

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

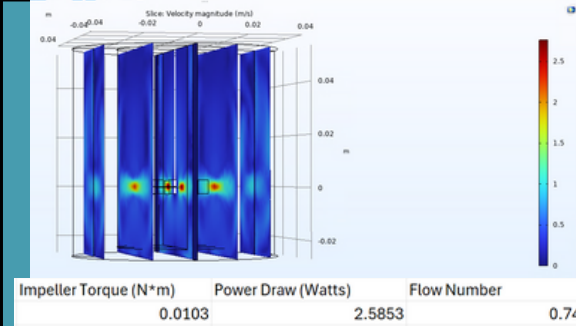
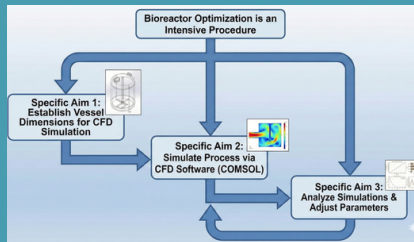


Figure 1: Simulation results of fluid velocity in smaller-scale model

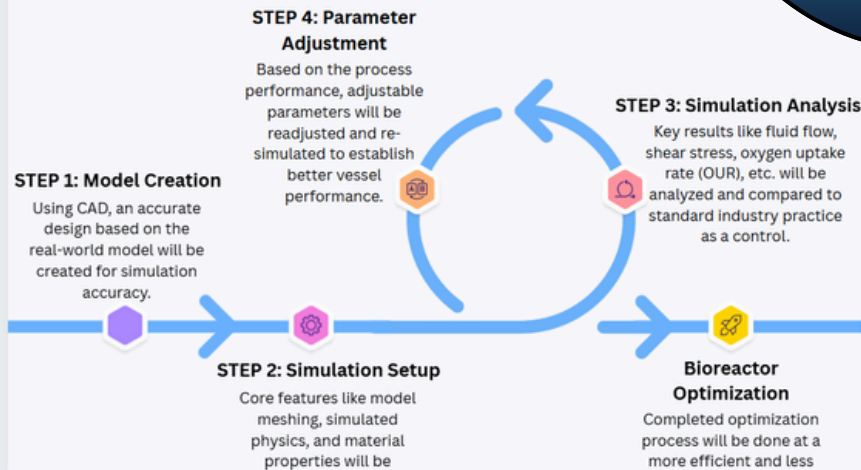
Figure 2: Simulated impeller torque, power draw, and flow number

Preliminary simulations show accuracy by reasonable and desired results

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.

Methodology

Outline and workflow for bioreactor optimization process



-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.