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**Summary:**

In this study, a comprehensive analysis had been achieved of forward feed multi effect desalination plant driven by solar energy during steady and unsteady conditions. The obtained steady state results were used as initial values in the developed dynamic model to study the dynamic response in five scenarios of sudden disturbances according to rectangular pulse forcing function:

- First Scenario; Effect of a variation in the seawater mass flow rate.
- Second Scenario; Effect of a variation in the seawater temperature.
- Third Scenario; Effect of a variation in a flow rate of steam generator heating oil.
- Forth Scenario; Effect of a variation in a flow rate of parabolic trough HTF.
- Fifth Scenario; Effect of a variation in the intensity of the solar radiation.

The dynamic behavior of the plant under these five scenarios and the effect of vacuum escape from receiver tube were investigated and studied in detail, and a clear view of the dynamic response was given which enables to optimize the control strategy and improve the stability of plant's work. Finally, an economic study was achieved for the proposed plant.

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