

Getting started with Simulis® Thermodynamics

Use Case 14: Definition and properties calculation of a polymer/solvent mixture

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Introduction

A polymer is not considered as a classic component because:

- Its properties depend on the length of its chain (represented by the number and the weight average molar mass),
- Its properties depend on the considered repeat units (segments),
- All properties of classical component are not defined for a polymer (no critical point, no saturation pressure...),
- Predictive methods available for property calculations of classical components are not adapted.

Moreover, high molar mass value of polymers leads to particular behaviors of mixtures containing this type of component. As an example, the vapor phase of this type of mixture at vapor-liquid equilibria will never contain polymer.

Consequently, the treatment of polymer/solvent mixtures requires a specific approach in Simulis Thermodynamics. This document presents in details the different steps to follow in order to perform calculation concerning this type of mixture.

Introduction

The following steps are described in this document:

- ❖ Step 1: Add a new polymer component
(Which data are required? How to supply them?)
- ❖ Step 2: Calculation of pure polymer properties
(Which properties can be calculated? How to calculate them?)
- ❖ Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties
(Which thermodynamic model to use? How to calculate these properties?)

The example presented in this document is based on the following mixture:

Acetone / poly(Styrene5%molar-Butadiene95%molar) with a weight average molar mass of 300 kg/mol and a number average molar mass of 40 kg/mol

Before studying this chapter, it is recommended to consult:

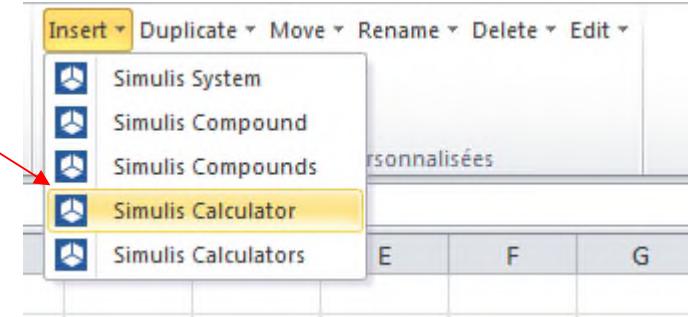
- « Getting Started with Simulis Thermodynamics: Use Case 1 » that explains the method to select components and configure a thermodynamic profile,
- « Getting Started with Simulis Thermodynamics: Use Case 4 » that explains the method to calculate thermodynamic properties of pure components and mixtures in Simulis Thermodynamics.

Step 1: Add a new polymer component

ACCESS THE THERMODYNAMIC CALCULATOR EDITOR:

- If you are using Simulis Thermodynamics in Excel:**

Create the calculator object in a spreadsheet



- If you are using Simulis Thermodynamics within another ProSim environment (ProSimPlus, BatchReactor, BatchColumn etc...):**

Click on the thermodynamic icon to open the calculator editor:



or

 Simulis Thermodynamics is a « software component » that you can integrate into different applications: ProSim software, Excel, Matlab, your own software, etc...

Step 1: Add a new polymer component

The screenshot shows the 'Thermodynamic calculator editor' interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with sections like 'CALCULATOR', 'FILE', 'PACKAGE', 'SERVICES', 'MODIFICATIONS', 'CONFIGURATION', and 'NAME'. The main area has tabs for 'COMPOUNDS', 'MODEL', and 'PARAMETERS'. In the 'COMPOUNDS' tab, there's a table with one row labeled '[New compound]'. A context menu is open over this row, with the option 'Create a new compound' highlighted by a red box and arrow. The menu also includes other options like 'Import compounds...', 'Edit this compound...', 'Remove all the compounds', etc.

1. In « COMPOUNDS » tab:
Click on « Create a new compound »



For more details about the creation of a new compound,
please consult:
« *Getting started with Simulis Thermodynamics, use case 9* »

Step 1: Add a new polymer component

The screenshot shows two windows side-by-side. The top window is the 'Thermodynamic calculator editor' with a 'COMPONENTS' tab selected. It lists '1 [New compound]' under 'IUPAC Name'. The bottom window is the 'Compound Editor' for 'Name: SBR'. In the 'Properties' table, the 'identification' folder is expanded, showing fields like 'IUPAC name' (set to 'SBR'), 'Specific name', 'CAS Registry Number®', 'Chemical family', 'Chemical formulae', 'Smiles', 'Set identifier', 'Intrinsic number (ProSim spec... 0)', 'Synonyms', 'Compound comments', and 'Cosmo file'. A red box highlights the 'identification' folder, and another red box highlights the 'SBR' value in the 'IUPAC name' field.

2. Double-click or right-click on the [New compound] added in order to define the polymer

3. In the « identification » folder, give a name to the polymer (« SBR » in this example for Styrene-Butadiene-Rubber)

Step 1: Add a new polymer component

In order to:

- Predict pure polymer properties,
- Perform calculations of thermodynamic or transport properties of mixtures containing polymers,

the following data must be filled in:

- Segments and segment molar fractions of the polymer,
- The number average molar mass of the polymer (M_n),
- The weight average molar mass of the polymer (M_w).

The following slides explain how to supply these data for the new “SBR” polymer component

Step 1: Add a polymer component

In the « Polymers-Segments » folder:

I. Specify segments contained in the polymer

1. Click on “...”

2. Select the desired segments :

- Styrene
- Trans-1,4-butadiene

3. Specify the molar fraction of each segment in the polymer (the sum must be equal to 1)

4. Click on “OK”

Segment	Fraction
Styrene segment	5,00000E-002
trans-1,4-butadiene segment	0,950000

SUM 1

Ok **Cancel**

Polymer segments

Segment	Fraction
Styrene segment	5,00000E-002
trans-1,4-butadiene segment	0,950000

Available segments

- Linear ethylene segment
- Branched ethylene segment
- Butyl methacrylate segment
- Cyclohexyl methacrylate segment
- Isobutylene segment
- Methyl methacrylate segment
- o-methylstyrene segment
- Styrene segment**
- Vinyl acetate segment
- Linear propylene segment
- Branched propylene segment
- Methyl vinyl ether segment
- Vinyl chloride segment
- 1,2-butadiene segment
- cis-1,4-butadiene segment
- trans-1,4-butadiene segment

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Step 1: Add a polymer component

The screenshot shows the ProSim Compound Editor interface. On the left, there's a vertical toolbar with options like 'Open...', 'Save as...', 'Copy', 'Import', etc. The main area has tabs for 'COMPOUND', 'TOOLS', 'VIEW', and 'MODIFICATIONS'. Under 'TOOLS', the 'Segments' tab is selected, highlighted with a red box. In the center, there's a table titled 'Properties' with columns 'Properties' and 'Value'. One row shows 'Number-average molar mass' with a value of '40 kg/mol'. A note at the bottom states: 'CAS Registry Numbers® are the intellectual property of the American Chemical Society, and are used by permission of ACS. CAS Registry Numbers® have not been verified by ACS and may be inaccurate.'

In the « Atomic » folder:

III. Specify the weight average molar mass of the polymer

In the « Polymers-Segments » folder:

II. Specify the number average molar mass of the polymer

This screenshot shows the same Compound Editor interface as the previous one, but with a different focus. The 'Segments' tab from the previous screen is now inactive. Instead, the 'Atomic' tab under 'Properties' is selected, highlighted with a red box. In the properties table, the 'Molecular weight' entry is highlighted with a red box and has a value of '300 kg/mol'. The bottom note is identical to the one in the previous screenshot.

Step 2: Calculation of pure polymer properties

The temperature-independent properties and the correlations of temperature-dependent properties of a pure polymer can be:

- Directly provided by the user
- Or predicted from data supplied at step 1

Temperature-independent properties used for a polymer are:

- The glass-transition temperature (« Phase change » folder)
- The melting temperature (« Phase change » folder)
- The van der Waals volume (« Atomic » folder)
- The ideal gas enthalpy and Gibbs energy of formation at 25°C (« Phase thermochemistry » folder)
- The vaporization and fusion enthalpies (« Phase change » folder)
- The parachor (« Condensed phase » folder)
- The degree of polymerization (« Polymers-Segments » folder)
- The *hypothetical* critical temperature (« Phase change » folder)
- The *hypothetical* critical pressure (« Phase change » folder)
- The *hypothetical* boiling temperature (« Phase change » folder)
- The *hypothetical* acentric factor (« Phase change » folder)

For temperature-dependent properties, correlations called « Polymers », specific to polymers are available for calculation of:

- Vapor pressure (fixed to avoid polymer in vapor phase)
- The ideal gas specific heat
- The liquid specific heat
- The solid specific heat
- The liquid density
- The solid density
- The liquid viscosity
- The liquid thermal conductivity
- The solid thermal conductivity
- The surface tension

Step 2: Calculation of pure polymer properties

Compound Editor

COMPOUND

Name: SBR
ID: (28B4F506-F03D-4E17-A31B-899D1E6E7728)
Original ID:
Original location: \\
[About properties...](#)

TOOLS

- Select a compound...
- Copy
- Paste
- PDF Export (Print)
- Excel Export
- Import
- Export
- Pseudo-compound...
- Properties prediction...
- Group model prediction...
- Polymer properties prediction...**

VIEW

- Create a view
- Delete this view
- Modify this view

MODIFICATIONS

- Undo
- Redo

Complete

Properties	Value
Identification	
Group contribution models	
Atomic	
Phase change	
Combustion, security, toxicity	
Condensed phase	
Phase thermochemistry	
Interaction, gas phase reaction	
User properties	
PPC-SAFT	
NRTL-SAC	
CPR	
Polymers-Segments	
Sanchez-Lacombe	
Temperature dependent properties	

Import a mol file... **Clear**

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Ok **Cancel**

In order to predict pure polymer properties:

- On the “COMPOUND” tab, click on “Polymer properties prediction...”



The predictions of the properties of a pure polymer can only be made correctly if step 1 has been carried out previously

Step 2: Calculation of pure polymer properties

2. Select the properties you want to predict

Polymers properties prediction

Use a prediction system to calculate the properties of a compound.

Expand all

Property	Current value	Overwrite	Predicted value
Constant properties		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Select all
Degree of polymerization	706,714	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	706,714
Critical temperature	1143,80 K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1143,80 K
Critical pressure	8,31019 atm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8,31019 atm
Acentric factor	17,4487	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17,4487
Van der Waals volume	3,88400E-005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3,88400E-005
Ideal gas enthalpy of formation at 25°C	6,64794 kcal/mol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6,64794 kcal/mol
Ideal gas Gibbs energy of formation at 25°C	20821,6 kcal/mol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20821,6 kcal/mol
Enthalpy of vaporization (boiling point)	5,90433 kcal/mol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5,90433 kcal/mol
Enthalpy of fusion (melting point)	1,82242 kcal/mol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,82242 kcal/mol
Parachor	150,295	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	150,295
Glass-transition temperature	206,829 K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	206,829 K
Normal melting point	424,306 K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	424,306 K
Normal boiling point	1013,40 K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1013,40 K
T* parameter	618,067 K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	618,067 K
P* parameter	4489,43 bar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4489,43 bar
rho* parameter	2716,03 kg/m ³	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2716,03 kg/m ³
r parameter	1286,62	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1286,62
epsilon* parameter	5138,88 J/mol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5138,88 J/mol
v* parameter	1,14466E-005 m ³ /mol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,14466E-005 m ³ /mol
c volume translation parameter	0,00000 cm ³ /g	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0,00000 cm ³ /g
Number of segments (n)	5899,10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5899,10
Segment diameter (sigma)	3,83944 angstrom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3,83944 angstrom
Interaction energy between segments (eps/k)	311,309 K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	311,309 K
Temperature dependent properties		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vapor pressure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ideal gas specific heat		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Liquid specific heat		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Solid specific heat		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Liquid density		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Solid density		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Liquid viscosity		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Liquid thermal conductivity		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Solid thermal conductivity		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Surface tension		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Predict

3. Use

Note that it is also possible to predict values of Sanchez-Lacombe and GC-PPC-SAFT equations of state pure polymer parameters

Step 2: Calculation of pure polymer properties

Compound Editor

COMPOUND

Name: SBR
ID: (AD67EA88-8257-4024-A8E9-D1F33259C1D8)
Original ID:
Original location: \\

About properties...

FILE: Open..., Save as...
TOOLS: Select a compound..., Copy, Paste, PDF Export (Print), Excel Export, Import, Export, Pseudo-compound..., Properties prediction..., Group model prediction..., Polymer properties prediction...
VIEW: Create a view, Delete this view, Modify this view
MODIFICATIONS: Undo, Redo

Properties

Properties	Value
Phase change	
Normal melting point	424,30646643109...
Normal boiling point	
Enthalpy of fusion (melting p...	1,8224187380497...
Triple point temperature	
Triple point pressure	
Physical state at 25°C	<unknown>
Physical state in aqueous sol...	<unknown>
Diffusion coefficient	
Enthalpy of vaporization (boil...	5,9043260038240...
Octanol-Water partition coeff...	<unknown>
soil sorption coefficient (Koc...)	
Liquid vapor calculation type	<unknown>
Acentric factor	<unknown>
Modified acentric factor	<unknown>
Critical temperature	
Critical pressure	
Critical volume	
Critical compressibility factor	<unknown>
Critical density	
Heat of sublimation at the tri...	
Glass-transition temperature	206,82888692579...
Combustion, security, toxicity	
Condensed phase	
Phase thermochrometry	

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Compound Editor

COMPOUND

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ID: (F0DDFA29-EB3A-48AB-BFEF-046E2BA0782E)
Original ID:
Original location: \\

About properties...

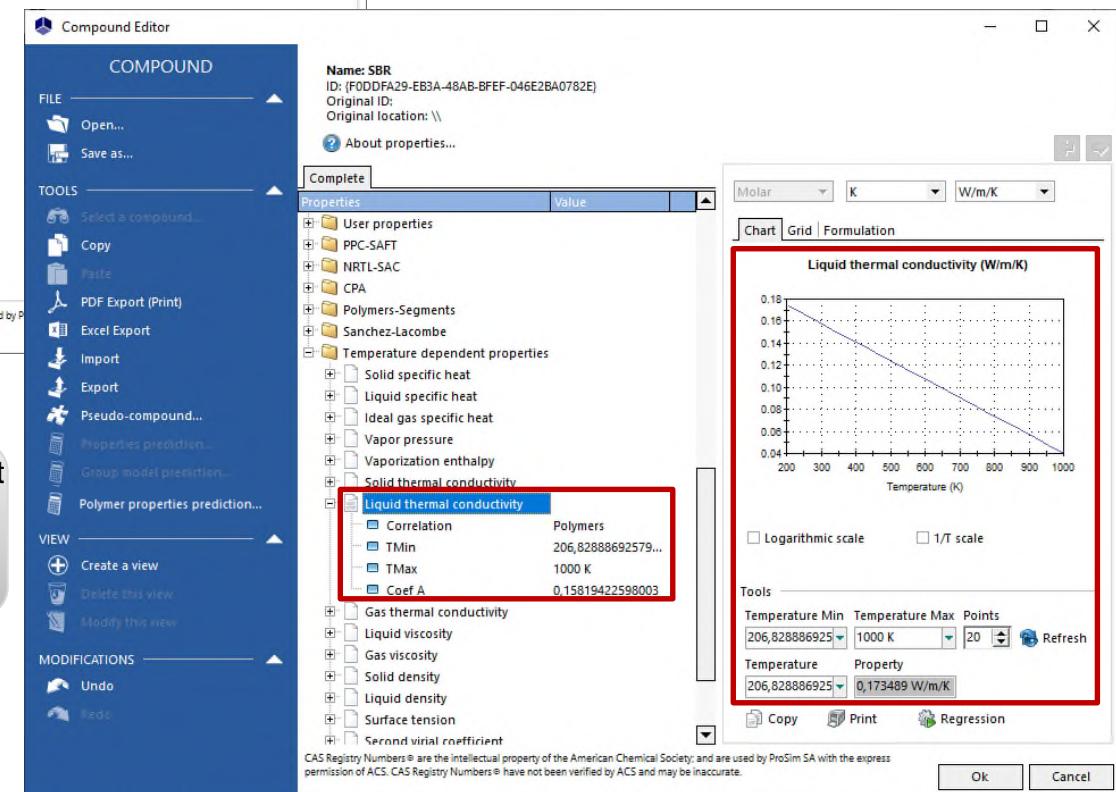
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Properties

Properties	Value
User properties	
PPC-SAFT	
NRTL-SAC	
CPA	
Polymers-Segments	
Sanchez-Lacombe	
Temperature dependent properties	
Solid specific heat	
Liquid specific heat	
Ideal gas specific heat	
Vapor pressure	
Vaporization enthalpy	
Solid thermal conductivity	
Liquid thermal conductivity	
Correlation	Polymers
TMin	206,82888692579...
TMax	1000 K
Coef A	0,15819422598003
Gas thermal conductivity	
Liquid viscosity	
Gas viscosity	
Solid density	
Liquid density	
Surface tension	
Second virial coefficient	

Import a mol file... **Clear**

The predicted properties can be viewed in the different folders of “COMPOUND” tab



For more details about the component properties, please consult:
« Getting started with Simulis Thermodynamics, use case 4 »



Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

Add the solvent component (acetone in this example)

(For a detailed description of this step, please consult: « Getting started with Simulis Thermodynamics: use case 1 »)

The screenshot shows the 'Thermodynamic calculator editor' window. On the left, there's a vertical toolbar with sections for FILE, PACKAGE, SERVICES, MODIFICATIONS, CONFIGURATION, and ORDER. The main area has tabs for COMPOUNDS, MODEL, BINARIES, and PARAMETERS. A central table lists compounds with their IUPAC names and CAS Registry Numbers. Below the table is a comments section. At the bottom right are OK and CANCEL buttons.

#	IUPAC Name	CAS Registry Number®
1	SBR	
2	ACETONE	67-64-1

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OK **CANCEL**

Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

In the “MODEL” tab:

1. Select a thermodynamic model well suited to mixtures containing polymers
2. Select a set of methods for transport properties calculation which is adapted to mixtures containing polymers

Thermodynamic calculator editor

CALCULATOR

FILE

PACKAGE

SERVICES

MODIFICATIONS

CONFIGURATION

Name:

Comments:

Calculator type: Show the expert mode

This window helps you to define the context of your thermodynamic calculator

COMPOUNDS MODEL BINARIES PARAMETERS

THERMODYNAMIC MODEL

CONFIGURATION

Parameters

Thermodynamic assistant

Thermodynamic help

Use a specific model for pure water

Advanced

Name	<input type="text" value="Sanchez-Lacombe"/>
Category	<input type="button" value="All the profiles"/>
Profile	<input type="button" value="Sanchez-Lacombe"/>
Approach type	<input type="button" value="Using Equation of state"/>
Equation of state	<input style="border: 2px solid red; background-color: yellow; color: black; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1em; padding: 2px; margin: 2px 0;" type="button" value="Sanchez-Lacombe"/>
Alpha function	<input type="button" value="Not defined"/>
Mixing rules	<input type="button" value="Not defined"/>
Activity coefficient model	<input type="button" value="Not defined"/>
Pure liquid fugacity standard state	<input type="button" value="Standard"/>
Liquid molar volume	<input type="button" value="Equation d'état"/>
Transport properties	<input style="border: 2px solid red; background-color: yellow; color: black; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1em; padding: 2px; margin: 2px 0;" type="button" value="Polymers"/>
Enthalpy calculation	<input type="button" value="H<sup>a</sup>=0, ideal gas, 25°C, 1 atm"/>
User-defined thermodynamic model	<input type="button" value="None"/>
Model index	<input type="button" value="1"/>
Comments :	<input type="text"/>

Ok Cancel

The recommended thermodynamic models for this type of mixtures are:

- The Sanchez-Lacombe equation of state (considered in this example)
- The GC-PPC-SAFT equation of state
- The UNIFAC-FV activity coefficients model
- The Flory-Huggins activity coefficients model



The «Polymers» set of properties is well suited to calculation of transport properties of this type of mixture

Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

In the “BINARIES” tab:

- Add the binary interaction parameter of the equation of state by providing a value to the Akij coefficient (Akij = 0.035)

This window helps you to define the context of your thermodynamic calculator

COMPOUNDS | MODEL | **BINARIES | PARAMETERS**

These parameters correspond to the general values and are used if the user has not provided specific parameters (buttons to the right of each option in the thermodynamic profile)

Binaries view: Grid Matrix

Formulation : $K_{ij} = A_{Kij} + B_{Kij} \cdot 298.15/T + C_{Kij} \cdot \ln(T/298.15) + D_{Kij} \cdot T/298.15 + E_{Kij} \cdot (T/298.15)^2$, L_{ij}

Compound	Compound	A _{Kij}	B _{Kij}	C _{Kij}	D _{Kij}	E _{Kij}	A _{Lij}	B _{Lij}	C _{Lij}	D _{Lij}	E _{Lij}
SBR	ACETONE	0,035	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BINARIES

ACTIONS

- Import binaries...
- Clear all binaries...
- Estimate binaries...
- Save the binaries...

OPTIONS

Unit

parameters will be ignored

Comments :

Not supplied Supplied Imported Estimated

Comments :

Ok Cancel

Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

This window helps you define the context of your thermodynamic calculator

COMPOUNDS MODEL BINARIES PARAMETERS

IUPAC Name	CAS Registry Number
1 SBR	
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FILE
Open... Save as...
PACKAGE
Show the package manager... Import a package... Build a package... Select a CAPE-OPEN package
SERVICES Calculate Export as a PSF file Diagrams Residue... Export as a PVT file Stream... Sigma profiles
MODIFICATIONS
CONFIGURATION Name Comments Calculator type Native Show the expert mode

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Before using a thermodynamic model (Sanchez-Lacombe equation of state in this case), the user must be sure that all the required parameters are available for all components

This window helps you visualize the compounds properties.

Compound Editor

COMPOUNDS

PROPERTIES

- About properties...
- Compare with the original
- Compare the compounds

VIEW

- Create a view
- Delete this view
- Modify this view

MODIFICATIONS

- Undo
- Redo

UNIT SYSTEMS

- For the properties

Properties

Properties	SBR	ACETONE
Identification		
Group contribution m...		
Atomic		
Phase change		
Combustion, security, t...		
Condensed phase		
Phase thermochemistry		
Interaction, gas phase ...		
User properties		
PPC-SAFT		
NRTL-SAC		
CPA		
Polymers-Segments		
Sanchez-Lacombe		
T* parameter	618,067 K	484 K
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r parameter	1286,6161630909	8,388774803243
epsilon* parameter	5138,88 J/mol	4024,2 J/mol
v* parameter	1,14466E-005 m ³ /mol	7,55009E-006 m ³ /mol
c volume translatio...	0,000000 cm ³ /g	0,000000 cm ³ /g
Temperature depende...		

If one of these parameters is not available:

- For a polymer component, the « polymer prediction » method presented on step 2 can be employed
- For a solvent component, these parameters are implicitly estimated from other data during the calculation of a property. (For more details about these estimation methods, please consult the Sanchez-Lacombe paragraph of the thermodynamic models manual, available from the « MODEL » tab of the calculator)

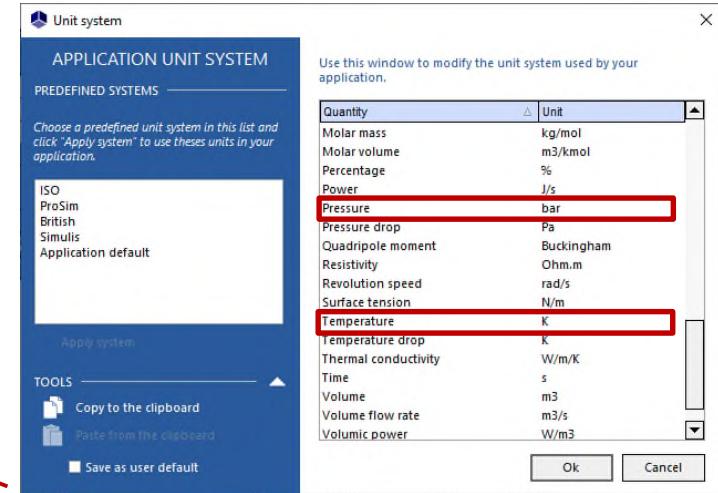
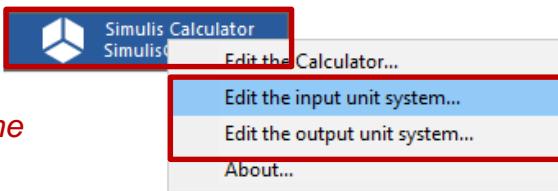


Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

In the excel sheet of your calculator:

- Select the « bar » unit for the pressure and the « K » unit for the temperature for the input and output unit systems**

Right-clic on the calculator



For more details about the modification of unit systems,
please consult:
« Getting started with Simulis Thermodynamics, use case 1 »

- Display the name of the components and the selected units**

Index comp	Name compound
1	SBR
2	=stCALCompoundDisplayName(\$C\$5;B9)

	input	output
Temperature	K	K
Pressure	bar	=stCALGetUnitNameInSystem(;G\$7;\$E9)

Notes :

- The index of the polymer is 1, the index of the solvent is 2
- In this example, the weight fraction is employed. As the polymer is a heavy molecule, its weight fraction is high even if its molar fraction is very low

- Provide the experimental data (bubble pressure data in this example)**

EXP	
<i>Liquid Equilibria of Copolymer + Solvent and Homopolymer + Solvent Binaries: New Experimental Data and Their Correlation", J. Chem. Eng.</i>	
T / K	323,15
w2 / kg/kg	P Bubble / bar
0,003	0,137
0,023	0,265
0,04	0,363
0,056	0,415
0,067	0,453
0,072	0,465
0,067	0,472
0,066	0,473
0,078	0,511
0,079	0,523
0,08	0,533
0,091	0,552
0,115	0,596
0,11	0,597
0,12	0,613

Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

4. Perform a TP-Flash calculation with the Sanchez-Lacombe equation of state (calculation of the vapor ratio, the liquid and vapor phases compositions at fixed temperature, pressure and global composition)

4.1. Preparation of the calculation in the Excel sheet: Create the following table

TP flash calculation						
w1 / kg/kg	w2 / kg/kg	t _{vat}	w1	w2	y1	y2
P / bar	T / K					
0,01	323,15					
0,02	323,15					
0,03	323,15					
0,04	323,15					
0,05	323,15					
0,1	323,15					
0,15	323,15					
0,2	323,15					
0,25	323,15					
0,3	323,15					
0,35	323,15					
0,4	323,15					
0,45	323,15					
0,5	323,15					
0,55	323,15					
0,6	323,15					
0,65	323,15					
0,7	323,15					

Provide the global weight composition of the mixture, the temperature and the pression for the calculation

Define a table area dedicated to the calculated values

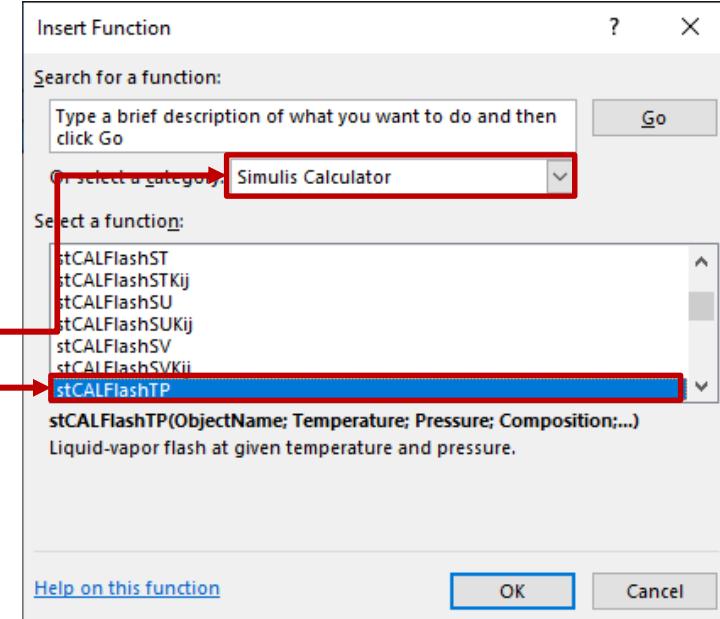
Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

4. Perform a TP-Flash calculation with the Sanchez-Lacombe equation of state (calculation of the vapor ratio, the liquid and vapor phases compositions at fixed temperature, pressure and global composition)

4.2. Add the calculation function

TP flash calculation						
w1 / kg/kg	w2 / kg/kg	twap	w1	w2	y1	y2
0,8	0,2					
0,01	323,15					
0,02	323,15					
0,03	323,15					
0,04	323,15					
0,05	323,15					
0,1	323,15					
0,15	323,15					
0,2	323,15					
0,25	323,15					
0,3	323,15					
0,35	323,15					
0,4	323,15					
0,45	323,15					
0,5	323,15					
0,55	323,15					
0,6	323,15					
0,65	323,15					
0,7	323,15					

1. Select the first line of the table and click on the excel button dedicated to the insertion of a function



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4. Provide the function arguments

Function Arguments	Provide the name of the calculator
stCALFlashTP	Provide the temperature for the TP Flash calculation
ObjectName SCS6	Provide the pressure for the TP Flash calculation
Temperature F16	Provide the global composition of the mixture for the TP Flash
Pressure E16	Provide the type of the input composition (1 = weight composition)
Composition SES14:\$FS14	Provide if initial values must be taken into account (here FALSE)
CompositionType 1	Provide the type of the output composition
Init FALSE	
InitVapRatio	
InitLiquidFractions	
InitVaporFractions	
ResultType 1	

Liquid-vapor flash at given temperature and pressure.

ResultType Result type (0 = molar, 1 = mass).

Formula result = 0,199284983

[Help on this function](#)

OK Cancel

5. Validate the matrix function with Ctrl+Shift+Enter

Some arguments must be set by adding « \$ » in order to extend the function in the table (see next slide)

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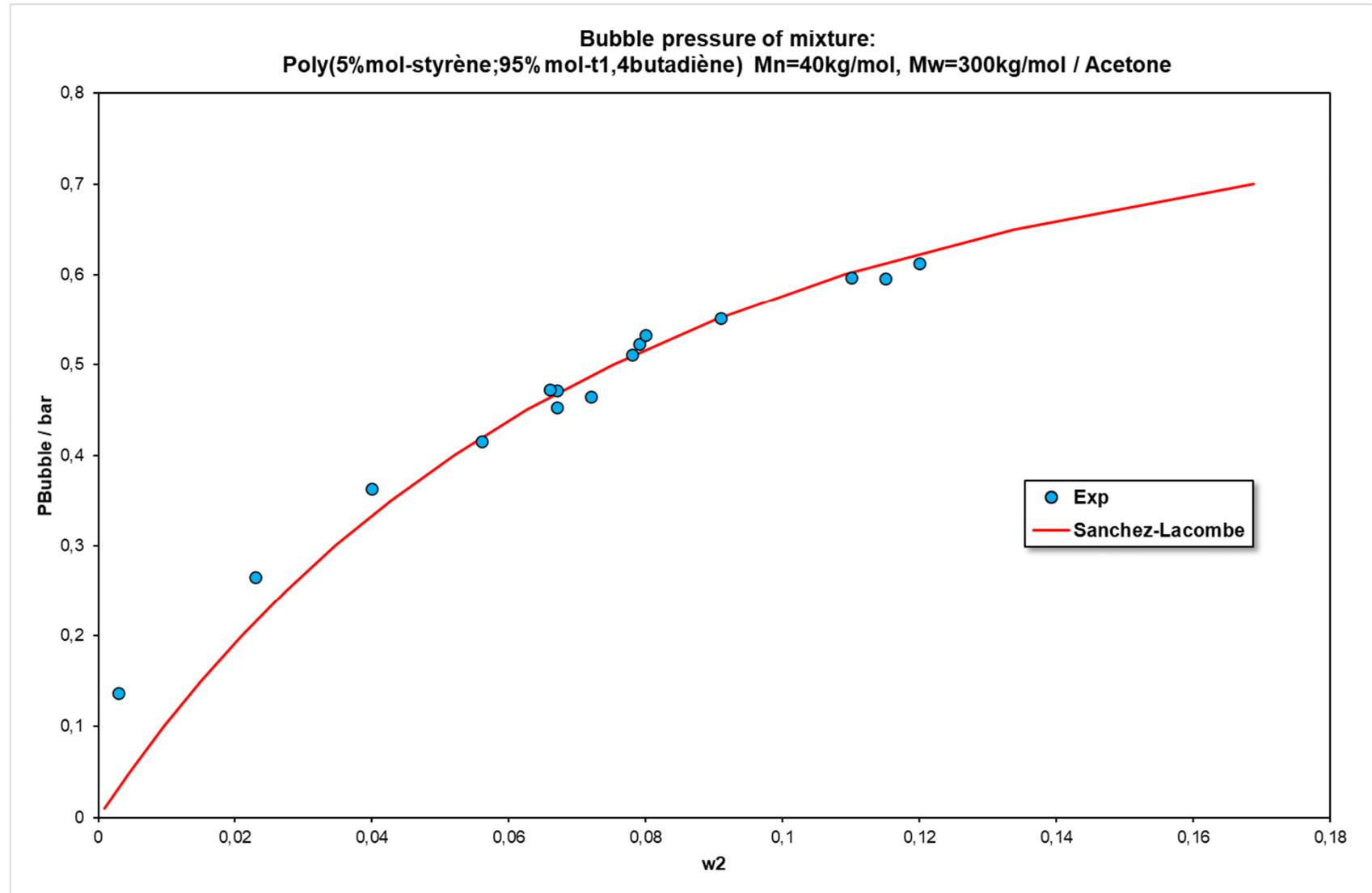
TP flash calculation						
w1 / kg/kg	w2 / kg/kg					
P / bar	T / K	tvap	w1	w2	y1	y2
0,01	323,15	0,199285	0,999107	0,000893	0	1
0,02	323,15					
0,03	323,15					
0,04	323,15					
0,05	323,15					
0,1	323,15					
0,15	323,15					
0,2	323,15					
0,25	323,15					
0,3	323,15					
0,35	323,15					
0,4	323,15					
0,45	323,15					
0,5	323,15					
0,55	323,15					
0,6	323,15					
0,65	323,15					
0,7	323,15					

6. Extend the calculation vertically over the whole table

TP flash calculation						
w1 / kg/kg	w2 / kg/kg					
P / bar	T / K	tvap	w1	w2	y1	y2
0,01	323,15	0,199285	0,999107	0,000893	0	1
0,02	323,15	0,198558	0,998201	0,001799	0	1
0,03	323,15	0,197819	0,997281	0,002719	0	1
0,04	323,15	0,197067	0,996346	0,003654	0	1
0,05	323,15	0,196301	0,995398	0,004602	0	1
0,1	323,15	0,192263	0,990422	0,009578	0	1
0,15	323,15	0,187827	0,985012	0,014988	0	1
0,2	323,15	0,18292	0,979096	0,020904	0	1
0,25	323,15	0,177443	0,972577	0,027423	0	1
0,3	323,15	0,171272	0,965335	0,034665	0	1
0,35	323,15	0,164236	0,957208	0,042792	0	1
0,4	323,15	0,156097	0,947976	0,052024	0	1
0,45	323,15	0,146512	0,93733	0,06267	0	1
0,5	323,15	0,134958	0,924817	0,075183	0	1
0,55	323,15	0,120625	0,909737	0,090263	0	1
0,6	323,15	0,102046	0,890925	0,109075	0	1
0,65	323,15	0,076462	0,866247	0,133753	0	1
0,7	323,15	0,037399	0,831133	0,168867	0	1

Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

The results obtained are plotted on the following graph



Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

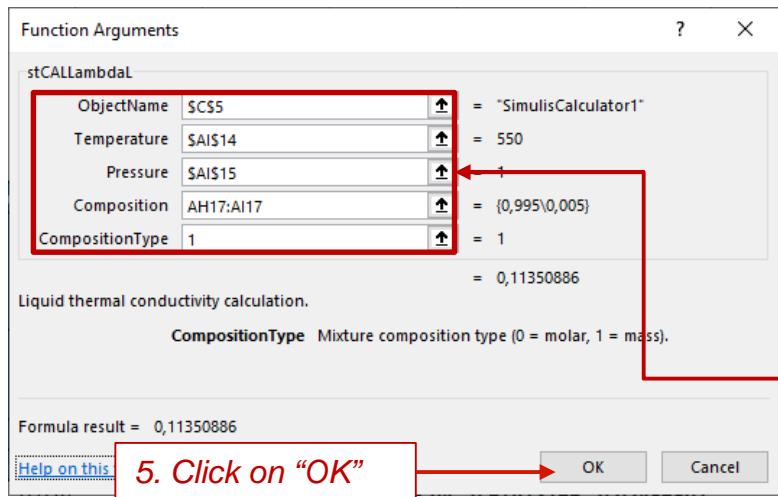
Calculation of transport properties can also be performed.

An example of liquid thermal conductivity calculation is presented here.

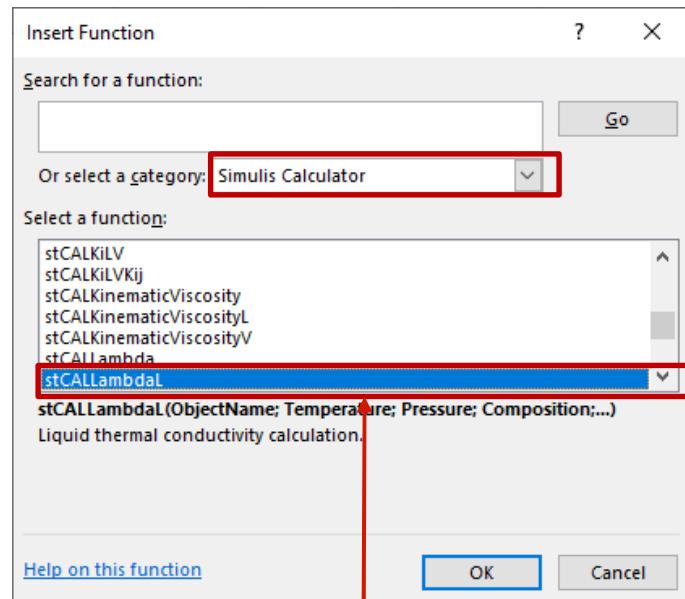
1. Create the following table

T / K	550	
P / bar	1	
w1 / kg/kg	w2 / kg/kg	XL / W/m/K
0,995	0,005	
0,99	0,01	
0,985	0,015	
0,98	0,02	
0,975	0,025	
0,97	0,03	
0,965	0,035	
0,96	0,04	
0,955	0,045	
0,95	0,05	
0,945	0,055	
0,94	0,06	
0,935	0,065	
0,93	0,07	
0,925	0,075	
0,92	0,08	
0,915	0,085	
0,91	0,09	
0,905	0,095	
0,9	0,1	
0,895	0,105	
0,89	0,11	
0,885	0,115	
0,88	0,12	

2. Select the first line of this table and click on the excel button dedicated to the insertion of a function



5. Click on "OK"



3. In the "Simulis Calculator" category, select the function "stCALLambdaL"

4. Provide the arguments of the function :

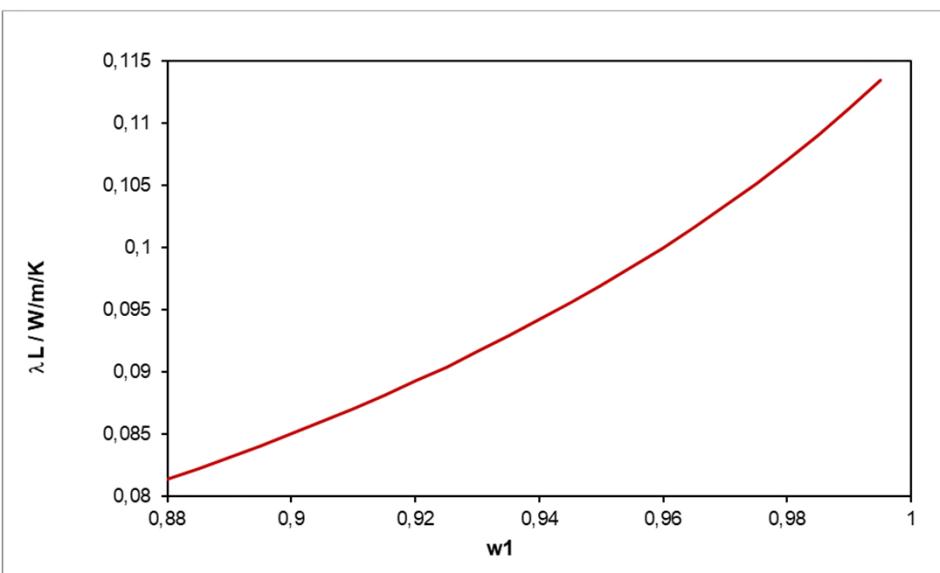
- The name of the calculator
- The temperature
- The pressure
- The composition of the mixture
- The type of the composition

Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

T / K	550	
P / bar	1	
w1 / kg/kg	w2 / kg/kg	λ_L / W/m/K
0,995	0,005	0,11350886
0,99	0,01	
0,985	0,015	
0,98	0,02	
0,975	0,025	
0,97	0,03	
0,965	0,035	
0,96	0,04	
0,955	0,045	
0,95	0,05	
0,945	0,055	
0,94	0,06	
0,935	0,065	
0,93	0,07	
0,925	0,075	
0,92	0,08	
0,915	0,085	
0,91	0,09	
0,905	0,095	
0,9	0,1	
0,895	0,105	
0,89	0,11	
0,885	0,115	
0,88	0,12	

6. Extend vertically the calculation
in all the table

T / K	550	
P / bar	1	
w1 / kg/kg	w2 / kg/kg	λ_L / W/m/K
0,995	0,005	0,11350886
0,99	0,01	0,11124356
0,985	0,015	0,10910869
0,98	0,02	0,10709219
0,975	0,025	0,10518352
0,97	0,03	0,10337339
0,965	0,035	0,10165361
0,96	0,04	0,10001691
0,955	0,045	0,0984568
0,95	0,05	0,09696748
0,945	0,055	0,09554377
0,94	0,06	0,09418099
0,935	0,065	0,0928749
0,93	0,07	0,09162168
0,925	0,075	0,09041787
0,92	0,08	0,08926029
0,915	0,085	0,08814606
0,91	0,09	0,08707255
0,905	0,095	0,08603732
0,9	0,1	0,08503816
0,895	0,105	0,08407302
0,89	0,11	0,08314002
0,885	0,115	0,0822374
0,88	0,12	0,08136356



Step 3: Calculation of polymer/solvent mixture properties

These calculations can be directly performed in the calculator editor. For more details about the property calculations, please consult « *Getting started with Simulis Thermodynamics, use case 4* »

When all the required information are provided, click on "Calculate the current session"

The screenshot shows the Thermodynamic calculator editor interface. On the left, the sidebar includes options like 'Open...', 'Save as...', 'Show the package manager...', 'Import a package...', 'Build a package...', 'Select a CAPE-OPEN package', 'Calculation service', 'Export as a PDF file', 'Diagrams', 'Residue...', 'Export as a PVT file', 'Stream...', 'Sigma profiles', 'MODIFICATIONS', 'CONFIGURATION', and 'Calculator type' set to 'Native'. A red box highlights the 'Calculate' button. The main window has tabs for 'COMPONENTS', 'MODEL', 'BINARIES', and 'PARAMETERS'. It displays a table with IUPAC Name (SBR, ACETONE) and CAS Registry Number (67-64-1). Below this is the 'Calculation service' window, which is also highlighted with a red box. It shows a 'SESSIONS' list with 'New session' and buttons for 'Add a new session...' and 'Delete the current session...'. The 'Type of calculation' dropdown is set to 'ThermoPhysical properties'. The 'Data' tab is selected. Under 'Properties', 'Thermal conductivity' is checked. The 'Values' section shows 'Fractions' selected. The 'Mixture compositions' table lists SBR and ACETONE with their initial, final, step, and points values. The 'Results type' dropdown shows 'Mass' selected. A chart titled 'Thermal conductivity' is shown at the bottom right.



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