

Lecture 23: Process modeling & balance laws

- Process modeling, structure and methodology
- Balance laws
 - Closure relations

Book: 10.4, 11.1-11.4

Process equations

- Balance laws

- Mass
- Momentum
- Energy
- ...

- Constitutive equations

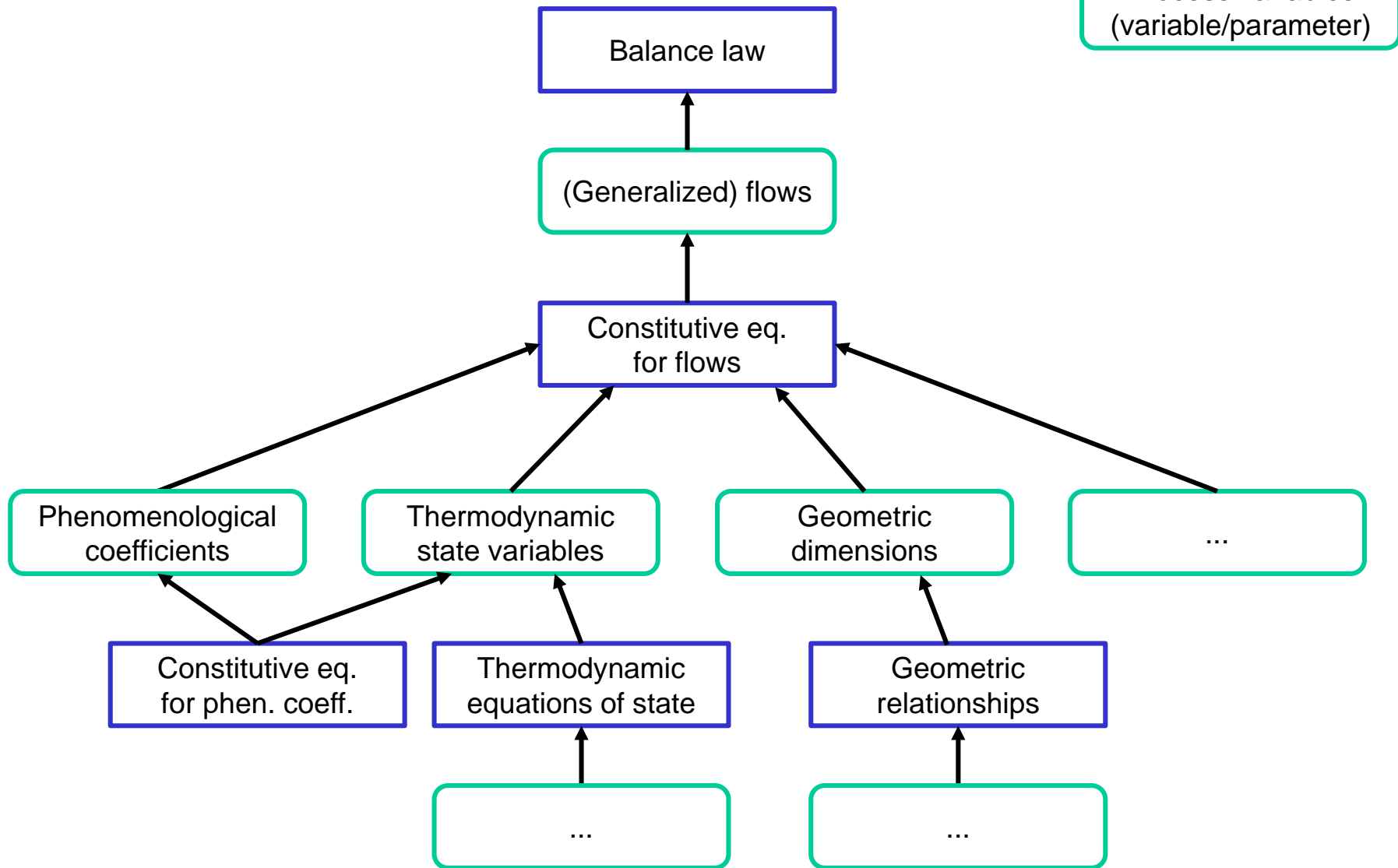
- For (generalized) flows
- Thermodynamic equations of state (e.g. ideal gas law)
- Phenomenological relationships (e.g. between friction force and flow in a pipe)
- ...

- Constraints

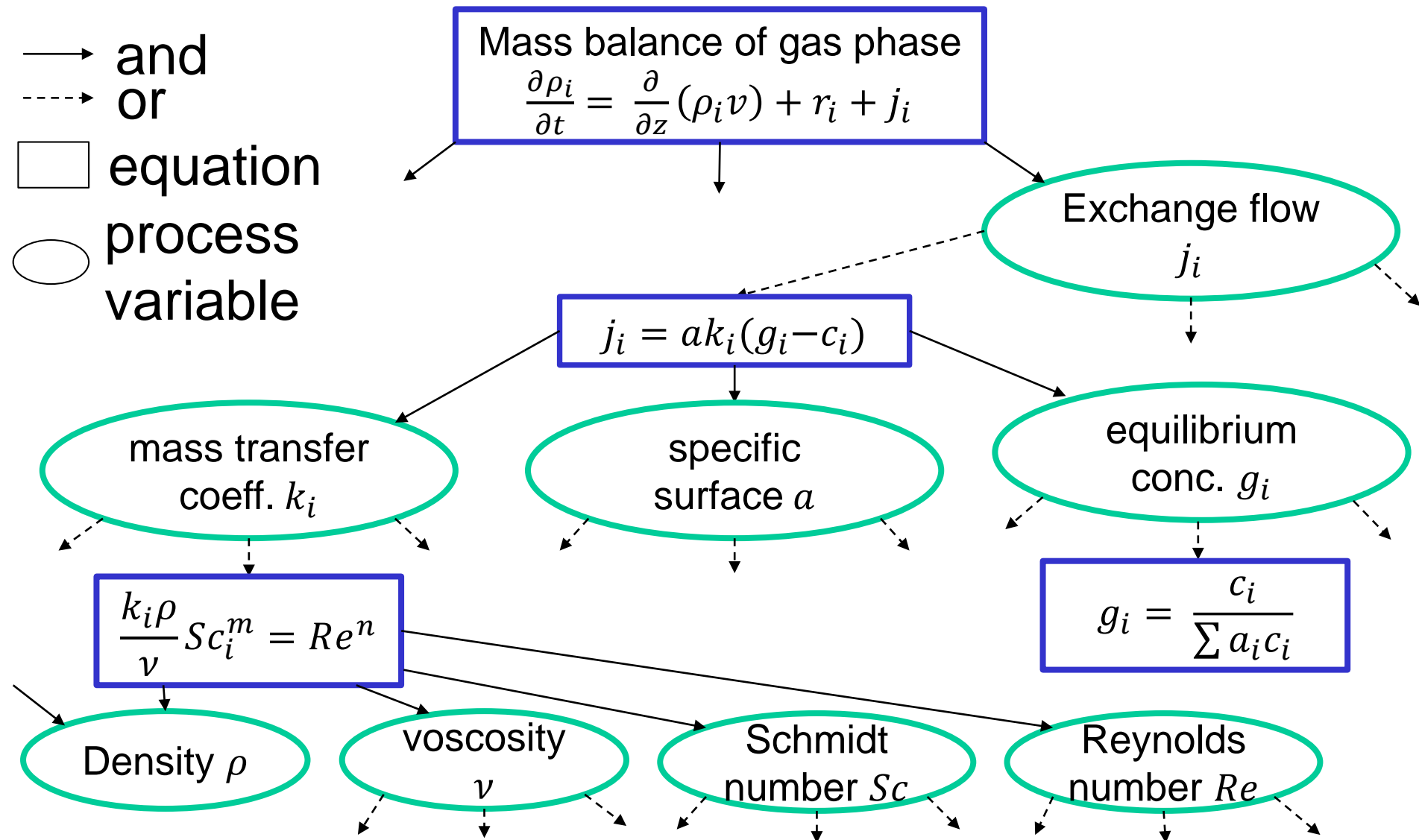
- Geometric relationships
- Equilibrium conditions
- ...

Also called «closure relations» as they «close» the balance laws (such that #equations = #variables)

Structure of process models



Example – structure of process models



Example: Tank

- Mass balance: $\frac{dm}{dt} = (q_i - q_o)\rho$

- Constitutive equation: $q_o = C\sqrt{p - p_0}$ (2)

$$p = p_0 + \rho gh$$
 (3)

- Constraints: $m = V\rho$ (4)

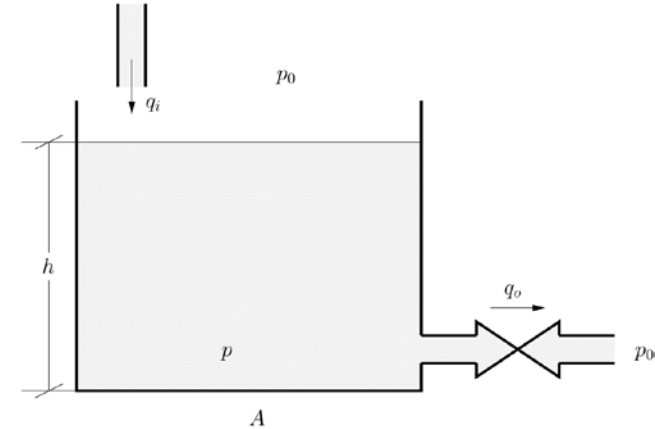
$$V = Ah$$
 (5)

- How many variables?

- Need to define parameter and inputs

- Parameters: C, g, A, ρ

- Inputs: q_i, p_0

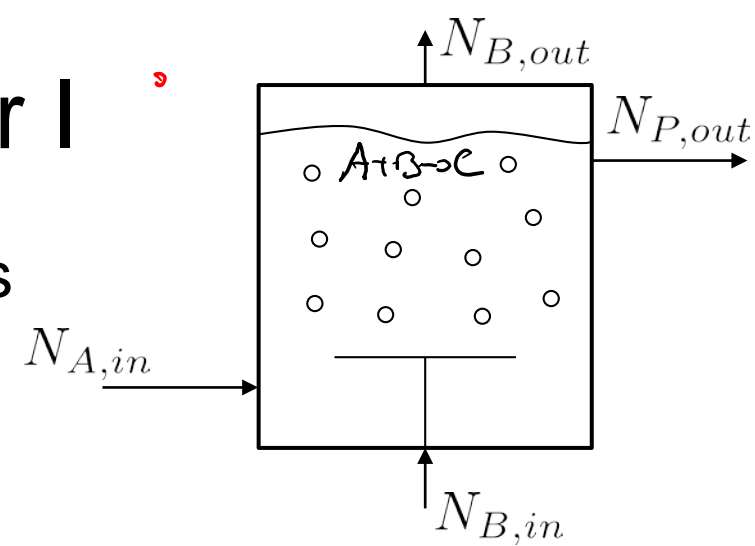


Structural index:

	q_o	p	V	h
(2)	(x)	x		
(3)		(x)		x
(4)			(x)	
(5)				(x)

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Example: Bubble reactor I



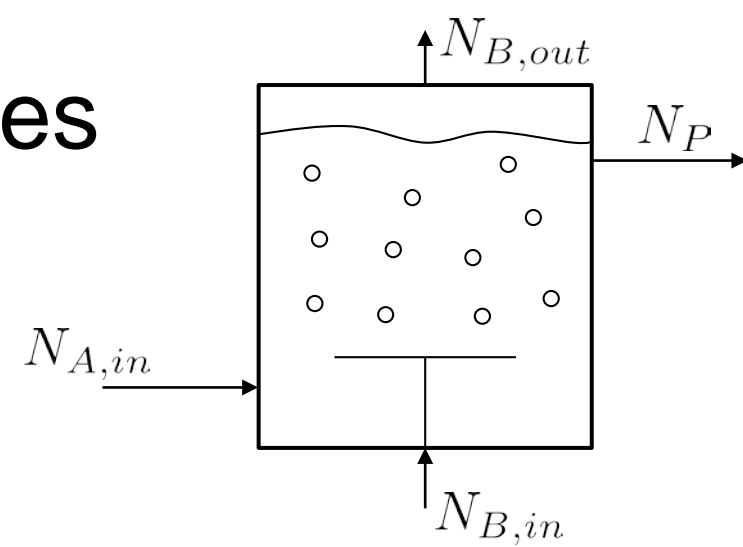
Model reactor as quasi-homogenous

- Assumptions:

- Ideally mixed
- Inflows are pure substances
- Substance A and C are in liquid phase, substance B is gaseous
- The total surface area of the bubbles depends on the inflow B
 - $S_R = S_R(N_{B,in})$
- The reaction rate can be calculated based on the concentration of A and the pressure in the reactor
 - $R_0 = R_0(c_{A,liq}, p)$
- Densities ρ_A and ρ_C and mole masses M_A and M_C are constant and known
- The gas phase can be described by the ideal gas law
 - $p V_{gas} = n_B R_m T$
- The volume of the reactor is constant and known

Bubble reactor – Balances

$$(1) \quad \frac{dn}{dt} = N_{A,in} + N_{B,in} - N_{B,out} - N_P + S_R (R_A + R_B + R_C)$$



$$(2) \quad \frac{dn_A}{dt} = N_{A,in} - X_A N_P + S_R R_A$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{dn_B}{dt} = N_{B,in} - N_{B,out} + S_R R_B$$

Bubble reactor – closure relations I

$$(4) \quad S_R = S_R(N_{B,in})$$

$$(5) \quad R_A = -R_O^{13}$$

$$(6) \quad R_B = -R_O$$

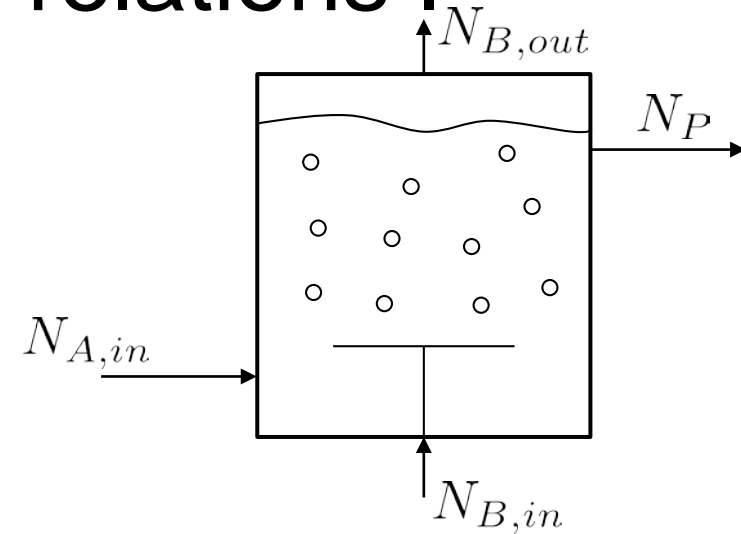
$$(7) \quad R_C = R_O$$

$$(8) \quad R_O = R_O(C_{A,Liq}, p)^{14 \quad 15}$$

$$(9) \quad X_A = \frac{n_A}{n_A + n_C}^{16}$$

$$(13) \quad p V_{gas}^{22} = n_B R_m T^{23 \quad 24}$$

$$(14) \quad V^{25} = V_{gas} + V_{liq}$$



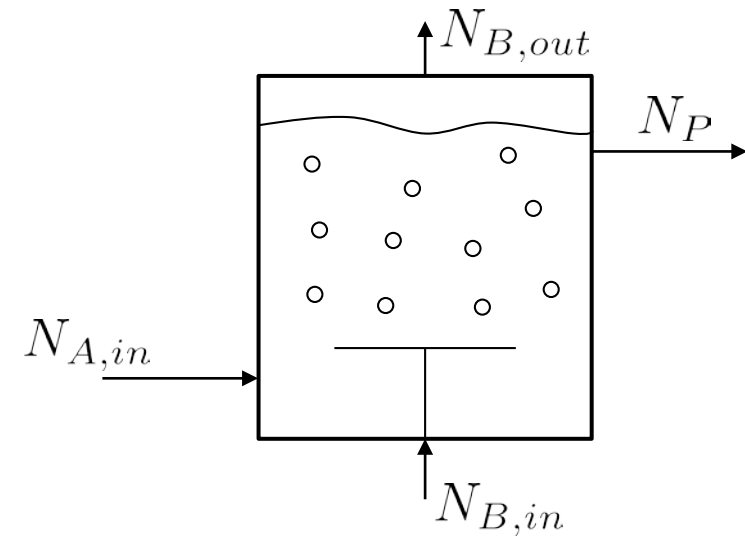
$$(10) \quad n = n_A + n_B + n_C$$

$$(11) \quad C_{A,Liq} \approx \frac{n_A}{V_{liq}}^{17}$$

$$(12) \quad V_{liq} = \underbrace{n_A M_A \frac{1}{\rho_A}}_{V_A} + \underbrace{n_C M_C \frac{1}{\rho_C}}_{V_C}^{18 \quad 19 \quad 20 \quad 21}$$

Bubble reactor – DoF

Equation : #14
 Variables: #25 } DoF #11



- Variables: $[n; N_{A,in}; N_{B,in}; N_{B,out}; N_P; S_R; R_A; R_B; R_C; n_A; x_A; n_B; R_0; c_{A,liq}; p; n_C; V_{liq}; M_A; \rho_A; M_C; \rho_C; V_{gas}; R_m; T; V]$

parameter: $p = [V, \rho_A, \rho_C, M_A, M_C, R_m]^T$

inputs: $u = [N_{A,in}; N_{B,in}; N_{B,out}; N_P; T]$

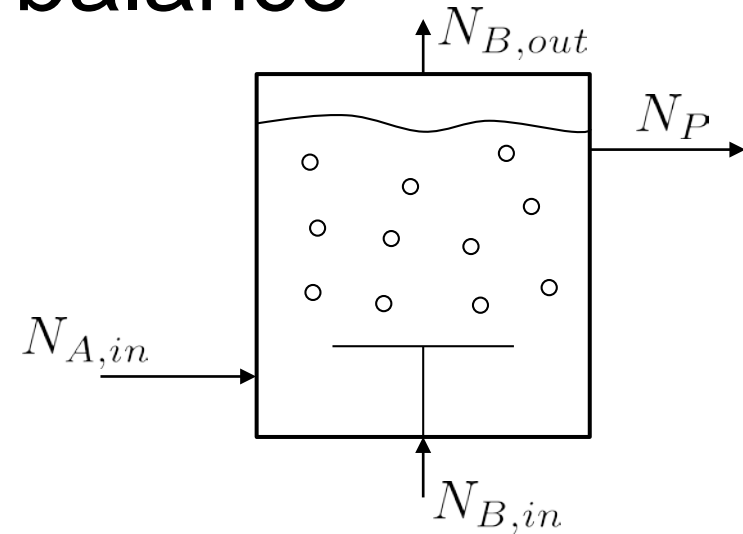
$\rightarrow 11$ DoF fixed

Bubble reactor – structural index

	S_R	R_A	R_B	R_C	R_0	n_C	x_A	$c_{A,liq}$	p	V_{gas}	V_{liq}
(4)	X										
(5)		X			X						
(6)			X		X						
(7)				X	X						
(8)					X			X	X		
(9)						X	X				
(10)						X					
(11)								X			X
(12)						X					X
(13)									X	X	
(14)										X	X

→ structural index : regular

Bubble reactor – energy balance

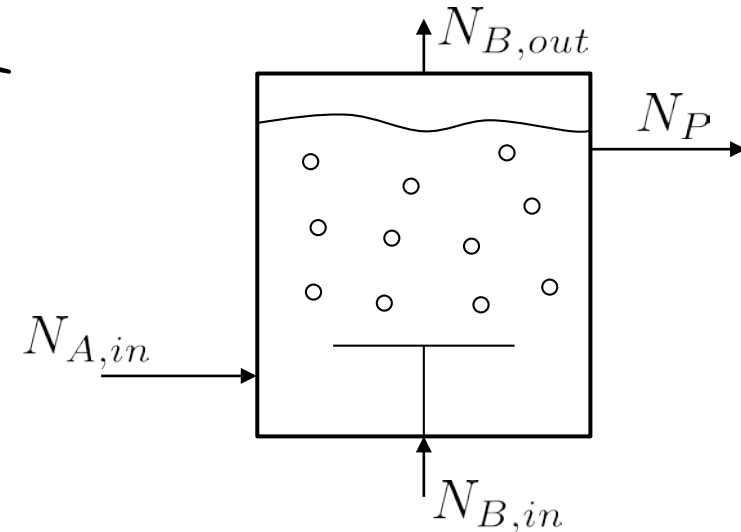


$$\begin{aligned}
 (15) \quad \frac{dU}{dt} &= N_{A,in} h_{A,in} + N_{B,in} h_{B,in} \\
 &\quad - N \cdot h_B - N_P h_P
 \end{aligned}$$

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Bubble reactor – closure relations II

- Assumptions: Adiabatic reactor
 - Specific enthalpies of inputs are model inputs
 - Specific enthalpies of pure substances A, B, C are given by $h_i = h_i(T, p)$



$$(16) \quad h_B = h_B(T, p)$$

$$(17) \quad h_p = x_A h_A^{33} + x_C h_C^{32}$$

$$(18) \quad h_A = h_A(T, p)$$

$$(19) \quad h_C = h_C(T, p)$$

$$(20) \quad x_C = \frac{n_C}{n_C + n_A}$$

$$(21) \quad U = {}^{34} H - pV$$

$$(22) \quad H = n_A h_A + n_B h_B + n_C h_C$$

Bubble reactor – structural index II

- Variables:** $[n; N_{A,in}; N_{B,in}; N_{B,out}; N_P; S_R; R_A; R_B; R_C; n_A; x_A; n_B; R_0; c_{A,liq}; p; n_C; V_{liq}; M_A; \rho_A; M_C; \rho_C; V_{gas}; R_m; T; V U; h_{A,in}; h_{B,in}; h_B; h_P; h_A; x_C; h_C; H]$

#34 variables - #22 equations : #12DOF

Inputs : $[N_{A,in}; N_{B,in}; N_{B,out}; N_P; h_{A,in}; h_{B,in}]$

Parameter $[V, \rho_A, \rho_C, M_A, M_C, R_m]$

	h_B	h_P	x_C	h_C	h_A	T	H	n_C	p	x_A
(16)	X					X			X	
(17)		X	X	X	X					X
(18)					X	X			X	
(19)				X		X			X	
(20)			X					X		
(21)							X		X	
(22)	X			X	X		X	X		

→
regular
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