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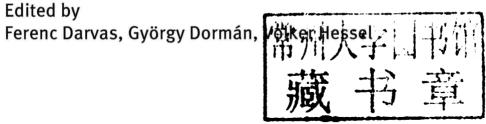
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## Preface

Flow chemistry – the use of small flow reactors to perform chemical synthesis – has matured over the past two decades from early demonstrations of simple chemical transformations in microstructured reactors (microreactors) to complex, multistep synthesis relevant to fine chemistry and pharmaceuticals in commercial systems. This evolution in synthetic methods and equipment has been motivated by advantages inherent to continuous synthesis in small scale, specifically enhanced rates from improved heat and mass transfer along with an expanded space of reactions and process conditions. Continuous operation also eliminates headspace issues and avoids accumulation of reactive or toxic intermediates offering opportunities for telescoping of reactions. Synthesis applications are further enhanced by automated optimization as well as mechanistic and kinetic information gained from integrating reaction components with sensors, actuators, and automated fluid handling. Moreover, the steady state operation inherent in continuous operation provides robustness, stability, and scalability.

The expansion in flow chemistry applications and equipment has been detailed in numerous review papers and monographs, but there has been a longstanding need for a comprehensive coverage of the many concepts underlying flow chemistry for graduate students in chemistry and chemical engineering. The present *Graduate Textbook on Flow Chemistry* fills the gap in graduate education by covering chemistry and reaction principles along with current practice, including examples of relevant commercial reaction, separation, automation, and analytical equipment. It motivates the reasons for flow chemistry and importantly when flow chemistry will and will *not* be advantageous compared to batch processing. Basic theory and practical considerations are summarized to enable the reader to appreciate the difference between conventional batch chemistry and flow chemistry as well as to implement flow chemistry in the laboratory. A very useful feature is the inclusion of validate reactions that can serve as laboratory test experiments. The subsequent treatment of theoretical foundations for flow chemistry, also know as reaction engineering, provides useful in depth understanding of continuous reactions.

The second portion of the *Graduate Textbook on Flow Chemistry* covers specific reaction classes, concepts, and experimental methods. Homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis, supercritical processes, photochemistry, green chemistry, and radiolabelled chemistry applications are described in individual chapters along with examples of flow chemistry for nanotechnology and materials science. Practical oriented chapters address (i) analytical techniques, specifically in-line monitoring methods, (ii) examples of automation, (iii) how to build your own flow chemistry set-up as well an overview of commercially available units, and (iv) importantly, safety aspects of flow chemistry systems and processes.

The Editors of this *Graduate Textbook on Flow Chemistry*, Drs. Ferenc Darvas, Volker Hessel and György Dormán are commended for having taken the initiative to bring together experts from the field to provide a comprehensive treatment of fundamental and practical considerations underlying flow chemistry. It promises to become a useful study text and as well as reference for the graduate students and practitioners of flow chemistry.

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### **Abbreviations**

Ad adamantyl ADA adipic acid

ADP abiotic resource depletion

AE atom economy

AO anthraguinone oxidation

AP acidification

API active pharmaceutical ingredient
ATR attenuated total reflectance

BEMP 2-tert-2-diethylamino-1,3-dimethyl-perhydro-1,2,3-

diazophosphorine

C-11 carbon-11

Ca capillary number

CEENE extraction from the natural environment

CFD computational fluid dynamics

cGMP current good manufacturing practice

CQD colloidal quantum dots

CRTR continuous recycled tube reactor

CSB chemical safety and hazard investigation board

CSTR continuous stirred-tank reactor

CV coefficients of variation

DBU 1,8-diazabicyclo-[5.4.0]undec-7-ene

DEDAM diethyl(diallyl)malonate
DFT density functional theory

DHA dihydroacetone

DIBAL-H diisobutyl-aluminum hydrid DIPEA N, N-diisopropylethylamine DLS dynamic light scattering

DLVO theory Deryaguin and Landau and Verwey and Overbeek

DMF N, N-dimethyl formamide

DMIT dimethyl itaconate
DMR desmethyl raclopride
DMSO dimethyl sulfoxide
ee enantiomeric excess

EGDMA ethyleneglycol dimethacrylate ELMI electrochemical microreactor

EMIM [CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>] 1-ethyl-3-methilimidazolium

trifluoromethanesulfonate

EP eutrophication

ESI electrospray ionisation

#### xviii - Abbreviations

ETP eco-toxicity

FDG fluorodeoxyglucose

FEP fluorinated ethylenepropylene

FT-IR Fourier transform-infrared spectroscopy

GC gas chromatography
GNRs gold nanorods
GWP global warming

HOMO highest occupied molecular orbital
HPLC high performance liquid chromatography

HSV hourly space velocity
HTP human toxicity
ILs ionic liquids
IR infrared

IS internal standard

ISO the International Standard Organisation

KFT Karl–Fischer titration LC liquid chromatography

LC/MS liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry

LCA life cycle assessment
LCC life cycle costing
LED light emitting diode
LH Langmuir Hinshelwood
LHSV liquid hourly space velocity
LIGA lithography galvanic molding

LOC lab-on-a-chip LU land use

LUMO lowest unoccupied molecular orbital

MCT mercury cadmium telluride
MD molecular dynamics

MEMS microelectromechanical system module

MI mass intensity

MMA alpha-acetamidoacrylic acid methyl ester

MRT micro reaction technology

NCA lysine, alanine, leucine, or glutamic acid

NMO N-methylmorpholine-N-oxide NMR nuclear magnetic resonance

NPV net present value

NSAIDs non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

NTU number of transfer units

ODP ozone depletion

OLEDs organic light emitting diodes
OSN organic solvent nanofiltration

PBRs packed-bed reactors
PDI polydispersity index
PDMS poly(dimethylsiloxane)

Pe peclet number

PEEK polvether ether ketone

PET positron emission tomography

PF plug flow

PFA perfluoroalkoxy PFR plug-flow reactor

PLGA poly(d,l-lactic acid-co-glycolic acid)

PMI process mass intensity

POCP photochemical ozone creation

PPi pyrophosphate

PS-TBD polystyrene-supported 1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4,4.0]dec-5-ene

PTFE polytetrafluoroethylene
PVA poly(vinylalcohol)
PVC polyvinyl chloride
PVP poly(vinyl)pyridine
RAD radioactivity detector

RAFT reversible addition-fragmentation chain transfer

RCM ring closing metathesis
RCY radiochemical yield
Re Reynolds Number

REL reaction engineering laboratory module

REO robust, efficient and orthogonal

Rf radiofrequency

RME reaction mass efficiency
ROMP ring-opening polymerization
RTD resistive thermal device

RTILs room temperature ionic liquids

RU repeating units
S/C ratio substrate/catalyst
SCFs supercritical fluids
SET single electron transfer
SFT staggered fed tube

SILP supported ionic-liquid phase

SLCA simplified LCA
SM Suzuki-Miyaura
SMB simulated moving-bed
SNR signal-to-noise ratio

SSRE solid-state-reference electrodes

STBE solketal t-butyl ether

#### xx — Abbreviations

TEM transmission electron microscopy
TFSI trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide
TMAOH tetramethylammonium hydroxide

TOF turnover frequency
TON turnover number

TPGDA tripropyleneglycol diacrylate

UV ultraviolet We Weber number

WHSV weight hourly space velocity

μSSRE miniaturized solid-state-reference electrodes

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