Uncertainty Analysis for Process Design and Scheduling

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Research Overview of Process Systems

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Outline of the Seminar

- Decision-making Process
- Multi-objective Optimization
- Uncertainty Analysis: Measuring the Effects of Uncertainty
- Uncertainty Analysis: Flexibility and Robustness
- Process Synthesis and Design under Uncertainty: Incorporate Demand Description
- Scheduling under Uncertainty
 - Reactive Scheduling
 - > Robust Scheduling



Decision Making: Process Design



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Decision Making: Process Operation





Uncertainty in All Stages of Product Life Cycle

Challenge: Consider Uncertainty at the Early Decision Stage



1 Out of 5000 New
Components
to the MarketUndesirable
ProductionInfeasible
OperationFlexible ManufacturingFlexible-Cost
Effective DesignsRobust Scheduling
Reactive Scheduling

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Feasibility Quantification

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Given a design/plant or process



Determine the range operating conditions for safe and productive operations





Feasibility Quantification





Simplicial Approximation (Inner Hull)





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Simplicial Approximation (Inner Hull)



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Simplicial Approximation (Outer Hull)



Overall Feasibility Quantification Approach



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Illustrating Problem



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Illustrating Problem: Simplicial Iterations



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Illustrating Problem: Simplicial Convex Hull



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Illustrating Problem: Outer Convex Polytope



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Change of Nominal Point $(\theta_1, \theta_2)=(3, 30)$



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Noncovex Problems: Need for Alternative Methods





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Proposed Approach: Non-Convex Regions



Proposed Approach: Non-Convex Regions



SFI = $Volume of expanded convex hull - <math>\sum Volume of infeasible convex polytopes$ Volume of the expanded convex hull

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Approximation of Non-Convex Regions





Illustrating Example



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Illustrating Example: Relevance of SFI



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Multiple Non-Convex Constraints



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Multi-Parametric Case



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Computational Complexity

□ Simplicial Approximation Approach: k iterations: k line searches

Outer Polytope Generation:
O(n) process

QuickHull Algorithm: (Convex Hull) $O(n \log r) n \leq 3 \text{ and } O(nf_r/r) \text{ for } n \geq 4$

 $n = size of input with r processed points and f_r is the maximum number of facets for r vertices$

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Limitations

Feasible region of reduced methane mechanism



Feasible region can be highly nonconvex, sometimes disjoint

Conventional feasibility analysis techniques do not perform adequately

Convex hull analysis cannot capture the disjoint region Can over-predict the feasible region

New technique for accurate estimation of nonconvex and disjoint feasible regions

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Surface Reconstruction Ideas

Problem definition of surface reconstruction:

Given a set of sample points, determine the shape formed by these points



- Identify points constituting the boundary of the data set
- Join boundary points to reconstruct the surface

Analogous to problem of feasibility analysis

Determine mathematical representation of the boundary of the feasible region



Improved Feasibility Analysis by α – shapes

Given a set of points, determine the shape formed by these points

Eliminate maximum possible circles of radius α without eliminating any data point

H. Edelsbrunner, 1983

For $\alpha \to 0$ the α shape degenerates to the original point set

For $\alpha \to \infty \;$ the α shape is the convex hull of the original point set

(Ken Clarkson http://bell-labs.com/netlib/voronoi/hull.html)





Selection of α value for α -shapes



Value of α controls the level of details of the constructed surface.

 α is a function of sample size (n) α is a function of inter-point distance

Determination of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ value

Mandal& Murty, 1997 Construct minimum spanning tree (MST) of sampled data points Evaluate \mathcal{L}_n = sum of Euclidean distance between points of the MST

$$\alpha$$
 value = $\sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{L}_{1}}{n}}$



Algorithm for Feasibility Analysis



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Sampling Technique



Implementation of this idea requires sampling of the feasible region

Common sampling techniques sample the parameter space based on the distribution of the uncertain parameter

Typically, the feasible region constitutes a small fraction of the entire parameter space

Uniform sampling of entire parameter space can be expensive

Require new technique which samples the feasible region with minimum total function evaluations

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Reformulation of Sampling Problem

Obtain good sample of feasible region with less function evaluations

Sampling problem framed as an optimization problem

$$max_{\theta} \quad V_{feas}$$

$$subject \ to: \ (f_1)_{\theta} \le 0$$

$$(f_2)_{\theta} \le 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$(f_n)_{\theta} \le 0$$

Objective function V_{feas} (volume of the feasible region) evaluated by constructing the α -shape using the sample points

Improved only when the sampled point is feasible

 θ : sampled parameter value

Formulated optimization problem is solved using Genetic Algorithm

GA has the inherent property of concentrating around good solutions



Sampling Technique using GA





Performance of the Sampling Technique



Random Sampling : 950 feasible point generation required 10000 function evaluation


$\alpha-\text{shape}$ of the Sampled Data





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Estimation of Feasible Region: α -shape



Determination of Feasible Conditions

Determination of conditions inside the feasible surface

Point-in-polygon algorithm



Point outside surface → number of intersections even/0

Perform point-in-polygon test to check if particular parameter value lies inside feasible region

Performance of α - shape



 α – **shape** covers a larger region than convex hull

 α - shape accurately captures the nonconvex shape

The prediction of feasible region by α - shape can be improved by a better sampling technique

Point-in-polygon check ~ 0.3 ms

 α shape could capture ~ 80 % of the feasible region



Capturing Disjoint Feasible Region by α - shape





Characterizing the Effects of Uncertainty





Uncertainty Propagation





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Stochastic Response Surface Method

The outputs are represented as a polynomial chaos expansion (Ghanem and Spanos, 1991) in terms of Hermite polynomials :

$$\begin{split} U_{1} &= a_{0,1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i,1}\xi_{i} & 1^{st} \text{ order} \\ J_{2} &= a_{0,2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i,2}\xi_{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ii,2}(\xi_{i}^{2} - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j>i}^{n} a_{ij,2}\xi_{i}\xi_{j} & 2^{nd} \text{ order} \end{split}$$

- □ The coefficients of these polynomials are determined through application of an efficient collocation scheme and regression
- Direct evaluation of the output pdf's characteristics (for example, for a single variable second order SRSM approximation)

Mean =
$$a_{0,2}$$
 Variance = $a_{1,2}^2 + 2a_{11,2}^2$



Stochastic Surface Response Method



- Two orders reduction in model runs required compared to Monte Carlo
- Output uncertainty expressed as polynomial function of input uncertainty
- Direct evaluation of the output pdf's characteristics

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Case Study : Supercritical wet oxidation

- Constant temperature (823K) high pressure (246 Bar) oxidation of H₂ and O₂ consisting of 19 reactions and 10 species
- Pre-exponential factors (A_i's) taken to be log-normal random variables. Parameters obtained assuming:
 - Computed and literature values of the multiplicative uncertainty factors (UF) valid for the reaction temperature considered
 - 95% confidence limits provide upper and lower bounds.

Reaction	A _i nom	n	E _a /R	UF _i
OH+H↔H2O	1.620E+14	0.00	75	3.16
Н2+ОН↔Н2О+Н	1.023E+08	1.60	1660	1.26
H+O2↔HO2	1.481E+12	0.60	0	1.58
HO2+HO2↔H2O2+O2	1.866E+12	0.00	775	1.41
H2O2+OH↔H2O+HO2	7.826E+12	0.00	670	1.58
H2O2+H↔HO2+H2	1.686E+12	0.00	1890	2.00
Н2О2↔ОН+ОН	3.000E+14	0.00	24400	3.16
OH+HO2↔H2O+O2	2.890E+13	0.00	-250	3.16
H+O2↔OH+O	1.987E+14	0.00	8460	1.16
О+Н2↔ОН+Н	5.117E+04	2.67	3160	1.22
20H↔0+H2O	1.505E+09	1.14	50	1.22
Н2+М↔Н+Н+М	4.575E+19	-1.40	52530	3.0
Н+НО2↔ОН+ОН	1.686E+14	0.00	440	1.35
H+HO2↔H2+O2	4.274E+13	0.00	710	1.35
O+HO2↔OH+O2	3.191E+13	0.00	0	1.49
H2O2+H↔H2O+OH	1.023E+13	0.00	1800	1.35
О+Н+М↔ОН+М	4.711E+18	-1.00	0	10.0
O+O+M↔O2+M	1.885E+13	0.00	-900	1.3
H2O2+O↔OH+HO2	6 622F+11	0.00	2000	1 35

†Phenix et. al. 1998

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Uncertainty Propagation: Results

(Balakrishnan S., P. Georgopoulos, I. Banerjee and M.G. Ierapetritou. AIChE J, 48 2875, 2002)

- Concentration profiles display time varying distributions
- Number of model simulations required by SRSM is orders of magnitude less than Monte Carlo (723 vs. 15,000)



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Design Considering Uncertainty



Process Design Considering Market Demand





Background: Design Under Uncertainty

Existing approaches to model uncertainty in design/planning problem depends on nature of model equations *

Most models restricted by assumption of convexity *

Most models restricted to a rather small number of uncertain parameters

Require single model to describe uncertainty propagation irrespective of nature and complexity of the problem

*Gal,T.*Math.Prog.St.*(1984), Jongen,H.T.,Weber,G.W. *Ann. Op. Res.* (1990), Pistikopoulos and coworkers,

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Background : Design under Uncertainty

Deterministic Approach : description of uncertainty is provided by specific bounds, or finite number of fixed parameter values

Grossmann, Halemane, AIChE (1982); Grossmann, Sargent AIChE (1987)

Stochastic Approach : uncertainty described by probability distribution functions

Pistikopoulos, Mazzuchi, Comput. Chem. Engg.(1990)

Combined multiperiod/stochastic formulation : combines parametric and stochastic programming approaches to deal with synthesis/planning problems Ierapetritou et al, Comput. Chem. Engg (1996), Hene et al, I&ECR (2002)

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Proposed Technique

Tabulation technique to map input uncertainty to model output.



High Dimensional Model Representation (HDMR)* technique used to capture the variations of output with changes in the input

* Rabitz, H. Alis, O. J. Math. Chem. 25,195(1999)



Design with Parametric Uncertainty:Blackbox Models

(Banerjee, I., and M.G. Ierapetritou._Ind. & Eng. Chem. Res, 41, 6687, 2002)



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Feasibility Analysis







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High Dimensional Model Reduction

$$g(x_{1}, x_{2}, \dots, x_{n}) = f_{0} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} f_{i}(x_{i}) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n}^{n} f_{ij}(x_{i}, x_{j}) + \dots + f_{1,2,\dots,n}(x_{1}, x_{2}, \dots, x_{n})$$

$$f_{0} \text{ constant}$$

$$f_{i}(x_{i}) \text{ independent action of variable } x_{i} \text{ upon the output}$$

$$f_{ij}(x_{i}, x_{j}) \text{ correlated impact of } x_{i}, x_{j} \text{ upon the output}$$
....

Order of correlation of independent variables diminish rapidly
 2nd order approximation commonly suffices
 Application in complex kinetics modeling (i.e.,atmospheric chemistry, photochemical reaction modeling etc)

 $f_{1,2}$ $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ residual correlated impact

Evaluation of first order expansion function requires n(s-1) model runs Evaluation of second order expansion requires $n(s-1)^2(n-1)/2$ model runs



Nonlinear Multiparametric Problem

Optimization problem	Feasibility problem		
Min z	Min u		
Subject to :	Subject to :		
$-z - \theta_1 + \theta_2^2 / 2 + 2\theta_3^3 + d_1 - 3d_2 - 8 \le 0$	$-z - \theta_1 + \theta_2^2 / 2 + 2\theta_3^3 + d_1 - 3d_2 - 8 \le u$		
$-z-\theta_1/3-\theta_2-\theta_3/3+d_2+8/3 \le 0$	$-z - \theta_1/3 - \theta_2 - \theta_3/3 + d_2 + 8/3 \le u$		
$z + \theta_1^2 - \theta_2 - d_1 + \theta_3 - 4 \le 0$	$z + \theta_1^2 - \theta_2 - d_1 + \theta_3 - 4 \le u$		
Where: z is control variable.	$\theta_1 \in [0, 4]$, $\theta_2 \in [0, 4]$, $\theta_2 \in [0, 4]$		

 q_1 , q_2 , q_3 are uncertain parameters. d_1 , d_2 are design variables. $\begin{array}{ll} \theta_1 \in [0 \; 4]; & \theta_2 \in [0 \; 4]; & \theta_3 \in [0 \; 4] \\ d_1 \in [1 \; 5]; & d_2 \in [1 \; 5] \end{array}$



Steps of Proposed algorithm: Feasibility Analysis

Step 1: Fix the value of design variable. Determine the feasible region of operation.



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Steps of Proposed Algorithm: Optimization Problem





Estimation Error = 3.73 %



Steps of Proposed Algorithm: Design Problem





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Process Synthesis Problem





Branch and Bound Procedure



Compare solutions at all 6 values.

Fathom a node with respect to a particular θ value.



Branch and Bound Procedure (Example)

Branching Step :

Compare solutions of Node 1 and Node 2 $z_2^1 > z_1^1$; $z_2^2 > z_1^2$; $z_2^3 < z_1^3$ Selected node for branching: Node 2

Fathoming Step:

Compare Node 3 and Node 4 $z_{4}^{1} > z_{3}^{1}$; $z_{4}^{2} < z_{3}^{2}$; $z_{4}^{3} < z_{3}^{3}$ Compare Node 3 and Node 1 $z_{3}^{1} > z_{1}^{1}$; $z_{3}^{2} > z_{1}^{2}$; $z_{3}^{3} < z_{1}^{3}$

Optimal solution At θ_1 : z_4^1 [1,1] ; At θ_2 : z_3^2 [1,0]

Fathom Node 1 wrt θ_1, θ_2 Branch on Node 1 only for θ_3





Example Problem with Single Uncertain Parameter



* Acevedo and Pistikopoulos 1996

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Application of the Proposed Approach



Optimal binary solutions are noted [0,1,0,1,0,1,1,1] [0,1,0,1,1,1,1]

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Application of the Proposed Approach



Predict variation of optimal solution for each binary combination over entire range of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

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Application of the Proposed Approach

Analyze predicted variation of optimal solution to determine optimal binary configuration and optimal solution



Estimation Error = 1.7%



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Error Analysis of Process Synthesis Problem

Problem 1(linear): 3 Binary variables ; 1 uncertain parameter

Problem 2 (nonlinear): 8 Binary variables; 1 Uncertain parameters

Problem 3 (nonlinear): 8 Binary variables; 2 Uncertain parameters

Problem 4(linear):

2 Binary variables; 3 Uncertain parameters

Problem 5 (nonlinear):

6 Binary variables; 3 Uncertain parameters





Design Optimization Integrating Market Data

Integration of Data Analysis, and Feasibility Quantification at the Process Design



- Increased Plant Flexibility Product 1
- Better Performance Within the Whole Range of Interest
- Larger Profitability Due to the Economy of Scale

Motivation Example



Produce P₁ and P₂ from A,B,C
Given Demand Data for P₁ and P₂
MINLP Optimization



Flexibility Plot for Customized Design Development





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Limitations -1

Underestimation of the Feasible Region



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Limitations -2

Customized Design Development



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Moving the System Boundaries

Supply chain information





Required Tools

Accurate description of the feasible space of a process

- Data Clustering technique to cluster the demand data into closely packed groups
- Development of a <u>unified data analysisprocess</u> <u>optimization</u> framework

Data Analysis (Clustering)

- Partition a data set of multi-dimensional vectors into clusters such that patterns within each cluster are more "similar" to each other than to patterns in other clusters.
- Quality of Clustering depends on both the similarity measure used by the algorithm and its implementation.

K-Medoid Clustering: PAM

Find representative objects, called medoids, in clusters

PAM (Partitioning Around Medoids) starts from an initial set of medoids and iteratively replaces one of the medoids by one of the non-medoids if it improves the total distance of the resulting clustering.

Kaufman and Rousseeuw, Finding Groups In Data (1990)

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Design Optimization Integrating Market data

Air Separation Plant Superstructure

Air Separation Case Study: Sample Demand Source

Factors for Consumption of Oxygen (tons per ton of product)

Product	Consumption		
Ethylene Oxide	1.01		
Propylene Oxide	1.26		

Sample Plant Capacities (million lb/yr)

Ethylene Oxide	150	300	600
Propylene Oxide	200	400	800

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Demand Data

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Results - Iteration 1 (3 Clusters)

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Optimality Stage

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Final Design Portfolio

Multiple Clients

Accurate descriptio of the operability boundaries

Trade-offs betweer cost and flexibility

Sensitivity to differ units

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Sensitivity to Different Units

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Introduction of New Technology

Changing Compressor to Larger Capacity

DOES NOT

Increase Plant Flexibility

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Staging Design - Spare Units

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Manufacturer: Modular-based designs are substantially cheaper than customized designs and can satisfy larger range of demands

Customer: Greater flexibility in decision making at design stage as different design alternatives can be considered based on expected demand and economic feasibility

Multi-Period Robust Design Optimization

i = periods, λ , β = robustness parameters

*Mulvey et al., Robust Optimization of Large Scale Systems, Oper. Res., 1995

Flexible Module-Based Design Generation

Illustrating Case Study

Given rate-constants and demand

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Demand Data

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Results - Iteration 1 (2 Clusters)

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Iteration 4 (5 Clusters)

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Capital Cost vs Feasibility

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Capital Cost vs Robustness

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Optimization of Noisy Systems

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Optimization of Noisy Functions

•X is a vector of continuous variables, (P, T, Flowrates)

•Y is a vector of binary variables, (existence of a particular stream or unit)

+The uncertainty $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ can propagate or dampen as the process moves forward

•Optimality conditions cannot be defined at optima

•Conventional algorithms may become trapped in artificial local optima or even fail completely

*Biegler et. al., Systematic Methods of Chemical Process Design, (1997), 513

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•Splits feasible region into hyper-rectangles and samples at center points \rightarrow global search

•Scatter plot created to discover which sample points lie below a prescribed improvement in the objective \rightarrow local search

•If the best point is unsatisfactory, smaller hyperrectangles are inscribed inside region and sampling at the centers of these new regions continues

•Slow to converge, especially if the optimum is along a boundary

Multilevel Coordinate Search (Huyer & Neumaier, 1998)

•Avoids slow convergence of DIRECT by sampling at boundary points

•Newton-based methods/SQP minimize interpolating polynomials to obtain new regions for sample points

Implicit Filtering (Choi & Kelley, 1999, Gilmore & Kelley, 1994)

> •Applies Newton-based methods with step sizes proportional to high-frequency noise, "filtering", ² or "stepping over" low-frequency 1.5 noise

•Successively decreases the step size as optimum is approached

Irregularly split regions

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Differential Evolution (Storn & Price, 1995)

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Determination of Optimal Step Sizes for Finite Differences (Brekelmans et al., 2003)

- •F(x) is unknown \rightarrow How to obtain gradient information for optimization?
- •Assume E(ϵ) = 0, Var(ϵ) = σ^2 (ϵ independent of x) \rightarrow model F(x, ϵ) as g(x) = F(x) + ϵ

•Estimate of forward finite difference (example): $\beta^{FFD}(h) = \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h}$, h > 0

•Applies statistical arguments to Taylor series expansions of F(x) to determine:

•Provides bounds on convergence - upper limit on the stochastic error and the maximum variance of the difference in the estimated and true gradient

•Expressions obtained for forward/backward/centered finite differences, as well as for Plackett-Burman and Factorial Designs

•Requires estimate of the maximal (n+1)th order derivative (e.g. for FFD, need value for the second-order portion of the Taylor series)

Response Surface Methods (Myers/Montgomery, 2002, Jones, 2001, Jones et. al. 1998)

The Problem

•Given that systems exist where closed-form equation models are not available or inaccurately describe the physical and chemical behavior,

•Given that processes of interest are moving to a smaller and smaller scale, in which model equations may be unknown,

•Given that process noise is expected to be present regardless of the system scale (macro, micro, nano),

•Given that conventional optimization algorithms can fail for noisy systems due to becoming trapped in artificial local optima, thus terminating prematurely,

•How can we optimize stochastic systems where closedform equation models are inaccurate or nonexistent – i.e. optimize "black-box" models?

- Stochastic input-output data are the only reliable information available for optimization
- Model development is complicated since important variables are not known *a priori*

Microscopic Model Example

Adaptive Gradient-Based Method

Optimization Using Response Surfaces

SIMPLEX/STEEPEST DESCENT

Phase I: Move towards optimum using simplices until value in center becomes the winner.

Phase II: Accelerate convergence by optimizing response surfaces using steepest descent

HYBRID RSM / SQP

Create local response surface and formulate quadratic program Solve QP over entire region in order to find next iterate.

3rd It<u>eration: New</u> Iterates Solid Boxes \rightarrow Local Regions for the Simplex/ 2nd Iteration: Simplex Points X Steepest Descent Method X Dashed Boxes \rightarrow Local Regions for the Hybrid RSM/ × SQP Method 1st Iteration: Starting Point 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.95 4th Iteration: Final Optimum 0.6 0.95 0.91 0.5 .◀ 0.9 0.4 0.89 \times 0.85 0.3 0.87 0.2 \times 0.85 0.8 0.1 0.83 0.75 0 0.81 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 \times 0 0.7 X 0.79 0.65 0.77 0.75 0.6 0 15 02 0.35 0.05 0.25 0.3 0.35 0.25 0.3 0 0.1 0.15 0.2

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0.9

0.8

0.7

0.6

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Process Operations under Uncertainty

Challenges

Short-term scheduling

- Uncertainty (product prices, demands, etc...)
- Large-scale (large number of units and material flows)

Production Planning

- Longer time horizon under consideration (several months)
- Larger number of materials and products
- Uncertainty in facility availability, product in demand, etc...

Supply chain management

Multiple sites

(Involving production, inventory management, transportation etc...)

Longer planning time horizon (couple of years)

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Short-term Scheduling



Given:

Raw Materials, Required Products, Production Recipe, Unit Capacity

Scheduling objectives :

Economic Maximize Profit, Minimize Operating Costs, Minimize Inventory Costs

Time Based Minimize Makespan, Minimize Tardiness

Optimal Schedule



Determine: Task Sequence, Exact Amounts of material Processed

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Continuous Time Formulation





Deterministic Scheduling Formulation



M.G.Ierapetritou and C.A.Floudas. *Effective continuous-time formulation for short-term scheduling*. 1. Multipurpose batch processes. 1998



Increased Complexity: Parameter Fluctuations





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Two-stage Stochastic Approach





Industrial Problem

□ Industry

- An air separation company producing large quantities of oxygen, nitrogen and argon
- Intensive energy consuming process subject to high electricity cost
- Three operation modes corresponding to different energy consumption levels: regular mode, assisted mode and shutdown mode

Objective

Determine the production schedule that minimizes the energy cost while satisfying the demands and other operation consideration

Uncertain parameters

Future energy price



- In the first stage, 3-day energy price is assumed deterministic
- Forecasting techniques are utilized to generate scenarios of energy price for the next 5 days
- In the second stage, 5-day stochastic model is considered involving all the scenarios
- Energy cost in both stages are combined in the objective function. The solution provides the schedule of the first 3 days



Forecasting Techniques

Energy price series--- no obvious seasonal pattern, unable to be approximated by linear and quadratic terms Daily value prediction ----- ARIMA model Hourly value prediction ----- Hourly Pattern

Two-day price predicted with 95% confidence interval by ARIMA(2,1,1) model





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Case Study: Energy Intensive Industrial Plant



Minimize power cost by switching between different operation modes while satisfying customer requirements

Two-stage Approach considering forecasting prices



Results Comparison



With limited ability to reduce forecasting error, how effective is the proposed two-stage stochastic approach?

The first 3 days schedule determined using the proposed approach is the same as the optimal schedule using the actual energy prices

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Results: Comparison

How is the result compared to the schedule determined without considering future price variation?

The schedule achieved without considering the second stage is more sensitive to the variation of the price

More conservative schedule is determined with the two-stage approach







Planning Level

Objective: Determine the aggregated demands for each period

- considering increasing uncertainties along future time periods
- based on material balance

Multi-stage Programming

- Scenarios representing possible values
- One schedule corresponding to each scenario

Rolling Horizon

The schedule of current period is determined. The planning model is moving to the next time point with new data and production results from the scheduling problem.

Sequence Factor

- Account for the impact of recipe complexity
- Simplify the model and reduce the size of the problem





Scheduling Level

Objective: Determine the production schedule that

- satisfies the orders for the current period
- produces the internal demands for the future time

Continuous-time Formulation

Constraints: Production > order in current period Production > demand from planning results - Slack

Objective function: *Min priority× Slack*

Infeasibility

- Allow backorders
- Resolve the planning model and produce the backorder in the nearest period
- Adjust the sequence factor and forecasting scenarios such that they represent better the actual situation



Rolling Horizon Strategy

Planning Time Horizon



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Case Study

10 days planning period: 8 hours schedule



Market Orders (at the end of each period)

Aggregated market orders for the first planning problem





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Results



The Gantt-chart for the first sixteen hours



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Results

The following three approaches are implemented based on the rolling horizon strategy

- Solve the scheduling problem for each period directly
- Solve the scheduling problem for each two periods directly
- Use proposed hierarchical approach and consider current stage, near stage, future stage with 1, 2 and 6 time periods respectively

	Oneperiod Scheduling Approach	Two-period Scheduling Approach	Proposed Approach
Time periods with backorders	12	9	5
CPU (sec.)	837	111,104*	1,017
Objective value	112,011.9	46,002.8	28,804.1

Uncertainty in Short-Term Scheduling

Price of P1 is an uncertain parameter. Considering time horizon of 16 hours, \$1 increase results in the following different production schedules.



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Uncertainty in Short-Term Scheduling





Uncertainty in Scheduling







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Literature Review: Representative Publications

> Reactive Scheduling

Handles uncertainty by adjusting a schedule upon realization of the uncertain parameters or occurrence of unexpected events

S.J.Honkomp, L.Mockus, and G.V.Reklaitis. A framework for schedule evaluation with processing uncertainty. Comput. Chem. Eng. 1999, 23, 595
J.P.Vin and M.G.Ierapetritou. A new approach for efficient rescheduling of multiproduct batch plants. Ind. Eng. Chem. Res., 2000, 39, 4228

> Stochastic Programming

Uncertainty is modeled through discrete or continuous probability functions

* J.R.Birge and M.A.H.Dempster. Stochastic programming approaches to stochastic scheduling. J. Global. Optim. 1996, 9, 417

 J.Balasubramanian and I.E.Grossmann. A novel branch and bound algorithm for scheduling flowshop plants with uncertain processing times. Comput. Chem. Eng. 2002, 26, 41



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Fuzzy Programming

Considers' random parameters as fuzzy numbers and the constraints are

treated as fuzzy sets

* H.Ishibuchi, N.Yamamoto, T.Murata and Tanaka H. *Genetic algorithms and neighborhood search algorithms for fuzzy flowshop scheduling problems*. Fuzzy Sets Syst. 1994, 67, 81

* J.Balasubramanian and I.E.Grossmann. *Scheduling optimization under uncertaintyan alternative approach*. Comput. Chem. Eng. 2003, 27, 469

> Robust Optimization

Produces "robust" solutions that are immune against uncertainties

* X.Lin, S.L.Janak, and C.A.Floudas. *A new robust optimization approach for scheduling under uncertainty – I. bounded uncertainty*. Comput. Chem. Eng. 2004, 28, 2109

> MILP Sensitivity Analysis

Utilizes MILP sensitivity analysis methods to investigate the effects of uncertain parameters and provide a set of alternative schedules

* Z.Jia and M.G.Ierapetritou. *Short-term Scheduling under Uncertainty Using MILP Sensitivity Analysis.* Ind. Eng. Chem. Res. 2004, 43, 3782



Reactive Scheduling

Common Disruptions

- **Rush** Order arrivals
- Order Cancellations
- Machine Breakdowns

Key Features

- Handles the disturbance at the time it occurs
- Meet new and existing requirements
- Maintain smooth plant operation



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Reactive Scheduling Approach



Take care of any infeasibilities: change the objective function Maintain smooth plant operation

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Machine Breakdown

Fix binary variables to comply with original schedule:
 for unit that breaks : fix all tasks that have finished before T_{break}
 for other units: fix all tasks that have started before T_{break}



Rush Order Arrival

Fix binary variables to comply with original schedule for all those tasks whose starting times is less than T_{rush}

Alter the demand constraint to account for additional order $\sum d(s,n) \ge r^{rush}(s)$

Modify the objective function to : **maximize** Σ price(s)*priority(s)*d^{r1}(s,n) - penalty* Σ priority'(s)*slack(s) OR minimize H





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Motivation Example: Machine Breakdown

Reactor 2 breaks down at T_{break} = 3 hrs and requires 1 hr maintenance



The profit goes down from 1498 units to 896 units (40%) due to machine breakdown





Smooth Plant Operation

Forced using high penalty in the objective function



Trade-off between profit and smooth plant operation

	Penalty	Profit for Reschedule	Differences in assignments	
	0	896.23	7	
	50	896.23	2	
	100	826.68	1	
	500	708.29	0	
	100,000	708.29	0	
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Key Features of the Approach

- Utilizes all possible information from the deterministic schedule ensuring minimal disruption in plant operation at the time of disturbance
- Although the entire time horizon is considered, fixing the binary variables reduces the size of the problem improving the computational efficiency
- No heuristics are used in rescheduling; all possible rescheduling alternatives are considered to obtain an optimal solution
- Models the tradeoff between objectives and maintain smooth plant operation - thus allowing the flexibility to balance the two objectives.
- Ability to handle more than one disturbances



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Questions to Address





Parametric Programming



parametric optimization of MINLPs. 1998



Inference-based MILP Sensitivity Analysis

minimize z = cxminimize $z = (c + \Delta c)x$ subject to $Ax \ge a$ subject to $(A + \Delta A) \times \geq a + \Delta a$ $0 \le x \le h$, x_i integer, j=1,...k $0 \le x \le h$, x_i integer, j=1,...k Aim: Determine under what condition $z \ge z^* - \Delta z$ remains valid <u>Partial assignment at node p</u> $x_j \in \{\underline{u}_j^P, ..., \overline{u}_j^P\}$ j = 1, ..., nBound $z \ge z^* - \Delta z$ holds if there are $s_1^P, ..., s_n^P$ that satisfy: - for the perturbations ΔA and Δa - for the perturbations Δc $\lambda_i^P \sum A_{ii} \underline{u}_i^P + \sum (\underline{u}_i - \underline{u}_i) - \lambda_i \Delta a_i \leq r^P$ $\sum \Delta c_{i} \underline{u}_{i}^{\mathsf{P}} - s_{i}^{\mathsf{P}} (\overline{u}_{i}^{\mathsf{P}} - \underline{u}_{i}^{\mathsf{P}}) \geq -r^{\mathsf{P}}$ $s_j^P \ge -\Delta c_j, s_j^P \ge -q_j^P, j = 1,...,n$ $s_i^P \ge \lambda_i^P \Delta A_{ij}, s_i^P \ge -q_i^P, j = 1,...,n$ $q_i^{P} = \lambda_i^{P} A_{ii} - \lambda_i^{P} c_i$ $\mathbf{r}^{\mathsf{P}} = -\sum q_{i}^{\mathsf{P}} \mathbf{u}_{i}^{\mathsf{P}} + \lambda^{\mathsf{P}} \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{P}} + \Delta \mathbf{z}^{\mathsf{P}}$

*M.W.Dawande and J.N.Hooker, 2000

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Proposed Uncertainty Analysis Approach


Robustness Estimation

Makespan minimization is considered as the objective



Obtain sequence of tasks from original schedule

Generate random demands in expected range

Makespan to meet a particular demand is found using the sequence of tasks derived from original schedule Binary variables corresponding to allocation of tasks are fixed Batch sizes and Starting and Finishing times of tasks are allowed to vary



Robustness under Infeasibility



Corrected Standard Deviation:

$$SD_{corr} = \sqrt{\sum_{p=1}^{p_{tot}} \frac{(H_{act} - H_{det})^2}{(p_{tot} - 1)}} \qquad \begin{array}{c} H_{act} = H_p \\ = H_{corr} \end{array} \quad \text{if scenario is feasible} \\ \text{if the scenario is infeasible} \end{array}$$

J.P.Vin and M.G.Ierapetritou. Robust short-term scheduling of multiproduct batch plants under demand uncertainty. 2001







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Robust Optimization



* S.Ahmed and N. Sahinidis. Robust process planning under uncertainty, 1998



Multiobjective Optimization



Pareto Optimal Solution:

A point $x^* \in C$ is said to be Pareto optimal if and only if there is no such $x \in C$ that $f_i(x) \leq f_i(x^*)$ for all $i=\{1,2,...,n\}$, with at least one strict inequality.



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Normal Boundary Intersection (NBI)



* I. Das and J. Dennis. *NBI: A new method for generating the Pareto surface in nonlinear* multicriteria optimization problems, 1996











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