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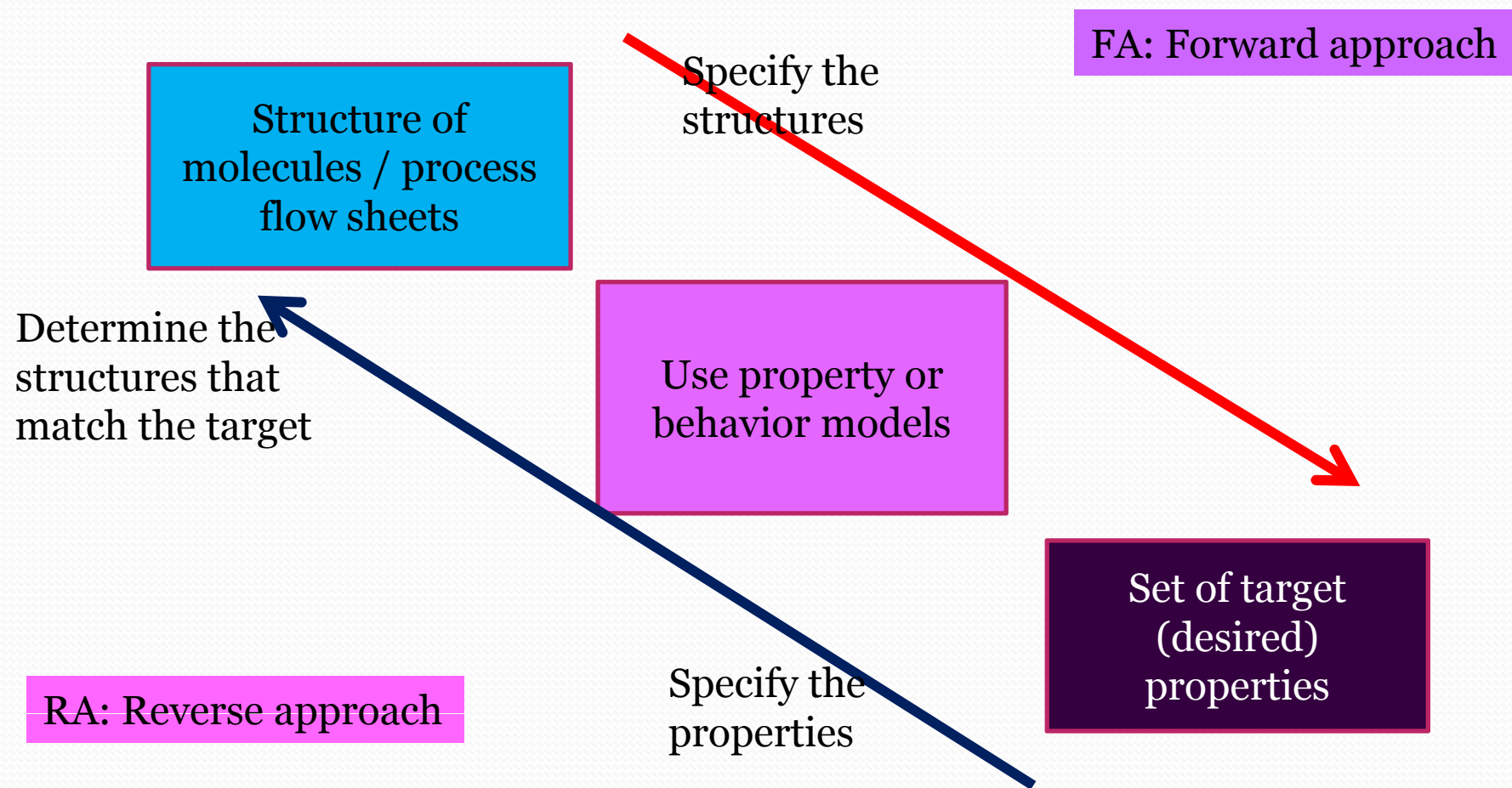
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# Outline

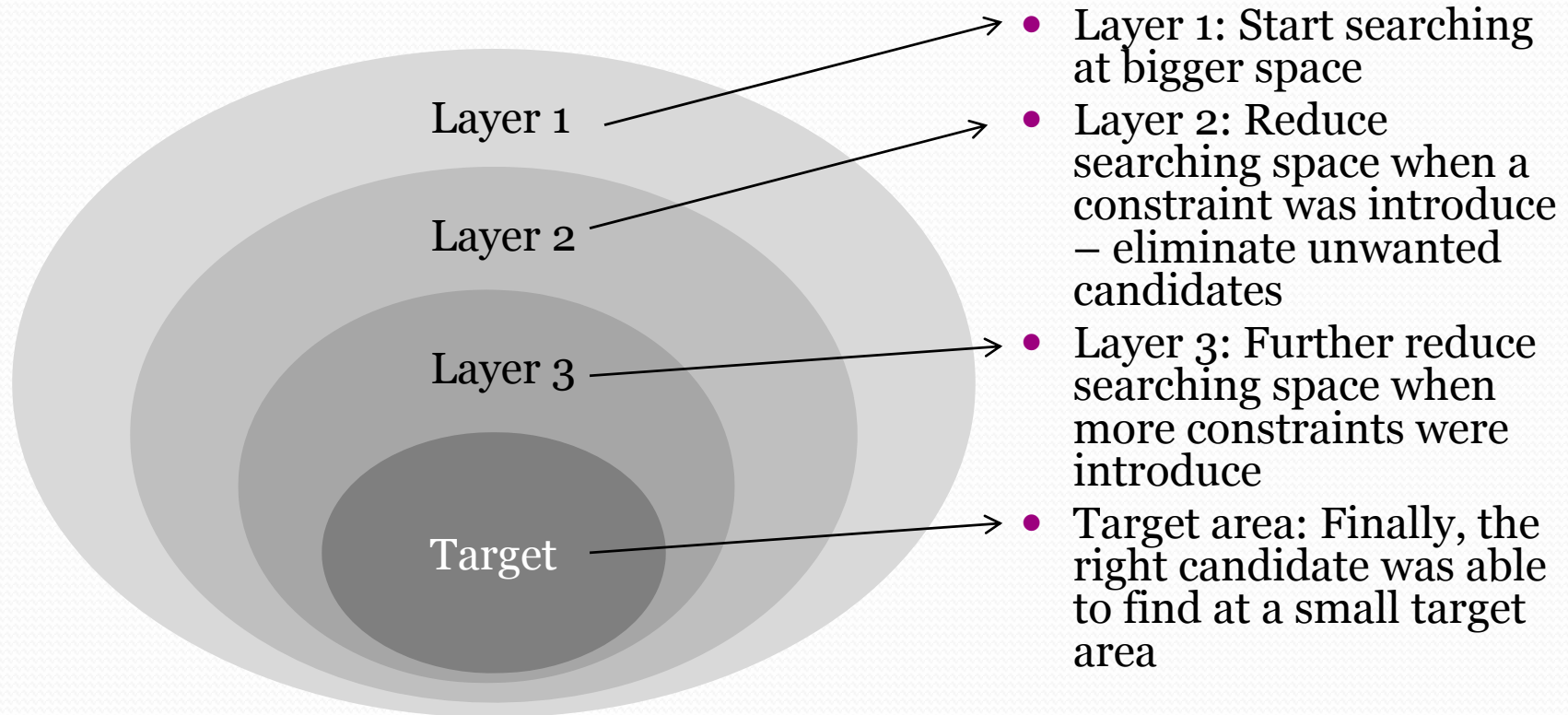
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# Introduction

## Chemical Product Design



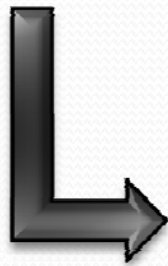
# Introduction



# Motivation

## Gasoline

- ❖ Shortage of fossil supply
- ❖ Emit large amount of CO<sub>2</sub>



Gasoline

+

Bio- fuel

Prolong the gasoline  
supply &  
Reduce CO<sub>2</sub>  
emission

Method of  
blending

Computer aided  
method – GAMS &  
ICAS software

# Objective

To find a set of feasible blend of gasoline and bio-fuel which are could reduce fossil fuel consumption using a systematic computer aided approach

# Methodology

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Identify target properties and target values

Step 2

Identify properties model

Step 3

Identify the possible blend mixture

Step 4

Generate the possible blend candidates

Step 5

Validate the model

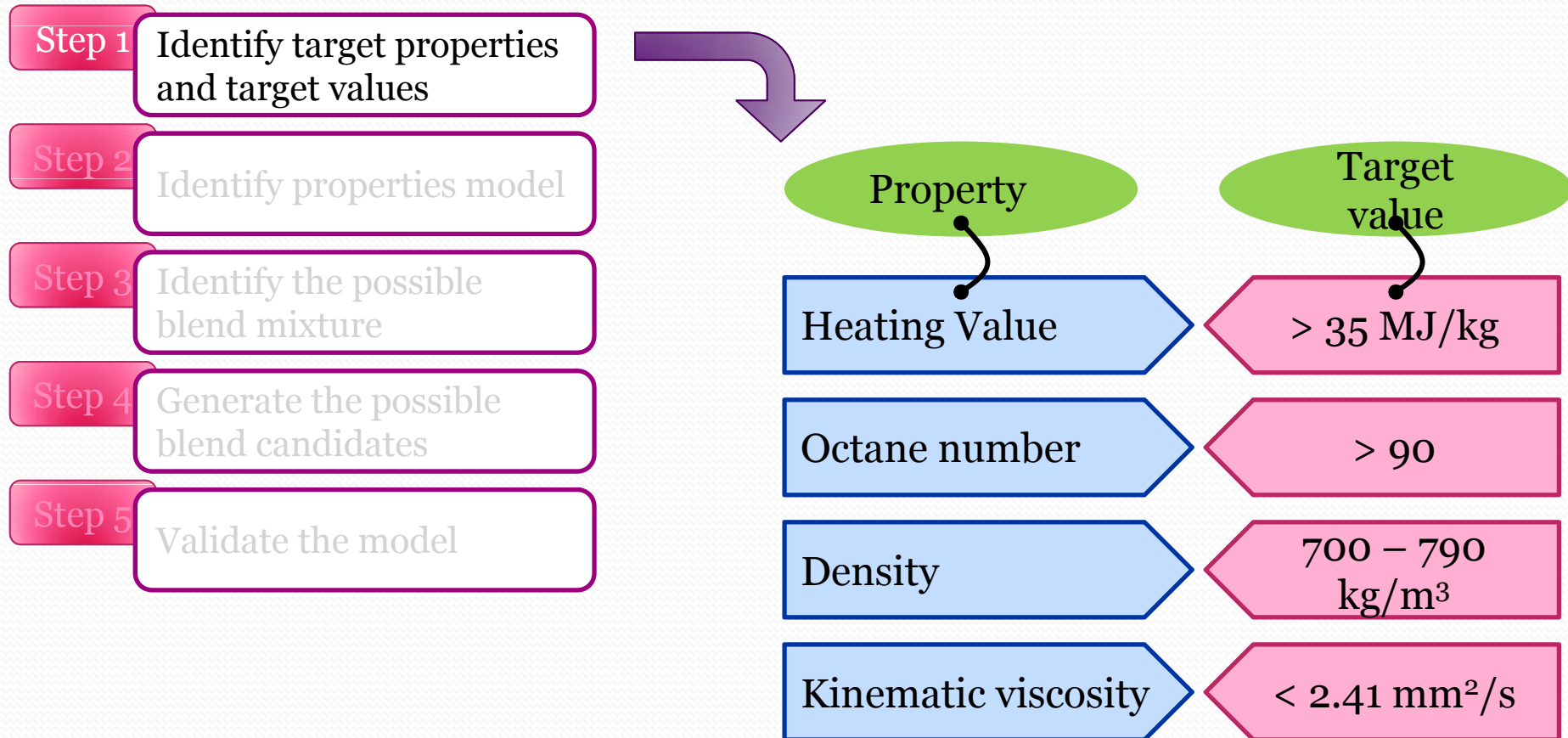


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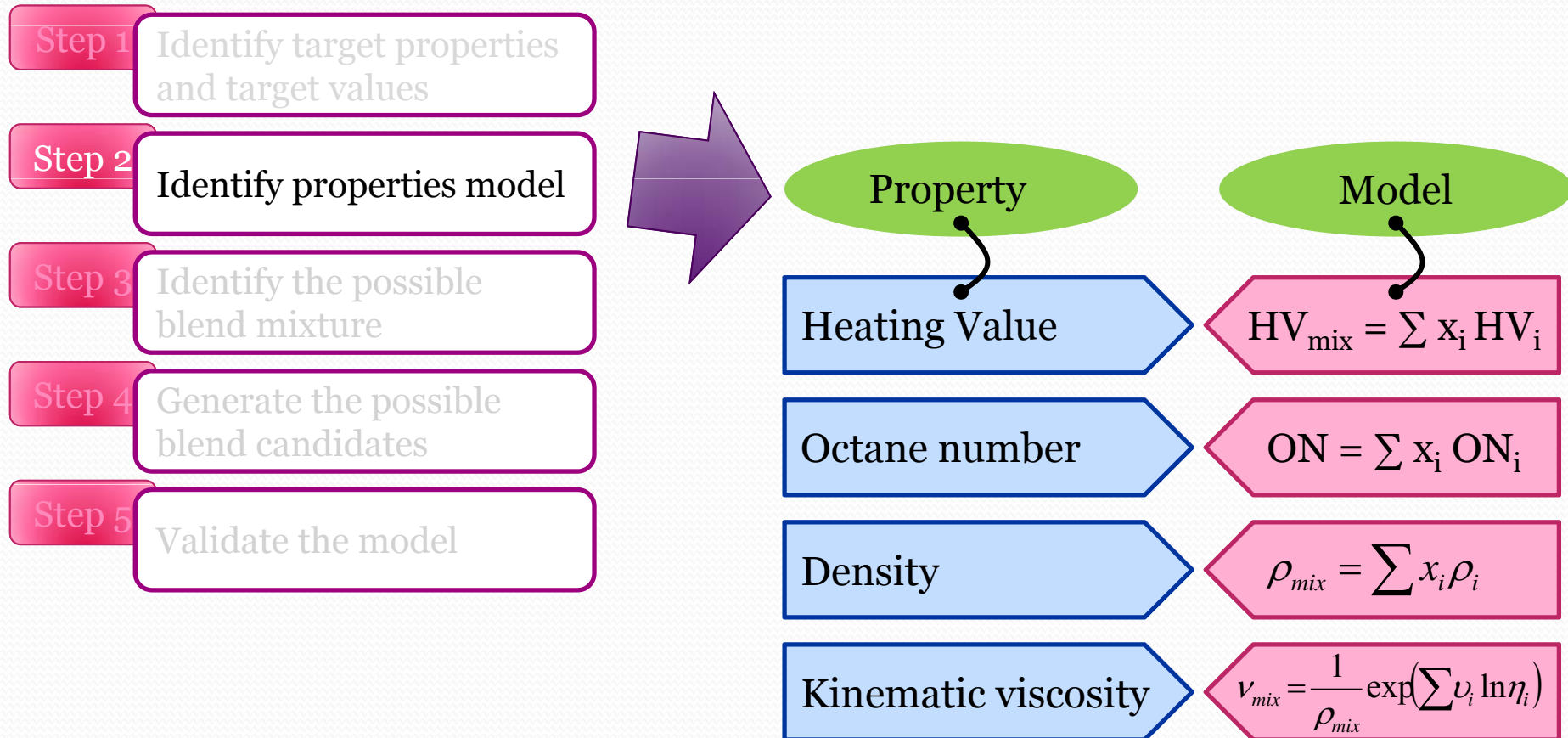
step	Task	Method & tools	Output
1	Identify the important target property	Literature (journals) Blending guideline	List of target properties
	Set the target value for each target property	Literature (journals), Blending regulation Existing product	List of constraints
2	Identify pure and mixture property model	Literature, calculated directly from chemical structure	Pure property models Mixture property models
3	Identify the feasible mixture	ICAS	List of feasible blend compositions
4	Generate the possible mixture candidates	GAMS	List of several possible mixture candidates
5	Model validation	Experiment	Experimental data

ICAS: Integrated Computer Aided System

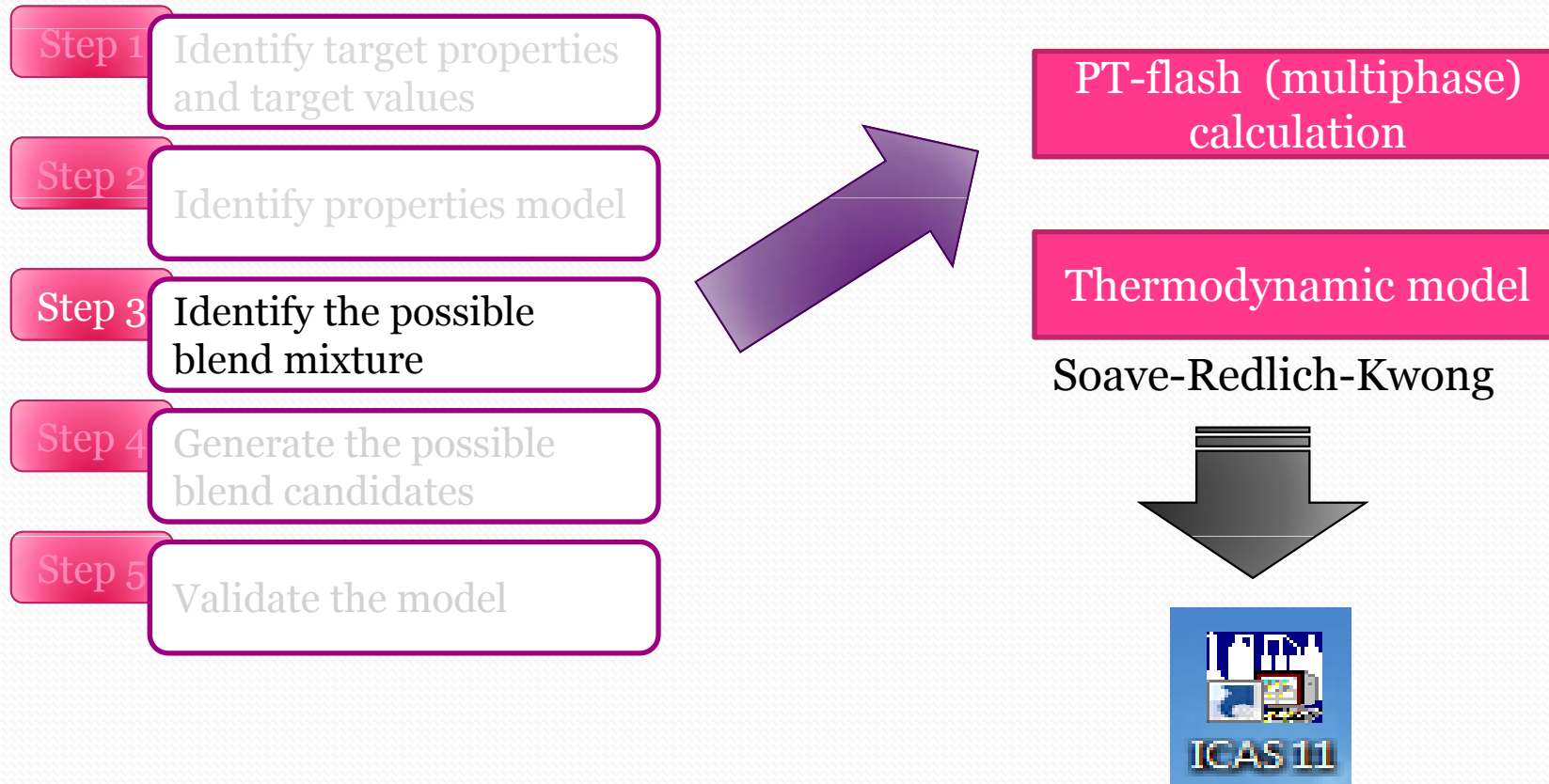
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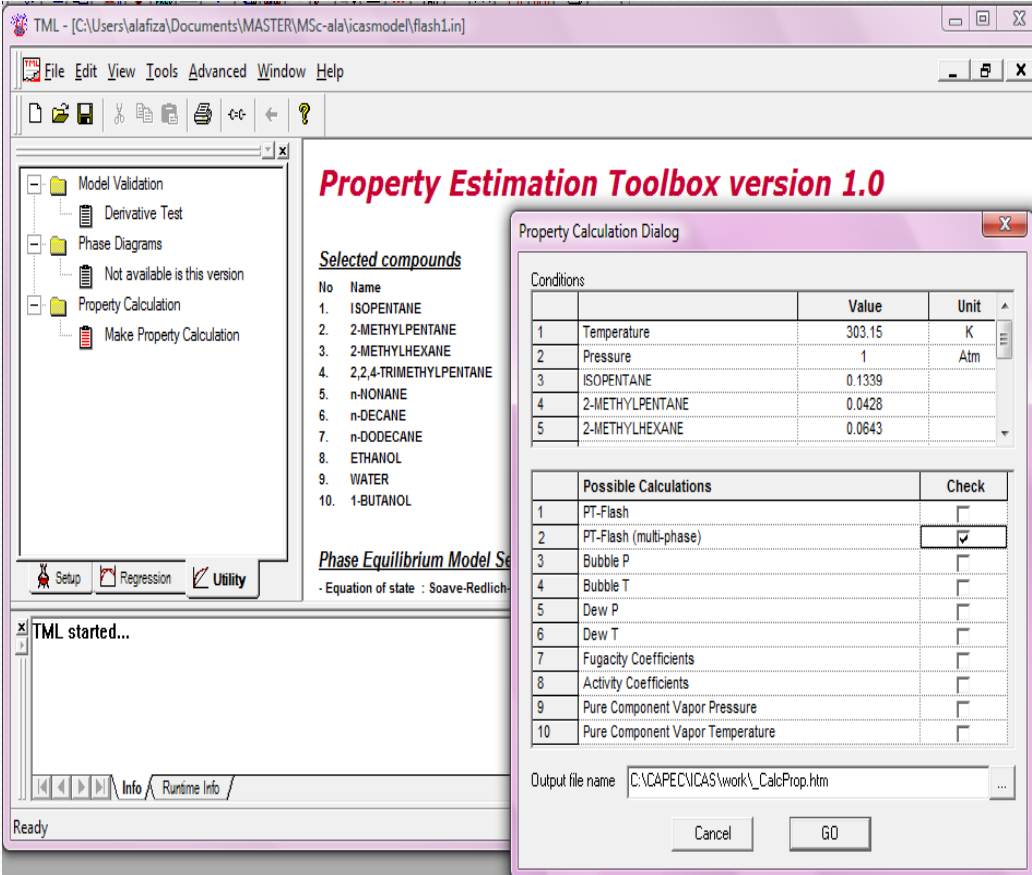
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The screenshot displays the TML software interface. The main window shows a file explorer on the left with a tree view containing folders for Model Validation, Phase Diagrams, and Property Calculation. The main area displays the **Property Estimation Toolbox version 1.0** with a list of **Selected compounds**:

- ISOPENTANE
- 2-METHYLPENTANE
- 2-METHYLHEXANE
- 2,2,4-TRIMETHYLPENTANE
- n-NONANE
- n-DECANE
- n-DODECANE
- ETHANOL
- WATER
- 1-BUTANOL

The **Property Calculation Dialog** is open, showing the following conditions:

No	Name	Value	Unit
1	Temperature	303.15	K
2	Pressure	1	Atm
3	ISOPENTANE	0.1339	
4	2-METHYLPENTANE	0.0428	
5	2-METHYLHEXANE	0.0643	

Below the conditions table is a table for **Possible Calculations**:

No	Possible Calculations	Check
1	PT-Flash	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	PT-Flash (multi-phase)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Bubble P	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Bubble T	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Dew P	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Dew T	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Fugacity Coefficients	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Activity Coefficients	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Pure Component Vapor Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Pure Component Vapor Temperature	<input type="checkbox"/>

The dialog also shows the **Output file name** as `C:\CAPEC\CAS\work\CalcProp.htm` and buttons for **Cancel** and **GO**.

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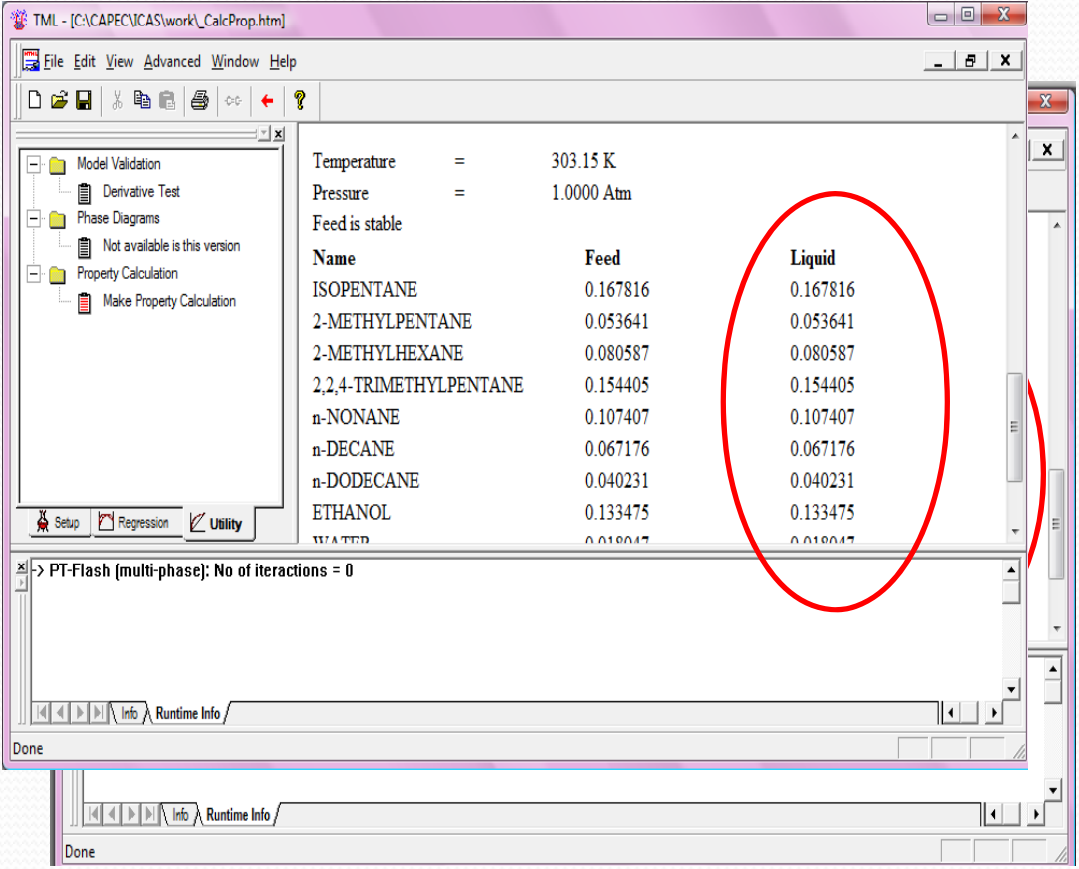
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TML - [C:\CAPEC\ICAS\work\_CalcProp.htm]

File Edit View Advanced Window Help

Model Validation  
Derivative Test  
Phase Diagrams  
Not available is this version  
Property Calculation  
Make Property Calculation

Temperature = 303.15 K  
Pressure = 1.0000 Atm  
Feed is stable

Name	Feed	Liquid
ISOPENTANE	0.167816	0.167816
2-METHYLPENTANE	0.053641	0.053641
2-METHYLHEXANE	0.080587	0.080587
2,2,4-TRIMETHYLPENTANE	0.154405	0.154405
n-NONANE	0.107407	0.107407
n-DECANE	0.067176	0.067176
n-DODECANE	0.040231	0.040231
ETHANOL	0.133475	0.133475
WATER	0.018047	0.018047

Setup Regression Utility

PT-Flash (multi-phase): No of iterations = 0

Info Runtime Info

Done

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Using GAMS (General Algebraic Modeling System)

Property constraint:

$$HV = \sum x_i HV_i$$

$$ON = \sum x_i ON_i$$

$$\rho_{mix} = \sum x_i \rho_i$$

$$v_{mix} = \frac{1}{\rho_{mix}} \exp\left(\sum v_i \ln \eta_i\right)$$

Volume constraint

$$V_{gasoline} \geq 0.5$$

$$V_{ethanol} \leq 0.05$$

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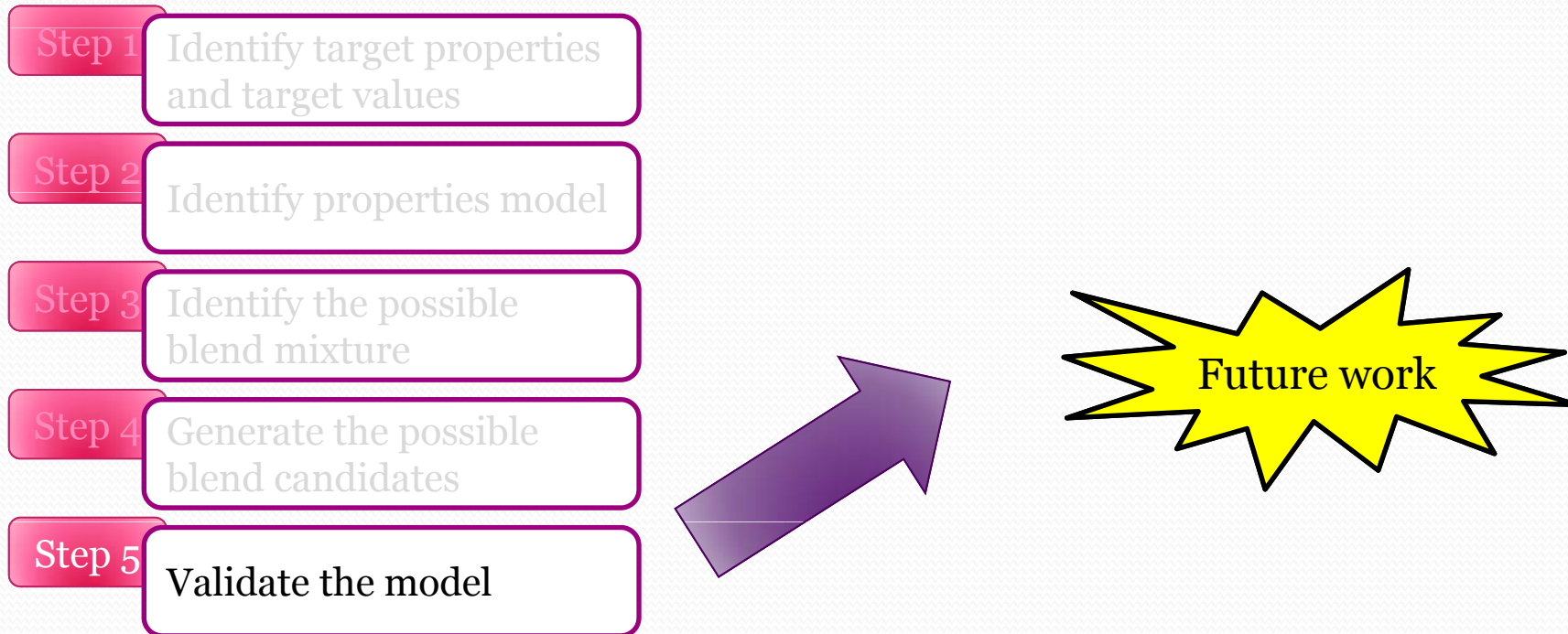
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Target Properties	$\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$\nu$ (mm <sup>2</sup> /s)	HHV (KJ/kg)	Wt % O <sub>2</sub>	ON
Gasoline	686.85	0.71	48028	0.00	95
Ethanol	769.84	1.84	29136	34.00	110
Butanol	805.89	3.15	36212	21.60	102.74
MTHF	808.20	0.36	36059	18.57	112.2



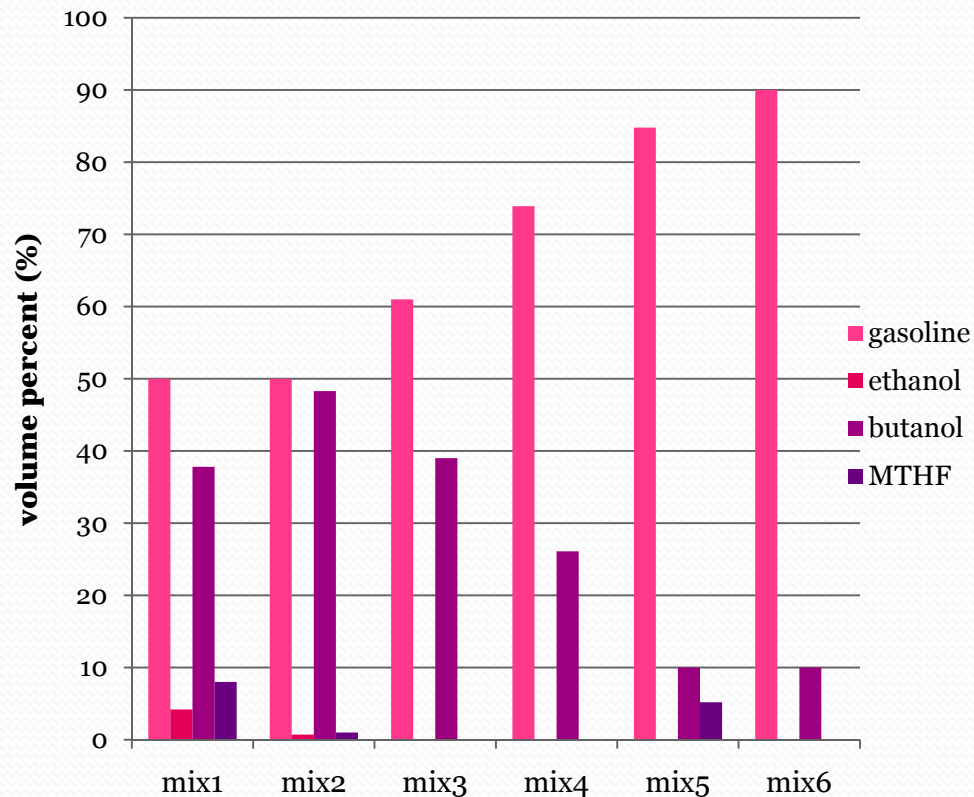
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# Results

Composition	Mix 1	Mix2	Mix3	Mix4	Mix5	Mix6
Gasoline	0.500	0.500	0.610	0.739	0.848	0.90
Ethanol	0.042	0.007				
Butanol	0.378	0.483	0.390	0.261	0.100	0.10
MTHF	0.08	0.010			0.052	
<b>Property</b>						
HV	41.167	41.473	42.779	44.414	45.945	46.746
Density	749.156	749.130	736.186	720.522	707.696	700.000
Viscosity	0.00152	0.00174	0.0016	0.00138	0.00106	0.00109
ON	100	99	98	97	96	95

# Results



- All candidates consist of butanol
- Butanol is most favorable component due to attractive characteristics
- It has higher energy content which is close to gasoline energy content, less prone to water contamination and less corrosive

# Conclusion

- A systematic computer aided technique is a resources efficient technique which is suitable to find a set of target candidates
- Property model availability is one of the challenges in chemical product design

# Future work

- Including emission factor to produce a green fuel
- Model validation through a series of experimental work

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A wide-angle photograph of a vast field of yellow rapeseed flowers in full bloom. The flowers are densely packed and stretch towards a clear blue sky. The horizon is visible in the distance, showing a line of trees and a slight rise in the land.

THANK YOU

Q&A session