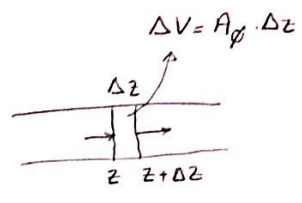


① Chemical rxn with Dispersion



- MBE for a tubular flow reactor with axial dispersion, for reactant A

$$- \left[(uC_A)_{z+\Delta z} - (uC_A)_z \right] + \left[D_L \frac{dC_A}{dz} \Big|_{z+\Delta z} - D_L \frac{dC_A}{dz} \Big|_z \right] = -r_A \cdot \Delta z$$

$$\frac{-\Delta z}{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \rightarrow - \frac{d}{dz} (uC_A) + \frac{d}{dz} \left(D_L \frac{dC_A}{dz} \right) = -r_A \quad (1)$$

- Hard to solve analytically if u and D_L are functions of z .
- Eq. (1) is a fairly general form for a 1D model.
- Assumption: D_L is constant (usually); $u \approx v_0$ (for a constant density system).

Hence, the governing eq. becomes:

$$D_L \frac{d^2 C_A}{dz^2} - u \frac{dC_A}{dz} = -r_A$$

Dimensionless variables: $C_A^* = \frac{C_A}{C_{A0}}$, $z^* = \frac{z}{L}$, $\tau = \frac{V}{v_0} = \frac{L}{u_0} = \frac{L}{u}$ (for a constant density system)

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{D_L}{uL} \right) \frac{d^2 C_A^*}{dz^{*2}} - \frac{dC_A^*}{dz^*} - \tau (-r_A) = 0 \quad (2)$$

B.C.s

- #1: @ $z^* = 1$: $\frac{dC_A^*}{dz^*} = 0$
- #2: @ $z^* = 0$: $C_A^* - \frac{D_L}{uL} \frac{dC_A^*}{dz^*} = 1$

no axial dispersion in feed line, $-D \frac{dC}{dz} + uC = uC_0$, which $\alpha = \sqrt{1 + 4k\tau \left(\frac{D_L}{uL} \right)}$

for 1st order rxns ($-r_A = kC_A$), analytical solution gives:

$$C_A^* \Big|_L = \frac{C_{Ae}}{C_{A0}} = \frac{\alpha \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{uL}{D_L}\right)}{(1+\alpha) \exp\left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{uL}{D_L}\right) - (1-\alpha) \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{uL}{D_L}\right)}$$

- limiting cases: $\frac{D_L}{uL} = 0 \Rightarrow$ PFR, $\frac{D_L}{uL} = \infty \Rightarrow$ CSTR

- for small deviations from plug flow ($\frac{D_L}{uL} \approx$ small), we have: $\frac{C_A}{C_{A0}} = \exp\left[-k\tau + (k\tau)^2 \frac{D_L}{uL}\right]$

- Performance of a real reactor compared with an ideal one is given by

- $\frac{L}{L_p} = \frac{V}{V_p} = 1 + k\tau \frac{D_L}{uL}$, for the same $C_{A,out}$
- $\frac{C_A}{C_{A,p}} = 1 + (k\tau)^2 \frac{D_L}{uL}$, for $v \approx V$

performance charts and treatment for n^{th} order kinetics are given in Levenspiel.

② Laminar flow Reactor

- Velocity in axial direction is parabolic, and velocity profile is: $u(r) = \frac{2Q}{\pi r_0^2} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^2 \right]$ 1

- Residence time, t , at any r is: $t = \frac{L}{u} = \frac{\pi r_0^2 L}{2Q \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^2 \right]}$ 2

$Q \triangleq$ volumetric flowrate
 r_0 tube radius
 $V = L\pi r_0^2$

$$t = \frac{V/Q}{2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^2 \right]} = \frac{t_m}{2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^2 \right]}$$
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- Fraction of the effluent with a radius between r and $r+dr$ is $dF(r) = \frac{u(r) \cdot 2\pi r dr}{Q} = dF(t) =$ Fraction of the effluent with residence time between t and $t + \Delta t$

$$\Rightarrow dF(t) = \frac{4}{r_0^2} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^2 \right] r \cdot dr \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow t = \frac{t_m}{2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^2 \right]} \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dr} = \frac{t_m}{2} \cdot \frac{2 \frac{r}{r_0^2}}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^2 \right]^2} = \frac{t_m}{r_0^2} \cdot \frac{r}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^2 \right]^2} \Rightarrow r dr = \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^2 \right]^2 \frac{r_0^2}{t_m} dt \quad 5$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow r dr = \left(\frac{t_m}{2t} \right)^2 \frac{r_0^2}{t_m} dt = \frac{t_m r_0^2}{4t^2} dt$$

$$\textcircled{4} \Rightarrow dF(t) = \frac{4}{r_0^2} \cdot \frac{t_m}{2t} \cdot \frac{t_m r_0^2}{4t^2} dt = \frac{t_m^2}{2t^3} dt \quad \text{6} \Rightarrow E(t) = \frac{dF(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{t_m^2}{t^3}$$

- In integration of eq. 06 we should note that the ~~max~~^{min} residence time is not zero, but corresponds to the max velocity at the center of the tube. Which is twice the average velocity. ($t_{\min} = \frac{1}{2} t_m$)

$$\text{- hence: } F(t) = \int_{t_m}^t \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{t_m^2}{t^3} dt = \frac{t_m^2}{2} \int_{t_m}^t \frac{dt}{t^3} \Rightarrow F(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{t}{t_m} \right)^{-2} & , \text{ for } t \geq t_m/2 \\ 0 & , \text{ for } t \leq t_m/2 \end{cases}$$