# Asynchronous Learning of Chemical Reaction Engineering

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#### Introduction

Asynchronous Learning (AL) means that students learn at different times and locations. <u>Asynchronous Learning</u> is a part of <u>Problem Based</u> <u>Learning</u> because students are given a homework problem set to work on and they and they must then find and use the necessary learning resources to solve the problem.











#### **Asynchronous Learning**

Students can be located both with and outside the United States



### **Asynchronous Learning**

➢ With increased focus on technology, AL is rapidly becoming an alternative to traditional lecture-based classes (synchronous learning).

AL also has the advantage of accommodating students who are on a co-op assignment or who can not make it on a regular basis to lecture.

Some feel that a better description of AL is Location Independent Learning (LIL)

➢ ChE 344, Chemical Reaction Engineering (CRE), is the first class offered asynchronously in the chemical engineering department at the University of Michigan.



#### **Asynchronous Learning Main Web Page**





#### **CDROM/WEB** Resources

- Chapter outlines
- Web modules
- Summer notes with audio notes
- Equation derivations
- Self tests
- Video Clips
- Living example problems
- FAQ's
- Interactive computer modules



#### **Asynchronous Learning**

The student progression for the asynchronous CRE course at the University of Michigan is shown below:







#### **Critical and Creative Thinking**

• Thinking critically is the process we use to reflect on, assess, and judge the assumptions underlying own and others' ideas and actions.

• Creative thinking is the process we use to develop the ideas that are unique, useful, and worthy of further elaboration.



#### Felder/Soloman's Learning Style Inventory

- Active learners/Reflective learners
- Global learners/Sequential learners
- Visual learners/Verbal learners
- Sensing learners/Intuitive learners



# **Learning Styles Explained**

# Global vs. Sequential learners

- Global learners tend to learn in large jumps, absorbing material almost randomly without seeing connections, and then suddenly "getting it".
- Sequential learners tend to gain understanding in linear steps, with each step following logically from the previous one.

#### Active vs. Reflective learners

- Active learners like to learn by doing or trying things out in order to understand them.
- Reflective learners like to learn by reflecting, trying to understand things before experimenting with them.



#### **Global vs. Sequential Learners**





#### **Active vs. Reflective**





# Active

- Use all the hot buttons to interact with the material
- Use self tests as a good source of practice problems
- Use living example problems to change settings/parameters and see the results
- Review for exams using the ICM's

#### Reflective

- Self tests allow you to consider the answer before seeing it
- Use web modules to think about topics independently



# Global

- Use the summary lecture notes to get an overview of each chapter on the CD and see the big picture
- Review real world examples and pictures on the CD
- Look at concepts outlined in the Interactive Computer Modules (ICMs)

#### Sequential

- Use the *derive* hot button to go through the derivations in lecture notes on the web
- Follow all derivations in the ICMs step by step
- Do all self-tests, audios, and examples as you progress through the CD ROM lecture notes step by step.





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#### **Lecture Outlines**

#### **Reactors in Series**

Given  $-\mathbf{r}_A$  as a function of conversion, one can also design any sequence of reactors:

 $X_i = \frac{\text{moles of A reacted up to point i}}{\text{moles of A fed to first reactor}}$ 

Only valid if there are no side streams

Consider a PFR between two CSTRs





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#### **Lecture Notes**

Include colored notes with audio clips, examples, and self-tests.





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#### Self Tests

#### Allow for practice and understanding of lecture material

#### Elementary Reactions (p. 75)

A reaction follows an *elementary rate law* if and only if the (iff) stoichiometric coefficients are the same as the individual reaction order of each species. For the reaction in the previous example  $(A+B \rightarrow C+D)$ , the rate law would be:

 $-r_A = kC_AC_B$ 

if  $2NO+O_2 \rightarrow 2NO_2$  then  $-r_{NO} = k_{NO} C_{NO}^2 C_{O2}$  if elementary!

Example More examples of Rate Laws

Self Test Rate Laws

#### Self Test - Rate Laws

What is the reaction rate law for the reaction

A + 1/2 B  $\rightarrow$  C

if the reaction is elementary? What is  $r_B$ ? What is  $r_C$ ? Calculate the rates of A, B, and C in a CSTR where the concentrations are  $C_A = 1.5 \text{ mol/dm}^3$ ,  $C_B = 9 \text{ mol/dm}^3$  and  $k_A = 2 \text{ (dm}^3/\text{mol)}^{(1/2)}(1/\text{s})$ .

Hint 1: What is -r<sub>A</sub>?

Hint 2: What is r<sub>B</sub>?





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# The Energy Balance



The energy balance for this single component system will be,

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \hat{Q} - \hat{W} + F_{in}E_{in} - F_{out}E_{out}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} rate ot \\ energy leaving \\ system by mass \\ flow out of \\ the system \end{bmatrix}$$

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to,

$$\frac{d\mathbf{E}}{d\mathbf{t}}\Big|_{sys} = \dot{\mathbf{Q}} - \dot{\mathbf{W}} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{E}_{i} \mathbf{F}_{i}\Big|_{in} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{E}_{i} \mathbf{F}_{i}\Big|_{out}$$

We will now define the work term (W).

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{F}_{i} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{V}_{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{F}_{i} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{V}_{i} + \dot{\mathbf{u}}_{i}$$
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$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \dot{\mathbf{w}}_{s} + \mathbf{F}_{RO} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Theta_{i} (\mathbf{H}_{i0} - \mathbf{H}_{i}) - \mathbf{F}_{RO} \times \sum_{i=1}^{n} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{i} \mathbf{H}_{i} = \mathbf{0}$$

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$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_{s} + F_{R0} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Theta_{i} (H_{i0} - H_{i}) - F_{R0} \times \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nu_{i} H_{i} = 0$$



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$$\dot{\mathbf{Q}} = \dot{\mathbf{W}}_{s} + \mathbf{F}_{R0} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Theta_{i} (\mathbf{H}_{i0} - \mathbf{H}_{i}) - \mathbf{F}_{R0} \mathbf{X} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{i} \mathbf{H}_{i} = \mathbf{0}$$

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$$\dot{\mathbf{Q}} - \dot{\mathbf{W}}_{s} + \mathbf{F}_{R0} \sum_{i=0}^{n} (\mathbf{H}_{i0} - \mathbf{H}_{i}) - \mathbf{F}_{R0} \times \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nu_{i} \mathbf{H}_{i} = \mathbf{B}$$



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### **Kinetics Challenge I**





# Which of the following is a characteristic of an ideal CSTR ?

- 1. Intense mixing.
- 2. Minimal side reactions.
- 3. Hot spots.
- 4. A good personality.

Select an answer (1-4) or (ESC) to forfeit (no gain or loss):





#### Venom kills within 30 minutes Antivenom is only known treatment



#### **Effects of Cobra Venom**



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#### **Cobra Venom Reactions**



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#### **Cobra Venom Reactions**

#### Reaction of venom and antivenom in blood:

**V** + A  $\longrightarrow$  AV Rate constant =  $k_P$ 

Removal of products and reactants from system:

**V**  $\longrightarrow$  **excreted** Rate constant =  $k_{ov}$ 

**A**  $\longrightarrow$  **excreted** Rate constant =  $k_{0A}$ 

**VA**  $\longrightarrow$  excreted Rate constant =  $k_{OP}$ 



#### Concentration of venom in the blood

$$\frac{d(C_V)}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{initial concentrat ion} \\ \text{of free sites} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{fraction of sites being} \\ \text{uncovered by venom} \end{array} \right] + \begin{bmatrix} \text{fraction of sites already} \\ \text{covered by antivenom that} \\ \text{are reacting with venom} \end{bmatrix} \\ -\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{concentrat ion of sites being occupied} \\ \text{by venom - antivenom reaction} \end{array} \right] - \begin{bmatrix} \text{concentrat ion of venom} \\ \text{leaving the body} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d(C_V)}{dt} = C_{S0} \left( -k_V f_S C_V - k_{SA} f_{SA} C_V \right) - k_P C_V C_A - k_{OV} C_V$$



# Concentration of antivenom in the blood



 $\frac{d(C_A)}{dt} = C_{S0} \left( -k_A f_S C_A + k_{-A} f_{SA} - k_{SV} f_{SV} C_A \right) - k_P C_V C_A - k_{OA} C_A$ 



#### **Base Case: Polymath Input**

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13	kp = 1.2e9					n.a.
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#### Assumptions:

- 1. Body is a batch reactor
- 2. Body is well-mixed



#### **Polymath Solution for the Base Case**



#### **Polymath Solution for the Antivenom Case**





#### Hippo

#### Modeling the Digestive System of a Hippopotamus\*

Matthew Robertson, Fredrik Persson, Professor H. Scott Fogler



"Even hippo's like Chemical Reaction Engineering."

<sup>\*</sup>From a problem suggested by **Professor Alice P. Gast** ["Animal Guts as Ideal Reactors", Chemical Engineering Education, Winter 1998, pp 24-29]



#### Potato

#### **Baking a Potato!**

A basic chemical engineering experiment by: Matthew Robertson, Fredrik Persson, Lander Coronado-Garcia, Professor H Scott Fogler and Professor Levi Thompson





#### **Aerosol Reactors**





#### **Oscillating Reactions**

#### **Oscillating Reactions Web Module**







#### **Reactive Distillation**



Reactive distillation is used with reversible, liquid phase reactions. Suppose a reversible reaction had the following chemical equation :

 $A + B \rightleftharpoons C + D$ 

For many revesible reactions the equilibrium point lies far to the left and little product is formed :

A + B 📛 C + D

However, if one or more of the products are removed more of the product will be formed because of Le Chatlier's Principle :



Removing one or more of the products is one of the principles behind reactive distillation. The reaction mixture is heated and the product(s) are boiled off. However, caution must be taken that the reactants won't boil off before the products.

For example, Reactive Distillation can be used in removing acetic acid from water. Acetic acid is the byproduct of several reactions and is very usefull in its own right. Derivatives of acetic acid are used in foods, pharmaceuticals, explosives, medicinals and solvents. It is also found in many homes in the form of vinegar. However, it is considered a polutant in waste water from a reaction and must be removed.





#### **Membrane Reactors**





A mixed feed of A and B enters the membrane reactor. C is produced in the reactor, and B diffuses out through the membrane pores. There are multiple ceramic membranes, but only two are shown for simplicity.



### **Creative Thinking**

Elementary Principles of Chemical Processes, 3/e

- Felder and Rousseau

#### CREATIVITY EXERCISE

The costs of petroleum and natural gas have increased dramatically since the early 1970's, and there is some question about their continued longterm availability. List as many alternative energy sources as you can think of, being as creative as you can, and then go back and suggest possible drawbacks to each one.



### **Vehicles to Develop Creative Thinking Skills**

"Thinking creatively is an active, purposeful, cognitive process we use to develop ideas that are unique, useful, and worthy of further elaboration."

- Techniques to develop creative ideas
- Solving Open-Ended Problems (OEPs)
- Solving OEP enhanced home problems
- Learning how to choose open ended problems





















#### Modeling a Treatment Wetland as a simple PFR





#### **The Equations**

#### Wetlands

Mole Balance	$F_{A0} \frac{dX}{dV} = -r_A$	(1)
Rate Law	$-r_A = k_1 C_A$	(2)
Stoichiometry	$\boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{u}_o + \frac{Q * W * z}{\boldsymbol{r}_m}$	(3)
	$C_A = \frac{F_{A0}}{\boldsymbol{u}}$	(4)
Combine	$C_{A0} = \frac{C_{A0}(1-X)}{1 - \frac{Q^* W^* z}{r_m^* u_o}}$	(5)
Solve	$X(z) = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{Q * W * z}{\boldsymbol{r}_m * \boldsymbol{u}_o}\right)^{\left(\frac{1}{\frac{Q^*W}{\boldsymbol{r}_m * \boldsymbol{u}_0}} * \boldsymbol{k}_1 * W * \frac{D}{\boldsymbol{u}_o}\right)}$	(6)



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