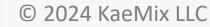


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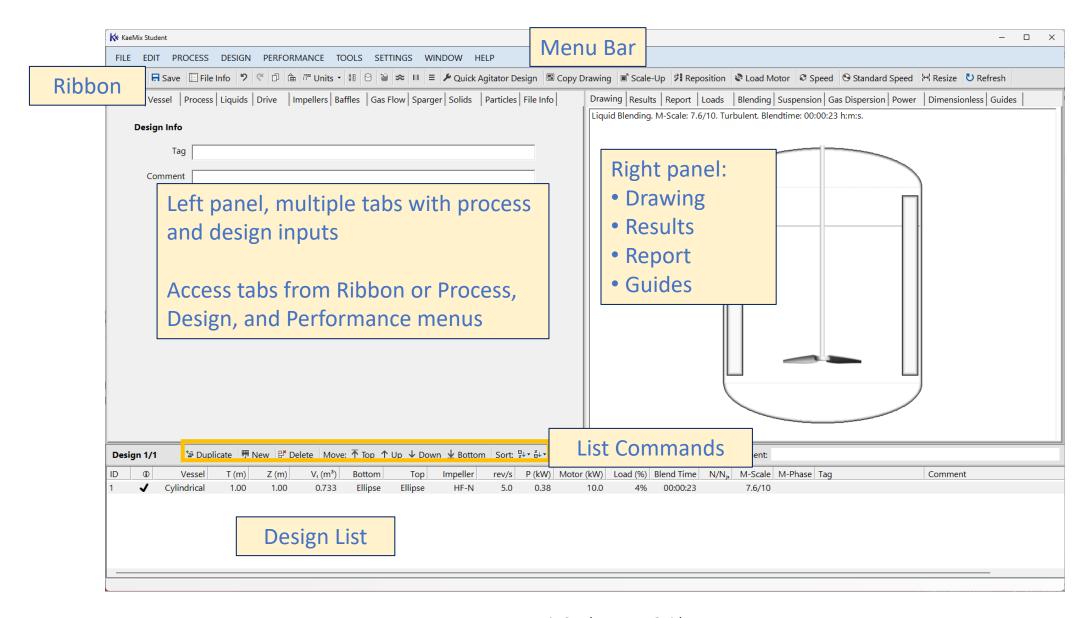
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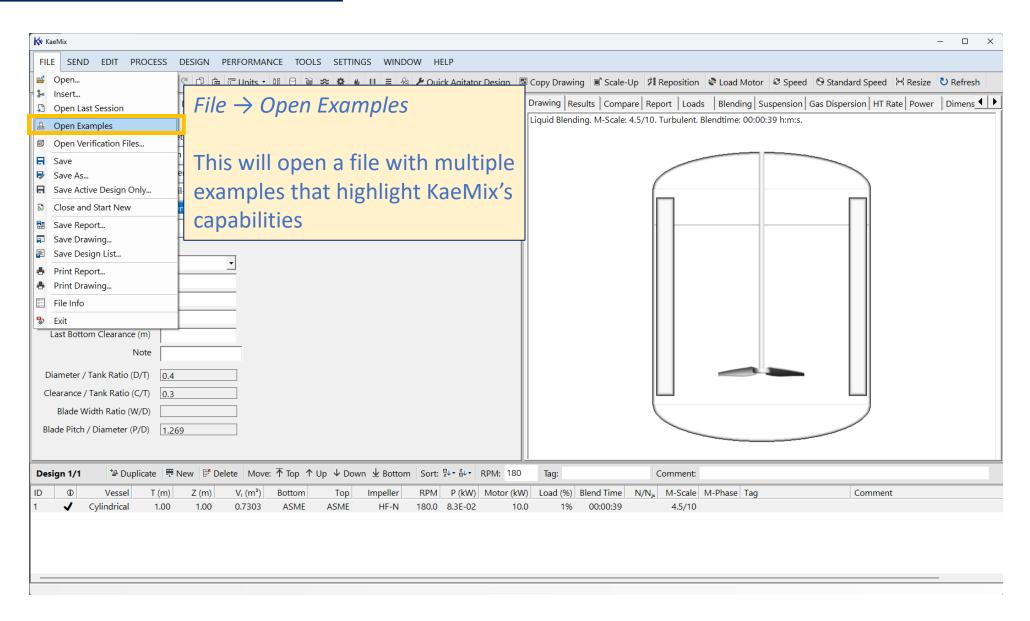
### Summary

- This document describes KaeMix Student's features, user interface, and how to use the program
- For instructions on how to install KaeMix Student, see the installation guide

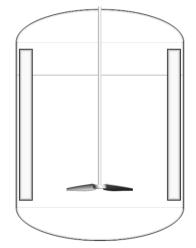
### Screen Layout



### **Built In Examples**



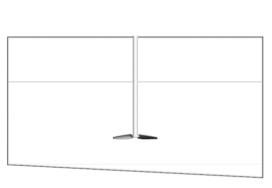
### Design Examples



Default design: single hydrofoil



Multiple hydrofoils



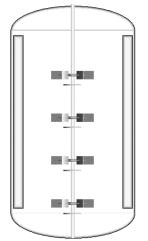
Rectangular vessel with sloped bottom



Hydrofoils, a disk turbine, and gas sparger

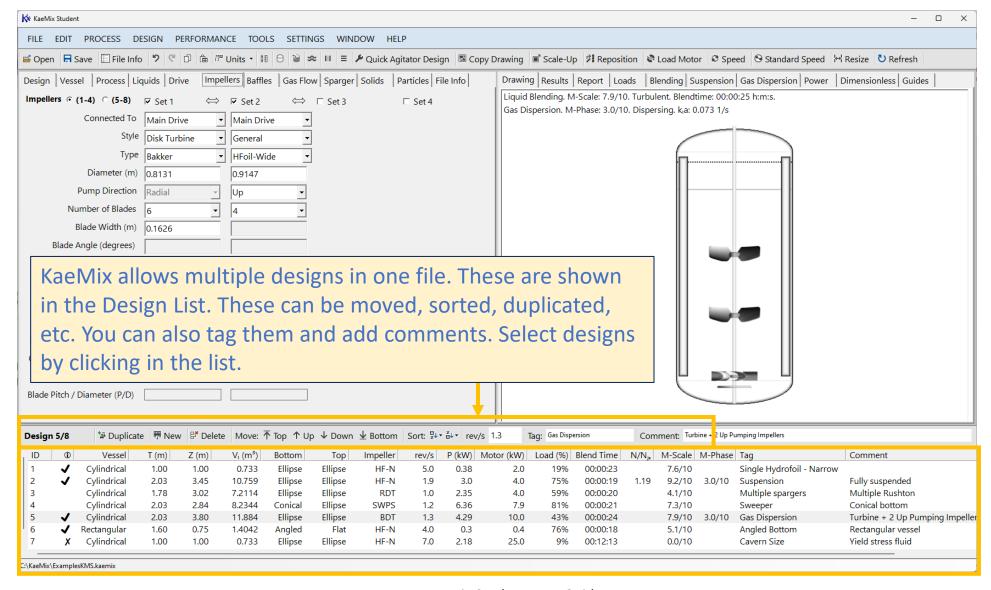


Hydrofoils, a sweeper, and helical coils

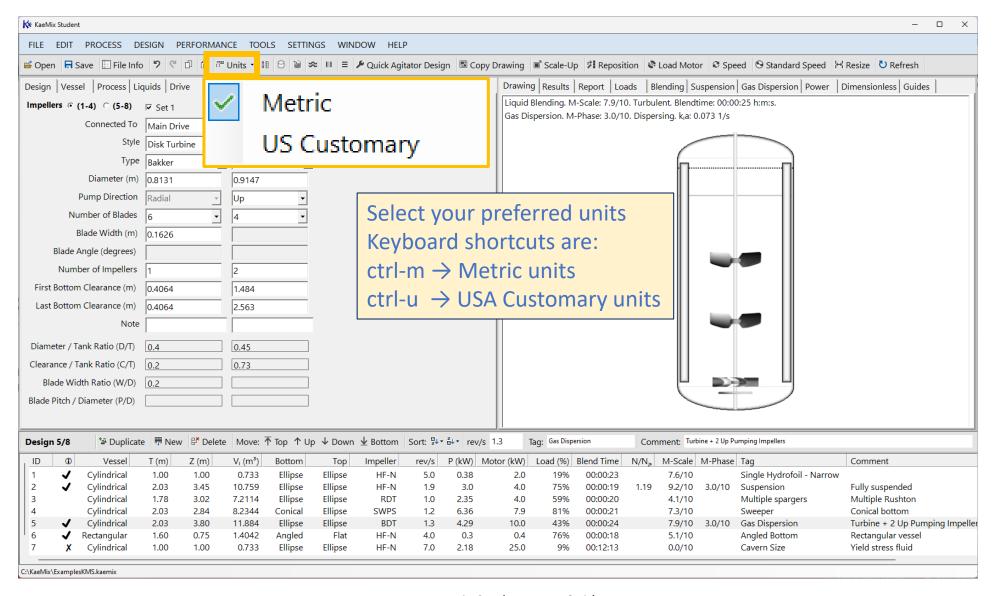


Multiple impellers and spargers

### Multiple Design Capability



### Unit Systems: Metric and USA





## Workflow





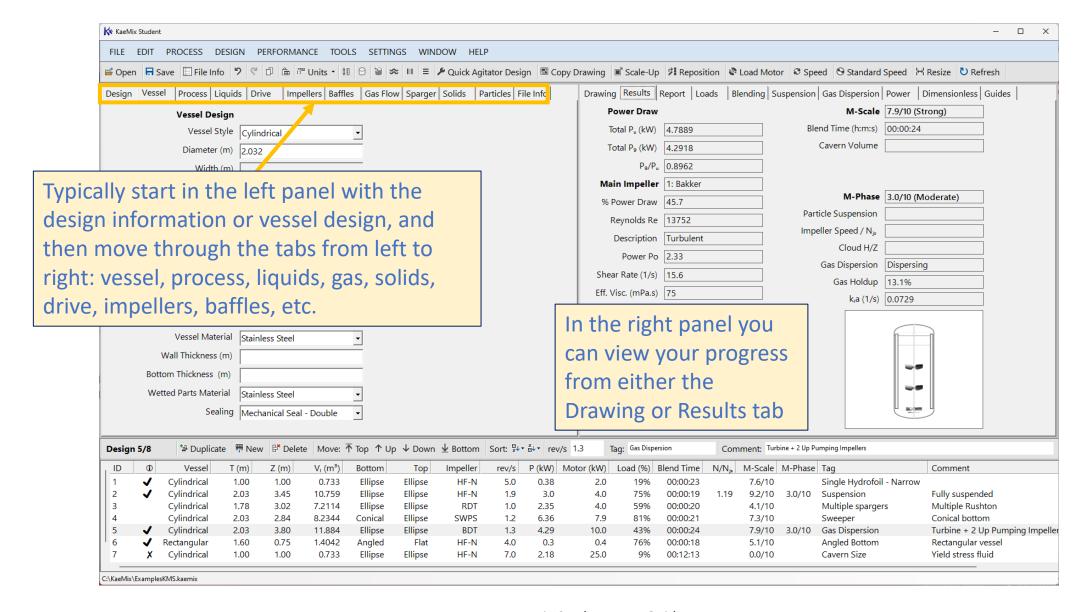




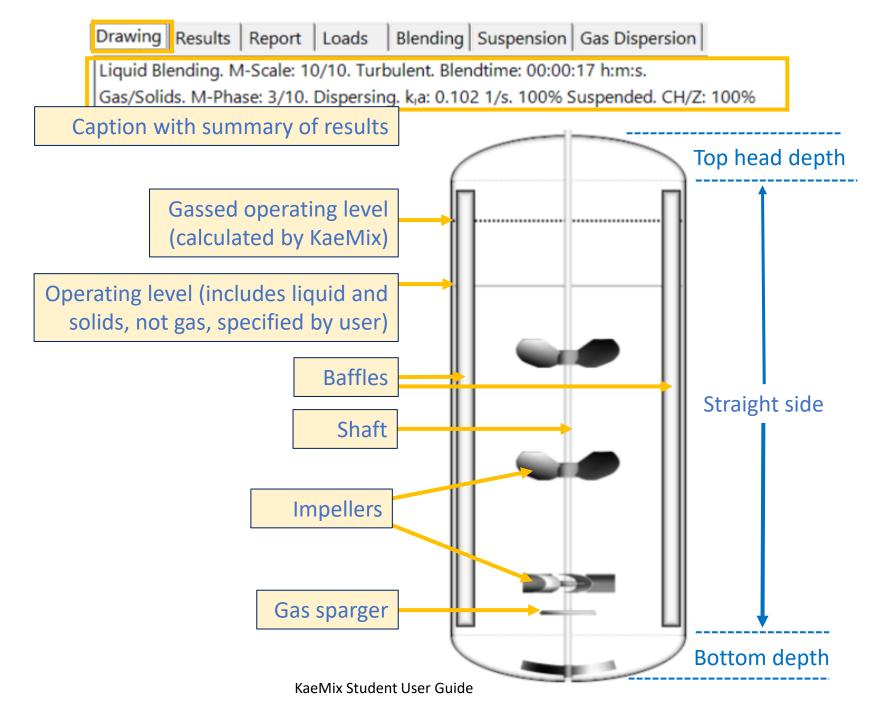




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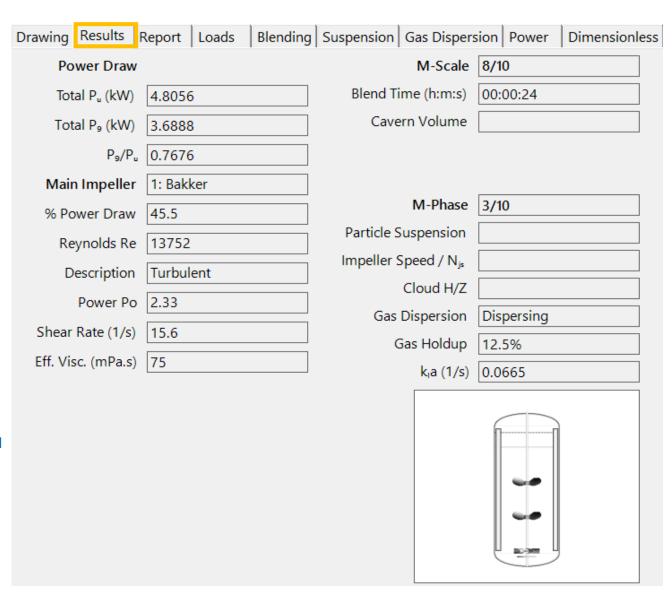
### Drawing



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### Results

- P<sub>...</sub>: total power draw of all submerged impellers, ungassed
- P<sub>g</sub>: total power draw of all submerged impellers, gassed
- P<sub>e</sub>/P<sub>u</sub>: ratio between gassed and ungassed power draw
- Main Impeller: name of the impeller with the highest power draw
- % Power Draw: main impeller power draw as percentage of total
- Reynolds Re: Reynolds number of main impeller
- Description: if flow is turbulent or laminar
- Power Po: main impeller power number
- Shear Rate: shear rate in region of main impeller
- Eff. Visc.: effective viscosity based on main impeller shear rate
- M-Scale: a 1 to 10 scale of agitation for liquid mixing
- Blend time: time to reach 100% uniformity in liquid
- Cavern volume: volume of caverns around impellers for yield stress fluids
- M-Phase: a 1 to 10 scale of agitation for the gas and/or solids phases
- Particle Suspension: percentage of the solids suspended into the liquid
- Impeller Speed / Njs: ratio between impeller speed and the just-suspended speed for the impeller that contributes the most to the off-bottom suspension
- Cloud H/Z: ratio between the height of the solids cloud and the operating level
- Gas Dispersion: if the gas is being dispersed or the impeller is flooded
- Gas Holdup: volume of gas divided by total volume (liquid + solid + gas)
- K<sub>i</sub>a: gas-liquid mass transfer coefficient



### M-Scale

 Originally, a 1 to 10 Scale of Agitation\* for blending applications, described in:

"How to design agitators for desired process response" Hicks et al., Chemical Engineering, April 1976

### • Scale of 1 to 10:

- M-Scale 1-2 are for applications requiring minimum fluid velocities to achieve the process result.
- M-Scale 2 will blend miscible liquids to uniformity if specific gravity differences are less than 0.1; blend miscible fluids to uniformity if the viscosity of the most viscous is less than 100 times that of the other; establish complete fluid-batch control; and produce a flat, but moving, fluid-batch surface.
- <u>M-Scale 3-6</u> are characteristic of fluid velocities in most chemical process industries agitated batches.
- <u>M-Scale 6</u> will blend miscible liquids to uniformity if specific gravity differences are less than 0.6; blend miscible fluids to uniformity if the viscosity of the most viscous is less than 10000 times that of the other; and produce surface rippling at lower viscosities.
- M-Scale 7-10 are characteristic of applications requiring high fluid velocity for the process result, such as in critical reactors.
- <u>M-Scale 10</u> will blend miscible liquids to uniformity if specific gravity differences are less than 1.0; blend miscible fluids to uniformity if the viscosity of the most viscous is less than 100,000 times that of the other; and produce surging surfaces at low viscosities.

### M-Scale Descriptions

1: Slow

2: Mild

3: Moderate

4: Intermediate

5: Medium

6: Medium-Strong

7: Strong

8: Very Strong

9: Powerful

10: Very Powerful\*

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<sup>\*</sup> In KaeMix the scale has been extended to a maximum of 14

### M-Phase

 Originally, a 1 to 10 Scale of Agitation\* for multiphase applications, described in:

For solids: "Selecting agitator systems to suspend solids in liquids" Gates et al., Chemical Engineering, May 1976

For gas: "How to select turbine agitators for dispersing gas into liquids" Hicks and Gates, Chemical Engineering, July 1976

For gas and solids: KaeMix reports the lower value of the gas and solids scales

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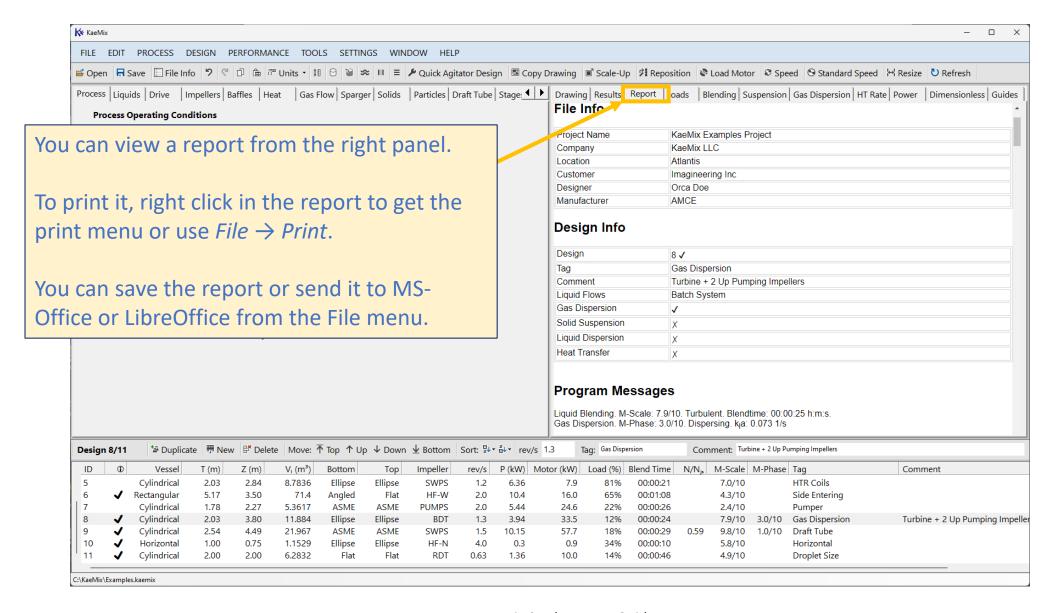
#### • Solids suspension:

- M-Phase 1-2 produces motion of all solids. Moving fillets of solids on the bottom are periodically suspended.
- M-Phase 3-5 is sufficient for most suspension applications including dissolving solids. All solids are completely suspended off the vessel bottom. Typically, suitable for slurry drawoff at low exit-nozzle elevations.
- M-Phase 6-8 is for when the solids-suspension level needs to approach uniformity. Typically, suitable for slurry drawoff up to 80% of fluid-batch height.
- <u>M-Phase 9-10</u> is for applications where the solids-suspension uniformity is the maximum practical. Typically, suitable for slurry drawoff by means of overflow.

#### Gas dispersion:

- <u>M-Phase 0</u> indicates the impeller system is flooded by the gas.
- M-Phase 1-2 is for when the degree of gas dispersion is not critical.
- M-Scale 2 provides a coarse level of gas dispersion and is typical of applications that are not mass-transfer limited.
- M-Phase 3-5 provides complete gas dispersion. Fine bubbles are driven to the vessel wall and recirculated back into the impeller.
- M-Phase 6-10 is for critical gas-liquid reactors where rapid mass transfer is required. Fine dispersions are accomplished, and gasliquid interfacial area is maximized.

### Report





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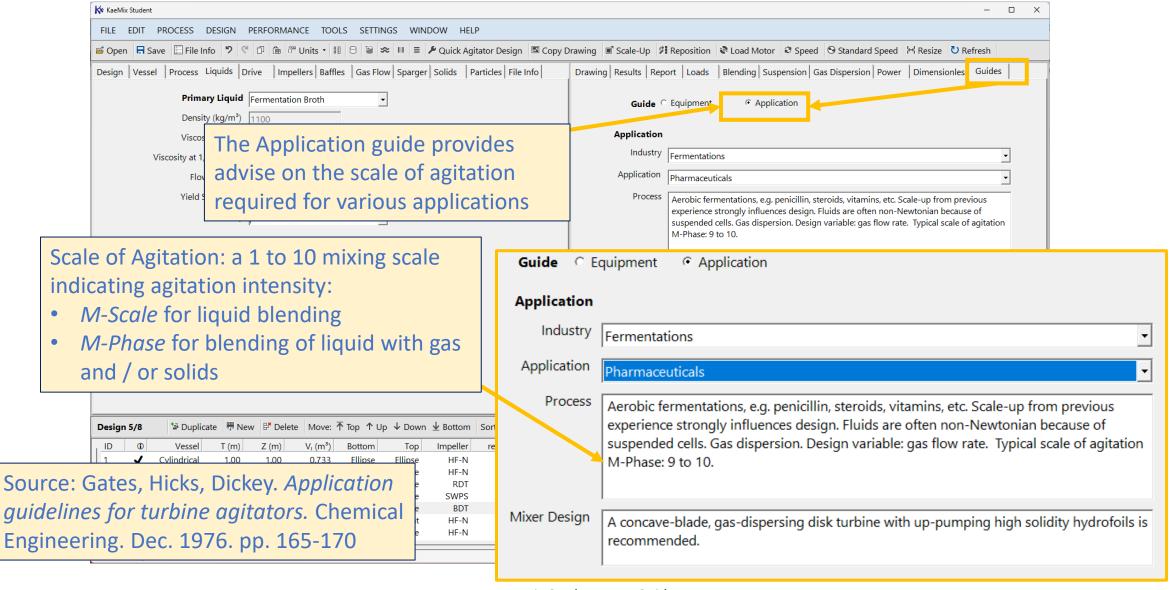




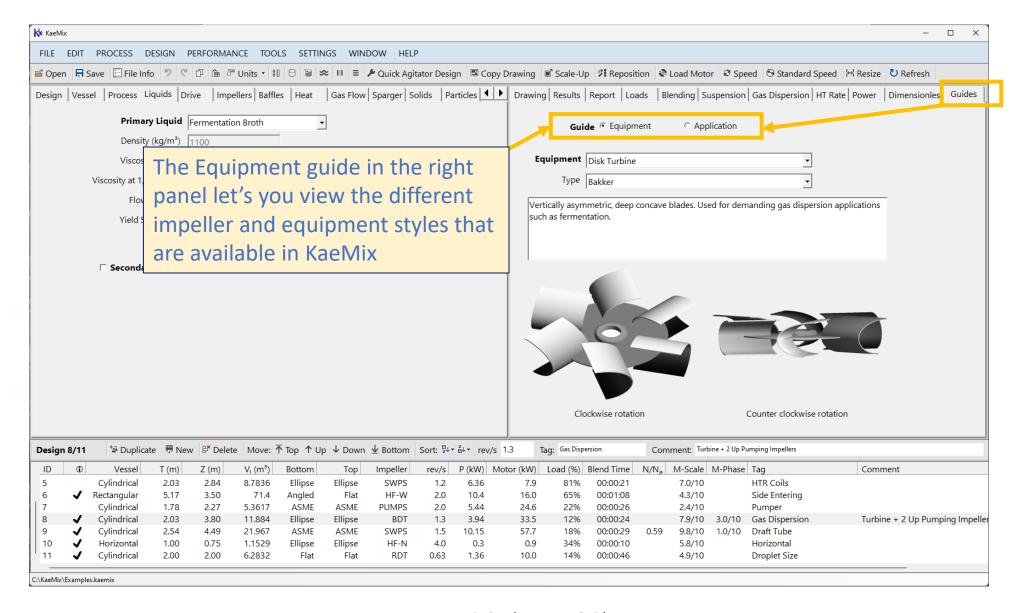




### **Guides: Applications**



### Guides: Equipment





# File and Design Info





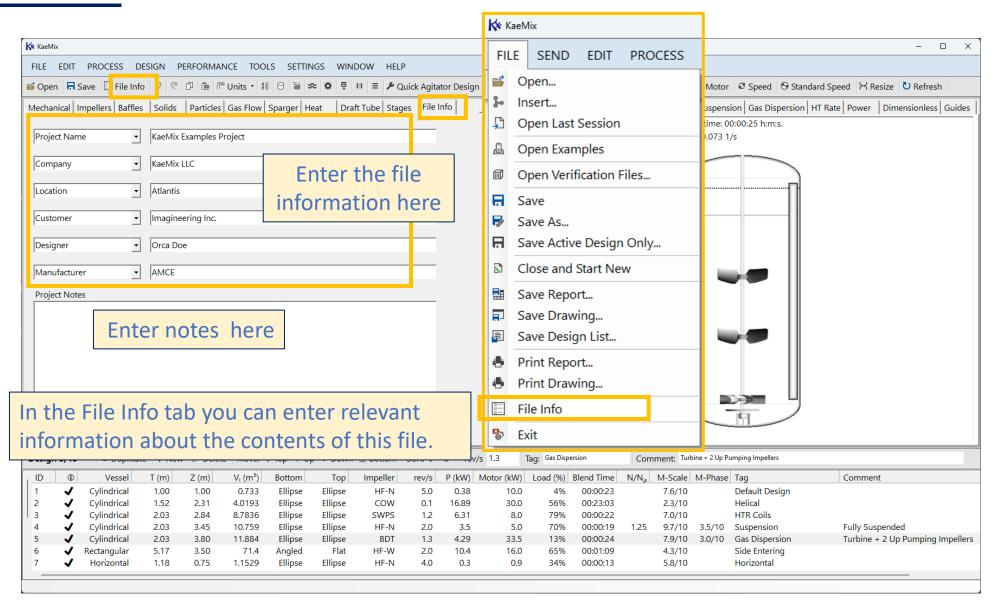




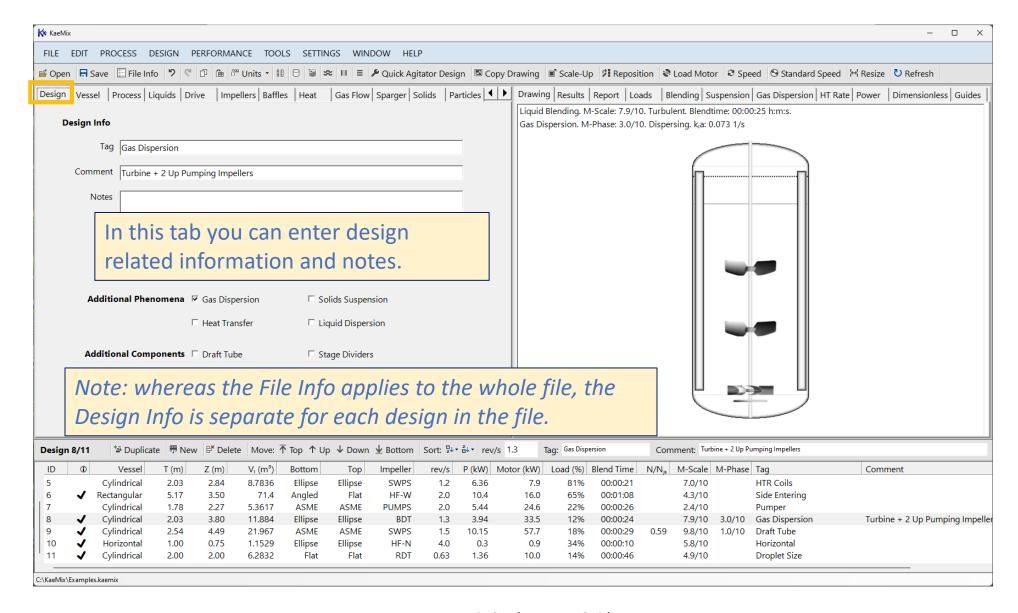




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### Design Info





# Vessel Design







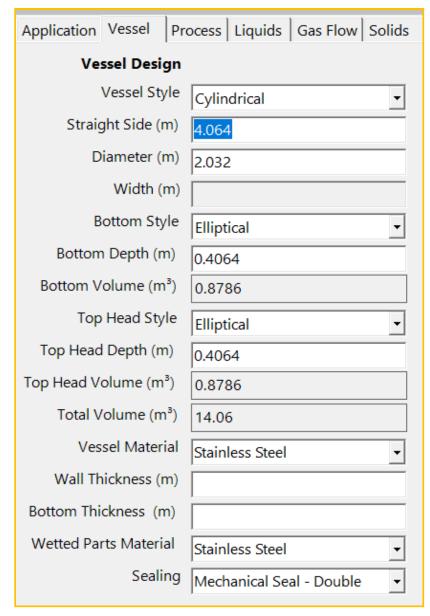


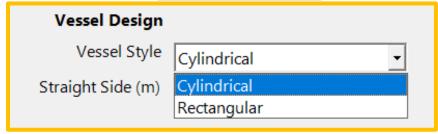


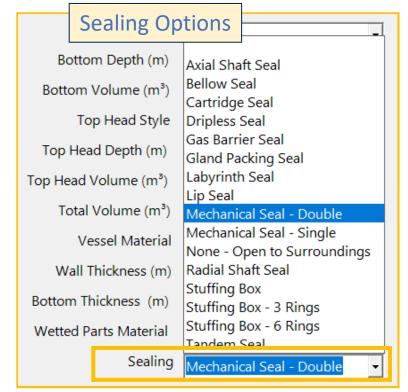


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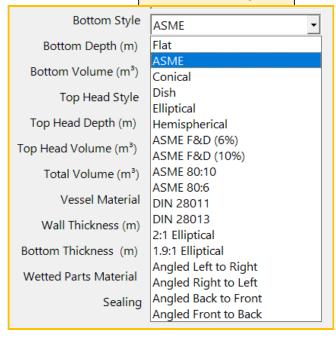
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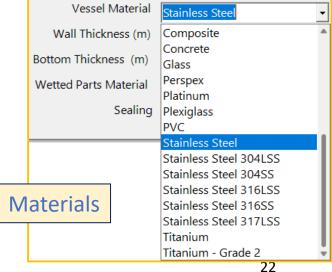






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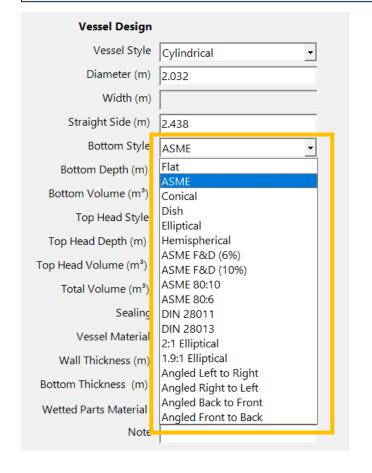


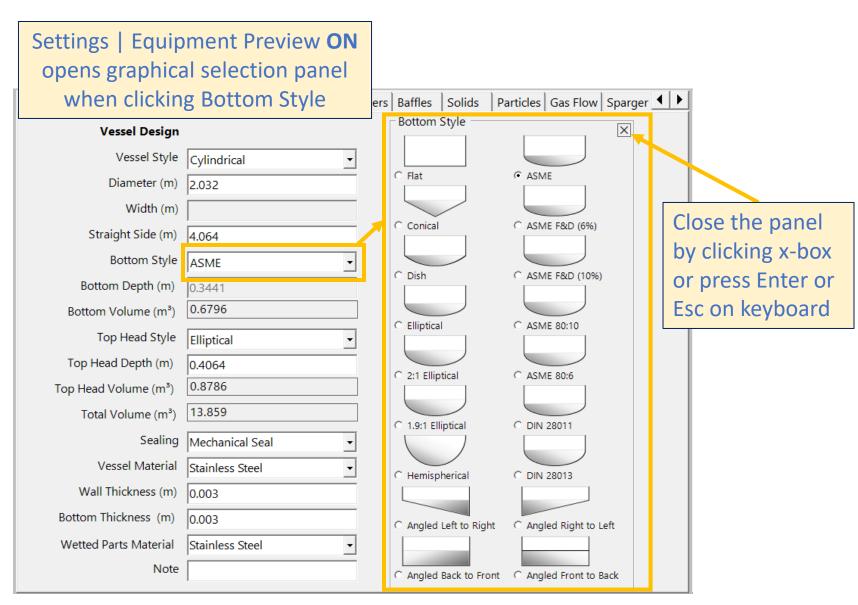


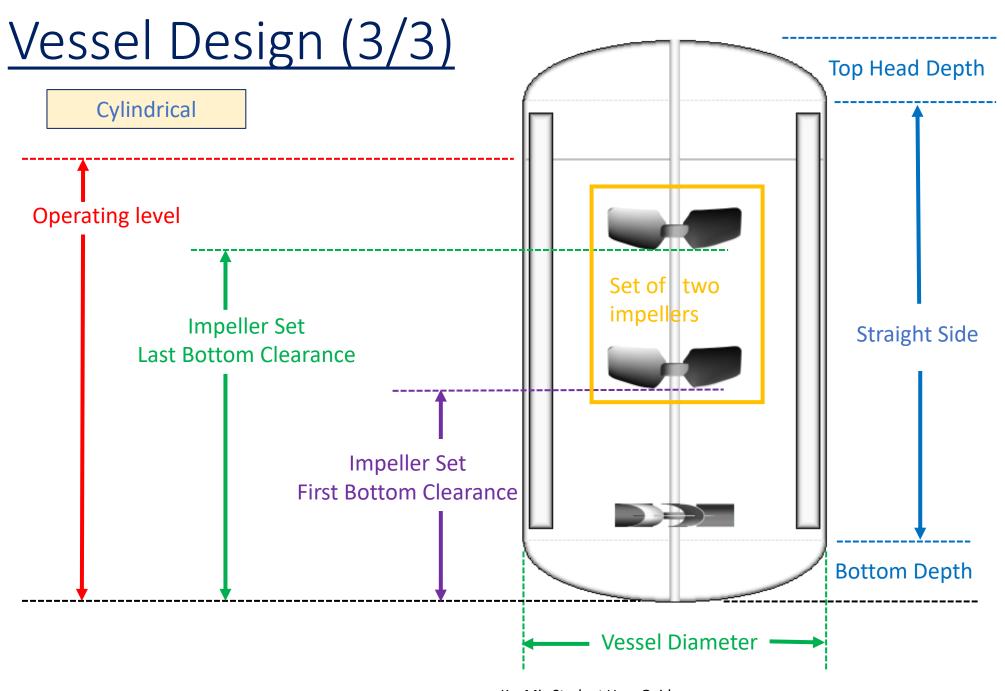
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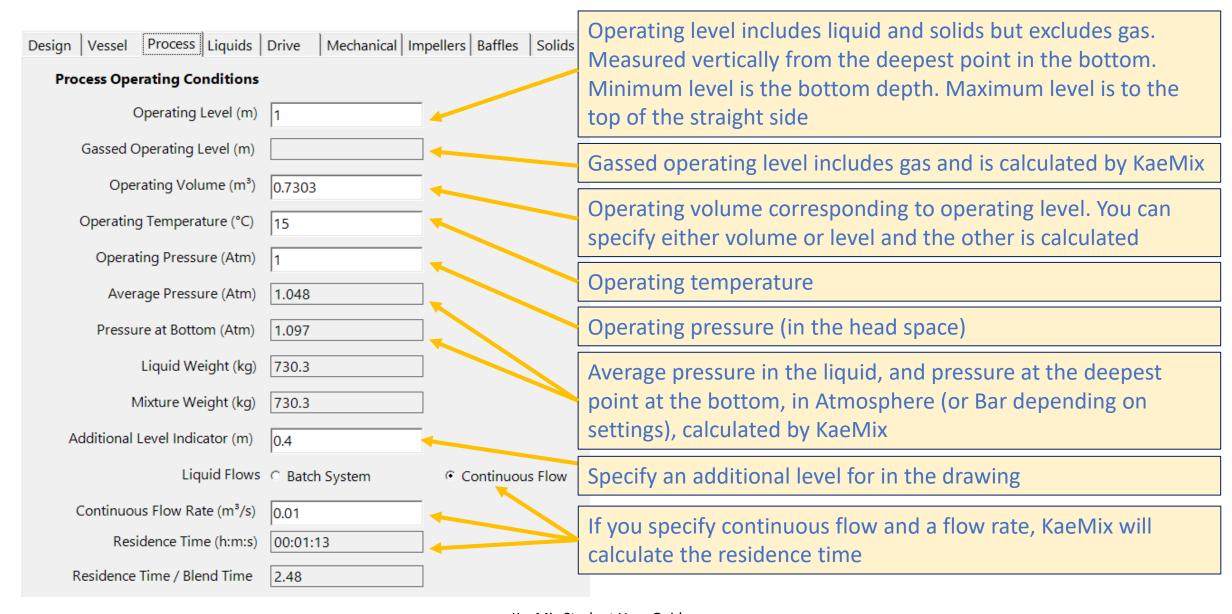






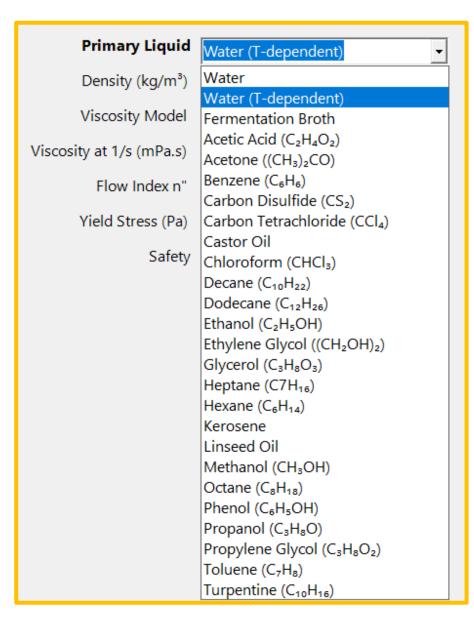


### Process Operating Conditions



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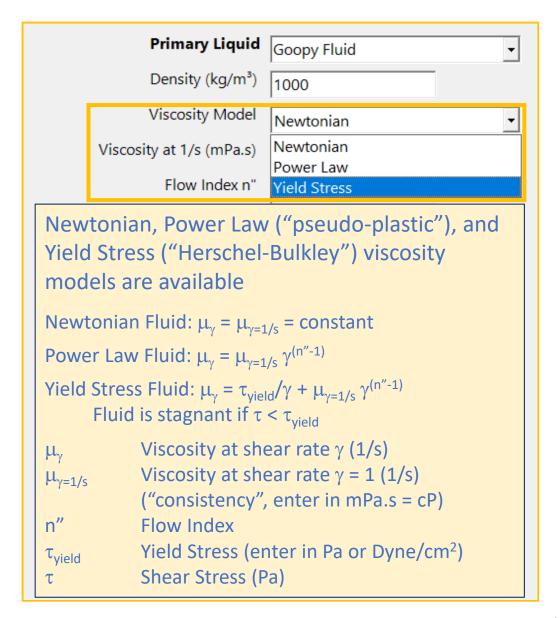
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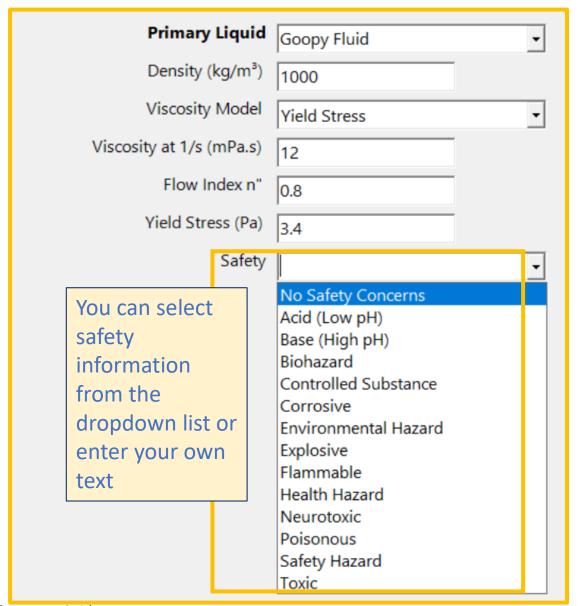


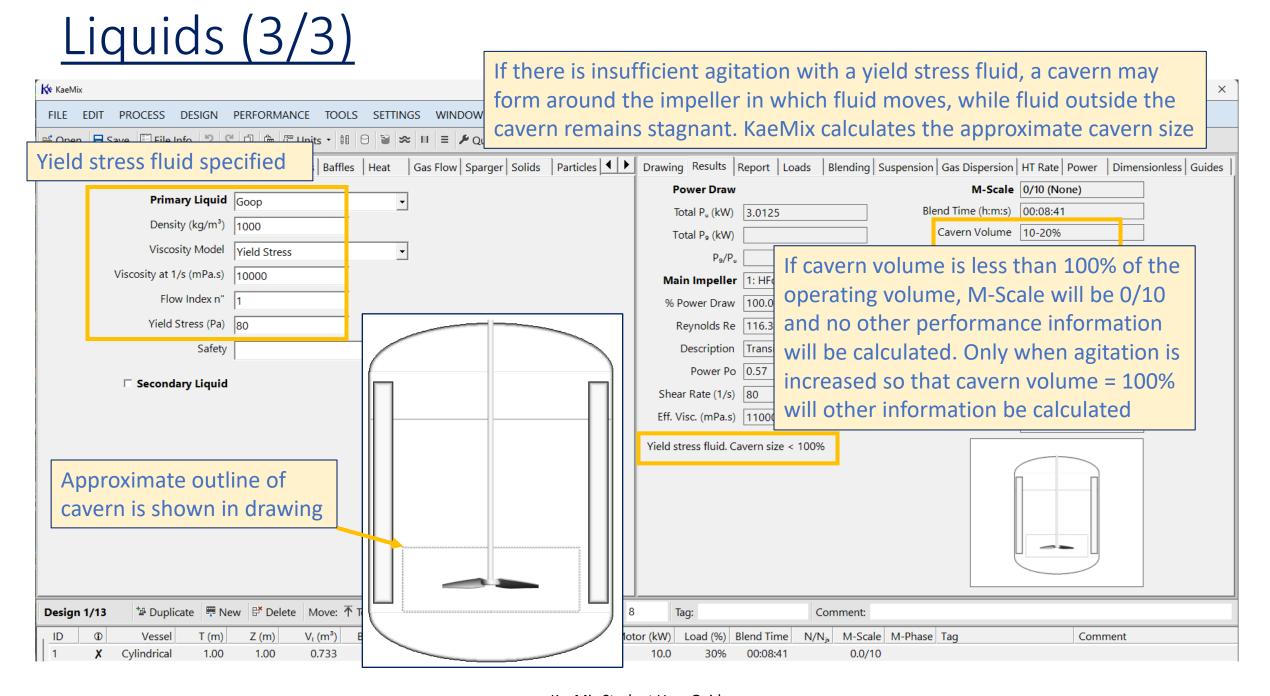
If you select a liquid from the dropdown list the physical properties will be set automatically. The properties are constant, except for *Water (T-dependent)* in which case density and viscosity vary with temperature.

*Important:* To specify your own liquid with your own physical properties, first enter a name that does not appear in the dropdown list!

## Liquids (2/3)









# Design Tools







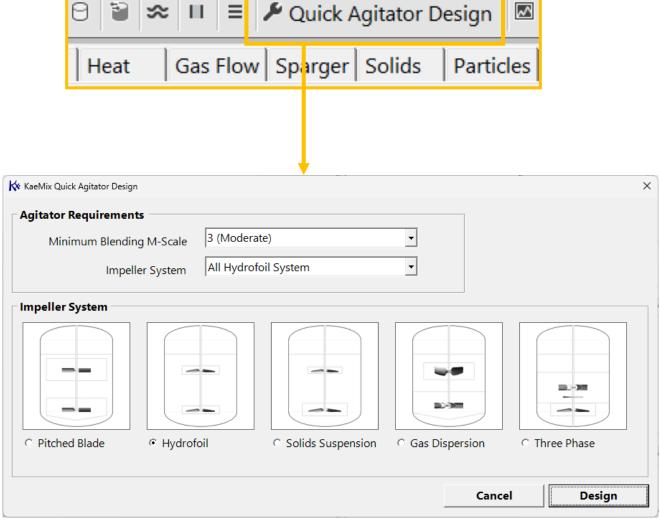






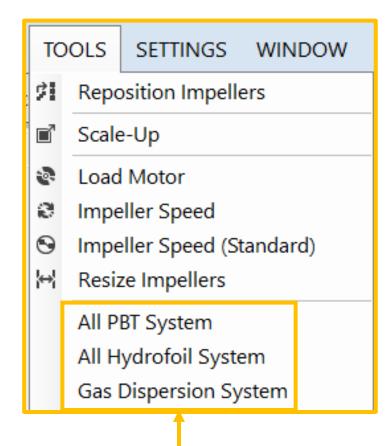
### Quick Agitator Design

- After specifying the vessel, process, and liquids, the fastest way to create an initial agitator design is using the Quick Agitator Design panel
- Specify the impeller system and required M-Scale, click Design, and KaeMix will design the agitator



### Tools Menu

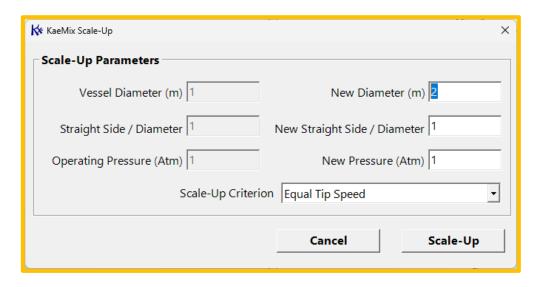
- *Reposition Impellers*: spaces the impellers evenly over the height of the vessel
- Scale Up: opens the Scale Up panel
- Load Motor: adjust speed and diameter to load the motor
- Impeller Speed: adjusts speed only to load the motor
- Impeller Speed (Standard): sets the highest standard RPM that does not overload the motor
- Resize Impellers: adjusts impeller diameters to load motor
- All PBT System: designs system with Pitched Blade Turbines
- All Hydrofoil System: designs system with Hydrofoils
- *Gas Dispersion System*: designs system with lower disk turbine, upper hydrofoils

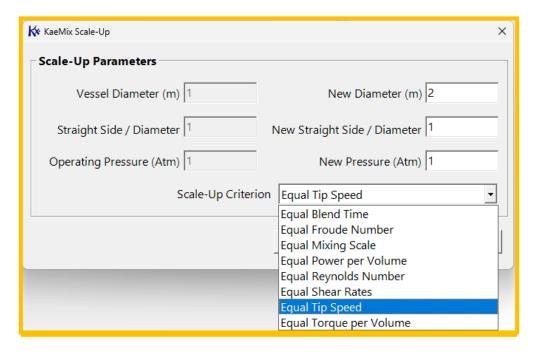


**Tip:** use these impeller system options to initialize your impeller design before refining it on the Impellers page

## Scale-Up

- Tools  $\rightarrow$  Scale-Up
- You can scale up or down
- You can change the aspect ratio of the vessel by modifying the ratio between Straight Side and Vessel Diameter
- Available Scale Up criteria:
  - Equal Blend Time
  - Equal Froude Number
  - Equal Mixing Scale (M-Scale)
  - Equal Power per Volume
  - Equal Reynolds Number
  - Equal Shear Rates
  - Equal Tip Speed
  - Equal Torque per Volume
- Clicking Scale-Up adds a new design







## **Drives and Shafts**





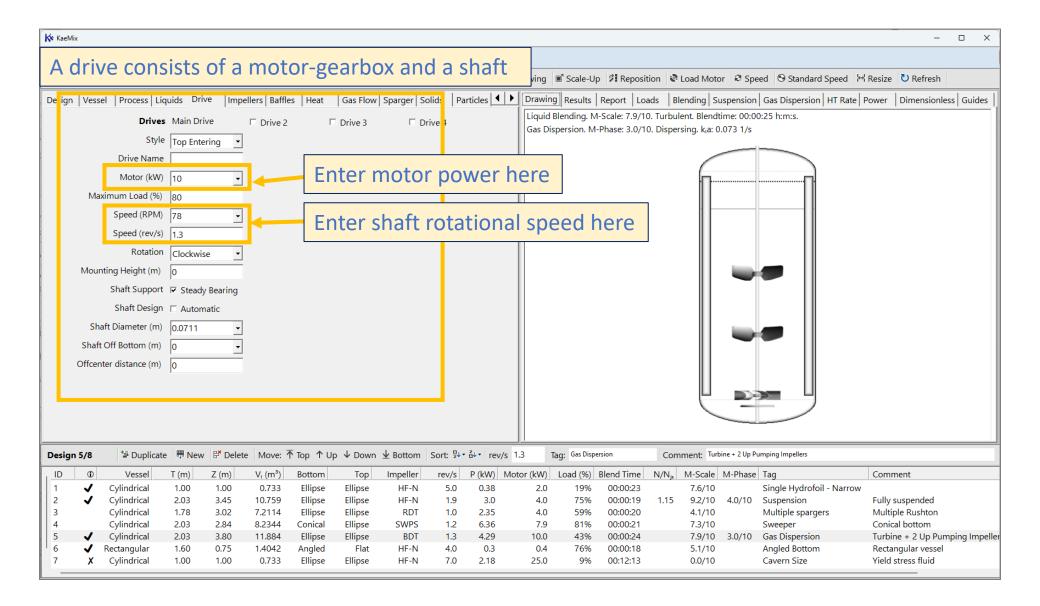




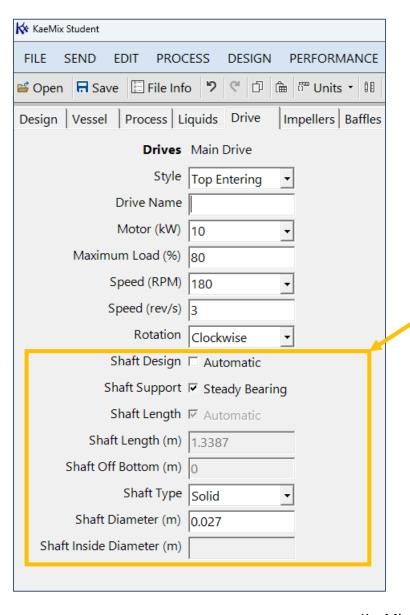




### Drives



### <u>Drives – Shaft Design</u>



Shaft Design can be set to Automatic or the shaft can be specified by the user. Shafts can be solid or hollow.

Shaft Length is calculated as follows:

Length = Top Head Depth

- + Vessel Straight Side
- + Bottom Depth
- Shaft Off Bottom



# Impellers





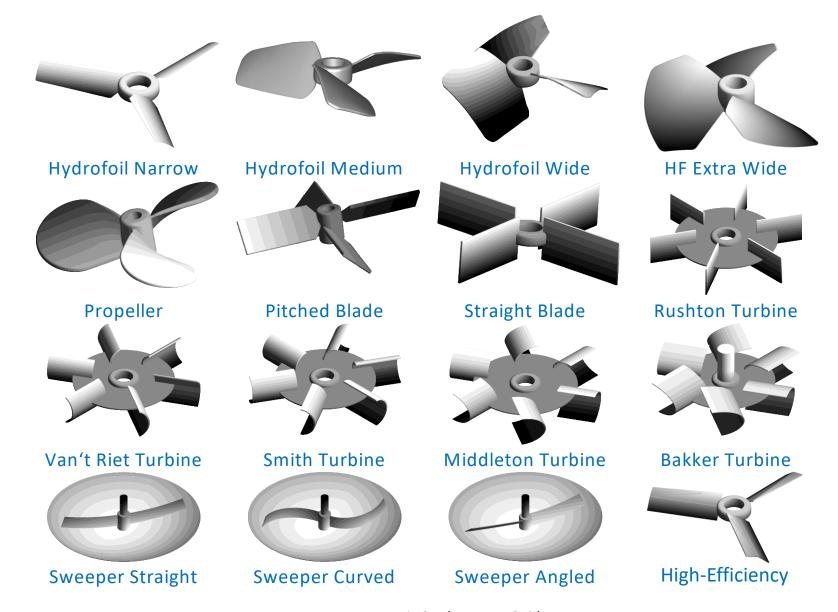






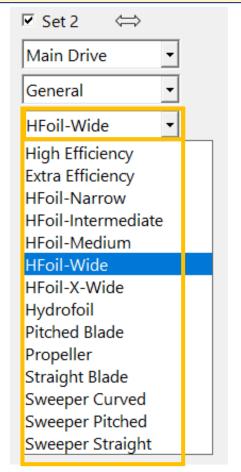


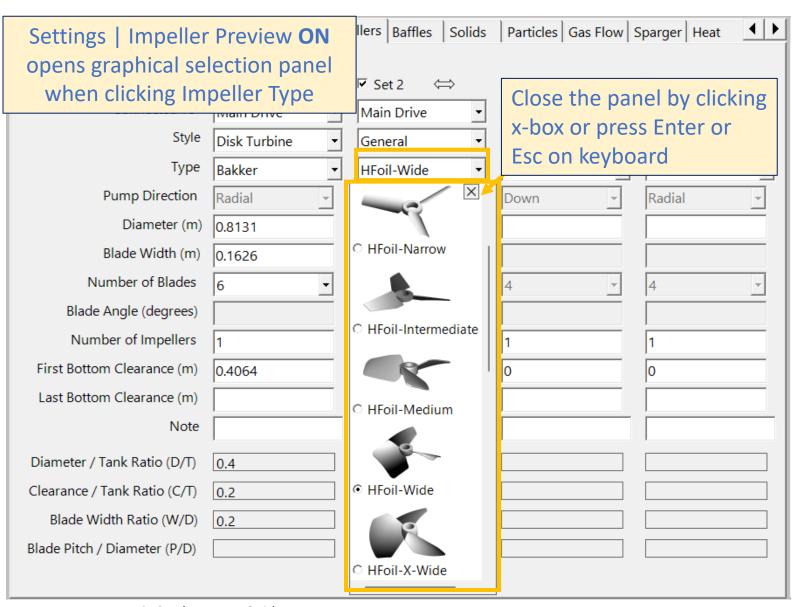
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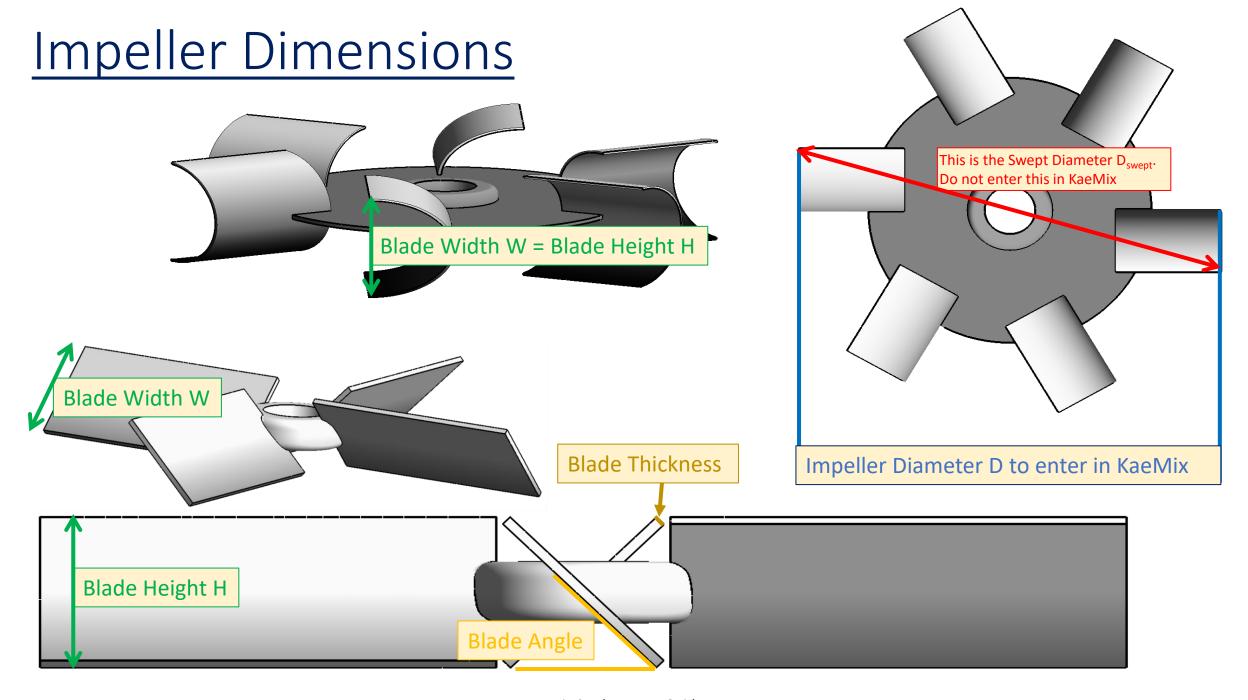


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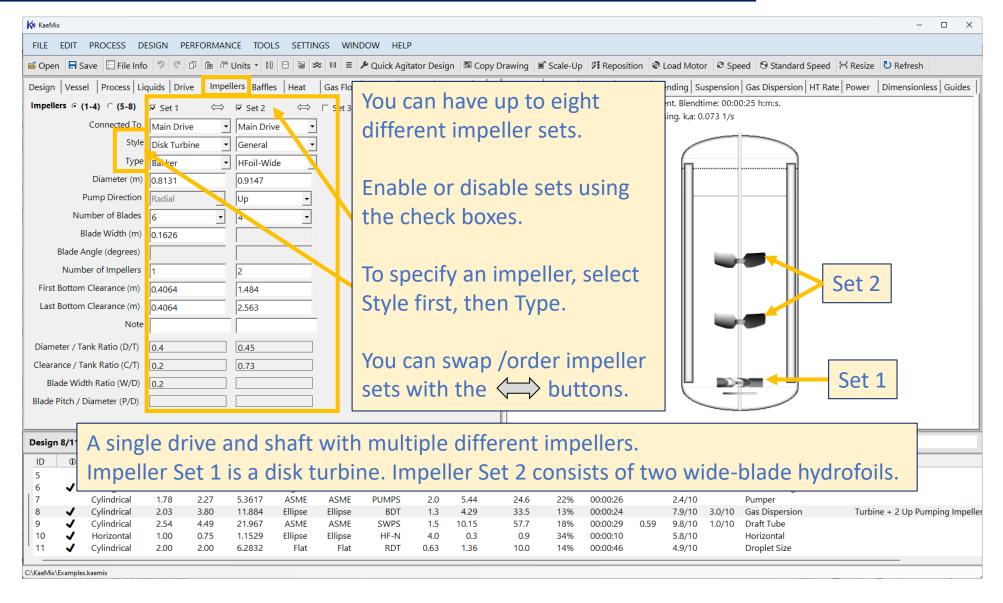
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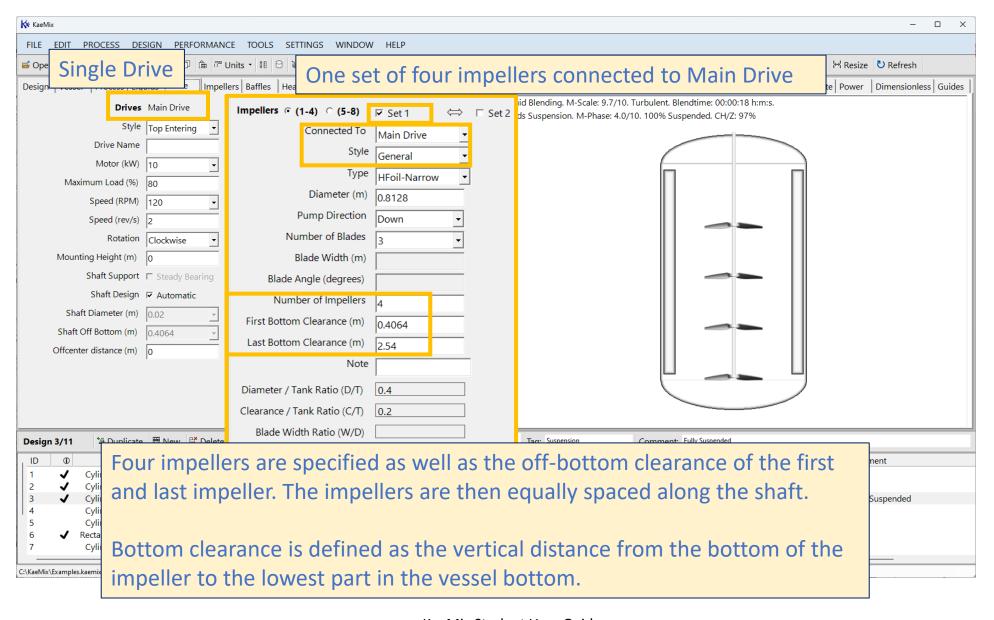




### Multiple Impellers of Different Type



### Multiple Impellers of Same Type





# Baffles





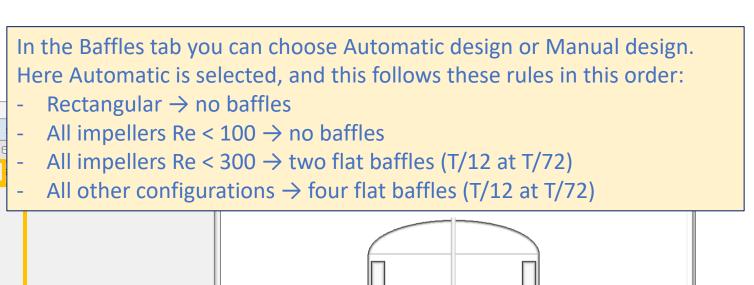


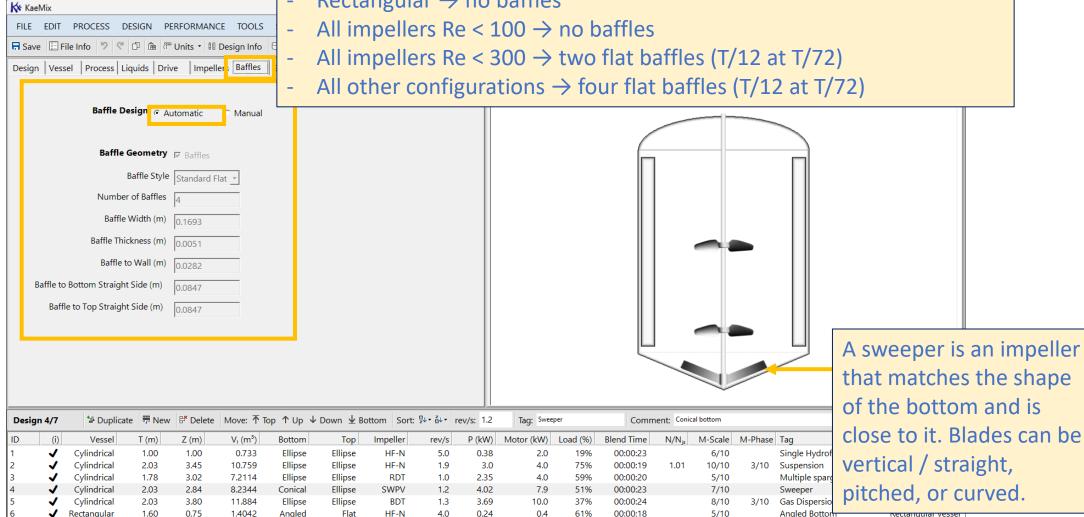






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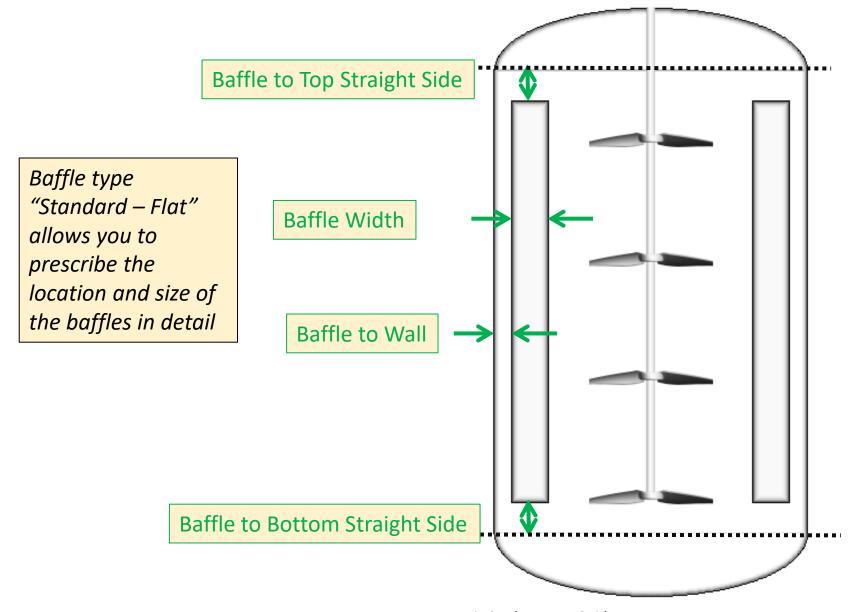


Angled Bottor Cylindrical 1.00 1.00 0.733 5.0 1.15 10.0 11% 0/10 Cavern Size

close to it. Blades can be

Yield stress fluid

# Baffle Design – Manual





# Gas Dispersion





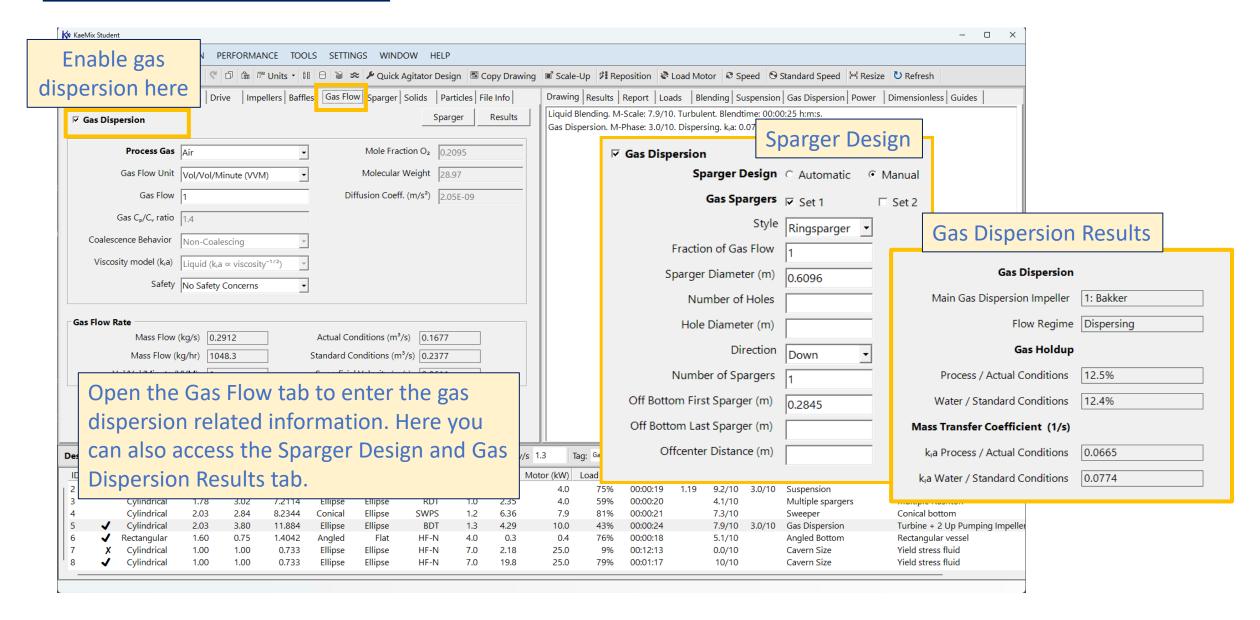




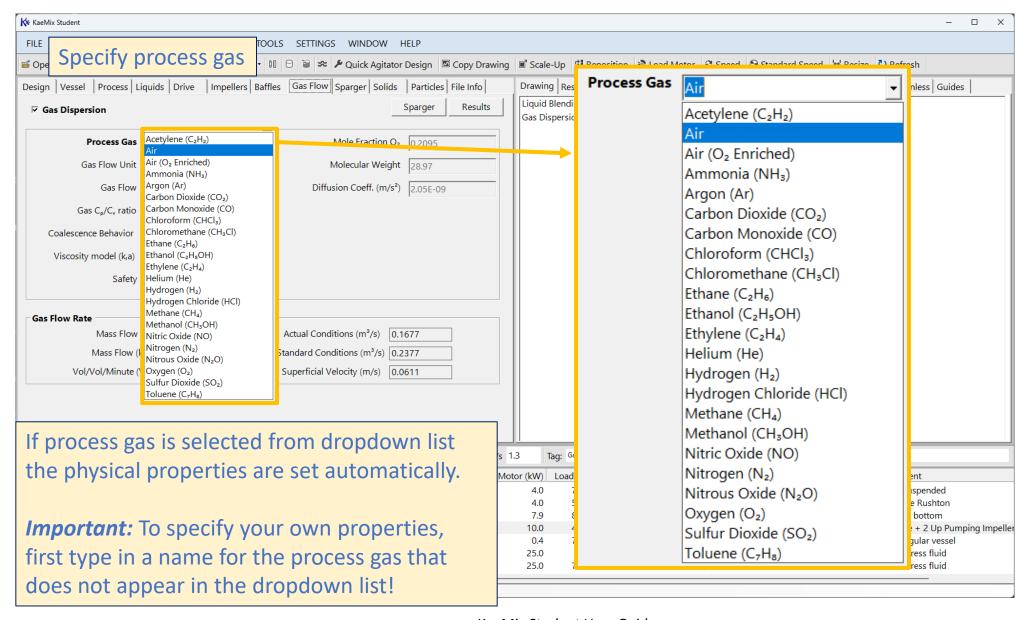




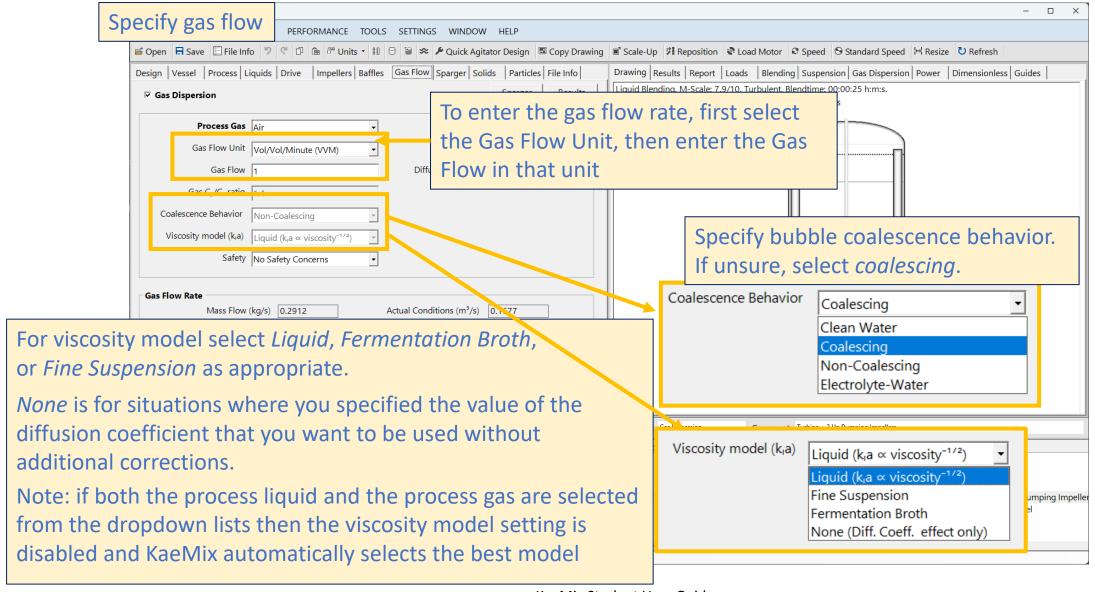
#### Gas Dispersion



#### Gas Dispersion – Process Gas



# Gas Dispersion – Flow Rate (1/2)



# Gas Dispersion - Flow Rate (2/2)

# Mass Flow (kg/s) 0.2824 Actual Conditions (m³/s) 0.1714 Mass Flow (kg/hr) 1016.7 Standard Conditions (m³/s) 0.2305 Vol/Vol/Minute (VVM) 1 Superficial Velocity (m/s) 0.0611

VVM and superficial gas velocities are calculated based on average gas temperature and average pressure

VVM is gas volumetric flow rate / operating volume per minute

Gas flow rates in USA units are shown if KaeMix is set to USA units

Actual Conditions are defined as the temperature and the pressure at the bottom

Standard Conditions mean the International Standard Metric Conditions: 15°C / 59°F at 1 Atm

Here, CFM is Cubic Feet per Minute. Standard is 59°F at 1 Atm <u>Tip:</u> it is best to enter gas flow as a <u>mass flow</u> rate because not everyone uses the same definitions for standard or actual conditions used in volumetric flow rate calculations

Gas Flow Rate			
Mass Flow (lb/s)	0.6226	Actual CFM	363.25
Mass Flow (lb/hr)	2241.4	Standard CFM	488.41
Vol/Vol/Minute (VVM)	1	Superficial Velocity (ft/s)	0.2004

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#### Gas Dispersion - Results

Main impeller: the lowest impeller that is directly gassed

Flow Regime: Flooded means the gas rises through the impeller system without being driven to the wall. Coarse Dispersion means gas is driven direction vessel wall but may not completely reach it and there is no recirculation. Dispersing means that gas is driven to the vessel wall and some smaller bubbles may recirculate. Complete dispersion means that gas is also driven down at the vessel wall and part of the gas recirculates through the impeller system

Gas holdup and mass transfer coefficient  $k_l$ a are shown for the process / actual conditions; for water / standard conditions (15°C/  $59^{\circ}$ F and atmospheric pressure); and for the custom correlations

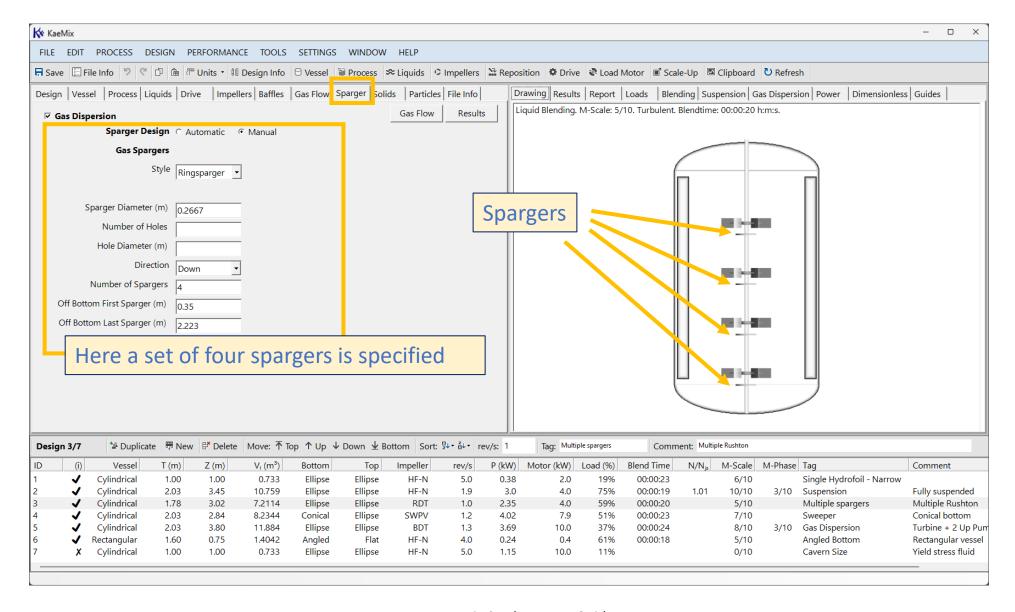
The following is not included in holdup and k<sub>1</sub>a calculations:

- o Power input by impellers below the lowest sparger
- Gas input from spargers above the highest impeller
- Impellers and spargers located above the user specified operating level (which is ungassed)

Dip tube spargers work less well than other spargers and a reduced efficiency is assigned to them

Gas Dispersion					
Main Gas Dispersion Impeller	1: Bakker				
Flow Regime	Dispersing				
Gas Holdup					
Holdup α (Process / Actual Conditions)	13.1%				
Holdup α (Water / Standard Conditions)	13.0%				
Mass Transfer Coefficient (1/s)					
k₁a (Process / Actual Conditions)	0.0294				
k₁a (Water / Standard Conditions)	0.0844				

### Sparger Design





# Solids Suspension





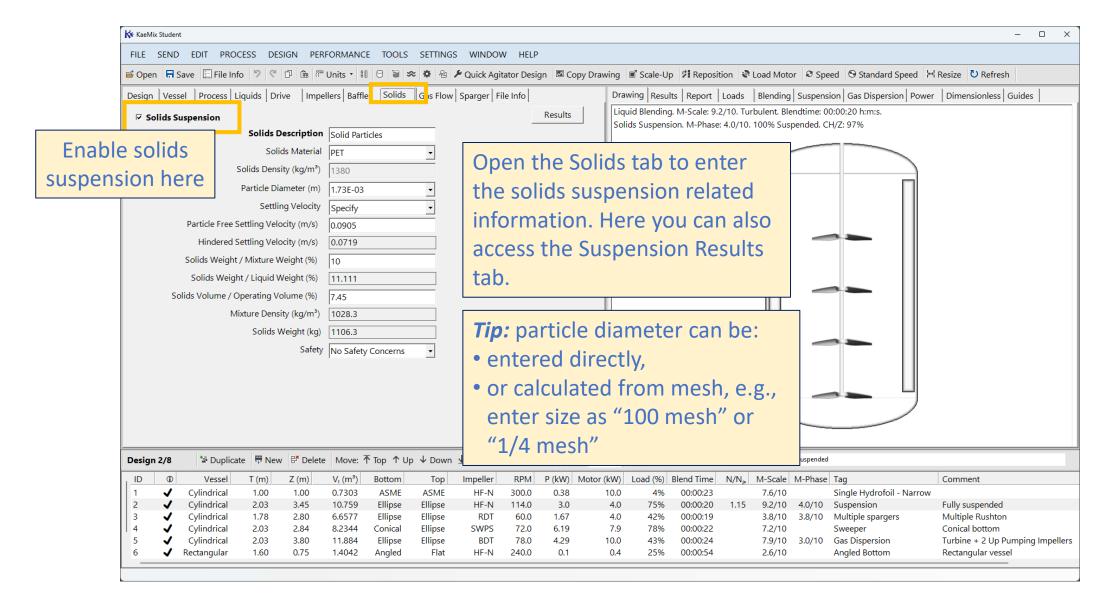








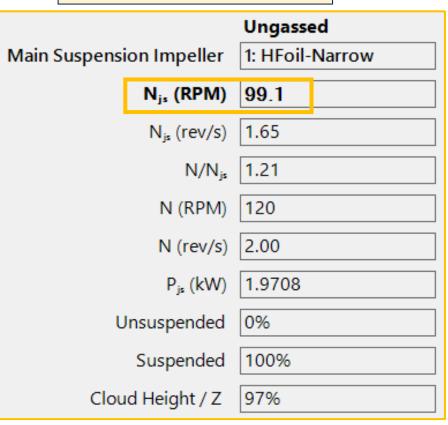
# Solids Suspension



# Solids Suspension Results (1/3)

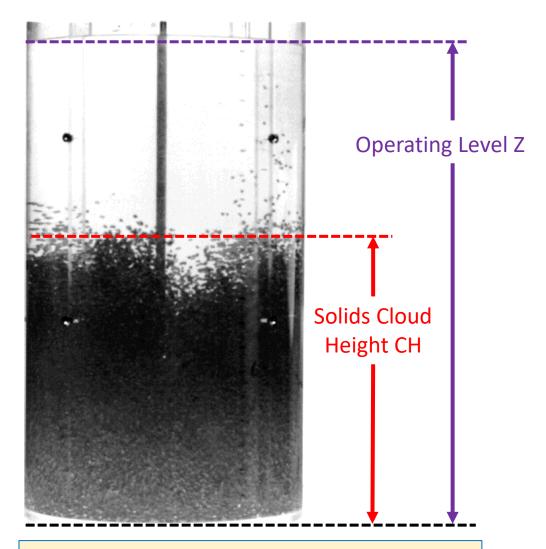
- N<sub>is</sub> is the just-suspended speed
- Main impeller is name of impeller that contributes most to the off-bottom suspension process
- Three methods are used to calculate this:
  - 1.  $N_{js}$  GMB: Grenville-Mak-Brown (2015). Down pumping axial flow impellers. Scaleup exponent is -0.67
  - 2. N<sub>js</sub> CFM: Corpstein-Fasano-Myers (1994). Both down and up pumping axial flow impellers. Scaleup exponent depends on particle properties.
  - 3. N<sub>js</sub> Zwietering: Zwietering (1958). Radial and axial flow impellers. Scaleup exponent is -0.85.
- N<sub>is</sub> is reported as the average of these calculations
- The percentage of unsuspended (settled on the bottom) solids, the percentage of suspended solids, and the Cloud Height / Z (operating level) ratio are reported also for conditions where these can be calculated

**Solids Suspension Results** 



# Solids Suspension Results (2/3)

- The Cloud Height / Z (operating level)
  ratio is reported also for conditions where
  this can be calculated
- A cloud height CH/Z of 100% means that the solids cloud reaches the liquid surface
  - Note that this does not mean that the solids are 100% uniformly distributed throughout the liquid: there may still be concentration gradients
- Cloud height calculations are based on Hicks M.T., Myers K.J., Bakker A. (1997) Cloud Height in Solids Suspension Agitation, Chem. Eng. Comm., Vol. 160, pp 137-155.

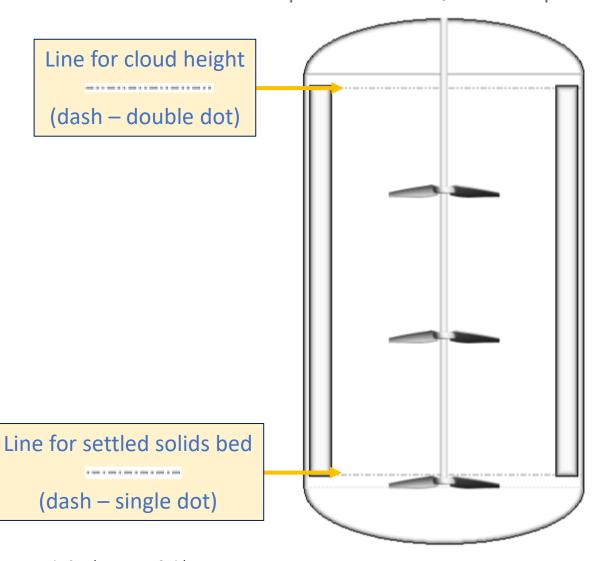


In this experiment, cloud height CH /  $Z \approx 60\%$ 

# Solids Suspension Results (3/3)

- If Settings | Draw Solids Levels is On then KaeMix will draw lines at the predicted cloud height and at the height of the solids bed if all solids were settled
- Limitations: only for cylindrical and rectangular vessels for which solids suspension calculations can be performed. Solids bed level only drawn if it is greater than the bottom depth. Cloud height only drawn if able to be calculated. If CH/Z = 100% then operating level and cloud height are the same and the line for cloud height is not visible

Liquid Blending. M-Scale: 8.2/10. Turbulent. Blendtime: 00:00:25 h:m:s. Solids Suspension. M-Phase: 4.0/10. 100% Suspended. CH/Z: 97%



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# Results





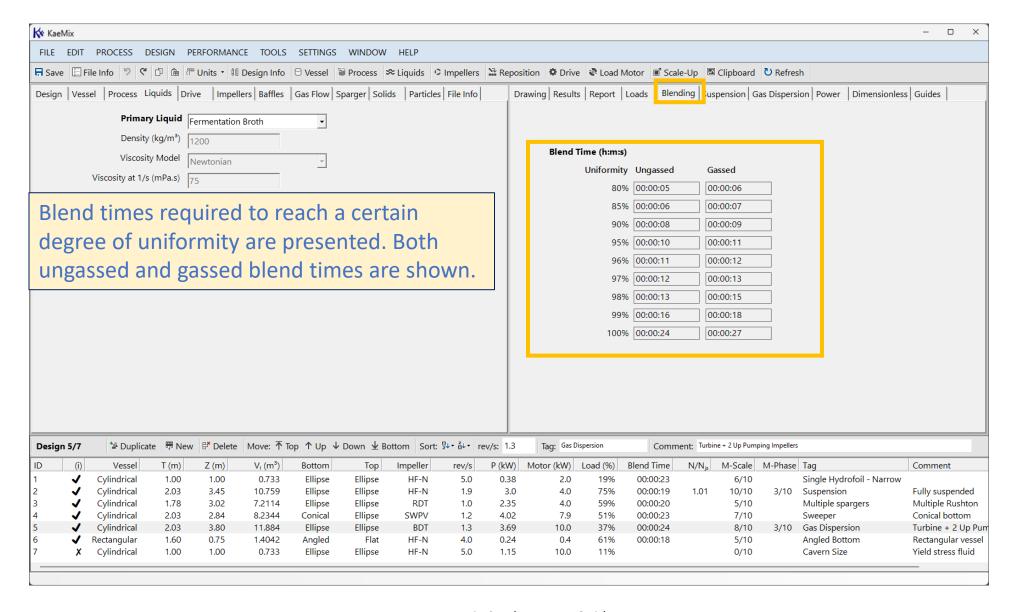




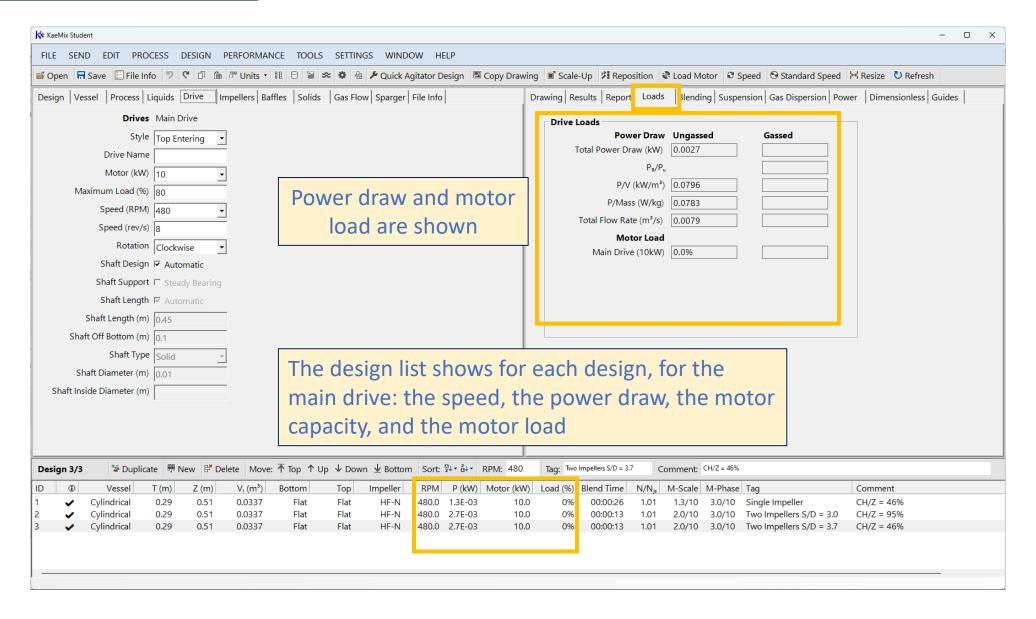




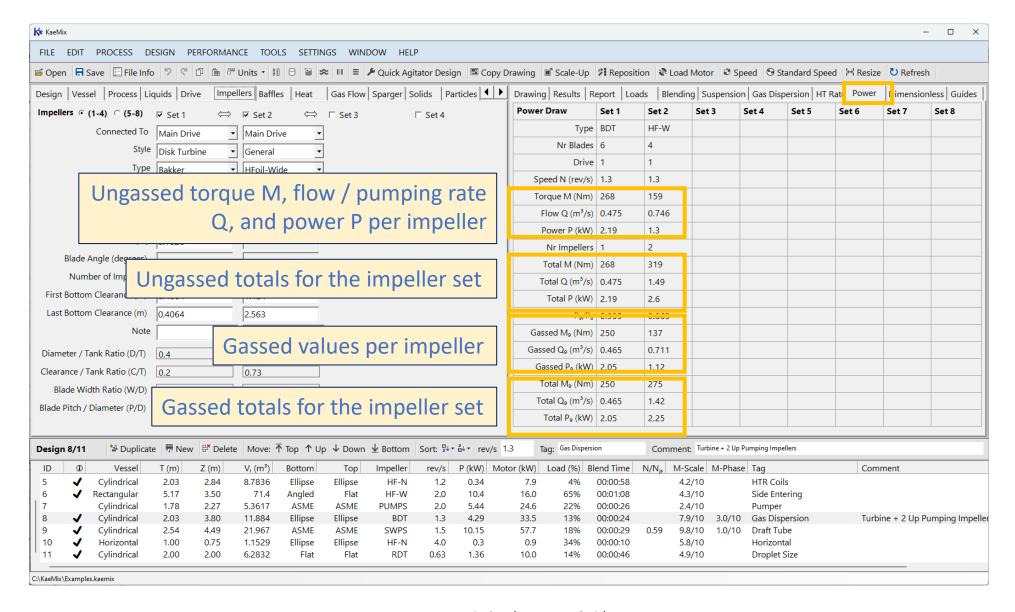
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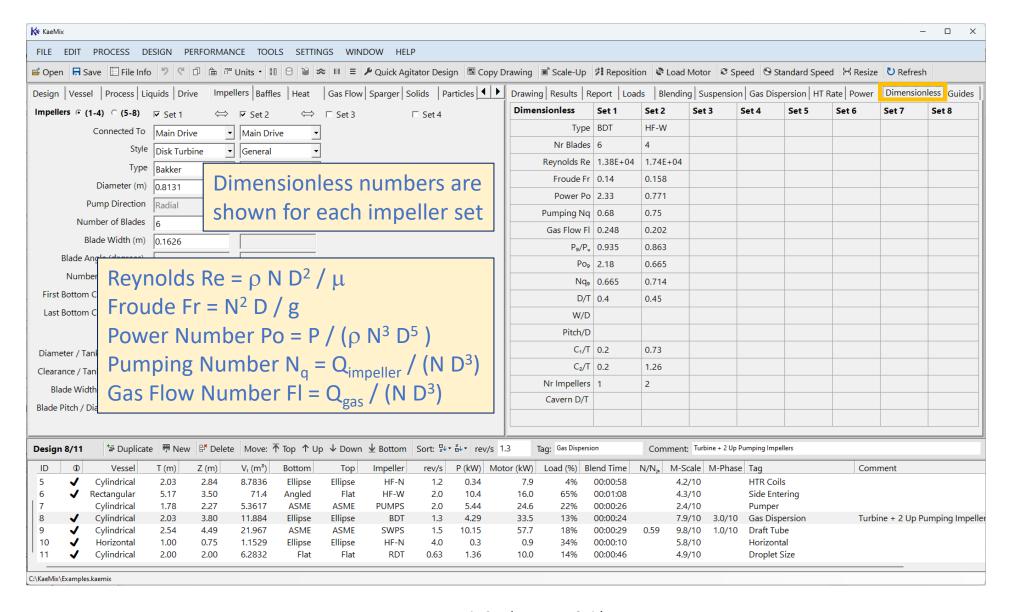
#### **Drive Loads**



#### Power Draw Details



#### **Dimensionless Numbers**





# Managing Designs













#### Managing Designs – Design List

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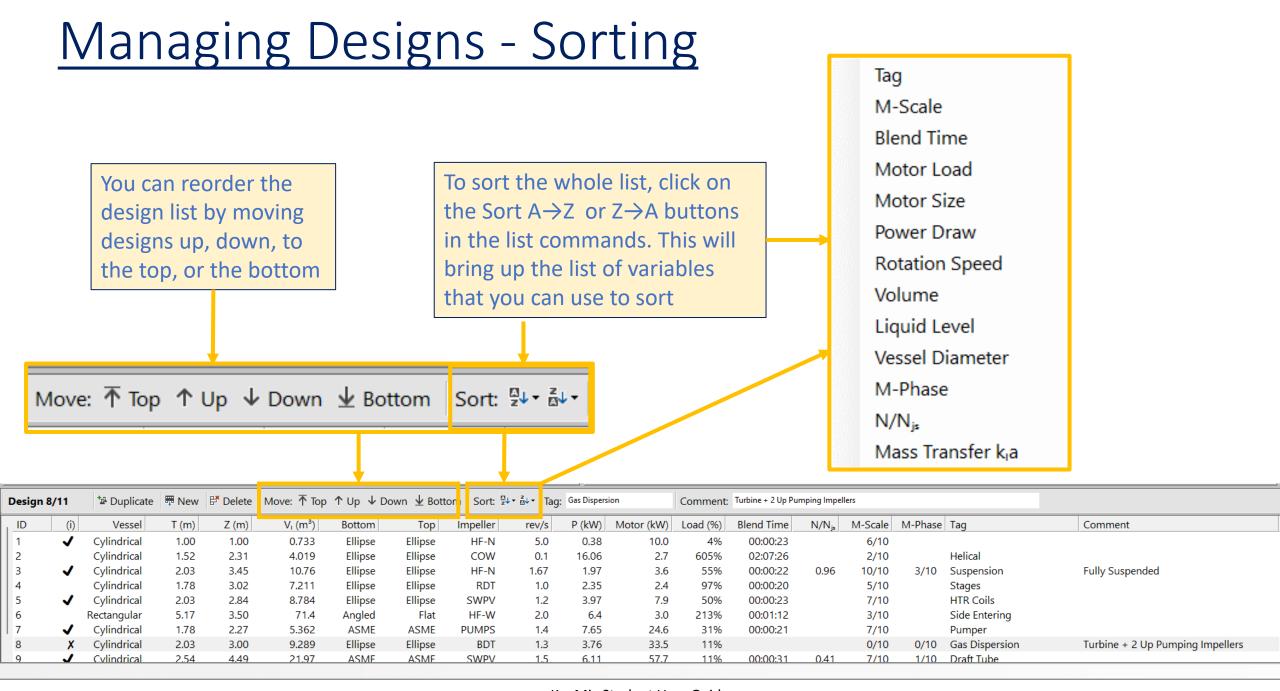
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To add another design, click New or Duplicate. New will add a default design. Duplicate creates a copy of the active design. You can also delete designs you no longer need

You can edit the speed for the Main Drive here

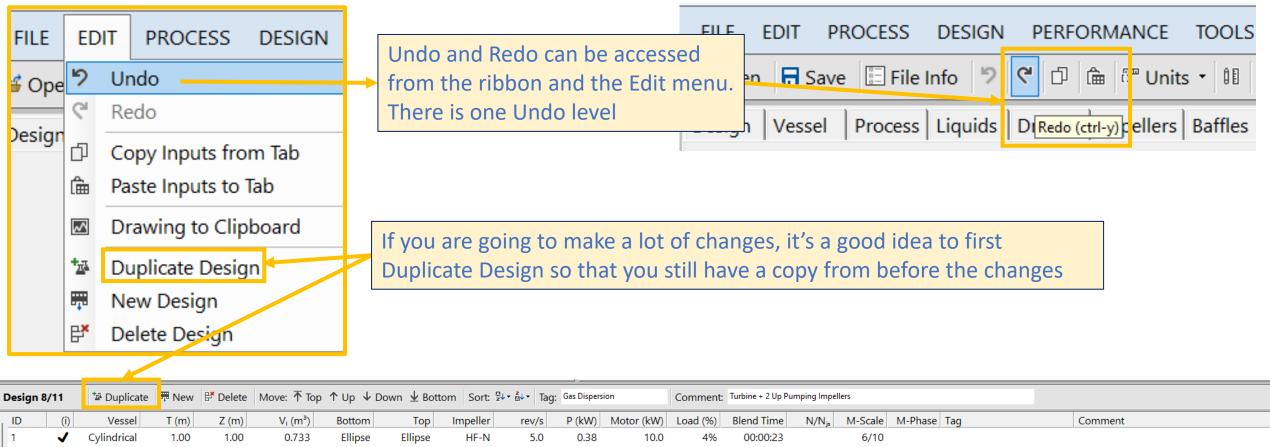
You can add a Tag (e.g., a name, label, or keyword) and a Comment to each design

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6		Rectangular	5.17	3.50	71.4	Angled	Flat	HF-W	2.	0 6.4	3.0	213%	00:01:12		3/10		Side Entering	
7	✓	Cylindrical	1.78	2.27	5.362	ASME	ASME	PUMPS	1.	4 7.65	24.6	31%	00:00:21		7/10		Pumper	
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# Managing Designs - Undo and Redo



1	✓	Cylindrical	1.00	1.00	0.733	Ellipse	Ellipse	HF-N	5.0	0.38	10.0	4%	00:00:23		6/10			
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3	✓	Cylindrical	2.03	3.45	10.76	Ellipse	Ellipse	HF-N	1.67	1.97	3.6	55%	00:00:22	0.96	10/10	3/10	Suspension	Fully Suspended
4		Cylindrical	1.78	3.02	7.211	Ellipse	Ellipse	RDT	1.0	2.35	2.4	97%	00:00:20		5/10		Stages	
5	✓	Cylindrical	2.03	2.84	8.784	Ellipse	Ellipse	SWPV	1.2	3.97	7.9	50%	00:00:23		7/10		HTR Coils	
6		Rectangular	5.17	3.50	71.4	Angled	Flat	HF-W	2.0	6.4	3.0	213%	00:01:12		3/10		Side Entering	
7	✓	Cylindrical	1.78	2.27	5.362	ASME	ASME	PUMPS	1.4	7.65	24.6	31%	00:00:21		7/10		Pumper	
8	X	Cylindrical	2.03	3.00	9.289	Ellipse	Ellipse	BDT	1.3	3.76	33.5	11%			0/10	0/10	Gas Dispersion	Turbine + 2 Up Pumping Impellers
9	J	Cylindrical	2.54	4.49	21.97	ASME	ASME	SWPV	1.5	6.11	57.7	11%	00:00:31	0.41	7/10	1/10	Draft Tube	

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# Menus





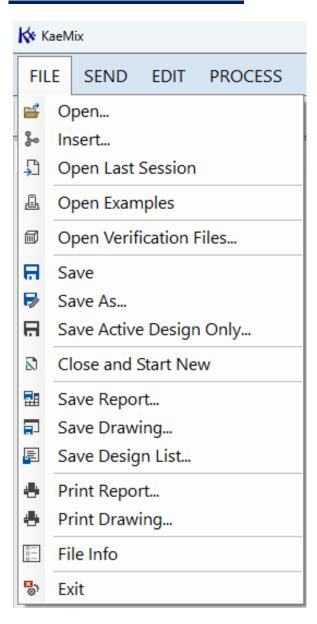








#### File Menu



Only one file can be open at a time. So, if you *Open* a file, it will close the current file and then open the new file

If you *Insert* a file, the current file will stay open, and all the designs from the file you select will be copied into the current file

*Open Last Session* opens the file that was automatically saved when you exited KaeMix previously

*Open Examples* opens a file with several helpful examples

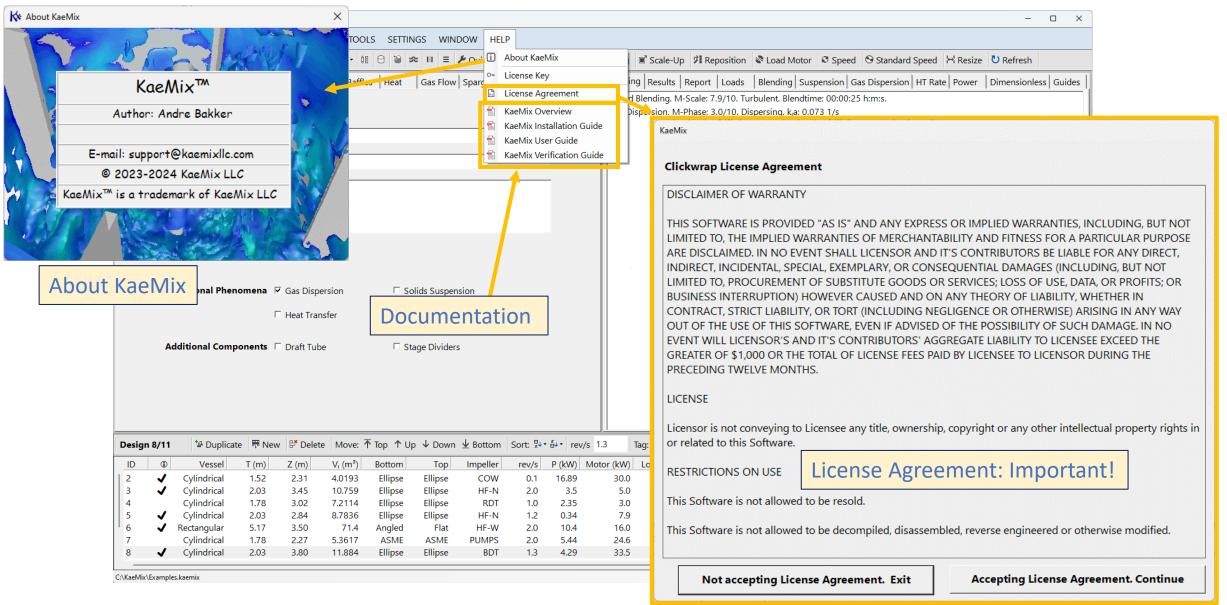
Save and Save As save all the designs in the file

Save Active Design Only saves a new file with only the active design (the design selected in the Design List). Then if you open another existing file and insert the file you just saved you have in effect copied that design into your existing file

Close and Start New closes the open file and starts a new file

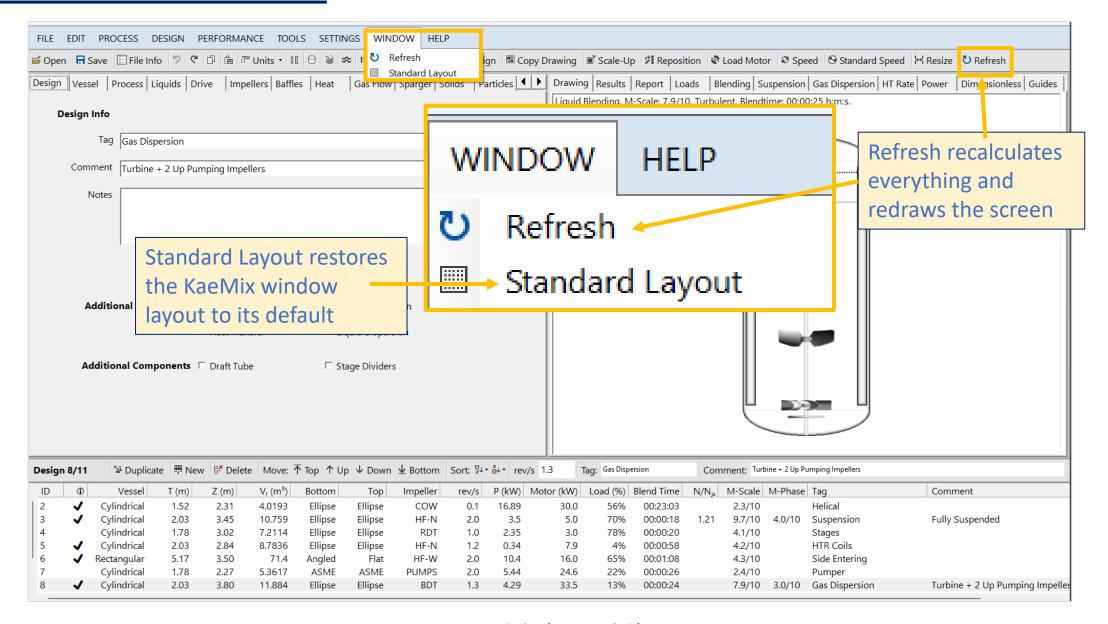
Save Report saves the HTML report for the active design. Tip: the HTML report can also be read into Excel, Word, Calc, and Writer

# Help Menu



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#### Window Menu





# Send





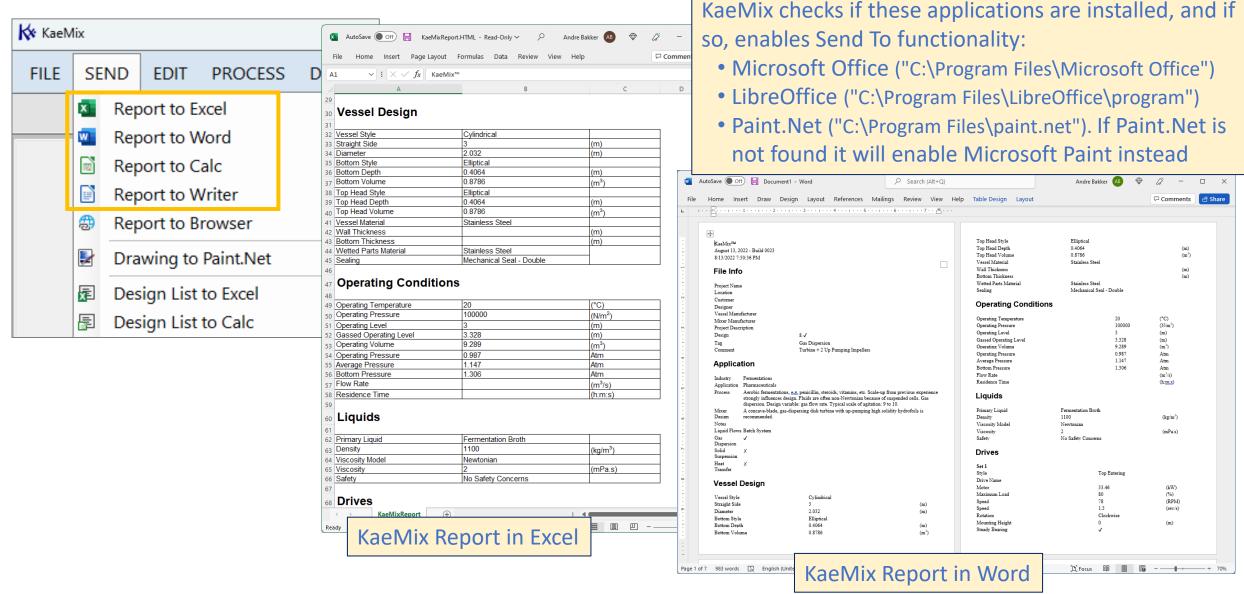




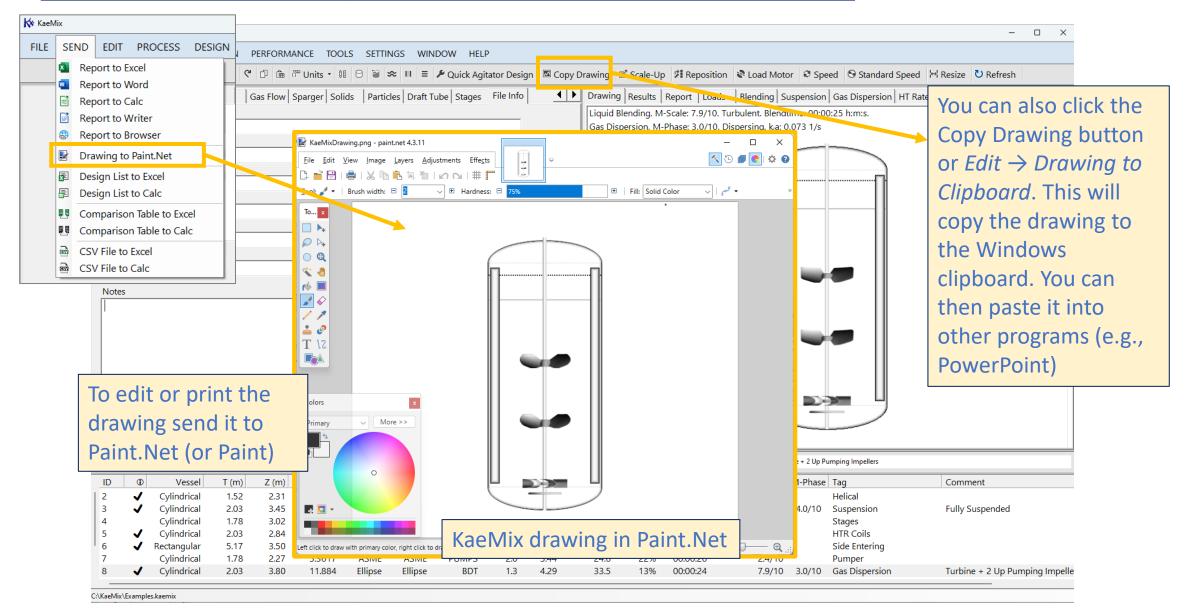




# Send to Office Applications



### Send Drawing to Paint or Paint.Net





# Settings







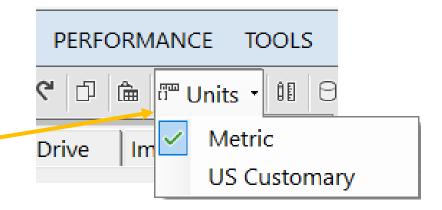


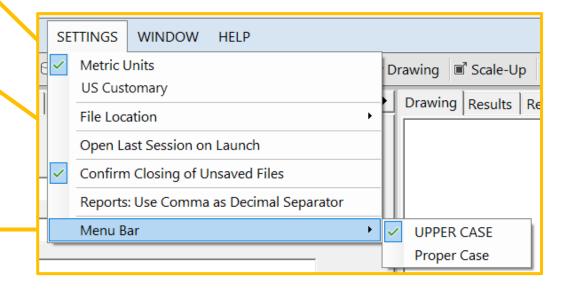




# <u>Settings</u>

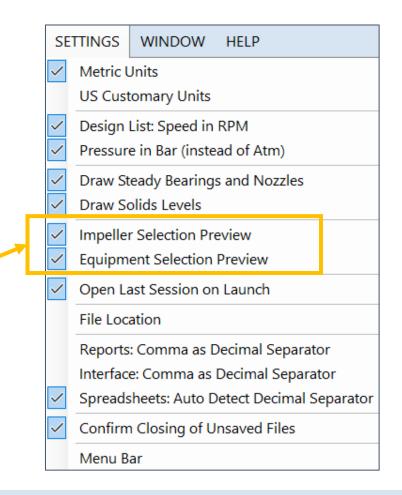
- You can easily switch between Metric and USA units using the Units button in the ribbon or the Settings menu
- If you want your last session automatically restored when you launch KaeMix then select the *Open Last* Session on Launch setting
  - Note, you can also do this manually from File
     → Open Last Session
- The text in the menu bar is by default in upper case font. If you prefer proper case, you can select this in the Settings menu

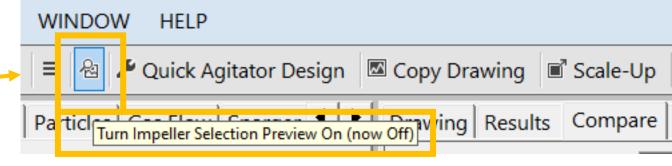




# <u>Settings - Previews</u>

- Equipment and impeller selections can be made graphically using Previews or using standard text dropdowns
- This feature is enabled from the Settings menu. There is one setting for Equipment (bottoms, heads, baffles, spargers) and one for impellers
- Previews can also be enabled or disabled from the corresponding icon in the ribbon





# <u>Settings – File Location</u>

- You can control where KaeMix files are saved by default
- Default is [User]\KaeMix folder and usually looks like this: "C:\Users\yourname\KaeMix"
- To change the default, select "Start in" Folder instead
- Specify the "Start in" Folder as follows
  - Right click on the KaeMix icon on the desktop and then click on Properties
  - Then specify the "Start In" folder and click Apply. Next time you launch KaeMix it will default to the "Start In" folder that you specified here

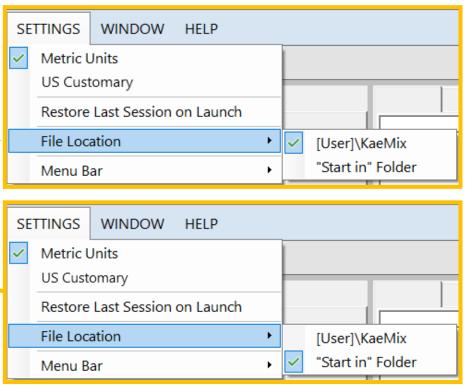
Open

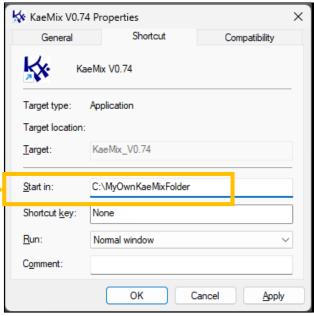
Open file location

Compress to ZIP file

Copy as path

Properties



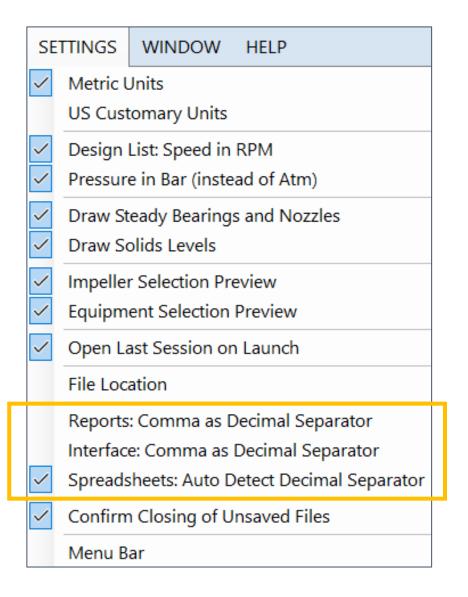


Ctrl+Shift+C

Alt+Enter

### Settings: Decimal Separator

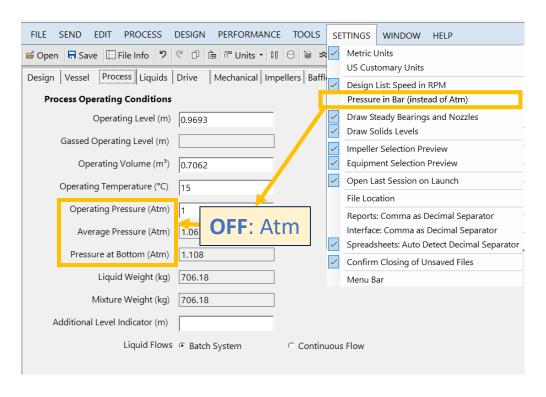
- By default, KaeMix uses the decimal point as the decimal separator, e.g. "3.14"
- This can be changed to the decimal comma, e.g. "3,14" from the Settings menu

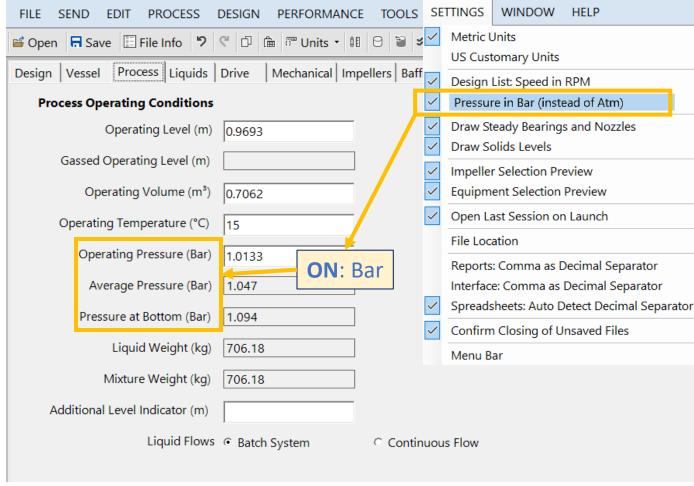


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### Settings: Pressure in Bar (instead of Atm)

Setting: "Pressure in Bar (instead of Atm)"
Atmosphere is KaeMix default
This can be changed to Bar



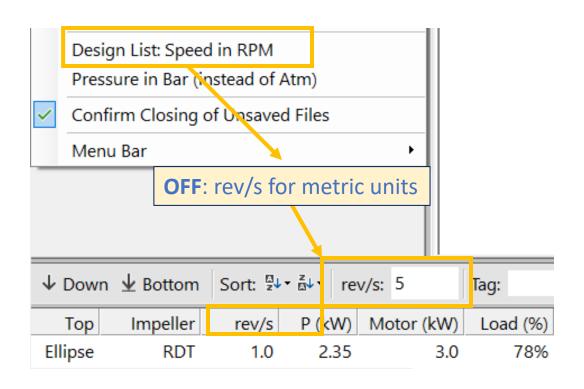


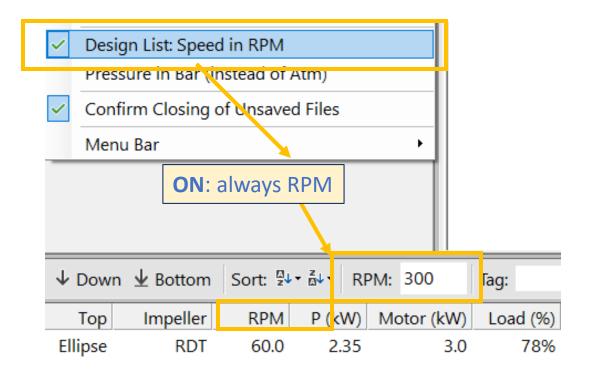
### Settings: Design List Speed in RPM

Setting: "Design List: Speed in RPM."

**OFF**: KaeMix switches between rev/s for metric units and RPM for US units

**ON**: Always uses RPM





# **END**