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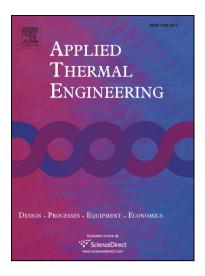
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**Cycle System under Sub-critical Conditions** 

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**Abstract** 

Distribution of working fluid mass will significantly impact off-design performance of the Organic Rankine

Cycle. In this paper, both the evaporator and the condenser are divided into three different zones, and the impact of

heat transfer correlations and void fraction models selection on the working fluid mass calculation results have

been discussed. Afterwards, impact of evaporation and condensation temperatures on working fluid mass

distribution in each zone calculated by proposed correlations and models have been evaluated. Four common

working fluids which feature different physical properties are taken into account. Results indicate that the selection

of heat transfer correlations and void fraction models shows great importance for the calculation of working fluid

mass in condenser but rarely affects the calculation results in evaporator. Accordingly, condensation correlation of

Shah (1979) and void fraction model of Premoli (1971) is proposed for the discussed system. Furthermore, in

condenser the working fluid mass monotonically decreases as the condensation temperature increases, while in

evaporator the working fluid mass firstly rises and then falls when the evaporation temperature increases. It can be

found that the relevant evaporation temperature at which the largest working fluid mass occurs is related to critical

temperatures of the employed working fluids.

KEYWORDS: Organic Rankine Cycle, working fluid mass, heat transfer correlation, void fraction model

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