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INGEDE Project 135 11 "Adsorption Deinking"

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Deinking and energy efficiency





Levels of energy efficiency

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The objectives of our INGEDE-project

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- Development of alternative concepts (adsorption deinking) which should show
 - > comparable results as far as stock quality is concerned
 - significant reductions in specific energy
- Verification at laboratory scale

Genesis of the idea

- Novel cleaning method developed for the textile industry.
- Certain polymers extract dirt and other hydrophobic components out of fabrics and accumulate them on their surface.
 - Polymeric beads serve as "dirt catcher"
 - > 90 % water saving
 - > 30 % reduction of operational costs

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Expected benefits as compared to state-of-the-art technology

- Much higher consistencies during ink removal result in significant energy savings
- Friction between beads and paper support both pulping and dispersing and might even allow for a combination of these tasks in just one process
- Appropriate separation processes would significantly reduce fibre losses or make them controllable

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Adsorption deinking – the procedure



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Comparison of methods



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Summary

- Standard deinking chemistry is suitable for adsorption deinking
- Increasing
 - stock consistencies,
 - pulping time and
 - amount of polymeric beads

support ink adsorption.

- But there are optimum operation conditions
- No negative influence on strength and other pulp and suspension properties (Fiber-Lab, E (SR)).

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- · Best results:
 - 15 % stock consistency
 - polymer/paper ratio of 1:1
- Increase in brightness of 10 %-points.
- Clear reduction of dirt specks.
- Mineral oil analysis:
 - Discharge of approx. 75 % of all mineral oil components
 - Comparable with usual laboratory flotation

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- A subsequent flotation render only a slight improvement
- Adsorption deinking achieves nearly the results of laboratory flotation
- Pulping + Dispersing + Deinking in one process step
- Much lower (or much better controllable) fibre losses

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Outlook and complementary projects

- · Investigations with respect to the
 - cleanability as well as the
 - ➤ reusability
 - of the polymeric beads. (IGF project)
- Investigations on how and where the loaded polymeric beads to should be separated from the pulp (ZIM project)
- Possibility of combining deinking and dispersing in one process step (INFOR 161)
- Assessment of the performance and suitability (adsorption capacity, separability etc.) of other polymers (IGF project).

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Thank you very much for your attention

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Results and discussion

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Mineral oil analysis:



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