

ChemTools

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What is ChemTools?

- ChemTools is a collection of thermochemical tools
- Available on [GitHub](#) under the MIT license
- Language: C++
- Build system: CMake
- Catch2 Unit tests

Completed and planned features

- Closed homogeneous chemical reactors with one or two properties held constant:
 - pressure,
 - volume,
 - temperature and pressure, or
 - temperature and volume.
- Closed homogeneous chemical reactors with user-defined Python scripts providing functions for:
 - the volume and its time derivative as a function of time, or
 - the temperature and pressure as a function of time.
- Flamelet library generator base:
 - the β -PDF approach, or
 - the Presumed Mapping Function approach.

What is a closed homogeneous reactor?

- An enclosed volume in which a chemical reaction takes place, i.e. a chemical process vessel
- No inlets or outlets
- An initial gas mixture exists at an given initial state:
 - Species composition
 - Pressure
 - Temperature
 - Volume
- The gas mixture reacts from this initial state over a specified period of time
- Purpose: used to understand chemical processes through reaction kinetics

Governing equations of closed homogeneous reactors

- Zero dimensional reactors: transient and space-independent
- Mass and energy conservation in a mixture containing K species:

$$\text{IVP ODE system} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho \frac{dY_k}{dt} = W_k \dot{\omega}_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K \\ \rho c_p \frac{dT}{dt} = \sum_{k=1}^K h_k W_k \dot{\omega}_k \end{array} \right.$$

Y_k = mass fraction of species k (dependent variables)

T = temperature (dependent variables)

t = time (independent variable)

$\dot{\omega}_k = \dot{\omega}_k(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_K, T)$ = net chemical production rate (non-linear)

ρ = density

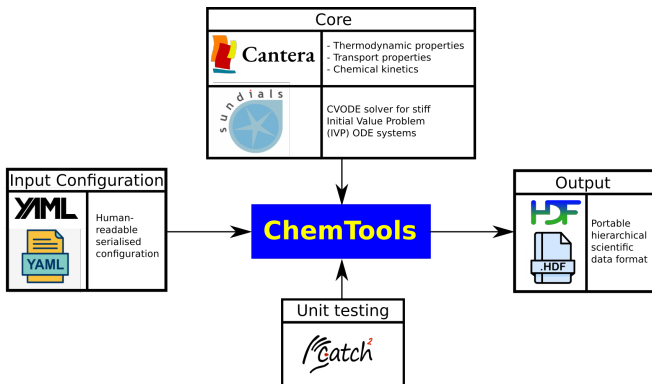
W_k = molecular weight of species k

h_k = specific enthalpy of species k

c_p = specific heat at constant pressure

- Fast and slow time scales lead to a stiff ODE system

Description and dependencies



Other libraries:

- **LLNL** units for the handling of physical units
- **fmt** for formatting
- Python C API
- Various Boost libraries: filesystem, optional, algorithm, etc.
- **spdlog** for logging (coming soon)
- **Eigen** for numerical linear algebra

YAML input configuration

```
- Reactor:          CONSTANT_PRESSURE
  Mechanism:
    Description:    Constant pressure reactor 1
    Path:          ../data/gri30.cti
  Description:      case set 1
  Cases:
    Case:
      Description:  useful case 1.1
      Pressure:
        Unit:      Pa
        Value:     101325.0
      Temperature:
        Unit:      Kelvin
        Value:     1300.0
      Composition:
        Type:      mole fraction
        Value:     [[CH4, 0.1], [O2, 0.5], [N2, 0.4]]
      Time:
        Unit:      ms
        Value:     1.0
    Case:
      Description:  useful case 1.2
      Pressure:
        Unit:      atm
        Value:     2.0
      Temperature:
        Unit:      degC
        Value:     25.0
      Composition:
        Type:      concentration
        Unit:      kmol/cm^3
        Value:     [[CH4, 0.1], [O2, 0.5], [N2, 0.4]]
      Time:
        Unit:      min
        Value:     1.0
```



HDF5 output



HDFView 2.9

File Window Tools Help

Recent Files: /home/ahmad/project/ChemTools/build/test.h5

Tableview - Temp...
Table

0	1000.999...
1	1001.000...
2	1001.000...
3	1001.000...
4	1001.000...
5	1001.000...
6	1001.000...
7	1001.000...
8	1001.000...
9	1001.001...
10	1001.001...
11	1001.002...
12	1001.004...
13	1001.006...
14	1001.010...
15	1001.016...
16	1001.025...
17	1001.039...
18	1001.062...
19	1001.099...
20	1001.161...
21	1001.266...
22	1001.456...
23	1001.618...
24	1002.559...
25	1004.186...
26	1007.904...
27	1016.563...
28	1038.311...
29	1110.314...
30	1851.254...
31	2426.991...
32	2655.308...
33	2771.150...

Properties - /Temperature/Temperature

General Attributes

Name: Temperature
Path: /Temperature/
Type: HDF5 Scalar Dataset
Object Ref: 33232, 2

Dataspace and Datatype

No. of Dimension(s): 1
Dimension Size(s): 100
Max Dimension Size(s): Unlimited
Data Type: 64-bit floating-point

Chunking: 1000
Compression: GZIP: level = 6, Storage allocation time: Incremental
Fill value: NONE

Close

Properties - /Temperature/Temperature

General Attributes

Number of attributes = 3

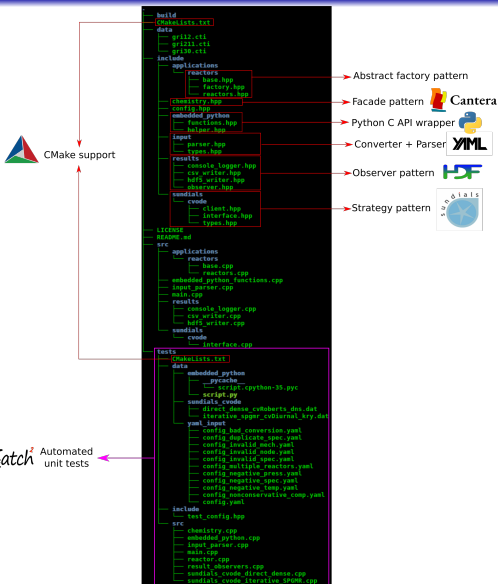
Name	Value	Type	Array Size
Name	Temperature	String, length = variable	Scalar
Notation	T	String, length = variable	Scalar
Unit	K	String, length = variable	Scalar

Close

Temperature (33232, 2)
64-bit floating-point, 100
Number of attributes = 3
Name = Temperature
Notation = T
Unit = K

Log Info Metadata

Project structure and general implementation details



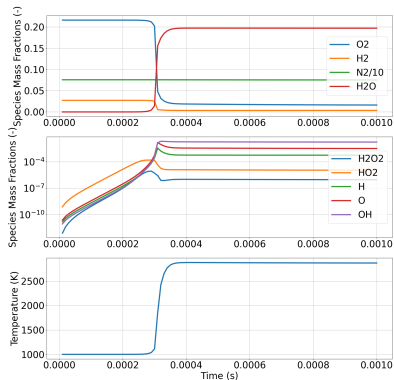
Closed reactor demo

Constant volume reactor: hydrogen oxidation

- Hydrogen oxidation at constant volume
- Global reaction: $2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + \text{Heat}$ (not realistic)
- Many more intermediate species: OH , O , H , H_2O_2 , HO_2 , etc.

```

- Reactor: CONSTANT_VOLUME
Mechanism:
  Description: GRI-Mech 3.0
  Path: ../data/gri30.cti
  Description: case set 1
Cases:
  Case:
    Description: Combustion of hydrogen
    Pressure:
      Unit: atm
      Value: 1.0
    Temperature:
      Unit: Kelvin
      Value: 1001.0
    Composition:
      Type: mole fraction
      Value: [[CH4,2.0], [O2,1.0], [N2,4.0]]
    Time:
      Unit: ms
      Value: 1.0
  
```



Thank you