1. Overview:

Mathematical modeling of diverse chemical processes running in various reactors can help to reduce experimental efforts during chemical process development. In heterogeneous catalytic reactors modeling of physico-chemical processes are represented as space-time hierarchical structures. The space scale ranges from $10^{-11}$ to $10^{-3}$ m, the associated time scale ranges from $10^{-15}$ to $10^{8}$ s. The hierarchical multiscale approach is a backbone of the mathematical modeling of heterogeneous catalytic reactors. This approach consists in decomposing a complex chemical-technological process into chemical and physical components, studying these components independently and subsequently carrying out the synthesis of a general mathematical model from the models of separate parts of a complex process. Atomic-molecular processes and heat- and mass transfer in porous catalyst pellets or in the catalytic layer represent the lower two scales of the mathematical models of heterogeneous catalytic reactors. The processes of heat- and mass-transfer in the reactor, i.e. in the catalyst bed or monolith channel, represent the third scale, and modeling of a switch device with regard to the processes of mixing, heat exchange, etc – the forth scale. A multiscale mathematical model can describe the preceding levels and given level simultaneously.

The present course is designed with the aim:

1. to consider a strategy for both one scale and multiscale EO-based modeling and simulation of heterogeneous catalytic reactors:
   - to use the models with the elements that are needed, but without extra embellishments. This condition for a large class of reactors permits the model to be presented on each of the scales under consideration as a system of differential equations of dimensionality $\leq 2D$ with the first-order derivative with respect to a coordinate;
   - to use an identical set of numerical tools such as integro-interpolation method, method of straight lines, a special case of a second-order Rosenbrock method, tridiagonal matrix algorithm or Thomas algorithm on each scale of a multiscale reactor model. Step size control is implemented with account for the rate of change of the variables on each scale. This efficient and robust algorithm significantly saves computation time and provides adequate accuracy and stability;
2. to demonstrate the EO-based modeling strategy at multiscale modeling of heterogeneous catalytic reactors such as tubular reactors, monolith catalytic reactor, and fluidized bed reactor.

2. Objectives

The primary objectives of the course are as follows:

i. Expose the participants to space-time hierarchical structure of the models of physico-chemical processes in heterogeneous catalytic reactors,

ii. Expose the participants to the theory of the development of the reactor models with the elements that are needed, but without extra embellishments,

iii. Provide the participants with the theory of the numerical methods used for solution of the model equations,

iv. Building in confidence and capability amongst the participants in the application of the numerical tools,

v. Exposing the participants to the examples of using the EO-based modeling strategy at both one scale and multi scale modeling of heterogeneous catalytic reactors such as tubular reactors, monolith catalytic reactor, and fluidized bed reactor,
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Modules
- Introduction to Modeling and Simulation of heterogeneous Reactors
- Heat and Mass transfer in the reactor
- Numerical methods
- EO-based modeling strategy at both one scale & multi scale

You Should Attend If...
- You are faculty member/research scientist / Industry professional working or interested in Modeling of heterogeneous reactors.
- You are technologist/engineer interested to learn numerical methods, EO-based multi scale modeling of heterogeneous catalytic reactors
- You are a UG/PG student or research scholar interested / working on heterogeneous reactors.

Fees
The participation fees for taking the course is as follows:
- Participants from abroad: USD 300
- Participation from Indian Industry/consultancy firm: Rs. 5000
- Faculty (Internal and external) and Scientist: Rs. 3000
- Students & Research Scholars (with award of grade) : Rs 1500
- Students (Without award of grade) : Rs 1000

The above fee includes all instructional material, computer use for tutorials and assignments, laboratory equipment usage, 24 h free internet facility. The participants will be provided accommodation on payment basis (subject to availability).

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