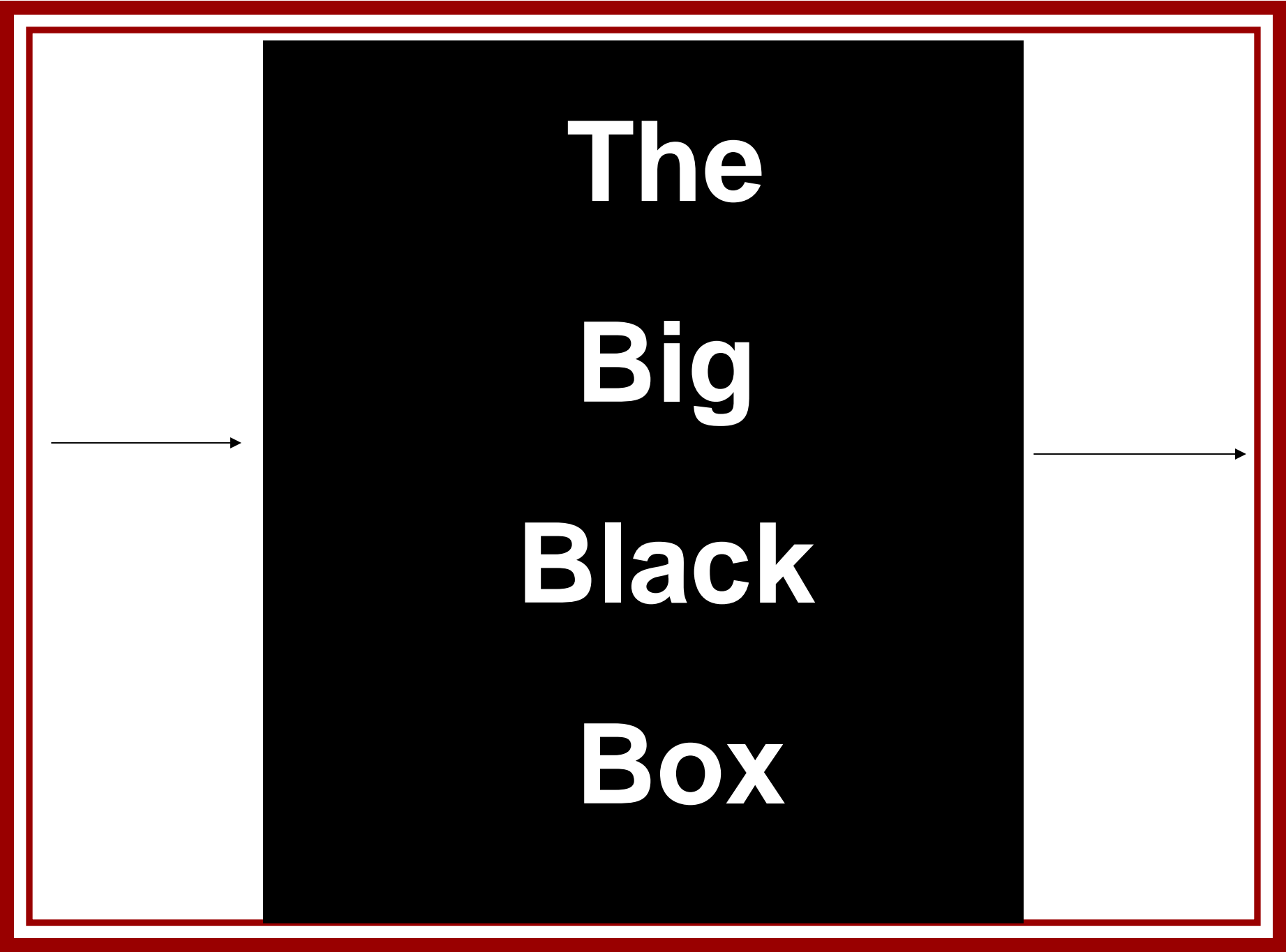


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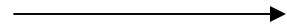


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The Big Black Box

Crude B

Crude A

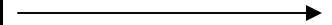


Crude C

Costs

The Big Black Box

Demand



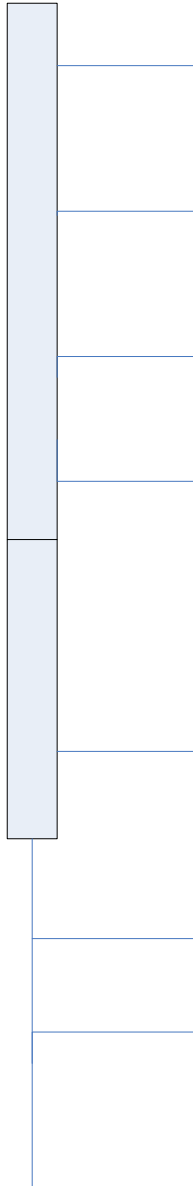
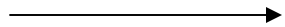
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Crude B

Crude A

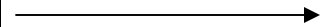
Crude C

Costs

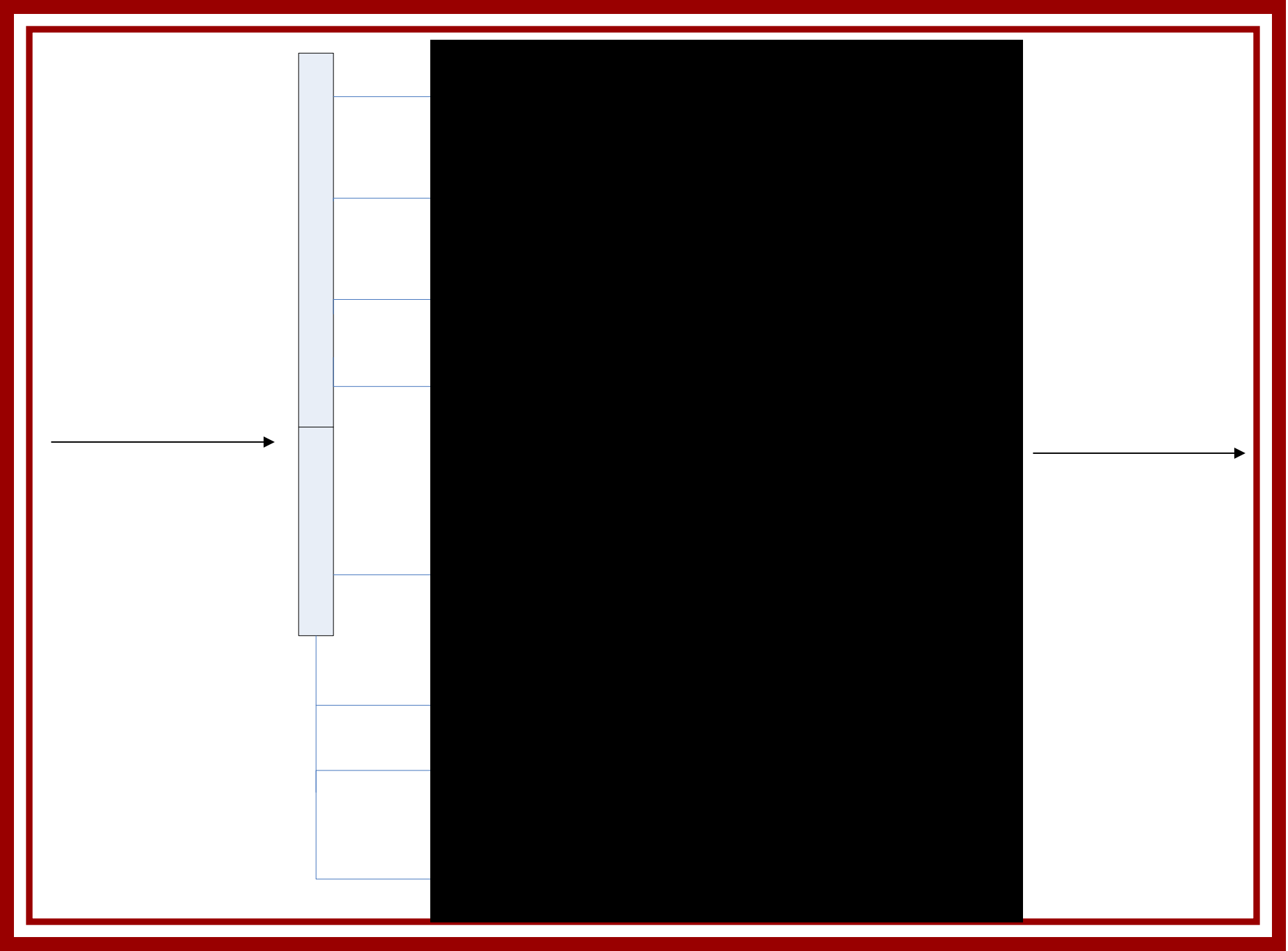


**The
Big
Black
Box**

Demand



Profit



Hydrotreating

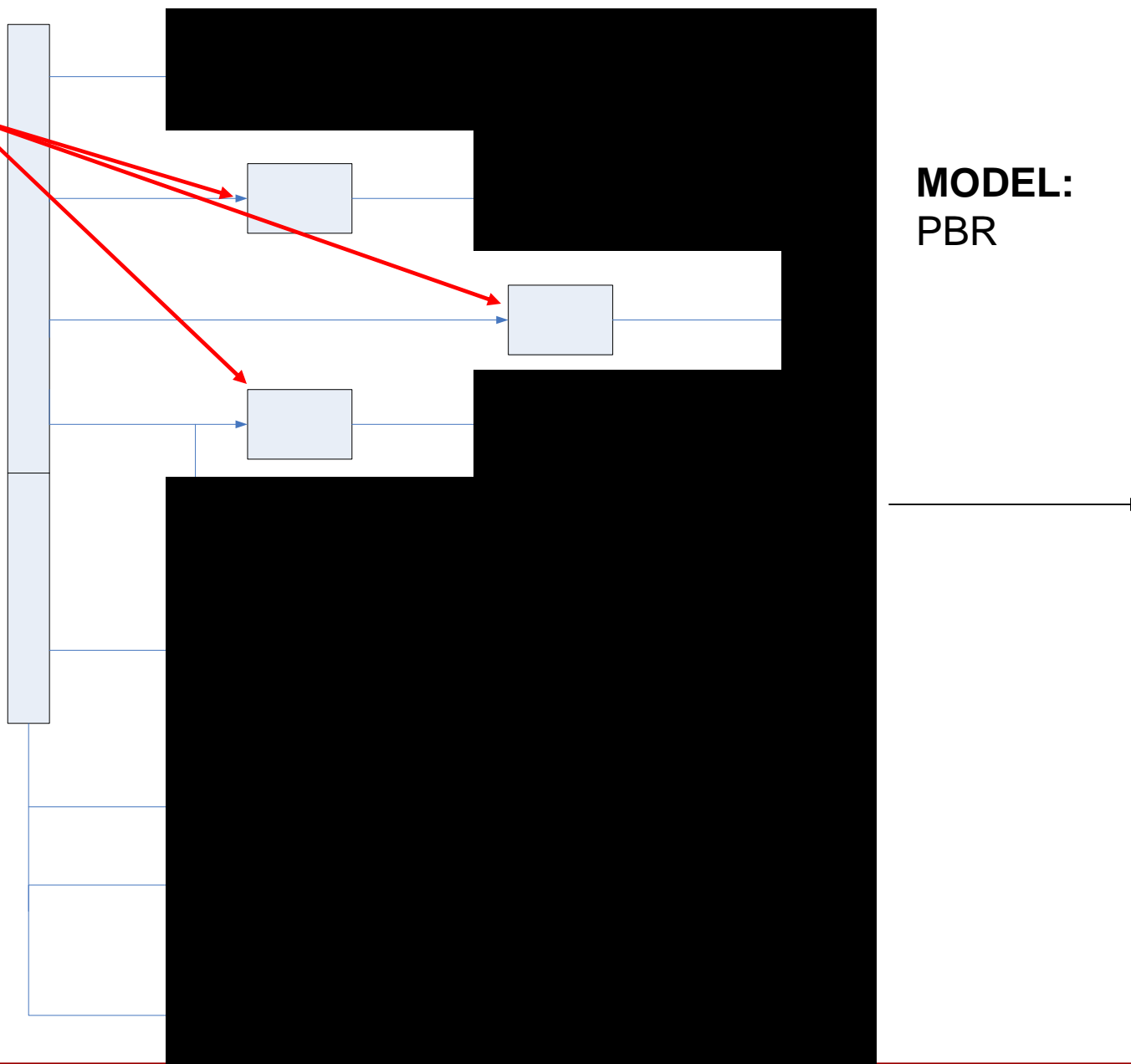
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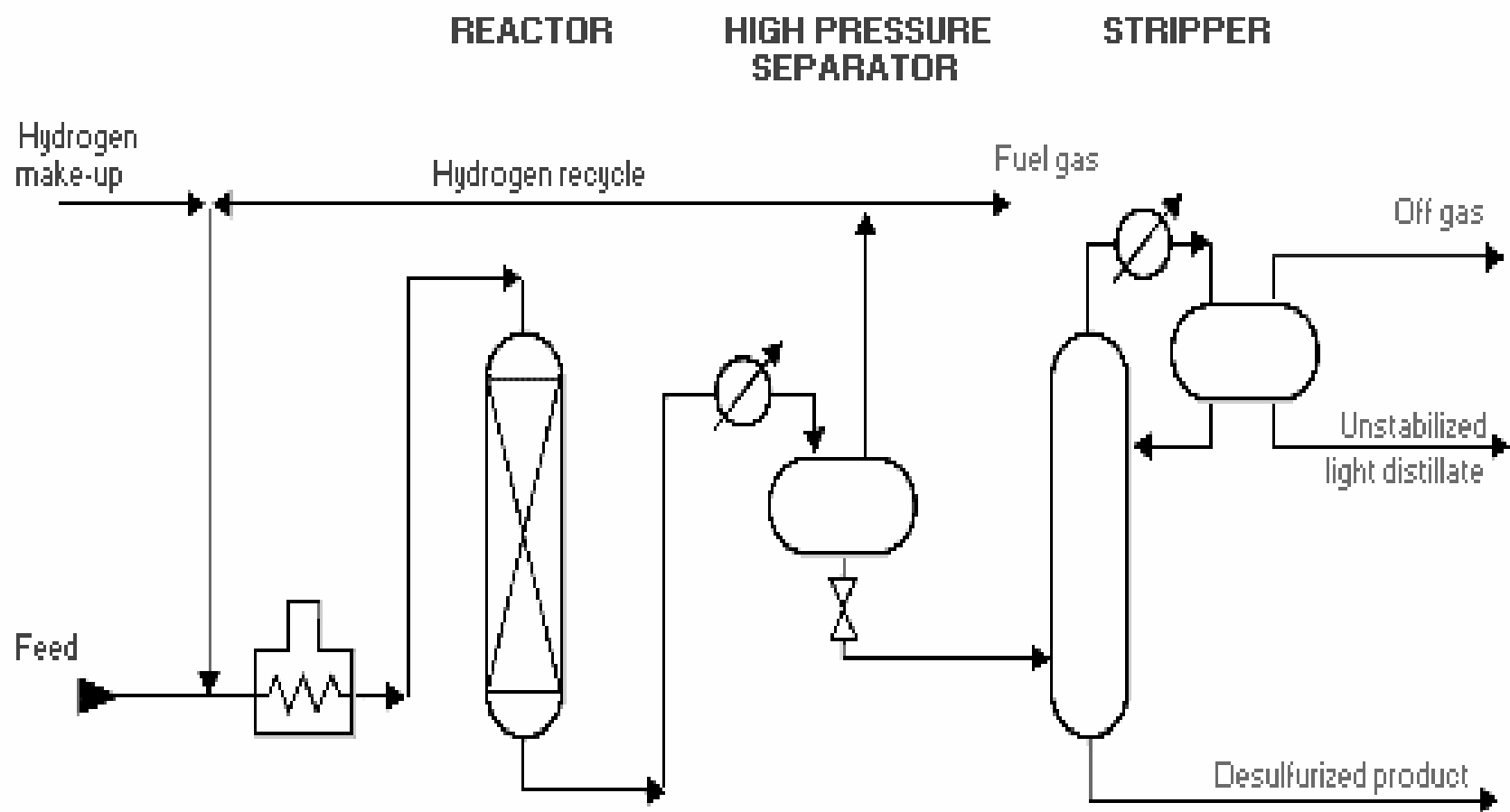
Temperature
Pressure
H₂/HC Ratio
Sulfur %
Nitrogen %

OUTPUT:

Sulfur %
Nitrogen %
Aromatic %

MODEL:
PBR

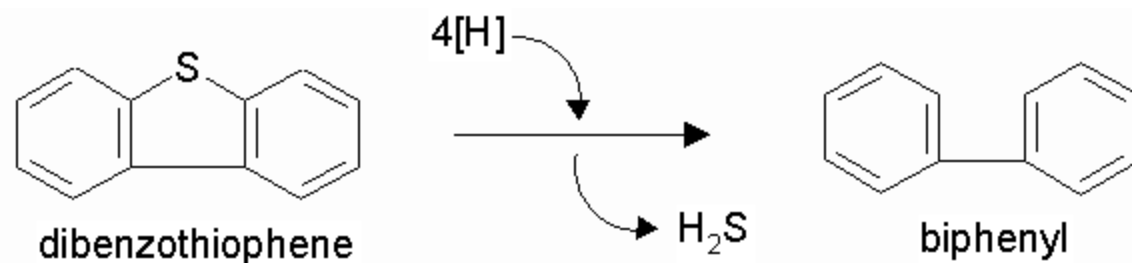




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Hydrotreating

- Removal of sulfur, nitrogen, and aromatics.
- Government regulations are leading to increased sulfur removal requirements.

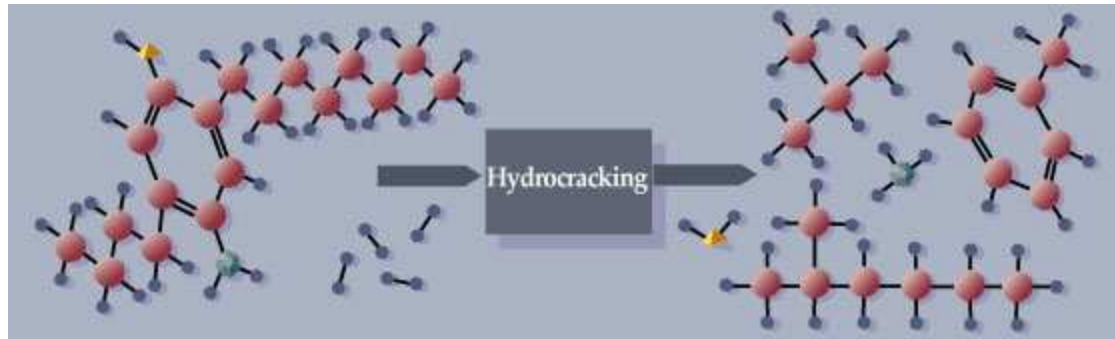


Typical Processing Conditions

	Space velocity	H ₂ /HC	H ₂ Pressure (psia)	Temperature (°C)
Naptha	1.0-5.0	300	200	290
Middle Distillate	1.0-4.0	800	400	330
Light Gas Oil	0.7-1.5	1500	700	425
Heavy Gas Oil	0.75-2.0	2000	800	355

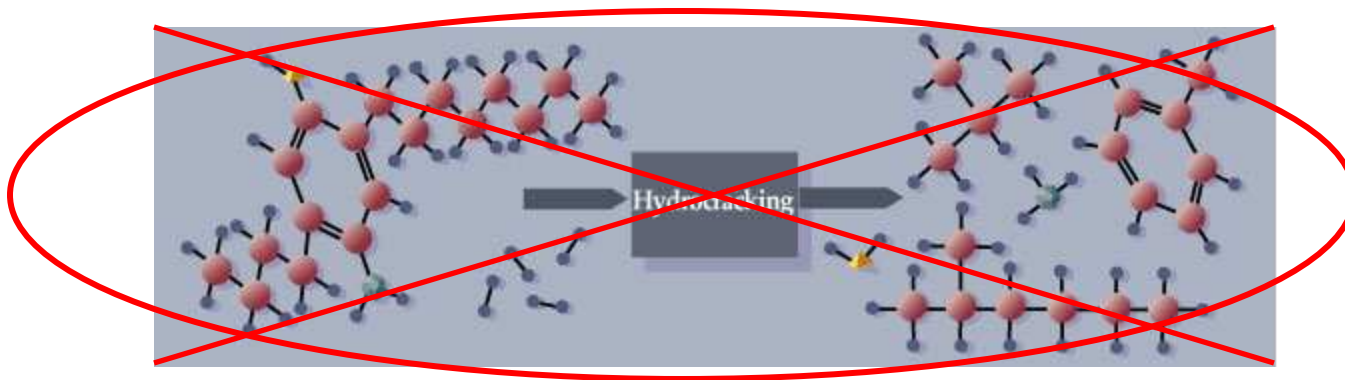
Hydrotreating

- Cracking is assumed to be insignificant.
 - Therefore, properties such as density and molecular weight are assumed to be constant.



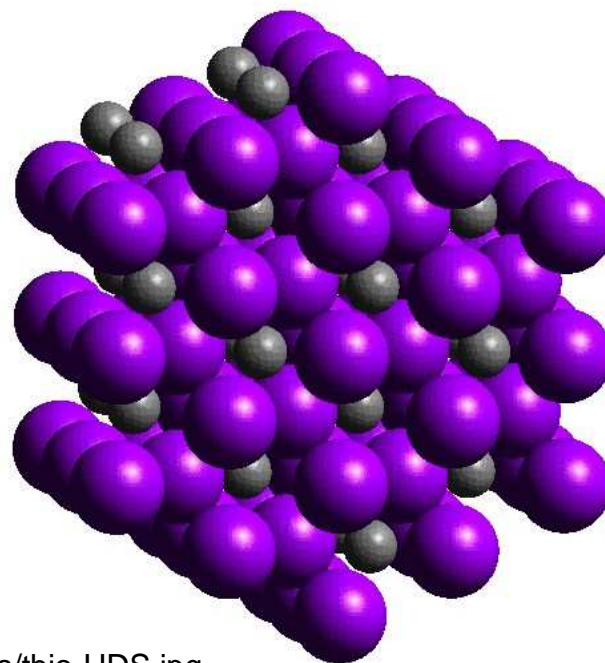
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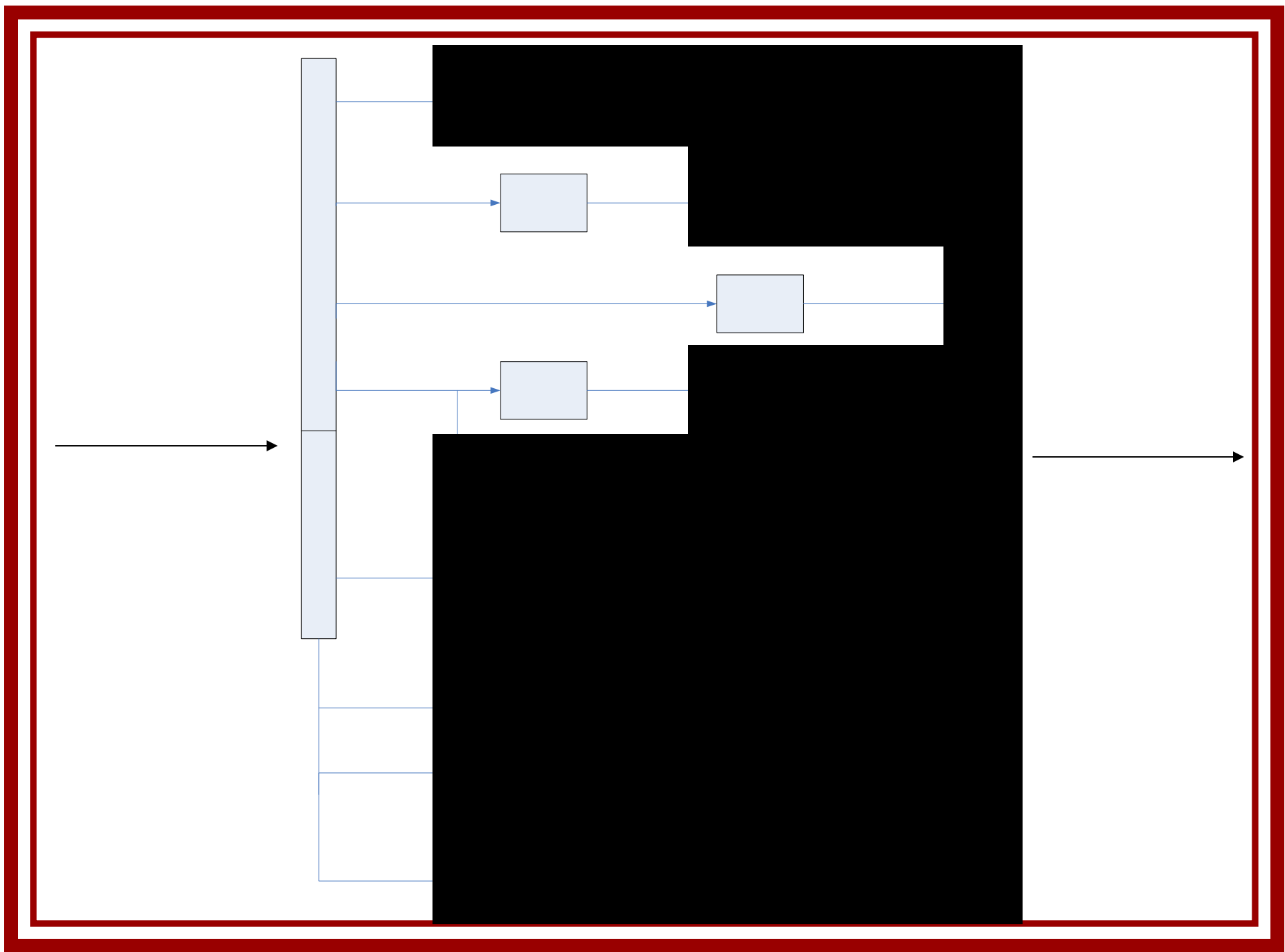
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 - Therefore, properties such as density and molecular weight are assumed to be constant.



Hydrotreating Model

- For MoCo catalyst reaction rates are:
 - $\text{Rate}_s = k_s C_s^2 C_{H_2}^{.75}$
 - $\text{Rate}_n = k_n C_n^{1.4} C_{H_2}^{.6}$
 - $\text{Rate}_{ar} = k_{ar} C_{ar} C_{H_2}$





Delayed Coking

INPUT:

CCR

Pressure

OUTPUT:

Gas Oil

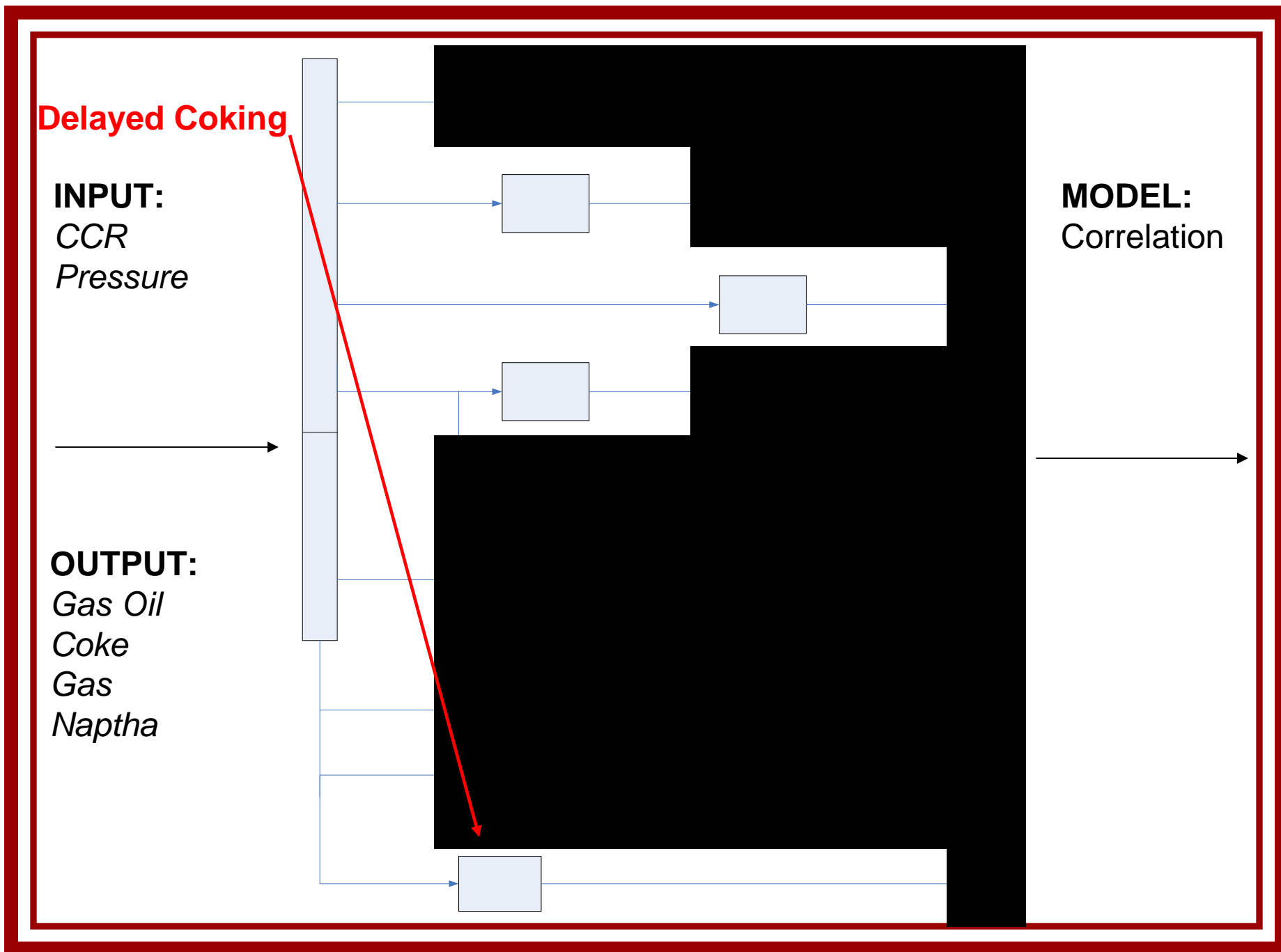
Coke

Gas

Naptha

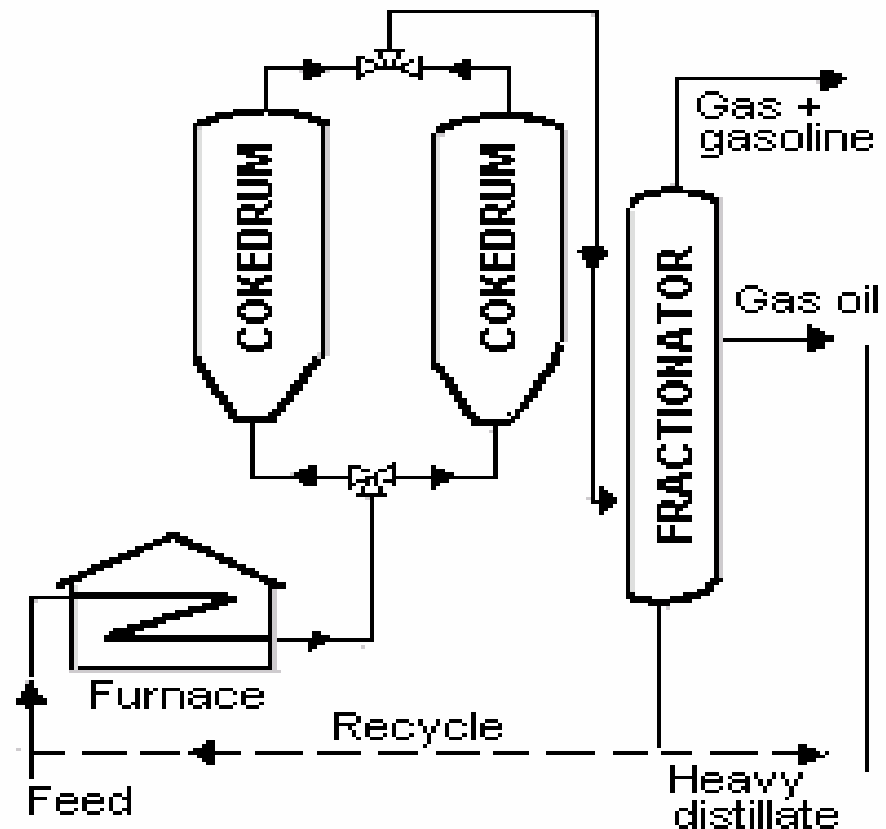
MODEL:

Correlation



Delayed Coking

- Used to process bottoms from the vacuum distillate.
- Breaks down this portion into usable naphthas, gas, and gas oil.



Delayed Coking

- Coke Products
 - Shot Coke
 - Sponge Coke
 - Needle Coke



Delayed Coking Model

- Most important parameter is the Conradson Carbon Residue.
 - $Coke = 1.6 \times CCR$
 - $Gas = 7.8 + .144 \times CCR$
 - $Naptha = 11.29 + .343 \times CCR$
 - $Gas\ oil = 100 - Coke - Gas - Naptha$
- This is an estimate from Gary and Handwerk

Effect of Pressure on Product

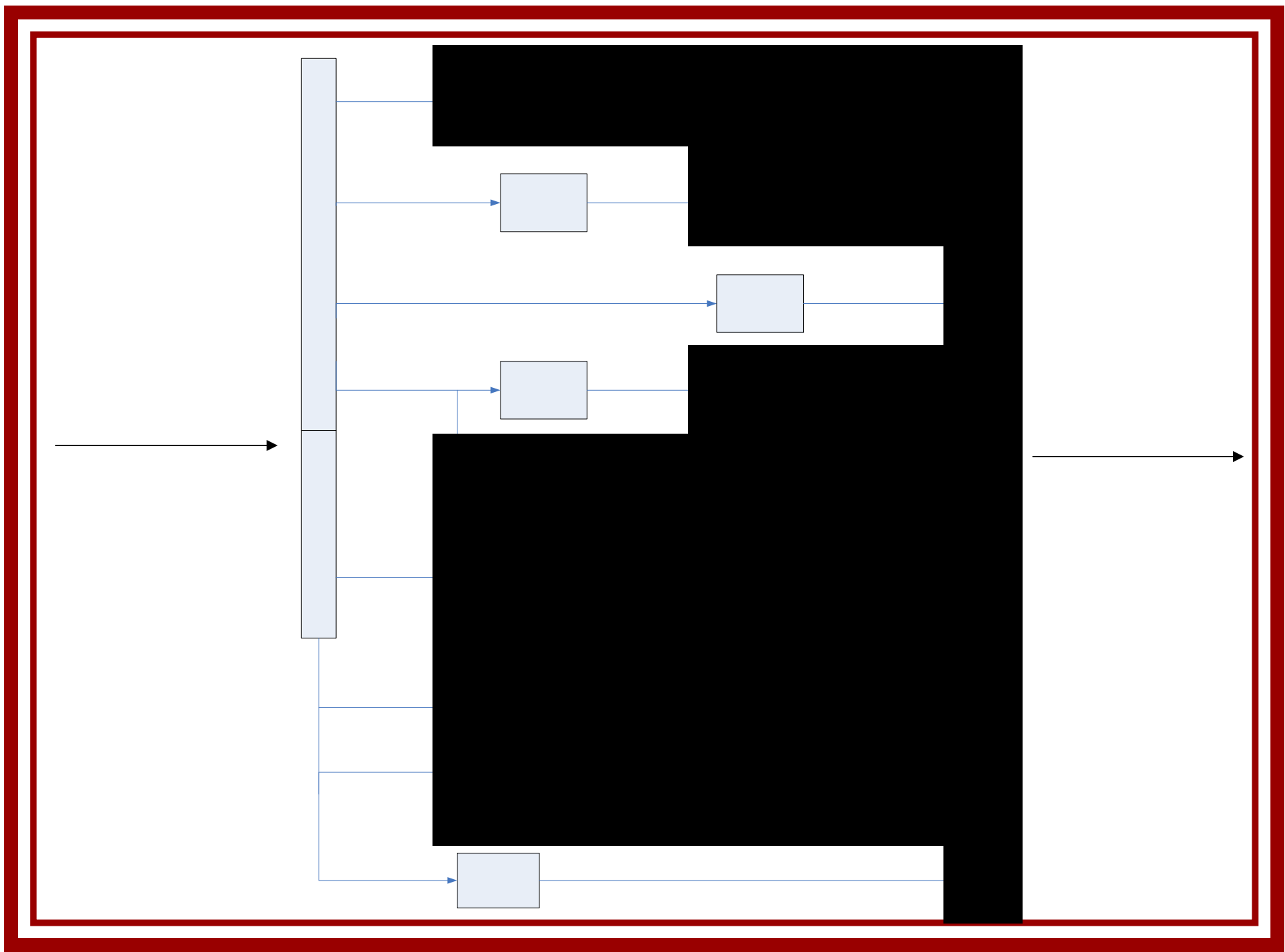
	CCR (wt%)	18.1	
	Correlation	15 psig	35 psig
Coke	29	27.2	30.2
Gas Yield	10.4	9.1	9.9
Naptha Yield	17.5	12.5	15
Gas Oil Yield	43.1	51.2	44.9

Delayed Coking Model

- Modified Equations
 - $Gas = (7.4 + (.1 \times CCR)) + (.8 \times (P-15)/20)$
 - $Naptha = (10.29 + (.2 \times CCR)) + (2.5 \times (P-15)/20)$
 - $Coke = (1.5 \times CCR) + (3 \times (P-15)/20)$
 - $Gas\ oil = 100 - Gas - Naptha - Coke$

New Correlation

	CCR (wt%)	18.1		
	Correlation (15 psig)	Correlation (35 psig)	15 psig	35 psig
Coke	27.2	30.2	27.2	30.2
Gas Yield	9.2	10.0	9.1	9.9
Naptha Yield	13.9	16.4	12.5	15
Gas Oil Yield	49.7	43.4	51.2	44.9



Catalytic Reforming

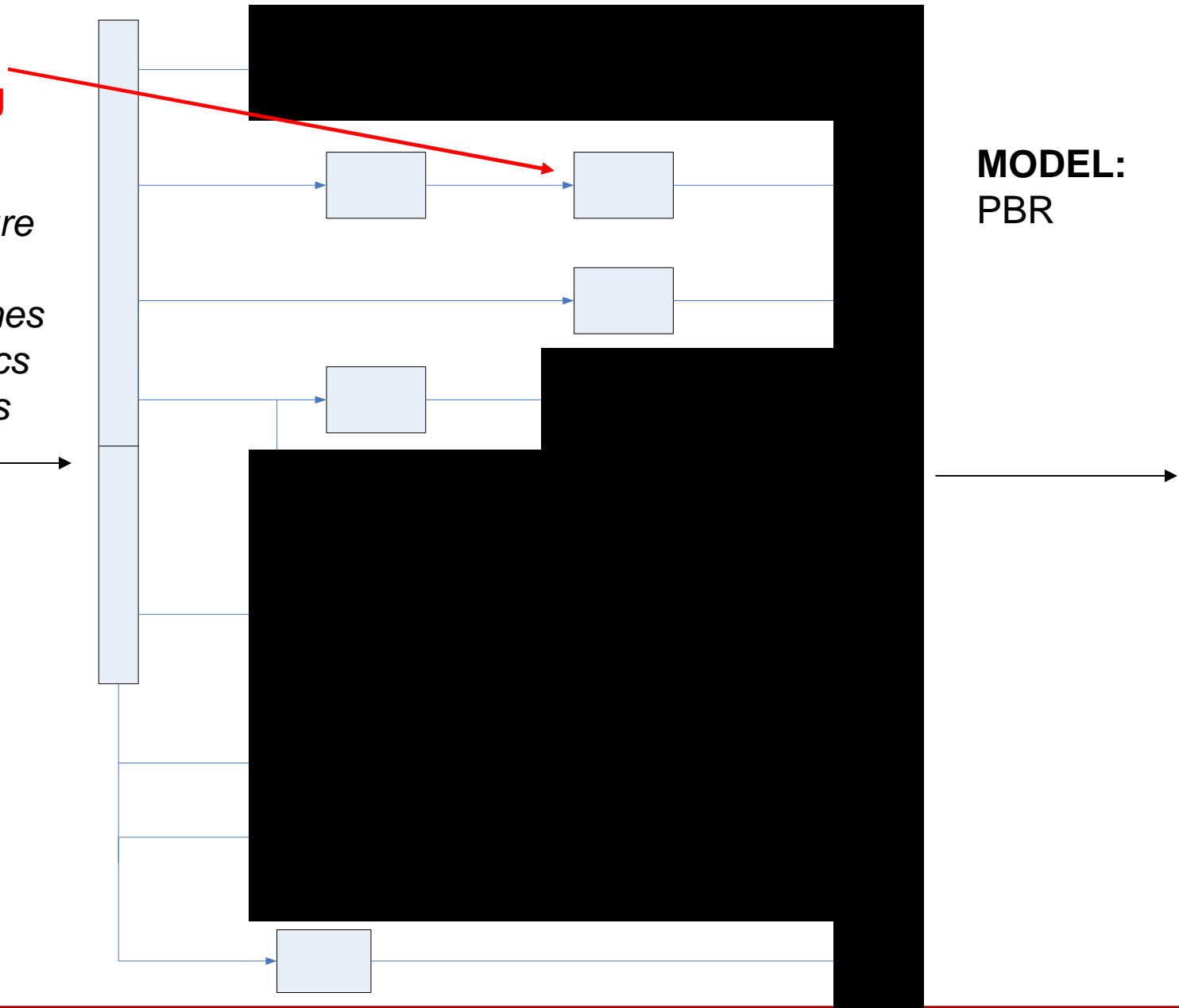
INPUT:

Temperature
Pressure
% Napthenes
% Aromatics
% Paraffins

OUTPUT:

Hydrogen
LPG
Reformate

MODEL:
PBR



Catalytic Reforming

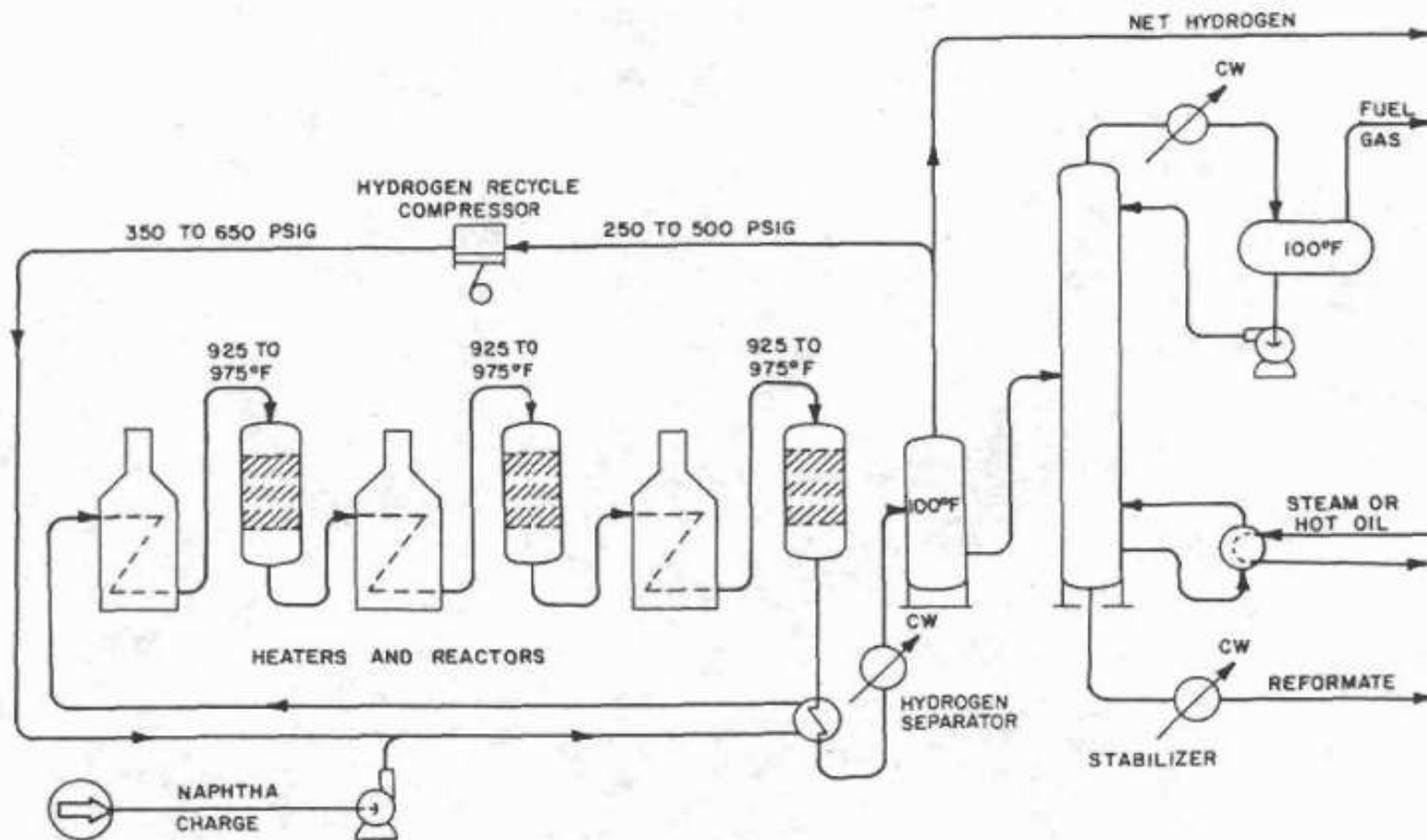
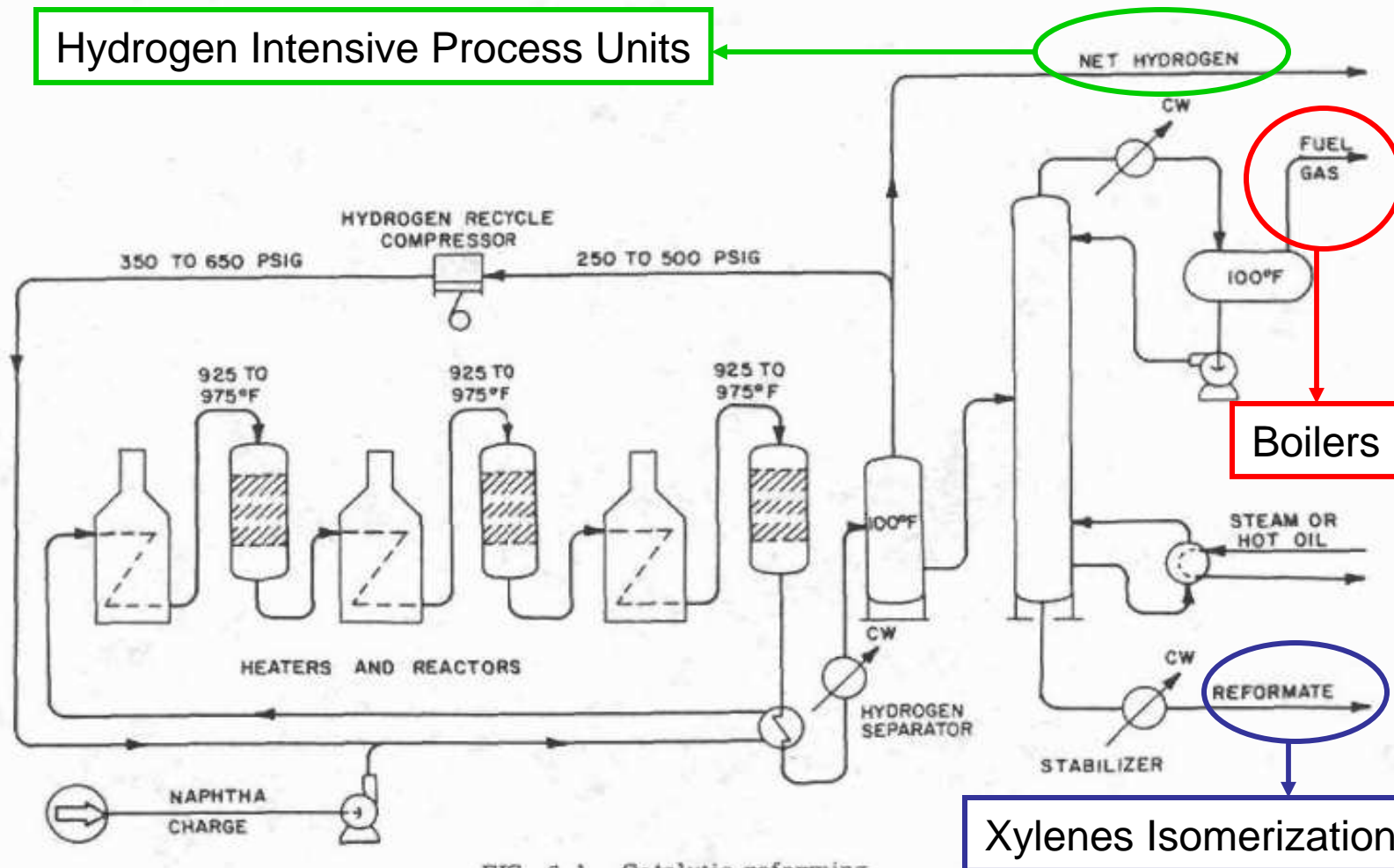


FIG. 6.1. Catalytic reforming

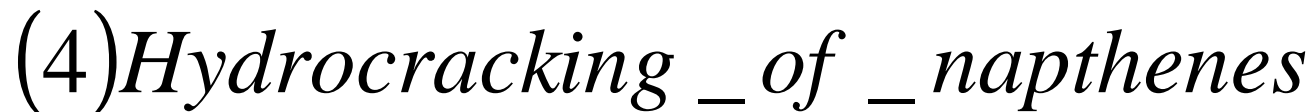
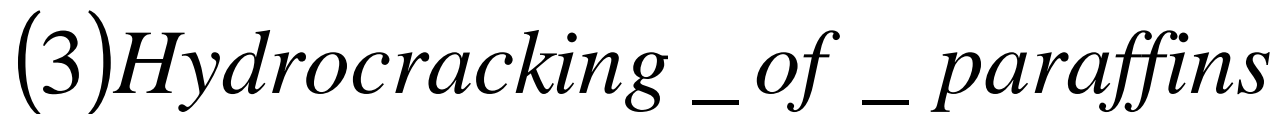
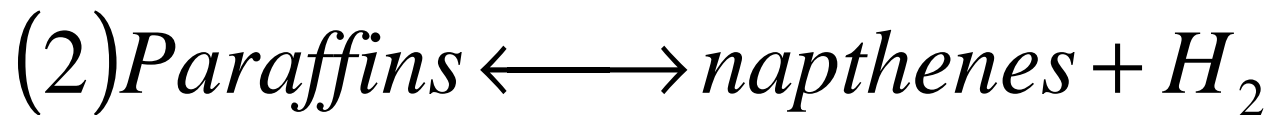
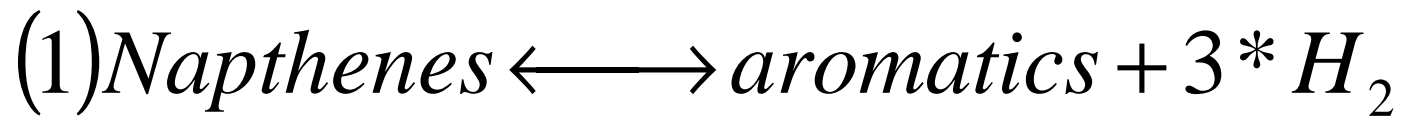
Catalytic Reforming

Hydrogen Intensive Process Units

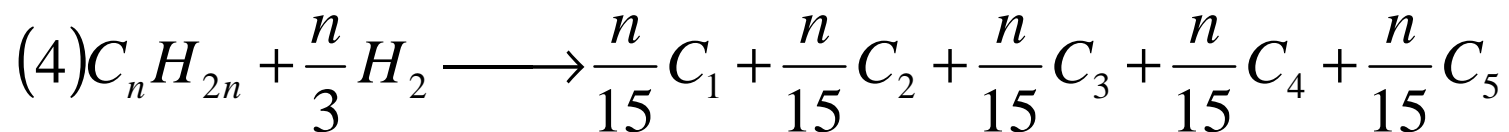
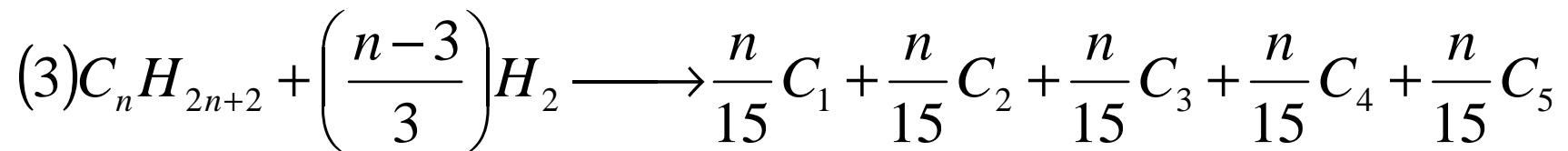
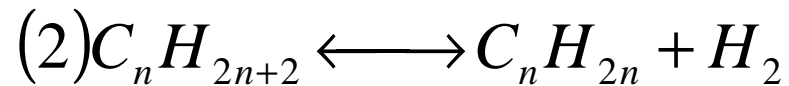
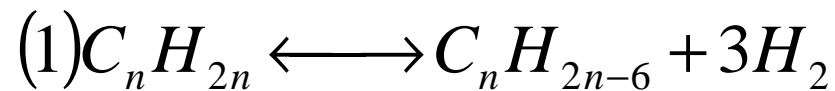


Catalytic Reforming

- Simplified reactions and equations from Case Study 108 by Rase



Catalytic Reforming



Catalytic Reforming

$$\hat{k}_{P1} = \exp\left(23.21 - \frac{34750}{T}\right), [=] \frac{\text{moles}}{(\text{hr})(\text{lb}_{\text{cat.}})(\text{atm})}$$

$$K_{P1} = \frac{P_A * P_H^3}{P_N} = \exp\left(46.15 - \frac{46045}{T}\right), [=] \text{atm}^3$$

$$\hat{k}_{P2} = \exp\left(35.98 - \frac{59600}{T}\right), [=] \frac{\text{moles}}{(\text{hr})(\text{lb}_{\text{cat.}})(\text{atm})^2}$$

$$K_{P2} = \frac{P_P}{P_N * P_H} = \exp\left(\frac{8000}{T} - 7.12\right), [=] \text{atm}^{-1}$$

$$\hat{k}_{P3} = \hat{k}_{P4} = \exp\left(42.97 - \frac{62300}{T}\right), [=] \frac{\text{moles}}{(\text{hr})(\text{lb}_{\text{cat.}})}$$

Catalytic Reforming

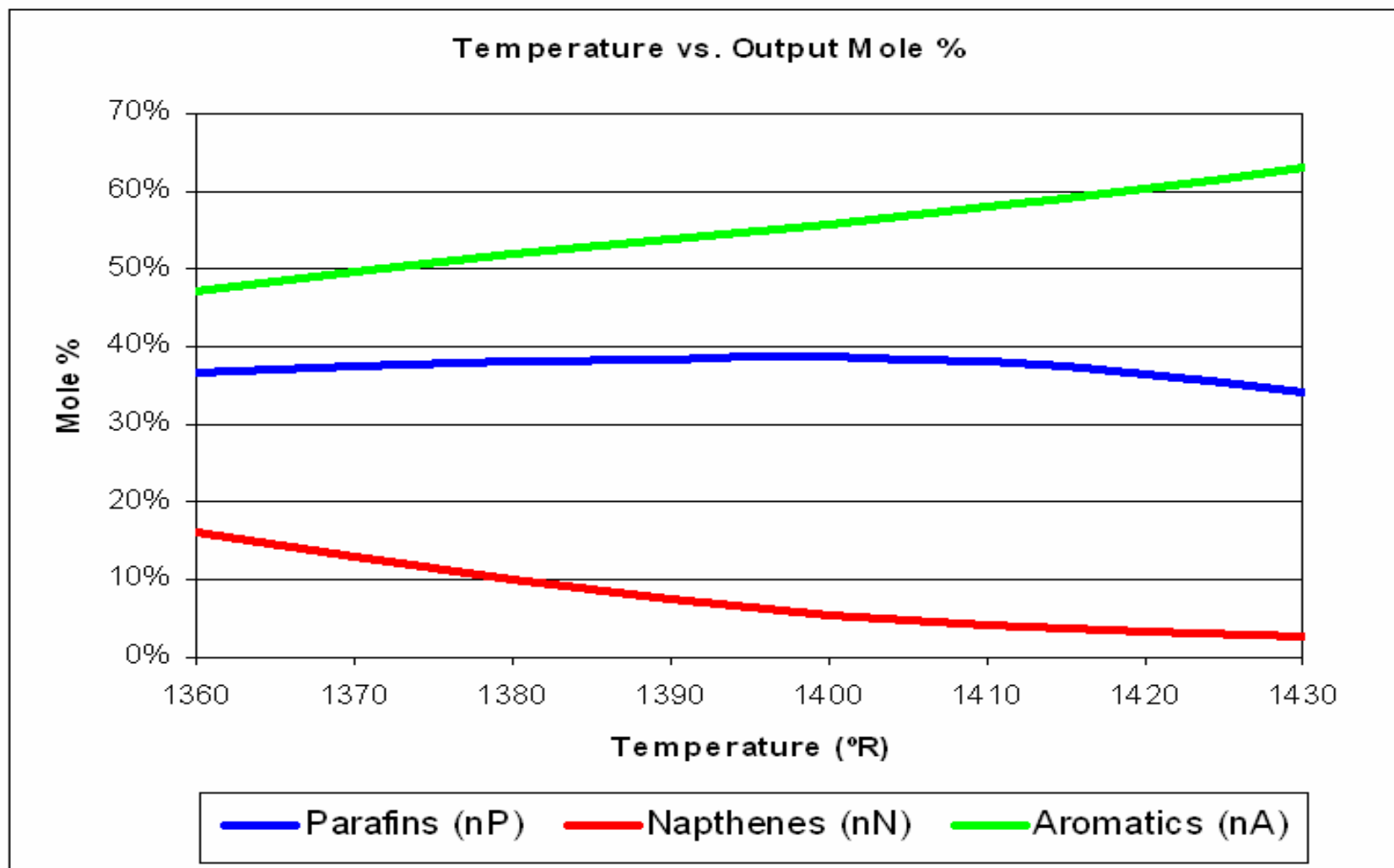
$$-\hat{r}_1 = \hat{k}_{P1} \left(P_N - \frac{P_A * P_H^3}{K_{P1}} \right) [=] \frac{\text{moles _ naphthene _ converted _ to _ aromatics}}{(\text{hr})(\text{lb _ cat.})}$$

$$-\hat{r}_2 = \hat{k}_{P2} \left(P_N * P_H - \frac{P_P}{K_{P2}} \right) [=] \frac{\text{moles _ naphthene _ converted _ to _ paraffins}}{(\text{hr})(\text{lb _ cat.})}$$

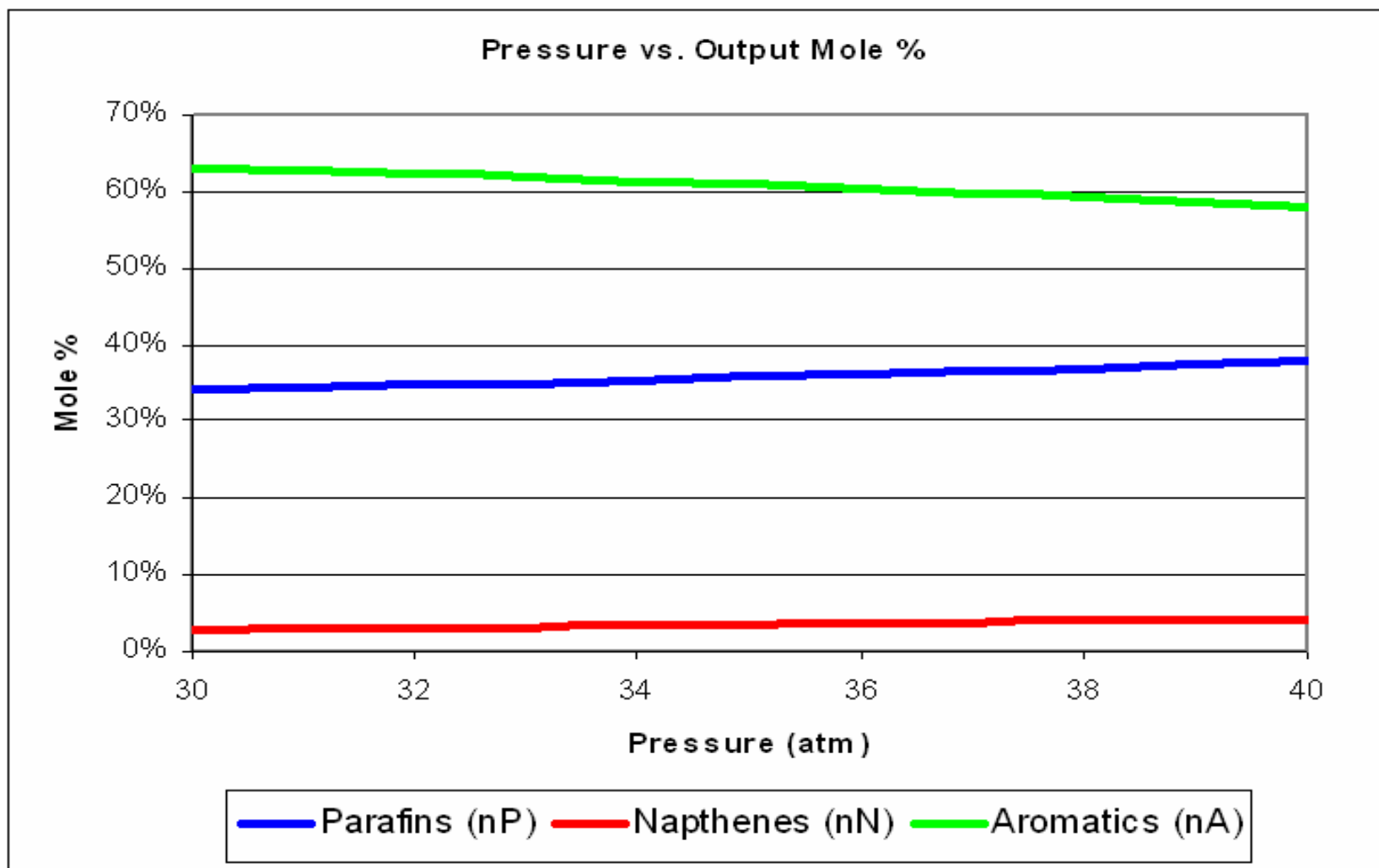
$$-\hat{r}_3 = \hat{k}_{P3} \left(\frac{P_P}{P} \right) [=] \frac{\text{moles _ paraffins _ converted _ by _ hydrocracking}}{(\text{hr})(\text{lb _ cat.})}$$

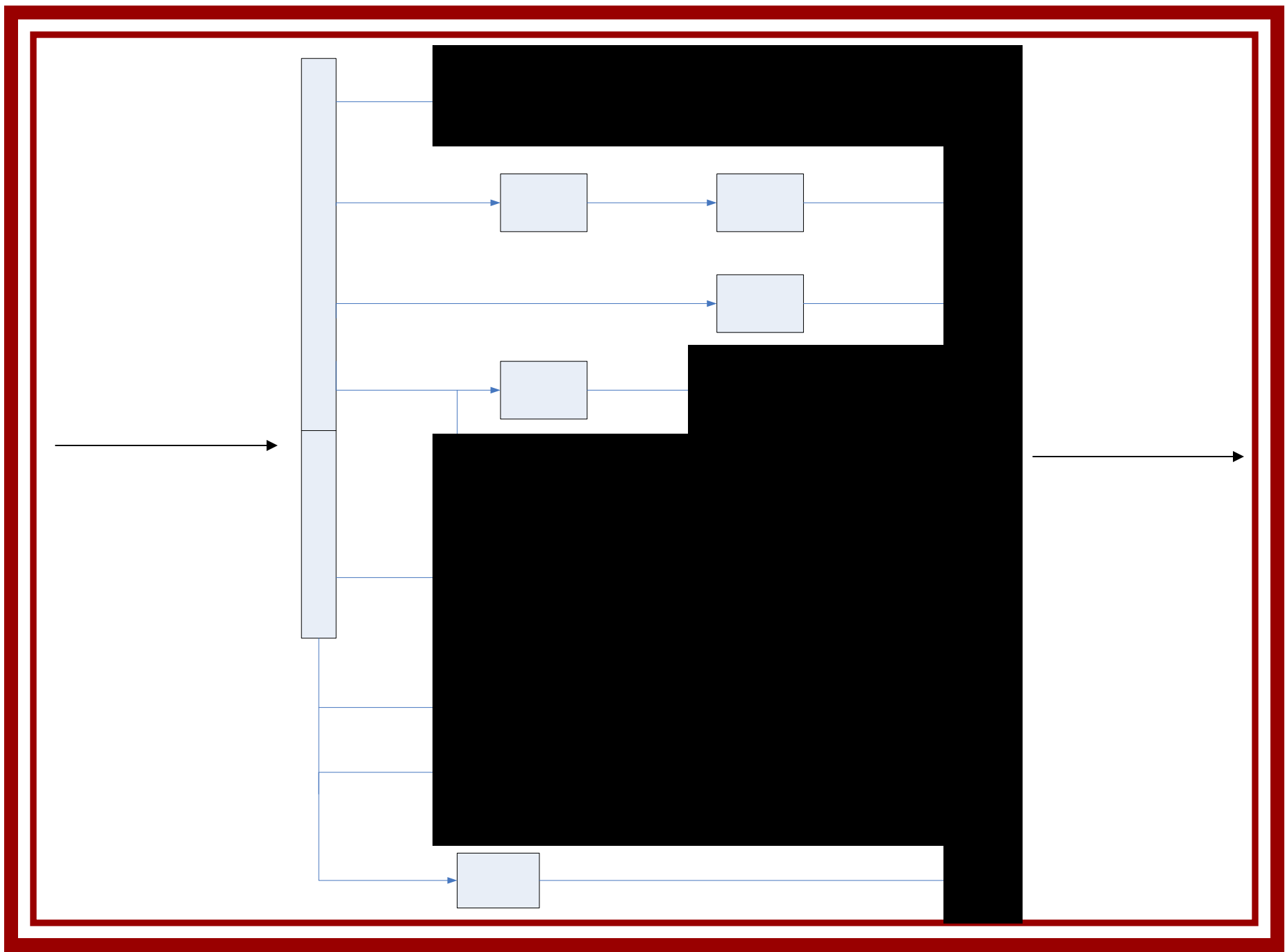
$$-\hat{r}_4 = \hat{k}_{P4} \left(\frac{P_N}{P} \right) [=] \frac{\text{moles _ naphthenes _ converted _ by _ hydrocracking}}{(\text{hr})(\text{lb _ cat.})}$$

Catalytic Reforming



Catalytic Reforming





**Xylenes
Isomerization**

INPUT:

Temperature

OUTPUT:

Benzene

Toluene

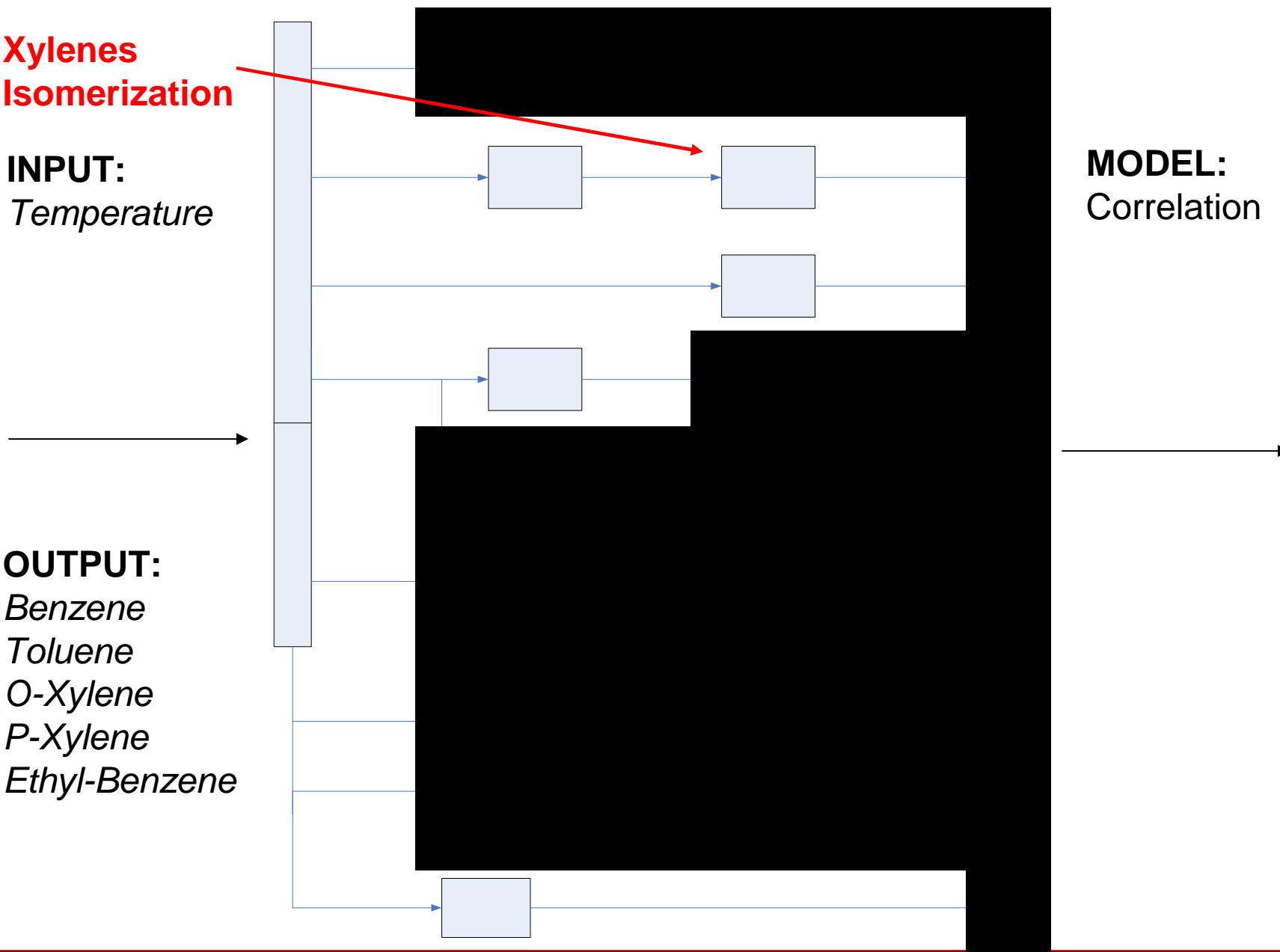
O-Xylene

P-Xylene

Ethyl-Benzene

MODEL:

Correlation



Xylenes Isomerization

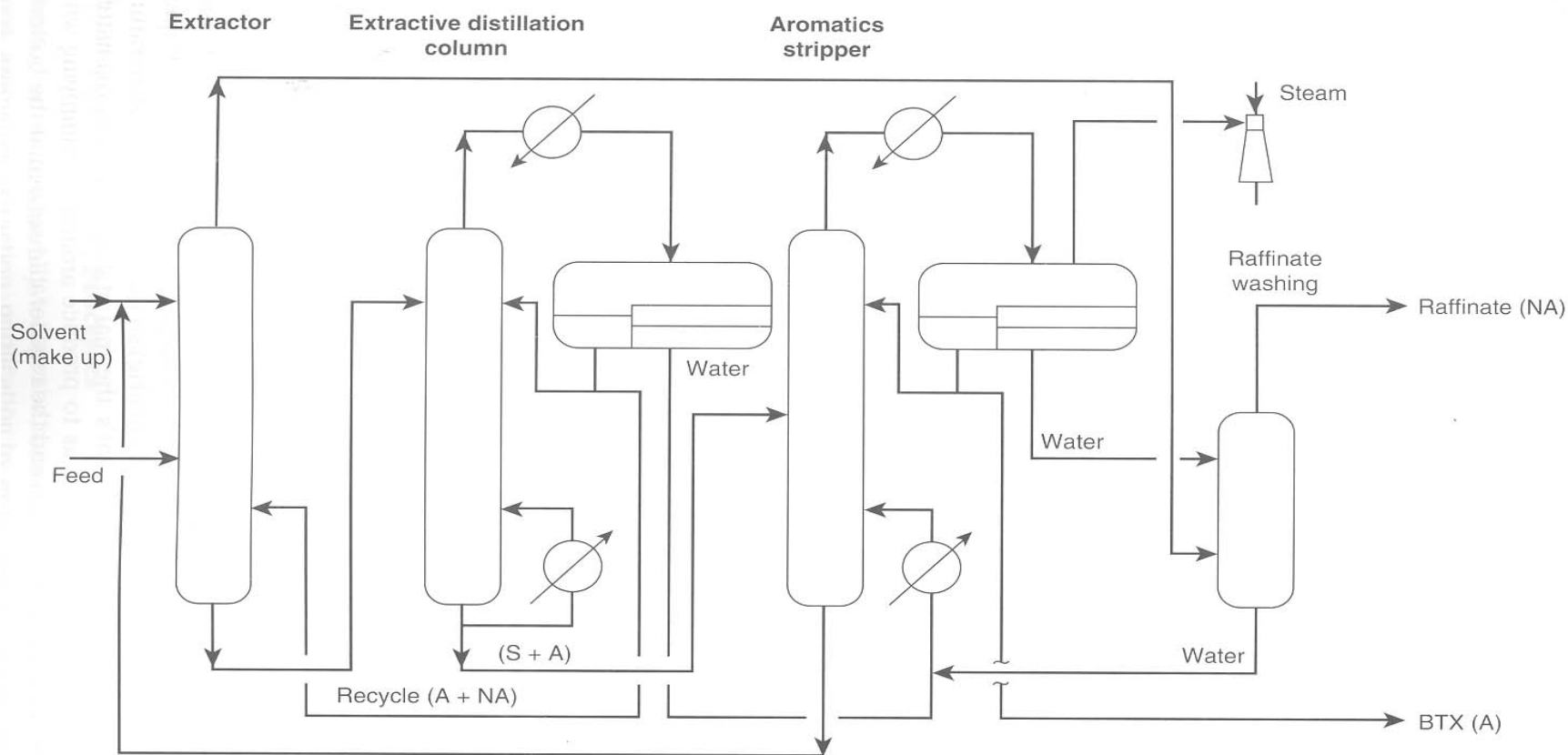
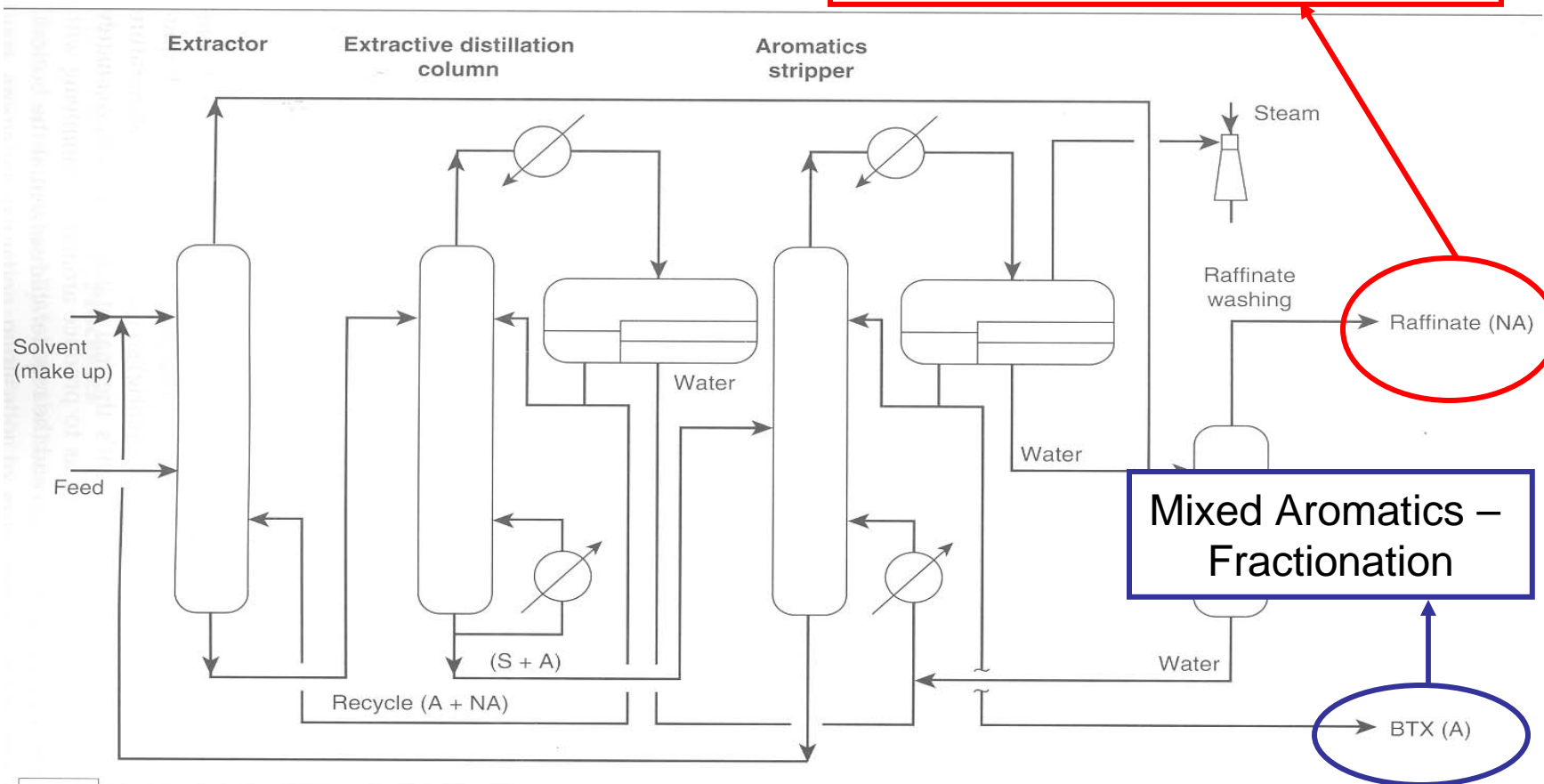


Figure
7.32

Simplified flow diagram of the Shell/UOP process. *S*: solvent (sulfolane). *A*: aromatics. *NA*: non-aromatics.

Xylenes Isomerization

Paraffins & Napthenes - Blending



Simplified flow diagram of the Shell/UOP process. S: solvent (sulfolane). A: aromatics. NA: non-aromatics.

Xylenes Isomerization

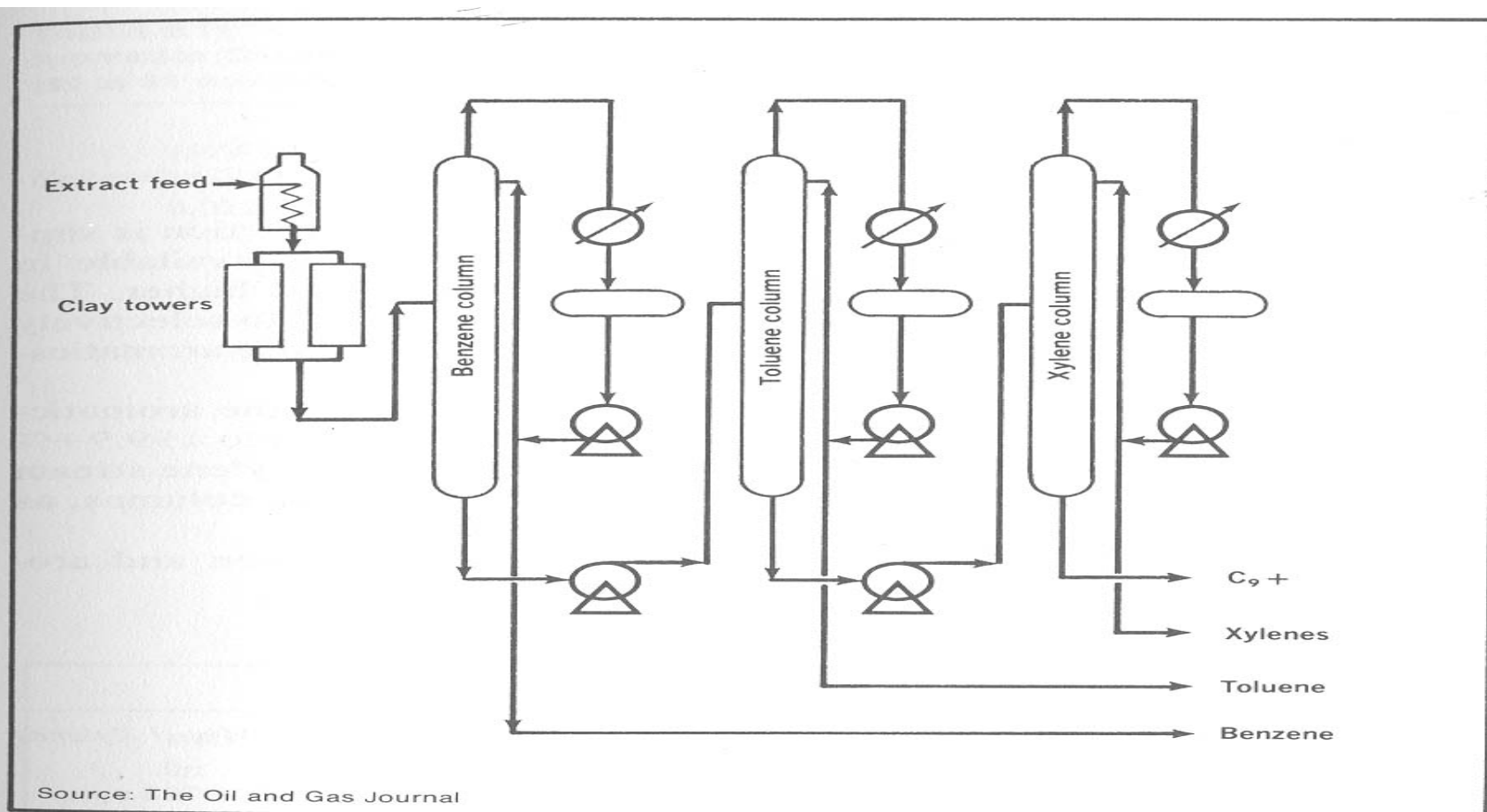


FIG. 2.7 Fractionation of high-purity aromatics

Xylenes Isomerization

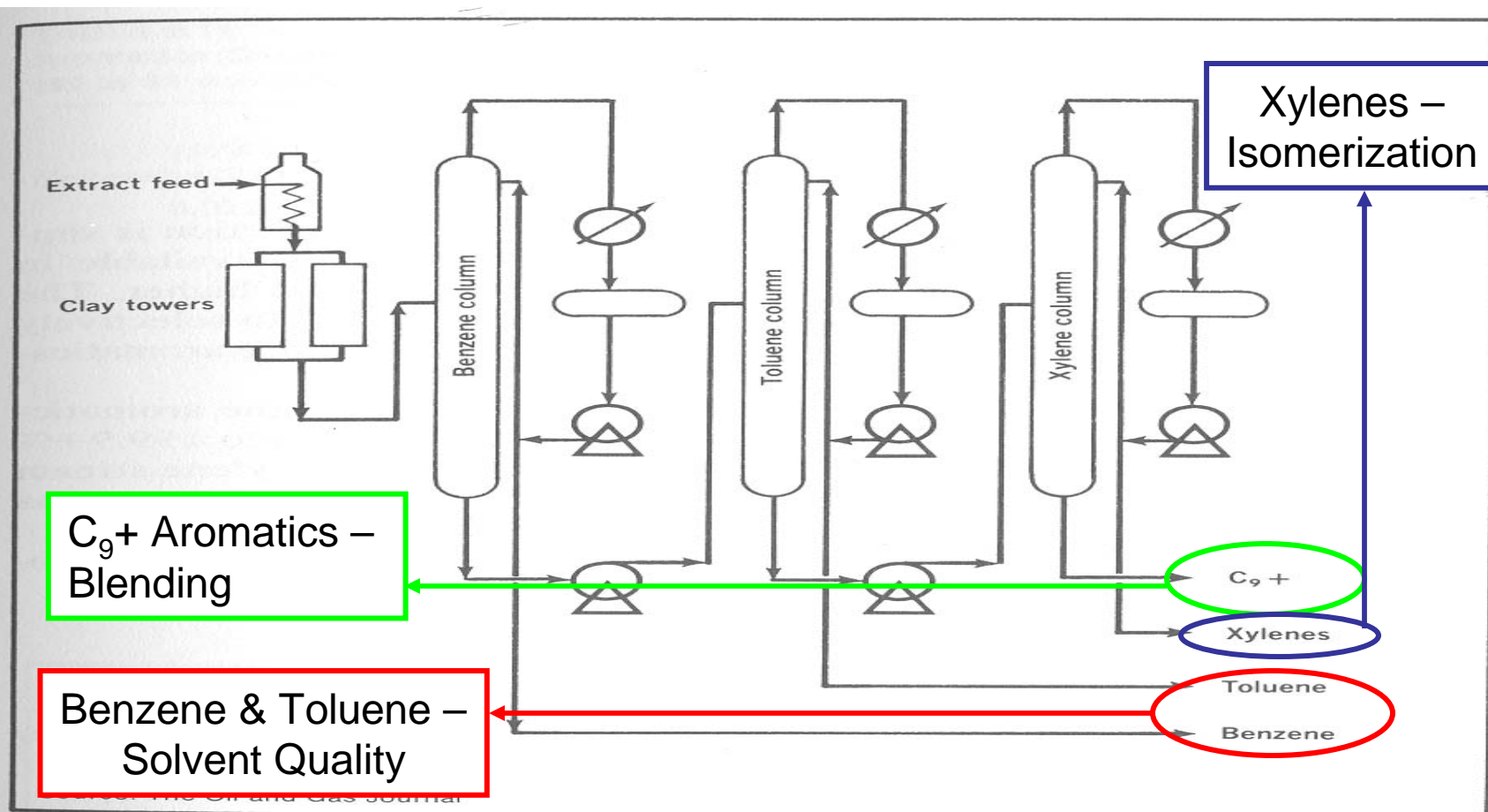


FIG. 2.7 Fractionation of high-purity aromatics

Xylenes Isomerization

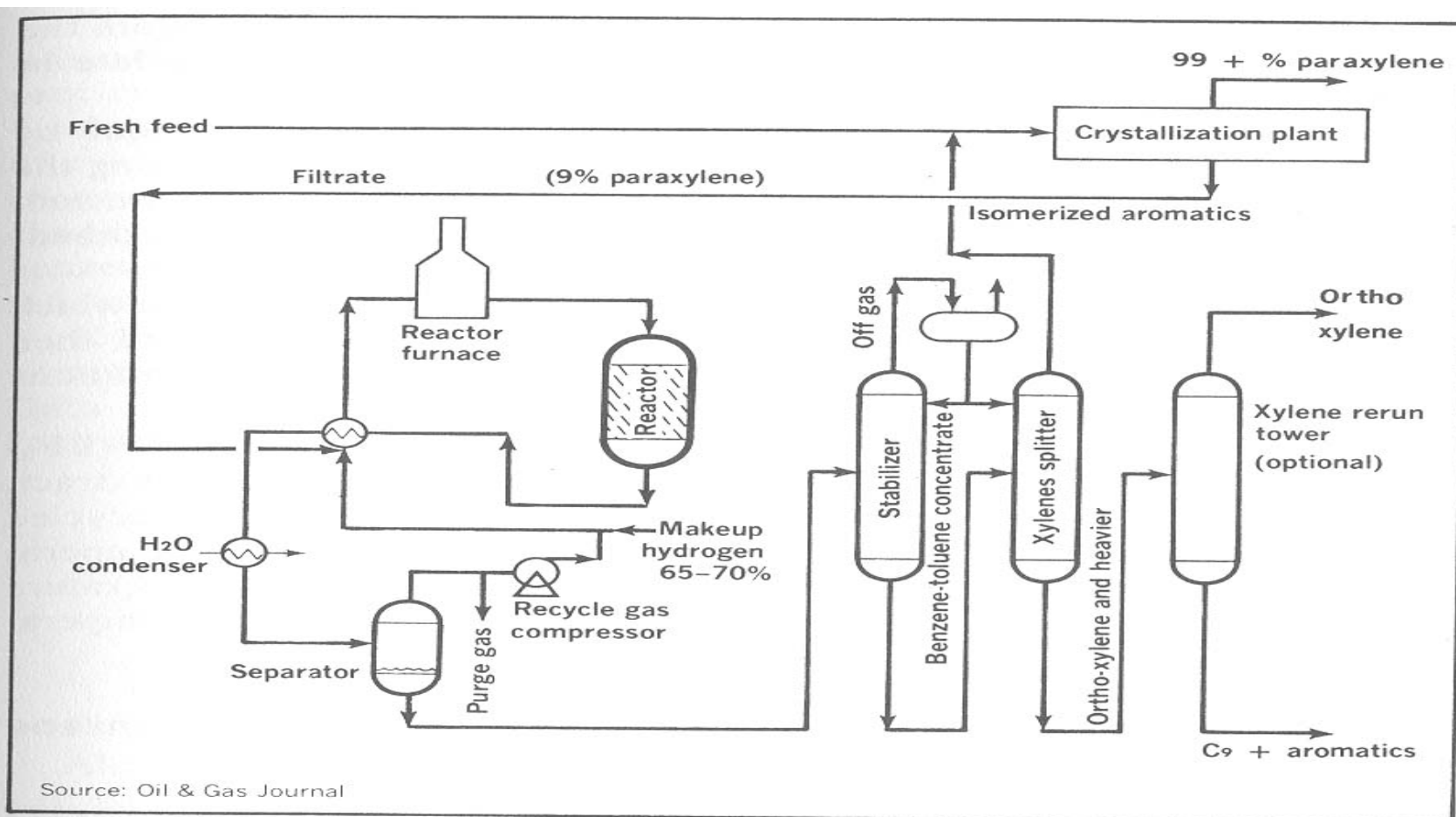


FIG. 2.11 Xylenes processing complex

Xylenes Isomerization

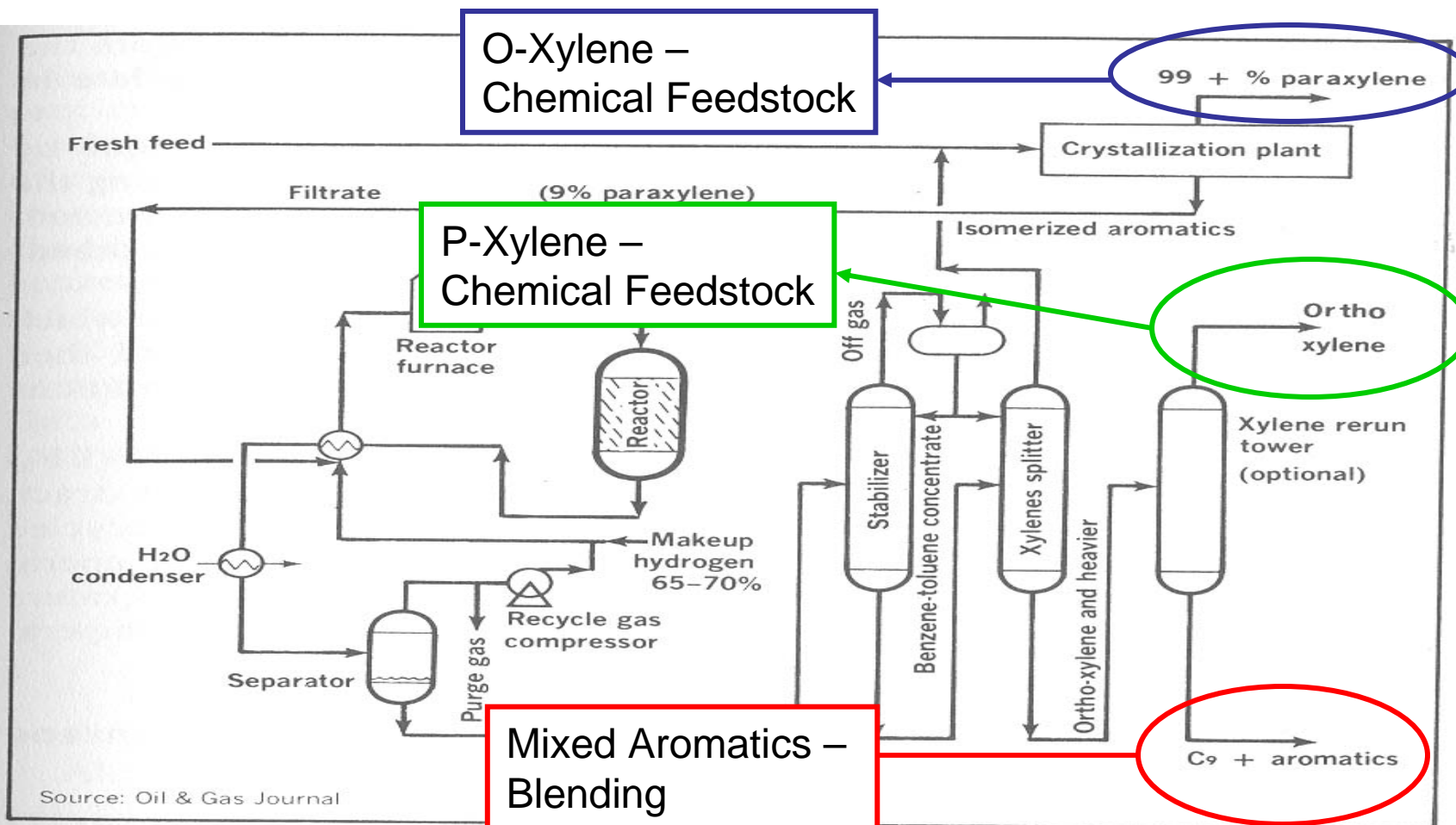
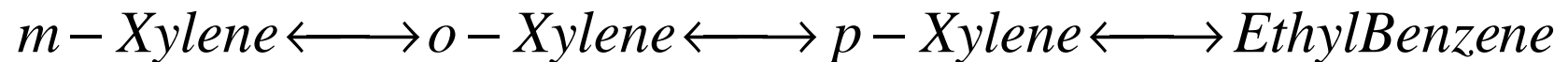


FIG. 2.11 Xylenes processing complex

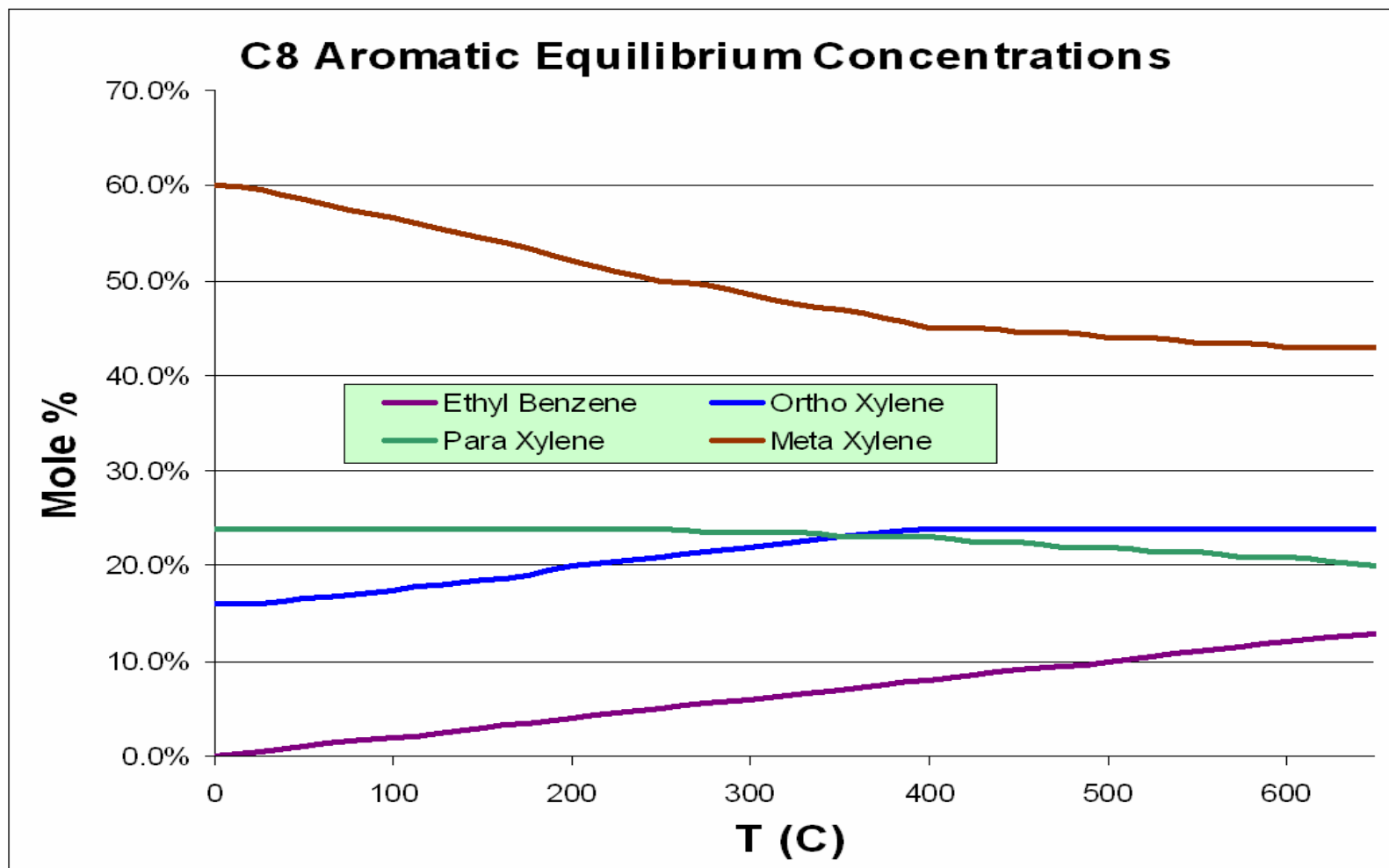
Xylenes Isomerization

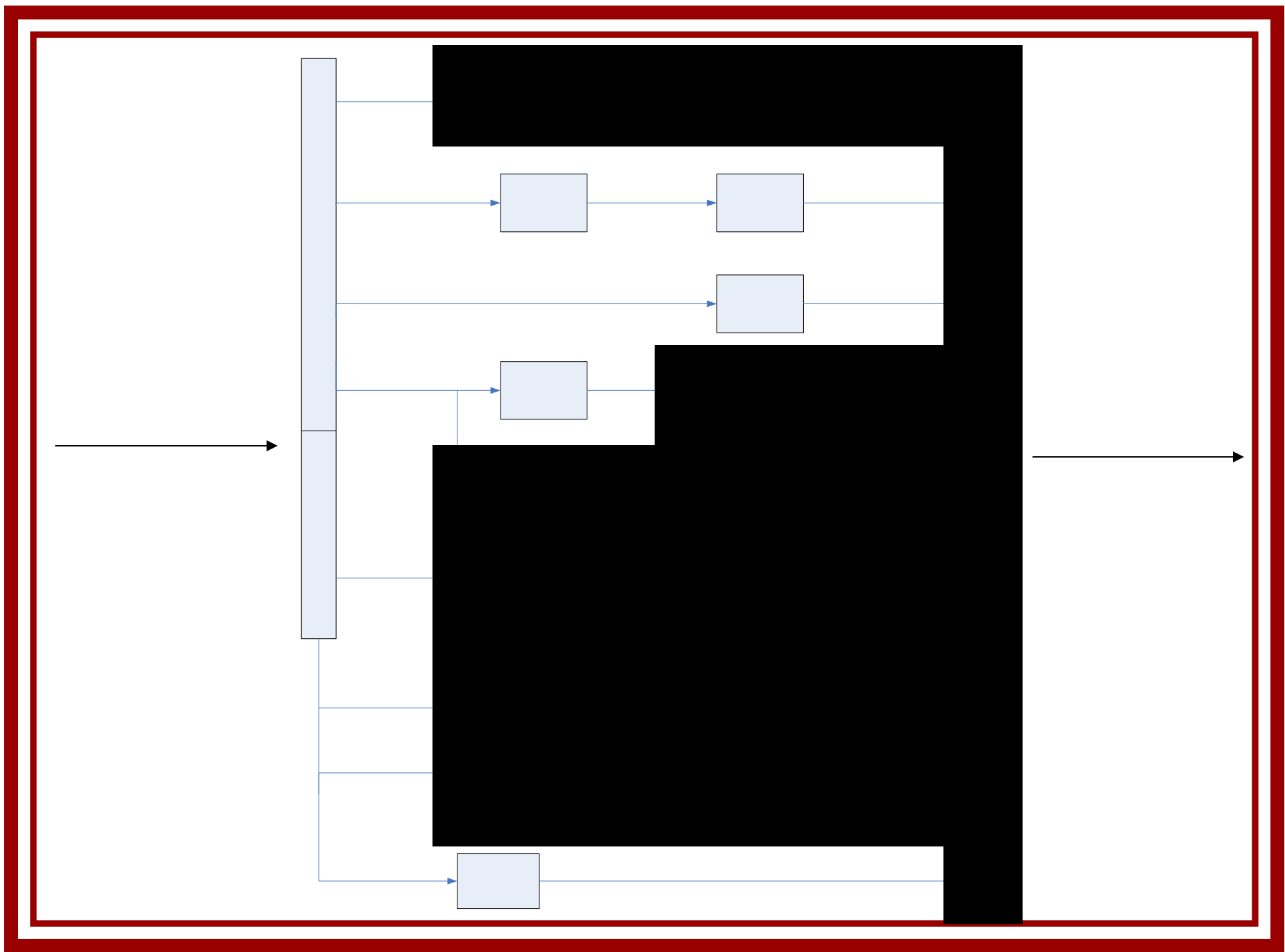
- Reaction driven by equilibrium



- Temperature dependence of equilibrium modeled in Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology

Xylenes Isomerization





**Solvent
Extraction**

INPUT:

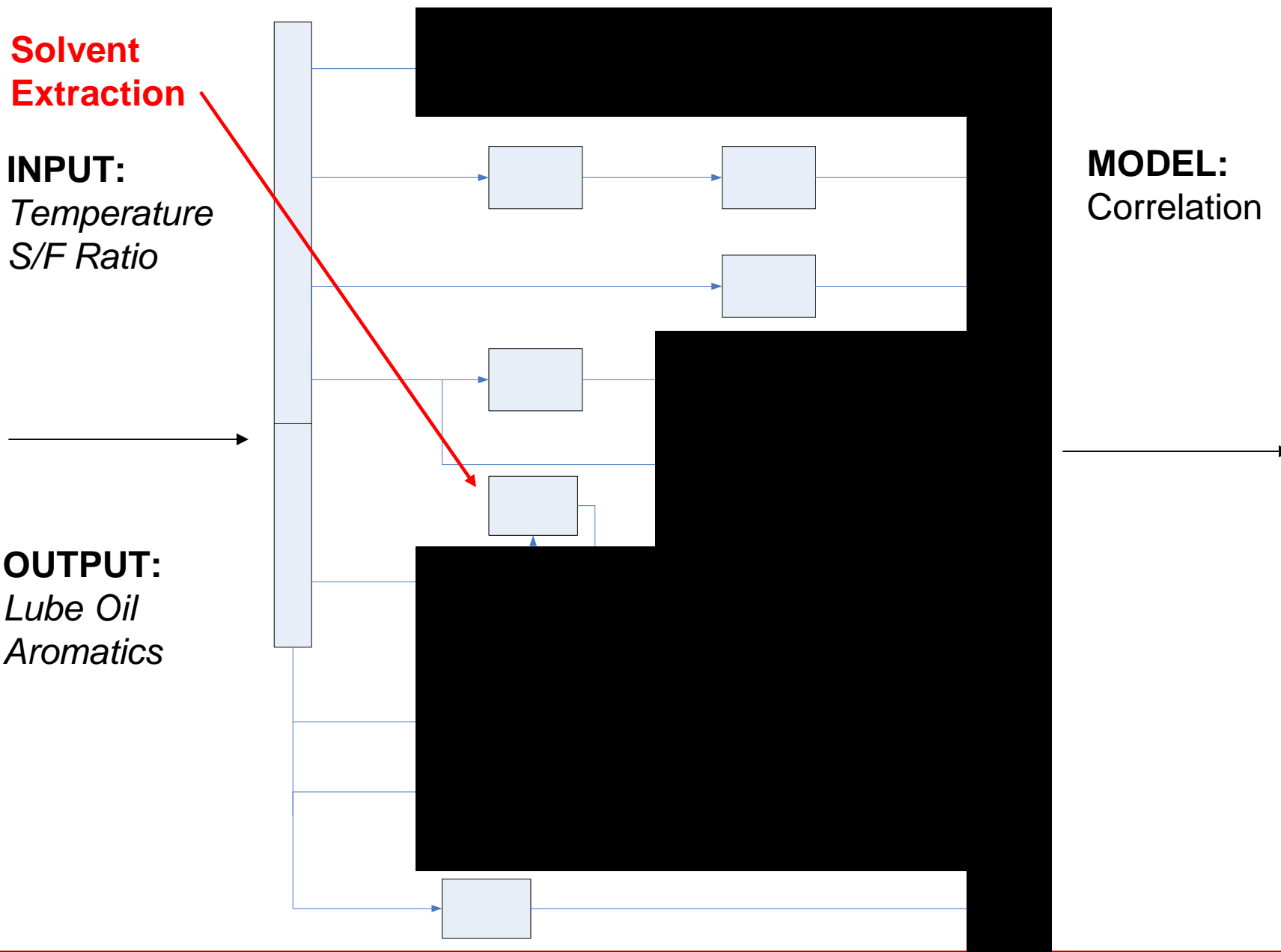
*Temperature
S/F Ratio*

OUTPUT:

*Lube Oil
Aromatics*

MODEL:

Correlation



Solvent Extraction

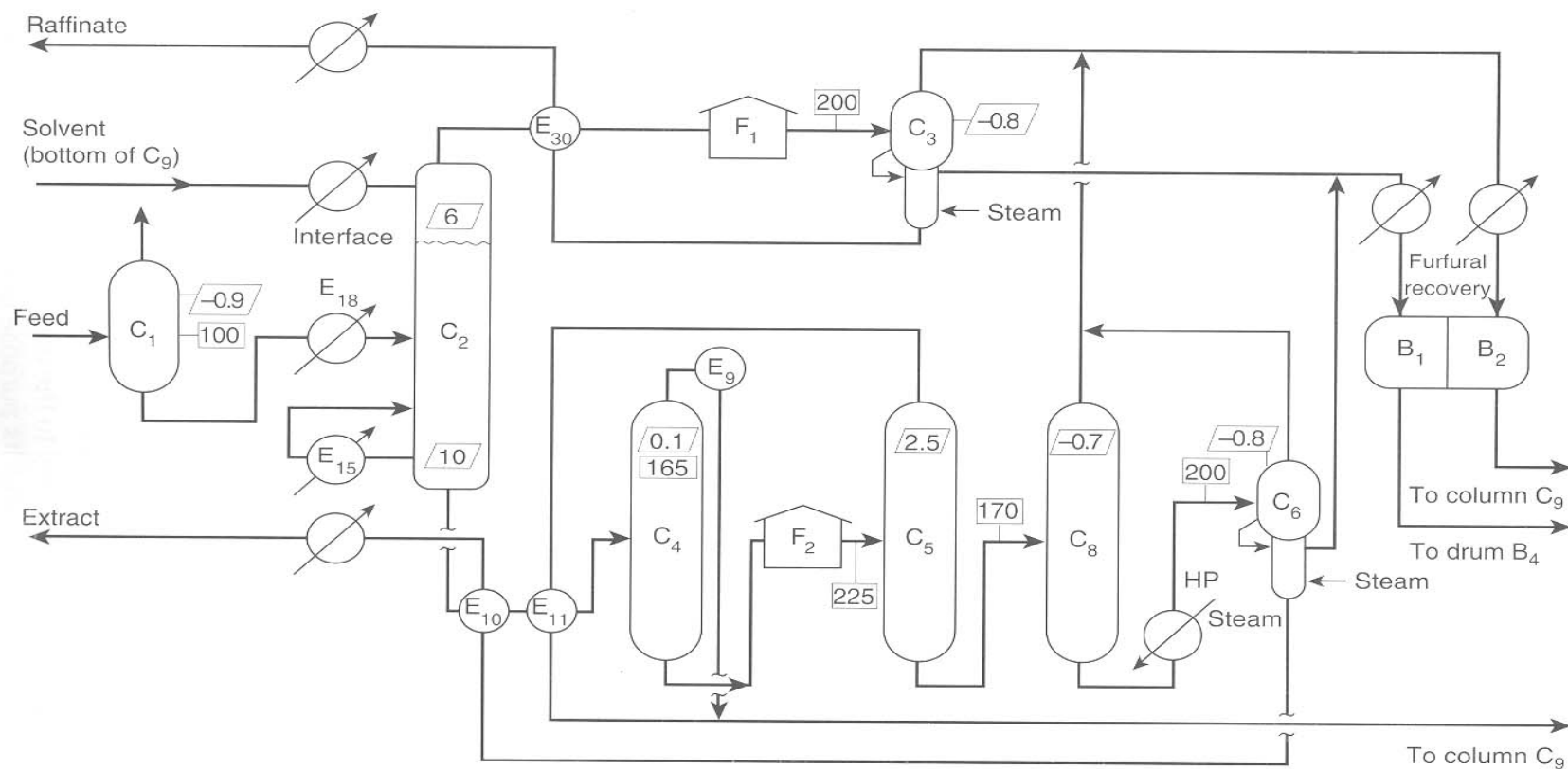


Figure 7.9

Aromatics extraction unit using furfural. Flow scheme (Source: Mobil).

Solvent Extraction

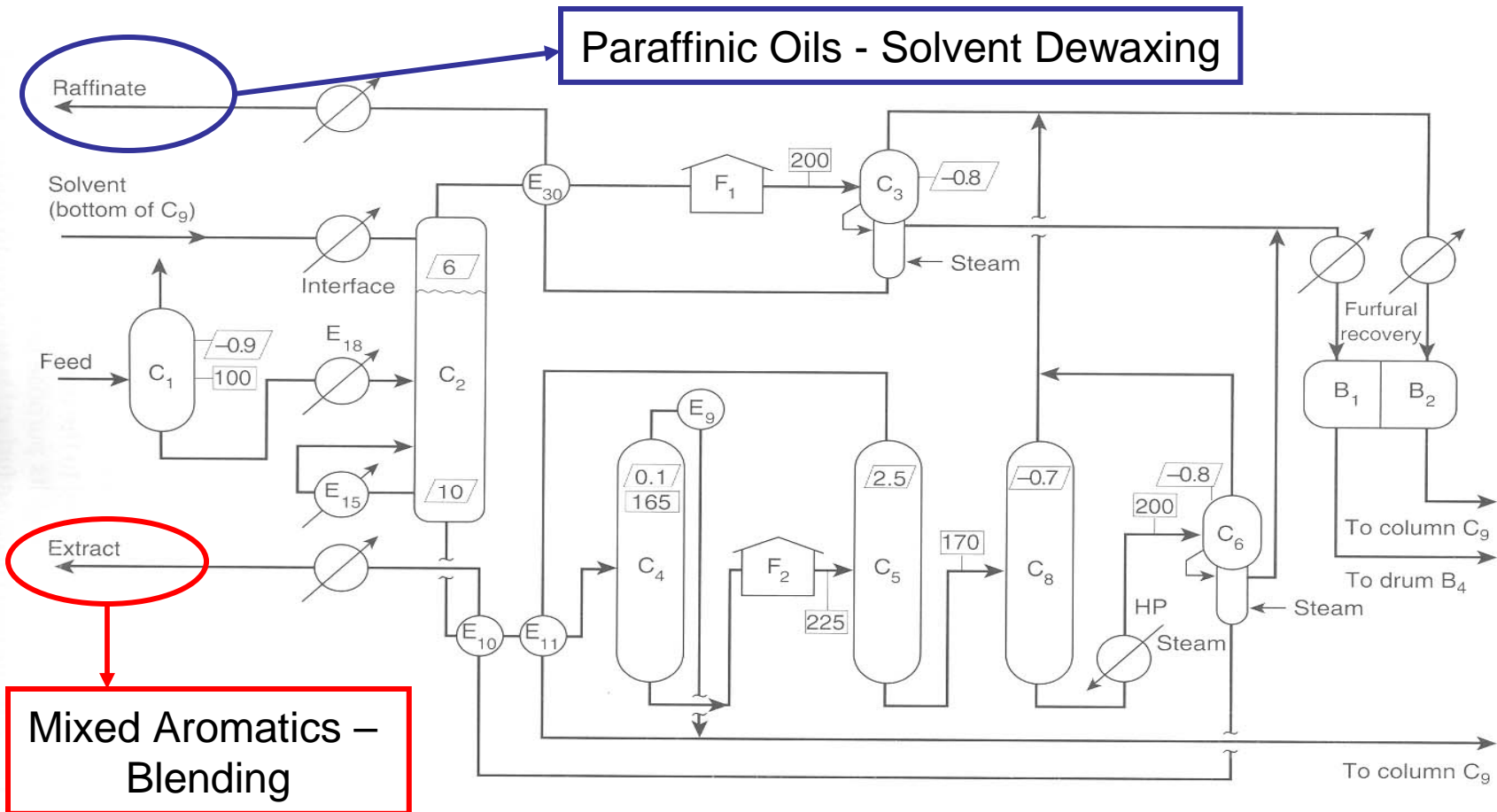


Figure
7.9

Aromatics extraction unit using furfural. Flow scheme (Source: Mobil).

Solvent Extraction

- Furfural Extraction – Averaged K Values
 - Benzene from Cyclohexane
 - Benzene from Iso-octane
 - 1,6-diphenylhexane from Docosane
 - Temperature (°R) dependence of K correlated from this

$$E = K * \frac{S}{F}$$

$$\% \text{ Extracted} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sum_{n=0}^N E^n}$$

$$K = T^2(-2E5) + 0.0259 * T - 7.371$$

Solvent Extraction

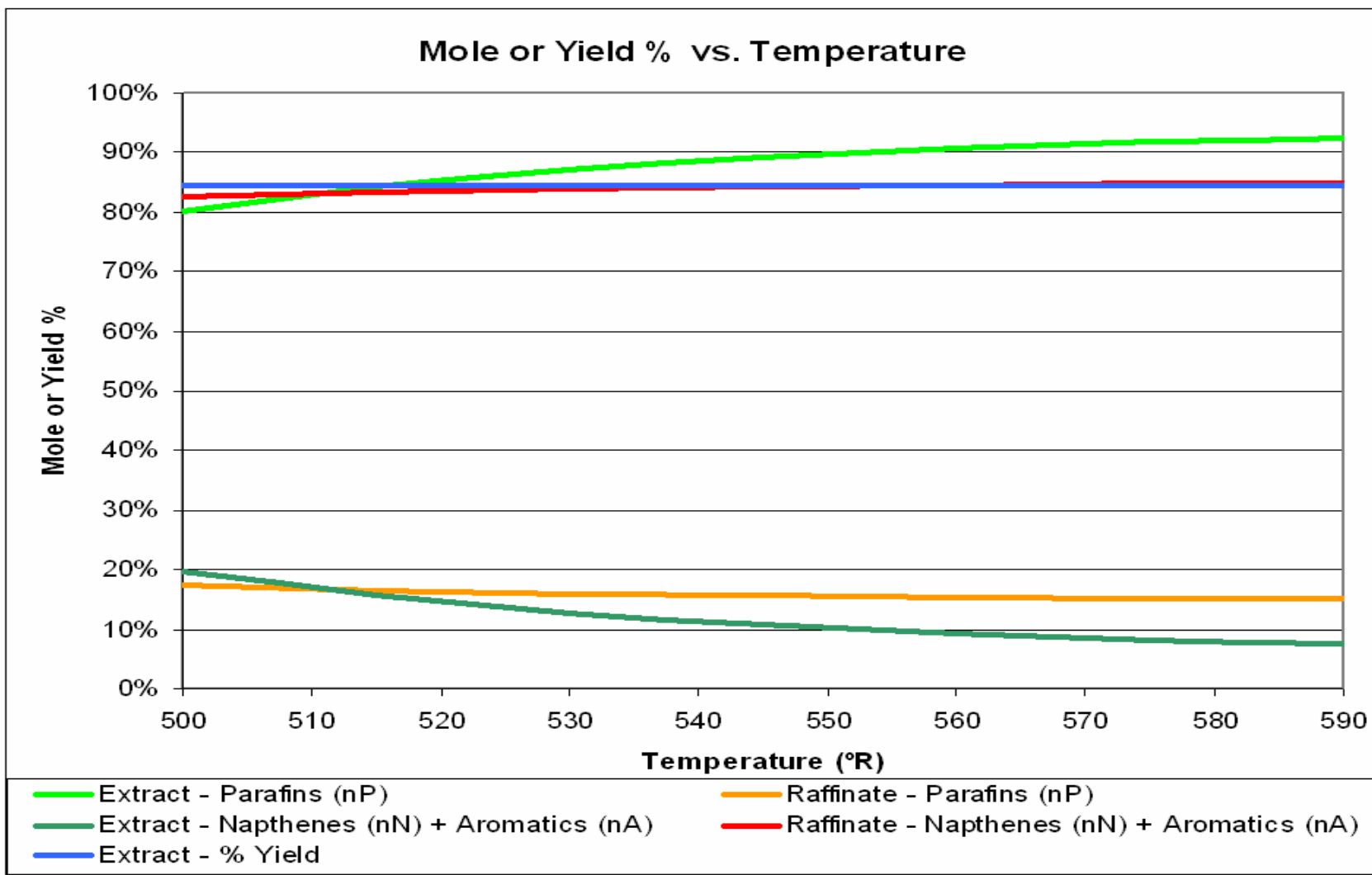
- Correlations developed from Institut Français du Pétrole data

93 wt% Furfural Solvent		
Solvent to Feed Ratio	Raffinate Yield	Raffinate Specific Gravity
0	100%	0.925
3	75%	0.900
6	63%	0.895
9	53%	0.892
12	47%	0.891

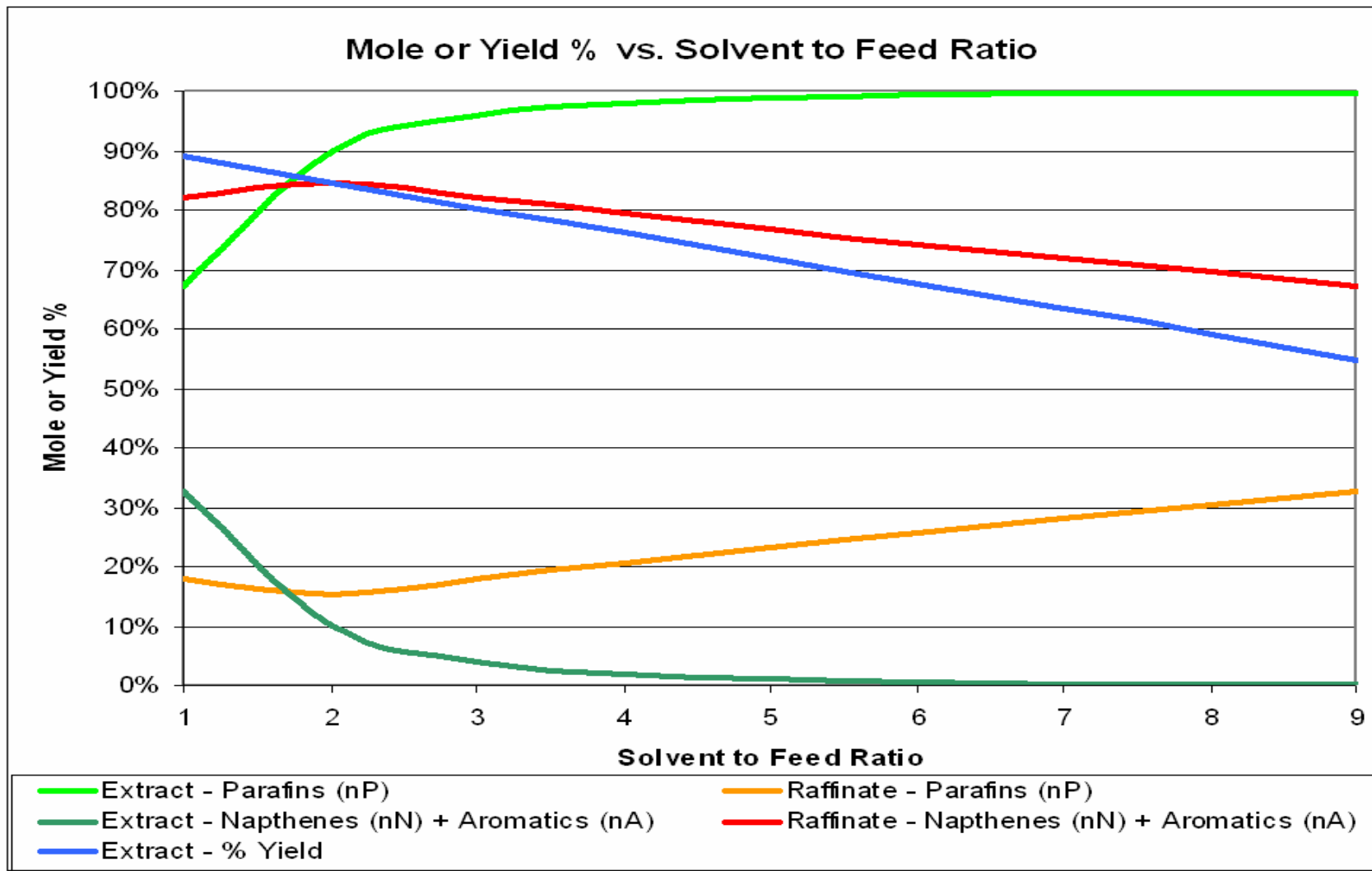
$$RaffinateYield\% = \left(\frac{S}{F}\right) * (-0.0426) + 0.9318$$

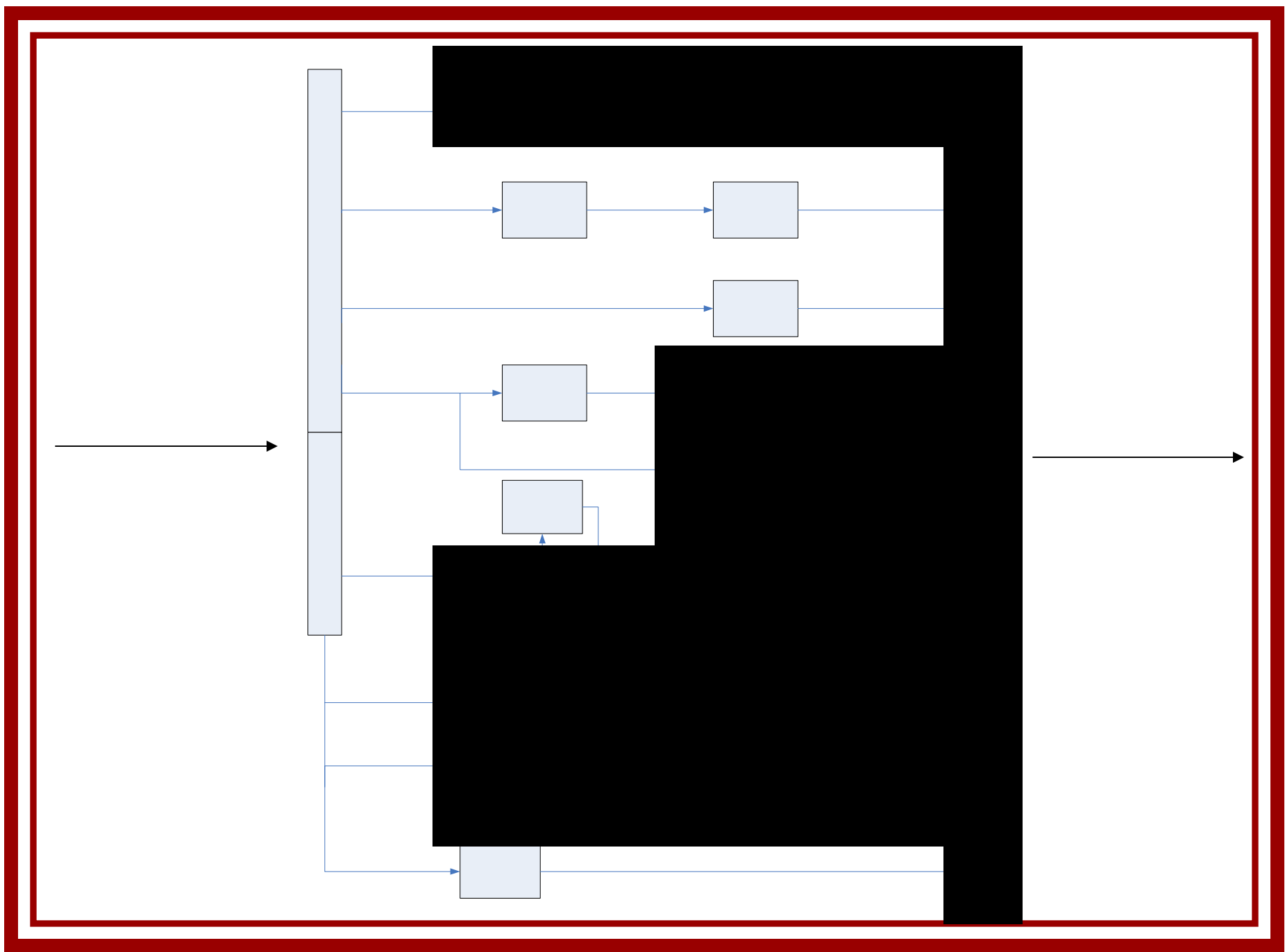
$$RaffinateS.G. = \left(\frac{S}{F}\right)^2 * (0.0004) - \left(\frac{S}{F}\right) * (0.0073) + 0.9229$$

Solvent Extraction



Solvent Extraction



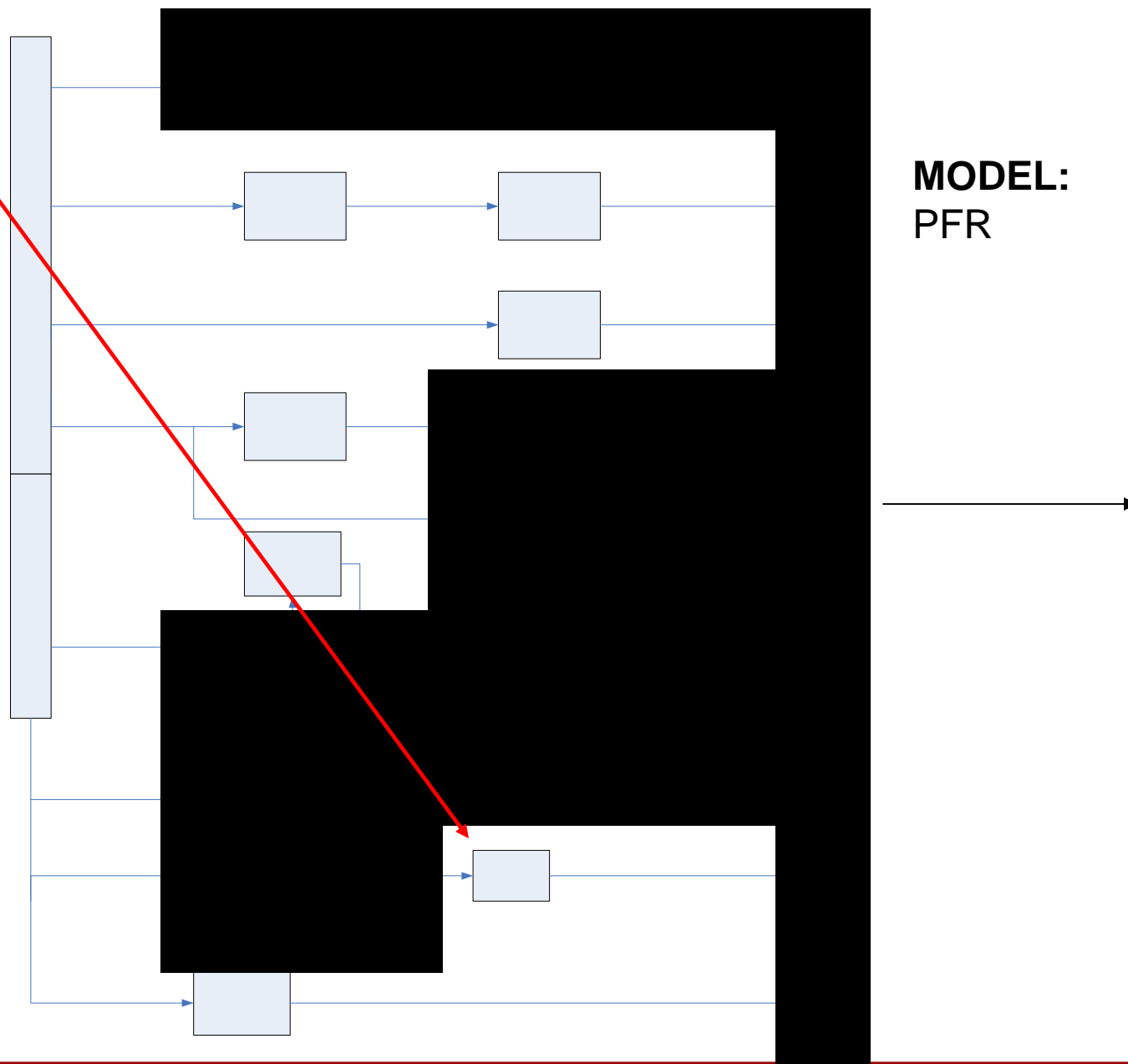


Visbreaker

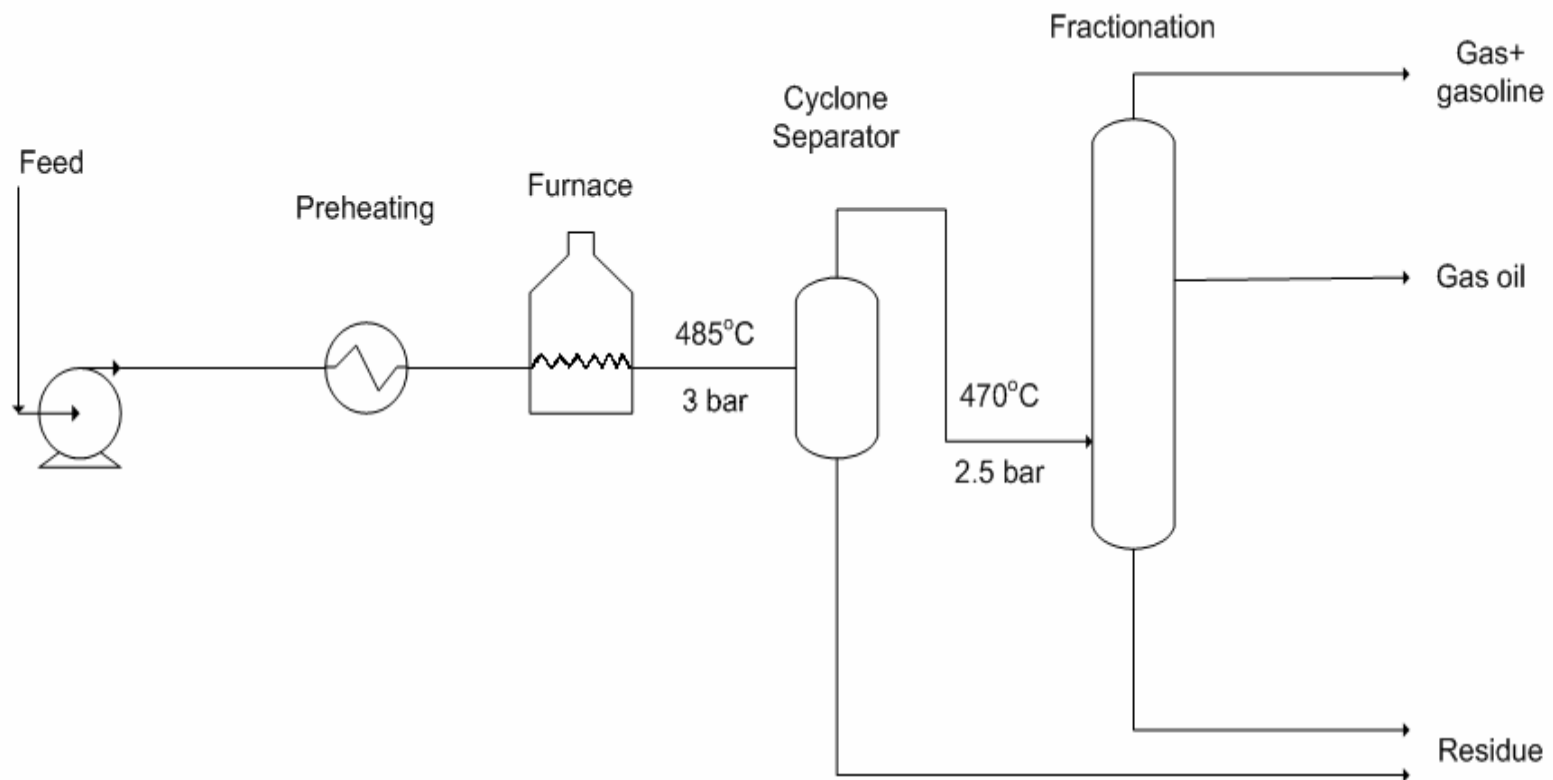
INPUT:
Temperature

OUTPUT:
Gas
Gasoline
Gas Oil
Residue

MODEL:
PFR



Visbreaking

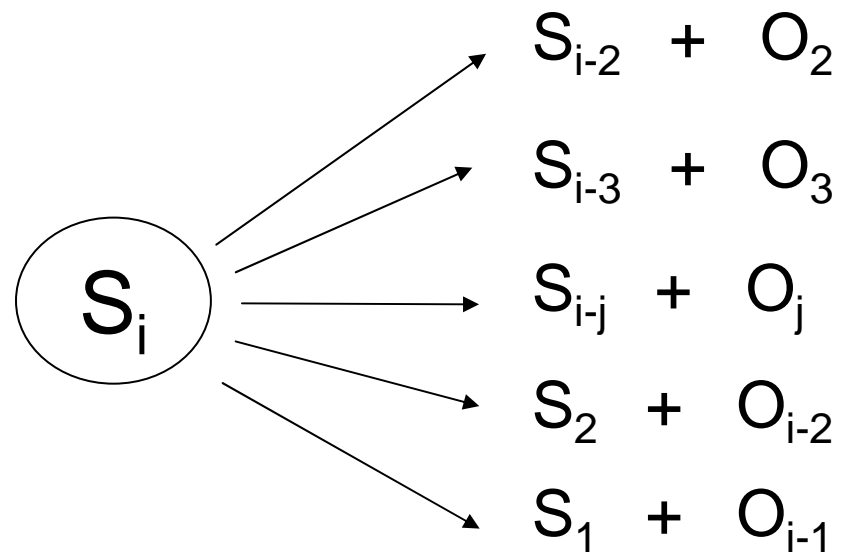


Visbreaking

- Carbon chains cracking into smaller chains of varying carbon numbers

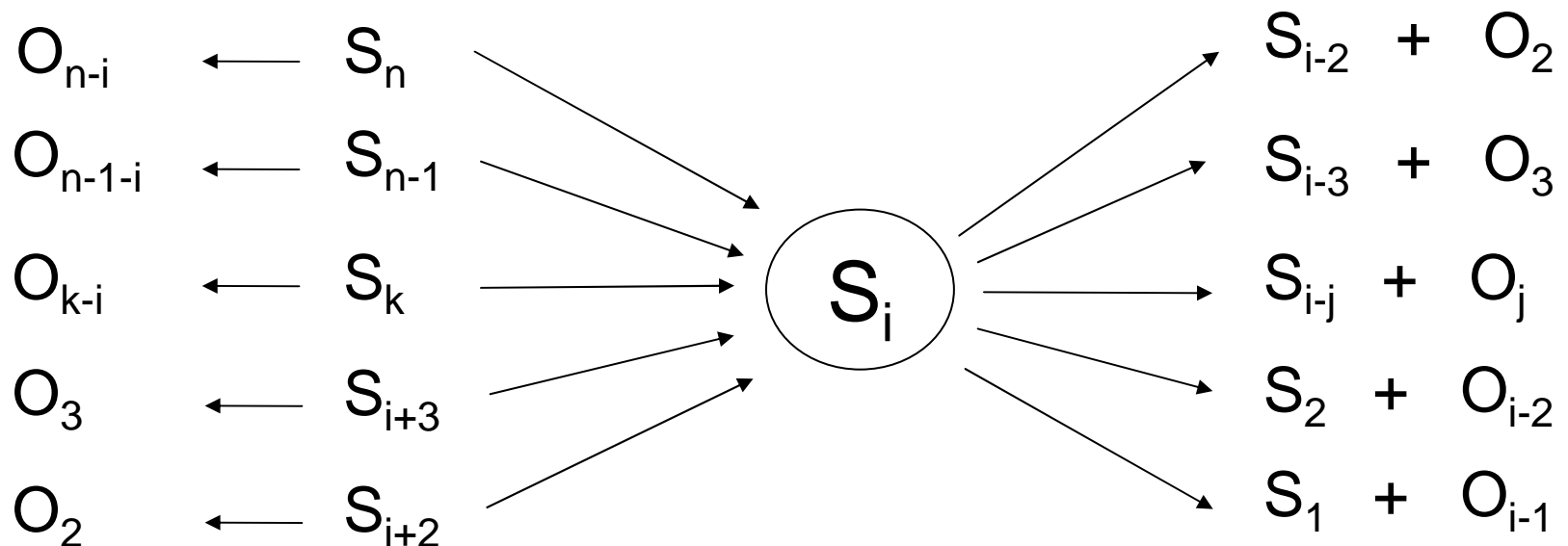
Visbreaking

- S_i forms all components with carbons less than $i-1$



Visbreaking

- S_i forms all components with carbons less than $i-1$
- S_i is formed from all components with carbons greater than $i+1$



Visbreaking

- First order kinetics with molar concentrations

$$rs_i = \sum_{k=i+2}^n K_{k,i} Cs_k - Cs_i \sum_{j=1}^{i-2} K_{i,j}$$

$$ro_i = \sum_{j=i+1}^n K_{j,j-i} Cs_j$$

$$\frac{dCs_i}{dz} = \frac{1}{4} \pi \phi^2 \frac{\rho}{F} rs_i$$

$$\frac{dCo_i}{dz} = \frac{1}{4} \pi \phi^2 \frac{\rho}{F} ro_i$$

Visbreaking

- Rate Constant dependent on molecular weight

$$K_{i,j} = A_{i,j} e^{-B_{i,j} / RT}$$

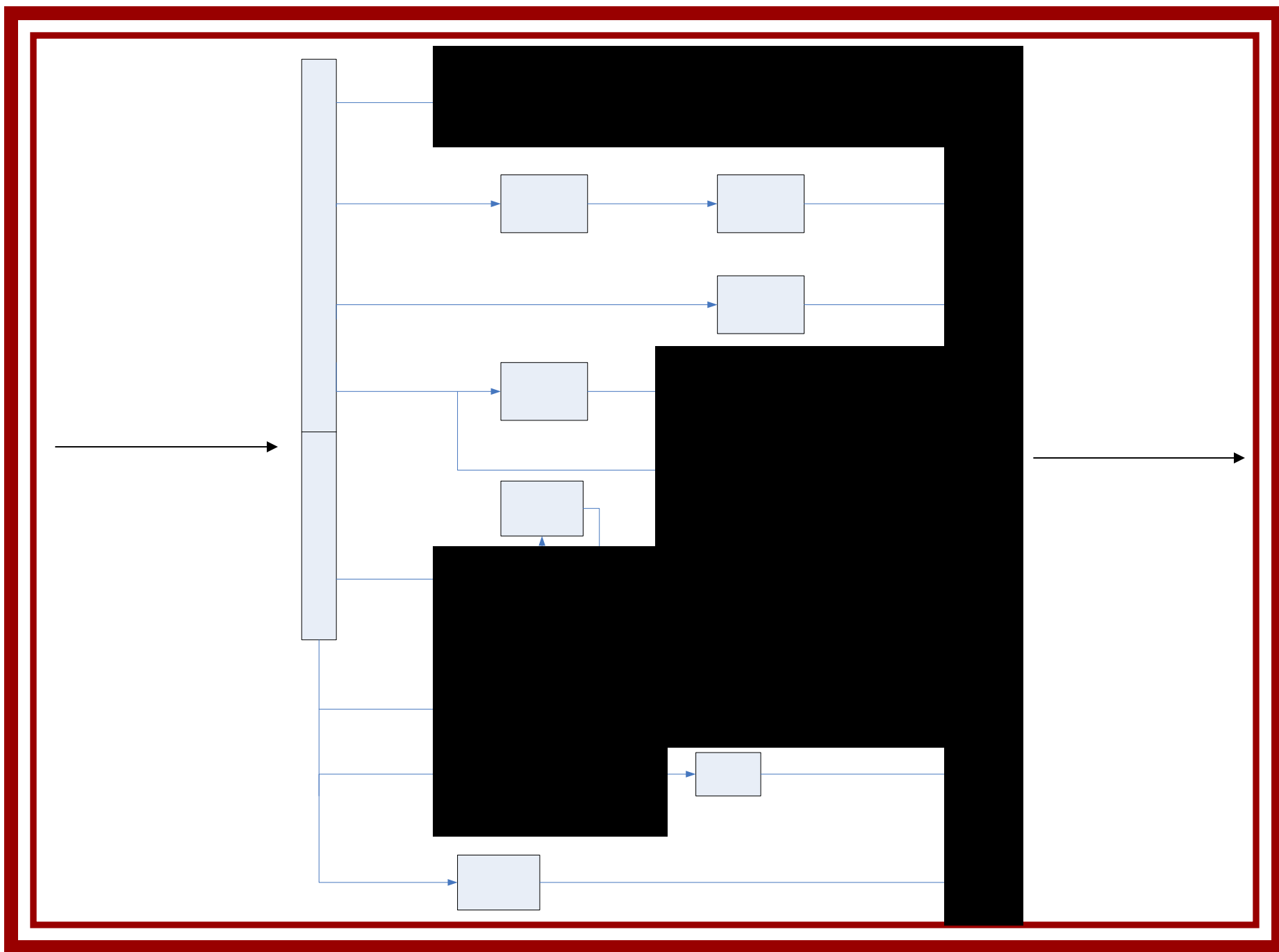
$$B_{i,j} = b_0 + b_1 \cdot PM_i + b_2 \cdot PM_j$$

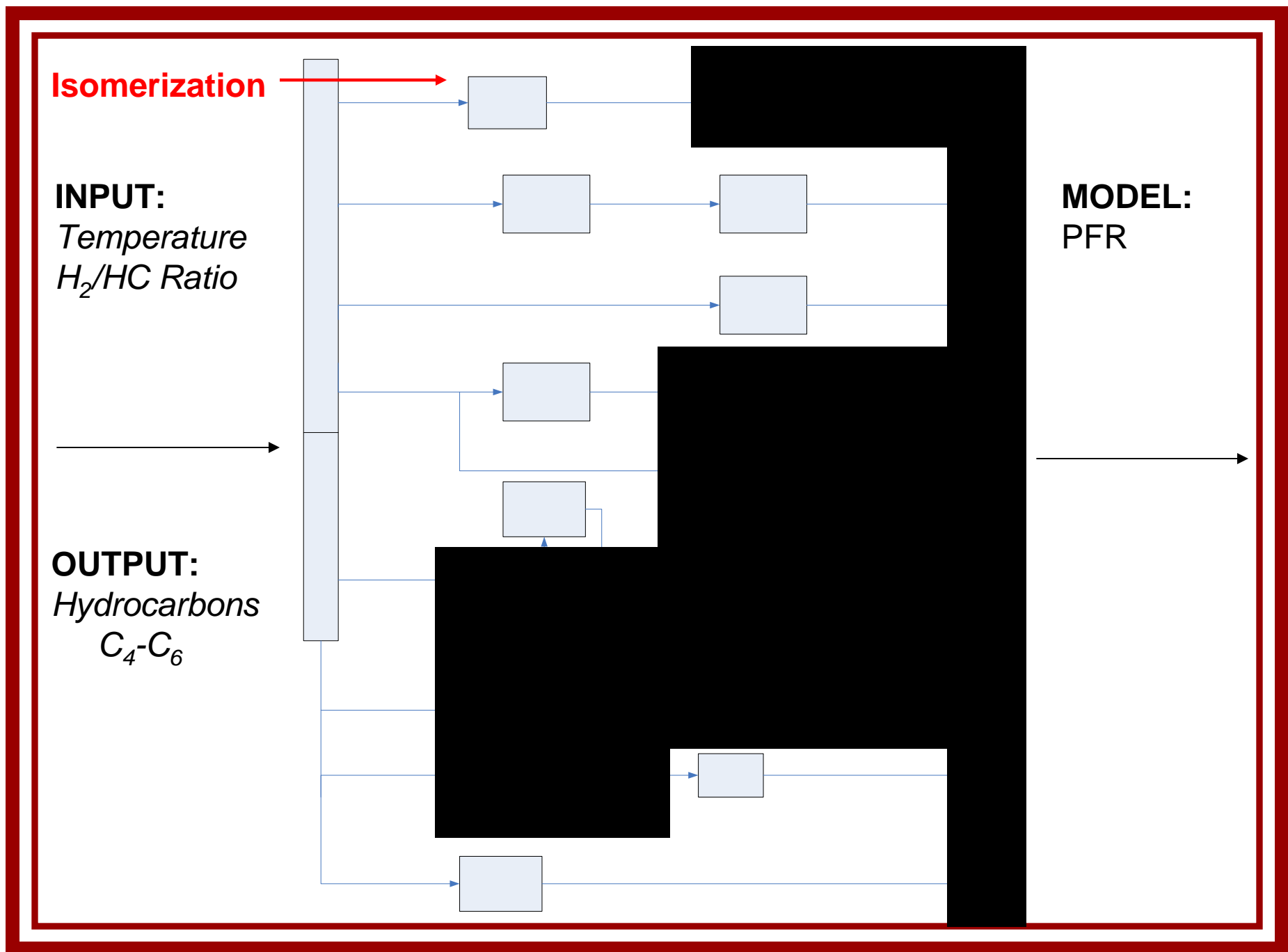
$$A_{i,j} = \left(a_0 + a_1 \cdot PM_i + a_2 \cdot [PM_i]^2 \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{PM_j - \frac{PM_i}{a_4}}{a_3} \right)^2}$$

a	b
1.51E+12	42894
1.90E+08	-4.5
2.06E+06	3
146.95	
11.35	

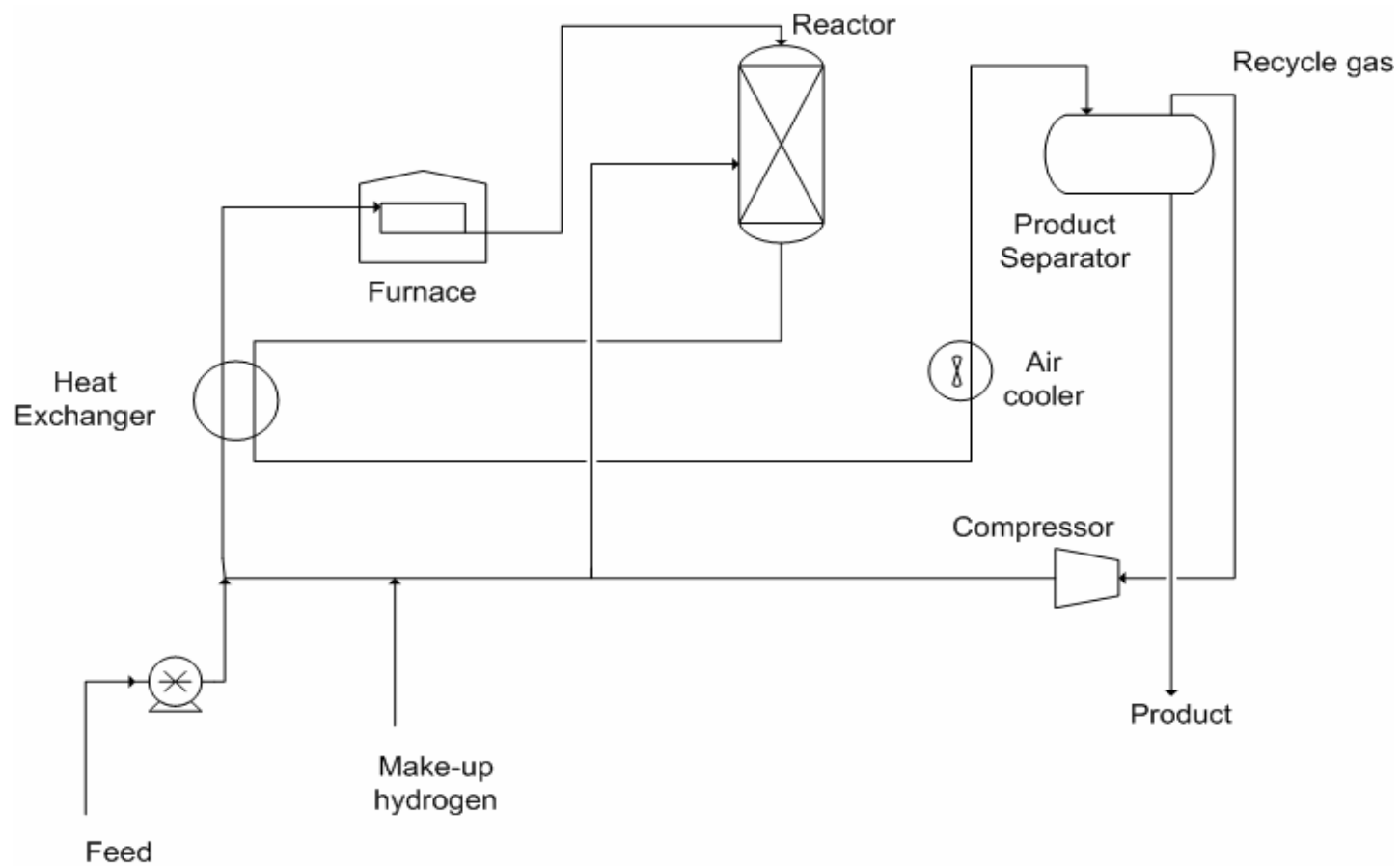
Visbreaking

- Model inputs
 - Temperature and mass flow rate
- Model Product form
 - Weight percents
 - Components are lumped into 4 categories
 - Gas: C1-C4
 - Gasoline: C5-C10
 - Gas Oil: C11-C21
 - Residue: C22-C45



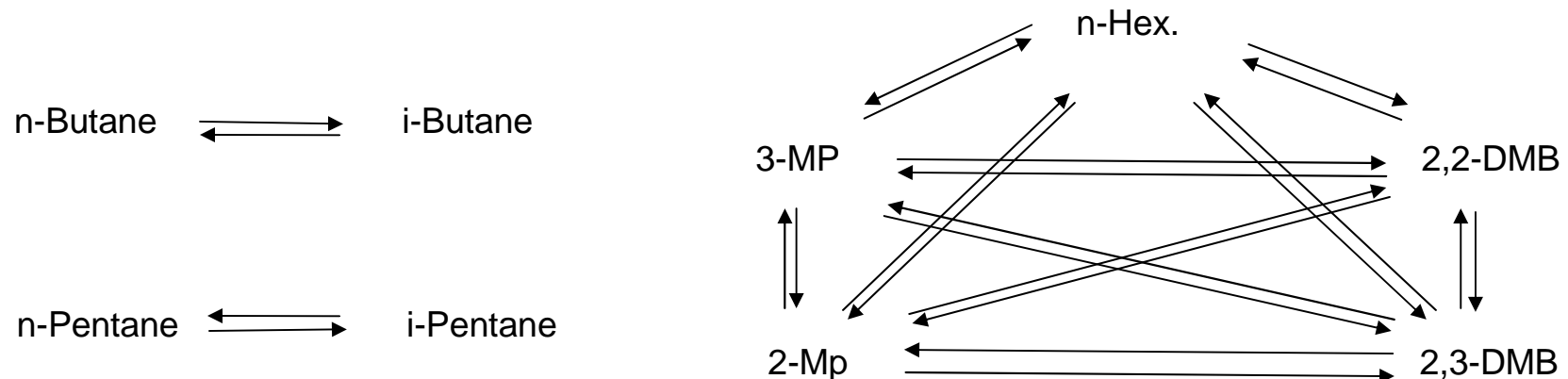


Isomerization



Isomerization

- Main reactants: n-Butane, n-Pentane, n-Hexane
- Typically catalyzed-gas phase reaction
- Low temperature favors isomer formation
- Seven rate laws
 - Only one of n-Pentanes isomers forms



Isomerization

- n-Butane

$$r_{n-C4} = -K_1 \cdot \frac{P_{n-C4}}{P_{H_2}} + K_2 \cdot \frac{P_{iso-C4}}{P_{H_2}}$$

- n-Pentane

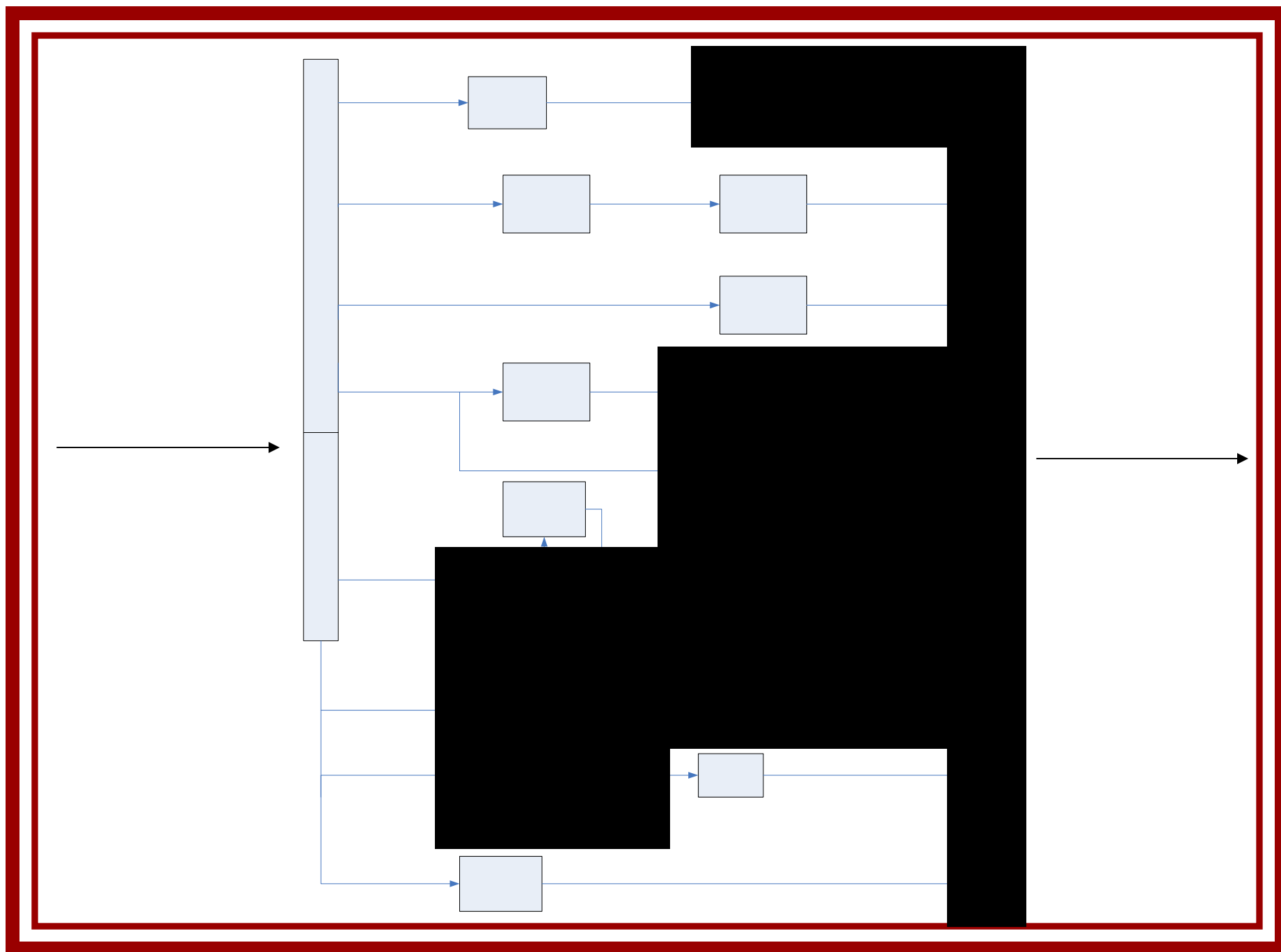
$$r_{n-C5} = - \left[K_2 \cdot \left(\frac{C_{n-C5}}{[H_2]} \right)^{0.125} - 0.0000197 \cdot t \right] [K_{eq} \cdot C_{n-C5} - (K_{eq} + 1) \cdot C_{i-C5}]$$

- n-Hexane

$$r_i = - \left(\sum_{j=1}^5 K_{j,i} \right) \cdot C_i + \sum_{j=1}^5 K_{i,j} C_j$$

Isomerization

- Model inputs
 - Temperature, mass flow rate, and H_2/HC ratio
- Model Product form
 - Weight percents of the individual isomers



Hydrocracking

INPUT:

$^{\circ}\text{API}$

K_w

H_2/BBL

OUTPUT:

Naptha

Light

Heavy

C_3 Up

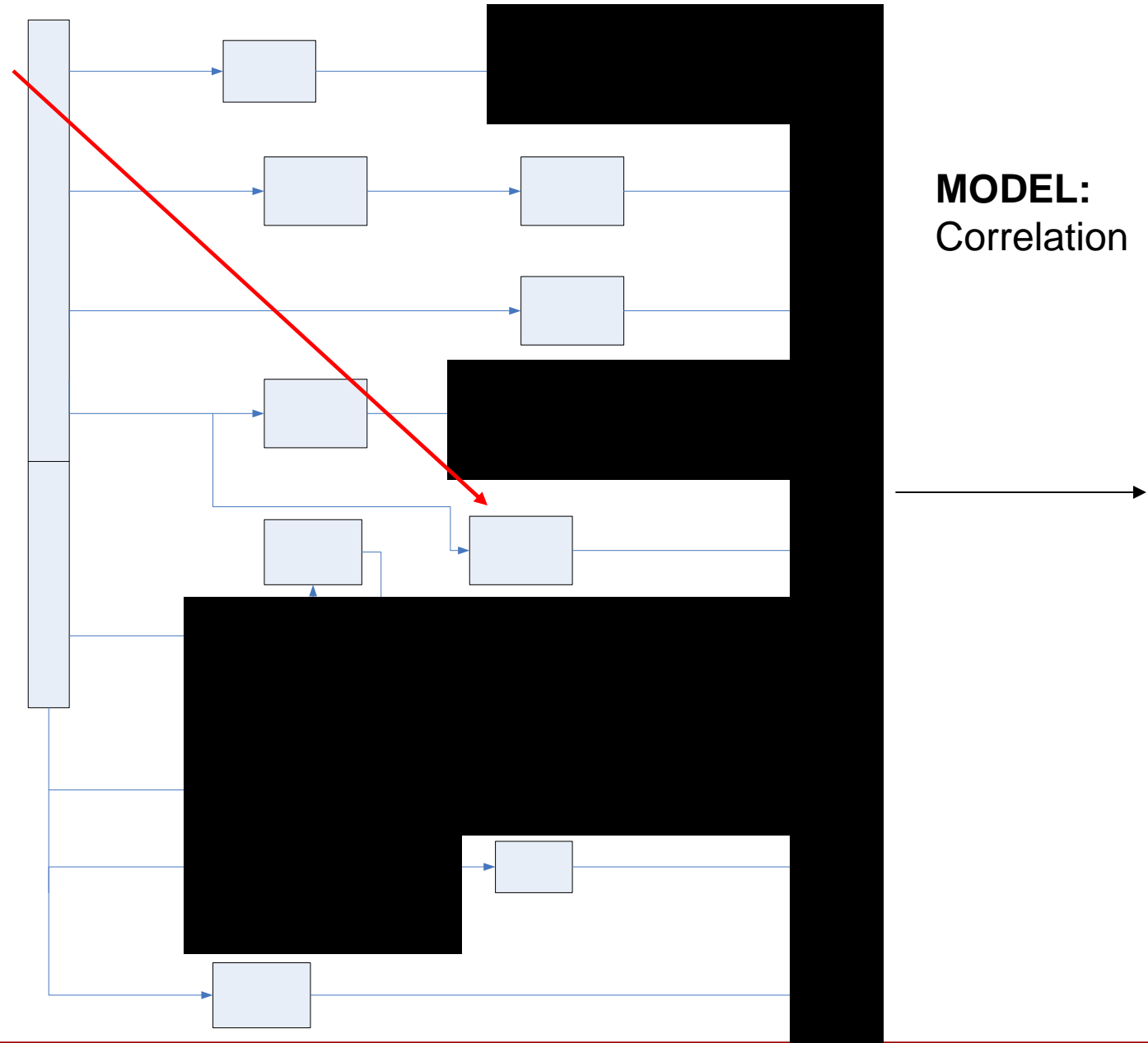
i-Butane

n-Butane

Gas Oil

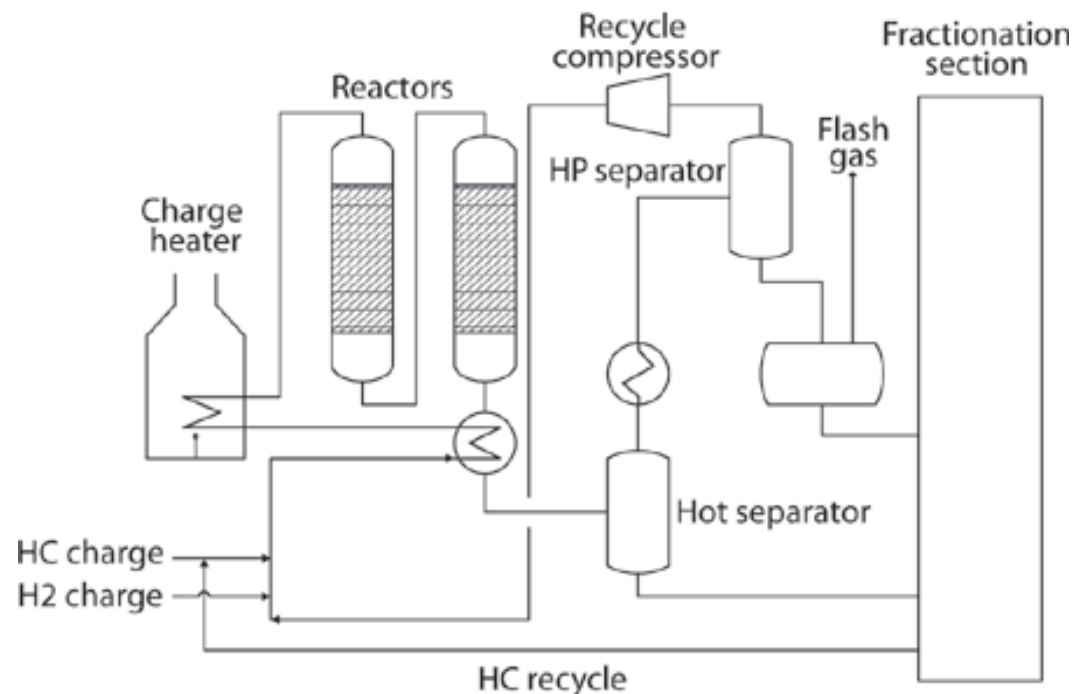
MODEL:

Correlation



Hydrocracking

- Convert higher boiling point petroleum fractions into lighter fuel products

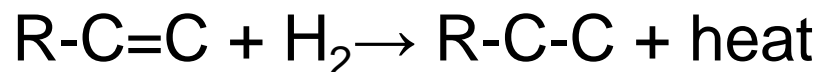


Hydrocracking

- Complementary Reactions
 - Cracking reactions
 - Provides olefins for hydrogenation



- Hydrogenation reactions
 - Provides heat for cracking



Hydrocracking

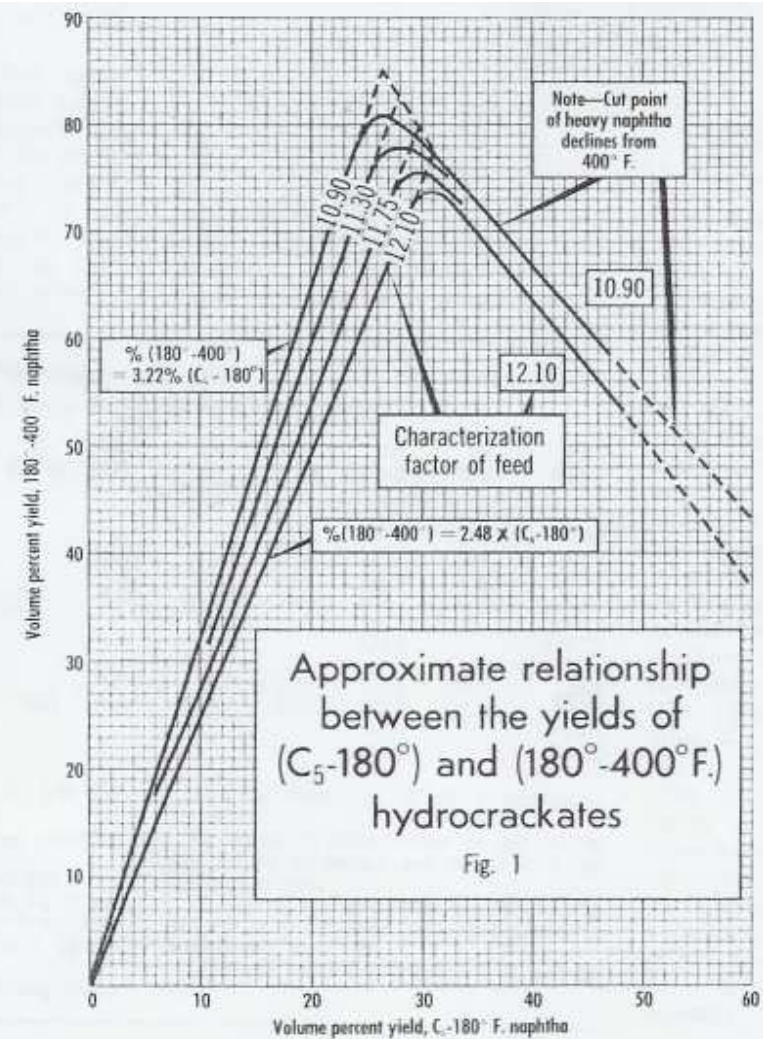
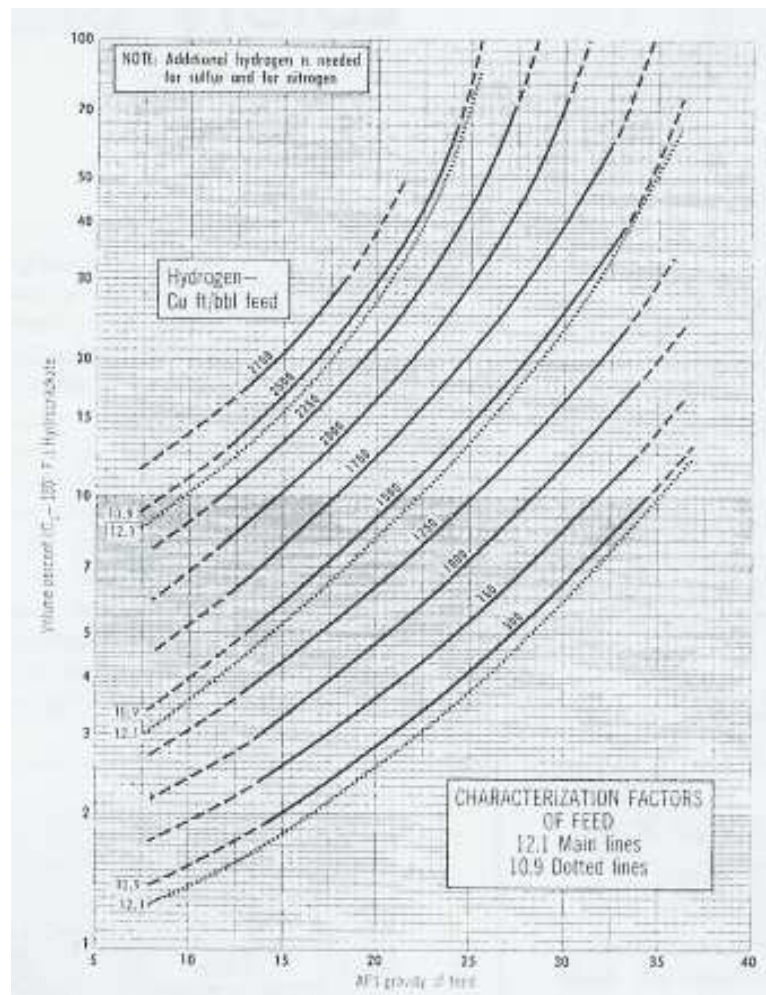
- Feedstocks- Heavy distillate stocks, aromatics, cycle oils, and coker oils
- Catalysts- zeolites
- Operating conditions-

	Residuum	Distillate
Hydrogen Consumption (SCFB)	1200-1600	1000-2400
LHSV (hr ⁻¹)	0.2-1	0.5-10
Temperature (°F)	750 -800	500-900
Pressure (psi)	2000-3000	500-3000

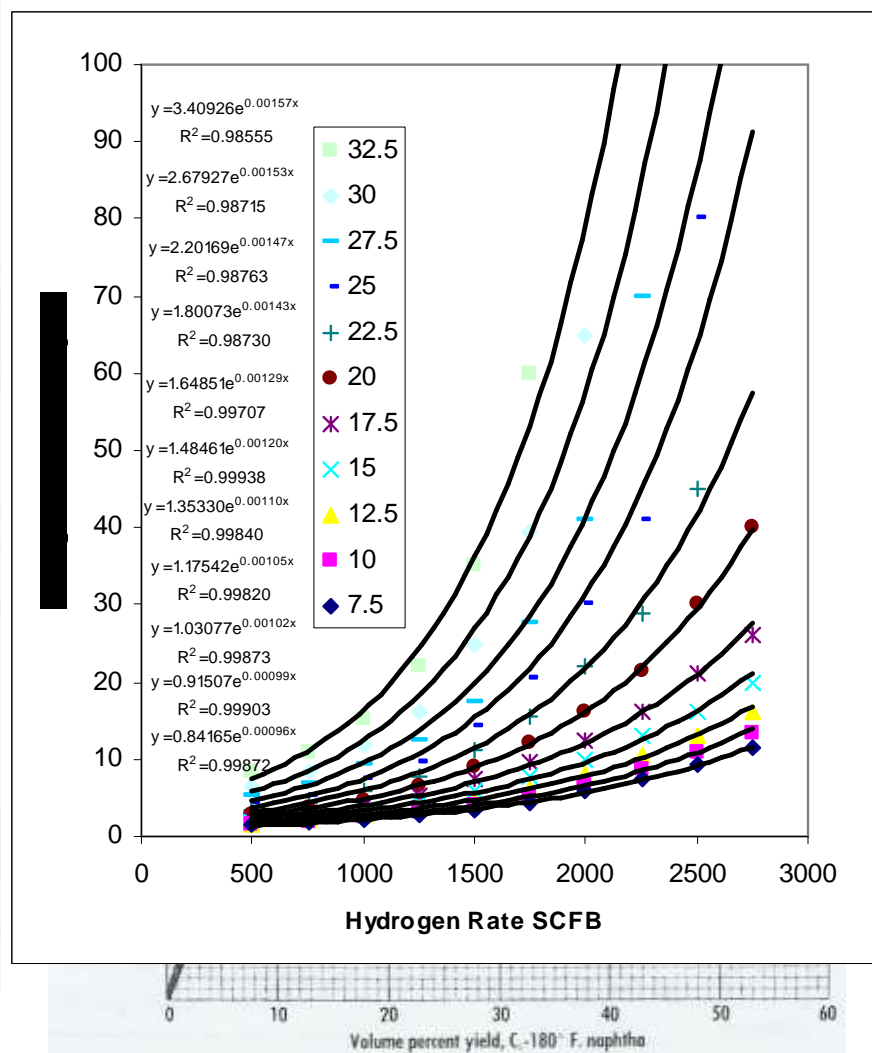
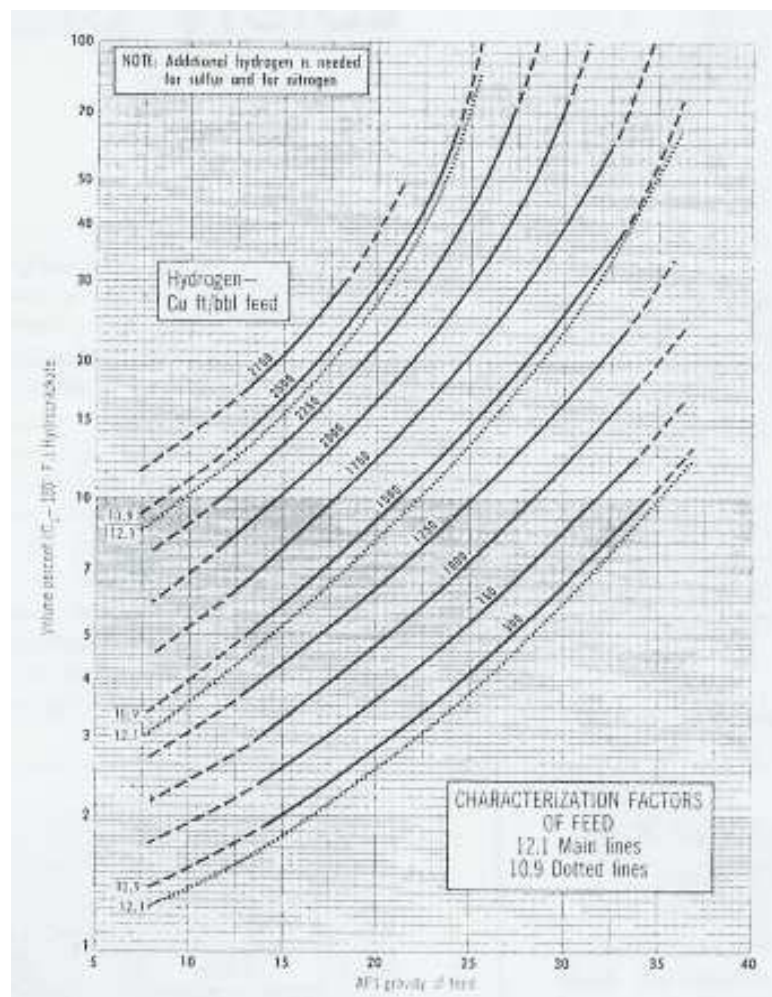
Hydrocracking Model Development

- Correlated data from “Oil and Gas Journal” W.L. Nelson
- Graphical correlated data was made continuous for hydrogen feed rate, Kw and API of the feed
- 3 inputs
- 5 outputs

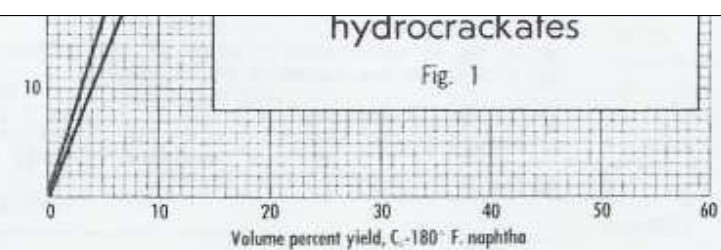
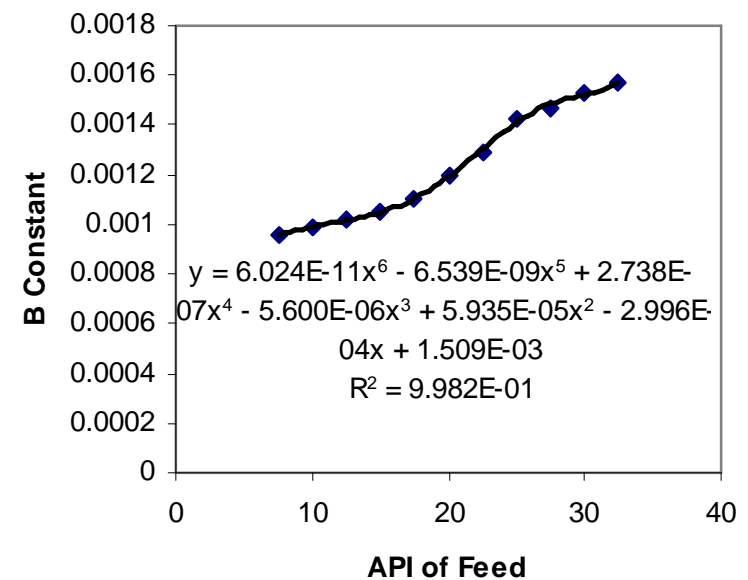
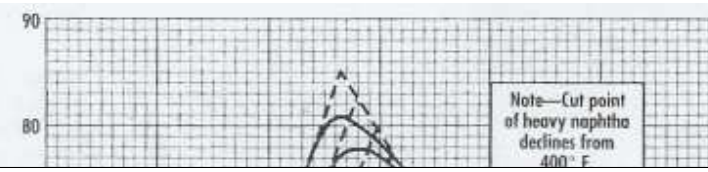
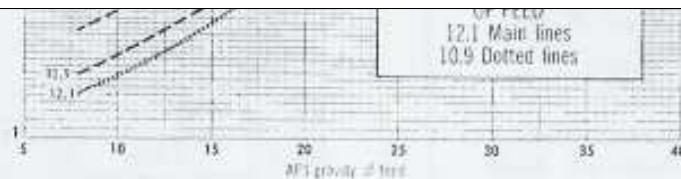
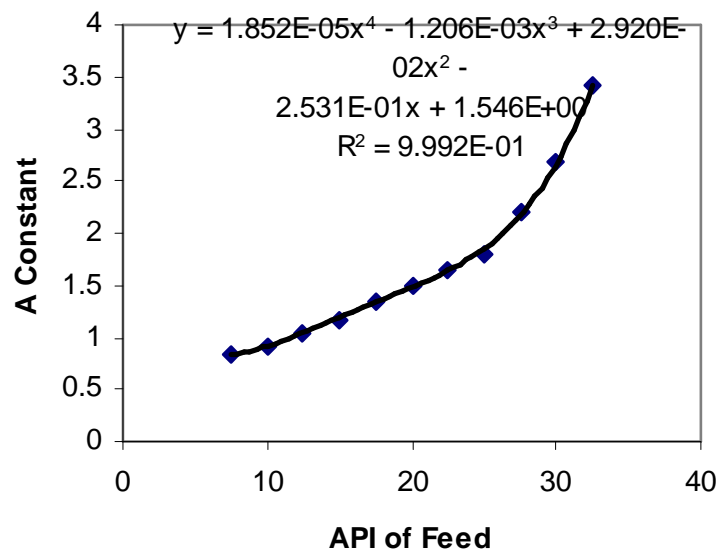
Hydrocracking Model



Hydrocracking Model



Hydrocracking Model

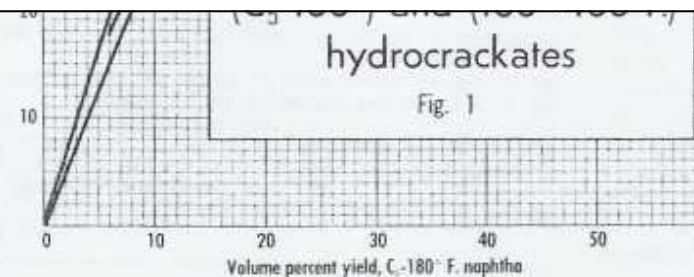
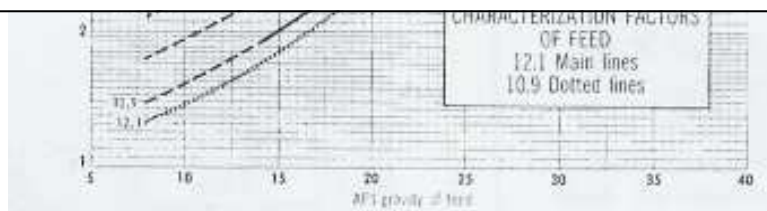


Hydrocracking Model

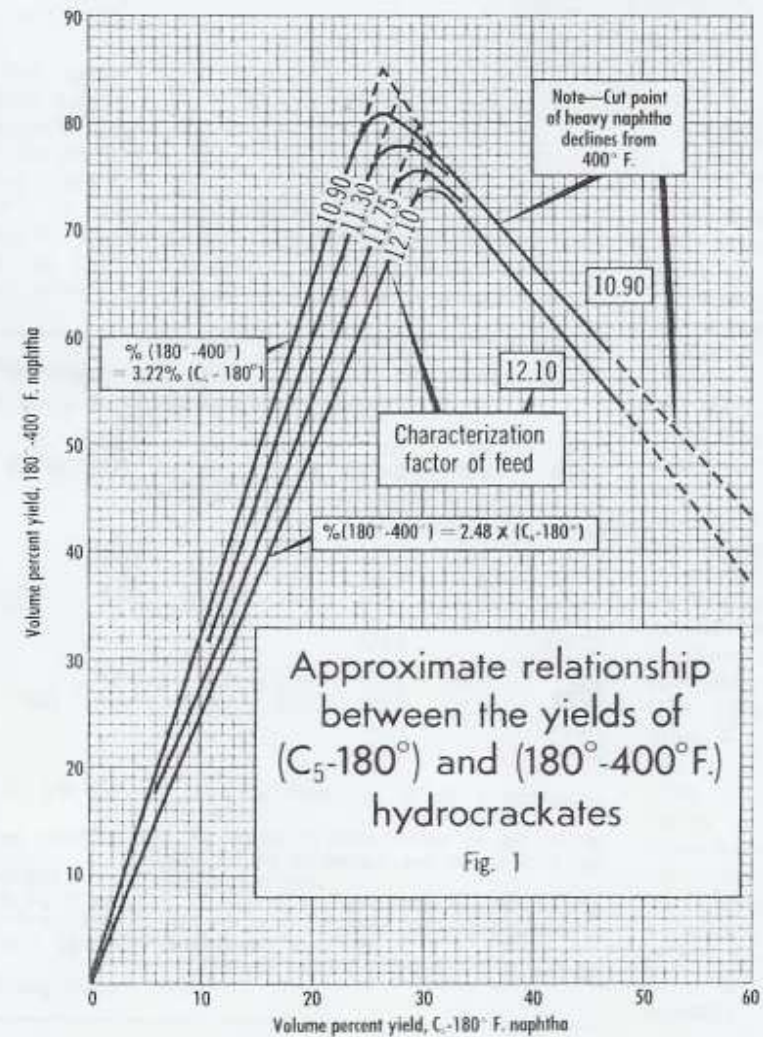
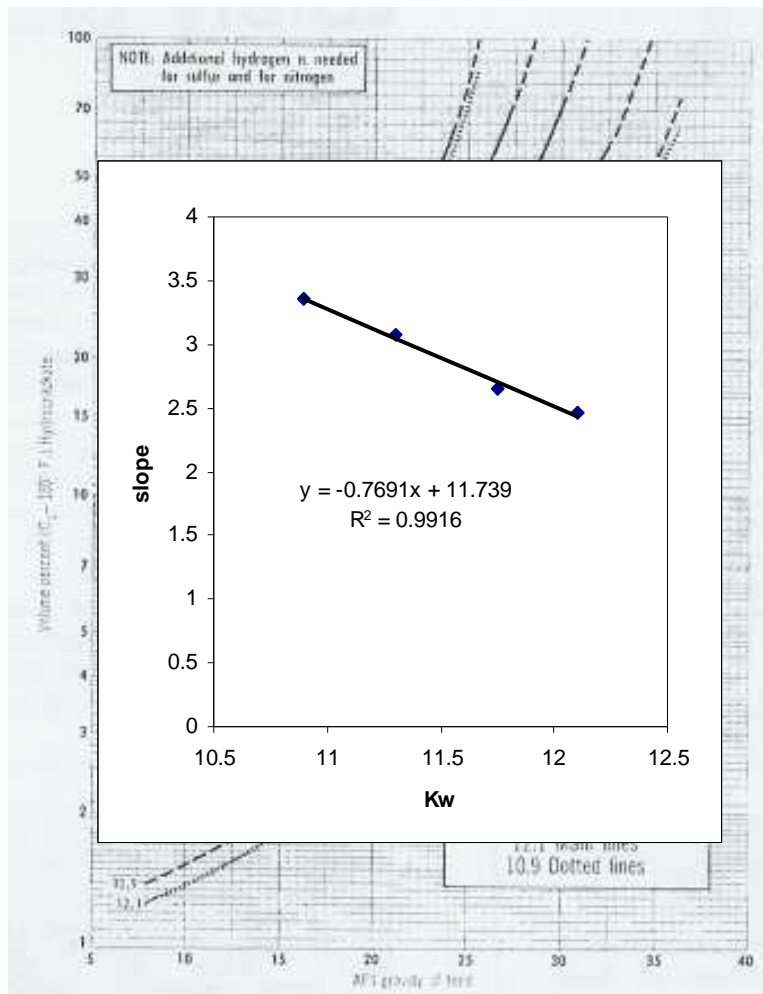


Vol% of light naphtha

		%API							
Hydrogen Rate(SCFB)		7.5	10	12.5	15	17.5	20	22.5	25
2500	$K_w=12.1$	9.25	11	13	16	21	30	45	80
	diff. from $K_w=10.9$	0.75	1	1	1.25	1.75	2.5	5	7.5
		8.11%	9.09%	7.69%	7.81%	8.33%	8.33%	11.11%	9.38%
1500	$K_w=12.1$	3.4	4	4.8	5.8	7.3	9.1	11.25	14.25
	diff. from $K_w=10.9$	0.35	0.45	0.5	0.55	0.7	1	1.5	1.75
		10.29%	11.25%	10.42%	9.48%	9.59%	10.99%	13.33%	12.28%
500	$K_w=12.1$	1.4	1.55	1.7	2	2.3	2.8	3.4	4.2
	diff. from $K_w=10.9$	0.1	0.17	0.2	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4
		7.14%	10.97%	11.76%	10.00%	10.87%	10.71%	10.29%	9.52%



Hydrocracking Model



Hydrocracking Equations

$$\text{vol\% } p_1 = (1.00833K_w - 0.00833)Ae^{B \cdot H}$$

$$\text{vol\% } p_2 = (-0.7691 \cdot K_w + 11.739)(\text{vol\% } p_1)$$

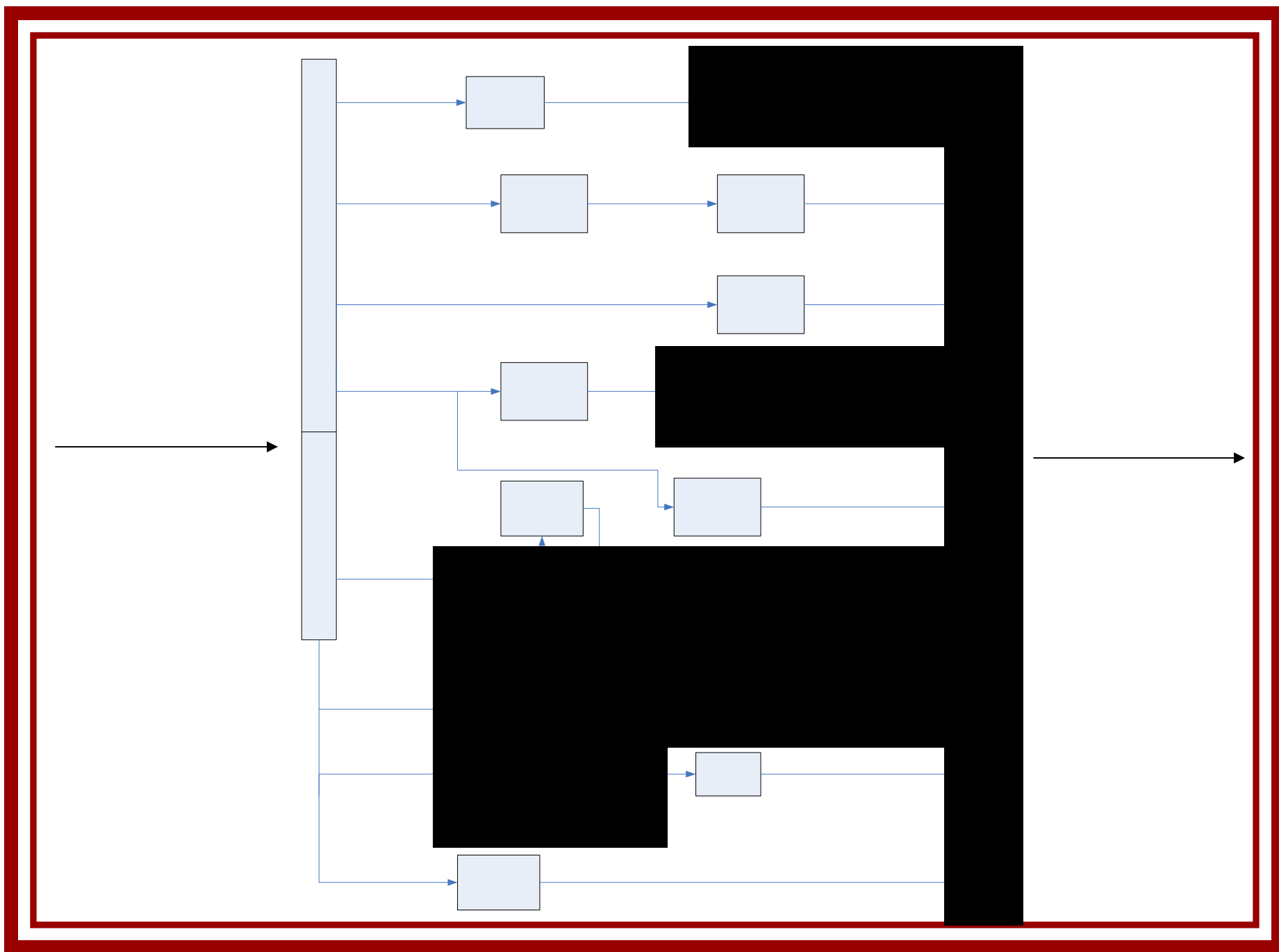
$$\text{vol\% } p_3 = 0.337(\text{vol\% } p_1)$$

$$\text{vol\% } p_4 = 0.186(\text{vol\% } p_1)$$

$$\text{vol\% } p_5 = 1 + 0.09(\text{vol\% } p_1)$$

Hydrocracking Model

%API	Hydrogen (SCFB)	K_w	vol% p_1		vol% p_2	
15	2500	12.1	16.4	9%	39.9	1%
actual			15.0		40.5	
20	750	10.9	3.3	7%	11.0	9%
actual			3.5		10.0	
30	1250	10.9	16.3	25%	54.7	27%
actual			13.0		43.0	

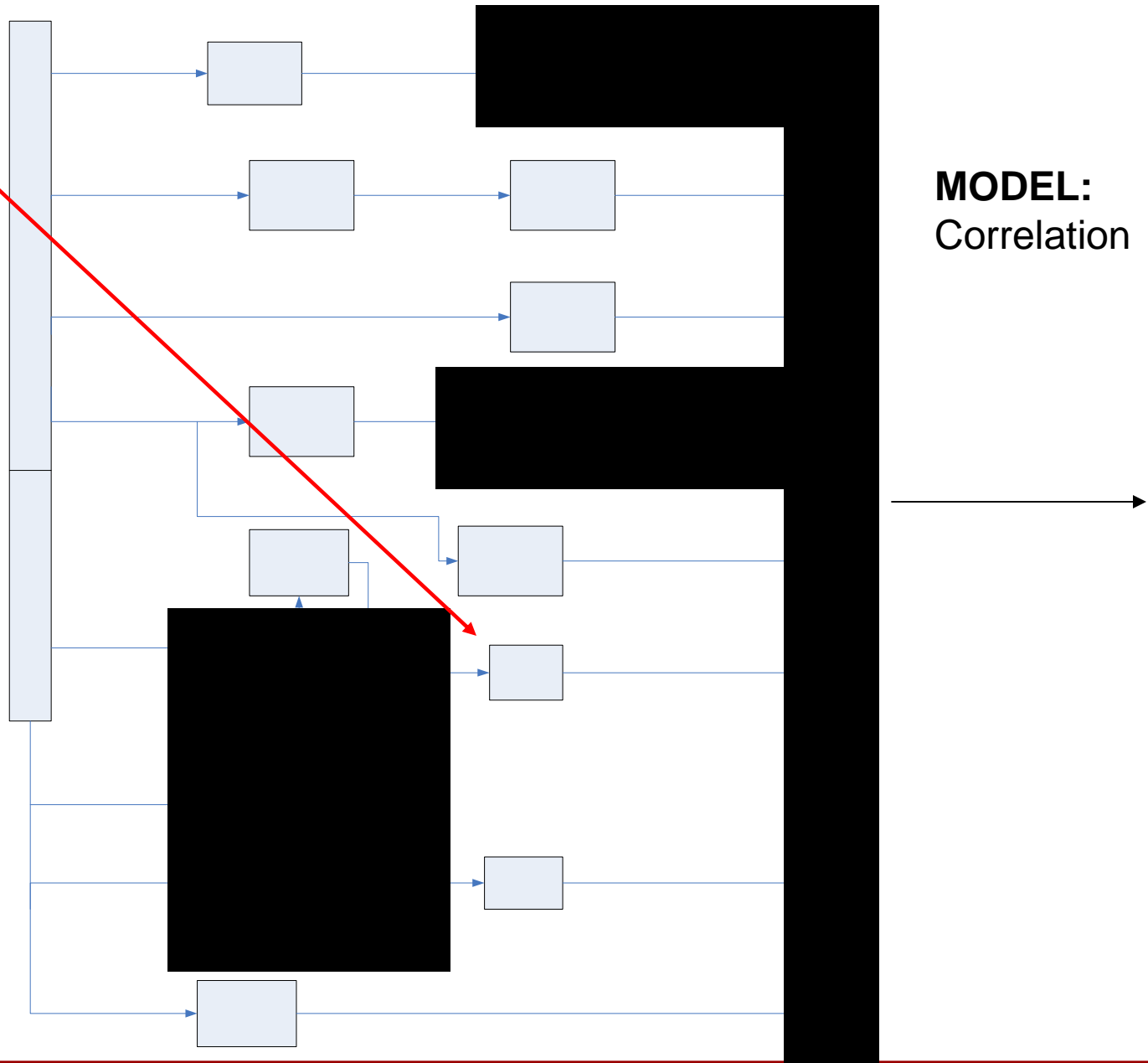


**Solvent
Dewaxing**

INPUT:
Composition
Temperature

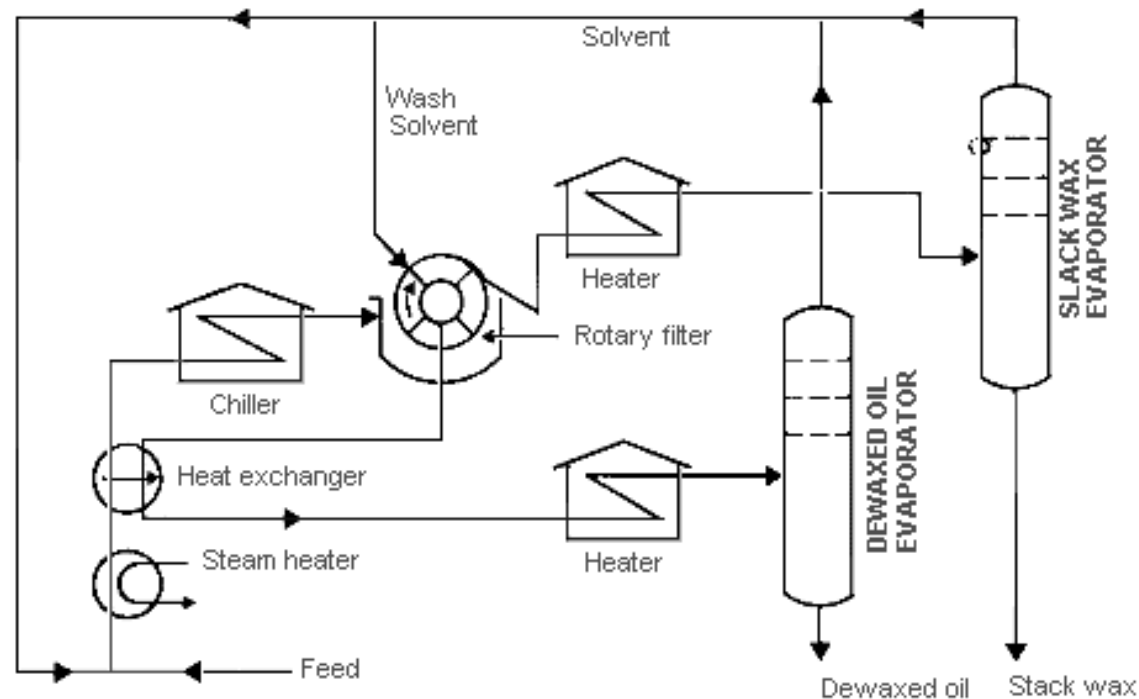
OUTPUT:
Wax
Lube Oil

MODEL:
Correlation



Solvent Dewaxing

- Separate high pour point waxes from lubricating oils



Solvent Dewaxing

- Feedstocks
 - Distillate and residual stocks – heavy gas oils
 - Solvents – Ketones (MEK) and Propane
- Operating conditions
 - Solvent to oil ratio 1:1 to 4:1
 - Desired pour point of product

Dewaxing Model Development

- Correlation from “Energy and Fuels”
Krishna et. al.
- 3 experimentally determined parameters
- 3 inputs
- 2 outputs

$$PPT = A0 \log(100 / PC) + A1 / CL + A2$$

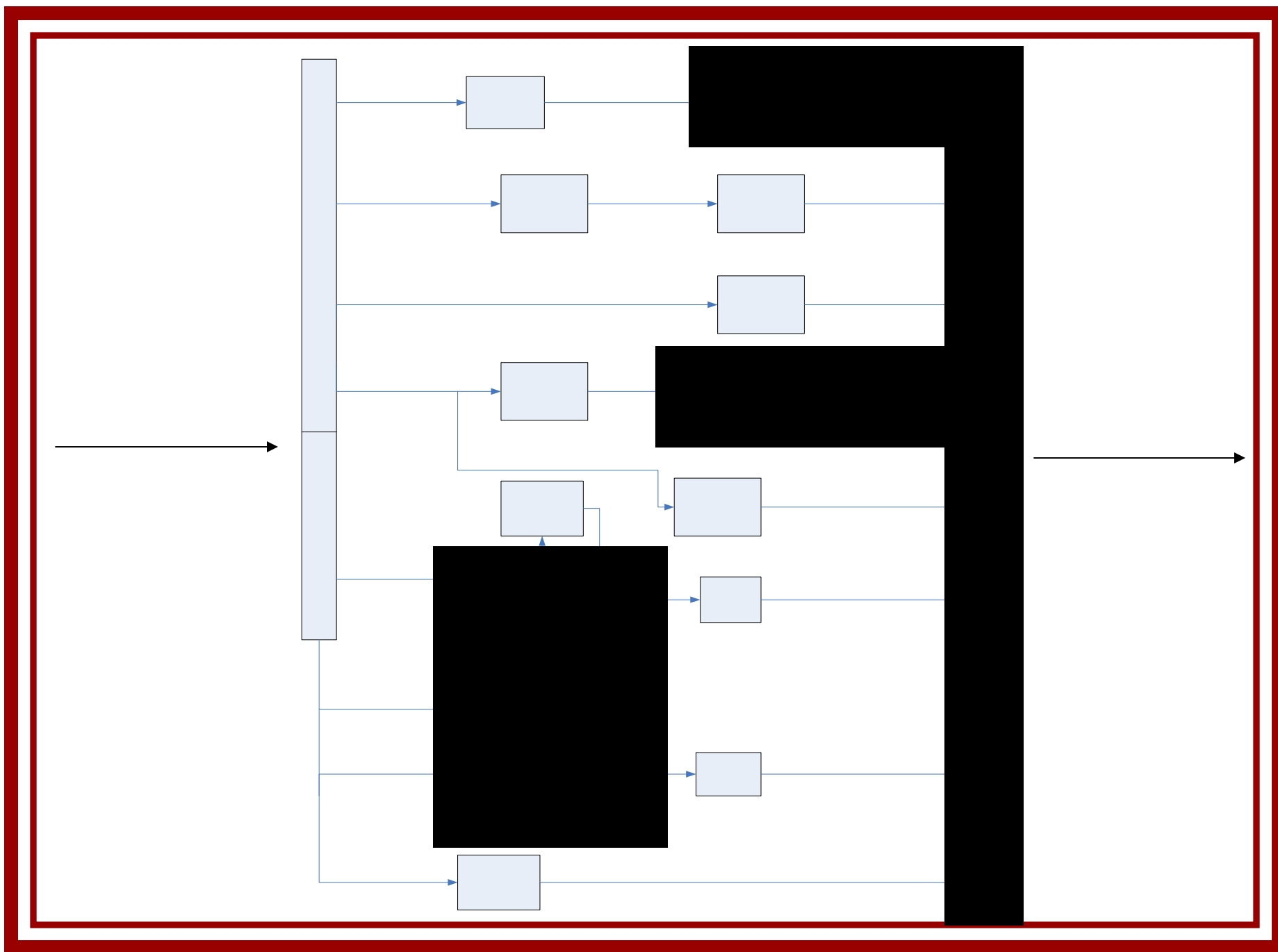
$$OilYield(wt\%) = \frac{(100 - PC(feed))}{(100 - PC(product))}$$

Dewaxing Model Error

	BC2	NC6	NC7	NC8	NC9	NC10
℃	375-500	375-400	400-425	425-450	450-475	475-500
wax wt%	46.8	44.88	47.28	48.41	48.72	47.05
CL	26.89	24.13	25.13	27.14	29.05	31
PPT act.	48	39	45	48	51	57
PPT pred.	48.0	41.0	44.0	48.9	52.8	55.9
error %	0.1%	5.0%	2.3%	1.8%	3.5%	1.9%

dewaxing model Desired PPT= 10

PPT low	9.99	9.50	9.77	9.82	9.65	9.81
PPT high	10.01	10.50	10.23	10.18	10.35	10.19
wax wt% low	0.368	0.819	0.608	0.336	0.202	0.133
wax wt% high	0.369	0.931	0.643	0.352	0.220	0.139
yield low	0.5340	0.5558	0.5304	0.5176	0.5138	0.5302
yield high	0.5340	0.5564	0.5306	0.5177	0.5139	0.5302
error %	0.001%	0.112%	0.036%	0.016%	0.019%	0.006%



Alkylation

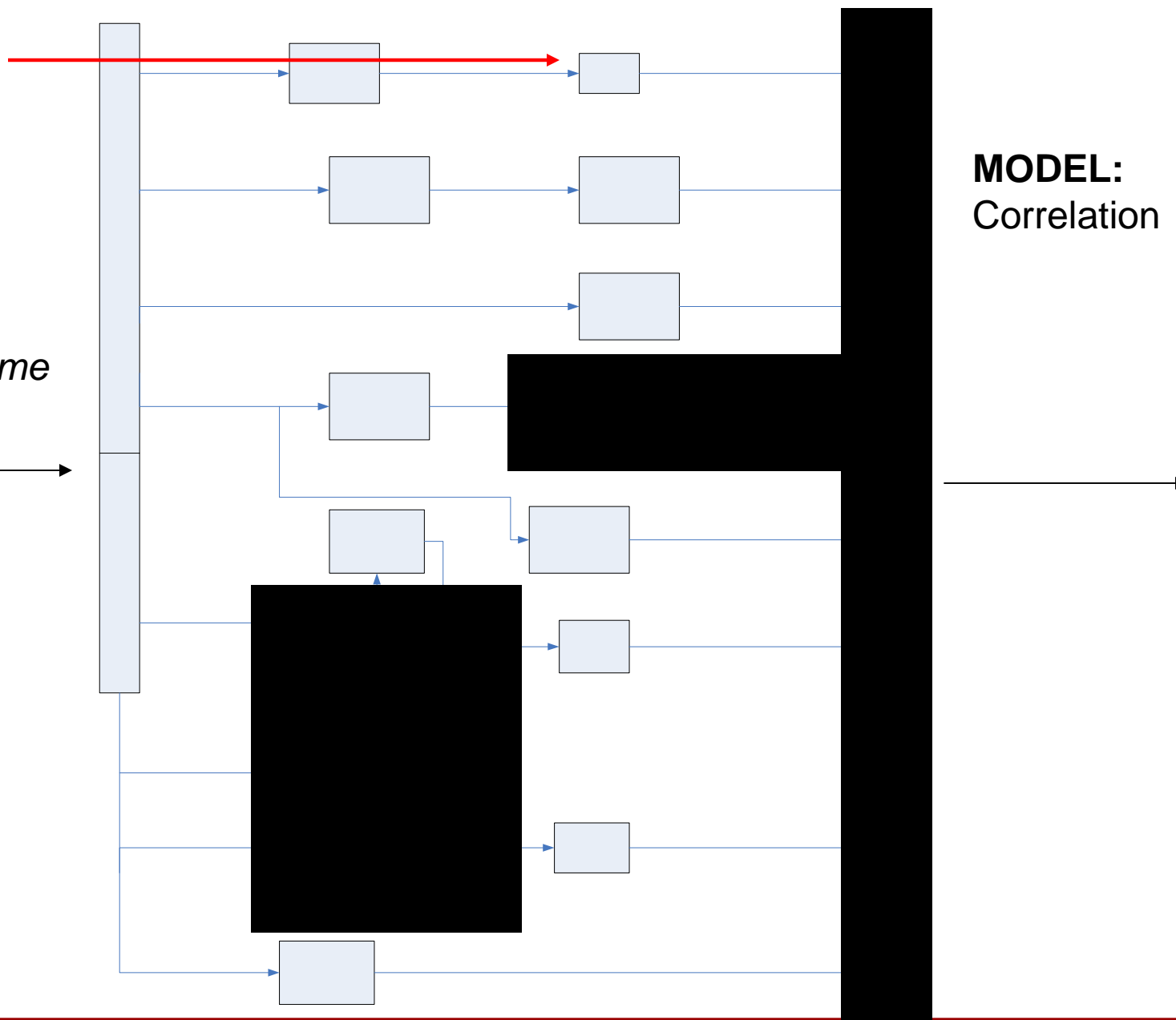
INPUT:

*Iso-butane
Butylene /
Propylene
Reaction time*

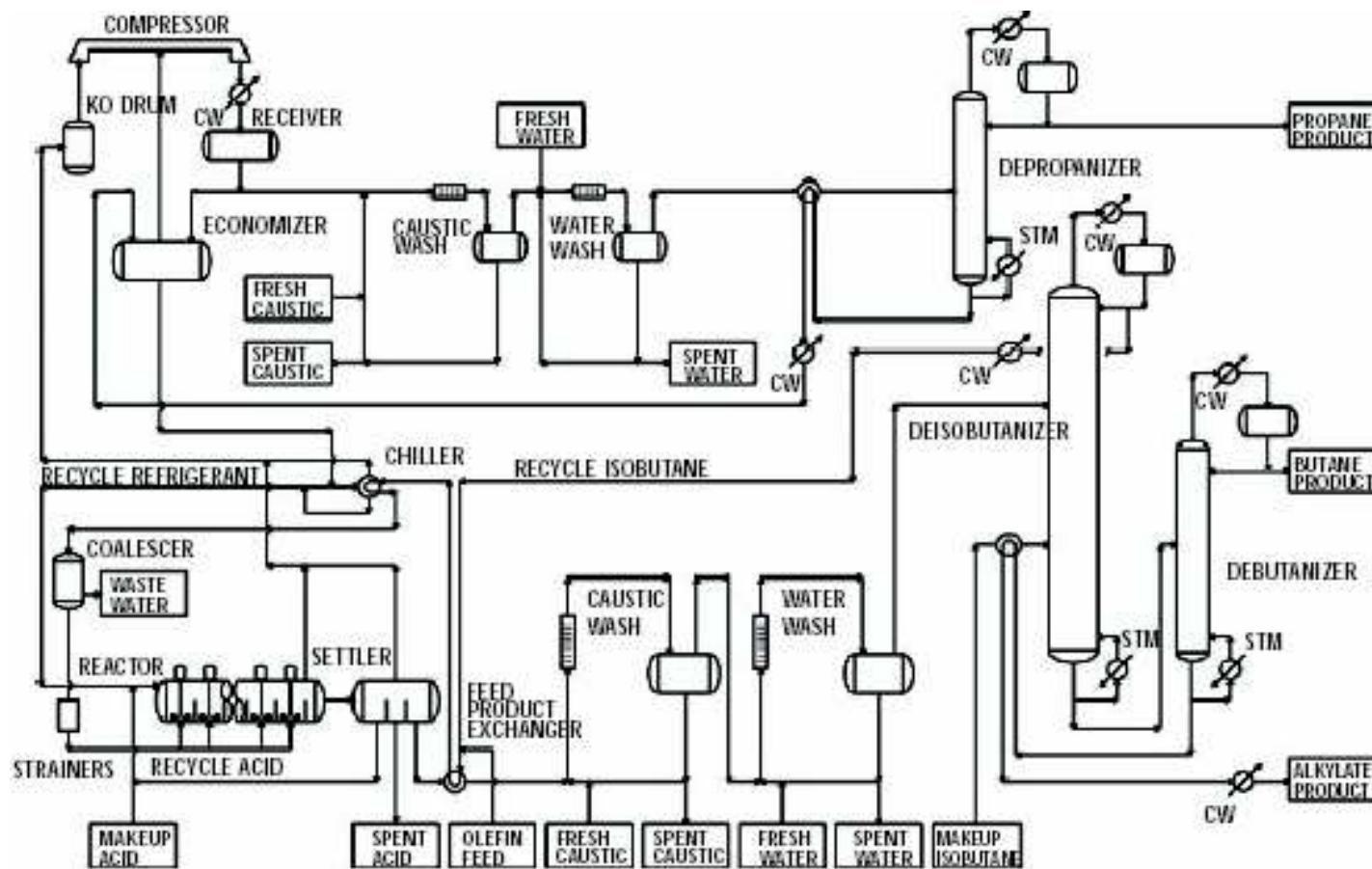
OUTPUT:

*Propane
Butane
Alkylate*

MODEL:
Correlation

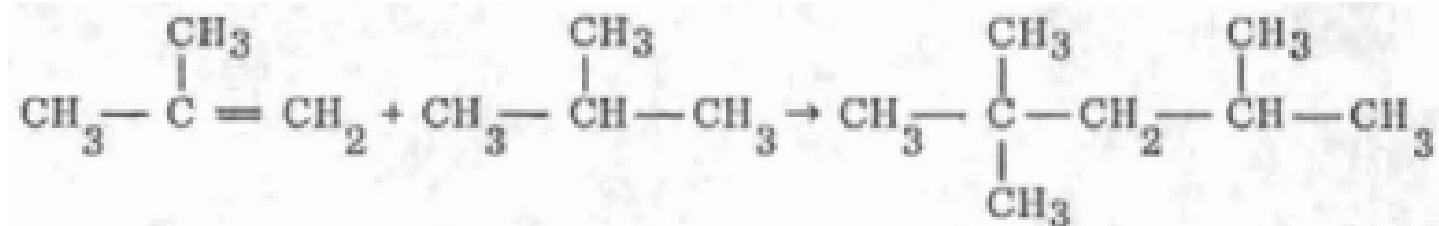


Alkylation PFD



Exxon-Mobil Autorefrigeration H₂SO₄ alkylation

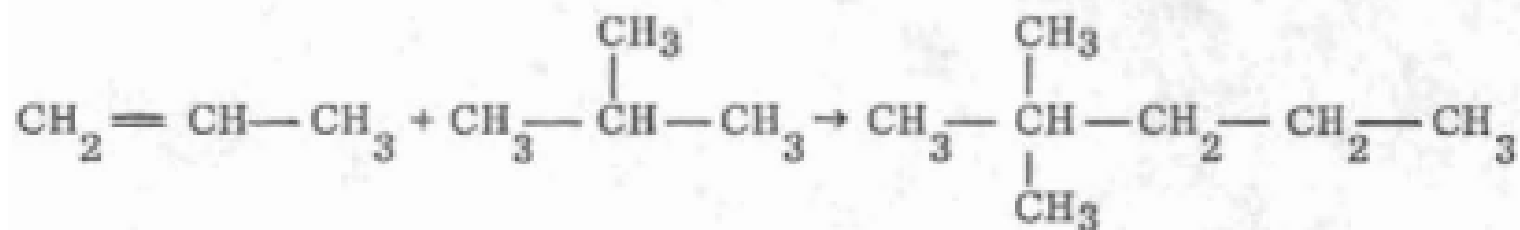
Alkylation



isobutylene

isobutane

2, 2, 4-trimethylpentane
(isooctane)



propylene

isobutane

2, 2-dimethylpentane
(isohexane)

*Lots of side reactions

Alkylation

$$F = \frac{I_E (I/O)_F}{100(SV)_O}$$

$(I/O)_F$ = volumetric isobutane/olefin ratio in feed

I_E = isobutane in reactor effluent, liquid volume %

$(SV)_O$ = olefin space velocity, v/hr/v

F = Factor defined by A.V. Mrstik

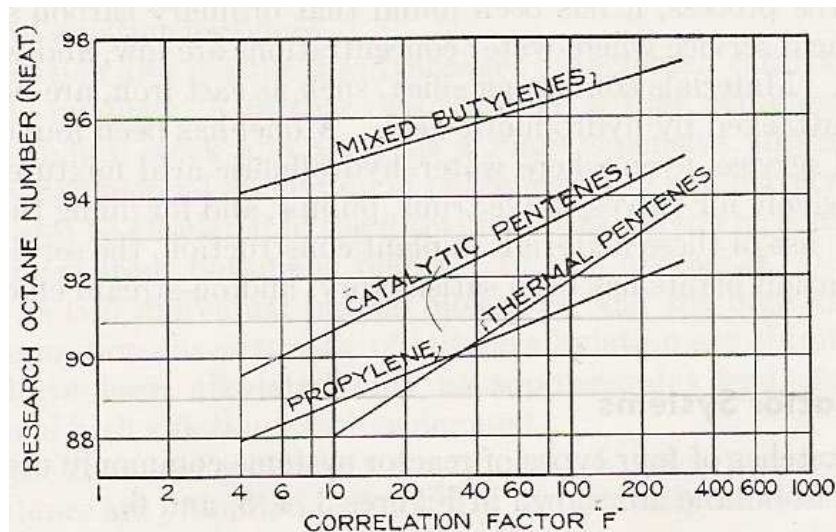
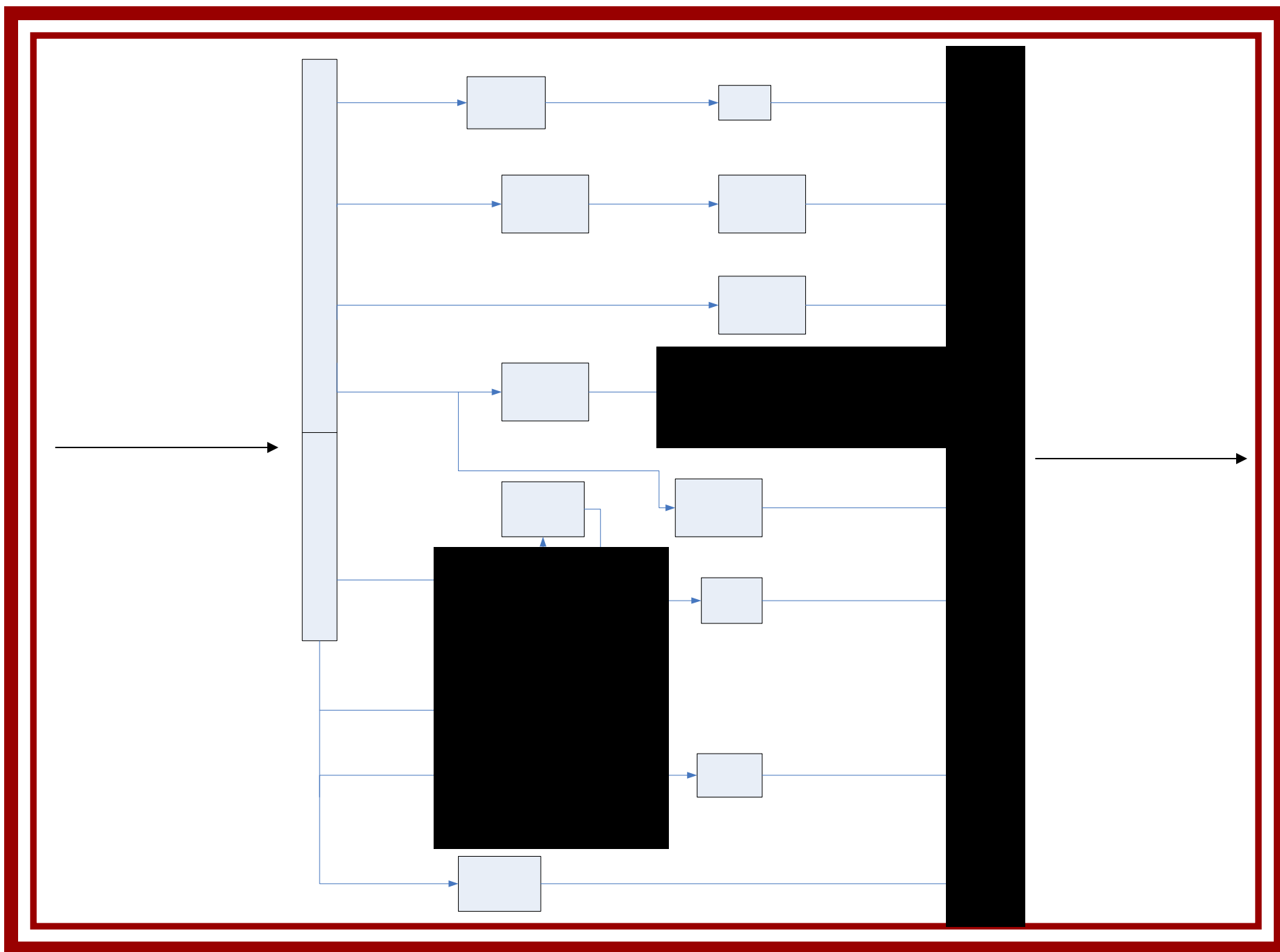


Figure 7. Sulfuric Acid Alkylate Octanes, ASTM Research (CRC-F-1)



Polymerization

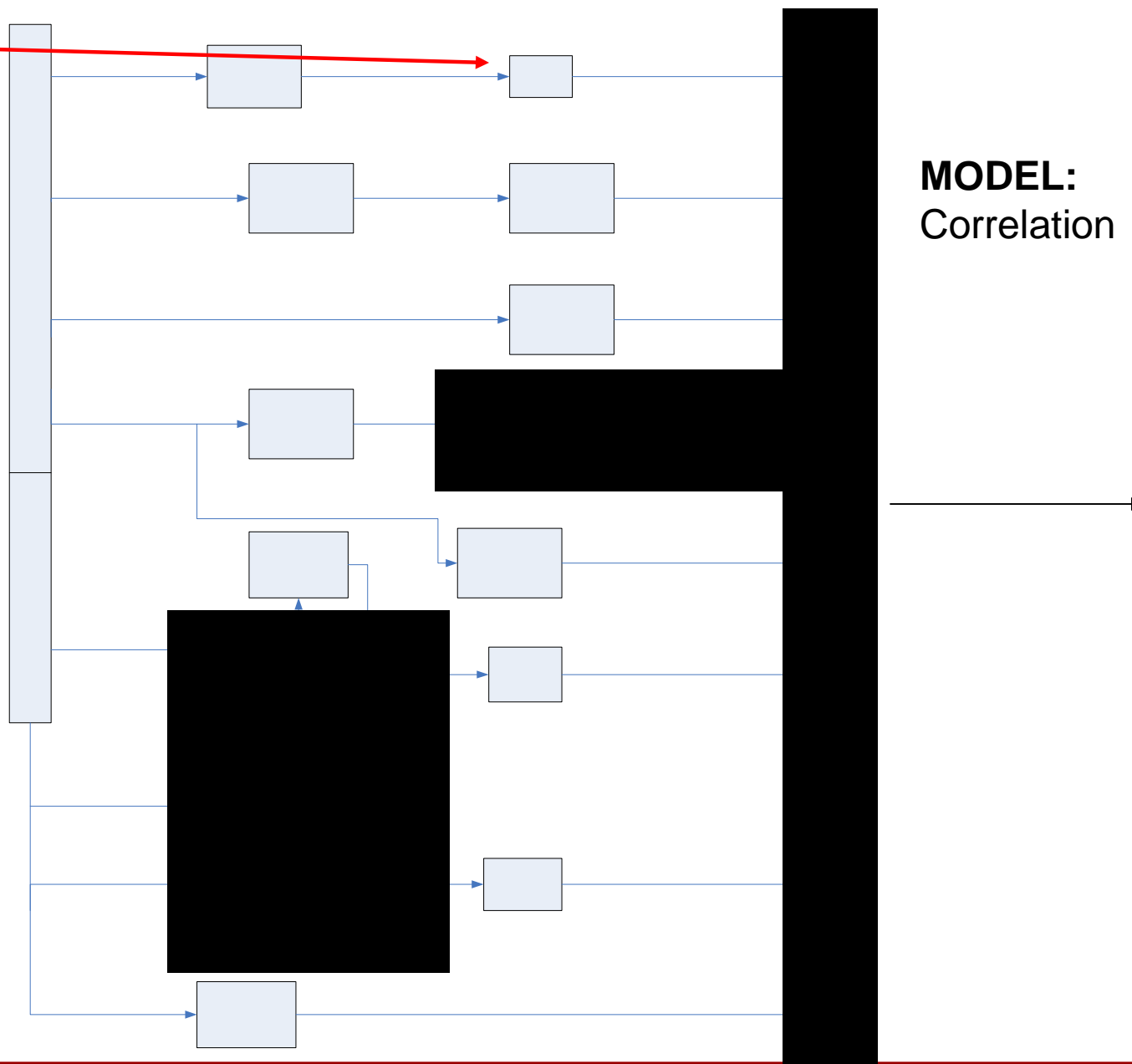
INPUT:

*Iso-butane
Butylene /
Propylene*

OUTPUT:

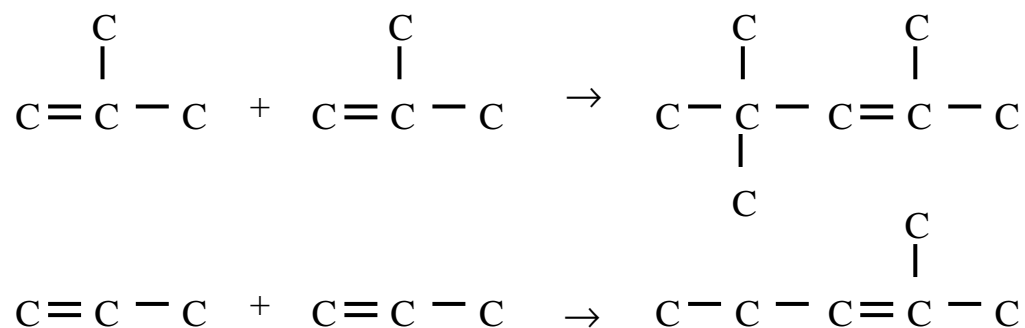
*Gasoline
Diesel*

MODEL:
Correlation



Polymerization

- Converts Propylenes and butylenes into saturated carbon chains
- 1st used Catalytic Solid Phosphoric Acid (SPA) on silica fell out of popularity in 1960s.
- Now experimenting with Zeolites.



- Polymerization reaction is highly exothermic and temperature is controlled either by injecting cold propane quench or by generating steam.
- Propane is also recycled to help control temperature

Zeolite Polymerization

- Converts propylenes and butylenes into saturated carbon chains by means of zeolite catalysis (ZSM-5)

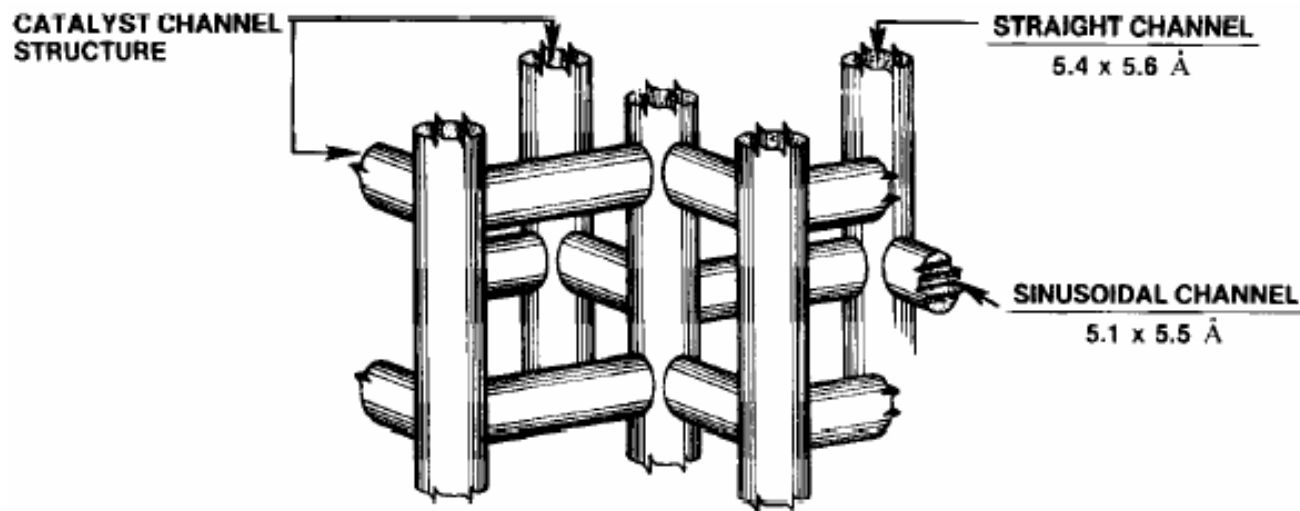
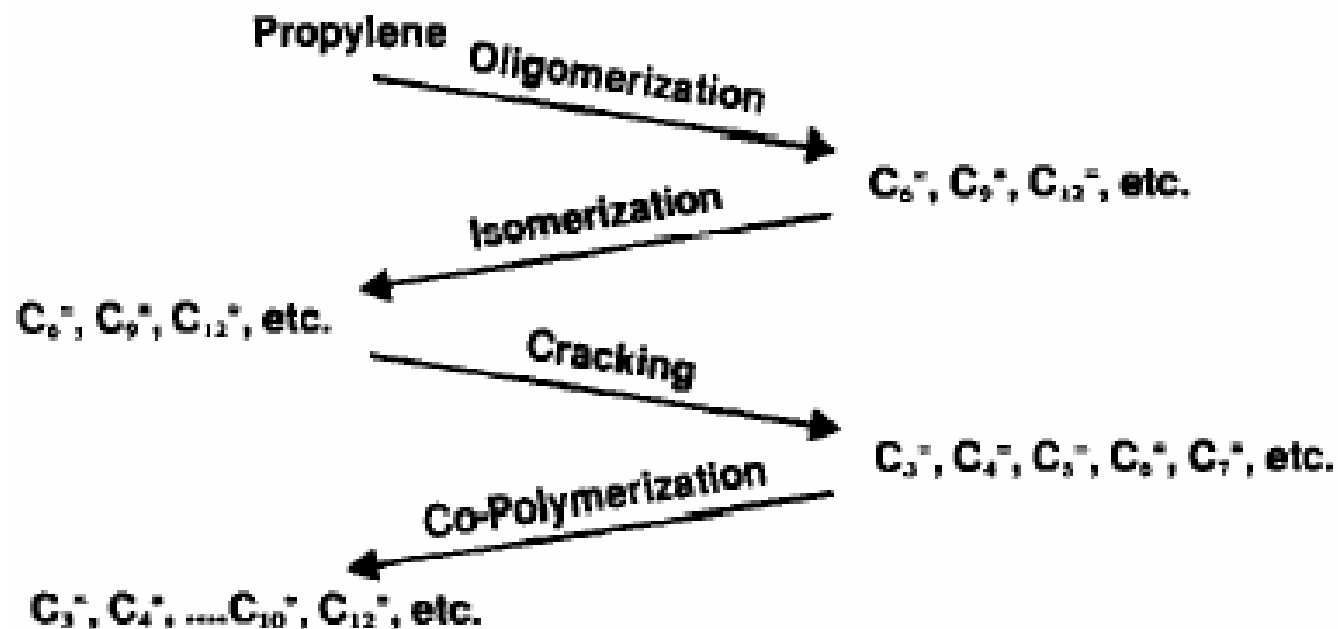


Figure 1. ZSM-5 Catalyst.

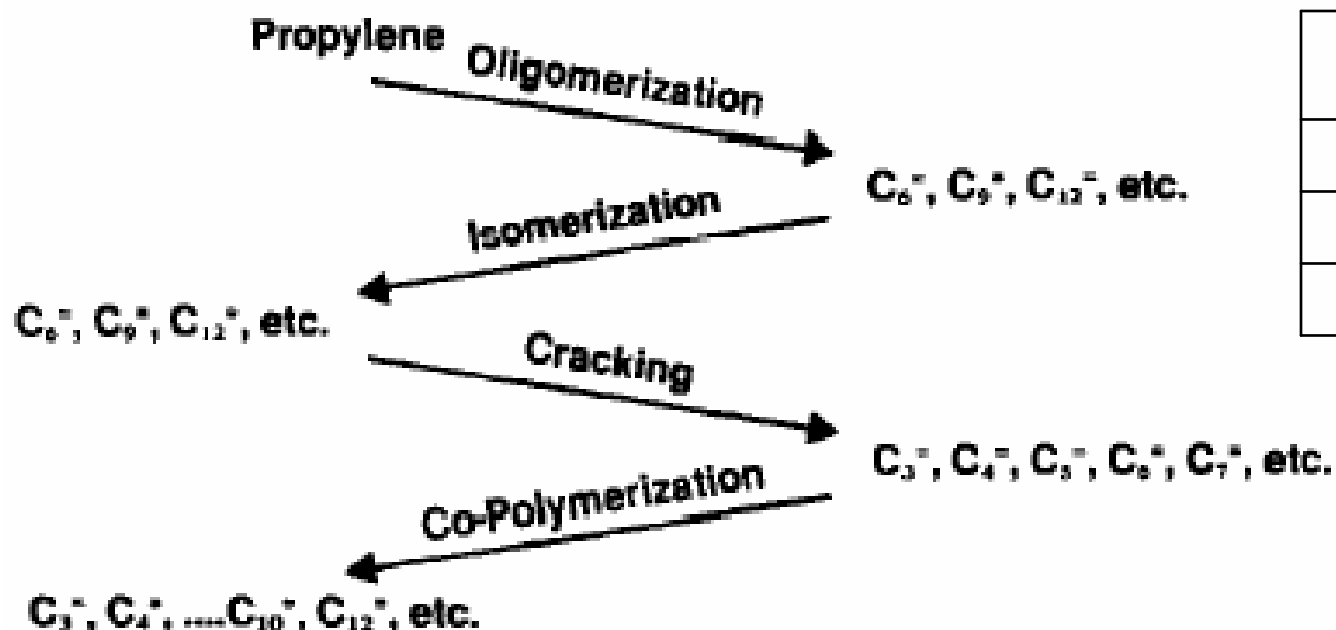
Zeolite Polymerization

- Converts propylenes and butylenes into saturated carbon chains by means of zeolite catalysis (ZSM-5)



Zeolite Polymerization

- Converts propylenes and butylenes into saturated carbon chains by means of zeolite catalysis (ZSM-5)



Specific Gravity	0.73
Octane	
RON	92
MON	79

[Tabak, 1986]

Zeolite Polymerization

Charge

- 17wt.% Propylene
- 10.7 wt.% Propane
- 36.1 wt.% 1-butene
- 27.2 wt.% isobutane

Propylene partial pressure =
7~3470kPa.

*Depending on desired
chain length

Temperature = 550K

Total Pressure =
5430 kPa

Zeolite Polymerization

Charge

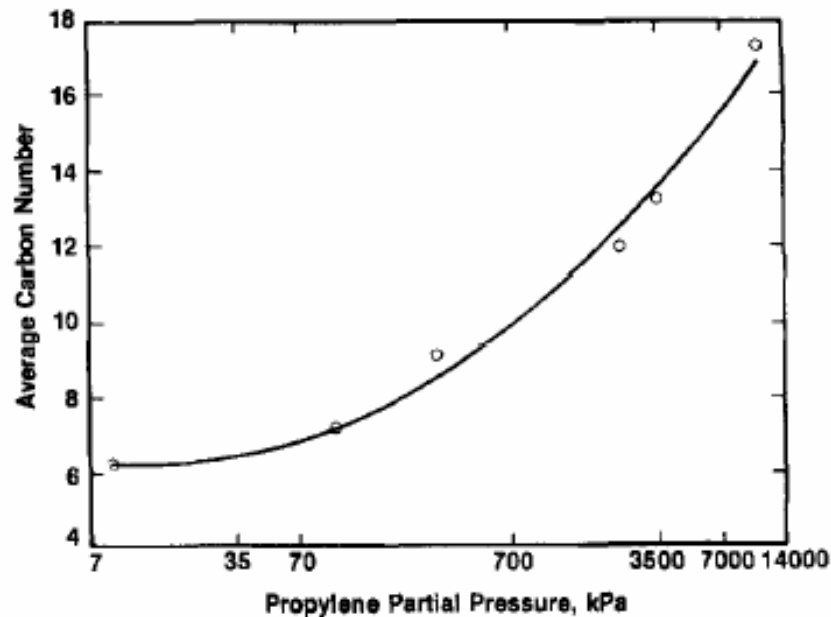
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Total Pressure =
5430 kPa

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7~3470kPa.

*Depending on desired
chain length



Polymerization

+ PBR-gas phase

- *Solid catalysis*

+ Produce either
diesel or gasoline
range chains

- *Typical octane
number = 92
(RON)*

vs

Alkylation

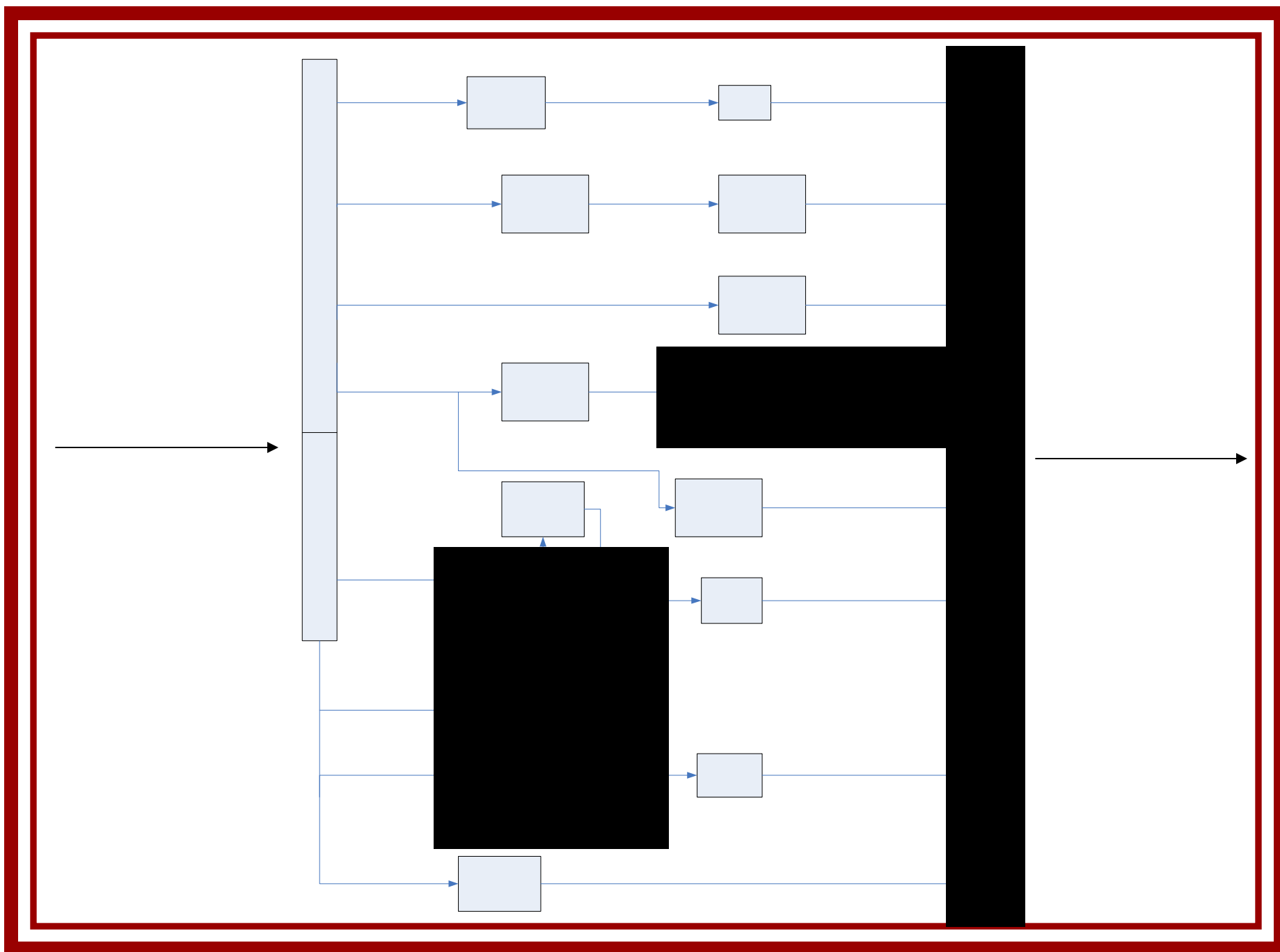
- *CSTR- liquid phase*

+ Liquid catalysis

- *Requires very vigorous
agitation*

- *Typically .1lb_m acid
consumed per gallon
product*

++Typical octane number =
96(RON)



Deasphalting

INPUT:

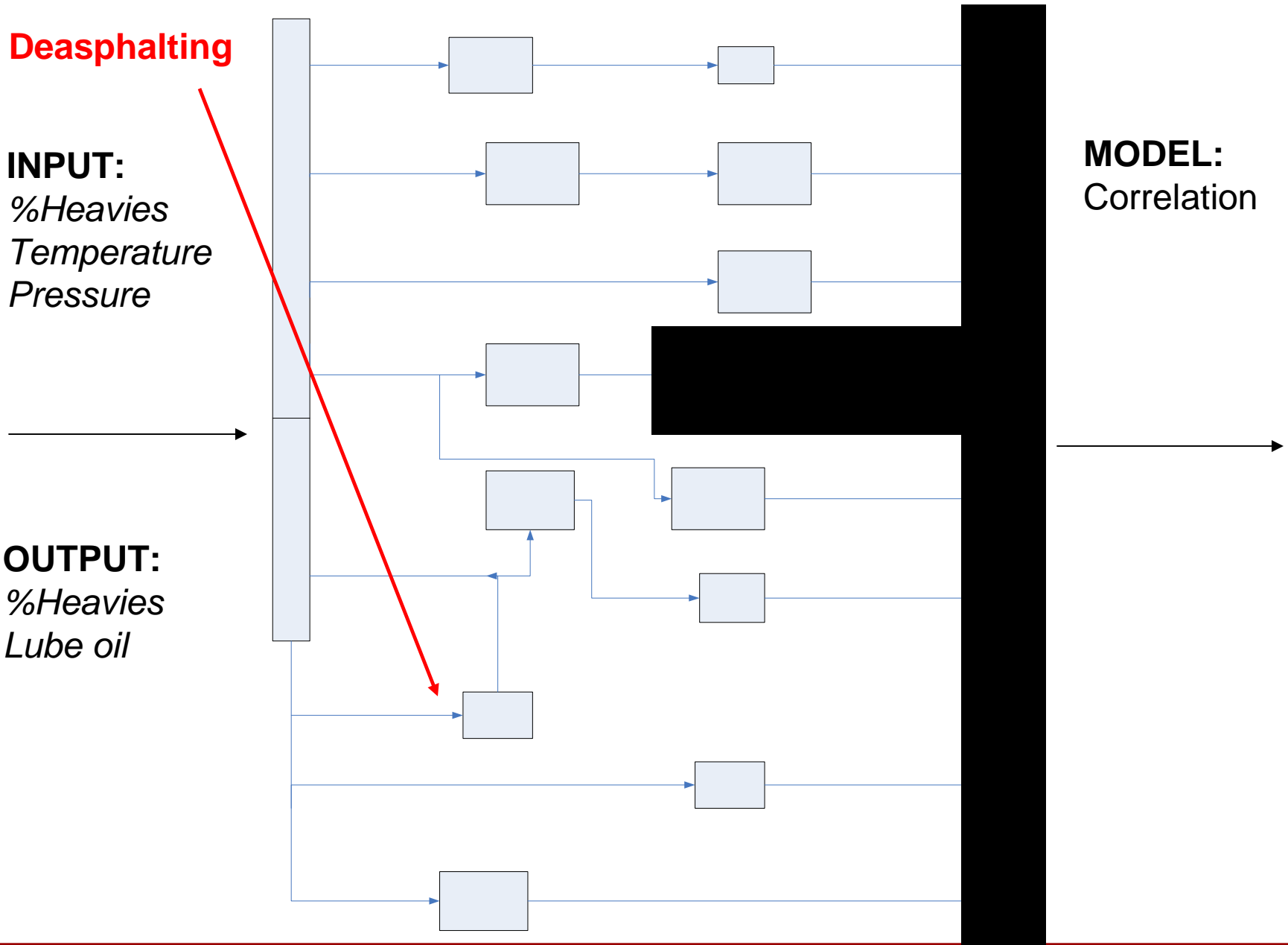
%Heavies
Temperature
Pressure

OUTPUT:

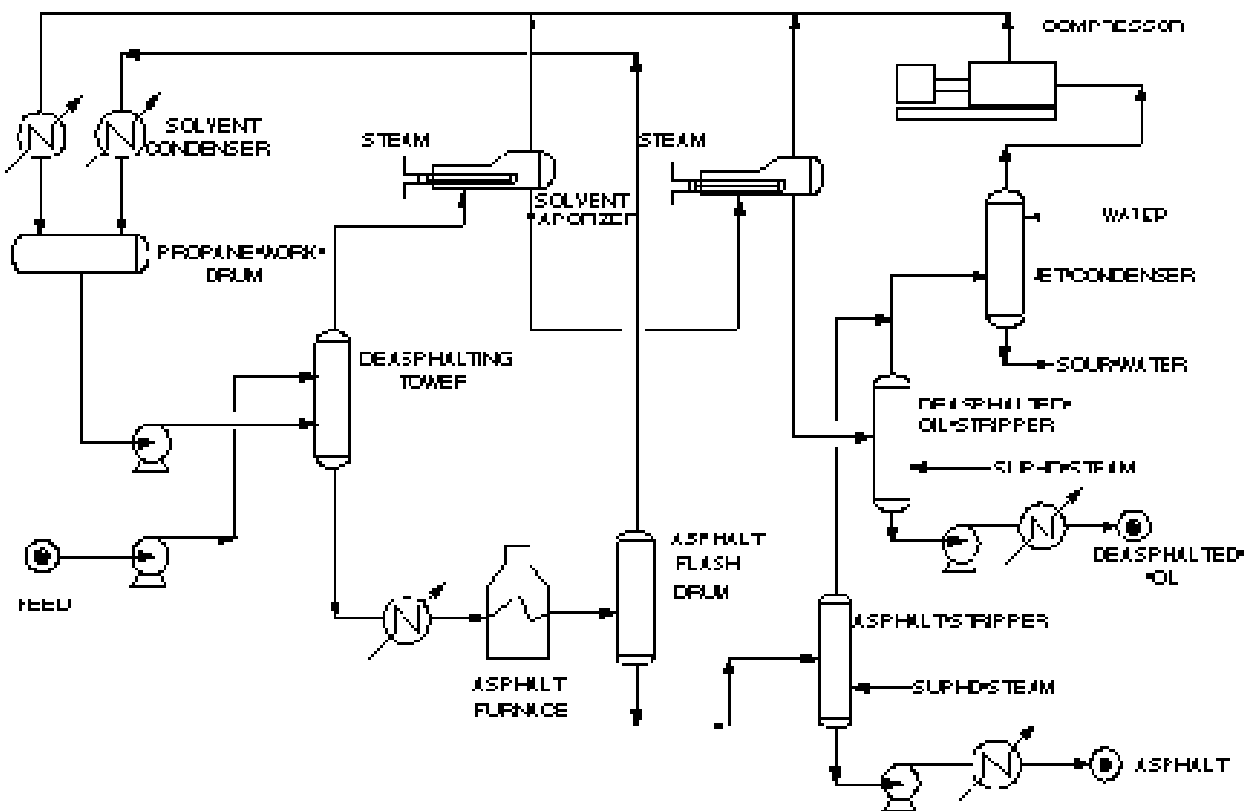
%Heavies
Lube oil

MODEL:

Correlation



Propane Deasphalting - PFD



Typical Propane Deasphalting

Propane Deasphalting

Types

1. Sub Critical. (below 369K) Modeled first by Robert E. Wilson in 1936. Hildebrand solubility parameters now used.
2. Super Critical. (above 369K) Now popular. High selectivity. No good model.

Both remove greater than 99% asphalt

Sub Critical Propane Deasphalting

Hildebrand solubility

$$\delta = \left(\frac{\Delta H - R_g T}{V} \right)^{1/2}$$

δ = Solubility Parameter [J/mol]

ΔH = Heat of vaporization [J/mol]

R_g = Universal gas Constant [8.314 J/mol/K]

T = Temperature [K]

V = molar volume [L/mol]

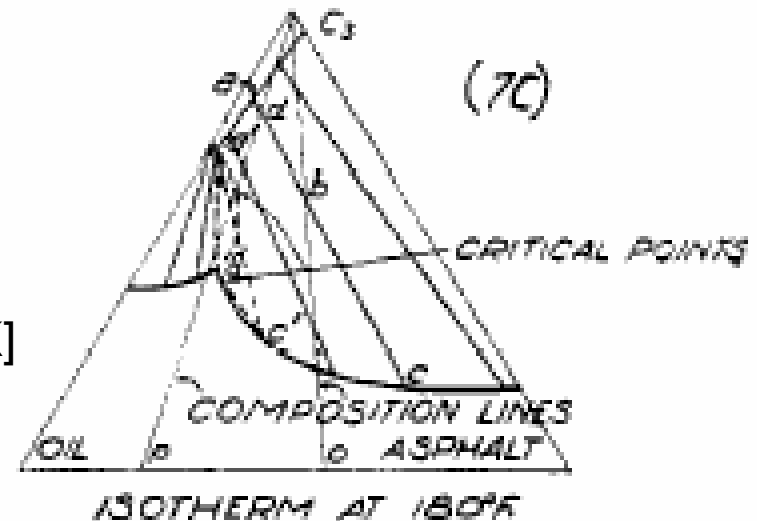


FIG. 7. IDEALIZED DIAGRAM FOR THE
SYSTEM PROPANE-OIL-ASPHALT

Super Critical Propane Deasphalting

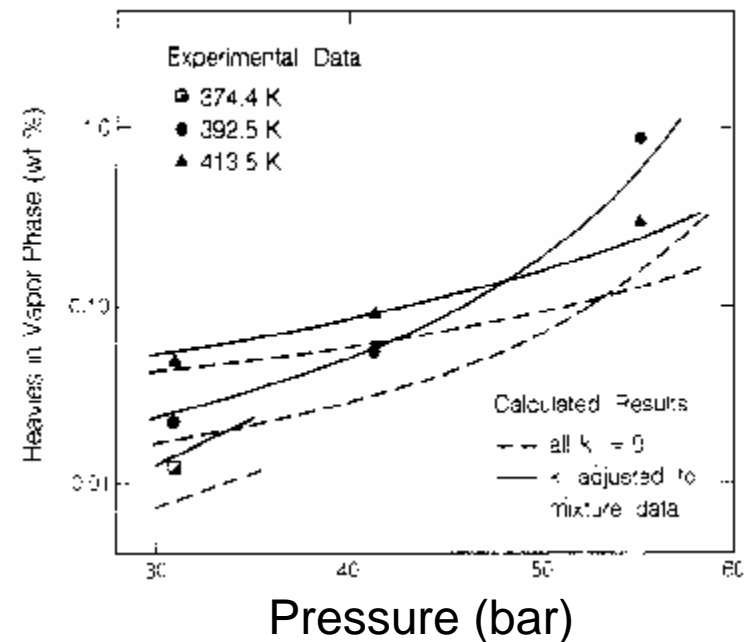
Models typically break down near the critical point. Including Redlick-Kwong, Soave-Redlick-Kwong and Perturbed-Hard-Chain (PHC). Therefore correlations have to be used.

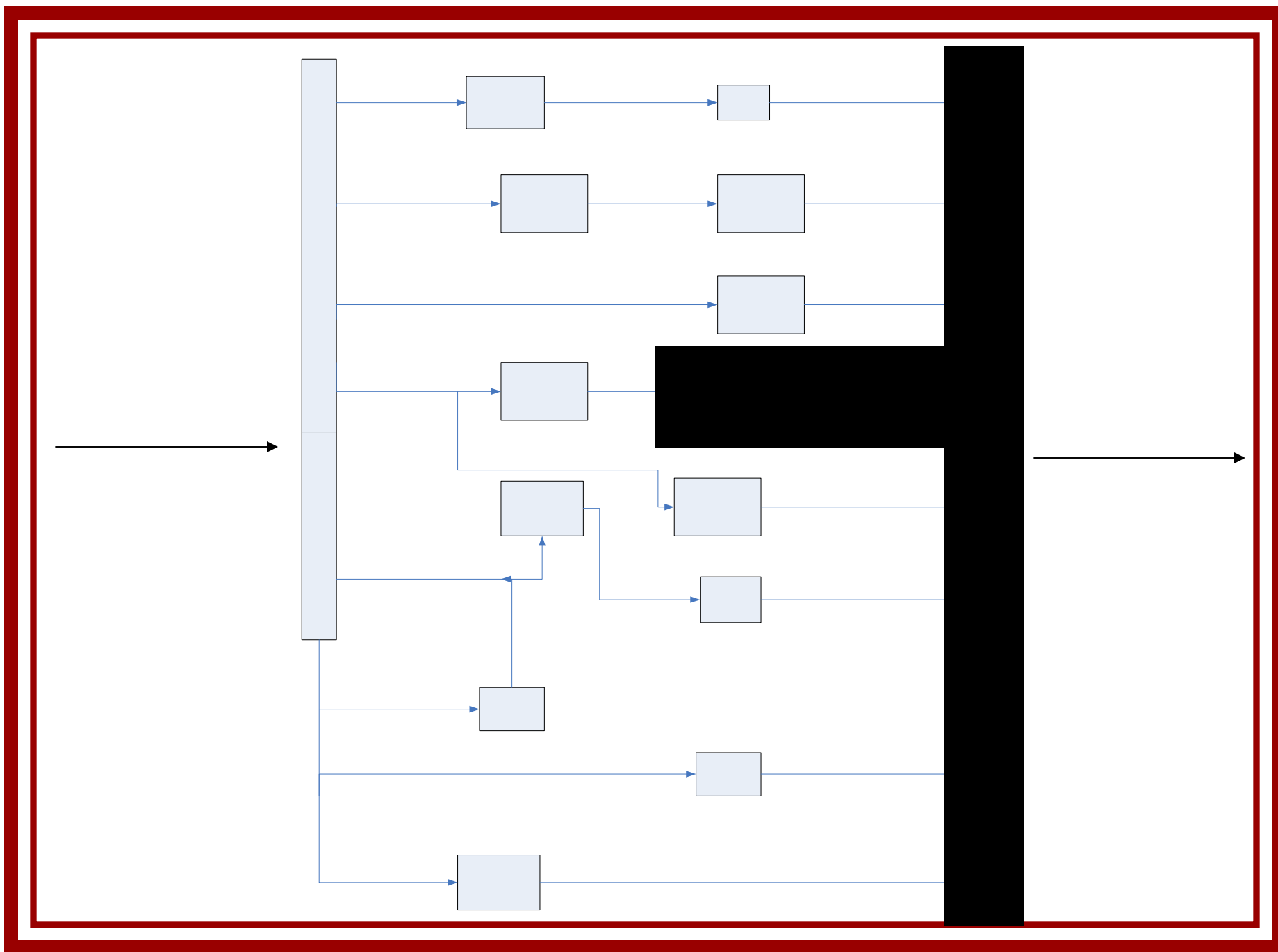
Typically operate at

T=400K

Pressure=55 bar

Ratio= 4:1 propane to oil
mixture





Catalytic Cracking

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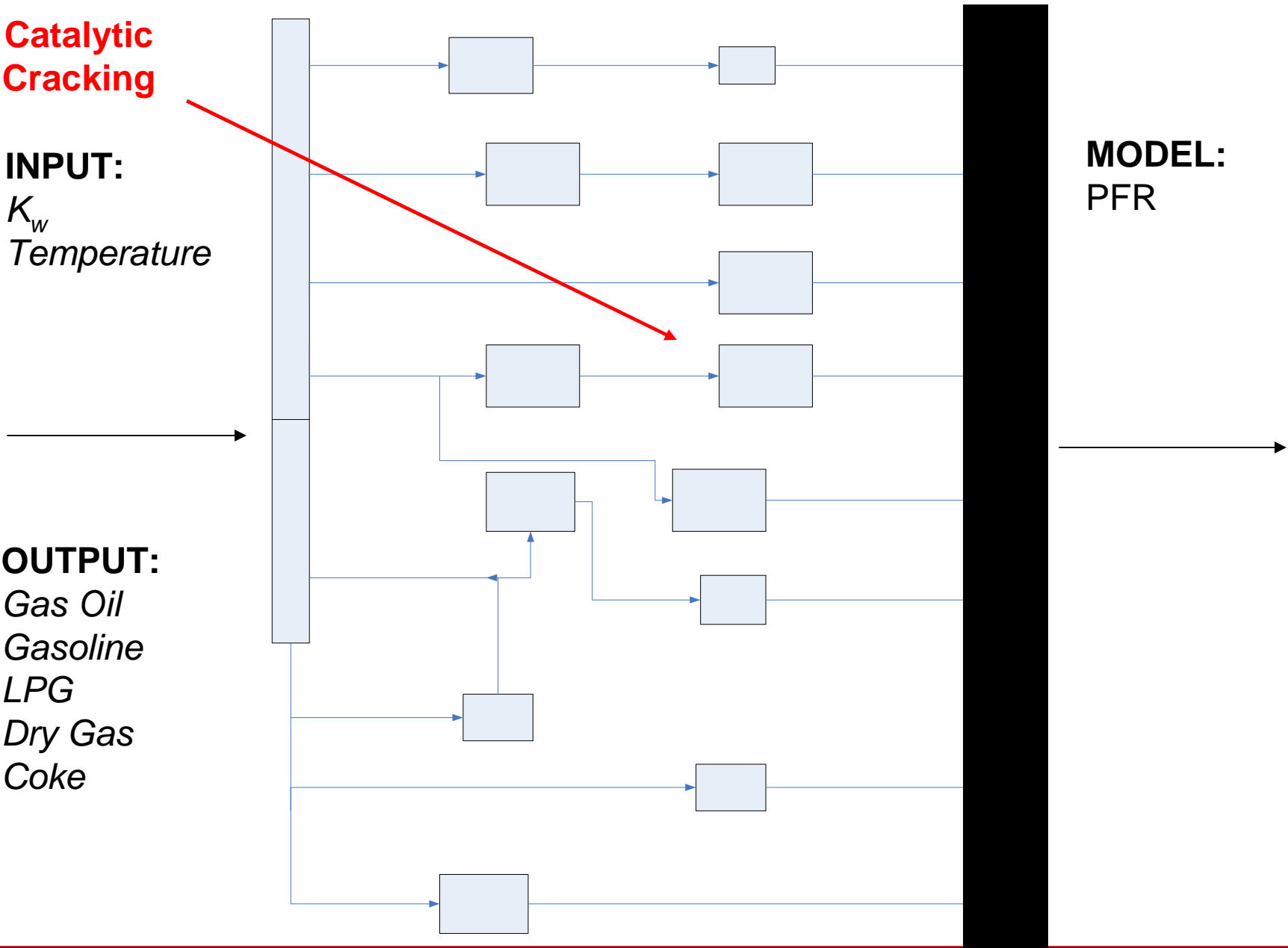
K_w
Temperature

OUTPUT:

Gas Oil
Gasoline
LPG
Dry Gas
Coke

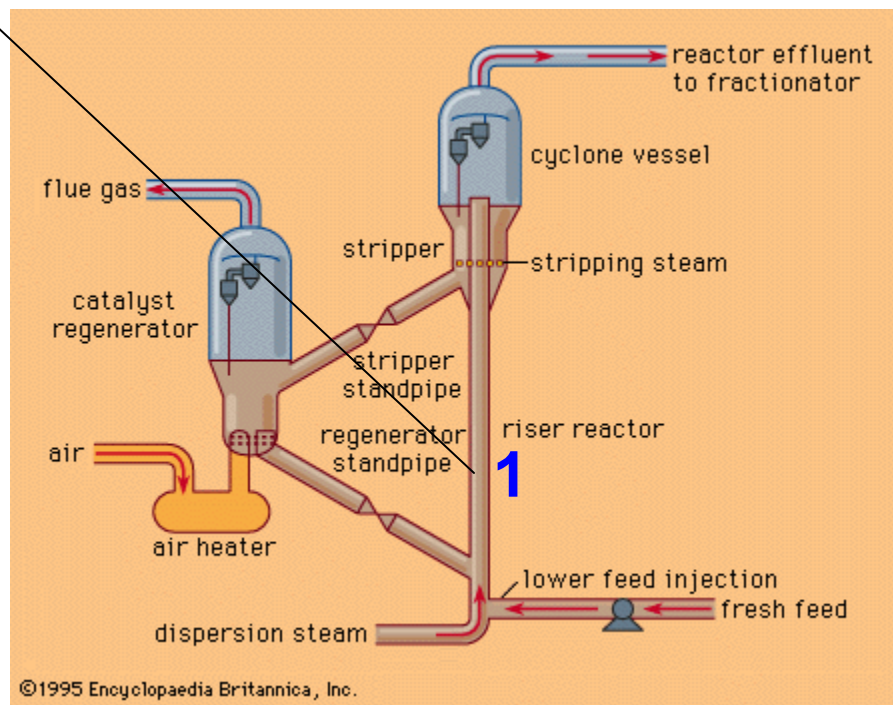
MODEL:

PFR



Fluidized Catalytic Cracking

- Pretreated feedstock is fed into the bottom of the riser tube where it meets very hot regenerated catalyst.
- The feed vaporizes and is cracked as it passes up the riser.



<http://www.uyseg.org/catalysis/petrol/petrol2.htm>

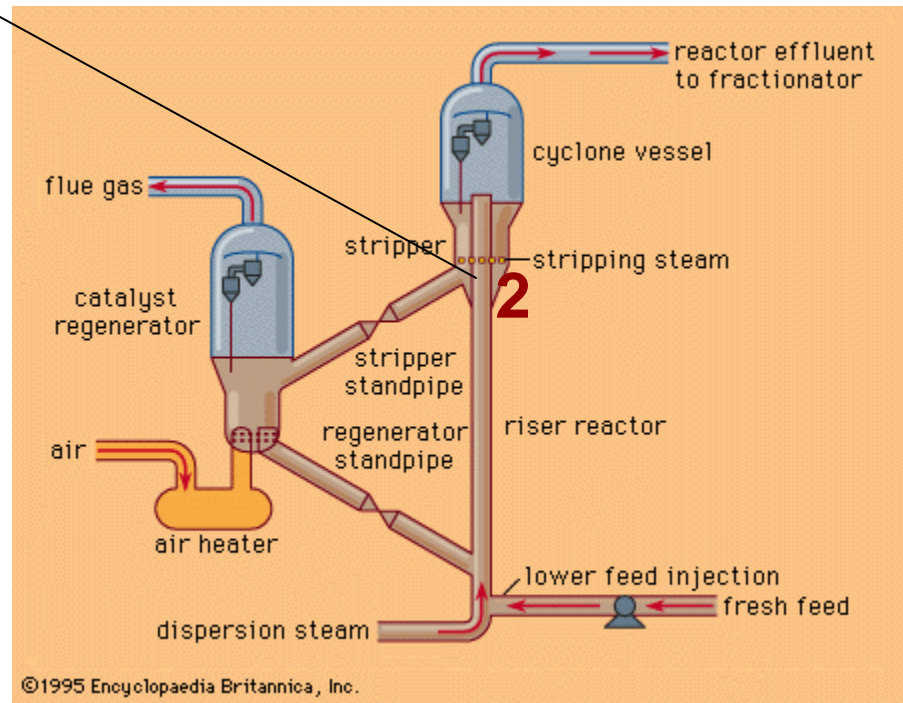
Fluidized Catalytic Cracking

- Different yields of products will occur depending on:

- **Temperature**
- **Inlet Feed Properties**

- Top of the riser, the catalyst separates from the mixture and is steam stripped

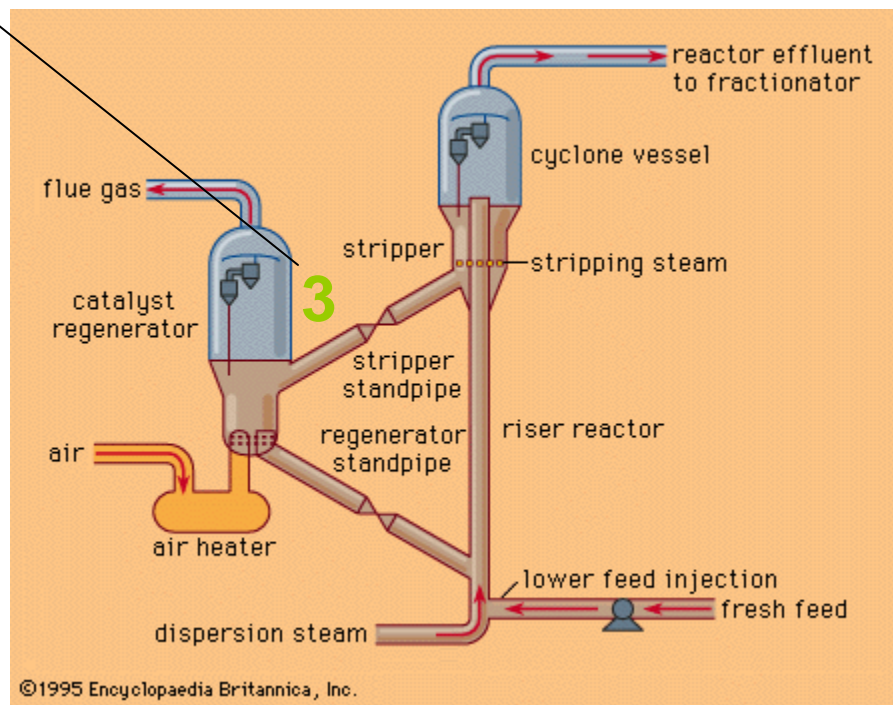
- The final product exits the top of the reactor



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Fluidized Catalytic Cracking

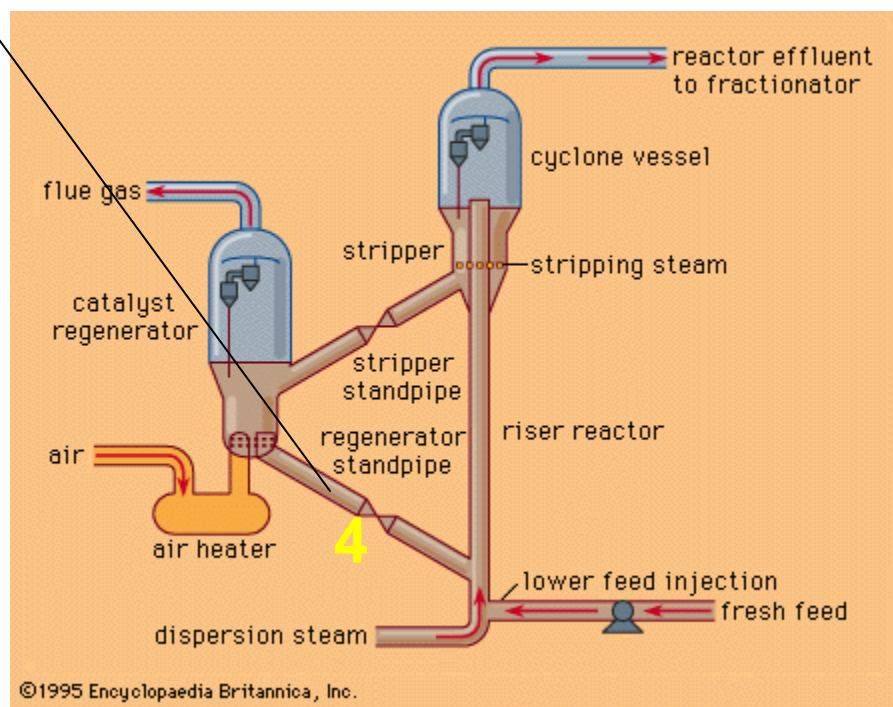
- One product from catalytic cracking is “**coke**” or carbon that forms on the surface of the catalyst.
- To reactivate catalyst, it must be regenerated.



<http://www.uyseg.org/catalysis/petrol/petrol2.htm>

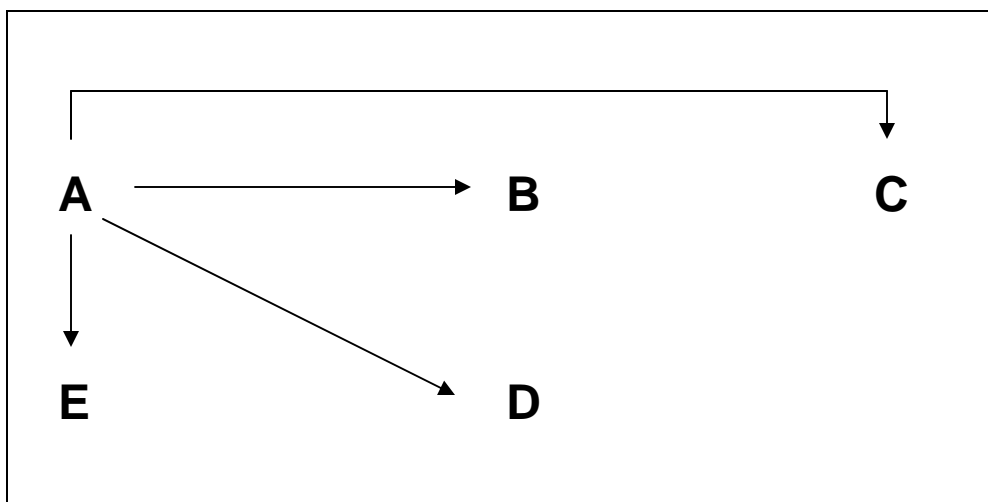
Fluidized Catalytic Cracking

- Catalysis is regenerated by entering a combustion chamber and mixed with superheated air
- Energy released from regenerating the catalysis is then coupled with the inlet feed at the bottom of the riser
 - *Cracking*



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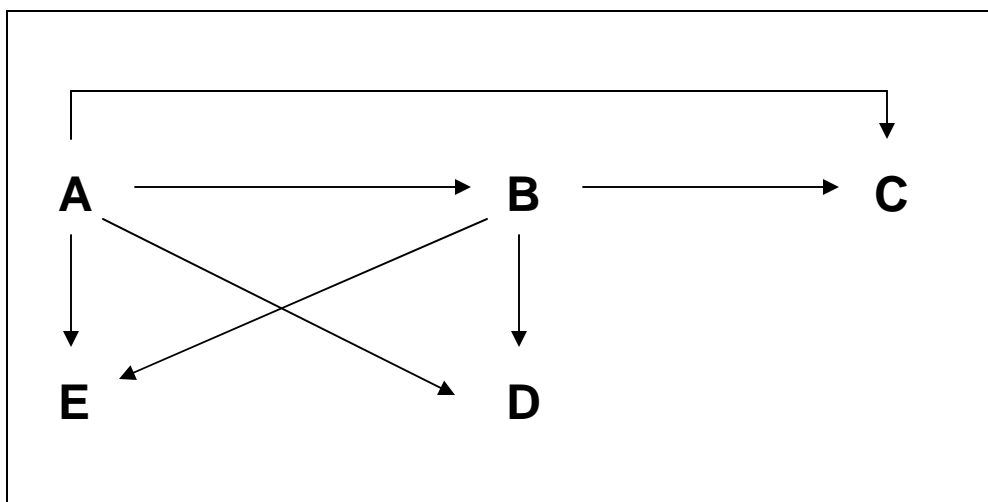
Fluidized Catalytic Cracking



A = gas oil
B = gasoline
C = LPG
D = dry gas
E = coke

$$r_A = -(k_{A-B} + k_{A-C} + k_{A-D} + k_{A-E}) y_A^2 \Phi$$

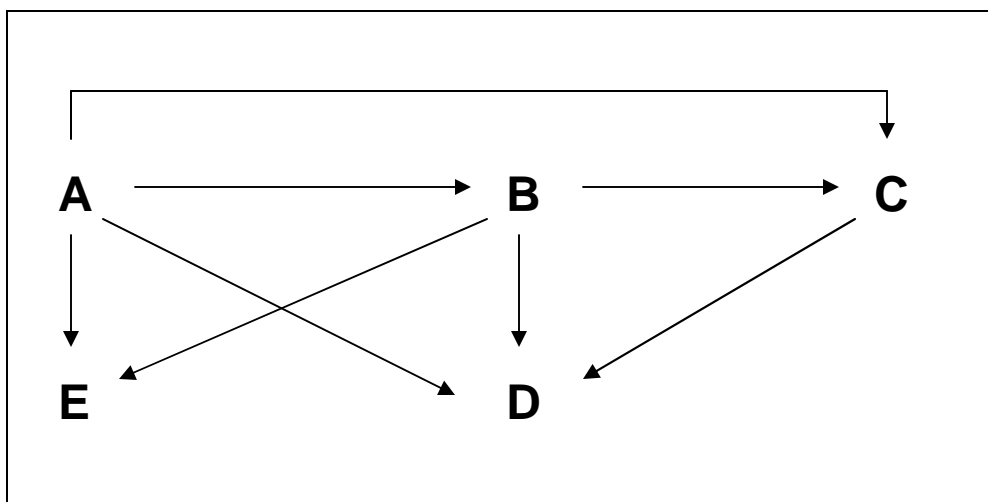
Fluidized Catalytic Cracking



A = gas oil
B = gasoline
C = LPG
D = dry gas
E = coke

$$r_B = (k_{A-B}y_A^2 - k_{B-C}y_B - k_{B-D}y_B - k_{B-E}y_B)\Phi$$

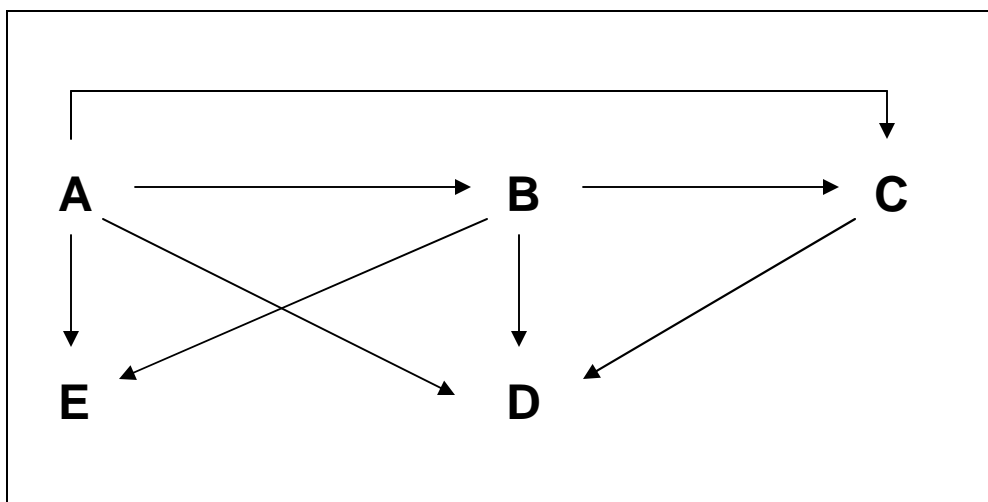
Fluidized Catalytic Cracking



A = gas oil
B = gasoline
C = LPG
D = dry gas
E = coke

$$r_C = (k_{A-C}y_A^2 + k_{B-C}y_B - k_{C-D}y_C)\Phi$$

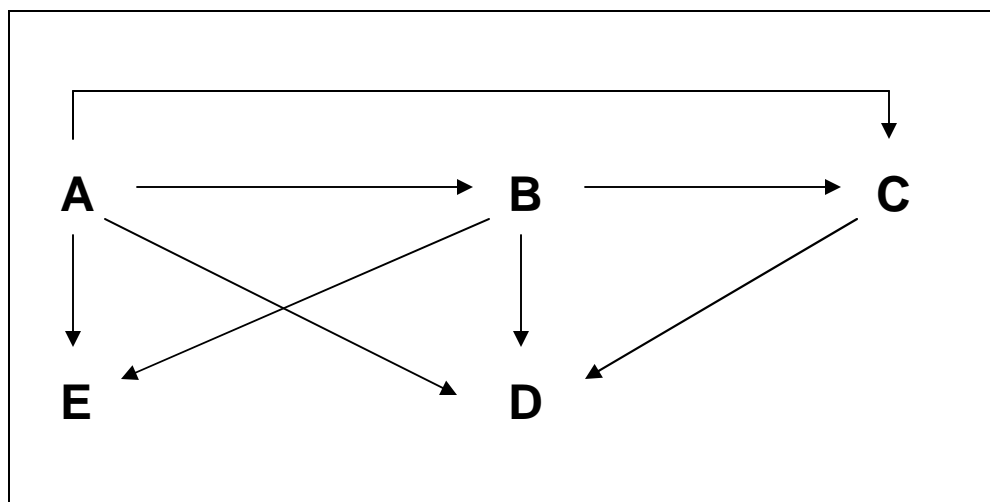
Fluidized Catalytic Cracking



A = gas oil
B = gasoline
C = LPG
D = dry gas
E = coke

$$\Phi = e^{-k_d t_c}$$

Fluidized Catalytic Cracking



A = gas oil
B = gasoline
C = LPG
D = dry gas
E = coke

$$\Phi = e^{-k_d t_c}$$

- 8 kinetic constants
- One catalyst deactivation
- Gas Oil considered as a second order reaction

Ancheyta-Juarez, Jorge, "Estimation of Kinetic Constants...", *Energy & Fuels*, **2000**, 14, 1226-1231

Fluidized Catalytic Cracking

- Assumptions
 - One-dimensional tubular reactor
 - No radial and axial dispersion
 - Cracking only takes place in the riser
 - Dispersion/Adsorption inside catalyst is negligible
 - Coke deposited does not affect the fluid flow

Fluidized Catalytic Cracking

- Change
 - Temperature
 - Inlet Feed

Kinetic Parameters for each Feedstock at 500 °C

	A	B	C
k_d	1481.85	1785	1905.24
k_{ab}	3370.6	3171	2907.18
k_{ac}	510.88	491.74	477.02
k_{ad}	10.76	75.3	86.06
k_{ae}	390.03	442.96	540.67
k_{bc}	181.8	154.98	101.33
k_{bd}	20.89	25.46	29.38
k_{be}	0.75	0.915	1.06
k_{cd}	286.58	323.83	353.92

Mass Balance:

$$\frac{dy_i}{dz} = \frac{1}{WHSV} \left(\frac{\rho_L}{\rho_C} \right) * r_i$$

Fluidized Catalytic Cracking

- Change
 - Temperature
 - Inlet Feed

TEMPERATURE:
480, 500, 520 °C

Kinetic Parameters for each Feedstock at 500 °C

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k_{ae}	390.03	442.96	540.67
k_{bc}	181.8	154.98	101.33
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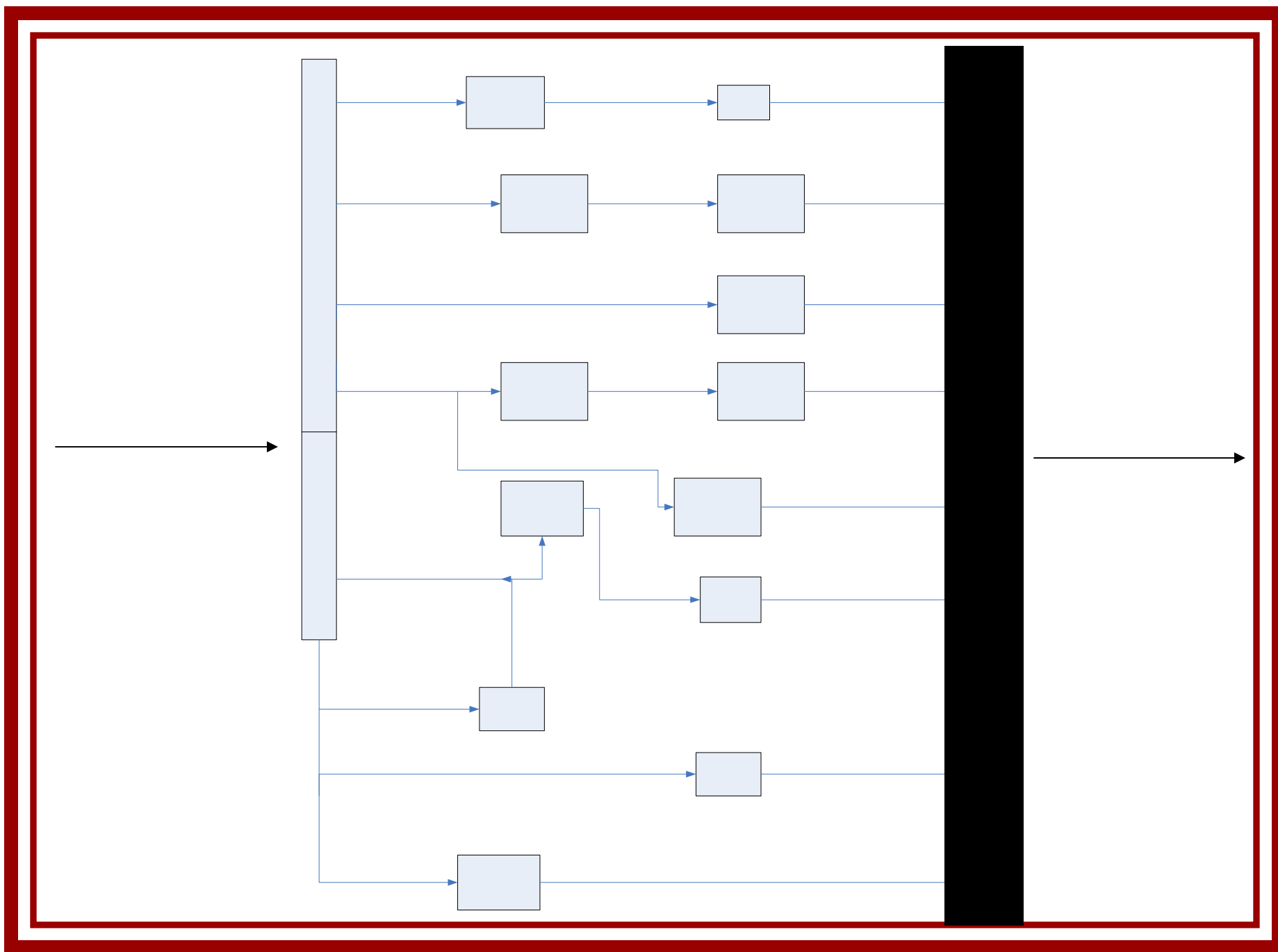
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Fluidized Catalytic Cracking

- Constant C/O Ratio of 5
- Varying space velocity (WHSV)
 - 6 – 48 h⁻¹
- Gas Oil Conversion ~ 70 %
- Gasoline ~ 50%
- LPG ~ 12 %

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7		1	2.90	0.970964	0.021039	0.003456	0.000628	0.003914			
8		1	3.83	0.961658	0.027777	0.004564	0.000832	0.005169			
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10		1	5.64	0.943574	0.040864	0.006722	0.001233	0.007606			
11		1	6.52	0.934786	0.047221	0.007771	0.001431	0.008791			
12		1	7.38	0.926161	0.053457	0.008802	0.001626	0.009954			
13		1	8.23	0.917694	0.059577	0.009815	0.001819	0.011095			
14		1	9.06	0.909381	0.065583	0.01081	0.00201	0.012216			
15		1	9.88	0.901218	0.071478	0.011787	0.0022	0.013317			
16		1	10.68	0.893202	0.077266	0.012748	0.002387	0.014398			
17		1	11.47	0.885327	0.082948	0.013693	0.002573	0.015459			
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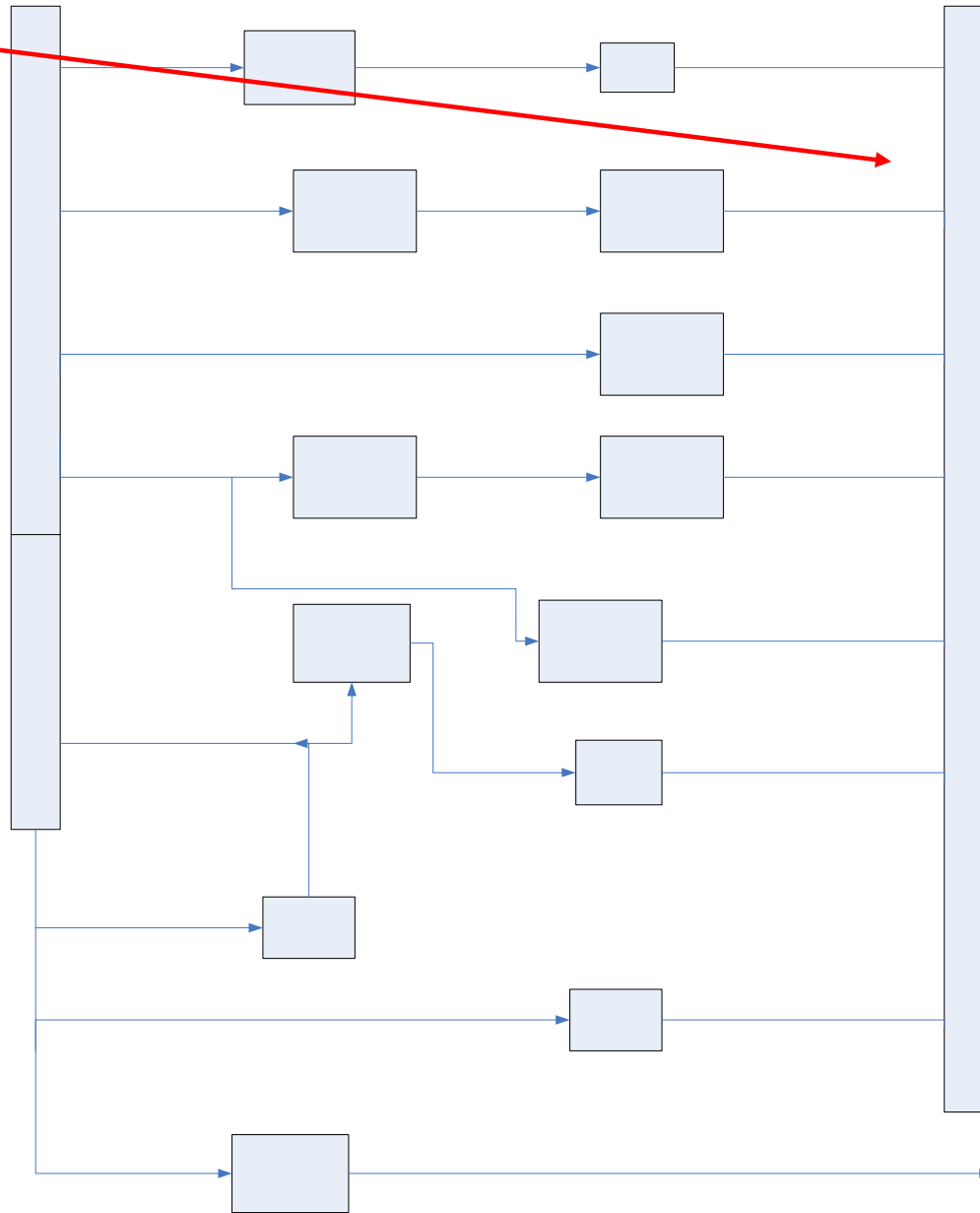
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Blending

INPUT:
35 streams

OUTPUT:
*Gasoline
Regular
Premium
LPG
Coke
Lube Oil
Wax
Asphalt*



Blending

- Final products are created by blending streams from refinery units
- 35 streams from 13 units are blended
- 30 streams are used in gasoline
- 5 streams are other products
 - Propane gas, lube oil, asphalt, wax, and coke

Blending Indexes

- Most properties do not blend linearly
- Empirical blending indexes are used to linearize the blending behavior

$$BI_{mix} = \sum_i x_i BI_i$$

Where BI is the Blending Index

x_i is the volume fraction of component i

Blending Indexes

Reid Vapor Pressure $VPBI = (RVP)^{1.25}$

Viscosity Index $BI_v = \frac{\log_{10} \nu}{3 + \log_{10} \nu}$

Pour Point $BI_p = T_p^{\left(\frac{1}{0.08}\right)}$

Cloud Point $BI_{CL} = T_{CL}^{\left(\frac{1}{0.05}\right)}$

Flash Point $\log_{10} BI_F = -6.1188 + \frac{2414}{T_F - 42.6}$

Aniline Point $BI_{AP} = 1.124[\exp(0.00657AP)]$

Gasoline Blending

- Specifications:
 - Octane (normal 87, premium 91)
 - Reid Vapor Pressure (EPA mandated)
 - Maximum additive amounts
- Inputs:
 - Market conditions (Price, Demand)
 - Incoming streams from refinery units
- Objective: Maximize Profit

Gasoline Blending

- Vapor pressure blending can be improved by using thermodynamically based methods
- Raoult's Law

$$P = \sum x_i P_i^*$$

Blending

- Other possible products
 - Fuel oils
 - Lube oils
 - Diesel fuel
- Blending requires data for aniline point, pour point, cloud point, flash point, and diesel index

Refinery Planning

- Addresses the planning of short-term crude oil purchasing and processing
- Does not address risk or uncertainty
- Determine purchasing schedule to meet:
 - Specification (Octane, n-Butane, etc.)
 - Demand with **HIGHEST** profit
- Decision Variables:
 - Crude oil purchase
 - Processing variables
 - Temperatures, Pressures, Blending mixtures

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14			Hydrotreating Heavy Atm. Gas Oil	6559.9	Aromatics (wt%)	0.313	Treated Non- Aromatics (wt%)	0.69	4509.7	Temperature	360			
15		Nitrogen (wt %)			0.018	Treated Aromatics (wt%)	0.31	2050.3	Pressure	344738				
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20		On	Delayed Coking	1155.1	Carbon Residue	29.1	Gas < C4 (wt%)	0.11	128.3	Pressure	35			
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48	On		Solvent De-Wax	425	API	26.3	Wax	0.36	151.0	Temperature	310
49							De-Wax	0.64	274.0		
50		Blend	Crude A / Crude B / Crude C / Crude Blend		Cat Crack Kinetic		Cat Crack / VisBreak		isomerization	HydroCrack	Solv. De

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Product Sales

Crude Oil Costs

Discounted Expense

$$= \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{c \in C_p} MANU_{c,t} * cp_{c,t} - \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{c \in C_o} AC_{c,t} * co_{c,t} - \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{c \in C_p} AL_{c,t} * cl_{c,t}$$



Amount of product produced
in that time period *multiplied* by
unit sale price of product c



Amount of crude oil refined in
that time period *multiplied* by
unit purchase price of crude oil



Amount of product volume
that cannot satisfy demand
multiplied by discounted price

Modeling

- A Visual Basic macro in Excel was used to help Solver find the optimal crude selection

Microsoft Visual Basic - BrianOptimization5.1-BigStep.xls - [Sheet2 (Code)]

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Project - VBAProject

CrudeOptimizer Click

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Dim i, j, k As Integer           'These will be our looping variables
Dim BestCrude(1 To 3) As Long    'This will record the best set so far
Dim MaxProfitSoFar As Double
Dim SolverError As Integer
Dim n As Integer
Dim rowNumber As Long

MaxProfitSoFar = -100000 'Initialize the max profit
rowNumber = 1

For i = 4 To 12 Step 1
    For j = 4 To 14 Step 1
        For k = 4 To 16 Step 1
            rowNumber = rowNumber + 1
            Range("W84").Select
            ActiveCell.FormulaR1C1 = "=" & i & "*dc"
            Range("W85").Select
            ActiveCell.FormulaR1C1 = "=" & j & "*dc"
            Range("W86").Select
            ActiveCell.FormulaR1C1 = "=" & k & "*dc"

            SolverError = SolverSolve(True)
            If SolverError > 3 Then
                For n = 60 To 89 Step 1
                    Range("C" & n) = 0.5
                    Range("H" & n) = 0.5
                Next n
            End If

            Range("H112").Select
            If ActiveCell.Value > MaxProfitSoFar Then
                MaxProfitSoFar = ActiveCell.Value
                BestCrude(1) = i
                BestCrude(2) = j
                BestCrude(3) = k
                Range("V97").Value = "=" & BestCrude(1) & "*dc"
                Range("V98").Value = "=" & BestCrude(2) & "*dc"
                Range("V99").Value = "=" & BestCrude(3) & "*dc"
                Range("V100").Select
                ActiveCell.Value = MaxProfitSoFar
            End If
        Next k
    Next j
Next i

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Project - VBAProject

- Microsoft Excel Objects
 - Sheet1 (VisBreak)
 - Sheet10 (HydroC)
 - Sheet11 (Solv. D)
 - Sheet12 (Solv-In)
 - Sheet13 (Solv-Ce)
 - Sheet14 (Solv-Ou)
 - Sheet15 (CatR-Ir)
 - Sheet16 (CatR-C)
 - Sheet17 (CatR-C)
 - Sheet18 (Alkylati)
 - Sheet19 (Deasph)
 - Sheet2 (Blend)
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Model Inputs

- Inputs:
 - Crude A: \$71.88 / barrel (Australia)
 - Crude B: \$72.00 / barrel (Kazakhstan)
 - Crude C: \$71.20 / barrel (Saudi Arabia)
 - Regular Gasoline:
 - \$2.75 / gal (\$2.12)
 - Demand: 310,000 bbl/month
 - Premium Gasoline:
 - \$3.00 / gal (\$2.31)
 - Demand: 124,000 bbl/month

Model Results

- Outputs:
 - Maximum Profit: \$21 per barrel
 - Crude Selection:
 - Crude A: 150,000 bbl/month
 - Crude B: 150,000 bbl/month
 - Crude C: 300,000 bbl/month
 - Demand exactly met

Future Work

- Include storage of crude and products
- Include risk and uncertainty
- Demand changing over time
- Wider variety of products: diesel, solvents, fuel oils, lube oils, etc.

Questions?