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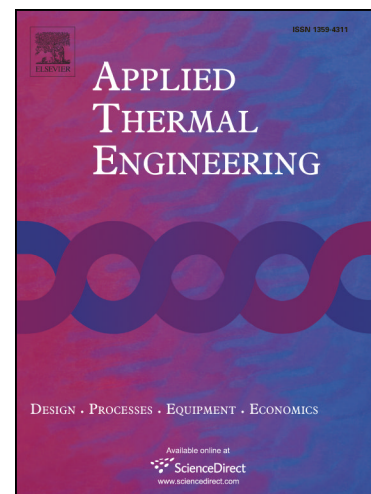
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## Abstract

Experimental investigations and numerical simulations of a low capacity commercial diffusion-absorption refrigerator (DAR) in stationary mode are carried out. The tests are performed under different heat input conditions. Optimal operation of the DAR refrigerator is reached with a power supply of 46 W at a generator temperature of 167°C, corresponding to a coefficient of performance (*COP*) of 0.159. Numerical simulations of the refrigerator using a model developed with the commercial flow-sheeting Aspen-Plus software are also performed. The computer model is validated by comparing its predictions with experimental data for three generator heat supply rates: 46W, 56W and 67W. Deviations between model predictions and experimental measurements in terms of cooling capacity and coefficient of performance are less than 1%. The proposed model could be very useful to predict the functioning of the commercial diffusion-absorption refrigerator under steady-state regime.

**Keywords:** diffusion-absorption refrigeration, ammonia/water/hydrogen, steady-state mode, Aspen-Plus.

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