

ProMoVis: A Software Environment for Control Structure Selection in Interconnected Processes.

ProMoVis is available as open source and is designed for use in industry and academia.

Background:

- > Industry processes consist of a large number of interconnected variables.
- > Control loops have to be closed between sensors and actuators to achieve a desired performance.
- > Interactions between control loops result in oscillations and loss of performance.
- > Simpler control structures derive in less design and maintenance efforts.

Problem Formulation:

> Find the simplest control structure which can yield a satisfactory performance.

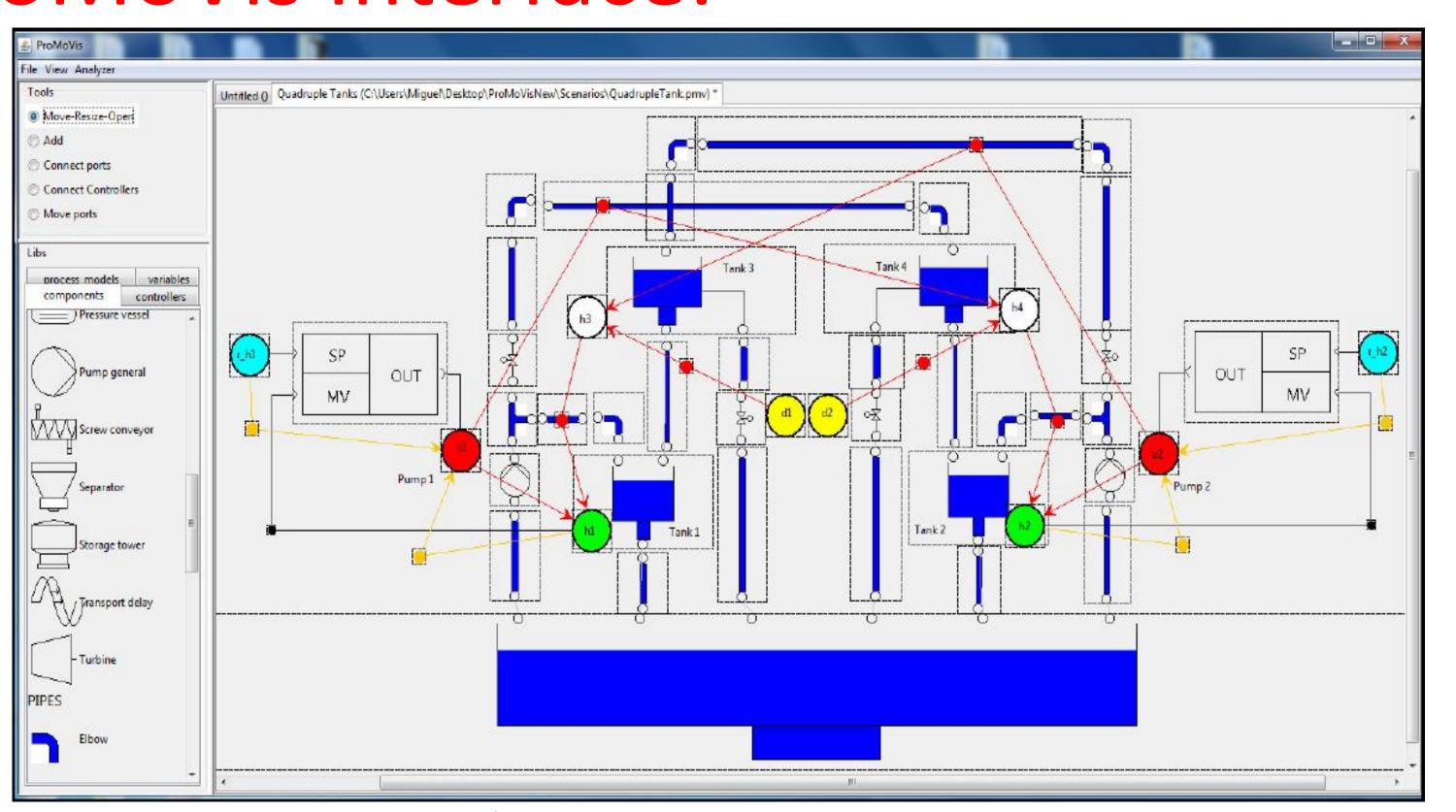
Solution:

> Identify which dynamic connections between sensors and actuators are important for improving the process performance, and use them to derive the structure of the controller [1].

Technology transfer:

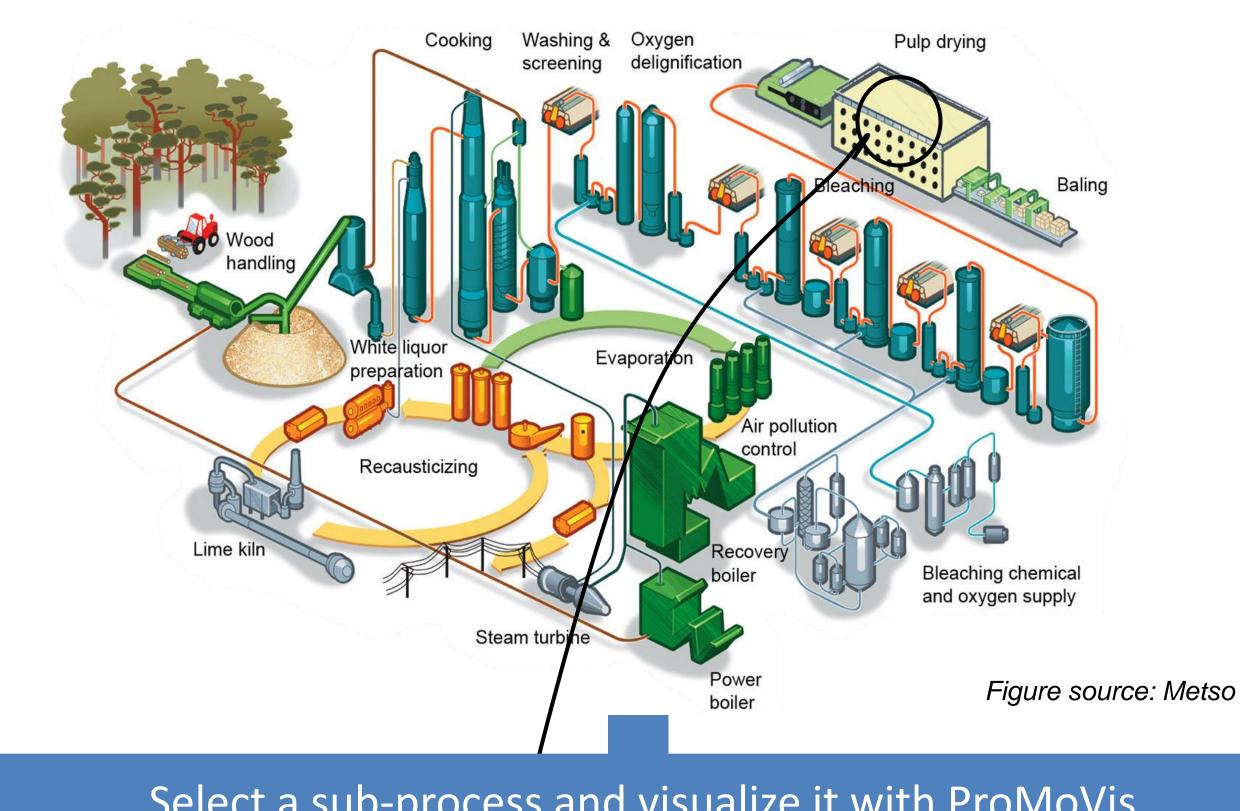
- > Delivering solutions in the shape of a software tool, allows direct use in industry of state of the art research.
- > ProMoVis can be used as a platform to implement other analysis/design methods for complex processes.

ProMoVis Interface:

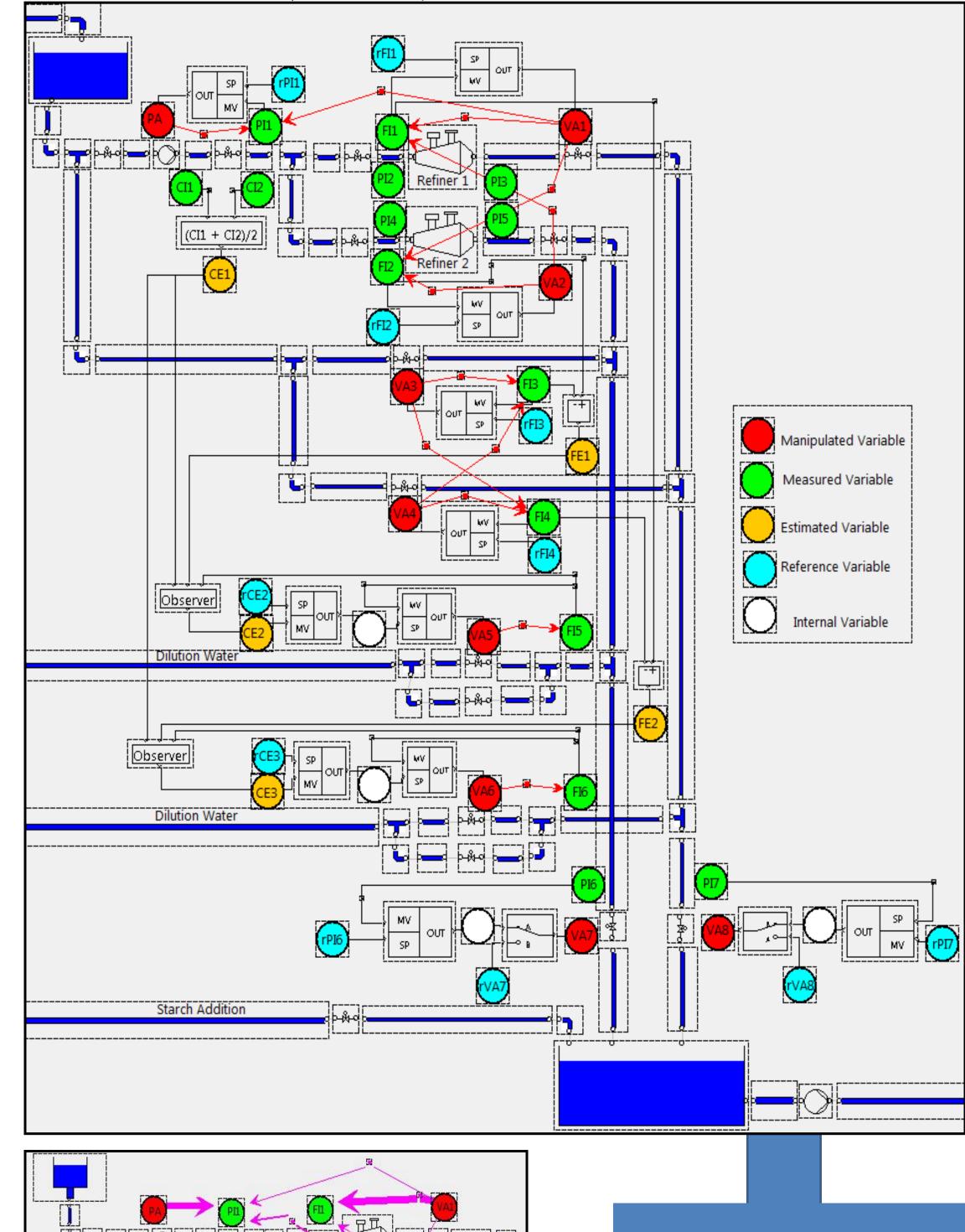


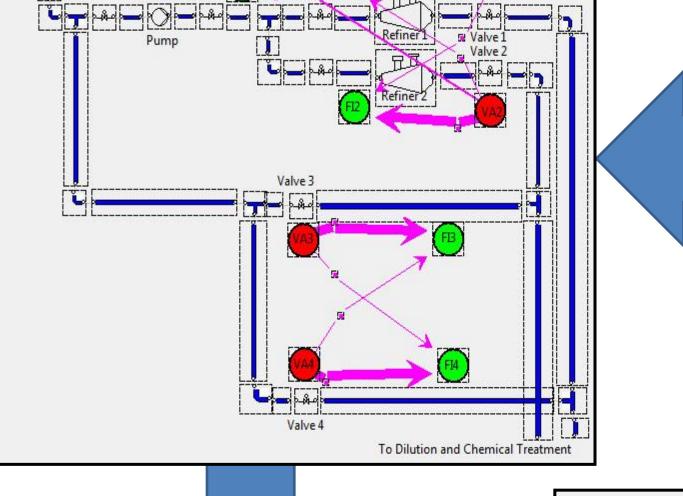
Available as open source:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/promovis-



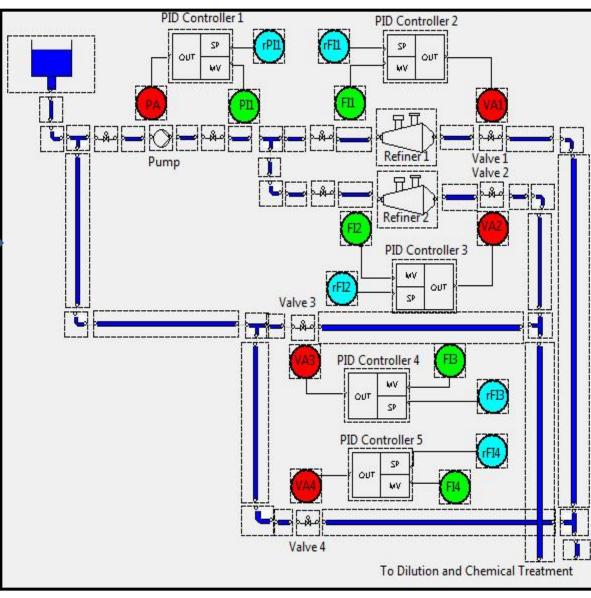
Select a sub-process and visualize it with ProMoVis Visualization = process contruction + process models + control system





Select a subset of actuators and controlled variables and analyze the strengt of the resulting interconnections

Select a control structure which uses the most important interconnections



[1] M. Castaño, W. Birk, New methods for interaction analysis of complex processes using weighted graphs, IFAC J. Process Control (2011).

ProMoVis is the product of joint work involving University, process industry and consultants in control systems.



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