Integration of Vendor Components in Simulation Environments Using the CAPE-OPEN Standard

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CAPE-OPEN: a technology for integration

- ♦ A freely available industry standard for interfaces between software components making up process simulation tools
- The success of a collaboration between software vendors, end-users and academics
- A proven IT technology implemented in most process simulation tools
- A growing adhesion by process simulation market leaders



Making a visionary idea a reality

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OS-CAPE Developing the concept (2)							
CAPE-OPEN Proving the concept							
Global CAPE-OPEN MS Implementing the technology		T				;	
CO-LaN Maintaining the standard							
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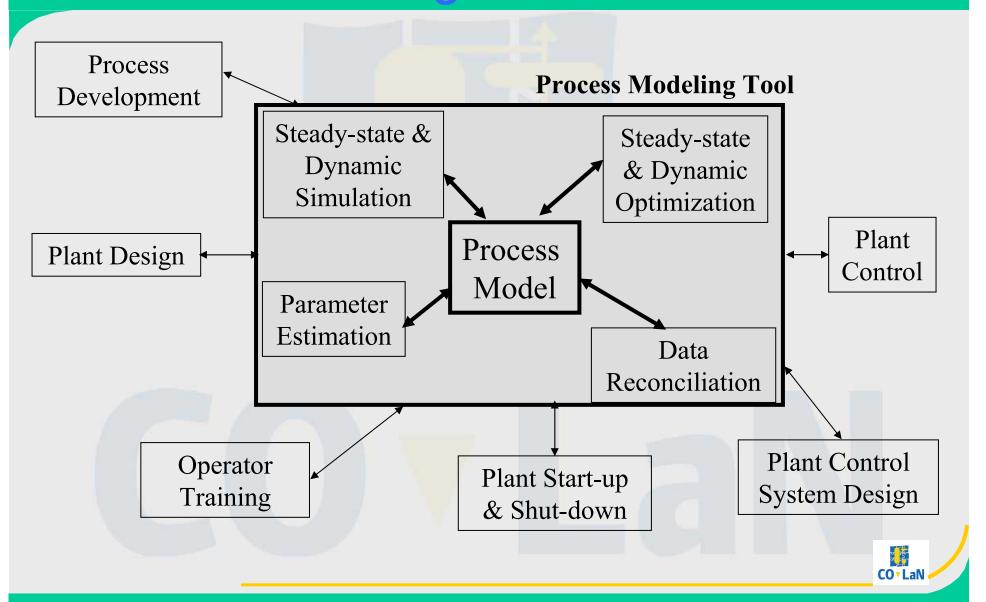


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Process modeling and simulation tools



Process modeling: components & environments

- Process Modeling Components (PMCs)
 - ⇒ Well-defined pieces of software, relatively narrow function
 - ⇒ Wide range of applications
 - Physical properties
 - Unit operation modules
 - Numerical solvers

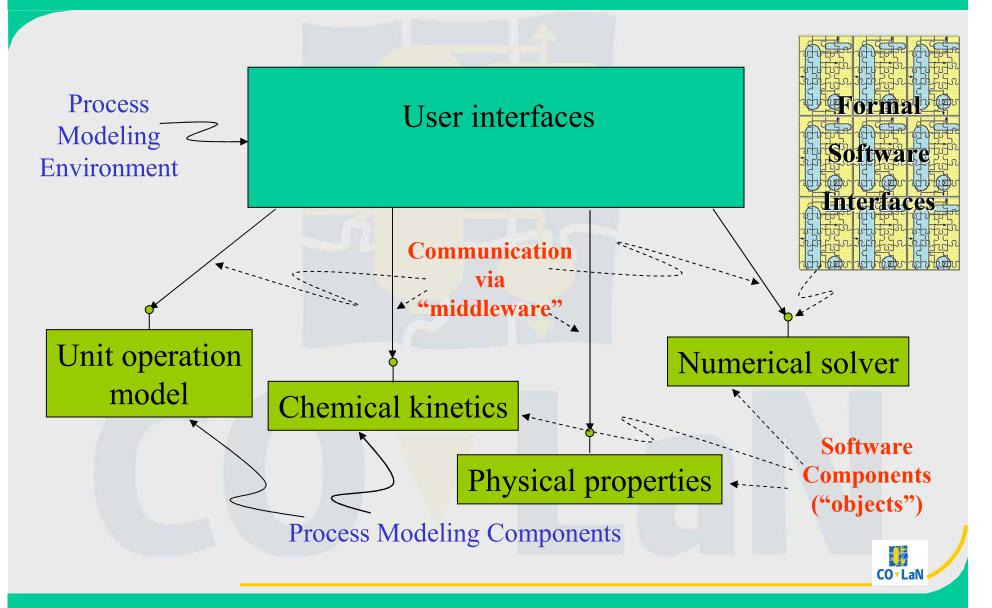


Process modeling: components & environments

- Process Modeling Components (PMCs)
- Process Modeling Environments (PMEs)
 - Support construction of process model
 - From first-principles and/or library of unit operation models
 - Support a number of model-based applications
 - Simulation, optimization, ...
 - **⇒** May make use of one or more PMCs



CAPE-OPEN in between PME & PMCs



CAPE-OPEN Documentation Set

- Abstract CO Interface specification
 - **⇒** Textual requirements
 - ⇒ Use cases
 - **⇒ UML diagrams**
 - ⇒ List of interfaces/methods/arguments
- COM/CORBA implementations
 - ⇒ Interface Definition Language files
 - ⇒ Type library



CO interfaces releases

Other
Services
Planning
& Scheduling
SMST

0.9 (CAPE-OPEN) 0.93 (GCO 2001) 1.0 (GCO 2002)

Numeric
PEDR

Optimization PDAE
MILP, MINLP Solvers
Solvers
LAE, NLAE, DAE

Unit Operations

Unit Operations

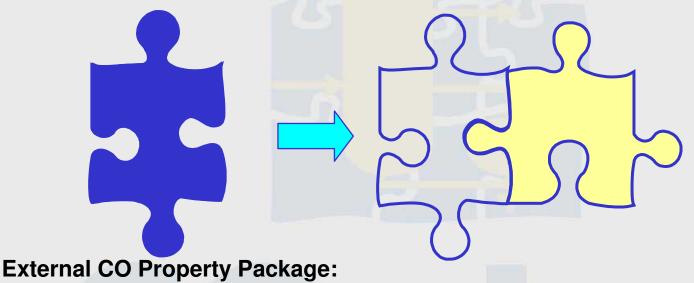
Physical
Properties
Petroleum
Fractions
Thermodynamic and
Physical Properties
Physical Properties
Data Bases

ParametersCollectionsPersistenceCommon InterfacesError HandlingIdentificationUtilitiesTypes and undefined values



CAPE-OPEN Thermodynamic socket

 End-user can plug any CO compliant Property Package into a CO compliant Process Modeling Environment.



(Aspen Property Package (Aspen Properties, PPDS, UniSim COMThermo, Aspen Hysys COMThermo, Simulis Thermodynamics, MultiFlash, CO-SPPTS, ...) CAPE-OPEN PME:
Aspen Plus,
Aspen Hysys,
UniSim Design,
INDISS,
ProSim Plus,
gPROMS,
PRO/II,
COFE,
Xchanger Suite



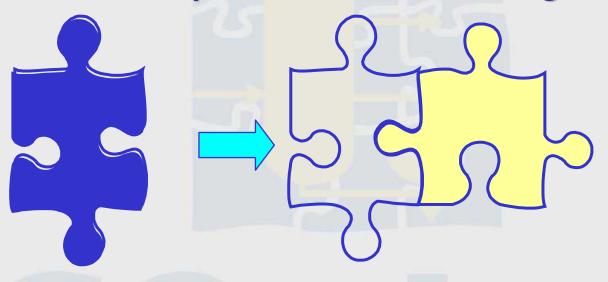
Workflow

- ♦ End-user develops a Property Package in a third-party application (ex. : Aspen Plus, Simulis, etc...).
- End-user saves Property Package (PP) configuration to make PP available as a CAPE-OPEN component.
- End-user opens a PME and selects the external Property Package to be used.
- The PME asks for physical properties and phase equilibrium calculations to the external Property package through CAPE-OPEN interfaces.



CAPE-OPEN Unit Operation socket

 End-user can plug any CO compliant Unit Operation into a CO compliant Process Modeling Environment.

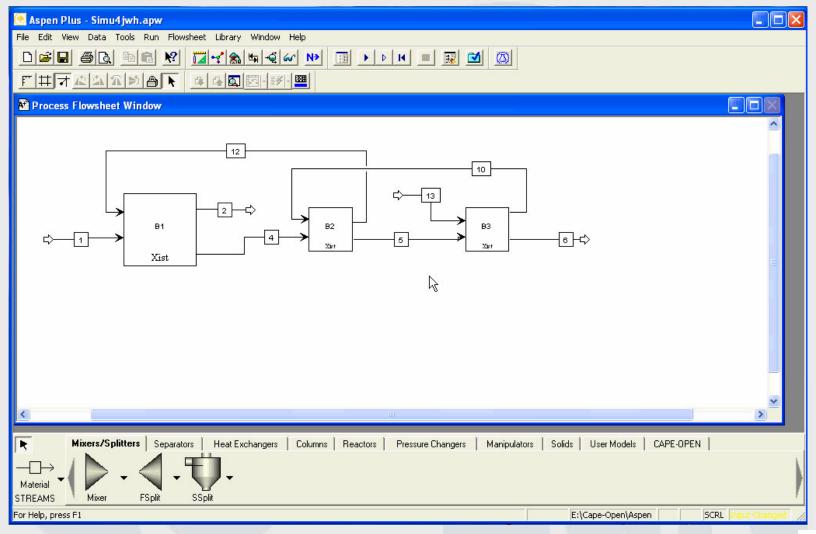


External CO Unit Operations:
 (XChanger Suite,
 Fluent models,
 gO:CAPE-OPEN models,...)

CAPE-OPEN PME:
Aspen Plus,
Aspen Hysys,
UniSim Design,
INDISS,
ProSim Plus,
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COFE



Xist component in Aspen Plus



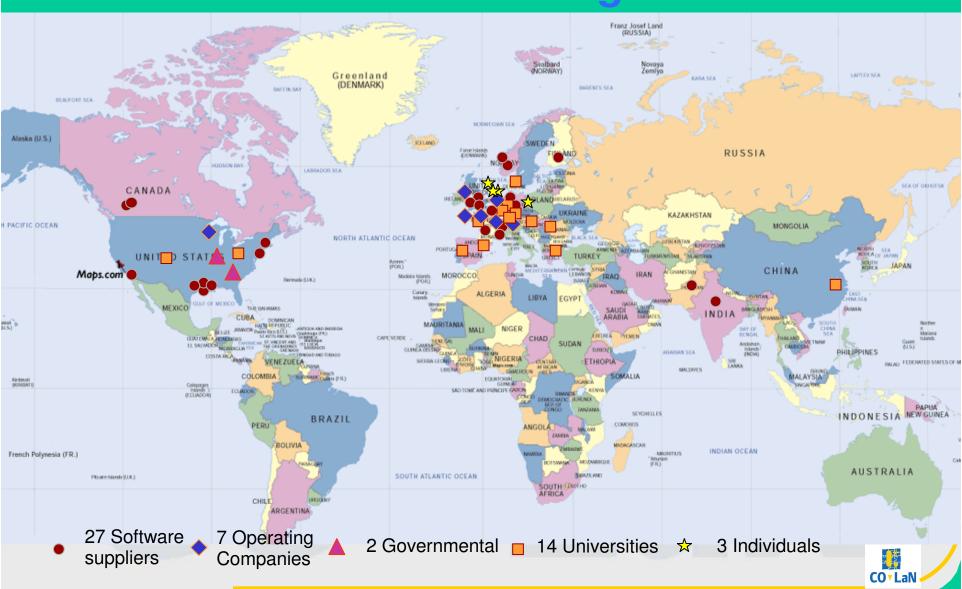
Expanding Process Modeling Capability through Software Interoperability Standards

CO-LaN CAPE-OPEN Laboratories Network

A group of end users taking responsibility for putting resources together to support ongoing work on the standard



53 members as of August 2006



Activities

- Disseminate
 - ⇒ Web site, documents, CO Update Newsletter.
 - ⇒ « CAPE-OPEN Tour » days.
- Develop independent testers and support tools
 - ⇒ CO-LaN Tester suite, wizards, logger.
- Facilitate interoperability
 - ⇒ Use software made available in any combination.
 - Sponsor consultancy by CAPE-OPEN experts.
- Organize targeted Special Interest Groups on standards
 - ⇒ Trigger projects.
 - Open to all members.



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Thank you!

