

# **COMPUTER SIMULATION OF SULPHURIC ACID PLANTS**

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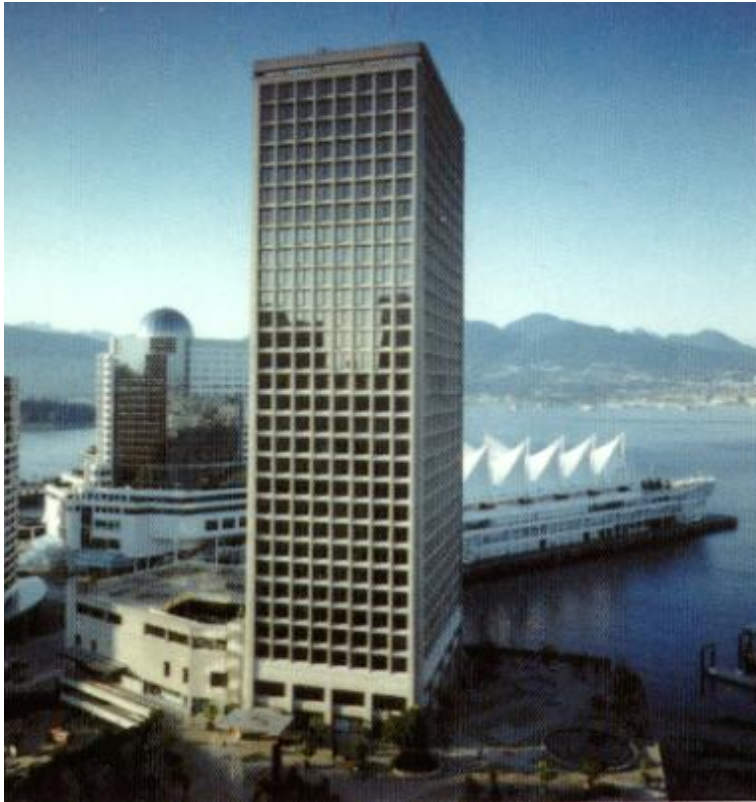
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# Agenda

- Why Simulate Your Plant
- Challenges
- History
- Tools Available
- Modeling an Acid Plant (steady-state)
- Dynamic Modeling
- Summary

# Who is NORAM?



- Based in Vancouver
- Founded in 1988
- 100 employees – chemical and mechanical
- Performed over 144 acid plant studies
- Supplied over 150 acid plant components
- Own a fabrication shop, 80 employees
- Licensor to Simon Carves UK -  
450 mtpd acid plant UAE
- Licensor to Bateman South Africa –  
Two 2850 mtpd acid plants Madagascar

## NORAM's Sulfuric Acid Equipment

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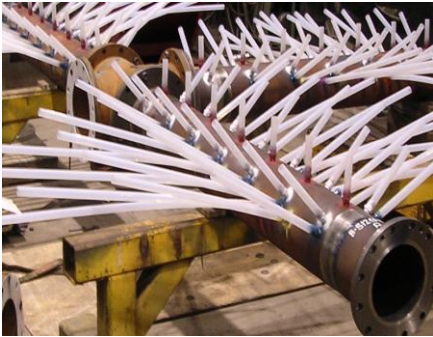
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## Why Simulate Your Acid Plant ?

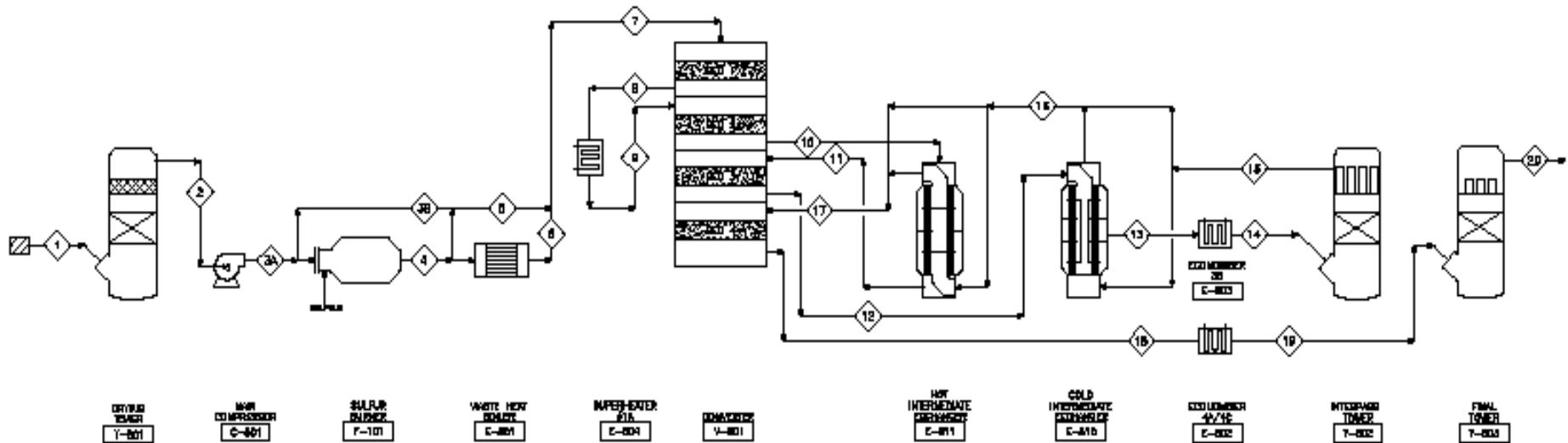
- Allows you to change process inputs and see how your plant will perform
- Identify process bottlenecks
- Determine benefits of new equipment
- Confirm accuracy of process measurements
- Improve plant control; parametric analysis

In general, allows a better understand of your acid plant

Sounds great, but... it ain't easy to model and get the above benefits!

# Generic Sulphuric Acid Plant

## Sulphur Burning



Gas Process Flow Diagram



# Challenges in Simulating Your Acid Plant

- Don't trust all your process readings (some are flakier than others)
- Missing important equipment information
- Don't know what software to use
- Software may not be easy to use
- Don't have time

# History of Process Simulators

- In-House Process Simulators
  - Popular 1960's-1980's
  - Created by in-house engineers of major oil & gas, chemical companies
  - Ran on computer mainframes
  
- Simulation Sciences, *Process*, later, *PRO/II*
  - *Process* Ran on Main Frame
  - Appeared on the scene late '70's
  - PRO/II came out about 1990. PC-based batch operation
  
- Hyprotech, *Hysim*, later *Hysys*
  - First major PC Based Simulation
  - Calgary Based, U of C, appeared in mid '80's
  - Interactive, backward calculation capability gave increased flexibility
  - Hysys introduced in the '90's was Windows version of Hysim
  - NORAM used it for gas side. Acid side done on spreadsheet

## History of Process Simulators (cont'd)

- Aspen Technology Inc. *Aspen Plus*, & *Hysys*,
  - Created in 1981. Joint research project MIT and US DOE. Advanced System for Process Engineering (ASPEN)
  - Acquired Hyprotech in 2004 and divested Hysys code to Honeywell (FTC)
  - Offer suite packages
- Honeywell, *UniSim*, formerly *Hysys*
  - Bought the code to Hysys in 2004
  - Markets under the name UniSim
  - Offer suite packages

The suite packages offered include steady state, dynamic modeling, special physical property packages, heat exchangers, pipe pressure drop, plant optimization, basic engineering, ... next presentations for sulphuric acid plant courses

# Tools Available

## (for Process Simulation)

- Commercial Generic Simulators
  - Aspen Hysys, Apen Plus, Honeywell Unisim
  - Need to develop equipment models and select property packages
  - Somewhat flexible for new equipment
  - Lease costs can be high
- Third Party Dedicated Software
  - Shiv Shukla, India *Sulphuric*, and others
  - Limited in flexibility
  - Pre-configured
  - Relatively low cost <\$2000

# Tools Available (cont'd)

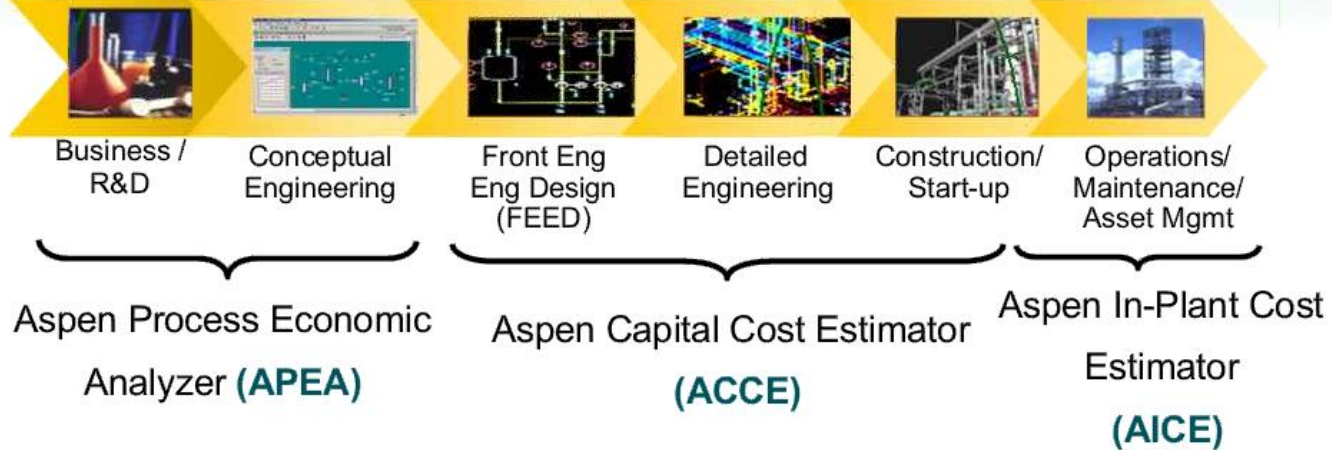
## (for Process Simulation)

- User Created Spreadsheet Models
  - User creates models of individual equipment or entire acid plant
  - Requires good understanding of unit operations
  - Requires source of physical property data correlations
  - Provides good flexibility in data input/output
  - Requires checking of connectivity
  - Requires good documentation and internal notes for use by others



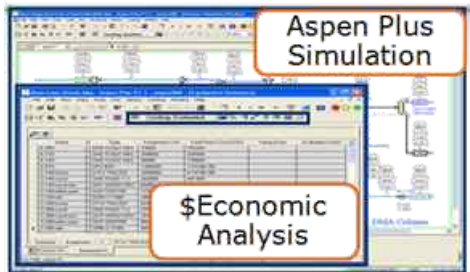
# Tools Available (cont'd) Suite Packages

## Economic Evaluation Products



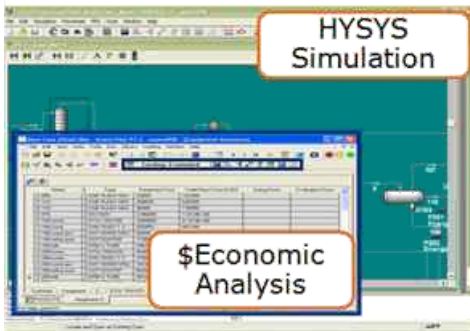
# Tools Available (cont'd) Suite Packages

Compare based on Technology & Economics!



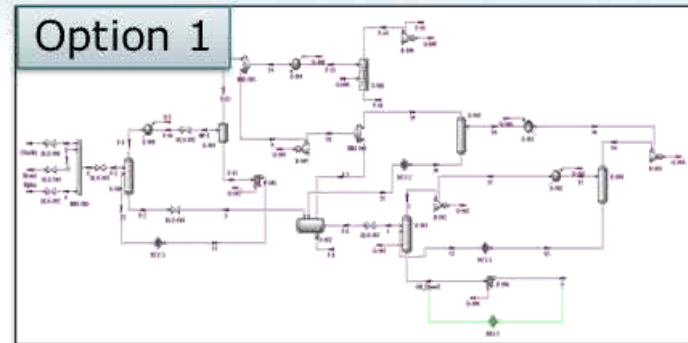
Aspen Plus  
Simulation

\$Economic  
Analysis

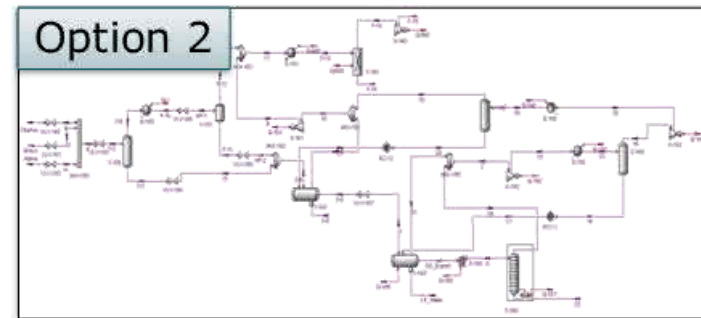


HYSYS  
Simulation

\$Economic  
Analysis



Capital = \$30M; Operating = \$13M/yr



Capital = \$28M; Operating = \$11M/yr

# Tools Available (cont'd)

## Hysys vs Aspen Plus

### Aspen HYSYS Benefits

*Aspen HYSYS* is a proven, industry-standard solution with over twenty years of use in the field.

Customers have recognized and reported:

- \$15 million per year in incremental profitability from process optimization
- \$10 million per year in capital savings resulting from improved designs
- \$1 million per year of reduced engineering cost

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- \$10 million per year in capital savings resulting from improved designs
- \$1 million per year of reduced labor costs from improved conceptual engineering workflow

# Physical Property Prediction

- Important part of simulation is ensuring accurate physical property prediction
- In simple terms, Equations of State are formula and coefficients used to predict component and stream physical properties under varying conditions
- For sulphuric acid plants, gas, steam and acid generally use separate equations of state to predict Cp, Volume, Density, conductivity, and so forth

## Various Equations of State

1. Overview
- 2 Historical
  - 2.1 Boyle's law (1662)
  - 2.2 Charles's law or Law of Charles and Gay-Lussac (1787)
  - 2.3 Dalton's law of partial pressures (1801)
  - 2.4 The ideal gas law (1834)
  - 2.5 Van der Waals equation of state
- 3 Major equations of state
  - 3.1 Classical ideal gas law
- 4 Cubic equations of state
  - 4.1 Van der Waals equation of state
  - 4.2 Redlich-Kwong equation of state
  - 4.3 Soave modification of Redlich-Kwong
  - 4.4 Peng-Robinson equation of state
  - 4.5 Elliott, Suresh, Donohue equation of state
- 5 Non-cubic equations of state
  - 5.1 Dieterici equation of state
- 6 Virial equations of state
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  - 6.2 The BWR equation of state
- 7 Multiparameter equations of state
  - 7.1 Helmholtz Function form
- 8 Other equations of state of interest
  - 8.1 Stiffened equation of state
  - 8.2 Ultrarelativistic equation of state
  - 8.3 Ideal Bose equation of state
- 9 Equations of state for solids

# Physical Property Prediction (cont'd)

Reference: AIChE Conference. Salt Lake City. UT: 7Nov2007

## Summary

- The  $\text{SO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O-H}_2\text{SO}_4$  system in the HyS cycle poses significant modeling challenges
- Existing models for  $\text{SO}_2$  solubility in sulfuric acid are deficient
  - Speciation most likely not correct
  - Differences between models lead to different performance predictions for  $\text{SO}_2$ -handling operations
- Aspen Plus™ modified Oleum model needs three distinct parameter/speciation sets to describe  $\text{SO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O-H}_2\text{SO}_4$  system
  - divided into low-/high-temperature and  $\text{SO}_2$  VLE/VLLE regions
  - Good performance within each regime, but discontinuous transitions
- OLI Systems' Mixed Solvent Electrolyte model gives comparable fit
  - No need to change model for temperature, VLLE reasons
  - Can be used as a property option set within Aspen Plus™



# Modeling an Acid Plant

## Unit Operations

- Sulphur Furnace – Gibbs or Conversion model reactor
- Acid Towers – Component splitter, absorption module
- Blower – Compressor module
- Heat Exchanger/Acid Cooler – Heat exchanger module
  - UA input and predict two temperatures, or,
  - Three of four temperatures are input and fourth predicted
- Converter – Reactor module
  - Conversion. Input conversion.
  - Equilibrium. Input approach to equilibrium

# Modeling an Acid Plant

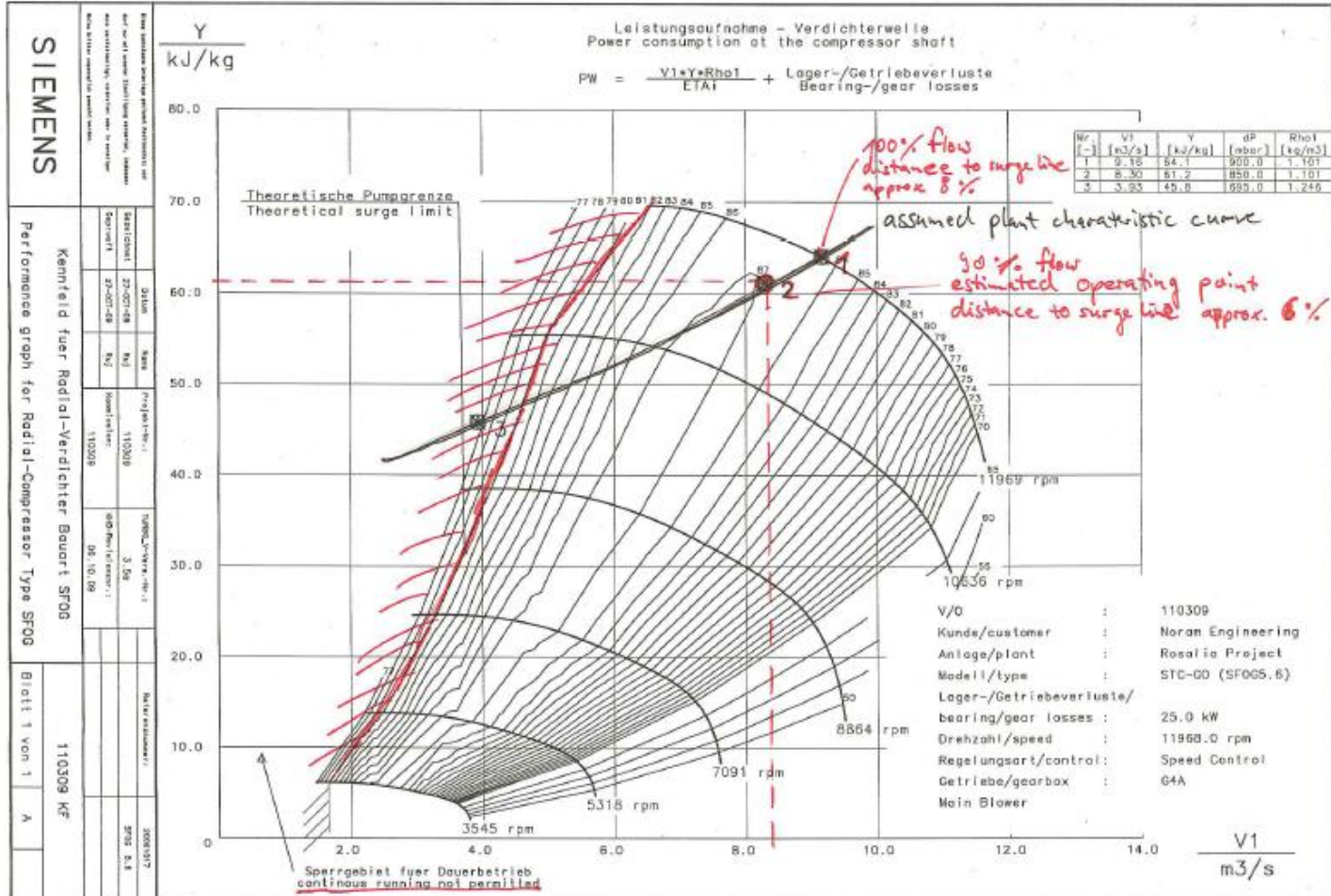
## Building a model of the plant

- Get out plant process flow diagrams and piping and instrument diagrams
- Get exchanger drawings or rating sheets
- Take pressure profile and gas flow for starting point of model
- Record temperatures and flows of plant streams
- Enter stream and equipment data
- Model plant

It's that easy. But most likely not!

# Modeling an Acid Plant

## Modeling blower performance from blower curve



# Modeling an Acid Plant

## Custom-built Spreadsheet

- Spreadsheet Set-Up

- Mass and energy balances are simulated for the equipment components
- Gas: Cp vs. Temperature for each component is from validated references
- Acid: Solution enthalpy vs. Concentration and Temperature
- Water: Cp is from steam tables

$$H = \int_{T_{REF}}^T \sum_i (y_i C_{Pi}) dT$$

- Columns in spreadsheet are for streams
- Unit operations carried out on the components in the streams
- For SO<sub>2</sub> to SO<sub>3</sub> reaction enter approach to equilibrium or conversion

# Modeling an Acid Plant (cont'd)

- User Created Spreadsheet Models

C2		Inlet Air										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
<b>Extract of Spreadsheet Model of Sulphuric Acid Plant</b>												
			Inlet Air		X Blower	Dry Air		Furnace	WHB1 By	X WHB1	X Super	Bed 1 In
			G1		G2	G3		G4	G5	G6	G7	G8
4	Pressure	psig	-0.14		6.20	5.92		5.56	5.56	4.95	4.76	4.73
5		in VVC (g)	-4.0		171.9	164		154.1	154.1	137	132	131.0
6		bar a	0.94		1.38	1.36		1.34	1.34	1.29	1.28	1.28
7	Temperature	°F	80		168	175		1,848	1,848	833	750	795
8		°C	26.7		75.7	79.4		1,009	1,008.6	444.9	398.8	424.1
9												424.0
10	SO2	kgmol/hr	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	77	3	74	74	77.4
11	SO3	kgmol/hr	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	H2O_vap	kgmol/hr	21	2.75%	21	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	O2	kgmol/hr	154	20.37%	154	154	20.95%	77	3	74	74	77.0
14	Ar	kgmol/hr	7	0.91%	7	7	0.93%	7	0	7	7	6.9
15	N2	kgmol/hr	576	75.97%	576	576	78.12%	576	22	553	553	575.7
16	Flow	kgmol/hr	758	100.00%	758	737	100.00%	737	29	708	708	736.9
17		Nm3/hr	16,983		16,983	16,517		16,517	644	15,873	15,873	16,517
18		SCFM	9,996		9,996	9,721		9,721	379	9,342	9,342	9,721
19	Diameter	in	27		27	27		36	18	27	27	36
20	Velocity Head	in VVC	0.49		0.39	0.38		0.50	0.01	0.85	0.80	0.29
21	Mole Wt	kg/kgmol	28.66		28.66	28.96		32.33	32.33	32.33	32.33	32.33
22		ACFM	11,780		9,362	9,338		34,565	1,348	19,219	18,163	19,646
23		m3/hr	20,014		15,907	15,865		58,726	2,290	32,653	30,858	33,379
24	Cross sec area	m2										
25	velocity	m/s										
26	Re		6.38E+05	#DIV/0!	5.66E+05	5.47E+05	#DIV/0!	1.86E+05	1.45E+04	3.53E+05	3.71E+05	2.82E+05
27		kg/hr	21,715		21,715	21,340		23,821	929	22,892	22,892	23,821
28	Density	kg/m3	1.09		1.37	1.35		0.41	0.41	0.70	0.74	0.71
29		lb/ft3			0.085	0.084						
30	Viscosity	Pa s	1.75E-05	1.63E-05	1.98E-05	2.01E-05	1.65E-05	4.97E-05	4.97E-05	3.34E-05	3.18E-05	3.27E-05
31	Conductivity	W/m K	2.56E-02	2.36E-02	2.91E-02	2.95E-02	2.38E-02	7.30E-02	7.30E-02	4.81E-02	4.58E-02	4.71E-02
32	Heat capacity	kJ/kg K	1.02	#DIV/0!	1.02	1.01	#DIV/0!	1.13	1.13	1.02	1.01	1.02
33	Enthalpy	kJ/kgmol	1,310		2,743	1,585		57,470	57,470	37,731	36,214	37,043
34		kJ/hr	9.93E+05		2.08E+06	1.17E+06		4.23E+07	1.65E+06	2.67E+07	2.56E+07	2.73E+07
35	Duty	kJ/hr	Blower head		1.09E+06	9.11E+05		Heat loss		1.40E+07	1.07E+06	
36	Conversion	Bedwise	Cp	29.2	efficiency	0.09		0.5%		1.33E+07	1.02E+06	BTU/hr





# Modeling an Acid Plant (cont'd)

- User Created Spreadsheet Models

D59      fx =D55/D56													
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	<b>HIP pro-rating</b>		<b>Basis</b>	Current	Design 1		<b>Bypass pressure balance</b>				<b>Main flow through HIP tubes</b>		
2	Production rate	MTPD	175	181.4	58,975		<b>Bypass</b>				A1/A3 Q1/K		
3	SO2 conc	%	10.51%	10.50%	10.25%		Duct ID	22 in	Duct ID	26.875 in	#VALUE!		
4	Flow to Bed 1	Nm3/hr	15879	16517	5487		Vel. Head	0.01 in WVC	Vel. Head	0.50 in WVC	Bypass contrac		
5	vol. turndown	%	100%	104%	35%		fittings	#	K-value	fittings	#	K-value	A2/A1
6	Prod. Turndown	%	100%	104%	34%		inlet nozzle (CIP ves	1	0.5	inlet nozzle (CIP v	1	0.5	1.19
7							damper ca. 55%	1	5	90° elbow, r/d=1	3	0.45	Main line contra
8	Tube OD	in	1				90° turn, r/d=1	0	0.7	Total			1.9
9	Tube ID	in	0.834				Total		5.5	dP (section)	0.92 in WVC		1.07
10	Effective tube length	ft	6.625				dP (section)	0.03 in WVC	Duct ID	27.75 in			
11	Tube #		750				Duct ID	24 in	Vel. Head	0.44 in WVC			
12							Vel. Head	0.00 in WVC	fittings	#	K-value		
13							fittings	#	K-value	Abrupt contractio	0	0	
14							Abrupt contraction	1	0.06	inlet nozzle	1	1	
15							90° turn, r/d=1	0	1.0	Total			1.0
16							entry	1	1	dP (section)	0.44 in WVC		
17							Total			dP (section)	3.76 in WVC		
18							dP (section)	0.00 in WVC		dP (section)	0.36 in WVC : predicted by Gas e		
19							dP TOTAL	0.04 in WVC		dP TOTAL	5.12 in WVC		
20							<b>Is Bypass dP &lt; Main dP?</b>						
21							<b>YES</b>						
22													
23	Tube Re		12137	12114	2751								
36	<b>Pressure drop</b>												
37	Tube dP	in WVC	4.14	3.76	0.34								
38	Shell dP	in WVC	2.24	2.42	0.36								
39	<b>Heat transfer</b>												
40	Tube side coeff	BTU/ft2 hr °F	11.71	11.36	3.67								
41	Shell side coeff	BTU/ft2 hr °F	21.05	21.60	11.11								
42	wall resist	ft2 hr °F/BTU	0.00063	0.00063	0.00063								
43	Tube fouling	ft2 hr °F/BTU	0.000	0.000	0.000								
44	Shell fouling	ft2 hr °F/BTU	0.000	0.000	0.000								
45	Tube side resist	ft2 hr °F/BTU	0.085	0.088	0.273								
46	Shell side resist	ft2 hr °F/BTU	0.048	0.046	0.090								
47	U outside	BTU/ft2 hr °F	7.49	7.41	2.75								
48		W/m2 K	42.5	42.1	15.6								
49	Area (out)	m2	121										
50		ft2	1301										
51	LMTD	K	100	128	73								
52	Effectiveness factor		0.979										
53	Effective LMTD	K	98.3	125.8	71.0								
54	<b>Duty</b>			226	128								
55	Performance	kJ/hr	1.82E+06	2.30E+06	4.82E+05								
56	Required	kJ/hr	1.69E+06	2.60E+06	5.69E+05								
57	Safety factor		7.8%	-11.4%	-15.2%								
58	HIP Bypass		7.0%	33.0%	good till 43% bypass at 59MTPD rate and 22/20"ID (and K=8.6)								
59	<b>Solver target</b>		0.886	0.848	good till 50% bypass at 59MTPD rate and 22/20"ID (and K=4.6)								
60	Bypass ID	in	24	20	good till 55% bypass at 59MTPD rate and 24/22"ID (and K=4.6)								
61	Main ID	in		Duct ID	Duct ID								
62	Bypass dP	in WVC		0.04	0.17								
63	Main dP	in WVC		5.12	0.40								

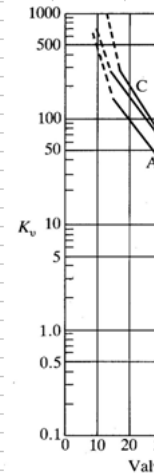
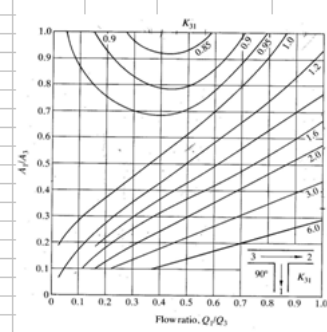
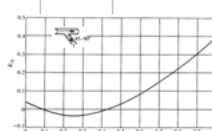


Fig. 14.19. Loss coef

# Modeling an Acid Plant (cont'd)

- User Created Spreadsheet Models

Catalyst loads based on Topso Performance Prediction of Dec 7, 2009										Catalyst loads based on 11%SO <sub>2</sub> , 99.85% convers						
10.5%SO <sub>2</sub> , 99.85% conversion										11%SO <sub>2</sub> , 99.85% convers						
Production 181 MTPD (as 100% acid)										Production 183 MTPC						
1/10/2010 13:46										Existing catalyst						
Diameter 12.5 ft					Diameter 12.3 ft					Diameter 12.5 ft						
XS area 11.4 m <sup>2</sup>					XS area 10.9 m <sup>2</sup>					XS area 11.4 m <sup>2</sup>						
	Catalyst vol	Catalyst height	ΔP (incl. inerts)	Gas velocity	Total bed H					Catalyst vol	Catalyst height	ΔP	Gas velocity		Catalyst vol	Catalyst height
	m <sup>3</sup>	ft	in W.C.	mm W.C.	Sft/min	ft	in			m <sup>3</sup>	ft	in W.C.	Sft/min		m <sup>3</sup>	ft
Bed 1	6.60	1.90	2.7	68	79	2.67	8.1			5.67	1.70		82		6.11	1.90
Bed 2	7.40	2.13	2.9	73	77	2.93	11.1			5.80	1.74		80		9.17	2.13
Bed 3	8.40	2.42	3.1	79	76	3.24	2.9			7.98	2.39		79		11.50	3.10
Bed 4	11.40	3.28	3.7	94	67	4.19	2.3			12.00	3.60		70		10.97	3.28
Overall	33.80	9.73	12.4							31.45	9.42	0.0			37.75	10.00

		Circular		Elipctial/rectang				Converter diameter [ft]	
		Diameter	Height	Width	additional	Area	Flow rate	Density	Head
		in	in	in	height	m <sup>2</sup>	Am <sup>3</sup> /h	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	in W.C.
Bed 1	Nozzle A	14				0.59	33379	0.71	0.36
	Duct to A	27				0.37	33379	0.71	0.90
	Nozzle B	Elipctial	24	48		0.58	41749	0.57	0.45
	Nozzle B	Rectangular	18	48		0.56	41749	0.57	0.50
	Duct from B	27				0.37	41749	0.57	1.13
Bed 2	Nozzle C	Elipctial	34	34		0.59	35889	0.66	0.39
	Nozzle C	Rectangular	18	48		0.56	35889	0.66	0.43
	Duct to C	27				0.37	35889	0.66	0.97
	Nozzle D	Elipctial	24	48		0.58	39856	0.60	0.43
	Nozzle D	Rectangular	18	48		0.56	39856	0.60	0.47
	Duct from D	27				0.37	39856	0.60	1.08
Bed 3	Nozzle E	Elipctial	34	34		0.59	34972	0.68	0.38
	Nozzle E	Rectangular	18	48		0.56	34972	0.68	0.42
	Duct to E	27				0.37	34972	0.68	0.95
	Nozzle F	Elipctial	24	48		0.58	36856	0.65	0.40
	Nozzle F	Rectangular	18	48		0.56	36856	0.65	0.44
	Duct from F	27				0.37	36856	0.65	1.00
Bed 4	Nozzle G	Elipctial	34	34		0.59	34931	0.52	0.28
	Nozzle G	Rectangular	18	48		0.56	34931	0.52	0.31
	Duct to G	27				0.37	34931	0.52	0.71
	Nozzle H	Elipctial	24	48		0.58	36673	0.49	0.30
	Nozzle H	Rectangular	21	48		0.65	36673	0.49	0.24
	Duct from H	27				0.37	36673	0.49	0.75
Total additional converter height [in]						0			

entry nozzles: ratio 14-20%  
exit nozzles: 20%  
or 25-33% if tapered outlet nozzle, with no sharp

Ratio must be < 20%

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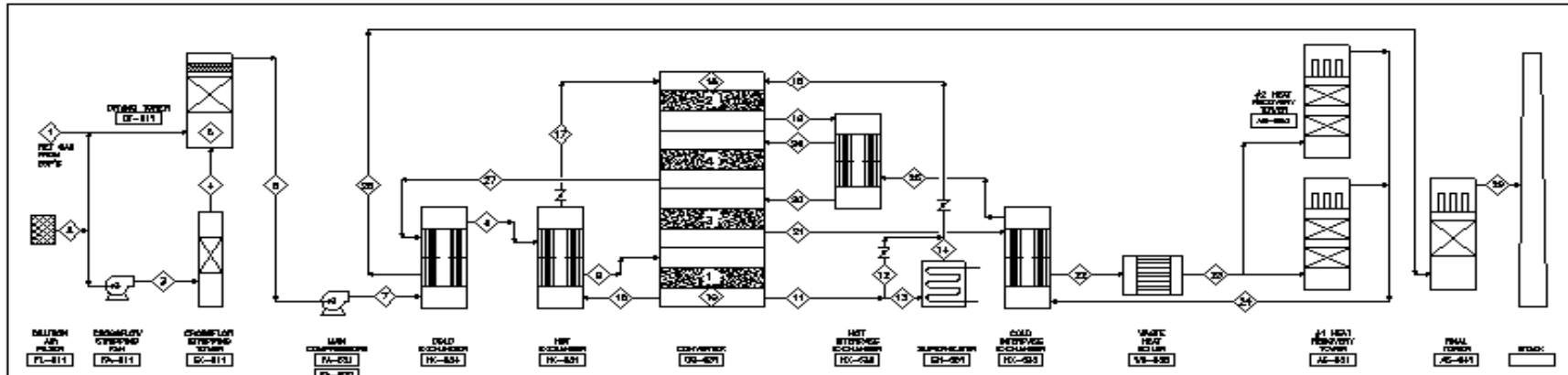
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# Custom-built Process Simulation



Case 1: Design Rate, Stream 7 Composition

SO2	14.0%
O2	13.8%
CO2	0.6%
N2	71.4%

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Pressure	in WG	-14	-14	2	-14	-14	-26	190	177	168	169	159	159	159	146	146
Temperature	F	112	70	81	160	98	122	290	540	734	1 178	1 178	1 178	1 178	794	797
SO2	NCFM	19 800	0	0	108	19 800	19 555	19 555	19 555	19 555	7 235	3 705	27	3 878	3 679	3 705
SO3	NCFM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12 320	8 309	45	8 283	8 283	8 309
H2O_vap	NCFM	7 154	2 584	313	0	9 738	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O2	NCFM	2 152	17 208	2 088	2 088	19 380	19 380	19 380	19 380	19 380	13 200	8 780	48	8 711	8 711	8 780
CO2	NCFM	1 080	0	0	0	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	553	4	543	543	553
N2 & Ar	NCFM	34 853	85 347	7 920	7 920	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	51 208	388	50 840	50 840	51 208
Flow	NCFM	64 858	85 139	10 318	10 111	148 778	138 895	138 895	138 895	138 895	133 835	88 535	483	88 042	88 042	88 535
Enthalpy	BTU/lbmol	30 012	581	626	1 628	13 532	13 518	13 818	16 192	17 727	18 543	18 543	18 543	18 543	15 162	15 186
	MMBTU/hr	324.19	7.83	1.08	2.78	333.69	304.05	323.21	378.81	414.72	414.72	212.37	1.83	210.84	172.40	173.93

		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Pressure	in WG	159	145	145	138	123	110	104	94	69	61	50	36	26	0
Temperature	F	1 178	787	797	982	787	850	830	450	180	472	734	788	350	180
SO2	NCFM	3 530	3 530	7 235	2 092	2 092	845	845	845	890	890	890	8	8	8
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CO2	NCFM	627	627	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 080
N2 & Ar	NCFM	48 792	48 792	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000
Flow	NCFM	85 301	85 301	133 835	131 284	131 284	130 540	130 540	130 540	111 770	111 770	111 429	111 429	110 428	110 652
Enthalpy	BTU/lbmol	18 643	16 186	16 186	16 484	13 829	13 906	11 974	10 443	-390	1 822	3 727	3 738	891	-1 069
	MMBTU/hr	202.35	165.72	339.85	339.65	303.35	303.35	261.22	227.82	-7.28	34.03	69.81	89.61	12.87	-19.77

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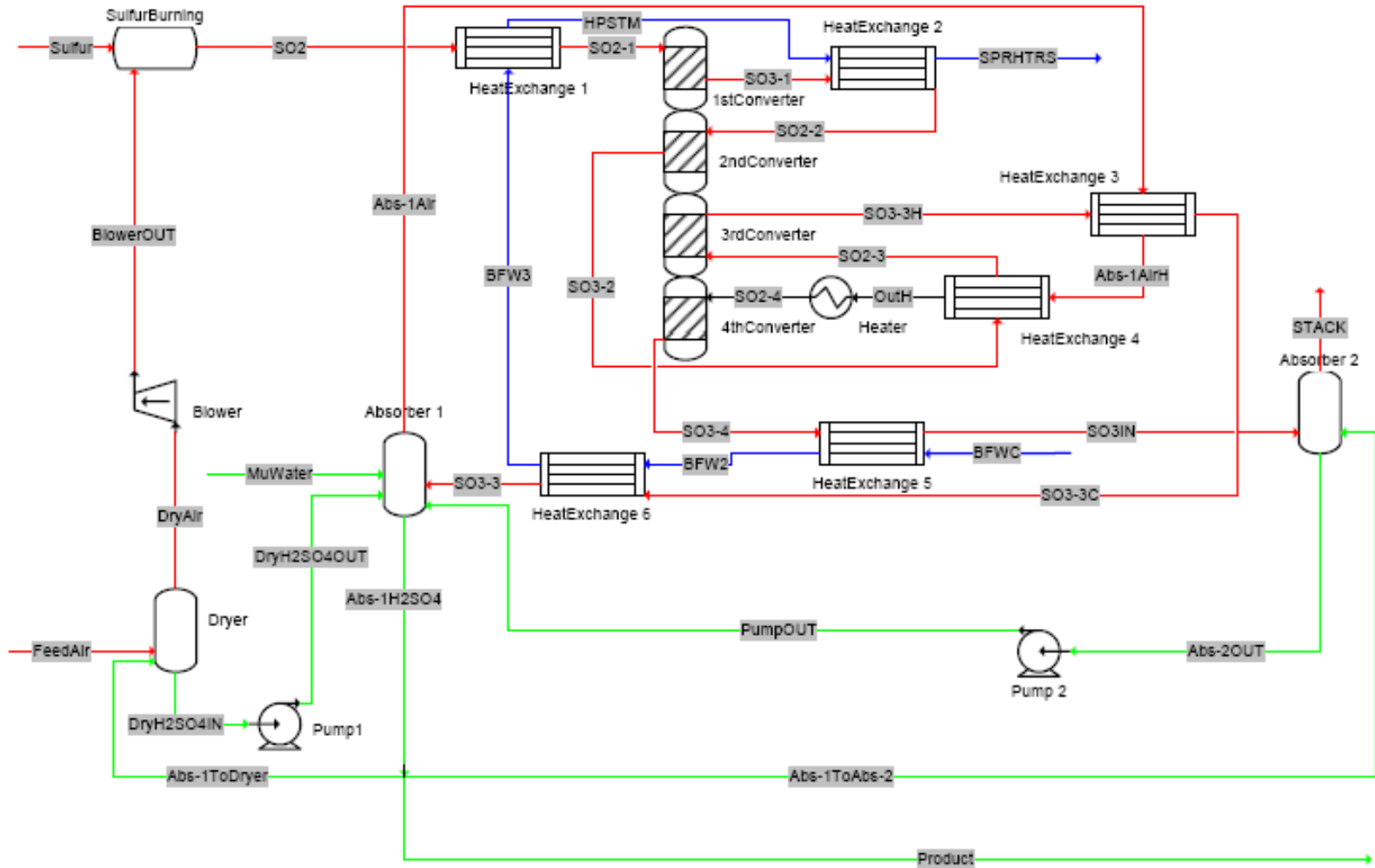
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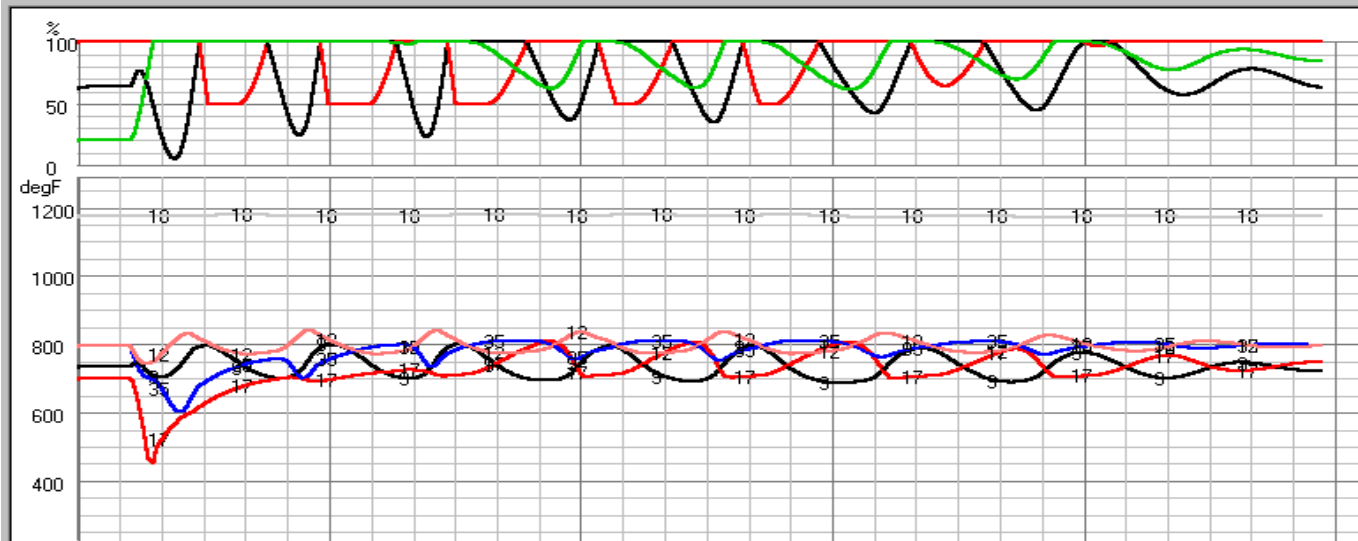
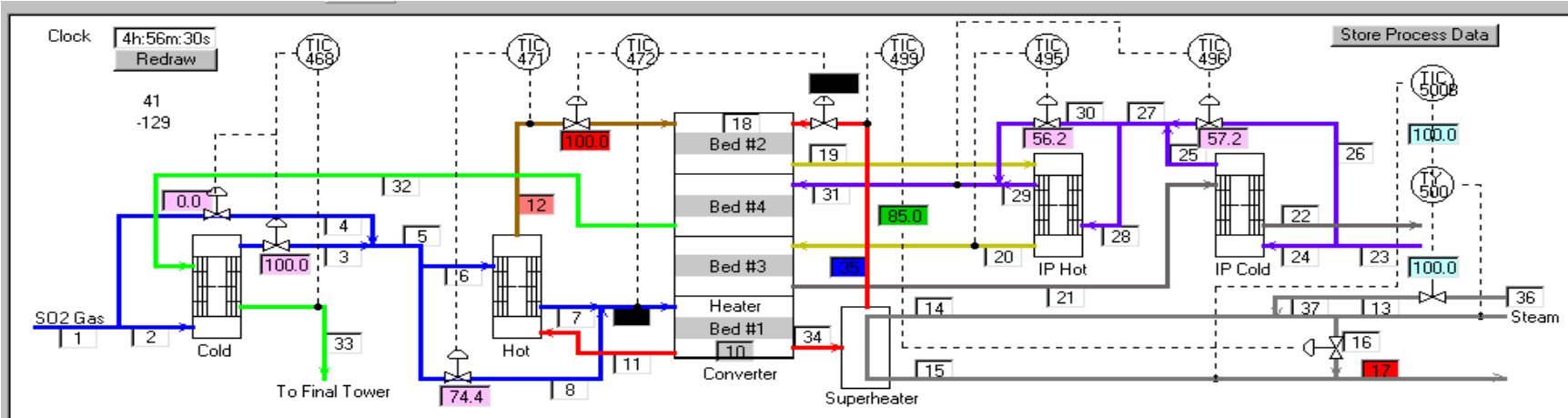
# Commercial Simulation Process Flow Diagram



# Dynamic Modeling an Acid Plant

- Useful when conditions fluctuate
- Can help setup process controls
- Requires all the information for steady state simulation plus
  - Thermal mass
  - Residence time
  - Valve description
- Use commercial package or create your own

# Custom Built Dynamic Process Simulation



**Loop Display**

**TIC-472**

Sp (degF)	734.0
Pv (degF)	723.2
Gain	-3.0
Integ (sec)	200
Deriv (sec)	0.1
Output (%)	68.3

A/M  A  M

Enter

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**Process Display**

- Temp (degF)
- Press (kPa(a))
- SO<sub>2</sub> (Vol%)
- SO<sub>3</sub> (Vol%)
- Flow (kg/sec)
- Vol (m<sup>3</sup>/sec)



# Commercial Program for Dynamic Simulation

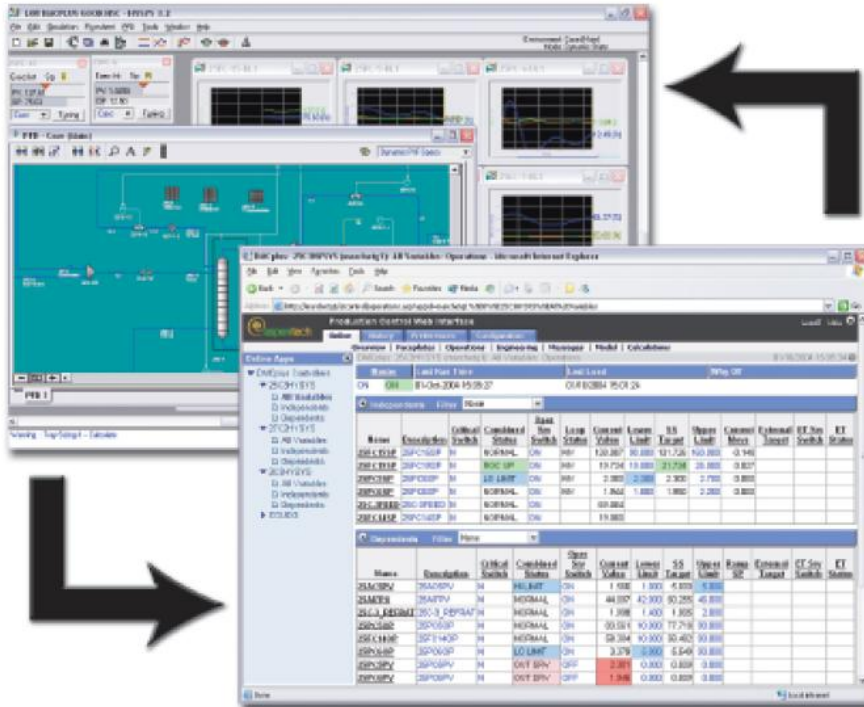


Figure 2a. Aspen HYSYS Controlled from DMCplus GUI

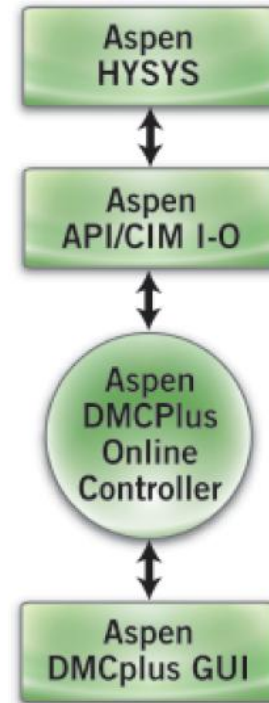


Figure 2b. Aspen HYSYS Acting like the Real Plant

# Commercial Program for Dynamic Simulation

The screenshot displays the Aspen DMCplus software interface. On the left, a 'Step-Test Results' window shows a graph of process variables over time. Below it, the 'Controlled Variables' window lists various process parameters. A 'FeedForwards' window shows a control loop diagram with variables  $FF_1$ ,  $FF_2$ ,  $FF_3$ , and  $FF_4$ . The 'Manipulated Variables' window shows a similar control loop diagram. The main window on the right displays a detailed process flow diagram (PFD) of a sulfuric acid plant. A green arrow points from the PFD to the 'Aspen DMCplus Controller' label at the bottom.

Step-Test Results

Controlled Variables

FeedForwards

Manipulated Variables

Aspen DMCplus Controller

# Summary

- **Process simulation tools can be useful**
- **Require work for meaningful results**
- **Plants have several options for simulation**
- **May require consultant for assistance (unbiased promotion!)**

**Thank You  
and Good Day**