

# APM 2013



*The Advanced Process Modelling Forum*

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gPROMS Product Family

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## General Mathematical Modelling



## Sector-focused Modelling Tools

### Chemicals & Petrochemicals



### Life Sciences & Fine Chemicals



### Power & CCS



### Oil & Gas

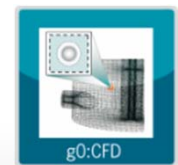


### Materials Modelling

Multiflash



## Model Deployment Tools

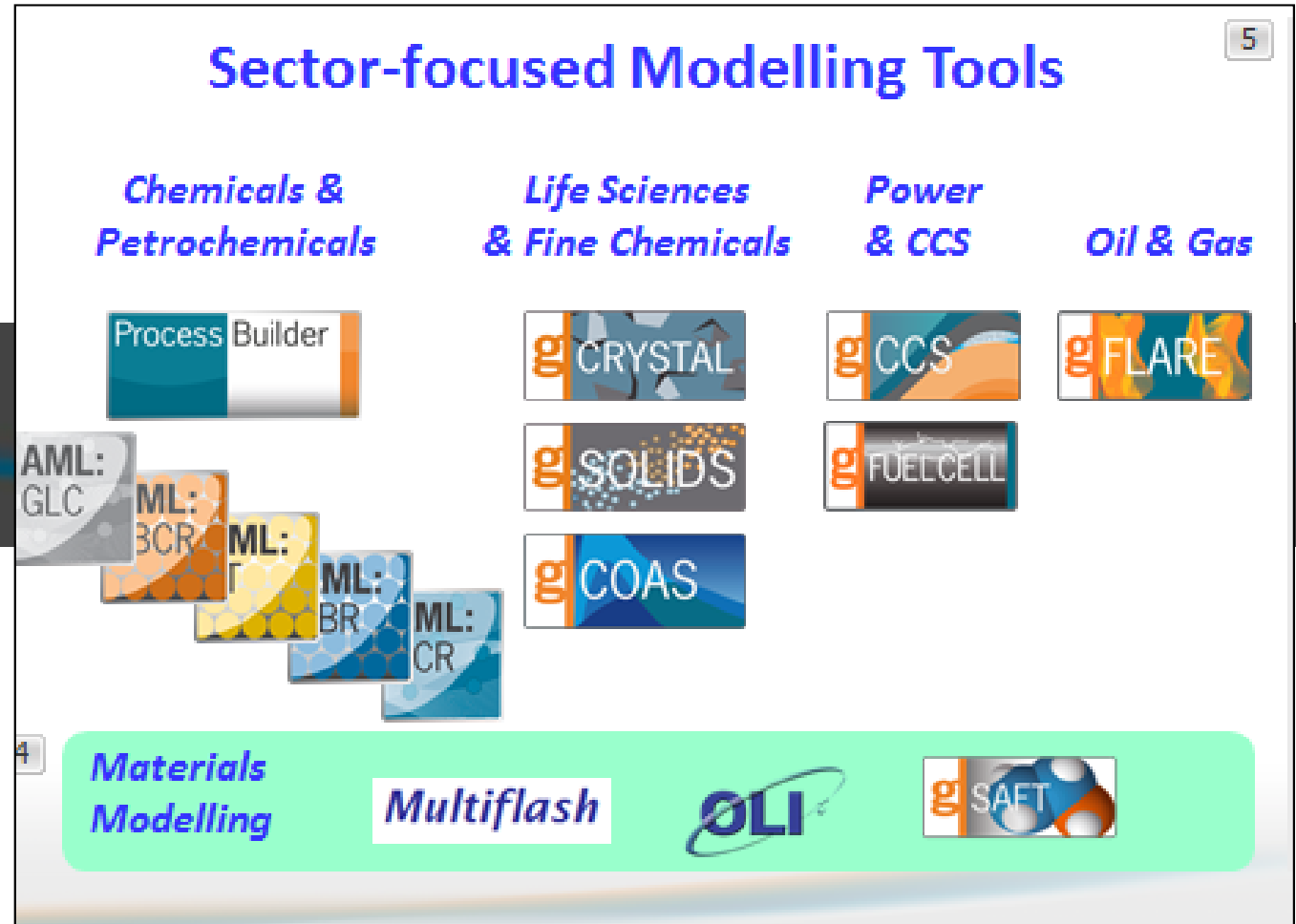


The gPROMS platform

Equation-oriented modelling & solution engine

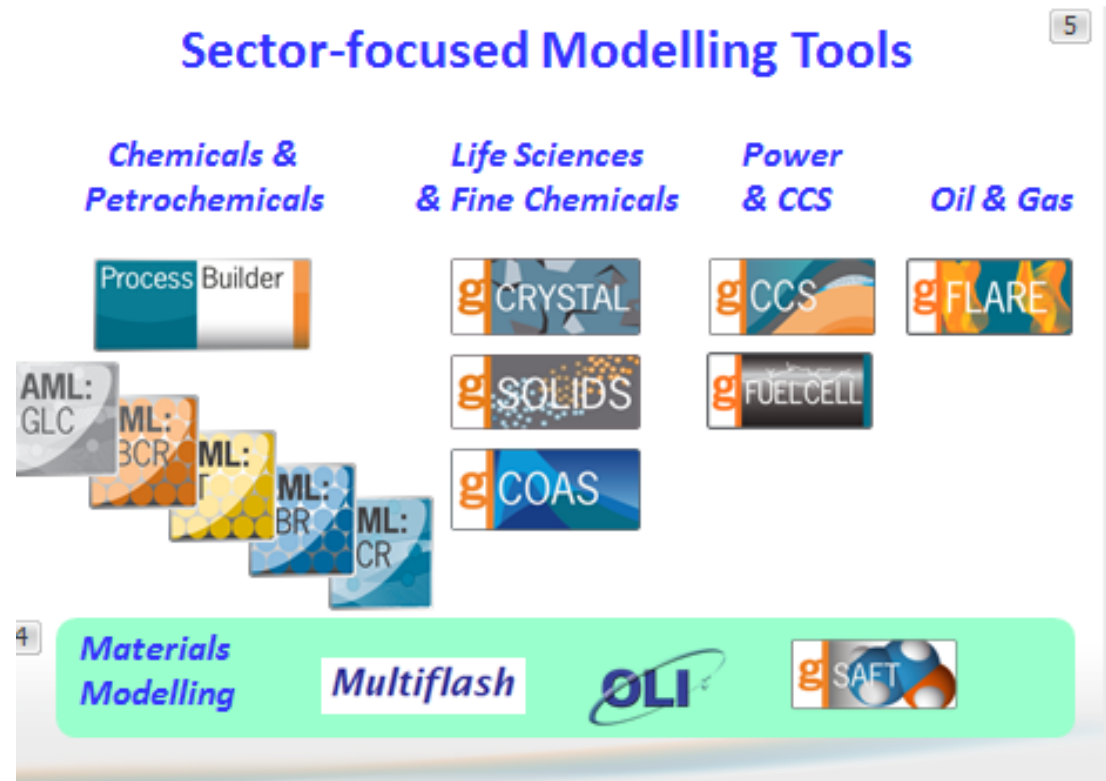
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# Sector-focused modelling tools

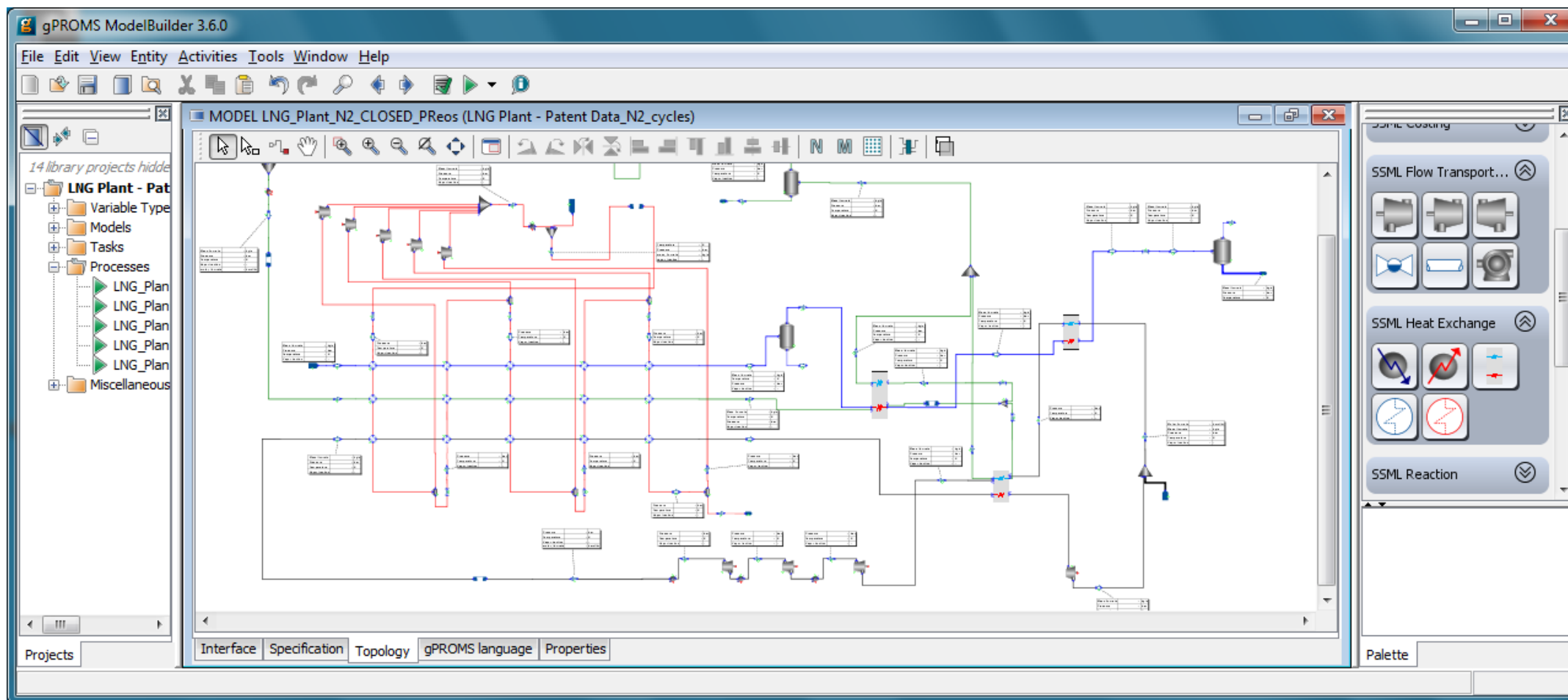


# Each modelling tool comprises...

- gPROMS Platform
- Model Libraries
- Physical properties
- Workflows
- Documentation
- Training material
- Demos & examples



# ProcessBuilder – C3-MR Liquefied Natural Gas process

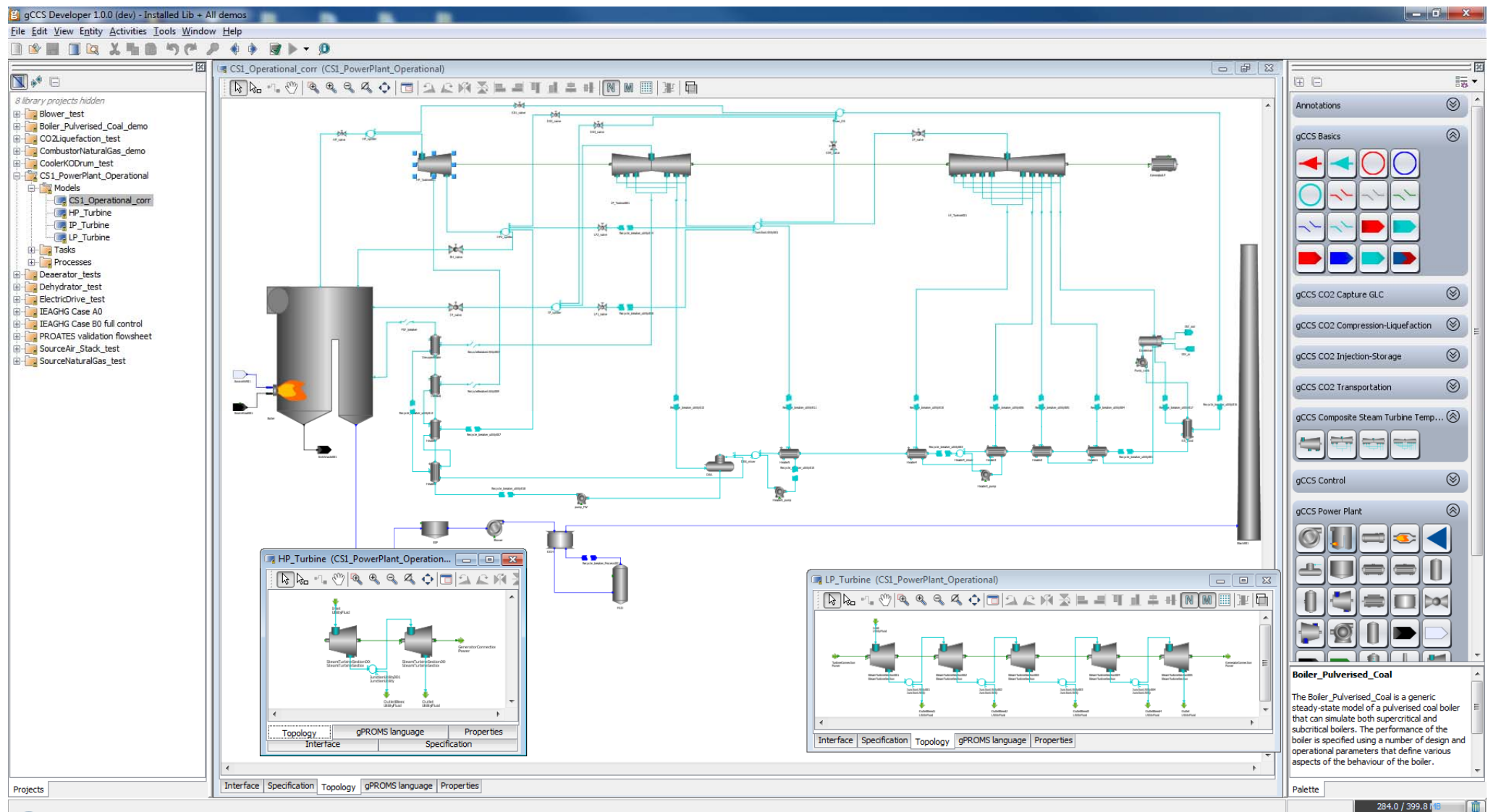


Maarten Nauta's presentation at 14:00 today

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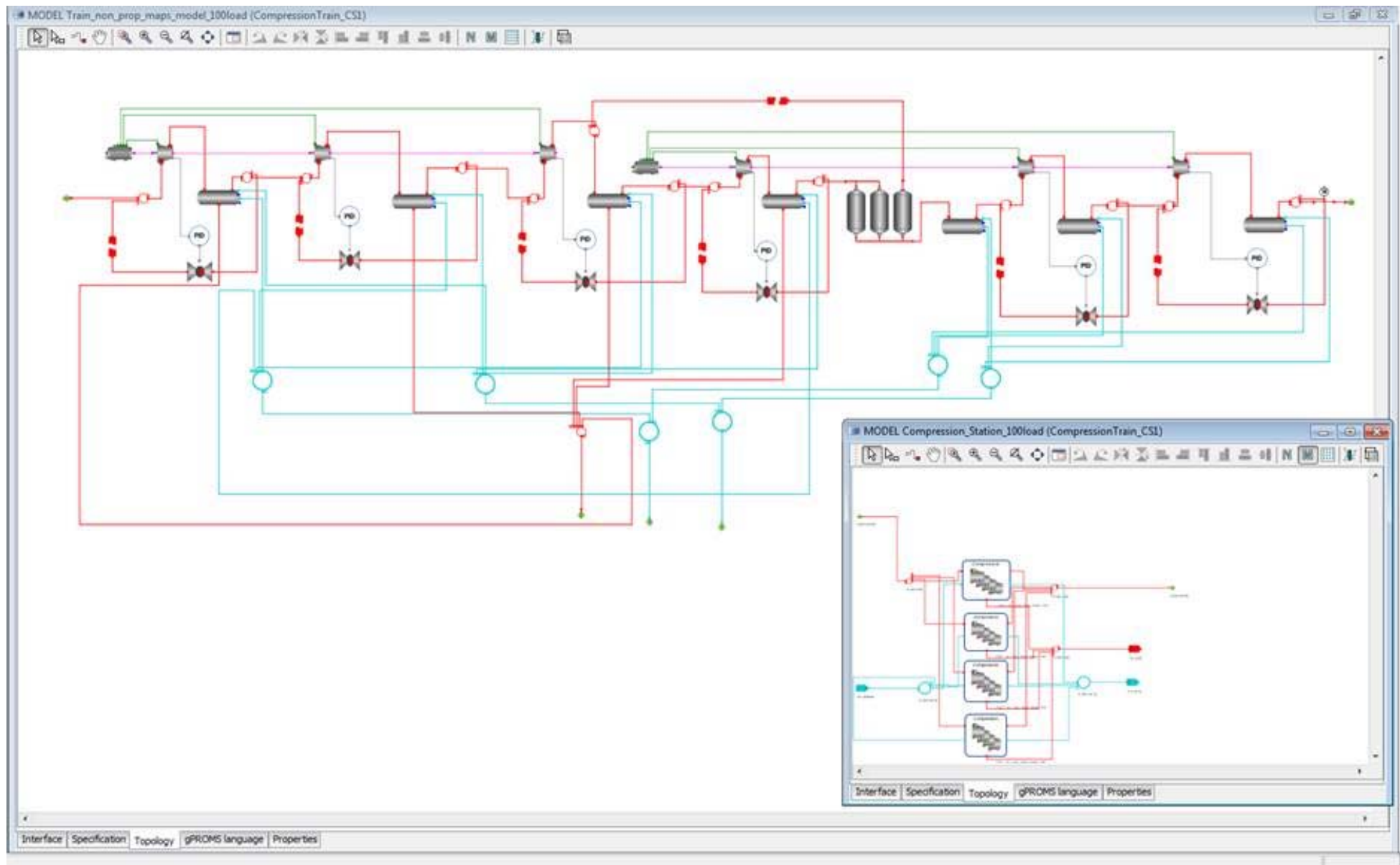
# gCCS – Pulverised coal power plant



Alfredo Ramos' presentation at 15:30 today

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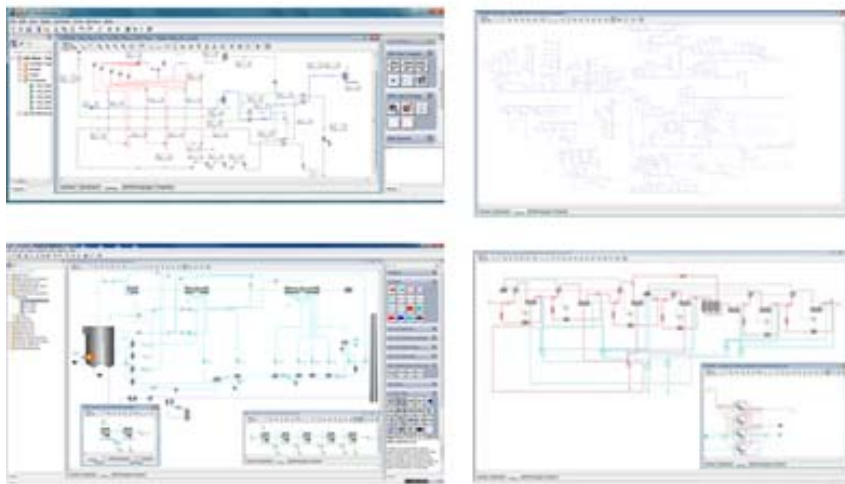
# gCCS – CO<sub>2</sub> compression station



Mario Calado's presentation at 14:30 today

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# Q: What do these flowsheets have in common ?



1. Large-scale systems
    - some with complex unit operation models
  2. Tightly coupled systems
    - multiple recycles of material & energy
    - backward flow of information
  3. All models initialise from scratch without any user-provided initial guesses
    - all model libraries incorporate  
Model Initialisation Procedures
- ➔ **Efficient and robust solution using equation-oriented technology**

**gPROMS' Model Initialisation Procedure (MIP) technology  
is effecting a radical change in the balance between  
Sequential Modular and Equation Oriented  
process modelling tools**



# Physical properties in the gPROMS product family

# Objective: Unified & consistent physical properties across gPROMS-family products



Multiple phases...



Gas  
Liquid



Gas  
Liquid



Gas  
Liquid  
(Solid)



Gas  
Liquid  
Hydrate



Solid  
(Liquid)  
(Gas)



Liquid  
Solid



Liquid  
Solid  
Micelle

Complex materials & challenging behaviour...

*strongly-associating  
compounds*

*near-critical  
point behaviour*

*oligomers  
& polymers*

*complex gas/liquid  
phase envelopes*

*acids  
& bases  
salts &  
salt hydrates*

*ions*

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## *Process Lifecycle*

### Fundamental Process R&D

Optimal selection of “auxiliary” process materials (solvents, entrainers, etc.)

### Process Development

Good predictive capability with little or no experimental data

### Plant Design

Accurate calculation of physical properties over wide ranges of conditions

### Plant Operations

Accurate calculation of physical properties over wide ranges of conditions

**Requirement:**  
Fundamental basis on molecular interactions

**Requirement:**  
Information (e.g. parameter values) transferable from one compound to another



**Javier Rodriguez's presentation at 09:30 today**

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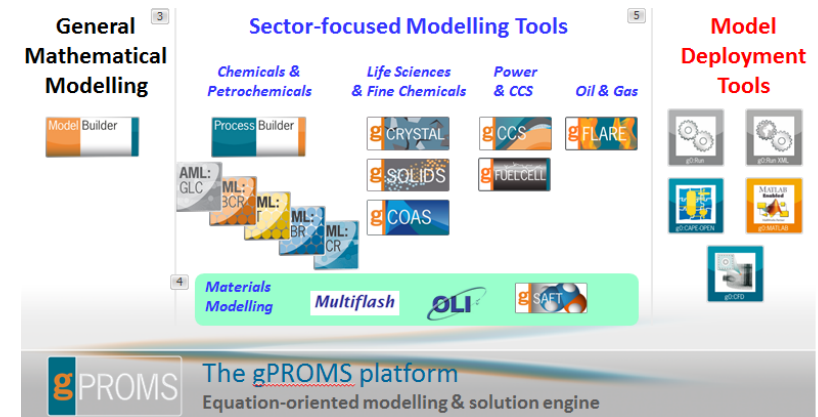


## The gPROMS platform

Equation-oriented modelling & solution engine

### 1. Usability

- Make “flowsheet” the central paradigm of user interaction
  - Model construction
  - Problem specification for all types of activity
    - simulation, optimisation, parameter estimation, experiment design
  - Results analysis
  - Diagnostics
- Integrate material/physical property specification within environment
- Provide comprehensive support for units of measurement



### 2. Robustness

- Eliminate causes of failure at source
  - e.g. bad problem specifications
- Enhance Model Initialisation Procedures
- Improve robustness in solution methods
  - convergence criteria
  - variable scaling
- *[Improved diagnostics]*

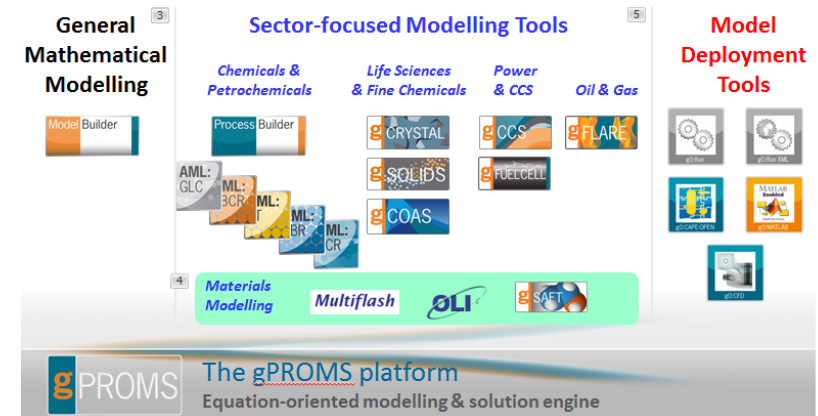


### 3. Solution performance

- Introduce further automatic model pre-processing
  - e.g. model reduction
- Exploit development of hardware/software infrastructure
  - 64-bit Windows
  - distributed computation

### 4. gPRODUCT workflows & user experience

- Increase customisability of gPROMS Platform
- Support enhanced modes for user interaction
  - e.g. in model dialogs



### Future Proofing

- Improve efficiency of development & production of major new products from 2014 onwards via...
- ...
- ... interfaces
- re-architecting key numerical solvers
- .....

Quality Assurance

# Model deployment within the organisation

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## Tier I

First-principles  
modellers  
("custom modelling")

Primarily R&D

## Tier II

Drag-and-drop  
flowsheeting  
using model libraries

R&D  
Engineering

## Tier III

"Non-modellers"  
requiring access to  
model-based  
calculations

Engineering  
Operations  
Commercial

### gPRODUCTs

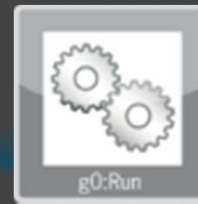


### gPROMS Objects

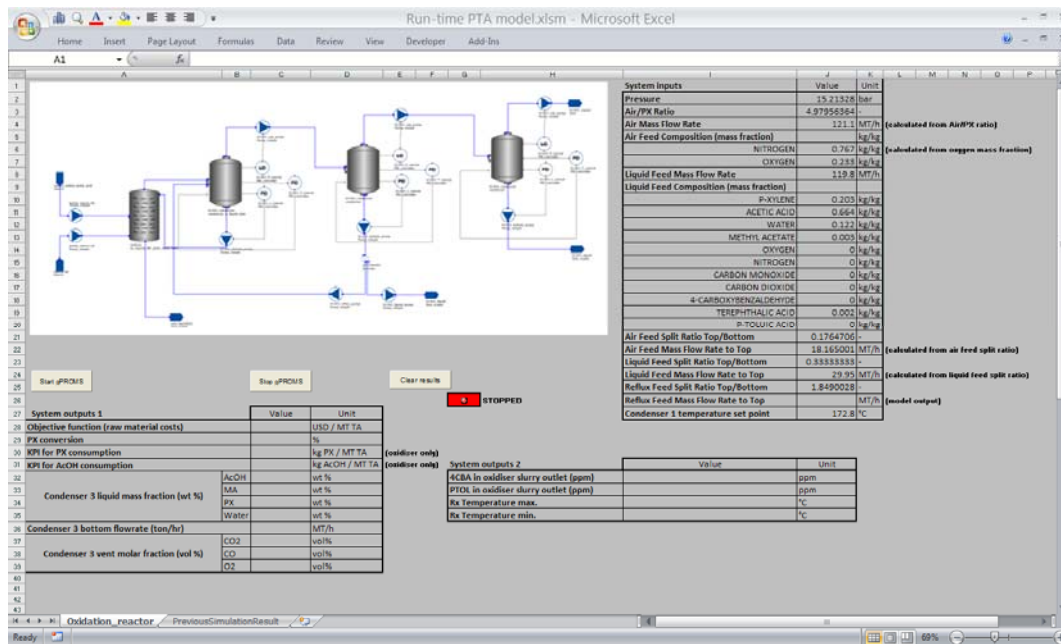


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# Tier-III deployment mechanisms

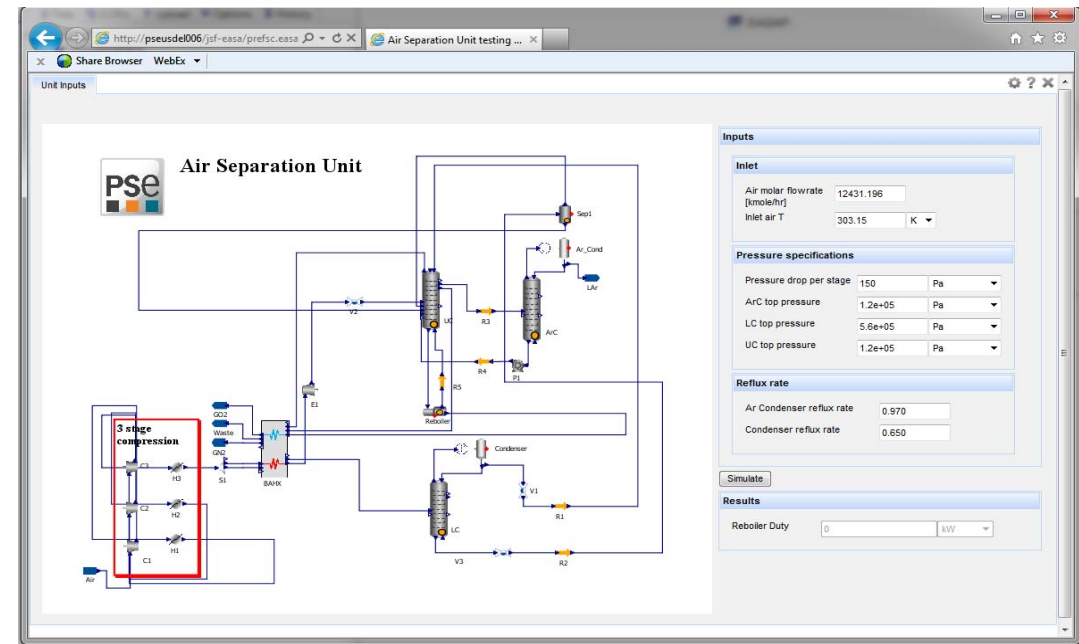


## gO:RUN: Local model deployment



**Optimisation of Purified Terephthalic Acid plants  
(Microsoft Excel®)**

## gO:RUN\_xml: Web-based model deployment

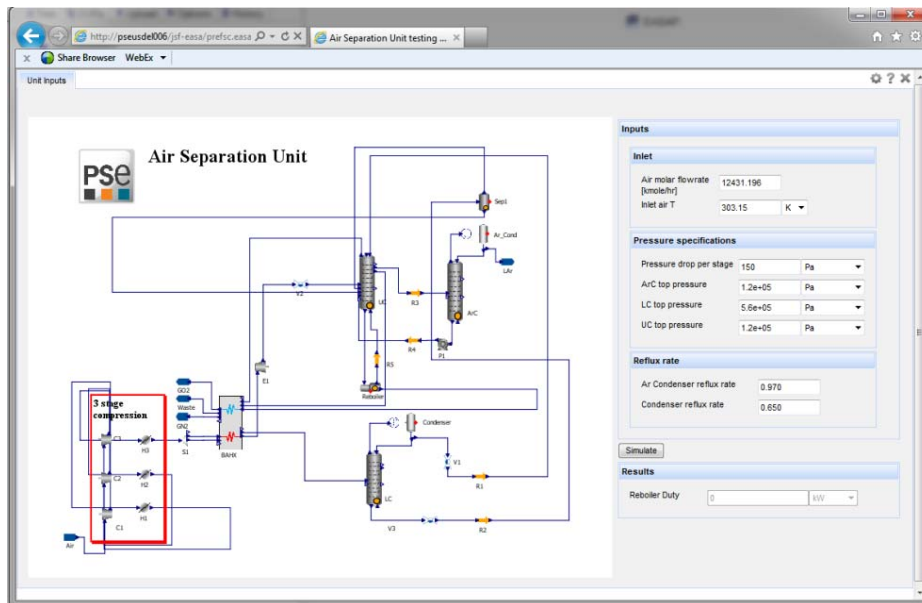


**Simulation of Air Separation Units  
(web browser + EASA®)**

- Controlled model deployment
  - well-defined/restricted sets of model inputs & outputs
  - secure model IP
- Ease of use
  - no knowledge of modelling required

# Tier-III deployment mechanisms

## Web-based model deployment



**web browser**



**EASA®**



**gO:RUN\_xml**

- Users can access models via web browser from anywhere
  - no software installation required
- Centralised model installation, execution, maintenance
  - same model version used across entire organisation
  - efficient use of powerful compute servers
- Full access control & logging
  - on a per-user per-model basis
  - IP protection, significantly lower risk of reverse engineering

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## Tier IV

Models embedded  
in  
online/real-time  
systems

Operations

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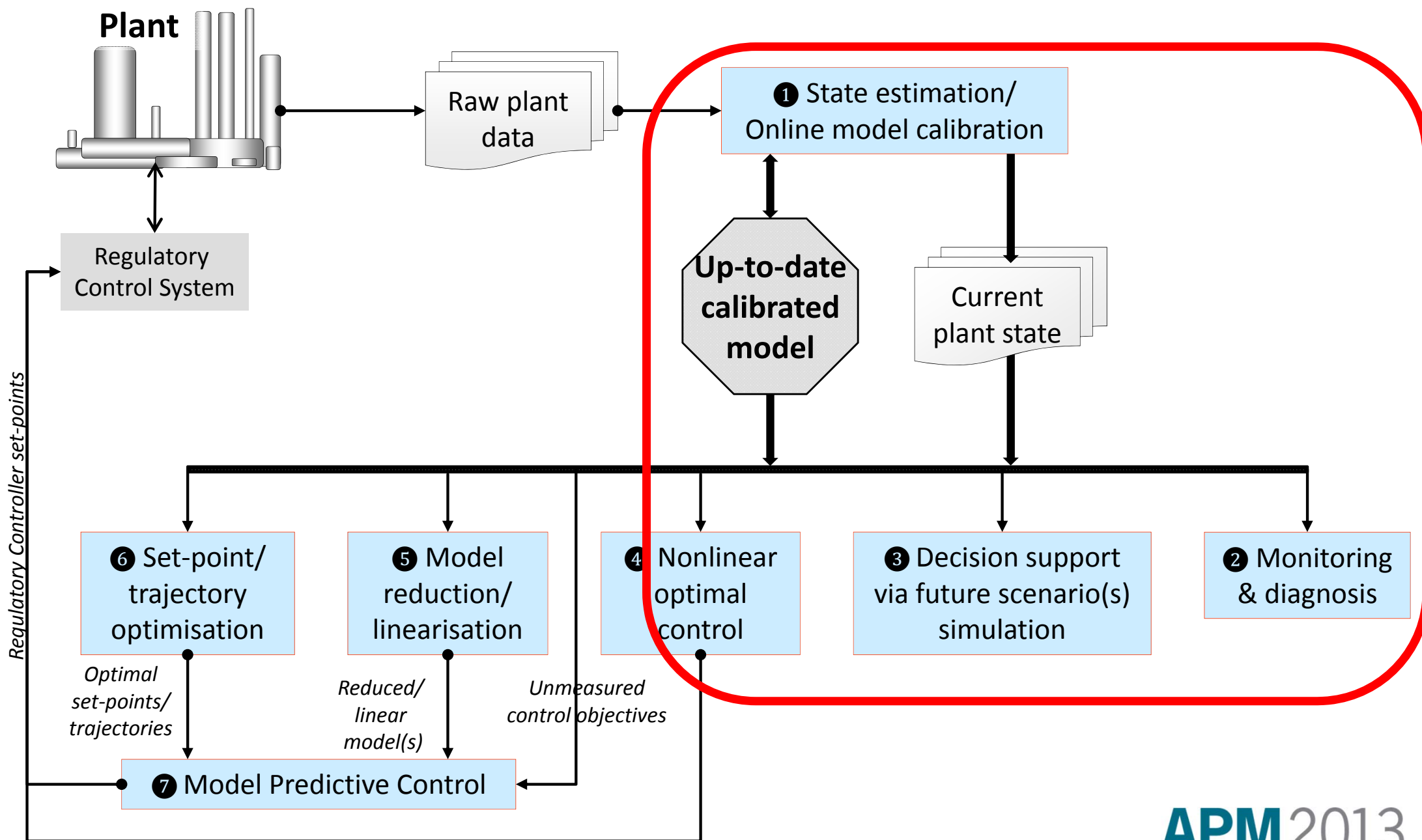
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### Online Model-Based Applications

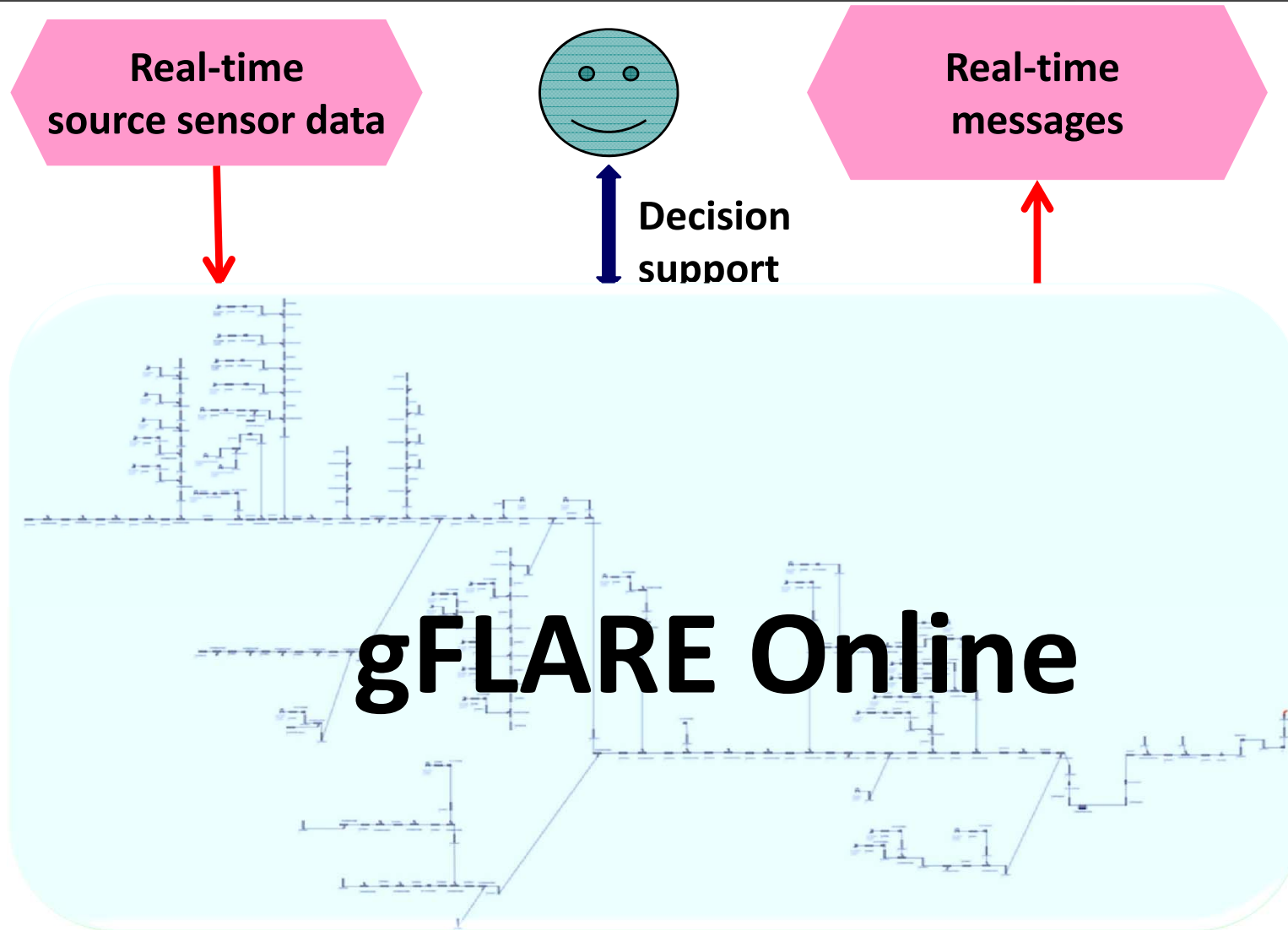
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# Online Model-Based Applications



# Online Model-based Monitoring & Decision Support

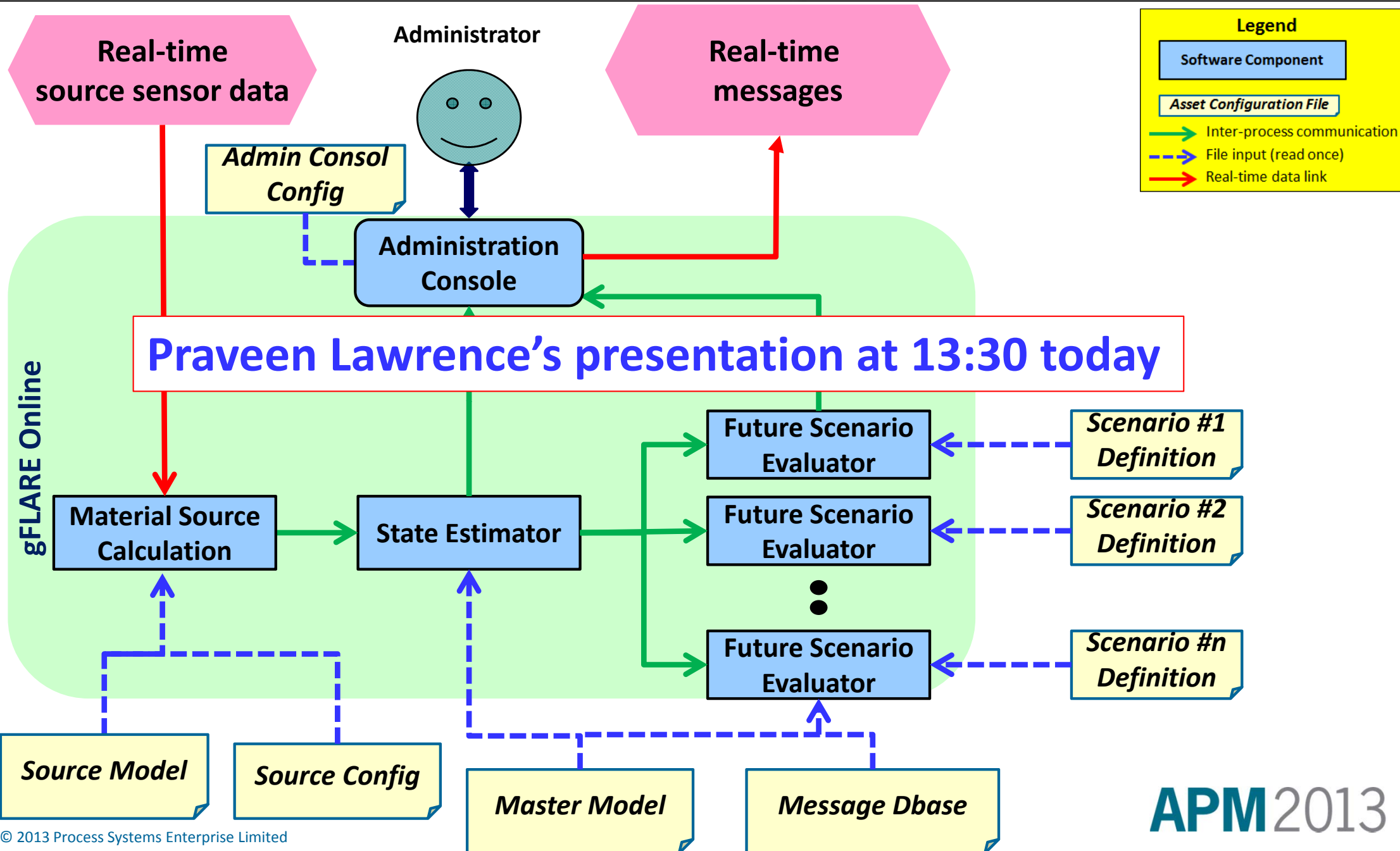
Example: gFLARE Online



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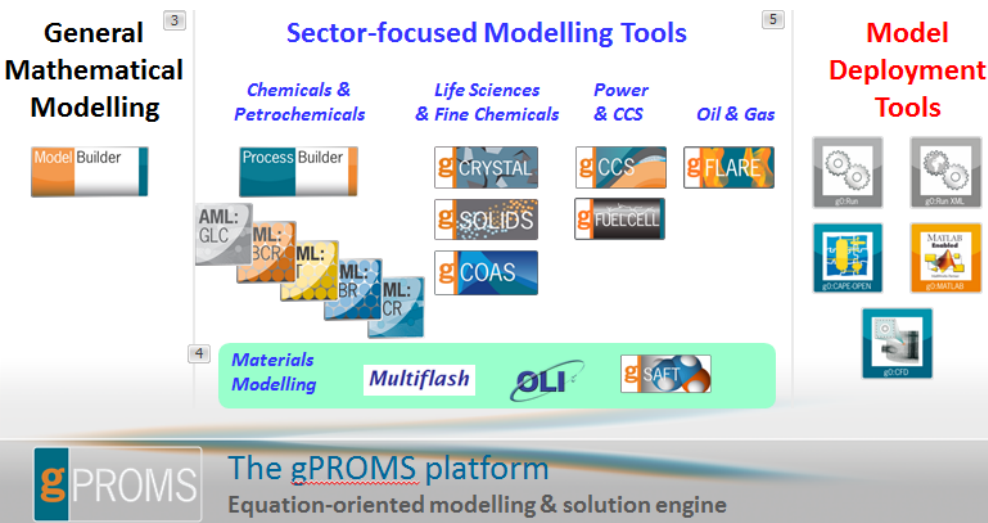
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## gFLARE Online software architecture

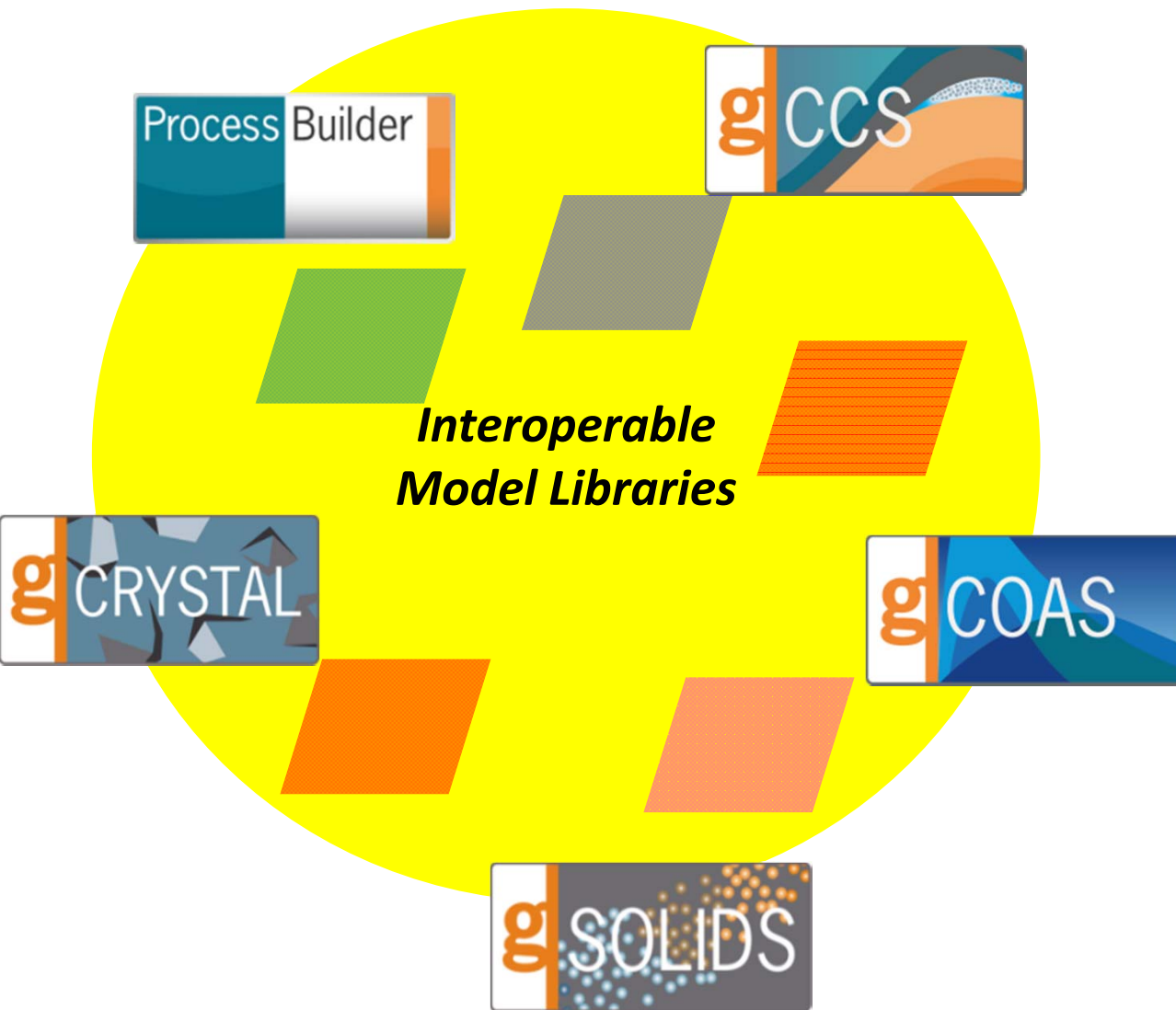


In conclusion...





- Advanced Process Modelling tools
  - power + usability
  - deep process knowledge & understanding
- Effective & consistent deployment of corporate IP across the organisation
- Future proofed by PSE's investment & innovation



- gPRODUCTs can use each other's model libraries
- Model Libraries comply with "PSE Standard" for
  - metrology
  - variable & connection types
  - look & feel in dialogs & reports
  - variable naming conventions
- Flexible licensing
  - standard vs. optional model libraries

Thank you!



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