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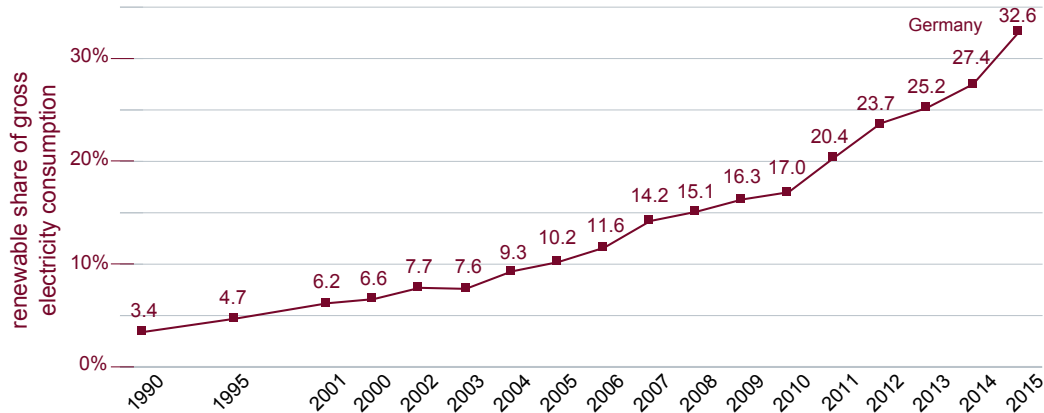
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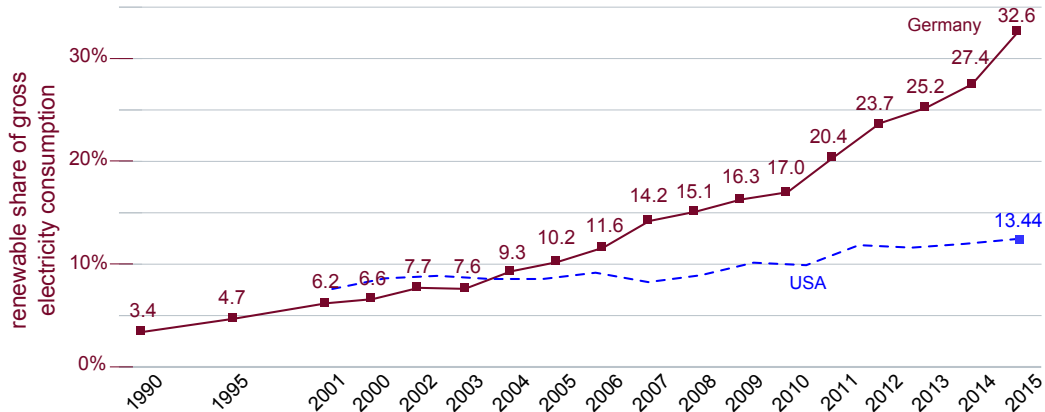


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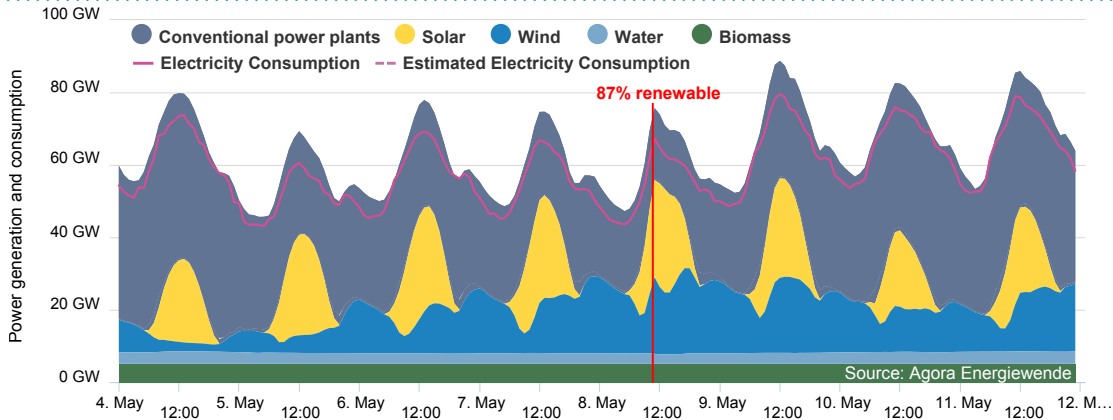


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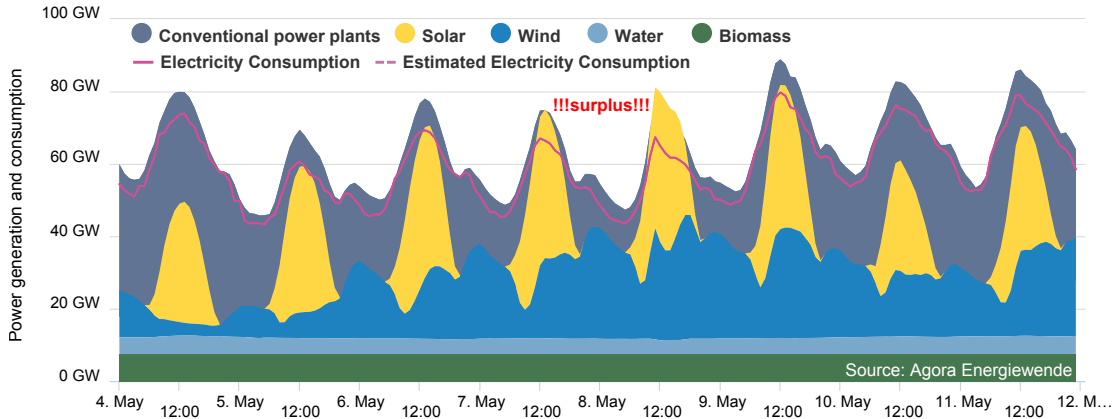


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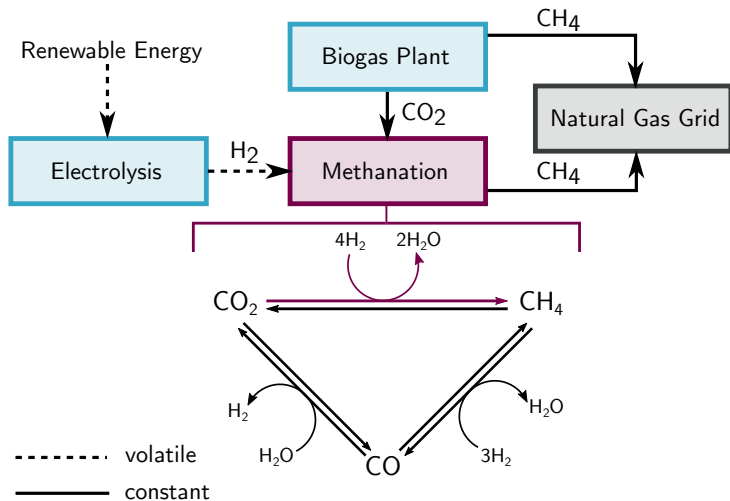
Flexible storage processes to utilize volatile renewable electricity are crucial!



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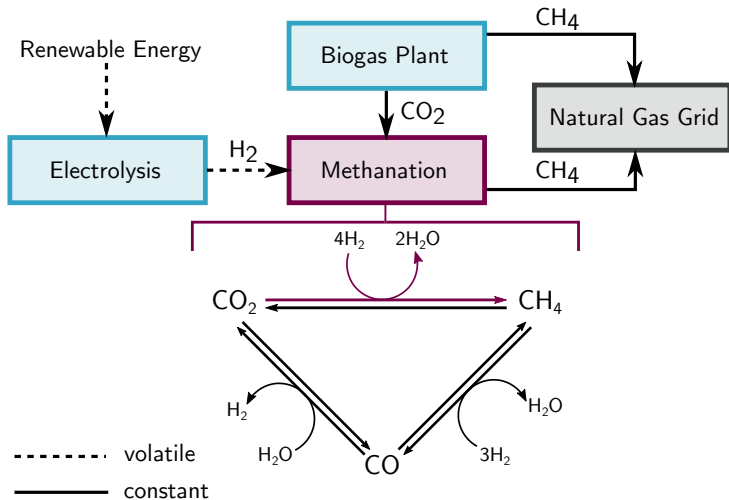
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Dynamic Consideration

- Steady-state disturbances
- **Start-up** / Shut-down

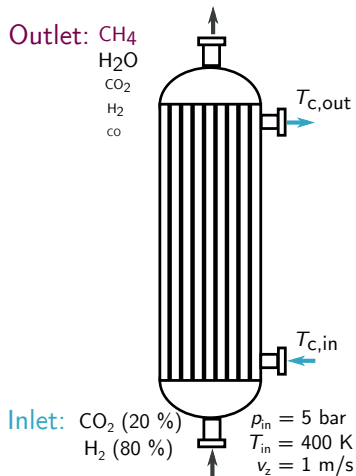


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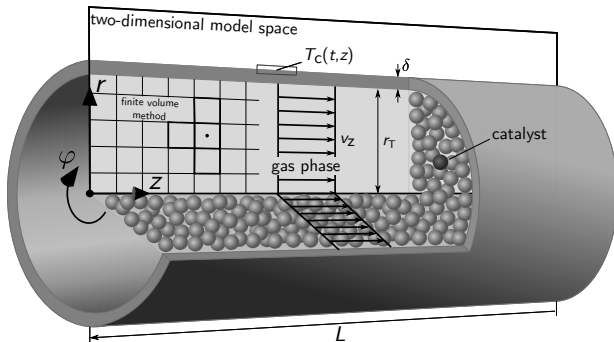
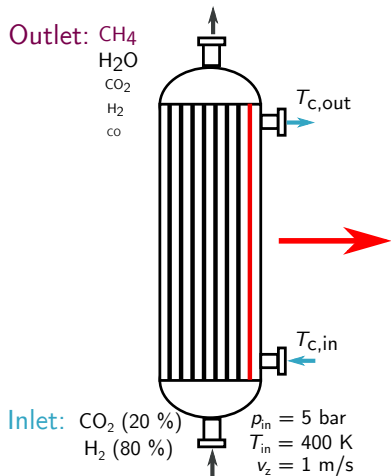


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Bremer, J. (2016)

Reactor tube radius	r_T	=	10 / 45	mm
Reactor tube length	L	=	5	m
Wall thickness	δ	=	20	mm
Catalyst particle diameter	d_{cat}	=	2	mm
Fixed-bed void fraction	ε	=	0.4	



Governing Equations for 2D Pseudo-Homogenous Reactor Model

Mass Balance

$$\frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial t} = -\frac{v_z}{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial z} + \frac{\mathcal{D}_{r,i}^{\text{eff}}}{\varepsilon} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \rho_\alpha}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \tilde{M}_\alpha \sum_{\beta=1}^3 \nu_{\alpha,\beta} \tilde{r}_\beta, \quad \alpha = 1 \dots 6$$

Energy Balance

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{(\rho c_p)_{\text{eff}}} \left[-\rho c_p v_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} + \lambda_{\text{eff},r} \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + (1-\varepsilon) \sum_{\beta=1}^3 \left(-\Delta_R \tilde{H}_\beta \right) \tilde{r}_j \right]$$

Boundary Conditions (radial)

$$\frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial r} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = 0 \quad \text{at } r = 0 \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial r} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = \frac{k_w}{\lambda_{\text{eff},r}} (T_c - T) \quad \text{at } r = r_T$$



From PDAE to ODE/DAE via Finite Volume Method (FVM)

PDAE:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial t} = -\frac{v_z}{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial z} + \dots \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{FVM}$$
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \dots$$

ODE/DAE:

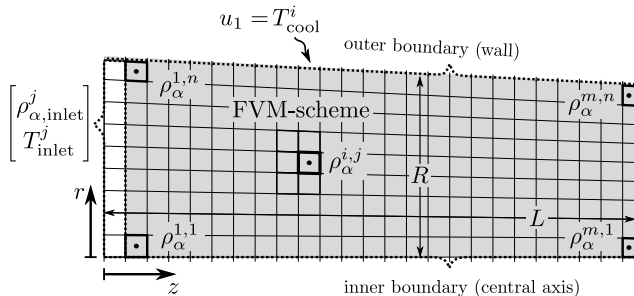
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{w}(t), \mathbf{u}(t))$$
$$0 = \mathbf{w}(t) - \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t))$$

$\mathbf{x}(t)$ - "diff. state vector"

$\mathbf{w}(t)$ - "alg. state vector"

$\mathbf{u}(t)$ - "control vector"

\mathbf{f} - **strongly nonlinear RHS**



$\dim(\mathbf{x}) = 350 - 4000$
(depending on grid density)



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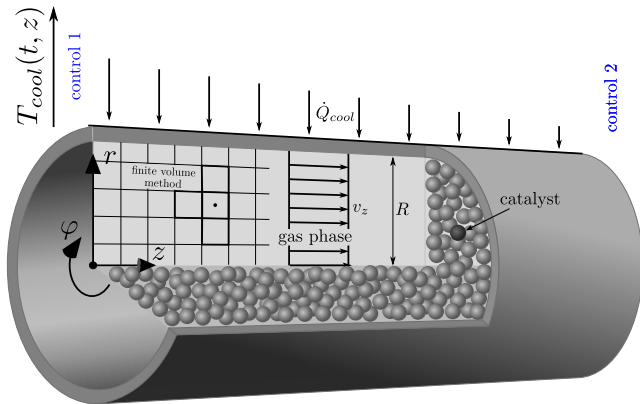


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Optimal Control

Exemplary Illustration of Jacket Cooling Approach



$$T_{cool,ub} = 650 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{cool,lb} = 400 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{ub} = 750 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{lb} = 300 \text{ K}$$



Formulation

Start-Up Optimal Control Problem (OCP)

$$\max_{\mathbf{u}(t)} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} X_{CO_2}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) dt + R(\mathbf{u}(t)), \Rightarrow \text{time optimal start-up}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)), \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f], \Rightarrow \text{reactor model}$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0,$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{ub} \geq \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{x}_{lb}, \Rightarrow \text{reactor temperature bounds}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{ub} \geq \mathbf{u} \geq \mathbf{u}_{lb}, \Rightarrow \text{cooling at reactor jacket}$$

Simultaneous optimization approach [Biegler et al.]:

orthogonal collocation on finite elements \Rightarrow **large scale NLP** (above 100'000 variables)



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 - Integrators: CVODES, IDAS
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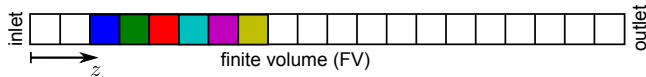


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1D Results - One-Step Optimization with Insufficient Initialization



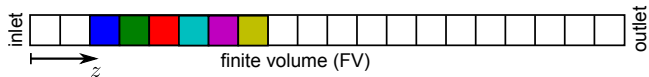


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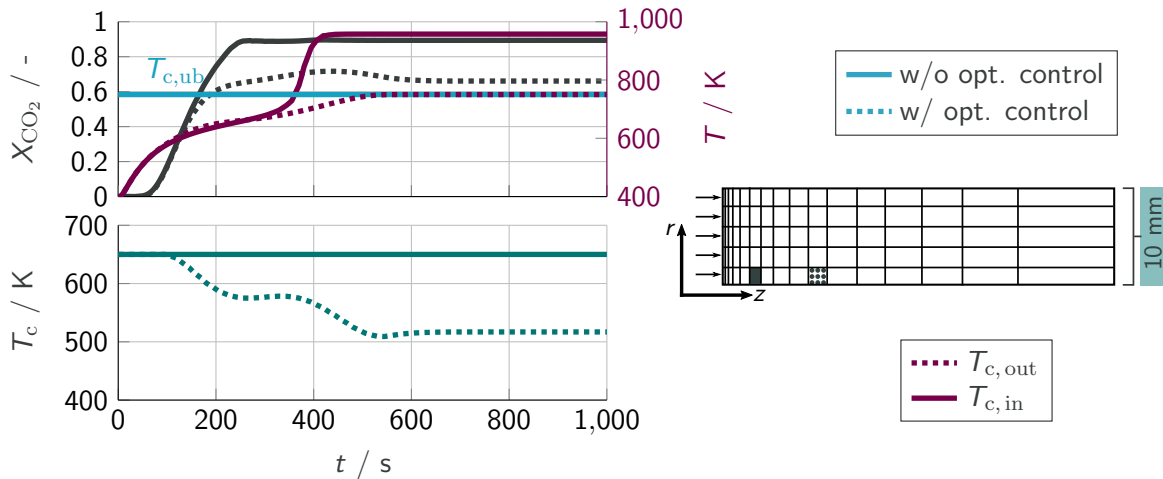
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1D Results - Multi-Step Optimization





2D Results - Objective and Control





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2D Results - Spatial Temperature Distribution



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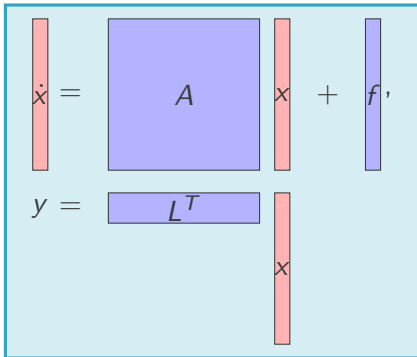
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- Our approach is **Model Order Reduction** (MOR).



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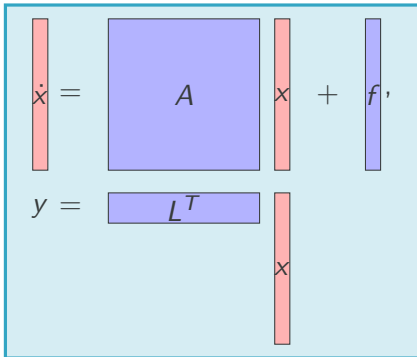




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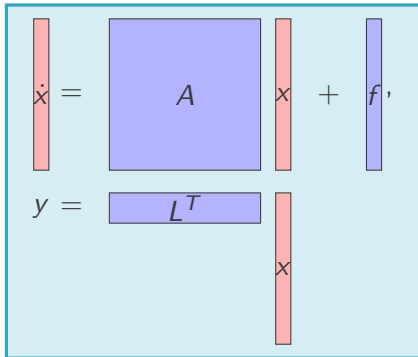
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- y are the system output;
- A, L^T are constant matrices;
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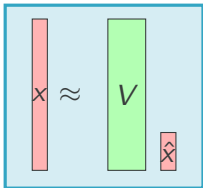
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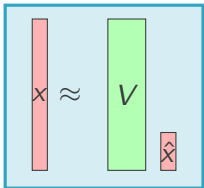
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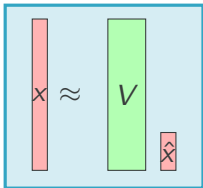


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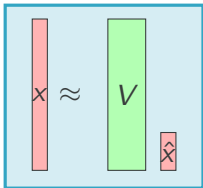


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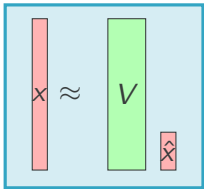
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- The reduced-order system:**

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 - Then, the projection matrix $V = U(:, 1 : r)$.



Computational Issue

- Observe the nonlinear term:

$$\hat{f} = V^T f = \boxed{V^T} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline f \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- Still, we need computations of the nonlinear function on the full grid.
 \rightsquigarrow no reduction in computations.
- Therefore, we require **(Discrete) Empirical Interpolation Method** ((D)EIM).



Discrete Empirical Interpolation Method (DEIM)

- The idea is:

$$f \approx Tc$$

where

- ' T ' is a rectangular matrix, and
- the vector ' c ' contains the nonlinear function evaluations at specific grid points.



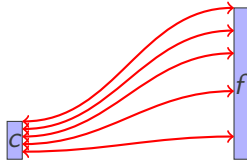
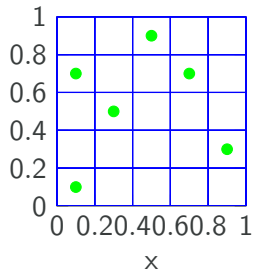
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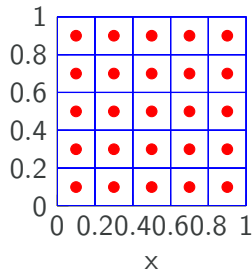
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Full grid



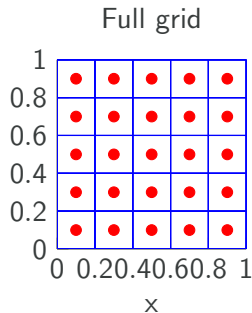
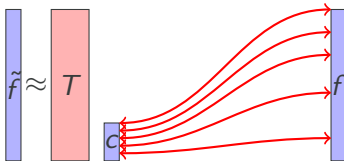
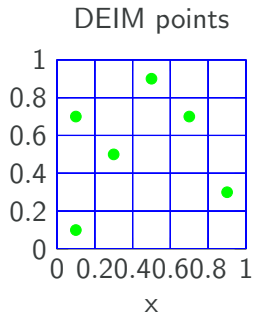


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- A greedy algorithm to select the grid points (DEIM points) for the nonlinear function.



DEIM - Example

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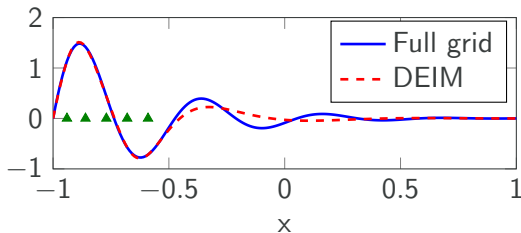
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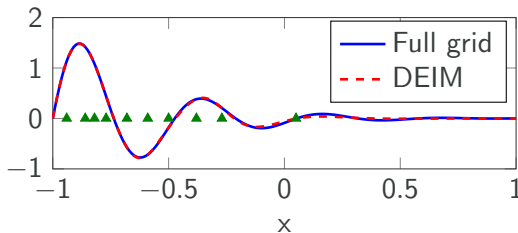
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$f(x), \mu = 1.9$



For 5 DEIM points.

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For 10 DEIM points.



Reactor Model State-Space Representaion

- Original system (FOM):

$$\text{ODE:}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$$



$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \mathcal{D}_{r,\alpha} \\ a_r}}{\mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{x})} \mathbf{x} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \rho_\alpha \\ T}}{\mathbf{A}_2} \mathbf{x} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \lambda}}{\mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{x})} \mathbf{u}_1 + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ T_{\text{cool}}}}{\mathbf{B}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \rho_{\alpha,\text{inlet}} \\ T_{\text{inlet}}}}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \tilde{r}_\beta \\ \mathcal{D}_{r,\alpha} \\ a_r \\ \lambda}}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{L}^\top \mathbf{x}$$



POD-DEIM applied to the reactor model

- POD-DEIM leads to the the following system:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_r = \mathbf{Q}_A \mathbf{P}_A \mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{x}^*) \mathbf{x}^* + \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{Q}_B \mathbf{P}_B \mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{x}^*) \mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{Q}_f \mathbf{P}_f \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}^*)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{x}^*.$$

$$\text{with: } \mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x}_r$$

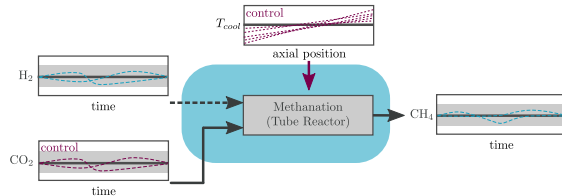
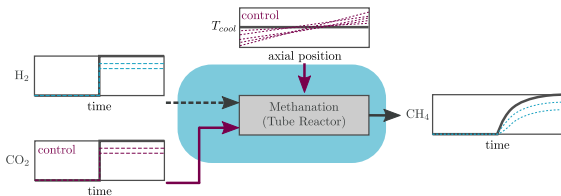
$$\dim(\mathbf{x}_r) \ll \dim(\mathbf{x})$$

- \mathbf{V} - from SVD of \mathbf{x} snapshots (POD)
- \mathbf{Q}_A - from SVD of $\mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{x})$ \mathbf{x} snapshots (DEIM)
- \mathbf{Q}_B - from SVD of $\mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{x})$ \mathbf{x} snapshots (DEIM)
- \mathbf{Q}_f - from SVD of $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ snapshots (DEIM)

e.g., for $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$

$$SVD \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} f_1(\mathbf{x}(t_1)) & f_1(\mathbf{x}(t_2)) & f_1(\mathbf{x}(t_3)) & \cdots \\ f_2(\mathbf{x}(t_1)) & f_2(\mathbf{x}(t_2)) & f_2(\mathbf{x}(t_3)) & \cdots \\ f_3(\mathbf{x}(t_1)) & f_3(\mathbf{x}(t_2)) & f_3(\mathbf{x}(t_3)) & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right]$$

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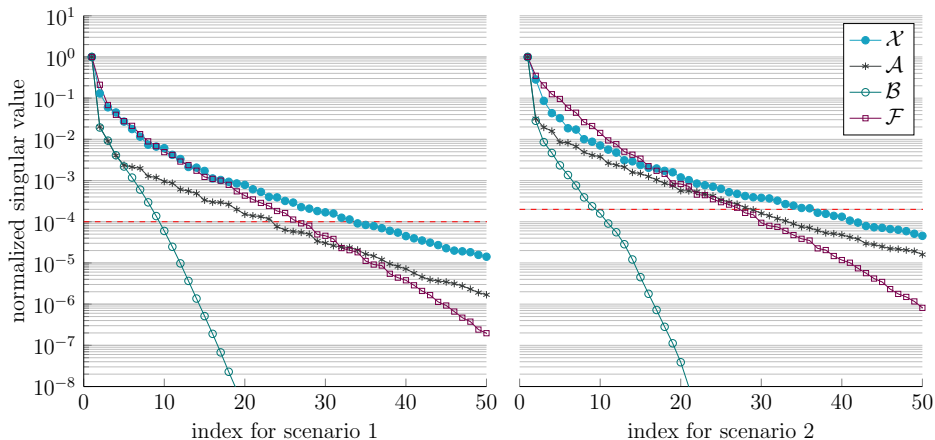


- The range of $x_{CO_2} \in [0.7, 0.9]$.
- The range of $x_{H_2} \in [0.1, 0.3]$.
- The range of $T_{cool} \in [500K, 700K]$.

- No. Training cases: 50
- No. Test cases: 20



Singular Value Decay



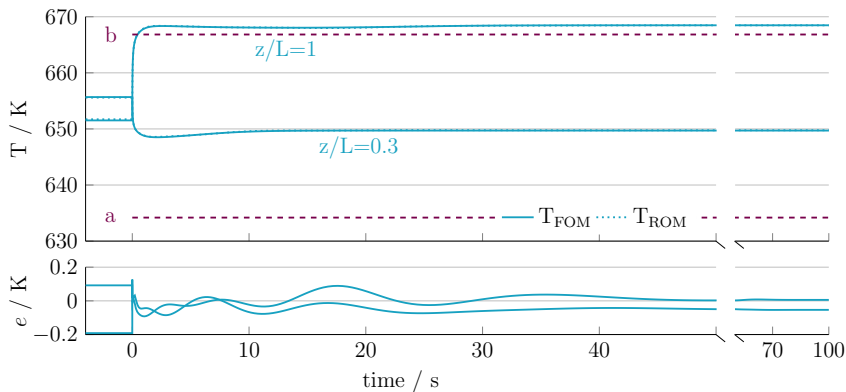


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ROM vs. FOM - Continuous Operation Best Case



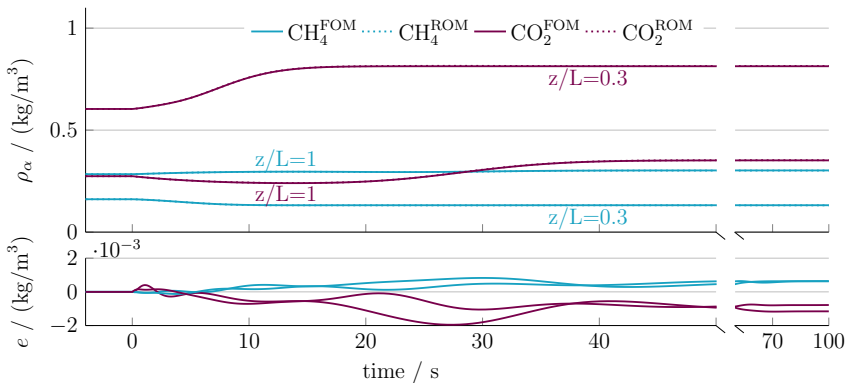


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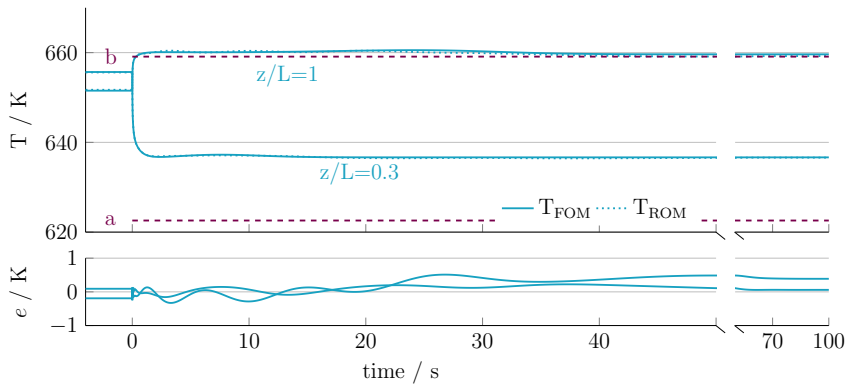
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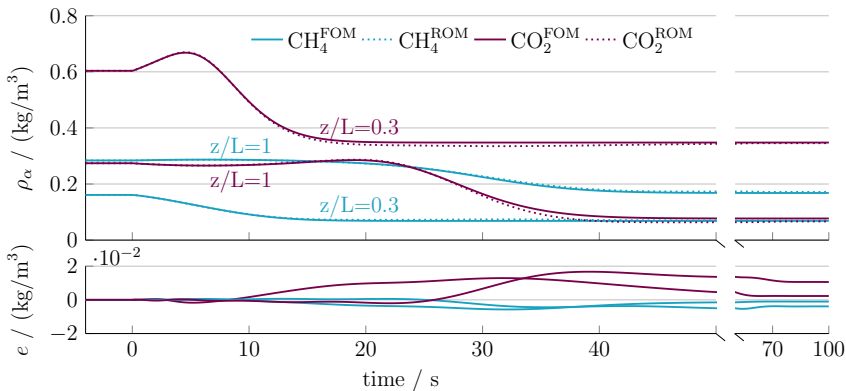


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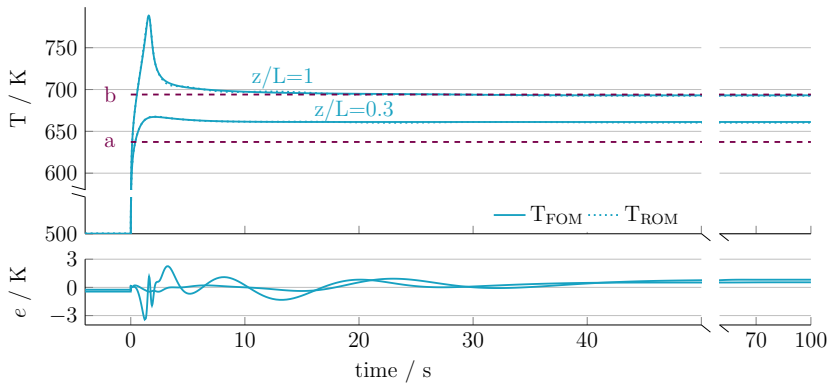


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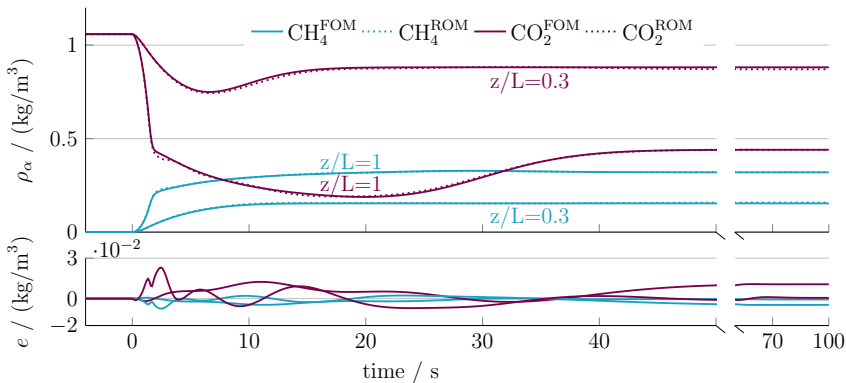
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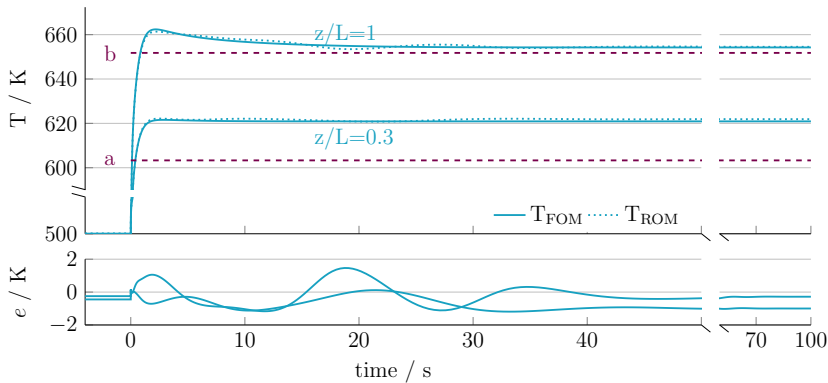


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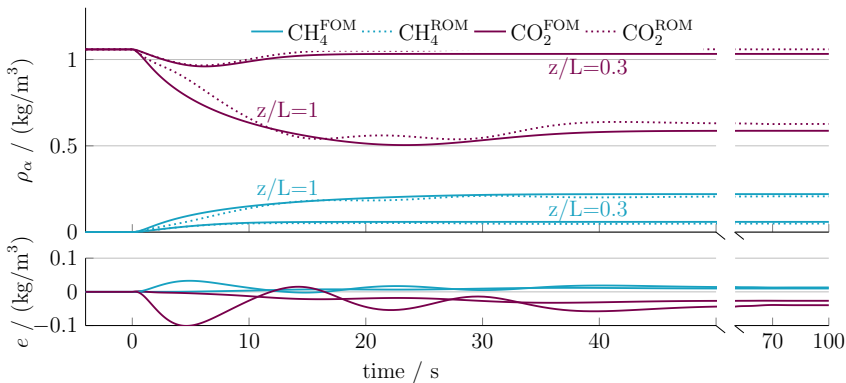


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ROM vs. FOM - Summary

model	no. states	avg. CPU-time	median of ε / %						
			$\bar{\varepsilon}_{\text{CH}_4}$	$\bar{\varepsilon}_{\text{CO}}$	$\bar{\varepsilon}_{\text{CO}_2}$	$\bar{\varepsilon}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$	$\bar{\varepsilon}_{\text{H}_2}$	$\bar{\varepsilon}_{\text{N}_2}$	$\bar{\varepsilon}_{\text{T}}$
FOM-S1	4375	19.5 s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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FOM-S2	4375	39.8 s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROM-S2	36	2.4 s	1.77	3.27	1.13	1.74	1.29	0.56	0.18



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Order of NLP:

$$\dim(\mathbf{x}) = 35'000 - 500'000$$

CPU time / memory usage:

hours! / ---

Order of ROM:

$$\dim(\mathbf{x}_r) \approx 34 - 36$$

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