A Multi-scale Energy Systems Engineering Approach
Towards Process Intensification & Energy Transitions
Scenario Analysis

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Multi-scale Energy Systems Engineering provides a methodological, generic framework to arrive at realistic integrated solutions to complex energy problems by adopting a holistic, system-based approach. This framework addresses the complex energy and environmental problems existing in design, control and operation of energy systems and their supply chains in an integrated manner, by producing optimal design and operational plans for systems ranging from nanoscale, micro-scale, mesoscale to mega-scale levels over horizons that range from milliseconds to months or years.

Methodologies in multi-scale energy systems engineering include superstructure optimization with high-fidelity models & data-driven modeling, mixed integer linear/non-linear optimization strategies, integrated design, control & operations under uncertainty, and life-cycle assessment. Such an approach is particularly suitable and powerful in the context of process intensification & modular design efforts (www.aihe.org/rapid) as well as in the analysis of future energy scenarios. We will illustrate the concepts and methods of such a holistic strategy by its application to (i) the RAPID/SYNOPSIS project, which focuses on the synthesis of operable process intensified systems via a phenomena-based representation, and (ii) a renewable resources utilization project, in collaboration with Shell - focusing on techno-economic scenario analysis of production & delivery of hydrogen-based Dense Energy Carriers.
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