Chemical Reactor Design



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CHAP. 1 MOLE BALANCE

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化學反應裝置設計



Chapter 1. Mole Balance

Objectives

After completing Chapter 1, the reader will be able to:

Define the rate of chemical reaction.

Apply the mole balance equations to

a batch reactor, CSTR, PFR, and PBR.

Describe two industrial reaction engineering systems.

Describe photos of real reactors.



Chapter 1. Mole Balance

- **1.1** The Rate of Reaction, $-r_A$
- **1.2** The General Mole Balance Equation
- **1.3 Batch Reactors**
- **1.4 Continuous-Flow Reactors**
 - 1.4.1 Continuous-Stirred Tank Reactor
 - 1.4.2 Tubular Reactor
 - 1.4.3 Packed-Bed Reactor
- **1.5 Industrial Reactors**
 - 1.5.1 Liquid-phase reaction
 - 1.5.2 Gas-phase reaction



Industrial Reactors



Batch Reactor Stirring Apparatus



Conventional jacket HANDHOLES



Cutaway View of CSTR

Turbine Type Impeller

Gas Entrainment Impeller Spiral Agitator



pitched blade turbine



flat blade radial turbine



Helix Impeller

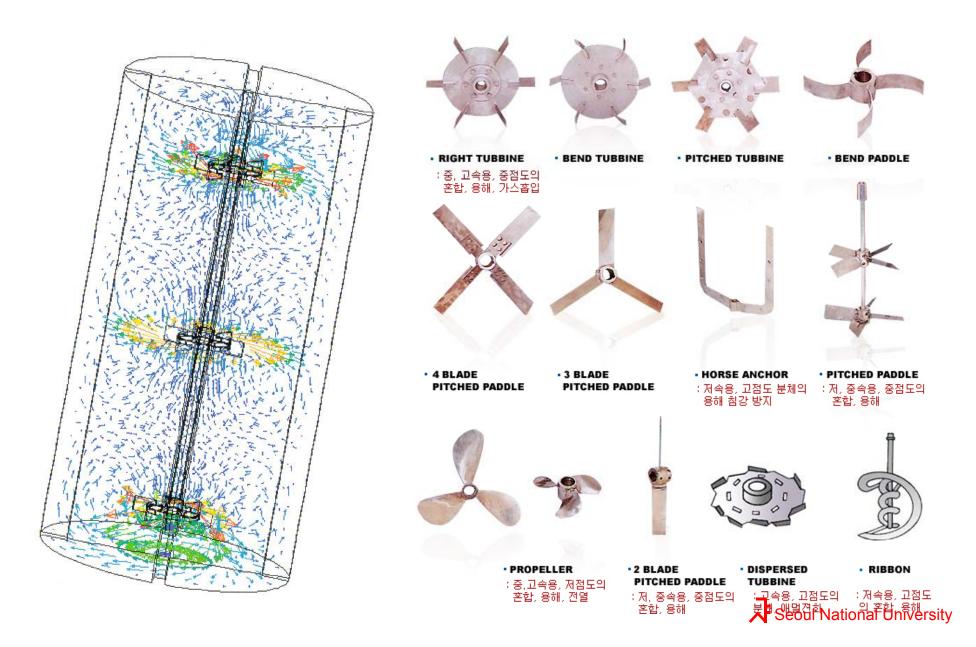


Marine Type Propeller

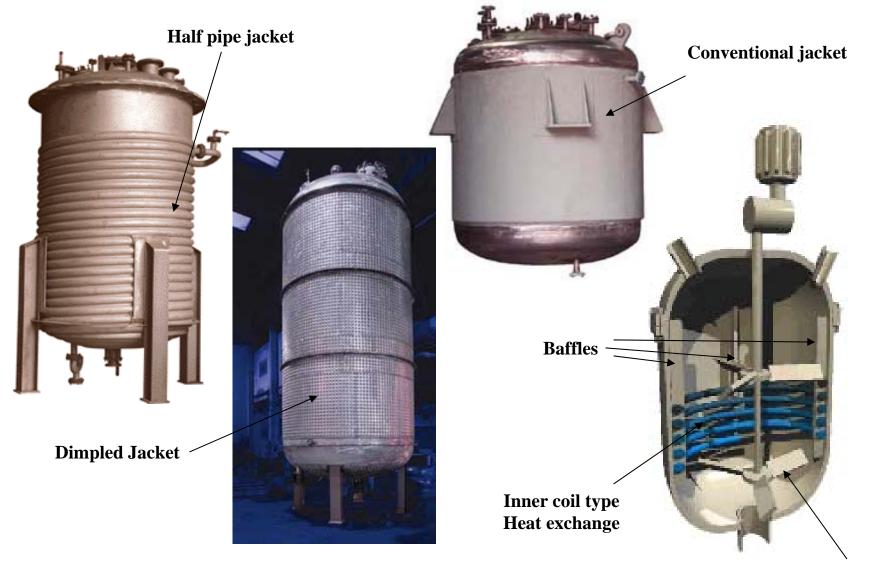


http://www.jeiopi.co.kr/english/prd/impeller.htm

CSTR/batch Reactor



Type of Jacket



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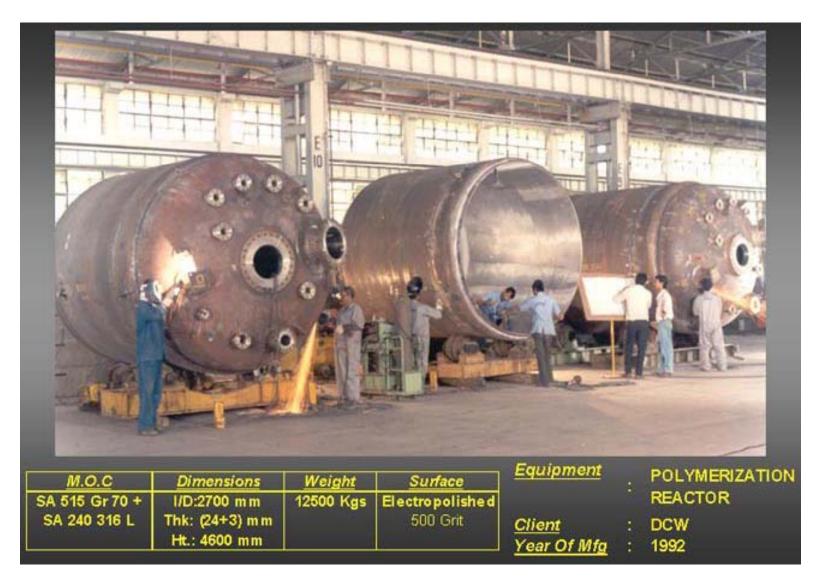
Stirred Tank Reactor







polymerization reactor





High Pressure Tubular Reactor for LDPE (Low Density PolyEthylene) plant



ExxonMobil's tubular process technology for Sasol's new high-pressure low density polyethylene (LDPE) plant in Sasolburg, South Africa. The new 220,000 ton-peryear plant is expected to be completed in 2005.

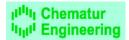


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Tubular Reactor for SCWO

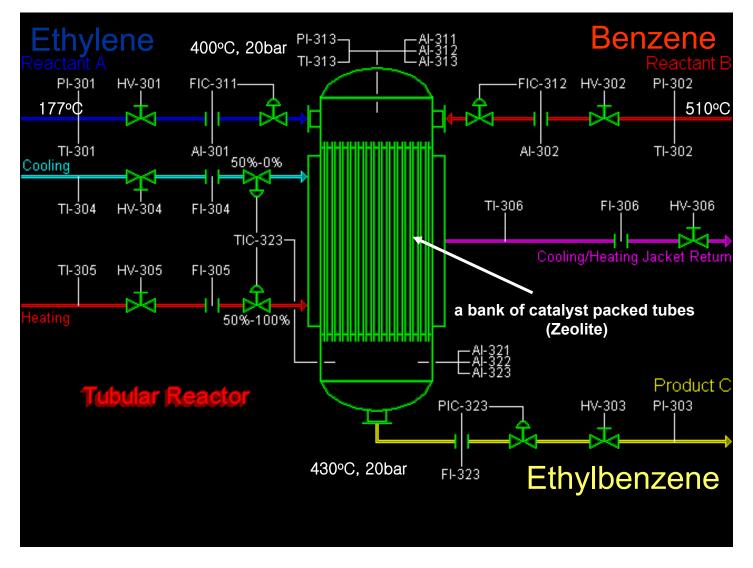




The Shinko Pantec Plant, Capacity: 1100 kg/h



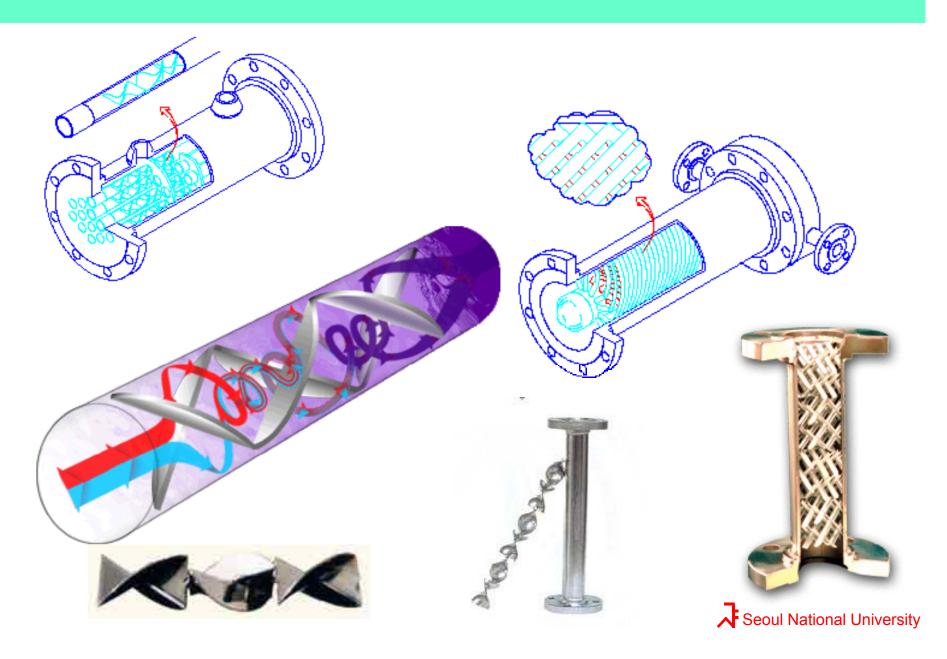
Tubular Reactor for production of ethylbenzene



The default configuration catalytically reacts ethylene (reactant A) with benzene (reactant B), an exothermic reaction, to produce ethylbenzene (product C), an intermediate chemical used in the manufacture of styrene monomer. (*http://www.simtronics.com/catalog/spm/spm* 200a, htm) on a University

Static Mixer in Tubular Reactor

管型 反應裝置



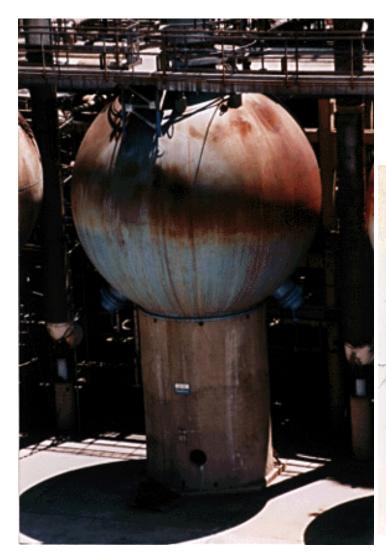
Industrial Reactor Photos



Reactor System Used at Amoco



固定層型 反應裝置 "Ultraformer Reactor"-Reforming Petroleum Naphtha





Spherical Reactor at AMOCO

Spherical Reactors Connected in Series



Hydrotreating Unit



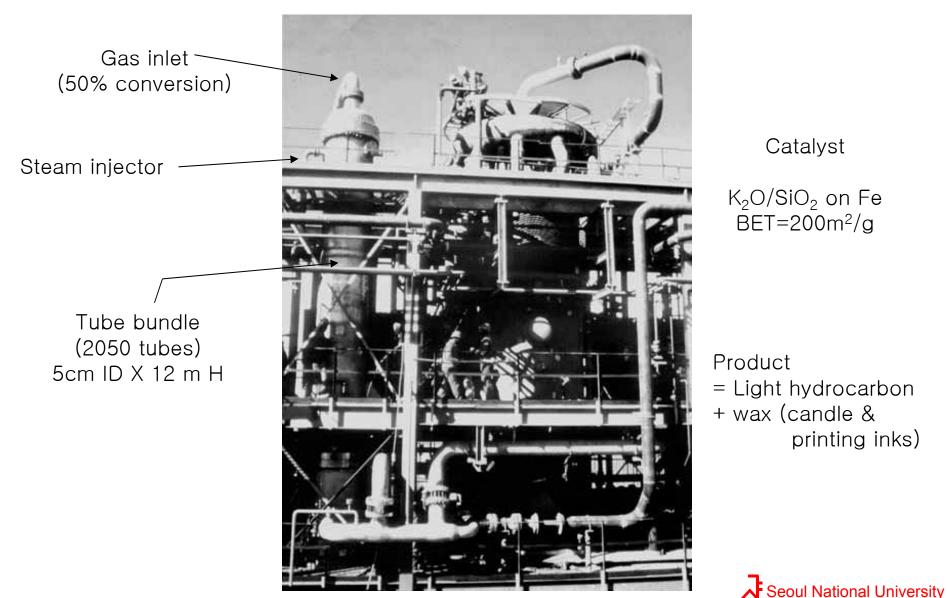
Catalytic hydrotreating is a hydrogenation process used to remove about 90% of contaminants such as nitrogen, sulfur, oxygen, and metals from liquid petroleum fractions. These contaminants, if not removed from the petroleum fractions as they travel through the refinery processing units, can have detrimental effects on the equipment, the catalysts, and the quality of the finished product. Typically, hydrotreating is done prior to processes such as catalytic reforming so that the catalyst is not contaminated by untreated feedstock. Hydrotreating is also used prior to catalytic cracking to reduce sulfur and improve product yields, and to upgrade middledistillate petroleum fractions into finished kerosene, diesel fuel, and heating fuel oils. In addition, hydrotreating converts olefins and aromatics to saturated compounds.



固定層型 反應裝置

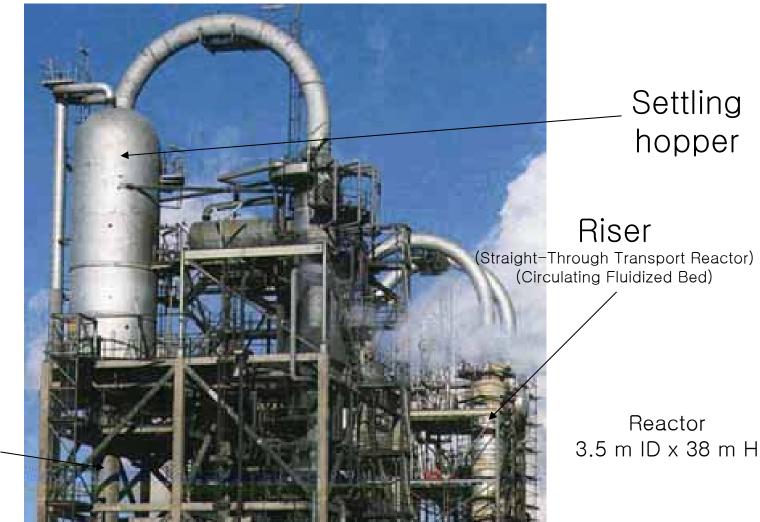
Packed Bed Reactor

Fisher-Tropsch synthesis reaction at Sasol Limited Chemical



Straight Though Transport Reactor

Fisher-Tropsch synthesis reaction at Sasol Limited Chemical

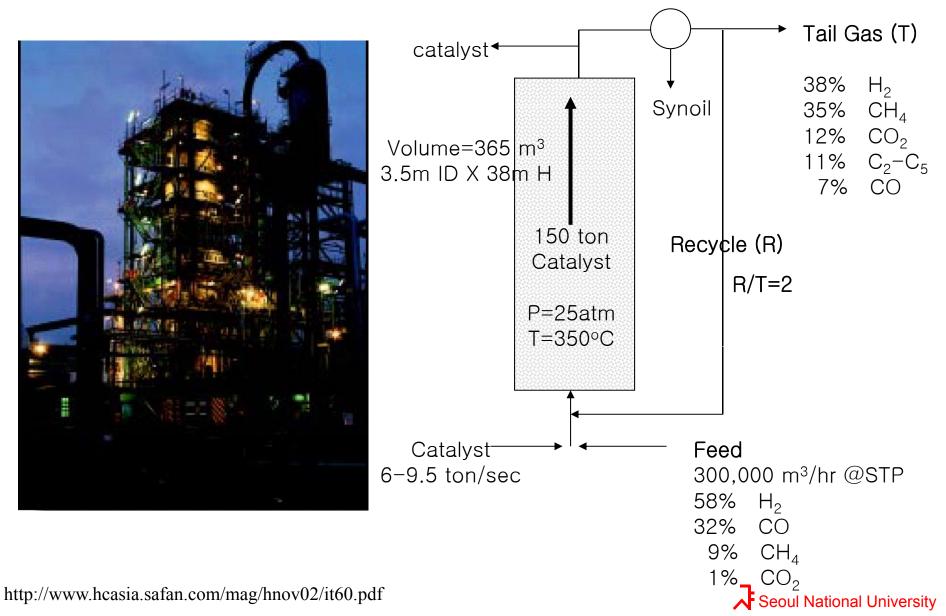


Standpipe



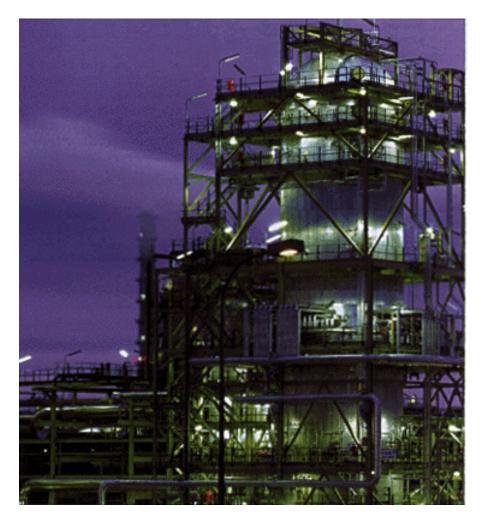
Straight Though Transport Reactor 流動層型 反應裝置

waxes and distillate fuels



Sasol Advanced Synthol (SAS) Reactor

light olefins and gasoline fractions

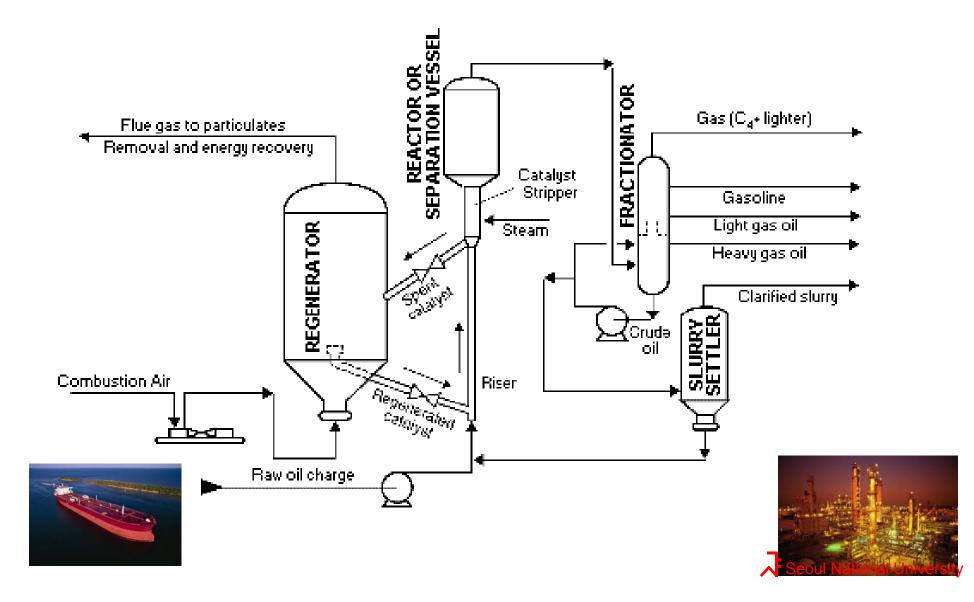


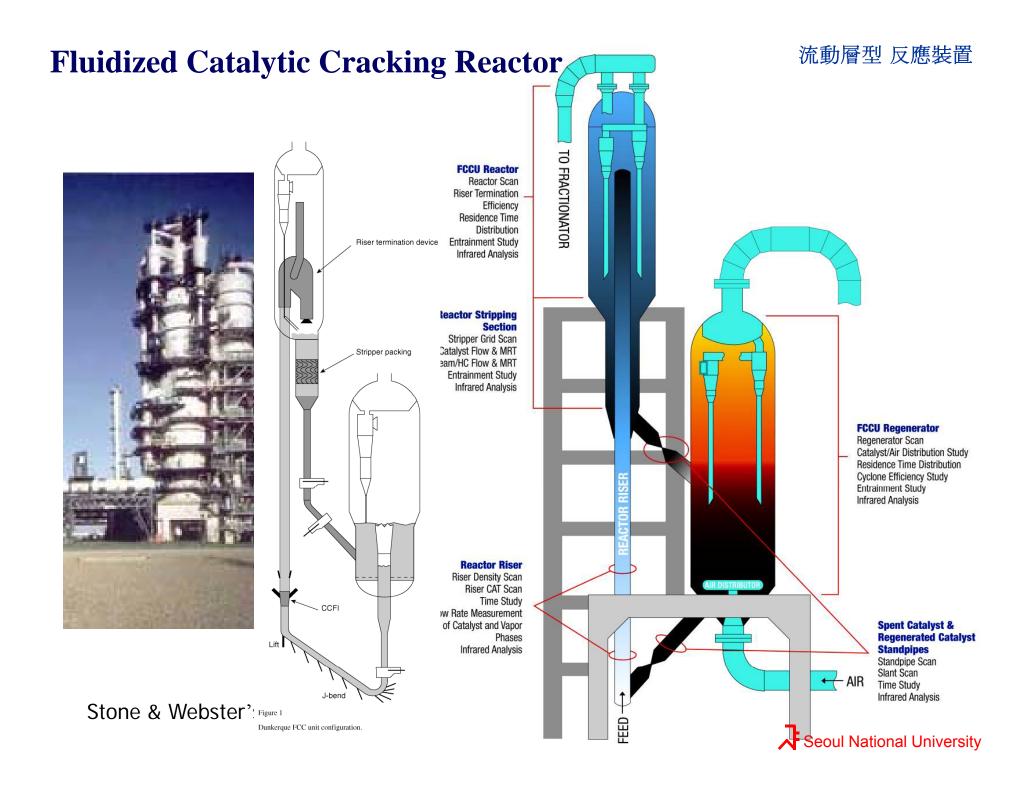




Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Unit

in the petroleum refining industry





Slurry Phase Distillate Reactor

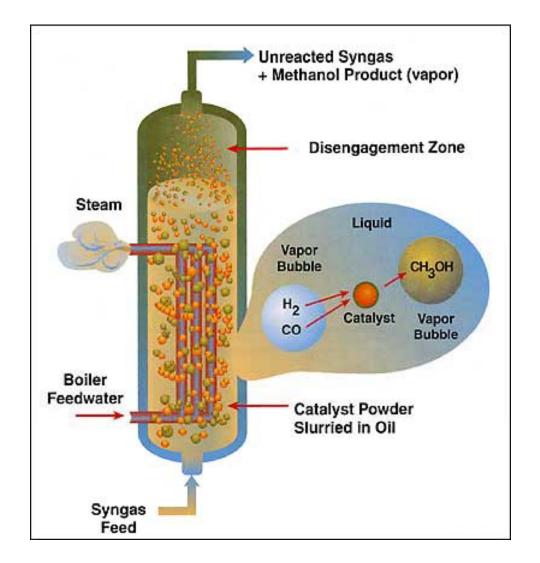






Bubble Column Reactor

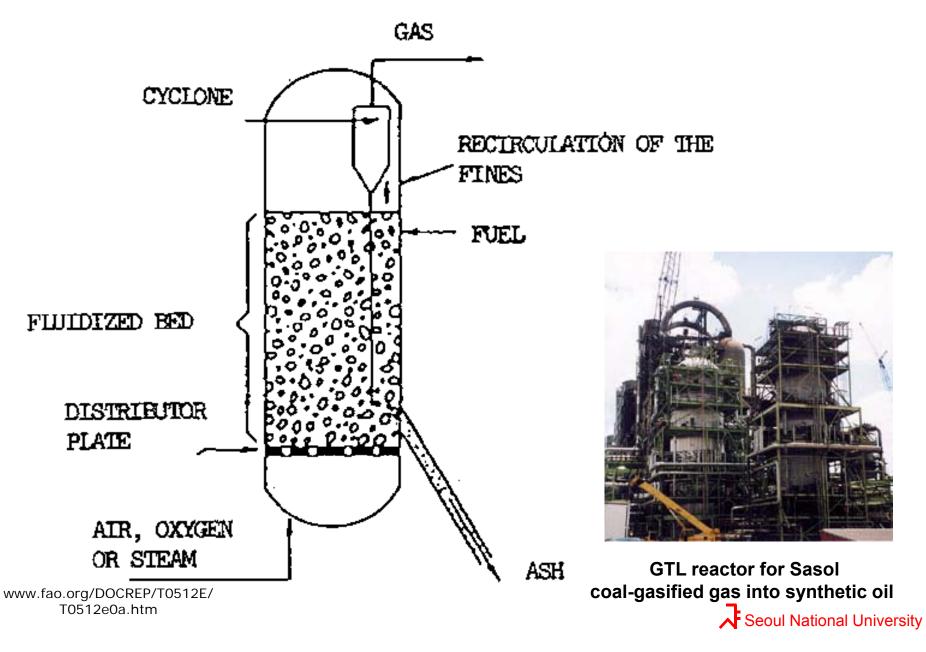
For Fischer-Tropsch Reaction



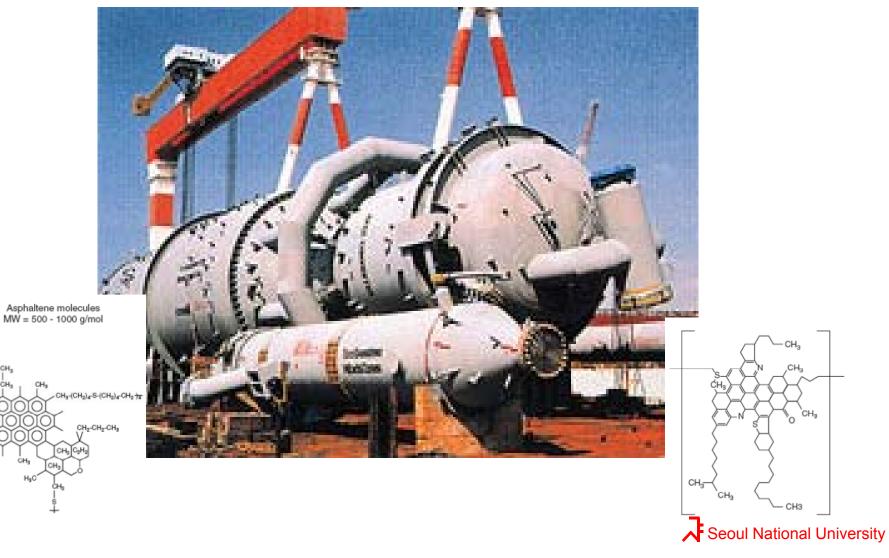
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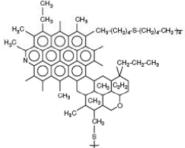


Fluidized Bed Gasification Reactor



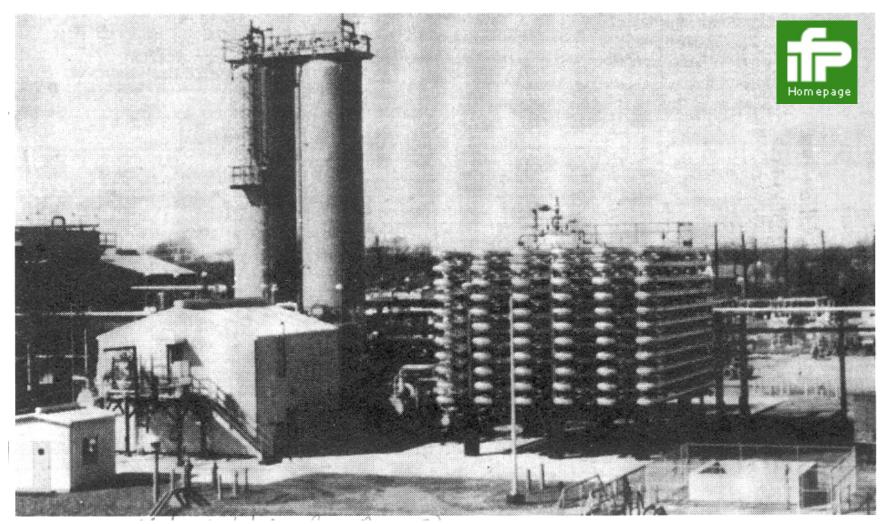
Residual Oil Fluidized-Bed Catalytic Cracking reactor





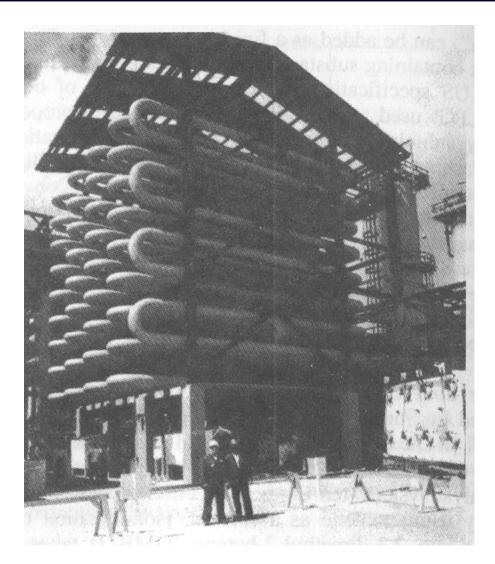
Dimersol G unit (Two – CSTR and one PFR in series)

Institute Français du Petróle Process



http://www.ifp.fr/ Dimerization propylene into isohexanes Seoul National University

Plug-flow reactor for DimersolTM process



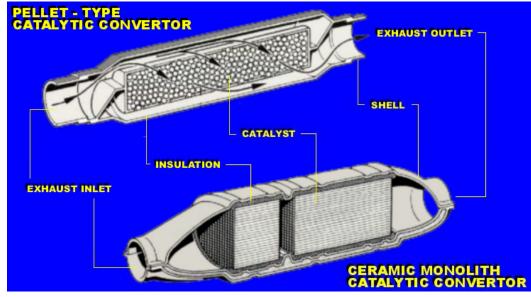
The finishing reactor ("the snake") to comply with LPG specification in the USA (less than 5% olefins) Seoul National University

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Automotive Catalytic Converter

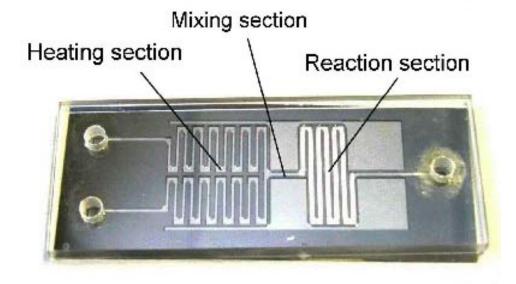


$$\begin{array}{rrrr} 2NO & \rightarrow & N_2 + O_2 \\ 2NO_2 & \rightarrow & N_2 + 2O_2 \\ 2CO + O_2 \rightarrow & 2CO_2 \end{array}$$





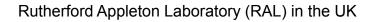
Microreactor and Lab-on-Chip



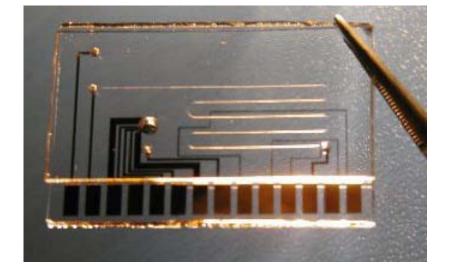
10 mm

Microreactor made of silicon anodically bonded with glass

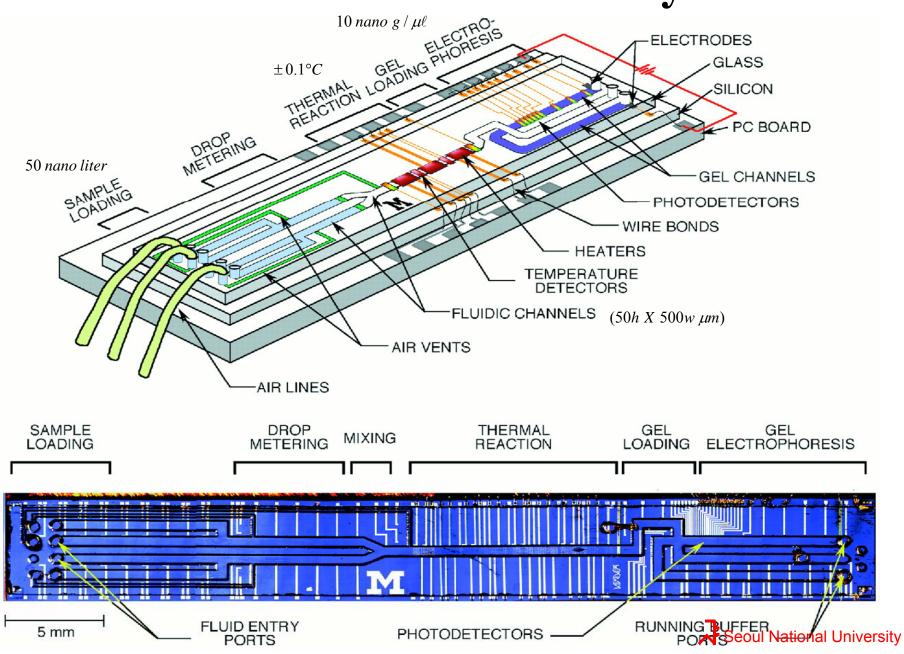
Lab-on-Chip made of glass and polymer for DNA amplification and detection







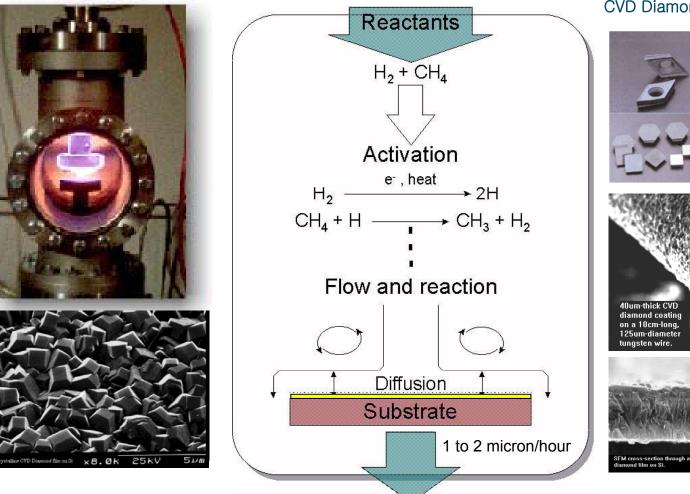
Microreactor for DNA analysis



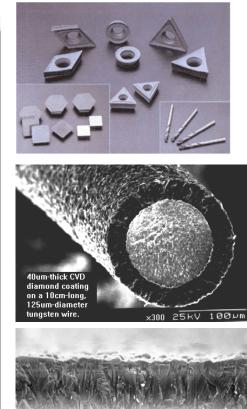




Diamond film is synthesized through CVD (Chemical Vapor Deposition)



CVD Diamond coated tools



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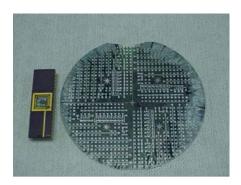
10Jm

25kV

SEM of Diamond Films on Si-wafer substrate

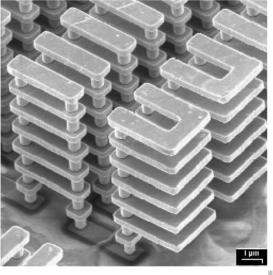
Metallization $Cu(hfac)_2 + H_2 \rightarrow Cu + 2H(hfac)$



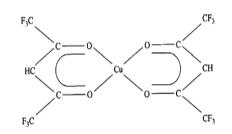


Integrated Circuit Wafer and Packaged Device



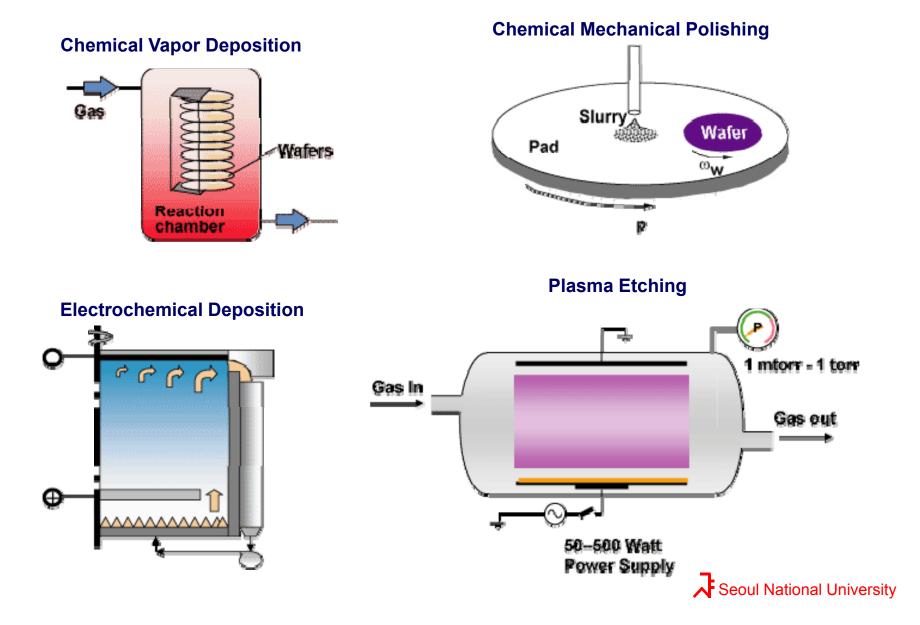


Copper Stacked Via structures

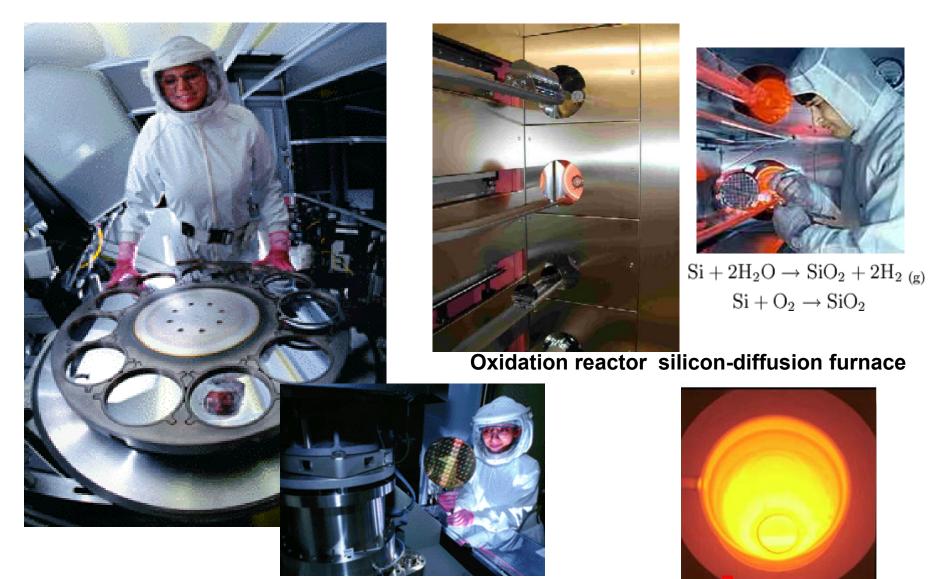


bis-hexafluoroacetyl-acetonate-Cu^{II} (CF³COCHCF³CO)²Cu Cu^{II}(hfac)₂ → Seoul National University

Chemical Reactions in Microelectronics Processing



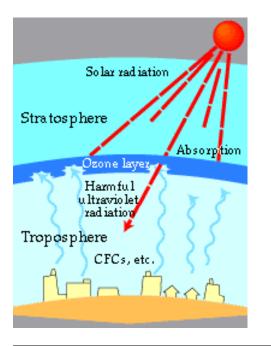
Metal Deposition in Microelectronics Processing

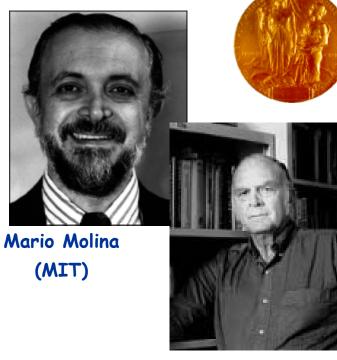


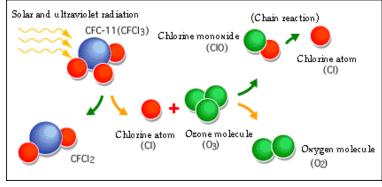
Metal Deposition Reactor

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Ozone Depletion Reaction in Stratosphere



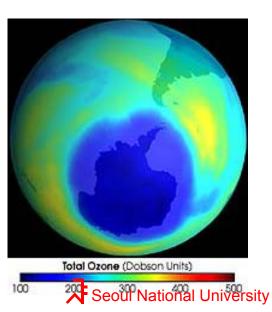




F. Sherwood Rowland (U. C. Irvine)



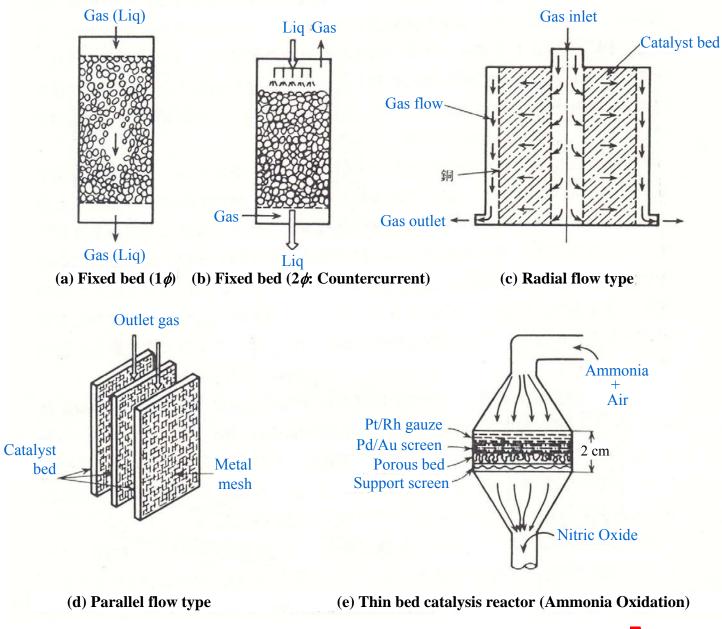
Paul Crutzen (Seoul National University)





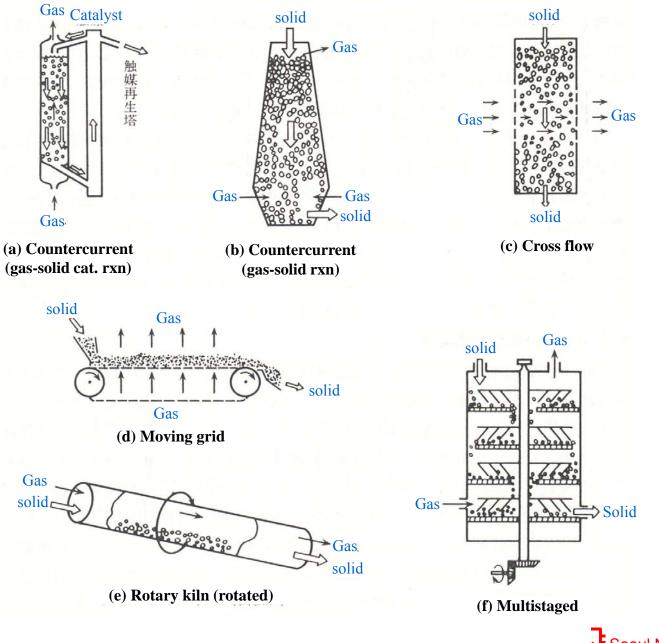
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固定層型 反應裝置 (Fixed bed)

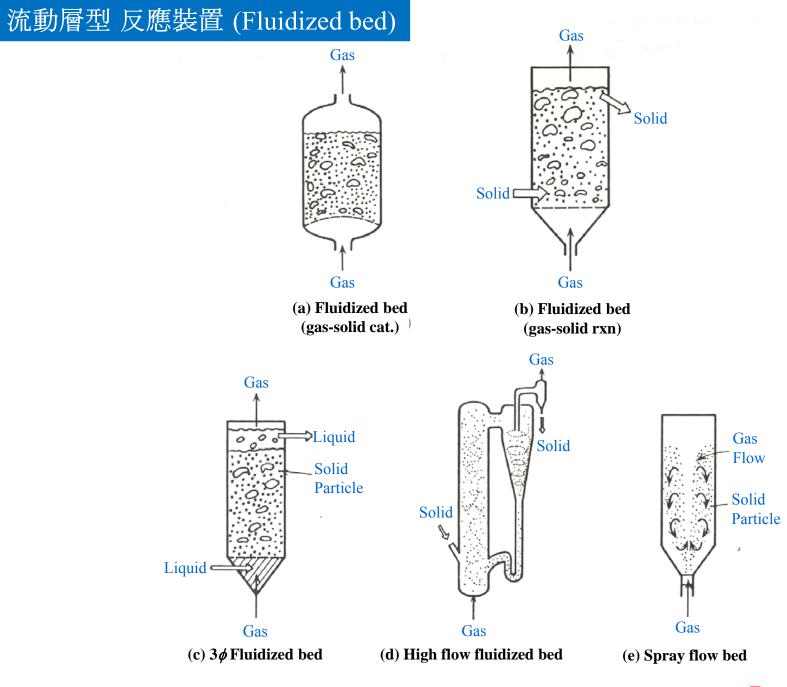




移動層型 反應裝置 (Moving bed)

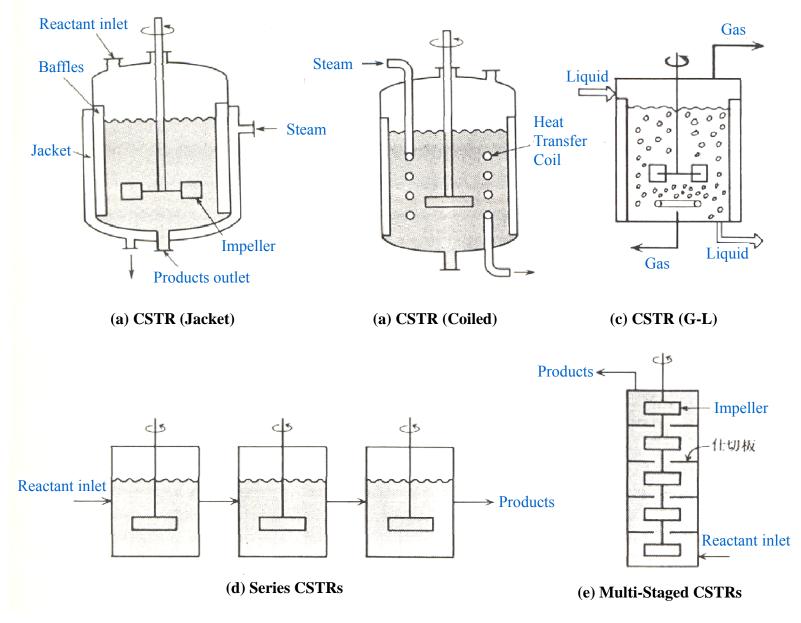


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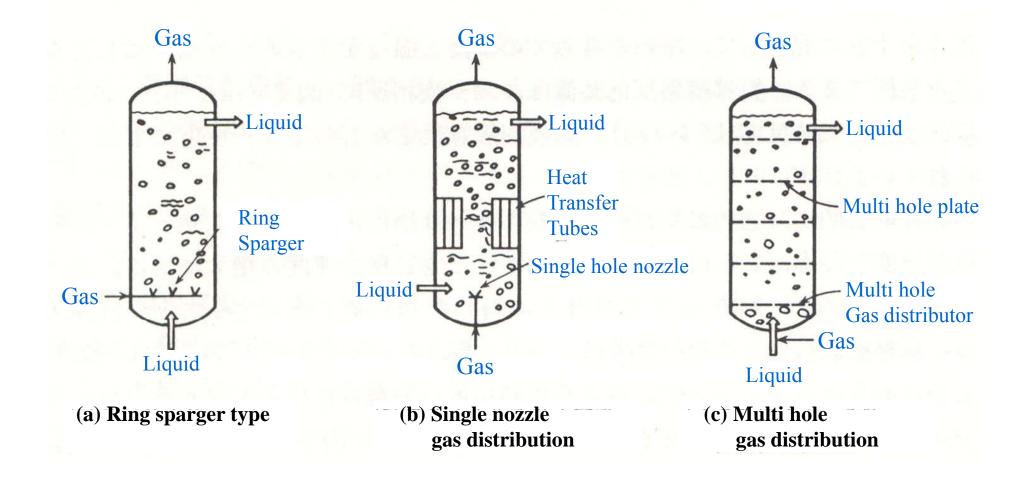


攪拌槽型 反應裝置 (Stirred Tank)



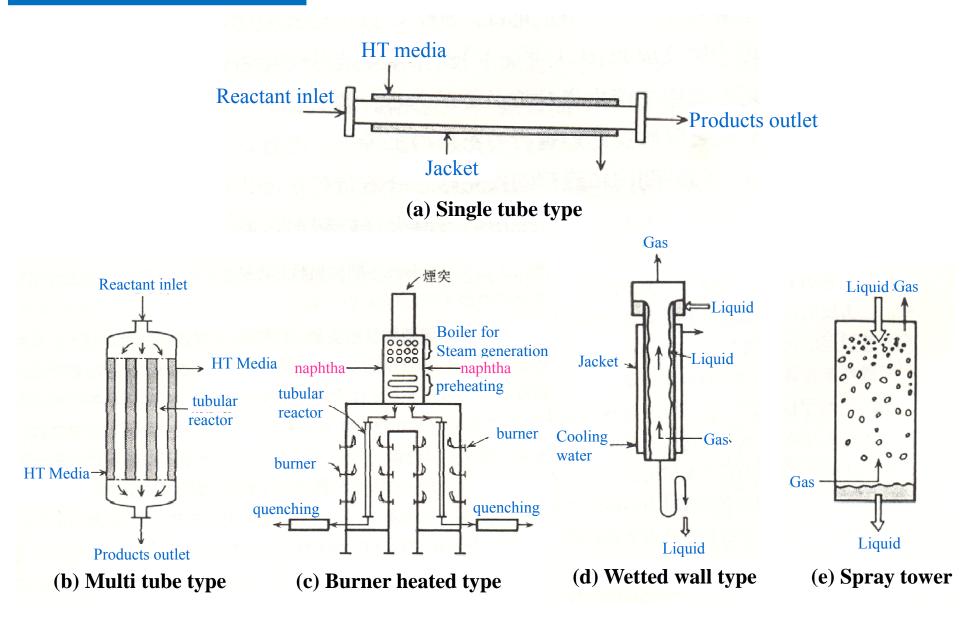


氣泡塔型 反應裝置 (Bubble cap tower)

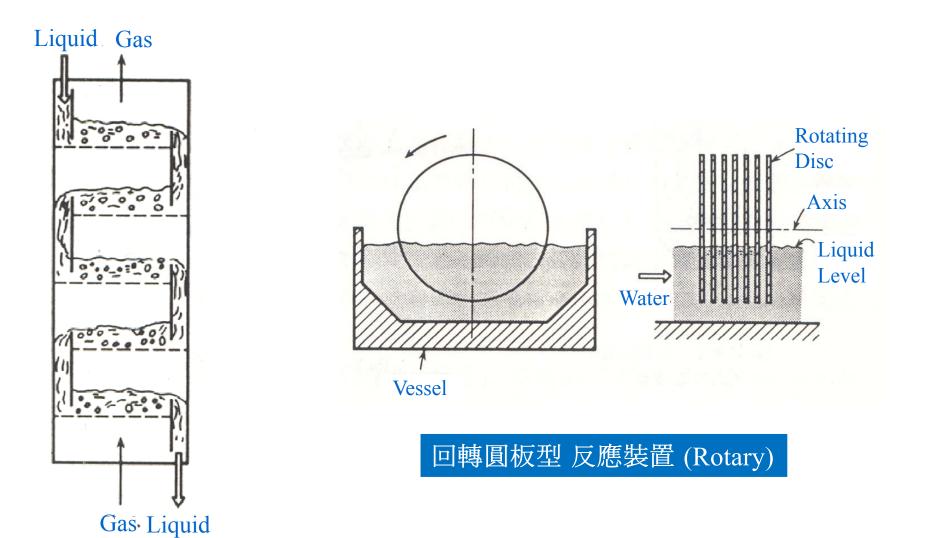




管型反應裝置 (Tubular)

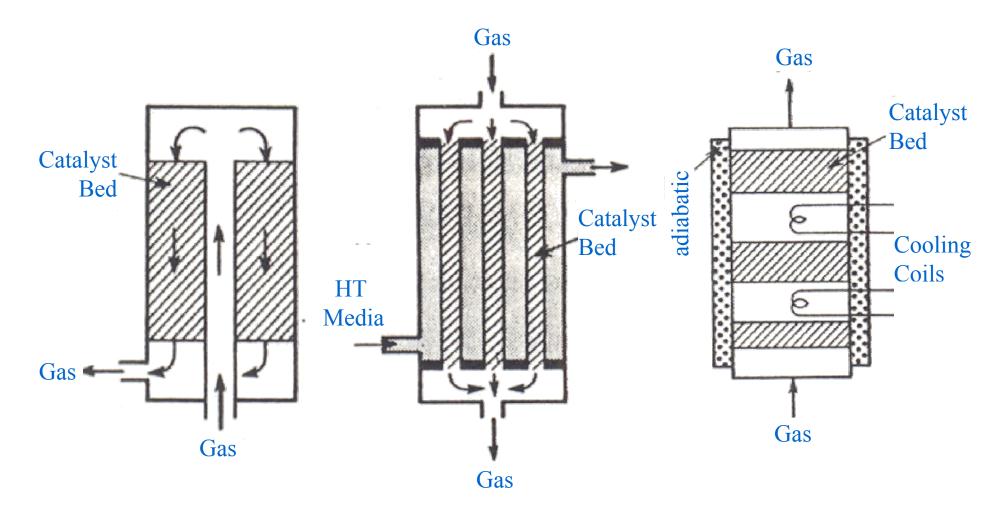






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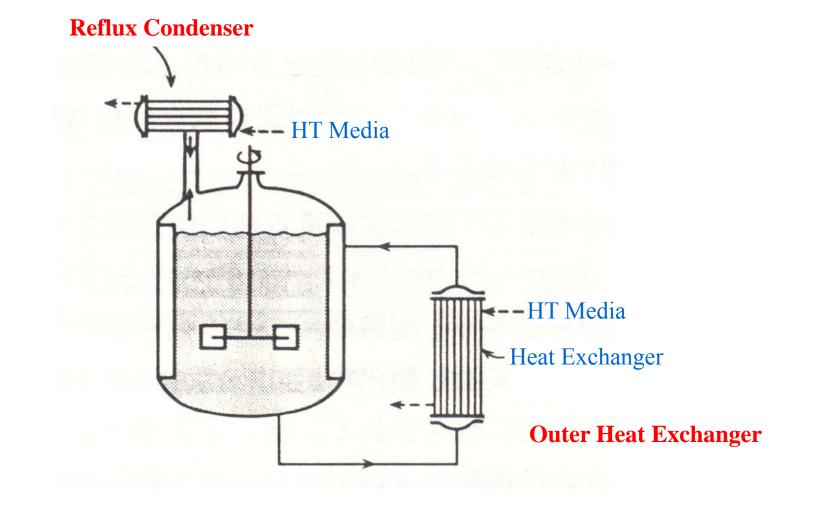
Heat Transfer Mode in Fixed bed catalytic reactor



(a) Self-heat exchange (b) Multi-tube heat exchange (c) Internal cooler



Heat Transfer Mode in Stirred Tank Reactor





Selection of Reactor Type

Phase Reactor	G	L	SC	GS	GL	GLS	LL	LG	SS
Fixed bed		1				2		3	
Moving bed				4					
Fluidized bed			5	6					
Stirred tank		7			8	9	10	11	
Bubble cap					12				
Tubular	13								
Pneumatic				14					

G=Gas; phase, L= Liquid phase, SC=Solid catalyst, GS=Gas-Solid phase, GL=Gas-Liquid phase, GLS=Gas-Liquid-Solid phase, LL=Liquid-Liquid phase, LG=Liquid-Gas phase, LS=Liquid-Solid phase, SS=Solid-Solid phase



Selection of Reactor Type

- 1. Partial Oxidation of Propylene Ammonia Synthesis Naphtha Reforming Reaction
- 2. Hydrodesulphurization
- 3. Immobilized Enzyme Reaction
- 4. Production of Steel in Furnace
- 5. Sohio Process for Production of Acrylonitrile Fluidized Catalytic Cracking
- 6. Gas phase Polymerization of propylene Fluidized Coal Combustion
- 7. Bulk Polymerization of Styrene
- 8. Production of Antibiotics
- 9. Production of Terephthalic Acid Hydrogenation of Edible Oil
- **10. Emulsion Polymerization of SBR**
- **11. Production of HDPE**
- 12. Liquid phase Oxidation of Olefin
- 13. Production of Ethylene by Cracking of Naphtha
- **14. Production of Syngas**



Batch Reactor

Characteristics No charge or discharge during reaction

- Phases Gas, Liquid, Liquid/Solid
- ApplicationSmall scale productionIntermediate or one shot productionPharmaceuticalFermentationagricultural chemistry
- AdvantagesHigh conversion per unit volume for one pass
Flexibility of operation
(same reactor can produce one product one time
and a different product the next)
Easy to clean
- Disadvantages High operation cost Product quality can be changed batch to batch Seoul National University

Semi-batch Reactor

- **Characteristics** Either one reactant is charged and the other is led continuously (at small concentrations) or else one of the product can be removed continuously to avoid side reaction.
- Phases Gas/Liquid, Liquid/Solid
- ApplicationSmall scale productionCompeting reactions
- AdvantagesHigh conversion per unit volume for one run
Good selectivityGood selectivityFlexibility of operation
(can be used with a reflux condenser for solvent recovery
or in bubble type runs)

DisadvantagesHigh operation costProduct quality more variable than with continuous operation



Continuous-Stirred Tank Reactor (CSTR)

- CharacteristicsRun at steady state with continuous flow of reactants
and products: the feed assumes a uniform composition
through the reactor, exit stream has the same
composition as in the tank
- Phases Liquid, Gas/Liquid, Liquid/Solid
- ApplicationWhen agitation is required, Series configurations for
different concentration streams
- AdvantagesContinuous operationGood temperature controlEasily adapts to two phase runsLow operating (labor) costEasy to clean
- **Disadvantages** Lowest conversion per unit volume By-passing and channeling possible with poor agitation



Plug Flow Reactor (PFR)

Characteristics	One long reactor or many short reactors in a tube bank No radial variation in reaction rate (concentration) Changes with length down the reactor
Phases	Gas
Application	Large scale production/Continuous Production Fast reaction High Temperature
Advantages	High conversion per unit volume Low operating (labor) cost Continuous operation Good heat transfer
Disadvantages	Undesired thermal gradients Poor temperature control (hot spot) Shutdown and cleaning may be expensive



Packed-Bed Reactor (PBR)

Characteristics	Tubular reactor that is packed with solid catalyst
Phases	Gas/Solid catalyst, Gas/Solid
Application	Heterogeneous gas phase reaction with a catalyst
Advantages	High conversion per unit mass of catalyst Low operating (labor) cost Continuous operation
Disadvantages	Undesired thermal gradients Poor temperature control (hot spot) Channeling

Shutdown and cleaning may be expensive



Fluidized-Bed Reactor (PBR)

CharacteristicsHeterogeneous reactionLike a CSTR in that the reactants are well mixed

Phases Gas/Solid catalyst, Gas/Solid

Application Heterogeneous gas phase reaction with a catalyst

AdvantagesGood mixingGood uniformity of temperatureCatalyst can be continuously regeneratedwith the use of an auxiliary loop

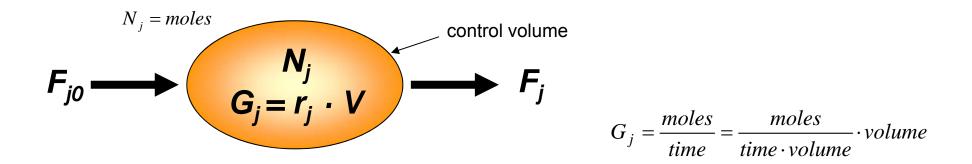
Disadvantages Bed-fluid mechanics are not well known Severe agitation can result in catalyst destruction and dust formation Uncertain scale-up



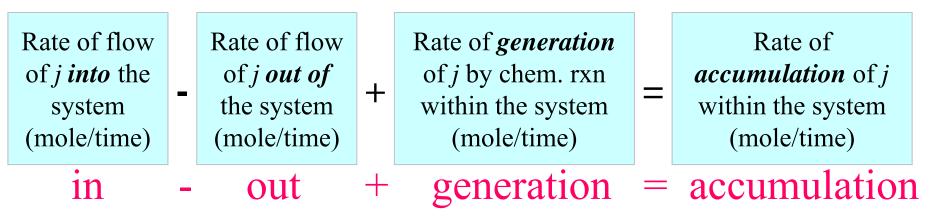
General Mole Balance on control volume



Balance on control volume



A mole balance on species *j*, at any time, t, yields



$$F_{j0} - F_j + G_j = \frac{dN_j}{dt}$$

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Rate of formation of species *j* by chem. rxn

Suppose that the rate of formation of species *j* for the reaction varies with the position in the *control volume*. The rate of generation, ΔG_{jl} , in terms of r_{il} and sub-volume ΔV_1 is

$$\Delta G_{j1} = r_{j1} \cdot \Delta V_1$$

If the total control volume is divided into M sub-volume, the total rate of generation is

$$G_j = \sum_{i=1}^M \Delta G_{ji} = \sum_{i=1}^M r_{ji} \Delta V_i$$

 $\Delta V_1 \Delta V_2$ r_{j1} r_{j2} V

By taking the limits (i.e., let $M \rightarrow \infty$ and $\Delta V \rightarrow 0$) and making use of the definition of integral, we can rewrite the foregoing equation in the form

$$G_j = \int^V r_j \, dV$$

 r_j can have different values at difference locations in the reactor since the properties of the reacting materials (e.g., conc., temp.)

1.2 The General Mole Balance Equation

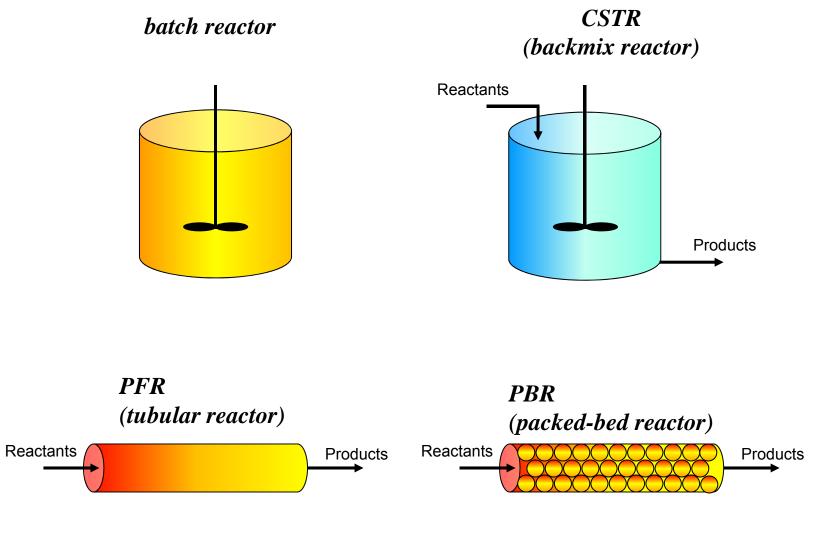
(GMBE)

$$F_{j0} - F_j + \int V r_j dV = \frac{dN_j}{dt}$$
(1-4)

With this GMBE, we can develop the design equations for the various types of industrial reactors: *batch, semi-batch, and continuous-flow*. Upon evaluation of these equations we can determine the time (batch) or reactor volume (continuous-flow) necessary to convert a specified amount of reactants to products.



The most common industrial reactors





Ideal Reactor Type

Batch Reactor

- uniform composition everywhere in the reactor
- the composition changes with time

Continuous-Stirred Tank Reactor (CSTR)

- uniform composition everywhere in the reactor (well mixed)
- same composition at the reactor exit

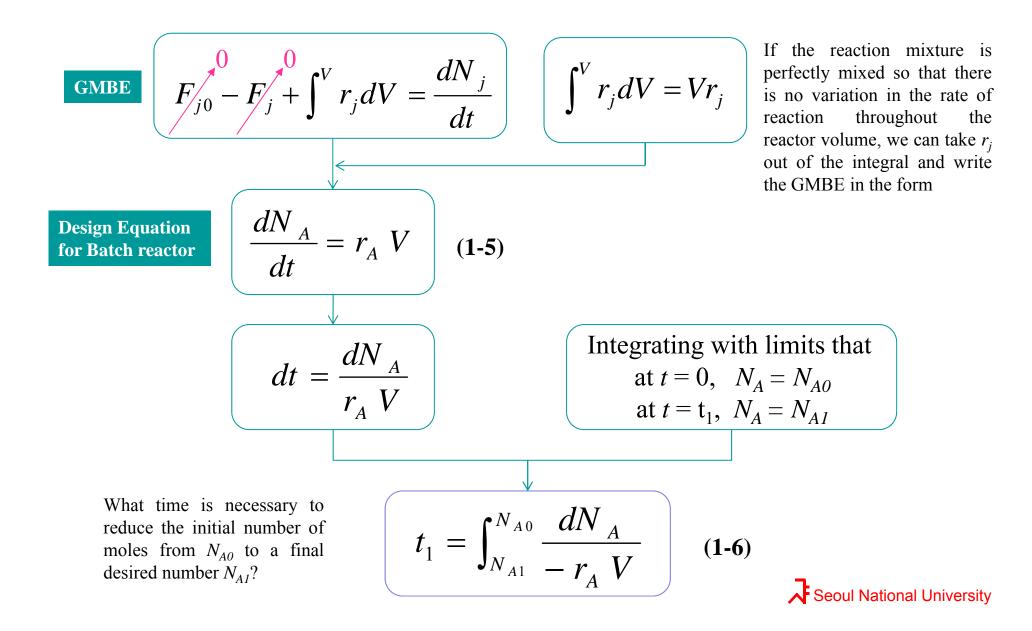
Tubular Reactor (PFR)

• fluid passes through the reactor with no mixing of earlier

and later entering fluid, and with no overtaking.

- It is as if the fluid moved in single file through the reactor
- There is no radial variation in concentration (plug-flow reactor)

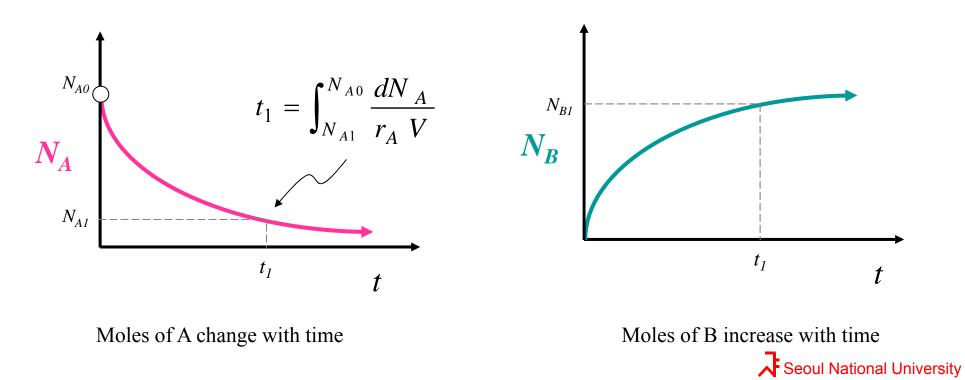
1.3 Batch Reactors



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$$A \longrightarrow B$$

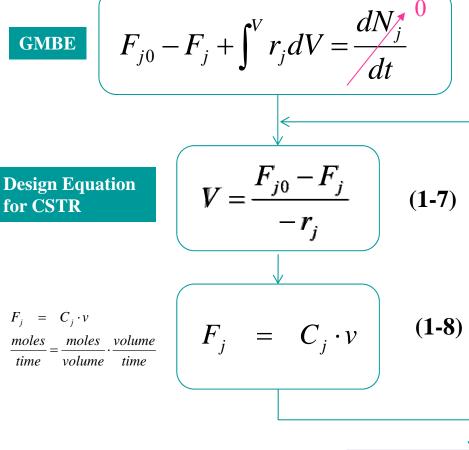
$$\frac{dN_A}{dt} = r_A V$$



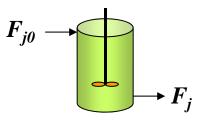
1.4.1 Continuous-Stirred Tank Reactor (CSTR)

for CSTR

GMBE



 $\int_{0}^{V} r_{j} dV = V r_{j}$



The CSTR is normally run at steady state and is assumed to be **perfect mixed**.

- No temporal, spatial variations in conc., temp., or rxn rate throughout the vessel
- Conc. and temp at exit are the same as they are elsewhere in the tank
- Non-ideal mixing, residence-time distribution model is needed

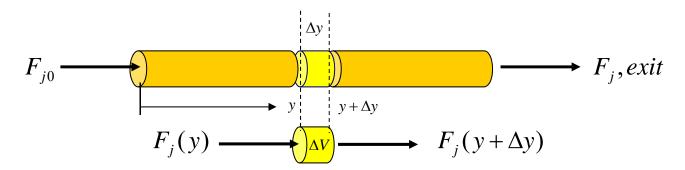
The reactor volume, V, necessary to reduce the entering flow rate from F_{j0} to the exit flow rate F_i at reaction rate of r_i .

$$V = \frac{v_0 C_{A0} - v C_A}{-r_A}$$
 (1-9)

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1.4.2 Tubular Reactor (PFR)

- The reactants are continually consumed as they flow down the length of the reactor
- The concentration varies continuously in the axial direction through the reactor.
- Consequently, the reaction rate will also vary axially.
- To develop the PFR design equation, we shall divide (conceptually) the reactor into a number of sub-volumes so that within each sub-volume ΔV, the reaction rate may be considered spatially uniform.



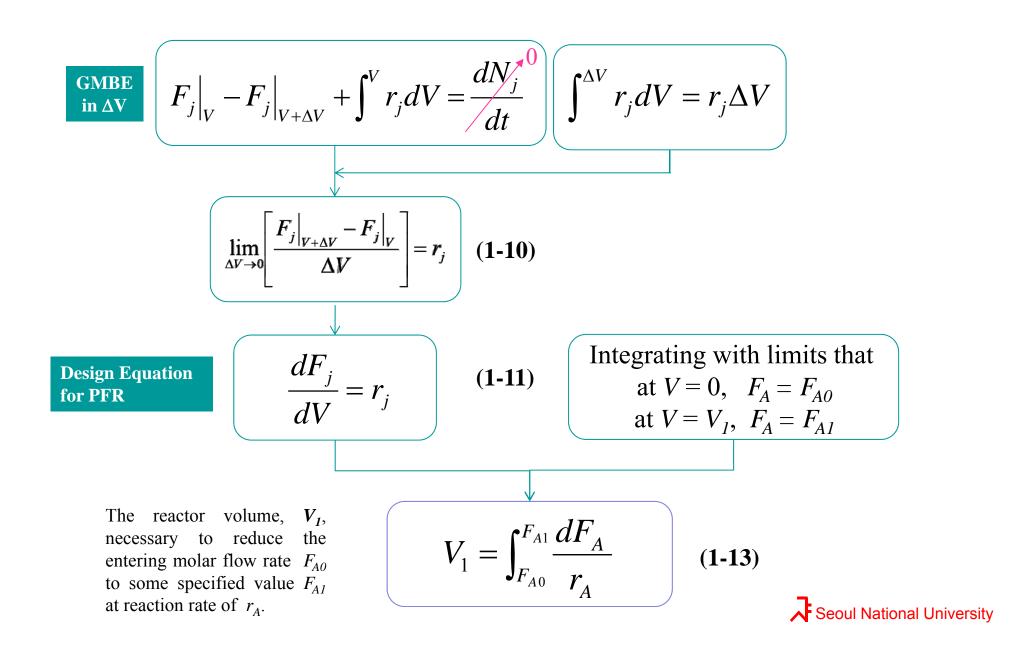
Let $F_j(y)$ represent the molar flow rate of species j into volume ΔV at y $F_j(y+\Delta y)$ represent the molar flow rate of species j out of volume ΔV at $(y+\Delta y)$

In a spatially uniform sub-volume ΔV ,

$$\int^{\Delta V} r_j dV = r_j \Delta V$$



1.4.2 Tubular Reactor (PFR)



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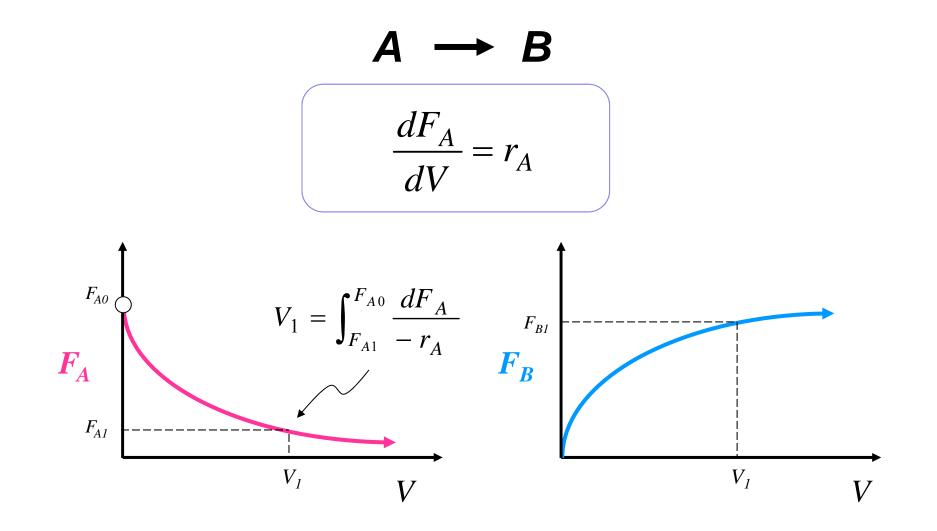


Figure 1-12 profiles of molar flow rates in a PFR

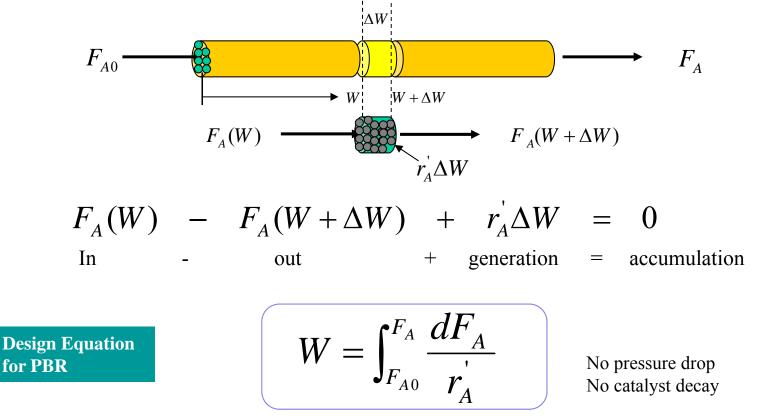


1.4.3 Packed-Bed Reactor (PBR)

For a fluid-solid heterogeneous system, the rate of reaction of a substance A is defined as

 $-r'_{A} = \frac{gmol \ A \ reacted}{\sec \cdot g \ catalyst}$

The mass of solid is used because the amount of the catalyst is what is important to the $-r'_A$





Example 1-1 How large is it? (PFR)

The first-order reaction (liquid phase rxn)

$$C_{A0} V_0 \longrightarrow V C_A$$

A → B

is carried out in a tubular reactor in which the volumetric flow rate, v_0 , is constant.

(1) Derive an equation relating the reactor volume (V) to the entering concentration of A (C_{A0}), the rate constant *k*, and the volumetric flow rate V_0 .

(2) Determine the reactor volume necessary to reduce the exiting concentration (C_A) to 10% of the entering concentration (C_{A0}) when the volumetric flow rate (v_0) is 10 ℓ /min and the specific reaction rate, k, is 0.23 min⁻¹.



Example 1-1 How large is it? (PFR)

GMBE
for PFR
$$\frac{dF_A}{dV} = r_A$$

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$$-r_A = kC_A \quad \text{(1st-order reaction)}$$

$$\frac{dF_A}{dV} = \frac{d(C_A v_0)}{dV} = v_0 \frac{dC_A}{dV}$$
Combine $v_0 \frac{dC_A}{dV} = -kC_A$

Combin both side

$$V_0 \frac{dC_A}{dV} = -kC$$

$$-\frac{v_0}{k} \left(\frac{dC_A}{C_A}\right) = dV$$

$$-\frac{v_0}{k} \int_{C_{A0}}^{C_A} \frac{dC_A}{C_A} = \int_0^V dV$$

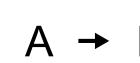
$$V = \frac{v_0}{k} \ln \frac{C_{A0}}{C_A}$$
 Tubular,
1st order rxn

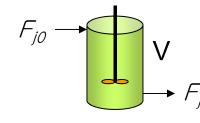
$$V = \frac{10l / \min}{0.23 \min^{-1}} \ln \frac{C_{A0}}{0.1C_{A0}}$$
$$= \frac{10l}{0.23} \ln 10$$
$$= 100l$$

A reactor volume of 100L is necessary to convert 90% of species A entering into product B for the parameter given.

P1-6_B How large is it? (CSTR)

The first-order reaction (liquid phase rxn)







is carried out in a CSTR in which the volumetric flow rate, v_0 , is constant.

(1) Derive an equation relating the reactor volume (V) to the entering concentration of A (C_{A0}), the rate constant *k*, and the volumetric flow rate V_0 .

(2) Determine the reactor volume necessary to reduce the exiting concentration (C_A) to 10% of the entering concentration (C_{A0}) when the volumetric flow rate (v_0) is 10 ℓ /min and the specific reaction rate, k, is 0.23 min⁻¹.



P1-6_B How large is it? (CSTR)

For CSTR,

the mole balance on species A was shown to be

$$V = \frac{F_{A0} - F_A}{-r_A} = \frac{C_{A0}v_0 - C_Av_0}{kC_A}$$

$$F_{j0} \longrightarrow V$$

$$F_{j}$$

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$$C_A = 0.1C_{A0}, \quad v_0 = 10\ell / \min, \quad and \quad k = 0.23 \min^{-1}$$

$$V = \frac{C_{A0}v_0 - C_Av_0}{0.1kC_{A0}} = \frac{0.9v_0}{0.1k}$$
$$= (9)(10\ell/\min)/(0.23\min^{-1})$$
$$= 391.3\ell$$

The CSTR is almost 4 times larger than the PFR for getting 90% conversion



Mole Balance on Different Reactor

Reactor	Differential	Algebraic	Integral	
Batch	$\frac{dN_A}{dt} = r_A V$		$t = \int_{N_{A0}}^{N_A} \frac{dN_A}{r_A V}$	N _A
CSTR		$V = \frac{F_{A0} - F_A}{-r_A}$		
PFR	$\frac{dF_A}{dV} = r_A$		$V = \int_{F_{A0}}^{F_A} \frac{dF_A}{r_A}$	F _A
PBR	$\frac{dF_A}{dW} = r'_A$		$W = \int_{F_{A0}}^{F_A} \frac{dF_A}{r'_A}$	F _A

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