

Tank Emission Tracking Tools: A Comparative Analysis

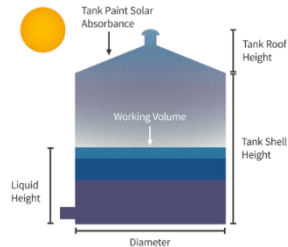
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Tank Emission Tracking Software: A Comparative Analysis



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Things to consider when looking for a Tanks software:

- Facility type
- Process type
- Tank type
- Type of material stored in tank
- Recordkeeping
- Are all Tanks programs created equally??

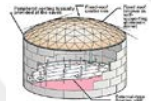
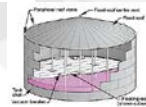


Industry/Process Types

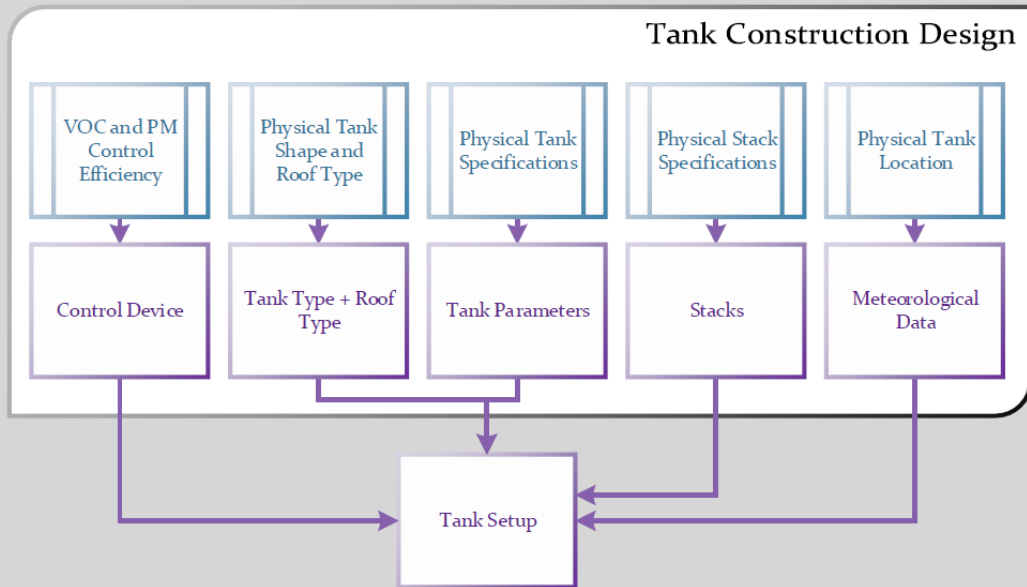
- **Oil Exploration** (Crude Oil, Water, Dehydrator, Gas Line)
- **Refinery** (Crude Oil, Distillation, Storage, Mix, Packaging, Loading)
- **Midstream** (Tank farm; Storage/Mix Tanks, Loading Racks; Tank truck, Rail car, and Barge loading)
- **Chemical plant** (Tank farm; Storage/Mix Tanks)
- **Industry/Manufacturing** (ex. Automotive plant: gasoline, methanol, engine oil, antifreeze storage tanks)

Tank Types

- Open top tank
- Horizontal tank
- Vertical fixed roof tank
- Internal floating roof tank
- External floating roof tank
- Domed external floating roof tank
- Mobile tank



Tanks Process Flow



Materials & Calculations

- Some methods/tools only calculate certain situations:
 - Organic mixtures (ex. 20% Toluene 80% Benzene)
 - Petroleum (diesel, jet A, gasoline)
 - Petroleum standards (EPA/API)
 - Crude oil
 - Asphalt
 - Pure substances (100% methanol)
- Different approaches to calculations:
 - AP-42 calculations (American Petroleum Institute; API equations)?
 - Lab tested data?
 - Industry assumptions?

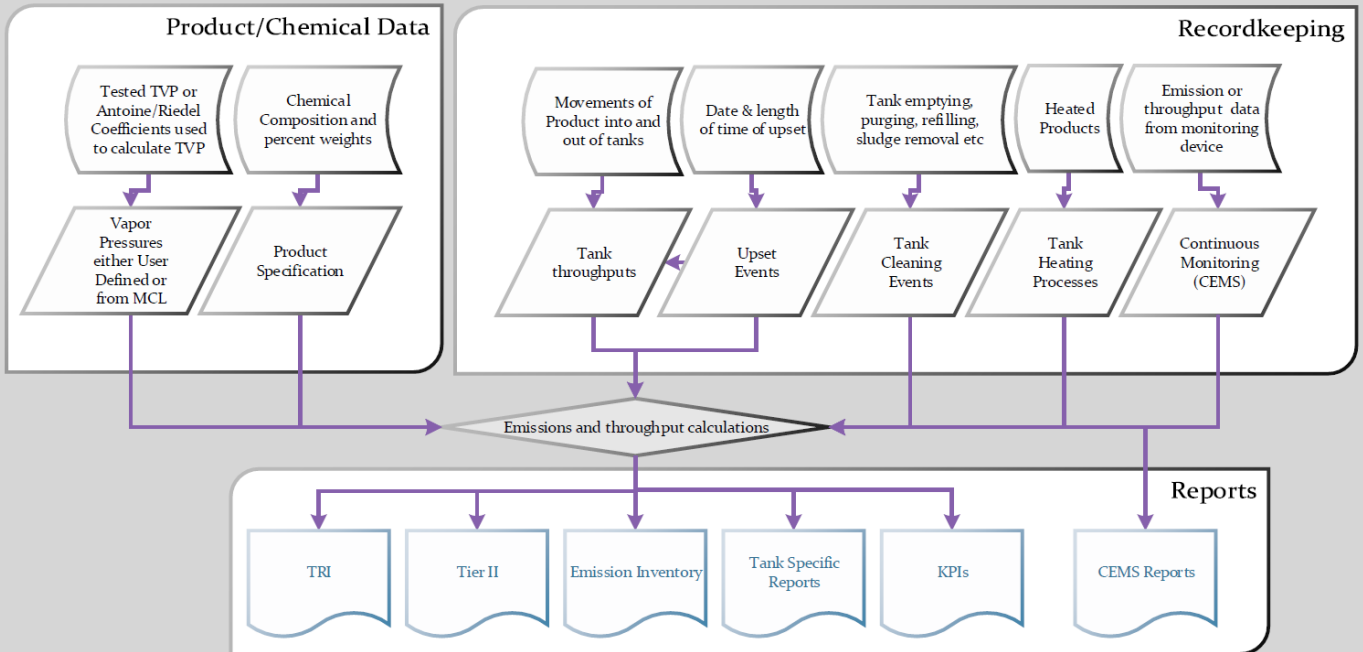


Record keeping

- Fixed annual throughput
- Monthly throughput
- Daily throughput
- Special events? (Cleaning, landing, heating, etc.)

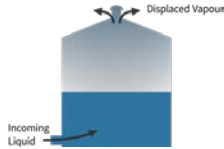


Tanks Data Flow

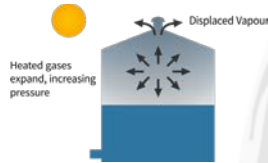


General Tank Emission

- **Working Losses**



- **Standing Losses**



- Material in Tanks exists in two (2) phases; a) **Liquid** b) **gas** (vapor)
- The vapor pressure (VP) plays an important role in calculating Tank emissions

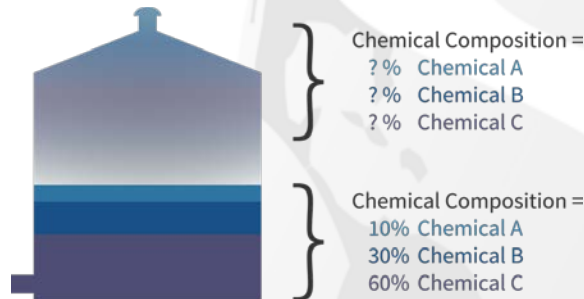
Calculation of True Vapor Pressure (TVP)

- True Vapor Pressure (TVP)
 - Distillation Slope
 - Molecular weight (liquid)
 - Molecular weight (vapor)
 - Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP)
 - Antoine Coefficients
 - Riedel Coefficients
 - Liquid compositions
 - Vapor compositions
 - Tested values



True Vapor Pressure (TVP)/Chemical Composition

- TVP can be one of the most challenging variables to calculate for materials stored in tanks
 - **Complete Speciation** - 100% known chemical composition
 - **Partial Speciation** - Chemical composition NOT 100% known



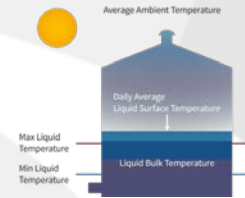
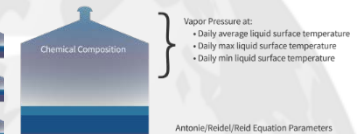
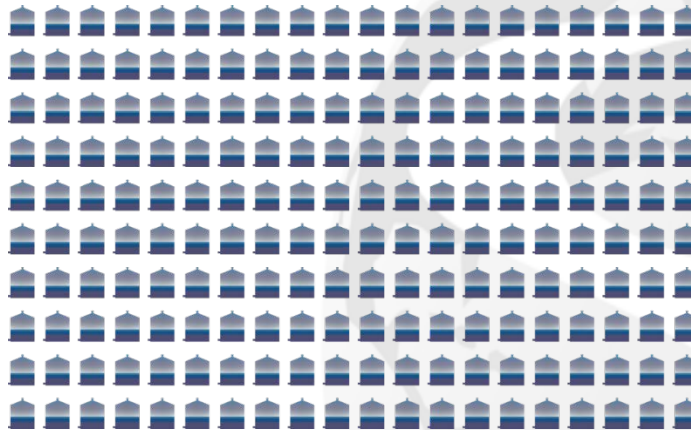
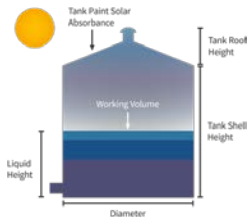
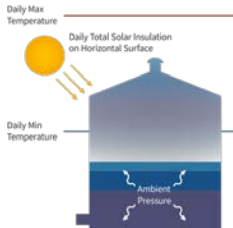
Complete Speciation

- ~100% chemical components of substance known (Antoine or Riedel coefficients per chemical)
 - This is not always the case for the Oil & Gas industry.
- **Process:**
 1. Use **Antoine** or **Riedel** coefficients to calculate the TVP per chemical
 2. Calculate TVP for mixture using the % by Weight data (from known chemical compositions)

Partial Speciation

- How do you calculate TVP if you don't know the chemical composition of your substance?
 - Common example: **Crude Oil/Petroleum products**
- **TVP** of the product should be calculated using the 4 variables below:
 - The **Reid VP** of the mixture
 - **Distillation Slope**
 - **Molecular weight** of the **liquid**
 - **Molecular weight** of the **vapor**

Managing large amounts of data (How do you keep up?? What about 200 Tanks???)



Some available Tanks software/tools

- **EPA Tanks 4.09** (US Environmental Protection Agency)
- **E&P Tanks** (American Petroleum Institute; API)
- **Tanks ESP** (TGB; Rob Ferry)
- **ERA Tanks Module** (ERA Environmental Management Solutions)

- *note: (there are other Tank software/tools not listed in this presentation)

Functionality Analysis (Tank Type)

| | Functionality/ supported dataset | TANKS 4.09 | E&P | ESP | ERA |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Tank type | Open top tank | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Horizontal tank | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Vertical fixed roof tank | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Internal floating roof tank | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | External floating roof tank | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Domed external floating roof tank | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Mobile tank | ● | ● | ● | ● |

Functionality Analysis (Tank Emission Types)

| | Functionality/ supported dataset | TANKS 4.09 | E&P | ESP | ERA |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----|-----|
| Emission Type | Heating | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Roof Landing | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Cleaning | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Evaporation (open top tanks) | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Standing | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Flashing | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Working | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Loading (mobile tanks) | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Material Type | Organic liquid mixtures | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Petroleum distillates | ● | restricted | ● | ● |
| | Crude oil | ● | restricted | ● | ● |
| | Petroleum distillates (EPA standards) | ● | ● | ● | ● |

Functionality Analysis (Tank Recordkeeping throughputs)

| | Functionality/ supported dataset | TANKS 4.09 | E&P | ESP | ERA |
|----------------------------|--|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Recordkeeping - Daily | importing function | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | manual entry | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Recordkeeping - Weekly | importing function | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | manual entry | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Recordkeeping - Monthly | importing function | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | manual entry | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Recordkeeping - Annual | importing function | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | manual entry | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| "Grouped" records | "Grouped" tank - automated distribution | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | "Grouped" tank - archiving functionality | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Material Revisions | Material revision tracking | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Input - Liquid Composition | Full Speciation | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Partial Speciation | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Input - Vapor Composition | Vapor Weight Speciation | ● | ● | ● | ● |

*TANKS 4.09 and ESP confirmed the analysis performed by ERA. E&P results to the best of our knowledge and not confirmed.

Questions??
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