

ERQ I – Slide: Chemical Reactors

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1 General equation of molar balance



$$F_{i0} - F_{i1} + F_{iP} = \frac{dN_i}{dt}$$

Molar balance to the limitant reagent A

F_{A0} /mol (A)/L (0) h input

F_{A1} /mol (A)/L (1) h output

F_{AP} /mol (A)/L h produced

$\frac{dN_A}{dt}$ /mol (A)/L h Accumulated

2 Reaction rate

$$r_A = V^{-1} \frac{dN_A}{dt}$$

$$r'_A = W^{-1} \frac{dN_A}{dt}$$

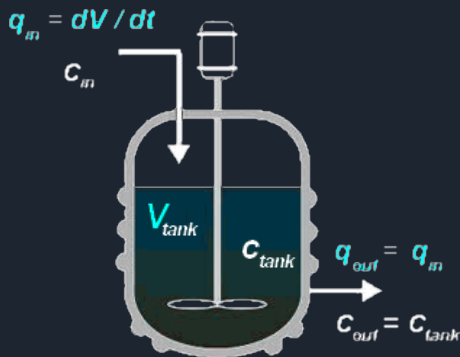
$$r''_A = S^{-1} \frac{dN_A}{dt}$$

$$F_{AP} = \int_V r_A \, dV$$

3 Ideal reactors

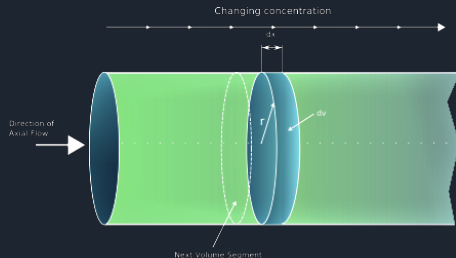
CSTR: Continuous stirred-tank reactor

Homogenous mix trough **every point** of the reactor



PFR: Plug flow reactor model

Homogeneous mix trough a **disk section**



Batch: Similar to CSTR but descontinuous (no input/output)

4 How to balance each reactor

General equation

$$F_{i0} - F_{i1} + F_{iP} = \frac{dN_i}{dt}$$

X: Conversion

$$X = 1 - N_{i1}/N_{i0} = 1 - F_{i1}/F_{i0}$$

4.1 Continuous reactors

Steady State: Maintaining constant all functioning conditions (input current, temperature, pressure, ...), after a certain time the reactor reaches a steady state where all the output parameters (caudal, concentration, temperature, ...) become constant in time.

Spatial time:

$$\tau = \frac{V \text{ (reactor volume)}}{v \text{ (volumetric caudal)}}$$

4.2 Batch balance



$$r_i V = \frac{dN_i}{dt} \iff t = C_{i0} \int_0^X \frac{dX}{-r_A};$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} F_{i0} = F_{i1} = 0 \text{ (No input/output)} \\ \int_V r_i dV = r_i V \text{ (Continuously agitated)} \end{array} \right)$$

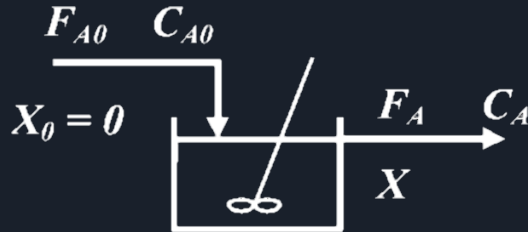
$$F_{i0} + F_{i1} + F_{iP} = F_{iP} = \int_V r_i dV = r_i \int_V dV = r_i V = \frac{dN_i}{dt};$$

$$X = 1 - N_{i1}/N_{i0} \implies N_{i1} = N_{i0}(1 - X) \implies$$

$$\implies \frac{dN_i}{dt} = \frac{dN_{i0}(1 - X)}{dt} = -N_{i0} \frac{dX}{dt} r_i V \implies$$

$$\implies \int_0^t dt = t = \int_0^X \frac{-N_{i0}}{r_i V} dX = \frac{N_{i0}}{V} \int_0^X \frac{dX}{-r_i} = C_{i0} \int_0^X \frac{dX}{-r_i}$$

4.3 CSTR balance

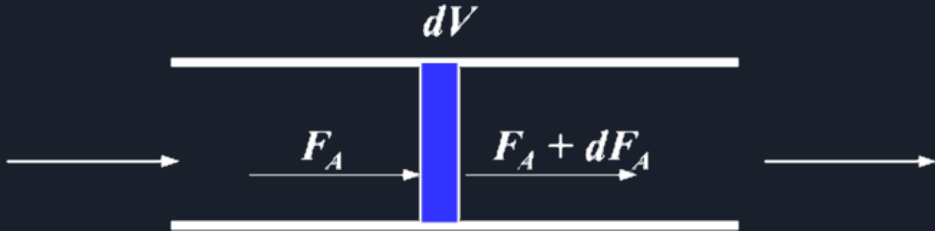


$$\tau = C_{i0} \frac{X}{-r_i};$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \frac{dN_i}{dt} = 0 \text{ (Steady state)} \\ \int_V r_A \, dV = r_A V \text{ (Continuously agitated)} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{i0} - F_{i1} + F_{iP} &= F_{i0} - (F_{i0}(1 - X)) + (r_i V) = F_{i0} X + r_i V = (v_0 C_{i0}) X + r_i V = \\ &= \frac{dN_A}{dt} = 0 \implies \frac{V}{v_0} = \tau = C_{i0} \frac{X}{-r_i} \end{aligned}$$

4.4 PFR Balance



$$\tau = C_{i0} \int_0^X \frac{dX}{-r_A};$$

(steady state elemental disk)

$$\begin{aligned} F_{ij} - F_{i(j+1)} + F_i &= F_{ij} - (F_{ij} + dF_{ij}) + (r_i dV) = -dF_{ij} + r_i dV = \\ &= -dF_{i0}(1 - X) + r_i dV = F_{i0} dX + r_i dV = (C_{i0} v_0) dX + r_i dV = \\ &= \frac{dN_i}{dt} = 0 \implies \\ \implies \frac{1}{v_0} \int_0^V dV \frac{V}{v_0} &= \tau = \int_0^X C_{i0} \frac{dX}{-r_i} = C_{i0} \int_0^X \frac{dX}{-r_i} \end{aligned}$$