

# SIMULATION OF OIL & GAS FIELD TREATMENT PROCESSES

## PRACTICE OF HYSYS AND ProII SIMULATION SOFTWARE

### OBJECTIVES

To give a **comprehensive knowledge** of the common Oil & Gas field treatment processes, by a deeper understanding of the different elementary process operations, and to provide practical skills for the use of the HYSYS and ProII process simulation software.

On completion of the course, participants:

- acquire an excellent understanding of the different process operations, used in **most Oil & Gas processes**: flash separation, compression, expansion, heating or cooling, mixing, pumping, etc, and the parameters governing these elementary operations,
- are able to better analyze the most common Oil & Gas process schemes, **identify the key parameters, and know their influence on the process performances**,
- acquire a first experience in the creation of a new Process Flow Diagram (PFD), and the optimization of an existing process scheme,
- are able to simulate an industrial unit, at different operating stages, in order to **identify the designing case**,
- know how to get thermodynamic data from the database of the process simulation softwares: phase envelope, critical point parameters, hydrate formation risk area, different physical properties...

### COURSE CONTENT

#### SOFTWARE PRESENTATION 0.25 day

Software simulation principle  
Presentation of the different pieces of equipment: pumps, compressors, heat exchangers, turbines, turbo-expanders, distillation columns, valves, gas and liquid pipes...  
Choice of the thermodynamic model: PR, SRK...  
Definition of pseudo-components, used to represent heavier components

#### SIMULATION OF A PROPANE CRYOGENIC LOOP 0.75 day

Case of a simple loop  
Analysis of the loop operating conditions  
Influence of the different parameters: condensation and vaporization temperatures, propane loop rate...  
Improvement of the loop performances by the addition of an intermediate expansion  
Optimization of the intermediate expansion pressure  
Comparison of results  
Use of the propane enthalpy diagram to validate the software results  
Representation of the loop on propane enthalpy diagram, for each of the two cases  
Manual calculations of the process performances  
Comparison of the results to the outputs of the software  
Influence of the propane purity and consequences of an air ingress

#### SIMULATION OF A CRUDE OIL FIELD TREATMENT UNIT 1 day

Main field treatments for crude oils: stabilization, sweetening, desalting and dehydration, associated gas compression and treatment...  
Study of an offshore crude oil field treatment unit, based on a Multiple Stage Separation (MSS) process scheme  
Optimization of the operating parameters: pressures and temperatures of separators, suction and discharge condition of compressors, pumping needs for export by pipe...  
Identification and adjustment of the controlling parameters, for each of the stabilized oil product specifications (rate, RVP, impurities content...) in order to meet the different quality requirements

#### SIMULATION OF A NATURAL GAS FIELD TREATMENT UNIT 1 day

Main field treatments for natural gases: dehydration, sweetening, liquid extraction, compression and export...  
Study of an offshore natural gas dehydration, liquids extraction and compression unit  
Optimization of the operating parameters: first separator operating conditions, dehydration parameters, cooling temperature for a sufficient liquid extraction, compression needs upstream the export pipe...  
Identification and adjustment of the controlling parameters, for each of the export gas specifications (rate, condensate content, water content...) in order to meet the different quality requirements  
Analysis of hydrate formation risks: identification of the risky areas to protect by the injection of hydrate formation inhibitors

#### SIMULATION AND PROGRESSIVE BUILD-UP OF A PROCESS SCHEME FOR NATURAL GAS LIQUID EXTRACTION 1 day

Progressive build-up of the Process Flow Diagram of a Natural Gas Liquid Extraction unit  
Three processes are studied:  
External refrigeration loop  
Joule-Thomson expansion valve  
Turbo-Expander  
For each case, optimization of the process performances, by suggesting, simulating and validating several modifications of the Process Flow Diagram  
Comparison of the performances of the three optimized cases

#### SIMULATION OF NATURAL GAS LIQUID FRACTIONATION UNIT - DISTILLATION PROCESS 1 day

Principle of separation by distillation process and main operating parameters  
Simulation of a natural gas distillation unit  
Characteristics of the main equipment and specific constraints

*The course is based on several case studies, covering most of the Oil & Gas field processes.  
It could be organized in French to a single company (in-house training).*

#### ▲ Who should attend?

Personnel looking for a deeper understanding of the different transformations involved in the Oil & Gas field treatment processes. Technical/Process department or engineering staff, involved in the development of new field.

#### ▲ Duration

**5 days**

#### ▲ Dates & Location

**May 25-29, 2009**  
Rueil-Malmaison (Paris)

#### ▲ Registration

Fees: € 2,320

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