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Highlights

- Detailed description of a catalytic fixed-bed reactor system.
- Decomposition of ammonia over supported catalysts for chemical reactor design.
- Varying feed compositions to determine parameters for complete reaction rate law.
- Development of proposed reaction rate expressions.
- Comparison of calculated and experimental rates to select a reactor model.

Abstract

A laboratory module for senior-level reaction engineering/reactor design students is described. Students use low-conversion experimental data to explore and characterize the kinetics of ammonia decomposition over various supported catalysts at atmospheric pressure in a packed-bed reactor. Each student team is assigned one of four catalyst types, a reactor temperature, and a series of feed flow rates and compositions. Aggregate data from

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