

Experimental Validation of Amigo Based PID for a Binary Distillation Column

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Abstract: Distillation is highly energy consuming process in industrial application concern. This paper focuses on energy consumption of an actuator through appropriate control design for a binary distillation column. Temperature control of binary distillation column is challenging because of existence of interaction between the variables. Independent variables of the process are fast acting (Reflux flow) and slow acting (Reboiler) with respect to process variables (Tray temperatures). Energy consumption of manipulated variable depends on efficient tuning of controller. AMIGO based PID controller design is implemented in this paper to show the optimal energy utilization of actuator. Performance analysis has been carried out to validate the control structure. It is been analyzed that based on the speed and quality requirement of the process, set of controller values can be obtained and best set of PID can be selected for real time implementation. Results depicts the efficiency of control scheme with performance index.

Keywords: Binary distillation column, AMIGO, PID, Decoupler, Interaction, FOPDT.

I. INTRODUCTION

Systems are composed with set of different components. Single input and single output (SISO) or single variable systems are compact and simple to design. But in most of the practical cases there exist multivariable controls, where there exist more than one input and output. In general change in any input will influences the dynamic change in all outputs of multivariable system. Approximate M constrained Integral Gain Optimization (AMIGO) has a set of equation to calculate the parameters of PID which are the function of a_i . Different studies have been made to address the problem of adjusting PID controllers in order to increase the efficiency and minimize the effect of disturbances. Although simulation results run effectively with conventional PID, while implementing in real time, they may fail to control effectively. Since there exist different constraints while executing in real time, optimized control strategy is required to overcome those constraints. Actuator saturation is one of the main constraint to overcome in real time process. The control input to the

process should be within the region of operation. This paper deals how to select M_{sd} values to the controller to make it work within the region of actuator saturation.



Fig.1 Real time binary distillation column

Astrom and Haggglund studied conventional controllers and it's important in the area of process control and applications, but due to the complications still emerging research carrying out in PID design [1] [2]. Several approaches are existing in the previous works about tuning PID controller for nonlinear process. PID controllers are considered by several researchers like Rivera et. al., [3], Chen and Seborg [4], Skogestad [5]. Shamsuzzoha and Lee [6] considered PID controller as broad area of research. Astrom and Haggglund suggested the methodology based on AMIGO method for tuning PID controllers [7]. There were few articles where the advanced control aspects like model predictive control is used to extract the PI/PID controller parameters [8] [9].

This paper comprises of methodology in section.II, where control design of AMIGO PID and decoupling effect has been address. Section. III shows the result analysis to validate the control design through real time binary distillation column depicted in the Fig.1, followed by conclusion in Section. IV

II. METHODOLOGY

A. Controller Design

Consider the TITO system with decentralized controllers $C_1(s)$ and $C_2(s)$ as shown in the fig. 2 the transfer function of the PID controllers is represented by equation (1)

$$C_n(s) = K_{pn} \left(1 + \frac{T_{dn}s}{1 + T_{dn}s} + \frac{1}{T_{in}s} \right) \quad (1)$$

Where 'n' represents number of loops

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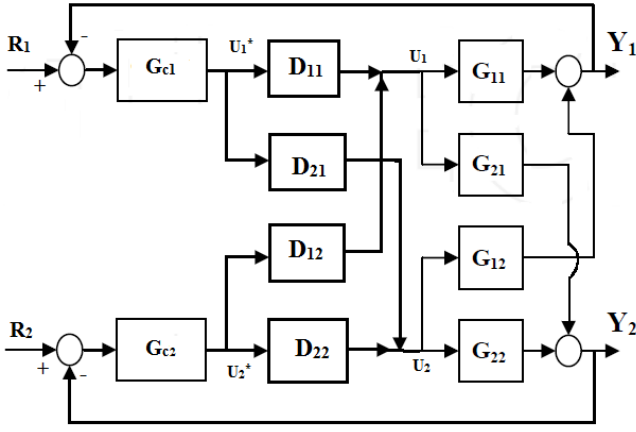


Fig.2 Decentralized control structure with de-coupler

In AMIGO methodology the controller parameter for two controllers $C_1(s)$ and $C_2(s)$ is calculated by utilizing the equation similar to that of a Ziegler- Nichols method. The sensitivity function M_{sd} indicates the robustness of the controller design, whose range is between 1.1 and 2. This methodology is utilized in the systems whose performance is estimated by FOPTD model. The AMIGO tuning rules for PID controllers are obtained from equation (2) (3) (4). The value of a_i used for design depends on M_{sd} value, where $i=1, 2...7$ as tabulated in Table I.

$$K_p = \frac{a_1 t_d + a_2 \tau}{k t_d} \quad (2)$$

$$T_i = \frac{a_3 t_d + a_4 \tau}{t_d + a_5 \tau} \quad (3)$$

$$T_d = \frac{a_6 t_d \tau}{t_d + a_7 t_d} \quad (4)$$

The parameter a_i is determined by computing the control parameter for the process which corresponds to delay dominated, balance and lag dominated dynamics as shown in equation (5) (11) (16) respectively.

In delay dominated system the integral and derivative time is normalized by dividing them by t_d and τ as in equation (6). The control parameters for delay dominated system is computed with $k=1, \tau=0, t_d=1$ and is represented by equation (7) (8) (9). The controller for delay dominated system is obtained by substituting the controller parameters in equation (10).

$$\tau = \frac{t_d}{t_d + \tau} \quad (5)$$

$$K^d = \frac{1.35}{k} \left(\frac{\tau}{t_d} + 0.185 \right) \quad (6)$$

$$T_i^d = 2.5 t_d \left(\frac{\tau + 0.185 t_d}{\tau + 0.611 t_d} \right) \quad (7)$$

$$T_d^d = 0.37 t_d \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau + 0.185 t_d} \right) \quad (8)$$

$$C^d(s) = K^d \left(1 + \frac{1}{s T_i^d} + s T_d^d \right) \quad (9)$$

The control parameters for balance dominated system is computed with $k=1, \tau=1, t_d=1$ and is represented by equation (12) (13) (14). The controller for balance dominated system is obtained by substituting the controller parameters in equation (15).

$$P^b(s) = \frac{1}{s+1} e^{-s} \quad (10)$$

$$K^b = \frac{1}{k} \left(0.2 + 0.45 \frac{\tau}{t_d} \right) \quad (11)$$

$$T_i^b = \frac{0.8 \tau + 0.4 t_d}{0.1 \tau + t_d} \quad (12)$$

$$T_d^b = \left(\frac{0.5 t_d \tau}{\tau + 0.3 t_d} \right) \quad (13)$$

$$C^b(s) = K^b \left(1 + \frac{1}{s T_i^b} + s T_d^b \right) \quad (14)$$

The control parameters for lag dominated system is computed with $\frac{k}{\tau} = 1, \tau > t_d, t_d=1$ and is represented by equation (17) (18) (19). The controller for lag dominated system is obtained by substituting the controller parameters in equation (20).

$$P^l(s) = \frac{1}{s} e^{-s} \quad (15)$$

$$K^l = \frac{0.45}{k} \quad (16)$$

$$T_i^l = 8 t_d \quad (17)$$

$$T_d^l = 0.5 t_d \quad (18)$$

$$C^l(s) = K^l \left(1 + \frac{1}{s T_i^l} + s T_d^l \right) \quad (19)$$

Table.I shows different set of a_i which can be calculated by using equations (20-26).

$$a_1 = K^b \quad (20)$$

$$a_2 = K^l \quad (21)$$

$$a_3 = T_i^d \quad (22)$$

$$a_4 = \frac{T_i^l (T_i^b - T_i^d)}{T_i^l - T_i^b} \quad (23)$$

$$a_5 = \frac{(T_i^b - T_i^d)}{T_i^l - T_i^b} \quad (24)$$

$$a_6 = T_d^d \quad (25)$$

$$a_7 = \frac{T_d^d}{T_d^l} \quad (26)$$

Table 1: Parameter α_i for various values of M_{sd}



M_{sd}	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5	a_6	a_7
1.1	0.05	0.13	0.40	0.92	0.01	1.59	4.59
1.2	0.10	0.26	0.38	0.93	0.04	1.62	4.44
1.3	0.13	0.36	0.37	0.90	0.07	1.66	4.39
1.4	0.16	0.46	0.36	0.87	0.11	1.70	4.37
1.5	0.19	0.54	0.35	0.84	0.14	1.74	4.35
1.6	0.21	0.61	0.34	0.82	0.17	1.78	4.34
1.7	0.22	0.68	0.33	0.79	0.20	1.81	4.33
1.8	0.24	0.74	0.32	0.78	0.23	1.84	4.32
1.9	0.25	0.79	0.32	0.76	0.26	1.87	4.31
2.0	0.26	0.84	0.31	0.75	0.28	1.89	4.30

B. Decoupler design

A Dynamic decoupling can be easily illustrated by using TITO system. Let us consider step change in U_1 , which influence Y_1 and Y_2 (because of interacting term G_{21}). The influence of U_1 on Y_2 can should be reduced by manipulating U_2 . But manipulation in U_2 influence Y_1 and this continues. Therefore this interaction effect keeps building in the loops. This phenomena can be controlled by introducing decoupler inside the loops. Gain of decoupler is given be factor of interaction effect in the process. Figure.2 depicts the decentralized control structure with decoupler [10].

$$\begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} \\ D_{21} & D_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1 & 0 \\ 0 & F_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$

$$D_{11} = \frac{G_{22}F_1}{G_{11}G_{22} - G_{12}G_{21}} \quad (28)$$

$$D_{22} = \frac{G_{11}F_2}{G_{11}G_{22} - G_{12}G_{21}} \quad (29)$$

$$D_{12} = -\frac{G_{12}}{G_{11}} D_{22} \quad (30)$$

$$D_{21} = -\frac{G_{21}}{G_{22}} D_{11} \quad (31)$$

By assuming, $F_1 = \frac{G_{11}G_{22} - G_{12}G_{21}}{G_{22}}$ and

$F_2 = \frac{G_{11}G_{22} - G_{12}G_{21}}{G_{11}}$ Equation (28) and (29) becomes

\$1'\$.

Therefore Y_1 depends on only U_1^* and similarly Y_2 depends only on U_2^*

III. RESULT ANALYSIS

Model identification of binary distillation column has been carried out using regression approach and refined by model using sequential relay based identification. Model using regression approach [11] is given in the equation (32) is

based on the input-output data obtained from the pilot plant distillation column. First order plus dead time (FOPDT) model estimation using sequential relay method is depicted in equations (33) and (34). K , τ and t_d of (33) and (34) are used to design controller $C_1(s)$ and $C_2(s)$ [12].

$$G(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-0.436e^{-1.58s}}{1.85s+1} & \frac{0.035e^{-1.16s}}{0.262s+1} \\ \frac{-0.096e^{-0.989s}}{0.198s+1} & \frac{0.088e^{-0.76s}}{0.349s+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (32)$$

A. sequential relay algorithm

1. Consider TITO system process.
2. Set one loop closed with relay and enable it with step change, where other loop kept opened with reference input to 'zero'.
3. Calculate controller parameters using process response with respect to relay output.
4. Use those controller parameters in the primary loop and interchange the relay to secondary loop.
5. Calculate controller parameters in secondary loop with respect to change in relay and insert those parameters in the next step.
6. Interchange relay to primary loop again calculate the controller parameters.
7. This process continues till the controller parameters of both loop converges.

$$G_{11CL} = \frac{-0.417e^{-0.0825s}}{1.7s+1} \quad (33)$$

$$G_{22CL} = \frac{-0.083e^{-0.011s}}{0.32s+1} \quad (34)$$

The controller parameters K_p , K_i and K_d are the function of a_i which can be obtained from the equation (2) (3) and (4) respectively. For all values of M_{sd} the controller parameters K_p , T_i , T_d has been calculated. For different Sensitivity function M_{sd} values verses a_i is depicted in Table.1.

Fig.3 depicts simulation of results for different values of process variable at different M_{sd} respectively. It has been shown that the robustness specification given by the maximum magnitude of the sensitivity function M_{sd} has an important effect on the controller design. As M_{sd} increased and consequently the effect of control design parameters over the process is not efficient. On the other hand, for small values of M_{sd} controller values satisfies the process to operate at stable region. Different values of controller parameters for varies M_{sd} are listed in Table II. The results are analyzed based on performance indices like ISE, IAE, ITAE and ITSE as shown in Table III. It depicts that for $M_{sd}=1.4$ performance of controller shows maximum efficiency this process at that particular operating region. As the process is slow with respect to time, the values of a_i and M_{sd} were good at their lower set. It may varies from process to process.

Table 2: Controller parameters for various values of α_i and M_{sd}

M_{sd}	$C_1(s)$			$C_2(s)$		
	K_{p1}	K_{i1}	K_{d1}	K_{p2}	K_{i2}	K_{d2}
1.1	-0.50	0.58	0.46	1.37	1.22	0.17
1.2	-0.93	0.60	0.48	2.53	1.24	0.18
1.3	-1.30	0.63	0.50	3.49	1.31	0.19
1.4	-1.62	0.67	0.51	4.30	1.37	0.19
1.5	-1.89	0.71	0.52	5.00	1.44	0.20
1.6	-2.13	0.74	0.54	5.61	1.50	0.20
1.7	-2.34	0.78	0.55	6.13	1.56	0.21
1.8	-2.54	0.81	0.56	6.60	1.62	0.21
1.9	-2.71	0.84	0.57	7.02	1.67	0.21
2.0	-2.86	0.86	0.57	7.38	1.71	-2.86

Table 4. Performance Indices of controllers for all N_{sd} values for loop-2

M_{sd}	$C_1(s)$			
	IAE	ISE	ITAE	ITSE
1.1	10.17	6.193	80.78	28.11
1.2	5.402	3.746	19.23	8.992
1.3	4.298	2.963	13.53	5.406
1.4	4.03	2.635	13.52	4.436
1.5	4.099	2.508	15.54	4.43
1.6	8.64	3.975	203	72.54

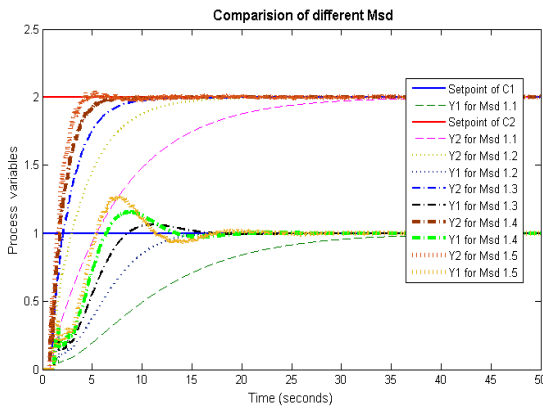


Fig.3 Simulation results for different values of process variable at different M_{sd}

As shown in the Fig.3 the performance of AMIGO PID is effective for lower M_{sd} values. As the M_{sd} increases, the overshoot of process is gradually increasing. At $M_{sd} > 1.6$ systems response starts oscillating because of higher gain and reaches verge and instability or may reach condition of instability at one point of time.

Table 3. Performance Indices of controllers for all N_{sd} values for loop-1

M_{sd}	$C_2(s)$			
	IAE	ISE	ITAE	ITSE
1.1	7.355	3.98	49.61	13.63
1.2	3.903	2.266	13.16	3.858
1.3	2.696	1.699	5.848	1.903
1.4	2.086	1.435	3.307	1.222
1.5	1.785	1.293	2.851	0.9364
1.6	10.14	6.535	356.7	244.4

Fig.4 depicts the closed loop response for $M_{sd}=1.1$. It is observed that the aggressiveness of controller $C_2(s)$ which manipulates Tray temperature-5 is intensive thereby process variable tends to oscillates around setpoint. It is observed that controller $C_2(s)$ is reaching its maximum limits, where controller $C_1(s)$ which manipulates Tray temperature-1 has been effective over its control. Fig.5 shows the response of $M_{sd}=1.4$. It is observed when the value of M_{sd} increased from 1.1 to 1.4, the aggressiveness of controller $C_2(s)$ gradually reduced, still controller $C_1(s)$ is effectively controlling temperature at Tray-1. Actuator energy has been reduced using this control algorithm compared to the conventional control design [13].

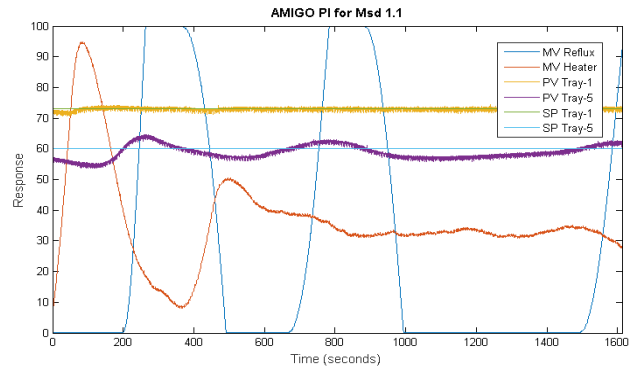


Fig.4 Real time response of AMIGO PID control $M_{sd}= 1.1$

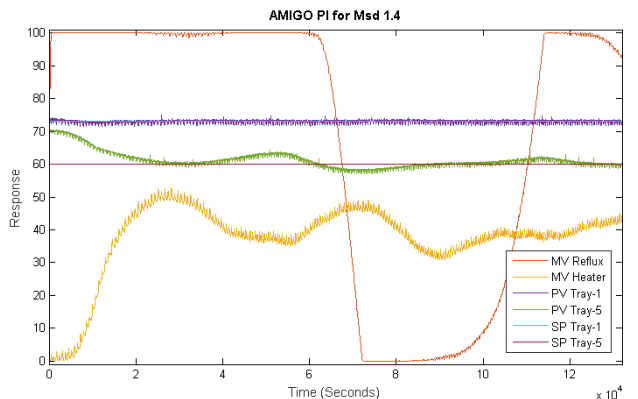


Fig.4 Real time response of AMIGO PID control $M_{sd}= 1.4$

IV. CONCLUSION

AMIGO PID is implemented to control the tray temperatures of online binary distillation process. As the process comprise of two process variables and two manipulated variables, the interaction effect is flagged as high priority to consider. As AMIGO PID can be designed using the sensitivity function M_{sd} which helps in selecting appropriate controller parameters depends on the process response (Slow, Medium and Fast). It can be flexible to implement for any processes by having appropriate model. Results depicts the efficiency of the algorithm.

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