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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Luke E.K. Achenie is a Professor of Chemical Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic and State University. Dr. Achenie is a member of several major professional societies and has served on several federal pier-review panels. He served as the Program Director of the Reaction and Engineering Program within the NSF Division of the National Science Foundation in the 2012 calendar year.

Dr. Achenie's work is in several different interdisciplinary fields including process design, molecular modeling, multi-scale modeling, bioinformatics and uncertainty analysis. He is a pioneer in molecular design, a subset of computer aided product design. This is an advanced simulation model that addresses the systematic design of chemical compounds with desired physical and chemical properties, with the goal of producing computer based "designer" compounds. Molecular design is a valuable tool used to aid bench chemists in narrowing down the range of compounds to synthesize for particular applications. Dr. Achenie has also worked to develop new formulations for flexibility analysis that takes into account accuracy of uncertain parameters in physical models. This theory has been applied to the analysis of the direct methanol Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) fuel cell, an area that has attracted a lot of research interest over the last decade for its use in portable electronics, as well as in stationary and mobile power generators and electric vehicles.

His current research effort is in molecular dynamics (MD) modeling, computational modeling of fast pyrolysis of biomass and systems biology. In systems biology he has collaborative efforts in (1) modeling of oral drug delivery, (2) modeling of drug transport across the blood-brain-barrier, and (3) machine learning algorithms for early diagnosis of autism in little children.

Dr. Achenie is honored by:

- Induction into Connecticut Academy of Engineering (2007)
- Board Member, Scientific Journals International (SJI) (2008 to present)
- Board Member, AIChE Board of Trustees (2009 to present)
- AIChE Award for Excellence & Service as Minority Affairs Committee Chair (2004)
- The Rogers Outstanding Teaching Award (1992, 1997).

Position Statement

Energy sustainability, resource sustainability and environmental sustainability are all top concepts in the area of sustainability. Politicians, policy makers, thought leaders, educators/researchers and all world citizens have either bought into the concepts or will in the foreseeable future. Increasingly computational modeling and scientific computing will play an integral part in sustainability research and products.

Dr. Achenie is employing molecular dynamics for the simulation of organic/inorganic membranes and their role in the separation of gas blends ($CO_2/CH_4/H_2$), which are products/byproducts of pyrolysis and shale gas processing. Membrane separation is a low energy process; pyrolysis of biomass leads to “green” bio-oil and fracking (shale gas) provides a path to energy independence. Thus all these have implications in green and/or sustainable energy. We have modeled the gas permeation process within four hybrid inorganic-organic membranes at the micro level using molecular dynamics (MD) and at the mesoscale level using a diffusion mechanism. The predicted permeances and relative selectivity of CO_2 and CH_4 compared very favorably with the experimental data from our collaborator’s lab. In the MD simulation a single-pore silica crystal framework model with and without inserted phenyl groups were used to define two membrane structures. To mimic the diffusion of gas across the membrane, a three-region system with a repulsive wall potential on the edge is employed.

We have also studied kinetic modeling of fast pyrolysis under uncertainty induced by (a) incomplete characterization of reacting and product species, (b) incomplete characterization of reactions paths and (c) incomplete knowledge of or varied composition of lignin, cellulose, hemicellulose and other fractions within woody biomass. Here we have used fuzzy-logic modeling and stochastic modeling.

In closing here is food for thought. The Human Genome Project is allowing among other things faster discovery of therapeutic interventions. Likewise the Materials Genome Project is expected to accelerate materials discovery. Is a Sustainability Genome Project far behind?

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Biographical Sketch

Bhavik R. Bakshi is a Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Research Director of the Center for Resilience at The Ohio State University. His research is developing scientifically rigorous methods for understanding and enhancing the sustainability of human activities. This includes new methods for analyzing the life cycle of existing and emerging technologies, and developing integrated models of industrial, ecological and economic systems for designing engineered systems and supporting policies. A major focus of his research is on understanding the role of ecosystem services in supporting industrial activities, and on designing integrated networks of technological and ecological systems. This multidisciplinary research overlaps with areas such as thermodynamics, applied statistics, ecology, economics, and complexity theory. Applications include nanotechnology, green chemistry, alternate fuels, and waste utilization in both, developed and emerging economies. He has published extensively and is on the editorial boards of various academic journals. In addition to university courses, Prof. Bakshi offers short courses to practicing professionals on various aspects of sustainability. His work has been recognized through awards from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the U.S. National Science Foundation, and several best paper awards at various conferences. Prof. Bakshi received his Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Bombay, MS in Chemical Engineering Practice and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While in graduate school, he also completed a minor in Technology and Environmental Policy and conducted research at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Position Statement

Two major shortcomings of existing methods for sustainable engineering are, (1) their focus on enhancing eco-efficiency, and (2) their ignorance of ecosystem goods and services. Approaches for enhancing eco-efficiency include life cycle assessment and design. These methods tend to encourage continuous improvement by reducing various footprint and life cycle measures. While this may enhance sustainability, it also encourages or prolongs the use of inherently unsustainable systems, as opposed to encouraging breakthrough innovation that is inherently sustainable. This focus on doing “less bad” is not good enough for sustainable development. The ignorance of ecosystem goods and services means that the very foundation of human well-being is ignored by existing methods. Examples of ecosystem goods include water, food, genetic resources and biomass, and services include biogeochemical cycles, pollination, and maintaining soil fertility. Ignoring them can result in perverse decisions that increase reliance on degraded ecosystems. My group's research is motivated by the need to overcome these shortcomings, and has resulted in the approach of Ecologically-Based Life Cycle Assessment (Eco-LCA) that accounts for the role of a large number of ecosystem goods and services. Thermodynamic methods based on the concept of exergy have been used to define metrics that include ecosystem services. A model of the U.S. economy based on this approach is available at http://resilience.osu.edu/ecolca/. This approach quantifies the demand for ecosystem services generated by various economic activities. However, it does not consider the availability or supply of these services. To overcome this shortcoming, we are developing methods for the analysis and design of synergies between networks of technological and ecological systems. This techno-ecological synergy analysis or Eco-Synergy analysis approach quantifies the available ecosystem services in a selected region by using models for ecosystems such as forests, soil, and wetlands. The supply and demand of ecosystem services is compared at multiple spatial scales. If the demand for an ecosystem service at the selected scale is smaller than the supply then the system may be considered to be sustainable for that service at the selected scale. Eco-Synergy design encourages the development of technological systems that operate within local ecological constraints, and benefit from the ability of ecosystems to provide needed goods and services in a manner that is often economically and environmentally superior than systems designed without including ecosystems.

Beth Beloff

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Biographical Sketch

Beth Beloff has been a thought leader in formulating the concepts and practice of sustainable development since the early 1990s. She consults through Beth Beloff & Associates on how to integrate sustainability into strategy, operations and supply chains, and develops new approaches and methodologies through the BRIDGES to Sustainability Institute, which she founded in 1997. Among BRIDGES' many projects, it developed a software system to help companies understand their sustainability impacts, BRIDGESworks Metrics™, and also developed methodologies to understand full costs associated with environmental and social impacts. A significant part of her work is devoted to assessing and reporting sustainability performance, and she is a recognized leader in the area of sustainability performance measurement. She has led the

Sustainable Supply Chain Roundtable for the Center for Sustainable Technology Practices of AIChE and chaired numerous conference panels on sustainable supply chains and sustainability metrics. She developed a sustainable supply chain assessment methodology and used it as a basis for discussion regarding the development of collaborative efforts between companies to improve their supply chains. She was one of the primary developers of the AIChE Sustainability Index and chairs the ICOSSE International Certificate on Sustainable Standards for Engineering effort which will result in a certification of chemical products, processes and services on the basis of their sustainability attributes, to be applied by AIChE and CECHEMA at ACHEMA and other conferences run by AIChE and DECHEMA.

Ms. Beloff has published numerous articles on sustainability education, strategy, performance measurement, and decision-support approaches and tools. She led the development of the GEMI Metrics Navigator™, produced in collaboration with the Global Environmental Management Initiative (GEMI) organization. It has become a well-respected planning process for developing strategic plans and sustainability metrics. She also was principal editor and author of the book Transforming Sustainability Strategy into Action: the Chemical Industry published by Wiley InterScience in 2005, which features many approaches to addressing the pragmatic aspects of integrating sustainability into organizations. She has just completed chapters for two sustainability books to be published in 2011.

Prior to BRIDGES in 1991, Ms. Beloff founded and directed the Institute for Corporate Environmental Management (ICEM) in the business school at the University of Houston. Additionally, she directed the Global Commons project through the Houston Advanced Research.

Ms. Beloff has a B.A. in Psychology from University of California at Berkeley, a Master of Architecture degree from UCLA, and an MBA from the University of Houston.

Position Statement

From my work in seeking collaboration between companies on qualifying the sustainability of supplies and suppliers in their joint supply chains, I have several positions to share. They are as follows:

1. The purchasing decisions of companies and other kinds of organizations contribute significantly to the ―sustainability‖ or the environmental footprint that they create; creating sustainable supply chains will push better decisions regarding sustainability through the whole value chain of commerce.
2. Only through better information regarding sustainability aspects of products, processes and services in the supply chain can decision makers make better decisions.

3. Requesting sustainability-related information and verification of that information regarding attributes of products and practices of suppliers is costly to both the supplier and the purchaser, particularly if each purchaser is asking a different set of questions.
4. Getting reasonable lifecycle data about materials in products is both costly and time consuming. The methodologies are complex and expensive.
5. There is no standardization or consensus regarding the definition of a sustainable product system, although there are numerous certifications that cover certain aspects of sustainability regarding products.
6. Working collaboratively with organizations with similar supply chains to 1) request information of suppliers, 2) verify that information, 3) share the information with others, and 4) mentor suppliers as to how to improve will help improve the sustainability of the whole supply chain.

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Position Statement

Successful development of a sustainable engineering system design requires the consideration of its complex interaction with other systems (i.e. ecosystem, economic system, and human). New energy standards such as ISO 50001 require industries to commit to the efficient energy use on their production processes and supply chain management while meeting their emission abatement goals. In addition, different energy policies such as market-based carbon mitigation instruments, subsidies, and renewable portfolio standards (RPS) affect the supply and demand of energy commodities both directly and indirectly. Dynamic changes of the energy prices and the limited availability of resources have direct impact on the economics of any industrial production process which uses energy and various materials as an input. Both policy makers and industrial managers/designers need to understand the life cycle economic and environmental profiles of the engineering systems in order to prepare effective energy policies and strategic corporate management decisions respectively. Dr. Choi has been working on developing methodologies on interfacing engineering decisions with the broader implication of economic and environmental externalities through multi-scale modeling framework. His area of interest includes but not limited to Sustainable Product Design and Manufacturing, Industrial Energy Efficiency, Life Cycle Assessment, Photovoltaic, Recycling Infrastructure Planning, Policy Analysis with macroeconomic tools such as Input-Output Analysis and MARKAL.

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Biographical sketch

Prodromos Daoutidis is Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science at the University of Minnesota. He received a Diploma degree in Chemical Engineering (1987) from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, M.S.E. degrees in Chemical Engineering (1988) and Electrical Engineering: Systems (1991) from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. degree in Chemical Engineering (1991) from the University of Michigan. He has been on the faculty at Minnesota since 1992, having served as Director of Graduate Studies in Chemical Engineering (1998-2004) and Chair of the Physical Sciences Policy and Review Council (2000-03), while he also held a position as Professor at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2004-06). He has received several awards and recognitions, including the NSF CAREER Award, the PSE Model Based Innovation Prize, the Ted Peterson Award of CAST, the George Taylor Career Development Award, the McKnight Land Grant Professorship, the Ray D. Johnson / Mayon Plastics Professorship and the Shell Chair at the University of Minnesota. He has also been a Humphrey Institute Policy Fellow. He has served as Program Coordinator in Areas 10B and 10D of the CAST Division of AIChE, and AIChE Director and Alternate Director in AACC. He was the co-chair of CPC-VIII. He has co-authored 4 books and over 190 refereed papers, and has supervised 30 graduate students and post-docs. His recent research activities are in the control of tightly integrated process networks, the control of energy systems, the power management of microgrids, and the systems engineering of biorefinery processes.

Position statement

Energy efficiency and sustainability are major factors towards mitigating the depletion of fossil fuel reserves and the environmental impact of their consumption. Tight integration is a key enabler towards achieving these goals, both in existing chemical plants, but also in emerging technologies for power generation and for production of fuels and chemicals from renewable resources.

Research in the Daoutidis group has studied the impact of integration on the dynamics and control of process plants. It has established that tight integration, achieved through large material and / or energy recycle, leads to multi-time-scale dynamics, with individual units evolving in a fast time scale and the entire plant over a slower one. It has developed a model reduction method to obtain low-order nonlinear models of the dynamics in the different time scales, and a hierarchical control framework which enables nonlinear model-based supervisory control strategies for effective plant transitions. Applications include reaction-separation networks, reactor – heat exchanger networks, heat integrated and thermally coupled distillation columns, and hybrid power production systems.

His research has also focused on the emerging concept of biorefinery, which aims at the production of fuels and chemicals from renewable resources (biomass). Although considerable emphasis has been given to the “upstream” conversion of biomass to intermediate platforms (sugars or syngas), progress in “downstream” conversion to chemicals and intermediates is still lagging. Due to the oxygen present in biomass and the diversity of raw materials derived from biomass, the necessary downstream reaction and separation processes are different from existing ones based on fossil fuels. Furthermore, there is limited data available on physical properties of such molecules, and on their full array of chemical transformations, and their kinetics and thermodynamics. These challenges lead to several emerging opportunities for systems research that can have a major impact on the realization of the ambitious concept of an integrated biorefinery. Daoutidis’ research has addressed: i) the automated generation and thermochemical analysis of the reaction pathways involved in biomass conversion, ii) the design and optimization of novel reaction-separation processes for biomass-based chemical synthesis, and iii) the optimal supply chain and product design of biofuels.

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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Cliff Davidson is the Thomas and Colleen Wilmot Professor at Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY. He currently holds appointments in the Civil & Environmental Engineering Department and at the Syracuse Center of Excellence in Environmental & Energy Systems. He is the founding Director of the Center for Sustainable Engineering. Davidson received his BS in Electrical Engineering (1972) from Carnegie Mellon University and his MS (1973) and PhD (1977) in Environmental Engineering Science from the California Institute of Technology. He was on the faculty at Carnegie Mellon in the Departments of Civil & Environmental Engineering and Engineering & Public Policy for 33 years before coming to Syracuse University in 2010. His research interests span a variety of topics in air quality, water resources, sustainable development, and engineering education. He served as President of the American Association for Aerosol Research and is active in several professional organizations. He has organized two major international conferences on aerosol science and engineering, and has conducted more than a dozen workshops for professors on introducing sustainability concepts into engineering courses and curricula. He has written/edited several books and over 100 journal papers. He has led environmental monitoring campaigns in the Himalaya Mountains of Nepal, the Greenland Ice Sheet, and U.S. National Parks, as well as in rural and urban areas within the U.S. Dr. Davidson is a Fellow of the American Association for Aerosol Research. He received the Jubilee Chair Professorship from Chalmers University in Gothenburg, Sweden in 1997, the Outstanding Educator Award from the Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors in 2007, the Outstanding Paper Award from Emerald Publishing Group in 2009, and the William and Frances Ryan Award for Meritorious Teaching from Carnegie Mellon University in 2009.

Position Statement

The world is at a crossroads: more than seven billion people inhabit the planet, using huge amounts of natural resources and producing huge amounts of waste. Despite widespread understanding that this is likely to cause hardship for future generations, no country has been successful in enacting laws that move its population sufficiently rapidly toward a sustainable civilization. This is true both in developed countries where per capita resource consumption is highest and in the developing world where the environmental impact of each person is much less. One way to make progress in solving these difficult problems is for engineers to design implements of civilization following principles of sustainability, using less energy and materials while at the same time producing less wastes. This requires educating engineering students about the new constraints of sustainable engineering design and production. To help accomplish this task, Davidson and his group have been developing educational materials and conducting workshops for professors teaching engineering courses around the country. Related to this effort, Davidson is leading a project to fully instrument a large green roof (1.5 acres) where data on temperatures, soil moisture, water flows, and evapotranspiration will ultimately be accessible on the web, and where teachers in K-12 as well as college will be able to use the data in exercises about how the green roof performs under a variety of weather conditions. The research group is also studying problems of unsustainable water management in cities by examining the amount of precipitation runoff from city hardscape and measuring chemical pollutants in the runoff.

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In chemical engineering, she has worked extensively in the areas of simulation, design, optimization, control, stochastic modeling, and synthesis of chemical processes. Uncertainties are inherent in real world processes. Recognizing this, she started working in 1991 on stochastic modeling, efficient methods for uncertainty analysis, and optimization under uncertainty. These led to productive contributions in fields as diverse as advanced power systems, sustainability, environmental management, nuclear waste disposal, molecular modeling, pollution prevention, renewable energy systems, and biomedical engineering. The interdisciplinary nature of the field developed into several research collaborations and in 1999 she founded the Center for Uncertain Systems: Tools for Optimization and Uncertainty (CUSTOM) to foster interactions between various industries, national laboratories and various academic disciplines. She is the author of more than 130 peer-reviewed research papers (*65 of these research papers are related to green and clean energy, design for environment, and sustainability*), 6 books (*one book on pollution prevention and one recent e-book on sustainability by Bentham Science*), and 12 chapters, and has given over 330 presentations and seminars, and has chaired numerous sessions in national and international meetings. She has been the principal advisor to 20 Ph.D. students, and has advised several post-doctoral fellows and researchers. During the past 10 years, her students have won 6 best student paper awards from various AIChE and INFORMS sections (including separations division) at their respective meetings. These awards include number of awards from environmental division of AIChE and one award from Sustainable Engineering Forum. One of her student's Ph.D. thesis on sustainability is published as a monograph.

For her work in green solvent selection and solvent recycling in pharmaceutical industries, and ecological sustainability that led to her election as a Fellow of American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) in 2009. In the same year, she was elected a Fellow of AIChE. In October 2011 she received the prestigious Cecil Award for Environmental Chemical Engineering from the Environmental Division of AIChE for her work in design for environment and sustainability including her work on green separations. She is the first woman to receive this national award in its 39-year history. In November 2011, she received the Thiele award for outstanding contributions to chemical engineering, awarded by the Chicago chapter of AIChE.

Position Statement

Green engineering means green processes, green products, green energy, and eco-friendly management. In industrial ecology, this decision making changes from the small scale of a single unit operation or industrial production plant to the larger scales of an integrated industrial park, community, firm or sector. Then the available management options expand from simple changes in process operation and inputs to more complex resource management strategies, including integrated waste recycling and reuse options. The concept of overall sustainability goes beyond industrial ecology and brings in the time dependent nature of the system. Decisions regarding regulations and human interactions with system come into picture. It involves dealing with various time scales and time dependent uncertainties which require appropriately modeling these. The systems analysis approach to sustainability is to find efficient methods for solving these decision making problems at various spatial and temporal scales in the face of uncertainties. This is the focus of Dr. Diwekar's group. In design for environment, uncertainties are inherent and the problems are no longer single objective problems. Her work in this area started in 1991. This includes efficient sampling technique for uncertainty and risk analysis, and new algorithms for multi-objective and optimization under uncertainty. Systems analysis approach to green design and green energy involves starting decisions at molecular level, extending it to plant level and then to sector level (industrial ecology). She has worked in all these levels to bring in greener design for chemical as well as power sector systems. In green energy, she has contributed to clean coal technologies (like NOx and SOx and mercury control, IGCC systems), biofuels (like biodiesel and bioenergy in power systems), and fuel cells technologies. She has further extended this approach to ecological and integrated ecological-economical systems sustainability where uncertainties are time dependent and forecasting is essential. She has proposed a novel approach based on financial theories and optimal control to solve these problems. This work received attention from Stanford Innovation Review (http://www.vri-custom.org/pdfs/Research_EndofWorld.pdf) and recently discovery channel contacted her for including her work in their documentary.

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Dr. Russell Dunn joined Vanderbilt University in 2011 as a Professor of the Practice of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering where he directs the Undergraduate Chemical Engineering Laboratory and co-directs the Chemical Product and Process Design Programs. His main research areas are process and product design, process integration, chemical product and process safety, and polymer product failure analysis. His work in industry includes Ampex Corporation, General Electric, and Monsanto Chemical Company/Solutia. At Solutia, he was appointed Fellow in 1999. In 2004, he founded an engineering consulting company, Polymer and Chemical Technologies, LLC that has been involved in over 140 consulting projects to date. While working in industry, and then through his consulting company, he has applied process integration technology in numerous chemical process plants over the past two decades. He has also testified as an expert witness approximately 30 times and has authored over 75 expert reports on polymer and chemical product failure analysis and chemical process safety. In addition to his over 20 years of industrial and consulting experience, Dr. Dunn was a member of the chemical engineering faculty at auburn University from 1989-1994 and was a Guest professor at the Technical University of Denmark in 2000. Dr. Dunn received his B.S. and M.ChE. degrees in chemical engineering from Auburn University in 1984 and 1988, respectively. Dr. Dunn earned his Ph.D. in chemical engineering at Auburn University in 1994 where he completed his doctoral research under the direction of Prof. Mahmoud El-Halwagi. Dr. Dunn is a registered professional engineer in the state of Florida.

Position Statement

Sustainability is a key component of the chemical engineering profession. Much of Dr. Dunn's efforts in industry, consulting and academia have been devoted to three key issues in sustainable design: industrial water use minimization, industrial energy conservation, and process/product safety. These issues are emphasized in the chemical engineering design and laboratory curriculum at Vanderbilt University. Significant attention is devoted to solving large-scale industrial problems that are often difficult with existing design methodologies; however, these are often the scale of problem facing the practicing engineer in industry. In addition, chemical product safety, vastly different from chemical process safety, is often not addressed in detail in chemical engineering curriculums and in chemical engineering design textbooks. Product safety specifically affects company sustainability via public perception of the manufacturer, financial implications associated with failure, legal implications, and human injuries and/or deaths. Dr. Dunn has broad experience in the application of numerous design tools to address these issues of sustainability.

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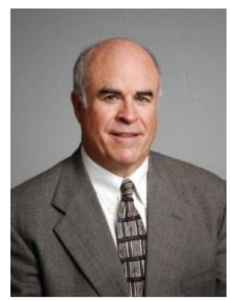
Position Statement

Process and product design problems by nature are open ended and may yield many solutions that are attractive and near optimal. An additional complicating reality is that properties of materials are controlled by a multitude of separate and often competing mechanisms/phenomena that operate over a wide range of length and time scales. As a result it is becoming increasingly difficult to interface fundamental mechanistic models with computational tools for sustainable engineering design. It is incumbent upon the PSE/CAPE community to help bridge the gap between fundamental science and engineering applications as new research areas continue to emerge. At

Auburn University, Dr. Eden is leading a group focused on the development of systematic methodologies for sustainable process and product synthesis, design, integration, and optimization. By combining fundamental chemical engineering principles and process systems engineering approaches, novel methods are developed that enable targeted solution of process/product design problems in the chemical, petrochemical, biochemical, pharmaceutical and related industries. Dr. Eden is the Director of an NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training (IGERT) program that supports an integrated, interdisciplinary graduate education and research program focused on biorefining concepts for sustainable production of fuels and chemicals from renewable resources. The program aims to optimize the entire fiber to fuel lifecycle by developing novel thermochemical and biochemical conversion technologies that will lead to technically viable, efficient and sustainable fuels and chemical production strategies. Dr. Eden also serves as one of the Co-PI of the NSF RCN-SEES project, Sustainable Manufacturing Advances in Research and Technology (SMART) Coordination Network, which includes 21 domestic and foreign universities and 10 national organizations/university centers.



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Position Statement

Process control has become increasingly important in the process industries to address improving energy efficiency, rapidly changing economic conditions, and more stringent environmental and safety regulations. Process control and its allied fields of process modeling and optimization are critical in the development of more energy-efficient processes for manufacturing high value-added products and this is closely coupled with sustainability. Tom is the UT PI on a large U.S. DOE demonstration project on smart grids (www.pecanstreet.org) in Austin, TX, which focuses on new automation techniques and big data analytics for managing distributed solar energy generation and energy storage and involves six faculty from EE, ME, and CAEE departments. This smart grid demonstration is particularly notable because it involves data collection from over 300 homes with solar panels and 60 electric vehicles in one neighborhood, the densest concentration of such users in the U.S. Simultaneously, Tom has been PI of a large NSF IGERT grant, which is connected to the Pecan Street effort. The 20 students work in an interdisciplinary research and educational framework to address sustainable grid integration of distributed and renewable energy systems, a crucial priority for greenhouse gas reduction. Edgar believes private-public partnerships Pecan Street and SMLC can push sustainable manufacturing forward, requiring the cooperation of industry, universities, government, and non-government organizations.

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Position Statement

According to El-Halwagi (2012), ***Sustainable design*** of industrial processes may be defined as the *design activities that lead to economic growth, environmental protection, and social progress for the current generation without compromising the potential of future generations to have an ecosystem which meets their needs.* The following are the principal objectives of a sustainable design:

- Resource (mass and energy) conservation
- Recycle/reuse
- Pollution prevention
- Profitability enhancement
- Yield improvement
- Capital-productivity increase and debottlenecking
- Quality control, assurance, and enhancement
- Process safety

Because of the integrated nature of manufacturing processes, the field of process integration can play a major role in achieving sustainable designs. ***Process integration*** is a holistic approach to process design, retrofitting, and operation which emphasizes the unity of the process (El-Halwagi, 1997). In light of the strong interaction among process units, resources, streams, and objectives, process integration offers a unique framework along with an effective set of methodologies and enabling tools for sustainable design. The strength and attractiveness of process integration stem from its ability to systematically offer the following:

- Fundamental understanding of the global insights of a process and the root causes of performance limitations
- Ability to benchmark the performance of various objectives for the process ahead of detailed design through targeting techniques
- Effective generation and screening of solution alternatives to achieve the best-in-class design and operation strategies

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Position Statement

I have for my entire research life sought to create a sustainable agricultural system. Trained as an Economist, sustainable technology to me is a chair with four legs. The first leg is economics. To be sustainable, a system must be economical. Which means that the net returns of the system must be greater than 0 and that other enterprises using similar resources would not provide a better net return. The second leg is environmental. If the system is a new one, then it should create a more sustainable environment than the previous one. In deed once employed, the environment should improve. This would be seen as a movement towards sustainability. A sustainable system would either maintain or improve the environment that it impacts. The third leg is concerned with the people that it affects. Is the system acceptable from a cultural perspective? Does it improve the quality of life for individuals that are impacted by the technology? I do not do much in the area of this third leg except examine changes in value added, total industry output, and employment opportunities as the technology is adopted. The final leg is an evaluation of the technology itself. Will the technology survive? Are there threats to the technology? These are questions that need to be asked to address the fourth leg of sustainability. The demand for energy is huge and could trump all if society is not careful. Developing alternatives to fossils is a critical need as we move into a more sustainable future. Burdens are being placed on all industries as a result of uncertain energy prices and possible greenhouse gas constraints. The surfacing questions require research coordination among many disciplines within the academic community and networking with industries is needed. Resources available to address these questions are severely limited; yet the need ever increases.

At the University of Tennessee Burton English is a professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics. He has 34 years of experience researching the adoption of new technologies, the impact of policies on rural America, and on the impacts of sustainability issues on producers and consumers. He has conducted a multitude of studies on economic feasibility and the impact new technology will have on rural America. He is currently the director of the Bio-based Energy Analysis Group (BEAG). His current research activities focus on biofuel development and bio/wind/solar/hydro power. He has worked with 25x25 in evaluating the potential of achieving a 25% renewable energy portfolio by the year 2025. He has consulted with USDA, DOE, and EPA. Working with the bipartisan Policy Center, he evaluated the abilities of several states potential to achieve a portion of their electricity from renewables. He is an author or co-author on over 350 publications and presentations, 18 book chapters and 7 books.

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He was the Director of MIT's Laboratory for Manufacturing and Productivity (1994-2004), and the Associate Department Head for Mechanical Engineering (2001-2005). From 1999 to 2001 he was the chairman of the National Science Foundation and Department of Energy panel on Environmentally Benign Manufacturing. He has over 150 technical publications, two books and seven patents and patent applications. His most recent book is: "Thermodynamics and the Destruction of Resources" Cambridge University Press, 2011(with Bhavik R. Bakshi and Dusan P. Sekulic).
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Position Statement

Sustainability is a new problem for society. The principal feature of the sustainability dilemma is that it is of a global scale. That is, the scale of humanity's use of materials, land, water and energy resources, and its emissions, principally of carbon, methane, nitrogen, phosphorous, nitrous oxide, and still other pollutants now interfere with natural ecosystem processes. The result is that we are now degrading global ecosystem services such as clean air and water, stable climate, and healthy oceans. These are services that have been provided essentially for free throughout human history. It is not at all clear to what extent we can compensate for these loses.

This problem presents several special challenges. For one, up to this point the erosion of global ecosystem services has generally occurred gradually and often in distant locations, so a sense of an impending threat is mitigated. As a result, many people do not feel a strong incentive for action. Secondly, the connections between human activities and global consequences can be very complex, resulting in confusion about what is the right thing to do. And thirdly, for those who study these problems, they can see that in many cases actions to reduce pollutants, or energy use, or carbon emissions may conflict with other goals of society such as economic development or social wellbeing. This suggests that the solution to sustainability may not be an easy fit, and will require cooperation, in fact, cooperation on a global scale.

Engineers can help to address these problems by making the connections between human activities and global impacts more apparent, and by developing technology and business solutions. But because of the nature of the sustainability problem, engineers will also have to work closely with other disciplines, in particular, the physical scientists who study global scale problems (such as climate change, ocean acidification etc.) as well as economists, biologists, and social scientists, and others. Most important, engineers will need to understand the global consequences of their actions in absolute measures. Relative measures can mislead.

Manufacturing as an important subset of human activities, can play a pivotal role in moving society toward a more sustainable position. From a very broad perspective, there appear to be four imperatives for the manufacturing sector in a sustainable society. These include: 1) supply the technologies for sustainability solutions (for example to reduce climate change or ocean acidification), 2) supply the economic opportunities for the developing world so that they may improve their standard of living, 3) help maintain a quality standard of living in the developed world, and 4) constrain our own (manufacturing sector) sustainable impacts (for example reduce absolute carbon and greenhouse gas emissions) through efficiency improvements, recycling, new technology and almost certainly, demand reduction.

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Position statement

Bruce is the program manager for the NSF grant that supports the RCN-SEES project on Sustainable Manufacturing Advances in Research and Technology (SMART) Coordination Network for which Yinlun Huang (Wayne State University) is Principal Investigator (PI). Bruce is also program manager for the NSF grant (PI is Tom Edgar, CACHE Corp. and UT-Austin) that helps to support the Smart Manufacturing Leadership Coalition (SMLC). As part of SMLC membership, Bruce serves on SMLC's Working Group on Workforce Development and Education.

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My research focuses on the application and development of environmental life cycle assessment (LCA) and input output models for decision-focused environmental analysis. At EPA I lead several projects focused on (1) the development of open source software tools and approaches for improving the availability, interoperability, and capability of public domain LCA models and (2) addressing key barriers to incorporating a life cycle perspective in decision-making. I earned a BS in Physics from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1999 and a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering and Engineering and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in May 2007. I have taken some risks in my career and have been rewarded by the opportunities I have had to work collaboratively as a part of some very dynamic, high functioning teams. During my PhD studies I developed a Mixed-Unit Input-Output (MUIO) Model for life cycle assessment and material flow analysis focusing on flows of cadmium, lead, nickel, and zinc. For the next 3 years I worked as a Researcher at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) where I contributed to the EXIOPOL Project, ‘A New Environmental Accounting Framework Using Externality Data and Input-Output Tools for Policy Analysis’, an EU-Funded effort to create a global, environmentally-extended, multiregional input-output (EE-MRIO) model for analysis of environmental impacts and external costs of production and consumption. Following this work, I performed a comparative assessment of electric and conventional vehicles (E-CAR) and worked on the development of an environmentally-extended multi-regional input-output model for the harmonized calculation of carbon, ecological, and water footprints across international supply chains under the OPEN EU Project.

Position statement

The key to providing a successful roadmap for sustainable manufacturing is to clearly outline a path to defining an appropriate framework for reliably quantifying the prospective sustainability of a larger system while connecting these future outcomes to specific decisions made by actors within the system today. This is not an easy task. Any roadmap based on current wisdom regarding how this can best be accomplished should allow for course corrections in response to future developments.

My perspective is based on what I have observed through working on the development of the models and *data-related infrastructure* for understanding the sustainability of various product systems and consumption scenarios primarily from the environmental and economic *pillars* of the triple value model of sustainability. Two years ago I led a workshop on the Design of Sustainable Supply Chains and Product Systems. In the context of that workshop I identified four challenges to moving forward which also serve as the basis for my position going into this workshop. I present a slightly updated version of these challenges here. While none of these challenges are insurmountable; addressing them will require shifting the approaches we use to support science-based decision-making.

The first challenge is to focus on collaboration and coordination rather than competition. There is a lot of work to be done, the limitations are resources and time. Research support should be designed to promote openness and sharing of information and to push back against individuals' tendencies to restrict access to their work to maintain competitive advantage. Comprehensive environmental systems analysis requires a large amount of data and highly complex models. Performing analysis across levels of resolution makes it necessary to link together models. To do this requires harmonization where appropriate and coordination across research efforts. This, however should be done without compromising the healthy competition needed to allow for creative destruction and replacement of models and creative freedom in research efforts.

The second challenge is the need to agree on everything before we move forward on anything. One example of this is the way in which much attention has been placed on how to define or frame sustainability. The ideological or philosophical goals of sustainability are more or less understood. The problem is operationalizing these goals in the face of considerable data gaps, model/system complexity, and drivers working against dramatic changes in existing systems of production and consumption. Another example is efforts to agree on a single method for calculation of metrics or impacts. This exercise is useful for research coordination and facilitating information transfer across efforts, but should not delay progress on the development of the new methods, which are needed. A better approach would be to demonstrate best practice through carrying out high quality analyses, which can be used as examples for the next generation of work.

A third challenge is the large amount of data required for comprehensive environmental systems analysis. This presents a particular challenge for research efforts as these data are costly and time consuming to develop and yet there is not a lot of research credit to be gained solely through data collection. My experience is primarily in the area of life cycle assessment (LCA). There are many unexploited opportunities for application of LCA and within the research community we already have many of the datasets and models needed to support sustainable manufacturing. The problem is the lack of well-organized and publicly available data and especially high quality datasets, which can be applied in a consistent way across different models. One way to move forward in this area is to require disclosure of datasets together with publication of results in such a way they can be easily integrated into consecutive modeling efforts by others.

A fourth challenge is the network tying together modeling efforts relevant for the design of sustainable product systems and supply chains is not sufficiently interconnected or efficient. Often only, a small group of experts know how to run the appropriately complex models of economic and environmental systems. These individuals may be connected with their counterparts working with other similar models, but few have an overview from the perspective of the complete system. One option would be to develop user-friendly interfaces, but this is difficult work that is currently not well rewarded. User interfaces must allow access to the richness of the model while providing appropriate feedback and access to underlying information to prevent misuse or misinterpretation of results. This challenge could be addressed by designing research support which promotes interaction across levels of detail and which recognizes the contribution of interfaces, which simplify access to complex models and streamline interaction between models.

As an outcome of this workshop, I hope we can identify and define steps to the creation of new mechanisms to support coordination and collaboration across U.S. and international efforts to aid decision-making for sustainable outcomes in the context of manufacturing engaging industry, academic, government, and societal stakeholders.

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Position Statement

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Position Statement

Engineering sustainability is a science of applying the principles of engineering and design in a manner that fosters positive economic and social development while minimizing environmental impact. The mission can be largely accomplished through designing new systems and/or retrofitting existing systems of various length/time scales that meet sustainability goals. Among these, design sustainability of product and process systems is of upmost importance, but it faces tremendous challenges, mainly due to the complexity in multiscale design and the existence of uncertainties contained in the accessible data and information. At Wayne State University, Huang is leading a group to study multiscale systems modeling, analysis, and decision-making and develop methodologies and tools for design of sustainable physical systems, such as nanomaterials at the microscale, products with needed properties at the mesoscale, process systems at the macroscale. His group has extended an ecological input-output analysis (EIOA) modeling approach through separating the system output into functionally different groups so that sustainability assessment can be more meaningfully conducted, and design modification opportunities can be relatively easily identified. His group has also introduced the Collaborative Profitable Pollution Prevention design methodology, which can advise synergistic efforts among industrial entities to maximize economic gains while minimizing pollutions; the collaboration can be at either the management or the technical levels. It is recognized that one of the most challenging issues in sustainability research is how to deal with uncertainties. This is especially true for future sustainability performance prediction and/or short-to-long-term sustainable development. Recently, Huang's group developed an interval-parameter-based decision-making methodology has been introduced to develop short-to-long-term sustainability improvement strategies for industrial zonal development problems. Huang has been served as the PI of the NSF RCN-SEES project, Sustainable Manufacturing Advances in Research and Technology (SMART) Coordination Network, which includes 21 domestic and foreign universities and 10 national organizations/university centers.

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Position Statement

Professor Jawahir has been actively engaged in manufacturing research for over three decades. His original work on 6R-based (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Redesign and Remanufacture) innovation principles for sustainable manufacturing, incorporating the entire life-cycle with four life-cycle stages (pre-manufacturing, manufacturing, use and post-use), has been widely applied at the product, process and systems/enterprise levels. Within the newly established Institute for Sustainable Manufacturing at the University of Kentucky, he currently leads a group of over 20 faculty from four engineering departments (mechanical, materials & chemical, biomedical, and electrical & computer engineering), and non-engineering academic units (College of Business, School of Architecture, College of Arts and Sciences) and research centers, engaged in applied and fundamental research in sustainable manufacturing. In a recent NIST-sponsored three-year project on developing metrics for sustainable manufacturing, his research team established relevant metrics for manufactured products and manufacturing processes, and developed an integrated, comprehensive sustainability evaluation methodology for products and processes hrough Product Sustainability Index *(ProdSI)* and Process Sustainability Index *(ProcSI).* This methodology was validated in industry applications through case studies in aerospace, automotive and consumer electronic product manufacturing. He has also been engaged in developing sustainable manufacturing processes/technologies for improved product quality, performance and sustainability, focusing on dry, near-dry and cryogenic machining processes. Cryogenic machining of lightweight automotive and aerospace alloys, including *Al, Mg* and *Ti* alloys, novel/advanced materials such as *NiTi* alloys, *Co-Cr-Mo* biomaterial, *AISI 52100* hardened steels, porous tungsten, and a range of stainless steels, has resulted in significantly improved product quality, performance and sustainability in terms of enhanced wear and corrosion resistance and fatigue life. Several of these materials also produce desirable nanostructured surface layers. Professor Jawahir has also established international collaborative research with several major universities in Germany, France, Italy, United Kingdom, Australia, Portugal, Spain, Slovenia, and Malaysia, involving student/faculty exchange programs with several of these universities. He has developed, conducted, and participated in numerous sustainable manufacturing forums, strategic planning sessions, and roadmapping workshops sponsored by professional societies such as ASME and DoD, aimed at dual applications (commercial and defense).

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Biographical Sketch

Vikas Khanna is an Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Khanna received his PhD from the Ohio State University in 2009, and a BS from Panjab University in 2004, both in Chemical Engineering. His doctoral work focused on the life cycle environmental evaluation of emerging nanotechnologies and multiscale modeling for environmentally conscious process design. While in graduate school, he won several best paper and poster awards at national and international conferences such as the IEEE International Symposium on Sustainable Systems and Technology and the Gordon Research Conference. He also received a science and technology policy fellowship from the National Academy of Sciences in Washington DC. After spending a year in the biofuels R&D group at ConocoPhillips, he joined the University of Pittsburgh as an Assistant Professor in 2010. His research and teaching interests are in the general areas of sustainability science and engineering, industrial ecology, applied statistics, and complex systems. His group's research focuses on the development of life cycle oriented methods for evaluating the environmental impacts of engineered products and processes. Recent applications include emerging drop-in replacement biofuels, nanomaterials, and critical materials. In addition, his group is developing graph theory based methods for understanding resilience in complex engineered systems.

Position Statement

Sustainability encompasses and entails joint consideration of economic, environmental and social aspects that span multiple spatial and temporal scales. Proper understanding of the complex interactions at multiple scales is crucial for developing sustainable technologies and products. With greater appreciation of environmental challenges, methods that take a holistic life cycle view have been developed and utilized for evaluating the life cycle environmental impacts of products of processes. While life cycle approaches represent an important step in the context of sustainable process design, most of these are retrospective in nature offering little opportunity for design intervention.

My group is developing and applying life cycle based approaches to evaluate and understand the environmental impacts of emerging technologies early in the research and development phase before inefficiencies become embedded. Our recent work on application of life cycle and thermodynamic based methods for sustainable engineering has resulted in novel insights for emerging microalgal biofuels, advanced terrestrial biomass derived fuels, and critical materials. We have also demonstrated multiple tradeoffs that exist between environmental impacts for emerging biofuels while remaining cognizant of spatial variability. Such insights are especially useful for guiding environmentally conscious life cycle design of technologies at early stages of research.

In my opinion, a significant challenge and knowledge gap for sustainable engineering is a better integration and utilization of information available at multiple scales. Data and models are available at multiple spatial scales ranging from the narrowly focused equipment or manufacturing scale, to the supply chain and the economy scales. An improved understanding of tools and techniques across scales can aid in recognizing patterns and developing heuristics for sustainable manufacturing and technologies.

I expect to learn more at the workshop in Cincinnati about sustainable manufacturing and hear different perspectives from academia, industry, and national labs. It could lead to synthesis of new ideas and foster new collaborations for addressing the challenges facing sustainable manufacturing that cannot be addressed by a single discipline in isolation.

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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Maravelias was born in Athens, Greece. He obtained his Diploma in Chemical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and an MSc in

Operational Research from the London School of Economics (London, UK). After completing his military service in Greece, he went to Carnegie Mellon University where he obtained his PhD under the supervision of Professor Ignacio Grossmann. In the fall of 2004 he joined the faculty of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Dr. Maravelias is the recipient of the Inaugural Olaf A. Hougen Fellowship, an NSF CAREER award, as well as the 2008 W. David Smith Jr. and the 2013 Outstanding Young Researcher Awards from the Computing & Systems Technology (CAST) division of AIChE. He organized the 2011 Pan American Advanced Studies workshop on *Process Modeling and Optimization for Energy and Sustainability*, and he serves as a Director of the CAST division of AIChE. Dr. Maravelias' research interests are in the areas of a) production planning and scheduling, b) chemical supply chain optimization, c) process synthesis and technology assessment for renewable energy, and d) computational methods for novel material discovery.

Position Statement

One of the main research thrusts in Dr. Maravelias' lab is the development of methods for the synthesis, analysis, and optimization of chemical processes. He has developed a surrogate-based superstructure framework that results into computationally tractable optimization models, thereby enabling the effective synthesis of chemical processes. In parallel with his method-development efforts and in collaboration with various experimental groups, Dr. Maravelias studies novel strategies for renewable energy, including: a) thermochemical splitting of water and carbon dioxide (collaboration with Sandia National Laboratories); b) catalytic strategies for the production of liquid hydrocarbons from lignocellulosic biomass (with Jim Dumesic, U of Wisconsin – Madison); c) biomass pretreatment technologies using ionic liquids (with Ron Raines, U of Wisconsin – Madison); d) production of value-added chemicals using cyanobacteria (with Brian Pfleger, U of Wisconsin – Madison); e) production of solar fuels using plasmonic catalysis (multi-institution collaborative project); and f) fractionation and catalytic upgrading of pyrolysis-derived *bio-oil* (with University of Oklahoma). Also, Dr. Maravelias recently developed a systems-level framework for the identification and assessment of novel biomass-to-fuels conversion strategies. Finally, Dr. Maravelias develops methods for the optimization and analysis of chemical supply chains, as well as methods for the optimization of chemical operations.

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Dr. Manish Mehta is Director of Strategic Projects and Sustainability at the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (www.ncms.org - USA's largest cross-industry manufacturing R&D consortium). He has over 20 years' experience in organizing and managing strategic ventures and cross-industry cluster collaborations based on high-risk, high-payoff research in areas such as advanced materials, design/manufacturing automation, energy efficiency and sustainable manufacturing. As principal investigator on four NSF/National Nanotechnology Initiative-sponsored studies (2003, 2006, 2009 and 2013), he regularly surveys and benchmarks US manufacturers and industrial sectors on development trends, commercial readiness and applications of nanotechnology, and assesses their impact on US competitiveness. He obtained his BS (Mechanical Engineering) from Bangalore University, India and MS and Ph.D degrees in industrial engineering from University of Cincinnati, and has completed the Executive Program at University of Michigan Ross Business School. He is a Fellow of the Engineering Society of Detroit, and a past member of the National Academies Board on Manufacturing and Engineering Design. He has been a peer reviewer for state-sponsored programs such as Michigan's 21st Century Jobs Fund, Ohio's Third Frontier Fund, and Singapore SPRING business plan competitions.

Position Statement

In participating in the Roadmap Workshop, Dr. Mehta will promote the need for the systematic and standardized enterprise-wide application of life cycle thinking in all major functions in a manufacturing organization, so that critical life cycle phase perspectives are considered for decision-making, and thereby, unintended consequences and negative impacts may be avoided or minimized. NCMS has organized the Sustainable Manufacturing Strategic Interest Group (SM SIG) in 2012 to provide cross-industry stakeholders with innovative approaches on how sustainable thinking strategies and tools can be applied across nascent technology value-chains.

Climate change and the negative impact that various human activities can have on our ecosystem are among the most urgent and pervasive challenges corporations are facing. For example, it is estimated that the automotive industry is responsible for roughly 15% of global carbon emissions, equating to roughly eight billion metric tons per year. Although environmental protection has been cited as the primary driver for the sustainability movement, other socio-political factors such as the price volatility of fossil fuels and energy independence goals have also helped perpetuate a shift towards alternative materials and renewable energy sources for mobility systems and other applications. Many components and sub-systems for these seemingly cleaner technologies may be greatly enhanced for superior performance using disruptive paradigm-shifting advances such as nanotechnology, additive manufacturing and lightweighting.

The design of a product must begin with the end in mind. To be able to produce a truly sustainable product, its carbon footprint, health, safety and socio-economic impacts must be anticipated and understood up front through all key phases. Maximizing the efficiency of manufacturing-related operations is far more complex to achieve even after a company commits itself to sustainability goals. Optimizing quality and costs is hard enough in an ever-changing business and regulatory environment. Due to many unknowns across life cycles, the manufacturers of nano-enabled products face an even tougher challenge in achieving multi-attribute sustainability targets, such as minimizing water and energy use, CO2 emissions and waste, while simultaneously attaining the highest levels of conduct on workforce practices, safety, ethical sourcing and social justice.

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Biographical Sketch

Kimberly Ogden is a professor of chemical and environmental engineering at the University of Arizona. She received her BS degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her MS and PhD degrees from the University of Colorado. Prior to joining the UA in the fall of 1992 she was a postdoctoral fellow at Los Alamos National Laboratory. She is currently on the managing board of SBE and recently completed her term as the secretary of AIChE. Kim's research focus includes bioreactor design for production of alternative fuels from algae and sweet sorghum and microbiological water quality. She is the engineering technical lead for the National Alliance for Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts or NAABB. As the final report is being written for the NAABB consortium, her research in algae to biofuel continues through a Regional Algal Feedstock Testbed program funded by the Department of Energy. The goal of this 4 year project is to obtain long term outdoor algal cultivation data that will be available to the public for use in modeling and other research efforts, and demonstrate the feasibility of year round cultivation. Furthermore, industrial and other universities will be able to use the testbeds to test new technologies such as novel harvesting and extraction systems.

Kim is also involved in teacher outreach programs. She has run a NSF Research Experiences for Teachers Program for over ten years, where teams of teachers spend 5 to 6 weeks in the summer doing research in the UA laboratories and transfer what they learn directly to the K-12 classroom through relevant lesson plans. She is also the principal investigator for a NSF GK-12 engineering program. The focus of the GK12 is water and energy sustainability. Graduate students from 7 different engineering disciplines have been GK12 fellows and worked in junior high and high school classrooms in the Tucson area. Some of these school districts have up to 90% of their student population from diverse backgrounds and have 70 to 80% of the students receiving free or reduced meals.

Position Statement

Kim is interested in the systems approach to sustainability. New industries such as the algal biofuels industry will only be viable if they integrate with existing systems. Co-locating algal cultivation systems near cheap or free sources of carbon dioxide, nitrogen and phosphorous is highly desirable. Water recycle and use of non-potable water sources is required in areas of abundant sunlight like the Southwestern United States. Furthermore, using existing refining infrastructure allows for slow integration of bio-oils. Simultaneous production of high value products such as omega fatty acids, nutriceuticals, and pharmaceuticals; fertilizer; fuel; and food is essential in Kim's opinion. Integration will assure a cost effective and environmentally friendly integrated new industry.

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Doug Pontsler is Vice President of EHS & Operations Sustainability for Owens Corning. He was named to his current position in August 2009. In this leadership role, he has responsibility for directing safety and environmental matters within Owens Corning globally. His role was expanded in October 2011 to include responsibility for foundational compliance and sustainability operations performance.

Mr. Pontsler joined Owens Corning in 2002 as Director of Corporate Services, was named Director of Global Sourcing in 2004 and Vice President of Global Sourcing in 2008. Prior to joining Owens Corning, Mr. Pontsler spent 23 years with Eaton Corporation. While at Eaton, he held various roles of increasing responsibilities in accounting, finance, production and inventory control management, factory management and sourcing.

Mr. Pontsler is involved in the community as a Board Member of the Regional Growth Partnership promoting economic development, a member of the Board and

Executive Committee of the Marathon Classic LPGA Tournament, and a Cabinet Member of the United Way 2013 Campaign Committee for Northwest Ohio.

Originally from Rockford, Ohio, Mr. Pontsler received a BA in business administration from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a major in accounting.

Position Statement

At Owens Corning we regard Operations Sustainability as a combination of both our Environmental, Health & Safety performance and the reduction in our Footprint.

Our commitment to safety is unconditional and everything begins with creating a safe workplace for our employees. Over the last 11 years we have reduced the number of injuries in the workplace by over 95% and we regard our job not done until that number is zero.

From the footprint standpoint, we just completed in 2012 our first set of 10 year goals that were base lined against 2002, and we were successful in reaching all of the goals that we had established in reducing waste, the amount of water we use, and the impact from an air emissions standpoint. We have begun our second set of 10 year goals beginning at a baseline in 2010 and we have been successful through the first 2 years of improvement in all of the aspects that we have established so far. We regard our footprint reduction as an important element of our manufacturing strategy. Footprint reduction brings cost improvement, it helps us meet the expectations that our customers have, and it also creates the opportunity for us to be a responsible citizen in the communities in which we operate. We are proud of the performance that we have achieved. Achieving that performance is dependent upon a high level of employee engagement, allowing us to gain all of the great ideas that exist in our workforce on the things that we can do that will really make a difference.

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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Mary Rezac is Professor of Chemical Engineering and ConocoPhillips Professor of Sustainable Energy at Kansas State University. She is the director of the

Kansas State University Center for Sustainable Energy. She has more than 25 years of experience in energy and related applications, including renewable energy, process system efficiency, bioenergy, and petrochemical refining and processing. Dr. Rezac has been responsible for leading energy research and development, managing and developing programs, and planning and evaluating technical programs. Her research focuses on the design and use of permselective membranes including their use in reactive applications. Recently, her group has examined the importance of separations and reactor design on improving the sustainability of biorefineries. Dr. Rezac holds multiple patents, has authored over 70 publications in diverse fields and technical journals, and presented over 100 papers at international, national, and other meetings. Dr. Rezac has served on numerous policy-making groups, including as a director of the Council for Chemical Research and of the Separations Division of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. She has served on a National Research Council committee evaluating the Potential Impacts of High End Computing in Selected Areas of Science and Engineering. She has helped plan the future of Chemical Engineering as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee of the AIChE. Currently, she serves as past-president of the North American Membrane Society. Dr. Rezac holds a B.S. degree from Kansas State University, in 1987, and a M.S. and a Ph.D. degree from at the University of Texas at Austin, in 1992 and 1993, respectively, all in chemical engineering. She was a research engineering for the Phillips Petroleum company from 1987 – 1990. She joined the chemical engineering faculty of the Georgia Institute of Technology in January 1994 and moved to Kansas State University in 2002.

Position Statement

The development of sustainable energy sources requires an appreciation for and integration of the entire supply chain of these systems. Sustainability must encompass not only the technical aspects of the question but the economic and social implications as well. Within the field of biorefining or bioenergy, one must consider questions relating to sustainability of the agricultural fields where biomass is produced; the processes used to harvest, transport, and convert the biomass to fuels and chemicals; the rural communities which host the agricultural production sites and perhaps the conversion facilities; and the global carbon balance that utilizes carbon dioxide as a feedstock for the production of biomass but also produces greenhouse gases. Furthermore, while monitoring carbon dioxide is valuable, other greenhouse gases (including nitrous oxide emitted from fertilizer) and the sustainability of soils and water are equally important. At Kansas State University, Dr. Rezac is leading a group to study these questions. Dr. Rezac serves as the PI of the NSF IGERT project, From Crops to Commuting: Integrating the Socioeconomic, Technical and Agricultural Aspects of Renewable and Sustainable Biorefining which includes researchers from nine departments in three colleges and partners from five continents.

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Biographical Sketch

Alan Rossiter is the founder and president of Rossiter & Associates (Bellaire, Texas), a process improvement consulting company working primarily in the field of industrial energy efficiency. He served as a consultant to ExxonMobil for both their GEMS (Global Energy Management System) and POEMS (Production Operations Energy Management System) programs from 1998 to 2010. He has also provided consulting services to numerous other industry majors, including ConocoPhillips, Sasol, LyondellBasell, BP, Valero and Hess.

Alan was born and raised in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), and received his B.A., M.Eng. and Ph.D., all in chemical engineering, from the University of Cambridge, England. He has more than 30 years of process engineering and management experience. He worked with ICI (Imperial Chemical Industries) for nine years in process design, technical support and research, before joining Linnhoff March (energy efficiency consultants), where he led consulting projects for eight years. He founded Rossiter and Associates in 1997.

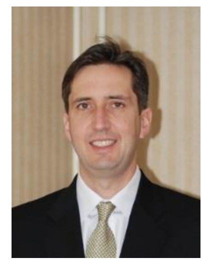
Alan has more than 60 publications, including the ‘Energy Management’ article in the Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, 5th Edition (John Wiley & Sons, 2005), and the book “Waste Minimization through Process Design,” (McGraw-Hill, New York, 1995) for which he served as editor. He was the 2010 Chair of the South Texas Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and he is the current Chair of the AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference.

Position Statement

The concept of sustainability has come a long way in recent years. It merges energy efficiency, pollution prevention/waste minimization, social responsibility and profitability into a unified whole, and sets lofty goals for industry. I feel privileged to be a part of this effort, and specifically the Roadmap Workshop on Sustainable Manufacturing.

Over the years my work has mostly focused on energy efficiency, with some ventures into broader aspects of waste minimization. As a consultant I have been able to see the realities of applying waste reduction and energy efficiency programs in both process design and plant operation. These activities can be drastically different from the ideas that are conceived in academia. Capital is always constrained, data is never complete, personnel are invariably over-committed, and commercial factors trump all other considerations.

Most of the sustainability work in industry relies on the insights and experience of engineers, supported by simulations, plant data historians, supply chain software and other computerized systems. I have seen many great successes – for example, simple heat integration projects and comprehensive real-time optimization systems that are saving millions of dollars each year while also helping to reduce energy demands and eliminate waste. However, there is still much to be done to establish a sustainability culture and a more comprehensive toolbox for sustainable engineering. This is the challenge that confronts us.



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Biographical Sketch

Clayton Sadler is currently the manager of the Process Design Development group within UOP's Research and Development organization. This group develops engineering solutions for new refining, petrochemical, renewable and gas processing technologies from their inception in R&D through commercialization. He has 18 years of experience with UOP and has held positions in R&D, Engineering, Field Operating Services and Optimization Services.   Clayton holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Wisconsin.

Position Statement

UOP is dedicated to developing innovative technologies that meet the current and future needs of our customers. Client requirements are varied and span the range of sustainability dimensions. The process design development function at UOP integrates state of the art simulation and modeling capabilities to synthesize, optimize and design process technologies that maximize customer value. In addition, these capabilities are further leveraged to identify new directions for R&D.

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Biographical Sketch

Darlene Schuster serves as the Executive Director of the Institute for Sustainability an AIChE Technological Communities and oversees the operations of the AIChE Industry Technology efforts in Energy (Center for Energy Initiatives), Water (International Society for Water Solutions) and Biological engineering (Society for Biological Engineering).

Previously, she served as a Science Policy Fellow for the American Chemical Society, where she worked to educate congressional staff and Congress on technical policy issues. Dr. Schuster held the Clare Boothe Luce Chair of Chemical Engineering at Bucknell University, and held various engineering positions with Gulf Oil Research and Development company, which subsequently became Chevron Oil Field Research Company. As a professor, Dr. Schuster integrated design methodology and systems analysis into the undergraduate courses on chemical kinetics and reactor design, process control, statistics, and transport phenomena , and incorporated societal ethics with engineering design courses, and was the coordinator of the team taught multidisciplinary freshman engineering course. She developed and introduced graduate level courses on her research areas related to oil production, fluidization, and particle technology. She also coordinated the team taught, multidisciplinary freshman engineering program. Additional energy research projects addressed enhancement of waxy and heavy oil domestic production (i.e. upstream flow assurance), and advancing technologies for produced water/oil separations and three phase flow measurements applicable to produced oil streams. She has been the PI or co-PI on multiple funded research and development projects. Dr. Schuster was also awarded the 2004 Technical Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Engineers Council in part for contributions to novel technology product development and commercialization by her company, DP Enterprises Group, Inc. She is also a member of NeuroSpine Ventures, LLC, an angel investment group specializing on medical technology start-ups. She holds a BSChE (WVU), MSChE (University of Pittsburgh),and PhD. (West Virginia University).

Position Statement

When discussing Sustainable Manufacturing, it is important to address what is it we are trying to sustain—the enterprise, the process, the environment and/or the workforce and society? Optimization and tradeoffs are often inevitable when looking at the triple bottom line of economics, environment and society. Key metrics are needed to help with the optimization. In this regard, total cost thinking and analysis is a very appropriate and useful approach. Total Cost Assessment was developed in 1991 by the Tellus Institute for the EPA and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. It is based on methods and programs developed by GE to better select and justify waste management investment decisions that are environmentally sound and reduce long-term liabilities. A sequence of studies provided the theoretical background for Total Cost Assessment. Later, the AIChE developed a full methodology around the TCA concept. The AIChE methodology for Total Cost Assessment is the consideration of all environmental and health (E&H) (and begins to include societal) costs associated with a decision, including direct costs, risks and liabilities, and costs borne by others. The TCA methodology prompts the user to consider all these costs, but the user may also select a subset of costs to consider.

§ Direct costs (recurring and non-recurring) Manufacturing site costs; capital investment, labor, raw materials, and waste disposal costs; capital, operating, and maintenance costs.
§ Indirect costs (recurring and non-recurring) Corporate and manufacturing overhead costs not directly allocated to product or process.
§ Future and contingent liability costs Costs including fines and penalties caused by non-compliance; clean-up, personal injury and property damage lawsuits; natural resource damages; industrial accident costs.
§ Intangible internal costs (Company-paid) Includes difficult-to-measure costs such as promoting consumer acceptance, customer loyalty, worker morale, worker wellness, union relations, corporate image, and community relations.
§ External costs (Not directly paid by company) Costs borne by society, including deterioration of the environment by pollutant dispersions that comply with applicable regulations.

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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Jeffrey Seay is Assistant Professor of Chemical and Materials Engineering at the University of Kentucky College of Engineering Paducah Extended Campus program. Dr. Seay joined the University of Kentucky in 2008 after a 12 year career as a process engineer in the chemical industry. His research interests include the integration of sustainable biomass supply chains with thermochemical modeling of biomass utilization processes as well as the application of appropriate technology to the production of biofuels in underdeveloped regions. Dr. Seay leads the University of Kentucky Appropriate Technology and Sustainability (UKATS) research group at UK. Dr. Seay is the past Education Committee Chair for the AIChE Sustainable Engineering Forum (2009 – 2011) and the current SEF Vice-Chair, rising to Chair in 2014. In the last several years he has served on the organizing committee for several international sustainability focused conferences. Dr. Seay is the recipient of the inaugural recipient of the AIChE SEF Sustainability Education Award (2013) and has been awarded the Outstanding Teaching Award in Chemical Engineering at the University of Kentucky (2013). Dr. Seay has a BS from Auburn University (1996), an MS from the University of South Alabama (2005) and a PhD from Auburn University, all in chemical engineering.

Position Statement

Sustainability is a critical skill for graduating chemical engineers entering the work force. As such it is critical that sustainability concepts be integrated into the core curriculum of chemical engineering programs across the country. In additional to technical and analytical tools, students must also be able to evaluate the societal impacts of their design decisions. For practicing engineers, it is important to develop competencies in the tools of sustainability. Dr. Seay has developed and presented several professional development courses aimed at introducing working professional to the tools and concepts of sustainability.

In addition to education, developing renewable process for underdeveloped regions is critical to meet the growing energy crisis worldwide. Dr. Seay's research group is focused on developing sustainable, renewable energy solutions for underdeveloped regions, particularly sub-Saharan Africa. His group has collaborated with the African Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology (ACREST) in Cameroon to develop a sustainable process for producing biodiesel from locally available resources. In addition his group is working to develop metric to evaluating the impacts for renewable energy processes in developing regions. Dr. Seay is a past faculty advisor to two US EPA funded People, Prosperity and the Planet projects focused on sustainable biofuel.

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Position Statement

Multifaceted aspects of many problems associated with sustainable development inherently require problem framing within the context of multiple disciplines. This is in particular apparent in the domain of what has been termed sustainable manufacturing. The associated problem of the related analysis is that many of such problems have been considered through partitioning (of what we call a wicked problem) into multiple (tame) problems, distributed within a set of disciplines. This analysis step, however, requires a rigorous system definition and recognition of an adequate positioning of the system boundary to uncover the adequate set of interactions.

It is of a great concern that many attempts to approach such a rigorous definition in a study of a particular problem, to perform the analysis, and to devise a solution of such a problem, often involves a marginal attention to the system definition. Equaly important is a realization that sustainability represents a particular state of the system. Hence, there is an urgent need to approach a study of sustainability, including sustainable manufacturing, with much more rigor. Moreover, claims about "sustainable processes", "sustainable products", and even "sustainable manufacturing" may be devoid of full meaning if an inadequate boundary of the ill-defined system is promoted.

I would argue that sustainability is not a new problem of humanity. It has been manifested multiple times within the scope of different populations and it has been associated with different problems and/or systems. What is new is a need to attack the problem of human impact at the global scale. In that context, partitioning the problem of sustainable development deserves more attention**.**

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Position Statement

Controlling carbon emissions is perhaps the most critical sustainability challenge. Carbon dioxide from heat and power generation is the principal source of carbon emissions from the chemicals production industries. Although various technologies for carbon capture and storage are being developed, none is at the present time economically competitive in the absence of universal mandating regulations. In the meantime, alternative carbon emissions reduction strategies should be considered, but all face difficult challenges. One approach is energy conservation or minimization. However process retrofits are difficult to justify economically in the absence of increased production. And paradoxically energy-optimal design alternatives for new plants generally do not change even with increasing energy prices (or taxes), as new equipment capital costs tend to increase linearly with increased energy process. Other approaches to lower net carbon emissions include use of biomass for chemical process energy (limited by availability, sparseness, and gathering transportation costs), other renewable sources including solar and wind (limited by extreme variability and poor match with chemical processing energy needs), and nuclear (limited by public acceptance, inexperience with nuclear as a source of process heat, isolation and security concerns, and unique configurations to give the service reliability required for chemicals production). Yet another route to lower carbon emissions is to where possible substitute increasingly available and affordable natural gas for oil and coal for heat and power generation for chemicals production. This option is relatively easy to implement with minimal capital expenditure, although some degradation in boiler performance should be expected. However, for new equipment especially incorporating advanced natural gas combined cycles, even greater thermodynamic efficiencies and carbon emissions reductions could be expected. Finally, although sustainability issues are often a focus when choosing and optimizing among alternatives and conditions in the design phase of chemical processes, they are rarely direct objectives in the operation and control of the resulting processes. Rather, energy and raw material consumption and emissions and waste disposal are often the independent variables manipulated to reject process disturbances and to maintain production rate, product quality, and other fitness-for-use attributes. Smart or intelligent manufacturing would allow an increased emphasis on the control and optimization of sustainability issues including carbon emissions during process operations. This could involve the installation of many additional process sensors, complex real-time computer algorithms to analyze, interpret, and propose action based on this additional process information, and process design modifications to generate additional degrees of freedom to enable operational manipulation to directly optimize sustainability parameters in addition to the usual business objectives of production rate, cost, and product fitness-for-use.

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Position Statement

Sustainable manufacturing can be a complex multifaceted endeavor. Anyone choosing to design or operate their manufacturing process or supply chain in a more sustainable way needs to define what that means. One's perspective can be very influential in determining what more sustainable means. From an operator's unit operation to a manager's supply chain and product network (or from product conception to delivery of substantial quantities), the need for an appropriate problem statement (i.e., set of objectives) and method of analysis for the decision context are critical to the pursuit of sustainable manufacturing. One might design and optimize on certain criteria, or pursue a life cycle assessment to inform decisions. In each case the criteria need to be matched with analyses and associated data needs. In a specific case, that for process development and design, we at the U.S. EPA have developed the GREENSCOPE methodology and tool to offer ~140 indicators in four bases: environment, economics, efficiency, and energy. The indicators chosen for analysis represent value choices, as do any weights (either written out explicitly or noted mentally) placed on the indicators. Specific data used in calculating these indicators are required (either measured or approximated) so that analyses can be performed. While we do not propose what the weights should be for the various indicators, the process of trading off various aspects in a complex multifaceted process or supply chain does occur, and understanding the objectives, analyses, data needs, and tradeoffs can lead to more sustainable manufacturing.

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Position Statement

With the recent discussions of a potentially impending peak in worldwide oil production, the search for alternative energy sources has intensified. Because of the severe social and economic impacts derived from high oil prices, there is a strong driver to develop economically competitive technologies and processes that can compete with fossil fuels over a wide range of energy prices. Further, the ecological significance of shifting dependence on oil to other fossil fuels including coal, natural gas, methane hydrates, etc. increases carbon dioxide emissions and avoids development of a truly sustainable energy supply that can be passed on to future generations. Beyond the development of technologies that are economically competitive with oil and other fossil energy options, it is important that solutions to the energy problem be sustainable with regard to a number of factors. When one traditionally considers sustainability from a technological sense, the factors that immediately come to mind include sustainable resource utilization (e.g. efficiency of water and energy use), wastewater treatment and reuse, and greenhouse gas emissions. There are also additional important economic, environmental, and social factors that are equally important to consider. Economic sustainability may depend on such factors as current and future product values, availability and cost of feedstocks, availability and cost of energy, product mix, net income, job creation, and others. Besides greenhouse gas impacts, environmental sustainability may depend on factors such as the net energy balance, other environmental impacts, effects on wildlife habitats, and competition for resources and land. Social sustainability may depend on health impacts, impacts related to industrial development, and the development of a workforce skilled in the operation of the needed technologies. As we move forward with the development and commercialization of biorefineries, each of the above factors must be considered. Additional factors that will impact the development of biorefineries and renewable energy in general include climate change, global politics, resource constraints, and the health of both regional and global economies. In each case, sustainability will play a key role in the success or failure of the biorefinery concept for the future.

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Graham has worked for General Mills for 6 years, predominantly on energy reduction with additional experience in project engineering and reliability engineering. Graham has delivered a total of $5,000,000 in energy savings at one General Mills cereal plant including a 29% BTU per pound of product reduction. As the first Energy Engineer in the company, Graham advocated to senior leadership to hire energy engineers in all 7 cereal plants, and he now leads this team. He developed the 5 Step Energy Reduction Process for this team to follow, which has resulted in $3,700,000 in savings in one year including a 8% BTU/lb reduction for the cereal division, with similar results expected over the next couple years. This significantly exceeded the 1.4% reduction per year that the division has averaged since 2005. The energy reduction program is being rolled out to another division this year with a plan to eventually cover entire supply chain, further proliferating the savings.

Position Statement

Energy reduction in an industrial setting is a huge opportunity that is largely untapped. A focus on energy reduction in General Mills has paid significant dividends. The first step in reduction is engaging a dedicated resource and proper sub metering of the facility’s largest energy users. This leads itself into understanding the energy map of the facility. The next step is to conduct deep dive optimizations of large energy users and then redeploy the learnings across similar unit operations in the facilities. The key to success is developing a tool set to make the redeployment as easy as possible, including all solutions and calculations. Lastly, in order to sustain results, energy needs to be viewed as an ingredient in every step of the process. It should be tracked that way and managed that way real time against production numbers instead of looking at monthly bills.

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Jim is currently the Technical Director –System Engineering, Reliability Engineering, Platform Center of Excellence and Maintenance at General Mills Inc. He has 34 years of industry experience, starting with 6 years in the Plastics Industry and 28 years in the Food Industry with GMI. While at General Mills, Jim has had roles in proprietary machine design, Manufacturing System Improvement and Optimization, Cheerios and Wheaties Product Improvement, System Engineering, Control System Application Development, MES Application Development and Platform Center of Excellence.

In Jim's current role he is responsible for improving the existing asset base in GMI Manufacturing Plants across the Globe. (Specifically centered on our strategic operating platforms) Our mission is to improve, extend and sustain our assets. This function is responsible for platform technology and standardization, energy and water reduction, system engineering, reliability engineering and maintenance. It was newly formed in June, 2012. In addition, Jim is responsible for developing the technical mastery for all of engineering.

In Jim's most recent role he was responsible for Manufacturing Execution Systems, Enterprise Manufacturing Intelligence, Maintenance Applications, Engineering Tools (Enterprise project and portfolio management, Process Simulation and Sharepoint /Collaboration for the Technical Community), Control and Information Technical Innovation and Next Generation Application Architecture.

Jim is an Executive Board member of the SMLC, Smart Manufacturing Leadership Coalition.

Position Statement

Our focus in GMI Sustainability is to reduce our environmental footprint and drive business results. We have established aggressive 10 year goals FY2005 - 2015 . (Energy, GHG and Water 20% reductions). In order to achieve these reductions we have focused our efforts where we can have the greatest impact, both within our operations and outside of the them, primarily in agriculture and ingredient production.

Inside of GMI Supply Chain my team has focused on Manfacturing. The largest single factor is cultural. We must consider Energy and Water as ingredients to our product, not just utilities. When they are treated with the same dilengence as valued consumables you begin to develop strategies and solutions to optimize their use/consumption. At GMI we have developed a 5 step process to reduce the consumption of Energy. Last year alone we drove the reduction in energy by 8% in our cereal division. Through this process we systematically analyze energy use at each facility, line, unit operation and develop standardized improvement plans that are redeployed across the organization.

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Position Statement

The process – energy – environmental systems engineering (PEESE) lab directed by Fengqi You has been actively investigating a number of practical and fundamentally important problems in sustainable engineering. On-going research activities involve (1) Sustainable design and synthesis of chemical processes and energy systems, including biomass-to-biofuels processes and carbon capture and utilization; (2) Sustainable manufacturing, sustainable operations (planning & scheduling) and control of manufacturing systems, (3) Life cycle energy, environmental, and economic systems analysis and optimization of manufacturing/energy supply chains, and (4) Sustainability analysis of nanotechnology and advanced materials, e.g. organic photovoltaics and biomass-based chemical products (in collaboration with Argonne National Laboratory).