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#### **ABSTRACT**

Methods of determining Hinshelwood rate correlations from non isothermal catalyst data was studied. It was determined for any chemical system involving a reacting gas mixture over a porous catalyst a node analysis could be used to determine chemical concentration and temperature variation through the pellet. Calculation performed with a spectra 360/Fortran 4 program defined the Hinahelwood equation from estimated surface rates. Then utilising nods analysis to determine concentration and temperature variance, transport and rate equations were integrated through the pellet to obtain a total pellet rate of reaction. For acceptance of Hinshel. wood equations the calculated total rate must equal the measured total rate and the Hinshelwood constants must meet the Hinsheiwood acceptance criteria. A sample problem employing Hydrogen and Oxygen catalysed over platinum was used for checkout.

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#### INTRODUCTION

A topic of significant interest in the field of catalyst research is the application of computer techniques to determine Langmuir Hinshel wood Rate Mechanisms as applied to the design of catalytic reactors. Hinahelwotd Rate Mechanisms are defined by the rate equation which best fits experimental reactor data. The rate forms are all based on the assumption that one reaction step controls the reaction rate and that a linear Langmuir isotherm for adsorption of reactant is descriptive of the chemical reaction being studied.

A comprehensive review of the available literature in this area and the work done by previous investigators revealed that Hinshelwood rate equations determined to date have been primarily based upon experimental data using fine particle catalyst. This vas apparently because the influence of temperature and concentration variation associated with fine particles is small thus minimizing errors in the results. In commercial chemical production plants, however, catalysts are generally in pellet form and such catalyst structures do encounter significant variations in temperature and chemical concentration.

From these considerations, the question arose whether the Hinshelwood rate equations based upon the fine particle catalyst data were valid for other pellet geometry, catalyst properties and flow conditions.

I was hypothesized that the errors introduced by the change in geometry might be reduced if the pellet data could, by some method, be analyzed directly to determine the catalytic mechanisms. The object of the work undertaken therefore, was to establish a means of determining Hinshelwood equations directly from pellet data.

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The method developed estimated Hinshelwood rate equations from reactor pellet data. The process encompassed estimating surface rates, and then integration of the transport equations through the pellet to arrive at a total rate which agreed with catalyst total rates determined experimentally.

Node analysis was selected for integration of the transport equations. A computer program was asseibled and sample problems examined via this form of analysis. One such sample encompassed several computer runs for Hydrogen•Oxygen Catalysis over platinum summarised at the end of this discussion. Discussion of program input and nomenclature is presented in the Appendix.

#### DISCUSSION OF ANALYSIS

#### A. Catalyst Reaction,

A review of reaction rate controls indicated that a catalyst will not make a reaction proceed between chemical species that would not proceed in its absence, but it can increase reaction rates. The catalyst property promoting reaction rate is conjectured (5) to be chemisorption of gas or liquid en the catalyst surface producing an activated complex. The gas to catalyst complex is unstable and requires less energy for reaction to occur than is needed for reaction of the gas as without a catalyst. The change in the path of the chemical reaction sequence along with the accompanying decrease in energy requirement per step leads to greater chance of chemical reaction upon gas to catalyst contact. Interest in catalysts therefore, relates to the effect they have on the reaction rate. For purposes of analysis, one transport or reaction step is assumed to control. If the chemist is to determine a representative rate equation for catalyst data, he needs to know which of the following mechanisms is controlling.

#### Types of Rate Controlling Mechanisms

- 1. Mass transfer from the mainstream to and from the solid surface.
- 2. Diffusion of chemical species into and out of the catalyst pore structure.
- 3. Activated adsorption of reactants and desorption of products. 4. Speed of reaction of the adsorbed species on the catalyst.

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For establishing a method of determining hinshelwood mechanism from porous catalyst data, it is of major importance that the effect of each controlling mechanism or catalyst reaction be obtained. Then in the process of integrating the rates through the pellet, all factors will be accounted for providing the means for defining both the rate controlling step and estimating total pellet reaction rate. The representative rate equation should be based upon rates defined by reaction kinetics, unaltered by transport phenomena. Each of the four rate steps or mechanisms mentioned are considered in brief as follows.

1. Main stream to pellet transport. The Type 1 rate control -maintetream to pellet- limits the rate of reaction by failure of reactant to diffuse rapidly enough to the pellet surface to feed the reaction. This results from film formation over the catalyst, decreasing the diffusion rate of the reactant. If the main stream flow over the surfaces is high, films are swept away. Careful control of reactor flow conditions will make these effects negligible and minimise their influence on catalytic reaction rate. The influence of the variation of surface concentrations produced during transport of reactant from the main stream to the pellet is small as long as pellet pore diffusion effects observed are small. If variation caused by pore diffusion should be large, then surface concentration should be adjusted to account for effect of transport from the main stream.

2. Pellet diffusion. The Type 2 rate control -pellet diffusionis incurred by chemical diffusion limiting the flow into the catalyst pores. The diffusion effect upon reaction rate is analytically determinable by integrating the mass transport equations through the porous material. Reaction rates may be estimated from the concentration versus pellet location relationship. If diffusion limits are severe, the reaction rate may further be limited by the inability of the species to penetrate the pore structure or for the product to escape fast enough, preventing the feeding of the reaction.

For development of the analytical approach (8) integration of transport equations is accomplished in the following manner. It is assumed that the catalyst is in the shape. of a sphere and that the difftsion of the reactant "A" of partial pressure P is diffusing through a thin spherical shell of thickness  $\triangle R$ . The difference between the amount of reactant diffusing into the shell, Na/in, and the amount exiting from the shell, Na/out, equals the amount depleted by the reaction in the shell.

$$
Na/3n - Na/out = f SPAR
$$
 (1)

The mass flux is equal to the product of the effective diffusivity for porous catalyst  $(\mathbb{D}_{\mathbb{A}})$  and the concentration or partial pressure drop (dp/dr) across the shell. Substitution for NA gives us the following  $result:$ 

$$
D_A \partial P_A / \partial R / 4n - D_A \partial P_A / \partial R / \text{out} = \int S \times \Delta R
$$
  
 
$$
\partial / \partial R (D_A P_A / \partial R) - \int S \times \text{in} = 0
$$
 (2)

The above equation may be solved if rate r is first order with respect to partial pressure of "A" (KPA). The equation is then of the form as follows:

$$
\partial f_{\partial} r \left( P_{A} f_{\partial} r \right) = \left( \frac{\rho_{S} k}{D_{A}} \right) P_{A} = 0 \tag{3}
$$

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The term PSK has been arbitrarily set equal to the square of the Theile modulus hp. Integration of the differential equation provides the partial pressure curve through the pellet as a function of radius.



For estimating the rate of reaction in single pellets, the transport equations have been solved using first order rate approximation of the data. When the total pellet rate is determined, it is divided by the rate for the same volume of catalyst unaffected by diffusion, obtaining a pellet effectiveness ( $\mathcal E$ ). Effectiveness is plotted against Theile modulus for first order reactions, thus rates can be determined from these effectiveness plots for any given values of the modulus.

Estimating pellet rates becomes more complex if the rate equation is not a first order approximation. Since all Hinshelwood rate equations are more complex, it is the latter case in which we have the greatest interest.

An example problem illustrates methods of solving for pellet concentrations and rates. Analysis of carbon and carbon dioxide catalysis was performed by Austin and Walker  $(6)$ . The reaction of carbon dioxide to form carbon monoxide is written as follows:

$$
\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{CO}_{2} \implies \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{O}
$$

Small amounts of carbon monoxide inhibit this reaction. Thus, diffusion of the carbon monoxide out as welt as carbon dioxide into the catalyst must be considered. It was ascertained beforehand that a Binshelwood rate equation represented the rate data:

$$
\mathbf{r} = \text{KP}_A \quad / \quad (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{K}_2 \cdot \mathbf{P}_A + \mathbf{K}_3 \cdot \mathbf{P}_B) \tag{4}
$$

Considering the mass transport equation for carbon dioxide  $P_A$  and carbon monoxide  $P_{B}$ , we obtain transport equations for  $CO_{2}$  and  $CO$ ;

 $1.$ ) carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$ 

$$
\partial f_{\partial R} (D_A \partial P_A / \partial R) = \int S [K_1 * P_A / (1 * K_2 * P_A * K_3 * P_B] = 0
$$
 (5)

2.) carbon monoxide (co)

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (D_B \partial P_B / \partial x) - 2 \int S [K_1 * P_A / (1 + K_2 * P_A + K_3 * P_B) = 0
$$
 (6)

Multiplying equation (1) by  $(\frac{\rho_{A}}{2})$  and equation (2) by  $\frac{\rho_{A}}{\rho_{A}}$  and subtracting 3 from 1 we get the following:

$$
\partial /_{\partial} \mathbb{P} \left( D_{A} \partial P_{A} / \partial R \right) = - \frac{1}{2} \partial / \partial R \left[ D_{B} \partial P_{B} / \partial R \right]
$$
 (7)

Integration occurs in two steps, and in each case  $E$  is the independent variable.

#### Step 1 Integration Yields the following:

 $D_A$   $\partial P_A / \partial R$  =  $\rightarrow$   $D_B$   $\partial P_B / \partial R$  + C (8)

Solving for C we note the condition at pellet center where mass flux is sero.

<sup>R</sup> ao ,)PA/ R- is PB/,) R a 0

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Step 2 Satting  $C = 0$ 

$$
D \supset P_A / \supset R \cong \text{1/2 } D_B \supset P_B / \supset R
$$
 (10)

Again integrating the partial pressures with respect to  $\widehat{\mathbb{R}}$  we get the following:

$$
D_{\underline{R}}P_{\underline{R}} = -1/2 D_{\underline{R}}P_{\underline{R}} + C
$$
 (11)

We make use of the second boundary condition that the partial pressures at the pollet surface are the stream conditions.

r p 46,11 ," 1/2 P PAO (12)

Substituting and refining the equation, we get the following;

$$
P_{B} = 2 D_{A}/D_{B} (P_{A0} - P_{A}) + P_{B0}
$$
 (13)

The authors integrated the equation assuming  $P_{\rm{BC}}$  of carbon monoxide is zero at the surface and substituting back into the initial transport equation containing partial pressure  $({\mathbb P}_A)$  as a function of radius.

$$
\frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \pi \right) \, d\pi
$$

It is worthy of note that the transport equations for eifnuflor of each chemical specie are interelated by the chemical mass balance. Also, the conditions of knows ourface concentrations and sero diffusion rate et pellet center are influential in nods analysis. Node analyses are described ()) as used in determining termperatures of materials at specifie locations called nodes.

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The Austin-Walker example considers two chemical components. If these analyses are extended to consider a reaction of the type (A + B  $\implies$  R + S), the four chemical species require four mass transport equations. Temperature variation through the catalyst provides a fifth.

Becuuse of the large number of partial differential equations involved. a node analysis was selected for determination of Hinshelwood rate equations fer non-isothermal pellet data.

3. <u>Adsorption and desorption</u>. The Type 3 rate control - adsorption and dosorption occurs when the speed of reaction is limitec by the rate of adsorption and descrption of chemical species. It is noted  $\left(\mathbf{k}\right)$ that the concentration  $(X)$  of chemical species adsorbed on a solid surface is related to the partial pressure of  $"A"$  in the main stream. This relation is dalsed as the Langauir Isotherm.

$$
x = a (P_A)^n
$$
 (15)

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For adsorption rates or condensation on the catalyst surface, rate is assumed proportional to the partial pressure of "A". This is based upon kinetic theory of gases where the reaction is controlled by the number of molecular collisions molecule "A" makes with the catalyst surface. Rate of adsorption  $m X_A$   $P_A$  (1 - 6). Here  $\sigma$  is the surface covered with reactant or product, and a linear isotherm (n = 1) has been assumed. Desorption on the other hand is a function of the product of a constant and the concentration of the adsorbed product.

The desorption rate is defined as follows:

Rate of Descrption =  $K_2$   $\sigma$ 

At equilibrium condensation rate equals evaporation rate.

$$
E_{\mathbf{A}}(1 - \sigma') = E_{\mathbf{A}} \quad \sigma'
$$
  

$$
\sigma = E_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot P_{\mathbf{A}}/(E_{\mathbf{A}} + E_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot P_{\mathbf{A}})
$$
(16)

Further development involved study of more than one Chemical species vying for the same site. Parameters  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma$  are the coverage of metal surface by species A and B, respectively. Then  $(1 - {\epsilon} - {\epsilon}^{'})$  is the uncovered catalyst surface.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}\n\text{Conformal } \mathbf{r} & \text{if } \mathbf{r} \text{ is a } \mathbf{r} \text{ is a
$$

$$
Exponential on rate = K_2 \quad \sigma
$$
 (18)

A similar equation for species  $D$  can also be defined.

$$
K_1 P_B (1 - \sigma - \sigma') = E^* \sigma'
$$

The catalyst surface coverage of component  $B_{s}$  ( $\sigma$ <sup>+</sup>) may now be obtained from the two equations for species A and B if we assume that the slow step is the adsorbing of "A". Thus surface coverage of "A"  $\sigma$ , is negligible and influences the reaction very little. Solving the above equations for el- <sup>1</sup> we obtain the followings 0— t si Kips [

$$
\sigma^{-1} = K_1 P_B \left[ \frac{1}{K_2! + K_1! P_B} \right]
$$
 (19)

The rate of reaction of "A" is the product of the free surface  $(1 -6^{-1})$ and the specific rate of adsorption of "A" per unit free surface, or the rate of reaction of A. proportional to a constant times partial pressure

of species "A" upon the free adsorption sites ( $\sigma^- = 0$ ).

$$
r = KP_A (1 - \sigma^{-1})
$$
  

$$
r = KE_B^{-1} (\frac{1}{K_B^{-1} + K_A^{-1}P_B}) P_A
$$
 (20)

This is the form of one Hinshelwood equation. Other equations may be determined by assuming adsorption of  $B$  or desorption of products  $R$ and S control.

 $4.5$  Surface reaction. The Type  $4$  rate control surface reaction is associated with the speed of the reaction on the catalyst surface. Concentrations of the chemisorbed reactant are controlled by the adsorption equilibrium between fluid and solid while the surface rate is a !Unction of the surface adsorbed reactants and vacant site locations. In the case of a monomolecular reaction (5).

 $A \Rightarrow R$ 

The chemical reaction is defined by the following equation:

$$
\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{K}_{1} (\mathbf{P}_{A} - \mathbf{P}_{B} / \mathbf{KE})
$$
 (21)

If the reaction rate is controlling, the adsorption steps are assumed to be in equilibrium between condensation and evaporation of reactants and products. Surface concentrations of A and R can then be determined from Langmuir isotherm considerations. It is noted for specie "A" in the previous section, the following equation was defined.

$$
C_A = \sigma \approx K * P_A/(1 + K * P_A)
$$
 (22)

It is further noted that for equilibrium condition in a reaction, the equilibrium constant is defined as the ratio of the forward rate

constant divided by the reverse rate constant.  
\n
$$
K_1 (1 - \sigma) P_A = K_2 \sigma
$$
\n
$$
K = K_1 / K_2 = \sigma / (1 - \sigma) P_A
$$
\n(23)

If component "A" is in an admixture with several other components  $A_{\bullet}$   $\mathbb D$ and R adsorbed on active sites, adsorption equilibrium equations may be written for each component. Available frog sites will equal to the total number of sites less those sites  $(C_A \dashrightarrow C_R)$  used by the components

$$
C_{\underline{L}} = (1 - \sigma^*) = L - (C_{\underline{A}} + C_{\underline{R}})
$$
 (24)

Concentrations  $C_A$  and  $C_R$  are defined by equation 22 where the concentration is the product of the equilibrium constant, the number of free sites, and the activity or partial pressure of the component  $(C_A = K(1 - \sigma^+)P_A)$ . The concentration of free sites may then be defined as follows:

$$
c_{\underline{1}} = L/(K (\underline{1} - \sigma))P_{A} + K_{R} (1 - \sigma)) P_{B}
$$
 (25)

Since  $C_L$  EQUALS  $L = \sigma^-$  we solve for  $C_L$  arriving at equation

$$
c_{\rm L} = L/(1 + K_{\rm A} + P_{\rm A} + K_{\rm R} + P_{\rm R})
$$
 (26)

The equilibrium concentration of "A" on the catalyst surface is obtained by substituting for  $C_L$  or (1 =  $\sigma$ ) in equation  $C_A = K(1 - \sigma^*) P_{A_0}$ 

$$
C_{A} = K_{A} (L/(1 + K_{A} * P_{A} + K_{R} * P_{R}) P_{A}
$$
 (27)

and for the product concentration  $C_{\text{R}}$ 

$$
c_{p} = K_{p} (L/(K_{A} * P_{A} + K_{R} * P_{R}) P_{R}
$$
 (28)

Making substitutions for 
$$
C_A
$$
 and  $C_R$  in the rate equation we obtain  
\n $\bar{F} = K_1 (L/(K_A * P_A + K_R * P_R)) (K_A * P_A - K_R * P_R)$  (29)

Additional equations have been derived assuming different surface rate steps controlling the bulk of which are known as Hinshelwood rate equations. A least square approximation of the rate constants is used to derive an equation representative of the rate versus concentration data. The equation best fitting the data is considered representative and because the equation is based upon a specific rate controlling step, the controlling mechanism is identified.

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#### B. Hinshelwood Rate Equation Determination

The previous section discussed the control mechanisms and how the nature of these mechanisms affect the derivation of Hinshelwood equations. It was found that catalysis is composed of a sequence of reaction stops, and for analysis one step is assumed to control the overall rate. To pin point the controlling step the rate equation is determined for a reaction A + B =  $\#$  R + S the general rate equation as defined in (9) is:

$$
r = \frac{K (P_A * P_B) - (P_R * P_S)/KE}{(1 + K_2' * P_A + K_3' * P_B + K_4' * P_R + K_5' * P_S)^n}
$$
 (30)

The Hinshelwood rate constants are then  $K_p$   $K_2$ <sup>1</sup>,  $K_3$ <sup>1</sup>,  $K_{\mu}$ <sup>1</sup>, and  $K_5$ <sup>1</sup>. To determine these constants fray rate data the equation is rewritten with all the unknown constants to one side of the equation.

$$
x_1 + x_2 + P_4 + x_3 + P_8 + x_4 + P_8 + x_5 = \left[\frac{p_0 r}{r}\right]^{1/n}
$$
 (31)

Solution of these constants is accomplished via least square linear approximation. Feeent studies show non linear analysis to be more accurate for rate correlation but, here it was not needed to demonstrate methods of estimating constants from pellet information. The linear least square analysis assumes various rate equations and solves for values of  $K_{1}$ , through  $K_{5}$  using rate (r) and concentration data  $P_{A}$ ,  $P_{B}$ ,  $P_R$ , and  $P_S$ . As an example, let us consider the rate equation for adsorption of "A" controlling. Large equilibrium constant makes the second term of numerator negligible.

$$
r = P_A * P_B / (1 + K_3' * P_B * K_b' * P_R * K_5' * P_S)^n
$$
 (32)

Placing all rate constants on one side of the equation we obtain the rate for  $(K_1 * K_3 * F_B + K_4 * F_R * K_5 * F_S) = K * P_A * P_B / x.$  For the results of the least square analysis to be acceptable the terms  $K_{1,0}$ ,  $K_{3,0}$  $K_{k,\bullet}$  and  $K_{\varsigma}$  must all be positive or sere otherwise equilibrium constant (forward and reverse rate) must be of opposite sign and cannot be equal as required for equilibrium. And since  $P_A$  does not appear in the denominator the constant  $K_2$  must be sero. In similar manner, a large number of reactions are tried until all constants are positive or sore. When all the constants meet these requirements, the equation is found acceptable. Of the acceptable equations, the equation which shows the least deviation of the calculated rate from the measured rate is generally selected.

#### C. Reactor Pellet Data Analysis

The rate data itself is of importance to the analysis. Since results of Hinshelwood analyses are sensitive to errors introduced by the data, it is desirable to measure rates in a reactor segment where little change in physical conditions occur and chemical changes are readily measured. The two principal types of reactors used to measure rates are the differential and integral reactors.

The differential reactor is of interest because chemical reaction is performed in short reactor sections where conditions of temperature and stream chemical composition can be held constant. The reacting mixture is cycled through the reactor and the change in chemical composition noted. The rate of reaction in this increment of volume is defined (5) by an equation relating the changes in feed composition  $(F \triangle X)$  to the rate of reaction (r) in the small increment of catalyst mass  $(\triangle v)$ :

$$
\mathbb{F} * \triangle \mathbb{X} = \mathbb{F} * \triangle \mathbb{W}
$$
 (33)

Integral data is obtained from reactors where temperature and concentration vary. To determine reactor site integration of the equation 31 provides a relation between reactor weight catalyst, the feed rate  $F_r$  and the amount of reaction  $(\triangle~X)$  occurring in the reactor bed.

$$
F/N = \int dX/r
$$
 (34)

Integral data is plotted in terms of conversion  $X$  versus  $W/F$ . Thus for a given conversion it is possible to take the value of  $\mathbb{W}/\mathbb{F}$  and site the reactor for a given feed rate. Rates are determined by taking the slope of the plot  $(A X/\Delta W/F)$ ; this provides a result similar to differential rate equation 31.

#### D. Node Analyses

The approach to determining Hinshelwood mechanisms from non-isothermal pellet data employs a node analysis similar to that used in Southwell's Relaxation Method. In Southwell's method (3) for heat transfer, nodes are specified geometric locations distributed uniformly throughout the material. Temperature gradients are calculated from node to node based upon known boundary temperatures, known material thermal properties and known fact that the sum of the heat fluxes into each node must be zero for steady state temperature.

The heat fluxes are determined from node to node based upon the Fourier equation – q m  $(K_A)$ <br> $\chi$  (T<sub>node</sub> 2 – <sup>T</sup>node 1<sup>)</sup> = c' (T<sub>N2</sub> – <sup>T</sup>N1). (35)

Heat fluxes into and out of the nodes are summed with positive values for heat flux in, and negative for heat flux out. The sums of the heat fluxes in terms of node temperatures are set equal to residuals  $\mathtt{RL}$  to  $\mathtt{RR}$ . The object of the analyses is to make these residuals go to zero. To accomplish this a table is formed which indicates how large the changes are in residuals for a unit change in node temperature. By inspection, the largest residual is altered to go to zero by changing one of the temperatures. Changes in all of the residual terms are noted and residual terms adjusted. The next highest residual is examined and temperatures are changed to make it go to zero. This is repeated until all residual terms ars zero or sufficiently close to zero to be considered negligible. The set of adjusted temperatures provides the desired temperature distribution through the material\*

Node analysis for heat and ness flux into the catalyst required significant modification as undertaken in the ensuing investigation. Temperatures were found to be dependent upon the amount of reaction occurring in the nodes. Analysis assumed the outermost node exhibited pellet surface conditions. Surface rates veers used to estimate rate equations. The sum of the reactions in all nodes was required to equal the total rate observed for the pellet. Node rates were limited to values less than that defined by diffusion rates and by the rate equation determined from the surface rate estimates.

1. Concentration distribution in pellet. With non-isothermal pellet date the achievement of steady state conditions required that pass flux into a node be sero. To simplify the computer program spherical pellet vas selected having four nodes, each node representing  $1/4$  of the pellet volume. Nodes in the spherical pellet were defined as the surfaces of a thin spheres located centrally in the node shells. It was assumed that the amount of reaction occurring in each shell could be represented at the node. l'or the purpose of calculation. the total rate of reaction in a pellet  $(\mathcal{L}_k)$  equals the sum of the rates in all four nodes. This reens that transport of reactants and products is controlled by the concentration gradient for each. Thus for a reaction of  $A \Leftrightarrow B =$  $\mathbb{R}$   $\div$  S, the concentration drop between nodes may be determined from a set of equations describing flow between node N-1 and Ni

=RA(B) = DEA = AR(B)/DR(B) 
$$
C_A(B) = C_{AS}
$$
  
\n=P+RA(B) = DEP = AR(B)/DR(B)  $C_B(B) = C_{BS}$   
\nE+RA(B) = DER = AR(B)/DR(B)  $C_R(B) = C_{BS}$   
\nQ+PA(B) = DES = AR(B)/DR(B)  $C_S(B) = C_{SS}$ 

Here, the diffusion rate of each component is related to diffusion of species A or RA(N) times a coefficient determined by the mass balance from the reaction. Since product mass exiting equals reactant mass entering the node, the requirement that mass flux in equals mass flux out is satisfied.

TAfftsion rates are controlled by a requirement to feed the reaction at the inside node? Heaction rates therefore influence the variation in concentrations observed. The solution for the concentration curve requires the solving of the above equations for  $C_A(H)$ ,  $C_B(H)$ ,  $C_R(W)$ , and  $C_{\rm G}(N)$  at each node N. Main stream concentrations are assumed known. The N in bracket refers to the node number and is written in this discussion in Matrix notation similar to the Fortran IV designation.

2. <u>Temperature distribution</u>. Temperature through the pellet is related to the heat released at each node from the reaction occurring there. The heat flux rate is based upon the heat generated in the inner nodes which muSt flow out to satisfy pellet steady state temperature conditions.

4  $m+1$ (37)

Temperatures for each node are Obtained Iv summing and adding these to the experimentally determined serfage temperature.

$$
\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{N}} = \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{S}} + \leq \Delta \mathbb{T} \tag{36}
$$

1. Pate deteraiination. For the initial least square approximation of the surface rates all of the reaction is assumed placed in the surface node. The program solves (via least square analysis) for the rate

equation and constants which fit the data for high and low catalyst surface temperatures. If rates are calculated for each node using the least square equation, the total quantity reacted would be about four times the total mass experimentally observed to react in the pellet. Subsequent approximations alter the equation to reduce the calculated rates. Next considering the other extreme, if all the reacting mass diffuses as far as possible into the pellet, we find that the total reacting mass diffuses into the first two or three nodes, but because of diffusion restriction, the total pellet reaction flow mey not readh the last node. These two conditions are represented by the curves in Figure 1.

Rate determination is accomplished by first assuming an initial rate distribution through the pellet. In this analysis we assume that the pellet total rate is disseminated to the interior nodes to the maxtrim Allowable by diffusion. Then by decreasing the equation estimated rates at each node, the reacting mass in the inner nodes are moved. to the outer ones until ell nodes rates summed equal. the total pellet rat

Chemical concentration variance is estimated based on the following assumption critical to the argument presented; The amount of diffusion (quantity of mass) traveling from one node to the nowt it controlled by the rate of reaction occurring in the innermost nodes. If we take the center (Innermost) node, the amount diffusing into the node is the amount being reacted there. An equal mass must leave the node ..• in this case, the products of reaction. Product accumulation does not allow a steady state chemical composition in the node. In similar manner, the amount





of diffusion between second and third nodes can be estimated as equal to the quantity of reactant needed to feed the inner nodes three and four. The same holds true for diffusion between nodes one and two. For calculation of interior node concentrations, the surface node concentration must be known. Internal rates and resultant concentration gradients provide the driving force for flow of reactants into the inner nodes.

These concentrations and temperatures are subsequently used in the rate equation to calculate node rates. Estimates of node one rate (surface rate) are used to determine the Hinshelwood rate equation. Employing equation calculated interior node rates, a difference determined node one is estimated by subtracting the node two, three and four rates from the total pellet rate. If this node one rate is smaller than the rate used to define the equation, the equation rates are decreased by taking incrementally smaller surface rate estimates. To achieve this, a percentage cut of the last surface or node one estimate is used. This is done by using a multiplier term call U. The term ZD is decreased and then used to multiply all pellet last estimated node one rates.

$$
ZD = 0.8 * ZD
$$
\n
$$
r(1) = ZD * (last node one estimate)
$$
\n(39)

A /east square approximation from the decreased pellet node one rates is calculated. Next, all rates used to define the Hinshelvood equation are compared with the difference determined rates. This process is continued until the surface node for pellets provides a  $\mathbb{Z} \mathbb{D}$  \* (last node one estimate) product incrementally less than the difference determined node one rate yielding a rate versus node curve as shown in :Figure 2.



RATE VS NODE (ZD • last node estimate) 21

Up to this point, we considered single pellet analyses. The least square approximation rate curve is defined from many pellets. As indicated earlier, he least square equation defined from all pellets is modified until node one equation rates r(1) for all pellets are incrementally smaller than the difference determined node one rates. This means that one pellet sets the low value of rates and of ZD. The other pellet node one rates determined via the difference approach mill tend to be high compared to their final value. if the difference between the least square appreximation calculated rates ( $R1CAIC$ ) and the difference determined node one rates is small, the equation is accepted. When the difference as indicated by the coefficient of variation between node one rates calculated from the least squares approximation and difference determined node one rates deviates so as to reject the equation, the last difference determined node ono rates are used for the next least square approximation. Thus. the shape of the curve is altered to reflect the high or low node one .rates resulting from the previous pellet calculations. Each iteration should bring the least square approximated curve closer to the node one difference estimates as indicated in Figure 3.

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#### FIGURE 3

#### SUCCESSIVE NODE 1 VERSUS PARTIAL PRESSURE A ITERATIONS
#### E. Node Program Description

It was concluded from the analysis that a Node method for determin-Hinshelwood equations from catalyst data was feasible. In view of the extensive number of calculations needed to converge to a representative Hinsholwood equation for the surface rates, a computer program appeared to be the only reasonable means of attaining the solution. A computer program Vas thus assembled which was composed of three major sections or loops designed to perform the following computations

1. Least square node one approximation.

- 2. Diffusion, temperature and node one rate determination.
- 3. Comparison of difference determined node one rates with the least square approximation node one rates.

These loops are shown in the computer control diagram presented in Figure  $h_{\alpha}$  The diagram indicates the controls statements but only calls out the analysis to be performed in each part. The three major loops are initiated from an if statement indicated by a diamond on page 25A. The diamonds (INs2) are in the diagram lines containing indicators  $I = I$  and  $I = 2$ .

The indicators (I) are used to reference the storage matrices B and C. Storage matrices are defined as matrices in which experimental data has been placed. rrior to the three loop split the ratrix values of B or C are transferred to working matrix As Then, after perforning computations in the first loop, the indicator I designates which matrix (B or C) the computed values are to be stored. We will consider operations in each loop in the following discussion. Input and output is discussed in the APPENDIX. A program printout is also shown in the APPENDIX.

### FIGURE 4

### COMFUTER CONTROL DIAGRAM (ONLY)  $(Part A)$

RATE MEDEANISMS MQ, MM, MU, MT, MF, TH, VO Mata Ratrix d, c DIETRUSIVITIES DEA DEE, DEE, DES CONSTANTS RP, CP, HR, KF MASS BALANCE F, N, Q CONSTANTS UZ, CK, GC XTERATIONS FR. FR



 $\mathbb{R}^n$  .  $T_1 = 10$  $2D = 1.0$  $T2 = 1.0$ 

 $c^7$ 



 $25\,$ 





 $\mathbb{C}$ 



FIGURE 3



FIGURE 3 (Part 5)

1. Least square approximation loop  $(1N-1)$ . In loop 1 and node 1. rates and concentrations are used for defining the Hinshelwood rate equation. Node one rate estimates are initially specified in the input data. The Hinshelwood rate form is preselected by the programmer and called out in the input to the computer. Using the preselected rate forms. the computer performs a linear leaf square analysis of the surface rates evaluating the equation for the rate equation constants. These constants are used to calculate the Arrhenius constants. The last operation in the loop determine the closenens of fit of the equation derived rates to the previously determined node one rates. Closeness of fit of the difference determined node one rates and the Hinshelwood equation calculated rates is indicated by a coefficient of variation.

a. Apshelwood rate emotion. The calculations performed in loop one are as follows: The rate equation is assembled by calling for terms from several function subroutines. Rate forms are designated from addresses included in the program input. Refer to the Appendix for a ore detailed description. The generalised rate form is defined by the equations

# r = Kinetio torn \* potential term (adsorption Term)<sup>N</sup>

Table I through IV provides a list of terms in Kinetic, potential and individual adsorption terms encompassing those included in the subroutines. The equation is rewritten in terms of reactant and product concentrations as follows:

$$
K_1 + K_2 + P_A + K_3 + P_B + K_4 + P_R + K_5 = P_S = \left(\frac{P(Y)}{P}\right) \frac{1}{8} \qquad (40)
$$

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Table I Reaction Rate Mechanisms (Tables are from Ref. 9)

 $\sim 10^7$ 

Part  $\Lambda$ 

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Part B

REPLACEMENTS IN THE GENERAL ADSORPTION TERMS.



 $\left[1 + K_{\hat{K}}a_{\hat{K}} + K_{\hat{B}}a_{\hat{B}} + K_{\hat{K}}a_{\hat{R}} + K_{\hat{S}}a_{\hat{S}} + K_{\hat{I}}a_{\hat{I}}\right]^{n}$ 

 $\sim 10^{-1}$ 

 $\mathcal{A}$ 

### Table I Reaction Rate Mechanisms (Continued) (Continued)<br>(Tables are from Ref. 9)

Part C

 $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2}$ 

 $\phi_{\alpha\beta}(\rho)$ 

 $\bar{\omega}$ 



Part D EXPONENTS OF ADSORPTION TERMS

 $\sim 12$ 



 $\sim$ 

This equation form is used for linear fitting of the node one rate data. The linear least square analysis is performed as described by Hougen and Watson (8). Values for the terms  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $K_3$ , and  $K_4$  and  $K_5$ are stored in a matrix E in preparation for the next step that of computation of the Arrhenius constants.

b. Arrhenius constant determination. After the rate constants in loop one are calculated for then matrix B and matrix C data at two surface t peratures, the temperature dependence of the constants is represented by the Arrhenius exponential functions

$$
\text{mtail function:}
$$
\n
$$
K = K_0 \exp(-A/RT)
$$
\n(41)

Where  $K_{\mathbf{g}}$  and A are constants to be determined, R is the universal gas constant and T is the temperature of the reaction. 'he Arrhenius constants are determined by taking the log form of the above equation. Substituting into two simultaneous equations the K1 $\mathbb S$  and K1 $\mathbb C$  constants from matrix E, A and E. are then defined by the equations below.

> $A = R$  (TS1 - TS2/TS1 \* TS2) log (K<sub>1</sub>B/K<sub>1</sub>C)  $K_{\alpha} = K_4B$  EXP (A/R \* TS1)

The Arrhenius constants in the computer program are defined as AK for K<sub>o</sub> and DE for A.

c. Coefficient of variation. The coefficient of variation indicates how far apart the node one rates are from the equation determined rates. A coefficient of variation is determined for each matrix (P. and C) in the following manner. We set the termperature (2) for the Arrhenius constant equal to the surface temperature and compute values for the Hinthelwood

rB

constants using the Arrhenius equation. Rates are calculated for each pellet based upon these constants and the surface concentrations of the species.

rc YOT (K1 + K2 • PA + K3 • PIO (43)

These calculated rates are then compared with the rates  $R(1)$  determined from either the initial estimate supplied by the programmer in the input or from the difference determined node one rates which are calculated in loop two and stored in terms  $E(10.1i)$  or  $C(10.1i)$ .

R (1)  $=$  (total rate) \* (wultiplier defined in the program)

The multiplier is the product of the node one rate fraction from matrix terms  $B(10,N)$  or  $C(10,N)$  and the value of ZD which is set equal to 1 for the first iteration but is decreased in loop two during subtequent iterations. The term M corresponds to the pellet assigned number in the matrix.

The coefficient of variation is determined from the rates by solving the following equation:

$$
cov (B or C) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{R}C}} = R(1)^2
$$
 (44)

When coefficients of variation have been computed for data in matrix B and C. the computer sets IN equal to 2 sending the program to loop two indicated as Location E in the diagram.

2. Diffusion, temperature, and node one rate determination (IN m 2). The second loop location E, performs several key operations. The calculations performed in this loop determine diffusion rate limits, node

 $\mathcal{E}_0^{\prime\prime}$  (  $\mathcal{F}$ 

temperature, node concentrations, and node rates. The first calculation for diffusion limits is performed when indicator LP in loop two equals 1. The calculations employ average effective diffusivities at temperatures observed for the nodes. Temperature dependent diffusivities may be introduced. into the program but average values were selected here to simplify calculation. After determining the diffusion limits for all data points, LP is set equal to 2 and further analyses bypass this section.

The second section of loop two calculates temperatures at each node. An initial rate estimate for the nodes is that the pellet reacting mass is diffused into the pellet an far as possible. In some cases this results in all of the reaction occurring in node four (all reacting mass diffusing into center node). The method of analysis used starts with high estimates of interior node rates and decreases the rates in each of the innermost nodes two, three and four by decreasing the linear least square approximation rates. The outermost node (node one) rate referred to as the difference determined rate is the rate determined from the total pellet rate less the rates from nodes two, three and four. )hen the difference determined node one rates become incrementally larger than the estimated surface rate we know the sum of the node rates must be slightly less than the total observed pellet reaction rate. This condition exists because the difference determined rate is larger than the surface rate estimate which was used to define the rate equation and calculate node two, three and four rates. These node one rates are forwarded to loop three for a final comparison of the rates determined from the equation versus those from the difference methods.

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a. Diffusion limited rates. The calculations performed in loop two are as follows: In section one of loop two calculations of the mass flux between the nodes is determined. Several assumptions are made. The maximum flow of reactant into the pellet is assumed not to exceed the total reaction taking place in the pellet. Diffusion of each reactant and product is assumed related 17 the chemical reaction rasa balance to one another. Thus, the reaction concentration diminishes proportionately to increases in product concentration. For a given pressure and temperature, the total number of moles/unit volume for a gas is known. The sum of the molar concentrations of the reactants and products in the node, moles per unit volume, must be equal to the total molar concentration noles/unit volume. Concentrations are subsequently calculated for each node with the exception that node one is assumed to have the same concentration as that of the main stream.

Starting with total rate of reaction of A in the pellet to be that diffusing to node two, the concentrations at node two is determined from the following equations. Terms AR and DP are the mean transfer area and distance between nodes respectively and RA is the diffusion rate of specie A. Terns  $C_{AS}$  to  $C_{SG}$  are surface concentrations.

$$
C_A = - RA * DR(2)/(DEA * AR(2)) + C_{AS}
$$
  
\n
$$
C_B = - F * RA * DR(2)/(DEB * AR (2)) + C_{BS}
$$
  
\n
$$
C_B = + H * RA * DR(2)/(DER * AR (2)) + C_{BS}
$$
  
\n
$$
C_S = + Q * RA * DR(2)/(DES * AR (2)) + C_{SS}
$$
  
\n(45)

This process is repeated for node three assuming the values of  $\mathbf{C}_\mathtt{A}$ 

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through C<sub>S</sub> determined for node two are the new values of C<sub>AS</sub> to C<sub>SS</sub>. After calculating each set of concentrations, the concentrations are summed and compared with the total number of moles which a node  $(1/h)$ pellet volume) will hold. The total node quantity is bracketed by limits FD and FR placed in the program input.

$$
(C_A + C_B + C_R = C_S) : FD
$$
  
(
$$
C_A + C_B + C_R + C_S
$$
) : FB (46)

If the sum falls outside these limits, the value of  $RA$  is decreased.

$$
RA = 0.95 * RA
$$
 (47)

It is known that for RA equal to zero the concentration must be that of the surface concentrations  $C_{AS}$  +  $C_{AB}$  etc. Thus it is expected as RA goes to zero that some value of RA will provide a total concentration that falls within the defined limits FD and FR.

b. Tamperatutre determination in nodes. Peturning to section two of loop two, the temperatures are determined on the basis that heat generated by the reaction must flow out of the pellet for thermal equilibrium . The  $\triangle$  T can be determined if an effective conductivity is used in the following equation: 11 owing equation:<br>= F(N) \* HR = (CK \* AR(N) \*  $\triangle$ T)/DR(N) (k8)

$$
Q = R(B) * ER = (CK * AR(B) * \Delta T)/ER(B)
$$
 (48)

The temperature rise from node tomnode is determined and added to the surface temperature to determine the node temperature. For each iteration node temperatures are recomputed.

$$
T = TS \div \geq \bigtriangleup T
$$
 (49)

c. Difference determination of node 1 rates. r.( N) In the determination of representative node one rates a reduced rate term  $R(N)$  is compared with diffusion limit rate RA(N) and the calculated rate R1 CALC. R1 CALC is determined from the least square approximation using nod\* temperatures and concentrations estimated. If  $R(N)$  is larger than either of these rates, an increment of rate is removed from the node reducing  $R(N)$ . The increment of reaction is then placed in the next outermost node.

since initial node rates are determined from difference of diffusion into and out of the nodes, all of the reacting mass RA (N) is allowed to diffuse to the innermost nodes, therefore if anything is changed, it is the removing of some of the reaction from the inner nodes. The rates in each node one to four are compared with diffusion limited rate and with the calculated rates from tile iiinshelwood equation employing Arrhenine constants. if there is more reaction in the node than allowed by these limits, it(N) is decreased.

$$
R(N) = 0.95 * R(N)
$$
 (50)

When  $R(N)$  falls within these limits (Least square approximation and diffusion limits) the rate is considered representative of that node rate. Then, using a node one difference rate (total rate less inner node rates) a comparison is made between the node one rate and one defined by the product of 2D and the initial node 1 rate estimate. To obtain the initial node one estimate, the product  $A(10,N)$  \*  $A(5,N)$  is determined where  $A(10,N)$  is the node rate fraction inputted or calculated and  $A(5,N)$ is the total rate. if from the comparison we find the difference rate is the lesser, the value of ZD is decreased.

The new value of ZD is sent back to loop one and multiplies ail node one rates stored in matrix  $B$  and  $C_0$  The  $ZD$  modified rates are used to obtain another least square approximation; a new Arrhenius constant, a now coefficient of variation and the program returns to loop two where the sane rate adjustment process is continued. This process is repeated until the difforence determined rates for the pellets are greater than the respective values of the product 2D and the initial node one rate ostimate. When the node one rates are defined, they are stored in matrix  $E$  and  $C$  as  $E(10,1)$  and  $C(10,1)$  and are forwarded to loop three.

3. Loop three acceptance or rejection of least square linear approrimation. The last loop (G) determines a second coefficient of variation. This time it provides a measure of deviation between the difference determined node one rates and the least square equation node one rates. The new coefficient of variation COVAR is than enensred with the previous coefficient of variation COV. In the program es it presently stands, if COVAR is less than twice CCV, the equation is accepted and constants printed out.

:ha calculations performed in this section repeat those performed in section one, part  $C_{\mathfrak s}$  with the exception that the initial and final coefficients of variation (COV and CCNAP) are eempsred.

### F. Hydrogen Oxygen Catalysis - Sample Problem

<sup>A</sup> sample case, Y'ydrogen - Cxygen over platinum catalyst was used to determine the types of problems rhich might be encountered in the proposed computer analysis. Data was reviewed from two papers. The papers described experimental studies in which the first paper investigated. catalyst particles and pellets subjected to mixed streams of Hydrogen and Oxygen gas simulating a stirred tank reactor, and the second paper studied catalysis of Hydrogen/Oxygen in a small tubular flaw integral reactor. In the former paper by Maymo and Smith  $(6)$  the low oxygen concentration range  $(0-t$  mole  $\beta$ ) was examined and it was concluded that rates were nearly first order with respect to oxygen partial pressure:

$$
R = 0.655 \exp(-\frac{5230}{RT}) P_{02}^{0.804}
$$
 (52)

Leder and Putt (2) studied the law hydrogen end of the gas mixture range and concluded that a Hinshelwood equation represented the data. They concluded that surface adsorbed oxygen reacting with hydrogen in the gas phase controlled rates thus providing Correlation with the following rate equation;

$$
E = K P_{02} P_{02}^2
$$
  
 
$$
I + K_0 P_{02} + K_w P_w
$$
 (53)

Maymo and Smith also noted that reactions at high oxygen/low hydrogen mixture ratios were second order with respect to hydrogen concentration. The problem posed is: does the mechanism implied by the Einshelwood equation submitted by Leder and Butt provide an Acceptable rate form for the data at the opposite ends of the hydrogen/oxygen mixture range obtained by Maymo and Smith?

1. Tessdicta. Data from (j) is summarised in Table /I, part A. Rates were reported by Maymo and Smith in moles per gram - second but in this application, rates for entire pellets (average weight 2.0 grams) are listed because the total pellet rate was used in the analysis. The rates at avgen partial pressure varying from 0.009 to 0.111 atmospheres ranged from  $19.2$  X  $10^{-6}$  moles to 267 X  $10^{-6}$  moles pellet sec, pellet sec. The observed surface temperatures were between  $89^{\circ}\textrm{C}$  and  $180^{\circ}\textrm{C}$ . Other parameters reported and used in the computer analysis were the effective diffusion rate for oxygen of 0.166  $\mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{sec}$ , the effective conductivity of the pellet  $6.4 \times 10^{-4}$  cal/cm(see) ( $^0$ C) and the heat of reaction of 115,000 cal/gm mole. All other values used were selected or calculated.

sec estimated from the effective diffusivity equations employing bulk and Knudsen diffusion. Specific heat and equilibrium constant were obtained from the Handbook of Physics and Chemistry. The results of several computer runs performed with input data (Table II, Part B) are discussed in the following sections.

Diffusivities of hydrogen  $(h,37 \text{ cm}^2)$  and water vapor (0.6 cm<sup>2</sup>/sec) were

2. <u>Computer results</u>. Several computer runs were made to determine if the Jinshelwood equation proposed by Leder and Butt would fit the experimental rate data of Maymo and Smith. The forms used were as follows:

(a) 
$$
r = P_{02}/(K_1 + K_2 \cdot P_{02})
$$
  
\n(b)  $r = P_{02} \cdot P_{H2}/(K_1 + K_2 \cdot P_{02})$  (54)

In determining the equation constants the program employs the partial pressures of Hydrogen and Oxygen in the following equations:

$$
K_1 * K_2 * P_{o2} * K_3 * P_{H2} = (P_{o2} P_{H2} - P_{H20}/KE)
$$
 (55)

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# TAELE II

# PART A

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RATE DATA (6)
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## TABLE II

## PART B

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IN-FOT DATA (Z)
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Solution involves determination of  $\mathbb{K}_{1}$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_{2}$ , and  $\mathbb{K}_{3}$  for each mechanism investigated. The constant for water is indeterminable because of pellet surface water vapor pressure being negligible. To determine if the constant  $K_{\gamma}$  is zero for the case of adsorbed oxygen reacting with hydrogen in the gas phase, it is necessary to solve for the three constants but if one of the constants is zero, the subroutine SOLV now in use (see Appendix) writes out the word EXTOL. The computer bypasses further calculation of that case. Thus the method of evaluating the constant is to run three rate forms. The first form with all constants  $K_{1}$ ,  $K_{2}$ , and  $K_{3}$ . The second rate form with  $K_{1}$  and  $K_{2}$  only setting  $K_{3}$  equal to zero, and the third rate form containing only  $K_{1}$  and  $K_{3}$ setting  $K_{2}$  equal to sero. It is noted that the simultaneous equation solution performed by subroutines KAT and SOLV when replaced by the existing computer library subroutines will print out zeros for these constants which are zero and accomplish this analysis in one run.

3. Discussion of Computer analysis performed. During this investigation, computer runs were performed on oxygen/hydrogen rate data. The analyses considered calculation of constants  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  assuming  $K_3$ zero. Equations examined were as fellows\*

$$
(1) r = \frac{P_{02}}{K_1 + K_2 \cdot P_{02}}
$$

and

(2) 
$$
r = P_{02} + P_{02}^{2}
$$

$$
K_1 + K_2 + P_{02}
$$

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(56)

Four data points were placed in matrix  $P$  all having surface temperatures of 373° K and two pellet data points placed in matrix C with surface temperatures of 403° K. An iteration limit of three was imposed to limit machine time. Initial runs indicated that convergence was occurring extremely slowly and results of node one rate comparison indicated wide deviation existed at the end of three iterations and so the number of pellet points were reduced to three in matrix B. The next run appeared to converge more rapidly than the previous one, but did not reach convergence within the three iterations allowed. Therefore, the number of points in matrix B was decreased to two and the iteration limit increased to five. Convergence to a fixed value appeared to have been achieved in this run. The coefficients of variation for the two mechanisms were close with the coefficient for mechanism two appearing slightly batter as indicated in Table III. The rate equation defined for the eecemd mechanism can be written as follows placing the values of  $K_q$  and  $K_{2}$  in Arrhenius constant form in the denominators

$$
r = \frac{P_{02} P_{H2}^2}{0.0228 \exp (10800) + (6391 - 2.600.000) P_{02}}
$$
 (57)

The linear form of the equation for the temperature dependant constant is used if one or more constants determined from least square analysis are negative. The Hinshelvood constants printed out in program are tabulated in Table IV.

The rate data comparison between calculated node one and difference determined node one rate are summarised in Table V.

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### TABLE TILL

## COEFFICIENTS OF VARIATION



# TABLE IV

# RATE CONSTANTS  $\left(\frac{H_2}{Q}\right)$



## TABLE V

## COMPARISON OF FATE DATA (Iteration Mechanism)



The calculated rate varies from the difference determined rates in each case by a factor of 0.8 which is equal to the size of an iteration step used. Iteration steps were made large to reduce computer run time but for greater accuracy the iteration step needs to be decreased such that the product of ZD and the rate multiplier varies only a few percent instead of the 20% used in this case. A second conclusion drawn from the table is that a large portion of the total rate is estimated to be occurring in node one. Looking at the matrix print out we get a reading of the reacted fractions for each node in Table VT. From the node rate fractions shown in the table the amount of the reaction taking place in node one increases with pellet rate. In the ensuing discussion it is seen that this condition is a result of the temperature sensitivity of the linshelwood rate constants which nay or nay not result from a recognisable Physical phenomenons

k• Discussion of analysis. From the analysis we are interested in whether the Hinshelwood rate form fits the data and whether the node one rates are of similar magnitude to the intrinsic rates obtained for particles. The first question is undoubtedly debatable because very little data was used, and there is sane question of how representative the data was. However, in reviewing the runs performed, there appeared to be a consistent pattern in the way the Hinshelwood constants ( $\mathrm{K}_1$  and  $K_{\alpha}$ ) in the equation:

$$
K_1 * K_2 * P_{02} = P_{01}^{(1)} \tag{58}
$$

behaved with temperature. In all cases  $K_j$  decreased slightly (see Table IV) with temperature increase while  $K_{\phi}$  underwent a major increase.

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### NODE RATS FRACTIONS



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The rise in  $\mathtt{K}_2$  was so pronounced that rates dropped off with distance into the interior of the pellets. Physically it does not appear reasonable that such a change in adsorption equilibrium constant would take place, and for this reason the mechanism proposed by Leder and Butt at low hydrogen high oxygen concentration does not seem applicable to the Maymo and Smith data.

In regard to calculated rates equations several results are noted. The first iteration in the case number 2 provided an equation indicated as follows:

$$
P = \frac{P_{02} P_{H2}^2}{0.411 \exp(\frac{6180}{RT}) + 1.66 \times 10^{11} \exp(-\frac{13100}{RT})} P_{02}
$$
 (59)

If we assume negligible value for  $P_{02}$  we can rewrite the equation as follows: 2.5 exp ( $\frac{-6180}{RT}$ )  $P_{02}$   $P_{H2}$ <sup>2</sup>  $r = \frac{2.5 \text{ exp}(-6180)}{RT}$   $P_{02} = \frac{P_H^2}{RT}$  (60)

This activation energy (603) does not differ greatly from that reported

by Maymo and Smith.

$$
r = 0.655 \exp \frac{(-5230)}{RT} * P_{02}
$$
 (61)

However, after five iterations, the equation was altered to the

following forms

$$
r = \frac{P_{02} P_{H2}^2}{(10800)}
$$
 (62)  
•0128 exp  $\frac{P_{H2}^2}{R} + (639T - 2,600,000) P_{02}$ 

or in this case, assuming negligible  $P_{02}$  the equation becomes the following:

$$
r = 80 \exp \frac{(-10800)}{RT} \quad P_{02} \quad P_{H2} \tag{63}
$$

The activation energy of 10.8 kilo calories is quite close to that of Leder and Butt who reported 10 2 kilo calories as the activation energy for the Hinshelwood equation they defined in their data. These equations are illustrated in Figure 3 showing each of the above equations plotted as rate versus the partial pressure of oxygen. The rates are for node one of the pellet and thus, results in rates of reaction per  $1/4$  pellet or per  $1/2$  gram. In all cases the program calculated curves have steeper slopes than the rate curve defined by Maymo and Smith paper. At low partial pressures the rates are about the same for each equation bat rates differ significantly at high partial pressures. Deviation is caused by the combined effects of the rate form being examined and the temperature variation of the data.

This problem also showed that the selection of specific rate forms have a major influence upon the percentage of reaction occurring in each node as a function of pellet radius. This was evidenced in the Maymo and Smith data as represented by the ilinsheiwood equation proposed by Leder and Butt. The equilibrium constant (adsorption of oxygen) in the denominator of the rate equation increases rapidly with temperature, which would not happen if this specific constant was assumed sero and another one studied. This results in rate decreasing with temperature.

Since the temperature rises with distance into the pellet, the resultant decrease observed in rate might be explained by decreases in adsorbed oxygen. In view of this conclusion, a look at how the oxygen adsorption for platinum varies with temperature should be made.

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It was found that adsorption rate decreases with temperature  $(2)$  according to the following equation:

$$
\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = \frac{P(1 - \Theta)}{(2\pi \text{ MKT})^2/2} \qquad \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \qquad (64)
$$

Since this indicates the forward rate of oxygen adsorption is decreasing with temperature for equilibrium, the desorption rate must also decrease indicating a lower rate of product formation. From equation 61 a 30% to 40% decrease may occur for a 2 to I change in temperature but no change as great as that observed in the computer analysis. It is, therefore, believed that the large variation in this coefficient is unlikely.

### SECTION III

### CONTINEIONS

A oomputer program has been cometracted that takes data free hetero• genicus reactions, gas phase reaction with solid pellet catalyst, and for given mainstream compositions, pallet surface temperatures, catalyst properties, and reaction rates estimates the representative Hinshelwood rate equation. In the sample problem (hydrogen and oxygen catalised by platinum) the ealculated equations for the first iteration exhibited a similar activation energy to that determined by authors of  $(2)$ .

Length	(2)
$r = 0.655 \exp(-\frac{220}{81})$	(P <sub>02</sub> )

Computer Calculated Hinshelwood Equation:

$$
P = \frac{P_{02} + P_{12}}{\frac{1}{0.4411 \exp(-6.80)} + 1.66 \times 10^{24} \exp(-6.800)(P_{02})}
$$
 (66)

which at low values of  $P_{0,2}$  provides the following equations

$$
x = 2.4 \exp \left( \frac{6180}{RT} \right) \left( P_{02} \right) \left( P_{H2} \right)^2 \tag{67}
$$

The activation energy  $6180$  cal/mole is of similar magnitude to 5230 cal/mole in spite of the fact that rate forms assumed (first order versus Hinshelwood) were different. This rate form, however, did not fully explain the temperature characteristics of the system and the final equation had an activation energy of approximately 10.8 kilo calories more nearly agreeing with the 10  $\stackrel{\text{\normalsize 1}}{=}$  2K calories observed for hydrogen oxygen aver platinum study of (a).

n ative low temperature oxygen adsorption constant was obtained reject. ing this equation.

The findings of the computer program are by no means conclusive but several observations are significant in determining the type of information which may be obtained.

First rate fractions (of total pellet rate) are defined for each node in each pellet. Applying the equations defining temperature drop and concentration variation as a function of node rates from Section 2 of Fart E, temperature and concentration through the pellet may be calculated. From temperature and concentration versus radius plots, it is possible to determine how the rate equations affect the shape of these plots. This may be instrumental in selection of the representative rate mechanisms.

Such a result was inadvertently encountered when the temperature sensitivity of the Hinaheiwood constants in the sample problem Part F produced decreases in rate as the temperature rose with distance into the pellet. While such decreases can occur as a result of changes in adsorption constants the abruptness of the change placed this rate form in doubt.

It is conjectured that When Hinshelwood rate equations represent the data, Kinetic phenomena controls rates at the pellet surface but as the reactant diffuses into the center, diffusion can control. Furthermore with variation in chemical reactant or product concentrations it is possible that further inside the pellet chemical rates may again control 50

rate. Such variations are not likely to be picked up by first order rate approximations but would be recognized in the node analyses.

This form of analysis, because of its sensitivity to these parameter variations can be more usoful in selecting rate equations than other methods now in use.

The accuracy of the analyses performed is dependent upon the presence of accurate values for effective difflasivities and effective thermal conductivity. The node analysis can be made as accurate as required by increasing the number of nodes, obtaining data describing catalyst prorerties and by accurate measurement of chemical concentrations and reaction rates.

### RICOHMENDATIONS

The computer program in this study has been designed to give maximum freedom to the programmer for alteration as may be required for any hsterogenious reaction. It is recommended that the computer program be made more accurate by decreasing size of iteration steps and by calling for the library sub-routine for simultaneous linear solutions of the rate equations for the Hinehelwood constants.

It is recommended that the computer program be used to study industrial reactor data and that the Hinshelwood rate equations from the pellet data be compared with previous correlations derived from particles or pellets. Results are expected to define areas where further experimental study may be profitable.

In general, it is felt that this computer program can act effectively in augmenting experimental investigations.

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### APPENDIX

### COMPUTER PROGRAM INPUT AND CUTPUT CONSIDERATIONS

This discussion is designed to be a guide to utilizing the "Hinshelwood rate from catalyst data" computer program. In brief, this discussion considers the input data package and then some areas where hang-ups may occur. A nomenclature list summarizes the principal variables on pages

### 1. Input Considerations

First, it is noted that there are eleven dimension statements and one common statement. Matrices B and C are storage matrices. B and C contain the input data with fourteen bits of information used per data point. The term GC is the universal gas constant and is input in whatever dimensions the programmer wishes to use. The program is thus able to work in any set of dimensions but the programmer must make certain that the input data is in consistent dimensions.

The input data begins with the statement read 5, HO and continues for twelve statements to read 13. M. FM.

Summary input parameters. The following outlines the data as input to the computer based upon an equilibrium equation of the reaction of the type  $A + B \longrightarrow R + S$ .

1. NO - The number of cases (KK) or mechanisms to be run and specifies number of cards in the next sequence.
2. MW. MQ. MU. MY. TN. VO - The values MW through MZ define addresses in function routines used for rate mechanisms. NW is the address in the potential function of POTF: MQ the address of the A adsorption term in function routine KSORfts MU is the address of the B adsorption term in KSORPB and likewise, MQ, MZ are addresses in the function subroutines for defining adsorption terms R and S in KSORFR and KSORPS. The term TN indicates the power which the adsorption terms are raised. The term VO defines the terms that are to be used in the SOLV subroutine. This accomplished by directing the computer to place terms generated from the least squares computation in matrix G or in matrix GV in the correct form for simultaneous linear equation solution. The equations are solved in subroutine SOLV. VO also is then used to define the value of the Hinshelwood constants that are returned from SOLV back to the main program. As may be noted from this sequence described above. potential program hang-up may have greatest chance of occurring in selection of the correct value of VO.

3. The terms MF and NF define the number of points to be placed in matrix B and matrix C. The two matrices are selected for use with two pellet surface temperatures observed. The values MF and NF also determine the number of inmt cards to follow. Since half the data per point is allotted to a card, the number of cards will be double that of MF and NF.

 $4 - 5$ . Matrix B $(J, L1)$  and  $(J2, L2)$  input data. These matrices are doubly sdhscripted. The first number (J) representing a unit of data point and (L) representing the data point number. The first four values

of J are partial pressures or concentrations of component  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $R$  and  $S$ . The fifth value is the total pellet rate. Terms J6 through 9 are the diffusion limits at nodes one, two, three, four defined by some fraction of the total rate for which diffusion may occur. That is  $RA(M)/A(5,N)$ RA representing diffUsion rate which could reach node N from the next outermost node. The value  $(A(5,N)$  is the total reaction rate which was 1.nput to matrix 8 or C. The last terms J10 to 13 are rate limits based upon combined rate equation and diffusion limits depending upon which is controlling the rate in each node two to four. The last column J14 is now stores surface temperature but may be used to store additional data if desired, since surface temperature is introduced in another input location.

 $6.$  The diffusion constant DE ( ) are values of diffusivities of species  $A_p$  B<sub>o</sub> R and S representing best average value for the four nodes investigated. For greater accuracy it may be desirable to introduce an equation to correct diffusivities for varying node conditions.

7. Next, several constant  $RP$  -- pellet radius,  $CP$  gas-specific heat. HR heat of reaction and KE equilibrium constant are introduced.

8. Then temperatures applying to surface temperature of pellets matrix B is T31 and for matrix C is TS2.

9. Another set of constants included are  $F_{\rm e}$  H and Q which are the node relation of species B, R and S to specie A.

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O. Additional information introduced includes the number of unknown constants to be solved for in the least squares solution (U2), the effective thermal conductivity of the pal/et/gee combination (CK) and the universal gas constant (GC).

11, Values of F and FD terms 2 to h indicate the allowable deviation of the sum of the concentrations in nodes two to four defined for the diffusion program!.

12. Last, the values for the number of iteration, per mechanism to be allowed in the calculations. It is estimated that convergence from initial estimate of total pellet reaction taking place in node one requires at least three iterations. Then, review of data and better initial estimates of node one rates should provide convergence more rapidly.

#### II. Problem Areas Computer May Encounter

First, in providing the matrix GV which is subsequently sent to the subroutine 3OLV. It is necessary to place the pertinent matrix terms in form such that unknowns appear in the first (u2) columns with the residual or known term column in  $(02 \div 1)$  column. Thus the subroutine mat has been used to move the pertinent variable to the correct matrix locations for solution. At present, mat does not have all the possible combinations and it may be necessary to add additional ones for GU sets to be evaluated. Similer considerations of output for the correct Hinshelwood coefficient from subroutine \$OLV may be required.

It is possible that subroutine SOLW may bomb out if any of the coefficients being solved for go to zero at which point the subroutine

prints out the word "EXTOL" indicating a zero coefficient and the program will go to the next case  $NO(KK)$ . Other than these locations, the program will probably run to completion unless a term exceeds the storage capacity of the canputer.

The program has taken into consideration that Hinshelwood coefficients may be zero end to by-peas difficulties in being stopped at an early iteration because of difficulties in computing temperature correlation based upon Arrheniue equation. The subroutine temco computes either an Arrhenius or a linear relation and uses that for the next iteration. Thus the print-out of the Hinshelwood constants at the end of a run should be made to see if constants are negative. This is done by checking values printed out of the matrix  $E(2, 5)$  where values of AK and DB are listed. AK is the constant and DB is the exponential term (or slope in linear result) exp(DB/FT).

Output data. The program is designed to print out the final values of the terms in matrix A and B thus giving fractional rates in terms of diffusion limits and diffusion/rate limits combines. Also printed out is the coefficient of variation for the difference between node one rates and the equation derived rates. This is printed out of matrix COVNY(KK) and COVIC(KK). Further data is printed out of the AK and DE matrices which provide Arrhenius relation coefficients as indicated in the following equations

$$
K = (AK) \exp \left(\frac{DE}{RT}\right)
$$

As a check on the validity of AK and DB is matrix E which provides the Hinshelwood coefficients for each matrix from which the Arrhenius coefficients have been calculated. From these data most pertinent results can be determined both in terms of individual nodes and node one versus rate equation comparisons. It may be of interest to store calculated rates and node one rates at the end of the last iteration for each matrix. This will undoubtedly require additional storage matrices.

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### COMPUTER PROGRAM



Arrhenius oquation Distance between nodes (diffusion path)  $D<sub>B</sub>(n)$ Near area between node locations for hoot and AR(N) mass flow CA(N) or PA Concentration of species A for node N cB(r) or PA Concentration of species S for node N CR(N) or PR Concentration of species R. for node X  $C_3(\mathbb{I})$  or  $P_3$ Concentration of species S for node N NOTE: With "S" added to end -- stands for stream condition PD(N) Concentration mum node limit  $F_{\mathcal{R}}(\kappa)$ Concentration sum node limit K30RPA Ftnction subroutine A adsorption value K3ORPB Function subroutine B adsorption value NSCrPR Function oubrootine R adsorption value KSONDS Punction subroutine S adsorption value NF Numbor of data points in matrix F.4 14 Number of data points in matrix C RP na).<br>Saint-Pellet radius C₽ Specific heat of gas composition Heat of reaction HP KE Reaction equilibrium coefficient  $\mathbb{X}$ Matrix storing values from solutions in SOUV subroutines DEA )<br>Deb ) DEB ) Diffusion coefficients of species A, 3, R and SDER ) DES )

Temperature dependent constants calculated from

and YK

TS1 and TS2 Surface temperatures of pellets whose data is supplied in matrix B and C respectively  $F_s$  H<sub>s</sub> and Q Moles of B, R, or S involved in reaction per mole of A reacted U7 Number of unknown in least square solution CK Effective thermal conductivity of pellet GC Universal gas constant FD and FR Limit of concentration of species summed at each node LP Indicator defining whether diffusion branch of program is to be ran or not TIM Iteration counter in program matrix B TIN Iteration counter in program matrix C  $\mathbb{T}$ Matrix S or C indicator IN Loop indicator 饕 Data point indicator for working matrix ZD Multiplier for adjustment of rate equation in iteration process IZ Indicator which prevents storage of rate values until ZD achieves satisfactory value COV( ) Coefficient of variation (different endings with Location in program) DEN The denominator of the rate equation containing the K3ORP tome SIOP Subroutine which °beaks sign of eons of concentrations







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