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A STEP CHANGE IN LNG OPERATIONS THROUGH ADVANCED PROCESS CONTROL



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Topics

Part 1

- Setting the Scene
- Opportunities and benefits of APC in LNG

Part 2

- The Oman LNG story Real life example
- Final remarks

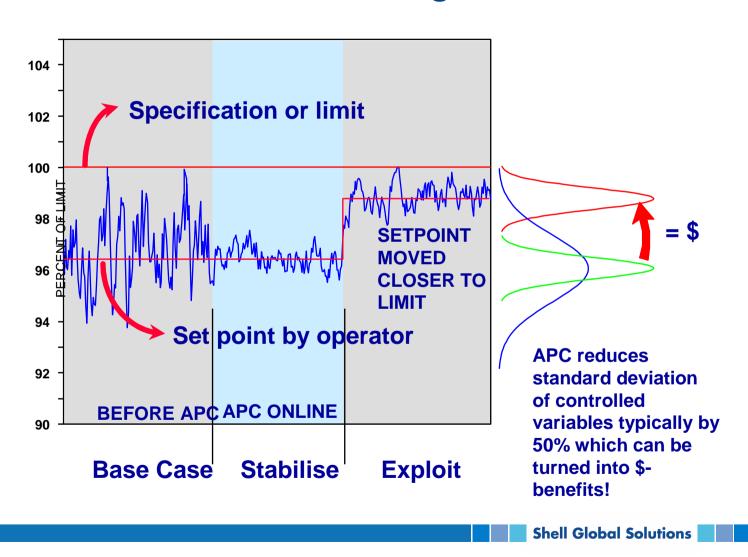




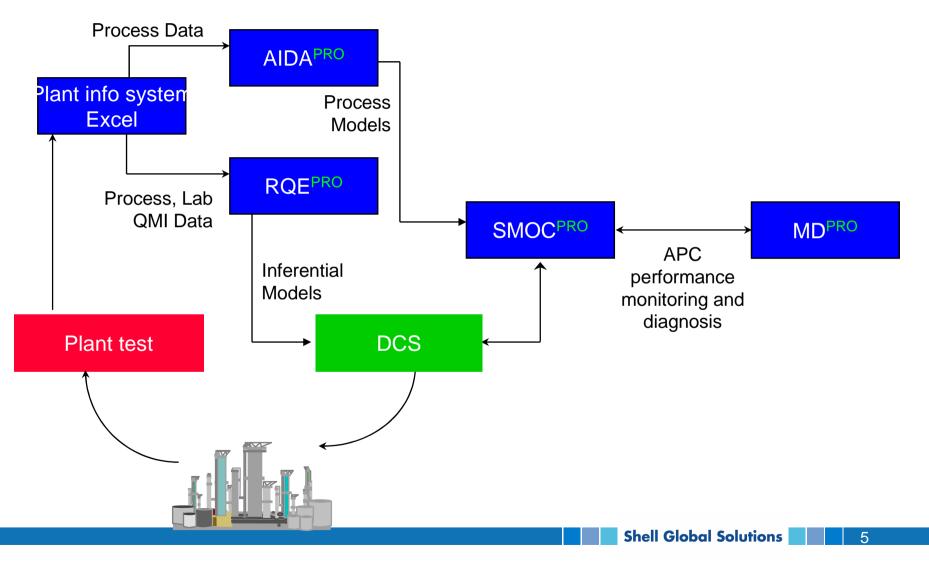
Setting the Scene



What is Advanced Process Control achieving?



APC Products Overview



APC applications

Model Based MVC Controller

- MCHE/MCR Controller
- Scrubber Controller
- De-Ethanizer Controller
- De-Propanizer Controller
- De-Butanizer Controller
- Flow Stabilizer Controller

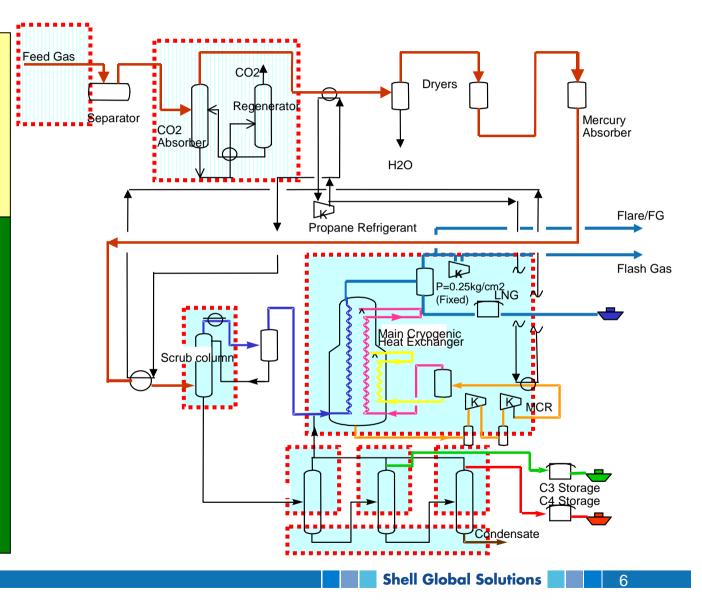
APC Objective / Target

1.LNG Production Increase

⇒ MCHE/MCR

2.LPG Production Increase

- (1) LNG HHV / Reduce C3)
- ⇒ Scrubber
- (2) Push C2 into LPG C3
- ⇒ **Deethanizer**
- ⇒ Depropanizer
- (3) Push condensate into LPG C4
- ⇒ Debutanizer





Opportunities and benefits

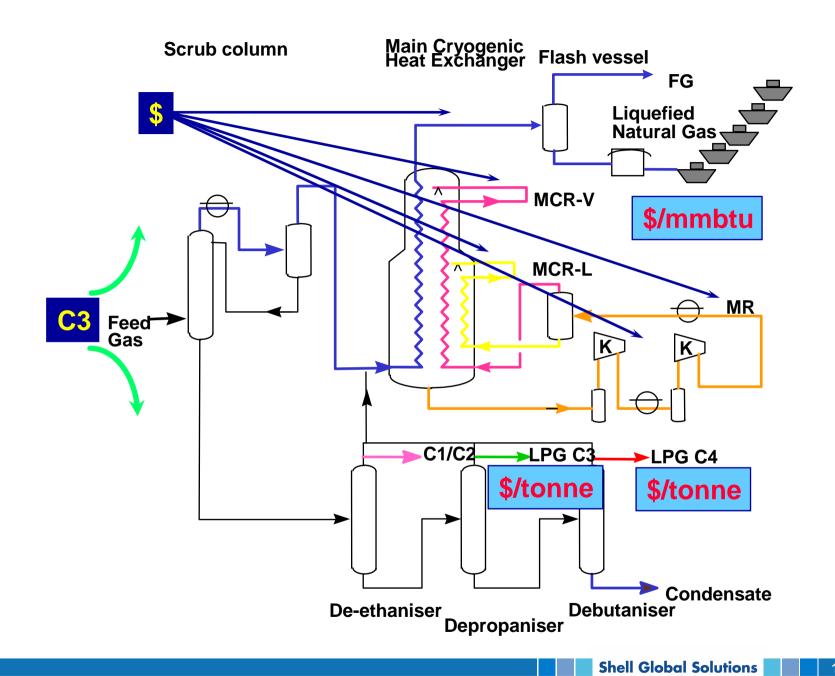


Characteristics of LNG market

- LNG market is production constraint
- Products need to meet specification (complex interactions LNG and LPG).
- LNG is a growing industry with high volumes and margins
- Gas plants need flexibility in operating objective

Opportunities for APC in LNG

- Maximization of production and efficiency is complex
- Different wells produce gas with different compositions.
- LPG and LNG:
 Gap between specification and production.
- MCHE often on Manual Control (CRIC, FRIC).
- Diurnal temperature changes causing optimum conditions to vary.



Typical Benefits of APC

- LNG maximisation (1-3 %)
- Better thermal efficiency
- LPG or NGL maximisation (1-5 %)
- Less flaring
- Higher availability (less temperature shocks)
- Tighter control of product specs (e.g. HHV or CO₂)
- More consistent operations
- Process stabilisation

