Facilitating process scaling

Fraunhofer Chemistry Alliance
As an application-oriented research and development partner, we offer exclusive cooperation opportunities specifically designed to increase technology maturity and facilitate the scale-up of chemical processes. For this purpose, not only state-of-the-art infrastructure and equipment are available but also complementary competences ranging from technical realization and plant operation to issues of process safety, regulatory affairs, sustainability and economic efficiency.

Our cooperation opportunities also serve to reduce development risks by enabling Fraunhofer to take on larger research tasks up to and including the realization of prototypes.

Competence areas of the Fraunhofer Chemistry Alliance

The Fraunhofer Chemistry Alliance pools the central expertise of its member institutes in the fields of chemistry, chemical engineering and biotechnology, as well as automation, digitization and regulatory issues. Complementary collaboration is achieved with expertise at the molecular, process engineering and data levels.

All alliance institutes have many years of experience in R&D with the chemical industry, and have very good industry knowledge and networks.
We support our industrial customers in realizing and scaling their chemical processes with a wide range of service offers in the following areas:

**Process design and sizing**
- Miniplant processes and facilities
- Catalyst test benches
- Process analytical technologies & process diagnostics
- Transfer from batch to continuous processes
- Micro process engineering
- Reactor and module design, construction and manufacturing
- Modular process concepts
- Safety engineering designs

**Technical plants**
- Pilot plants (e.g. power-to-X processes, biorefineries, production-on-demand processes, chemical recycling processes)
- Chemical and biotechnological processes up to 10 m³ reactor volume
- Polymer syntheses up to the ton range
- Continuous production processes
- Chemical containers
- Application plants

**Industrial process demonstration**
- Operation and simulation
- Provision of sample material up to ton scale
- Provision of process data
- Transformation of the raw material base

**Optimization and digitization**
- Modeling, simulation and optimization on different scales
- Process control and optimization, process automation
- (Interactive) decision support
- Digital twins

**Safety and regulations**
- Safety concepts and support during approval and licensing procedures
- Environmental behavior studies
- Thermal safety and explosion protection
- Regulatory GLP studies (e.g. REACH)

**Economy and ecology**
- Techno-economic process evaluation, system analyses
- Life cycle assessment
- Business models
These 15 Fraunhofer institutes cooperate in the Fraunhofer Chemistry Alliance:

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IAP: Applied Polymer Research
IKTS: Ceramic Technologies and Systems
ICT: Chemical Technology
UMSICHT: Environmental, Safety and Energy Technology
IFF: Factory Operation and Automation
ITWM: Industrial Mathematics
IGB: Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology
IFAM: Manufacturing Technology and Advanced Materials
IMM: Microengineering and Microsystems
IMWS: Microstructure of Materials and Systems
IME: Molecular Biology and Applied Ecology
IVV: Process Engineering and Packaging
ISC: Silicate Research
LBF: Structural Durability and System Reliability
ITEM: Toxicology and Experimental Medicine

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