

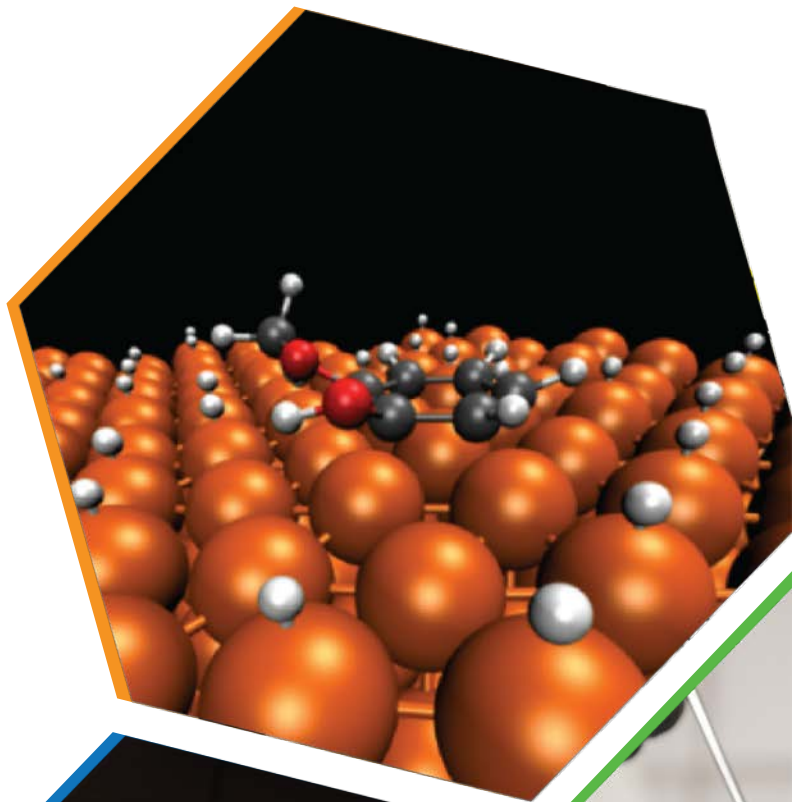


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Advancing Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis through Integrated Experimentation and Multi-Scale Computational Modeling

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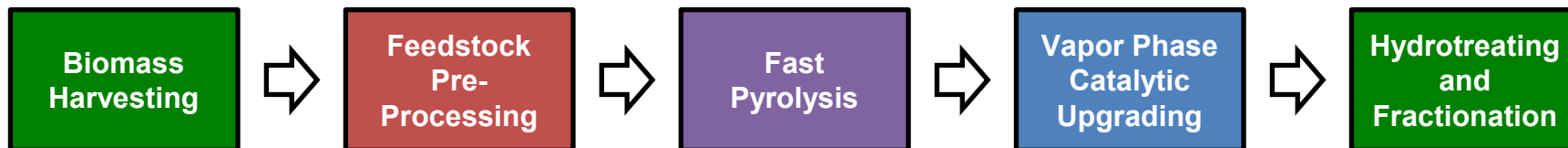
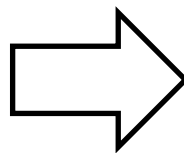


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Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) Overview



CFP is an adaptable pathway for the conversion of woody biomass and waste carbon sources into fuel blendstocks and chemical co-products

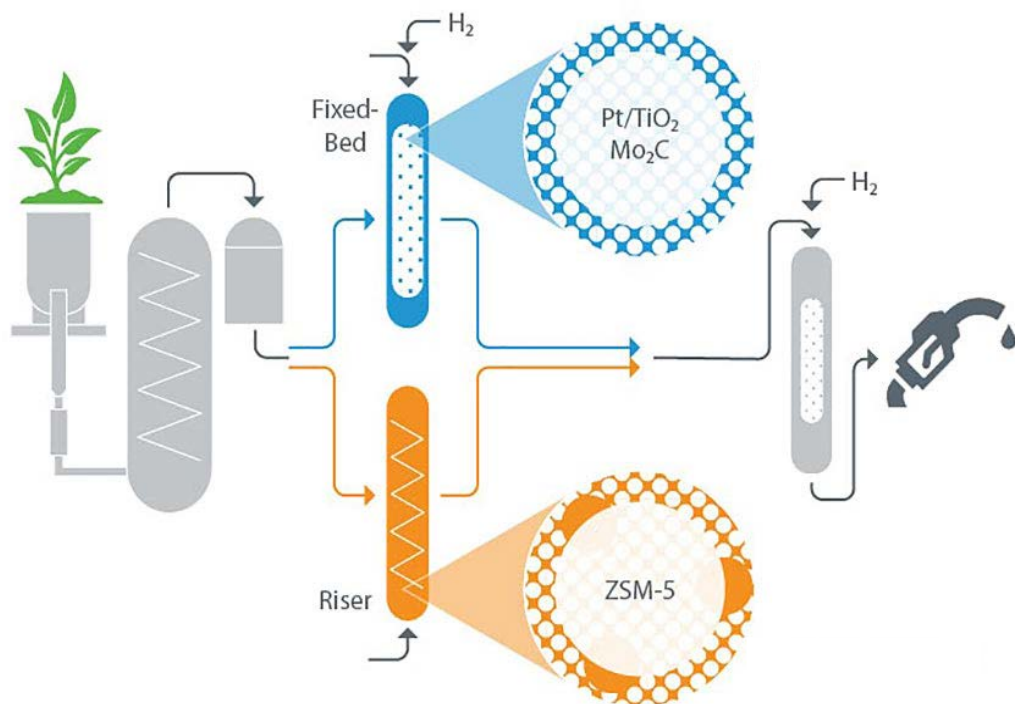
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Approach to Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis

**In-Situ
CFP**

**Ex-Situ
CFP**



Technical approaches include different catalysts and reactor configurations

Fluidized Bed Zeolite CFP

Pilot and demonstration scale data demonstrate the technical feasibility of the approach

Challenge: Rapid coking lowers yields, necessitates frequent regeneration, and drives up fuel costs

Fixed Bed Hydrodeoxygenation

Fundamental research highlights opportunities for enhanced performance

Gap: Lack of realistic reaction testing data increases risk and uncertainty

Integrated Reaction Testing With Biomass

Feedstock

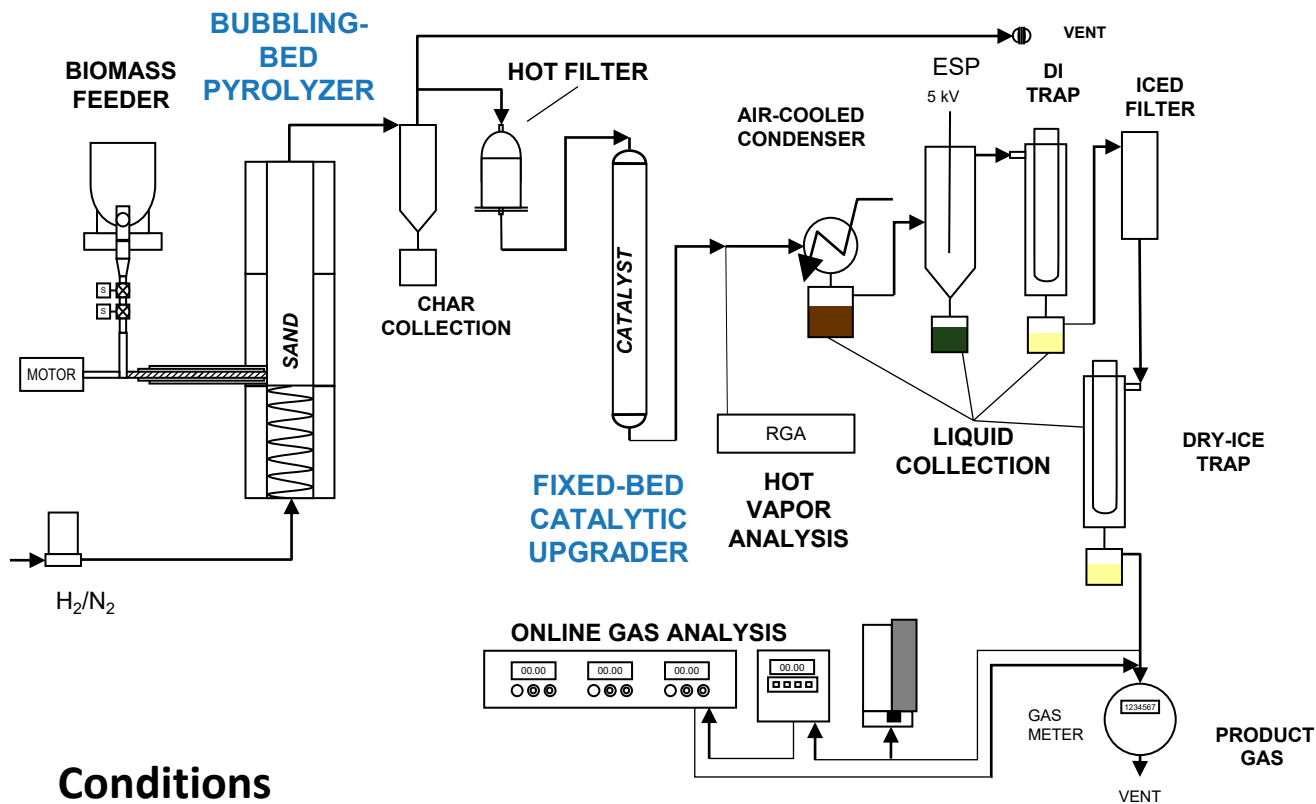
Debarked Loblolly Pine
and Forest Residues



Idaho National Lab

Catalyst

0.5-2.0 wt% Pt/TiO₂
on Technical Supports



Conditions

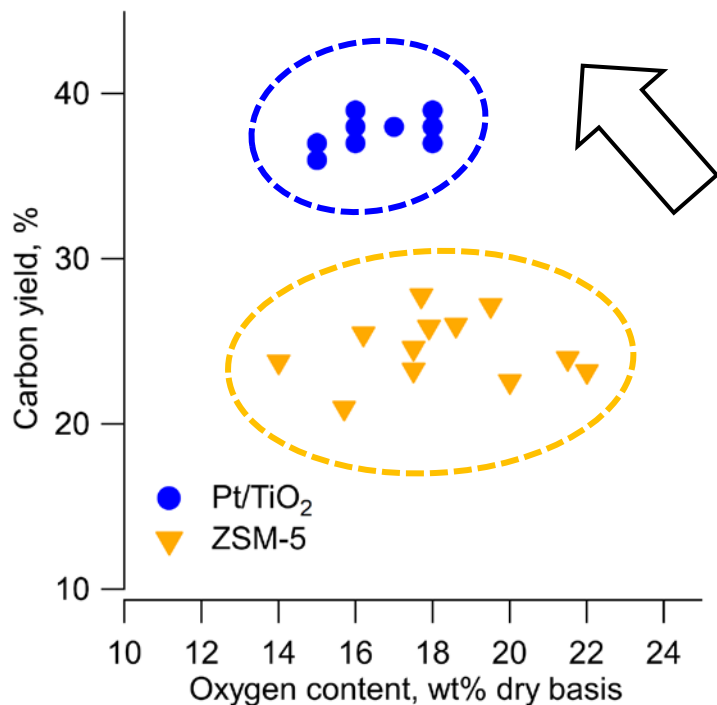
Pyrolysis Temperature: 500 °C
Upgrading Temperature: 435-450 °C
Catalyst Mass: 100 g

WHSV: 1.4 g biomass/gcat*h
Biomass:Catalyst Ratio: 3-13.2
Hydrogen Concentration: 83%

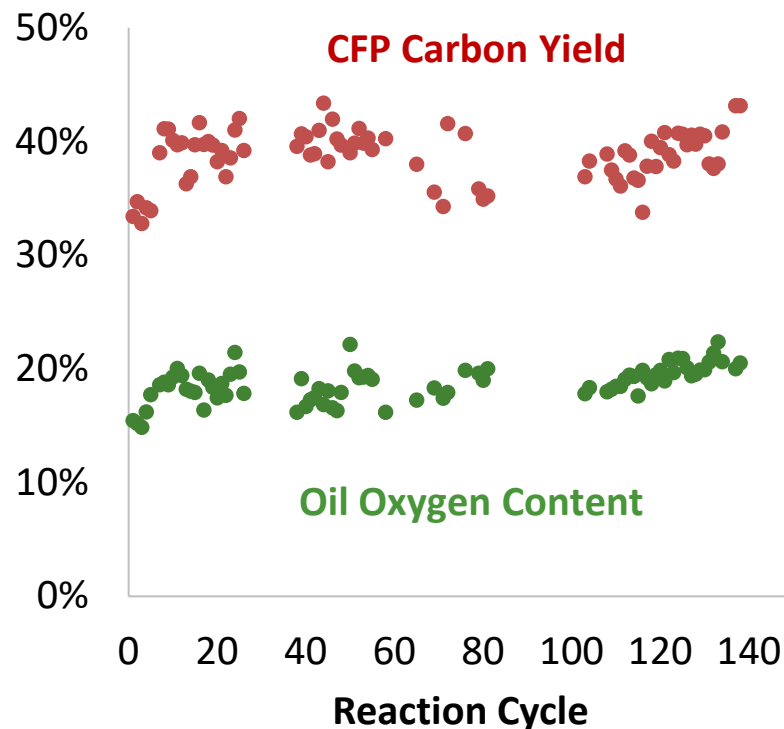
> 10 L of CFP-oil produced over 100+ reaction cycles

Reaction Testing Highlights Improved Performance

Pt/TiO₂ exhibited **improved carbon yields** at similar oxygen content compared to ZSM-5



Pt/TiO₂ exhibited **stable performance** over 100+ reaction/regeneration cycles



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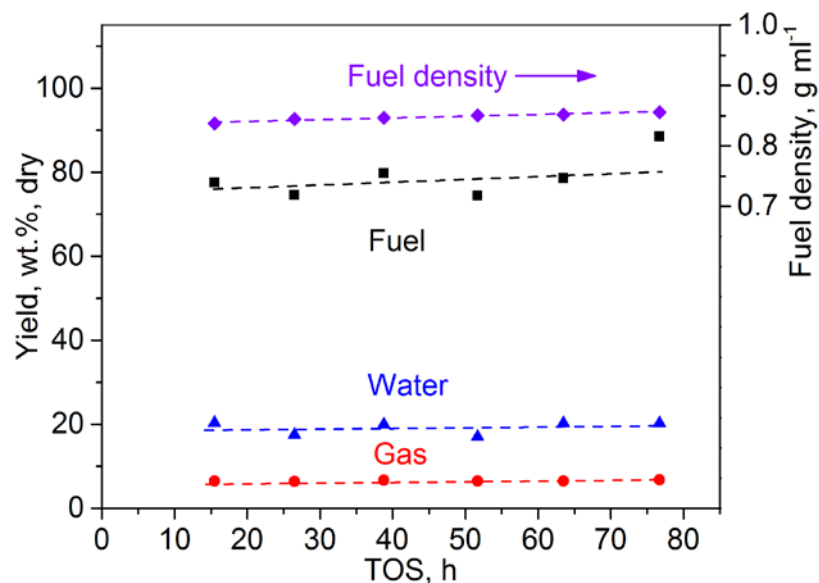
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Stable Single Stage Hydrotreating

The Pt/TiO₂ CFP-oil was hydrotreated using a **single stage** system for 80+ hours without fouling or plugging

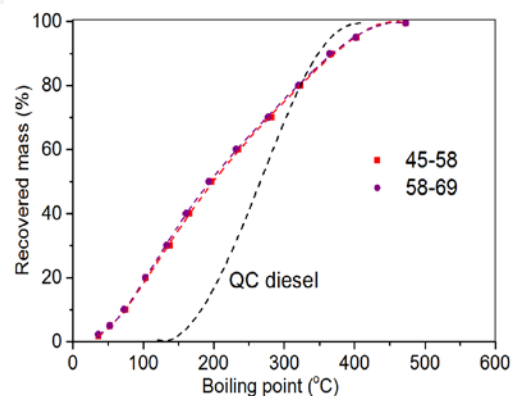


Carbon yield %	H/C mol/mol	O wt.% dry	Density g ml ⁻¹
89	1.71	0.19	0.851

NiMo Sulfide, LHSV: 0.2-0.3, 13 MPa



Fractionation indicates high selectivity to the distillate range



45 wt% in gasoline range

39 wt% in diesel range

Fuel testing reveals need for continued R&D

	Measured	Target
Gasoline AKI	65	85
Diesel DCN	24	40

CFP provide opportunity to improve fuel quality by controlling hydrogenation and promoting ring opening reactions

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Technoeconomic and Lifecycle Analysis

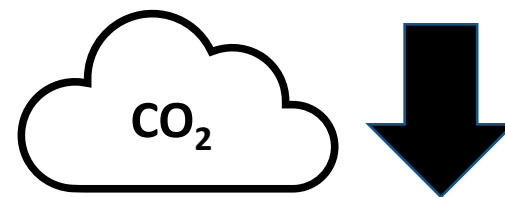
Conceptual process models indicate a minimum fuel selling price of \$3.80, with an opportunity for further reduction through refinery integration and the generation of chemical co-products



Legend (ordered by top to bottom segments in bar):

- Balance of Plant
- Hydrogen Production
- Hydroprocessing & Separation
- Vapor Quench, Co-Product Recovery + Contingency
- Pyrolysis and Vapor Upgrading
- Feedstock
- CoProduct Credit

Overall Process Carbon Yield:
 36% for Pt/TiO₂
 ≤ 22% for ZSM-5

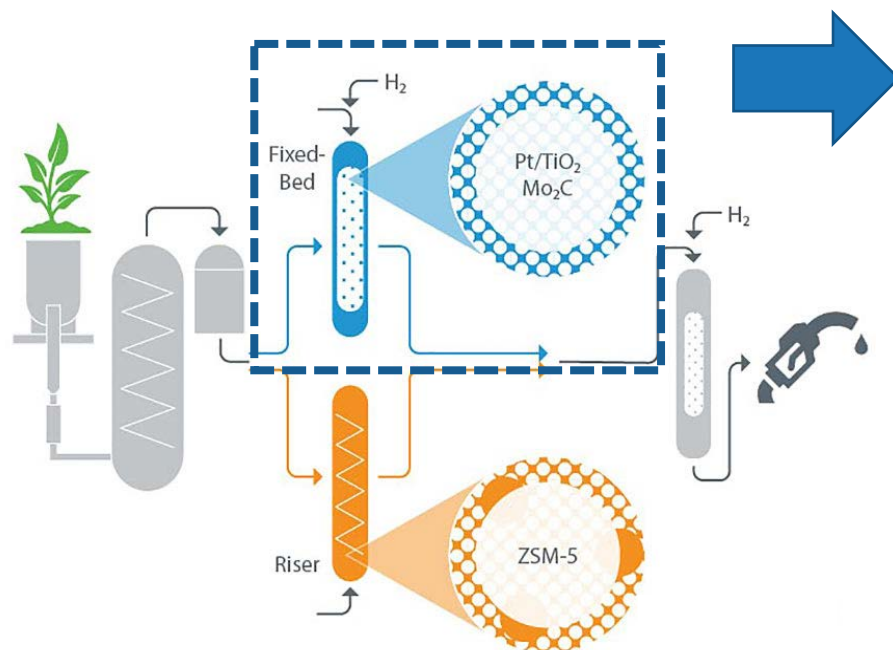


> 50%

Considerable reduction in carbon intensity

Summary and Research Needs

Integrated reaction testing confirmed potential for improved performance from fixed bed hydrodeoxygenation and motivates investigation of process scale up



High Yields



Improved Economics



Low Emissions



Process Stability



Scalability

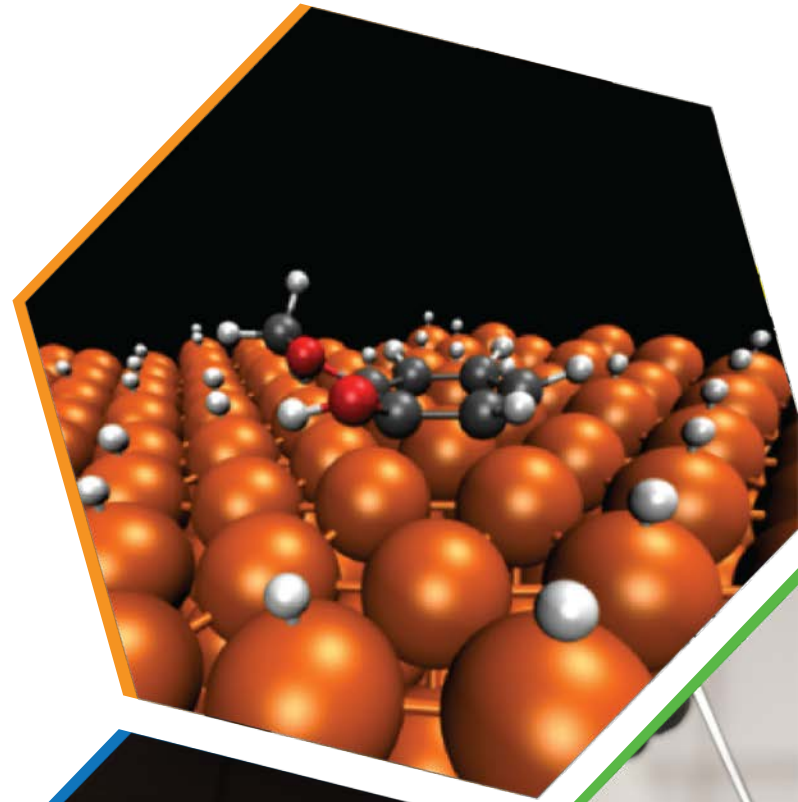


Leverage partnerships to perform particle and reactor scale computational modeling to directly address open questions about reaction kinetics and process scale-up



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Teasing out fundamental information from bench top packed bed reactor experiments with multiscale modeling



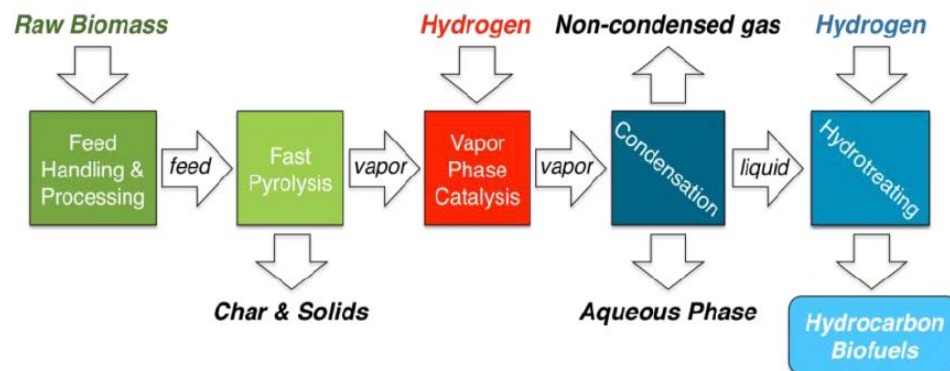
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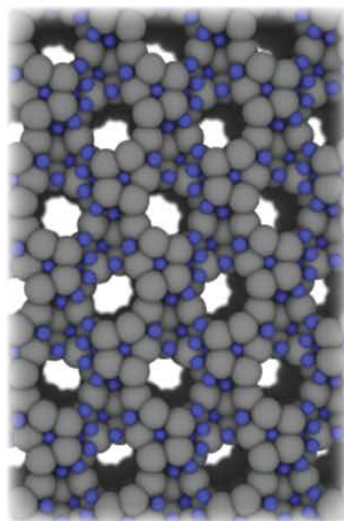
Introduction

- Promising bioenergy technologies often *fail at scale-up*
- Modeling can guide engineers moving from bench to pilot
 - Simultaneous transport phenomena at multiple scales
- Multiscale frameworks enable the use of DOE's high-performance computing (HPC) capacity
- In this work, we apply multi-scale modeling to catalytic fast pyrolysis vapor phase upgrading over platinum on titania

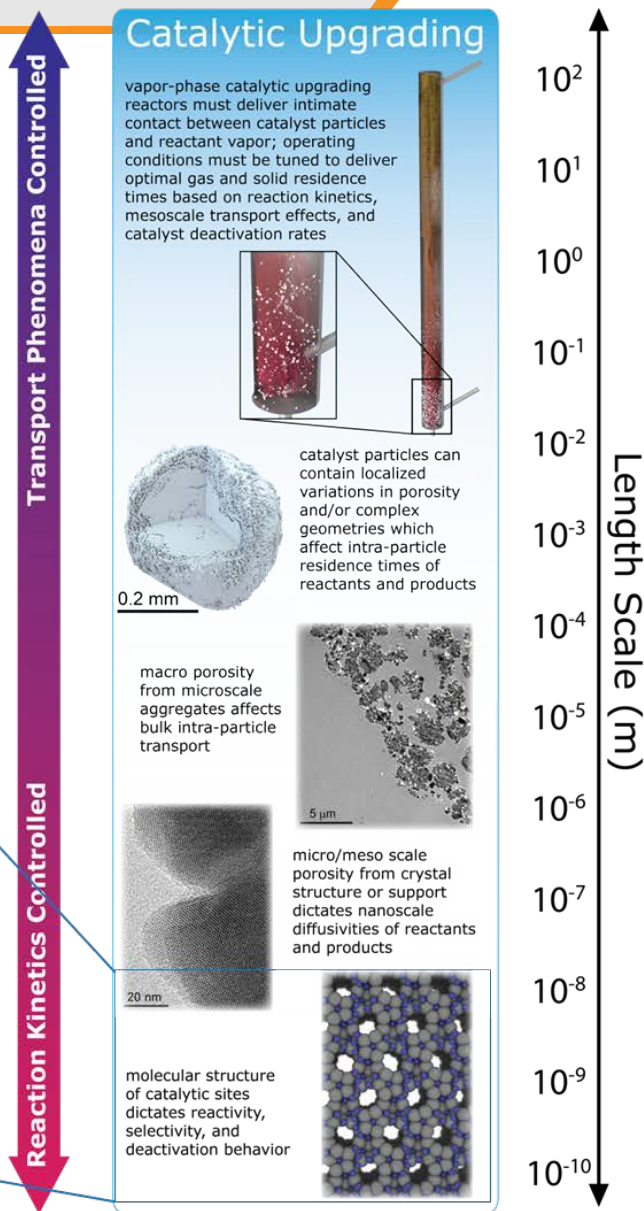


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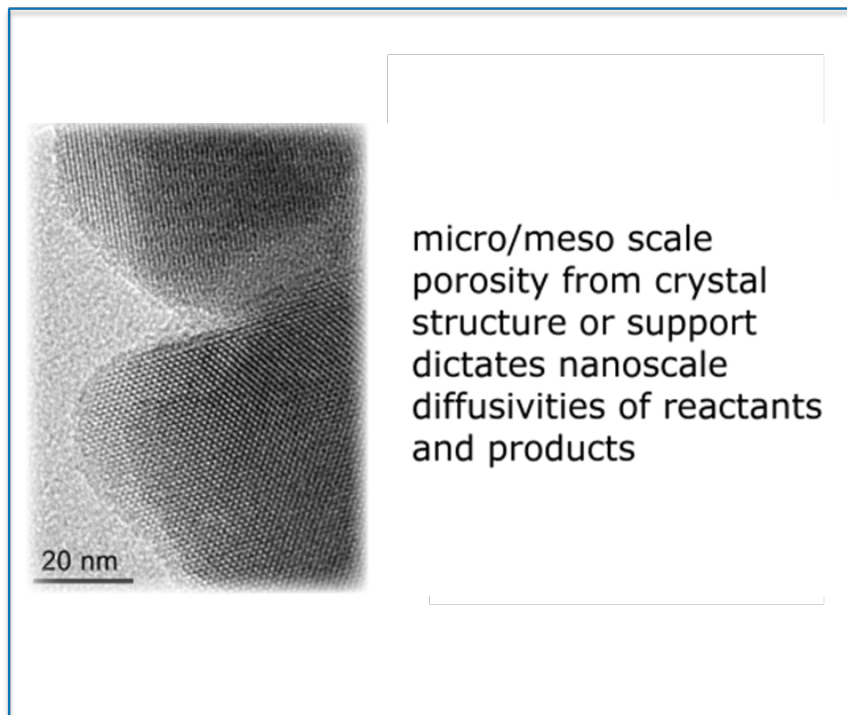


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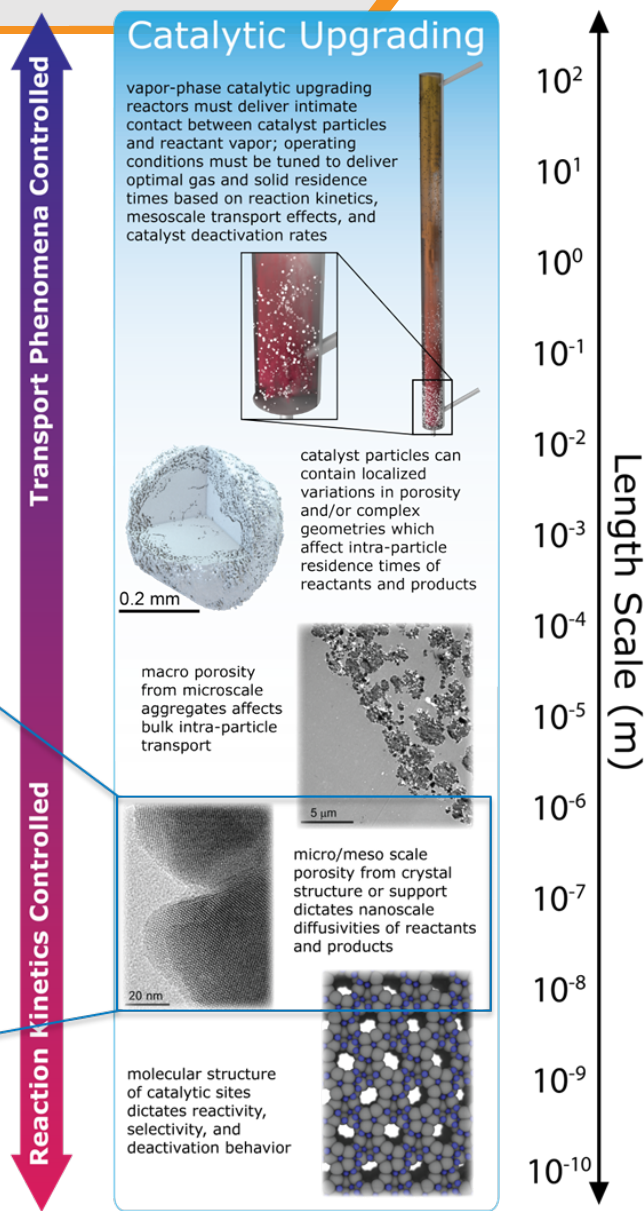


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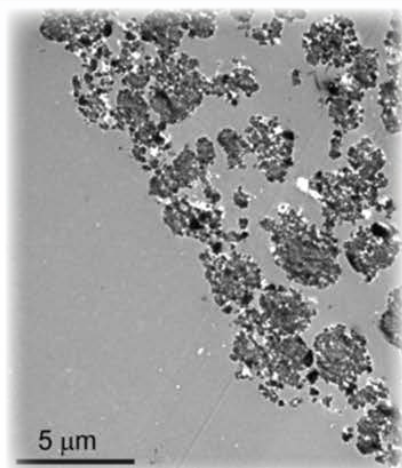
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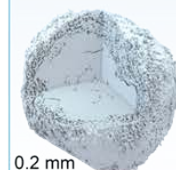
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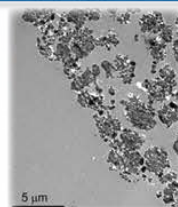
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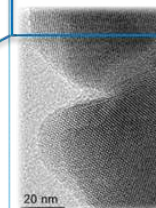


catalyst particles can contain localized variations in porosity and/or complex geometries which affect intra-particle residence times of reactants and products

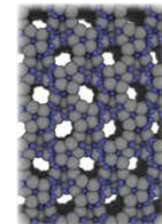
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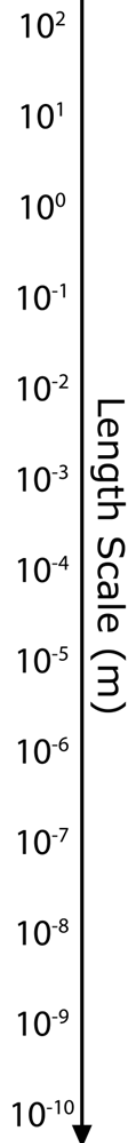


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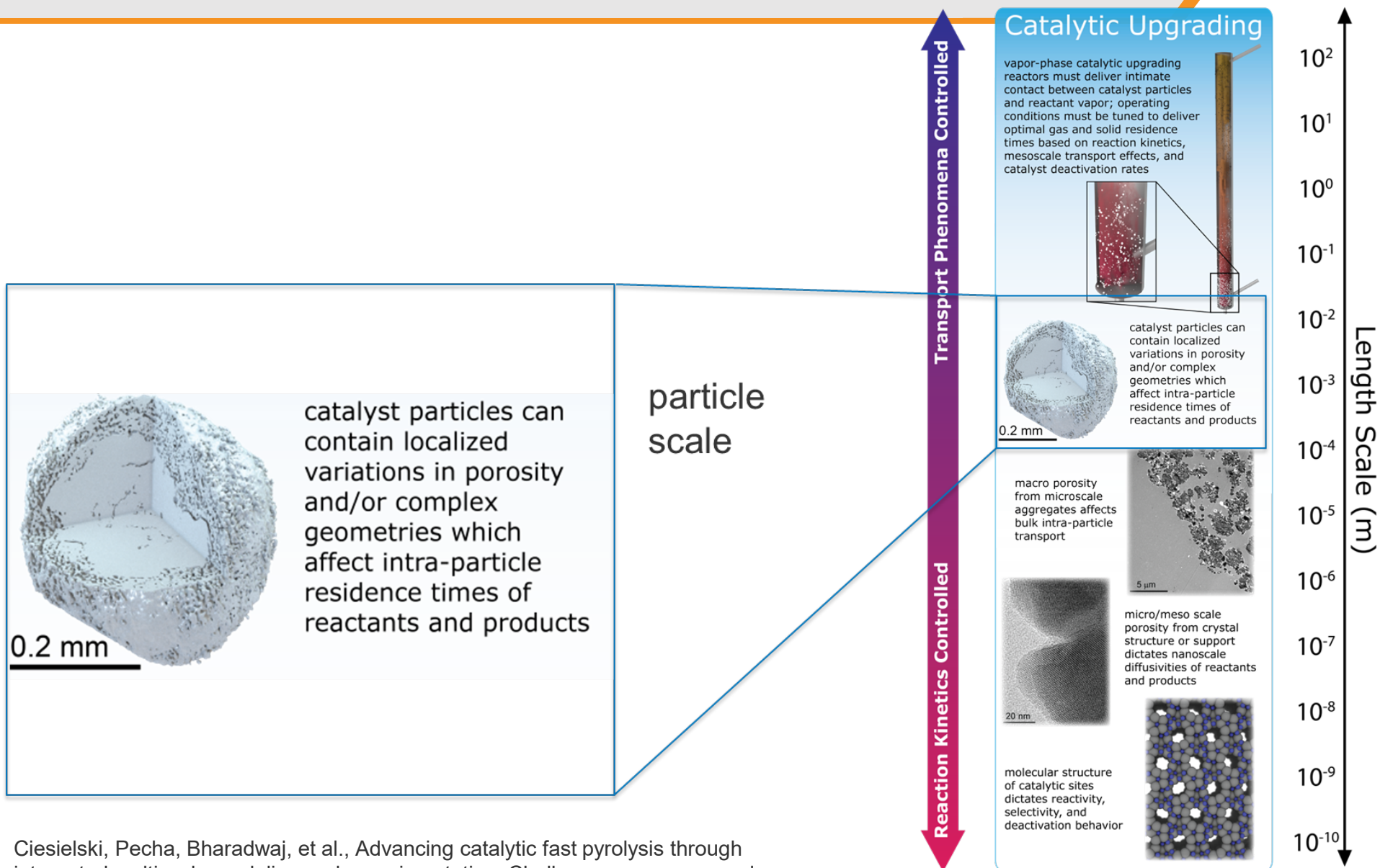
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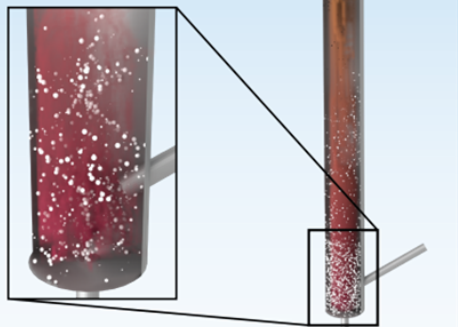
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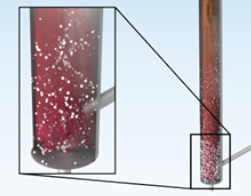
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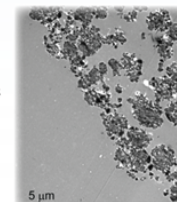
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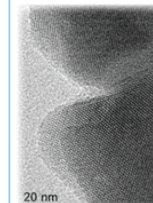
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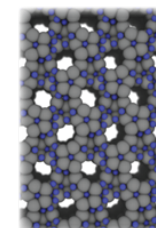
5 μm



20 nm

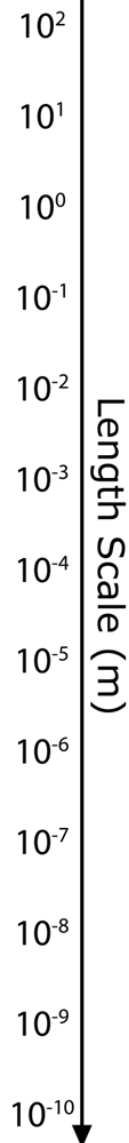
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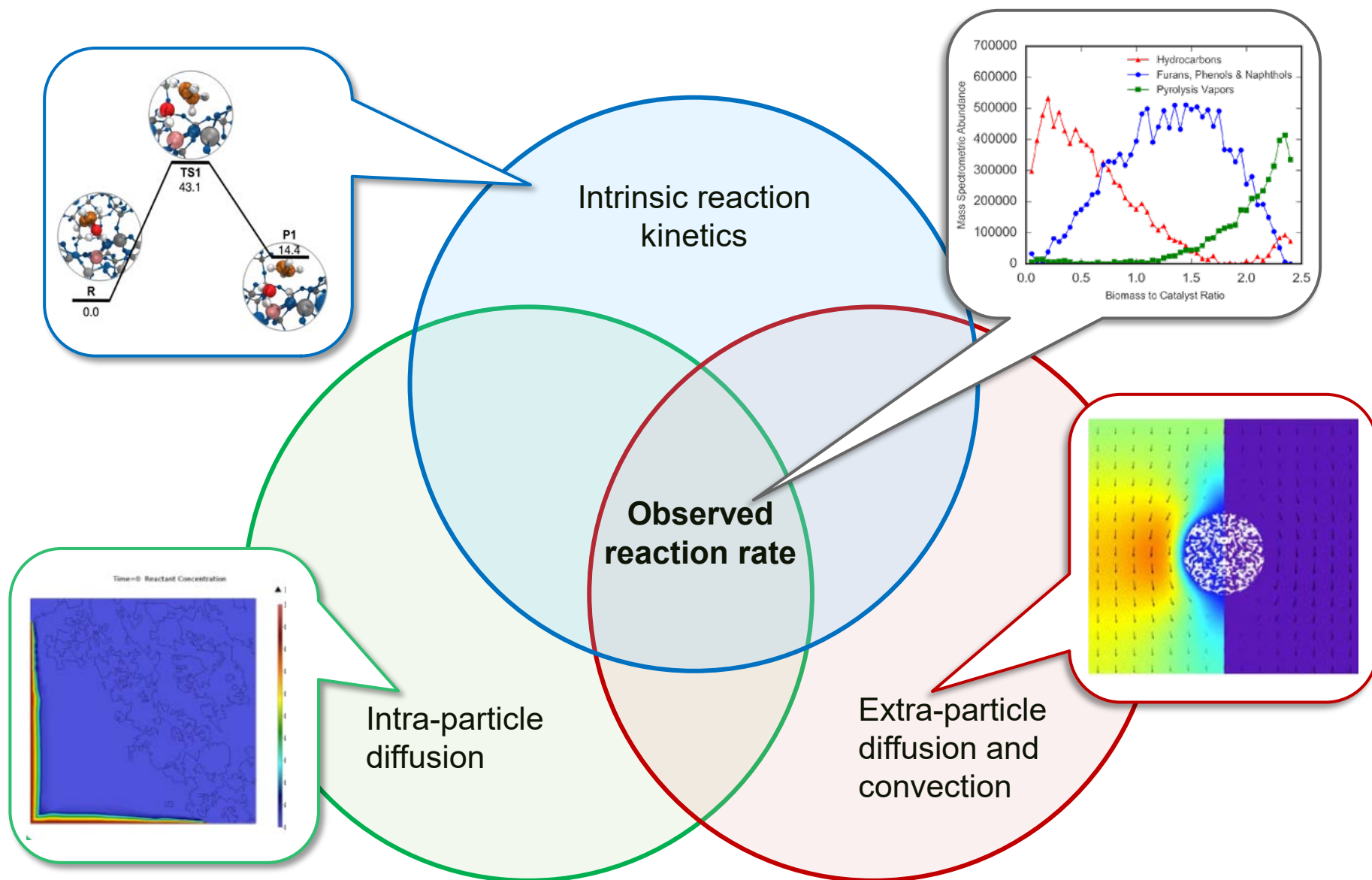
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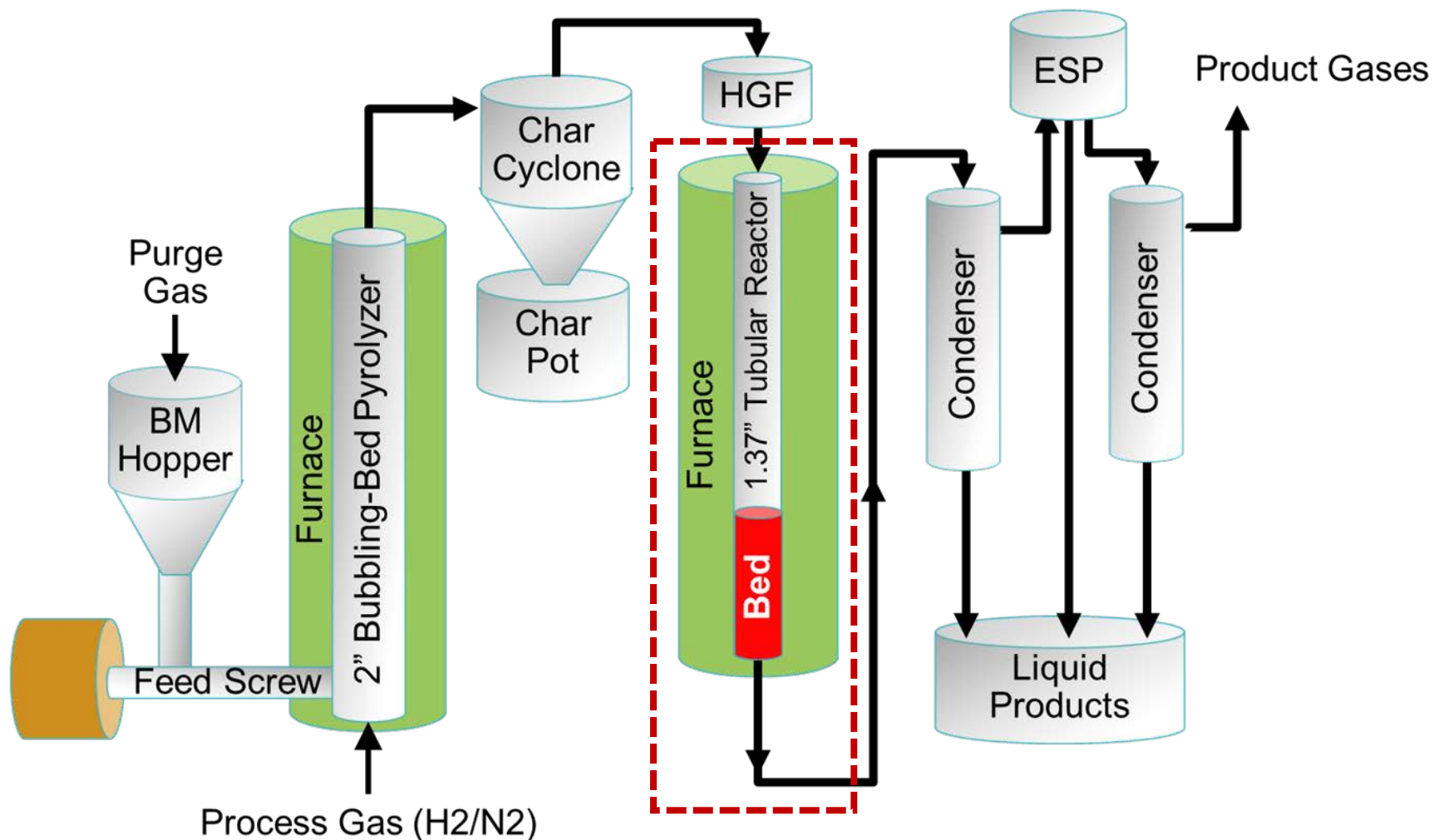
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Observed reaction rate: Physics at all scales



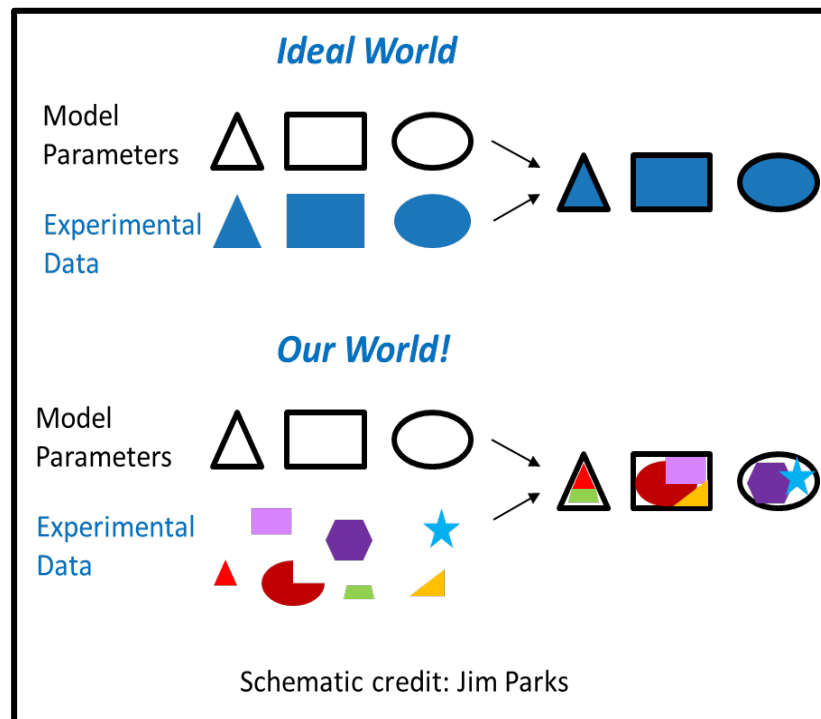
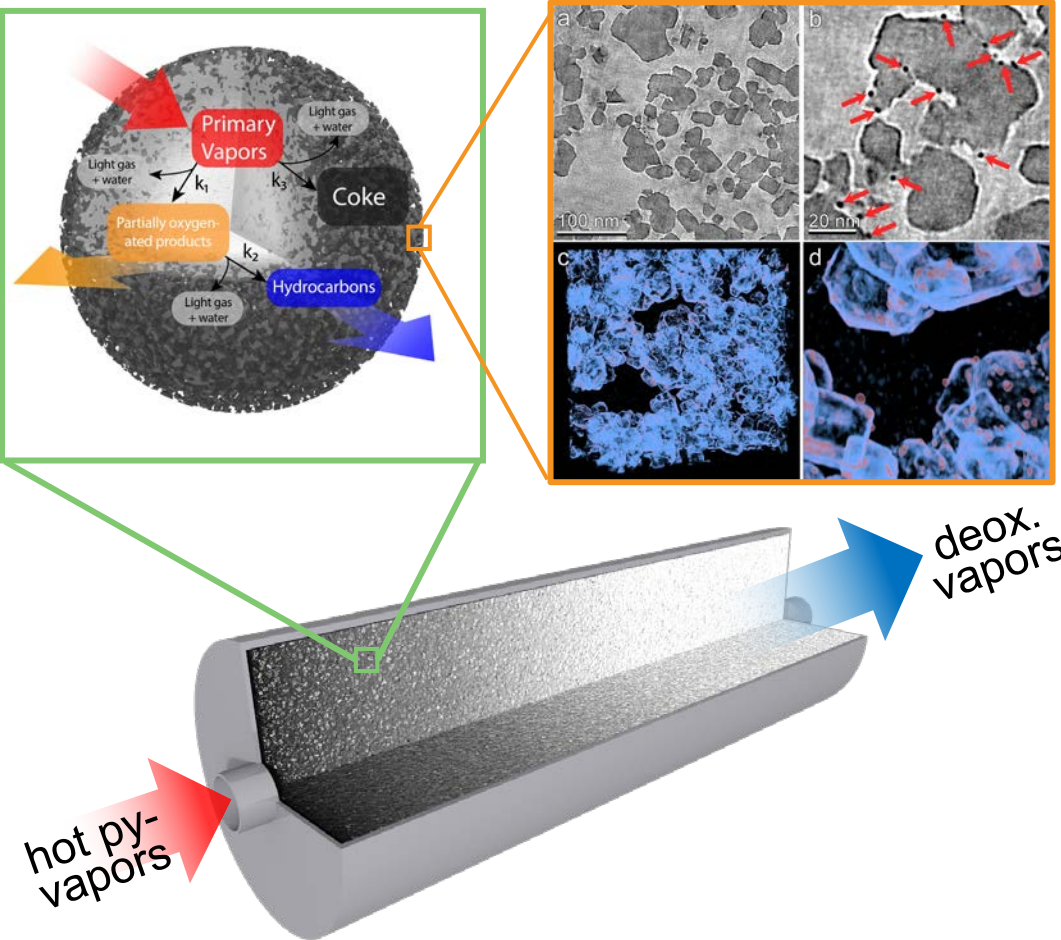
Experimental setup for CFP

Bench scale *ex-situ* catalytic fast pyrolysis system utilized in this work with a packed bed (fixed bed) of catalyst



Problem description

Packed bed vapor phase upgrading reactor

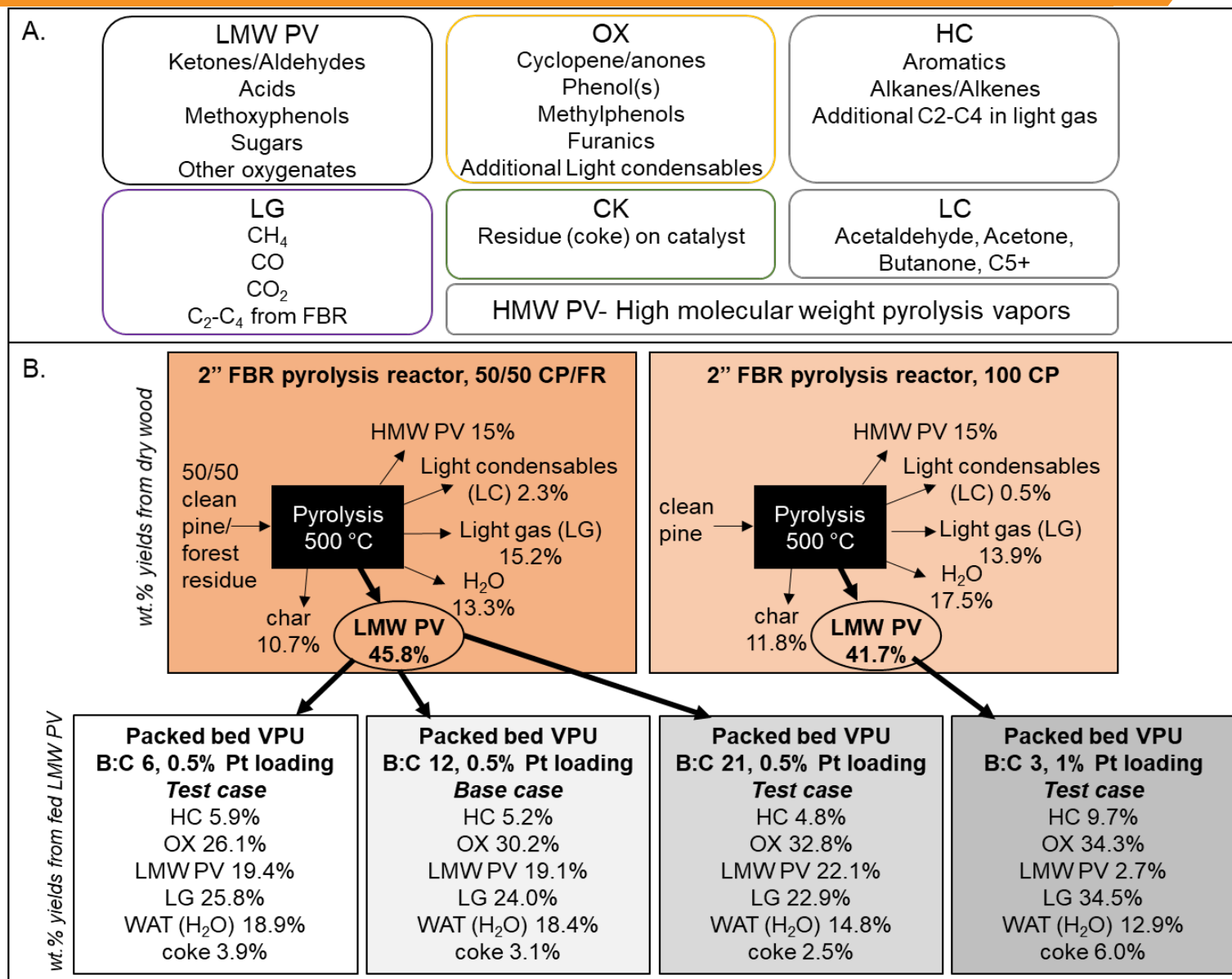


Relevance:

- Coke profiles predicted by the simulation enable detailed simulation of regeneration cycles.
- Transport-independent kinetic parameters enable computational scaling studies and in-silico reactor optimization.

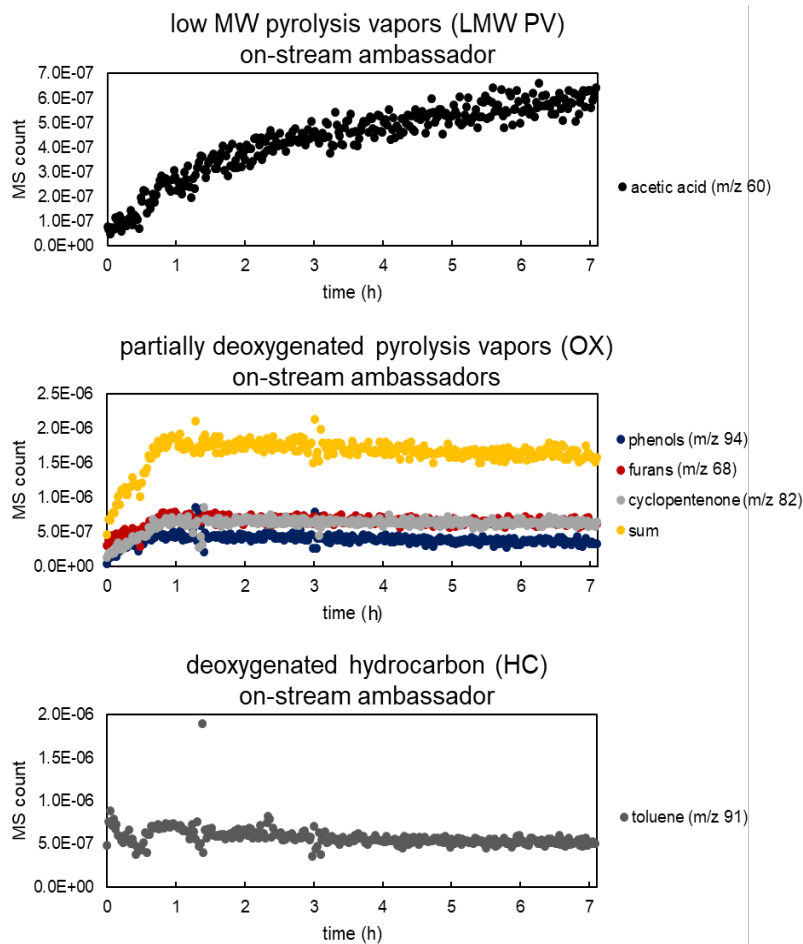
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Yields can be broken down into lumps

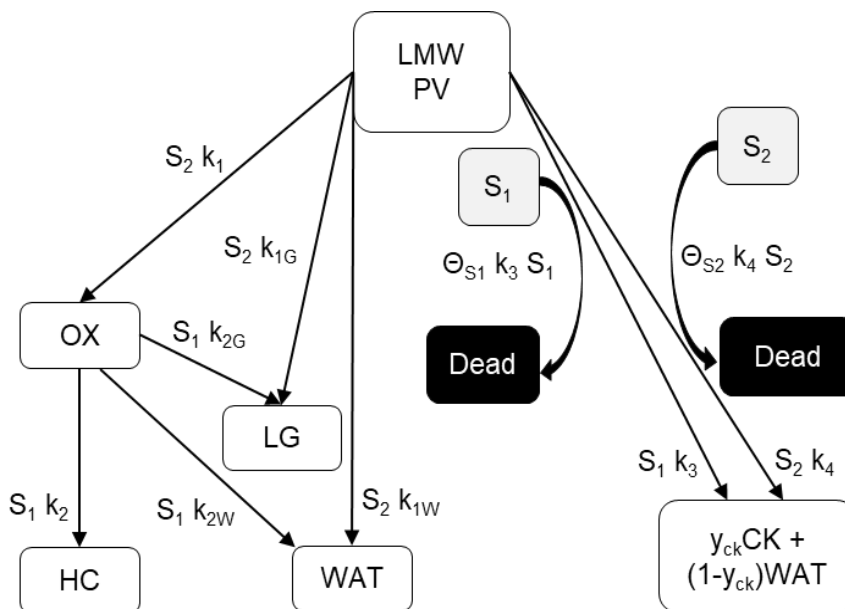


Deactivation and multiple active sites

On-stream MS shows rapid deactivation



Lumped reaction scheme describes organic fraction of pyrolysis vapors over PtTiO₂



How do changes to catalyst properties and operating conditions impact process performance metrics (yield, composition, catalyst lifetime)?

Modeling approach: Extending the Thiele effectiveness factor

Problem: Accurately model multi-step reactions requires heavy computational resources, not suitable for iterative parameter extraction

Hypothesis: An analytical solution to diffusion-reaction-deactivation is mathematically feasible and will accurately represent multi-step reactions

Solution: Extend the effectiveness factor

State of the art for accounting for diffusion limitations in porous catalysts: Thiele (1930s) + Aris (1970s)



Ernest W. Thiele

$$\phi = \sqrt{\frac{ka^2}{D_{\text{eff}}}}$$

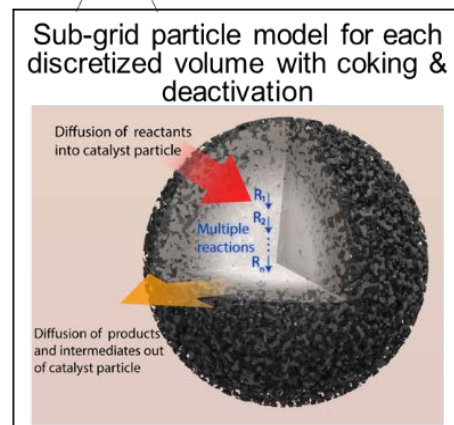


Rufus O. Aris

$$\eta = \frac{3C_{Bi}}{\phi^2} (\phi \coth(\phi) - 1)$$

$$C_{Bi} = \frac{Bi}{(\phi \coth(\phi) - 1 + Bi)}$$

No coupling of intraparticle sequential reactions



Extending the Thiele effectiveness factor: A bridge between scales

1) Unsteady advection-diffusion-reaction

$$\frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \Delta(C_i) = \Delta \cdot \mathbf{J}_i - \sum_{j=1}^N \dot{r}_{ij} + \sum_{m=1}^N \dot{r}_{im}$$

2) Assume no advection. sphere

$$\frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 D_{i,\text{eff}} \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial r} \right) - \sum_{j=1}^N \dot{r}_{ij} + \sum_{m=1}^N \dot{r}_{im}$$

3) Nondimensionalize, cons. & prod. TM

$$\hat{C}_i = \frac{C_i}{C_{1,\infty}} \quad \hat{r} = \frac{r}{R_p} \quad \hat{t}_i = t \frac{D_{i,\text{eff}}}{R_p^2}$$

$$\phi_i = \sqrt{\frac{R_p^2 \psi^t \sum_{j=1}^N k_{ij}}{D_{i,\text{eff}}}} \quad \phi_{im} = \sqrt{\frac{R_p^2 \psi^t k_{im}}{D_{i,\text{eff}}}}$$

4) Quasi-steady state + BCs in sphere (Ω)

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{C}_i}{d\hat{r}^2} + \frac{2}{\hat{r}} \frac{d\hat{C}_i}{d\hat{r}} - \phi_i^2 \hat{C}_i = - \sum_m^N \phi_{im}^2 \hat{C}_m \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$\frac{d\hat{C}_i}{d\hat{r}} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_1$$

$$\frac{d\hat{C}_i}{d\hat{r}} = Bi \left(1 - \hat{C}_i \right) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_2$$

5) Use matrix-vector form (matrix of Thiele moduli for consumption-production)

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{\mathbf{C}}}{d\hat{r}^2} + \frac{2}{\hat{r}} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{C}}}{d\hat{r}} - \bar{\phi}^2 \hat{\mathbf{C}} = 0$$

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Extending the Thiele effectiveness factor: A bridge between scales

6) When eigenvalues (λ) are real,
solution is hyperbolic function

$$\hat{U}_i = A_1 \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_i} \hat{r}) + A_2 \cosh(\sqrt{\lambda_i} \hat{r}) \quad \lambda_i > 0$$

7) Converting back to concentration & BCs
(P is eigenvector matrix)

$$\hat{C} = \bar{P} \bar{D} \left(\frac{C_{Bi} \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda} \hat{r})}{\sinh(\sqrt{\lambda}) \hat{r}} \right) \bar{P}^{-1} \hat{C}_{\text{Rat}, \infty}$$

8) Volume-averaging the rates

$$\langle \dot{r}_{ij} \rangle \equiv \frac{4\pi R_p^3 \psi k_{ij} C_{1, \infty}}{4/3\pi R_p^3} \int_0^1 \hat{C}_i \hat{r}^2 d\hat{r} = \psi k_{ij} C_{1, \infty} \eta_i,$$

9) Multi-step effectiveness vector! (MEV)

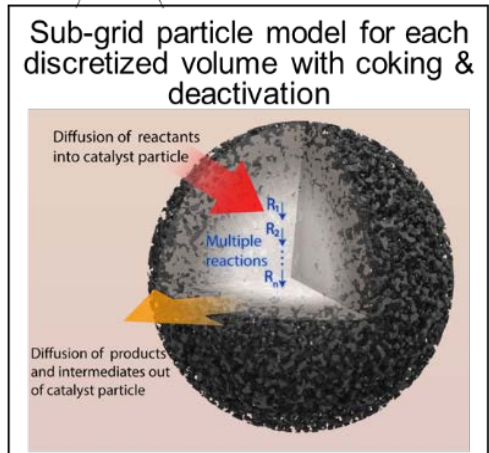
$$\eta = \bar{P} \bar{D} \left(\frac{3C_{Bi}}{\lambda} (\sqrt{\lambda} \coth(\sqrt{\lambda}) - 1) \right) \bar{P}^{-1} \hat{C}_{\text{Rat}, \infty}$$

10) Individual rates with MEV!

$$\langle \dot{r}_i \rangle \equiv \sum_m \langle \dot{r}_{im} \rangle - \sum_j \langle \dot{r}_{ij} \rangle = \psi C_{1, \infty} \left(\sum_m k_{im} \eta_m - \sum_j k_{ij} \eta_i \right)$$

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Apply multistep effectiveness vector to PBR



Apparent rate equations inside MEV formulation

$$R_1 = PV_{LMW} k_1 S_2$$

$$R_{1G} = PV_{LMW} k_{1G} S_2$$

$$R_{1W} = PV_{LMW} k_{1W} S_2$$

$$R_2 = OX k_2 S_1$$

$$R_{2G} = OX k_{2G} S_1$$

$$R_{2W} = OX k_{2W} S_1$$

$$R_3 = PV_{LMW} k_3 S_1$$

$$R_4 = PV_{LMW} k_4 S_2$$

Packed bed transport equations

$$\frac{\partial PV_{LMW}}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial PV_{LMW}}{\partial x} + D_{PV} \frac{\partial^2 PV_{LMW}}{\partial x^2} - R_{PV_{LMW},eff} (1 - \epsilon_p)$$

$$\frac{\partial OX}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial OX}{\partial x} + D_{OX} \frac{\partial^2 OX}{\partial x^2} - R_{OX,eff} (1 - \epsilon_p)$$

$$\frac{\partial HC}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial HC}{\partial x} + D_{HC} \frac{\partial^2 HC}{\partial x^2} - R_{HC,eff} (1 - \epsilon_p)$$

$$\frac{\partial LG}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial LG}{\partial x} + D_{LG} \frac{\partial^2 LG}{\partial x^2} - R_{LG,eff} (1 - \epsilon_p)$$

$$\frac{\partial WAT}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial WAT}{\partial x} + D_{WAT} \frac{\partial^2 WAT}{\partial x^2} - R_{WAT,eff} (1 - \epsilon_p)$$

$$\frac{\partial S1}{\partial t} = R_{S1,eff} (1 - \epsilon_p)$$

$$\frac{\partial S2}{\partial t} = R_{S2,eff} (1 - \epsilon_p)$$

$$\frac{\partial CK}{\partial t} = R_{CK,eff} (1 - \epsilon_p)$$

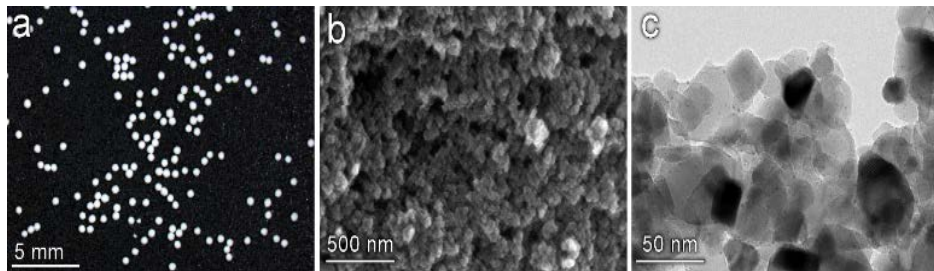
$$PV_{LMW} = PV_{LMW,0}, x = 0$$

$$HC = OX = LG = WAT = 0, x = 0$$

$$\frac{dPV}{dt} = \frac{dOX}{dt} = \frac{dHC}{dt} = \frac{dLG}{dt} = \frac{dWAT}{dt} = 0, x / L = 1$$

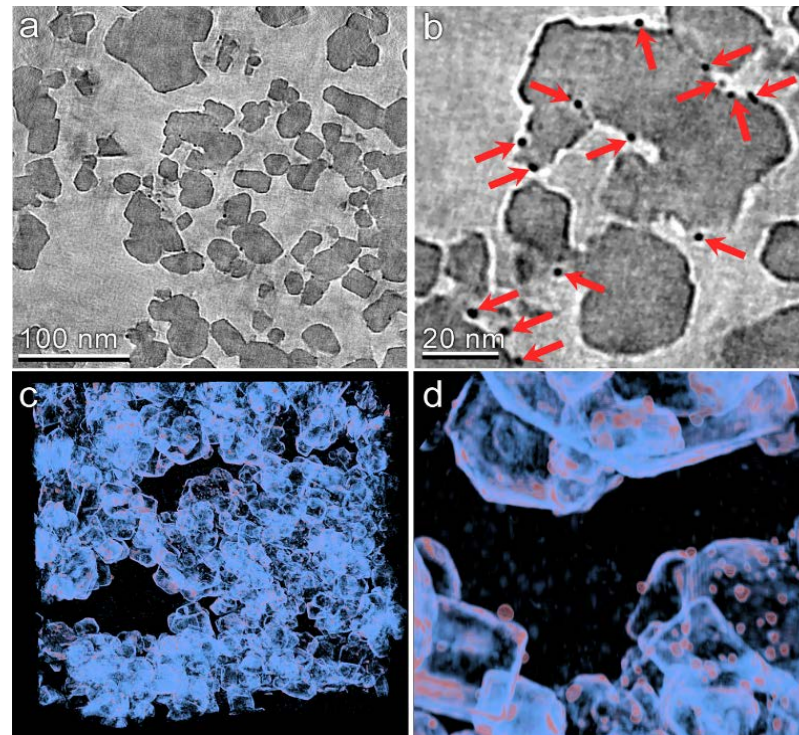
Catalyst characterization

Multiscale imaging of the Pt/TiO₂ catalyst particles



(a) Light microscopy of catalyst particles showing the spherical bulk geometry with narrow size distribution. (b) Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) of the particle surface reveals a porous support structure formed by the agglomeration of TiO₂ nanoparticles. (c) Transmission electron microscopy shows the presence of ~5 nm Pt particles visualized as dark spots on the surface of the larger TiO₂ support structure.

TEM Tomography of the TiO₂ catalyst particle mesostructure



(a, b) Slices through the tomographic volume are shown at two different magnifications. Pt particles are clearly identified by their higher electron density (indicated by red arrows in panel b). (c, d) 3D visualizations of the reconstructed volume are shown at two different magnifications.

Apparent rate constants fit to real data

Initial guess for 10 apparent rate parameters
+ experimental data

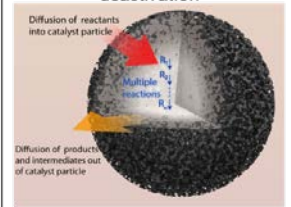
Simplex parameter optimizer + PBR model

New parameters
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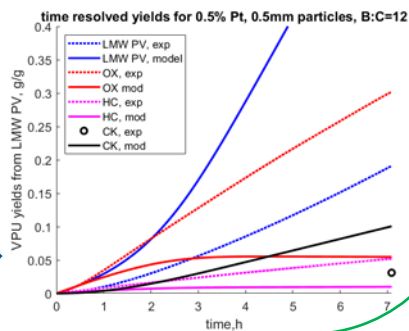
Multiscale packed bed model

Pyrolysis vapors → Hydrocarbons
Oxygenates

Sub-grid particle model for each discretized volume with coking & deactivation

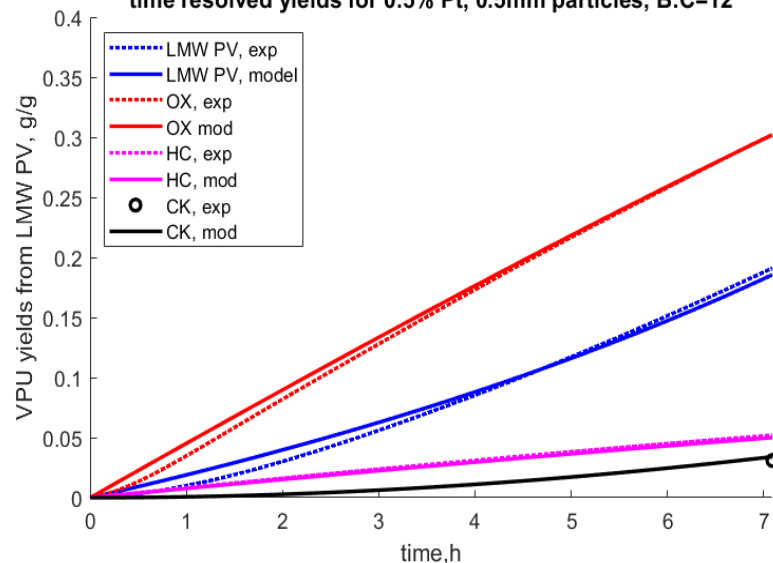


Objective function
(yield vs time)



Best-fit lumped rate constants fit
for base case

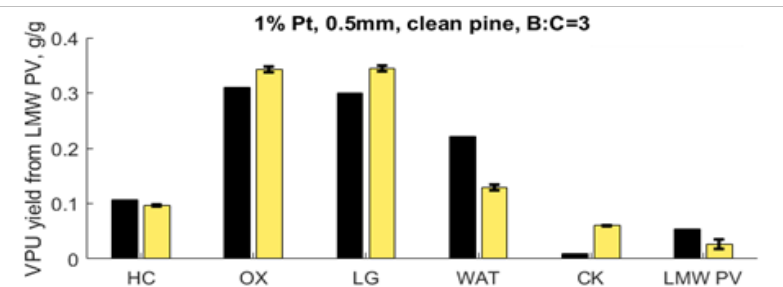
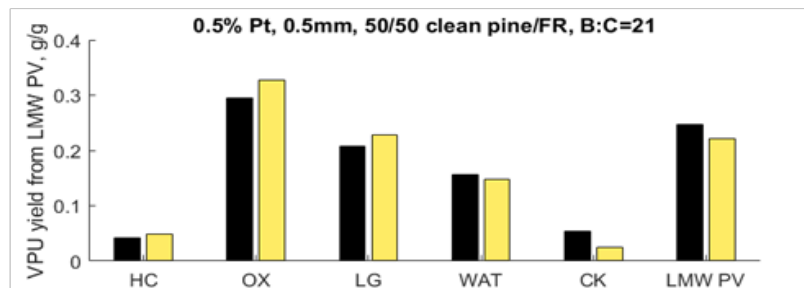
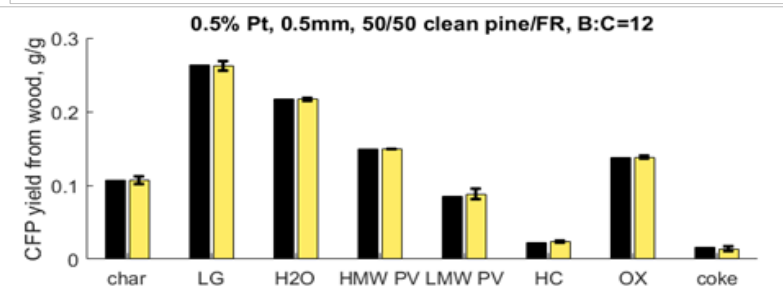
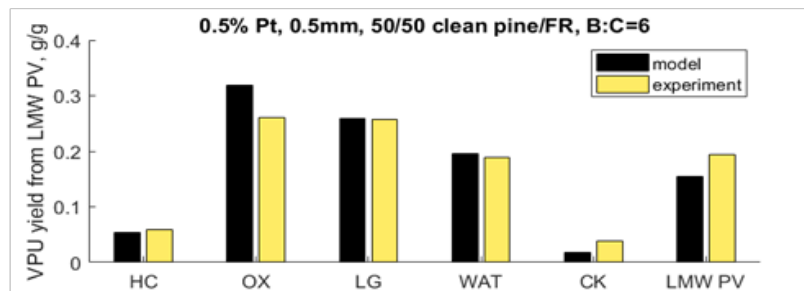
time resolved yields for 0.5% Pt, 0.5mm particles, B:C=12



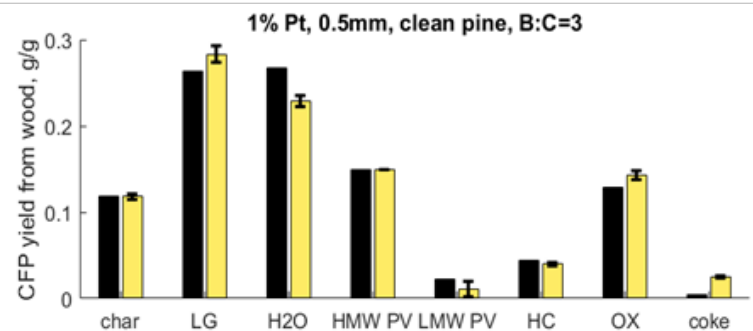
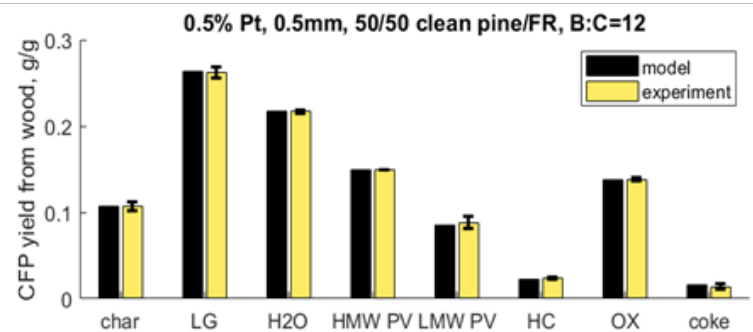
RATE CONSTANT	FITTED VALUE
k_1 [s^{-1}]	76
k_{1g} [s^{-1}]	50.5
k_{1w} [s^{-1}]	39
k_2 [s^{-1}]	5.4
k_{2g} [s^{-1}]	0.7
k_{2w} [s^{-1}]	7.9E-10
k_3 [s^{-1}]	7E-14
k_4 [s^{-1}]	3.7E-4
Θ_{S_1}	1.2E-3
Θ_{S_2}	15.2

Results: Model validation

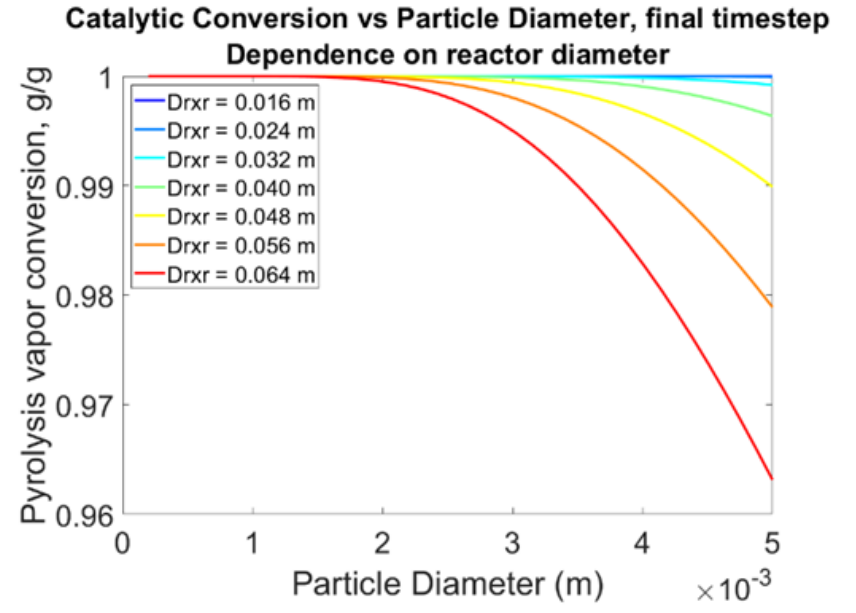
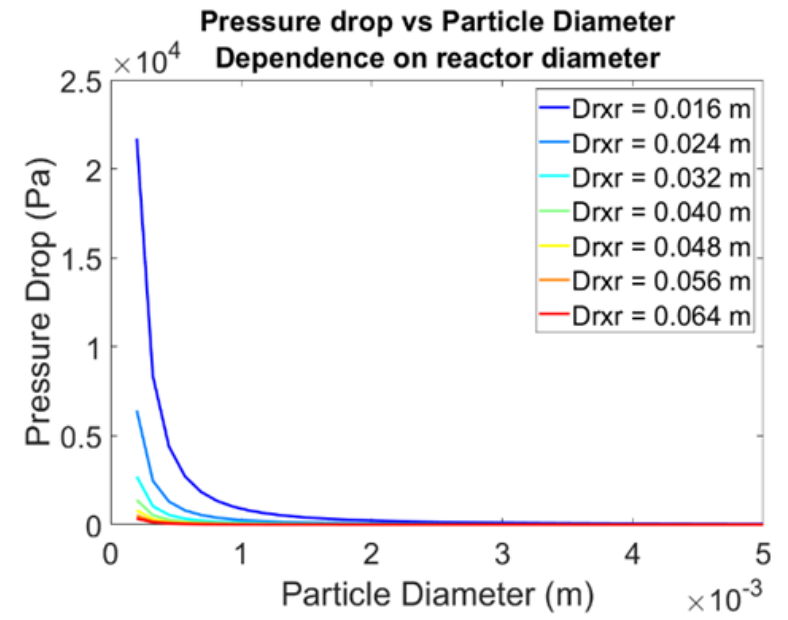
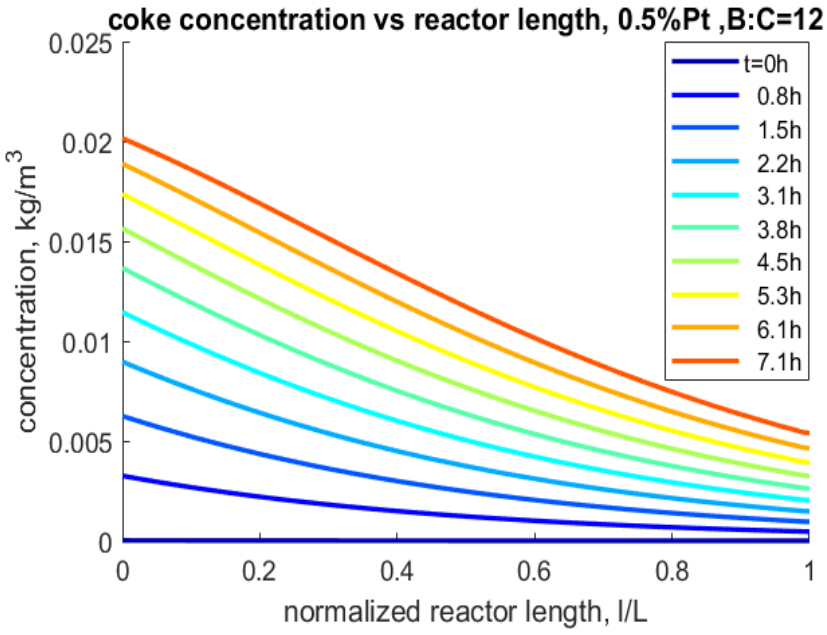
Yields from low MW pyrolysis vapors, VPU only



Yields from dry wood for pyrolysis + VPU



Results: Predictions and extrapolations



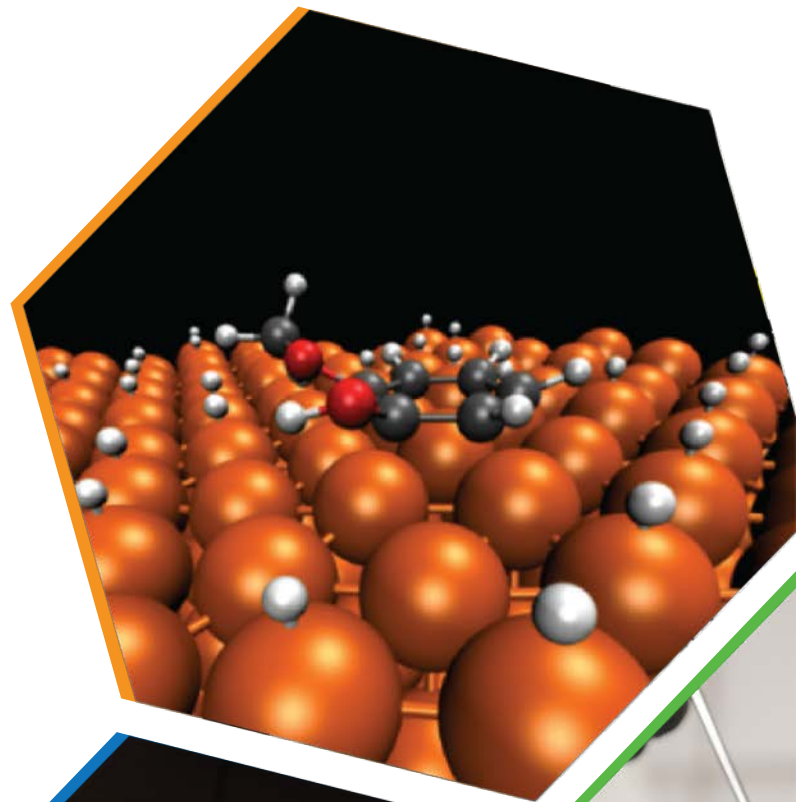
Conclusions

- New multiscale simulation framework was capable of capturing
 - multiple cascading reactions
 - multiple operating conditions
 - catalyst loadings
 - active site deactivation
- Fast, accurate, can be used to mine old *good* data
- Future work will extend the model to other catalyst shapes, other technologies
- In the next slides, you will see how results from this work were used to design a catalytic regeneration system at a much larger scale with a different set of modeling tools.



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Packed Bed Reactor Scale-up Using High Fidelity Reactor Models

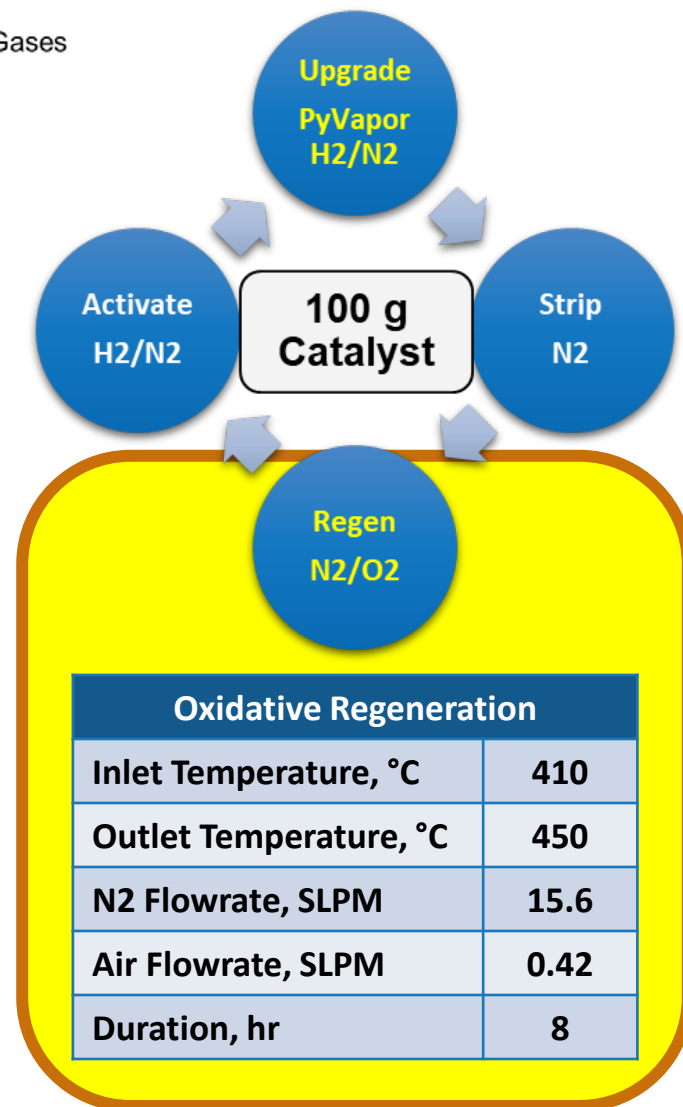
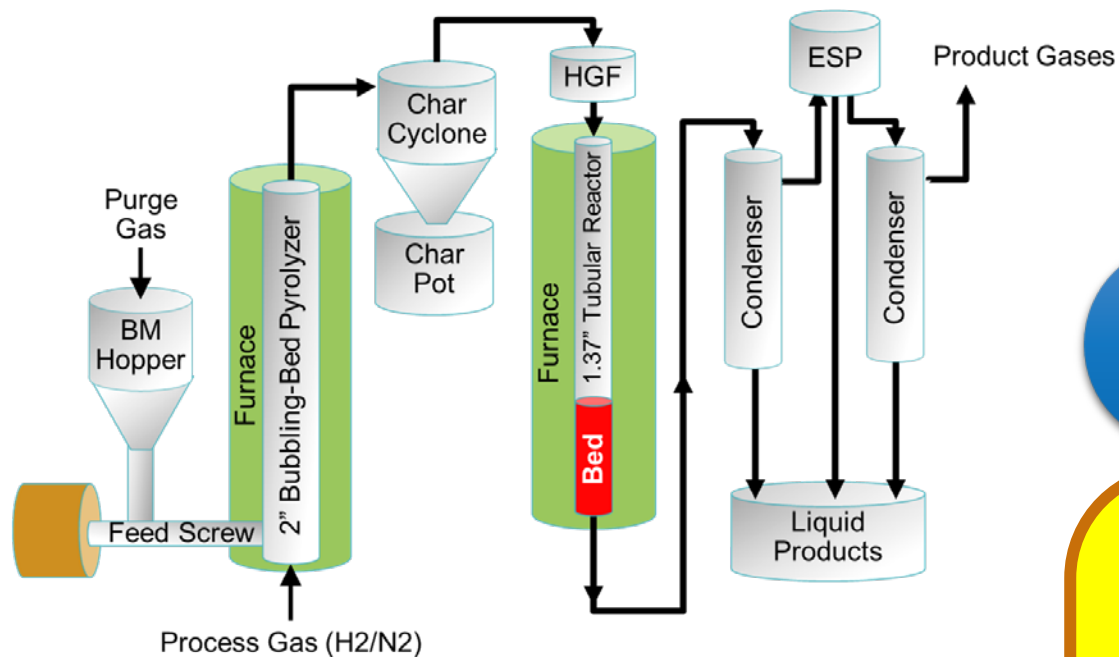


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Lab Scale Packed Bed Reactor (PBR) and Catalyst



0.5 mm Pt/TiO₂ Spheres

Upgrading	
Biomass Feed, g/hr	150
Inlet Pressure, kPa	110
Inlet Temperature, °C	410
H2 Flowrate, SLPM	13.5
N2 Flowrate, SLPM	2.4
WHSV, hr ⁻¹	1.5
Duration, B/C (hr)	12 (8)

Oxidative Regeneration	
Inlet Temperature, °C	410
Outlet Temperature, °C	450
N2 Flowrate, SLPM	15.6
Air Flowrate, SLPM	0.42
Duration, hr	8

Scaling Up the PBR

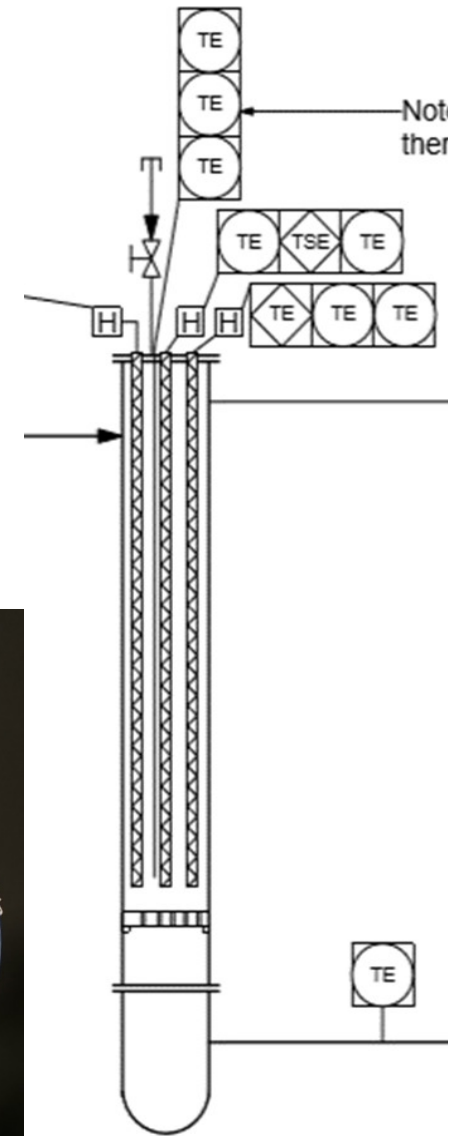
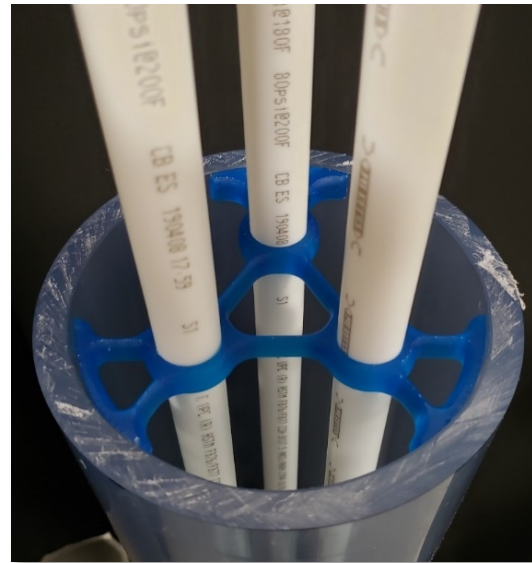
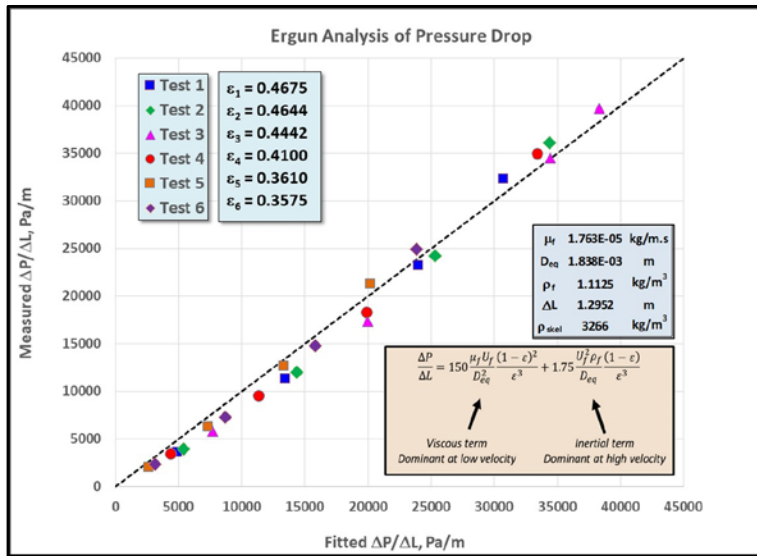


- **TCPDU-PBR**
 - 6 kg cat
 - 9 kg/hr biomass
 - WHSV 1.5 hr⁻¹
- **Constraints**
 - PBR ΔP 20 kPa or less
 - No wall heat removal (mimic industrial scale)
 - Gas temperature $\approx 400^{\circ}\text{C}$ to minimize cycle time and ensure quick light-off
 - B/C = 12 corresponds to 25 wt% coke (g C / g fresh)

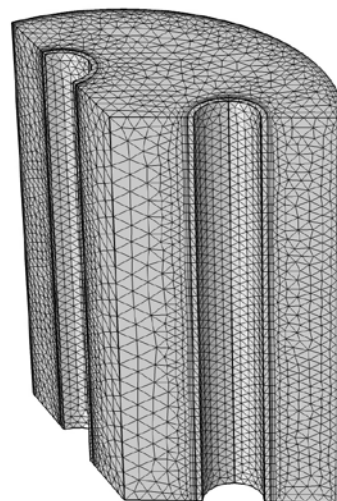
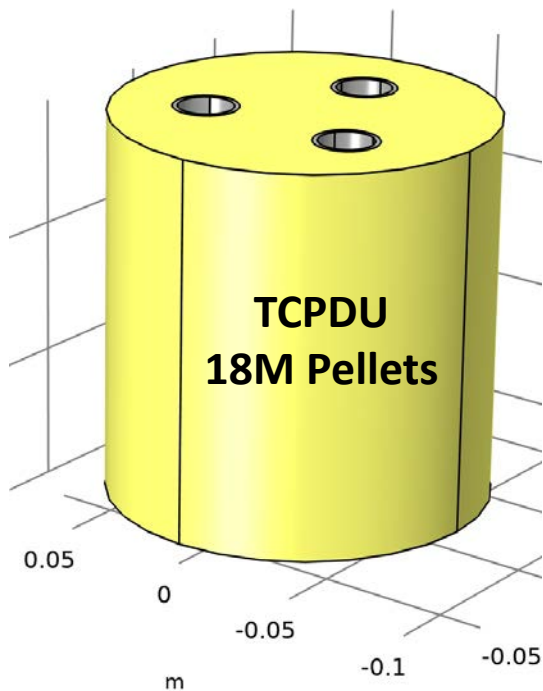


Scaling Up the PBR (2)

- Split the 6 kg bed between 3 existing reactors, 2 kg each
- Per-bed scale-up = 20 X
- N2 flow limit = 1200 SLPM, 400 per bed
- Each reactor has 3 heating rods which can be converted to cooling tubes
- Air flow limit = 1800 SLPM, 200 per tube



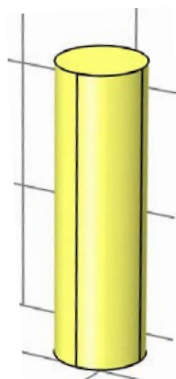
Model Details



$n_{\text{cell}} = 152\text{k}$ $n_{\text{pellet/cell}} = 120$



$n_{\text{cell}} = 434\text{k}$ $n_{\text{pellet/cell}} = 42$



**2FBR
900k Pellets**

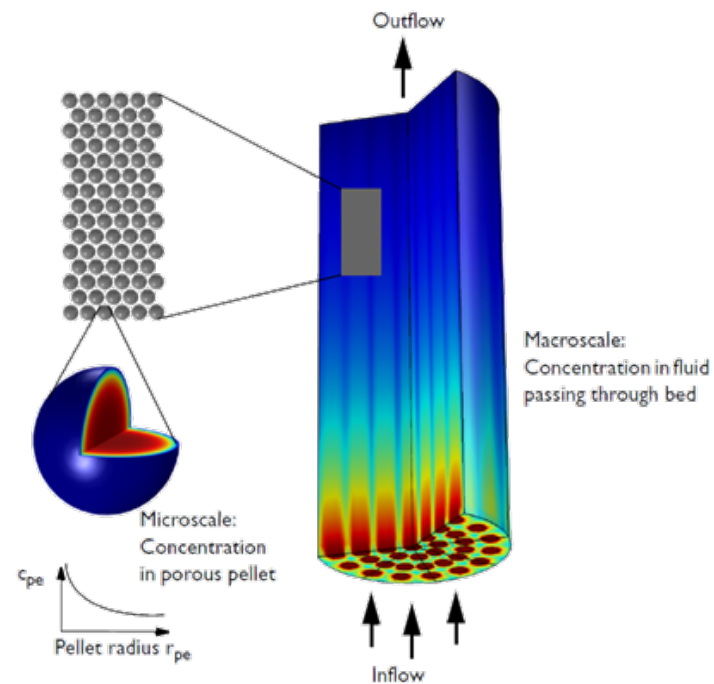
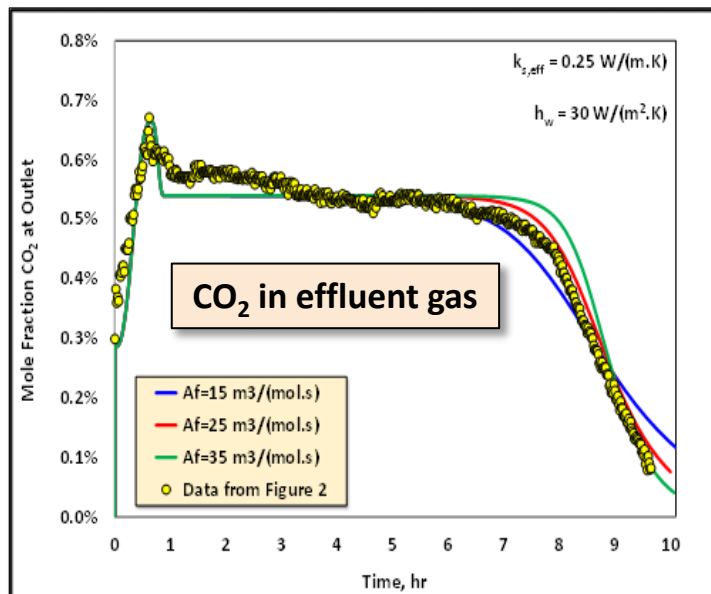


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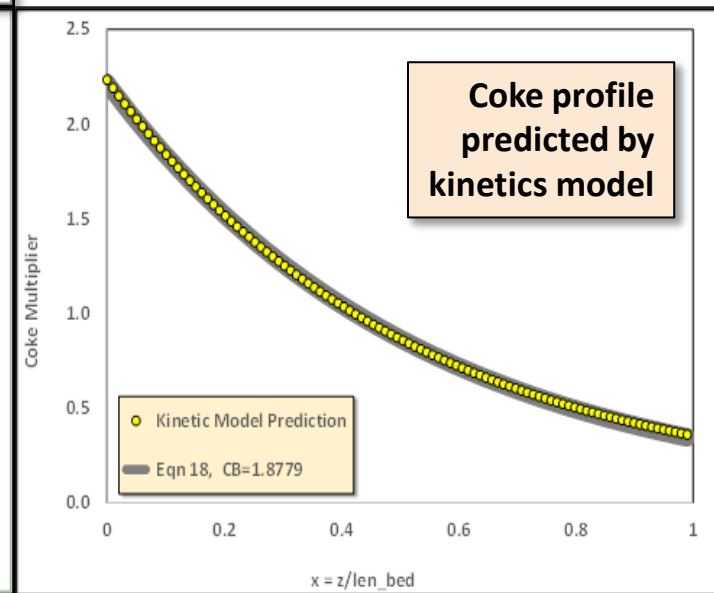
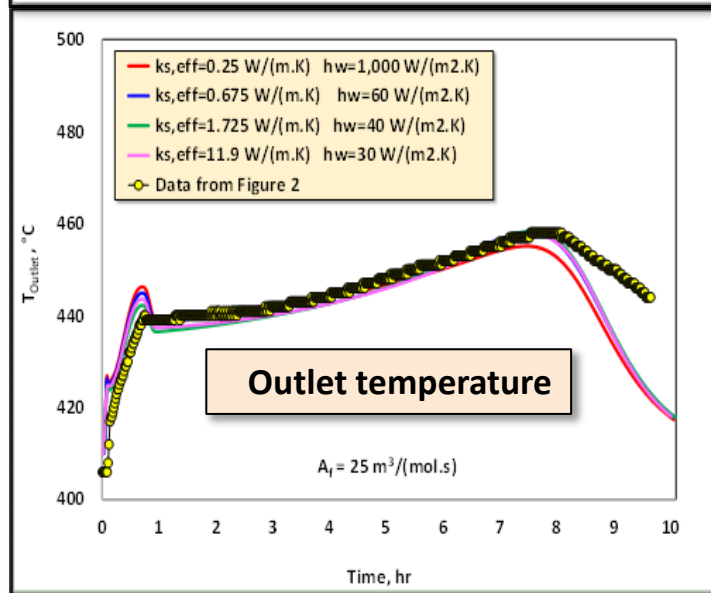
N2 Flow, SLPM (410°C)	Cooling Air Flow, SLPM (30°C)		
	600	300	No Flow
400	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
300	Case 4	Case 5	Case 6
200	Case 7	Case 8	Case 9

2FBR Data Used in Model Development

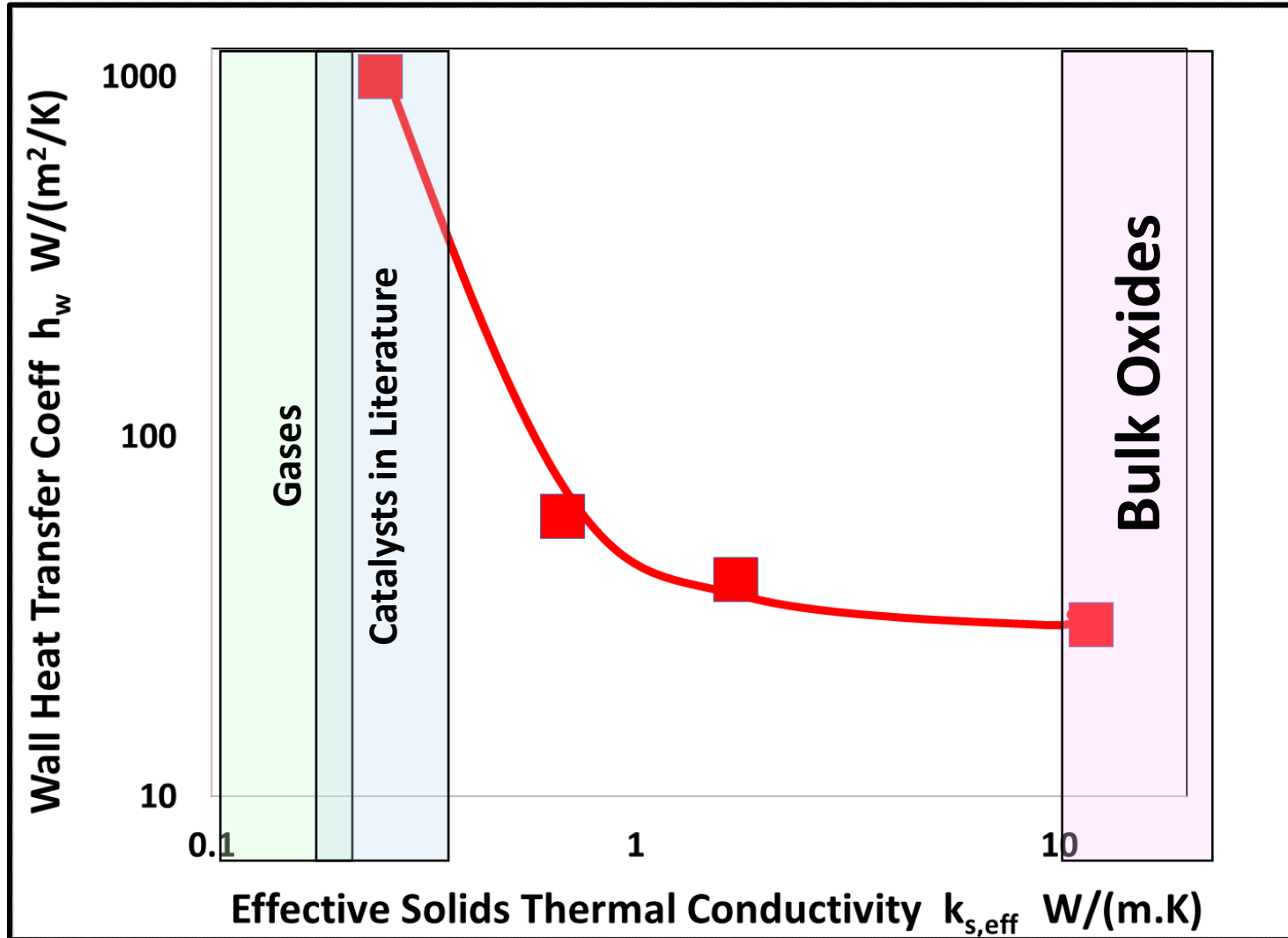
Catalyst / Bed Parameters	
A_f , $m^3/(mol.s)$	25
E_a , J/mol	5×10^4
ABD, kg/m^3	900
ρ_{skel} , kg/m^3	3,900
ρ_{pe} , kg/m^3	1,900
Pellet porosity	0.592
Bed voidage	0.437
Total voidage	0.770
BET, m^2/g	54
Pore diam, nm	27



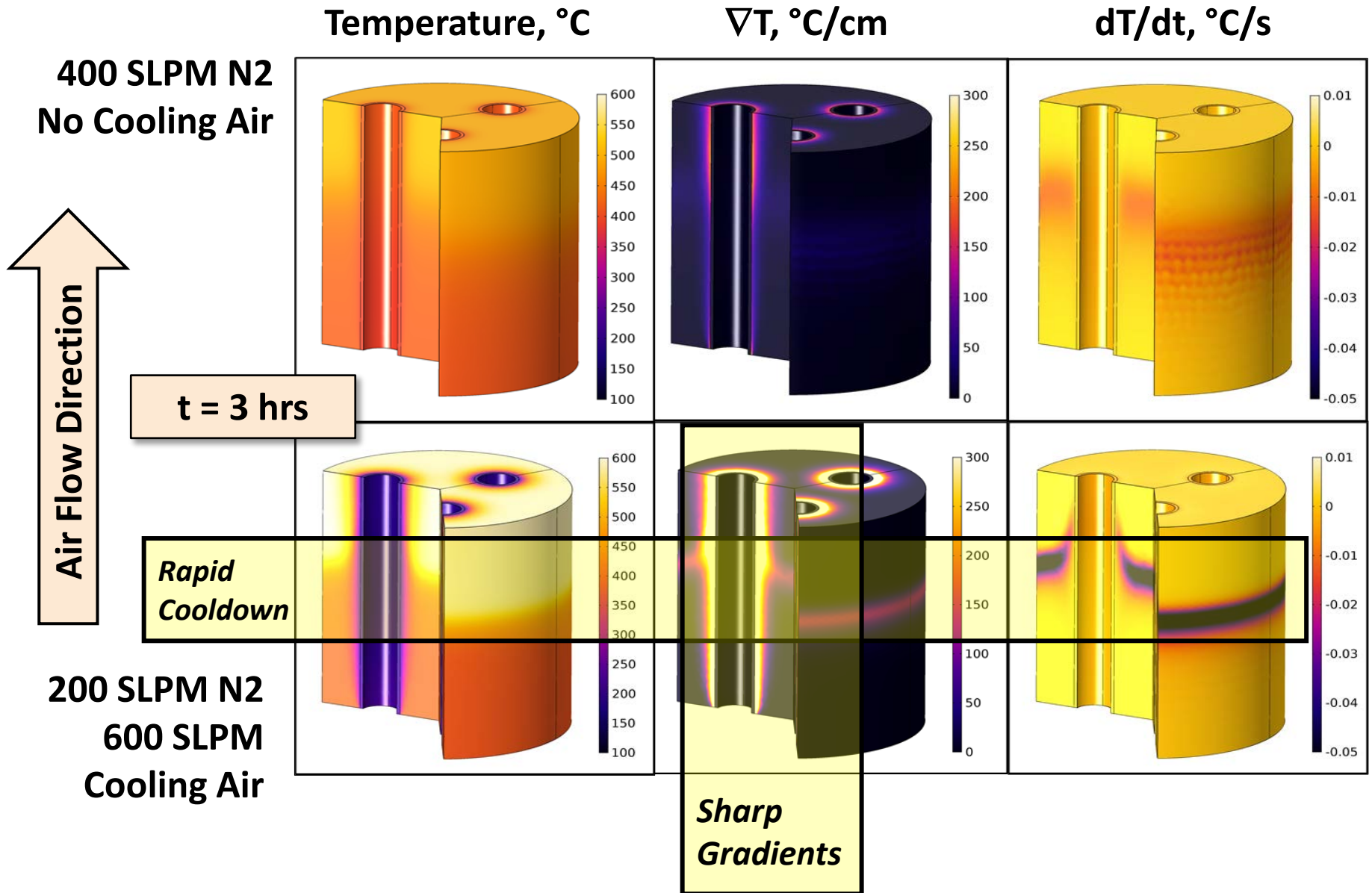
Thermal Parameters	
ΔH , J/mol	3.94×10^5
Thermal conductivity, W/(m.K)	$k_{s,eff}$
Wall heat transfer, W/(m ² .K)	h_w
Bulk heat capacity, J/(kg.K)	680



Biggest Unknown: Heat Transfer Parameters

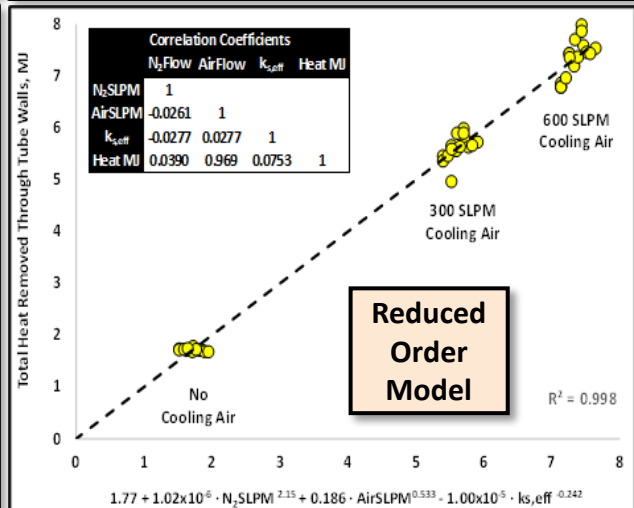
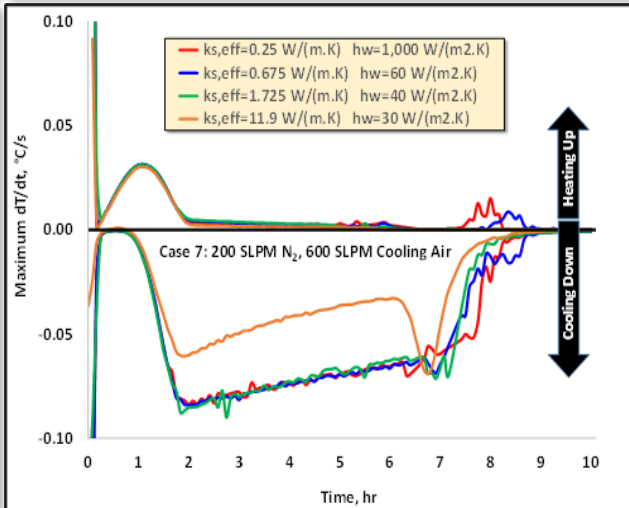
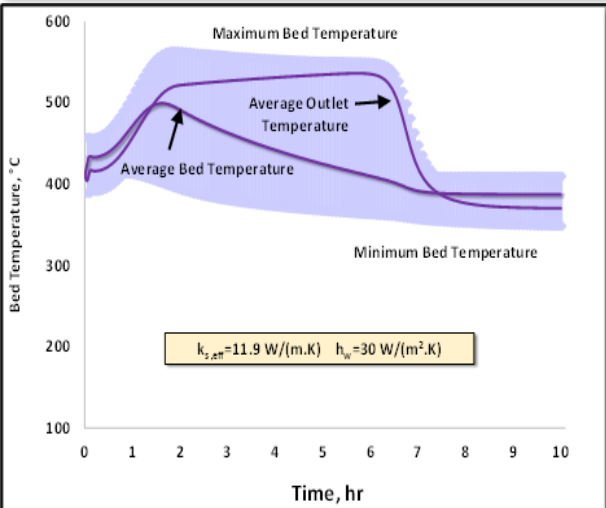
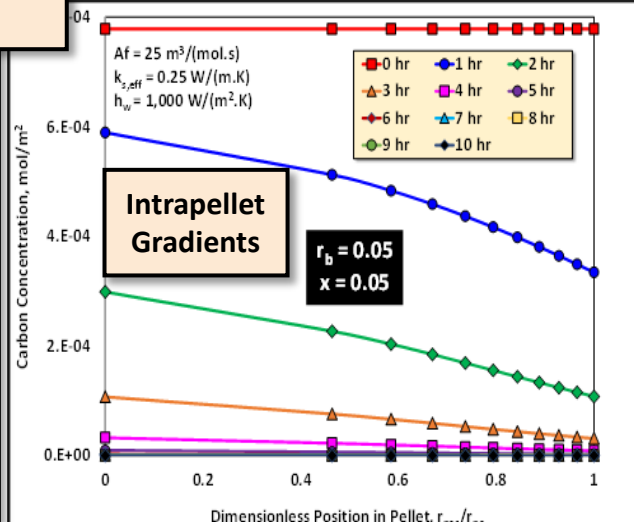
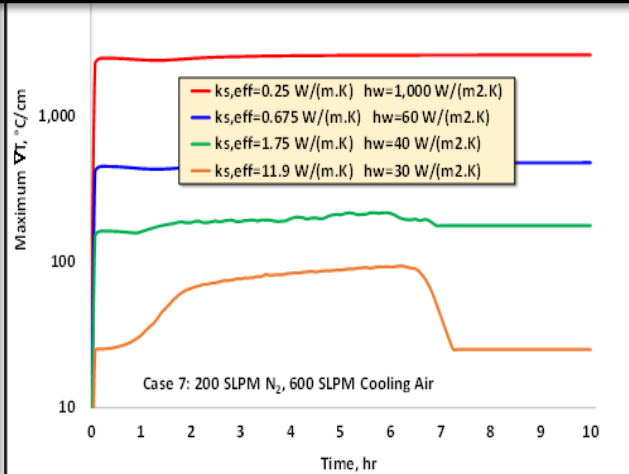
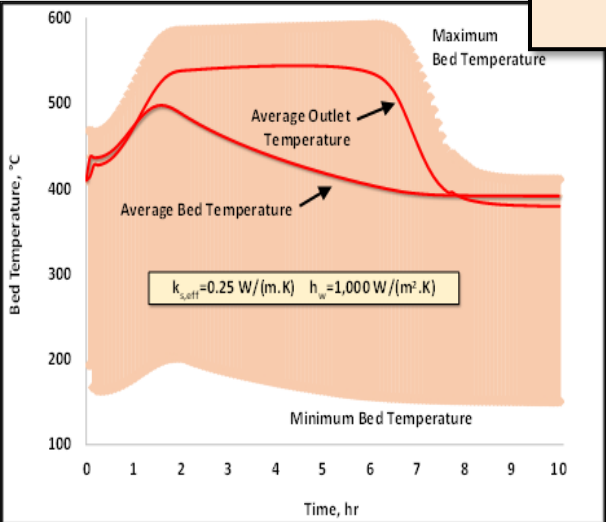


TCPDU Model Predictions



TCPDU Model Predictions (2)

200 SLPM N₂, 600 SLPM Cooling Air



B.D. Adkins et.al, Predicting thermal excursions during in-situ oxidative regeneration of packed bed catalytic fast pyrolysis catalyst, submitted to Reaction Chemistry and Engineering

Conclusions

- 1. Risk of catalyst damage and/or accelerated irreversible deactivation from thermal excursion is high in proposed TCPDU design**
 - **Pressure drop associated with small catalyst particle size (0.5 mm) constrains bed depth and process gas flow rate, both of which constrain heat removal**
- 2. Potential design improvements**
 - **Construct reduced order models and thoroughly map catalyst / bed design space**
 - **Evaluate moving bed alternatives to packed bed. Not fluid bed: more like Continuous Catalytic Reformers (CCRs)**
- 3. Although small by industry standards, a scale-up factor of 20 can be substantial, as demonstrated here**

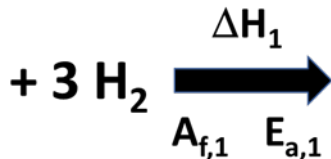
Improvements in Reactor-Scale Models

- 1. Firm up conclusions from regen model by addressing key unknowns**
 - **Thermal conductivity of catalyst pellets**
 - **Experimental measurements**
 - **High resolution mesoscale modelling of heat transfer**
 - **Coke distribution**
 - **Bed dissection**
 - **Carbon distribution in pellet interiors**
- 2. Expand model to include stacked beds with multiple catalysts**

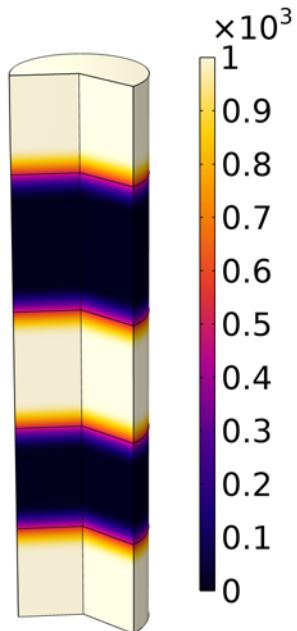
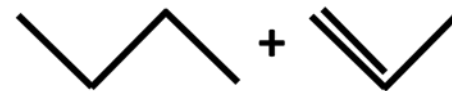
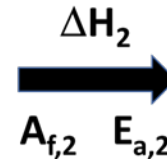
Stacked Bed Model



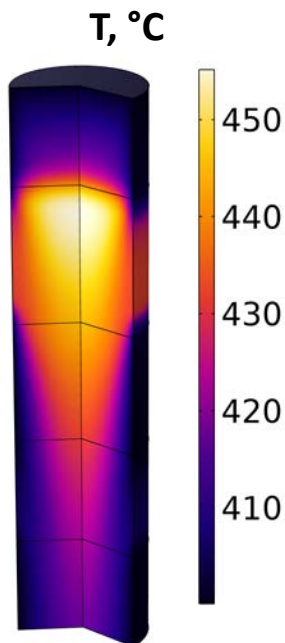
Exothermic



Endothermic

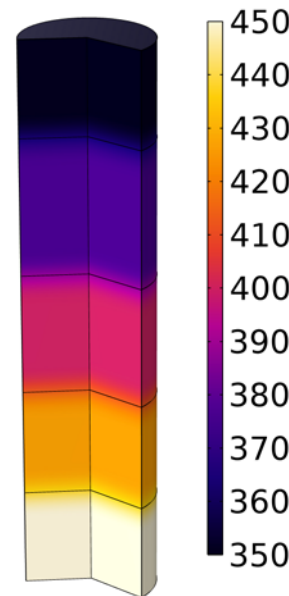


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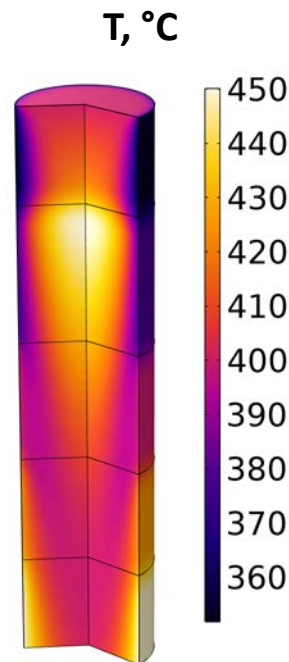


$T, ^\circ\text{C}$

Bed-Specific Parameters
Mass of catalyst
ABD
Skeletal density
Particle size
Particle shape
Pore volume
Surface area
Pore diameter
Porosity
Void fraction
Thermal conductivity
Heat capacity
Wall heat transfer coeff.
Reaction rate constants
Reaction enthalpy
...

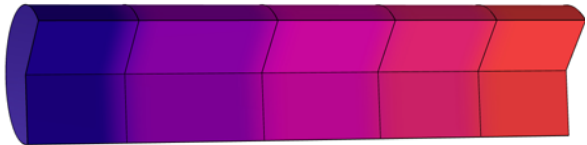


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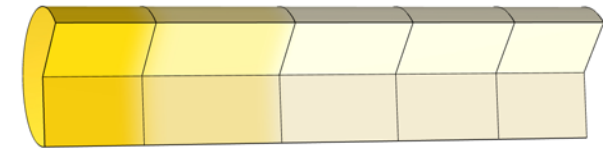


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Stacked Bed Model



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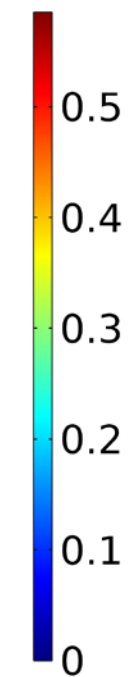
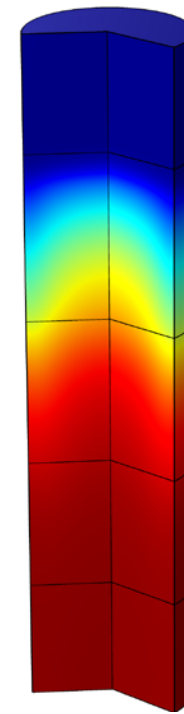
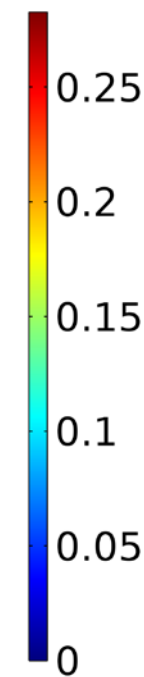
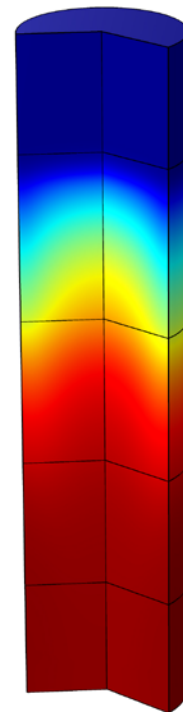
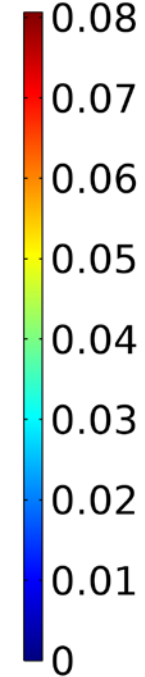
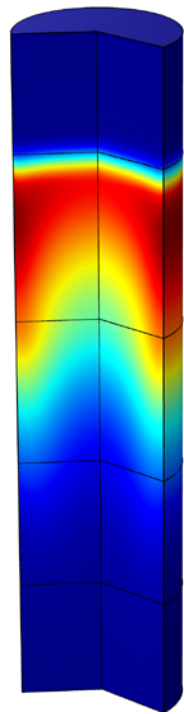
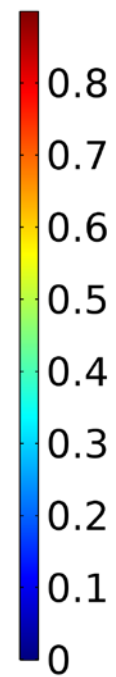
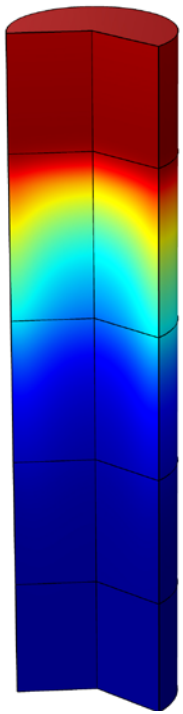
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**Mass
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Supporting Slides



Vastly different operating conditions to match product yields

Description B:C, kg/kg	Pyrolysis only	Pyrolysis only	Base case 0.5% Pt	Test case 1% Pt	Test case 0.5% Pt	Test case 0.5% Pt
	-	-	12	3	6	21
Feed	CP/FR	CP	CP/FR	CP	CP/FR	CP/FR
# of runs	3	3	4	3	1	1
Organics in Oil	58.5±0.5	56.3±0.1	24.7±0.1	20.9±0.1	23	26.6
Organics in Aqueous Phase	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	3.8±0.3	2.3±0.0	3.5	4.0
Water	13.3±0.2	17.5±0.4	21.7±0.0	22.9±0.3	21.9	20.1
Light Condensables	2.3±0.1	0.5±0.2	10.0±0.2	8.0±0.1	8.6	9.9
Light gases	15.2±0.3	13.9±0.8	28.2±0.5	31.6±0.3	29.2	27.4
<i>CH₄</i>	1.3±0.0	0.5±0.1	3.2±0.1	3.2±0.0	3.2	3.0
<i>CO</i>	7.5±0.2	6.1±0.4	14.5±0.6	15.7±0.2	15.0	14.6
<i>CO₂</i>	5.6±0.1	6.0±0.3	7.6±0.1	8.1±0.1	8.0	7.3
<i>C₂-C₄</i>	0.9±0.0	0.7±0.0	2.8±0.1	4.0±0.0	3.0	2.5
Char	10.7±0.0	11.8±0.6	10.3±0.0	11.8±0.3	12.3	10.9
Coke	-	-	1.4±0.0	2.5±0.1	1.8	1.1

Vastly different operating conditions to match oil quality

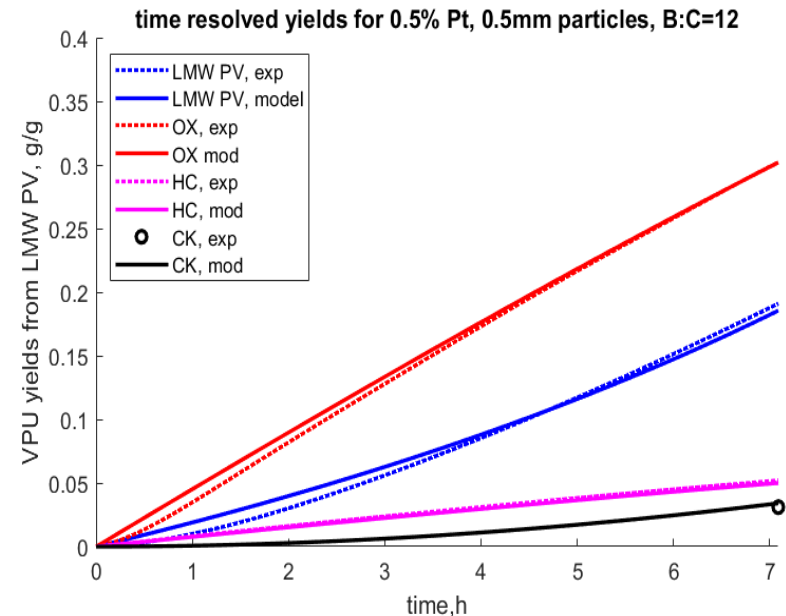
	Run B:C, kg/kg	Pyrolysis only	0.5% Pt	1% Pt	0.5% Pt	0.5% Pt
Description	Feed	CP	CP/FR	CP	CP/FR	CP/FR
HC	Aromatic hydrocarbons	0.02	1.3±0.2	2.8±0.8	1.6	0.8
HC	Alkanes+Alkenes	0.02	0.5±0.1	0.6±0.3	1.0	1.3
OX	Cyclopente/anones	0.99	8.0±0.2	9.2±0.5	7.8	8.3
PV	Other Ketones/aldehydes	4.15	5.4±0.1	4.2±0.1	6.6	3.4
OX	Phenol	0.19	4.6±0.2	7.0±0.7	5.2	4.6
OX	Methylphenols	0.18	1.7±0.1	2.9±0.2	2.0	1.6
OX	Other phenols	0.36	6.1±0.6	11.5±2.2	7.4	6.2
OX	Furanics	2.29	4.1±0.1	1.9±0.1	2.6	7.2
PV	Acids	1.42	0.9±0.1	1.3±0.3	1.3	2.6
PV	Methoxyphenols	0.92	0.6±0.1	1.2±0.4	0.4	1.7
PV	Sugars	0.57	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.0	0.2
PV	Other oxygenates	2.54	1.4±0.2	1.9±0.4	0.7	1.9
	Total, wt% in oil	13.66	34.7	44.4	36.5	39.8

Apparent rate constants fit to real data

Model initial values and boundary conditions

Parameter	Value	Description
L	0.14 m	length of reactor bed
P_{tot}	1E5 Pa	pressure in reactor, inlet
u_{inf}	0.947 m/s	nominal gas velocity
U	2.167 m/s	void fraction-corrected gas velocity
T_{in}	450 C	temperature reactor
ρ_g	0.2247 kg/m ³	density gas ([85% H ₂ + 15% N ₂] + PV + LG + H ₂ O), inlet
μ_{vap}	1.97E-5 kg/m.s	estimated viscosity of gas + PV
AFR	7.5E-4 m ³ /s	actual volumetric flowrate gas
mfPVin _{50/50 CP/FR}	0.458	mass fraction LMW PV in for 50/50 CP/FR
mfPVin _{CP}	0.417	mass fraction LMW PV in for CP
D_i	4E-5 m ² /s	bulk diffusion coefficient for all species
$D_{i,eff}$	$D_i \epsilon_{ps}$	effective bulk diffusion coefficient
ϵ_{ps}	0.437	void fraction reactor bed
ϵ_{pp}	0.592	void fraction catalyst particle
D_p	0.5E-3 m	diameter catalyst particle
D_{pore}	2.8E-8 m	pore diameter of catalyst particles
Re	12.4	Reynolds number with respect to particle
T	$7.48.5D_{pore}\sqrt{T/MW}$	tortuosity within catalyst particle
K_D		Knudsen diffusion coefficient calculation
Re	28	Reynolds number with respect to a single catalyst particle with inlet fluid properties
Sc	5	Schmidt number
Pe	141	Peclet number
Sh	152	Sherwood number for creeping flow around sphere ³⁶

Lumped rate constants fit with Matlab for base case



RATE CONSTANT	FITTED VALUE
k1 [s ⁻¹]	76
k1g [s ⁻¹]	50.5
k1w [s ⁻¹]	39
k2 [s ⁻¹]	5.4
k2g [s ⁻¹]	0.7
k2w [s ⁻¹]	7.9E-10
k3 [s ⁻¹]	7E-14
k4 [s ⁻¹]	3.7E-4
Θ_{S1}	1.2E-3
Θ_{S2}	15.2