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Web-based integration tool: Design and demonstration case studies



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# Objectives and relevance



### **Objectives**

- To introduce a web-based decision support tool for the design and integration of industrial hightemperature heat pumps,

- To design a flexible, open-source tool for modeling, analyzing, and documenting the energy integration results of industrial processes.

To inform end-users about the importance and benefits of the application of process integration techniques to the industrial processes

### **Relevance and challenges**

- Increasing number of technological options and operating conditions,
- A comparative analysis requires a suitable modeling, optimization, visualization and reporting tool,
- Lack of intuitive, open-source tools to develop fast and accurate PAs.

# Product profile

- HTHP workshop roundtable  $\rightarrow$  survey for tool design and technology transfer.
- Generate and evaluate options (sub- or optimal) at variable conditions and competing techs  $\rightarrow$  tradeoffs opex/capex.
- Check for possible integration errors  $\rightarrow$  misplaced utilities or missed waste heat recovery opportunities.
- Improved data mngmt  $\rightarrow$  centralized, updatable, trackable access to technical data in open-source formats (.csv, .json).
- Excel is widespread in the industry  $\rightarrow$  ease end-users opt-in, but enable flexibility and comms with in-house software.
- Automatic framework  $\rightarrow$  visualization, energy integration, and thermodynamic properties calculations *all-in-one*.
- Concerns about costs  $\rightarrow$  software licenses, limited accessibility to algorithms, and reduced flexibility.
- Web-friendly reporting  $\rightarrow$  Portable document format (PDF) and interactive hypertext markup language (HTML) files.
- Engine hosted at EPFL servers or local execution  $\rightarrow$  support extensibility & confidentiality.



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# Tool workflow for PI and PA

- Process data from audits is input via Excel template, flowsheeting software or by directly coding (Python).
- Vendors' data, incl. Ts, T lift, COP and capacity to assess commercial solutions.
- Open-source libraries (e.g. Coolprop) calculate thermodynamic properties.
- Frontend for data input and OSMOSE engine execution, solves synthesis and optimization problem.
- .json output file with information needed to visualize and calculate KPIs.
- User-friendly .html report summarizes problem definition, assumptions, and PI/PA results (tables, plots, etc.) in a structured and shareable format.
- Pinch point(s) and penalized heat exchanges are spotlighted. Actions towards better integrating the energy systems can be investigated.
- Feedback loop to improve features of utility systems. HP superstructure can be refined.



# OSMOSE backend algorithm

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- $(R)$ OSMOSE  $\rightarrow$  Rmarkdown-based OSMOSE Multi-Objective Optimization of Integrated Energy Systems Process integration tool developed at IPESE group in EPFL.
- The web-based decision tool relies on Pinch Analysis and uses a superstructure-based mixed integer linear programming (MILP) optimization algorithm.
- (R)OSMOSE selects the optimal energy technologies and utility systems to supply the energy demands with a minimum overall production cost, including capital and operational expenditures.
- Superstructure of competing utilities (e.g. furnace, electrical heater, engines, water cooling, refrigeration, **heat pumps**, photovoltaic systems and decarbonization technologies, such as biomass, CCS, etc.).
- Integrates various software and tools: (i) database handling routines (.csv and .json), (ii) thermodynamic libraries (Aspen, Coolprop), (iii) optimization suites (AMPL), and (iv) data visualization (GNU Plot, Plotly).

# Data input interfaces



- Application of Pinch Analysis requires info of mass flows, thermodynamic properties, and supply and target temperatures of relevant streams.
- Data input via:
- (i) manual insertion of hot and cold streams in FlexiCode,
- (ii) imported from either Excel
- (iii) flowsheeting software.
- Data can be collected on-site in an acquisition OPC (Open Platform Communications) servers, either in .json or .csv format (or compatible formats).

### Excel-based data input



**Layers** are relevant for ensuring mass and energy balances and for costing fuel, electricity, and feedstock. Specific costs of grids can be varied.

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**Energy technology (ET)** are one or multiple process or utility units with connection layers. From single operation units to full industrial plants.

**Mass streams/Resource streams**, i.e. material and electricity flowing through layers in the energy integration problem.

**Heat streams** defined by inlet and outlet temperatures (°C) and enthalpies (kJ/kg) or, alternatively, mass flow (kg/h) and heat capacities (kJ/kg K), or heating and cooling duties (kW).



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# FlexiCode GUI



### Maintain the flexibility

### Open-source code



Defined tags, such as operating parameters. economic indicators.

physical constraints, etc.

Calculated tags (note the % % symbols for enclosing previously defined values)

#### Heat streams





#### Resource streams



# HP superstructure approach



The heat pump superstructure considers a combination of evaporators, condensers, mixers, economizers, saturators, superheaters, subcoolers, and throttling valves, as well as optimal working fluids and operating conditions (e.g. temperatures, # stages, discharge T, compressor type, etc.)

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## HP superstructure template

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- List of candidate fluids
- Candidate temperature levels of condensers or evaporators
- Superheating and subcooling temperatures
- Minimum temperature difference contribution
- Fixed and variable investment of compressor, evaporator, and condenser
- Bounds for compressor capacity, evaporators and condensers duty
- Number of compressors per fluid
- Compressor isentropic efficiency
- Bounds of compressor pressure and pressure ratio
- Heat transfer coefficients
- Bounds of valves differential pressure
- Bounds of flash drums, mixers, and super heater (if any)
- Compressor power supply (connection layer)







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# Energy Technology database

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#### Gitlab repo:

#### [https://gitlab.epfl.ch/ipese/mas/masbook/-/tree/integrationreport](https://gitlab.epfl.ch/ipese/mas/masbook/-/tree/integrationreportMASDFOdev?ref_type=heads)







IDese / MAS / MASBook / Repository



• Vendors Technologies (based on Annex 58 database)



• Storage systems (WIP)



- The simplified GUI is proposed to users with no coding skills:
- $\triangleright$  python -m venv venv
- $\triangleright$  cd venv
- $\triangleright$  cd Scripts
- $\triangleright$  ./Activate.ps1
- pip install osmose\_ui --extra-index-url=https://ipese-internal.epfl.ch/registry/pypi
- $\triangleright$  osmose ui







**MARKET** 

**COOLINGWATER** 

**HEATPUMPSS** 

**CLEANINPLACEET** 













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### Configure

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**A** RUN OSMOSE

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Define project name, objective function, operating hours

Set Choose the desired optimization solver

### Include

Select the KPIs to include

Execute Run ROSMOSE tool (it may take some time to converge)

### Compare

#### Navigate through configurations run and compare

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### Reporting and visualization

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### • HTML-based reporting format

### **Cleaning In Place Process Optimization**

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#### Introduction

This report uses ROSMOSE tool to evaluate a case study of industrial process integration including:

- minimum energy requirements estimation,
- heat and mass integration,
- pinch analysis using graphical representations, along with the
- assessment of the valorization of certain waste products.

A preliminary techno-economic analysis can be also performed based on assumed market conditions. These conditions can be varied to generate different competing scenarios of energy integration strategies and decarbonization roadmaps to aid in the decision-making of the Swiss energy transition.

The report is automatically generated after the calculations are performed thanks to a procedure involving reporting, modelling and documentation using ROSMOSE tool, which goal is to make scientific and technical reports more transparent and reproducible.

Various competing scenarios can be analyzed by modifying the settings and operating parameters that are relevant to the set of utility and decarbonization technologies available in the integration superstructure.

### • Database of inputs and results in JSON\* format

#### \*JavaScript Object Notation

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# Typical results

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The tool processes the input data for calculating:

- Minimum energy requirements (MER) (heating and cooling),
- Pinch point temperature(s),
- Graphical representations of the hot and cold composite curves (CC),
- Graphical representations of the grand composite curve (GCC),
- Graphical representations of the Carnot composite curve (CCC),
- Levels of temperature for suitable condensers and evaporators & fluids selection for HP systems,
- Compression power and coefficient of performance (COP) of HP systems,
- Mass and energy flows of the analyzed process (energy imports and exports,  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  emissions),
- Estimated total costing (capex + opex)
- Tailored KPIs (using FlexiCode approach)

### Examples of use

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Quantify waste heat recovery potential using HTHPs to reduce gas-fired boilers for heat supply:

• Whey drying

• Cleaning in place

Assumptions can be modified to yield sensitivity analyses:

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## Examples of use

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### **Whey and ultrafiltration retentate drying:**

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- does not require pre-crystallization tanks,
- high-concentration step takes place at atmospheric pressure,
- spray drying is not necessary,
- significant economic costs and energy savings (30%) can be made (Písecký 2005)

Data (anonymized) courtesy of CREMO

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- keeps product quality by automated cleaning,
- eliminates products vulnerable to spoilage and bacteria growth (Solenis 2024)
- less production time lost to cleaning
- lower water and energy usage through repeatable cycle control

Data (anonymized) courtesy of ELSA

# Composites and Grand Composites

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#### Plots

Hot and cold Composite curves The cold and hot composite curves of the overall energy system including industrial process, energy technologies and resources, it is shown below

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Hot and cold Composite curves The cold and hot composite curves of the overall energy system including industrial process, energy technologies and resources, it is shown below:

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Grand Composite Curve The grand composite curve of the overall energy system including industrial process, energy technologies and resources, it is shown below.

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Minimum Heating Requirement (to be balanced): 1460 kW Minimum Cooling Requirement (to be balanced): 1849 kW

- Availability of waste heat (1000-1800 kW) below 45 °C and 25 °C for whey drying WD and the cleaning in place CIP units, respectively.
- It could be used to feed a HTHP that upgrade waste heat up to temperatures above 90-120°C.
- Define a set of temperature levels and refrigerants that are potentially favorable.
- ROSMOSE will select the best parameters to reduce energy consumption and maximize waste heat recovery.
- Combine of multi-stage and cascaded HPs.

Grand Composite Curve The grand composite curve of the overall energy system including industrial process, energy technologies and resources, it is shown below

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Minimum Heating Requirement (to be balanced): 1362 kW Minimum Cooling Requirement (to be balanced): 988 kW

# Results for Whey Drying

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Total Evaporator Heat (kW): 296.7

Total Condensers Heat (kW): 353.27

Total Compressors Power (kW): 56.59

Calculating HP overall COP (kWth/kWee): 5.24

**Activated Fluids: F19** 

Activated Compressors: Comp12

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#### **Mass and electricity streams:**

The following tables shows the mass and electricity streams, without and with details of the internal streams of the HP superstructure:

#### Without HP Internals With HP internals

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#### Carnot integrated Curve

#### **Heat pumping system details:** Total Evaporator Heat (kW): 1243.6

Total Condensers Heat (kW): 1619.63

Total Compressors Power (kW): 406.94

Calculating HP overall COP (kWth/kWee): 3.06

WD Conventional Utils No. 24

Activated Fluids: F19, F14

Activated Compressors: Comp12, Comp24, Comp23

#### **Economic indicators:**

Optimized objective: obj\_totalcost

Operational expenditure ( $CHF/y$ ): 381934

Capital expenditure  $(CHF/y)$ : 75166

Impact  $(kg_{CO2}/y)$ : 115946

Total Expenditure ( $CHF/y$ ): 457099

Total investment (non-annualized) ( $CHF$ ): 737987

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Mass and electricity streams: The following tables shows the mass and electricity streams, without and with details of the internal

streams of the HP superstructure:

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# Results for Cleaning in Place

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#### **Heat pumping system details:**

Total Evaporator Heat (kW): 0

Total Condensers Heat (kW): 0

Total Compressors Power (kW): 0

**Activated Fluids:** 

**Activated Compressors:** 

### **Economic indicators:** Optimized objective: obj totalcost Operational expenditure ( $CHF/\gamma$ ): 606918 Capital expenditure  $(CHF/y)$ : 27595

Total Expenditure ( $CHF/y$ ): 634513

Impact  $(kg_{CO2}/y)$ : 1359372

#### Total investment (non-annualized) ( $CHF$ ): 270930

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**Mass and electricity streams:** The following tables shows the mass and electricity streams, without and with details of the internal streams of the HP superstructure:

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### Optimized objective: obj totalcost Operational expenditure  $(CHF/y)$ : 240061 Capital expenditure  $(CHF/y)$ : 79658 Impact  $(kg_{CO2}/y)$ : 72696 Total Expenditure  $(CHF/y)$ : 319719

**Economic indicators:** 

Total investment (non-annualized) (CHF): 782092

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#### CoolTower ssCIP F1 Cond ssCIP F1 Cond ssCIP\_F1\_Cond\_  $E$  ElecSell EnvCO2tax WaterSell

#### Heat pumping system details:

Total Evaporator Heat (kW): 1231.7

Total Condensers Heat (kW): 1327.83

Total Compressors Power (kW): 276.22

Calculating HP overall COP (kWth/kWee): 4.46

**Activated Fluids: F1** 

Activated Compressors: Comp34, Comp24, Comp12

#### **Mass and electricity streams:**

The following tables shows the mass and electricity streams, without and with details of the internal streams of the HP superstructure:

#### Without HP Internals With HP Internals

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CIP Conventional Utils **CIP Conventional Utils** 25

### Discussion of results

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- Combustion only to preheat up to 90 °C-140 °C  $\rightarrow$  avoidable inefficiency.
- Conventional cases  $\rightarrow$  large cooling duty.
- Untapped waste heat recovery  $\rightarrow$  refrigerator condenser and water cooling reduction.
- Electrification  $\rightarrow$  encourage cleaner electricity mix.

- Integrate two cascaded HP cycles for higher exergy efficiency. The first one works with n-butane (-10  $\degree$ C  $\rightarrow$  20  $\degree$ C) and the second with  $(R1234ze(Z))$  (20 – 30°C  $\rightarrow$  117.15 °C).
- The liquid's subcooling, leaving the evaporator at the highest temperature level, can still supply a large share of the energy requirements of whey drying.
- Integrating a HTHP, the electricity consumption (462 kW) costs 370,250 EUR/y and indirect emissions achieves only 115,960 kg/y.
- It means economic savings of up to 29.5% (considering total cost), thanks to energy savings of up to 70% and emissions reduction of more than 90.9% compared to the base case scenario.

### **Whey drying takeaways Cleaning in place takeaways**

- HTHP unit features three compression stages, one evaporator (at 20 °C) and three condensers (at 95.5 °C, 76 °C and 55 °C, respectively) using R1234ze(Z) as refrigerant.
- A HTHP reduces exergy loss while almost halving the total cost (634,513 to 370,250 EUR/y) and reducing the total emissions by 95% (from 1,1359,936 kg/y to 72,680 kg/y).
- Energy savings of up to 81.9% compared to the base case scenario.
- Indirect CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (electricity) drop in a future scenario of decarbonization strategies based on electrification, considering that the supply chains of both energy commodities become comparable for the current electricity mix assumptions.

# Conclusions and path forward

- Process electrification and waste heat valorization are crucial to defossilize heat supply in food and beverage industries *(favorable temperature levels)*.
- Competition between different utility systems  $\rightarrow$  a tool to systematically compare the performance of those alternative technologies.
- Automated computational and reporting tools  $\rightarrow$  modeling, reporting and comparing energy integration scenarios.
- CO<sub>2</sub> tax and waste heat valorization  $\rightarrow$  HP deployment by offsetting initial investments.
- Challenges related to reliability, space budget and maintainability  $\rightarrow$  risk perception within firms.
- Preliminary analyses  $\rightarrow$  significant waste heat recovery using HTHPs and environmentally friendly.

### **Path forward**

- Massive deployment of the web-based tool, training programmes, and business model.
- Servers hosting and confidentiality, local installation vs. external servers.

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### Future developments and projects Swiss Federal Office of Energy SFOE

- Installation, maintenance, and handling of confidential data in servers hosted by EPFL.
- Adopt a scalable infrastructure and address robust and secure data handling (authentication).

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• Containerization (e.g., Docker) of required libraries for optimization and visualization avoiding external servers.

Projects and courses that have been and will use and further validate the tool:

- HTHP Annex 58 Swiss (IEA)
- Task XXIV IETS TCP (IEA)
- Master of Advanced Studies (EPFL/HESSO)
- Pinch Bot (SFOE)
- Advanced Energetics (Graduate course at EFPL)
- Industrial projects in IPESE (EPFL, Novelis, LDC, Buhler, Richemont, Terega, Morand, Hermes, CIMO...)

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#### **Lessons:**

1) Assessing the competition between different utility systems requires a tool to systematically and objectively compare the performance of alternative technologies.

2) Automated computational and reporting tools can speed up modeling, reporting and comparison of energy integration scenarios.

3) Adopting new decision-support tools can be facilitated by integrating familiar data-handling platforms, like Excel, while still benefiting from the flexibility of open-source programming languages and libraries.

#### **Messages:**

1) Developing decision support tools that fit different users' profiles entails prioritizing intuitive, flexible and versatile opensource toolkits.

2) An inclusive and sustainable energy transition will require equipping qualified engineers with powerful tools to leverage models databases and routines for industrial diagnosis and optimization.

3) Key challenges in ensuring the sustainability and consistency of open-source tools include addressing web scalability, maintainability, server hosting, and confidentiality issues.

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