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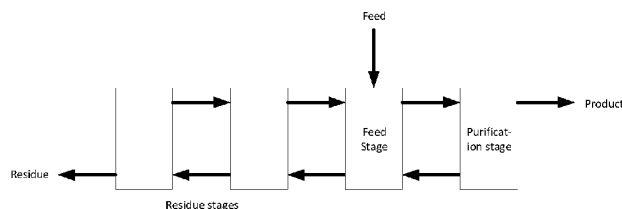


Figure 1: Schematic of Fractional Crystallisation

(57) **Abstract:** A process for purifying a crude methyl methacrylate (MMA) stream is described, typically from one or more depolymerised (co)polymers comprising methyl methacrylate (MMA). The stream comprises MMA at a level of at least 80 wt% and ethyl acrylate (EA). The process includes the steps of:- fractionally crystallising the said MMA stream to provide a fractionally crystallised MMA stream having a reduced EA content relative to the MMA stream immediately prior to fractional crystallisation.

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