

CT-Mechanical

Windows Application



USER GUIDE

*Windows[®] Operating System
SI and I-P Units
Version 2.0*

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CT-Mechanical is a computational set of tools to analyze and determine the cooling capability and thermal performance of mechanical draft cooling towers (counterflow and crossflow, induced and forced draft).

All calculations are performed employing accurate numerical techniques implementing some of the most precise mathematical models for the properties of humid air, water and steam developed for industrial purposes.

- **Mechanical Draft** : Numerical calculation and graphical display of cooling capability and thermal performance of mechanical draft cooling towers based on the Acceptance Test Code CTI ATC-105 using the characteristic curve method (counterflow and crossflow, induced and forced draft).
- **Demand Curves** : Calculation and graphical display of demand curves and approach points.
- **Merkel Number** : Calculation of Merkel number using the Chebyshev numerical method.
- **Psychrometrics Calculator** : A psychrometrics calculator based on the latest mathematical models to numerically evaluate the properties of humid air, water, steam, ice and psychrometrics.

Mathematical Models

Calculation of the properties of humid air, water and steam used for the numerical solution of the equations that describe the energy processes are based on the mathematical formulations of the following thermodynamic and transport properties:

Properties of Water and Steam

- Formulations from the IAPWS (International Association for the Properties of Water and Steam) IAPWS-IF97 Industrial formulation (Revision 2007) and related models.

Properties of Humid Air

- Thermodynamic and psychrometrics property algorithms from the ASHRAE Research Project 1485.
- Scientific Formulation IAPWS-95, IAPWS Formulation 2008 and IAPWS Formulation 2006. Properties of dry air are from the NIST Reference equation of Lemmon et al.

Demand Curves

- Numerical calculation and graphical display of demand curves following the integration of Merkel's equation.
- Calculation and graphical display of approach data points.
- Complete validation of input variables.
- Creation of projects in a database that describe a particular set of input variables together with the calculated demand curves and approach data points for later retrieval or recalculation.
- Generation of high-quality pdf files of demand curves.
- Generation of excel and pdf files of approach data point calculation results.
- Supports input variables and calculation results in SI (metric) and I-P (english) system of units.

Merkel Number

- Calculation of Merkel number using the Chebyshev numerical method.
- Complete validation of input variables, informing of the correct range of variables for a valid calculation.
- Supports input variables and calculation results in SI (metric) and I-P (english) system of units.

Mechanical Draft

- Numerical calculation and graphical display of cooling capability and thermal performance of mechanical draft cooling towers based on the Acceptance Test Code CTI ATC-105 using the characteristic curve method (counterflow and crossflow, induced and forced draft).
- Calculation of cooling capability for each data test added to a project.
- Calculation and graphical display of demand curves following the integration of Merkel's equation.
- Complete validation of input variables, informing the user of the correct range of variables for a valid test data calculation.
- Creation of projects in a database to save a particular set of design and test input data together with the calculated demand curves, test data and calculation results for later retrieval or recalculation.
- Generation of high-quality pdf files of demand curve plots and the corresponding design, test and result points for a particular project.
- Generation of excel and pdf files of numerical results from data tests.
- Supports input variables and calculation results in SI (metric) and I-P (english) system of units.

Psychrometrics Calculator

- Calculation of 42 properties of humid air, water, steam, ice and psychrometrics.
- Allows for 17 combinations of two thermodynamic properties to be entered as input parameters.
- Supports input parameters and calculation results in both SI (metric) and I-P (english) system of units.
- For each combination of input thermodynamic properties, calculates and provides the user with information about the appropriate input values in the valid range of computations.
- Calculation results can be saved to a database.
- Calculation results can be exported to excel and pdf file formats .

The following are the requirements in order to install and utilize **CT-Mechanical**. Please note that if your operating system does not include any of the components, they will be installed by the installation file.

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Operating System (64-bit) | Windows 8 Windows 8.1 Windows 10 |
| C++ Runtime Library | Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Redistributable (x86) Microsoft Visual C++ 2015-2019 Redistributable (x64) |
| NET. Framework | 4.6 |
| Memory | 4 GB RAM or more |
| Screen Resolution | 1152 × 864 (minimum) |

Table 1.1 System requirements for CT-Mechanical.

Double-click on the installation file and follow the on-screen instructions. When prompted, introduce the **License Key** that was delivered to you. Contact support@fluidika.com if you require assistance.

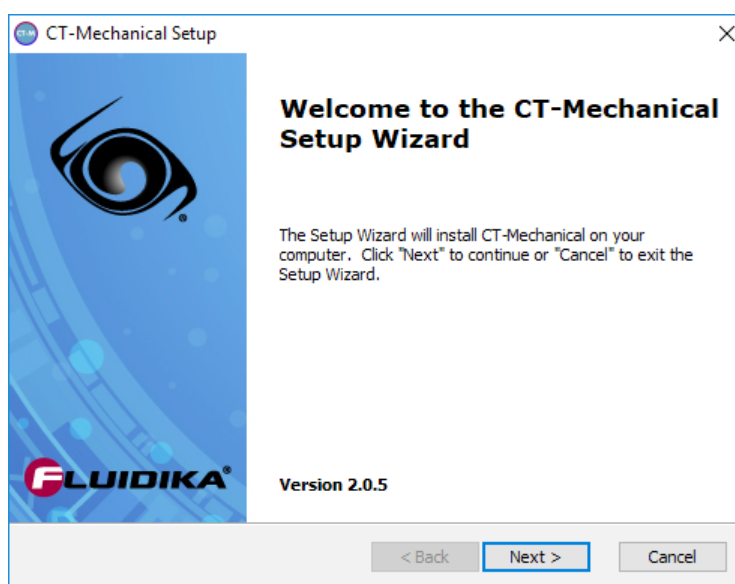


Figure 1.1 Installation screen of CT-Mechanical.

You need to have **Administrator** privileges on your computer in order to install this software.

Internet activation requires direct access to the Internet. Make sure that you are not connected to a proxy and that your firewall or network is not configured to block access to the Internet. After activation, you can return to your previous network configuration.

Activation via Internet is required in order to unlock and use all the capabilities of **CT-Mechanical**. Once you have a valid Internet connection, the procedure to activate the license is as follows:

1. Click on the **About** button located on the upper right hand side of the application. This will bring the about screen of **CT-Mechanical** (Figure 1.2).
2. Click on the **ACTIVATE** button to start the activation process. The activation screen of **CT-Mechanical** appears on the left hand side of the application's window (Figure 1.3).
3. Introduce the **License Key** that was provided to you to install the application. Once all the fields of the license key are validated, click on the **ACTIVATE** button of the activation screen.
4. If the activation was successful (Figure 1.4), a screen indicating that the applications was activated will be displayed.

Contact support@fluidika.com if you require assistance during the activation process.

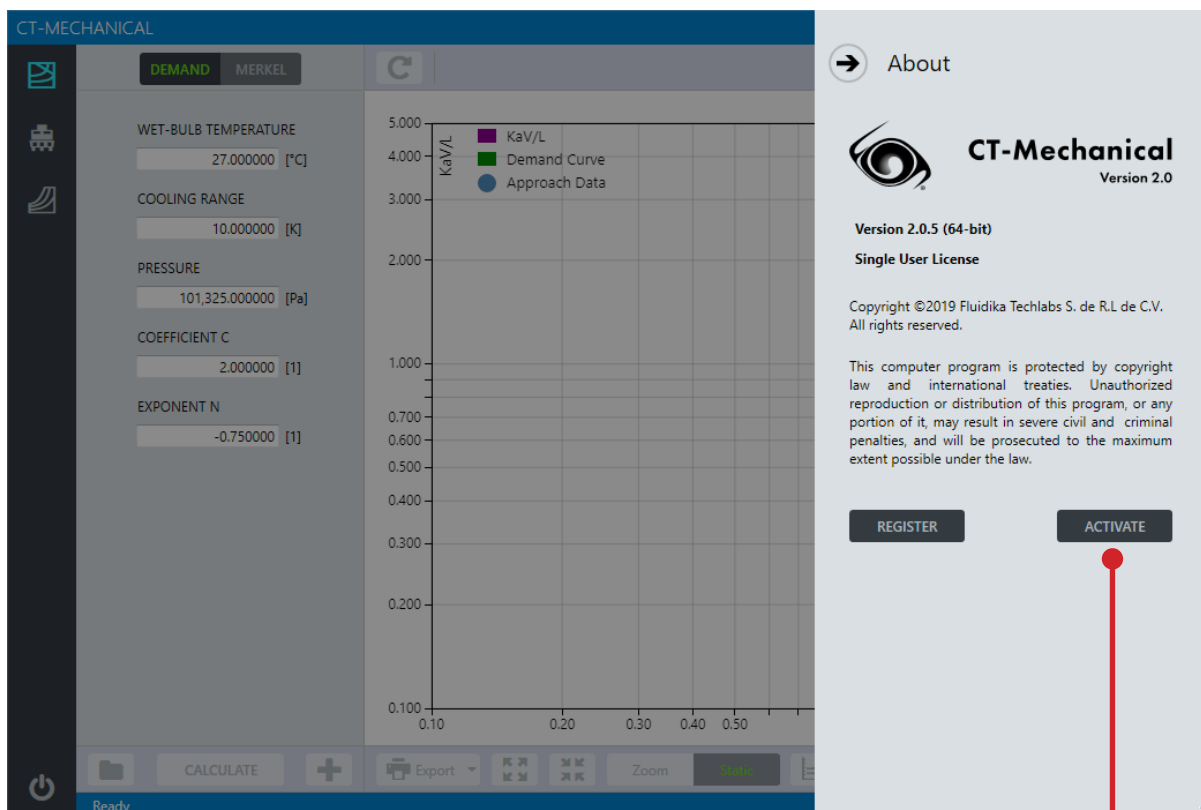


Figure 1.2 About screen of CT-Mechanical.

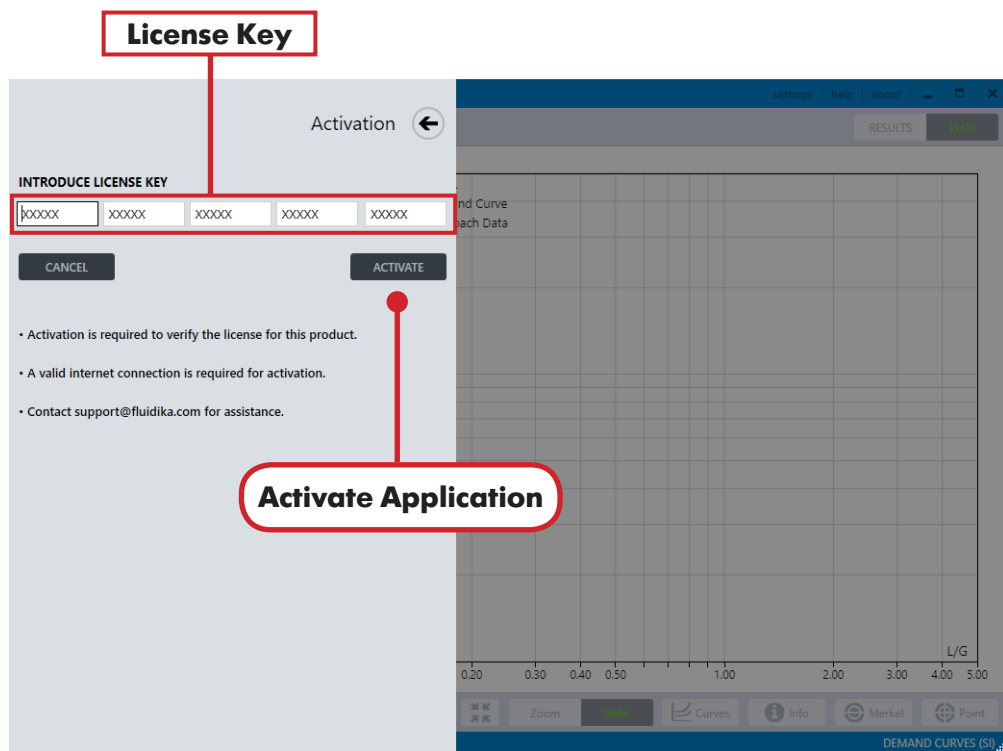


Figure 1.3 Activation screen of CT-Mechanical.

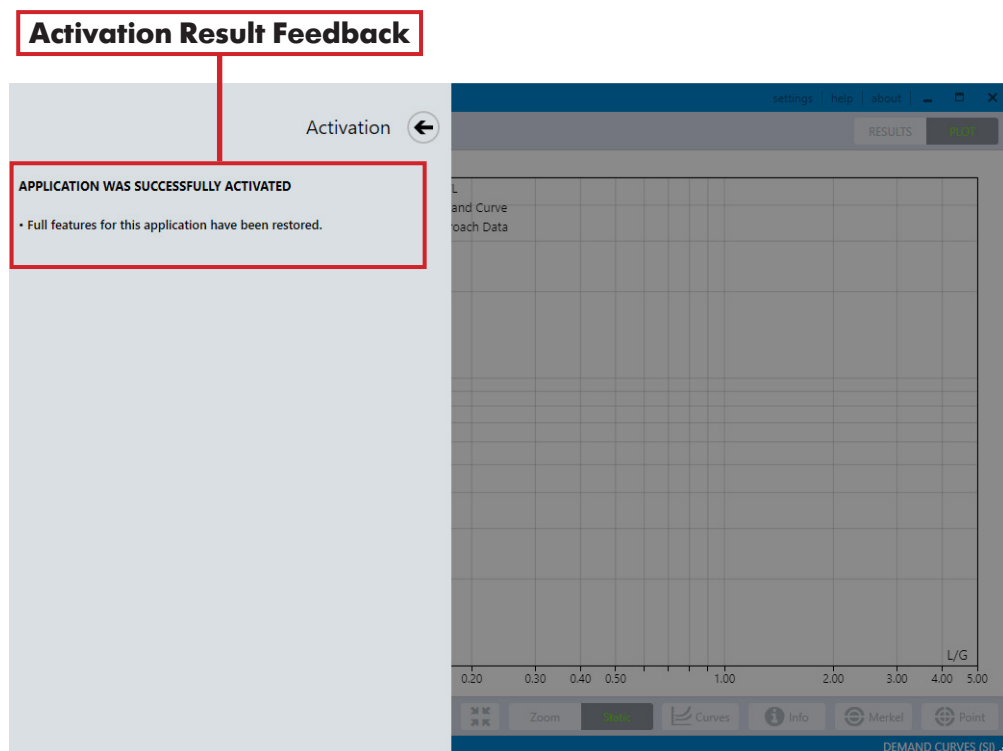


Figure 1.4 Activation feedback screen of CT-Mechanical.

Deactivation of this software requires direct access to the Internet. Make sure that you are not connected to a proxy and that your firewall or network is not configured to block access to the Internet.

The License Key that was provided with this application is only valid for a single-seat computer. In order to transfer this license to another computer, deactivation via internet is required. The procedure to deactivate the license is as follows:

1. Click on the **About** button located on the upper right hand side of the application. This will bring the about screen of **CT-Mechanical** (Figure 1.5).
2. Click on the **DEACTIVATE** button to start the deactivation process. The deactivation screen of **CT-Mechanical** appears on the left hand side of the application's window (Figure 1.6).
3. Introduce the **License Key** that was provided to you to install the application. Once all the fields of the license key are validated, click on the **DEACTIVATE** button.
4. A message will be shown (Figure 1.7) displaying the result of the deactivation process. If successful, you can install the application in another computer using the License Key that was acquired.

Contact support@fluidika.com if you require assistance to deactivate this application.

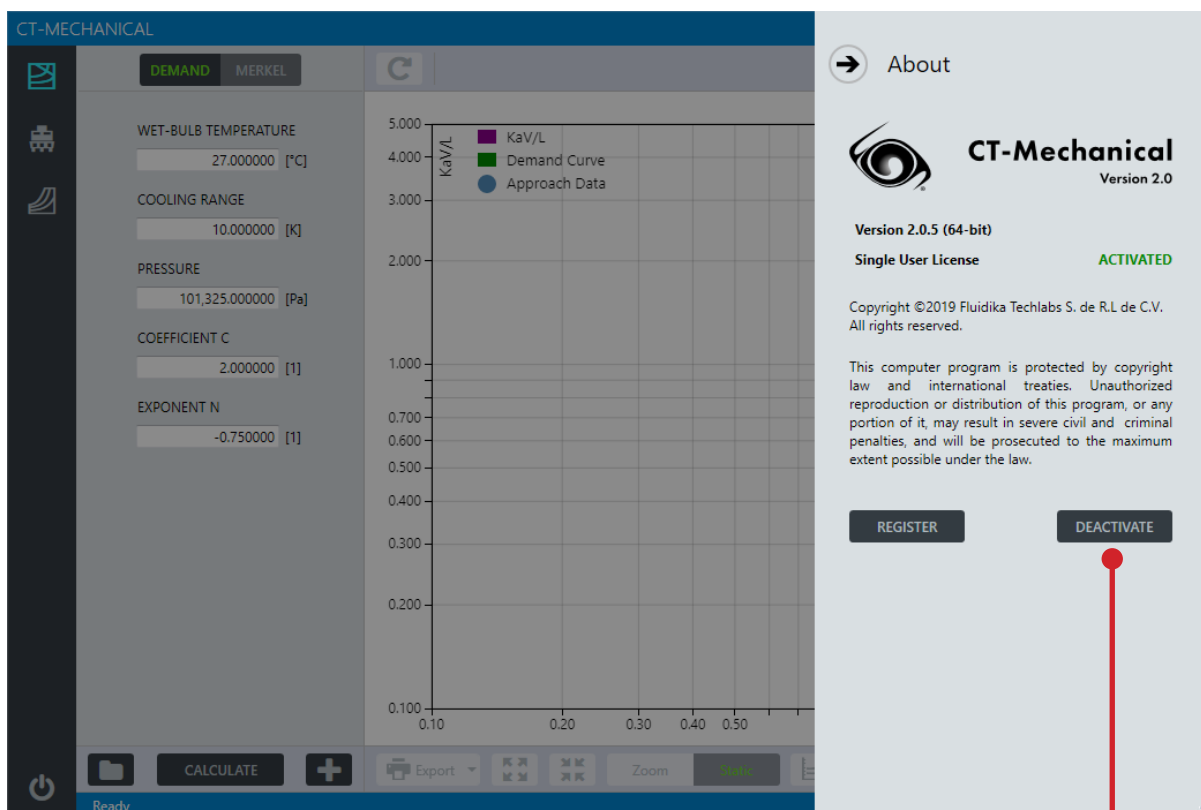


Figure 1.5 About screen of CT-Mechanical.

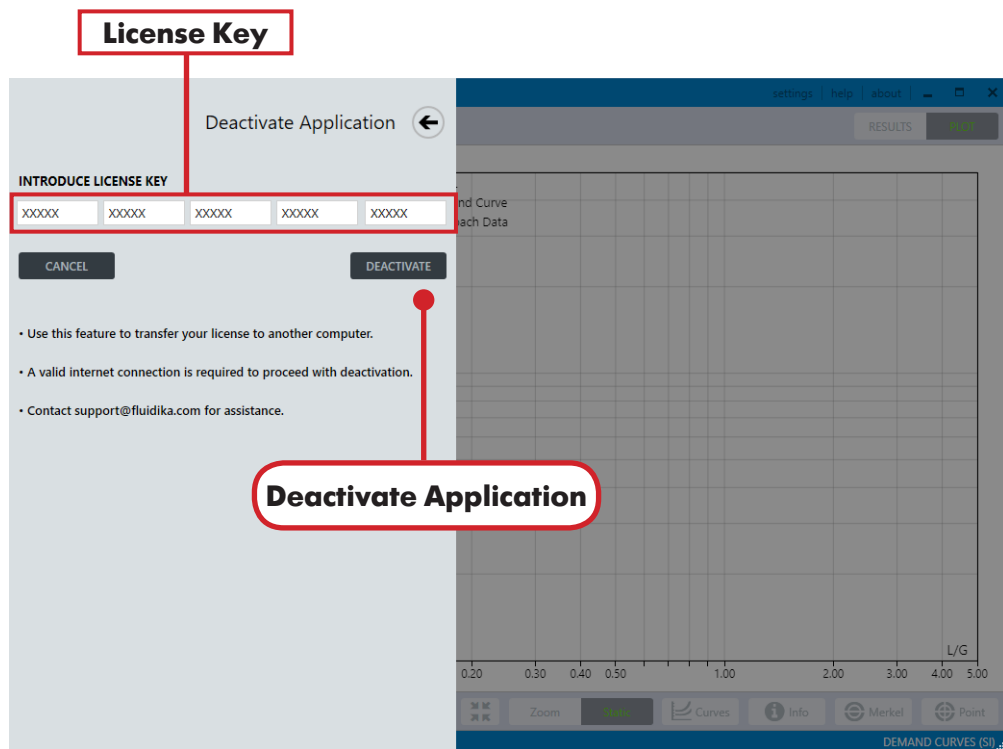


Figure 1.6 Deactivation screen of CT-Mechanical.

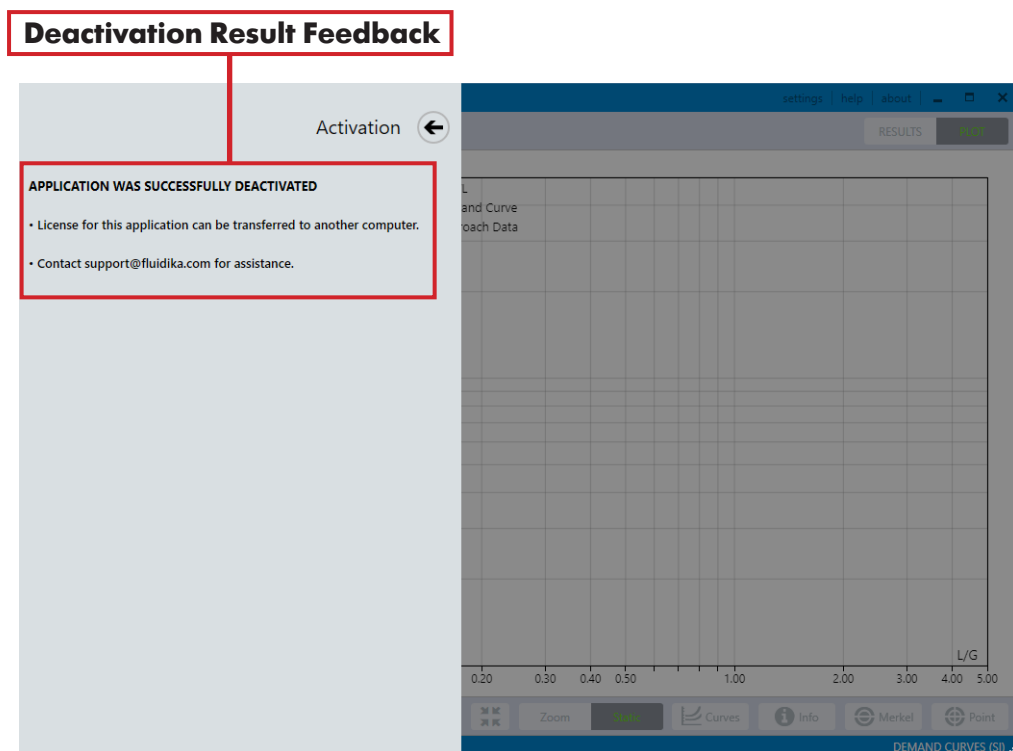


Figure 1.7 Deactivation result feedback screen.

Registration of this application is optional. Register in order to receive news about updates and other products related to **CT-Mechanical**. All your data is managed with the utmost confidentiality. Please review our privacy policy at www.fluidika.com. The procedure to register is as follows:

1. Click on the **About** button located on the upper right hand side of the application. This will bring the about screen of **CT-Mechanical** (Figure 1.8).
2. Click on the **REGISTER** button to start the registration process. The registration screen of **CT-Mechanical** appears on the left hand side of the application's window (Figure 1.9).
3. Introduce the registration fields, and then click on the **SUBMIT** button.
4. A message will be shown (Figure 1.10) displaying the result of the registration process.

Registration of this software requires direct access to the Internet. Make sure that you are not connected to a proxy and that your firewall or network is not configured to block access to the Internet.

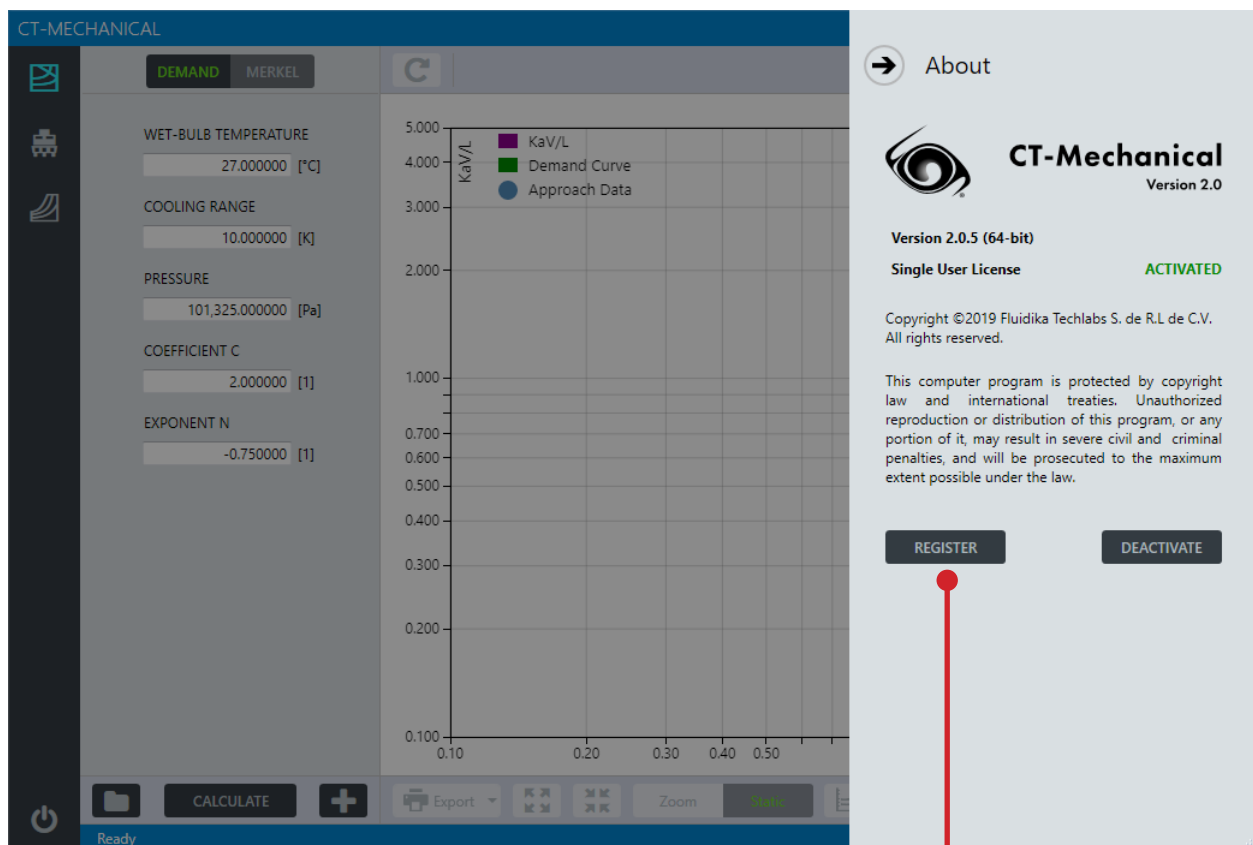


Figure 1.8 About screen of CT-Mechanical.

Registration Fields

Registration ←

NAME

FULL NAME

EMAIL

EMAIL_ADDRESS@ORGANIZATION.COM

ORGANIZATION

FULL ORGANIZATION NAME

CANCEL SUBMIT

- Register to receive notifications about this application.
- You can review our Privacy Policy at www.fluidika.com.
- Contact support@fluidika.com for assistance.

settings | help | about

RESULTS

Legend:
■ KaV/L
■ Demand Curve
● Approach Data

L/G

0.20 0.30 0.40 0.50 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00

Zoom Curves Info Merkel Point

DEMAND CURVES (50)

Figure 1.9 Registration screen of CT-Mechanical.

Registration Feedback

Registration ←

APPLICATION WAS SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED

- Notifications about upgrades will be sent to the address provided.

settings | help | about

RESULTS

Legend:
■ KaV/L
■ Demand Curve
● Approach Data

L/G

0.20 0.30 0.40 0.50 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00

Zoom Curves Info Merkel Point

DEMAND CURVES (50)

Figure 1.10 Registration feedback screen.

Information and the procedure about upgrades will be sent to the email address that was provided when the license for this software was acquired. If you would like to modify this information, please contact support@fluidika.com with your request.

1.8 Uninstalling the software

To uninstall **CT-Mechanical**, double-click the installation file and follow the on-screen instructions, then choose the **Remove** button (Figure 1.11).

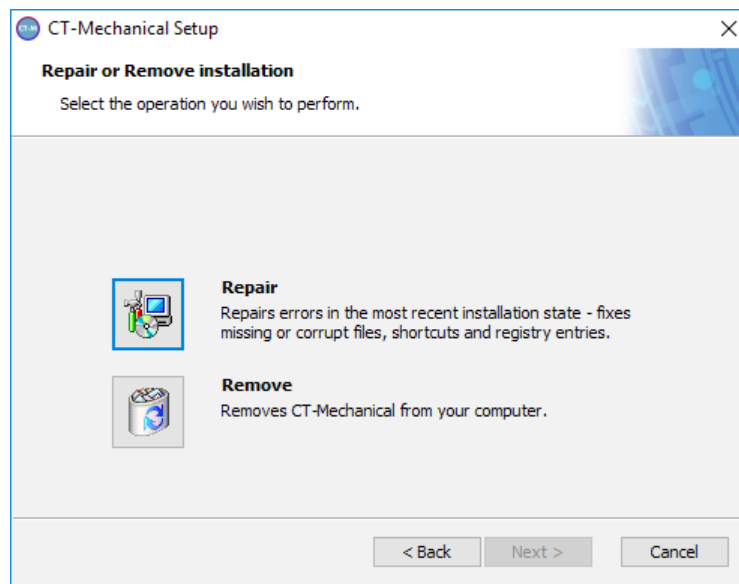


Figure 1.11 Uninstallation of CT-Mechanical.

It is also possible to uninstall **CT-Mechanical** using the standard windows uninstaller, usually located by navigating in your windows operating system:

Control Panel → Programs → Programs and Features

Select **CT-Mechanical** from the list of programs and click on the **Uninstall** button. This will remove the application from your operating system.

The Merkel Equation

An evaporative cooling tower is a device that is used to remove waste heat from the water used in an industrial process equipment or a machinery by rejecting that waste heat into the environment. When water is mixed with air in a cooling tower configuration, a heat transfer process takes places that involves a latent heat transfer due to the vaporization of a small amount of water and a sensible heat transfer reflecting the difference in temperatures of water and air.

Based on the theory developed by Merkel, the heat transfer process that occurs in a cooling tower by considering the enthalpy potential difference as the driving force is described by the Merkel equation:

$$\frac{KaV}{L} = \int_{T_2}^{T_1} \frac{c_{pw} dT_w}{h' - h} \quad (1.1)$$

Where:

$$\frac{KaV}{L} = \text{Tower characteristic}$$

$$T_1 = \text{Hot water temperature (inlet)}$$

$$T_2 = \text{Cold water temperature (outlet)}$$

$$h' = \text{Enthalpy of saturated air at water temperature}$$

$$h = \text{Enthalpy of main air stream}$$

$$c_{pw} = \text{Specific heat capacity of water}$$

$$dT_w = \text{Temperature differential of water}$$

For a specific tower packing, there is a characteristic curve in the form of a plot of tower characteristic, KaV/L , versus water to air flow ratio, L/G . This plot is described with an equation of the following form:

$$\frac{KaV}{L} = c \left(\frac{L}{G} \right)^{-n} \quad (1.2)$$

Where L = water flow rate; G = airflow rate; c = constant defined for a particular packing design, or the intercept of the characteristic curve at $L/G = 1$; n = exponent related to packing design determined from test data.

The **Demand Curves** application solves the equation (1.1) numerically using the four-point Chebyshev numerical method employing the following models for the calculation of water and air properties:

Properties of Water and Steam

- Formulations from the IAPWS (International Association for the Properties of Water and Steam) IAPWS-IF97 Industrial formulation (Revision 2007) and related models.

Properties of Humid Air

- Thermodynamic and psychrometric property algorithms from the ASHRAE Research Project 1485.
- Scientific Formulation IAPWS-95, IAPWS Formulation 2008 and IAPWS Formulation 2006. Properties of dry air are from the NIST Reference equation of Lemmon et al.

Input Variables

Demand Curves allows to calculate and plot in a log-log graph isolines resulting from the integration of equation (1.1) using as a parameter an *approach* value. It also calculates the approach given a pair of values determined by KaV/L and L/G , in the SI and I-P system of units. The definition of input variables for the calculation of demand curves is given in Table 2.1.

| Input Variable | Definition |
|----------------------|--|
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | Temperature of air wet-bulb entering the cooling tower. |
| COOLING RANGE | Difference between hot water temperature and cold water temperature. |
| PRESSURE | Total pressure referred to atmospheric. |
| COEFFICIENT C | Constant defined for a particular packing design. |
| EXPONENT N | Exponent defined for a particular packing design. |

Table 2.1 Definition of input variables for Demand Curves.

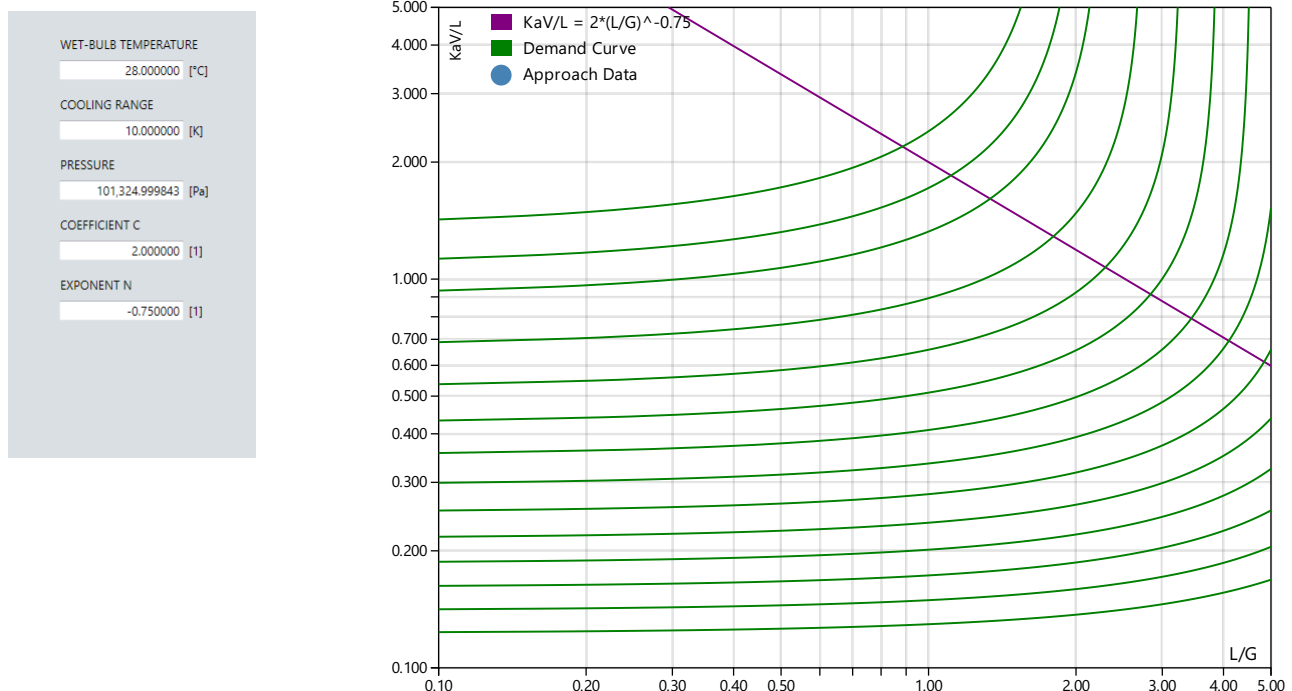


Figure 2.1 Example of input variables in the SI system of units (left). Demand curves plotted for several values of approach given the input variables (right).

The ranges of values of input variables for the calculation projects of **Demand Curves** are shown in Table 2.2 for SI and I-P system of units.

| Property | Range in SI Units | SI Units |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $1.0 \leq T \leq 90.0$ | °C |
| COOLING RANGE | $0.1 \leq \text{Range} \leq 90.0$ | K |
| PRESSURE | $60000 \leq P \leq 110000$ | Pa |
| COEFFICIENT C | $1.0 \leq C \leq 3.0$ | 1 |
| EXPONENT N | $-2.0 \leq N \leq -0.1$ | 1 |
| KaV/L | $0.1 \leq \text{KaV/L} \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| L/G | $0.1 \leq \text{L/G} \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| Approach | $1.0 \leq T \leq 60.0$ | °C |

| Property | Range in I-P Units | I-P Units |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $33.8 \leq T \leq 194.0$ | °F |
| COOLING RANGE | $0.1 \leq \text{Range} \leq 162.0$ | °F |
| PRESSURE | $8.70226426 \leq P \leq 15.95415115$ | psia |
| COEFFICIENT C | $1.0 \leq C \leq 3.0$ | 1 |
| EXPONENT N | $-2.0 \leq N \leq -0.1$ | 1 |
| KaV/L | $0.1 \leq \text{KaV/L} \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| L/G | $0.1 \leq \text{L/G} \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| Approach | $1.0 \leq \text{Approach} \leq 140.0$ | °F |

Table 2.2 Full Ranges of input variables for Demand Curves.

Certain limitations are imposed for each project in order to improve the graphical performance on **Demand curves** calculations. These are described in Table 2.3. The number of projects is limited just by the memory available on the computer on which **CT-Mechanical** is installed.

| | Number of Items per Project |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Demand Curves | 100 |
| Approach Data Points | 100 |

Table 2.3 Limitations on calculation projects of Demand Curves.

The ranges of values for input variables in calculation projects of the Evaluation Version of **Demand Curves** are shown in Table 2.4.

| Property | Range in SI Units | SI Units |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $25.0 \leq T \leq 28.0$ | °C |
| COOLING RANGE | $0.1 \leq \text{Range} \leq 90.0$ | K |
| PRESSURE | $99000 \leq P \leq 102000$ | Pa |
| COEFFICIENT C | $2.0 \leq C \leq 2.1$ | 1 |
| EXPONENT N | $-2.0 \leq N \leq -0.1$ | 1 |
| KaV/L | $0.1 \leq \text{KaV/L} \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| L/G | $0.1 \leq \text{L/G} \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| Approach | $1.0 \leq T \leq 60.0$ | °C |

| Property | Range in I-P Units | I-P Units |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $77.0 \leq T \leq 82.4$ | °F |
| COOLING RANGE | $0.1 \leq \text{Range} \leq 162.0$ | °F |
| PRESSURE | $14.358736 \leq P \leq 14.793849$ | psia |
| COEFFICIENT C | $2.0 \leq C \leq 2.1$ | 1 |
| EXPONENT N | $-2.0 \leq N \leq -0.1$ | 1 |
| KaV/L | $0.1 \leq \text{KaV/L} \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| L/G | $0.1 \leq \text{L/G} \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| Approach | $1.0 \leq \text{Approach} \leq 140.0$ | °F |

Table 2.4 Ranges of input variables for Demand Curves (Evaluation Version).

Certain limitations are imposed for each project in order to improve the graphical performance of **Demand Curves** (Evaluation Version) calculations. These are described in Table 2.5.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Maximum Number of Projects | 3 |
| | Number of Items per Project |
| Demand Curves | 15 |
| Approach Data Points | 3 |

Table 2.5 Limitations on calculation projects of Demand Curves (Evaluation Version).

The Graphical User Interface for **Demand Curves** is shown in Figure 2.2. By selecting the button denoted Demand Curves on the left side of the application, the user is presented with the interface.

Select the denoted DEMAND button selector to display the Demand Curves main interface.

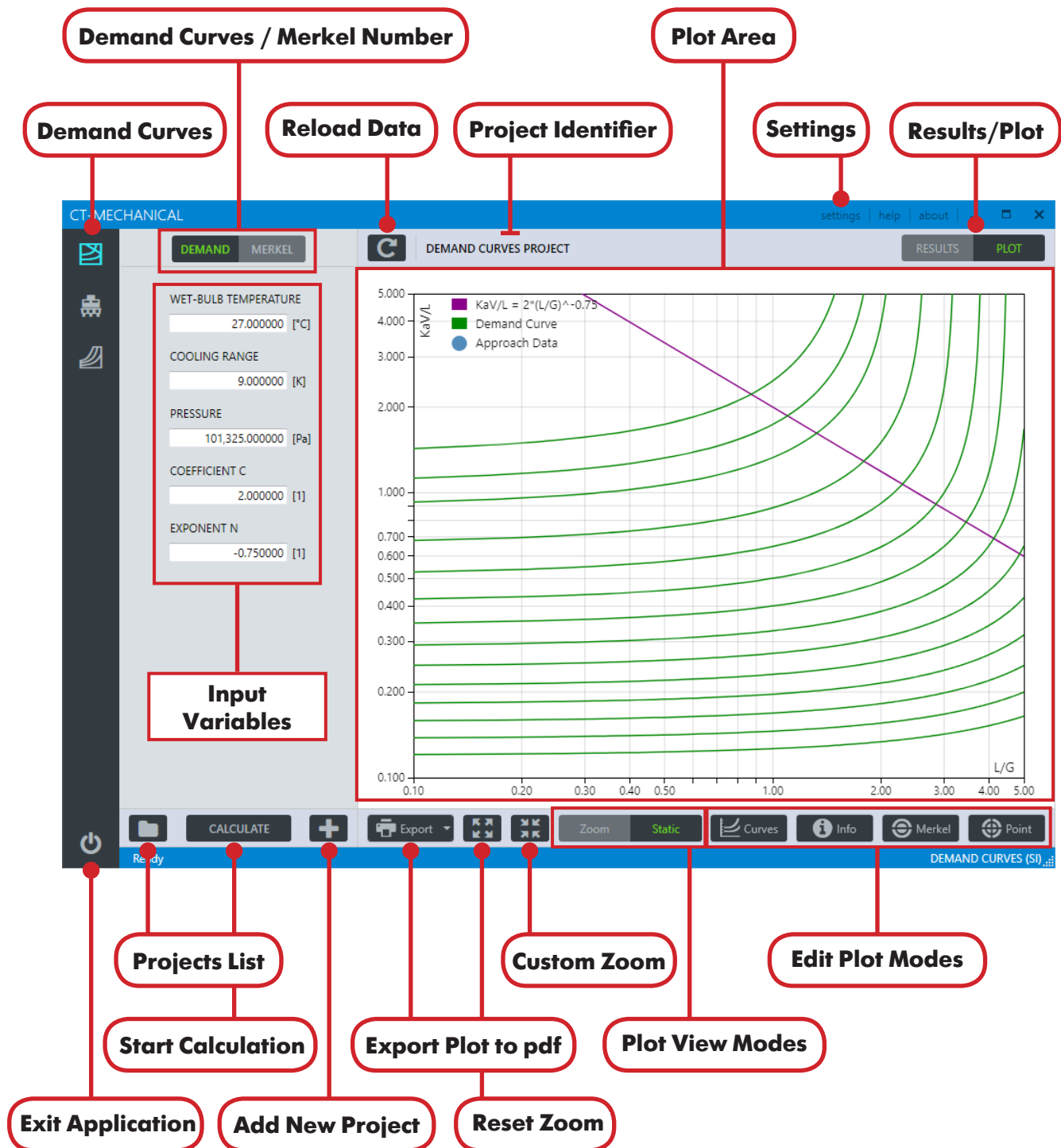


Figure 2.2 Graphical User Interface of Demand Curves.

Add Calculation Project

1. Click on the **Add New Project** button to add a new project (Figure 2.3). Enter the identifier for the project and click the button **OK**. The project will be created in the database and the application will be ready for a new numerical calculation.
2. Click on the **Settings** button located on the upper right-hand side of the application to select the units used for this particular project, as well as the demand curves that will be calculated and plotted (Figure 2.4). Changes are preserved for any new projects being added. Click on the **APPLY** button in order to save the selections.
3. Introduce the input variables for the calculation (Figure 2.5).
4. Click on the **CALCULATE** button to start the calculations.

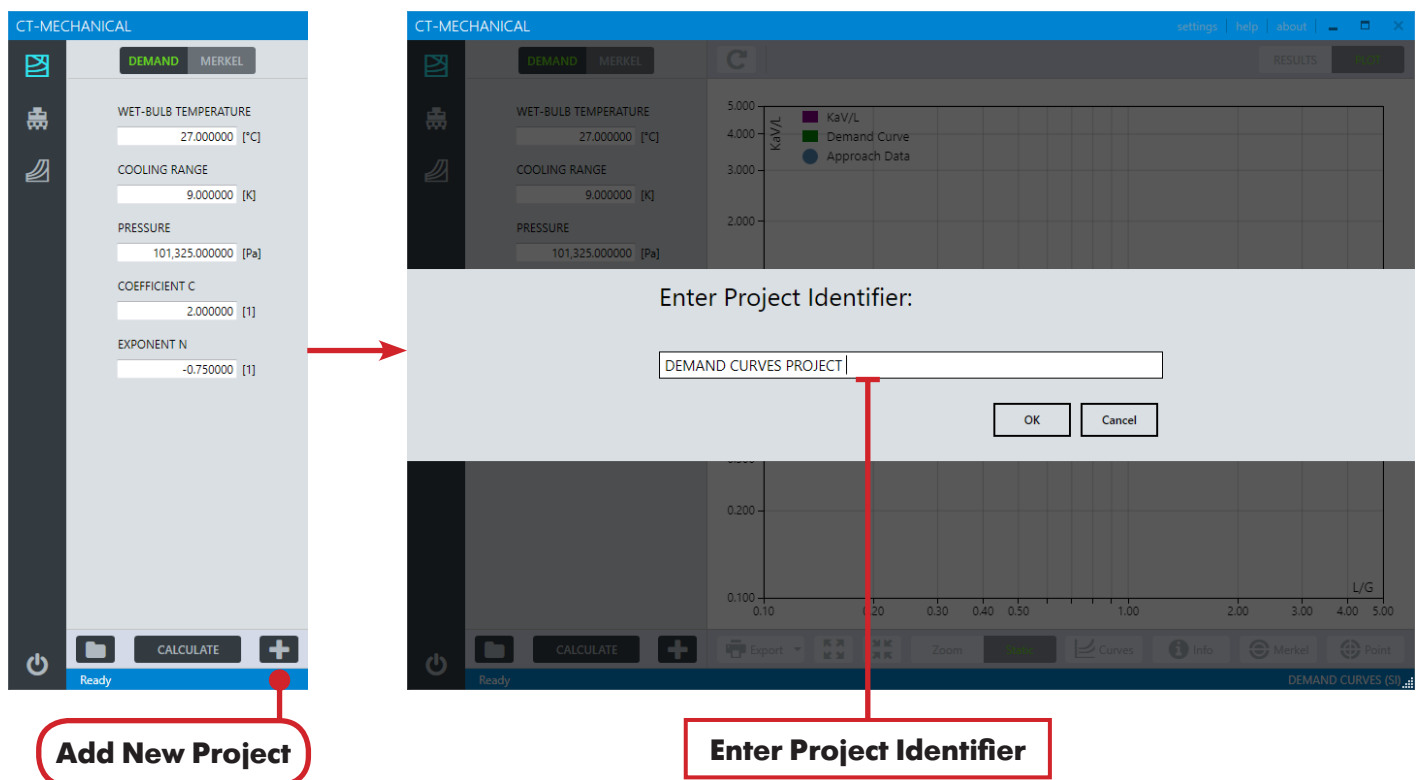


Figure 2.3 Adding a new calculation project in Demand Curves.

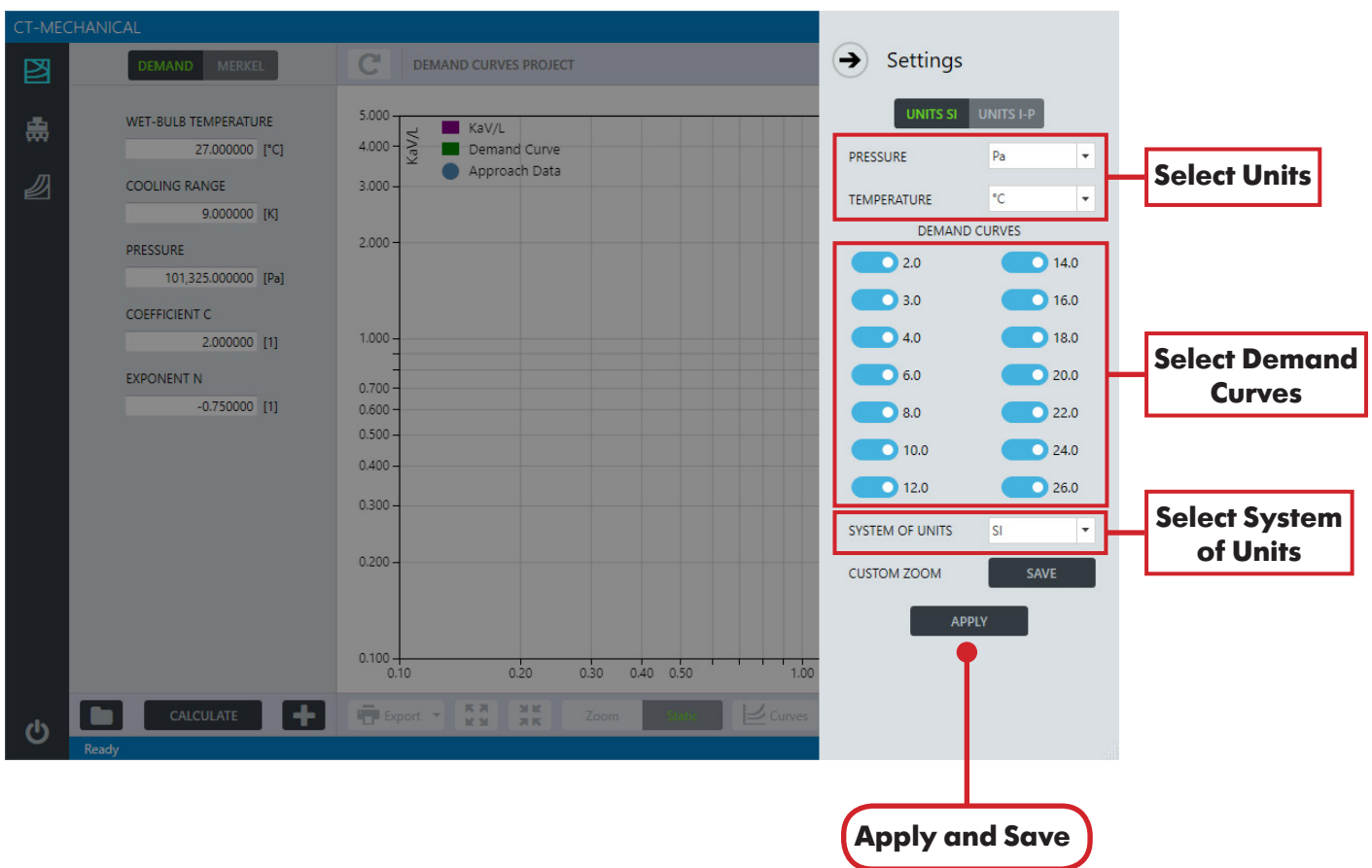


Figure 2.4 Settings for calculation projects in Demand Curves.

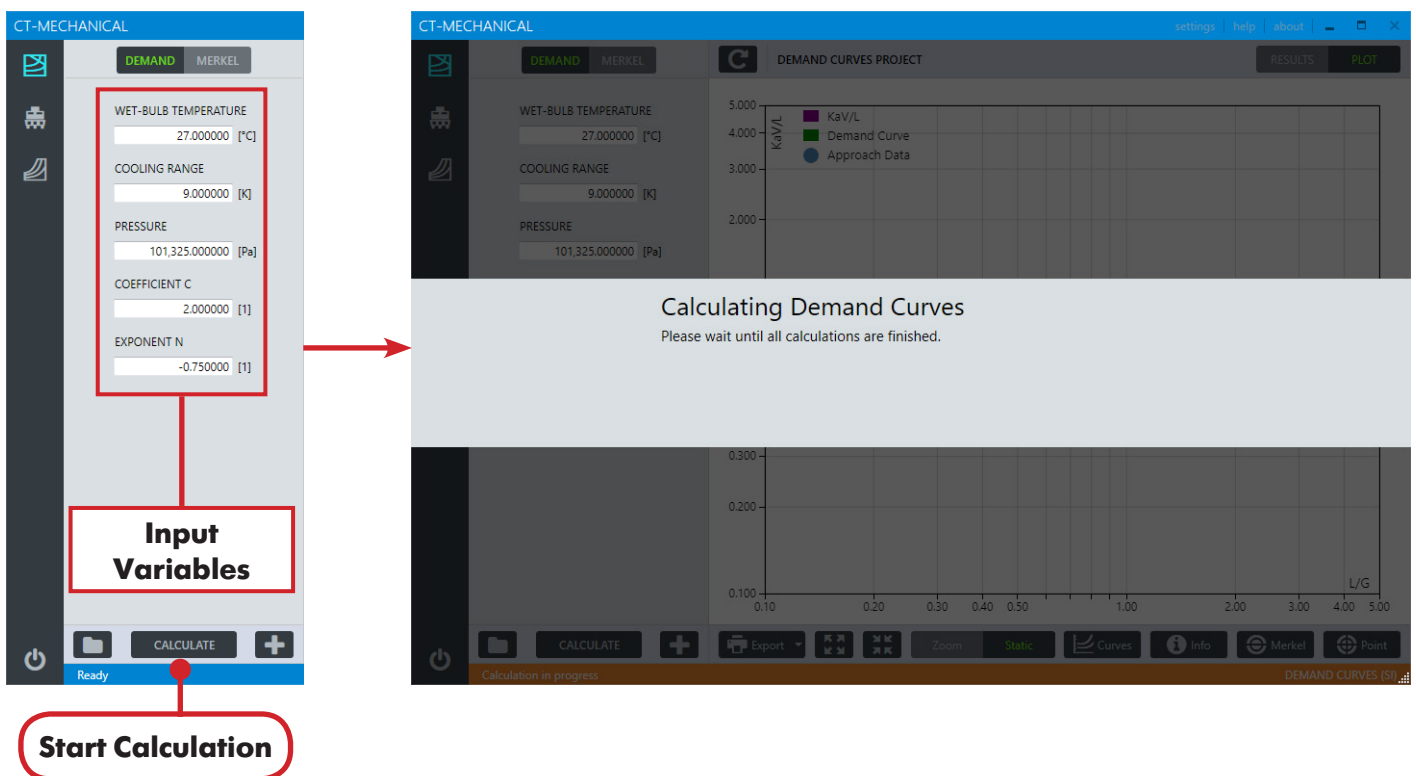


Figure 2.5 Entering input values for a calculation project in Demand Curves.

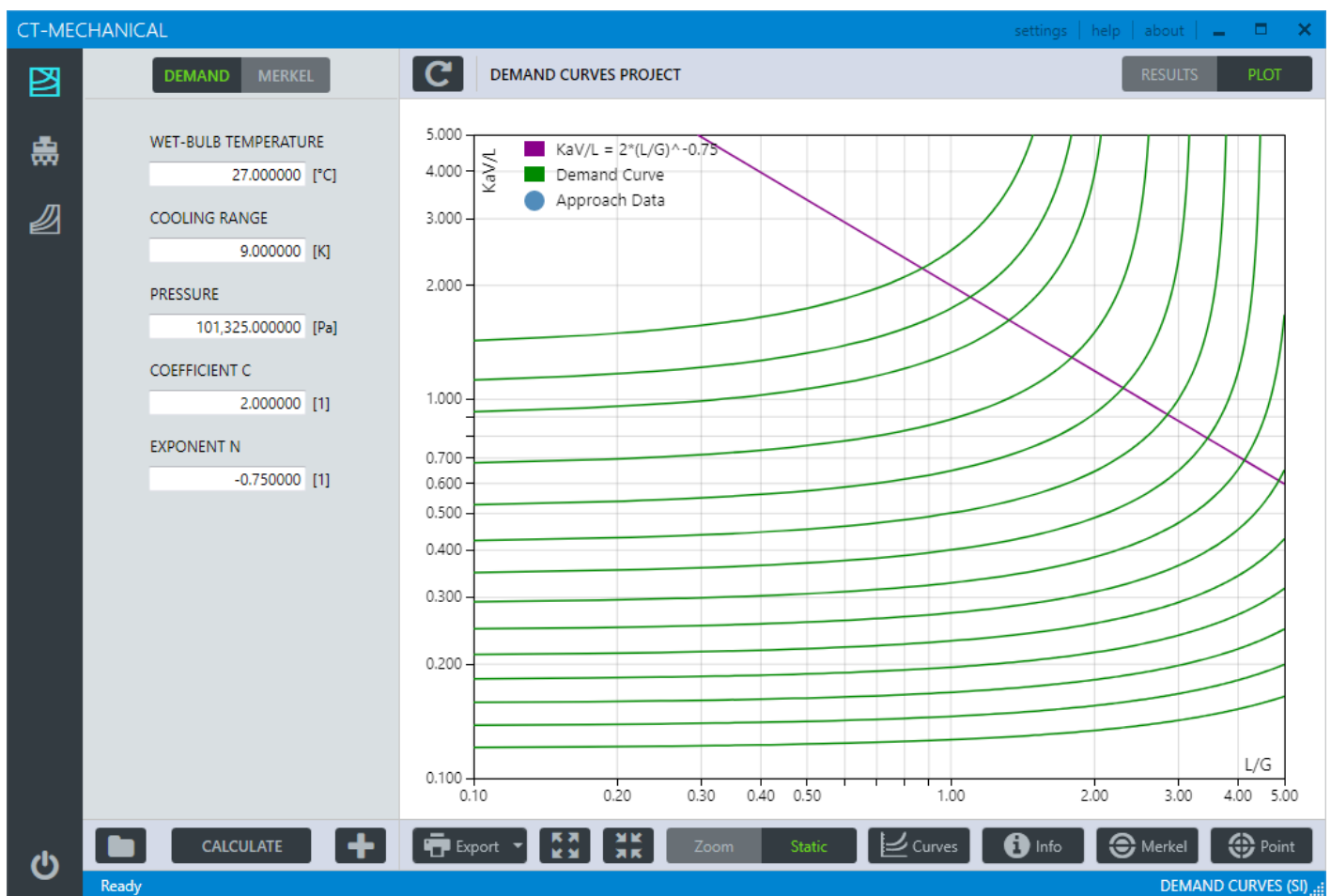


Figure 2.6 Plot Area of Demand Curves after calculations are completed.

Load Project from Database

1. Click on the **Projects List** button to load all the projects saved in the database.
2. Click on the **Details** button of a particular project to show the detailed input variables that were saved for that project.
3. After selecting the project, click on the **Load Project** button to load all the curves and data calculations for the selected project. The project is ready to add approach data points or demand curves.

Delete Project from Database

1. Click on the **Projects List** button to load all the projects saved in the database (Figure 2.7).
2. Click on the checkbox of a particular project to enable its deletion. Any number of projects can be selected. Click on the **Delete Project** button to delete the project(s) from the database and the plot area. By deleting a project, all the demand curves and points that belong to that project will also be deleted.
3. By clicking on the **Select Projects** button, all the projects are checked/unchecked.
4. Click on the **Exit Projects Lists** button to return to the project main interface.

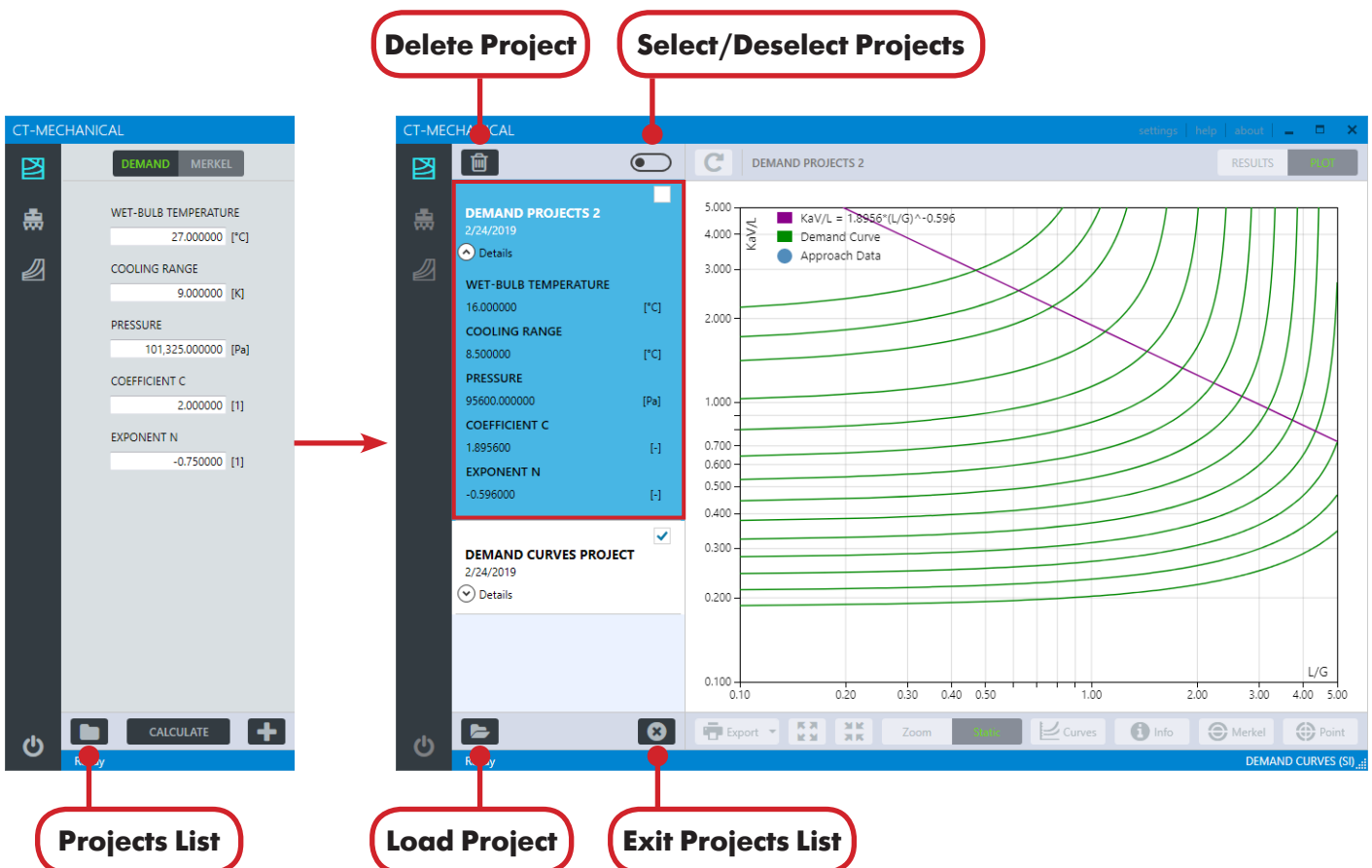


Figure 2.7 List of calculation projects of Demand Curves.

Validating Input Variables

All input variables in the SI or I-P system of units are bounded by the ranges described in Table 2.2. When input variables are introduced that are out of these ranges, and a new calculation project is attempted by clicking on the **CALCULATE** button, the application will first check that all variables are within their range, and if any variable does not satisfy the range condition it will prevent the application from continuing.

A message is displayed specifying the variables that do not satisfy this condition, showing the correct range of variables that must be entered for the calculation to proceed (Figure 2.8).

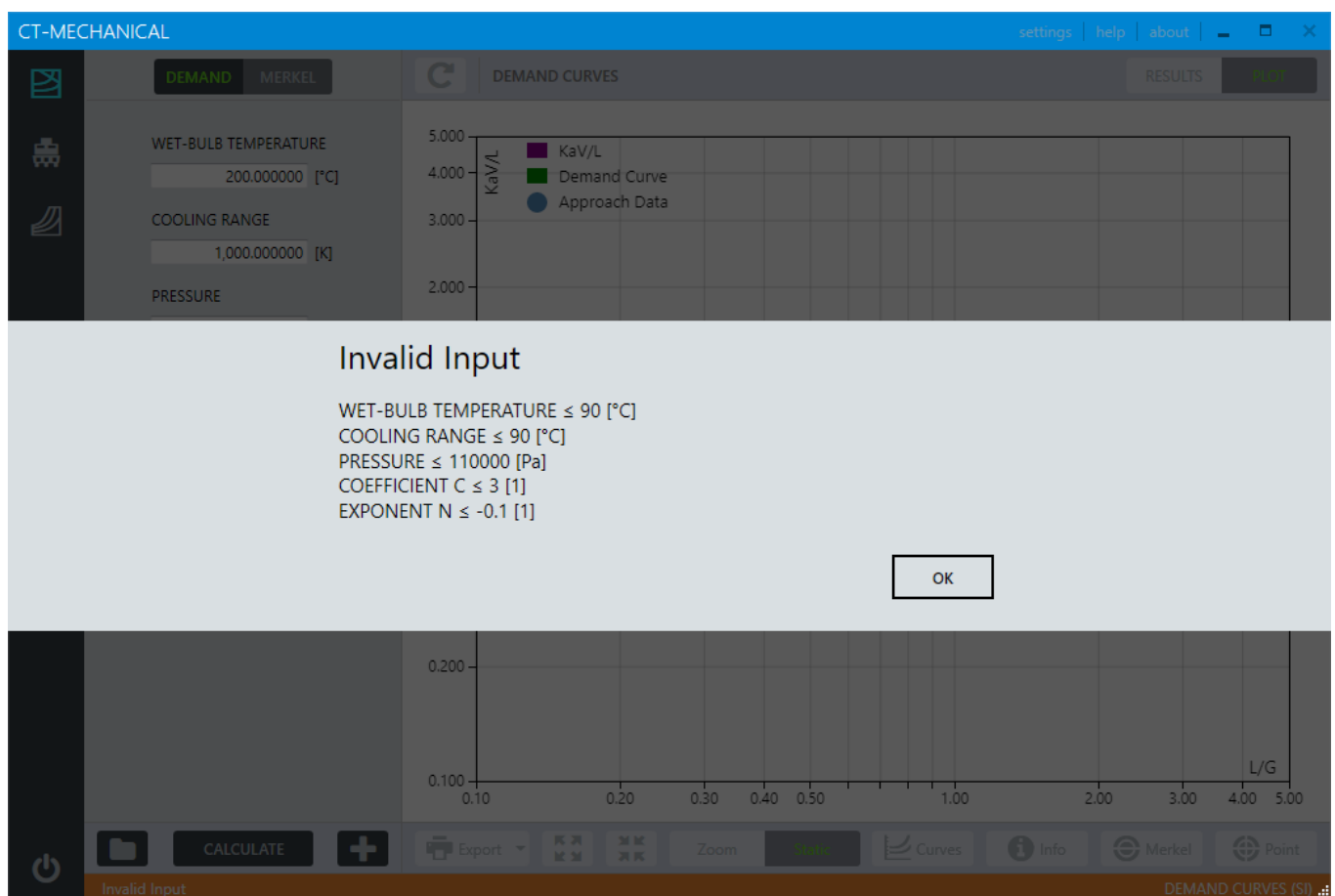


Figure 2.8 Message displaying the correct range of variables for a calculation project in Demand Curves.

Add Approach Data Point to a Project

1. Click on the **Point** button to start the Graphical Mode (Figure 2.9). Left-click the button on the centre of the crosshairs to drag it to your desired location, or introduce the coordinates on the **KaV/L** or **L/G** buttons to move the crosshairs to a precise value. The location on the Plot Area will be used as the value of both KaV/L and L/G to calculate the approach.
2. Click on the **Calculate** button over the plot area to start the calculation of the approach data point.
3. Once the calculation has finished, the numerical results will be shown on the left side of the Plot Area. To add the point to the Plot Area and save it to the database, click on the **Add Point to database** button. Enter an identifier for the point (optional) and click **OK** (Figure 2.10).
4. To exit the Graphical Mode, click on the **Point** button.

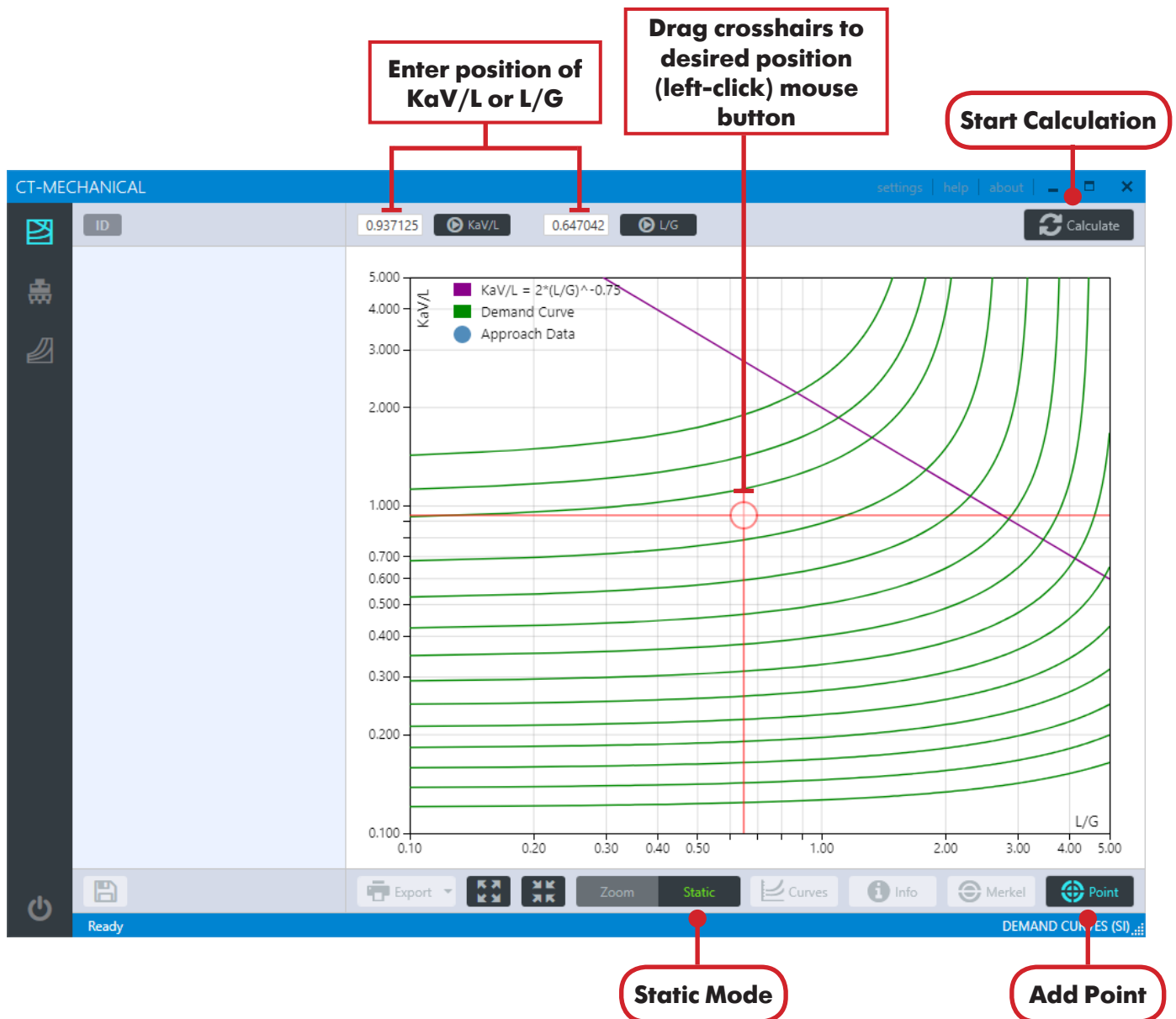


Figure 2.9 Graphical Mode - Adding an approach point to a calculation project in Demand Curves.

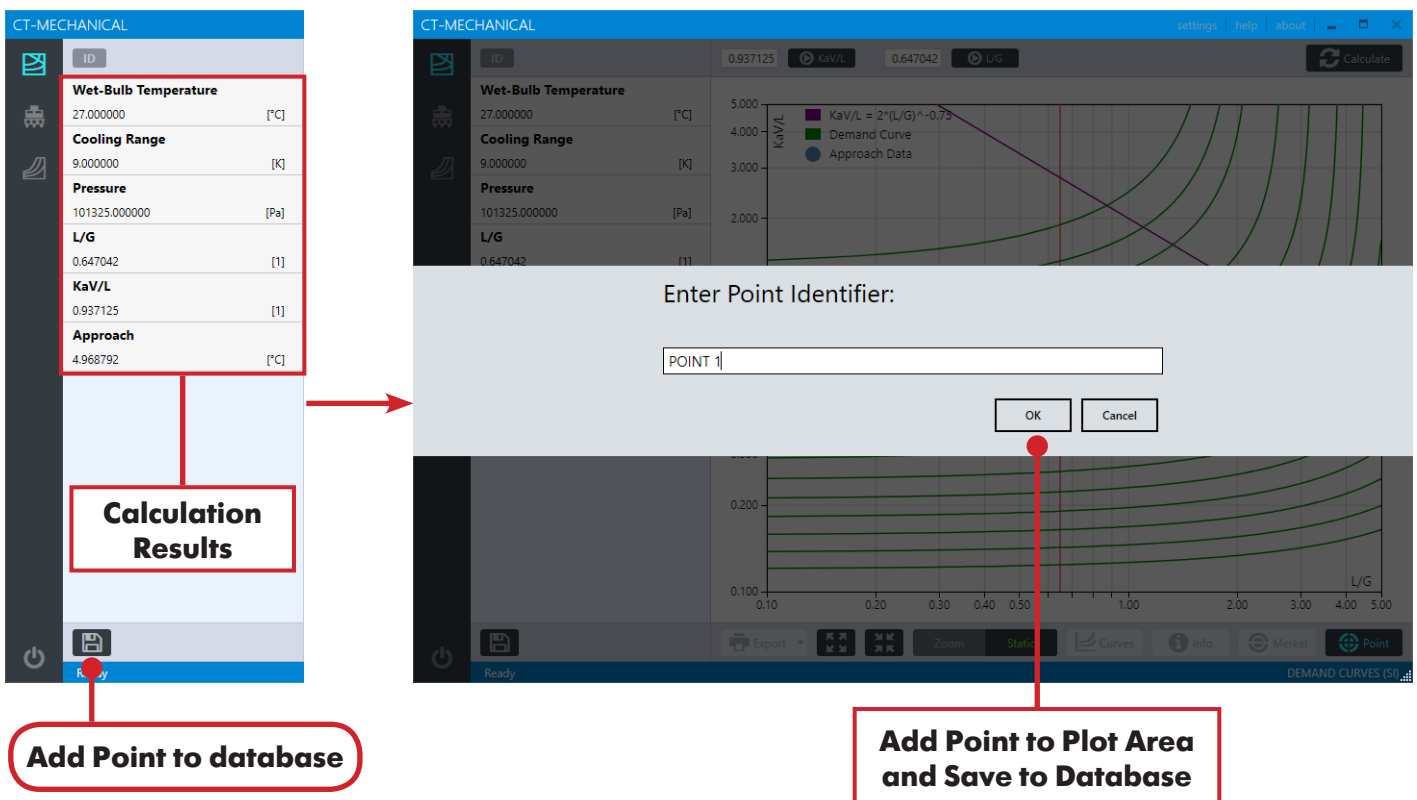
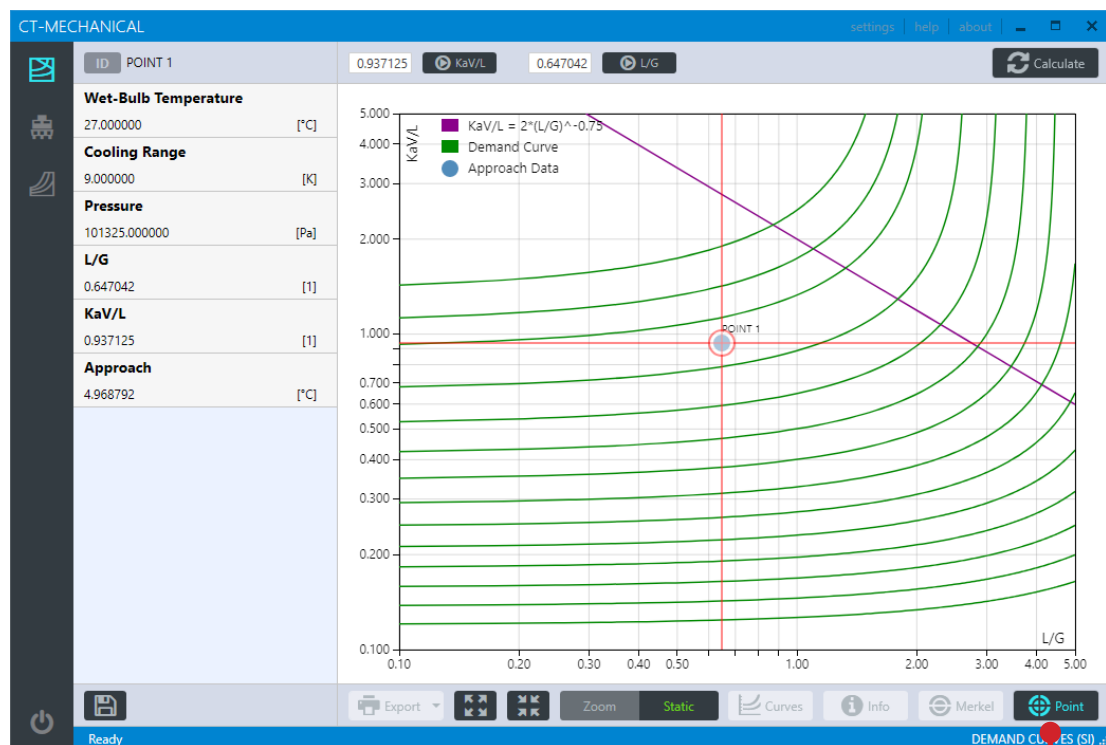


Figure 2.10 Adding an approach data point to the Plot Area and saving it to the database in Demand Curves.



Click to exit
Graphical Mode

Figure 2.11 Approach data point added to the Plot Area of Demand Curves.

Add Approach Data Point on KaV/L line

1. Click on the **Merkel** button to start the Graphical Mode (Figure 2.12). Select the **Curve** switch next to the **Calculate** button to calculate and plot the demand curve that results from the calculation. Left-click the button on the centre of the crosshairs to drag it to your desired location on the KaV/L line, or introduce the coordinates on the **KaV/L** or **L/G** buttons to move the crosshairs to some precise value. The coordinate position of the crosshairs is restricted to satisfy the Merkel (KaV/L) equation. The location on the Plot Area will be used as the value of both KaV/L and L/G to calculate the approach.
2. Click on the **Calculate** button over the plot area to start the calculation of the approach data point.
3. Once the calculation has finished, the numerical results will be shown on the left side of the Plot Area. To add the point to the Plot Area and save it to the database, click on the **Add Point to database** button. Enter an identifier for the point (optional) and click **OK**.
4. To exit the Graphical Mode, click on the **Merkel** button.

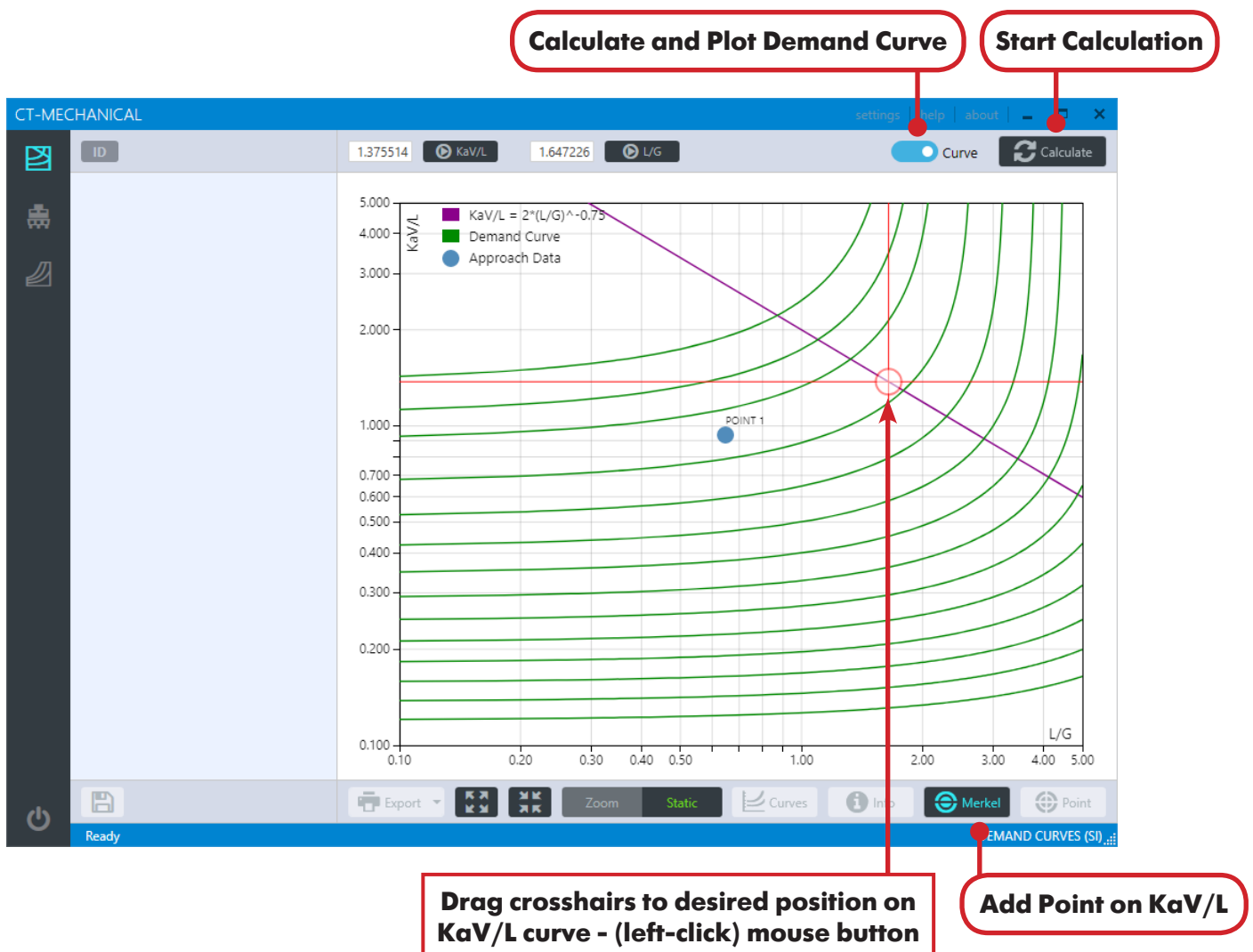


Figure 2.12 Adding an approach data point and demand curve on the KaV/L line.

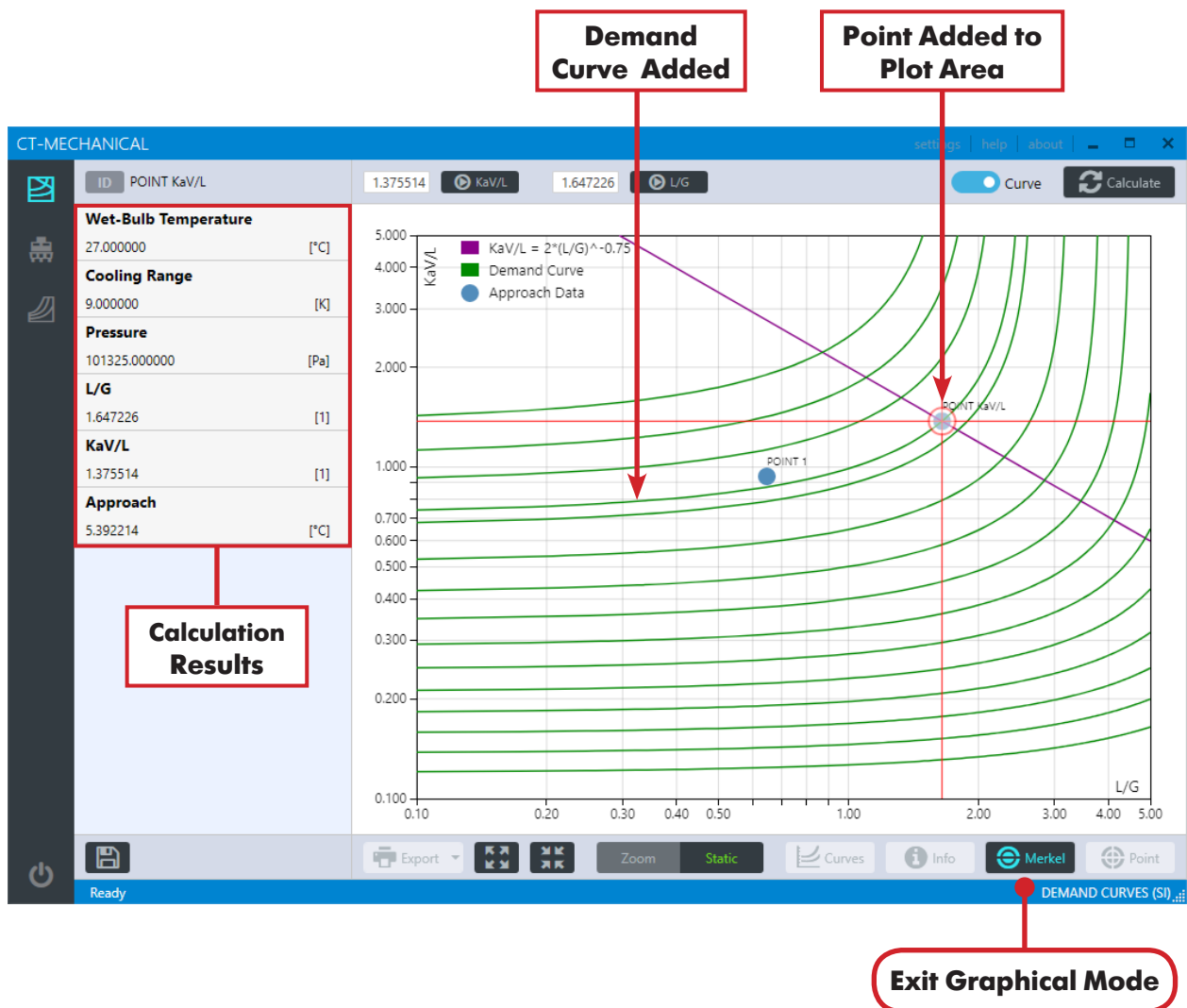


Figure 2.13 Approach data point and demand curve calculated on the KaV/L line and saved to the database.

Load Approach Data Point Results

1. Click on the **Info** button to start the Graphical Mode. To allow the selection of data points on the Plot Area, select the **Static** mode of the plot view mode selector (Figure 2.14).
2. Click on a point (left-click mouse button) to select it. The crosshairs will be positioned on it, indicating that it is selected. Click on the **Point** button to load the numerical results calculated for the selected point. These results will be displayed on the left side of the Plot Area.
3. To exit the Graphical Mode, click on the **Info** button.

Delete Approach Data Points

1. Once an approach data point has been selected and its numerical results loaded from the database, click on the **Delete Point** button to remove the point from the Plot Area and to delete it from the database.

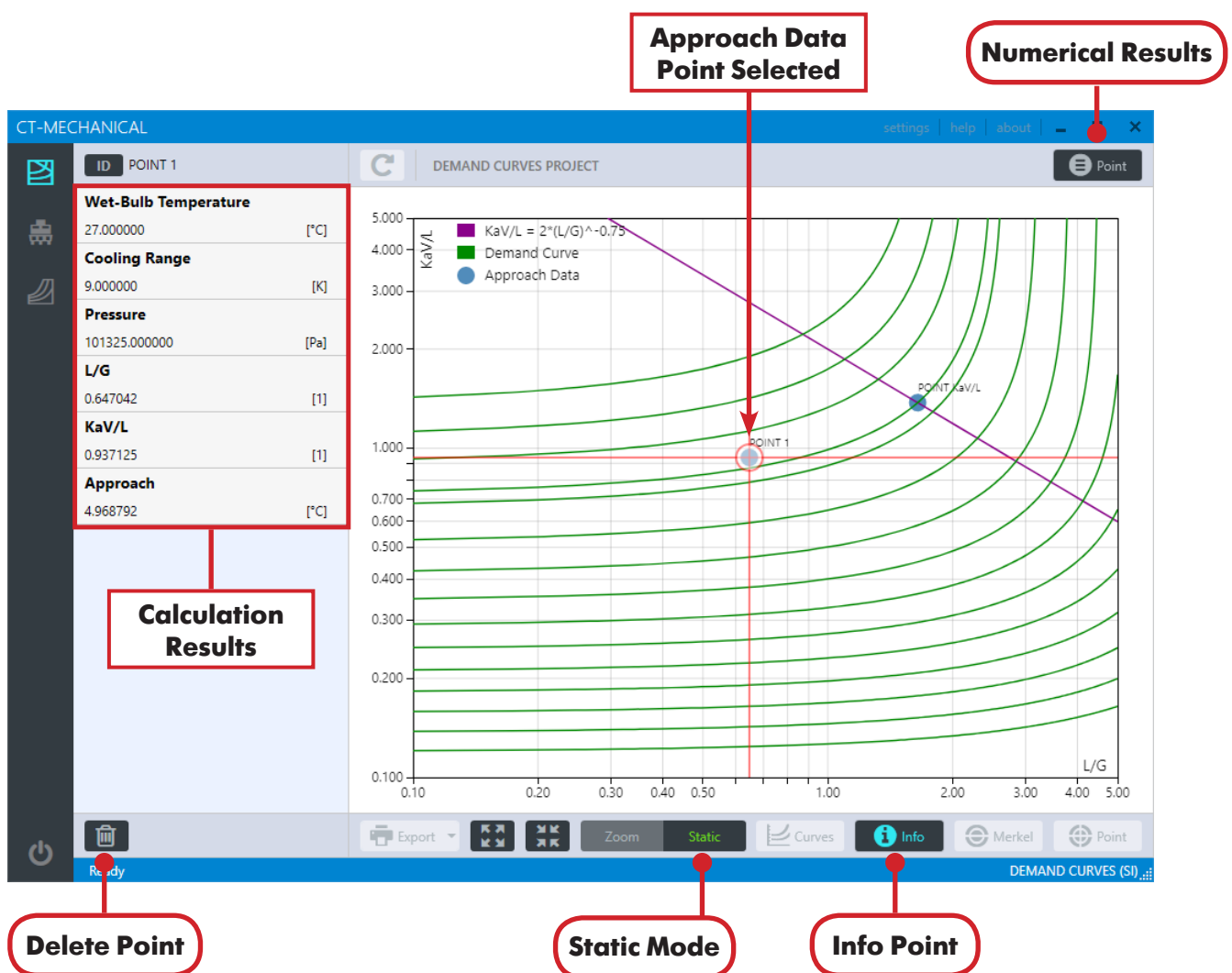


Figure 2.14 Numerical results from individual approach points of Demand Curves.

Get Numerical Results from a Project

1. Click on the **RESULTS** button to load all the approach points calculations for a particular project.
2. Click on the **PLOT** button to return to the Plot Area (Figure 2.15).

Export Numerical Results

1. Click on the **Export Results** button to export the numerical calculation results of the approach points of a particular project. These can be exported to excel / pdf formats (Figures 2.16, 2.17).

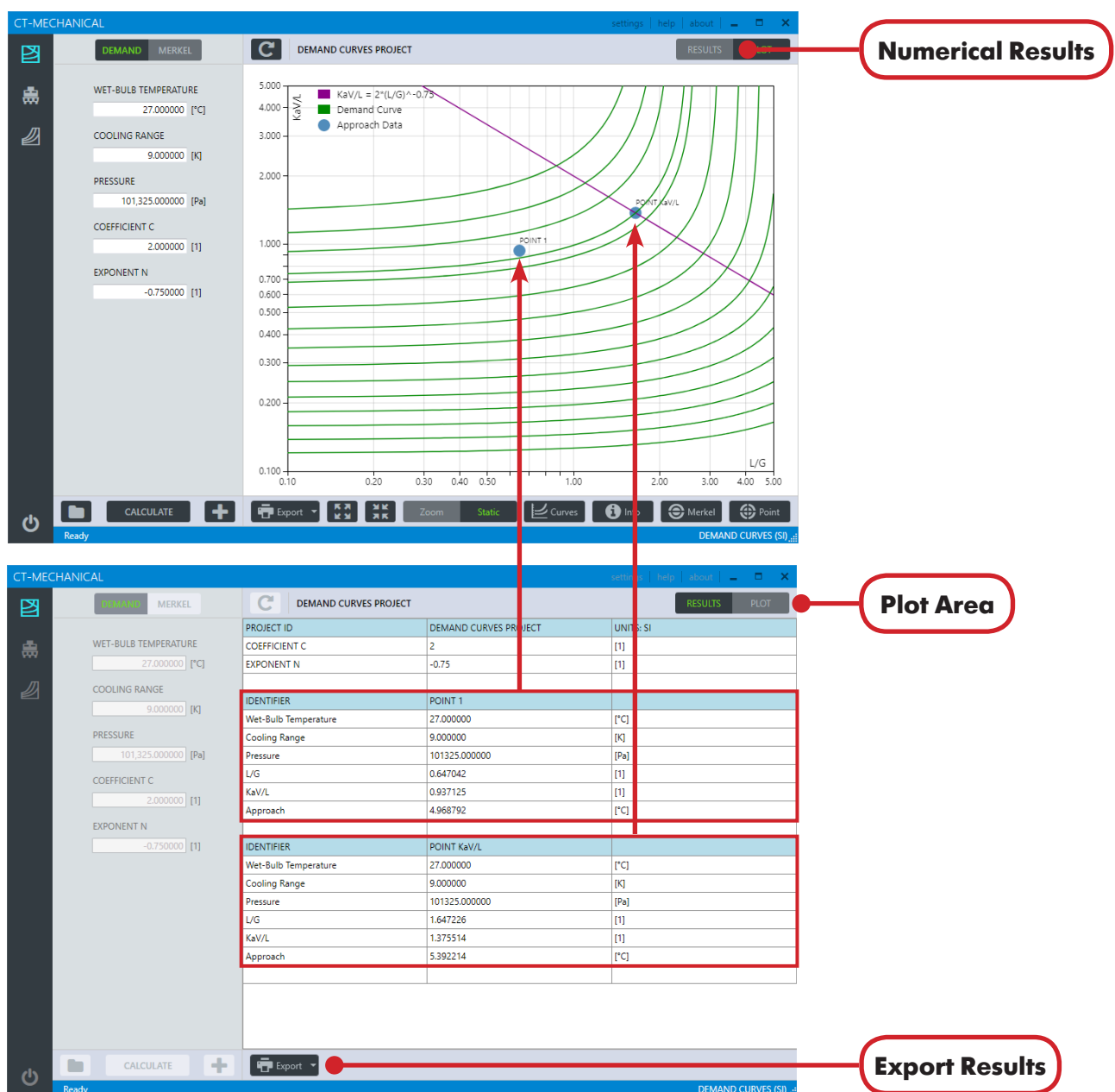


Figure 2.15 Numerical results from all approach points in a project of Demand Curves.

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| PROJECT ID | DEMAND CURVES PROJECT | UNITS: SI |
| COEFFICIENT C | 2 | [1] |
| EXPONENT N | -0.75 | [1] |
| IDENTIFIER | POINT 1 | |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 27.000000 | [°C] |
| Cooling Range | 9.000000 | [K] |
| Pressure | 101325.000000 | [Pa] |
| L/G | 0.647042 | [1] |
| KaV/L | 0.937125 | [1] |
| Approach | 4.968792 | [°C] |
| IDENTIFIER | POINT KaV/L | |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 27.000000 | [°C] |
| Cooling Range | 9.000000 | [K] |
| Pressure | 101325.000000 | [Pa] |
| L/G | 1.647226 | [1] |
| KaV/L | 1.375514 | [1] |
| Approach | 5.392214 | [°C] |

Figure 2.16 Numerical results from approach points in a project of Demand Curves (pdf file).

| | A | B | C |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1 | PROJECT ID | DEMAND CURVES PROJECT | UNITS: SI |
| 2 | COEFFICIENT C | 2 | [1] |
| 3 | EXPONENT N | -0.75 | [1] |
| 4 | | | |
| 5 | IDENTIFIER | POINT 1 | |
| 6 | Wet-Bulb Temperature | 27.000000 | [°C] |
| 7 | Cooling Range | 9.000000 | [K] |
| 8 | Pressure | 101325.000000 | [Pa] |
| 9 | L/G | 0.647042 | [1] |
| 10 | KaV/L | 0.937125 | [1] |
| 11 | Approach | 4.968792 | [°C] |
| 12 | | | |
| 13 | IDENTIFIER | POINT KaV/L | |
| 14 | Wet-Bulb Temperature | 27.000000 | [°C] |
| 15 | Cooling Range | 9.000000 | [K] |
| 16 | Pressure | 101325.000000 | [Pa] |
| 17 | L/G | 1.647226 | [1] |
| 18 | KaV/L | 1.375514 | [1] |
| 19 | Approach | 5.392214 | [°C] |
| 20 | | | |
| 21 | | | |
| 22 | | | |

Figure 2.17 Numerical results from approach points in a project of Demand Curves (excel file).

Select Demand Curve in the Plot Area

1. Click on the **Curves** button to show a list of all the approach values that correspond to the demand curves on the Plot Area (Figure 2.18).
2. Click on a particular curve in the demand curve's list to select it on the Plot Area (the selected demand curve will change its color to red).
3. Click on the **Curves** button to return to the Plot Area.

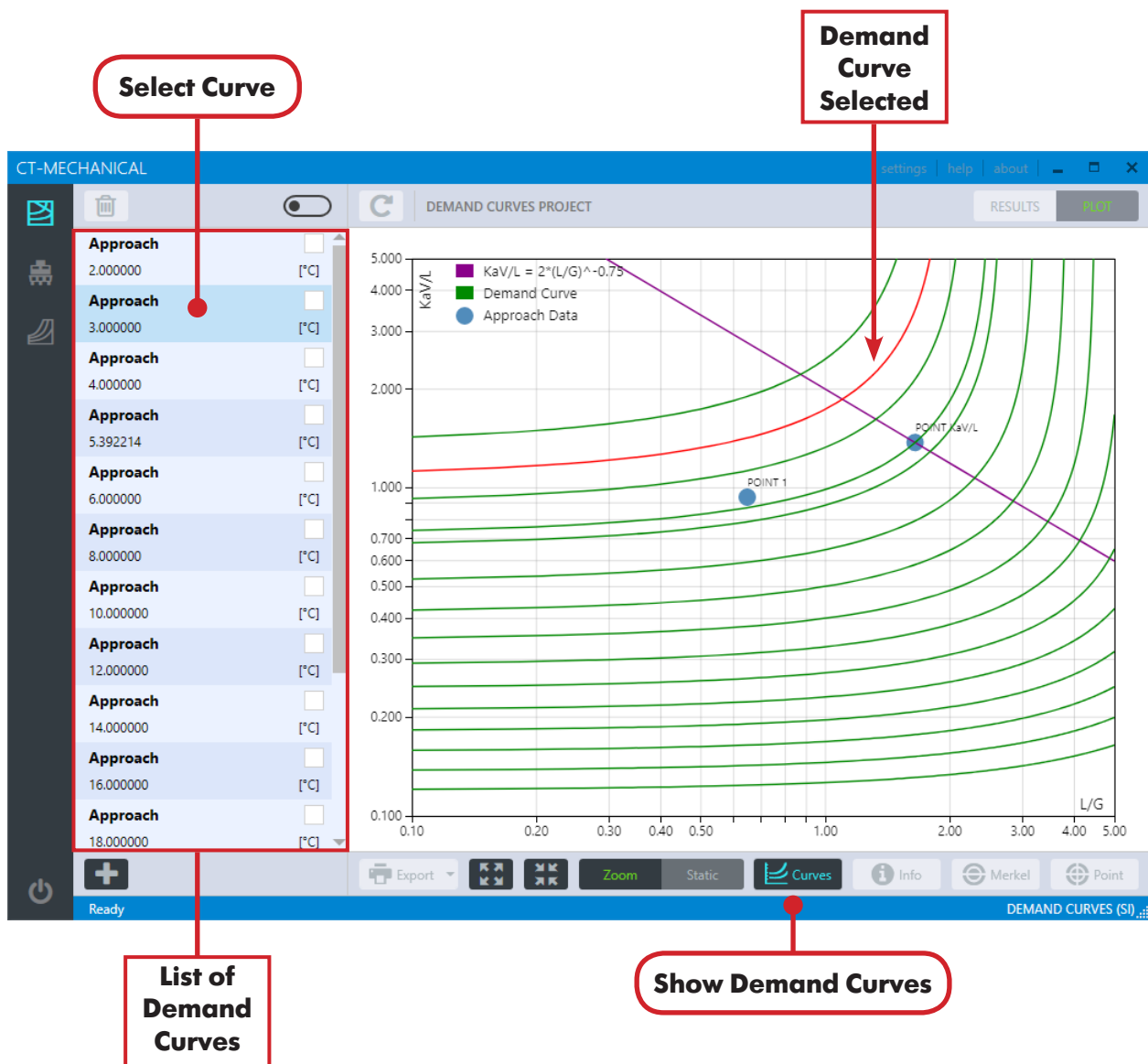


Figure 2.18 Selection of demand curves.

Add Demand Curve

1. Click on the **Add Curve** button to introduce the value for a new demand curve (Figure 2.19).
2. Click on the **OK** button to start the calculation for the new demand curve. Once the curve has been calculated, it will be saved to the database for that project.

Delete Demand Curve

1. Select the demand curve(s) by checking on the checkbox. Click on the **Select Curves** button to select/deselect all demand curves.
2. Click on the **Delete Curve** button to remove the demand curve(s) from the Plot Area and to delete it(them) from the database.

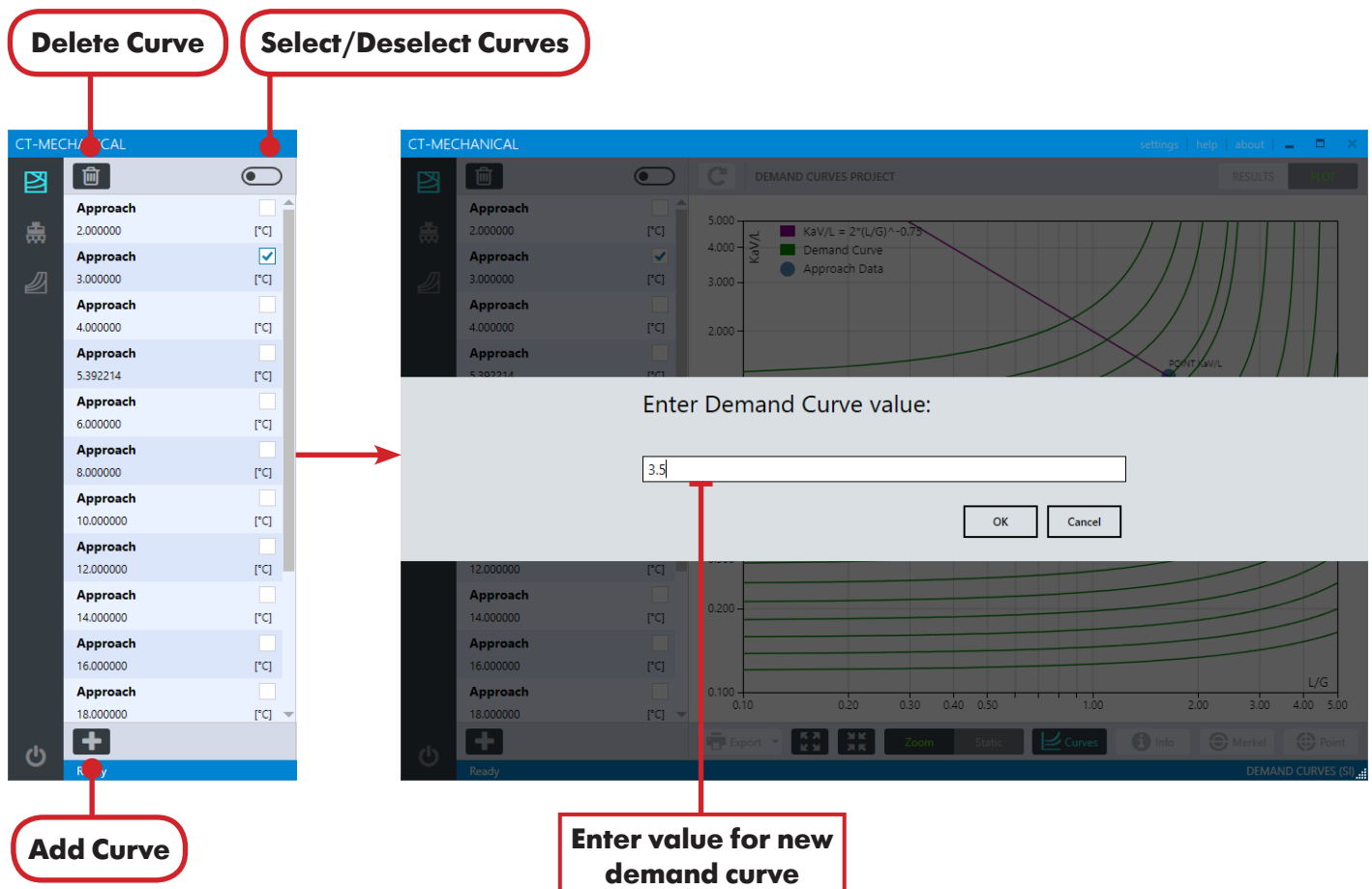


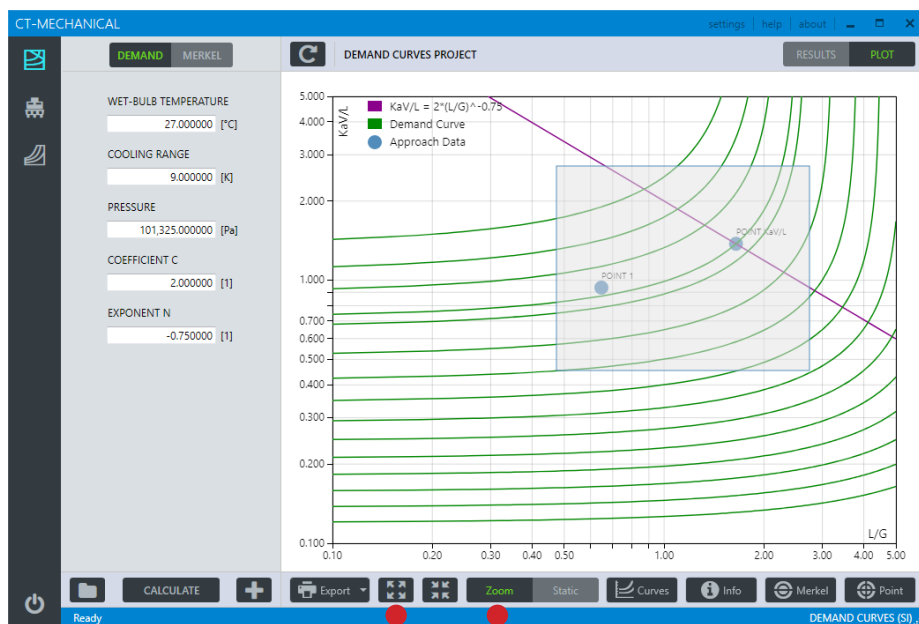
Figure 2.19 Add/Delete a demand curve in a calculation project.

Zoom Plot Area

1. Select the **Zoom Mode** of the Plot View Mode selector (Figure 2.20).
2. Push the left-click button on the mouse and drag it to select a zoom rectangle around the area of interest.
3. To reset the zoom to default values, click on the **Reset Zoom** button.

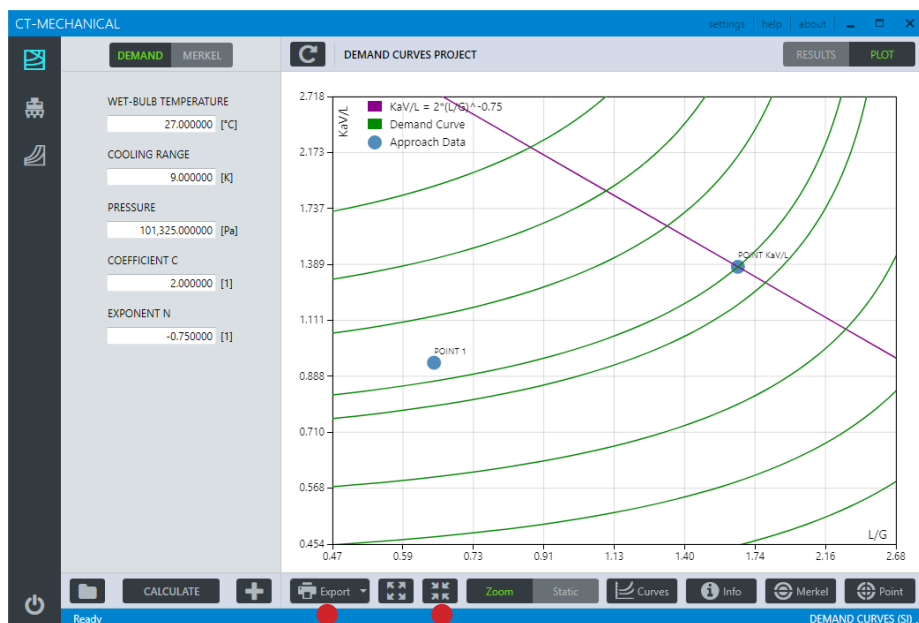
Export the Plot Area to a pdf file

1. Click on the **Export Plot to pdf** button to export the current Plot Area to a pdf file.



Reset Zoom

Zoom Mode



Export Plot to pdf

Custom Zoom

Figure 2.20 Zoom into the Plot Area of Demand Curves.

Save/Load Custom Zoom of the Plot Area

1. Click on the **Settings** button located on the upper right-hand side of the application (Figure 2.21).
2. Click on the **SAVE** button next to CUSTOM ZOOM to save the current zoom (Plot Area bounds) into the database for this particular project.

Click on the **Custom Zoom** button at any time to return the Plot Area bounds to the previously custom zoom saved to the datase.

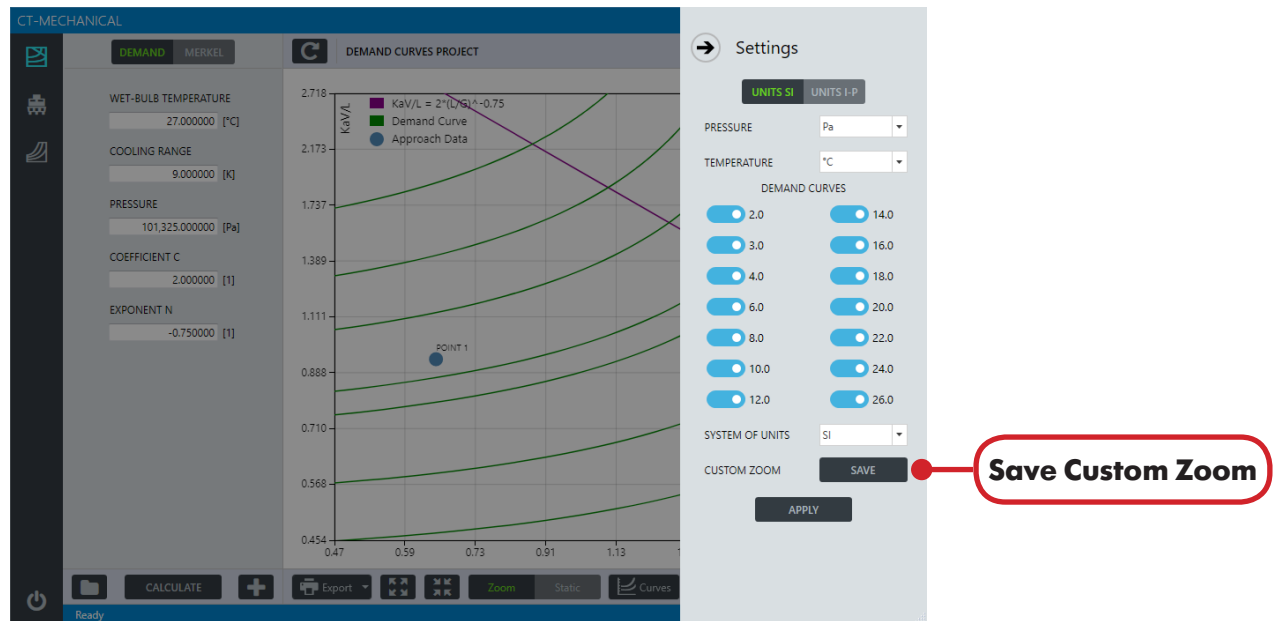


Figure 2.21 Settings for calculation projects of Demand Curves.

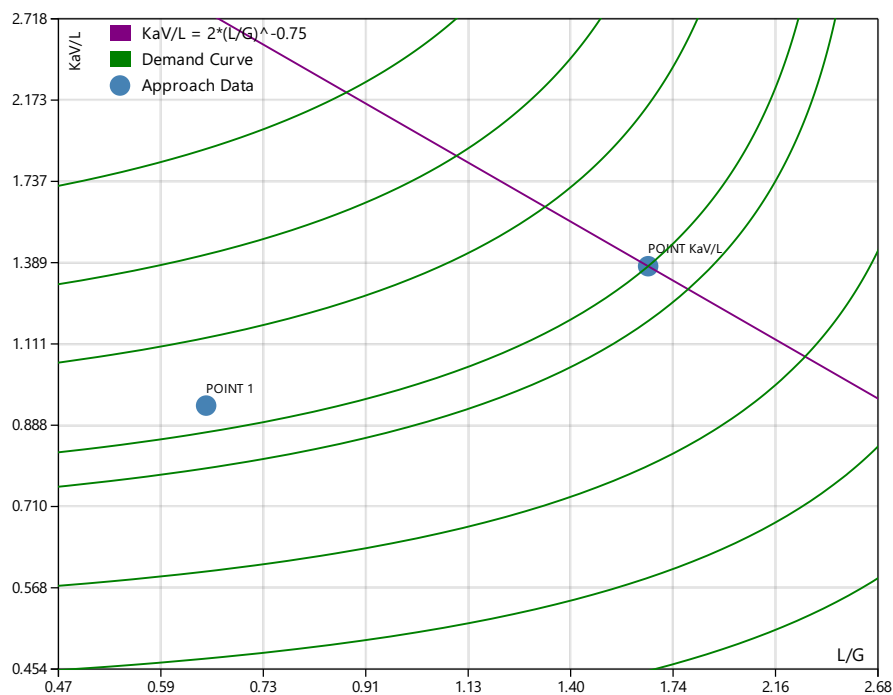


Figure 2.22 Zoom into the Plot Area of Demand Curves (plot exported to pdf).

The Graphical User Interface for **Merkel Number** is shown in Figure 3.1. By selecting the button denoted Demand Curves on the left side of the application, the user is presented with the interface.

Select the denoted MERKEL button selector to display the Merkel Number main interface.

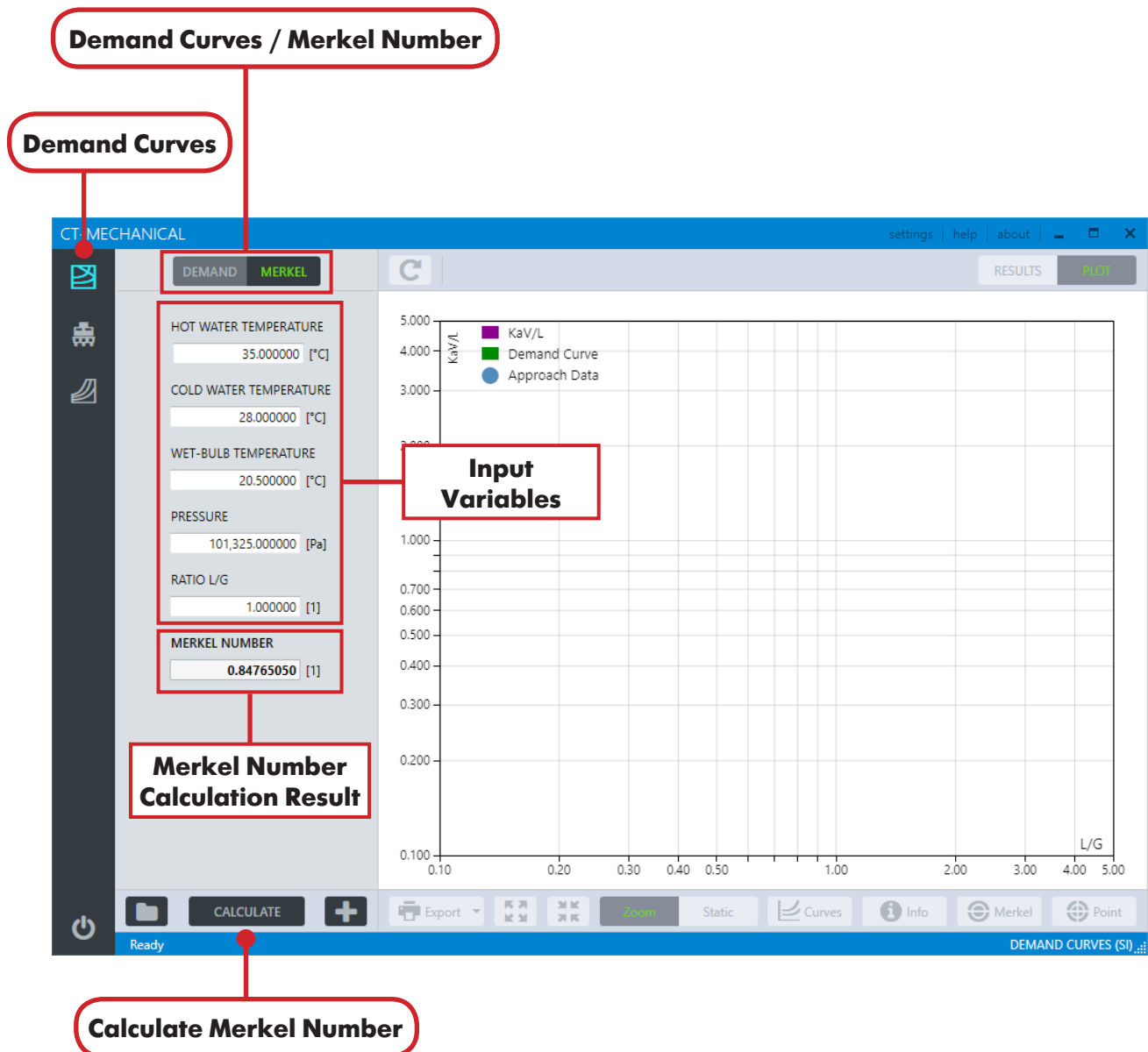


Figure 3.1 Graphical User Interface for the calculation of Merkel Number.

3.2 Range of Input Variables

Merkel Number

The full ranges of input variables for calculation of the Merkel Number in SI and I-P system of units:

| Property | Range in SI Units | SI Units |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | $1.0 \leq T \leq 90.0$ | °C |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | $1.0 \leq T \leq 90.0$ | °C |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $1.0 \leq T \leq 90.0$ | °C |
| PRESSURE | $60000 \leq P \leq 110000$ | Pa |
| RATIO L/G | $0.01 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |

| Property | Range in I-P Units | I-P Units |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | $33.8 \leq T \leq 194.0$ | °F |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | $33.8 \leq T \leq 194.0$ | °F |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $33.8 \leq T \leq 194.0$ | °F |
| PRESSURE | $8.70226426 \leq P \leq 15.95415115$ | psia |
| RATIO L/G | $0.01 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |

Table 3.1 Full ranges of input variables for Merkel Number.

3.3 Range of Input Variables (Evaluation Version)

Merkel Number

The full ranges of input variables for calculation of the Merkel Number (Evaluation Version) in SI and I-P system of units are:

| Property | Range in SI Units | SI Units |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | $44.0 \leq T \leq 53.0$ | °C |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | $28.0 \leq T \leq 31.0$ | °C |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $25.0 \leq T \leq 28.0$ | °C |
| PRESSURE | $99000 \leq P \leq 102000$ | Pa |
| RATIO L/G | $0.01 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |

| Property | Range in I-P Units | I-P Units |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | $111.2 \leq T \leq 127.4$ | °F |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | $82.4 \leq T \leq 87.8$ | °F |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $77.0 \leq T \leq 82.4$ | °F |
| PRESSURE | $14.358736 \leq P \leq 14.793849$ | psia |
| RATIO L/G | $0.01 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |

Table 3.2 Ranges of input variables for Merkel Number (Evaluation Version).

Validating Input Variables and Calculations

All input variables in SI or I-P are bounded by the ranges described in Table 3.1. In case that the input variables that are introduced are out of these ranges, and a new calculation is attempted by clicking on the **CALCULATE** button, the application first checks that all variables are within its range, and if any variable does not satisfy the range condition it will prevent the application from continuing. (Figure 3.2).

A message is displayed with the variables that do not satisfy this condition, showing the correct range of variables that must be entered for the calculation to proceed. Calculations that are within these ranges, but not do satisfy the conditions for a valid calculation, also display a message (Figure 3.3).

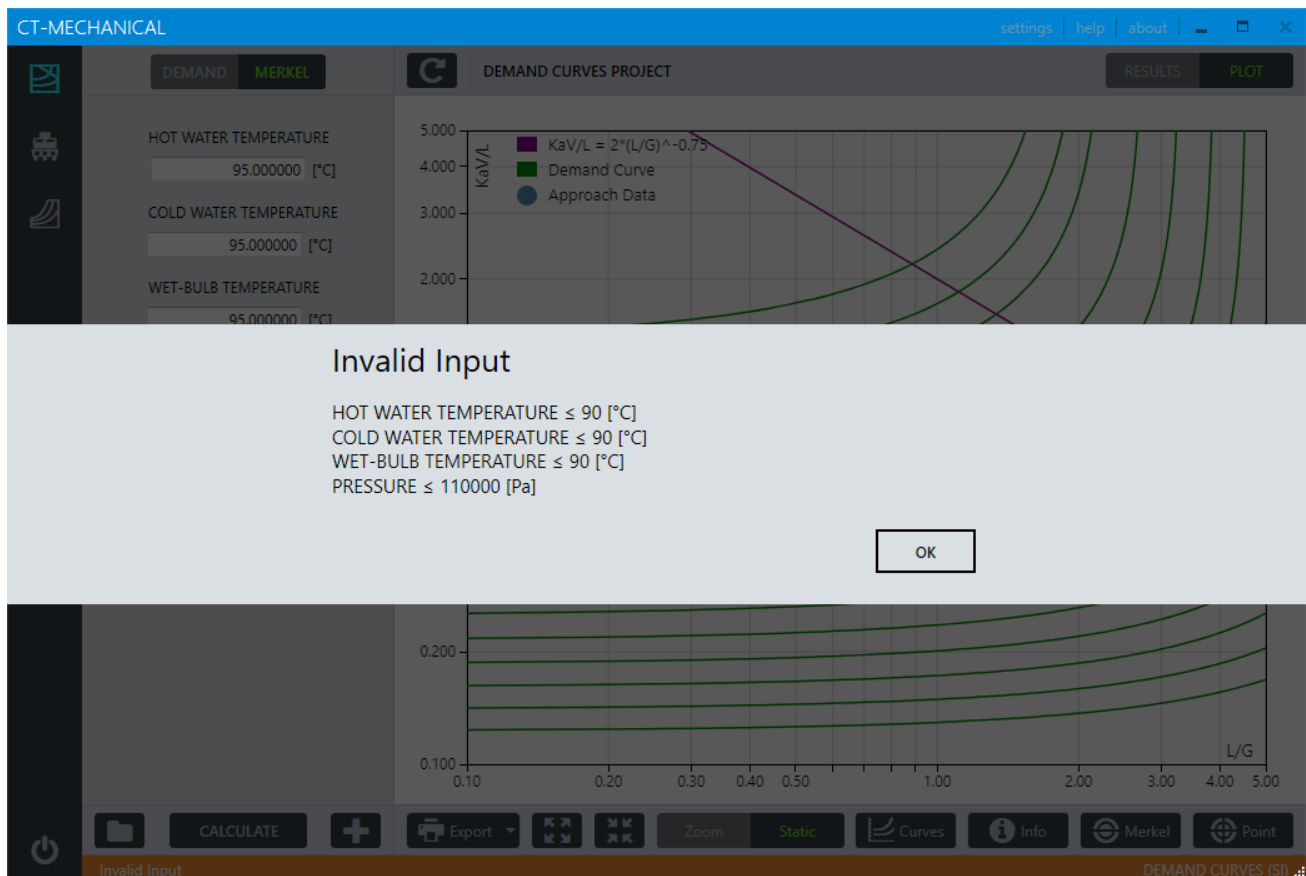


Figure 3.2 Validation of input variables for the calculation of Merkel Number.

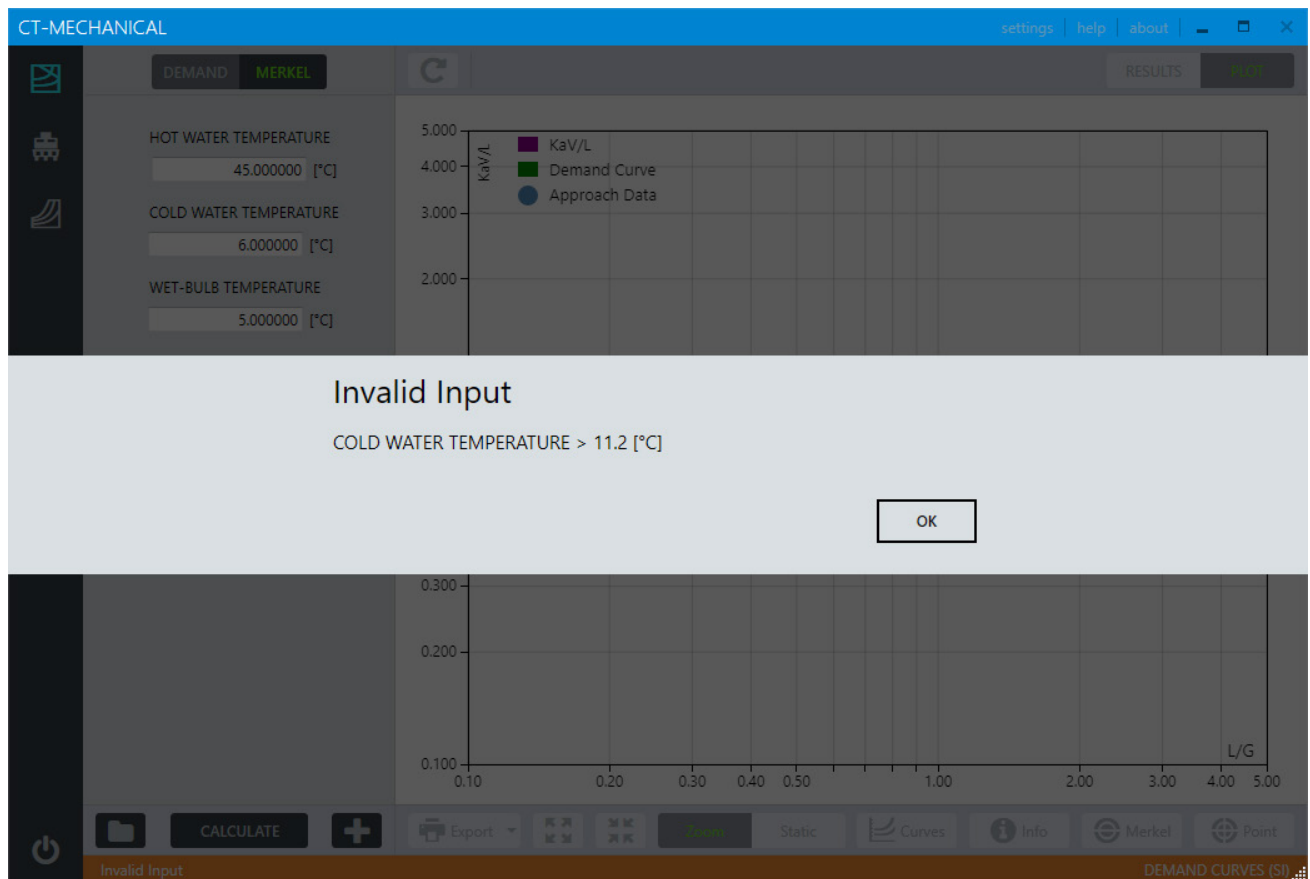


Figure 3.3 Validating the calculation of Merkel Number.

Calculate Merkel Number

1. Click on the **MERKEL** button selector located on the Demand Curves application.
2. Enter the input variables and click on the **CALCULATE** button. The Merkel number is displayed below the input variables.

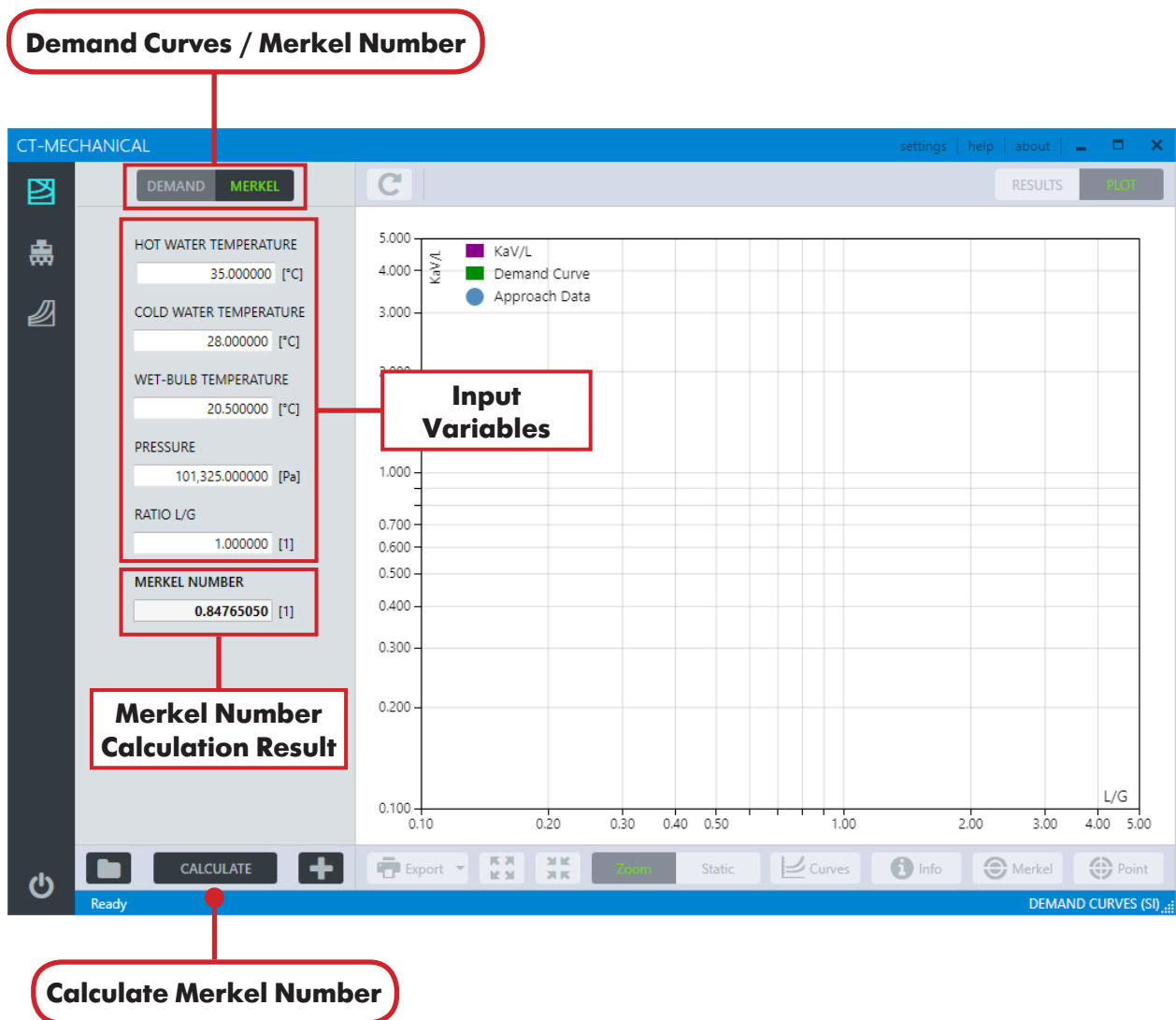


Figure 3.4 Calculation of Merkel Number.

Mechanical Draft allows the evaluation of the cooling capability and thermal performance of mechanical draft cooling towers based on the Acceptance Test Code CTI ATC-105 from test data points using the characteristic curve method.

By determining design and test conditions for a particular mechanical draft cooling tower, the manufacturer's characteristic curve parameters and a design liquid to gas ratio (L/G), **Mechanical Draft** calculates the cooling capability given design conditions, plotting in a log-log graph each of the input data conditions as well as the resulting intercept results (denoted as a *result data*) given as a pair of values determined by KaV/L and L/G both in SI and I-P.

Mechanical Draft solves the energy equation by numerically integrating the Merkel equation (1-1) using the four-point Chebyshev numerical method and employing the following models for the calculation of water, steam and humid air properties:

Properties of Water and Steam

- Formulations from the IAPWS (International Association for the Properties of Water and Steam) IAPWS-IF97 Industrial formulation (Revision 2007) and related models.

Properties of Humid Air

- Thermodynamic and psychrometric property algorithms from the ASHRAE Research Project 1485.
- Scientific Formulation IAPWS-95, IAPWS Formulation 2008 and IAPWS Formulation 2006. Properties of dry air are from the NIST Reference equation of Lemmon et al.

Input Variables

The input variables for a calculation project in Mechanical Draft includes the design data conditions and one set of test data conditions to evaluate the tower capability. Table 4.1 describes these variables. Additional sets of test data conditions can be included in the project in relation to the design data conditions.

Calculation Results

Each set of test data conditions in a calculation project is used as input data in the numerical implementation of the characteristic curve method in relation to the design data conditions. Table 4.2 describes the result variables calculated for each test data.

| INPUT VARIABLE | DEFINITION |
|------------------------|---|
| WATER FLOW RATE | Quantity of hot water flowing into the tower. |
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | Temperature of inlet water. |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | Average temperature of the cold water basin discharge (outlet). |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | Temperature of air wet-bulb entering the cooling tower. |
| DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE | Temperature of air dry-bulb entering the cooling tower. |
| FAN POWER | Power input to the fan drive assembly, excluding power losses in the driver. |
| PRESSURE | Total pressure referred to atmospheric. |
| COEFFICIENT C | Constant defined for a particular packing design. |
| EXPONENT N | Exponent defined for a particular packing design. |
| DESIGN L/G RATIO | Ratio of water flow rate to airflow rate at design |
| TOWER TYPE | Forced draft: fan located near the bottom, forcing the air from bottom to top. Induced draft: fan located at the top inducing suction from the tower and discharging it into the atmosphere. |

Table 4.1 Definition of input variables in Mechanical Draft.

| RESULT VARIABLE | DEFINITION |
|---------------------------|---|
| APPROACH | Approach calculated at design data. |
| INTERCEPT L/G AT APPROACH | L/G ratio calculated at result point (L/G value of the intersection of the demand curve calculated on the approach at design and the curve parallel to the characteristic curve defined on the test point). |
| INTERCEPT KaV/L | KaV/L ratio calculated at result point (KaV/L value of the intersection of the demand curve calculated on the approach at design and the curve parallel to the characteristic curve defined on the test point). |
| TOWER CAPABILITY | Cooling capability result calculated for a test data. |

Table 4.2 Definition of calculation result variables in Mechanical Draft.

The full ranges of input variables for Mechanical Draft projects in SI and I-P system of units:

| Property | Range in SI Units | SI Units |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| WATER FLOW RATE | $0.5 \leq \text{Flow} \leq 100000.0$ | kg/s |
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | $1.0 \leq T \leq 90.0$ | °C |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | $1.0 \leq T \leq 90.0$ | °C |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $1.0 \leq T \leq 90.0$ | °C |
| DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE | $1.0 \leq T \leq 90.0$ | °C |
| FAN POWER | $1.0 \leq \text{Power} \leq 1.0E6$ | W |
| PRESSURE | $60000 \leq P \leq 110000$ | Pa |
| COEFFICIENT C | $1.0 \leq C \leq 3.0$ | 1 |
| EXPONENT N | $-2.0 \leq N \leq -0.1$ | 1 |
| DESIGN L/G RATIO | $0.1 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| KaV/L | $0.1 \leq KaV/L \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| L/G | $0.1 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| APPROACH | $1.0 \leq T \leq 60.0$ | °C |

| Property | Range in I-P Units | I-P Units |
|------------------------|--|-----------|
| WATER FLOW RATE | $7.92 \leq \text{Flow} \leq 1585032.22$ | gpm |
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | $33.8 \leq T \leq 194.0$ | °F |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | $33.8 \leq T \leq 194.0$ | °F |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $33.8 \leq T \leq 194.0$ | °F |
| DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE | $33.8 \leq T \leq 194.0$ | °F |
| FAN POWER | $0.001342 \leq \text{Power} \leq 1341.022$ | bhp |
| PRESSURE | $8.702264 \leq P \leq 15.954151$ | psia |
| COEFFICIENT C | $1.0 \leq C \leq 3.0$ | 1 |
| EXPONENT N | $-2.0 \leq N \leq -0.1$ | 1 |
| DESIGN L/G RATIO | $0.1 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| KaV/L | $0.1 \leq KaV/L \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| L/G | $0.1 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| APPROACH | $1.0 \leq T \leq 140.0$ | °F |

Table 4.3 Full Ranges of input variables in Mechanical Draft.

Certain limitations are imposed in each project in order to improve the graphical performance on **Mechanical Draft** calculations. These are described in Table 4.4. The number of projects is limited just by the memory available on the computer on which **CT-Mechanical** is installed.

| | Number of Items per Project |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Demand Curves | 100 |
| Test Data Points | 100 |

Table 4.4 Limitations on Calculation Projects of Mechanical Draft.

The full ranges of input variables for **Mechanical Draft** (Evaluation Version) projects in SI and I-P:

| Property | Range in SI Units | SI Units |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| WATER FLOW RATE | $200.0 \leq \text{Flow} \leq 230.0$ | kg/s |
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | $33.0 \leq T \leq 43.0$ | °C |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | $27.0 \leq T \leq 31.0$ | °C |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $21.0 \leq T \leq 26.0$ | °C |
| DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE | $22.0 \leq T \leq 33.0$ | °C |
| FAN POWER | $55.0 \leq \text{Power} \leq 65.0$ | kW |
| PRESSURE | $99000 \leq P \leq 102000$ | Pa |
| COEFFICIENT C | $2.0 \leq C \leq 2.1$ | 1 |
| EXPONENT N | $-2.0 \leq N \leq -0.1$ | 1 |
| DESIGN L/G RATIO | $0.1 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| KaV/L | $0.1 \leq KaV/L \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| L/G | $0.1 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| APPROACH | $1.0 \leq T \leq 60.0$ | °C |

| Property | Range in I-P Units | I-P Units |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| WATER FLOW RATE | $440.9 \leq \text{Flow} \leq 507.1$ | lb/s |
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | $91.4 \leq T \leq 109.4$ | °F |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | $80.6 \leq T \leq 87.8$ | °F |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $69.8 \leq T \leq 78.8$ | °F |
| DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE | $71.6 \leq T \leq 91.4$ | °F |
| FAN POWER | $73.8 \leq \text{Power} \leq 87.2$ | bhp |
| PRESSURE | $14.358736 \leq P \leq 14.793849$ | psia |
| COEFFICIENT C | $2.0 \leq C \leq 2.1$ | 1 |
| EXPONENT N | $-2.0 \leq N \leq -0.1$ | 1 |
| DESIGN L/G RATIO | $0.1 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| KaV/L | $0.1 \leq KaV/L \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| L/G | $0.1 \leq L/G \leq 5.0$ | 1 |
| APPROACH | $1.0 \leq T \leq 108.0$ | °F |

Table 4.5 Ranges of input variables for Mechanical Draft (Evaluation Version).

Certain limitations are imposed for each project in order to improve the graphical performance on **Mechanical Draft** (Evaluation Version) calculations. These are described in Table 4.6.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Maximum Number of Projects | 3 |
| | Number of Items per Project |
| Demand Curves | 15 |
| Test Data Points | 3 |

Table 4.6 Limitations on calculation projects of Mechanical Draft (Evaluation Version).

The Graphical User Interface for **Mechanical Draft** is shown in Figure 4.1. By selecting the button Mechanical Draft on the left side of the application, the user is presented with the interface.

Selecting the buttons denoted DESIGN / TEST / CURVE allows the user to enter the input variables to determine a calculation project.

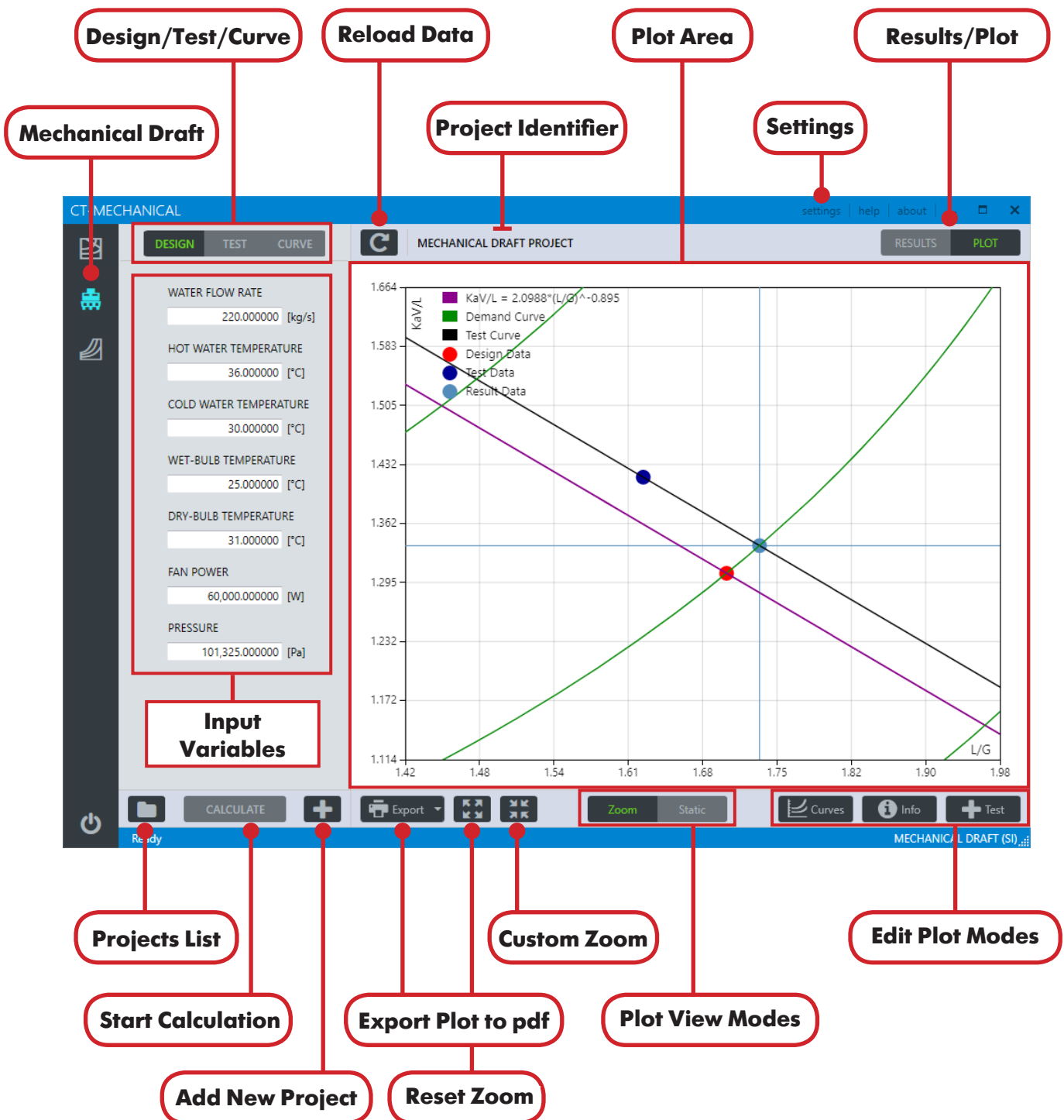


Figure 4.1 Graphical User Interface for Mechanical Draft.

Add Calculation Project

1. Click on the **Add New Project** button to add a new calculation project. Type a project identifier and click the button **OK** (Figure 4.2). The project will be created in the database and the application will be ready for including additional test data calculations.
2. Click on the **Settings** button to select the units used for this particular project, as well as the demand curves that will be calculated and plotted (Figure 4.3). Click on the **APPLY** button to save the selections.
3. Enter the input variables for the calculation.
4. Click on the **CALCULATE** button to start the calculations (Figure 4.4).

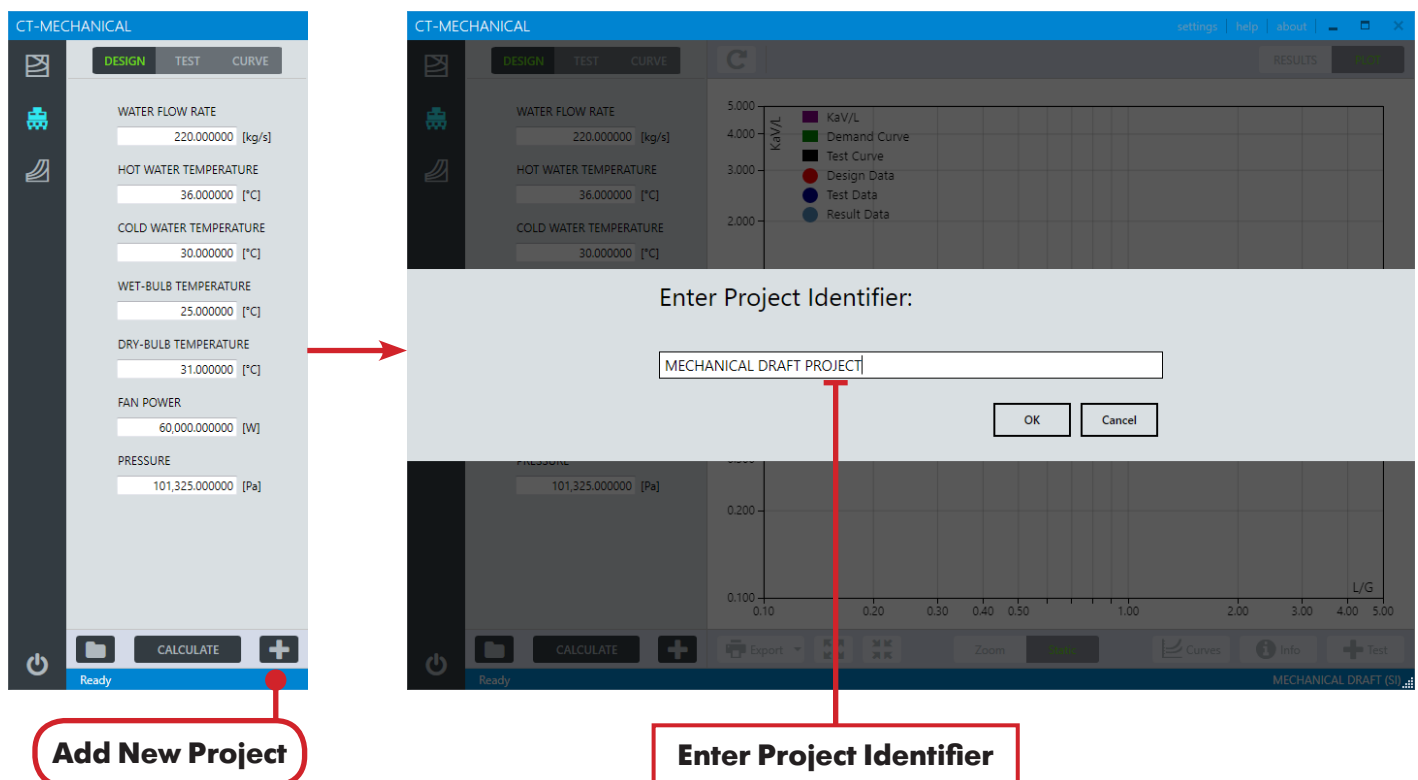


Figure 4.2 Adding a calculation project to Mechanical Draft.

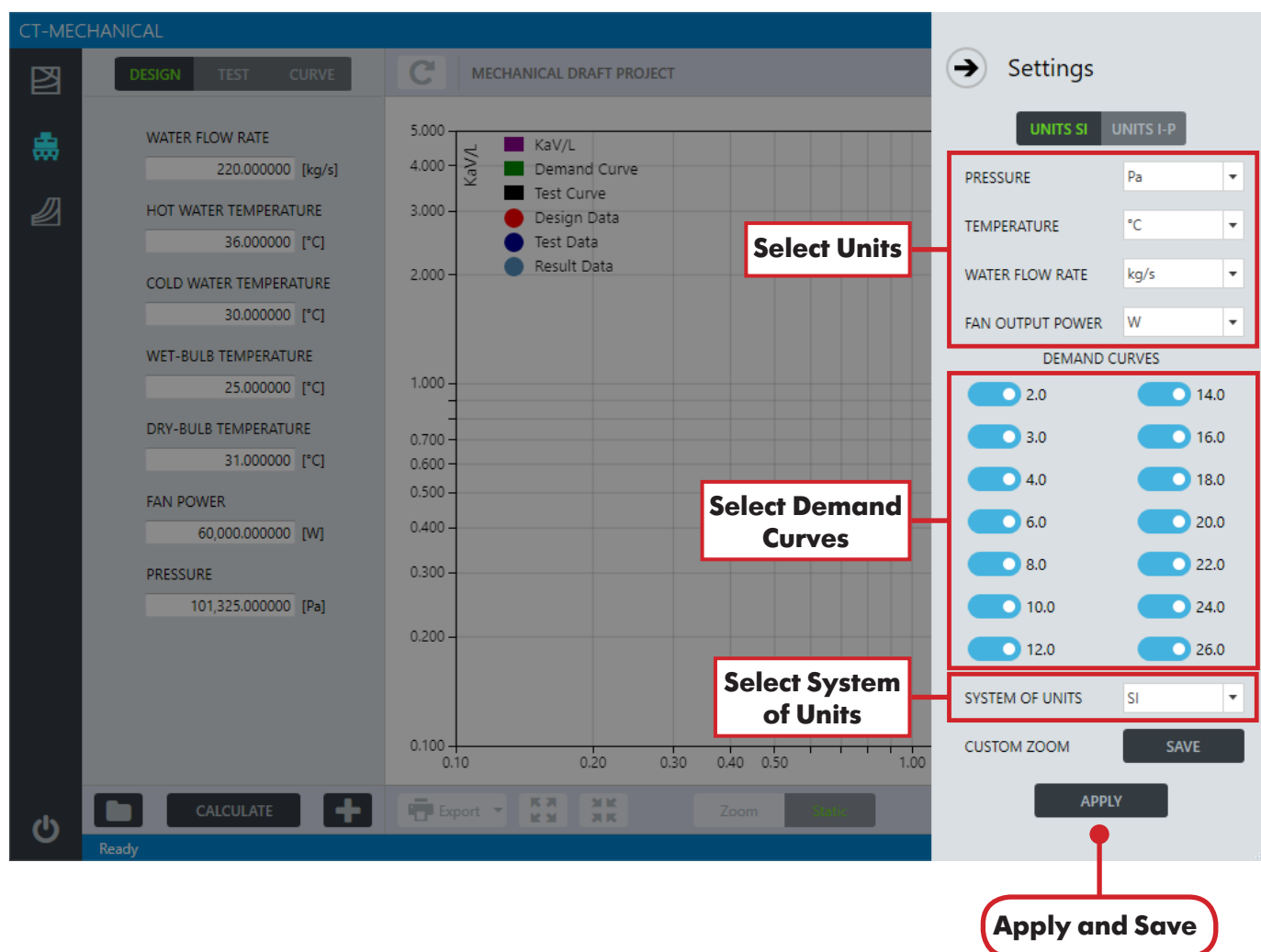


Figure 4.3 Settings for calculation projects of Mechanical Draft.

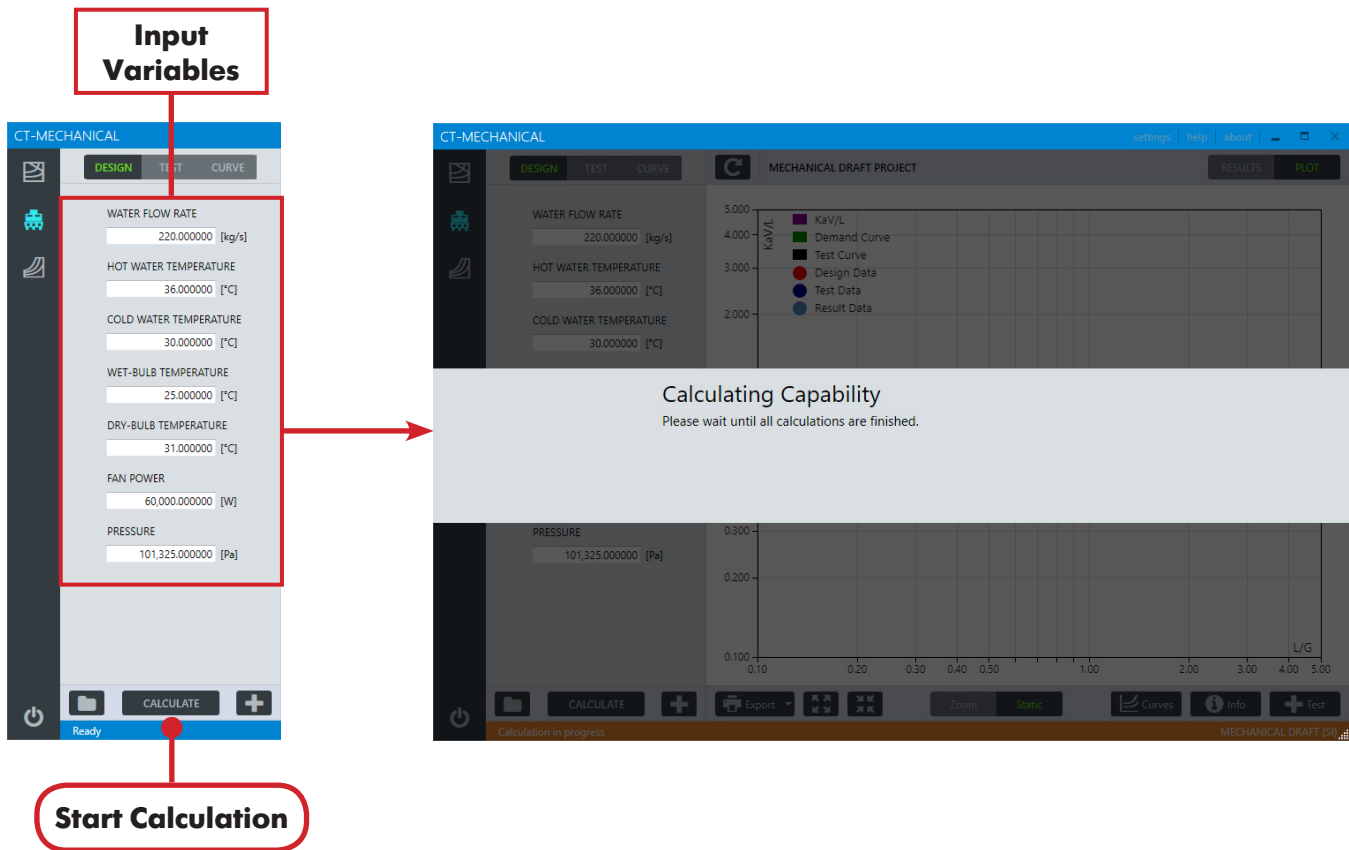


Figure 4.4 Calculation project in Mechanical Draft.

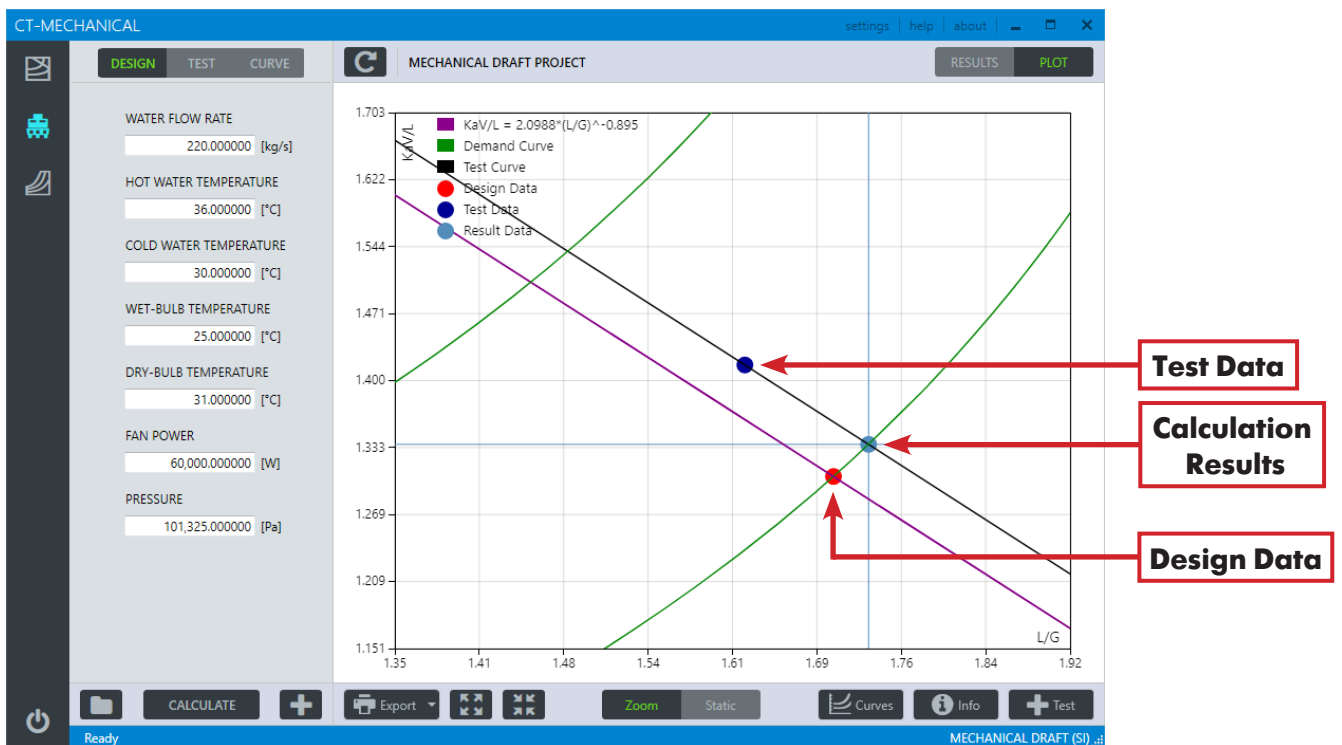


Figure 4.5 Plot Area of Mechanical Draft after calculations are completed.

Load Calculation Project from Database

1. Click on the **Projects List** button to load all the projects saved in the database (Figure 4.6).
2. Click on the **Details** button of a particular project to show the detailed input variables that were saved for that calculation project.
3. Click on the **Load Project** button to load all the curves and test calculations for the selected project. The project is ready to add test calculations or demand curves.

Delete Calculation Project from Database

1. Click on the **Projects List** button to load all the projects saved in the database.
2. Select the project(s) by checking on the checkbox. Click on the **Select Projects** button to check/uncheck all projects enabling their deletion.
3. Click on the **Delete Project** button to delete the project(s) from the database and the Plot Area. When deleting a project, all the demand curves and test calculations that belong to that project will also be deleted.

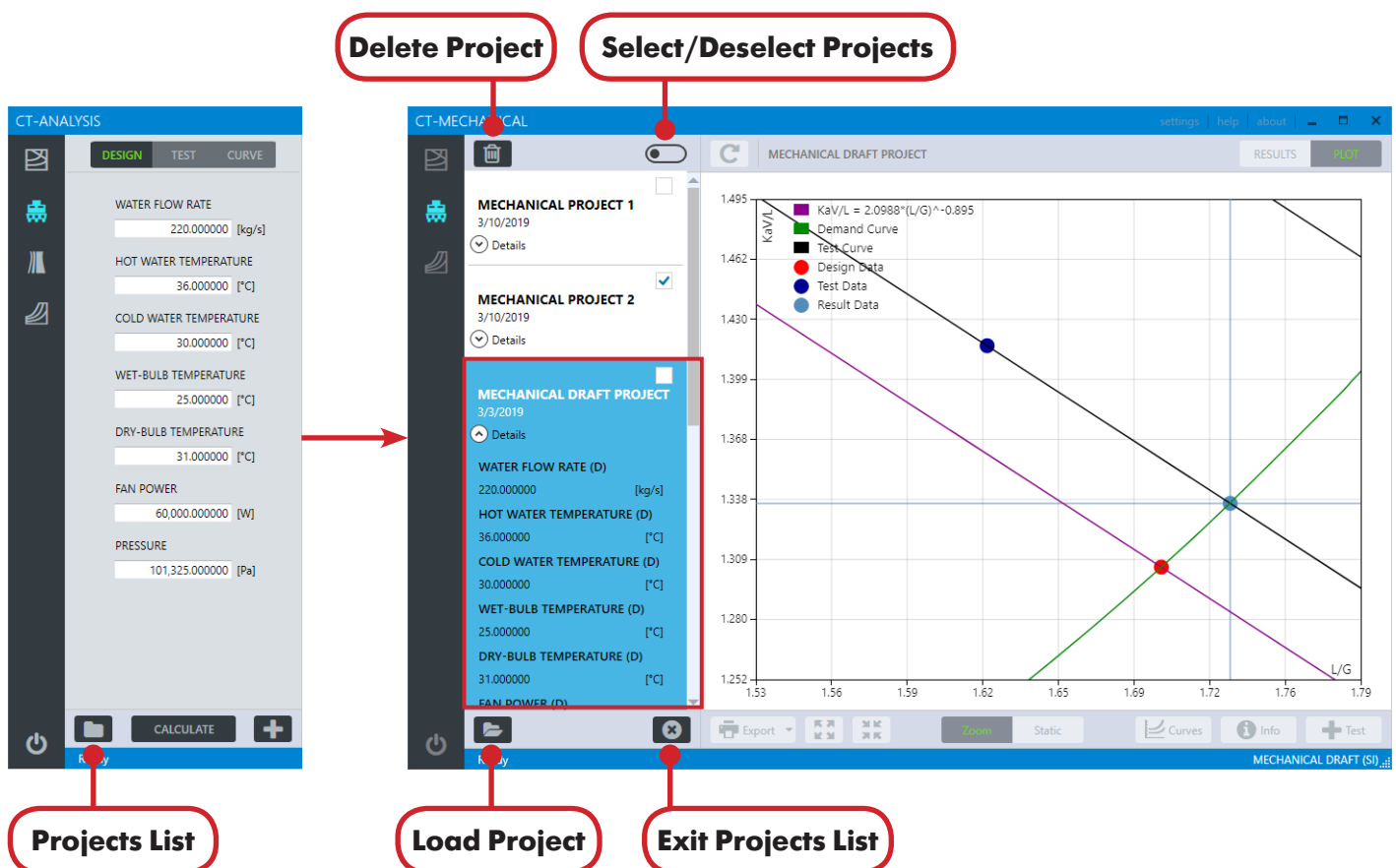


Figure 4.6 List of calculation projects in Mechanical Draft.

Add Test Data Calculation to a Project

1. Click on the **Test** button to add a new test data calculation to a project (Figure 4.7). Introduce an identifier for the test data (optional).
2. Introduce the input variables for the new test data calculation.
3. Click on the **CALCULATE** button to start the calculation of the test data (Figure 4.8).
4. Once the calculation has finished, the calculation results will be added to the Plot Area as a Test Point and a Result Point with their corresponding Test Curve.
5. Click on the **Test** button to return to the Plot Area default mode.

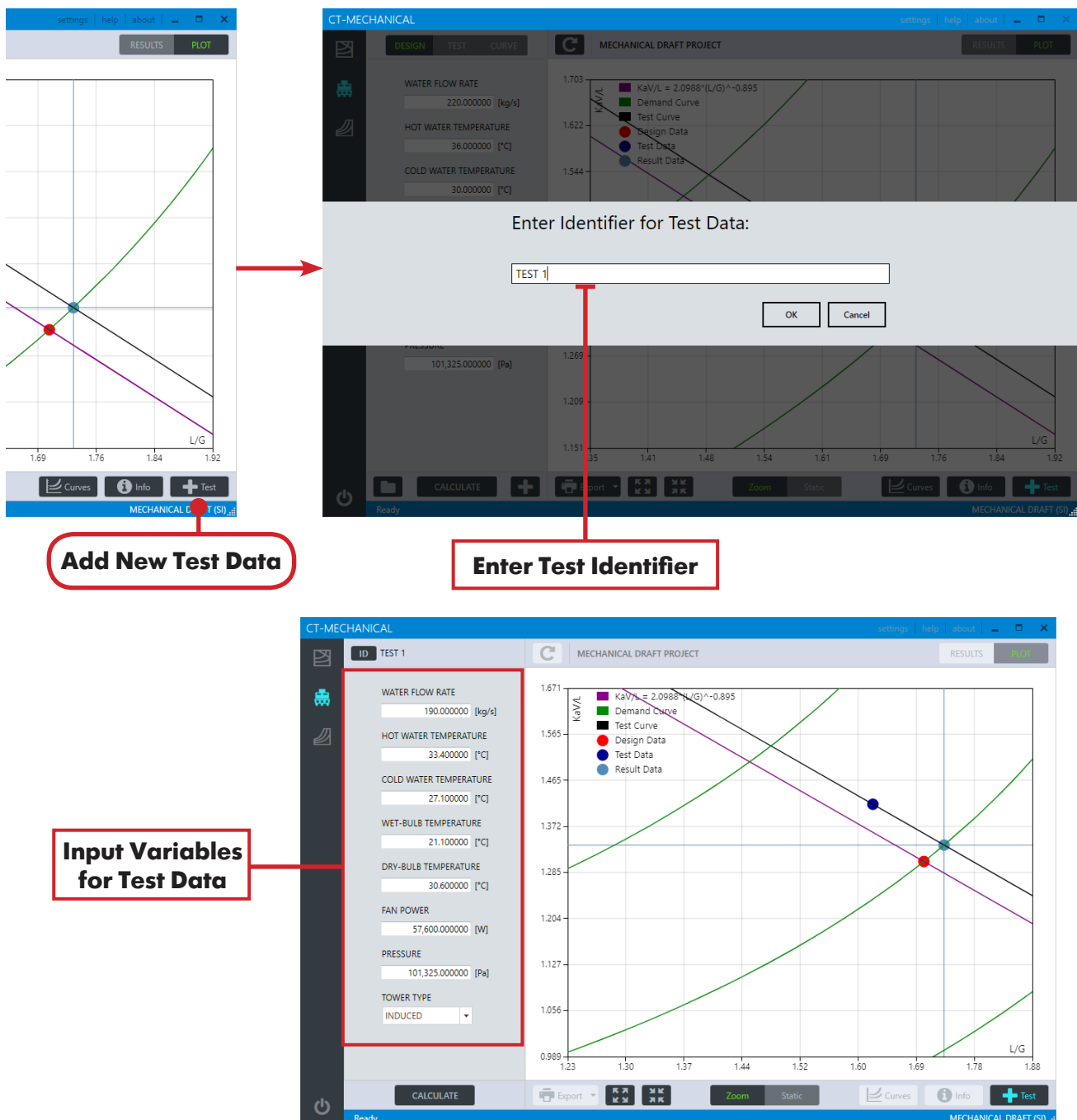


Figure 4.7 Add Test Data in Mechanical Draft.

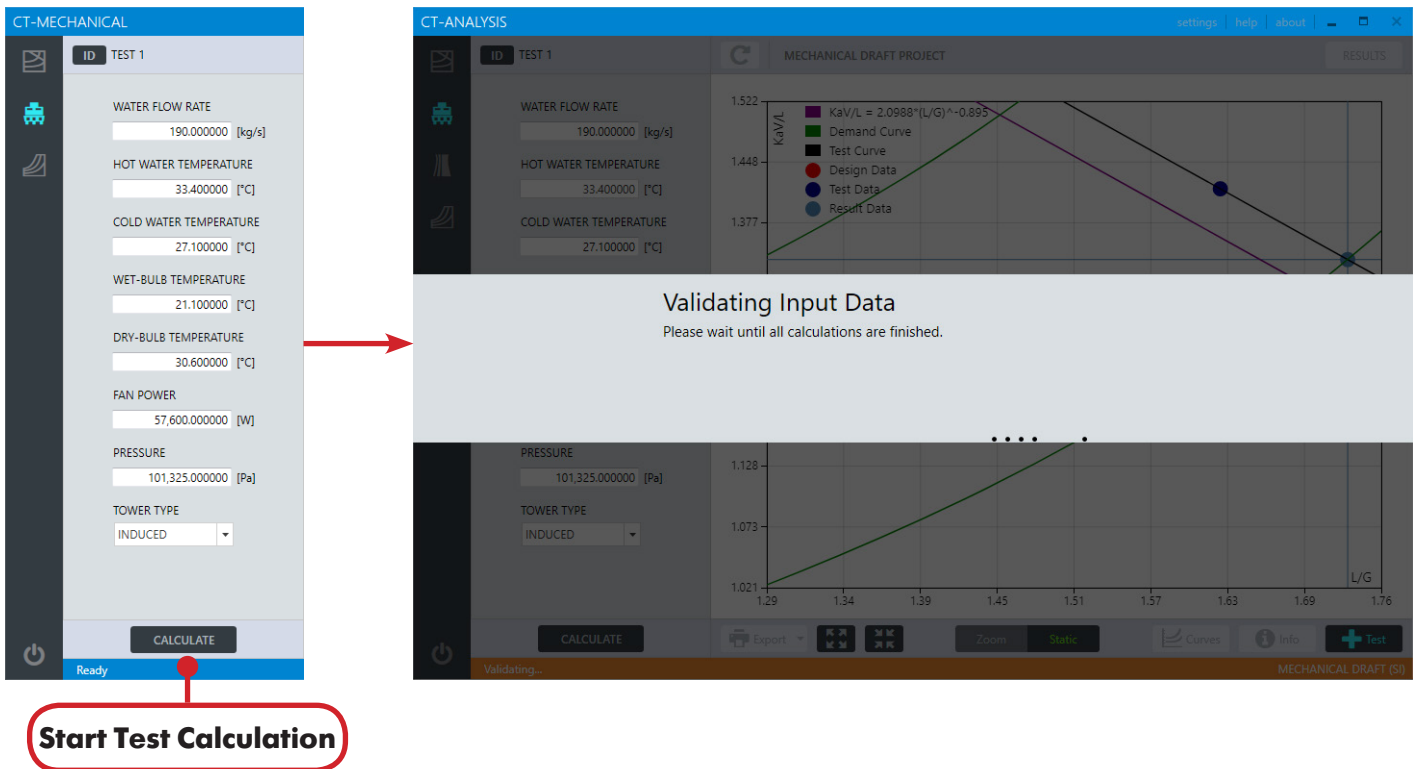


Figure 4.8 Calculation of test data in Mechanical Draft.

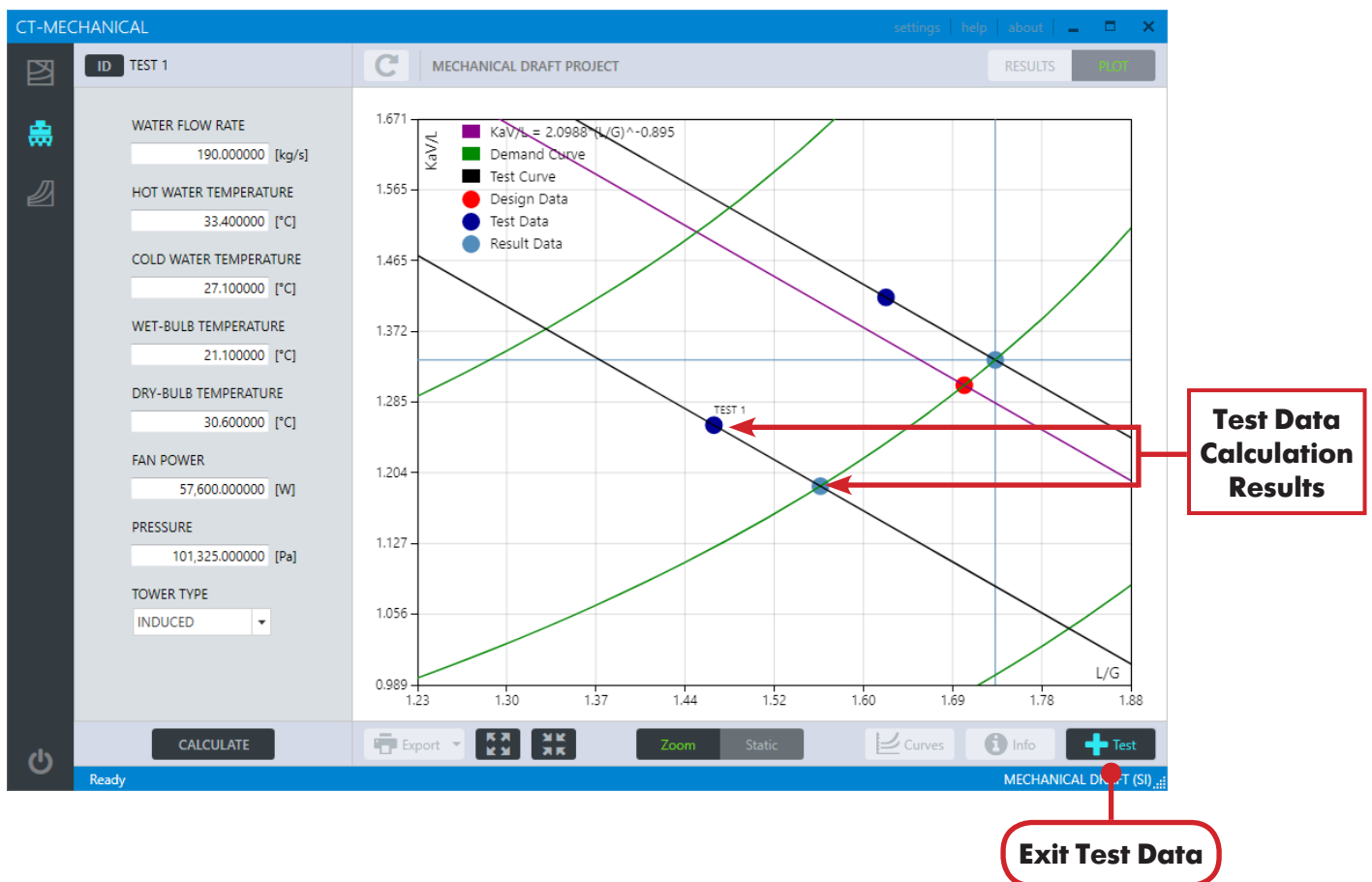


Figure 4.9 Plot Area (with zooming) after test data has been added to a Mechanical Draft project.

Validating Input Variables and Calculations

All input variables in SI or I-P are bounded by the ranges described in Table 4.1. In case that input variables are introduced that are out of these ranges, and a new test calculation is attempted by clicking on the **CALCULATE** button, the application first checks that all variables are within its range, and if any variable does not satisfy the range condition it will prevent the application from continuing.

A message is displayed with the variables that do not satisfy this condition, showing the correct range of variables that must be entered for the calculation to proceed (Figure 4.10). Calculations that are within these ranges, but not do satisfy the conditions for a valid test data calculation, also display a message (Figure 4.11).

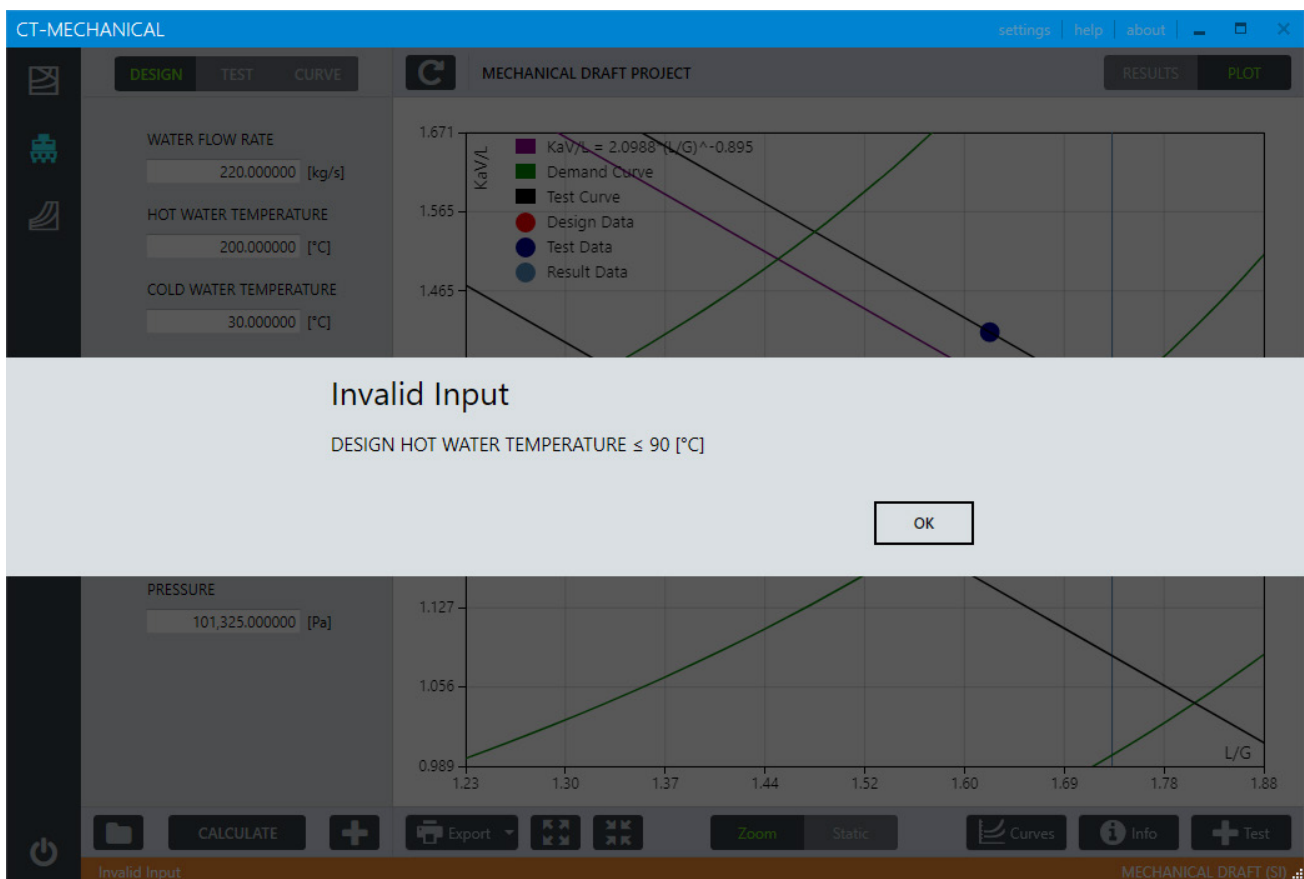


Figure 4.10 Validation of input variables of test data in Mechanical Draft.

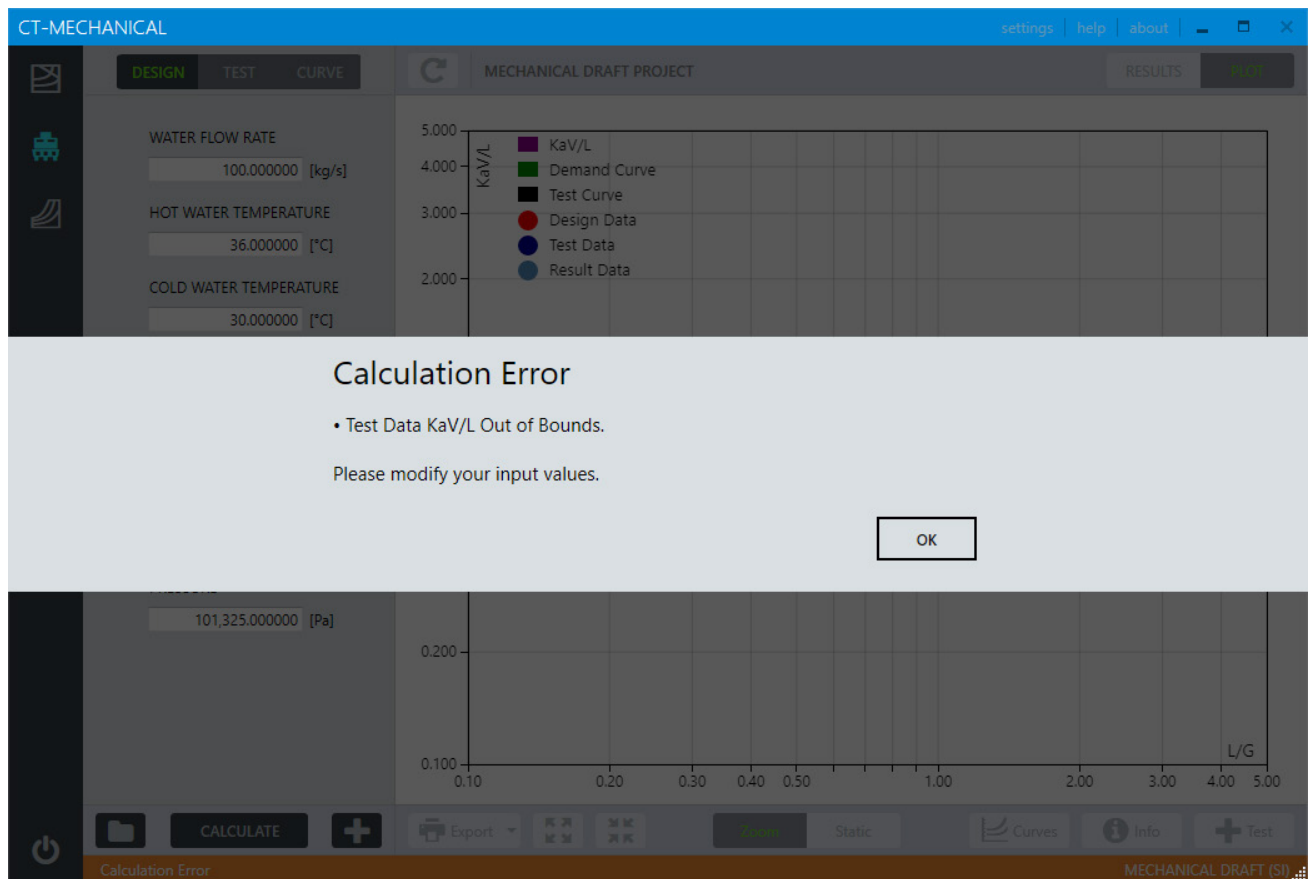


Figure 4.11 Validating the calculation of test data in Mechanical Draft.

Get Calculation Results Graphically

1. Click on the **Info** button to start the Graphical Mode. Allow the selection of points by selecting the **Static** mode of the Plot View Mode selector.
2. Click on a point (left-click mouse button) to select it. The crosshairs will be positioned on it, indicating that it is selected. Click on the **Point** button to load the numerical results calculated for the selected point. This will be shown on the left side of the Plot Area.
3. To exit the Graphical Mode, click on the **Info** button.

Delete Calculation Results

1. Once a test/result point has been selected and its numerical results loaded from the database, click on the **Delete Point** button to remove the point from the Plot Area and delete it from the database.

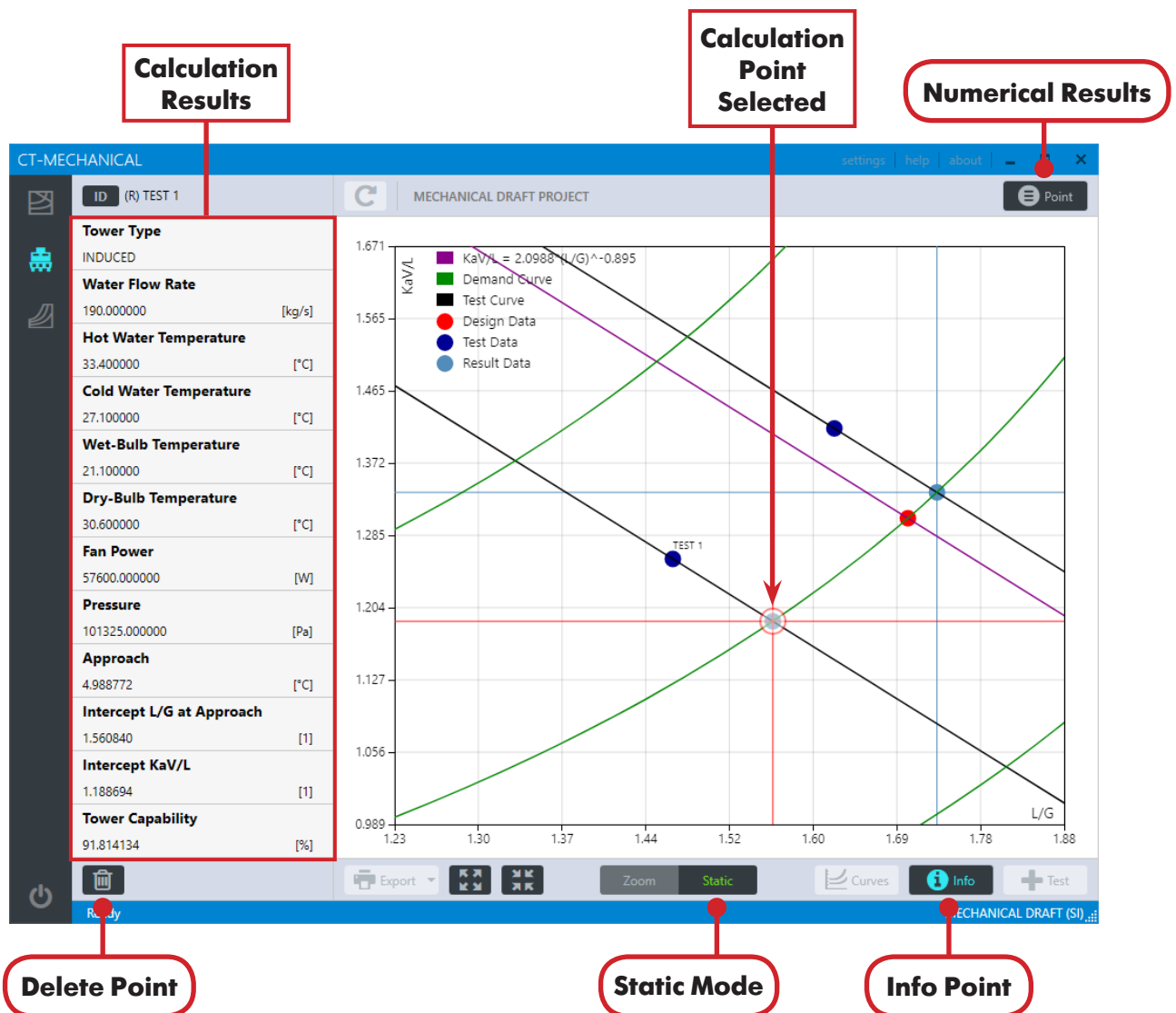


Figure 4.12 Numerical results from calculation data points in Mechanical Draft.

Get Numerical Results from a Project

1. Click on the **RESULTS** button to load all the design/test/result point calculations for a particular project. All the numerical results will be displayed in a table format.
2. Click on the **PLOT** button to return to the Plot Area (Figure 4.13).

Export Numerical Results

1. Click on the **Export Results** button to export the numerical calculation results of all the design/test/result points for a particular project. These can be exported to excel / pdf formats.

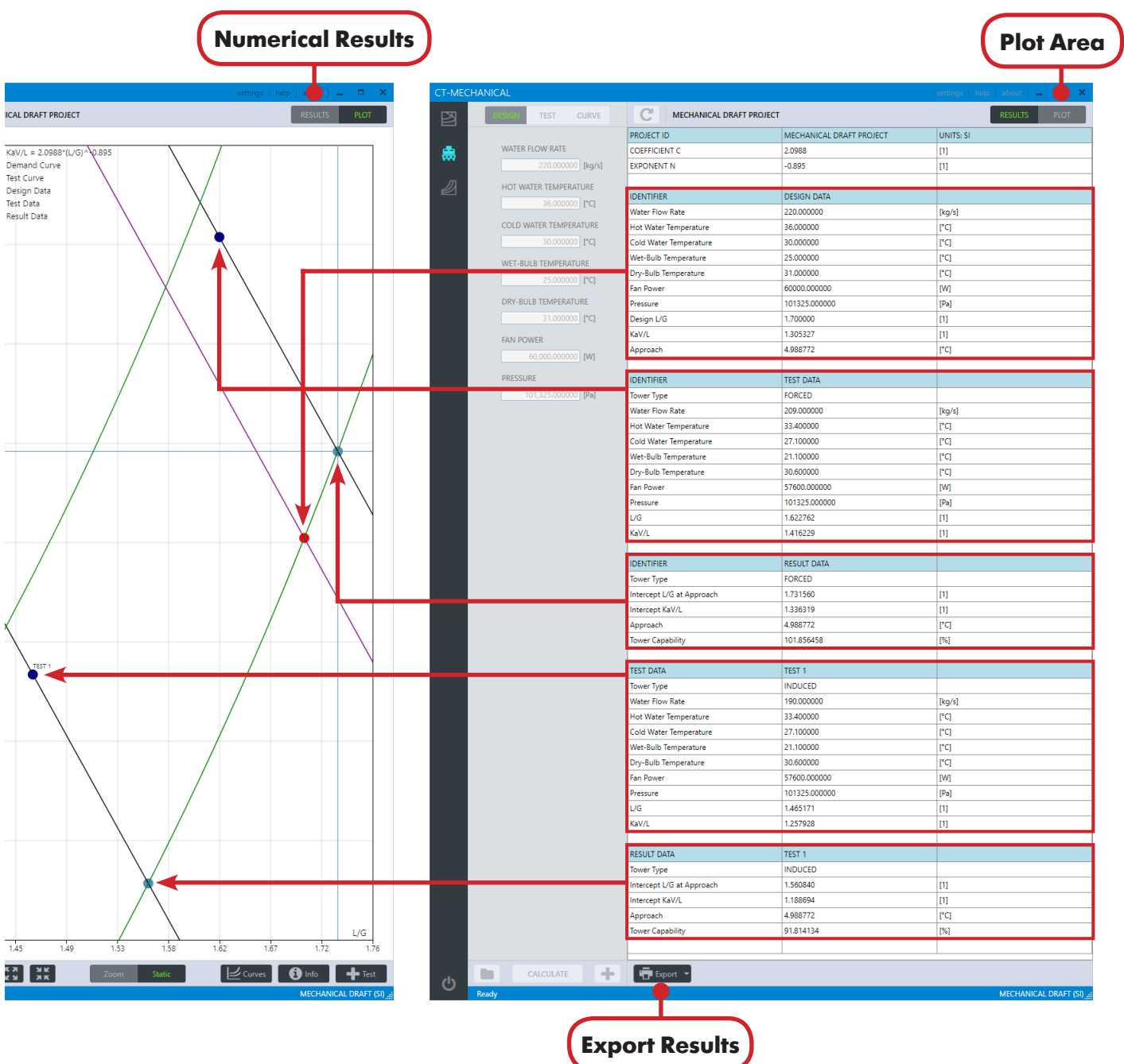


Figure 4.13 Numerical results from calculations in a project of Mechanical Draft.

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| PROJECT ID | MECHANICAL DRAFT PROJECT | UNITS: SI |
| COEFFICIENT C | 2.0988 | [1] |
| EXPONENT N | -0.895 | [1] |
| IDENTIFIER | DESIGN DATA | |
| Water Flow Rate | 220.000000 | [kg/s] |
| Hot Water Temperature | 36.000000 | [°C] |
| Cold Water Temperature | 30.000000 | [°C] |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 25.000000 | [°C] |
| Dry-Bulb Temperature | 31.000000 | [°C] |
| Fan Power | 60000.000000 | [W] |
| Pressure | 101325.000000 | [Pa] |
| Design L/G | 1.700000 | [1] |
| KaV/L | 1.305327 | [1] |
| Approach | 4.988772 | [°C] |
| IDENTIFIER | TEST DATA | |
| Tower Type | FORCED | |
| Water Flow Rate | 209.000000 | [kg/s] |
| Hot Water Temperature | 33.400000 | [°C] |
| Cold Water Temperature | 27.100000 | [°C] |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 21.100000 | [°C] |
| Dry-Bulb Temperature | 30.600000 | [°C] |
| Fan Power | 57600.000000 | [W] |
| Pressure | 101325.000000 | [Pa] |
| L/G | 1.622762 | [1] |
| KaV/L | 1.416229 | [1] |
| IDENTIFIER | RESULT DATA | |
| Tower Type | FORCED | |
| Intercept L/G at Approach | 1.731560 | [1] |
| Intercept KaV/L | 1.336319 | [1] |
| Approach | 4.988772 | [°C] |
| Tower Capability | 101.856458 | [%] |
| TEST DATA | TEST 1 | |
| Tower Type | INDUCED | |
| Water Flow Rate | 190.000000 | [kg/s] |
| Hot Water Temperature | 33.400000 | [°C] |
| Cold Water Temperature | 27.100000 | [°C] |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 21.100000 | [°C] |
| Dry-Bulb Temperature | 30.600000 | [°C] |
| Fan Power | 57600.000000 | [W] |
| Pressure | 101325.000000 | [Pa] |
| L/G | 1.465171 | [1] |
| KaV/L | 1.257928 | [1] |
| RESULT DATA | TEST 1 | |
| Tower Type | INDUCED | |
| Intercept L/G at Approach | 1.560840 | [1] |
| Intercept KaV/L | 1.188694 | [1] |
| Approach | 4.988772 | [°C] |
| Tower Capability | 91.814134 | [%] |

Figure 4.14 Example of pdf file results from calculations in a project of Mechanical Draft.

| MECHANICAL_DRAFT_RESULTS.xlsx - Excel | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|
| File Home Insert Page Layout Formulas Data Review View Developer Help LOAD ACROE Team Tell me Share | | |
| A | B | C |
| 1 PROJECT ID | MECHANICAL DRAFT PROJECT | UNITS: SI |
| 2 COEFFICIENT C | 2.0988 | [1] |
| 3 EXPONENT N | -0.895 | [1] |
| 4 | | |
| 5 IDENTIFIER | DESIGN DATA | |
| 6 Water Flow Rate | 220.000000 | [kg/s] |
| 7 Hot Water Temperature | 36.000000 | [°C] |
| 8 Cold Water Temperature | 30.000000 | [°C] |
| 9 Wet-Bulb Temperature | 25.000000 | [°C] |
| 10 Dry-Bulb Temperature | 31.000000 | [°C] |
| 11 Fan Power | 60000.000000 | [W] |
| 12 Pressure | 101325.000000 | [Pa] |
| 13 Design L/G | 1.700000 | [1] |
| 14 KaV/L | 1.305327 | [1] |
| 15 Approach | 4.988772 | [°C] |
| 16 | | |
| 17 IDENTIFIER | TEST DATA | |
| 18 Tower Type | FORCED | |
| 19 Water Flow Rate | 209.000000 | [kg/s] |
| 20 Hot Water Temperature | 33.400000 | [°C] |
| 21 Cold Water Temperature | 27.100000 | [°C] |
| 22 Wet-Bulb Temperature | 21.100000 | [°C] |
| 23 Dry-Bulb Temperature | 30.600000 | [°C] |
| 24 Fan Power | 57600.000000 | [W] |
| 25 Pressure | 101325.000000 | [Pa] |
| 26 L/G | 1.622762 | [1] |
| 27 KaV/L | 1.416229 | [1] |
| 28 | | |
| 29 IDENTIFIER | RESULT DATA | |
| 30 Tower Type | FORCED | |
| 31 Intercept L/G at Approach | 1.731560 | [1] |
| 32 Intercept KaV/L | 1.336319 | [1] |
| 33 Approach | 4.988772 | [°C] |
| 34 Tower Capability | 101.856458 | [%] |
| 35 | | |
| 36 TEST DATA | TEST 1 | |
| 37 Tower Type | INDUCED | |
| 38 Water Flow Rate | 190.000000 | [kg/s] |
| 39 Hot Water Temperature | 33.400000 | [°C] |
| 40 Cold Water Temperature | 27.100000 | [°C] |
| 41 Wet-Bulb Temperature | 21.100000 | [°C] |
| 42 Dry-Bulb Temperature | 30.600000 | [°C] |
| 43 Fan Power | 57600.000000 | [W] |
| 44 Pressure | 101325.000000 | [Pa] |
| 45 L/G | 1.465171 | [1] |
| 46 KaV/L | 1.257928 | [1] |
| 47 | | |
| 48 RESULT DATA | TEST 1 | |
| 49 Tower Type | INDUCED | |
| 50 Intercept L/G at Approach | 1.560840 | [1] |
| 51 Intercept KaV/L | 1.188694 | [1] |
| 52 Approach | 4.988772 | [°C] |
| 53 Tower Capability | 91.814134 | [%] |
| 54 | | |

Figure 4.15 Example of excel file results from calculations in a project of Mechanical Draft.

Select Demand Curve in the Plot Area

1. Click on the **Curves** button to show a list of all the approach values that correspond to the demand curves on the Plot Area (Figure 4.16).
2. Click on a particular demand curve in the Approach Curve's list to select it on the Plot Area (the selected demand curve will change its color to red).
3. Click on the **Curves** button to return to the Plot Area.

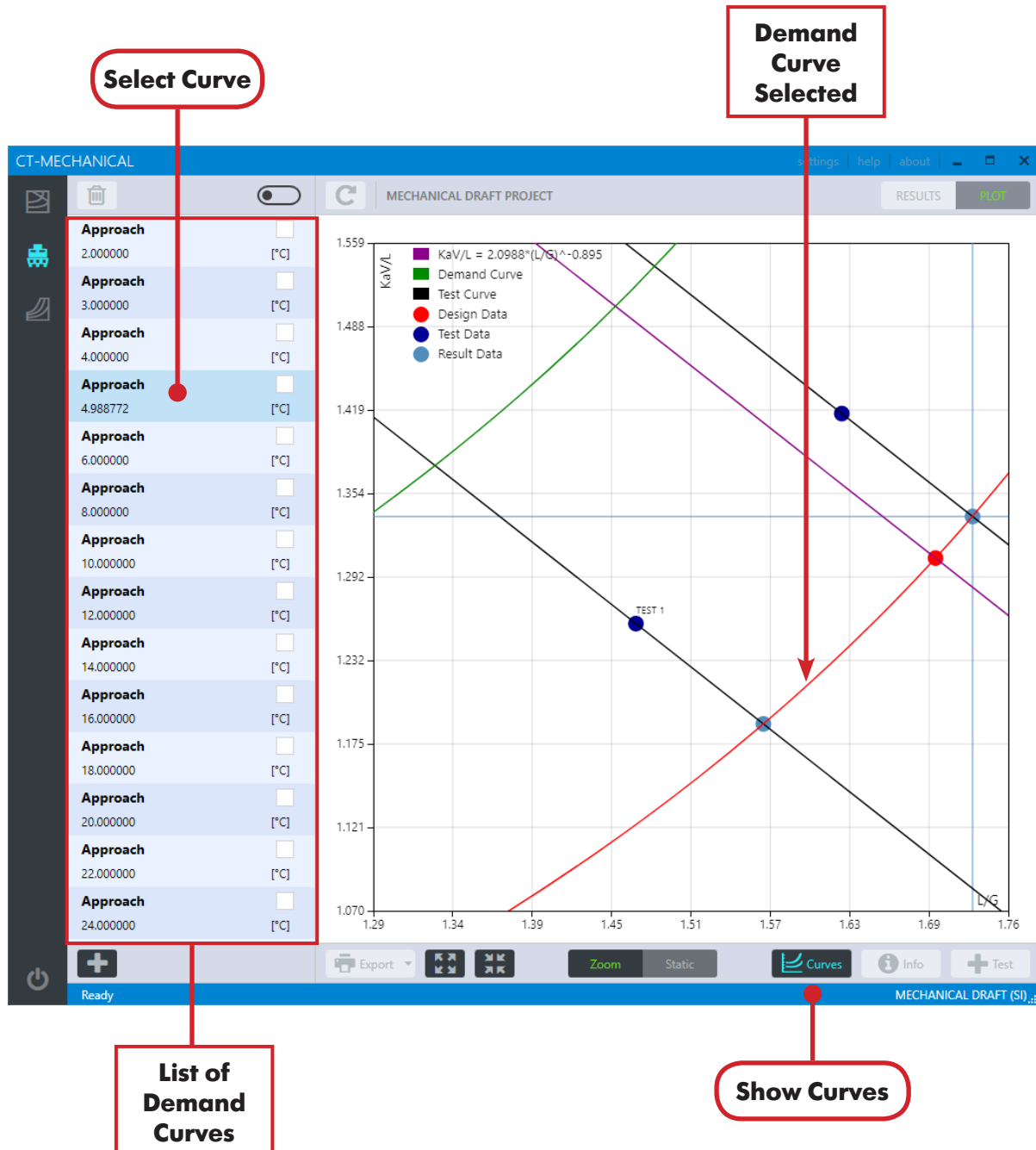


Figure 4.16 Demand curve selection in Mechanical Draft.

Add Demand Curve

1. Click on the **Add Demand Curve** button to introduce the value for a new demand curve.
2. After entering the demand curve value, click on the **OK** button to start the calculation for the new demand curve. Once the curve has been calculated, it will be saved to the database for that project and added to the curve's list.

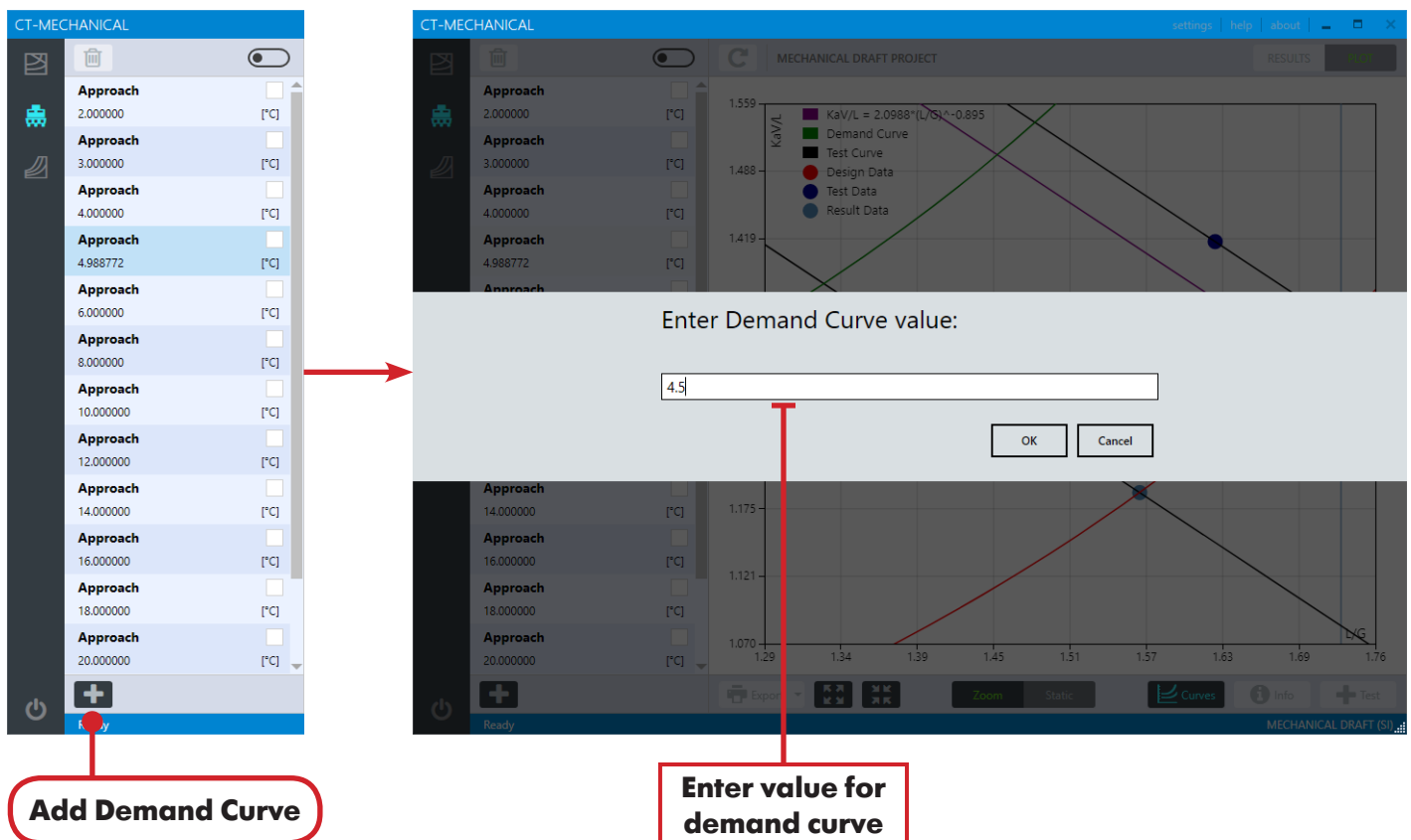


Figure 4.17 Adding a demand curve in a Mechanical Draft project.

Delete Demand Curve

1. Click on the checkbox of the demand curves to allow their deletion.
2. Click on the **Delete Curve** button to remove the demand curves from the Plot Area and to delete them from the database.

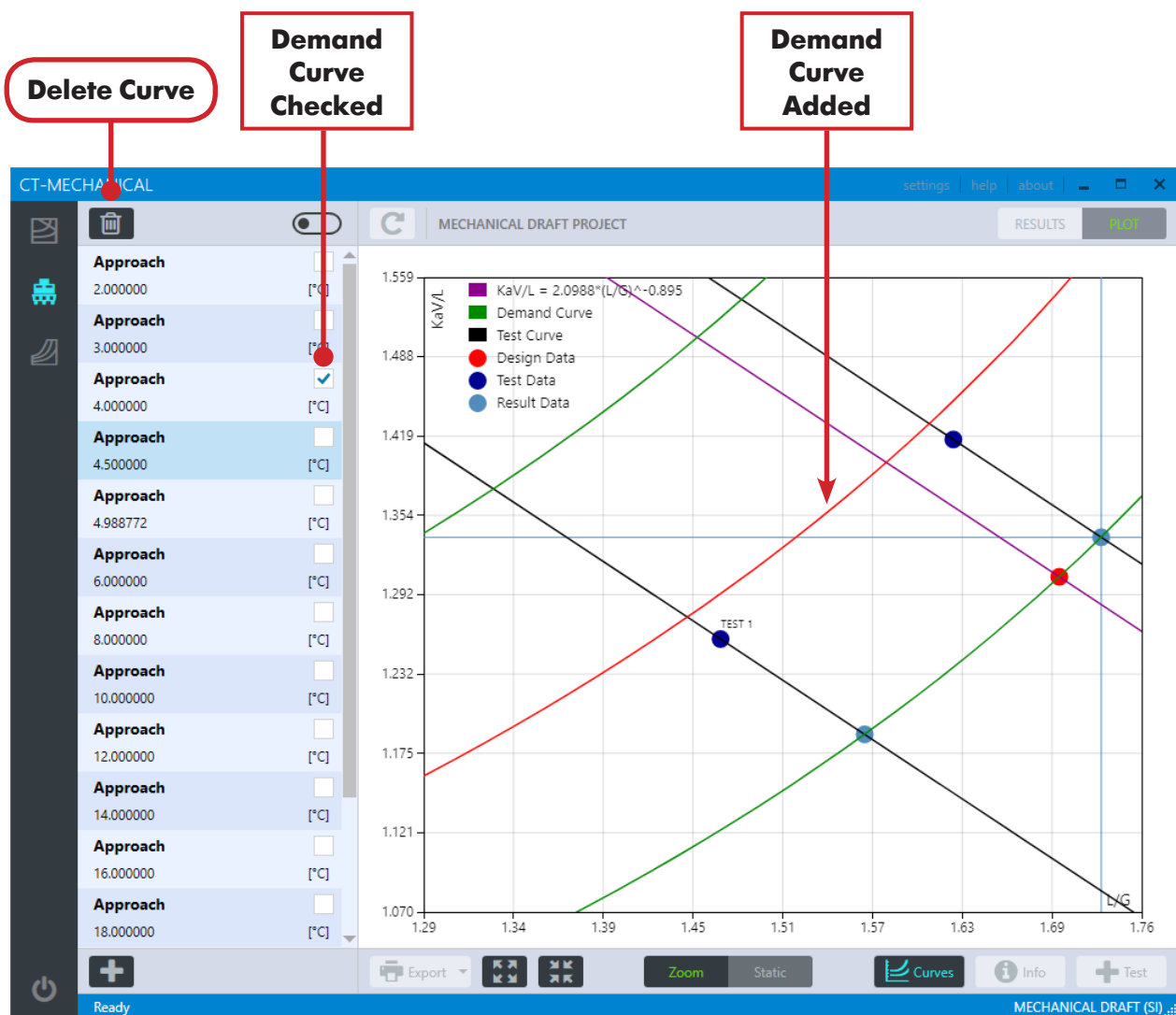


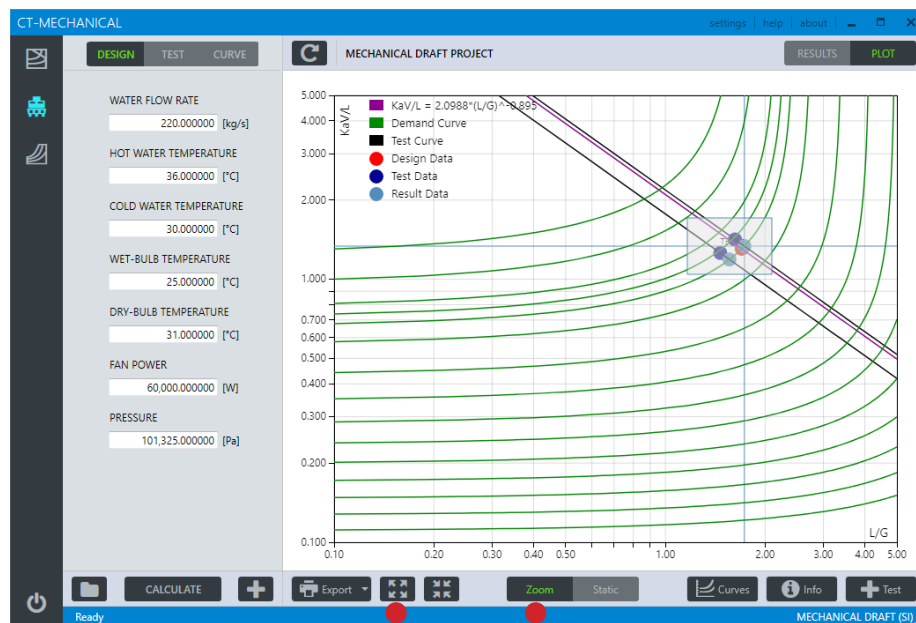
Figure 4.18 Plot Area of Mechanical Draft after addition and selection of a demand curve.

Zoom Plot Area

1. Select the **Zoom Mode** of the Plot View Mode selector.
2. Push the left-click button on the mouse to select a zoom rectangle around the area of interest.
3. To reset the zoom to default values, click on the **Reset Zoom** button.

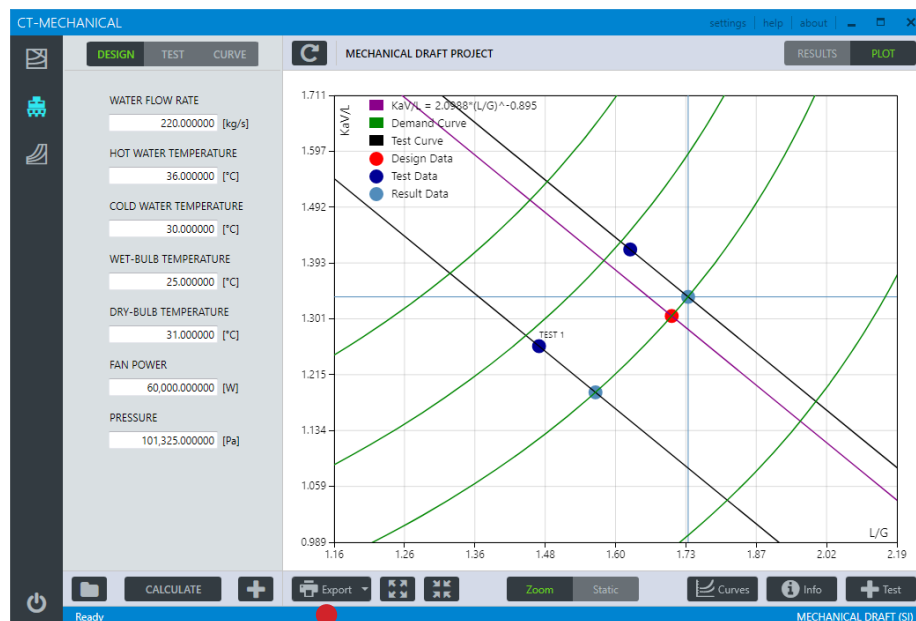
Export the Plot Area to pdf

1. Click on the **Export Plot** button to export the current Plot Area to a pdf file (Figure 4.21).



Reset Zoom

Zoom Mode



Export Plot

Figure 4.19 Zoom into the Plot Area of a Mechanical Draft project.

Save Current Zoom

1. Click on the **Settings** button of the **Mechanical Draft** application.
2. Click on the **SAVE** button to save the current zoom to the project (Figure 4.20).

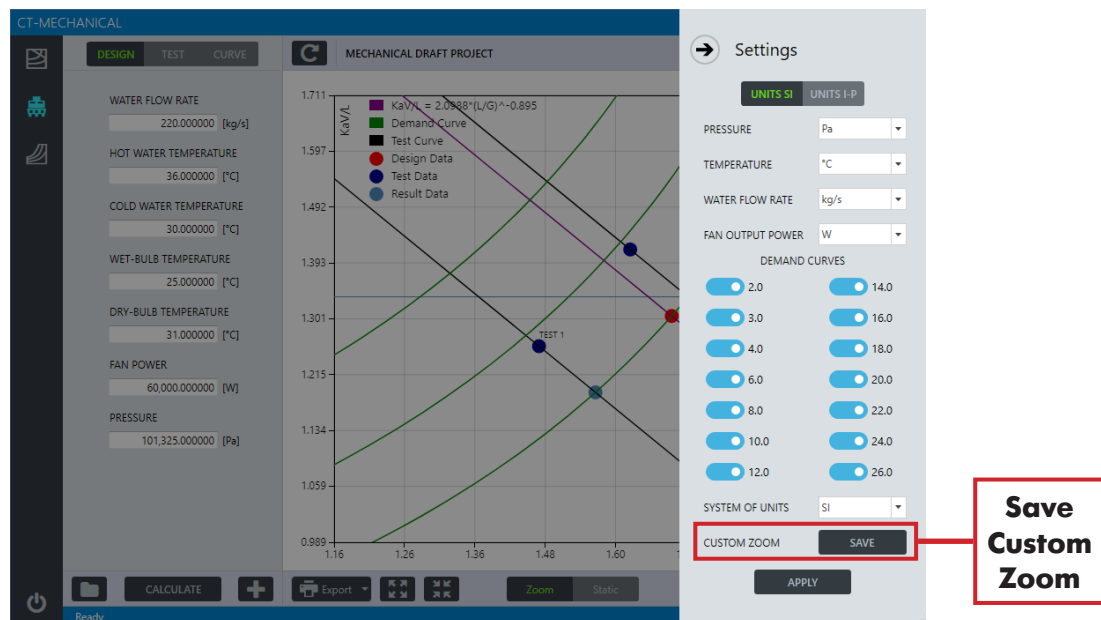


Figure 4.20 Settings of Mechanical Draft projects.

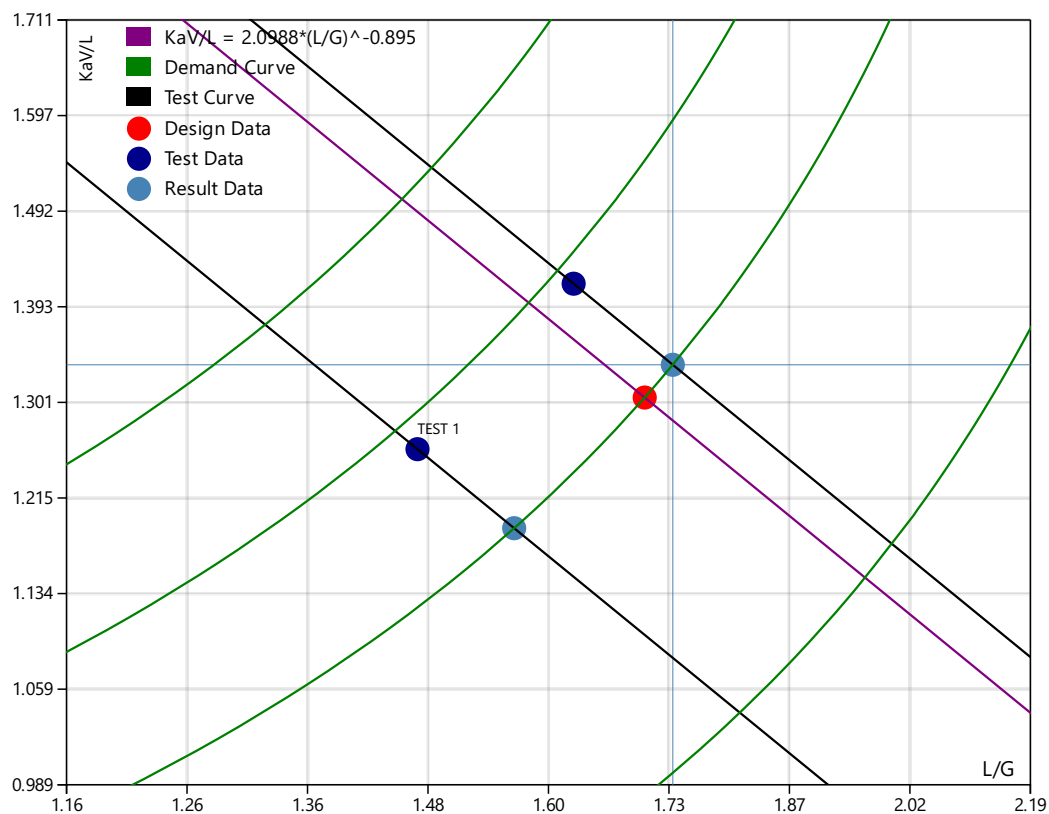


Figure 4.21 Zoom into the Plot Area of a Mechanical Draft project (plot exported to pdf).

An example to illustrate a calculation project of **Mechanical Draft** in SI units is set by considering the design and test data for the mechanical draft cooling tower operation shown in Table 4.7. Figure 4.22 shows screenshots of the graphical user interface once the data described in Table 4.7 was introduced as a project.

The Characteristic Curve for this example (usually submitted by the manufacturer of the cooling tower) is:

$$K_a V/L = 2.0988 * (L/G)^{-0.8950} \quad (4.1)$$

| | DESIGN | TEST |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| WATER FLOW RATE | 220 [kg/s] | 209 [kg/s] |
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | 36 [°C] | 33.4 [°C] |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | 30 [°C] | 27.1 [°C] |
| WET BULB TEMPERATURE | 25 [°C] | 21.1 [°C] |
| DRY BULB TEMPERATURE | 31 [°C] | 30.6 [°C] |
| FAN DRIVER POWER | 60000 [W] | 57600 [W] |
| PRESSURE | 101325.0 [Pa] | 101325.0 [Pa] |
| LIQUID TO GAS RATIO (L/G) | 1.7 | |
| TOWER TYPE DRAFT | INDUCED | |

Table 4.7 Design and Test conditions for the calculation example of Mechanical Draft (SI Units).

The figure displays three sequential screenshots of the Fluidika software's graphical user interface (GUI) for a Mechanical Draft project. Each screenshot shows a different tab selected at the top: DESIGN, TEST, and CURVE.

- DESIGN Tab:** Shows input fields for various parameters: WATER FLOW RATE (220.000000 [kg/s]), HOT WATER TEMPERATURE (36.000000 [°C]), COLD WATER TEMPERATURE (30.000000 [°C]), WET-BULB TEMPERATURE (25.000000 [°C]), DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE (31.000000 [°C]), FAN POWER (60,000.000000 [W]), and PRESSURE (101,325.000000 [Pa]).
- TEST Tab:** Shows input fields for the same parameters as the DESIGN tab, but with test values: WATER FLOW RATE (209.000000 [kg/s]), HOT WATER TEMPERATURE (33.400000 [°C]), COLD WATER TEMPERATURE (27.100000 [°C]), WET-BULB TEMPERATURE (21.100000 [°C]), DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE (30.600000 [°C]), FAN POWER (57,600.000000 [W]), and PRESSURE (101,325.000000 [Pa]).
- CURVE Tab:** Shows input fields for the characteristic curve: COEFFICIENT C (2.098800 [1]), EXPONENT N (-0.895000 [1]), DESIGN L/G (1.700000 [1]), and TOWER TYPE (INDUCED, selected from a dropdown menu).

Figure 4.22 Design, Test conditions and Characteristic Curve introduced as a Mechanical Draft project from Table 4.7.

Graphical and numerical results for the calculation example set by the design and test conditions described in Table 4.7 are shown in Figures 4.23 and 4.24.

From the numerical results the Tower Capability is found to be **101.4939%**. Considering the design and test conditions set for this example, the mechanical cooling tower with the Characteristic Curve (4.1) is capable of cooling under the design conditions data.

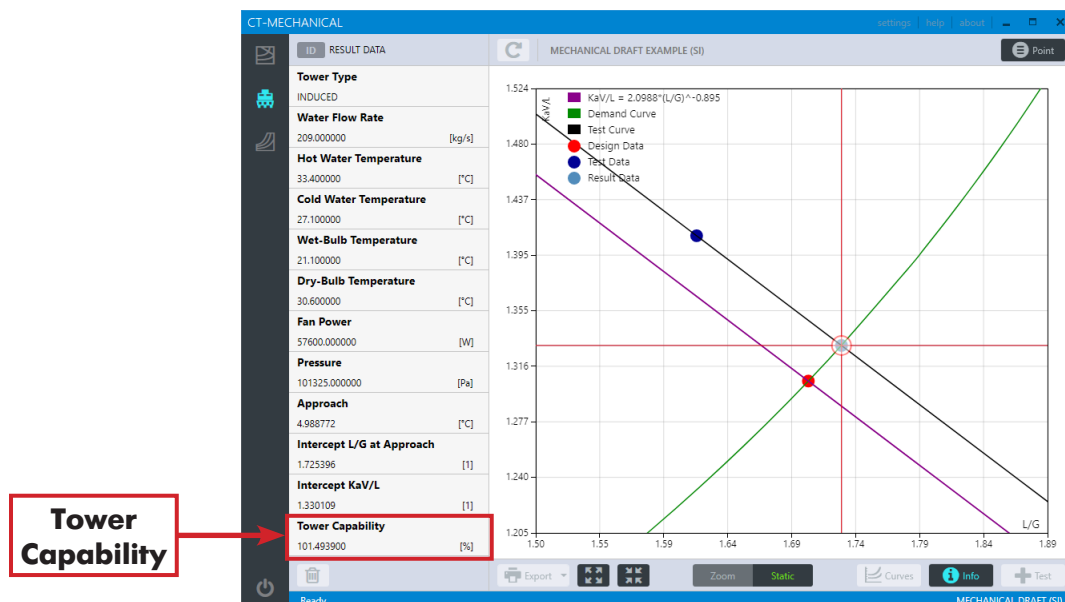


Figure 4.23 Graphical results for the calculation example in SI units.

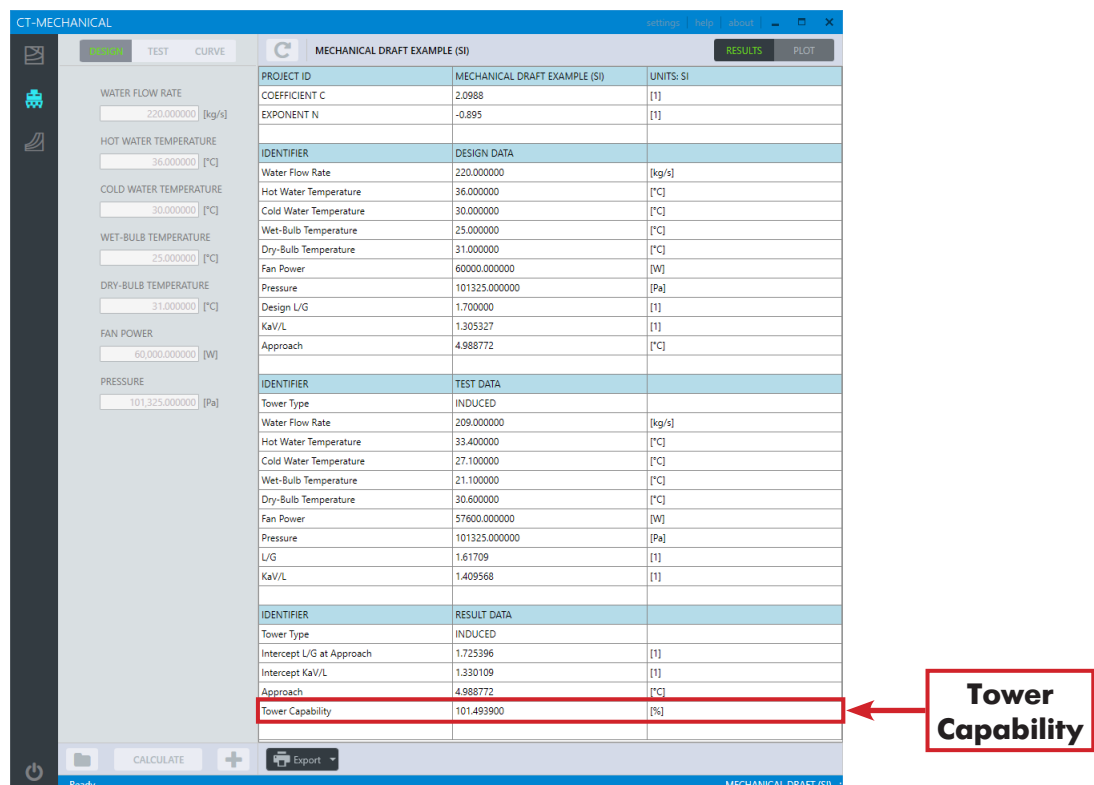


Figure 4.24 Numerical results for the calculation example in SI units.

An example to illustrate a calculation project of **Mechanical Draft** in I-P units is set by considering the design and test data for the mechanical draft cooling tower shown in Table 4.8. Figure 4.25 shows screenshots of the graphical user interface once the data described in Table 4.8 was introduced as a project.

The Characteristic Curve for this example (usually submitted by the manufacturer of the cooling tower) is:

$$K_a V/L = 2.0114 * (L/G)^{-0.5350} \quad (4.2)$$

| | DESIGN | TEST |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| WATER FLOW RATE | 9500 [gpm] | 9150 [gpm] |
| HOT WATER TEMPERATURE | 115 [°F] | 104.7 [°F] |
| COLD WATER TEMPERATURE | 85 [°F] | 79.3 [°F] |
| WET BULB TEMPERATURE | 80 [°F] | 73.1 [°F] |
| DRY BULB TEMPERATURE | 90 [°F] | 85.2 [°F] |
| FAN DRIVER POWER | 240 [bhp] | 216 [bhp] |
| PRESSURE | 14.695949 [psi] | 14.695949 [psi] |
| LIQUID TO GAS RATIO (L/G) | 0.810 | - |
| TOWER TYPE DRAFT | INDUCED | |

Table 4.8 Design and Test conditions for the calculation example of Mechanical Draft (I-P Units).

The figure displays three screenshots of the Fluidika software interface, showing the input fields for Design, Test, and Characteristic Curve data for a Mechanical Draft project.

DESIGN Tab:

- WATER FLOW RATE: 9,500.000000 [gpm]
- HOT WATER TEMPERATURE: 115.000000 [°F]
- COLD WATER TEMPERATURE: 85.000000 [°F]
- WET-BULB TEMPERATURE: 80.000000 [°F]
- DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE: 90.000000 [°F]
- FAN POWER: 240.000000 [bhp]
- PRESSURE: 14.695949 [psia]

TEST Tab:

- WATER FLOW RATE: 9,150.000000 [gpm]
- HOT WATER TEMPERATURE: 104.700000 [°F]
- COLD WATER TEMPERATURE: 79.300000 [°F]
- WET-BULB TEMPERATURE: 73.100000 [°F]
- DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE: 85.200000 [°F]
- FAN POWER: 216.000000 [bhp]
- PRESSURE: 14.695949 [psia]

CURVE Tab:

- COEFFICIENT C: 2.011400 [1]
- EXPONENT N: -0.535000 [1]
- DESIGN L/G: 0.810000 [1]
- TOWER TYPE: INDUCED

Figure 4.25 Design, Test conditions and Characteristic Curve introduced as a Mechanical Draft project from Table 4.8.

Graphical and numerical results for the calculation example set by the design and test conditions described in Table 4.8 are shown in Figures 4.26 and 4.27.

From the numerical results the Tower Capability is found to be **100.6928%**. Considering the design and test conditions set for this example, the mechanical cooling tower with the Characteristic Curve (4.2) is capable of cooling under the design conditions data.

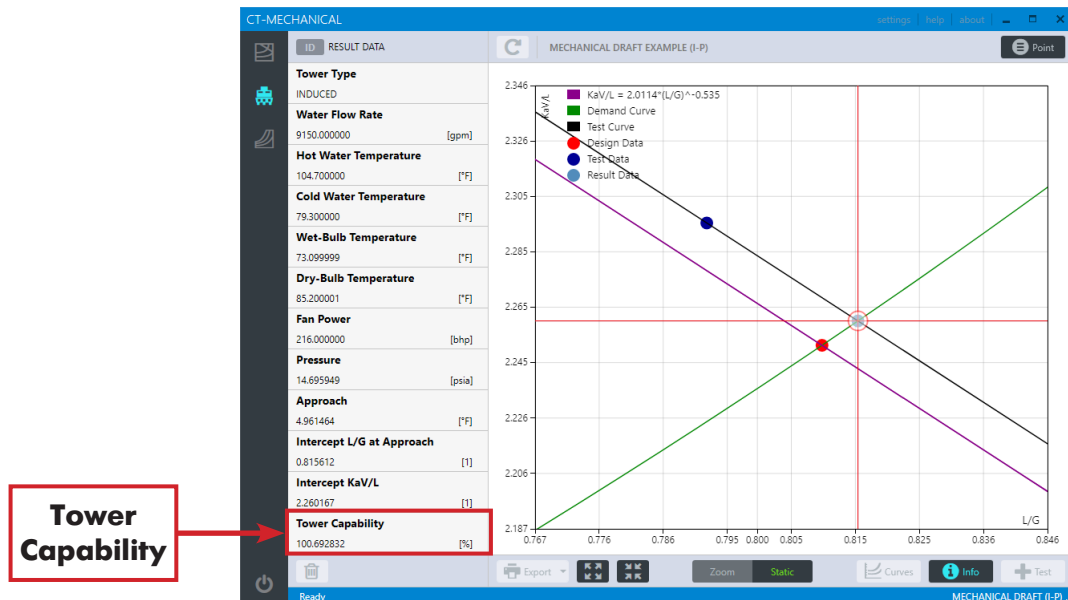


Figure 4.26 Graphical results for the calculation example in I-P units.

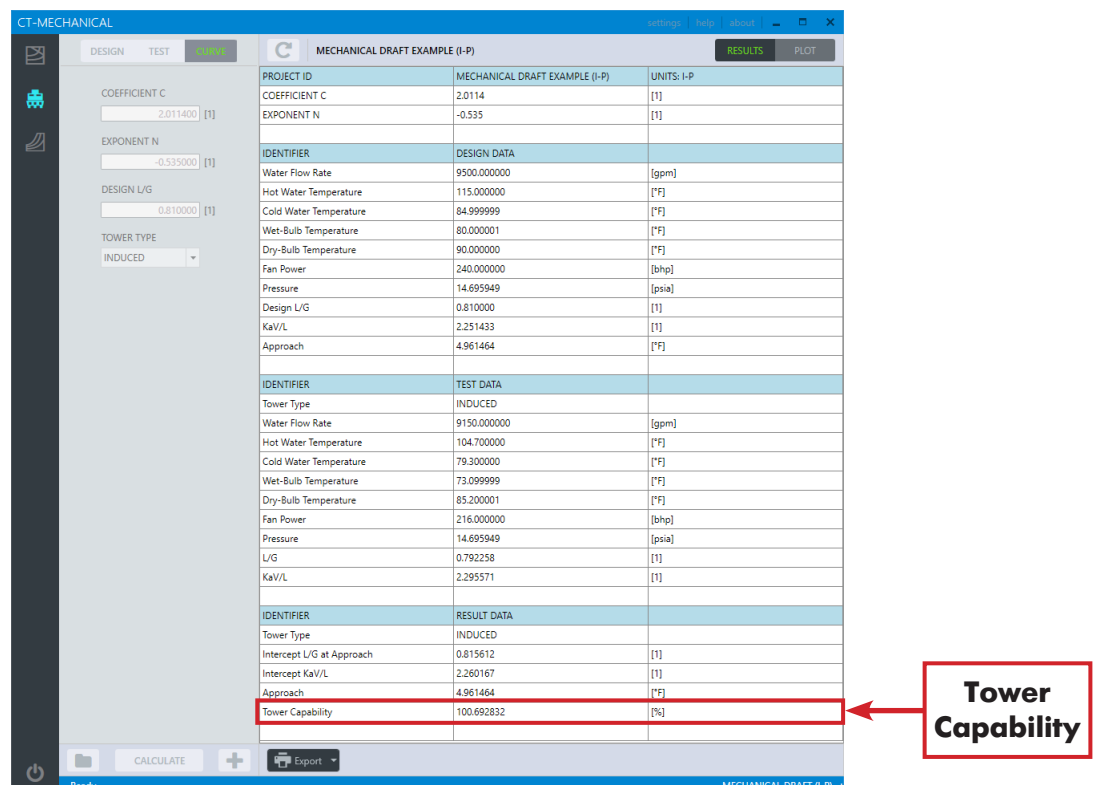


Figure 4.27 Numerical results for the calculation example in I-P units.

Comparison with Literature Data

The input data for the mechanical draft examples calculated in the SI and I-P system of units are taken from the CTI Code ATC-105 [1]. Tables 4.9 and 4.10 compare the numerical results of the Tower Capability calculated in Mechanical Draft with the results shown in [1]. A strong agreement can be established by considering the low relative error in both cases.

| | CASE SI (CTI CODE RESULT) | CASE SI (CALCULATED) | RELATIVE ERROR |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tower Capability [%] | 101.6 | 101.4939 | 0.104% |

Table 4.9 Comparison of Tower Capability result between the CTI Code ATC-105 and Mechanical Draft in SI units.

| | CASE I-P (CTI CODE RESULT) | CASE I-P (CALCULATED) | RELATIVE ERROR |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tower Capability [%] | 101.0 | 100.69 | 0.307% |

Table 4.10 Comparison of Tower Capability result between the CTI Code ATC-105 and Mechanical Draft in I-P units.

Overview

Psychrometrics Calculator allows the calculation of physical properties of humid air, water, steam, ice and psychrometrics commonly used in the design and operation of cooling towers.

Description

- Calculation of 42 properties of humid air, water, steam, ice and psychrometrics.
- It allows for 17 combinations of two thermodynamic properties to be entered as input variables:
 - Dry-bulb Temperature / Wet-bulb Temperature
 - Dry-bulb Temperature / Dew Point Temperature
 - Dry-bulb Temperature / Relative Humidity
 - Dry-bulb Temperature / Humidity Ratio
 - Dry-bulb Temperature / Specific Enthalpy
 - Dry-bulb Temperature / Specific Volume
 - Wet-bulb Temperature / Dew Point Temperature
 - Wet-bulb Temperature / Relative Humidity
 - Wet-bulb Temperature / Humidity Ratio
 - Dew Point Temperature / Relative Humidity
 - Dew Point Temperature / Specific Enthalpy
 - Dew Point Temperature / Specific Volume
 - Relative Humidity / Humidity Ratio
 - Relative Humidity / Specific Enthalpy
 - Relative Humidity / Specific Volume
 - Humidity Ratio / Specific Enthalpy
 - Humidity Ratio / Specific Volume
- Supports input parameters and calculation results in both SI (metric) and I-P (english) system of units.
- For each combination of input thermodynamic variables, it calculates and provides the user with information about the appropriate values in the valid range of computations.
- Calculation results can be saved to a database for later retrieval.
- Calculation results can be exported to excel/pdf file formats .

Mathematical Models

Calculation of the properties of humid air, water, steam, ice and psychrometrics are based on the precision provided by the numerical formulations for the evaluation of their thermodynamic and transport properties:

Properties of Humid Air

- Thermodynamic and psychrometrics property algorithms from the ASHRAE Research Project 1485.
- Scientific Formulation IAPWS-95, IAPWS Formulation 2008 and IAPWS Formulation 2006. Properties of dry air are from the NIST Reference equation of Lemmon et al.

Properties of Water and Steam

- Formulations from the IAPWS (International Association for the Properties of Water and Steam) IAPWS-IF97 Industrial formulation (Revision 2007) and related models.

Table 5.1 shows the properties calculated by **Psychrometrics Calculator** and their corresponding possible calculation units in SI or I-P.

| Property | SI Units | I-P Units |
|--|---|--|
| Dry-Bub Temperature | °C | °F |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | °C | °F |
| Dew Point Temperature | °C | °F |
| Humid Air Pressure | Pa, kPa, bar, mmHg | psia, inHg, inH ₂ O, atm |
| Water Vapor Partial Pressure | Pa, kPa, bar, mmHg | psia, inHg, inH ₂ O, atm |
| Dry Air Partial Pressure | Pa, kPa, bar, mmHg | psia, inHg, inH ₂ O, atm |
| Saturation Water Vapor Pressure | Pa, kPa, bar, mmHg | psia, inHg, inH ₂ O, atm |
| Dry Air Mole Fraction | [-] | [-] |
| Water Mole Fraction | [-] | [-] |
| Dry Air Mass Fraction | [-] | [-] |
| Water Mass Fraction | [-] | [-] |
| Humidity Ratio | kg(w)/kg(da), g(w)/kg(da) | lb(w)/lb(da), gr(w)/lb(da) |
| Saturation Humidity Ratio | kg(w)/kg(da), g(w)/kg(da) | lb(w)/lb(da), gr(w)/lb(da) |
| Relative Humidity | [%] | [%] |
| Absolute Humidity | kg(w)/m ³ | lb(w)/ft ³ |
| Parts per million by weight | ppmw | ppmw |
| Parts per million by volume | ppmv | ppmv |
| Enhancement Factor | [-] | [-] |
| Specific Volume of Dry Air | m ³ /kg, cm ³ /kg | ft ³ /lb, in ³ /lb |
| Specific Volume of Humid Air | m ³ /kg, cm ³ /kg | ft ³ /lb, in ³ /lb |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Water | m ³ /kg, cm ³ /kg | ft ³ /lb, in ³ /lb |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Ice | m ³ /kg, cm ³ /kg | ft ³ /lb, in ³ /lb |
| Specific Volume of Water Vapor | m ³ /kg, cm ³ /kg | ft ³ /lb, in ³ /lb |
| Density of Dry Air | kg/m ³ , g/m ³ | lb/ft ³ , lb/in ³ |
| Density of Humid Air | kg/m ³ , g/m ³ | lb/ft ³ , lb/in ³ |
| Density of Saturated Water | kg/m ³ , g/m ³ | lb/ft ³ , lb/in ³ |
| Density of Saturated Ice | kg/m ³ , g/m ³ | lb/ft ³ , lb/in ³ |
| Density of Water Vapor | kg/m ³ , g/m ³ | lb/ft ³ , lb/in ³ |
| Specific Enthalpy of Dry Air | J/kg, kJ/kg | Btu/lb, ft lbf/lb |
| Specific Enthalpy of Humid Air | J/kg, kJ/kg | Btu/lb, ft lbf/lb |
| Specific Enthalpy of Saturated Water | J/kg, kJ/kg | Btu/lb, ft lbf/lb |
| Specific Enthalpy of Saturated Ice | J/kg, kJ/kg | Btu/lb, ft lbf/lb |
| Specific Enthalpy of Water Vapor | J/kg, kJ/kg | Btu/lb, ft lbf/lb |
| Specific Entropy of Dry Air | J/(kg·K), kJ/(kg·K) | Btu/(lb·°R), ft lbf/(lb·°R) |
| Specific Entropy of Humid Air | J/(kg·K), kJ/(kg·K) | Btu/(lb·°R), ft lbf/(lb·°R) |
| Specific Entropy of Saturated Water | J/(kg·K), kJ/(kg·K) | Btu/(lb·°R), ft lbf/(lb·°R) |
| Specific Entropy of Saturated Ice | J/(kg·K), kJ/(kg·K) | Btu/(lb·°R), ft lbf/(lb·°R) |
| Specific Entropy of Water Vapor | J/(kg·K), kJ/(kg·K) | Btu/(lb·°R), ft lbf/(lb·°R) |
| Specific Internal Energy of Dry Air | J/kg, kJ/kg | Btu/lb, ft lbf/lb |
| Specific Internal Energy of Humid Air | J/kg, kJ/kg | Btu/lb, ft lbf/lb |
| Specific Isobaric Heat Capacity of Humid Air | kJ/(kg·K) | Btu/(lb·°R) |
| Compressibility of Humid Air | [-] | [-] |

Table 5.1 Properties and their units calculated in Psychrometrics Calculator.

The full ranges of input variables for the Psychrometrics Calculator in SI and I-P system of units:

| Property | Range in SI Units | SI Units |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE | $-143.15 \leq T_{db} \leq 350.0$ | °C |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $-143.15 \leq T_{wb} \leq 350.0$ | °C |
| DEW POINT TEMPERATURE | $-143.15 \leq T_{dp} \leq 350.0$ | °C |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY | $0.0 \leq RH \leq 100.0$ | [%] |
| HUMIDITY RATIO | $0.0 \leq W \leq 10.0$ | kg/kg |
| SPECIFIC ENTHALPY | $-311.357 \leq h \leq 32135.848$ | kJ/kg |
| SPECIFIC VOLUME | $1.469E-3 \leq v \leq 3.055E5$ | m ³ /kg |
| PRESSURE | $10.0 \leq P \leq 10.0E6$ | Pa |

| Property | Range in I-P Units | I-P Units |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE | $-225.67 \leq T_{db} \leq 662.0$ | °F |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $-225.67 \leq T_{wb} \leq 662.0$ | °F |
| DEW POINT TEMPERATURE | $-225.67 \leq T_{dp} \leq 662.0$ | °F |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY | $0.0 \leq RH \leq 100.0$ | [%] |
| HUMIDITY RATIO | $0.0 \leq W \leq 10.0$ | lb/lb |
| SPECIFIC ENTHALPY | $-126.174 \leq h \leq 13823.61$ | Btu/lb |
| SPECIFIC VOLUME | $2.353E-2 \leq v \leq 4.893E6$ | ft ³ /lb |
| PRESSURE | $0.00145 \leq P \leq 1450.4$ | psia |

Table 5.2 Full ranges of input variables in Psychrometrics Calculator.

5.3 Range of Input Variables (Evaluation Version) Psychrometrics Calculator

The full ranges of input variables for the Psychrometrics Calculator (Evaluation Version) in SI and I-P system of units:

| Property | Range in SI Units | SI Units |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE | $-143.15 \leq T_{db} \leq 350.0$ | °C |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $-143.15 \leq T_{wb} \leq 350.0$ | °C |
| DEW POINT TEMPERATURE | $-143.15 \leq T_{dp} \leq 350.0$ | °C |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY | $0.0 \leq RH \leq 100.0$ | [%] |
| HUMIDITY RATIO | $0.0 \leq W \leq 10.0$ | kg/kg |
| SPECIFIC ENTHALPY | $-311.357 \leq h \leq 32135.848$ | kJ/kg |
| SPECIFIC VOLUME | $1.469E-3 \leq v \leq 3.055E5$ | m ³ /kg |
| PRESSURE | P = 100000.0 | Pa |

| Property | Range in I-P Units | I-P Units |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE | $-225.67 \leq T_{db} \leq 662.0$ | °F |
| WET-BULB TEMPERATURE | $-225.67 \leq T_{wb} \leq 662.0$ | °F |
| DEW POINT TEMPERATURE | $-225.67 \leq T_{dp} \leq 662.0$ | °F |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY | $0.0 \leq RH \leq 100.0$ | [%] |
| HUMIDITY RATIO | $0.0 \leq W \leq 10.0$ | lb/lb |
| SPECIFIC ENTHALPY | $-126.174 \leq h \leq 13823.61$ | Btu/lb |
| SPECIFIC VOLUME | $2.353E-2 \leq v \leq 4.893E6$ | ft ³ /lb |
| PRESSURE | P = 14.503774 | psia |

Table 5.3 Ranges of input variables in Psychrometrics Calculator (Evaluation Version).

The Graphical User Interface for **Psychrometrics Calculator** is shown in Figure 5.1. By selecting the button denoted as Psychrometrics on the left side of the application, the interface is presented.

Psychrometrics Calculator

Input Combination

Settings

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DRY-BULB TEMP - WET-BULB TEMP

TEMPERATURE (DB): 32 [°C] TEMPERATURE (WB): 25 [°C] PRESSURE: 101325 [Pa]

| Property | Value | Units |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| Dry-Bulb Temperature | 32 | [°C] |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 25 | [°C] |
| Dew Point Temperature | 22.4221680100437 | [°C] |
| Humid Air Pressure | 101325 | [Pa] |
| Water Vapor Partial Pressure | 2725.55800822477 | [Pa] |
| Dry Air Partial Pressure | 98599.4419917752 | [Pa] |
| Saturation Water Vapor Pressure | 4780.67275679848 | [Pa] |
| Dry Air Mole Fraction | 0.973100833868988 | [-] |
| Water Mole Fraction | 0.0268991661310118 | [-] |
| Dry Air Mass Fraction | 0.983098310346858 | [-] |
| Water Mass Fraction | 0.0169016896531417 | [-] |
| Humidity Ratio | 0.017192268031929 | [kg/kg] |
| Saturation Humidity Ratio | 0.0307974285957278 | [kg/kg] |
| Relative Humidity | 57.0120179079152 | [%] |
| Absolute Humidity | 0.0193530182572504 | [kg/m³] |
| Parts per million by Weight | 17192.2593189397 | [ppmw] |
| Parts per million by Volume | 27642.7325871897 | [ppmv] |
| Enhancement Factor | 1.00450189640593 | [-] |
| Specific Volume of Dry Air | 0.864224163674099 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Humid Air | 0.888045355540579 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Water | 0.00100503626350278 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Ice | N/A | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Water Vapor | 29.5294568598517 | [m³/kg] |
| Density of Dry Air | 1.15710719745288 | [kg/m³] |
| Density of Humid Air | 1.14542828436137 | [kg/m³] |
| Density of Saturated Water | 994.988973347862 | [kg/m³] |
| Density of Saturated Ice | N/A | [kg/m³] |
| Density of Water Vapor | 0.0338644901173106 | [kg/m³] |
| Specific Enthalpy of Dry Air | 32.19333949285 | [kJ/kg] |
| Specific Enthalpy of Humid Air | 76.1906464716467 | [kJ/kg] |
| Specific Enthalpy of Saturated Water | 134.10565079884 | [kJ/kg] |
| Specific Enthalpy of Saturated Ice | N/A | [kJ/kg] |
| Specific Enthalpy of Water Vapor | 2559.18895487344 | [kJ/kg] |
| Specific Entropy of Dry Air | 0.111452225787936 | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Specific Entropy of Humid Air | 0.268367136704745 | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Specific Entropy of Saturated Water | 0.464279393293529 | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Specific Entropy of Saturated Ice | N/A | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Specific Entropy of Water Vapor | 8.41148362857452 | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Specific Internal Energy of Dry Air | -55374.1738914281 | [J/kg] |
| Specific Internal Energy of Humid Air | -13790.5491785025 | [J/kg] |
| Specific Isobaric Heat Capacity of Humid Air | 1.02153153918682 | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Compressibility of Humid Air | 0.999654859078415 | [-] |

Input Variables

DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE: 32.000000 [°C]

WET-BULB TEMPERATURE: 25.000000 [°C]

PRESSURE: 101,325.000000 [Pa]

Start Calculation

Export to excel/pdf

Results Area

List of Calculations

Save Calculation to database

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Figure 5.1 Graphical User Interface for Psychrometrics Calculator.

Settings

1. Click on the **Settings** button to show the settings screen for Psychrometrics Calculator (Figure 5.2).
2. Select the System of Units for calculations and their corresponding units. Click on the **APPLY** button to save this settings configuration.
3. Any new input combination will be calculated using those selected system of units and variable units.

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DRY-BULB TEMP - WET-BULB TEMP

TEMPERATURE (DB): 45 [°C] TEMPERATURE (WB): 35 [°C] PRESSURE: 98000 [Pa]

| Property | Value |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Dry-Bulb Temperature | 45 |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 35 |
| Dew Point Temperature | 32.901489504339 |
| Humid Air Pressure | 98000 |
| Water Vapor Partial Pressure | 5029.55294344881 |
| Dry Air Partial Pressure | 92970.4470565512 |
| Saturation Water Vapor Pressure | 9642.21416340439 |
| Dry Air Mole Fraction | 0.967448970226644 |
| Water Mole Fraction | 0.0325510297733563 |
| Dry Air Mass Fraction | 0.967448970226644 |
| Water Mass Fraction | 0.0325510297733563 |
| Humidity Ratio | 0.0336462498542749 |
| Saturation Humidity Ratio | 0.0678709846597431 |
| Relative Humidity | 52.1618049362327 |
| Absolute Humidity | 1.0049847181518 |
| Parts per million by Weight | 0.931710136065699 |
| Parts per million by Volume | 0.981955112812166 |
| Enhancement Factor | 0.00100991401977457 |
| Specific Volume of Dry Air | N/A |
| Specific Volume of Humid Air | 15.2534355387828 |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Water | |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Ice | |
| Specific Volume of Water Vapor | |

Settings

UNITS SI UNITS I-P

Select Units

PRESSURE Pa

TEMPERATURE °C

ENTHALPY kJ/kg

ENTROPY kJ/(kg·K)

INTERNAL ENERGY J/kg

SPECIFIC VOLUME m³/kg

DENSITY kg/m³

HUMIDITY RATIO kg/kg

Select System of Units

SYSTEM OF UNITS SI

APPLY

Apply and Save

Ready

Figure 5.2 Settings for Psychrometrics Calculator.

Calculation of Properties

1. Select an input combination of variables from the drop down list in the main interface (Figure 5.3).
2. Enter the input variables and the pressure in their corresponding units.
3. Click on the **CALCULATE** button to start the calculation.

Exporting Results from the Main Interface

Once a psychrometrics calculation has been completed, the numerical results that are shown on the Results Area can be exported to an excel / pdf file format by clicking on the **Export** button.

The screenshot shows the Psychrometrics Calculator interface. The main window is titled "CT-MECHANICAL" and includes a settings menu (settings | help | about). The interface is divided into several sections:

- Input Combination:** A dropdown menu at the top left showing "DRY-BULB TEMP - WET-BULB TEMP".
- Input Variables:** Three input fields on the left:
 - DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE: 45.000000 [°C]
 - WET-BULB TEMPERATURE: 35.000000 [°C]
 - PRESSURE: 98,000.000000 [Pa]
- Results Area:** A table on the right displaying calculated properties and their values.

| Property | Value | Units |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Dry-Bulb Temperature | 45 | [°C] |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 35 | [°C] |
| Dew Point Temperature | 32.901489504339 | [°C] |
| Humid Air Pressure | 98000 | [Pa] |
| Water Vapor Partial Pressure | 5029.55294344881 | [Pa] |
| Dry Air Partial Pressure | 92970.4470565512 | [Pa] |
| Saturation Water Vapor Pressure | 9642.21416340439 | [Pa] |
| Dry Air Mole Fraction | 0.948678031189298 | [-] |
| Water Mole Fraction | 0.0513219688107021 | [-] |
| Dry Air Mass Fraction | 0.967448970226644 | [-] |
| Water Mass Fraction | 0.0325510297733563 | [-] |
| Humidity Ratio | 0.0336462498542749 | [kg/kg] |
| Saturation Humidity Ratio | 0.0678709846597431 | [kg/kg] |
| Relative Humidity | 52.1618049362327 | [%] |
| Absolute Humidity | 0.0342534332382635 | [kg/m³] |
| Parts per million by Weight | 33646.2328024575 | [ppmw] |
| Parts per million by Volume | 54098.4054899669 | [ppmv] |
| Enhancement Factor | 1.0049847181518 | [-] |
| Specific Volume of Dry Air | 0.931710136065699 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Humid Air | 0.981955112812166 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Water | 0.00100991401977457 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Ice | N/A | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Water Vapor | 15.2524255387828 | [m³/kg] |
- Buttons:** At the bottom, there are four buttons: "CALCULATE", "Export", "Save", and "Reset".

Annotations with red boxes and lines point to the following elements:

- Input Combination:** Points to the dropdown menu.
- Input Variables:** Points to the input fields.
- Start Calculation:** Points to the "CALCULATE" button.
- Export Results:** Points to the "Export" button.
- Results Area:** Points to the table of results.
- List of Calculations:** Points to the "Reset" button.
- Save Calculation to database:** Points to the "Save" button.

Figure 5.3 Calculation of properties in Psychrometrics Calculator.

Validating Input Variables and Calculations

All input variables in SI or I-P are bounded by the ranges described in Table 5.2. In the case that input variables are introduced that are out of these ranges, and a new psychrometrics calculation is attempted by clicking on the **CALCULATE** button, the application first checks that all variables are within its range, and if any variable does not satisfy the range condition, it will prevent the application from continuing. (Figure 5.4).

A message is displayed with the variables that do not satisfy this condition, showing the correct range of variables that must be entered for the calculation to proceed. Calculations that are within these ranges, but not do satisfy the conditions for a valid psychrometrics calculation, also display a message (Figure 5.5).

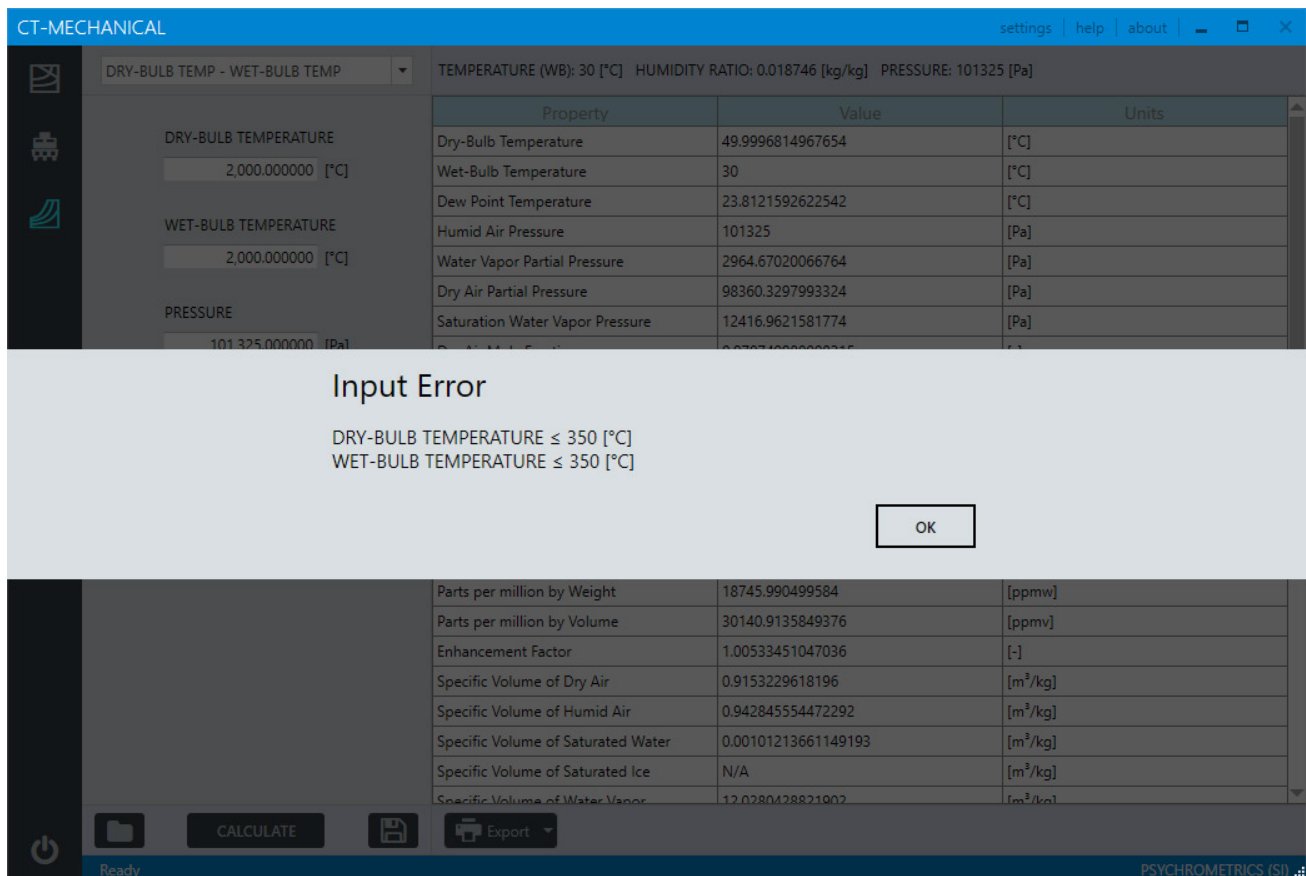


Figure 5.4 Validation of input variables in Psychrometrics Calculator.

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DRY-BULB TEMP - SPECIFIC VOLUME

TEMPERATURE (WB): 30 [°C] HUMIDITY RATIO: 0.018746 [kg/kg] PRESSURE: 101325 [Pa]

| Property | Value | Units |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Dry-Bulb Temperature | 49.9996814967654 | [°C] |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 30 | [°C] |
| Dew Point Temperature | 23.8121592622542 | [°C] |
| Humid Air Pressure | 101325 | [Pa] |
| Water Vapor Partial Pressure | 2964.67020066764 | [Pa] |
| Dry Air Partial Pressure | 98360.3297993324 | [Pa] |
| Saturation Water Vapor Pressure | 12416.9621581774 | [Pa] |
| Dry Air Mole Fraction | 0.970740980008215 | [-] |

DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE: 49.999681 [°C]

SPECIFIC VOLUME: 10.000000 [m³/kg]

PRESSURE: 101.325.000000 [Pa]

Input Error

SPECIFIC VOLUME ≤ 1.04248848169282 [m³/kg]

OK

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Parts per million by Weight | 18745.990499584 | [ppmw] |
| Parts per million by Volume | 30140.9135849376 | [ppmv] |
| Enhancement Factor | 1.00533451047036 | [-] |
| Specific Volume of Dry Air | 0.9153229618196 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Humid Air | 0.942845554472292 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Water | 0.00101213661149193 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Ice | N/A | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Water Vapor | 12.0280428821902 | [m³/kg] |

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Figure 5.5 Validation of calculations in Psychrometrics Calculator.

Save Calculation Results to the database

Calculation results can be saved to a database by clicking on the [Save Calculation to database](#) button (Figure 5.3). This will add the current calculation to a database where the identifier will be the variables and their values used in the input combination that was used to calculate that particular set of results.

Load Calculation Results

Click the [List of Calculations](#) button (Figure 5.3) to load all the calculation results in the database. Select a particular calculation from the list and click the [Load Calculation Results](#) button to load the results to the Results Area (Figure 5.6). Results can be selected/deselected by unchecking the box in the list of calculations, which then can be deleted using the [Delete Results](#) button, or exported to excel/pdf by clicking on the [Export](#) button.

The screenshot displays the Psychrometrics Calculator interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Delete Results' and 'Export Results'. The main window is divided into three sections: a left sidebar for input variables, a top status bar for calculated values, and a large table for detailed properties.

Left Sidebar (Inputs):

- Dry-Bulb Temperature: 22 [°C] (checked)
- Humidity Ratio: 0.02 [kg/kg]
- Humid Air Pressure: 85000 [Pa]
- Relative Humidity: 32 [%] (checked)
- Specific Enthalpy of Humid Air: 60 [kJ/kg]
- Humid Air Pressure: 101325 [Pa]
- Dry-Bulb Temperature: 32.5 [°C] (unchecked)
- Specific Volume of Humid Air: 0.9 [m³/kg]
- Humid Air Pressure: 99000 [Pa]
- Dry-Bulb Temperature: 45 [°C] (unchecked)
- Wet-Bulb Temperature: 35 [°C] (unchecked)

Top Status Bar: TEMPERATURE (DB): 22 [°C] HUMIDITY RATIO: 0.02 [kg/kg] PRESSURE: 85000 [Pa]

Properties Table:

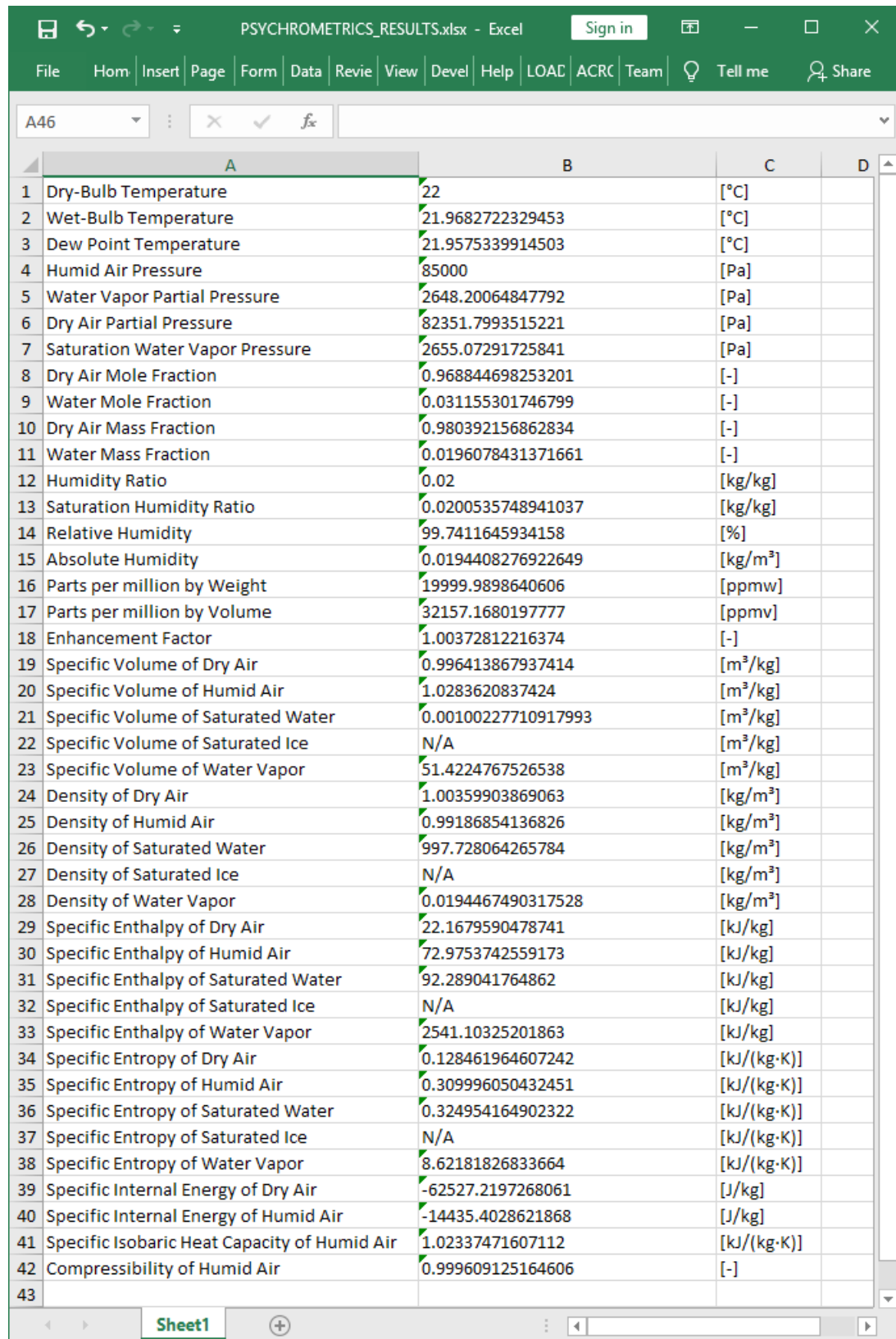
| Property | Value | Units |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Dry-Bulb Temperature | 22 | [°C] |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 21.9682722329453 | [°C] |
| Dew Point Temperature | 21.9575339914503 | [°C] |
| Humid Air Pressure | 85000 | [Pa] |
| Water Vapor Partial Pressure | 2648.20064847792 | [Pa] |
| Dry Air Partial Pressure | 82351.7993515221 | [Pa] |
| Saturation Water Vapor Pressure | 2655.07291725841 | [Pa] |
| Dry Air Mole Fraction | 0.968844698253201 | [-] |
| Water Mole Fraction | 0.031155301746799 | [-] |
| Dry Air Mass Fraction | 0.980392156862834 | [-] |
| Water Mass Fraction | 0.0196078431371661 | [-] |
| Humidity Ratio | 0.02 | [kg/kg] |
| Saturation Humidity Ratio | 0.0200535748941037 | [kg/kg] |
| Relative Humidity | 99.7411645934158 | [%] |
| Absolute Humidity | 0.0194408276922649 | [kg/m³] |
| Parts per million by Weight | 19999.9898640606 | [ppmw] |
| Parts per million by Volume | 32157.1680197777 | [ppmv] |
| Enhancement Factor | 1.00372812216374 | [-] |
| Specific Volume of Dry Air | 0.996413867937414 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Humid Air | 1.0283620837424 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Water | 0.00100227710917993 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Ice | N/A | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Water Vapor | 51.4224767526538 | [m³/kg] |

At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Load Calculation Results' and 'Return to Calculation Mode'.

Figure 5.6 Calculation results from the Psychrometrics Calculator.

| | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| Dry-Bulb Temperature | 22 | [°C] |
| Wet-Bulb Temperature | 21.9682722329453 | [°C] |
| Dew Point Temperature | 21.9575339914503 | [°C] |
| Humid Air Pressure | 85000 | [Pa] |
| Water Vapor Partial Pressure | 2648.20064847792 | [Pa] |
| Dry Air Partial Pressure | 82351.7993515221 | [Pa] |
| Saturation Water Vapor Pressure | 2655.07291725841 | [Pa] |
| Dry Air Mole Fraction | 0.968844698253201 | [-] |
| Water Mole Fraction | 0.031155301746799 | [-] |
| Dry Air Mass Fraction | 0.980392156862834 | [-] |
| Water Mass Fraction | 0.0196078431371661 | [-] |
| Humidity Ratio | 0.02 | [kg/kg] |
| Saturation Humidity Ratio | 0.0200535748941037 | [kg/kg] |
| Relative Humidity | 99.7411645934158 | [%] |
| Absolute Humidity | 0.0194408276922649 | [kg/m³] |
| Parts per million by Weight | 19999.9898640606 | [ppmw] |
| Parts per million by Volume | 32157.1680197777 | [ppmv] |
| Enhancement Factor | 1.00372812216374 | [-] |
| Specific Volume of Dry Air | 0.996413867937414 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Humid Air | 1.0283620837424 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Water | 0.00100227710917993 | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Saturated Ice | N/A | [m³/kg] |
| Specific Volume of Water Vapor | 51.4224767526538 | [m³/kg] |
| Density of Dry Air | 1.00359903869063 | [kg/m³] |
| Density of Humid Air | 0.99186854136826 | [kg/m³] |
| Density of Saturated Water | 997.728064265784 | [kg/m³] |
| Density of Saturated Ice | N/A | [kg/m³] |
| Density of Water Vapor | 0.0194467490317528 | [kg/m³] |
| Specific Enthalpy of Dry Air | 22.1679590478741 | [kJ/kg] |
| Specific Enthalpy of Humid Air | 72.9753742559173 | [kJ/kg] |
| Specific Enthalpy of Saturated Water | 92.289041764862 | [kJ/kg] |
| Specific Enthalpy of Saturated Ice | N/A | [kJ/kg] |
| Specific Enthalpy of Water Vapor | 2541.10325201863 | [kJ/kg] |
| Specific Entropy of Dry Air | 0.128461964607242 | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Specific Entropy of Humid Air | 0.309996050432451 | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Specific Entropy of Saturated Water | 0.324954164902322 | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Specific Entropy of Saturated Ice | N/A | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Specific Entropy of Water Vapor | 8.62181826833664 | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Specific Internal Energy of Dry Air | -62527.2197268061 | [J/kg] |
| Specific Internal Energy of Humid Air | -14435.4028621868 | [J/kg] |
| Specific Isobaric Heat Capacity of Humid Air | 1.02337471607112 | [kJ/(kg·K)] |
| Compressibility of Humid Air | 0.999609125164606 | [-] |

Figure 5.7 Example of calculation results in pdf format of Psychrometrics Calculator.



| | A | B | C | D |
|----|--|---------------------|-------------|---|
| 1 | Dry-Bulb Temperature | 22 | [°C] | |
| 2 | Wet-Bulb Temperature | 21.9682722329453 | [°C] | |
| 3 | Dew Point Temperature | 21.9575339914503 | [°C] | |
| 4 | Humid Air Pressure | 85000 | [Pa] | |
| 5 | Water Vapor Partial Pressure | 2648.20064847792 | [Pa] | |
| 6 | Dry Air Partial Pressure | 82351.7993515221 | [Pa] | |
| 7 | Saturation Water Vapor Pressure | 2655.07291725841 | [Pa] | |
| 8 | Dry Air Mole Fraction | 0.968844698253201 | [-] | |
| 9 | Water Mole Fraction | 0.031155301746799 | [-] | |
| 10 | Dry Air Mass Fraction | 0.980392156862834 | [-] | |
| 11 | Water Mass Fraction | 0.0196078431371661 | [-] | |
| 12 | Humidity Ratio | 0.02 | [kg/kg] | |
| 13 | Saturation Humidity Ratio | 0.0200535748941037 | [kg/kg] | |
| 14 | Relative Humidity | 99.7411645934158 | [%] | |
| 15 | Absolute Humidity | 0.0194408276922649 | [kg/m³] | |
| 16 | Parts per million by Weight | 19999.9898640606 | [ppmw] | |
| 17 | Parts per million by Volume | 32157.1680197777 | [ppmv] | |
| 18 | Enhancement Factor | 1.00372812216374 | [-] | |
| 19 | Specific Volume of Dry Air | 0.996413867937414 | [m³/kg] | |
| 20 | Specific Volume of Humid Air | 1.0283620837424 | [m³/kg] | |
| 21 | Specific Volume of Saturated Water | 0.00100227710917993 | [m³/kg] | |
| 22 | Specific Volume of Saturated Ice | N/A | [m³/kg] | |
| 23 | Specific Volume of Water Vapor | 51.4224767526538 | [m³/kg] | |
| 24 | Density of Dry Air | 1.00359903869063 | [kg/m³] | |
| 25 | Density of Humid Air | 0.99186854136826 | [kg/m³] | |
| 26 | Density of Saturated Water | 997.728064265784 | [kg/m³] | |
| 27 | Density of Saturated Ice | N/A | [kg/m³] | |
| 28 | Density of Water Vapor | 0.0194467490317528 | [kg/m³] | |
| 29 | Specific Enthalpy of Dry Air | 22.1679590478741 | [kJ/kg] | |
| 30 | Specific Enthalpy of Humid Air | 72.9753742559173 | [kJ/kg] | |
| 31 | Specific Enthalpy of Saturated Water | 92.289041764862 | [kJ/kg] | |
| 32 | Specific Enthalpy of Saturated Ice | N/A | [kJ/kg] | |
| 33 | Specific Enthalpy of Water Vapor | 2541.10325201863 | [kJ/kg] | |
| 34 | Specific Entropy of Dry Air | 0.128461964607242 | [kJ/(kg·K)] | |
| 35 | Specific Entropy of Humid Air | 0.309996050432451 | [kJ/(kg·K)] | |
| 36 | Specific Entropy of Saturated Water | 0.324954164902322 | [kJ/(kg·K)] | |
| 37 | Specific Entropy of Saturated Ice | N/A | [kJ/(kg·K)] | |
| 38 | Specific Entropy of Water Vapor | 8.62181826833664 | [kJ/(kg·K)] | |
| 39 | Specific Internal Energy of Dry Air | -62527.2197268061 | [J/kg] | |
| 40 | Specific Internal Energy of Humid Air | -14435.4028621868 | [J/kg] | |
| 41 | Specific Isobaric Heat Capacity of Humid Air | 1.02337471607112 | [kJ/(kg·K)] | |
| 42 | Compressibility of Humid Air | 0.999609125164606 | [-] | |
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Figure 5.8 Example of calculation results in excel format of Psychrometrics Calculator.

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