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# Refinery Product Blending Optimisation

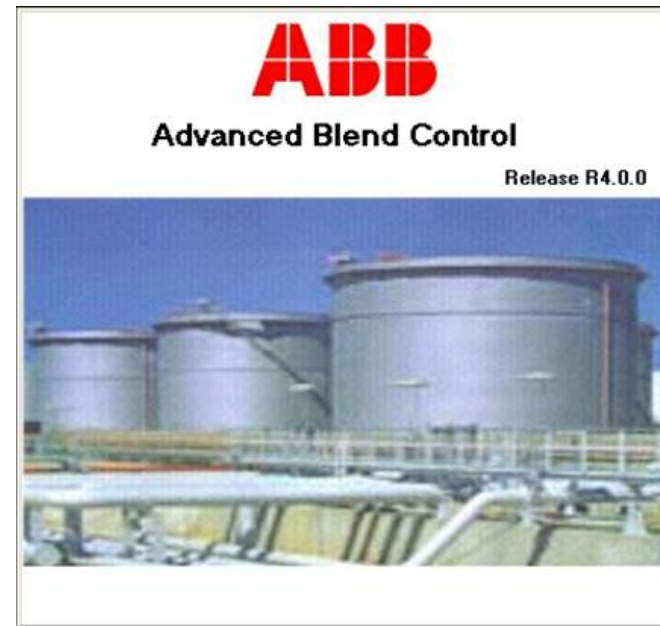
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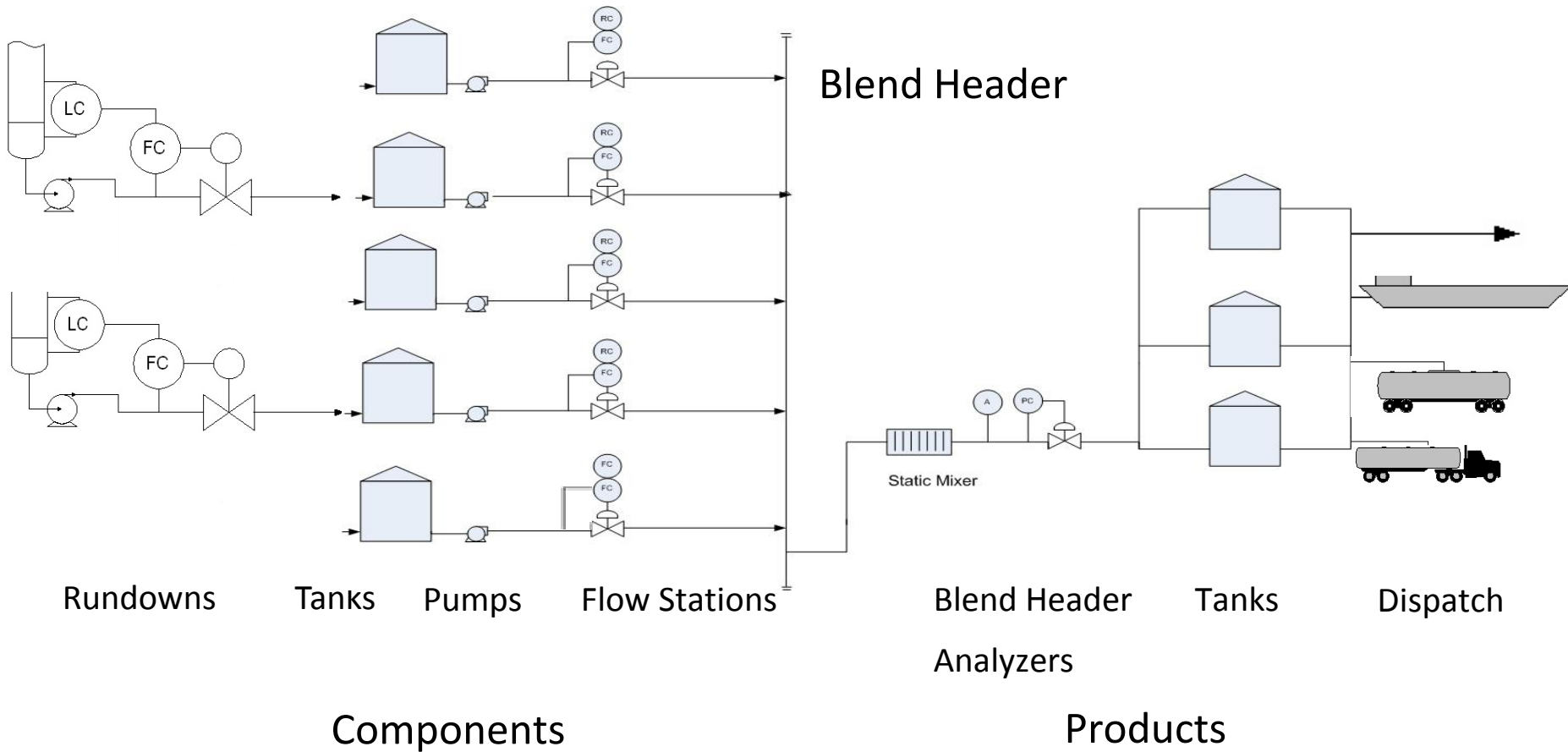
# Oil Refinery Offsites Automation

## Advanced Blend Control & Oil Movements Manager

- Oil Movements used for crude terminals, refineries, petrochemical complexes, bulk storage terminals etc
- Advanced Blend Control used for refineries and bulk storage terminals
- Advanced Blend Control **integrated** with Oil Movements Manager
- Comprehensive System for:
  - Blend and oil movement order management
  - Physical blend and movement line-up
  - Pre-blend optimization
  - Online control and blend recipe optimization
  - Monitoring & reporting
  - Configuration and maintenance

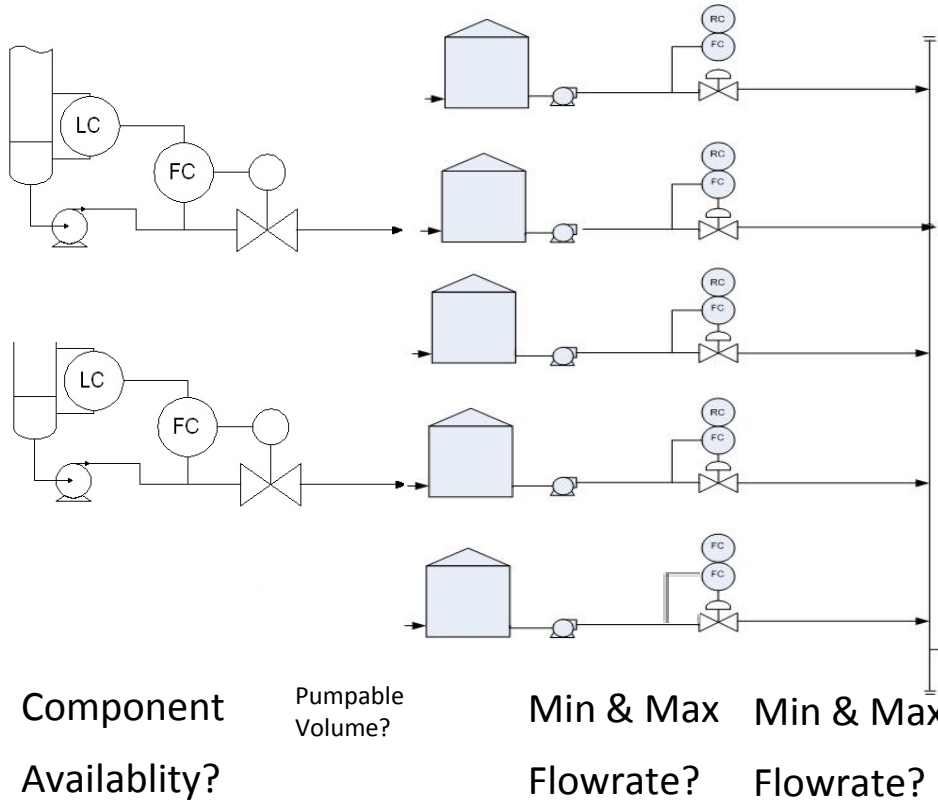


# In-line Product Blending - Equipment

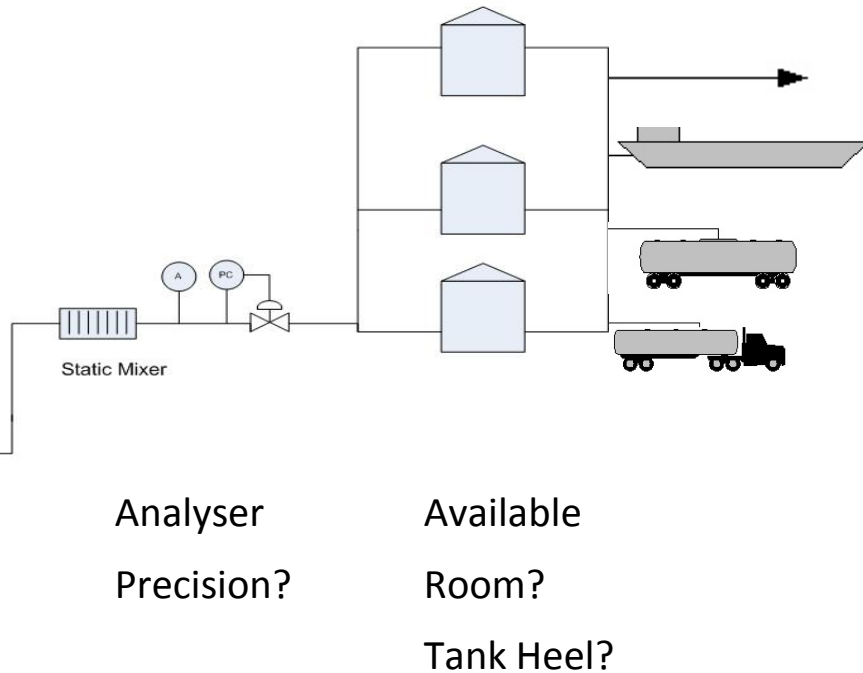


**Business Objective – Fulfil Orders for Product at Lowest Cost**

# In-line Product Blending - Constraints



Product Quality Specifications & Control Targets?



Component Properties

Tested 2 / Week

Lab Precision?

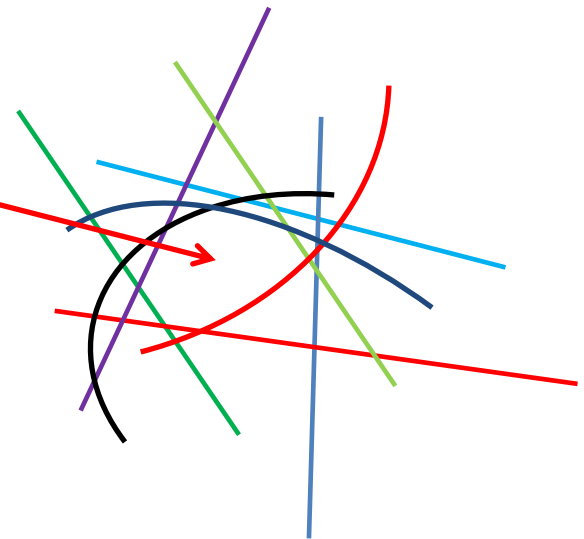
**Find Optimum Recipe within Constraints**

# Refinery Product Quality Specifications & Constraints

- Feasible solution space – squeezed by changing specifications
- Solution space sometimes disappears completely – infeasible

Feasible solution space

- Gasoline
  - Reduced benzene, aromatics, olefins
  - Reduced RVP / DVPE
  - Reduced sulphur
  - Tighter D86 specifications E70 E100 E150 VLI
  - MTBE banned in some countries
  - Ethanol added at road truck rack
- Diesel (ULSD)
  - Reduced sulphur
  - Reduced PAH
  - Increased CN & CI
- Fuel Oil
  - Reduced sulphur (MARPOL)
  - CCAI for different ship diesel engines (ISO 8217)



# Typical Differences in Optimised Blend Recipe

**Recipe**

	Header	Blend	Intervals					
	MATERIAL	TANK	MIN	PLAN	INIT	AVG	MAX	VOLUME
▶	HVY CAT	SR-56	50.40	56.00	55.23	52.71	61.60	27722.890
	LT CAT	SR-63	5.40	6.00	5.71	6.65	8.00	3496.477
	MIX	SR-60	11.98	14.98	17.71	17.90	17.97	9413.106
	BUTANE	SR-747576	10.96	15.66	15.43	16.37	20.36	8608.386
	SR-37 COMP	SR-37	6.00	7.36	6.00	6.37	8.10	3349.602

Planner / Scheduler

Initial recipe with offline optimisation

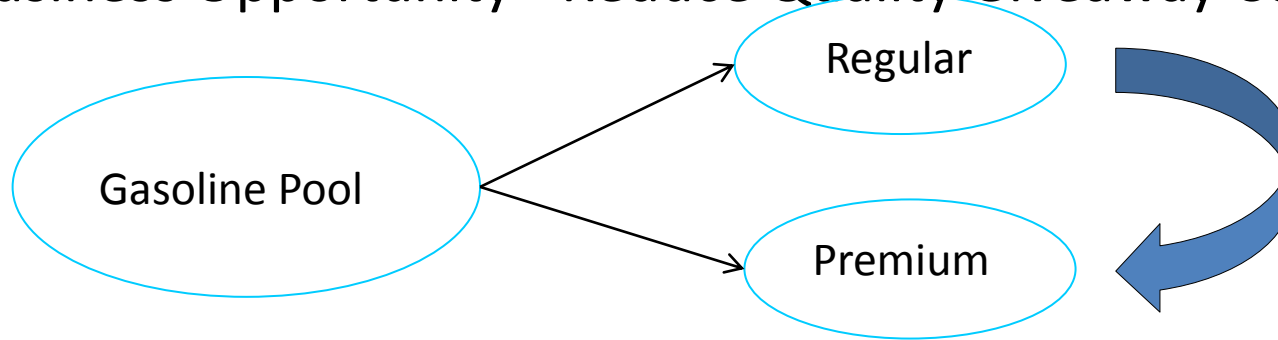
Actual closed loop optimised recipe

## Blending Business Opportunity – Reduce Costs of...

- Inventory (blend right-first-time, just-in-time)
- Quality giveaway (Octane, RVP, Cetane, Sulfur, CFPP, Viscosity etc)
- Sub-optimal blend recipes
- Correction blends & reblends
- Distress & panic blends
- Downgrading to lower quality grades
- Contamination errors
- Demurrage for missed shipments & pipeline slots
- Tank maintenance & investment in new tanks



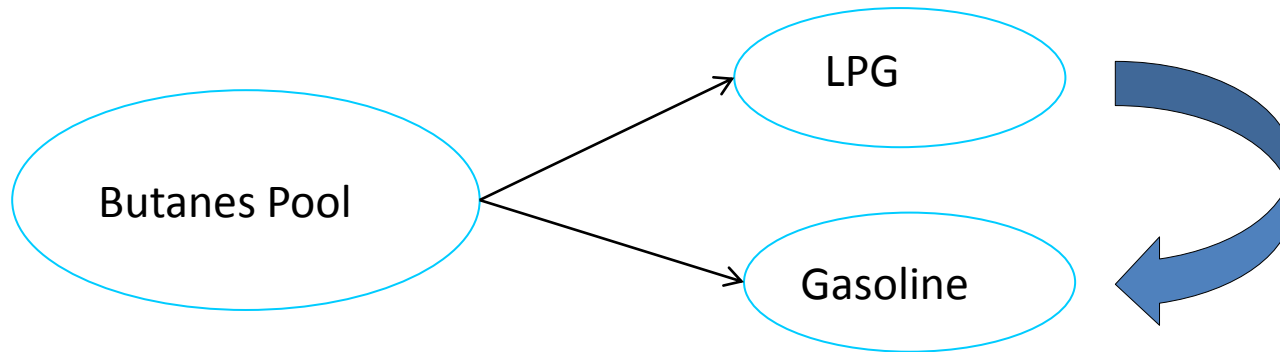
## Business Opportunity - Reduce Quality Giveaway Cost AKI ON



- Increase quantity of premium grades
- Sell petrochemical naphtha at gasoline price
- Sell higher / buy lower quality components
- Gasoline prices - Regular US\$ 2.80, Premium US\$ 3.19, / us gallon
- Premium – Regular = US\$ 3.19 – US\$ 2.80 = US\$ 0.39 / usg = US\$ 16.38 / bbl
  - Premium – Regular = 93 – 87 = 6 AKI ON
  - ON giveaway = US\$ 16.38 / 6 = US\$ 2.73 / ON / bbl
- Cost to refinery of 100,000 bpd gasoline with 0.25 ON giveaway =
  - 100,000 \* 365 \* 2.73 \* 0.25 = US\$ 24.9 million / year

# Business Opportunity - Reduce Quality Giveaway Cost RVP

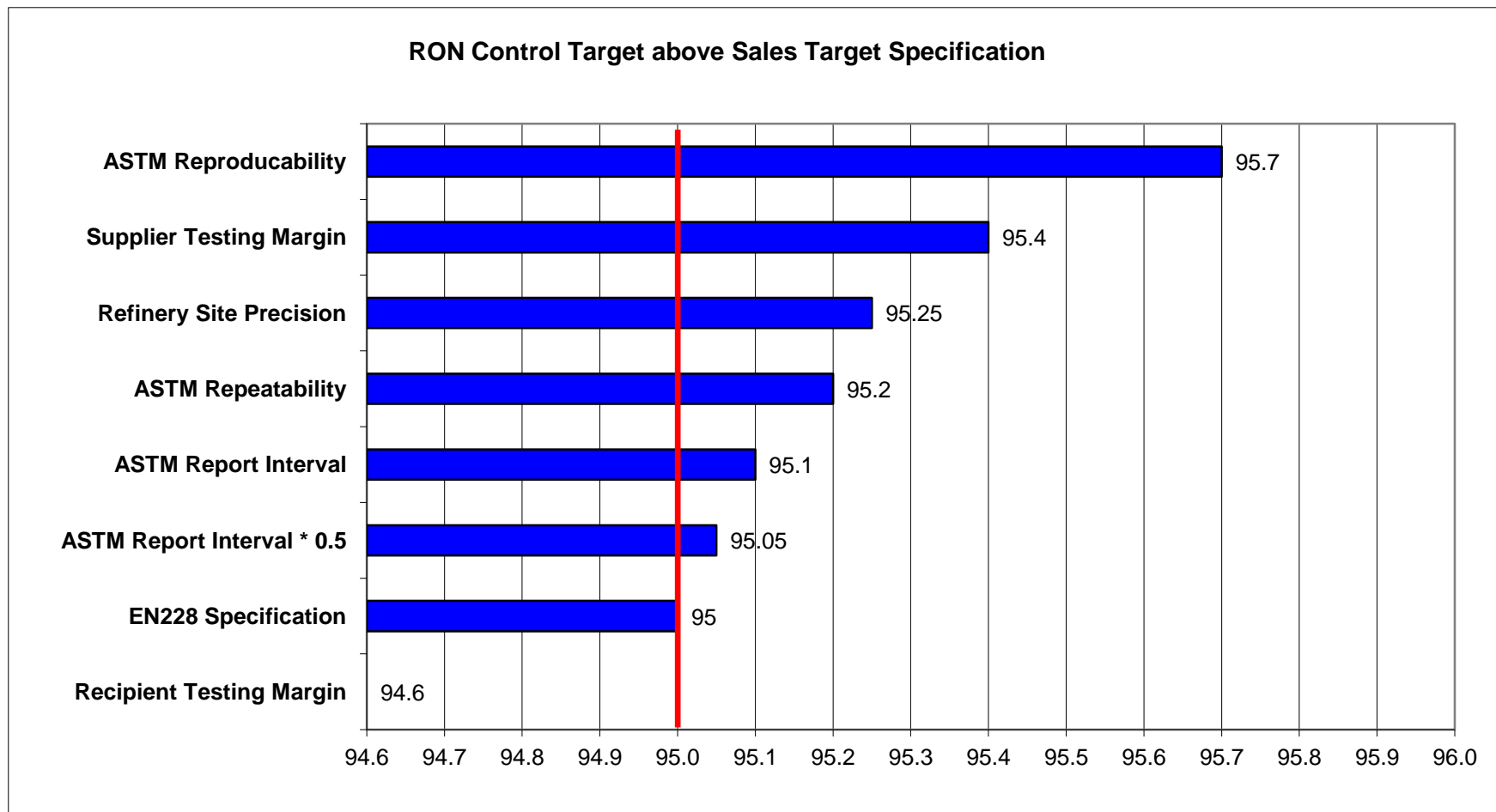
- Sell additional butane at gasoline price



- Gasoline forecourt prices - Regular US\$ 2.80 / us gallon = US\$ 117.6 / bbl
- LPG sales price US\$ 0.84 / kg = US\$ 82.5 / bbl
- Regular – LPG = US\$ 35.1 /bbl
- Regular with 0.5 psi RVP giveaway would allow + 0.86 % n-butane to be added to increase RVP from 9.5 to 10 psi
- Gasoline 100,000 bpd production increased to 100,859 bpd
  - Sell 859 bpd of butane at Regular price
- Cost to refinery of 100,000 bpd gasoline with 0.5 psi RVP giveaway =
  - $859 * 365 * 35.1 = \text{US\$ } 11.00 \text{ million / year}$

Use Planning LP to calculate cost of giveaway

# Margin Between Sales Specification & Control Target – Depends on Confidence Level



# How Much of the Business Opportunity Can Be Captured?

	Sales	Control	Actual
	Specification	Target	
RON	95.00	95.03	95.04
MON	85.00	85.03	85.03
RVP	93.00	92.60	92.60

## How Is This Achieved?

### Recipe

	Header	Blend	Intervals				
	MATERIAL	TANK	MIN	INIT	AVG	MAX	VOLUME
▶	REFORMAT_2	TK5303	0.00	34.08	31.74	100.00	2538.687
	ISOMERISAT	ISOMPOOL	20.00	23.00	23.78	24.00	1902.282
	BUTAN	TK4901	0.80	7.02	8.17	10.00	653.506
	HEXAT	TK4703	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	160.047
	LCN	TK4702	12.00	24.30	24.00	40.00	1919.781
	POLY	TK4704	3.60	3.60	3.58	5.00	286.088
	HCN	TK4404	3.80	6.00	6.72	7.00	537.611
	ANTISTAT	TK5309		3.00	1.21		24.259

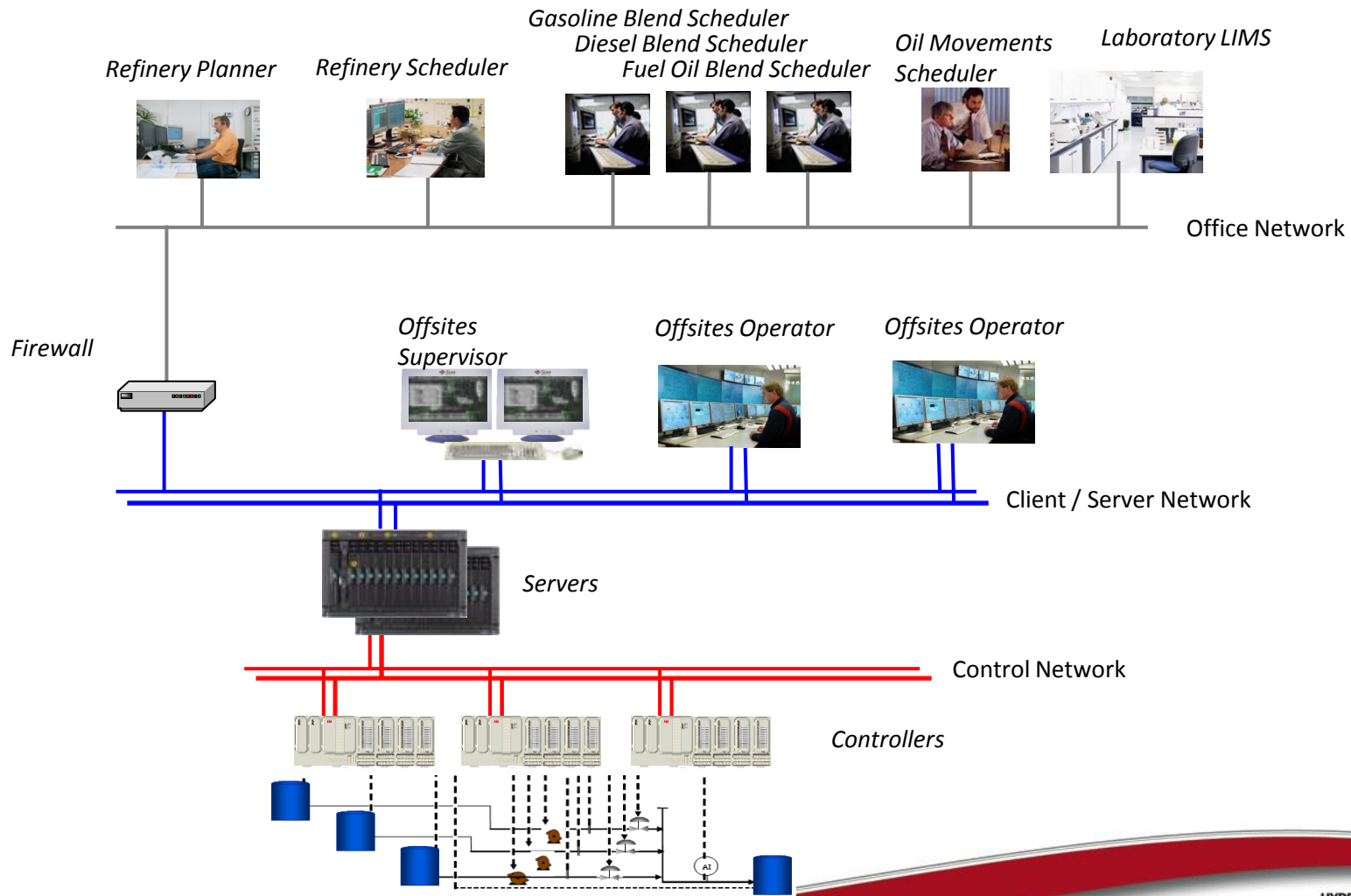
### Properties

	Header	Tank		Intervals				
	PROPERTY	S_MIN	C_MIN	CUR	FINALPRED	C_MAX	S_MAX	CNTRL
▶	DENSITET	720.0	722.0	730.8	730.8	773.0	775.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	MON	85.00	85.03	85.03	85.03			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	VP	60.0	60.0	92.6	92.6	92.6	93.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	RON	95.00	95.03	95.04	95.04			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	E70	22.0	23.0	38.7	38.7	49.0	50.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	E100	46.0	47.0	56.5	56.5	70.0	71.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	E150	75.00	76.00	87.38	87.38			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	E180			94.4	94.4			<input type="checkbox"/>
	FBP			191.2	191.2	208.0	210.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	VATTEN			27.3	27.3			<input type="checkbox"/>
	BENSEN			0.71	0.71	0.86	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	AROMATER			32.2	32.2	41.7	42.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	OLEFINER			10.3	10.3	17.5	18.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	SVAVEL			3.2	3.2	7.0	10.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	VLI			1197.0	1196.9			<input type="checkbox"/>
	SYREHALT			0.0	0.0			<input type="checkbox"/>
	MTBE-HALT			0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	10% PT			35.6	35.6			<input type="checkbox"/>
	50% PT			78.0	78.0			<input type="checkbox"/>
	90% PT			167.7	167.7			<input type="checkbox"/>

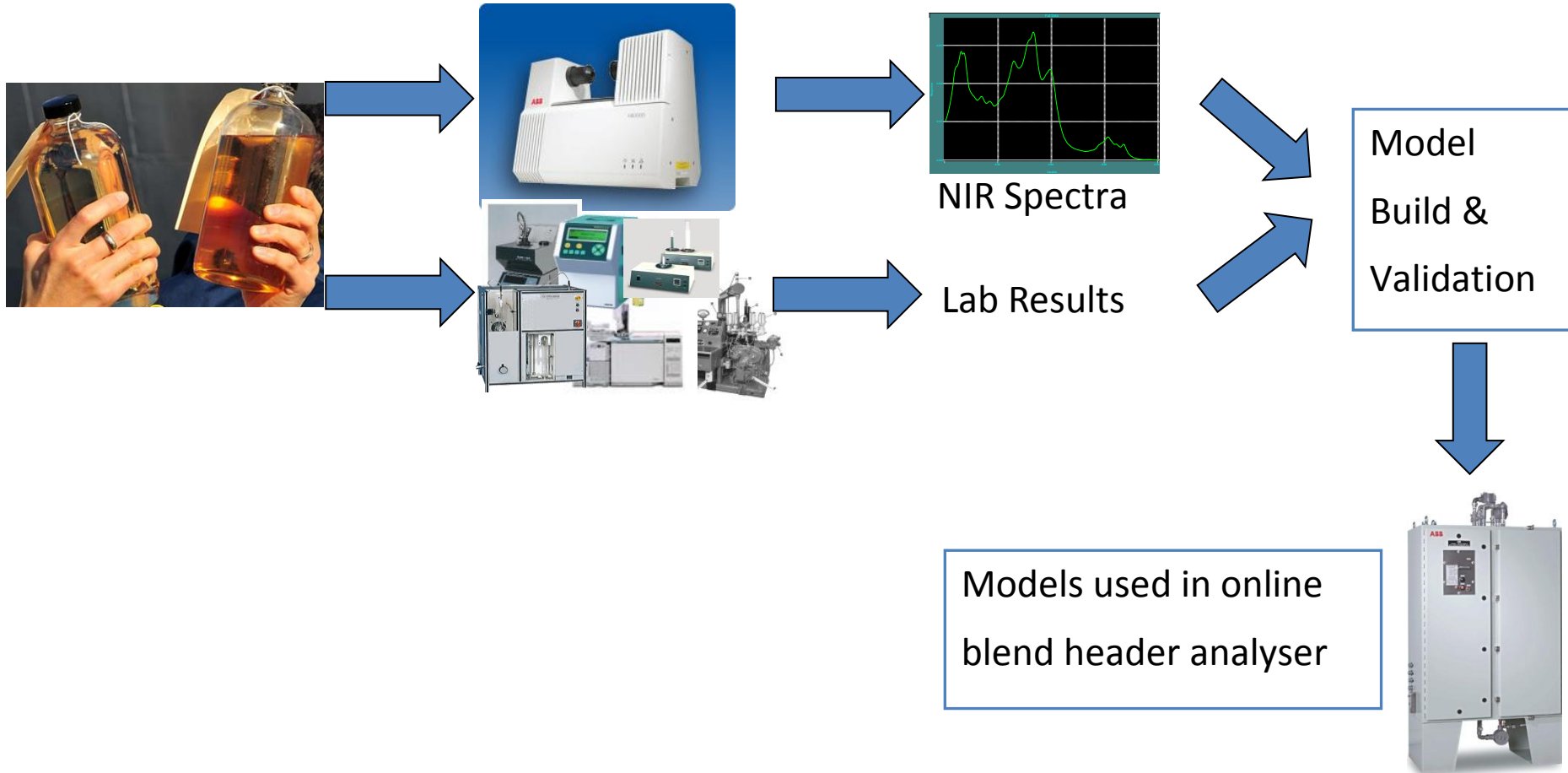
# Key Issue #1 – Organisation & Culture

- Cross-Functional team
- Cooperative & collaborative working – can do attitude
- Using the same system and data
  - Planners / Schedulers / Blend Schedulers
  - Offsites Operators & Supervisors
  - Blend System Technical Services / Control Engineer
  - Laboratory QA Manager / Technicians
  - Analyser Engineers & Technicians
  - Instruments / Mechanical Equipment / IT Engineers & Technicians
- Close the loop – feedback results to optimise the refinery

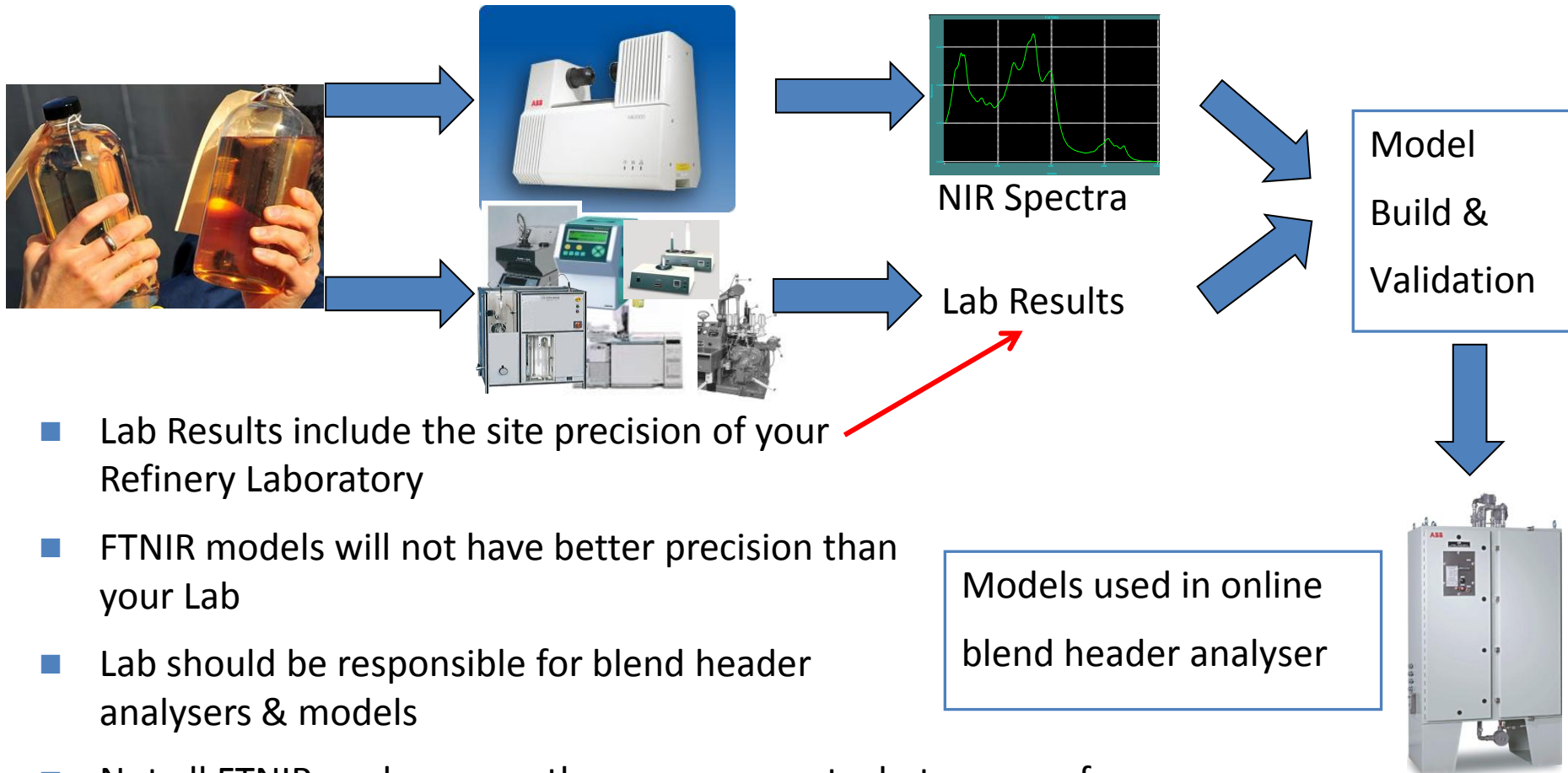
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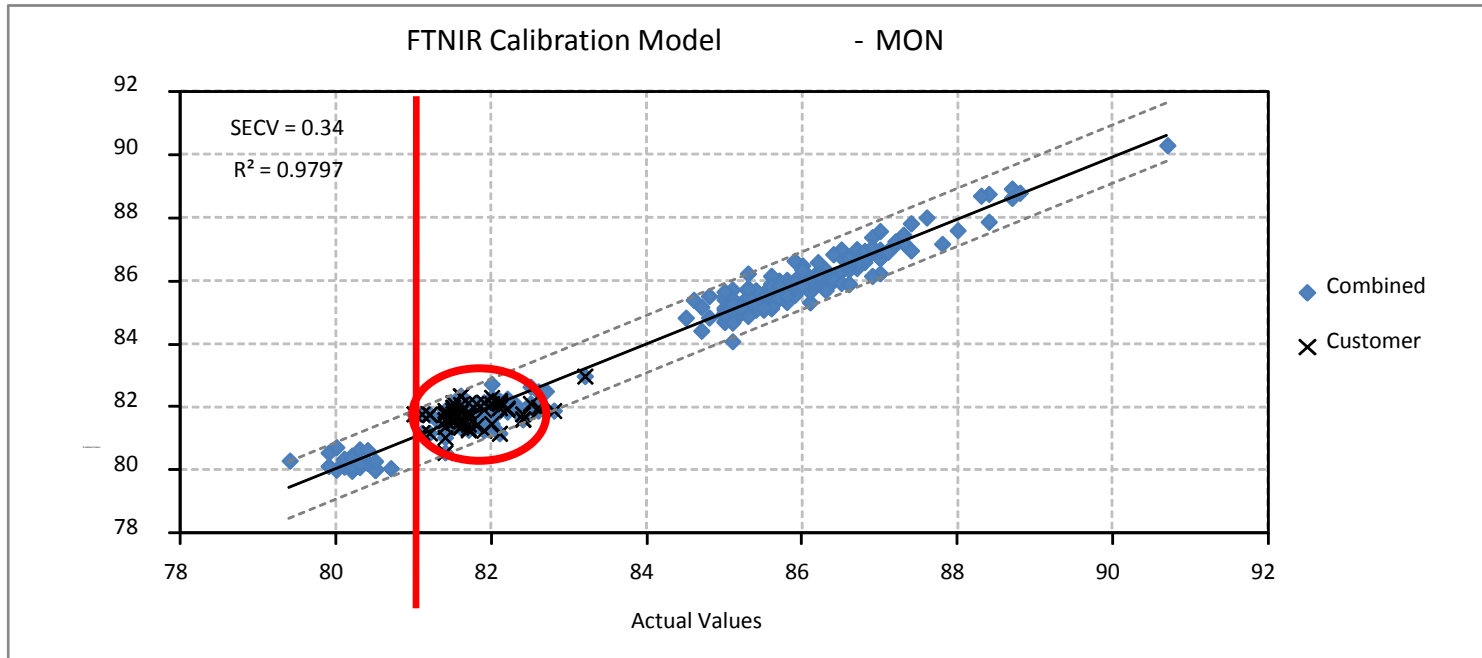


- Lab Results include the site precision of your Refinery Laboratory
- FTNIR models will not have better precision than your Lab
- Lab should be responsible for blend header analysers & models
- Not all FTNIR analysers are the same, you get what you pay for – do not buy cheap & nasty analysers



## Key Issue #2 - Blend Header Analysers - FTNIR

- Model calibration & validation sets must be representative
- And cover whole range of operation
- Use bottles of components and mix in the Lab



Customer data inadequate, ABB combined data from other refineries

- × No data at / below Sales Specification or Premium
- × Model data sets highly clustered

# Key Issue #3 – Optimiser Functionality

- Allows optimization and recipe correction even without analyzers
- Multiple bias source types for each property
- Spot and Composite sample handling
- Allows retroactive correction of the blend based on samples and lab result
- Tank quality integration over time TQI
- Data entry can be integrated with LIMS or manual entry in ABC
- Manages all Tank heels, user-tunable heel correction rate
- Manages rundown piping quantity and heel quality

Blend Interval Property BiasCalc Type

PROPERTY	BIAS	ANZ RES	BIASCALC TYPE
MON	0.65889		ANALYZER
E100	2.88684		ANALYZER
E70	0.19689	31.89069	ANALYZER
OLEFINER	-0.55004	5.939594	ANALYZER
AROMATER	0.88171		ANALYZER
BENSEN	0.07509	0.7524752	ANALYZER
MTBE-HALT	0		COMPOSITE
WATTEN	47.6041		COMPOSITE
E180	0		COMPOSITE
VP	0.22328		COMPOSITE
SYREHALT	0		COMPOSITE
DENSITET	3.93969		COMPOSITE
FBP	8.68600		COMPOSITE
E150	1.79432		COMPOSITE
90% PT			COMPOSITE
50% PT			COMPOSITE

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Bias Override:

Advanced Property BiasCalc Type Update

Set BiasCalc Type to:  NOCALC  ANALYZER  COMPOSITE  SPOT  CURRENT | ALL

Apply Update on:  Dates  Volumes

Apply Update on Intervals Between:

Dates: 08/31/2011 10:01:11 PM

Volumes: 15823.89190625 15823.89190625

Optimize IT Advanced Blend Control - Oil Movement Manager - ABSMGR - [Blend Sample Properties]

Name: HSD\_BS2SUM State: DONE Destination: 51 Header: HSD-BLNDP2

Sample Name: BS2-SPT1 Sample Type: SPOT Start Volume: 186 Stop Volume: 186

PROPERTY	USED?	SAMPLE	ANALYZER	FEEDBACK	HEADER PREDICTED	S_MIN	S_MAX	ACCURACY	UNITS
FLASH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	33.9	38.0	48.5	33.4	35.0	0		DEG C
POUR POINT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-3.20		-3.21	-3.20	15.00	0		DEG C
SULFUR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	421.0		424.4	414.9	500.0	0		PPM WT
DENSITY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	837.0		838.7	838.7	820.0	860.0	0	KG/M3
KVISC_40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.29		2.21	2.18	2.00	5.00	0	CST@40C
CETANE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	46.00		45.75	45.90	48.00	0		CETANE NO.

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06/18/2007 12:51:15 - ABSMGR HAS LOGGED INTO THE VB DISPLAYS  
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Start [Taskbar icons] 1:15 PM

# Key Issue #3 – Optimisation Infeasibility Handling

- Optimiser diagnostics advise Operator why infeasible
- Limiting Min and max constraint shown in red
- User Min / Max – consider freeing up if constraining

ABB Recipe Constraint Diagnostic

File Edit View Help

Interval	MIN				OPT	MAX				
COMPONENT	USER	INV	LINEUP	DELTA	OPT	USER	INV	LINEUP	DELTA	PACING
▶ REFORMAT	0.00	0.00	11.54	29.41	36.27	100.00	100.00	100.00	43.41	71.16
POLY	3.00	0.00	2.31	0.00	3.00	3.00	42.49	19.23	10.00	8.57
LCN	12.00	0.00	3.08	13.88	20.83	23.00	100.00	51.54	27.88	33.14
ISOMERISAT	15.00	0.00	2.69	16.10	23.00	23.00	100.00	25.38	30.10	34.79
HEXAT	2.00	0.00	2.23	0.00	3.00	3.00	100.00	22.31	10.01	12.53
HCN	5.00	0.00	1.54	0.00	6.00	6.00	100.00	22.31	12.90	14.58
BUTAN	0.80	0.00	3.08	0.70	7.90	15.00	100.00	15.38	14.70	13.67
Average	MIN				OPT	MAX				
COMPONENT	USER	INV	LINEUP	DELTA	OPT	USER	INV	LINEUP	DELTA	PACING
▶ REFORMAT	0.00	0.00	11.54	29.41	36.26	100.00	100.00	100.00	43.41	71.16
POLY	3.00	0.00	2.31	0.00	3.00	3.00	42.49	19.23	10.00	8.57
LCN	12.00	0.00	3.08	13.88	20.85	23.00	100.00	51.54	27.88	33.14
ISOMERISAT	15.00	0.00	2.69	16.10	23.00	23.00	100.00	25.38	30.10	34.79
HEXAT	2.00	0.00	2.23	0.00	3.00	3.00	100.00	22.31	10.01	12.53
HCN	5.00	0.00	1.54	0.00	6.00	6.00	100.00	22.31	12.90	14.58
BUTAN	0.80	0.00	3.08	0.70	7.90	15.00	100.00	15.38	14.70	13.67

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## Does your refinery need offsites automation?

If you answer YES to the following questions:-

- Capacity > 50,000 bpd crude ?
  - Refinery > very low complexity ?
  - Components > 2 per product (gasoline, diesel, fuel oil, bunkering) ?
  - Products > 1 grade per product ?
  - Unconstrained market ?
  - Degrees of freedom > 2 ?
  - Technical sophistication > minimum ?
  - Product quality giveaway > ASTM repeatability ?
  - Inventory (products + components) > 15 days ?
  - Not enough tanks ?
  - Reblends & corrections > 1 / month ?
- Typical project payback < 0.8 years

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