

## Convention

- Your workings must be neat and easily understood.
- All calculations must include formulas.
- All values must be stated in your solutions.
- Assumptions must be stated in your solutions.
- Pay attention to small details, such as the difference between  $\dot{W}$  and  $W$
- All explanations can be as simple as bullet point style.
- Significant figures must be determined and stated next to the result.
- Use the sign conventions of the course. i.e. when work leaves a system, it is negative.
- $\Delta$  in this course means 'initial - final'.
- Draw block diagrams
- Define system boundaries

## Systems, DoF, Energy

L1, L2, L3

- Definitions and units
- System Principles
  - Accumulation
  - Open/Closed systems
  - Block Diagrams
  - Energy Transfer via heat
    - \* Conduction
    - \* Convection
    - \* Radiation
  - Degrees-of-freedom analysis
  - Mass Balances

Mass Balance:

$$M = \text{in} - \text{out}$$

where  $M$  is the accumulation of the system

$$\sum \dot{m}_{\text{in}} = \sum \dot{m}_{\text{out}}$$

where  $\dot{m}$  is the mass flow rate

DoF Analysis:  $n_{\text{dof}} = n_{\text{unknowns}} - n_{\text{ind. eq}} - n_{\text{other eq.}}$

$n_{\text{dof}} = 0$  means the problem is well defined

Total internal energy:  $\Delta U = \Delta E - \Delta E_{\text{kin}} - \Delta E_{\text{pot}}$

Remember  $\Delta$  is initial - final in this course

Enthalpy:  $H = U + pV$

where  $H$  is enthalpy,  $U$  is internal energy,  $p$  is pressure and  $V$  is volume

## Wind Power

L9, L10, L11

- Social license to operate
- Not in my backyard. Wind power is very loud/ugly.
- Working principle of a turbine
- creativity in wind

## Creativity

L6, L10

- Bend, Break, Blend

## Creativity in wind

- Offshore wind
- Large turbines
- Flexible blades (inspired by insect)

# Hydro

L4, L6

- Renewable Energy Sources
- Energy transfer through shaft work
- Simplified mass and energy balance to find shaft work
- Calculation of power output through the potential kinetic energy per unit time of water
- Micro Hydro
- Power density (electrical power generated per horizontal m<sup>2</sup>)

# Solar

L12, L13

- Solar as a renewable energy source
- Power density of solar is relatively low
- Application of energy balance

$$E_{\text{photon}} = \frac{hC}{\lambda}$$

Calculating properties of solar plants:

$$\eta_{\text{max}} = \frac{P_{\text{max}}}{P_{\text{inc}}}$$

$$P_{\text{max}} = I_{\text{max}} \times V_{\text{max}}$$

$$A = \frac{P_{\text{required}}}{P_{\text{max}}}$$

where  $P$  is power,  $V$  is voltage,  $I$  is current,  $A$  is cell area,  $\eta$  is Efficiency

# Batteries

L14, L15, L16

- Battery as energy storage solutions
- Working principles of
  - Galvanic Cell
  - PbA battery
  - Li-ion battery
- Redox reactions, cell notion
- OIL RIG
- AnOX & REDcat
- Comparing values of Gibbs free energy shows where it is stored

Calculation of Gibbs free energy (if  $\Delta_r G^\circ > 0$  then spontaneous)

$$\Delta_r G^\circ = \sum G_{\text{products}}^\circ - \sum G_{\text{reactants}}^\circ$$

$$\text{EMF of a cell: } E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = E_{\text{red}}^\circ + E_{\text{ox}}^\circ$$

$$E^\circ = \text{EMF} = \text{voltage} = \text{cell potential}$$

$$\text{Current equation: } It = v_e n F$$

where  $I$  is the current during time  $t$ ,  $v_e$  is the number of electrons transferred,  $n$  is the number of moles and  $F = 96500$

## **Ethics**

L L17

## **Resource Management Act**

Sections 5,6,7,8

## **Ethics/Batteries**

What materials go into a battery (or a solar panel) and where do they come from

[Engineering NZ code of ethical conduct](#)

# Geothermal

L24, L25, L26, L29

- Difference between a dry steam, flash and binary plant
- Fluid carries heat
- Porosity of rock determines the amount of fluid in the rock
- Permeability, Darcy's law for fluid flow
- The use of thermal energy not converted to electricity (direct use)

Stored heat equation:  $Q = Ah\rho C(T_r - T_o)$

where  $Q$  is the stored heat energy,  $A$  is the area of the plant,  $h$  is the depth of the plant,  $\rho$  the density of the rock,  $C$  is the specific heat capacity of the rock and  $T_r$  and  $T_o$  are the reservoir and lowest temperatures

Heat energy in the fluid:  $Q_{\text{fluid}} = \phi(h_{\text{fluid}} - h_o)$

where  $Q_{\text{fluid}}$  is the heat energy stored in  $1\text{m}^3$  of rock,  $\phi$  is porosity and  $h$  is enthalpy

Darcy's Law:  $Q = \frac{kA}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx}$

where  $k$  is permeability,  $A$  is area,  $\mu$  the dynamic viscosity and  $\frac{dp}{dx}$  the pressure gradient

# Heat Engines

L21

- Carnot cycle (ideal world)
- Rankine cycle (real world, power plants)
- Working principle:

4-step cyclic process where working fluid is continuously vaporized and condensed to run a steam turbine that extracts shaft work.

- Steam tables and phase transition diagram
- Application of mass and energy balance

*Energy Balance*

$$\Delta \dot{E}_{\text{System}} = \dot{E}_{\text{in}} - \dot{E}_{\text{out}}$$

$$0 = \sum [\dot{m}_{\text{in}}(\frac{1}{2}v_{\text{in}}^2 + gh_{\text{in}} + \hat{H}_{\text{in}})] - \sum [\dot{m}_{\text{out}}(\frac{1}{2}v_{\text{out}}^2 + gh_{\text{out}} + \hat{H}_{\text{out}})] + \dot{Q} + \dot{W}_{\text{S}} + \dot{W}_{\text{EC}}$$

## Biofuels

L22, L23

- Biomass from biofuels
- Working principle of a CHP plant
- Terminology, formation of biomass and chemical reactions
- Application of mass and energy balances
- Ideal Gas Law, Gibbs Free Energy
- Entropy

## Decision Making

L27, L28

- Multicriteria Decision Making
- Lexographic Method
- Dominance Graphs
- Probability Distributions