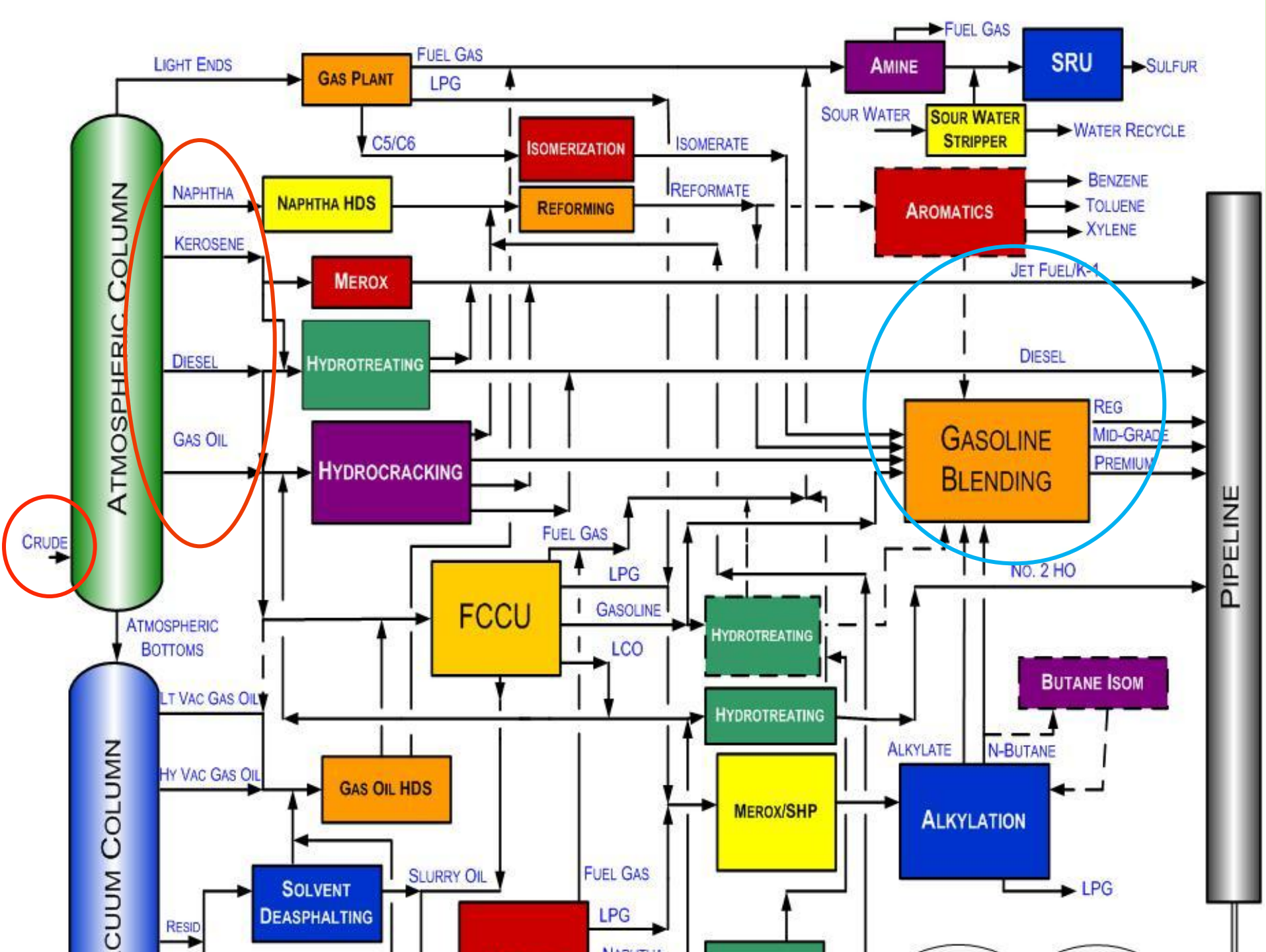
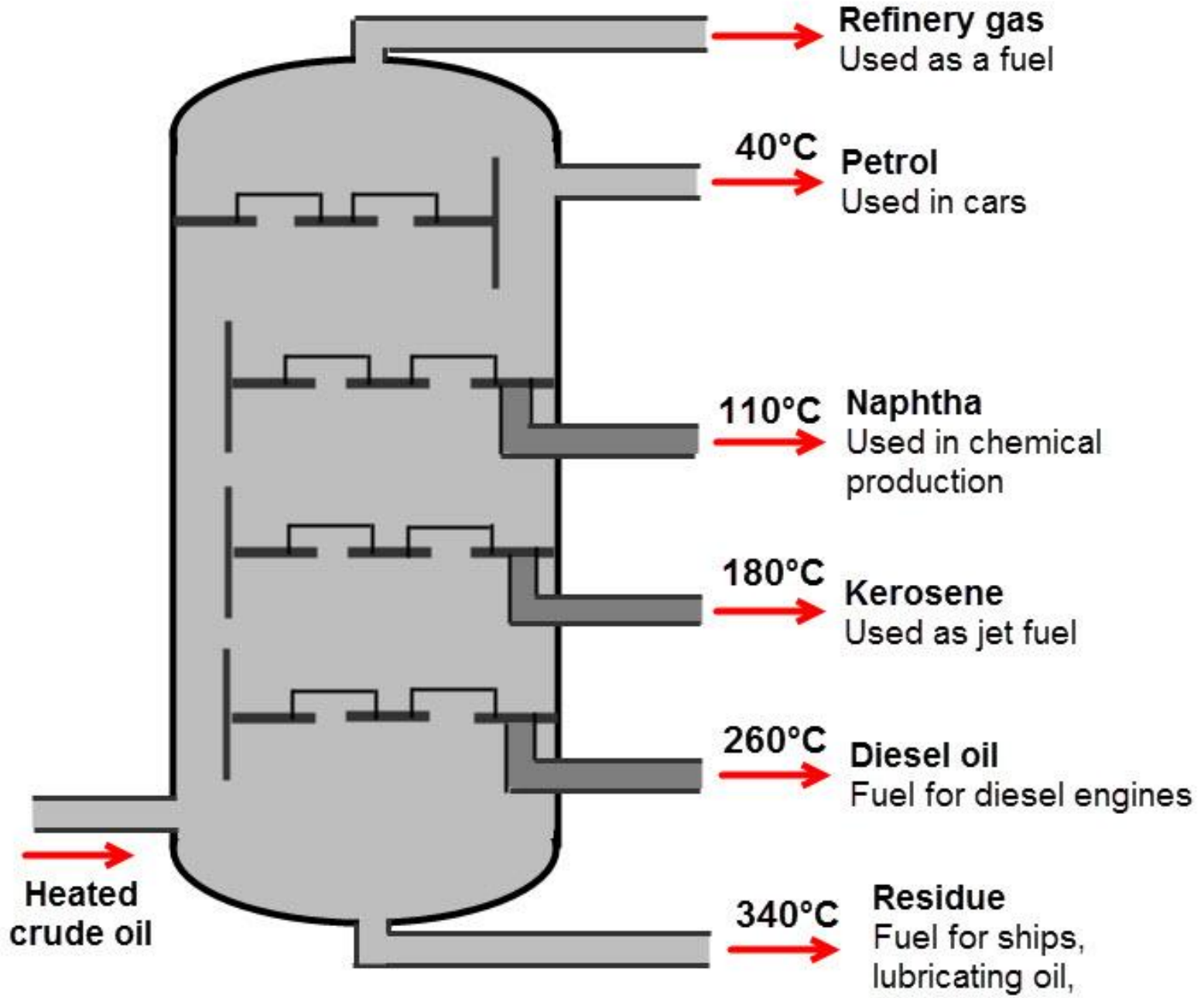


Energy saving in atmospheric crude process using modified crude distillation units

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Petroleum refining: **second largest** consumer of energy in U.S. manufacturing, 3,555 TBtu (**18%**) of 19,237 TBtu of **total primary manufacturing** in 2010 (DOE 2014)

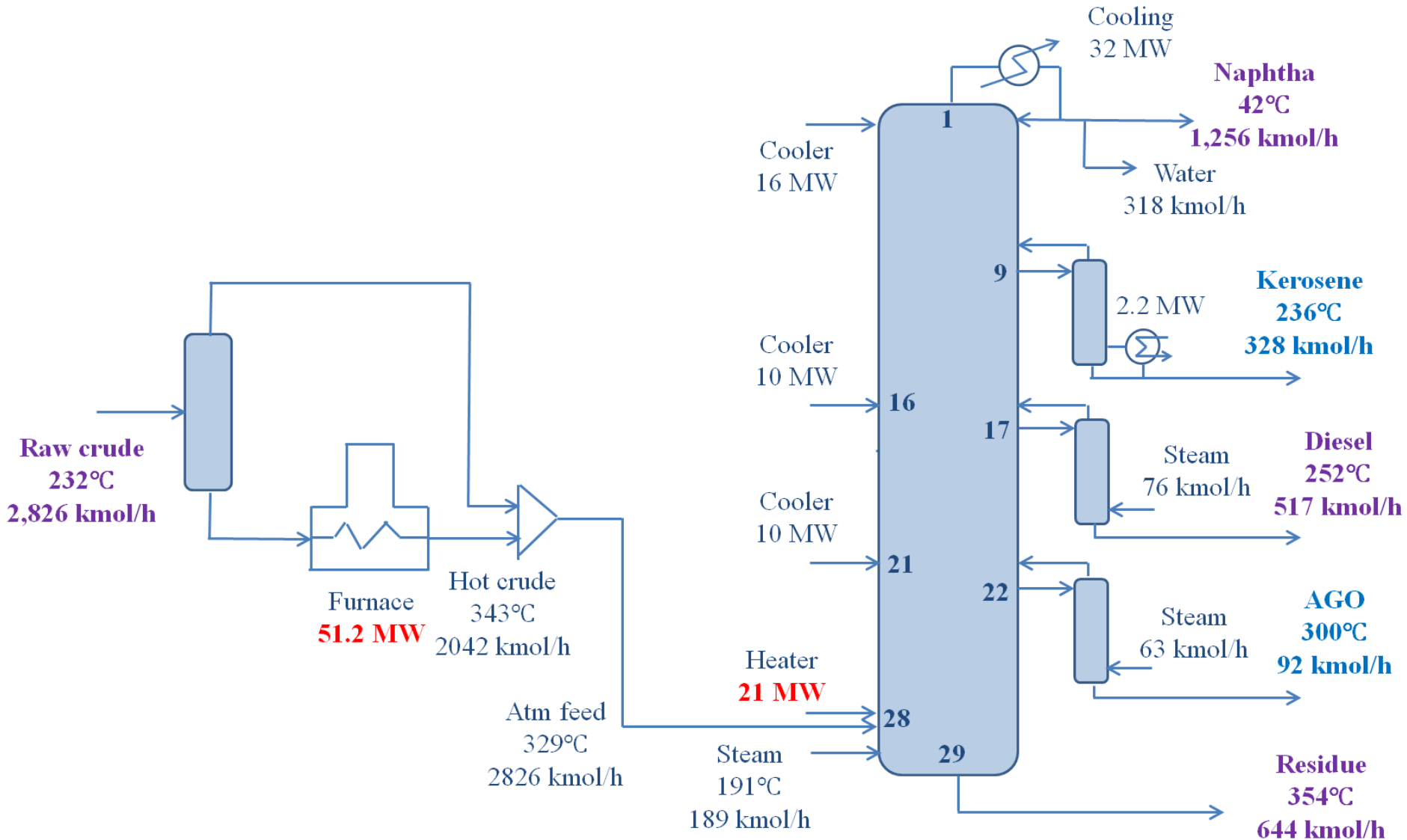
In Korea, 35 mil ton CO₂/year off from CDU
Required reduction in 2030 due to Paris
Agrmt: **56 mil ton** CO₂/year in manufacturing

A **22%** of required reduction can be achieved by saving **35% in CDU**

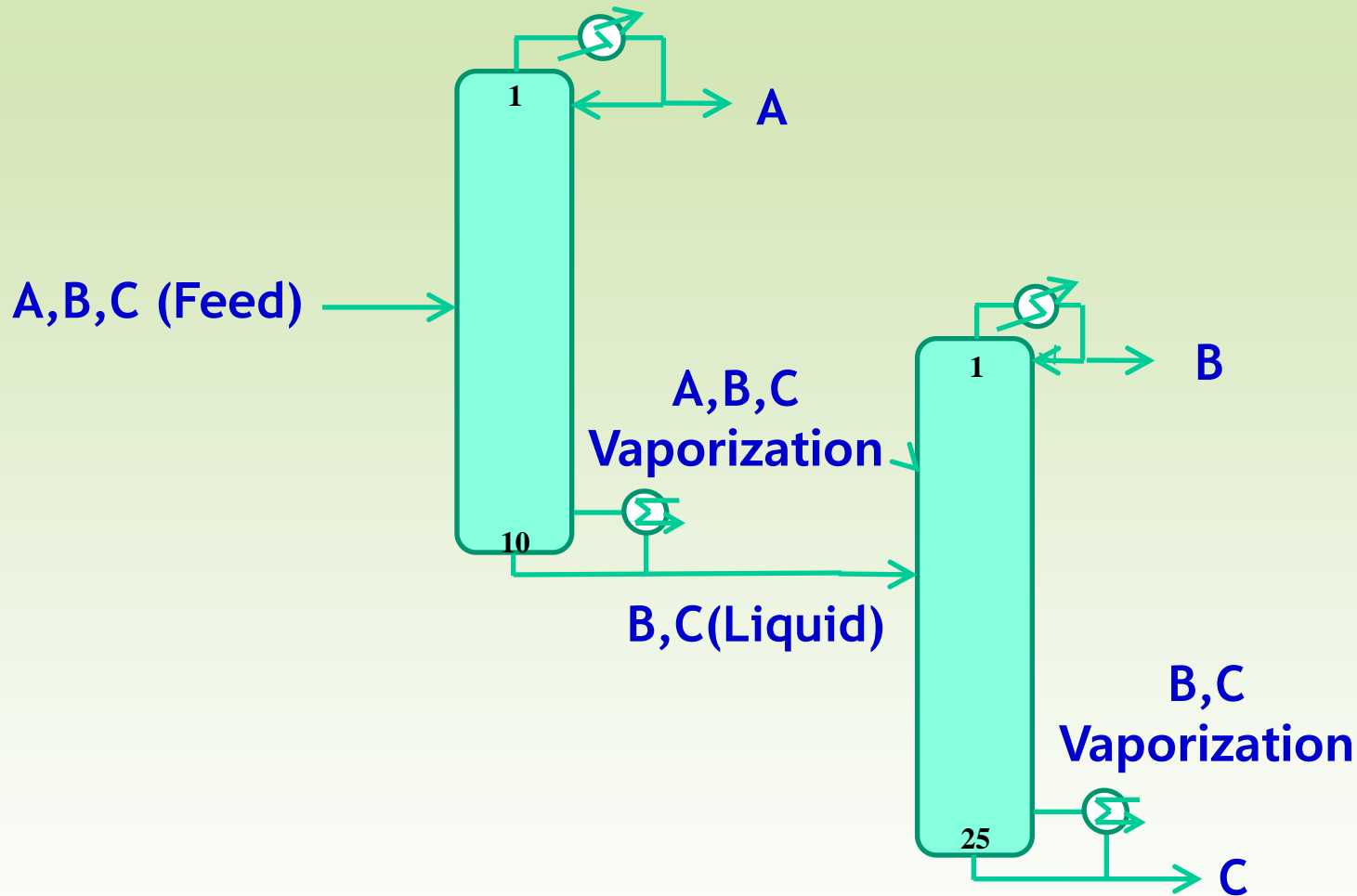
Characteristic of CDU



Conventional CDU (100,000 bbl/d)



Ternary separation system



**In case of B and C, twice vaporization
consuming more energy**

CDU Characteristics

1. Complex components in feed
2. Five products from a single column
3. Large throughput: **100 mil barrels per day**
large energy saving available
4. Close feed and product trays, feed mixing
5. 100 year operation, accumulated knowhow,
sufficient operators' experience, license expired,
no depreciation necessary, no urge to invest

No attempt to improve

CDU Characteristics- 2

- 6. Steam as heat supply- easy to separate**
- 7. Side stripper used- increase tray number**
- 8. Large b.p. difference between products**
- 9. Product specification- mixture, viscosity**

Proposed CDU

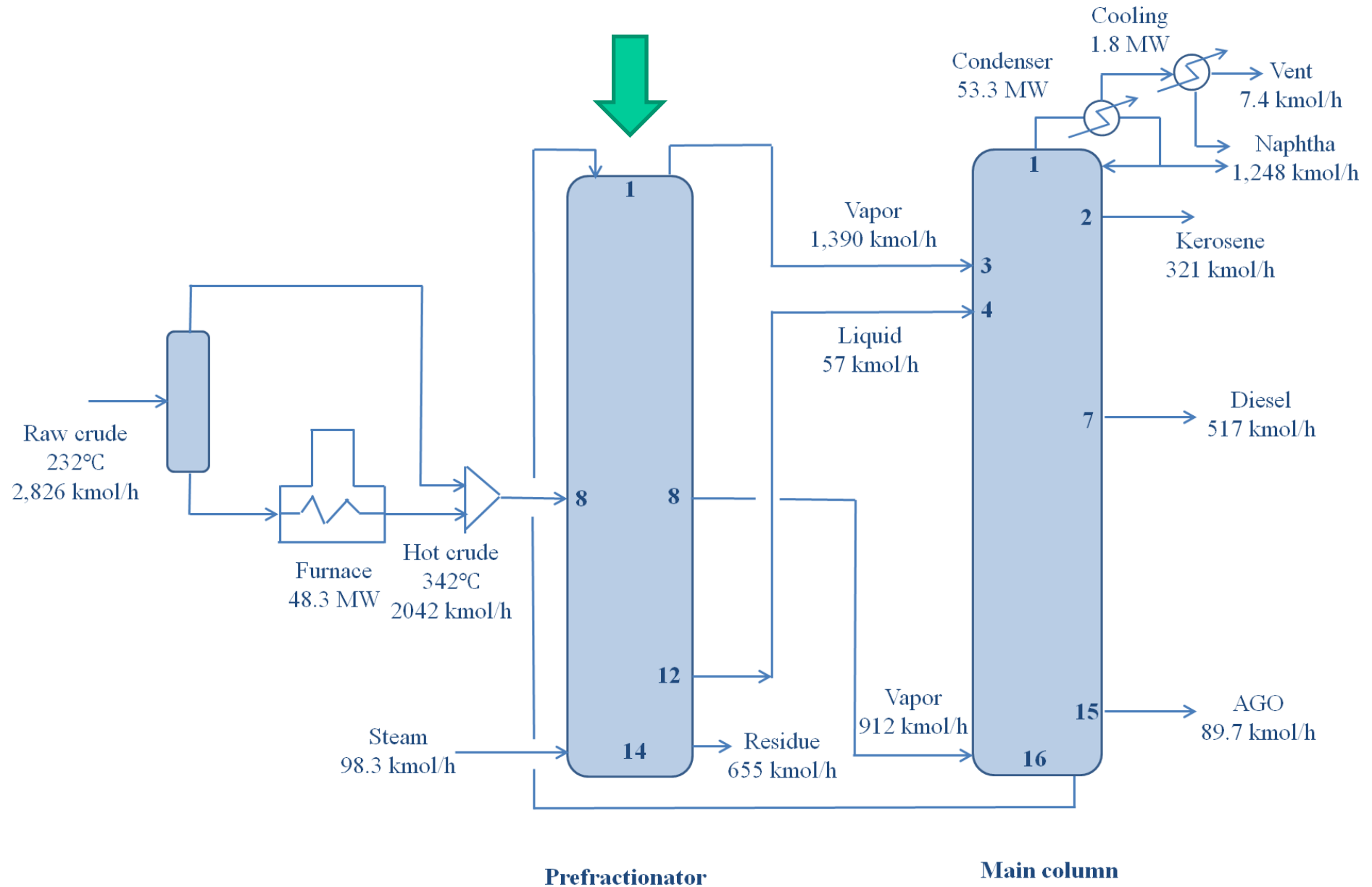
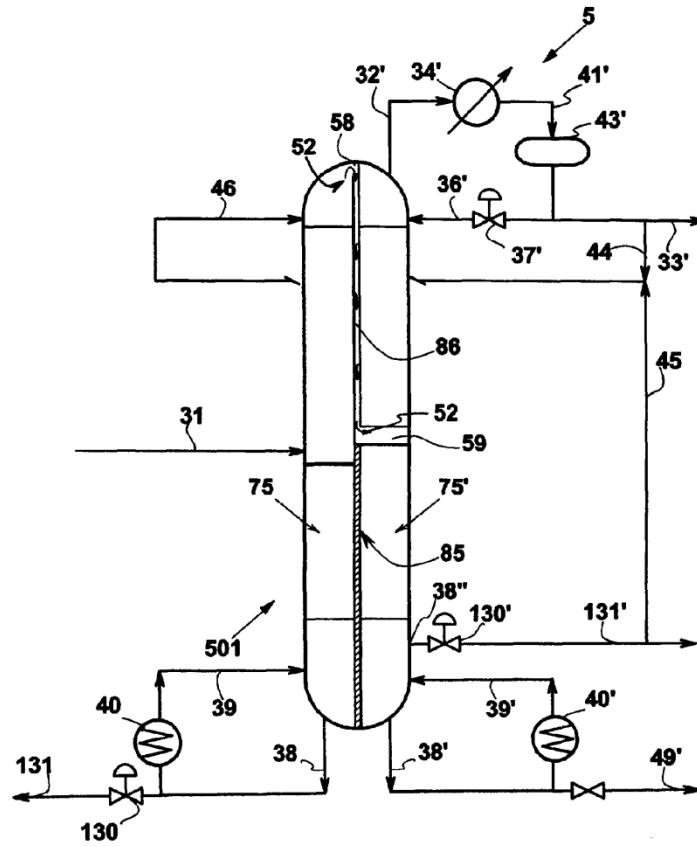


Fig. 5



◆ Motivation and Means

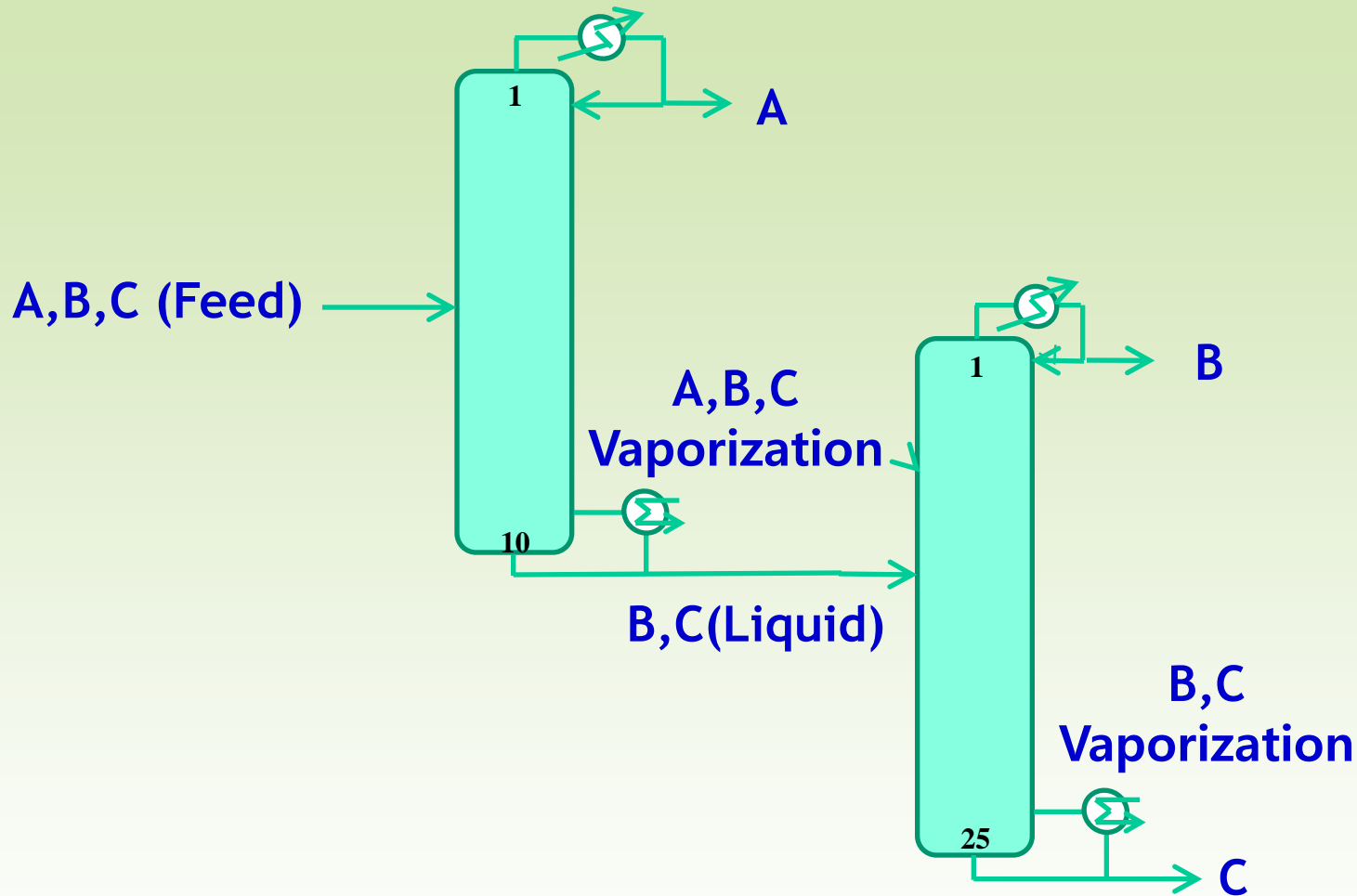
- reduction of energy demand
- follows design concept of DWC
- lower feed tray mixing

separates bottom section: prefractionator

- provides ideal column profile

interlinking between two columns

Ternary separation system



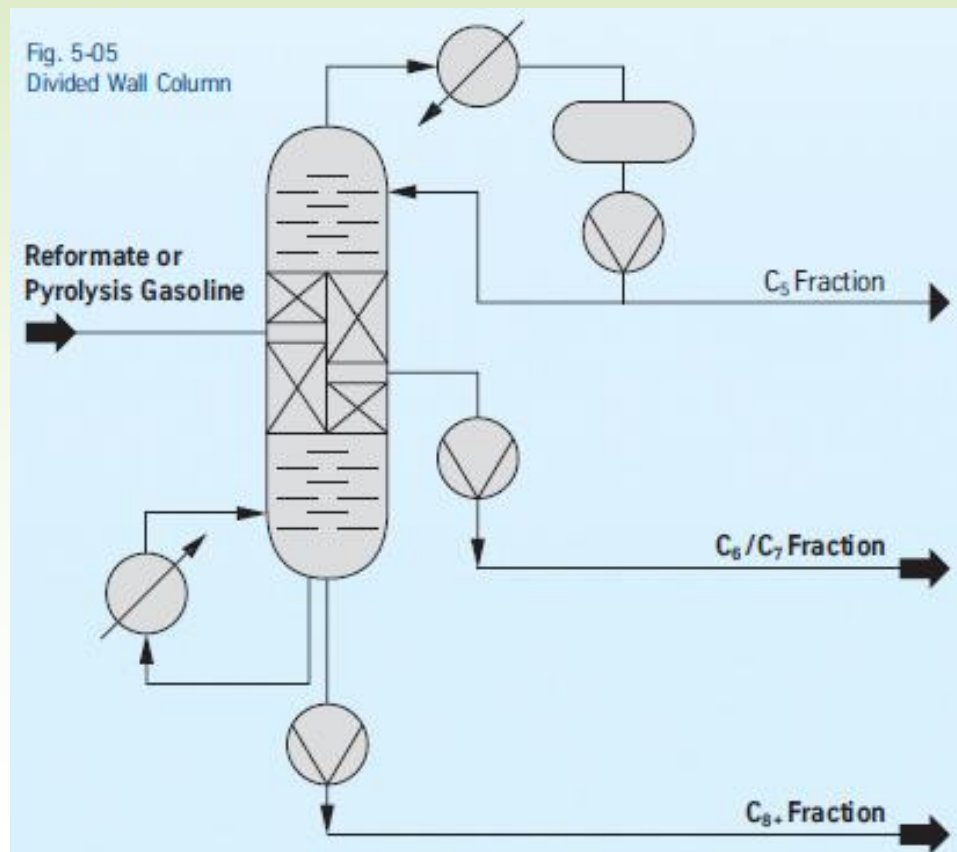
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5.2.2 Divided Wall Column Distillation

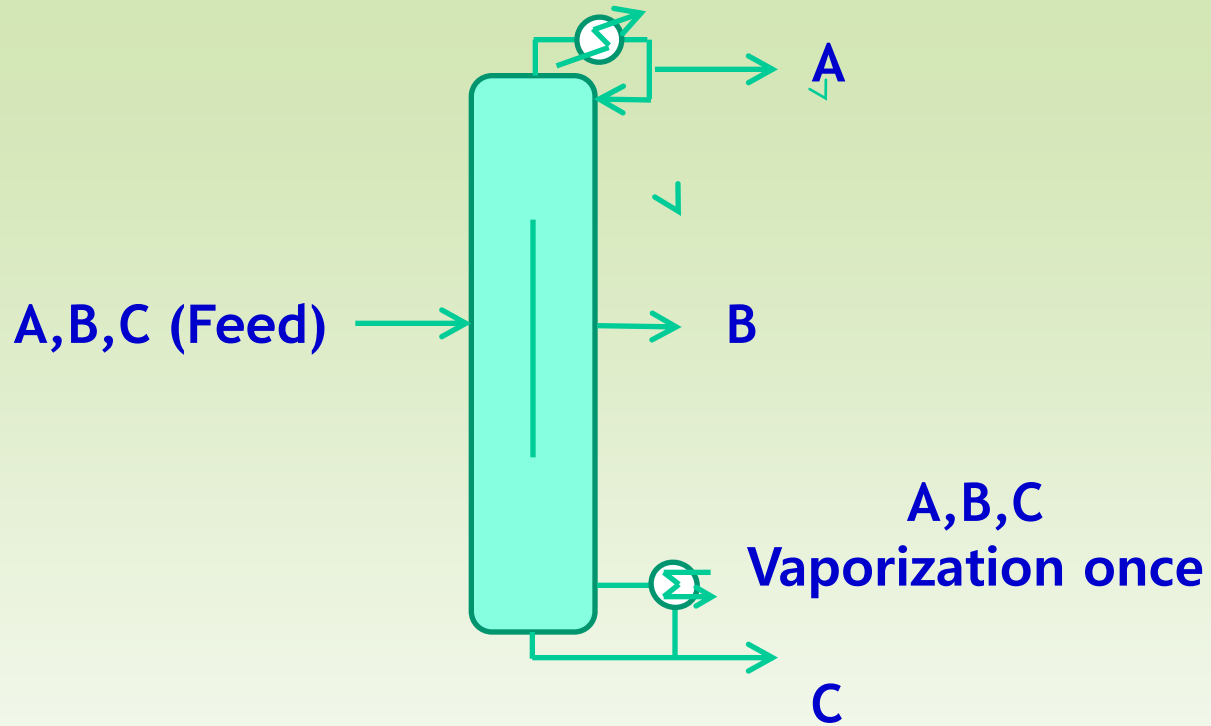
Whenever more than two fractions have to be separated by distillation, the question arises as to which is the most efficient configuration

These advantages are reflected in:

- up to 20% less investment costs
- up to 35% less energy costs
- up to 40% less plant space requirements



DWC, efficient distillation



Economics, mil\$/year

Variable	Conventional CDU				Proposed CDU	
	Main	Side 1	Side 2	Side 3	Col 1	Col 2
Investment						
Column	1.232	0.038	0.025	0.022	0.401	0.771
Tray	0.167	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.037	0.093
Heat Exch.	1.934	0.179				2.700
Furnace	5.545				5.277	
Pump Around	1.240/0.927/0.927					0.298
Total				12.24		9.577
Utility						
Furnace	9.701				9.152	
Steam	3.836/1.100	0.300	0.348	0.289	0.327	
Total				15.574		9.479

◆ Present status

- single column operation
- feed and product mixing at feed tray
- large energy requirement

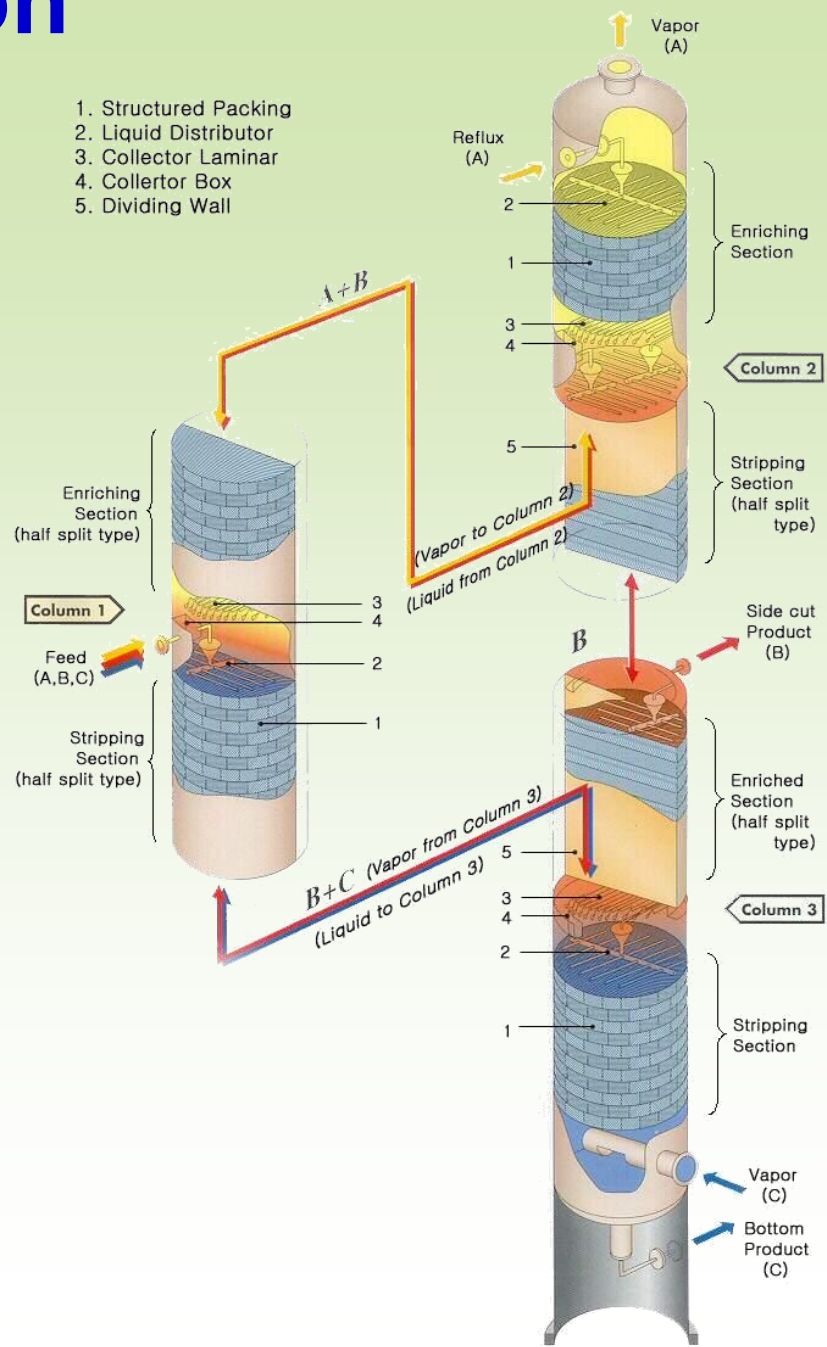
◆ Proposed

- two-column operation
- no mixing between feed and products
- **35% less heating duty**
- **22% less investment, 51% less utility cost**
- column P adjusted for easy vapor flows
- revamping, add a new column

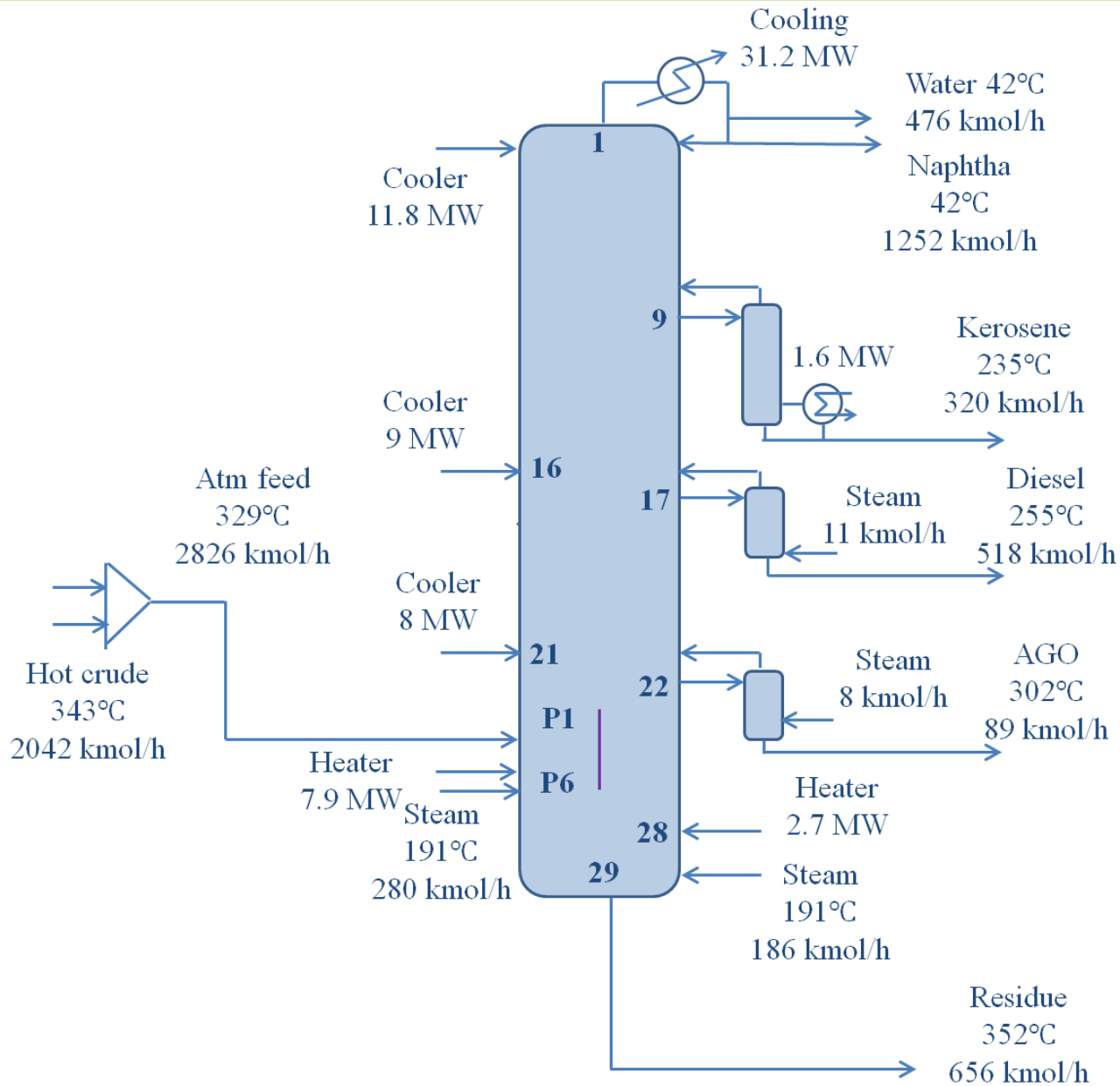
New modification

- DWC in CDU

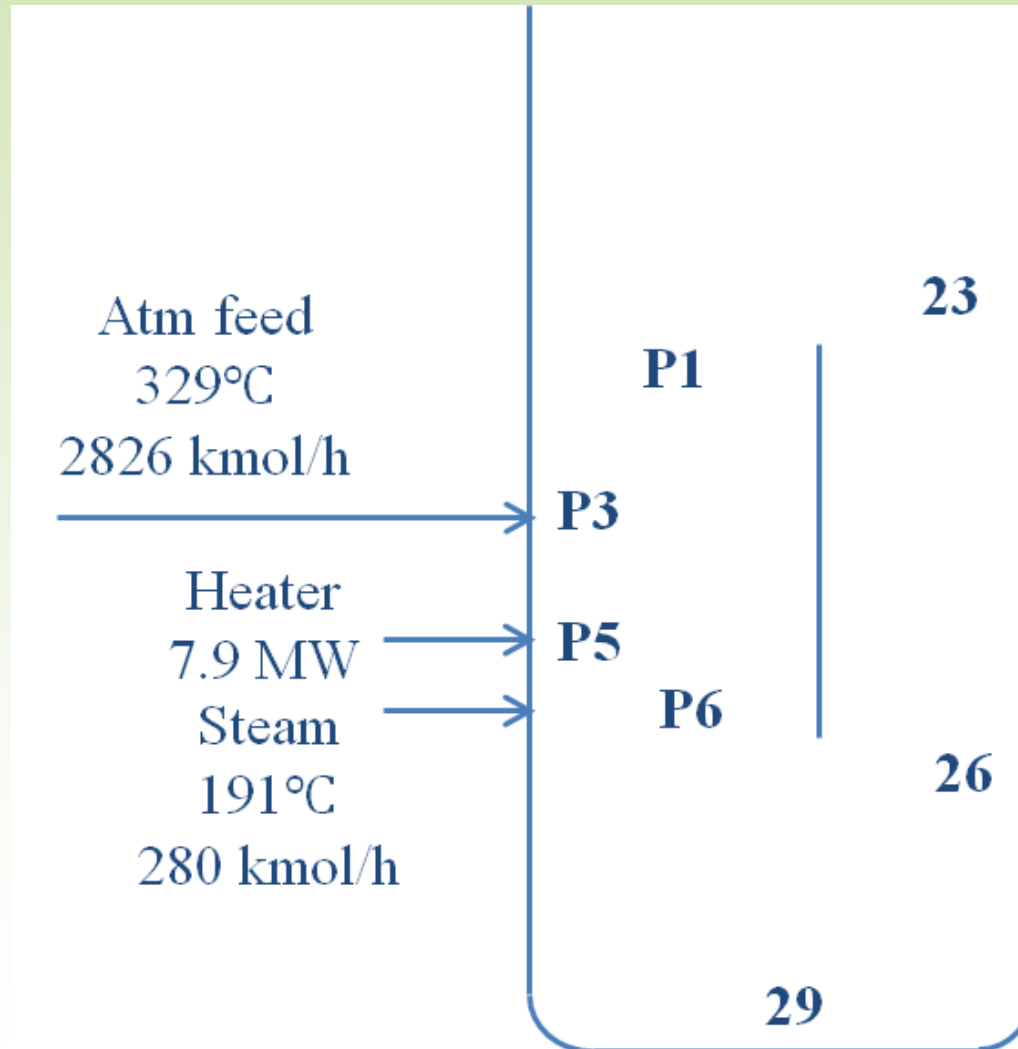
1. Structured Packing
2. Liquid Distributor
3. Collector Lamina
4. Collector Box
5. Dividing Wall



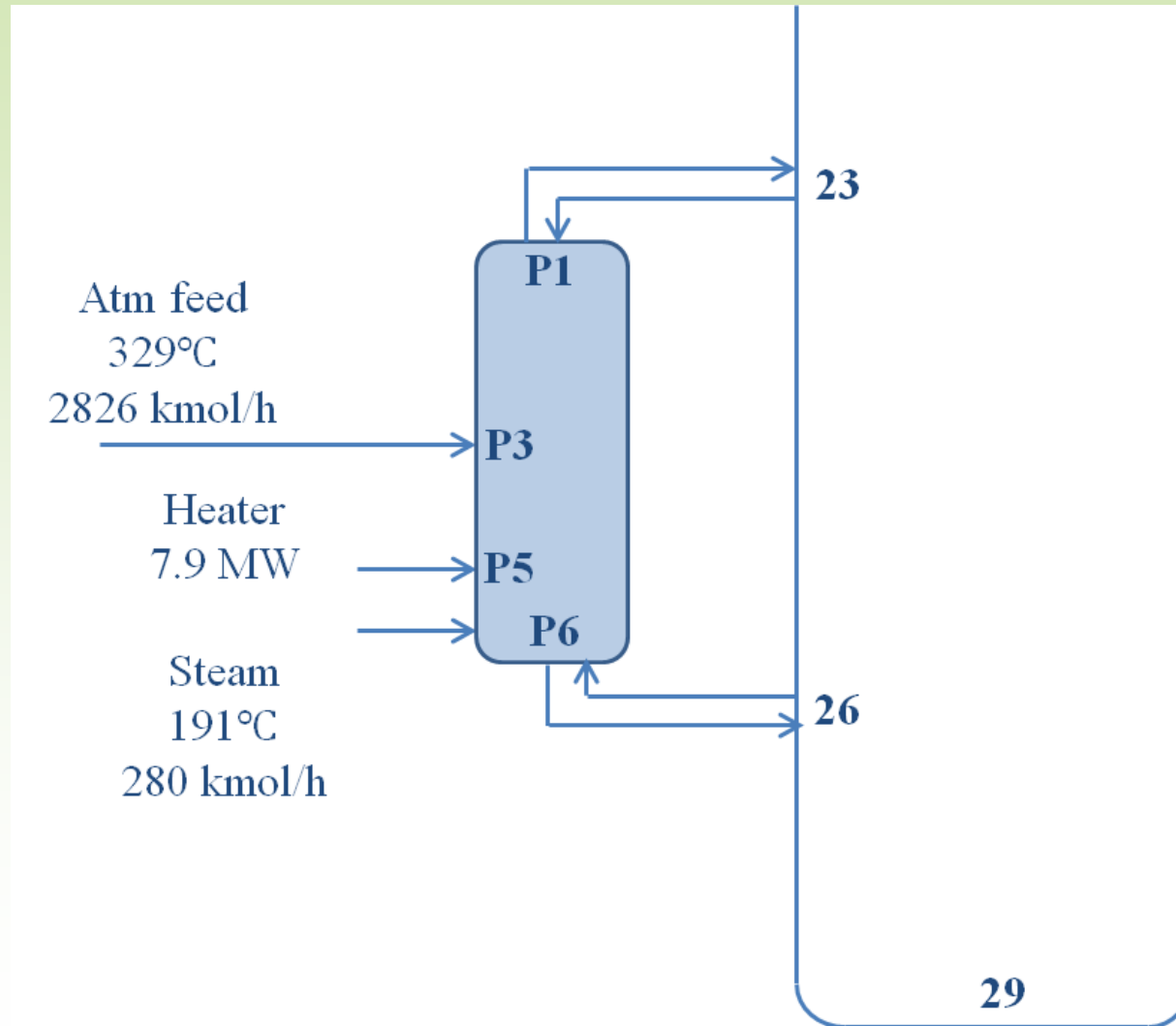
CDU with DWC



Enlarged bottom section



Separate prefractionator



◆ Features

- separate sections for feed and product
- size of prefractionator
- interlinking stages
- flow distribution

Economics, mil\$/year

Variable	Conventional CDU				Proposed CDU	
	Main	Side 1	Side 2	Side 3	Prefract.	Main
Investment						
Column	1.232	0.038	0.025	0.022	0.254	1.306
Tray	0.167	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.022	0.171
Heat Exch.	2.704	0.179			0.539	1.915
Pump Around	3.094					2.616
Total				7.475		6.823
Utility						
Cooling	0.531					0.422
Steam	3.836/ 1.100	0.300	0.348	0.289	2.239/ 0.116	0.996/ 0.990
Total				6.404		4.765

◆ Proposed

- DWC applied
- no mixing between feed and products
- **37% less heating duty excluding furnace**
- **9% less investment, 26% less utility cost**
- easy revamping

