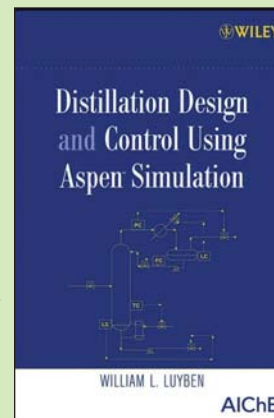


Distillation Design and Control Using Aspen Simulation

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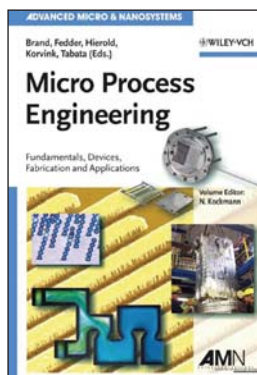
As the world continues to seek new sources of energy, the distillation process remains one of the most important separation methods in the chemical and petroleum industries. And as new renewable sources of energy and chemical feedstocks become more universally utilized, the issues of distillation design and control will remain vital to a future sustainable lifestyle. This book introduces the current status and future implications of this critical technology from the dual perspectives of steady-state design and dynamics. Where traditional design texts have focused mainly on steady-state economic aspects of distillation design, the author also addresses such issues as dynamic performance in the face of disturbances. Using the commercial simulators AspenPlus and AspenDynamics, the text guides future and practicing chemical engineers first in the development of optimal steady-state designs of distillation systems, and then in the development of effective control structures. The text features in depth coverage of the dynamics of column design to help develop effective control structures for distillation columns; development of rigorous simulations of single distillation columns and sequences of columns; and coverage of design and control of petroleum fractionators. Encompassing nearly four decades of research and practical developments in this dynamic field, the text represents an important reference for both students and experienced engineers faced with distillation problems.



Advanced Micro & Nanosystems, Vol. 5, Micro Process Engineering

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This book provides cutting-edge reviews and detailed case studies by top authors from science and industry, covering technologies, devices and advanced systems from the micro and nano worlds, which together have an immense innovative application potential that opens up with control of shape and function from the atomic level right up to the visible world without any technological gaps.



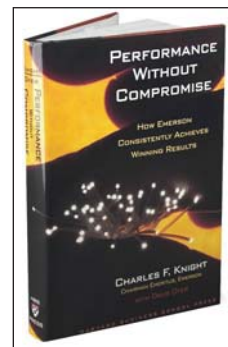
In this topical volume, authors from leading industrial players and research institutions present a concise and didactical introduction to micro process engineering, the combination of microtechnology and process engineering into a most promising and powerful tool for revolutionizing chemical processes and industrial mass production of bulk materials, fine chemicals, pharmaceuticals and many other products.

The book takes the readers from the fundamentals of engineering methods, transport processes, and fluid dynamics to device conception, simulation and modeling, control interfaces and issues of modularity and compatibility. Fabrication strategies and techniques are examined next, focused on the fabrication of suitable microcomponents from various materials such as metals, polymers, silicon, ceramics and glass. The book concludes with actual applications and operational aspects of micro process systems, giving broad coverage to industrial efforts in America, Europe and Asia as well as laboratory equipment and education.

Performance Without Compromise

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