

*Tools for the numerical simulation with complex
chemistry*

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Open-source code CANTERA

Monday 14th November 2022

9h30 – 10h30 : Talk about Cantera

10h30 – 12h30 : Jupyter notebook tutorials

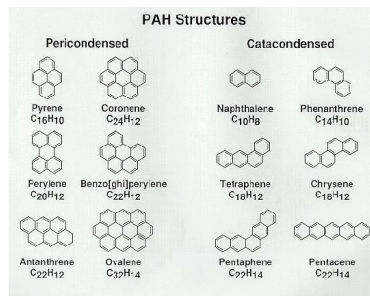
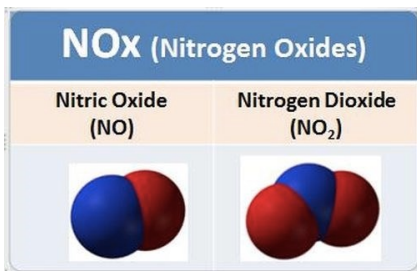
12h30 – 14h : Lunch break

14h – 14h30 : Talk about cantera-avbp features

14h30 – 17h : End of jupyter notebook tutorials + create your own scripts

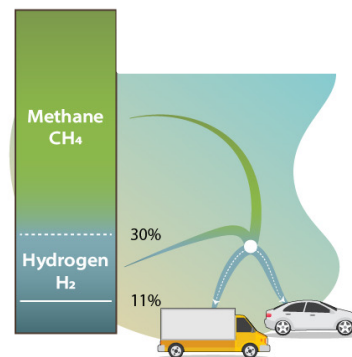
Why do we need chemistry ?

Pollutants



Chemistry driven processes

Ignition



Fuel blending



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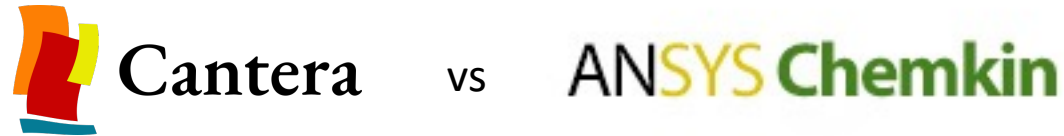
Cantera was originally written by Dave Goodwin in 2004

- ◆ He was a confirmed user of the CHEMKIN suite but disagreed with:
 - the charged software philosophy
 - the fixed structure of CHEMKIN
- ◆ Two main idea drive the Cantera development:
 - An open source software
 - An object-oriented structure with multiple interfaces
- ◆ Currently, Cantera is in version 2.6.0.

At Cerfacs, we use a modified 2.3.0 version !



What is CANTERA ?



- ◆ Cantera replicates most of the Chemkin functionalities and adds new capabilities (multiphase equilibrium, electrochemistry,...)
- ◆ Cantera can use Chemkin files through a file converter
- ◆ Cantera uses interfaces with scripts whereas Chemkin is based on keywords input files
- ◆ The Cantera documentation is scarce, relying on an automatic [documentation](#) and an active [community](#)

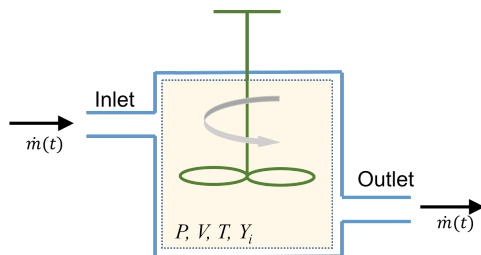
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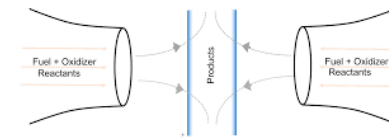


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- *Diffusion flame in a counterflow*



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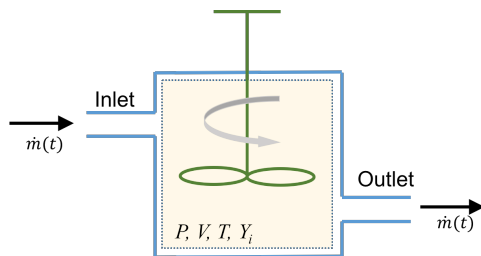
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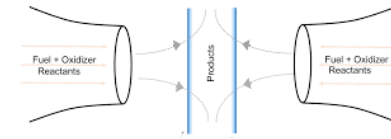
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and analysis tools :

- Easy access to data, Sensitivity Analysis, ...

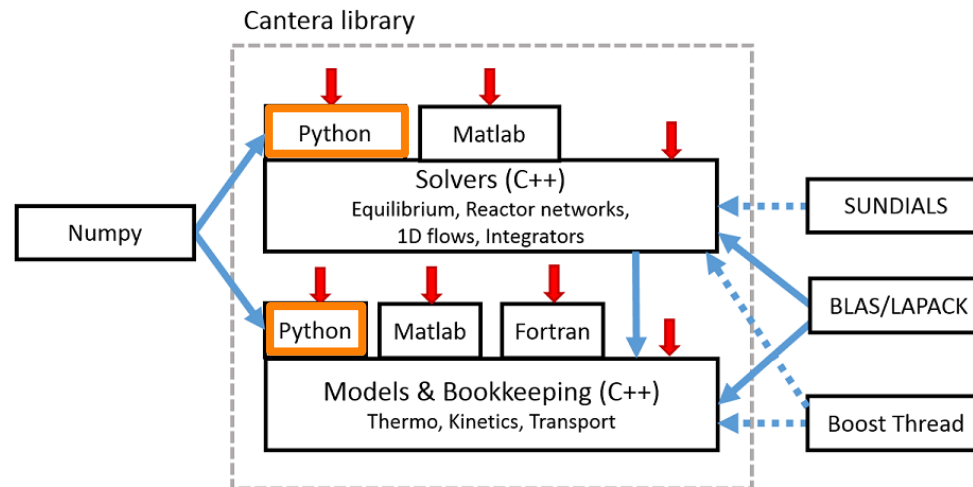
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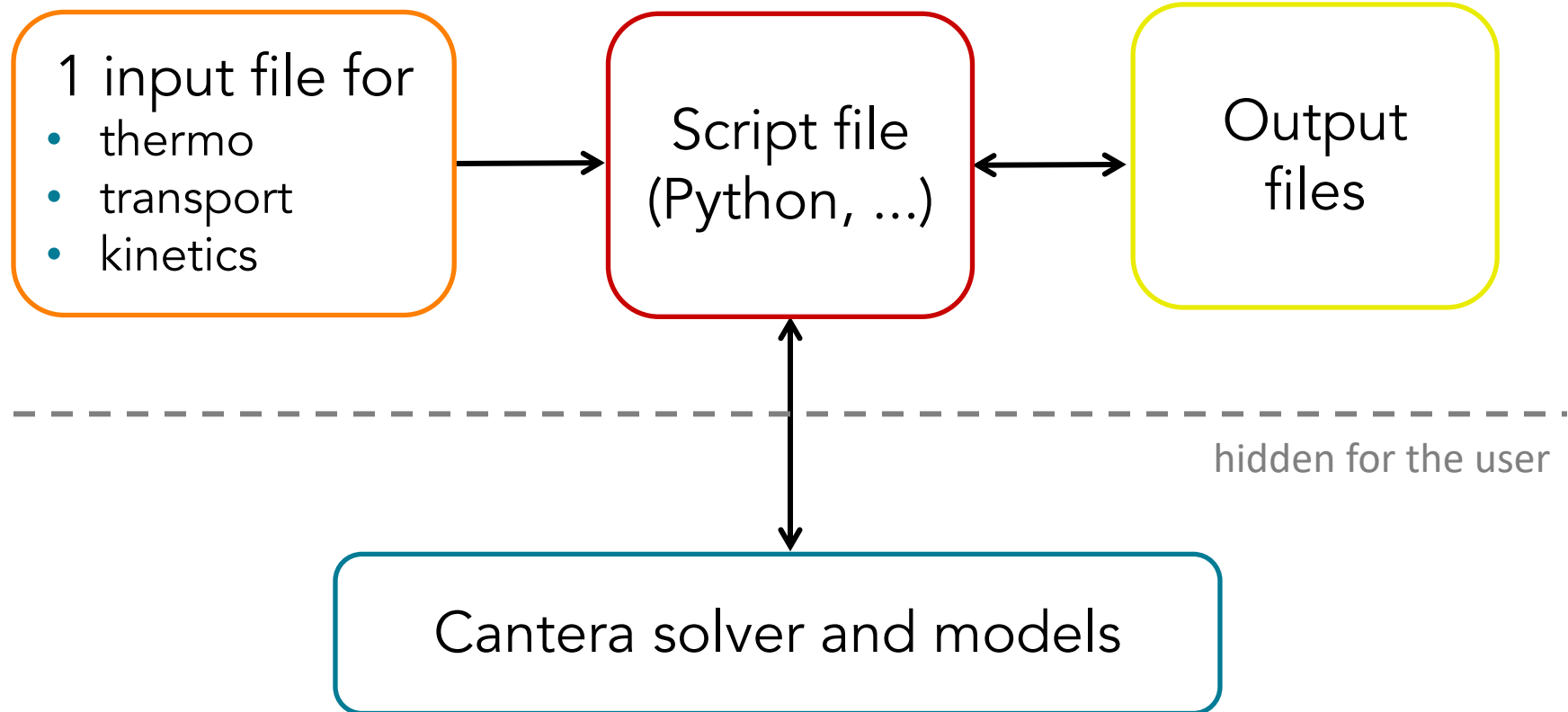
- ◆ Those interfaces are only front ends: calculations are done in an optimized, compiled code that is really efficient and fast !!



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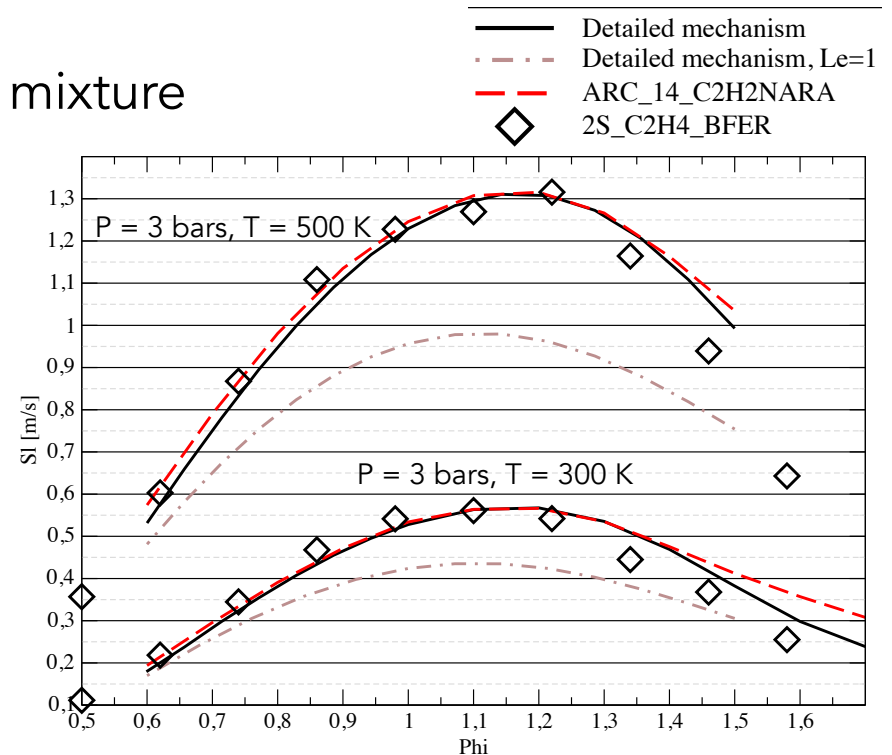
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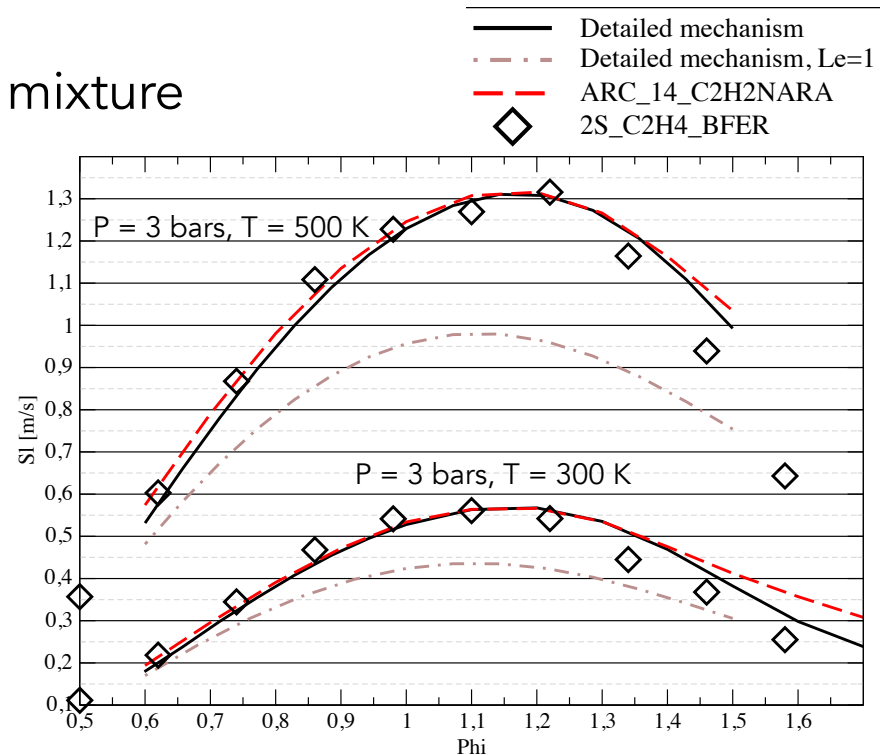
⇒ Cerfacs version features

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Equilibrium state

The equilibrium state corresponds to a minimum of a property called the energy function under specified conditions

- ◆ The Gibbs free energy is defined as

$$G = H - TS$$

- ◆ The variation of the Gibbs free energy can be expressed as

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - \Delta(TS)$$

⇒ A reaction spontaneously occurs if $\Delta G < 0$

⇒ A reaction does NOT spontaneously occur if $\Delta G > 0$

⇒ Equilibrium is reached when $\Delta G = 0$



Equilibrium state

- ◆ For a mixture, the variation of the total Gibbs free energy of the mixture can be expressed as:

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 - There are no kinetics data, only thermodynamic data are involved !

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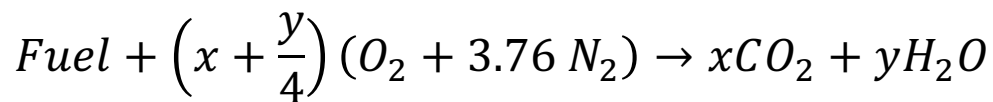
- ◆ Do we need equilibrium states when doing combustion ?

Yes !

We use :

- Constant T and P equilibrium for the calculation of the *Lower Heating Value (LHV)* [J/kg] :

LHV corresponds to the energy released when Fuel and O_2 are transformed in CO_2 and H_2O :



$$\text{LHV} = \sum_i^c n_i \bar{h}_i(T_{ref})$$

LHV can be compared to the integral of heat release rate:

$$\int HRR dV = \dot{m}_F \cdot \text{LHV}$$



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$$\Delta H = 0$$

⇒ Provides the final gas composition and the adiabatic flame temperature



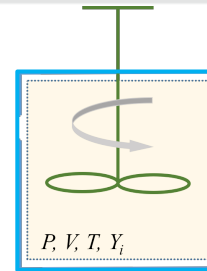
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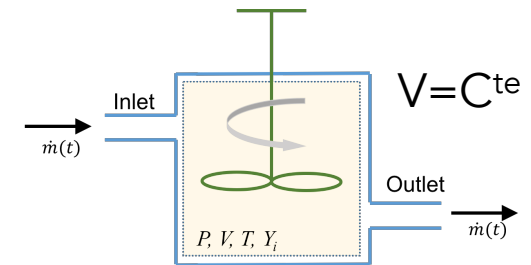
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Several types of reactors

- ◆ Batch Reactor at Constant Volume or at Constant Pressure

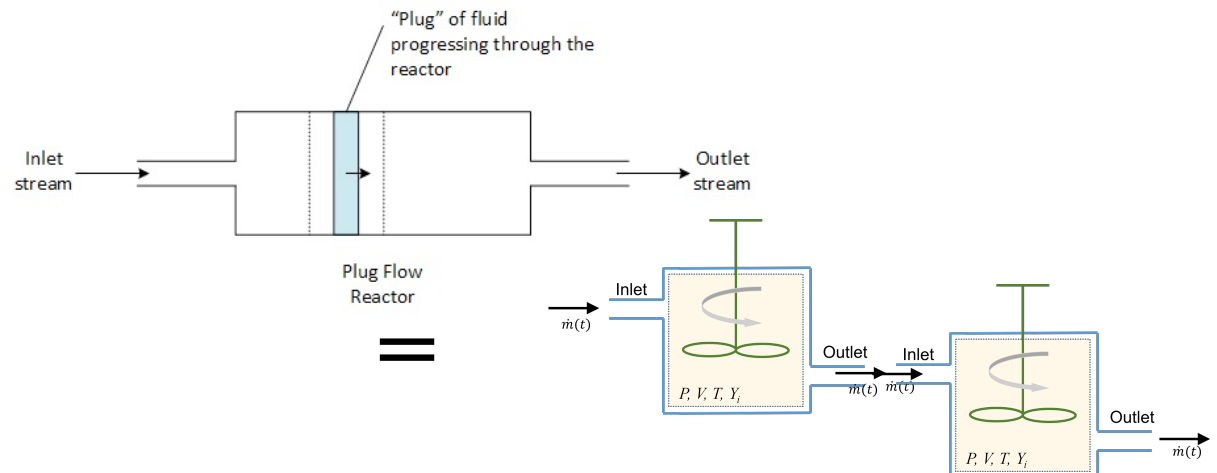


- ◆ Continuously Stirred Tank Reactor (CSTR) or Well-Stirred Reactor (WSR) or Perfectly Stirred Reactor (PSR) or Longwell reactor



- ◆ Plug-Flow Reactor (PFR)

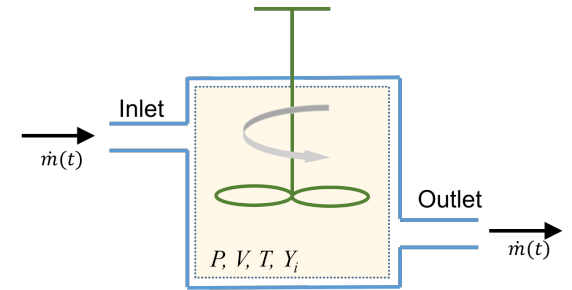
- ⇒ Does not exist in Cantera
- ⇒ Is replaced by CSTRs



Lien : <https://testing.cantera.org/science/reactors.html>

Homogeneous Reactor

Temporal variations can be expressed as:



◆ Volume:
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \sum_w f_w A_w v_w(t)$$

◆ Mass:
$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \sum_{in} \dot{m}_{in} - \sum_{out} \dot{m}_{out} + \dot{m}_{wall}$$

◆ Species:
$$\frac{d(mY_k)}{dt} = \sum_{in} \dot{m}_{in} Y_{k,in} - \sum_{out} \dot{m}_{out} Y_{k,out} + \dot{m}_{k,gen}$$

◆ Energy:
$$\frac{dU}{dt} = -p \frac{dV}{dt} - \dot{Q} + \sum_{in} \dot{m}_{in} h_{in} - \sum_{out} \dot{m}_{out} h_{out}$$

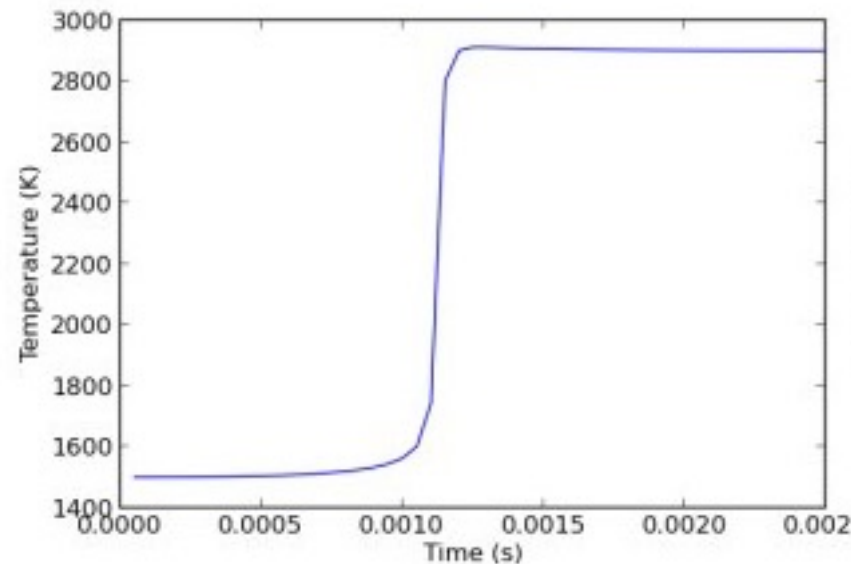
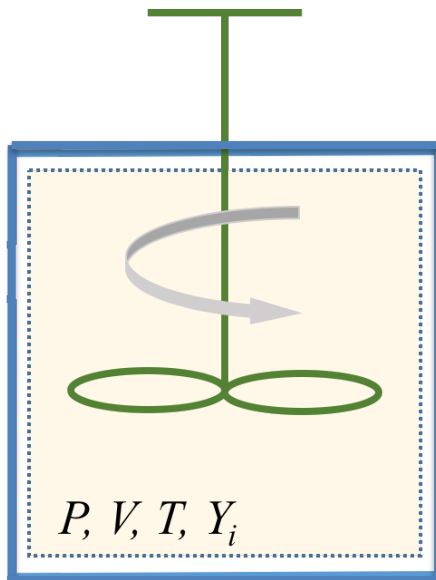
⇒ Stiff system of ODEs that are integrated with a solver from an external library (Sundials CVODE)

Homogeneous Reactor

- ◆ Do we need homogeneous reactor calculation ?

Yes !

The ignition delay time of a mixture can be estimated with constant volume reactor calculation





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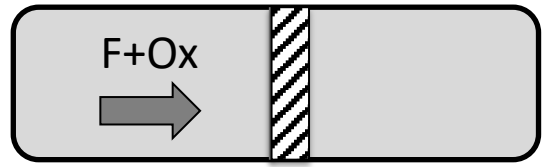
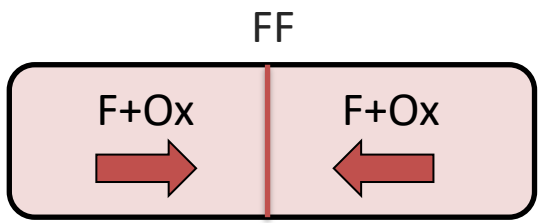
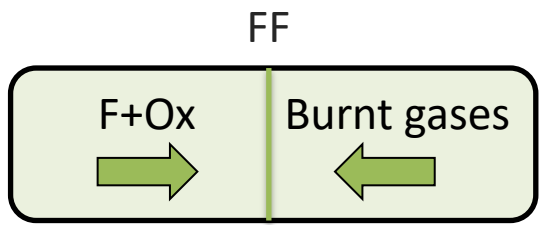
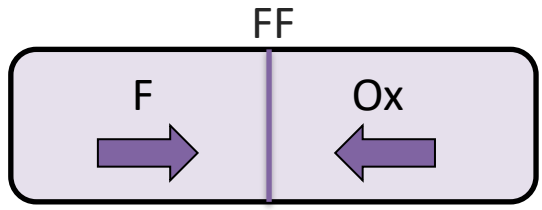
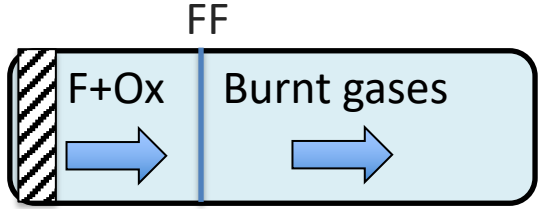
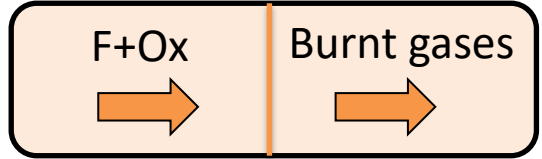
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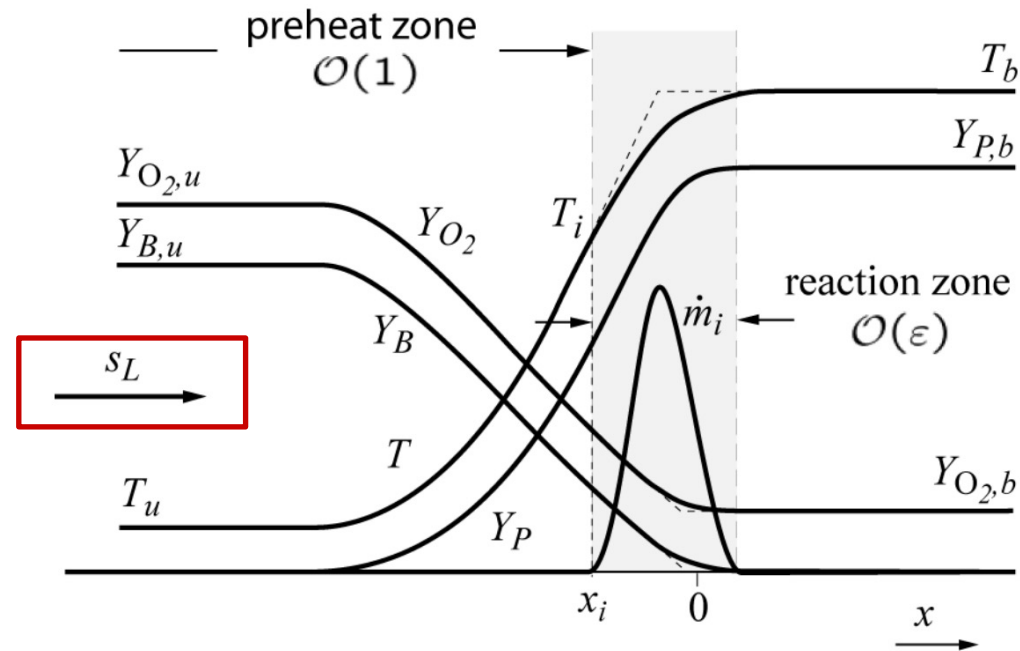
- ◆ Freeflame
- ◆ Burner flame
- ◆ Counterflow diffusion flame
- ◆ Counterflow premixed flame
- ◆ Counterflow twin premixed flame
- ◆ Impinging Jet flame



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Laminar premixed flame

<https://cefrc.princeton.edu/sites/g/files/toruqf1071/files/Files/2010%20Lecture%20Notes/Norbert%20Peters/Lecture4.pdf>



For a given inlet velocity, called laminar flame speed, the system is in steady state !



Laminar premixed flame

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- ◆ How do Cantera solve the system ?

$$\mathcal{L}(U_i) = 0$$

⇒ Newton solver are well suited to find the roots iteratively

⇒ An initial solution is needed by the Newton solver

- ◆ Cantera uses

A Damped modified Newton solver with internal time integration



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A Damped modified Newton solver with internal time integration

The **Newton solver** is : the method used by Cantera to solve the system and try to find the solution.

It is **damped** because a damping coefficient is added to help for the convergence.

It is **with internal integration** as an “artificial temporal term” is added to help for the convergence if the damping failed.



Laminar premixed flame

The Newton solver

What we seek at point m is

$$\mathcal{L}(U) = 0$$

which is used to iterate

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial U} = \frac{0 - \mathcal{L}(U)}{U^{m+1} - U^m}$$

or in other words

$$U^{m+1} = U^m - \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial U} \right]_{y^m}^{y^{m1}} \mathcal{L}(U^m)$$

- Convergence is reached when $\Delta U^m = U^{m+1} - U^m$ becomes negligibly small
- The mesh might be automatically refined in the region of high gradients

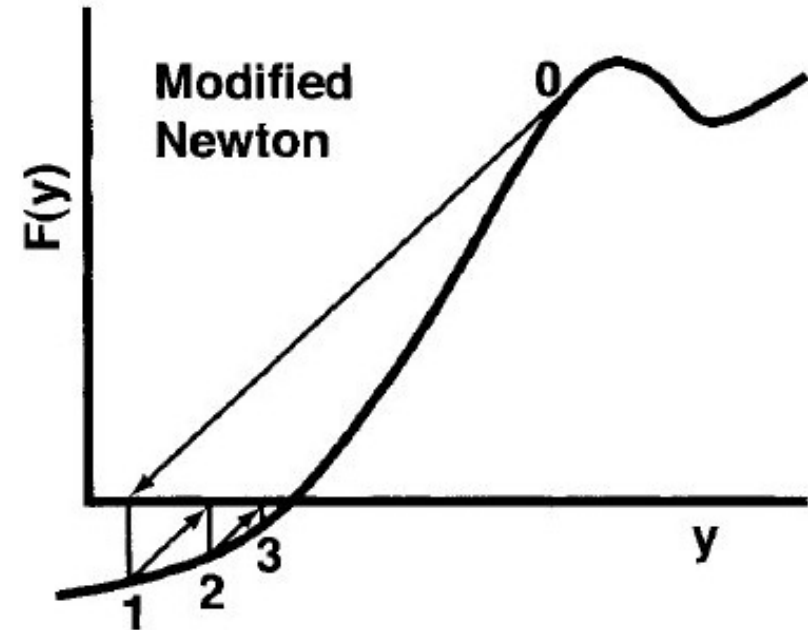
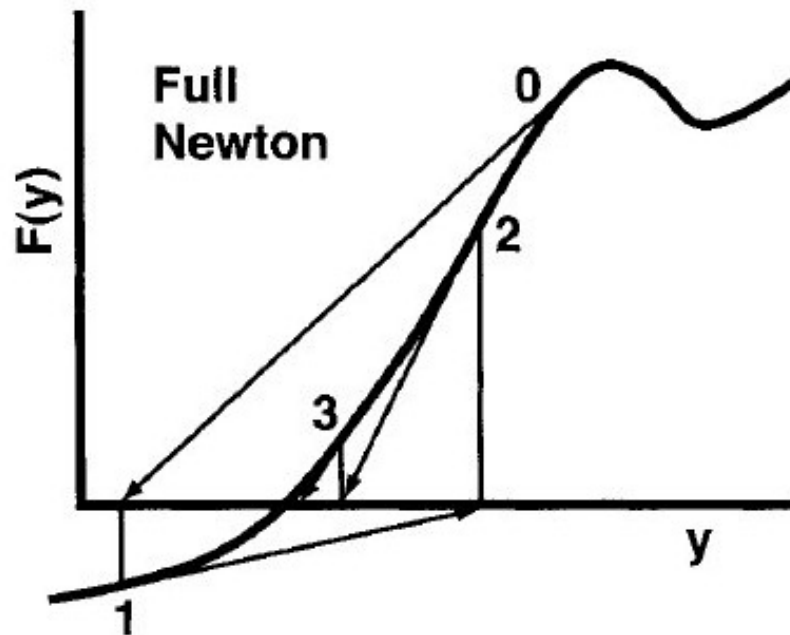


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The Damped modified Newton solver

$$\mathcal{L}(U) = 0$$

$$(J^k) \Delta U^m = -\lambda^m \mathcal{L}(U^m)$$



$$0 < \lambda < 1$$



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The Damped modified Newton solver with internal time integration

Whenever both damping parameters and the new Jacobian fail:

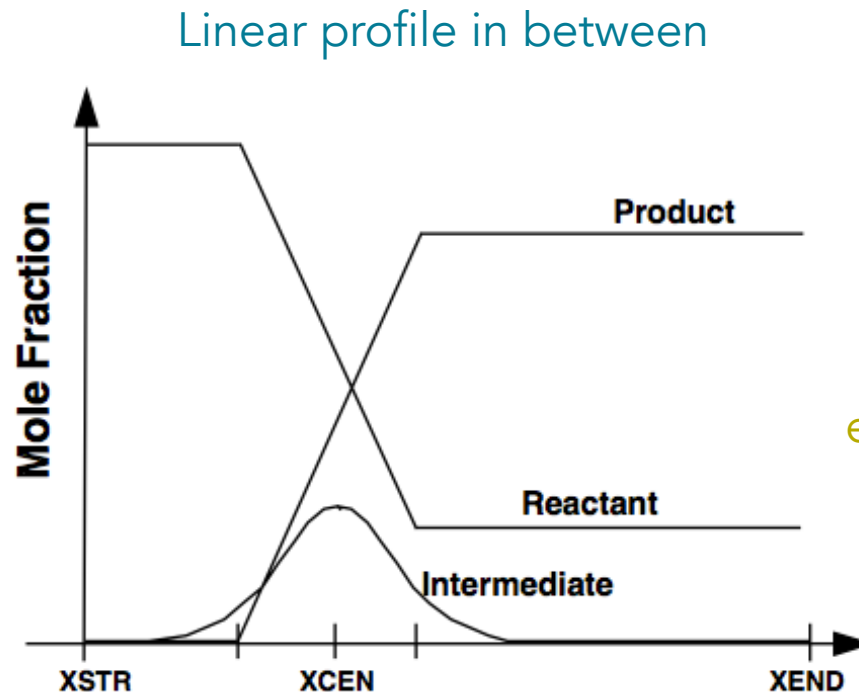
- Transient equations are used $\mathcal{L}(U_{t=n+1}) = \frac{y_{t=n+1} - y_{t=n}}{\Delta t}$
(first-order, implicit backward finite differences schemes)
- The Newton method to solve the system of equations for each time step:
$$\mathcal{H}(U) = \mathcal{L}(U) - \frac{dU}{dt} = 0$$
- The new U is used as a new starting estimate for the steady state problem

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- ◆ What are the inputs required by Cantera?

⇒ The Newton solver requires an initial solution

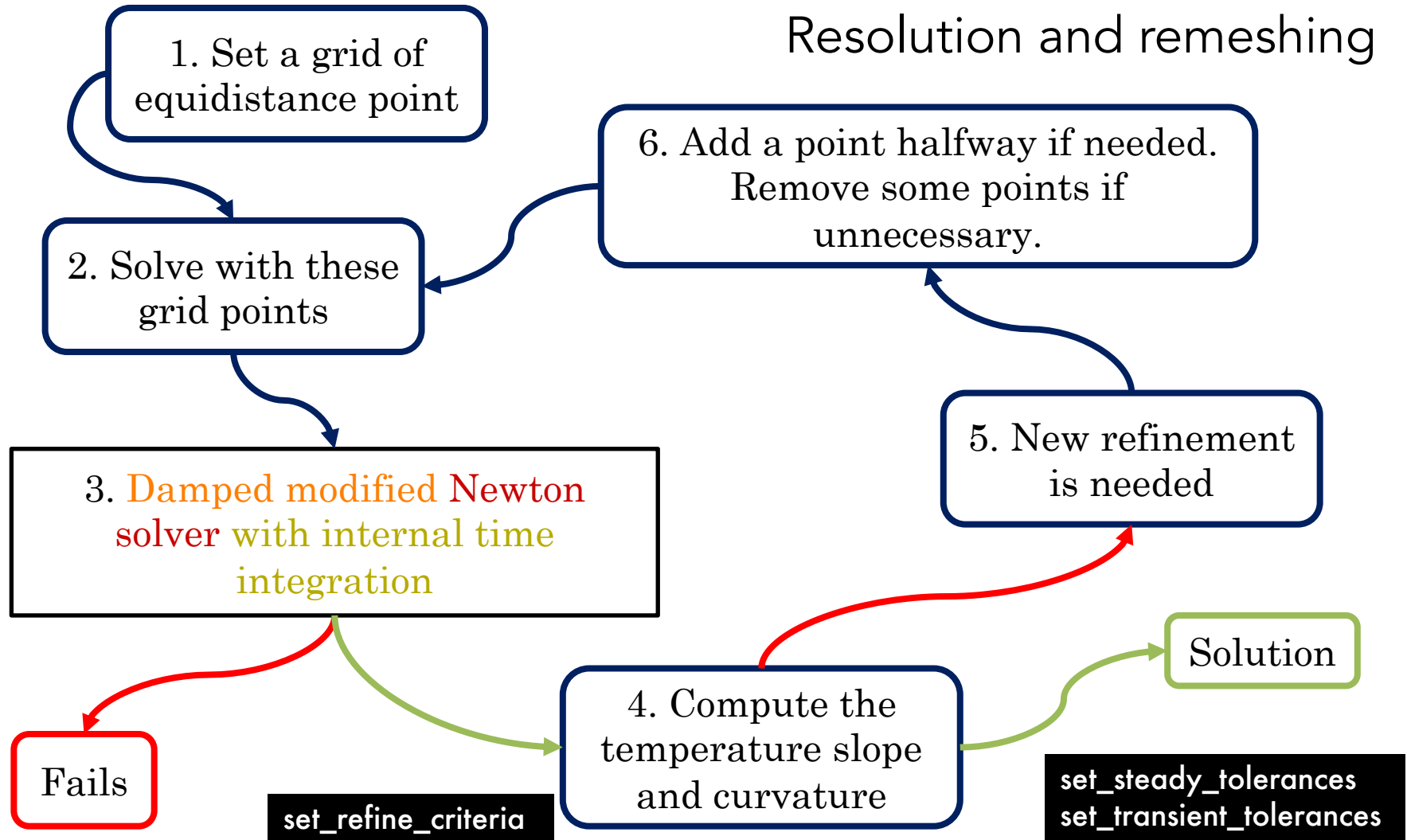
Inlet composition:
set by the user !!



Outlet composition:
determined by
equilibrium calculation

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Resolution and remeshing





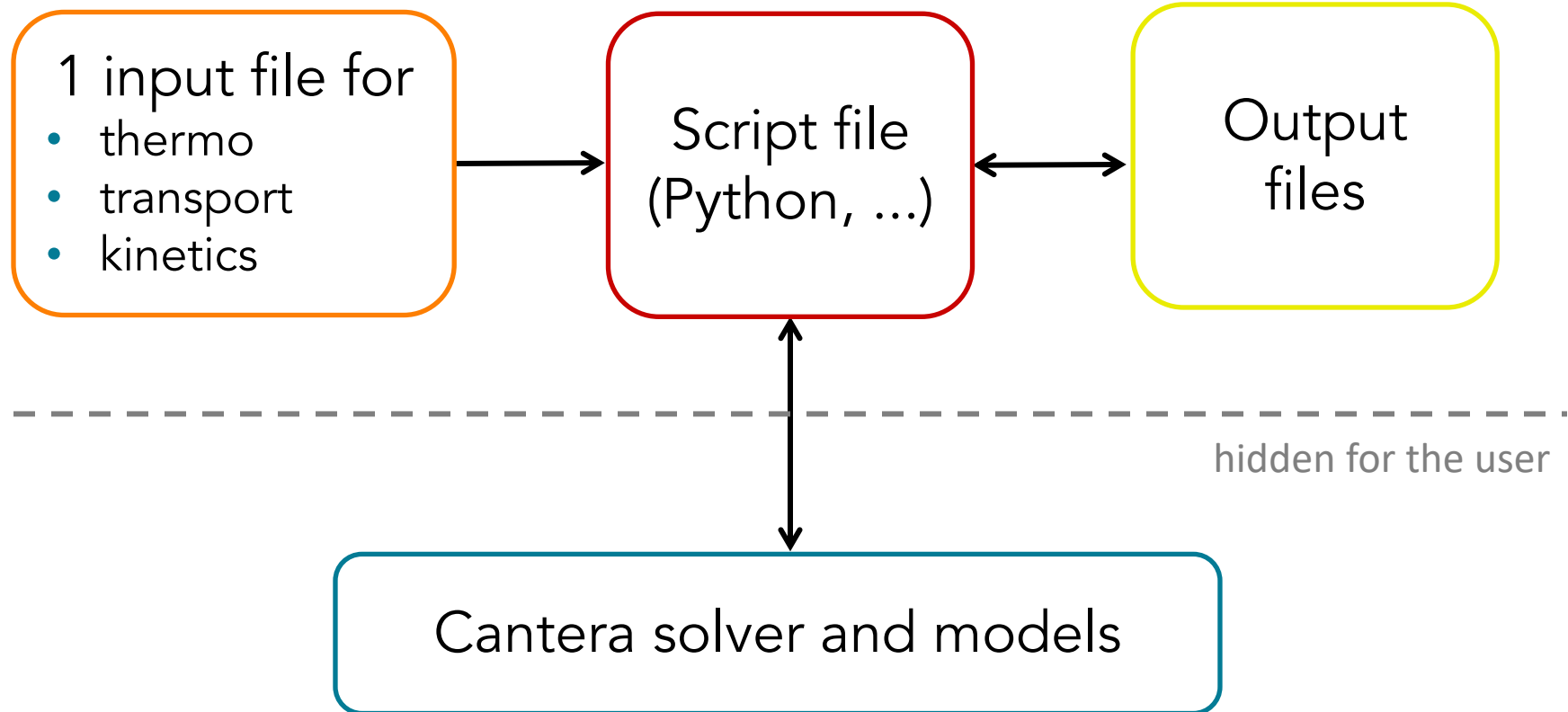
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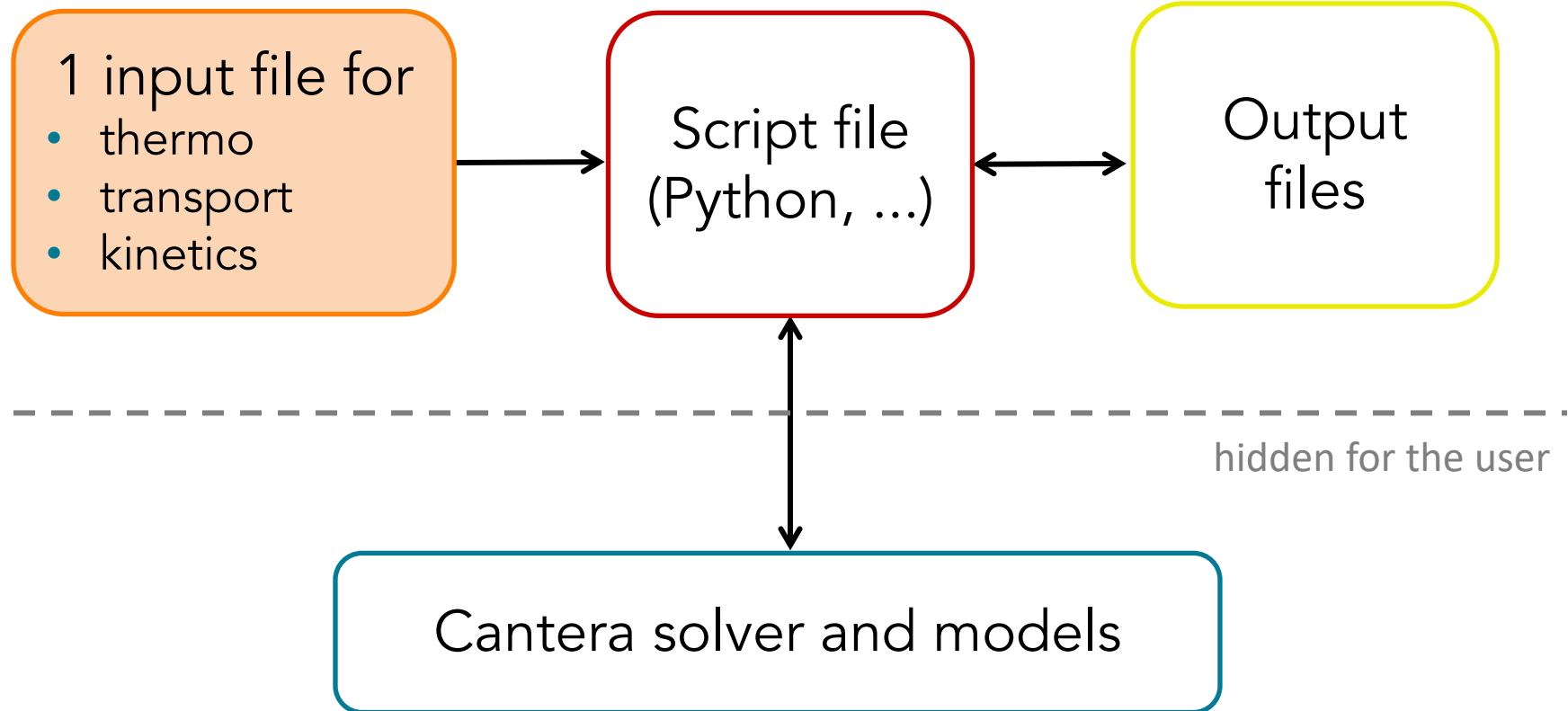
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Cantera Input file

- ◆ Cantera can read different input files format:
 - cti, default format for version 2.3.0
 - yaml, new default format as of version 2.6.0 !!

- ◆ The input file contains information about:
 - Phases and interfaces (species, thermo and transport models, ...)
 - Elements and species data
 - Reactions data (expression, rate coefficients, pressure dependence, ...)

Cantera Input file

```
#  
# Generated from file MecaUCSDsandiego.mec  
# by ck2cti on Wed Jul 29 17:08:40 2009  
#  
# Transport data from file transUCSD.inp.
```

```
units(length = "cm", time = "s", quantity = "mol", act_energy = "cal/mol")
```

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ideal_gas(name = "gas",  
  elements = " N Ar He H O C ",  
  species = "" N2 AR HE H O2 OH O H2 H2O H2O2  
             H2O2 CO CO2 HCO CH2O CH4 CH3 T-CH2 S-CH2 C2H4  
             CH3O C2H5 C2H6 CH C2H2 C2H3 CH2CHO C2H4O CH2CO HCCO  
             C2H CH2OH CH3OH C3H4 C3H3 C3H5 C3H6 C3H8 I-C3H7 N-C3H7  
             """,  
  reactions = "all",  
  transport = "Mix",  
  initial_state = state(temperature = 300.0,  
                        pressure = OneAtm) )
```

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#-----  
# Species data  
#-----  
  
species(name = "N2",  
  atoms = " N:2 ",  
  thermo = (  
    NASA( [ 300.00, 1000.00], [ 3.298677000E+00, 1.408240400E-03,  
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  ),  
  transport = gas_transport(  
    geom = "linear",  
    diam = 3.62,  
    well_depth = 97.53,  
    polar = 1.76,  
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Units

Phase data

Species N₂ data

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There can be other definitions but this one is the most popular.

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Cantera link : <https://cantera.org/science/science-species.html>



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#-----  
  
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Why do we need that information ? Remember...

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial \rho Y_k}{\partial t}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho(u + V_k) Y_k) = \dot{\omega}_k \Rightarrow \text{The chemistry is hidden ;)}$$

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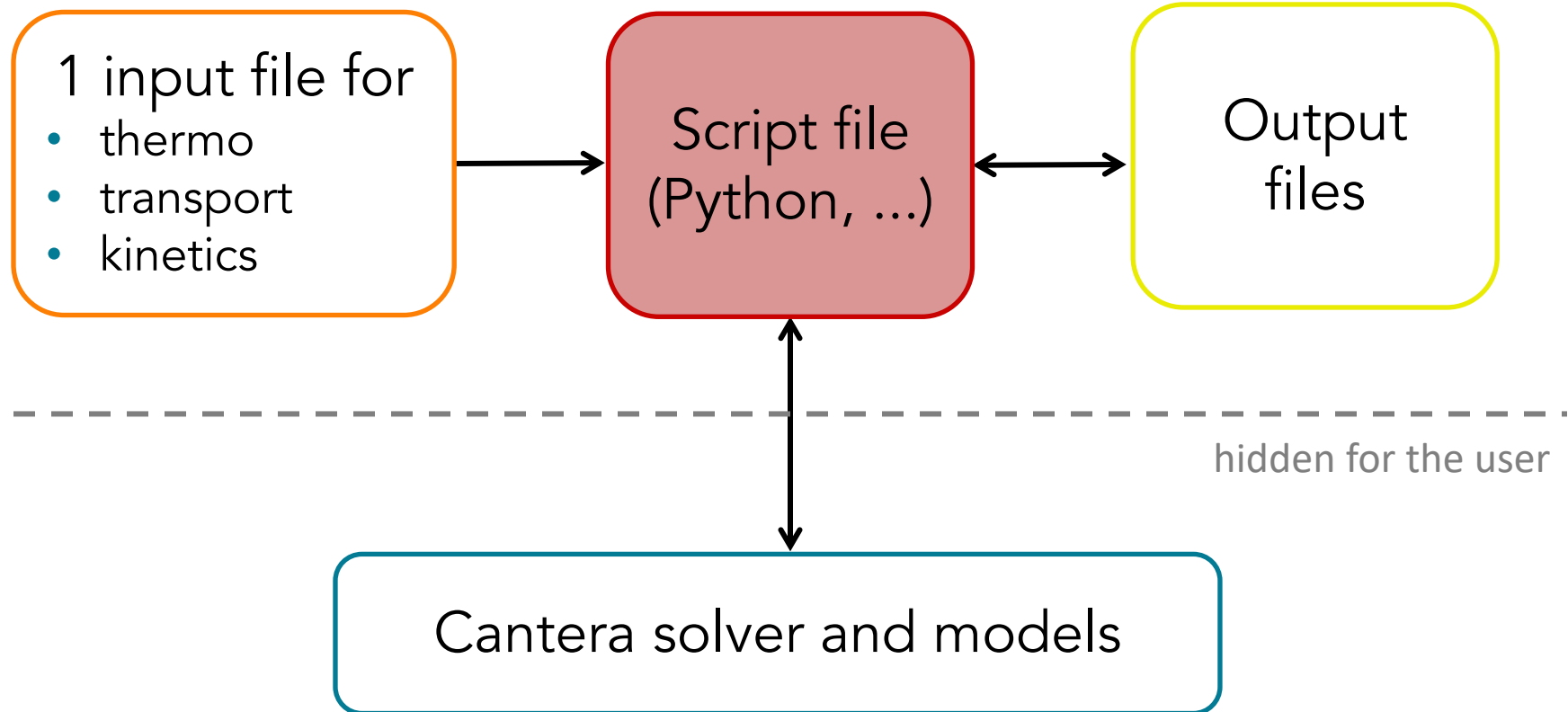
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$$\text{with} \quad k_{f,i} = A_{f,i} T^{\beta_j} \exp\left(-\frac{E_j}{RT}\right)$$

How do I use Cantera ?



Cantera calculations follow then the following structure:





AND NOW IT'S TUTO TIME !!!!



Practical use : Helpful links

- **Github**

<https://github.com/Cantera/cantera>

- **Google Groups page for Cantera**

<http://groups.google.com/group/cantera-users>

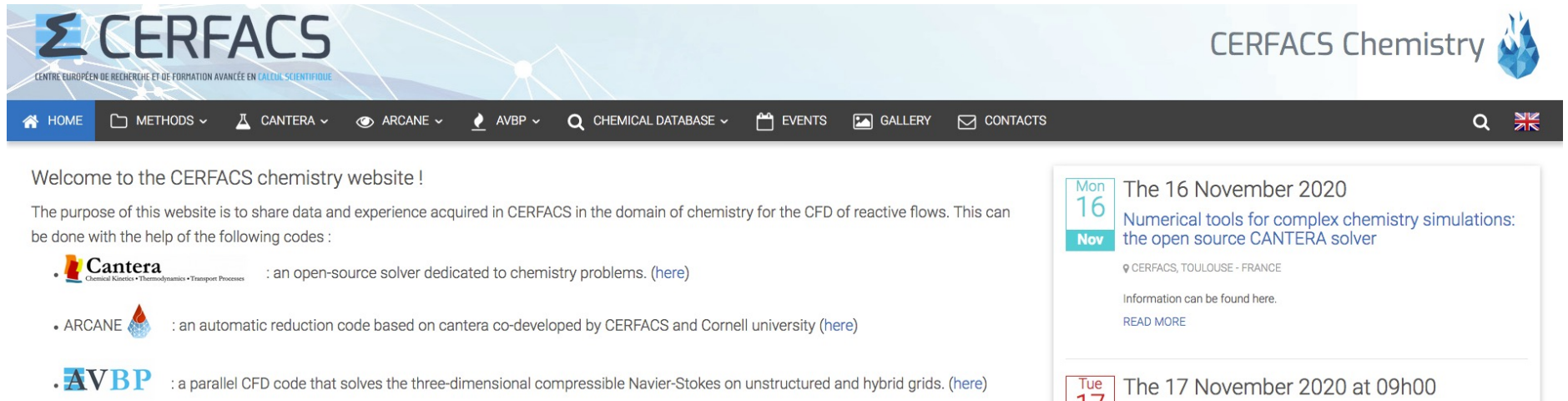
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<http://sourceforge.net/projects/cantera/files/>

To download all Cantera versions, source code or (Windows) binaries and find more documentation.

Practical use : Helpful links

CERFACS CANTERA website : <https://chemistry.cerfacs.fr>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the CERFACS Chemistry website. The header features the CERFACS logo (a stylized Greek letter sigma) and the text "CENTRE EUROPÉEN DE RECHERCHE ET DE FORMATION AVANCÉE EN CALCUL SCIENTIFIQUE". To the right, it says "CERFACS Chemistry" with a flame icon. A navigation bar includes links for HOME, METHODS, CANTERA, ARCANE, AVBP, CHEMICAL DATABASE, EVENTS, GALLERY, and CONTACTS. The main content area starts with a welcome message: "Welcome to the CERFACS chemistry website !". Below this, a paragraph explains the website's purpose: "The purpose of this website is to share data and experience acquired in CERFACS in the domain of chemistry for the CFD of reactive flows. This can be done with the help of the following codes :". Three items are listed: Cantera (an open-source solver), ARCANE (an automatic reduction code), and AVBP (a parallel CFD code). On the right, there is a calendar-style event listing for November 2020, showing a post for Monday, 16th: "The 16 November 2020 Numerical tools for complex chemistry simulations: the open source CANTERA solver".

CERFACS knowledge and experience in chemistry for CFD in one website !!!

- **Chemical database** : Detailed, reduced and global kinetics mechanisms
- **Cantera** : CERFACS' version with installation walkthrough, scripts and tutorials
- **Private documentation** : ARCANE, AVBP
- **Events** : such as this training
- **CFD gallery** : nice pictures with great chemistry



Appendix

1. Parameters for the Newton solver



Parameters for the Newton solver

- Allowed error tolerances for convergence (relative and absolute):

```
f.flame.set_steady_tolerances(default=[1.0E-5, 1.0E-9])      #[rtol atol] for steady-state problem  
f.flame.set_transient_tolerances(default=[1.0E-5, 1.0E-9])  #[rtol atol] for time stepping method
```

- Number of times the Jacobian is used before its re-evaluation:

```
f.set_max_jac_age(50, 50)
```

- Time-stepping for the internal time integration:

```
f.set_time_step(1.0E-5, [2, 5, 10, 20, 80]) # Try 2 steps of 1.0E-5 seconds, then if it fails try 5 steps, ...
```

- Grid refinement:

```
f.set_refine_criteria(ratio = 10.0, slope = 1, curve = 1, prune = 0.05)
```

Old appendix





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CHEMKIN KEYWORD INPUT

/ flame configuration, burner stabilized with specified temperature

BURN

TGIV

3 inputs / in the event of a Newton failure, take 100 timesteps of 1.E-6

« Inter TIME 100 1.00E-6

/ begin on a uniform mesh of 6 points

NPTS 6

A d / definition of the computational interval

toward XEND 10.0

XCEN 5.0

WMIX 10.0

/ pressure and inlet mass flow rate

Outp PRES 0.0329 (atmospheres)

FLRT 4.63E-3 (g/cm**2-sec)

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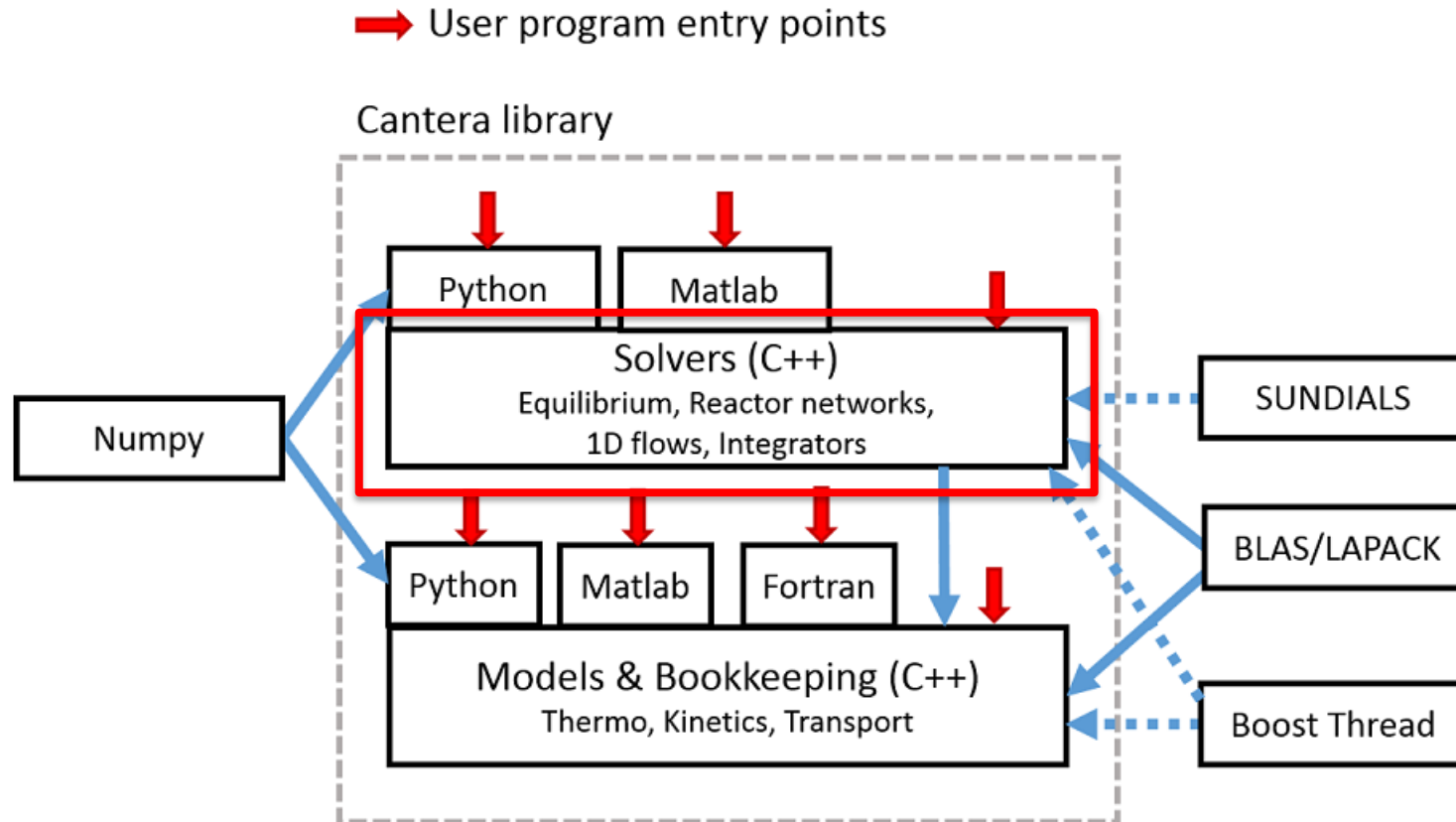
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FORTRAN	
3 input files	""" Burner Stabilized flame '.py' script. """
« Interpreter binary	initial_grid = [0.0, 0.0025, 0.005, 0.0075, 0.0099, 0.01]
A driver towards simulation	OBJECTS f = ct.BurnerFlame(gas, initial_grid) f.burner.T = 400 f.burner.X = reactants
Outputs with	f.burner.mdot = 0.04 FUNCTIONS
	FORTRAN)



2. Detailed structure of Cantera

Structure of CANTERA





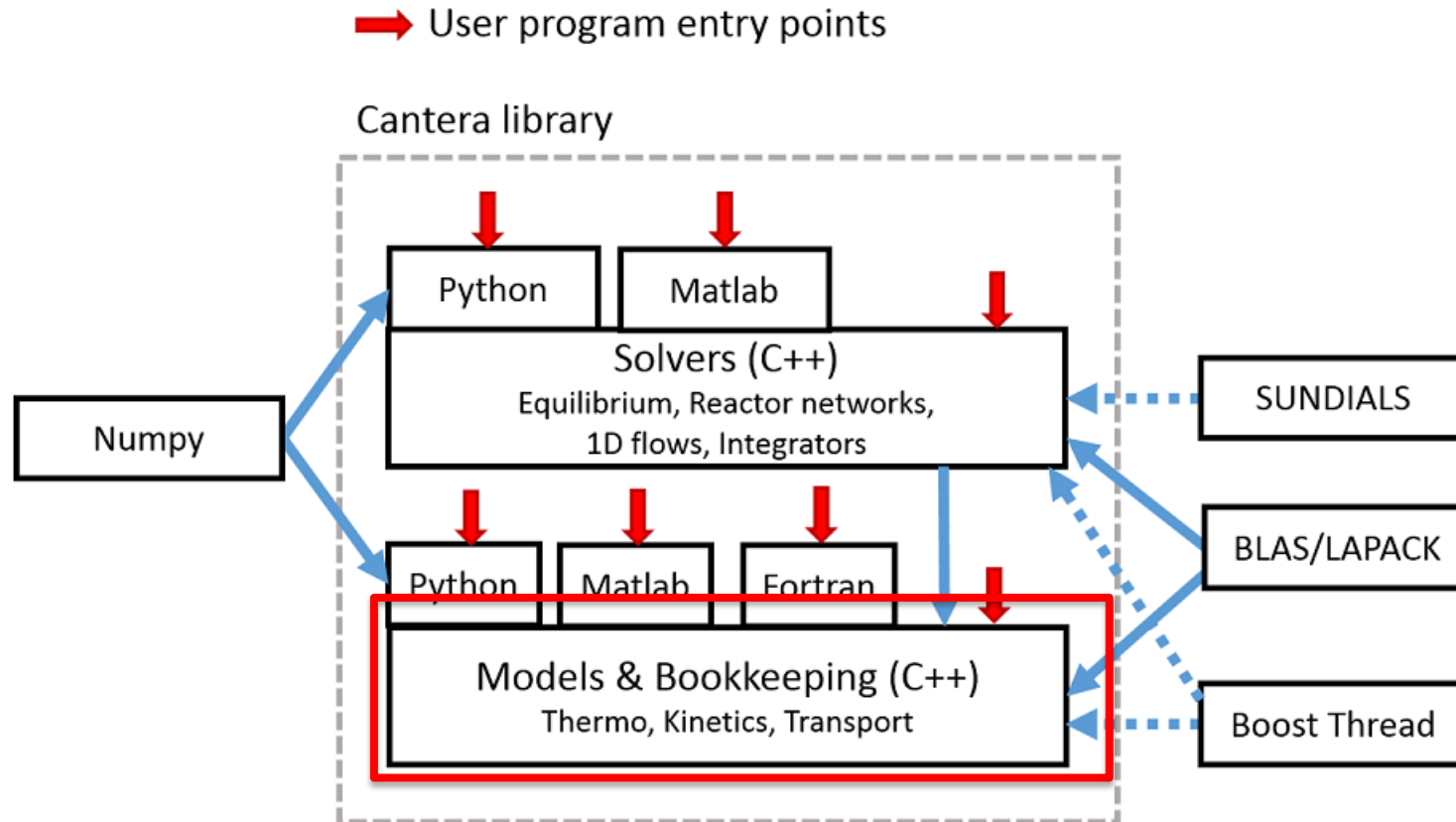
Structure of CANTERA

The « Solver » layer

Usually hidden from the user, and **borrowed from famous « free » libraries (LAPACK, BLAS, ...)** to perform

- ◆ Equilibrium calculations
- ◆ Reactor equations integration
- ◆ 1D calculations
- ◆ ...

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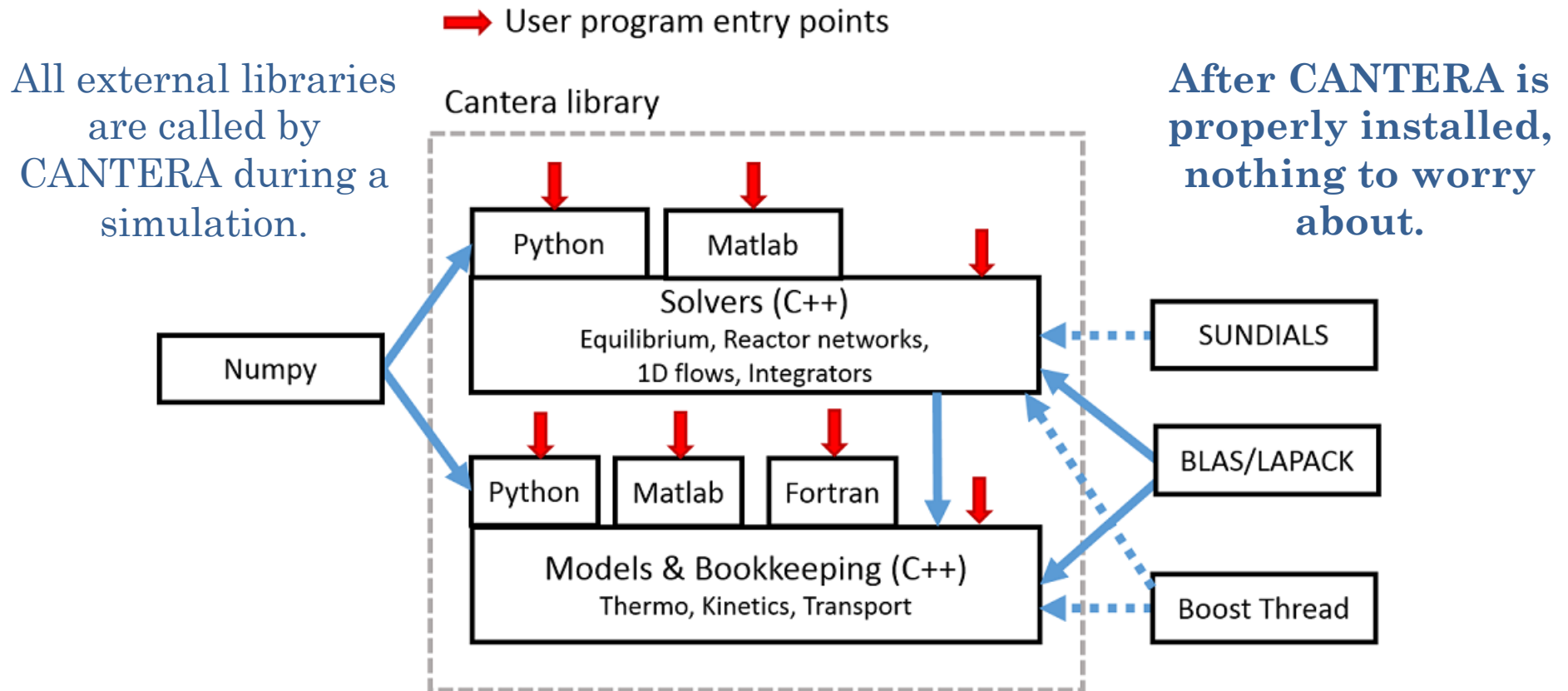
The « Bookkeeping » layer

As we have just seen, it is the python script entry.
This layer contains all the methods that will

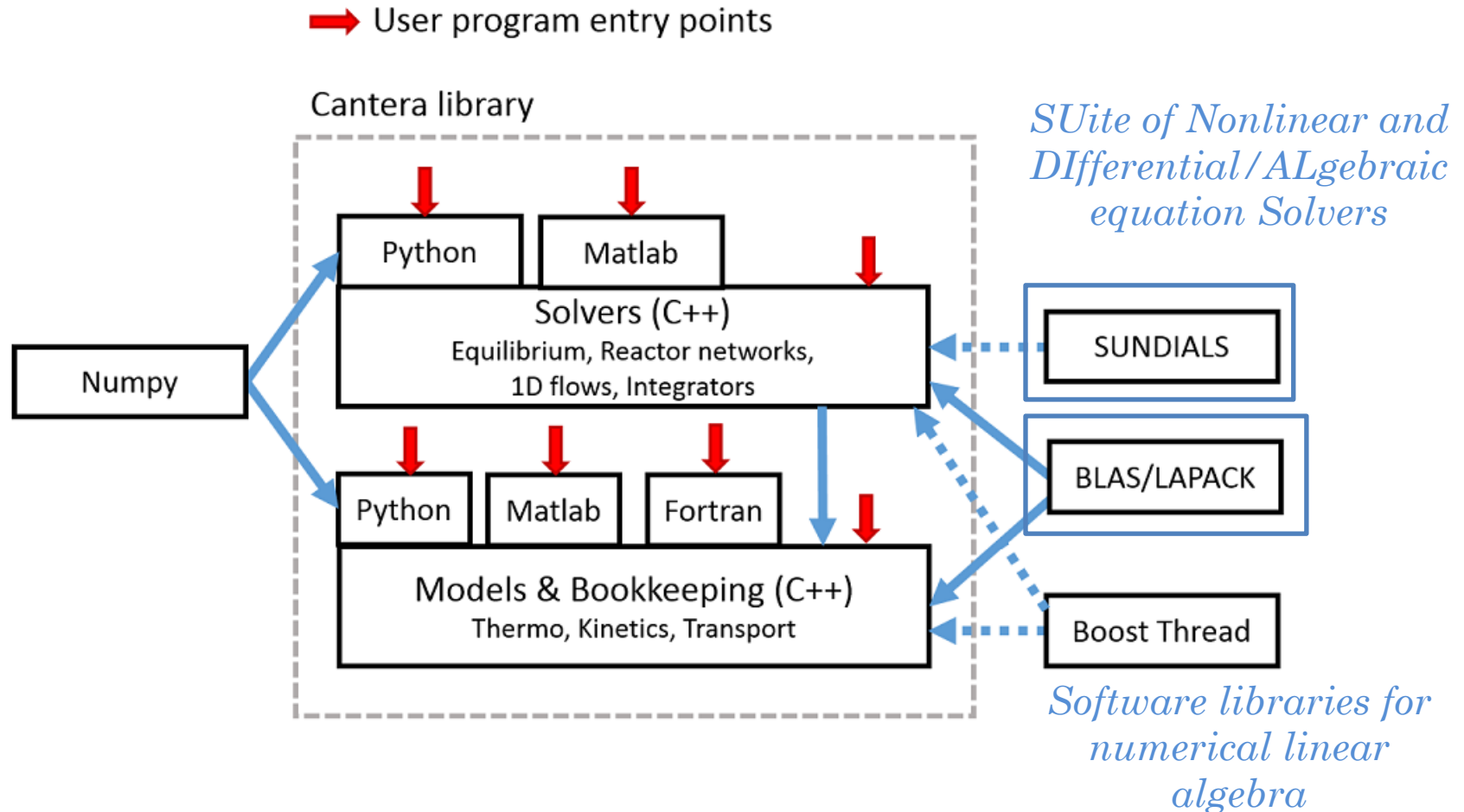
- ◆ **Initialize objects** defined in the script
 - If a phase object is defined, it will *calculate and set its thermodynamic state* and implement *their transport models* (example 1).
 - Set the *inlet conditions* of a “FreeFlame” object (example 2).
- ◆ **Link all objects** together
 - *Link two reactors* through a wall (example).
- ◆ **Organize the simulation**
 - Call the required solvers (so, the “solvers” layer)
 - Extract required output data

Structure of CANTERA

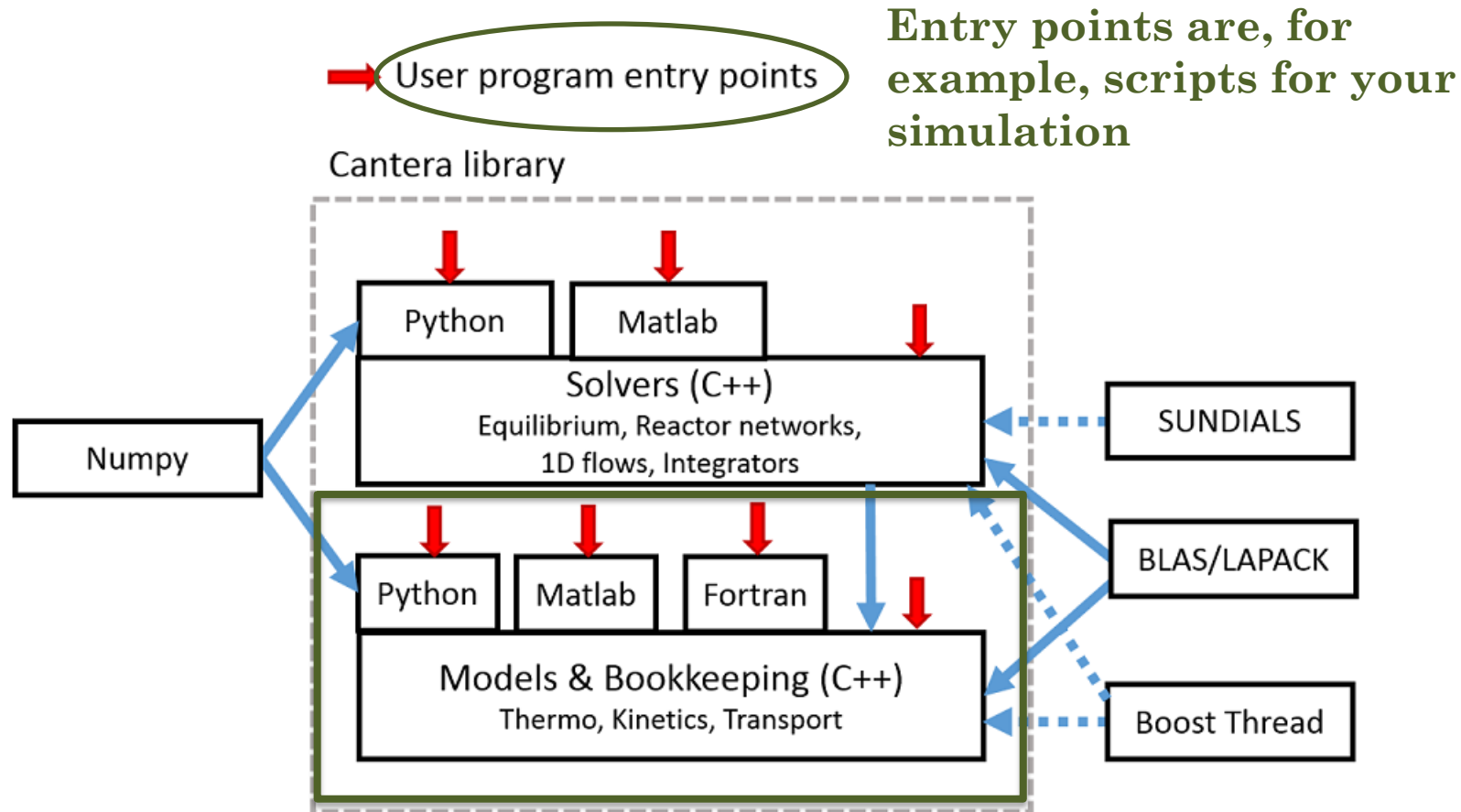
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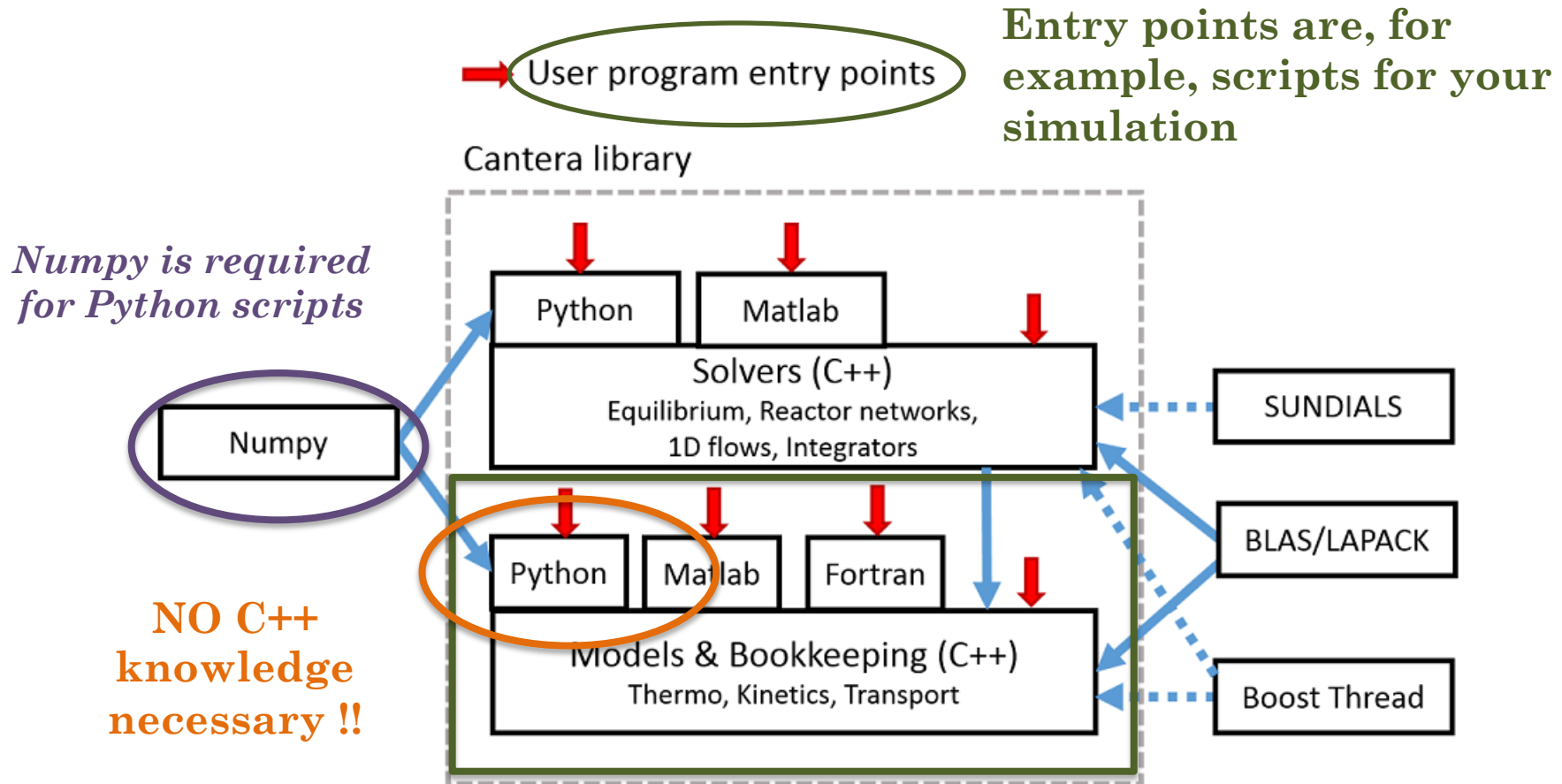
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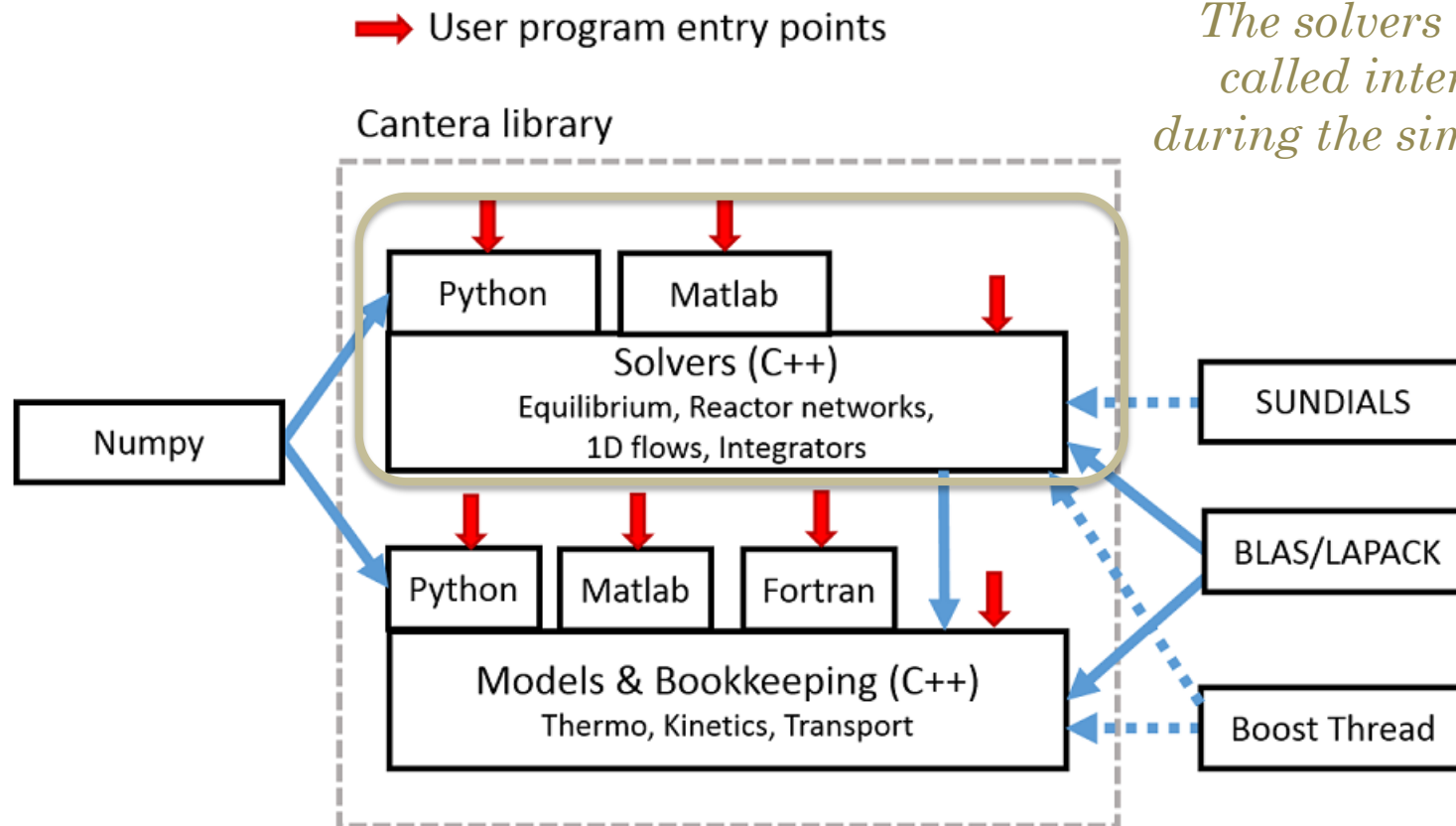
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The solvers will be called internally during the simulation.



3. Gibbs function

Example with the Gibbs function

“The equilibrium state is that corresponding to a minimum of a property called the energy function under specified conditions”

Use the Gibbs energy function G : $G = G(T, P, N_k)$

So that, when **P** and **T** are constant:

At
equilibrium,
we want to
minimize G

$$dG = \sum_{k=1}^K \mu_k dN_k$$

with $\mu_k = \frac{\partial U}{\partial N_k}$

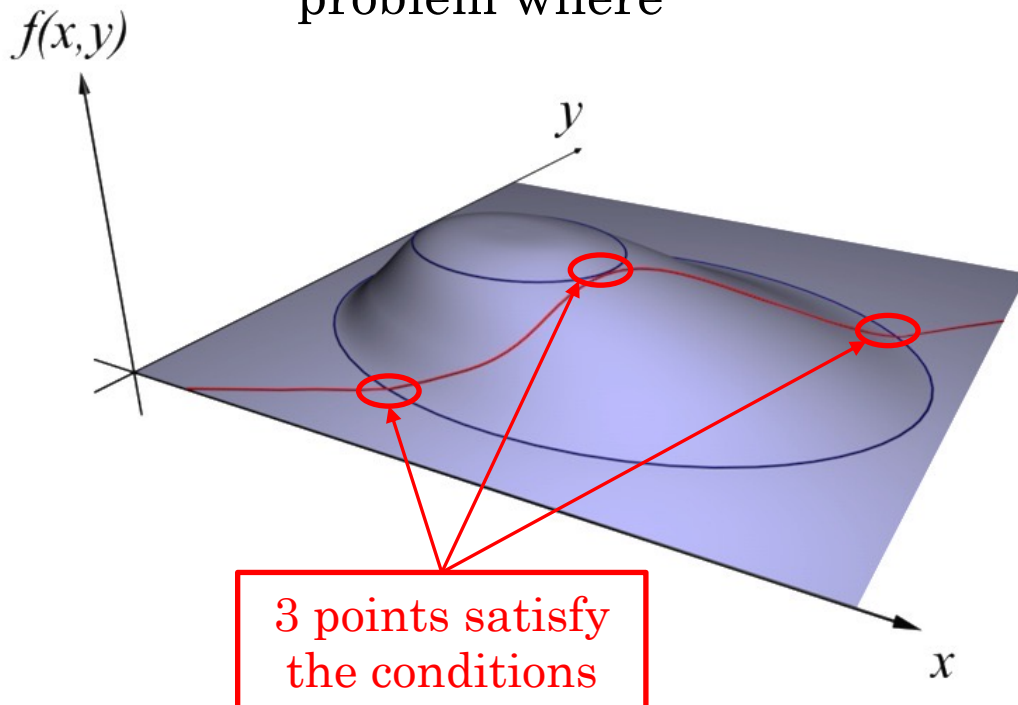
$$p_l = \sum_{k=1}^K n_{kl} N_k$$

With the constraint that the number of moles p_l of every element l (N, O, H, ...) is conserved:

Example with the Gibbs function

The non-stoichiometric method

This becomes an optimisation problem where



$$dG = \sum_{k=1}^K \mu_k dN_k = 0$$

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Illustration in 2D

- Find an extremum of the function $G(x,y)$, represented by the blue lines
- that satisfies the condition $p_l^*(x,y)=\text{smthg}$ represented by the red line



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Which is solved by **introducing Lagrange multipliers** λ_l such that

And the problem can be posed as a solution of a set of **(K + 1) nonlinear equations**

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$$G^* = G + \sum_{l=1}^L \lambda_l p_l^*$$

$$\frac{\partial G^*}{\partial N_k} = \mu_k - \sum_{l=1}^L \lambda_l n_{kl} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial G^*}{\partial \lambda_l} = p_l^* = 0$$

The non-stoichiometric method

Once the λ_l are determined, since **T & P are constant**, the mole fractions are automatically deduced.

$$\mu_k = \sum_{l=1}^L \lambda_l n_{kl} \Rightarrow X_k = \frac{P_o}{P} \exp\left(-\frac{g_k^0(T)}{RT} + \sum_{l=1}^L n_{kl} \frac{\lambda_l}{RT}\right)$$

- **General procedure** (*Note: no need to provide reactions information !*):
 - The g_k^0 are tabulated.
 - The user provides a guess for enough (L) X_k - with the knowledge that $\sum_{k=1}^K X_k = 1$
 - The λ_l can then be deduced from the previous K equations.
 - The unknown X_k are calculated with those estimated λ_l and $\sum_{k=1}^K X_k$ is evaluated.
 - If $\sum_{k=1}^K X_k$ is « too far » from 1, a new guess for the X_k is provided and the procedure reiterates with well chosen LX_k



4. Keywords in the cti format



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A **directive** will tell the code how the entry parameters are to be interpreted.

For example, the 'units' directive

```
units(length = "cm", time = "s", quantity = "mol", act_energy = "cal/mol")
```



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An entry defines an object.

For example, a falloff reaction

```
# Reaction 174
falloff_reaction( "H + C3H6 (+ M) <=> N-C3H7 (+ M)",
kf = [1.33000E+13, 0, 3260.04],
kf0 = [6.26000E+38, -6.66, 7000.48],
falloff = Troe(A = 1, T3 = 1000, T1 = 1310, T2 = 48100),
efficiencies = " AR:0.7 C2H6:3 CH4:2 CO:1.5 CO2:2 H2:2 H2O:6 ")
```