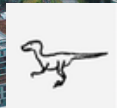


RAPTOR tutorial

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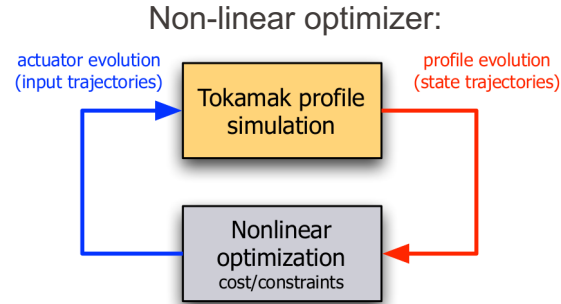


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- Part I - This talk
 - Introduction to RAPTOR
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 - How to get started
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- Part II - Try it for yourself
 - Work through the RAPTOR tutorials to familiarize yourself with options
 - Exercise

Basics of RAPTOR

- **RA**pid **P**lasma **T**ransport simulat**OR** [[Felici NF2011](#), [Felici NF2018](#)]
 - Fast transport code for time evolution of **1D tokamak plasma profiles**
 - Designed for ***real-time*** and ***control-oriented*** use
- Initial conception:
 - Solve coupled, non-linear, 1D diffusion PDEs for poloidal flux ψ and T_e (*now additionally: T_i and n_e*)
 - Fixed MHD equilibrium, parametrized actuators and transport
- Numerics
 - Using cubic splines, boundary condition at any radius
 - Implicit numerical solver
 - Analytic Jacobians w.r.t. state and inputs and local linearization
 - Embedded in non-linear optimizer, w. analytic gradients
- Modular
 - Feedback controllers can be used for any actuator
 - Easy to add more physics or more functionality
- Language/versioning
 - Matlab (Simulink for real-time C code generation)
 - git for code version control (<https://gitlab.epfl.ch/spc/raptor>)



- A hierarchy of models to evaluate turbulent transport:
 - Simple formula with tuning parameters [[Felici PPCF 2012](#)] and Bohm-gyroBohm model [[Erba NF 1998](#)]
 - **Scaling-law-driven gradient-based model** exploiting core profile stiffness [[Teplukhina PPCF 2017](#)]
 - **Surrogate neural network** of quasi-linear gyro-kinetic code QuaLiKiz [[van de Plassche PoP 2020](#)]
- PDEs for T_i and n_e have been added [[Felici NF 2018](#)]
- **Time-varying equilibrium** for transient phases: allows to *model impact of changing geometry during I_p ramps* [[Teplukhina PPCF 2017](#)]
- **Stationary state solver**, allowing to *optimize flat-top operating point* [[Van Mulders NF 2021](#)]
- *On-line interpretative applications*
 - Real-time state estimation [[Piron FED2021](#)] and kinetic equilibrium reconstruction [[Carpanese NF2020](#)]
 - Model predictive control [[Maljaars NF 2017](#)]
- *Off-line predictive applications*
 - Non-linear scenario optimization [[Felici PPCF 2012](#), [van Dongen PPCF 2014](#), [Teplukhina PPCF 2017](#), [Van Mulders NF 2021](#), Mitchell subm. FED2023]
 - Full-discharge modeling [[Teplukhina PPCF 2017](#)],
 - including **1st principles transport** [[Felici NF 2018](#)] and **impurity radiation** [[Maget PPCF 2022](#), [Ostuni NF 2022](#)]
- Outlook: uncertainty quantification, compatibility with IDS/IMAS, real-time q profile control, couple to fast NBI and ECH/ECCD models, impurity transport ...

Equations solved by RAPTOR (1/4)

$$\sigma_{\parallel} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \Big|_{\hat{\rho}} - \frac{\hat{\rho} \dot{\Phi}_b}{2\Phi_b} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \hat{\rho}} \right) = \frac{F^2}{16\pi^2 \mu_0 \Phi_b^2 \hat{\rho}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\rho}} \left[\frac{g_2 g_3}{\hat{\rho}} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \hat{\rho}} \right] - \frac{B_0}{2\Phi_b \hat{\rho}} V'_{\hat{\rho}} j_{ni}$$

- Flux-surface-averaged diffusion of **poloidal flux**
 - Neoclassical conductivity, bootstrap current
 - Current drive sources as sums of gaussians or manual profiles
 - Neumann boundary condition through total I_p

Equations solved by RAPTOR (2/4)

$$\frac{3}{2}(V'_{\hat{\rho}})^{-5/3} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big|_{\hat{\rho}} - \frac{\dot{\Phi}_b}{2\Phi_b} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\rho}} \hat{\rho} \right) [(V'_{\hat{\rho}})^{5/3} n_e T_e] + \frac{1}{V'_{\hat{\rho}}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\rho}} \left(-\frac{g_1}{V'_{\hat{\rho}}} n_e \chi_e \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial \hat{\rho}} + \frac{5}{2} T_e \Gamma_e g_0 \right) = P_e$$

- Flux surface averaged **temperature** diffusion
 - Solve T_e (and optionally T_i), with boundary condition at arbitrary ρ
 - Heat sources as sums of gaussians or manually prescribed
 - Simple analytical models for heat sources and sinks
 - [ADAS cooling factor data](#) for impurity radiation
 - Ad-hoc model for thermal diffusivity with various transport models (previous slide)

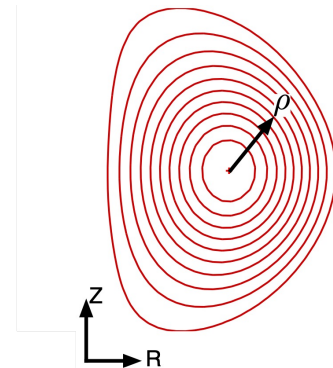
Equations solved by RAPTOR (3/4)

$$\frac{1}{V'_{\hat{\rho}}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big|_{\hat{\rho}} - \frac{\dot{\Phi}_b}{2\Phi_b} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\rho}} \hat{\rho} \right) [(V'_{\hat{\rho}}) n_s] + \frac{1}{V'_{\hat{\rho}}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\rho}} \left(-\frac{g_1}{V'_{\hat{\rho}}} D_s \frac{\partial n_s}{\partial \hat{\rho}} + g_0 V_s n_s \right) = S_s$$

- Flux surface averaged **particle** diffusion
 - For choice of species, electrons, ions, up to 3 impurities, with boundary condition at arbitrary ρ
 - Non-simulated species can be set as fractions of other species, directly prescribed, or constrained by Z_{eff} and quasi-neutrality
 - *e.g. set trace W to match experimental radiated power*

Equations solved by RAPTOR (4/4)

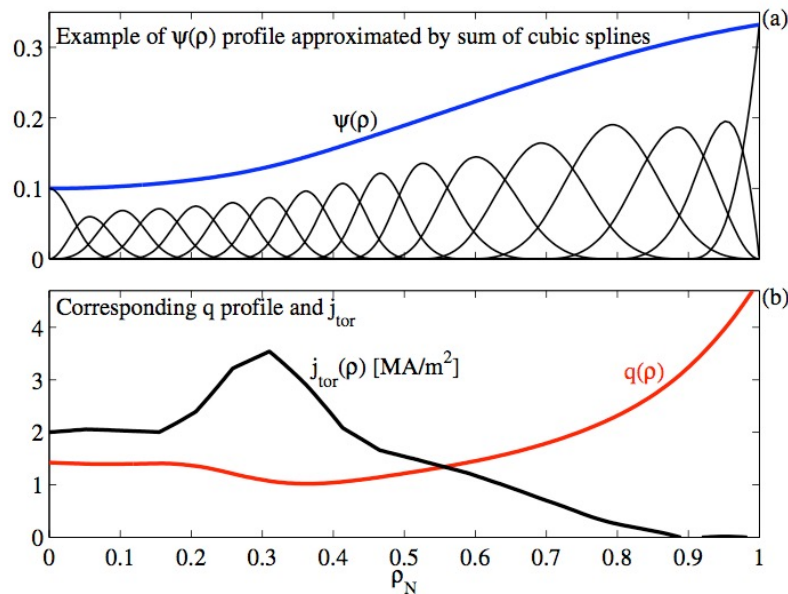
- Magnetic equilibrium terms ($V', g_0, g_1, g_2, g_3, \Phi_b$)
 - No coupling to Grad-Shafranov solver
 - Time-dependent sequence can be interfaced
 - Post-processed to correct format from CHEASE output files
- Other physics (optional)
 - H-mode pedestal, e.g. setting BC at $\rho=0.8$ with scaling law
 - MHD: Sawteeth and NTM module



Some background: spatial discretization of profiles

$$\psi(\rho, t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{sp}} \Lambda_{\alpha}(\rho) \hat{\psi}_{\alpha}(t) \quad \text{and} \quad T_e(\rho, t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{sp}} \Lambda_{\alpha}(\rho) \hat{T}_{e\alpha}(t)$$

- Express profile as sum of *spline basis functions* (finite element method)
- Note: time and space dependent factor



From Continuous time PDE to Discrete-time matrix ODE

- Introducing the spline representation of $y(\rho, t)$ (e.g. ψ):

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{sp}} m \frac{d\hat{y}_{\alpha}(t)}{dt} \Lambda_{\alpha}(\rho) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{sp}} \hat{y}_{\alpha}(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left[g \frac{\partial \Lambda_{\alpha}(\rho)}{\partial \rho} \right] + k j,$$

- Projecting onto the spline basis functions and integrating by parts, a set of ODEs for the time evolution of the spline coefficients is obtained:

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{sp}} \frac{d\hat{y}_{\alpha}(t)}{dt} \underbrace{\int_0^{\rho_e} m \Lambda_{\beta} \Lambda_{\alpha} d\rho}_{M_{\beta\alpha}(t)} = - \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{sp}} \hat{y}_{\alpha}(t) \underbrace{\left[\int_0^{\rho_e} g \frac{\partial \Lambda_{\beta}}{\partial \rho} \frac{\partial \Lambda_{\alpha}}{\partial \rho} d\rho \right]}_{=D_{\beta\alpha}} + \underbrace{\left[g \Lambda_{\beta} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \rho} \right]_0^{\rho_e}}_{=l_{\beta}} + \underbrace{\left[\int_0^{\rho_e} \Lambda_{\beta} k j d\rho \right]}_{=s_{\beta}}.$$



Matrix-vector ODE:

$$\mathbf{M} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{dt} = -\mathbf{D}\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{l} + \mathbf{s},$$

NB: $\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{s}$ depend non-linearly on $(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u})$

- For the various eq. and compacting into non-linear state evolution equation:

$$f(\dot{x}(t), x(t), u(t)) = 0 \quad \forall t$$

Implicit time stepping

$$f(\dot{x}(t), x(t), u(t)) = 0 \quad \forall t$$

- Temporal discretization (*usually $\theta=1$, fully implicit method*):

$$\dot{x}(t_k) = (x_{k+1} - x_k)/\Delta t, \quad x(t_k) = \theta x_{k+1} + (1 - \theta)x_k, \quad u(t_k) = u_k.$$

- Non-linear eq. at each time step:

$$\tilde{f}(x_{k+1}, x_k, u_k) = \tilde{f}_k = 0 \quad \forall k$$

- At each time step, given state x_k , inputs u_k at time step k ,

- Take steps in Newton descent direction d :

$$\mathcal{J}_{k+1}^k d = \tilde{f}_k,$$

- Need Jacobian, obtained from analytical expression for all the derivatives (copious application of chain rule):

$$\mathcal{J}_{k+1}^k = \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_k}{\partial x_{k+1}}$$

- Iterate until residual $f_k < \text{tolerance}$
- Go to next time step

- Store Jacobians at each time step

Parameter sensitivity of profile evolution

- Time evolution depends on model and input parameters
 - One example: a transport model parameter
 - Another example: a parameter defining the input trajectory
- Differentiating with respect to parameter p , we get the *sensitivity equation*

$$\tilde{f}(x_{k+1}, x_k, u_k) = \tilde{f}_k = 0 \quad \forall k$$

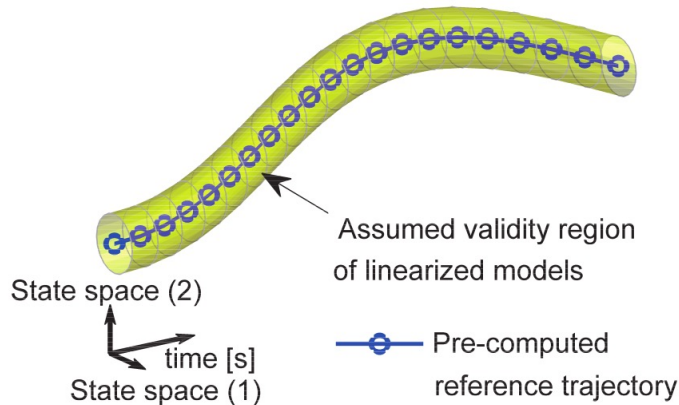
$$0 = \frac{d\tilde{f}_k}{dp} = \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_k}{\partial x_{k+1}} \frac{\partial x_{k+1}}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_k}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_k}{\partial u_k} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_k}{\partial p}$$

- Linear ODE for dx_k/dp , solve while evolving non-linear PDE:
Forward sensitivity analysis
- Jacobians df_k/dx_k , df_k/dx_{k+1} are known from Newton iterations
- Computational cost proportional to p

Local linearization and cost/constraint gradients

- dx_k/dp gives the **linearization** of the state trajectories in the parameter space

$$T_e(\rho, t)|_{p=p_0+\delta p} \approx T_e(\rho, t)_{p_0} + \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} \delta p$$



- With optimization variables p parametrizing an input trajectory, dx_k/dp enables evaluation of **analytical cost and constraint gradients**

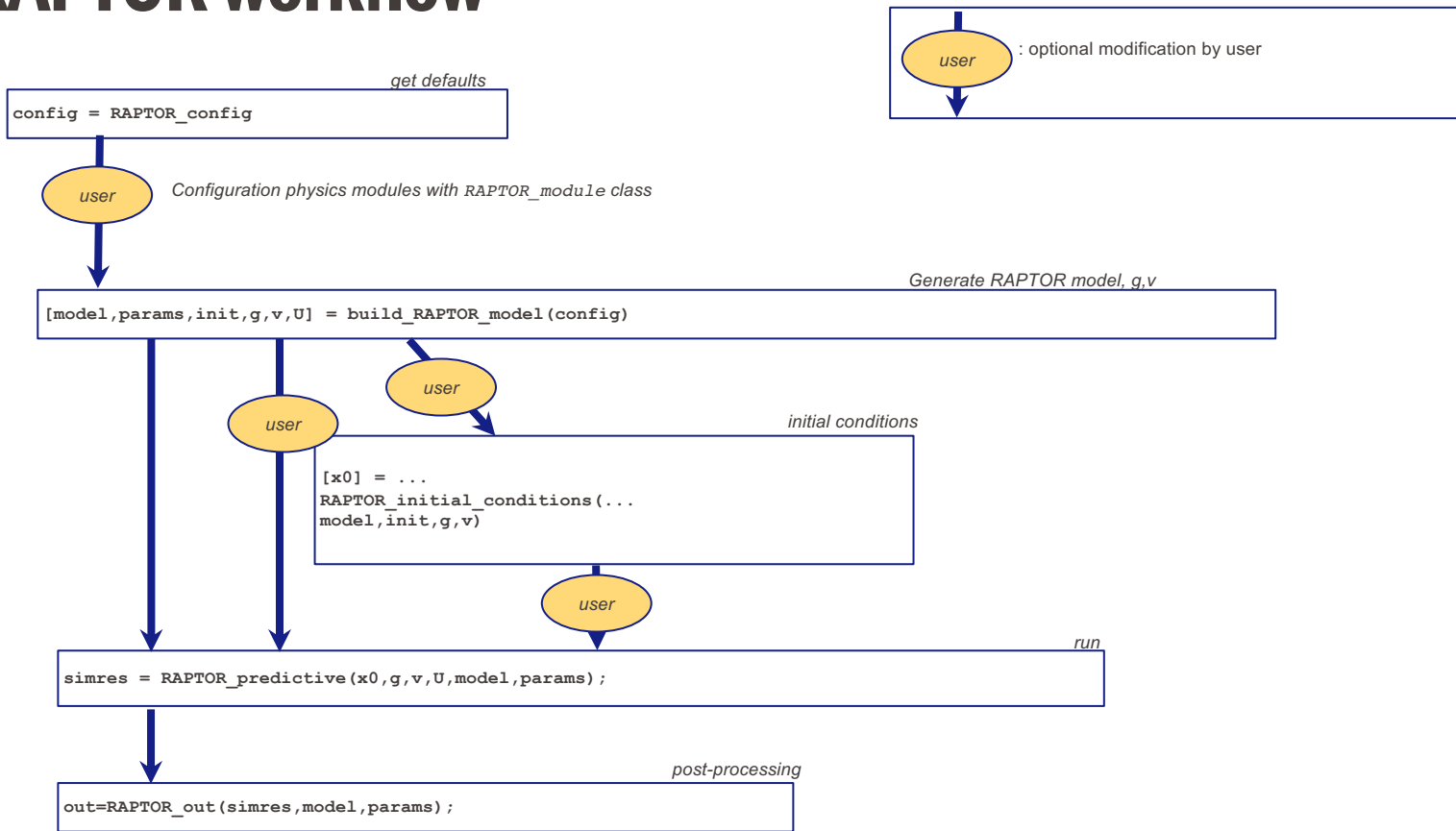
RAPTOR data objects: structures

- `config`: configuration for generating model and parameter structures
 - Specify which **equations** are solved for,
e.g. `config.ne.method = 'state';`
 - Specify equilibrium data
 - **Physics modules** specified through `RAPTOR_module` class
e.g. `config.echcd = RAPTORmodule('echcd_gaussian');`
or `config.chi_e = RAPTORmodule('chi_BgB');`
 - **Numerics** (radial and temporal grid, spline order, solver tolerances, etc.)
 - Environment (paths etc.), run-time plot and display options
- `model`: pre-calculated data (matrices etc.), should not be changed manually
 - Spline basis matrices, radial grid, physics module config
- `params`: contains all parameters that **can be tuned between runs**
 - Time grid
 - Parameters for transport models, other physics modules
 - Numerics / debugging flags
- `init`: parameters for generating initial state x_0

RAPTOR data objects: time-varying vectors

- x : state quantities which the code solves for
 - v : pre-known (time-varying) kinetic profile quantities
 - g : geometry-related quantities (calculated from equil config)
 - u : actuator inputs
- In terms of these objects, a time step in the code solves
- $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, g_k, v_k, u_k, model, params)$

RAPTOR workflow



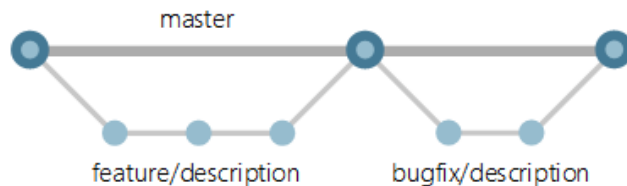
Directory structure

- RAPTOR/

- code: core code files
- tests: tests to check that code runs correctly
- demos: demonstration files and tutorials
- doc: documentation
- equilts: equilibrium files defining equilibrium profiles
- projects: projects that are built “on top of” RAPTOR
- optimization: tools for non-linear optimization
- data: store temporary data here (not versioned)
- personal: store personal scripts here (not versioned)
- license: license agreement
- RT: Real-time implementations (Simulink)

Version control - git

- Web-based interface for the code repository:
(<https://gitlab.epfl.ch/spc/raptor>)
- git: distributed version control system
- Protected branches: `development` and `master`
- Short-lived development branches per feature/bug, integrated to `master` via merge request
- Many tutorials exist for git



Where to get help

- Getting started: tutorials and demo files
 - in the /demos directory, execute `help demos` and do the tutorials
 - Run some standard scenarios in /demos/standard_scenarios
- Explanations on the meaning various parameters:
 - As comments next to default value definition
 - `RAPTOR_config` (for general parameters)
 - Inside the module to which the parameter applies (for the rest)
- Physics and numerics
 - [[Felici PPCF 2012](#), [Felici PhD thesis](#), [Felici NF 2018](#)]
- Equation details
 - RAPTOR equation document in /doc directory

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 F. Felici et al. Nuclear Fusion **51**(8), p.083052 (2011)
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