

▼ BPL_IEC_operation script with PyFMI

The key library PyFMI is installed.

After the installation a small application BPL_IEC_operation is loaded and run. You can continue with this example if you like.

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!lsb_release -a # Actual VM Ubuntu version used by Google

No LSB modules are available.
Distributor ID: Ubuntu
Description:    Ubuntu 20.04.5 LTS
Release:        20.04
Codename:       focal

%env PYTHONPATH=

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!wget https://repo.anaconda.com/miniconda/Miniconda3-py39_23.1.0-1-Linux-x86_64.sh
!chmod +x Miniconda3-py39_23.1.0-1-Linux-x86_64.sh
!bash ./Miniconda3-py39_23.1.0-1-Linux-x86_64.sh -b -f -p /usr/local
import sys
sys.path.append('/usr/local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/')

--2023-04-24 18:25:10-- https://repo.anaconda.com/miniconda/Miniconda3-py39_23.1.0-1-Linux-x86_64.sh
Resolving repo.anaconda.com (repo.anaconda.com)... 104.16.131.3, 104.16.130.3, 2606:4700::6810:8203, ...
Connecting to repo.anaconda.com (repo.anaconda.com)|104.16.131.3|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 69888122 (67M) [application/x-sh]
Saving to: 'Miniconda3-py39_23.1.0-1-Linux-x86_64.sh'

Miniconda3-py39_23. 100%[=====>] 66.65M 204MB/s in 0.3s

2023-04-24 18:25:10 (204 MB/s) - 'Miniconda3-py39_23.1.0-1-Linux-x86_64.sh' saved [69888122/69888122]

PREFIX=/usr/local
Unpacking payload ...

Installing base environment...

Downloading and Extracting Packages

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Preparing transaction: done
Executing transaction: done
installation finished.

!conda update -n base -c defaults conda --yes
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Preparing transaction: done  
Verifying transaction: done  
Executing transaction: done
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!conda --version  
!python --version
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conda 23.3.1  
Python 3.9.16
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!conda install -c conda-forge pyfmi --yes # Install the key package
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Preparing transaction: done
Verifying transaction: done
Executing transaction: done
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▼ Notes of BPL_IEC_operation

Now specific installation and the run simulations. Start with connecting to Github. Then upload the two files:

- FMU - BPL_IEC_operation_linux_jm_cs.fmu
- Setup-file - BPL_IEC_operation_explore

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%%bash
git clone https://github.com/janpeter19/BPL_IEC_operation

Cloning into 'BPL_IEC_operation'...

%cd BPL_IEC_operation

/content/BPL_IEC_operation
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▼ BPL_IEC_operation

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In this notebook we show operation of a typical ion-exchange chromatography step. The impact of pH is also illustrated.

The model is based on the simplified model [1].

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run -i BPL_IEC_explore.py

Linux - run FMU pre-compiled OpenModelica 1.21.0

Model for bioreactor has been setup. Key commands:
- par()      - change of parameters and initial values
- init()     - change initial values only
- simu()     - simulate and plot
- newplot()  - make a new plot
- show()     - show plot from previous simulation
- disp()     - display parameters and initial values from the last simulation
- describe() - describe culture, broth, parameters, variables with values/units

Note that both disp() and describe() takes values from the last simulation

Brief information about a command by help(), eg help(simu)
Key system information is listed with the command system_info()

%matplotlib inline
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [36/2.54, 30/2.54]
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▼ Typical parameters for a pilot scale ion exchange chromatography column process setup

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# From given column height (h) diameter (d) and linear flow rate (lfr)
# actual column volume (V) and volume flow rate (VFR) are calculated below.
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from numpy import pi
h = 20.0
d = 1.261
a = pi*(d/2)**2
V = h*a
print('V =', np.round(V,1), '[mL]')

lfr = 48
VFR = a*lfr/60
print('VFR =', np.round(VFR,1), '[mL/min]')                                # Pump schedule parameter

V = 25.0 [mL]
VFR = 1.0 [mL/min]

# Sample concentration product P_in and antagonist A_in
par(P_in = 1.0)
par(A_in = 1.0)

# Column properties are described by the size and binding capacity of the resin Q_av
par(height = h)
par(diameter = d)
par(Q_av = 6.0)

# Remaining salt koncentration in the column from prvious batch and eliminated during the initial equilibration peri
init(E_0 = 50)

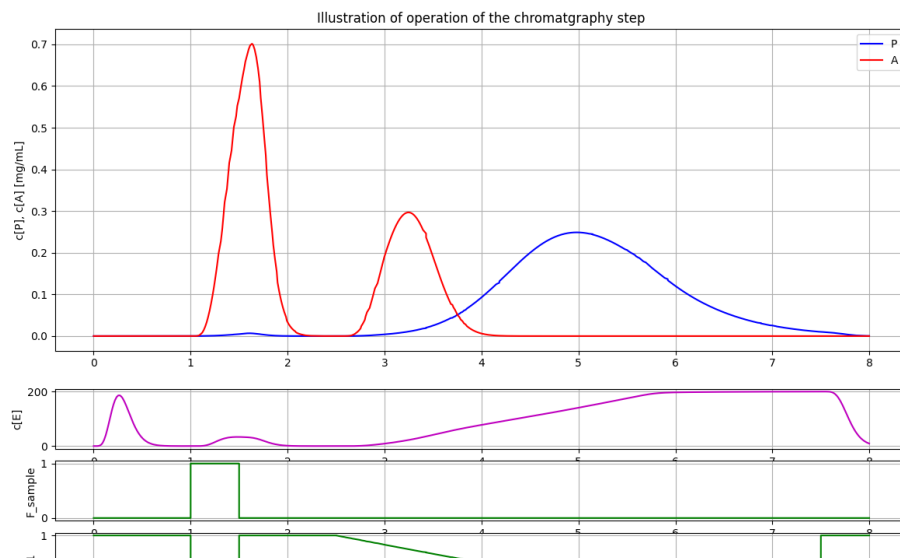
# Salt koncentration of the desorption buffer
par(E_in_desorption_buffer = 8.0)

# Flow rate rate through the
par(LFR=lfr)

# Switching points during operation are conveniently described in terms of multiples of the column volume V
CV_ekv = 1.0
CV_ads = 0.5
CV_wash = 1.0
CV_desorb = 3.0
CV_start_pool = 1.2
CV_stop_pool = 4.5
CV_wash2 = 2.5
par(scale_volume=True, start_adsorption=CV_ekv*V, stop_adsorption=(CV_ekv+CV_ads)*V)
par(start_desorption=(CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash)*V, stationary_desorption=(CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb)*V)
par(stop_desorption=7.5*V)
par(start_pooling=(CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_start_pool)*V, stop_pooling=(CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_stop_pool)*V)

# Simulation and plot of results
newplot(title='Illustration of operation of the chromatgraphy step', plotType='Elution-conductivity-vs-CV-combined-a
simu((CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb+CV_wash2)*V/VFR)

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Comments of steps of operations:

- 1) Time: 0-1 hours - equilibration. Just to illustrate the equilibration process the first part of the column is given an initial value of salt concentration.
- 2) Time: 1-1.5 hours - sample is loaded on the column. The product P is adsorbed to the column and just a small amount passes through and goes to the waste. The antagonist A is much less adsorbed.
- 3) Time: 1.5-2.5 hours - washing 1. The column comes to equilibrium and both antagonist and product comes down to low levels.
- 4) Time: 2.5-5.5 hours - desorption. A linear gradient of increasing salt concentration is applied. First the antagonist and later the product comes out.
- 5) Time: 5.5-7.5 hours - washing 2. The column has constant salt concentration and stationary desorption.
- 6) Time: 3.7-7.0 hours - pooling of product. The start- and stop of pooling are chosen with trade-off between maximizing the product pooled and minimize the amount of antagonist in the pooling.
- 7) Time: 7.5-8.0 hours - desorption stopped and salt is washed out and preparation of the next batch to come.

Note that step 4 and 5 is parallel to step 6.

```
# Check mass-balance of P and A
P_mass = model.get('tank_harvest.m[1]') + model.get('tank_waste.m[1]')
A_mass = model.get('tank_harvest.m[2]') + model.get('tank_waste.m[2]')
print('P_mass [mg] =', P_mass)
print('A_mass [mg] =', A_mass)

P_mass [mg] = [12.42212162]
A_mass [mg] = [12.48878113]
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These values should be compared with the expected value 12.5 mg, i.e. half a column volume with sample concentration 1 mg/L. The difference is due to numerical errors during simulation.

▼ Impact of change of binding strength due to pH

There are many factors that contribute to the binding strength. A most important factor is the pH-value of the resin and the characteristic iso-electric point of the protein. The binding strength can be seen as proportional to the difference.

The binding strength of the resin is described by the quotient $K_P = k_1/k_2$ for the protein P and similarly $K_A = k_3/k_4$ for the protein A, see [1].

```
# Define function that describe the proportionality of binding strength of
# the pH difference of the iso-electric point and the resin

def KP_pH_sensitivity(pI_P=8.0, pH_resin=7.0):
    K_P_nom = 0.0
    coeff_pH = 6.0
    return K_P_nom + coeff_pH*(pI_P-pH_resin)

def KA_pH_sensitivity(pI_A=7.1667, pH_resin=7.0):
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K_A_nom = 0.0
coeff_pH = 1.0
return K_A_nom + coeff_pH*(pI_A-pH_resin)

# Let us investigate the impact of change of the iso-electric pH for protein P

# Default value of TP
TP=3.33

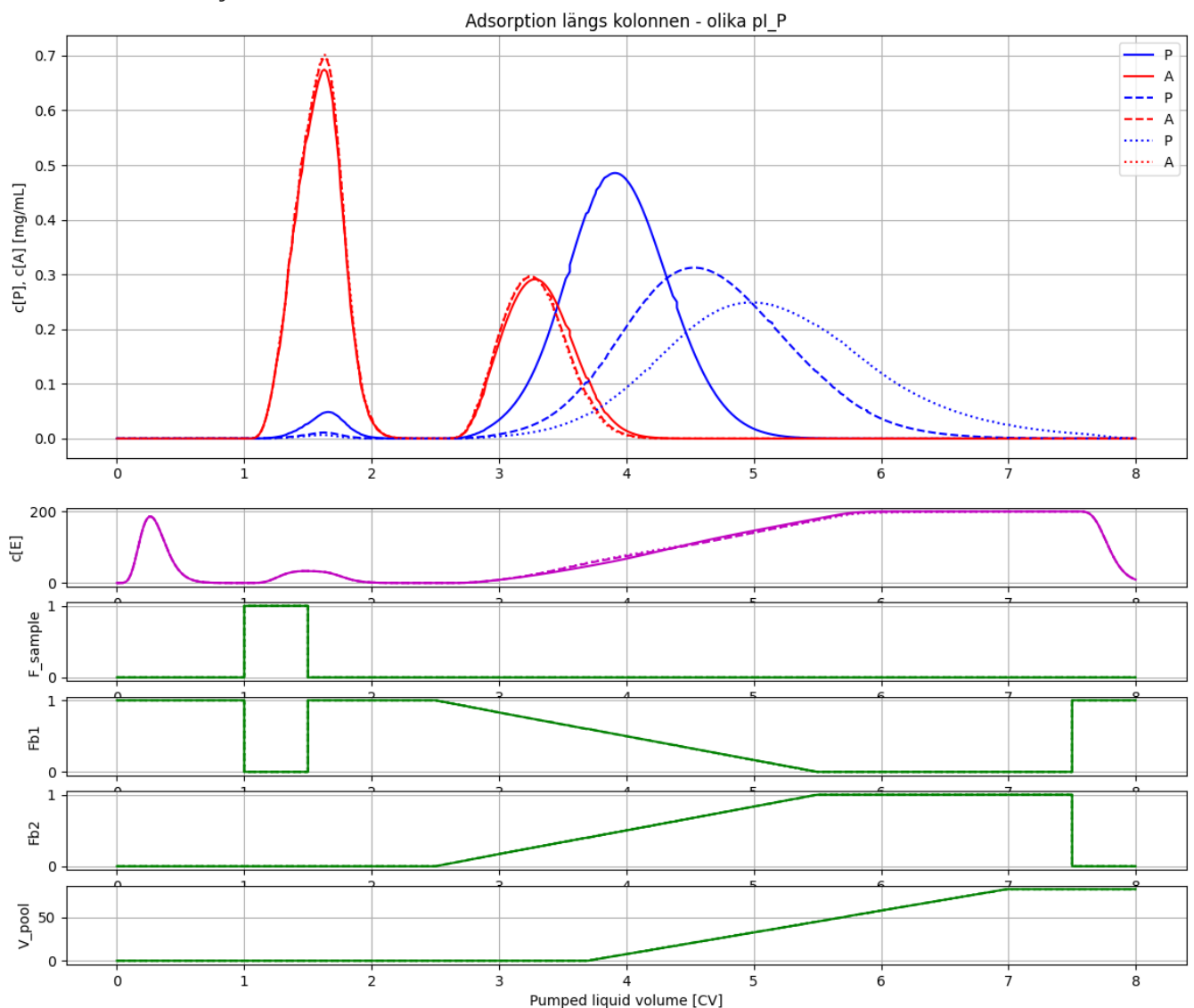
# Simulate and plot the results
newplot(title='Adsorption längs kolonnen - olika pI_P', plotType='Elution-conductivity-vs-CV-combined-all')

for value in [7.2, 7.6, 8.0]:
    par(k2 = 1/(TP*KP_pH_sensitivity(pI_P=value, pH_resin=7.0)));
    simu((CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb+CV_wash2)*V/VFR)
    print(sim_res['tank_harvest.m[1]'][-1], 'mg')

# Restore default values
par(k2 = 1/(TP*KP_pH_sensitivity(pI_P=8.0)))

8.734961016147334 mg
11.650336552488831 mg
11.769880473010728 mg

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Summary

The simplified simulation model was found useful to describe operational aspects of ion exchange chromatography. The model describes qualitatively well the impact of typical operational changes in flow rate.

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References

1) Månsson, Jonas, "Control of chromatography column in production scale", Master thesis TFRT-5599, Department of Automatic Control, LTH, Lund Sweden, 1998. 2) Pharmacia LKB Biotechnology. "Ion Exchange chromatography. Principles and Methods.", 3rd edition, 1991.

▼ Appendix

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system_info()
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System information
-OS: Linux
-Python: 3.9.16
-Scipy: not installed in the notebook
-PyFMI: 2.10.3
-FMU by: OpenModelica Compiler OpenModelica 1.21.0
-FMI: 2.0
-Type: FMUModelME2
-Name: BPL_IEC.Column_system
-Generated: 2023-04-21T10:58:26Z
-MSL: 3.2.3
-Description: Bioprocess Library version 2.1.1
-Interaction: FMU-explore version 0.9.7
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