

3. Design of CSTRs I

○ Single CSTR 1

- Design equation

$$V = \frac{F_{A0}X}{(-r_A)_{\text{exit}}}$$

- Substitute $F_{A0} = v_0 C_{A0}$

$$V = \frac{v_0 C_{A0} X}{-r_A}$$

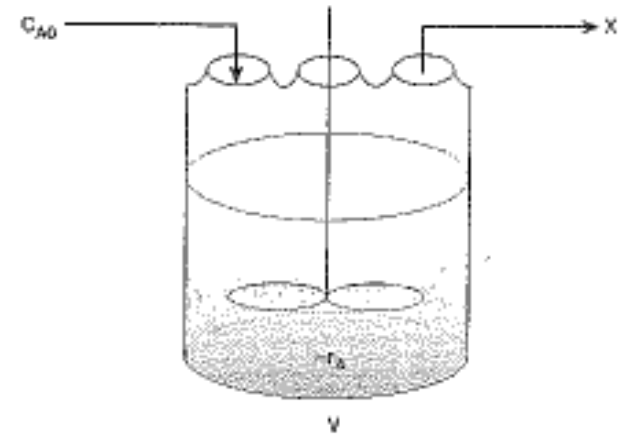
- Space time τ

$$\tau = \frac{V}{v_0} = \frac{C_{A0} X}{-r_A}$$

- 1st order rxn assume

$$\tau = \frac{C_{A0} X}{-r_A} = \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{X}{1-X} \right)$$

- Rearranging $X = \frac{\tau k}{1 + \tau k}$



3. Design of CSTRs II

- **Single CSTR 2**

- $C_A = C_{A0}(1 - X)$

$$C_A = \frac{C_{A0}}{1 + \tau k}$$

- **Damköhler number \Rightarrow dimensionless number**

- **quick estimate of the degree on conversion**

$$Da = \frac{-r_{A0}V}{F_{A0}} = \frac{\text{Rate of rxn at entrance}}{\text{Entering flow rate of A}}$$

$$= \frac{\text{A rxn rate}}{\text{A convection rate}}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Characteristic fluid time}}{\text{Characteristic chemical reaction time}}$$

3. Design of CSTRs III

○ Single CSTR 3

- Damköhler number for a 1st order irrev. rxn

$$\text{Da} = \frac{-r_{A0}V}{F_{A0}} = \frac{kC_{A0}V}{v_0C_{A0}} = \tau k$$

- Damköhler number for a 2nd order irrev. rxn

$$\text{Da} = \frac{-r_{A0}V}{F_{A0}} = \frac{kC_{A0}^2V}{v_0C_{A0}} = \tau k C_{A0}$$

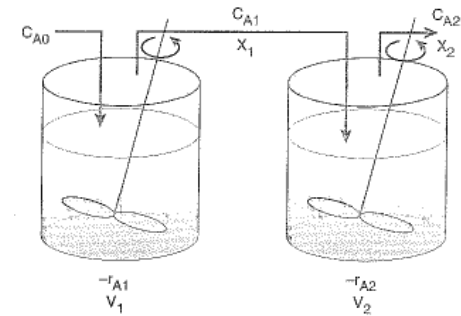
- Rule of thumb

• if $\text{Da} < 0.1$, then $X < 0.1$

• if $\text{Da} > 10$, then $X > 0.9$

☞ 1st order rxn, $X = \text{Da}/(1 + \text{Da})$

3. Design of CSTRs IV



○ CSTR in series 1

- 1st order irrev. rxn with no change in volumetric flow rate, effluent of the first reactor

$$C_{A1} = \frac{C_{A0}}{1 + \tau_1 k_1}$$

- For 2nd reactor

$$V_2 = \frac{F_{A1} - F_{A2}}{-r_{A2}} = \frac{v_0 (C_{A1} - C_{A2})}{k_2 C_{A2}}$$

- Solving for C_{A2}

$$C_{A2} = \frac{C_{A1}}{1 + \tau_2 k_2} = \frac{C_{A0}}{(1 + \tau_2 k_2)(1 + \tau_1 k_1)}$$

- For n CSTRs in series

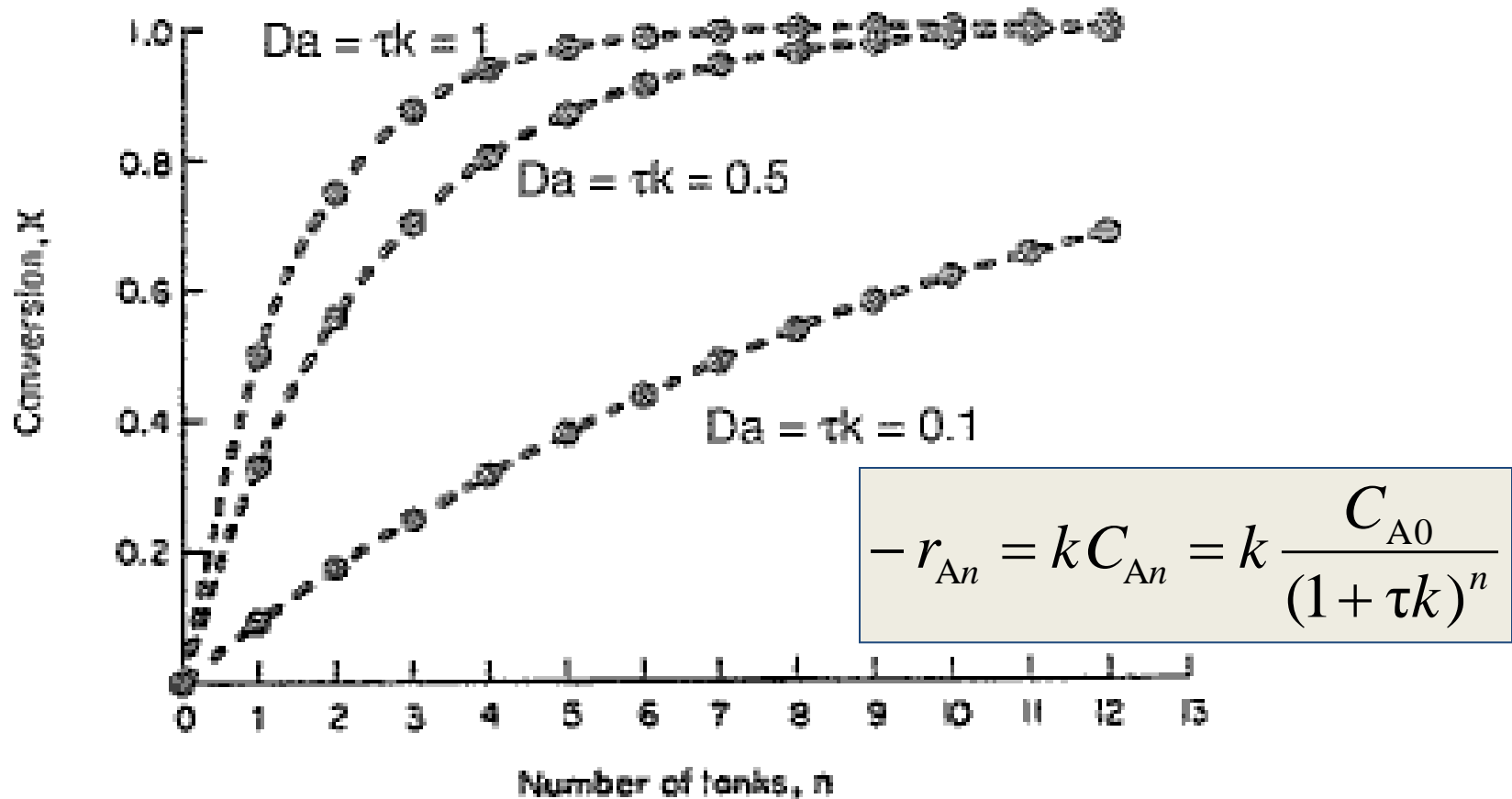
$$C_{An} = \frac{C_{A0}}{(1 + \tau k)^n} = \frac{C_{A0}}{(1 + Da)^n}$$

- n tank in series

$$X = 1 - \frac{1}{(1 + \tau k)^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{(1 + Da)^n}$$

3. Design of CSTRs V

- CSTR in series 2



3. Design of CSTRs VI

- CSTR in parallel 1

- One large reactor of volume V

- 2nd order reactor in a CSTR

$$V = \frac{F_{A0}X}{-r_A} = \frac{F_{A0}X}{kC_A^2} = \frac{v_0C_{A0}X}{kC_{A0}^2(1-X)^2}$$

- Dividing by v_0 $\tau = \frac{V}{v_0} = \frac{X}{kC_{A0}(1-X)^2}$

- For conversion X

$$X = \frac{(1 + 2Da) - \sqrt{1 + 4Da}}{2Da}$$

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4. Tubular Reactors I

- Design equation

- Differential form

- Q or ΔP

$$F_{A0} \frac{dX}{dV} = -r_A$$

- Integral form

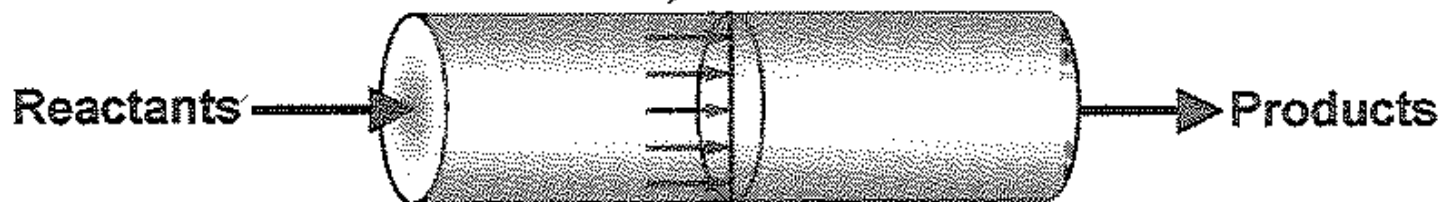
- no Q or ΔP

$$V = F_{A0} \int_0^X \frac{dX}{-r_A}$$

- 2nd order reactor in a PFR 1

$$V = F_{A0} \int_0^X \frac{dX}{kC_A^2}$$

Plug flow—no radial variations in velocity, concentration, temperature, or reaction rate



4. Tubular Reactors II

- **2nd order reactor in a PFR 2**

- **Liquid phase reaction ($v = v_0$)**

- **combining MB & rate law** $\frac{dX}{dV} = \frac{kC_A^2}{F_{A0}}$

- **conc. of A,** $C_A = C_{A0}(1-X)$

- **combining & integrating**

$$V = \frac{F_{A0}}{kC_{A0}^2} \int_0^V \frac{dx}{(1-X)^2} = \frac{v_0}{kC_{A0}} \left(\frac{X}{1-X} \right)$$

- **solving for X**

$$X = \frac{\tau k C_{A0}}{1 + \tau k C_{A0}} = \frac{Da_2}{1 + Da_2}$$

4. Tubular Reactors III

- **2nd order reactor in a PFR 3**

- **Gas phase reaction ($T = T_0, P = P_0$)**

- **conc. of A,** $C_A = C_{A0} \left(\frac{1 - X}{1 + \varepsilon X} \right)$

- **combining**

$$V = F_{A0} \int_0^X \frac{(1 + \varepsilon X)}{k C_{A0} (1 - X)^2} dX$$

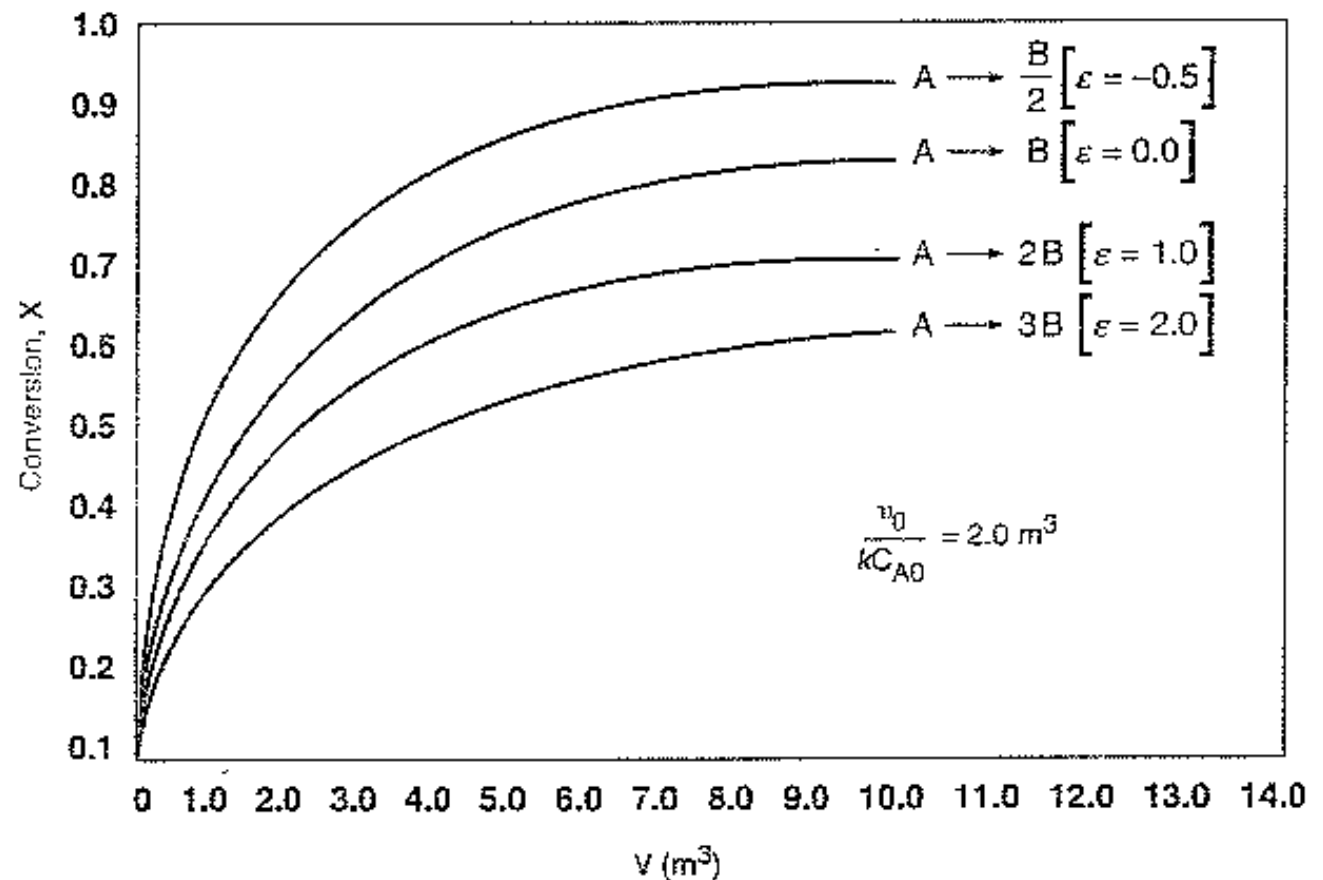
$$V = \frac{v_0}{k C_{A0}^2} \int_0^X \frac{(1 + \varepsilon X)^2}{(1 - X)^2} dX$$

$$V = \frac{v_0}{k C_{A0}} \left[2\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon) \ln(1 - X) + \varepsilon^2 X + \frac{(1 + \varepsilon)^2 X}{1 - X} \right]$$

4. Tubular Reactors IV

- 2nd order reactor in a PFR 4

- Conversion as a function of distance down the reactor



4. Tubular Reactors V

○ 2nd order reactor in a PFR 5

- Three types of reactions

- $\varepsilon = 0$ ($\delta = 0$) $\Rightarrow v = v_0$

- $\varepsilon < 0$ ($\delta < 0$)

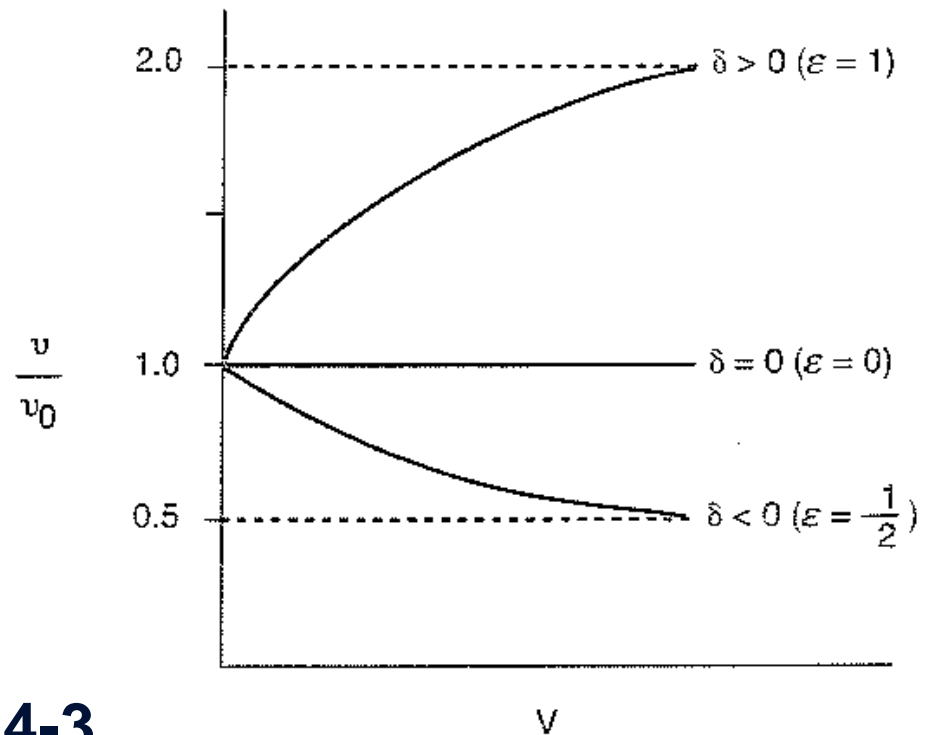
\Rightarrow gas molecule spends longer time

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- $\varepsilon > 0$ ($\delta > 0$)

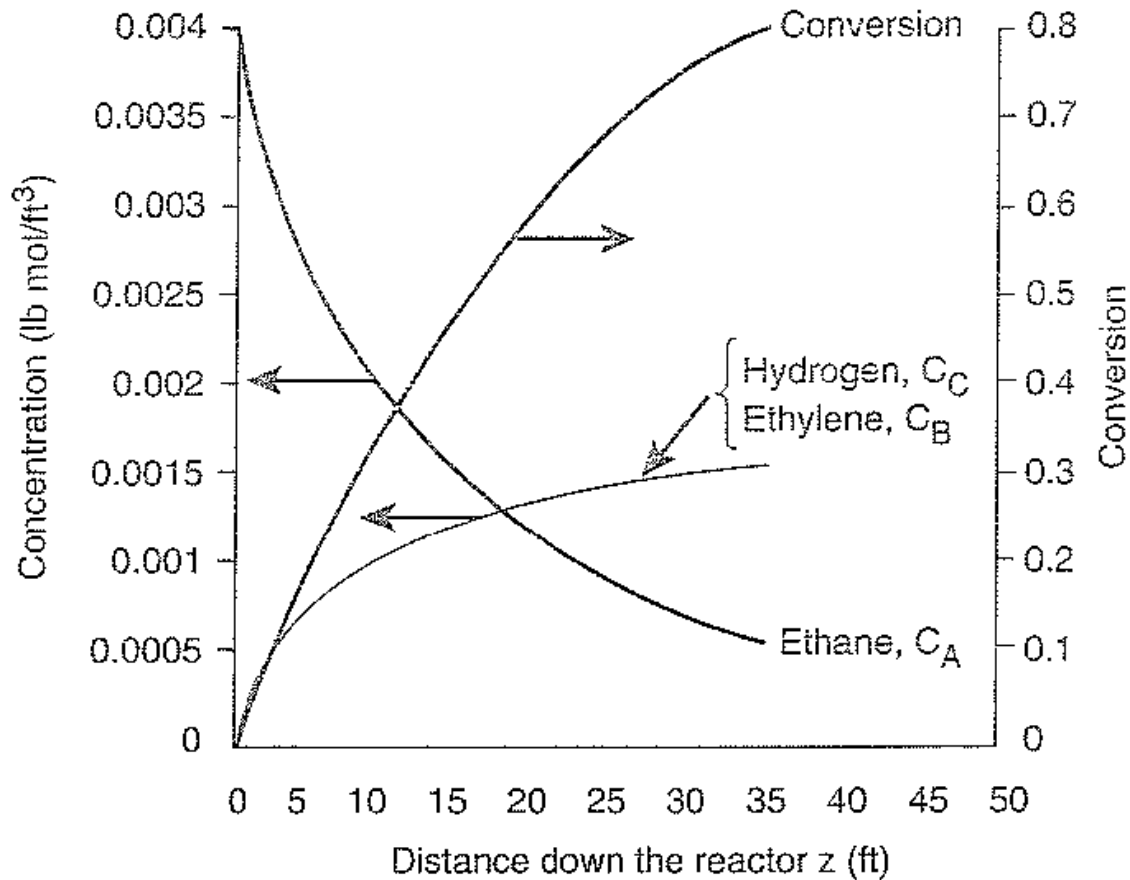
\Rightarrow gas molecule spends shorter time

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4. Tubular Reactors VI

- 2nd order reactor in a PFR 6
 - Production of ethylene using PFR



5. Pressure Drop in Reactors I

○ Pressure Drop and the Rate Law

- In PBR in terms of catalyst weight

$$F_{A0} \frac{dX}{dW} = -r'_A \left(\frac{\text{gram moles}}{\text{gram catalyst} \cdot \text{min}} \right)$$

• rate equation, $-r'_A = kC_A^2$

• stoichiometry $C_A = \frac{C_{A0}(1-X)}{1+\epsilon X} \frac{P}{P_0} \frac{T_0}{T}$

• isothermal $F_{A0} \frac{dX}{dW} = k \left[\frac{C_{A0}(1-X)}{1+\epsilon X} \right]^2 \left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right)^2$

$$\frac{dX}{dW} = \frac{kC_{A0}}{v_0} \left[\frac{(1-X)}{1+\epsilon X} \right]^2 \left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right)^2 \quad \frac{dX}{dW} = F_1(X, P)$$

5. Pressure Drop in Reactors II

○ Flow through a Packed Bed 1

- Ergun equation



$$\frac{dP}{dz} = \frac{G}{\rho g_c D_p} \left(\frac{1 - \phi}{\phi^3} \right) \left[\frac{150(1 - \phi)\mu}{D_p} + 1.75G \right]$$

Dominant for turbulent flow

where P = pressure Dominant for laminar flow

ϕ = porosity = void fraction

g_c = conversion factor relating gravity

D_p = diameter of particle in the bed

μ = viscosity of gas passing through the bed

z = length down the packed bed of pipe

u = superficial velocity

ρ = gas density

$G = \rho u$ = superficial mass velocity

5. Pressure Drop in Reactors III

- Flow through a Packed Bed 2

- Pressure drop in packed bed 1

$$\frac{dP}{dz} = -\beta_0 \frac{P_0}{P} \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right) \frac{F_T}{F_{T0}}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dz} = -\beta_0 \frac{P_0}{P} \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right) (1 + \varepsilon X)$$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{G(1 - \phi)}{\rho_0 g_c D_P \phi^3} \left[\frac{150(1 - \phi)}{D_P} + 1.75G \right]$$

where β_0 is a constant depending on the **properties of the packed bed** and the **entrance conditions**

5. Pressure Drop in Reactors IV

○ Flow through a Packed Bed 3

- Pressure drop in packed bed 2

- interested in more in catalyst weight rather than the distance z

$$W = (1 - \phi)A_c z \times \rho_c$$

$$\overbrace{\text{Weight of}}_{\text{catalyst}} = \overbrace{\text{Volume of}}_{\text{solids}} \times \overbrace{\text{Density of}}_{\text{solid catalyst}}$$

- catalyst weight, $W = zA_c \rho_b = zA_c(1 - \phi)\rho_c$

$$\frac{dP}{dW} = - \frac{\beta_0}{A_c(1 - \phi)\rho_c} \frac{P_0}{P} \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right) \frac{F_T}{F_{T0}}$$

5. Pressure Drop in Reactors V

○ Flow through a Packed Bed 4

- Pressure drop in packed bed 3

$$\frac{dP}{dW} = - \frac{\beta_0}{A_c (1-\phi) \rho_c} \frac{P_0}{P} \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right) \frac{F_T}{F_{T0}}$$

• let

$$\alpha = \frac{2\beta_0}{A_c \rho_c (1-\phi) P_0}$$

• then

$$\frac{dP}{dW} = - \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{P_0}{\left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right)} \frac{T}{T_0} \frac{F_T}{F_{T0}} \quad \frac{d\left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right)}{dW} = - \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right)} \frac{T}{T_0} \frac{F_T}{F_{T0}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dW} = - \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{1}{y} \frac{T}{T_0} \frac{F_T}{F_{T0}}$$

where $y = P/P_0$

5. Pressure Drop in Reactors VI

○ Flow through a Packed Bed 5

- Pressure drop in packed bed 4

- for single reactions

$$\frac{dy}{dW} = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{1}{y} \frac{T}{T_0} (1 + \epsilon X)$$

- isothermal operation

$$\frac{dy}{dW} = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{1}{y} (1 + \epsilon X)$$

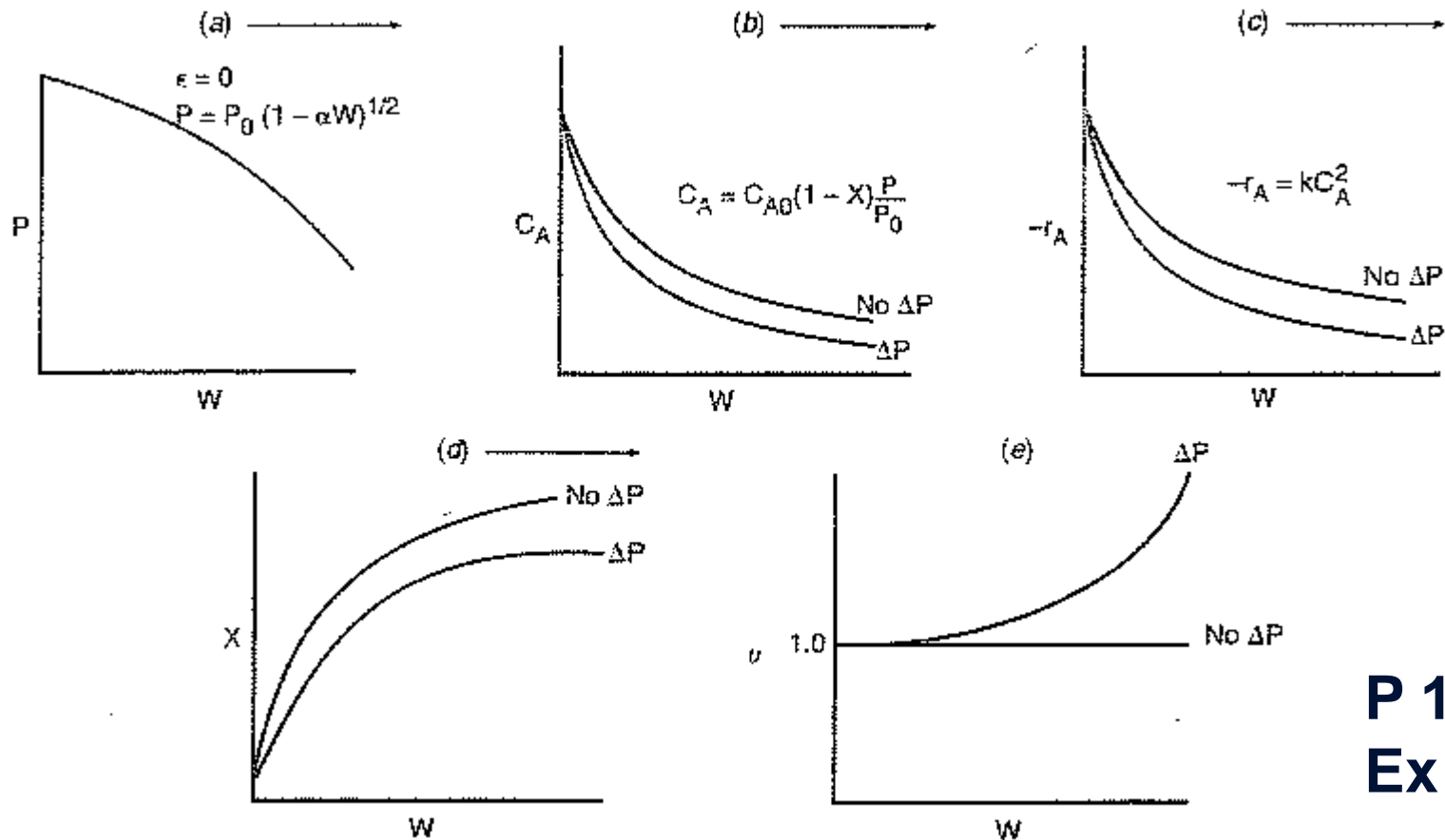
- notice that

$$\frac{dX}{dW} = f(X, P) \text{ and } \frac{dP}{dW} = f(X, P) \text{ or } \frac{dy}{dW} = f(X, P)$$

5. Pressure Drop in Reactors VII

○ Flow through a Packed Bed 6

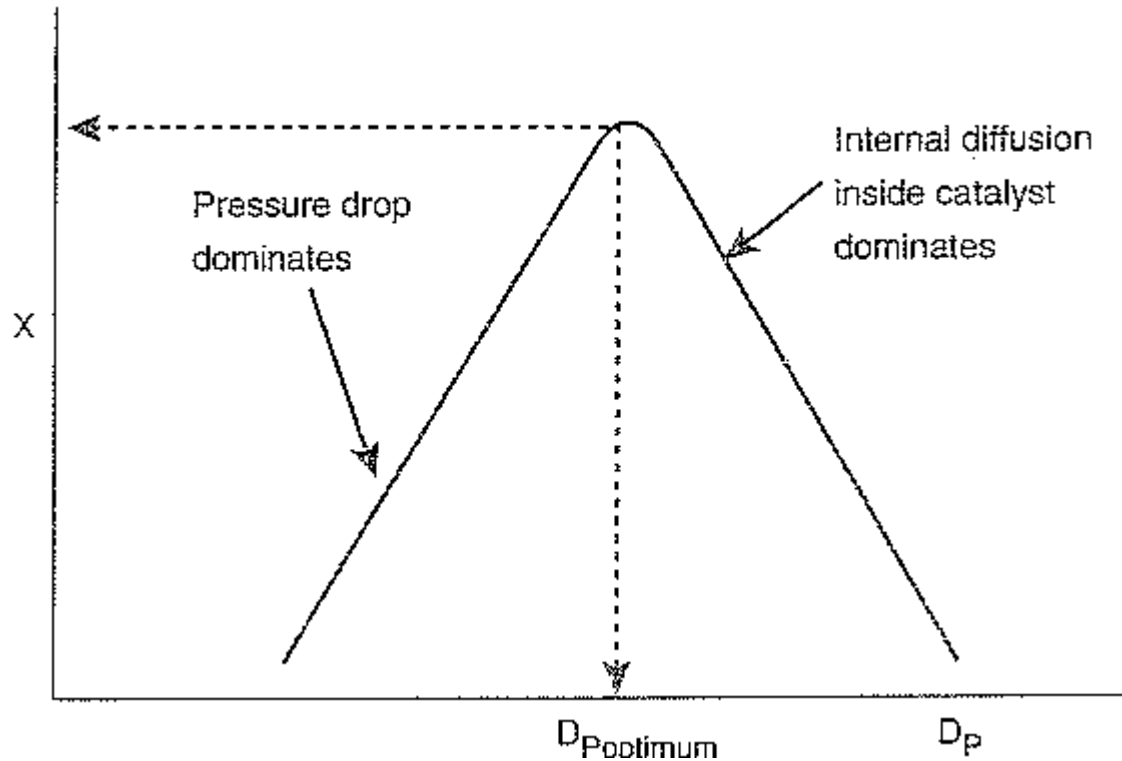
- Pressure drop in packed bed 5 – effect of P drop



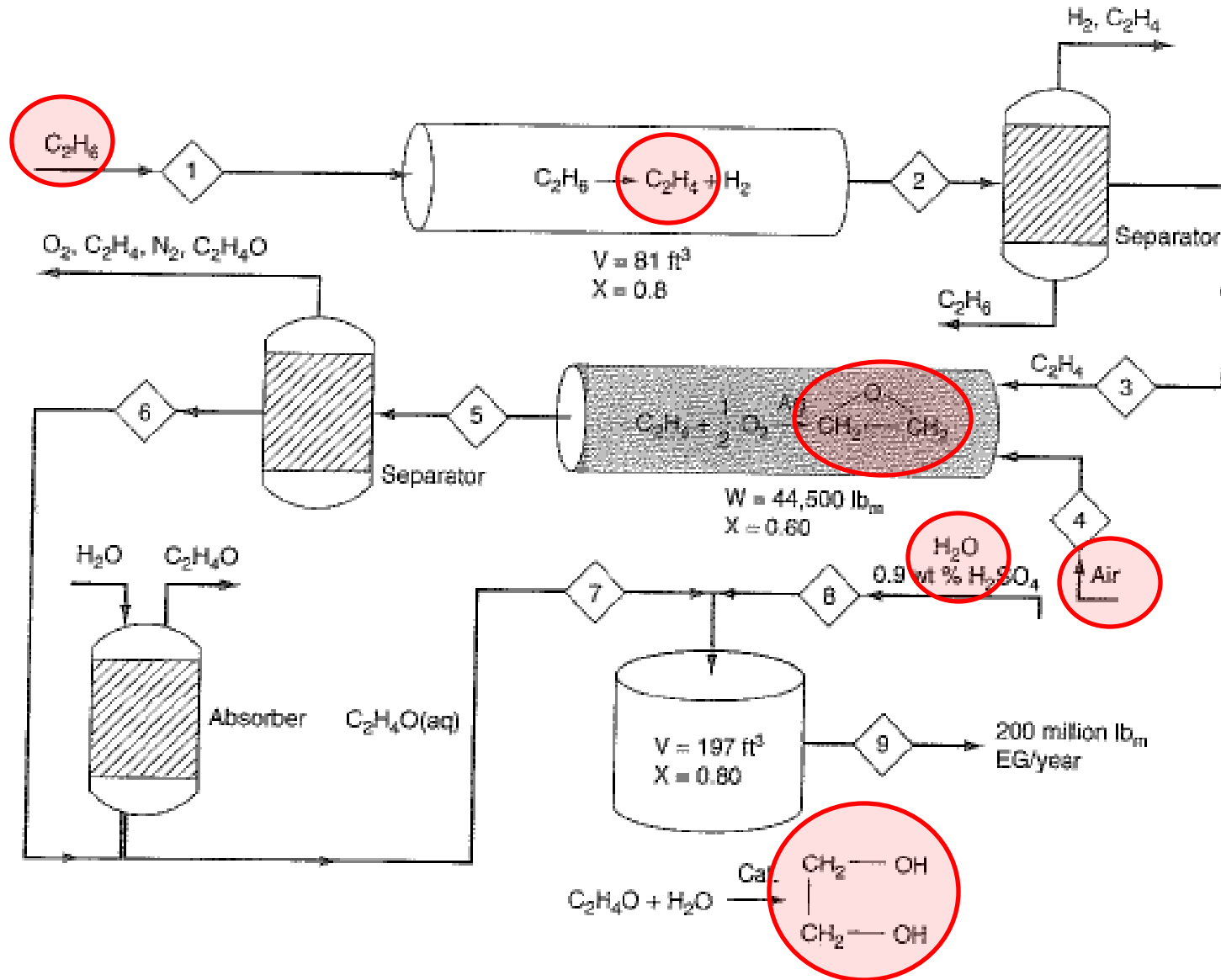
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5. Pressure Drop in Reactors VIII

- Flow through a Packed Bed 7
 - Finding optimum particle diameter



6. Synthesizing for Design of a Chemical Plant I



6. Synthesizing for Design of a Chemical Plant II

- Manufacturing of ethylene glycol
 - Economy

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Profit} &= \text{EG cost} - \text{Ethane cost} \\ &\quad - \text{SA cost} - \text{Operating cost} \\ &= \frac{\$0.38}{\text{lb}_m} \times 2 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{\text{year}} - \frac{\$0.04}{\text{lb}_m} \times 4 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{\text{year}} \\ &\quad - \frac{\$0.43}{\text{lb}_m} \times 2.26 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{\text{year}} - \$8,000,000 \\ &= \$76,000,000 - \$16,000,000 - \$54,000 - \$8,000,000 \\ &= \$52 \text{ million} \end{aligned}$$