EFCE Working Party on Process Intensification
AGENDA
1. Opening/amendments to the agenda
2. Introduction of new Delegates and Guest Members
3. Minutes of the previous Business Meeting (Copenhagen, 18-09-2008)
4. Looking back on the developments in the past year
   • EPIC 2007
   • Other events
   • European Roadmap and Action Plan for Process Intensification
   • European Process Intensification Center (EUROPIC)
   • Other initiatives (Process Technology Innovation Group)
5. EPIC 2009 – preparation status
6. First year of “Chemical Engineering and Processing: Process Intensification”
7. Current status and prospects of Process Intensification in FP7
8. Teaching Process Intensification
9. Working Party’s website and technology database
10. Collaboration with other Working Parties
11. Date and place of the next business meeting
12. Any other business
Some statistics:

- 51 papers grouped in 5 thematic clusters:
  - Intensified Hydrodynamics & Structured Environments
  - Alternative Energy Forms & Transfer Mechanisms
  - Multifunctionality
  - Intensified Plants & Process Integration
  - New Concepts
- 45 posters
- 28 countries
- selected papers published in the inaugural issue of *Chemical Engineering & Processing: Process Intensification*
- considerable number of industrial papers
Roadmapping Process Intensification
A regional initiative with European Dimension
• Initiated by 6 ministries including the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Ministry of Housing, Land-Use Planning and Environmental Management (VROM), to drastically cut energy consumption by 2030

• Process Intensification identified as possible “transition path”

• European Roadmap of Process Intensification started in collaboration with EFCE, DECHEMA/VDI and other national organizations

• EUROPIN will set the R&D agenda in PI for the coming years;

• **Goal: establishing of PPP in the field of PI;**
Stakeholders
Small/large industry, knowledge infrastructure, representative bodies and government are all represented in the Action Group PI

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Facts and Figures is the technology input for the roadmap

- 73 technologies identified
- 47 technologies described in "technology reports"
- Experts from 13 countries involved

CONTENT OF TECHNOLOGY REPORT

1. Technology
   1.1 Description of technology / working principle
   1.2 Types and "versions"
   1.3 Potency for Process Intensification: possible benefits
   1.4 Stage of development

2. Applications
   2.1 Existing technology (currently used)
   2.2 Known commercial applications
   2.3 Known demonstration projects
   2.4 Potential applications discussed in literature

3. What are the development and application issues?
   3.1 Technology development issues
   3.2 Challenges in developing processes based on the technology

4. Where can information be found?
   4.1 Key publications
   4.2 Relevant patents and patent holders
   4.3 Institutes/companies working on the technology

5. Stakeholders
   5.1 Suppliers/developers
   5.2 End-users

6. Expert’s brief final judgment on the technology
The potential benefits from PI for each industry sector are significant

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| INFOOD           | • higher energy efficiency in water removal  
                  • lower cost through PI along the value chain | 25% (5-10 years) | 75% (10-15 years) |
| CONFOOD          | higher energy efficiency:  
                  • in preservation process  
                  • through capacity increase  
                  • through batch → continuous | 10-15% (10 years) | 30-40% (40 years) |

Source: Sector PI Roadmaps
Several barriers for the implementation of PI are common among the different sectors

Common barriers for the implementation of PI

- **Technical / equipment**
  - Several PI technologies have high potential, but require further fundamental research
  - Several PI technologies have been implemented in a limited number of plants, but have a much wider application potential
  - Reliability demands (non proven technology)
  - Limited pilot possibilities
  - Retrofitting PI technologies in current plants difficult

- **Economic**
  - Insufficient pay-back on new process technology
  - Suppliers for industrial applications are lacking – most novel equipment is only suitable for product development

- **Culture / organization**
  - Lack of PI knowledge and know how among industry process technologists
  - Lack of chain vision
  - IP issues for co-operation during R&D/development

Source: Sector working sessions, October / November 2007
• Document published end 2007
pdf available via the WP PI website
• Phase 2
The Action Plan PI will consist of a research program, a piloting & demonstration facility and knowledge & technology transfer

Activities of the Action Plan PI ¹)

1) Research program
   • Aims to develop and implement promising PI technologies

2) Piloting & demonstration facility
   • Will enable piloting and demonstration of promising PI technologies on a semi-industrial scale
   • Will conform feasibility, scale-up processes and develop integrated design/layout

3) Knowledge & technology transfer
   • Collect knowledge and know-how about PI R&D and implementation world-wide
   • Disseminate knowledge and know-how through seminars, training, coaching - continuation of "Quick Scans", and start of "Full Scans"
   • Activities to be executed by PIN-NL and EUROPIC

Total funding required for 5 year Action Plan

¹) Overhead has been allocated to the research program for simplification
The research program is organized into 11 program lines – PI thrust areas, PI enabling technologies and PI special themes

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- High relevance
- No relevance
The Action Plan PI will set-up a facility to enable piloting & demonstration of promising PI technologies on a semi-industrial scale.

**ILLUSTRATIVE**

- **Facility**
  - Infrastructure and staff made available by knowledge institute as in-kind contribution
- **Tailored infrastructure**
  - Investment in PI specific infrastructure by Action Plan PI
- **PI pilot equipment**
  - The novel PI pilot equipment that is developed and funded by the program lines or by individual companies will be tested in the pilot facility.
Knowledge & technology transfer aims to support and accelerate the application of existing PI knowledge and technologies.

Collect knowledge and know-how about PI R&D and implementation worldwide (i.e. continue to build on "Facts and Figures")

Disseminate knowledge and know-how through:
- Seminars
- Training
- Coaching
- Quick scans & full scans
For a modest fee EUROPIC offers a variety of professional services to its members

• EUROPIC is a NON-PROFIT industrial platform based on annual membership fee (15,000 euro/a).

• Center management and administration is financed by 3 founding universities

EUROPIC offers, among other things:

• information services, including:
  • regular Trend Analysis Reports on developments and applications
  • Position Papers on specific PI-technologies
  • updated information on relevant literature

• shared and contract research based on involvement of best expertise centers worldwide, including preparation and management of FP7 projects

• consultancy by world top experts on one-to-one basis

• information on and access to PI-technology providers worldwide

• tailored trainings and courses (also on-site)

• expert assessment of PI-opportunities in members’ production facilities
EUROPIC has a professional Management Team and two-level consultation structure

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**STRATEGIC BOARD**
(key companies at executive management level)

**MEMBERS ASSEMBLY**
(all member companies at senior technologist level)
Strategic Board of EUROPIC is currently being formed

- Shell, Akzo Nobel, DSM, BASF, Evonik, Bayer, Rhodia, Sanofi-Aventis and Blue Star Silicones invited to participate
- First plenary meeting of EUROPIC Board in Rotterdam on 18-19 September 2008
Welcome to GPE-EPIC congress

Venice ● Italy ● 14-17 June 2009
SCOPE

With the first edition of the EPIC 2007 (European Process Intensification Conference), EFCE (European Federation of Chemical Engineering) Working Party on Process Intensification (PI) has launched a new series of biannual European conferences focused on Process Intensification (PI). "Process Intensification provides radically innovative principles in process and equipment design which can benefit process and chain efficiency, capital and operating expenses, quality, wastes, process safety and more" (from the study "European Roadmap for Process Intensification", 2008).

PI is a new approach to process and plant design that greatly contributes to increase the economic and environmental sustainability through resources minimization (energy and feedstock), improved environmental and safety performance.

EPIC 2009 represents a great opportunity for the participants (scientists, researchers, practitioners, and technology providers) to discuss and share experiences on the current-status of the field, the latest developments, and the future needs. The conference focuses primarily on illustrating and discussing how the interactions among phenomena, equipments, and operations can contribute to enhance the processing performance efficiency. Contributions discussing innovative concepts and ideas, application-oriented technologies, and interdisciplinary research are welcome.

EPIC 2009 will be jointly organized with GPE 2009 because the two conference objectives integrate themselves. While GPE mainly focuses on the processes and technologies that provide the tools for "green chemistry", EPIC tackles the methodologies and technologies that result in improved sustainability, efficiency and environmental performance.

Coordinators
G.P. Celata (ENEA, IT) and A. Servida (University of Genoa, IT).
TOPICS

The conference program will be constituted of invited keynote lectures, oral and poster contributions embracing the entire area of PI:

Structured technologies

- Non-reactive (e.g., structured internals for mass transfer operations, static mixers);
- Structured catalyst-based reactors (e.g., catalytic foam reactors, monolith reactors);
- Microreactors (including micromixers);
- Membrane reactors (non-selective);
- Static mixer-reactors.

Hybrid technologies

- Multifunctional separations (e.g., reactive distillation, adsorptive distillation, membrane hybrid systems);
- Multifunctional reactors (e.g., membrane selective reactors, reactive adsorption, reactive condensation, reactive crystallization/precipitation).

Energy transfer

- Rotating (e.g., HiGee devices, spinning disk reactors);
- Impulse (e.g., pulsed pressure reactors, sonochemical reactors, ultrasound enhanced crystallization);
- Electromagnetic (e.g., microwave enhanced operations, photochemical reactors).

Dynamic operations

- Periodic operations of reactors;
- Reverse flow reactors;
- Pulsing operations of reactors.

Enabling technologies

- Process Analytical Technologies (PAT);
- Process modeling;
- Process control.

PI education in chemical engineering
TIME TABLE

10 September 2008  Deadline for receipt of abstracts
30 September 2008  Notification to authors
                  Scientific program and conferences
December 2008     Deadline for receipt of full texts
                  and early registration on website
February 2009     Notification of acceptance
April 2009        Deadline for receipt of final manuscripts
                  and deadline for registration

Selected papers will be submitted for publication in the International Journal of Chemical Reactor Engineering (GPE), or in the International Journal Chemical Engineering and Processing: Process Intensification (EPIC)
EPIC 2009 – other information

• Venue: Venice, Dorsodurro - Quartiere Santa Maria – Buildings belonging to Ca’Foscari University and to Architecture University
• Dinner/Welcome cocktail: Ca’Foscari University Head Office, (Venetian palace close to “Canal Grande”)
• Accommodation at conference location: Instituto Canossiano (ca. 60 euro/night incl. breakfast)
• Official event of EFCE (event number 678)
First year of “Chemical Engineering and Processing: Process Intensification”

- Impact factor 1.156 (2007) – stable
- 246 articles published in 2007
- Rejection rate: 59%
- EPIC papers and several invited PI-reviews published
- Further focus on PI needed.
- How to attract more PI-contributions?
Reaction and Process Design

- Synthetic concepts
- Biotechnological processing
- In-silico techniques
- Product development
- Process development
- Plant development and operation
- Product handling, logistics
- Catalytic transformations
- Process intensification
- Purification & formulation

A European Technology Platform for Sustainable Chemistry
PI in FP7 – 2nd Call, Theme NMP

- Large collaborative project initiated by Bayer Technology Services

Point of concern: no PI-related topics in the 3rd Call
New M.Sc. International PI Course developed in collaboration between Delft University of Technology and University of Leuven.

Concept based on new fundamental approach to PI:

- **Structure**
  - Spatial domain

- **Energy**
  - Thermodynamic domain

- **Synergy**
  - Functional domain

- **Time**
  - Temporal domain

- Case study projects included