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CFD analysis performs a vital role within data centre design, management and operational processes.

CFD helps maximise the performance of cooling and ventilation systems, model the impact of additional loading and equipment distribution, and investigate emergency shut-down scenarios.



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A streamlined method has been developed at CHAM that constructs a list of data centre contents together with their key parameters (e.g. layout of all cabinets, dimensions, air flow rates, heat output, orientation and other parameters for each one) within a single spreadsheet.





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Data Centre Simulation

The spreadsheet is read by PHOENICS, enabling common data centre objects (i.e. CRACs, cabinets, floor / ceiling grilles) to be constructed automatically.

This method allows rapid changes to be affected, such as scaling IT loads by changing a single value in the spreadsheet.

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Numerical results are displayed in tabular form with XY plots. In addition, temperature, velocity, humidity and pressure values are displayed in an interactive 3D graphical environment, together with residence-time data streamlines, iso-surfaces and concentration levels.

Results can be displayed using either SI or Imperial units.





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PHOENICS/FLAIR handles with ease complex room and equipment layouts, non-standard units, and both multi-room and multi-storey environments.





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External influences, such as solar gain, are readily introduced.

The versatility of PHOENICS/FLAIR is such that it is also appropriate for modelling related equipment, such as the performance of externallylocated chilling units subject to the influence of varying environmental conditions, heat extracts from generators and exhaust outlets.





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Ventilation and cooling systems for racks, blades and circuit

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From macro-scale to micro-scale data centre problems, PHOENICS/FLAIR offers a solution.