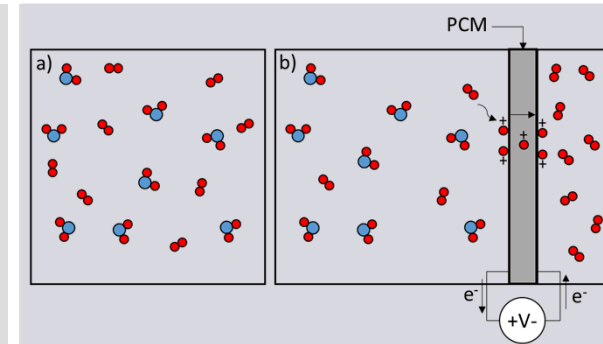
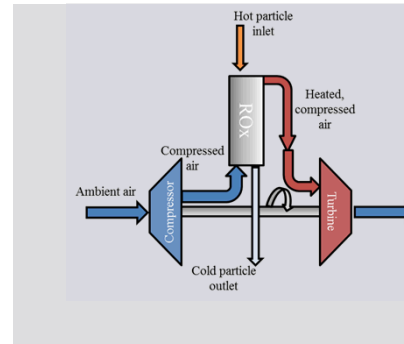
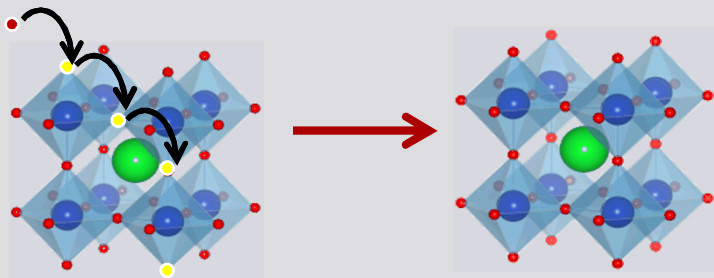


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Non-stoichiometric perovskite oxides as high-temperature storage media and their application to concentrating solar power generation and hydrogen production

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# MOTIVATION FOR HIGH- TEMPERATURE PEROVSKITE STORAGE MEDIA

# Where can thermal/thermochemical storage make an impact in solar-thermal technologies?

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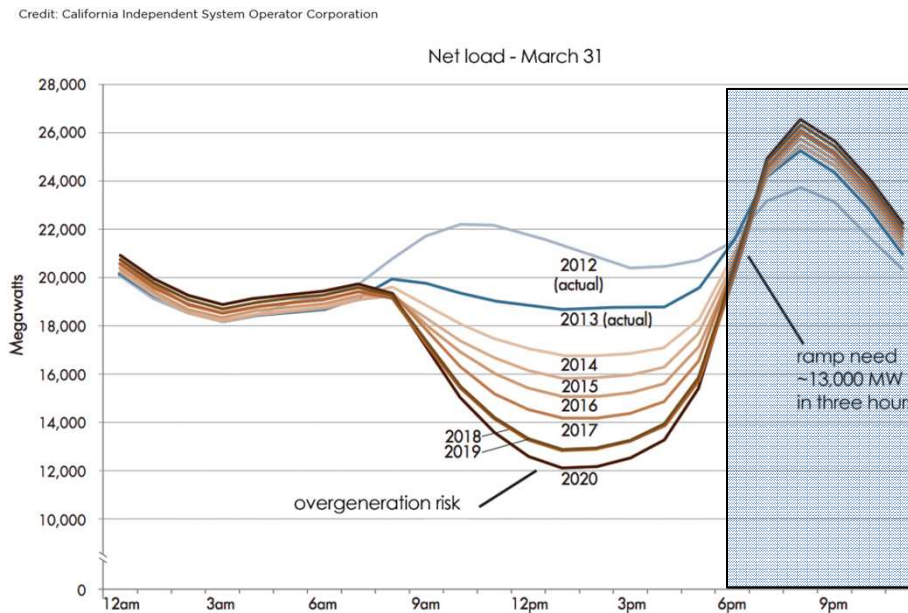
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**BSM6** high temperatures, large chemical potential gradients.  
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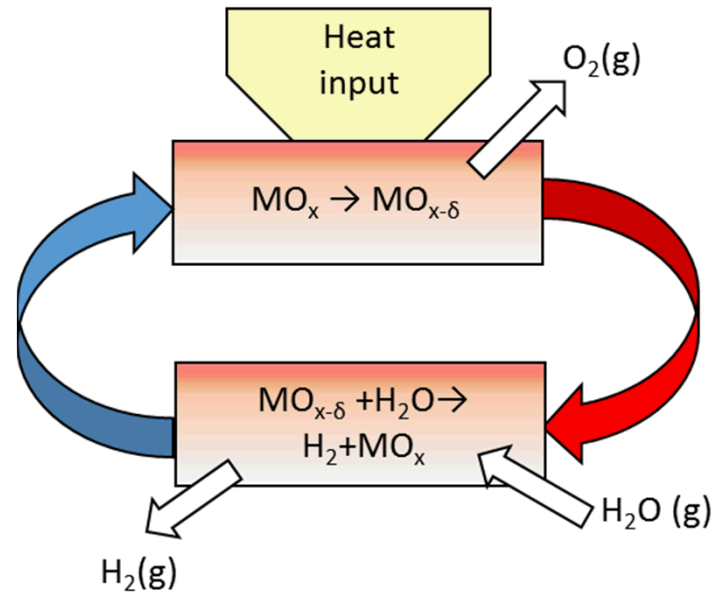
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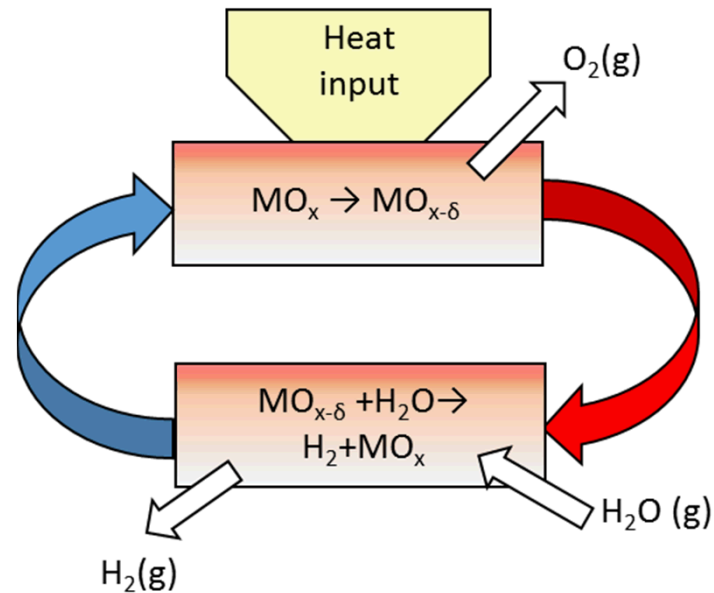
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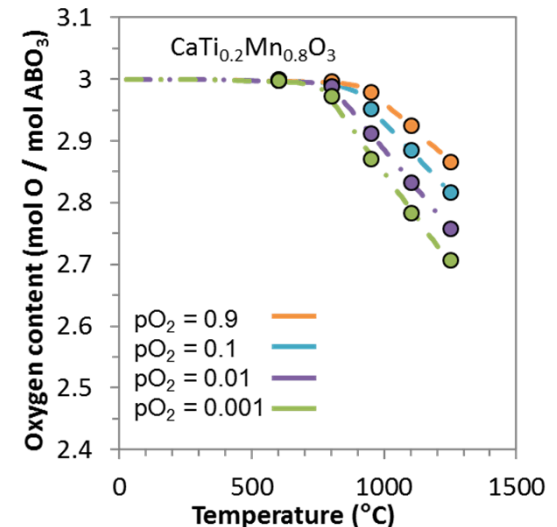
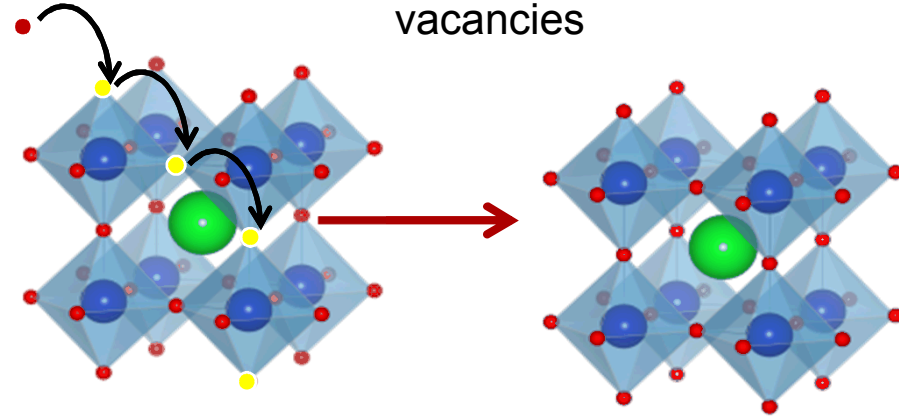
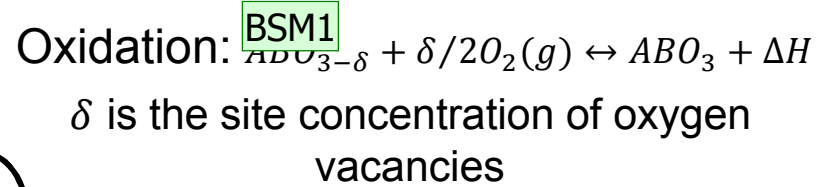
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Both applications share several desirable materials properties:

- Tunability of material thermodynamics
- Rapid kinetics
- Adequate oxygen capacity
- Low cost

# Perovskites can possess many of the desired qualities

- **Materials tunability**
  - Dopants easily introduced into A and B sites
- **Fast kinetics**
  - “Continuous” reaction characteristics
    - No discrete phase change
  - Mixed ionic/electronic conductivity (MIEC)
    - Ambi-polar transport enables oxygen diffusion from bulk to skin or vice versa
- **Adequate oxygen capacity**
  - Typically observe maximum oxygen nonstoichiometric of  $\delta = 0.2$  to  $0.5$
- **Cost can be reduced by using earth-abundant cations**
  - Ca, Al, K, etc.



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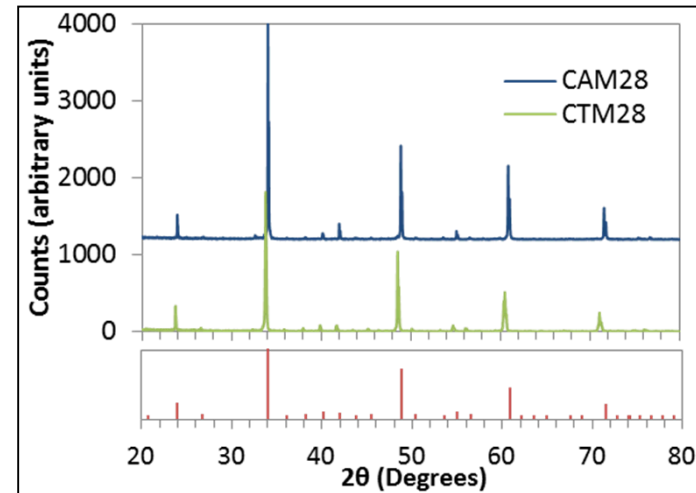
### **BSM1**

Change this to reduction instead of oxidation. Easier to discuss what  $ABO_3$  is and how vacancies are introduced.

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# Synthesis and phase characterization

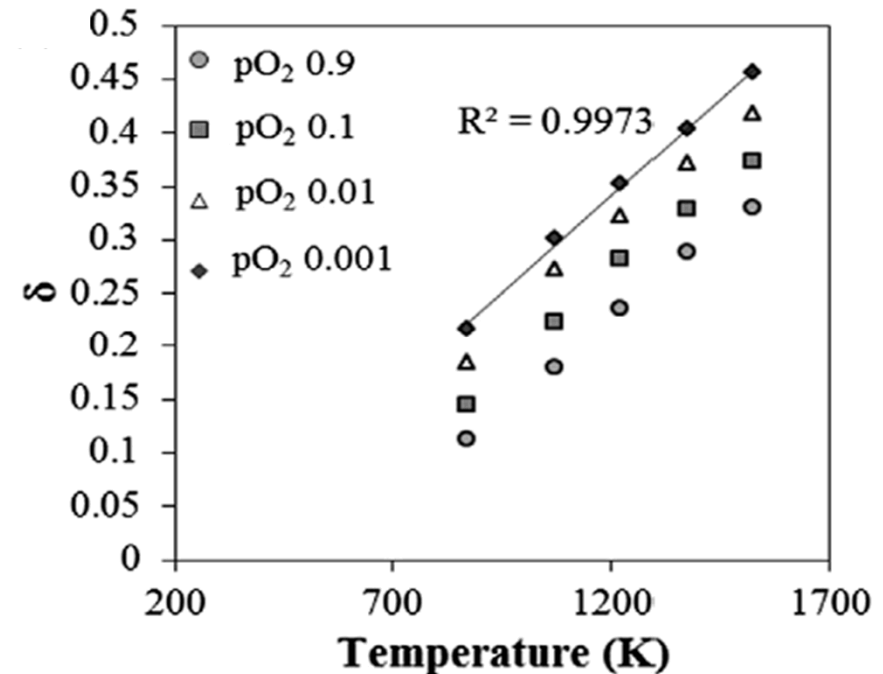
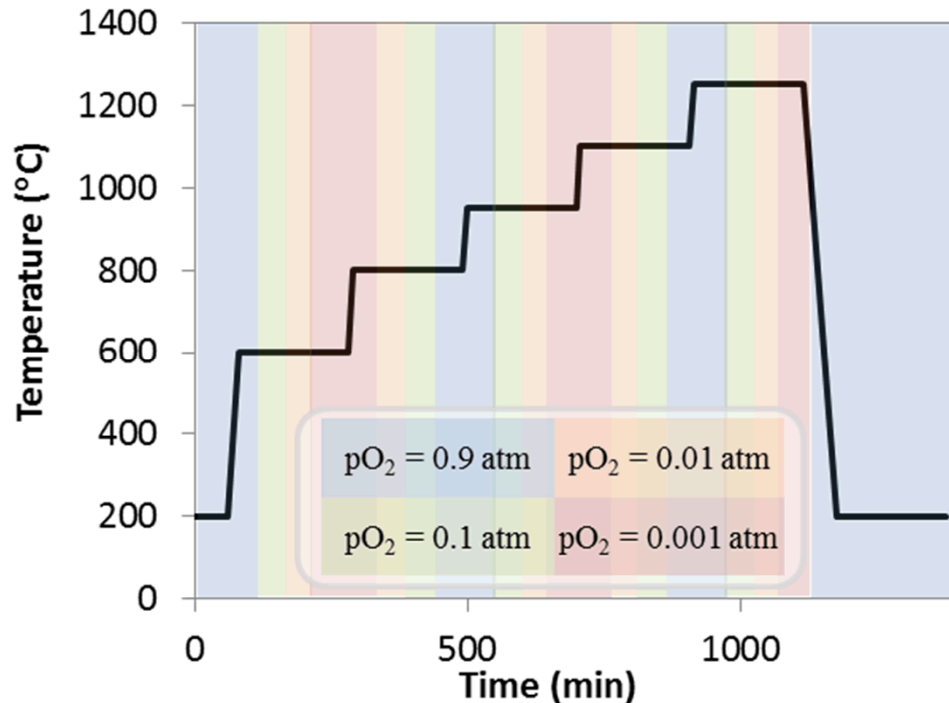
- Materials synthesized using an aqueous (Pechini) method
- X-ray diffraction on pellets was used for phase identification
- Compositions nomenclature:  $A_a A'_{a'} B_b B'_{b'} O_{3-\delta}$ 
  - Ex:  $La_{0.7} Sr_{0.3} Co_{0.3} Fe_{0.7} O_{3-\delta}$ : LSCM7337
- 2 main materials families investigated
  - $La_a Sr_b Co_c M_d O_{3-\delta}$  : M = Fe, Mn
    - ~ 50 compositions
    - Ex: LSCF3773, LSCM2891
  - $Ca_a A'_b X_c Mn_d O_{3-\delta}$  : A' = Sr, La, Y; X = Al, Ti, Co
    - ~25 compositions
    - Ex:  $CaAl_{0.2} Mn_{0.8} O_{3-\delta}$ : CAM28



# Thermogravimetric analysis used to characterize oxygen vacancy concentration

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- Equilibrium concentration observed by measuring a change in mass as a function of oxygen partial pressure and temperature
  - 5 temperatures, 4 oxygen partial pressures at each temperature
  - Material allowed ample time to reach a steady-state mass



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### **BSM2**

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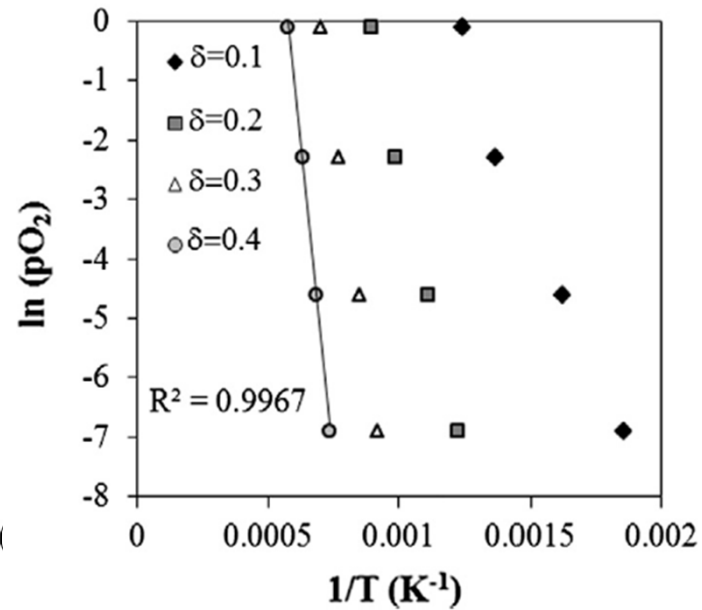
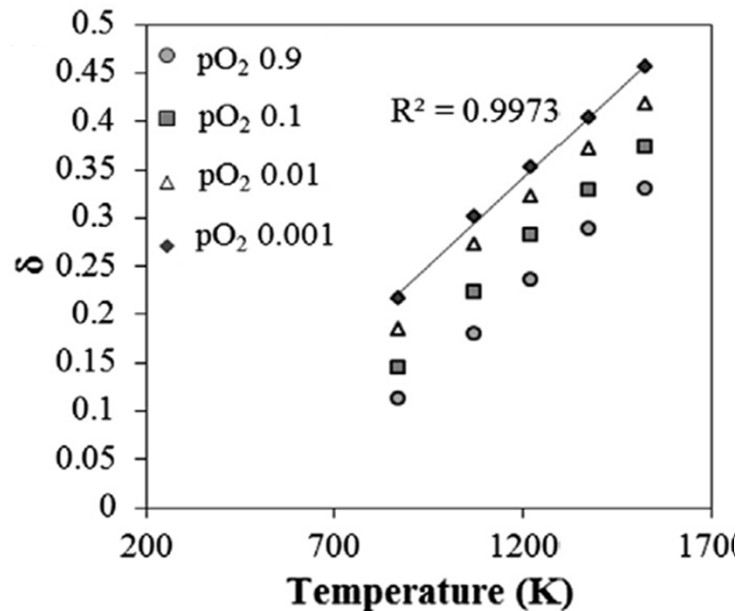
# Equilibrium TGA data used to estimate thermodynamic parameters

- Thermodynamic parameters extracted by van't Hoff approach:

- $$K = \frac{[ABO_3]^{1/\delta} pO_2^{1/2}}{[ABO_3]^{1/\delta}}$$
, assume ratio of solid activities is  $\approx$  unity

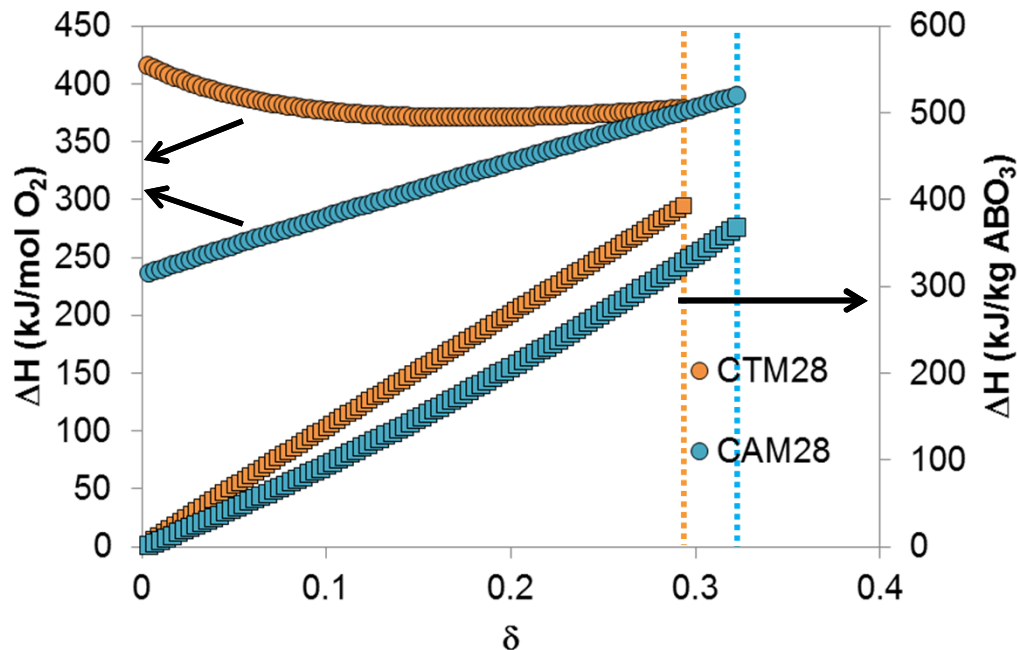
- $$\ln(pO_2) = 2 \frac{-\Delta G_{rxn}}{RT} = 2 \left( \frac{1}{T} \cdot \frac{-\Delta H_{rxn}}{R} + \frac{\Delta S_{rxn}}{R} \right)$$

- Enthalpy determined by slope, entropy by intercept for each value of  $\delta$



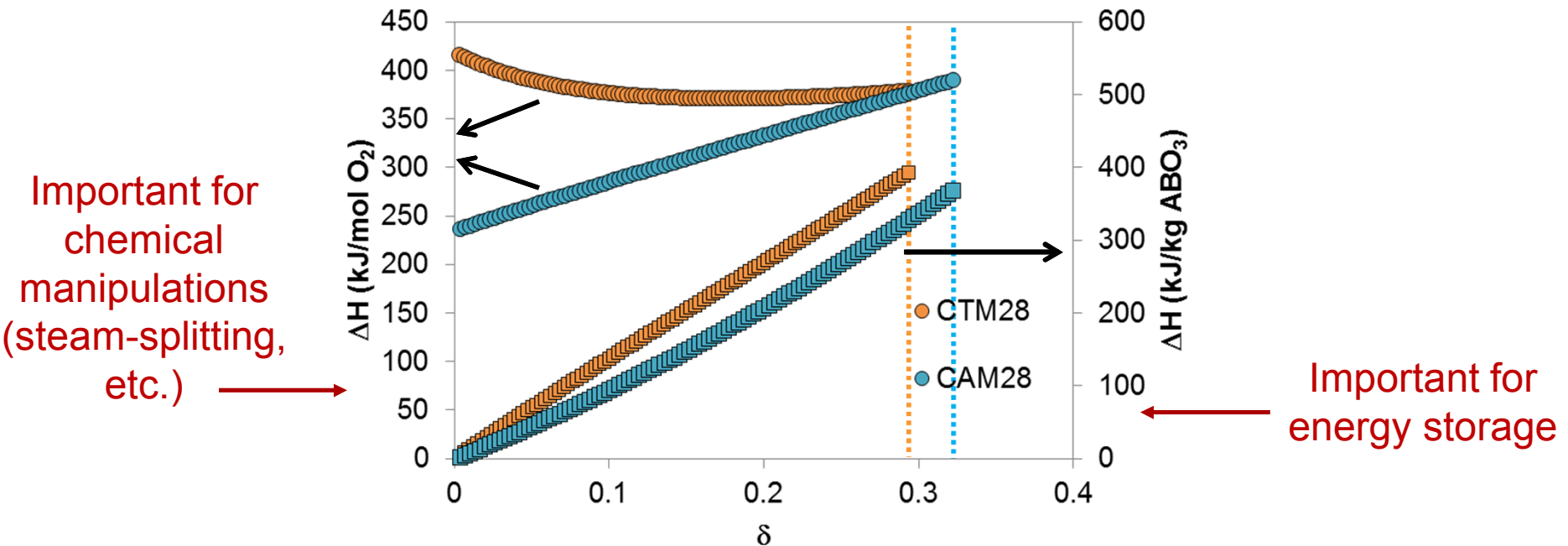
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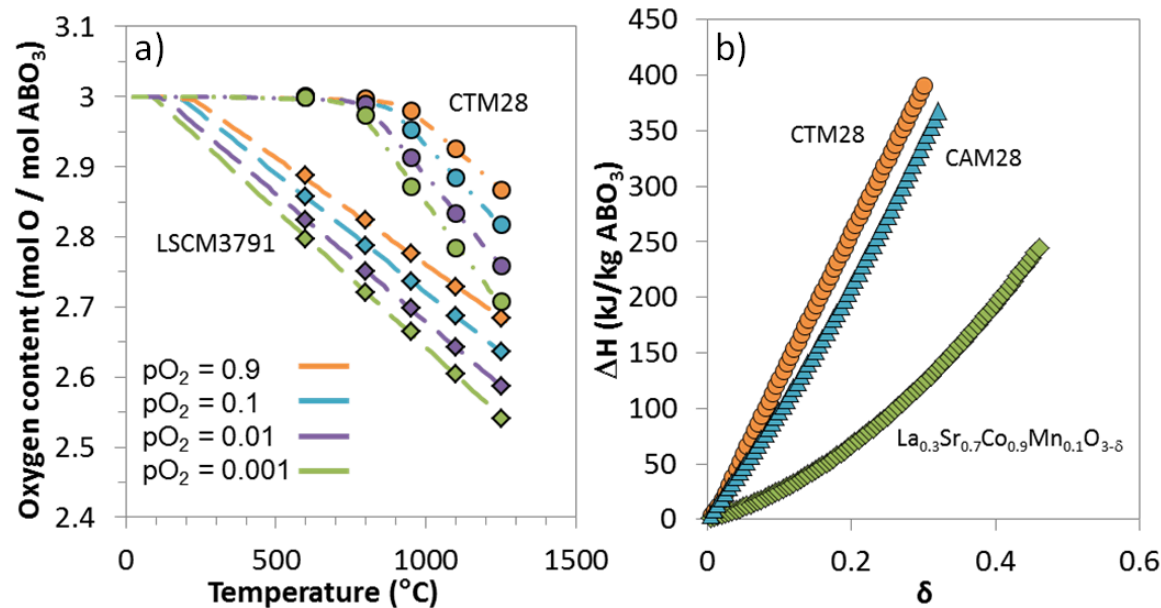
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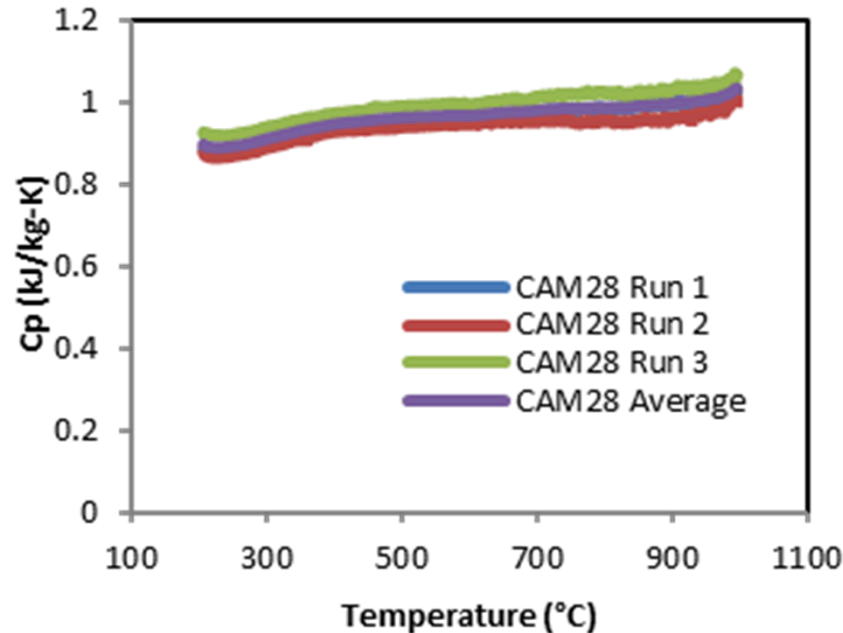
# thermodynamic limits which inhibit further increases in reaction enthalpy

- $ABO_3 + \Delta H \leftrightarrow ABO_{3-\delta} + \delta/2 O_{2(g)}$ 
  - Gas species dominates entropy term (largest # degrees-of-freedom)
    - Entropy change between two solid compositions likely  $\ll$  entropy in diatomic gas particle
- At equilibrium (onset of reduction)  $\Delta G_{red} = 0 = \Delta H_{red} - T \Delta S_{red}$ ,
  - For two compositions at equilibrium with nearly equal entropy, a change in reduction enthalpy necessitates a change in reduction temperature



# Total storage capacity

- Heat capacity similar for materials of the same family
  - Same number of atoms in lattice, similar molecular weight



$$\Delta H_{sens} = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} C_p(T) dT \sim 875 \text{ kJ/kg between } 200 \text{ and } 1250 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

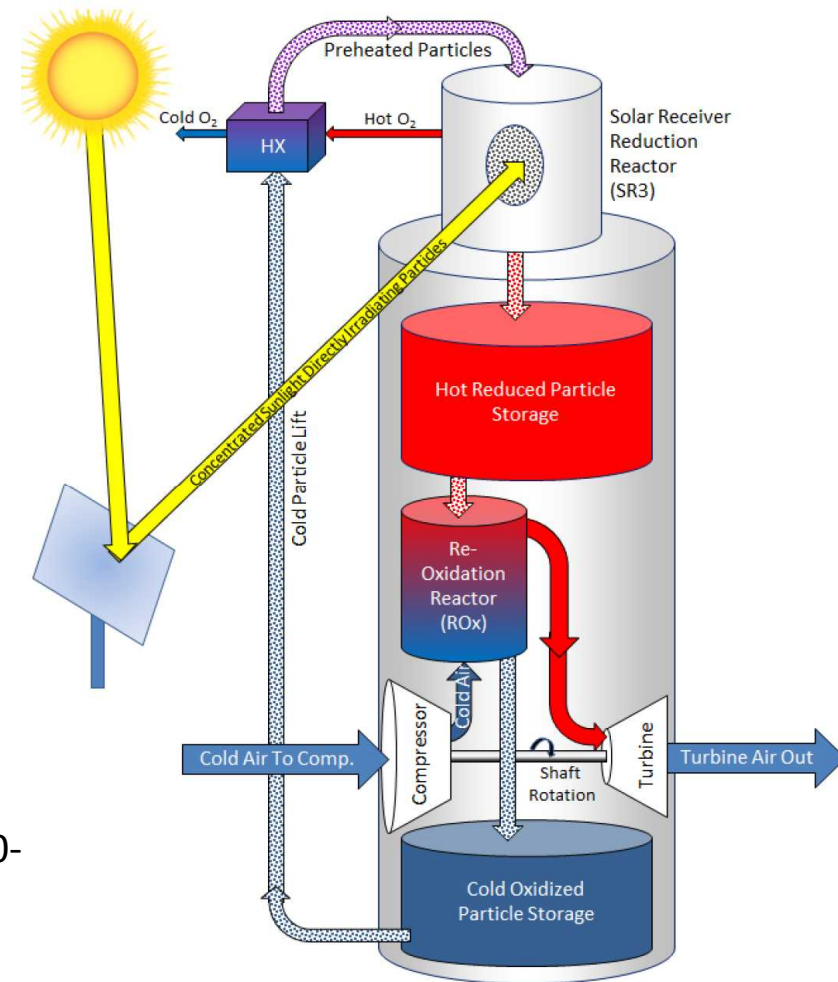
$$\Delta H_{total} = \Delta H_{sens} + \Delta H_{reaction} \sim 900 + 350 = 1350 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Molten salt energy density  $\sim 400\text{-}450 \text{ kJ/kg}$

# APPLICATIONS FOR HIGH- TEMPERATURE PEROVSKITE STORAGE MEDIA

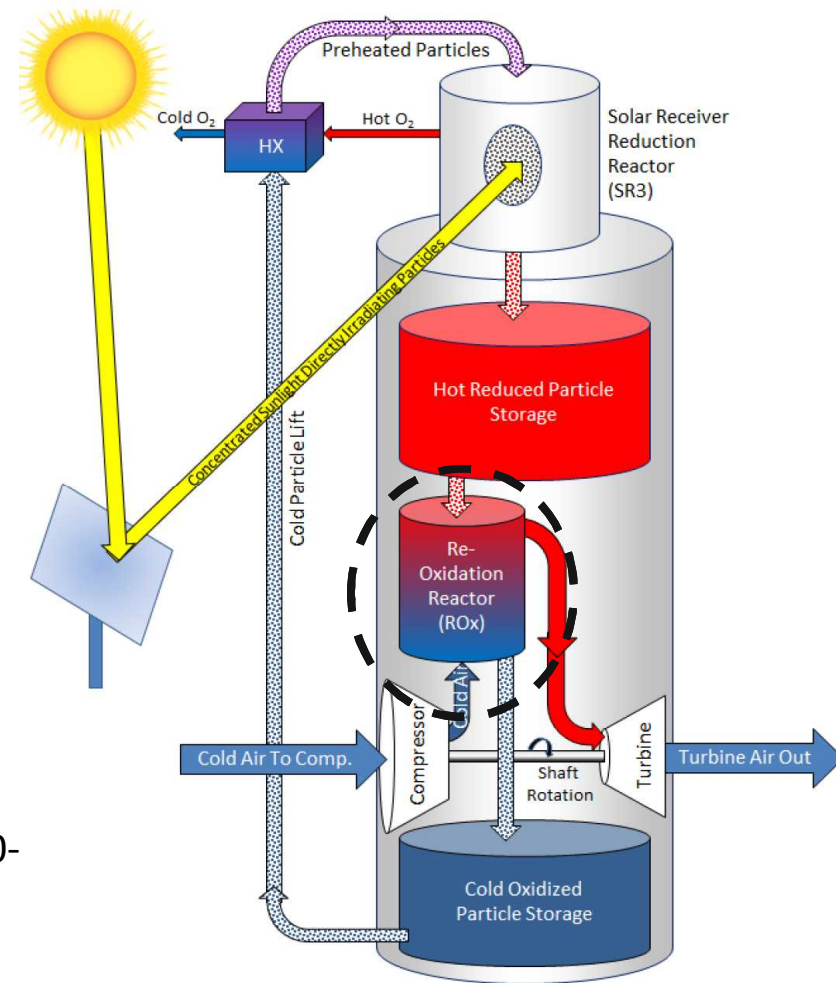
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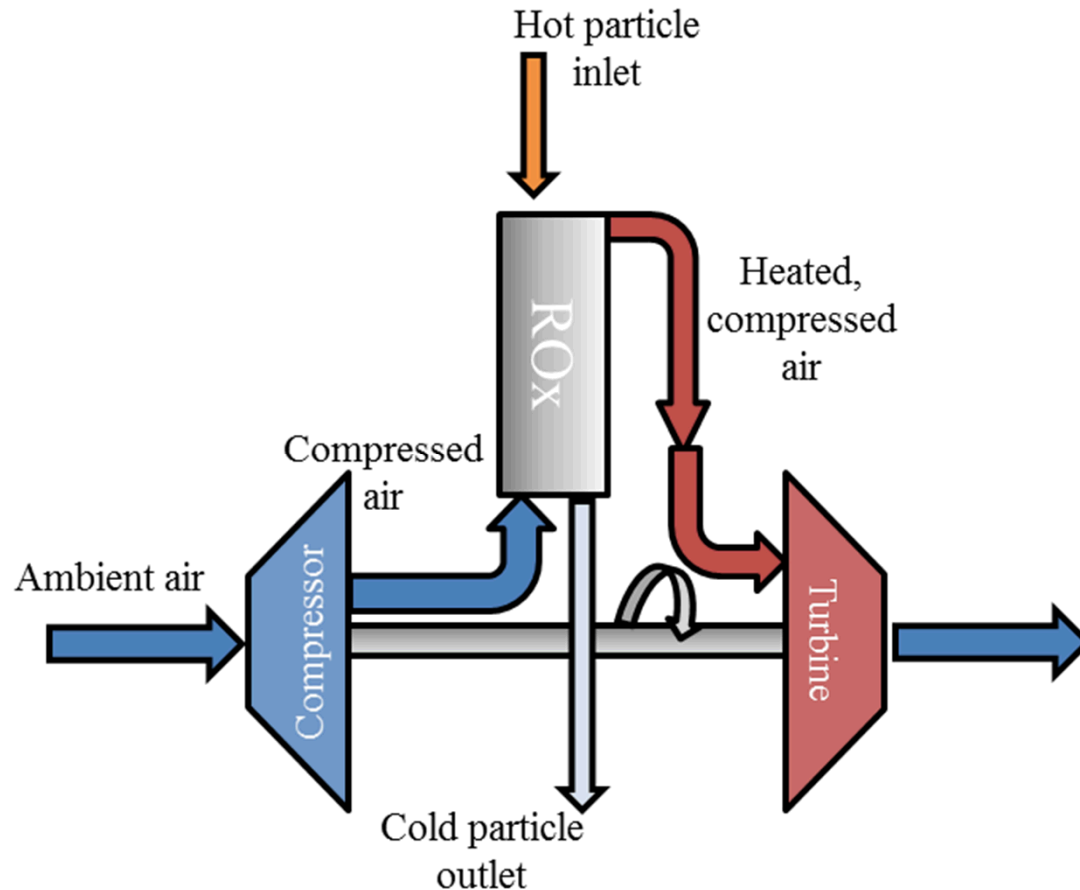


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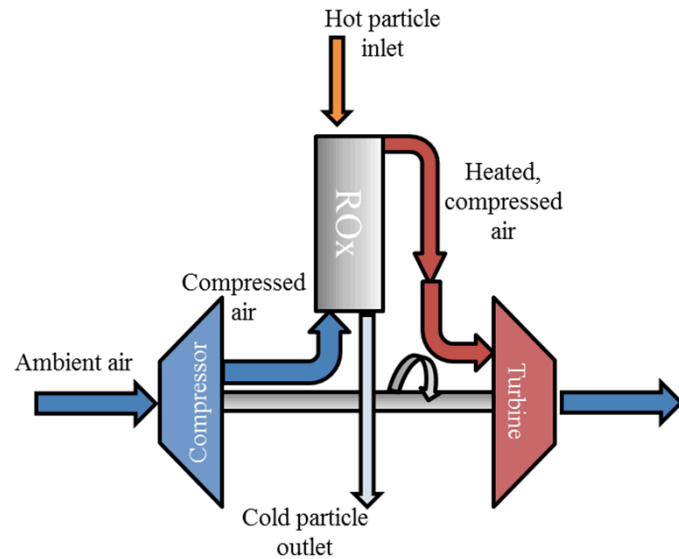
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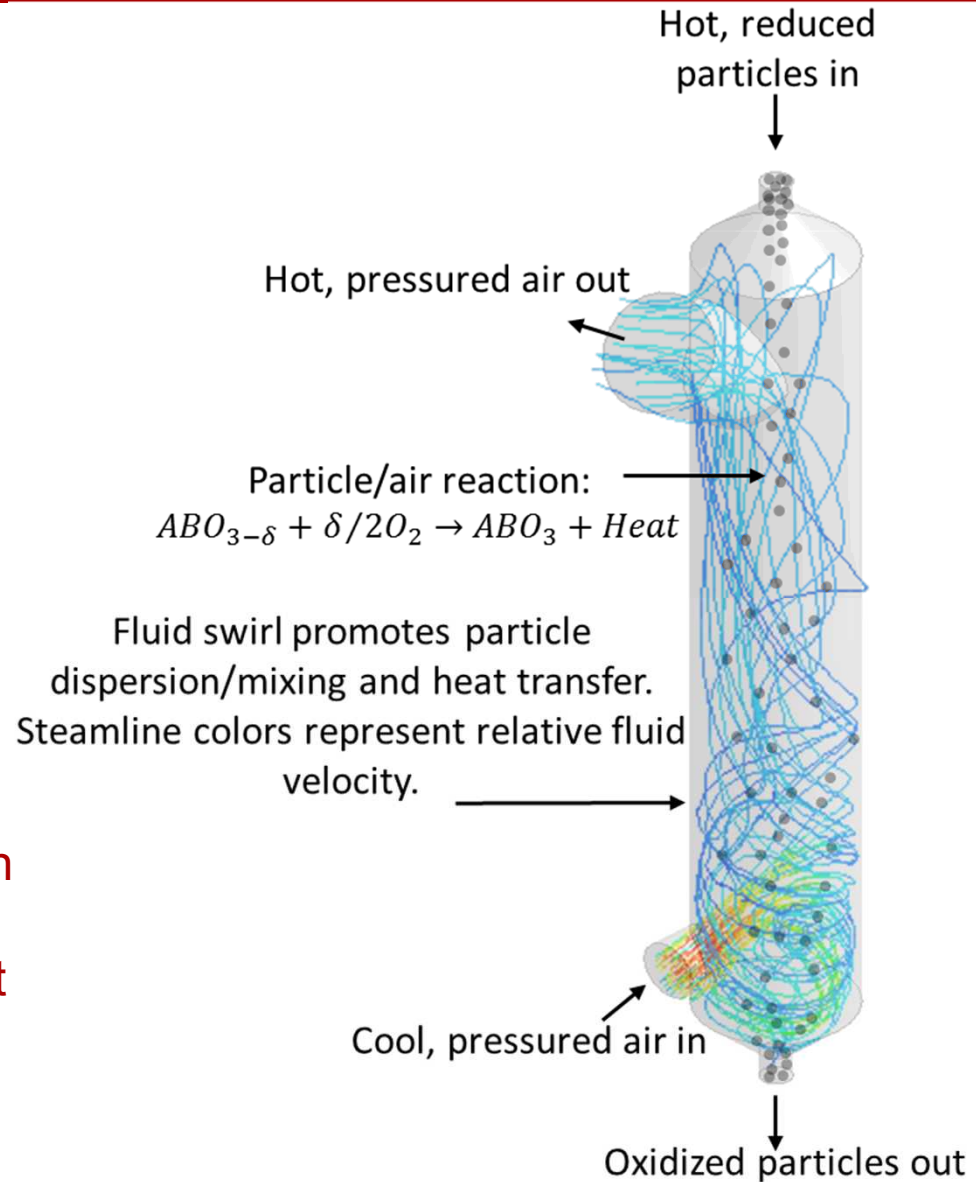
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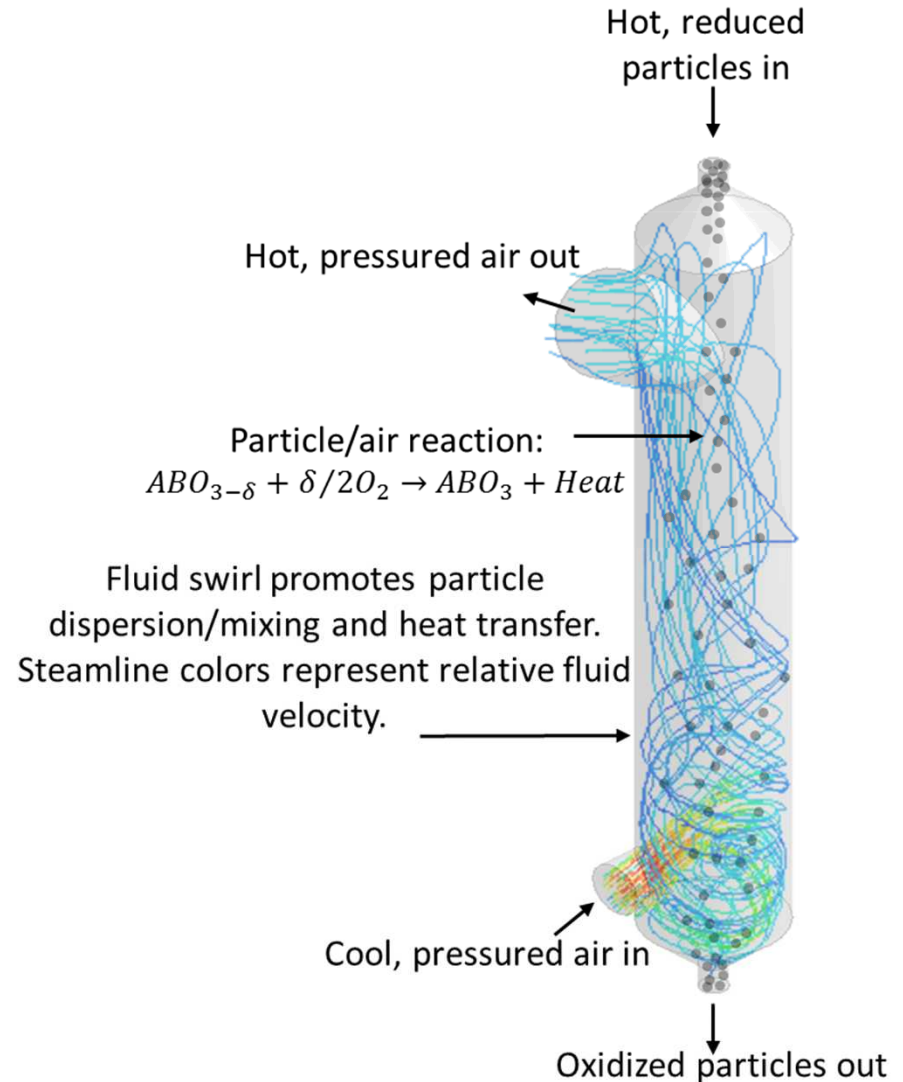
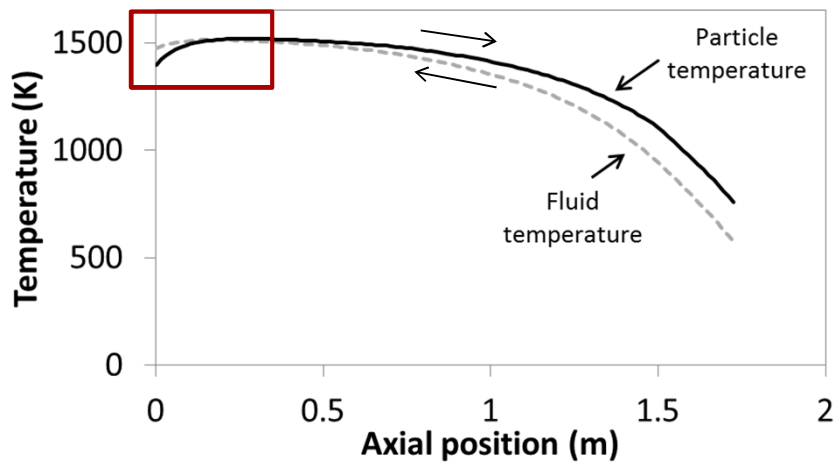
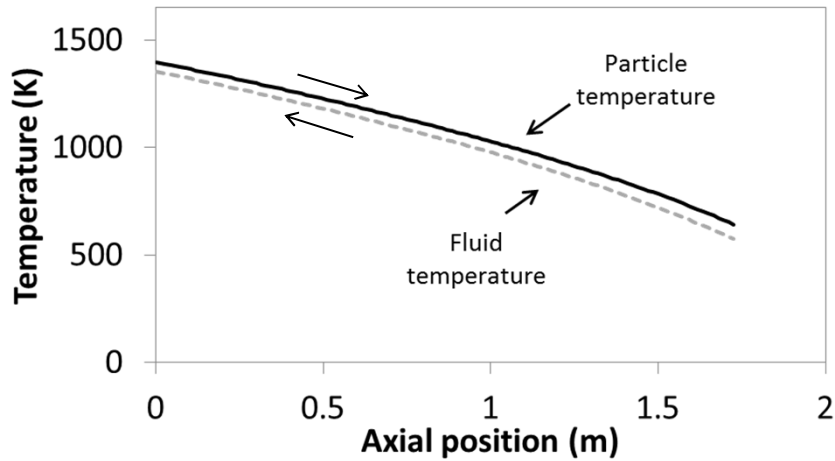


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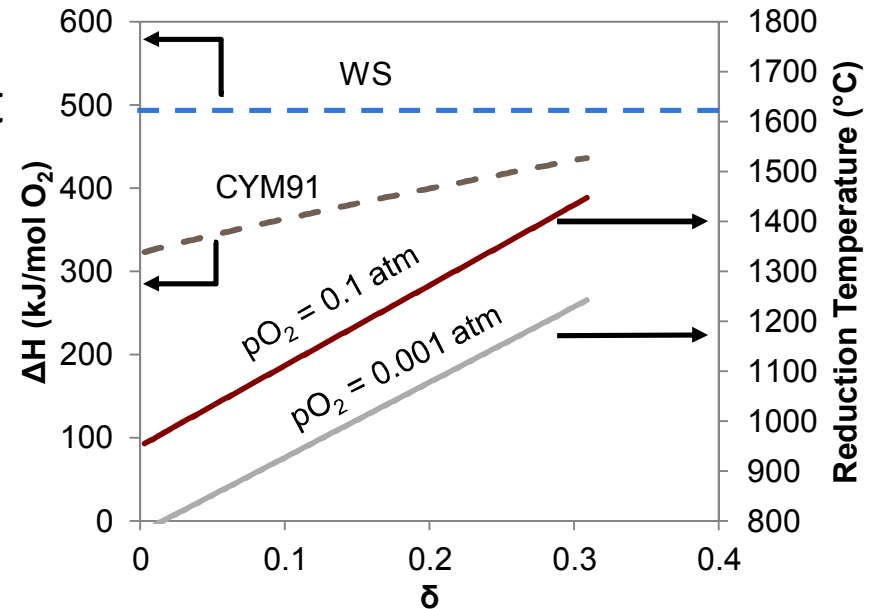
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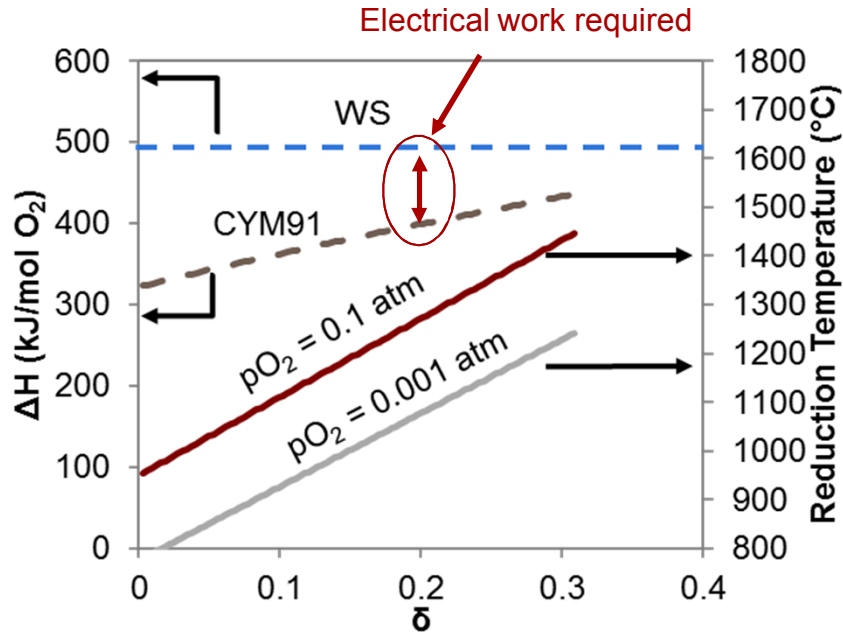
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# Hydrogen production

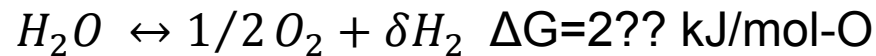
- Main goal: Alleviate extreme environments required in typical ceria-based cycles
- Want to harness advantages of our materials
  - Fast kinetics
  - High oxygen vacancy capacities relative to ceria
  - Decreased reduction temperature
- Typically, perovskite MIECs cannot maintain these advantages while enabling spontaneous water splitting
  - High  $\Delta H$  required pushes reduction temperature higher



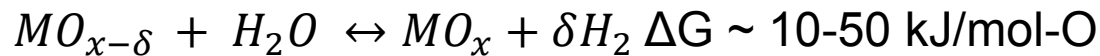
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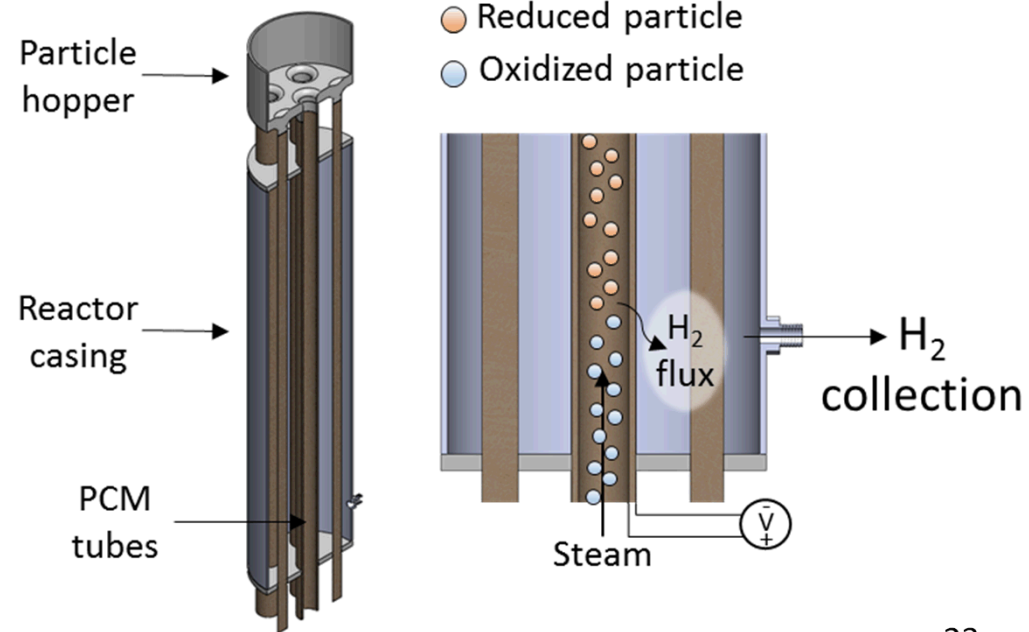
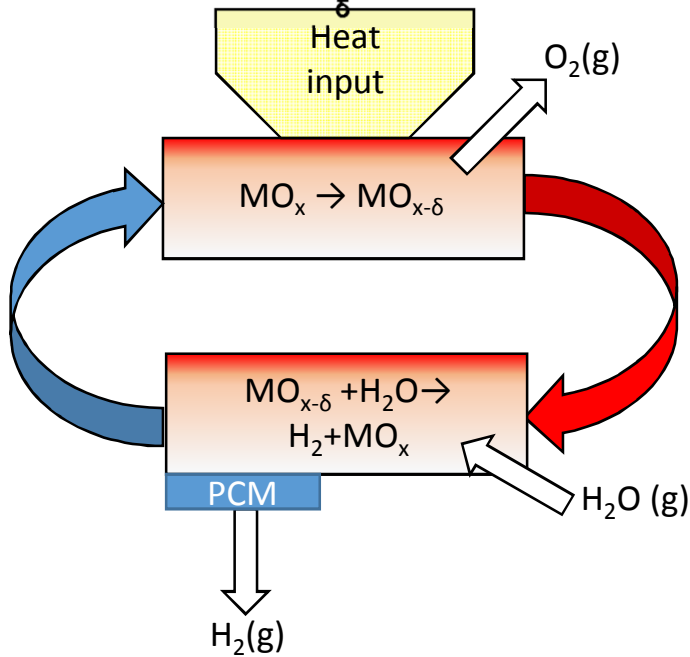
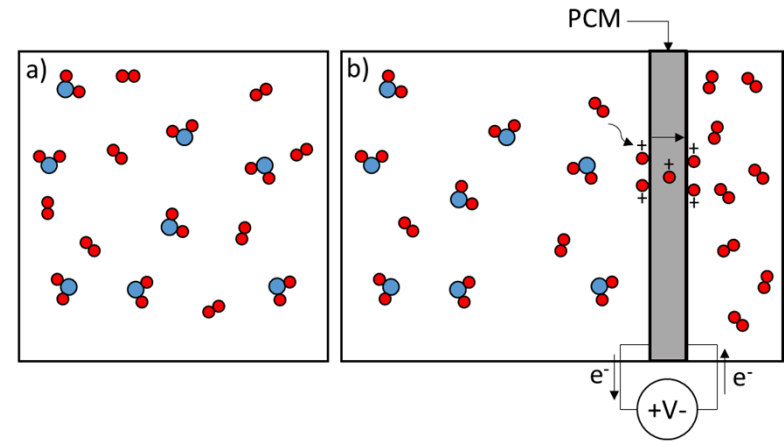
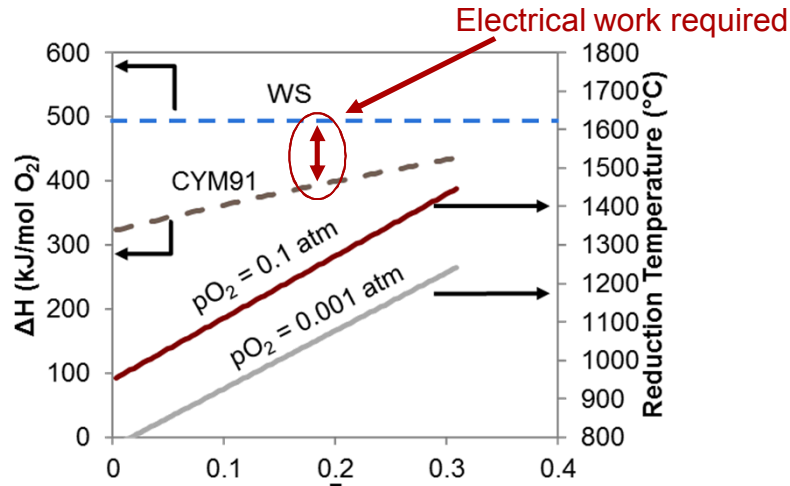
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Direct electrolysis utilizing the chemical energy stored in the reduced solid-oxide:

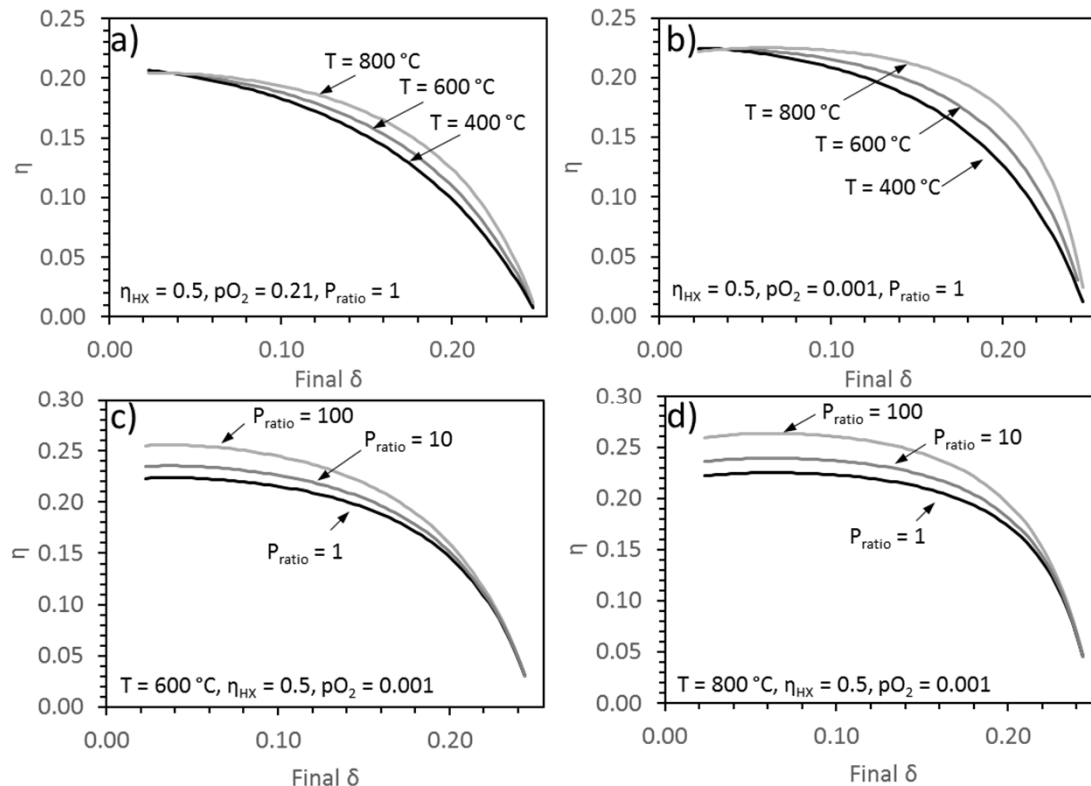


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# Promising efficiencies predicted

- Parametric thermodynamic study completed
  - System efficiencies including particle/steam thermodynamics
    - Losses: Thermal-to-electric, heat recovery losses, pumping losses, boiler losses, etc.
  - Provisional patent filed, manuscript prepared for submission



- Identified two applications for high-temperature reactive particles
- Identified perovskites as a viable candidate as material for particles
- Discussed the synthesis and characterization of perovskites
  - Apparent limit in reduction enthalpy
  - Identified CAM28, CYM91 as highest reaction enthalpies with reduction temperature  $< 1300$  °C
- Demonstrated methods for how such particles could be used
  - Counter-flow particle/air reoxidation reactor for Air-Brayton turbines
  - Coupled thermochemical/electrochemical cycle for hydrogen production

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## Questions?

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<b>La<sub>0.3</sub>Sr<sub>0.7</sub>Co<sub>0.9</sub>Fe<sub>0.1</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (LSCF3791)</b>	209.6	Y	352	0.46	264
<b>La<sub>0.3</sub>Sr<sub>0.7</sub>Co<sub>0.7</sub>Fe<sub>0.3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (LSCF3773)</b>	209.0	Y	348	0.45	262

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<b>Ca<sub>0.9</sub>Y<sub>0.1</sub>MnO<sub>3</sub> (CYM910)</b>	147.9	Y	966	0.31	399
<b>CaAl<sub>0.2</sub>Mn<sub>0.8</sub>O<sub>2.9</sub> (CAM28)</b>	135.8	Y	759	0.29	280
<b>Ca<sub>0.9</sub>Y<sub>0.1</sub>Al<sub>0.2</sub>Mn<sub>0.8</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (CYAM9128)</b>	142.3	Y	800	0.31	339
<b>CaZr<sub>0.2</sub>Mn<sub>0.8</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (CZrM28)</b>	150.3	N	867	0.27	297

# Design challenges and limiting factors

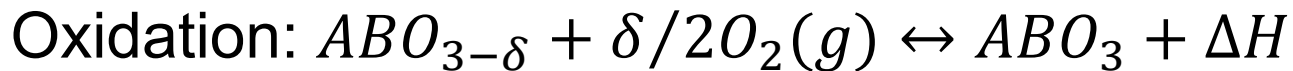
- Thermo/hydrodynamic challenges
  - Counterflow operation limits gas velocity
    - Must avoid particle entrainment
  - Spatial particle homogeneity important for heat transfer
  - Pressure drop must be limited
    - Fluid delivered to turbine at T and P near design point

Tightly-coupled thermal-fluid problem:

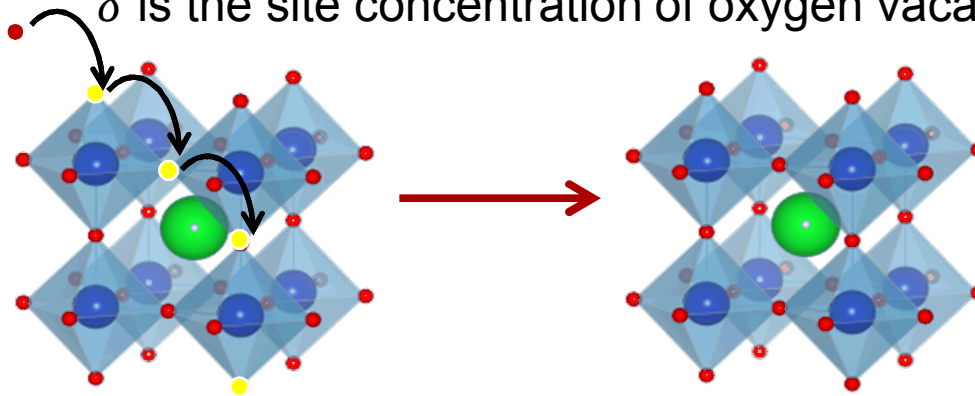
Need to control particle motion and residence time in a way that minimizes pressure drop and maximizes heat transfer to deliver turbine gas at  $\geq 1200$  °C.

# modeling can be considered

- Cyclic reduction/oxidation of perovskite oxides ( $ABO_3$ )
  - NOT a discrete phase change! Continuous across all thermodynamic states!
    - Material does not decompose (i.e.  $A \rightarrow B + C$ )
    - Oxygen vacancies are generated as oxygen is evolved from the solid while reducing and vice-versa when oxidizing



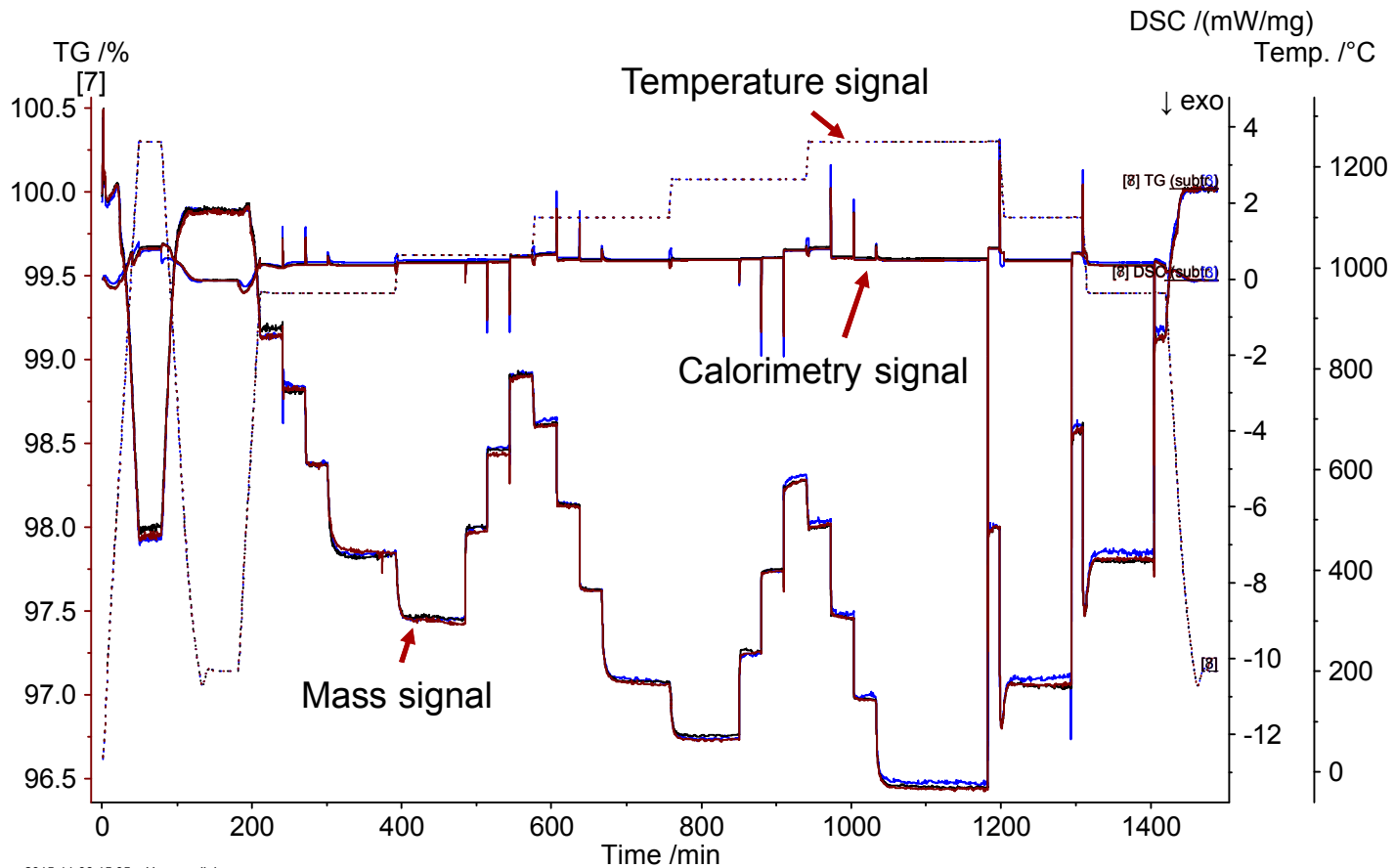
$\delta$  is the site concentration of oxygen vacancies

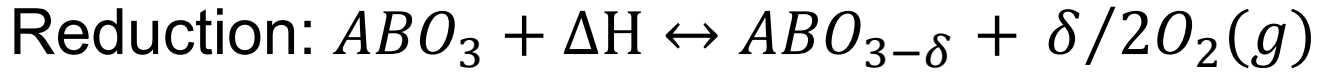


Reaction is reversible, oxidation is fast (seconds) in strongly-oxidizing conditions

## Measurements

We can measure oxygen loss and uptake as a function of thermodynamic state (temperature,  $pO_2$ ) using thermogravimetric analysis (TGA)

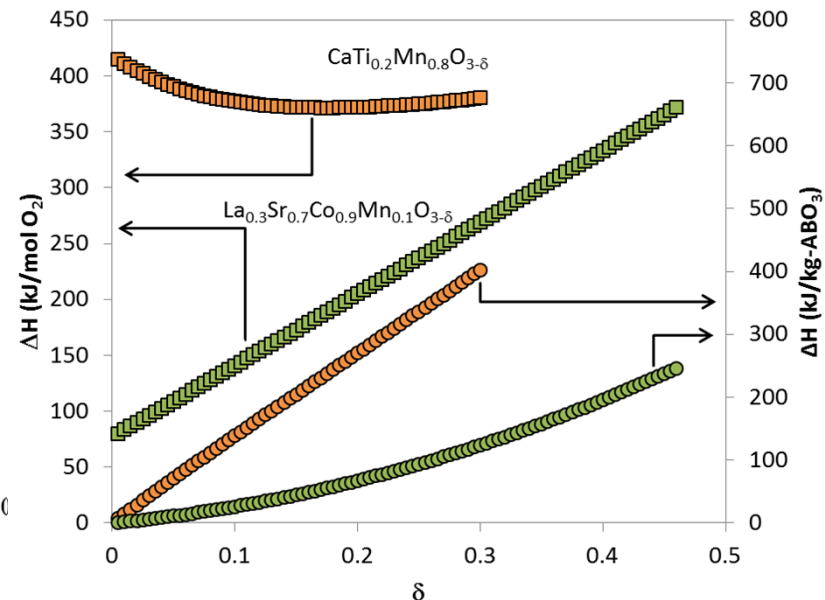
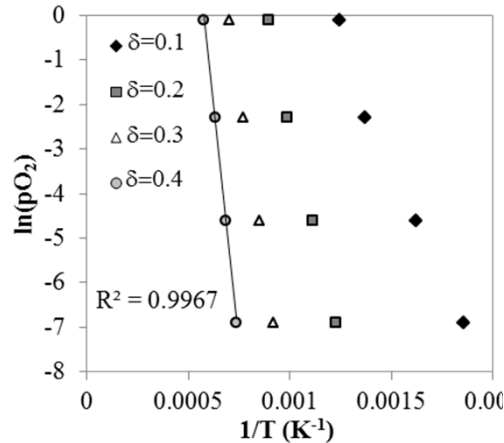
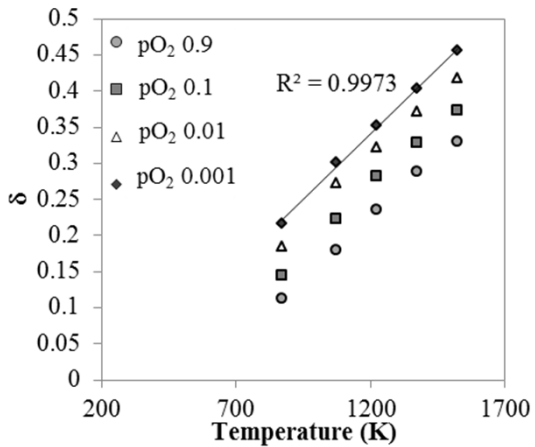




$$K = \frac{ABO_{3-\delta}^{1/\delta} \cdot pO_2^{1/2}}{ABO_3^{1/\delta}} = e^{\frac{-\Delta G_o}{RT}}$$

$$pO_2^{1/2} = e^{\frac{-\Delta G_o}{RT}} \quad \leftarrow \Delta G_o = \Delta H_o - T\Delta S_o$$

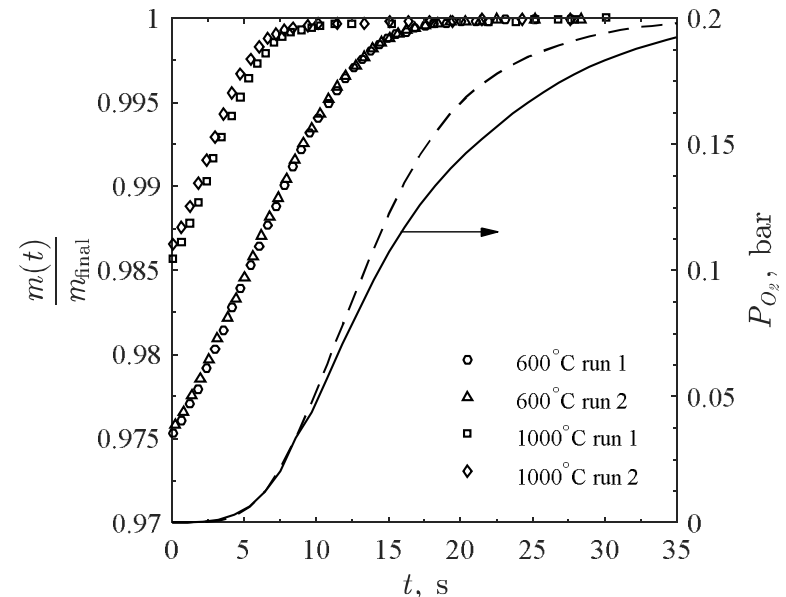
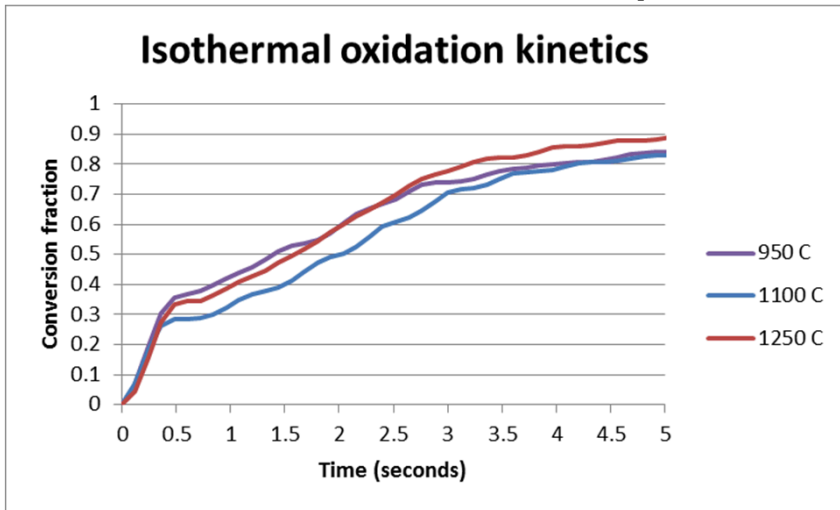
$$\ln(pO_2) = 2 \left( \frac{-\Delta H_o}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S_o}{R} \right)$$



# Measuring kinetics

- Attempted to measure oxidation kinetics in TGA by isothermal gas switch from  $pO_2 = 0.001$  to  $0.9$  atm
  - Reaction rate is significantly faster than gas switchover time
  - Rate is thermodynamically limited a time scale of multiple seconds

$$\text{conversion fraction} = \frac{\delta - \delta_{in}}{\delta_{eq} - \delta_{in}}$$



Data courtesy Prof. Loutzenhiser, Georgia Tech

- Mechanism for reaction implemented using pseudo-equilibrium kinetics (quasi-thermodynamically limited)

The new value for  $\delta$  due to oxidation is modeled as:

$$\delta_{new} = \delta_{current} - \beta(\delta_{current} - \delta_{equilibrium})$$

where  $\delta_{equilibrium}$  is well described using curve fits from the equilibrium TGA experiments.

- The change in delta can be used to calculate gaseous oxygen consumption and heat generation.
- The  $\beta$  term describes the “progress” towards equilibrium, and can be used to adjust the reaction rate.

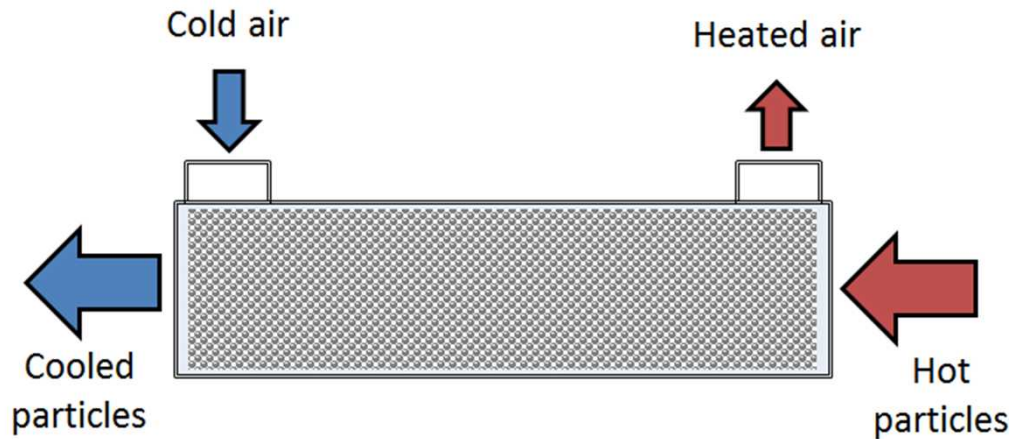
- What we have now

- $\Delta H(\delta)$
- $\delta(T, pO_2)$
- $r(T, pO_2, \delta)$

Used to calculate  $\delta_{eq}$

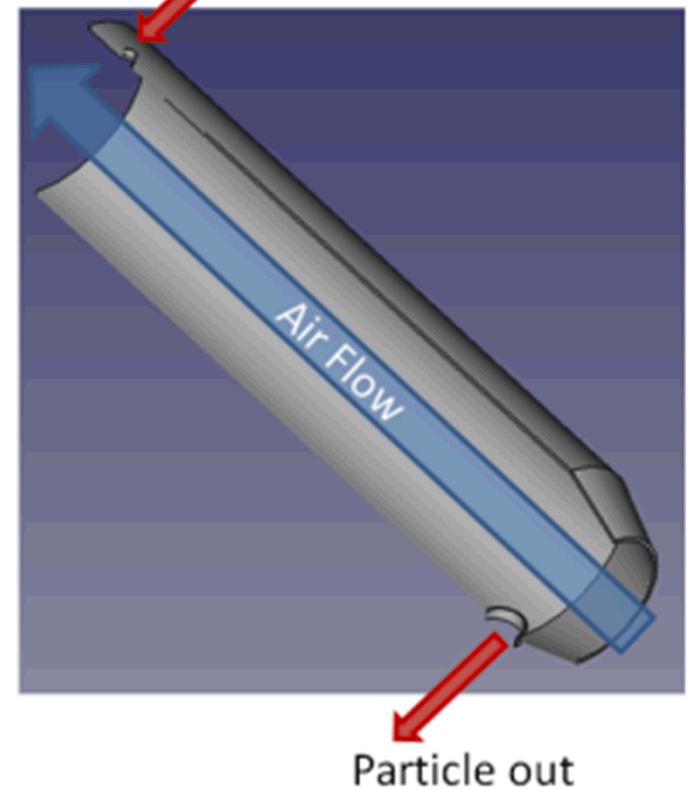
# Two reactor configurations considered

## Moving packed-bed



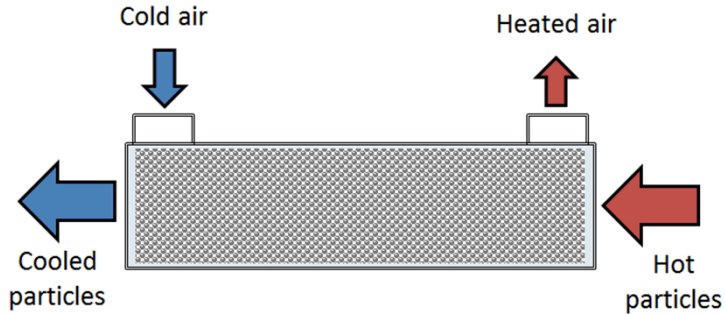
- Pros: Particle velocity/residence time control, spatially homogenous
- Cons: Pressure drop high if fluid velocity too high, axial heat transfer through solids phase

## Gravity-driven flow



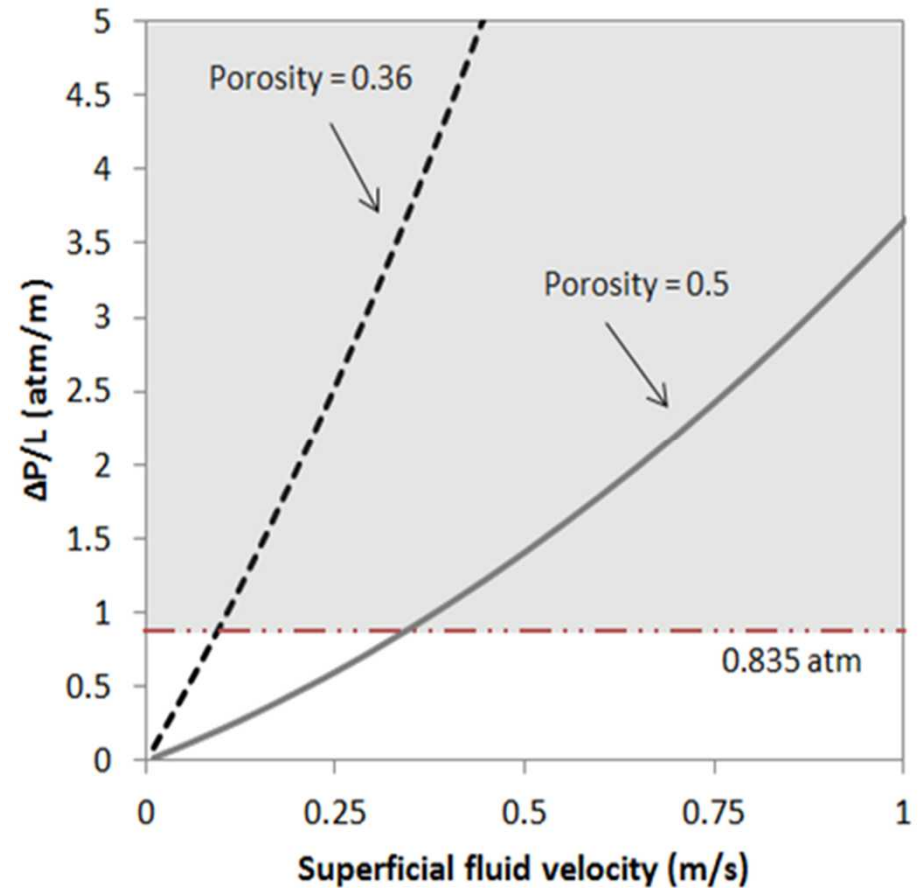
- Pros: Can operate in disperse particle regime, low pressure drop
- Cons: Limited particle control, entrainment must be avoided

# Moving packed-bed: Pressure drop severely limits allowable fluid velocity

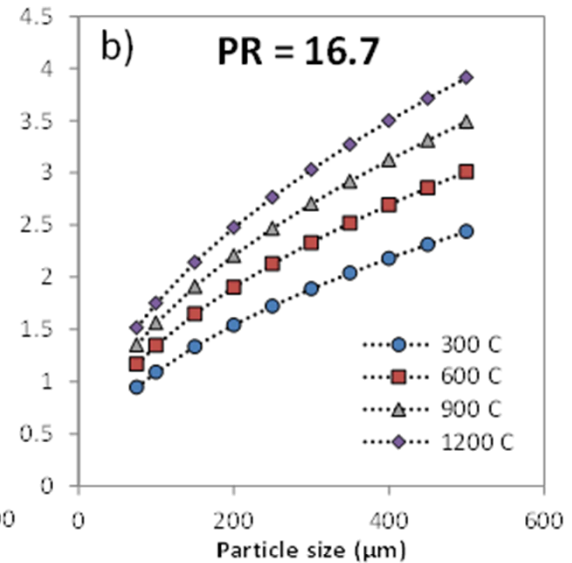
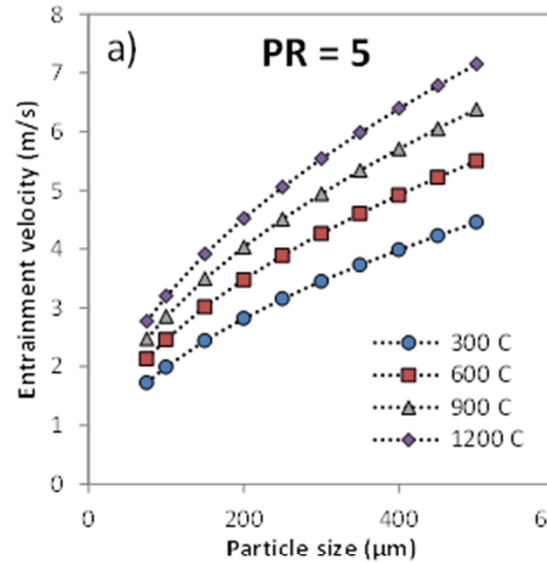
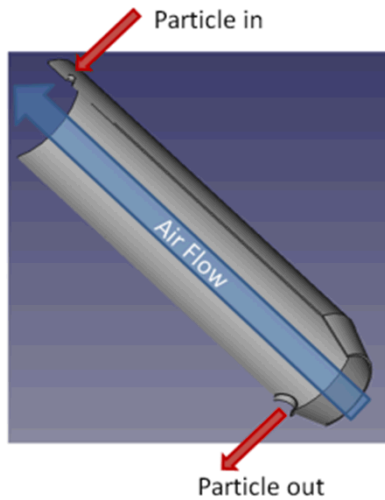


$$\frac{\Delta P}{L} = \frac{150\mu(1-\phi)^2}{d_p^2 \phi^3} v_s + \frac{1.75\rho(1-\phi)}{d_p \phi^3} v_s^2$$

Low fluid velocity leads to large reactor diameter and extremely slow particle flow (~30 min residence time in some cases)

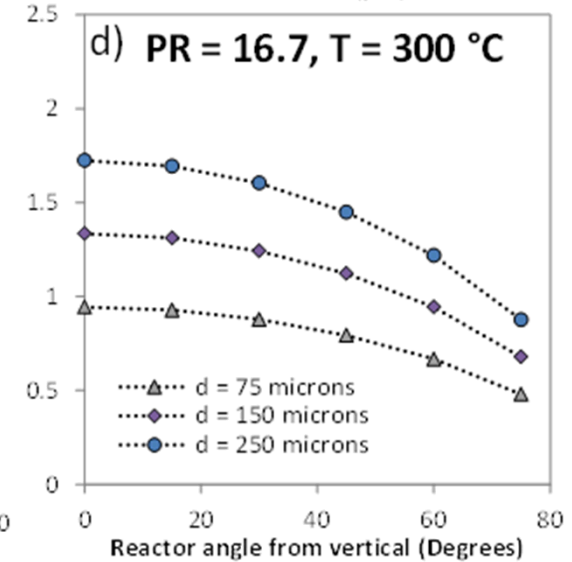
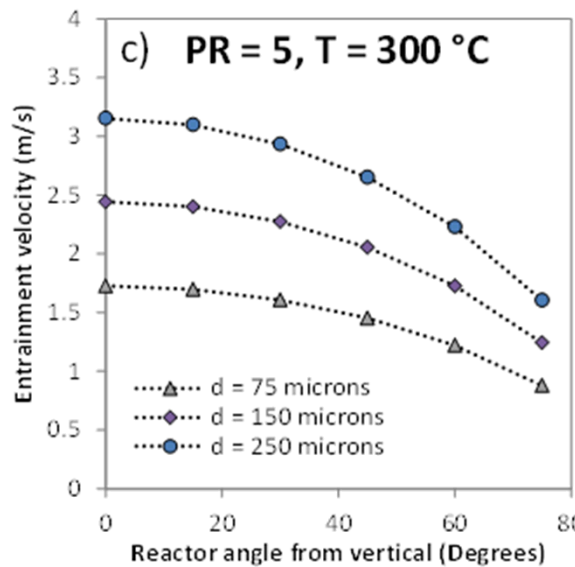


# Gravity-driven flow: Minimal particle control, but higher limiting velocities

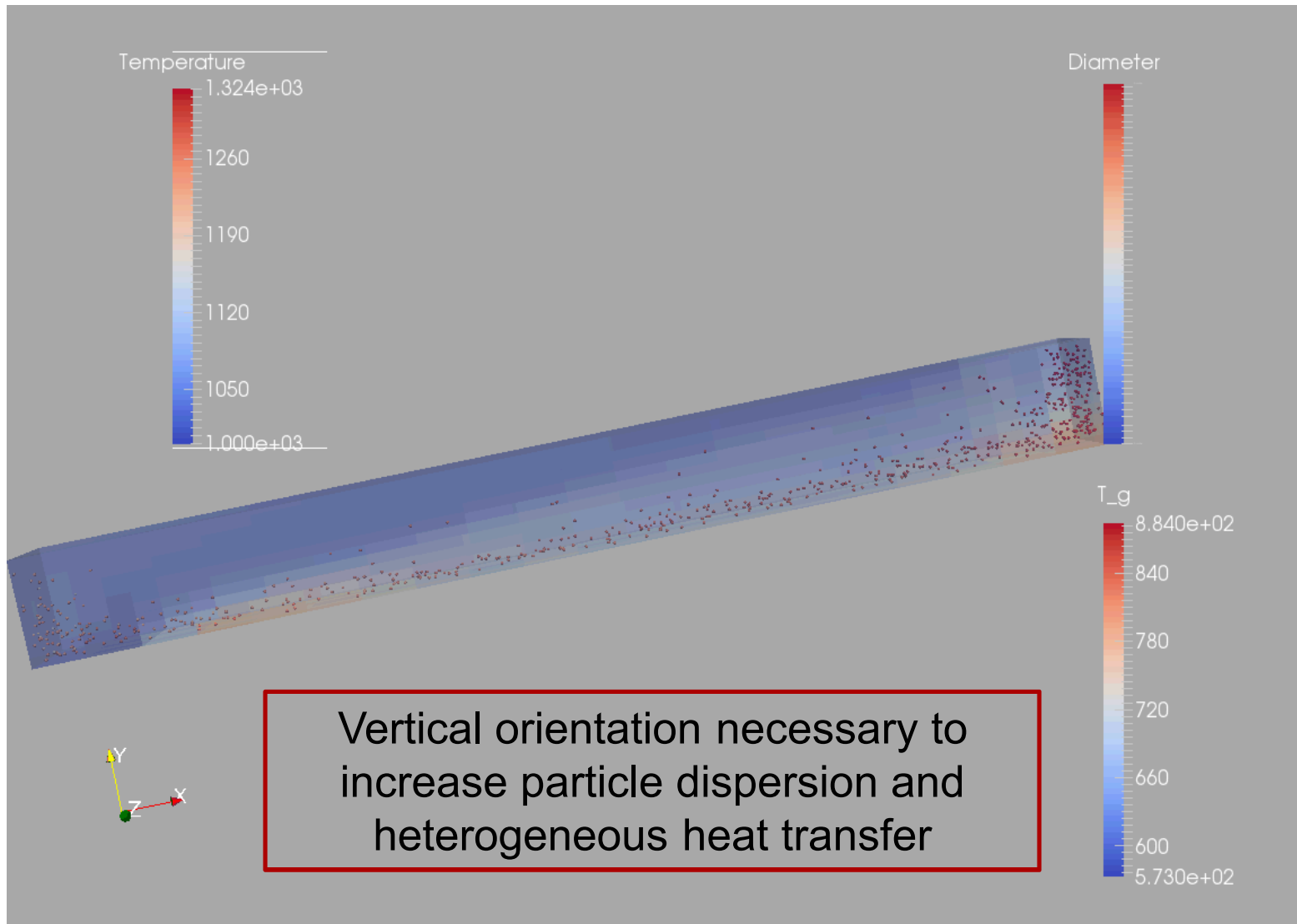


$$v_f = \sqrt{\frac{\cos(\theta) 2gV_p (\rho_p - \rho_f)}{C_D A_x \rho_f}}$$

Designing reactor hydrodynamics to slow particle is risky, very sensitive to particle size variation



# Sloped reactor exhibits poor heat transfer



$$\frac{dT_f}{dx} = -\frac{h(T_p - T_f)A_c}{\dot{m}_f c_{p,f}} + \frac{(1 - F_{p,f})\Delta H_{rxn}}{c_{p,f} dx}$$

$$\frac{dT_p}{dx} = -\frac{h_s(T_p - T_f)A_c}{\dot{m}_p c_{p,p}} + \frac{F_{p,f} \Delta H_{rxn}}{c_{p,p} dx}$$

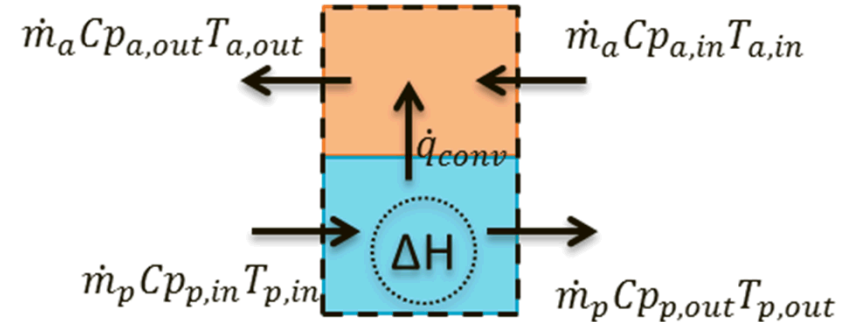
$$\frac{du_p}{dt} = g \underbrace{\frac{\rho_p - \rho_f}{\rho_p}} - \frac{(u_p + u_f)^2 Cd \cdot Ax \cdot \rho_f}{2V_p \rho_p}$$

Buoyancy term  $\approx 1$

$$dt = \frac{dx}{u_p}$$

Assumptions:

- Steady-state
- Adiabatic (insulating reactor walls), Axial conduction is negligible ( $Pe \gg 1$ )
- Convection-dominated particle heat transfer (lumped capacitance)
- Particle volume fraction constant along reactor length



- Gunn correlation used (D.J. Gunn *Int. J. Heat Mass Transfer*, 1977)

$$Re_s = \frac{d_p(v_f + v_p)\rho_f}{\mu_f}$$

$$Nu_s = (7 - 10\alpha_f + 5\alpha_f^2)(1 + 0.7Re_s^{0.2}Pr^{1/3}) + (1.33 - 2.4\alpha_f + 1.2\alpha_f^2)Re_s^{0.7}Pr^{1/3}$$

$$A_i = \text{interface area density} = \frac{6\alpha_p}{d_p} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Particle surface area} \\ \text{per cell volume} \end{array}$$

$$h_s = \frac{k_f}{d_p} A_i \cdot Nu_s$$

$$q''' = h_s(T_p - T_f) \quad \text{in W/m}^3$$

# Python script

```
### Discretized ROx model #####
### Sean Babiniec #####
### NOTES: Particle acceleration added###
### Stochastic ability added ###
#####

import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.integrate import odeint

### All units in SI #####
##### things needed to be brought into function #####
#Tp in
#Tf in
#PR
#L
#r
#dpart
#mdotp
#mdotf
#mdotp
#deltain
#TPf
#Beta

Rgas=8.314
Mwair = 28.9/1000.
### geometry (assume cylinder) #####
L = 0.5 #m - reactor length
r = 0.019 #m - reactor radius

PR = 1.0 #atm

vfpart = 0.01 # volume fraction particles

deltain = 0.3 #[-] - inlet delta
rhoP = 4402.7 #kg/m^3 - particle density
Prox = PR *101325 # Pa
### Reaction properties #####
TPf = 0.5 #Particle to fluid heat generation factor

P = 1 # number of prob sims

Tfluid_P = np.zeros(P)
dpart_P = np.zeros(P)
Tpartin_P = np.zeros(P)
Tfluidin_P = np.zeros(P)
mdotp_P = np.zeros(P)
mdotf_P = np.zeros(P)
hfactor_P = np.zeros(P)

for sto in range(0, P):
    dpart_avg = 500.00000000e-6 #m - particle diamter (assume spheres)
    sigma_dpart = 175.00000000e-6
    dpart =np.random.normal(dpart_avg,sigma_dpart)

Tpartin_avg = 1323 #K - particle inlet temperature
sigma_Tpartin = 10 #K
Tpartin = np.random.normal(Tpartin_avg,sigma_Tpartin) #K
Tfluidin_avg = 670 #K - air inlet temperature
sigma_Tfluidin = 2 #K
Tfluidin = np.random.normal(Tfluidin_avg,sigma_Tfluidin) #K
mdotp_avg = 0.00225 #kg/s - particle flow rate
sigma_mdotp = 4.80e-6
mdotp = np.random.normal(mdotp_avg, sigma_mdotp)
mdotf_avg = 0.0015 #kg/s - air flow rate
sigma_mdotf = 4.98e-6
mdotf = np.random.normal(mdotf_avg, sigma_mdotf)
hfactor_avg = 1
sigma_hfactor = 0.1
hfactor = np.random.normal(hfactor_avg, sigma_hfactor)
if hfactor < 0.:
    while hfactor < 0.:
        hfactor = np.random.normal(hfactor_avg, sigma_hfactor)

Tpartin_P[sto] = Tpartin
Tfluidin_P[sto] = Tfluidin
mdotp_P[sto] = mdotp
mdotf_P[sto] = mdotf
dpart_P[sto] = dpart
hfactor_P[sto] = hfactor

##### Procedure #####
#####
#1. Make guess array
#2. Solve discretized equation using guess array when information unknown
#3. Guess = New
#4. Iterate until converged

##### calculate invariant parameters #####
Ax = np.pi*r**2.
Vp = 4.0/3.0*np.pi*(0.5*dpart)**3.0 #m^3
Ap = np.pi/4.0*(dpart)**2.0 #m^2
Cd=0.47
g = 9.81 #m/s^2

Aint = 6.*vfpart/dpart # interfacial area per volume (m^2/m^3)

##### initialize arrays #####

N = 250 # number of spatial steps
x = np.zeros(N+1) # spatial array
dx = L/(N) # discrete length
Tfluid_g = np.zeros(N+1) # Fluid T guess array
Tfluid_n = np.zeros(N+1) # Fluid T new array
Tpart_g = np.zeros(N+1) # Particle T guess array
Tpart_n = np.zeros(N+1) # Particle T new array
```

# Python script

```
#####  
# Temperature-dependent variables functions  
#####  
  
def rhoair(Temp,Prox): #kg/m^3  
rho=Prox/(Rgas/MWair*Temp)  
return(rho)  
  
def cpf(Temp): #J/kg-K  
cpf = 1.9327e-10*Temp**4.-7.9999e-7*Temp**3.+0.0011407*Temp**2.-0.4489*  
return(cpf)  
  
def cpp(Temp): #J/kg-K  
cpp = (0.0772*np.log(Temp-273.15)+.4747)*1000.  
return(cpp)  
  
def kf(Temp): #W/m-K  
k=1.5207e-11*Temp**3-4.8574e-8*Temp**2+1.0184e-4*Temp-0.00039333  
return(k)  
  
def muf(Temp): #Sutherland approximation  
mu=0.00001827*(291.15+120.)/(Temp+120.)*(Temp/291.15)**(3./2.)  
return(mu)  
  
def Red(Temp, dpart, vfluid, vpart, Prox):  
Red = dpart*(vfluid+vpart)*rhoair(Temp,Prox)/(muf(Temp))  
return(Red)  
  
def Pr(Temp):  
Pr=cpf(Temp)*muf(Temp)/kf(Temp)  
return Pr  
  
def Nu(Temp,vfpart, dpart, vfluid, vpart, Prox): #Gunn correlation  
Nu=(7.0-10.0*(1.-vfpart)+5.*(1.-vfpart)**2.0)*\  
(1.0+0.7*Red(Temp,dpart,vfluid,vpart,Prox)**(0.2))*Pr(Temp)**(1./3.)\  
+(1.33-2.4*(1.-vfpart)+1.2*(1.-vfpart)**2.0)*Red(Temp,dpart,vfluid)  
return Nu  
  
def H_AB03(delta):  
Rxn=(787.6*delta**2.0+897.06*delta)*1000.  
return Rxn  
  
#print 'Nu', Nu(1480.,vfpart, dpart,0.19200 , 0.25, 16.7*101325.)  
#print 'rho_f', rhoair(1480., 16.7*101325.)  
#print 'Red', Red(1480., dpart, 0.19200, 0.25, 16.7*101325.)  
#print 'muf', muf(1480.)  
# Are these all needed? Can just calculate in loop  
vpart_i = mdotp/(rho*np.pi*r**2.*vfpart) # particle velocity IGNORES accel  
Conv_per_sec = 3.0 #assume 80% conversion every second. This can be an input  
#Beta = Conv_per_sec*dx/vpart # Beta calculates conversion per cell  
  
##### Initialize other arrays #####  
vfluid= np.zeros(N+1) # calculate these  
vpart= np.zeros(N+1)  
Beta= np.zeros(N+1)  
rho_f = np.zeros(N+1) # Fluid density  
k_fluid = np.zeros(N+1) # Fluid thermal conductivity  
Pr_f = np.zeros(N+1) # Prandtl number  
#Re_f = np.zeros(N+1) # Fluid-cylinder Reynolds number  
Re_d = np.zeros(N+1) # Fluid-particle Reynolds number  
a = np.zeros(N+1)  
  
b = np.zeros(N+1)  
#Nu = np.zeros(N+1)  
h = np.zeros(N+1) #6*kfluid*Nu/dpart * Aint  
delta = np.zeros(N+1)  
delta_eq = np.zeros(N+1)  
delta_new = np.zeros(N+1)  
H_rxn = np.zeros(N+1)  
Tpart_n[0] = Tpartin  
Tfluid_n[N] = Tfluidin  
error = 1.  
iteration = 0.  
for ee in range (0,N+1):  
Tpart_g[ee] = Tpartin-250.  
Tfluid_g[ee] = Tfluidin+250.  
vfluid[ee] = 0.7  
h[ee] = 600.  
delta[ee] = deltain  
H_rxn[ee] = 500.0  
delta_eq[ee] = 0.3  
vpart[ee] = vpart_i  
Beta[ee] = Conv_per_sec*dx/vpart_i  
for i in range (0,N+1):  
x[i] = i*dx  
  
while error > 1e-6:  
  
error = 1e-12  
T_tot = 0.  
res_tot = 0.  
tpartres = 0.  
for k in range (1,N): #Loop for inner cells.  
Tpart_n[k]=(TPf*H_rxn[k]/cpp(Tpart_g[k])+h[k]*dx*np.pi*r**2./(m  
Tfluid_n[k] = ((1.-TPf)*H_rxn[k]/cpf(Tfluid_g[k])+h[k]*dx*np.pi  
  
#Value for air temp at air outlet and particle temp at particle outlet  
Tfluid_n[0] = ((1.-TPf)*H_rxn[0]/cpf(Tfluid_g[0])+h[0]*dx*np.pi*r**2./(  
Tpart_n[N]=(TPf*H_rxn[N]/cpp(Tpart_g[N])+h[N]*dx*np.pi*r**2./mdotp*cpp  
  
for conv in range (0,N+1):  
res_sq =np.abs(Tfluid_n[conv]-Tfluid_g[conv])/(Tfluid_n[conv])  
res_tot = res_tot + res_sq  
T_tot = T_tot + Tfluid_n[conv]  
error = res_tot/float(N)  
  
#print error  
H_tot=0.  
#update guesses and h delta H_rxn  
for z in range (0, N+1):  
Tfluid_g[z]=Tfluid_n[z]  
Tpart_g[z]=Tpart_n[z]  
vfluid[z] = mdotf/(rhoair(Tfluid_g[z],Prox)*np.pi*r**2.)  
h[z] = kf(Tfluid_g[z])*Nu(Tfluid_g[z],vfpart, dpart, vfluid[z], vpa  
b[z] = (Cd*Ap*rhoair(Tfluid_g[z],Prox))/(2.0*Vp*rhop)  
#delta[0] must always be deltain  
if z >0:
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if Tpart_g[z]*0.00032-0.34919 > 0.:
    delta_eq[z] = Tpart_g[z]*0.00032-.34919
    vpart[z] = (-2.*b[z]*vfluid[z]*dx+vpart[z-1]+np.sqrt(4.*b[z]
else:
    delta_eq[z] = 0.
Beta[z] = Conv_per_sec*dx/vpart[z]
delta[z] = delta[z-1]-(delta[z-1]-delta_eq[z])*Beta[z]
H_rxn[z]= H_ABO3(delta[z-1])-H_ABO3(delta[z])
H_tot = H_tot+H_rxn[z]

    iteration = iteration + 1
    # print 'iteration', iteration
    Tfluid_P[sto] = Tfluid_n[0]
    print sto, dpart, vpart[N]

for s in range (0,N+1):
    tpartres = tpartres+dx/vpart[s]
    print tpartres

print dpart_P, Tfluid_P
#print 'delta', delta[N], H_tot, Tpartin
plt.subplot(321)
plt.plot(dpart_P[:,], Tfluid_P[:,], ".")
plt.xlabel('Particle diameter (m)')
plt.ylabel('Fluid outlet T (K)')

#
plt.subplot(322)
plt.plot(mdotf_P[:,], Tfluid_P[:,], ".")
plt.xlabel('Fluid mdot (kg/s)')

plt.subplot(323)
plt.plot(mdotp_P[:,], Tfluid_P[:,], ".")
plt.xlabel('Particle mdot (kg/s)')
plt.ylabel('Fluid outlet T (K)')

plt.subplot(324)
plt.plot(Tpartin_P[:,], Tfluid_P[:,], ".")
plt.xlabel('Particle inlet T (K)')

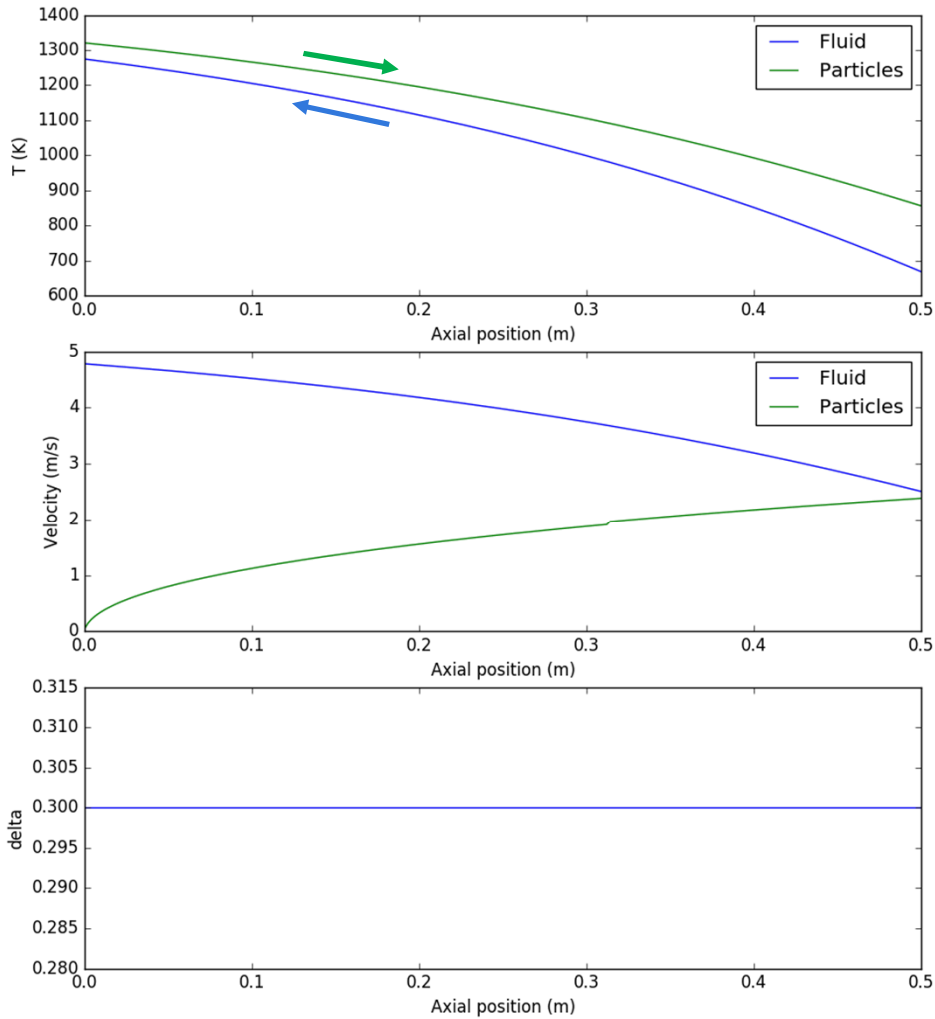
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plt.plot(Tfluidin_P[:,], Tfluid_P[:,], ".")
plt.xlabel('Fluid inlet T (K)')
plt.ylabel('Fluid outlet T (K)')

plt.subplot(326)
plt.plot(hfactor_P[:,], Tfluid_P[:,], ".")
plt.xlabel('hfactor')

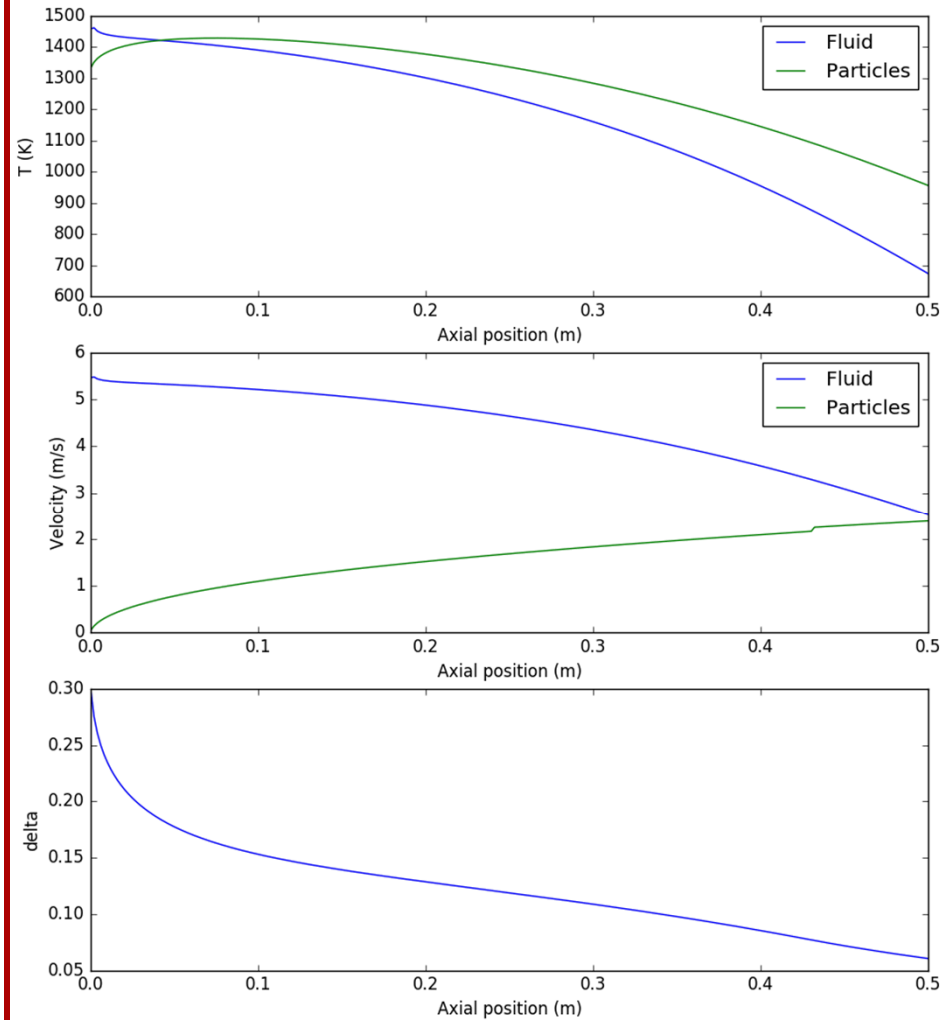
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# 1-D model results

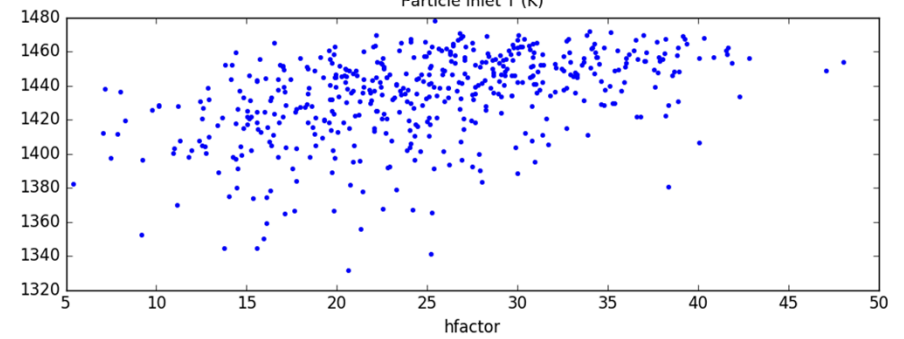
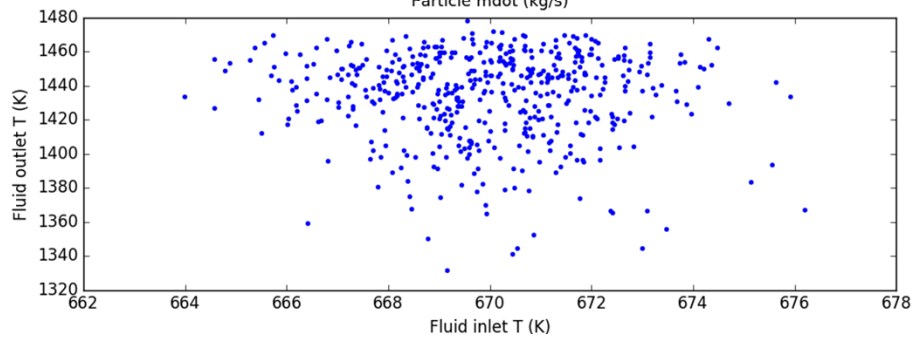
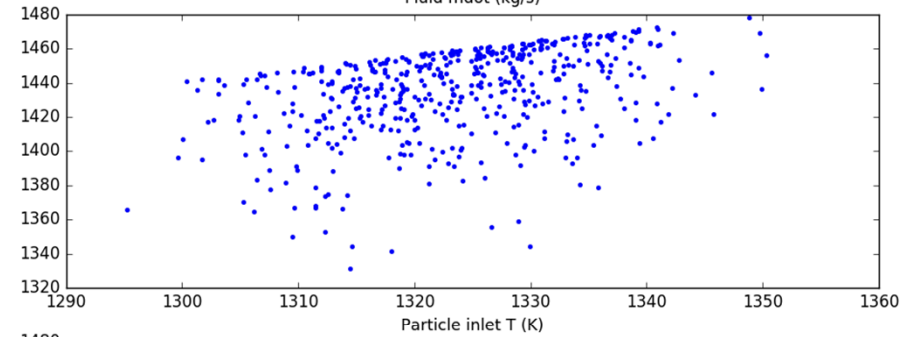
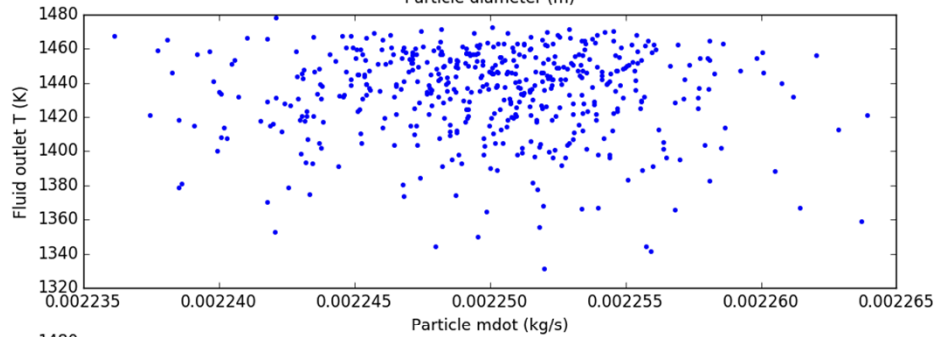
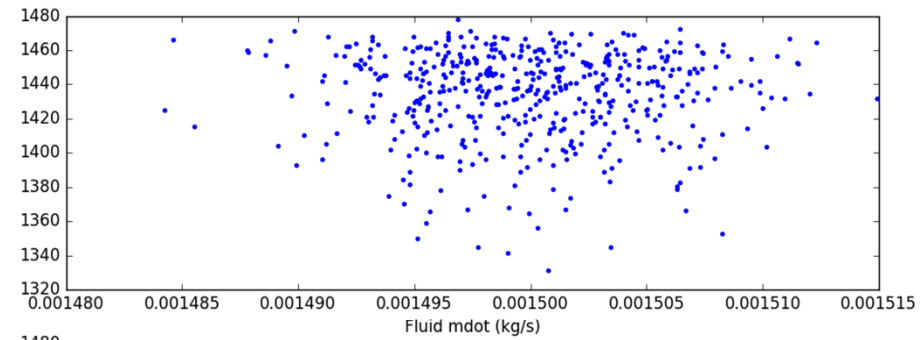
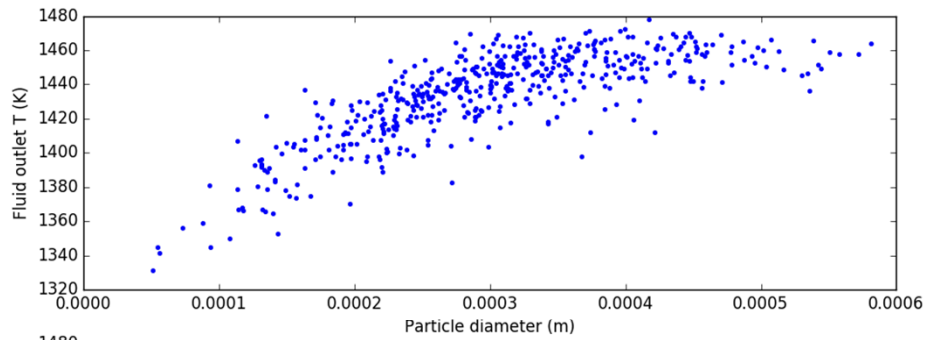
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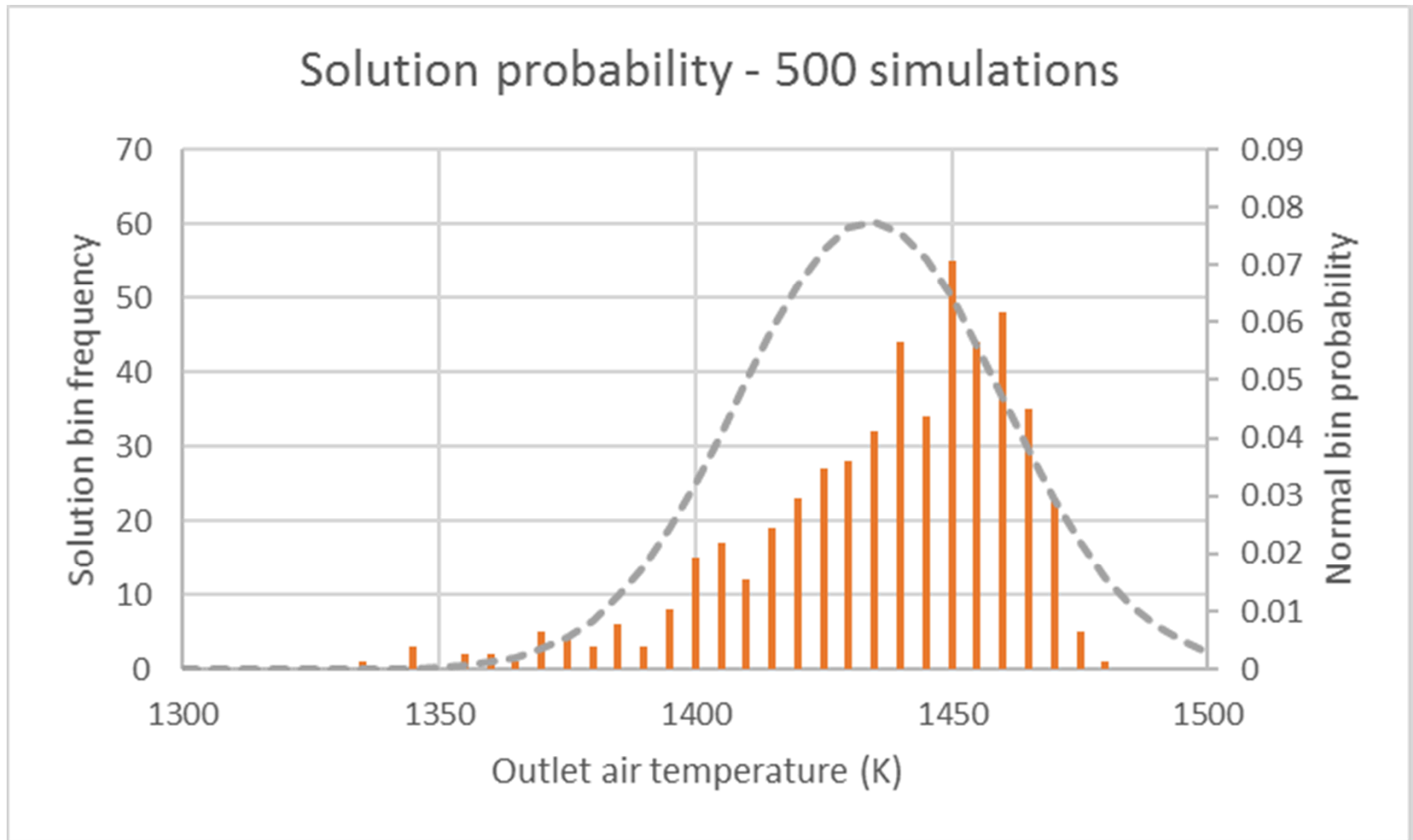


## With exothermic reaction

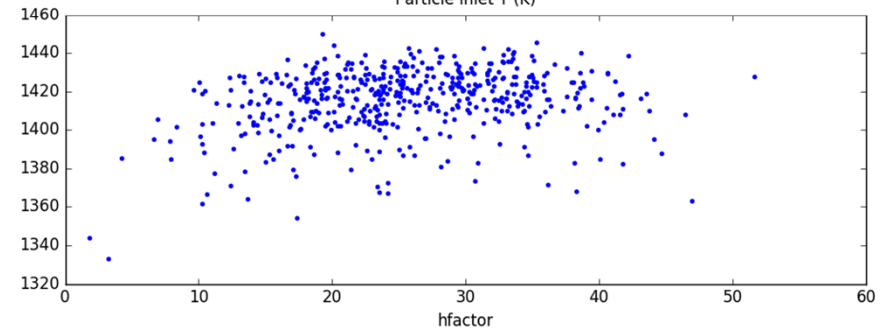
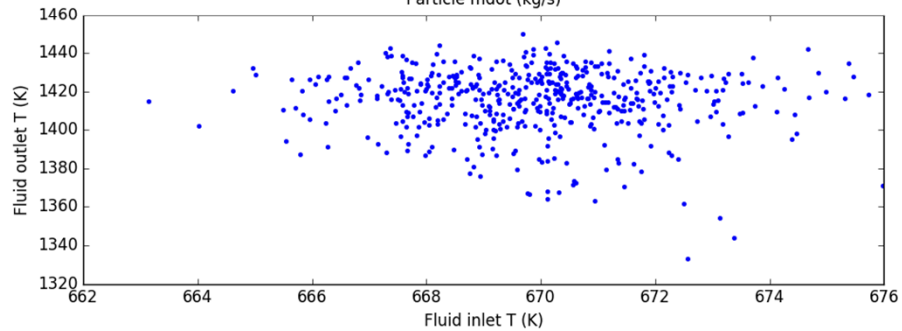
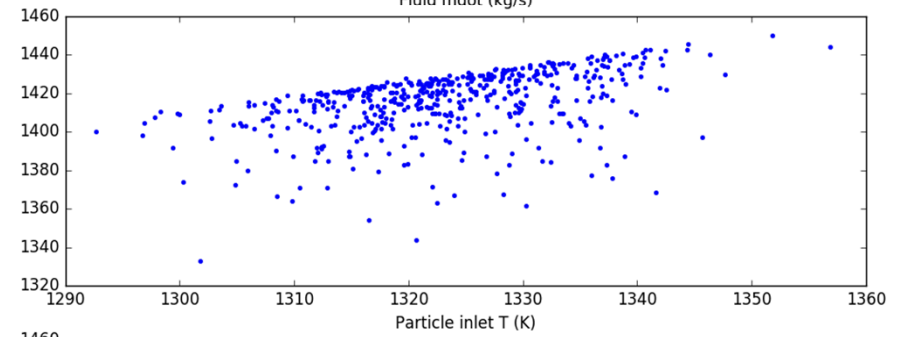
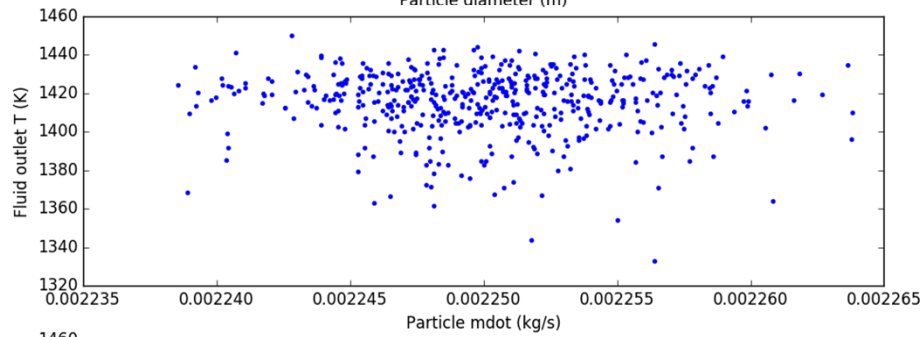
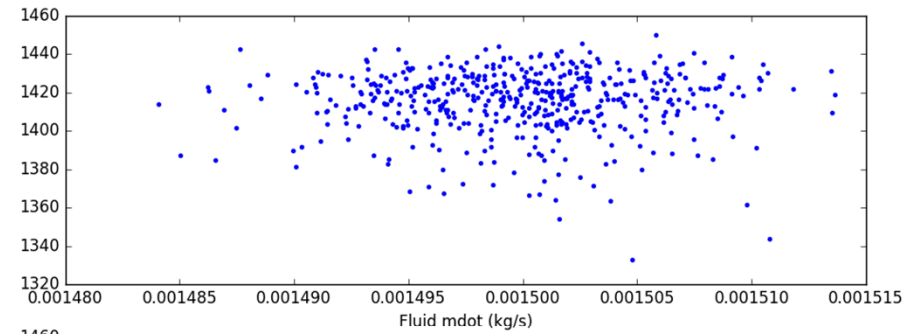
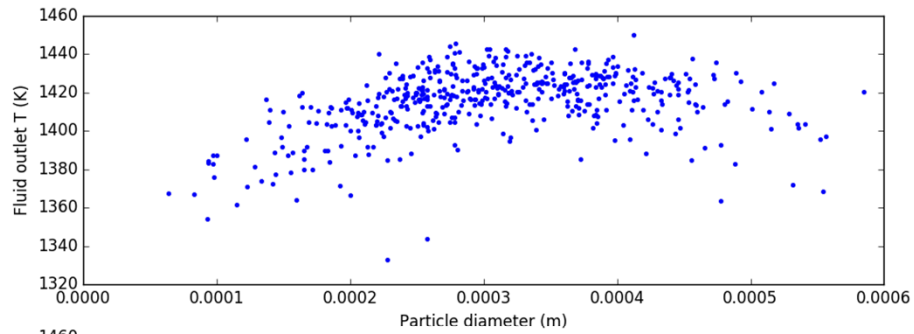


# Stochastic investigation - PR 16.7 – 500 simulations

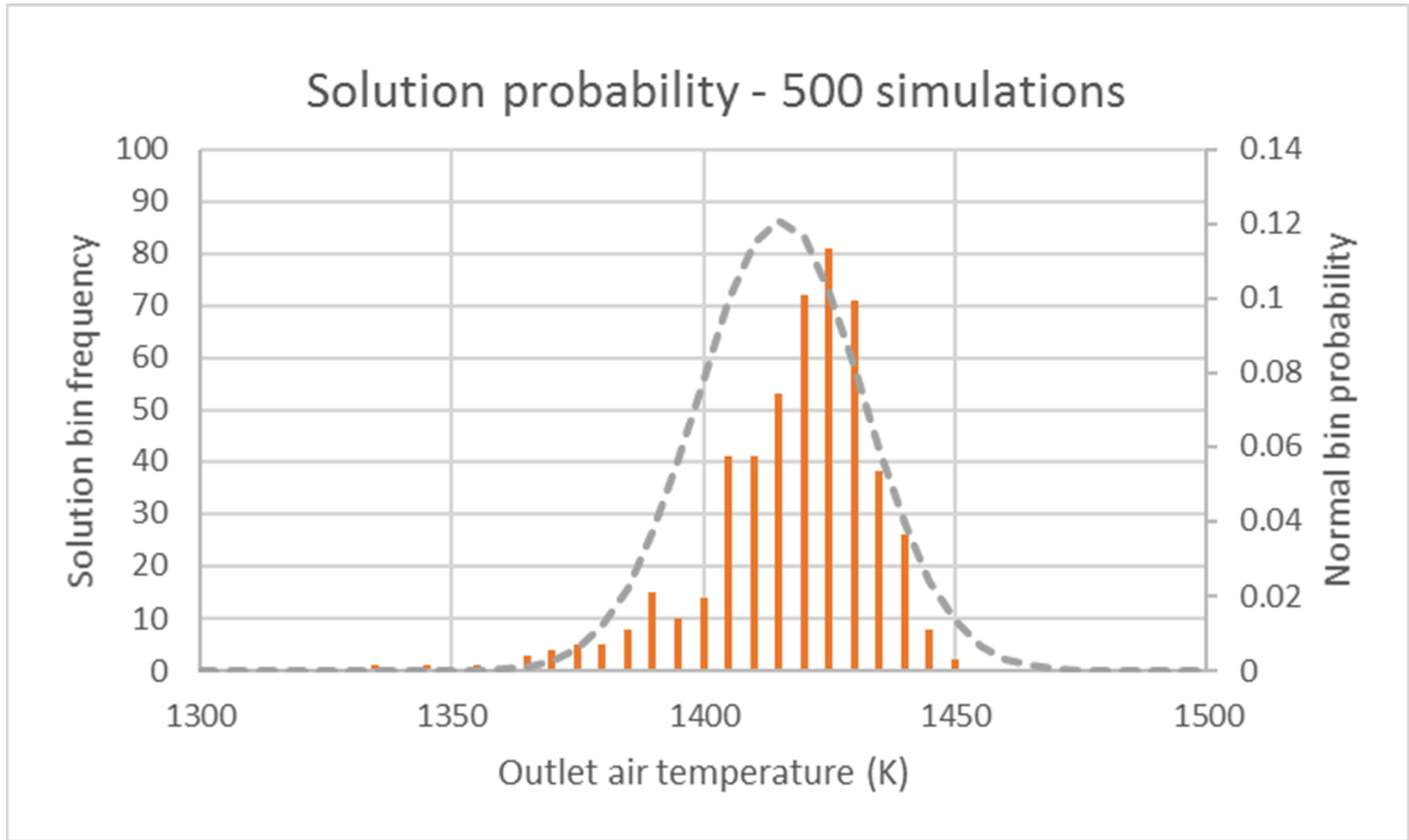




# Stochastic investigation - PR 1.0 – 500 simulations



# PR 1.0 – 500 simulations



- ANSYS Fluent commercial code is used to model the fluid properties and the interactions between fluid and particle phase
  - Eulerian-Eulerian approach taken – particle phase approximated as a “fluid”
    - Same conservation equations used for both phases
    - Constitutive relationships describe solid particle phase properties
      - Granular kinetic theory
      - Momentum transfer between particle and fluid phase,
      - Heat transfer between particle and fluid phases
      - Particle “shear stress” described by frictional stress
  - Reaction implemented using a custom-written UDF
    - Reaction treated as quasi-thermodynamically limited

Two sets of conservation equations coupled through volume fractions for each phase

- Continuity:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_i \rho_i) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_i \rho_i \mathbf{v}_i) = 0$$

- Momentum:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_f \rho_f \mathbf{v}_f) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_f \rho_f \mathbf{v}_f \mathbf{v}_f) = -\alpha_f \nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_f + \alpha_f \rho_f \mathbf{g} + K_{sf}(\mathbf{v}_s - \mathbf{v}_f)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_s \rho_s \mathbf{v}_s) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_s \rho_s \mathbf{v}_s \mathbf{v}_s) = -\alpha_s \nabla p_s + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_s + \alpha_s \rho_s \mathbf{g} + K_{sf}(\mathbf{v}_f - \mathbf{v}_s)$$

- Energy:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_i \rho_i H_i) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_i \rho_i \mathbf{v}_i H_i) = \nabla \cdot \alpha_i k_{i,eff} \nabla T_i - h_{ij}(T_i - T_j)$$

- Momentum exchange between phases (Gidaspow)

$$K_{sf} = \begin{cases} \frac{18}{Re_s} \left[ 1 + 0.15(\alpha_f Re_s)^{0.687} \right] \frac{\alpha_s \rho_f |v_s - v_f|}{d_s} & \alpha_f > 0.8 \\ \frac{150\alpha_s(1 - \alpha_f)\mu_f}{\alpha_f d_s^2} + 1.75 \frac{\alpha_s \rho_f |v_s - v_f|}{d_s} & \alpha_f \leq 0.8 \end{cases}$$

- Heat exchange (Gunn)

$$Nu_s = (7 - 10\alpha_f + 5\alpha_f^2)(1 + 0.7Re_s^{0.2}Pr^{1/3}) + (1.33 - 2.4\alpha_f + 1.2\alpha_f^2)Re_s^{0.7}Pr^{1/3}$$

$$h_{ij} = \frac{k_f}{d_p} A_i [Nu_s] \quad A_i = \text{interface area density} = \frac{6\alpha_p}{d_p} \quad \text{Particle surface area per cell volume}$$

$$Q_{12} = h_{12}(T_1 - T_2) \quad (\text{volumetric heat rate})$$

- Granular energy treated analogous to molecular diffusion, “granular temperature”

$$\Theta_s = \frac{1}{3} u_{s,i} u_{s,i} \quad \text{Granular temperature function of particle velocity}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\alpha_s \rho_s \Theta_s) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_s \rho_s v_s \Theta_s) \right] = (p_s I + \tau_s) : \nabla v_s + (\kappa \nabla \Theta_s) - \gamma_{\Theta_s} - 3K_{sg} \Theta_s$$

Transport equation accounts for diffusion of kinetic energy, collisional dissipation, and solid-fluid exchange

$$\kappa = \frac{15 d_s \rho_s \alpha_s \sqrt{\Theta_s \pi}}{4(41 - 33\eta)} \left[ 1 + \frac{12}{5} \eta^2 (4\eta - 3) \alpha_s g_{0,ss} + \frac{16}{15\pi} (41 - 33\eta) \eta \alpha_s g_{0,ss} \right]$$

$$\gamma_{\Theta_s} = \frac{12(1 - e_{ss}^2) g_{0,ss}}{d_s \sqrt{\pi}} \rho_s \alpha_s^2 \Theta_s^{1.5} \quad \eta = \frac{1}{2} (1 + e_{ss})$$

$$g_{0,ss} = \left[ 1 - (\alpha_s / \alpha_{s,max})^{1/3} \right]^{-1}$$

Effective solid “viscosity” needed to calculate shear stress tensor in momentum continuity equation

$$\mu_s = \mu_{s,kin} + \mu_{s,col} + \mu_{s,fr}$$

$$\mu_{s,kin} = \frac{10\rho_s d_s \sqrt{\pi\Theta_s}}{96\alpha_s (1 + e_{ss}) g_{0,ss}} \left[ 1 + \frac{4}{5} \alpha_s g_{0,ss} (1 + e_{ss}) \right]^2$$

$$\mu_{s,col} = \frac{4}{5} \alpha_s \rho_s d_s g_{0,ss} (1 + e_{ss}) \left( \frac{\Theta_s}{\pi} \right)^{1/2}$$

- Oxidation kinetics are fast, thermodynamically limiting in our experiments – Accurate oxidation kinetic rates unavailable
  - Mechanism for reaction implemented using pseudo-equilibrium kinetics (quasi-thermodynamically limited)

The new value for  $\delta$  (for oxidation) due to oxidation is modeled as:

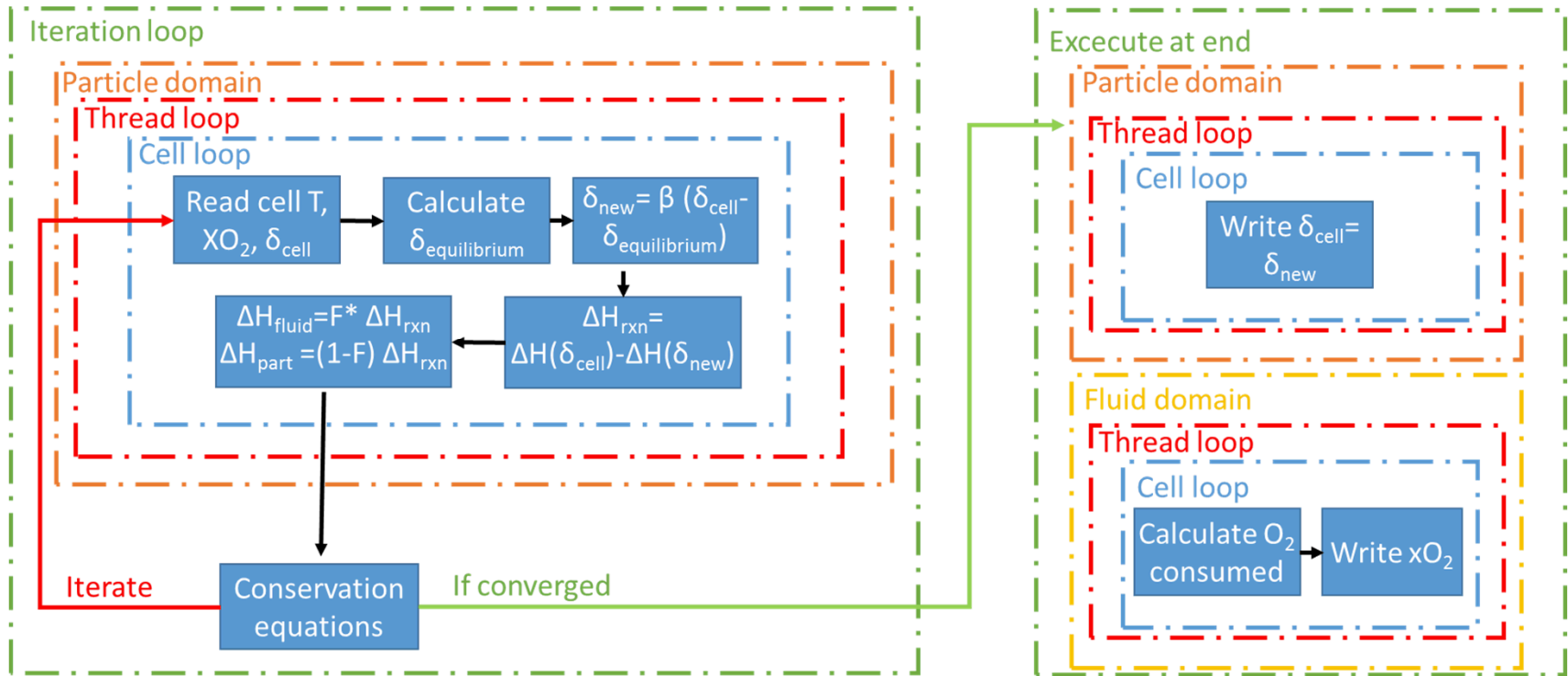
$$\delta_{new} = \delta_{current} - \beta(\delta_{current} - \delta_{equilibrium})$$

- The change in delta in the computational cell is used to calculate gaseous oxygen consumption and heat generation in each computational cell.
- The  $\beta$  term describes the “progress” towards equilibrium in each cell, and can be used to adjust the reaction rate.

To ensure equal reaction rates at any time step:

$$\beta = \frac{\alpha}{second} * current\_timestep$$

# UDF flow diagram



Simplified flow diagram of custom reaction UDF algorithm

# Testing UDF for appropriate behavior

## Testing the reaction UDF for accuracy

Engineering estimation of behavior:

$$\Delta H_{\delta=0.3} = 340,000 \text{ J/kg}$$

$$m_{\text{CAM28}} = 4.4027 \times 10^{-7} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_{\text{air}} = 1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg}$$

$$n_{\text{air}} = 4.15 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}$$

$$n_{\text{O}_2} = 8.72 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol}$$

$$c_{p,\text{air}} \sim c_{p,\text{CAM28}} = 1100 \text{ J/kg-K}$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{\Delta H m_{\text{air}}}{(m_{\text{air}} + m_{\text{CAM28}}) c_p} = \sim 84.5 \text{ K}$$

Expected  $T_{\text{equil}} \sim 384.5 \text{ K}$

$$n_{\text{O}_2, \text{cons}} = 4.86 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol}$$

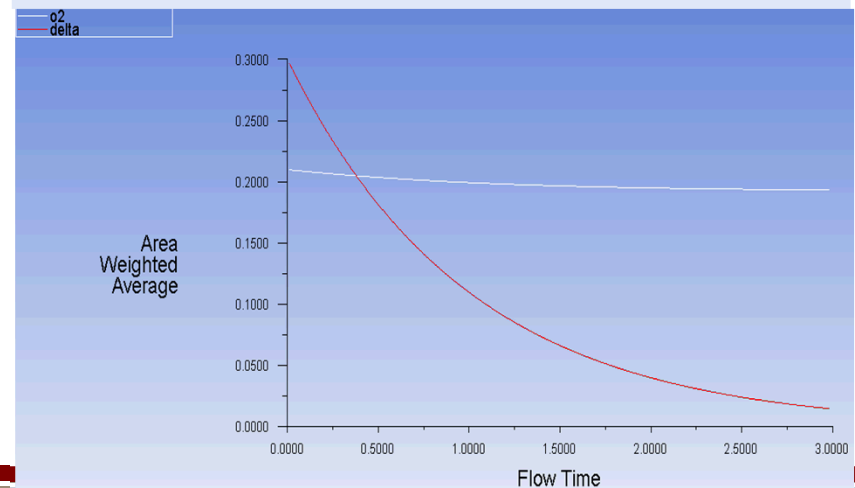
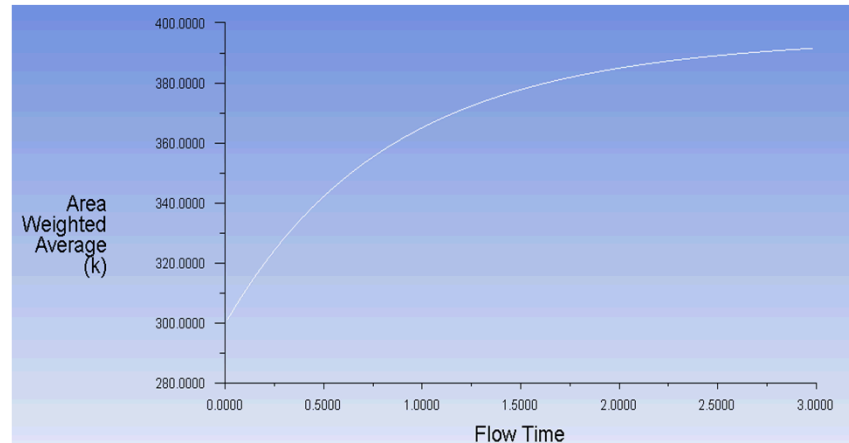
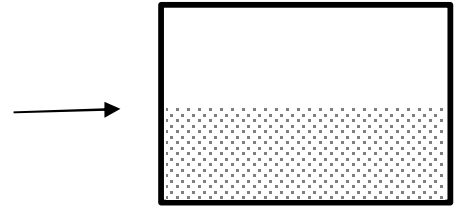
Expected mole fraction  $\text{O}_2 = 0.198$

Simulation results:

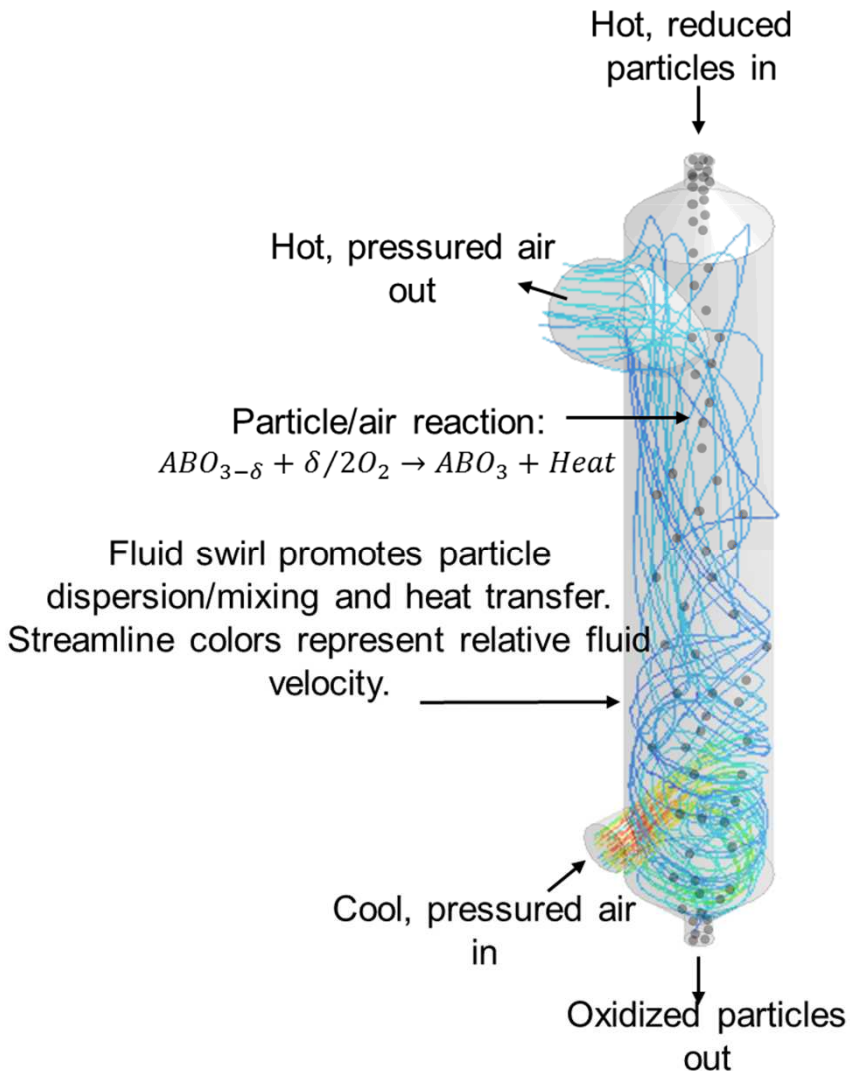
Average temp of particles and air = 391.5 K

Mole fraction  $\text{O}_2 = 0.19$

Start at  $t=0$  with known particle and air mass in container, particle  $\delta = 0.3$ ,  $T_{\text{particle}}$  and  $T_{\text{air}} = 300 \text{ K}$

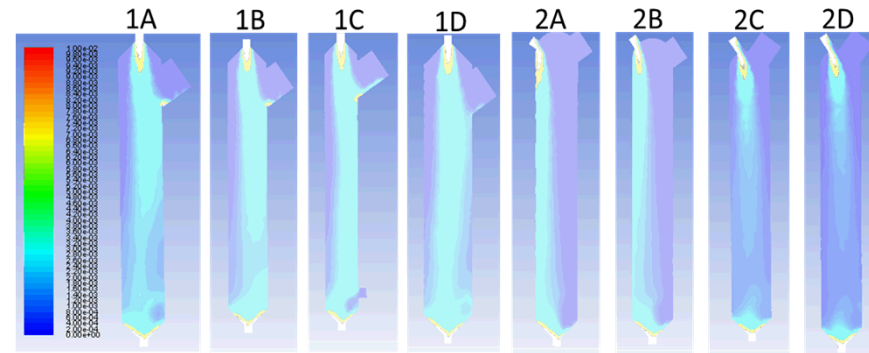


# Optimizing the 3-D reactor geometry



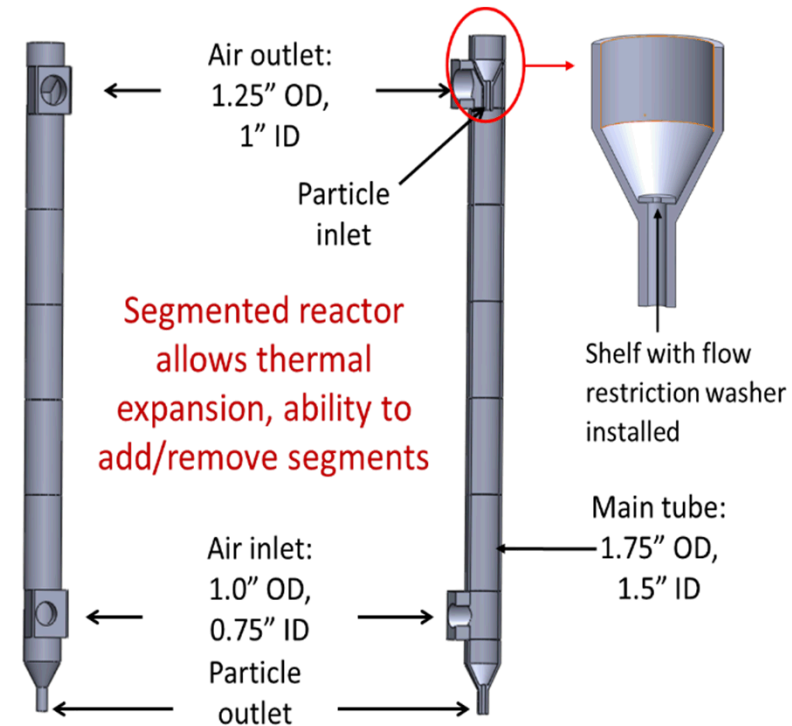
A parametric analysis was conducted on the design geometry

- 8 total geometries analyzed
  - Varied diameters:
    - Main tube
    - Inlets and outlets
  - Varied particle inlet, air outlet locations
- Particle reaction NOT included
- Recorded:
  - Outlet temperatures of particles and air
  - Pressure drop across reactor



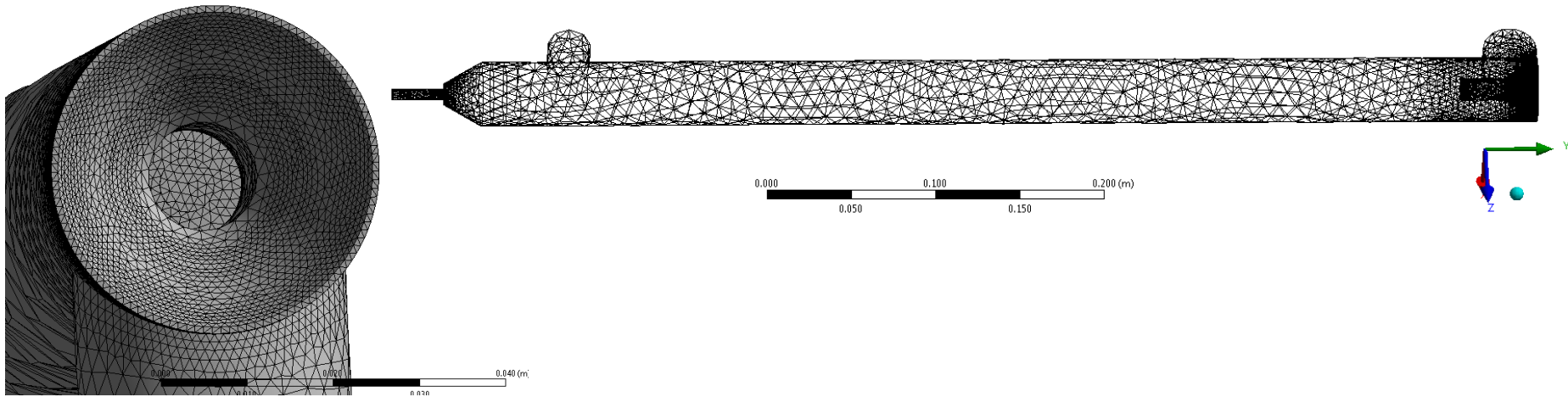
Geometry must be modified for fabrication feasibility

- Single monolith part not feasible due to size and complexity
- Segmented reactor approach taken
  - Several smaller parts easier to manufacture via additive manufacturing (Robocasting) or by off-the-shelf tubes
  - Thermal stresses alleviated by expansion between segments
  - Mullite chosen as construction material
    - Operation up to 1400 °C
    - Good thermal shock resistance
    - Low thermal conductivity compared to alumina
    - Inexpensive



# 3-D CAD/Meshing, simulation boundary conditions

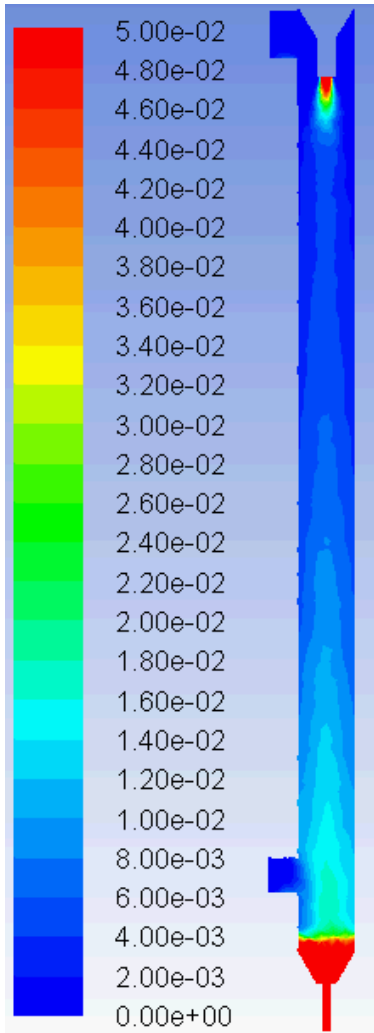
- Meshing done using ANSYS Workbench meshing software
  - Default settings used on main tube
  - Smaller features refined using “edge meshing” refinement
- Total number of elements = 72,408



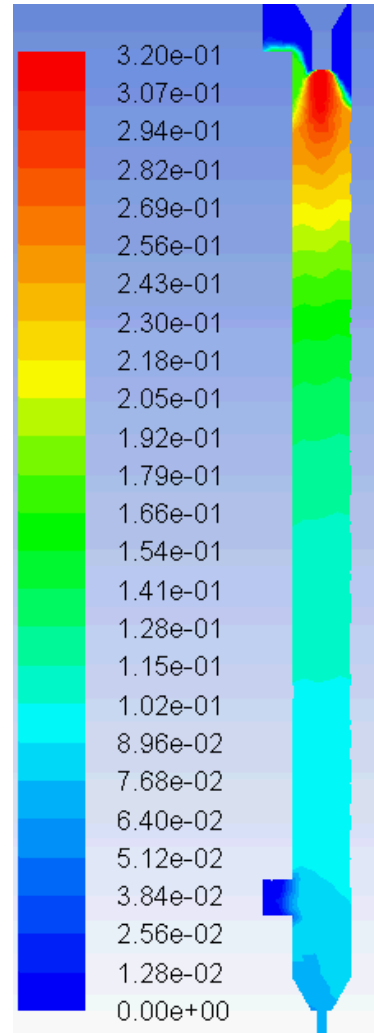
## Boundary conditions:

- Air in:  $\dot{m} = 0.003$  kg/s, 670 K,  $pO_2 = 0.21$  atm,  $P = 16.7$  atm
- Air out: Pressure outlet,  $P = 16.7$  atm
- Particle in:  $\dot{m} = 0.0045$  kg/s, 1323 K,  $\delta = 0.32$
- Particle out: Only particles removed

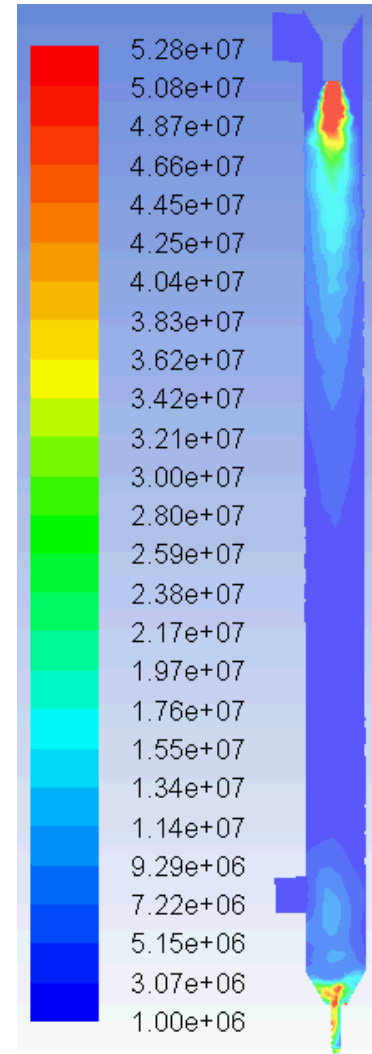
# 3-D results – Good particle/fluid dispersion



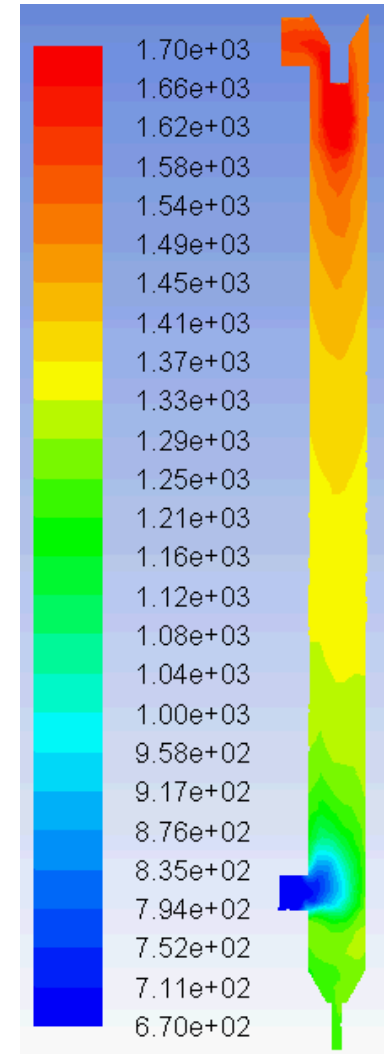
Particle volume fraction



Particle oxygen non-stoichiometry ( $\delta$ )

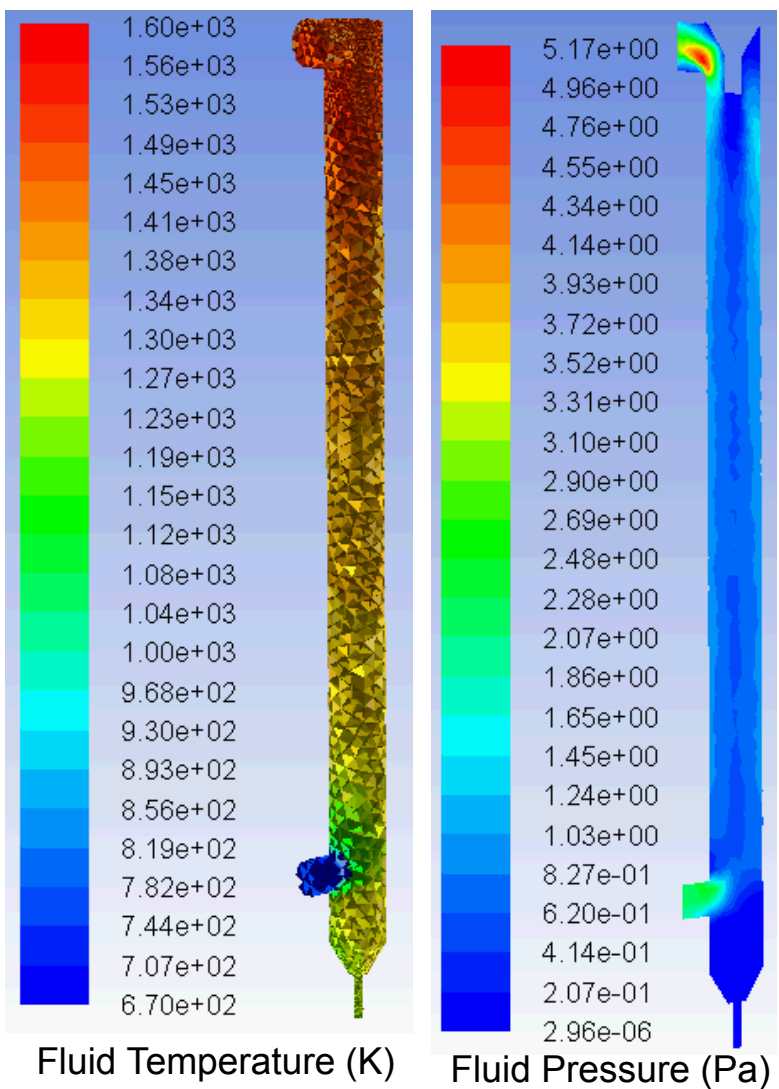


Exotherm ( $\text{W/m}^2$ )



Fluid Temperature (K)

# 3-D results – Heat transfer metrics



Parameter	Value
Air outlet temp (°C)	1275.45 ± 23.98
Particle outlet temp (°C)	965.97 ± 23.50
$\delta$ out	0.071 ± 0.005
Effectiveness	78.2%
Power transferred to fluid	3.05 kW

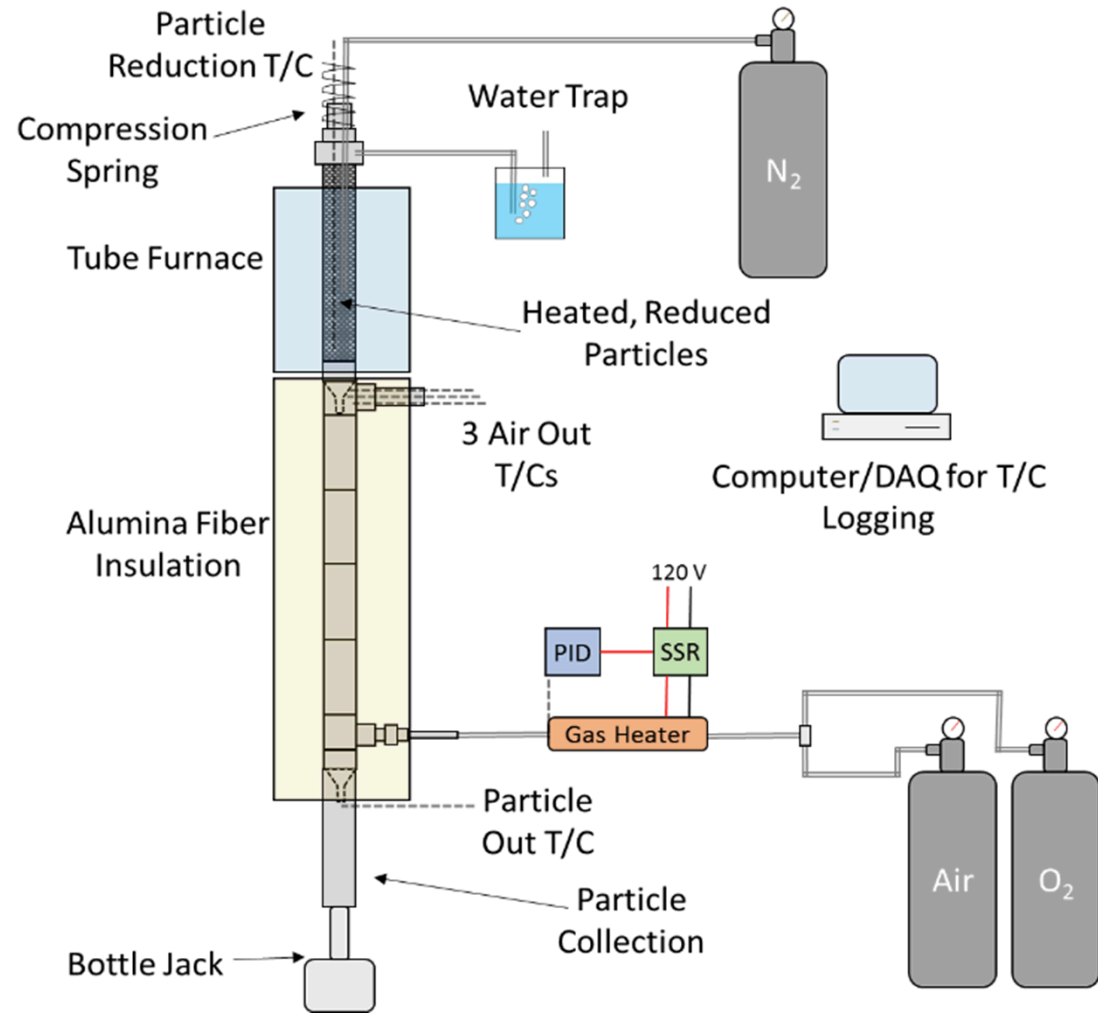
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\dot{q}}{\dot{q}_{max}} = \frac{\dot{m}_f \bar{c}_{p,f} (T_{f,in} - T_{f,out})}{C_{min} (T_{p,in} - T_{f,in}) + \dot{m}_p \Delta H_{rxn}}$$

where  $C_{min}$  is the lesser value between  $\dot{m}_p \bar{c}_{p,p}$  and  $\dot{m}_f \bar{c}_{p,f}$ .

# Bench-scale instrumentation flow diagram

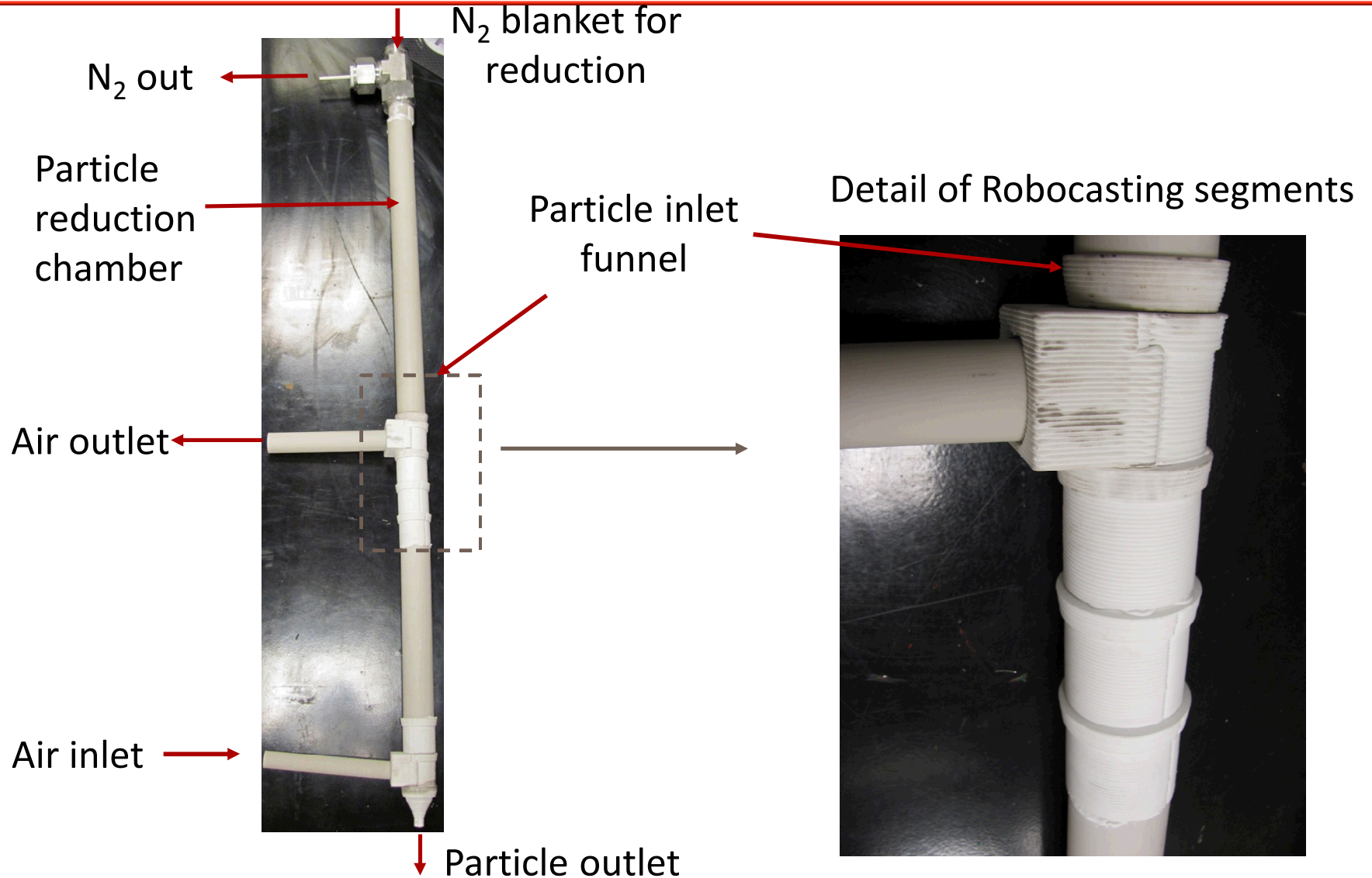
## Reactor instrumentation:

- Mass flow controllers
  - Air, oxygen blend
  - Nitrogen blanket
- Inline gas heater
  - Simulates compressor preheat
- Thermocouples
  - 3 fluid outlet
  - 1 particle outlet
  - 1 particle reduction
- DAQ for T/C logging



One “floating” thermocouple has been added to probe insulation temperature in multiple spots to provide a heat loss estimate

# Mock-up of ROx reactor



# Future work – data collection for model validation

$L_{\text{reactor}}$ (fluid in to fluid out)	$\dot{m}_p/\dot{m}_f = 1.0$	$\dot{m}_p/\dot{m}_f = 1.5$	$\dot{m}_p/\dot{m}_f = 2.0$
20 inches	Inert $p\text{O}_2 = 0.21 \text{ atm}$ $p\text{O}_2 = 0.9 \text{ atm}$	Inert $p\text{O}_2 = 0.21 \text{ atm}$ $p\text{O}_2 = 0.9 \text{ atm}$	$p\text{O}_2 = 0.21 \text{ atm}$ $p\text{O}_2 = 0.9 \text{ atm}$
14 inches		Inert $p\text{O}_2 = 0.21 \text{ atm}$	

- Model validation approach
  - Validate and modify particle/fluid heat transfer coefficients using data from the inert test (at two different lengths)
  - Infer particle oxidation rate using the performance difference between  $p\text{O}_2$  runs of 0.21 atm and 0.9 atm
- Use validated model to scale geometry to 100 kW<sub>th</sub> reactor

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Questions?

# Supplementary slides

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/* Sean Babiniec */
/*UDF for oxidation*/
/*March 16, 2016*/
/*Species conservation added*/
#include "udf.h"

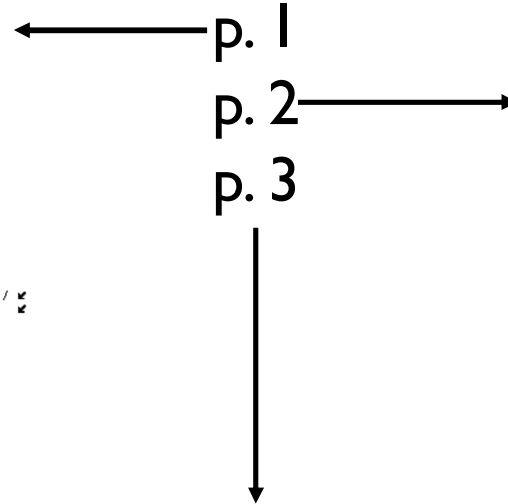
/* Constants:*/
#define BETA /*Progress factor towards equilibrium*/
#define FtpFactor 0.8 /*Heat applied to fluid/heat applied to particle*/
#define m 8.000332 /*fitting factors for delta vs temp at PR 16.7*/
#define b -0.34919
float DOELT;

float Dnew;
float Dold;
float mdot;
float molC2change;
float molC2old;
float molC2new;
float BETA;

/*Source term in units of W/m^3. Equation: Source = H(delta new) - H(delta old))/current_timestep*/

/*Execute at end to store new delta value in memory as old delta value*/
DEFINE_EXECUTE_AT_END(Delta)
{
    BETA = 12. / (1. / CURRENT_TIMESTEP);
    Domain *d;
    Domain *dom;
    Thread *t;
    cell_t c;
    d = Get_Domain(3); /* particle domain*/
    dom = Get_Domain(2); /*fluid domain*/
    float eqdelt;
    thread_loop_c(t, d) /*Loop through particle threads and adjust mass fraction*/
    {
        if (FLUID_THREAD_P(t))
        {
            begin_c_loop(c, t)
            {
                Dold = C_VI(c, t, 0);
                C_UDMI(c,t,0) = C_VOLUME(c, t)*C_R(c, t)*C_VOF(c, t) / 0.1358*(Dold - C_UDMI(c,t,3)) /
                2.0; /*May need to write this to C_UDMI(c,t,0) to make sure there is a value for each cell passed to
                the next loop*/
                C_VI(c, t, 0) = C_UDMI(c, t, 3);
            }
            end_c_loop(c, t)
        }
    }
    thread_loop_c(t, dom) /*Loop through fluid threads and adjust mass fraction*/
    {
        begin_c_loop(c, t)
        {
            molO2old = C_VI(c, t, 0)*C_R(c, t)*C_VOLUME(c, t)*C_VOF(c, t) / 0.036;
            molO2new = molO2old - C_UDMI(c, t, 0);
            if (molC2new < 0.0)
            {
                molC2new = 0.0;
            }
            else
            {
                molC2new = molC2old - C_UDMI(c, t, 0);
            }
            C_VI(c, t, 0) = (molC2new*.036) / (C_R(c, t)*C_VOLUME(c, t)*C_VOF(c, t));
        }
    }
}

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/*Print("M", molC2change/molO2old);*/
end_c_loop(c, t)
}
}
}

DEFINE_ADJUST(pO2, d)
{
    Thread *t;
    cell_t c;
    d = Get_Domain(2); /*Fluid domain*/

    thread_loop_c(t, d)
    {
        begin_c_loop(c, t)
        {
            C_UDMI(c, t, 2) = C_VI(c, t, 0);
        }
        end_c_loop(c, t)
    }
}

DEFINE_SOURCE(particle, cell, thread, dS, eqn)
{
    real source;
    real face;
    BETA = 12. / (1. / CURRENT_TIMESTEP);
    float eqdelt;

    if (C_UDMI(cell, thread, 2) > 0.08)
    {
        Dold = C_VI(cell, thread, 0);
        eqdelt = m*C_T(cell, thread) + b;
        if (eqdelt < 0.0)
        {
            eqdelt = 0.0;
        }
        else
        {
            eqdelt = m*C_T(cell, thread) + b;
        }
        Dnew = Dold - BETA*(Dold - eqdelt);
        if (Dnew < 0.0)
        {
            Dnew = 0.0;
        }
        else
        {
            Dnew = Dold - BETA*(Dold - eqdelt);
        }
        C_UDMI(cell, thread, 3) = Dnew;
        C_UDMI(cell, thread, 1) = 1000.0 * ((873.68*Dold*Dold + 863.26*Dold) - (873.68*Dnew*Dnew + 863.26*
        Dnew)) * C_VOF(cell, thread)*C_R(cell, thread)*C_VOLUME(cell, thread) / (C_VOLUME(cell, thread)*
        CURRENT_TIMESTEP);
        source = C_UDMI(cell, thread, 1) * (1. - FtpFactor);
        dS[eqn] = 0.; //-C_UDMI(cell, thread, 1) * (1. - FtpFactor) / (CURRENT_TIMESTEP*CURRENT_TIMESTEP);
    }
    else
    {
        C_UDMI(cell, thread, 3) = C_VI(cell, thread, 0);
    }
}

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source = 0.0;
dS[eqn] = 0.0;
}

/*Print("part %f", source);
return source;
}

DEFINE_SOURCE(fluid, cell, thread, dS, eqn)
{
    real source;

    source = C_UDMI(cell, thread, 1) * FtpFactor;
    dS[eqn] = 0.; //-C_UDMI(cell, thread, 1) * (FtpFactor) / (CURRENT_TIMESTEP*CURRENT_TIMESTEP);

    /*Print("fluid %f", source);
    return source;
}
}

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