

TaesLab

Thermoeconomic Analysis of Energy Systems for MATLAB

A comprehensive MATLAB toolbox for thermoeconomic analysis and diagnosis of industrial energy systems using exergy-based methods. [see Description](#)

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Description

TaesLab is an object-oriented MATLAB toolbox designed for advanced thermoeconomic analysis of industrial energy systems. It provides a complete framework for:

- **Exergy Analysis:** Flow-process exergy calculations, irreversibilities, and efficiency evaluation
- **Thermoeconomic Analysis:** Cost allocation using exergy-based methods
- **System Diagnosis:** Comparative analysis for malfunction detection and performance optimization
- **Multi-format Data Support:** JSON, XML, XLSX, CSV, and MAT file compatibility

The toolbox follows strict object-oriented design patterns with comprehensive validation, making it suitable for both research and industrial applications.

Installation

Prerequisites

- **MATLAB R2019b** or later (recommended)
- **GNU Octave 6.0+** (alternative, with limited GUI support)

Setup

1. Clone the repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/your-username/TaesLab.git
cd TaesLab
```

2. Add to MATLAB path:

```
% In MATLAB command window
addpath(genpath('path/to/TaesLab'));
savepath;
```

3. Verify installation:

```
% Test with example model
model = ThermoeconomicModel('Examples/rankine/rankine_model.json');
if isValid(model)
    fprintf('TaesLab installed successfully!\n');
end
```

Usage

Quick Start

```
% 1. Load a data model
data = ReadDataModel('Examples/rankine/rankine_model.json');

% 2. Create thermoeconomic model
model = ThermoeconomicModel(data);

% 3. Run analysis
results = model.thermoeconomicAnalysis();

% 4. Display results
ShowResults(results, 'Table', 'dcost');
```

GUI Applications

TaesApp - Full-featured MATLAB App Designer interface:

```
TaesApp % Launch main application
```

TaesTool - Command-line compatible interface:

```
TaesTool % Cross-platform tool (MATLAB/Octave)
```

Analysis Workflow







```
% Complete analysis pipeline
data = ReadDataModel('plant_model.json', 'Debug', true);
model = ThermoeconomicModel(data, 'CostTables', 'ALL');

% Individual analyses
structure = model.productiveStructure();
exergy = model.exergyAnalysis();
costs = model.thermoeconomicAnalysis();
diagnosis = model.diagnosisAnalysis('reference', 'design');

% Export results
SaveResults(costs, 'thermoeconomic_results.xlsx');
```

Features

Core Capabilities

-  **Exergy Analysis:** Comprehensive exergy balance and efficiency calculations
-  **Cost Analysis:** Direct and indirect cost allocation using exergy methods
-  **System Diagnosis:** Multi-state comparison and malfunction detection
-  **Multiple Data Formats:** JSON, XML, XLSX, CSV, MAT file support
-  **Advanced Visualization:** Interactive tables and graphs
-  **Batch Processing:** Multi-state and multi-sample analysis

Technical Features

- Object-Oriented Architecture:** Clean inheritance hierarchy with validation
- Cross-Platform:** MATLAB and GNU Octave compatibility
- Extensible Design:** Plugin architecture for custom analysis modules
- Data Validation:** Comprehensive input validation and error handling
- Results Management:** Organized table system with export capabilities

Supported Analysis Types

Analysis	Description	Output
Productive Structure	Flow-process relationships and system topology	Adjacency matrices, structure tables
Exergy Analysis	Exergy balances, irreversibilities, efficiencies	Flow exergies, process performance
Thermoeconomic Analysis	Cost allocation and economic evaluation	Unit costs, cost flows
Diagnosis Analysis	Comparative analysis for fault detection	Malfunction matrices, anomaly detection
Waste Analysis	Waste cost optimization and recycling	Waste cost allocation strategies

Configuration

Data Model Structure

TaesLab uses standardized data models with the following sections:

```
{
  "ProductiveStructure": {
    "flows": [
      {"key": "CMB", "type": "RESOURCE"},
      {"key": "WN", "type": "OUTPUT"}
    ],
    "processes": [
      {"key": "BOIL", "fuel": "CMB", "product": "B1+B2"}
    ]
  },
  "ExergyStates": {
    "design": {
      "CMB": {"exergy": 1000.0, "units": "kW"},
      "WN": {"exergy": 250.0, "units": "kW"}
    }
  }
}
```

Naming Conventions

- **Flow Keys:** Must match `^[A-Z][A-Za-z0-9]{1,7}$` (e.g., CMB , B1 , QC)
- **Process Keys:** Must match `^[A-Z][A-Za-z0-9]{1,7}$` (e.g., BOIL , TURB)
- **State Names:** Must match `^[A-Za-z]\w{1,9}$` (e.g., design , off_design)

File Format Support

Format	Reader Class	Use Case
JSON	cReadModelJSON	Structured data models
XML	cReadModelXML	Legacy system integration
XLSX	cReadModelXLS	Excel-based workflows
CSV	cReadModelCSV	Tabular data import
MAT	Native MATLAB	Binary data storage

Documentation

Class Architecture

```
cTaesLab (base)
├─ cMessageLogger
│   └─ cDataModel (data warehouse)
│       └─ cThermoeconomicModel (analysis engine)
├─ cResultId (computation)
│   └─ cExergyModel
│       └─ cExergyCost
│           └─ cDiagnosis
└─ cTable (presentation)
    ├── cTableData
    ├── cTableCell
    └─ cTableMatrix
```

Key Functions

- ReadDataModel() - Universal file reader with format detection
- ThermoeconomicModel() - Main analysis class constructor
- ShowResults() - Unified results display
- SaveResults() - Export results to various formats
- isValid() - Object validation utility

Examples

The [Examples](#) directory contains complete plant models:

- **rankine/** - Steam Rankine cycle (canonical test case)
- **brayton/** - Gas turbine cycle
- **combined/** - Combined cycle power plant
- **industrial/** - Industrial process examples

Each example includes:

- Data model files (JSON, XLSX)
- Analysis scripts
- Expected results
- Documentation

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