

Optimization of a 20,000L Bioreactor Through CFD Simulation Analysis

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Engineering Problem:

Physical optimization of bioreactors can be extremely time and resource intensive

Engineering Objectives:

1. Establish an accurate model for simulation
2. Simulate and analyze factors of performance
3. Adjust parameters for improved operation

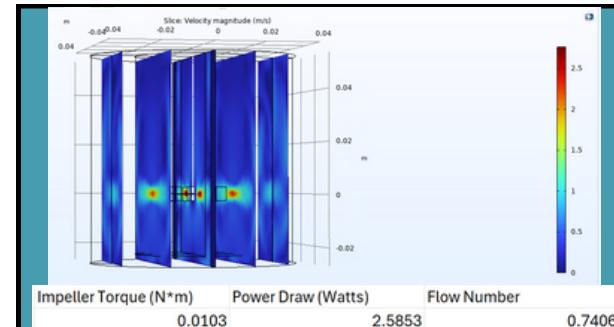
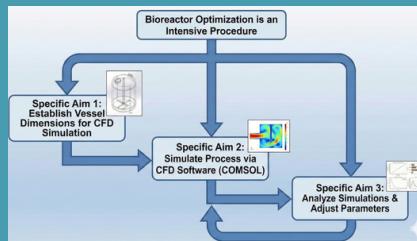


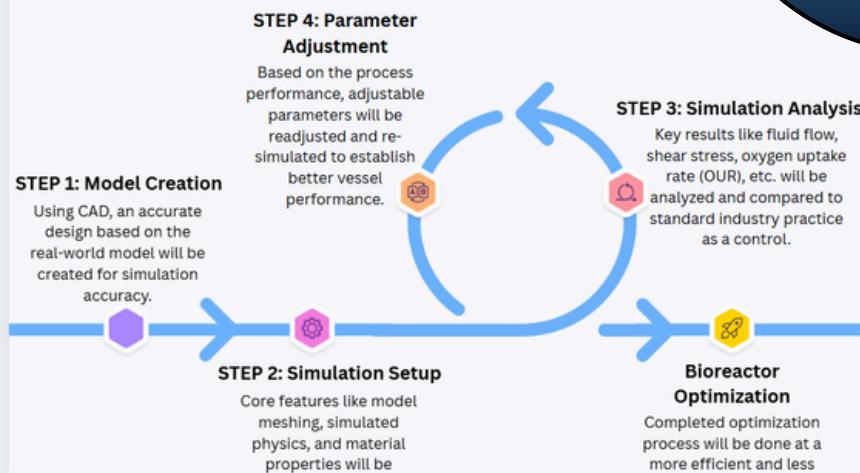
Figure 1: Simulation results of fluid velocity in smaller-scale model

Figure 2: Simulated impeller torque, power draw, and flow number

Methodology

Outline and workflow for bioreactor optimization process

Preliminary simulations show accuracy by reasonable and desired results



-Preliminary simulations show accuracy, reasonableness, and desired process operation considering the model and its scale.

-Accuracy in preliminary simulation setup ensures future simulation setup accuracy for the 20kL bioreactor simulation

-Especially relevant given the high simulation time and processing power required for larger-scale simulation.

Fluid velocity and calculated values are expected at this scale. Importantly, the low flow number shows the conditions won't be too harsh for cells.