

# Heterogeneous Catalysis Engineering

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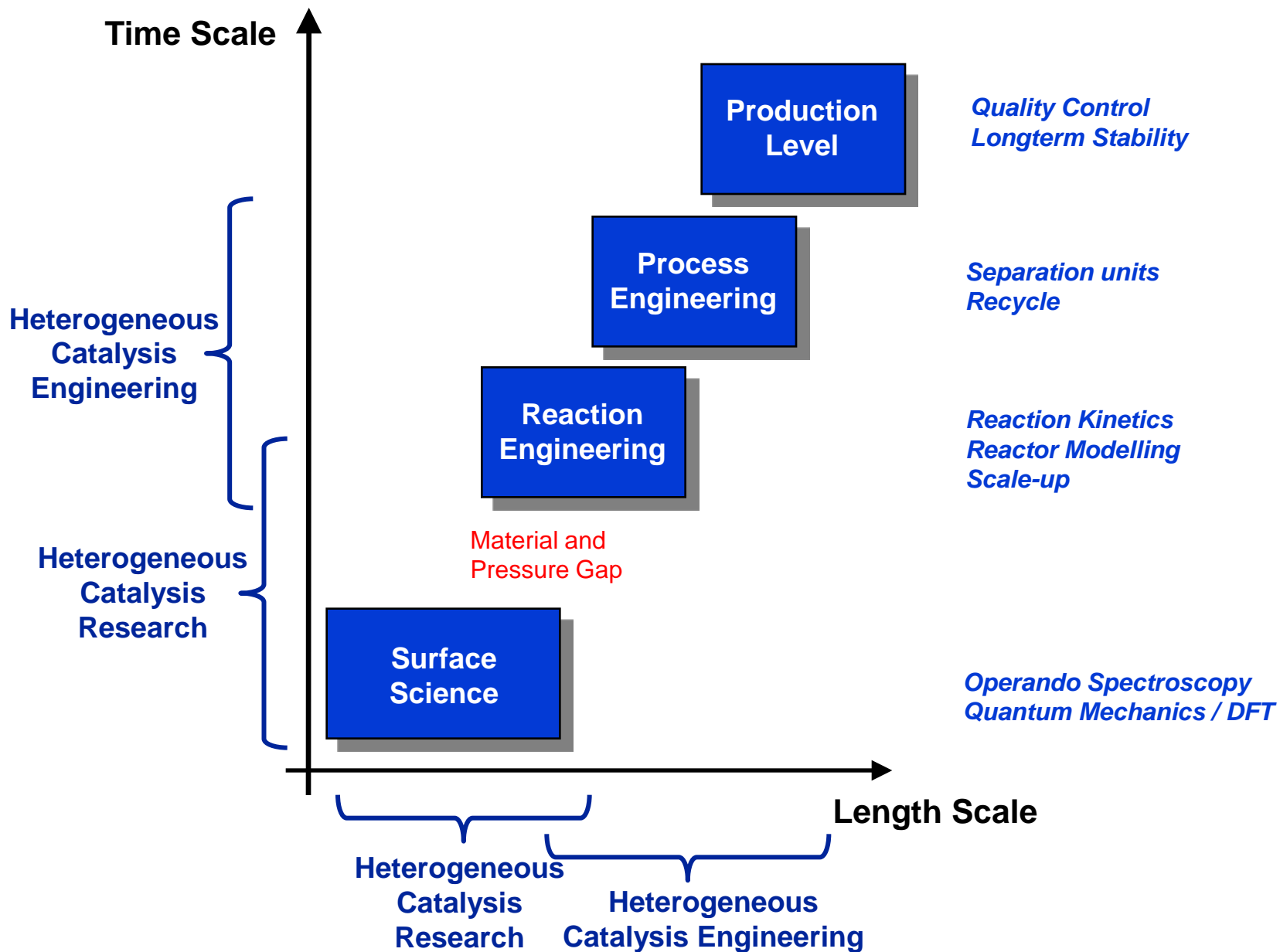
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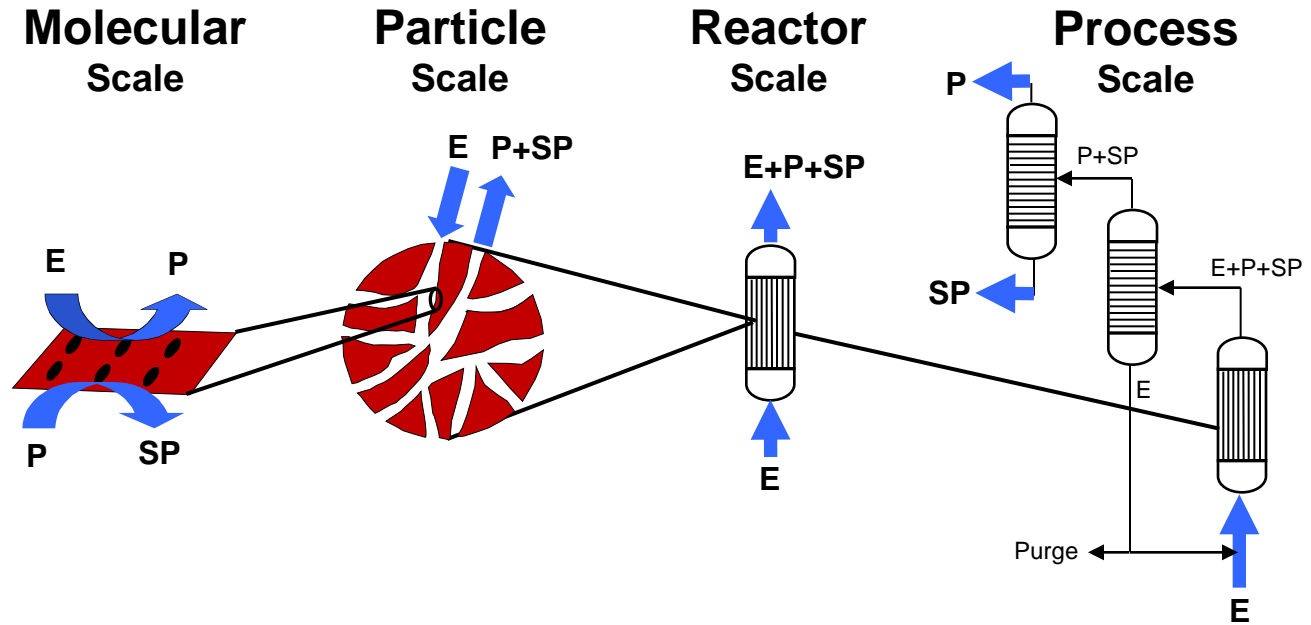
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  - Selectivity-Conversion-Plots
  - Catalyst Life Time
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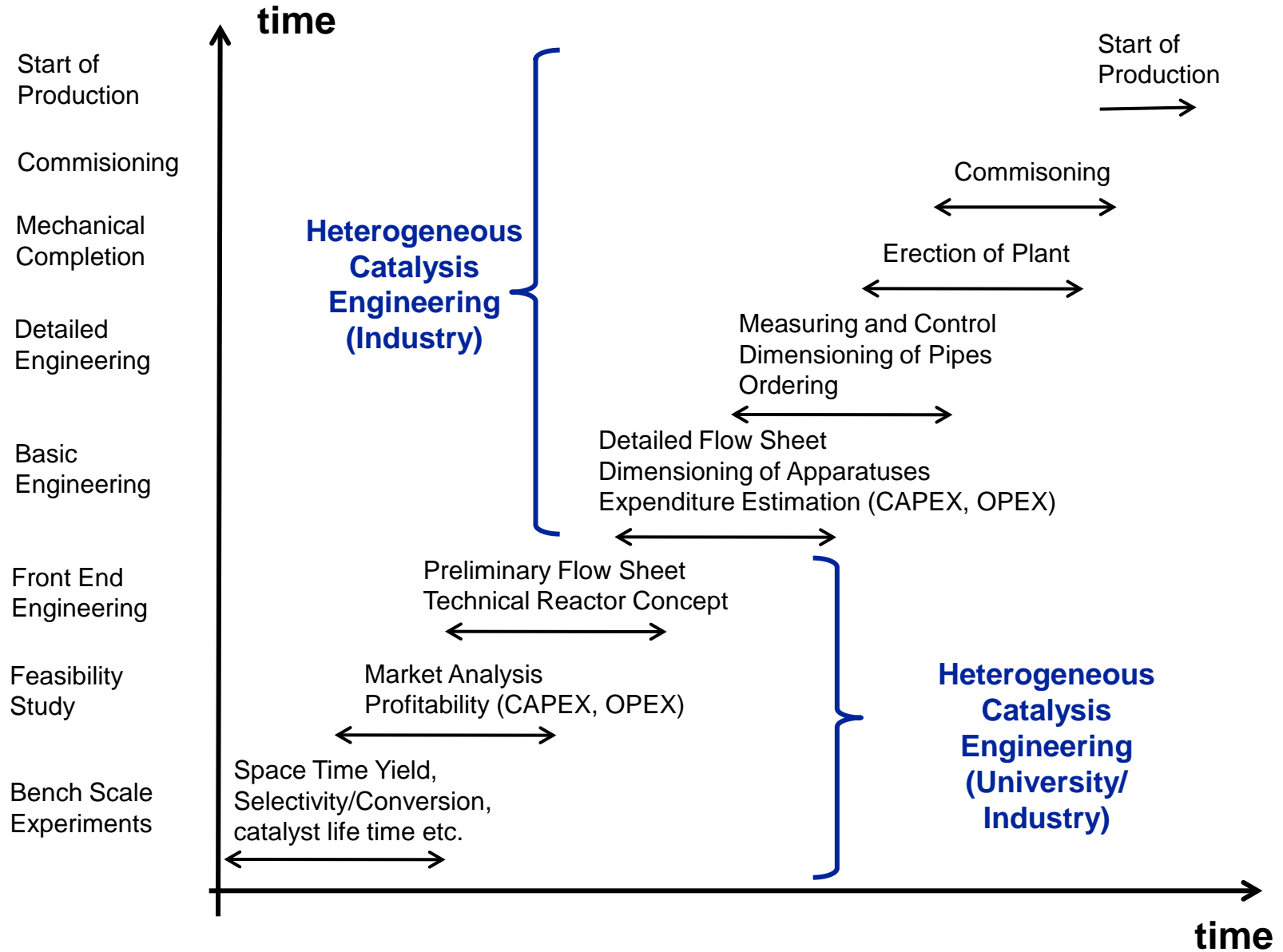


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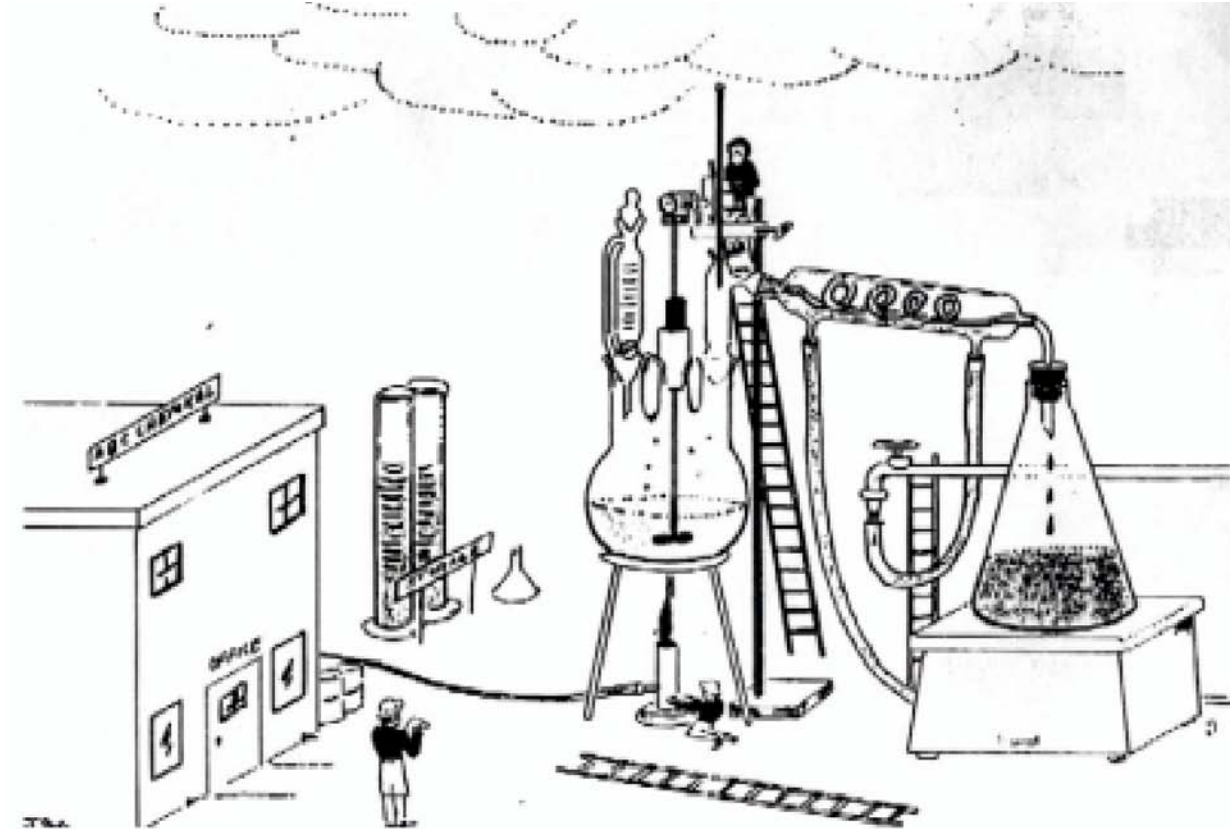
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Heterogeneous Catalysis Engineering

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„The bench scale results were so good that we by-passed the pilot-plant“

aus E.H. Stitt, Chem.Eng.J. 90(2002)47

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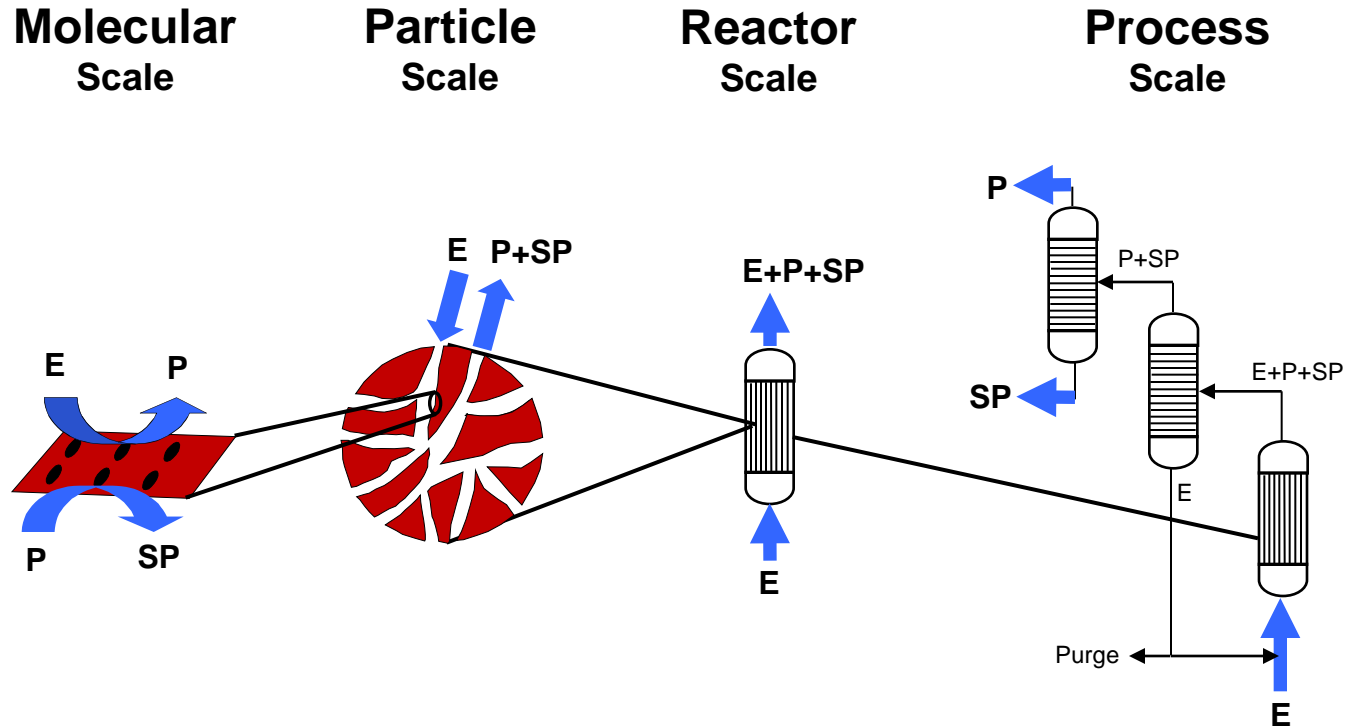
	<b>Bulk Chemicals</b>	<b>Fine Chemicals</b>
<b>Plant Capacity</b>	> 10,000 metric tons per year (usually: some 100,000 t/a)	< 10,000 metric tons per year (usually < 1,000 t/a)
<b>Space Time Yield</b>	1-10 kilogram per liter and hour	0.01-1 kilogram per liter and hour
<b>Processing</b>	continuous	batch-wise
<b>Phase</b>	gas (liquid)	liquid
<b>Reactor</b>	typically tube	typically stirred tank
<b>Plant</b>	dedicated	multi-purpose
<b>Product price</b>	< 10 \$/kg	> 10 \$/kg
<b>Lifecycle of product</b>	long	relatively short
<b>Added value</b>	low	high
<b>Raw materials quote</b>	high	low
<b>kg waste / kg product (E Factor)</b>	relatively low (< 1-5)	high (5-50)

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# Bulk Chemicals Manufacture



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# Bulk Chemicals Manufacture

**Process Profitability =**

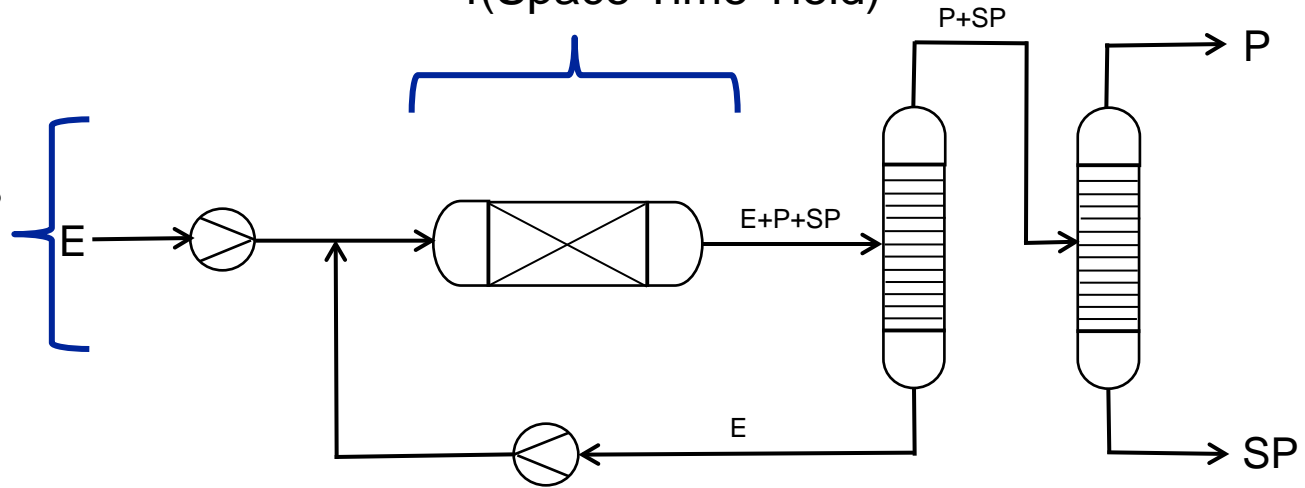
$f(\text{Reactor Costs, Separation Costs, Recycle Costs, Feedstock Costs...})$

**CAPEX**

**OPEX**

Reactor Costs  
 $= f(\text{Space Time Yield})$

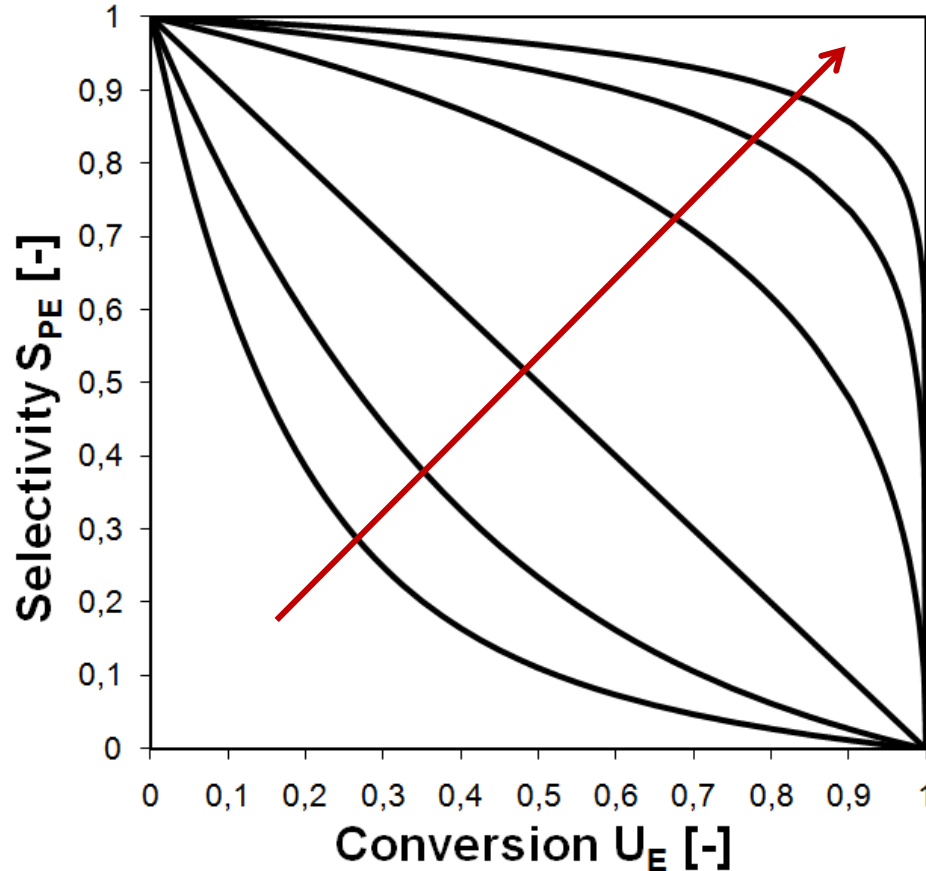
Feedstock Costs  
 $= f(\text{Selectivity})$



Recycle Costs  
 $= f(\text{Conversion})$

Separation Costs  
 $= f(\text{Selectivity})$

Process Profitability = f(Selectivity-Conversion-Plot, ...)



### Molecular Scale:

- Turnover Frequencies
- Reducing Formation of Side Products

### Particle Scale:

- Avoiding Film and Pore Diffusion Limitation
- Utilization of Shape Selective Effects

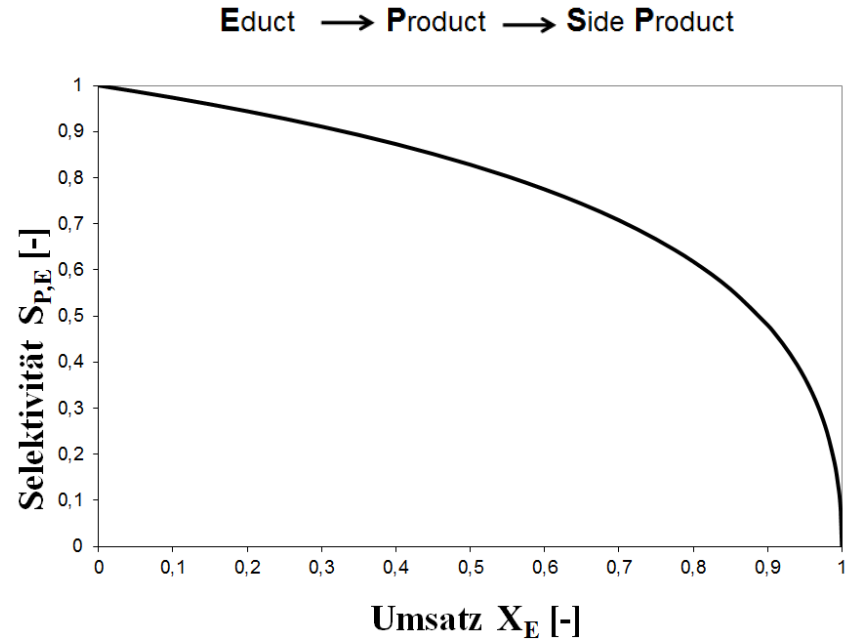
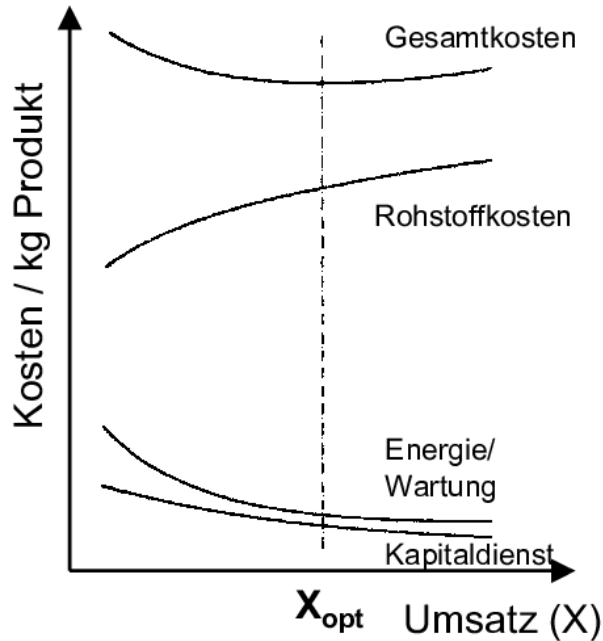
### Reactor Scale:

- Avoiding Backmixing
- Avoiding Hot Spots

### Process Scale:

- Recycle of Educt
- Integration of Separation

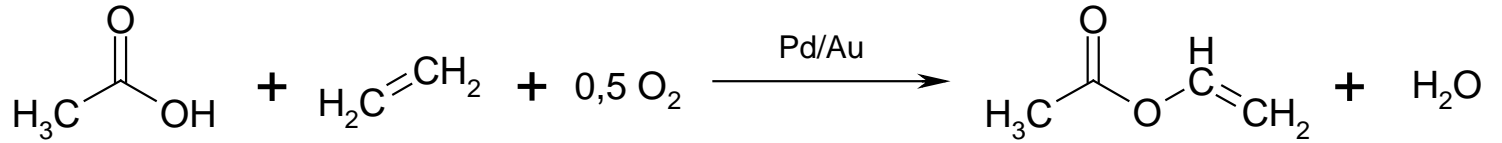
# Bulk Chemicals Manufacture



- with increasing conversion the selectivity decreases  
-> feed-stock costs increase
- with increasing conversion less educt has to be separated and recycled  
-> energy costs decrease

$X_{opt}$

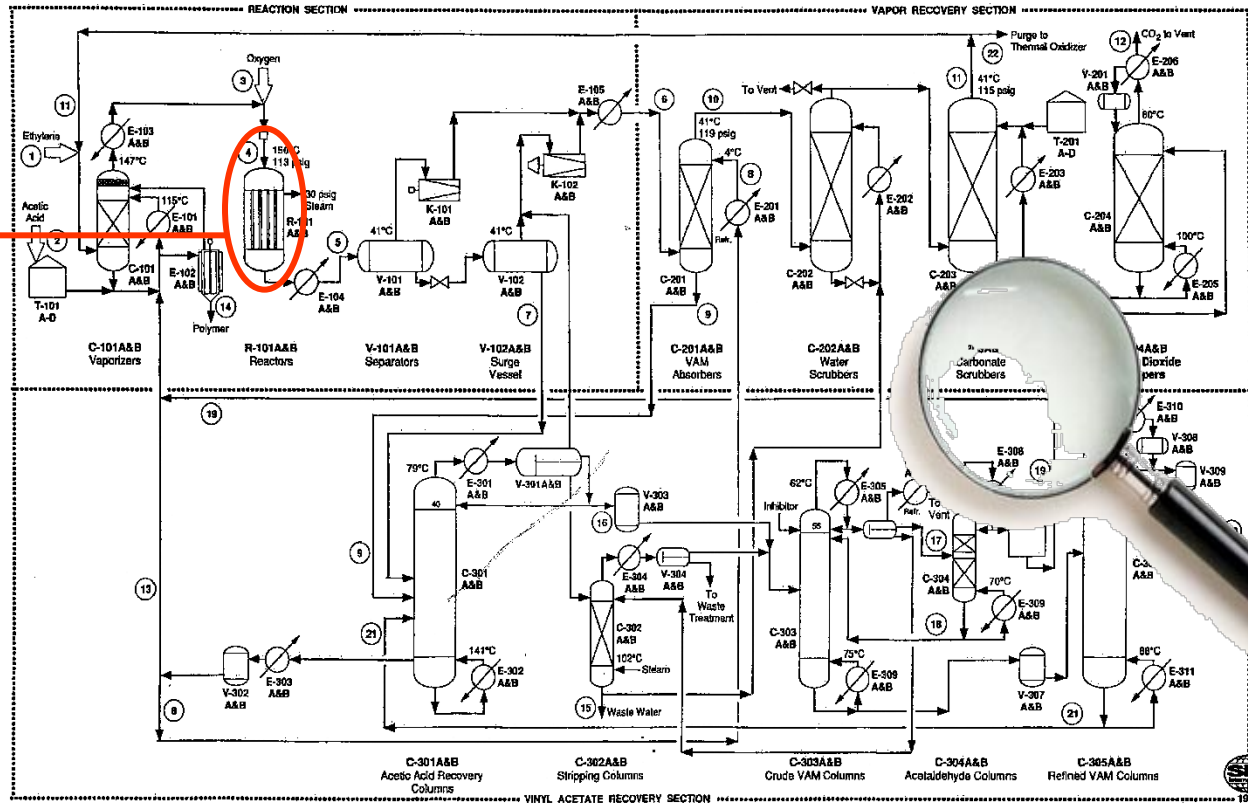
# Bulk Chemicals Manufacture



$X_{\text{HAC}} = 15\text{-}35 \%$      $X_{\text{C}_2\text{H}_4} = 8\text{-}10 \%$

$S_{\text{VAM},\text{C}_2\text{H}_4} = 88\text{-}96 \%$

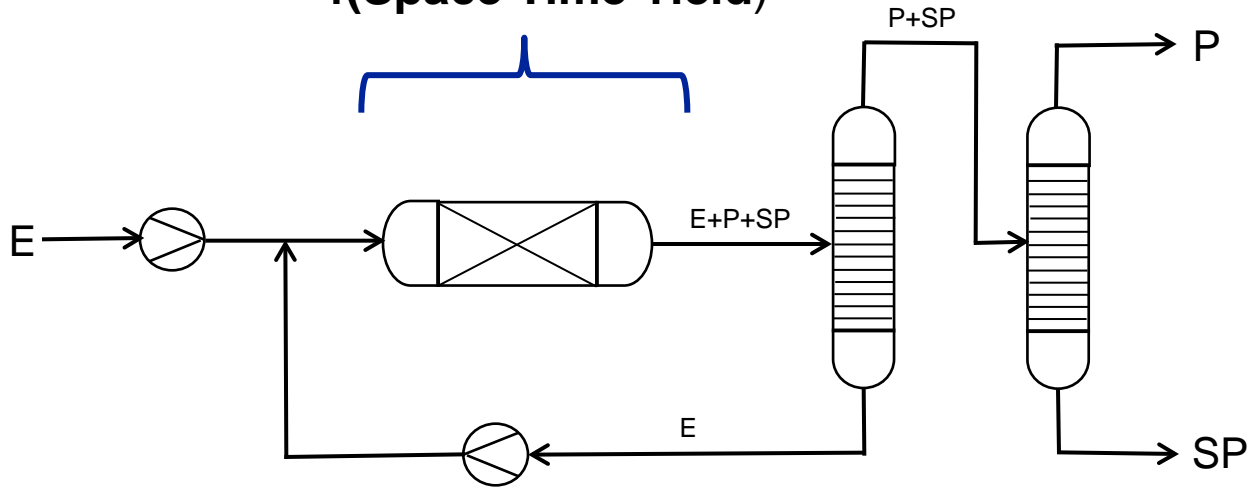
Reactor



# Bulk Chemicals Manufacture

Process Profitability =  $f(\text{Reactor Costs}, \dots)$

Reactor Costs  
=  $f(\text{Space Time Yield})$



Process Profitability =  
f(Space Time Yield (STY), ...)

$$\begin{aligned} STY &= \frac{\dot{m}_P}{V_{\text{reac}}} = \frac{\dot{V} \cdot c_{Eo} \cdot X_E \cdot S_{P,E} \cdot M_P}{V_{\text{reac}}} = \\ &= \frac{c_{Eo} \cdot X_E \cdot S_{P,E} \cdot M_P}{\tau} \left[ \frac{\text{kg Product}}{l_{\text{Reac}} \cdot \text{h}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\tau$   
Residence Time

**Typical Values of STY:**  
**1-10 kg product per 1 liter reaction volume**  
**and hour**

# Bulk Chemicals Manufacture

Space Time Yield (STY):  $\frac{\text{kilogram of product}}{\text{liter of reaction volume and hour}}$

**Het. Catalysis: 1-10 kg/(l·h)**

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Reaction temp.



Cat. conc.



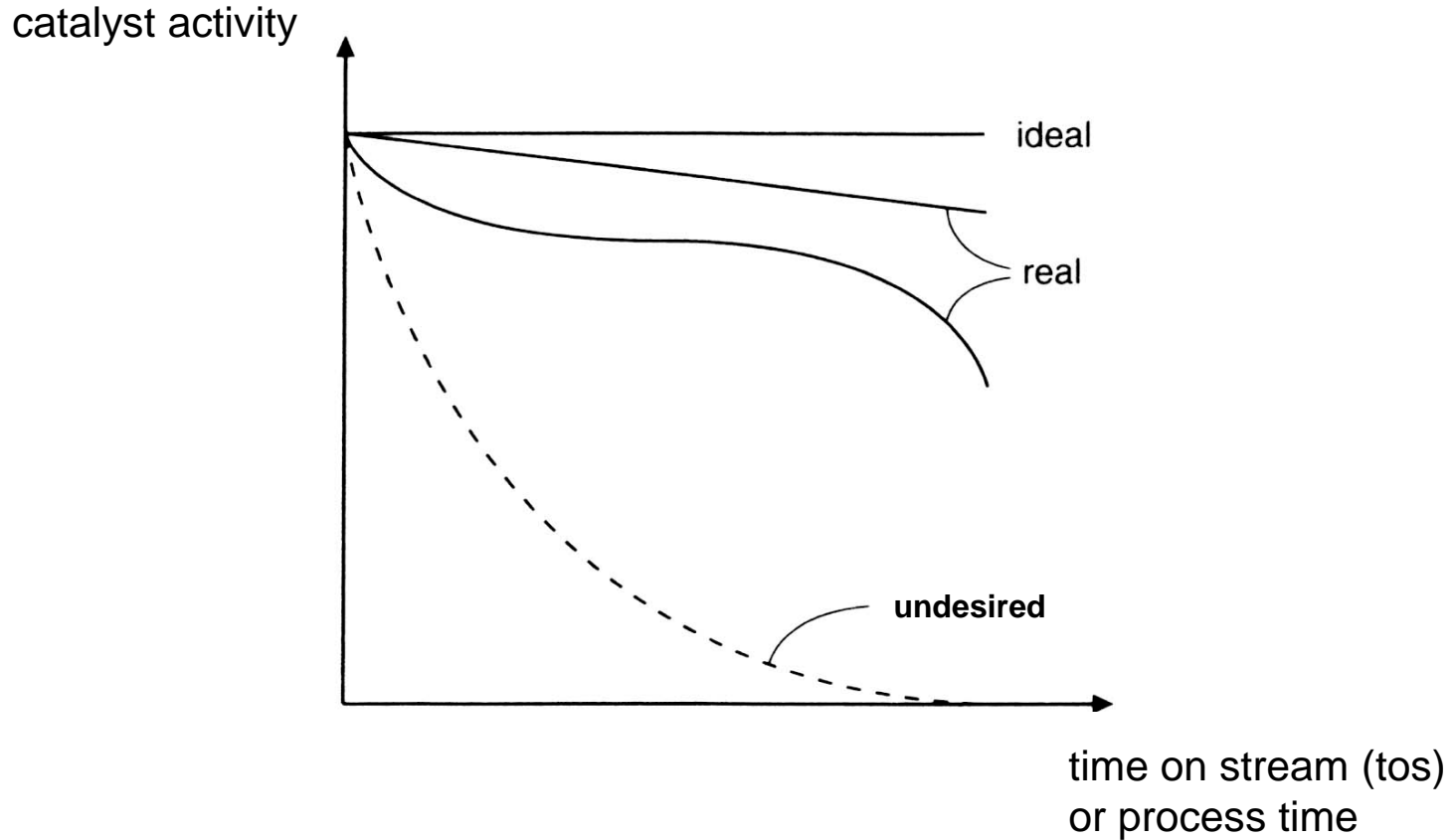


**Process Profitability = f(Space Time Yield (STY), ...)**

*Wird beim Arbeiten im Kreislauf jeweils nur ein geringer Umsatz der Reaktionsgase Stickstoff und Wasserstoff erreicht, so ist es **von größter technischer und wirtschaftlicher Bedeutung, diese geringfügige Umsetzung noch bei schnellem Durchleiten, also kurzer Berührungszeit der Gase mit dem Katalysator zu erreichen.** Solch reiche „Raum-Zeit-Ausbeute“ ist nun nur mit Katalysatoren erreichbar, die den um 1905 bekannten an Wirksamkeit um ein Vielfaches überlegen sind.*

Alwin Mittasch, Geschichte der Ammoniaksynthese, Verlag Chemie, Weinheim 1951.

# Bulk Chemicals Manufacture

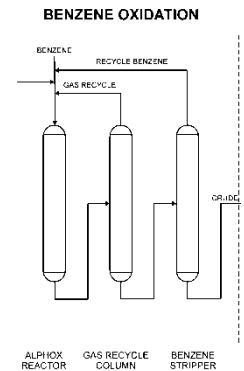
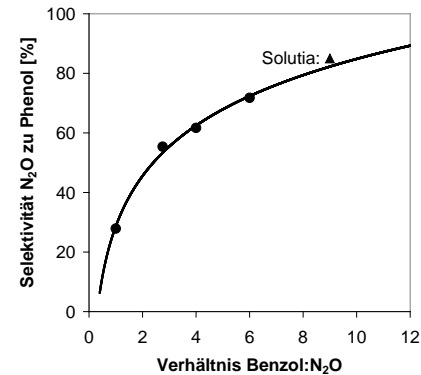
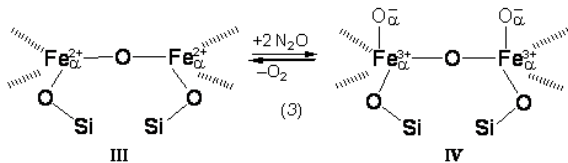
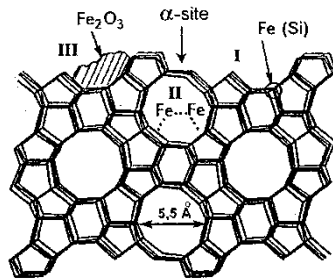
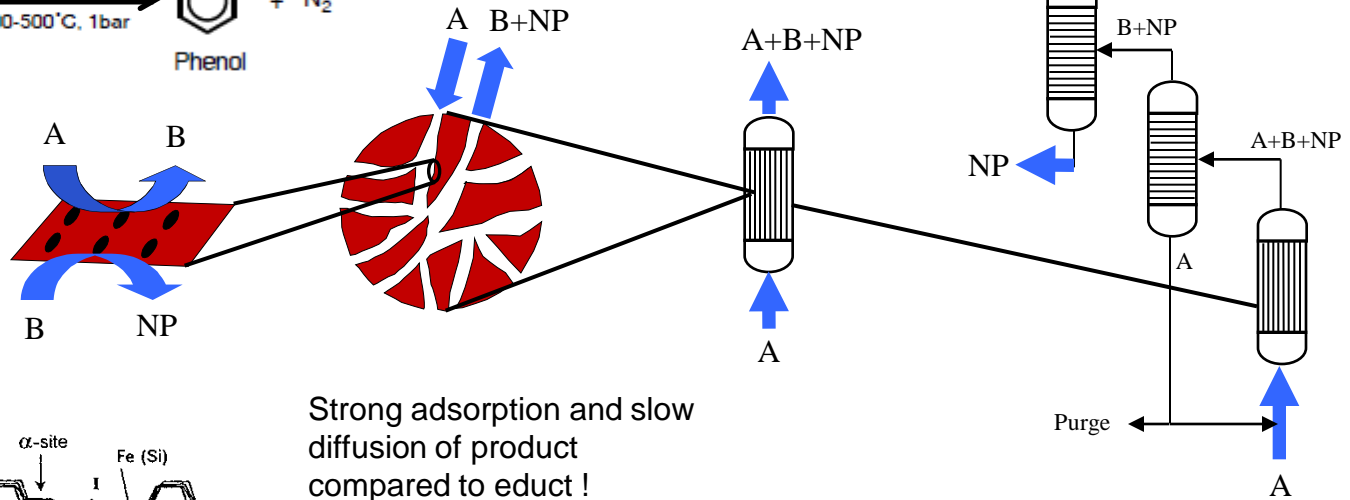
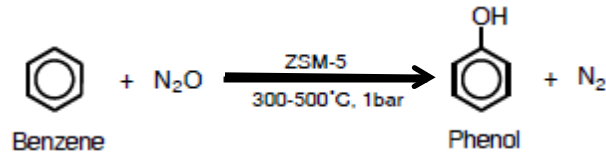


usually:  
catalyst life time at least 8.000 hrs. (1 year)

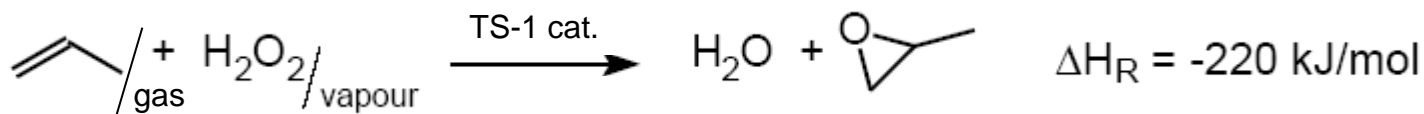
# Bulk Chemicals Manufacture (Example I)

## Direct Ring Oxidation of Aromatics with N<sub>2</sub>O

(E. Klemm et al., Direct Ring Oxidation of Aromatics, in: G. Ertl, H. Knözinger, J. Weitkamp (Hg.), Handbook of Heterogeneous Catalysis, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, WILEY-VCH, Weinheim, 2008)



# Bulk Chemicals Manufacture (Example II: DEMiS<sup>®</sup>)



## Lab Scale



3 cm



equal up

## Pilot Scale

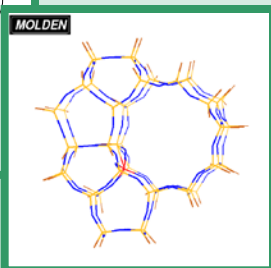
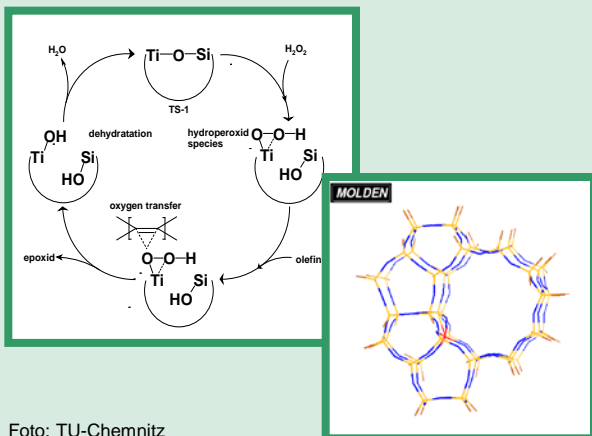
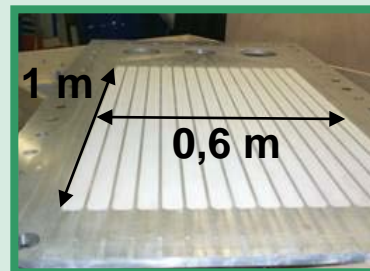
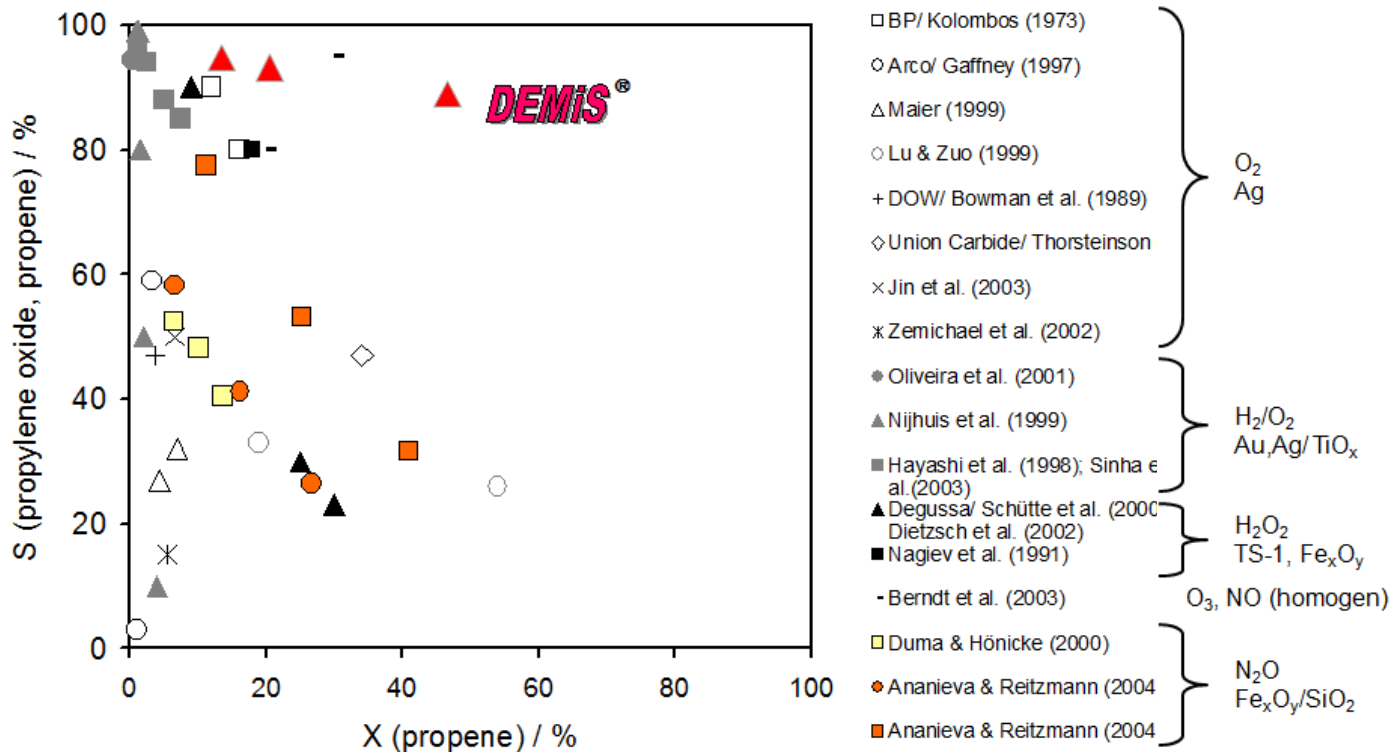


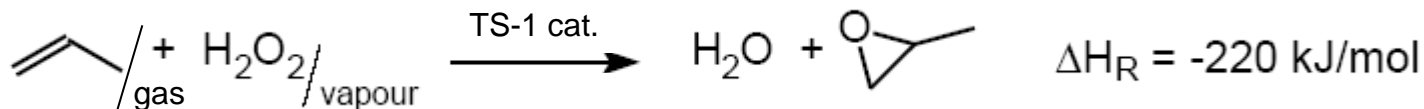
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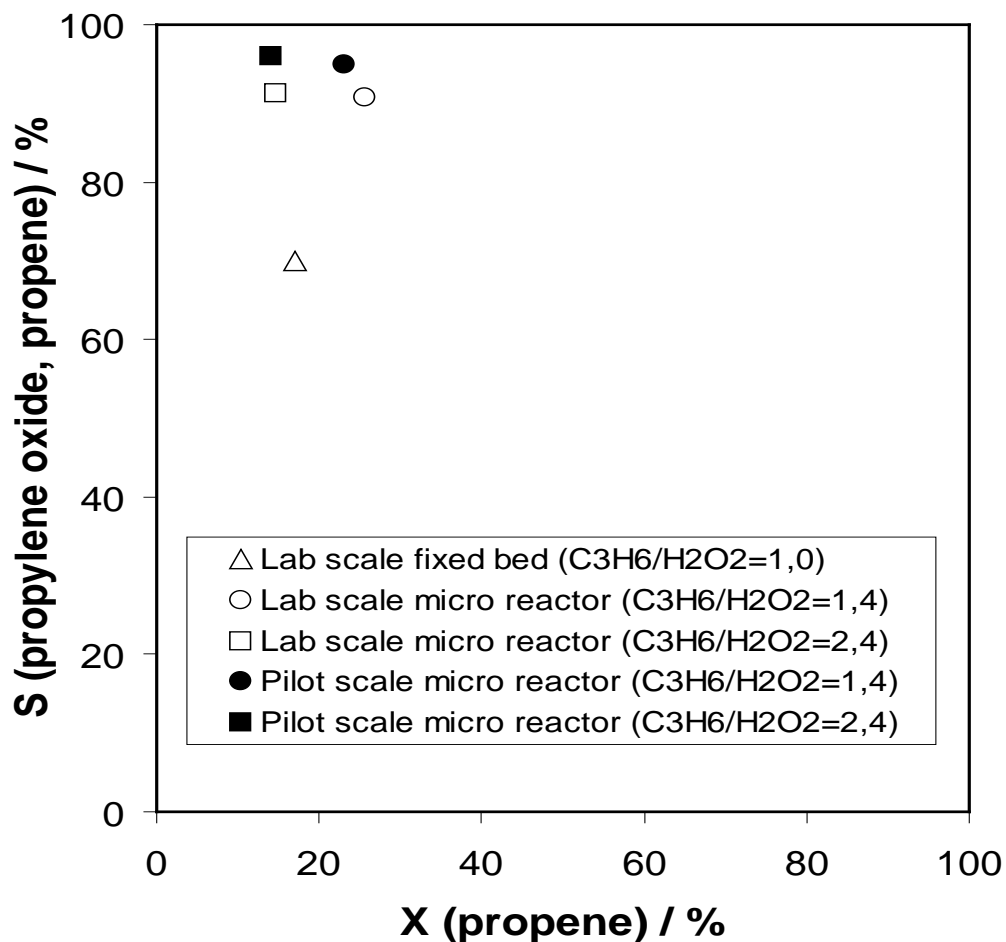


According to: E. Ananieva, A. Reitzmann, Chem. Eng. Sci., **59** (2004) 5509 - 5517

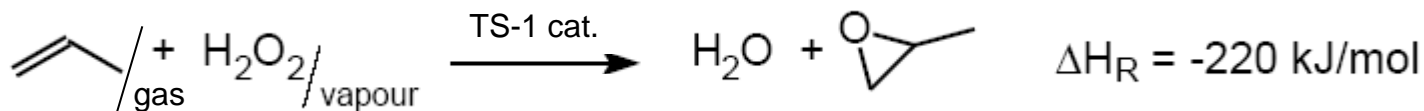
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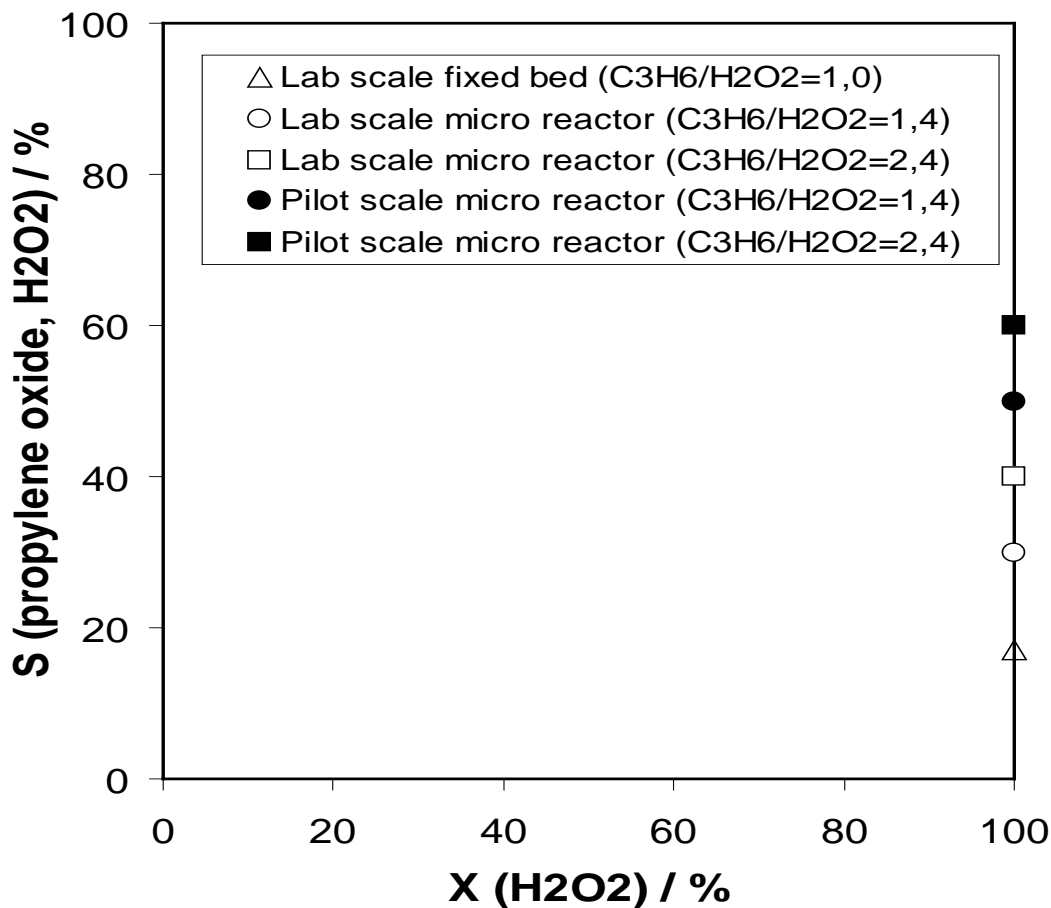
Catalyst TS-1	
<b>Reaction conditions</b>	
reaction temperature [°C]	100-150
reaction pressure [bar]	1
substrate/hydrogen peroxide	>1
hydrogen peroxide in gas [vol%]	3 – 8



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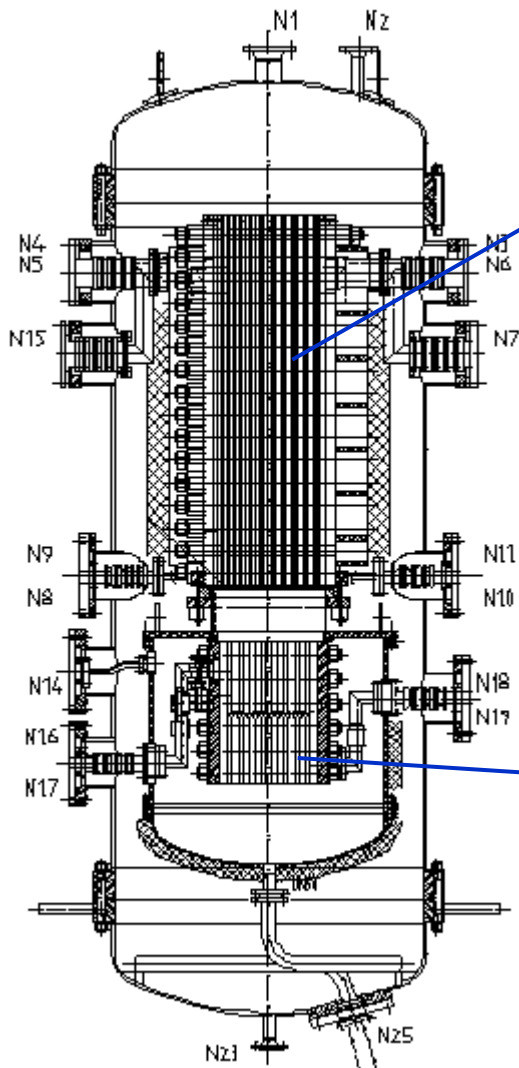
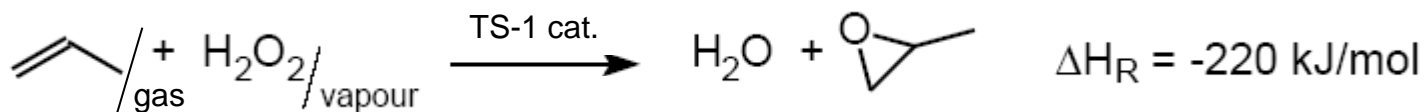


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*Role of the Ti(IV)-Superoxide Species in the Selective Oxidation of Alkanes with Hydrogen Peroxide in the Gas Phase on Titanium Silicalite-1 – an In-Situ EPR Investigation – Catal. Lett.* 141(2011)251.

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*Herstellung von Wandkatalysatoren für Mikrostrukturreaktoren mittels der Niederdruckspritztechnologie,* Chem. Ing. Tech. 82(2010)921.

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Katalytisch beschichtete Träger, Verfahren zu dessen Herstellung und damit ausgestatteter Reaktor sowie dessen Verwendung,  
Disclosure DE 10 2005 019 000 A1, 26.10.2006.

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*Evaporation of Hydrogen Peroxide with a Microstructured Falling Film,* Chem. Eng. Proc, submitted.

E. Klemm et al.,  
*Method for Obtaining a Gaseous Phase From a Liquid Medium and Device for Carrying Out the Same,* Disclosure WO 2004/036137 A2, 29.04.2004.



## Virtual, but realistic example:

Fine chemical synthesis with  $Y_{P,E}=80\%$ ,  $c_{E0} = 1 \text{ mol/l}$   
and  $M_P = 100 \text{ g/mol}$   
(assuming stirred tank reactor with  $V_{\text{react}} = 2 \text{ m}^3$ )

3-shift batch-wise operation:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{Product/day}} &= 3 \cdot V_{\text{react}} \cdot c_{E0} \cdot Y_{P,E} \cdot M_P = \\ &= 3 \cdot 2,000 \text{ l} \cdot 1 \text{ mol/l} \cdot 0.8 \cdot 100 \text{ g/mol} = \\ &= 480 \text{ kg/day} \end{aligned}$$

**Production Capacity: ca. 170 t / a**

**Space Time Yield: ca. 0.01 kg per liter and hour**

Process Profitability =  
f(Space Time Yield (STY), ...)

$$\begin{aligned} STY &= \frac{m_P}{V_{\text{Reac}} \cdot t} = \frac{V_{\text{Reac}} \cdot c_{Eo} \cdot Y_{P,E} \cdot M_P}{V_{\text{Reac}} \cdot t} = \\ &= \frac{c_{Eo} \cdot Y_{P,E} \cdot M_P}{\underbrace{t}_{\text{Process Time for batch-wise operation}}} \left[ \frac{\text{kg Product}}{l_{\text{Reac}} \cdot \text{h}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Process Time  
for batch-wise  
operation

**Typical Values of STY:**  
**0.01 – 1 kg product per 1 liter reaction  
volume and hour**

Space Time Yield (STY):  $\frac{\text{kilogram of product}}{\text{liter of reaction volume and hour}}$

Het. Catalysis: 1-10 kg/(l·h)

**Hom. Catalysis: 0.01 – 1 kg/(l·h)**

Biocatalysis: 0.001 – 0.01 kg/(l·h)

Reaction temp.



Cat. conc.



# Fine Chemicals Manufacture

	Plant Capacity	E Factor (kg waste / kg product)
Oil Refining	> 1 Mio t / year	< 0.1
<b>Bulk Chemicals</b>	10.000 t / year up to 1 Mio t / year	< 1-5
<b>Fine Chemicals</b>	< 10.000 t / year	5-50
Pharmaceuticals	< 1 t / year	25-100

According to: R.A. Sheldon, *The E factor: fifteen years on*, Green Chemistry 9 (2007) 1273.

Process Development for the Reduction of the **E factor** in Fine Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Manufacture due to ...

... reduction of negative environmental impact

... reduction of cost of disposing of waste

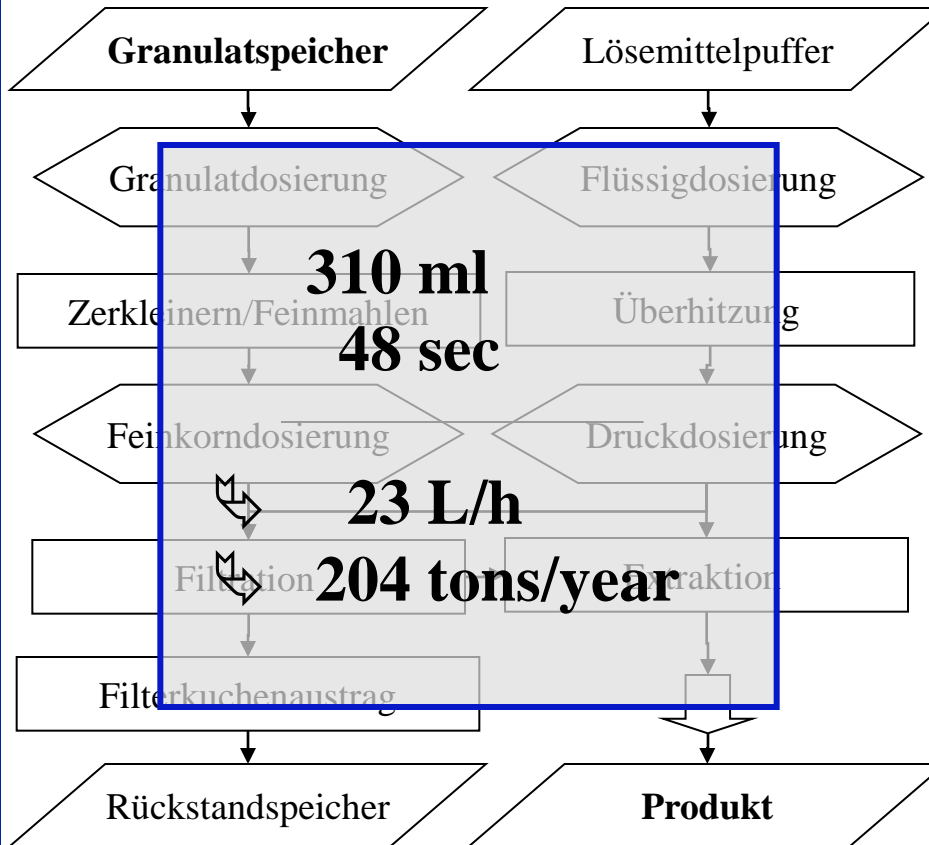


From: A. Stankiewicz, Process Intensification Workshop, DECHEMA, 29.05.2006.

**Process time** in batch-wise fine chemical manufacture is mostly limited by heat and mass, and not by the chemical reaction itself.

Due to increasing  $V$  and decreasing  $A/V$ , **process time** increases when scaling up from bench to production scale.

# Fine Chemicals Manufacture



$V = \text{ca. } 40 \text{ l}$

## Shifting from batch-wise to continuous operation:

Fine chemical synthesis with  $Y_{P,E}=80\%$ ,  $c_{E0} = 1 \text{ mol/l}$   
and  $M_P = 100 \text{ g/mol}$

(assuming continuous reactor with  $V_{\text{reac}} = 40 \text{ l}$  and  
reaction time of 1 min):

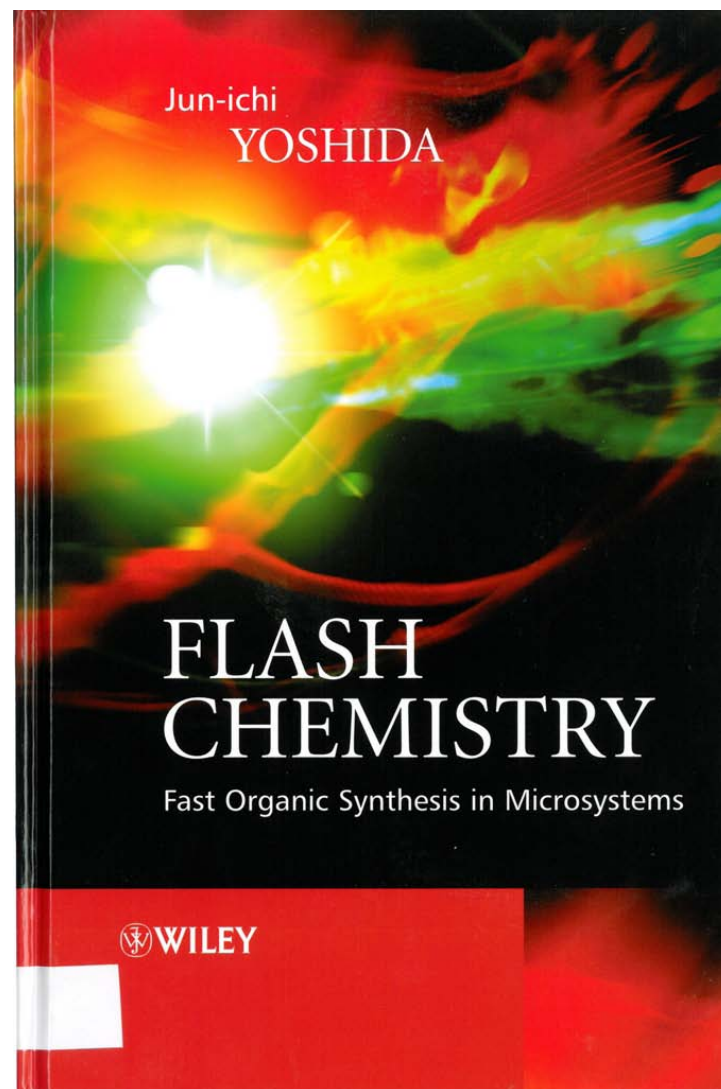
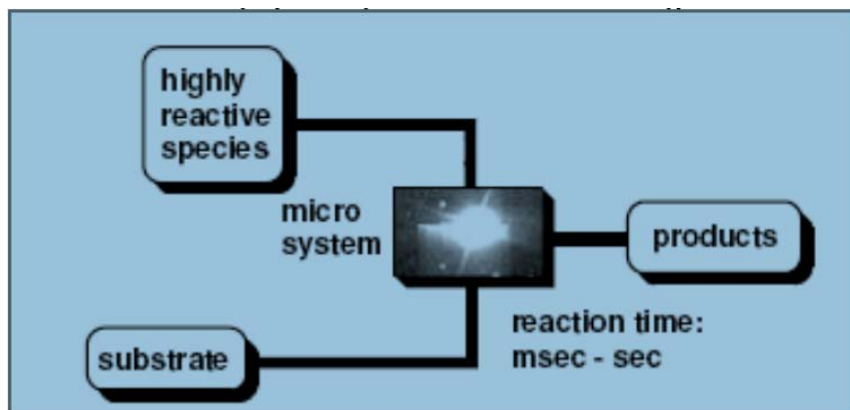
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{m}_{\text{Product}} &= \frac{V_{\text{reac}} \cdot c_{E0} \cdot Y_{P,E} \cdot M_P}{\tau} = \\ &= \frac{40 \text{ l} \cdot 1 \text{ mol/l} \cdot 0.8 \cdot 100 \text{ g/mol}}{1 \text{ min}} = \\ &= 4,608 \text{ kg/day} = 4,6 \text{ t/day}\end{aligned}$$

**Production Capacity: ca. 1,533 t / a**

**Space Time Yield: ca. 4.8 kg per liter and hour**

**➔ higher capacity or shorter time-to-market**







# Fine Chemicals Manufacture



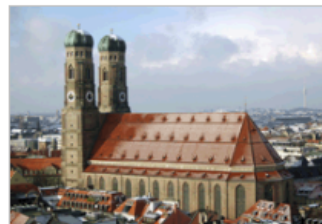
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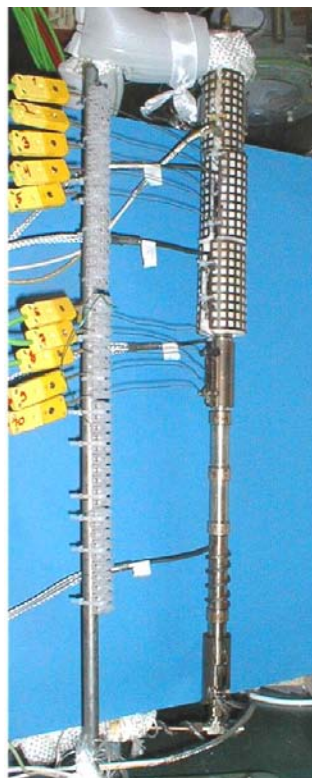
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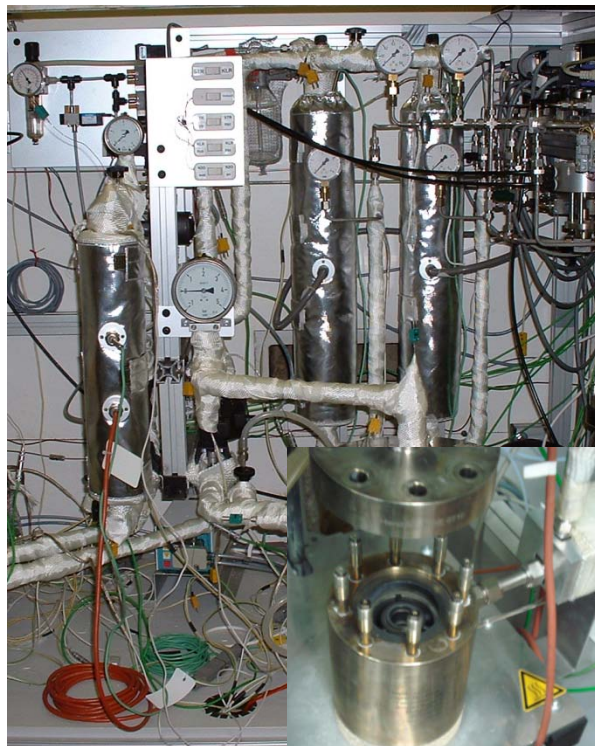
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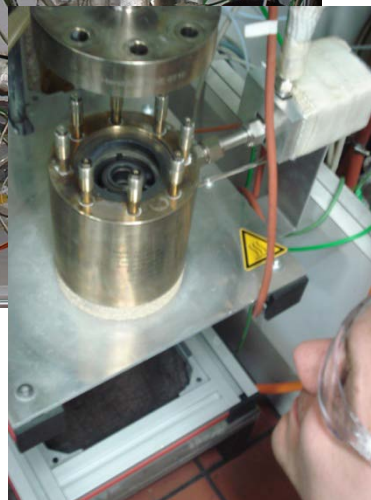
# Bench Scale Reactors for Heterogeneous Catalysis



**Catalytic Wall Reactors**



**Tube Reactor**



**Recycle Reactor  
(Type Berty)**



**Stirred Autoclave Reactor**



**Slug Flow Reactor**

Source:  
Lehrstuhl Technische Chemie,  
Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg  
Universität Stuttgart

# List of Symbols

Symbol	Dimension	Description
$c_{E,0}$	$\text{mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$	concentration of educt species E at the beginning of the reaction
$M_E$	$\text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$	molar mass of educt E
$\dot{m}_P$	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	productivity (mass flow of the product P)
$S_{P,E}$	-	selectivity to product P related to educt E
$t$	s	process time
$V_{\text{reac}}$	$\text{m}^3$	reaction volume
$\dot{V}$	$\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	volumetric flow rate
$X_E$	-	conversion of educt E
$Y_{P,E}$	-	yield of product P related to educt E
$\tau$	s	residence time