

### CDB 4313Z – HEAT INTEGRATION RETROFIT OF HEAT EXCHANGER NETWORK

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## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES



At the end of this course, students shall be able to:

- 1. Perform **targeting exercise** to determine the minimum utility requirements and maximum heat recovery possible for a process using composite curve or problem table algorithm
- 2. **Design heat exchanger network** for achieving maximum energy recovery or minimum total cost using pinch analysis technique
- **3. Apply pinch analysis software** to perform heat integration and heat exchanger network design that is cost competitive and taking into account of sustainability factors
- 4. Analyze the **potential for heat and power integration** of a process and the possible implementation options, and to screen the options using cost effective strategy
- 5. Perform **correct data extraction** from process flowsheet for the purpose of performing pinch analysis



### **RETROFIT:**



What is retrofit? What is debottleneck? Are they the same?

How to retrofit heat exchanger network?

- Start from current network. Adjust it to obey pinch rules Note the existing ΔTmin, calculate the targets, plot existing design, and look for violations to remove
- Start from scratch. Design based on pinch rules.
  Where a choice exists, favour matches already present in current network.
- Start from current network. Identify the most critical changes required to give a significant cost reduction.



### **O**RIGINAL CASE





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### THE CASE



### WITH PROCESS MODIFICATION AND PINCH RESULT



Process modification:

- Outlet R2 = 180 °C
- Inlet R1 = 135 °C

Pinch insight:

- Hot pinch temp. = 100 °C
- Cold pinch temp. = 80 °C
- Hot utility = 15 kW
- Cold utility = 105 kW

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### 1. EXISTING TO ADAPT TO PINCH RULE







### 1.1 IDENTIFICATIONS OF RULE VIOLATIONS



Target hot is 15 kW and target cold is 105 kW

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## 1.2 INCREASE COOLING DUTY BELOW PINCH FOR #4



1. Additional area on cooler #4



Now we get our 105 kW of cooling duty by increasing the cooler area From 90 kW to 105 kW







Replace cooling water in the cooler in #2 with cold stream #1. Target cold of 105 kW is achieved



### 1.4 Remove loop





Remove the loop Target cold is 105 kW is achieved. 130 kW of heat is available above pinch



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### 1.5 Add 1 HE





Both targets are achieved!

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### **1.6** Result comparison





Calculate total annual cost and the payback period!

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### 1.7 Result







### 2 DESIGN FROM SCRATCH AND ADJUST EXISTING





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# 2.1 DESIGN FROM SCRATCH

### AND, IF EXISTS, FAVOR EXISTING MATCHES



Existing network





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### 2.2 DESIGN FROM SCRATCH



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# 2.8 DESIGN FROM SCRATCH:

PINCH RULE ABOVE PINCH,  $CP_{HOT} \leq CP_{COLD}$ 







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# 2.9 DESIGN FROM SCRATCH:

PINCH RULE BELOW PINCH,  $CP_{HOT} \ge CP_{COLD}$ 







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# 2.10 THEN WHAT? LET'S SIMPLIFY IT



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### 2.11 REMOVE LOOP

230 kW

100 °C









### 2.12 REMOVE LOOP

100 °C









### 2.13 WHAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED?







# **3.** START FROM CURRENT DESIGN.

### **IDENTIFY CHANGES WITH SIGNIFICANT COST IMPACT**





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## 3.1 NETWORK PINCH





If the  $\Delta T$  is still higher than the  $\Delta T_{min}$ , the heat load can be increased until  $\Delta T_{min}$ 

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### **3.2** 4 POSSIBLE APPROACHES



Asante and Zhu (1996) provided 4 possible approaches for the network pinch:

- **1. Resequencing**: Order of exchangers can be reversed, and this sometimes allows for better heat recovery
- **2. Repiping**: Similar to resequencing, but one of both of the matched streams can be different to current situation
- 3. Adding a new match
- 4. Splitting



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### 3.3 RESEQUENCING: TO MAKE HEAT AVAILABLE AT



#### **HIGHER TEMP**









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### 3.4 RESULT







### SUMMARY



To find the best potential energy improvement schemes, one should:

- Check the existing network and identify pinch violators
- Obtain as many similar matches as possible with the existing network
- Favor matches which already exist if a choice exists on matches, especially away from the pinch region
- Identify the network pinch and pinching match for the existing network
- Consider working in two directions, from:
  - new design by loop breaking and energy relaxation (path), and
  - existing network by eliminating violations
- Perform a crude evaluation of all alternatives by comparing the UA values.
  Restore A values of existing units as far as possible (for reuse)
- Perform detailed simulation and optimization of the "best bets"
- "There are always options to choose"



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## FINAL QUESTION:

80 °C

#### WHICH REVAMPED NETWORK IS BETTER?





90 kW

80 °C

130 kW

