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Sustain Operation Excellence by Upgrading OTS for FCC Unit



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# SUSTAIN REFINERY OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE WITH EDUCATIONAL TOOLS AND PROGRAMS

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### Agenda

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- Inprocess at a glance
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# Our vision Preem leads the transition towards a sustainable society



Purchasing and trading

of raw materials



Planning and

optimization of product flow



Raw materials transportation

# **Supply & Trading**







# The Lysekil refinery

• Largest refinery in the Nordics

#### • Capacity:

- 11.4 million tons crude oil per year (equivalent to 220,000 barrels/day)
- Brofjorden Sweden's second largest port
- Almost 700 employees





# The Gothenburg refinery

- Biorefinery refines crude oil and renewable raw materials
- Capacity:
  6 million tons crude oil per year (equivalent to 125,000 barrels/day)
- 280 employees







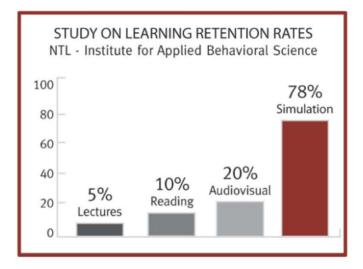
### **Project Introduction**

- The objective of the project was to add 2 additional refinery units (Hydrogen Production Unit and IsoCracker unit) to the training program to reach a total of 3 units in OTS (Operator Training Simulator) format
- Additionally, an upgrade of the existing OTS was included, preserving Preem's original investment in the Aspen HYSYS. This speaks about the value of using a standard process simulator, like Aspen HYSYS, for OTS. You are not tight to one DCS vendor, not even to one OTS vendor
- The success of the project led to the integration of a fourth refinery unit in the same structure



# **Driving Forces for the Project**

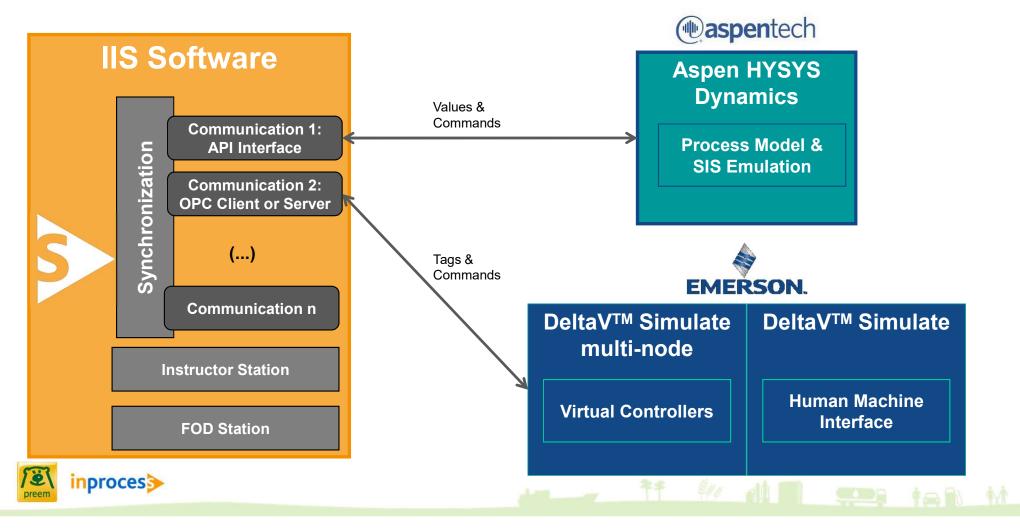
- Driving forces for already working units (ICR, HPU, FCC)
  - Demographics (workforce retiring; millennials joining; etc.)
  - Efficient training ("Involve me and I will remember"...)
  - Confident operators (well trained staff is (and feels) safer)
- Additional driving force for the new unit (VDU)
  - Support during Commissioning stage



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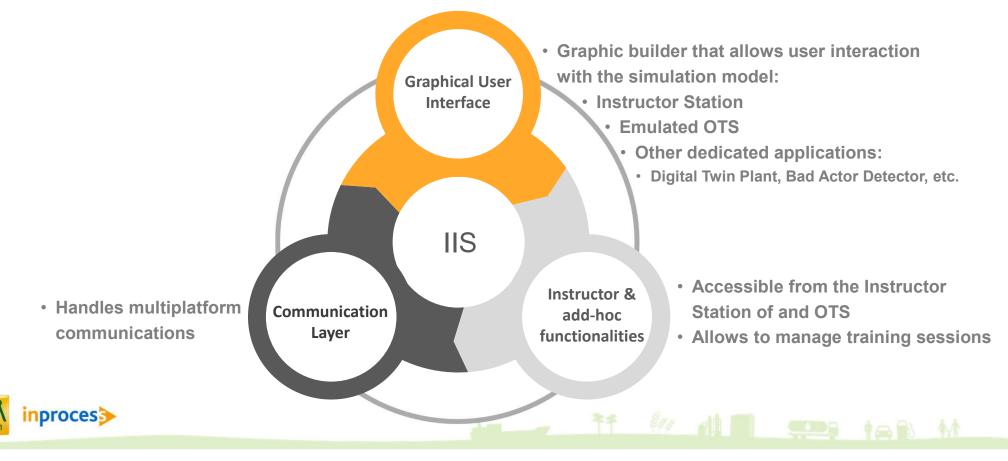


#### Software Architecture for a Direct-Connect OTS

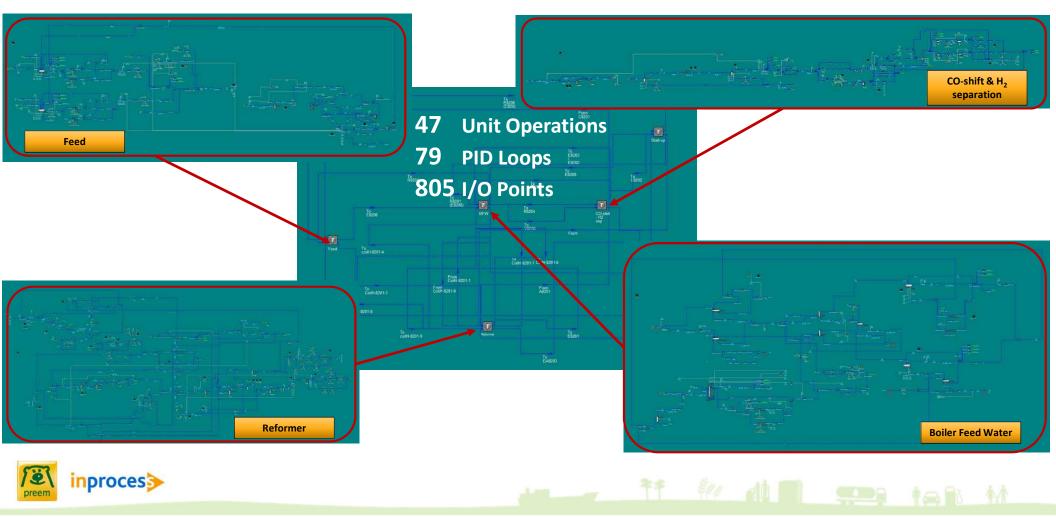


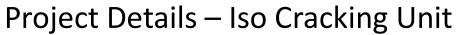
# **IIS: Inprocess Instructor Station**

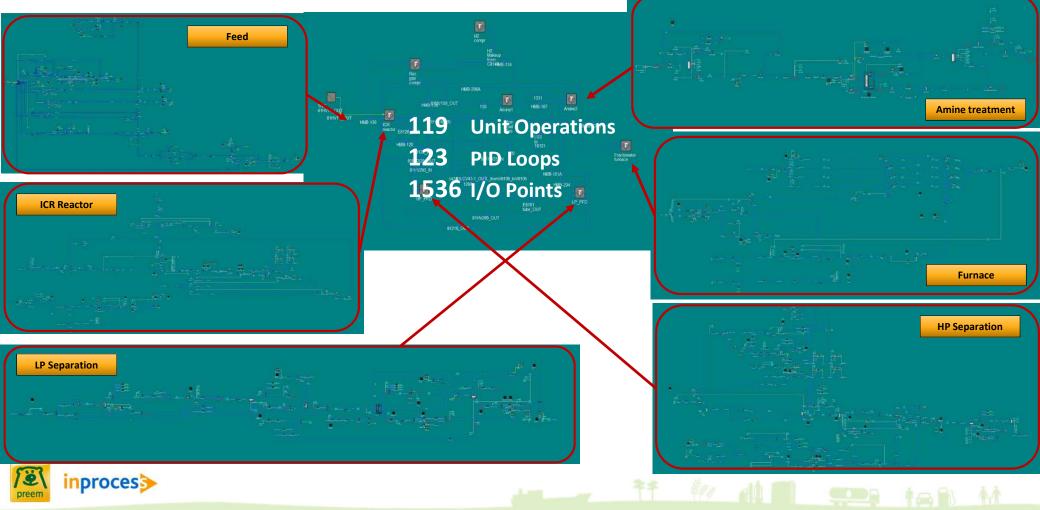
- Proprietary software created from scratch to be flexible for multiple applications
- First mission: create OTS framework

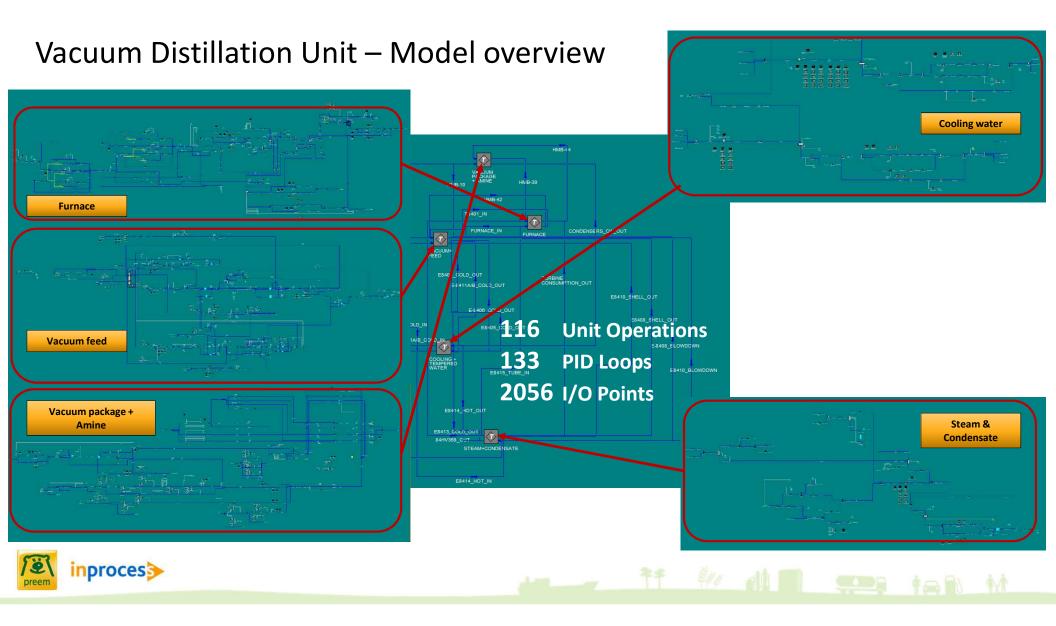


Project Details – Hydrogen Production Unit









#### Vacuum Distillation Unit - Scenarios

#	Scenarios			Description	
1	Planned unit shutdown		NSD of the VDU unit, running at stable condition, as defined in HMB and control narratives.		
2	Emergency shutdown			ESD of the VDU unit, running at stable condition, as defined in HMB and control narratives.	
3	Unit Start-up / Cold start			CSU after a long shutdown	
4	Warm start-up			WSU after a short shutdown	
5	Feedstock changes			Change in the percentage of the hot/cold feedstock depending on the oil quality	
#	Malfunctions	Unit / Equipment		Description	
1	Heat Exchangers	Performance Deterioration		When the 'Performance Deterioration' malfunction becomes active, the overall heat transfer coefficient U deteriorates to the specified 'Failed Performance'	
		Shell Fouling		'Shell Fouling' malfunction models fouling on the shell. When this malfunction becomes active the shell side heat transfer coefficient () decreases and the shell side pressure drop increases.	
		Tube Fouling		'Tube Fouling' malfunction models fouling on the Tube. When this malfunction becomes active the tube side heat transfer coefficient (ht ) decreases and the tube side pressure drop increases.	
		Tube Leakage		Tube Leakage k is used in the tube leakage flow pressure relationship which determines the lumped leakage flow across the shell and tube when the Tube Leakage malfunction is enabled.	
2	Valves	Actuator Failure		Actuator Failure malfunction models actuator failure to a selected failed position.	
		Positioner Offset		Positioner Offset malfunction models offset in the valve position due to inaccurate actuator calibration. The specified offset (percentage) adds to the Actuator offset on the Actuator page of the Dynamic tab of the valve.	
		Leakage		Leakage malfunction models leakage (percentage) in the valve. The leakage by passes the valve operating characteristics - linear, quick opening, equal percentage etc. For example if a valve is closed and 10% leakage is specified, then flow across the valve will be same if it were a linear or equal percentage valve.	
		Plugging Factor		Plugging Factor malfunction models plugging (percentage) in the valve which restricts flow through the valve by reducing the Cv. The plugging by passes the valve operating characteristics - linear, quick opening, equal percentage etc.	
		Stem Inertia		Stem Inertia malfunction models the actuator inertia.	
		Sticky Stem		Sticky stem malfunction models the valve stickiness. The specified time constant adds to the valve stickiness time constant on the Actuator page of the Dynamic tab of the valve.	
		Positioner Hunting		Positioner Hunting malfunction models damping in the actuator second order response.	
3	Pumps	Total Failure		The Total Failure setting is used to simulate a mechanical pump failure. In the plant environment, this failure may result from the following conditions: bearing failure; gear seizure; coupling/impeller fragmentation.	
		Pump Overheating		In the plant environment, flows below minimum safe settings will cause pump overheating and eventually total pump failure. The Pump Overheating setting is used to simulate this form of pump malfunction.	
		Performance Deterioration		The pump performance deterioration setting is used to simulate plant conditions involving performance loss due to fouling or suction loss.	
4		Drift		When the 'Drift' malfunction becomes active, the transmitter output drifts to the configured 'Fail Offset'. PV' = PV + Fail Offset	
	Control Ops	Fail Status		Fail Status Malfunction When the 'Fail Status' malfunction becomes active, the transmitter outputs a 'Fail Value'. PV' = Fail Value	
		Noise		When 'Noise' malfunction fails, noise is added to the transmitter output. The amount of noise added to the measured value is generated as a 'Random Number' in the range +/- (Amplitude/2). PV' = PV + 1/2 Amplitude x Random Number	

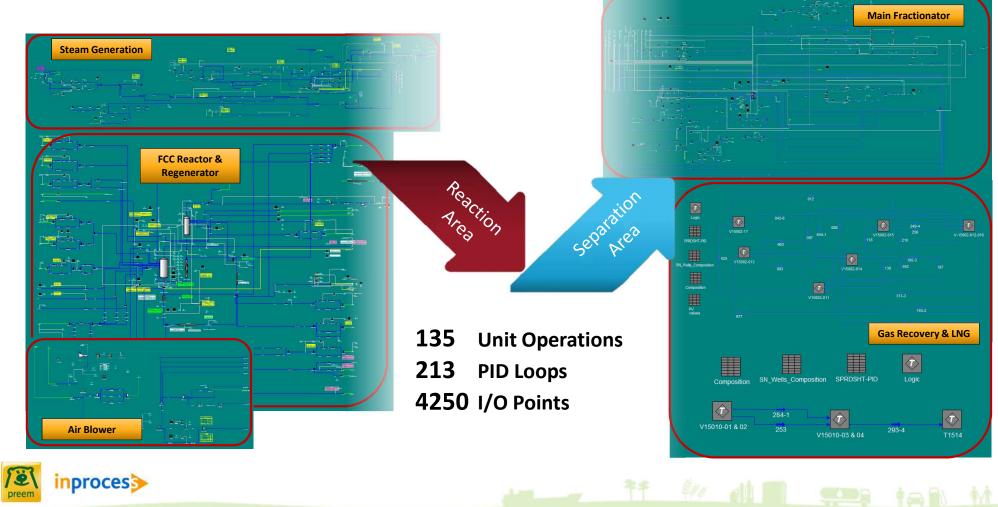


# Project Details – FCC Unit Upgrading

- Technology Migration
  - Change of the OTS platform from SimSci Sim4me to Inprocess Instructor Station. Aspen HYSYS original model was reused
- ESD Logic Implementation
  - Replication of PLC and ESD logics in Aspen HYSYS
- HMI for Instructor Station
  - High fidelity DCS HMI replication for OTS Instructor
- Scenario Recovery
  - Scenarios of Start-Up and Shut-Down for the new Platform





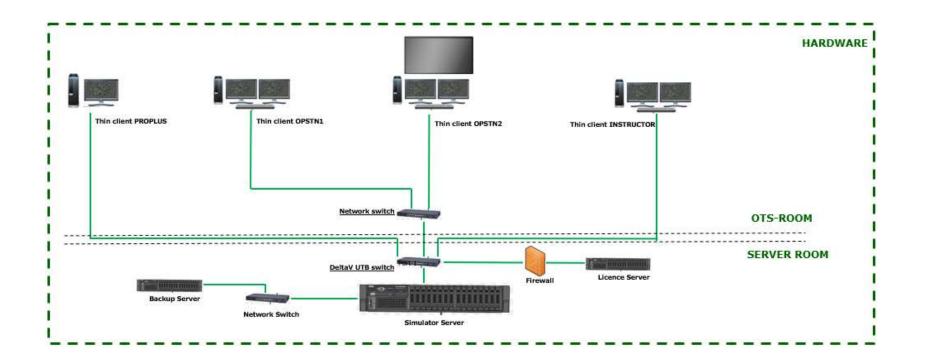


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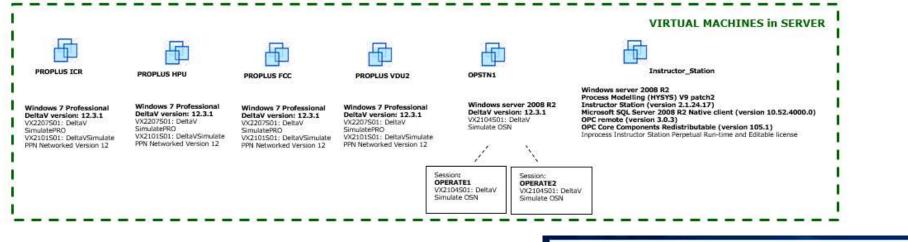
- The solution adopted to integrate the existing OTS with the new units being developed in the same training room was a virtualized architecture in which the different groups of Virtual Machines needed for each of the units can be launched on demand.
- The OTS infrastructure was built in a separate subnet







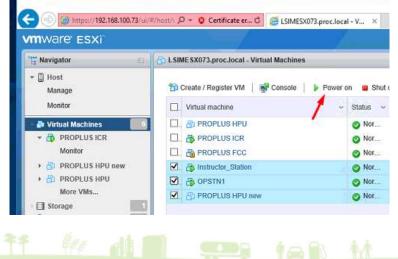






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- Virtualization allowed for:
  - Shared training room and resources for all OTS
  - A fast and easy switch between training sessions of different units (<5 min)
  - Saving training status between different training crews, and recovering later on
  - Scalability, allowing for increasing number of units, Operator Stations, or changing screens configuration.
  - Virtualization environment, backup strategies... defined by customer IT happy!
- Successful results led to the deployment of another OTS for a 4<sup>th</sup> unit in the same infrastructure







# Project Details – Using Aspen HYSYS® Dynamics

- Flexible: robust and reliable dynamic process simulator for the oil refinery markets
- Scalable: It was possible to upgrade the existing model
- Standard: It was possible to reuse the original model developed by other vendor
- Fast mathematical integrator: It was possible to simulate, with high enough rigor for operator training purposes, highly complex refinery units and plants at real time or higher



# Training program

#### Organization of training

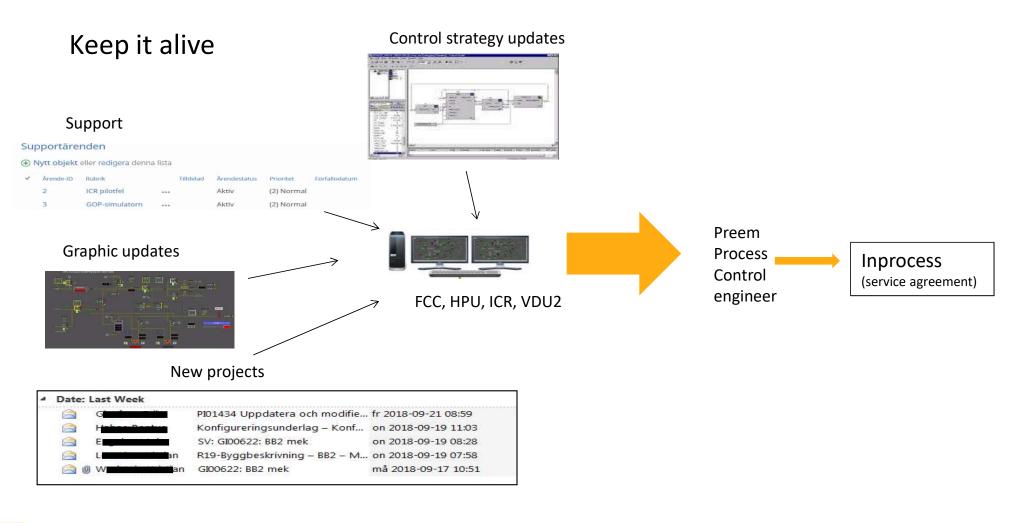
- 10 experienced operators working as instructors.
- Mandatory 16 hours a year of OTS training.
- 70-75 CCH operators result in 60-80 sessions yearly.

#### Availability

• Next to CCH open for everyone









#### **Project conclusion**

- Requirements for a succesful OTS program
  - Quick support
  - Easy to use and maintain
  - Commitment
- Support in Vacuum distillation unit, april 2019
  - Validation of instructions
  - Validation of graphics
  - Prepared operators

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 $^{\prime\prime}\text{A}$  really good way to improve the understanding of a new unit. The best tool we ever had."

-Plant operator

"I got really suprised of the behavior of the ejector recycle valve and capacity of the liquid ring pumps – this cannot be true I thought! Now, after startup I know it is" –Startup up engineer

