



Chemical Model Reduction under Uncertainty

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Uncertainty in Reacting Flow Modeling

- Chemical models involve much empiricism
- Model uncertainties: choice of species and reactions
- Parametric uncertainties:
 - Chemical rate constants
 - Thermodynamic parameters
 - turbulence/subgrid models
 - mass/energy transport and fluid constitutive laws
 - geometry and initial/boundary conditions
- Present focus on parametric uncertainty
 - kinetic rate coefficients

Uncertainty and Chemical Model Reduction

- Typical ingredients in chemical model reduction
 - A detailed starting chemical kinetic mechanism M_0
 - Operating conditions of interest
 - Quantities of interest (Qols) desired with specified accuracy

$$\mathcal{E} \equiv \|\Phi - \Phi_0\| < \alpha$$

- Consequences of uncertainty in the detailed model?
 - Errors in Qols: acceptable over range of uncertainty
 - Qols are uncertain – error measure definition
 - Probabilistic measures of model fidelity

$$\mathcal{E} \equiv \|\Phi - \Phi_0\| \quad \Rightarrow \quad P(\mathcal{E} < \alpha) < \epsilon$$

$$\mathcal{E} \equiv \mathcal{D}[p(\Phi), p(\Phi_0)] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{E} < \alpha$$

Model Robustness, Error and Uncertainty

- Robustness: A reduced model developed based on a given database should not learn "too much" from the data
 - Reduced models based on different training/test data subsets should not vary "much"
- Optimally, requirements on reduced model error should be made in light of uncertainty in detailed model predictions
 - There is little point in insisting on error bounds much smaller than uncertainty in the reference data
- Measures of reduced model fidelity can include accurate prediction of
 - the nominal reference solution
 - uncertainty in specific observables

Deterministic Chemical ODE System Analysis

- Computational Singular Perturbation (CSP) analysis
- Jacobian eigenvalues provide first-order estimates of the time-scales of system dynamics: $\tau_i \sim 1/\lambda_i$
- Jacobian eigenvectors provide first-order estimates of the vectors that span the fast/slow tangent spaces
- With chosen thresholds, have M “fast” modes
 - M algebraic constraints define a slow manifold
 - Fast processes constrain the system to the manifold
 - System evolves with slow processes along the manifold
- CSP Importance indices provide estimates of “importance” of a given reaction to a given species in each of the fast/slow subspaces

A CSP-based Mechanism Simplification Algorithm

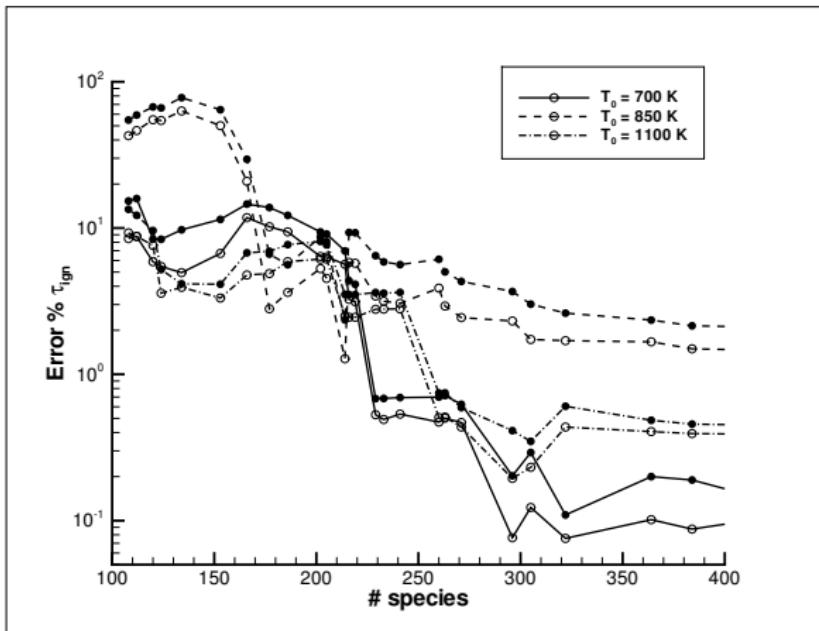
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1: procedure CSPSIMP( $D = \{y_1, \dots, y_N\}, \tau, \mathcal{S}_0, \mathcal{S}^*, \mathcal{R}^*$ )
2:   for each  $y_n \in D$  do ▷ Loop over database
3:      $k \leftarrow 0$ 
4:     do
5:        $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
6:
7:        $\mathcal{R}_k \leftarrow \{R_j \mid \exists i : (\mathcal{S}_i \in \mathcal{S}_{k-1} \wedge I_{j,s}^i > \tau) \vee (\mathcal{S}_i \in \mathcal{S}_{k-1}^{\text{rad}} \wedge I_{j,f}^i > \tau)\}$ 
8:        $\mathcal{S}_k \leftarrow \{S_i \mid \exists j : (R_j \in \mathcal{R}_k \wedge \nu_{ij} \neq 0)\}$ 
9:       while  $\mathcal{S}_k \neq \mathcal{S}_{k-1}$ 
10:       $\mathcal{R}_n \leftarrow \mathcal{R}_k$ 
11:    end for ▷ Active Reactions
12:     $\mathcal{R} \leftarrow \bigcup_n \mathcal{R}_n$ 
13:     $\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \{S_i \mid \exists j : (R_j \in \mathcal{R} \wedge \nu_{ij} \neq 0)\}$  ▷ Active Species
14:  end procedure

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Valorani *et al.* CF 2006

nHeptane Kinetic Model Simplification with CSP



- % Relative error in ignition time vs. simplified model sizes
- Control using error tolerances on CSP importance indices

Valorani *et al.* PCI 2007

Probabilistic Analysis of Uncertain ODE Systems

- Handle uncertainties using probability theory
- Every random instance of the uncertain inputs provides a “sample” ODE system
 - Uncertainties in fast subspace lead to uncertainty in manifold geometry
 - Uncertainties in slow subspace lead to uncertain slow time dynamics
- Probabilistic measures of importance
- Probabilistic comparison of models
- One can analyze/reduce each system realization
 - Statistics of $y(t; \lambda)$ trajectories

Reduction Strategy under Uncertainty

- Deterministic strategy:

- Given
 - Detailed starting chemical model M^* , with parameters λ
 - Solution database D of state vectors generated with (M^*, λ)
 - Quantities of interest I
 - Specified error thresholds τ on I
 - discover a simplified model $M(M^*, \lambda, D, I, \tau) := M(\lambda)$

- Probabilistic strategy:

- Given uncertainty in λ , we model this parameter vector as a random vector with a given joint density $p(\lambda)$.
 - As a result, the resulting model structure $M(\lambda)$ is a random object, with a probability for any given M , denoted by $P(M)$.
 - Each $M \in \mathcal{M}$ is defined by a network of species/reactions
 - The set \mathcal{M} is not easy to work with

Convenient coordinates on model space

- Given the starting detailed model M^* , any simplified model M is uniquely defined by the set of retained reactions
 - Retained species are those involved in retained reactions
- Set of elementary reactions in M^* : $\mathcal{R}_{M^*} = \{R_1, \dots, R_K\}$
- Define the bit vector $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K) \in \{0, 1\}^K$
- A model M is specified by $\alpha(M)$ where, for $r = 1, \dots, K$,

$$\alpha_r(M) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } R_r \in \mathcal{R}_M \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

clearly: $\alpha(M^*) = (1, \dots, 1)$

- Thus, given M^* , we have the mapping: $\lambda \rightarrow \alpha(\lambda)$

Uncertain Simplified Model Specification

- For uncertain λ : $p(\lambda) \rightarrow P(\alpha) \equiv P_\alpha$
- Clearly, $P_\alpha \geq 0$, and $\sum_\alpha P_\alpha = 1$
- Illustrative example: $M^*: A \xrightleftharpoons[2]{1} B$
 - $K = 2$, such that $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$
 - Set of possible values of α : $\{(1, 1), (1, 0), (0, 1), (0, 0)\}$
 - Set of possible models M : $\{M_{(1,1)}, M_{(1,0)}, M_{(0,1)}, M_{(0,0)}\}$
 - Uncertain simplified model specification:

$$\{P_{(1,1)}, P_{(1,0)}, P_{(0,1)}, P_{(0,0)}\}$$

where $P_{(i,j)} \equiv P(\alpha = (i, j))$

Uncertain Reduction Strategy - 1

- Generate N random samples of λ from $p(\lambda)$
- For each $\lambda^i, i = 1, \dots, N$
 - Analyze resulting $M^*(\lambda^i)$ for ignition - range of (T, P, Φ) ICs
 - Get simplified model $M^i(\mathcal{S}^i, \mathcal{R}^i)$
 - Evaluate $\alpha^i = \alpha(M^i)$:

$$\alpha_k^i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } R_k \in \mathcal{R}_{M^i} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad k = 1, \dots, K$$

- Estimate Model probabilities: $P_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\alpha, \alpha^i}$
- Marginal reaction probabilities:

$$P_{\alpha_k} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\alpha_k, \alpha_k^i}, \quad k = 1, \dots, K$$

Uncertain Reduction Strategy - 2

- Marginal reaction inclusion probability

$$P_k := P_{\{\alpha_k=1\}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_k^i, \quad k = 1, \dots, K$$

- Include reaction k iff:

$$P_k > \theta$$

- Resulting model $M_{\tau, \theta}(\lambda)$ is the CSP-simplified model given
 - the starting detailed model $M^*(\lambda)$
 - the database of solution state vectors
 - the CSP Importance Index tolerance τ
 - for $\lambda \sim p(\lambda)$

with marginal reaction inclusion probability $> \theta$

Estimation of Moments in High Dimensional Space

- Estimation of expectations (e.g. P_α) relies on integration

$$P_\alpha = \int_{\Lambda} \delta_{\alpha, \alpha(\lambda)} p(\lambda) d\lambda \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\alpha, \alpha(\lambda^i)} \Big|_{\lambda \sim p(\lambda)}$$

- High dimensional space: $\lambda \in \Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^L$, where $L \geq K$
- Monte Carlo sampling useful for evaluating hi-D integrals
 - particularly when the integrand is non-smooth
- MC convergence rate independent of dimensionality
 - However, the level of error for a given number of samples increases with the intrinsic dimensionality of the integrand
- Concentration of measure - $E[\|\lambda\|] \uparrow$ and $V[\|\lambda\|] \downarrow$ as $L \uparrow$
 - $L \uparrow \Rightarrow$ every λ^i likely to have one/more extreme elements
 - Use truncated distributions $p(\lambda)$

Computational Considerations

- Efficient Tchem based thermochemistry
 - In-memory manipulation of Arrhenius parameters
 - Fast evaluation of source term and analytical Jacobian
 - <http://www.sandia.gov/tchem>
 - Contact: C. Safta: csafta@sandia.gov
- Fast cvode based stiff time integration
 - <http://computation.llnl.gov/casc/sundials>
- Efficient CSPTk analysis and reduction
 - Minimal I/O
 - On-demand/as-needed evaluation of Importance Indices
 - Contact: M. Valorani: mauro.valorani@uniroma1.it
- In-memory statistics of random trajectories and associated analysis

Demo on n-butane ignition

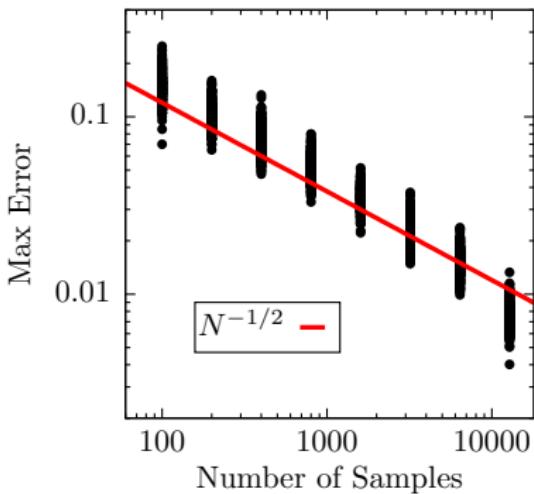
- Detailed chemical mechanism for n-butane/air combustion, with specified uncertainty factors in the pre-exponentials
E. Hebrard, A.S. Tomlin, R. Bounaceur, F. Battin-Leclerc, Proc. Comb. Inst. 35(1):607-616, 2015.
- $N = 1111$ reactions
- Temperature-dependent uncertainty factors
 - Mechanism specifies (f_r, g_r) for each reaction r
 - Uncertainty factor: $\ln A = \ln A_{\text{nom}} \pm \ln F$

$$F_r(T) = f_r \exp \left(\left| g_r \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{300} \right) \right| \right)$$

- For now, we employ a temperature-independent F_r :

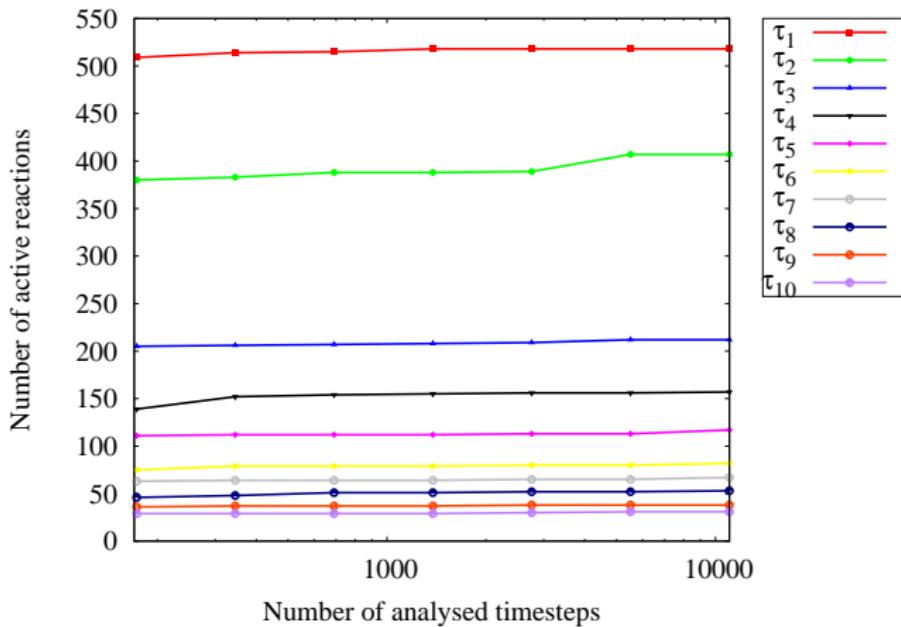
$$F_r := F_r(T)|_{T=1500 \text{ K}}$$

Convergence with number of MC samples



- Self-convergence of max error in P_α with increasing number of MC samples
- Expected slope of $1/\sqrt{N}$ in ensemble mean error

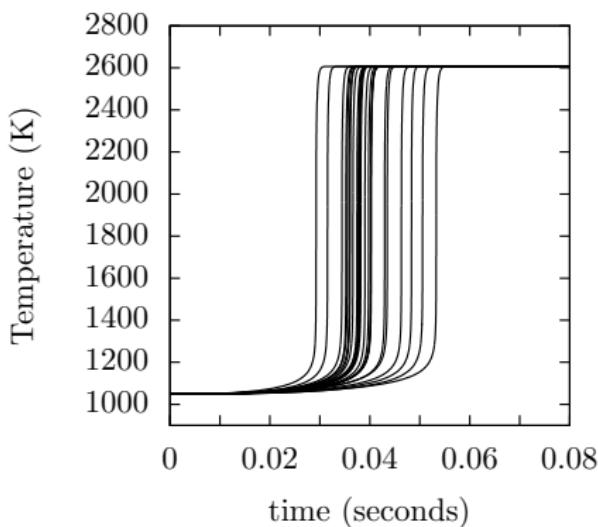
Convergence with number of sampled trajectory steps



- Somewhat weak dependence on the number of sampled points in each trajectory

Sampled ignition trajectories – detailed mechanism

- Significant uncertainty in ignition time
- Large range of state-variable uncertainty vs time
 - fast ignition transient
- Examine trajectory errors and uncertainty in an alternate progress-variable phase space
 - Entropic phase space



Normalized entropy progress variable

- Define the entropy progress variable:

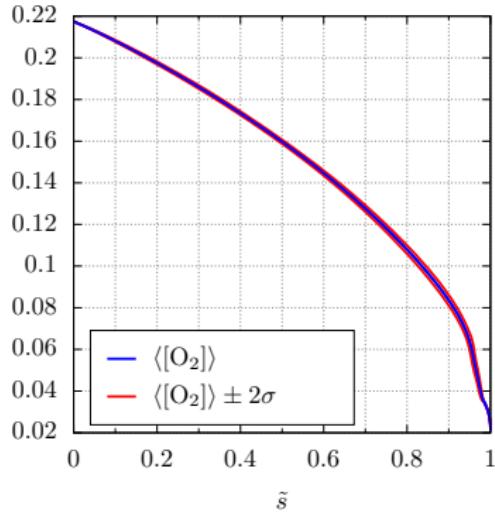
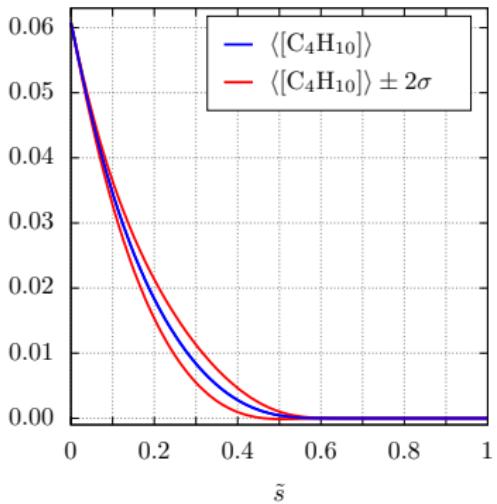
$$\hat{s}(t) = \int_0^t |\mathbf{d}s|$$

- Given any quantity of interest $\phi(t, \cdot)$
- And, time trajectory $(t_k, \phi(t_k, \cdot)), k = 1, \dots, K$
- Re-parametrize the trajectory using a normalized entropy:

$$\tilde{s}(t) = \frac{\hat{s}(t)}{\hat{s}(t_{\text{final}})}$$

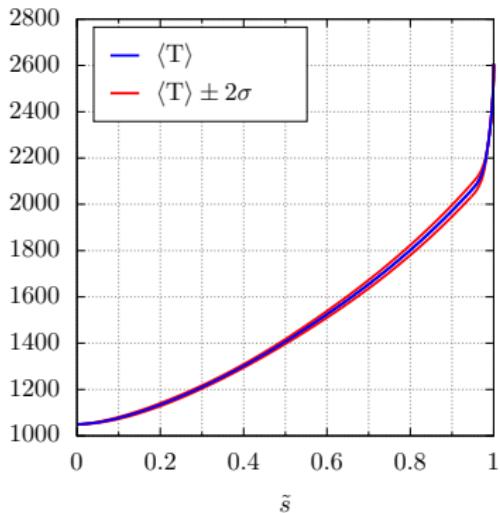
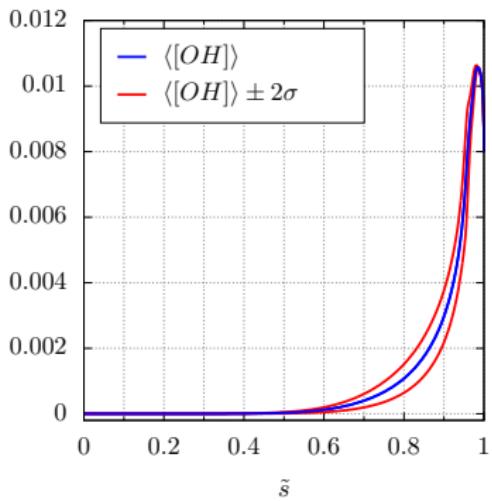
- Thus, $\phi(\mathfrak{s}, \cdot) := \phi(t_{\mathfrak{s}}, \cdot)$ where $t_{\mathfrak{s}} = t(\mathfrak{s}) := \{t \mid \tilde{s}(t) = \mathfrak{s}\}$
- Compare solutions in the (\mathfrak{s}, ϕ) phase space
 - Trajectories $(\mathfrak{s}_k, \phi(\mathfrak{s}_k, \cdot)), k = 1, \dots, K$

Uncertain trajectories in the entropy phase space



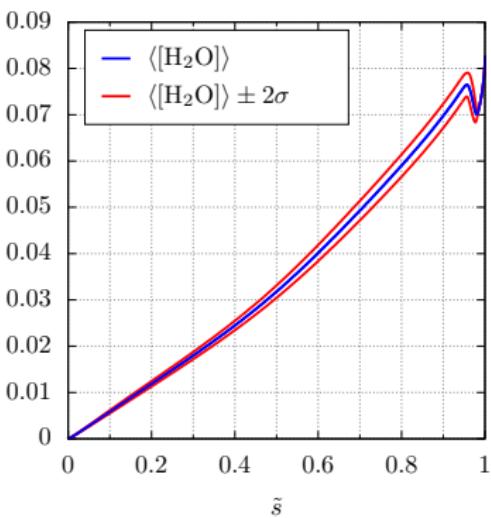
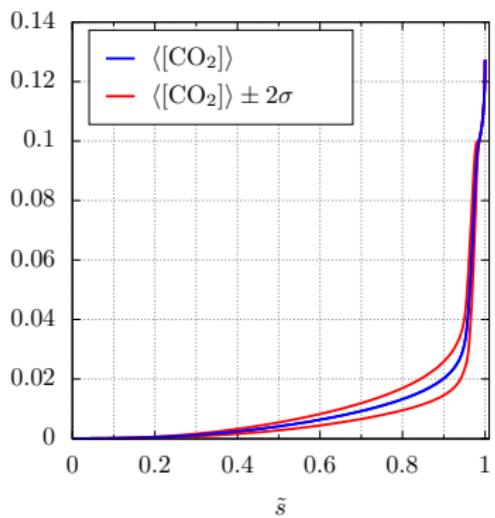
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 $y = f(x)$ - by construction
- Coefficient of variation can be large when the mean is low

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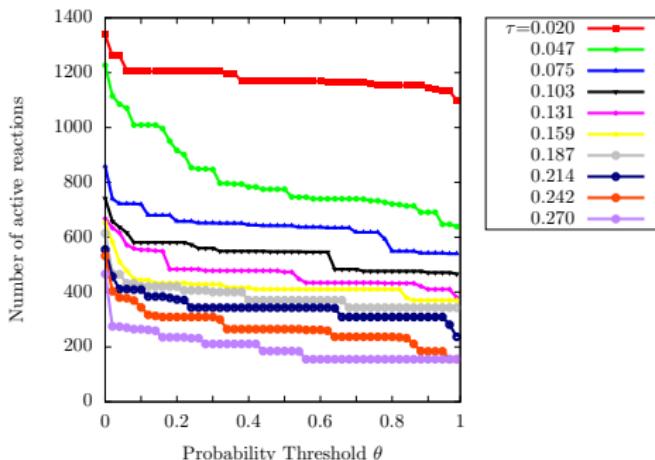
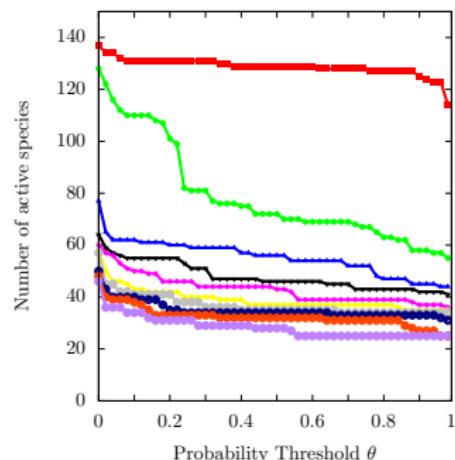


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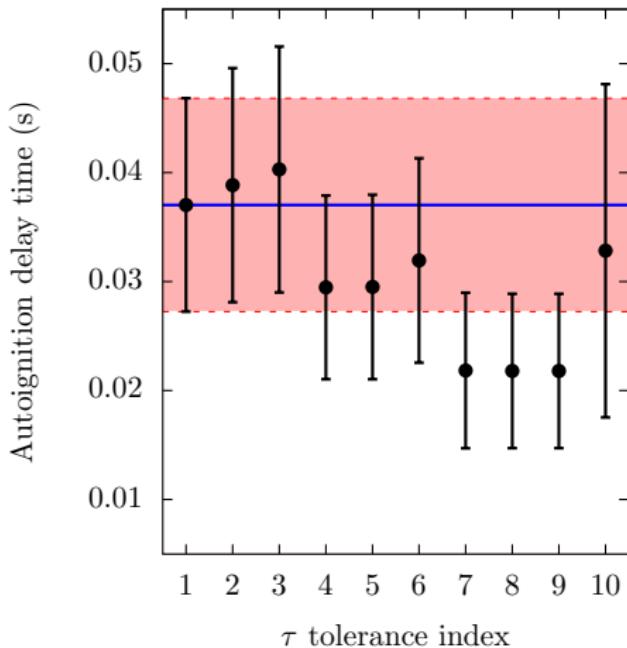
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active reactions/species varies inversely with (τ, θ) 

- Number of retained/active reactions/species goes down w/:
 - increasing threshold θ on P_k
 - increasing Importance Index threshold τ

Uncertain Ignition time prediction

- Detailed model: $t_{\text{ign}}^d(\lambda)$
- Simplified model: $t_{\text{ign}}(\lambda, \tau, \theta = 0.3)$
- Global trend towards
 - lower t_{ign}
 - larger t_{ign} -error
 with increasing τ
- Non-monotonous local behavior



A posteriori error estimation

For any quantity of interest $\phi(\mathfrak{s}, \cdot)$, define the trajectory error norm over time steps $t_k : k = 1, \dots, K$, with $\mathfrak{s}_k = \tilde{s}(t_k)$,

$$\mathcal{E}_\phi^{p,w} = \frac{\|\phi - \phi_d\|_{p,w}}{\|\phi_d\|_{p,w}} = \frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^K w_k |\phi(\mathfrak{s}_k, \cdot) - \phi_d(\mathfrak{s}_k, \cdot)|^p \right)^{1/p}}{\left(\sum_{k=1}^K w_k |\phi_d(\mathfrak{s}_k, \cdot)|^p \right)^{1/p}}$$

where

ϕ_d refers to the detailed model

$w_k = w(\mathfrak{s}_k)$ is a weight function e.g. $= 1/\sigma_d(\mathfrak{s}_k)$

A posteriori error estimation

Example quantities of interest for trajectory error estimation

- A per-trajectory error that is random

$$\phi(\mathfrak{s}, \lambda) := X_i(\mathfrak{s}, \lambda) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{E}_{X_i}^{p,w}(\lambda; \tau, \theta)$$

-Trajectories need to be in the same probability space

- An error in the mean of uncertain trajectories

$$\phi(\mathfrak{s}) := \mu_i(\mathfrak{s}) = \mathbf{E}_\lambda[X_i(\mathfrak{s}, \lambda)] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{E}_{\mu_i}^{p,w}(\tau, \theta)$$

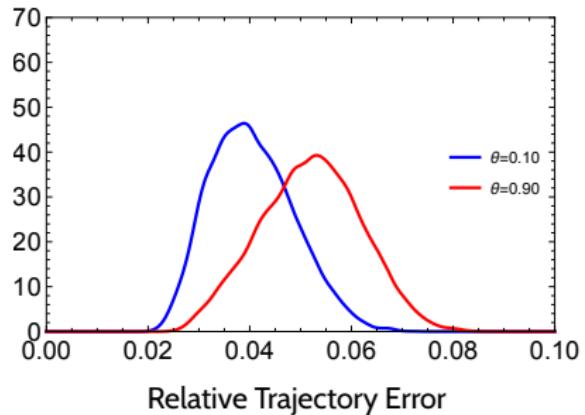
- An error in the standard deviation of uncertain trajectories

$$\phi(\mathfrak{s}) := \sigma_i(\mathfrak{s}) = (\mathbf{V}_\lambda[X_i(\mathfrak{s}, \lambda)])^{1/2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{E}_{\sigma_i}^{p,w}(\tau, \theta)$$

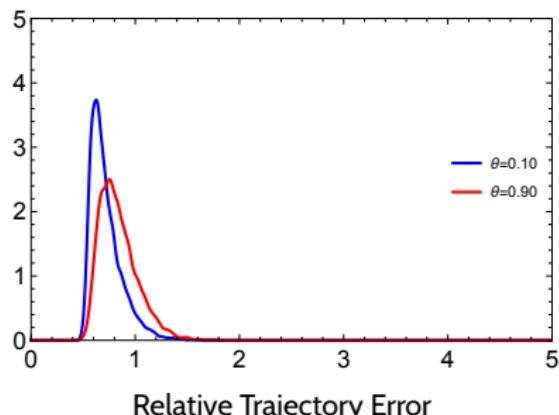
Trajectory error PDF

- PDF of trajectory error for $\tau = 0.22$
- Error averaged over set of species

Target species

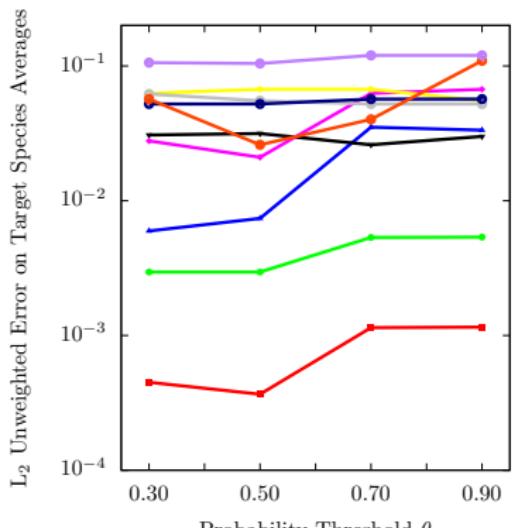


All species

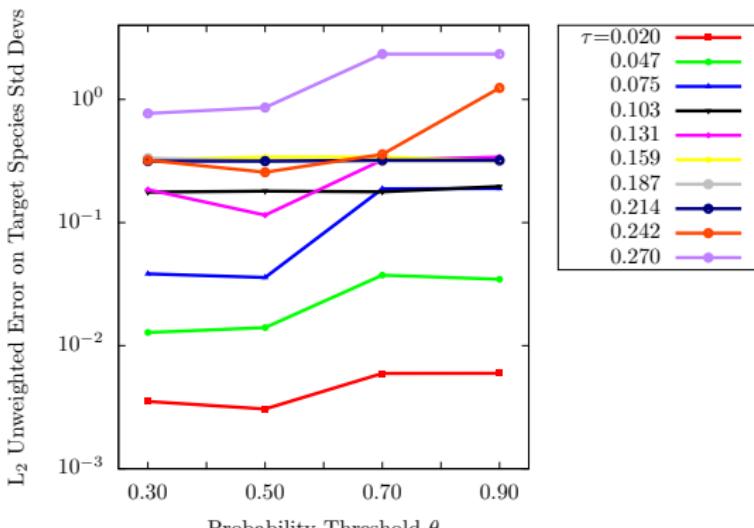


- Error increases with θ
 - less reactions included with higher inclusion threshold

Trajectory error statistics – target species



Mean



Standard Deviation

- General trend towards higher error with increasing τ, θ
- Trend is more evident at low τ

Closure

- We presented a probabilistic framework for analysis and reduction of chemical models under uncertainty
- The construction employs the target problem and the deterministic analysis/reduction strategy as a black box
- We employ a convenient indexing of models
- We use *a posteriori* error norms for entropic phase space trajectories
- We demonstrated the construction with an uncertain n-butane mechanism
 - Examined *a posteriori* errors
 - Convergence behavior given relevant tolerances