

# *Process Simulation Using Aspen HYSYS V8*

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#### **Why Aspen HYSYS?**

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Aspen HYSYS is a market-leading process modeling tool for conceptual design, optimization, business planning, asset management, and performance monitoring for oil & gas production, gas processing, petroleum refining, and air separation industries. Aspen HYSYS is a core element of AspenTech's aspenONE™ Process Engineering applications.

#### **Objectives**

• Learn to build, navigate and optimize process simulations using Aspen **HYSYS** 

• Learn the efficient use of different HYSYS functions to build steady state process simulations

#### **Who Should Attend**

- New engineering graduates/technologists who will be using Aspen HYSYS in their daily work
- Process engineers doing process design and optimization projects and studies
- Plant engineers checking plant performance under different operating conditions
- R&D engineers and researchers using Aspen HYSYS for process synthesis

#### **Prerequisites**

• A background in chemical engineering or industrial chemistry



#### *Content:*

- *Getting Started*
- *Propane Refrigeration Loop*
- *Refrigerated Gas Plant*
- *Oil Characterization*
- *Pre-Heat Train*
- *Atmospheric Towers & Side operations*
- *Gas Gathering*
- *Optimization*
- *NGL Fractionation Train*
- *Oil Stabilization Optimization*



# *Getting Started*

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## *Workshop*

The Getting Started module introduces you to some of the basic concepts necessary for creating simulations in HYSYS. You will use HYSYS to define three gas streams to be used as feeds to a gas plant. In addition, you will learn how to determine properties of these streams by using the Phase Envelope and the Property Table utilities.

## *Learning Objectives*

- Define a fluid package (property package, components, hypotheticals).
- Add streams.
- Understand flash calculations.
- Attach stream utilities.
- Customize the Workbook.

Example:



We have a stream containing 15% ethane, 20% propane, 60% i-butane and 5% n-butane at 50°F and atmospheric pressure, and a flow rate of 100lbmole/hr. This stream is to be compressed to 50 psia and then cooled to 32°F. The resulting vapor and liquid are to be separated as the two product streams. Neglect the pressure drop inside the condenser.

• Fluid pkg: Peng Robinson

\* What are the flow rates and molar compositions of two product streams?



\* Create a case study to see the effect of changing temperature of the cooler out stream on the molar flow of the liquid product stream, and write your comment.



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Aspen HYSYS





1- First, Start a new case



2- Add the Components





#### 3- Choose the system components from the databank:





Now, select the suitable fluid package

When you have established a component list, you combine the component list with a property package. The property package is a collection of methods for calculating the properties of the selected components. The



combination of the component list and the property package, along with other simulation settings, is called the fluid package.



The built-in property packages in HYSYS provide accurate thermodynamic, physical and transport property predictions for hydrocarbon, non-hydrocarbon, petrochemical and chemical fluids.

The database consists of an excess of 1500 components and over 16000 fitted binary coefficients. If a library component cannot be found within the database, a comprehensive selection of estimation methods is available for creating fully defined hypothetical components.

There are about 33 property packages inside HYSYS database; the question now is **HOW TO SELECT THE SUITABLE FLUID PACKAGE?**

We can select the suitable one by specifying:

- 1- Process / Application type
- 2- Temperature and Pressure Range









ASPEN HYSYS contains an assistant tool to help you in the selection f

the suitable FP, called Methods Assistant:







In this case, select Peng-Robinson





Now you can start drawing the flow sheet for the process by clicking the Simulation button:



Now add a material stream to define the composition and the conditions of the feed stream



#### From the palette:









































Now you can view the results by double clicking on the separator, in the worksheet tab:







## **Save Your Case!**



## *Case Study*

We need to study the effect of changing the Temperature of the cooler out stream (stream no 3) on the flow rate of the liquid product stream.

Use range: from -30 to 30 °C with step size =5 °C

To create a case study in HYSYS you can simply click on Case Studies button on the Home menu:



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#### Add the two variables:







#### Specify the range of the study:



Click run, and then you can view results from the Results tab

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Click **Results Plot** to view graph



#### **Comment:**

As we see, when the temperature increases the liquid flow rate decrease, the liquid start to decrease  $\omega$  -15 °C, and  $\omega$  15 °C there will be no liquid product and all the product will be vapor.

This is a simple case; you can create your own case study with the same steps.



You can change the scale of axis & the curve color by right click on the plot area and click graph control:







You can also print this plot from the same menu:



## **Save Your Case!**



# *Refrigerated Gas Plant*

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## *Workshop*

In this simulation, a simplified version of a refrigerated gas plant is going to be modeled. The purpose is to find the LTS (Low Temperature Separator) temperature at which the hydrocarbon dew point target is met. The Sales Gas hydrocarbon dew point should not exceed -15°C at 6000 kPa. The incoming gas is cooled in two stages—first by exchange with product Sales Gas in a gas-gas exchanger (Gas-Gas) and then in a propane chiller (Chiller), represented here by a Cooler operation. A Balance operation will be used to evaluate the hydrocarbon dew point of the product stream at 6000 kPa.

## *Learning Objectives*

- Add a hypothetical component
- Install and converge heat exchangers.
- Understand logical operations (Balances and Adjusts).
- Use the Case Study tool to perform case studies on your simulation.



#### Example:

The feed stream enters an **inlet separator**, which removes the free liquids. Overhead gas from the Separator is fed to the Chiller where it is cooled to  $-20^{\circ}$ C, which will be modeled simply as a Cooler (Pressure Drop=35 kPa). The cold stream is then separated in a low-temperature separator (LTS). Overhead gas from the LTS is fed to the heater (Pressure drop=5kPa) where it is heated to 10 $\degree$ C to meet Sales Gas Specifications.

Feed Stream:





#### **Composition:**

FP: Peng Robinson

Calculate the duty rejected from the chiller …………………

Calculate the duty Absorbed inside the Heater ………………



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4- First, Start a new case



5- Add the Components





#### 6- Choose the system components from the databank:





After adding the pure components  $(N_2, H_2S, CO_2, C1, C2, C3, n-C4, i-C4,$ n-C5, i-C5, n-C6,  $H_2O$ ) we have to add the last component  $(C7^+)$  which is not a pure component as it represents all components above C7 including C7 in the feed.

To define C7+ we have to create it as a hypothetical component as the following:



#### From the drop menu select Hypothetical instead of pure components



#### Select create and edit hypos



Click on New Hypo






After adding a hypo component you can edit the name, add the properties you have, and estimate the unknown properties as follows:



Finally add the hypo component to the component list





Now, select the suitable fluid package



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Now you can start drawing the flow sheet for the process by clicking the Simulation button:



Now add a material stream to define the composition and the conditions

of the feed stream



#### From the palette:





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From the palette select the separator:









### Add a cooler:









Add the LTS Separator:





### Add a heater:













- The duty rejected from the chiller  $= 4.186$  e6  $(4.186 * 10^6)$  kJ/hr
- The duty Absorbed inside the **Heater** =  $2.287$  e6  $(2.287 *10^6)$  kJ/hr



# **Heat Exchanger**

The design is modified to reduce the operating cost represented in Chiller & Heater duties, by adding a Heat Exchanger before the Chiller where the overhead from the inlet separator is pre-cooled by already refrigerated gas from LTS.

### **Heat Exchanger Design Specifications:**

- Sales Gas Temperature= 10°C
- Tube side Pressure drop=35kPa
- Shell side Pressure drop= 5kPa
- No heat losses inside the heat exchanger.
- Choose Weighted Exchanger as Model



Calculate the duty rejected from the chiller after this modification

Calculate the Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient (UA) for the HX ……………..



### Solution:

- 1- Remove the heater, outlet stream and heater energy stream.
- 2- Disconnect the chiller inlet from the chiller (cooler).
- 3- Add a heat exchanger from the palette:



4- Open the heat exchanger and complete the required data:









- *Weighted. The heating curves are broken into intervals, which then exchange energy individually. An LMTD and UA are calculated for each interval in the heat curve and summed to calculate the overall exchanger UA. The Weighted method is available only for Counter-Current exchangers.*
- *Endpoint. A single LMTD and UA are calculated from the inlet and outlet conditions. For simple problems where there is no phase change and Cp is relatively constant, this option may be sufficient.*



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5- Open the chiller and re-connect the tube side outlet to the chiller inlet



The duty rejected from the chiller after this modification **= 1.878 e6** kJ/hr The Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient (UA) for the HX**= 2.786 e5** kJ/C-h





# **Adjust**

Adjust the LTS feed temperature to ensure the LTS vapor rate of 1200 kgmole/hr using Adjust operation.

Calculate the temperature of LTS feed ……………….

1- Select an adjust operation from the palette:



2- Open the adjust operation and select the adjusted variable (LTS

feed Temperature) and the Target variable (LTS Vapor molar flow).



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You can see the total number of iterations from the monitor tab:



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# *Propane Refrigeration Loop*

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## *Workshop*

*Refrigeration systems are commonly found in the natural gas processing industry and in processes related to the petroleum refining, petrochemical, and chemical industries. Refrigeration is used to cool gas to meet a hydrocarbon dewpoint specification and to produce a marketable liquid.*

*In this module you will construct, run, analyze and manipulate a propane refrigeration loop simulation. You will convert the completed simulation to a template, making it available to connect to other simulations*.

## *Learning Objectives*

*Once you have completed this module, you will be able to:*

- *Add and connect operations to build a flowsheet.*
- *Understand how to simulate the vapor compression loop.*
- *Understand forward-backward information propagation in HYSYS.*

*• Using the spread sheet to calculate the COP (Coefficient Of Performance) for the loop.*



Example:

A Refrigeration cycle utilizes propane as the working fluid is used in the liquefaction of the NG. Propane is fed to an evaporator (Heater) the pressure drop=5 kPa, where it absorbed 1.50e+6 kJ/hr from the NG and leaves at the dew point (Vapor Fraction=1.0) at  $T = -15$ °C. The output of the evaporator is then compressed adiabatically with efficiency of 75%, and then it's condensed to reject heat. Inside the Condenser there is a pressure drop of 30 kPa, and leaves as saturated liquid at  $45^{\circ}$ C. Finally, the propane passes through a valve to return the pressure of the Evaporator.

Fluid Pkg: Peng Robinson

Calculate:



\* Calculate the COP (Coefficient of Performance) for the cycle



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2- Add the Components





### 3- Choose the system components from the databank:



Now, select the suitable fluid package



In this case, select Peng-Robinson





Now you can start drawing the flow sheet for the process by clicking the Simulation button:



Now add a material stream to define the composition and the conditions

of the feed stream



### From the palette:



Add the mole fraction for the inlet stream (Propane =1)









Then leave the stream not solved till the loop is closed

Add the evaporator (heater)





Complete the connections and then go to parameters page to add the pressure drop and the duty rejected





Go to stream 2 and complete the vapor fraction & temperature





Then add a compressor to raise the pressure of the vapor out from the heater











Then go to parameters to make sure that the adiabatic efficiency is 75%



Leave the compressor not solved till the loop is closed then add a cooler





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Complete the connections and then go to parameters page to add the

pressure drop =30 kPa







Go to stream 4 and complete the vapor fraction (Saturated liquid=0.0)  $\&$ temperature  $(45^{\circ}C)$ 



Then add a valve to close the loop









You can adjust the Flowsheet and rotate the streams and equipment from the above menu (Flowsheet/Modify)







Results:







## Coefficient of Performance (COP)

Is a measure of the efficiency of a refrigeration cycle is the *coefficient of performance*, COP

It is the ratio of desired output divided by the required input.

In the vapor-compression system, the net power input is equal to the compressor power, since the expansion valve involves no power input or output.

### **COP= Evaporator Duty/ Compressor Power**

We can use the spreadsheet operation in HYSYS to calculate the COP of the cycle:









Now we can calculate the COP by importing the two variables; Evaporator duty & Compressor power









Right click on the cell B1 and select import variable to import the duty of the evaporator



Right click on the cell B2 and select import variable to import the power of the Compressor




Note that the 2 variables must be in the same units (kJ/hr or KW)



Now, divide the two variables in the cells b1 & b2 to calculate the COP in  $b3$ 



The result will be 2.2







### **Challenge:**

Now change the duty of the evaporator to 3 e6 kJ/hr (in the evaporator not in the spreadsheet), then open the spreadsheet to calculate the COP  $\&$ explain the results.







*Distillation Column 4*

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# *Workshop*

*Separation of light products is present in any Hydrocarbons operations. In this module, a column will be modeled to separate Light and heavy components from each other using a distillation column with 12 trays.*

# *Learning Objectives*

*Once you have completed this section, you will be able to:*

- *Add columns using the Input Experts.*
- *Add extra specifications to columns.*



Example:

We need to separate a mixture of five paraffins into light and heavy fraction by using a distillation column with 12 trays, a full reflux condenser, and a Kettle reboiler.

The feed stream (1000 lbmol/hr) consists of 3% (mole %) ethane, 20% propane, 37% n-butane, 35% n-pentane and 5% n-hexane at 225 °F and 250 psia, which enters the column on the sixth tray, counting from the top. The condenser and reboiler pressures are 248 and 252 psia, respectively. The preliminary design specifications require a **reflux ratio of 6.06** and **a vapor overhead product of 226 lbmol/hr**. Subsequently, the design is modified to ensure propane overhead flow of 191  $lb_{mol}/hr$  and n-butane bottom flow of 365 lb<sub>mol</sub>/hr.

### **Use SRK Fluid Pkg**

### **Calculate:**

The Condenser, the Reboiler Temperatures & the Reflux Ratio **after modification**





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7- First, Start a new case



8- Add the Components





### 9- Choose the system components from the databank:



Now, select the suitable fluid package



In this case, select SRK







Now you can start drawing the flow sheet for the process by clicking the Simulation button:



Now add a material stream to define the composition and the conditions of the feed stream



#### From the palette:



### Add the mole fraction for the inlet stream



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Then go to the conditions page to complete the feed stream conditions:



Add a distillation tower (with condenser & Reboiler):



Now, start building the column:







Select Regular Hysys Reboiler in the reboiler configuration page for Kettle

### Reboiler as follows:









The target is to run the column with 2 specifications:

- 1- Reflux Ratio  $= 6.06$
- 2- Overhead vapor rate (Vent rate) =  $226$  lb<sub>mole</sub>/hr







The column statues bar (Red bar) is now unconverged till clicking the RUN button to converge the column.







Let's go to the monitor page and see the current specifications:



We must make 2 specifications active to make the DOF=0.0 and to converge the column.

The two specifications are the target that you want to achieve from the column.

Although the column is converged, it is not always practical to have vapor rate & reflux ratio specifications. These specifications can result in columns which cannot be converged or that produce product streams with undesirable properties if the column feed conditions change.



 $\boxed{\triangledown}$  Update Outlets  $\boxed{\square}$  I

An alternative approach is to specify either component fractions or component flow rates for the column product streams.

Now we have to give the column another 2 new specifications to run with (more practical)

- 1- Propane overhead flow of 191  $lb_{mol}/hr$
- 2- Butane bottom flow of 365  $lb_{mol}/hr$ .









Add the other specification:







You can change the specifications by marking the Active check box on the 2 new specifications



The Results is always inside the performance page:



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Go to column profile to see the temperature & Pressure profile across the tower.







# *Oil Characterization*

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# *Workshop*

*The petroleum characterization method in HYSYS will convert laboratory analyses of condensates, crude oils, petroleum cuts and coaltar liquids into a series of discrete hypothetical components. These petroleum hypo components provide the basis for the property package to predict the remaining thermodynamic and transport properties necessary for fluid modeling.*

*HYSYS will produce a complete set of physical and critical properties for the petroleum hypo components with a minimal amount of information. However, the more information you can supply about the fluid, the more accurate these properties will be, and the better HYSYS will predict the fluid's actual behavior.*

*In this example, the Oil Characterization option in HYSYS is used to model a crude oil. The crude is the feed stock to a Pre-heat Train, followed by the Atmospheric Crude Column, which will be modelled in a subsequent module.*

# *Learning Objectives*

*Once you have completed, you will be able to use the Oil Characterization option in HYSYS.*

# **Oil Characterization**



The petroleum characterization method in HYSYS will convert laboratory analyses of condensates, crude oils, petroleum cuts and coal-tar liquids into a series of discrete hypothetical components. These petroleum hypocomponents provide the basis for the property package to predict the remaining thermodynamic and transport properties necessary for fluid modeling.

In this example, the Oil Characterization option in HYSYS is used to model a crude oil. The crude is the feed stock to oil refining process. (FPkg=PR)

#### **Bulk Properties of the crude:**

API Gravity of 29 for the crude

#### **Light Ends (Liquid Volume):**



### **TBP distillation data (Liquid Volume %):**





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1- First, Start a new case



2- Add the Components





- 3- Choose the system components from the databank:
- 4- First we should add the pure components first (Light Ends)

Light Ends are defined as pure components with low boiling points. Components in the boiling range of C1 to n-C5 are most commonly of interest.





Add the pure components  $(C1, C2, C3, n-C4, i-C4, n-C5, i-C5, H<sub>2</sub>O)$ 



### Now, select the suitable fluid package



### In this case, select Peng-Robinson





### **Characterize the Assay**

The assay contains all of the petroleum laboratory data, boiling point curves, light ends, property curves and bulk properties. HYSYS uses the supplied Assay data to generate internal TBP, molecular weight, density and viscosity curves, referred to as Working Curves. To characterize the assay follow the following steps:

1- Go to Oil Manager.



2- Click on Input Assay & then Click Add button:



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### *Bulk Properties*

Bulk Properties for the sample may also be supplied. The bulk properties are optional if a distillation curve or chromatograph have been supplied Change the bulk properties from **Not used** to **Used** and add the value for standard Density =  $29$  API\_60

Note:

$$
API = \frac{141.5}{SG} - 131.5
$$



Select the Assay Data Type >> TBP



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- Select the Distillation radio button in the Input Data group box.
- Select the Assay Basis as Liquid Volume (use the drop-down menu).
- Click the Edit Assay button; this will allow you to enter the assay information below.



Add the assay data:





Use the drop-down lists to select **Input Composition** for **Light Ends**



Select the **Light Ends** radio button and enter the data given from **Input** 

### **Data**





Once you have entered all of the data, click the Calculate button. The status message at the bottom of the Assay view will display Assay Was Calculated.



Once the Assay is calculated, the working curves are displayed on the **Plots** and **Working Curves** tabs. The working curves are regressed and extrapolated from the Assay input. From the user-supplied data, HYSYS generates curves for NBP, molecular weight, mass density, and viscosity. These working curves are used in determining the properties of the hypo components generated in the Blend step.







The Output Blend characterization in HYSYS splits the internal working curves for one or more assays into hypo components. The Blend tab of the Oil Characterization view provides two functions, cutting the Oil into Hypo components and Blending two or more Assays into one set of hypo components.









### **The results of the calculation can be viewed on the Tables tab**







The final step of the characterization is to transfer the hypo component information into the Flowsheet.



In the Stream Name column, enter the name **Raw Crude** to which the oil composition will be transferred.





HYSYS will assign the composition of your calculated Oil and Light Ends into this stream, completing the characterization process.

Now you can return to the Simulation environment to see the stream (Raw Crude) with a full composition:



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### *Save Your Case!*



# *Atmospheric Distillation*

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## *Workshop*

*Atmospheric Crude Columns are one of the most important pieces of equipment in the petroleum refining industry. Typically located after the Desalter and the Crude Furnace, the Atmospheric Tower serves to distil the crude oil into several different cuts. These include naphtha, kerosene, light diesel, heavy diesel and AGO.*

*In this module, you will construct, run, analyze and manipulate an Atmospheric Crude Column simulation. You will begin by building a simple column and continue by adding side operations to the column.*

# *Learning Objectives*

- *Build and converge an Atmospheric Crude Column.*
- *Use HYSYS to analyze and predict the behavior of a simulated column.*
- *Add side operations to a column to improve operation and efficiency.*
- *Add cut point specifications to increase side product quality and quantity*.

# **Pre-Heat Train**



A crude stream at 15<sup>o</sup>C, 1000 kPa and flowrate of  $6\times10^5$  kg/hr is mixed with a stream of water at  $15^{\circ}$ C, 1000 kPa and flowrate of 21600 kg/hr using a Mixer, the outlet from the mixer is then heated to  $65^{\circ}$ C through a Heater ( $\Delta p$ =50 kPa), the heater outlet is fed to the tube side of a Shell & Tube Heat Exchanger, where it's heated using a Shell inlet stream having the same composition as the crude feed stream and enters the shell of the heat exchanger at  $180^{\circ}$ C, 200 kPa and flowrate of  $175$ m<sup>3</sup>/hr. The pressure drops for the Tube and Shell sides, will be 35 kPa and 5 kPa, respectively. The tube outlet from the HX is then sent to a desalter which is simply modeled as Three Phase Separator where desalted water, oil and gas is separated. The oil stream (light liquid) from the desalter is then heated to 175<sup>o</sup>C through a Heater (Pressure drop=375 kPa) and then sent to a Preflash (Separator) to reduce the light components in the feed. The liquid product from the separator is then heated to  $400^{\circ}$ C inside a Heater (Pressure drop=250 kPa) before entering the Atmospheric Column.

Heat Exchanger Specification:

- Use Simple weighted model
- Min Approach =  $30^{\circ}$ C (54°F). This is the minimum temperature difference between the hot and the cold stream.

Calculate:

- The vapor fraction of the product stream before entering the Atmospheric column.
- The Shell side outlet Temperature.
- The vapor molar flow rate from the Preflash.

# **Atmospheric Distillation**



A feed stream from the pre-heat train is fed to the 28<sup>th</sup> tray of a *Refluxed Absorber* with 29 trays and a partial condenser to separate Off Gases, Naphtha and Bottom Residue. A steam stream (vapor fraction =1.0, pressure =1380 kPa and flowrate=3400 kg/hr) is fed to the bottom of the tower to provide the necessary heat. A water draw stream is required to remove the condensed steam from the overhead condenser. The tower is operated with the following conditions:





Specifications:



What is the flow rate of?

Naphtha \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Residue \_

Wastewater



# **Side Strippers & Pump Arounds**

**Side Strippers** are added to the column in order to improve the quality of the three main products (Kerosene, Diesel, and AGO). There are two types of side strippers available in HYSYS: Reboiled and Steam Stripped. We will install one reboiled side stripper and two steam stripped.





**Pump Arounds** help to improve the column's efficiency. They operate by drawing a liquid stream from one stage cooling it, and pumping it into a higher stage. In effect, this process adds to the reflux between these two stages.





# *Load your Pre-Heat Train case from the Pre-Heat Train module.*



Add a steam stream to provide the heating effect to the bottom of the tower instead of using a reboiler:

Vapor fraction =1.0, pressure =1380 kPa and flowrate=3400 kg/hr

Composition (100% water)





### **Adding the Atmospheric Column**

The atmospheric column is modeled as a refluxed absorber,

- Double-click on the **Refluxed Absorber** icon on the Object Palette.



The tower (29 trays) is operated with the following conditions:



Specifications:





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*The Water Draw checkbox must be checked to prevent two liquid phases being formed in the column.*

















Run the column



# **Adding Side Strippers**

**Side Strippers** are added to the column in order to improve the quality of the three main products (Kerosene, Diesel, and AGO). There are two types of side strippers available in HYSYS: Reboiled and Steam Stripped. We will install one reboiled side stripper and two steam stripped.









First we need to add two steam streams to provide the heating effect for both AGO & Diesel Side Strippers





OK





Go to the *Side Ops* tab inside the atmospheric tower to *add* the three side stripers:



#### First add the AGO Side Stripper



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#### **Close the window and run the column**

#### **Make sure that the column is converged**





#### *Add the Diesel Side stripper:*





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#### **Close the window and run the column**

#### **Make sure that the column is converged**





#### **Add the Kerosene Side stripper:**









#### **Close the window and run the column**

#### **Make sure that the column is converged**





# **Adding Pump Arounds**

**Pump Arounds** help to improve the column's efficiency. They operate by drawing a liquid stream from one stage cooling it, and pumping it into a higher stage. In effect, this process adds to the reflux between these two stages.



Go to the *Side Ops* tab inside the atmospheric tower to *add* the three Pump Arounds:





#### Add the AGO Pump Around (PA)









#### **Close the window and run the column**

**Make sure that the column is converged**



#### **Add the Diesel Pump Around**







#### **Close the window and run the column Make sure that the column is converged**



#### **Add the Kerosene Pump Around**









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#### **Close the window and run the column**

#### **Make sure that the column is converged**



#### **You can find the detailed flow sheet by entering the** *Column Environment*









#### To return to the main environment:





# *Save Your Case!*







# *Workshop*

In this example, a simple distillation column to separate Tetrahydrofuran (THF) from Toluene is simulated. The object of the exercise is to select the product specifications such that profit is maximized. A special tool in HYSYS, the Optimizer, will be used to find the optimum operating conditions.

HYSYS includes additional modelling and decision support tools that can be used to enhance the usability of your models. In this module, you will use the HYSYS optimization tool available in HYSYS to investigate the debottlenecking and optimization of a crude column.

# *Learning Objectives*

Once you have completed this section, you will be able to:

- Use the Optimizer tool in HYSYS to optimize flowsheets
- Use the Spreadsheet to perform calculations



#### Example:

**3700 kg/hr** mixture of tetrahydrofuran & toluene (**44 mass% THF**) at **10<sup>o</sup>C**  and **140 kPa** is to be separated by distillation to get each of them with purity of 99.5 mass% of THF & 94 mass% of Toluene (THF is the more volatile component).

Use **Wilson** fluid package

#### **The column specifications are:**

- The condenser & reboiler pressure are 103 kPa & 107 kPa.
- The condenser works on **total condensation** conditions.
- **Number of stages = 10**.
- Feed enters from the  $5<sup>th</sup>$  tray.

#### Calculate:

The reflux ratio and the distillate rate under the specified

conditions.

#### **Reflux Ratio …………………**



**Distillate Rate** …………………kgmol/hr

Data:

- Feed price=  $0.05 \frac{\epsilon}{kg}$ .
- Pure toluene selling price=  $0.136 \frac{\epsilon}{kg}$
- Pure THF selling price=  $0.333$  \$/ kg
- Cooling Cost= 0.471 \$/ kw.hr
- Heating Cost= 0.737 \$/kw.hr
- Note:

Profit = (Total Toluene selling price + Total THF selling price) - (Feed

cost + Heating cost + Cooling Cost)

Use a range of 0.99 to 0.999 for THF limit & 0.9 to 0.99 for the toluene.



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Aspen HYSYS





5- First, Start a new case



6- Add the Components





7- Choose the system components from the databank:



Now, select the suitable fluid package



In this case, select Wilson





Now you can start drawing the flow sheet for the process by clicking the Simulation button:



Now add a material stream to define the composition and the conditions

of the feed stream


#### From the palette:



Add a distillation tower:











































# *Optimization*

We need to check if the operating conditions are optimum or not.

The Variables to check are: THF Purity & Toluene Purity

Using the Optimizer tool:





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And do the same steps to add the other variable

Use a range of 0.99 to 0.999 for THF limit & 0.9 to 0.99 for the toluene.





Now we have to start building the profit module using the spreadsheet operation:



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Profit= Income - Cost

Profit = (Total Toluene selling price + Total THF selling price) - (Feed

cost + Heating cost + Cooling Cost)



















The profit formula will be in D8:











Now you can go to the monitor tab inside the column to see the

optimum values for the THF & Toluene purities.



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# *Gas Gathering*

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# *Workshop*

*In this example, a gas gathering system located on varied terrain is simulated using the steady state capabilities of HYSYS. The following figure shows the physical configuration of this system superimposed on a topographic map. The system consists of four wells distributed over an area of approximately 2.0 square km, connected to a gas plant via a network of pipelines.*

# *Learning Objectives*

*Once you have completed this module, you will be able to use the Pipe Segment in HYSYS to model pipelines.*

### *Example:*



There are 4 gas wells, we need to gather the gas from the wells and transfer it to the plant through pipe lines shown below:



The composition of the four wells is the same:





**The pipe segments data are given below:**







Schedule 40 steel pipes is used throughout and all branches are buried at

a depth of 1 m (3 ft). All pipes are uninsulated

Consider inner and outer HTC and the pipe wall in heat transfer

estimation. (Ambient Temperature=5°C)

- Calculate the pressure drop and the heat loses inside each branch.



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8- First, Start a new case



#### 9- Add the Components





#### 10- Choose the system components from the databank:





After adding the pure components  $(N_2, H_2S, CO_2, C1, C2, C3, n-C4, i-C4,$ n-C5, i-C5, n-C6,  $H_2O$ ) we have to add the last component  $(C7^+)$  which is not a pure component as it represents all components above C7 including C7 in the feed.

To define C7+ we have to create it as a hypothetical component as the following:



#### From the drop menu select Hypothetical instead of pure components



#### Select create and edit hypos



Click on New Hypo





After adding a hypo component you can edit the name, add the properties you have, and estimate the unknown properties as follows:



Finally add the hypo component to the component list





Now, select the suitable fluid package



In this case, select Peng-Robinson





Now you can start drawing the flow sheet for the process by clicking the Simulation button:



Now add a material stream to define the composition and the conditions

of the feed stream



#### From the palette:







After adding the compositions and the conditions for the first well, add another stream for well 2 and define the composition from the first stream as follows:





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Add the conditions for the second stream

Add the conditions & Compositions for the other two streams as above

Now, Add a **Pipe Segment** from the palette





The pipe segment is used to simulate a wide variety of piping situations ranging from single/multiphase plant piping with rigorous heat transfer estimation, to large capacity looped pipeline problems



On the **Sizing** page, you construct the length-elevation profile for the Pipe Segment. Each pipe section and fitting is labeled as a segment. To fully define the pipe sections segments, you must also specify pipe schedule, diameters, pipe material and a number of increments.

The first pipe, Branch 1 is broken into three segments.





- Add the first segment to the pipe unit operation by clicking the **Append Segment** 

button. Specify the following information for the segment.

- To specify the diameter, click the **View Segment** button.



- Select **Schedule 40** as the Pipe Schedule.

- From the Available Nominal Diameters group, select **76.20 mm (3 inch)** diameter pipe and click the **Specify** button. The Outer and Inner Diameter will be calculated by HYSYS.

- Use the default Pipe Material, Mild Steel





- Two more segments are needed to complete the branch.





The Pipe Segment is not yet able to solve because we have not specified

any information about the heat transfer properties of the pipe.

#### **Heat Transfer page**

On this page, you select the method that HYSYS will use for the heat transfer calculations.

For all pipes in this simulation, use the Estimate HTC method.





**Now add the remaining unit operations to your case.**





















Now, add a mixer operation to mix the outlet streams from both branch 1 & branch 2














































#### The last branch















You can go to the performance tab inside each segment to view the profile







You can also go to the parameters page to see the pressure drop & heat losses inside each branch:





## *Save Your Case!*



# *NGL Fractionation*

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## *Workshop*

*Recovery of natural-gas liquids (NGL) from natural gas is quite common in natural gas processing. Recovery is usually done to:*

- *Produce transportable gas (free from heavier hydrocarbons which may condense in the pipeline).*
- *Meet a sales gas specification.*
- *Maximize liquid recovery (when liquid products are more valuable than gas).*

*Aspen HYSYS can model a wide range of different column configurations. In this simulation, an NGL Plant will be constructed, consisting of three columns:*

- *De-Methanizer (operated and modeled as a Reboiled Absorber column)*
- *De-Ethanizer (Distillation column)*
- *De-Propanizer (Distillation column)*

## *Learning Objectives*

*Once you have completed this section, you will be able to:*

- *Add columns using the Input Experts.*
- *Add extra specifications to columns.*



## **NGL Fractionation Train**

It's required to process a crude natural gas to remove the heavier hydrocarbons from it thus the composition of it would be suitable for transportation by passing the crude gas which comes from two different wells to three towers: De-Methanizer, De-Ethanizer and De-Propanizer.

The first well at (-140 oF, 330 psia and flow rate of 3575 lbmol/hr) have the following



conditions and compositions: (**Fluid Package: Peng Robinson**)

The second one at  $(-120 \text{ °F}, 332 \text{ psia}$  and flow rate of 475 lbmol/hr) have the following conditions and composition



There's also an energy supplied to the De-Methanizer of (2e6 BTU/hr) which is used to improve the efficiency of the separation.

The De-Methanizer (reboiled absorber) has the following specifications:

- Feed 1 Material Stream enters the column from the top stage inlet
- Feed 2 Material stream enters from the 2nd stage
- Ex-duty Energy Stream enters from the 4th stage
- Number of stages = 10
- Top Stage pressure = 330 psia & Reboiler pressure = 335 psia
- Top Stage temperature =  $-125^{\circ}F \&$  Reboiler temperature = 80  $^{\circ}F$

- Ovhd Prod Rate = 2950 lbmole/hr  $(1338 \text{ Kg/hr})$ 

**After running the column with the above specifications, the design is then modified to ensure that the overhead molar fraction of the methane is 0.96**



Most of methane is removed from the top of the tower and the bottom stream is pumped to 2790 kpa then it enters to the De-Ethanizer (distillation Column) where most of the ethane in the crude is taken as an overhead product then it is processed to use in different applications.

The de-ethanizer has the following specifications:



**After running the column with the above specifications, the design is modified to ensure that the bottom stream has ratio between**  $C_2/C_3$  **= 0.01**



Then the bottom product is sent to a valve where the pressure of it decrease to 1690 kpa, the outlet flow from the valve is sent to a de-propanizer (distillation Column) where most of propane is removed from the top and the heavier hydrocarbons is removed from the bottom

The specifications of the de-propanizer are:



**After running the column with the above specifications, the design is modified to ensure that the overhead molar fraction of the i-C4 & n-C4 =0.15** *AND* **propane bottom product molar fraction = 0.02**



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#### 11- First, Start a new case



#### 12- Add the Components





#### 13- Choose the system components from the databank:





After adding the pure components  $(N_2, CO_2, C1, C2, C3, n-C4, i-C4, n-$ 

C5, i-C5, n-C6, C7, C8)

Now, select the suitable fluid package





In this case, select Peng-Robinson



Now you can start drawing the flow sheet for the process by clicking the Simulation button:







Now add a material stream to define the composition and the conditions of the feed stream

From the palette:







After adding the compositions and the conditions for the first stream, add another stream for feed 2:





#### **Part 1: De- Methanizer Column**

The De-Methanizer is modeled as a reboiled absorber operation, with two feed streams and an energy stream feed, which represents a side heater on the column.

- Add an **Energy** stream with the duty  $= 2.1$  e6 kJ/hr
- Double-click on the **Reboiled Absorber** icon on the Object Palette.



#### De-Methanizer Specs:

- Feed 1 Material Stream enters the column from the top stage inlet
- Feed 2 Material stream enters from the 2nd stage
- Ex-duty Energy Stream enters from the 4th stage
- Number of stages = 10
- Top Stage pressure = 330 psia
- Reboiler pressure = 335 psia
- Top Stage temperature  $= -125^{\circ}F$
- Reboiler temperature  $= 80 °F$
- Ovhd Prod Rate = 2950 lbmole/hr  $(1338 \text{ Kg/hr})$
- C1 fraction in the Ovhd stream = 0.96







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Although the column is converged, it is not always practical to have flow rate specifications. These specifications can result in columns which cannot be converged or that produce product streams with undesirable properties if the column feed conditions change.

An alternative approach is to specify either component fractions or component recoveries for the column product streams.









Run the column:

					Specified Value	Current Value		Wt. Error		Active Estimate Current	
		Ovhd Prod Rate <b>Btms Prod Rate</b>		1338 kgmole/h		$1.35e+003$		0.0090		⊽	
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		<b>Bollup Ratio</b>		(empty)		200		(empty)		ঢ়	г
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		View		Add Spec Group Active				Update Inactive		Degrees of Freedom	
Design	Parameters	Side Ops	Rating	Worksheet	Performance	Flowsheet		Reactions	Dynamics		
Delete		Column Environment		<b>Run</b>	Reset		Edmonton			<b>V</b> Update Outlets     gnored	

After running the column, add a pump to transfer the bottom liquid to the De-ethanizer:





The pump outlet pressure is 2790 kPa (from Worksheet)





#### **Part 2: De- Ethanizer Column**

The outlet from the pump is then fed to the de-ethanizer:





C Circulation without baffle C Once-through Circulation with baffle Hot Side Reboiler Type Selection C Heater  $C$  Tube G Shell <sup>6</sup> Regular Hysys reboiler C Heat exchanger  $\langle$  Prev  $N$ ext > Cancel Reboiler Configuration (page 2 of 5)

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Add the Column component ratio from the monitor page as follows:











Add a valve on the bottom liquid stream:







#### Outlet pressure from the valve = 1690 kPa (from the **Worksheet** tab)





#### **Part 3: De- Propanizer Column**

#### Add a distillation column (De-propanizer):









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#### Now, let's add a new 2 specifications instead of the current:








After running the column, you can view the results from the **Performance**

page (for any column)











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# *Oil Stabilization Optimization*



# *Workshop*

A poor-boy stabilization scheme is used to separate an oil and gas mixture into a stabilized oil and a saleable gas. A simple three-stage separation with heating between each stage is used and the object of the exercise is to select the let-down pressure and temperatures such that the products revenue less the utilities cost is maximized. A special tool in HYSYS, the Optimizer, will be used to find the optimum operating conditions. HYSYS includes additional modelling and decision support tools that can be used to enhance the usability of your models. In this module, you will use the HYSYS optimization tool available in HYSYS to investigate the debottlenecking and optimization of a crude column.

# *Learning Objectives*

Once you have completed this section, you will be able to:

- Use the Optimizer tool in HYSYS to optimize flowsheets
- Use the Spreadsheet to perform calculations



# **Oil Stabilization**

A feed stream  $\omega$  10°C, 4125 kPa with a flowrate of 1 MMSCFD is fed to a heater (duty=4.25\*10<sup>5</sup> kJ/hr) before entering the first separator where the separated liquid is heated in a second heater (duty=3.15 $*$ 10<sup>5</sup> kJ/hr). The outlet from the heater is then sent to a letdown valve in order to decrease the pressure to 2050 kPa before entering the second separator where the separated liquid is heated through a third heater (duty=1.13\*10<sup>5</sup> kJ/hr). The outlet from the third heater is then throttled through a valve (outlet pressure = 350 kPa) and then fed to a third separator to obtain the final liquid oil product.

Each gas stream from the  $2^{nd}$  &  $3^{rd}$  separators is fed to a separate compressor to raise the pressure to 4125 kPa and then mixed (using a mixer) with the gas stream from the  $1<sup>st</sup>$  separator to get the final gas product stream.

Notes:





Calculate:

- The total liquid product =  $\dots \dots \dots \dots \dots$  barrel/hr
- The total gas product =  $\dots \dots \dots \dots \dots$  m<sup>3</sup> gas/hr



# **Oil Stabilization Optimization**

In this case, we want to maximize the total operating profit while achieving an RVP of Liquid Product less than 96.5 kPa. The incomes from the Plant are both the Gas and Liquid Products. The operating costs are the Steam Costs for each Heater plus the Power Cost for each Compressor.

Profit = Income - Cost

Profit= (Gas Product + Liquid Product) – (Steam Costs + Compression Cost)

#### *Prices & costs:*

Oil Price= 15 \$/bbl

Gas Price =  $0.106$  \$/ $m<sup>3</sup>$  gas

Steam Cost= 0.682 \$/kW-h

Compression Cost=0.1 \$/kW-h

#### *The variables to be adjusted:*

- Heater duties (for the 3 heaters). Use range of  $o$  1e6 kJ/hr
- Valves outlet pressures.
	- Use range of 650 3500 kPa for the first valve
	- Use range of 70 1000 kPa for the second valve

Calculate:

- The optimum values for the adjusted variables
- The maximum profit ……………….. \$/hr



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#### 10- First, Start a new case



#### 11- Add the Components



12- Choose the system components from the databank:







Now, select the suitable fluid package



In this case, select Peng-Robinson



Now you can start drawing the flow sheet for the process by clicking the Simulation button:



Now add a material stream to define the feed stream composition and conditions



#### From the palette:







Add a heater with a duty of 4.25  $*$  10<sup>5</sup> kJ/hr and pressure drop of 0.0











#### Add the first separator



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The *liquid* stream is then heated, add a second heater with a pressure

#### drop of 0.0 & duty of 3.15 \* 10<sup>5</sup>



#### Add a valve with outlet pressure of 2050 kPa



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The liquid from the second separator is now fed to a third heater with a

pressure drop of 0.0 & duty of 1.13 \* 105





#### Add a second valve with an outlet pressure of 350 kPa



#### Add the third separator





#### The *vapor* from the *second separator* is fed to a compressor to raise the

#### pressure to 4125 kPa

#### Add a compressor from the palette





The *vapor* from the *third separator* is fed to a second compressor to raise the

#### pressure to 4125 kPa

Add a **second** compressor with an outlet pressure of 4125kPa





#### The three vapor streams will be mixed using a mixer





The RVP of the Liquid Product stream should be about 96.5 kPa to satisfy the pipeline criterion.

Use *cold properties* analysis to see the current Reid Vapor Pressure for the liquid product from the third separator:

From the attachments tab, select Analysis and then Create:









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#### *Changing the Units*

We need to change the default unit set to fit this case

Change the units as follows:

Molar flow:  $m^3$  gas/hr

Liq. Vol. Flow: barrel/hr

Std. Vol. Flow: barrel/hr







# *Optimization*

HYSYS contains a multi-variable Steady State Optimizer. Once your flowsheet has been built and converged, you can use the Optimizer tool to find the operating conditions which minimize or maximize an Objective Function. The Optimizer owns its own Spreadsheet for defining the Objective Functions as well as any constraint expressions to be used. This allows you to construct Objective Functions which maximize profit, minimize utilities or minimize exchanger UA.

In this case, we want to maximize the total operating profit while achieving an RVP of Liquid Product less than 96.5 kPa. The incomes from the Plant are both the Gas and Liquid Products. The operating costs are the Steam Costs for each Heater plus the Power Cost for each Compressor.

Profit = Income - Cost

Profit= (Gas Product + Liquid Product) – (Steam Costs + Compression Cost)



Use the Optimizer tool:







The variables to be optimized in order to maximize the profit should be added now, these variables are:



The 3 Heaters' duties and Valves outlet pressures







After adding all the 5 variables, set the upper and lower ranges for each variable as follows:



The Optimizer has its own Spreadsheet for defining the Objective and Constraint functions.

Now we have to start building the profit module using the spreadsheet operation:



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Profit= Income - Cost

Profit= (Gas Product + Liquid Product) – (Steam Costs + Compression Cost)

Prices & costs:

Oil Price= 15 \$/bbl

Gas Price =  $0.106$  \$/ $m<sup>3</sup>$  gas

Steam Cost= 0.682 \$/kW-h

Compression Cost=0.1 \$/kW-h



The RVP spec for the liquid should be added in the spread sheet in order to use it as a constraint.

RVP spec= 96.5 kPa

First we need to increase the number of rows in the spread sheet to be 20 from the parameters tab:



Now return to the spreadsheet tab again and add all the profit equation parameters & variables.



After adding the labels, import the variables in each labeled cell:









Add all duties for heaters & compressors the same way as we did in the previous step.



#### Do the same for Oil & gas production flow rates





#### The RVP current value should be imported from the Analysis:







#### The Prices should now added manually without importing it



Calculate the Income, Cost & Profit using the current formulas:

Income: =d7\*b7+d8\*b8

Cost: =(b1+b2+b3)\*d1+(b4+b5)\*d4

Profit: =d12-d13





After calculating the operating profit @ current conditions, use the optimizer to maximize the profit by changing the 5 variables which we added before



Open the optimizer and go to Functions tab:



You may need to press the Start button 2 or 3 times to ensure reaching

the optimum solution as follows:



You may see the new values for the variables from the Variables tab:



Now you can return back to the spreadsheet to observe the results:

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OptimizerSpreadsheet





# *Save Your Case!*



#### *Exercise:*

One thing you may notice with the Optimized solution is that the Pressure of V3 has been decreased to 70 kPa (10 psia) which is less than atmospheric. This is not a desired condition for the inlet of a compressor. The inlet of the second compressor, cannot be less than 125 kPa (19 psia). What is the maximum profit if you adhere to this guideline?



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