

In the framework of

- **Globalization** of markets,
- **Sustainability**
  - **Environmental** protection,
  - **Green** Products “**first on the market**” with the “**desired end-use property**”,
  - ...
  - **challenging demands for new sustainable processes and technologies**

## What kind of Modern “green” “sustainable” Chemical Engineering for the design of the “Factory of Future”

(How to transform molecules into money)  
(Towards a plant in a shoe box or a banana container?)

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**A Strong message:**

**Green Chemistry** needs process extension to **Green Engineering** to cover multiscale issues beyond molecular-scale reaction: purification, heat integration, Verbund, ...to consider full-chain chemical manufacturing: "from cradle to the grave ..."

**Green Process Engineering (GPE) is more than Engineering Green Chemistry**

The aim of Green Process Engineering is

*to appropriately and successfully bring a green product to market and ensure that it is done in sustainable fashion*

This requires **the multiscale length and time approach** of the couple « **green product/green process** » aiming and

targetting **process intensification**

As it was presented with the content of GPE4: Indeed

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  - **the non-sustainable mankind**

- What are we waiting from chemical and process engineering and WHY?  
(**product with required end-use properties first on the market, sustainable clean product and process design,...**)

The answer:

- The today chemical and process engineering approach:

Did you say "**The triplet molecular Process-Product-Processes Engineering (3PE)**"

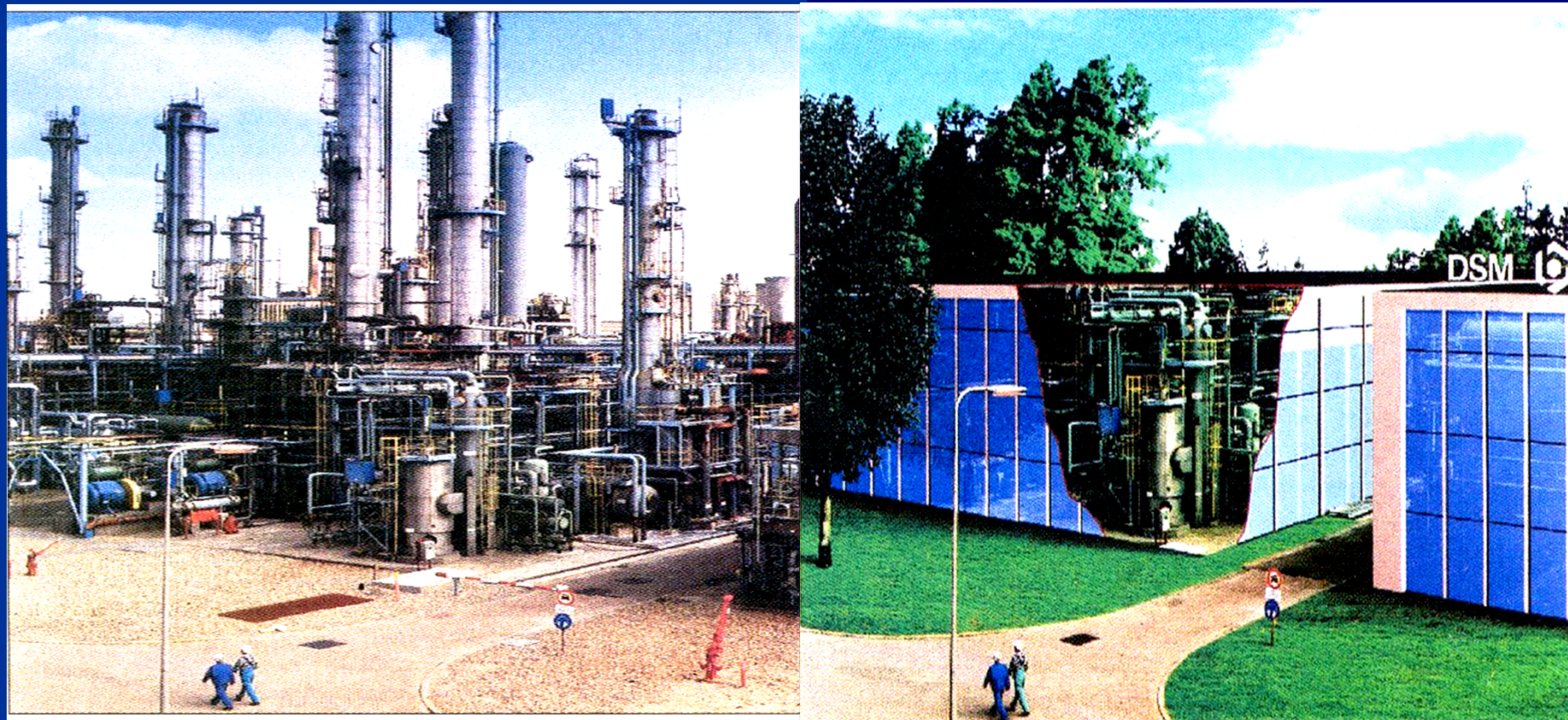
- Chemical Engineering: QUO VAMUS ?

**With the multidisciplinary and multiscale integrated approach for a necessary key-technology serving a great number of mankind needs,**

i.e. (**towards a green process engineering** thanks to process intensification **for the factory of future**)  
but how?

4 proposed tracks

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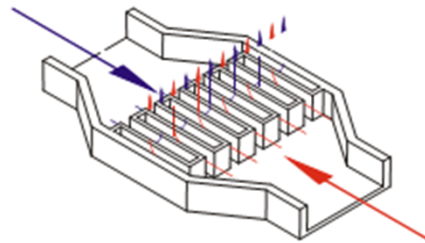
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**4 proposed tracks**

## MIXING PRINCIPLES AND CORRESPONDING IMM MICROMIXERS

### Lamination for hydrodynamic or shear decay



#### Interdigital Micromixers

SIMM-V2  
SSIMM

...

### Bas-relief induced recirculation flow

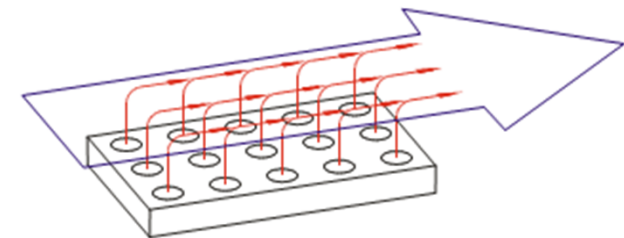


#### Caterpillar Micromixers

CPMM-R300-V1.2, CPMM-R600-V1.2  
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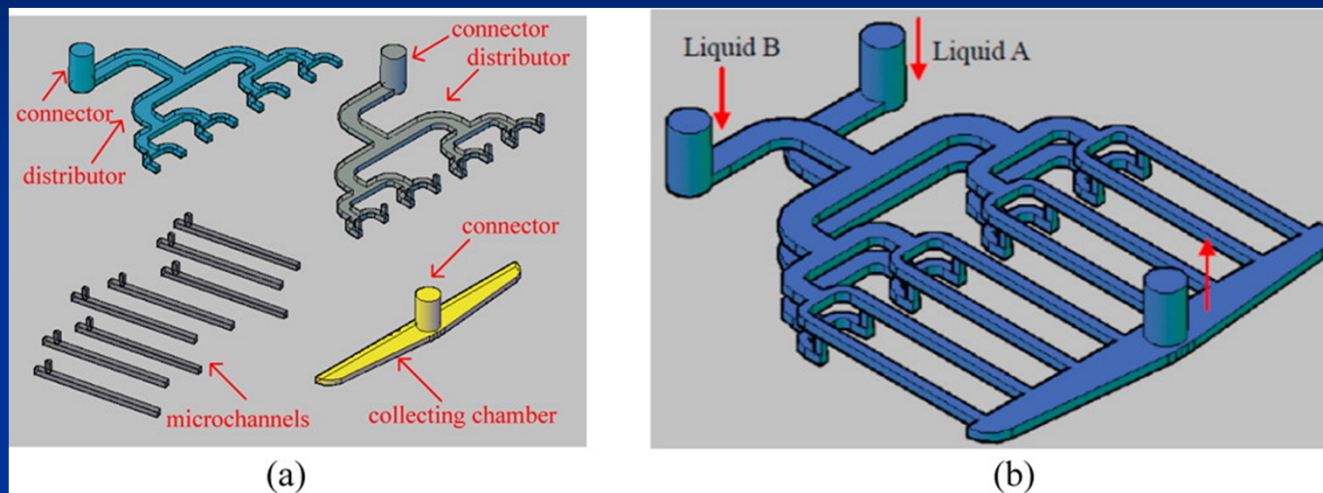
### Injection in turbulent flow



#### Star Laminator Micromixers

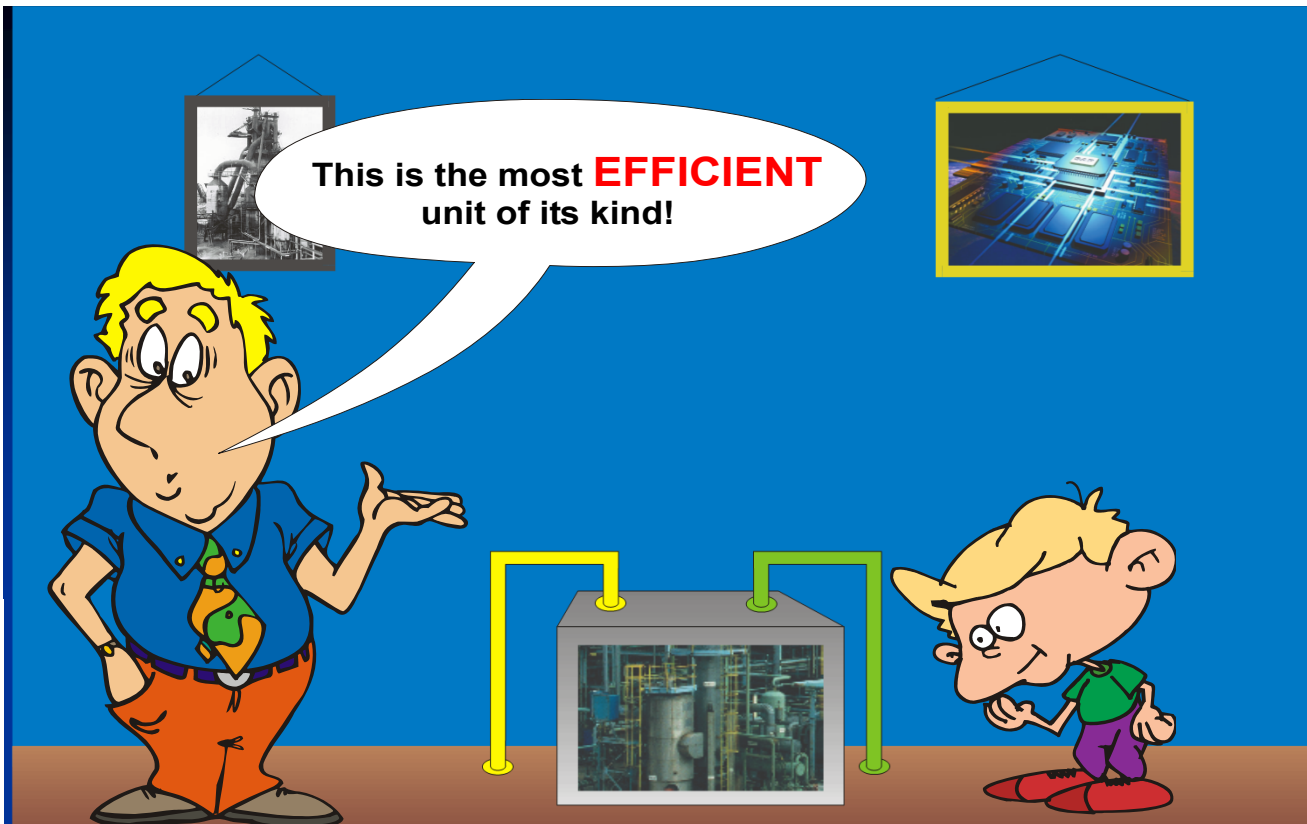
StarLam 15

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Multichannel micromixer design: components (a), assembly (b).

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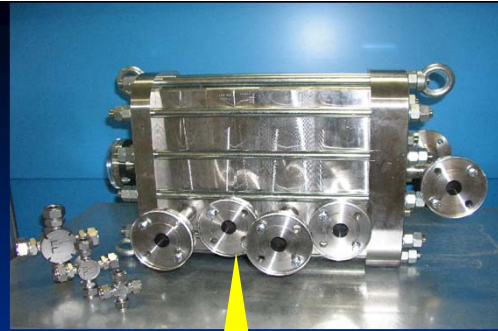


**Process Intensification:**  
towards a  
**Plant**  
in a Shoe Box or  
in Banana container?

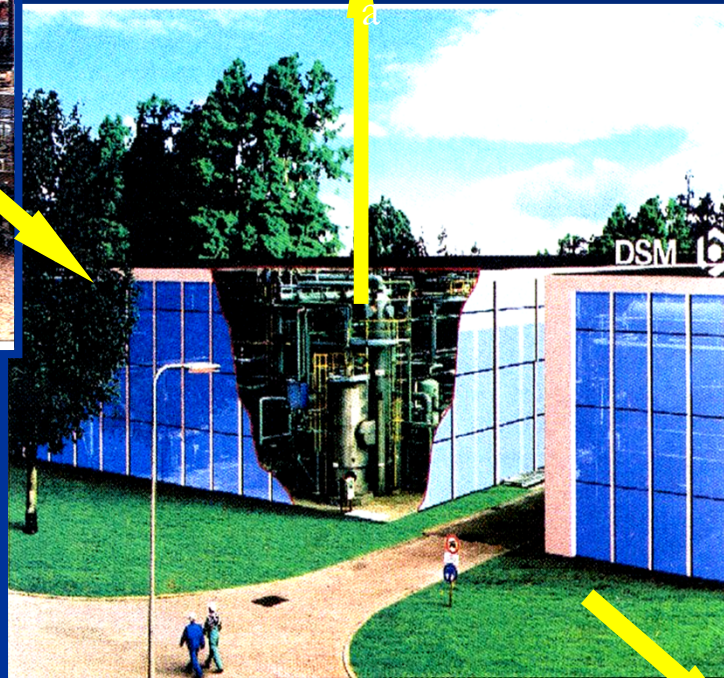
**WHY and HOW Process Intensification and Process Intensification Reactors?**

**The necessary Evolution of Chemical and Process Engineering**





**Modern Chemical Engineering** involving process intensification for the Plant of Future



**Sustainable Développement**  
A plant in a

- Shoe box or
- Banana Container





## 4 Simultaneous tracks for the future of Green Process Engineering with a multiscale approach for **the design of the factory of future**

1-To increase productivity and selectivity through intelligent operations and multiscale control of processes: i.e. **Molecular information engineering**

Micro and-Nano and Micro tailoring of porous and cristalline Materials (**nanotechnology**)

← **Green Process Engineering**  
with multiscale approach

2- Design of novel equipment based on scientific principles and new modes of production: **process intensification** with multifunctional reactors or microstructured reactors (**microfluidic**)

← **Green Process Engineering** with multiscale approach

3- Manufacturing end-use properties: development of a multidisciplinary **product-oriented engineering** i.e. product design and engineering with special emphasis on solids technology and complex fluid processing

← **Green Process Engineering** with multiscale approach

4- Implement **multiscale** and multidisciplinary computational chemical engineering **modeling** and **simulation** to real-life situations: from the molecule scale up to the overall complex production scale. Automation, control and safety , LCA

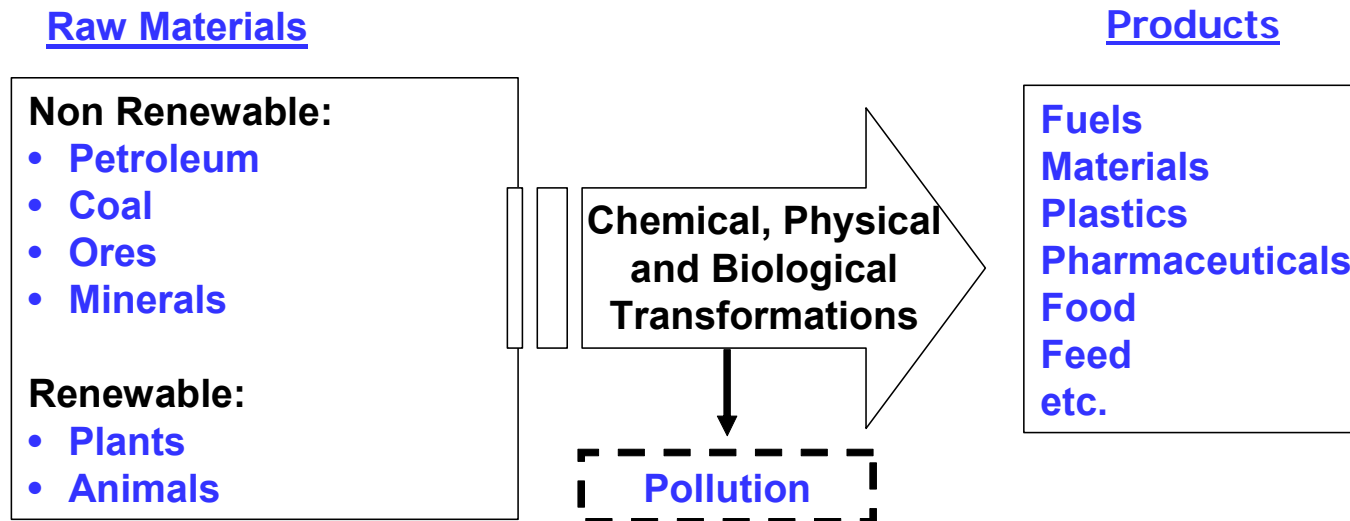
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The domain of chemical engineering consists of chemical, physical and biological transformations of starting materials to products



**CHEMICAL ENGINEERING** is the profession in which a knowledge of mathematics, chemistry and other natural sciences gained by study, experience and practice is applied with judgment to develop economic and environmentally acceptable ways of using materials and energy for the benefit of mankind.

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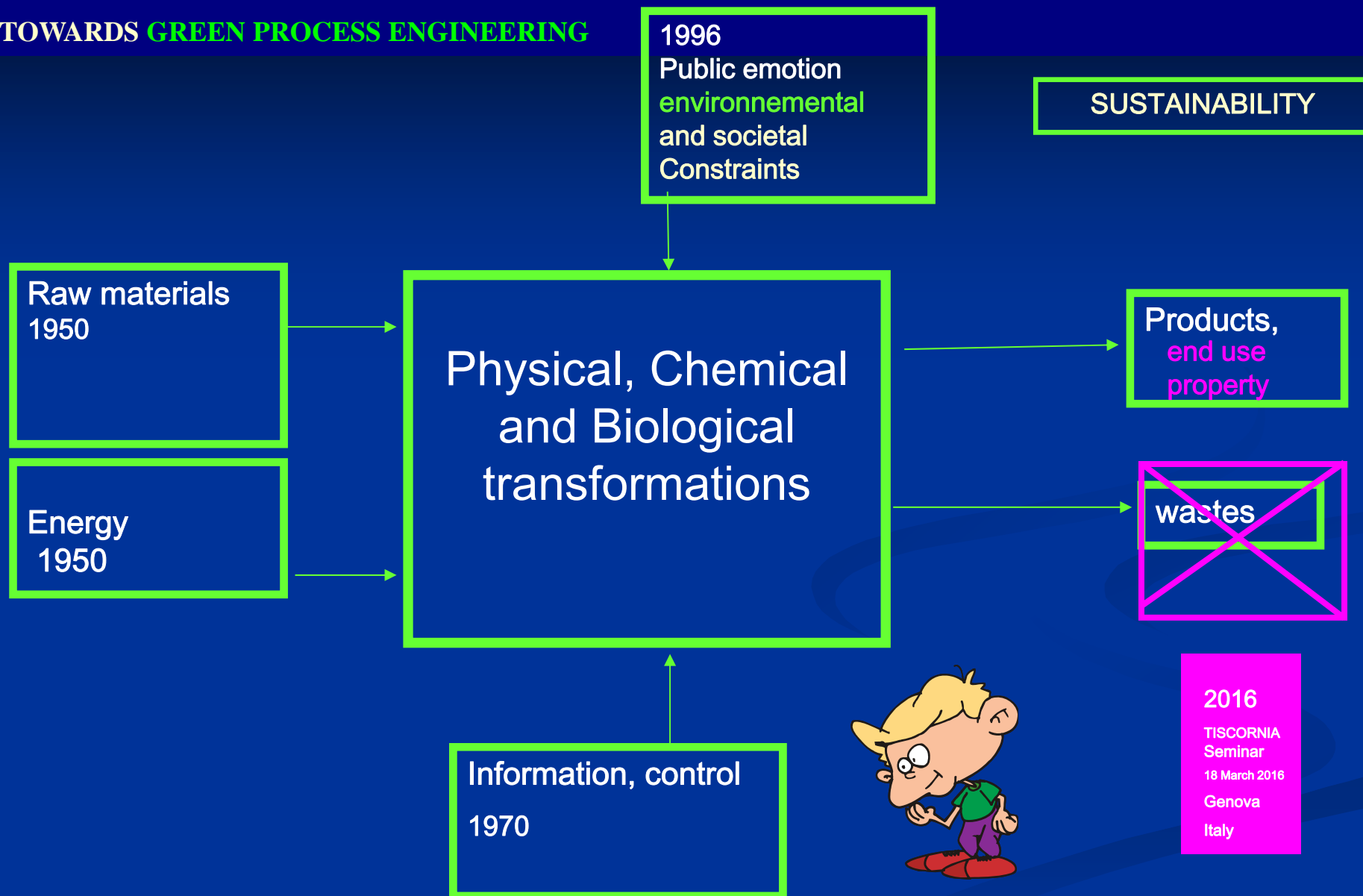
Chemical Engineering is a multidisciplinary **Engineering Science** which integrates the concepts of the following basic sciences:

- Thermodynamique chimique et biologique,
- Catalyse et cinétique chimique,
- Cinétique physique (transfert de chaleur, de masse et de quantité de mouvement),
- Mécanique des fluides et des milieux poreux et dispersés,
- Dynamique des systèmes,
- Optimisation, Simulation, Automatique, Contrôle, Sécurité
- Sciences économiques.

\* **Engineering Science** : science under constraints with obligation of success!!!

# EVOLUTION of CHEMICAL ENGINEERING SINCE LAST 66 YEARS

## TOWARDS GREEN PROCESS ENGINEERING



## REQUIRED END-USE PROPERTY of PRODUCTS

Shape

Color

Touch

Handling

Cohesion

Friability

Soft after hydration

Aptitude to dissolution

Size

Rugosity

Taste, Succulence

Flavour

Aesthetics

Sensory properties

Drug-encapsulated controlled release

(Pico, nano, micro) mono disperse emulsion

Catalysts nano -µstructure

Powders (nano,micro.....) mechanic. acoustic properties

Green solvents, IIs..

.....

Conditioned by

Mastering SOLIDS MORPHOLOGY, GRANULOMETRY POROSITY

(powder and divided solids technology)

or GAS and/or LIQUID DROP SIZES

(functionalized surface chemistry and technology)

**This concerns products which are much more complex, in terms of molecular structure, than traditional industrial high-bulk-volume chemicals**

# Examples of Product Forms (Prof Ka M Ng, 2013)

## Transdermal patches



## Creams



## LCD Display



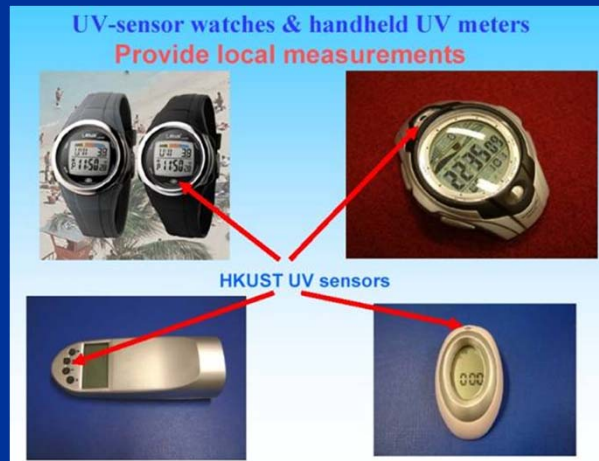
## Granules/ Capsules



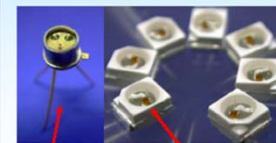
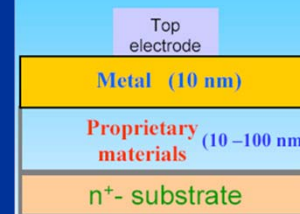
## Powder/ Composite solids



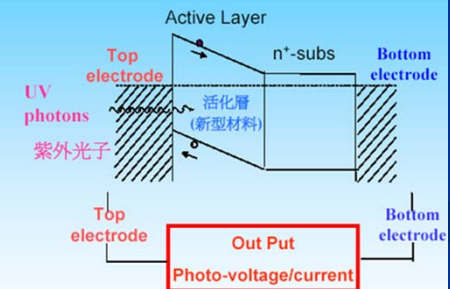
## UV Sensor



## Device Structure & Working Principle



TO52 can SMD (3.5 x 2.8 x 1.85mm)

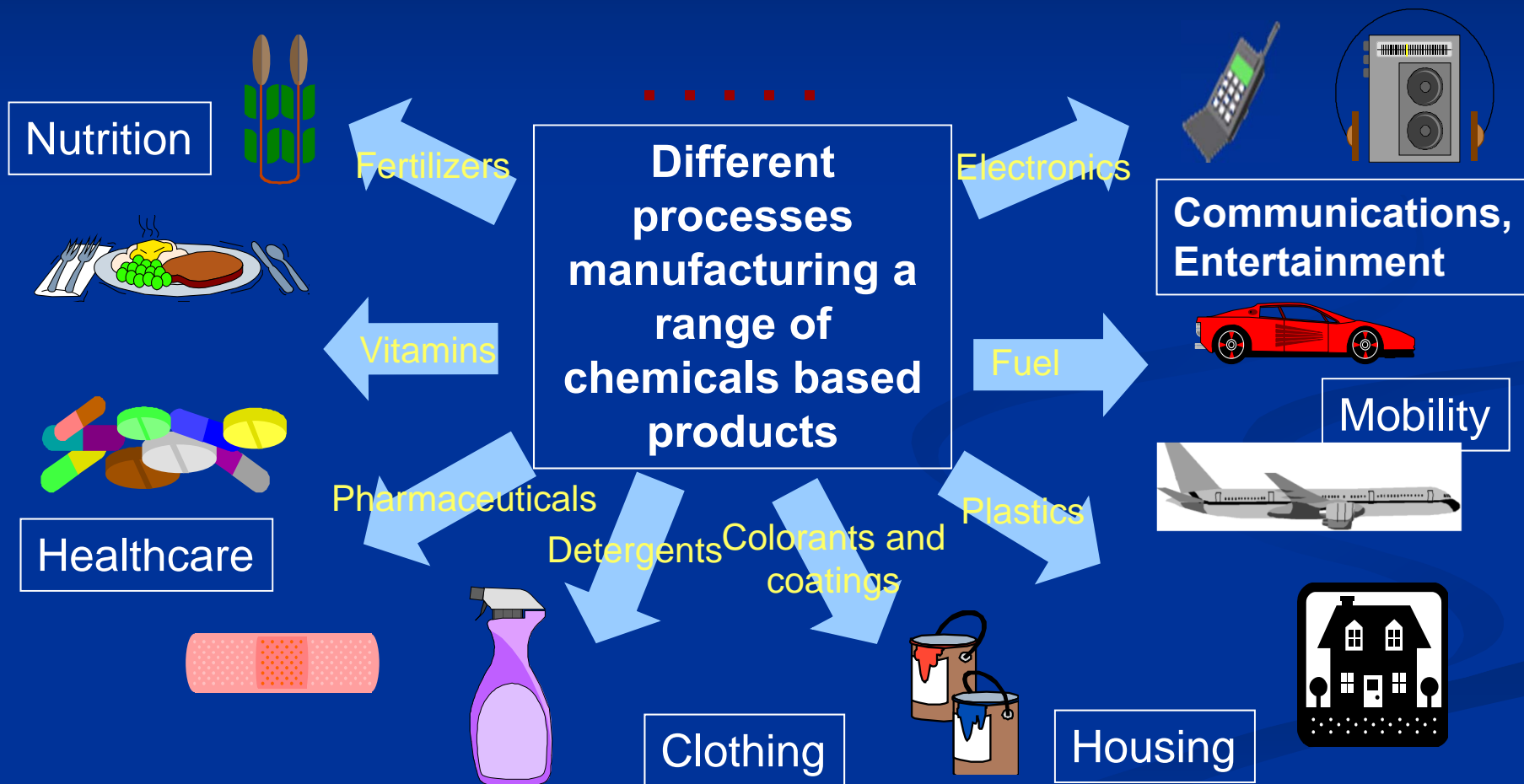


特點: 不用外置電源驅動  
No external power supply is required!

# Contribution of Chemical Engineering

How to supply the many needs (products with required end-use property) of the modern society from a limited number of resources in **the factory of future?**

The answer: **Need of Process Intensification**





## PROCESS INTENSIFICATION

refers to complex technologies that **replace** large, expensive **energy intensive** and **polluting** equipment or process **with**

- **ones** that combine multiple operations into a single apparatus (ex: reactive distillation) or into fewer devices,
- **or ones** that are smaller, less costly, less polluting, less energy requiring, safer, more efficient (i.e. microfluidic)
- **or ones** with new operating modes with neoteric solvents ( supercritical fluids, ionic liquids) or with the application of external driving (energy alternative sources et forms)

i.e. «**Producing much more and better with much less**»

- producing more targetted products and better in smaller volumes, with a better efficiency and selectivity, in using less raw materials and energy, less solvents, with reduced transport costs,..and more secure
- More sustainable production with innovative technologies

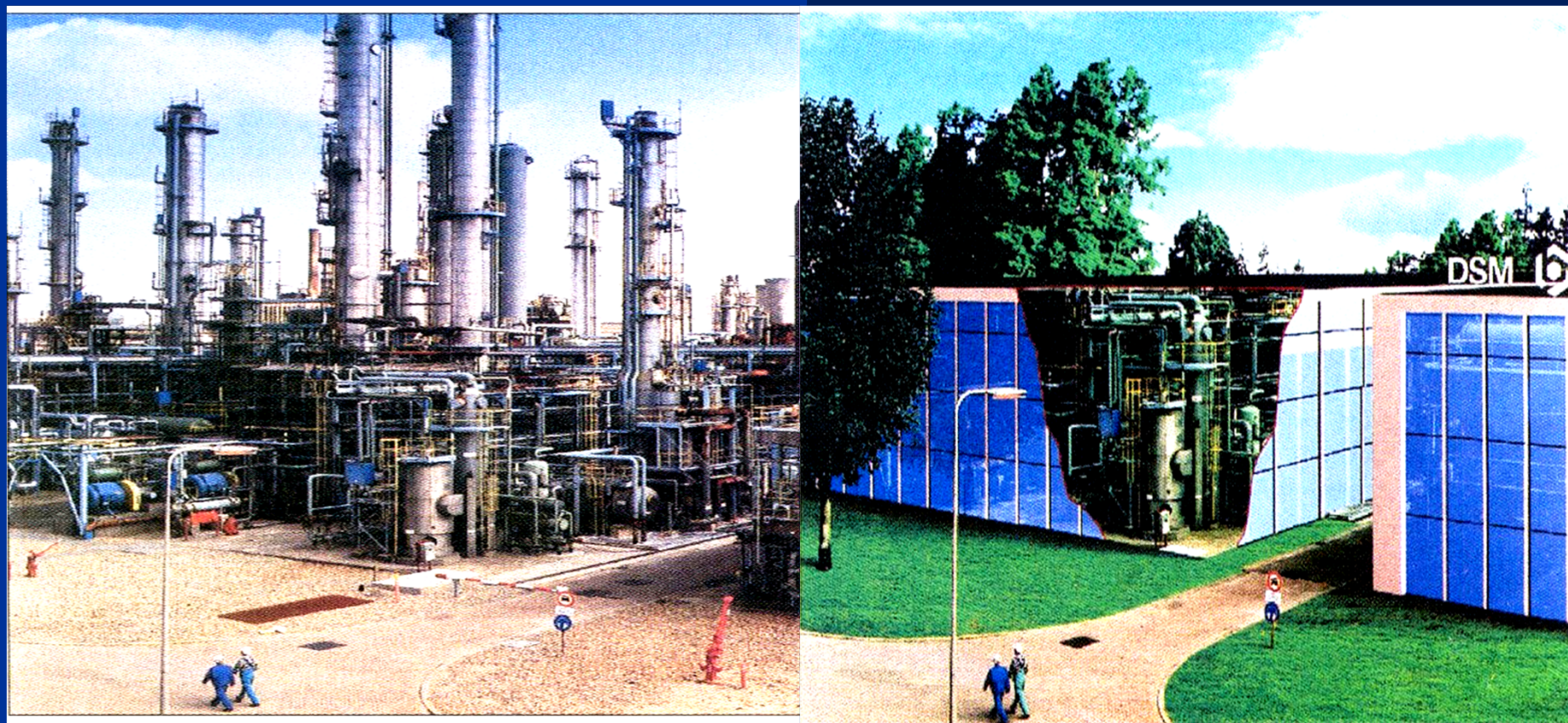
**SUSTAINABILITY** related dimensions

thus

Enhancing Corporate Image (in clean and efficient process design)

**a future plant in a dream....**

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FCC unit  
for the  
valorization  
of heavy  
crude oil to  
produce  
gasoline  
(deep  
conversion)  
16,000 bpsd

TAMOIL (CH)





**First industrial unit : Sète in France (startup 03/2006)**

160 000 tons / year of biodiesel



To design clean and very efficient processes in refining and petrochemicals

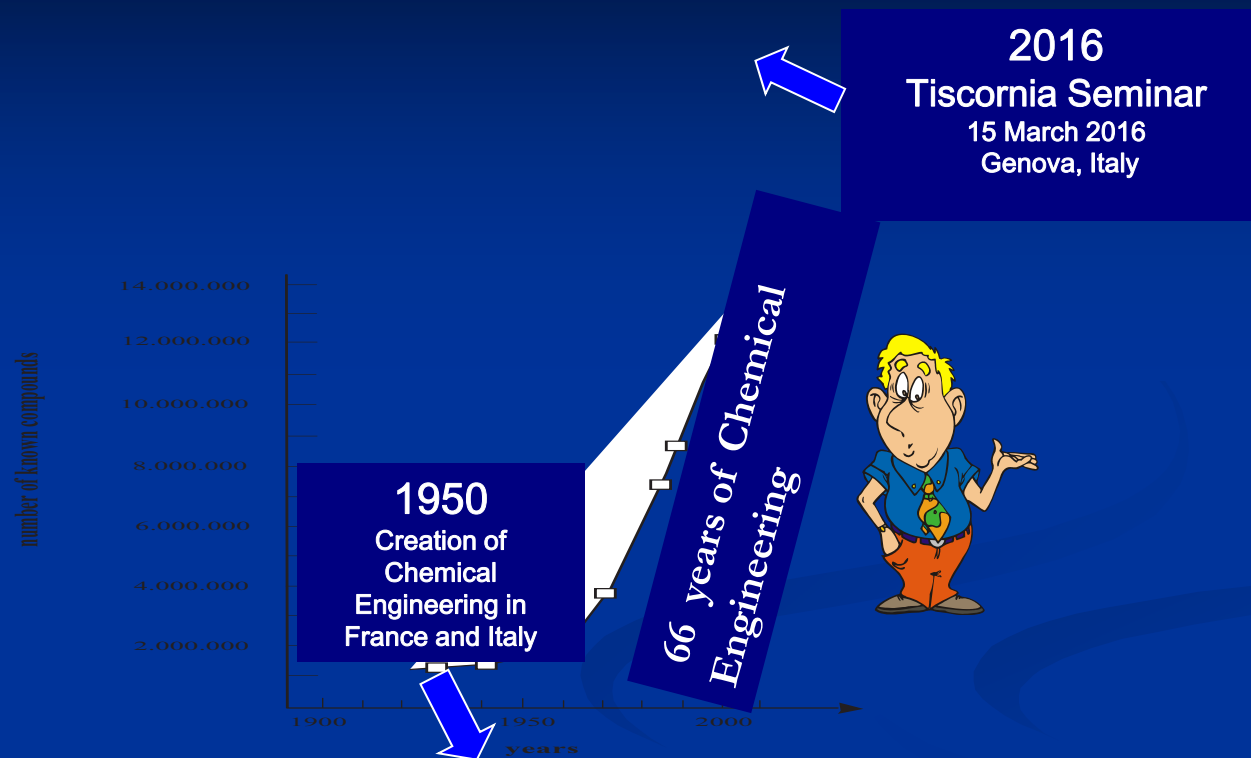
(Diesel Oil from Biomass 1G)

**Glycerin purity > 98.5% with no purification step**

**Catalyst activity stable for 9 months**

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## Rapid knowledge in chemistry and biochemistry

- more than 14 million molecular compounds have been synthesized in 2015
- **only a small number of them is found in nature**
- others are and will be conceived and manufactured by scientists and engineers to meet the needs of man and to satisfy his quest for knowledge (i.e., post-genomic era)

## 21<sup>st</sup> century demands concern

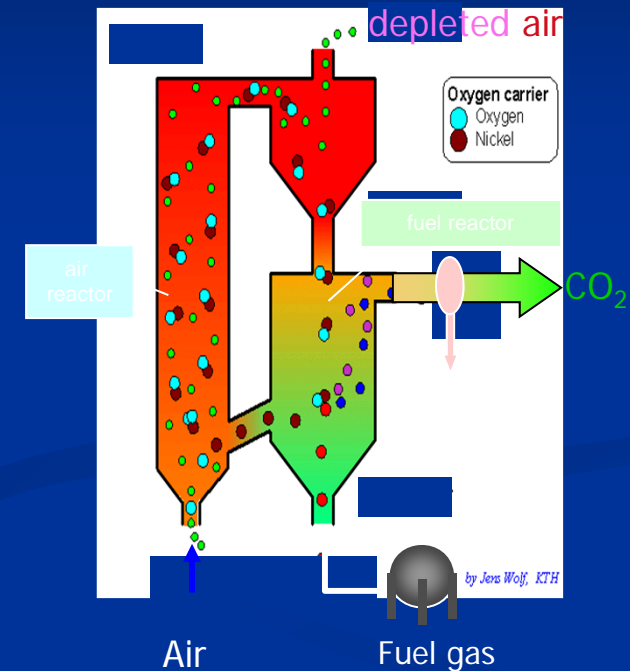
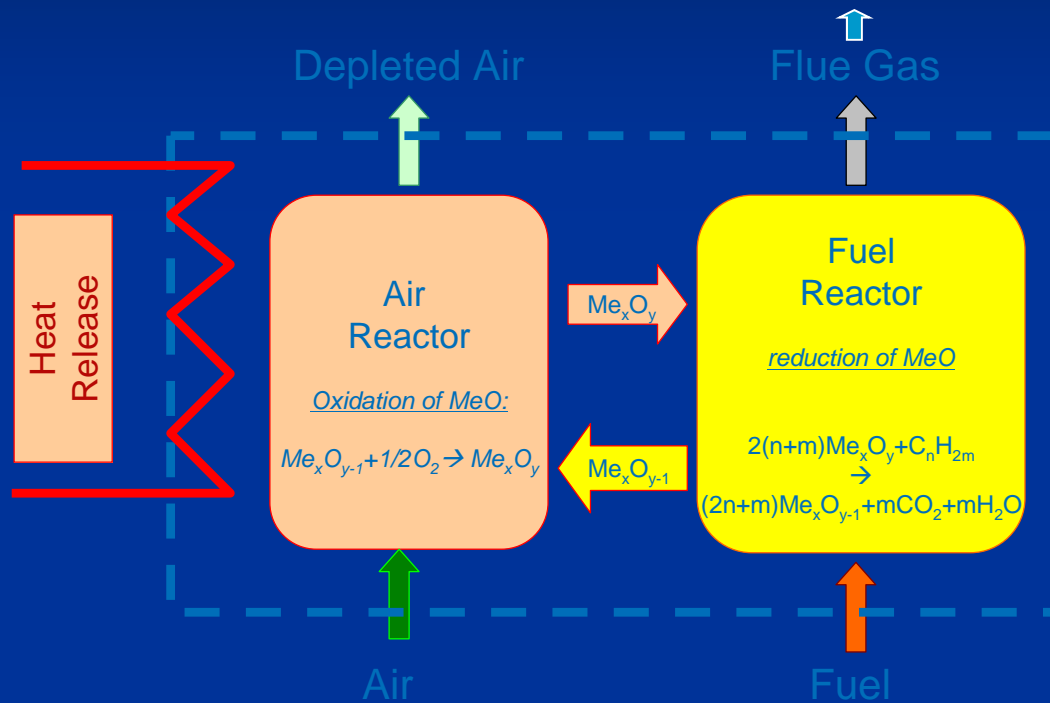
- Energy and environmental engineering
- Biomass conversion
- Matériaux engineering (biomaterials, inorganic nanostructured materials)
- Nanotechnology: preparation of nanoparticles
- Biotechnology and bioprocess engineering
- Controlled drug delivery
- Use of neoteric solvents (ionic liquids, aqueous biphasic systems, (green chemistry))
- Dynamics of relaxation of complex molecular compounds
- Manufacture of polyphasic reactors for selective reactions (green processes)
- etc....

and they are clearly focused on society exigences such as

- Carbon capture from post-combustion flue gas and CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration or used as solvent for fine chemistry
- Chemical looping combustion (CO<sub>2</sub> capture with limited energy penalties)
- Catalytic reforming and catalytic oxidation natural gas to produce syngas (CO+H<sub>2</sub>)
- Synthesis of biofuels 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> generations (gasoline, gasoils, production of H<sub>2</sub>)
- Water demand and treatment
- Life Cycle Analysis, focus life-cycle design, incorporate by-product synergy and account for ecosystems services if we are to progress towards Sustainability

# Chemical Looping Combustion

CO<sub>2</sub> for transportation and Storage

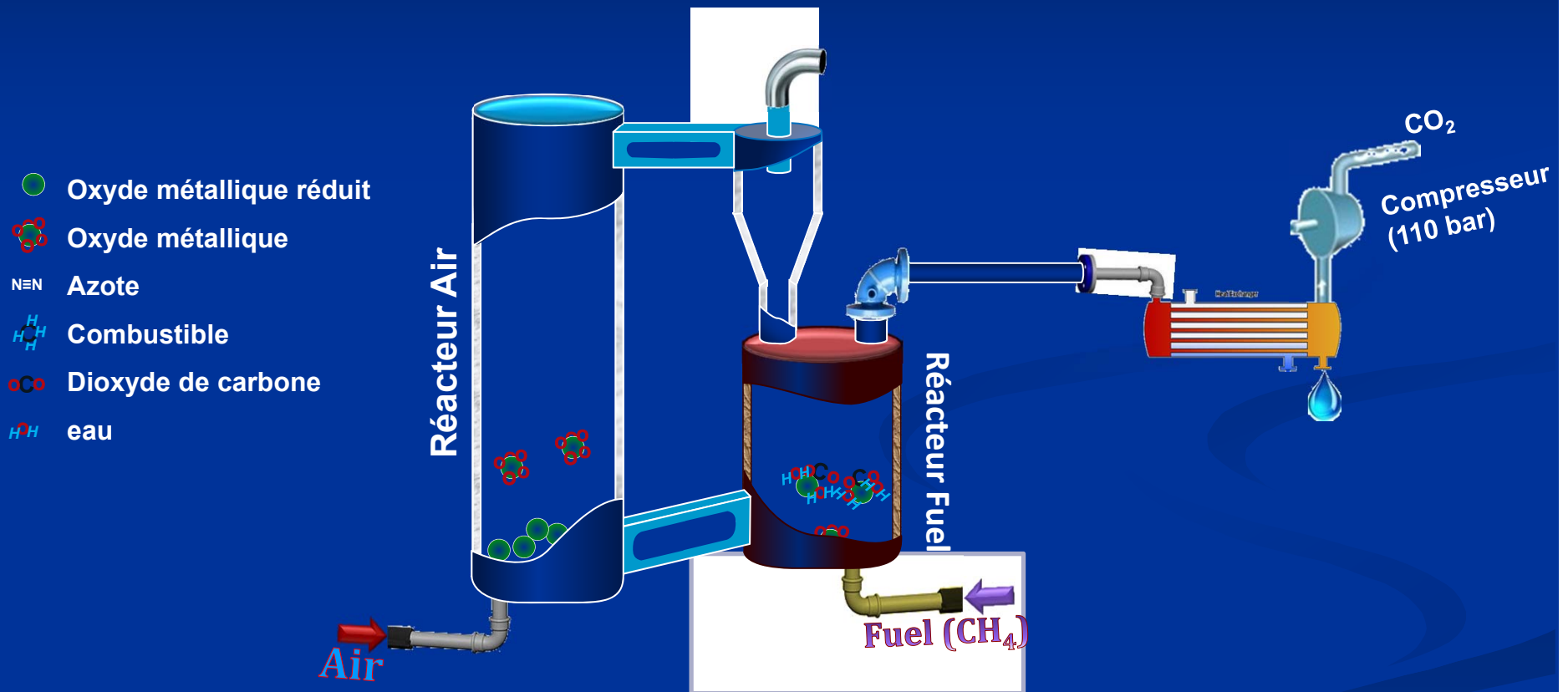


deux types de looping:

- Boucle sur l'oxygène (oxydes métalliques, CaS)
- Boucle sur le CO<sub>2</sub> (carbonates)



# Chemical Looping Combustion



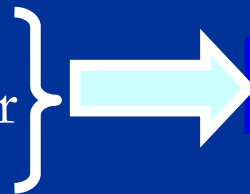
**Séparation du  $\text{CO}_2$  avec une pénalité énergétique minimale**

# Intérêt du CLC pour le captage du CO<sub>2</sub>

- Solution alternative aux Amines, à l'Oxycombustion, à la Gasification

- Avantages spécifiques

- séparation CO<sub>2</sub> intrinsèque
- pas d'Unité de Séparation d'Air



Pénalité énergétique limitée:

*Un très bon candidat à priori pour capter le CO<sub>2</sub>*

- Mais...!!!

- Développement de procédés spécifiques (**pas de retrofit !!**)
- Mise en oeuvre de procédés complexes (T, lit fluidisé...)
- Incertitude sur les matériaux

# NON-SUSTAINABLE MANKIND



Only 25 wt% of what goes into the pipe comes out as goods and services

(Source: World Resource Institute)

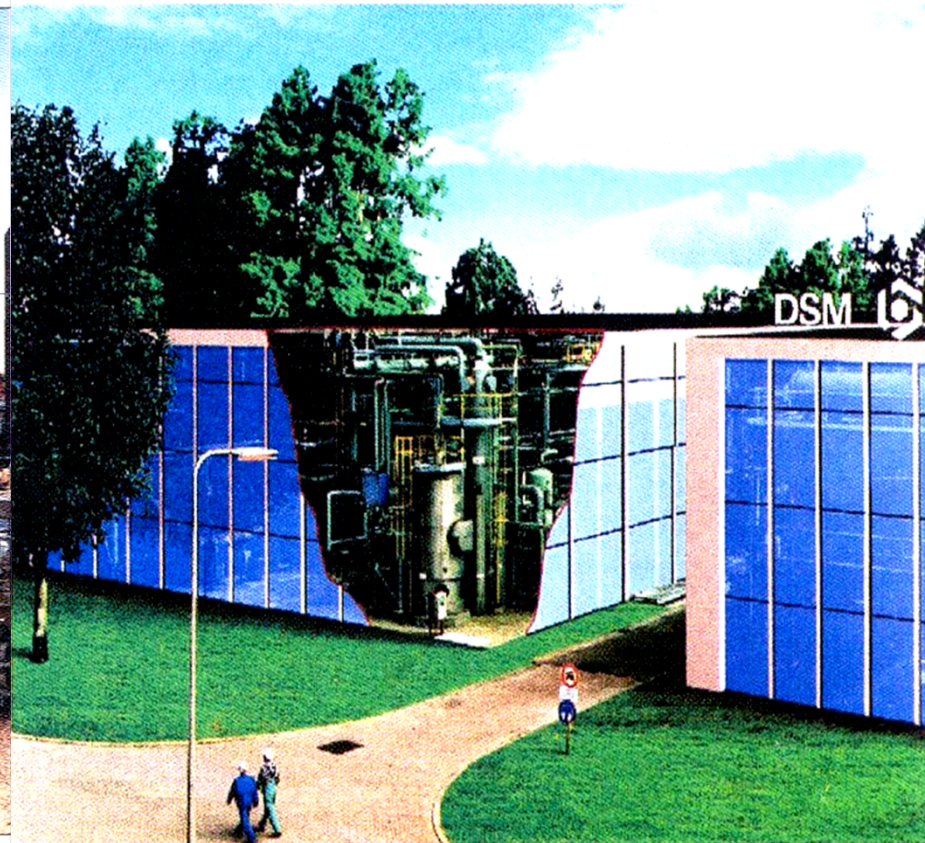
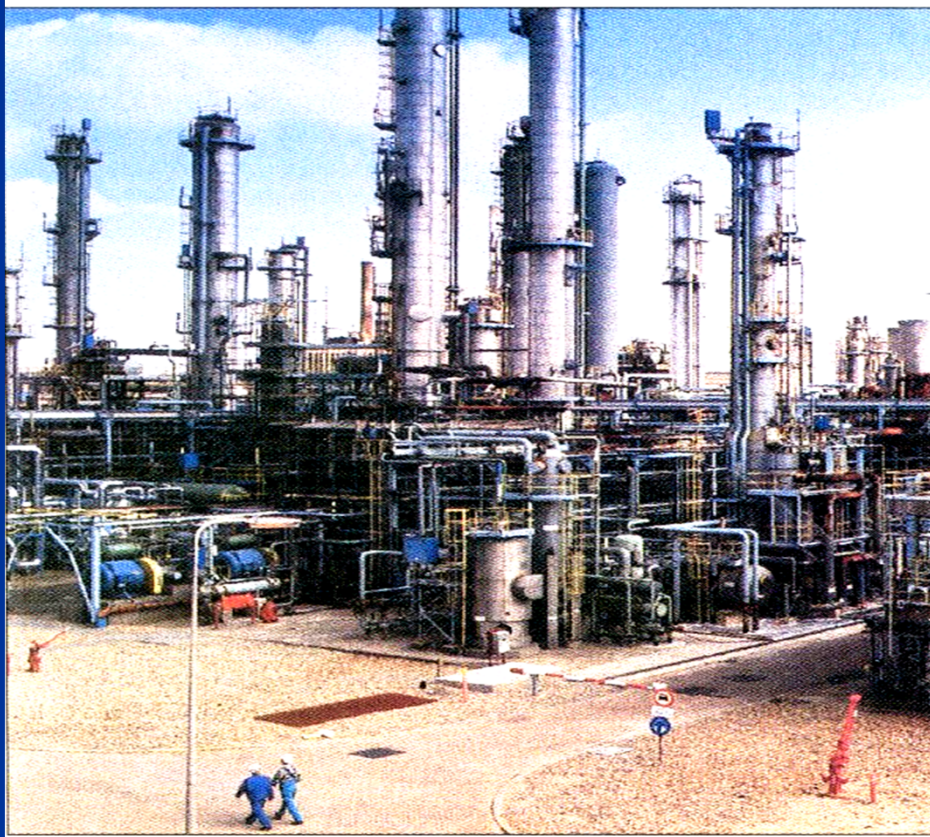


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## *The Old: 1920's El Dorado Field, KS*



# Les temps changent..... But imagine and remind



# Le forage pétrolier

## Pollution

Solide/Eau/Air  
CONTAMINATION

Chaleur

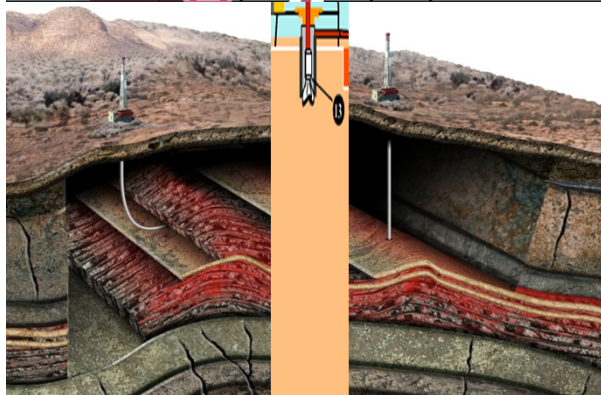
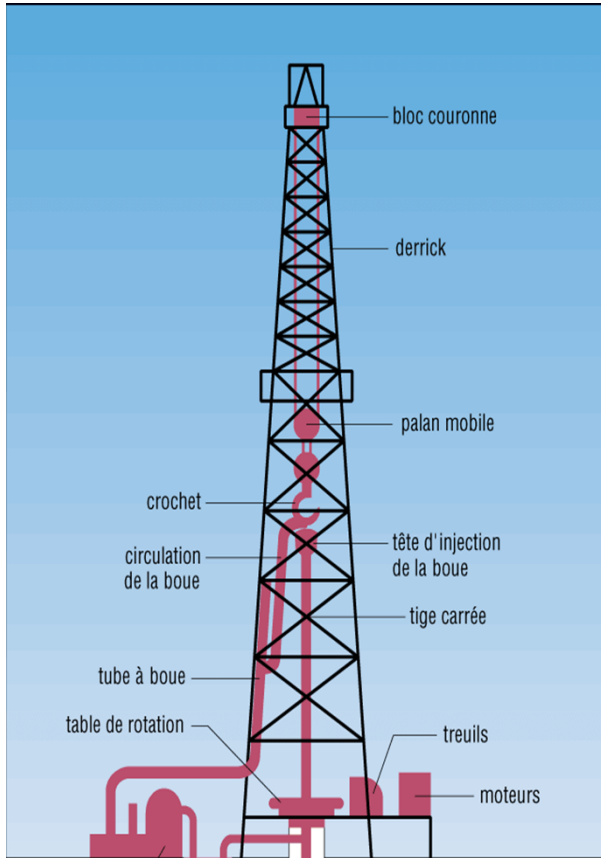
Poussière

Bruit

Odeur

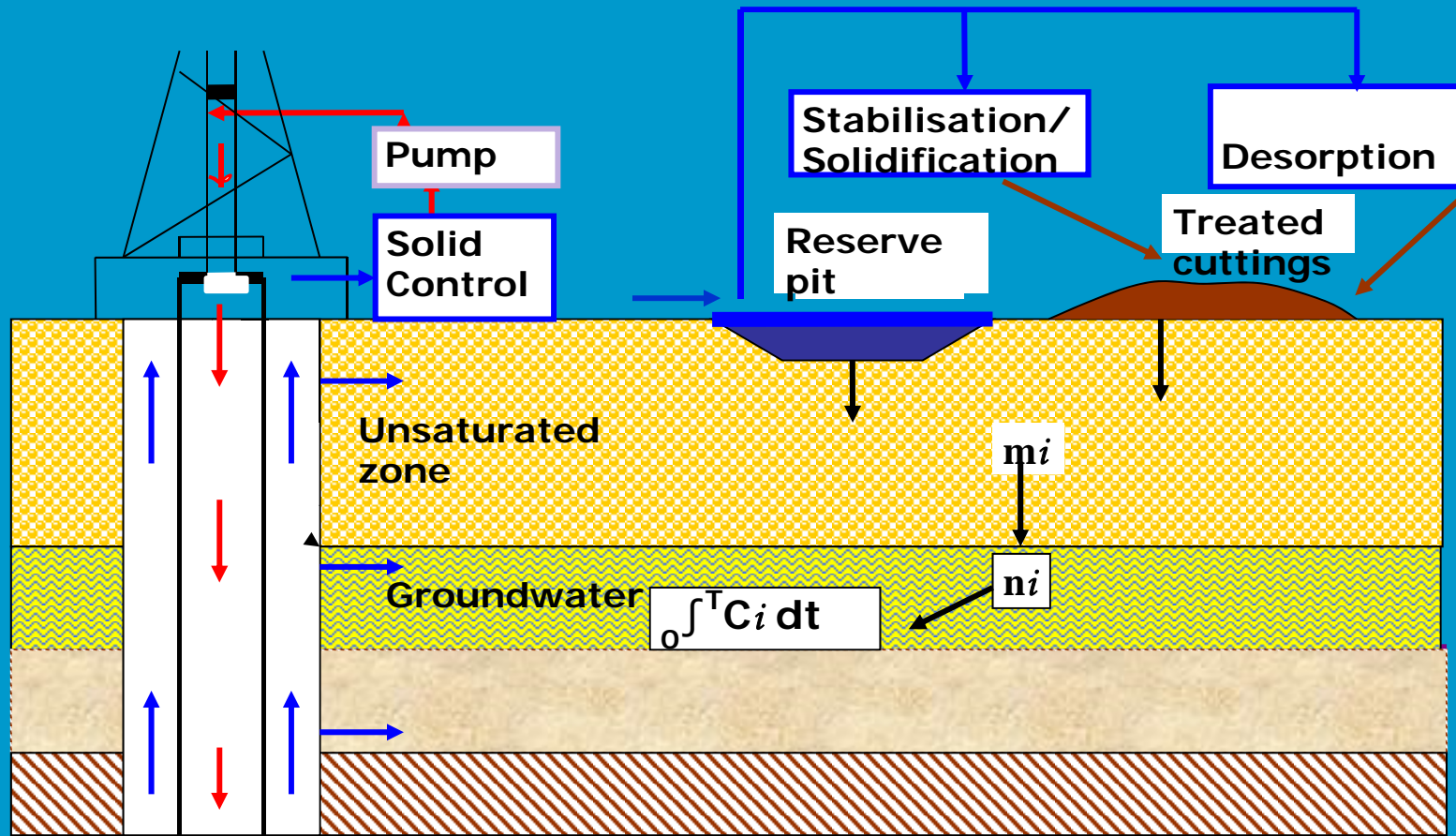
Visuelle

Vibration



**Des problèmes avant, durant et après forage....**

# Limites du système





# Le volume moyen des rejets



**Le volume généré est 5-15 fois le volume foré**

# SHALE GAS: SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION

Vikram Rao  
Research Triangle Energy  
Consortium

October 7, 2013

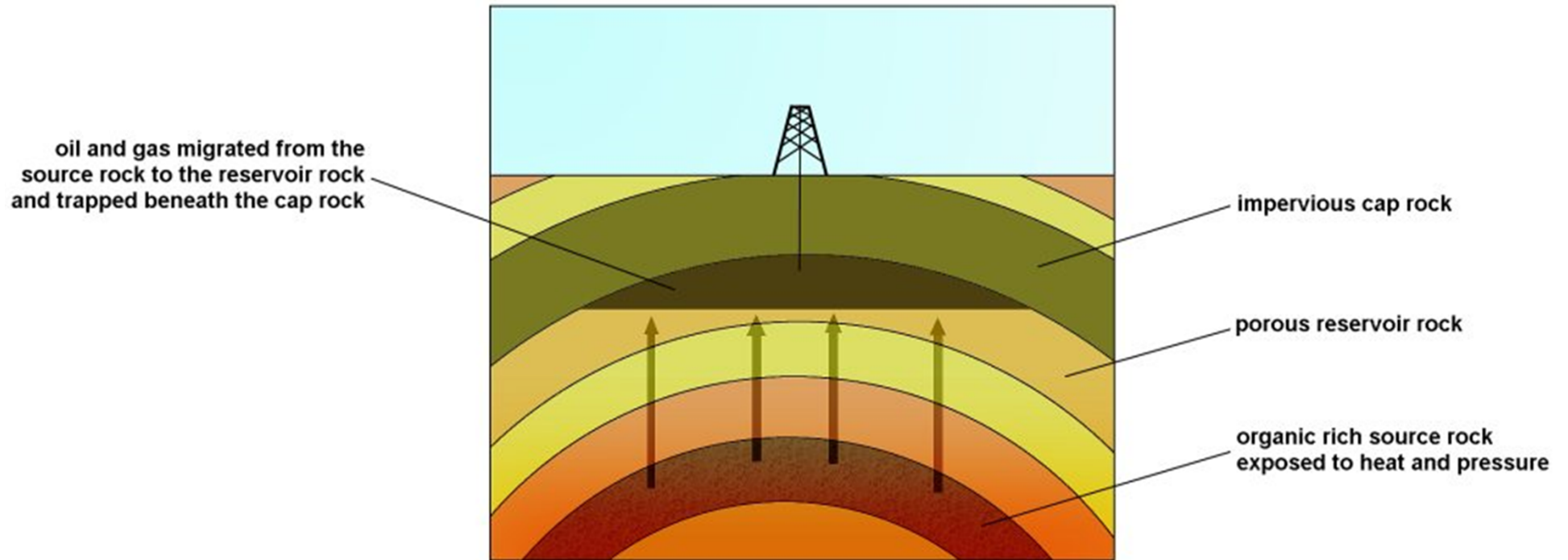
# *NATURAL GAS (Gaz de Schistes, Shale gas)*

- How it formed
- What makes shale gas different
  - Directly producing from source rock
  - New resource pool: plentiful
  - Low permeability: must be fractured
  - Horizontal wells: why necessary
  - Unique environmental hurdles

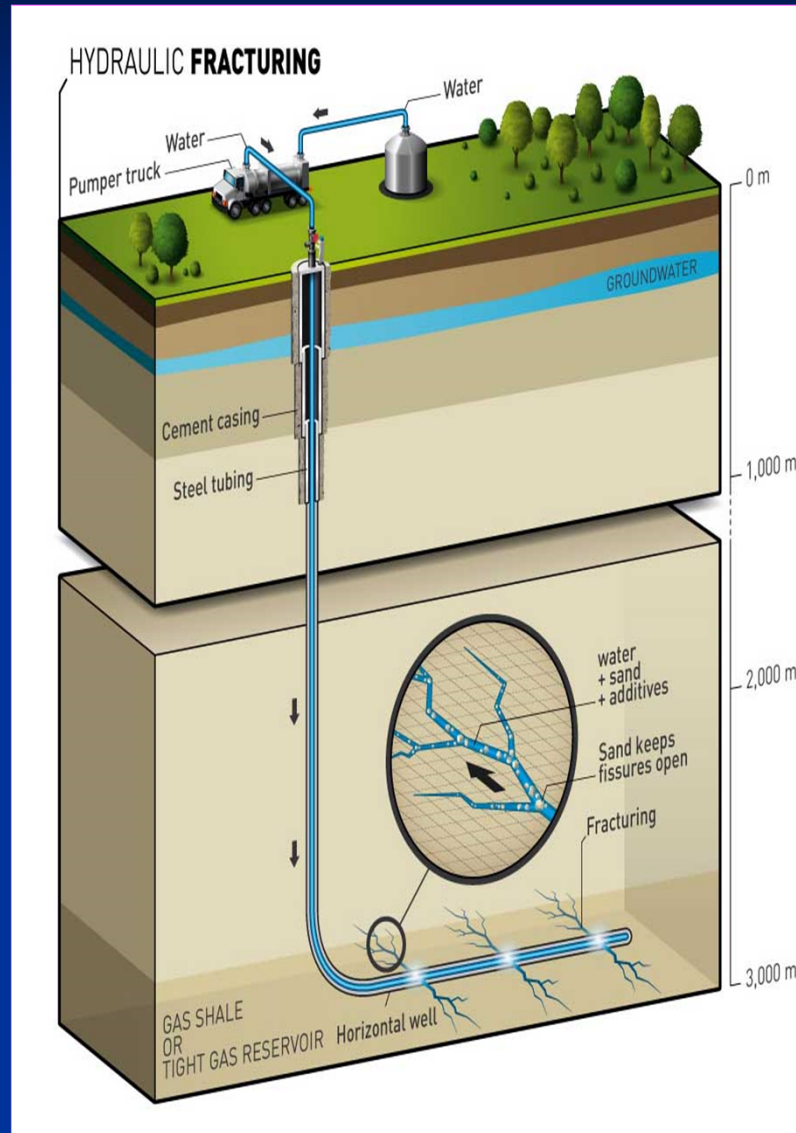


# PRODUCTION DURABLE DES GAZ DE SCHISTES (SHALE GAS)

Vikram Rao, Research Triangle Energy Consortium, FIM, October 7, 2013



# Procédés d'extraction des huiles et gaz de schistes (Shale Gas Extraction Process)



**Horizontal drilling can extend  
up to 10,000 feet laterally**





## Treatment of the fracking waters with membrane processes: UF, RO...



# Classical Today Treatment of the waters which have been used for the extraction of shale oils

Gratia, merci to the “Green” modern chemical engineering





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Exemple:

Comportement non durable (Non Sustainable Mankind): Toekomst voor biodiesel is illusie



M Katan, R Rabbinge, W Van Swaaij, Scenario Biomassa, University Twente (Ne) 2007

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Accordingly this today **NON-SUSTAINABLE MANKIND**

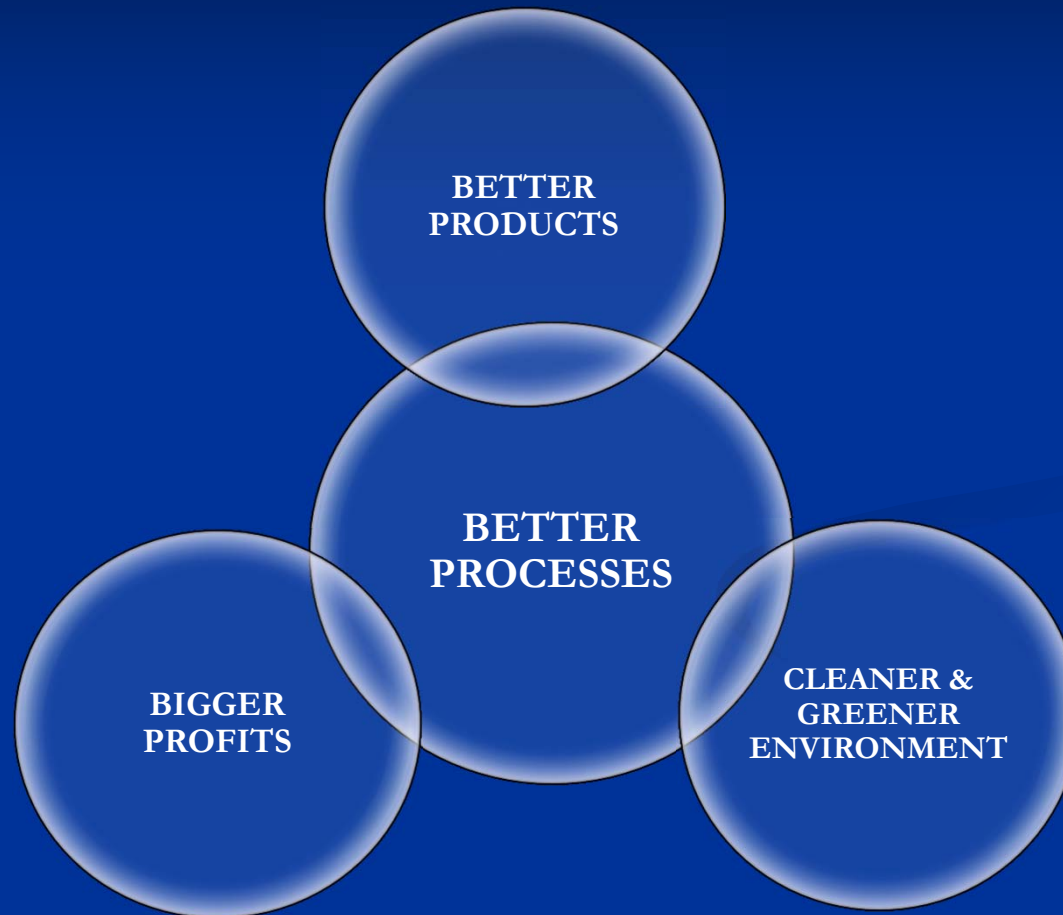
The sustainable-oriented research in chemical and biochemical engineering today and in the coming decennia will need to focus on (but not only on) the:

-Development of technically and economically feasible processes **based on renewable feedstocks (i.e. biomass-based processes)**, and on the

- Development of innovative methods and **technologies that could drastically increase the efficiency** of chemical and biochemical manufacturing: **(i.e. process intensification)**

So for a **sustainable mankind** investigations should focus...

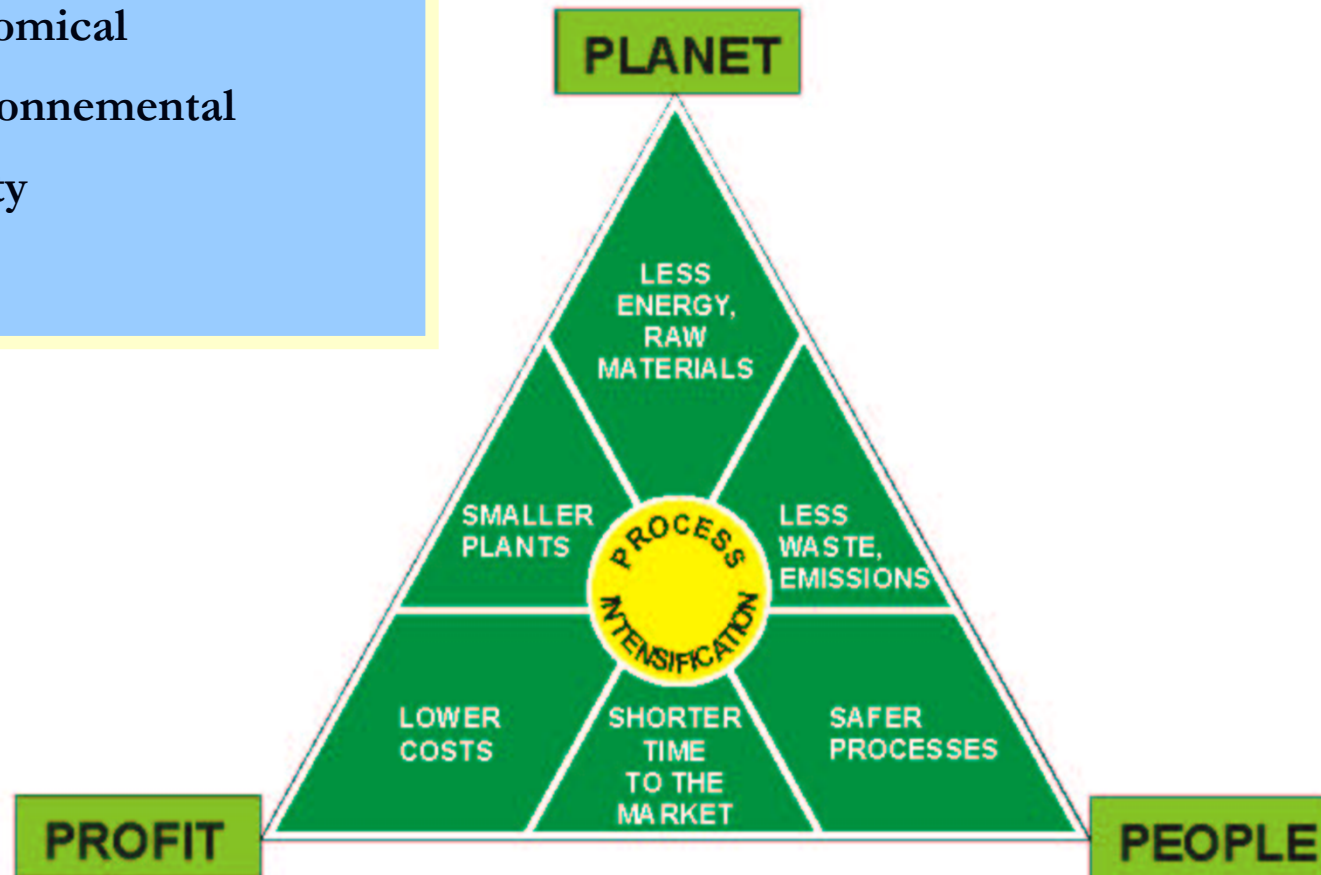
For **Sustainable mankind** our Focus should be on...



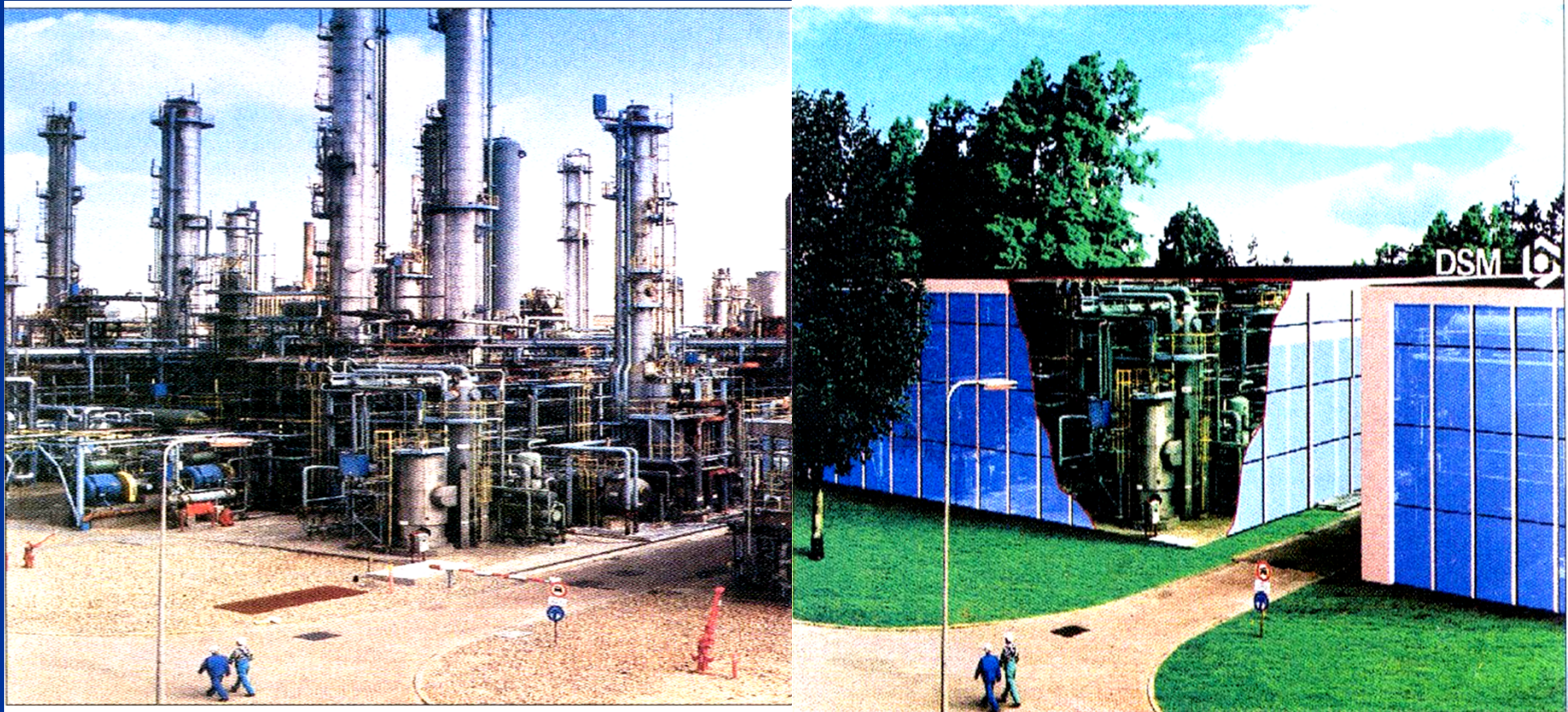
# A SUSTAINABLE MANKIND MUST BE ASSUMED BY WELL EQUILIBRIED PROGRESSES

## PROGRESSES IN 3 DOMAINS

- Economical
- Environnemental
- Society



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**Not completely a dream** there exists today strong efforts for the radical transfers of technological innovation with changes involving **Micro-process technologies** and **Process Intensification in industry practice**

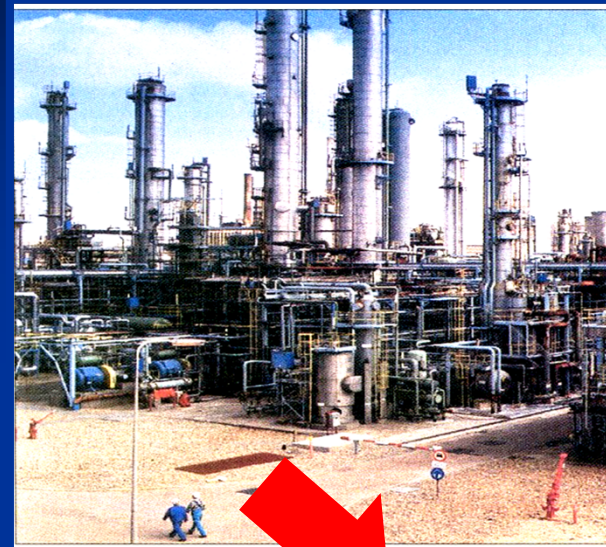
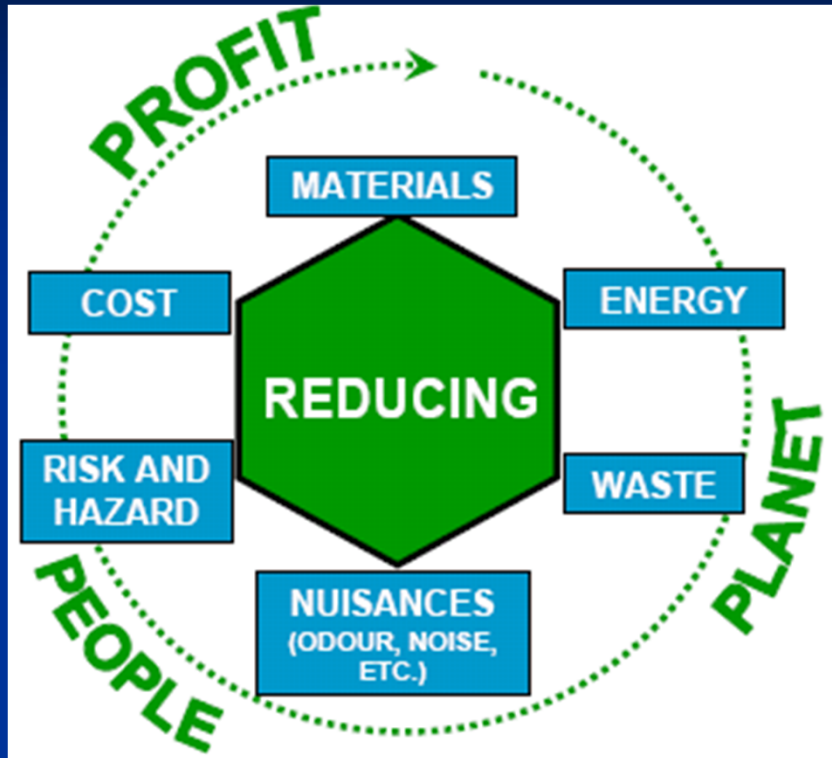
## Financing European Policy

is to « **exploit the full potential of microprocess technologies** » to the realisation of « **new, intensified process and plant concepts for speeding up market penetration, for enhancing the product life-cycle and **improving sustainable production**** ».

## The European funding policy

- « **Factory of the future** » and « **Flexible Future Production Strategies** » Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials Calls EU FP7 NMP-2009 and European Commission 2010 Research-Industrial Technologies, Factories of the Future  
**PILLS 2009** [www.fp7pills.eu](http://www.fp7pills.eu),- **COPIRIDE 2009** [www.copiride.eu](http://www.copiride.eu),- **F3 FACTORY 2009**, [www.f3factory.com](http://www.f3factory.com)
- **H2020....**
- Projet Institut de l'usine décarbonée du futur IEED (Appel à projets « Instituts d'Excellence en Energies Décarbonées (IEED))
- The consortium of **CARENA CA**lytic **RE**actors based on **New mA**terials  
Collaborative project to create technologies enabling **efficient conversion of light alkanes and CO2 into higher value chemicals**

# SUSTAINABILITY and PROCESS INTENSIFICATION



2 CHALLENGES FOR  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING



## 1st Challenge: Production of **COMMODITY AND INTERMEDIATE CHEMICALS**

(ammonia, calcium carbonate, ethylene, benzene, butadiene, amines,...) (40% markets demands)

« **Supplying high volume bulk chemicals** »

Issue: **Who can produce large quantities at the lowest possible price?**

THE CLIENT BUYS A PROCESS  
NON POLLUTING, DEFECT-FREE, PERFECTLY SAFE  
(Green Process Engineering) but...

...but the production in the future will increase (**X** factor **6** in **2050**, assuming a growth rate of **4%**),

and the plant not any more being built

«**JUST A BIT BIGGER**»

So the **Challenge** is aiming:

**TECHNOLOGY CHANGE** (i.e. **process intensification**)  
and **INNOVATION** (**new processes**),

But innovation....

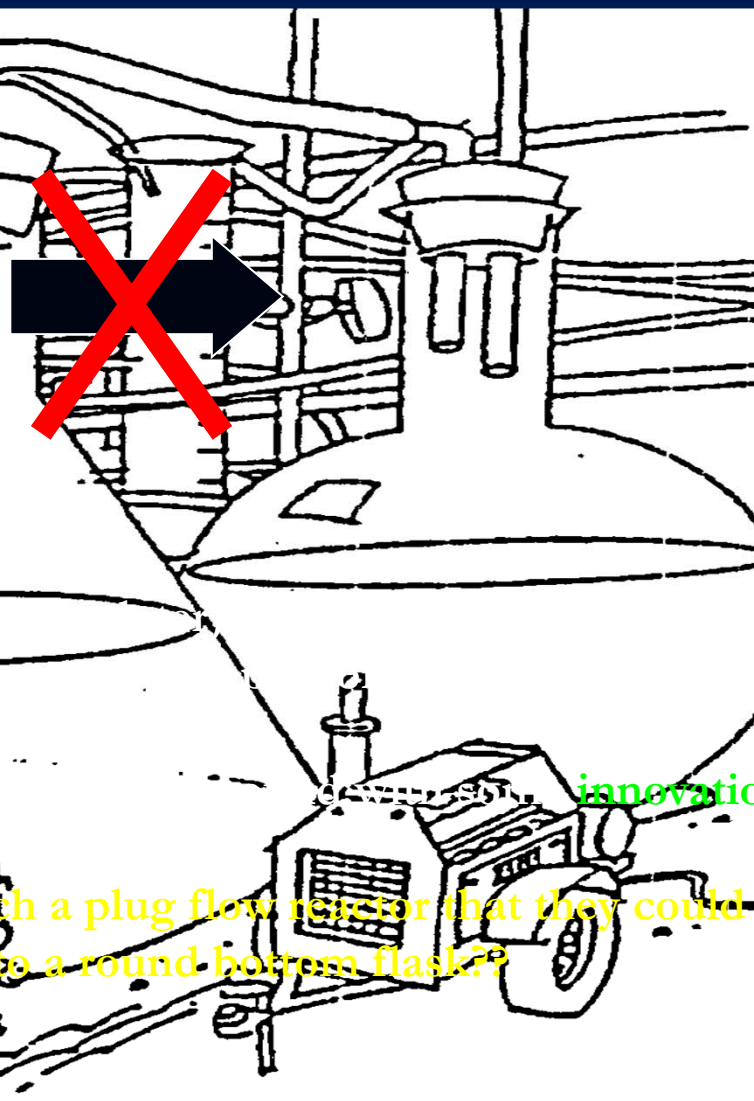
# Innovation = Unproven Solutions

*("Plant manager never wants to be the first")*



*"Don't bother me with new ideas, i've got a battle to fight!"*

# That same old scale-up problem



Instead innovation:  
give organic chemists at the bench a plug flow reactor that they could like – or, even prefer to a round bottom flask??



**The IMPULSE Project :**  
a European response  
to a global challenge



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**I**ntegrated  
**M**ultiscale  
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**U**nits with  
**L**ocally  
**S**tructured  
**E**lements

**Project goal :**

Effective **targeted integration of innovative process equipment** (such as microreactors, compact heat exchangers, thin-film devices and other micro and / or meso-structured components) to attain radical performance enhancement for whole process

**Industrial leaders :** **GSK, Degussa, P&G, Siemens**

**Consortium :** **20 partners** from 8 European countries

**Project resources :** **17 M€** over 4 years  
(of which 10,5 M€ from the European Commission)

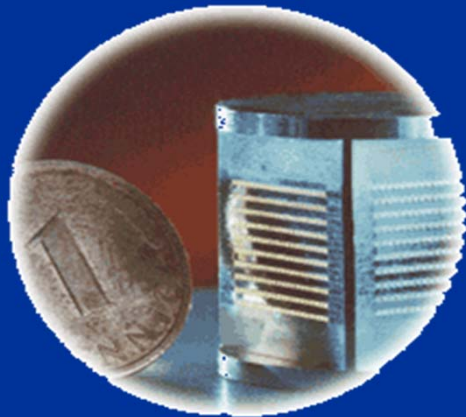
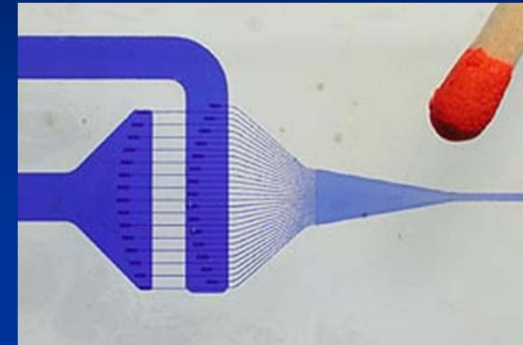
**Project duration :** February 2005 to January 2009



# Microstructured components : an opportunity for the chemical process industries ?

**Intensified  
Process  
Equipment**

micromixers  
thin-film contactors  
microreactors  
compact exchangers



**Essential  
features**

**Controlled topology**

( on a sub-millimeter scale :  
relevant for transfer/mixing )

**Diverse materials**

( metals, alloys, glass, ceramics,  
polymers : not only silicon ! )





# Microstructured components in PRODUCTION : the concept of Structured Multiscale Design for **PROCESS INTENSIFICATION**

A new approach to chemical process design !

STRUCTURED  
MULTISCALE  
DESIGN

Principle : construction of large-scale production systems  
with small-scale inner-structuring at specifically  
targeted points (= locally structured elements)

Claim : an opportunity for a **RADICAL** increase in  
process performance and a **MAJOR** contribution  
to process intensification for the chemical industries

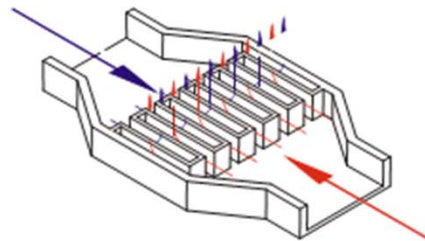
Approach : « put chemistry in the center ! »

rather than adapting chemistry to equipment limitations,  
adapt the equipment to **IMPOSE** the local operating  
**conditions** required by the desired chemistry !

Answer to the Need of a rational engineering design methodology  
to put Structured Multiscale Design into practice !

## MIXING PRINCIPLES AND CORRESPONDING IMM MICROMIXERS

**Lamination for hydrodynamic or shear decay**



**Interdigital Micromixers**

SIMM-V2  
SSIMM  
...

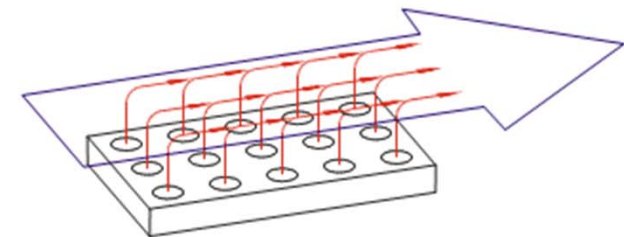
**Bas-relief induced recirculation flow**



**Caterpillar Micromixers**

CPMM-R300-V1.2, CPMM-R600-V1.2  
CPMM-R1200-V1.2, CPMM-R2400-V1.2  
...

**Injection in turbulent flow**



**Star Laminator Micromixers**

StarLam 15  
...



## IMPULSE: Résultats en 2009.....and next

([www.impulse-project-net](http://www.impulse-project-net))

### Field of Consumer Goods ( Procter&Gamble)

Oxydation de SO<sub>2</sub> pour fabrication de surfactants, encapsulation de parfums, production d'émulsions contrôlées: faisabilité sur site industriel

Extrapolation par **parallélisation d'équipements microstructurés** fonctionnant en **continu** améliorant la qualité des produits et diminuant frais investissements et fonctionnement

### Field of Pharmaceuticals (GlaxoSmithKline)

Pour une Hydrogénation **continue** avec un prototype de démonstration (**réacteur microstructuré**) fonctionnant en régime chimique avec **meilleurs** rendement, sélectivité et sécurité **qu'en** technologie conventionnelle (**cuve agitée en discontinu**)

### Field of Chemical Specialties (Solvent Innovation, Evonik-Degussa)

Pour fabrication de **liquides ioniques**, avec réactions très exothermiques en milieu liq/liq, un **réacteur microstructuré** fonctionnant **en continu** a amélioré **la sécurité** et **la qualité** des produits **en réduisant l'emploi de solvants**.





Selected Application Areas :  
Example: Liquid–liquid alkylation

## Synthesis of Ionic Liquids

Fast and highly exothermic reaction

### Today

Batch process in stirred vessels

- Temperature increase
- Yellowish to brownish product

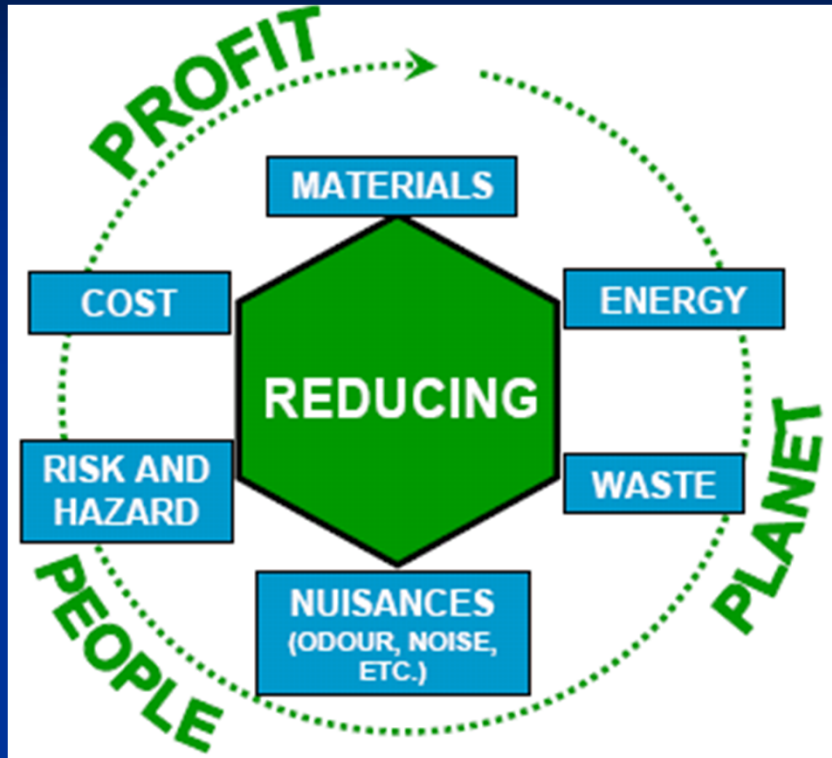
### IMPULSE

Continuous process in micro structured devices

- No temperature increase
- Colorless product



# SUSTAINABILITY and PROCESS INTENSIFICATION



2 CHALLENGES FOR  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

## 2nd Challenge: NEW SPECIALTIES and ACTIVE MATERIALS CHEMISTRY

(60% markets demands)

Concerns products characterized by new market objectives, sales, competitiveness, and by the end-use property (pharmaceutics, cosmetics, agro food....industries) which are

### - CRYSTALLINE, POLYMERIC or AMORPHOUS SOLIDS

need to have a clearly **defined physical shape** in order to meet **the desired quality standards**

### - PAST-LIKE and EMULSION PRODUCTS

The end-product is a **microstructure of disperse phases** held together by binding forces leading to the **desired product texture**

## SHORT LIFE-TIME and HIGH MARGIN PRODUCTS

The client buys the **PRODUCT MOST EFFICIENT and FIRST ON THE MARKET**

(He pays high prices but expects large benefit)

(this requires a **Green Product Design and Engineering** emphasizing **required end-use property**)

(i.e. with flexible production, small batches, fast switch over, varying formulation in the same equipment),

Donc

Taking into account the 2 previous challenges imposed either at the process industries (**Commodities et intermédiaires**) or at the **fine chemistry and specialties industries** (pharma, health, cosméto, food...)

The modern **green** sustainable chemical engineering has to satisfy

- the market demands for green specific products with required end-use properties at the **nano and microstructures scales**
- and the social and environmental constraints for sustainable green processes at the **meso and macro production scales**

This requires a multidisciplinary multiscale approach of the different physical-(bio)chemical, non-linear, non-equilibrated processes and the transport phenomena processes at the different scales of the (bio)chemical supply chain  
i.e.,

## INTEGRATED PLURIDISCIPLINARY SYSTEM APPROACH

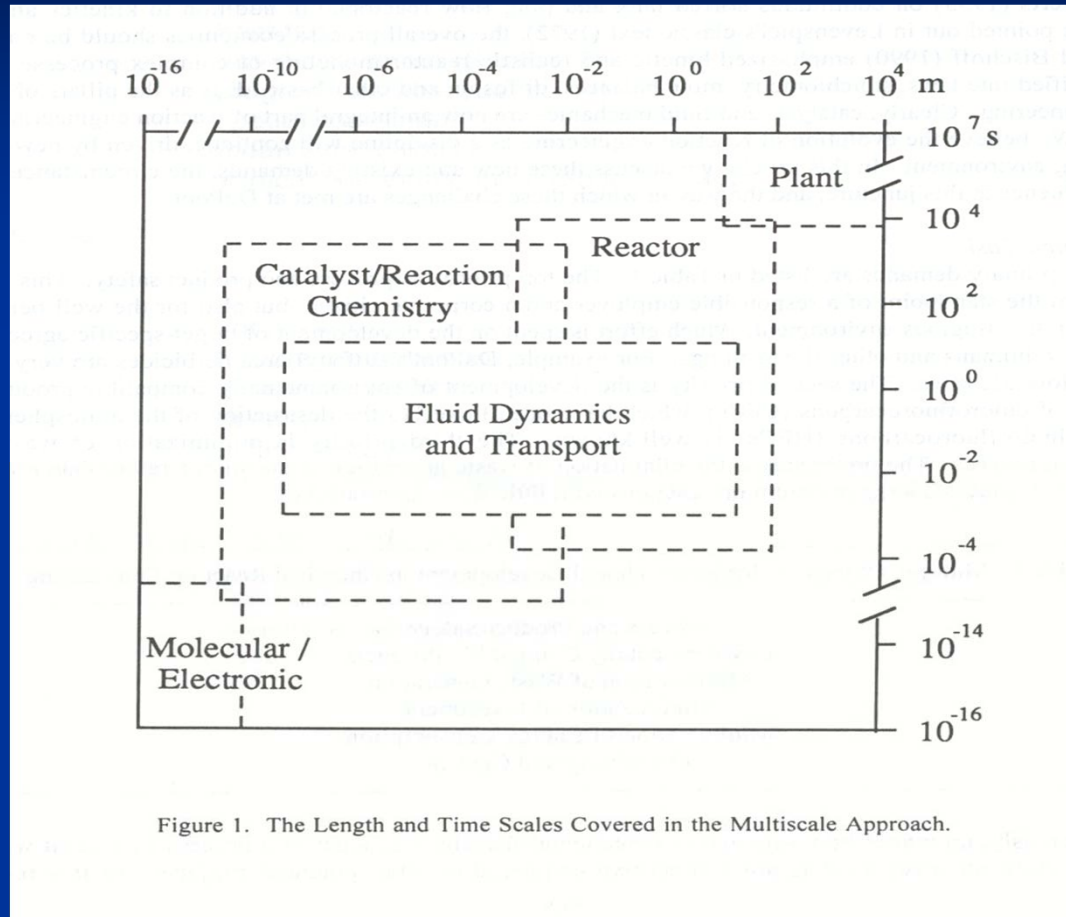
AT THE DIFFERENT TIME AND LENGTH SCALES OF **THE BIOCHEMICAL SUPPLY CHAINNE DE PRODUCTION CHIMIQUE**

Time scales :  $10^{-15}$  à  $10^8$  seconds

Length scales :  $10^{-8}$  à  $10^6$  meters

for a good understanding of the relations which exist between the phenomena occurring at a lower scale with the properties and the behaviour at higher scale of the supply chain  
( **from the molecular scale up to the process scale at the industry site** )

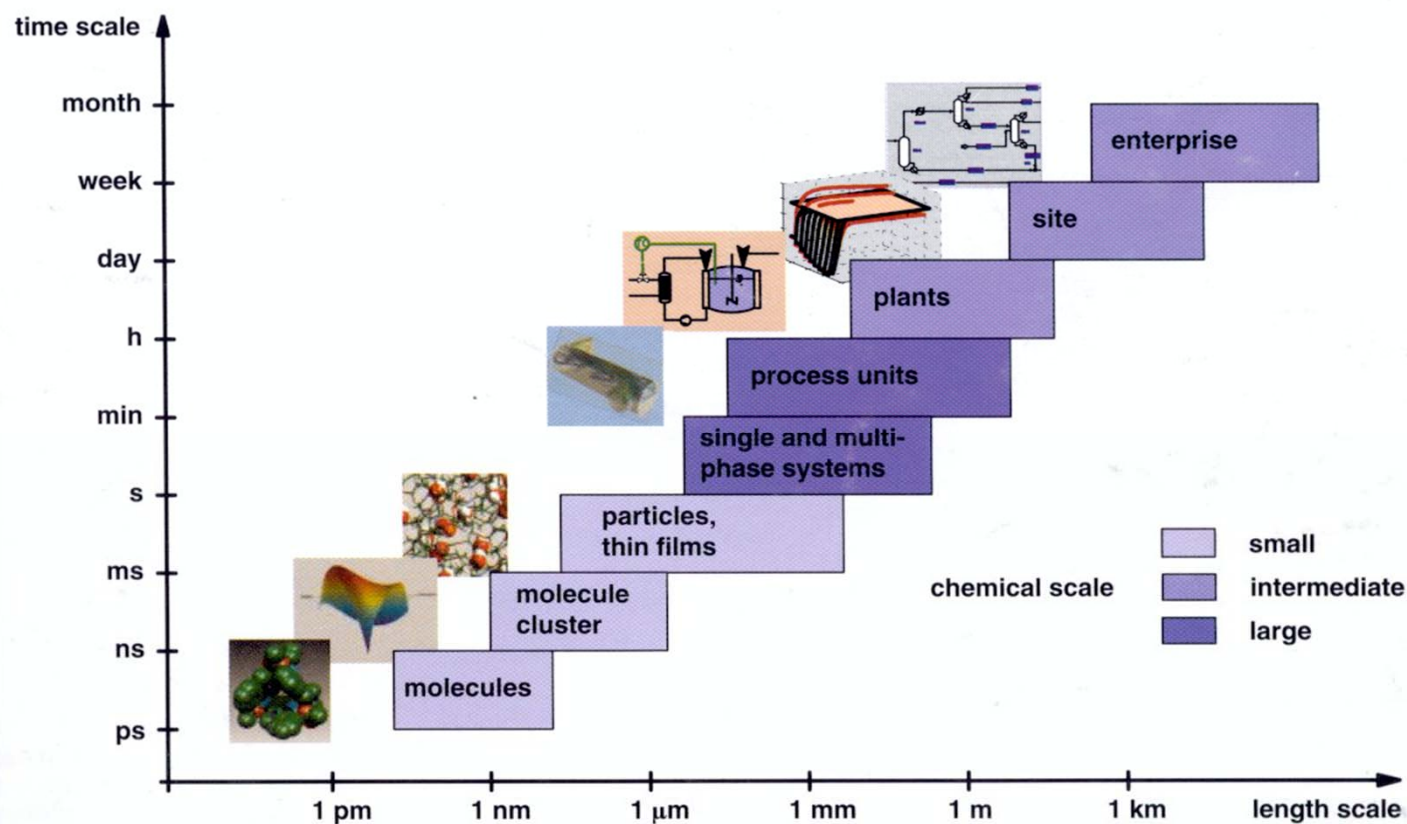
# The time and length scales encountered in the multiscale approach



.....Organizing the complexity levels

# The multi time and length scales of the **CHEMICAL SUPPLY CHAIN**

*(Grossmann & Westerberg, 2000; Marquardt et al, 1998)*



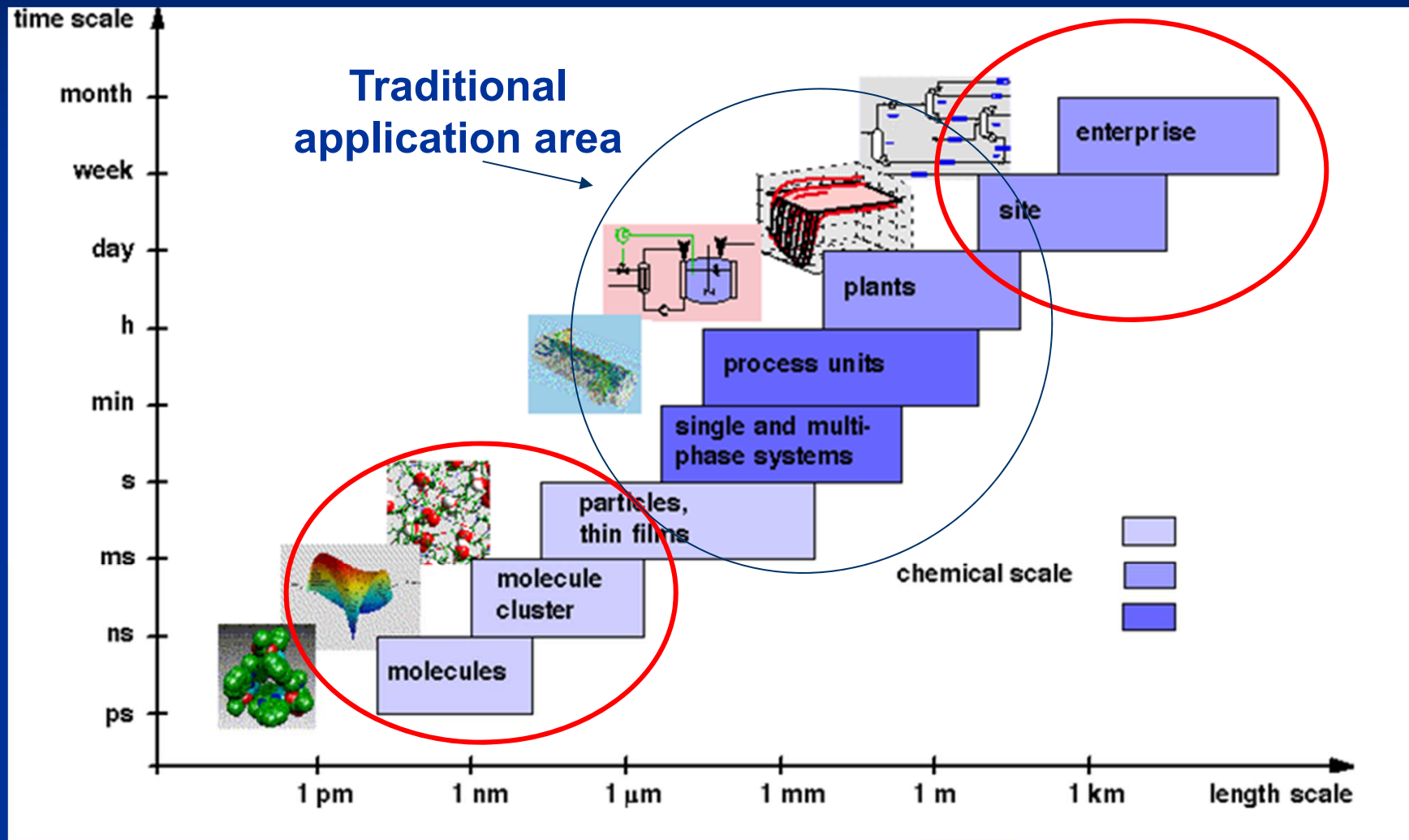
**Green Chemistry and Green Chemical and Process Engineering** are now concerned with the understanding and development of systematic procedures for the design and operation of chemical process systems, ranging :

**FROM nano and microsystems-scales** where chemicals have to be synthesized and characterized at the molecular-level

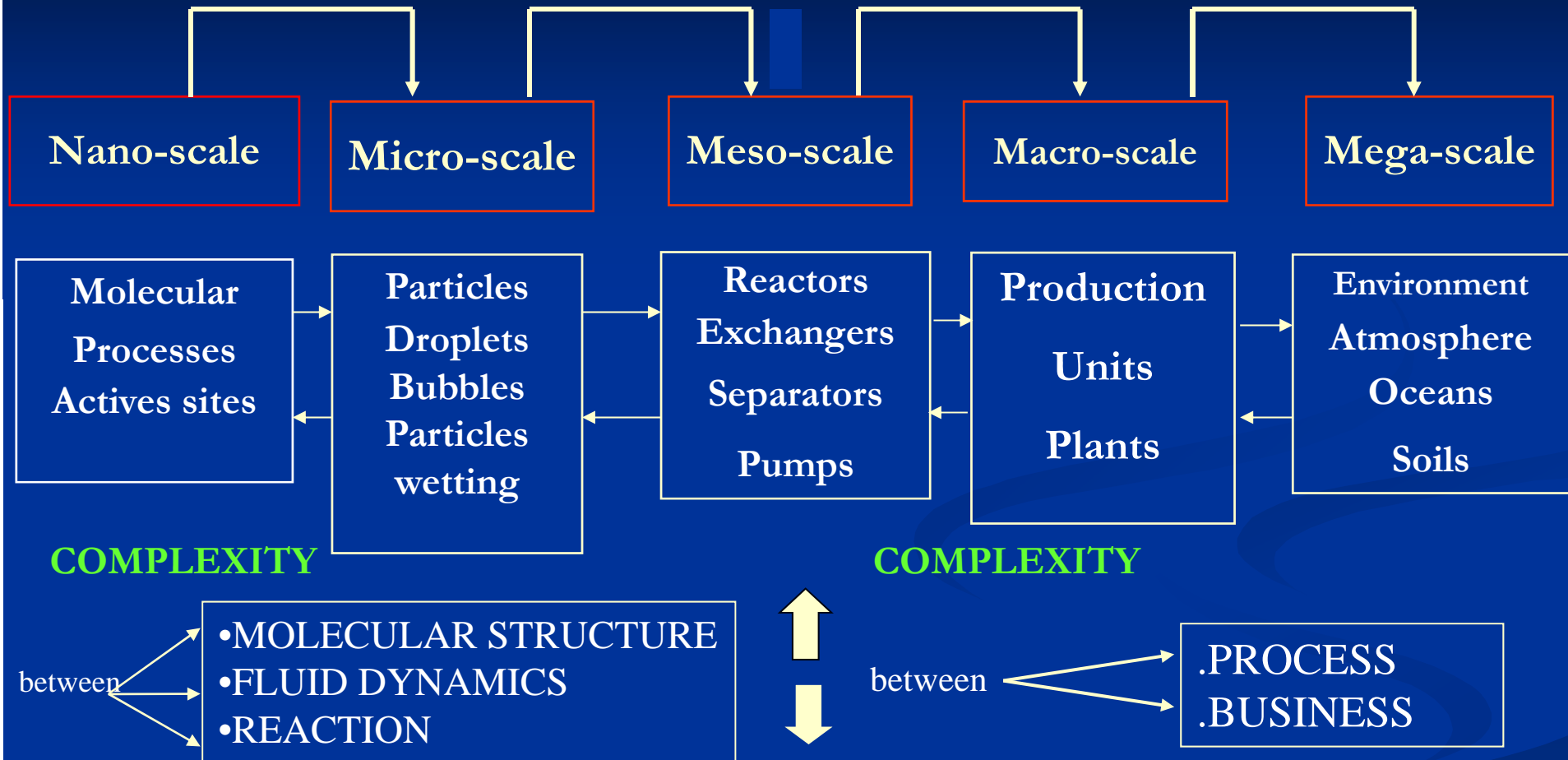
**TO industrial-scale** continuous and batch processes

# Green modern chemical engineering: The multi-scale time and length approach of the chemical products supply chain

Dimension: Scale; Disciplines; Time, Modelling



# Organizing levels of increasing complexity underlies the present view of chemical engineering



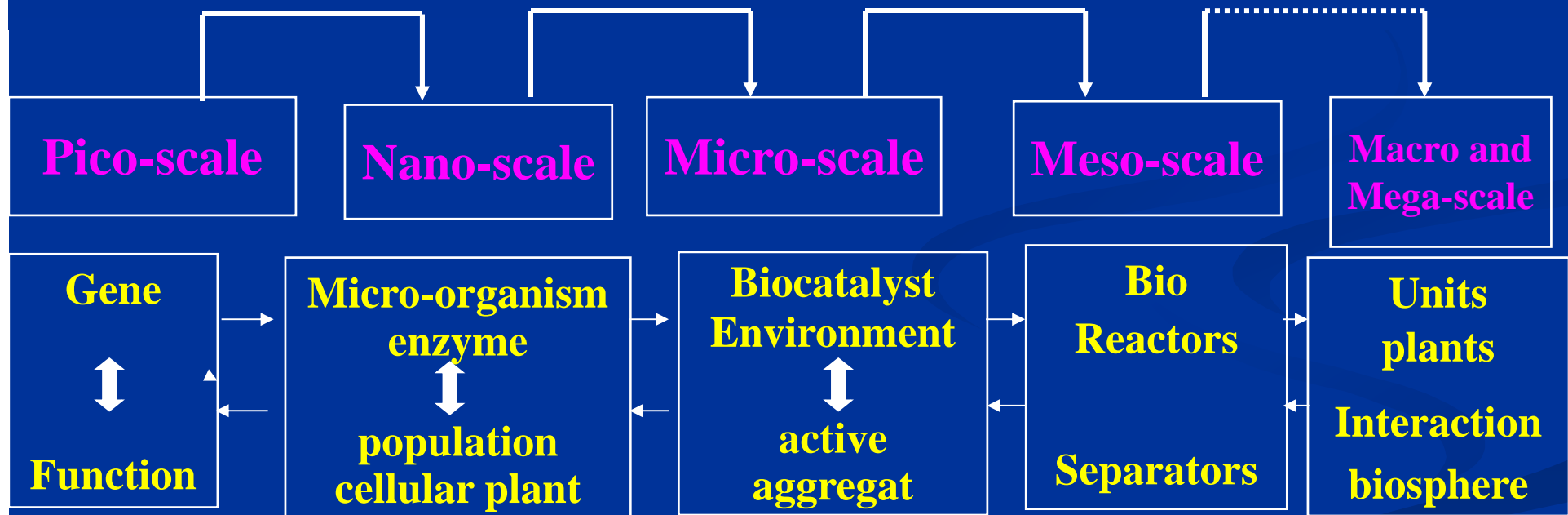
**Transforming the MOLECULES INTO MONEY** Environmental and Social impact

To understand and to describe the relationship between events at NANO and MICRO-scales to better convert MOLECULES onto USEFUL PRODUCTS at the PROCESS-scales



# BIOCHEMISTRY and BIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Organising levels of complexity with an integrated approach of phenomena and simultaneous and coupled processes from the **GENE** with known structure and function up to the **PRODUCT** (ecoproduct) with the desired **END-USED PROPERTY**



# BIOCHEMISTRY and BIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Biology's catalysts, the enzymes are proteins molecules that substantially **speed up** the biochemical reactions in the cell

and

**Understanding** an enzyme at the molecular level means that it may be **tailored** to produce a particular **end product** at the product meso-level, i.e.,

again organising levels of complexity.....with the multiscale integrated approach. This gives:

Opportunity to apply genetic-level controls to make **better biocatalysts, novel products or developing new drugs, new therapies** (social challenges, **improvement of the quality of life, customized chemical products...**)

# Historical paradigms of Chemical Engineering

## 1st Paradigm: Unit Operations

initiated by Arthur D. Little – ca. 1907 book: “Principles of Chemical Engineering” by Walker, Lewis and McAdams (1923) focus on equipments, construction and performances

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Paradigm: Transport Phenomena

appeared in 1960' book: “Transport Phenomena” by Bird, Stewart and Lightfoot (1960) focus on momentum, heat and mass transfer modeling

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Paradigm: INTEGRATED SYSTEM TIME and LENGTH MULTISCALE Approach (G3P)

for a modern green sustainable Chemical Engineering

( involving Process Intensification for the élaboration of the required end use properties of the green product, etc...)

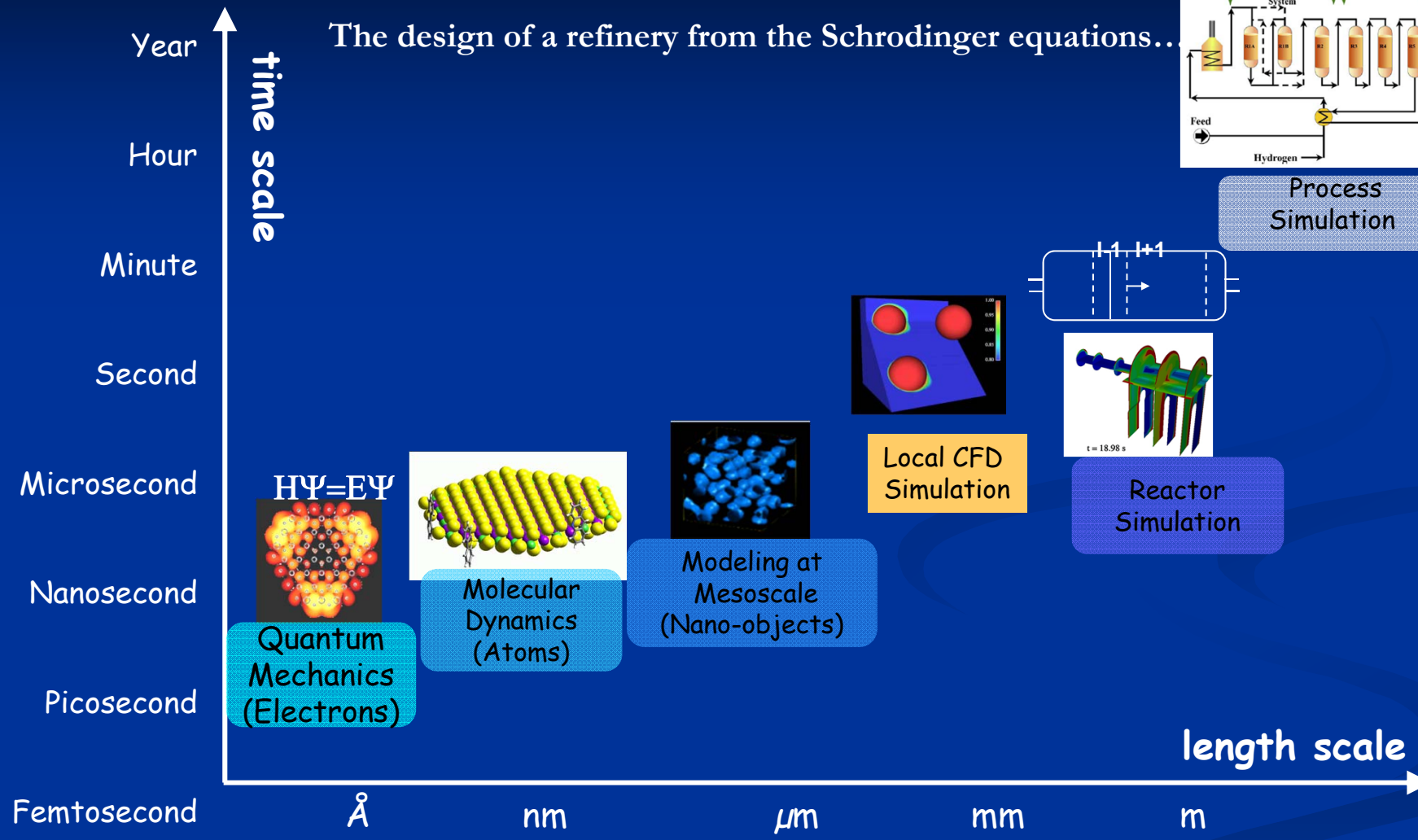
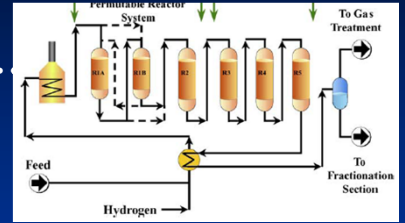
(**vers l'Usine du Futur**) (Factory of the Future)

(Charpentier J.C., Chem Eng Res Des, 2010, 88, 248)

# Challenges for modeling in chemical engineering

## The multiscale approach for the couple green product/process

The design of a refinery from the Schrodinger equations...



The integrated multiscale system approach involves to understand how phenomena at a smaller length scale relate to properties and behaviour at a longer length scale of the chemical supply chain.

**NEW CONCEPTS and METHODS**

requiring a multidisciplinary **INTEGRATED SYSTEMS APPROACH**

at **DIFFERENT TIME** and **LENGTH SCALE** aiming to

**PROCESS INTENSIFICATION**

to obtain sustainable products (**green**) with sustainable processes (**green**)

« **The couple Green Products/ Green Process** »

are obtained with the

**BREAKTHROUGHS** in

**MOLECULAR MODELING,**

Fine non intrusive **SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTATION,**

Powerful **COMPUTATIONAL TOOLS**

*involving investigations in chemical engineering led in strong collaboration with*

**physicists, chemists, biologists, ecotoxicologists, instrumentation specialists**

## Molécular modeling and computer tools

### Nanoscale

- ♦ to better control catalysis and surface states of catalyst.

**use of molecular modeling**

### Microscale

- ♦ complex and particular systems whose properties are controlled by interfacial phenomena, fractal structure of porous media.

**progress in computational chemistry very useful**

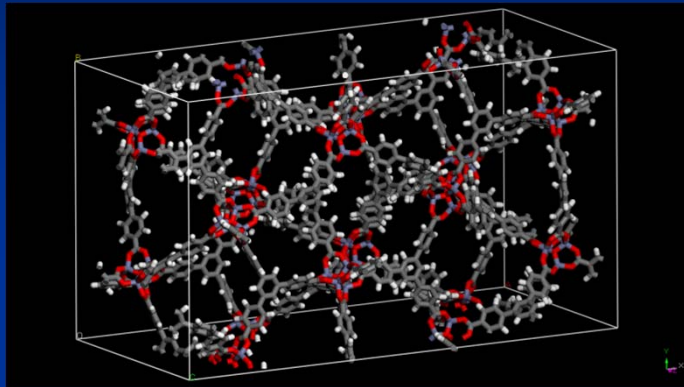
### Mesoscale & macroscale

- ♦ Complex hydrodynamics (GSL catalytic reactor, non newtonian rheology, ...) & complex geometries

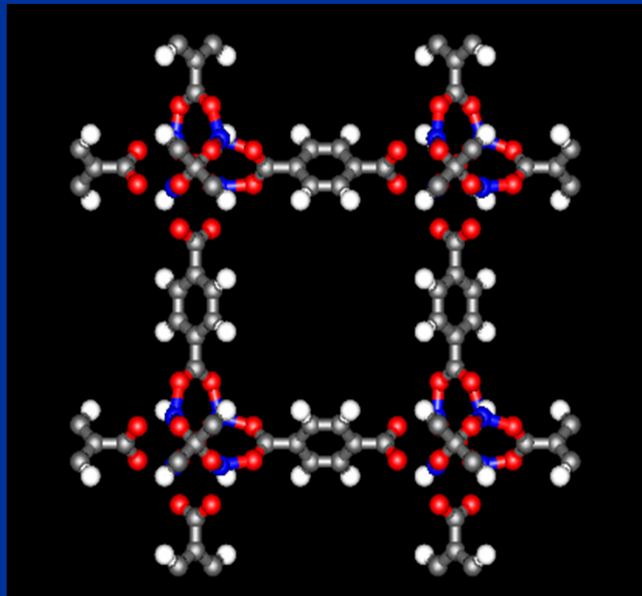
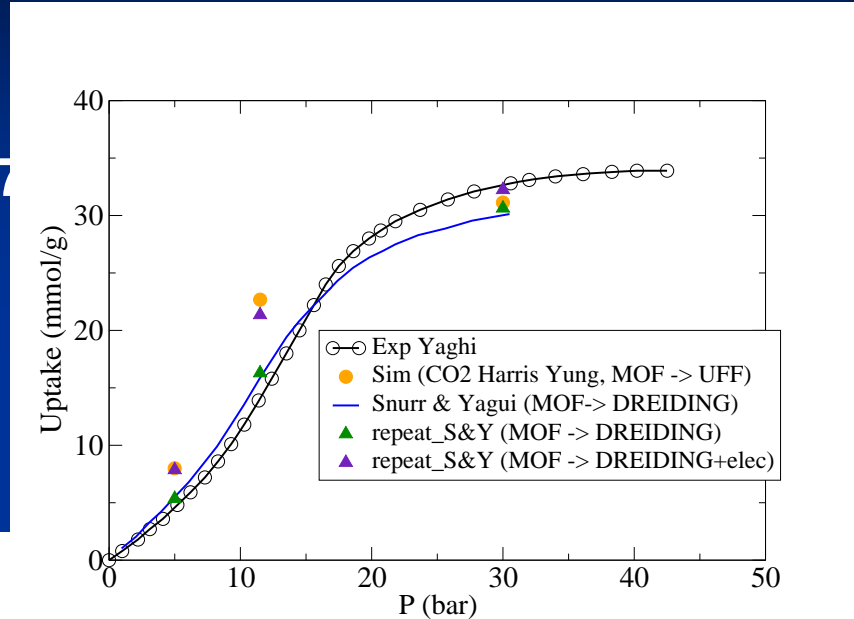
**progress in Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)  
(Mécanique des Fluides Numérique)**

# MOF-177 et IRMOF-1

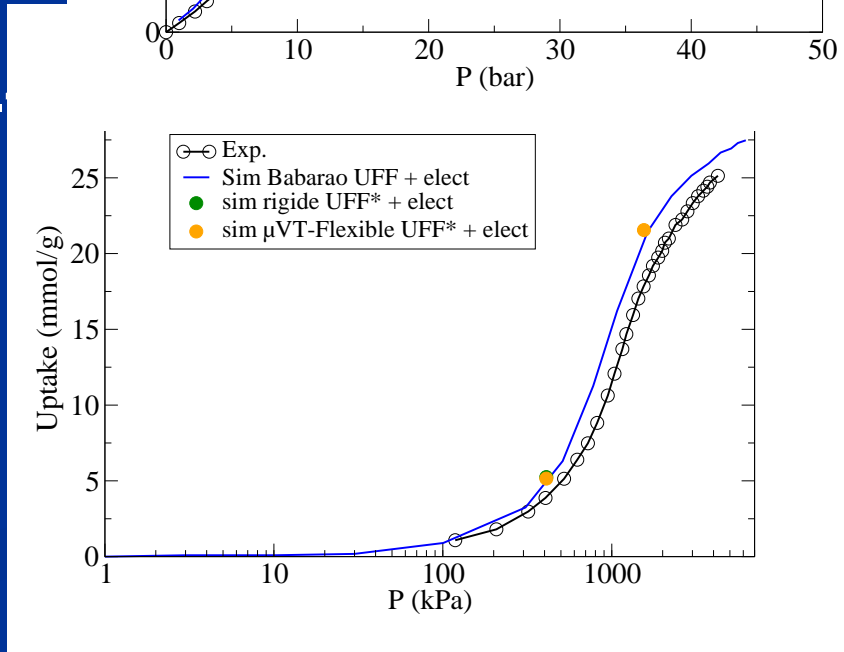
## Adsorption du CO<sub>2</sub>



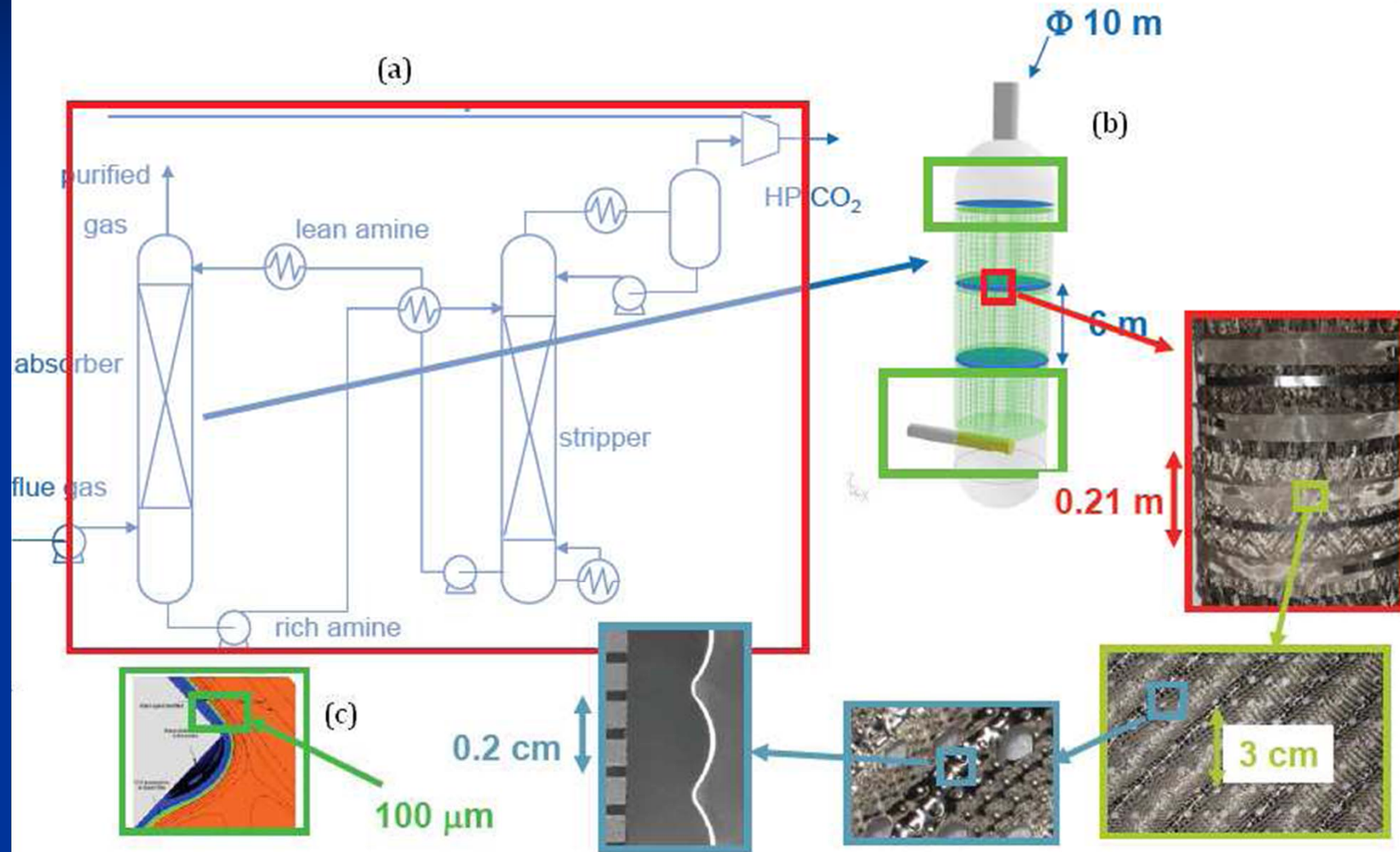
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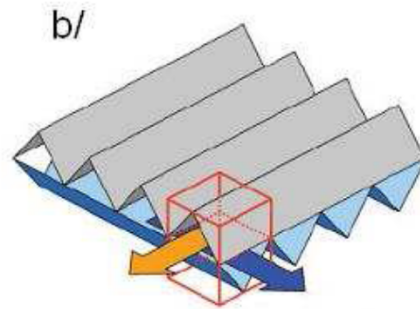
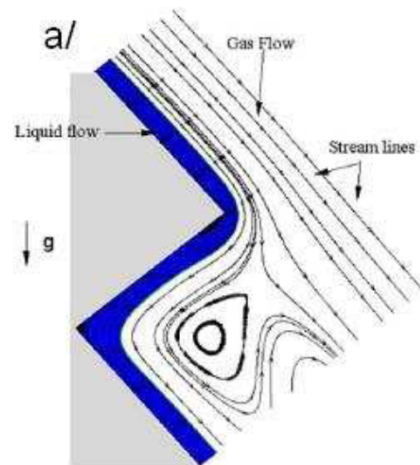
# Gas absorption with selective solvents: Capture of CO<sub>2</sub> by amines





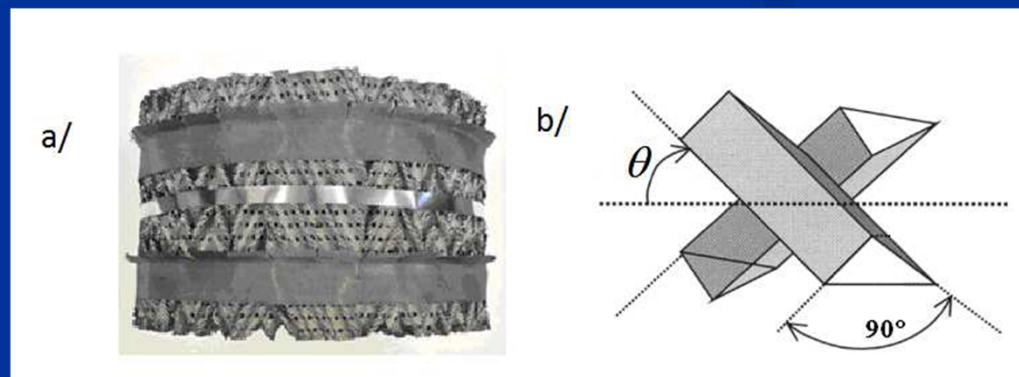
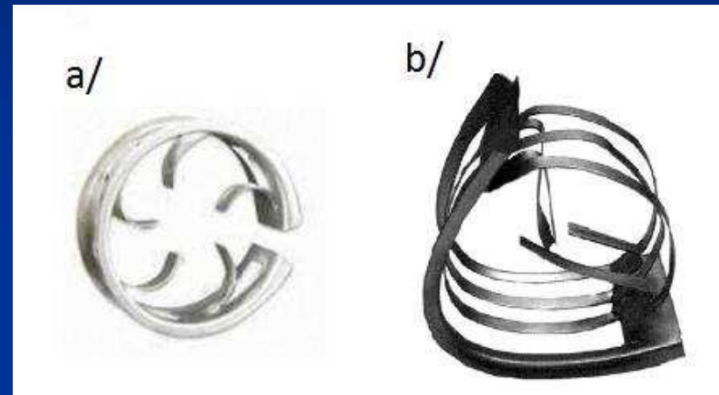
## Different simulation scales

- a/ film de liquide cisailé par un gaz
- b/ échelle de la cellule élémentaire représentative d'un garnissage structuré
- c/ échelle d'un bloc de garnissage
- d/ échelle d'une colonne (Sulzer Chemtech)

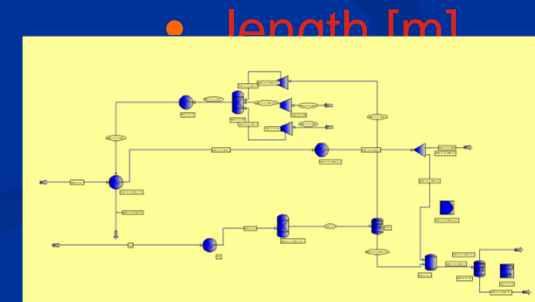
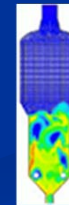
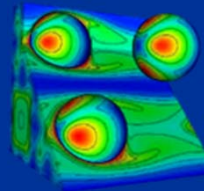
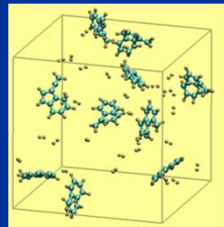
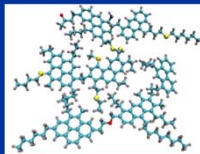
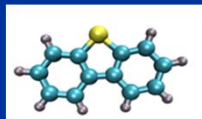
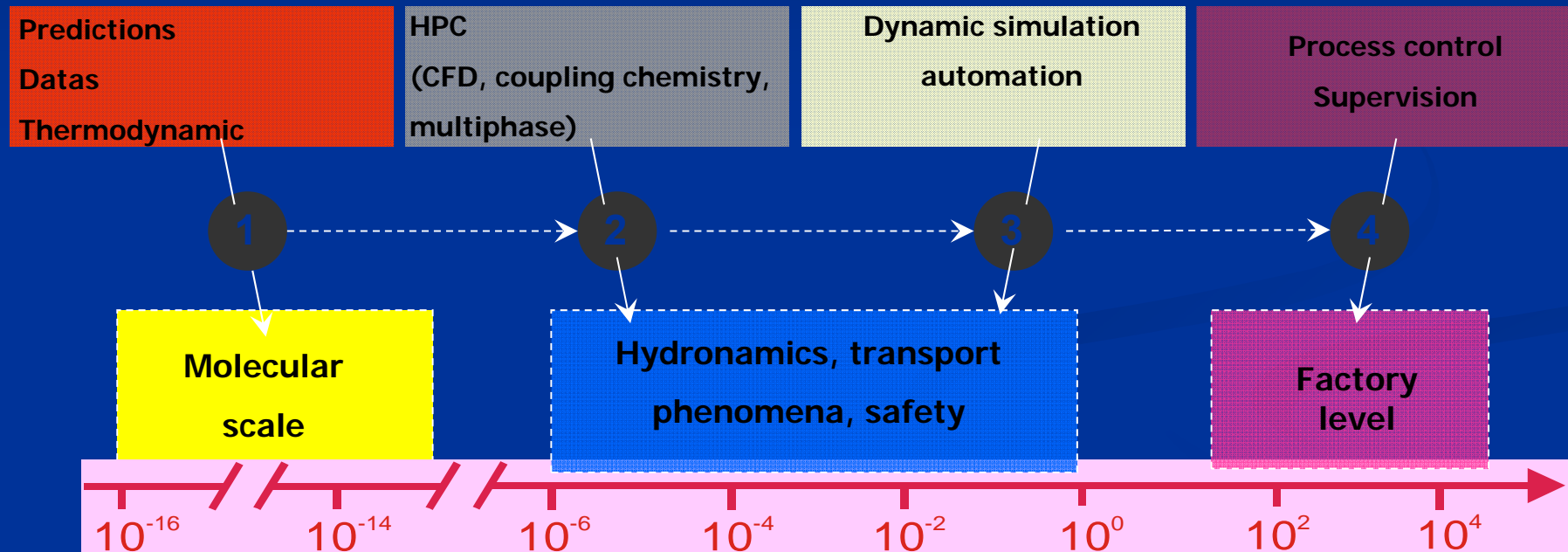


(a) Garnissage cascade Mini Rings (Koch-Glitsh) et (b) garnissage IMTP (Koch-Glitsh)

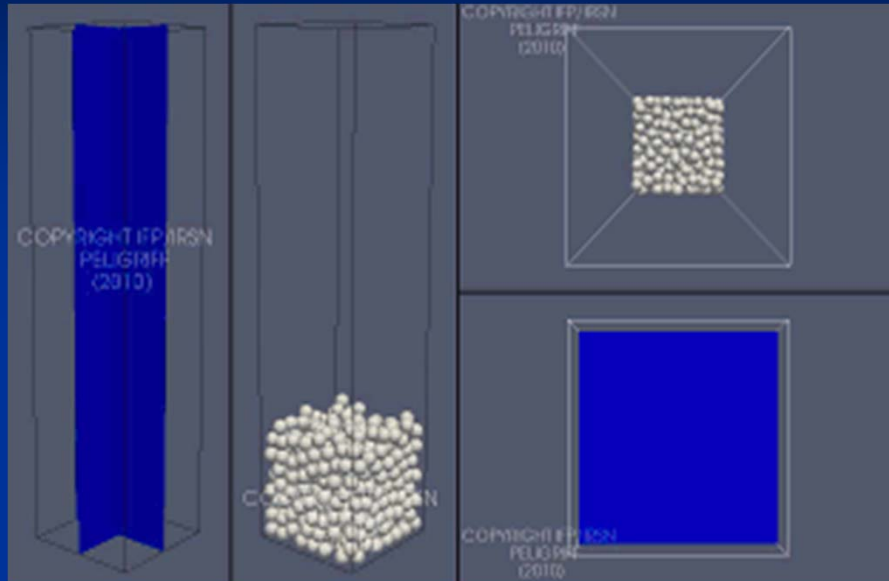
(a) Garnissage structuré M250.X (Sulzer) (b) Structure élémentaire d'un garnissage structuré



# Step by step multiscale approach



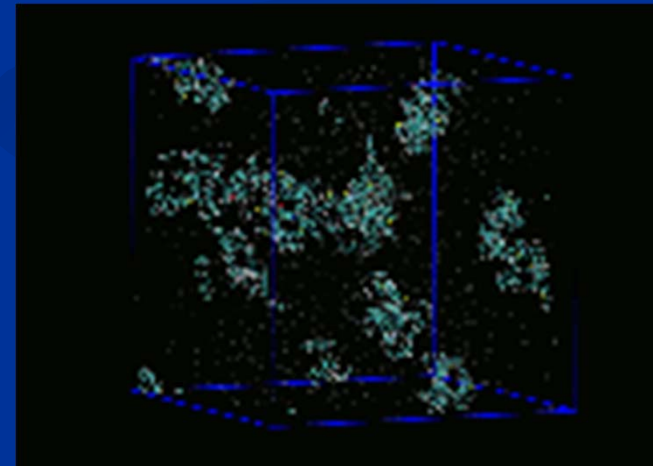
International Conference in  
**Multiscale Approaches for Process Innovation (MAPI)**  
(Multiscale Process Innovation)



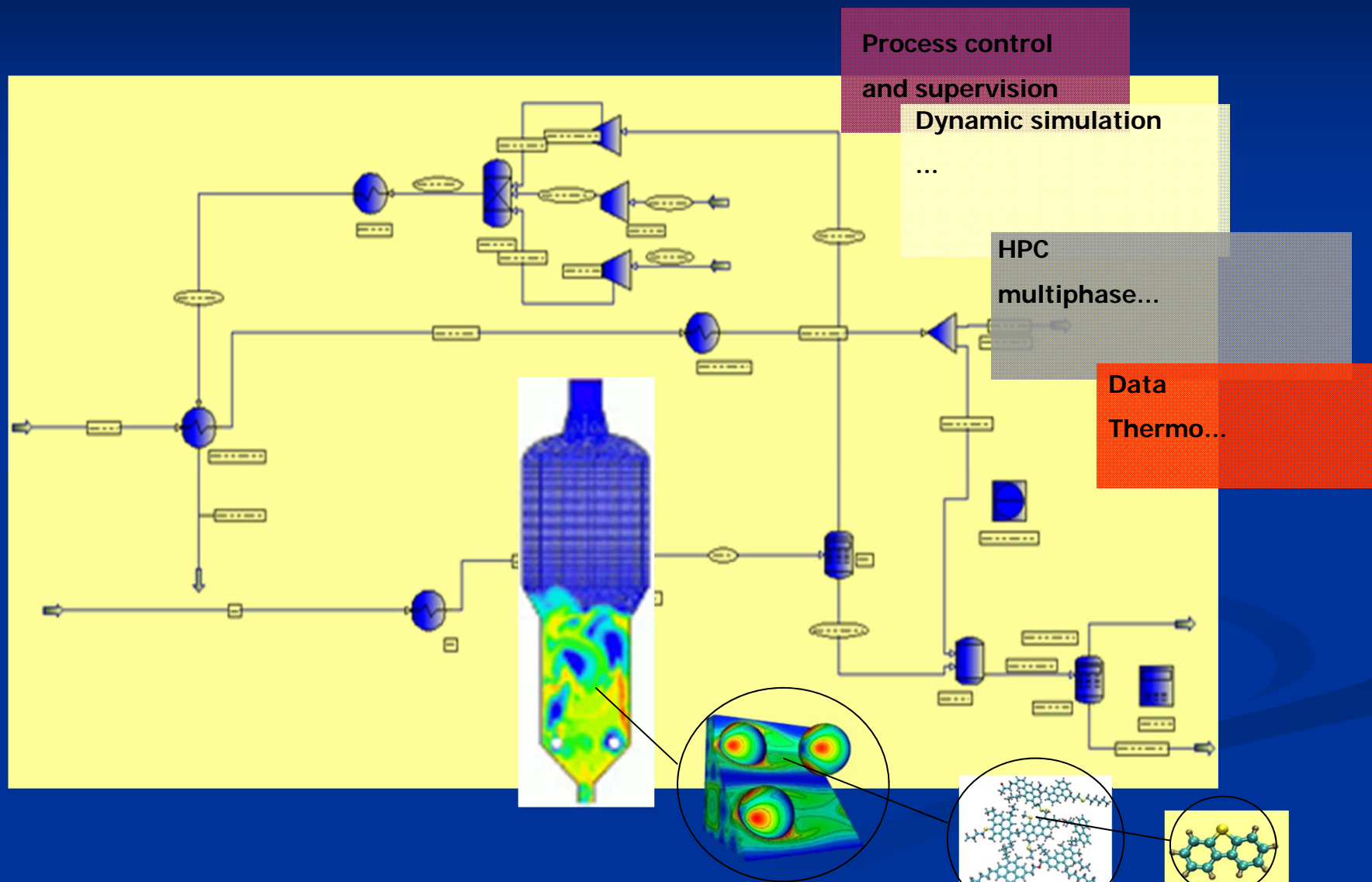
MAPI IFPEnergies nouvelles,  
25 – 27 Janvier 2012, Lyon, France

« From detailed feedstock molecular description to  
multiscale reaction and process modeling »

Oil Gas Science & Technology, 2013, 68, 6, 951-1113

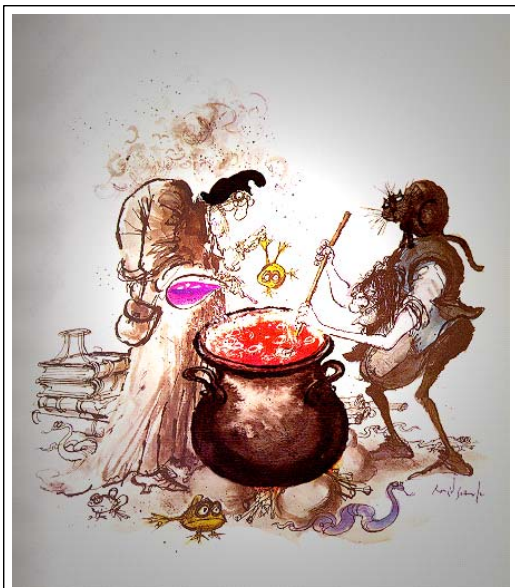


# Integrated multiscale approach



# REACTION ENGINEERING...

*Art*



Past & Present...

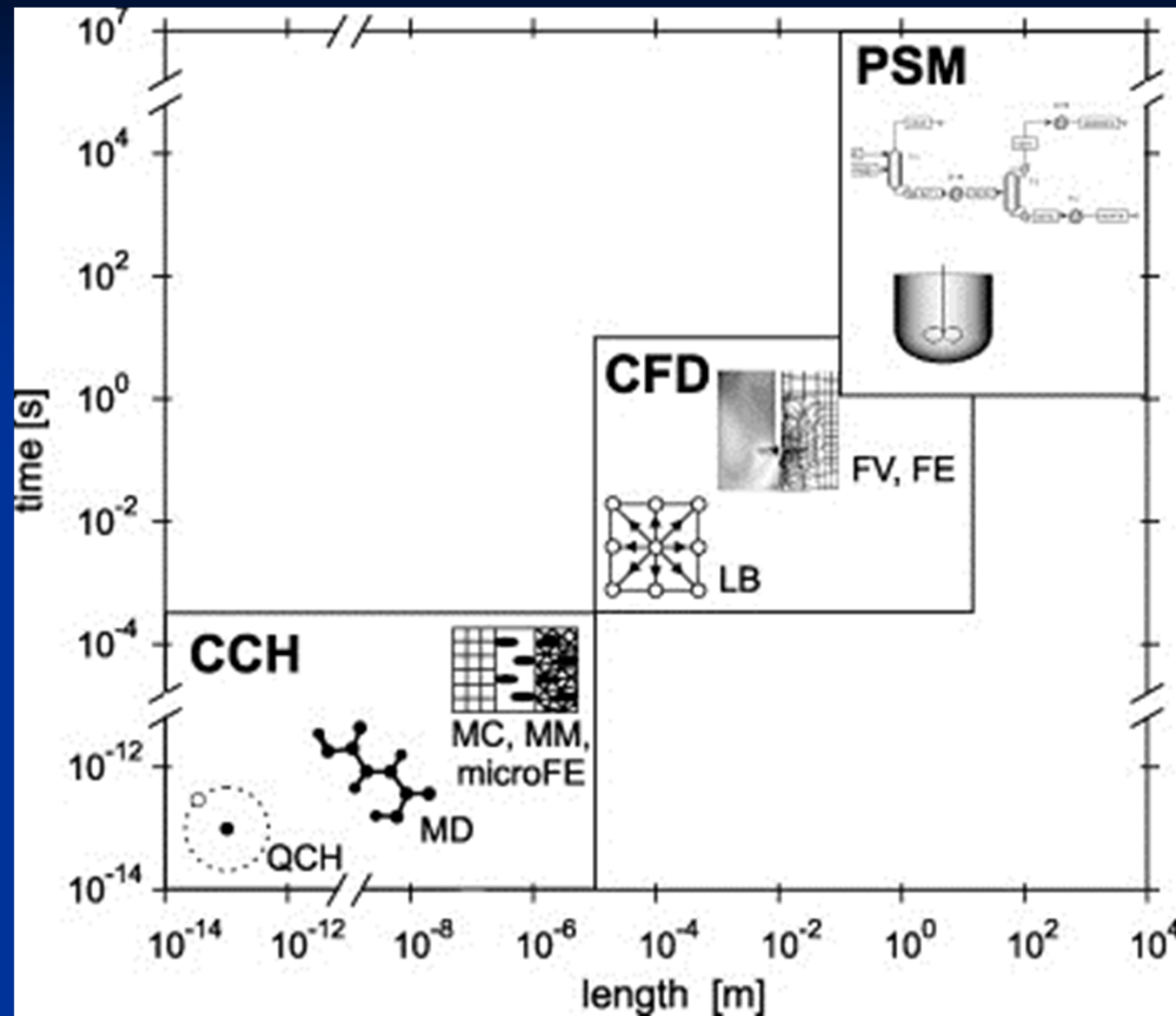
*Science*



... Future

**But Attention! Attention! Mind!**

The modern chemical engineering is not using only simulation and modelization « in silico » for industrial process intensification that produce **green products**



PSM – process system modeling, CFD – computational fluid dynamics, CCH – computational chemistry, FV – finite volume, FE – finite element, LB – lattice-Boltzmann approach, MC – Monte Carlo, MM – mesoscale, microFE – micro-finite element, MD – molecular dynamics, QCH – quantum chemistry.

# Traditional

# Approaches for Scale-up



————— Scale-up in Size —————>

# Emerging (Dream ?)

Integration of Knowledge from Catalyst Science and Reaction / Process Engineering

Apply Fundamentals on:

L, m

$10^{-12}$



Molecular scale



$10^{-3}$



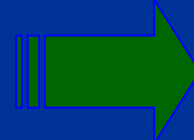
Eddy / Particle



$10^1$



Reactor Scale



Multi-Scale Analysis





# Avancées Advances for multiscale modelisation and simulation in chemical engineering

Actually the bottle necks in simulation and modelization.....

Le goulot d'étranglement pour les bons modèles de systèmes complexes et multiphasiques est la **compréhension of physics, chemistry and biology of interactions rather than the refining of mathematics codes**



for models, apply **EINSTEIN'S** citation :

**Keep things as simple as possible, but not simpler »**

## 4 Simultaneous tracks for the future of Green Process Engineering with a multiscale approach for **the design of the factory of future**

1-To increase productivity and selectivity through intelligent operations and multiscale control of processes: i.e. **Molecular information engineering**

Micro and-Nano and Micro tailoring of porous and cristalline Materials (**nanotechnology**) ← **Green Process Engineering with multiscale approach**

2- Design of novel equipment based on scientific principles and new modes of production: **process intensification** with multifunctional reactors or microstructured reactors (**microfluidic**) ← **Green Process Engineering with multiscale approach**

3- Manufacturing end-use properties: development of a multidisciplinary **product-oriented engineering** i.e. product design and engineering with special emphasis on solids technology and complex fluid processing ← **Green Process Engineering with multiscale approach**

4- Implement **multiscale** and multidisciplinary computational chemical engineering **modeling** and **simulation** to real-life situations: from the molecule scale up to the overall complex production scale. Automation, control and safety , LCA

← **Green Process Engineering with multiscale approach**

Charpentier J. C., Oil & Gas Science and Technologies, 2013, 68, 952-964

# 1- MODERN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND SELECTIVITY THROUGH INTELLIGENT OPERATIONS AND MULTISCALE CONTROL OF PROCESSES

## a. Intensification of processus

- control local temperature and composition through **staged feed** and **heat supply or removal**.

## b. Use of microtechnology

- to design synthetic materials with **prescribed properties**
- to tailor porous materials exhibiting **interesting properties**
  - for reaction and separation or
  - controlled structure for developing chiral technologies,
  - or for functionalized membranes

**...possibility to engineer molecular, microscopic and macroscopic material characteristics**  
i.e. Nanotechnology and functionalised membranes for water treatment application and reaction, for pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry

## **PROCESS INTENSIFICATION** using multifunctional reactors

- that couple elementary processes (**transfer - reaction - separation**) to increase **productivity, selectivity** or to facilitate **the separation of undesired by-products**

→ **Catalytic distillation**

→ **Absorption with chemical reaction**

→ **Chromatographic reactor**

→ **Liquid-liquid two phase extractive reaction (or reactive extraction)**

→ **Reactive crystallization and distillation**

→ **Membrane reactors** : MC, MD, membrane emulsification, liquid supported membranes, MOF-based membranes.

→ **Structured packings, monolith, hierarchically structured beds of catalysts**

- Or uncoupling elementary processes (**nucleation-growth-agglomeration processes, then ad-hoc chemical reaction**)

leading to sustainability and society wants i.e., (energy and raw materials savings, safety,...) with

**MORE COMPACT, SAFER,  
and ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES**

# Hydrocracking : blockbuster HYGO

Process  
Intensification

with  
Multi  
functional  
Reactors

REPSOL  
Tarragone  
(Spain)



## Hydrocracking : blockbuster HYGO

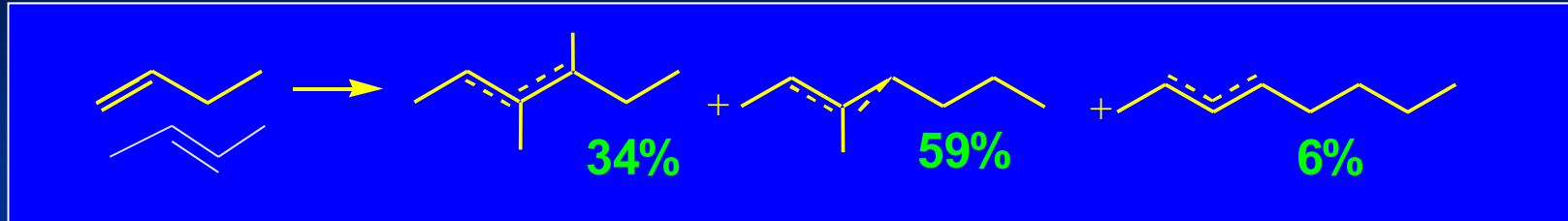
1 catalytic reactor packed with 3 layers of catalysts instead of 3 catalytic reactors



# PROCESS INTENSIFICATION USING NEW OPERATION MODES OF PRODUCTION

- operation with new **green** processes or **green** media (neoteric solvents: ionic liquids, fluored liquids)
- **application of external driving forces** (i.e. alternative sources and forms of energy: electromagnetic fields- microwaves, light, plasma technologies...)

# Dimersol Process : for chemistry



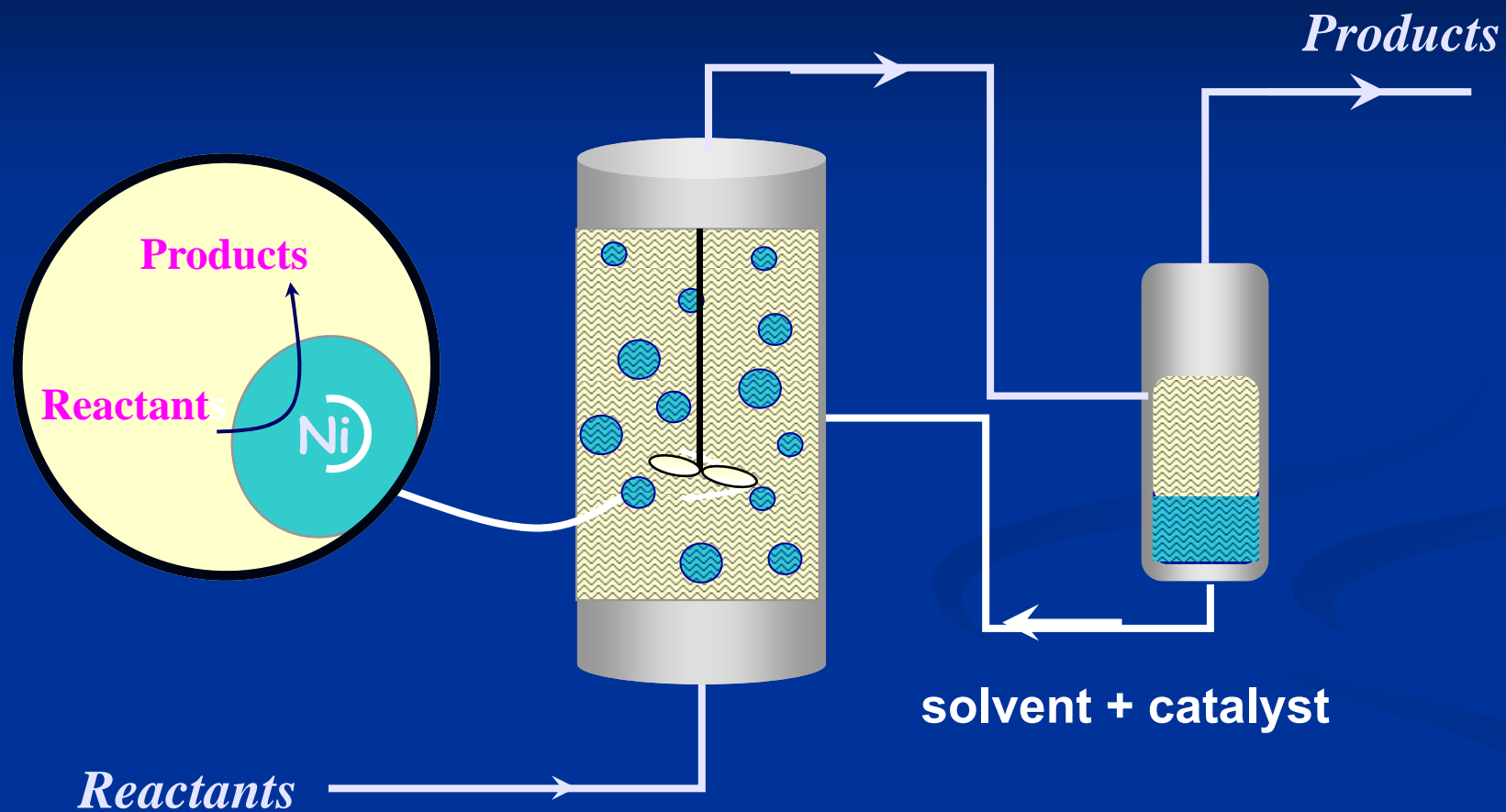
**Isoctenes** (manufactured from **Butene** in using liquid biphasic catalysis with an **organic solvent**) are used as starting material for PVC plasticizers

0.5 Mt products / year





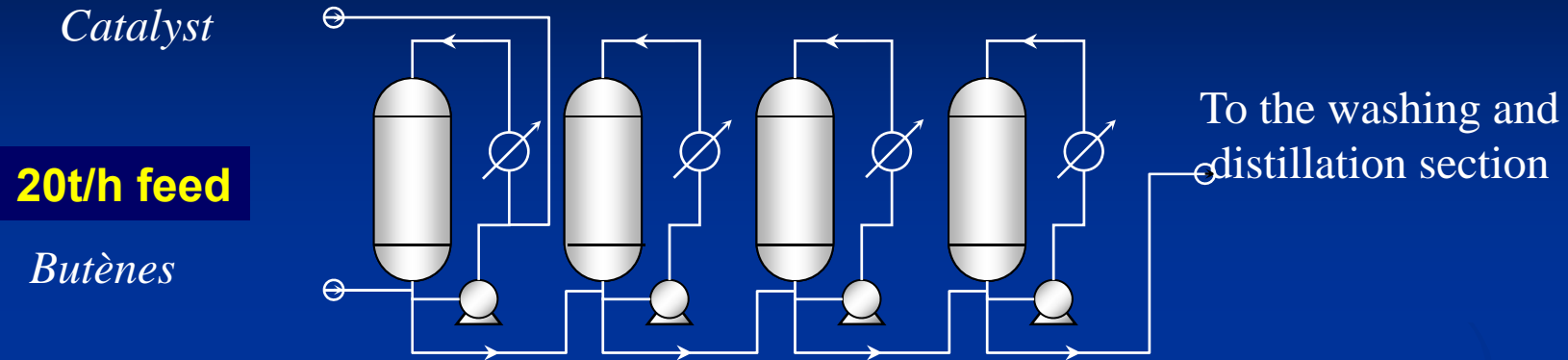
# Liquid-Liquid Biphasic Catalysis with non-aqueous **ionic liquid**



## Procédé Dimersol

Isooctène (plastifiant PVC) from butène biphasic catalyst (Ni), organic solvent

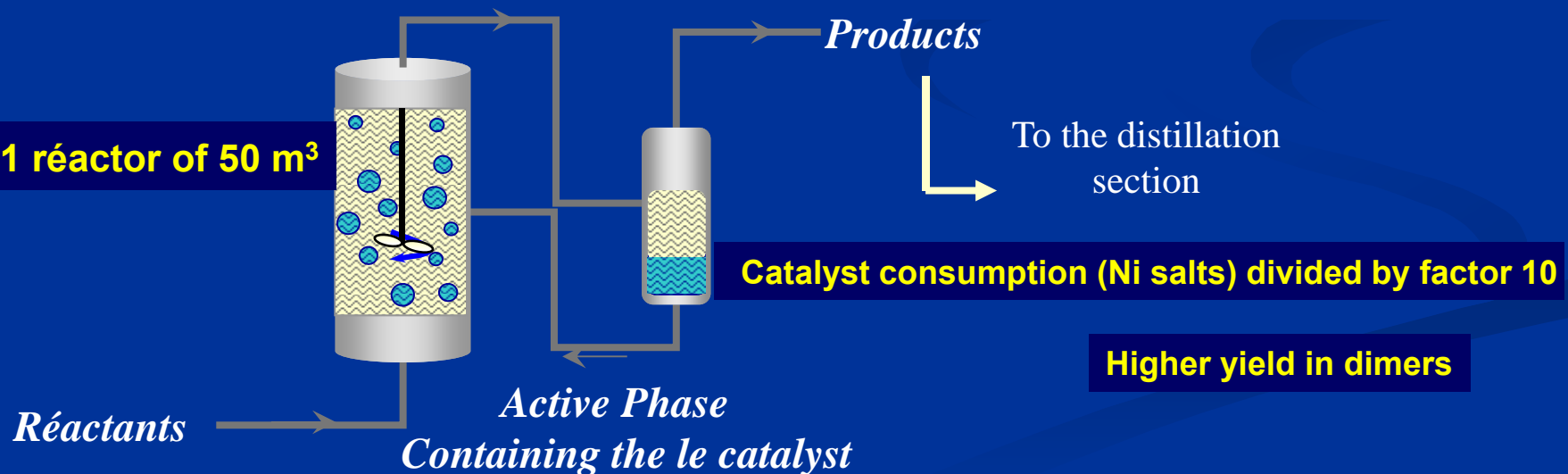
4 reactors of 120 m<sup>3</sup>



## Procédé Difasol

Isooctène from butène biphasic catalyst (Ni), ionic liquid

1 réactor of 50 m<sup>3</sup>



**PROCESS INTENSIFICATION**

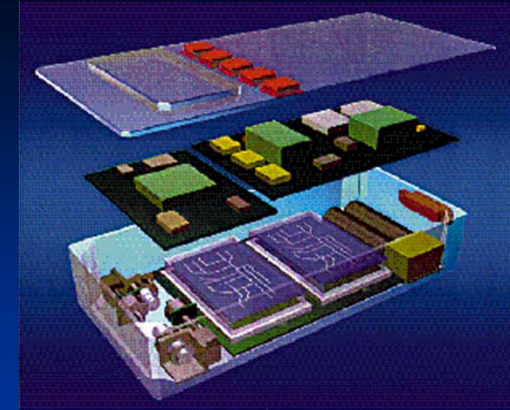
**with**

New operating modes

**in using**

**Microengineering and Microtechnology**

(microstructured mixers and reactors)



## Process Intensification with **micro structured** mixers, separators, analyzers and reactors (microfluidic)

- for the **formation of stable emulsions and dispersions**

- for the **screening** of catalyst or pharmaceutical and cosmetic active principles

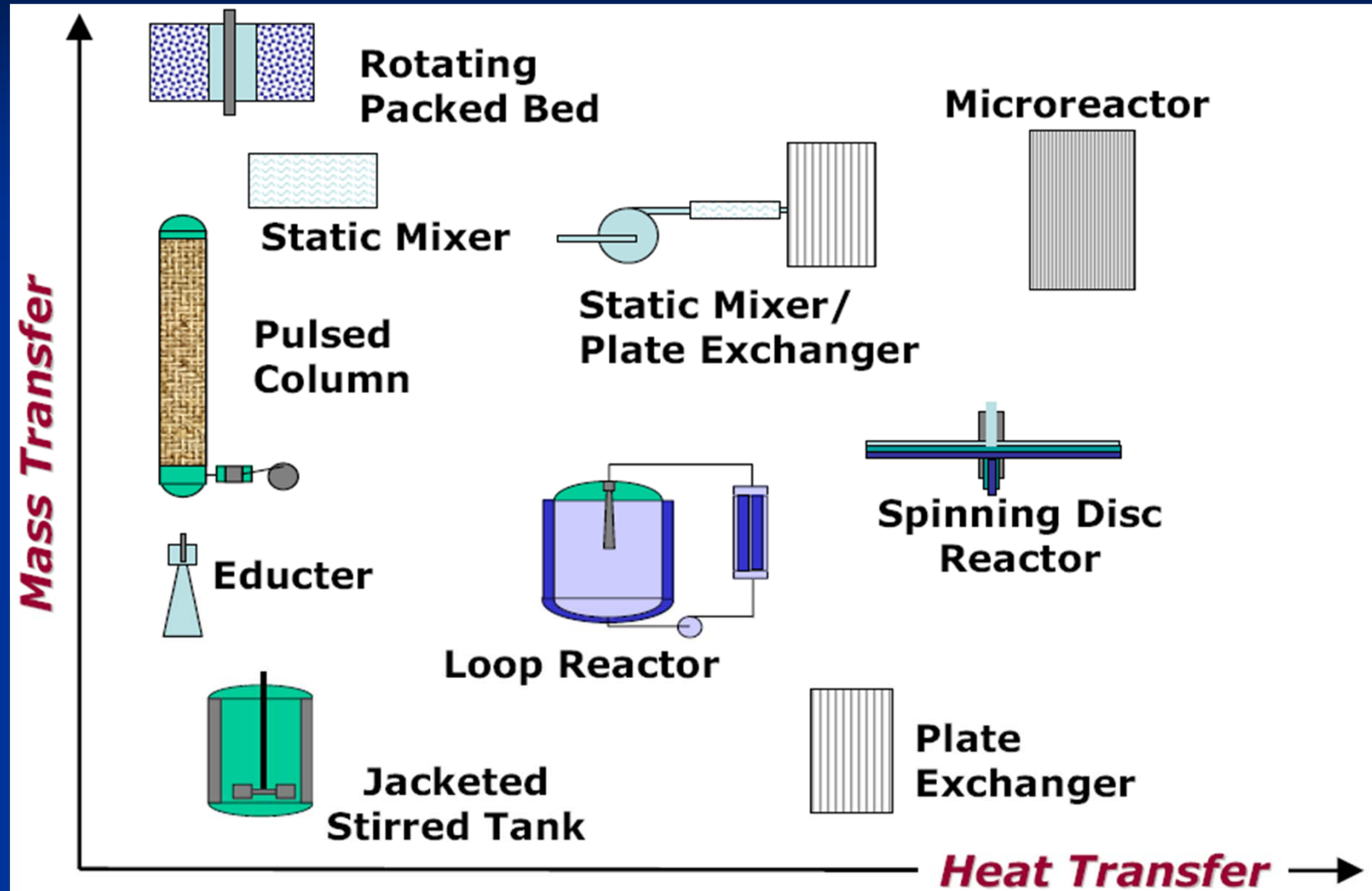
(**High throughput Screening**)

- and for the **Production** at laboratory scale and pilot scale

### **Goals and challenges:**

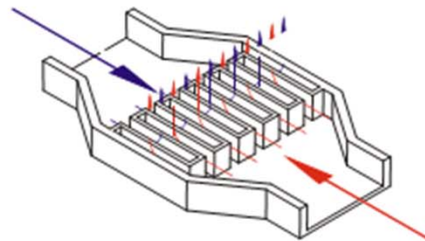
Integration of fluidic, reaction, unit processes, detection, data handling & device control  
into a single packaged system.

# Microstructured reactors for Process Intensification



## MIXING PRINCIPLES AND CORRESPONDING IMM MICROMIXERS

**Lamination for hydrodynamic or shear decay**



**Interdigital Micromixers**

SIMM-V2  
SSIMM  
...

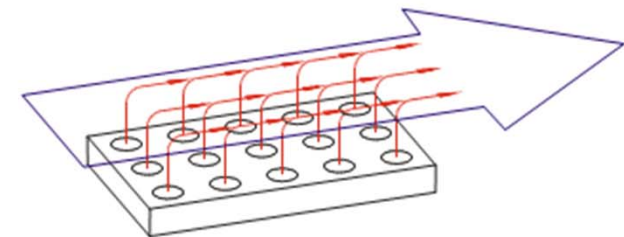
**Bas-relief induced recirculation flow**



**Caterpillar Micromixers**

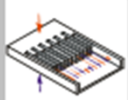
CPMM-R300-V1.2, CPMM-R600-V1.2  
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**Injection in turbulent flow**

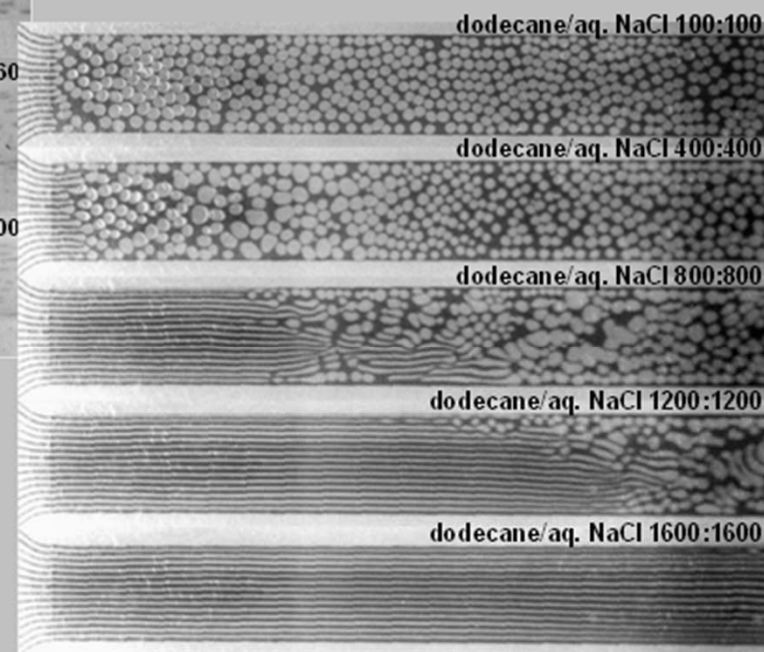
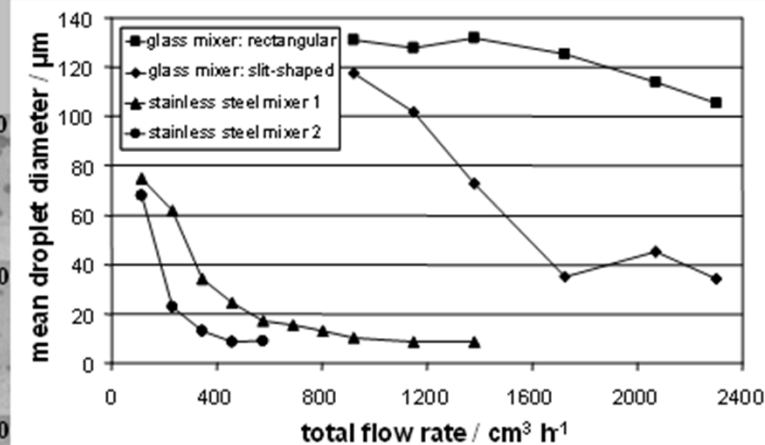
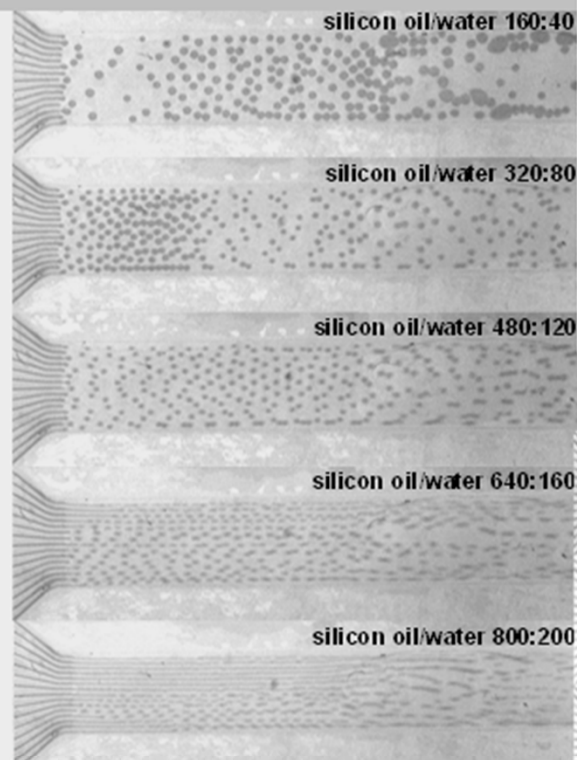
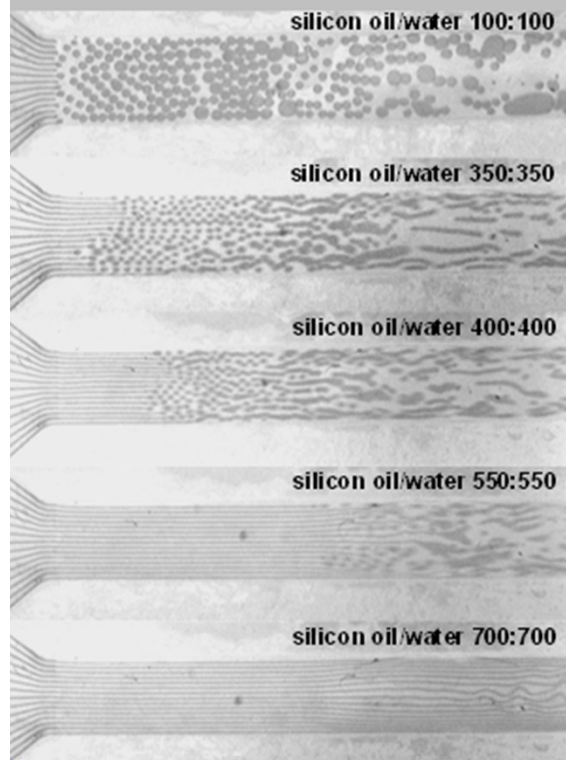


**Star Laminator Micromixers**

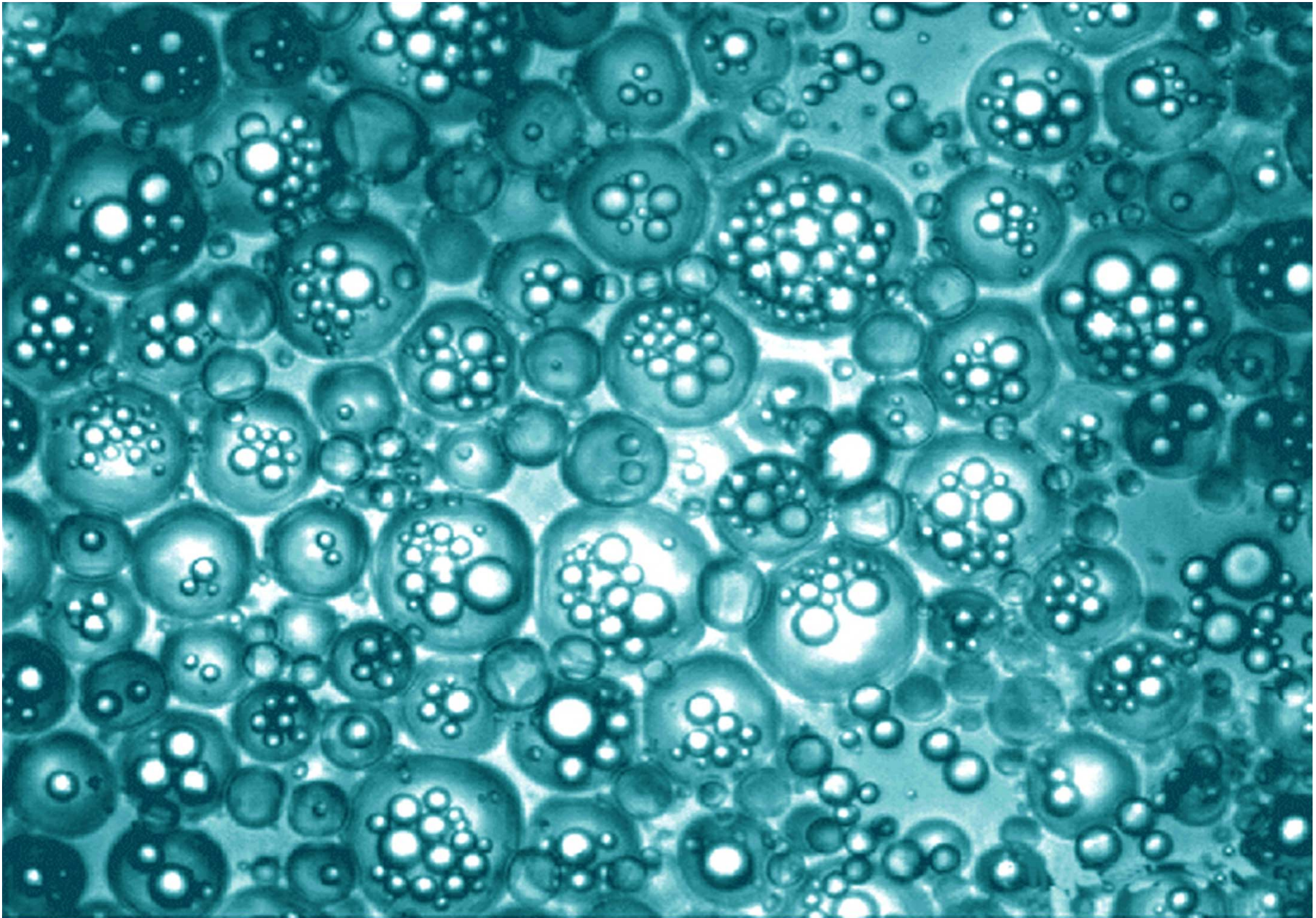
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# DROPLET FORMATION IN RECTANGULAR INTERDIGITAL MICROMIXERS



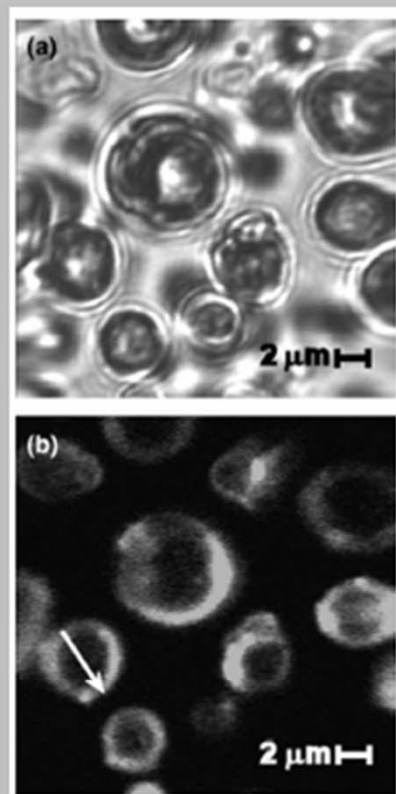
P. Pennemann, S. Hardt, V. Hessel, P. Löb, F. Weise,  
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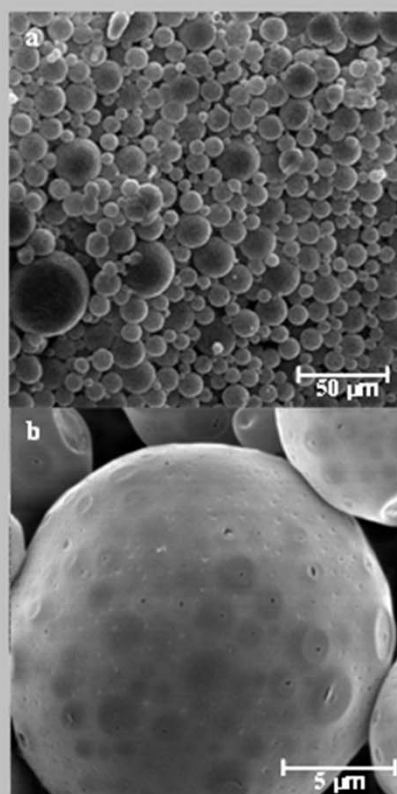
# LABORATORY APPLICATIONS OF THE INTERDIGITAL SSIMM MIXER

**Microparticles for antigen delivery to dendritic cells**



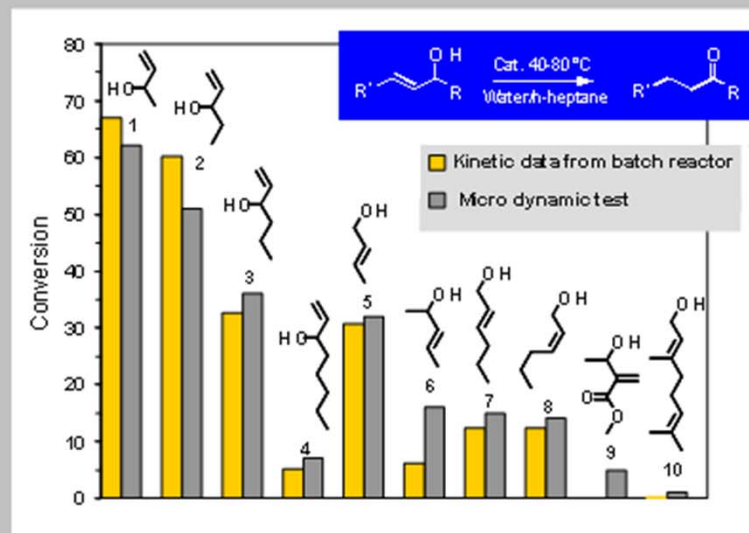
C. Wischke, D. Lorenzen, J. Zimmermann, H.-H. Borchert  
*Europ. J. Pharmac. Biopharmac.* **62** (2006) 247–253.

**Microencapsulation for polymer-loaded particles**



S. Freitas, A. Walz, H. P. Merkle, B. Gander, *J. Microencapsulation* **20**, 1 (2003) 67-85.

**Transient substrate/catalyst screening of I/I reactions**



C. de Bellefon, N. Tanchoux, S. Caravieilhès, P. Grenouillet, V. Hessel, *Angew. Chem.* **112**, 19 (2000) 3584-3587.

C. de Bellefon, N. Pestre, T. Lamouille, P. Grenouillet, *Advances in Synthesis and Catalysis* **345** (2003) 190-193.

## Réacteur à film tombant avec canal unique pour test de cata

Single channel falling film reactor: **Screening of 15 chiral inductors**

Single-channel ( $100 \times 300 \mu\text{m} \times 10 \text{cm} = 3 \mu\text{L}$ ) micro-falling film reactor will offer:

- long residence time (30 min)
- very low inventory of material (1-10  $\mu\text{L}$  pulse) for HTS application
- or allow steady-state operations with small inventory of material (50  $\mu\text{L}$ )

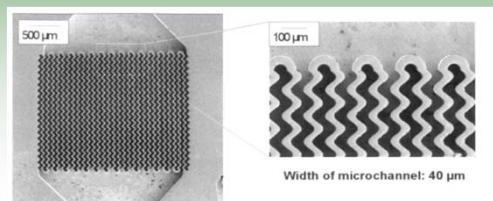


# Micro-structured multiphase contactors studied at LGPC, CPE/CNRS/Université de Lyon

## Screening Kinetics

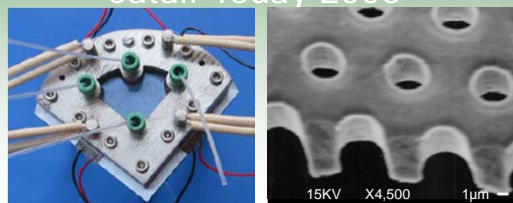
### Enols isomerisation

Screening, L/L, 10  $\mu\text{g}$  catalyst  
Angew. Chemie 2000



### Hydrogenation $\text{ArNO}_2$ $\text{C}=\text{C}$

G/L/S, 70°C, 40 bar,  
Chem. Commun. 2004  
Catal. Today 2006



### Asymmetric hydrogenations

G/L kinetics  
Adv. Synth. Catal. 2003



### Selective oxidations

G/L, 200°C, 30 bar  $\text{O}_2$  pur  
Lab Chip 2008

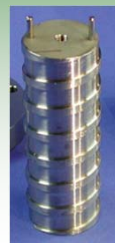


New  
Process  
Windows

## Multiphase micro-reactors

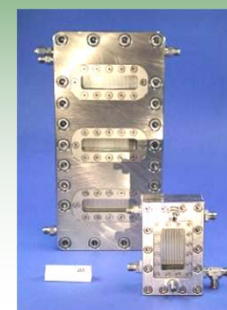
### Asymmetric hydrogenations

G/L, 60°C, 3 bar, 1  $\mu\text{g}$  catalyst  
Catal. Today 2005



### Hydrogenations $\text{ArNO}_2$ $\text{C}=\text{C}$

G/L,S 60°C, 6 bar  
WCCE8 Proceedings 2009



Production

C de Bellefon, NEXTLAB2014 Congress 2-4 April 2014, IFPEN Rueil (Fr)

Application de la **technologie microfluidique** (microchannel) non seulement pour le criblage de catalyseurs ou de principes actifs pharmaceutiques ou cosmétiques,

mais

**pour la production aux échelles du laboratoire et du pilote industriel**

## Micro reactors-Current Industrial scenario in 2014

A number of chemical (Clariant, Sweden; SAFC, US; BASF, German; Evonik, German; DSM, US; DuPont, US; Procter and Gamble, US) and pharmaceutical (Schering-Plough, US; Sanofi Aventis, France; Roche, Switzerland; GlaxoSmithKline, UK; Novartis, UK; AstraZeneca, UK) companies are trying to exploit the advantages of microreactors.

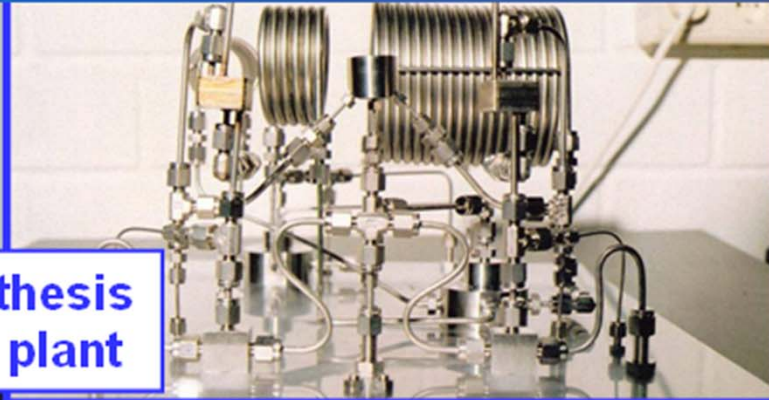
The US-based SAFC uses microreactors to produce about 50 commercial products

US based Corning has developed a microreactor for the production of more than 25 tonnes of a nitration product

Xi'an Huian Chemical, with the help of IMM, Germany, has started producing nitroglycerin in the range of 10 kg/hr at a plant in the middle of China

Recently, Velocys operated a 2 gallon/day BTL microreactor for more than 3,000 hours and achieved productivities of over 1,500kg/m<sup>3</sup>/h

# TABLE-TOP CMPE PLANTS WITH MICROMIXERS ... FROM LAB TO PILOT ... FROM CHEMISTRY TO CONSUMER GOODS



**Organic synthesis bench-scale plant**



**Cream manufacturing plant**

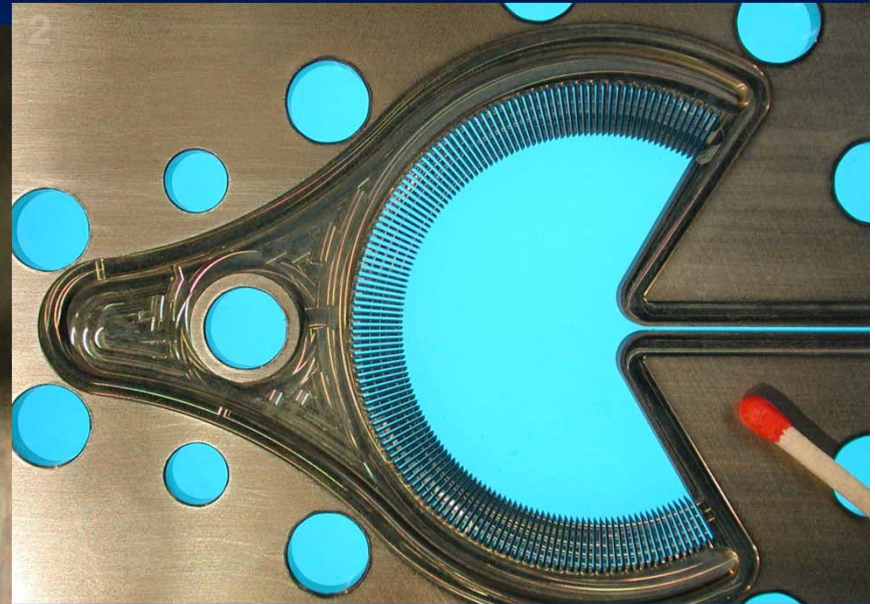
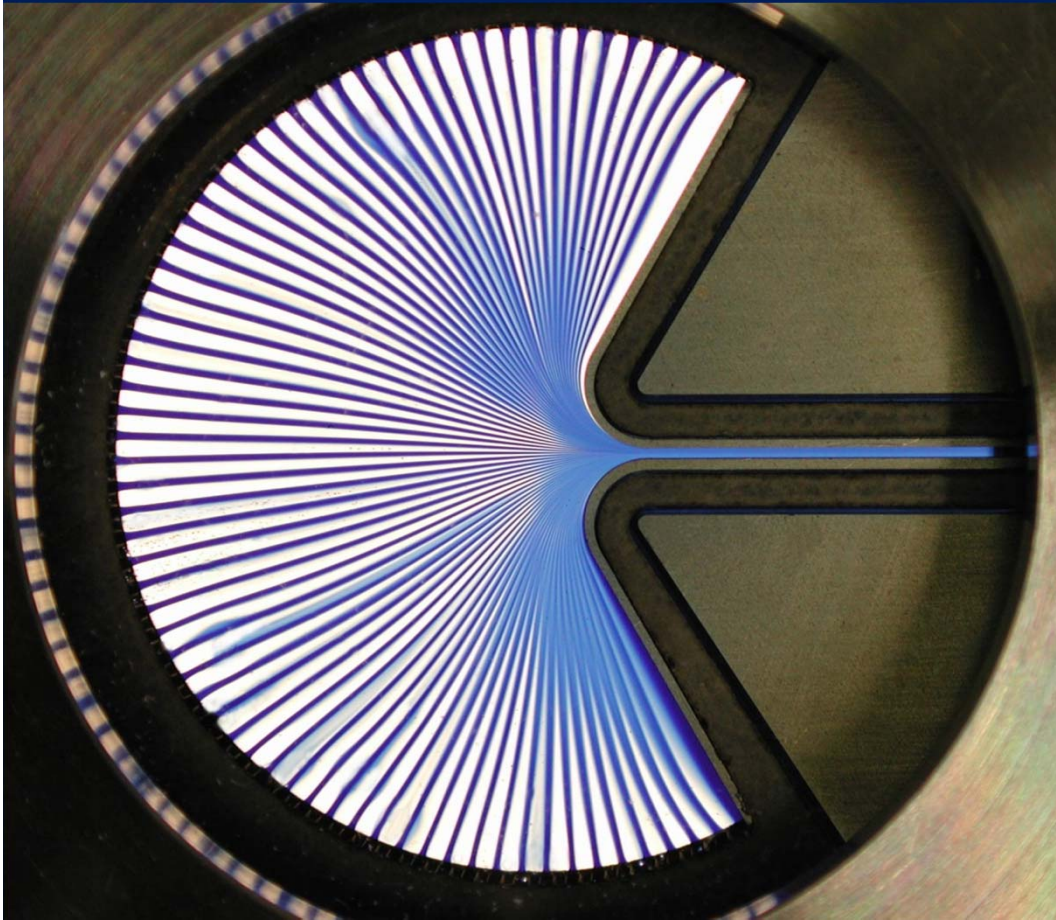


**Used by several customers in South Africa, Asia and Europe**



# MICROMELANGEUR SUPERFOCUS A PLUS LARGE-CAPACITE DE PRODUCTION

(350 l/h; 10 bar)



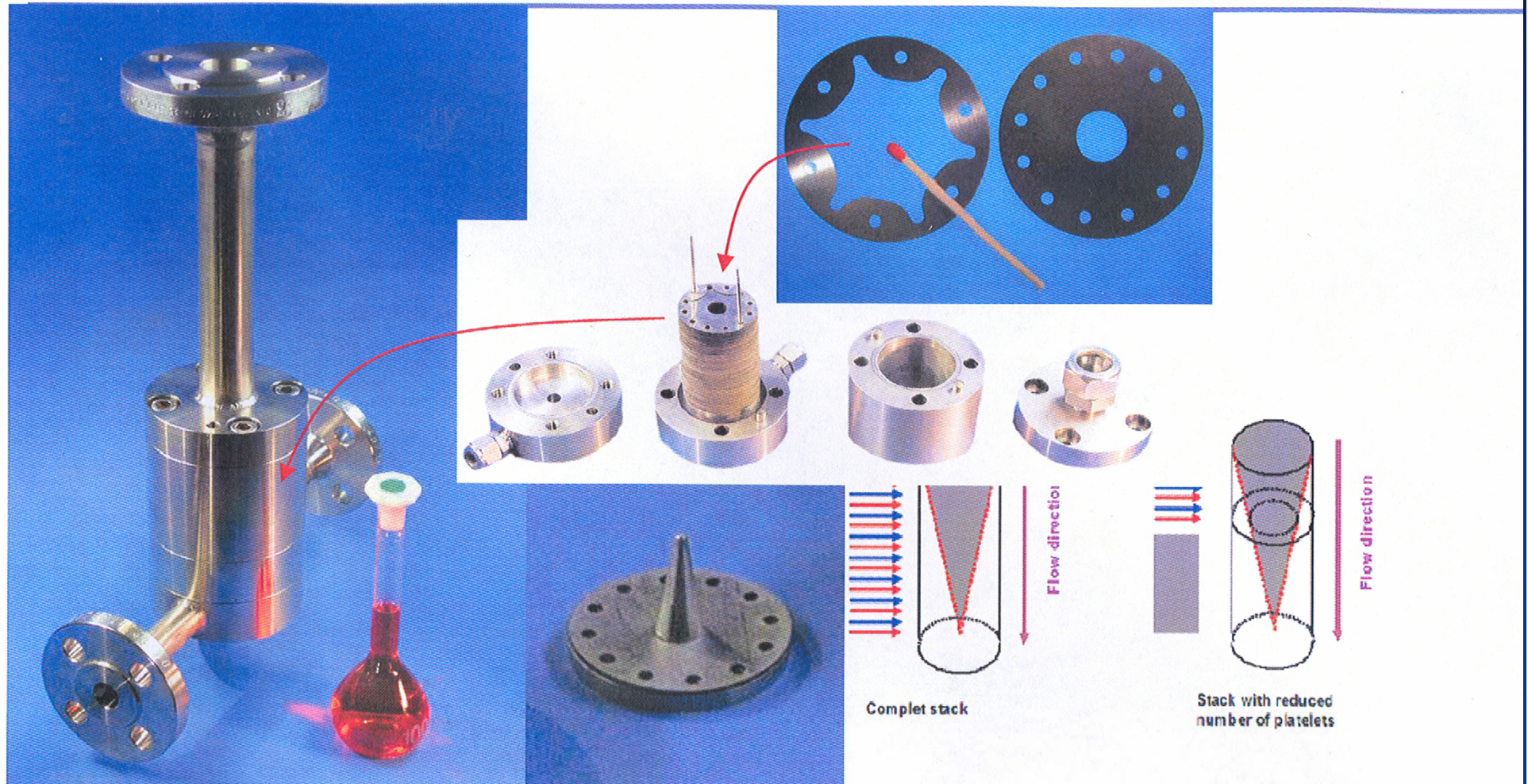
P. Löb et al., *Chem. Eng. Tech.* 27,  
3 (2008) 340-345

**Réacteurs Microstructurés: unités de production**

**avec des Micro réacteurs: technologies micro process**

TISCORNIA Seminar 18 March 2016, University of Genova (IT)

# STARLAM MICROSTRUCTURED MIXER – FOR PRODUCTION ( $\leq 4000$ l/h)



**Microstructured mixer part of a production plant at industrial site in Germany and operated at about 3000l/h for some weeks in 2005**

hessel@imr

B. Werner, V. Hessel, P. Löb., *Chem. Ing. Tech.* **76**, 5 (2004) 567-574

*Chem. Eng. Tech.* **78**, 4 (2005) 401-407

March 2006



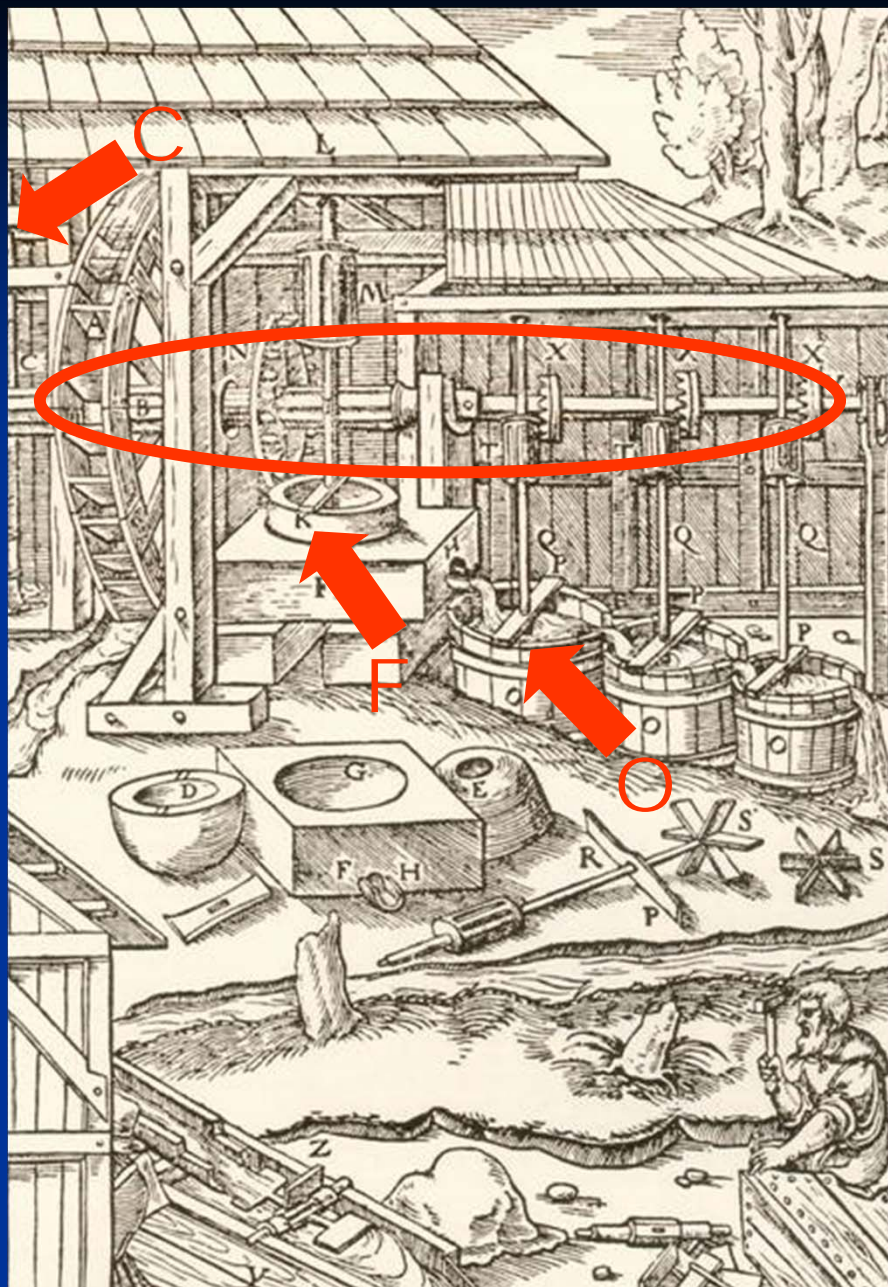
**Non seulement aux échelles du laboratoire et du pilote,**

**mais**

**Application de la technologie  
microfluidique (microchannel) à de plus  
grandes échelles de production**

**(up to several tons per hours)**

**WHY?**



**G. Agricola, *De Re Metallica* 1556**

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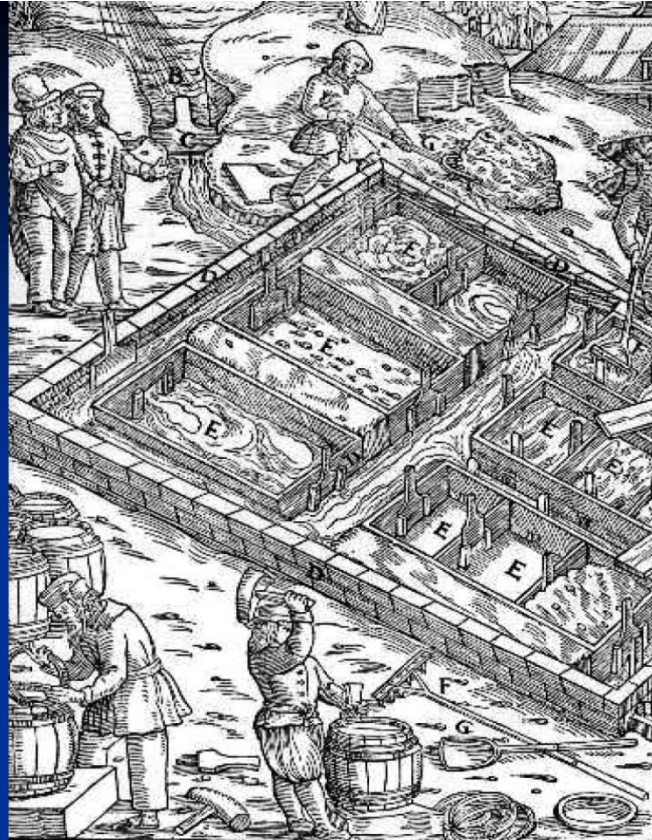


**Chemical Process Industry, 2006**

**A CLEAR NEED  
FOR INNOVATION...**

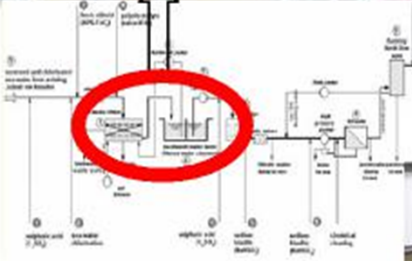
A Stankiewicz (2006)

J.C. Charpentier LRGP/CNRS/ENSIC/Université de Lorraine, Nancy (F)



(a) Une miniature dans **G. Agricola, *De Re Metallica*, 1556**





# PARADIGM CHANGE: MICROREACTOR BASED PI EQUIPMENT

- 2 l/h
- Research & Education



'Micro inside'



- 30,000 l/h
- Bulk chemicals within reach



Actually **micromixers and microstructured reactors** containing a great number of very sophisticated microstructures are used for production with

- **A few l/h in pharmaceutical, cosmetics, food industries** for the synthesis of spécialities or generation of creams, foams and emulsions

- **Several tens of m<sup>3</sup>/h for oil and chemical industries, i.e.,**

- Production de polymères
- Oxydation catalytique partielle du méthane
- Réformage catalytique à la vapeur avec diminution des émissions polluantes
- Synthèse Fischer-Tropsch pour convertir la biomasse en carburants
- Industries de chimie fine en synthèse organique pour la production de produits oxygénés, comme H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Oxyde de Propylène...

### Production with « continuous processes »

The **intégration** of microstructured reactors within existing installations is thus facilitated.

**BUT, OBSTACLE!**

- **Maturity and economic competitiveness** of these new technologies has to be proven and

- **Conservatism of plant owners** using **BATCH PROCESSES** will not easily accept **CONTINUOUS PROCESSING** solutions offered by **MICROTECHNOLOGY** (with microstructured equipments)

Anyway, miniaturization is one promising approach to achieve this goal !!!

## Financing European Policy

is to « **exploit the full potential of microprocess technologies** » to the realisation of « new, intensified process and plant concepts for speeding up market penetration, for enhancing the product life-cycle and **improving sustainable production** ».



**Radical enhancement of the sustainability**  
of chemical processes is today  
**technically feasible with process intensification**  
by the development of multifunctional equipment  
by using new operating modes,  
by application of external driving forces  
or by miniaturization of processes



**Bhopal, December 3, 1984**



**L'Intensification des Procédés pour la  
Sécurité des Procédés:**

**SMALLER  
*is*  
SAFER!**

**BHOPAL LESSON:**

**The disaster could have been avoided!**

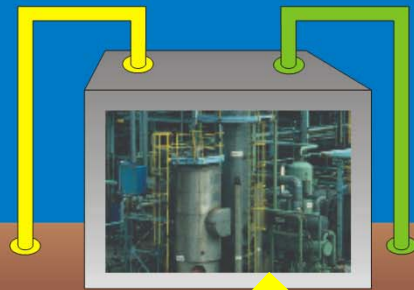
**Union Carbide design – 41 tons of methyl isocyanate (MIC)**

**PI design – less than 10 kg of MIC**

**(D. Hendershot, CEP, 2000)**



This is the most **EFFICIENT** unit of its kind!



**“SHOE BOX”  
CHEMICAL  
PLANT  
- VISION...**

TU Delft 2000

DSM 2005



**BECOMING  
TRUE...**

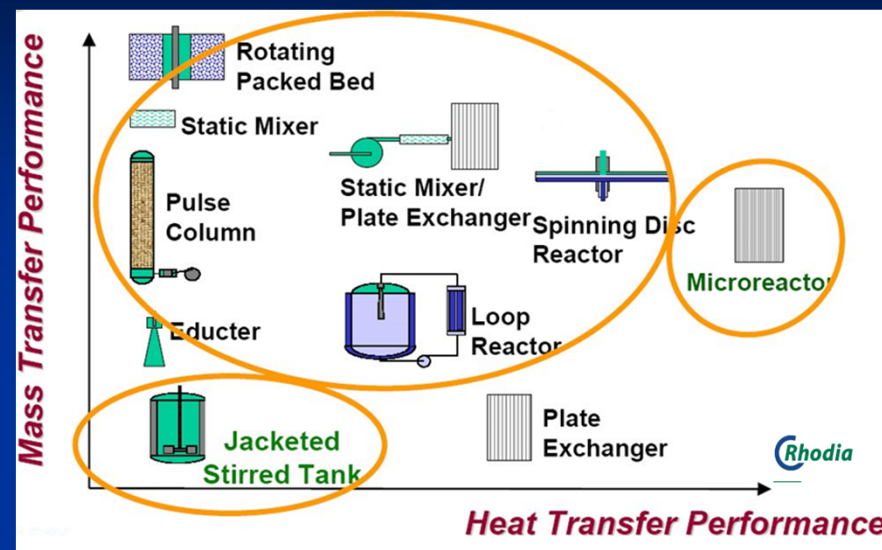
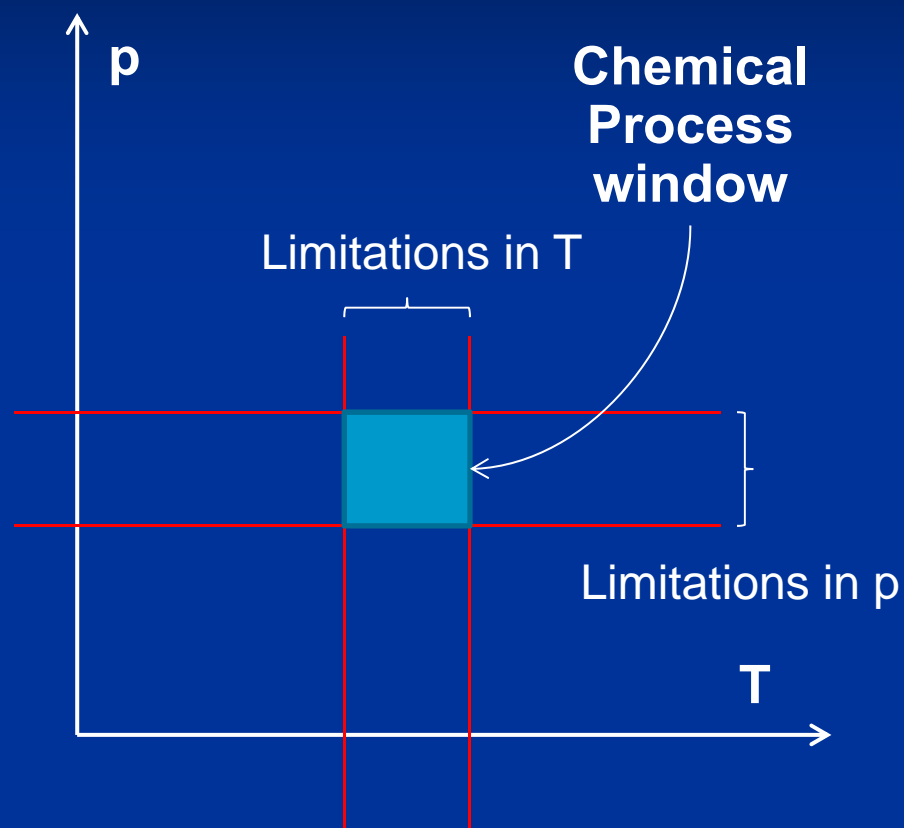
**Process Intensification Reactors** concerned with Micro Flow  
Chemistry and Process Technology

Flow Chemistry Transferred to Industrial Plant Scale  
Up to **Modular Compact Container Plant**

**PLANT IN A BANANA CONTAINER**



# WIDENING OF CHEMICAL WINDOWS



Stouten et al. Aust. J. Chem. 66 (2013) 121  
Hessel et al. ChemSusChem 6, 5 (2013) 746  
 Hessel et al. Chem. Eng. Sci. 66 (2011) 1426  
 Illg et al. Bioorg. Medic. Chem. 18 (2010) 3627  
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 Hessel Curr. Org. Chem. 9 (2005) 765

- The microreactor instrumentation has **widened engineering windows** for process intensification
- Question is: **can it widen chemical windows? Novel Process Windows (NPW) for process intensification**

# Novel Process Windows (NPW) Microreactor-enabled Process Intensification

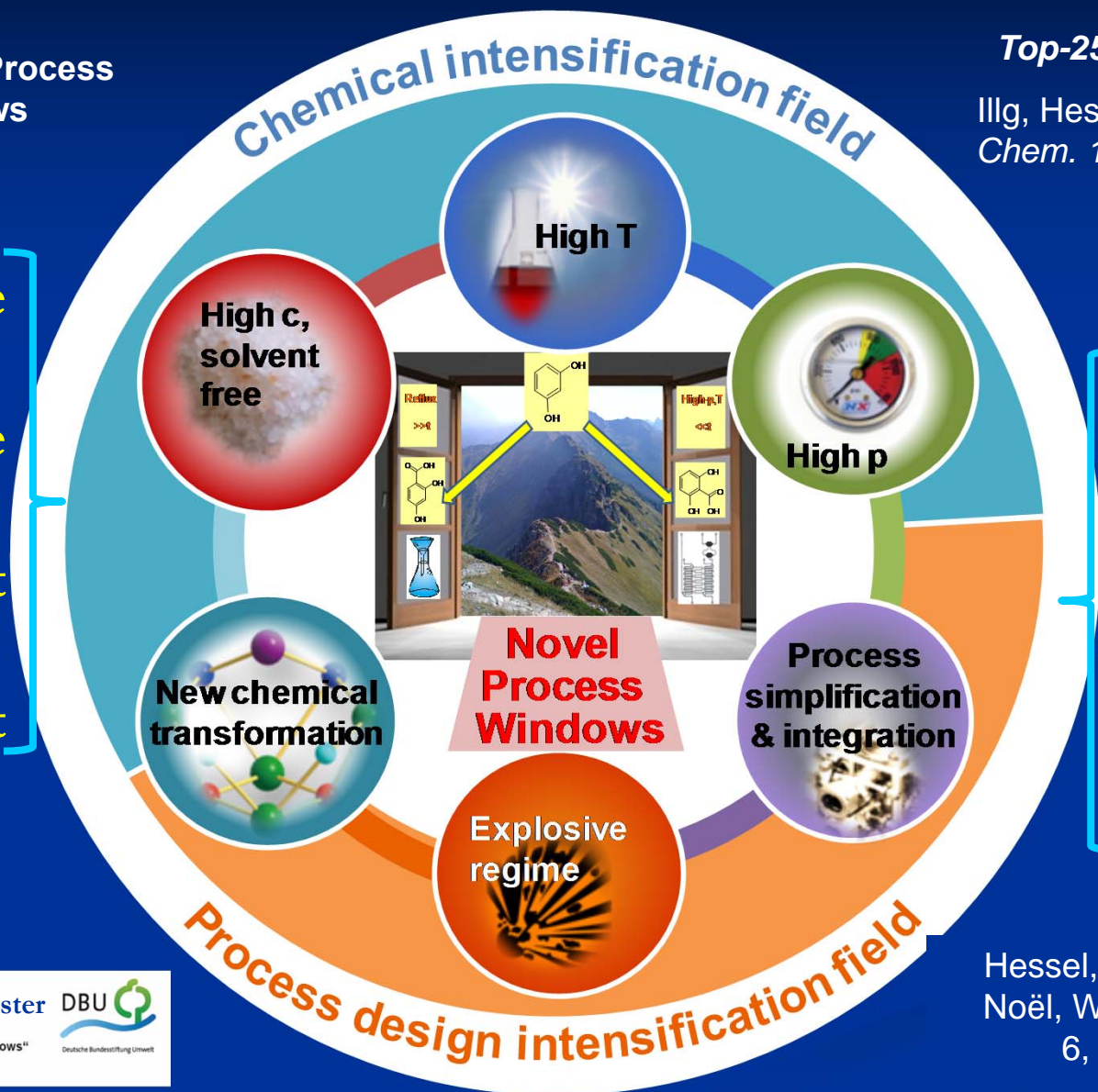


Novel Process  
Windows

Top-25 cited paper on NPW

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Activate  
Confine  
Orient  
Boost

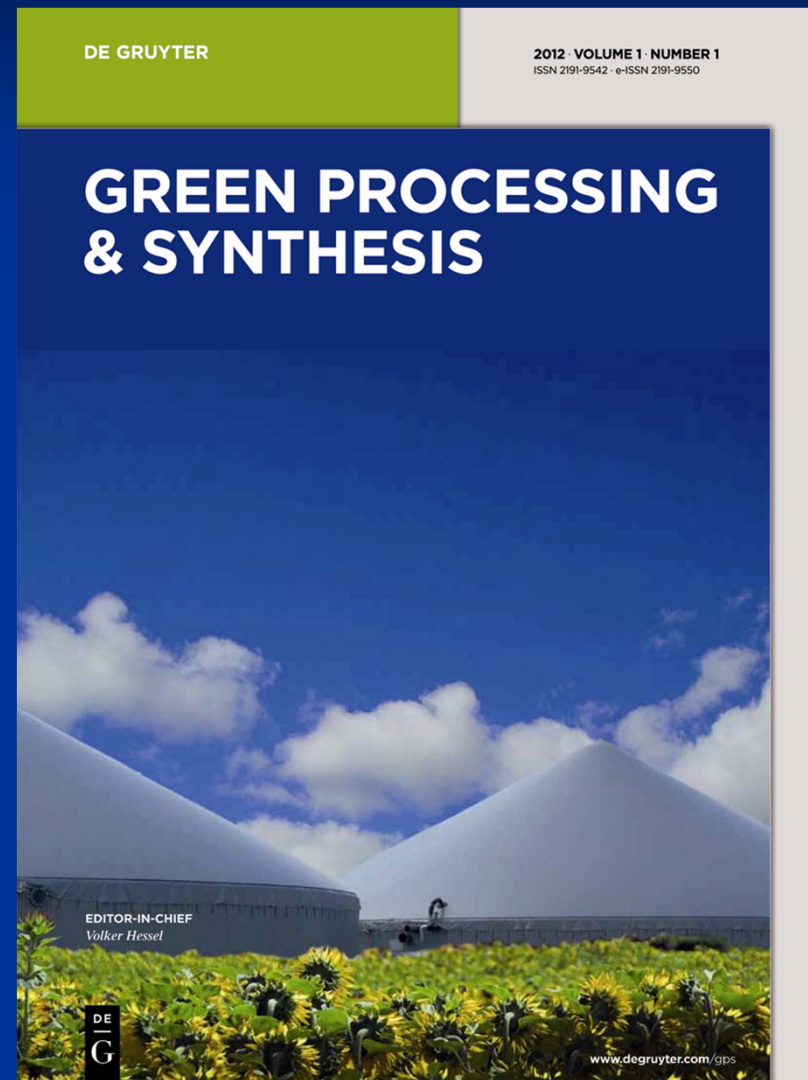
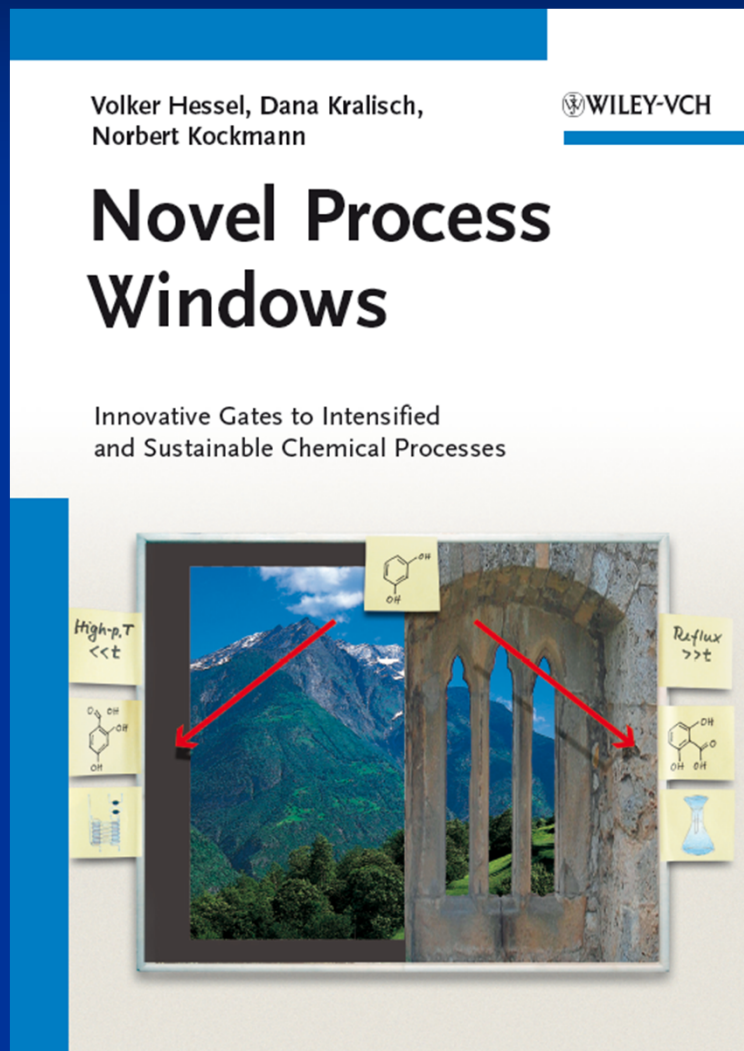


Simplify  
Integrate  
Synergize  
Minimize

NPW Research Cluster DBU  
Forschungscluster „Novel Process Windows“ Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt

Hessel, Kralisch, Kockmann,  
Noël, Wang, *ChemSusChem*  
6, (2013) 746-789.

# Book Novel Process Windows Green Processing & Synthesis



# Novel Process Windows Generate Opportunities for Coming Projects

- **NPW-Activation for Industrial Demonstration** (EU Future Factory projects)

- high-T, safety: soybean oil epoxidation (Mythen)
- supercritical, cat.: biodiesel conversion (Chemtex)
- hydrodynamics, high-c: anionic polymerization (Evonik)

- **NPW-Process Design for Industrial Demonstration** (EU Future Factory, ERC)

- process integration: cascaded & telescoped synthesis (Rufinamide, OmniChem)
- process simplification: direct synthesis (adipic acid, DSM)
- process integration: purification (hydrogenation, Sanofi)

- **Plants: Standardized production platforms (Evotrainer) and modular plants (F3)**

- GMP-type Evotrainer
- Cash-flow analysis for Evotrainer for 3 business cases



# Process Intensification reactors: PLANT IN A BOX



# Process Intensification: The first plant in a box

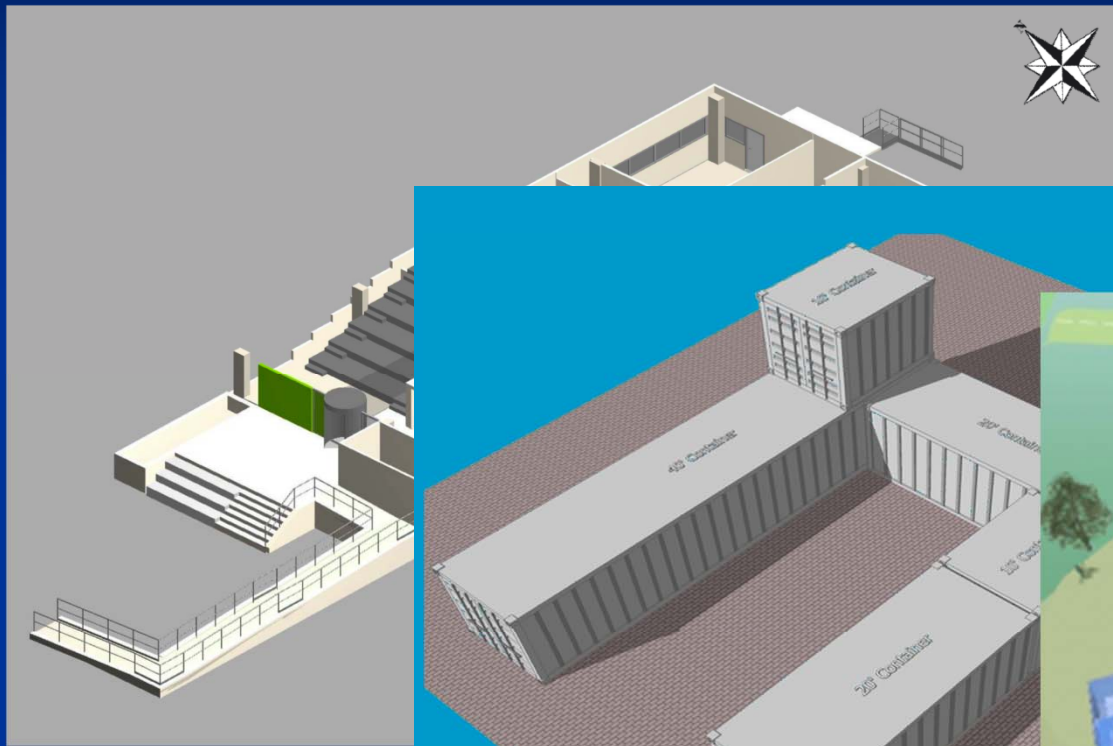


From a simple banana container  
to a  
multifunctional modular concept

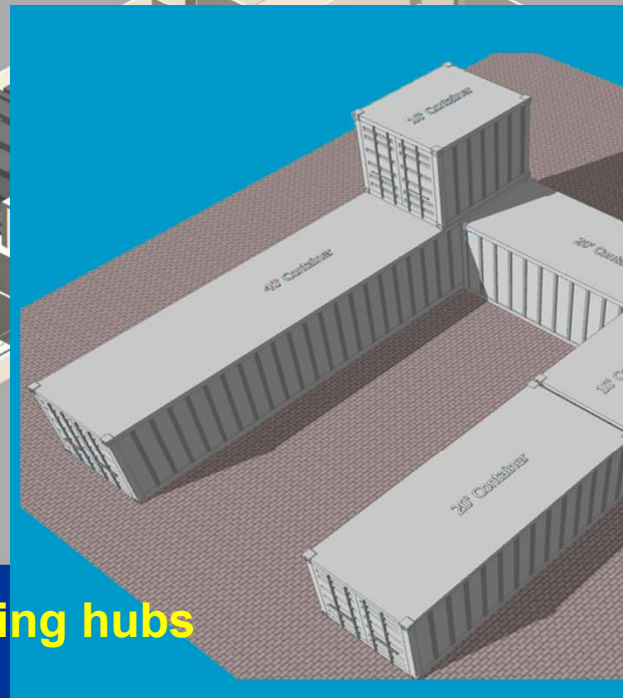
Dr. Juergen Lang  
Hanes Richert  
Evonik Industries AG



# Building a Process or Plants in Boxes ??

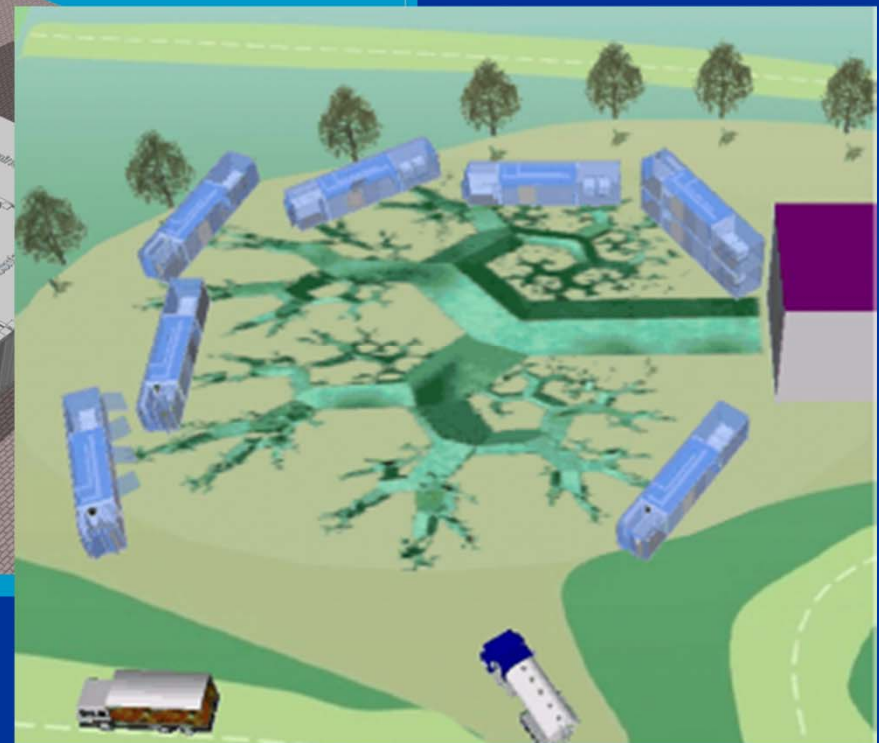


**Central docking hubs**



**“Container Village” ChemPark**

**Unit-operational process  
assembly**



# Lab – Pilot – Production in the same Professional Environment

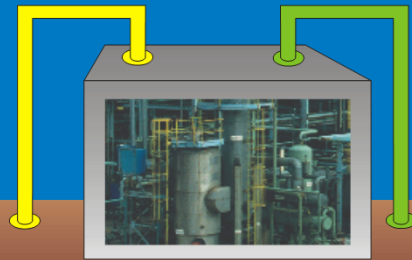
**The approach: “in one box” from process idea to a plant**  
**Lab work, evaluation plant and small production in the same environment**

Volker Hessel - The first NEXTLAB2014 Conference, IFPEnergies nouvelles 2-4 February 2014, Rueil-Malmaison (F)





This is the most **EFFICIENT** unit of its kind!



**Process Intensification:**  
towards a  
**Plant**  
in a **Shoe Box** or  
in **Banana container?**

WHY and HOW Process Intensification and **Process Intensification Reactors?**

The necessary Evolution **DSM 2005** of Chemical and Process Engineering with a time and length multiscale approach



**BECOMING TRUE...**

In conclusion

**MOLECULES INTO MONEY**  
shortening time to market thanks to **INNOVATION**

due **TO PROCESS INTENSIFICATION,**

- that offers strategic competitive advantage in **SPEED-TO-MARKET, COST, PRODUCT INNOVATION** and **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** with

- **CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION PROCESS DESIGN, NEW REACTION MEDIA, GREEN SOLVENTS IN CHEMICAL PROCESSES.....**

so citing the French Révolutionnaire Danton

**DE L'AUDACE  
TOUJOURS DE L'AUDACE  
ENCORE DE L'AUDACE**

For the best of our Science as a **KEY TECHNOLOGY SERVING MANKIND**

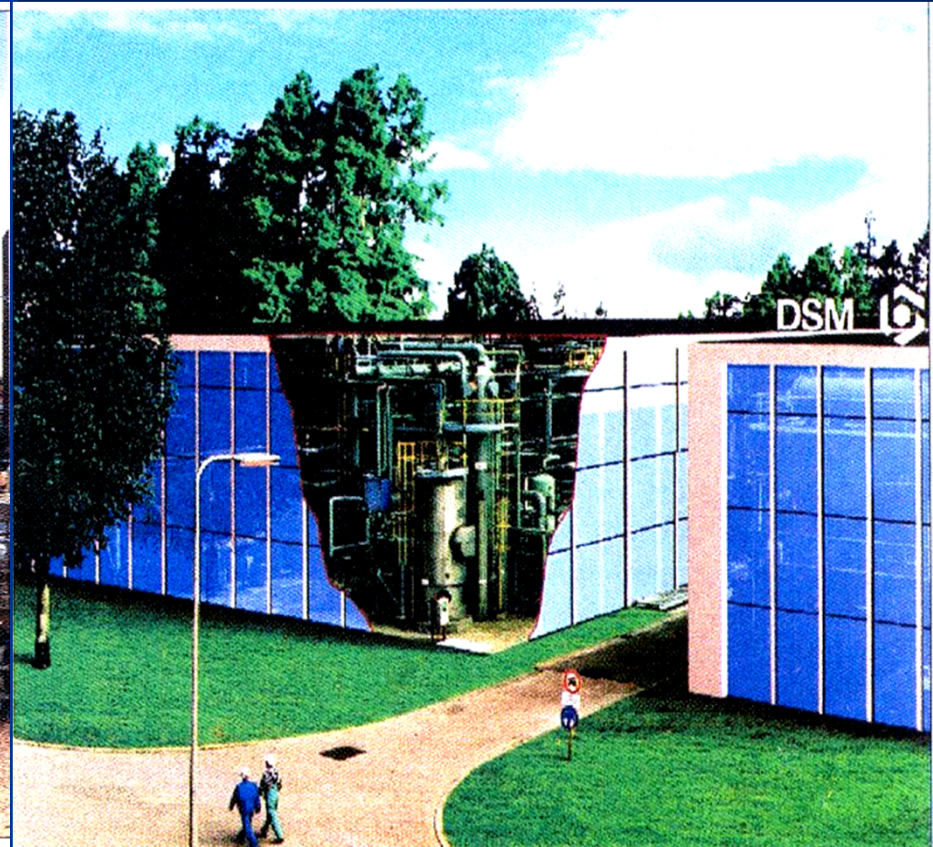
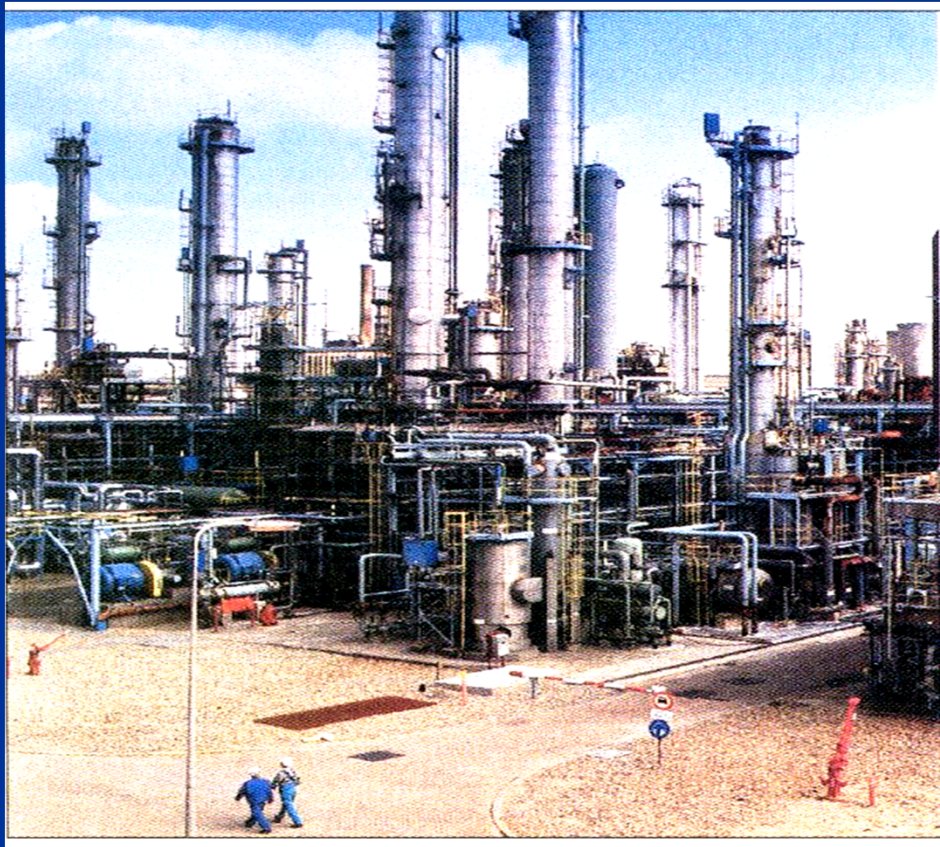
in the context

Market demands versus **Innovation** with

**Green Sustainable Technology Development and Processes**

combining **both market pull and technology push** aiming the factory of the future.

Une vision de l'**usine du futur** mettant en oeuvre le Génie des Procédés Moderne Durable "Vert" avec l'**Intensification des Procédés (à droite)**, à comparer avec une usine conventionnelle (à gauche). (Rendering courtesy of DSM)

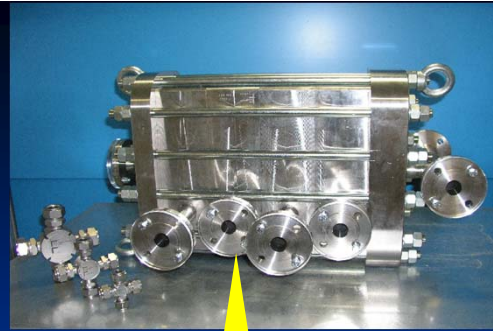


Opérant avec des **PROCEDES NON POLLUANT, TRES EFFICACES** mettant en oeuvre

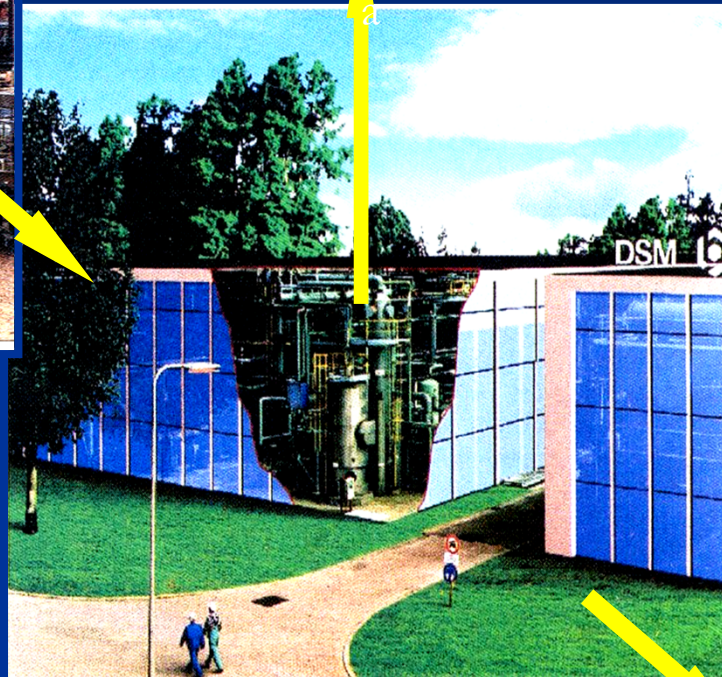
**l'Intensification des procédés** pour la production de **produits verts** (ciblés)

➤ **ECONOMIES de 30 % (MATIERES PREMIERES + ENERGIE + COÛTS OPERATOIRES)**

Mais de moins en moins un rêve!...**C'était l'objet de cette conférence**



**Modern Chemical Engineering** involving process intensification for the Plant of Future



**Sustainable Développement**  
A plant in a

- Shoe box or
- Banana Container















# These 21<sup>st</sup> century demands concern the required tracks for the future of chemical and process engineering

A great number of these topics are listed in the European and North American « roadmaps » published in the last decade which have pointed out a planetary global anxiety and concern where chemical engineering shall play a crucial role:

- sustainability, health, safety and environment, energy, water, food and drinks,
- biosystems engineering, solar energy, nuclear fusion, etc.

So the existing processes and the future processes will be progressively adapted to the **principles of the « green chemistry »**.

And «roadmaps» proposed to respond to the changing needs of the chemical and related industries in order both to meet the previous today's economy demands and to remain competitive in global trade,

- militate for the evolution of chemical engineering *in favour of a modern process engineering voluntarily concerned by sustainability (the green process engineering)*
- that will face new challenges bearing on complex systems at the molecular scale, at the product scale and at the process scale.

SO ORGANIZING AT **DIFFERENT SCALES** THE **COMPLEXITY** OF THE **CONCUBINAGE** BETWEEN THE PHYSICS AND MOLECULAR PROCESSES

IS TODAY NECESSARY

TO UNDERSTAND AND DESCRIBE THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE PHENOMENA AT THE NANO AND MICRO SCALES TO BETTER **CONVERT THE MOLECULES INTO** PRODUCTS WITH A **REQUIRED END-USE PROPERTY** AT THE PROCESS SCALE

This is the modern **green chemical engineering** approach (Multiscale Approach)

aiming **PROCESS INTENSIFICATION**

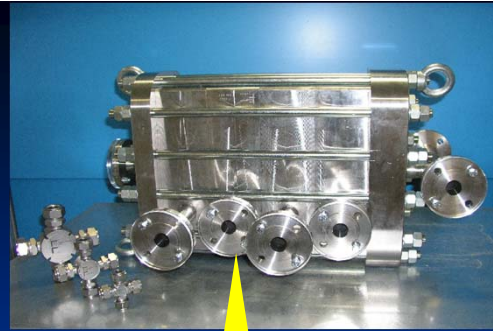
to obtain sustainable products (**green**) with sustainable processes (**green**)

« **Le couple Produits verts/ Procédés verts** »

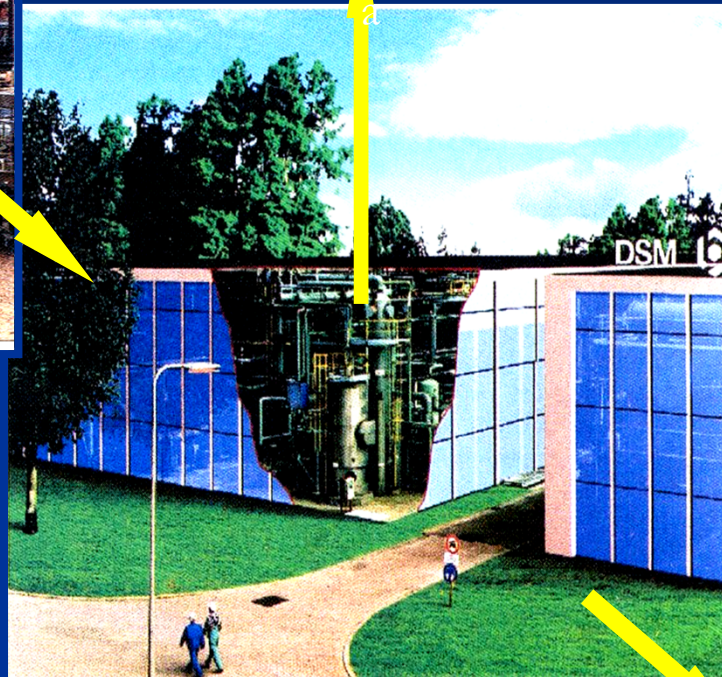
**Process Intensification** for Eco-design/ Eco-product/Eco-technologies)

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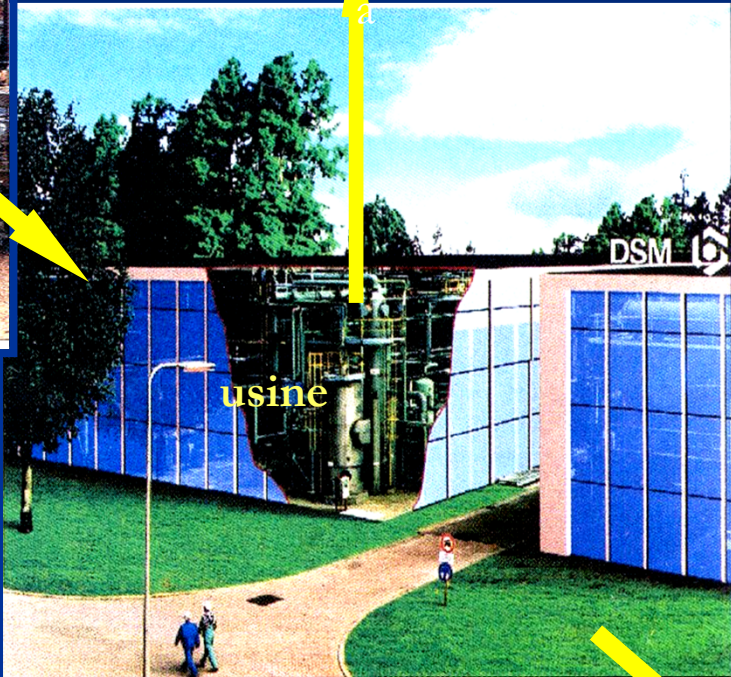
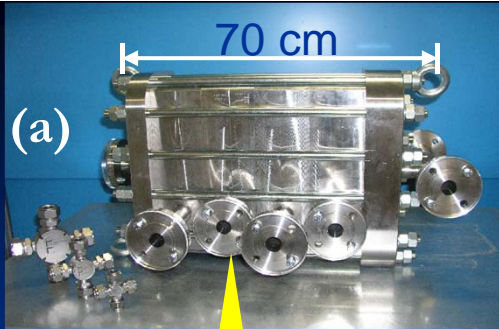
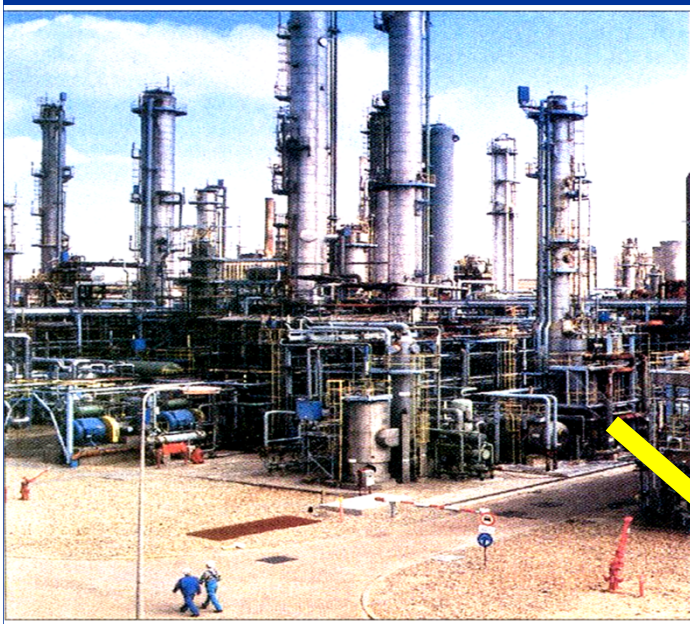
**Sustainable Développement**  
A plant in a

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**Le Génie des Procédé  
pour l'usine du futur**



**Développement Durable:  
Une usine dans une boîte**

- Shoe box
- Banana Container





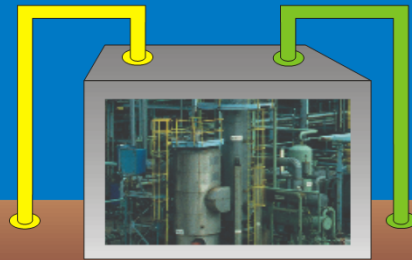
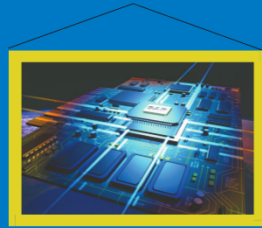
Four Solaire, Odeillo



Centrale  
Solaire  
**Themis**  
Targassonne



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**Process Intensification:**  
towards a  
**Plant**  
in a **Shoe Box** or  
in **Banana container?**

WHY and HOW Process Intensification and **Process Intensification Reactors?**

The necessary Evolution **DSM 2005** of Chemical and Process Engineering with a time and length multiscale approach

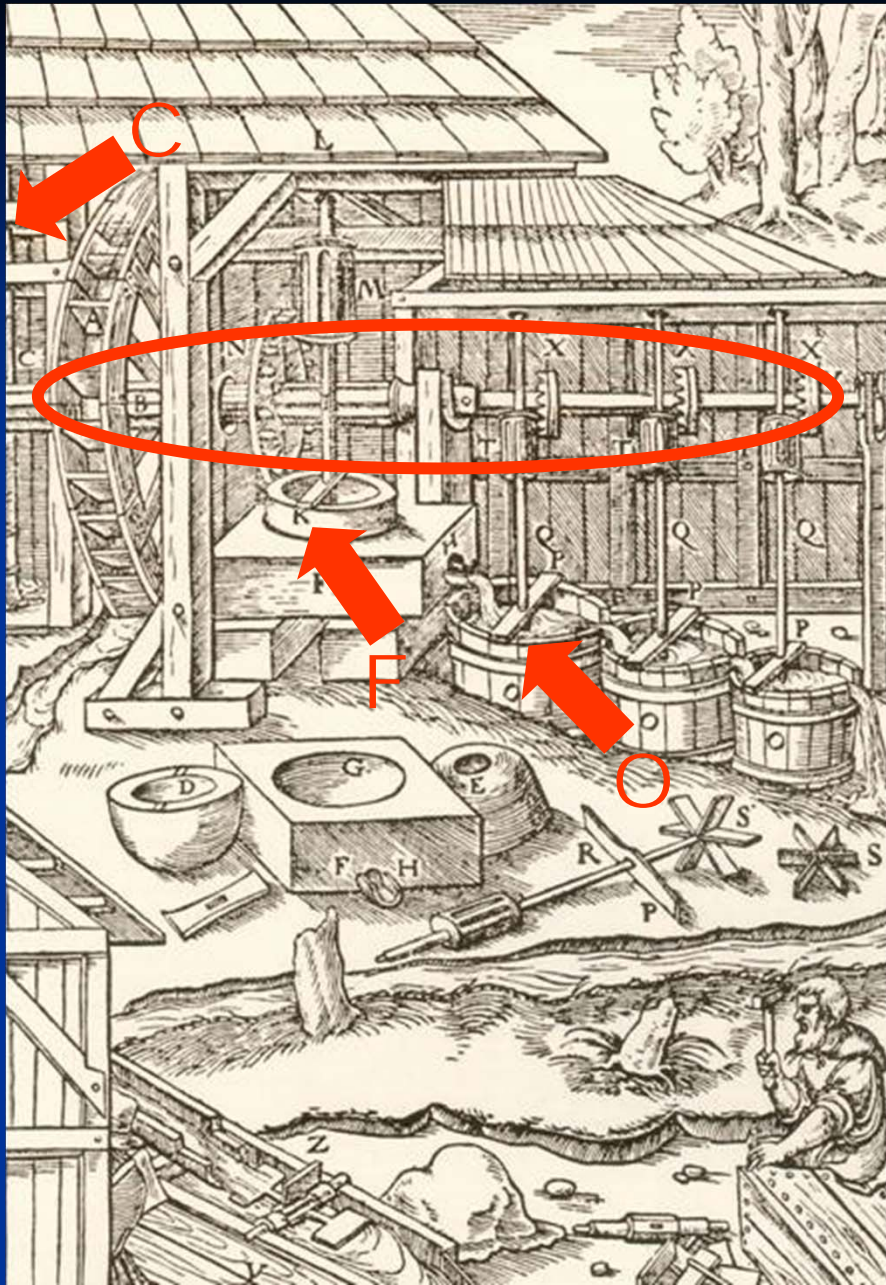


**BECOMING TRUE...**

## Les temps changent.....mais...

LE MONDE DES INDUSTRIES CHIMIQUES ET CONNEXES EST AU COEUR  
D'UN GRAND NOMBRE de DEFIS SCIENTIFIQUES ET TECHNOLOGIQUES  
dus

- au comportement non durable de l'humanité (question d'énergies et de matières premières)
- à la croissance rapide des connaissances en chimie et biochimie
- et aux demandes du 21ème siècle clairement focalisées sur des exigences sociétales



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**Industrie de production chimique, 2006**

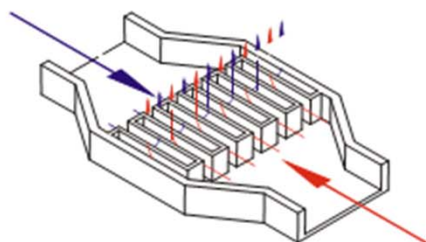
## **UN VRAI BESOIN D' INNOVATION...**

Stankiewicz et al. *Comput and Chem Eng* 2008, 32, 3

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## MIXING PRINCIPLES AND CORRESPONDING IMM MICROMIXERS

### Lamination for hydrodynamic or shear decay



#### Interdigital Micromixers

SIMM-V2  
SSIMM  
...

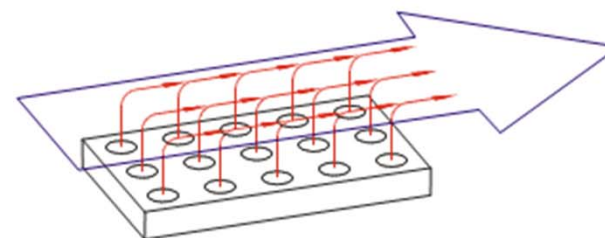
### Bas-relief induced recirculation flow



#### Caterpillar Micromixers

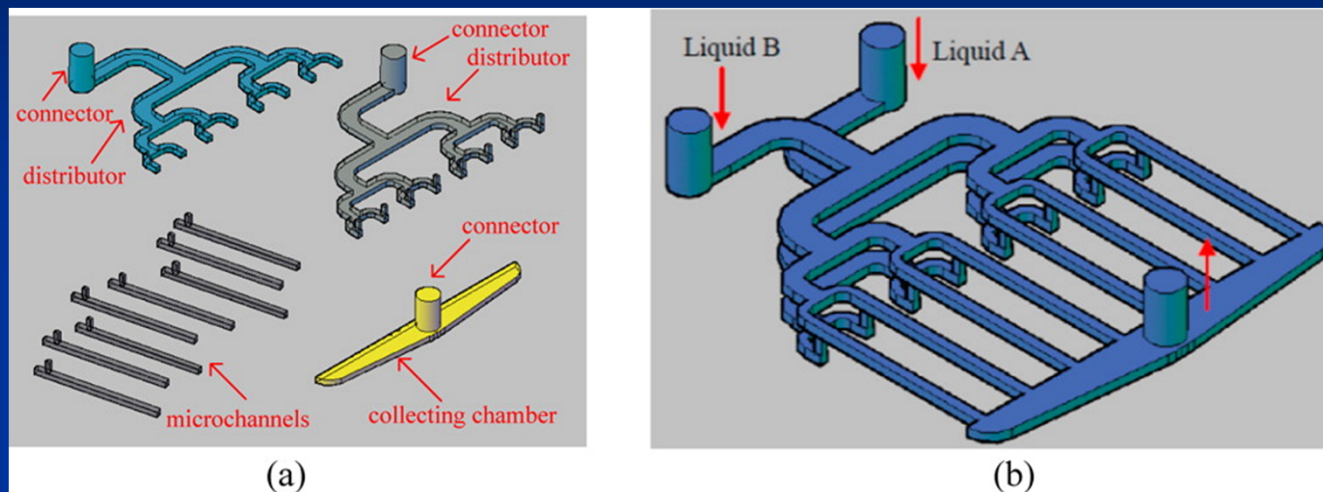
CPMM-R300-V1.2, CPMM-R600-V1.2  
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### Injection in turbulent flow



#### Star Laminator Micromixers

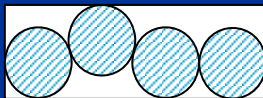
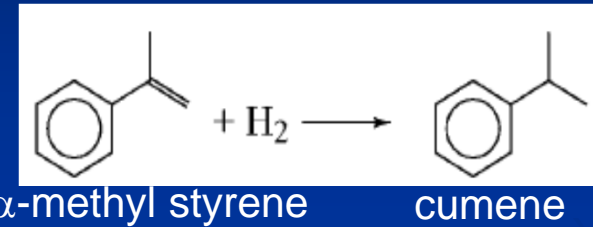
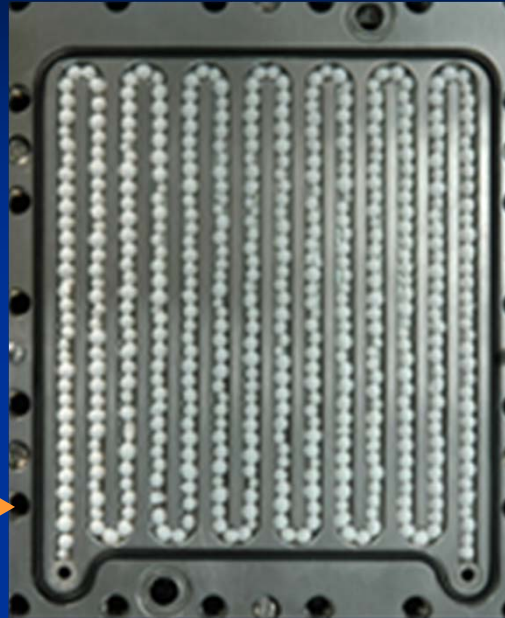
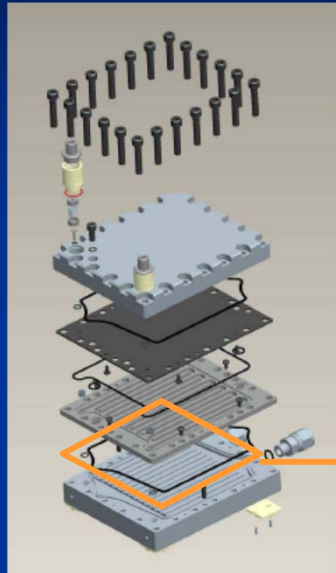
StarLam 15  
...



Multichannel micromixer design: components (a), assembly (b).

Published in: Yuanhai Su; Anna Lautenschleger; Guangwen Chen; Eugeny Y. Kenig; *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.* **2014**, 53, 390-401.  
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# Le Réacteur Filaire: Gaz-liquide-solide (pour tests de catalyseurs)

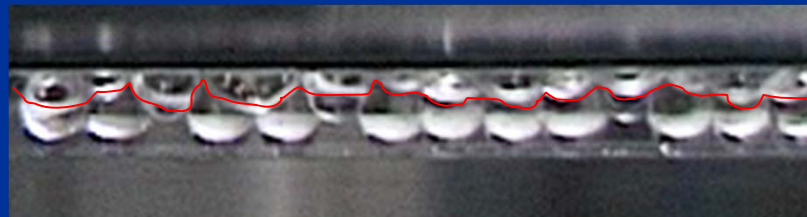


Side view



CrossSection

Chanel 4x4 mm,  $d_p = 3$  mm,  $u_{Ls}/u_{Gs} = 20$



(Side view)

Alternative to basket type reactors  
Shaped catalysts ( $d_p$  1-3 mm)  
 $U_{Ls}$  same as in industrial fixed-bed reactors  
Good mass transfer performances  
Commercially available (Erfeld Microtechnik)

Thèse Ana Hipolito 2010 CNRS/CPE/Université de Lyon

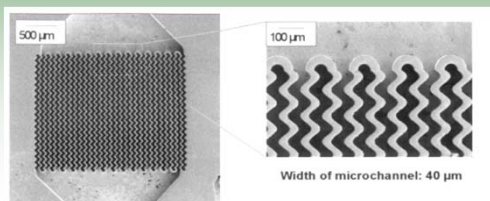


# Micro-structured multiphase contactors studied at LGPC, CPE/CNRS/Université de Lyon

## Screening Kinetics

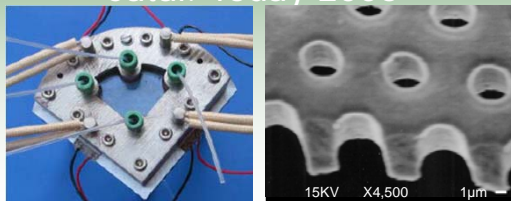
### Enols isomerisation

Screening, L/L, 10 µg catalyst  
Angew. Chemie 2000



### Hydrogenation ArNO<sub>2</sub> C=C

G/L/S, 70°C, 40 bar,  
Chem. Commun. 2004  
Catal. Today 2006



### Asymmetric hydrogenations

G/L kinetics  
Adv. Synth. Catal. 2003



### Selective oxidations

G/L, 200°C, 30 bar O<sub>2</sub> pur  
Lab Chip 2008

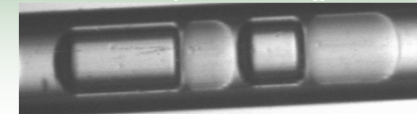


**New  
Process  
Windows**

## Multiphase micro-reactors

### Synthesis of azines Hydrogenation

G/L/L, 100°C, 6 bar  
IMRET 11 proceedings 2010



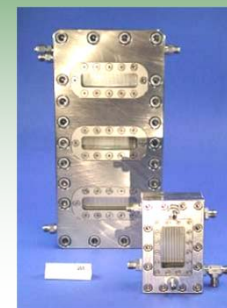
### Asymmetric hydrogenations

G/L, 60°C, 3 bar, 1 µg catalyst  
Catal. Today 2005



### Hydrogenations ArNO<sub>2</sub> C=C

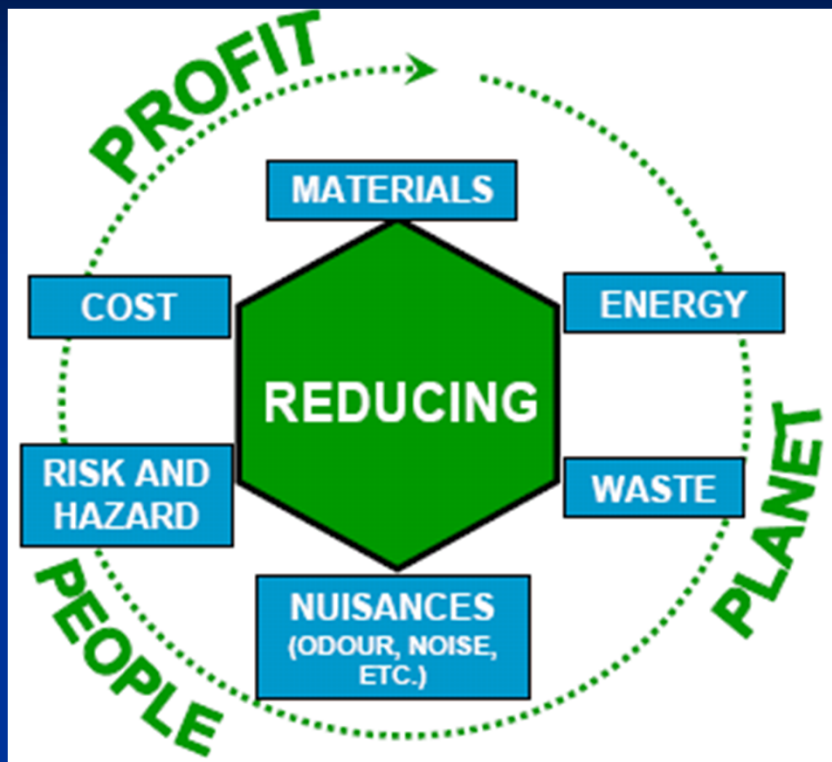
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WCCE8 Proceedings 2009



**Production**

C de Bellefond, NEXTLAB2014 Congress 2-4 April 2014, IFPEN Rueil (Fr)

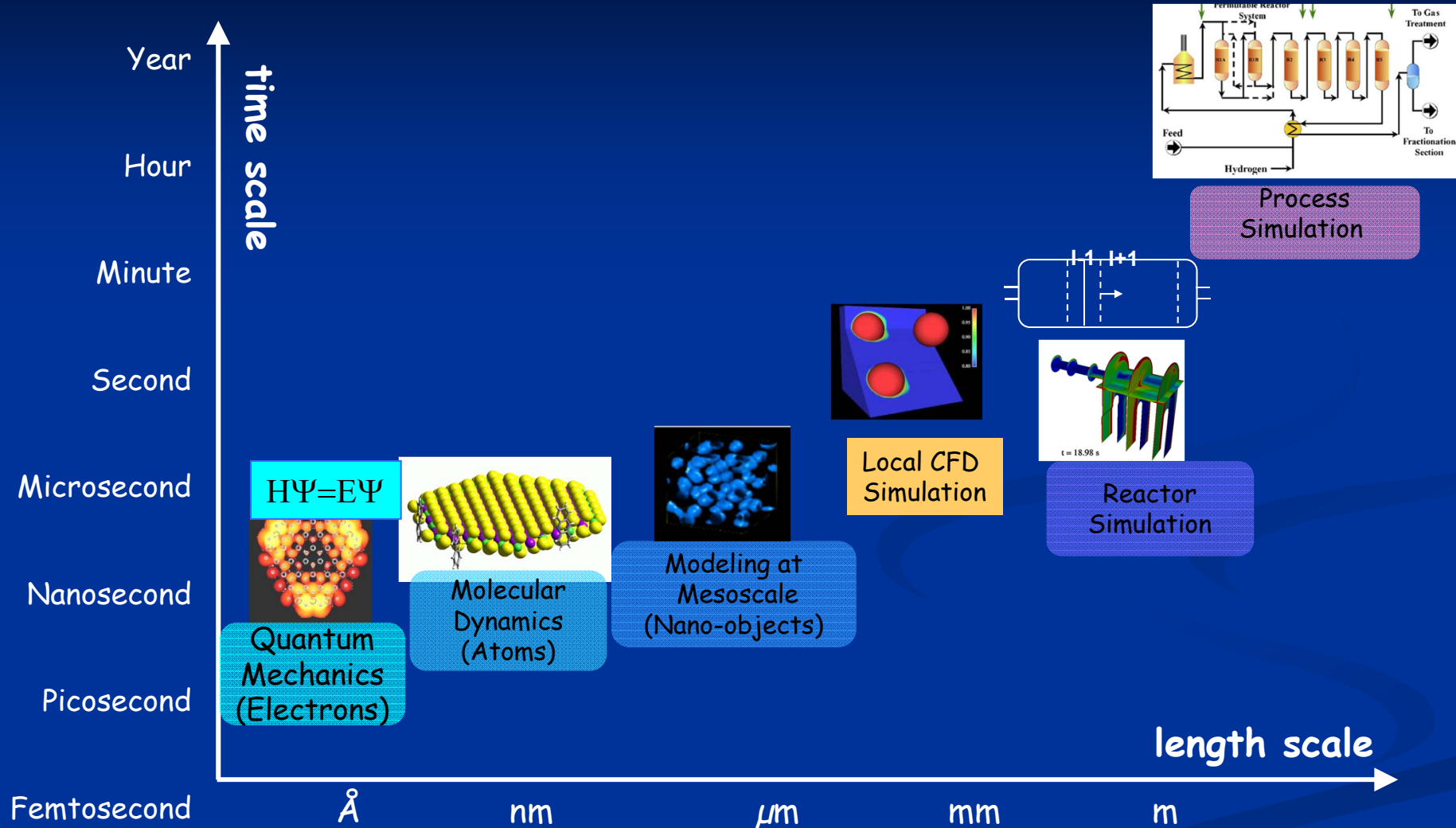
# PROCESS INTENSIFICATION



- Sustainable and Clean Technologies
- New Reaction Media and Green Solvents
- Environment Safety and Risk Management
- Biocatalytic Processes, Biorefinery..

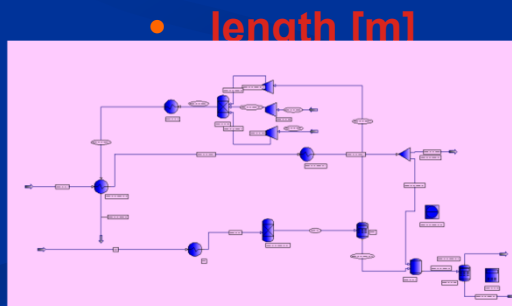
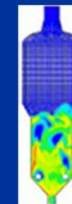
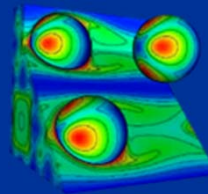
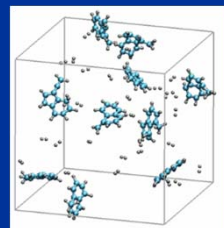
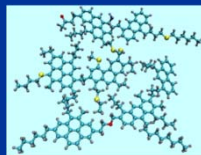
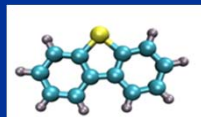
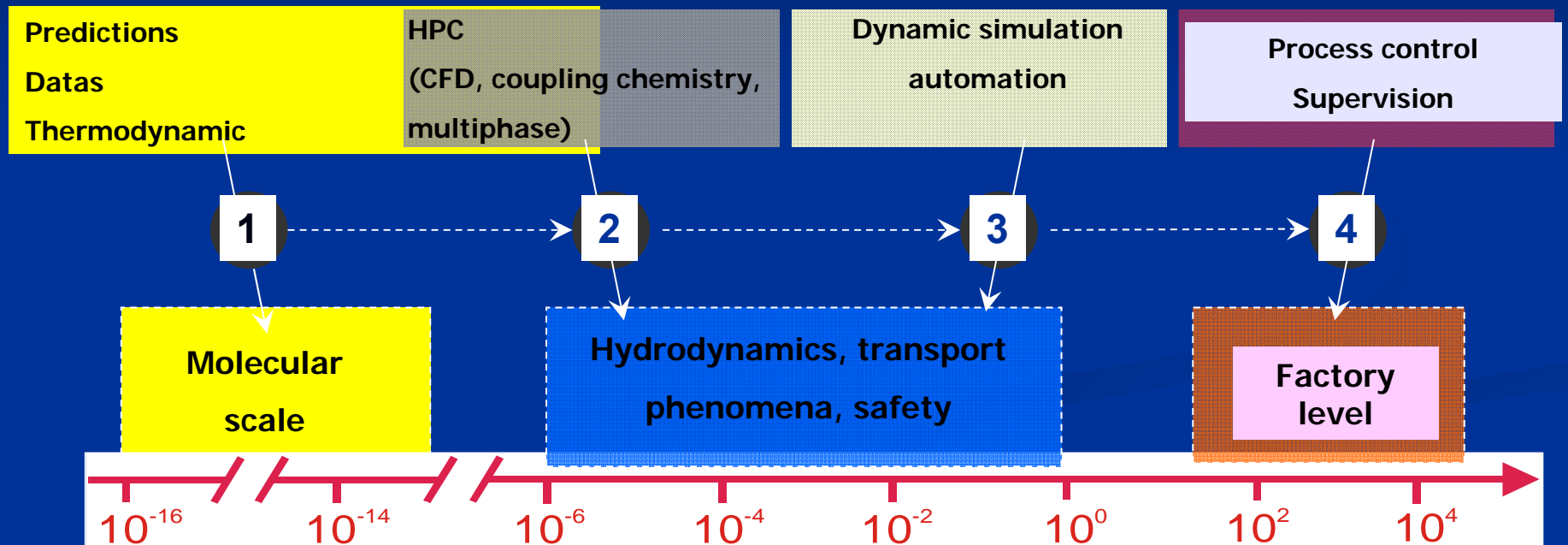
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The multiscale approach for the couple green product/process

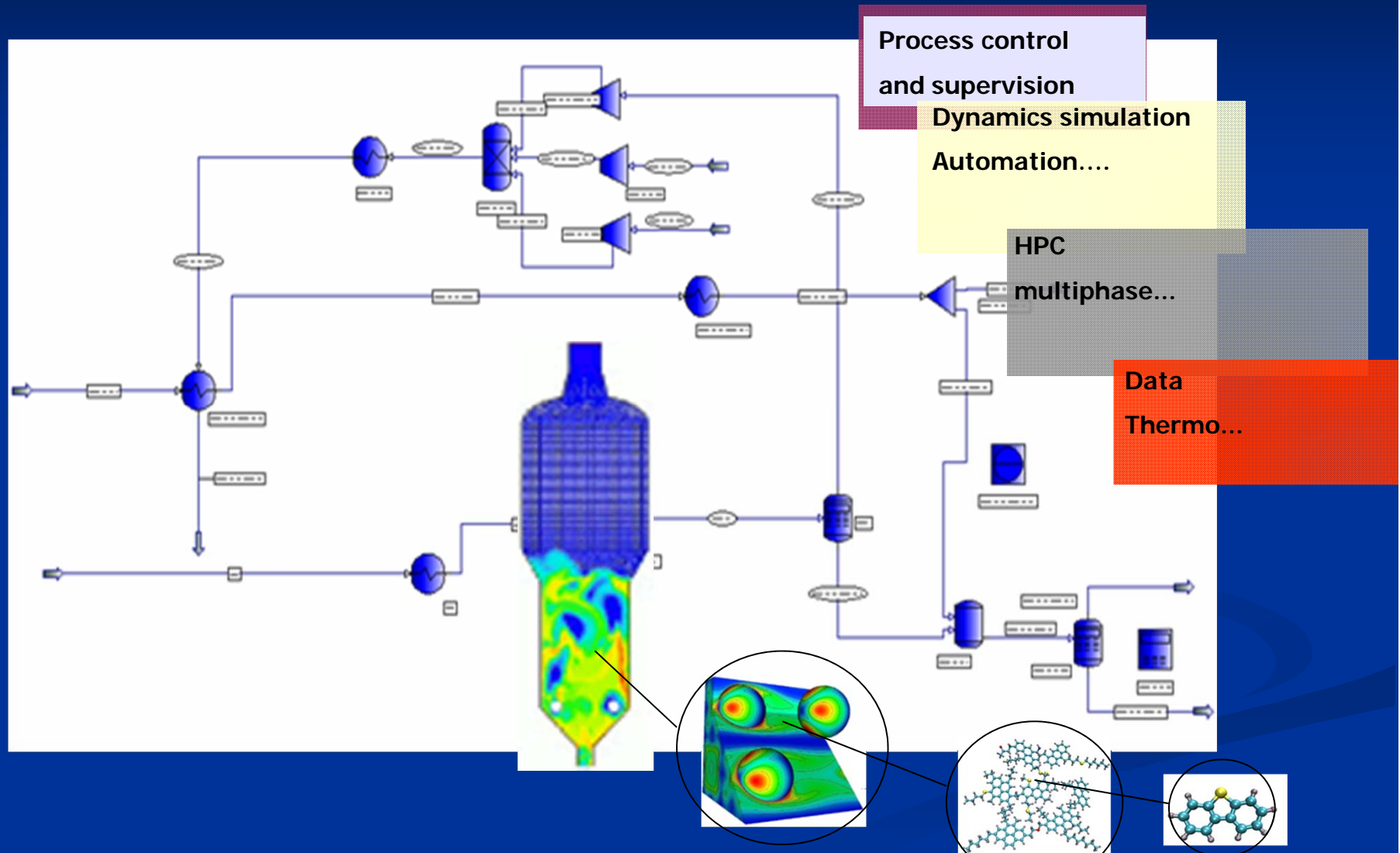


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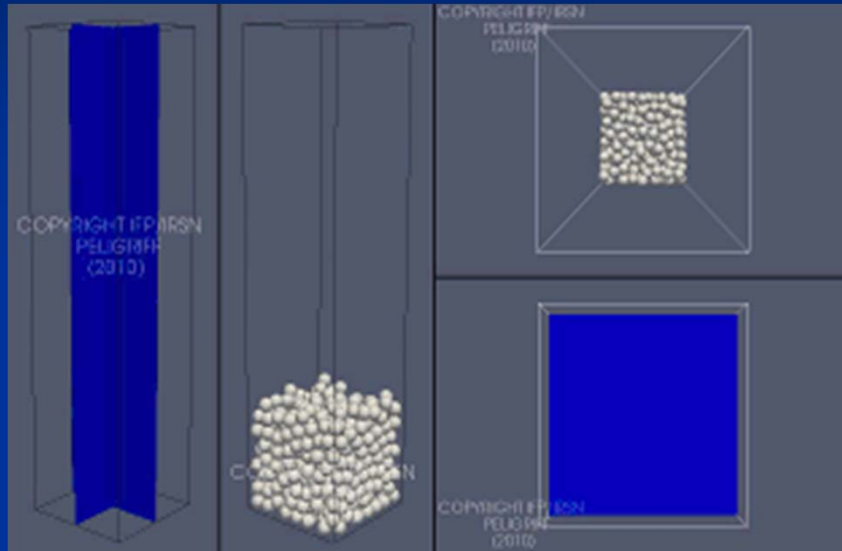
# Step by step multiscale approach of Green Process Engineering



# Integrated multiscale approach for **Green Process Engineering**



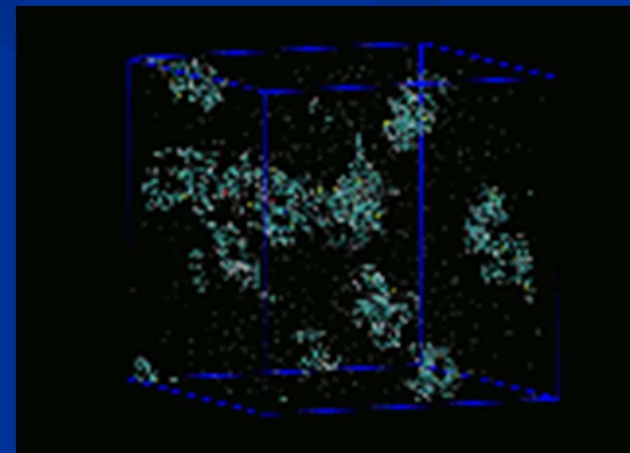
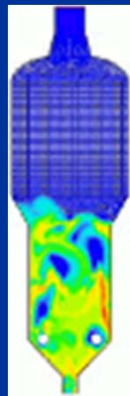
# International Conference on Multiscale Approaches for Process Innovation



**MAPI**

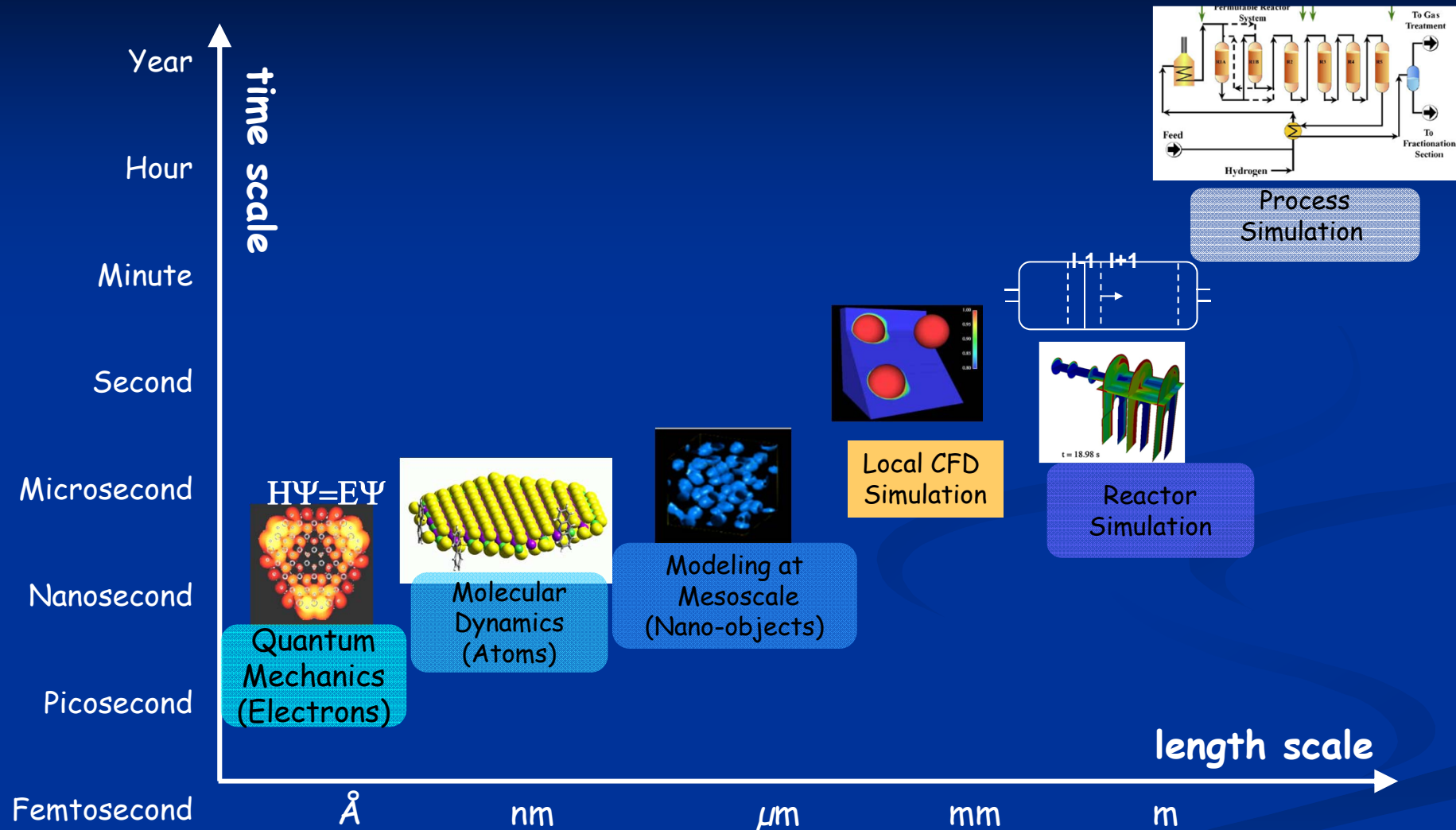
**Lyon, France**

**25 – 27 January 2012**



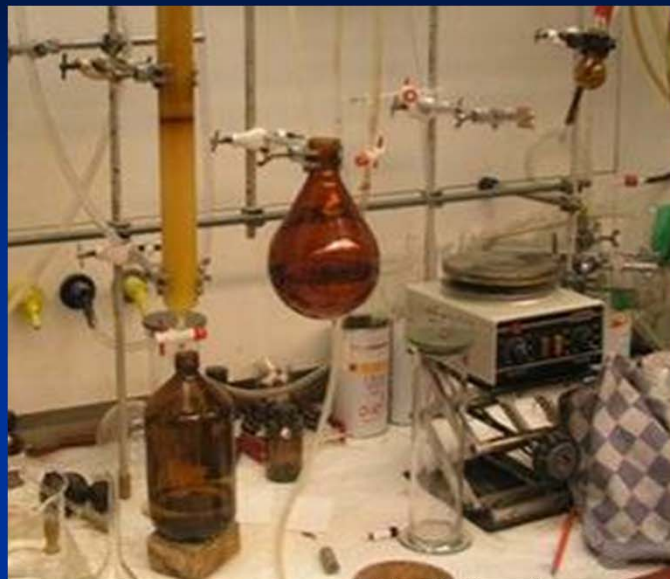
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# That same old scale-up problem



Instead of ~~the old~~ **innovation with the laboratory of future:**  
give organic chemists at the bench a plug flow reactor that they could like — or, even prefer to a round bottom flask??

but **Innovation....**



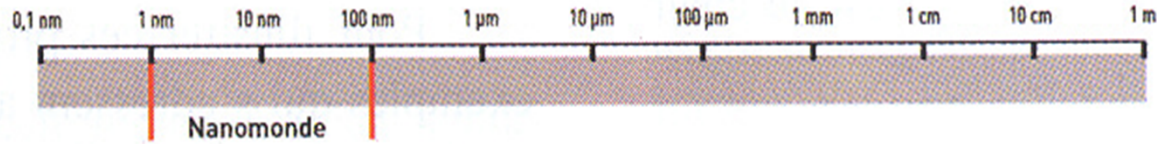
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- What are we waiting from chemical and process engineering and WHY?  
(product with required end-use properties first on the market, sustainable clean product and process design,...)
- The today chemical and process engineering approach: Did you say “The triplet molecular Process-Product-Processes Engineering (3PE)”
- Chemical Engineering: QUO VAMUS ?  
The multidisciplinary and multiscale integrated approach for a necessary key-technology serving a great number of mankind needs,

i.e. (towards a green process engineering but how?)

4 proposed tracks

**Monde du vivant**



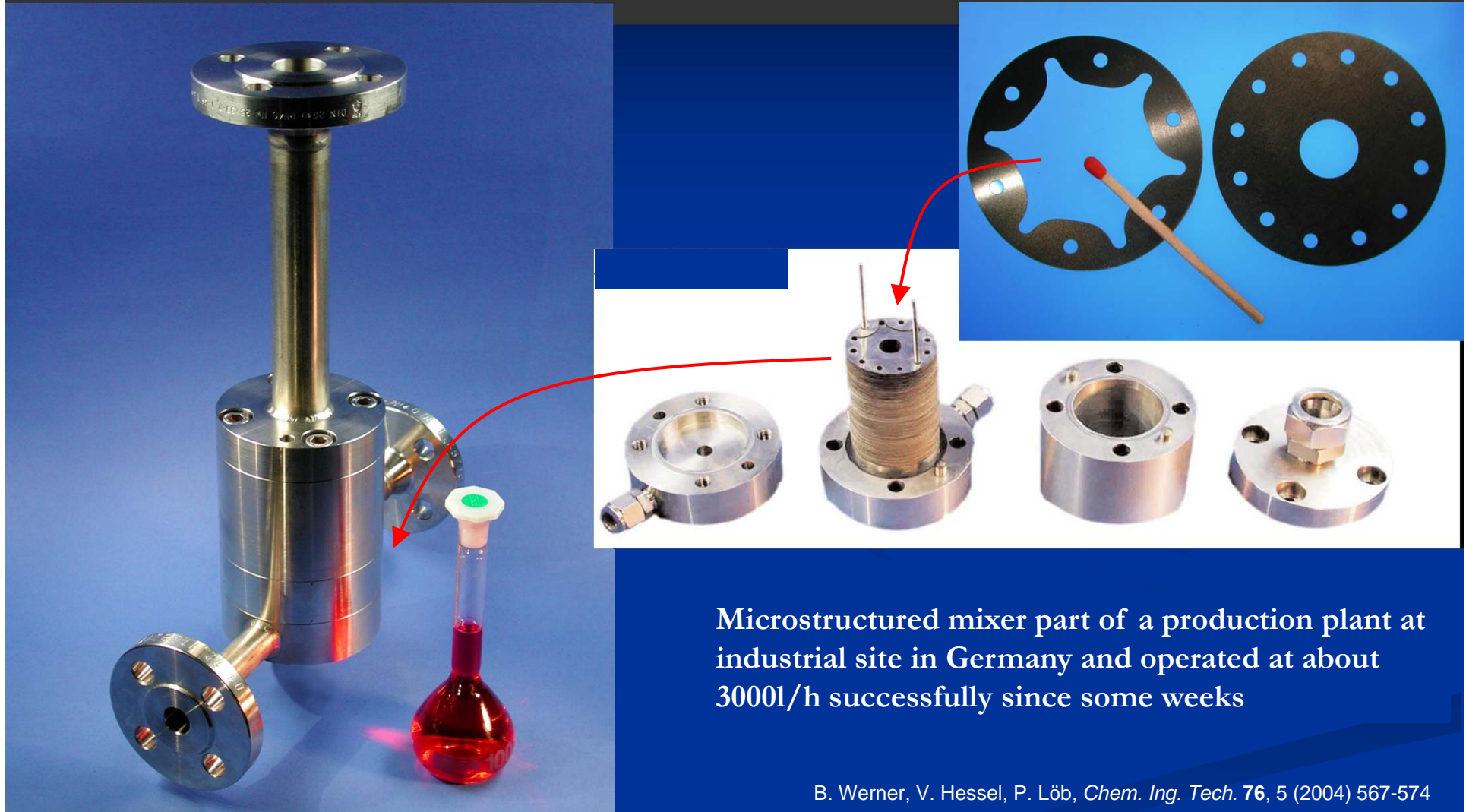
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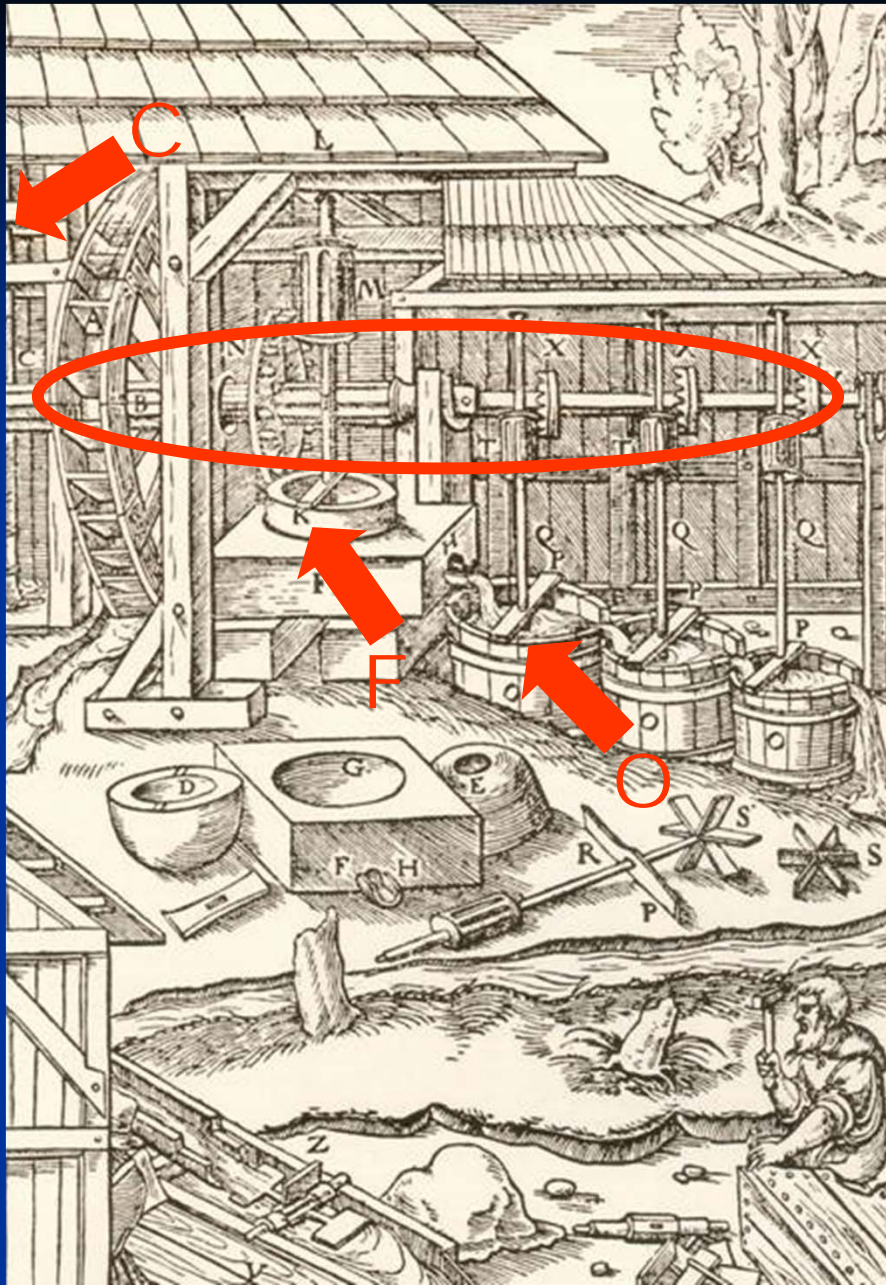
**Produits fabriqués par l'homme**

## PRODUCTION-TYPE (3200 l/h; 0.7 bar) STARLAM MICRO MIXER



Microstructured mixer part of a production plant at industrial site in Germany and operated at about 3000l/h successfully since some weeks

B. Werner, V. Hessel, P. Löb, *Chem. Ing. Tech.* **76**, 5 (2004) 567-574  
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**Chemical Process Industry, 2006**

**A CLEAR NEED  
FOR INNOVATION...**

A Stankiewicz (2006)

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# 3 - MANUFACTURING END-USE PROPERTIES

## Product Design and Engineering

Growing market place demand for sophisticated and controlled and structures products combining several functions and properties

- **"translation"** of molecular-scale process into phenomenological macroscopic scale laws
- **understanding of these operations which control end-use properties and quality features**

**Taste, feel, smell, colour, handling properties, biocompatibility...**

## EMPHASING THE CHEMICAL SUPPLY CHAIN

- **Product quality** is determined at the nano and microscales and
- Product with a **desired property** must be investigated for both **structure and function**

The key of success ? It is

- To obtain **the desired end-use properties** and then to control product quality by **controlling the microstructure formation**
- So a thorough understanding of the **structure/property** relationship at both  
Molecular scale (e.g., surface physics and chemistry)  
Microscopic scale (e.g., coupling reaction mechanisms and fluid mechanics)  
is of primary importance to be able to design production processes

This understanding helps to make the leap from the **nanoscale** to the **meso and macro scales** of the production processes that ensure the **customer product quality requirements**

**(INTEGRATED MULTISCALE COMPLEX SYSTEM APPROACH)**

**But!!! though tempting, don't hide some limits of hybrid technologies....**

The use of multifunctional reactors is limited **by the resulting problems with control and simulation i.e.**, the interaction between simultaneous reaction and distillation introduce more complex behaviour, involving multiple steady-states and output multiplicities and so different conversion and selectivity...

This leads to challenging problems in **dynamic modelling, design, operation, and strong non-linear control (Computer-aided Process Engineering - CAPE)**

**Too much integration** can exert a **negative influence**, requiring detailed modelling of the underlying processes and a **careful selection of the chemical and physical systems properties and operation conditions(CAPE)**

Their control requires **sophisticated model predictive control, robust control, and adaptative control**, where mathematical predictive control may be required to run **100 to 1000 times faster** than real time!(**CAPE**)

**BUT !!!**

**The bottleneck** of good models of multiphase and complex systems is the **understanding** of the physics, chemistry and biology of the interaction rather than **the refinement of numerical codes**

**What is needed in models is less anatomy  
and more physiology**

for models, **EINSTEIN'S** citation :  
**« Keep things as simple as possible, but not simpler »**





**also FUZZY LOGIC** is of great help in the **CONTROL** and **AUTOMATION** of processes as well as

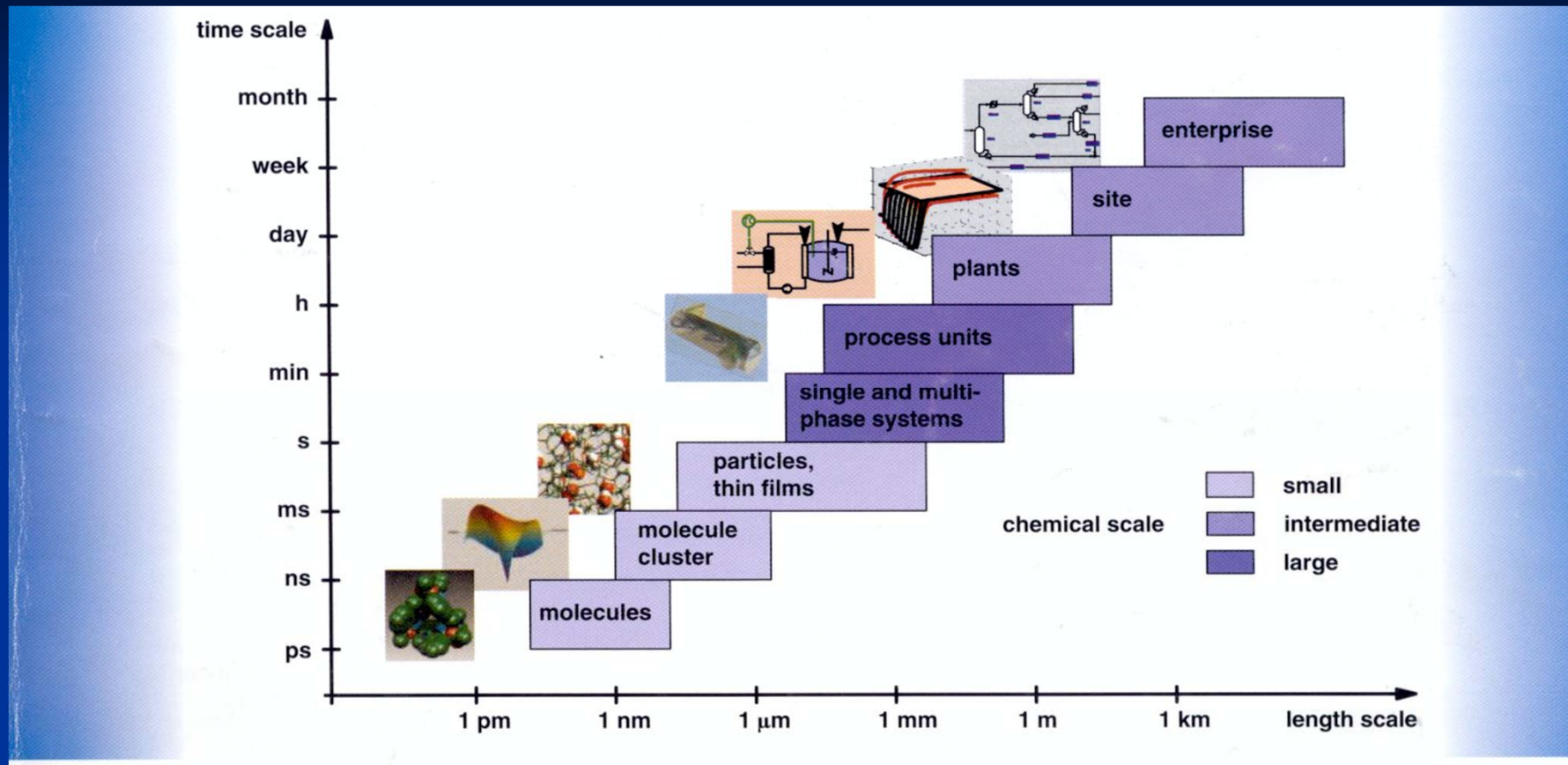
## **NEURAL NETWORKS**

- for diagnosing on-line defects
- for the design and the analysis of new processes
- for analysing trends

(e.g, hydrodynamics and mass transfer parameters in trickle beds, in bubble columns and in sparging reactors)

**Remember!!!** that **AUTOMATION** in **world scale plants** provides high **work force productivity**, whereas in high-margin multipurpose plants, it provides the capability to reach quality specification and required throughputs quickly when restarting the process.....**BUT!!!**

# THE CHEMICAL SUPPLY CHAIN



Chemical and Process Engineering is now concerned with the understanding and development of systematic procedures for the design and operation of chemical process systems, ranging :

**FROM nano and microsystems-scales** where chemicals have to be synthesized and characterized at the molecular-level

**TO industrial-scale** continuous and batch processes

Too many chemist and chemical engineering congresses in the past decade have focused on weakness and **threats**. Instead this congress tries to focus on strenght and opportunities:

**WE MUST BE CONFIDENT!!!!**

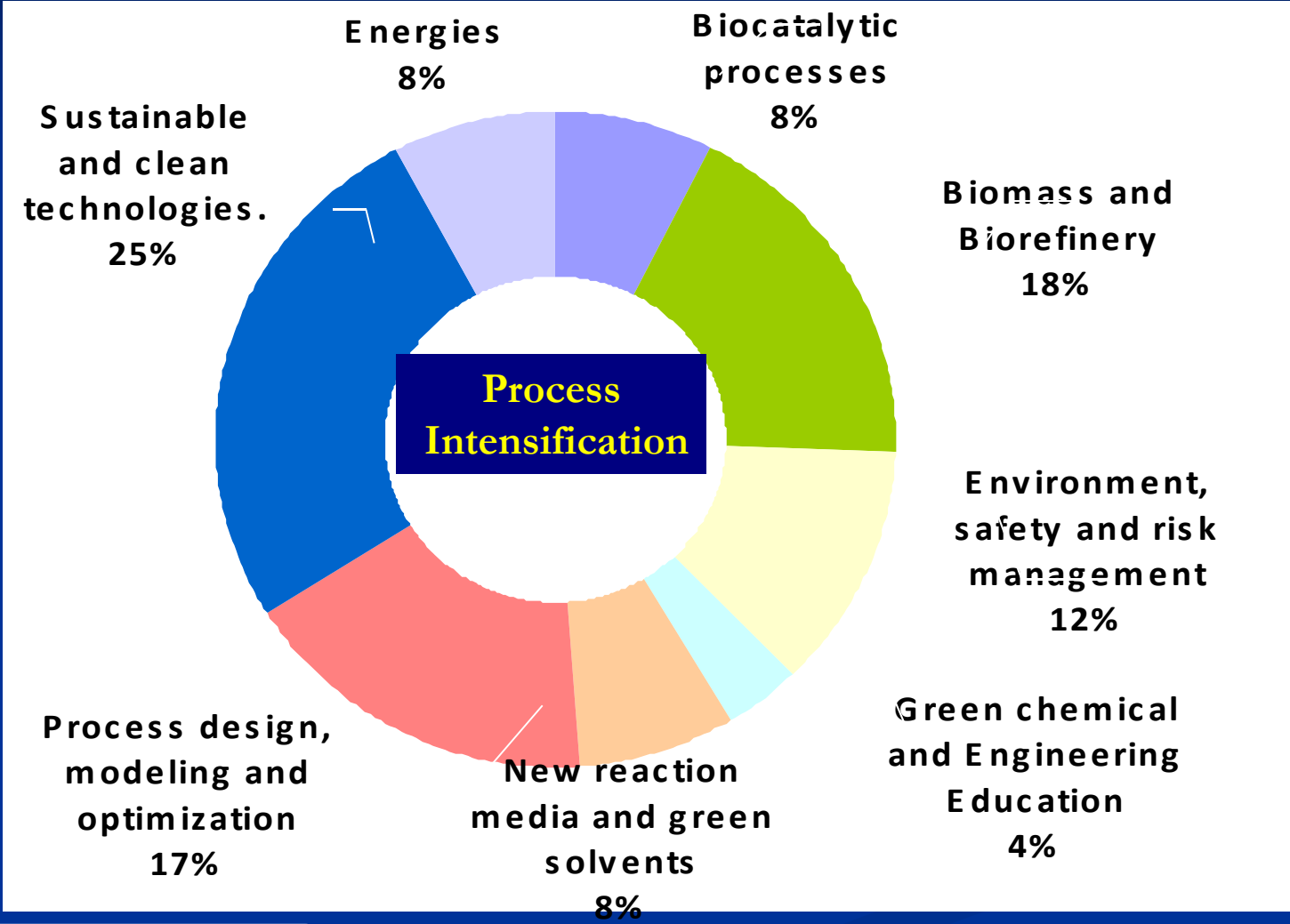
By cutting Chemical Engineering **CAKE** in a different way, especially with the strength involved in **GREEN PROCESS ENGINEERING** with notions of Process Intensification and Product Design and Engineering I try to convince the **CAKE** to be both richer and larger as **GPE** has a key contribution to **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** and quality of life

So..... bravo for the organizers of the  
**1st International Congress**  
on **Green Process Engineering**







# GPE 4: TOPICS




## 4 Simultaneous tracks for the future of Green Process Engineering with a multiscale approach for **the design of the factory of future**


1-To increase productivity and selectivity through intelligent operations and multiscale control of processes: i.e. **Molecular information engineering**

Micro and-Nano and Micro tailoring of porous and cristalline Materials (**nanotechnology**)  **Green Process Engineering** with multiscale approach

2- Design of novel equipment based on scientific principles and new modes of production: **process intensification** with multifunctional reactors or microstructured reactors (**microfluidic**)  **Green Process Engineering** with multiscale approach

3- Manufacturing end-use properties: development of a multidisciplinary **product-oriented engineering** i.e. product design and engineering with special emphasis on solids technology and complex fluid processing  **Green Process Engineering** with multiscale approach

4- Implement **multiscale** and multidisciplinary computational chemical engineering **modeling** and **simulation** to real-life situations: from the molecule scale up to the overall complex production scale. Automation, control and safety , LCA

 **Green Process Engineering** with multiscale approach

Charpentier J. C., Oil & Gas Science and Technologies, 2013, 68, 952-964

## outline

- Some reminds on chemical engineering, its evolution and on process intensification
- The world of chemistry and related industries at the heart of a great number of scientific and technological challenges due to
  - the Rapid increase of **knowledge in chemistry and biochemistry**
  - the 21th century demands clearly focalized on **societal exigencies**
  - **the non-sustainable mankind**
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**The multidisciplinary and multiscale integrated approach for a necessary key-technology serving a great number of mankind needs,**  
  
i.e. (**towards a green process engineering thanks to process intensification for the factory of future**)  
but how?

**4 proposed tracks**

**PROCESS INTENSIFICATION**  
**SUSTAINABLE RELATED DIMENSION**

with

**Producing much more and better with much less**

This means

- To produce more targetted products and better in smaller volumes, with a better efficiency and selectivity, in using less raw materials and energy, less solvents, with reduced transport costs,
- More sustainable production with innovative technologies leading to a better use of raw materials and energies

Thus this requires for chemical engineering

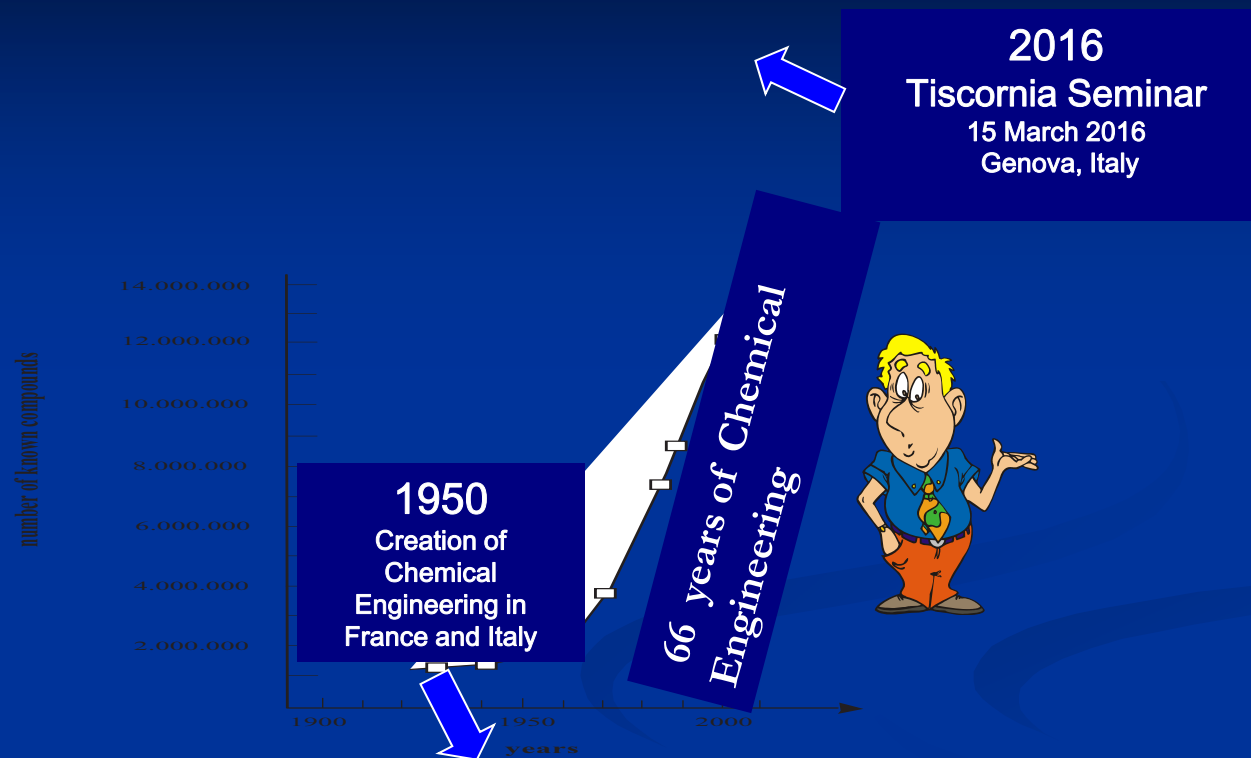
- Design of clean and efficient processes with innovative technologies and new process intensification reactors

Evolution of chemical engineering towards th design of **the plant of future....**



# WHY and HOW Process Intensification and Process Intensification Reactors?

due to The necessary Evolution of Chemical and Process Engineering

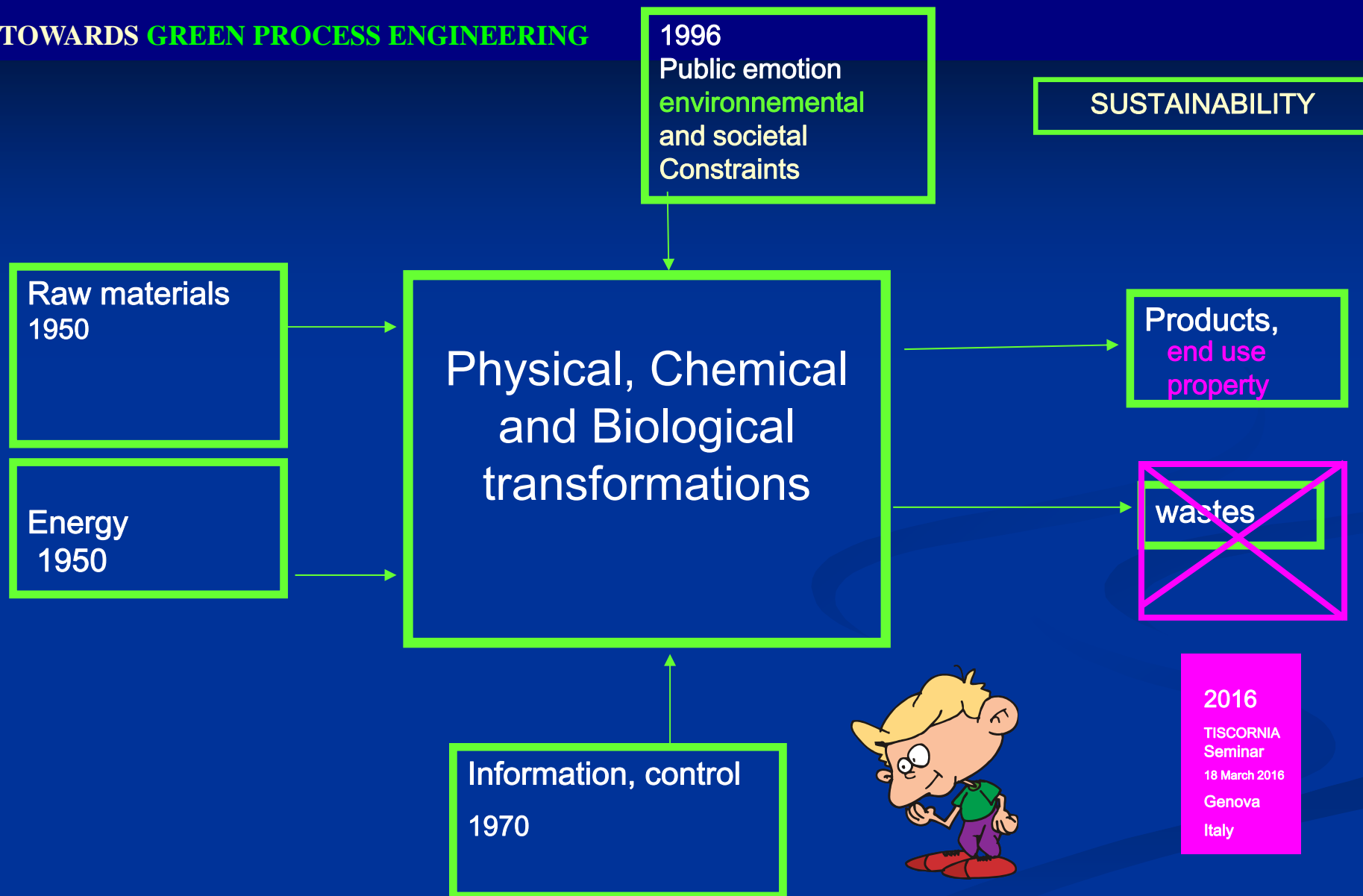


## Rapid knowledge in chemistry and biochemistry

- more than 14 million molecular compounds have been synthesized in 2015
- **only a small number of them is found in nature**
- others are and will be conceived and manufactured by scientists and engineers to meet the needs of man and to satisfy his quest for knowledge (i.e., post-genomic era)

# EVOLUTION of CHEMICAL ENGINEERING SINCE LAST 66 YEARS

## TOWARDS GREEN PROCESS ENGINEERING



# Historical paradigms of Chemical Engineering

## 1st Paradigm: Unit Operations

initiated by Arthur D. Little – ca. 1907 book: “Principles of Chemical Engineering” by Walker, Lewis and McAdams (1923) focus on equipments, construction and performances

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Paradigm: Transport Phenomena

appeared in 1960' book: “Transport Phenomena” by Bird, Stewart and Lightfoot (1960) focus on momentum, heat and mass transfer modeling

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Paradigm: INTEGRATED SYSTEM TIME and LENGTH MULTISCALE Approach (G3P)

for a modern green sustainable Chemical Engineering

( involving Process Intensification for the élaboration of the required end use properties of the green product, etc...)

(**vers l'Usine du Futur**) (Factory of the Future)

(Charpentier J.C., Chem Eng Res Des, 2010, 88, 248)