

CFD simulation

Ø32x10m, TS 15%

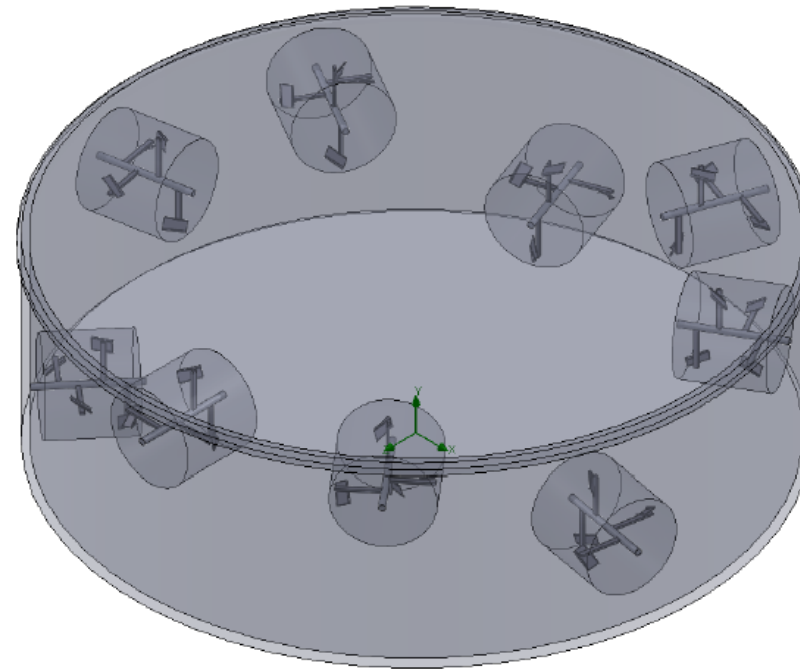
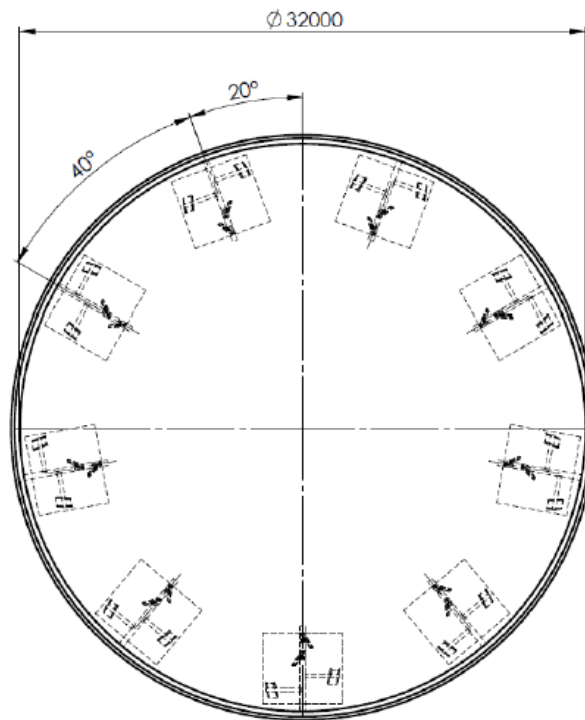
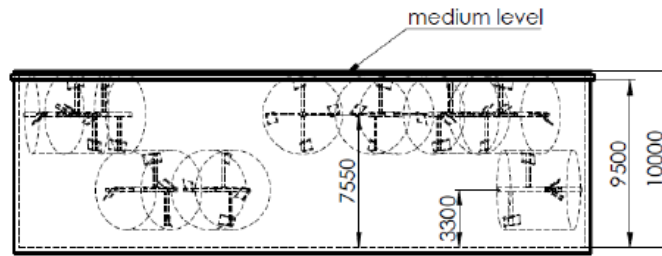
9x Varibull paddle agitator



Container geometry

- ▶ Container diameter: 32m
- ▶ Filling level: 9,5m
- ▶ Substrate: TS 15%
- ▶ Agitator: 9x Varibull paddle agitator (10 rpm)
- ▶ Circulation capacity - without turbulence and entrainment: 15624 m³/h
- ▶ Circulation capacity - with turbulence and entrainment: 52800 m³/h
- ▶ Velocity of the medium after the simulation has reached a steady state: 0.222m /s

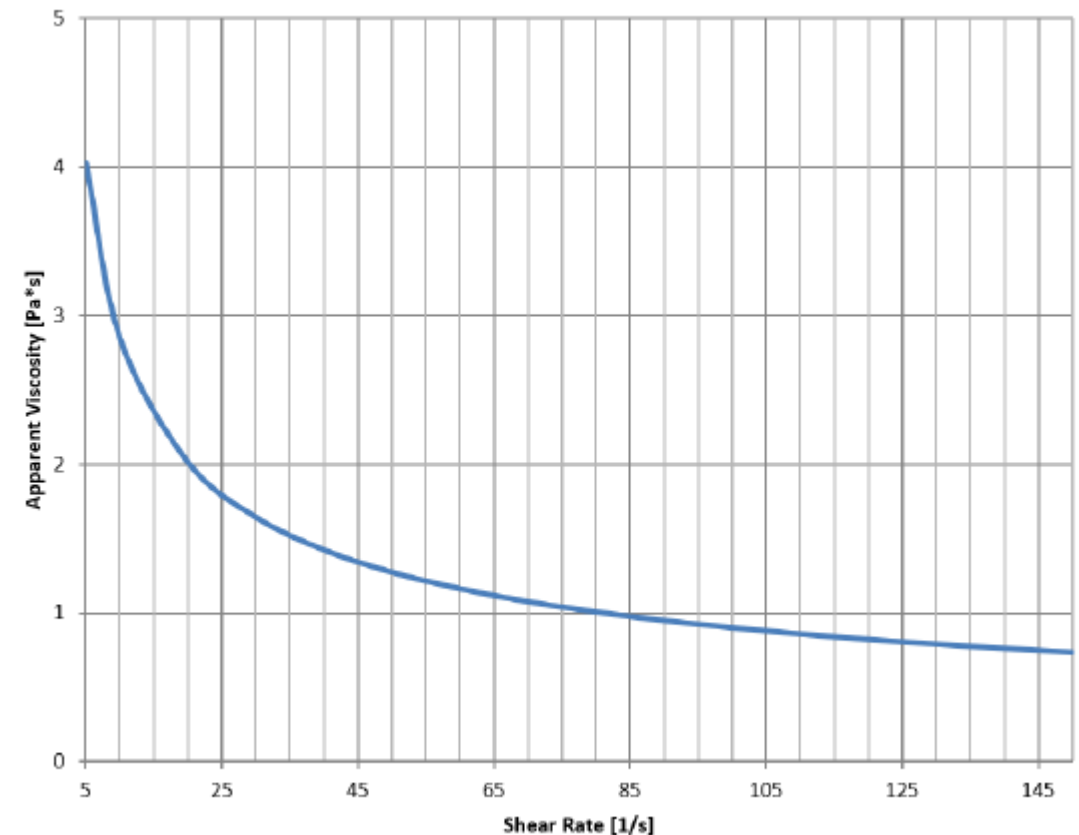
CFD-Geometry



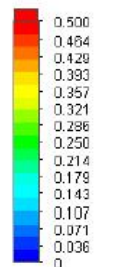
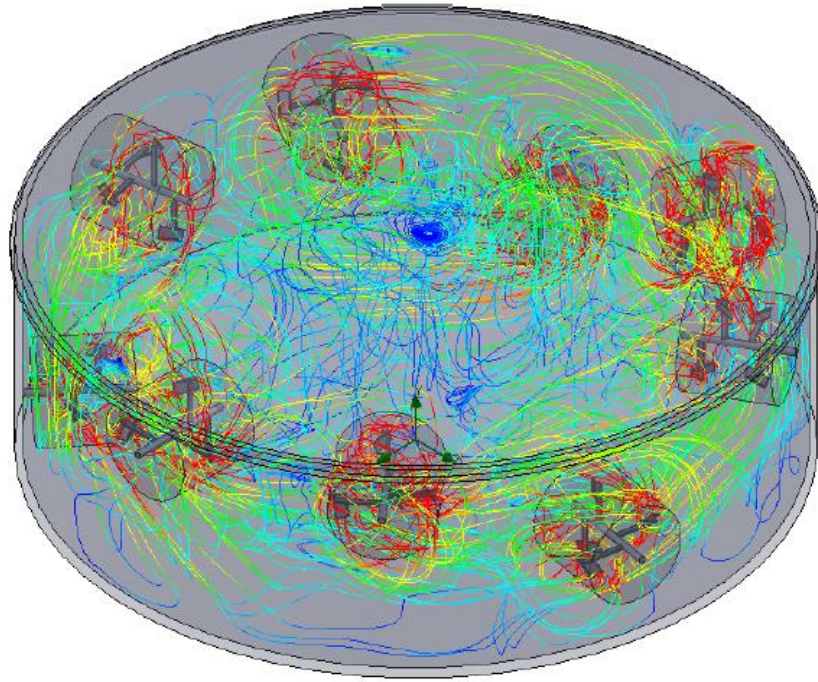
CFD Medium Definition

- A non-Newtonian behavior of the fluid was assumed in the simulation.
- **Definition of "non-Newtonian fluid":**

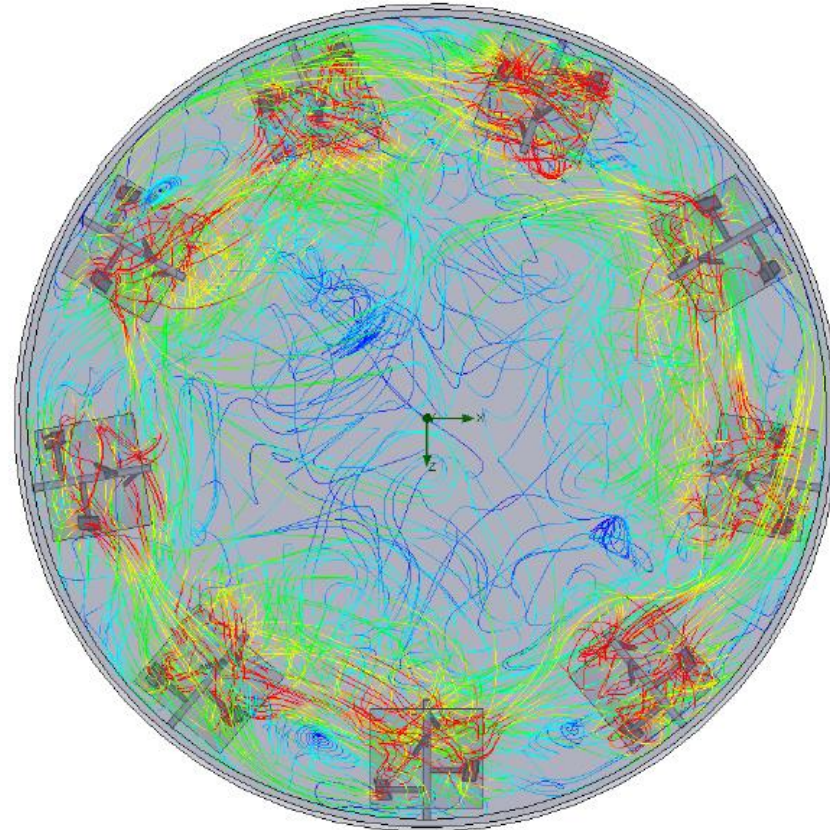
A non-Newtonian fluid differs from "normal" fluids in that it has a variable viscosity. A non-Newtonian fluid changes its viscosity depending on the shear rate that occurs. For example, for the fluid (see diagram below), the viscosity at a shear rate of 85/s is about 1.0 Pas. Consequently, the same fluid may have different viscosities at different locations in a tank, depending on the shear rates present at a particular location. This non-Newtonian behavior was included in the simulation. The shape of the curve is based on experience and measurements.



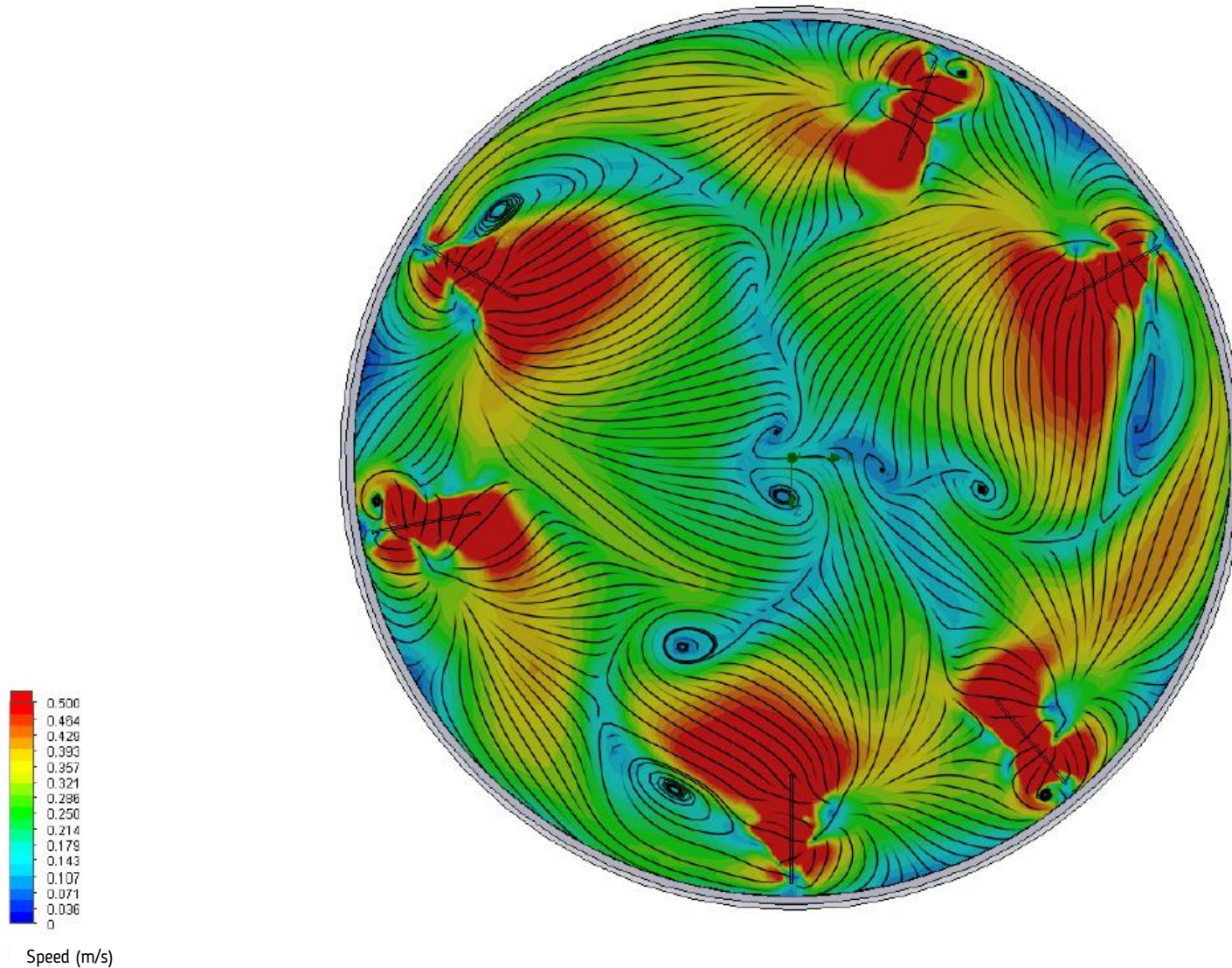
Streamlines



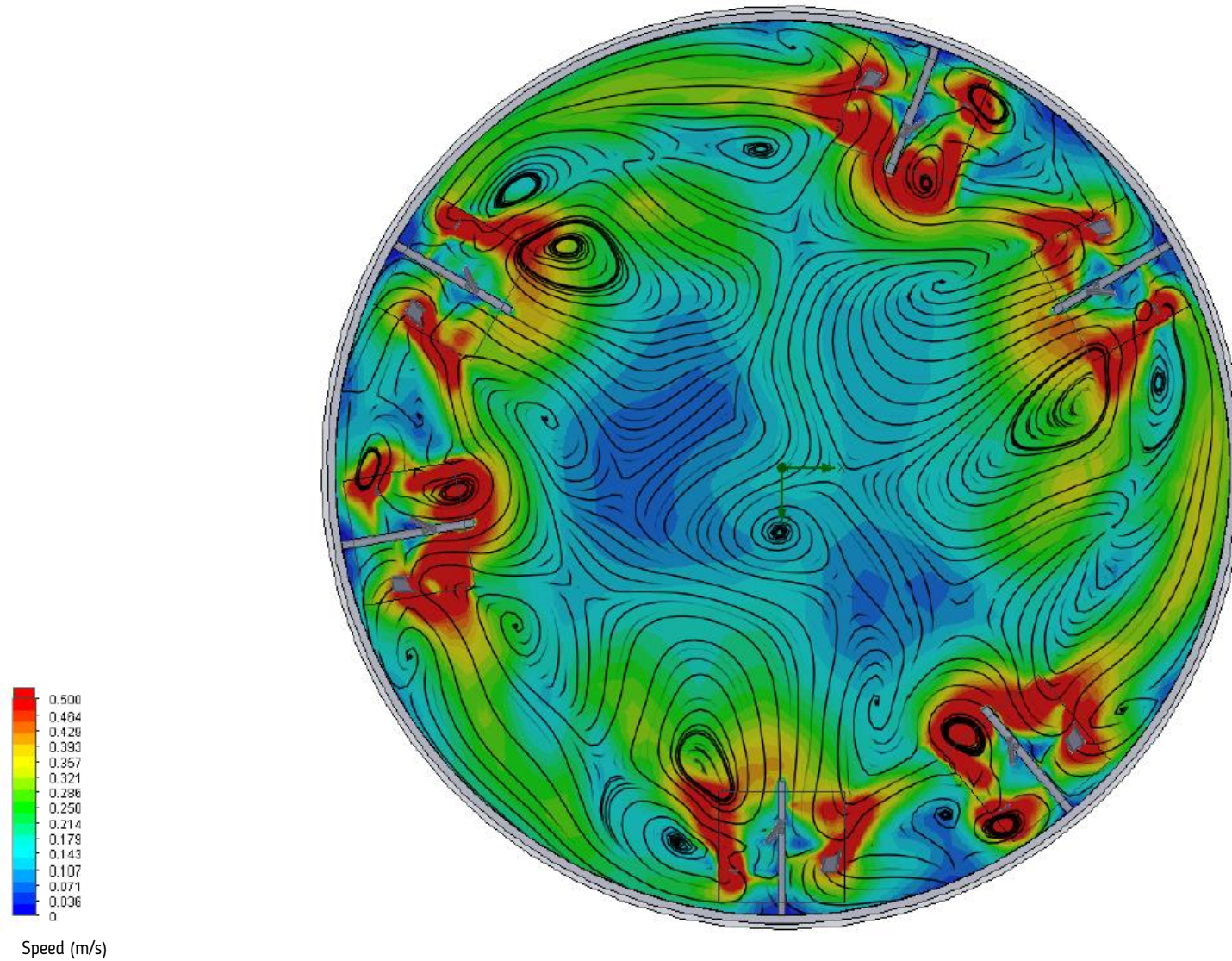
Speed (m/s)



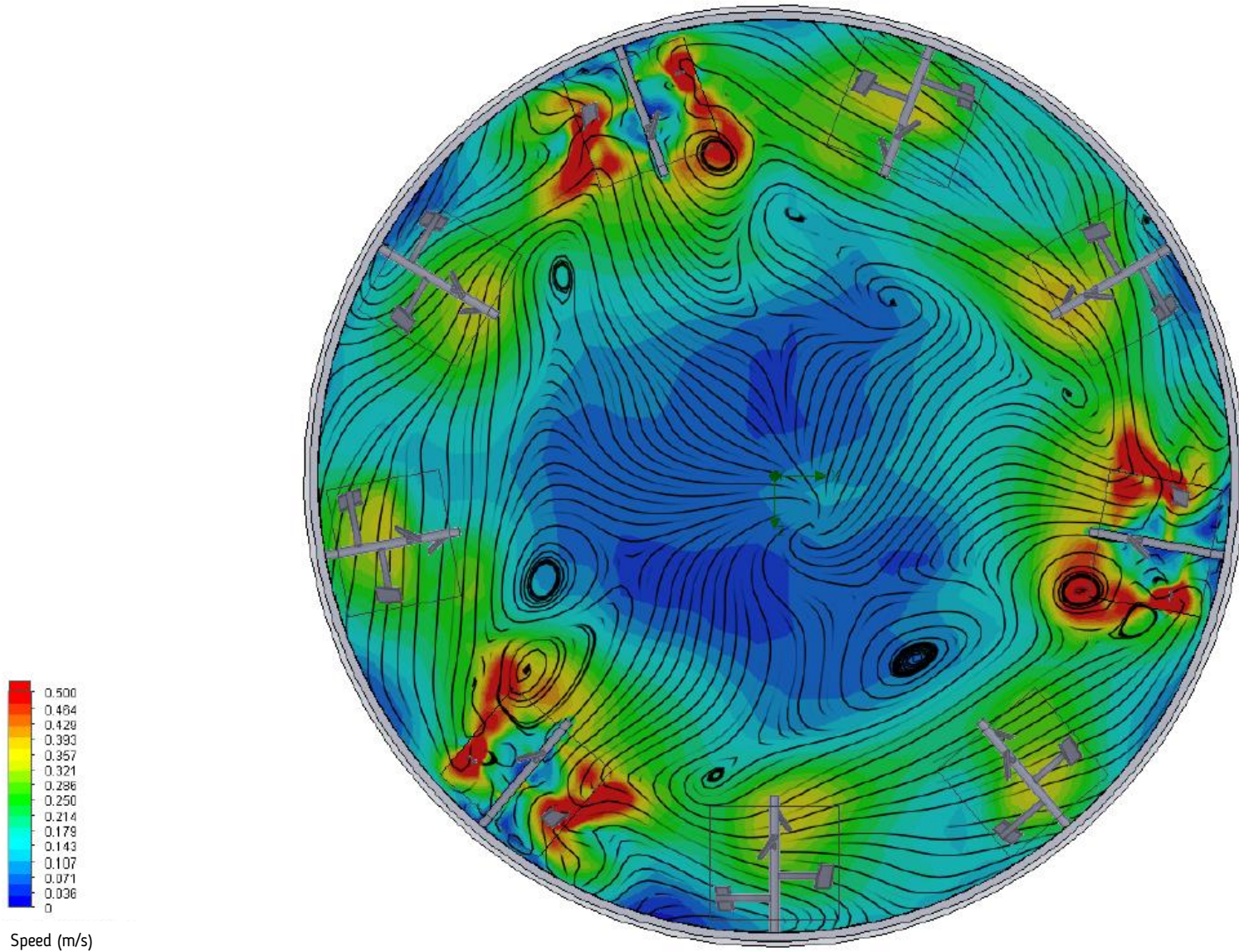
Floating layer (9,5m)



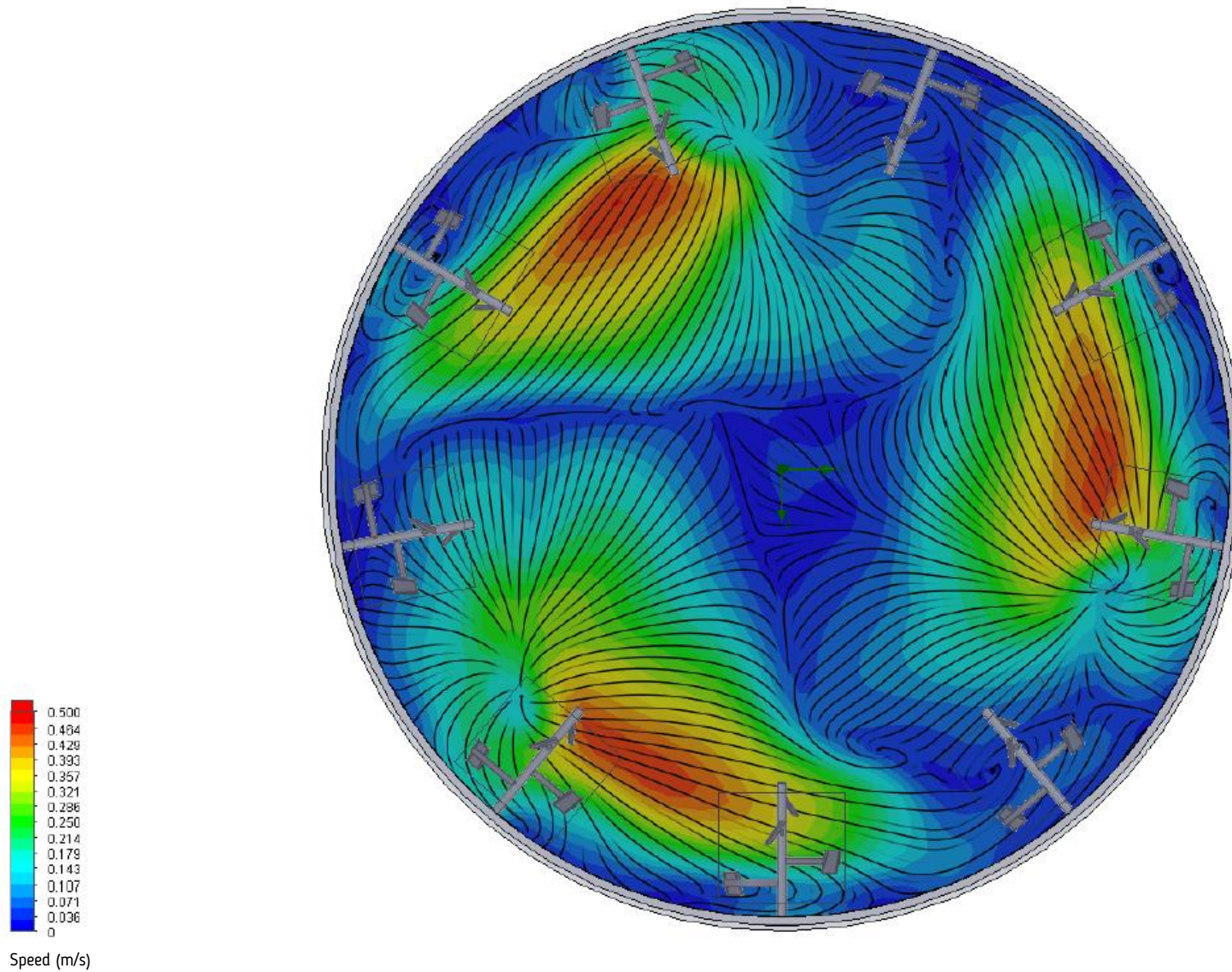
Level 7.55m center agitator shaft



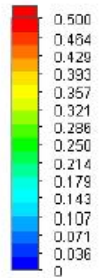
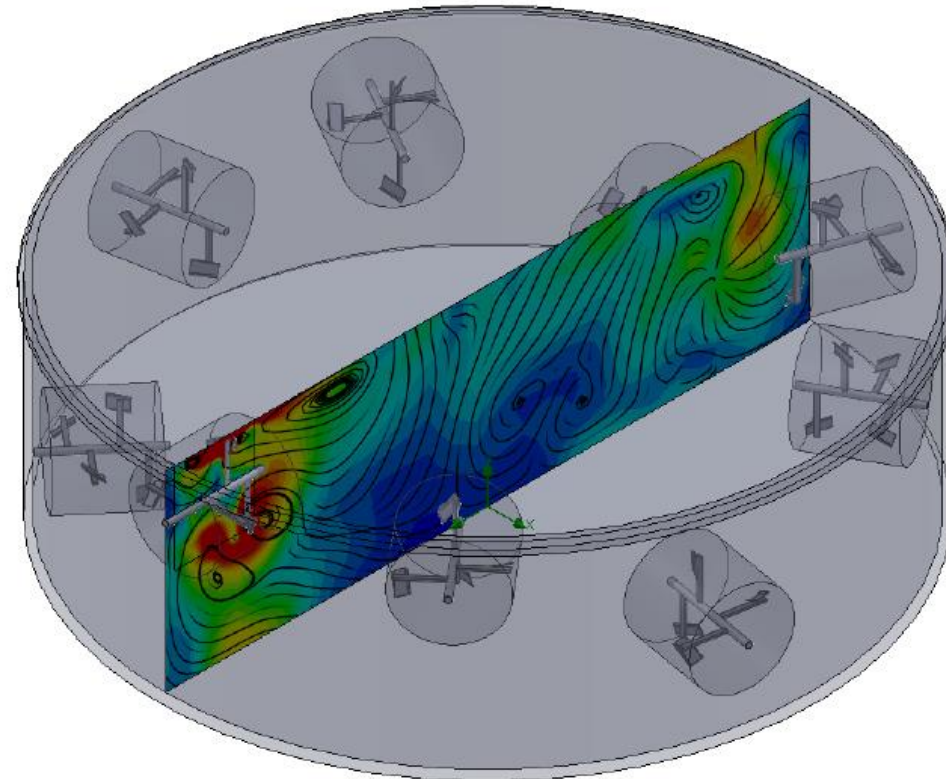
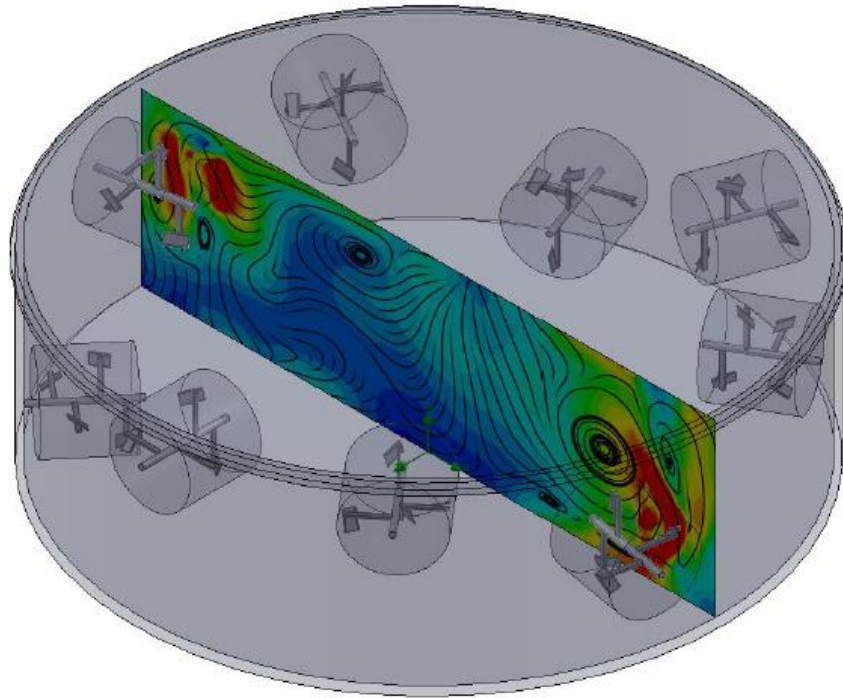
Level 3.3m center agitator shaft



Container bottom (0m)



Cross section of the average speed



Speed (m/s)

Conclusion

- ▶ The velocity of the medium after the simulation reached a stable value of 0.222m/s
- ▶ Experience shows that the value is 0.18 m/s, thus complete mixing is achieved

The values are to be understood as samples. No project-specific design.

Thank you for your attention!

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