

# Low-dimensional Models for Real Time Simulations of Catalytic After-treatment Systems

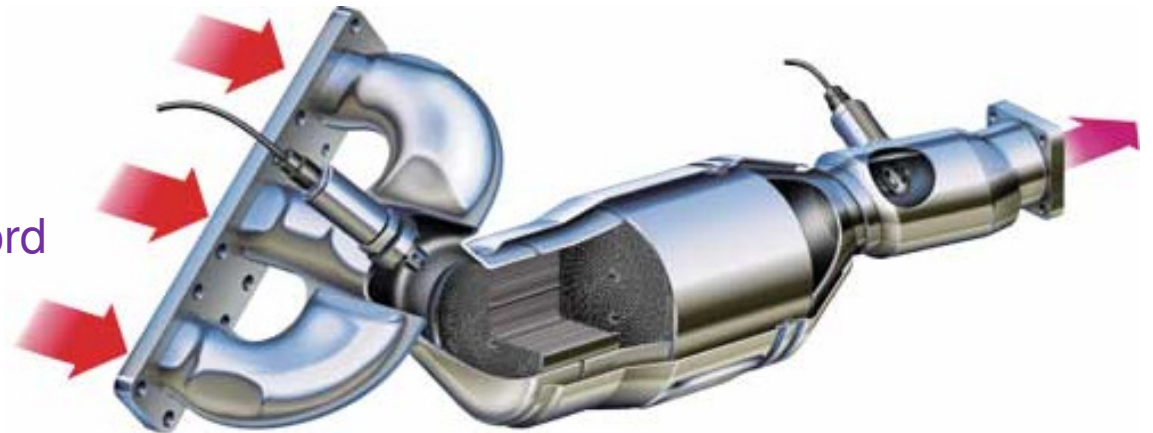
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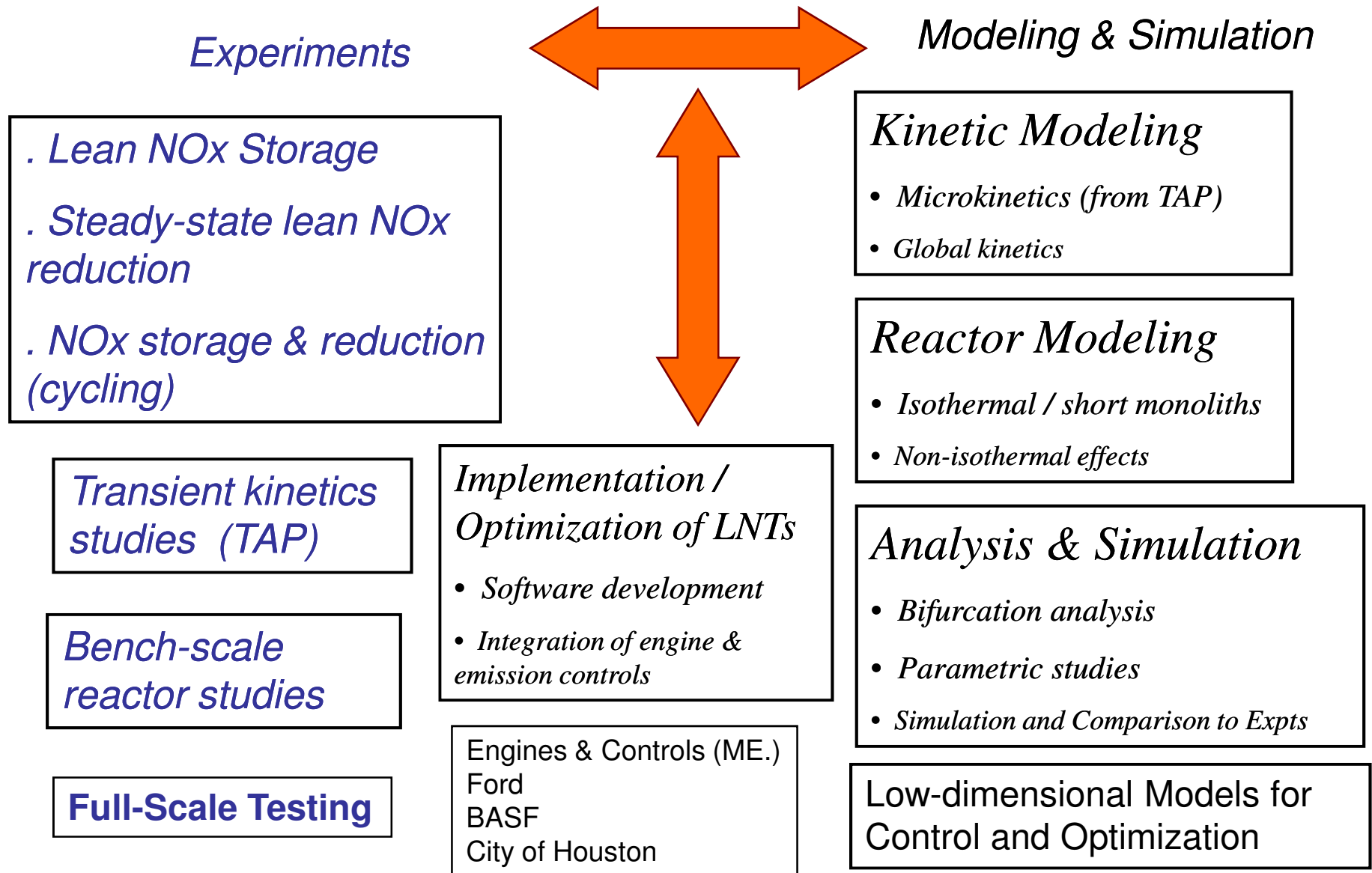
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# LNT/SCR, TWC/DOC & DPF Research at UH



# Overview

## **Part A: Low-dimensional Models for Real Time Simulations of Catalytic After-treatment Systems**

**(TWCs, DOCs, LNTs, SCRs and DPFs)**

[Ref: Joshi, Harold and Balakotaiah, AIChE J., May 2009]

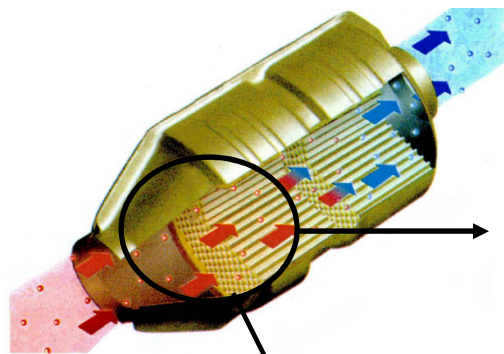
- **low-d models for diffusion-convection-reaction**
- **simulation of TWC cold start behavior in real time**
- **extensions of low-d models**

## **Part B: Analysis of monolith reactors using low-d models**

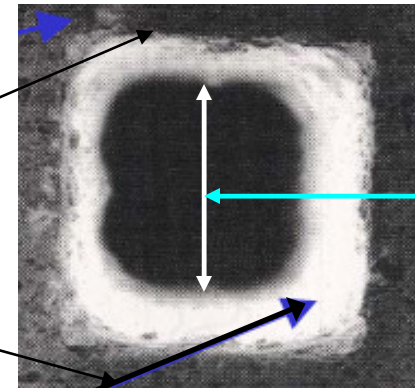
- (i) Controlling regimes**
- (ii) External Mass transfer controlled regime**
- (iii) Light-off Behavior**
- (iv) Multiple steady-states and periodic states**
- (v) Fronts in monoliths**
- (vi) Bifurcation analysis**
- (vii) Microkinetic models vs. global kinetic models**

# Catalytic Monoliths- Multiple Length/ Time Scales

## Catalytic Converter



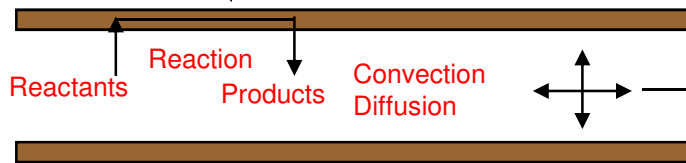
Monolith  
Radius  $\sim 10$  cm  
Length  $\sim 10$  cm



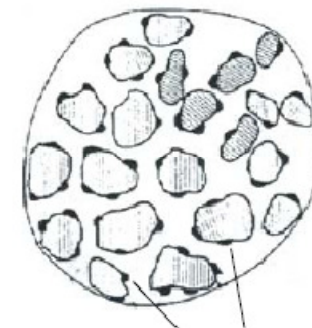
Channel  
Diameter  
 $\approx 1$  mm

Washcoat Thickness  
 $\approx 20$   $\mu\text{m}$

Gases  
from  
Engine



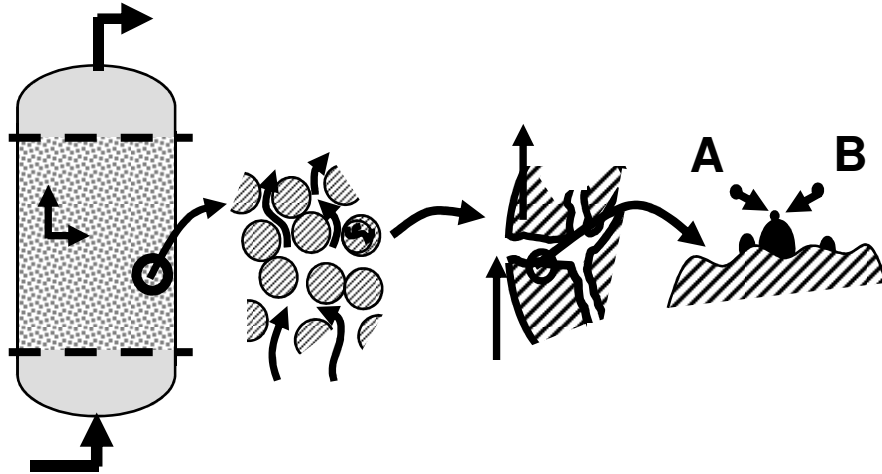
Exhaust  
gases



Precious Metals  
(Pt,Rh,Pt/Ba)  
Pore Diameter:  
 $10-50$   $\text{\AA}$

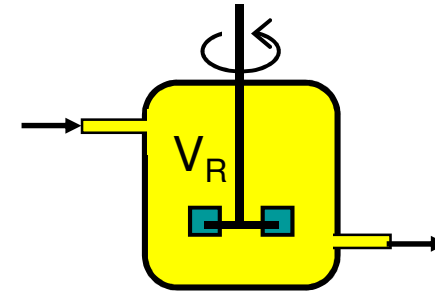
# Models of Homogeneous & Catalytic Reactors

*Packed-Bed Catalytic Reactor*



$L(m)$	1	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-9}$
$t(s)$	$10^{-10^3}$	1	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-7}$

*Homogeneous Tank Reactor*



*Detailed Model:*

$$C \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}); \quad \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \Omega, t > 0$$

$$\text{I.C.: } \Gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, t = 0$$

$$\text{B.C.: } B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}) = 0 \text{ in } \partial\Omega, t > 0$$

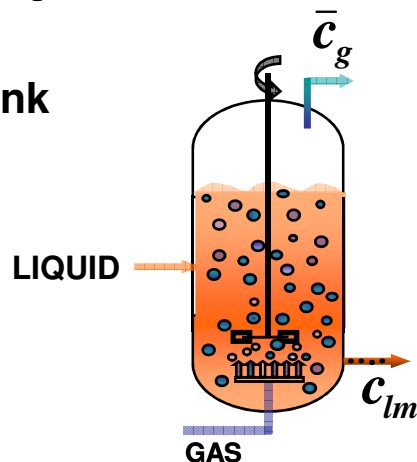
*Ideal CSTR Model:*

*(Bodenstein & Wolgast, 1908)*

$$\frac{d\bar{C}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau} (C_{in} - \bar{C}) - R(\bar{C}); \quad t > 0$$

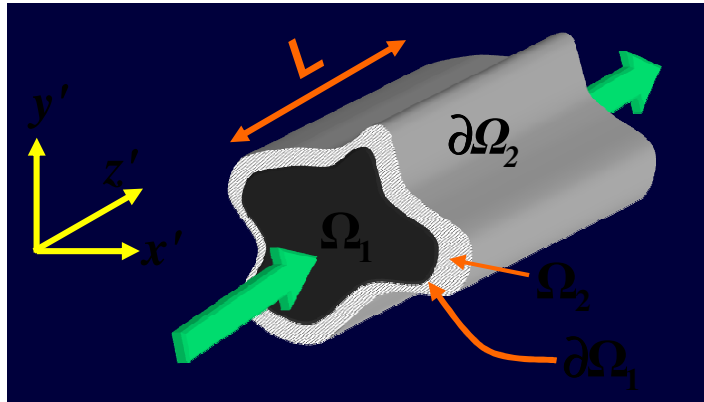
$$\text{I.C.: } \bar{C}(t=0) = \bar{C}_0$$

**Gas-Liquid Tank Reactor**



**Objective:** Develop accurate low-dimensional models (in terms of average/measurable quantities) *without losing any important physics at small length/time scales.*

# Detailed Diffusion-Convection-Reaction Models for Monoliths



Shape Normalized  
Diffusion Lengths

$$R_\Omega = \frac{A_{\Omega_1}}{P_\Omega}$$

fluid

$$\delta_w = \frac{A_{\Omega_2}}{P_\Omega}$$

washcoat

Steady State Balance Equations

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial C_f}{\partial t} + u(x', y') \frac{\partial C_f}{\partial z'}}_{\text{convection}} = \underbrace{D_m \left( \nabla_*^2 C_f + \frac{\partial^2 C_f}{\partial z'^2} \right)}_{\text{diffusion}}, (x', y') \in \Omega_1$$

$$\varepsilon_p \frac{\partial C_s}{\partial t} + \underbrace{R(C_s)}_{\text{reaction}} = \underbrace{D_e \left( \nabla_*^2 C_s + \frac{\partial^2 C_s}{\partial z'^2} \right)}_{\text{diffusion}}, (x', y') \in \Omega_2$$

Coupled PDEs in  $(x', y', z')$

interfacial coupling

Boundary Conditions

$$\left. \begin{aligned} n \cdot D_m \nabla_* C_f &= n \cdot D_e \nabla_* C_s \\ C_f &= C_s \end{aligned} \right\}, (x', y') \in \partial\Omega_1$$

$$n \cdot D_e \nabla_* C_s = 0, (x', y') \in \partial\Omega_2$$

$$D_m \frac{\partial C_f}{\partial z'} = u(x', y')(C_f - C_{in}(t)) \ \& \ \frac{\partial C_s}{\partial z'} = 0, @ z' = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial C_f}{\partial z'} = \frac{\partial C_s}{\partial z'} = 0, @ z' = L$$

## Traditional Low-dimensional Models for Catalytic Reactor Models

### Pseudo-homogeneous PFR model

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + R(c) = 0; \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0 \quad \text{B.C. } c(0, t) = c_{in}(t), \quad \text{I.C. } c(x, 0) = c_o(x)$$

### Two-phase model for a packed-bed reactor

(Wicke, 1960; Liu & Amundson, 1963)

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_f \frac{\partial c_f}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial c_f}{\partial x} &= -k_c a_v (c_f - c_s); \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0 & \text{B.C. } c_f(0, t) &= c_{f,in}(t) \\ (1 - \varepsilon_f) \frac{\partial c_s}{\partial t} &= k_c a_v (c_f - c_s) - R(c_s); \quad t > 0 & \text{I.C. } c_f(x, 0) &= c_{fo}(x) \\ & & & c_s(x, 0) &= c_{so}(x) \end{aligned}$$

### Catalytic Reactor Model with Dispersion and Mass Transfer Coefficients

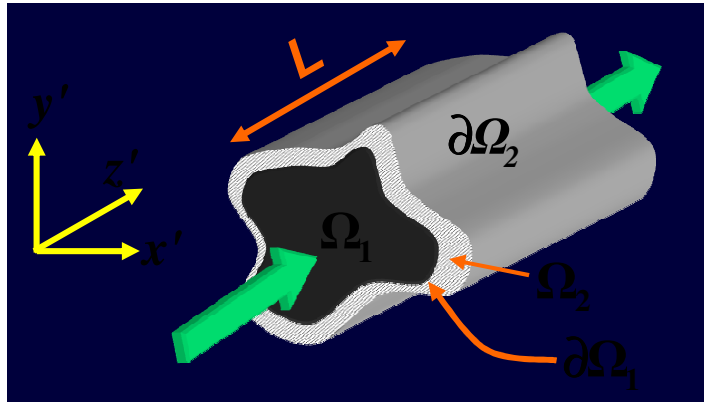
$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_f \frac{\partial c_f}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial c_f}{\partial x} &= D_{ef} \frac{\partial^2 c_f}{\partial x^2} - k_c a_v (c_f - c_s); \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0 & \text{B.C 1 } D_{ef} \frac{\partial c_f}{\partial x} &= \bar{u} [c_f(0, t) - c_{f,in}(t)] \\ (1 - \varepsilon_f) \frac{\partial c_s}{\partial t} &= k_c a_v (c_f - c_s) - R(c_s); \quad t > 0 & \text{B.C 2 } \frac{\partial c_f}{\partial x} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

### Catalytic Reactor Model with Dispersion, Mass Transfer Coefficients & Intra-particle diffusion

$$(1 - \varepsilon_f) \frac{\partial c_s}{\partial t} = k_c a_v (c_f - c_s) - R(c_s) \eta; \quad t > 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot (D_e \nabla c) = R(c) \quad \text{in } \Omega; \quad c = c_s \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega; \quad \eta = \frac{1}{V_\Omega} \int_\Omega R(c) d\Omega / R(c_s)$$

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# Spatial Averaging of Convection-Diffusion-Reaction (CDR) Models

*Balakotaiah & Chang; SIAM J. Appl. Math., 63,1231-1258 (2003)*

*Balakotaiah, Chem. Engng. Sci., 63, 5802-5812,2008*

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## Observations:

- Diffusion is dominant at small length scales
- Local Diffusion operator of the CDR equation (with a periodic/ Neumann & Robin BCs) has a zero eigenvalue with a constant eigenfunction.
- Spatial degrees of freedom (**small length scales**) can be eliminated near the zero eigenvalue (**small parameter**).

## Procedure:

- Write the detailed (microscopic) model
- Identify the smallest length/time scale (expressed in terms of a small parameter, say  $p$ )
- Express all other parameters ( $\lambda_i$ ) as  $\lambda_i = \alpha_i p^n$ , where  $\alpha_i$  is  $O(1)$  &  $n = 1, 0, -1, \dots$
- Apply the L-S reduction (eliminate spatial degrees of freedom)

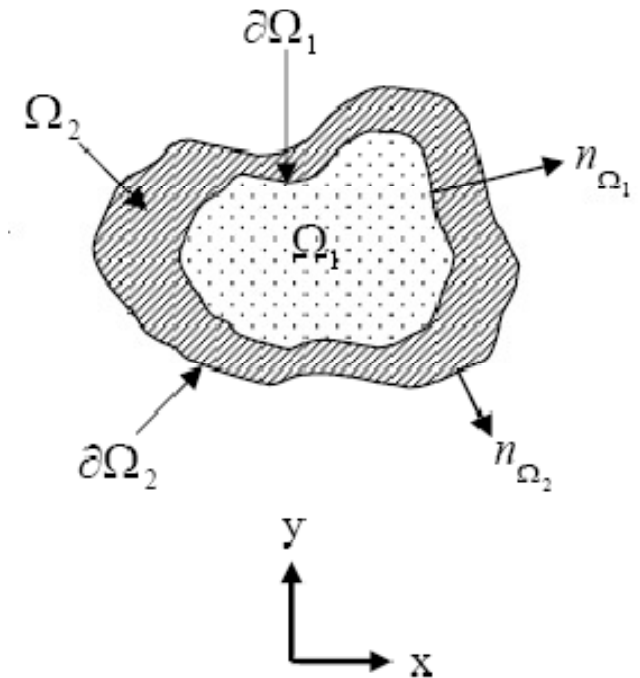
## Concentration Modes

$$C_{fm} = \frac{\int_{\Omega_1} u(x, y) C_f(x, y) d\Omega}{\int_{\Omega_1} u(x, y) d\Omega} = \text{cup - mixing concentration}$$

$$\langle C_f \rangle = \frac{\int_{\Omega_1} C_f(x, y) d\Omega}{\int_{\Omega_1} d\Omega} = \text{average concentration in fluid}$$

$$C_s = \frac{\int_{\partial\Omega_1} C_1(x, y) d\Gamma}{\int_{\partial\Omega_1} d\Gamma} = \frac{\int_{\partial\Omega_1} C_2(x, y) d\Gamma}{\int_{\partial\Omega_1} d\Gamma}$$

$$\langle C_{wc} \rangle = \frac{\int_{\Omega_2} C_2(x, y) d\Omega}{\int_{\Omega_2} d\Omega} = \frac{1}{A_{\Omega_2}} \int_{\Omega_2} C_2(x, y) d\Omega$$



## On the Relationship Between Aris and Sherwood Numbers and Friction and Effectiveness Factors

V. Balakotaiah, Chem. Engng. Sci., 2008

(i) Concept of an internal mass transfer coefficient:

$$k_{ci} = \frac{\frac{1}{A_{\Omega'}} \int_{A_{\Omega'}} D_e \nabla C \cdot n \, dS}{(C_s - \langle C \rangle)},$$

$$\text{Flux, } j = k_{ci} (C_s - \langle C \rangle)$$

$$\text{Sherwood number, } Sh_{\Omega} = \frac{k_{ci} R_{\Omega}}{D_e}$$

(ii) Effectiveness factor:

$$\eta = \frac{\langle r(C) \rangle}{r(C_s)} = \frac{\langle C \rangle}{C_s} \text{ (for linear kinetics)}$$

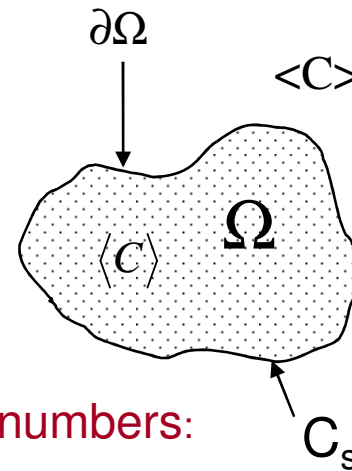
(iv) Friction factors for viscous flow in a duct (2-D):

$$\frac{f \text{ Re}}{8} = Sh_{\Omega_{\infty}} = \frac{1}{Ar_1}; \quad \text{Re} = \frac{4R_{\Omega} \langle u \rangle}{\nu}$$

(i) Low-dimensional Model for Multicomponent Nonlinear Diffusion-Reaction Problems

(ii) Low-dimensional Models for Diffusion-Convection-Reaction Problems

$C_s$  = solid-fluid interfacial concentration  
 $\langle C \rangle$  = volume averaged concentration.



(iii) Aris numbers:

$$\eta = 1 - Ar_1 \Phi^2 + Ar_2 \Phi^4 - \dots$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Phi^2}{Sh_{\Omega}}}$$

$$R_{\Omega} = \frac{V_{\Omega}}{A_{\Omega}}$$

$$\Phi^2 = \frac{R_{\Omega}^2 k}{D_e}$$

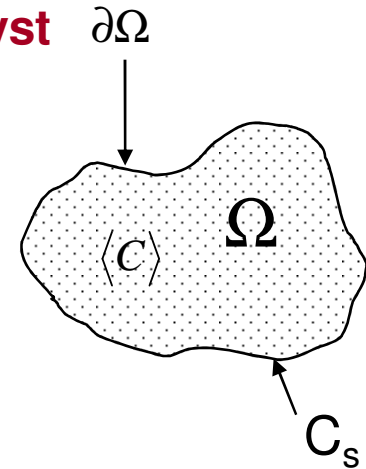
# Low-Dimensional Models for Diffusion-Reaction Problems

## The Internal Diffusion-Reaction Problem in a Porous Catalyst

$$\varepsilon_p \frac{\partial C}{\partial t'} = \nabla \cdot (D_e \nabla C) - R(C); \quad (x', y', z') \in \Omega', t' > 0$$

$$C = C_s(t'); \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega'.$$

$$C = C_i(x', y', z') \quad \text{at } t' = 0$$



$$C = \langle C \rangle + C'$$

$$\langle C' \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle R(\langle C \rangle + C') \rangle = R(\langle C \rangle) + O(C')^2$$

Volume averaged concentration in particle

$$\langle C \rangle(t') = \frac{1}{V_{\Omega'}} \int_{\Omega'} C(x', y', z', t') d\Omega'$$

Low-Dimensional Model

$$\varepsilon_p V_{\Omega'} \frac{d\langle C \rangle}{dt'} = A_{\Omega'} k_{ci} (\overline{C_s(t')} - \langle C \rangle) - V_{\Omega'} R(\langle C \rangle)$$

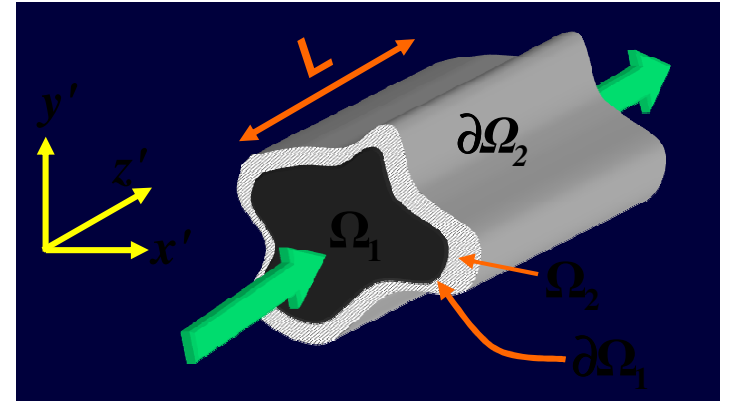
$$\langle C \rangle = \langle C_i \rangle \quad \text{at } t' = 0,$$

## Three-mode Model for an Isothermal Monolith ( $L/d_h \gg 1$ )

$$\frac{\partial C_{fm}}{\partial t} + \langle u \rangle \frac{\partial C_{fm}}{\partial x} = -\frac{k_{ce}}{R_\Omega} (C_{fm} - C_s)$$

$$\varepsilon_p \delta_w \frac{\partial \langle C_w \rangle}{\partial t} = k_{ci} (C_s - \langle C_w \rangle) + \delta_w R(\langle C_w \rangle)$$

$$k_{ce} (C_{fm} - C_s) = k_{ci} (C_s - \langle C_w \rangle)$$



$$k_{ci} = \frac{Sh_{i\Omega} D_e}{\delta_w} \quad k_{ce} = \frac{Sh_{e\Omega} D_m}{R_\Omega}$$

### Two-Mode form:

$$\frac{\partial C_{fm}}{\partial t} + \langle u \rangle \frac{\partial C_{fm}}{\partial x} = -\frac{k_{mo}}{R_\Omega} (C_{fm} - \langle C_w \rangle)$$

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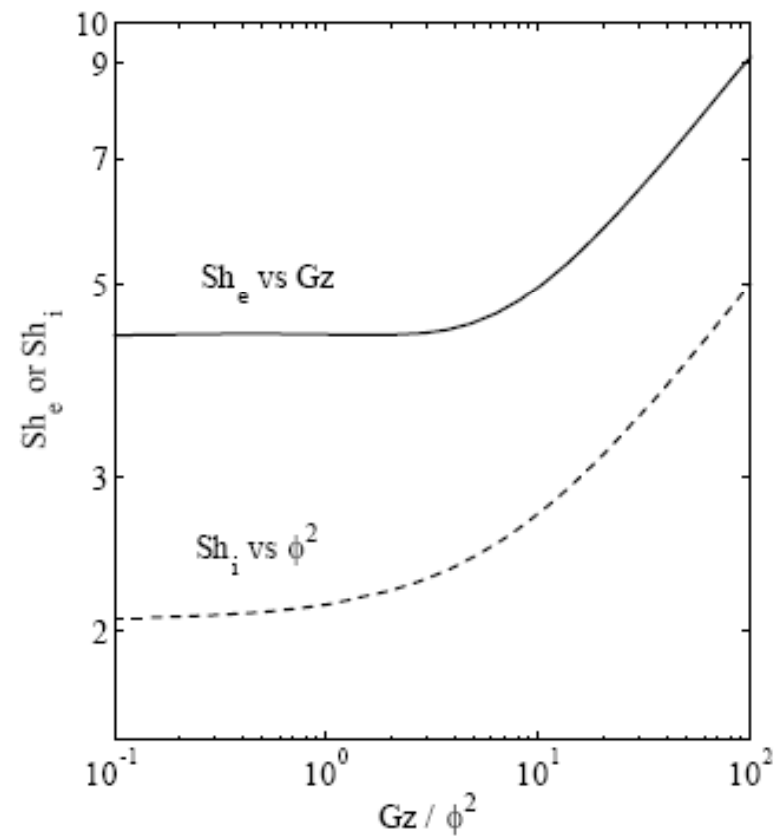
$$IC1: C_{fm}(x, t=0) = C_{m0}(x)$$

$$IC2: \langle C_w \rangle(x, t=0) = \langle C_{w0} \rangle(x)$$

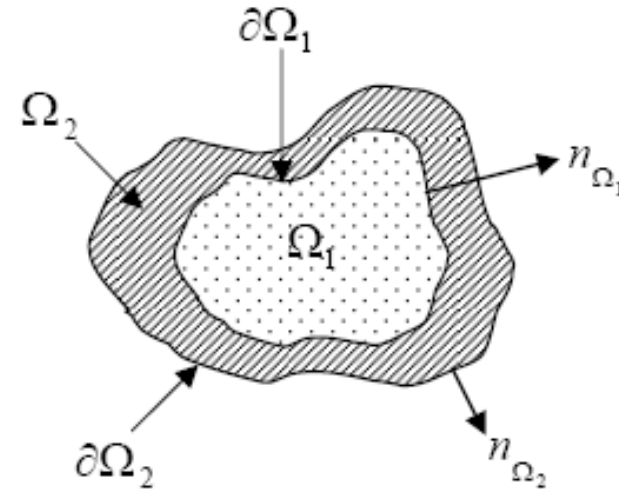
$$BC: C_{fm} = C_{in}(t) @ x=0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{k_{mo}} &= \frac{1}{k_{ci}} + \frac{1}{k_{ce}} \\ &= \frac{\delta_w}{Sh_{i\Omega} D_e} + \frac{R_\Omega}{Sh_{e\Omega} D_m} \\ &\approx \frac{\delta_w}{Sh_{i\Omega\infty} D_e} + \frac{R_\Omega}{Sh_{e\Omega\infty} D_m} \end{aligned}$$

# Analogy between internal and external mass transfer coefficients



# Theory and Computation of Internal Mass Transfer Coefficients



$$\nabla^2 c = g(x', y') \phi^2 c \quad (x', y') \in \Omega'_2 \quad n_{\Omega_2} \cdot \nabla c = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega'_2 \quad c = 1 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega'_1$$

$$k_{mi} = \frac{\int_{A_{\Omega_2}} R(C) dA}{P_{\Omega} (C_s - \langle C \rangle)}$$

$$Sh_i = \frac{k_{mi} R_{\Omega}}{D_e}$$

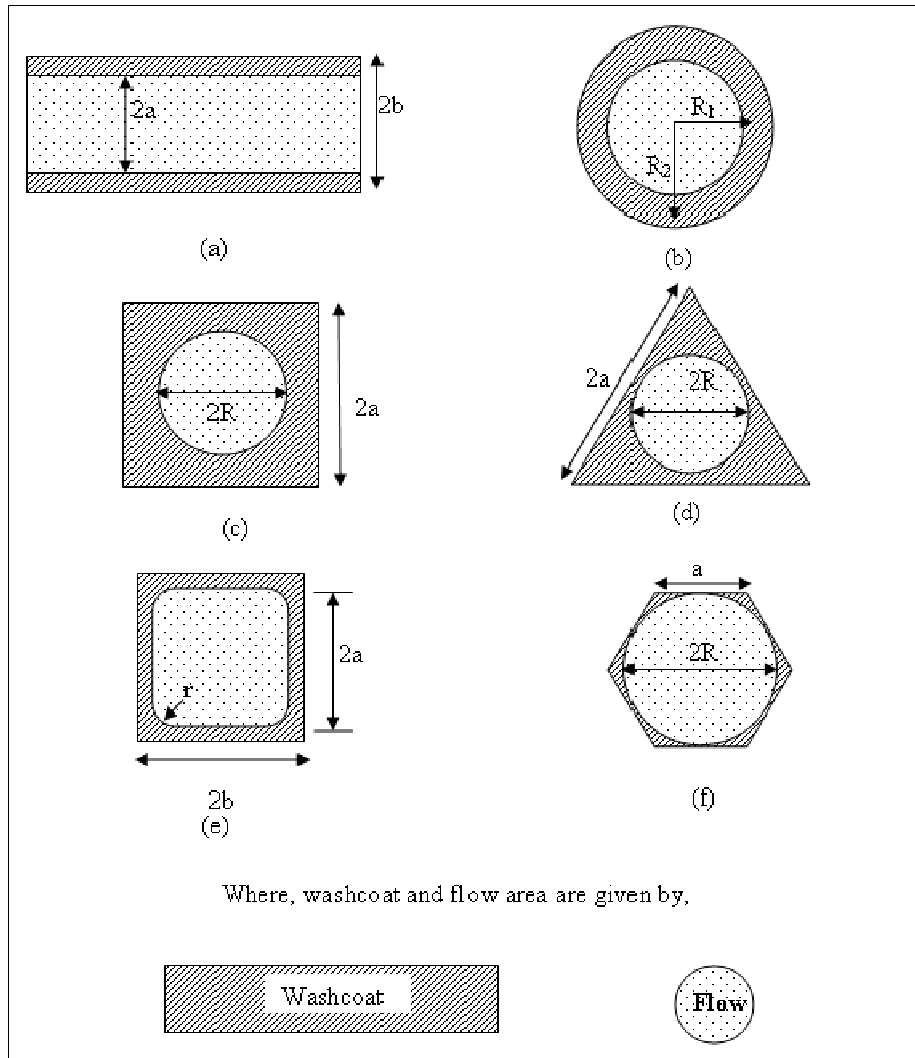
$$Sh_i = Sh_{i\infty} + \frac{\Lambda \phi^2}{1 + \Lambda \phi}$$

**Approximation**

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# Sh<sub>i</sub> for some common geometries



Channel Shape	$Sh_{i\infty}$ and $\Lambda$			
Figure a	$Sh_{i\infty} = 3$ and $\Lambda = 0.32$			
Figure b	$R_2/R_1$	$Sh_{i\infty}$	$\Lambda$	
	1.01	3.0125	0.38	
	1.1	3.153	0.36	
Figure c	$a/R$	$Sh_{i\infty}$	$\Lambda$	
	1	0.826	0.67	
	1.1	1.836	1.2	
Figure d	$a/R$	$Sh_{i\infty}$	$\Lambda$	
	1.7321	0.84	0.62	
	1.9245	1.45	1.25	
Figure e	$b/a$	$b/r$	$Sh_{i\infty}$	$\Lambda$
	1.11	5	2.645	0.58
	1.25	10	3.088	0.39
Figure f	$a/R$	$Sh_{i\infty}$	$\Lambda$	
	1.155	0.814	0.77	
	1.17	1.16	2.08	
	1.2	1.74	1.6	

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**Two-Mode form:**

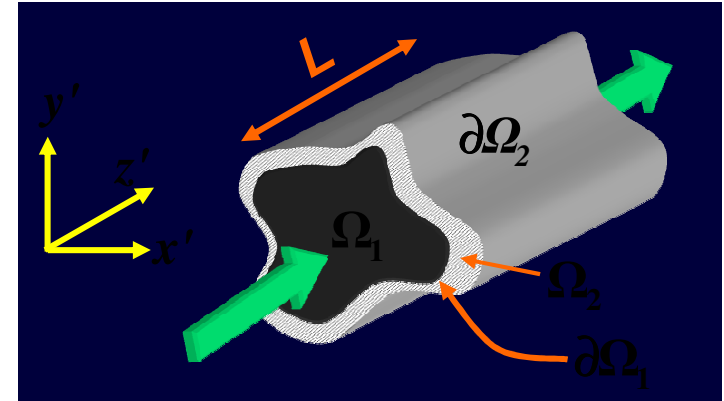
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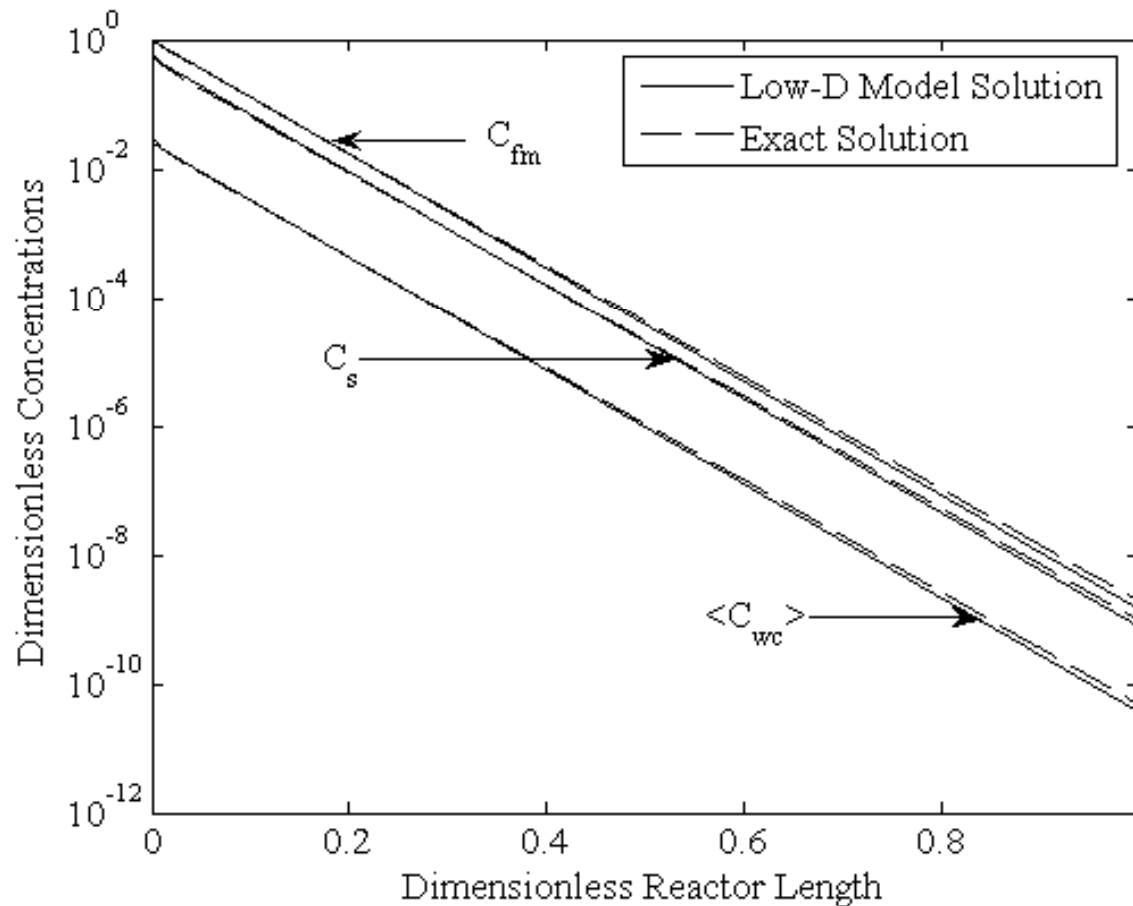


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# Comparison of Accuracy of Low-D Model for Linear Kinetics, Single Reaction and Isothermal Case:

Circular channel with uniform washcoat thickness



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# Low-Dimensional Model for Multi-component DCR

Problem:

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Species conservation:

$$\frac{\partial C_{fmj}}{\partial t} + \langle u \rangle \frac{\partial C_{fmj}}{\partial x} = -\frac{k_{ce,j}}{R_\Omega} (C_{fmj} - C_{sj})$$

$$\varepsilon_p \delta_w \frac{\partial \langle C_w \rangle_j}{\partial t} = \sum_{m=1}^S k_{ci,jm} (C_{ms} - \langle C_w \rangle_m) + \delta_w \sum_{i=1}^N \nu_{ij} R_i (\langle C_w \rangle_1, \langle C_w \rangle_2, \dots, \langle C_w \rangle_S, T_s)$$

$$k_{ce,j} (C_{fmj} - C_{sj}) = k_{ci,j} (C_{sj} - \langle C_w \rangle_j) \quad k_{ce,j} = \frac{Sh_{e\Omega\infty} D_{m,j}}{R_\Omega} \quad k_{ci,j} = \frac{Sh_{i\Omega\infty} D_{ej}}{\delta_w}$$

$j=1,2 \dots S$  (species);  $N$  reactions

+ IC + BCs

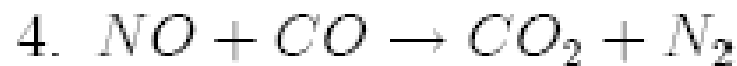
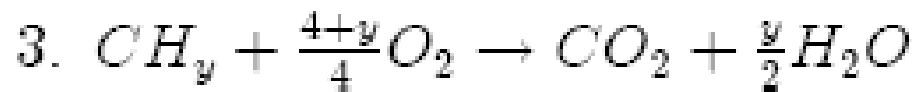
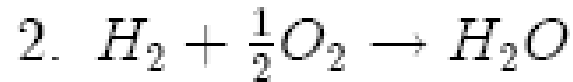
Energy balance:

$$\rho_f c_{pf} \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial t} + \langle u \rangle \rho_f c_{pf} \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial x} = -\frac{h}{R_\Omega} (T_f - T_s)$$

$$\delta_s \rho_s c_{ps} \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = \delta_s k_s \frac{\partial^2 T_s}{\partial x^2} + h(T_f - T_s) + \delta_w \sum_{j=1}^M R_j (\langle C_w \rangle_1, \langle C_w \rangle_2, \dots, \langle C_w \rangle_N, T_s) \times (-\Delta H_j)$$

$$T_f = T_{fin}(t) @ x = 0; T_s(x, t = 0) = T_{s0}(x); T_f(x, t = 0) = T_{f0}(x); \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial x} = 0 @ x = 0, L$$

# Simulation of Transient Behavior of a TWC with Global Kinetics



$$R_{\text{CO}} = \frac{k_1 \hat{X}_{\text{CO}} \hat{X}_{\text{O}_2}}{F(\hat{X}, T_s)}$$

$$R_{\text{H}_2} = \frac{k_1 \hat{X}_{\text{H}_2} \hat{X}_{\text{O}_2}}{F(\hat{X}, T_s)}$$

$$R_{\text{HC}} = \frac{k_3 \hat{X}_{\text{HC}} \hat{X}_{\text{O}_2}}{F(\hat{X}, T_s)}$$

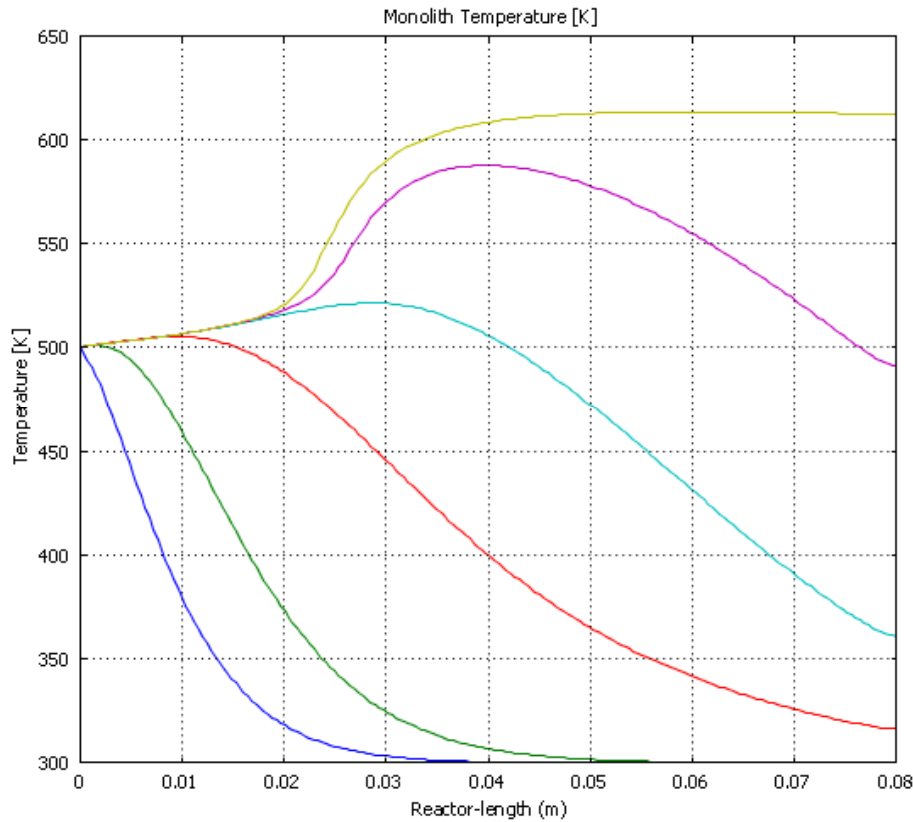
$$R_{\text{NO}} = \frac{k_4 \hat{X}_{\text{CO}}^{1.4} \hat{X}_{\text{O}_2}^{0.3} \hat{X}_{\text{NO}}^{0.13}}{T_s^{-0.17} (T_s + ka_5 \hat{X}_{\text{CO}})^2}$$

$$F(\hat{X}, T_s) = T_s (1 + ka_1 \hat{X}_{\text{CO}} + ka_2 \hat{X}_{\text{HC}})^2 (1 + ka_3 \hat{X}_{\text{CO}}^2 \hat{X}_{\text{HC}}^2) (1 + ka_4 \hat{X}_{\text{NO}}^{0.7})$$

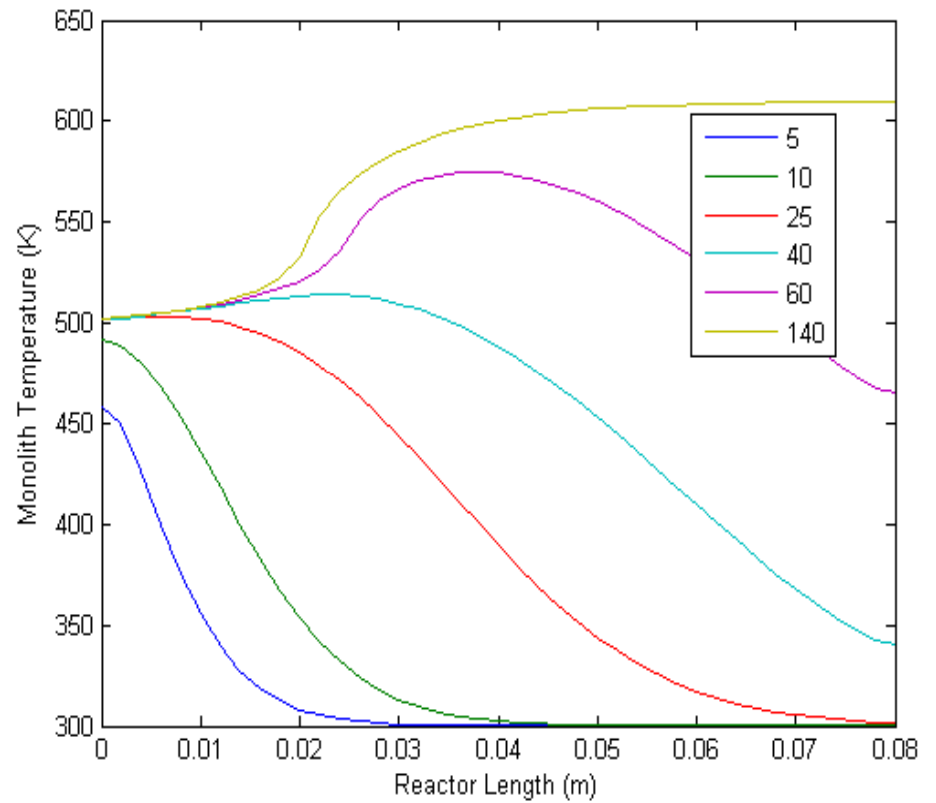
$$k_i = A_i e^{-\frac{E_i}{T_s}} \quad i = 1, 3, 4$$

$$ka_i = A_{ii} e^{-\frac{E_{ii}}{T_s}} \quad i = 1 - 5$$

# Monolith Temperature

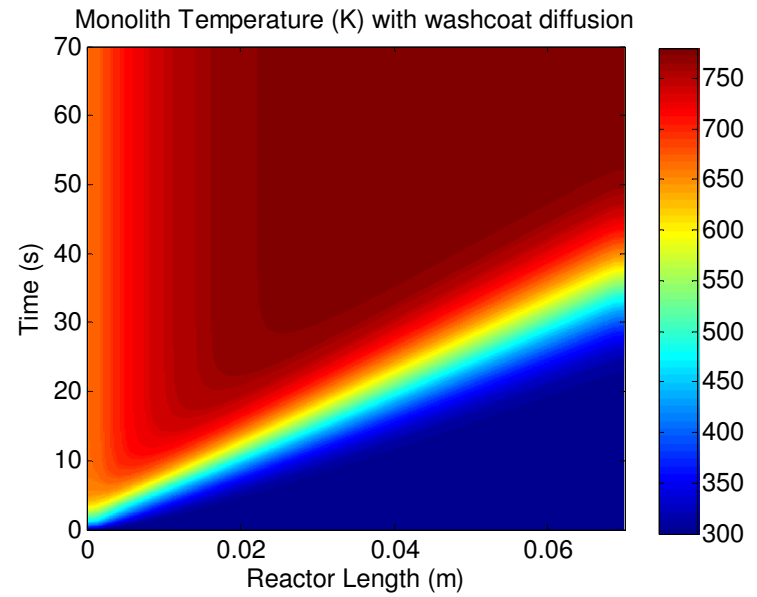
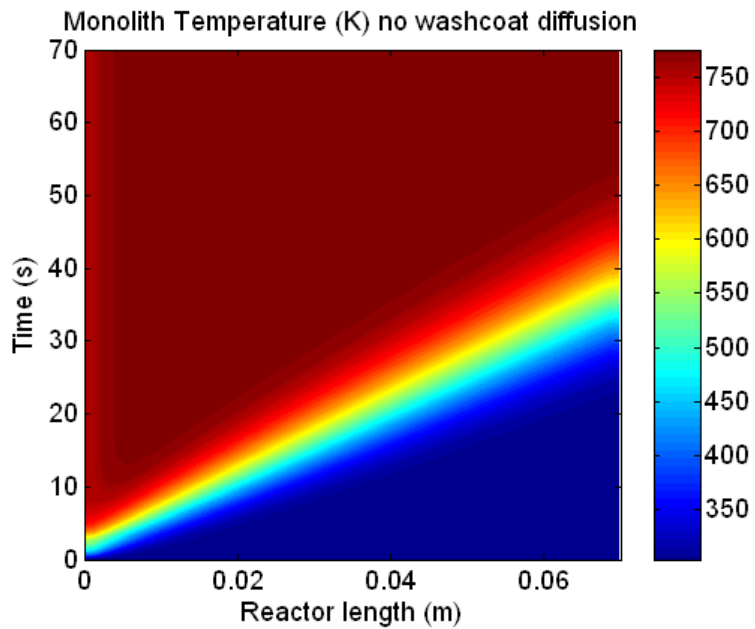


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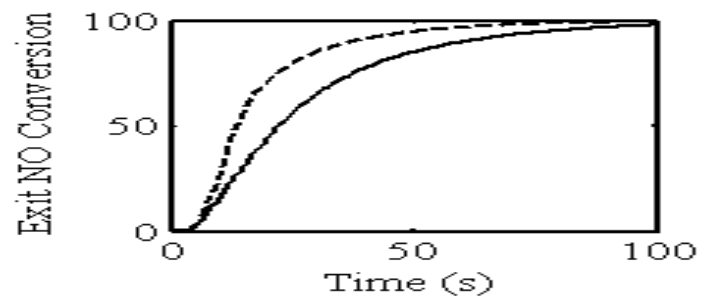
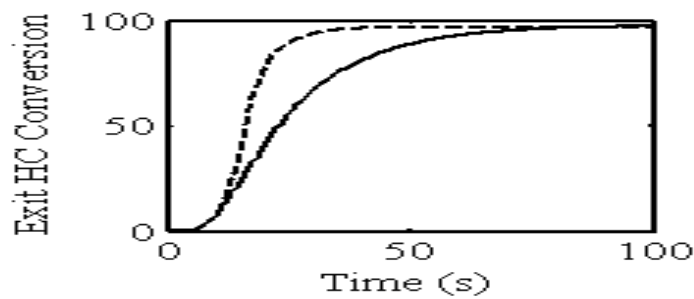
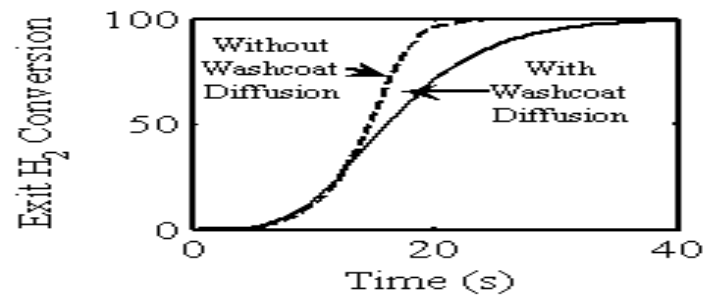
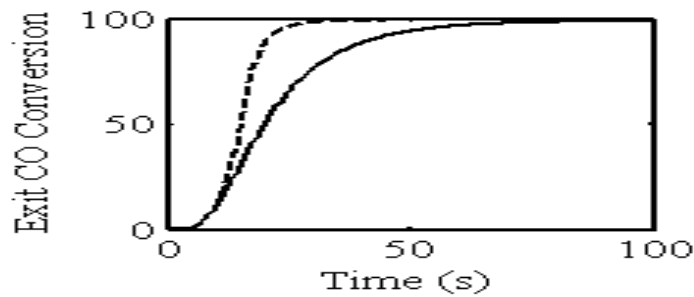


LOW-D MODEL SOLUTION

Joshi , Harold & Balakotaiah,  
AIChE J., May 2009



Transient simulation showing front end ignition (a) monolith temperature without washcoat diffusion (b) monolith temperature with washcoat diffusion



# Demonstration of Real Time Simulation of the Cold-start Behavior of a TWC

## Extensions to the low-D models

- **Developing flows**
- **Microkinetics** ( 2 equations for each gas phase species, one eqn. for each surface species)
- **Estimation of kinetic parameters from bench scale expts.**
- **Axial variations of PGM loading**
- **Transverse variations in temperature (heat losses)**
- **Other types of catalytic and multi-phase reactors**

# Overview

## Models:

### Low-dimensional Models for Real Time Simulations of Catalytic After-treatment Systems

(TWCs, DOCs, LNTs, SCRs and DPFs)

- low-d models for diffusion-convection-reaction
- simulation of TWC cold start behavior in real time
- extensions of low-d models

## Analysis:

### Generic features of monoliths using low-d models

- (i) Controlling regimes
- (ii) External Mass transfer controlled regime
- (iii) Fronts in monoliths
- (iv) Multiple steady-states and periodic states
- (v) Light-off behavior
- (vi) Bifurcation analysis
- (vii) Microkinetic models vs. global kinetic models



## (i) Controlling Regimes

Comparison of various resistances

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{k_{m_{app}}}}_{\text{Total Resistance (R}_t\text{)}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{k_{m_e}}}_{\text{External Resistance (R}_e\text{)}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{k_{m_i}}}_{\text{Internal (Washcoat) Resistance (R}_w\text{)}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{kR_{\Omega_2}}}_{\text{Reaction Resistance (R}_r\text{)}}$$

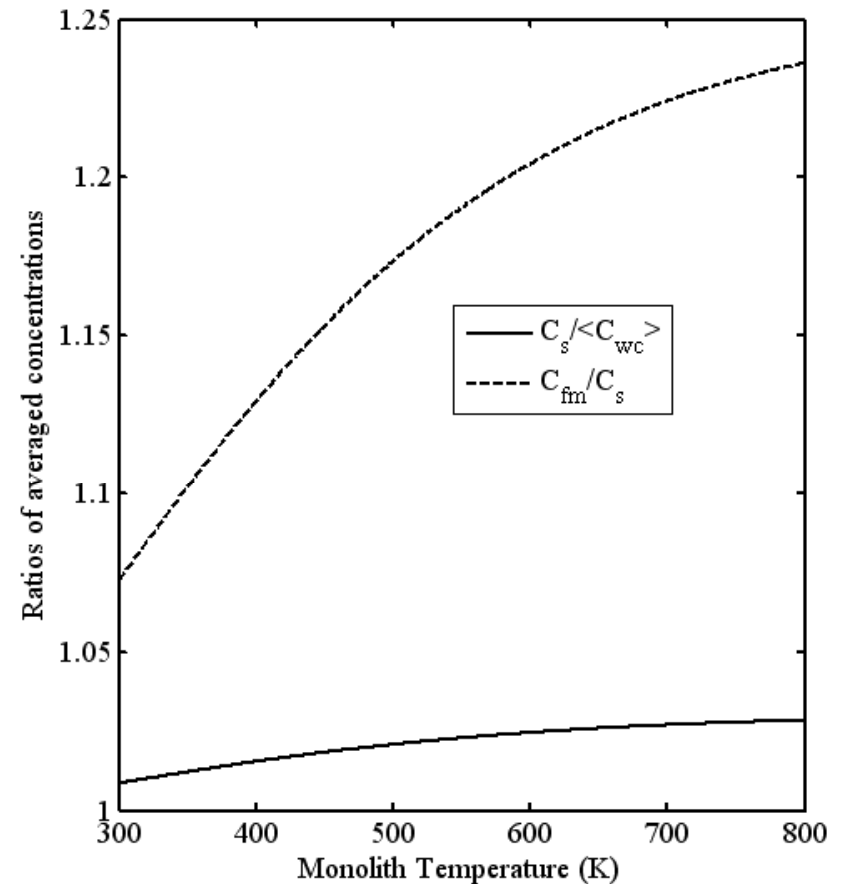
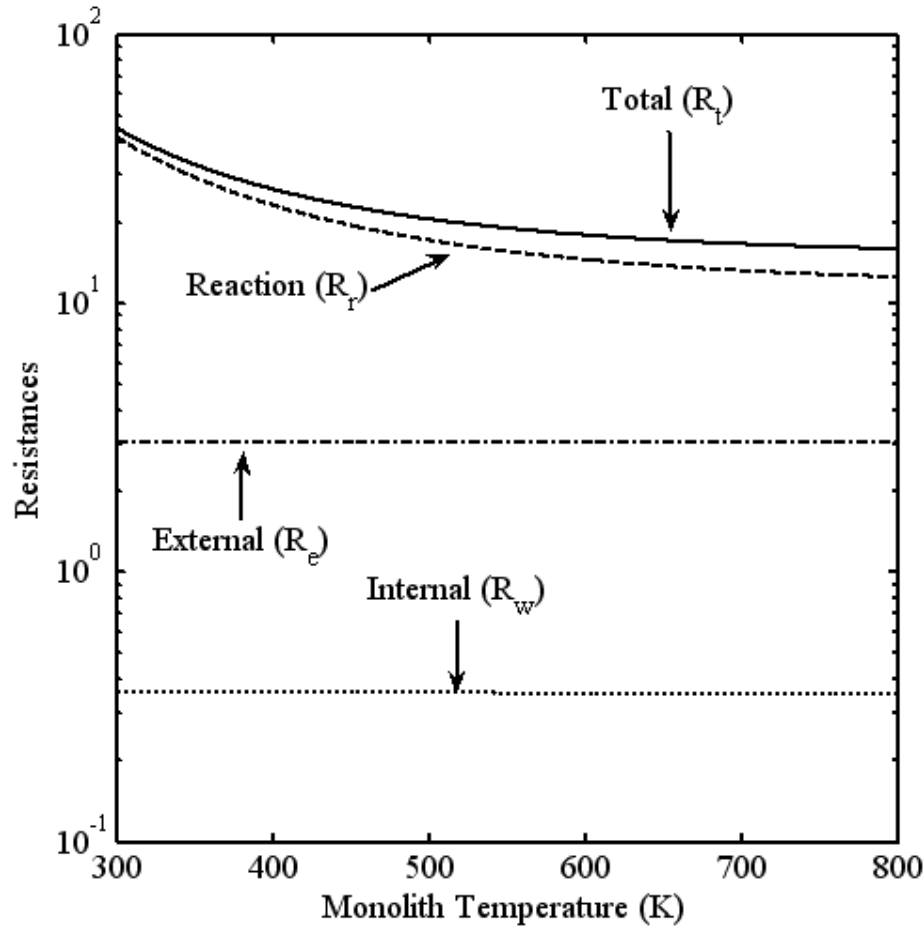
### Criterion for controlling regimes

$R_r \geq 0.9R_t$  for kinetic regime or reaction controlling

$R_e \geq 0.9R_t$  for external mass transfer controlling

$R_w \geq 0.9R_t$  for washcoat diffusion controlling

# Kinetic Regime-H<sub>2</sub> Oxidation



Kinetics and  
Parameters

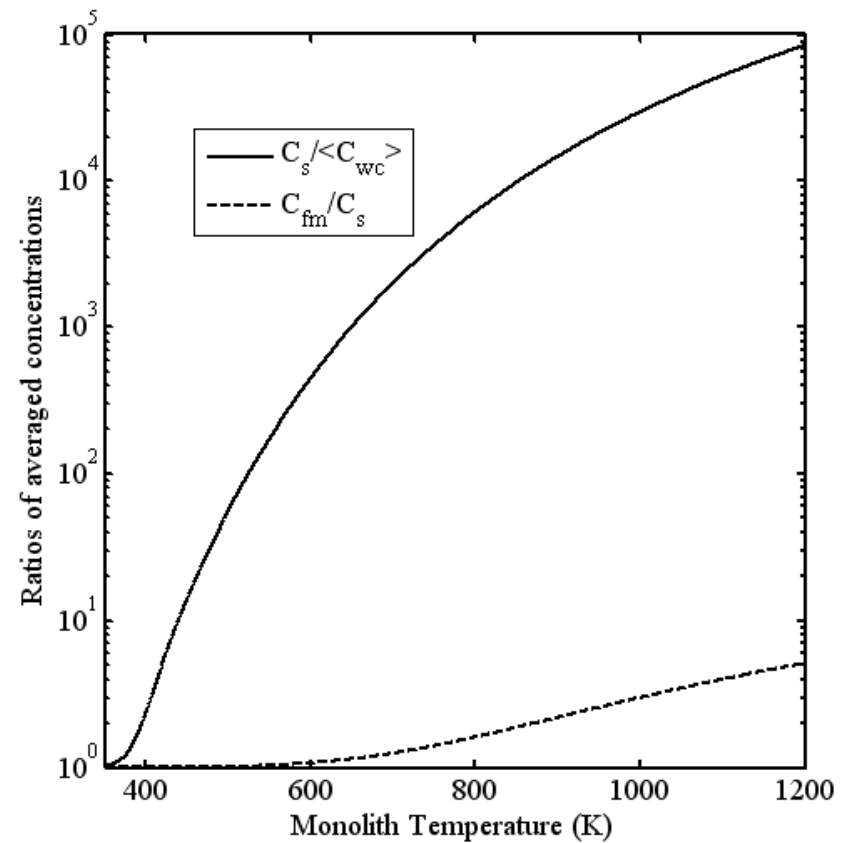
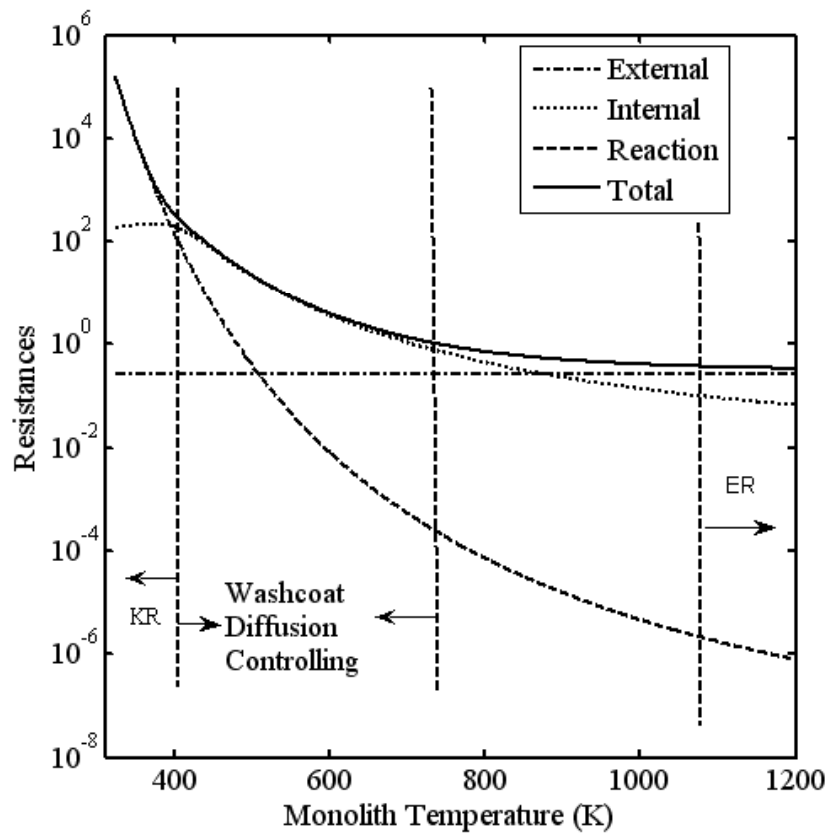
$$R_{\Omega_1} = 0.5 \text{ mm}, R_{\Omega_2} = 20 \text{ } \mu\text{m}, L = 7 \text{ cm}, \langle u \rangle = 1 \text{ m/s} \quad R = \frac{1.1835 \times 10^7}{T_s} \exp\left(-\frac{1046.4}{T_s}\right) C_{H_2}$$

**Kinetics Reference:** Bhatia D, Harold MP and Balakotaiah V. Kinetics and bifurcation analysis of cooxidation of CO and H<sub>2</sub> in catalytic monolith reactors. Chemical Engineering Science. 2009;64,1544-1558.

# Washcoat Diffusion controlling

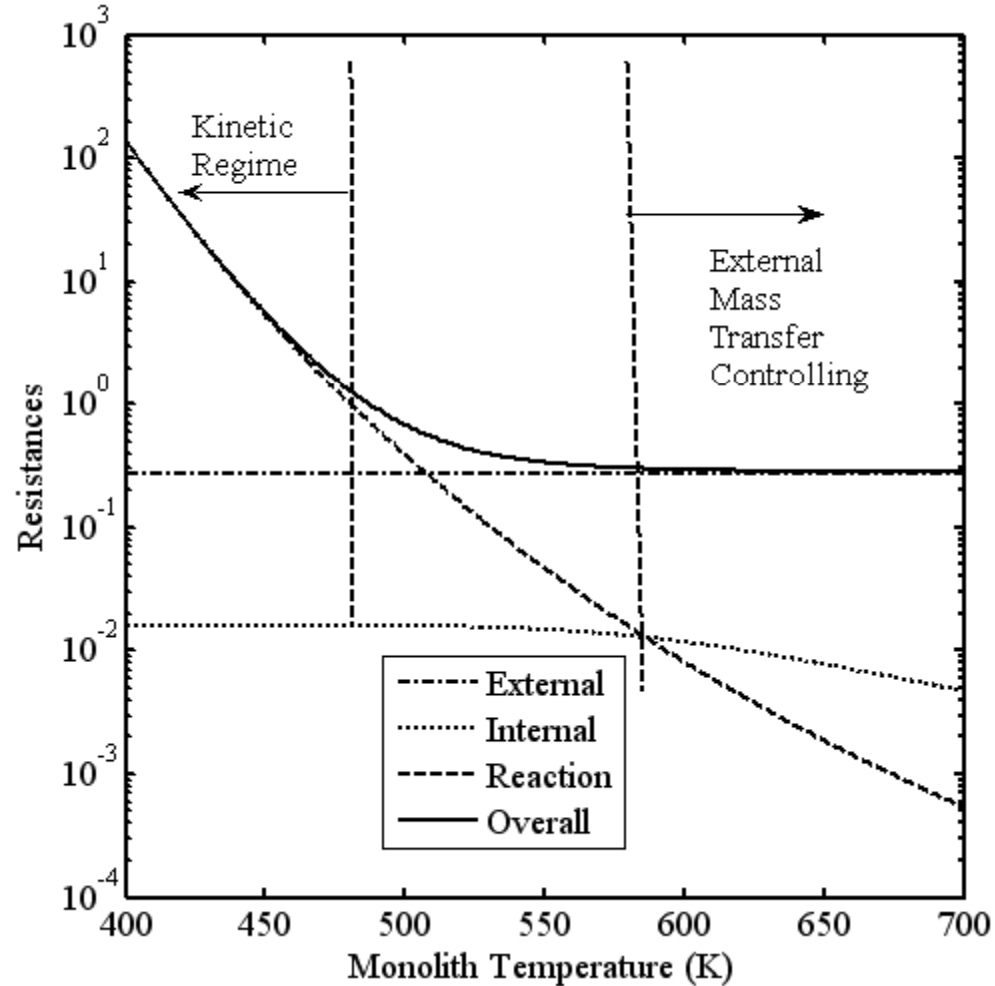
## Parameters

$R_{\Omega_1} = 0.5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $R_{\Omega_2} = 50 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ,  $D_e = 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2 / \text{s}$ ,  $L = 7 \text{ cm}$ ,  $\langle u \rangle = 1 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\text{PGM Loading} = 10 \text{ g/ft}^3$

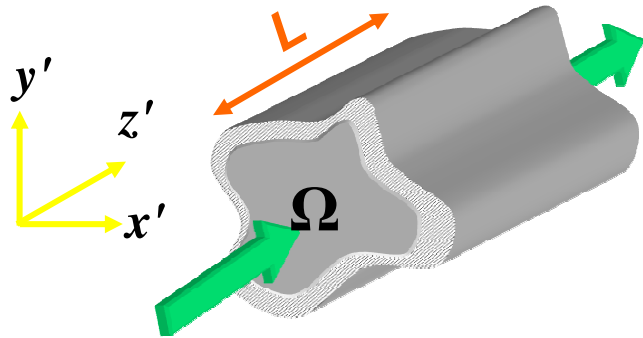


# Washcoat diffusion NOT important

$R_{\Omega_1} = 0.5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $R_{\Omega_2} = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ ,  $D_e = 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 / \text{s}$ ,  $L = 7 \text{ cm}$ ,  $\langle u \rangle = 1 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\text{PGM Loading} = 50 \text{ g / ft}^3$



## (ii) External Mass Transfer Controlled Regime in Monoliths



$$R_{\Omega} = \frac{A_{\Omega}}{P_{\Omega}}$$

$$\frac{C_{Af}}{C_{A0}} = \alpha_1 \text{Exp} \left[ -\frac{\mu_1}{P} \right]$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{Sh_T}{4} \quad P = \frac{R_{\Omega}^2 \langle u \rangle}{LD_m}$$

$$L_{\min} = 4 \frac{R_{\Omega}^2 \langle u \rangle}{D_m}$$

Minimum lengths/front widths  
At 300 C with  $R_{\Omega}=0.5\text{mm}$

Species	H2	NO	NH3
$\langle u \rangle = 1 \text{ m/s}$	1.5 mm	6.0 mm	4.5 mm
$\langle u \rangle = 10 \text{ m/s}$	15 mm	60 mm	45 mm

### (iii) Analysis of fronts in after-treatment systems

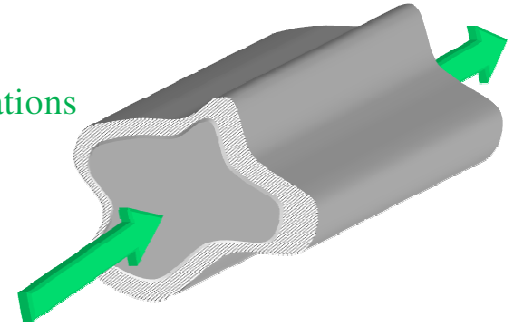
- Observations: (i) Front speeds are independent of kinetics  
(ii) front concentrations must satisfy stoichiometric relations

Adsorption/storage/Regeneration:

$$u_f = \langle u \rangle \frac{R_\Omega}{\delta_w} \left( \frac{C_{A,in}}{\nu N_{so}} \right)$$

Traveling wave

$$z = x - u_f t$$



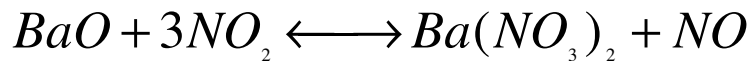
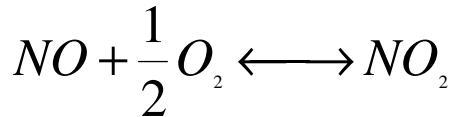
Thermal (front end ignition):

$$u_f = \langle u \rangle \frac{R_\Omega}{\delta_s} \left( \frac{\rho_g c_{pg}}{\rho_s c_{ps}} \right)$$

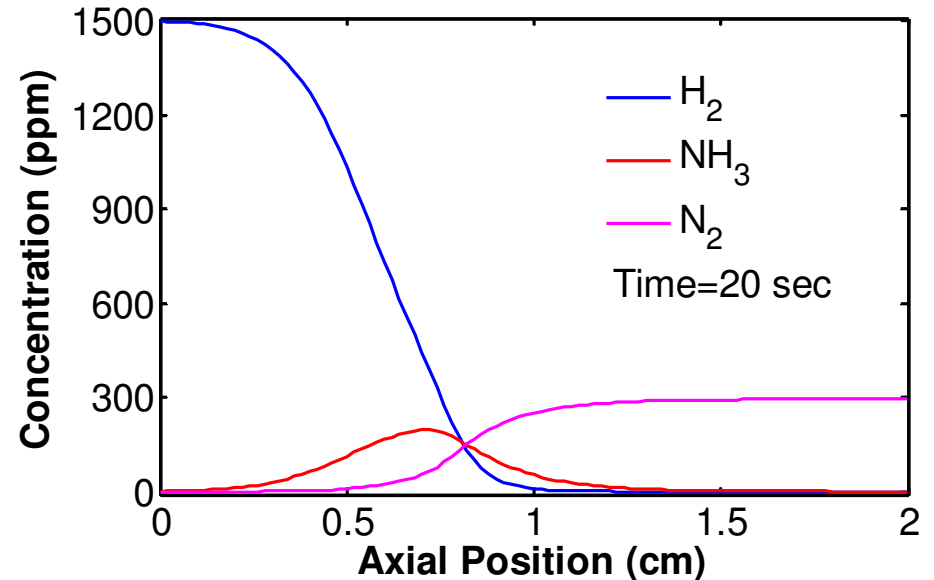
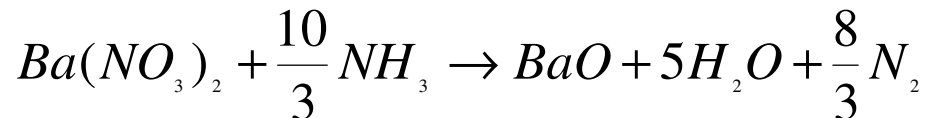
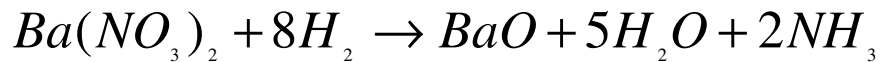
Reduction with H<sub>2</sub>:

$$C_{H_2} + 4C_{NH_3} + 5C_{N_2} = C_{H_2,f}$$

NO<sub>x</sub> Storage on Pt/Ba catalyst



NO<sub>x</sub> Reduction on Pt/Ba catalyst



# Summary/Conclusions

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