 6. Reinitialize the simulation by clicking *Reset* or pressing Shift+F5, and then selecting *OK*. In the navigation pane, navigate to *Blocks* → *Absorber* → *Configuration* → *Pumparounds* → *P-1*, and then change the *flow rate* to *3000 kg/hr*. Navigate to *P-2* and then change the *flow rate* to the same value.
- 7. Navigate to *Model Analysis Tools* and activate the *FLOW* sensitivity block, which is used to determine the  $CO_2$  capture percentage in the absorber and the required reboiler duty for the stripper as a function of the lean solvent flowrate. Execute the model, navigate to the results of the sensitivity block, and verify that the results are similar to those shown in Figure 3; note that these results were generated using Aspen V10 and may be slightly different when running the model with Aspen V11.

_	FLOW	/ - Resi	ults $ imes$	ABSORBE	R (R	adFrac) - Prot	files $\times$	REGEN	l Rate-Based Mo
	Summary Define			e Variable	/ariable 🖉 Status				
		Row/0	Case	Status		VARY 1 ABSLEAN MIXED TOTAL MA SSFLOW	0	САР	Q
						KG/HR			KW
	•		1	OK		8000	9	9.9816	947.484
	•		2	OK		7000	9	9.9733	829.02
	•		3	OK		6000	9	9.8618	710.942
	•		4	OK		5000	9	9.6918	591.71
	•		5	OK		4500	g	5.9906	531.191
	•		6	OK		4000	8	6.7178	471.361
	•		7	ОК		3500	7	6.5852	411.688

#### Figure 2: Results of the :guilabel: FLOW sensitivity block for the case study.

 Navigate to Blocks → Absorber → Profiles and then highlight the columns labeled Vapor Temperature and Liquid Temperature. Under Plot on the Home tab, select Custom, and then verify that the resulting plot resembles Figure 4.



Note: These temperature profiles correspond to the last simulation executed (Case 8).

Figure 3: Absorber temperature profile for the case study.

9. Navigate to  $Blocks \rightarrow Regen \rightarrow Profiles$  and then repeat the procedure described in Step 5. Verify that the temperature profile resembles what is shown in Figure 4.



Figure 4: Regenerator temperature profile for the case study.

## 2.4 Usage Information

#### 2.4.1 Environment/Prerequisites

This product requires Aspen Plus® V10 or newer with an Aspen Rate-Based Distillation license.

#### 2.4.2 Support

Support can be obtained from the email support list ccsi-support@acceleratecarboncapture.org or by opening an issue at our GitHub repository: https://github.com/CCSI-Toolset/MEA\_ssm/issues

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