ISS for Control of Stefan Problem w.r.t Heat Loss at Interface

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Motivation : Screw Extruder for Polymer 3D Printing



Model : Thermal phase change (melting/solidification)

Objective : Stabilize ratio of granules/melt polymer

Property : Temperature in both phases are dynamic

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States : Temperature profile T(x, t), Interface position s(t)

Control : Melting heat $q_c(t) > 0$

Disturbance : Freezing heat $q_f(t) > 0$ (magnitude) from solid phase

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 \rightarrow Prove Input-to-State Stability (ISS) w.r.t. $q_f(t)$

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State-dependent moving boundary \Rightarrow Nonlinear

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* $|q_c(t) > 0|$ and 0 < s(t) < L| are proved after $q_c(t)$ is designed

Without heat loss ($q_f(t) \equiv 0$), the following assumption **necessary**

Assumption : Setpoint s_r chosen to satisfy

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$$s_0 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \int_0^{s_0} (T_0(x) - T_m) dx < s_r < L$$

We impose the same assumption because $q_f(t)$ is an *unknown* disturbance.

Assumption : The heat loss is bounded and its total energy is also bounded, i.e., $\exists \bar{q}_f, M > 0$ s.t.

$$0 \leq q_f(t) \leq ar{q}_f$$

$$\int_0^\infty q_f(t)dt \le M$$

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Note : Gain should be large to avoid complete frozen

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* The controller is derived by transformation & target system

Analysis

Lemma The closed-loop satisfies $|q_c(t) > 0|$ and 0 < s(t) < L

Lemma Target (w, X)-system is ISS w.r.t. d(t)

Proof is by ISS Lyapunov function. Define

$$V = \frac{1}{2\alpha} ||w||_{L_2}^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2\beta} X^2$$

and derive

$$V(t) \le M_1 V_0 e^{-bt} + M_2 \int_0^t e^{-b(t-\tau)} d(\tau)^2 d\tau$$

 \Rightarrow concludes ISS of (T, s) at (T_m, s_r) w.r.t q_f .

Numerical Simulation

Zinc Heat loss $q_f(t) = \bar{q}_f e^{-Kt}$ with *K* extremely small (half life 40 [hour])

 \Rightarrow illustrates ISS property with $0 < s(t) < s_r$.

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Zinc

* heat input maintains positive,

k liquid temperature is above melting temperature

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Future Work

• Incorporate screw extruder's dynamics

$$T_t = \alpha T_{xx} - bT_x - h(T - T_b)$$

• Redesign by two-phase temperature dynamics (CDC 2017)