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AVEVA Process Optimization: Tips for Advanced Users

More value from online systems

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- Agile LP Vector Generation (*REPSOL*)

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- APO installed base: *Leverage Online Models*
- Challenge: *Reconsider the process*
- Objective: *Simple, Adaptable, & Appropriate*
- Solution: *Automated and Understandable*
- Summary: *Benefits & Conclusions*

*Nice extension of online modelling for more value
(remember all models are approximate)*

- New Interfaces (works in progress)

- APO application home page: *centralized access*
- Object based Excel xll add-in: *simplifies getting the answer to “what-if”*
- EDI via web-API with proof-of-concept Excel: *leverage update to improve work process*
- Solution analytics and explainer: *Move to presenting answers rather than tools*

Fit-for-purpose interfaces to improve efficiency



Agile LP Vector Generation from RTO at Repsol

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Introduction



Repsol

We are a global multi-energy provider working to drive the evolution towards a low-emissions energy model.

- Global multi-energy company: We are present throughout the entire value chain and market a wide range of products in 100 countries worldwide.
- Net zero emissions: We are leading the energy transition by being the first company in the energy sector to set the goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2050.
- Innovation: We have launched more than 280 digital initiatives to improve efficiency and safety and optimize resources.
- A talented team: We have a diverse team of more than 24000 employees representing 70 nationalities who work across 30 countries.

Introduction

APO Installed base at Repsol

- Repsol have APO installations as RTO in all their refineries
- There are CDU + VDU RTO close-loop applications, conversion units (HCK and HDT + FCC) RTO closed loop applications and refinery-wide Utilities RTO open-loop applications.
- In total there are 6 close-loop applications and 2 open-loop applications (Utilities) commissioned and 2 new applications under development. 3 of them include LP Vector generation functionality.

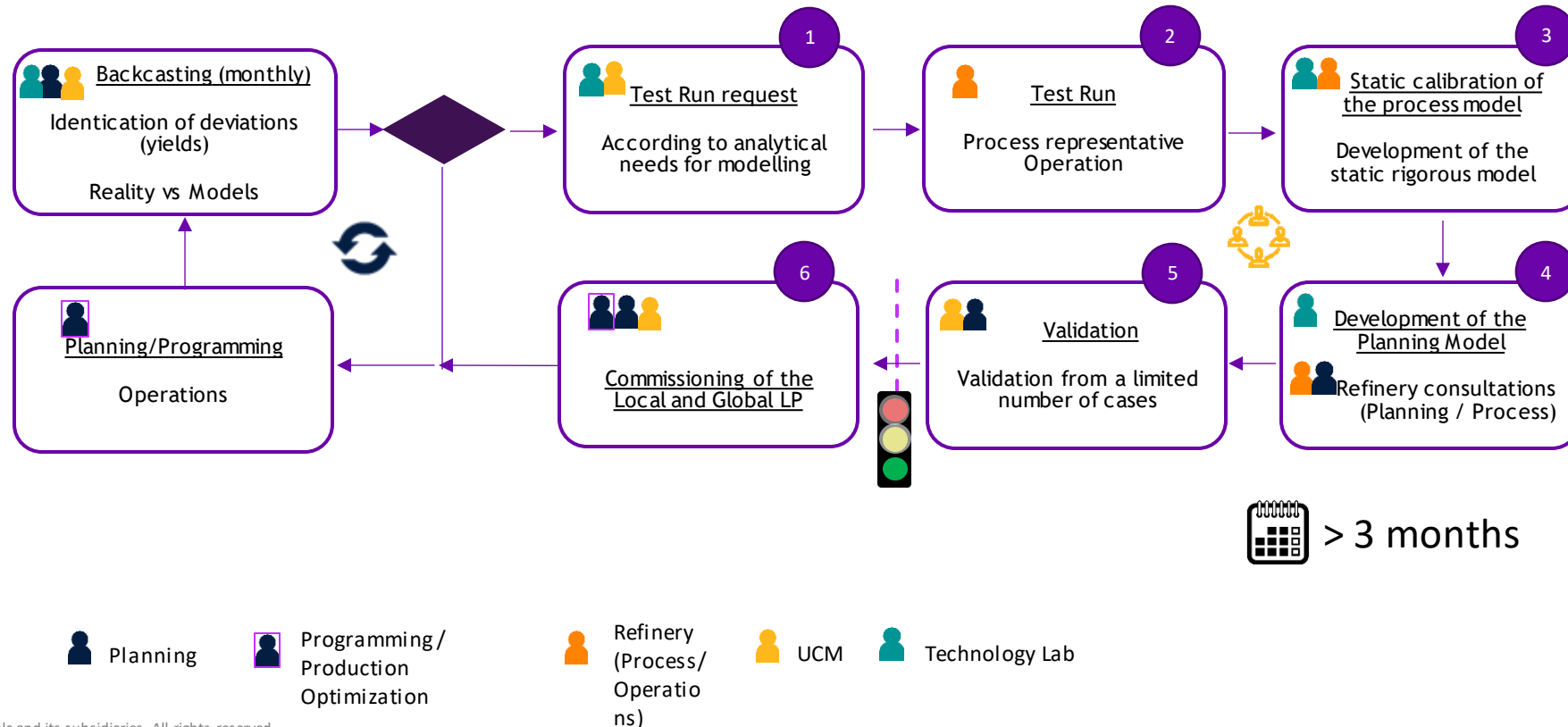


Challenge



Background: Repsol Previous Procedure for LP Vector Generation

Obtaining reliable production plans and programs depends on matching the simulation models of the refinery units with reality.



Challenge



Background: traditional procedure drawbacks

1. It requires a program of test-run execution to collect healthy data for vector calculation
2. It requires to Operations Department to keep constant feed and smooth operation for several cases.
3. It requires mobilization of resources from Lab, Operations, Technology, Planning,...
4. It is very time consuming of the different resources: several weeks to obtain new LP Vectors
5. It requires model development and maintenance specifically for LP vector generation, this is normally done by Technology group (a group that is not located in the refinery).
6. It is not possible to cover all the operation modes and situations (catalyst cycle life) with just Test runs.

Objectives



Agile LP Model Updates

- The objective is to develop a tool that allows monitoring the variables of the process automatically and calculate the performance vectors and characterization of the productions in an **agile** way and with less effort.
- The agile procedure must be accompanied by a comprehensive visualization of the quality of the generated LP vectors that allows comparison with reality and selection of the generated LP vector that best fits reality.

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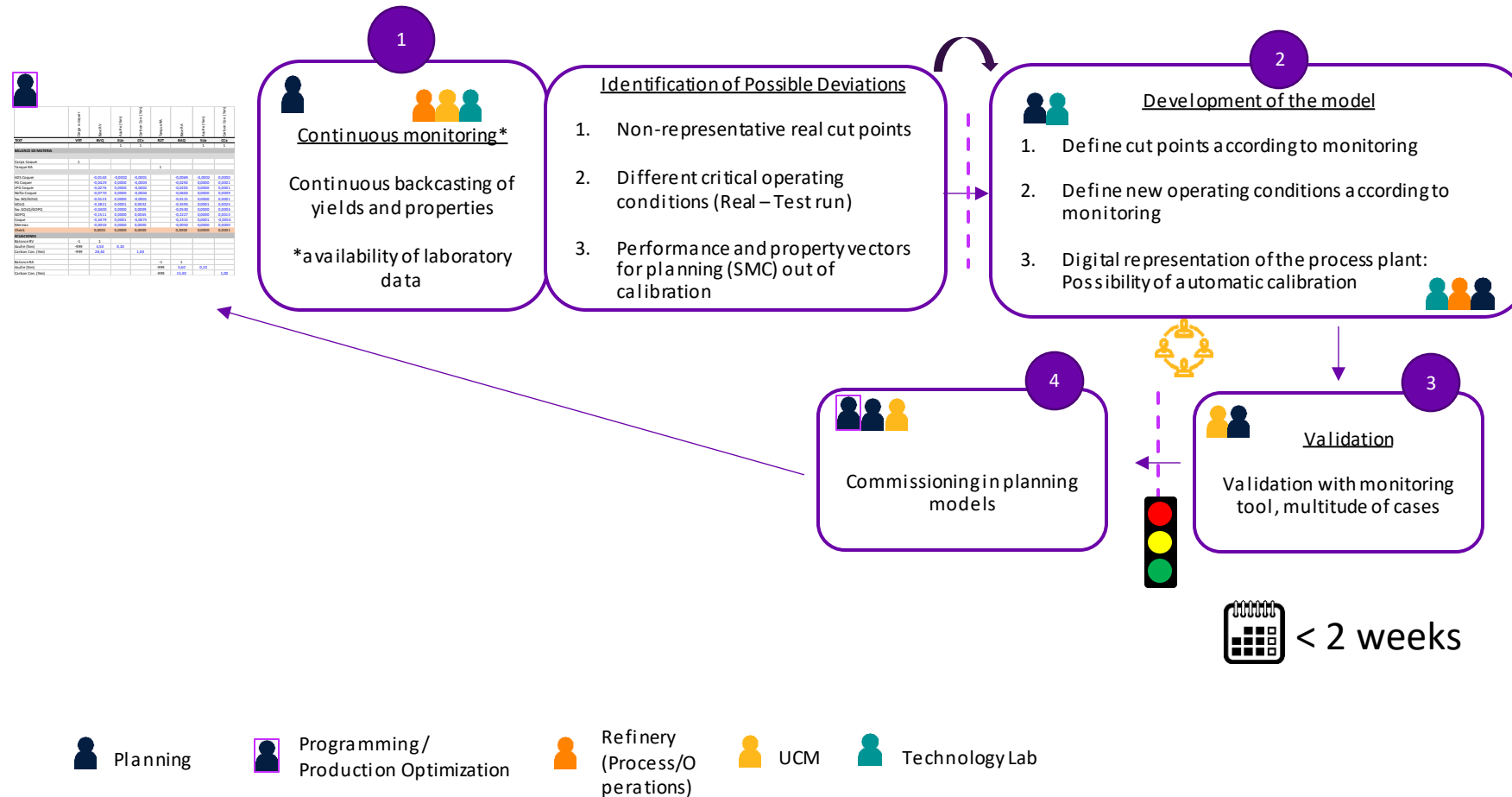
AVEVA RTO

- AVEVA RTO model and infrastructure includes all the necessary components to generate accurate LP vectors in a frequent and automatic way.
- AVEVA RTO continuous generated data allows the selection of the most accurate plant data for LP vector generation minimising the risk of unpredicted factors in the test-runs.
- AVEVA RTO continuous monitoring allows detecting changes in the behaviour of the main units due to the catalyst cycle, operational changes, etc. and being able to update the unit LP models with greater precision and frequency: product performance and quality

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Current LP Vector Generation Procedure at Repsol with AVEVA RTO

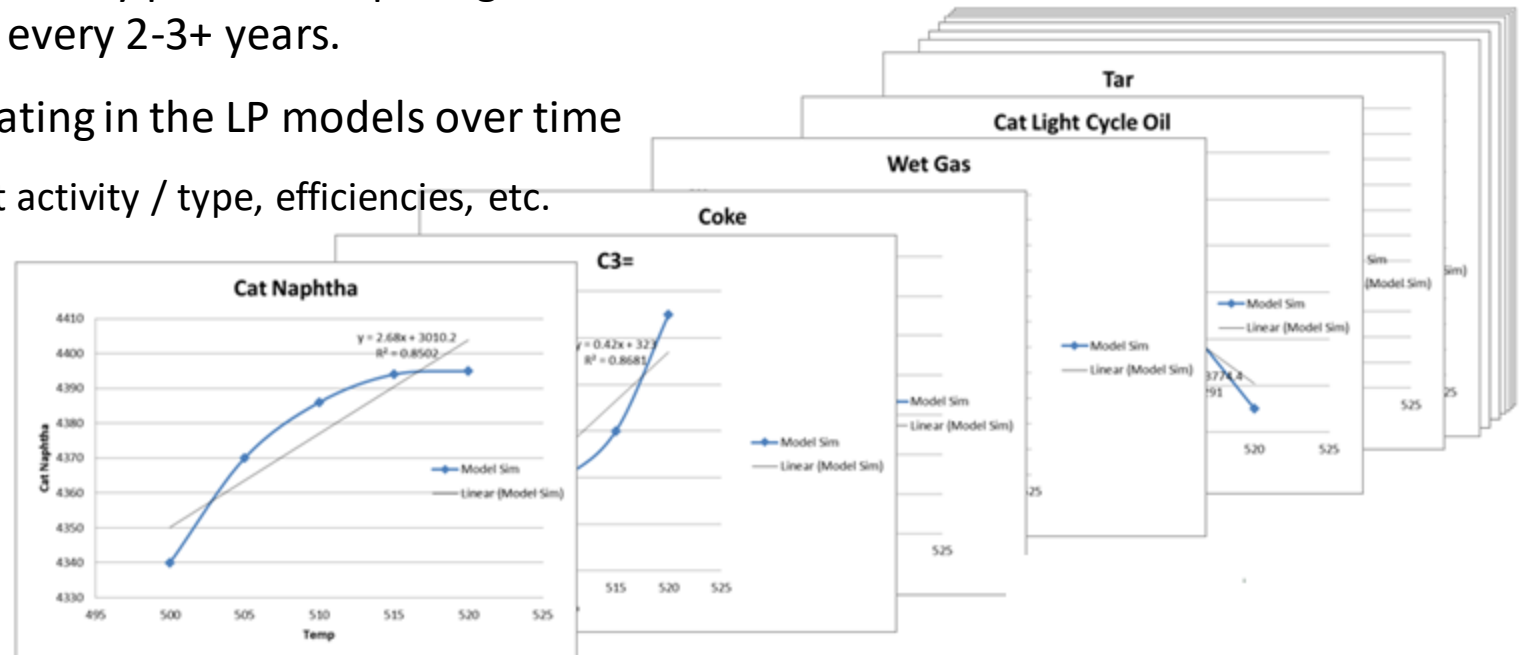


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Background: LP Update Usual Procedure

- Closed-form models are used to run hundreds of parametric cases, varying one independent variable at a time to simulate the response of all dependent variables, then regress the large amount of data to obtain the LP gains
- Due to the closed-form nature of models, the plant control relationships are not accurately reflected in the LP gains, making regular LP validation difficult, and introducing additional inaccuracies into the LP predictions
- Because this is such a time-consuming and costly process, requiring weeks/months of work to re-correlate the LP gains, such updates are made once every 2-3+ years.
- For this reason inaccuracies start accumulating in the LP models over time
 - Due to shifts in unit operating points, catalyst activity / type, efficiencies, etc.

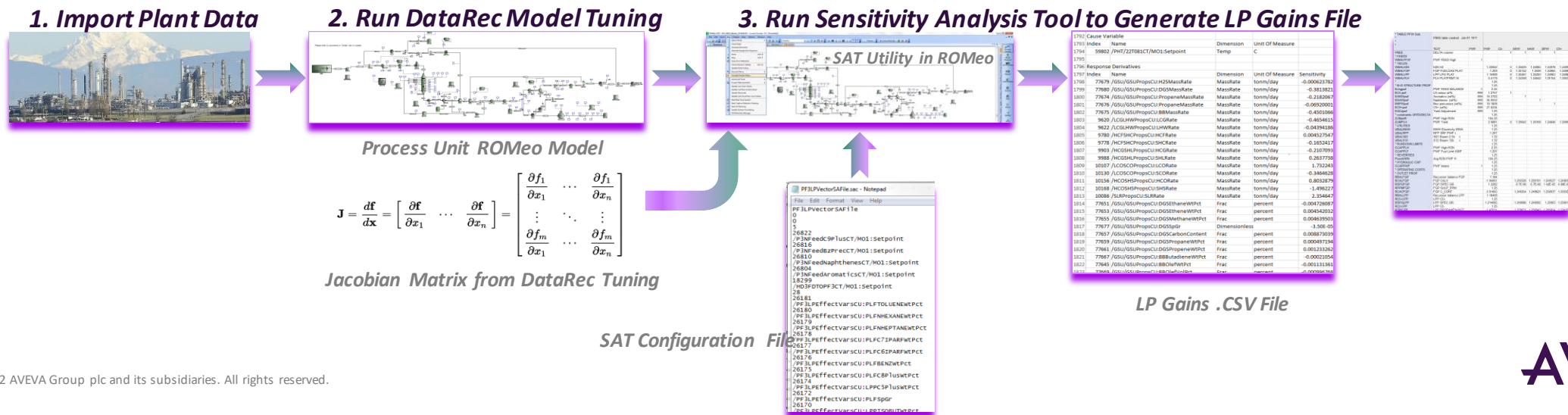


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Enabled by Open-Equation Models, Sensitivity Analysis Tool, Link to LP Modeling Tools

- When ROMeo solves the open-equation models it calculates the “Jacobian Matrix” containing all the derivatives needed to generate the LP gains
- The ROMeo Sensitivity Analysis Tool (SAT) is then run to report out the LP gains
 - It generates the “Gain Matrix” containing the desired LP gains between “Cause” and “Effect” variables
 - The ROMeo execution sequence to update the LP gains for a process unit is shown below
- Allows automatic LP gain updates when needed (several times per year), instead of every 2-3+ years

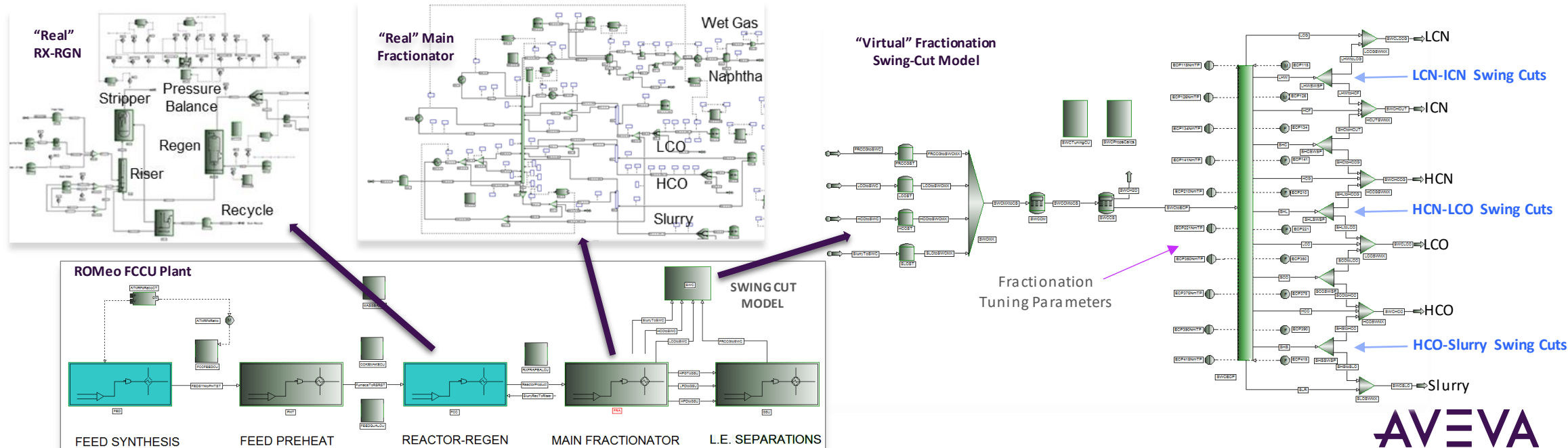


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Model Includes the Scope of the “Real” Plant, and also a “Virtual” Plant Needed for LP Gains



- The “Real” plant model covers the full and detailed scope of the actual process unit
 - Feed characterization, reactor unit geometry/catalyst, product fractionation, product qualities, process control strategies
 - This degree of model fidelity ensures the model uses all key process measurements to tune the model correctly
- The “Virtual” product fractionation model calculates gains the planning LP needs to optimize product cut-points
 - Called “swing cuts”, they are that portion of a side-stream that can be cut into a lighter or heavier product stream
- The DataRectuning strategy ensures the “Virtual” model correctly predicts “Real” process unit responses for yields and qualities
 - Product yields and qualities (SpGr, Distillation, ...) must be the same between “Real” and “Virtual” models

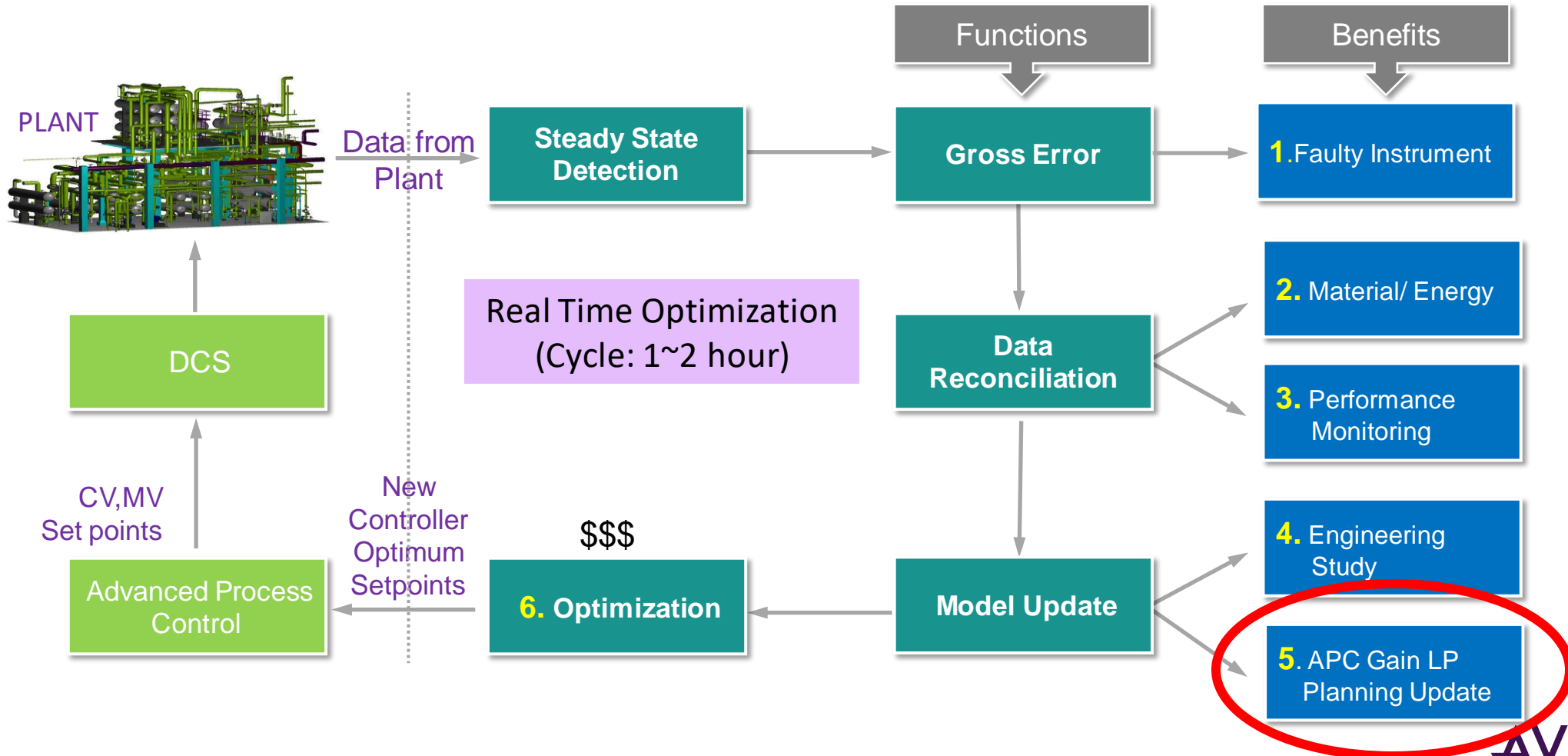


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Fits in the AVEVA Real Time System – fully automatic LP generation

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Twin Benefits

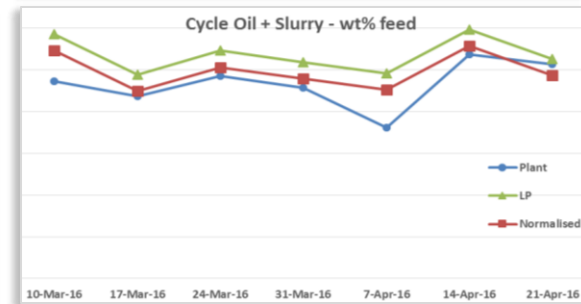
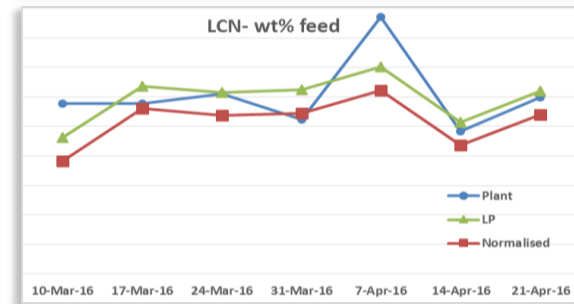
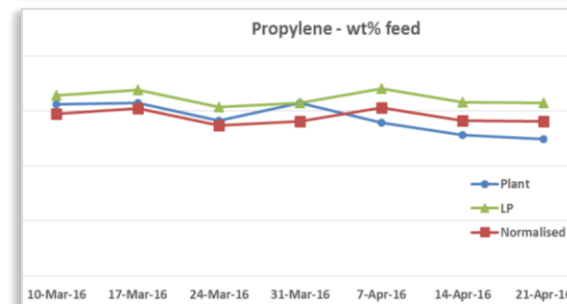
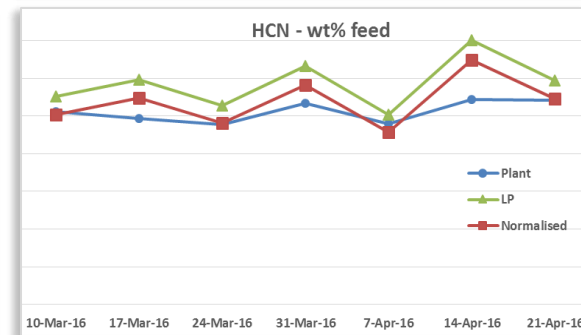
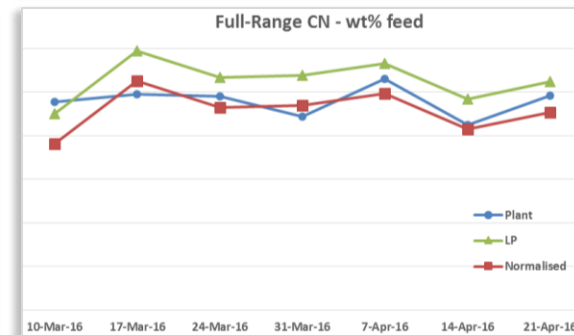
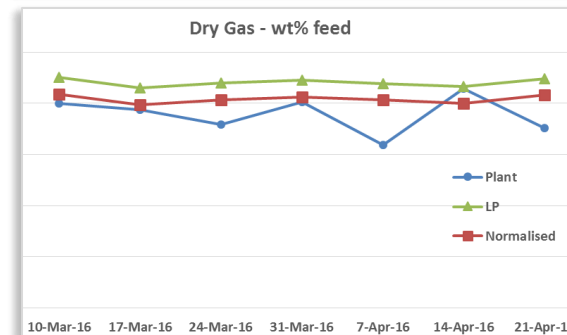
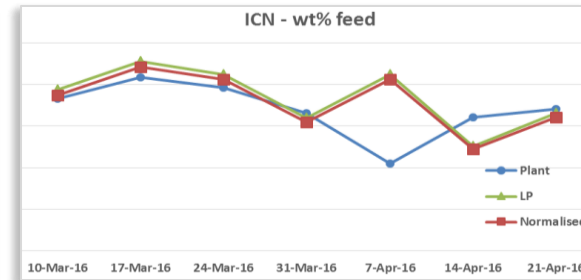
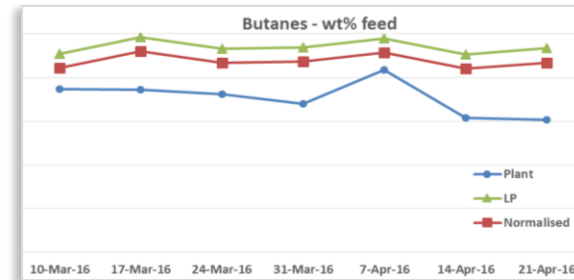
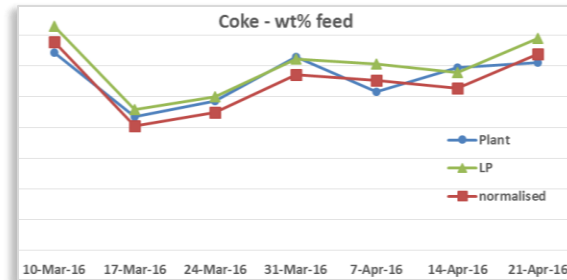


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Planning LP Updates Triggered by LP Accuracy Monitoring

- **LP Validation Tool:**

- An Excel sheet with the LP sub-model and latest ROMeo gains, linked to plant data
- Plant data is imported for all “Cause” and key “Effect” variables, to compare LP predictions to actual plant trends
- “Cause” variables are feed properties (CCR, Dist., SG, Ni, V, ...), RX operating conditions
- “Effect” variables are yields, key properties
- Recent plots show good agreement of LP vs. actual plant yields – can continue using the current LP gains!
- When deviations start increasing, it's time to update the LP gains using the ROMeo model.
- Tool allows the selection of most accurate LP vector automatically.



Project Implementation



Implementation experience at Repsol

- Main challenges of LP Vector generation implementation at Repsol:
 - RTO and planning groups at the refinery are different groups with different necessities and approaches.
 - The plant scope for the RTO model and the LP model may be slightly different.
 - The mass balance calculation of the LP model uses different assumptions from the RTO mass balance.
 - The performance testing takes long due to the nature of the planning work process: it requires back-casting to assess the accuracy of the model at the end of each month.
- Key Points for Success:
 - Close collaboration between the AVEVA team and the Repsol planning team.
 - Project execution flexibility to consider that the performance assessment may take extended time due to the nature of the planning work process.

Benefits & Conclusions



- Very agile automatic LP vector generation that allows vector review and change on a monthly basis.
- Reduce of the cost of the LP Vector generation to a few hours of a planning engineer.
- The RTO model generates the LP vector so maintenance is included
- The data generated by the RTO substitutes the test-run.
- Early detection of LP prediction deviations.
- Continuous LP vector generation in all different actual operation modes and situations.

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New Interfaces

for Improved Marginal Returns

APO application home page: *Centralized access*

Object based Excel xll add-in: Answering “what-if”

EDI via web-API: *leverage to improve the work process*

New fit-for-purpose interfaces to improve efficiency

Solution analytics and explainer:

Presenting answers rather than developing tools

Will distribute video demonstrations through Global
Customer Support Web-site by year-end

★ APO application home page

APO Optimization Monitor - Centralized access to results and new functionality

- Web based application health monitoring across a corporate network
 - Typical tracking of measurement errors, objective functions, constraints, robustness, etc.
- Visualization for understanding (not a competitor to historians)
 - Performance trending, performance monitoring, stream factors, equipment KPIs
- Centralization of access to new tools (mostly version independent)
- Status
 - Responding to feedback from beta, updates in progress, will release in Q4

★ AVEVA Process Optimization: “What-if” landing page

Centralized repository of template worksheets

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AVEVA Process Optimization: Data Models landing page

Centralized management and qualification of databases

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Example of Excel “What-if” Workflows

tonm/hr	Balance	-116.10	-116.10	tonm/hr
%	%	-16.51	-16.51	%

Get Default data

Run BGC 191 SD case

Run BGC 291 SD case

Run Stab 122 SD case

Run Stab 222 SD case

Run ASAB-2 141 SD case

Run ASAB-2 241 SD case

Run Div Gas Compr SD case

Run RGC 196 SD case

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Macros

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Run ASAB-1 & 2 SD case

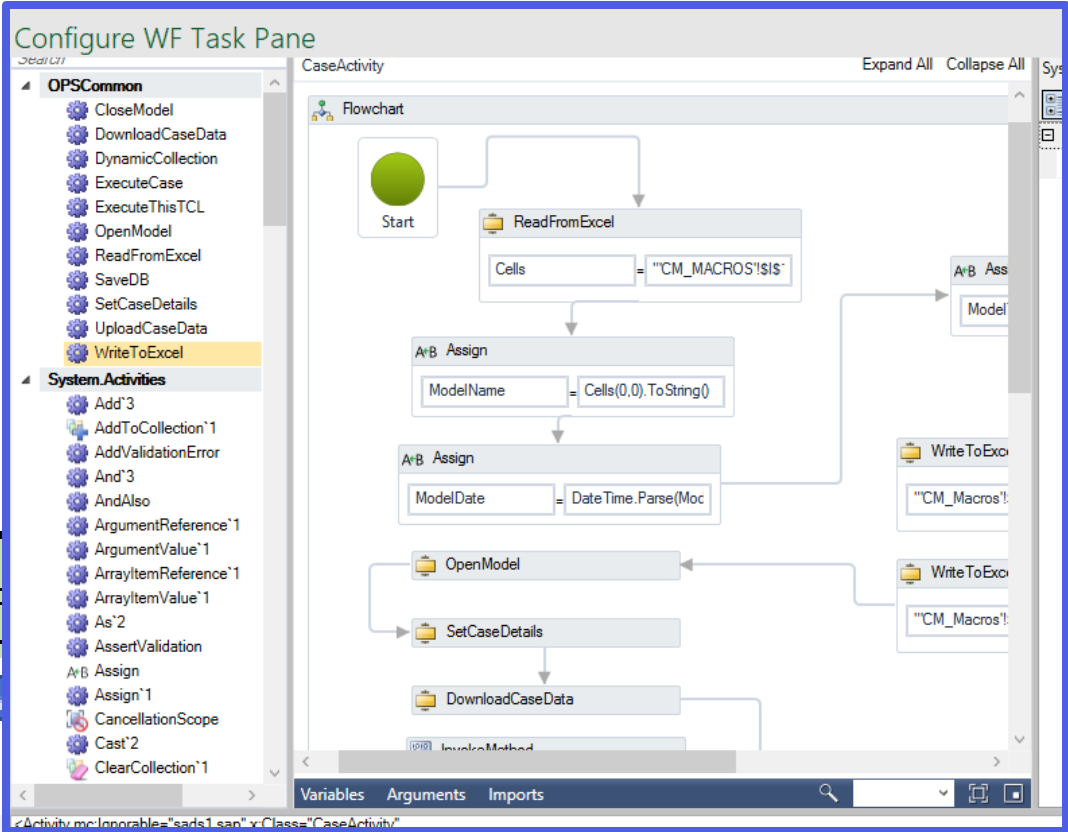
Run AGC 153 Tr-A SD case

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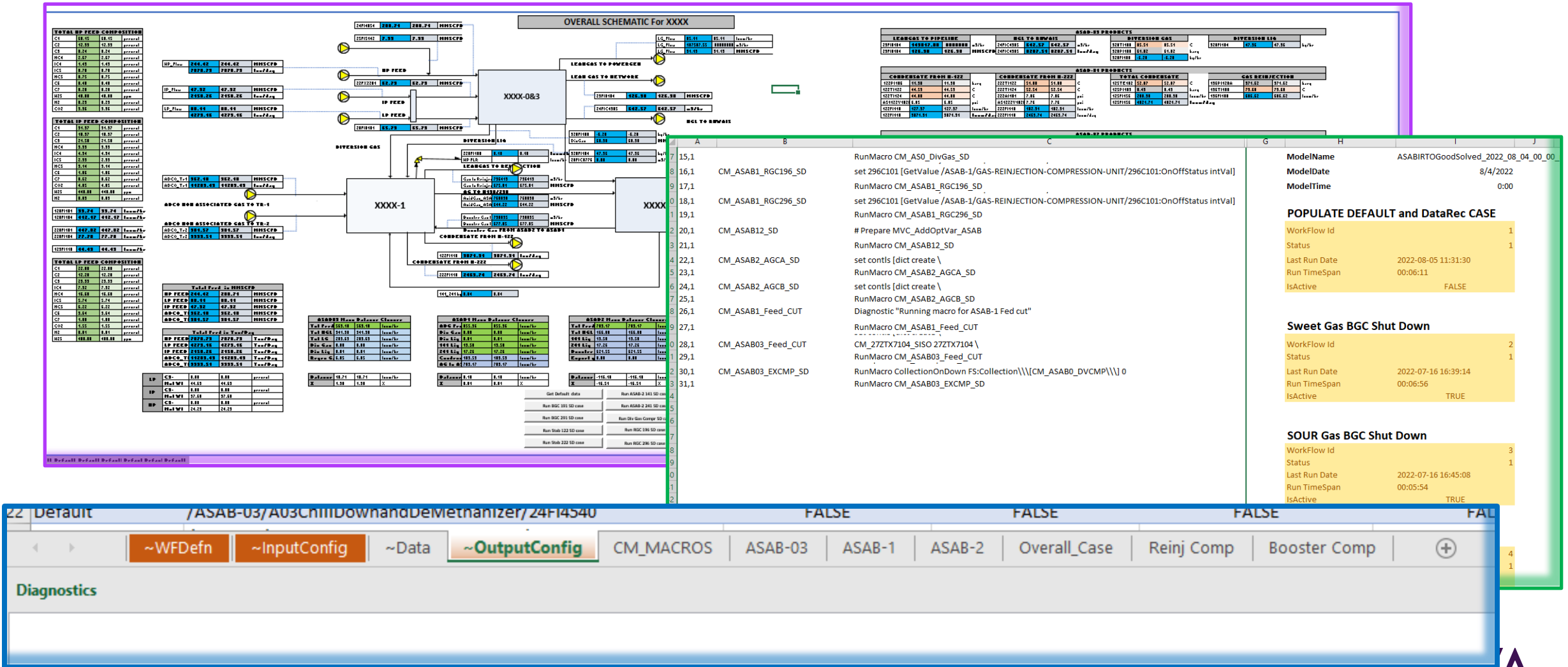
Run ASAB-1 Feed cut case

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Run A0 EX/RC SD case



Excel “What-if” Overall Flowsheet and Data sheets





Excel / Web API

Primary use case: “What-if” analysis (all solver modes) in an RTO plant environment

- Robust to changes in Excel layout
- Macros in Excel improve compatibility as models evolve
- Size is only limited by Excel – have run with thousands of tags
 - Slow on retrieval but display responds within seconds
- Version independent, COM/DCOM or Web API (local vs web)
- Streaming diagnostics for model status
- Used on several projects, development is ongoing



★ EDI via Web-API:

AVEVA Process Optimization 2022 and later

- Persistence is Text Based
- It is accessible independent of the MAServer and Real Time System
- Exploring Alternate Interface – Excel Proof-of-Concept to understand use cases
 - Edit file in Excel, export to text, EDI in the MAServer or RTS will update according
 - Data can be accessed from the Excel through the Web-API or browser-based tools
 - Deploys independent of Process Optimization for pre-release testing and support
- Next step, solicit input:
 - for “measurement functionality” in EDI and purpose-built GUI for configuration

★ Solution Analytics and Explainer

Comments only

- Long term effort with the ultimate goal being a report stating “why it did what it did”
- Interim solution is a tool for investigation that produces understanding
- Analytics is undergoing review with customers and subsequent revisions
 - Review consists of using the tool for a problem investigation, the customer learns the technology, development learns the characteristics of the problems and by observation, better ways to meet requirements – it is an ongoing process
- Important points: Solution Analytics is mostly independent of the APO version. Some modes execute completely independent of the server. Most new functionality does NOT require changes to the MAServer or the Solver.



★ Summary

- Video demonstrations through Global Customer Support Web-site by year-end
- Input on specific topics such as the best way to solicit and collect feedback, organization of material, depth of technical discussion, use and possible distribution of sample problems, techniques for presentation (e.g., keyword searchable transcripts, voice generators), etc.
- Builds on current engagements with customers in terms of support and agile development
- New interfaces and tools are provided as part of standard software maintenance

Innovation requires a cycle of feedback, learning, and adaptation to achieve adoption.

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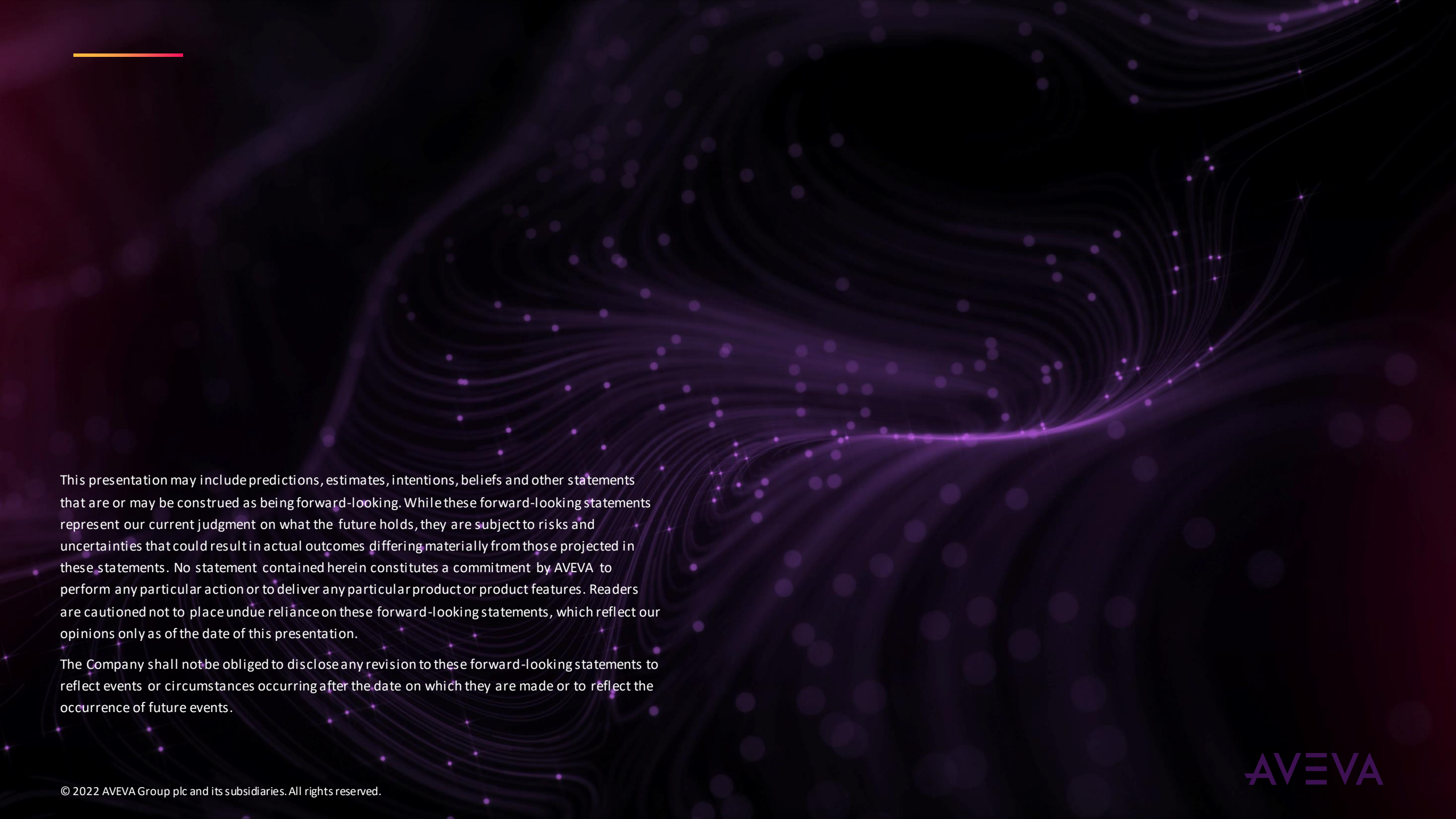


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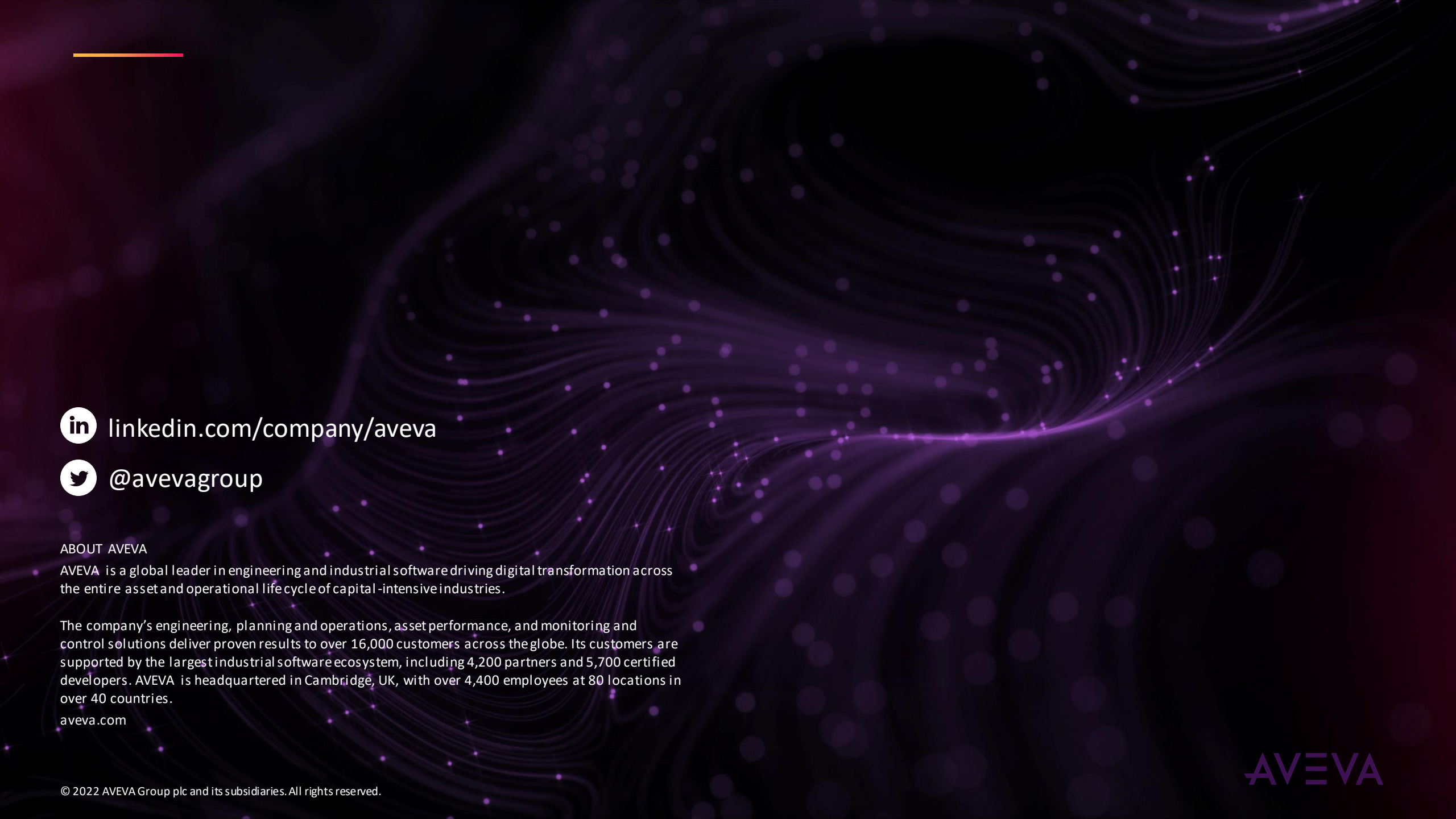



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