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Title : Solar Orbiter Purge System: Modelling with Ecosim

Theme :

Resume :

To answer the second science question of ESA's Cosmic Vision programme: "How does the solar system work?" the Solar Orbiter mission was proposed by the European Scientific Community and selected by ESA as first medium-class mission. Solar Orbiter is specifically designed to identify the origins and causes of the solar wind, the heliospheric magnetic field, the solar energetic particles, the transient interplanetary disturbances, and the Sun's magnetic field itself. The near-Sun part of the operational orbit will enable the spacecraft to approach the Sun as close as 0.28 AU during part of its orbit. Solar Orbiter will carry 10 different in-situ and remote sensing experiments, some of which are suites of multiple sensors. Combined, these experiments will perform a comprehensive range of scientific measurements with the aim of unravelling the mysteries that shroud the workings of the inner heliosphere. These experiments are:

- EPD: Energetic Particle Detector
- EUI: Extreme Ultraviolet Instrument
- MAG: MAGnetometer instrument
- METIS: Multi Element Telescope for Imaging and Spectroscopy
- PHI: Polarimetric and Helioseismic Imager
- RPW: Radio and Plasma Wave experiment
- SOLOHI: SOLar Orbiter Heliospheric Imager
- SPICE: SPectral Imaging of the Coronal Environment
- STIX: Spectrometer / Telescope for Imaging X-rays
- SWA: Solar Wind Plasma Analyser

In order to protect some of aforementioned instruments, a Purge System delivering pure, dry, clean nitrogen to instruments thus allowing controlled contamination-free environment throughout the AIT process until launch has been designed and is currently under realisation in line with Airbus experience on Aeolus, EarthCARE and Lisa Path Finder. This paper presents the basic modelling activities (via Ecosim Pro & associated ESPSS libraries) planned and ongoing to prove the system suitability to cope with different flushing scenarios (in ambient during AIT phase in clean-room, in the chamber during TVAC re-pressurization & finally during air-transportation). The forecasted test campaign to validate the model and pave the way to system acceptance is shortly described too.

Solar Orbiter

Purge System: Modelling with Ecosim

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Agenda

- Solar Orbiter Mission
- Contamination & Heritage
- Description of the System
- Orifices & Filters
- Model Calibration
- Validation & Verification
- TVAC & Transportation
- Conclusions

Solar Orbiter Mission

“How does the Solar System Work?”

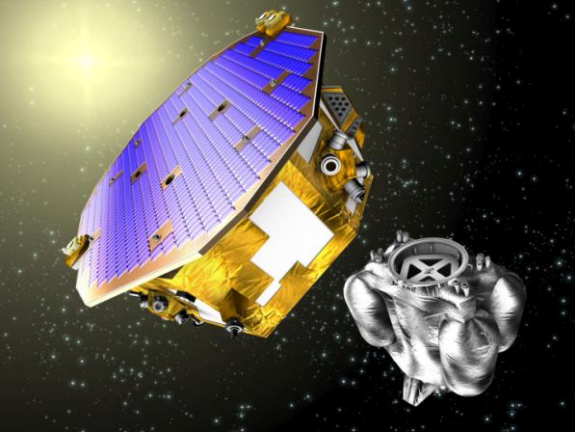
- Closer than ever – 0.28 AU
- In-situ & Remote measurements
- 10 Instruments
- Suites of sensors.

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Contamination: Airbus DS Heritage

Molecular
Particulate

**Lisa Path
Finder**



ADM-Aeolus

**Earth
CARE**



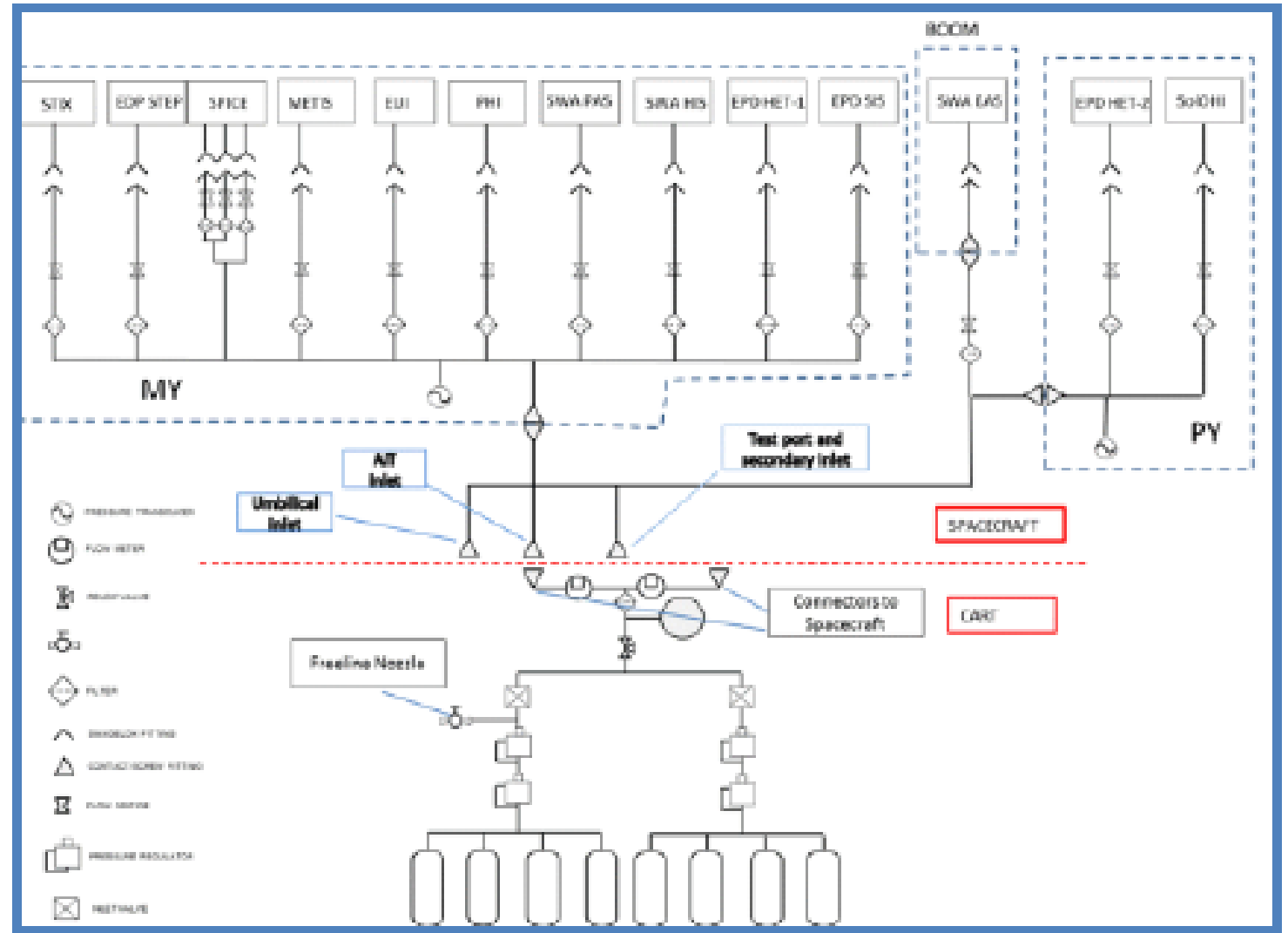
**Bunny
Suits
for ATV**

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Purge System Schematics

Purge System

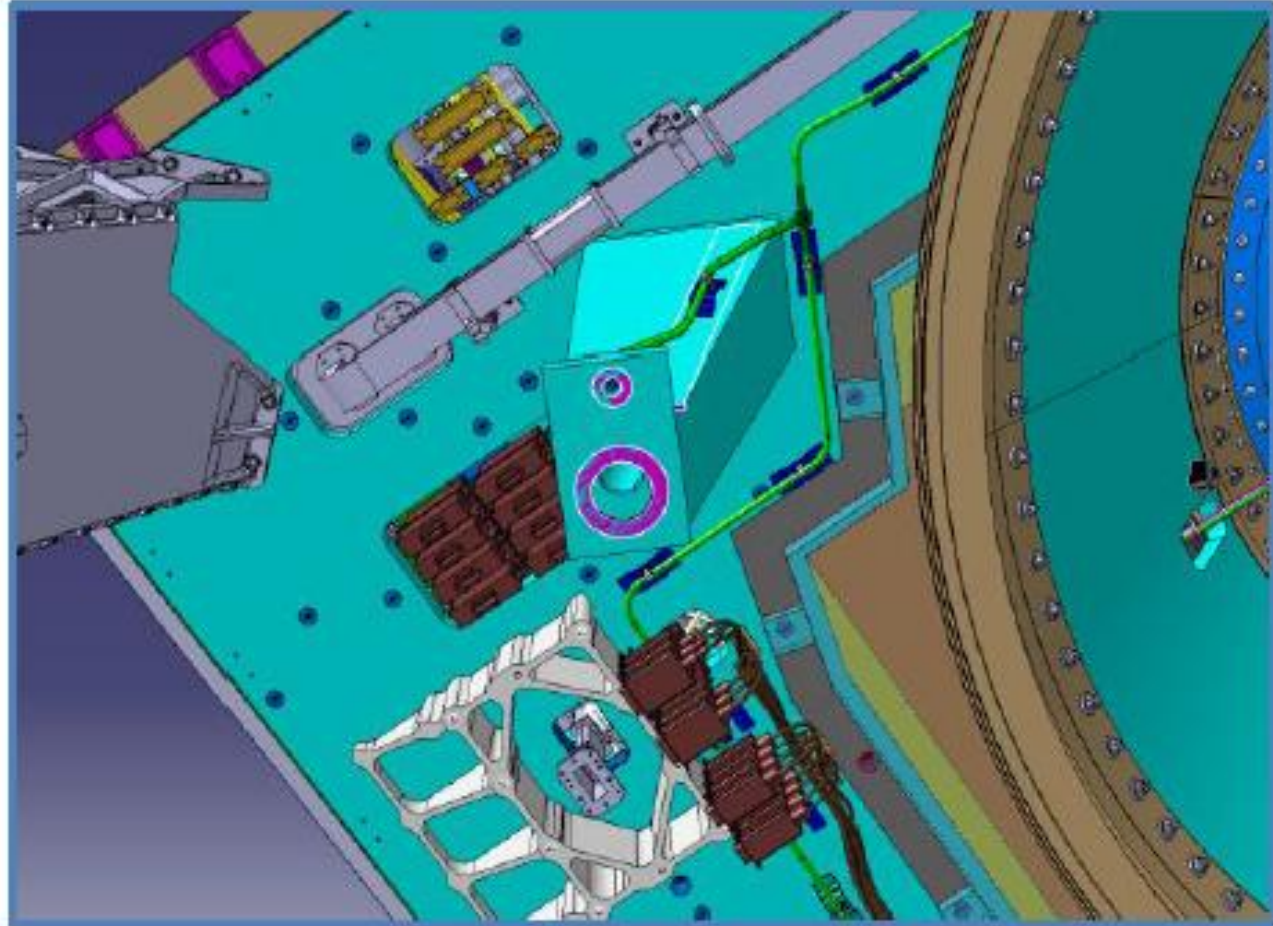
- S/C side
- Purge Cart



Operational Life

During the complete AIT flow!!!

- Panel Level
- S/C Level
- TVAC
- Transportation
- Launch Site
- Launch Pad



Orifice Sizing

$$A_{ori} = \frac{Q_2}{M_{ori} \sqrt{\gamma R T_{ori}}} \frac{1}{C_D} \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_{ori}}$$

Commercially Available (from Beswick)

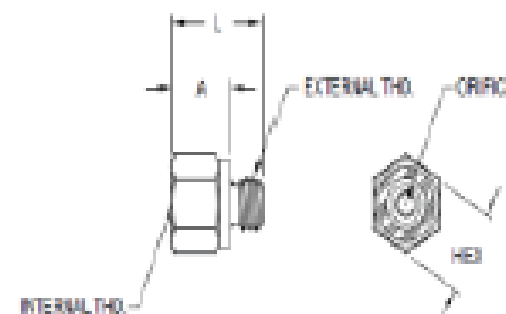
- Easy to install
- Large set of D's
- Look-up table

10-32, M5 or M3 Threaded Orifice – Drilled

Description: 10-32, M5 or M3 internal to external threaded fitting with micro drilled orifice. Choose orifice size from "Orifice Selection Table" on page 76.

Material: Brass, 303 or 316 stainless steel.

Seals: For CC-1010- and CC-M5M5- : One Buna-N O-ring, OR-516-40-B. Optional materials: EPDM, Viton®, Silicone, Teflon®, AFLAS®, Chemraz®, Fluorosilicone, and Neoprene. For CC-M3M3- : One Buna-N O-ring, OR-M3-B. Optional materials: EPDM, Viton®, Silicone, and Fluorosilicone. See page 1.



Part Number Brass	Part Number 303 Stainless	Part Number 316 Stainless	Internal Thread	External Thread	Installed Height A	L	Hex Size	Maximum Orifice Size
CC-1010-XXXX	CC-1010-XXXX-303	CC-1010-XXXX-316	10-32	10-32	9/32	7/16	5/16	N/A
CC-M5M5-XXXX	CC-M5M5-XXXX-303	CC-M5M5-XXXX-316	M5 X 0.8	M5 X 0.8	9/32	7/16	5/16	N/A
	CC-M3M3-XXXX-303		M3 X 0.5	M3 X 0.5	5 mm	8 mm	5 mm	0.0625

Orifice Model Calibration

Q_{Eco} [SLPH]	Q_{XIs} [L/h]	v [m/s]	Re [-]	M [-]
2.91	4.77	0.0243	422	0.00007
7.52	9.34	0.0629	1093	0.00018
10.81	12.20	0.0865	1570	0.00026
28.85	27.46	0.2412	4192	0.00069
33.87	32.23	0.2831	4921	0.00081
45.10	42.90	0.3770	6552	0.00108
88.39	84.09	0.7388	12842	0.00212
135.49	128.90	1.1326	19685	0.00324

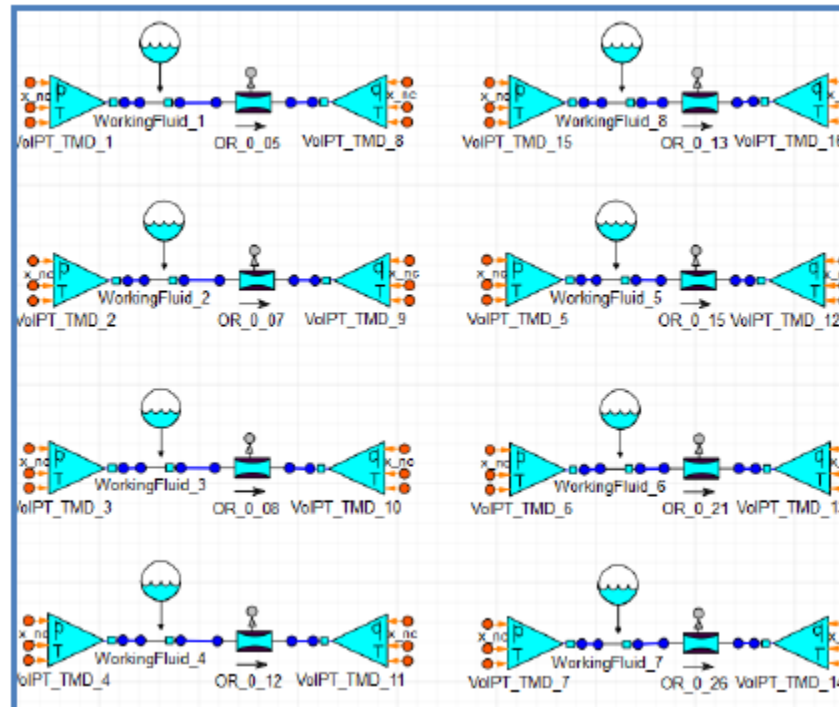
Verification of preliminary sizing

Laminar regime

Suitable for dynamic sim's

“Min” & “Max” values

Support design evolution




In-line Filters

From Beswick

- Graphs for pressure drop
- Select ref. point
- Select formula order
- Test

10-32 or M5 Male Thread to Female Thread, Sintered Filter



Descriptions: The filter element is contained within a 10-32 or M5 male to female threaded fitting so that components may be stacked for maximum efficiency and compactness. The filter is pressed into the male threaded end of the fitting. The filter is used to keep foreign material out of the fluid stream where small orifices may get clogged by air line contaminants. 5, 20, 40 micron sintered filter elements are available.

Max Pressure Rating: 250psig

Features

- Sintered filter element. [Click here for our CF3 screen filter version.](#)
- Captured O-Ring face seal for leak tight installation

Replacement O-Rings

Material: Brass, 303 Stainless, 316 Stainless


Seal: Black EPDM, Viton®, EPDM, Silicone, Teflon®, Chemraz®, Neoprene, Buna-N, AFLAS®, Fluorosilicone

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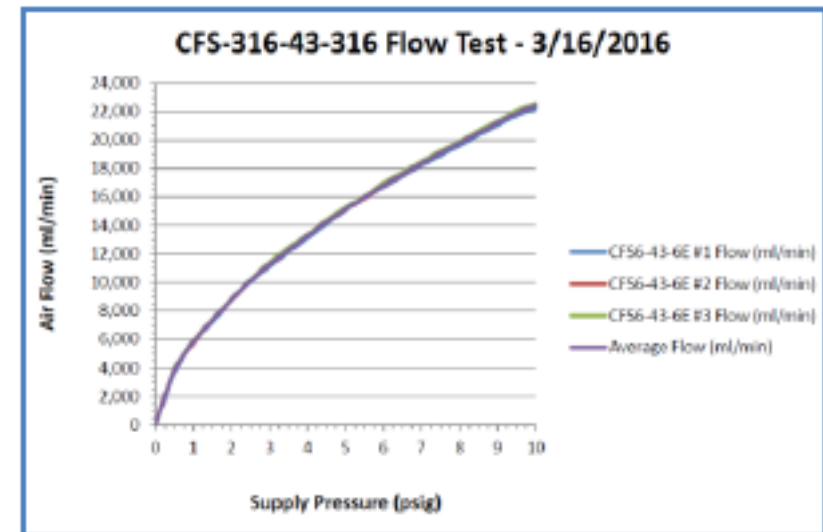
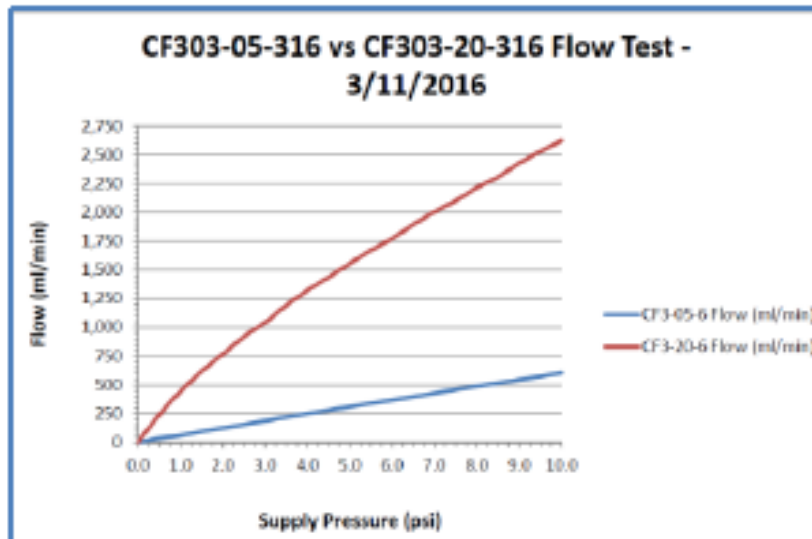
Your Part Number is based on options selected below:
CF-303-05-316-T [View Price](#)

[The part number is complete](#)

Configure this Product

Thread Size	10-32 Threads
Body Material	(303) - 303 Stainless Steel
Filter Size	(05) - 5 Micron
Filter Material	(316) - 316 Stainless Steel
Seal Material	(T) - Teflon®
Special Options	No Special Options
CAD Model	

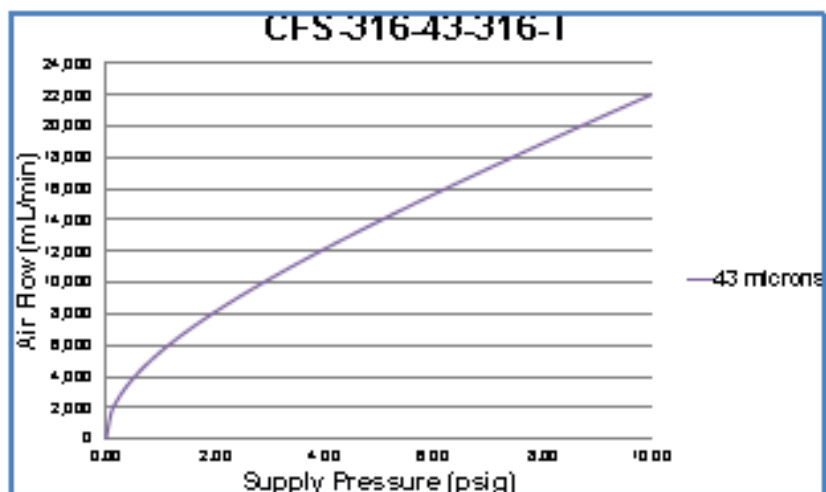
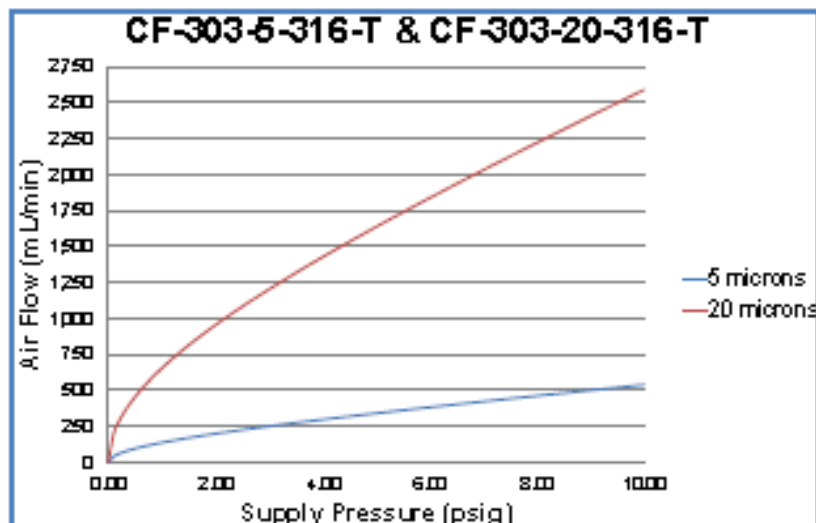
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Filter Model Calibration

Model Results

- Comparison
- Scattering
- CF series
- CFS series

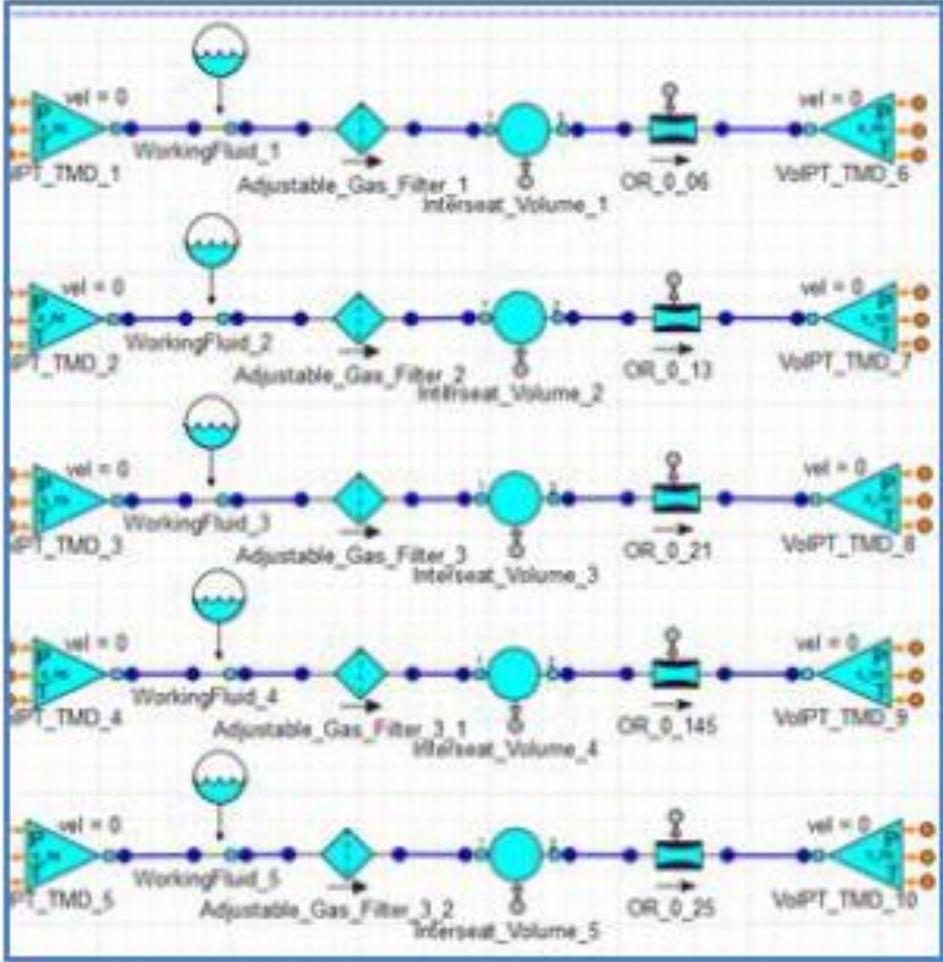
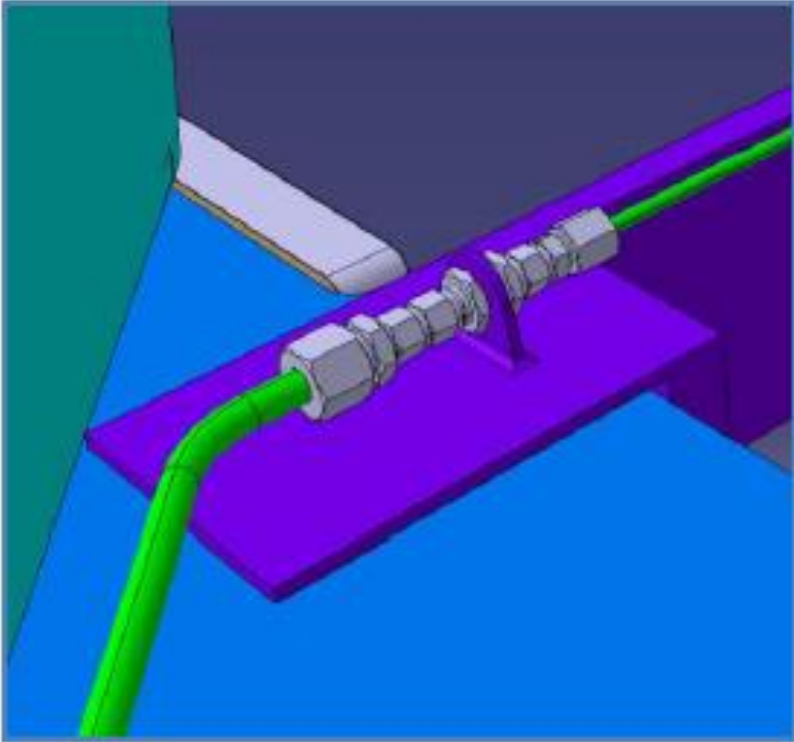


	CF-5	CF-20	CFS-43
p_{ref} [psi]	23.89	24.39	24.89
Δp_{ref} [psig]	9	9.5	10
p_{conv}	14.7	14.7	14.7
p_{ref} [bar]	1.63	1.66	1.69
Δp_{ref} [barg]	0.61	0.65	0.68
\dot{m}_{ref}^U [mL/min]	500	2500	22000
\dot{m}_{conv}^U	0.06	0.06	0.06
\dot{m}_{ref}^U [L/h]	30	150	1320
ρ_{av} [kg/m ³]	1.55	1.57	1.59
\dot{m}_{ref}^U [kg/s]	1.29E-05	6.54E-05	5.83E-04
$\Delta \dot{m}_{ref}^U$ [%]	-0.51	-0.50	-0.50

Stack Termination

Orifice & Filter

+ Mech. couplings



Feed Pressure Iteration

Tolerance on feed pressure
 +
 Tolerance on feed temperature
 =
 «Min»
 &
 «Max»

Results			1 st iteration	
OR / FIL	MIN SLPH	MAX SLPH	MIN SLPH	MAX SLPH
013 / 20	4	60	17.86	37.39
0145 / 20	12	80	21.82	43.84
025 / 43	80	160	83.45	153.16
018 / 20	20	100	29.47	56.62
021 / 20	67	100	59.54	109.80
010 / 5	5	20	5.28	9.84
06 / 5	3	8	3.25	8.46
011 / 5	6	15	6.63	13.29

Results			2 nd iteration	
OR / FIL	MIN SLPH	MAX SLPH	MIN SLPH	MAX SLPH
013 / 20	4	60	36.75	50.00
0145 / 20	4	60	36.75	50.00
025 / 43	4	60	36.75	50.00
018 / 20	80	160	98.27	134.28
021 / 20	10	60	36.75	50.00
010 / 5	16	72	43.10	58.55
06 / 5	20	100	55.66	75.48
013 / 20	3	8	4.04	6.80

Validation & Verification

Procurement of several units

Test separately

Test combined

300 – 500 test points

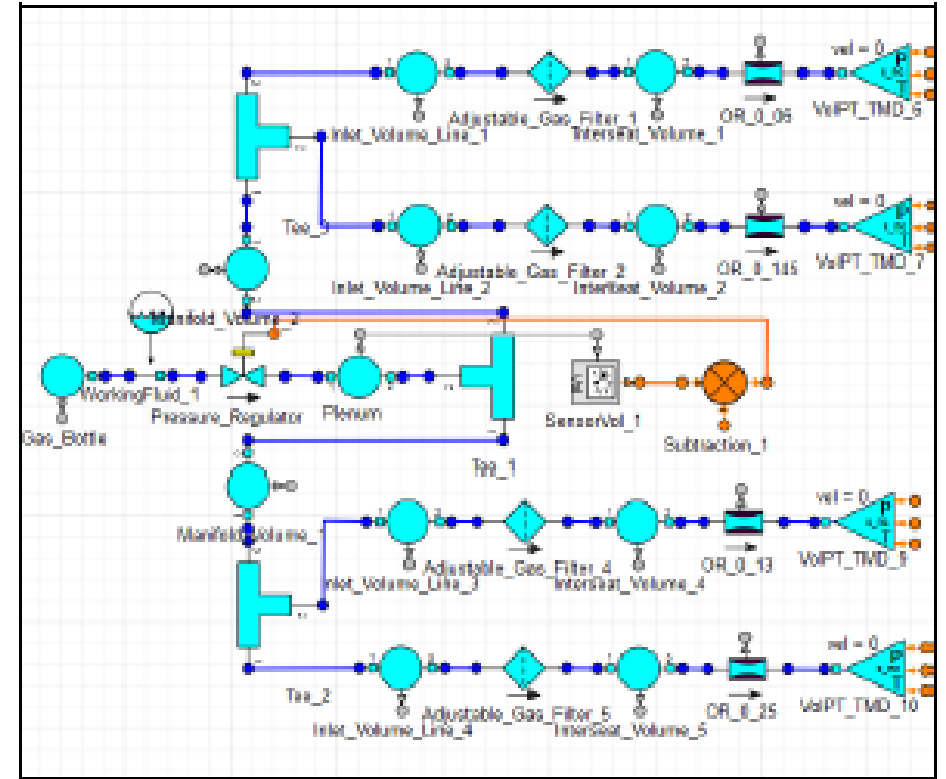
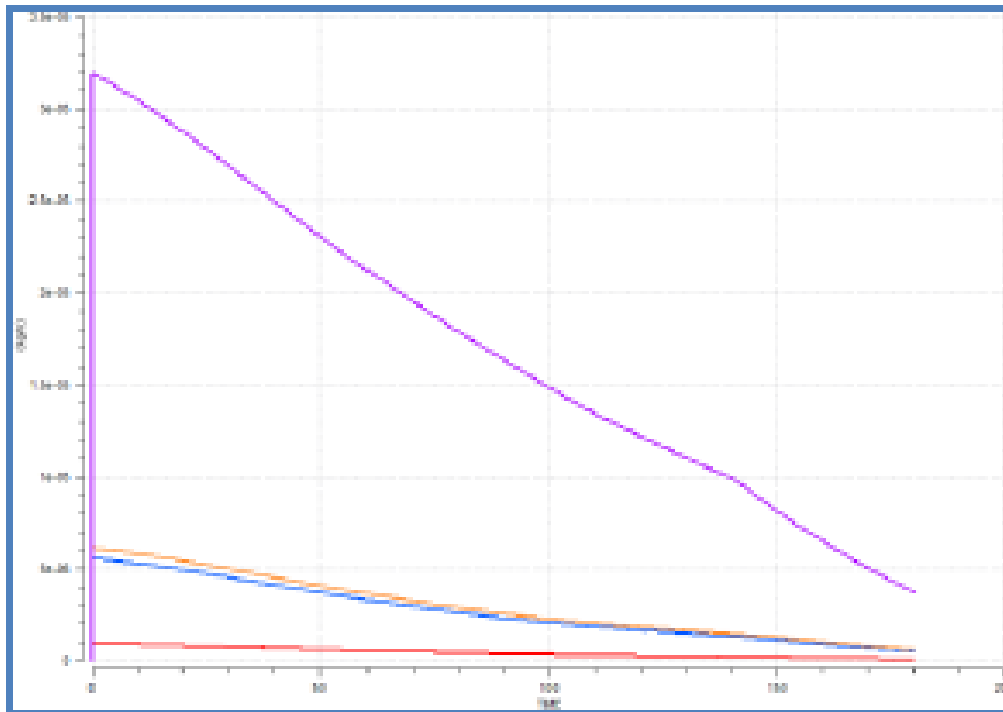
Model tailoring

Final verification (acceptance)

V&V	QTP	ATP, 1	ATP, 2
CF-316-5-316-T	3	4	4
CF-316-20-316-T	3	10	10
CF-316-40-316-T	1		
CFS-316-43-316-T	2	1	1
CC-1010-004-313-C	1		
CC-1010-005-313-C	2		1
CC-1010-006-313-C	2	1	
CC-1010-007-313-C	2		1
CC-1010-008-313-C	2		1
CC-1010-009-313-C	2		1
CC-1010-010-313-C	2	1	
CC-1010-011-313-C	2	2	
CC-1010-012-313-C	1		
CC-1010-013-313-C	3	5	5
CC-1010-0145-313-C	2	2	2
CC-1010-156-313-C	1		
CC-1010-16-313-C	1		
CC-1010-18-313-C	2	1	1
CC-1010-020-313-C	1		1
CC-1010-021-313-C	2	2	
CC-1010-022-313-C	1		
CC-1010-0225-313-C	1		
CC-1010-024-313-C	2		2
CC-1010-025-313-C	2	1	
CC-1010-026-313-C	1		
CC-1010-028-313-C	1		
TOTAL	45	30	30

Transportation

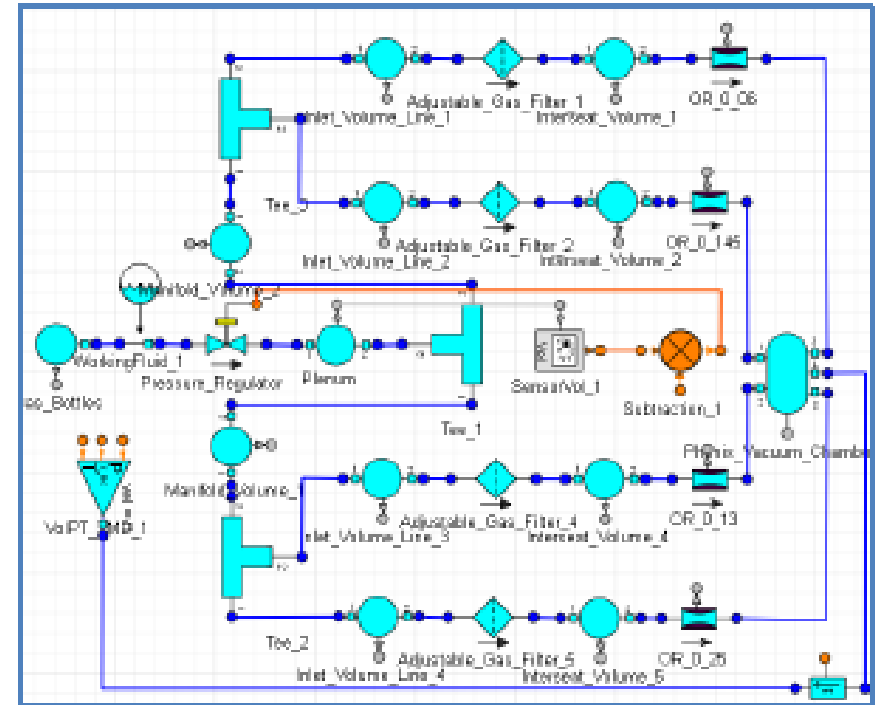
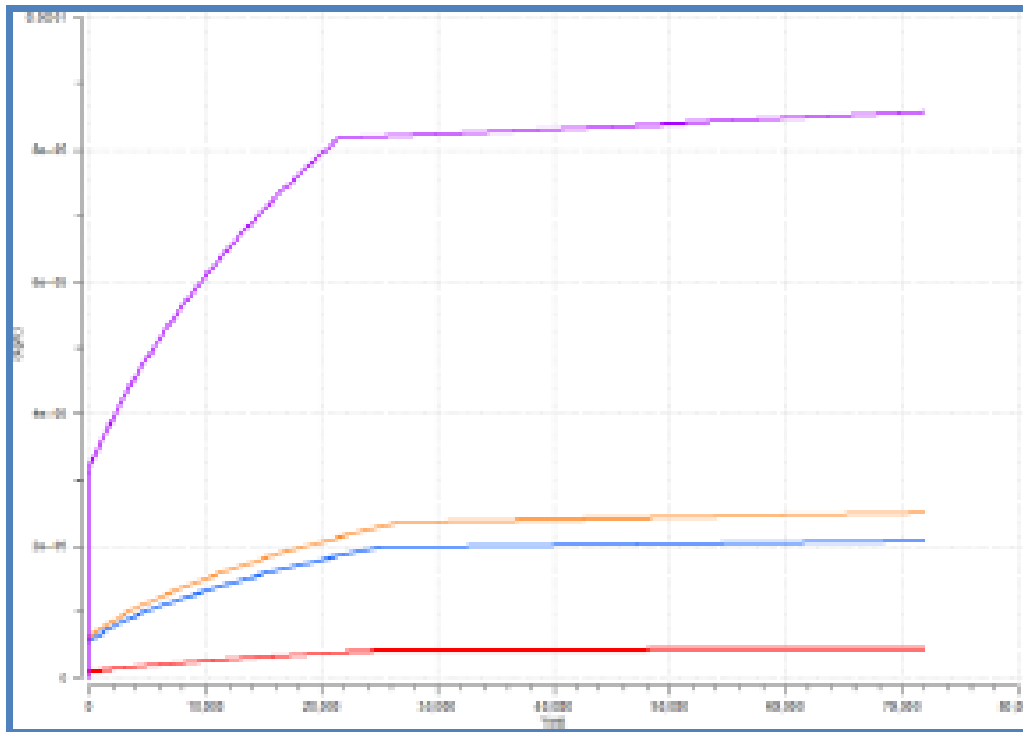
- Air transportation not yet authorised
- Performance of Cart Regulator
- Pressure control approach (& logic)



- Manual vs. S/W control
- Transport Container file with GN2

TVAC

- Facility not yet confirmed
- Definition of bleed valve
- Minimum pressure purge still required



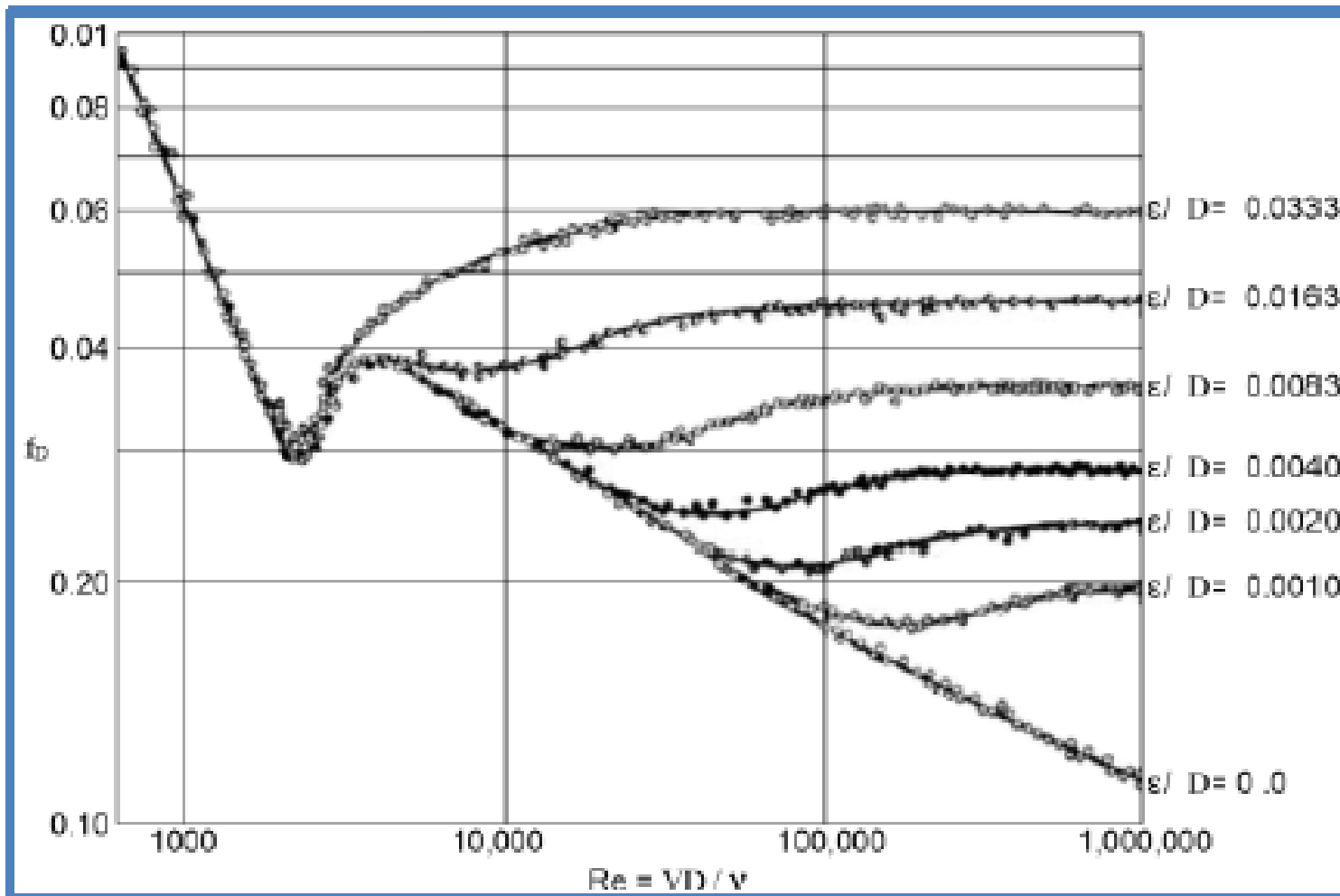
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Conclusions

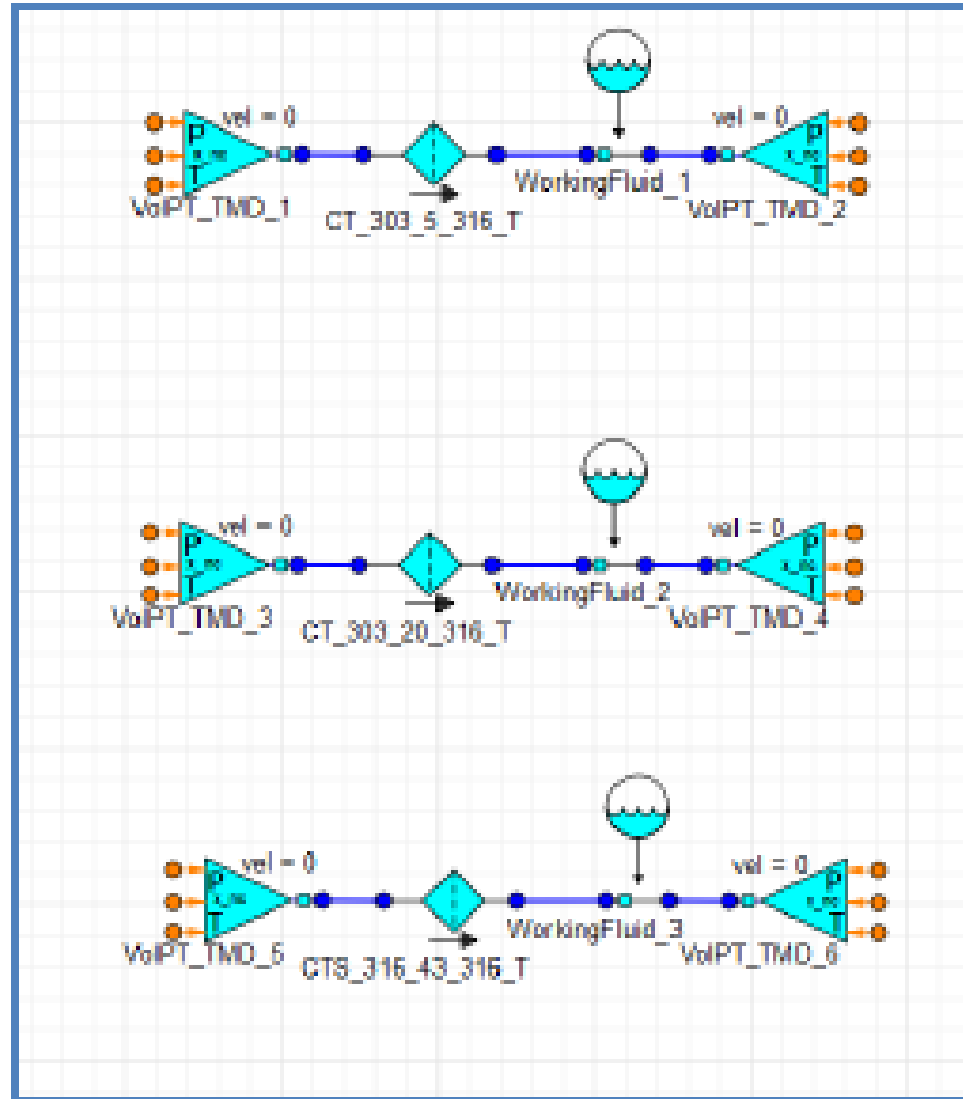
- Sizing concluded
- Impact of tolerances
- Design Iterations
- Dynamic model main components
- Test planning and evaluation
- TVAC
- Transportation

Questions?

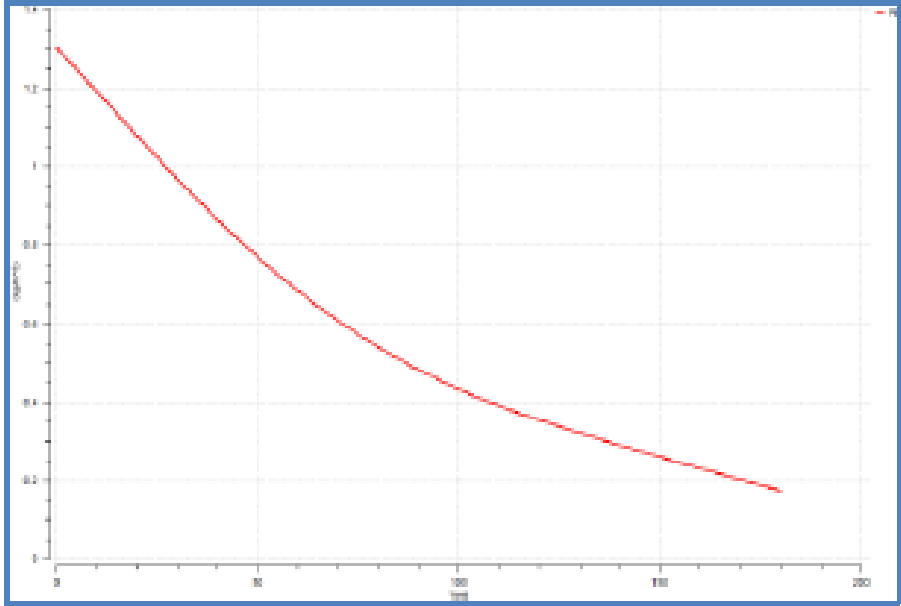
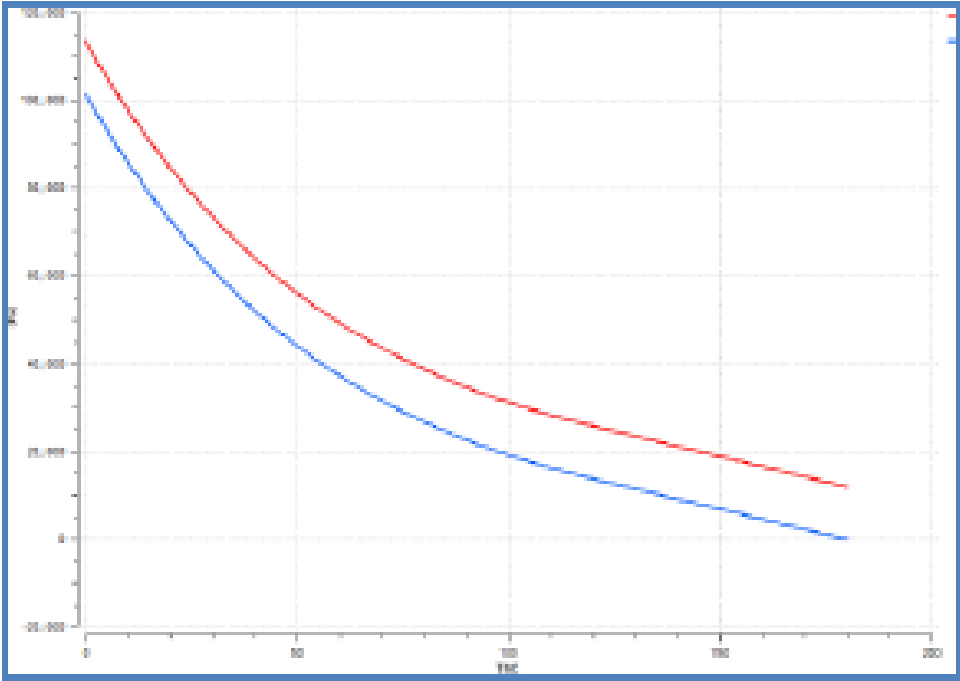
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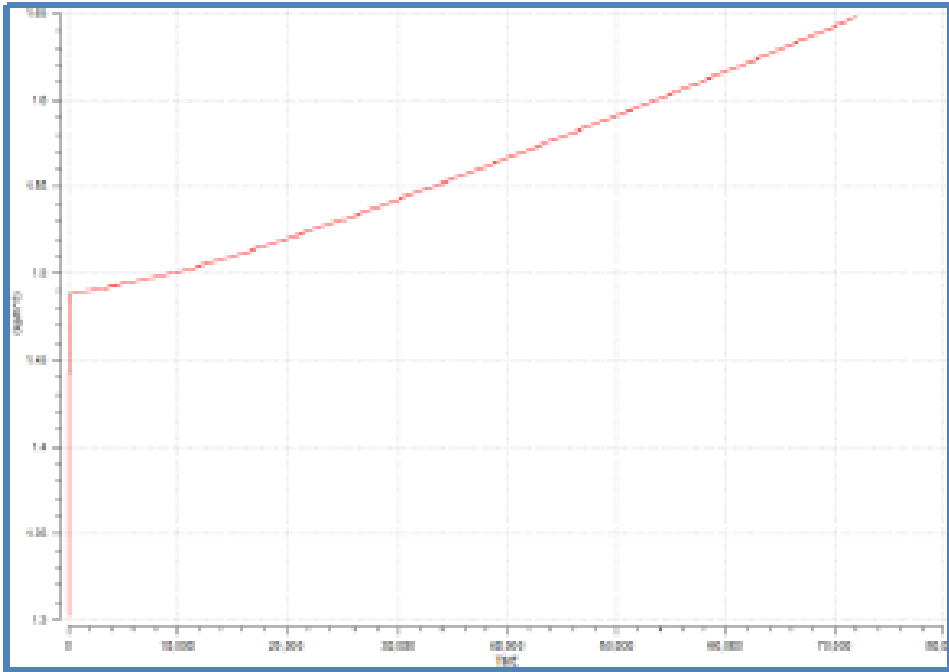
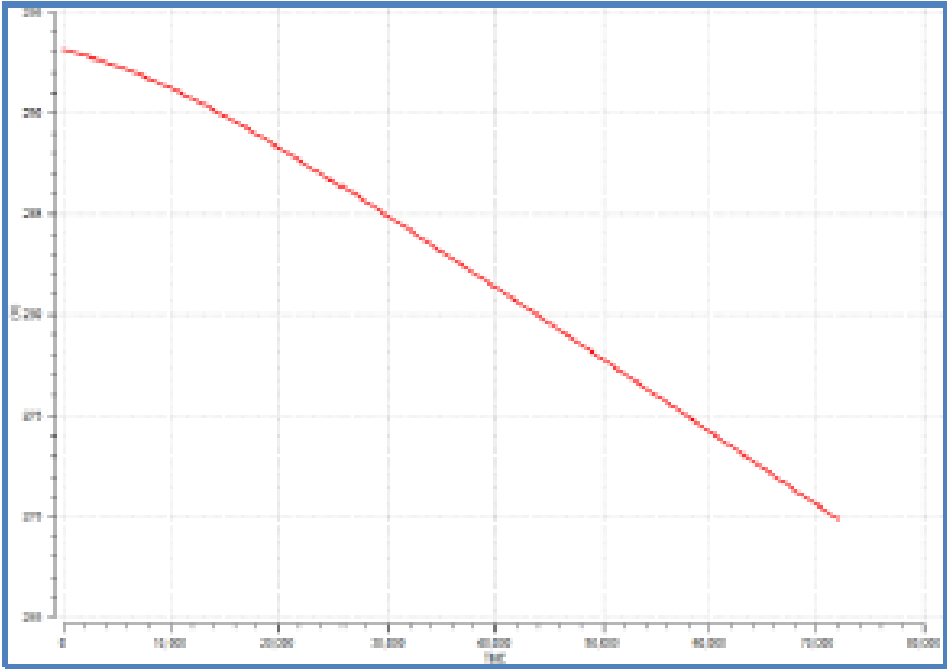


Back-up (3/4) Transportation



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Back-up (4/4) TVAC



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