

Project 3: Maleic Anhydride Production

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1 Summary

Three PFR reactor models for the production of Maleic Anhydride were explored: isothermal, adiabatic and with cooling. The isothermal case was used to approbate methods of yield and conversion analysis: butane conversion, yield and flowrate of Maleic Acid. Also J_{coef} was introduced. The adiabatic case was used to model heat accumulation, which accelerates side reactions and does not exist in isothermal case. In the final part of report the analysis of the cooling introduction was explored. The variability of coolant temperature was determined to be extremely sensitive parameter influencing the output. The other influential factor was inlet pressure and concentration of feed: higher feed concentration and pressure independently lead to higher conversion up to the full burnout. The introduction of the pressure drop into calculations lead to a narrow increase in productivity, while it is important in scaled manufacturing.

2 Introduction

The project is focusing on the process of the production of the maleic anhydride (MA) via the selective oxidation of the n-butane (butane) in the multi-tubular reactor with catalytic bed. The nature of the main and side combustion reactions is highly exothermic, hence, the performance is predominantly affected by the temperature.

The aim of the work is to model the reactor performance under multiple operational conditions: isothermal, adiabatic, with cooling; and analyse the effect on selectivity, yield, temperature profiles to consider the optimum values for every condition.

The reactor is assumed to be a plug flow reactor, using the kinetics provided in project brief, assuming excess of oxygen in the feed and the neglecting heat and mass transfer limitations between the gas and catalyst, simplifying model to homogeneous reactor.

Material and energy balances were solved numerically to obtain concentration and temperature profiles for the range of reactor volumes.

Firstly, the isothermal reactor model was assessed to identify the effects of range of temperatures on yield and selectivity.

Secondly, the adiabatic model was performing the effect of the heat release on the conversion and limitations of lack of cooling of the exothermic reactions.

Finally, the cooling system with molten salt was implemented to assess partially hypothetical case with no or ideal heat exchange. The cooling was assumed to perform as non-adiabatic system with constant cooling temperature.

The kinetic and thermodynamic equations were solved using numerical integration methods implemented in python([1]). The implementation methods are provided in the appendix.

3 Results and Discussion

Every reactor model was using previously stated assumption: ideal PFR behaviour, excess of oxygen, neglect of the pressure drop and transport limitations.

3.1 Isothermal case

The main goal of the isothermal analysis is to consider the boundaries for the further, more complex simulations for the safe and operatable temperature profiles.

The modeling of the isothermal reactor at different volumes and temperatures provided following counter plots for the yield of MA (Fig. 1a), molar flow of MA (Fig. 1b), and depletion of butane (Fig. 1c).

For the counter plots the qualitative colourmap was used to separate the regions of different numbers not continuously, but discretely. The exactness of the maximum is not crucial due to operational uncertainties, so the quantifying colourmap considered as the nest.

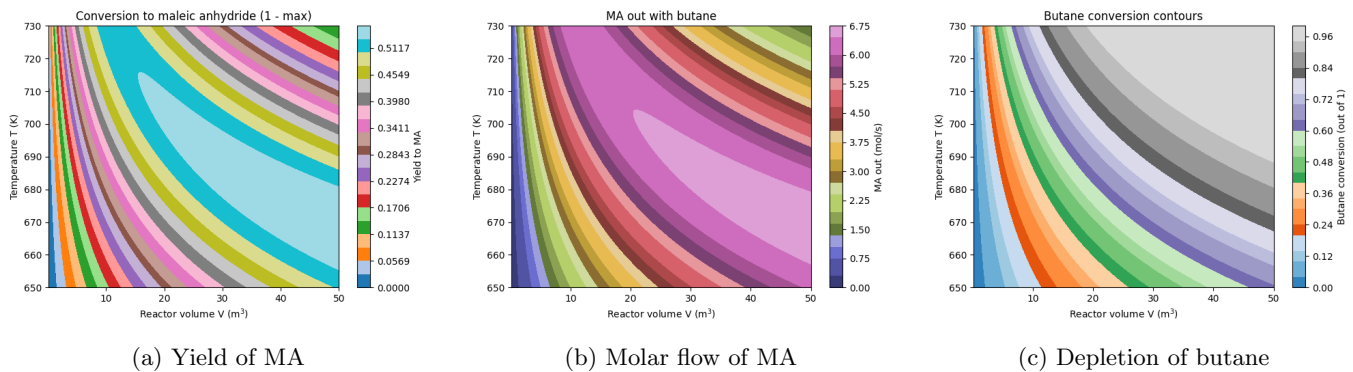


Figure 1: Isothermal reactor results

Figure 1a depicts that the maximal yield at the isothermal reactor happens at the large volumes and lower temperatures. Simultaneously, figure 1c the operation inlet temperature rise is directly related with the higher depletion of butane. Hence, the produced MA at higher temperatures burns down, losing the product. Figure 1b shows more precise values of molar flow of MA from the reactor

The rough graph analysis based on the MA_{out} demonstrates that the realistic operational range for the reactor volume is from $35.0m^3$ to $50.0m^3$. The operational temperature of the reactor is enclosed between roughly 665K and 685K (392C and 412C).

However, from the butane depletion graph, the lower volume and lower temperature are considered to be more effective for future separation recycle (not considered in this project).

The selectivity ratio was used to narrow the operational region of volume to $0.1m^3$ and temperature to 1K. However, yield could be low if only the selectivity is monitored, decreasing the rate as it is. Hence, new metric coefficient was introduced: J-coefficient.

J-coefficient is a multiplication of the selectivity by the yield (both on scale from 0 to 1).

$$J_{MA,B} = S_{MA,B} \cdot Y_{MA,B} = \frac{MA_{out}}{B_{in}} \cdot \frac{MA_{out}}{B_{used}} = \frac{MA_{out}^2}{B_{in} \cdot B_{used}}$$

J-coefficient is used to de-emphasise the points with huge difference in yield and selectivity to focus on conditions with the most effective and rapid production of MA.

For the range of the volumes and temperatures were made two separate optimisations by the value of J-coefficient.

For every volume was found the temperature with highest J-coefficient (Fig. 2b).

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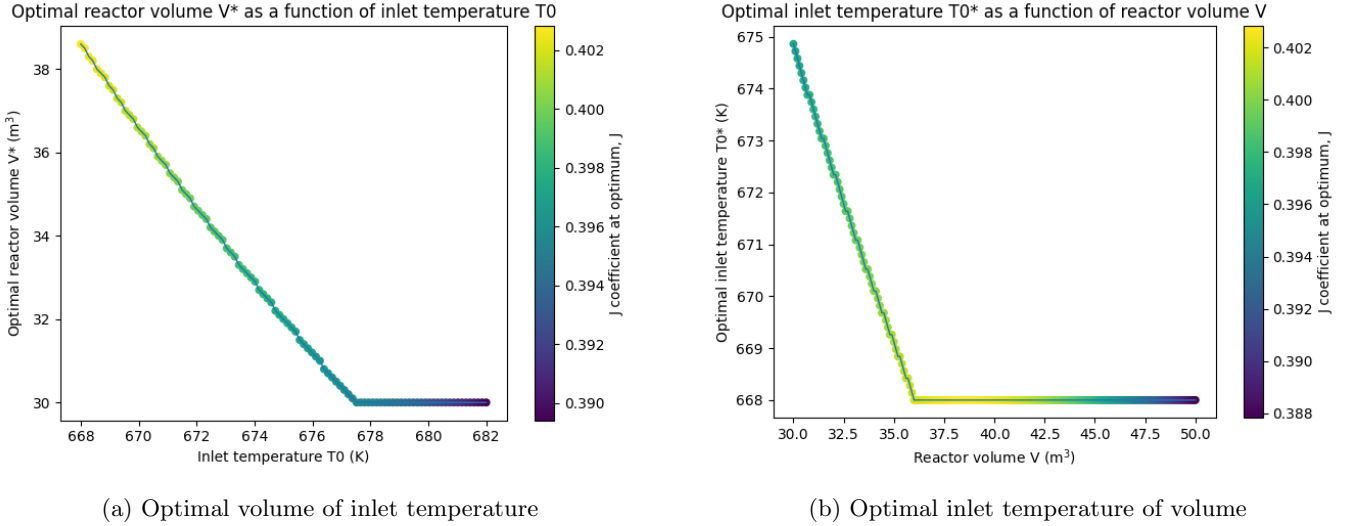


Figure 2: Optimal operating conditions based on J_{coef}

Graphs show that the optimum for the higher temperatures lies in lower volumes and vice versa. Yet, the highest J_{coef} is found around the $37.5m^3$ and 668K(395C).

Further it will be referred as Isothermal Optimum($37.5m^3$, 395C), yet it is only a dot in the area of optimum (operational region of volume to $0.1m^3$ and temperature to 1K). The optimum point will never exist in reality due to uncertainties of the volume of the reactor and of the reading of the thermocouple. ([2])

The specific values for this point are demonstrated in Table 1.

Table 1: Isothermal results at $V = 37.5m^3$ and $T = 668K$.

Quantity	Value
MA out, MA_{out} ($mol\ s^{-1}$)	6.387
Yield to MA, Y_{MA} (-)	0.532
Selectivity to MA, S_{MA} (-)	0.756
Butane conversion, X_B (-)	0.704
Objective, $J = Y_{MA}S_{MA}$ (-)	0.403

This Isothermal Optimum conditions have their operational risks and limitations.

First is the size of the reactor, which is considered huge for the usual PFR reactor. However, for many highly exothermic processes the volume of the reactor may be up to $50m^3$. ([3]).

Second is the temperature. The optimal temperature found in model is significantly lower than the temperature of autoignition, hence, this could be considered as a factor of low risk.

The isothermal model may be effective, yet it limits the realistic perception of the reactor modeling. The main reasons are:

1. Rapid-adjusting heat consumption and heat distribution

Assuming that the reactor is isothermal means coolant taking just enough heat to keep the temperature same. However, the overall rate of the reactions and heat production varies dramatically, which is impossible to adjust in real time.

2. Unrealistic temperature stability

High efficiency and high selectivity of the isothermal optimum are happening at the relatively low temperature with no risk of the autoignition. However, in real life heat will be absorbed firstly by the substances, increasing side-combustion pathways, decreasing the selectivity and yield.

Therefore, analysis of the system where the heat is not transferred to the surroundings may be helpful to overcome the limitations of the isothermal model.

The technical and predominantly hypothetical model to investigate will be the adiabatic model: it assumes that no heat transferred to the surrounding, allowing to model the temperature rise by heat accumulation, multiplying the effect of the side reactions.

3.2 Adiabatic case

The main goal of the adiabatic analysis is to consider the operational conditions when heat accumulation dominates and accelerating side-ways exothermic reactions. The rough analysis of the adiabatic conversion (Fig. 3) shows that the conversion happens predominantly at low volumes; thus, the primary analysis can be enclosed in the volume range from 0m^3 to 3m^3 and the temperature range from 660K and 680K (between 387°C and 407°C).

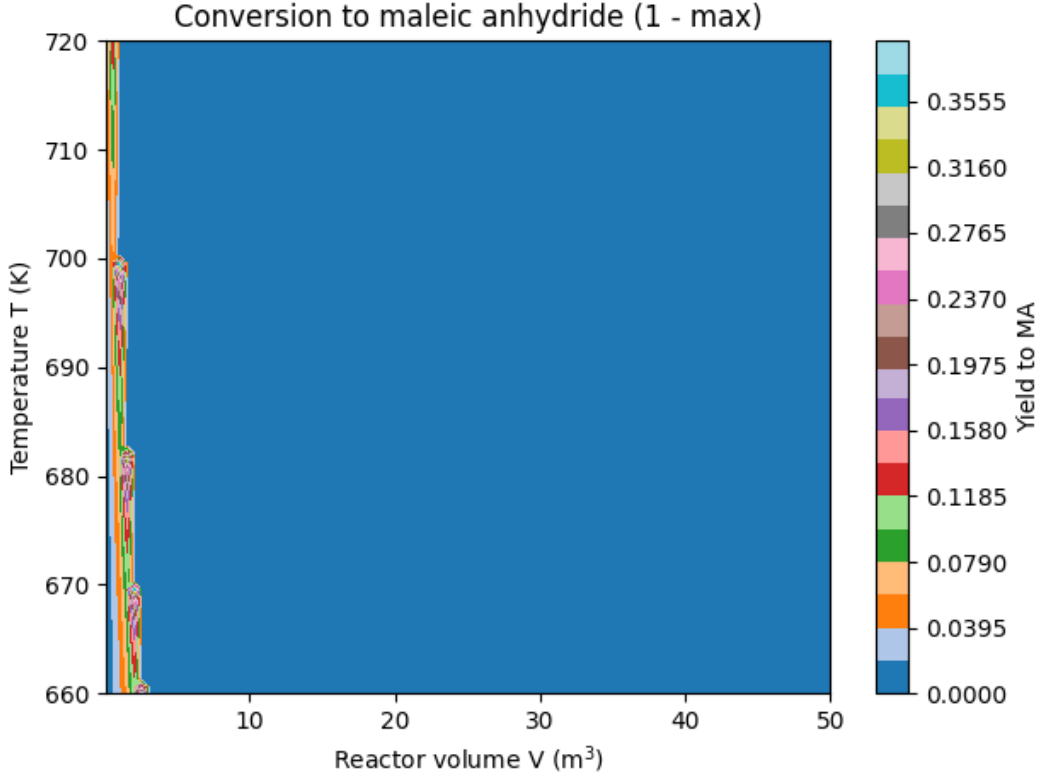


Figure 3: Adiabatic Yield of MA, rough

The following analysis of the yield (Fig. 4a) and molar flow (Fig. 4b) of MA and butane depletion profile (Fig. 4c) provides that the nature of adiabatic process is enormously sensitive to the inlet temperature and volume. Increasing volume by 0.5m^3 and temperature by 0.5K may switch process from being highly effective to being totally wasteful, burning the butane totally.

Results for points $(671.0\text{K}, 2.0\text{m}^3)$ and $(671.5\text{K}, 2.5\text{m}^3)$ are the following:

Table 2: Adiabatic comparison at two operating points.

Quantity	$(T, V) = (671.0\text{K}, 2.0\text{m}^3)$	$(T, V) = (671.5\text{K}, 2.5\text{m}^3)$
MA_{out} (mol s^{-1})	3.44	9.23×10^{-3}
Y_{MA} (-)	0.286	7.69×10^{-4}
S_{MA} (-)	0.787	7.69×10^{-4}
X_B (-)	0.355	1.000
$J = Y_{\text{MA}}S_{\text{MA}}$ (-)	0.226	5.92×10^{-7}

The border of these conditions is identified as the border for null yield and high yield of MA, which is exactly the border for the complete depletion of butane.

Thus, the uncertainties of monitoring of the volume of reactor and the temperature inlet are serious threats to the effectiveness of production and ought to be considered separately.

The k-type thermocouple of the 1 class of precision have an uncertainty of $\pm 1.5^\circ\text{C}$. ([2])

The ASME Section VIII manufacturing standards ([3]) allows for reactors of volume from 1000 to 5000 liters (from 1.0m^3 to 5.0m^3) have uncertainty of $\pm 1.0\%$. As our operational conditions will be around 2.5m^3 , the uncertainty of the volume is considered $\pm 0.025\text{m}^3$.

The other reason to consider is whether or not full combustion in the square of uncertainty. The reason for the saving of the butane in isothermal case is also valid here; hence, the upper limit of temperature and volume uncertainty should be the region of the most efficiency (which borders with the area of full depletion of butane and null yield).

The operational temperature and volume considered from the Fig. 4b are 663K (390°C) and 2.05m^3 . The operational risks at this temperature are minimal as the point of autoignition is unallowed by the temperature sensors to

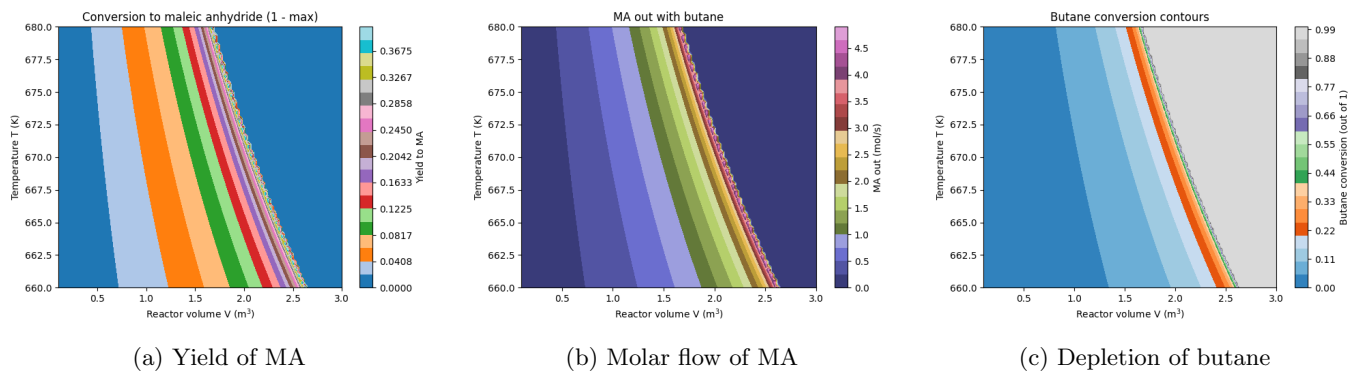


Figure 4: Adiabatic analysis of the reactor, narrowed

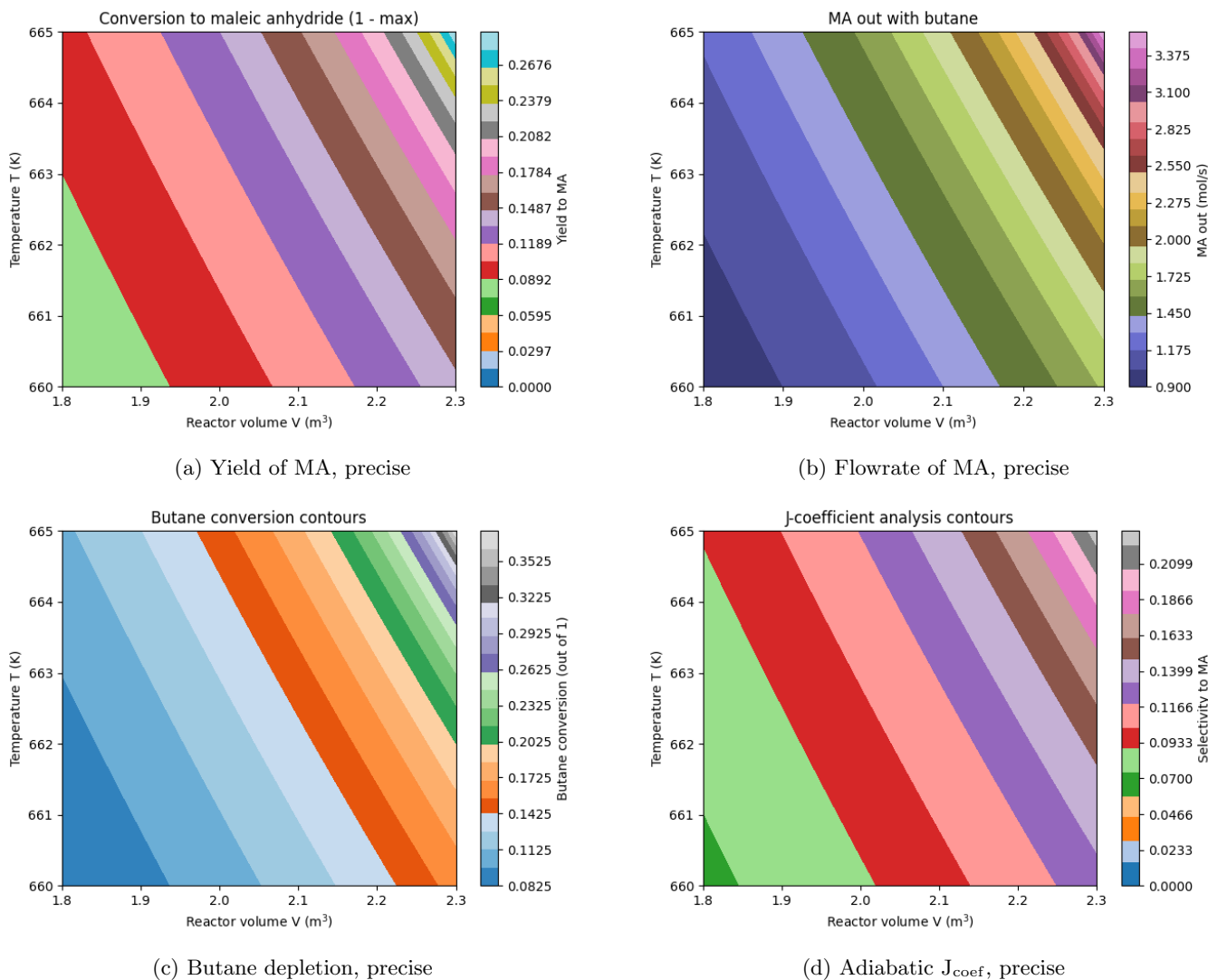


Figure 5: Adiabatic analysis of the operational unit with temperature at 663K (390°C) and operational volume 2.05m³

be reached. Moreover, moderate J_{coef} (Fig. 5d) with low butane depletion (Fig. 5c) performs high selectivity of the operational conditions, allowing to implement the modeled reactor in the recycle chain to minimize wasting of the butane to the carbon oxides and steam.

On the other hand, the expected flowrate of MA (Fig. 5b) and yield (Fig. 5a) are considered to be low for the non-recycle operational unit. This could not be neglected due to the narrowity of the high-efficiency region of the adiabatic case, which could be taking into account only with either low yield and high selectivity if temperature drops or with null yield and full butane depletion if temperature rises.

In reality, the adiabatic process is impossible unless the reactor is covered in thick layer the high-quality insulator as ceramics. Allowing heat to be transferred from the accumulated regions to the coolant may prevent side reactions and increase the high-efficiency region of the reactor, allowing to consider higher-yield approach rather than fuel-saving one.

3.3 Coolant case

The purpose of the analysis of the reactor with coolant is to model behaviour closer to real-life operation, where the temperature is not constant, yet heat is not perpetually accumulated due to continuous heat removal.

The analysis is divided into four parts.

Part *a* considers the operating conditions specified in the project brief.

Part *b* focuses on determining the effect of varying both the inlet and coolant temperatures.

Part *c* analyses the effect of changing the inlet pressure and the feed concentration of butane.

Part *d* presents the effect of introducing pressure drop into the simulation.

The tubes used in the coolant system in the following analysis have a length of 6 m ([4]).

3.3.1 Part a: $T_{\text{inlet}} = T_{\text{coolant}} = 380^\circ\text{C}$

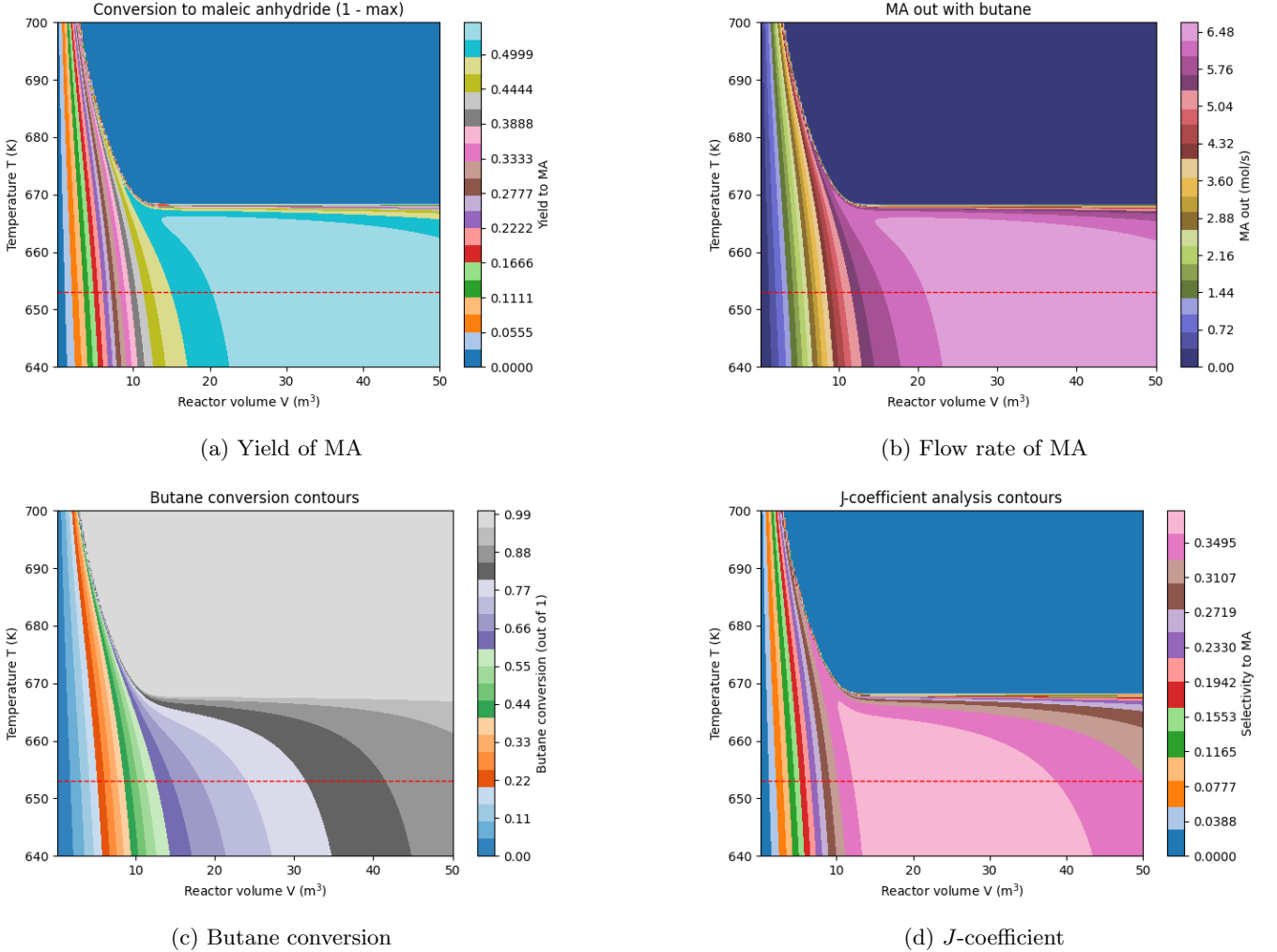


Figure 6: Cooling system analysis at $T_{\text{coolant}} = 380^\circ\text{C}$. The red dashed line indicates $T_{\text{inlet}} = T_{\text{coolant}}$.

The yield of MA (Fig. 6a) and the flow rate of MA (Fig. 6b) show that, under the specified operating conditions, increasing the reactor volume has a diminishing effect on the targeted output once the volume exceeds approximately 22 m^3 . This value can therefore be considered as a lower boundary for the target reactor volume.

However, the J -coefficient analysis (Fig. 6d) indicates that at larger reactor volumes the selectivity decreases while the yield remains nearly constant. This implies that an increasing fraction of butane is consumed in side reactions rather than converted to maleic anhydride. This behaviour is supported by the contour plot of butane conversion (Fig. 6c), which exceeds the 80% conversion threshold at high volumes. Consequently, further increases in reactor volume become inefficient and define an upper bound for the optimal operating range at this temperature.

The behaviour of the MA yield and flow rate at the temperature specified in the project brief is significantly more favourable compared to higher temperatures. Moreover, the temperature profiles in this region resemble quasi-isothermal behaviour rather than adiabatic operation. This effect is achieved due to the large heat exchange area of the cooling system,

$$\text{Area} = N\pi DL = 10000 \cdot \pi \cdot 0.025 \cdot 6 = 4712.4 \text{ m}^2.$$

At higher temperatures (above approximately 670 K or 397°C), the reactor exhibits a more pronounced adiabatic

temperature profile. In this regime, the cooling system becomes less effective in compensating for heat accumulation, and the reactor behaviour increasingly approaches that of an adiabatic system.

3.3.2 Part b: Range of T_{inlet} and T_{coolant}

The effect of varying the inlet temperature was discussed in the previous part by comparing temperature profiles at different reactor volumes. The analysis showed that temperatures above 670 K result in predominantly adiabatic behaviour, while at lower temperatures the system behaves closer to isothermal operation.

For further analysis, the coolant temperature was increased to 385°C and decreased to 375°C. The condition $T_{\text{inlet}} = T_{\text{coolant}}$ is indicated in the figures by the red dashed line.

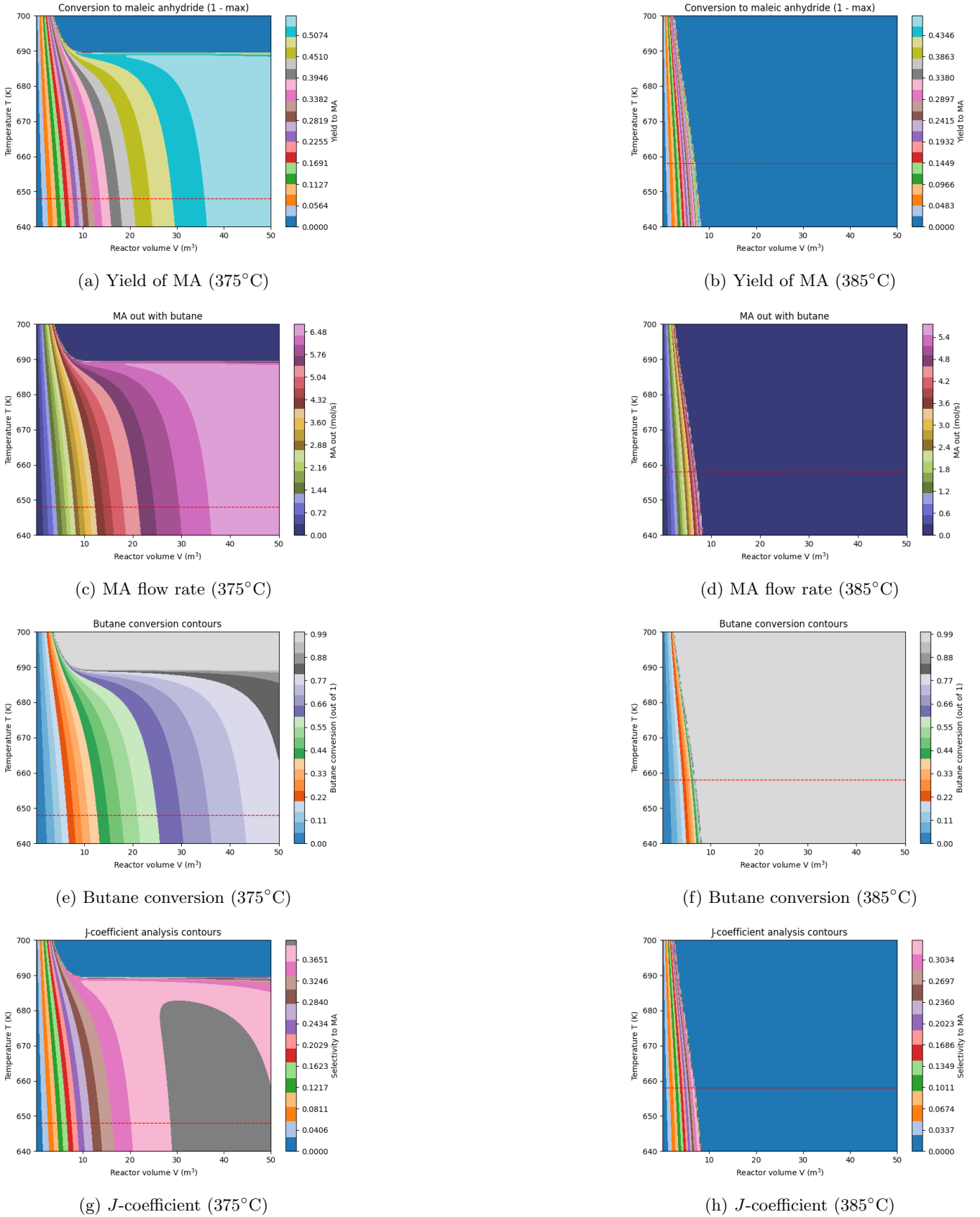


Figure 7: Cooling-system contour comparison for two coolant temperatures.

The variation of the coolant temperature significantly affects the MA yield, MA flow rate, butane conversion, and J -coefficient profiles (Fig. 7). Increasing the coolant temperature to 385°C substantially narrows the operational reactor volume range at the condition $T_{\text{inlet}} = T_{\text{coolant}}$, with the upper feasible volume reduced to approximately 8 m³. In contrast, at 375°C the corresponding operational volume range extends from approximately 30 m³ to 50 m³.

A higher coolant temperature reduces the effective temperature driving force for heat removal and therefore promotes adiabatic-like behaviour. Consequently, increasing either the inlet temperature or the coolant temperature shifts the reactor operation toward the adiabatic regime.

3.3.3 Part c: Effect of changing inlet pressure and concentration of butane

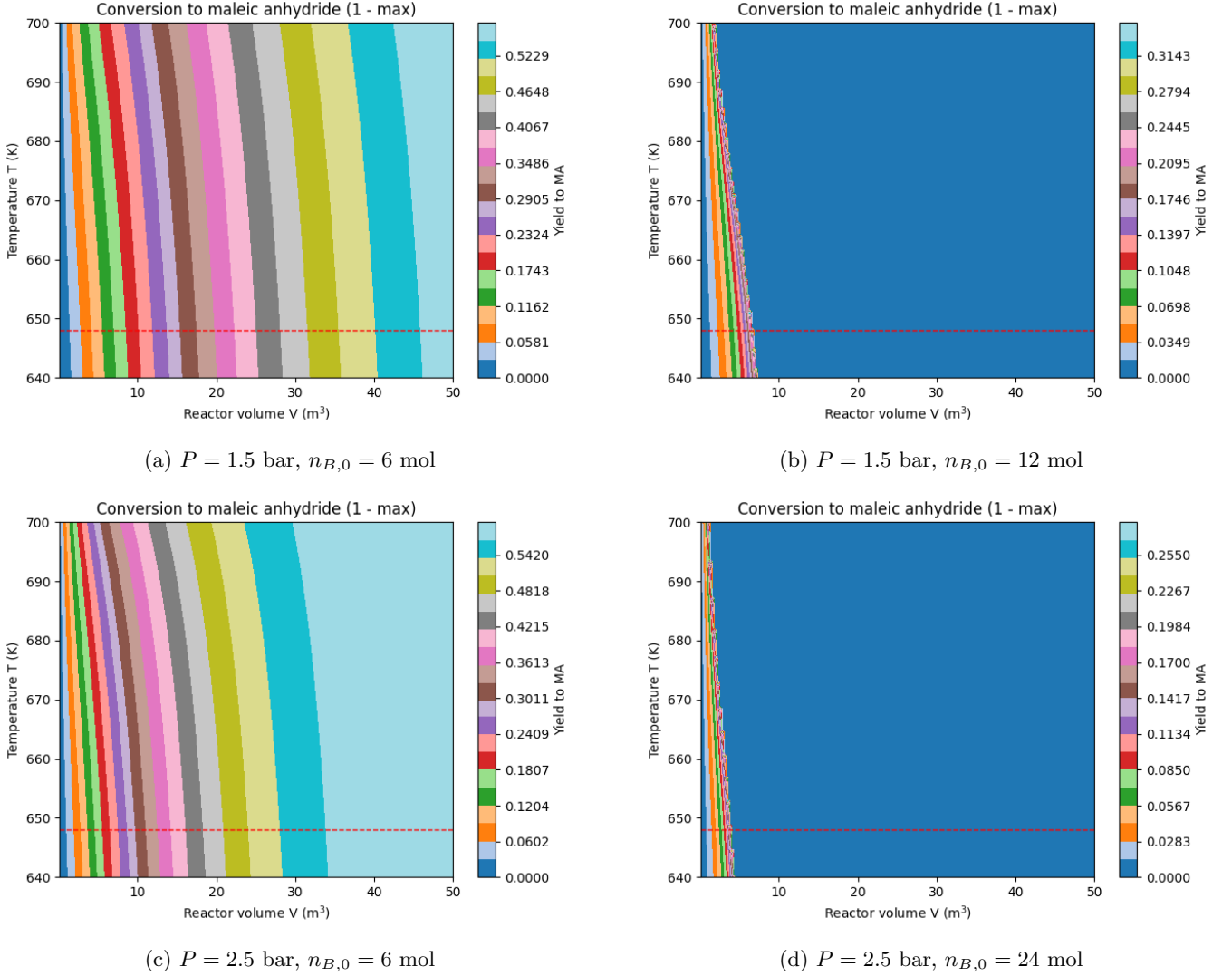


Figure 8: Yield contours for different inlet pressures and initial butane amounts.

The yield contours presented in Fig. 8 show that lowering the inlet butane concentration leads to an increase in the yield of maleic anhydride, while increasing the inlet pressure enhances the overall conversion. At higher inlet concentrations, an increase in pressure shifts the boundary of near-complete butane conversion toward lower reactor volumes, reflecting higher reaction rates due to increased partial pressures.

3.3.4 Part d: Effect of introduction of pressure drop

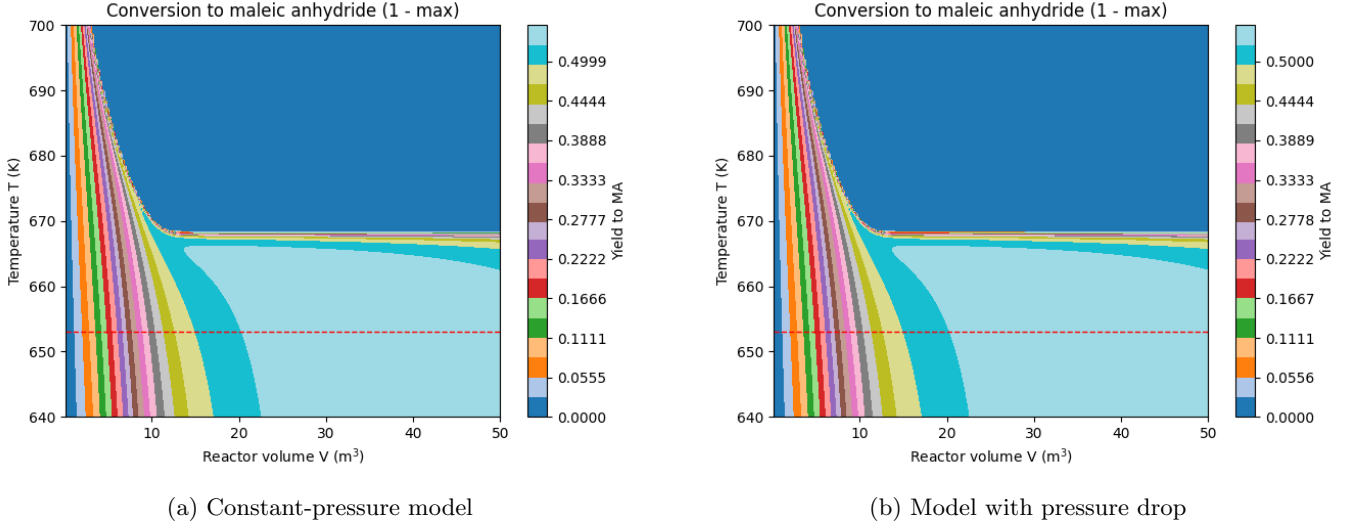


Figure 9: Effect of including pressure drop on MA yield contours.

The comparison of simulations with and without pressure drop (Fig. 9) shows that accounting for pressure losses along the reactor slightly increases the reactor volume required to reach a given level of conversion. This effect arises from the gradual reduction of partial pressures along the reactor length, which lowers reaction rates compared to the constant-pressure assumption.

The differences in the maximum attainable conversion between the two models are small, on the order of 0.2%. Although modest, such differences may become significant when extrapolated to industrial-scale production rates.

4 Recommendations

The production of MA is effective in a non-adiabatic multitubular reactor with molten-salt cooling under the following recommended (nominal) design and operating conditions:

1. **Nominal temperatures:** $T_{\text{inlet}} \approx T_{\text{coolant}} = 380^\circ\text{C}$ (set-point; local deviations are expected in operation).
2. **Reactor size:** $V_{\text{reactor}} \approx 30\text{ m}^3$ (rounded design value within the high-performance operating region, rather than a sharp optimum).
3. **Temperature monitoring/control:** K-type thermocouples, Class 1 accuracy ($\pm 1.5^\circ\text{C}$), used to define a practical safety/control margin.
4. **Tube bundle geometry:** $D = 25\text{ mm}$, $L = 6\text{ m}$ (standard manufacturable/transportable tube length).
5. **Number of tubes:** $N \approx 10,000$ (order-of-magnitude estimate based on required heat-transfer area).
6. **Coolant configuration (assumption):** molten salt operated with a controlled inlet temperature and sufficiently high flow rate to maintain near-uniform coolant-side conditions along the reactor.
7. **Operating window recommendation:** the reactor should be operated within a temperature–volume window around the nominal point, rather than targeting a single exact (T, V) , due to strong sensitivity and instrumentation/manufacturing uncertainties.

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6 Appendix

A Code

A.1 Isothermal Project 3.py

```
1  # Lev Gerasimov's Project 3 code
2  # Right now I approximate the isothermal situation of the reactor of maleic anhydride
3  # January 2026
4
5  # 3 reactions in gas phase
6  #  $C_4H_{10} + 3.5_{O_2} = C_4H_{2O_3} + 5_{H_2O}$ 
7  #  $C_4H_{2O_3} + 2_{O_2} = 2_{CO} + 2_{CO_2} + H_2O$ 
8  #  $C_4H_{10} + 5_{O_2} = 3_{CO} + CO_2 + 5_{H_2O}$ 
9  # list of species and their points below
10 # 0 -  $C_4H_{10}$ 
11 # 1 -  $O_2$ 
12 # 2 -  $C_4H_{2O_3}$ 
13 # 3 -  $H_2O$ 
14 # 4 -  $CO$ 
15 # 5 -  $CO_2$ 
16 # 6 -  $N_2$  (in air)
17
18
19 import numpy as np
20 from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp
21 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
22
23 # number of species
24 nspec = 7
25
26 # number of reactions
27 nrec = 3
28
29 # stoichiometric coefficients converted into matrix
30 stoic_1 = np.array([-1, -3.5, 1, 4, 0, 0, 0])
31 stoic_2 = np.array([0, -2, -1, 1, 2, 2, 0])
32 stoic_3 = np.array([-1, -5, 0, 5, 3, 1, 0])
33
34 stoic_matrix = np.stack([stoic_1, stoic_2, stoic_3])
35
36 # Arrhenius coefficients and activation energy for three reactions
37 A_matrix = np.array([
38     20.0, # Reaction 1: selective oxidation to maleic anhydride
39     4.0, # Reaction 2: oxidation of maleic anhydride
40     0.7 # Reaction 3: combustion of n-butane
41 ])
42
43 E_act_matrix = np.array([
44     95e3, # Reaction 1
45     105e3, # Reaction 2
46     125e3 # Reaction 3
47 ])
48
49
50 def k_calc(A_matrix, E_act_matrix, T):
51     T1 = T
52     k_new = A_matrix * np.exp(-(E_act_matrix / 8.3145) * (1.0 / T1 - 1.0 / 673.15))
53     return k_new
54
55
56 # rate coefficients for the reactions
57 KMA = 10
58 KB = 22
59 KS = 2
60
61 EPS = 1e-12
62
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63 # Enthalpies of formation at 298 K (in base SI units)
64 delHf = np.array([
65     -125.6e3, # n-Butane, kJ/mol -> J/mol
66     0.0, # Oxygen
67     -398.3e3, # Maleic anhydride (vapour)
68     -241.8e3, # Water (steam)
69     -110.5e3, # Carbon monoxide
70     -393.5e3, # Carbon dioxide
71     0.0 # Nitrogen
72 ])
73
74 # Heat capacity coefficients (in base SI units)
75 #  $C_{p,m}(T) = a + b*T + c*T^2$ 
76 # Each  $C_{p,paramX}$  is  $[a, b, c]$  for species  $X$  (see species numbering above).
77
78 Cp_param0 = np.array([3.79, 358e-3, -137e-6]) # 0 - n-Butane
79 Cp_param1 = np.array([26.5, 9.4e-3, -0.3e-6]) # 1 - O2
80 Cp_param2 = np.array([14.4, 294e-3, -138e-6]) # 2 - Maleic anhydride (vapour)
81 Cp_param3 = np.array([32.0, 3.2e-3, 6.6e-6]) # 3 - H2O (steam)
82 Cp_param4 = np.array([28.9, -1.2e-3, 6.3e-6]) # 4 - CO
83 Cp_param5 = np.array([22.3, 58.3e-3, -27.4e-6]) # 5 - CO2
84 Cp_param6 = np.array([29.4, -3.2e-3, 7.3e-6]) # 6 - N2
85
86 Cp_param_matrix = np.stack([
87     Cp_param0,
88     Cp_param1,
89     Cp_param2,
90     Cp_param3,
91     Cp_param4,
92     Cp_param5,
93     Cp_param6
94 ])
95
96 # functions to calculate the heat capacities of species at temperature T
97
98
99 def Cp_calc(nspec, Cp_param_matrix, T):
100     T_func = np.array([1, T, T**2])
101     Cp_val = Cp_param_matrix @ T_func
102     return Cp_val
103
104
105 # function to calculate the enthalpy of reaction at temperature T
106
107
108 def delHreac(stoic_matrix, delHf, cp_param_matrix, T):
109     delHf298 = stoic_matrix @ delHf
110     delCP = stoic_matrix @ cp_param_matrix
111     T_func = np.array([T - 298.0, (T**2 - 298.0**2) / 2.0, (T**3 - 298.0**3) / 3.0])
112     delH_reac = delHf298 + delCP @ T_func
113     return delH_reac
114
115
116 # function to model the isothermal operation
117
118
119 def rhs_isothermal(V, xi):
120     P = P0
121     ndot = ndot0 + xi @ stoic_matrix
122     ndot = np.maximum(ndot, 0.0)
123
124     ndot_tot = float(ndot.sum())
125     if ndot_tot <= EPS:
126         return np.zeros(3)
127
128     y = ndot / ndot_tot
129     y = np.maximum(y, 0.0)
130     y_sum = float(y.sum())
131     if y_sum <= EPS:

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132     return np.zeros(3)
133     y = y / y_sum
134
135     P_part = y * P
136     P_part = np.maximum(P_part, 0.0)
137
138     PB = P_part[0]
139     PMA = P_part[2]
140     PS = P_part[3]
141
142     k1, k2, k3 = k_calc(A_matrix, E_act_matrix, T0) # constant T0 for isothermal
143     r1 = k1 * PB / (1 + KB * PB + KMA * PMA + KS * PS)
144     r2 = k2 * PMA
145     r3 = k3 * PB
146
147     return np.array([r1, r2, r3])
148
149
150 # set conditions at inlet (in base SI units)
151 P0 = 2.0
152 ndot0 = np.array([12.0, 137.48, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 517.19])
153
154 # specify number of data points for displayed solution
155 ndata = 500
156
157 # ranges for isothermal analysis
158 Ts = np.linspace(668, 678, 101) # K
159 Vs = np.linspace(0.1, 50, 101) # m^3
160
161 MA_grid = np.zeros((len(Ts), len(Vs)))
162 Y_grid = np.zeros_like(MA_grid)
163 S_grid = np.zeros_like(MA_grid)
164 XB_grid = np.zeros_like(MA_grid)
165
166 for i, T0 in enumerate(Ts):
167     for j, Vreactor in enumerate(Vs):
168         V_span = (0.0, float(Vreactor))
169         xi0 = np.zeros(nrec)
170
171         sol = solve_ivp(rhs_isothermal, V_span, xi0, method="BDF", rtol=1e-6, atol=1e-8)
172
173         if not sol.success or sol.y.size == 0:
174             MA_grid[i, j] = np.nan
175             Y_grid[i, j] = np.nan
176             S_grid[i, j] = np.nan
177             XB_grid[i, j] = np.nan
178             continue
179
180         xi_end = sol.y[:, -1]
181
182         MA_out = float(xi_end[0] - xi_end[1])
183         B_cons = float(xi_end[0] + xi_end[2])
184
185         if B_cons <= 0:
186             S_MA = 0.0
187             Y_MA = 0.0
188             X_B = 0.0
189         else:
190             S_MA = MA_out / B_cons
191             Y_MA = MA_out / float(ndot0[0])
192             X_B = B_cons / float(ndot0[0])
193
194         MA_grid[i, j] = MA_out
195         Y_grid[i, j] = Y_MA
196         S_grid[i, j] = S_MA
197         XB_grid[i, j] = X_B
198
199 # combined objective: yield selectivity
200 J_grid = Y_grid * S_grid

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201
202 # contour plot mesh
203 V_mesh, T_mesh = np.meshgrid(Vs, Ts)
204
205 # 1) Contour plot for yield to MA
206 plt.figure()
207 levels_y = np.linspace(0.0, np.nanmax(Y_grid), 120)
208 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, Y_grid, levels=levels_y, cmap="tab20", vmin=0.0, vmax=np.nanmax(Y_grid
    ))
209 plt.colorbar(cf, label="YieldtoMA")
210 plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeV(m3)")
211 plt.ylabel("TemperatureT(K)")
212 plt.title("Conversiontomaleicanhydride(1-max)")
213 plt.tight_layout()
214 plt.show()
215
216 # 2) MA production rate
217 plt.figure()
218 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, MA_grid, levels=120, cmap="tab20b")
219 plt.colorbar(cf, label="MAout(mol/s)")
220 plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeV(m3)")
221 plt.ylabel("TemperatureT(K)")
222 plt.title("MAoutwithbutane")
223 plt.tight_layout()
224 plt.show()
225
226 # 3) Butane conversion
227 plt.figure()
228 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, XB_grid, levels=120, cmap="tab20c")
229 plt.colorbar(cf, label="Butaneconversion(outof1)")
230 plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeV(m3)")
231 plt.ylabel("TemperatureT(K)")
232 plt.title("Butaneconversioncontours")
233 plt.tight_layout()
234 plt.show()
235
236 # 4) Selectivity
237 plt.figure()
238 levels_s = np.linspace(0.0, np.nanmax(S_grid), 120)
239 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, S_grid, levels=levels_s, cmap="tab20", vmin=0.0, vmax=np.nanmax(S_grid
    ))
240 plt.colorbar(cf, label="SelectivitytoMA")
241 plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeV(m3)")
242 plt.ylabel("TemperatureT(K)")
243 plt.title("SelectivitytoMAwithbutane")
244 plt.tight_layout()
245 plt.show()
246
247 # 5) J-coefficient
248 plt.figure()
249 levels_j = np.linspace(0.0, np.nanmax(J_grid), 120)
250 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, J_grid, levels=levels_j, cmap="tab20", vmin=0.0, vmax=np.nanmax(J_grid
    ))
251 plt.colorbar(cf, label="Jcoefficient")
252 plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeV(m3)")
253 plt.ylabel("TemperatureT(K)")
254 plt.title("J-coefficientanalysiscontours")
255 plt.tight_layout()
256 plt.show()
257
258 # -----
259 # Optimal operating curves (reduce 2D grid to 1D optimum slices)
260 # -----
261
262 # 1) Best V for each T0
263 V_opt_per_T = np.full(len(Ts), np.nan)
264 J_opt_per_T = np.full(len(Ts), np.nan)
265 for i in range(len(Ts)):
266     row = J_grid[i, :]

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267     if np.all(np.isnan(row)):
268         continue
269     j_best = int(np.nanargmax(row))
270     V_opt_per_T[i] = Vs[j_best]
271     J_opt_per_T[i] = row[j_best]
272
273 plt.figure()
274 sc = plt.scatter(Ts, V_opt_per_T, c=J_opt_per_T, s=22)
275 plt.plot(Ts, V_opt_per_T, linewidth=1)
276 plt.colorbar(sc, label="J_coefficient_at_optimum,J")
277 plt.xlabel("Inlet_temperature_T0(K)")
278 plt.ylabel("Optimal_reactor_volume_V*(m^3)")
279 plt.title("Optimal_reactor_volume_V*as_a_function_of_inlet_temperature_T0")
280 plt.tight_layout()
281 plt.show()
282
283 # 2) Best T0 for each V
284 T_opt_per_V = np.full(len(Vs), np.nan)
285 J_opt_per_V = np.full(len(Vs), np.nan)
286 for j in range(len(Vs)):
287     col = J_grid[:, j]
288     if np.all(np.isnan(col)):
289         continue
290     i_best = int(np.nanargmax(col))
291     T_opt_per_V[j] = Ts[i_best]
292     J_opt_per_V[j] = col[i_best]
293
294 plt.figure()
295 sc = plt.scatter(Vs, T_opt_per_V, c=J_opt_per_V, s=22)
296 plt.plot(Vs, T_opt_per_V, linewidth=1)
297 plt.colorbar(sc, label="J_coefficient_at_optimum,J")
298 plt.xlabel("Reactor_volume_V*(m^3)")
299 plt.ylabel("Optimal_inlet_temperature_T0*(K)")
300 plt.title("Optimal_inlet_temperature_T0*as_a_function_of_reactor_volume_V")
301 plt.tight_layout()
302 plt.show()
303
304 # -----
305 # Print all data for a specific grid point (V=37.5 m^3, T=668 K)
306 # -----
307
308 V_target = 37.5
309 T_target = 668.0
310
311 i_candidates = np.where(np.isclose(Ts, T_target, atol=1e-9))[0]
312 j_candidates = np.where(np.isclose(Vs, V_target, atol=1e-9))[0]
313
314 if len(i_candidates) == 0:
315     raise ValueError(f"T_target={T_target} not found in Ts_grid.")
316 if len(j_candidates) == 0:
317     raise ValueError(f"V_target={V_target} not found in Vs_grid.")
318
319 i = int(i_candidates[0])
320 j = int(j_candidates[0])
321
322 print("\n=====")
323 print("Point_data_for_(V=37.5m^3,T=668K)")
324 print("=====")
325 print(f"Grid_indices: i(T)={i}, j(V)={j}")
326 print(f"T_grid={Ts[i]:.6f}K, V_grid={Vs[j]:.6f}m^3\n")
327
328 print("From_precomputed_grids:")
329 print(f"MA_out_(mol/s)_{MA_grid[i,j]:.12g}")
330 print(f"Yield_to_MA_(Y_MA)_{Y_grid[i,j]:.12g}")
331 print(f"Selectivity_to_MA_(S_MA)_{S_grid[i,j]:.12g}")
332 print(f"Butane_conversion_(X_B)_{XB_grid[i,j]:.12g}")
333 print(f"J_{J_grid[i,j]:.12g}")

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A.2 Adiabatic Project 3.py

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1 # Lev Gerasimov's Project 3 code
2 # Right now I approximate the adiabatic situation of the reactor of maleic acid
3 # January 2026
4
5 # 3 reactions in gas phase
6 #  $C_4H_{10} + 3.5 O_2 = C_4H_2O_3 + 5 H_2O$ 
7 #  $C_4H_2O_3 + 2 O_2 = 2 CO + 2 CO_2 + H_2O$ 
8 #  $C_4H_{10} + 5 O_2 = 3 CO + CO_2 + 5 H_2O$ 
9 # list of species and their points below
10 # 0 -  $C_4H_{10}$ 
11 # 1 -  $O_2$ 
12 # 2 -  $C_4H_2O_3$ 
13 # 3 -  $H_2O$ 
14 # 4 -  $CO$ 
15 # 5 -  $CO_2$ 
16 # 6 -  $N_2$  (in air)
17
18
19 import numpy as np
20 from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp
21 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
22
23 # number of species
24 nspec = 7
25
26 # number of reactions
27 nrec = 3
28
29 # stoichiometric coefficients converted into matrix
30 stoic_1 = np.array([-1, -3.5, 1, 4, 0, 0, 0])
31 stoic_2 = np.array([0, -2, -1, 1, 2, 2, 0])
32 stoic_3 = np.array([-1, -5, 0, 5, 3, 1, 0])
33
34 stoic_matrix = np.stack([stoic_1, stoic_2, stoic_3])
35
36 #Arrhenius coefficients and activation energy for three reactions
37 A_matrix = np.array([
38     20.0, # Reaction 1: selective oxidation to maleic anhydride
39     4.0, # Reaction 2: oxidation of maleic anhydride
40     0.7 # Reaction 3: combustion of n-butane
41 ])
42
43 E_act_matrix = np.array([
44     95e3, # Reaction 1
45     105e3, # Reaction 2
46     125e3 # Reaction 3
47 ])
48
49 def k_calc(A_matrix, E_act_matrix, T):
50     T1 = T
51     k_new = A_matrix * np.exp(-(E_act_matrix / 8.3145) * (1.0 / T1 - 1.0 / 673.15))
52     return k_new
53
54 # rate coefficients for the reactions
55 KMA = 10
56 KB = 22
57 KS = 2
58
59 EPS = 1e-12
60
61 # Enthalpies of formation at 298 K (in base SI units)
62 delHf = np.array([
63     -125.6e3, # n-Butane, kJ/mol -> J/mol
64     0.0, # Oxygen
65     -398.3e3, # Maleic anhydride (vapour)
66     -241.8e3, # Water (steam)
67     -110.5e3, # Carbon monoxide
68     -393.5e3, # Carbon dioxide
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68     0.0 # Nitrogen
69 ])
70
71 # Heat capacity coefficients (in base SI units)
72 # Cp_m(T) = a + b*T + c*T^2
73 # Each Cp_paramX is [a, b, c] for species X (see species numbering above).
74
75 Cp_param0 = np.array([3.79, 358e-3, -137e-6]) # 0 - n-Butane
76 Cp_param1 = np.array([26.5, 9.4e-3, -0.3e-6]) # 1 - O2
77 Cp_param2 = np.array([14.4, 294e-3, -138e-6]) # 2 - Maleic anhydride (vapour)
78 Cp_param3 = np.array([32.0, 3.2e-3, 6.6e-6]) # 3 - H2O (steam)
79 Cp_param4 = np.array([28.9, -1.2e-3, 6.3e-6]) # 4 - CO
80 Cp_param5 = np.array([22.3, 58.3e-3, -27.4e-6]) # 5 - CO2
81 Cp_param6 = np.array([29.4, -3.2e-3, 7.3e-6]) # 6 - N2
82
83 Cp_param_matrix = np.stack([
84     Cp_param0,
85     Cp_param1,
86     Cp_param2,
87     Cp_param3,
88     Cp_param4,
89     Cp_param5,
90     Cp_param6
91 ])
92
93 # functions to calculate the heat capacities of species at temperature T
94
95 def Cp_calc(nspec, Cp_param_matrix, T):
96     T_func = np.array([1, T, T**2])
97     Cp_calc = Cp_param_matrix @ T_func
98     return Cp_calc
99
100 # function to calculate the enthalpy of species at temperature T
101
102 def delHreac(stoic_matrix, delHf, cp_param_matrix, T):
103     delHf298 = stoic_matrix @ delHf
104     delCP = stoic_matrix @ cp_param_matrix
105     T_func = np.array([T - 298.0, (T**2 - 298.0**2)/2.0, (T**3 - 298.0**3)/3.0])
106     delHreac = delHf298 + delCP @ T_func
107     return delHreac
108
109 #function to model the adiabatic operation
110
111 def rhs_adiabatic(V, z):
112     P = P0
113     xi = z[0:3]
114     T = z[-1]
115
116     ndot = ndot0 + xi @ stoic_matrix
117
118     # --- Physical / numerical guards ---
119     # Clamp tiny negatives from numerical noise to zero.
120     # Large negatives indicate the solver stepped past depletion; events should prevent this.
121     if np.any(ndot < -1e-6):
122         return np.zeros(4)
123     ndot = np.maximum(ndot, 0.0)
124
125     ndot_tot = float(ndot.sum())
126     if ndot_tot <= EPS:
127         return np.zeros(4)
128
129     y = ndot / ndot_tot
130     # Guard against any numerical drift in mole fractions
131     y = np.maximum(y, 0.0)
132     y_sum = float(y.sum())
133     if y_sum <= EPS:
134         return np.zeros(4)
135     y = y / y_sum
136

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137     P_part = y * P
138     # Ensure non-negative partial pressures
139     P_part = np.maximum(P_part, 0.0)
140
141     PB = P_part[0]
142     PMA = P_part[2]
143     PS = P_part[3]
144
145     k1, k2, k3 = k_calc(A_matrix, E_act_matrix, T) # temperature-dependent kinetics
146     r1 = k1 * PB / (1 + KB * PB + KMA * PMA + KS * PS)
147     r2 = k2 * PMA
148     r3 = k3 * PB
149
150     R_tot = np.array([r1, r2, r3])
151
152     Cp = Cp_calc(nspec, Cp_param_matrix, T)
153     Cpdot = float(ndot @ Cp)
154     if Cpdot <= EPS or not np.isfinite(Cpdot):
155         return np.zeros(4)
156
157     Hreact = delHreac(stoic_matrix, delHf, Cp_param_matrix, T)
158     dT = -float(np.dot(Hreact, R_tot)) / Cpdot
159     if not np.isfinite(dT):
160         return np.zeros(4)
161
162     ret = np.array([r1, r2, r3, dT])
163
164     return (ret)
165
166     # -----
167     # Event functions (stop when a key reactant is depleted)
168     # -----
169
170     def event_butane_depleted(V, z):
171         # Stop integration when butane molar flow reaches zero
172         xi = z[0:3]
173         ndot = ndot0 + xi @ stoic_matrix
174         return float(ndot[0]) # C4H10
175
176     event_butane_depleted.terminal = True
177     event_butane_depleted.direction = -1
178
179
180     def event_oxygen_depleted(V, z):
181         # Stop integration when oxygen molar flow reaches zero
182         xi = z[0:3]
183         ndot = ndot0 + xi @ stoic_matrix
184         return float(ndot[1]) # O2
185
186     event_oxygen_depleted.terminal = True
187     event_oxygen_depleted.direction = -1
188
189     # set conditions at inlet (in base SI units)
190
191     P0 = 2.0
192
193     ndot0 = np.array([12.0, 137.48, 0, 0, 0, 0, 517.19])
194
195     # specify number of data points for displayed solution
196     ndata = 500
197
198     Ts = np.linspace(670, 673.5, 8) # K
199     Vs = np.linspace(1.9, 3, 12) # m^3
200
201     MA_grid = np.zeros((len(Ts), len(Vs)))
202     Y_grid = np.zeros_like(MA_grid)
203     S_grid = np.zeros_like(MA_grid)
204     XB_grid = np.zeros_like(MA_grid)
205

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206 for i, T0 in enumerate(Ts):
207     for j, Vreactor in enumerate(Vs):
208         V_span = (0.0, float(Vreactor))
209         z0 = [0, 0, 0, T0]
210         sol2 = solve_ivp(
211             rhs_adiabatic,
212             V_span,
213             z0,
214             method="BDF",
215             events=[event_butane_depleted, event_oxygen_depleted],
216             rtol=1e-6,
217             atol=1e-8,
218         )
219
220         if not sol2.success or sol2.y.size == 0:
221             MA_grid[i, j] = np.nan
222             Y_grid[i, j] = np.nan
223             S_grid[i, j] = np.nan
224             XB_grid[i, j] = np.nan
225             continue
226
227         # Outlet state = last successfully computed point (either Vreactor or event stop)
228         xi = sol2.y[0:3, -1]
229         T = sol2.y[-1, -1]
230
231         MA_out = xi[0] - xi[1]
232         B_cons = xi[0] + xi[2]
233
234         if B_cons <= 0:
235             S_MA = 0.0
236             Y_MA = 0.0
237             X_B = 0.0
238         else:
239             S_MA = MA_out / B_cons
240             Y_MA = MA_out / ndot0[0]
241             X_B = B_cons / ndot0[0]
242
243         MA_grid[i, j] = MA_out
244         Y_grid[i, j] = Y_MA
245         S_grid[i, j] = S_MA
246         XB_grid[i, j] = X_B
247
248         # combined objective: yield selectivity
249         J_grid = Y_grid * S_grid
250
251         # contour plot
252         V_mesh, T_mesh = np.meshgrid(Vs, Ts)
253
254         # 1) Contour plot for conversion to maleic anhydride (yield on feed) (darker = higher)
255         plt.figure()
256         levels_y = np.linspace(0.0, np.nanmax(Y_grid), 120)
257         cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, Y_grid, levels=levels_y, cmap="tab20", vmin=0.0, vmax=np.nanmax(Y_grid))
258         plt.colorbar(cf, label="YieldtoMA")
259         plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeVL(m3)")
260         plt.ylabel("TemperatureL(K)")
261         plt.title("Conversiontomaleicanhydride(1L-max)")
262         plt.tight_layout()
263         plt.show()
264
265         # 2) MA production rate with butane conversion contour lines (for readability)
266         plt.figure()
267         levels_ma = 120
268         cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, MA_grid, levels=levels_ma, cmap="tab20b")
269         plt.colorbar(cf, label="MAout(mol/s)")
270
271         plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeVL(m3)")
272         plt.ylabel("TemperatureL(K)")
273         plt.title("MAoutwithbutane")

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274 plt.tight_layout()
275 plt.show()
276
277 # 3) MA yield with butane conversion contour lines (for readability)
278 plt.figure()
279 levels_ma = 120
280 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, XB_grid, levels=levels_ma, cmap="tab20c")
281 plt.colorbar(cf, label="Butane_conversion(out_of_1)")
282
283 plt.xlabel("Reactor_volume_V(m^3)")
284 plt.ylabel("Temperature_T(K)")
285 plt.title("Butane_conversion_contours")
286 plt.tight_layout()
287 plt.show()
288
289 # 4) Contour plot of selectivity to maleic anhydride (yield on feed) (darker = higher)
290 plt.figure()
291 levels_y = np.linspace(0.0, np.nanmax(S_grid), 120)
292 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, S_grid, levels=levels_y, cmap="tab20", vmin=0.0, vmax=np.nanmax(Y_grid
    ))
293 plt.colorbar(cf, label="Selectivity_to_MA")
294 plt.xlabel("Reactor_volume_V(m^3)")
295 plt.ylabel("Temperature_T(K)")
296 plt.title("Selectivity_to_MA_with_butane")
297 plt.tight_layout()
298 plt.show()
299
300 # 5) Contour plot of J-coefficient (darker = higher)
301 plt.figure()
302 levels_y = np.linspace(0.0, np.nanmax(J_grid), 120)
303 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, J_grid, levels=levels_y, cmap="tab20", vmin=0.0, vmax=np.nanmax(Y_grid
    ))
304 plt.colorbar(cf, label="Selectivity_to_MA")
305 plt.xlabel("Reactor_volume_V(m^3)")
306 plt.ylabel("Temperature_T(K)")
307 plt.title("J-coefficient_analysis_contours")
308 plt.tight_layout()
309 plt.show()
310
311
312 # -----
313 # Optimal operating curves (reduce 2D grid to 1D optimum slices)
314 # -----
315
316 # 1) Best V for each T0
317 V_opt_per_T = np.full(len(Ts), np.nan)
318 Y_opt_per_T = np.full(len(Ts), np.nan)
319 for i in range(len(Ts)):
320     row = J_grid[i, :]
321     if np.all(np.isnan(row)):
322         continue
323     j_best = int(np.nanargmax(row))
324     V_opt_per_T[i] = Vs[j_best]
325     Y_opt_per_T[i] = row[j_best]
326
327 plt.figure()
328 sc = plt.scatter(Ts, V_opt_per_T, c=J_grid[np.arange(len(Ts)), np.nanargmax(J_grid, axis=1)], s=22)
329 plt.plot(Ts, V_opt_per_T, linewidth=1)
330 plt.colorbar(sc, label="J_coefficient_at_optimum_J")
331 plt.xlabel("Inlet_temperature_T0(K)")
332 plt.ylabel("Optimal_reactor_volume_V*(m^3)")
333 plt.title("Optimal_reactor_volume_V*as_a_function_of_inlet_temperature_T0")
334 plt.tight_layout()
335 plt.show()
336
337 # 2) Best T0 for each V
338 T_opt_per_V = np.full(len(Vs), np.nan)
339 Y_opt_per_V = np.full(len(Vs), np.nan)
340 for j in range(len(Vs)):

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341     col = J_grid[:, j]
342     if np.all(np.isnan(col)):
343         continue
344     i_best = int(np.nanargmax(col))
345     T_opt_per_V[j] = Ts[i_best]
346     Y_opt_per_V[j] = col[i_best]
347
348 plt.figure()
349 sc = plt.scatter(Vs, T_opt_per_V, c=J_grid[np.nanargmax(J_grid, axis=0), np.arange(len(Vs))], s=22)
350 plt.plot(Vs, T_opt_per_V, linewidth=1)
351 plt.colorbar(sc, label="J_coefficient_at_optimum,J")
352 plt.xlabel("Reactor_volume,V(m^3)")
353 plt.ylabel("Optimal_inlet_temperature,T0*(K)")
354 plt.title("Optimal_inlet_temperature,T0*as_a_function_of_reactor_volume,V")
355 plt.tight_layout()
356 plt.show()
357
358
359 # -----
360 # Print all data for a specific grid point (V=37.5 m^3, T=668 K)
361 # -----
362
363 V_target = 2.5
364 T_target = 671.5
365
366 # Find indices in the grids (robustly)
367 i_candidates = np.where(np.isclose(Ts, T_target, atol=1e-9))[0]
368 j_candidates = np.where(np.isclose(Vs, V_target, atol=1e-9))[0]
369
370 if len(i_candidates) == 0:
371     raise ValueError(f"T_target={T_target} not found in Ts_grid. Ts[0]={Ts[0]}, Ts[-1]={Ts[-1]}, step={Ts[1]-Ts[0]}")
372 if len(j_candidates) == 0:
373     raise ValueError(f"V_target={V_target} not found in Vs_grid. Vs[0]={Vs[0]}, Vs[-1]={Vs[-1]}, step={Vs[1]-Vs[0]}")
374
375 i = int(i_candidates[0])
376 j = int(j_candidates[0])
377
378 print("\n=====")
379 print("Point_data_for_(V=37.5m^3,T=668K)")
380 print("=====")
381 print(f"Grid_indices: i(T)={i}, j(V)={j}")
382 print(f"T_grid={Ts[i]:.6f}K, V_grid={Vs[j]:.6f}m^3\n")
383
384 print("From_precomputed_grids:")
385 print(f"MA_out(mol/s)={MA_grid[i,j]:.12g}")
386 print(f"Yield_to_MA(Y_MA)={Y_grid[i,j]:.12g}")
387 print(f"Selectivity_to_MA(S_MA)={S_grid[i,j]:.12g}")
388 print(f"Butane_conversion(X_B)={XB_grid[i,j]:.12g}")
389 print(f"J=YS={J_grid[i,j]:.12g}")

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A.3 Cooling system.py

```

1  # Lev Gerasimov's Project 3 code
2  # Right now I approximate the adiabatic with cooling situation of the reactor of maleic anhydride
3  # February 2026
4
5  # 3 reactions in gas phase
6  # C4H10 + 3.5_O2 = C4H2O3 + 5_H2O
7  # C4H2O3 + 2_O2 = 2_CO + 2_CO2 + H2O
8  # C4H10 + 5_O2 = 3_CO + CO2 + 5_H2O
9  # list of species and their points below
10 # 0 - C4H10
11 # 1 - O2
12 # 2 - C4H2O3
13 # 3 - H2O

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14 # 4 - CO
15 # 5 - CO2
16 # 6 - N2 (in air)
17
18
19 import numpy as np
20 from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp
21 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
22
23 # number of species
24 nspec = 7
25
26 # number of reactions
27 nrec = 3
28
29 # stoichiometric coefficients converted into matrix
30 stoic_1 = np.array([-1, -3.5, 1, 4, 0, 0, 0])
31 stoic_2 = np.array([0, -2, -1, 1, 2, 2, 0])
32 stoic_3 = np.array([-1, -5, 0, 5, 3, 1, 0])
33
34 stoic_matrix = np.stack([stoic_1, stoic_2, stoic_3])
35
36 # Arrhenius coefficients and activation energy for three reactions
37 A_matrix = np.array([
38     20.0, # Reaction 1: selective oxidation to maleic anhydride
39     4.0, # Reaction 2: oxidation of maleic anhydride
40     0.7 # Reaction 3: combustion of n-butane
41 ])
42
43 E_act_matrix = np.array([
44     95e3, # Reaction 1
45     105e3, # Reaction 2
46     125e3 # Reaction 3
47 ])
48
49
50 def k_calc(A_matrix, E_act_matrix, T):
51     T1 = T
52     k_new = A_matrix * np.exp(-(E_act_matrix / 8.3145) * (1.0 / T1 - 1.0 / 673.15))
53     return k_new
54
55
56 # rate coefficients for the reactions
57 KMA = 10
58 KB = 22
59 KS = 2
60
61 EPS = 1e-12
62
63 # Enthalpies of formation at 298 K (in base SI units)
64 delHf = np.array([
65     -125.6e3, # n-Butane, kJ/mol -> J/mol
66     0.0, # Oxygen
67     -398.3e3, # Maleic anhydride (vapour)
68     -241.8e3, # Water (steam)
69     -110.5e3, # Carbon monoxide
70     -393.5e3, # Carbon dioxide
71     0.0 # Nitrogen
72 ])
73
74 # Heat capacity coefficients (in base SI units)
75 # Cp_m(T) = a + b*T + c*T^2
76 # Each Cp_paramX is [a, b, c] for species X (see species numbering above).
77
78 Cp_param0 = np.array([3.79, 358e-3, -137e-6]) # 0 - n-Butane
79 Cp_param1 = np.array([26.5, 9.4e-3, -0.3e-6]) # 1 - O2
80 Cp_param2 = np.array([14.4, 294e-3, -138e-6]) # 2 - Maleic anhydride (vapour)
81 Cp_param3 = np.array([32.0, 3.2e-3, 6.6e-6]) # 3 - H2O (steam)
82 Cp_param4 = np.array([28.9, -1.2e-3, 6.3e-6]) # 4 - CO

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83 Cp_param5 = np.array([22.3, 58.3e-3, -27.4e-6]) # 5 - CO2
84 Cp_param6 = np.array([29.4, -3.2e-3, 7.3e-6]) # 6 - N2
85
86 Cp_param_matrix = np.stack([
87     Cp_param0,
88     Cp_param1,
89     Cp_param2,
90     Cp_param3,
91     Cp_param4,
92     Cp_param5,
93     Cp_param6
94 ])
95
96
97 def Cp_calc(nspec, Cp_param_matrix, T):
98     T_func = np.array([1, T, T**2])
99     Cp_val = Cp_param_matrix @ T_func
100     return Cp_val
101
102
103 def delHreac(stoic_matrix, delHf, cp_param_matrix, T):
104     delHf298 = stoic_matrix @ delHf
105     delCP = stoic_matrix @ cp_param_matrix
106     T_func = np.array([T - 298.0, (T**2 - 298.0**2) / 2.0, (T**3 - 298.0**3) / 3.0])
107     delH_reac = delHf298 + delCP @ T_func
108     return delH_reac
109
110
111 # Cooling system parameters (simple overall heat transfer model)
112 U = 250.0 # W/(m^2 K) (example)
113 A_over_V = 80.0 # m^2/m^3 (example)
114 T_coolant = 653.0 # K (380C)
115
116
117 def rhs_cooling(V, z):
118     P = P0
119     xi = z[0:3]
120     T = z[-1]
121
122     ndot = ndot0 + xi @ stoic_matrix
123     if np.any(ndot < -1e-6):
124         return np.zeros(4)
125     ndot = np.maximum(ndot, 0.0)
126
127     ndot_tot = float(ndot.sum())
128     if ndot_tot <= EPS:
129         return np.zeros(4)
130
131     y = ndot / ndot_tot
132     y = np.maximum(y, 0.0)
133     y_sum = float(y.sum())
134     if y_sum <= EPS:
135         return np.zeros(4)
136     y = y / y_sum
137
138     P_part = np.maximum(y * P, 0.0)
139
140     PB = P_part[0]
141     PMA = P_part[2]
142     PS = P_part[3]
143
144     k1, k2, k3 = k_calc(A_matrix, E_act_matrix, T)
145     r1 = k1 * PB / (1 + KB * PB + KMA * PMA + KS * PS)
146     r2 = k2 * PMA
147     r3 = k3 * PB
148
149     R_tot = np.array([r1, r2, r3])
150
151     Cp = Cp_calc(nspec, Cp_param_matrix, T)

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152     Cpdot = float(ndot @ Cp)
153     if Cpdot <= EPS or not np.isfinite(Cpdot):
154         return np.zeros(4)
155
156     Hreact = delHreac(stoic_matrix, delHf, Cp_param_matrix, T)
157
158     # heat removal term (overall model)
159     Qrem = U * A_over_V * (T - T_coolant) # W per m^3
160     dT = (-float(np.dot(Hreact, R_tot)) - Qrem) / Cpdot
161     if not np.isfinite(dT):
162         return np.zeros(4)
163
164     return np.array([r1, r2, r3, dT])
165
166
167 def event_butane_depleted(V, z):
168     xi = z[0:3]
169     ndot = ndot0 + xi @ stoic_matrix
170     return float(ndot[0])
171
172
173 event_butane_depleted.terminal = True
174 event_butane_depleted.direction = -1
175
176
177 def event_oxygen_depleted(V, z):
178     xi = z[0:3]
179     ndot = ndot0 + xi @ stoic_matrix
180     return float(ndot[1])
181
182
183 event_oxygen_depleted.terminal = True
184 event_oxygen_depleted.direction = -1
185
186
187 P0 = 2.0
188 ndot0 = np.array([12.0, 137.48, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 517.19])
189
190 Ts = np.linspace(660, 700, 101)
191 Vs = np.linspace(0.1, 20, 101)
192
193 MA_grid = np.zeros((len(Ts), len(Vs)))
194 Y_grid = np.zeros_like(MA_grid)
195 S_grid = np.zeros_like(MA_grid)
196 XB_grid = np.zeros_like(MA_grid)
197
198 for i, T0 in enumerate(Ts):
199     for j, Vreactor in enumerate(Vs):
200         V_span = (0.0, float(Vreactor))
201         z0 = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, float(T0)]
202         sol = solve_ivp(
203             rhs_cooling,
204             V_span,
205             z0,
206             method="BDF",
207             events=[event_butane_depleted, event_oxygen_depleted],
208             rtol=1e-6,
209             atol=1e-8,
210         )
211
212         if not sol.success or sol.y.size == 0:
213             MA_grid[i, j] = np.nan
214             Y_grid[i, j] = np.nan
215             S_grid[i, j] = np.nan
216             XB_grid[i, j] = np.nan
217             continue
218
219         xi_end = sol.y[0:3, -1]
220         MA_out = float(xi_end[0] - xi_end[1])

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221     B_cons = float(xi_end[0] + xi_end[2])
222
223     if B_cons <= 0:
224         S_MA = 0.0
225         Y_MA = 0.0
226         X_B = 0.0
227     else:
228         S_MA = MA_out / B_cons
229         Y_MA = MA_out / float(ndot0[0])
230         X_B = B_cons / float(ndot0[0])
231
232     MA_grid[i, j] = MA_out
233     Y_grid[i, j] = Y_MA
234     S_grid[i, j] = S_MA
235     XB_grid[i, j] = X_B
236
237 J_grid = Y_grid * S_grid
238
239 V_mesh, T_mesh = np.meshgrid(Vs, Ts)
240
241 plt.figure()
242 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, Y_grid, levels=120, cmap="tab20")
243 plt.colorbar(cf, label="YieldtoMA")
244 plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeVl(m3)")
245 plt.ylabel("TemperatureT(K)")
246 plt.title("Coolingcase:YieldtoMA")
247 plt.tight_layout()
248 plt.show()
249
250 plt.figure()
251 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, MA_grid, levels=120, cmap="tab20b")
252 plt.colorbar(cf, label="MAout(mol/s)")
253 plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeVl(m3)")
254 plt.ylabel("TemperatureT(K)")
255 plt.title("Coolingcase:MAout")
256 plt.tight_layout()
257 plt.show()
258
259 plt.figure()
260 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, XB_grid, levels=120, cmap="tab20c")
261 plt.colorbar(cf, label="Butaneconversion")
262 plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeVl(m3)")
263 plt.ylabel("TemperatureT(K)")
264 plt.title("Coolingcase:Butaneconversion")
265 plt.tight_layout()
266 plt.show()
267
268 plt.figure()
269 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, S_grid, levels=120, cmap="tab20")
270 plt.colorbar(cf, label="SelectivitytoMA")
271 plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeVl(m3)")
272 plt.ylabel("TemperatureT(K)")
273 plt.title("Coolingcase:SelectivitytoMA")
274 plt.tight_layout()
275 plt.show()
276
277 plt.figure()
278 cf = plt.contourf(V_mesh, T_mesh, J_grid, levels=120, cmap="tab20")
279 plt.colorbar(cf, label="Jcoefficient")
280 plt.xlabel("ReactorvolumeVl(m3)")
281 plt.ylabel("TemperatureT(K)")
282 plt.title("Coolingcase:Jcoefficient")
283 plt.tight_layout()
284 plt.show()

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