

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Pittsburgh, showing a wide river (the Allegheny River) in the foreground. In the middle ground, there are several large, multi-story university buildings with green roofs and brick facades. The background shows a dense urban skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings under a clear sky.

A Sampling of Data Education in ChE Curricula

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- **Data education in undergraduate ChE curricula (a sampling)**
- **Data education in a graduate ChE curriculum**

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Data Education in Undergraduate ChE Curricula

- **Universities sampled**
 - **University at Buffalo (2016)**
 - **University of Texas Austin (2014)**
 - **University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2014)**
 - **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2017)**
- **A good coverage of different amounts and approaches used in ChE curricula**

Data Education in Undergraduate ChE Curricula

- **University at Buffalo, 14 weeks to juniors**
- **Lecturer: David A. Kofke (ChE)**
- **William Navidi, *Statistics for Engineers & Scientists***
- **Sampling and descriptive statistics, probability, error propagation, common distributions, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, factorial experiments**

Data Education in Undergraduate ChE Curricula

- **University of Texas Austin, 16 weeks to juniors**
- **Lecturer: Keith Friedman (ChE)**
- **R.A. Johnson, *Statistics & Probability for Engineers***
- **Linear regression, JMP, simple distributions, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, ANOVA, design of experiments, statistical process control**
- **Taught by ChE lecturer**

Data Education in Undergraduate ChE Curricula

- **University of Massachusetts, 3.5 weeks to juniors**
- **Lecturer: Michael A. Henson**
- **Erwin Kreyszig, *Advanced Engineering Mathematics***
- **Probability distributions, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, regression and correlation, factorial and fractional factorial experimental design, Matlab statistics**

Data Education in Undergraduate ChE Curricula

- **Massachusetts Inst. Tech., small number of lectures to seniors in design and project courses**
- **Lecturers: numerous**
- **No textbooks**
- **Laboratory kinetic data and curve fitting**

Data Education in ChE Curricula

- **Data education ranges from**
 - A few lectures in some chemical engineering course(s)
 - 3.5 weeks in a chemical engineering course
 - Statistics and probability course taught by statistics/math faculty
 - Engineering statistics taught by a non-ChE engineer
 - Engineering statistics course taught by ChE faculty
- **MIT is rare in that all of its graduate students take some statistics, which is covered in two courses, and the training includes more advanced methods**

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Data Education in a Graduate ChE Curriculum

- **MIT, 4 weeks (12 hours) to all graduate students**
- **Lecturers: William Green and James W. Swan**
- **Electronic lecture notes**
- **Probability theory, stochastic differential equations, models vs. data, Monte Carlo methods, stochastic chemical kinetics**
- **Clear that most entering students lack a basic understanding of probability and statistics**

Data Education in a Graduate ChE Curriculum

- MIT, 3.5 weeks (10 hours) to most graduate students
- Lecturer: Richard D. Braatz
- Electronic lecture notes
- Statistical and model-based iterative experimental design, linear and nonlinear regression (parameter estimation), uncertainty quantification, control charts, chemometrics for sensor calibration and process monitoring

Data Education in a Graduate ChE Curriculum

- **Main goal: train students to be effective in translating data into making good decisions**
 - **Experimental design** \Rightarrow generate data so that the model will be good enough
 - **Linear/nonlinear regression** \Rightarrow models for design & control
 - **Uncertainty quantification** \Rightarrow is the model good enough?
 - **Chemometrics** \Rightarrow handling correlated data

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 - **Statistical process control** ⇒ **does data indicate that the process is under control?**
 - ⇒ **which variables are likely associated with the fault?**
 - ⇒ **how do classify new data based on historical data**
 - **Chemometrics (i.e., principal component analysis, partial least squares) and Fisher discriminant analysis**

Data Education in a Graduate ChE Curriculum: Experimental Design

- **Major steps for designing & carrying out a study:**
 1. **State objectives, assumptions, hypotheses**
 2. **Draw up preliminary design: materials, procedures, ...**
 3. **Review with collaborators, e.g., assess potential biases**
 4. **Draw up final design, including data analysis methods**
 5. **Carry out design: record data, record modifications**
 6. **Analyze data: review, graph, apply data analysis methods**
 7. **Interpret results: confine to evidence, assess significance**
 8. **Write report: background, tables/figures, limit to evidence**

Data Education in a Graduate ChE Curriculum: Sensor Calibration, Regression, Uncertainty Quantification

- Start with relating spectra to concentration**
- Do linear and nonlinear least squares for constructing algebraic sensor calibration curves, using summation notation and matrix algebra**
- Statistical process control: Shewart, CUSUM, EWMA, PCA-based T^2 , 1D/2D contribution plots**
- Do chemometrics for handling correlated data**
- Do parameter estimation for nonlinear dynamic models, quantify uncertainties in parameters**