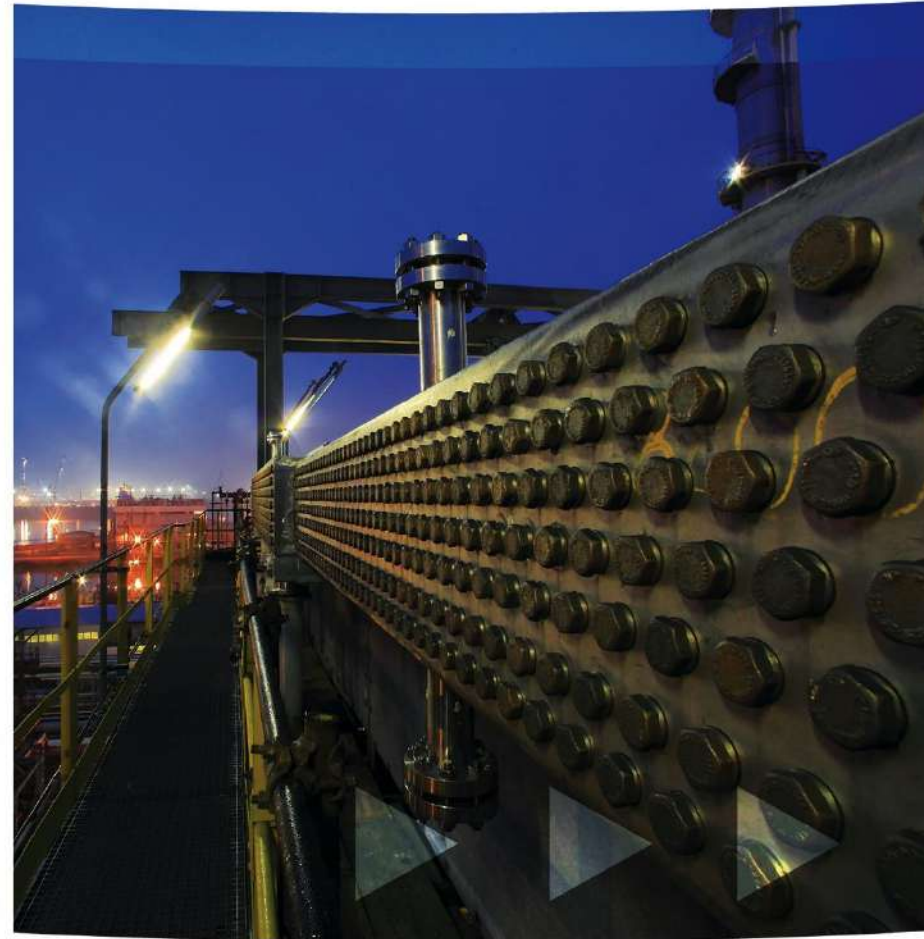




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# Operator Training Simulator for a new Cumene & Phenol plant

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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

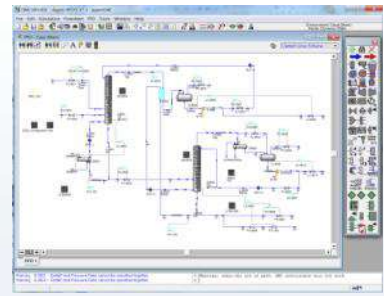
**Real World**

**Direct-Connect OTS**

**Process Plant**

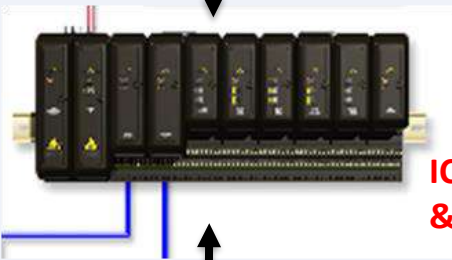


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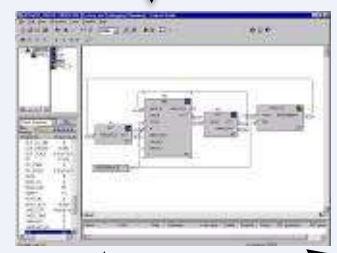


**High Fidelity Dynamic Model**

**Control System & SIS**



**ICSS Hardware & Software**



**ICSS Emulation Software**

**Human Machine Interface**



**Panel Operator**

**ICSS Console & Graphics**



**Panel Operator**

**ICSS Console as in Control Room**



**Instructor Station & Field Operator Devices**

Als, Dis, AOs, DOs

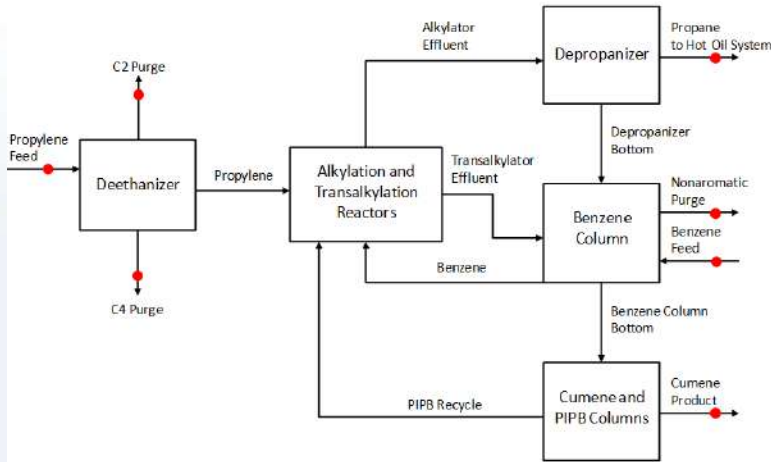
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Graphics



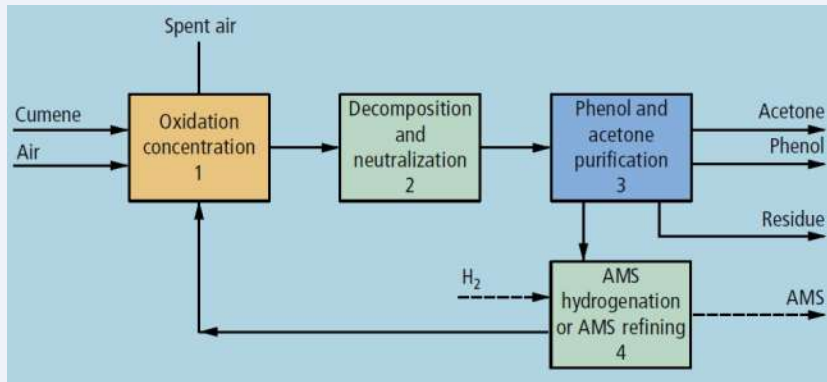
# The OTS: Model Scope



## 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

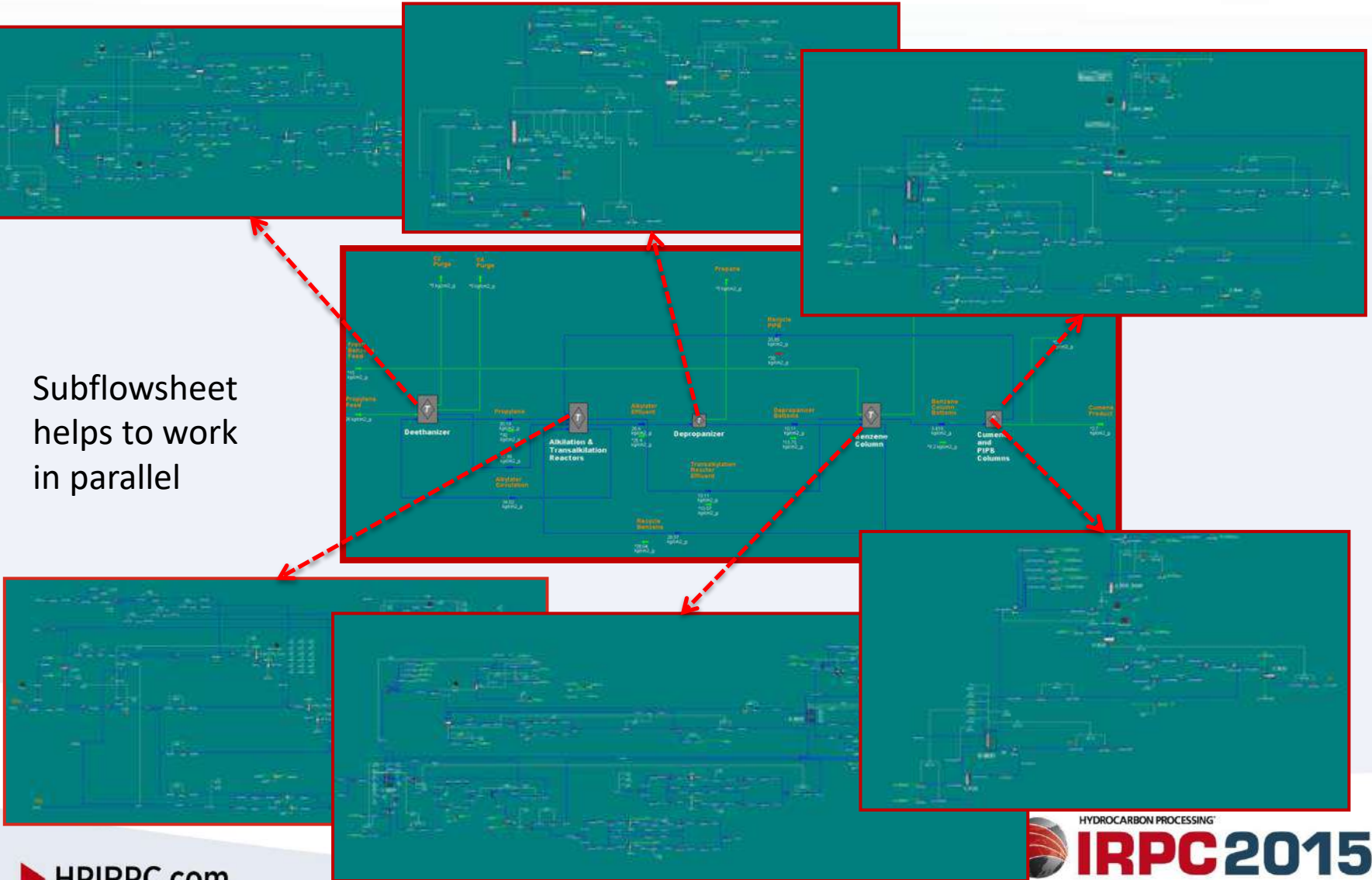
Component List-Phenol	
H2O	diAcetone-ol
Hydrogen	BZoicAcid
Nitrogen	o-Cresol
Oxygen	m-Cresol
Methane	p-Cresol
CO	M-PH-Ketone
Formaldehyde	2MBenzoFuran
FormicAcid	AMS
Methanol	Cumene
Oxalic_Acid	DMPHCarbinol
AceticAcid	CumHyPeroxid
Propanal	o-Cymene
Acetone	m-Cymene
Acetol	p-Cymene
Benzene	pCumylPhenol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

## Challenge

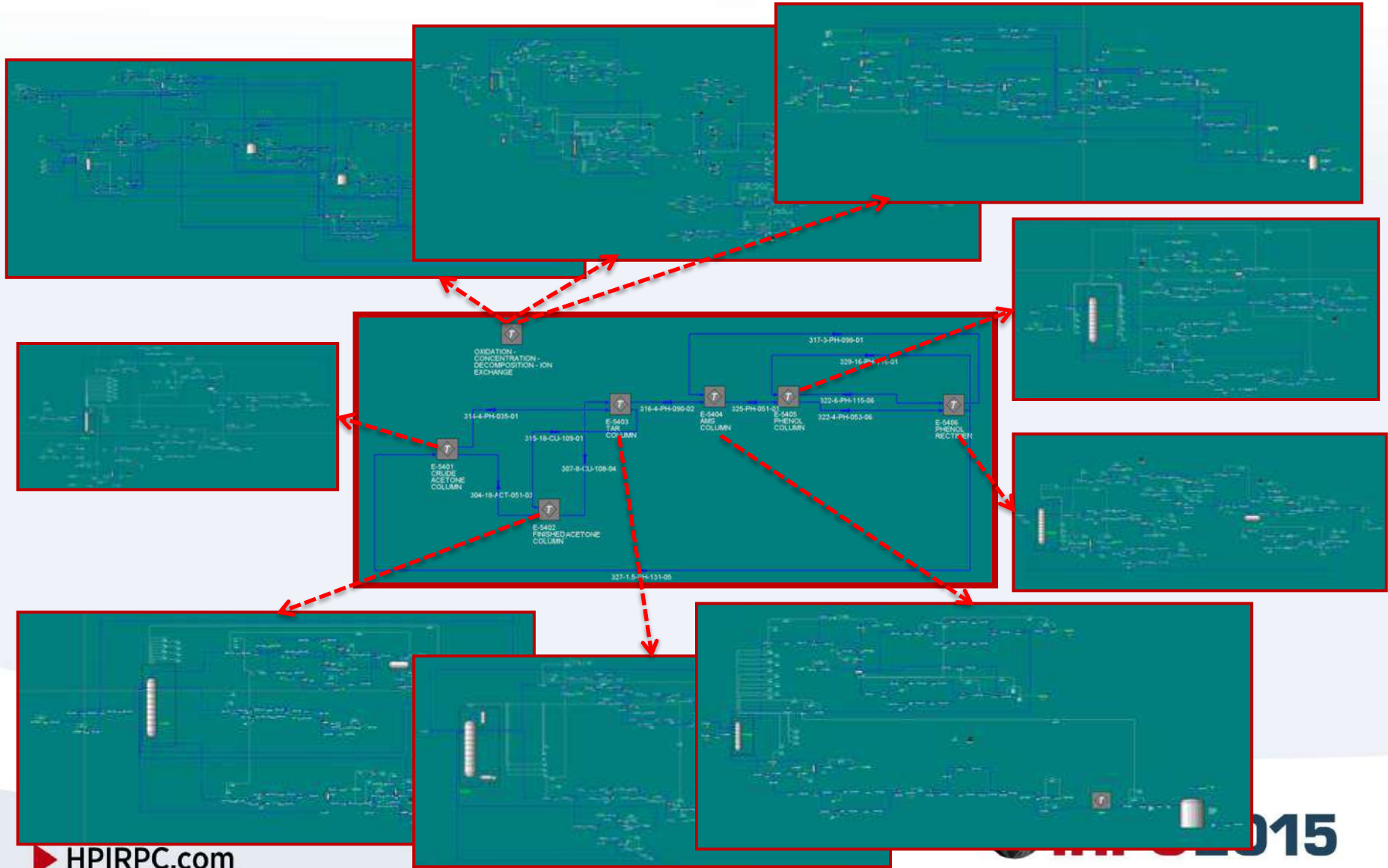
Multiple chemical reactions, many separation units (18 distillation columns) and large recycles

# 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.

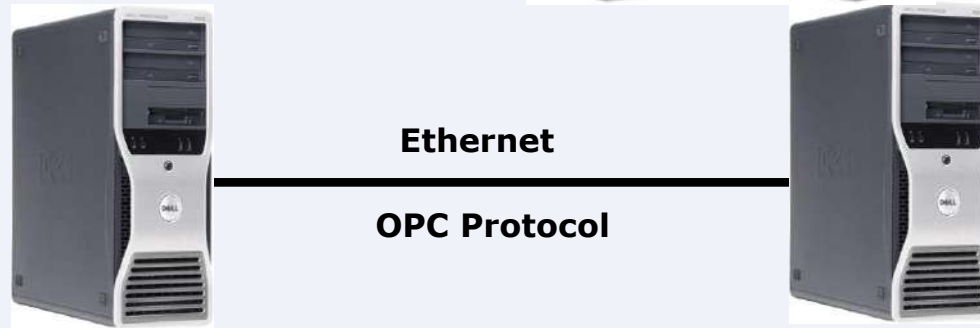
## **Hydraulics Effects in Reactor Dynamics**

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 'File', 'Modules', 'Runtime Module', and 'Help'. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons for 'Stop', 'Open', 'Stop integrator', 'Play', 'Save Snapshot', 'Generate PI', 'Make Invisible', 'Historify', 'Load Snapshot', 'Start Snapshots', and 'Start Sequence'. The main workspace shows a process flow diagram with several units and streams. A 'FEED' section is visible at the top of the diagram. Below the diagram, there is a chart window titled 'IS - Instructor Station - Chart for curve '177PC005 Pass.1''. The chart plots Temperature [°C], Pressure [kPa(a)], and Flow [m3/d] against time from 06:00 to 10:00. A 'Configuration' window is open at the bottom left, showing a table of series data.

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

On the right side of the interface, there are two control panels for 'IS - Controller 44LIC-0...' and 'IS - Controller 44FIC-0...'. Each panel shows a 'Mode' dropdown set to 'Auto', a 'Control' section with 'OP' and 'PV' indicators, and 'Alarms' and 'Parameters' sections. The 'IS - Controller 44FIC-0...' panel shows a setpoint (SP) of 69 and a current value (PV) of 69.26. The 'IS - Controller 44LIC-0...' panel shows a setpoint (SP) of 0 m3/h and a current value (PV) of 271.9 m3/h. The background diagram shows a complex process flow with units like F-4408, C-4407, D-4401, and F-4410, along with various streams and valves.

# 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:

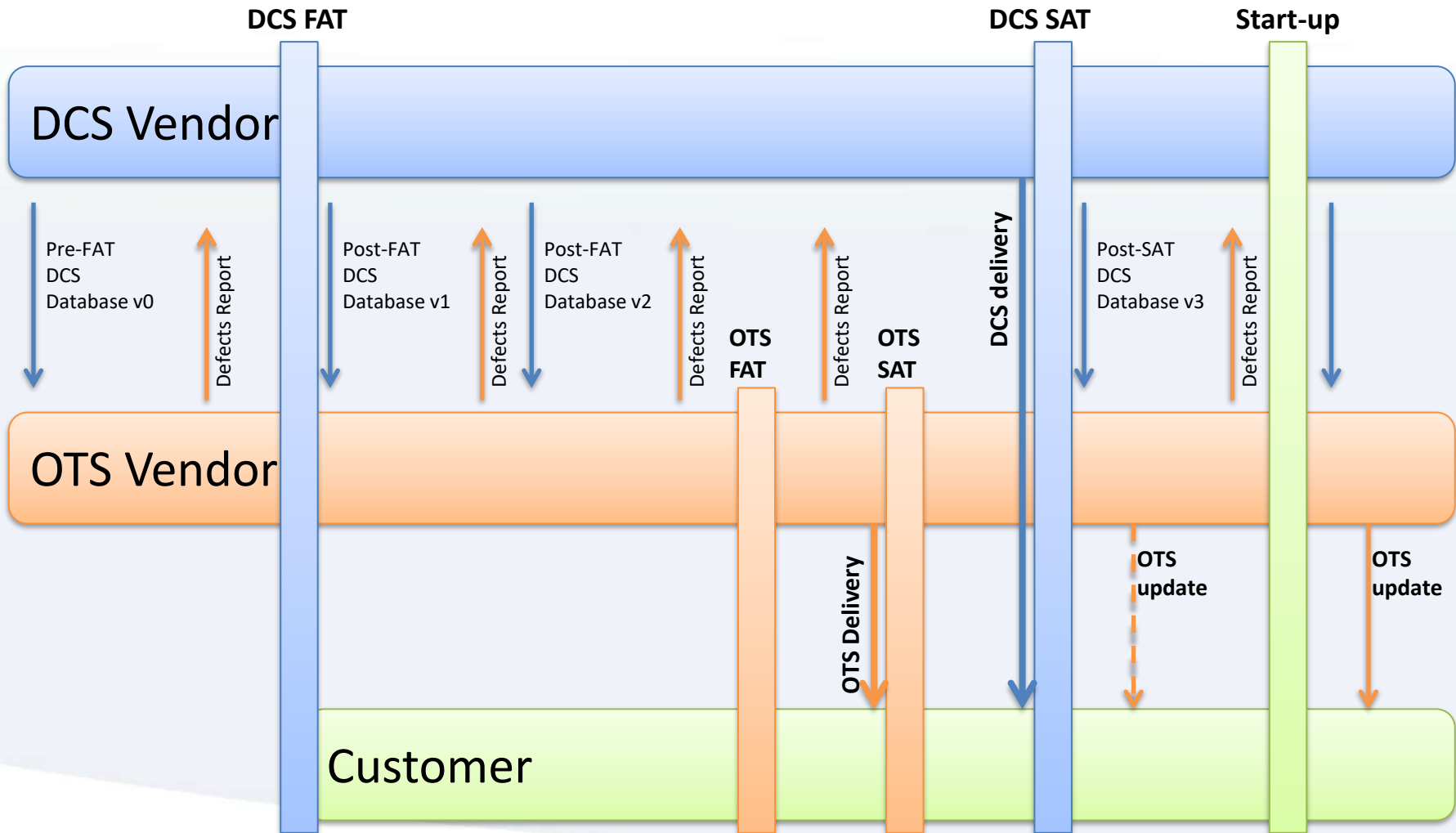
- Equipment power loss
- Instrument air failure
- Critical utilities loss

- 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: CEPSA

**DCS Database Review List of Issues**

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

Rev.	Date	Description	Drawn	Reviewed	Approved
0.1	20/01/2014	Initial Document	RT	JMN	JMN
1	24/02/2014	Modifications, CEPSA comments	RT, CA	JMN	JMN
2	28/03/2014	Monitor and controller review	RT, CA	JMN	JMN



## Loop implementation

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

**Issues:** Different control loop implementation

Differences of control loop implementations (involving controllers 54XIC3172 & 54FIC3172) between DeltaV database and phenol control narrative (INF-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\_E3403. This last valve does not appear in the control narrative (INF-810-02-0102-05.doc, rev A) and the P&ID s (810-02-X-321/322/323, Rev. 2).

## Controller Actions

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

**Issues:** 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 Narrativebook 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
54LIC3139	Reverse	Direct	Direct
54LIC3137	Reverse	Direct	Direct
54LIC3057	Reverse	Direct	Direct
54LIC3096	Reverse	Direct	Direct
54LIC3099	Reverse	Direct	Direct

## Sensor Ranges

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**9 Issue 7 - 54TI3401**

**Issues:** Differences in sensor ranges  
The 54TI3401 has a range of 0-150 °C in DCS database these produce out scale values.

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

**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\_E3403. However, it does not appear in P&ID 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 Level-Control and Level-Override (in screen P45\_TANK3) there is no change in the Target mode of the 54PIC3099 controller.

# OTS value: Operator Training

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

			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	Lu Jian	陆坚	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		
24	Bao Yue	包越			1430-1630		
25	Wang Meiling	王美玲				0800-1000	
26	Yang Qiangqiang	杨强强				0800-1000	
27	Wu Haiping	吴海平				1000-1200	
28	Zhang Jiawei	张嘉琪				1000-1200	
29	Zhang Ling	张玲				1230-1430	
30	Yao Chaoyi	姚超亿				1230-1430	
31	Ye Qinmai	叶琴梅				1430-1630	
32	Wu Erlong	刘二龙				1430-1630	
33	Hao Yezhou	郝叶舟					0800-1000
34	Chu Yuan	褚渊					0800-1000
35	Jin Yihui	金怡辉					1000-1200
36	Mo Zhenjie	莫籽杰					1000-1200
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39	Tang Zili	唐自立					1430-1630
40	Yu Chun	余淳					1430-1630

## 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

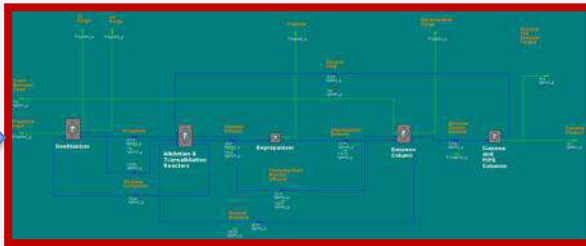
## 3. RESULTS:

- Increased Safety
- Reduce Start-up time
- Off-spec reduction

# 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.

Q&A, contact

# Thank you

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