

Dynamic System Identification of Industrial Coffee Roasters: A Case Study

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Introduction

- Coffee roasters exhibit complex dynamic behavior due to actuator interactions.
- Accurate modeling is key for process optimization and energy efficiency.
- Grey-Box modeling approach used to predict flow rates and pressures.
- Goal: Improve control strategies for industrial roasting processes.

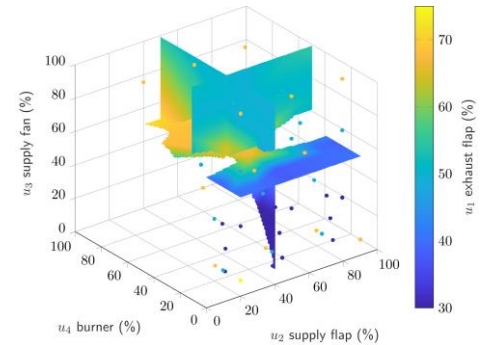


Figure 1: Identified Design Space of a PROBAT RT3 SY



Figure 2: Communication between roaster and MATLAB

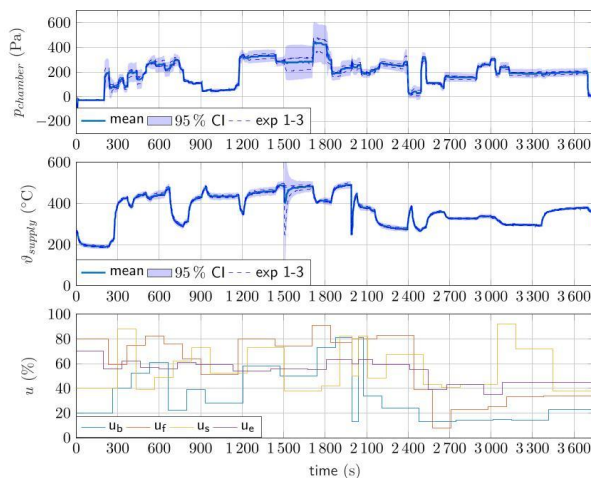


Figure 3: APRBS sequence with measurement results

Materials/Methods

- Identified machine design space via OPC UA and actuator variation.
- Applied Amplitude Modulated Pseudo-Random Binary Sequence (APRBS).
- Recorded pressures and temperatures online during excitation.
- Measured flow rates offline using log-linear method.
- Built Grey-Box model in MATLAB/Simulink with Simscape.
- Estimated parameters using Trust-Region Algorithm.
- Validated model with experimental data subsets.

Results/Discussion

- Flow rate prediction error: 7.2% (within measurement error).
- Roasting chamber pressure modeled with 0.67% mean error.
- Supply gas temperature showed larger deviations.
- Model validated for both online and offline datasets.

Conclusion/Perspectives

- Grey-Box model effectively captures roaster dynamics.
- Enables accurate prediction of flow rates and pressures.
- Useful for process optimization and control improvements.
- Future work: refine design space identification and heat transfer modeling.
- Explore model applicability to other roaster types.

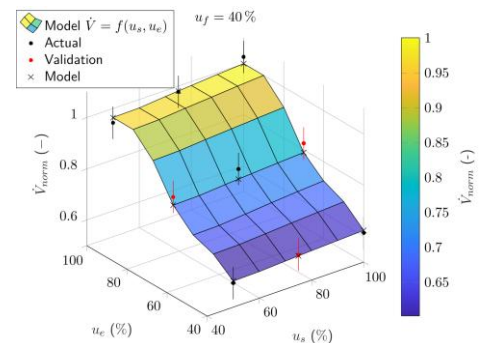


Figure 4: Model result of a PROBAT RT3 SY

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