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# Increasing refinery yields and profitability using RtPM



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  2. Measuring & reconciling
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# Iplom presentation

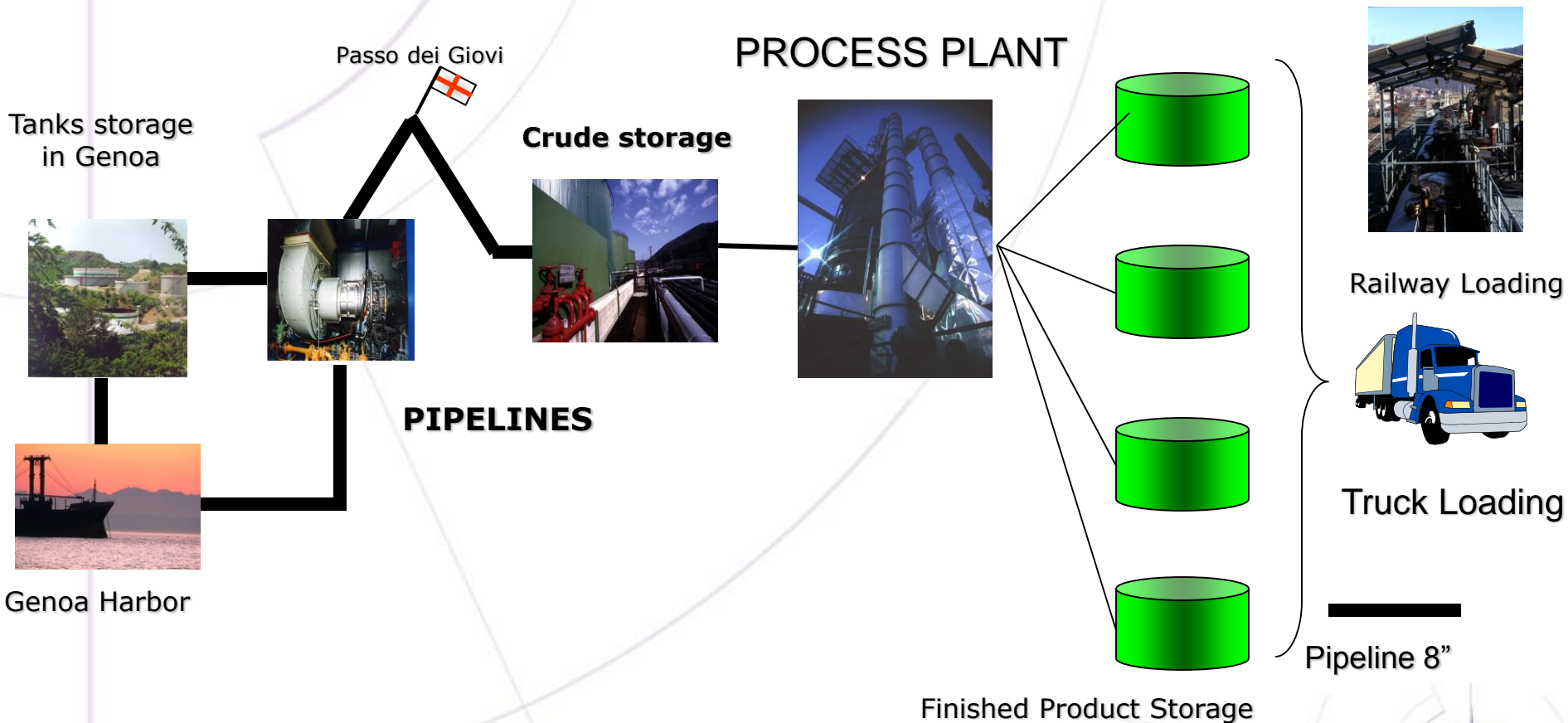
## *Refineries in Italy*

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# Iplom presentation

## *Iplom Refinery*



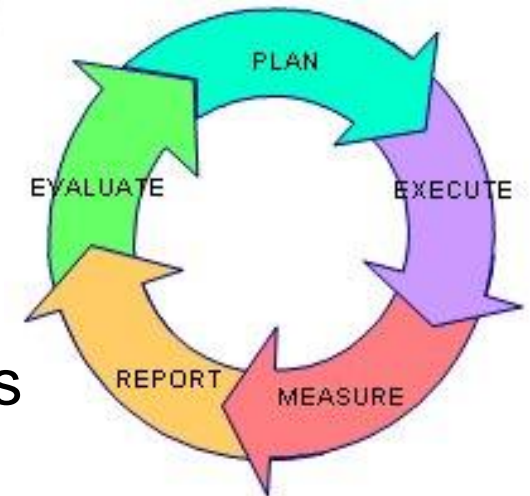
# Iplom DNA: a agile refinery

- Iplom is a independent refinery focused on efficiency to create profit
  - Serving a variegated range of customers
  - Producing both conventional and niche products (e.g. LL Sulphur fuel oil, CO2)
- Production management is based on:
  - Agility in taking business opportunities
  - Rapidity in taking business decision
  - Time to market: very brief period from crude purchase to product sell
- To support these objectives, given the constraint of a limited storage capacity, the company needs to manage production dynamically
  - 160 crude switches per year
  - Different plant operating modes



# Performance Management

- A continuous and iterative approach in production management supported by a flexible environment:
  - define production target
  - assign plan to operations
  - reconcile measures and calculate KPIs
  - report and distribute performances
  - evaluate to act and correct





# Performance Management

- Applied to different timescales to give support to different company functions
  - Hourly:
    - to operating shift people
  - Daily:
    - to production and planning manager
  - Weekly/monthly:
    - to refinery manager



# From PI System to RtPM

- 2001 - Reconciling Refinery yields
  - PI System, Sigmafine3, PI-ProcessBook, PI-DataLink
- 2003 - Integrating planning tools and calculating KPIs
  - PI ModuleDB, PI-ACE
- 2004 – Distributing information across the company
  - PI-ICE
- 2005 – Migration to Sigmafine4, evaluating RtPortal
  - Sigmafine4, RtWebParts



# Functional overview



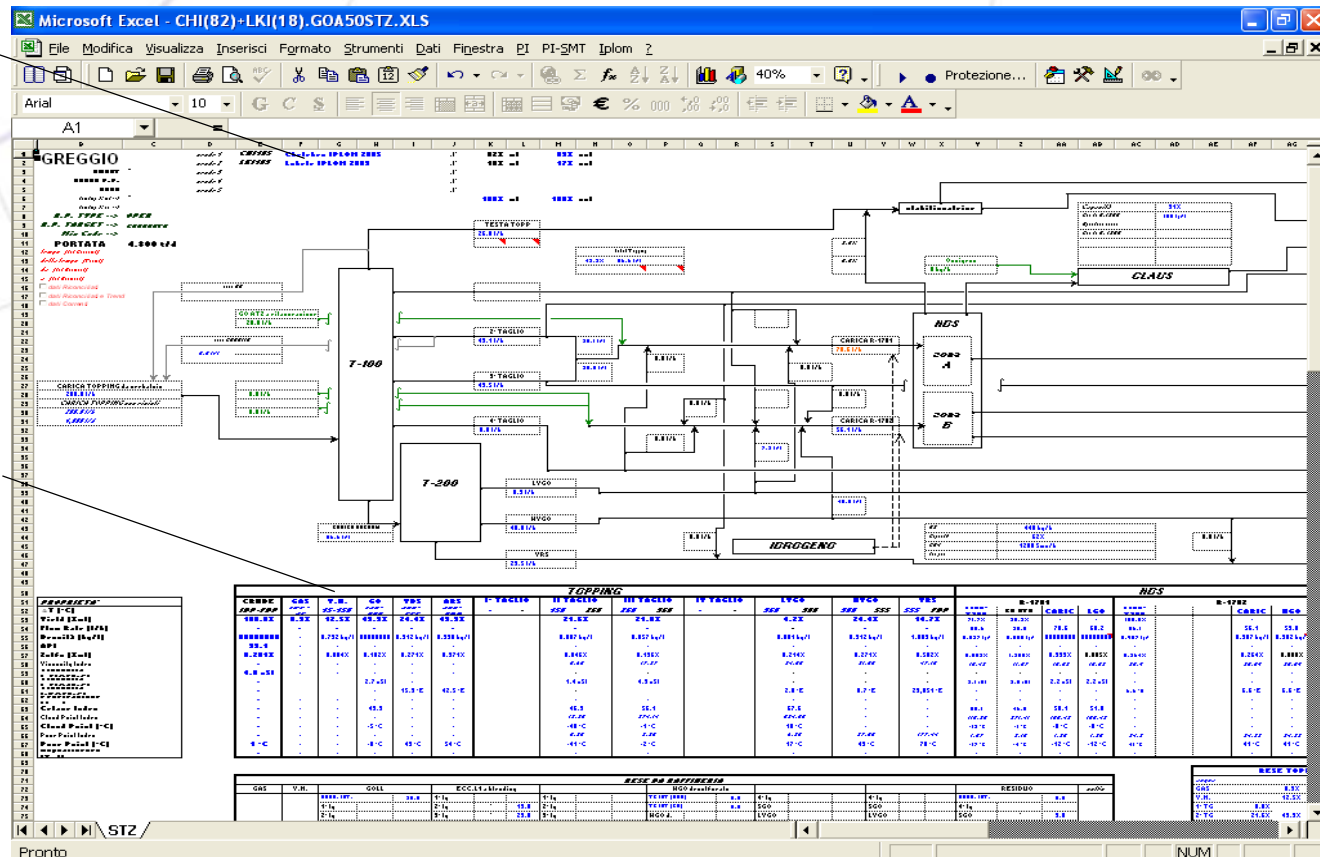
- Consistency through OSIssoft infrastructure

# Running plan definition

- A “running plan” defines all the information needed at execution time to process a specific crude or crude mix to obtain desired products and qualities

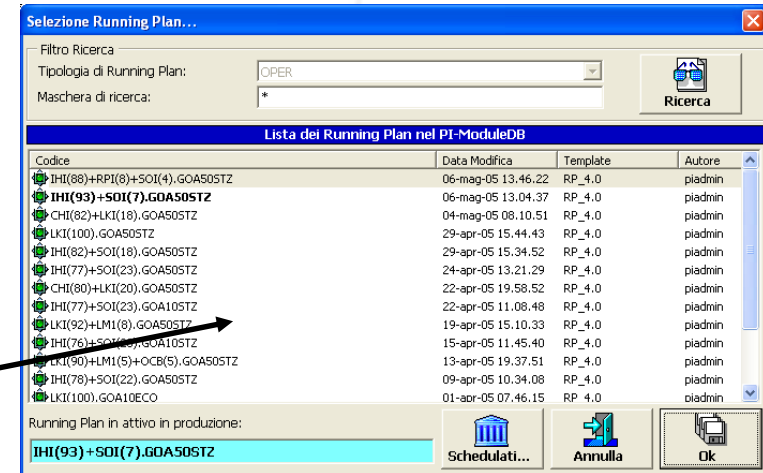
**Define for a  
crude or a  
crude mix**

**Calculate expected  
theoretical yields  
and qualities  
using crude libraries  
and algorithms**



# Running plan definition/2

- Microsoft Excel as frontend: simple, powerful, flexible
- All running plan target data centralized and stored in the PI-ModuleDB
- Support multiple calculation templates
- Select which Sigmafine4 layers will be enabled to ensure consistent reconciliation at execution time





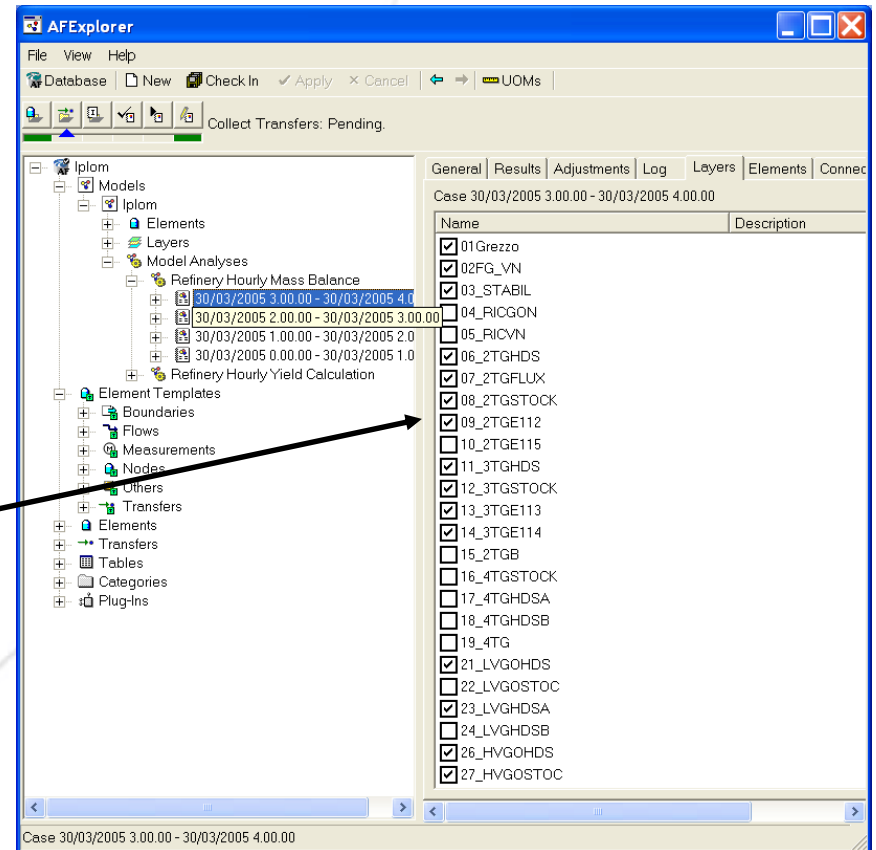
# Assign running plan to operations

- Shift chief declares crude switch from the control room using PI-ProcessBook
- PI-ACE automatic procedures setup all the systems for execution:
  - notify Sigmafine4 model enabling layers needed to reconcile current configuration
  - notify external systems:
    - send target values to advanced control system
    - notify accounting system



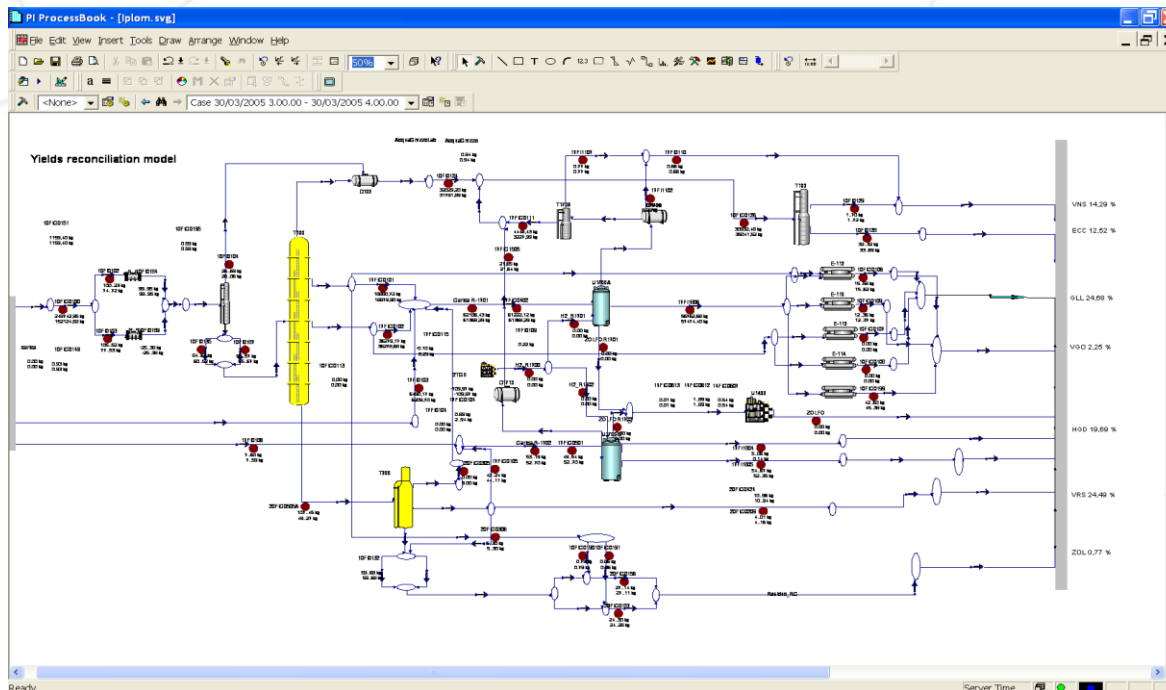
# Reconciling measures

- Reconciliation is the first step to consolidate process data before calculating performances
- Sigmafine refinery plant model designed for yield reconciliation
- The model is composed of several (50) layers which can be combined to represent different plant configurations
- Reconciliation is done automatically every hour



# Migration to Sigmafine4

- Some feelings about migration from Sigmafine3 to Sigmafine4
  - “Smooth” process helped by automatic conversion utilities
  - Powerful configuration and maintenance tools (Excel addin, AF Explorer)
  - Use advanced graphic functions available in PI-ProcessBook (dynamic symbol behaviour, layering, annotation by drag&drop, ...)
  - Use std tools (PI-ACE) to implement automatic reconciliation procedure



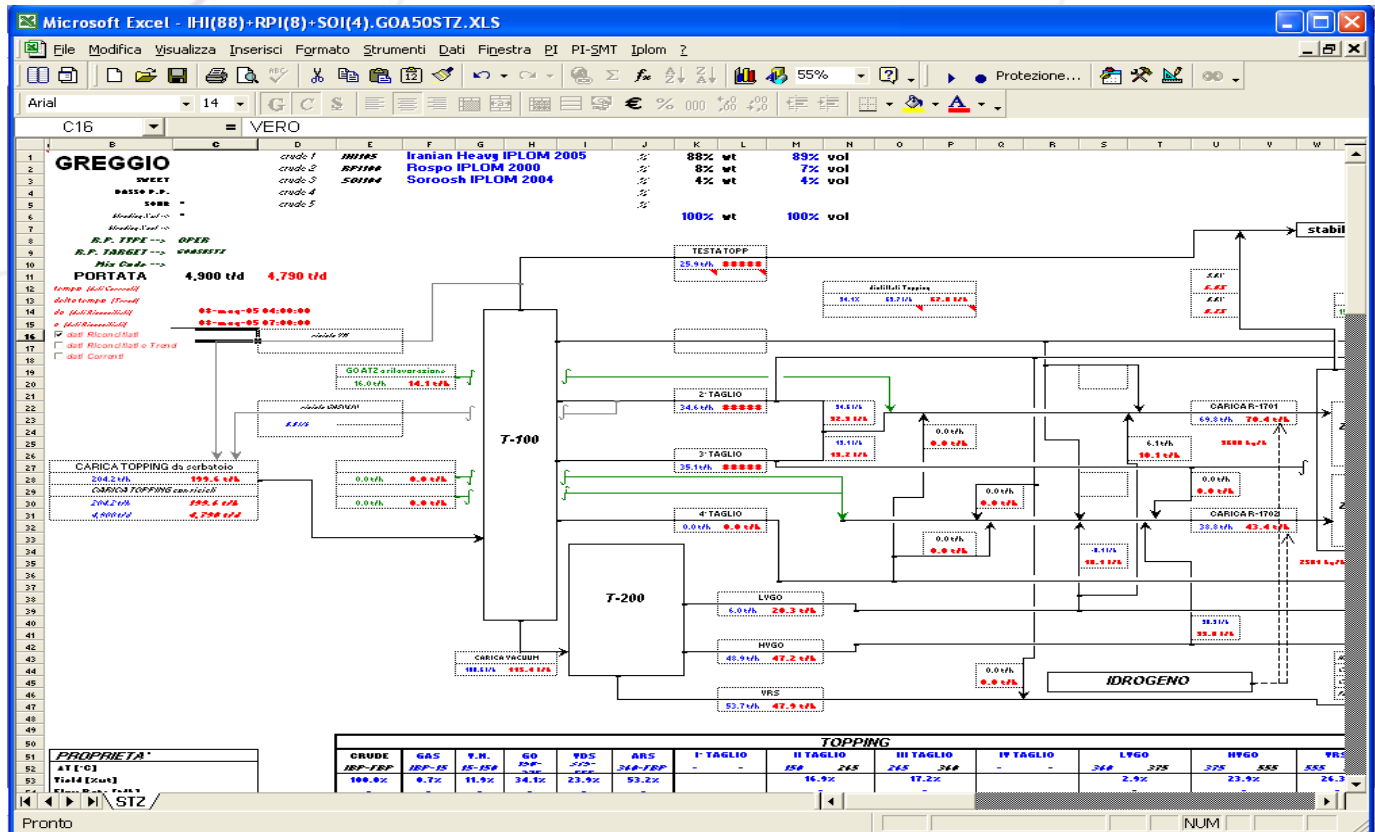
# Calculating performances

- Actual yields calculated via PI-ACE based on reconciled values:
  - Per hour
  - Per shift
  - Per running plan
- Overall KPIs calculated via PI-ACE
  - Performance (positive when producing more valuable products than expected)
  - Deviation (gives indication of the distance between target and actual yields)



# Reporting performances

- Using planning tool to evaluate target vs. measured vs. reconciled



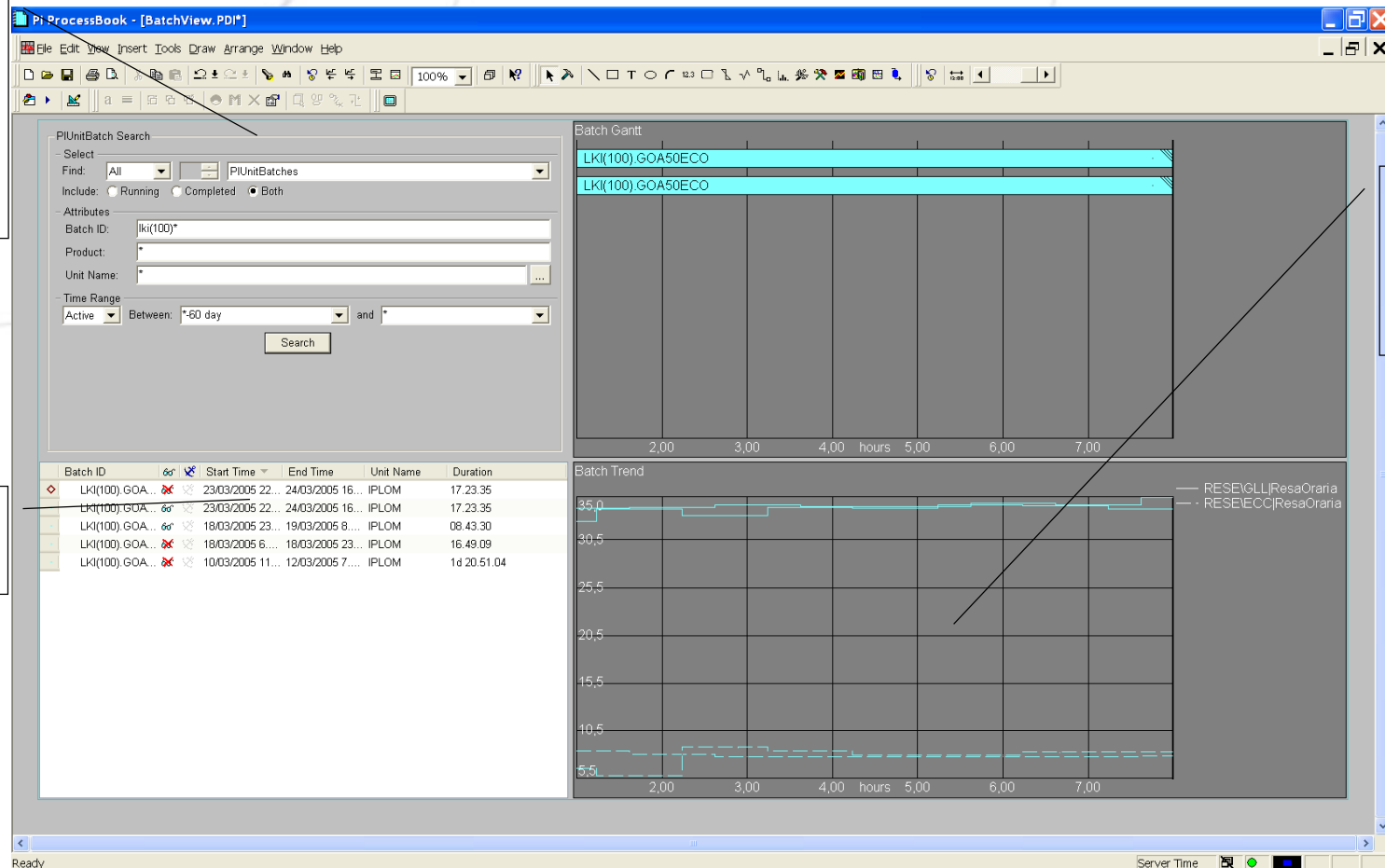


# Evaluating performances

- Using std tools (PI-BatchView) to analyze yield profiles

Select search parameters (time, running plan code, crude)

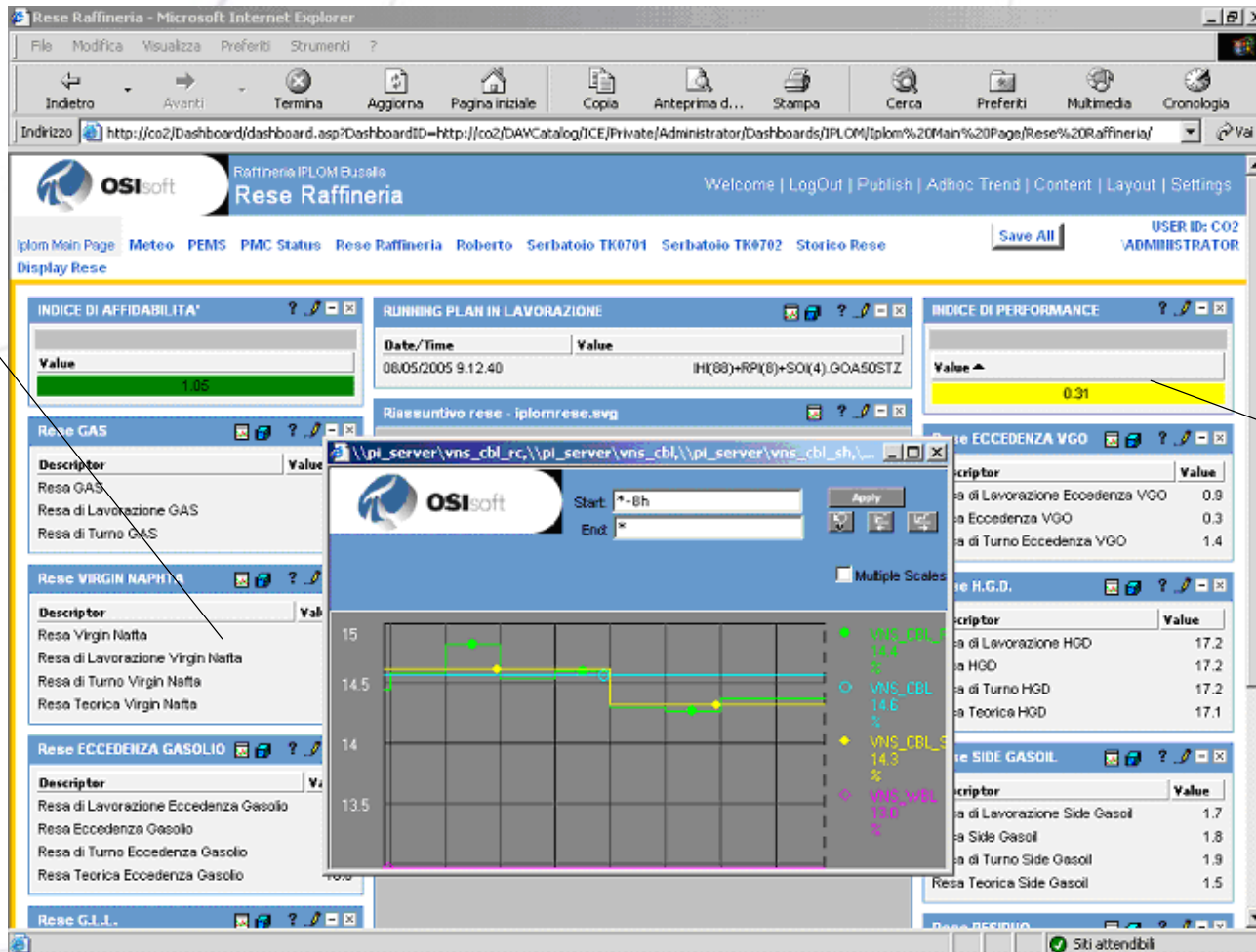
Selecting running plan



Comparing yield profiles for homogeneous running plans

# Distributing indicators across the company

- Sharing information through PI-ICE cockpits



Yields comparison  
(teo,  
hourly, shift,  
campaign)

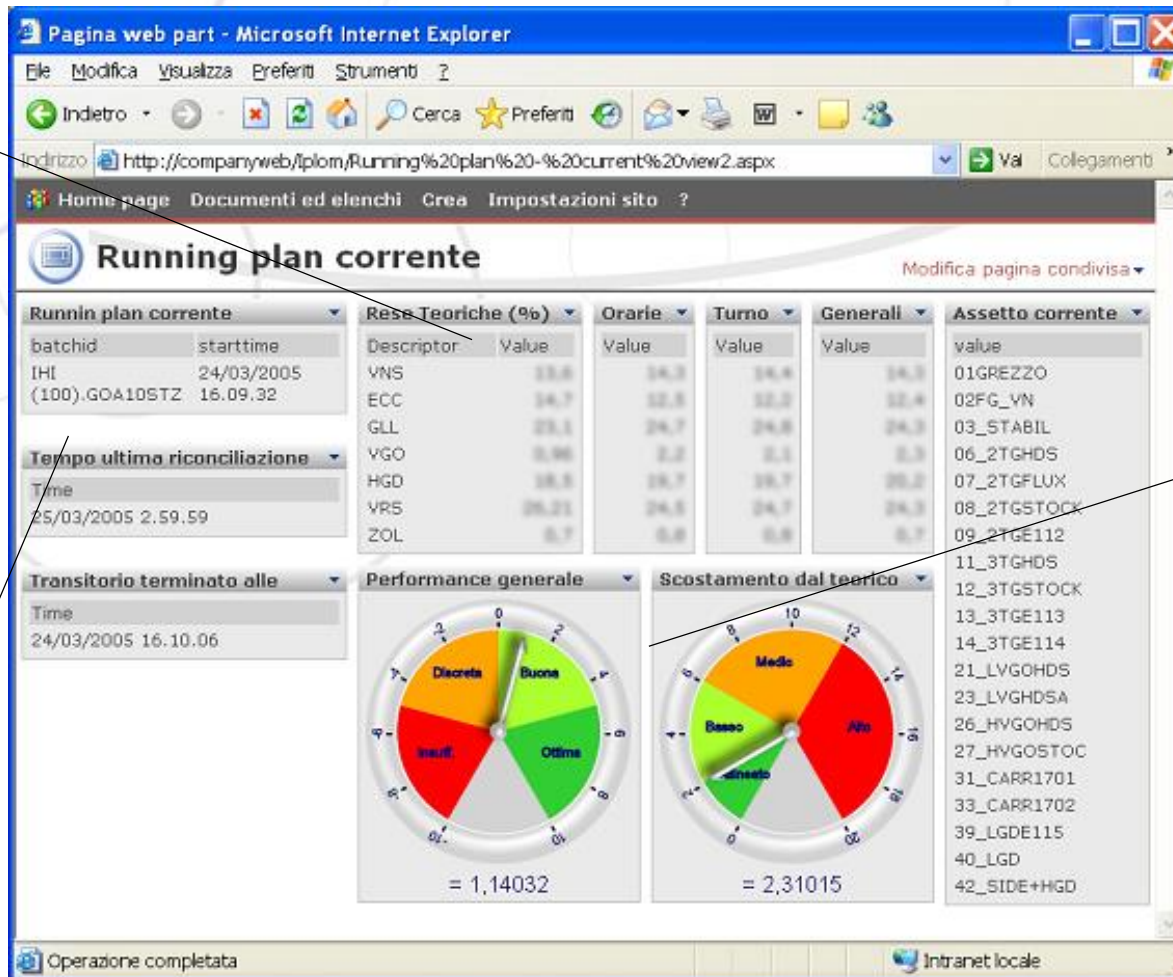
Performance  
indicators

# Evaluating RtPortal

Yields comparison  
(teo, hourly,  
shift,  
campaign)

Current  
Running plan  
general info

KPIs  
representation



# Return On Investment

- The iterative approach of performance management keeps the company focus on reaching the target objectives
  - Online performance monitoring in control room allows to rapidly identify yield degradation due to incorrect operating parameters
  - Historical analysis allows the production manager to redefine better targets starting from the improved performance of the refinery



# ROI: increasing yield profitability

- e.g. Diesel yield

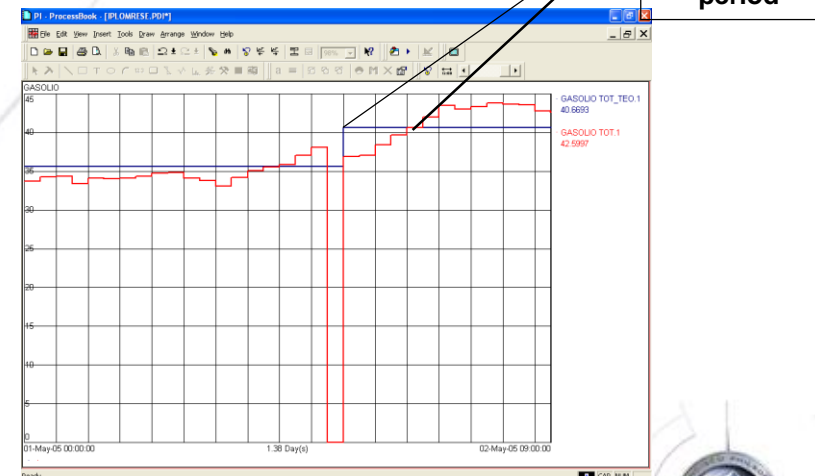
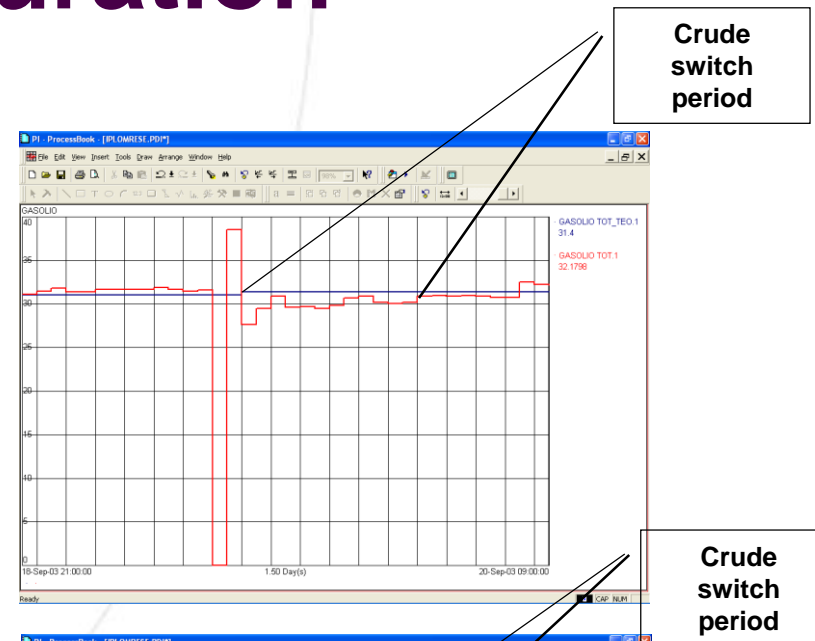
- Analyzing homogeneous data related to “sweet” crudes:
  - 2003 actual average diesel yield 37,4%
  - 2004 actual average diesel yield 39,6%
- Average actual diesel yield increased due both to investments on plants and to performance management
- Historical analysis on diesel yield showed that the average increase due to performance management amount to about 0.8% in the period 2003-2004
- This lead to a profit increase estimated in 1 M\$ per year





# ROI: crude switch duration

- Monitoring reconciled vs. target helped shift people to better control crude switch operations
- This result in reduction of the time needed to complete crude switch and to reach the targeted performance
- Just considering the loss of diesel (degradation to fuel oil) during the crude switch, the estimated saving is about 0.3 M\$ per year



# Organizational benefits

- The reduction of the deviation between planned and actual yields (e.g. diesel from 2.2% to 1.3%) demonstrated how sharing information and involving people helped to reach the refinery targets
- The smart integration reached using OSI infrastructure allowed to focus engineers on the real business objectives
- Performance management approach allowed to keep production and plant management under control with a lean organization



# Future steps

- Performance management
  - Evaluation of blending efficiency to optimize the utilization of low-cost components
  - Composition tracking of complex operations between the coastal tanks and refinery to improve the quality of crude mix feed
- RtPM evolution
  - Introduction of RtPortal solution to distribute KPIs

