

# Problems!



**RHODIA**  
SOLVAY GROUP

# WOW!

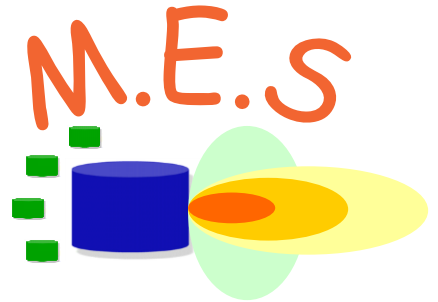
# How to make (more) money for your company with advanced PE



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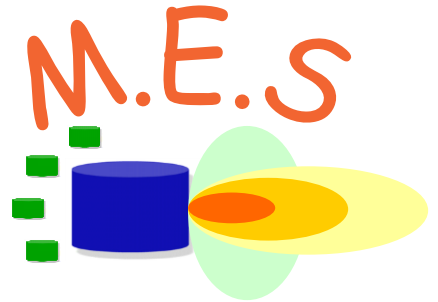
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- Solvay Institutional
- Motivation & Case
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# 150 years of innovation and many to come



**1863**

Ernest Solvay invents the Solvay process for producing soda ash



**1880**

Solvay is the first industrial multinational operating simultaneously in the US and Europe



**1950**

Solvay invents the plastic bottle



**2015**

Solvay flies around the world with Solar Impulse



**1878**

Solvay innovates in social welfare (paid vacations, social security, 8-hour day)



**1911 & 1927**

The congresses bring together the greatest physicists of their day



**2011**

Solvay acquires Rhodia



**2015**

2nd Chemistry for the Future Solvay Prize

# We are a world leader in the chemical industry



2014 figures

# We adapt our product offering to **demanding** markets



Distribution  
of 2014 net sales

# A balanced presence in all growth regions



## North America

**23%** of net sales

**3,450** employees

**28** industrial sites



## Latin America

**11%** of net sales

**3,050** employees

**10** industrial sites



## Europe

**34%** of net sales

**13,500** employees

**52** industrial sites



## Asia-Pacific

**32%** of net sales

**6,000** employees

**29** industrial sites

# The Solvay spirit

## Making the impossible possible

Bringing together  
the leading scientists  
of the time, permitting  
major advances in  
quantum mechanics



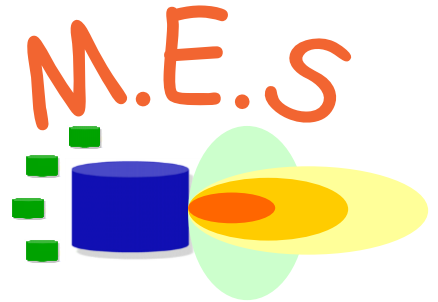
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SOLARIMPULSE

Believing  
an airplane can  
fly on solar energy alone



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# Motivation



## Improve distillation efficiency by reducing steam consumption

- Water must be removed from process production
- Removal is done by our distillation columns
- Distillation column system is our main steam consumer
- To reduce steam consumption we “must” be aware all the time about energy balance at the top and bottom of each column

# Case: Mass and energy balance calculation based on Enthalpy

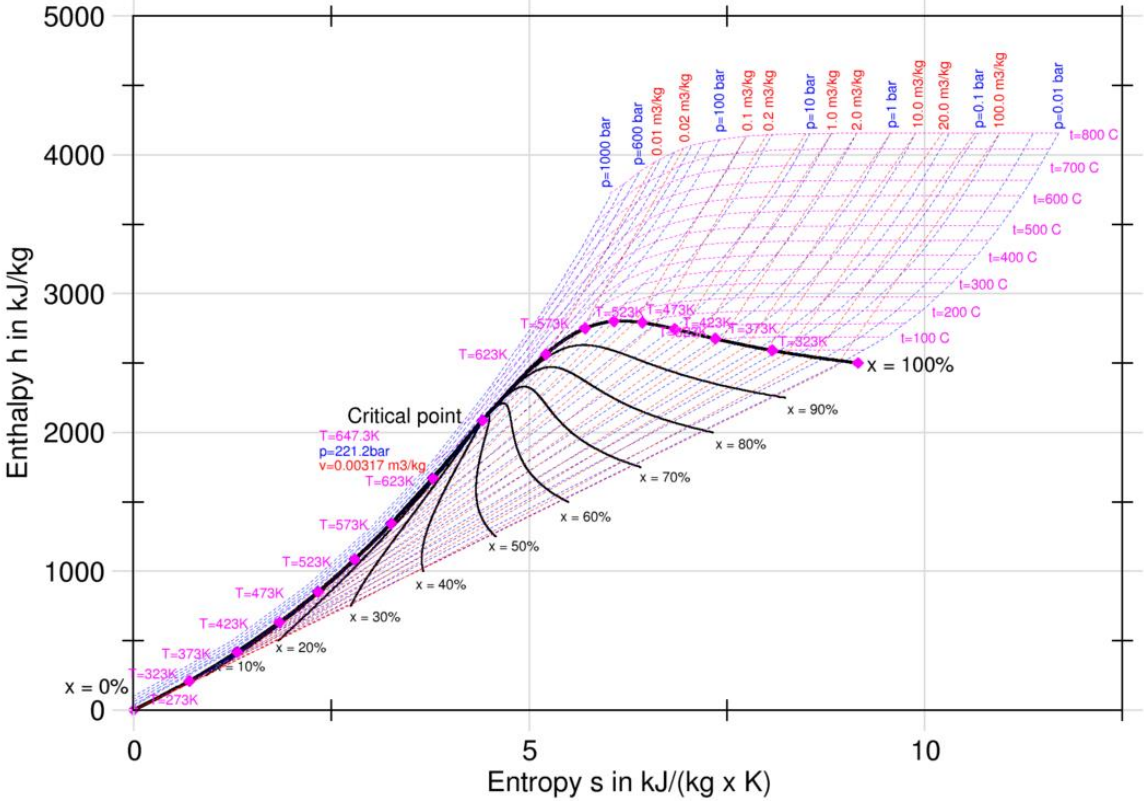
First step: build a mass and energy balance

- A first version was done “by hand” and not too rigorous
- Product: An excel data sheet that was not reflecting our situation on field

# Case

## Mollier-h, s Diagram

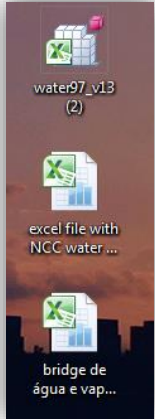
for Water Steam



# Case

Second step: build a **rigorous** mass and energy balance

- A second version was done taking in consideration enthalpy of each line
- Product: Not one, but two excel data sheet that was reflecting our situation on field, however it was huge, slow, and we need both files to work (.xls and .xla)



# Case

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Balanco de Project - VBAProject										Alimentação de água mte	
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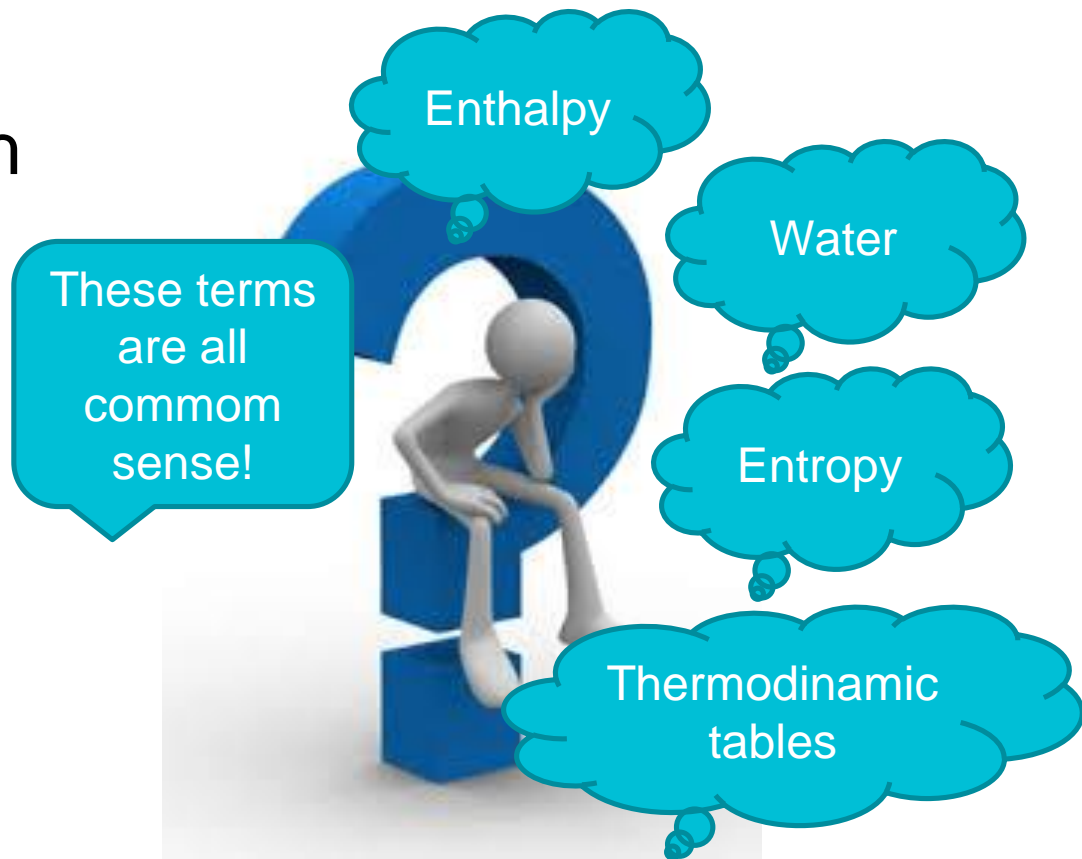
How to build a lightweight file that reach our expectation and be usable anywhere at Solvay?

- PI Ace: write all equations and tables from both excel files in a program?
- Excel file: Continue with our two Excel file?

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We chose to build with PI Ace, even though with hundreds of equations to be configured.

**But there must be another way out!**





# Case

A huge problem was resolved with just two equations, already done by OSI with performance equation

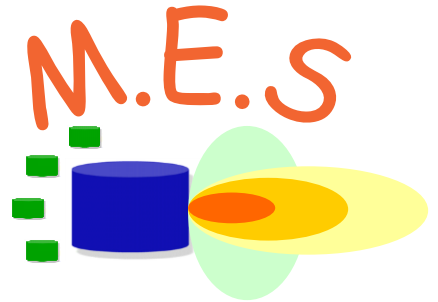
PI Performance Equation LIBRARY!!

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# Where can I find it?

## PI Server Applications User Guide

### Chapter 4

- PI Performance Equations Syntax and Functions Reference

### Chapter 5

- **PI Steam Functions Reference**

The PI Steam Functions module is an extension to the PI Performance Equations. Steam Functions provide a complete set of functions for deriving the thermodynamic properties of steam and water within Performance Equations. PI Steam Functions support both English and SI units, and are based on the ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) Steam Tables, 6th Ed.

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## StmSI\_HsatT



### StmSI\_HsatT

Calculates the saturated vapor specific enthalpy as a function of temperature—all variables expressed in SI units.

#### Format

`StmSI_HsatT(T)`

#### Arguments

`T`

Steam temperature in degree C. The valid range is 0.0 to 374.15 degree C.

#### Returns

Computed specific enthalpy for saturated vapor in J/g or *Error* digital state.

#### Sample Values

Temperature	Vapor Enthalpy
50.	2592.2
200.	2790.9
350.	2567.7

# Performance Equation created

StmSi\_HsatT

```
=PIAdvCalcExpDat("StmSi_HsatT('T11000.PV')", "*-1d", "*", "01:00:00", "average", "time-weighted", "compressed", "10m", 0, 1, 0, "MyServer")
```

Calculated Data

☒ PI Tag  
☐ PI Expression

PI Server (optional)  
MyServer

Tagname(s)  
StmSi\_HsatT(T11000.PV)

Start Time  
\*-1d

End Time  
\*

Time Interval (optional)  
01:00:00

Filter Expression (optional)  
10m

Conversion Factor  
1

Calculation Mode  
average

- Advanced

Calculation Basis  
time-weighted

Expression Sampling  
point compressed

Expression Sampling Freq  
10m

# Final results

Final step: build a **rigorous** mass and energy balance using PE

- A third version was done taking in consideration enthalpy of each line but using PE
- Product: A excel data sheet that was reflecting our situation on field, and it was light and worldwide usable by anyone at Solvay

# Final results

- Steam reduction
- Control over reflux ratios
- Measurement of efficiency
- Decisions about operation are quicker



# Strong points



## Simplicity



Nível dissolutor	Dissolutor			
	Densidade dissolutor	concentração de AA		concentração nitratos
LT-1000	DT-1000	DT1001	DT1002	
68.01477984	1051.202867	46.549113	999.7476781	
66.89827866	1051.63341	46.56151016	1001.268244	
67.9457125	1051.732079	46.57390732	1002.78881	
69.09297956	1051.740918	46.58630448	1004.309376	

Quickness

More reliable and robust

Opened new opportunities  
for Process reduction (water, steam,...)

Balance much more efficient and effective

Easier to handler



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