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IDAES Integrated Platform for Multi-Scale Modeling and Optimization

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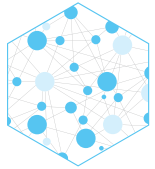
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IDAES Overview

- IDAES is an open-source, equation-oriented software platform, written in Pyomo, that enables the design and optimization of multi-scale, dynamic, interacting technologies and systems.
- Goal: Accelerate design & deployment of integrated power, H₂, and industrial processes to support broad decarbonization and emerging R&D priorities.
- Major Focus Areas:
 1. Growing the user base in strategic areas
 2. Ensuring that existing projects leveraging IDAES are successful
 3. Continuing to build out advanced capabilities

Several Modeling Collaborations Now Leverage IDAES



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H₂ with Capture
FECM



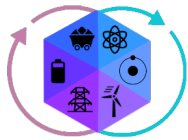
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Post-Combustion
Carbon Capture/CDR
FECM



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DISPATCHES
Design Integration and Synthesis
Platform to Advance Tightly
Coupled Hybrid Energy Systems

Hybrid Energy Systems
FECM, NE, EERE via GMLC



PROMMIS
Process Optimization and Modeling
for Minerals Sustainability

Rare Earth Element &
Critical Mineral Recovery
BIL via FE-30

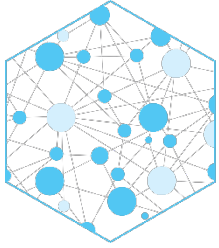


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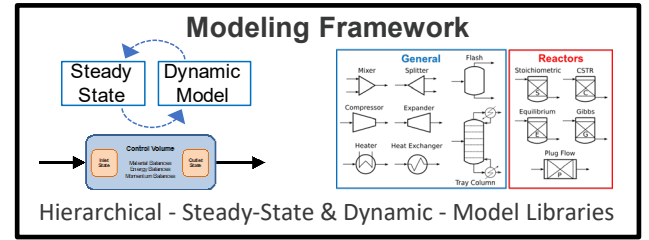
Water Purification
EERE via NAWI & IEDO



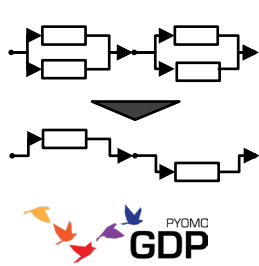


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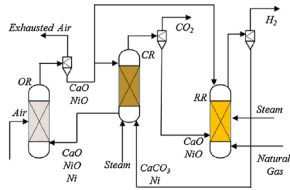
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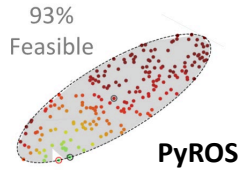
Conceptual Design



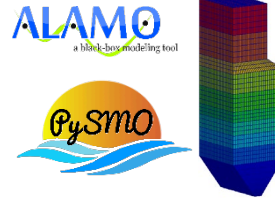
Plant Design
Process Optimization



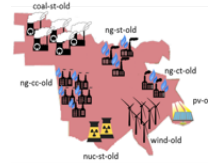
Uncertainty Quantification
Robust Optimization



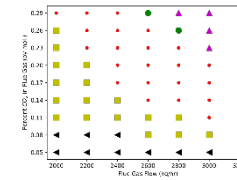
AI/ML
Surrogate Modeling



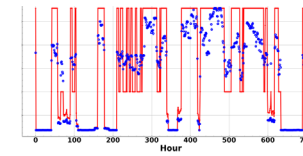
Infrastructure Planning of
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Power Systems



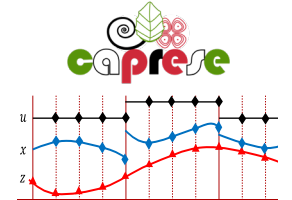
Process Family
Design



Process/Market
Co-Optimization

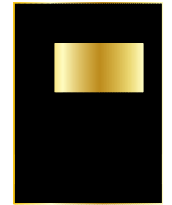
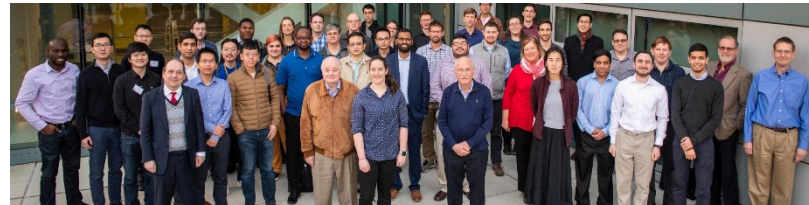


Process Operations
Dynamics & Control



Open Source: <https://github.com/IDAES/idaes-pse>

Lee, et al., *J. of Adv. Manufacturing and Processing* (2021)



Gurobi

CPLEX

Xpress

CBC

Ipopt

GAMS

NEOS

Mosek

BARON

GLPK

IDAES New Capability Development

- **Diagnostics, scaling, and visualization advances**
 - Tomorrow, 8:30 AM, Scaling and Diagnostics
 - Poster, Model Diagnostics for EO Models: Roadblocks and Path Forward
 - Tomorrow, 11:30 AM, IDAES Flowsheet Visualizer; WaterTAP/PrOMMiS GUI's
- **AI/ML approaches to improving solution algorithms**
 - Tomorrow, 4:00 PM, AI/ML Approaches to MIPs
- **Infrastructure planning of reliable & carbon-neutral power systems**
 - Today, 4:00 PM, Expansion Planning of Reliable & Carbon Neutral Power ...
 - Poster, Optimization Model and Solution Strategy for Infrastructure Planning ...
 - Tomorrow, 4:30 PM, Flexible Environments for Generator and Transmission Planning (GTEP) Analysis

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- Integrated process market optimization of power and H₂ systems
- Dynamics, control, health modeling & optimization of power & H₂ systems

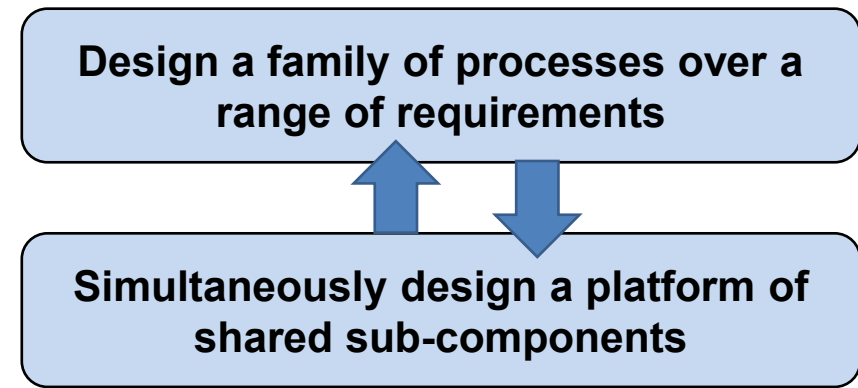
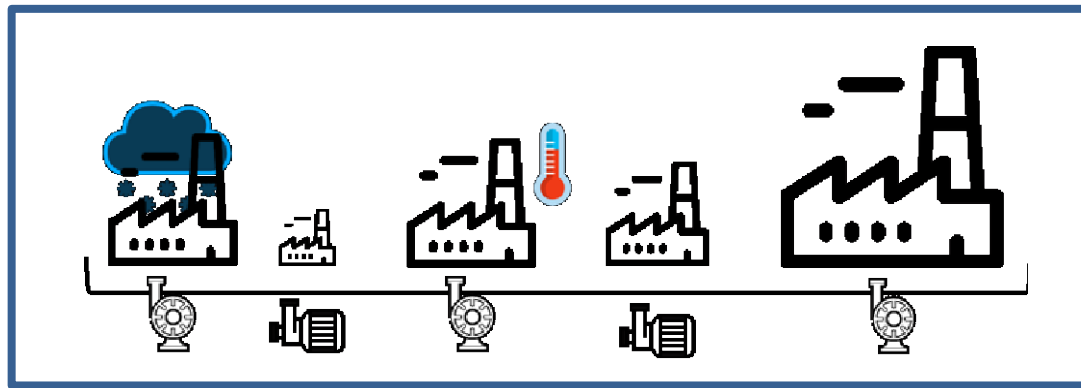
Integration of Manufacturing Considerations into Process Family Design

Objective

Develop a framework for simultaneously designing a family of process variants with different design requirements, while simultaneously optimizing the use of shared sub-components/unit operations.

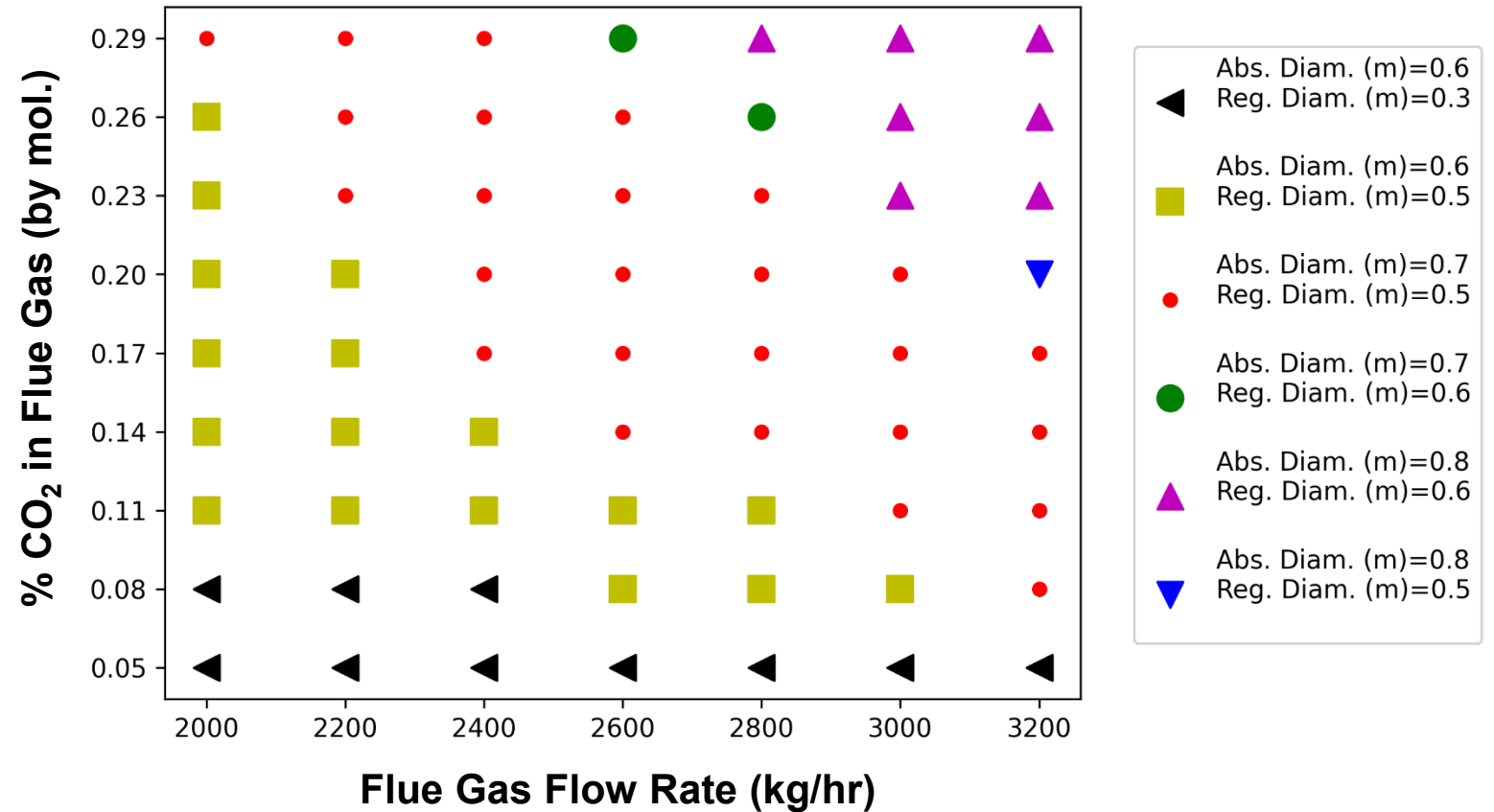
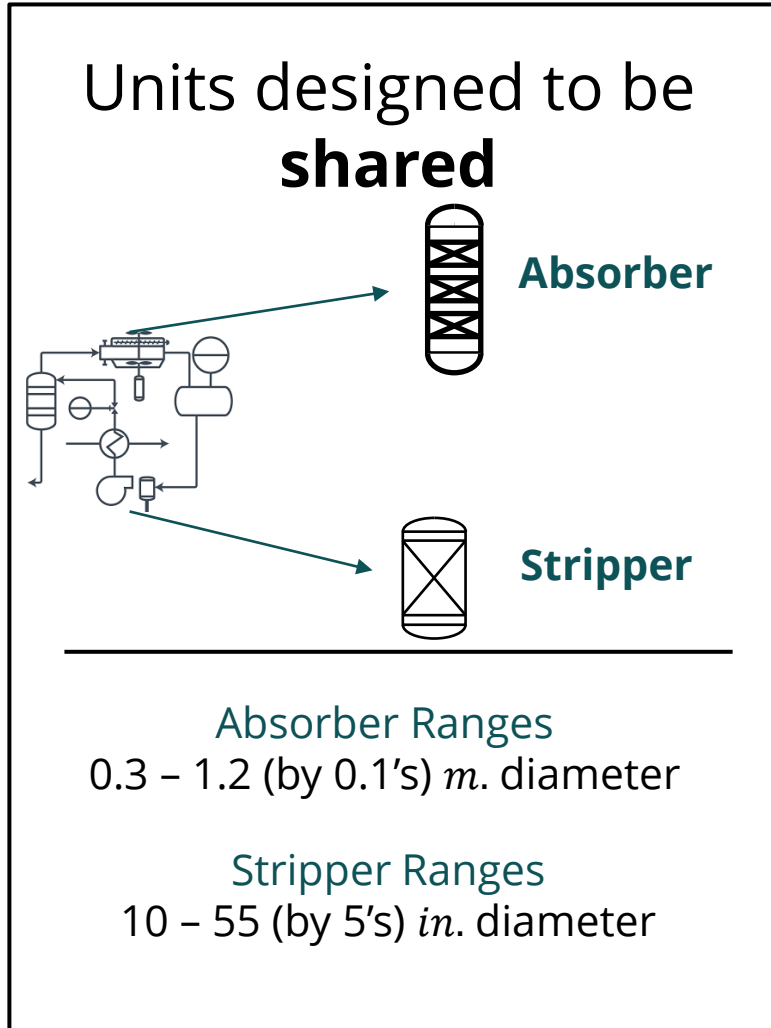
Why does this matter?

Reduces both **deployment times** (since fewer units will require custom design & fabrication) and **manufacturing costs** (by exploiting economies of learning since we produce a larger # of each of the units)



Case Study: MEA Carbon Capture

Successfully designed 63 carbon capture systems using only 3 optimally designed absorbers & strippers

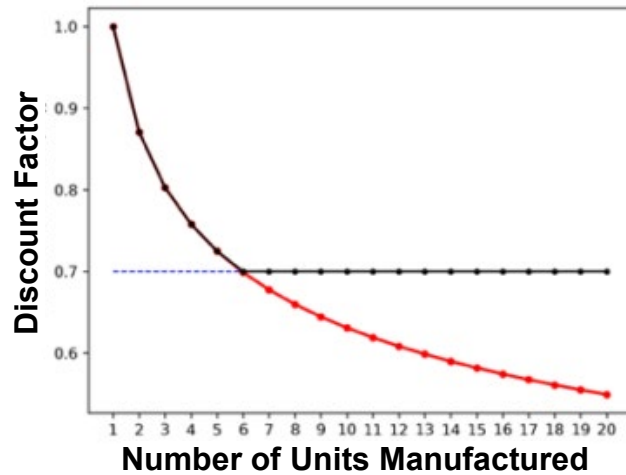


Total cost savings (economies of numbers) estimated to be **14.3%**

[Stinchfield, et. al., Computers & Chemical Engineering, 2024](#)

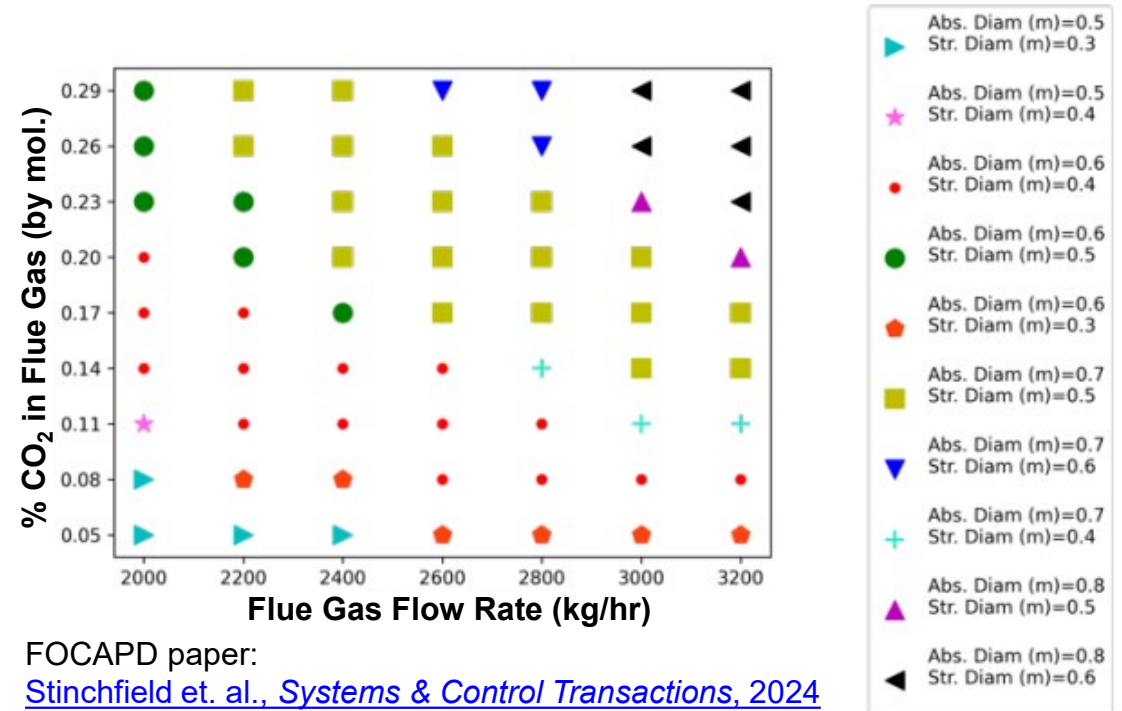
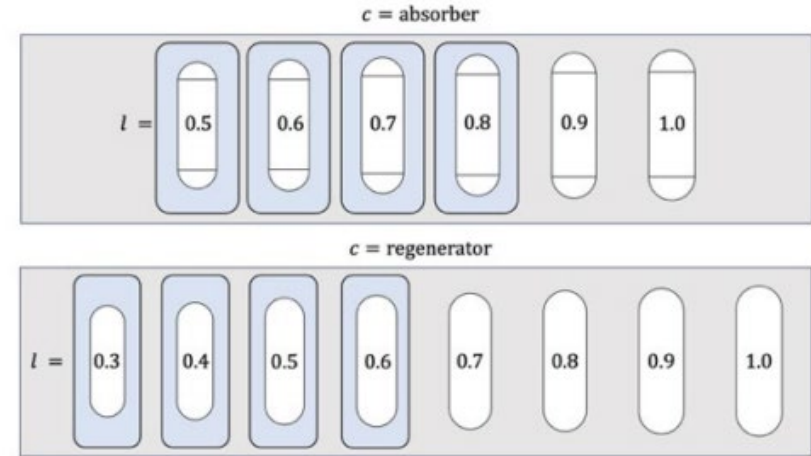
Recent Advances

- Improved formulation explicitly includes economies of numbers
 - User no longer needs to specify the size of the platform
 - Optimizes both the number and characteristics of common components



- 4 unique absorber & stripper sizes led to a 26.8% capital cost savings

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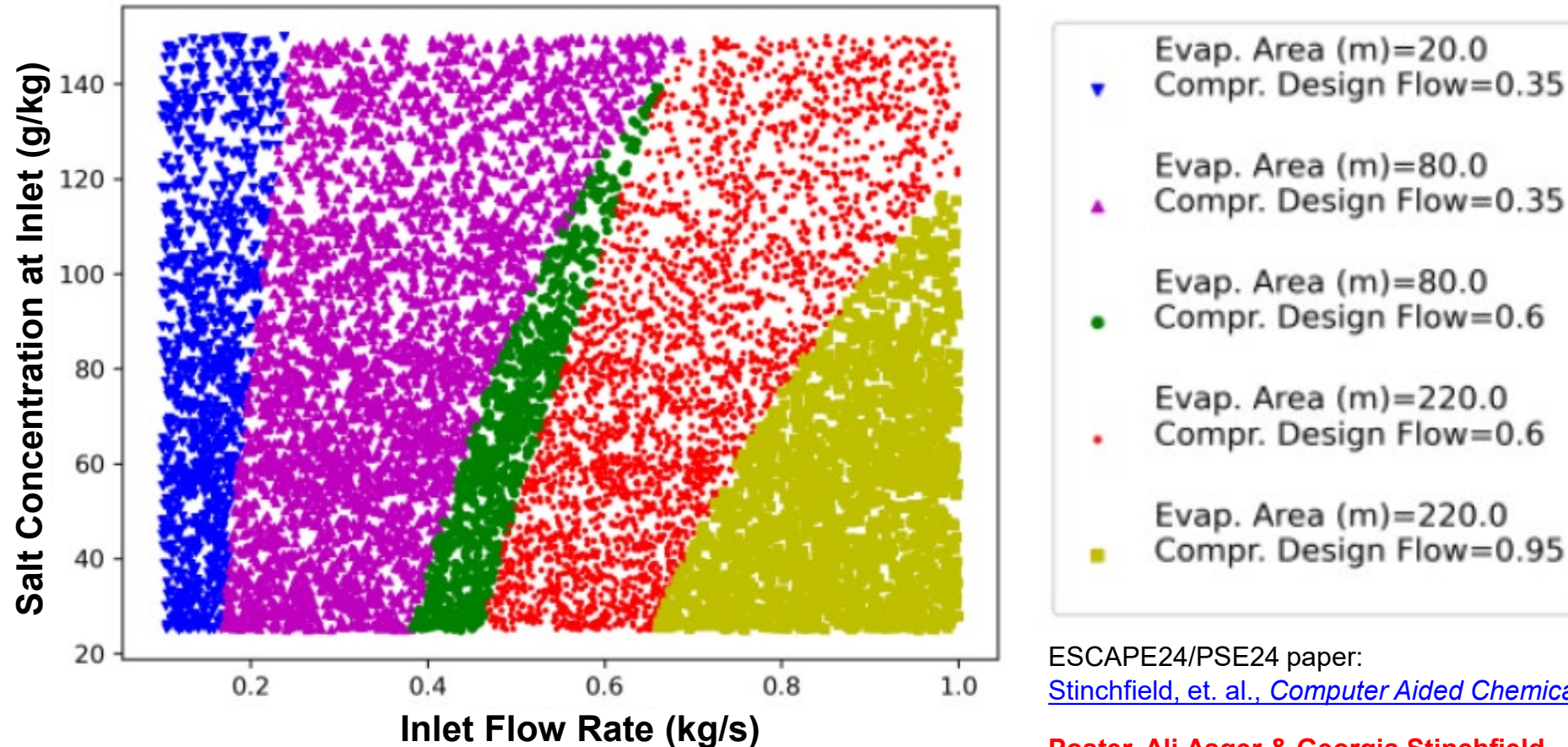


FOCAPD paper:
[Stinchfield et. al., Systems & Control Transactions, 2024](#)

Recent Advances

- Decomposition approach enabled simultaneous design of 10,000 variants!

Case Study: Water Desalination



ESCAPE24/PSE24 paper:

[Stinchfield, et. al., *Computer Aided Chemical Engineering*, 2024](#)

Poster, Ali Asger & Georgia Stinchfield

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Integrated Process Market Optimization of Power and H₂ Systems

Objective

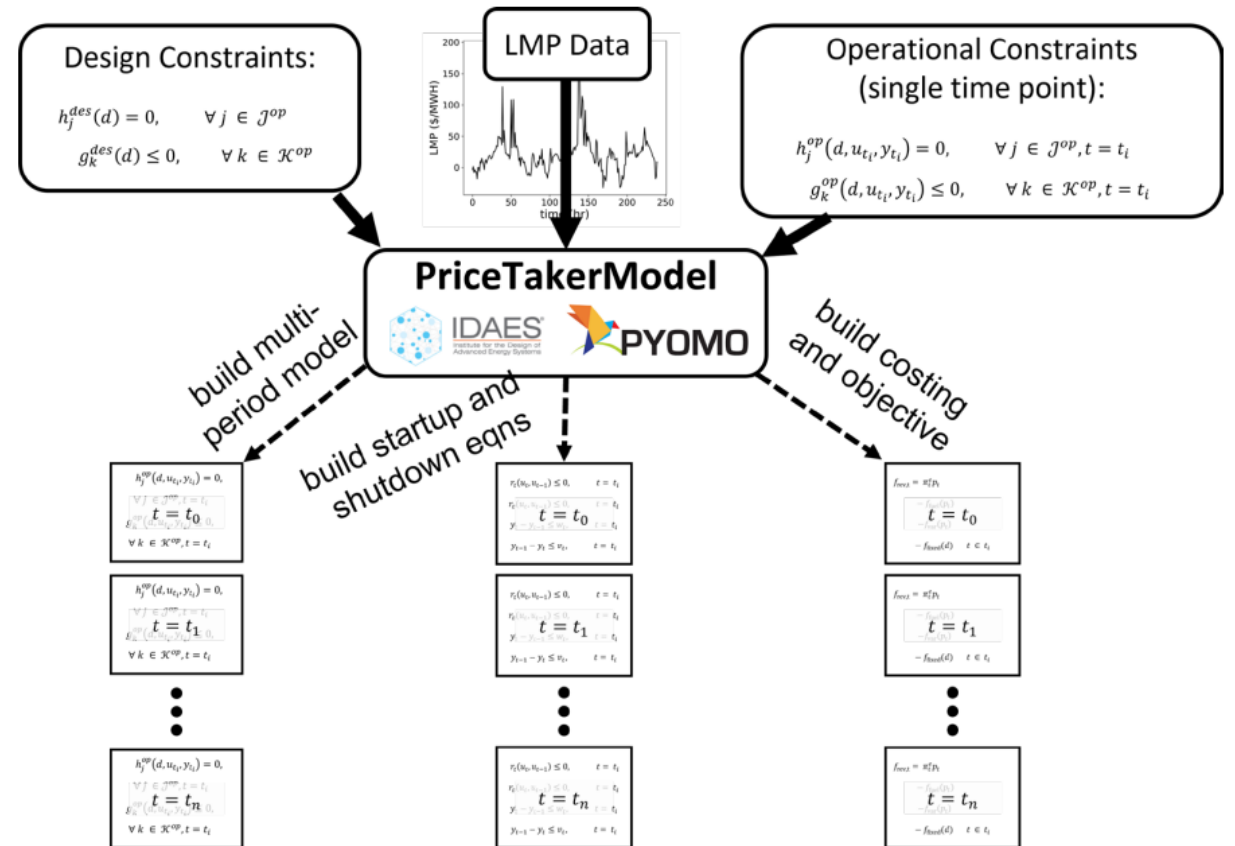
Develop a framework for quantitatively evaluating the value propositions of integrated energy systems in several electricity markets.

Why does this matter?

- Allows meaningful and direct comparisons of IES technology options when traditional metrics (e.g., LCOE, LCOH, cost of capture) are not fully sufficient
- Useful for setting R&D performance targets

Recent Accomplishment

- Streamlined workflow reduces set-up time from months to days.



FOCAPD paper:

[Laky, et al., Systems & Controls Transactions, 2024](#)

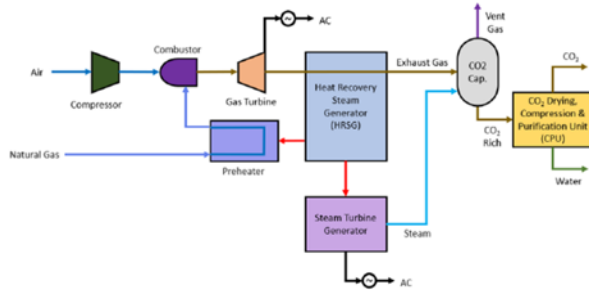
Tomorrow, 9:30 AM, Multi-Period Optimization for Process Design and Market Integration

Demonstrating the Value Proposition of Flexible Power/H₂

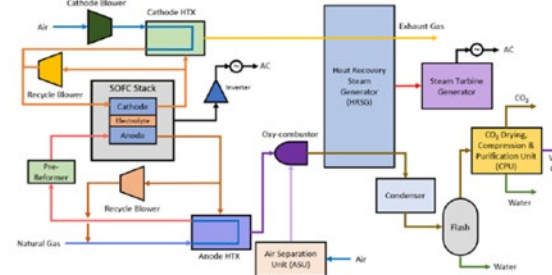
Fuel = Natural Gas
CO₂ capture > 97%

Baseline Systems
Single Product

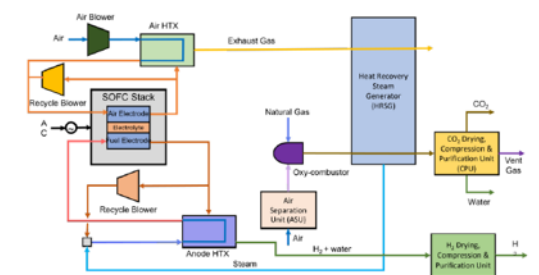
**Standalone Natural Gas
Combined Cycle (NGCC)
Power Only**



**Standalone Solid Oxide Fuel Cell
(SOFC)
Power Only**



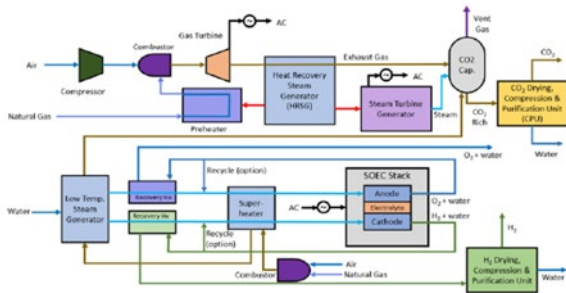
**Standalone Solid Oxide
Electrolyzer Cell (SOEC)
Hydrogen Only**



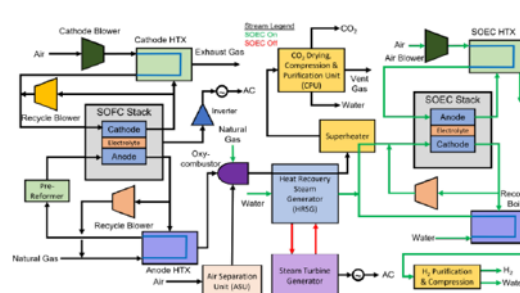
**Are there plausible electricity market scenarios where an integrated system makes sense?
If so, which system is the best?**

Integrated Systems
Multi-Product

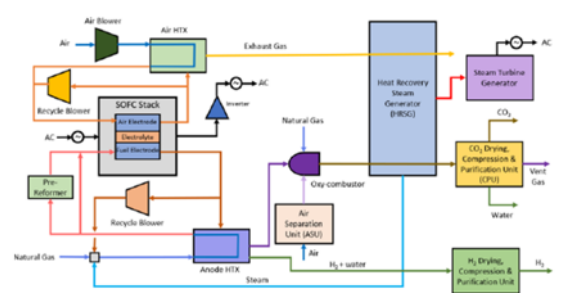
**NGCC + SOEC
Power, Hydrogen, Coproduction**



**SOFC + SOEC
Power, Hydrogen, Coproduction**



**Reversible Solid Oxide Cell (rSOC)
Power, Hydrogen**

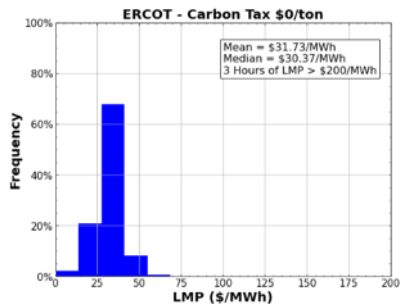


[Eslick, et. al., DOE/NETL-2023/4322](#)

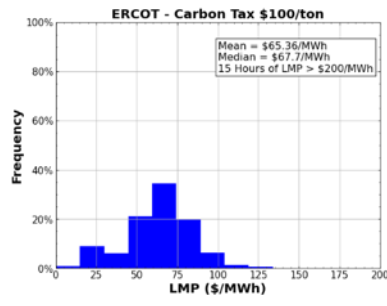
Analysis of Flexible Power and H₂ Systems

- **61 total data sets** (every hour for a year)
 - 2019 & 2022: ERCOT, ISO_NE, MISO, PJM, SPP, NYISO
 - Future projections from NREL and Princeton from ARPA-E FLECCS program
 - Future projections from NETL for ERCOT using PROMOD IV

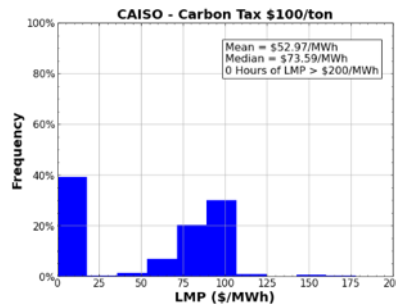
Data sets cover very broad range of potential scenarios



Low Electricity Prices



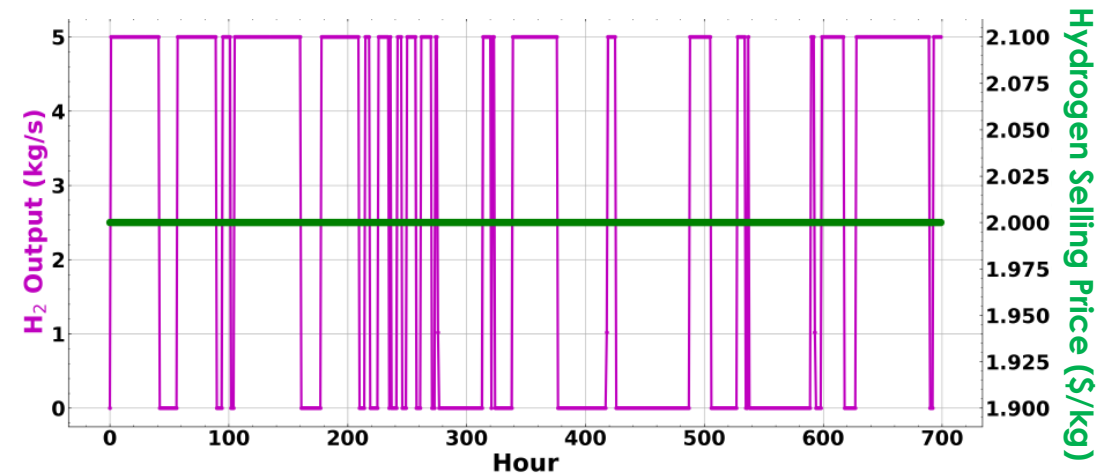
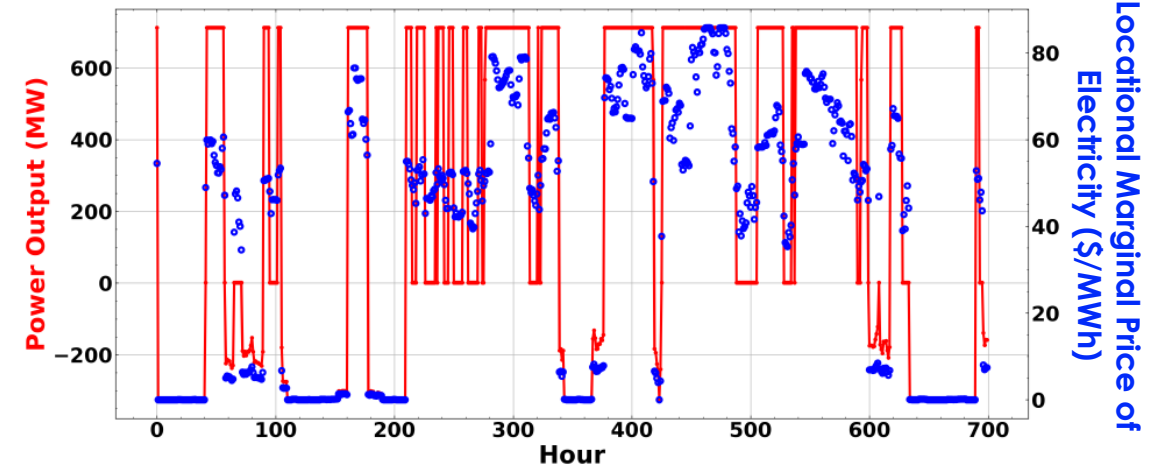
High Electricity Prices



Bimodal (e.g., high VRE)

Optimize IES Operation

$$\max \sum (\text{Revenue}_t - \text{Costs}_t - \text{CO}_2\text{Tax}_t)$$



Flexible Power/H₂ Systems Outperform Single Product Systems

% of Electricity Market Scenarios with Positive Annualized Profit

Process Concept	H ₂ Selling Price			
	\$1.5/kg	\$2.0/kg	\$2.5/kg	\$3.0/kg
NGCC	13%			
SOFC	54%			
SOEC	49%	74%	87%	98%
NGCC + SOEC	11%	16%	62%	80%
rSOC	77%	97%	100%	100%
SOFC + SOEC	79%	98%	100%	100%

- Integrated power/H₂ systems are far more robust to electricity market assumptions.

There is a compelling value proposition!

if ...

- They can safely switch between operating modes without causing excessive degradation over long-time operation.

Laky, et. al., 2024, *paper under review*

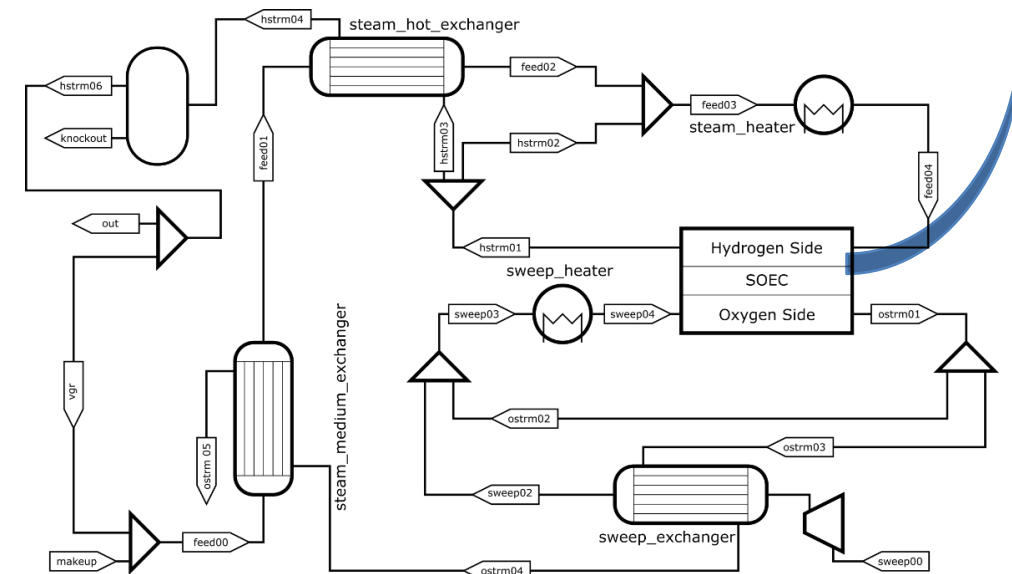
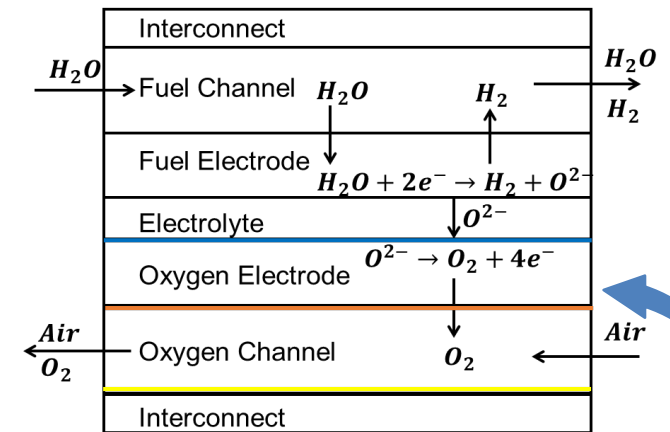
Poster, Daniel Laky

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Dynamic Model of SOC-based System for Mode-Switching

- **SOC dynamic model** (Bhattacharyya et al., 2007, Li et al., 2024)
 - First-principles, non-isothermal, planar cell
 - 2D electrodes, electrolyte, and interconnect
 - 1D fuel and oxygen channels
 - Operates in fuel cell and electrolysis modes
- **Dynamic SOC-based system model** (Allan et al., 2023, Li et al., 2024)
 - Now [publicly available online](#)
 - Soon to be merged into the IDAES examples repository
 - **H₂ fueled** in fuel cell mode
 - **Vent gas recirculation** with purge
 - **Condenser** to remove water from H₂-side off-gas
 - Equipment models for **thermal management**
 - 1D multi-pass crossflow recuperative heat exchangers
 - 1D crossflow trim heaters



Block flow diagram of H₂-fueled SOC-based IES for Mode-Switching Operation

- Bhattacharyya et al., Chem Eng Sci, 62, 4250-4267 (2007).
- Allan, D.A., et al., In Proc. FOCAPO/CPC (2023).
- Li M, Allan D A, Dinh S, Bhattacharyya D, Dabadghao V, Giridhar N, Zitney S E, Biegler L T, "NMPC for mode-switching operation of reversible solid oxide cell systems", e18550, 1-12, AIChE Journal, 2024

Chemical Degradation

SOEC Microstructure Chemical Degradation Modeling

Fuel electrode nickel (Ni) agglomeration

- Ni particles grow with time under high temperature operation
- Ni₂OH formation drives the process
- Surface-diffusion – Ostwald ripening

$$\frac{d(\overline{d_{Ni}})}{dt} = C \frac{X_{Ni}}{X_{YSZ} A_{YSZ} d_{Ni}^6} \left(\frac{Y_{H_2O}}{Y_{H_2}^{0.5}} \right) \exp\left(-\frac{E_a}{RT}\right)$$

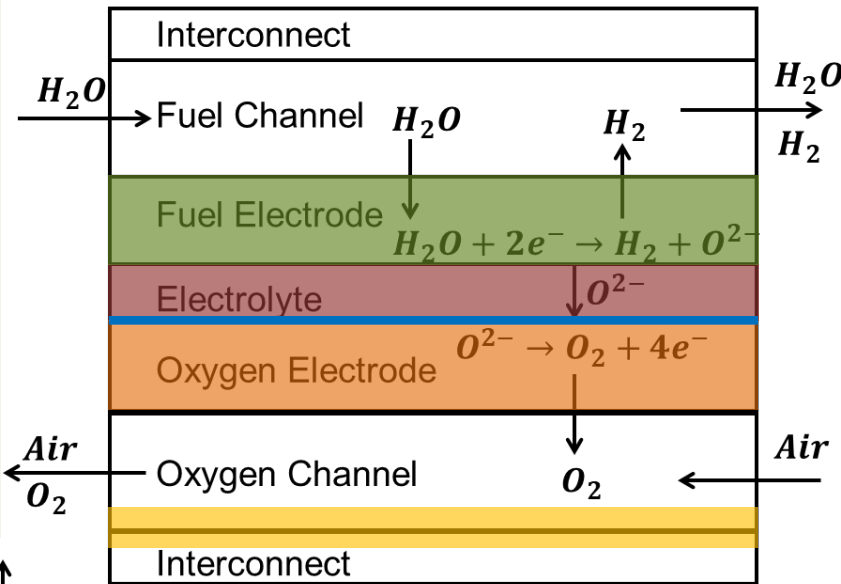
Refs: J. Sehested et al. / *Applied Catalysis A: General* 309 (2006) 237–246

YSZ electrolyte phase transformation

- Phase transformation of YSZ from cubic to tetragonal structure
- Results in decrease in electrolyte conductivity

$$\sigma_{El} = \sigma_{El,0} \left[\lambda + (1 - \lambda) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \right]$$

Refs: Jiang et al. *Journal of the American Ceramic Society* 82(11):3057 - 3064



Lanthanum zirconate (LZO) scale growth

- At oxygen electrode under oxidizing conditions and high temperatures driven by high P_{O_2}
 $LaMnO_3 + ZrO_2 + 0.25O_2 \rightleftharpoons 0.5La_2Zr_2O_7 + MnO_2$
 - Parabolic growth law
- $$\frac{dl_{LZO}(t)}{dt} = \frac{K_{g,LZO}}{2l_{LZO}(t)X_{0,LZO}\rho_{LZO}} \exp\left(\frac{E_{LZO}}{RT}\right)$$

Refs: A. Kamkeng, and M. Wang. / *Chemical Engineering Journal* 429 (2022): 132158

Chromium oxide scale growth

- Oxidation of chromium interconnect-oxygen electrode boundary
- Parabolic growth law

$$\frac{dl_{cos}(t)}{dt} = \frac{K_{g,cos}}{2l_{cos}(t)X_{0,cos}\rho_{cos}} \exp\left(\frac{E_{cos}}{RT}\right)$$

Refs: D. Larrain et al. / *Journal of Power Sources* 161 (2006) 392–403

LSM-YSZ phase coarsening

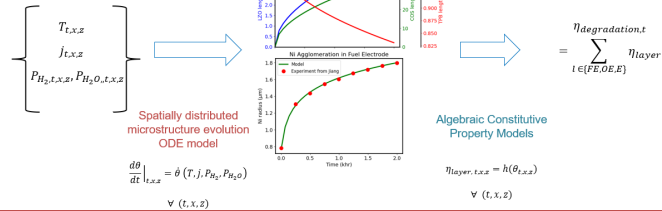
- Driven by Mn^{2+} diffusion from LSM surface toward LSM-YSZ interface
- Results in loss of TPB length
- Model derived by assuming Fick's law diffusion of Mn^{2+}

$$\frac{L_{TPB}}{L_{TPB,0}} = 1 - 2 \times \left(\frac{t \times D_{LSM}}{\pi} \right)^{1/2}$$

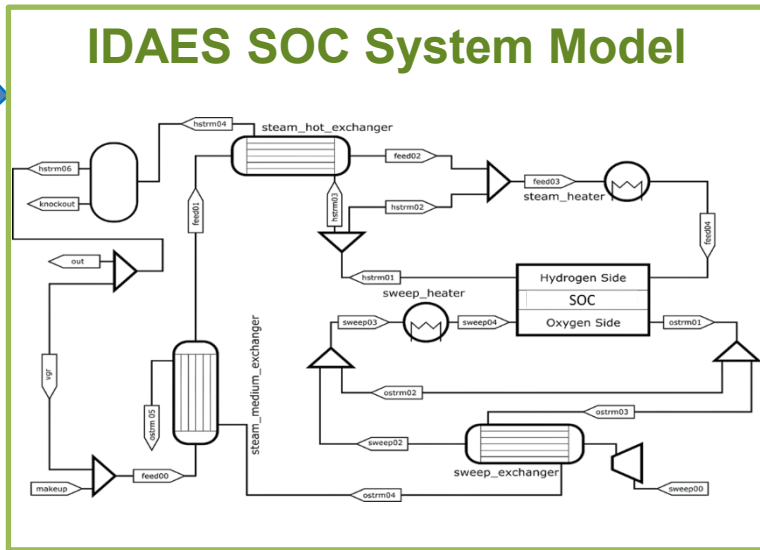
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Optimizing Multi-Scale Systems

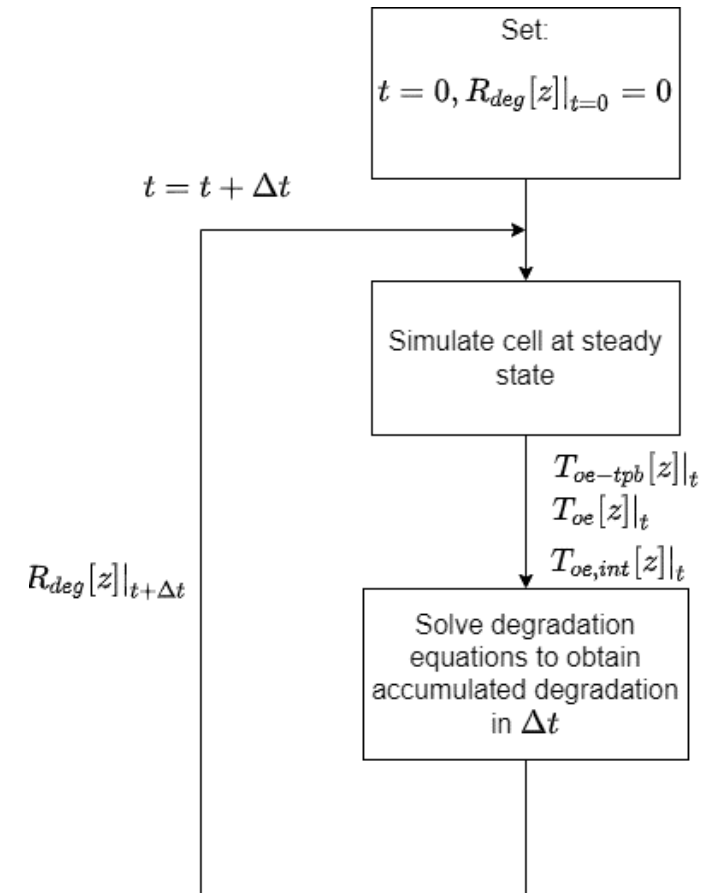
Degradation Models



IDAES SOC System Model



Quasi-steady state assumption



Long-Term Economic Optimization of SOEC Systems

Economic Considerations

Target operating costs

Target stack replacement costs

Counteract efficiency losses caused by degradation

Decrease degradation through operating conditions

Leave it to market conditions

Capture tradeoffs through the Levelized Cost of H₂ (LCOH)

$$\text{maximize } \frac{1}{t_f - t_0} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \eta_t dt$$

where
$$\eta_t = \frac{HHV(\dot{m}_{H_2,t})}{P_{system,t}}$$

$$\text{minimize } \Delta \tilde{V}(\theta_{t_f})$$

where
$$\theta_{t_f} = \theta_{t_0} + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \dot{\theta}(x, \theta) dt$$

Key decisions

- Operating mode:
Potentiostatic, Galvanostatic or Flexible
- Stack Replacement Schedule
- Operating conditions within a stack lifetime
- Balance of plant setpoints

$$\text{minimize } LCOH$$

where
$$LCOH = \frac{CAPEX + OPEX + \text{Energy Costs}}{\text{Lifetime } H_2 \text{ Production}}$$

Key Results

Electricity Price = 0.03 \$/kWh					
Operating Profile	Objective Function	Stack Replacement Schedule	Voltage Degradation Rate	Specific Energy Consumption	LCOH
		(years)	(%/khr)	(kWh/kg H ₂)	(\$/kg H ₂)
Galvanostatic Operation	Minimize Terminal Degradation	5	1.22	40.78	2.00
	Maximize Integral Efficiency	2	3.17	35.65	2.29
	Minimize LCOH	5	2.63	38.45	1.93
Potentiostatic Operation	Minimize Terminal Degradation	3	2.83	39.26	2.11
	Maximize Integral Efficiency	2	3.09	35.65	2.30
	Minimize LCOH	3	2.95	35.64	2.05
Flexible Operation	Minimize Terminal Degradation	5	1.15	40.80	1.99
	Maximize Integral Efficiency	3	3.38	36.44	2.02
	Minimize LCOH	5	3.00	38.30	1.92

Electricity Price = 0.3 \$/kWh					
Operating Profile	Objective Function	Stack Replacement Schedule	Voltage Degradation Rate	Specific Energy Consumption	LCOH
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	Minimize LCOH	2.5	3.38	36.02	11.84
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	Minimize LCOH	2.5	4.08	35.82	11.78

Giridhar N, Zitney S E, Allan D, Li M, Biegler L T, Bhattacharyya D, "Optimal Operation of Solid-Oxide Electrolysis Cells Considering Long-Term Chemical Degradation", 319, 118950, *Energy Conversion and Management*, 2024

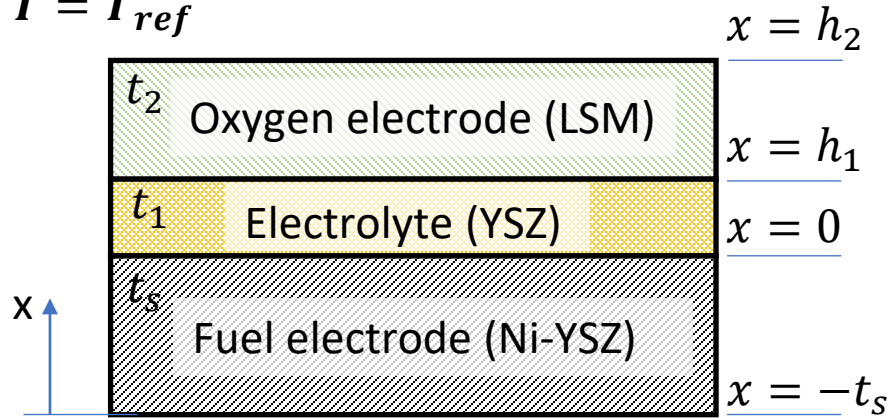
Physical Degradation

Thermal stresses and creep deformation under dynamic operation

Thermal Stress

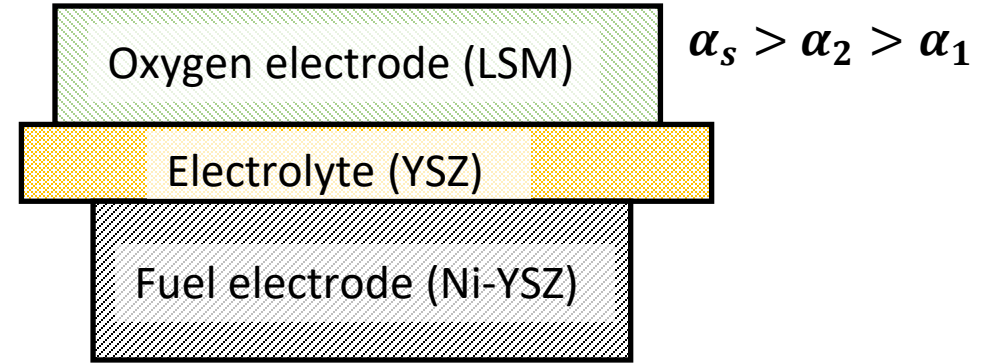
Zero-stress condition

$$T = T_{ref}$$

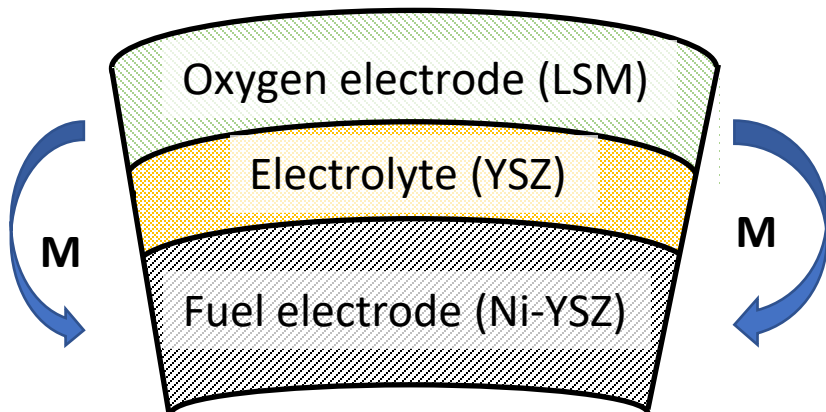


Layers free to expand

$$T = T_{ref} + \Delta T$$

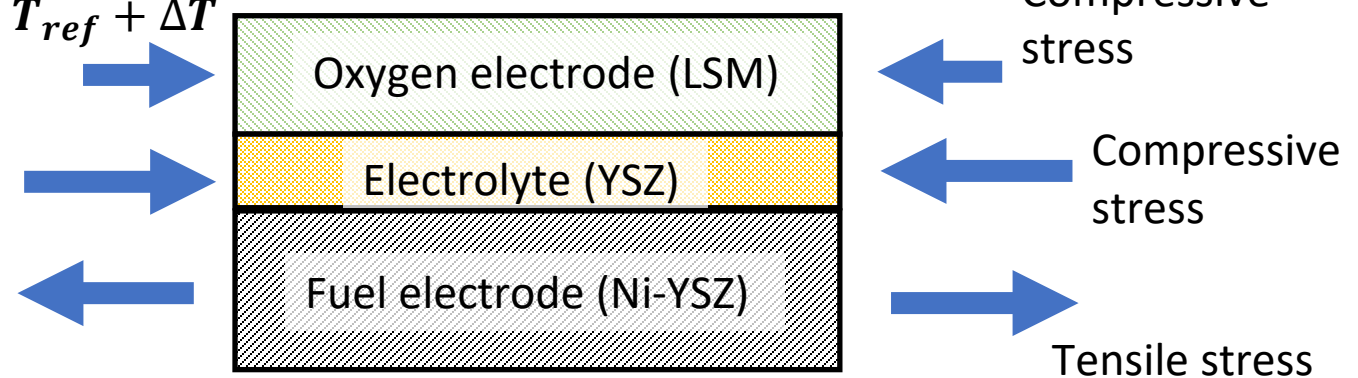


Bending induced by asymmetric stresses



Strain continuity at layer interfaces

$$T = T_{ref} + \Delta T$$



Dynamic Optimization with Penalty for Deviations from Initial Stress Profile

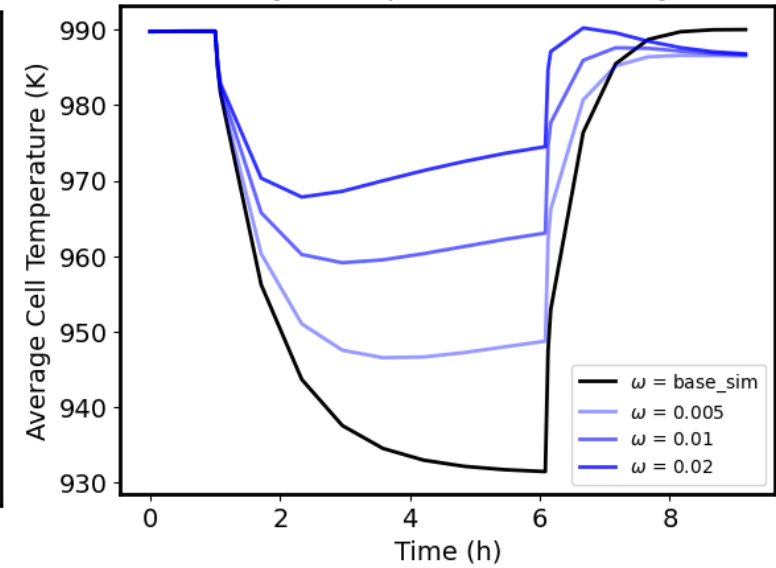
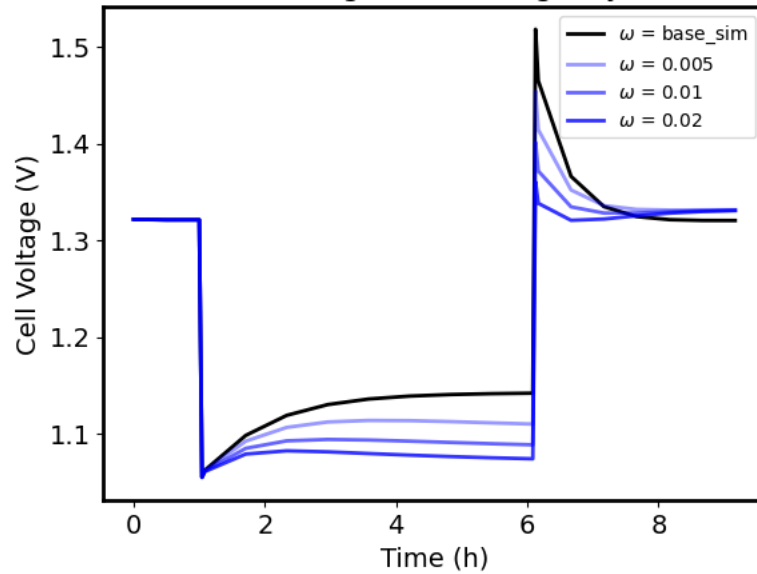
Dynamic Optimization over 1 cycle

$$\max \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \eta_t dt - \omega \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \sum_{x,z} (\sigma_{x,z,t} - \sigma_{x,z,0})^2 dt$$

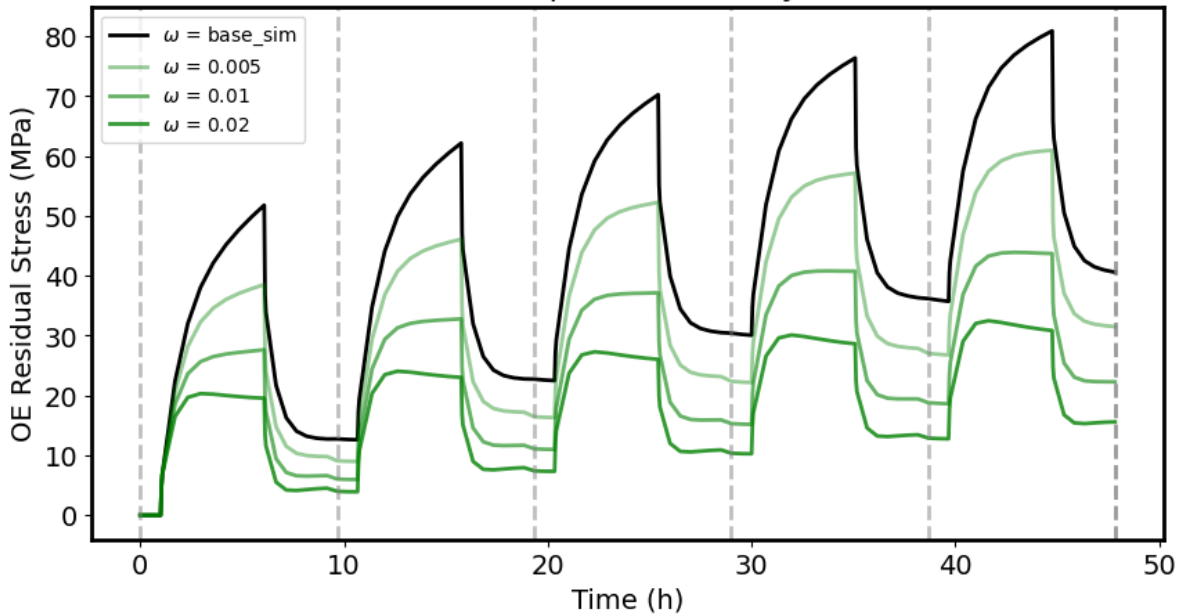
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$$h(x) = 0$$

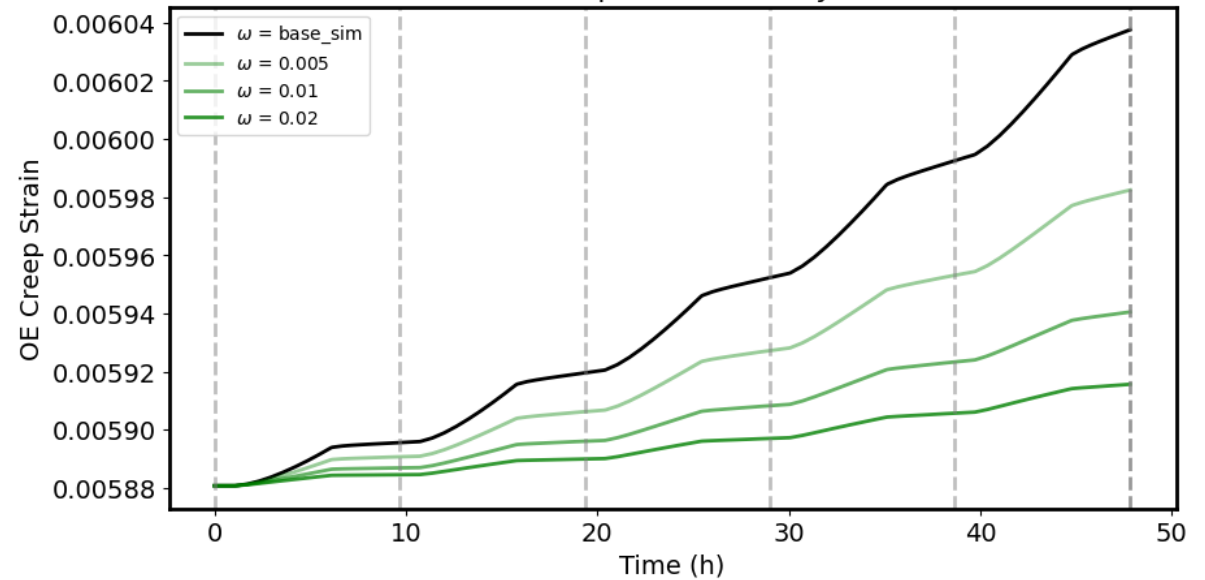
$$\eta_t = \frac{HHV(\dot{m}_{H_2,t})}{P_{in,total,t}}$$



OE stress profile over 5 cycles



OE strain profile over 5 cycles

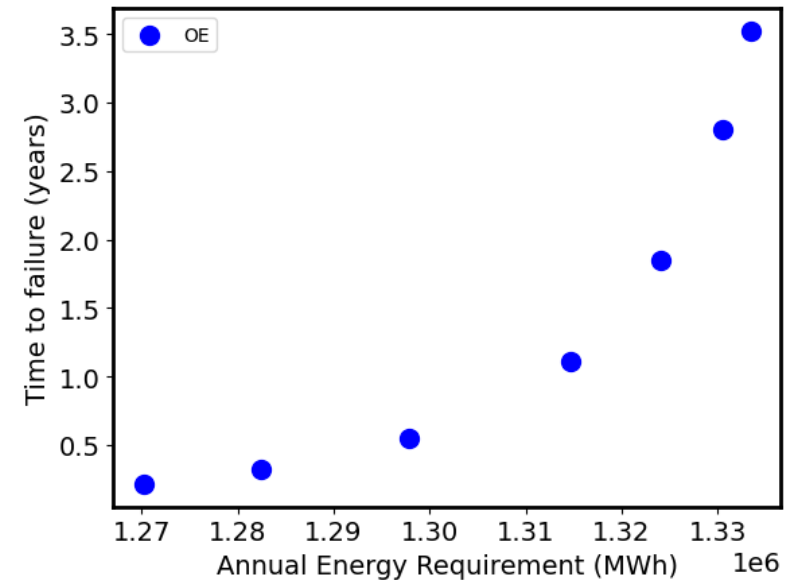
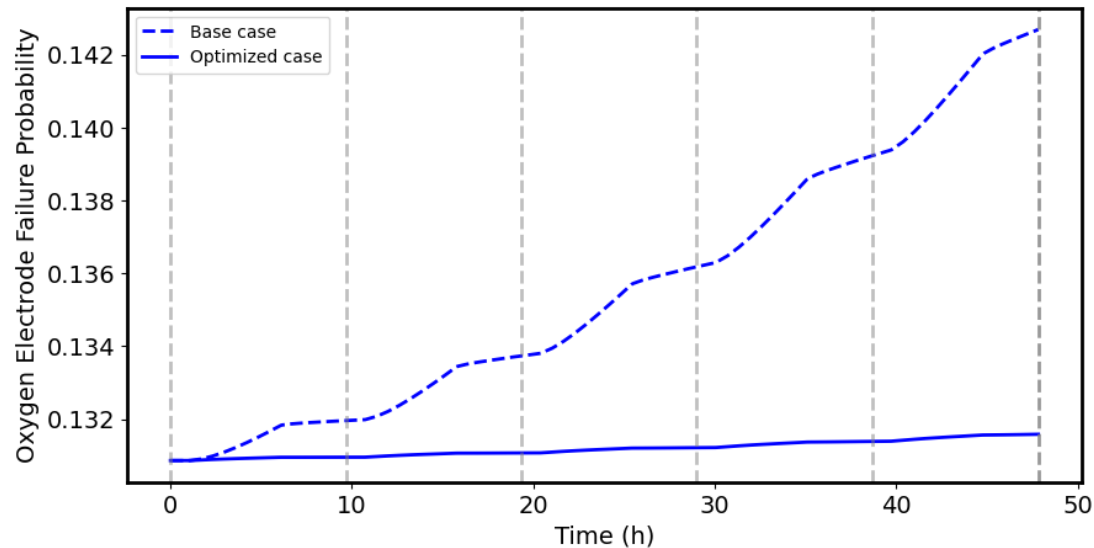


Failure Probability Analysis

Weibull distribution

$$P = 1 - \exp \left[- \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\eta} \right)^m \frac{V_f}{V_0} \right]$$

Oxygen Electrode



- Penalizing residual stresses during cycling operation can significantly improve stack lifetimes at the expense of a moderate decrease in operating efficiency.
- The approach can enable stack cycling, reduction in capital expense and improved reliability.

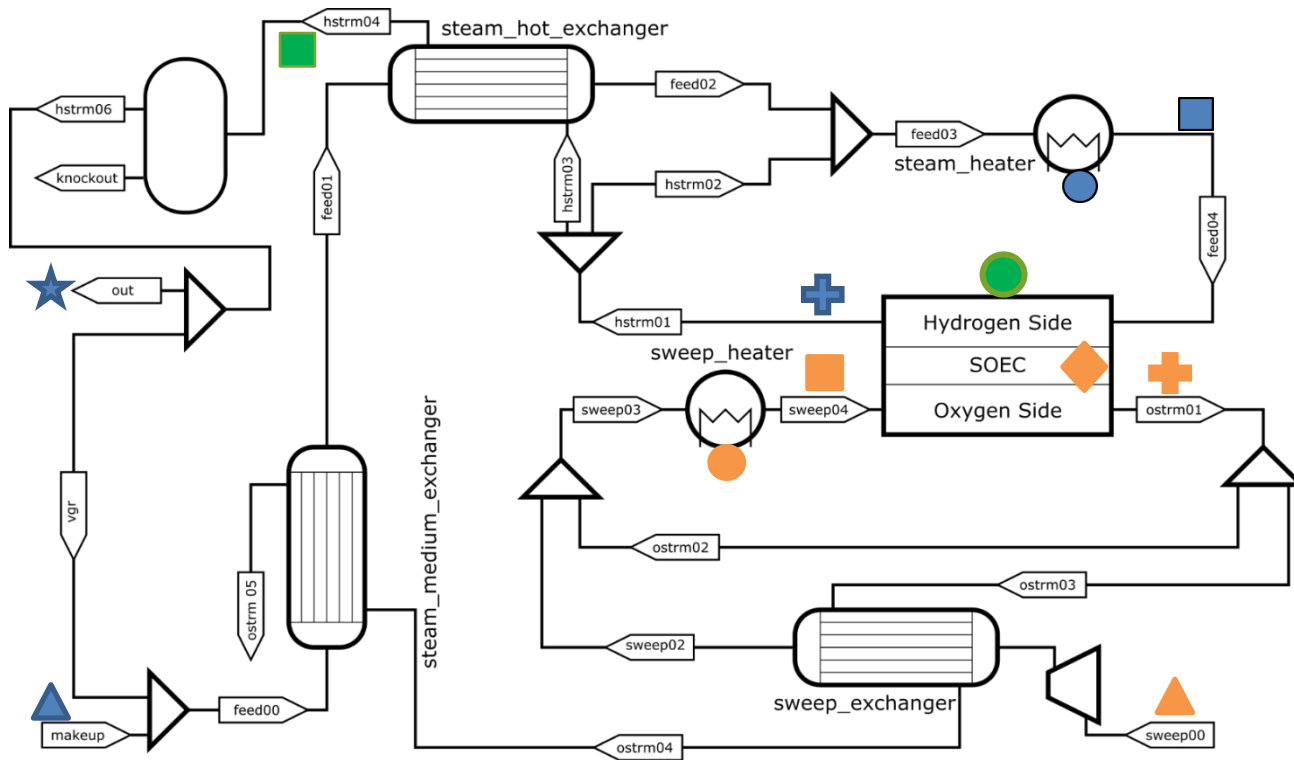
Process Control

Process Control for SOC-based System Mode-Switching

- Classical Control: Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID)

- Nonlinear Model Predictive Control (NMPC)

$$f_{obj} = \sum_{i=0}^N \rho_{H_2} (y_i - y_i^R)^2 + \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j \in J} \rho_j (u_{ij} - u_{ij}^R)^2 + \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{k \in K} \rho_k (x_{ik} - x_{ik}^R)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \rho' (v_i - v_{i-1})^2 + \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{z=1}^{z_L} \rho_M \left(\frac{\partial^2 T_{iz}}{\partial z \partial t} \right)^2$$



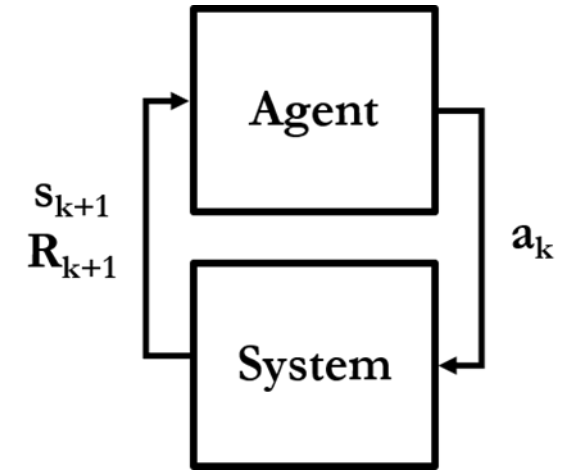
Controller	Manipulated Variables (MVs)	Controlled Variables (CVs)
PID, NMPC	Cell potential ●	Outlet Water Concentration ■
PID, NMPC	Steam/H ₂ feed rate ▲	H ₂ production rate ★
PID, NMPC	Feed heater duty ●	Feed heater outlet temperature ■
PID, NMPC	Sweep heater duty ●	Sweep heater outlet temperature ■
PID, NMPC	Steam heater outlet temperature setpoint* ■	SOC steam outlet temperature +
PID, NMPC	Sweep heater outlet temperature setpoint* ■	SOC sweep outlet temperature +
PID, NMPC	Sweep feed rate ▲	SOC temperature ◆
NMPC	Feed recycle ratio	
NMPC	Sweep recycle ratio	
NMPC	Vent gas recirculation (VGR) recycle ratio	
NMPC	H ₂ /H ₂ O ratio in make-up	

*artificial control variables

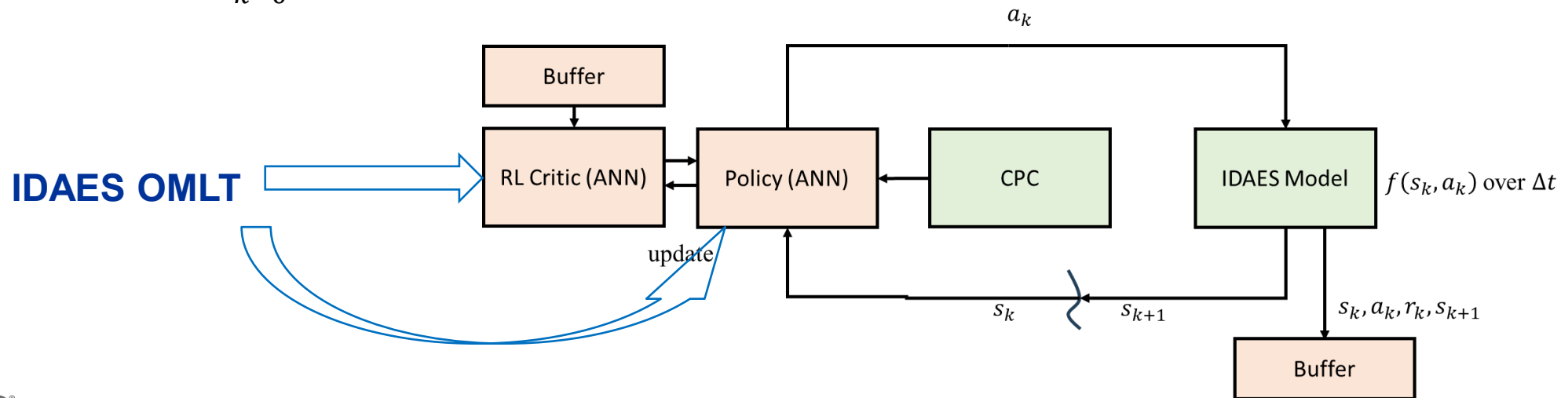
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Reinforcement Learning for Process Control

- **Reinforcement learning (RL)** is a machine learning method that learns from active sampling of system performance
- Learning based on a value function and/or a control policy
 - Algorithms with a **fixed policy** – focused on learning a value function given the fixed policy (e.g., Q-Learning, SARSA)
 - Algorithms where **the policy is learned with a value function** – actor-critic methods; parameterized policy and value function used for control
 - General goal is to **maximize expected sum of rewards**:

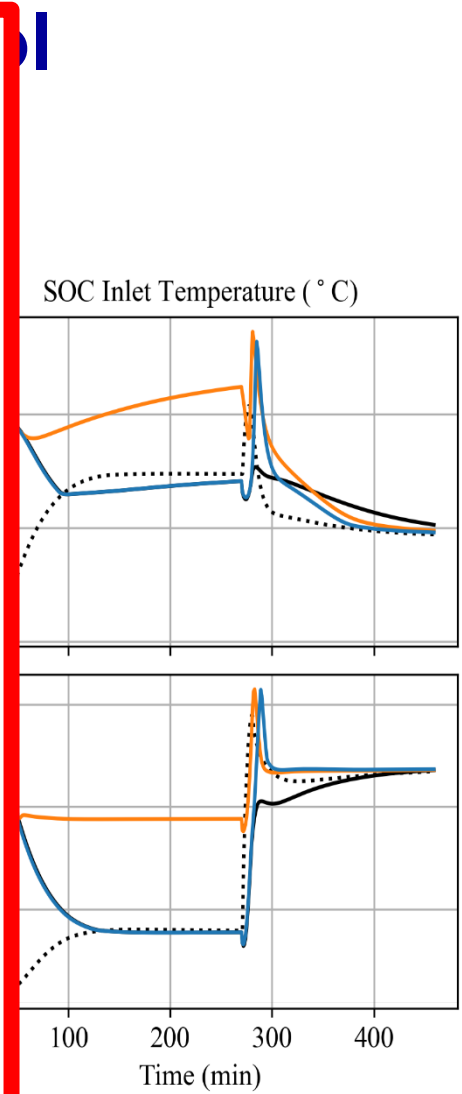
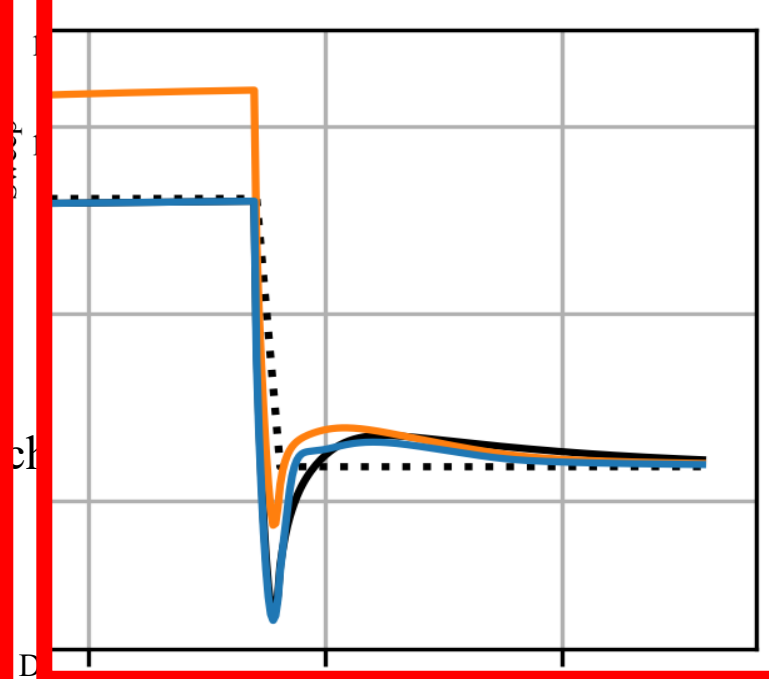
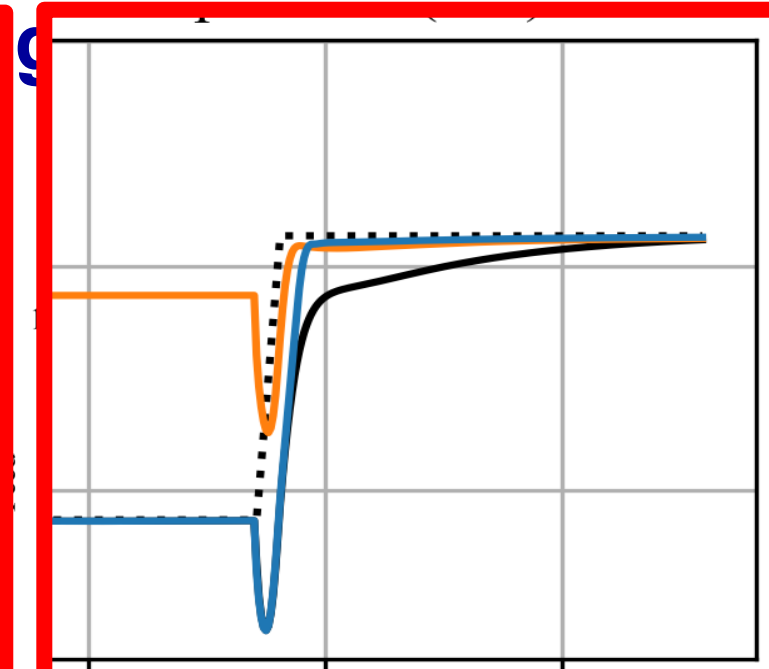
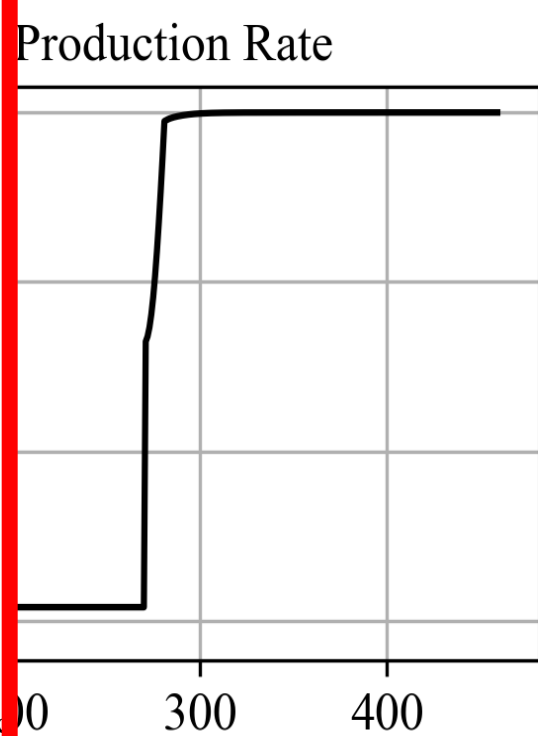
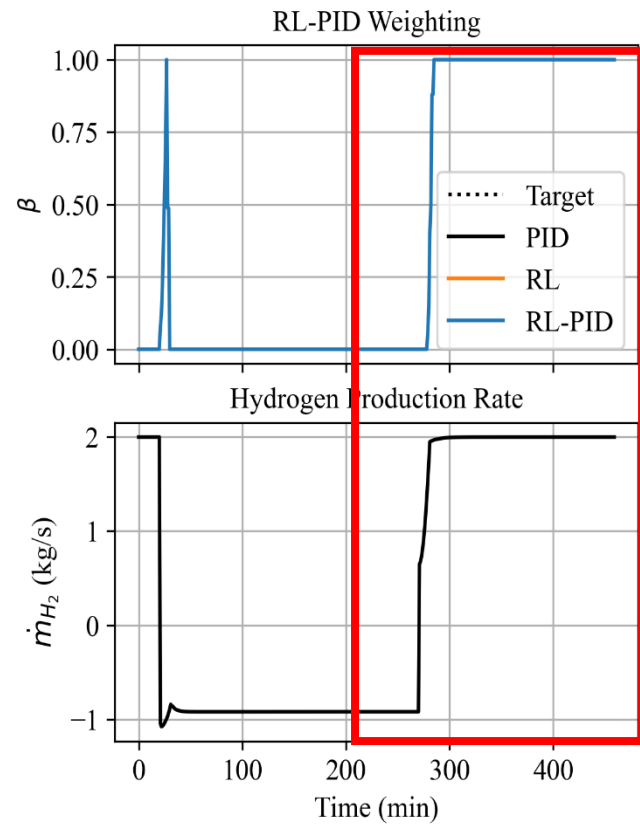


$$Q^\pi(s, a) = E \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k r_{t+k+1} \mid s_t = s, a_t = a \right\}$$



Reinforcement Learning

Case Study: SOFC



Conclusions

- **Long-term SOEC optimization** considering **chemical degradation** can be used to optimize **stack replacement schedule** and **operating trajectory**.
- **Dynamic optimization** considering **physical degradation** can be used to optimize SOEC operating trajectories to **satisfy spatio-temporal stress constraints** without much sacrifice in the overall efficiency.
- **RL** can **learn** by itself, and from human operators and/or existing conventional controllers and can continuously **adapt** for superior control performance.
- **AI/ML tools in IDAES** can be used by **themselves or hybridized** with rigorous mechanistic models for optimal schedule, design, operation, and decision making.
 - Poster: Optimal Schedule, Design, and Operation of Solid Oxide Electrolysis Cell Systems Accounting for Long-Term Performance and Health Degradation (by Nishant Giridhar)
 - **Tomorrow, 10:00 AM**, Dynamic Flowsheeting (by Doug Allen)

Summary

- IDAES is currently supporting several collaborative modeling partnerships aimed at addressing major national and DOE priorities.
- Significant progress has been made towards developing, documenting, and disseminating the next round of foundational capabilities:
 - Advanced diagnostics, scaling, and visualization tools
 - Expansion planning w/ reliability considerations
 - AI/ML approaches to improving MIP solution algorithms
 - Process family design
 - Process/market co-optimization
 - Health modeling, control & dynamic optimization
- IDAES is particularly well-suited to evaluating & designing complex, multi-scale dynamic systems

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