



Machine learning soft-sensors trained with Digital Twin for improving product quality & reducing energy

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AGENDA

- Intro to CEPISA
- The plant revamp and the OTS
- Intro to Inprocess
- Generating datasets from HYSYS
- Creating the soft sensors
- Results and conclusions



About CEPSA



THE CARLYLE GROUP



Cepsa is a global, integrated company operating across the entire oil and gas value chain and with over 90 years of experience.

Chemicals is one of the engines that is driving our internationalization and one of the areas where we are growing the most.

We are the world leading producer in Alkylbenzene (600 kMT/y total capacity)

Three LAB* Production sites located in San Roque (Spain), Becancour (Canada) and Camaçari (Brazil)



10,000 PROFESSIONALS

Who work with technical excellence, an ability to adapt, and an innovative spirit. They help us to stay competitive and are the key to face and overcome future challenges.



EXPERIENCE

We are supported by 90 years' experience in the oil world, making us a leading and robust company.



FIVE CONTINENTS

We operate across the entire oil value chain in five continents through our businesses in Exploration and Production, Chemicals, Refining, Distribution and Marketing, Gas & Power, and Trading.



INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

Our leadership in chemicals, combined with our broad experience in project execution across the world, helps us to grow internationally.



INTEGRATED BUSINESS

The physical integration of our production plants strengthens our model, reduces logistical costs and increases synergies.



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Our main priorities are to provide society with a safe, reliable and sustainable energy and contribute to the economic and social development of the communities where we work.



CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Our commitment to the quality of our products and services and to the satisfaction of consumers forms the base of our customer relationship.



CHEMICALS LEADERSHIP

We are world leaders in LAB production (the raw material used to make biodegradable detergents), and in cumene. We are also the second world producer of phenol, used to make high performance materials, and acetone.



INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Innovation underpins everything we do. We have a Research Center that helps us to create value, optimize processes and improve the quality of operations and products.



• CEPSA is an integrated oil & gas Company and the largest Linear Alkylbenzene producer in the World (600 kMT/y)



*LAB- Linear Alkylbenzene

Puente Mayorga Petrochemical Plant produces LAB, raw material for biodegradable detergents. It supplies around 50% of the African and 25% of Western Europe markets



250 kt/y LAB

80 kt/y LABSA

400 kt/y Paraffins

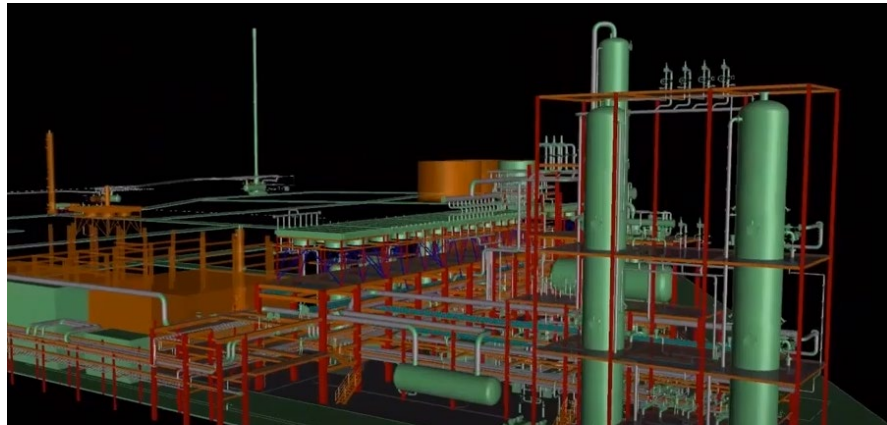
100 kt/y Solvents

- Began operations in 1969 to produce LAB, raw material for Biodegradable Detergents
- Located at Algeciras Bay
- First plant ever to retrofit to Detal Technology (2021)
- Betting on quality: First company in Spain to achieve ISO 9001 certification (year 1992)



The capacity expansion and technology revamp

- Cepsa implemented a new upgrade project to expand production at its Puente Mayorga Chemical Plant in San Roque (Cadiz). The revamping process covers the installation of the new Detal technology, co-licensed by Cepsa and UOP, the most modern and efficient technology for the production of linear alkylbenzene (LAB), as well as increasing production capacity at the plant from 200 to 250 Kt/yr



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=uDaLeUb0ij8>



DETAL Technology

- The DETAL technology manufactures an improved product, enhance the efficiency of the plant and reduce emissions thanks to lower gas and power consumption and production process optimization.
- The new technology will also significantly improve safety since it is the first in the world that have changed the process from hydrofluoric hydric acid to DETAL technology.
- The new plant has two reactors to alternate production cycles and catalyst regeneration.

DETAL Technology

A pioneering technology in the sector developed by Cepsa and Universal Oil Product (UOP). Our chemicals plant in Canada was the first in the world to use this process in 1995. Since then, 85% of new LAB capacity added use this technology.

THE ADVANTAGES OF DETAL TECHNOLOGY

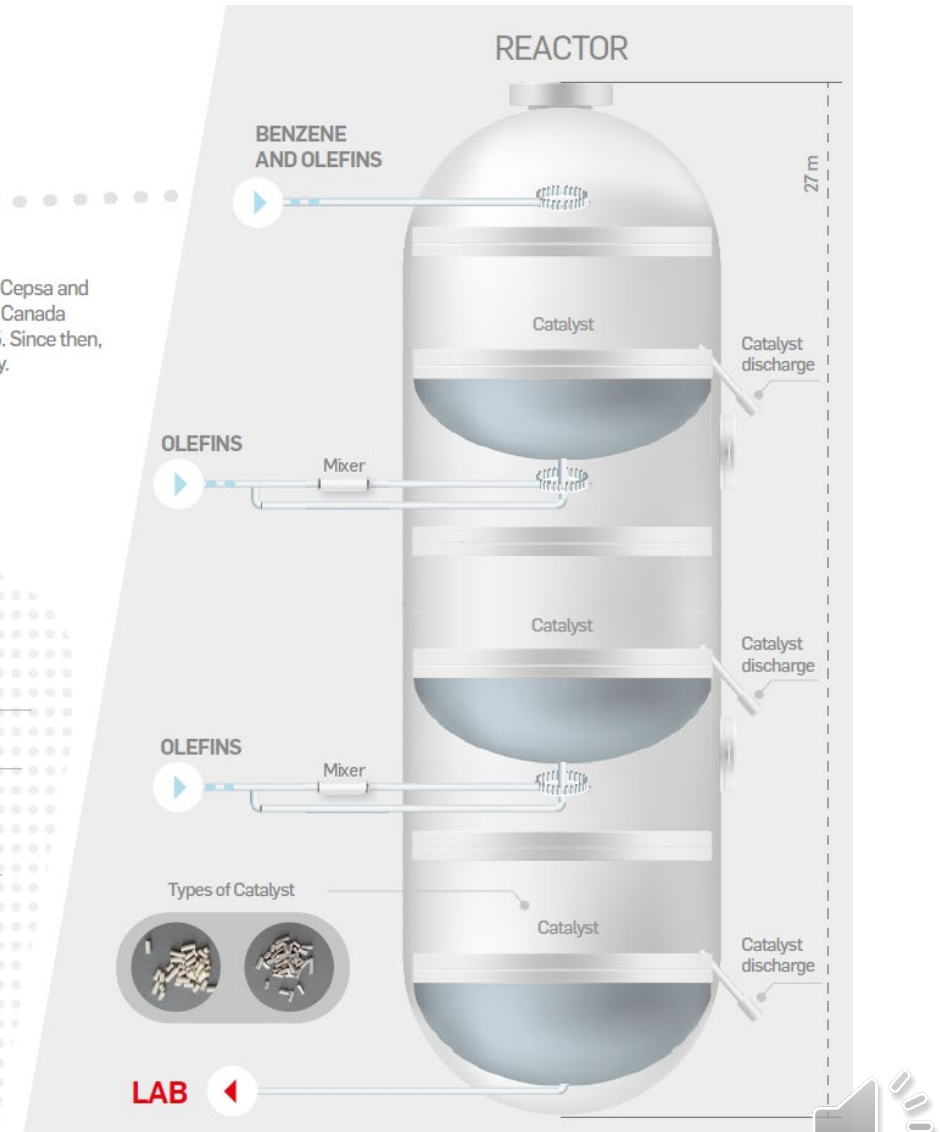
Improves quality of final product

Optimizes raw material consumption (increasing efficiency and lowering emissions)

Reduces fixed and associated costs

Improves safety and lowers environmental impact

Simplifies maintenance shutdowns and start-up, and optimizes production processes



YET* 2.0: YET + DYNAMIC SIMULATION

LESSONS LEARNT:

Problems experienced on previously executed YET projects:

- ✓ Phenol 3 (CQP) – Fractionation train modeling: lack of data
- ✓ CQPM Paraffins project - C₁₃ splitter modeling difficulties: lack of data
- ✓ The only possibility to increase the operating range of the RTO currently is by doing it before at the plant.

What if we do not need the plant running to create our dataset, but instead we create (simulate) them??

- ✓ Feasibility of predicting the quality of the separation in three specific columns using machine learning models trained with dynamic simulation data.

* Yield, Energy, Troughput



independent from any ICSS or simulation software provider

our **core business** is Process Simulation

keen to **share its knowledge** with clients



2006

founded in Barcelona by domain experts



48 countries

worldwide presence



50+

simulation engineers



250+

years experience



400+

executed projects



320+

training courses

Mission: Deliver the value of Process Digital Twins to achieve Operations Excellence





Lifecycle Modelling

- Feasibility studies. Selection of alternatives
- Dynamic simulation studies before plant construction
- Validation of control philosophy
- Operational procedures development/enhancement
- Process trainer - Emulated OTS - Early OTS
- DCS check-out
- OTS for operators' initial and continuous training
- Support during commissioning and start-up
- Operations & Maintenance support (Digital Twin)



Process Simulation Studies

- Steady State Analysis
- Dynamic Simulation Studies
- Integrated Flare Systems Analysis
- Flow Assurance Studies with OLGA
- Utilities Network Models
- On-line models
- Operations Staff Training
- O&M Support



Training & Knowledge Transfer



Applications & Software Development

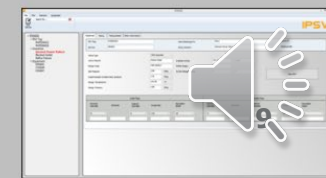
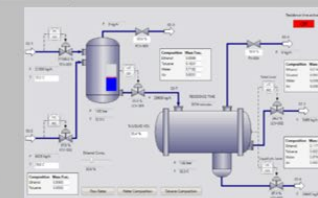
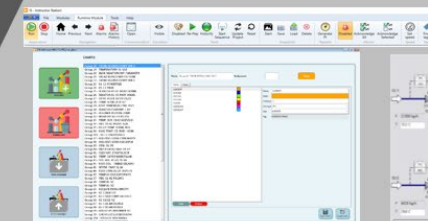
Training / Knowledge Transfer

- Process simulation courses
- Technology courses
- Knowledge Improvement Program – KIP
- Training for plant operators / technicians



Applications / Software Development

- **IIS:** Inprocess Infrastructure Suite
- **IPSV:** PSVs database
- **ITOP:** Inprocess Training for OPerators
- **ICOM:** Inprocess Competence Management System
- **IFLOW:** to link process simulators with OLGA®
- **IPSA:** Pressure Swing Adsorption simulator
- **OTS Web Access:** e-learning options
- Extensions for process simulators



The OTS

- Inprocess was contracted to deliver an Operator Training Simulator (OTS) for Control Room and Field Operators with 3D Virtual Reality
 - Two different ICSS in one OTS
 - Complex 48 steps reactor regeneration sequences
 - Reuse of HYSYS models to develop ML models

Operator Station:

- IIS for Operator Station



Ethernet Network

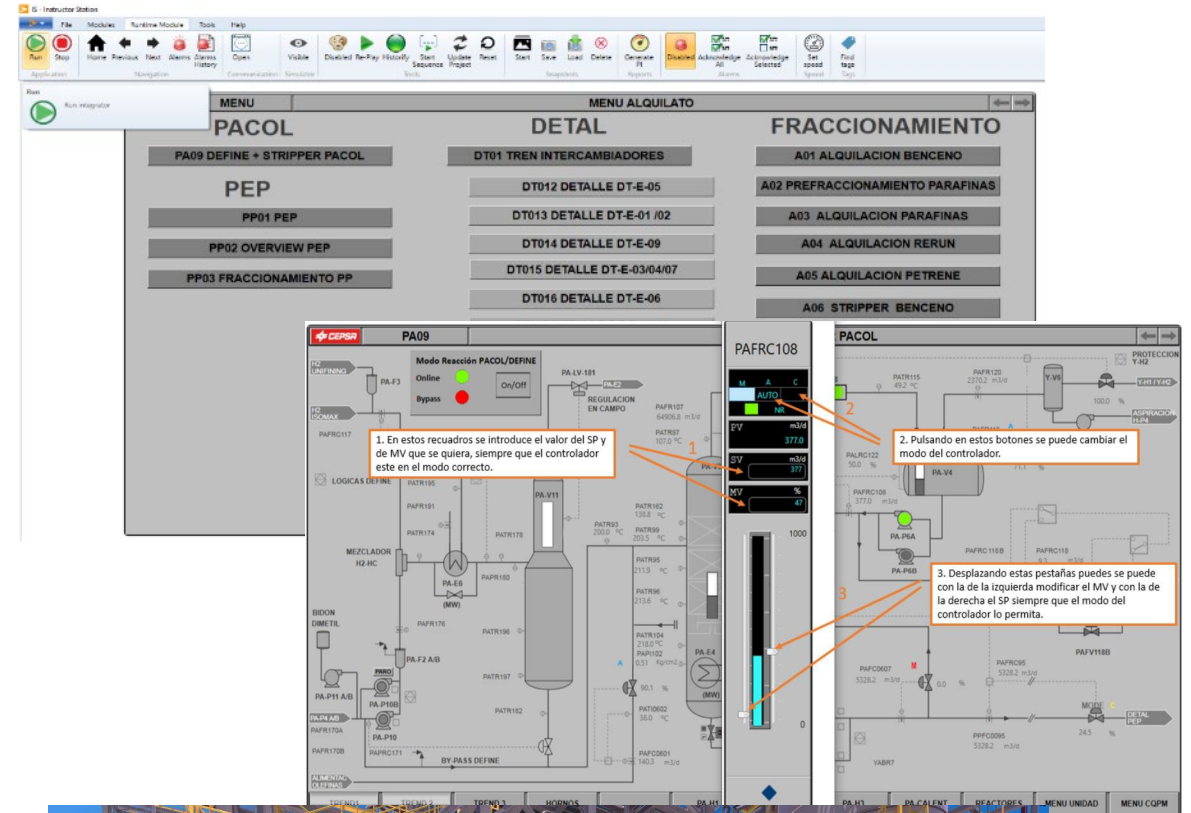


Instructor Station and Simulation Server:

- Inprocess Infrastructure Suite(IIS) for Instructor Station
- Aspen HYSYS® Dynamics Run-time

Virtual Reality Station:

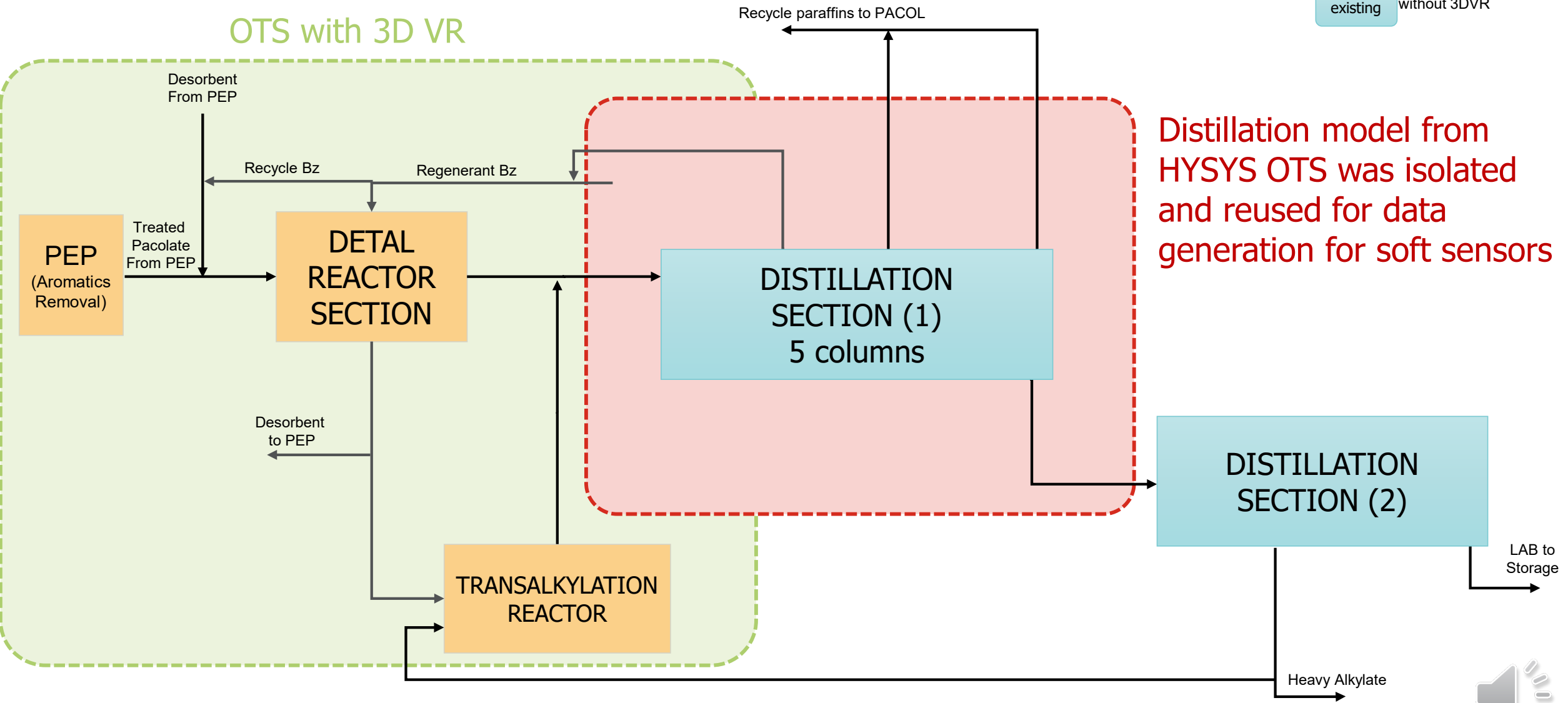
- High-End Nvidia graphic card
- Virtual Reality Headset



Scope of HYSYS model of the OTS

new with 3DVR
existing without 3DVR

OTS with 3D VR



Distillation model from HYSYS OTS was isolated and reused for data generation for soft sensors

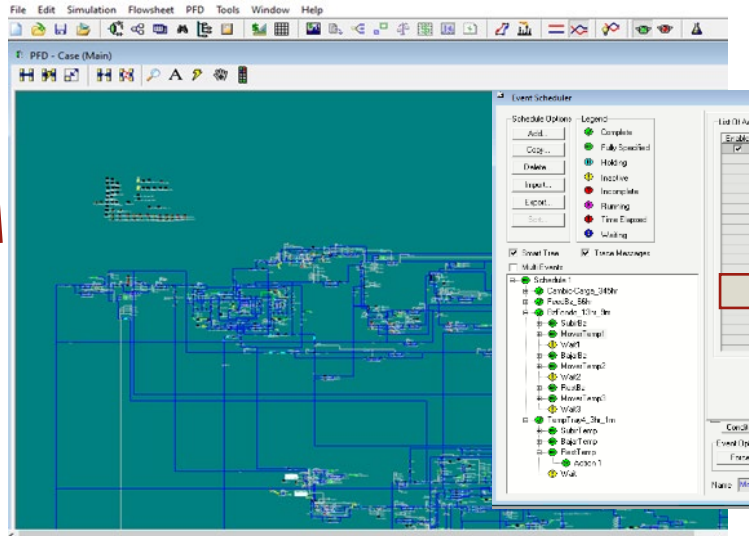


Generation of data for soft sensors from HYSYS Dynamic models

Tested Feeds compositions table

Case	Parafina (ppm)	LAB (ppm)	Benceno (ppm)
1	800.00	107.00	1070.00
2	800.00	107.00	1070.00
3	800.00	107.00	1070.00
4	800.00	107.00	1070.00
5	750.00	107.00	1070.00
6	750.00	107.00	1070.00
7	750.00	107.00	1070.00
8	750.00	107.00	1070.00
9	800.00	107.00	1070.00
10	800.00	107.00	1070.00
11	800.00	107.00	1070.00
12	800.00	107.00	1070.00
13	870.00	107.00	1070.00
14	870.00	107.00	1070.00
15	800.00	107.00	1070.00
16	800.00	107.00	1070.00
17	870.00	107.00	1070.00
18	870.00	107.00	1070.00
19	800.00	107.00	1070.00
20	800.00	107.00	1070.00
21	800.00	107.00	1070.00
22	800.00	107.00	1070.00
23	800.00	107.00	1070.00
24	870.00	107.00	1070.00

HYSYS Dynamic model of the four columns studied



Tested Input variables tables

DT-V-03										
Zona	Variables	Tag	Valor Sacry	Valor Train1	Valor Train2	Valor Train3	unidad.	Rango Min	Rango Max	Salto
Carga	Carga PACOL (1=475 m.3/d) (corriente 265)							10	12	1
	Ole/Para (mol/mole) (corriente 265)							10	13	1
ColBz (A-V-11/A-V110)										
Zona	Variables	Tag	Valor Sacry	unidades	Rango Min	Rango Max	Salto			
Carga	6 casos de carga: variación LAB/Paraf									
A-V-11/A-V110										
Zona	Variables	Tag	Valor Sacry	unidades	Rango Min	Rango Max	Salto			
Carga	1 Caso carga									
Cabeza	Reflujo A-V11	AFRC501.SP	176.4	m3/d	-0.02		20			
	Reflujo A-V11	AFRC502.SP	100.0	m3/d	-0.02		20			
	Reflujo A-V11 (corriente)	AFRC503.SP	750	m3/d	-0.02	-100	750	20	20	20
	Temperatura A-V11 (corriente)	AFRC504.SP	230.4	deg C						
Energía	Temperatura A-V11 (Reflujo)	AFRC505.SP	230.4	deg C						
	Temperatura A-V11 (Carga)	AFRC506.SP	230.4	deg C						

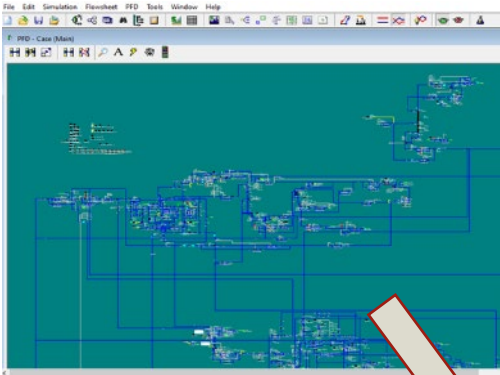
Models were split in several cores running for 3-4 days at 15 Real time factor to represent about 1600 different plant status. CEPESA was also taught to run their own runs.

Calculated Exported variables

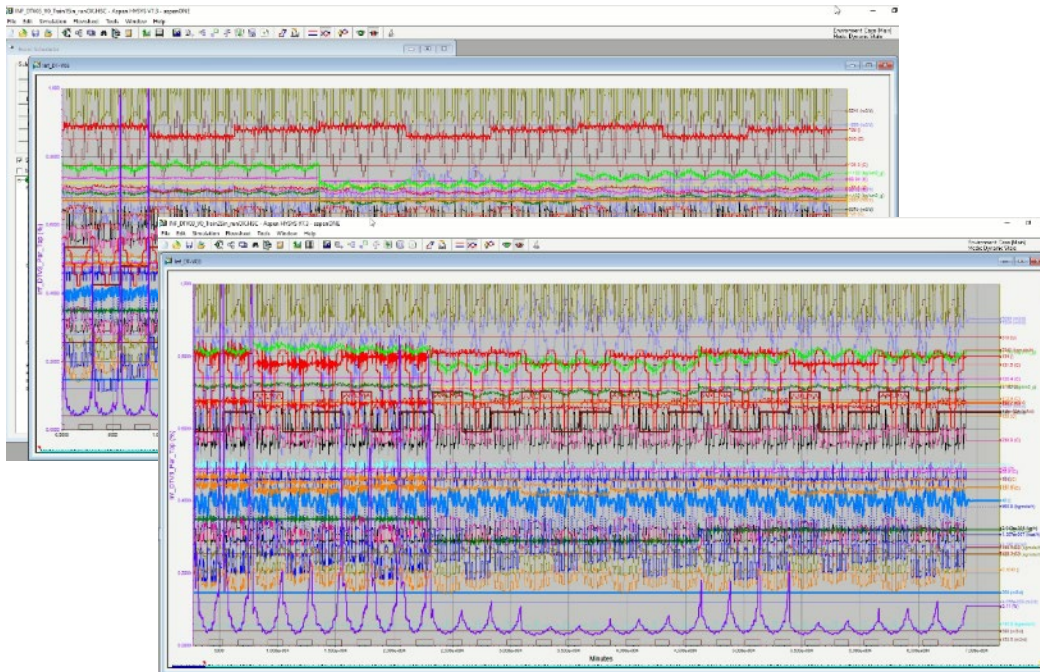
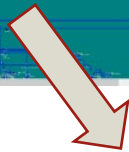
Columna Prefracionadora de Benceno (DT-V-03)				
Zona	Variable	Tag	Descripción	
Carga	Caudal	Caudal corriente 265	Carga DT-V-3	
		Caudal corriente 753	LAB de Transalk	
	Temperatura	Caudal corriente 340	Efuyente regenerador a DT-V03	
		DTI 773	Carga DT-V-3	
		DTI 861	LAB de Transalk	
		DTI 783	Efuyente regenerador a DT-V03	
		DTF0821	Reflujo caliente	
Stripper Parafinas (A-V51)				
Zona	Variable	Tag	Descripción	
Reflujo	Caudal	AFRC501	Caudal reflujo	
		AFRC504	Caudal hacia aspiración A-P10A/B	
Temperatura	Temperatura	ATR160	Temperatura reflujo	
		ATR512	Temperatura A-V53	
		ATR511	Temperatura salida carcasa A-E53	
		ATR513	Temperatura hacia aspiración A-P10A/B	
Cabeza	Temperatura	ALRC502	Nivel A-V53	
		APR503	Presión A-V53	
Fondo	Temperatura	APR505	Temperatura cabeza	
		AFRC503	Presión cabeza	
Energía	Temperatura	ALRC501	Nivel fondo	
		AFRC502	Caudal tubos A-E51	
		ATR507	Temperatura salida tubos A-E51	
Columna Benceno (A-V11 & A-V110)				
Zona	Variable	Tag	Descripción	
Carga	Caudal	AFRC46	Parafinas de bombas de anillo liquido	
		ATR334	TVapores A-V110 e A-V11	
Reflujo	Caudal	AFC131	Caudal de reflujo	
		AFC26	Caudal hacia succión DT-P-04 A/B	
Cabeza	Temperatura	ATR134	Temperatura de reflujo	
		ALRC137	Nivel botellon de reflujo	
Fondo	Temperatura	ATR125	Temperatura cabeza	
		API834 y APR11	Presión cabeza	
Columna	Caudal	DTF1341	Caudal fondo	
		AT1870	Temperatura fondo	
Energía	Temperatura	ATRC509	Temperatura hacia A-V110	
		ALRC118	Presión en el nivel de fondo	
Composic.	Temperatura	ATR123	Temperaturas columna	
		ATR120	Temperaturas columna	
Caudales molares y composiciones	Caudal molar	AFRC140	Caudal fondo	
		ATR229	Temperatura fondo	
Temperatura	Temperatura	ALRC390	Nivel fondo	
		AFRC122	Caudal tubos A-E15	
Composic.	Temperatura	AFRC327	Caudal tubos A-E150	
		ATR121	Temperatura salida tubos A-E15	
Composic.	Temperatura	ATR329	Temperatura salida tubos A-E150	
		ATRC509	Temperatura salida carcasa A-E52	
Composic.	Temperatura	ATRC508	Temperatura salida tubos A-E52	
		APR110	Presión cabeza	
Composiciones y caudales modelares	Composic.	INF_AV11_PAR_TOP	Total Parafinas en cabeza columna A-V11 (ppm)	
		INF_AV110_BZ_BOT	Benceno en fondo columna A-V110 (ppm)	
	Caudal Molar	462_Parafinas	Caudal de parafinas en corriente 462 (fondo)	
		462_LAB	Caudal de LAB en corriente 462 (fondo)	



Virtual process data generated by HYSYS Dynamics tests

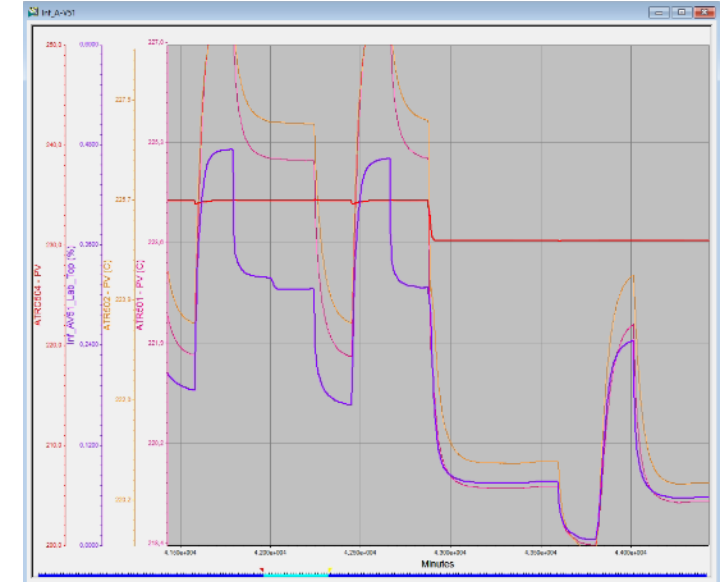


The data contained key compositions (impurities in top or bottom of distillation columns) which are not directly measured in the plant



Exported Data

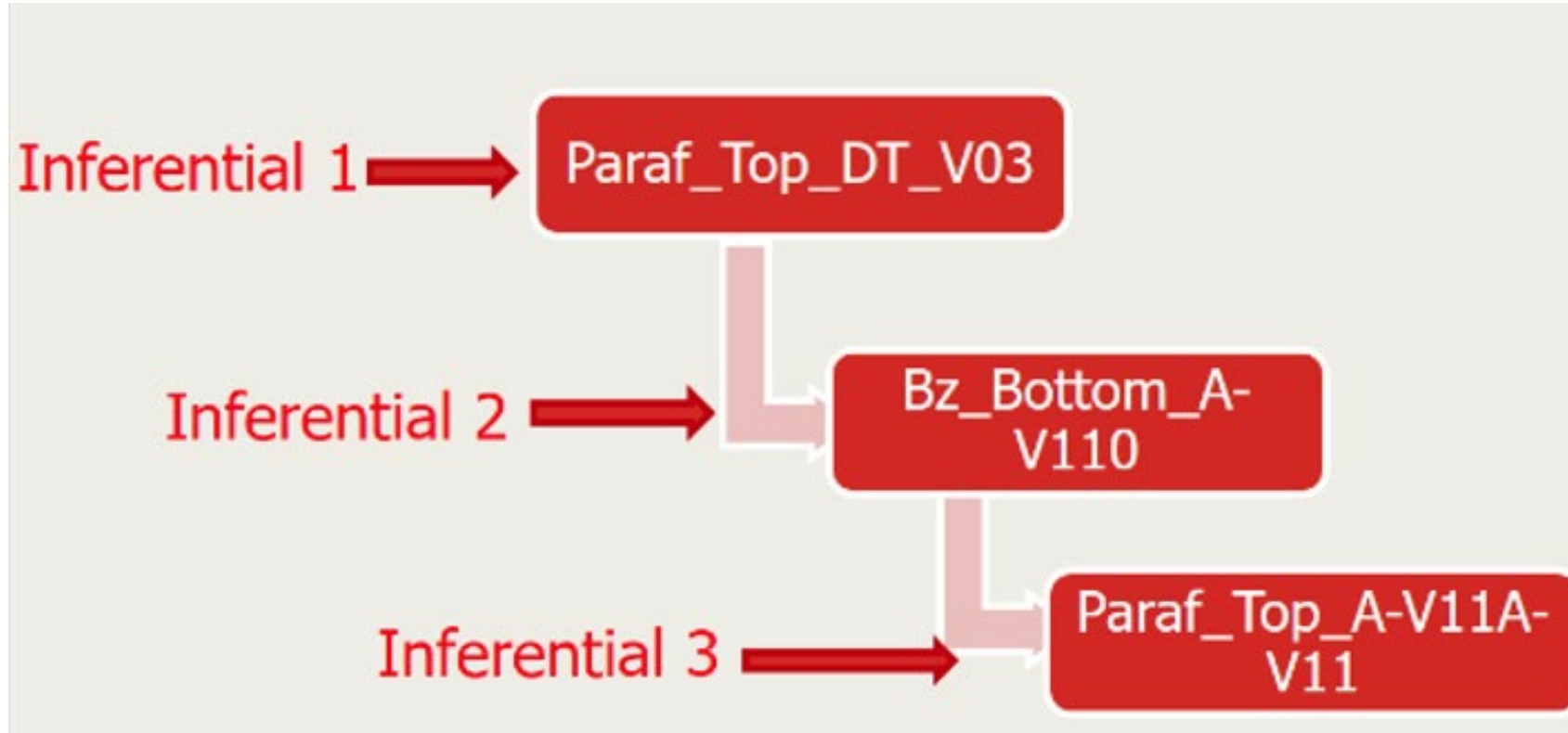
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- Inf_AV51_PLow-710.csv
- Inf_AV14_Phigh-680.csv
- Inf_AV51_Phigh-680.csv
- Inf_AV14_CARGA12_caso17.csv
- Inf_AV51_CARGA12_caso17.csv
- Inf_AV14_CARGA10_caso7.csv
- Inf_AV51_CARGA10_caso7.csv



CEPSA used their Data Scientists to train their Machine Learning models and deploy them in the plant



Machine learning models



Machine Learning modeling methodology

- Machine Learning is a branch of the Artificial Intelligence whose goal is to build systems that automatically learn from data and adjust actions or decision accordingly.

Cross-industry standard process for data mining (CRISP-DM)



Software



Python was used to do the exploratory analysis, data preparation and models of this project.

Advantages:

- Open source.
- Easy to use.
- Flexible and fast to perform flexible exploratory analysis.
- Easy to find internet errors helps

Disadvantages:

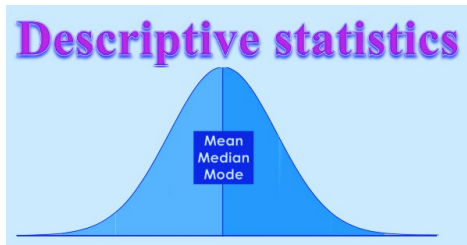
- The need of programming skills

Note: Aspen Hybrid Models were not available at the time of the project.



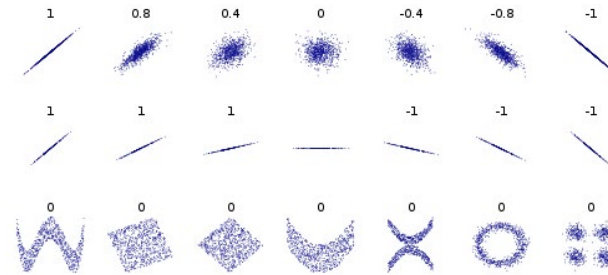
Data discovery and analytics

Descriptive Statistic



Summarizing and organizing the data so they can be easily understood

Correlated variables



The workflow to determine variables correlation was:

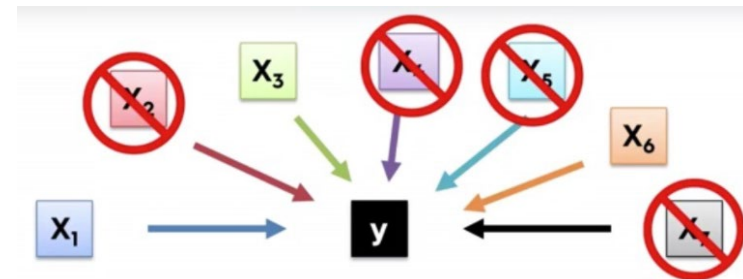
- 1- Set group of correlated variables
- 2- Select the most important variable with respect to the objective and eliminate the rest of them

Variables importance

The feature selection is the process that choose a reduced number of explanatory variable to describe a response variable.

- 1- Make the model easy to interpret
- 2- Reduce the size of the problem allowing algorithms to work faster
- 3- Reduce overfitting

- ✓ *Lasso*
 - ✓ *Gradient Boosting*
 - ✓ *Random Forest*
 - ✓ *Recursive Hybrid elimination**
- * Several times iterated



Variables group

The groups were built based on the importance of the variables and the knowledge of the business



Data preparation

Bz Bottom A-V110:

- 33 Variables (columns) generated by Hysys
- 85,848 rows
- All numerical variables
- Determination of minimum, maximum, average and standard deviation values, distribution histograms.

Correlated variables:

9 groups of correlated variables were determined.

Determination of the most important variables:

- ✓ *Lasso*
- ✓ *Gradient Boosting*
- ✓ *Random Forest*
- ✓ *Recursive Hybrid elimination**

* Several times iterated

Based on the observed before and knowledge of business, the following groups of variables were determined:

Group 1
API0834
ATR333
ATRC332
ATR134

*Group 2:
Group 1 – ATRC333**
**Sensor Wifi

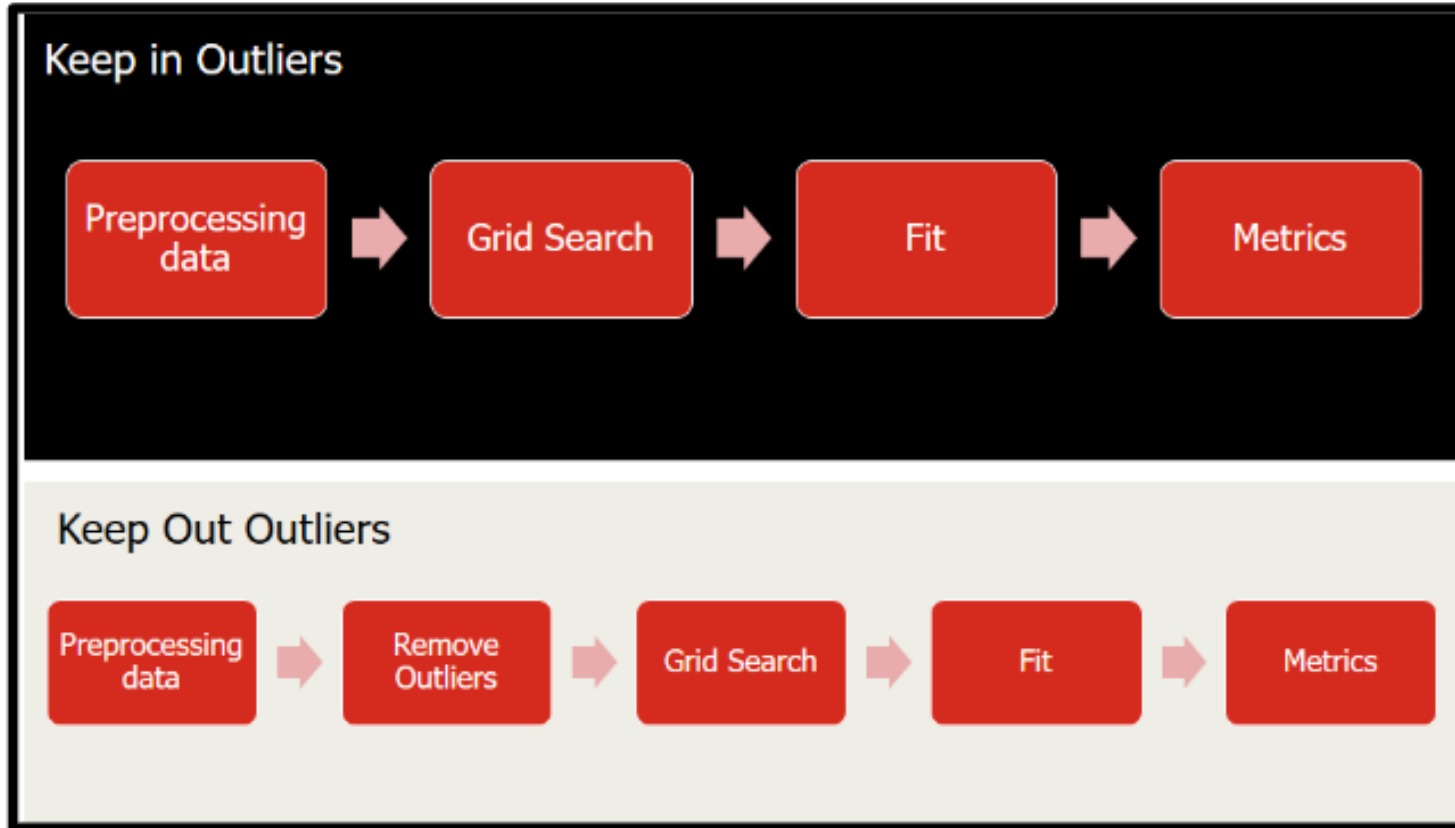
Group 3
API0834-ATR134/ATRC332-ATR134
ATRC332
ATRC332-ATR134/API0834

Group 4
API0834
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ATRC332
ATR134

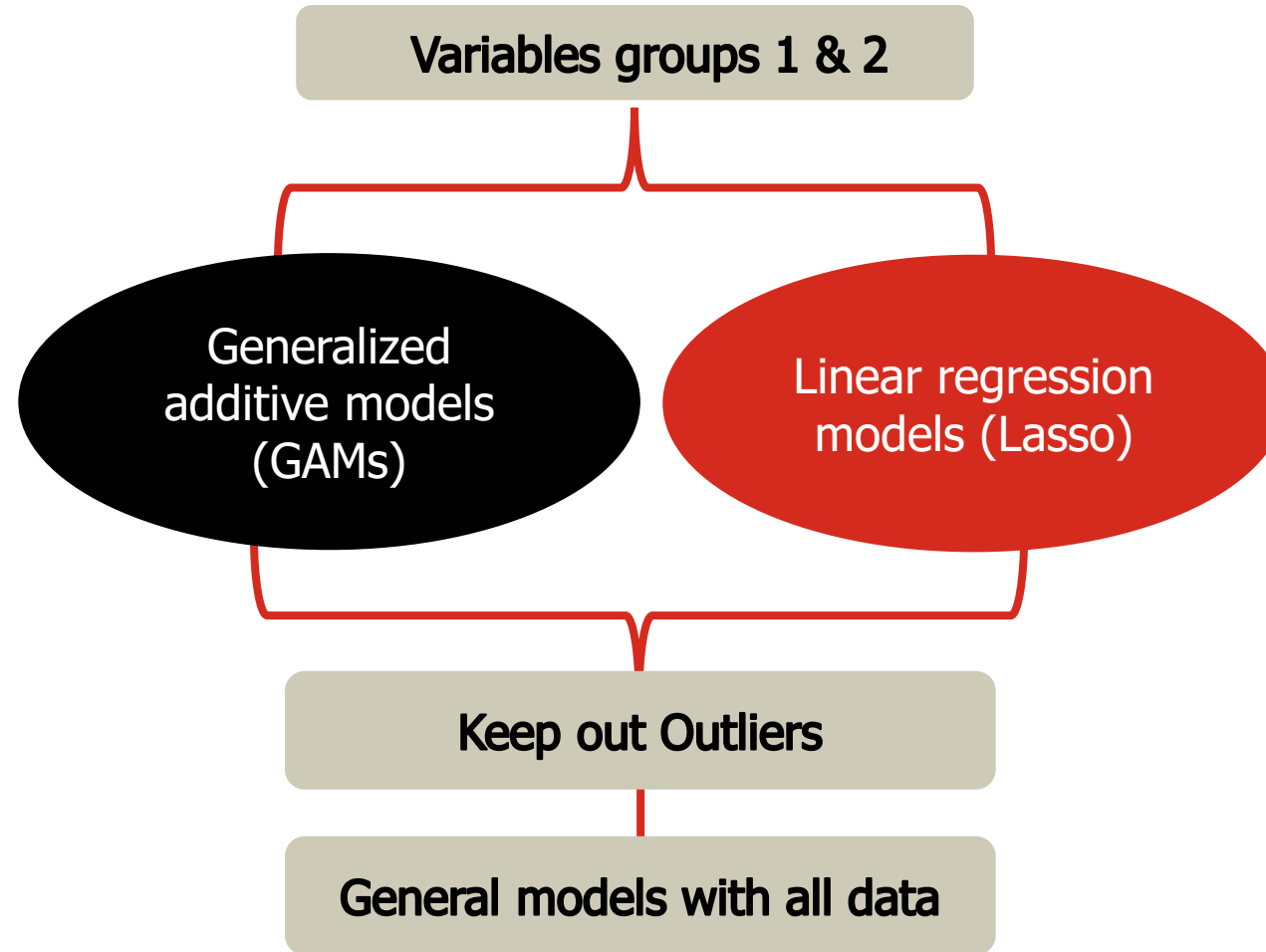
The groups were built based on the correlations of the variables with the target and process knowledge.



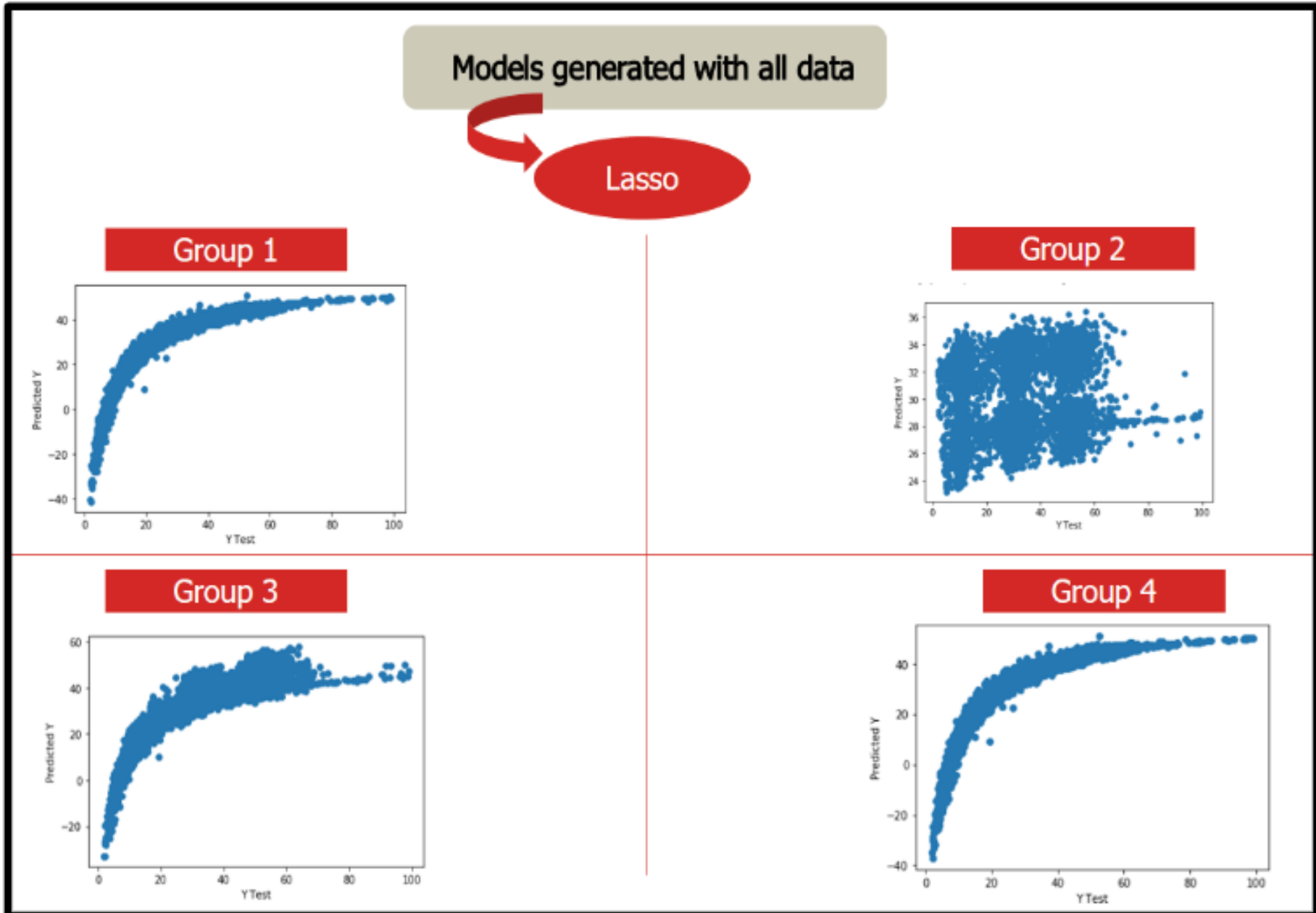
Machine learning modeling



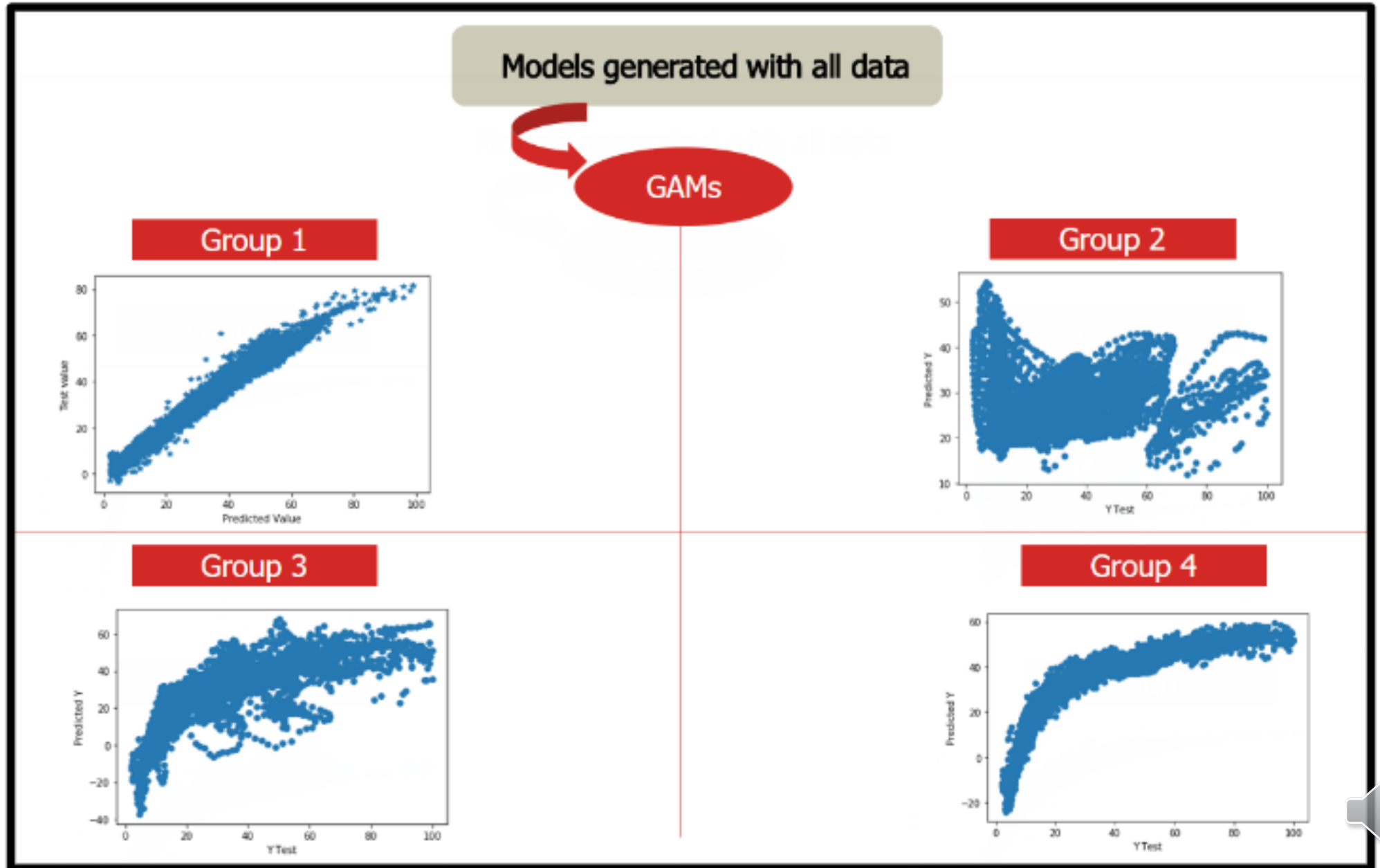
Machine learning modeling



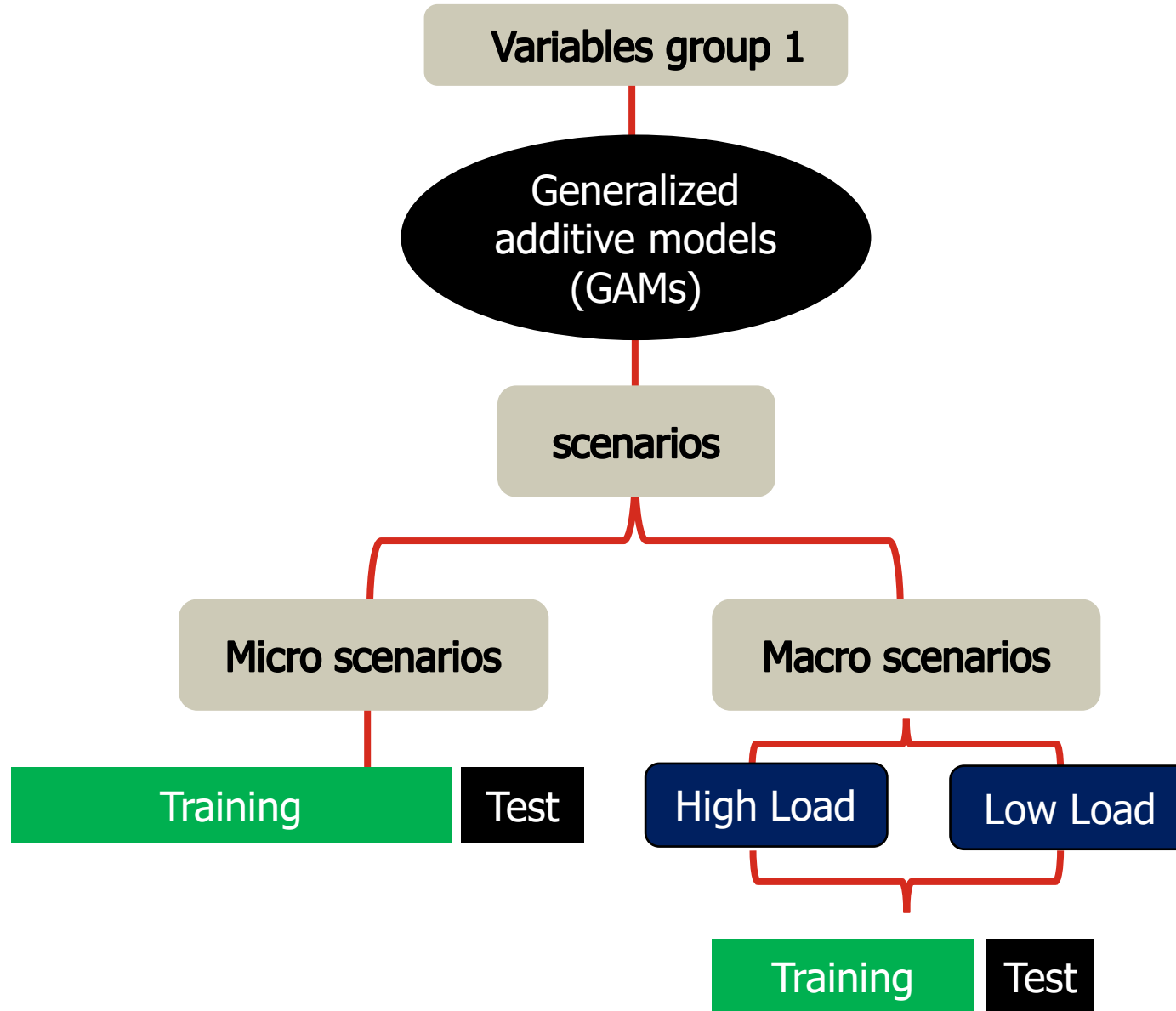
Results obtained from Lasso Models



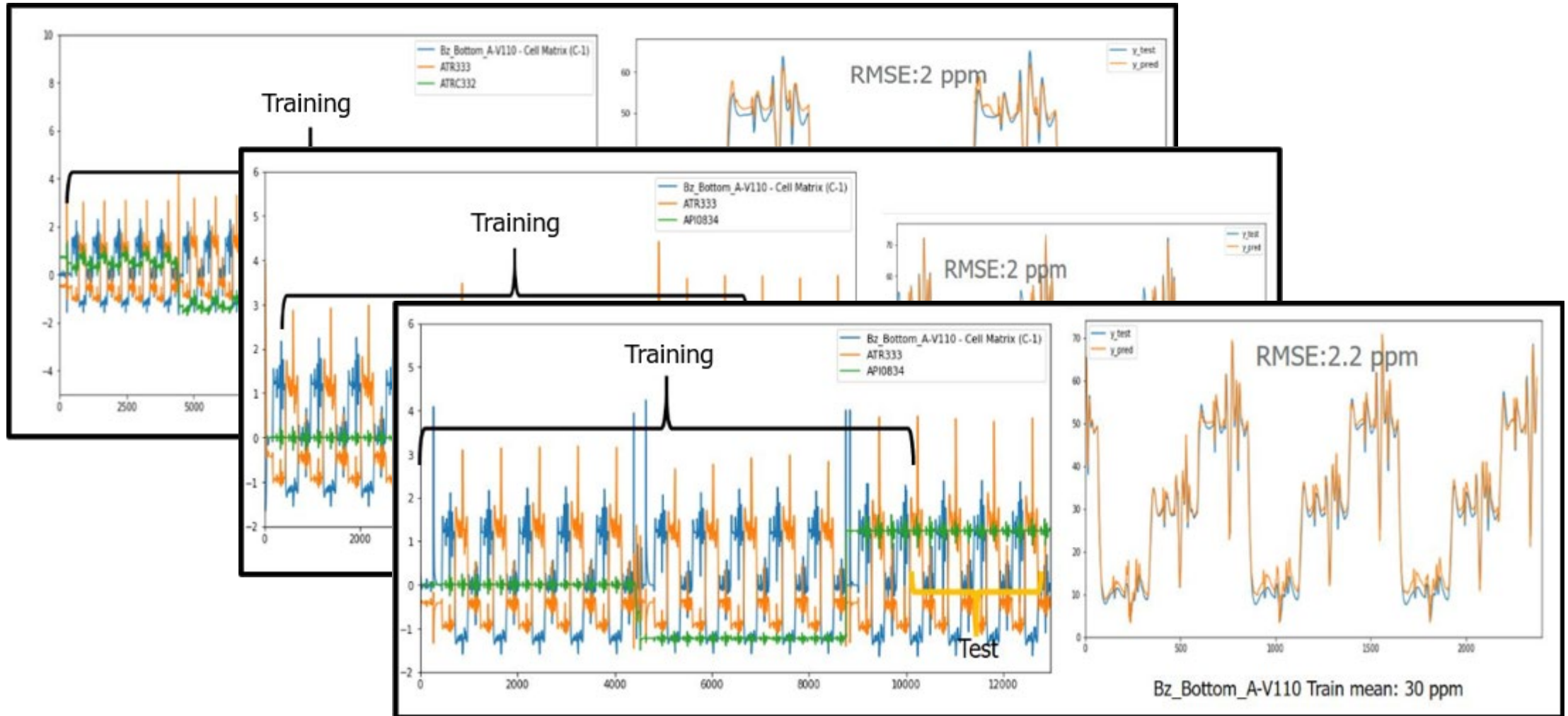
Better results obtained from GAM Models



Model Testing



Model Testing



Conclusion



- 1.5% energy saving on each column involved.
- Quality and recovery improve on the top and bottom streams of the columns.
- Payback around 1 year or less. Minimum investment and good returns.
- Technically viable the data extraction from simulation to create and train machine learning models, even before plants start-up.





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Thank you

Q&A