Industrial Applications

Characteristic Properties

- Simulation-based optimization, computational intensiveness, non-differentiable and discontinuous functions, global vs. local optima, multiple conflicting objectives
- > Typically, *black-box* type of problems from the optimization method's perspective

Current Research Projects

New Process Design Concept for Capital Effiency and Flexibility (POJo)

Optimization

- Integrated design and control of a paper mill by multiobjective optimization
- Decrease the capital intensiveness of paper industry
- Bilevel optimization based on a dynamic simulation model
- Consideration of both short term and long term uncertainties
- Researchers: Prof. Kaisa Miettinen, PhD Petri Eskelinen, PhD student Sauli Ruuska
- International collaboration: Prof. Margaret Wiecek, Clemson University, USA

Modelling of the Biorefinery Scenarios (BioScen)

- Basis for modelling unit operations of biorefinery and optimizing integrated biorefinery concepts
- Optimization based on metamodels of detailed unit operation models
- Estimation of parameter sensitivities
- Alternative process-product combinations in the context of "alcohols from forest biomass"
- Researchers: Prof. Kaisa Miettinen, PhD Timo Aittokoski, PhD Jussi Hakanen, PhD student Tomi Haanpää
- International collaboration: Prof. Lorenz T. Biegler, Carnegie Mellon University, USA



Previous Research Projects

- Wastewater treatment plant design
- Radiotherapy treatment planning
- Continuous casting of steel
- Optimization of a 2-stroke engine



Heat exchanger network design

- Ultrasonic transducer design
- > Optimization in papermaking process
- Optimization of chemical separation processes



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