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Targets of Heat Exchanger Network*

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Abstract: A T-Q diagram based on entransy theory is applied to graphically and quantitatively describe the

irreversibility of the heat transfer processes. The hot and cold composite curves can be obtained in the T-Q

diagram. The entransy recovery and entransy dissipation that are affected by temperature differences can be

obtained through the shaded area under the composite curves. The method for setting the energy target of the

HENs in T-Q diagram based on entransy theory is proposed. A case study of the diesel oil hydrogenation unit is

used to illustrate the application of the method. The results show that three different heat transfer temperature

differences is 10 K, 15 K and 20 K, and the entransy recovery is $5.498 \times 10^7 \, \text{kW} \cdot \text{K}$, $5.377 \times 10^7 \, \text{kW} \cdot \text{K}$, $5.257 \times 10^7 \, \text{kW} \cdot \text{K}$

kW·K, respectively. And the entransy transfer efficiency is 92.29 %, 91.63 %, 90.99 %. Thus, the energy-saving

potential of the HENs is obtained by setting the energy target based on the entransy transfer efficiency.

Key words: heat transfer; process systems; entransy; energy target; T-Q diagram

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