

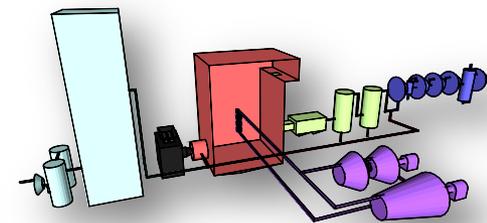
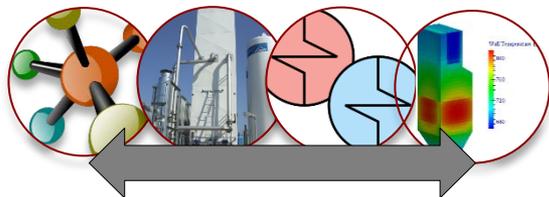


Process Synthesis without Integer Variables: Using Complementarity Constraints for Thermodynamic & Distillation Models

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Agenda

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 - Traditional MINLP synthesis approach
 - MESH with tray bypass model
 - Case study: air separation unit design

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 - Equation-based phase selection strategies
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 - Case study: CO₂ processing unit and compression train

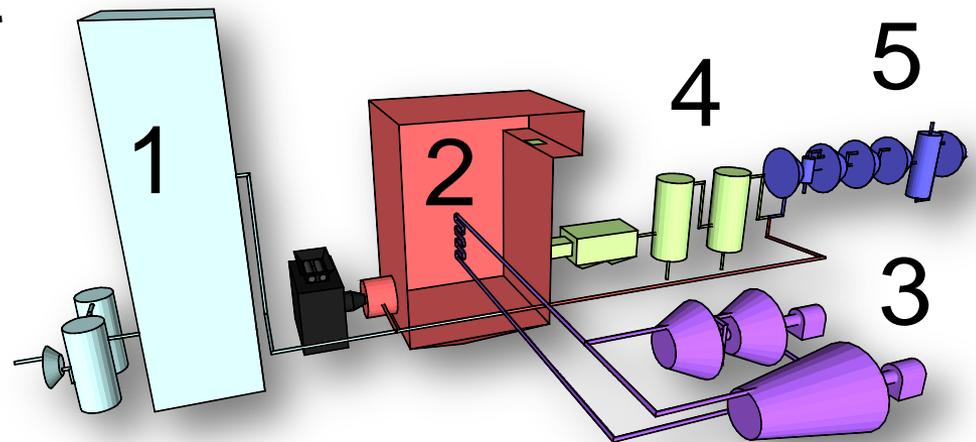
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Develop framework for full oxycombustion power plant optimization

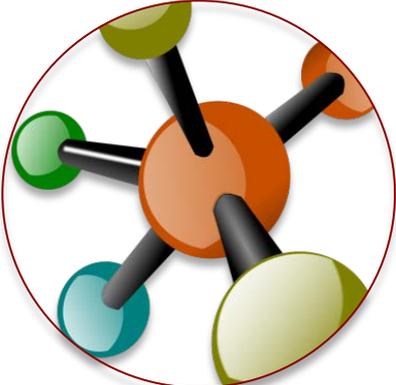
- Estimate *cost of electricity* with carbon capture
- Balance trade-offs between systems

Oxycombustion Power Plant

1. Air Separation Unit
2. Boiler
3. Steam Turbines
4. Pollution Controls
5. CO₂ Compression Train



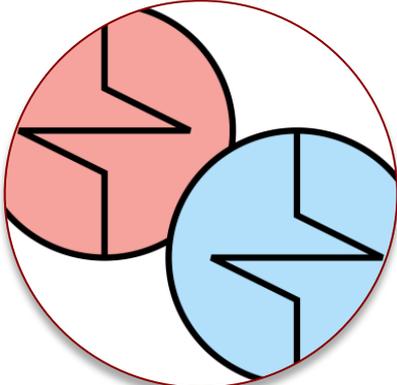
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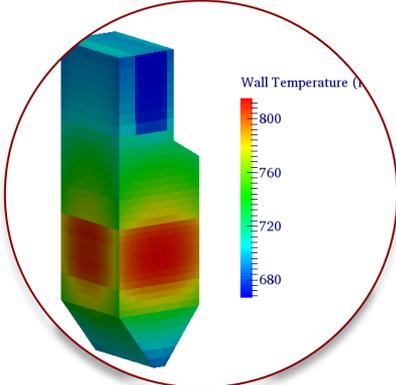
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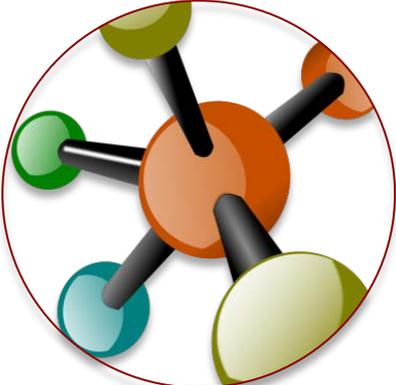
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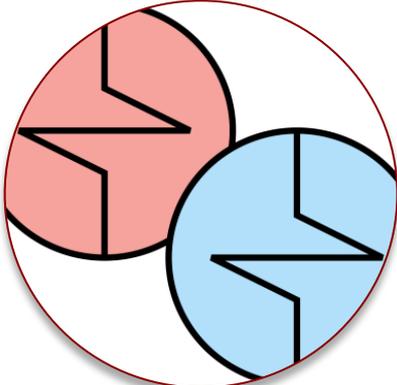
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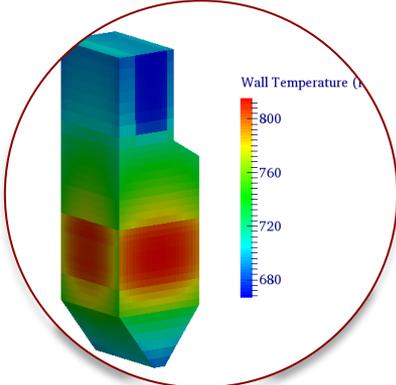
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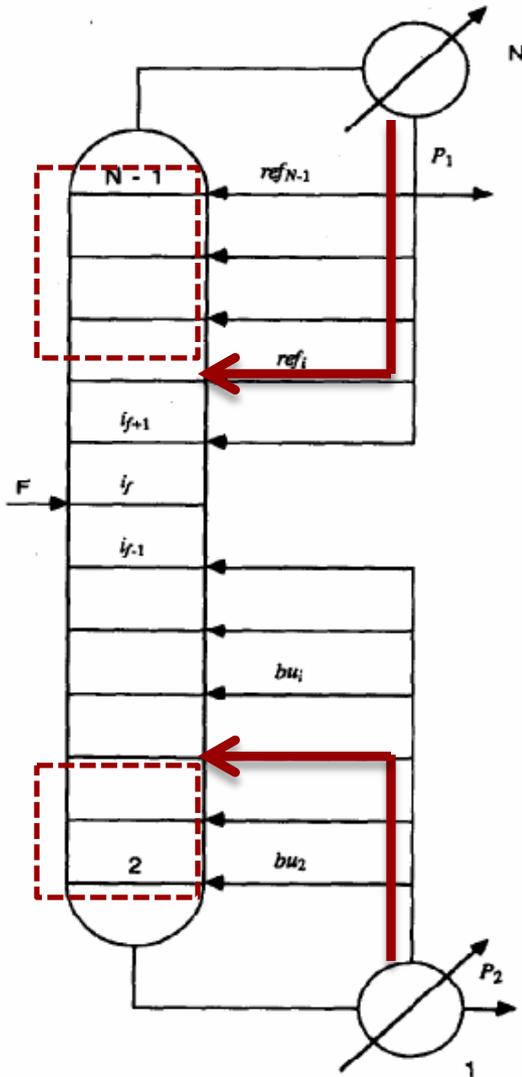


Complex
Reactors



Trust Region Optimization with Filter

Classic MINLP



- Optimize number of trays and/or feed location
- Disable trays above reflux and below reboil feeds
- Binary variable ensures only one tray selected for reboiler/reflux feed(s)

Pioneered by:

Viswanathan, J., & Grossmann, I. E. (1990). A Combined Penalty Function and Outer-Approximation Method for MINLP Optimization. *Computers & Chemical Engineering*, 14(7), 769–782.

MESH with Tray Bypass

Mass Balance: $x_{i+1}^c L_{i+1} + y_{i-1}^c V_{i-1} = x_i^c L_i + y_i^c V_i, \quad \forall i \in \{Trays\}, \forall c \in \{Comps.\}$

Equilibrium: $y_i^c = K_i^c x_i^c, \quad \forall i, c$

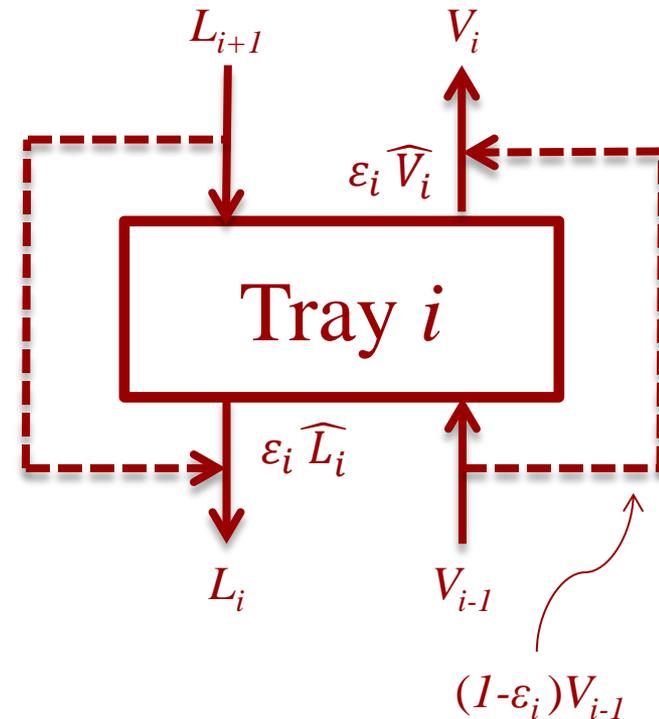
Summation: $\sum_c y_i^c - x_i^c = 0, \quad \forall i$

Heat Balance: $H_{i+1}^l L_{i+1} + H_{i-1}^v V_{i-1} = H_i^l L_i + H_i^v V_i$

Number of Trays $\approx \sum_i \varepsilon_i$

$$\varepsilon_i = 1 - \frac{\text{Bypassed Flowrate}}{\text{Total Flowrate}}$$

$$(1 - \varepsilon_i) L_{i+1}$$



Liquid Mixer: $x_i^c L_i = (1 - \varepsilon_i) x_{i+1}^c L_{i+1} + \varepsilon_i \widehat{x}_i^c \widehat{L}_i$

Liquid Mixer: $H_i^l L_i = (1 - \varepsilon_i) H_{i+1}^l L_{i+1} + \varepsilon_i \widehat{H}_i^l \widehat{L}_i$

Vapor Mixer: $y_i^c V_i = (1 - \varepsilon_i) y_{i-1}^c V_{i-1} + \varepsilon_i \widehat{y}_i^c \widehat{V}_i$

Vapor Mixer: $H_i^v V_i = (1 - \varepsilon_i) H_{i-1}^v V_{i-1} + \varepsilon_i \widehat{H}_i^v \widehat{V}_i$

Case Study: Simple Cascade

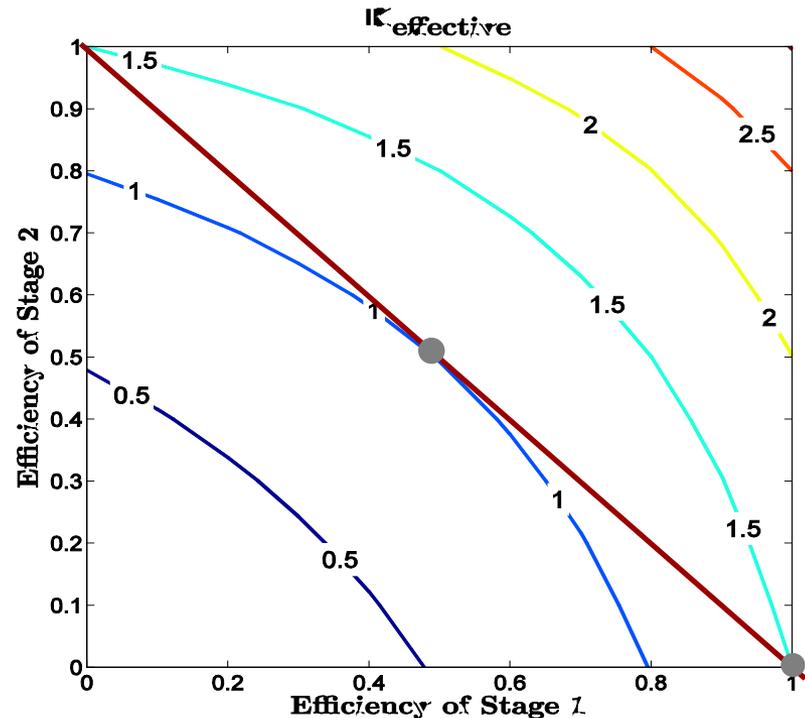
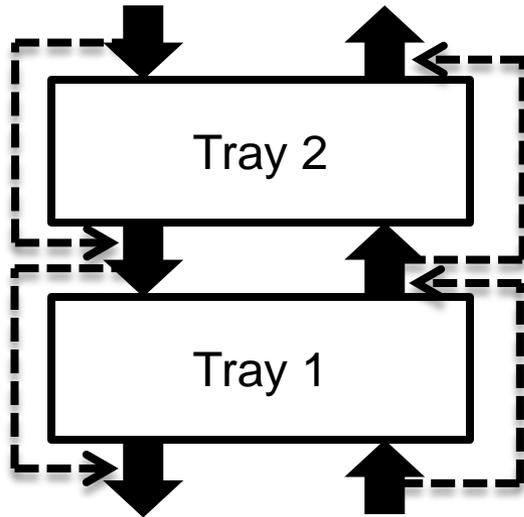
Vapor-liquid equilibrium: $y_c = K_c x_c$

Binary separation

Two stages

↑
Constant

$$K_c^{effective} = \frac{y_c^{out}}{x_c^{out}}$$

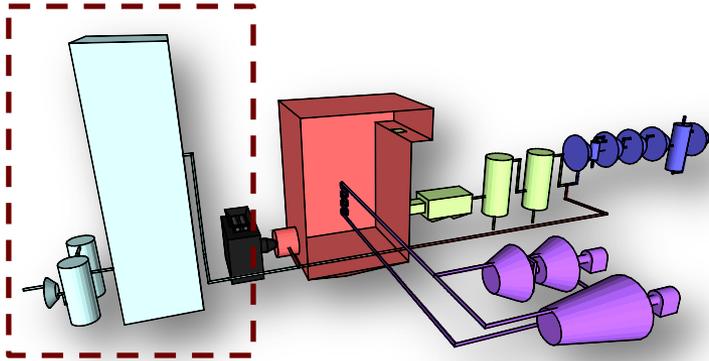


Conclusion: **Mixing is inefficient.**

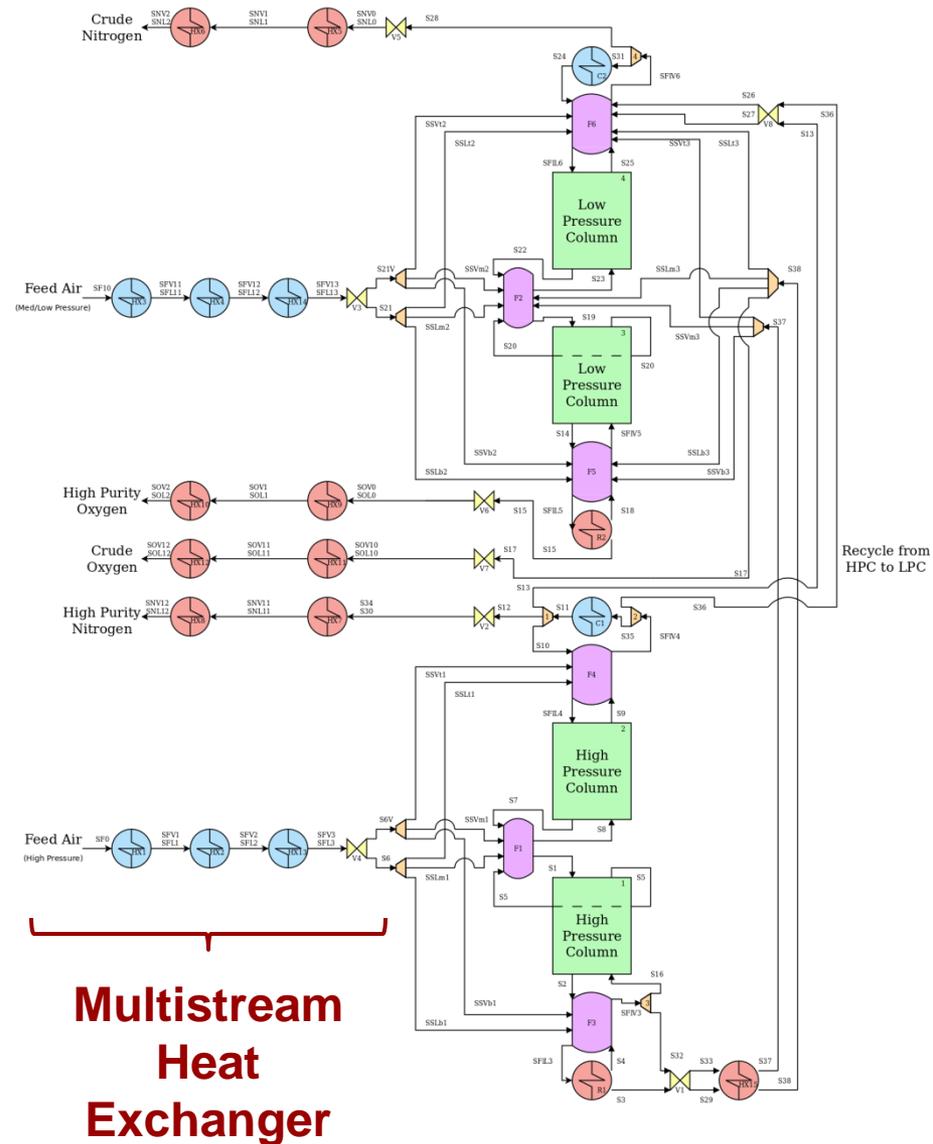
$$\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 = 1$$

Conjecture: **Integer solutions are preferred.**

ASU Superstructure



- Many different column configurations realizable
- NLP optimizer selects the best configuration



Optimization Formulation

min ASU Compression Energy
(kWh / kg O₂ product)

s.t. Flowsheet Superstructure
Peng-Robinson Thermodynamics
Unit Operation Models
Distillation Model
Heat Integration
O₂ product purity \geq 95 mol%
Complementarity Constraints (thermo, etc.)

Note: **Upper and lower bounds not shown above** are considered for many variables including stream/equipment temperatures and pressures.

Implementation Details

- Non-convex problem
 - 16,000 variables & constraints
- Penalty formulation for *complementarity constraints*
- Automated initialization
 - Simple → complex models
 - Custom multistart procedure
- Solved using **CONOPT3** in GAMS
 - **16 CPU minutes** average for sequence on NLPs

Ideal Thermo & Shortcut Cascade



CEOS Thermo & Shortcut Cascade



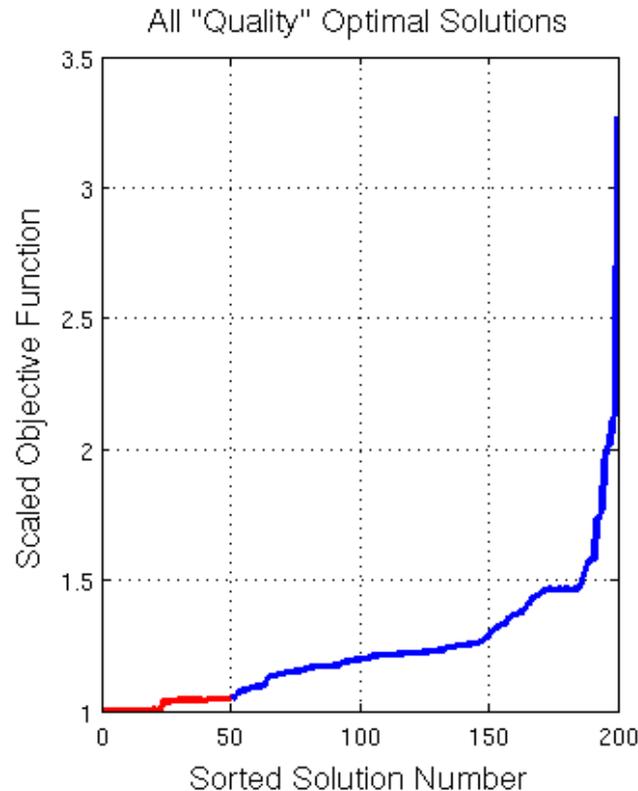
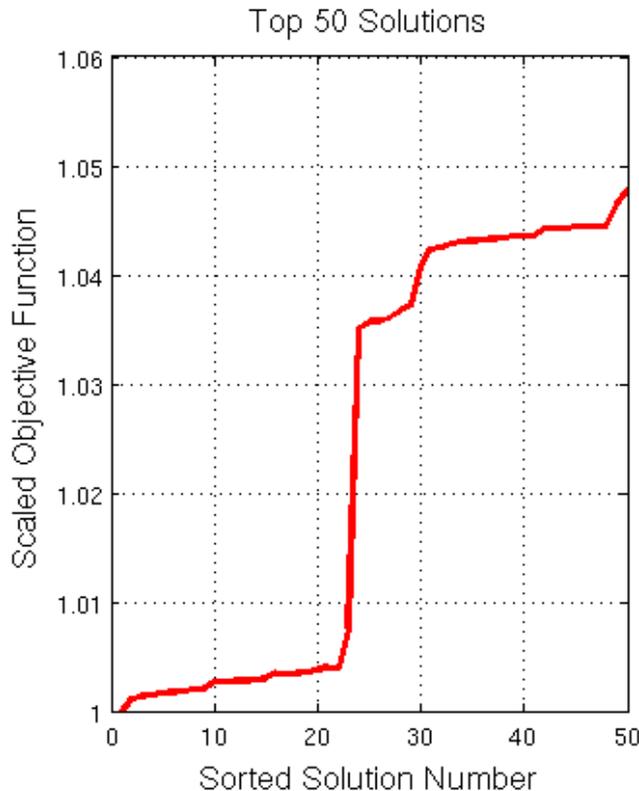
CEOS Thermo & MESH Cascade



Decompose Heat Exchange Units & Reoptimize

Multi-start Initialization

Concern: Mixers (bypass) and complementarities (thermodynamics) add non-convexities



"Quality" Solution

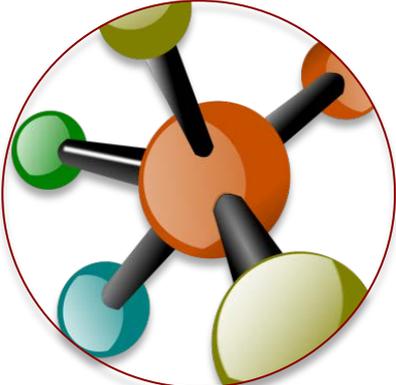
- Self heat integrated
- No \perp violation
- Locally optimal

288 initial points
(factorial design)
considered in 7 hours

**Careful initialization
allows for many
"quality" solutions**

Out of the best 150 solutions, only 11 (7.3%) have partially bypassed trays. 12

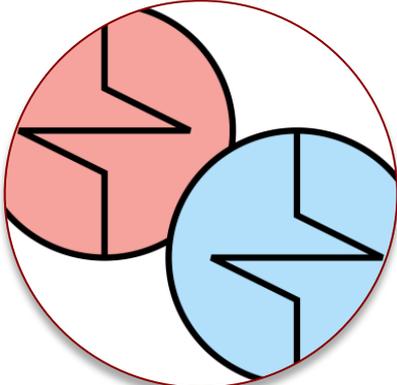
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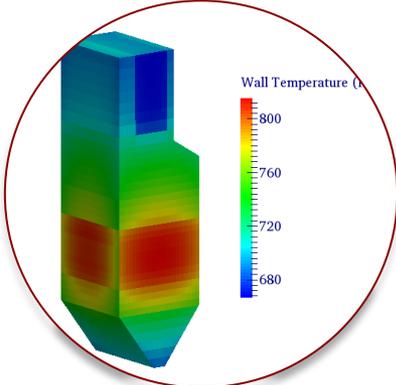
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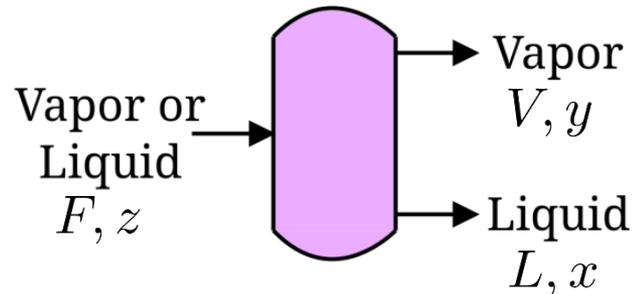
Heat Integration



Complex Reactors



Flash Calculations



$$F = L + V$$

$$Fz_c = Lx_c + Vy_c, \quad \forall c \in \{Comps\}$$

$$FH^F + Q = LH^L + VH^V$$

$$y_c = K_c(T, P, x, y)x_c$$

$$0 \leq x_c, y_c \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq L, V \leq F$$

Mole balances

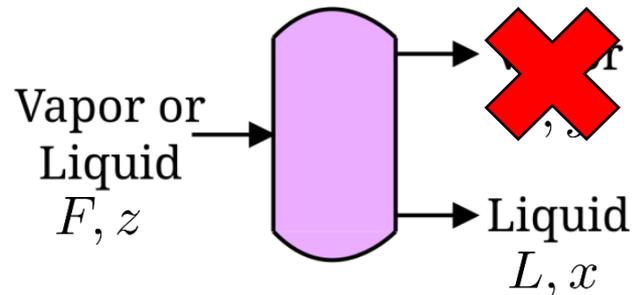
Enthalpy balance

Equilibrium

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Flash Calculations



$$F = L + V$$

$$Fz_c = Lx_c + Vy_c, \quad \forall c \in \{Comps\}$$

$$FH^F + Q = LH^L + VH^V$$

$$y_c = \beta K_c(T, P, x, y)x_c$$

$$0 \leq x_c, y_c \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq L, V \leq F$$

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Complementarity Constraints

$$0 \leq x_1 \perp x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_1 = 0 \text{ "inclusive OR" } x_2 = 0$$

$$0 \leq s_V \perp V \geq 0$$

$$0 \leq s_L \perp L \geq 0$$

Slack variables for outlet streams

$$-s_L \leq \beta - 1 \leq s_V$$

2-phase outlet: $\beta = 1$

Vapor only outlet: $\beta \geq 1$

Liquid only outlet: $\beta \leq 1$

Cubic Equations of State

Analytic formulas for physical properties

$$H = f_h(x, y, T, P) \quad S = f_s(x, y, T, P) \quad \phi_c = f_{\phi,c}(x, y, T, P)$$

Popular for general process modeling

Ex: Peng–Robinson, Soave–Redlich–Kwong

Three roots for Z

$$\underbrace{Z^3 - (1 + B - uB)Z^2 + (A + wB^2 - uB - uB^2)Z - AB - wB^2 - wB^3}_{f_z(Z) = 0} = 0$$

$$Z = \frac{PV}{RT} \quad A = \frac{\hat{a}\alpha(\omega, T)P\bar{T}^2}{T^2\bar{P}} \quad B = \frac{\hat{b}P\bar{T}}{T\bar{P}}$$

EOS Specific Constants: u, w, \hat{a}, \hat{b}

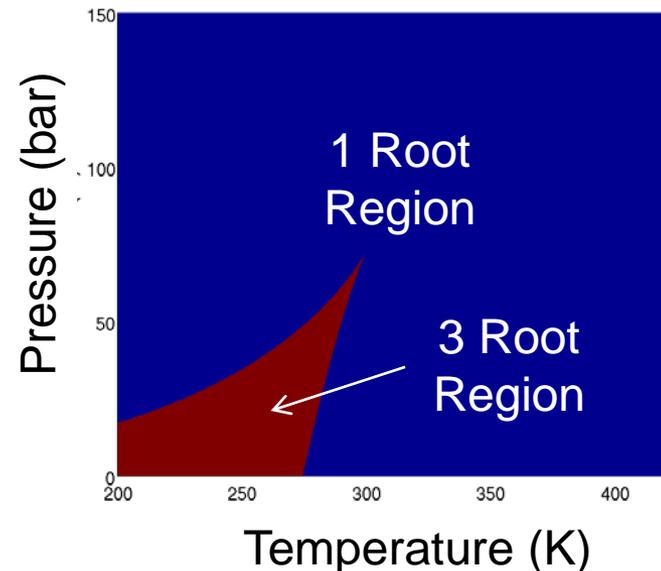
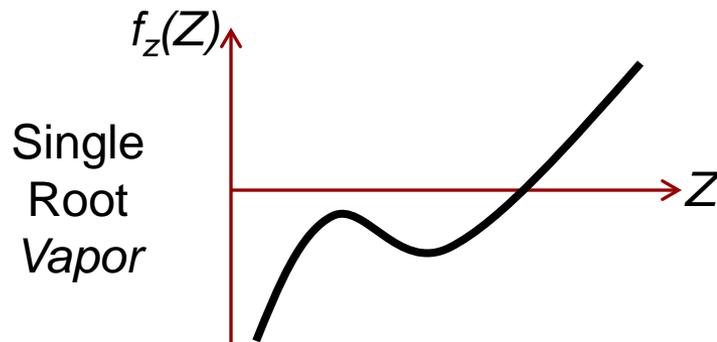
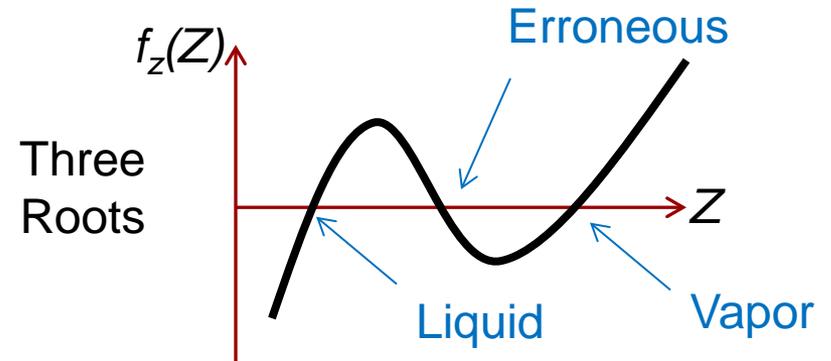
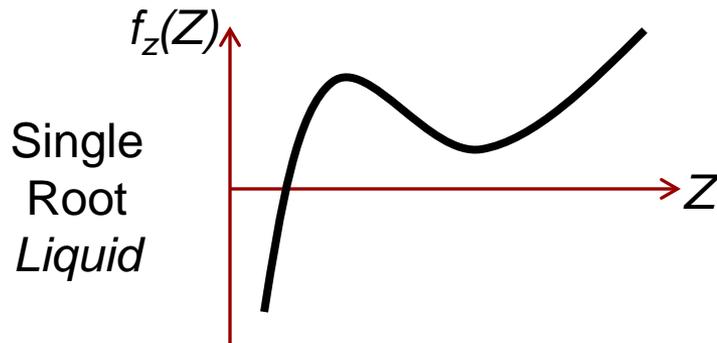
Critical Point Data: \bar{T}, \bar{P}

Other Component Data: ω

Not shown: mixing rules

Roots for Z

1 or 3 distinct real solutions for $f_z(Z) = 0$ depending on (T, P, x, y)

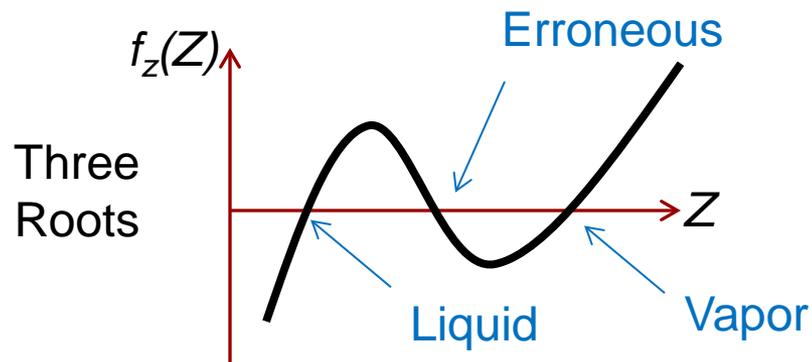


Challenge: Root Selection

Process simulators use heuristics, loops and conditional statements to select roots

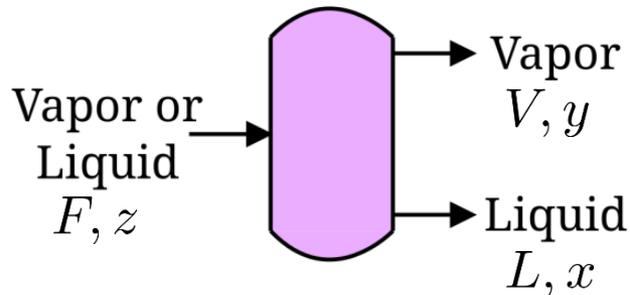
– Not differentiable

Kamath *et al* proposed an equation-based approach



<u>Liquid</u>	<u>Vapor</u>
$f_z(Z_L) = 0$	$f_z(Z_V) = 0$
$f'_z(Z_L) \geq 0$	$f'_z(Z_V) \geq 0$
$f''_z(Z_L) \leq 0$	$f''_z(Z_V) \geq 0$

Challenge: Root Selection

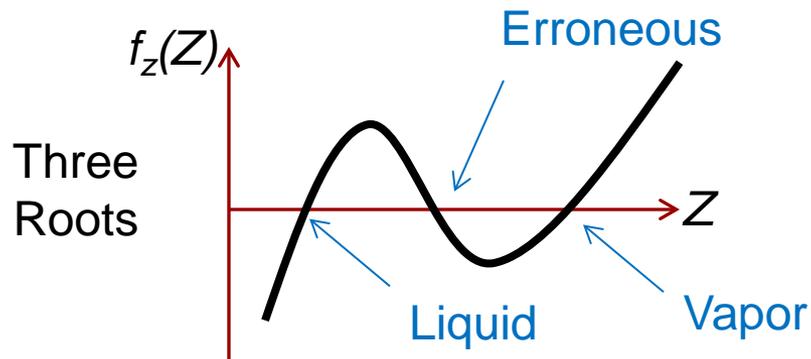


$$0 \leq s_V \perp V \geq 0$$

$$0 \leq s_L \perp L \geq 0$$

$$-s_L \leq \beta - 1 \leq s_V$$

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Liquid

Vapor

$$f_z(Z_L) = 0$$

$$f_z(Z_V) = 0$$

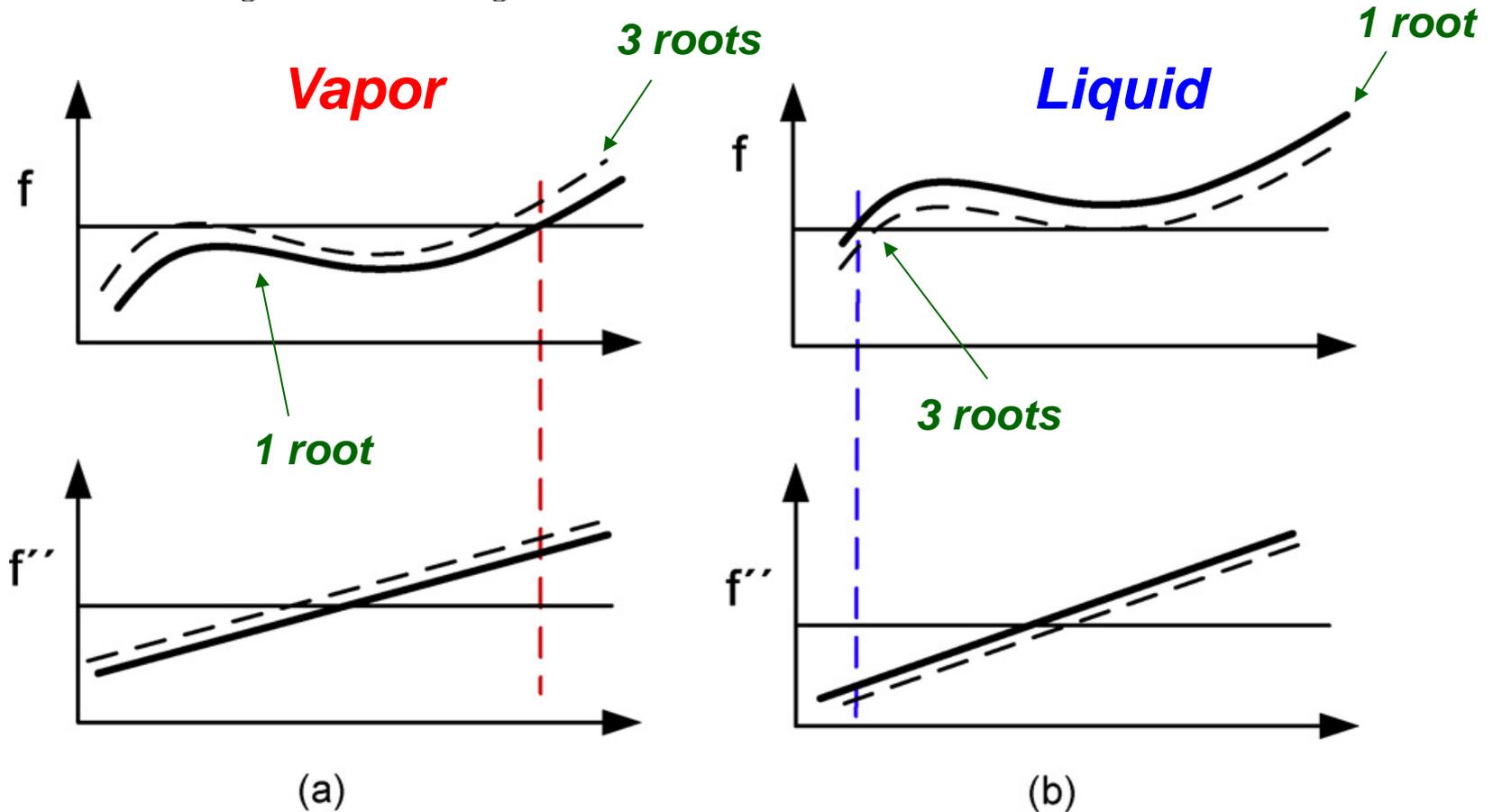
$$f'_z(Z_L) \geq 0$$

$$f'_z(Z_V) \geq 0$$

$$f''_z(Z_L) \leq Ms_L \quad f''_z(Z_V) \geq -Ms_V$$

Single Root Region

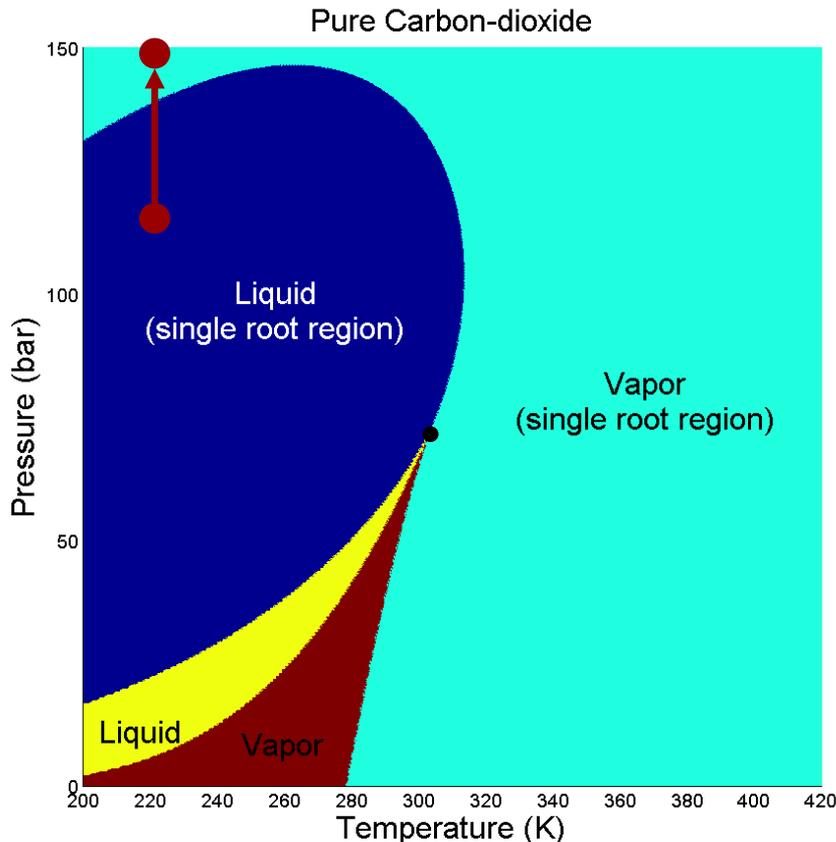
Conjecture: $f''_z(Z_L) \leq 0$ and $f''_z(Z_V) \geq 0$ also apply in the *single root region*



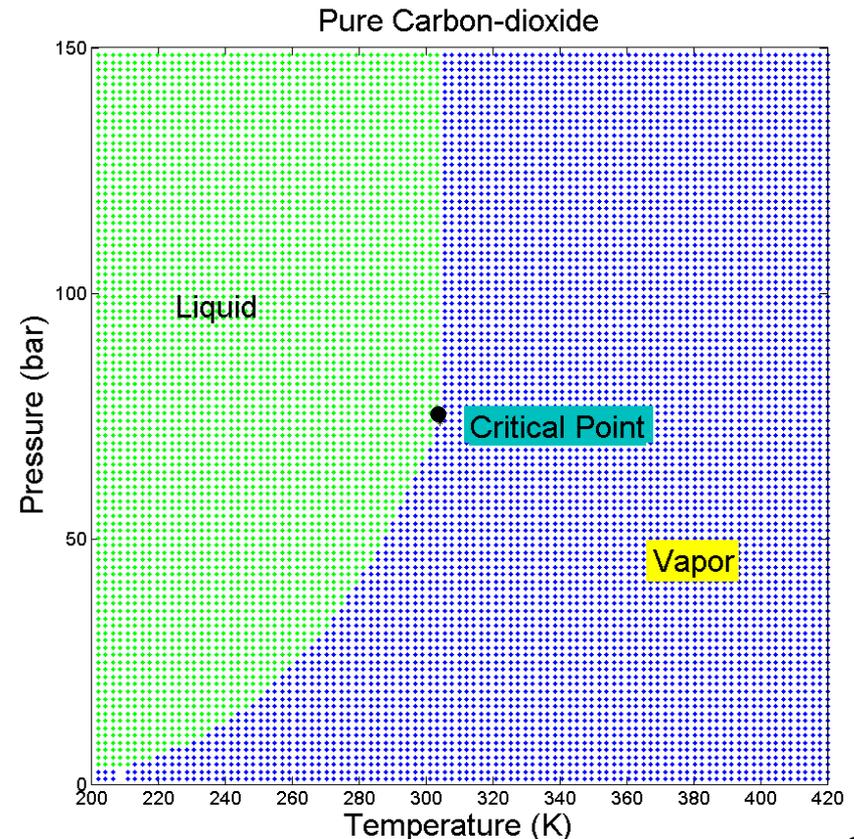
Supercritical Region

Issue 1: Conjecture fails in the supercritical region

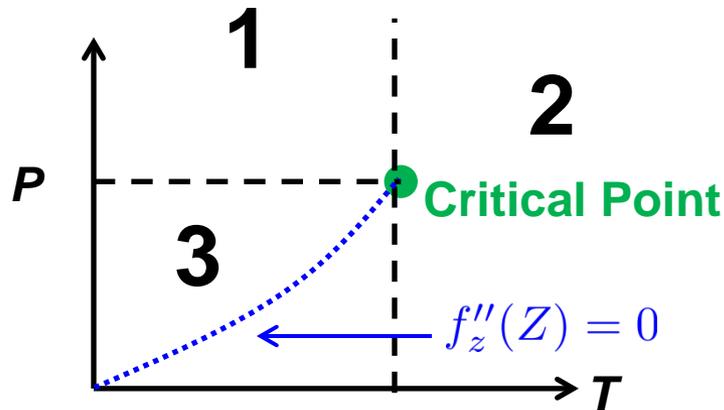
Kamath *et al* formulation



Aspen Plus®



Proposed Reformulation



Region 1: Relax $f_z''(Z) \rightarrow$ Always **liquid**

Region 2: Relax $f_z''(Z) \rightarrow$ Always **vapor**

Region 3: $f_z''(Z)$ conditions holds \rightarrow
possible **2-phase**

Region 2: $T \geq \bar{T}$

$$T - \bar{T} = s_2^a - s_2^b$$

$$0 \leq s_2^a \perp s_2^b \geq 0$$

When $s_2^a > 0$,
relax $f_z''(Z)$

$$0 \leq s_2^a \perp L \geq 0$$

$$f_z''(Z_L) \leq M(s_L + s_2^a + s_1^b)$$

Region 1: $T \leq \bar{T}$ and $P \geq \bar{P}$

$$0 \leq \tau - (\bar{P} - P) \perp \tau - (T - \bar{T}) \geq 0$$

$$\tau = s_1^a - s_1^b$$

$$0 \leq s_1^a \perp s_1^b \geq 0$$

When $s_1^b > 0$, relax $f_z''(Z)$

$$0 \leq s_1^b \perp V \geq 0$$

$$f_z''(Z_V) \geq -M(s_V + s_2^a + s_1^b)$$

Critical Point Calculations

Need formula for \bar{T} and \bar{P} consistent with mixing rules

$$a^m = \sum_i \sum_j x_i x_j \sqrt{a_i a_j} (1 - \bar{k}_{i,j})$$

\bar{p}_i and \bar{t}_i are component critical properties

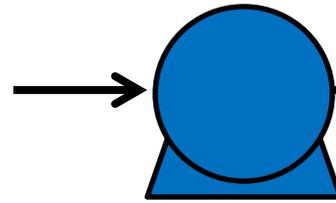
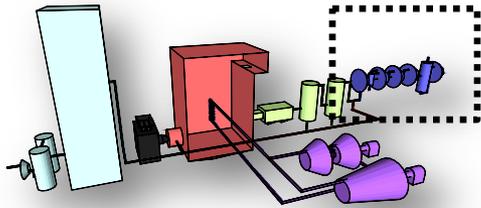
$$b^m = \sum_i x_i b_i$$

Solve for T and P

$$\bar{A} = \frac{a^m \bar{P}}{\bar{T}^2 R^2} \quad \bar{B} = \frac{b^m \bar{P}}{\bar{T} R} \quad a_i = \frac{\hat{a} R^2 \bar{t}_i^2}{\bar{p}_i} \alpha(\omega_i, \bar{t}_i, \bar{T}) \quad b_i = \frac{\hat{b} R \bar{t}_i}{\bar{p}_i}$$

	\bar{Z}	\bar{A}	\bar{B}
Peng-Robinson	0.30740...	0.45724...	0.077796...
SRK	$\frac{1}{3}$	0.42748...	0.086640...

Demonstration Example



Super/near-critical
CO₂

maximize P

s.t.

Liquid Phase → $f_z(Z) = 0$

$f'_z(Z) \geq 0$

$f''_z(Z) \leq 0$

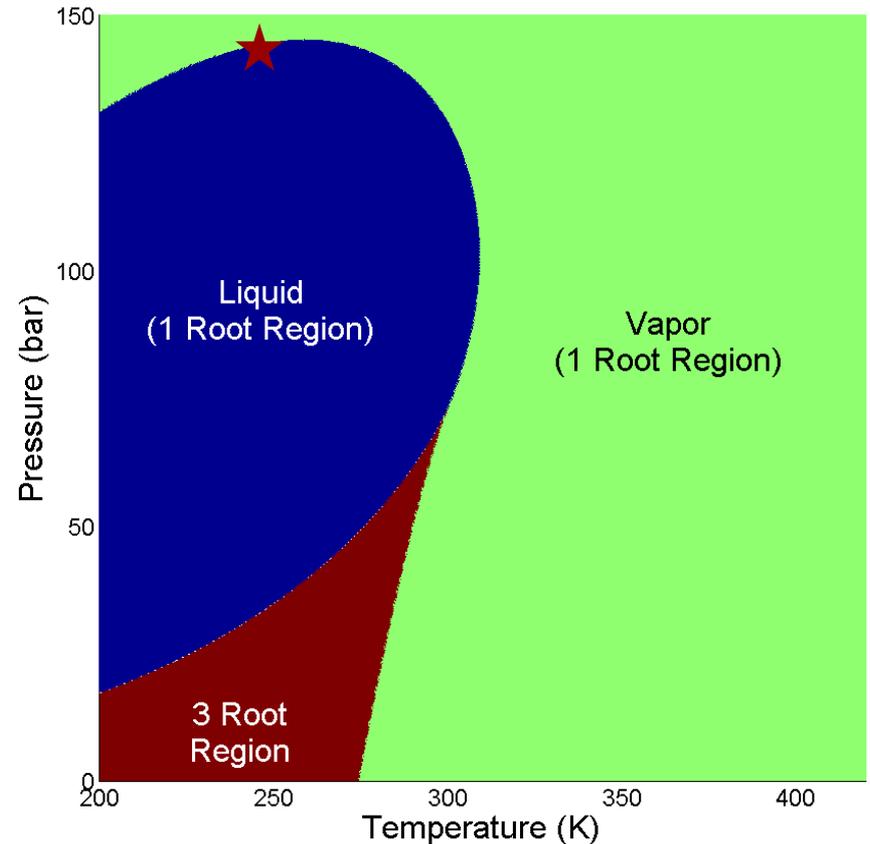
$T = 250 \text{ K}$

$x_{CO_2} = 0.97$

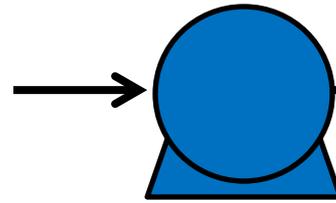
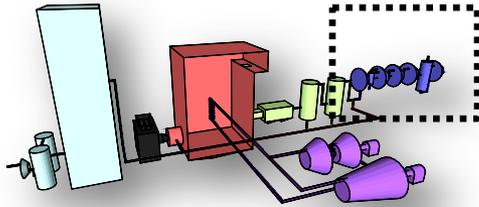
$x_{N_2} = x_{O_2} = x_{Ar} = 0.01$

$P \leq 150 \text{ bar}$

Solution: $P = 144.6 \text{ bar}$



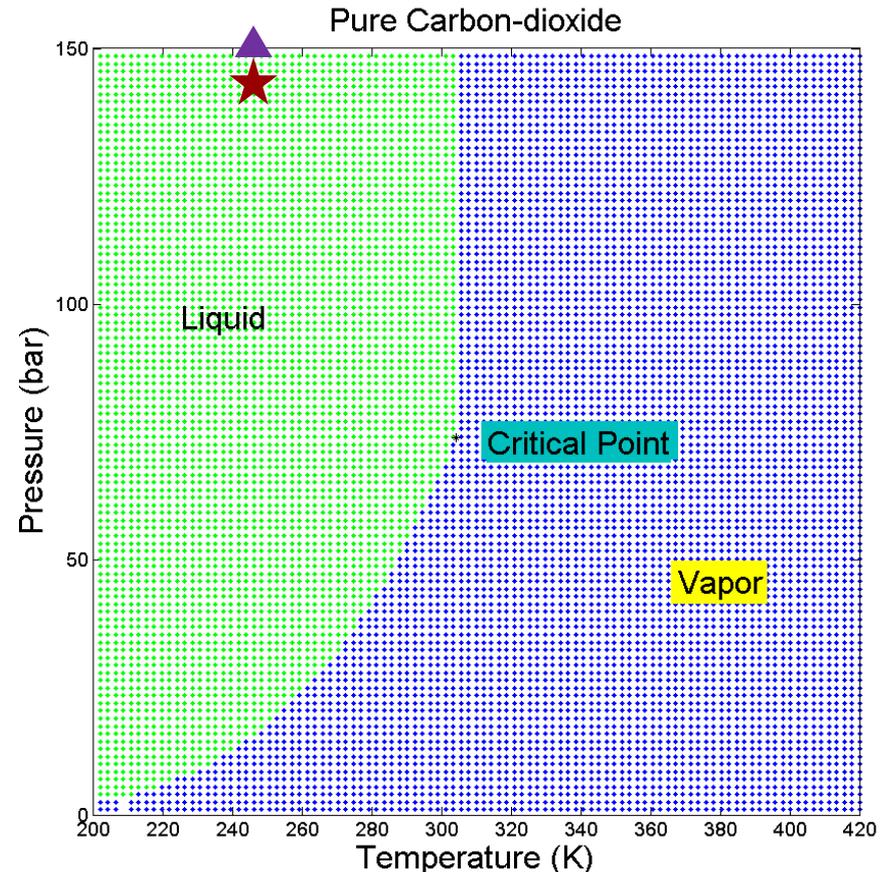
Demonstration Example



Super/near-critical
CO₂

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{maximize} && P \\
 &\text{s.t.} && f_z(Z) = 0 \\
 &&& f'_z(Z) \geq 0 \\
 &&& f''_z(Z) \leq M(s_2^a + s_1^b) \\
 &&& \text{Add'n Proposed Eqns.} \\
 &&& T = 250 \text{ K} \\
 &&& x_{CO_2} = 0.97 \\
 &&& x_{N_2} = x_{O_2} = x_{Ar} = 0.01 \\
 &&& P \leq 150 \text{ bar}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: $P = 150.0$ bar



Spurious Phase Equilibrium Solutions

Issue 2: Complementarities allow for $K = 1, \beta = 1$ solutions

Example: Consider a liquid stream

Check VLE equations

$$f_z''(Z_L) \leq 0, \quad s_L = 0$$

$$s_V > 0, \quad V = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y \leftarrow x \\ T^V \leftarrow T^L \\ P^V \leftarrow P^L \end{array} \right\} \text{Copy to} \\ \text{vapor} \\ \text{stream}$$

$$f_z''(Z_V) \geq -Ms_V$$

$$0 \leq s_V \perp V \geq 0$$

$$y_c = \beta K_c x_c, \quad \beta = 1$$

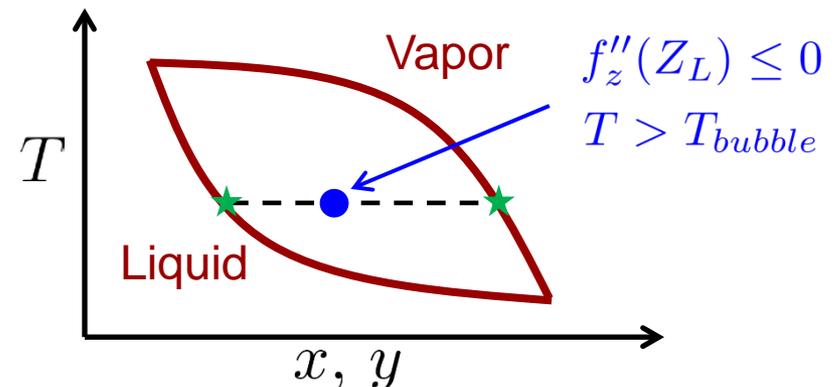
$$-s_L \leq \beta - 1 \leq s_V$$

Therefore

$$Z_L = Z_V$$

$$\phi_c^L = \phi_c^V$$

$$K_c = \frac{\phi_c^L}{\phi_c^V} = 1$$



Bubble & Dew Point Calculations

Strategy: Introduce shadow stream pairs for BP/DP calculations

Consider a liquid stream with properties T, P, x

Create liquid and vapor shadow streams with properties $T^{bub}, p, \bar{x}, \bar{y}$

$$x = \bar{x}$$

$$p = P$$

$$y_c \phi_c^V(T^{bub}, \bar{y}) = x_c \phi_c^L(T^{bub}, \bar{x})$$

Liquid Streams

$$T \leq T^{bub}(P, x) + Ms_L$$

Vapor Streams

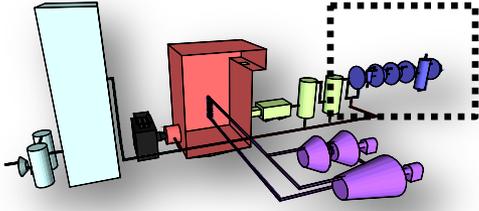
$$T \geq T^{dew}(P, y) + Ms_V$$

Implementation note:

Typically only necessary for a few trouble streams

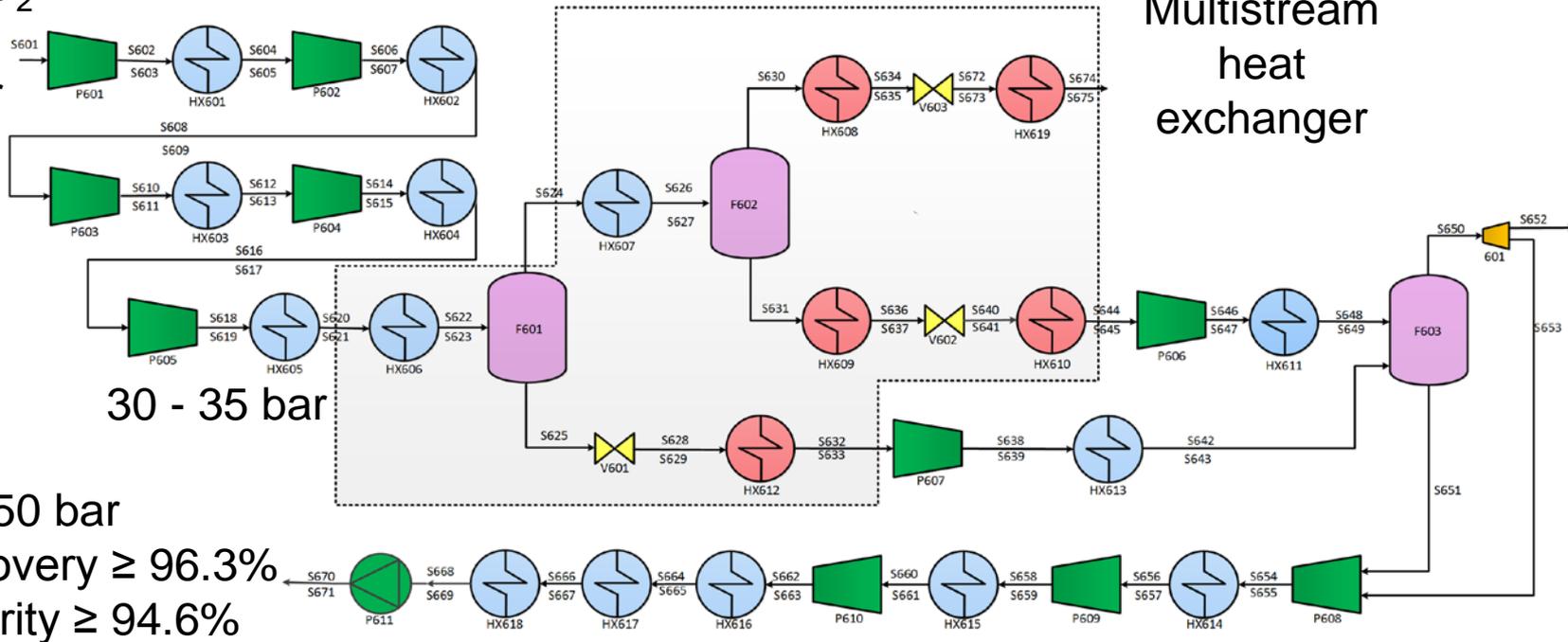
Bubble point calculations without complementarities
→ Previous pathway to $K = 1$ solutions not possible

Case Study: CO₂ Processing Unit



Minimize Shaft Work + 0.01 Q_{cooling water}
using Peng-Robison thermodynamics

83.5% CO₂
330 K
1.03 bar



30 - 35 bar

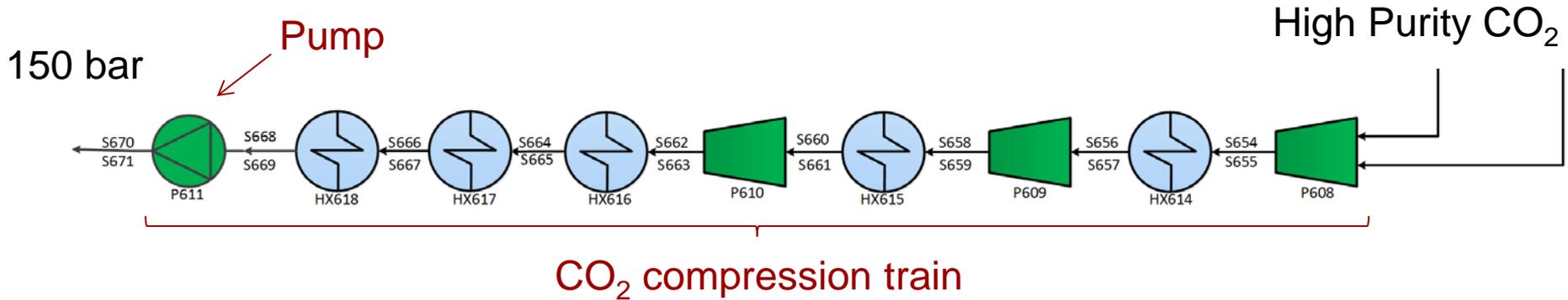
150 bar

CO₂ Recovery ≥ 96.3%
CO₂ Purity ≥ 94.6%

Multistream
heat
exchanger

Computational Results

Remainder of CPU included in optimization problems, but not shown



Phase Stability	Supercritical Region Correction		
	No Streams	Pump Inlet and Outlet Only	CO ₂ Compress. Train
No Streams	11.7%	65.6%	65.6%
	73.7 sec	72.8 sec	70.2 sec
4 Streams	10.2%	50.0%	54.7%
	79.3 sec	90.3 sec	96.8 sec
8 Streams	12.5%	39.5%	49.6%
	198.9 sec	123.8 sec	90.74 sec

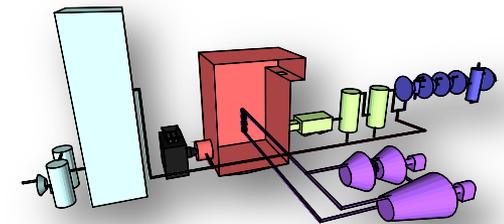
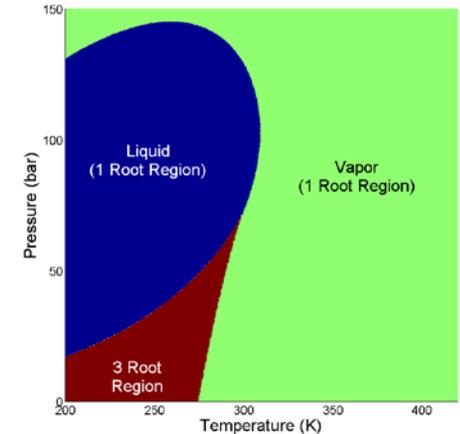
Top: Fraction of problems terminating at “good” solutions using multi-start init.

Bottom: Average CPU time for “good” solutions

“Good” solution criteria: No \perp violations, $Q_w^{MHEX} < 0.1$, $Q_s < 0.1$

Conclusions & Future Work

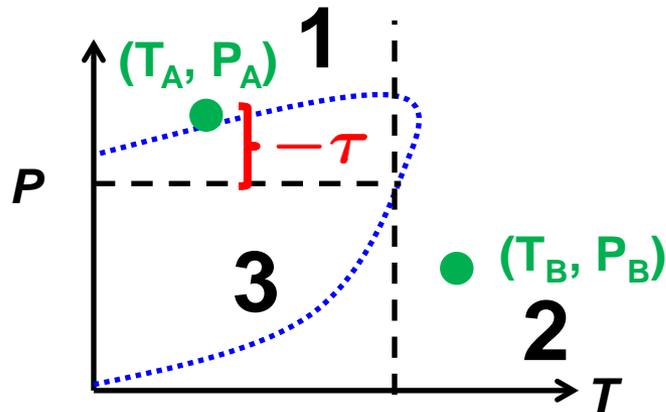
- New NLP distillation model using tray bypasses
 - Tends to prefer integer solutions
- Reformulation with *complementarity constraints* for correct phase prediction in supercritical region
- Embedded bubble/dew point calculations to avoid spurious ($K = 1$) phase equilibrium solutions
- **Ongoing work:** link cryogenic system models with boiler and steam cycle models



Funding:



Example: Region 1



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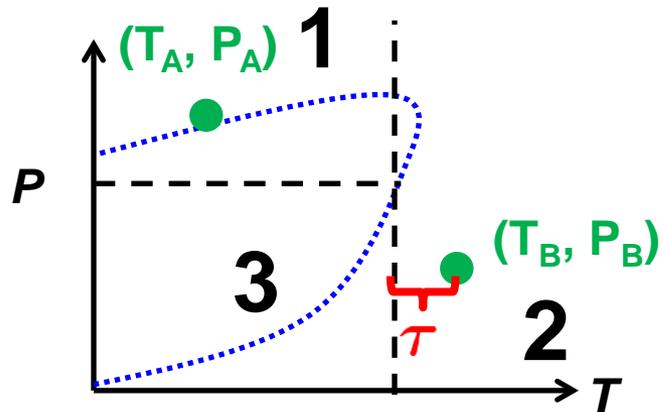
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Relaxation**

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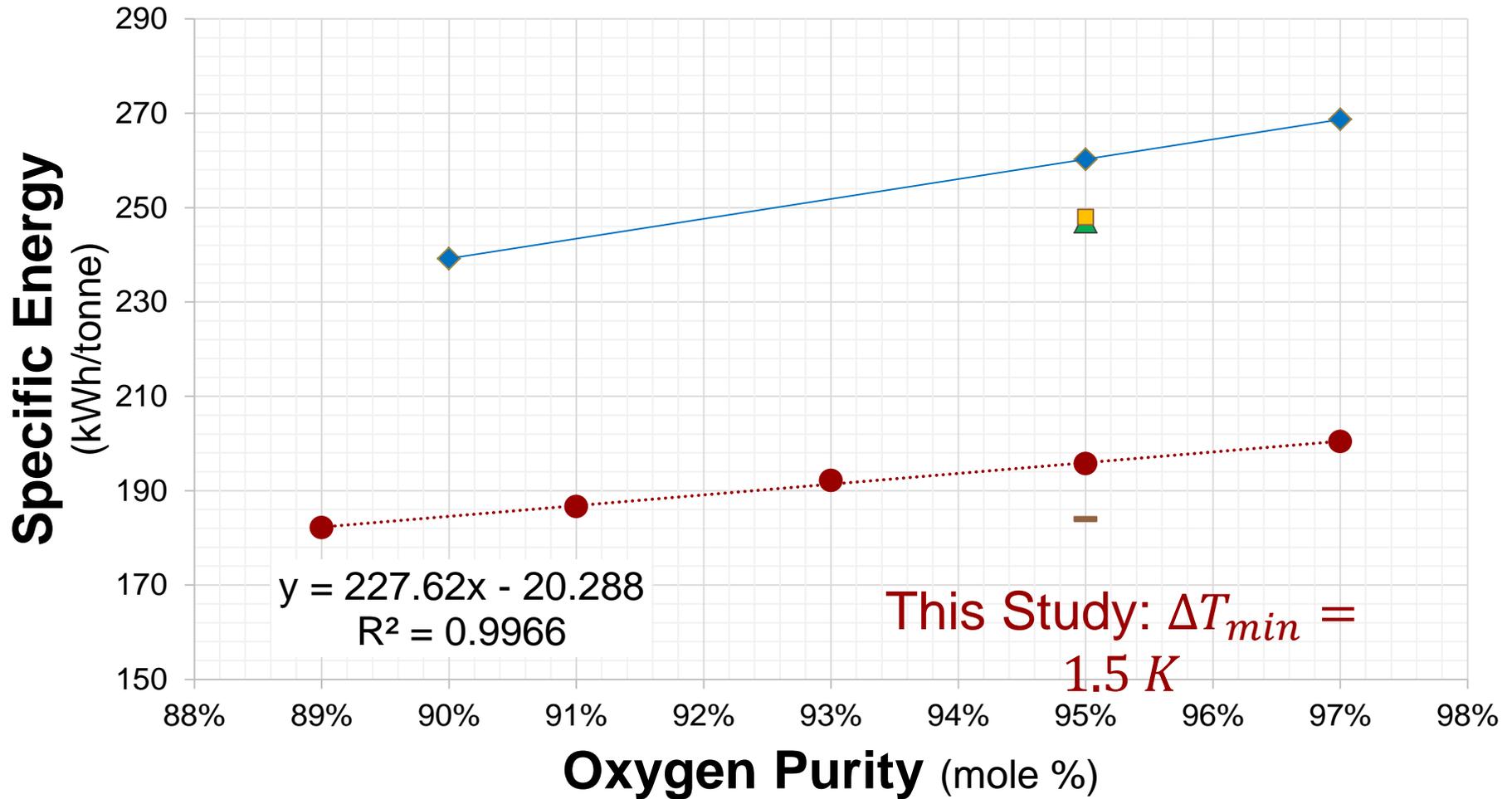
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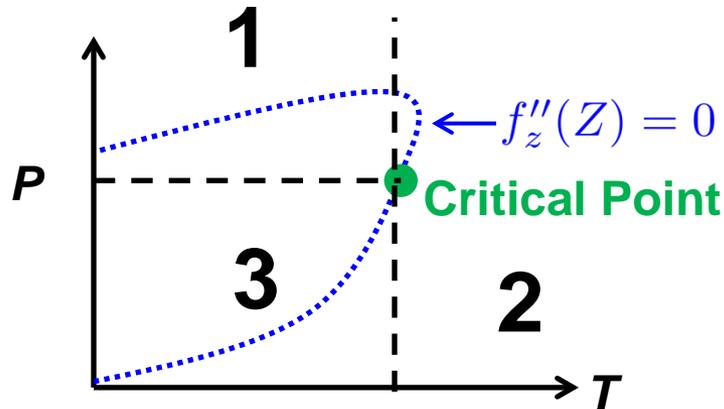
No Relaxation

O₂ Purity Sensitivity



- This Study
- ▲ Xiong et al (2011)
- NETL (2010) - Low Capital
- NETL (2010) - Low Energy
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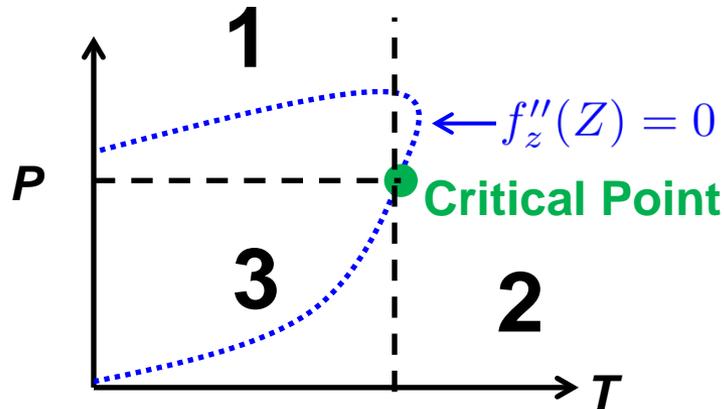
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Complementarity Constraints

$$0 \leq x_1 \perp x_2 \geq 0$$

$x_1 = 0$ “inclusive OR” $x_2 = 0$

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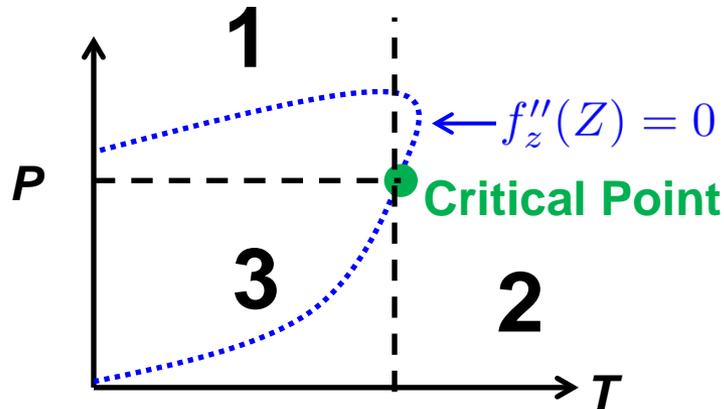
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Need formula for \bar{T} and \bar{P} consistent with mixing rules

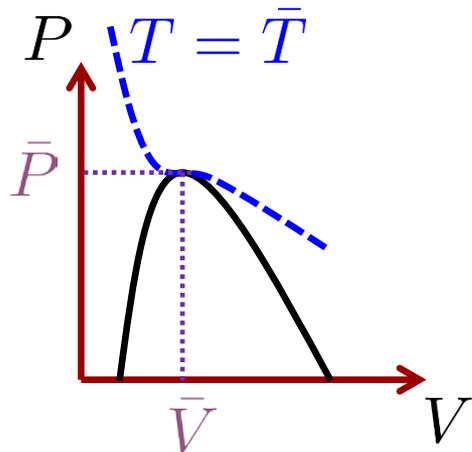
$$a^m = \sum_i \sum_j x_i x_j \sqrt{a_i a_j} (1 - \bar{k}_{i,j}) \quad i, j \in \{Components\}$$

$\bar{k}_{i,j}$ are binary inter. param.

$$b^m = \sum_i x_i b_i$$

a_i and b_i are for pure comps.

Critical Point Definition:



$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right)_T = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial V^2} \right)_T = 0$$

Chain Rule

$$\left(\frac{\partial f_z}{\partial Z} \right)_{A,B} = 0$$

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$$f(Z) = 0$$

$$f'(Z) = 3Z^2 - 2(1 + B - uB)Z + A + wB^2 - uB - uB^2 = 0$$

$$f''(Z) = 6Z - 2(1 + B - uB) = 0$$

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\bar{p}_i and \bar{t}_i are component critical properties

$$b^m = \sum_i x_i b_i$$

Solve for T and P

$$\bar{A} = \frac{a^m \bar{P}}{\bar{T}^2 R^2} \quad \bar{B} = \frac{b^m \bar{P}}{\bar{T} R} \quad a_i = \frac{\hat{a} R^2 \bar{t}_i^2}{\bar{p}_i} \alpha(\omega_i, \bar{t}_i, \bar{T}) \quad b_i = \frac{\hat{b} R \bar{t}_i}{\bar{p}_i}$$

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Proof: $f''(Z)$ Condition

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$$f_z(Z) = Z^3 + a_1Z^2 + a_2Z + a_3$$

$$f_z(Z) = (Z - r_L)(Z - r_M)(Z - r_V)$$

$$a_1 = -(r_L + r_M + r_V)$$

$$a_2 = r_L r_M + r_M r_V + r_V r_L$$

$$a_3 = -r_L r_M r_V$$

From differentiation:

$$f_z''(Z) = 6Z + 2a_1$$

By definition:

$$r_L \leq r_M \leq r_V$$

Liquid Case

$$f_z''(r_L) = 6r_L + 2a_1$$

$$f_z''(r_L) = 6r_L - 2(r_L + r_M + r_V)$$

$$f_z''(r_L) = 4r_L - 2r_M - 2r_V$$

$$f_z''(r_L) \leq 0$$

Vapor Case

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Proof: $f'(Z)$ Condition

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From differentiation: $f'_z(Z) = 3Z^2 + 2a_1Z + a_2$

Liquid Case

$$f'_z(r_L) = r_L^2 - r_V r_L - r_L r_M + r_V r_M$$

$$f'_z(r_L) = \underbrace{(r_L - r_M)}_{\leq 0} \underbrace{(r_L - r_V)}_{\leq 0}$$

$$\leq 0 \quad \leq 0$$

$$\therefore f'_z(r_L) \geq 0$$

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Vapor Case

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$$f'_z(r_V) = (r_V - r_M)(r_V - r_L)$$

$$\therefore f'_z(r_V) \geq 0$$