

ADVANCED PROCESS MODELLING FORUM

TOWARDS A “WATER NEUTRAL” IMF FACTORY USING DYNAMIC MODELLING

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4 DANONE DIVISIONS

Fresh Dairy



Water



Early Life Nutrition



Medical Nutrition



A PORTFOLIO OF PRODUCTS FOR LIFE LONG HEALTH



THE FIRST 1,000 DAYS OF LIFE ARE CRUCIAL

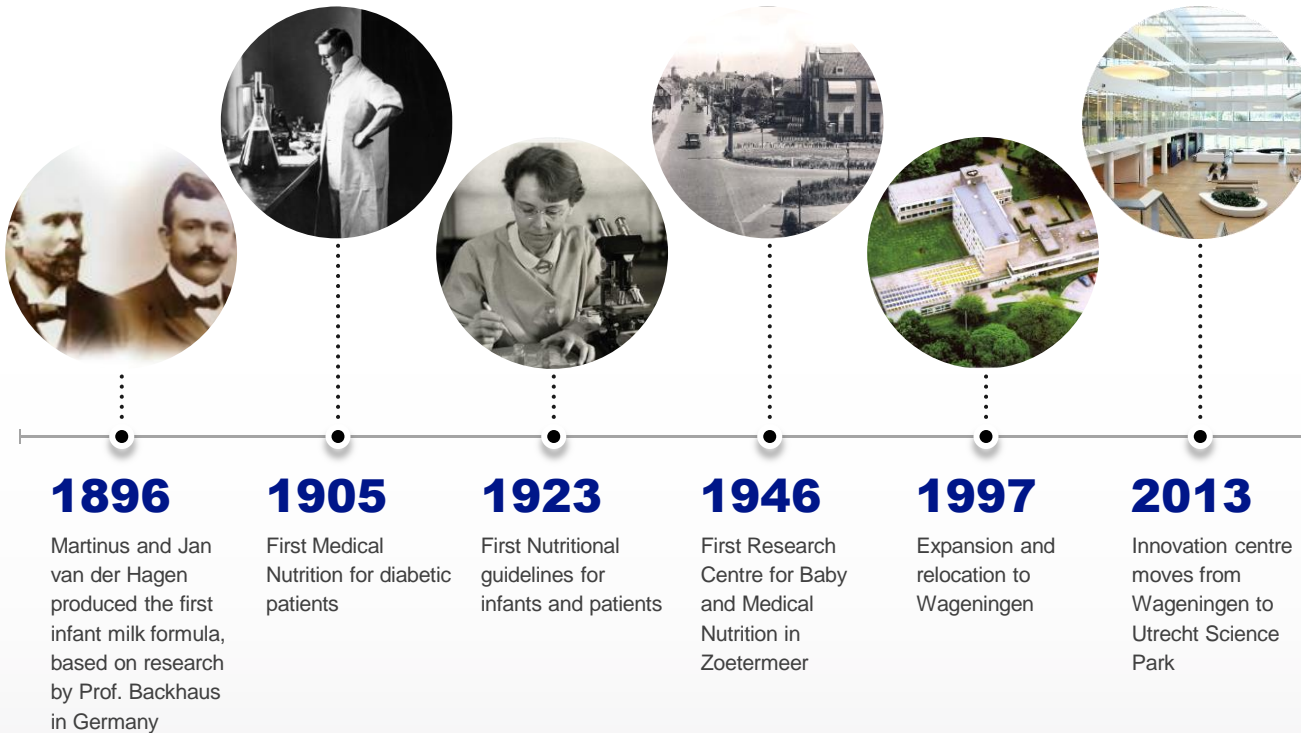
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..... to build the child's best health foundations



120 YEARS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT




INTRODUCTION

Previous APMF

- Design of fermentation line
- Roll-out of  within Nutricia

Goal of today's presentation

- Share how Nutricia models non-continuous processes
- Illustrate how Nutricia is addressing the challenge of rolling out custom  models to a wider audience (engineering, operations etc.)

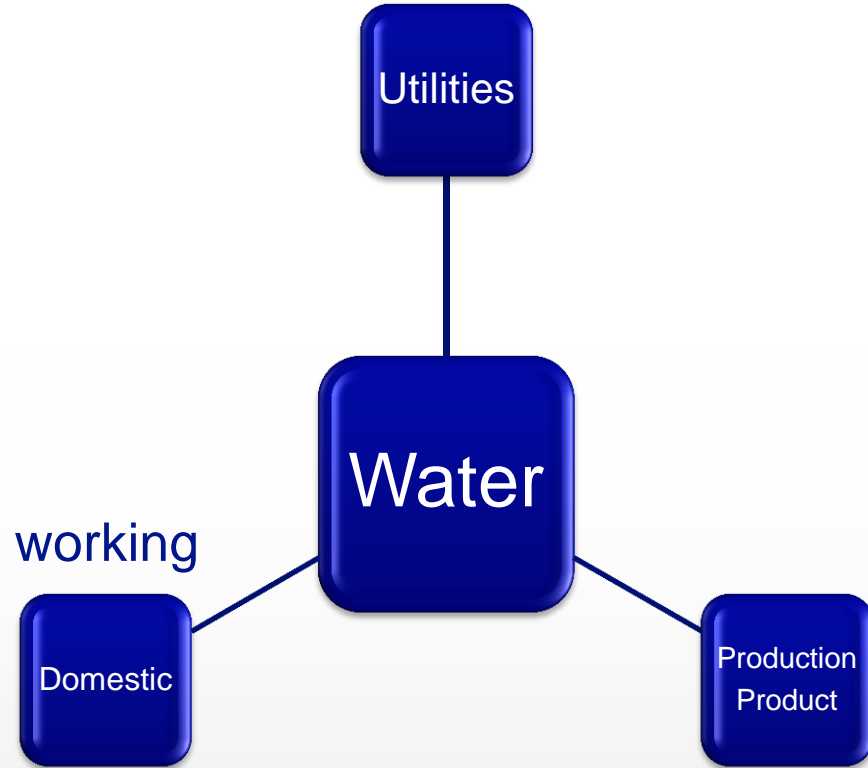
TOWARDS A WATER “NEUTRAL” FACTORY

Why move towards water neutral?

- Factories located in “dry” areas
- Nature targets of Danone

Challenges on the road:

- Each factory is unique
- Getting accustomed to new way of working



100%

COMPLIANCE IN ALL WATER DIVISION
SITES BY 2020 (DANONE “CLEAN
WATER STANDARDS” FOR WASTE
WATER)

60%

REDUCTION OF WATER CONSUMPTION
IN FACTORIES BY 2020

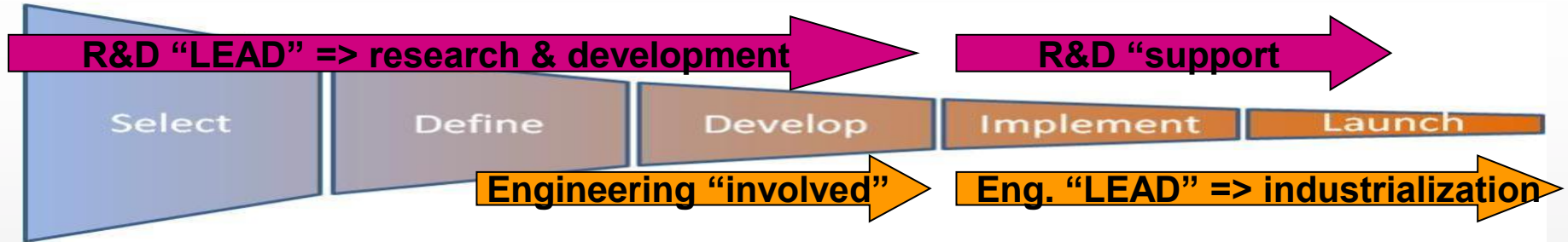
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COVERAGE IN WATER DIVISION BY
2020 FOR WATER FOOTPRINT
MEASUREMENT

TOWARDS A WATER “NEUTRAL” FACTORY

Role of the R&D team:

- Identifying “optimal” process settings
- Defining process improvement scenarios
- Developing model library to support & drive initiatives



INTRODUCTION

WHO CAN USE *?*

Level 1 user: R&D, Engineering - process development

- Custom model development



Level 2: R&D, Engineering – Process design

- Flowsheeting with existing models

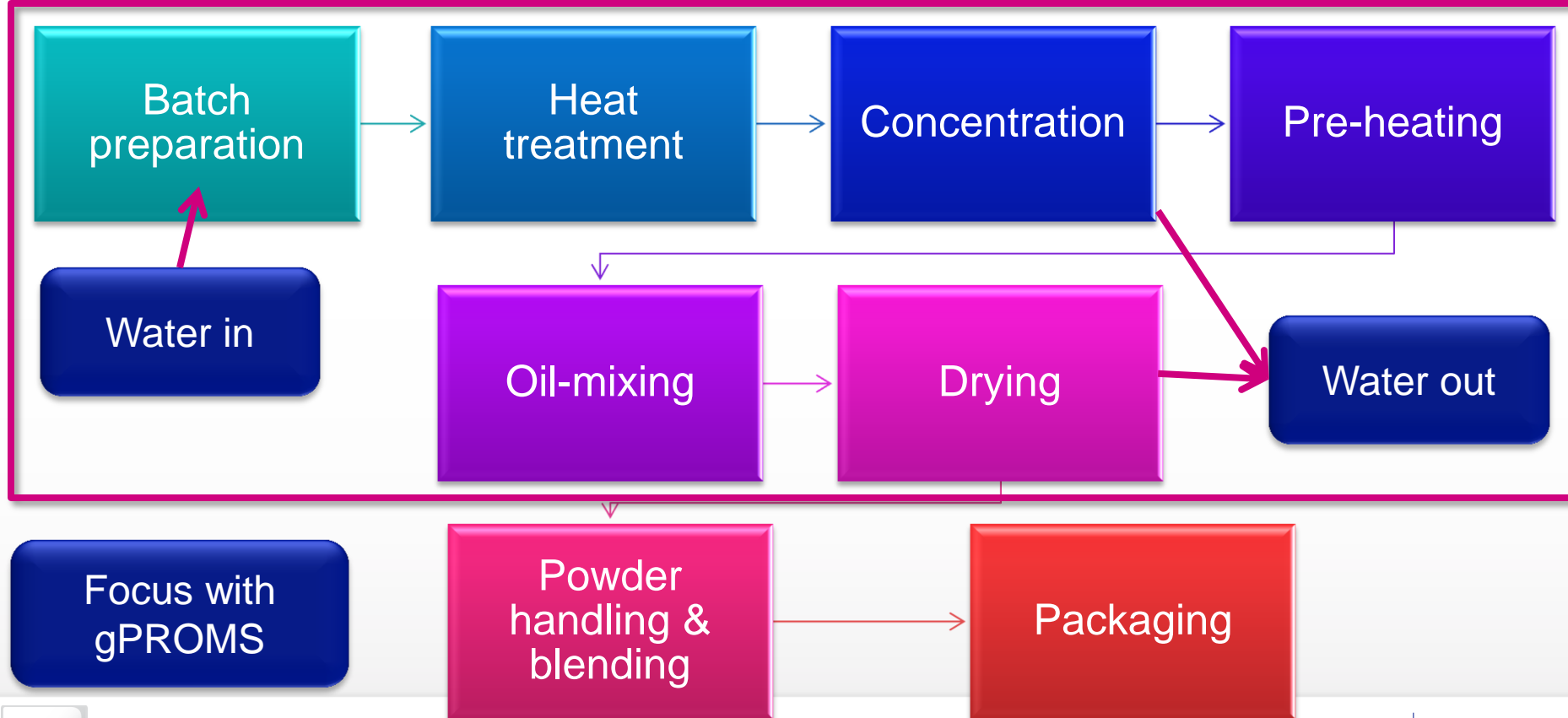


Level 3: Engineering / Factories – Process optimisation

- Use pre-defined flowsheets



TYPICAL IMF PROCESS



HOW CAN WE LOWER THE FRESH WATER CONSUMPTION?

Strategies to lower water consumption:

- Water reuse (e.g. rinse water)
- Lowering flush time
- Reduce stand-by time on water

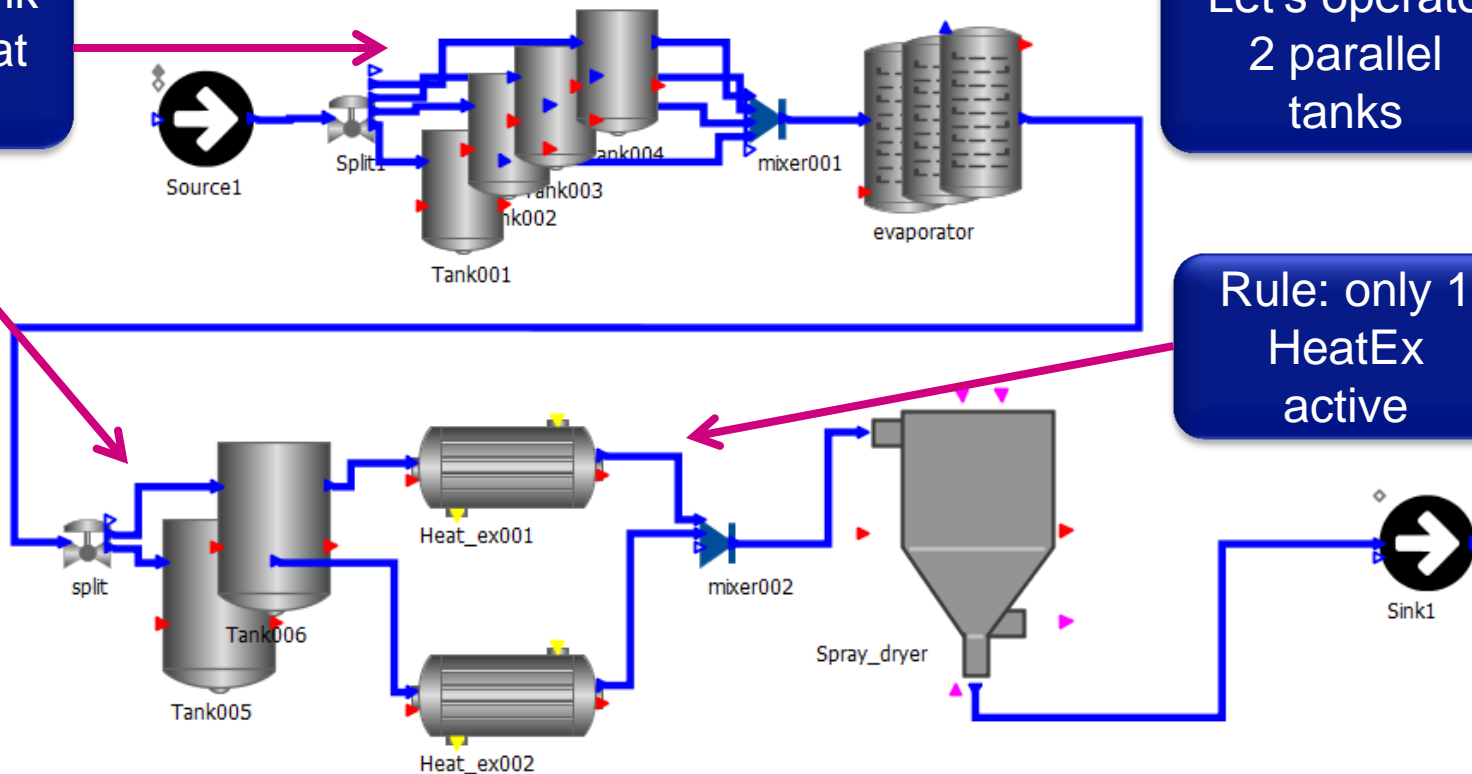
Dynamic simulation helps to capture process network

Rule: only 1 tank filled/emptied at a time

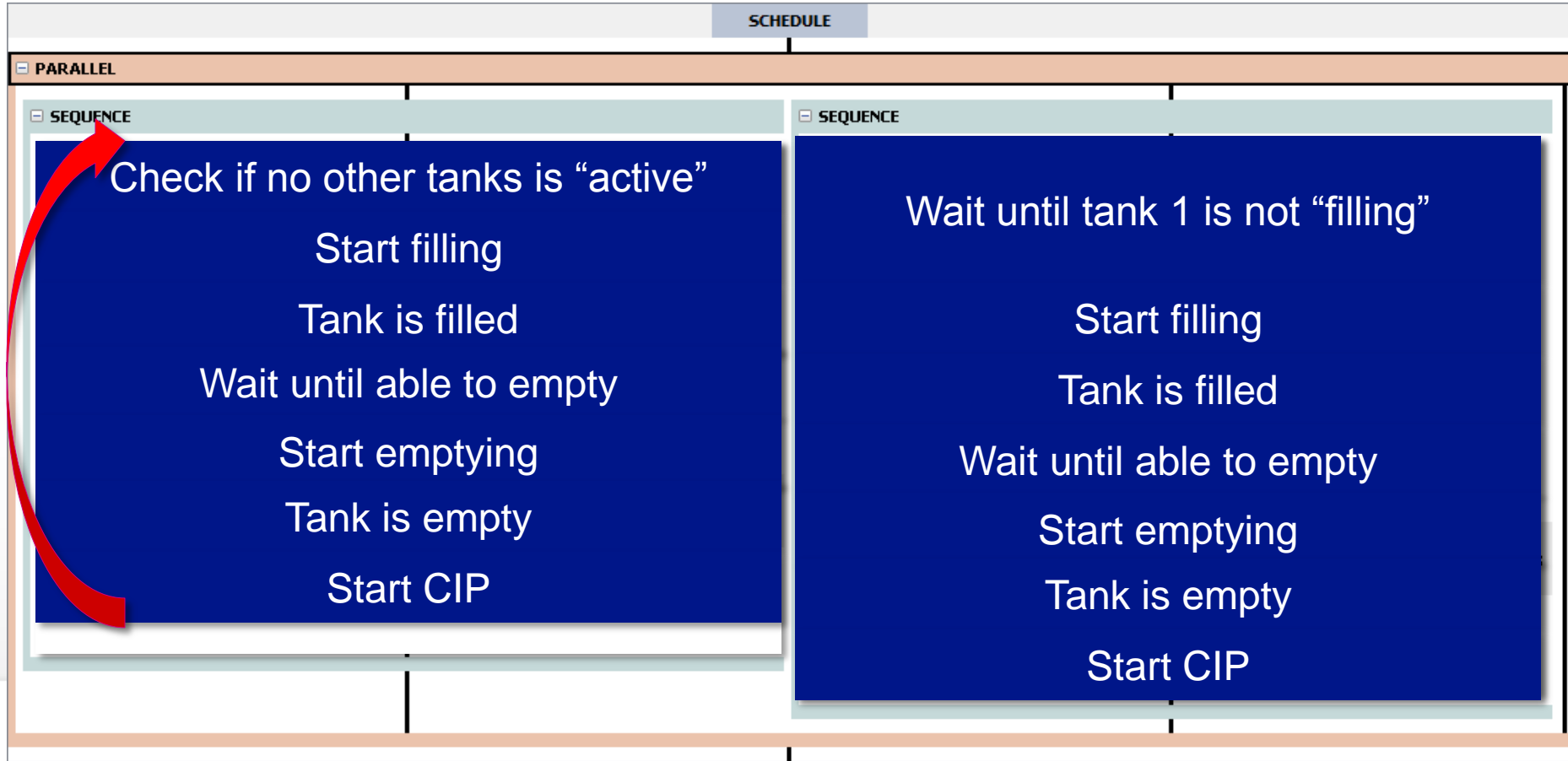
Let's operate
2 parallel
tanks

Main rule:
never stop
the SD

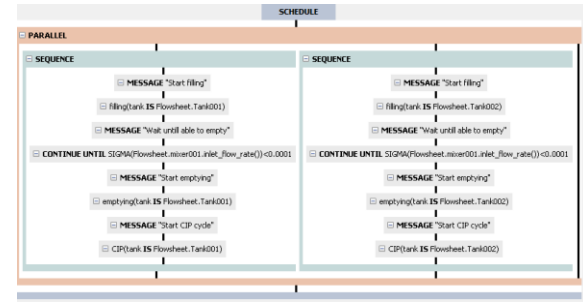
Rule: only 1
HeatEx
active



SCHEDULING PROCES OPERATIONS OF 2 TANKS



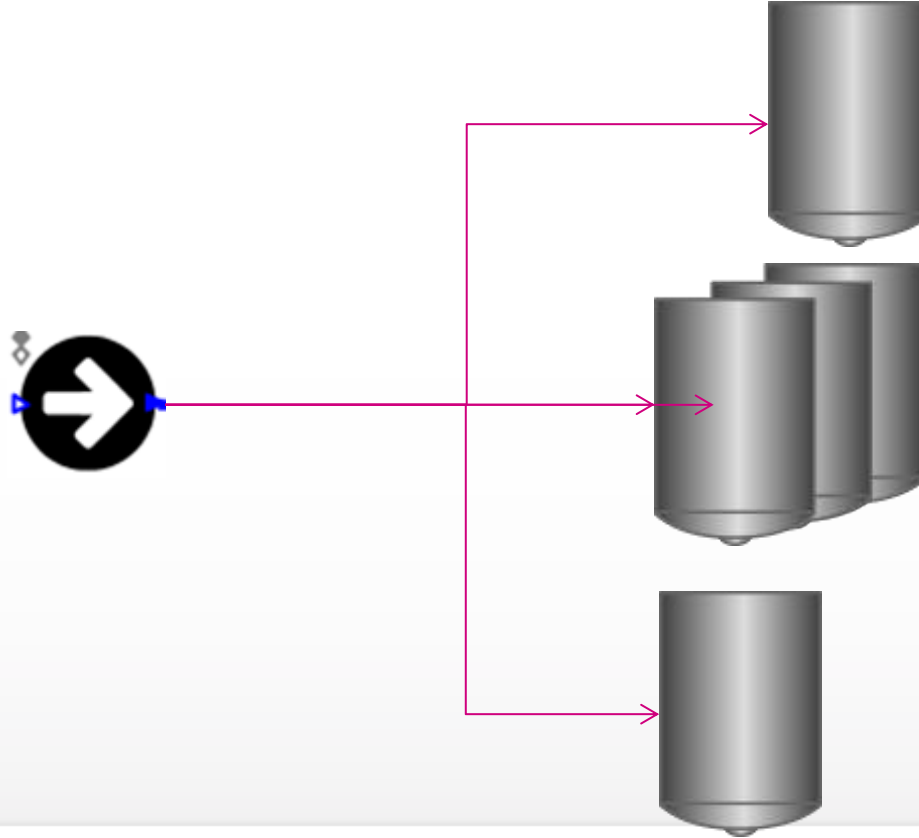
IMPROVING THE SCHEDULING



How can we simplify scheduling for model-users?

- What does a user want?
- How comfortable is the user with the software?
- How much effort does he like to put in?
- Solution: incorporate intrinsic tasks/case selectors

INTERACTING UNITS



Merged unit with
case selectors now
has a simple
scheduling window

| SCHEDULE | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CONTINUE FOR 3600 |
| | |

IMPROVING DYNAMIC OPERATION

Buffer_tank (Dynamic_buffer_tank)

Tank sizing

Tank filling

Production details

CIP details

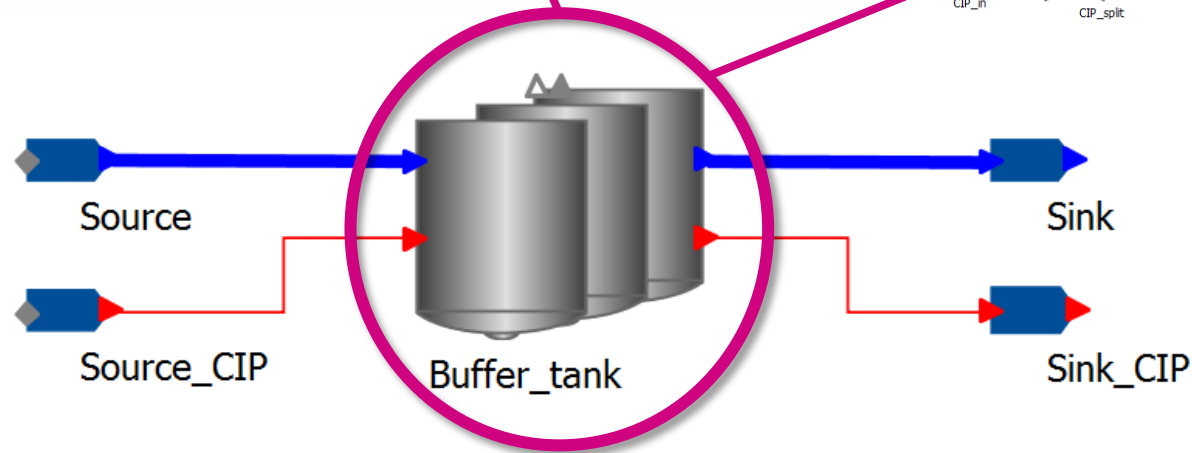
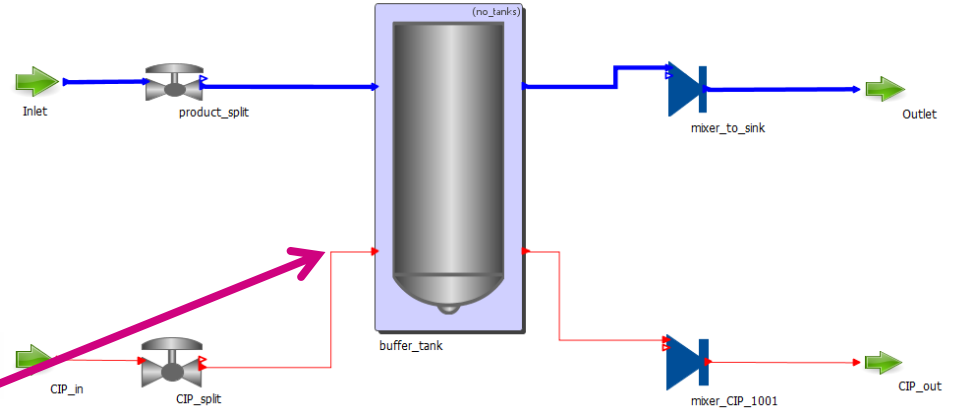
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☒ # Tanks 3

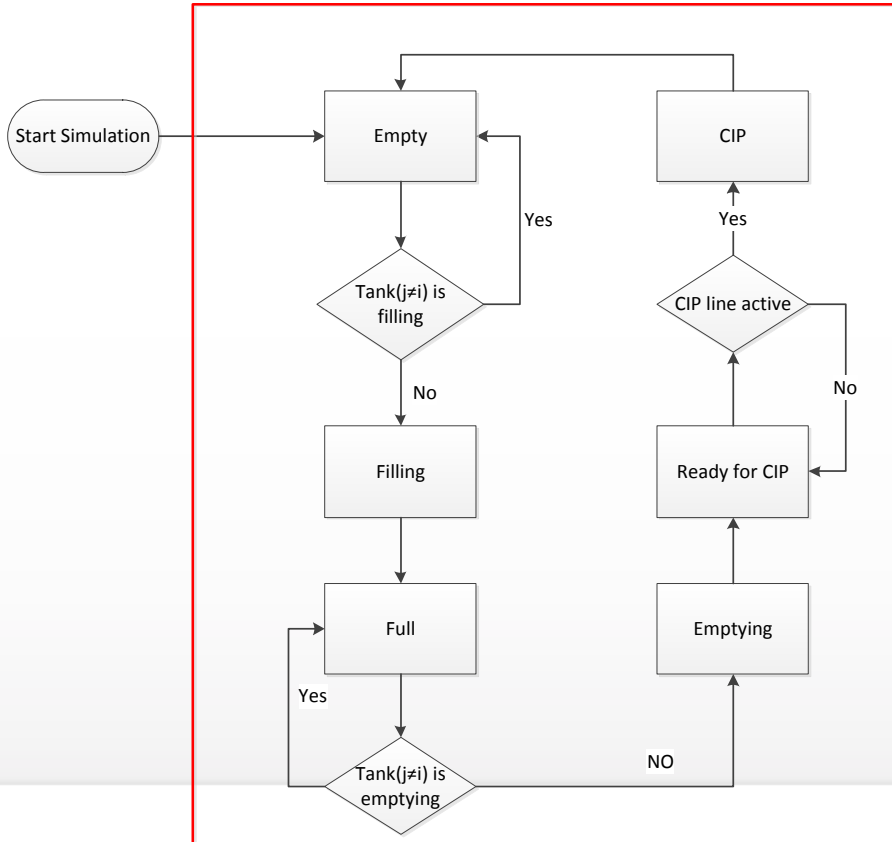
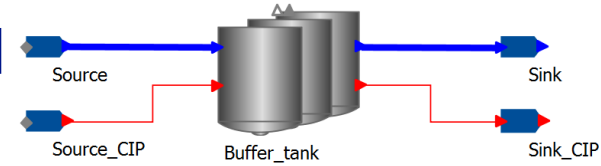
☒ Tank Volume ☒ Uniform for entire array ☐ Per element m³ 200

☒ Outlet flowrate 36.0 t/h

OK Cancel Reset all



IMPROVING DYNAMIC OPERATION



$$i = 1 \cdots N_{tanks}$$

HOW DID WE IMPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF GPROMS?

Short answer:

- Our model development and deployment activities remain a work in progress
- Models are yet to be distributed to a wider audience

Why is this?

- Similar simplification of other units' model dialogues is still required
- Exporting simulation data

As our capabilities increases our user-group increases

- Drive to continuously simplify model interfaces to improve usability is needed

CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

First step(s) made into making dynamic simulations more accessible

Enthusiasm is growing

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