

# SimuTech Project

REPORT ON: PROCESS SIMULATION AND MODELLING IN ASPEN PLUS  
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# Objective :-

- Aspen Plus is a process modeling tool used for process monitoring, optimization and conceptual design, especially by chemical process industries . Main objective of this project is learn simulate the basic flowsheet and process design in Aspen plus and to learn the important features of Aspen plus.

# Acknowledgement

- I would like to express my special thanks of gratitude to my Mentor Nishesh Jyoti who gave me the golden opportunity to do this project on the topic process simulation and modelling in aspen plus. It helped me in doing a lot of Research and i came to know about a lot of things related to this topic.

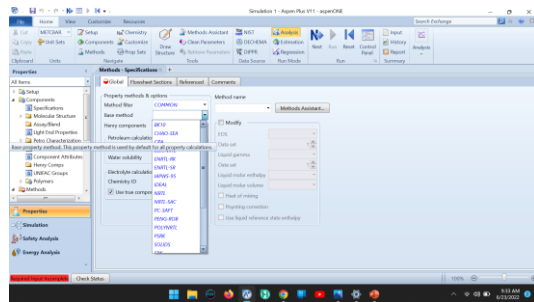
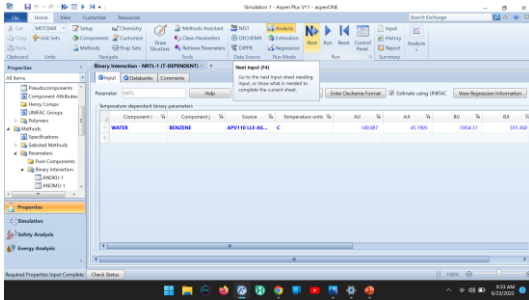
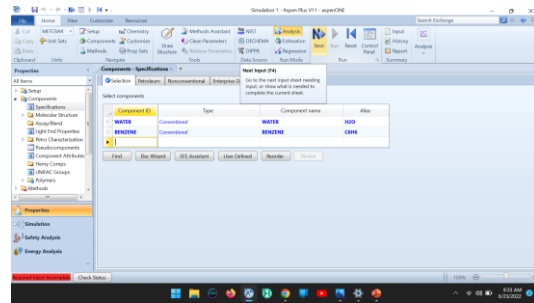
# Introduction

ASPEN is a process simulation software package widely used in industry. Given a process design and an appropriate selection of thermodynamic models, ASPEN uses mathematical models to predict the performance of the process. This information can then be used in an iterative fashion to optimize the design.

ASPEN *does not* design the process. It takes a design that the user supplies and *simulates the performance* of the process specified in that design.

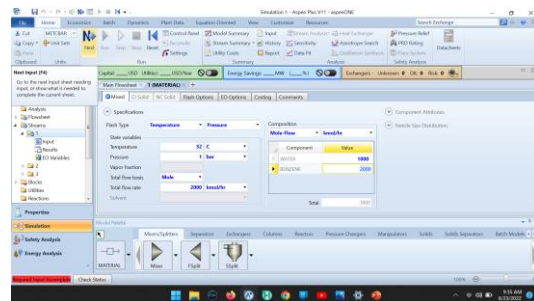
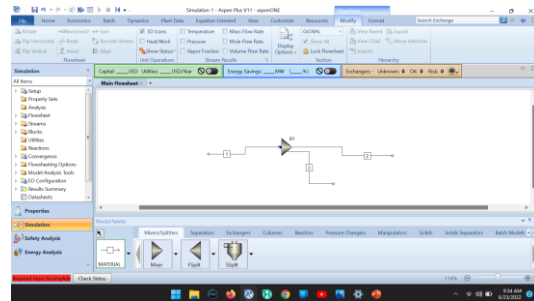
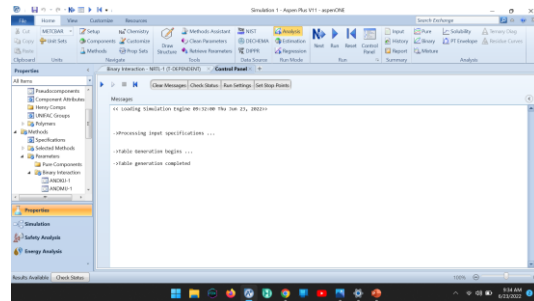
Therefore, a solid understanding of the underlying chemical engineering principles is required to supply reasonable values of input parameters and to evaluate the suitability of the results obtained. For instance, a user should have some idea of the column behavior before attempting to use ASPEN. This information could come from an approximate method

# Steps to produce a simulation



- Select the simulation type a blank batch process.
- Specify the component by either entering the chemical formula for by name .
- If your formula is available in general the use find button to specify your compound.
- Next click on next button to proceed further.
- Select the base method for calculation of properties like NRTL , NRTL-RK , IDEAL etc.
- Wait for aspen to calculate the data.

# Simulation



- after estimating the properties go to simulation section and add the device and component required for the process.
- Add the input and output stream of the device used.
- Devices are operated at certain properties specify the properties like temperature , pressure etc and also specify the input stream operating properties.
- Click on next and generate the results as shown.
- Results of the output stream can be seen at the right side of the screen.

The screenshot displays the Aspen Plus V11 - AspenONE software interface. The main window is titled "Simulation 1 - Aspen Plus V11 - aspenONE". The "Stream Summary" tab is active, showing a table of stream data. The table has columns: Description, From, To, Stream Class, Maximum Relative Error, Cost Flow, and Phase. The data row shows a "MIXED Substream" with a "Liqud Phase" and a "Temperature" of 50.0. The bottom status bar indicates "Results Available" and "Check Status".

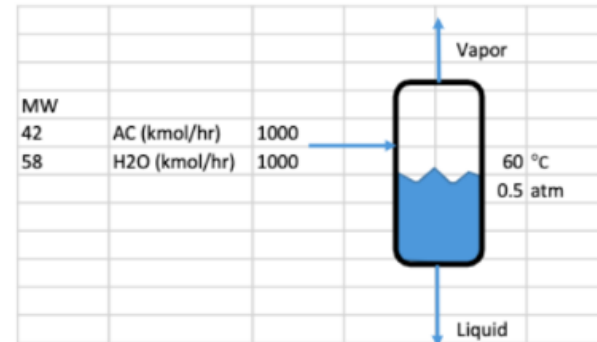
Description	From	To	Stream Class	Maximum Relative Error	Cost Flow	Phase
MIXED Substream			CONVEN			Liqud Phase
Temperature						50.0

# Assignment

- Problem 1 :-

## (1) Design and sizing of a flash drum (**Person 1**)

A stream with 1000 kmol/hr of acetone (AC) and 1000 kmol/hr of water (H<sub>2</sub>O) is fed into a flash drum. Vapor and liquid are separated at the drum.



Assume ideal behaviour of the streams:

Q1: At 0.5 atm, to perform vapour-liquid separation, what are the maximum and minimum operating temperatures of the drum?

Q2: At 60°C and 0.5 atm, what are the vapour and liquid compositions and flow rates?



# Solution

- 1)

The screenshot displays the Aspen Plus V11 - aspenONE interface. The main window shows a process flowsheet with a distillation column (B1) and two output streams (2 and 3). The left sidebar contains a tree view with categories like Setup, Analysis, Flowsheet, Streams, and Properties. The bottom status bar indicates "Required Input Complete" and "Check Status".

The screenshot displays the Aspen Plus V11 - aspenONE interface, specifically the "Properties" window for a binary interaction model. The "Binary Interaction - NRTL-1 (T-DEPENDENT)" tab is selected. The "Analysis type" is set to "Txy". The components are "ACETONE" and "WATER". The "Pseudo-Binary" section is checked. The "Compositions" section shows "Basis" as "Mass fraction" and "Vary" as "ACETONE". The "Start point" is 0, "End point" is 1, and "Number of intervals" is 51. The "Pressure" section shows "Units" as "atm" and "Enter Values" as 1.01325. The "Run Analysis" button is visible.

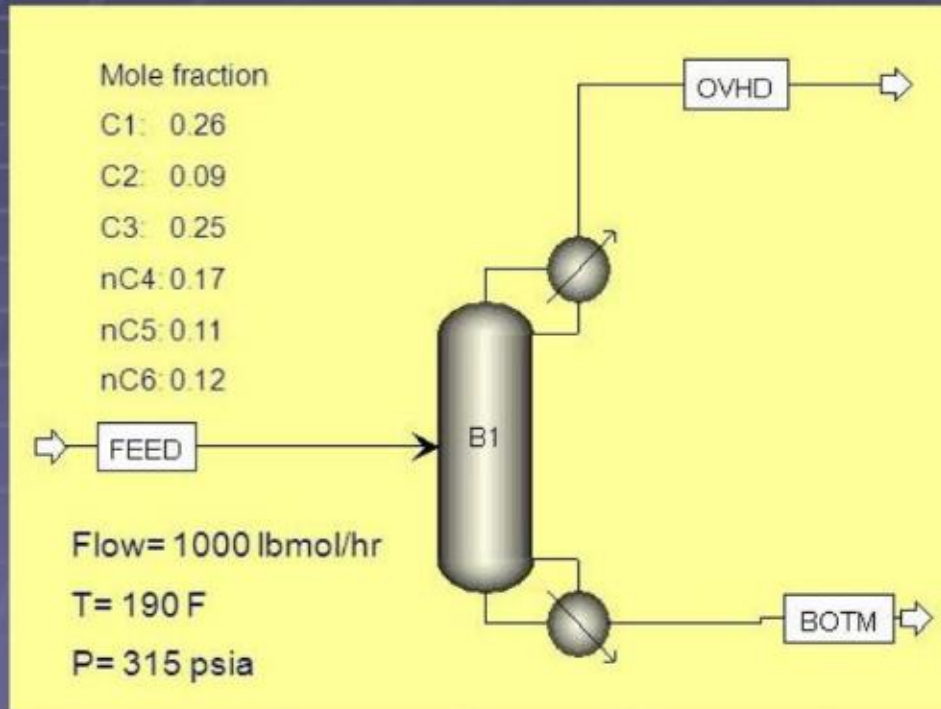
Minimum operating tem. = 56.5 degree Celsius

Maximum operating tem.= 100.1 degree Celsius



Q2).

# RadFrac demonstration



- RadFrac Specifications
- Partial condenser
- Kettle reboiler
- 15 stages
- $R = 1.5$
- Distillate to feed ratio = 0.6
- Column pressure = 315 psia
- Feed stage = 8

Use the RKS-BM Property method

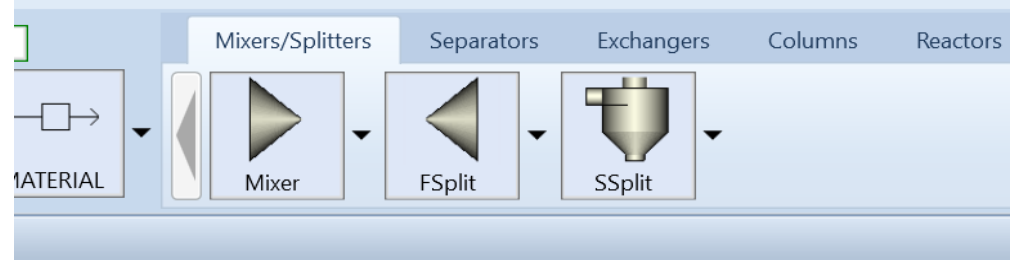


- Stream results:-

Main Flowsheet × B1 Column Internals INT-1 Sections × Results Summary - Run Status ×						
Material	Heat	Load	Work	Vol.% Curves	Wt. % Curves	Petroleum
Units	1	2	3			
From	B1	B1				
To			B1			
Stream Class	CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN			
Maximum Relative Error						
Cost Flow	\$/hr					
- MIXED Substream						
Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase				
Temperature	C	23.2664	151.496	87.7778		
Pressure	bar	21.7185	21.7185	21.7185		
Molar Vapor Fraction		1	0	0.7022		
Molar Liquid Fraction		0	1	0.2978		
Molar Solid Fraction		0	0	0		
Mass Vapor Fraction		1	0	0.58463		
Mass Liquid Fraction		0	1	0.41537		
Mass Solid Fraction		0	0	0		
Molar Enthalpy	cal/mol	-21561.6	-34515.6	-26865.7		
Mass Enthalpy	cal/gm	-717.225	-492.68	-583.272		

Material	Heat	Load	Work	Vol.% Curves	Wt. % Curves	Petroleum	Polymers
Units	1	2	3				
Molar Enthalpy	cal/mol	-21561.6	-34515.6	-26865.7			
Mass Enthalpy	cal/gm	-717.225	-492.68	-583.272			
Molar Entropy	cal/mol-K	-46.5428	-108.937	-70.8874			
Mass Entropy	cal/gm-K	-1.5482	-1.55498	-1.53901			
Molar Density	mol/cc	0.00106272	0.0053363	0.00114681			
Mass Density	gm/cc	0.031948	0.373844	0.0528222			
Enthalpy Flow	cal/sec	-1.63003e+06	-1.73956e+06	-3.38502e+06			
Average MW		30.0626	70.0568	46.0603			
+ Mole Flows	kmol/hr	272.155	181.437	453.592			
+ Mole Fractions							
+ Mass Flows	kg/hr	8181.7	12710.9	20892.6			
+ Mass Fractions							
Volume Flow	l/min	4268.24	566.676	6592.11			
+ Vapor Phase							
+ Liquid Phase							
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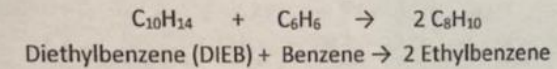
#### Model Palette



- Problem 3 :-

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2. (25 pts) Aspen PLUS problem--REquil Reactor: Consider the reaction to produce two ethylbenzene molecules from one molecule each of diethylbenzene and benzene. The reaction equation is as follows:



The objective for this problem is to simulate this reaction using an REquil reactor in Aspen PLUS. The feed to the system is at 50 °C and 5 bar, and consists of a total flow of 630 kg moles/hr of an equimolar mix of the two reactants.

- Use method as Peng-Rob
- Operating temperature and pressure of reactor are 200 °C and 5 bar
- Take approach temperature as 400 °C

Also find conversion of benzene, vapor fraction and net heat duty in Mcal/hr.

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Simulation

Capital: \_\_\_\_USDUtilities: \_\_\_\_USD/YearEnergy Savings: \_\_\_\_MW (\_\_\_\_%)Exchangers - Unknown: 0OK: 0Risk: 0

Main FlowsheetB1 (REquil) - Stream Results (Boundary)SetupB1 (REquil) - InputControl PanelUtilitiesResults Summary

SetupProperty SetsAnalysisFlowsheetStreamsBlocksB1InputBlock OptionsEO ModelingResultsStream ResultsSummaryUtilities

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Model Palette

Mixers/SplittersSeparatorsExchangersColumnsReactorsPressure ChangersManipulatorsSolidsSolids SeparatorsBatch Models

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Flowsheet

Flowsheet Diagram

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METCBAR Unit Sets Next Run Step Stop Reset Control Panel Model Summary Input Stream Analysis Heat Exchanger Reconcile Stream Summary History Sensitivity Azeotrope Search Utility Costs Report Data Fit Distillation Synthesis Settings Analysis

Units Capital: \_\_\_USD Utilities: \_\_\_USD/Year Energy Savings: \_\_\_MW (\_\_\_%) Exchangers

Main Flowsheet Blocks Setup B1 (REquil) - Input Control Panel Utilities Results Summary

Specifications Reactions Convergence Entrainment Utility PSD Comments

Operating conditions

Flash Type Temperature Pressure

Temperature 200.57 C

Pressure 5.57 bar

Duty cal/sec

Vapor fraction

Valid phases Vapor-Liquid

Model Palette

Mixers/Splitters Separators Exchangers Columns Reactors Pressure Changers

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Main Flowsheet B1 (REquil) - Results Setup B1 (REquil) - Input Control Panel Utilities Results Summary

Summary Balance Keq Utility Usage Status

Stream Results Summary

Outlet temperature	200.57	C
Outlet pressure	5.57	bar
Heat duty	7874.93	Mcal/hr
Net heat duty	7874.93	Mcal/hr
Vapor fraction	0.523959	

Model Palette

Mixers/Splitters Separators Exchangers Columns Reactors Pressure Changers

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Main Flowsheet B1 (REquil) - Stream Results (Boundary) Setup B1 (REquil) - Input Control Panel Utilities Results Summary 2 (MATERIAL)

Mixed CI Solid NC Solid Flash Options EO Options Costing Comments

Specifications

Flash Type Temperature Pressure

State variables

Temperature 50.57 C

Pressure 5.57 bar

Vapor fraction

Total flow basis Mole

Total flow rate 687 kmol/hr

Composition

Mole-Frac

Component	Value
C10H14	0.5
C6H6	0.5
C8H10	
Total	1

Component Attributes

Particle Size Distribution

Total flow. Required if -Frac or -Conc composition basis is used. If -Flow composition basis is used & total flow entered, component flows are normalized. Stdvol is standard liquid volume. Enter a number equal to or greater than 0

Properties

Simulation

Safety Analysis

Model Palette

Mixers/Splitters Separators Exchangers Columns Reactors Pressure Changers Manipulators Solids Solids Separators Batch Models



### Stream results :-

Stream results :-		Units	2	3	4	
+ Mole Flows	kmol/hr		687	359.96	327.04	
+ Mole Fractions						
+ Mass Flows	kg/hr		72937	34611.2	38325.8	
+ Mass Fractions						
Volume Flow	l/min		1423.01	37874.8	901.371	
+ Vapor Phase						
+ Liquid Phase						
<add properties>						

	Material	Heat	Load	Vol.% Curves	Wt. % Curves	Petroleum	Polymers	Solids	
	Molar Enthalpy	cal/mol							
	Mass Enthalpy	cal/gm							
	Molar Entropy	cal/mol-K							
	Mass Entropy	cal/gm-K							
	Molar Density	mol/cc							
	Mass Density	gm/cc							
	Enthalpy Flow	cal/sec							
	Average MW								
	+ Mole Flows	kmol/hr							

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	Description							
	From				B1	B1		
	To				B1			
	Stream Class				CONVEN	CONVEN	CONVEN	
	Maximum Relative Error							
	Cost Flow			\$/hr				
	<b>- MIXED Substream</b>							
	Phase				Liquid Phase	Vapor Phase	Liquid Phase	
	Temperature			C	50.57	200.57	200.57	

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- Net heat duty :- 7874.93 Mcal/hr
- $v_p$  :- 0.5292

- Thank you