



# Model-Based Experimental Analysis of Multi-Phase Reaction Systems

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- 13 research groups with cross-disciplinary expertise
  - biotechnolgy (Ansorge-Schuhmacher)
  - biochemical engineering (Büchs)
  - reaction engineering (Greiner, Leitner)
  - thermal separations (Pfennig)
  - transport phenomena (Kneer)
  - multiphase fluid dynamics (Modigell)
  - computational engineering science (Behr)
  - process systems engineering (Bardow, Marquardt)
  - numerical mathematics (Reusken)
  - scientific computing (Bischof, Bücker)
  - NMR imaging (Blümich, Stapf)
  - optical spectroscopy (Koß, Lucas, Poprawe)

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α,λ,κ,

 $\mu,\sigma,D(x)$ 

cf. J.V. Beck, Meas. Sci. Techn. 9 (1998)

- common approach in research and industrial practice
  - coupled phenomena
  - detailed models, numerical case studies
  - comparison of simulation and experimental results
  - evaluation of the model, but no model identification !

#### suggested approach

- coordinated design of model and experiment
- model refinement based on experimental evidence
- accounting for inevitable measurement errors
- identification of a valid (mechanistic) model (structure & parameters) !



model-based experimental analysis – MEXA: valid models at minimal effort





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## What are the ingredients for implementation ?







## Benchmarking with all kinds of modelling problems in progress !



## **RVITH** MEXA for Multi-Component Diffusion Modeling

## Why studying diffusion ?

- detrimental for product and process design
- very high experimental effort
- very few multi-component diffusion data available
- validity of diffusion models still a matter of debate





selectivity of heterogeneously catalyzed reactions (Pantelides & Urban, 2004)

- a good model problem
  - for the development of
  - MEXA methodology



































robust and efficient identification of models experimental results for binary and ternary diffusion Bardow, Göke, Koß & Marquardt (2003, 2006)





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- analysis of one-dimensional diffusion
- nonlinear calibration approach (Alsmeyer et al., 2003,2004)
- simultaneous measurement of all mole fractions
- high resolution ( $\Delta t = 10 \text{ s}$ ,  $\Delta z = 20 \mu \text{m}$ )
- measurement error:
- statistical  $\leq$  0.2 mol-%, systematic  $\leq$  0.5 mol-%,



## **Experimental Setup**

wave number

notch filter

mirror



camera chip

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mirror

grating

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detector







**Ternary experiments:** 

•  $\Delta c \text{ small} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{D}, V_i = const.$ 

• Process:

$$\frac{\partial c_i(z,t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} D_{ij}^V \frac{\partial^2 c_j(z,t)}{\partial z^2}$$

• Measurements:

$$x_i(z,t) = C_i(z,t)/C_t(z,t)$$

• Measurement error:

$$\sigma^2 = const$$







1. Qualitative Design: Identifiability

 $\rightarrow$  ternary diffusion matrix from one short experiment

2. Quantitative Design:  $\rightarrow$  what mixture volume ratio?



 $\rightarrow$  where to measure?

- $\rightarrow$  how long to measure?
- $\rightarrow$  which mixture compositions?
- $\rightarrow$  when is the run stable?

## Model-based design:

choose free settings such that information on diffusion coefficients is maximized







- scaled objective  $\zeta$ -efficiency measures information per parameter
- measurements at the wall, i.e. restricted diffusion experiments
- slightly unequal volume of both phases
- experiment duration characterized by optimal Fourier time







- one experiment sufficient
- but 10-fold increase in precision if two runs are used
  - optimize initial composition



experiments should be as distinct as possible (φ<sup>(2)</sup>=φ<sup>(1)</sup>+90°)
additional conditions to ensure hydrodynamic stability



## Raman Experiment











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 $\rightarrow$  one Raman experiment gives full diffusion matrix  $\rightarrow$  currently scatter in data is still significant







### Diffusivities from two Raman experiments



- $\rightarrow$  good precision from 2 optimized runs
- → robust & efficient measurement
- $\rightarrow$  quantitative validation of design predictions











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# falling films are all around: falling film cooler

MEXA for Kinetics Modeling in Falling Film Reactors

- falling film evaporator
- falling film absorber
- falling film reactors
- transport phenomena are hardly understood, interaction between
  - fluid dynamics with free surface
  - heat and mass transfer
  - chemical reaction
- first step: modelling of heat transfer with effective transport coefficients







#### ... incremental identification adapted to multi-dimensional PDE problem



#### ... a generic concept applicable to all kinds of kinetic problems (Marquardt, 2005)



**Discretisation:** 

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 $|\Omega_{h}|: 150 \times 9 \times 3; \Delta t = 0.01s$ 

#### **Domain:**



#### Material: Polydimethylsiloxane DMS-T05





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$$\rho = 912[kg/m^{3}], c = 1540[J/kgK], v = 4.7 \cdot 10^{-6}[m^{2}/s]$$
  
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$$\nabla J(F_k(\mathbf{x},t))|_{\Gamma_{in}} = 0 \Rightarrow F_k(\mathbf{x},t)|_{\Gamma_{in}}$$
 will not change

#### F deviates from $F^{ex}$

lack of information at the outlet due to the convection

> as 
$$t/t_f \rightarrow 1$$
:  
 $\nabla J(F_k(\mathbf{x}, t_f)) = 0 \Rightarrow F_k(\mathbf{x}, t_f)$  will *not* change

**Model-Based Experimental Analysis** 

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standard deviation of the measurement error:  $\sigma$  zero mean normal distribution with variance one:  $\varpi$ 

## **Regularisation via discretization and suitable stopping criteria:**

discrepancy principle:  $J(x,t; F_w^{n_{opt}}) < \kappa\sigma, \kappa > 1$  i.e.  $\kappa = 1.02$ , k = 47











#### method integration has high potential !

- optimal experimental design reduces effort
- structure identification leads to mechanisms

 improvement of method integration in particular for distributed problems

### incremental refinement has high potential !

- homogenous reactions, multi-component diffusion, diffusion & bioreaction in gels
- drastic reduction of experimental and engg. effort
- significantly improved transparency







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- accept interactions between kinetic phenomena in experiments, but isolate them during identification by a suitable decomposition strategy
- high precision calibration of high-resolution measurements (PIV, LIC, LCSM, NMR imaging, Raman / IR spectroscopy etc.) often is a difficult modeling problem in itself
- statistics of measurement errors need to be included in the analysis
- **flux estimation** is the key to reliable identification

tremendous improvements are possible by systematic cross-disciplinary linking of process systems and experimental skills





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