Experimental identification of transfer functions for diffusive and/or advective heat transfer for linear time invariant dynamical systems

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# Experimental inverse problems in heat transfer and engineering METTI Group, SFT (French Heat Transfer Society)

#### Recently: interest in **convolutive models** and associated **inverse problems**

- \* Pollutant source identification in a ventilated domain (turbulence, transient concentration measurements)
- \* Transient thermal behaviour of heat exchanger (PhD W. Hadad, Fives Cryo postDoc)
- \* Virtual sensor construction in a furnace under vacuum conditions (PhD T. Loussouar, Safran Group)

## Scope

- 1. Forced thermal response of Linear advective/diffusive systems with Time Independent (LTI) coefficients
- 2. The calibration problem
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## **1.** Forced thermal response of an advective/diffusive system with time constant coefficients



## Assumptions: time constant thermophysical properties and velocity field



## Initial uniform state or steady state temperature field + one single separable thermal excitation



• change of temperature at one fluid inlet  $T_b^{in}(t)$ 

volume

## Change of perspective: one single **heterogeneous fluid** in **one single domain** (if solid part : zero velocity)





**Recap:** 





Set of solids AND fluid(s): 3D forced convection with constant velocities (in time but not in space)

Physical system:

P = ANY point in the system

One single thermal excitation defined by its support

Assumptions : Transient heat equation + boundary conditions with time-invariant coefficients + uniform initial temperature or steady state (the system is Linear and also Time-Invariant LITI)





Temperature rise at any point P:

 $\theta$  (P, t) = T (P, t) - T<sub>init</sub> (P)

Its Laplace transform :

$$\overline{\theta} (\mathsf{P}, p) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \exp(-p t) \theta (\mathsf{P}, t) dt$$

Assumptions : Transient heat equation + boundary conditions with time-invariant coefficient + uniform initial temperature (the system is Linear and also Time-Invariant LITI)



**Consequences** :Laplace transformed heat equation (no time derivative)

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho c(\mathsf{P}) \ \rho \overline{\theta}(\mathsf{P},\rho) + \rho c(\mathsf{P}) \vec{u} (\mathsf{P}) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \overline{\theta}(\mathsf{P},\rho) &= \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\lambda(\mathsf{P}) \ \vec{\nabla} \overline{\theta}(\mathsf{P},\rho)\right) + \vec{\frac{Q_v(\rho)}{V_{\text{source}}}} f(\mathsf{P}) \\
&Transient \quad Advection \quad Conduction \quad Internal source \\
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\end{aligned}$$



Excitation u	Response y	Transfer <u>function</u> H
Power source Q (watts)	Temperature difference $\theta$ (kelvins)	Impedance Z (K.J <sup>-1</sup> )
Temperature difference $\theta$ (kelvins)	Temperature difference $\theta$ (kelvins)	Transmittance W (s <sup>-1</sup> )
Power source Q (watts)	Rate of heat flow $arPhi$ (watts)	Transmittance W (s <sup>-1</sup> )
Temperature difference $\theta$ (kelvins)	Rate of heat flow $arPhi$ (watts)	Admittance Y (W.K <sup>-1</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>9</sup>

$$y(P, t) = H(P, t) * u(t) = \int_0^t H(P, t-t') u(t') dt'$$



asymptotic values

Time distribution

$$T_{in} - T_{out} = R \Phi$$

case:

$$u \equiv Q \text{ or } Q - Q^{SS}$$
 (thermal power)  
 $y \equiv \theta = T - T_{init}$  (P) (temperature variation)  
 $\Rightarrow H \equiv Z$  (thermal impedance)

Thermal resistance, flux pipe between 2 isothermal surfaces

$$T^{ss} - T_{\infty} = Z^{ss} Q$$

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Generalized resistance, no flux pipe

## 2. The calibration problem

2.1 Case of a heat exchanger

## Assumptions

 Constant thermo-physical properties (fluid and walls) and velocities (LTI heat equation) :

 $\partial \beta / \partial t = 0$   $\beta \equiv u_{hot}, u_{cold}, \lambda, \rho, \dots$ 

Uniform initial conditions/initial steady state)

$$T(P, t=0) = T_{init}$$
  $T(P, t=0) = T_{init}^{ss}(P)$ 

- Heat losses through convection/(linearized) radiation with environment through a uniform heat transfer coefficient *h* at temperature  $T_{\infty} = T_{init}$
- One single heat source (inlet temperature increase) that starts at t = 0<sup>+</sup>:

$$\theta_1(t) = T_1(t) - T_{init} \neq 0$$

Cause

$$heta_{4}\left(t
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ight)$$
 -  $T_{init}=0$ 



Transient/unsteady thermal regime with observed responses at any point q :

$$\theta_q(t) = T_q(t) - T_{init}$$
  
$$\theta_q(t \le 0) = 0 \text{ and } \theta_q(t > 0) \ne 0$$
  
Consequences

Calculation of convolution products (transmittance case) Parameterizing with piecewise constant functions, square case

response transmittance unique pseudo source  

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
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\end{array} & & & & \\
\end{array} & \left( \mathsf{P}, t \right) & = & W (\mathsf{P}, t) ^{*} \theta_{1} (t) \\
& & = \int_{0}^{t} & W (\mathsf{P}, t - t') \theta_{1} (t') dt' \\
& & = \int_{0}^{t} & \theta_{1} (\mathsf{P}, t - t') W (\mathsf{P}, t') dt' \\
\end{array} & \left( \begin{array}{c}
\end{array} & \left( \mathsf{P}, t_{i} \right) \approx \Delta t \sum_{j=1}^{m} \theta_{1, i-j+1} & W_{j} (\mathsf{P}) \\
\end{array} \right)$$



$$t_0 = 0$$
;  $t_i = i \Delta t$  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ ;  $\Delta t = t_{final} / m$ 

sampled

averaged over 1 time interval

$$z_i = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} z(t) dt \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( z(t_{i-1}) + z(t_i) \right) \text{ for } z(t) = \theta_1 \text{ or } W(\mathsf{P})$$







$$\mathbf{M} (\mathbf{z}) \equiv \Delta t \begin{bmatrix} z_{1} & & & \\ z_{2} & z_{1} & & 0 \\ z_{3} & z_{2} & z_{1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ z_{m} & z_{m-1} & z_{m-2} & \cdots & z_{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

measured

**M** (*z*) Lower triangular Toeplitz matrix function of a vector *z* 

$$z_{i} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_{i}} z(t) dt \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( z(t_{i-1}) + z(t_{i}) \right) \text{ for } z(t) = \theta_{1} \text{ or } W(\mathsf{P})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{q}(t_{1}) \\ \theta_{q}(t_{2}) \\ \vdots \\ \theta_{q}(t_{m}) \end{pmatrix}, q = 2, 3, 4 \text{ or } P_{1}$$

instantaneous (sampled) values

## > First experiment:

- Calibration (inverse) problem

> Next experiments:

 virtual sensor inverse problem (same as source estimation problem)



estimated





- Ordinary (linear) least squares:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{W}}^{q} = \left( \mathbf{M} \left( \boldsymbol{\theta}_{1}^{exp} \right) \right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{q}^{exp}$$

Ill-posed problem: Inversion needs **regularization** Here: Truncated SVD or 0 order Tikhonov

- with discrepancy principle (Morozov)

## Practical way of making the inlet temperature vary







## **2.2** – Experimental Impedance/transmittance estimation for a half heat exchanger

#### Identification of transmitance using experimental transient measurements (calibration)





#### Identification of transfer function using <u>experimental</u> temperature recording:



#### Comparison of identified transmittance W (outlet/inlet): step or periodical heating





3. Analysis of deconvolution deadlocks

#### 3.1 Reference case: 1D transient conduction

Heat eq.  $\left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} \right\}$ 

$$\begin{cases} \varphi = -\lambda \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = q(t) \quad \text{at } x = 0 \quad \text{for } t > 0; \end{cases}$$

$$\varphi = -\lambda \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = h \theta \quad \text{at } x = \ell \quad \text{for } t > 0$$



$$\theta(t) = T(t) - T_{\infty}$$

change of variables

$$H \equiv W , \quad u \equiv \theta_1, \quad y \equiv \theta_2$$

initial

Laplace  $\overline{\psi}(x, p) \equiv \int_0^t \psi(x, t) \exp(-pt) dt$  for  $\psi = \theta$  or  $\varphi$  transform

at t = 0 for  $0 \le x \le \ell$ 

$$\overline{\theta}_{2}(\rho) = \overline{W}(\rho) \ \overline{\theta}_{1}(\rho) \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad \theta_{2}(t) = W(t) * \theta_{1}(t)$$

Transmittance

 $\{ \theta = 0 \}$ 

$$V(t) = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{\cosh(\beta \ell) + h \sinh(\beta \ell) / (\lambda \beta)} \right] \quad \text{with} \quad \beta^2 = p/a$$

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## Comparison: analytical W and identified W from synthetic profiles (COMSOL)



#### Analytical Laplace W + numerical inversion of Laplace

#### Identified W by OLS and TLS

$$W(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{\cosh(\beta \ell) + h \sinh(\beta \ell)/(\lambda \beta)}\right] \quad \text{versus} \quad \textbf{W} \text{ from } \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\theta}_2$$

## Numerical Inversion of Laplace Transforms by Hoog's algorithm

Input: 
$$\theta_1(t) = \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}\right) \theta_1^{ss}$$
 with  $\tau = 30 \, s$ ;  $\theta_1^{ss} = 30 \, ^\circ C$  and  $\Delta t = 0.5 \, s$   
$$\frac{t_f}{(s) \quad (mm) \quad (W.m^{-2}.K^{-1}) \quad (W.m^{-1}.K^{-1}) \quad (kJ.m^{-3}.K^{-1})}{700 \quad 50 \quad 10 \quad 43 \quad 3666}$$

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## Comparison: analytical W and identified W from synthetic profiles (COMSOL)

Comparison without noise:

Validation without committing an INVERSE CRIME



## **3.2 Noisy matrix and Total Least Squares**

**Calibration problem**: how to get the best transfer function H (t) at a point P?



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y = M(u) H*H* Identification from *u* and *y* measurements :



Frobenius norm: 
$$J_{TLS}(\boldsymbol{H}) = \|\boldsymbol{r}_G(\boldsymbol{H})\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} g_{ij}^2$$
  
with  $\boldsymbol{r}_G(\boldsymbol{H}) = \boldsymbol{G}^{exp} - \boldsymbol{G}$ 

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## 3.3 Comparison of calibration methods

Comparison: analytical W and identified W from synthetic profiles (COMSOL)





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## Comparison: analytical W and identified W from synthetic profiles (COMSOL)



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## Conclusion of this comparison of deconvolution techniques

- Noise on the response θ2 more penalizing than noise on the source θ1.
- The truncated total least squares do not take into account the convolutive structure of the matrix M (θ1)
  - $\Rightarrow$  no improvement of the estimate
- Important to improve short times values of the identified TF in a calibration experiment:
   → largest impact on posterior inverse input estimation experiments.



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2 paths deserve to be investigated **BEFORE** regularization:

> Rectangular parametrization using piecewise constant parametrization for W

ARX model construction (perspective)

## 4.1. Point versus averaged values for input and unknown

Singular values of  $\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1)$  depending on type of parameterization of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1$  and on its noise



## Effect of the type of parameterization: noise on $\theta_2$ only

Sampled = parameters = instantaneous value (parameterization over a basis of « hat » functions) :  $z_i = z(t_i)$ Parameterized = averaged value (parameterization over a base of « doors » functions) :  $z_i = 0.5 (z(t_i) + z(t_{i-1}))$ 



## 4.2 Rectangular deconvolution (using « stairs » parameterizing)



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Square model : z = W or  $\theta_1$  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{2}^{\text{square}}$ = **A W** <sup>square</sup> = **M** ( $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1$ ) **W**<sup>square</sup> *c* = 3 <sup>-4</sup> z'<sub>j+5</sub> \_ Z<sub>k+1</sub> *m* x 1 mxm *m* x 1 m x m  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 & \mathbf{A}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{A}_n \end{bmatrix}$ z (t) sensitivity sensitivity vectors matrix t Rectangular model :  $t'_{j-1} t'_{j} t'_{j+1}$ *t*′<sub>*i*+5</sub>  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{2}^{rectangular} = \mathbf{M} (\boldsymbol{\theta}_{1}) \boldsymbol{W}^{square} = \boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{W}$ t  $t_{k+1}$  $t_{k+2}$ *m* x 1 тхп *m* x 1  $m \times n n \times 1$ 0 repetition of some lines  $\boldsymbol{X}_{k} = \frac{1}{c} \sum_{j=(k-1)}^{k} \boldsymbol{A}_{j}$  $W^{square} = G W$ 0 m x n 🔪 n x 1 *m* x 1  $\mathbf{A}_{i} = \Delta t$ local averaging  $heta_{1,\,j+1}$ The *n* rectangular sensitivity vectors  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{2}^{rectangular} = \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{G} \boldsymbol{W} = \boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{W}$ are simply the averaged values of the *m* square *m* x 1  $m \times n \quad n \times 1$ mxn sones  $\theta_{1, m-j+1}$  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 & \mathbf{X}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{X}_n \end{bmatrix}$ sensitivity sensitivity vectors matrix

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#### Effect of rectangular inversion: 1 unknown every *c* =16 time steps





## Study of the norm (length) of the sensitivity vectors



## 4.3 Rectangular estimation with *n* < *m* non uniform (NU) time steps

$$\mathbf{X}_{k}^{NU} = \frac{1}{C_{k}} \sum_{a_{k-1}+1}^{a_{k}} \mathbf{A}_{j} \text{ where } a_{k} = \sum_{k'=1}^{k-1} C_{k}$$
  
Different number of elementary time steps  
Each of the *n* rectangular sensitivity vectors are  
simply the averaged values of  $c_{k}$  square ones  

$$\mathbf{A}_{j} = \Delta t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \theta_{1, j} \\ \vdots \\ \theta_{1, m-j+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question:** how to chose the *n* limits of the *n* different time steps ?

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## First try: constant level past time t = 400 s (steady state reached)







## **5.** Conclusions/perspectives

Importance and applicability of transfer functions (impedances, transmittances, ...) in (exact) reduced convolutive model structures for Linear Time Invariant physical systems (detailled model = PDE, integro-differential equations, ...)

Convolution products can be given a commutative vector/matrix form in discrete time

- ⇒ ill-posed inverse problems: identification problem (calibration) first, inverse input problem (source estimation) or inverse (or direct) virtual sensor, or use in a Non Destructive Testing procedure next
- Path to improve the quality of estimation of transmittance: rectangular deconvolution and pertinent way of tayloring its unknown parameters
- Perspective: use of ARX structures (AutoRegressive models with eXternal inputs) for better estimation of transfer functions

# Muito obrigado!

Model for *W* identification calibration problem:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{q} = \mathbf{M} \left( \boldsymbol{\theta}_{1} \right) \boldsymbol{W}^{q}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{q}^{exp} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_{q} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{q} \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\theta}_{1}^{exp} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_{1} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{1}$$
  
2 i.i.d. and independent noises

Ill-posed problem:

Inversion needs **regularization** Here: Truncated SVD or 0 order Tikhonov

- Ordinary least squares:  $\hat{W}^q = (\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^{exp}))^{-1} \boldsymbol{\theta}_q^{exp}$
- SVD decomposition of square sensitivity matrix:

$$\mathbf{M} (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^{exp}) = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^T \quad \text{with } \mathbf{S} = \text{diag} \left( s_1 \quad s_2 \quad \cdots \quad s_m \right)$$

singular values

-TSVD: 
$$\hat{\boldsymbol{W}}_{\alpha}^{q} = \boldsymbol{V} \; \boldsymbol{S}_{\alpha}^{-1} \boldsymbol{U}^{T} \; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{q}^{exp}$$
 with  $\boldsymbol{S}_{\alpha}^{-1} = \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{s_{1}} \quad \frac{1}{s_{2}} \quad \cdots \quad \frac{1}{s_{\alpha}} \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad 0 \right)$ 

- Zero order Tikhonov:  $\hat{W}_{\mu}^{q} = \operatorname{Arg}\left(\min_{\boldsymbol{W}} \left( \left\| \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{W}) \right\|_{2}^{2} + \mu \left\| \boldsymbol{W} \right\|_{2}^{2} \right) \right)$  where  $\boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{W}) \equiv \boldsymbol{\theta}_{q}^{exp} - \mathbf{M} \left( \boldsymbol{\theta}_{1}^{exp} \right) \boldsymbol{W}$ ordinary least squares sum

or: 
$$\hat{W}_{\mu}^{q} = V S_{\mu}^{-1} U^{T} \theta_{q}^{exp}$$
 with  $S_{\mu}^{-1} = F_{\mu} S$  where  $F_{\mu} = \text{diag} \left( \frac{s_{1}^{2}}{\mu^{2} + s_{1}^{2}} - \frac{s_{2}^{2}}{\mu^{2} + s_{2}^{2}} - \cdots - \frac{s_{m}^{2}}{\mu^{2} + s_{m}^{2}} \right)$ 

- Choice of the hyperparameters  $\gamma = \alpha$  or  $\mu$  by discrepancy principle (Morozov) :  $\| \mathbf{r}(\hat{\mathbf{W}}_{\gamma}) \|_{2}^{2} \approx m \sigma^{2}$ standard deviation of  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{q}$  40 Total Least Squares (TLS) solution : augmented matrix  $\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}) \mid \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}$ 

 $\hat{H}$  such as minimum residuals  $r_y$  and  $r_u$ 



concatenation

4.1. Point versus averaged values for input and unknown

Back to phe parameterization problem

 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_2 = \mathbf{M} (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \boldsymbol{W}$ 

$$\mathbf{M} (\mathbf{z}) \equiv \Delta t \begin{bmatrix} z_{1} & & & \\ z_{2} & z_{1} & & 0 \\ z_{3} & z_{2} & z_{1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ z_{m} & z_{m-1} & z_{m-2} & \cdots & z_{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

m

> z(t) = W(t) or  $\theta_1(t)$ : defined on a basis of m piecewise constant functions

$$Z(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} Z_j \left[ H(t-t_{j-1}) - H(t-t_j) \right]$$
  
Heaviside function

 $\succ \theta_2$ : vector of *m* sampled values

$$z_{i} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_{i}} z(t) dt \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( z(t_{i-1}) + z(t_{i}) \right) \implies \text{cond} \left( \mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{1}^{\text{stairs}}) \right) = 3.64 \ 10^{8}$$
  
for  $z = \theta_{1}$  or  $W$ 

Other choice (sampled values)

$$z_i = z(t_i)$$
 for  $z = \theta_1$  or  $W \implies \text{cond}\left(\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^{\text{sampled}})\right) = 2.05 \ 10^5$