

Design of Cryogenic Systems for Advanced Power Plants using **Simultaneous Heat Integration** and **Process Optimization**

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Develop framework for full oxycombustion power plant optimization

- Estimate cost of electricity with carbon capture
- Balance trade-offs between systems

Oxycombustion Power Plant

- 1. Air Separation Unit
- 2. Boiler
- 3. Steam Turbines
- 4. Pollution Controls
- 5. CO₂ Compression Train







- 1. Framework for **Equation Oriented** Flowsheet Optimization
 - Embedded pinch heat integration
- Case Study: Air Separation Unit
 Multistream heat exchanger design
- 3. Driving Force Calculations
 - Extension of pinch methods
- 4. Case Study: CO₂ Process Unit





Framework for EO Flowsheet Optimization



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Two mathematical programming approaches for <u>Heat Exchanger Network Synthesis</u>:

- 1. Sequential. LP → MILP → NLP Papoulias, S. A., & Grossmann, I. E. (1983)
- 2. Simultaneous. MINLP

Yee, T. F., Grossmann, I. E., & Kravanja, Z. (1990)

Assumption: fixed flowrates and temperatures







Hohmann, E.C. (1971). *Optimum Networks for Heat Exchangers*. PhD Thesis, University of So. Cal. Linnhoff, B. (1993). Pinch analysis – A state-of-the-art overview. *Trans. IChemE.*, **71**(*A*), 503.



Pinch Based Heat Integration



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Duran-Grossmann Formulation

Pinch candidates

Available heating and cooling above pinch

Utility calculations

Flowsheet Optimization Heat Integration



Duran, M. A., & Grossmann, I. E. (1986). Simultaneous optimization and heat integration of chemical processes. *AIChE Journal*, *3*2(1), 123–138.



Comments on DG

1. Algebraic form of the pinch method

2. Temperature intervals and stream ordering not assumed *a prior*

3. Discrete decisions (ordering) accommodated with smoothed max

$$\widetilde{\max}(x) \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} x + \sqrt{x^2 + \varepsilon^2} \approx \max(x, 0)$$

Heat Exchanger Decomposition Mellor



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ASU Superstructure



 <u>Many</u> different column configurations realizable

 NLP optimizer selects the best configuration



Optimization Formulation

min

ASU Compression Energy (kWh / kg O₂ product)

s.t. Flowsheet Superstructure Peng-Robinson Thermodynamics Unit Operation Models Distillation Model **Heat Integration** O_2 product purity $\geq 95 \text{ mol}\%$ *Complementarity Constraints* (thermo, etc.)

Note: **Upper and lower bounds not shown above** are considered for many variables including stream/equipment temperatures and pressures. ¹⁴

Implementation Details

- Non-convex problem
 16,000 variables & constraints
- Penalty formulation for complementarity constraints
- Automated initialization
 - Simple \rightarrow complex models
 - Custom multistart procedure
- Solved using CONOPT3 in GAMS
 - 16 CPU minutes average for single initial point



Heat Integration Results



Tight heat integration with multiple pinch points

Heat Integration Sensitivity





O₂ Purity Sensitivity





HEN Costs

	Fixed Stream Data	Utility Costs	Area Costs	Number of Exchangers
Sequential HENS (LP \rightarrow MILP \rightarrow NLP)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Simultaneous HENS (MINLP)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Duran-Grossmann Formulation (NLP)	Yes	Yes	No	No

Goal: Add area costs to the Duran-Grossmann formulation. 19





Previous Work: Gomez et al



Figure 5.4 of J. A. Gomez Giammattei (1994, PhD thesis)

Comments:

- Internally constructs grand composite curves
- Capital costs using Linnhoff and Ahmad's (1990) method

Properties:

- Implementation requires loops and logical statements
- Non-differentiable optimization problem?



Formulation Specifications

- 1. Express as algebraic equations
 - Enables calculation of exact derivatives
- 2. Temperature intervals and pinch temperature orderings not known *a priori*
- 3. Approximate area costs sufficiently for cost of electricity minimization







Ah Calculation

$$\widetilde{\max}(x) \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} x + \sqrt{x^2 + \varepsilon^2} \approx \max(x, 0)$$

$$Q^{Ah}(T^*) = \sum_{i \in \{Hot\}} FCp_i[\overset{\sim}{\max}(T^{in}_i - T^*) - \overset{\sim}{\max}(T^{out}_i - T^*)]$$
$$Q^{Ah}_i(T^*)$$

For hot streams
$$i, T_i^{in} > T_i^{out}$$





(stream i is **split** by T^*)



(stream i is completely below T^*) 24



Driving Force Calculation



Chen, J. J. J. (1987). Comments on improvements on a replacement for the logarithmic mean. *Chem. Eng. Sci.*, 42(10) 2488 – 2489.

Case Study: CO₂ Processing Unit



Based on two-flash system from Fu, C. & Gundersen, T. (2012). Int. J. of Green. Gas Control, 9, 419-727. 26







Comparison of Extremes





Preliminary CPU Timings

Considered 256 runs using multi-start procedure, Area Cost = 10⁻³

	Average CPU Time	Frequency of "Good" Solutions
Without Area Calculation	105.0 s	99
With Area Calculation	185.7 s	75

Future Work

- Refine initialization procedure especially early NLPs
- Additional model refinements
 - Heat exchanger decompositions
 - > Incorporate correlations for U and ΔP



Integration Opportunities



ASU & CPU

- Use refrigeration from the ASU to liquefy CO₂
- Less energy required to pump CO₂
- Feasibility depends on capital costs



Waste Heat from <u>Compression</u>

- Integrate waste heat from compressors into steam cycle
- Solution strongly sensitive to capital costs



Conclusions

- Embedded area estimates in simultaneous heat integration and flowsheet optimization problems
 - Variable stream data = add'n degrees of freedom
 - Does not require order of pinch candidates a priori
- Considered two cases studies with multistream heat exchangers
 - Air Separation Unit
 - CO₂ Processing Unit





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Initialization Procedure





Sensitivity to Area Cost



Area Cost





Cooling from Waste N₂ (ASU)