

Flownex<sup>®</sup> SE determines pressure drop [flow] and heat transfer [temperature] for the connected components of a complete system in steady state and transient, e.g. pumps or compressors, pipes, valves, tanks and heat exchangers.

# **TYPICAL USES:**

#### ANALYSIS

- Simulation.
- Performance assessment.
- Modification assessment.
- Fault root cause assessment.

### DESIGN

- System sizing.
- Component sizing.
- Determining operating ranges.
- Flow, temperature, pressure, power consumption, etc.
- Testing of control philosophy.

#### TRAINING

- System behavior examination
- Performing basic flow and heat transfer calculations.
- Thermohydraulic principles and properties referencing.

#### BRINGING NUCLEAR Quality and standards to system simulation

Flownex<sup>®</sup> is developed in an ISO 9001:2008 quality assurance system and NQA1 supplier approved environment.

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Engineering productivity for the design and analysis of complex thermofluid systems such as those found in large coal fired power plants is vastly improved by modeling in Flownex<sup>®</sup>. In addition, the system knowledge and understanding gained by the modeler is invaluable in subsequent activities.

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Pipeline, valve and pump sizing. Cavitation, flashing and condensing detection. Pump performance and NPSH. Feedwater heater performance and tube leaks. Flash tank behavior.

# STEAM TURBINE & SUPPORTING SYSTEMS

- Start-up, shutdown and load
- following operation.
- Turbine trip control.
- Gland steam systems.
- Lubrication systems.
- Generator hydrogen and lubrication systems. • Assess cooling system and heat
  - exchanger performance.

# COOLING WATER CIRCUITS

- Pipeline, valve and pump sizing.
- Water hammer.
- Cooling tower response.
- Heat exchanger sizing.
- Water reticulation flow balancing & energy efficiency.

# BOILER STEAM SYSTEMS

- Once-through and reheat boilers.
- Temperature calculation and change rates.
- Boiling stability & boiling regime examination.
- Detection of boiling oscillations (Ledinegg, density wave, pressure drop-type)
- Recirculation rate and steam production.
- Natural circulation boiler.
  - Attemperation system.
- Dry out prediction.
- Load changes.





NATURAL CIRCULATION



Calculation of recirculation rate and steam production. Prediction of dry out.

## CONDENSERS

Air leak detection. Condenser level following. Wet and dry condenser heat exchange.

## COMBINED CYCLE PLANT

- High level analysis and design of the complete combined thermodynamic cycle.
- Transient analysis of load change scenarios.
- Cycle effiency analysis under different ambient conditions.
- Root cause analysis for fault finding.



## BOILER AUXILIARY SYSTEMS

- Start-up fuel oil or gas systems.
  - Flow balancing in branching networks.
  - Pipe heat loss estimation.
  - Pump sizing and viscosity adjustment.
  - Control philosophy testing.
  - Pump/pipe/injector matching.

Draught group/Flue gas system: Calculation of ID or PA fan capacity margin as function of loss characteristics: Pulverisers, air heater seal leakage, flue gas ducts, precipitators, flow regulator vanes, flue gas desulphurization units (FGD).

# SOME FLOWNEX® COMPONENTS FOR POWER GENERATION USE



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Flownex<sup>®</sup> proved to perform well also for simulations of start-ups (or shutdowns), making it a valuable tool for studying and optimizing such procedures.

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# HEAT RECOVERY STEAM GENERATOR & BOILER SIMULATIONS

#### **STEADY-STATE DESIGN**

- Analysis of natural circulation boiling sections.
- Modeling and design of the heat transfer between the gas and steam side of a heat exchanger.
- Modeling of the complete system, including superheaters, economizers, evaporators, pumps, turbines, etc.
- Adaptable modeling approach according to the required level of detail.
- Assists in proper and economical design for the expected operational conditions.

#### **TRANSIENT ANALYSIS**

- Determine rates of change in material temperatures.
- Evaluate control philosophy.
- Determine plant power ramp rates.



#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Detection of unwanted operating conditions involving:
  - Boiling oscillations.
  - Departure of Nucleate Boiling (DNB).
    - Evaluation of off-design or accident scenarios.
    - Evaluation of temperature gradient during start-up.
    - Evaluation of start-up, shut down and load changes.
    - Flow stability analysis.
    - Flow distribution.
    - Balancing of flow in parallel paths.

