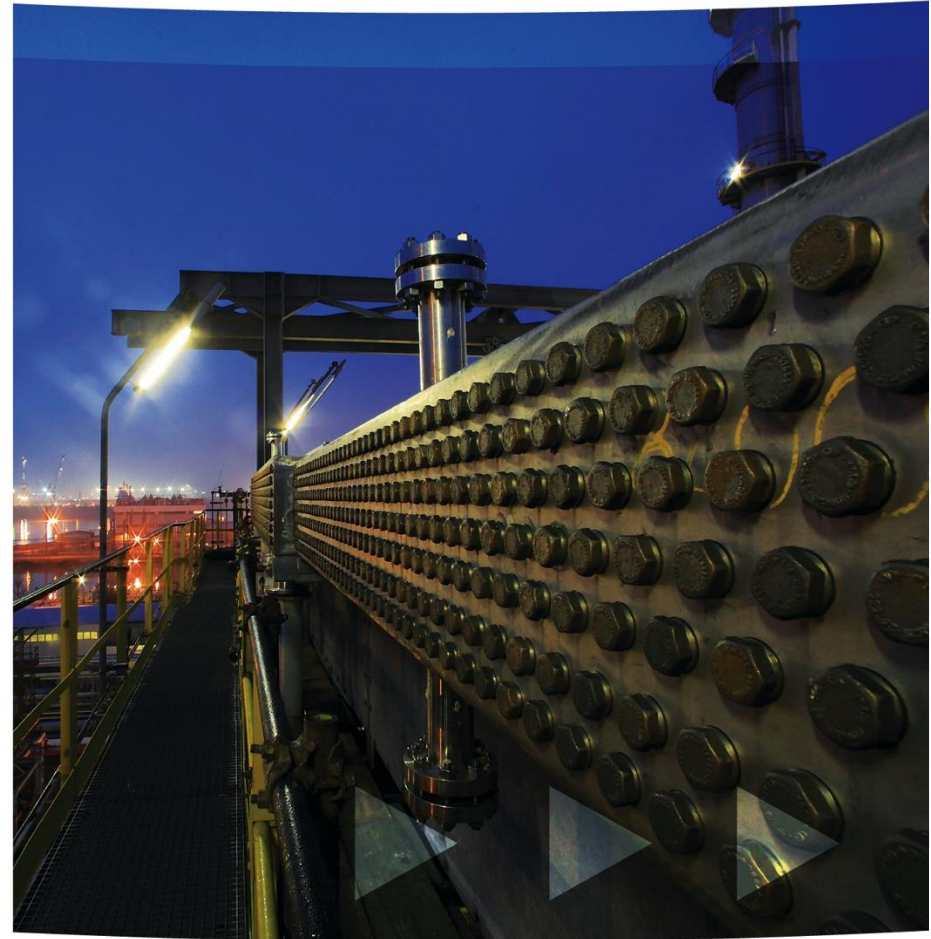
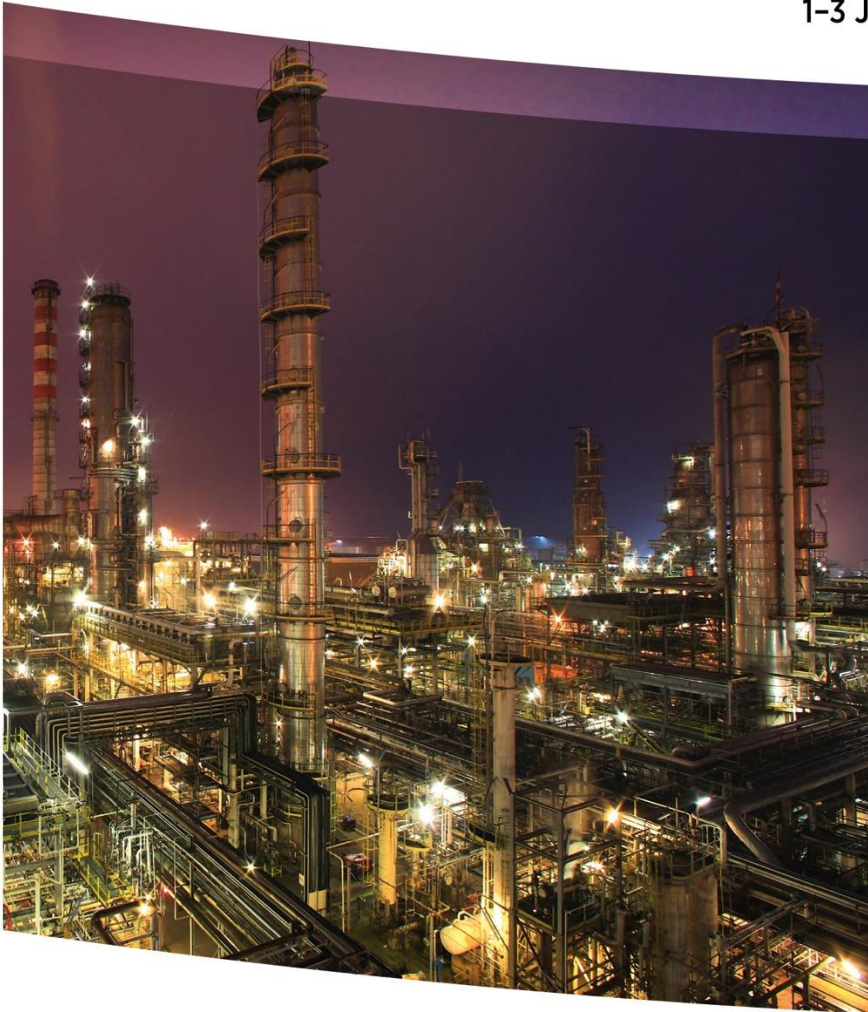




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# Operator Training Simulator for a new Cumene & Phenol plant

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# Outline

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# Piloting a process plant

If your process plant were the Saturn V,  
your panel operators will be the astronauts



Now, think about the training hours of an astronaut

# Process plant vs. Saturn V

|                             | Ethylene plant             | Saturn V  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Throughput                  | 800 kty ~ 90 t/h of Naphta | 1 <sup>st</sup> Stage burns 14200 t/h (Kerosene) with 32200 t/h Liquid Oxygen |
| Working time                | ~ 50 years                 | 4 hours, 20 min   |
| Instruments                 | ~ 5000 AI/DI               | Stage-1 about 900 instruments, Stages 2&3 ¿?                                  |
| Cost                        | ~ 1.5 Billion\$            | Per launch: \$494 million in 1964–73 dollars (~\$3 billion today)             |
| PID loops                   | ~ 800 loops in ICSS        | ~ 20 faceplates in Command Module   |
| Training time before launch | 3-9 months                 | Two years for Apollo missions (they are test pilots before)                   |
| OTS cost                    | 0.8 – 1.2 Million\$        | All simulators > 50 million\$   |

OTS is a multiplier of every hour invested in training

Source: <https://www.hq.nasa.gov/alsj/NASATND7112.pdf>

# Project background



CEPSA Chemical Shanghai (“CCS”) is building the new Cumene and Phenol plants in the Shanghai Chemical Industry Park (SCIP), with a capacity to produce:  
250kMt of phenol and  
150kMt of acetone

CCS is using OTS to reinforce the training for all the operation staff, with plenty of scenarios, to improve the economical operation of the plant, such as normal operations, start-up and shutdown, equipment malfunction and emergency conditions.

Inprocess Technology and Consulting Group (“Inprocess”) has rich modeling and project experiences for OTS (Operator Training System).

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJxIXR3ZAKs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJxIXR3ZAKs)

# Why OTS investment

The OTS overall objectives were:

- Train the Chinese operation staff on the process and the DeltaV system in Shanghai.
- Train the support Spanish operation staff on the DeltaV system in Huelva (Spain).
- Reduce the risk of major operational incidents
- Reduce start-up time
- Increase plant on-stream time and performance
- Verify Process Control System (PCS) operation
- Verify Safety Instrumented System (SIS) operation
- Avoid equipment damages
- Provide a test-bed system for engineering analysis

# The OTS: Concept

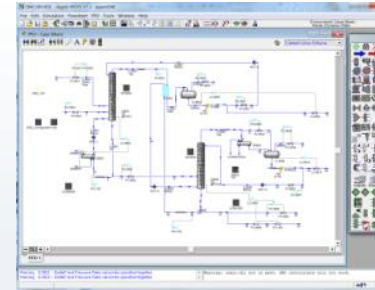
Real World

Direct-Connect OTS

Process Plant

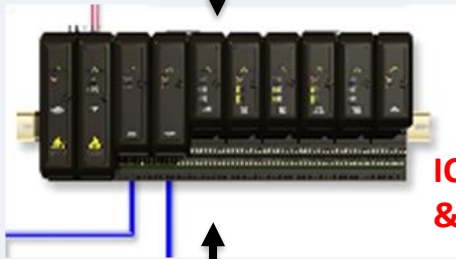


Field Operator



High Fidelity Dynamic Model

Control System & SIS



Als, Dis, AOs, DOs

Download Database

ICSS Hardware & Software



ICSS Emulation Software

Als, Dis, AOs, DOs

Human Machine Interface



Panel Operator

Graphics

ICSS Console & Graphics



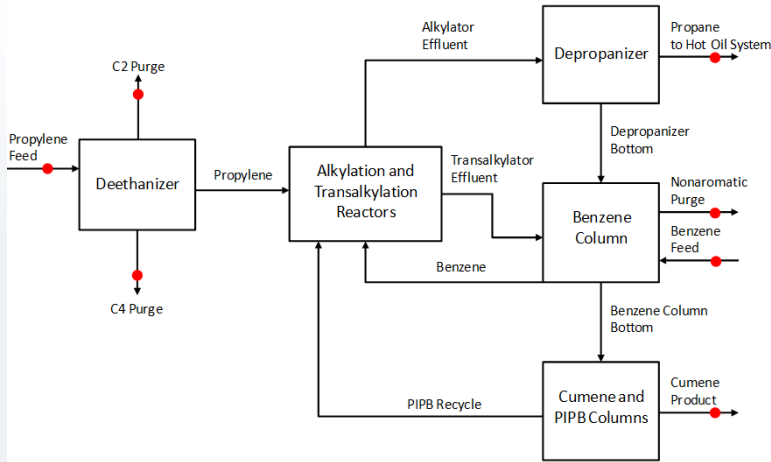
Panel Operator  
ICSS Console as in Control Room



Instructor Station & Field Operator Devices



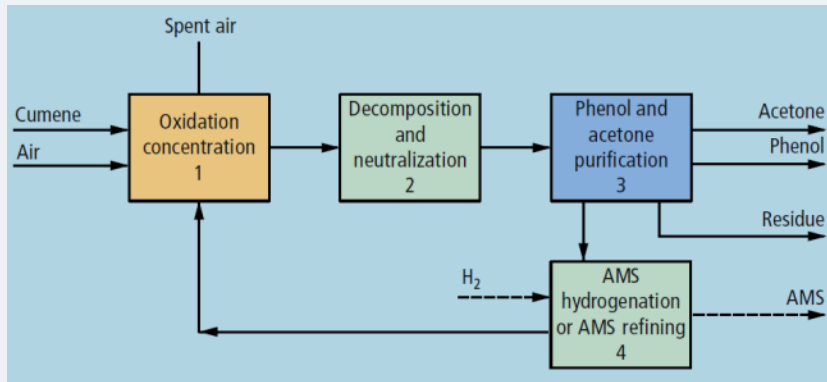
# The OTS: Model Scope



## Simulation Scope Cumene

- Equipments: 60
- Isolation valves: 20
- Control valves: 91
- Relief valves: 20
- PID loops: 90
- I/O Count: 1000

| Component List-Cumene |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| H2O                   | Benzene      |
| Methane               | Toluene      |
| Ethylene              | E-Benzene    |
| Ethane                | Cumene       |
| Propene               | n-Pbenzene   |
| Propane               | AMS          |
| Cyclopropane          | i-BBenzene   |
| Propadiene            | m-Cymene     |
| M-Acetylene           | p-Cymene     |
| 1-Butene              | 1-E-4-iP-BZ* |
| i-Butene              | 13-iP-BZ     |
| i-Butane              | n-Hexyl-BZ   |
| 13-Butadiene          | 135-iP-BZ*   |
| n-Hexene              | DiPhenylC3   |



## Simulation Scope Phenol

- Equipments: 132
- Isolation valves: 62
- Control valves: 210
- Relief valves: 41
- PID loops: 204
- I/O Count: 2000

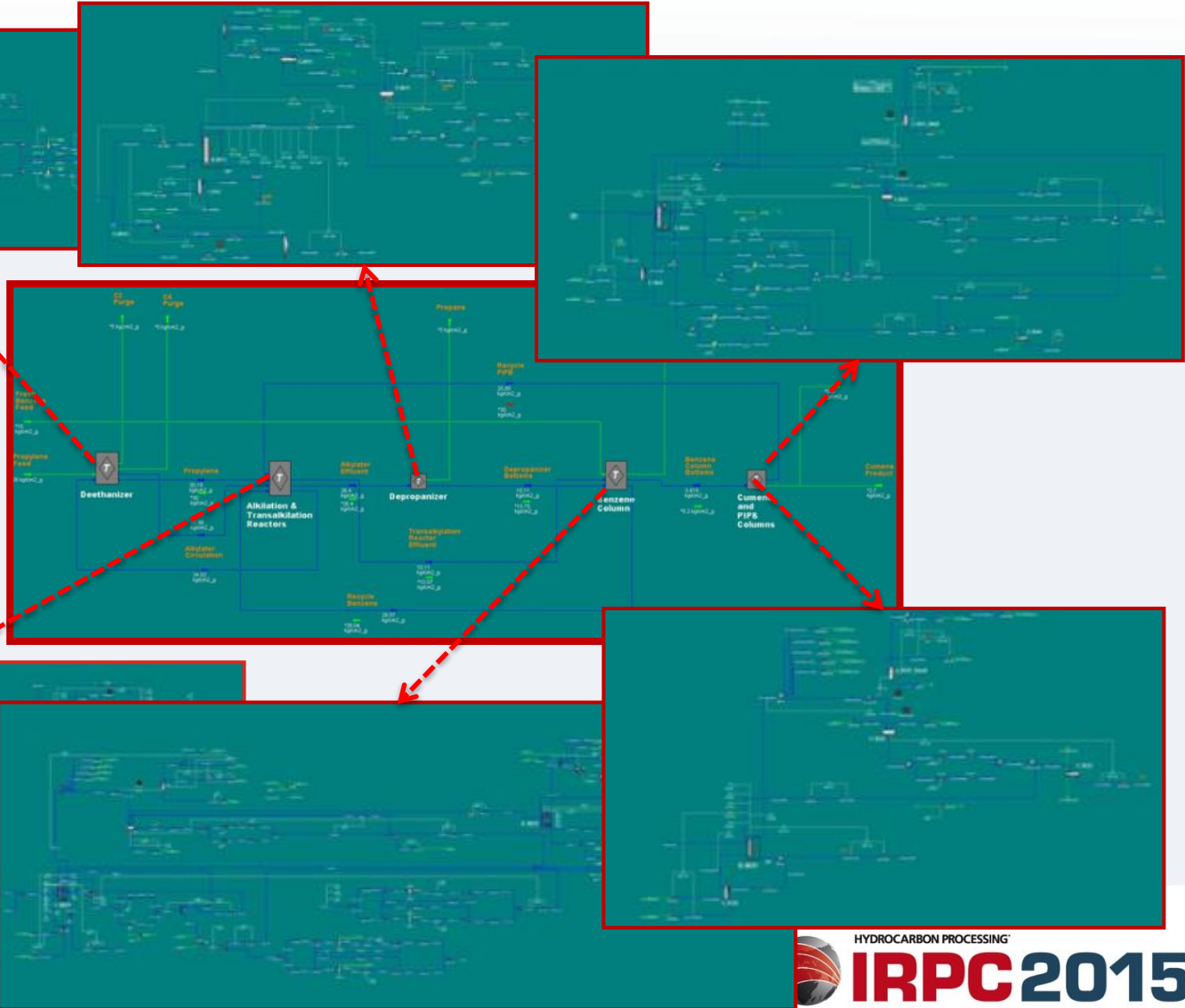
| Component List-Phenol |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| H2O                   | diAcetone-ol |
| Hydrogen              | BZoicAcid    |
| Nitrogen              | o-Cresol     |
| Oxygen                | m-Cresol     |
| Methane               | p-Cresol     |
| CO                    | M-PH-Ketone  |
| Formaldehyde          | 2MBenzoFuran |
| FormicAcid            | AMS          |
| Methanol              | Cumene       |
| Oxalic_Acid           | DMPHCarbinol |
| AceticAcid            | CumHyPeroxid |
| Propanal              | o-Cymene     |
| Acetone               | m-Cymene     |
| Acetol                | p-Cymene     |
| Benzene               | pCumylPhenol |
| Phenol                | DCumPeroxide |
| Mesityloxide          | H2SO4*       |
| 3Mcympentene          |              |

## Challenge

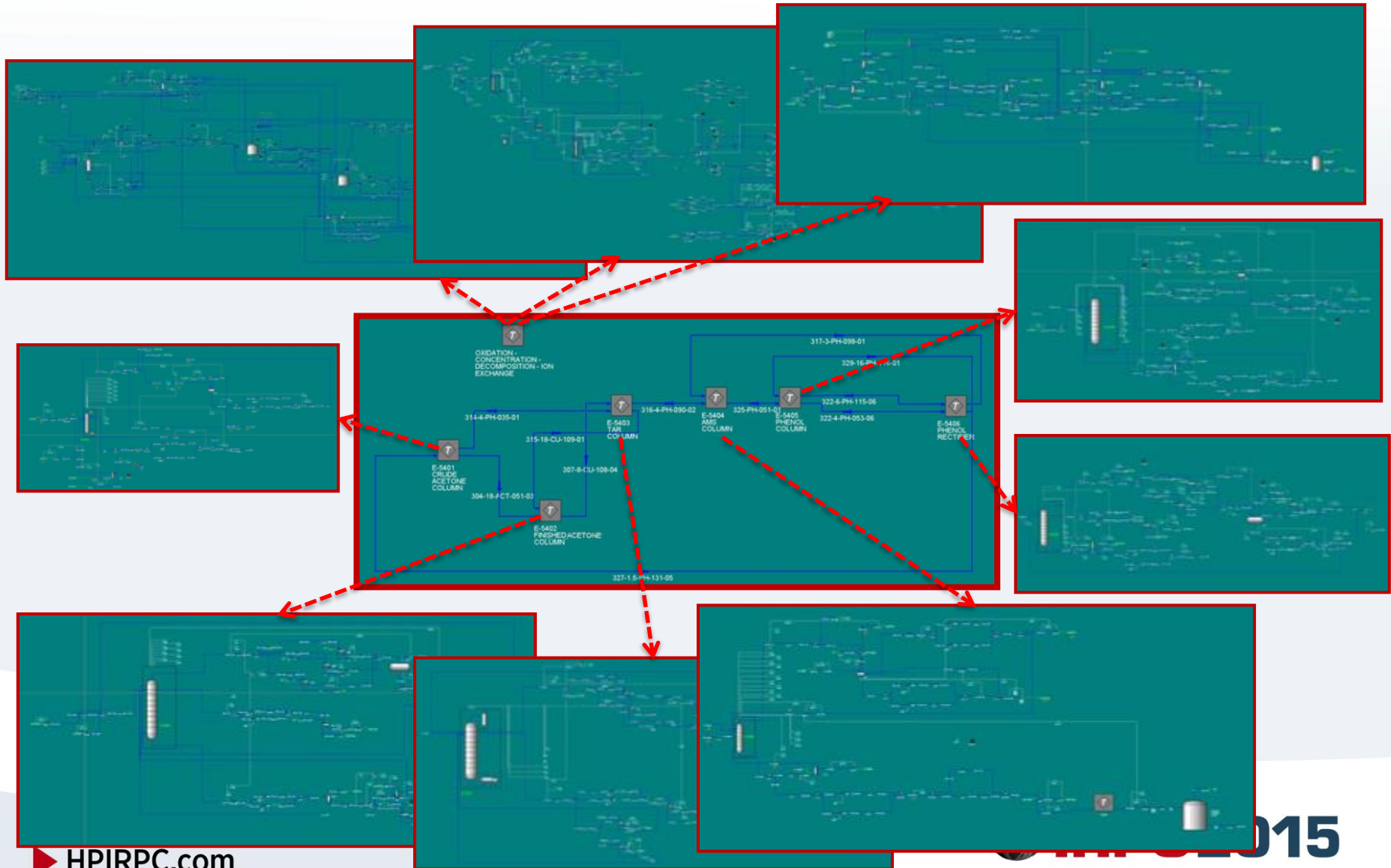
Multiple chemical reactions, many separation units (18 distillation columns) and large recycles

# Cumene HYSYS Dynamics model

Subflowsheet helps to work in parallel



# Phenol HYSYS Dynamics model



# The OTS: modeling highlights

## **Reactor Dynamics**

The HYSYS CSTR reactor was used with rigorous kinetics. Reactors parameters and kinetics constants were adjusted to obtain accurate dynamics.

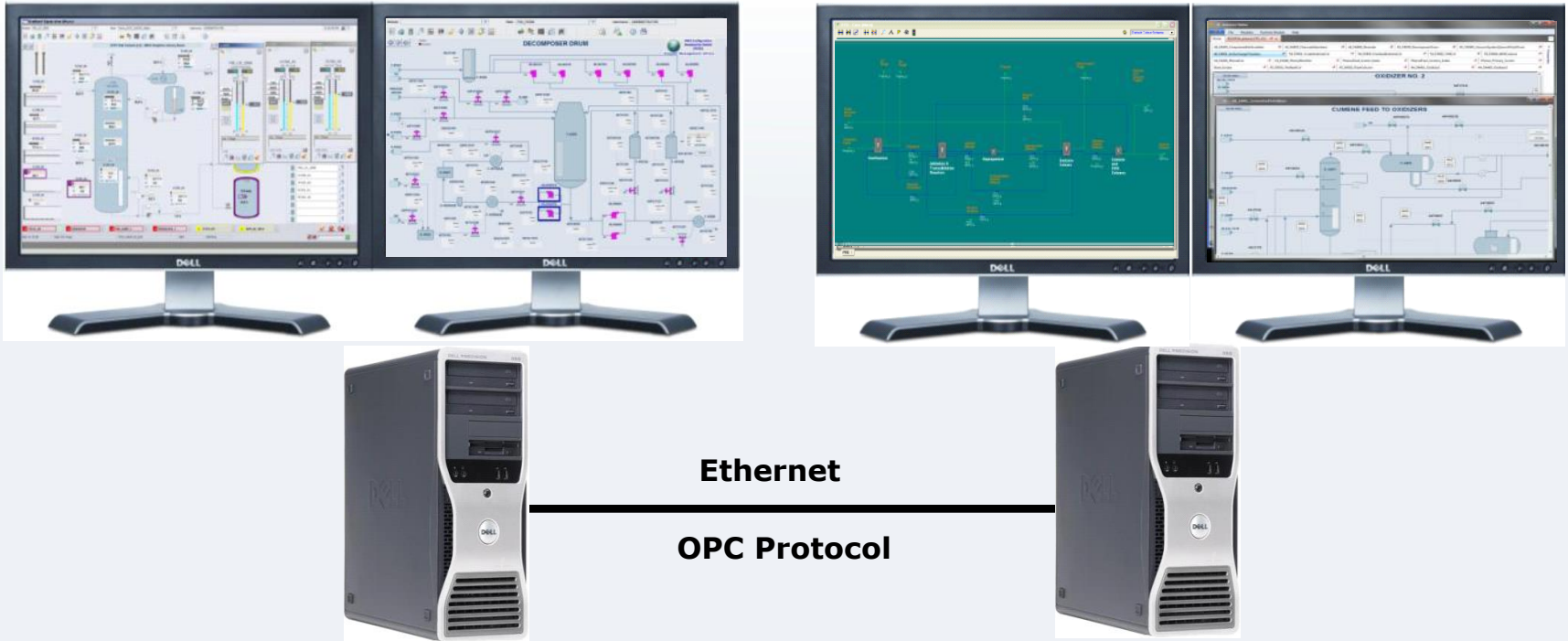
## **Hydraulics Effects in Reactor Dynamics**

Compressors push air to the bottom of the Oxidizers and the liquid mass is in suspension, but HYSYS CSTR is an ideal homogenous reactor. These dynamics were modelled, therefore when compressor trips the Oxidizers levels are affected.

## **Calorimeters DeltaT**

They are the sensors of the reaction. They were calibrated with the same dynamics that the existing Huelva (Spain) plant was providing.

# The OTS: Architecture



## DCS Operator Workstation

- Plant Control System Emulator  
DeltaV Simulate Pro
- Operator HMI, DCS DeltaV

## Instructor Workstation

- Plant Dynamic Model (HYSYS Dynamic model)
- Inprocess Instructor Station
  - HMI for Field Operated Devices
  - Simulation Management
  - Communication



An OTS replica was installed in Huelva complex (Spain)

# The OTS: DeltaV Operate



# The OTS: Instructor Station

- ICSS/Simulator Connectivity
- Instructor Functionalities
- Field Devices Operation

The screenshot displays the IS - Instructor Station software interface. At the top, there is a menu bar with options: File, Modules, Runtime Module, and Help. Below the menu, there are several buttons for system control: Stop, Open, Stop integrator, Make Invisible, Play, Historify, Start Snapshots, Save Snapshot, Load Snapshot, and Generate PI. The main workspace shows a process flow diagram with various units and streams. A chart window titled 'IS - Instructor Station - Chart for curve '177PC0005 Pass1'' is open, showing multiple data series over time. Below the chart is a configuration table for the X and Y axes and a series list.

| X Axis |           | Series    |           |                                     |        |   |             |      |           |           |                |                                     |        |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------|---|-------------|------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Axis   | Min Scale | Max Scale | Eng. Unit | Enable?                             | Colour | # | Target Name | Axis | Min Scale | Max Scale | Current        | Enable?                             | Colour |
| 1      | 0         | 2400      | m3/d      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Red    | 1 | FIC1009     | 1    | 0         | 2400      | 1294.3 m3/d    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Red    |
| 2      | 0         | 24        | m3/d      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Blue   | 2 | FIC1020     | 2    | 0         | 24        | 12.1 m3/d      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Blue   |
| 3      | 0         | 45        | Kg/cm2... | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yellow | 3 | PI1016      | 3    | 0         | 45        | 24.51 Kg/cm2_g | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yellow |
| 4      | 0         | 700       | C         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Black  | 4 | TI1057      | 4    | 0         | 700       | 418.3 C        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Green  |
| 5      | 0         | 700       | C         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Black  | 5 | TI1075      | 4    | 0         | 700       | 377.2 C        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Black  |

# The OTS: Scenarios

50 scenarios were developed:

- Operational scenarios:

- change utilities conditions
- change in raw material quality
- throughput changes

- Procedure scenarios:

- Start-up
- Shutdown

- Safety Scenarios:

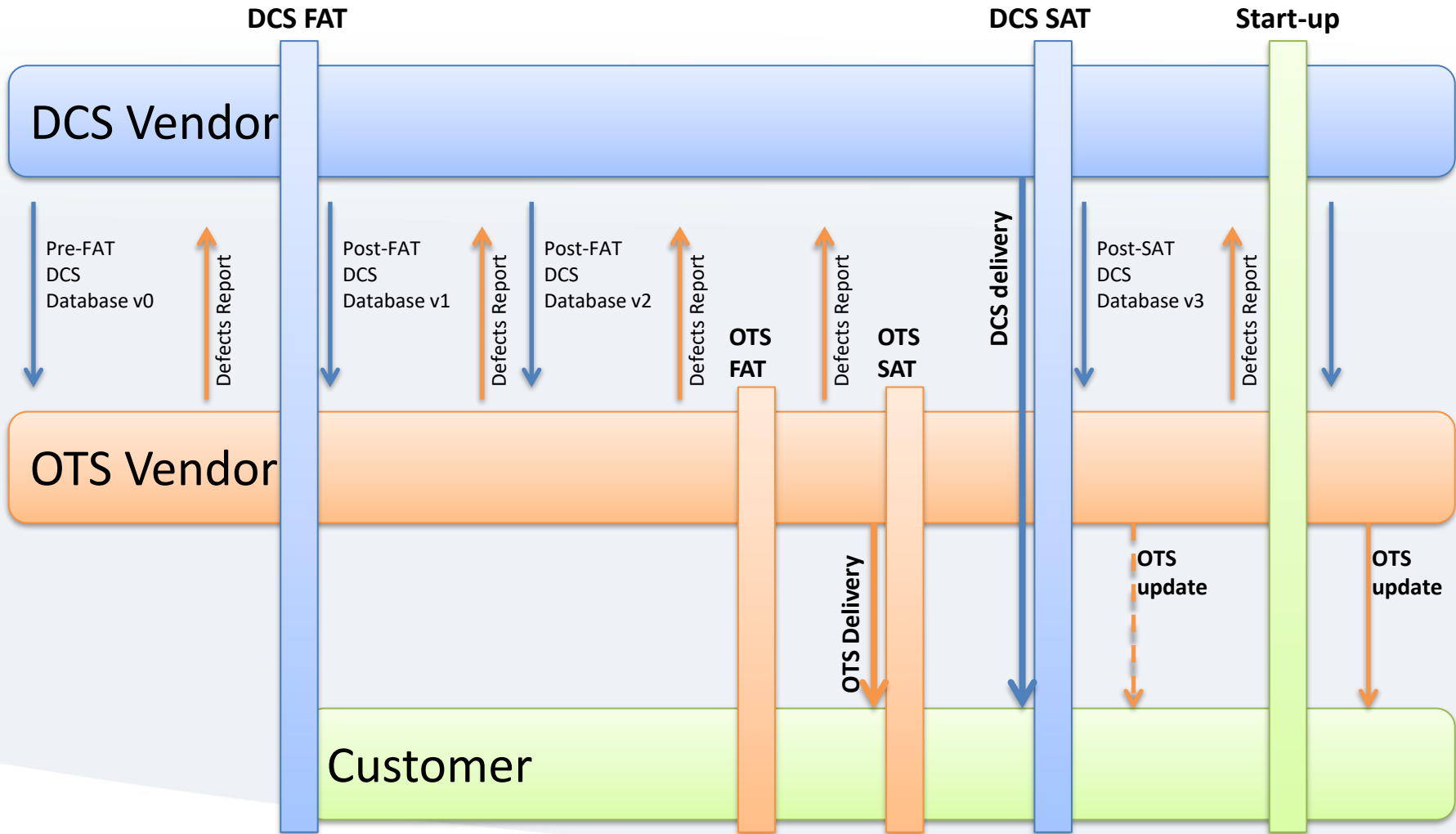
- Equipment power loss
- Instrument air failure
- Critical utilities loss

- Equipment failures and malfunctions:

- Column steam failure
- Exchangers fouling
- Instrument failure



# OTS value: Debug ICSS code



**Important:** OTS Vendor acts as a truly independent auditor of the ICSS functionality

# Examples ICSS database review

**inprocess**

120147-DR02-0 Rev.3

Project Code: INP-BCN-12-147  
Customer: CEPESA

**DCS Database Review List of Issues**

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Inprocess Technology and Consulting Group, S.L.  
20 February 2014

Date: 120147-DR02-0\_DCSDB\_Review\_Rev0  
Document: 2\_PVTV.docx

| Rev. | Date       | Description                         | Drawn  | Reviewed | Approved |
|------|------------|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| 0.1  | 20/01/2014 | Initial Document                    | KT     | JMH      | JMH      |
| 1    | 14/02/2014 | Modifications, CEPESA comments      | KT, CA | JMH      | JMH      |
| 2    | 28/02/2014 | Modifications and controller review | KT, CA | JMH      | JMH      |



## Loop implementation

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**5 Issue 3-2 - 54XIC3172 & 54FIC3172B**

**Issue:** Different control loop implementation

Differences of control loop implementations (involving controllers 54XIC3172 & 54FIC3172) between DeltaV database and phenol control narrative (INP-810-02-0102-05.doc, rev A, with Date 2011.09.19).

There are differences with the control narrative in the DCS implementation. The implementation for 54XIC3172 works well. Nevertheless, the 54FIC3172 is labeled as 54FIC3172B in the DCS-DB. Also, it appears working on a valve (54TV3172B) in screen P54\_ES405. This last valve does not appear in the control narrative (INP-810-02-0102-05.doc, rev A) and the PID's (810-02-X-321/322/323, Rev. 2).

## Controller Actions

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**11 Issue 9 – Controllers Actions Discrepancies (2)**

**Issue:** Differences in the control action.  
In addition to the controllers listed in Issue 4, the following table shows the controllers where the control action has been modified.

| Controller TAG | Control Action |  | Modified in the DCS DB to |
|----------------|----------------|--|---------------------------|
|                | DCS DB         | Control Narrative & 810-02-X-910, revA |                           |
| 54FIC3176      | Reverse        | Direct                                 | Direct                    |
| 54LIC3142      | Reverse        | Direct                                 | Direct                    |
| 54LIC3141      | Reverse        | Direct                                 | Direct                    |
| 54LIC3138      | Reverse        | Direct                                 | Direct                    |
| 54PIC3020B     | Reverse        | Direct                                 | Direct                    |
| 54LIC3039      | Reverse        | Direct                                 | Direct                    |
| 54LIC3027      | Reverse        | Direct                                 | Direct                    |
| 54LIC3057      | Reverse        | Direct                                 | Direct                    |
| 54FIC3096      | Reverse        | Direct                                 | Direct                    |
| 54LIC3099      | Reverse        | Direct                                 | Direct                    |

## Sensor Ranges

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**9 Issue 7 – 54TI3401**

**Issue:** Differences in sensor range  
The 54TI3401 has a range of 0-150 °C in DCS database these produces out scale value.

**Modifications:** The ranges have been modified to 0 – 300 °C in DCS in order to allow the system operates.

**Actions:** Confirmation of the modification  
Reply: Could you send me the document what you have taken this range?

**Figure.7, Sensor 54TI3401 and 54TI3165**

Sensor 54TI3401 appears in screen P54\_ES405. However, it does not appear in PID's 810-02-X-321/322/323, Rev. 2. The range is set to similar values of the existing sensor 54TI3165.

**Actions:** Confirmation of the modification  
**Status:** Verified and closed.

## Controller override

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**Figure 9**

**Actions:** Verification/Confirmation of the control logic in the DCS DB  
The logic implemented in block 43\_MSC which is containing part of the logic in Figure 8.  
For changes in switches for Local Control and Local Override (in screen PMS\_TANK3) there is no change in the Target mode of the 54PIC3020 controller.

# OTS value: Operator Training

- 46 operators has been trained: 1998 hours in total, training table sample

## 1. GET FAMILIAR:

With the process  
With the procedures  
With HMI navigation and controls

## 2. IMPROVE:

Operation and safety procedures  
Uniform skills levels in all operators  
Rational thinking  
Time to react

## 3. RESULTS:

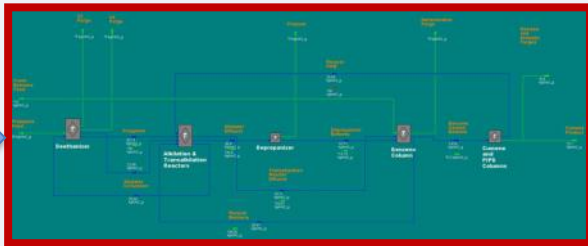
Increased Safety  
Reduce Start-up time  
Off-spec reduction

|    |                 |     | Tue       | Wed       | Thu       | Fri       | Mon       |
|----|-----------------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|    |                 |     | 10-Jun    | 11-Jun    | 12-Jun    | 13-Jun    | 14-Jun    |
| 1  | Han Chunxing    | 韩春星 | 0800-1000 |           |           |           | 0800      |
| 2  | Zhao Xu         | 赵旭  | 0800-1000 |           |           |           | 0800      |
| 3  | Zhan Meng       | 展猛  | 1000-1200 |           |           |           | 1000      |
| 4  | Zhao Fang       | 赵芳  | 1000-1200 |           |           |           | 1000      |
| 5  | Wu Weiwei       | 吴伟伟 | 1230-1430 |           |           |           | 1230      |
| 6  | Wang Yan        | 王彦  | 1230-1430 |           |           |           | 1230      |
| 7  | Wu Jian         | 陆建  | 1430-1630 |           |           |           | 1430      |
| 8  | Wang Hailiang   | 王海亮 | 1430-1630 |           |           |           | 1430      |
| 9  | Yang Chaolong   | 杨超龙 |           | 0800-1000 |           |           |           |
| 10 | Yang Yiyong     | 杨奕勇 |           | 0800-1000 |           |           |           |
| 11 | Bao Jianghong   | 鲍江鸿 |           | 1000-1200 |           |           |           |
| 12 | Bai Xushang     | 白旭升 |           | 1000-1200 |           |           |           |
| 13 | Chen Xihui      | 陈新辉 |           | 1230-1430 |           |           |           |
| 14 | Fai Ping        | 费平  |           | 1230-1430 |           |           |           |
| 15 | Chen Huiwen     | 陈会文 |           | 1430-1630 |           |           |           |
| 16 | Kang Weitang    | 康为塘 |           | 1430-1630 |           |           |           |
| 17 | Wang Changping  | 汪长平 |           |           | 0800-1000 |           |           |
| 18 | Zhang Hailong   | 张海龙 |           |           | 0800-1000 |           |           |
| 19 | Wang Chengcheng | 王诚诚 |           |           | 1000-1200 |           |           |
| 20 | Zhou Rundi      | 周润琪 |           |           | 1000-1200 |           |           |
| 21 | Yang Yihao      | 杨亦豪 |           |           | 1230-1430 |           |           |
| 22 | Xu Zhonghao     | 徐忠豪 |           |           | 1230-1430 |           |           |
| 23 | Shen Sitao      | 沈思涛 |           |           | 1430-1630 |           |           |
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# OTS value: Operating range

In the Shanghai petrochemical area, there were several alternative providers of feed propylene, each with different grades and other distributions of Lights and Heavies components.

OTHER  
FEEDS



CEPSA Operations requested to investigate the process operating constraints (valve saturation, duty limits, impurities accumulations) with different streams compositions of propylene feed.

The model proved that, making certain SetPoint adjust, other propylene grades were able to be handled by the plant.

# OTS ownership

There is one important aspect when Operating Companies decide to invest in OTS:

**The OTS itself does not do the training and knowledge transfer**

The Operating Company needs to design the operator competency program making use of the OTS as an integral tool of the training programs.



Like NASA does  
with astronauts



Like Airlines do  
with pilots



Like Mercedes does  
with Hamilton

Inprocess helps to design and complement those training programs with the use of the OTS. Resources and workflows need to be defined and **budgeted**.

# HYSYS as OTS engine

Using HYSYS Dynamics as OTS simulation engine has some advantages:

- 1.- It is a known software inside CEPESA and most of the engineers are familiar with it
- 2.- It can increase the rigor as needed, depending on training objectives
- 3.- It is flexible enough to develop custom items (spreadsheet, UserVar, Extensions)
- 4.- It is powerful enough to handle >5000 I/O tags/sec in realtime in one PC.
- 5.- Models can be taken from the OTS to run other operations/eng. studies
- 6.- It is easy to maintain for typical changes (new instrument, new valves, loop changes, etc)

# Conclusions

- OTS improves the ICSS testing and debugging
- OTS could reduce the major operational incidents
- OTS is a good platform to evaluate operation skills of operators and to uniform the operators skills
- OTS is a suitable tool to validate raw material planning decisions
- HYSYS-based OTS secures reusability of the process model
- OTS was executed within time and budget; OTS team was adaptive to the EPC and ICSS schedules.
- This was the first high fidelity HYSYS OTS in CEPESA; as a result CEPESA is considering OTS for new and existing plants. CEPESA is executing the 3<sup>rd</sup> training simulator with Inprocess.

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# Thank you

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