

10-27 A single-flash geothermal power plant uses hot geothermal water at 230°C as the heat source. The mass flow rate of steam through the turbine, the isentropic efficiency of the turbine, the power output from the turbine, and the thermal efficiency of the plant are to be determined.

Assumptions 1 Steady operating conditions exist. 2 Kinetic and potential energy changes are negligible.

Analysis (a) We use properties of water for geothermal water (Tables A-4 through A-6)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T_1 = 230^\circ\text{C} \\ x_1 = 0 \end{array} \right\} h_1 = 990.14 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_2 = 500 \text{ kPa} \\ h_2 = h_1 = 990.14 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{array} \right\} x_2 = \frac{h_2 - h_f}{h_{fg}} = \frac{990.14 - 640.09}{2108} = 0.1661$$

The mass flow rate of steam through the turbine is

$$\dot{m}_3 = x_2 \dot{m}_1 = (0.1661)(230 \text{ kg/s}) = \mathbf{38.20 \text{ kg/s}}$$

(b) Turbine:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_3 = 500 \text{ kPa} \\ x_3 = 1 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} h_3 = 2748.1 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ s_3 = 6.8207 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_4 = 10 \text{ kPa} \\ s_4 = s_3 \end{array} \right\} h_{4s} = 2160.3 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_4 = 10 \text{ kPa} \\ x_4 = 0.90 \end{array} \right\} h_4 = h_f + x_4 h_{fg} = 191.81 + (0.90)(2392.1) = 2344.7 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\eta_T = \frac{h_3 - h_4}{h_3 - h_{4s}} = \frac{2748.1 - 2344.7}{2748.1 - 2160.3} = \mathbf{0.686}$$

(c) The power output from the turbine is

$$\dot{W}_{T,\text{out}} = \dot{m}_3 (h_3 - h_4) = (38.20 \text{ kJ/kg})(2748.1 - 2344.7) \text{ kJ/kg} = \mathbf{15,410 \text{ kW}}$$

(d) We use saturated liquid state at the standard temperature for dead state enthalpy

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T_0 = 25^\circ\text{C} \\ x_0 = 0 \end{array} \right\} h_0 = 104.83 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\dot{E}_{\text{in}} = \dot{m}_1 (h_1 - h_0) = (230 \text{ kJ/kg})(990.14 - 104.83) \text{ kJ/kg} = 203,622 \text{ kW}$$

$$\eta_{\text{th}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{T,\text{out}}}{\dot{E}_{\text{in}}} = \frac{15,410}{203,622} = 0.0757 = \mathbf{7.6\%}$$

