

₁ Physics-Infused Reduced-Order Modeling for Analysis of
₂ Ablating Hypersonic Thermal Protection Systems

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Abstract

₆ This work presents a *physics-infused reduced-order modeling* (PIROM) framework
₇ towards the design, analysis, and optimization of non-decomposing ablating hyper-
₈ sonic thermal protection systems (TPS). It is demonstrated via the modeling of trans-
₉ient thermo-ablative behavior of non-decomposing multi-layered hypersonic TPS. The
₁₀ PIROM architecture integrates a reduced-physics backbone, based on the lumped-
₁₁ capacitance model (LCM), with data-driven correction dynamics formulated via a
₁₂ coarse-graining approach rooted in the Mori-Zwanzig formalism. The LCM is coupled
₁₃ to a surface velocity model (SVM) to capture the recession of the ablating TPS as a
₁₄ function of the surface temperature. While the LCM and SVM capture the dominant
₁₅ physics of the ablating TPS response, the correction terms compensate for residual
₁₆ dynamics arising from higher-order non-linear interactions and heterogeneities across
₁₇ material layers. The PIROM consistently achieves errors below 1% for a wide range of
₁₈ extrapolative settings of design parameters involving time-and-space varying boundary
₁₉ conditions and SVM models, and improves by $x\%$ over the LCM alone. Moreover, the
₂₀ PIROM delivers online evaluations that are two orders of magnitude faster than the
₂₁ full-order model (FOM). These results demonstrate that PIRO effectively reconciles
₂₂ the trade-offs between accuracy, generalizability, and efficiency, providing a promising
₂₃ framework for optimizing multi-physical dynamical systems, such as TPS under diverse
₂₄ operating conditions.

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1 Introduction

₂₆ At hypersonic speeds, aerospace vehicles experience extreme aero-thermo-dynamic environ-
₂₇ ments that require specialized thermal protection systems (TPS) to shield internal sub-
₂₈ structures, electronics, and possibly crew members from the intense aerodynamic heating.

29 The TPS is often composed of ablating materials – a high-temperature capable fibrous
30 material injected with a resin that fills the pore network and strengthens the composite
31 [Amar2016](#). The TPS design promotes the exchange of mass through thermal and
32 chemical reactions (i.e., pyrolysis), effectively mitigating heat transfer to the sub-structures.

33 As a result, accurate prediction for the ablating TPS response under extreme hyper-
34 sonic heating becomes fundamental to ensuring survivability, performance, and safety of
35 hypersonic vehicles. Not only is it necessary to assess the performance of the thermal man-
36 agement systems, but also the shape changes of the vehicle’s outer surface induced by the
37 ablating material, and its impact on the aerodynamics, structural integrity, and controlla-
38 bility. Nonetheless, high-fidelity simulations of ablating TPS remains a formidable challenge
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42 On the theoretical side, the thermo-chemical reactions, coupled with the irregular pore
43 network structure, translate into simplifying assumptions to reduce non-linearities, and make
44 the resulting equations more amenable for engineering application and design analysis [x](#).
45 For instance, one of the most notable codes is the one-dimensional [CMA](#) code that was
46 developed by Aerotherm Corporation in the 1960s [Howard2015](#). Despite its practical use
47 in...

48 Another example is the CHarring Ablator Response (CHAR) ablation code, which ignores
49 elemental decompositions of the pyrolyzing gases, assumes the gases to be a mixture of perfect
50 gases in thermal equilibrium, and assumes no reaction or condensation with the porous
51 network [1].

52 [theoretically:](#)

53 [computationally:](#)

54 2 Modeling of Ablating Thermal Protection Systems

55 This section presents the problem of modeling a non-decomposing ablating TPS subjected to
56 extreme hypersonic heating. Two different but mathematically connected solution strategies
57 are provided: (1) a high-fidelity full-order model (FOM) based on a finite element method
58 (FEM), and (2) a low-fidelity reduced-physics model (RPM) based on a lumped capacitance
59 model (LCM) and a one-dimensional surface velocity model (SVM). The FOM is compu-
60 tationally expensive but provides the highest fidelity, while the RPM is computationally
61 efficeint but has low predictive fidelity; both models are amenable to high-dimensional de-
62 sign variables. The RPM is used in the subsequent sections for deriving the PIROM.

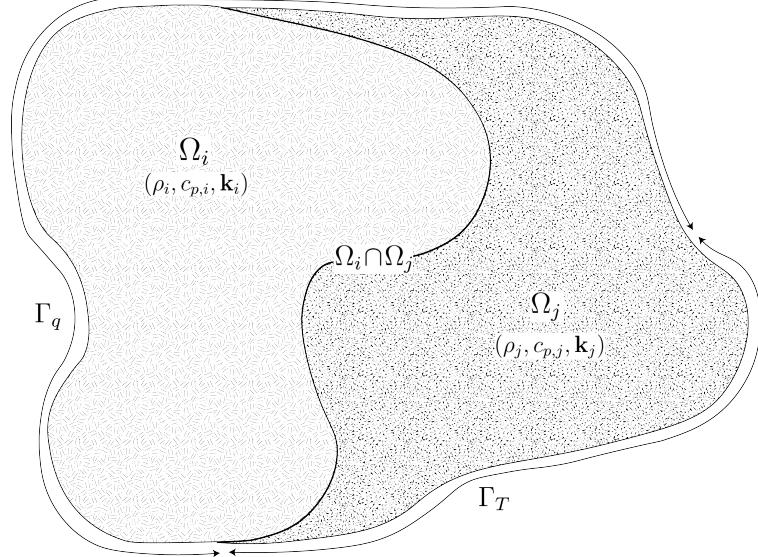


Figure 1: General domain Ω with prescribed Neumann and Dirichlet boundary conditions on Γ_q and Γ_T . Mesh displacement $w(x, t)$ occurs on the Γ_q boundary.

63 2.1 Governing Equations

64 The multi-physics for a non-decomposing ablating TPS involves the *energy equation* which
 65 models the transient heat conduction inside the TPS, and the *pseudo-elasticity equation*,
 66 which models the mesh motion due to surface recession. The governing PDEs for the ablating
 67 TPS are summarized in this section.

68 2.1.1 Energy Equation

69 Consider a generic domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $d = 2$ or 3 , illustrated in Fig. 1. Let $\partial\Omega = \Gamma_q \cup \Gamma_T$ and
 70 $\Gamma_q \cap \Gamma_T = \emptyset$, where a Neumann $q_b(x, t)$ boundary condition is prescribed on the Γ_q boundary,
 71 and represents the surface exposed to the hypersonic boundary layer. The Dirichlet $T_b(x, t)$
 72 boundary condition is prescribed on the boundary Γ_T . The TPS is divided into N non-
 73 overlapping components $\{\Omega_i\}_{i=1}^N$, as illustrated in Fig. 1 for $N = 2$. The i -th component Ω_i
 74 is associated with material properties $(\rho_i, c_{p,i}, \mathbf{k}_i)$, that are assumed to be continuous within
 75 one component, and can be discontinuous across two neighboring components.

76 The transient heat conduction is described by the energy equation,

$$\rho c_p \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \tilde{\mathbf{v}}(x, t) \cdot \nabla T \right) - \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{k} \nabla T) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega \quad (1a)$$

$$-\mathbf{k} \nabla T \cdot \mathbf{n} = q_b(x, t), \quad x \in \Gamma_q \quad (1b)$$

$$T(x, t) = T_b(x, t), \quad x \in \Gamma_T \quad (1c)$$

$$T(x, 0) = T_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega \quad (1d)$$

77 where the density ρ is constant, while the heat capacity c_p and thermal conductivity $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$
78 may depend on temperature. In the order they appear, the terms in eq. (1a) include, the
79 unsteady energy storage, heat conduction, temperature advection due to mesh motion, and
80 source terms due to boundary conditions. The boundary conditions for the energy equation
81 includes Neumann eq. (1b) and Dirichlet eq. (1c) on Γ_T .

82 An Abirtrary Lagrangian-Eulerian (ALE) description is used to account for mesh motion
83 due to surface recession, where $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(x, t)$ is the relative velocity of the material with respect to
84 the mesh,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(x, t) = \mathbf{v}_s(x, t) - \mathbf{v}_m(x, t) \quad (2)$$

85 where $\mathbf{v}_s(x, t)$ and $\mathbf{v}_m(x, t)$ are the physical material velocity and mesh velocity, respectively.
86 In this work, the physical material velocity is assumed to be zero, i.e., $\mathbf{v}_s(x, t) = \mathbf{0}$, and thus
87 the relative velocity is simply the negative of the mesh velocity, $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(x, t) = -\mathbf{v}_m(x, t)$.

88 2.1.2 Pseudo-Elasticity Equation

89 The mesh motion is described by the steady-state pseudo-elasticity equation without body
90 forces,

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \quad (3a)$$

$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{w}_q(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_q \quad (3b)$$

$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \quad \mathbf{x} \notin \Gamma_q \quad (3c)$$

$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \quad (3d)$$

91 where the stress tensor $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ is related to the strain tensor $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{w})$ through Hooke's law,

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbb{D} : \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{w})$$

92 where \mathbb{D} is the fourth-order positive definite elasticity tensor, and “ $:$ ” is the double con-
93 traction of the full-order tensor \mathbb{D} with the second-order tensor $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$. The elasticity tensor

94 ordinarily possess a number of symmetries, effectively reducing the number of components
 95 that describe it [2]. The symmetric strain tensor ϵ measures the deformation of the mesh
 96 due to displacements $\mathbf{w}(x, t)$, and is defined as,

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{w} + \nabla \mathbf{w}^\top)$$

97 The “material” properties for the mesh are chosen to tailor the mesh deformation, and need
 98 not represent the actual material being modeled [1].

99 For the pseudo-elasticity equations, the boundary conditions include prescribed displace-
 100 ments $\mathbf{w}_q(x, t)$ on the heated boundary Γ_q in eq. (3b), and zero displacements on the unheated
 101 boundaries in eq. (3c). The initial condition for the mesh displacements is zero in eq. (3d).
 102 Particularly, the surface velocity due to the ablating material is a function of the surface
 103 temperature $T_q(x, t)$ for $x \in \Gamma_q$ on the heated boundary. For the i -th material component,
 104 the mesh velocity on the heated boundary is imposed based on the following relation,

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_m(x, t) = f(T_q(x, t)), \quad x \in \Gamma_q \quad (4)$$

105 where $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is the unit normal vector on the heated boundary Γ_q , and f is a function obtained
 106 from tabulated data for the material, commonly referred to as a B’ table [1]. The B’ table
 107 provides a model for the recession velocity as a function of the surface temperature, and is
 108 pre-computed based on high-fidelity simulations of the ablation process for a one-dimensional
 109 slab of the material, and is independent of the TPS geometry. Provided the surface velocity,
 110 the boundary condition in eq. (5) for the mesh displacements are computed by integrating
 111 the surface velocity over time,

$$\mathbf{w}_q(x, t) = \int_0^t \mathbf{v}_m(x, \tau) d\tau \quad (5)$$

112 2.2 Full-Order Model: Finite-Element Method

113 To obtain the full-order numerical solution, the *energy equation* is spatially discretized using
 114 variational principles of the Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) method [3]. Note that the choice
 115 of DG approach is mainly for theoretical convenience, and is exclusively performed on the
 116 energy equation, as it is the surface temperature that drives the ablation process. The
 117 equivalence between DG and FEM is noted upon their convergence. For the *pseudo-elasticity*
 118 *equation* standard FEM is used to compute the mesh displacements based on the surface
 119 temperature provided by the DG solution of the energy equation [2].

120 Consider a conforming mesh partition domain, where each element belongs to one and

¹²¹ only one component. Denote the collection of all M elements as $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^M$. In an element E_i ,
¹²² its shared boundaries with another element E_j , Neumann BC, and Dirichlet BC are denoted
¹²³ as e_{ij} , e_{iq} , and e_{iT} , respectively. Lastly, $|e|$ denotes the length ($n_d = 2$) or area ($n_d = 3$) of a
¹²⁴ component boundary e .

¹²⁵ For the i -th element, use a set of P trial functions, such as polynomials, to represent the
¹²⁶ temperature distribution,

$$T_i(x, t) = \sum_{l=1}^P \phi_l^i(x) u_l^i(t) \equiv \boldsymbol{\phi}_i^\top(x) \mathbf{u}_i(t), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, M \quad (6)$$

¹²⁷ Without loss of generality, the trial functions are assumed to be orthogonal, so that,

$$\int_{E_i} \phi_l^i(x) \phi_k^i(x) d\Omega = 0, \quad l \neq k$$

¹²⁸ where δ_{lk} is the Kronecker delta function. Furthermore, for simplicity, choose $\phi_1^i = 1$. Thus,
¹²⁹ by orthogonality,

$$\int_{E_i} \phi_1^i(x) d\Omega = |E_i|, \quad \int_{E_i} \phi_k^i(x) d\Omega = 0, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots, P$$

¹³⁰ Under the choice of basis functions, u_1^i is simply the average temperature of element E_i ,
¹³¹ denoted as \bar{u}_i .

¹³² By standard variational processes, e.g., [3], the element-wise governing equation is de-
¹³³ noted as,

$$\mathbf{A}_i \dot{\mathbf{u}}_i = (\mathbf{B}_i + \mathbf{C}_i) \mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i \cup \{T_b\}} (\mathbf{B}_{ij}^i \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{B}_{ij}^j \mathbf{u}_j) + \mathbf{f}_i(t), \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, M \quad (7)$$

¹³⁴ which is collected as the following ODE for the all the elements in the mesh,

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}) \dot{\mathbf{u}} = [\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})] \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}(t) \quad (8)$$

¹³⁵ where $\mathbf{u} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_M]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{MP}$ includes all the DG variables, $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^{MP}$ is the exter-
¹³⁶ nal forcing, and the system matrices \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , and \mathbf{C} are the matrices due to heat capacity,
¹³⁷ heat conduction, and temperature advection due to mesh motion, respectively. A detailed
¹³⁸ derivation of eqs. (7) and (8) and their matrices is provided in Appendix A.

¹³⁹ **2.3 Reduced-Physics Model**

¹⁴⁰ The RPM for predicting the response of the ablating TPS consists of two components: (1)
¹⁴¹ the *lumped-capacitance model* (LCM), and (2) the *surface velocity model* (SVM). The LCM is
¹⁴² described as a first-order system of ODEs for predicting the average temperatures inside the
¹⁴³ components of the TPS, and provides a low-fidelity (under estimate) for the component's
¹⁴⁴ surface temperature. The SVM provides a relation between the surface temperature and
¹⁴⁵ the surface recession velocity based on pre-computed B' tables for the material, enabling the
¹⁴⁶ computation of one-dimensional surface displacements. The LCM and SVM are combined to
¹⁴⁷ define the RPM, providing low-fidelity estimates for the temperatures and surface recession
¹⁴⁸ of the ablating TPS.

¹⁴⁹ **2.3.1 Lumped Capacitance Model**

¹⁵⁰ A general form of the LCM is provided in this section; details regarding the derivation for
¹⁵¹ the four-component TPS in Fig. 2 are provided in Appendix A. The LCM is a classical
¹⁵² physics-based low-order model for predicting the temporal variation of average temperature
¹⁵³ in multiple interconnected components [4]. The LCM is derived at the component level from
¹⁵⁴ a point of view of energy conservation, and leads to the following system of ODEs for the
¹⁵⁵ average temperatures on the components,

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}}\dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} = \bar{\mathbf{B}}\bar{\mathbf{u}} + \bar{\mathbf{f}}(t) \quad (9)$$

¹⁵⁶ Where the states and inputs,

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}} = [\bar{u}_1, \bar{u}_2, \dots, \bar{u}_N]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^N, \quad \bar{\mathbf{f}} = [\bar{f}_1, \bar{f}_2, \dots, \bar{f}_N]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad (10)$$

¹⁵⁷ include the average temperatures $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$ and spatially-integrated inputs $\bar{\mathbf{f}}$ for the N components.
¹⁵⁸ For $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ the (i, j) -th elements of the $\bar{\mathbf{A}} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$, $\bar{\mathbf{B}} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$, and $\bar{\mathbf{f}} \in \mathbb{R}^N$
¹⁵⁹ matrices are given by,

$$\bar{A}_i = \begin{cases} \int_{\Omega_i} \rho c_p d\Omega_i, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}, \quad \bar{B}_{ij} = \begin{cases} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i \cup \{T_b\}} \bar{B}_{ij}^i, & i = j \\ \bar{B}_{ij}^{(j)}, & i \neq j \end{cases}, \quad (11a)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_i = \begin{cases} |e_{iq}| \bar{q}_i + \frac{|e_{iT}|}{R_i} \bar{T}_i, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (11b)$$

160 where,

$$\bar{q}_i = \frac{1}{|e_{iq}|} \int_{e_{iq}} q_b de_{iq}, \quad \bar{T}_i = \frac{1}{|e_{iT}|} \int_{e_{iT}} T_b de_{iT}, \quad \bar{B}_{ij}^i = -\frac{|e_{ij}|}{R_{ij}}, \quad \bar{B}_{ij}^j = \frac{|e_{ij}|}{R_{ij}} \quad (12)$$

161 where R_{ij} is the equivalent thermal resistance between two neighboring components Ω_i and
162 Ω_j , and R_i is the thermal resistance between component Ω_i and the Dirichlet boundary.
163 The thermal resistances are computed based on the geometry and material properties of the
164 components; details regarding their computation are provided in Appendix A.

165 2.3.2 Surface Velocity Model

166 The displacement is assumed to be *one-dimensional* on the heated boundary Γ_q , i.e., the
167 surface recedes only in the direction of the applied load. For example, in Fig. 2, the surface
168 displacement on the heated boundary occurs only in the negative y -direction for the three
169 components exposed to the hypersonic boundary layer; the fourth component is the substrate
170 and does not ablate. Displacements along the x direction is small relative to displacements
171 in the y direction, and are thus neglected.

172 For the i -th component, the SVM considered in this work takes the form,

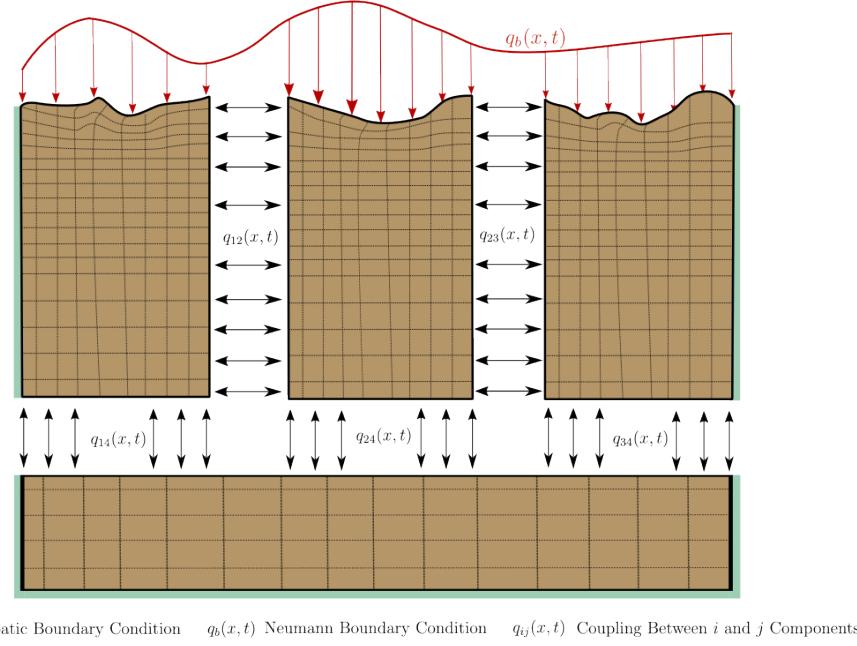
$$\dot{\mathbf{w}} = \boldsymbol{\Xi} \bar{\mathbf{u}} - \tilde{\mathbf{f}} \quad (13)$$

173 where $\boldsymbol{\Xi} = \text{diag}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N)$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{f}} = (\xi_1 \bar{u}_{0,1}, \dots, \xi_N \bar{u}_{0,N})^\top$. The constants ξ_i are small
174 material-dependent constants, determined from the B' table, and $\bar{u}_{0,i}$ is the constant initial
175 temperature of the component. The SVM provides a relation between the surface tempera-
176 ture and the surface recession velocity based on pre-computed B' tables for the material.

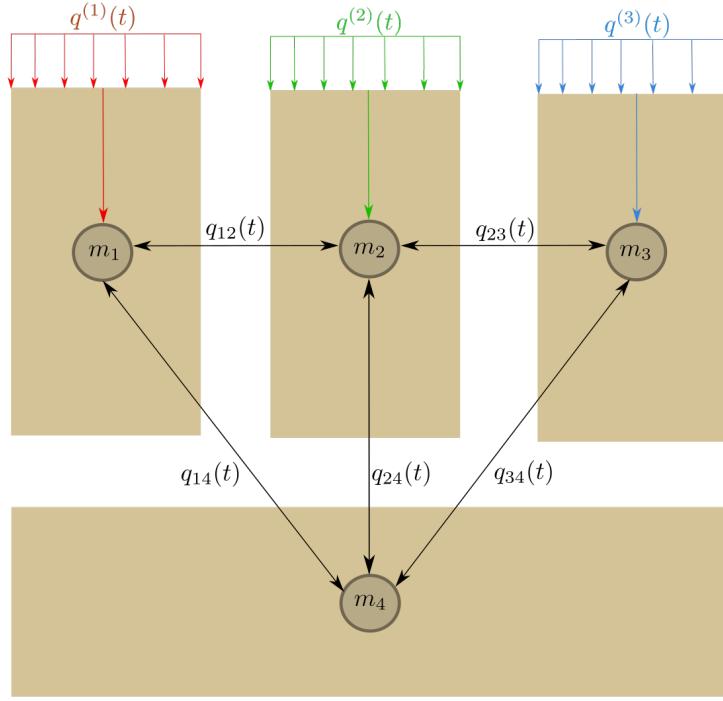
177 2.3.3 Coupled Reduced-Physics Model

178 The LCM and SVM are combined to define the RPM for predicting the thermo-ablative
179 response of the TPS under hypersonic boundary layers. Specifically, the RPM is defined as
180 the LCM as in eq. (9), where the *geometry- and temperature-dependent matrices* $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$, $\bar{\mathbf{B}}$, and
181 $\bar{\mathbf{f}}$ are updated at each time step based on the current temperature $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$ and displacements \mathbf{w}
182 provided by the SVM. The RPM is formally stated as,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{s})\dot{\mathbf{s}} = \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{s})\mathbf{s} + \tilde{\mathbf{F}}(t) \quad (14)$$



(a) TPS Decomposition



(b) Lumped Mass Representation

Figure 2: Partition of the TPS into three ablating and one non-ablating components with the corresponding lumped-mass representation.

183 where the state $\mathbf{s} = [\bar{\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{w}]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$ includes the average temperatures and one-dimensional
 184 surface displacements. The matrices are given as,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{s}) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{s}) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{s}) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{s}) & \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\Xi} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{F}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{f}}(t) \\ -\tilde{\mathbf{f}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

185 In the matrices $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}$, the surface displacements \mathbf{w} are used to define the dimensions for
 186 the Ω_i component used in eqs. (11) and (12), thus effectively coupling the LCM and SVM.

187 2.4 Summary of Modeling Approaches

188 The FOM (i.e., DG-FEM) and RPM (i.e., LCM with SVM) are two different but mathemati-
 189 cally connected solution strategies. Specifically, the LCM in eq. (9) not only resembles the
 190 functional form of the DG model in eq. (8), but can be viewed as a special case of the latter,
 191 where the mesh partition is extremely coarse, and the trial and test functions are piece-wise
 192 constants. This removes all spatial variations within each component, and neglects advection
 193 effects due to mesh motion.

194 For example, consider the case where each component Ω_i is treated as one single element,
 195 and each element employs one constant basis function $\phi_i = 1$. The element-wise DG model
 196 in eq. (7) simplifies into a scalar ODE,

$$\mathbf{A}^{(i)} = \bar{A}_i, \quad \mathbf{C}^{(i)} = 0, \quad \mathbf{B}_{ij}^{(i)} = -\sigma|e_{ij}|, \quad \mathbf{B}_{ij}^{(j)} = \sigma|e_{ij}|, \quad \mathbf{f}_i = |e_{iq}|\bar{q}_i + \sigma|e_{iT}|\bar{T}_i \quad (16)$$

197 Clearly, the LCM is a coarse zeroth-order DG model with the inverse of thermal resistance
 198 chosen as the element-wise penalty factors. Or conversely, the DG model is a refined version
 199 of LCM via *hp*-adaptation.

200 The FOM and RPM represent two extremes in the modeling fidelity and computational
 201 cost spectrum. On one hand, the FOM is the most accurate but computationally expensive
 202 to evaluate due to the fine mesh discretizations for both the temperature and displacement
 203 fields, leading to possibly millions of state variables. On the other hand, the RPM considers
 204 only the average temperature of the material from which one-dimensional surface displace-
 205 ments are computed. This considerably reduces the computational cost, but sacrifices local
 206 temperature information that are critical to properly capture higher-order effects due to
 207 mesh motion and thermal gradients within each component. Thus, neither the FOM nor
 208 the RPM is an universal approach for real-world analysis, design, and optimization tasks for
 209 ablating TPS, where thousands of high-fidelity model evaluations may be necessary. This
 210 issue motivates the development of the PIROM, which can achieve the fidelity of FOM at

211 a computational cost close to the RPM, while maintaining the generalizability to model
212 parameters.

213 3 Physics-Infused Reduced-Order Modeling

214 The formulation of PIROM for ablating TPS starts by connecting the FOM, i.e., the DG-
215 FEM, and the RPM, i.e., the LCM, via a coarse-graining procedure. This procedure pin-
216 points the missing dynamics in the LCM when compared to DG-FEM. Subsequently, the
217 Mori-Zwanzig (MZ) formalism is employed to determine the model form for the missing dy-
218 namics in PIROM. Lastly, the data-driven identification of the missing dynamics in PIROM
219 is presented.

220 3.1 Deriving the Reduced-Physics Model via Coarse-Graining

221 The subsequent coarse-graining formulation is performed on the DG-FEM in eq. (8) to derive
222 the LCM in eq. (9). This process constraints the trial function space of a full-order DG model
223 to a subset of piece-wise constants, so that the variables \mathbf{u} , matrices \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , and \mathbf{C} , and forcing
224 vector \mathbf{f} are all approximated using a single state associated to the average temperature.
225 Note that the coarse-graining is exclusively performed on the thermal dynamics, as it is
226 the surface temperature that drives the one-dimensional recession via the SVM. Hence, the
227 coarse-graining of the mesh dynamics is not included in the following procedure.

228 3.1.1 Coarse-Graining of States

229 Consider a DG model as in eq. (8) for M elements and an LCM as in eq. (9) for N components;
230 clearly $M \gg N$. Let $\mathcal{V}_j = \{i | E_i \in \Omega_j\}$ be the indices of the elements belonging to the j -th
231 component, so $E_i \in \Omega_j$ for all $i \in \mathcal{V}_j$. The number of elements in the j -th component is $|\mathcal{V}_j|$.
232 The average temperature on Ω_j is,

$$\bar{u}_j = \frac{1}{|\Omega_j|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}_j} \int_{E^{(i)}} \boldsymbol{\phi}^{(i)}(x)^T \mathbf{u}^{(i)} d\Omega = \frac{1}{|\Omega_j|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}_j} |E_i| \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^{j\top} \mathbf{u}^{(i)}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (17)$$

233 where $|\Omega_j|$ and $|E_i|$ denote the area ($d = 2$) or volume ($d = 3$) of component j and element
234 i , respectively. The orthogonal basis functions are defined as $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^{j\top} = [1, 0, \dots, 0]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^P$.

235 Conversely, given the average temperatures of the N components, $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$, the states of an

²³⁶ arbitrary element E_i is written as,

$$\mathbf{u}^{(i)} = \sum_{k=1}^N \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^k \bar{u}_k + \delta \mathbf{u}^{(i)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, M \quad (18)$$

²³⁷ where $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^k = 0$ if $i \notin \mathcal{V}_k$, and $\delta \mathbf{u}^{(i)}$ represents the deviation from the average temperature and
²³⁸ satisfies the orthogonality condition $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^{k\top} \delta \mathbf{u}^{(i)} = 0$ for all k .

²³⁹ Equations eqs. (17) and (18) are combined and written in matrix form as,

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}} = \Phi^+ \mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \Phi \mathbf{u} + \delta \mathbf{u} \quad (19)$$

²⁴⁰ where $\Phi \in \mathbb{R}^{MP \times N}$ is a matrix of $M \times N$ blocks, with the (i, j) -th block as $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^j$, $\Phi^+ \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times MP}$
²⁴¹ is the left inverse of Φ , with the (i, j) -th block as $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^{j+} = \frac{|E_i|}{|\Omega_j|} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^{j\top}$, and $\delta \mathbf{u}$ is the collection of
²⁴² deviations. By their definitions, $\Phi^+ \Phi = \mathbf{I}$ and $\Phi^+ \delta \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$.

²⁴³ 3.1.2 Coarse-Graining of Dynamics

²⁴⁴ In this section, the dependence of the matrices with respect to the displacements \mathbf{w} is
²⁴⁵ dropped to isolate the analysis based on coarsened variables. Next, consider a function of
²⁴⁶ states in the form of $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u})$, where $\mathbf{g} : \mathbb{R}^{MP} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{MP}$ is a vector-valued function, and
²⁴⁷ $\mathbf{M} : \mathbb{R}^{MP} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p \times MP}$ is a matrix-valued function with an arbitrary dimension p . Define the
²⁴⁸ projection matrix $\mathbf{P} = \Phi \Phi^+$ and the projection operator \mathcal{P} as,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P} [\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u})] &= \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u}) \\ &= \mathbf{M}(\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \mathbf{g}(\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

²⁴⁹ so that the resulting function depends only on the average temperatures $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$. Correspondingly,
²⁵⁰ the residual operator $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{I} - \mathcal{P}$, and $\mathcal{Q} [\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u})] = \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{M}(\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \mathbf{g}(\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}})$. When
²⁵¹ the function is not separable, the projection operator is simply defined as $\mathcal{P} [\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u})] = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u})$.
²⁵² Subsequently, the operators defined above are applied to coarse-grain the dynamics. First,
²⁵³ write the DG-FEM in eq. (8) as,

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u})^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u})^{-1} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u})^{-1} \mathbf{f}(t) \quad (21)$$

²⁵⁴ and multiply both sides by Φ^+ to obtain,

$$\Phi^+ \dot{\mathbf{u}} = \Phi^+ (\Phi \dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} + \delta \dot{\mathbf{u}}) = \dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} = \Phi^+ \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}, t) \quad (22)$$

255 Apply the projection operator \mathcal{P} and the residual operator \mathcal{Q} to the right-hand side to obtain,

$$\dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} = \mathcal{P} [\Phi^+ \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}, t)] + \mathcal{Q} [\Phi^+ \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}, t)] \equiv \mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\mathbf{u}, t) + \mathbf{r}^{(2)}(\mathbf{u}, t) \quad (23)$$

256 where $\mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\mathbf{u}, t)$ is resolved dynamics that depends on $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$ only, and $\mathbf{r}^{(2)}(\mathbf{u}, t)$ is the un-resolved
257 or residual dynamics. Detailed derivations and analysis of $\mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\mathbf{u}, t)$ and $\mathbf{r}^{(2)}(\mathbf{u}, t)$ can be
258 found in the Appendix.

259 It follows from Ref. [8] that the resolved dynamics is exactly the LCM, where the ad-
260 vection term reduces to zero, i.e., $\bar{\mathbf{C}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{0}$ as shown in the Appendix. Using the notation
261 from eq. (9), it follows that,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\mathbf{u}, t) &= \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{B}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{C}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{f}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \\ &= \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{B}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{f}}(t) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

262 where the following relations hold,

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{W} (\Phi^+ \mathbf{A} (\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \Phi)^{-1} \quad (25a)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{B}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{W} \Phi^+ \mathbf{B} (\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \Phi \quad (25b)$$

263 where $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ is a diagonal matrix with the i -th element as $[\mathbf{W}]_{ii} = |\mathcal{V}_k|$ if $i \in \mathcal{V}_k$.

264 The examination of the second residual term $\mathbf{r}^{(2)}(\mathbf{u}, t)$ in eq. (23) is shown in the Appendix,
265 and demonstrates that the physical sources of missing dynamics in the LCM include: the
266 approximation of non-uniform temperature within each component as a constant, and the
267 elimination of the advection term due to coarse-graining. In sum, the above results not
268 only show that the LCM is a result of coarse-graining of the full-order DG-FEM, but also
269 reveal the discrepancies between the LCM and the DG-FEM. These discrepancies propagate
270 into the SVM, which as a result of the averaging in the LCM formulation, under-predicts
271 the surface recession rates. In the subsequent section, the discrepancies in the LCM are
272 corrected to formulate the PIROM.

273 3.2 Physics-Infusion Via Mori-Zwanzig Formalism

274 The Mori-Zwanzig (MZ) formalism is an operator-projection technique used to derive ROMs
275 for high-dimensional dynamical systems, especially in statistical mechanics and fluid dynam-
276 ics [5, 6, 7]. It provides an exact reformulation of a high-dimensional Markovian dynamical
277 system, into a low-dimensional observable non-Markovian dynamical system. The proposed
278 ROM is subsequently developed based on the approximation to the non-Markovian term in

279 the observable dynamics. Particularly, eq. (23) shows that the DG-FEM dynamics can be
280 decomposed into the resolved dynamics $\mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}, t)$ and the orthogonal dynamics $\mathbf{r}^{(2)}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}, t)$, in
281 the sense of $\mathcal{P}\mathbf{r}^{(2)} = 0$. In this case, the MZ formalism can be invoked to express the dynamics
282 $\dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}}$ in terms of $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$ alone as the projected Generalized Langevin Equation (GLE) [5, 6, 7],

$$\dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}}(t) = \mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}, t) + \int_0^t \tilde{\kappa}(t, s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) ds \quad (26)$$

283 where the first and second terms are referred to as the Markovian and non-Markovian terms,
284 respectively. The non-Markovian term accounts for the effects of past un-resolved states on
285 the current resolved states via a memory kernel $\tilde{\kappa}(t, s, \bar{\mathbf{u}})$, which in practice is computationally
286 expensive to evaluate.

287 3.2.1 Markovian Reformulation

288 This section details the formal derivation of the PIROM for the thermal dynamics, based on
289 approximations to the memory kernel. Specifically, the kernel $\tilde{\kappa}$ is examined via a leading-order
290 expansion, based on prior work [9]; this can be viewed as an analog of zeroth-order
291 holding in linear system theory with a sufficiently small time step. In this case, the memory
292 kernel is approximated as,

$$\tilde{\kappa}(t, s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \approx \mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}, t) \cdot \nabla_{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} \mathbf{r}^{(2)}(\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}}, t) \quad (27)$$

293 Note that the terms in $\mathbf{r}^{(1)}$ have a common factor $\bar{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}$; this motivates the following heuristic
294 modification of the model form in eq. (26),

$$\dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} = \mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}, t) + \bar{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \int_0^t \kappa(t, s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) ds \quad (28a)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})\dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} = \bar{\mathbf{B}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})\bar{\mathbf{u}} + \bar{\mathbf{f}}(t) + \int_0^t \kappa(t, s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) ds \quad (28b)$$

295 where the original kernel $\tilde{\kappa}$ is effectively normalized by $\bar{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}$. Intuitively, such choice of kernel
296 reduces its dependency on the averaged material properties, and simplifies the subsequent
297 design of model form.

298 Subsequently, the hidden states are introduced to “Markovianize” the system eq. (26).
299 In this manner, eq. (28b) is converted into a pure state-space model, with the functional
300 form of the LCM retained; since LCM is a physics-based model, then it encodes the physical
301 information and retains explicit parametric dependence of the problem. Consider the

302 representation of the kernel as a finite sum of simpler functions, e.g., exponentials,

$$\kappa(t, s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \mathcal{K}_j(t, s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) [\mathbf{p}_j + \mathbf{d}_j(\bar{\mathbf{u}})] \phi_j(s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \quad (29)$$

303 where,

$$\mathcal{K}_j(t, s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) = e^{-\int_s^t (\lambda_j + e_j(\bar{\mathbf{u}})) d\tau}, \quad \phi_j(s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{q}_j^\top \bar{\mathbf{u}}(s) + \mathbf{g}_j(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^\top \bar{\mathbf{u}}(s) + \mathbf{r}_j^\top \bar{\mathbf{f}}(s) \quad (30)$$

304 with suitable coefficients $\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{d}_j, \mathbf{q}_j, \mathbf{g}_j, \mathbf{r}_j \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and decay rates $\lambda_j, e_j(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) > 0$, that need to
305 be identified from data.

306 Define the hidden states as,

$$\beta_j(t) = \int_0^t \mathcal{K}_j(s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \phi_j(s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) ds \quad (31)$$

307 then through its differentiation with respect to time,

$$\dot{\beta}_j(t) = -[\lambda_j + e_j(\bar{\mathbf{u}})] \beta_j(t) + \mathbf{q}_j^\top \bar{\mathbf{u}}(t) + \mathbf{g}_j(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^\top \bar{\mathbf{u}}(t) + \mathbf{r}_j^\top \bar{\mathbf{f}}(t) \quad (32)$$

308 and the memory term becomes,

$$\int_0^t \kappa(t, s, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) ds = \sum_{j=1}^m [\mathbf{p}_j + \mathbf{d}_j(\bar{\mathbf{u}})] \beta_j(t) \quad (33)$$

309 Then, eq. (28b) is recast as the extended Markovian system,

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} = \bar{\mathbf{B}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \bar{\mathbf{u}} + [\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})] \boldsymbol{\beta} + \bar{\mathbf{f}}(t) \quad (34a)$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = [\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{G}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})] \bar{\mathbf{u}} + [\mathbf{E}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}] \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{R} \bar{\mathbf{f}}(t) \quad (34b)$$

310 where the data-driven operators associated to the hidden dynamics are collected as,

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}, \quad \mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m} \quad (35a)$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) = [\mathbf{d}_1(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \mathbf{d}_2(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \dots, \mathbf{d}_m(\bar{\mathbf{u}})] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m}, \quad \mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N} \quad (35b)$$

$$\mathbf{G}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) = [\mathbf{g}_1(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \mathbf{g}_2(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \dots, \mathbf{g}_m(\bar{\mathbf{u}})] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}, \quad \mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N} \quad (35c)$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) = \text{diag}(e_1(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), e_2(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \dots, e_m(\bar{\mathbf{u}})) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \quad (35d)$$

311 The form of the temperature-dependent matrices $\mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})$, $\mathbf{G}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})$, and $\mathbf{E}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})$ is provided in the
312 next section. Note that since the hidden states $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ serve as the memory, their initial conditions

313 are set to zero, i.e., $\beta(t_0) = \mathbf{0}$, no memory at the beginning. The physics-infused model in
314 eq. (34) retains the structure of the LCM, while the hidden states account for missing physics
315 through corrections to the stiffness and advection matrices, as well as the forcing term.

316 **3.2.2 Coupled Physics-Infused Model**

317 The next step is to couple the physics-infused formulation in eq. (34) with the SVM in
318 eq. (13) to form the PIROM for ablating TPS. To this end, define first the observables of
319 interest as the surface temperature $\mathbf{z}_u \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{N}}$ and displacements $\mathbf{z}_w \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{N}}$ at the ablating
320 surfaces to define the observable vector as $\mathbf{z} = [\mathbf{z}_u, \mathbf{z}_w]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n_z}$ with $n_z = 2\tilde{N}$ as the number
321 of monitored surface locations, with \tilde{N} being the number of ablating components.

322 Collect the RPM and hidden states into a single state vector $\mathbf{y} = [\bar{\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{w}, \beta]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y}$, where
323 $n_y = N + \tilde{N} + m$, and define a data-driven operator $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_z \times n_y}$ to define the PIROM's
324 observable as,

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{My} \quad (36)$$

325 where,

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\bar{u}} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{M}_\beta \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (37)$$

326 includes the matrices $\mathbf{M}_{\bar{u}} \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{N} \times N}$ and $\mathbf{M}_\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{N} \times m}$, which computes the surface tempera-
327 ture (observable) from the RPM states and hidden states, respectively.

328 The PIROM is coupled to the SVM in eq. (13) by computing the surface recession velocity
329 based on the PIROM's surface temperature prediction \mathbf{z}_u . Specifically, the surface recession
330 velocity is updated as,

$$\dot{\mathbf{w}} = \Xi \mathbf{z}_u - \tilde{\mathbf{f}} \quad (38)$$

331 Thus, the PIROM is formally stated as,

$$\mathcal{A}\dot{\mathbf{y}} = [\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C}] \mathbf{y} + \mathcal{F}(t) \quad (39a)$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{My} \quad (39b)$$

³³² where,

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{A}} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times n_y}, \quad \mathcal{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{B}} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{P} \\ \Xi \mathbf{M}_u & \mathbf{O} & \Xi \mathbf{M}_\beta \\ \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{O} & -\Lambda \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times n_y}, \quad (40a)$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{G}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{E}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times n_y}, \quad \mathcal{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{f}}(t) \\ -\tilde{\mathbf{f}} \\ \mathbf{R}\bar{\mathbf{f}}(t) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y} \quad (40b)$$

³³³ The learnable parameters in the PIROM are collected as,

$$\Theta = \{\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \mathbf{G}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \mathbf{E}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \mathbf{M}_u, \mathbf{M}_\beta\}, \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\theta} \quad (41)$$

³³⁴ Particularly, the matrices $\mathbf{P}, \Lambda, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}$ are constants that need to be identified from data, and
³³⁵ account for the effects of coarse-graining on the stiffness and forcing matrices. The matrices
³³⁶ $\mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \mathbf{E}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \mathbf{G}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})$ are state-dependent matrices, and account for the effects of coarse-graining
³³⁷ on the advection matrix due to mesh motion. Leveraging the DG-FEM formula for the
³³⁸ advection matrix in eq. (50c) in the Appendix, and noting that the ablating velocity in
³³⁹ eq. (4) imposes the boundary condition for the mesh motion, the state-dependent matrices
³⁴⁰ for the i -th component are written as,

$$\mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \approx \dot{\mathbf{w}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \odot_r \mathbf{D}, \quad \mathbf{G}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \approx \mathbf{G} \odot_r \dot{\mathbf{w}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}), \quad \mathbf{E}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \approx \dot{\mathbf{W}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \odot \mathbf{E} \quad (42)$$

³⁴¹ where $\dot{\mathbf{w}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})$ is the SVM based on the observable temperature $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$, \odot_r is the row-wise multiplication,
³⁴² and $\dot{\mathbf{W}}$ is the concatenation of $\dot{\mathbf{w}}$ for \tilde{m} times, where \tilde{m} corresponds to the number
³⁴³ of hidden states per component, i.e., $m = N\tilde{m}$.

³⁴⁴ The PIROM in eq. (39) incorporates explicit information on the material properties,
³⁴⁵ boundary conditions, and surface recession, and is designed to generalize across parametric
³⁴⁶ variations in these inputs. Moreover, the hidden dynamics in eq. (34) are interpretable, as
³⁴⁷ these retain the functional form of the DG-FEM in eq. (8). The next step is focused on
³⁴⁸ identifying the unknown data-driven parameters Θ characterizing the hidden dynamics.

³⁴⁹ 3.3 Learning the Hidden Dynamics

³⁵⁰ The learning of the PIROM is achieved through a neural-ODE like approach [Chen2018](#).
³⁵¹ For ease of presentation, consider the following compact form of the PIROM in eq. (39),

$$\mathcal{F}(\dot{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}; \xi, \Theta) = \mathbf{0} \quad (43)$$

³⁵² where $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ defines the parametrization of the problem, i.e., operating conditions, such as the
³⁵³ BC's, as well as the material properties. Consider a dataset of N_s high-fidelity trajectories
³⁵⁴ of observables over a time interval $[t_0, t_f]$,

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \left(t_k, \mathbf{z}_{\text{HF}}^{(l)}(t_k), \boldsymbol{\xi}^{(l)} \right) \right\}_{l=1}^{N_s}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, K \quad (44)$$

³⁵⁵ The learning problem is formulated as the following differentially-constrained problem,

$$\min_{\Theta} \quad \frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{l=1}^{N_s} \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=0}^K \left\| \mathbf{z}_{\text{HF}}^{(l)}(t_k) - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{y}^{(l)}(t_k) \right\|_2^2 \quad (45a)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \mathcal{F} \left(\dot{\mathbf{y}}^{(l)}, \mathbf{y}^{(l)}; \boldsymbol{\xi}^{(l)}, \Theta \right) = \mathbf{0}, \quad t \in [t_0, t_f], \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, N_s \quad (45b)$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{(l)}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{(l)}), \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, N_s \quad (45c)$$

³⁵⁶ 4 Application to Thermal Protection Systems

³⁵⁷ In this section,

³⁵⁸ 5 Conclusions

³⁵⁹ **A Technical Details**

³⁶⁰ This appendix presents the technical details of the PIROM framework applied to the TPS
³⁶¹ ablation problem. The first section provides the mathematical details for the definition of
³⁶² the DG-FEM. The second section follows the projection procedures from Ref. [\[x\]](#), and demon-
³⁶³ strates the effects of coarse-graining on the advection matrix. The third section presents the
³⁶⁴ derivation of the LCM model from an energy-conservation perspective.

³⁶⁵ **A.1 Full-Order Model**

³⁶⁶ To obtain the full-order numerical solution, the governing equation is spatially discretized
³⁶⁷ using variational principles of Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) to result in a high-dimensional
³⁶⁸ system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs). The DG-FEM model is written in an
³⁶⁹ element-wise form, which is beneficial for subsequent derivations of the lower-order models.
³⁷⁰ Note that the choice of DG approach here is mainly for theoretical convenience in the sub-
³⁷¹ sequent coarse-graining formulation. In the numerical results, the full-order TPS ablation
³⁷² simulations is computed using standard FEM instead, and the equivalence between DG and
³⁷³ standard FEM is noted upon their convergence.

³⁷⁴ **A.1.1 Domain Discretization**

³⁷⁵ Consider a conforming mesh partition of the domain, as shown in Fig. [DOMAIN](#), where each
³⁷⁶ element belongs to one and only one component. Denote the collection of all M elements
³⁷⁷ as $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^M$. To ease the description of the DG model, a graph structure is employed. The
³⁷⁸ elements are treated as vertices, the set of which is denoted $\mathcal{V} = \{m\}_{m=1}^M$. Two neighboring
³⁷⁹ elements, E_i and E_j , are connected by an edge (i, j) , and the shared boundary between them
³⁸⁰ is denoted e_{ij} . The collection of all edges are denoted \mathcal{E} , and \mathcal{G} is referred to as a graph.
³⁸¹ In the graph, the edges are unidirected, meaning if $(i, j) \in \mathcal{E}$ then $(j, i) \in \mathcal{E}$. Furthermore,
³⁸² denote the neighbors of the i -th element as $\mathcal{N}_i = \{j | (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}\}$. Lastly, for the ease of
³⁸³ notation, introduce two special indices: T for the boundary of an element that overlaps with
³⁸⁴ the Dirichlet boundary condition, and similarly q for the Neumann boundary condition.

385 **A.1.2 Weak Form of Discontinuous Galerkin Method**

386 Choosing appropriate basis functions ϕ_k and ϕ_l and using the Interior Penalty Galerkin
 387 (IPG) scheme [3], the variational bilinear form for eq. (1a) is,

$$\sum_{i=1}^M a_{\epsilon,i}(\phi_k, \phi_l) = \sum_{i=1}^M L_i(\phi_k) \quad (46)$$

388 where ϵ is an user-specified parameter and,

$$a_{\epsilon,i}(\phi_k, \phi_l) = \int_{E^{(i)}} \left(\rho c_p \phi_k \frac{\partial \phi_l}{\partial t} + \nabla \phi_k \cdot (\mathbf{k} \nabla \phi_l) - \rho c_p \phi_k \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \phi_l \right) dE^{(i)} \quad (47a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i \cup \{T_b\}} \int_{e_{ij}} \{ \mathbf{k} \nabla \phi_k \cdot n \} [\phi_l] de_{ij} + \epsilon \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i \cup \{T_b\}} \int_{e_{ij}} \{ \mathbf{k} \nabla \phi_l \cdot n \} [\phi_k] de_{ij} \\ &\quad + \sigma \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i \cup \{T_b\}} \int_{e_{ij}} [\phi_k] [\phi_l] de_{ij} \end{aligned} \quad (47b)$$

$$L_i(v) = \epsilon \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i \cup \{T_b\}} \int_{e_{ij}} (\mathbf{k} \nabla \phi_l \cdot n) T_b de_{ij} + \int_{e_{iq}} \phi_k q_b de_{iq} + \sigma \int_{e_{iT}} \phi_k T_b de_{iT} \quad (47c)$$

389 In the bi-linear form above, the notations $[]$ and $\{\}$ are respectively the jumps and averages
 390 at the boundary e_{ij} share by two elements E_i and E_j ,

$$[u] = u|_{E_i} - u|_{E_j}, \quad \{u\} = \frac{1}{2} \left(u|_{E_i} + u|_{E_j} \right), \quad \text{for } x \in e_{ij} = E_i \cap E_j$$

391 Furthermore, in the bi-linear form, the terms associated with σ are introduced to enforce
 392 the Dirichlet boundary conditions; σ is a penalty factor whose value can depend on the size
 393 of an element. Depending on the choice of ϵ , the bi-linear form corresponds to symmetric
 394 IPG ($\epsilon = -1$), non-symmetric IPG ($\epsilon = 1$), and incomplete IPG ($\epsilon = 0$). All these schemes
 395 are consistent with the original PDE and have similar convergence rate with respect to mesh
 396 size. In the following derivations, the case $\epsilon = 0$ is chosen for the sake of simplicity.

397 **A.1.3 Discontinuous Galerkin Model**

398 Next, the DG-based model is written in an element-wise form. For the i -th element, use a
 399 set of P trial functions to represent the temperature as in eq. (6). Without loss of generality,
 400 the trial functions are assumed to be orthogonal, so that $\int_{E^{(i)}} \phi_k^{(i)}(x) \phi_l^{(i)}(x) dx = |E^{(i)}| \delta_{kl}$,
 401 where $|E^{(i)}|$ is the area ($n_d = 2$) or volume ($n_d = 3$) of the i -th element, and δ_{kl} is the
 402 Kronecker delta.

403 Using test functions same as trial functions, the dynamics $\mathbf{u}^{(i)}$ is obtained by evaluating

⁴⁰⁴ the element-wise bi-linear forms,

$$a_{\epsilon,i}(\phi_k^{(i)}, T^{(i)}) = L_i(\phi_k^{(i)}), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, P \quad (48)$$

⁴⁰⁵ The above procedure yields,

$$\mathbf{A}^{(i)} \dot{\mathbf{u}}^{(i)} = (\mathbf{B}^{(i)} + \mathbf{C}^{(i)}(t)) \mathbf{u}^{(i)} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i \cup \{T_b\}} \left(\mathbf{B}_{ij}^{(i)} \mathbf{u}^{(i)} + \mathbf{B}_{ij}^{(j)} \mathbf{u}^{(j)} \right) + \mathbf{f}^{(i)}(t) \quad (49)$$

⁴⁰⁶ where for $k, l = 1, 2, \dots, P$,

$$[\mathbf{A}^{(i)}]_{kl} = \int_{E^{(i)}} \rho c_p \phi_k^{(i)} \phi_l^{(i)} dE^{(i)} \quad (50a)$$

$$[\mathbf{B}^{(i)}]_{kl} = - \int_{E^{(i)}} (\nabla \phi_k^{(i)}) \cdot (\mathbf{k} \nabla \phi_l^{(i)}) dE^{(i)} \quad (50b)$$

$$[\mathbf{C}^{(i)}]_{kl} = \int_{E^{(i)}} \rho c_p \phi_k^{(i)} \mathbf{v}^{(i)} \cdot \nabla \phi_l^{(i)} dE^{(i)} \quad (50c)$$

$$[\mathbf{B}_{ij}^{(i)}] = \int_{e_{ij}} \left\{ \mathbf{k} \nabla \phi_k^{(i)} \cdot \hat{n} \right\} \phi_l^{(i)} - \sigma [\phi_k^{(i)}] \phi_l^{(i)} de_{ij} \quad (50d)$$

$$[\mathbf{B}_{ij}^{(j)}] = \int_{e_{ij}} - \left\{ \mathbf{k} \nabla \phi_k^{(i)} \cdot \hat{n} \right\} \phi_l^{(j)} + \sigma [\phi_k^{(i)}] \phi_l^{(j)} de_{ij} \quad (50e)$$

$$[\mathbf{f}^{(i)}]_k = \int_{e_{iq}} \phi_k^{(i)} q_b de_{iq} + \sigma \int_{e_{iT}} \phi_k^{(i)} de_{iT} \quad (50f)$$

⁴⁰⁷ The matrices $\mathbf{A}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times P}$, $\mathbf{B}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times P}$, and $\mathbf{C}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times P}$ are respectively the capacitance,
⁴⁰⁸ conductivity, and advection matrices for element i . These matrices depend on ρ , c_p , \mathbf{k} , and
⁴⁰⁹ \mathbf{v} , and hence can be non-linear functions of $\mathbf{u}^{(i)}$. Since the trial functions are orthogonal, if
⁴¹⁰ ρc_p is constant within an element, $\mathbf{A}^{(i)}$ is diagonal; otherwise, \mathbf{A}_i is symmetric and positive
⁴¹¹ definite as $\rho c_p > 0$.

⁴¹² For compactness, the element-wise model in eq. (49) is also written in matrix form,

$$\mathbf{A}(\dot{\mathbf{u}}) = [\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})] \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}(t) \quad (51)$$

⁴¹³ where $\mathbf{u} = [\mathbf{u}^{(1)}, \mathbf{u}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{u}^{(M)}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{MP}$ includes all DG variables, $\mathbf{f} = [\mathbf{f}^{(1)}, \mathbf{f}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{f}^{(M)}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{MP}$, \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{C} are matrices of M diagonal blocks whose i -th blocks are $\mathbf{A}^{(i)}$ and $\mathbf{C}^{(i)}$, and
⁴¹⁴ \mathbf{B} is a matrix of $M \times M$ blocks whose (i, j) -th block is,
⁴¹⁵

$$\mathbf{B}_{ij} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{B}^{(i)} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i \cup \{T_b\}} \mathbf{B}_{ij}^{(i)}, & i = j \\ \mathbf{B}_{ij}^{(j)}, & i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (52)$$

⁴¹⁶ The dependency of \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , and \mathbf{C} on \mathbf{u} is explicitly noted in eq. (51), which is the source of
⁴¹⁷ non-linearity in the current TPS problem. Moreover, the mesh velocity \mathbf{v} varies with space
⁴¹⁸ and time, and thus the advection matrix \mathbf{C} varies with time as a function of q_b .

⁴¹⁹ A.2 Coarse-Graining of Dynamics

⁴²⁰ The LCM is obtained by coarse-graining the full-order DG-FEM. This coarse-graining proce-
⁴²¹ dure produces resolved $\mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\mathbf{u}, t)$ and residual $\mathbf{r}^{(2)}(\mathbf{u}, t)$ dynamics as in eq. (23). This section
⁴²² presents the detail derivations and magnitude analysis for the resolved and residual dynam-
⁴²³ ics.

⁴²⁴ A.2.1 Resolved Dynamics

⁴²⁵ Using eq. (20), the resolved dynamics is computed as follows,

$$\mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\mathbf{u}, t) = \mathcal{P} [\Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u})^{-1} (\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}(t))] \quad (53a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Pu})^{-1} \mathbf{PB}(\mathbf{Pu}) \mathbf{Pu} + \Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Pu})^{-1} \mathbf{PC}(\mathbf{Pu}) \mathbf{Pu} \\ &\quad + \Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Pu})^{-1} \mathbf{Pf}(t, \mathbf{Pu}) \end{aligned} \quad (53b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underbrace{\Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \Phi}_{\#1} \underbrace{\Phi^+ \mathbf{B}(\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}}}_{\#2} + \Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \Phi \underbrace{\Phi^+ \mathbf{C}(\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}}}_{\#3} \\ &\quad + \Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \Phi \underbrace{\Phi^+ \mathbf{f}(t, \Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}})}_{\#4} \end{aligned} \quad (53c)$$

⁴²⁶ Detailed derivations for the #1, #2, and #4 terms can be found in Ref. [x](#). The effects of
⁴²⁷ coarse-graining on the advection term #3 are analyzed next.

⁴²⁸ **Term #3** The $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}) \in \mathbb{R}^{MP \times MP}$ matrix contains M diagonal of size $P \times P$, since the
⁴²⁹ basis functions are defined locally on each element. Therefore, $[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})]_{ij} = \mathbf{0}$ for all $i \neq j$ with
⁴³⁰ $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, M$. It follows that for $k, l = 1, 2, \dots, N$,

$$[\Phi^+ \mathbf{C}(t, \Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \Phi]_{kl} = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^M \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^{k+} [\mathbf{C}(t, \Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}})]_{ij} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_j^l \quad (54a)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^M \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^{k+} [\mathbf{C}(t, \Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}})]_{ii} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^l \quad (54b)$$

$$= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}_k} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^{k+} [\mathbf{C}(t, \Phi \bar{\mathbf{u}})]_{ii} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i^l \quad (54c)$$

⁴³¹ where in the second row, the fact that $[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})]_{ij} = 0$ for all $i \neq j$ is used, and in the last row,
⁴³² the fact that $\varphi_i^{k+} = 0$ for all $i \notin \mathcal{V}_k$ is used. Now, considering that $[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})]_{ii}$ has a $(1, 1)$ -th
⁴³³ zero element, i.e., $[C_{11}(t, \Phi\bar{\mathbf{u}})]_{ii} = 0$, and that if $k \neq l$ then $i \notin \mathcal{V}_l$ and thus $\varphi_i^l = \mathbf{0}$, it follows
⁴³⁴ that for some index $i \in \mathcal{V}_k$,

$$\varphi_i^{k+} [\mathbf{C}(t, \Phi\bar{\mathbf{u}})]_{ii} \varphi_i^l = \varphi_i^{k+} [\mathbf{C}(t, \Phi\bar{\mathbf{u}})]_{ii} \varphi_i^k = \frac{|E_i|}{|\Omega_k|} [C_{11}(t, \Phi\bar{\mathbf{u}})]_{ii} = 0 \quad (55)$$

⁴³⁵ The matrix $[\Phi^+ \mathbf{C}(t, \Phi\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \Phi]_{kl} = 0$ for all $k, l = 1, 2, \dots, N$, and thus,

$$\bar{\mathbf{C}}(t, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) = \Phi^+ \mathbf{C}(t, \Phi\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \Phi = \mathbf{0} \quad (56)$$

⁴³⁶ as indicated by the LCM in eq. (9).

⁴³⁷ A.2.2 Magnitude Analysis for Residual Dynamics

⁴³⁸ Next, the magnitude of the residual dynamics $\mathbf{r}^{(2)}(\mathbf{u}, t)$ is analyzed to pinpoint the missing
⁴³⁹ physics in the LCM. By definition,

$$\mathbf{r}^{(2)}(\mathbf{u}, t) = \dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} - \mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}, t) \quad (57a)$$

$$= \Phi^+ \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}, t) - \mathbf{r}^{(1)}(\mathbf{u}, t) \quad (57b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underbrace{\Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u})^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{B}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \bar{\mathbf{u}}}_{\#1} + \underbrace{\Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u})^{-1} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{C}}(t, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \bar{\mathbf{u}}}_{\#2} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u})^{-1} \mathbf{f}(t) - \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{f}}(t)}_{\#3} \end{aligned} \quad (57c)$$

⁴⁴⁰ The magnitude analysis for terms $\#1$ and $\#3$ can be found in Ref. [x](#). The analysis for term
⁴⁴¹ $\#2$ is presented next. Let $\mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{A}(\Phi\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{C}(t, \Phi\bar{\mathbf{u}})$, then,

$$\Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u})^{-1} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{C}}(t, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \bar{\mathbf{u}} \quad (58a)$$

$$= \Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u})^{-1} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u} - \Phi^+ \mathbf{A}(\Phi\bar{\mathbf{u}})^{-1} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{C}(t, \Phi\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \Phi \Phi^+ \mathbf{u} \quad (58b)$$

$$= \Phi^+ \mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u} - \Phi^+ \mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) \Phi \Phi^+ \mathbf{u} \quad (58c)$$

$$(58d)$$

442 where $\mathbf{P} = \Phi\Phi^+$. Thus,

$$\|\Phi^+\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u})^{-1}\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})\bar{\mathbf{C}}(t, \bar{\mathbf{u}})\bar{\mathbf{u}}\| \quad (59a)$$

$$\leq \|\Phi^+\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{u} - \Phi^+\mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})\mathbf{u}\| + \|\Phi^+\mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})\mathbf{u} - \Phi^+\mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})\Phi\Phi^+\mathbf{u}\| \quad (59b)$$

$$\leq \|\Phi^+\| \underbrace{\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})\mathbf{u}\|}_{\#1} + \|\Phi^+\mathbf{D}(\bar{\mathbf{u}})\| \underbrace{\|\mathbf{u} - \Phi\Phi^+\mathbf{u}\|}_{\#2} \quad (59c)$$

443 where term $\#2$ is due to the appriximation of non-uniform temperaeture as constants, and
444 term $\#1$ is the error in the advection dynamics due to coarse-graining.

445 A.3 Lumped Capacitance Model

446 The following assumptions are employed: (1) the temperature in component (i) is described
447 by a scalar time-varying average temperature $\bar{u}^{(i)}$, (2) between neighboring components (i)
448 and (j) the heat flux is approximated as,

$$q_{ij} = \frac{\bar{u}^{(j)} - \bar{u}^{(i)}}{R_{ij}} \quad (60)$$

449 where R_{ij} is the thermal resistance. Empirically, for a component of isotropic heat conduc-
450 tivity k , length ℓ , and cross-section area A , the thermal resistance is $R = \ell/kA$. Between
451 components i and j , define $R_{ij} = R_i + R_j$. In addition, the heat flux due to Dirichlet
452 boundary condition is computed as $q_{iT} = (T_b - \bar{u}^{(i)})/R_i$.

453 At component i , the dynamics of LCM are given by,

$$\int_{E^{(i)}} \rho c_p \dot{\bar{u}}^{(i)} dE^{(i)} = \left(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \int_{e_{ij}} \frac{\bar{u}^{(j)} - \bar{u}^{(i)}}{R_{ij}} de_{ij} \right) + \int_{e_{iq}} q_b de_{iq} + \int_{e_{iT}} \frac{T_b - \bar{u}^{(i)}}{R_i} de_{iT} \quad (61a)$$

$$\bar{A}^{(i)} \dot{\bar{u}}^{(i)} = \left(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \frac{|e_{ij}|}{R_{ij}} (\bar{u}^{(j)} - \bar{u}^{(i)}) \right) + |e_{iq}| \bar{q}^{(i)} + \frac{|e_{iT}|}{R_i} (\bar{T}^{(i)} - \bar{u}^{(i)}) \quad (61b)$$

$$= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \left(-\frac{|e_{ij}|}{R_{ij}} \bar{u}^{(i)} + \frac{|e_{ij}|}{R_{ij}} \bar{u}^{(j)} \right) + \left(-\frac{|e_{iT}|}{R_i} \bar{u}^{(i)} \right) + \left(|e_{iq}| \bar{q}^{(i)} + \frac{|e_{iT}|}{R_i} \bar{T}^{(i)} \right) \quad (61c)$$

$$= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i \cup \{T_b\}} \left(\bar{B}_{ij}^{(i)} \bar{u}^{(i)} + \bar{B}_{ij}^{(j)} \bar{u}^{(j)} \right) + \bar{f}^{(i)} \quad (61d)$$

454 where in eq. (61b) $|e|$ denotes the length ($d = 2$) or area ($d = 3$) of a component boundary
455 e . The $\bar{A}^{(i)}$, $\bar{B}_{ij}^{(i)}$, and $\bar{B}_{ij}^{(j)}$ quantities are provided in eq. (12).

456 The lumped-mass representation for the four-component TPS is shown in Fig. 2. Let v_i

represent the area of the i -th element, $\overline{\rho c_p}_i$, the heat capacity evaluated using the average temperature $\bar{u}^{(i)}$, and $1/R_{ij} = 1/R_i(\bar{u}^{(i)}) + 1/R_j(\bar{u}^{(j)})$ the equivalent thermal resistance between elements i and j . Leveraging the formulas from eqs. (11) and (12), the LCM matrices are given by,

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{\rho c_p}_1 v_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \overline{\rho c_p}_2 v_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \overline{\rho c_p}_3 v_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \overline{\rho c_p}_4 v_4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (62a)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{R_{12}} + \frac{1}{R_{14}} & -\frac{1}{R_{12}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{R_{14}} \\ -\frac{1}{R_{12}} & \frac{1}{R_{12}} + \frac{1}{R_{24}} + \frac{1}{R_{23}} & -\frac{1}{R_{23}} & -\frac{1}{R_{24}} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{R_{32}} & \frac{1}{R_{32}} + \frac{1}{R_{34}} & -\frac{1}{R_{34}} \\ -\frac{1}{R_{14}} & -\frac{1}{R_{24}} & -\frac{1}{R_{34}} & \frac{1}{R_{14}} + \frac{1}{R_{24}} + \frac{1}{R_{34}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{f}} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{q}^{(1)} \\ \bar{q}^{(2)} \\ \bar{q}^{(3)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (62b)$$

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