



Engineering Simulation: The Future and its Impact on Education

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What is an Engineer?

- ◆ Problem Solver (industry problems)
- ◆ Design and Synthesis (industry experience)
- ◆ Engineering is the synthesis of real-life industry and science
- ◆ Applied vs Fundamental research

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“In the early days of aviation,
the aircraft designers
were also the test pilots.
This had the effect
of weeding out the bad designers”

Was this good or bad?



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Why Engineering Simulation?

Three Historic Examples









What is Engineering Simulation

The creation of a virtual reality scenario based on actual reality using computers to enable the evaluation of the performance of an item, device or system without having to physically build any hardware.

(HvdW)



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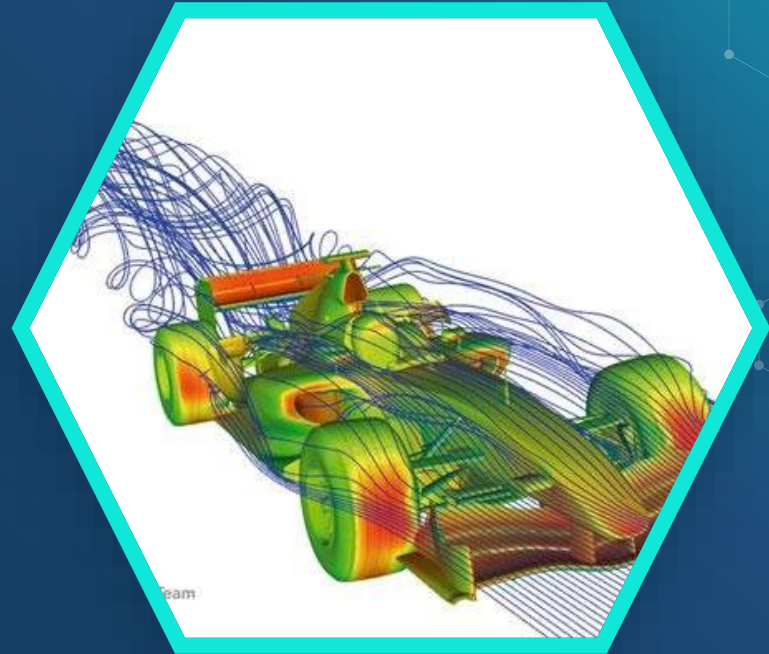
Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

CFD

Computational Fluid Dynamics

Finite Volume or Finite Element
Analysis of complex ThermoFluid
Systems

Formula 1 Race Car

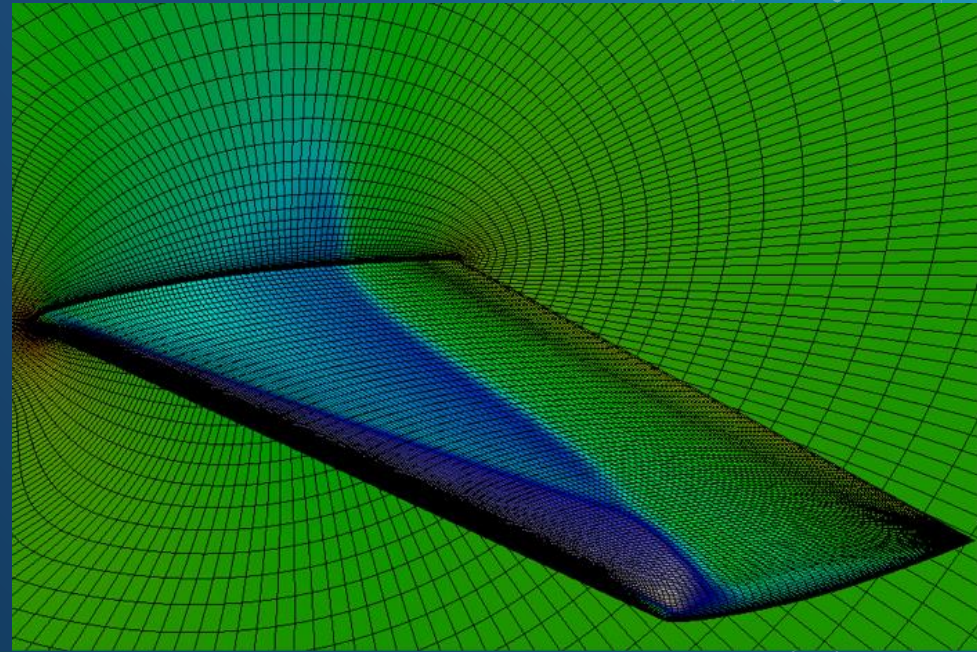


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- ◆ Conservation of Mass
- ◆ Conservation of Energy
- ◆ Conservation of Momentum



CFD – Conservation Equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho dV + \sum_{\text{out}} \int_A \rho V_n dA - \sum_{\text{in}} \int_A \rho V_n dA = 0$$

$$\frac{dB_{\text{sys}}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho b dV + \int_{\text{CS}} \rho b \vec{V} \cdot \vec{n} dA$$

$$\sum \vec{F} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho \vec{V} dV + \int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} (\vec{V}_r \cdot \vec{n}) dA$$

CFD – Conservation Equations

x-component of the incompressible Navier–Stokes equation:

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \rho g_x + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

y-component of the incompressible Navier–Stokes equation:

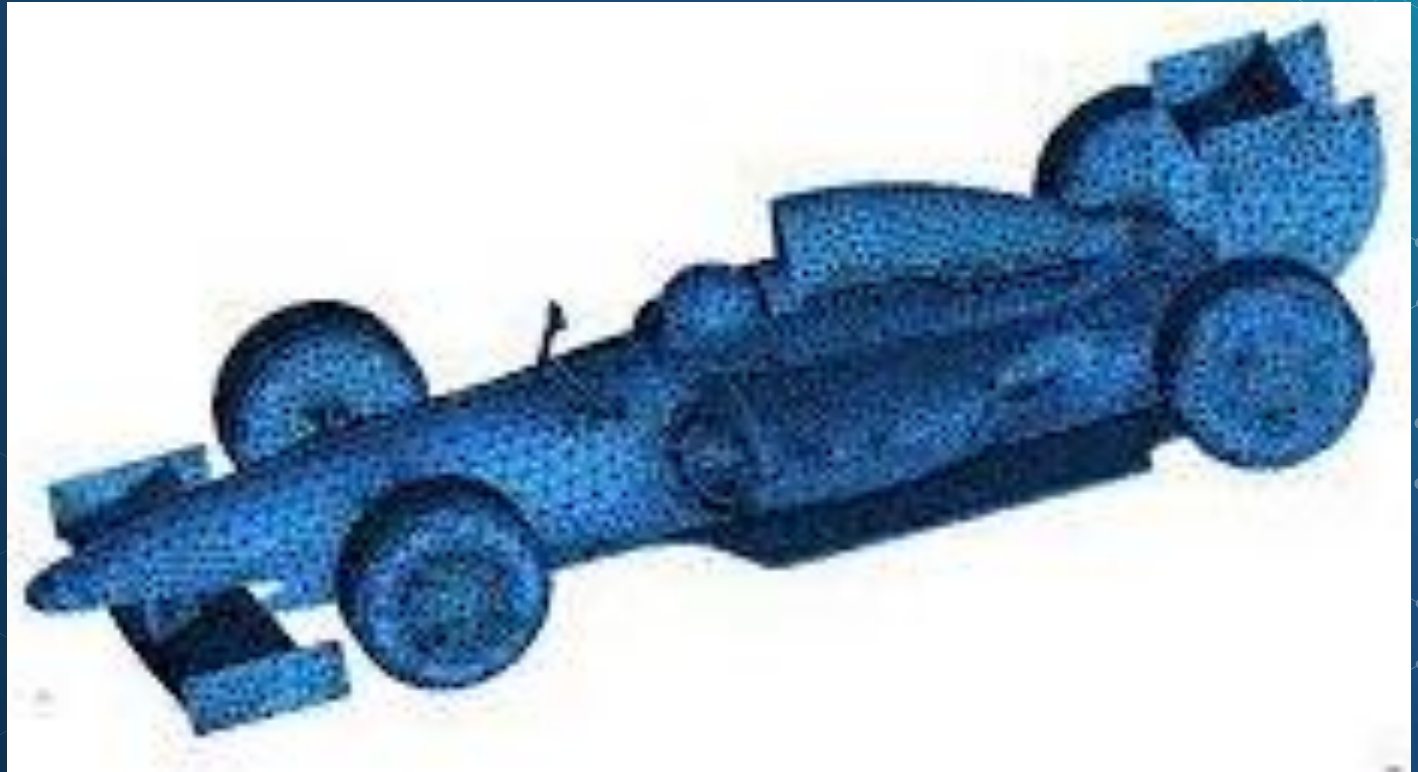
$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \rho g_y + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

z-component of the incompressible Navier–Stokes equation:

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \rho g_z + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

A typical CFD model for an F1 car requires 1,150 computer cores and generates nearly 550 million data points for each model. To run a single simulation typically takes 5 hours.

F1 Car



My Field of Research:

Systems CFD: 1-D CFD

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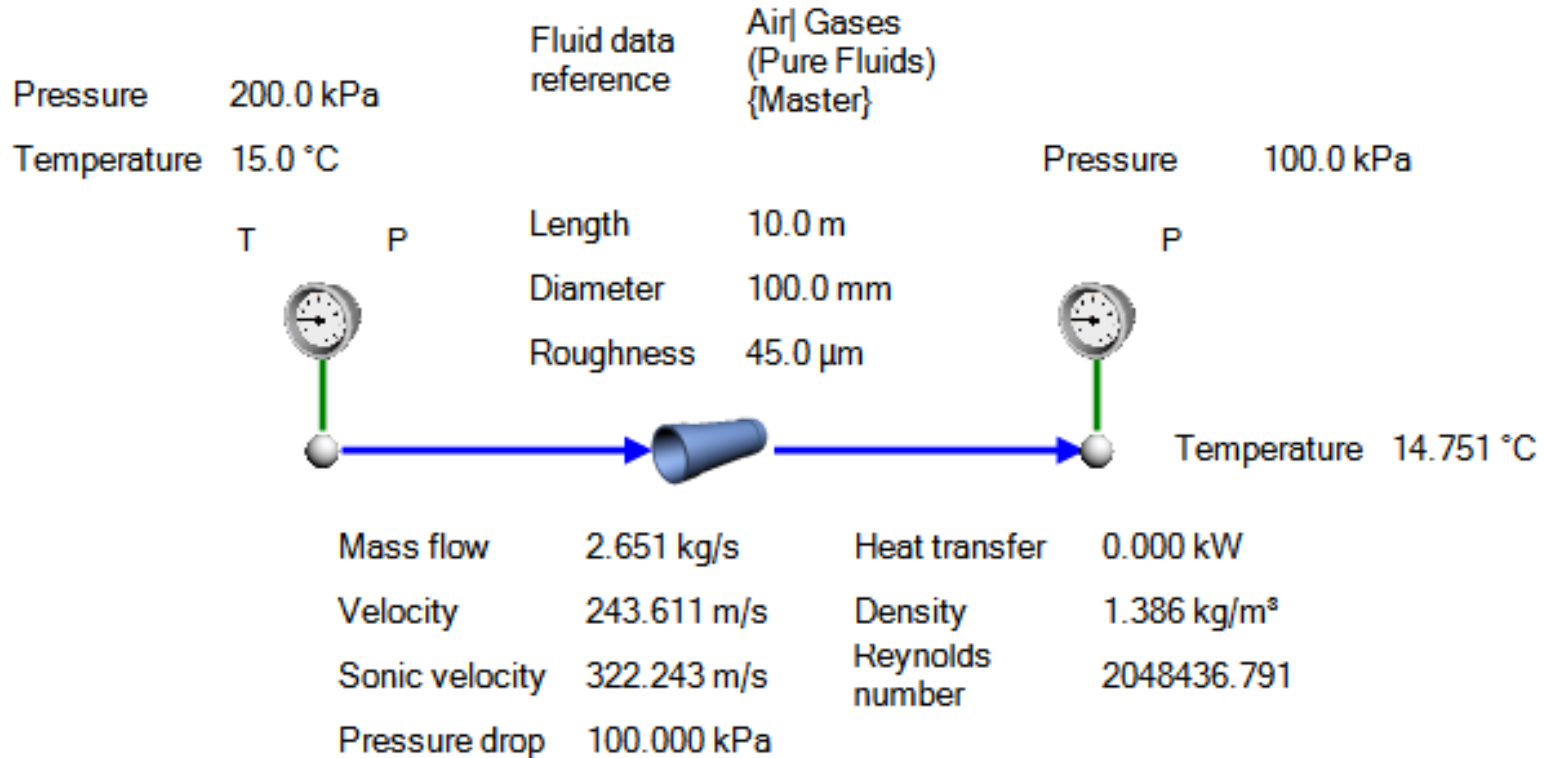
- Full 3-D CFD is often too complex and slow
- Systems-CFD approaches real-life engineering problems as blocks of problems connected together. Advantages are:
 - ◆ Speed of specifying the problem domain
 - ◆ Reuse of previously created blocks
 - ◆ Speed of solution – typically seconds on PC

Systems CFD

Simple Pipe Flow

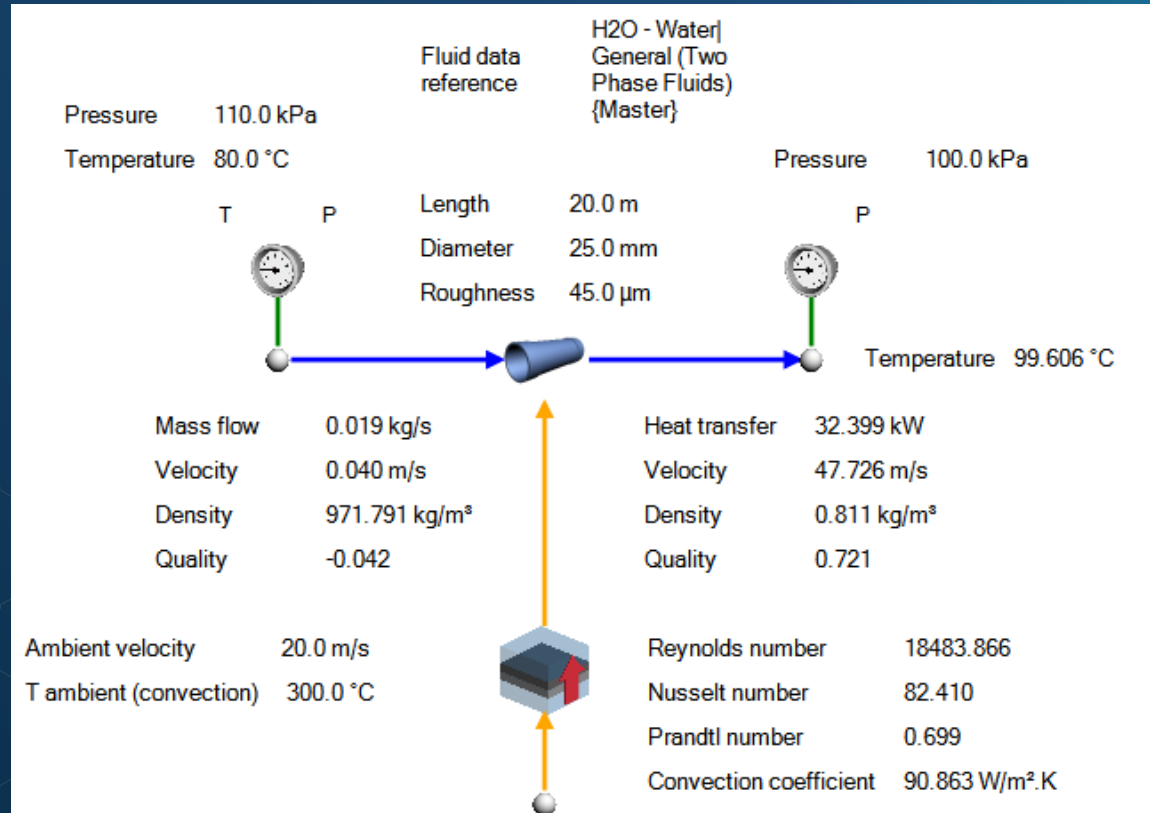
◆ Graphical

◆ Boundary conditions



Systems CFD

Simple Pipe with Heat Transfer



Systems CFD - Real Examples

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Natural Gas Facility:
Blowdown Temperature
Calculation

Natural Gas Facility Blowdown Temperatures

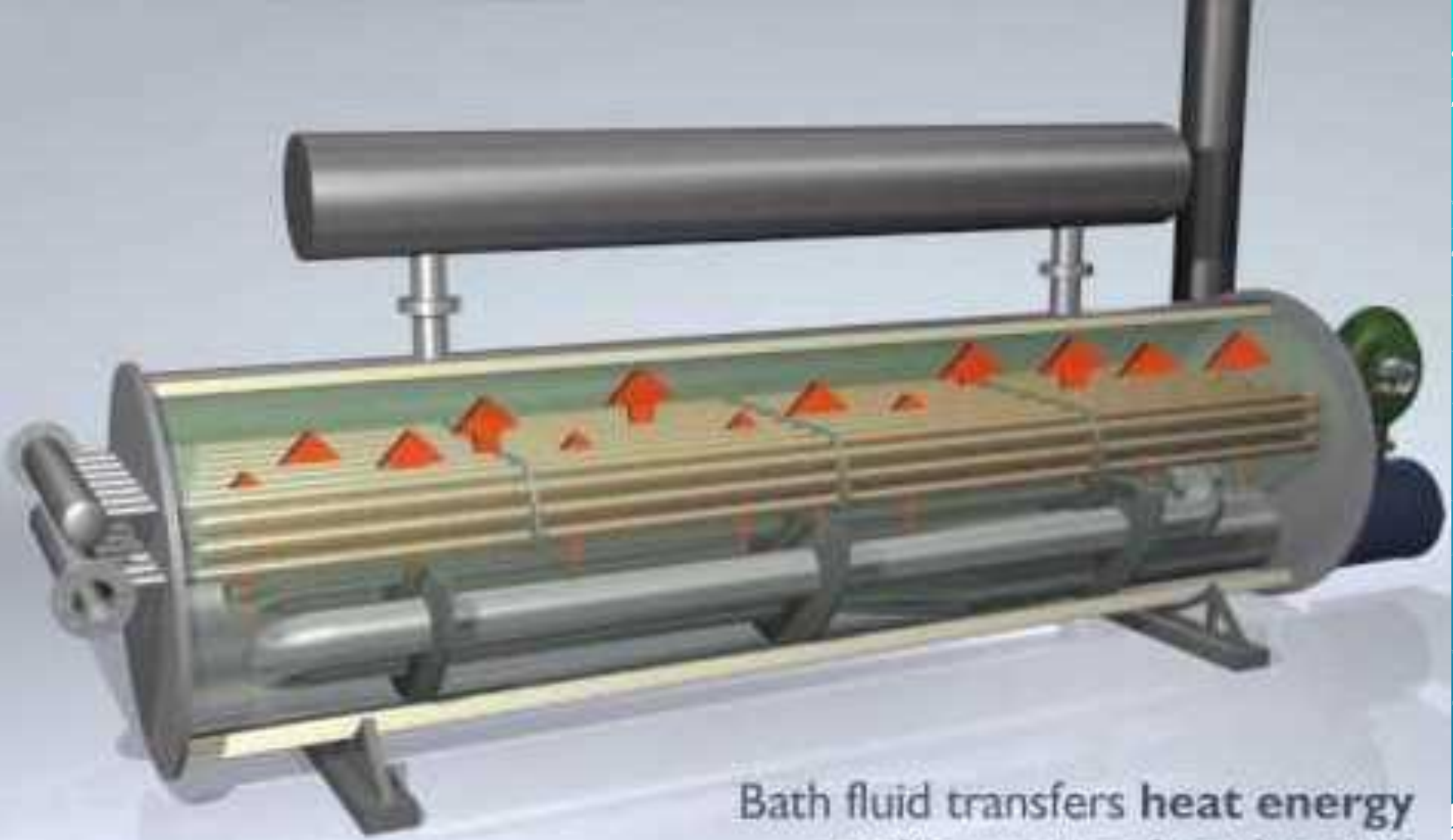
High Pressure:
15 000 kPa

Blowdown Gas
Temperature
-100°C



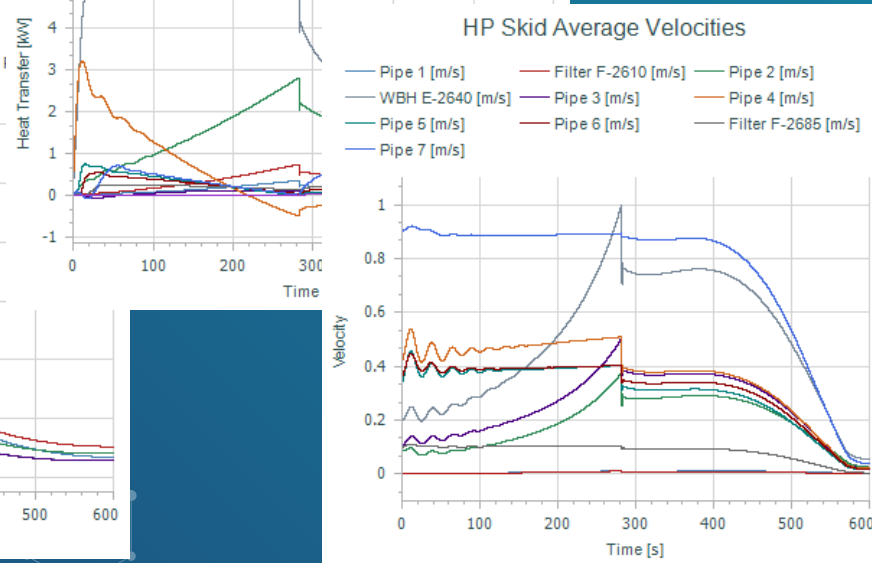
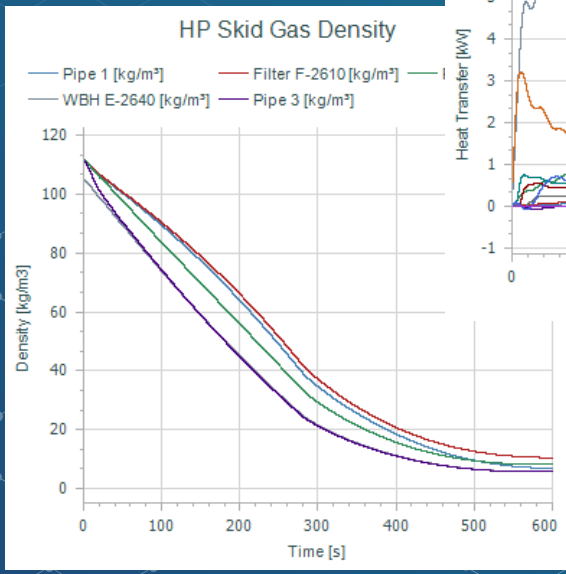
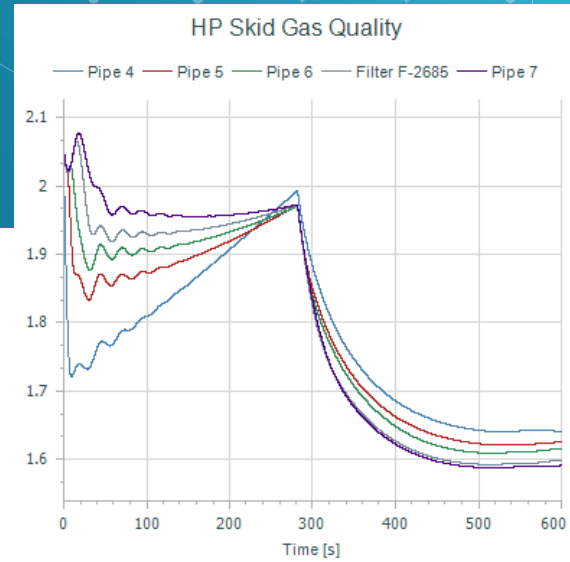
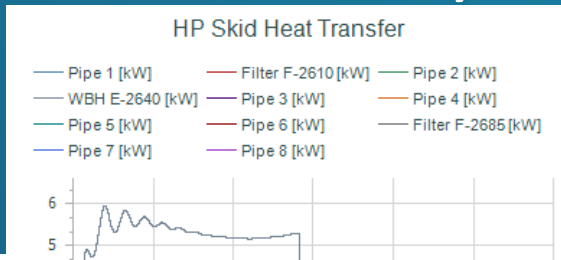
Inlet from SDV-2509

Temperature -2.3 °C

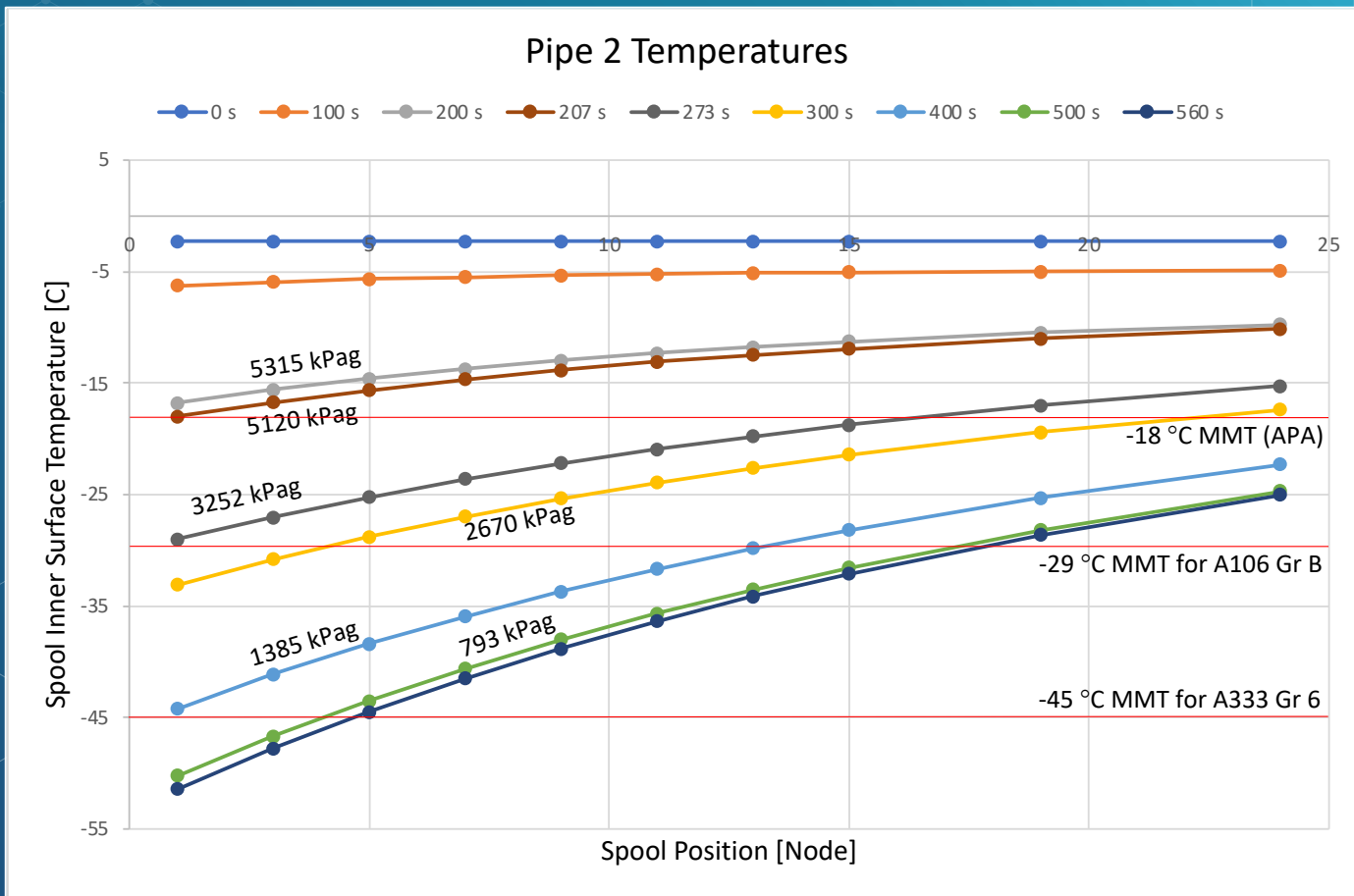


Bath fluid transfers heat energy to the process heating coil

Natural Gas Facility Blowdown Temperatures



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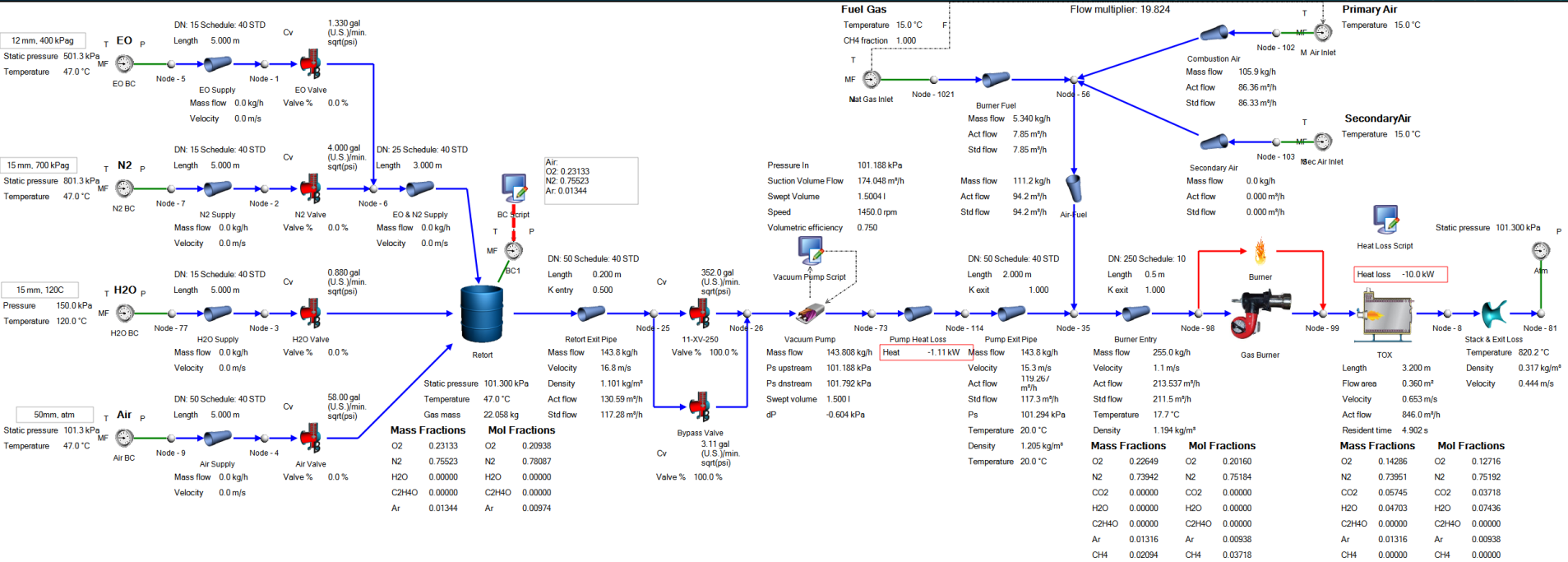
Systems CFD - Real Examples

Medical Retort
Ethylene Oxide Sterilisation Cycle

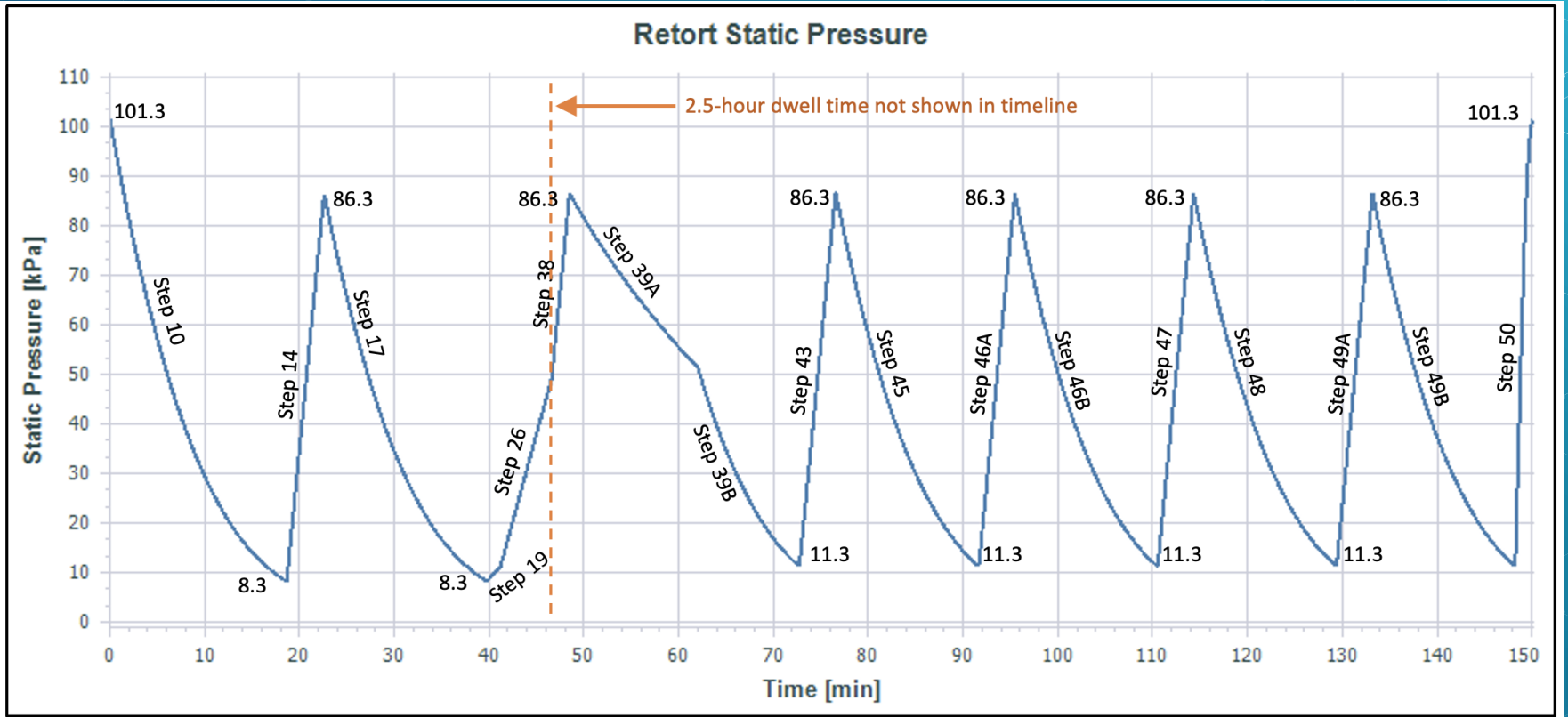
Medical Retort Ethylene Oxide Sterilisation Cycle



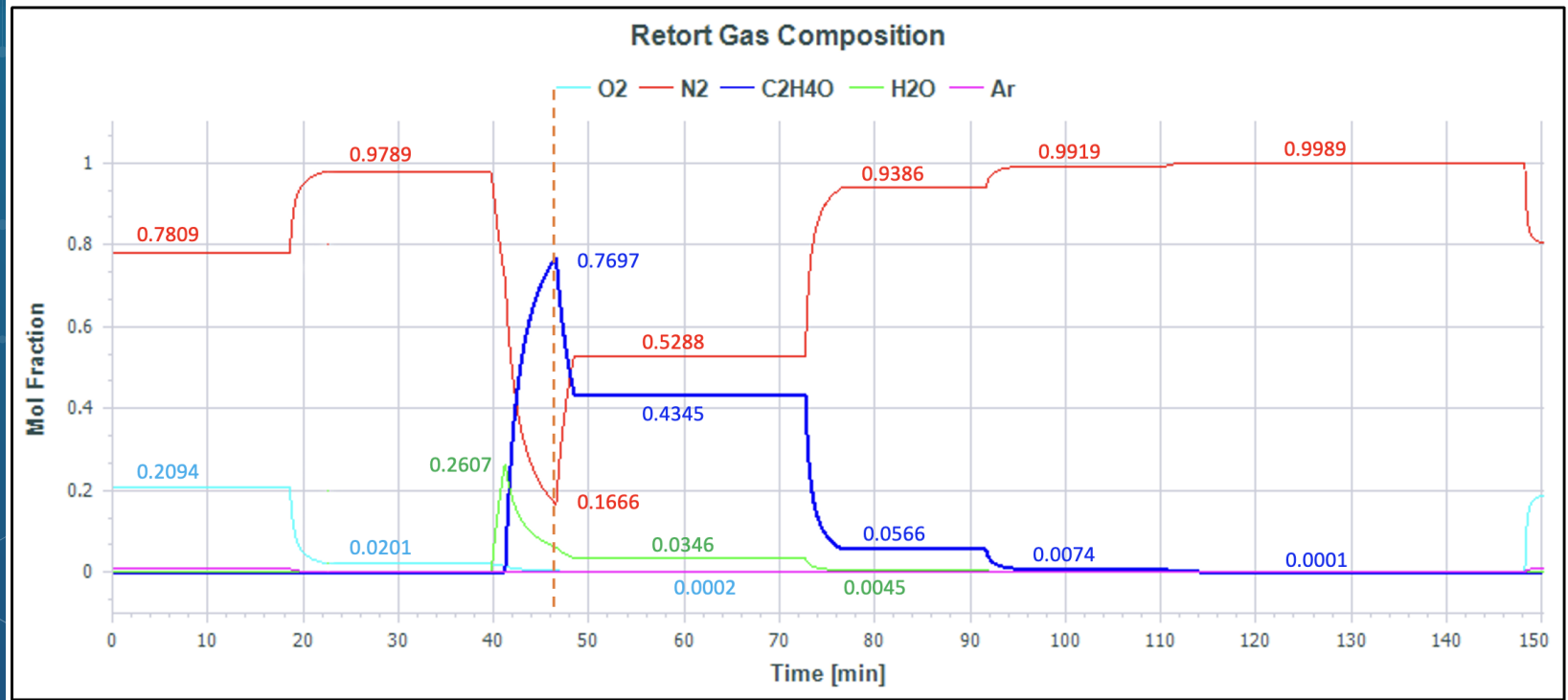
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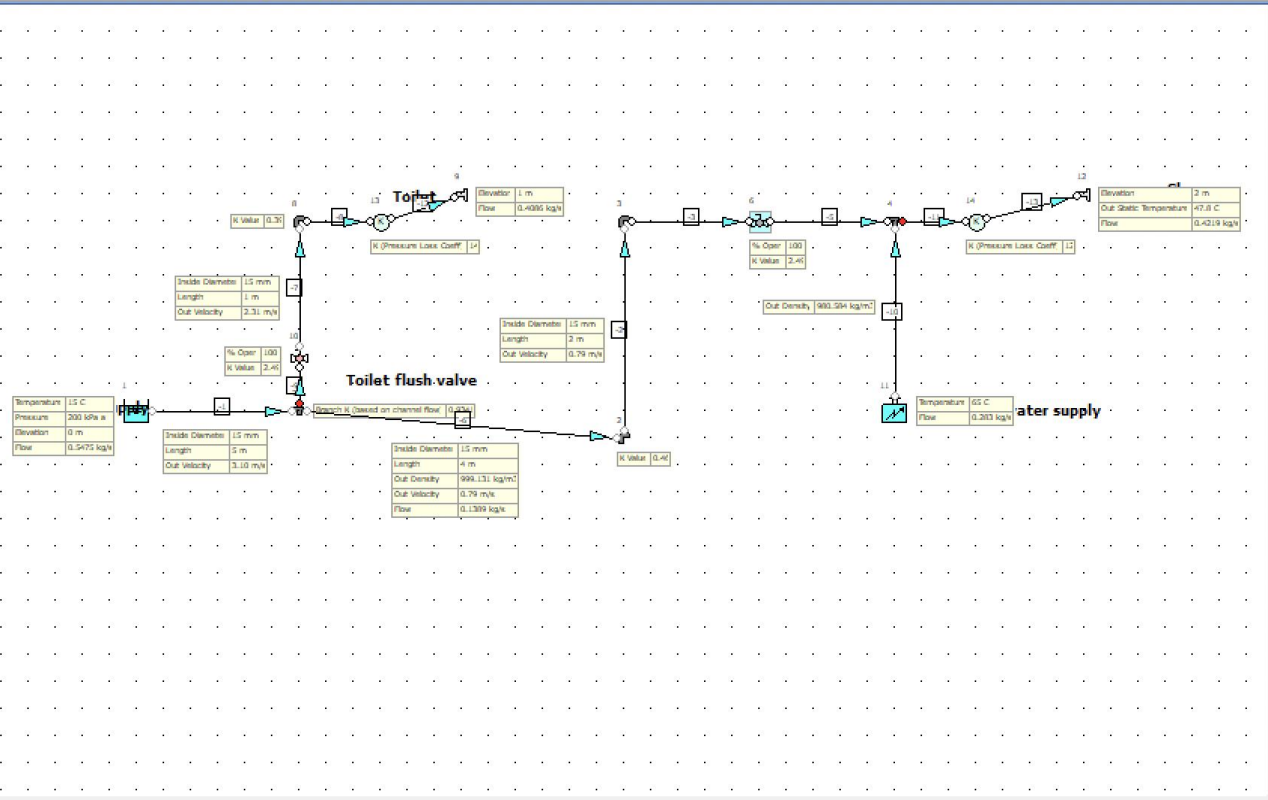
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Education And Engineering Simulation



Education – And Engineering Simulation

- ◆ Engineering graduates **MUST** be introduced to Engineering Simulation
- ◆ Universities need to employ or contract relevant and competent engineering staff:
 - ◆ Staff with applicable skills
 - ◆ Staff with significant and relevant industry experience



Data Palette

Messages	Input	Results	Chart	List
Unique Name				
Status		On		
Elevation		2		
Elevation Unit		m		
Valve Name		Generic Globe Valve - Miller Data		
% Open		100		
Quantity		1		
Heat Loss Model		Ignore Heat Loss/Gain		
Properties on Flowsheet		Show		
Alignment		Bottom		
Font		Verdana,9,cWindowText,[]		
Properties		127;421		

Education – And Engineering Simulation

You cannot teach a student
how to design and build a bridge
if you have not personally
designed and built a bridge.
There is no substitute for
experience (HvdW)

Questions?