



Katalizátor management:  
*regenerálás, reaktiválás, ex-situ  
szulfidálási technológiák*

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# WHERE WE ARE LOCATED?

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**La Voulte-sur-Rhône, France**



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Houston/TX

**Tricat US**  
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India



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**Eurecat Rep. Office**  
Singapore



# STANDARDS & VALUES

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Responsible Care Program



Quality ISO 9001 certification

Environmental ISO 14001 certification

Safety OHSAS\* 18001 certification or equivalent

*(\*Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series)*

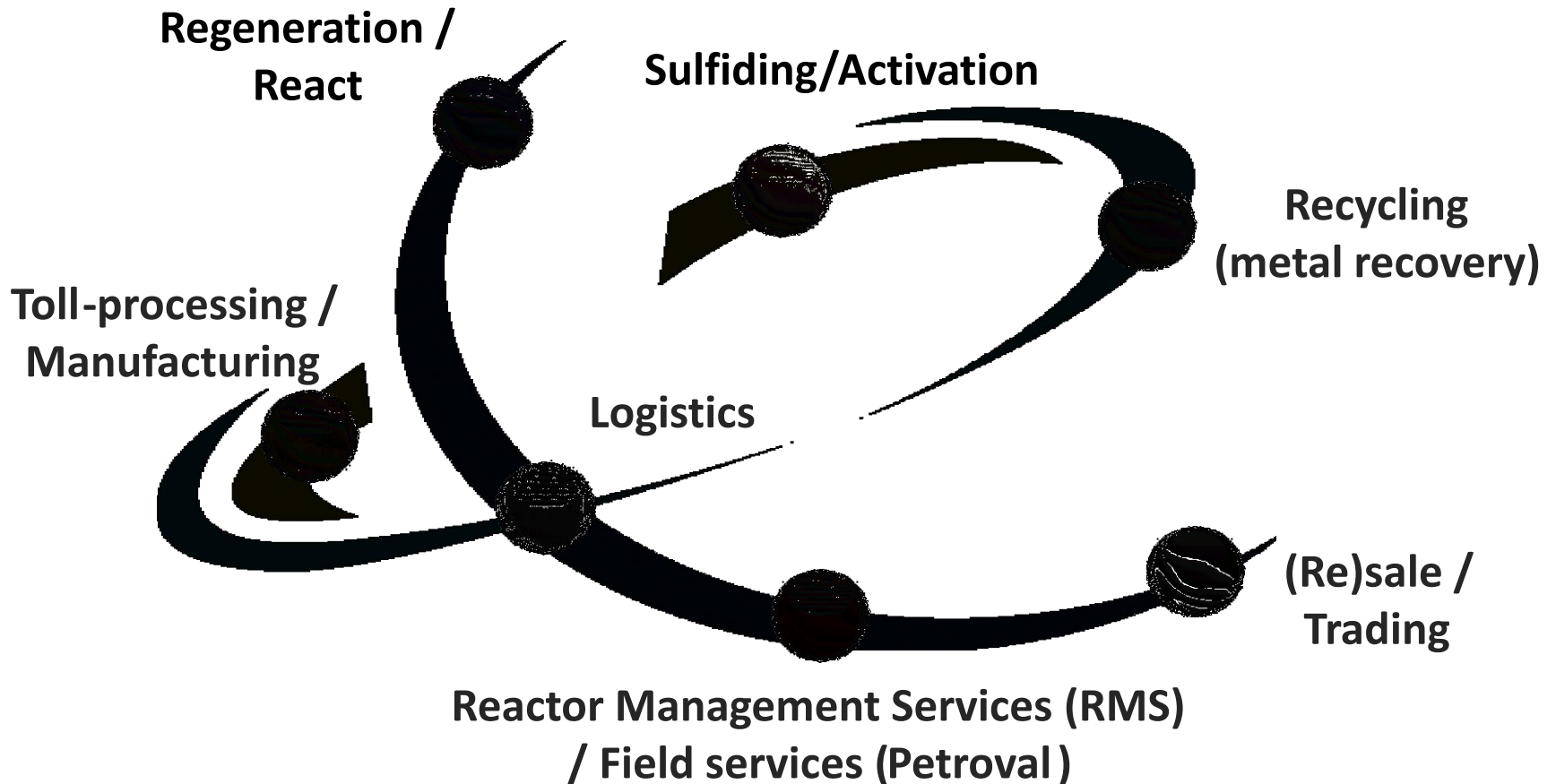
Our values:

- Innovation
- Customer satisfaction
- Confidentiality
- Ethics

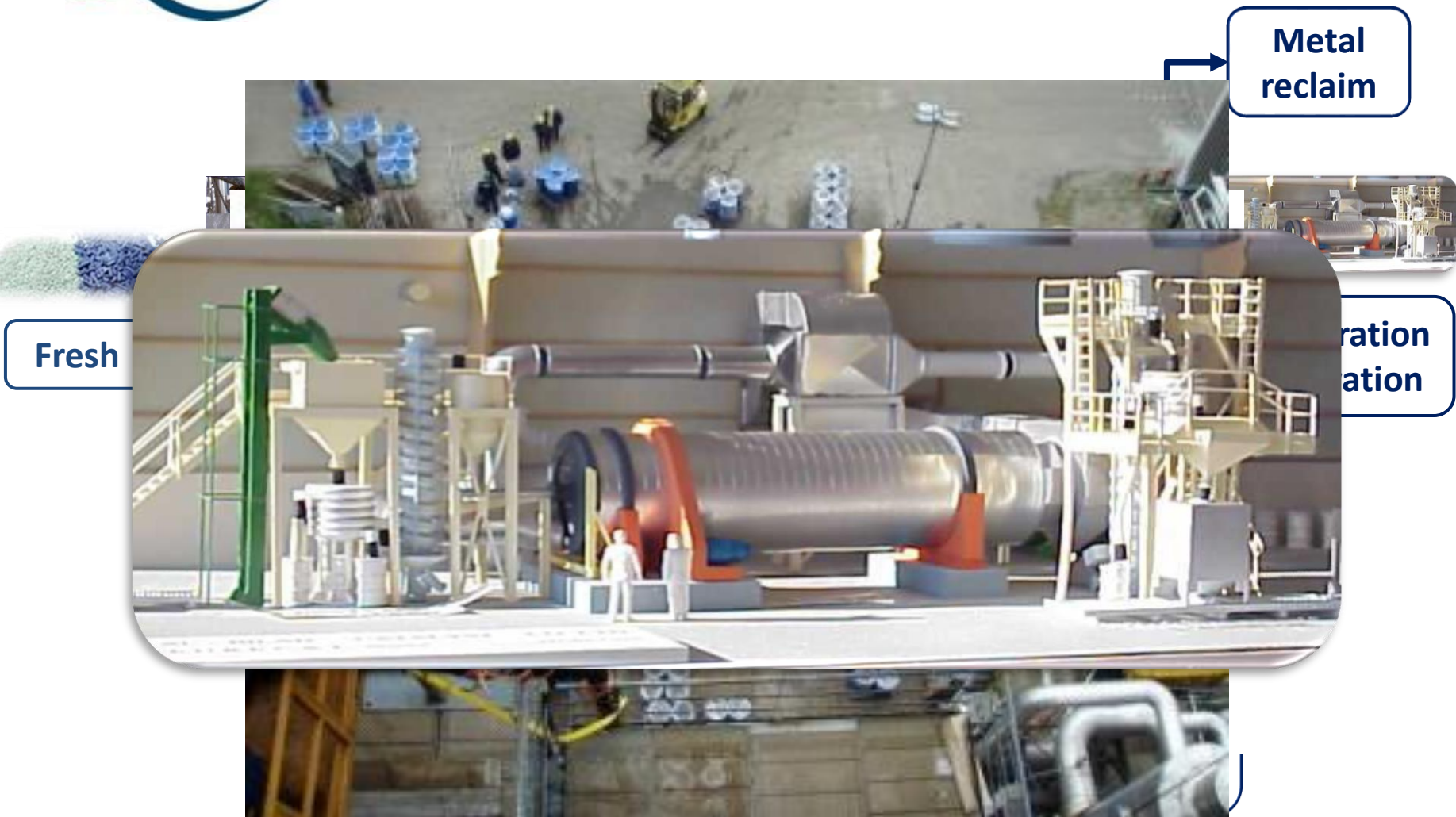


# SERVICES, PRODUCTS & TREATMENT

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# ÜZEMI MŰKÖDÉS/KATALIZÁTOR ÉLETCIKLUS



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## HAGYOMÁNYOS REGENERÁLÁS

- Zeolites
- Ni Catalysts
- Pd Catalysts
- CoMo, NiMo, NiW Catalysts



## SZÁRAZ REGENERÁLÁS

- Zeolites (Confidential)

## REJUVENÁLÁS

- CoMo, NiMo catalysts





## REGENERATION TECHNOLOGIES

### CONVENTIONAL REGENERATION

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- Ni Catalysts
- Pd Catalysts
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### DRY REGENERATION

- Zeolites (Confidential)

### REJUVENATION

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# HPC DEAKTIVÁLÓDÁSI MECHANIZMUSOK

## 2. Szerkezeti módosulások:

- Fém részecskék szintereződése
- Migráció és/vagy aktív specieszek megszűnése
- Szerkezeti változások

*Üzemeltetési körülmények függvényében*

## 3. Irreverzibilis mérgeződés:

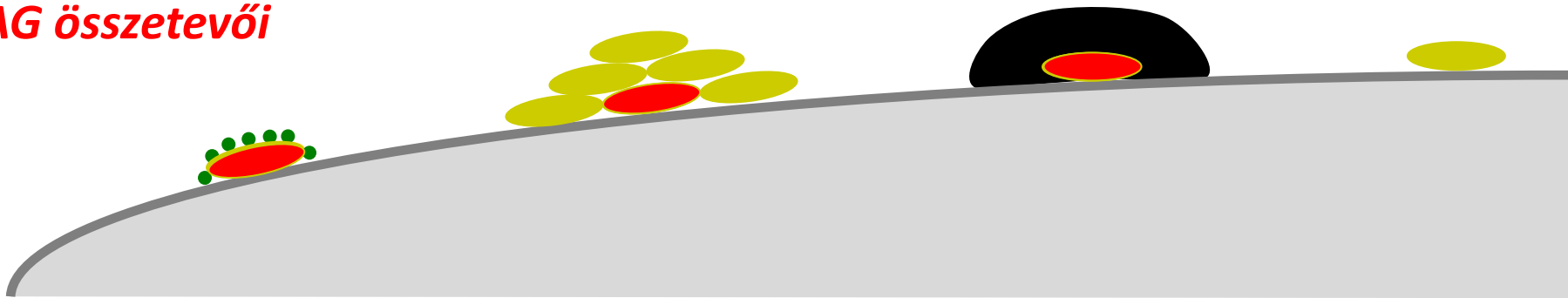
- Fém szennyezők (V, Fe, As, Hg)
- Szilícium, nátrium...
- Kén (Ni...)

*AAG összetevői*

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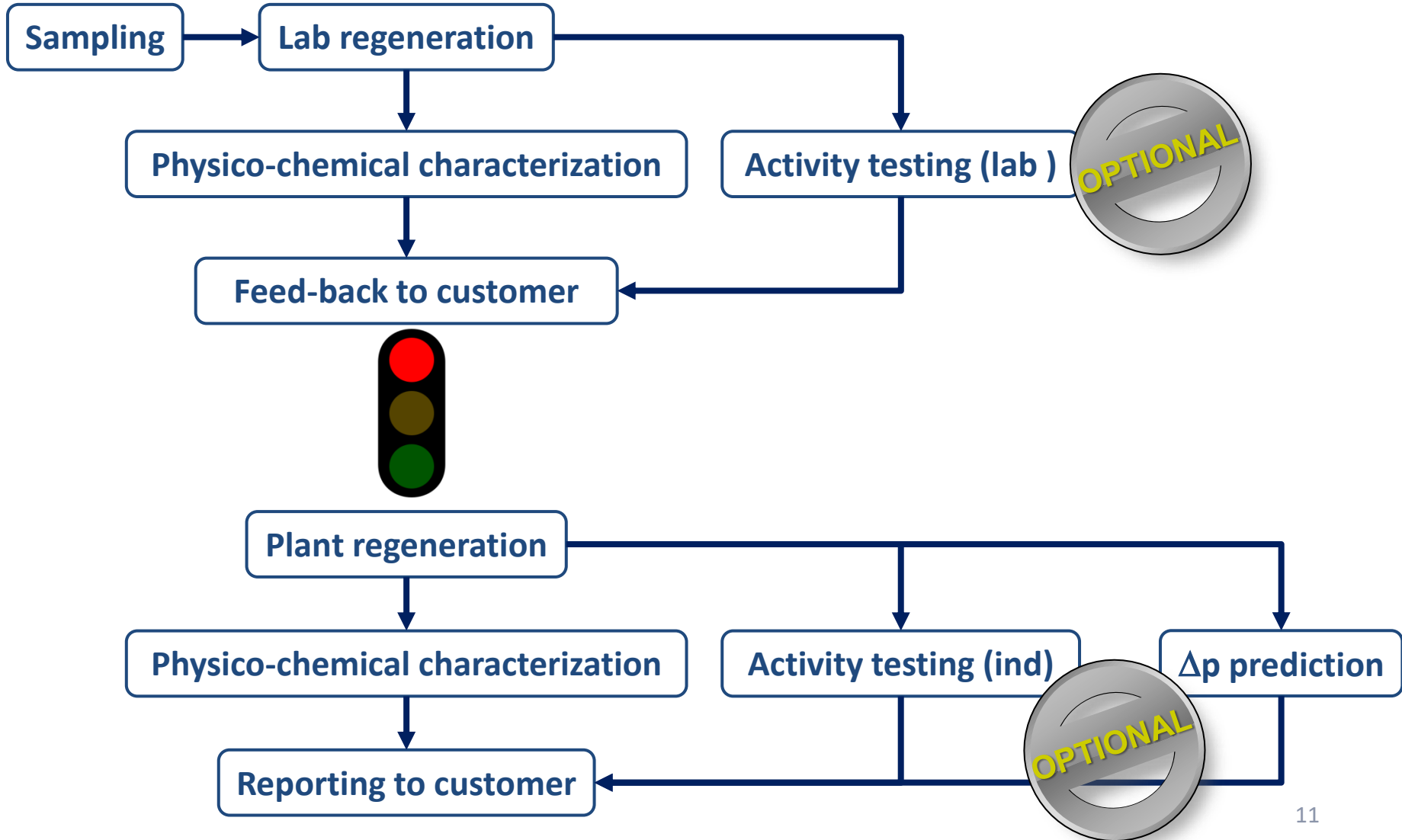
- Szén: 5-25%
- Bázikus nitrogén (Hidrokrakk)

*Melléreakciókból*



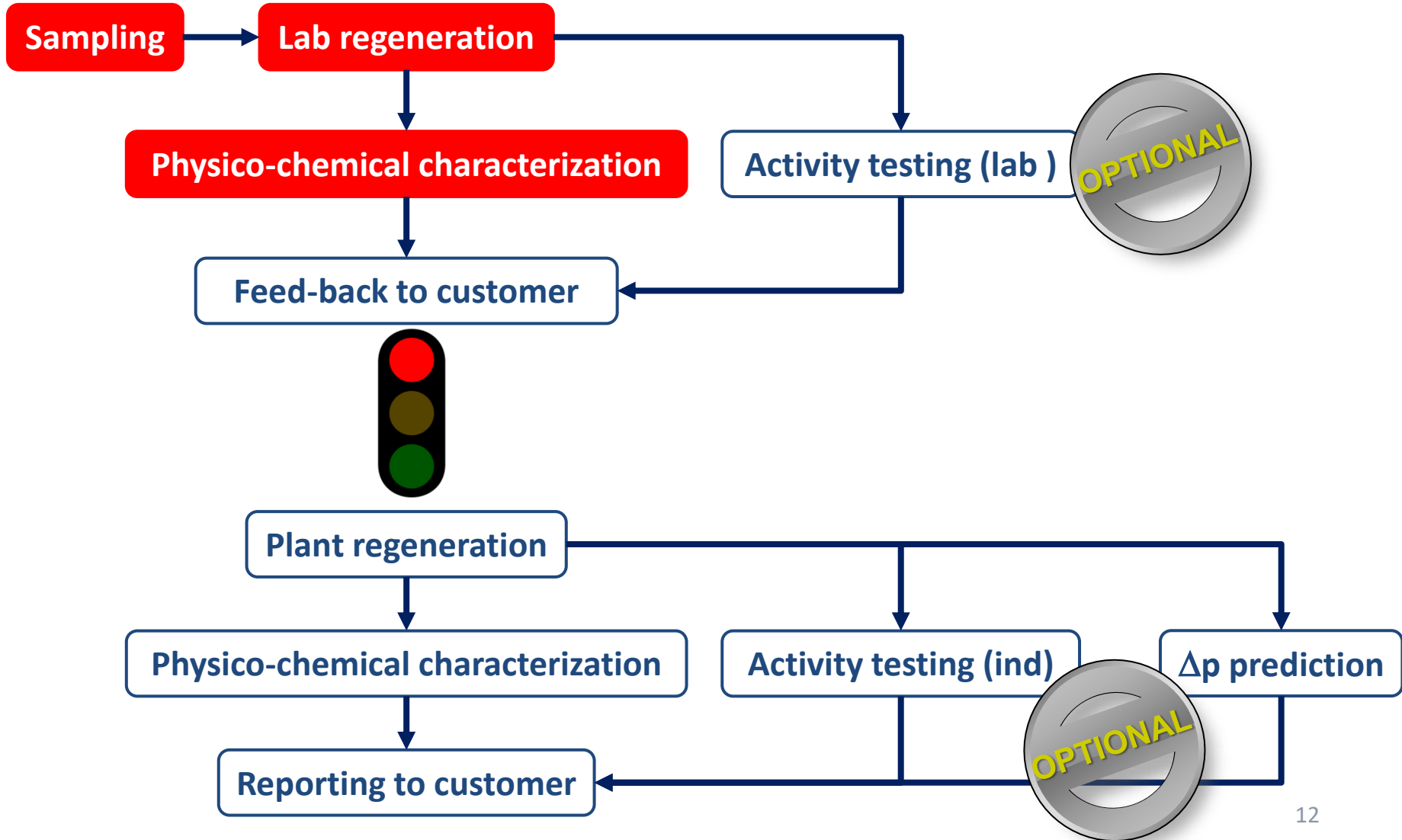


# HPC TREATMENT





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**1 reprezentatív  
ágyminta**

**Standard  
mintavételi eljárás  
(mindegyik ágyból):  
15-30 mintát vesznek,  
összekeverik, homogenizálják az  
elemzés előtt**

**Ágy  
profil**

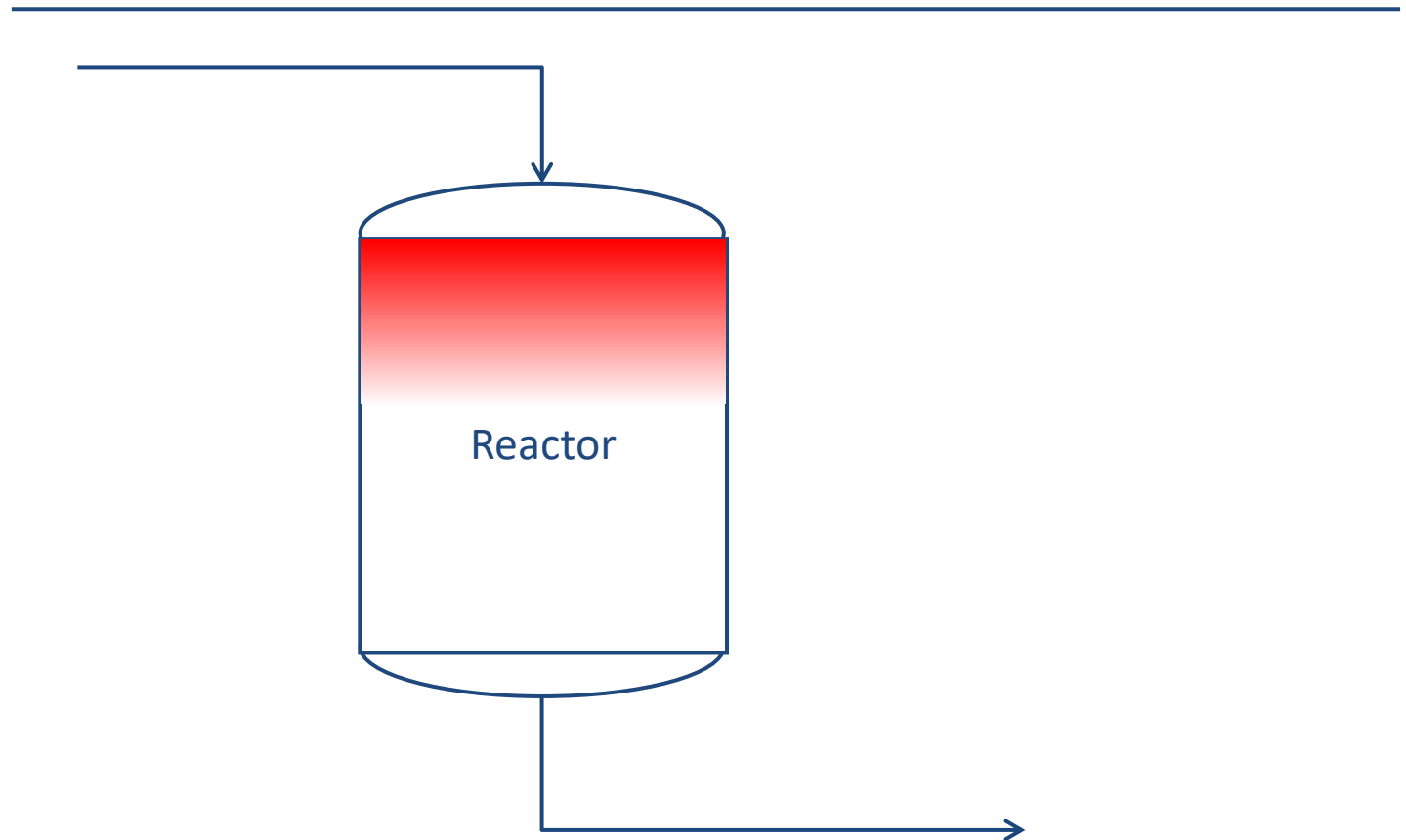
**Dedikált SAS  
mintavételi eljárás  
(mindegyik ágyból):  
15-30 mintát vesznek, amiket  
megtartanak egyedi elemzés  
céljára**

**OPTIONAL**



## MAXIMISE RECOVERY SAS (SAMPLE/ANALYSE/SEGREGATE)

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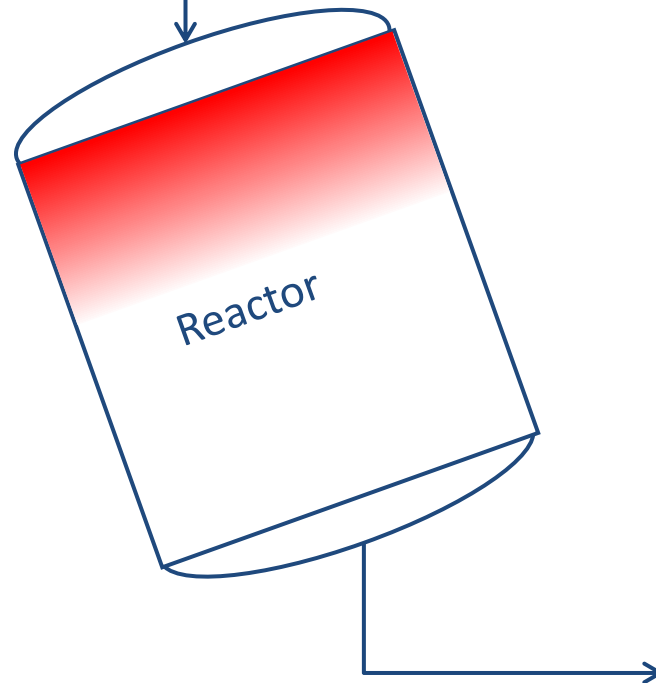


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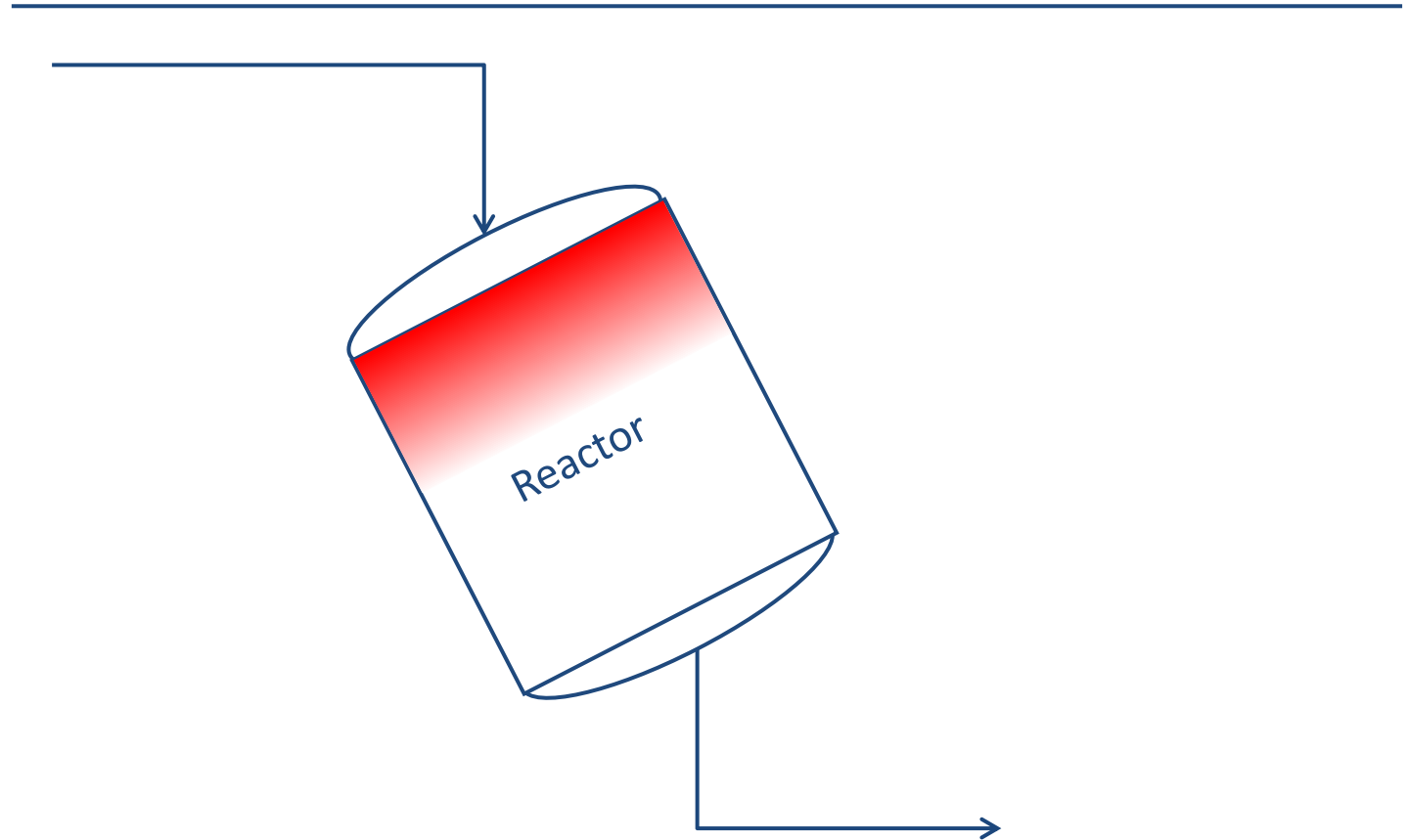
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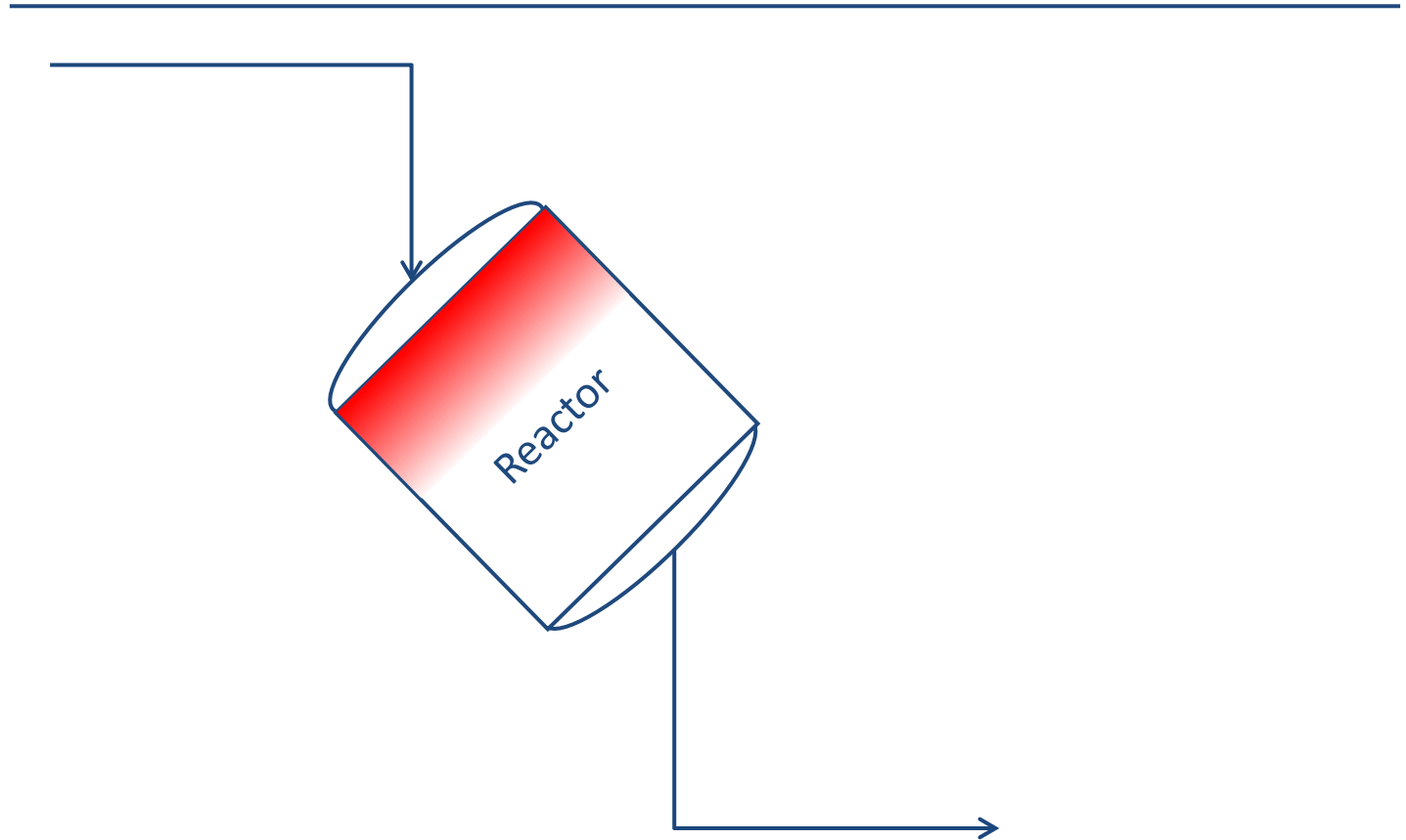
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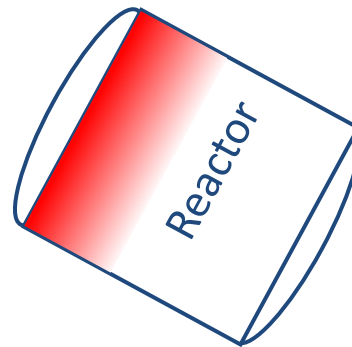
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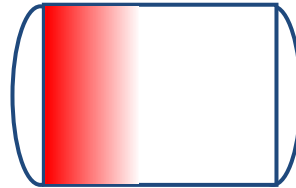
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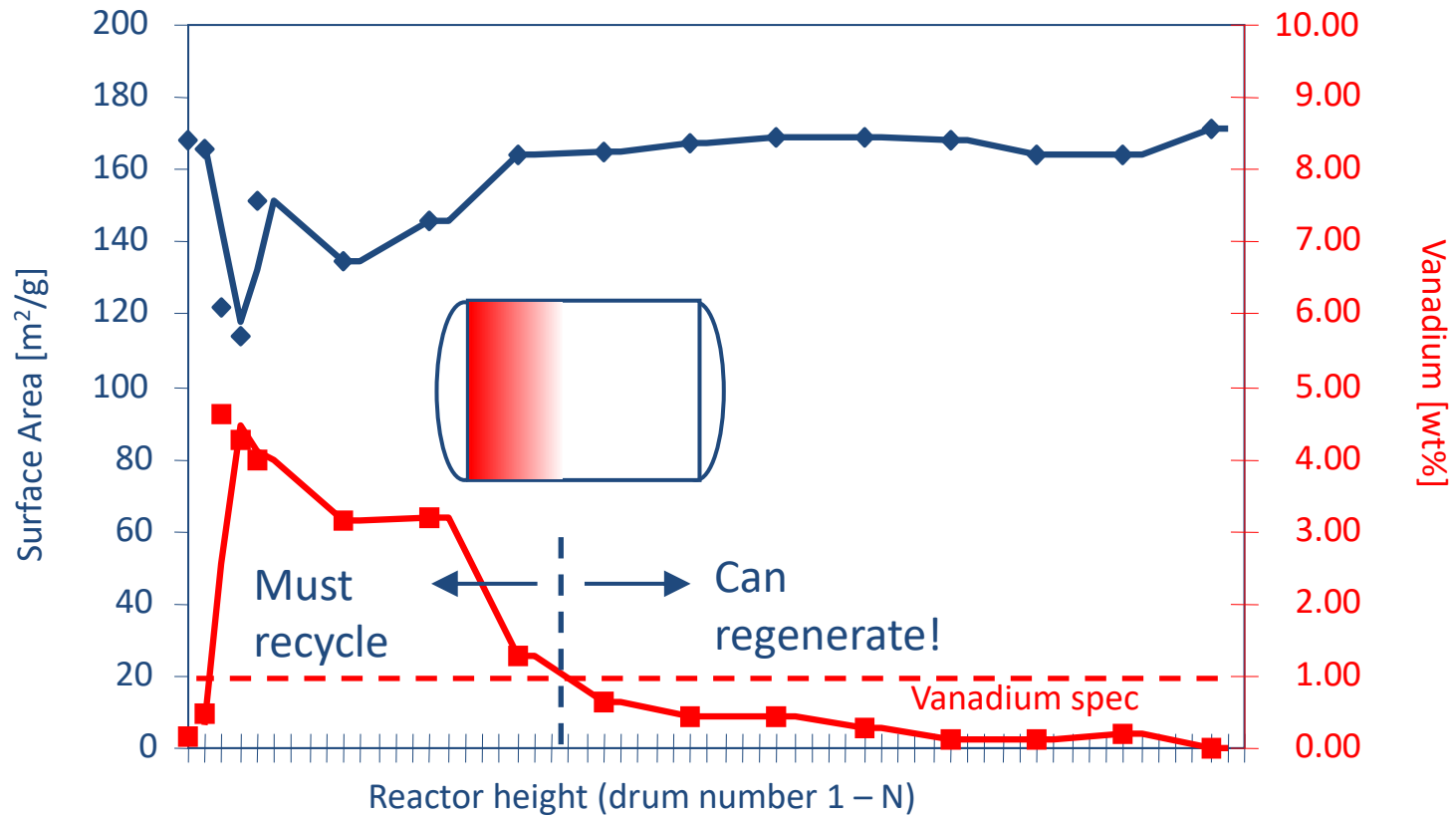


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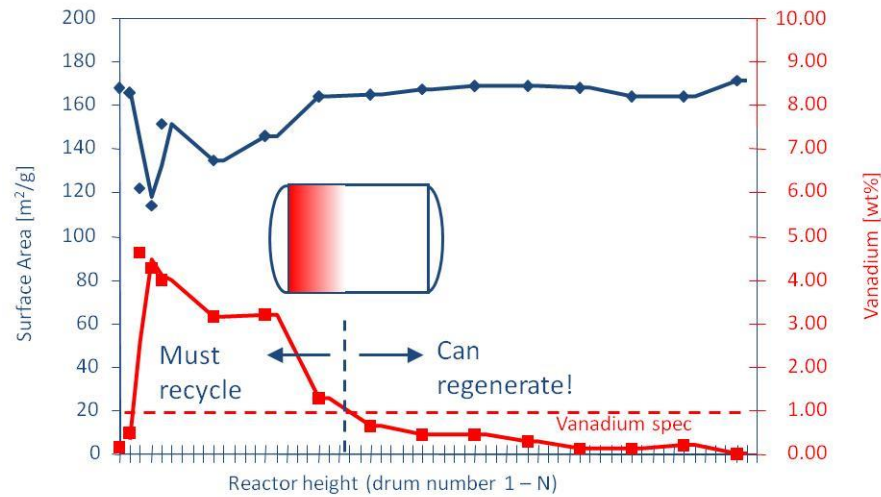
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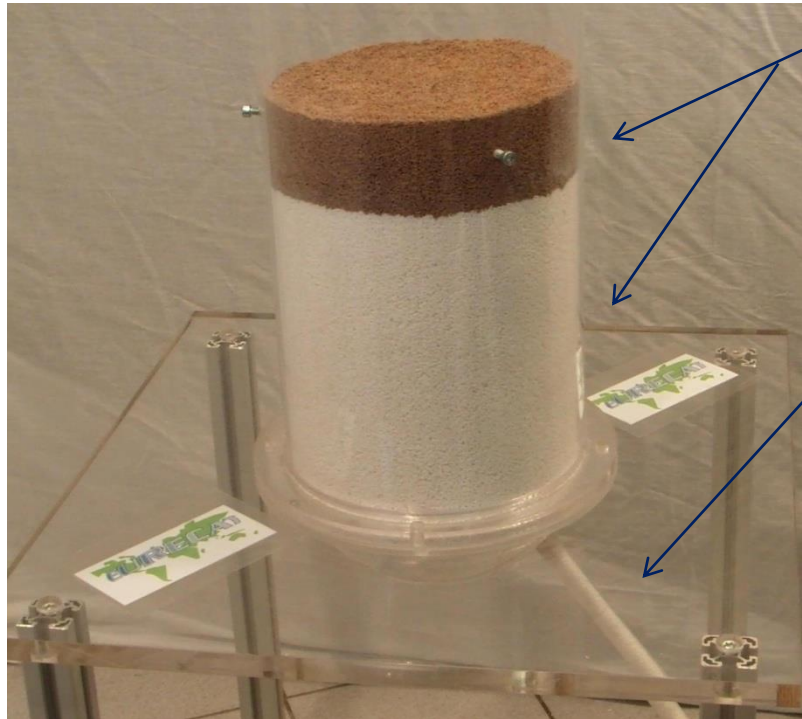
- ❑ Hordókat/konténereket számozni kell a leürítés során!!!
- ❑ Nyomonkövethető a fémszennyezés a reaktor hosszában



## Case study of 96 tons reactor

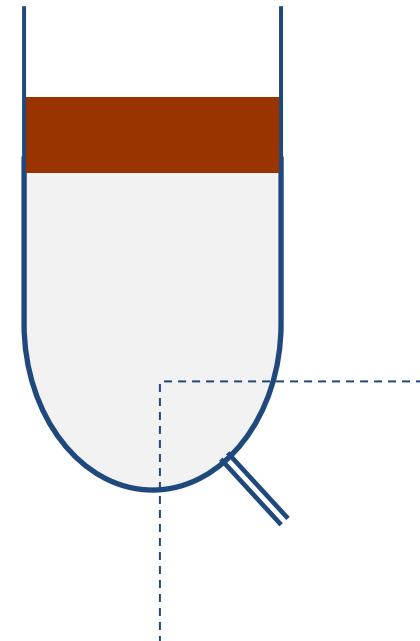
- ❑ Average analyses slightly off-spec
- ❑ Refiner wanted to send batch for metals recovery.
- ❑ SAS pointed out contamination was very local
- ❑ 75% of catalyst could be recovered
- ❑ 1.3 M\$ savings

# FROM GRAVITY DUMPING TO SAS



2 stacked beds – dense load

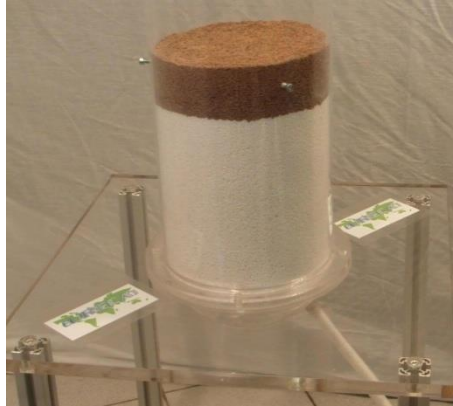
1 dump pipe (45°)



**Diameter** = 24 cm  
**Height** = 1 m



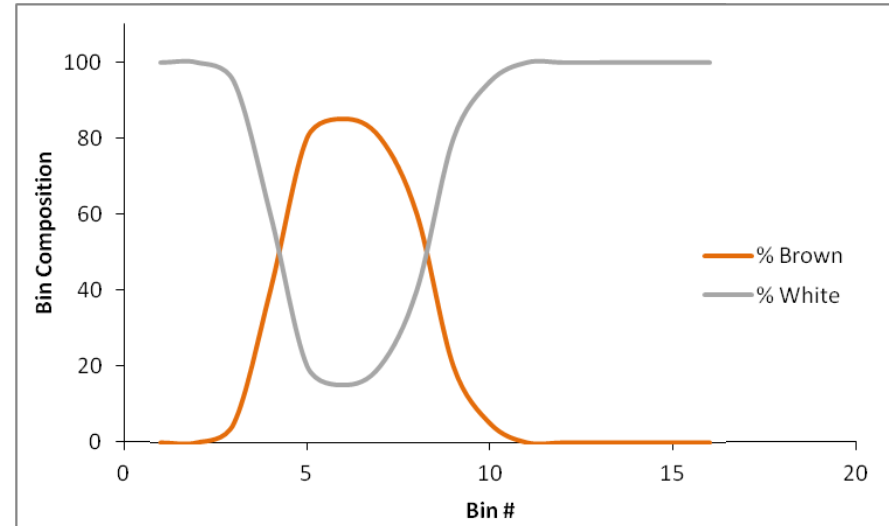
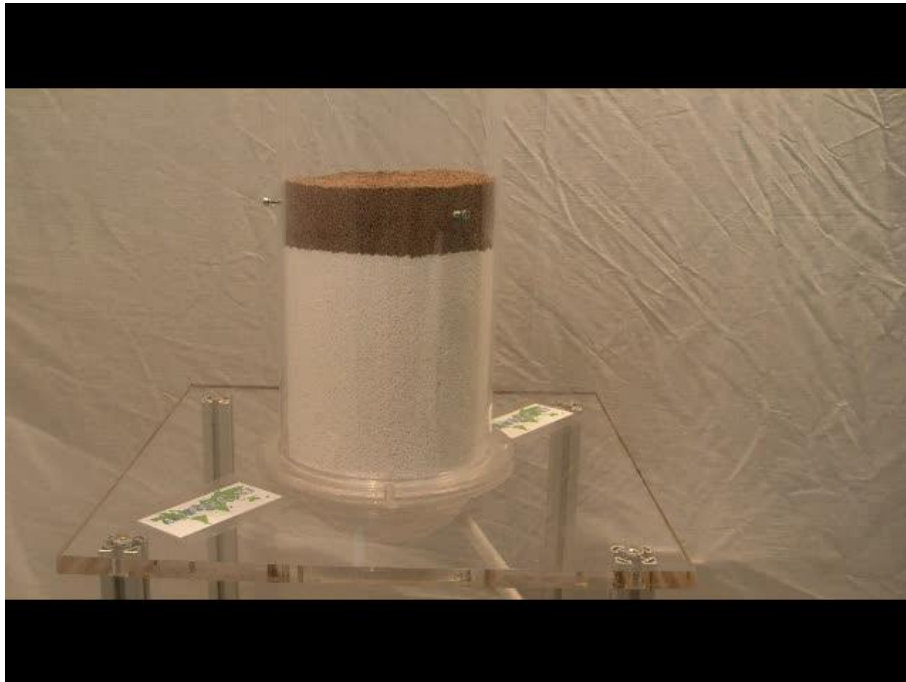
# FROM GRAVITY DUMPING



Front view



Side view



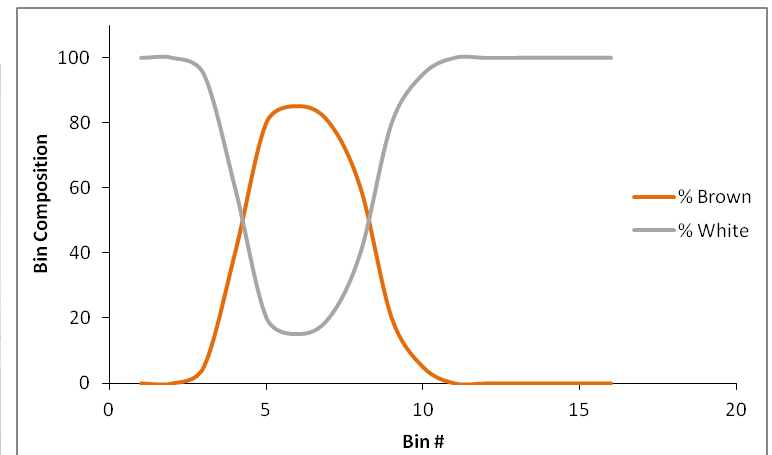
Dig out  
Conical shape



SAS

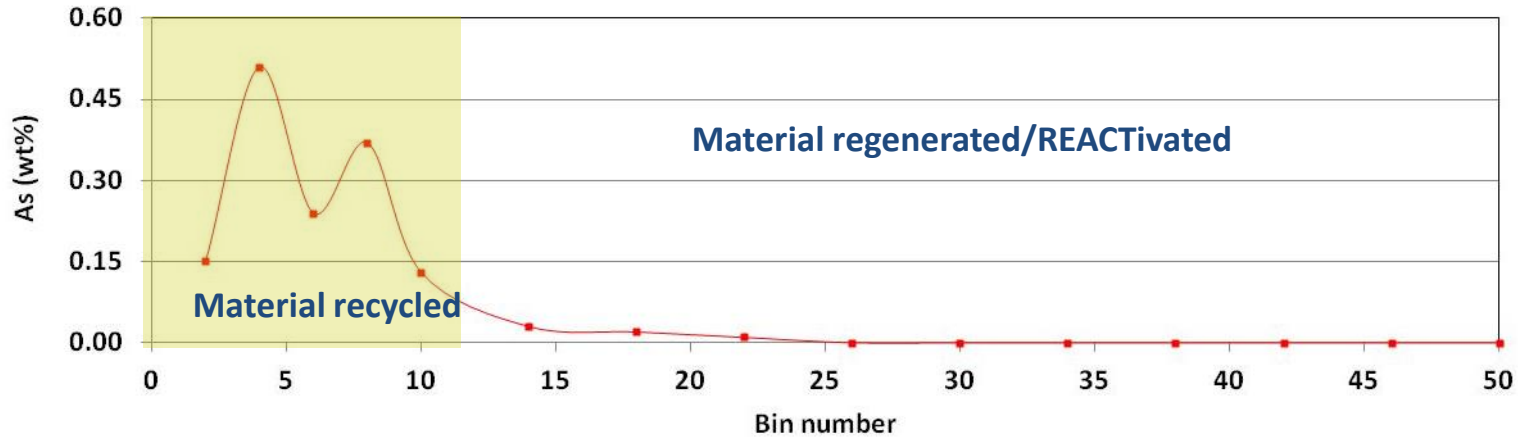


Gravity Unloading



□ After Gravity dump, SAS can trace back the position of the catalyst in the reactor.





N° BINS	As (wt%)	V (wt%)	Fe (wt%)	Si (wt%)	Na (wt%)	C spent (wt%)	S spent (wt%)	C lab reg (wt%)	S lab reg (wt%)	SA (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Lmm (mm)	%grains < 1.5mm	%grains < 2.0mm
2	0.15	0.00	0.12	0.15	0.09	10.8	13.6	0.1	0.6	141	2.67	6	22
4	0.51	0.00	0.13	0.17	0.07								
6	0.24	0.00	0.13	0.17	0.11	9.5	14.3	0.1	0.8	143	3	4	18
8	0.37	0.00	0.14	0.17	0.14								
10	0.13	0.00	0.11	0.15	0.08	9.1	13.9	0.1	0.6	142	3.04	2	10
14	0.03	0.00	0.10	0.15	0.08	9.5	13.5	0.1	0.6	142			
18	0.02	0.00	0.08	0.16	0.06	10.2	14.2	0.1	0.4	151	2.84	4	15
22	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.15	0.08	10.9	14.1	0.1	0.3	154			
26	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.14	0.05	11.0	13.7	0.1	0.4	160	3.31	3	9
30	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.15	0.05	11.0	13.8	0.1	0.3	162			
34	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.14	0.04	10.3	14.0	0.1	0.3	152	2.85	4	15
38	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.15	0.05	11.4	14.1	0.1	0.3	162			
42	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.16	0.05	12.0	13.4	0.1	0.2	158	3.00	5	14
46	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.15	0.04	12.0	14.0	0.1	0.3	153			
50	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.15	0.05	12.0	13.7	0.1	0.3	160	2.66	10	26
<b>Average</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2.89</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>



# LAB REGENERATED CATALYST ANALYSIS

Lab  
regenerated  
HPC  
catalyst

Carbon

Sulfur

Surface area

BCS (Bulk Crushing Strength)  
and/or  
SCS (Side Crushing Strength)

Abrasion loss

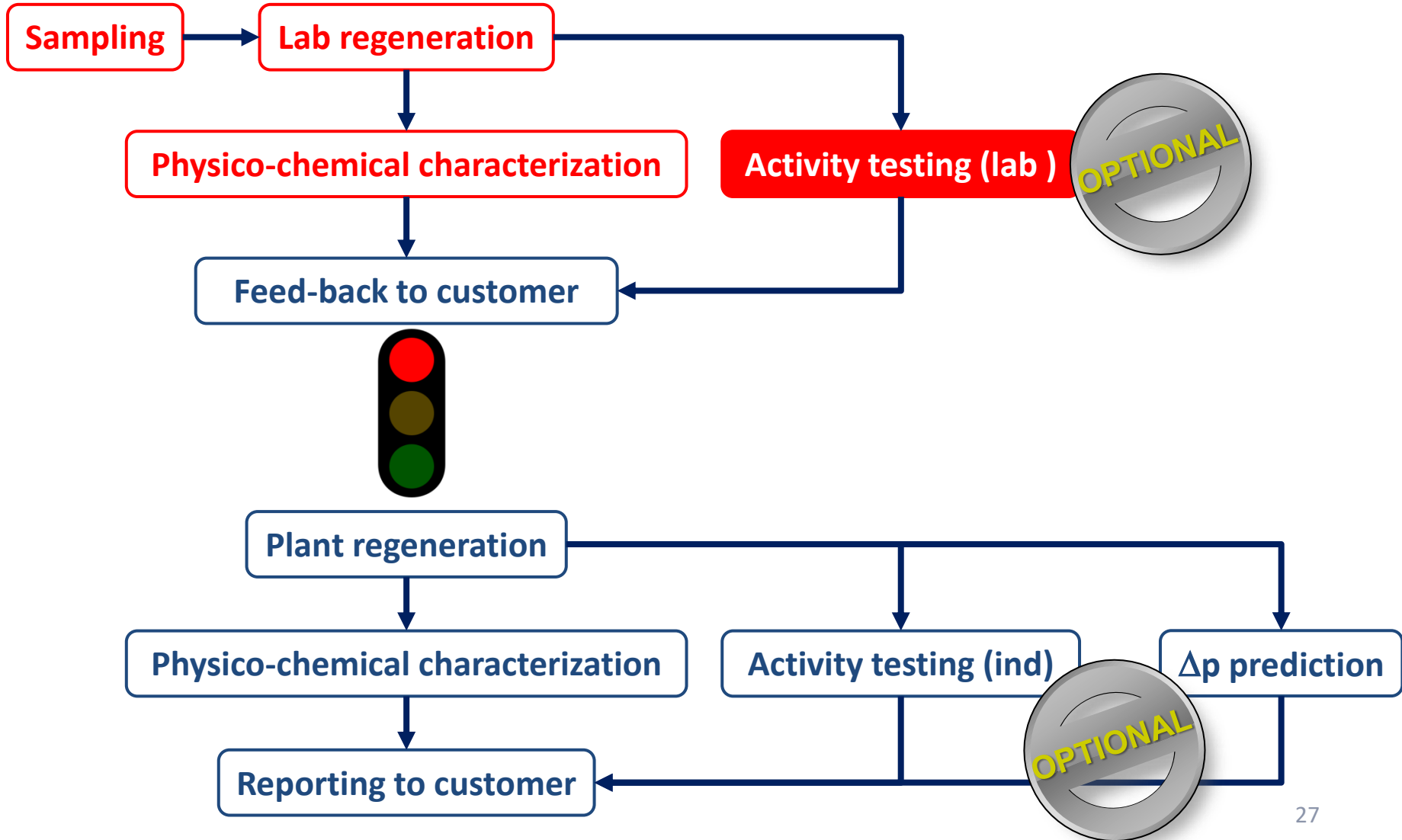
Average length

PSD (Particle Size Distribution)

Poisons (As, V, Fe, Si, Na, Ni,...)



# HPC TREATMENT



- ❑ Az aktivitás helyreállíthatósága nagyban függ a használt katalizátor állapotától.
- ❑ A katalizátor aktivitása rosszul számszerűsíthető az analitikai eredmények alapján.

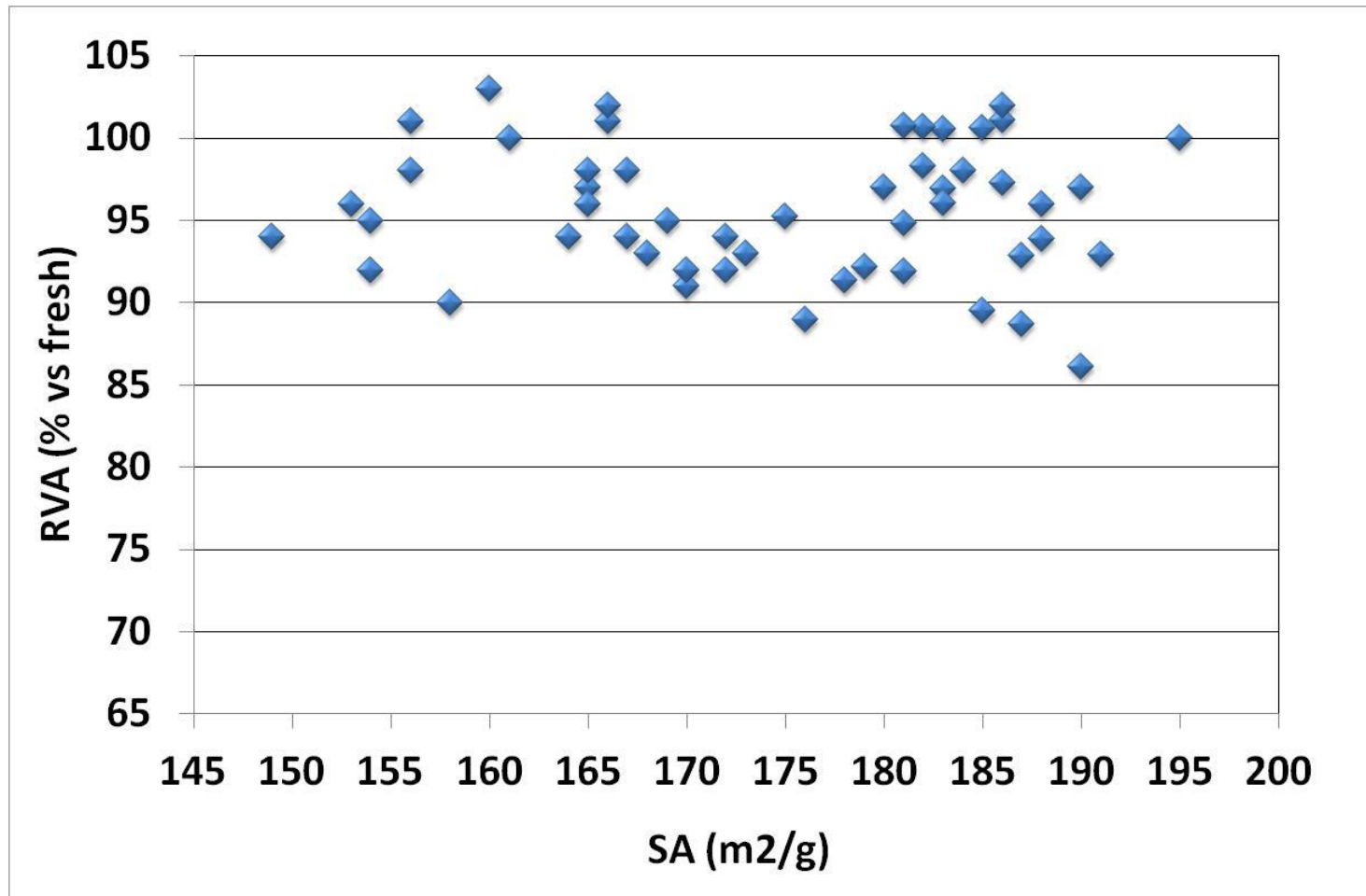


**A közvetlen aktivitásmérés elengedhetetlen az újrahaznosíthatóság megállapításához.**

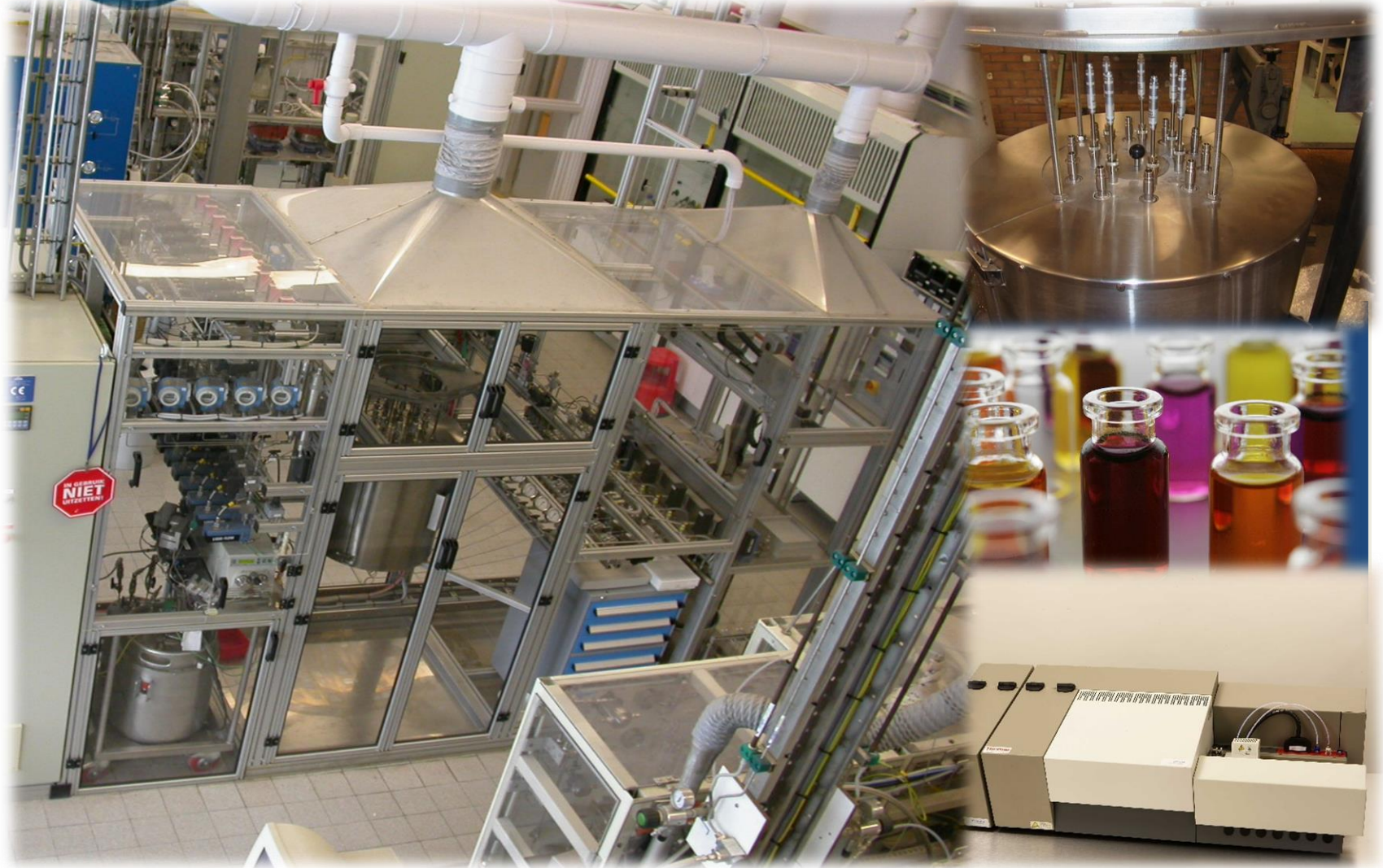
**RVA / RWA (%) measured correlates directly to reactor WABT (°C).**



# ACTIVITY VS SURFACE AREA KF757



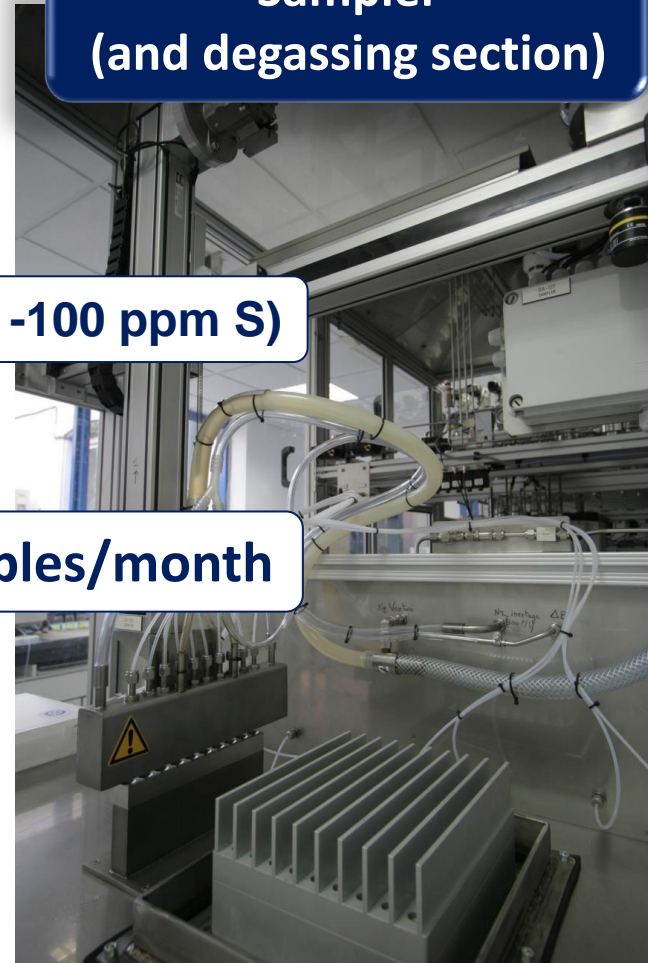
No relevant metals contamination on every batch



**Furnace and 10  
reactors in parallel**



**Sampler  
(and degassing section)**

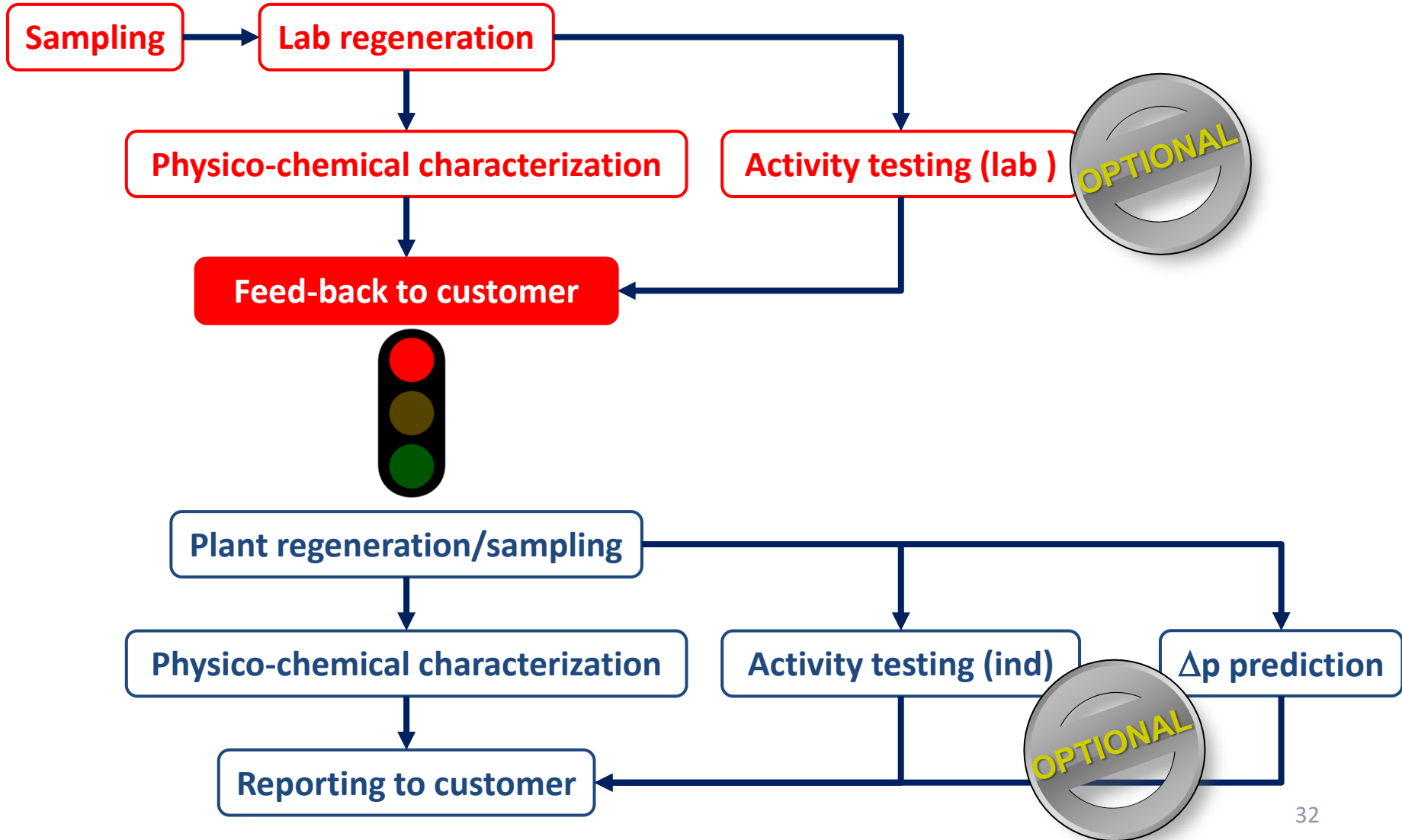


**HDS – ULSD (10 -100 ppm S)**

**Capacity: 80 samples/month**



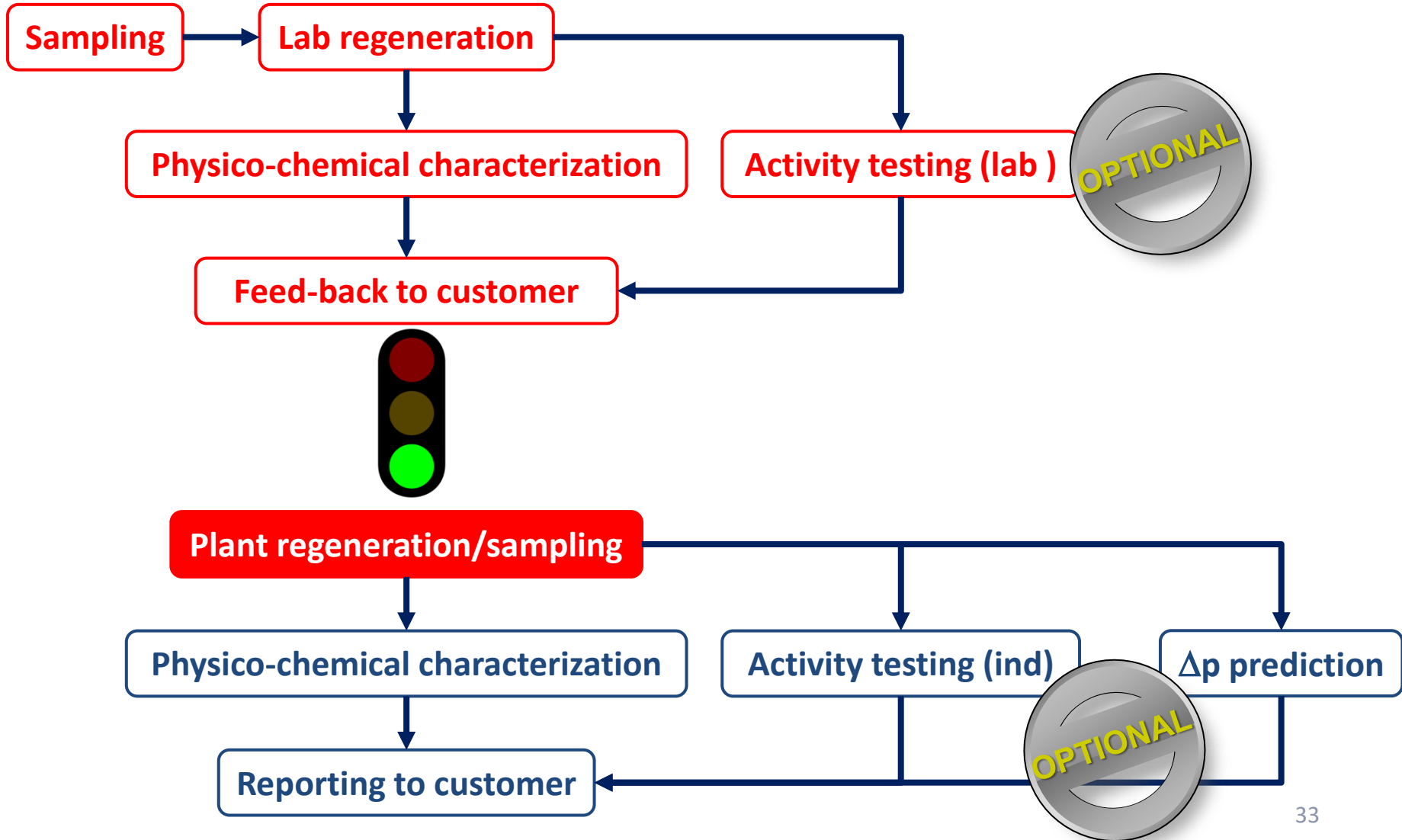
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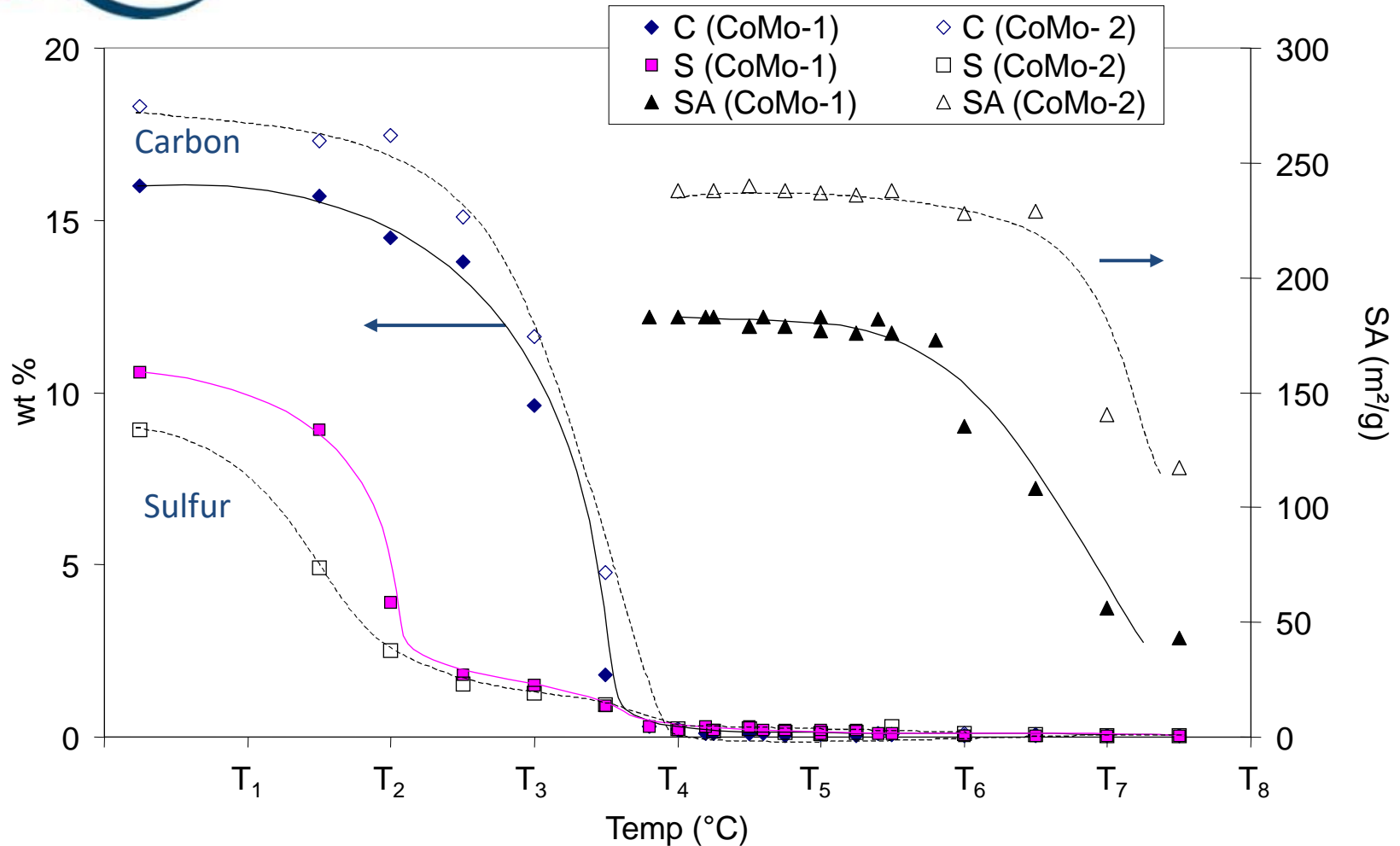




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# REGENERATION PARAMETERS OF HPC

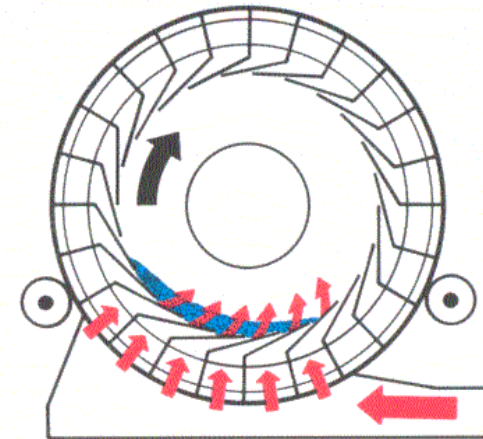


2 Commercial Hydrotreating catalyst - CoMo on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

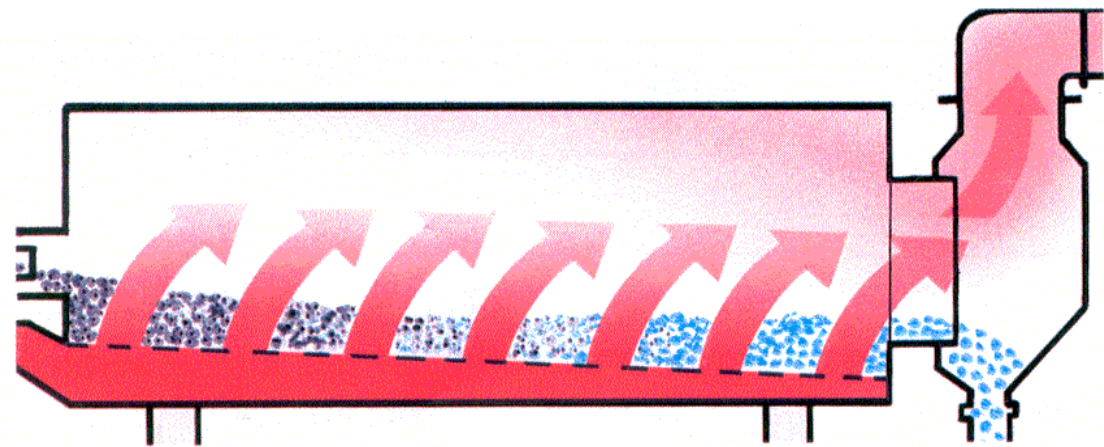
**➔ Tailor-made recipes for each individual catalyst**

## Maximális aktivitás visszanyerés:

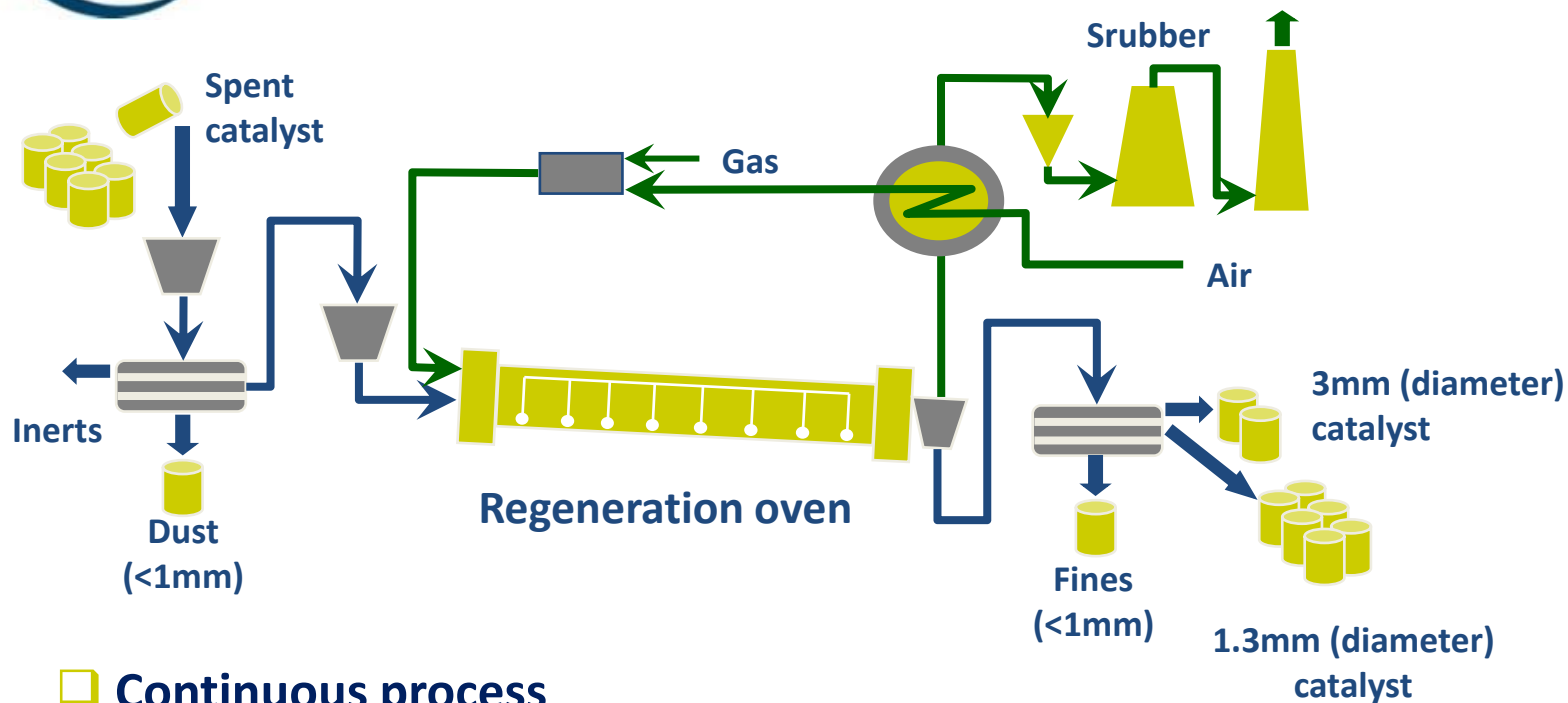
- homogén regenerálás
- szigorú hőmérséklet kontrol
- Gyors hő és  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{SO}_2$  eltávolítás



Cross view



Side view



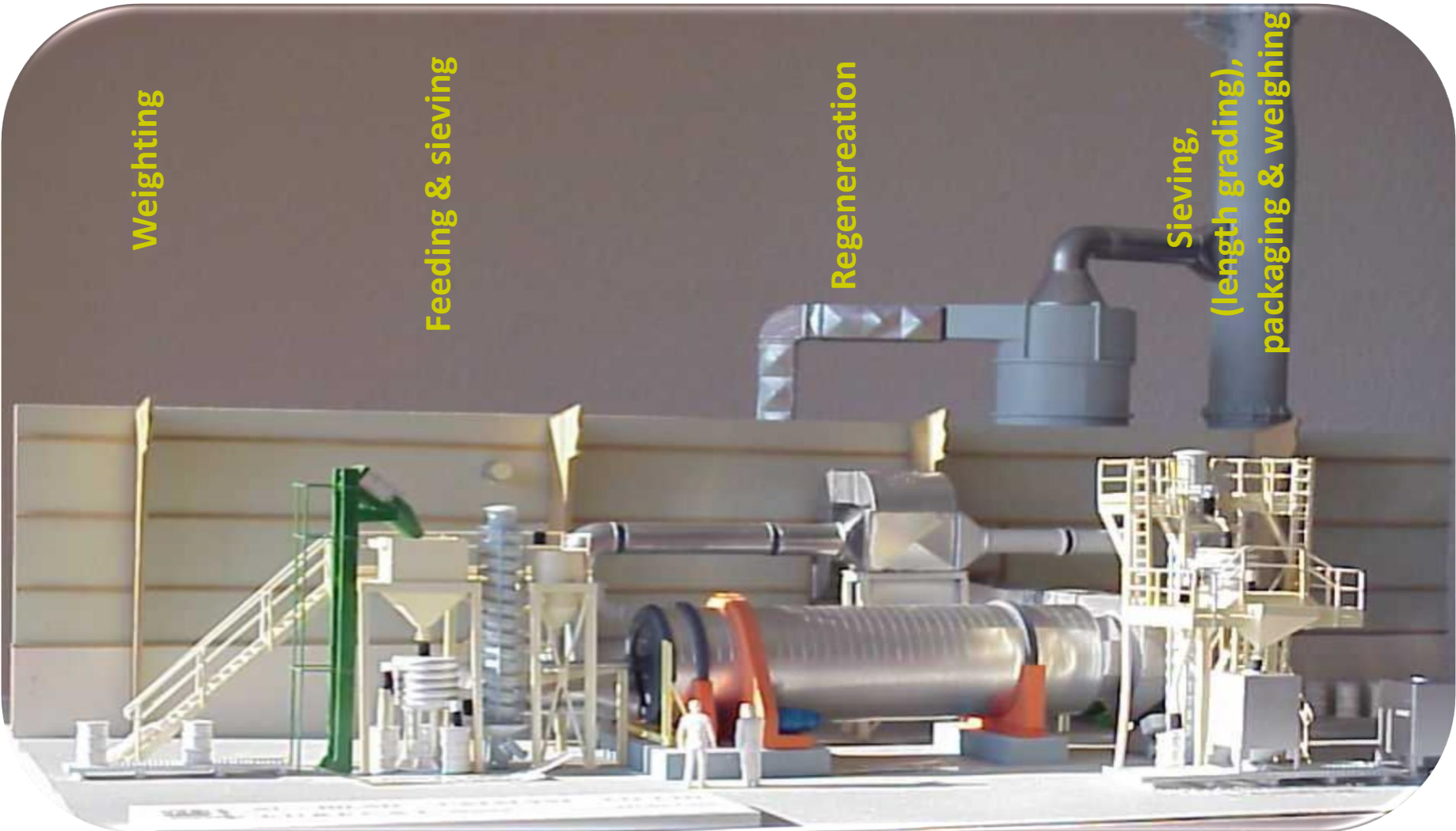
- Continuous process
- High activity recovery ( $\geq 95$  % SA retention)
- Fines guaranteed to be less than 1 wt%
- Fine-tuned to each different catalyst
- Catalyst evaluation (QC)

Weighting

Feeding & sieving

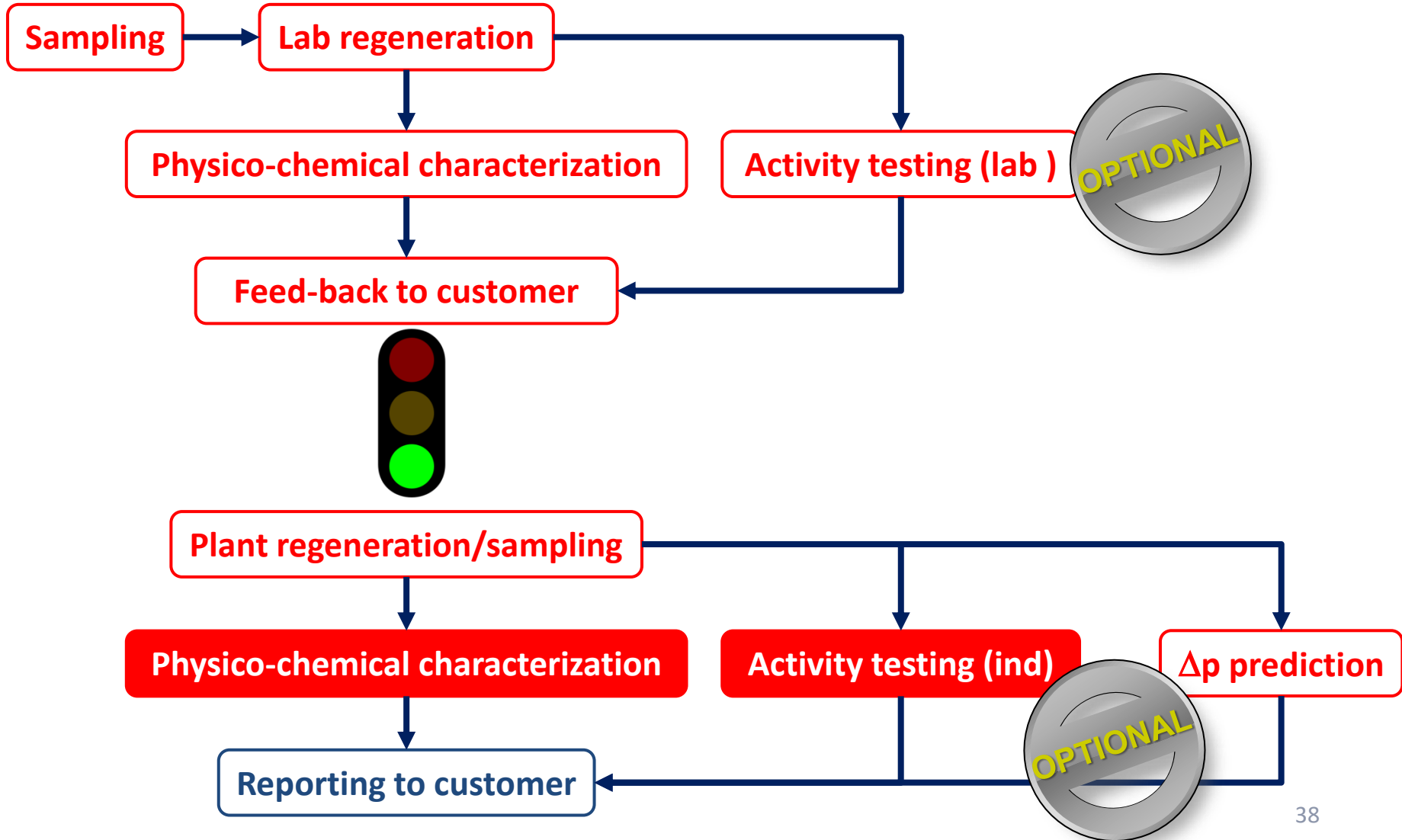
Regeneration

Sieving,  
(length grading),  
packaging & weighing



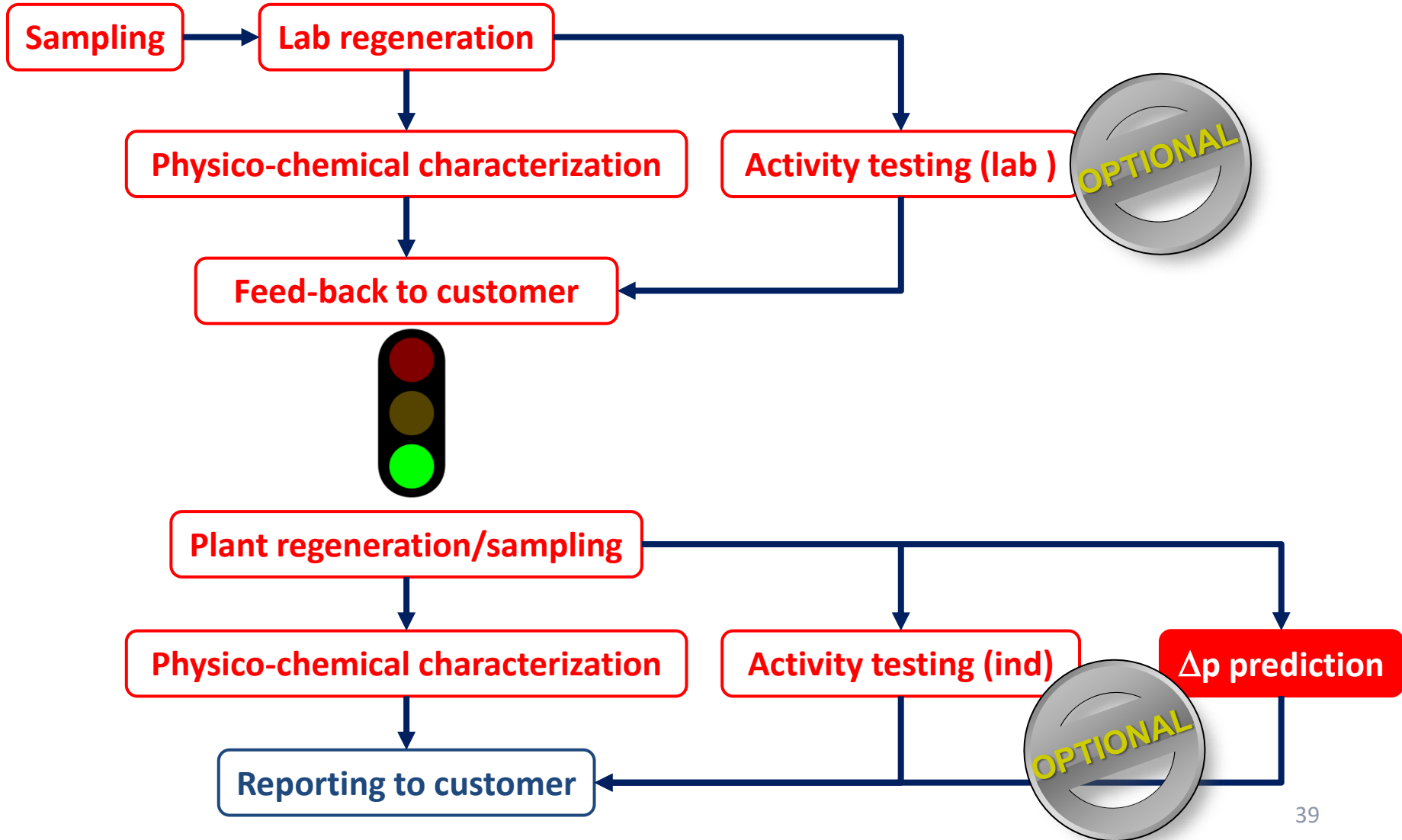


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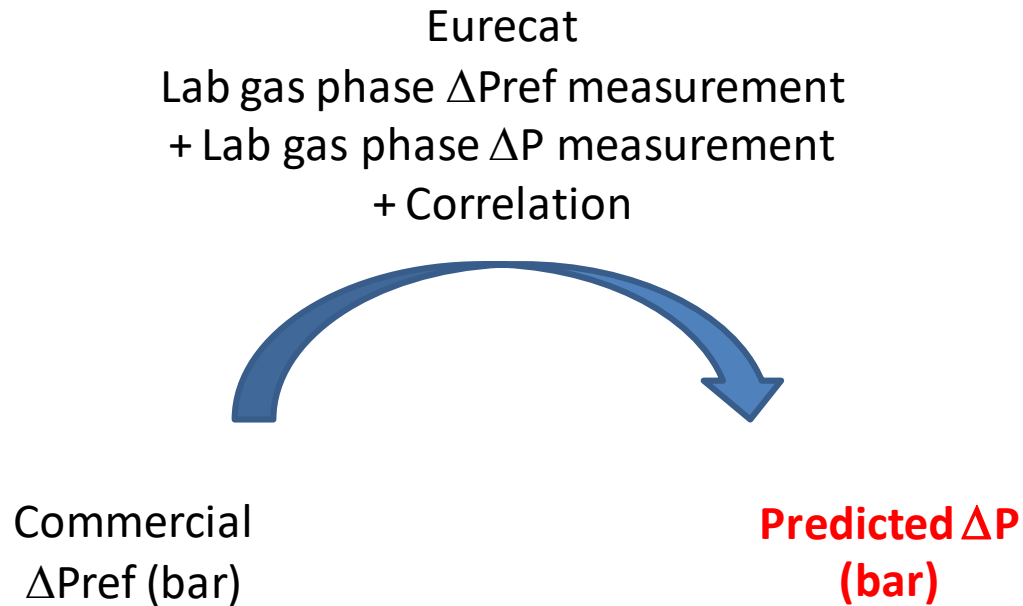




# Catalyst Performance: Pressure drop

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- Eurecat has developed unique pressure drop measurement to predict mixed phase  $\Delta P$  in refinery reactor conditions.

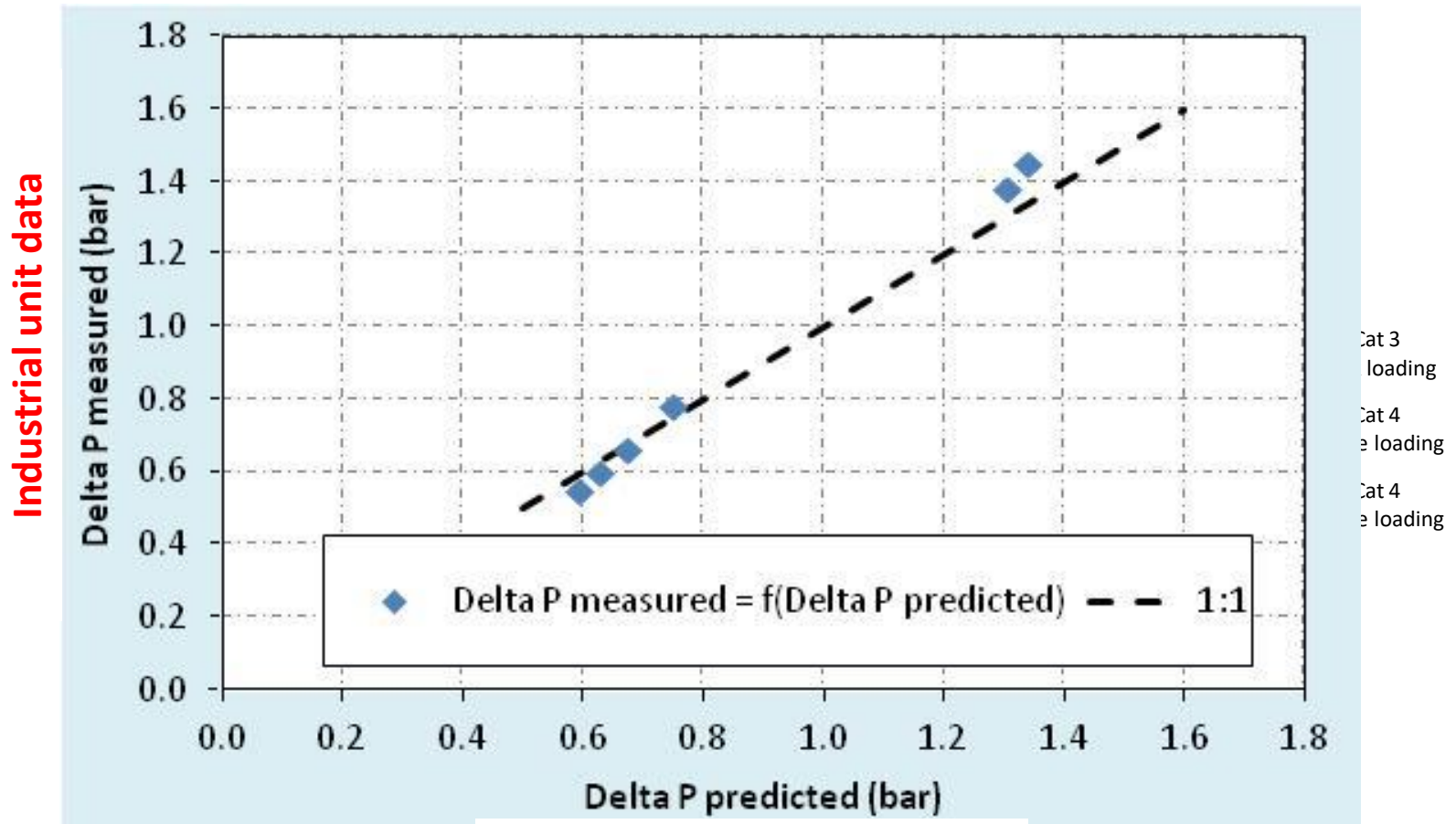






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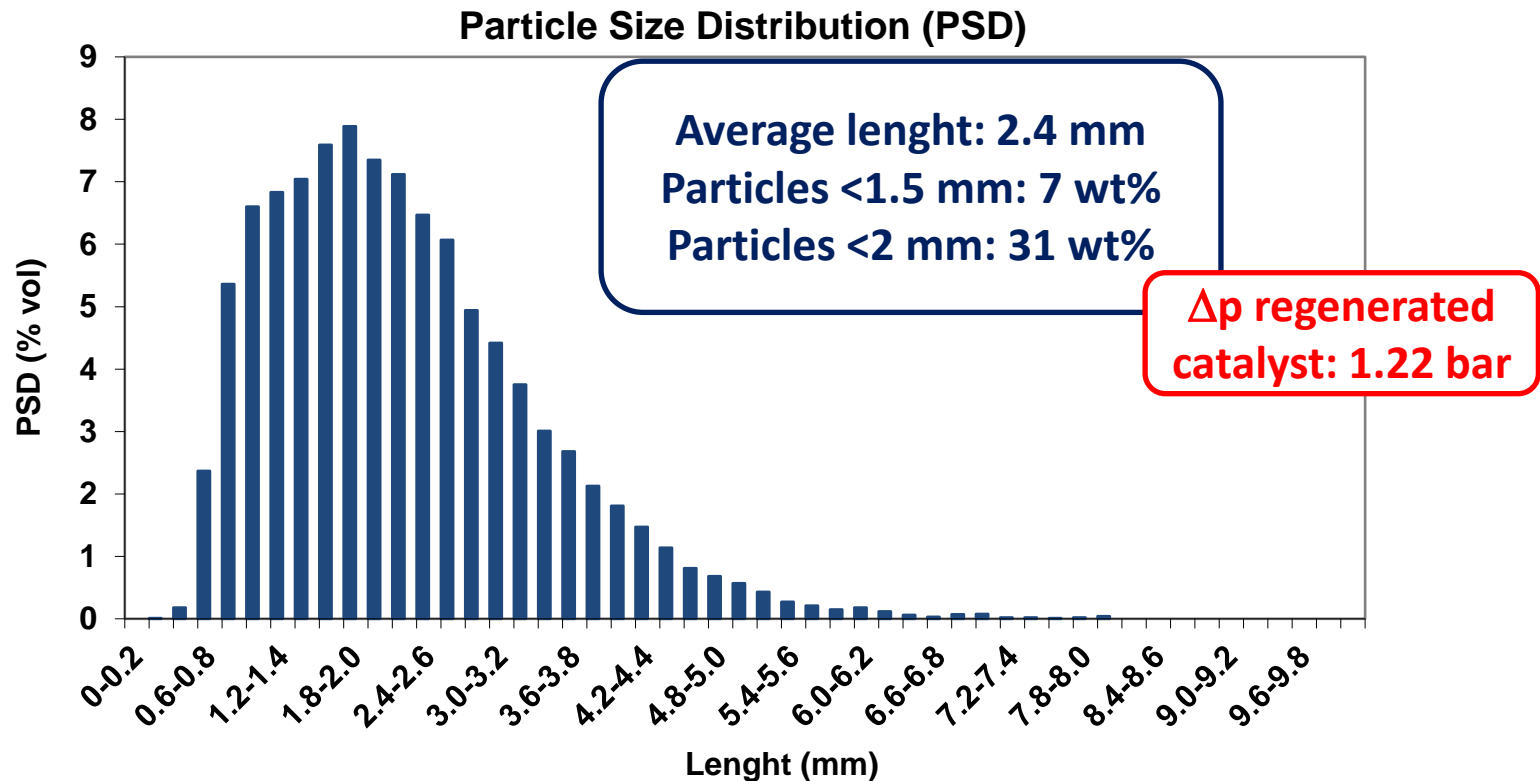
- Tool has been validated in refinery units (multibed, dense/sock):



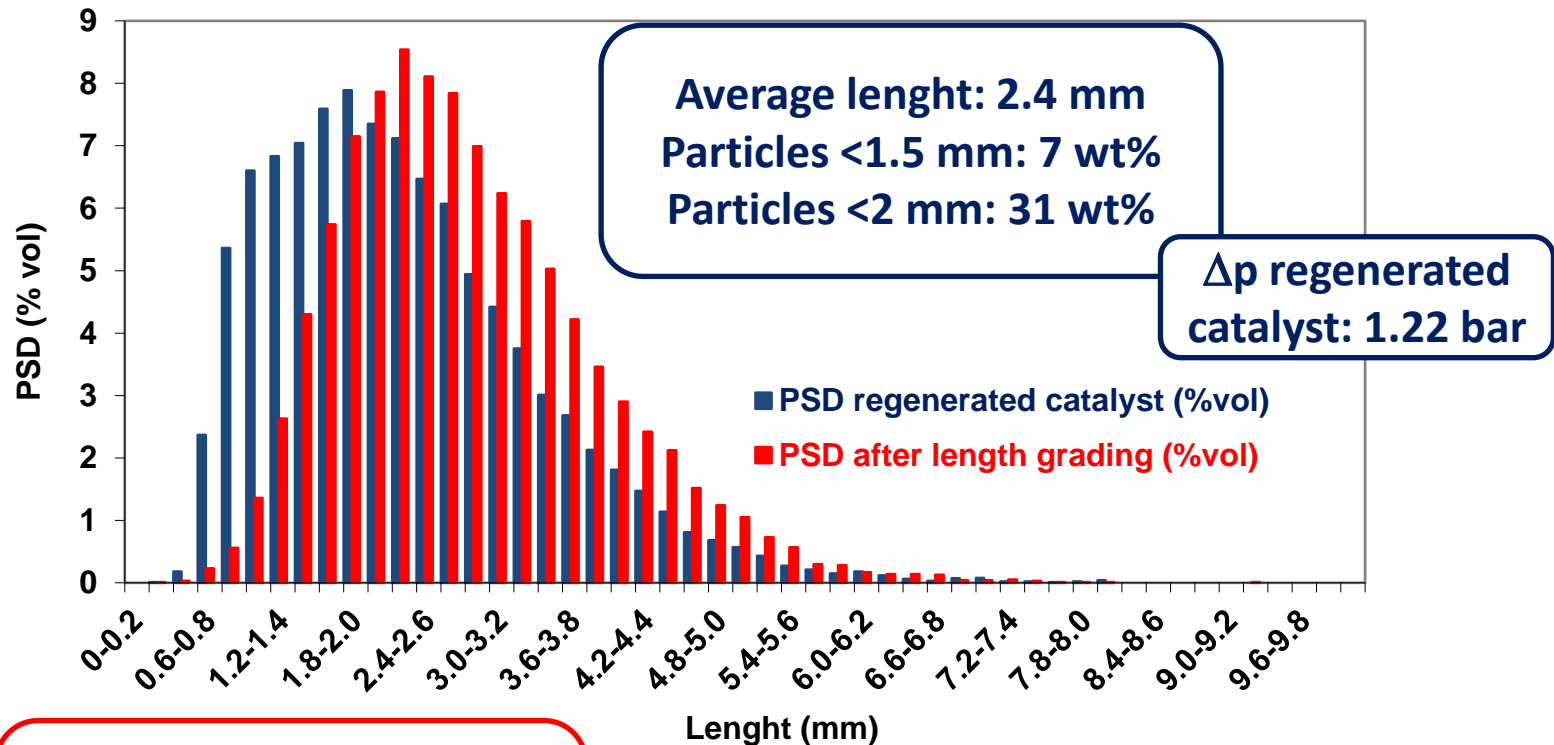
**Eurecat laboratory data**

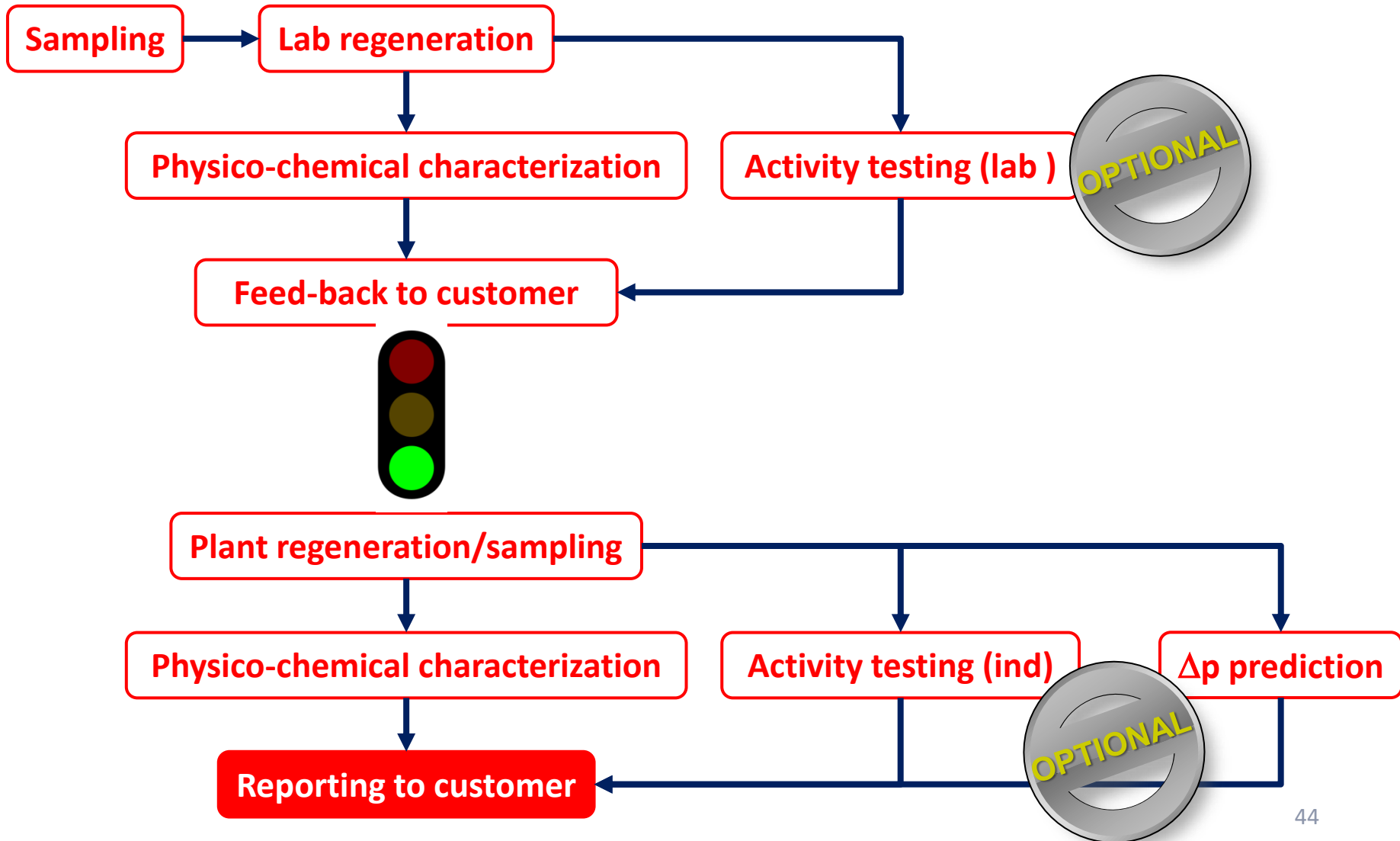


# PARTICULE SIZE DISTRIBUTION VS PRESSURE DROP



Particle Size Distribution (PSD)



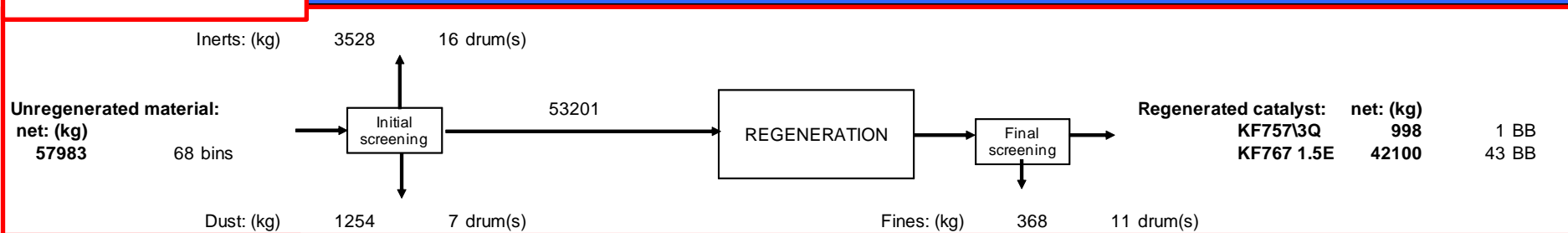


1XXXX/A KF757 3Q

Comments:  
FB 66-68 : 40 wt % dust

PO number:  
End of treatment: 31/1/2013

## Mass balance



## Catalyst characteristic

	Lab regen:	Spec:	Regen:	Notes:
LOI (wt%):	18.3	-	-	-
Smoke test:	Yes	-	-	-
HC/other volatiles (wt%):	2.9	-	-	-
C (wt%):	14.2	0.1	0.5	0.1
S (wt%):	12.0	0.4	0.9	0.5
Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g):	-	140	137	140
BCS (MPa):	-	1.60	1.44	1.58
Average length (mm):	-	3.0	2.8	3.0
< 2 mm (%):	-	17	20	15
< 1.5 mm (%):	-	6	10	5
Fines (wt%):	-	-	-	<0.1

Metals contaminants:	Notes:
As:	<0.01
V:	<0.01
Fe:	0.2
Si:	0.1
Na:	0.11
Ni:	<0.01
Regenerated densitie	Notes:
CBD (t/m <sup>3</sup> ):	0.843
SD (t/m <sup>3</sup> ):	0.784
PDL (t/m <sup>3</sup> ):	0.903
VF (-):	0.325

Regen/Lab REACT™:	Notes:
RVA (%):	92 vs fresh
RWA (%):	98 vs fresh
Δp (bar):	1.01

## Performance prediction

## Loading parameters

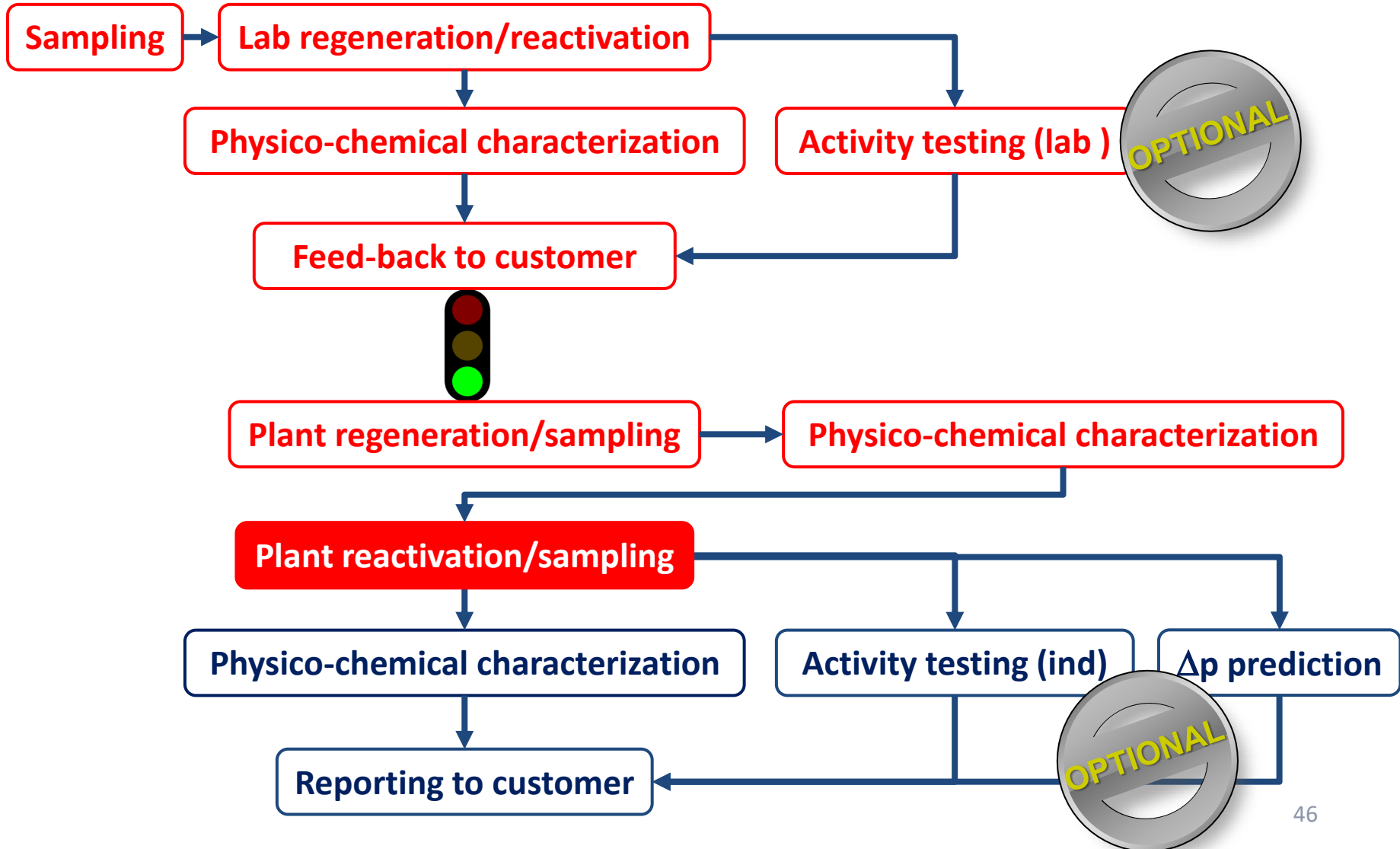
Additional analysis results can be published via a stock database directly accessible via the Internet

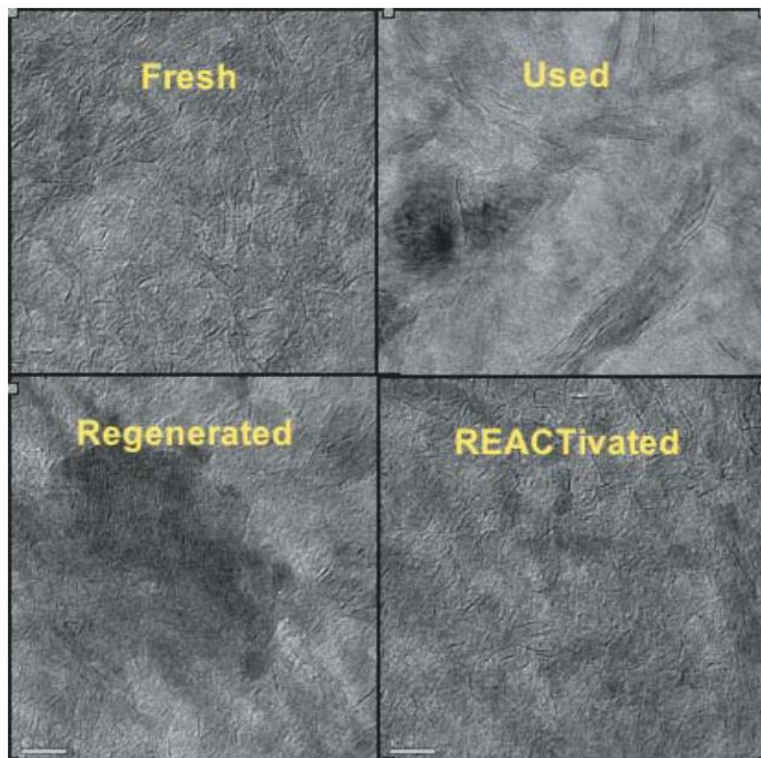
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C (wt%):	14.1	0.1	-	0.1	-
S (wt%):	12.7	0.3	-	0.8	-
Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g):	-	176	-	170	-
BCS (MPa):	-	-	-	1.2	-
Average length (mm):	-	-	-	4.8	-
< 2 mm (%):	-	-	-	1	-
< 1.5 mm (%):	-	-	-	0	-
Fines (wt%):	-	-	-	<0.1	-

Metals contaminants:	Notes:
As:	<0.01
V:	0.01
Fe:	0.12
Si:	0.15
Na:	0.15
Ni:	<0.01
Regenerated densitie	Notes:
CBD (t/m <sup>3</sup> ):	0.727
SD (t/m <sup>3</sup> ):	0.676
PDL (t/m <sup>3</sup> ):	0.801
VF (-):	0.382

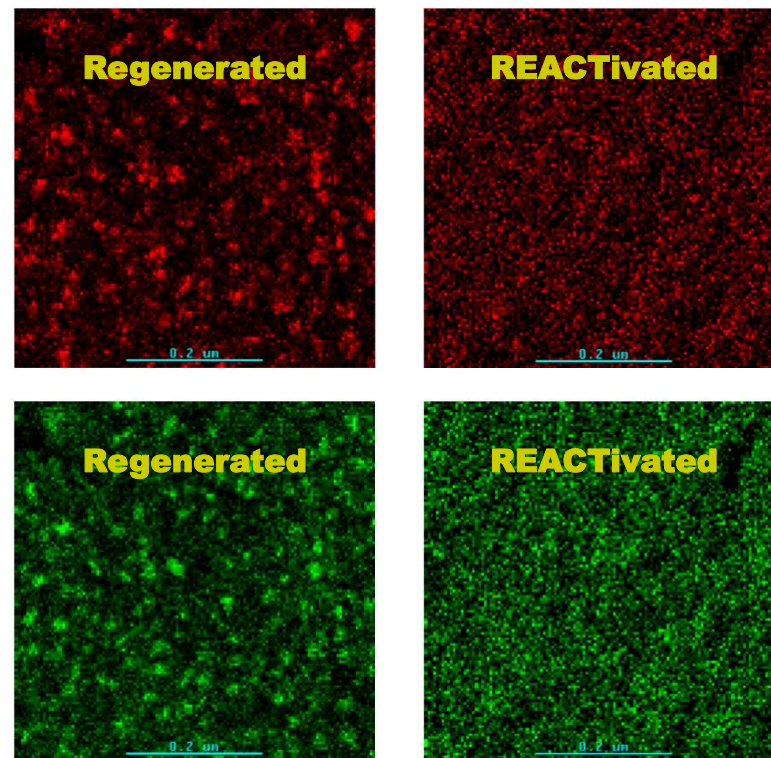


# HPC TREATMENT





TEM micrograph of CoMo catalyst

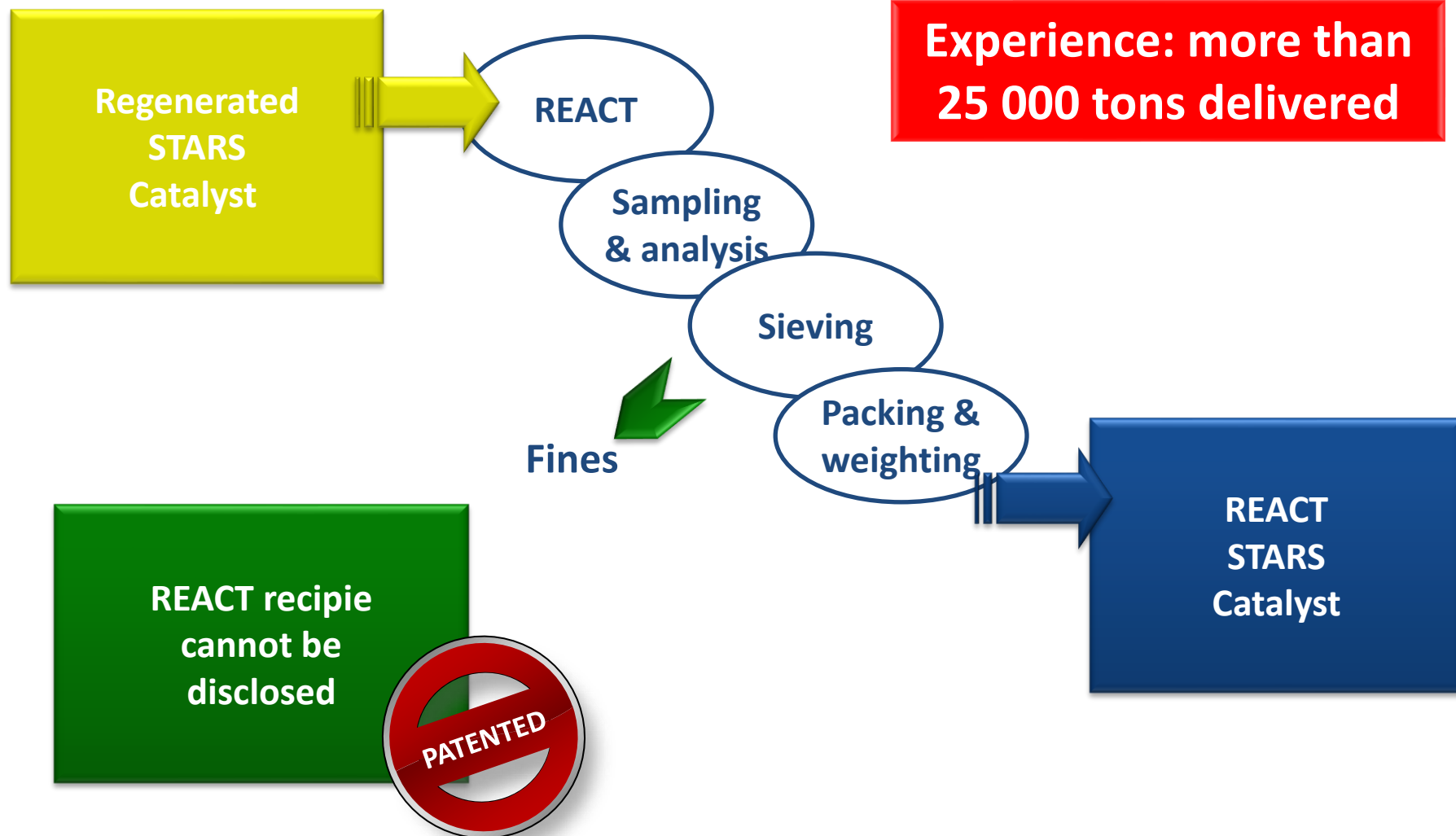


STEM-EDX maps of Co (red) and Mo (green)

➔ **Redispersion of the active phase**



# EURECAT REACT™ STEPS





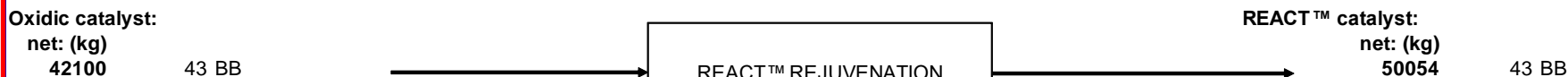
Comments:

PO number:

1XXXX/A KF767 1.5E

End of treatment:  
1/2/2013

## Mass balance



## Catalyst characteristic

1XXXX/A KF767	Specs: REACT™:	Notes:
C (wt%):	-	-
S (wt%):	-	-
Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g):	-	144
Average length (mm):	2.8	2.85
< 2 mm (%):	20	19
< 1.5 mm (%):	10	6
Fines (wt%):	<1.0	0.2
BCS (MPa):	-	1.55

REACT™ densities:	Notes:
CBD (t/m <sup>3</sup> ):	1.039
SD (t/m <sup>3</sup> ):	0.966
PDL (t/rr):	1.111
VF (-):	0.338

REACT™	Notes:
RVA (%):	95 vs fresh
RWA (%):	101 vs fresh
Δp (bar):	1.04

## Loading parameters

## Performance prediction



## SPECIFIC EURECAT TECHNOLOGIES

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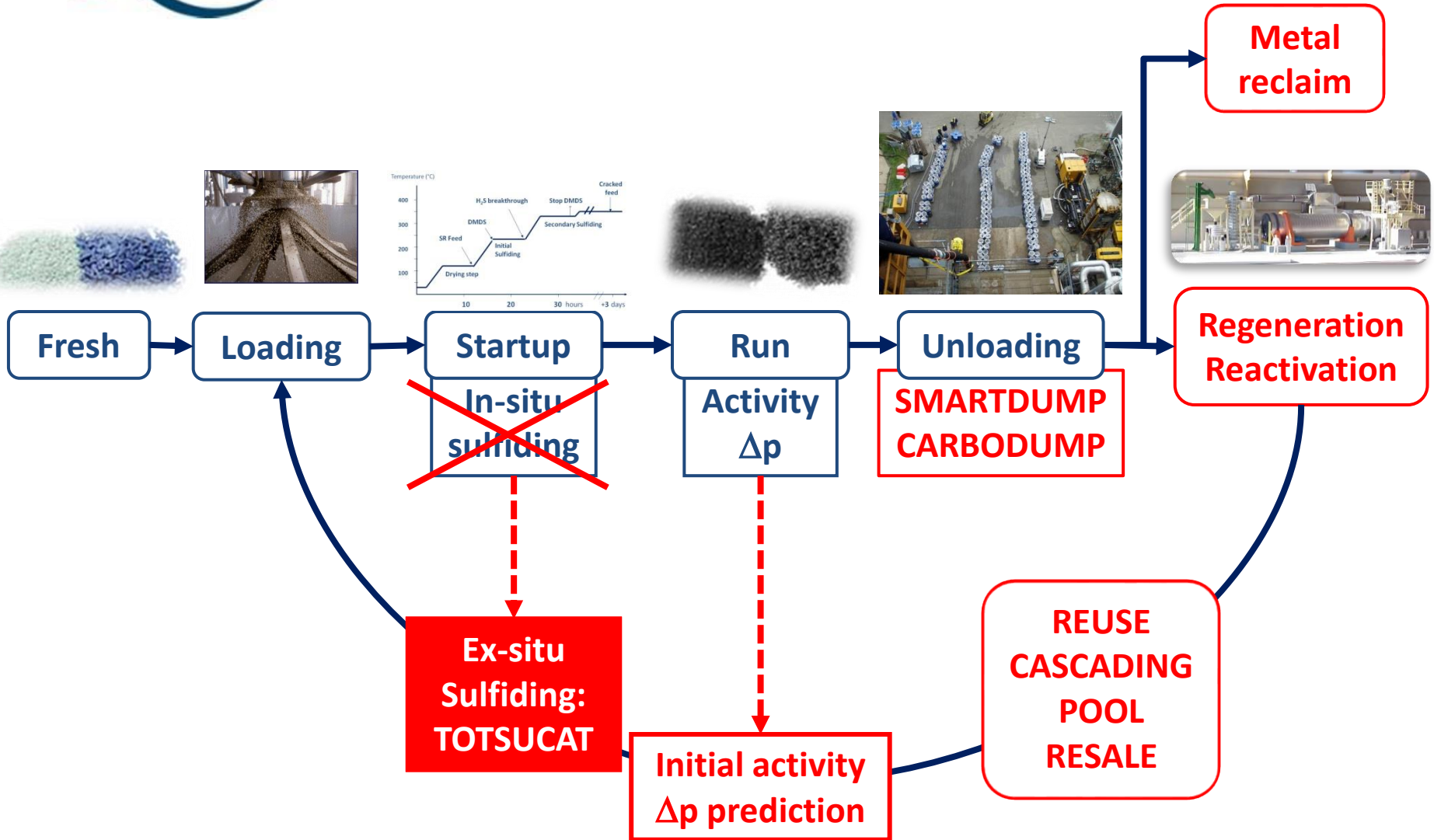
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# STARTUP WITH IN-SITU SULFIDING

## LIQUID PHASE

Temperature (°C)

400

300

200



H<sub>2</sub>S break

DMDS skid failure?

Obtain/store SR feed?

DMDS smell?

Activation procedure 24h coverage?

10

20

30 h

Enough hydrogen?

Activation exotherm?

H<sub>2</sub>S sampling?

Amine unit overload?

Stripper flooding?

H<sub>2</sub>S poisoning downstream?

RG compressor failure?

H<sub>2</sub>S induced corrosion?

Lose sulfur off the cat?

Correct sulfiding temperature?

Catalyst reduction?

- Monitor H<sub>2</sub>S at
- Sulfide
- Sulf

**Catalyst activity ???**



# CATALYST SULFIDING

**OXYDIC CATALYST**

**PHASED OUT**

-S-

**"PRE-SULFURIZATION"**

H<sub>2</sub>  
+ -S-  
+ heat

**TOTSUCAT™**

**US**

**LOADING**

**YOU**

H<sub>2</sub>  
+ -S-  
+ heat

**IN-SITU SULFIDING**

**START-UP**

H<sub>2</sub>  
+ heat

**IN-SITU ACTIVATION**

**START-UP**

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# TOTALLY SULFIDED CATALYST (TOTSUCAT) VS PRESULPHIDING (ACTICAT, SULFICAT...)

	TOTSUCAT™	Presulphiding
Catalyst delivered already at full activity?	YES	NO
In situ activation required?	NO	YES
Sulphiding conditions?	Optimized for each catalyst type	Fixed by in situ procedure
Typical start up time	8h	24h+
Need to perform final sulphiding step at 320-350°C (CoMo/NiMo)?	NOT APPLICABLE	YES
Activation exotherm?	NOT APPLICABLE	YES
Additional H <sub>2</sub> required for activation?	NOT APPLICABLE	YES
Typical H <sub>2</sub> S level in recycle gas during startup	< 500 vppm	1-2 vol%



# TOTSUCAT<sup>®</sup> BENEFITS

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## Easy and quick

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No DMDS or other sulfiding chemical to handle

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No additional H<sub>2</sub> needed at startup

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No activation exotherm

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No need to reach final sulfiding temperature

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No recycle gas sampling / H<sub>2</sub>S monitoring

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No impact of H<sub>2</sub>S on downstream units

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Fail-proof: upsets will not damage the catalyst

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Maximum catalyst performance

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## TYPICAL TOTSUCAT® APPLICATIONS

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### Critical Path Units

- Downtime cost for in situ sulfiding often outweighs Totsucat cost.
- Totsucat with Amine passivation for Hydrocrackers saves precious startup time.

### Temperature Limited Units

- Some units cannot achieve correct sulfiding temperature: in situ sulfided catalysts will not perform as designed.

### Before Sulfur Sensitive Units

- Reformers and Isom units contain precious metal catalysts that are sensitive to H<sub>2</sub>S contamination.

### Hydrogen Limited Units

- Some units are difficult to sulfide, as there is not enough H<sub>2</sub> available at the time of startup.



# TOTSUCAT<sup>®</sup> COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE

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## Hydrotreating

- CoMo, NiMo, NiCoMo

## Selective Hydrogenation

- NiMo and CoMo

## Pyrolysis Gasoline

- NiMo and CoMo

## Hydrocracking

- NiMo and NiW

## Lube / Wax Hydrofinishing

- NiMo and CoMo
- NiW

## Other...

- Biofuels
- Contaminant traps
- .....

**Over 1200 Totsucat lots treated worldwide: 30 000 tons of catalyst**



## TOTSUCAT<sup>®</sup> BRANDS

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**TOTSUCAT – G**

- Naphtha, Kero, FCC gasoline, Tail Gas, Lubes

**TOTSUCAT – D**

- (Ultra Low Sulfur) Diesel

**TOTSUCAT – N**

- Hydrocracking Pretreat

**TOTSUCAT – E**

- FCC Pretreat

**TOTSUCAT – HC**

- Hydrocracking

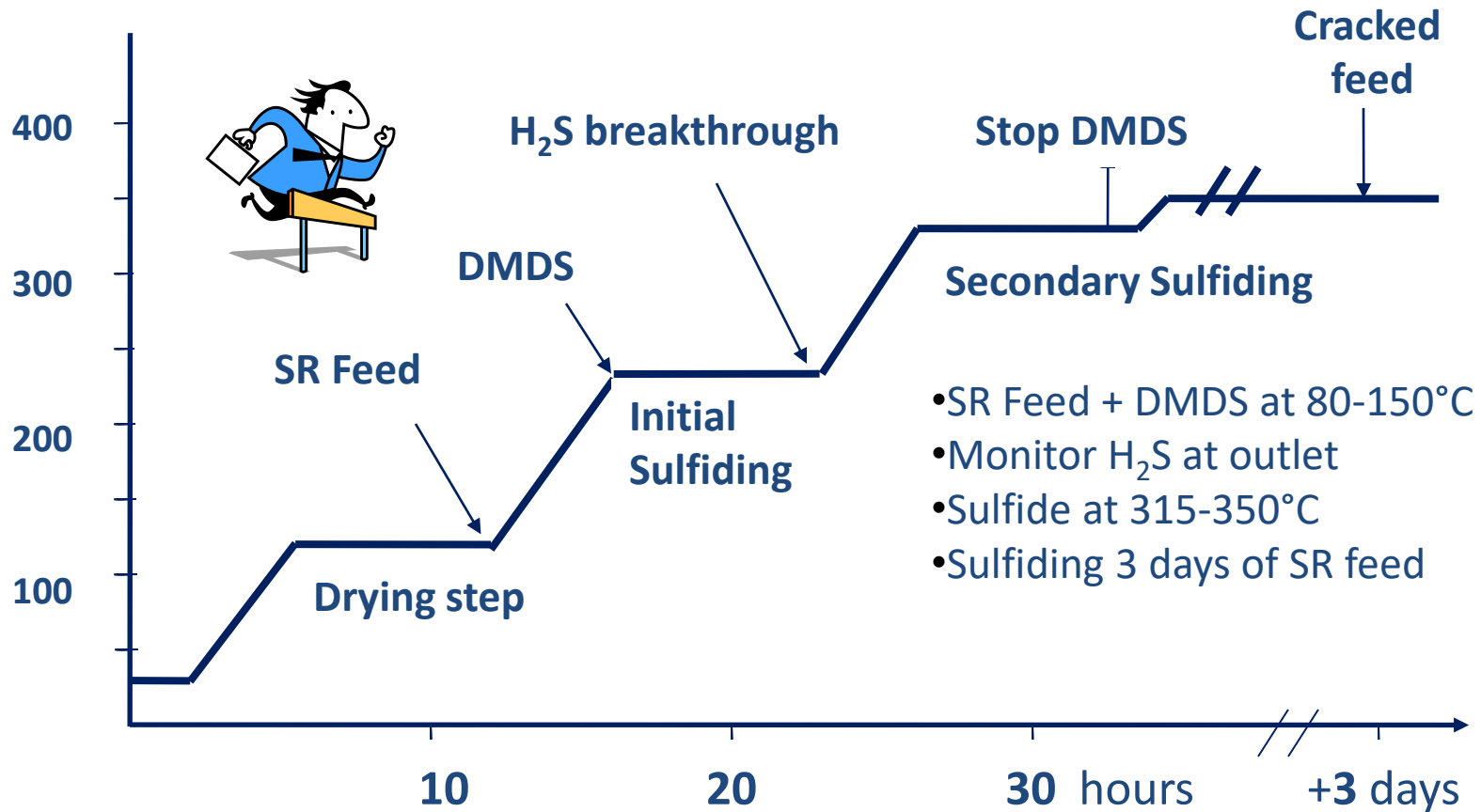
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- Light Cycle Oil, Heavy Cycle Oil
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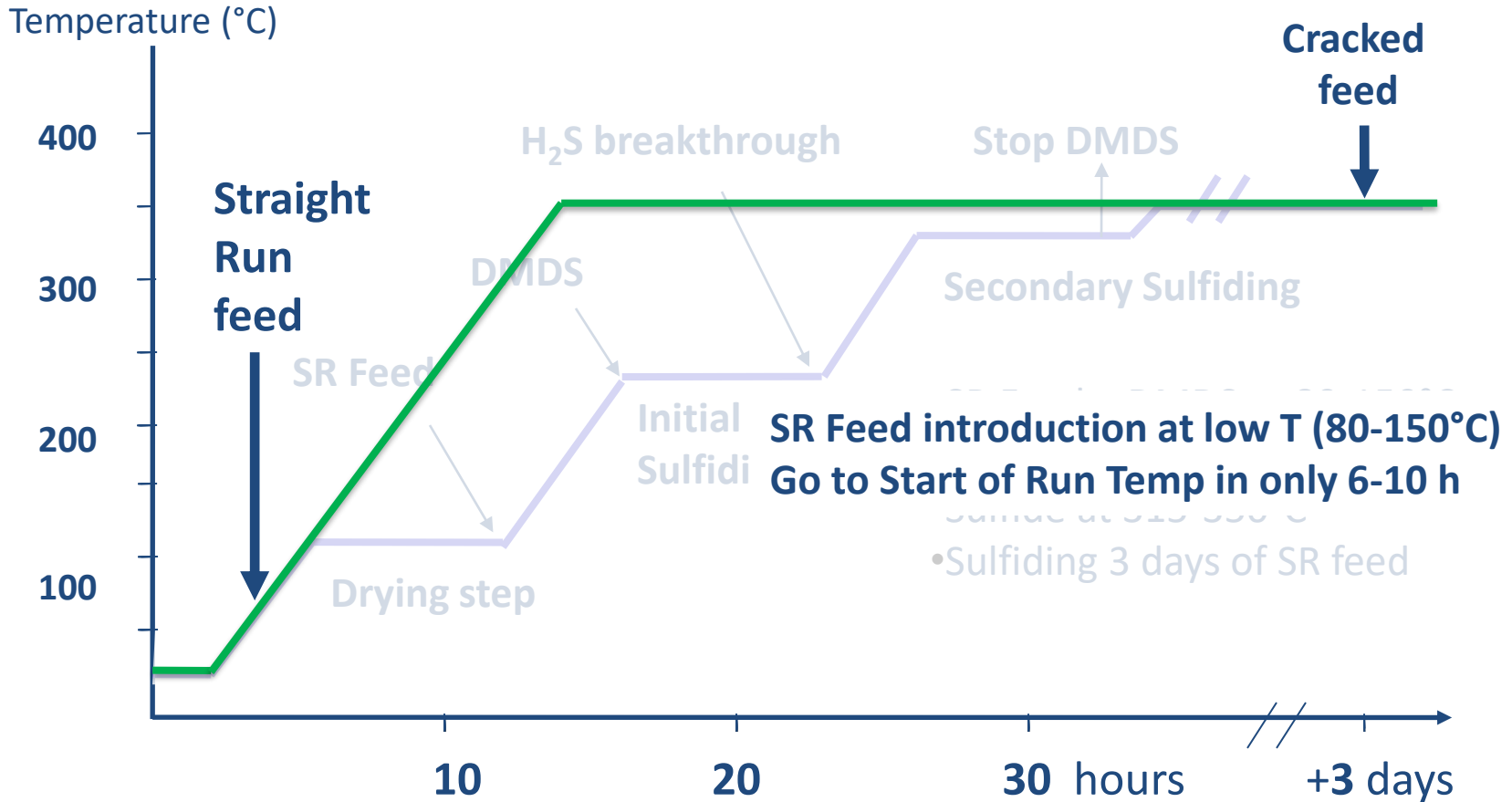
# STARTUP WITH IN-SITU SULFIDING

Temperature (°C)





# STARTUP WITH TOTSUCAT<sup>®</sup> G/D/E/N/HC



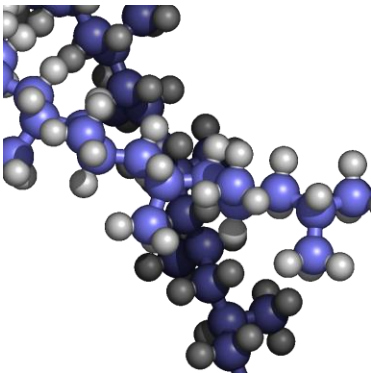
☐ Startup Liquid phase with SR Feed



# A KRAKKOLT ALAPANYAG PROBLÉMÁJA

A krakkolt alapanyag (DCU, FCC)  
**(di)olefineket és aromásokat** tartalmaz

Ezek a komponensek frissen  
szulfidált katalizátorral érintkezve  
**polimerizálódnak**



A polimer gyanta  
lerakódás **blokkolja** a  
katalizátor pórusait és  
aktív helyeit

Ez végleges katalizátor aktivitás  
**vesztéshez** vezet

□ Katalizátor gyártók általában minimum 3 nap „betörési” időszakot javasolnak „straight run” alapanyaggal. ➡ Solution: TOTSUCAT CFP



## CFP = Cracked Feed Protection

- TOTSUCAT<sup>®</sup>-CFP mimics the 3 days break-in period
- Catalytic acidity is reduced no gums formation
- Can inject cracked feed immediately
- Proven in refineries: 60+ references

## Example case of 75 tons reactor treating 30% cracked feed

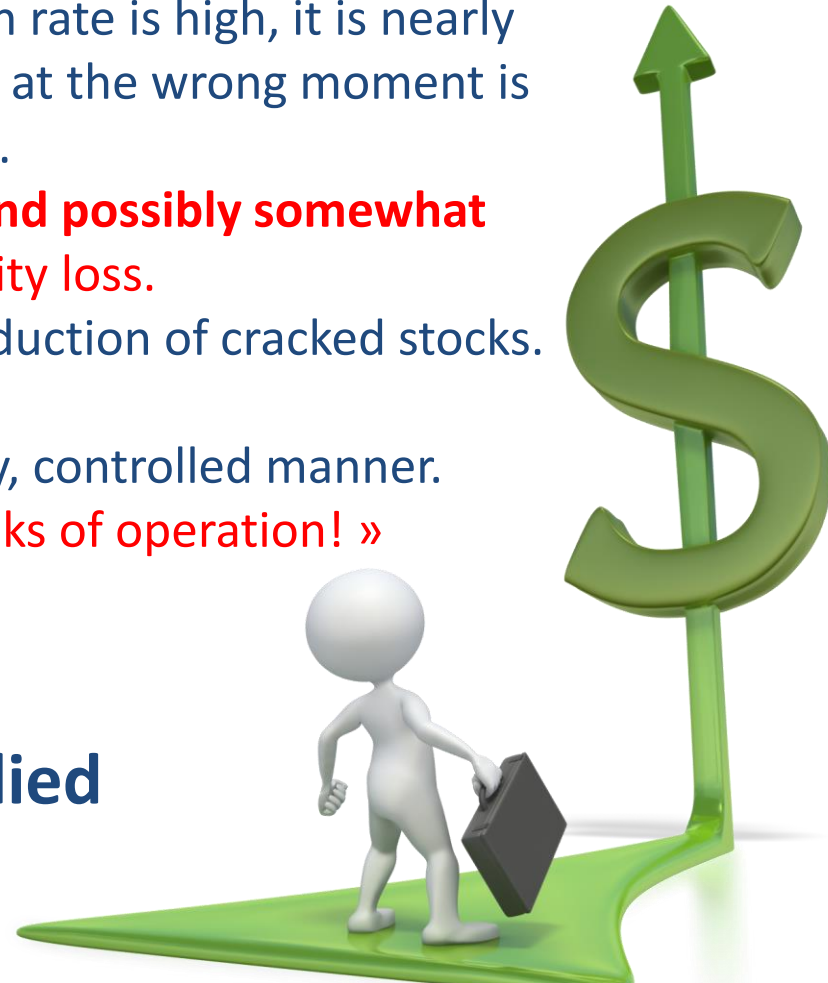
- lost opportunity in order of ~500 k\$
- plus associated logistics cost.

## Recommendations from Catalyst Supplier:

- « In a stressed unit, once the deactivation rate is high, it is nearly impossible to reduce it. 2-3 % LCO added at the wrong moment is sufficient to double the deactivation rate.
- Therefore, it is **critical to have a gentle and possibly somewhat lengthy startup** to avoid premature activity loss.
- Run 3 days on virgin oil prior to the introduction of cracked stocks. Longer is better!
- Introduce cracked stocks in a slow, steady, controlled manner.
- **Do not push the unit in the first two weeks of operation! »**



**Instead, the refinery applied  
Totsucat CFP**

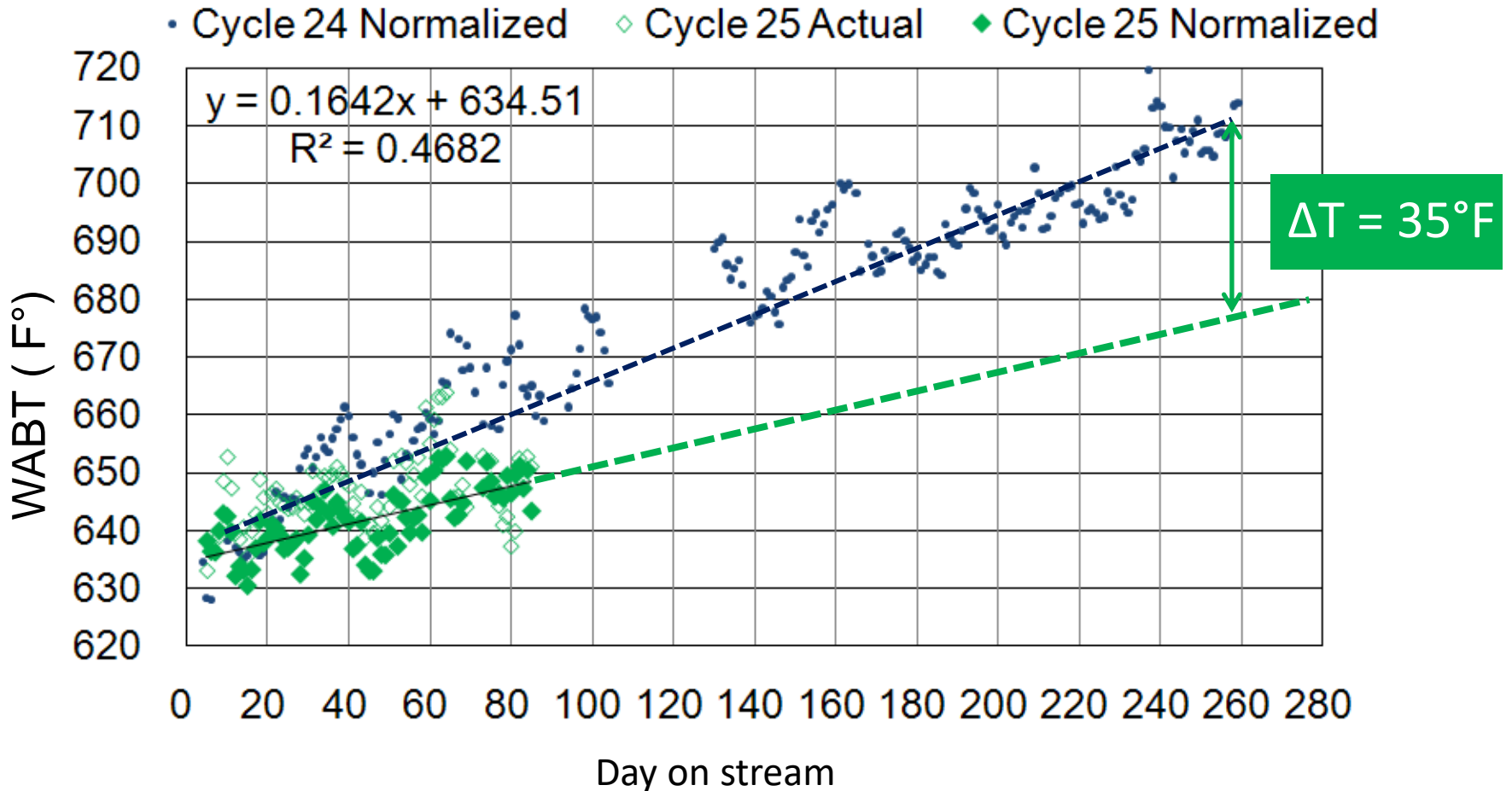






# CASE STUDY - TOTSUCAT<sup>®</sup> CFP IN ULSD

## SERVICE AFTER 90 DAYS

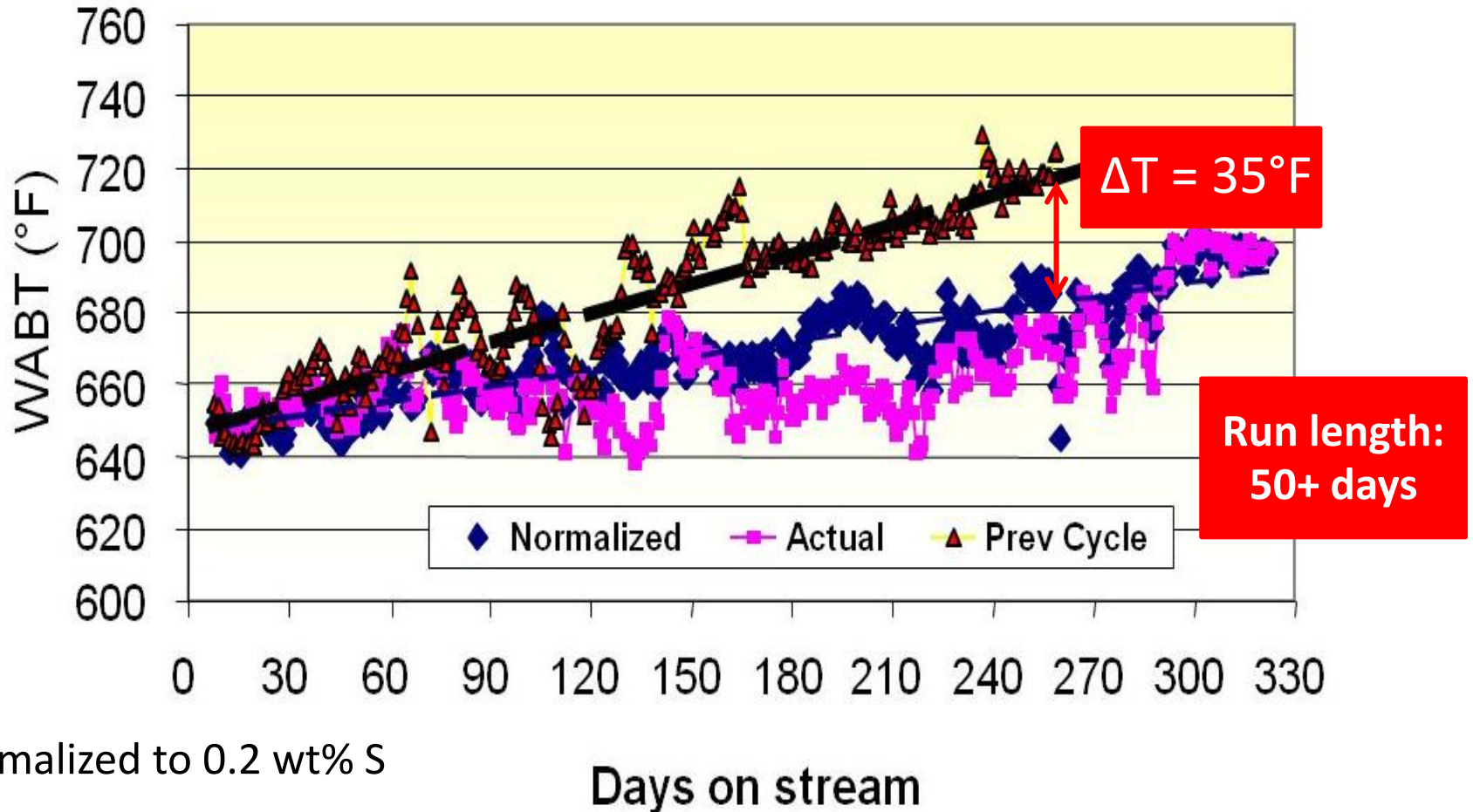


Normalized to 0.2 wt% S



# CASE STUDY - TOTSUCAT<sup>®</sup> CFP IN ULSD

## SERVICE AFTER 320 DAYS



Normalized to 0.2 wt% S

Days on stream

**□ Deactivation significantly lower with TOTSUCAT-CFP than with in situ!**



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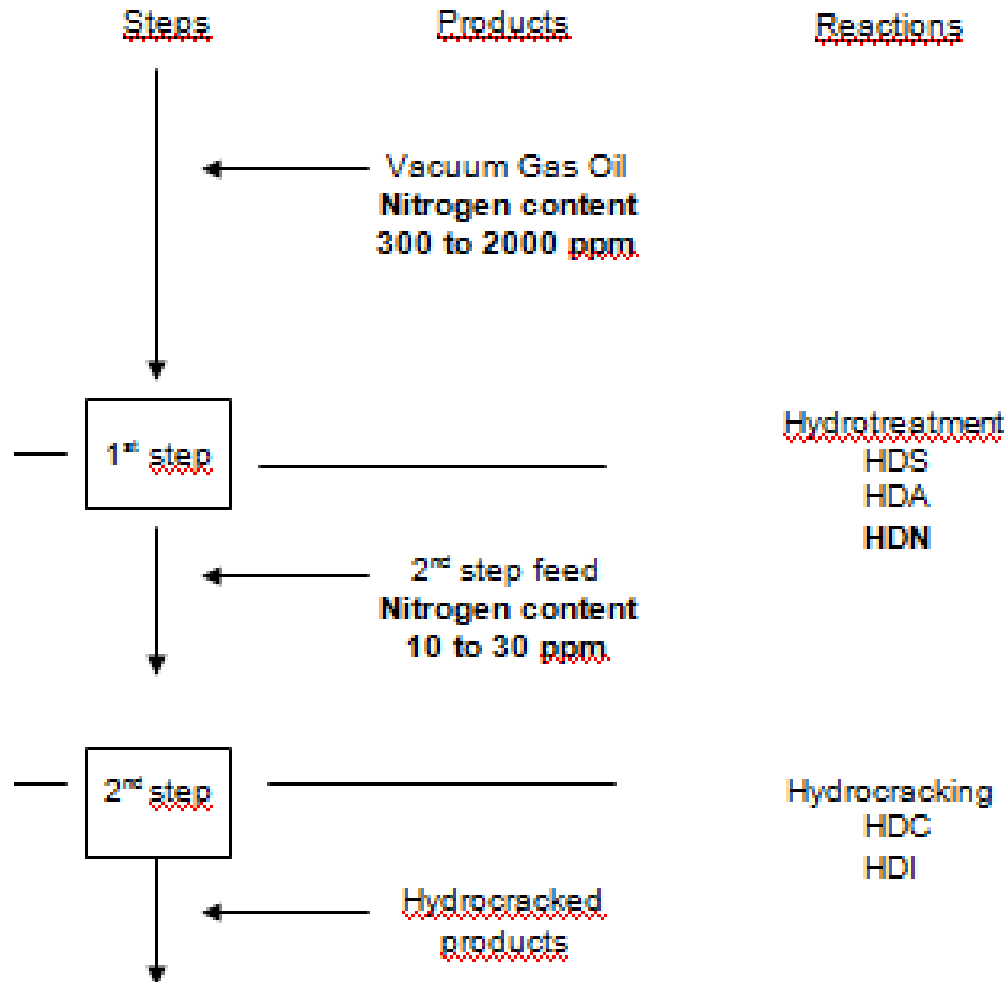
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# HYDROCRACKING PROCESS: 2 STEPS OF REACTIONS





## HDC: ISSUE OF START-UP

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### □ Fresh vs steady state catalysts

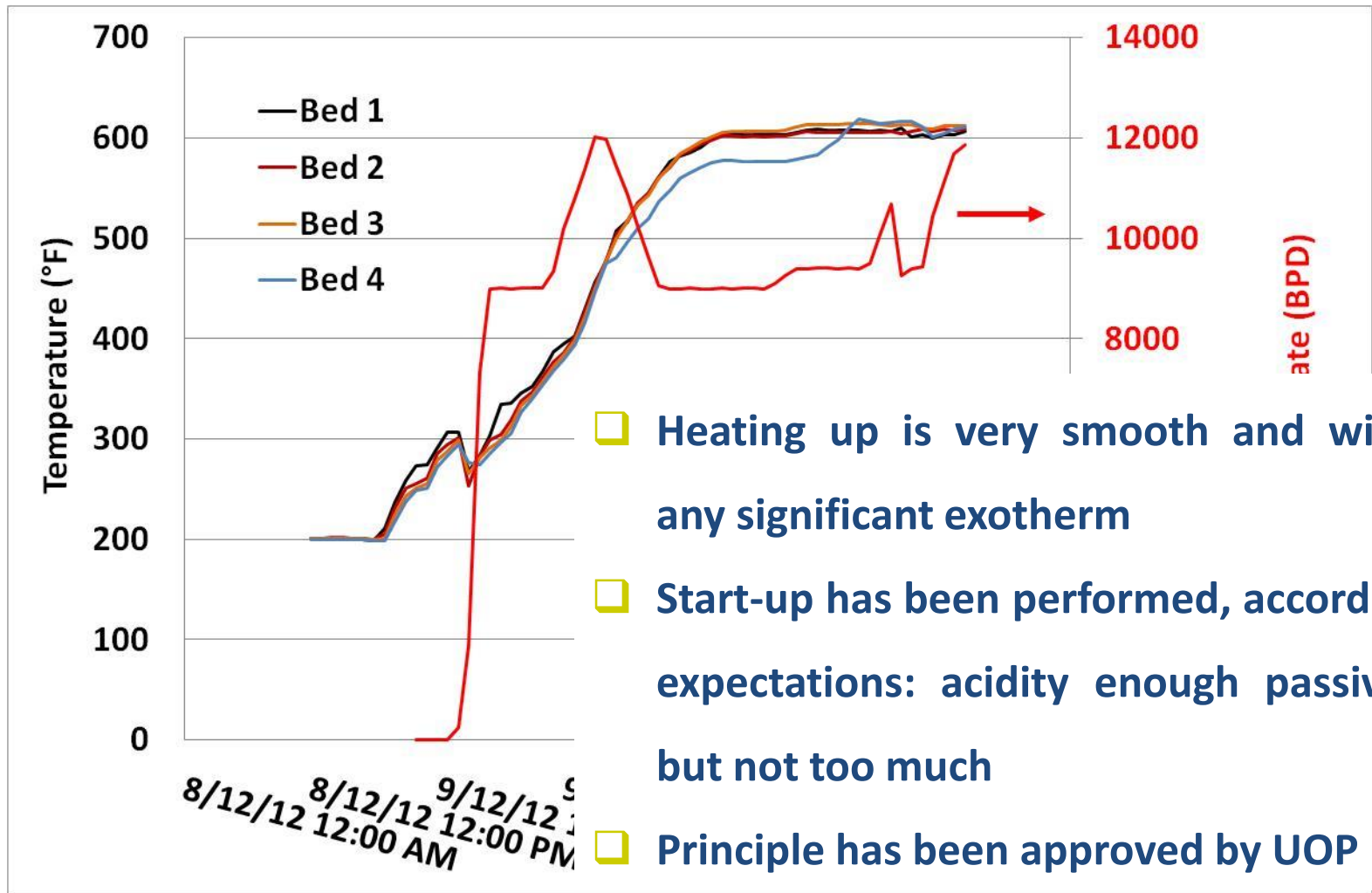
- Zeolite catalyst contains very strong acidic sites: can crack hydrocarbons already around 250°C
- In steady state, the strongest acidic sites are essentially covered with N containing compounds (mainly ammonia) cracking temperatures are between 300 and 350°C.

### □ How to go from a fresh to a steady state catalysts?

1. Wait for a long time that N in the feed, transformed by HDN to  $\text{NH}_3$ , slowly saturates the acidic sites
2. Inject during sulfiding procedure  $\text{NH}_3$  or another N containing compound
3. **Use the TOTSUCAT HC-AP**

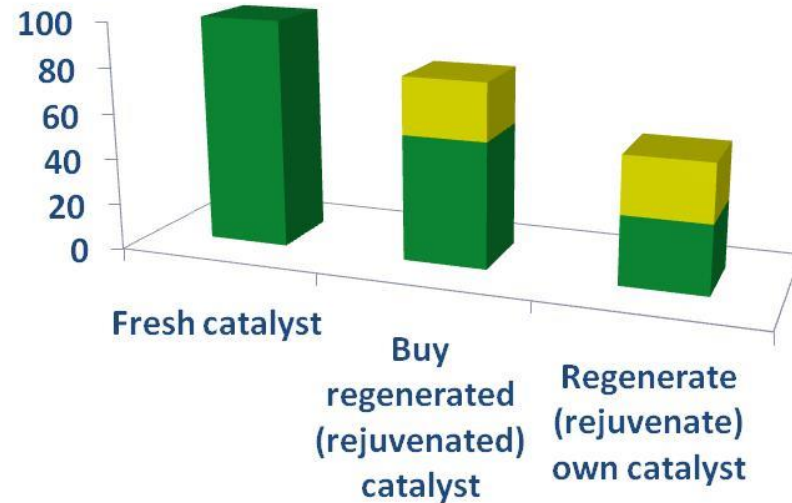


# HYDROCRACKER START-UP WITH TOTSUCAT HC-AP



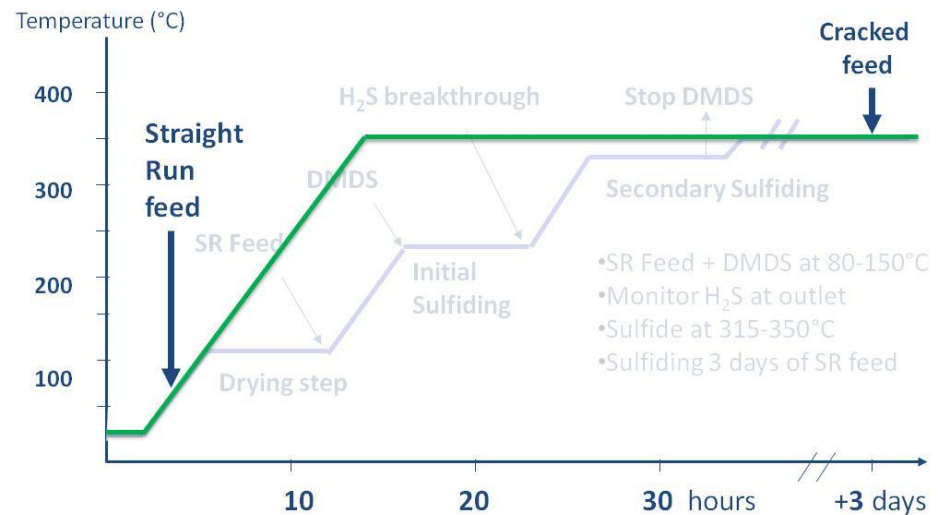
□ A katalizátor regenerálása és ismételt felhasználása jelentős költségcsökkentést eredményez:

Catalyst Expense (%)



□ TOTSUCAT:

- Optimise catalyst performance
- Reduce unit downtime





# REGULAR CUSTOMERS

## Catalyst manufacturers



## Catalyst end-users: oil refiners & (petro)chemicals companies







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