



# ROSMOSE: A Web-based Tool for Pinch Analysis and Utility Integration

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# ROSMOSE

## General information

- ROSMOSE:
  - Newly developed web-based tool using Pinch Analysis methods
  - User friendly interface to simplify utilization of OSMOSE framework
- OSMOSE:
  - Used for over two decades in research projects and teaching activities
  - Metaheuristic and deterministic approaches for combined heat and mass integration



# ROSMOSE

## General information

- Accessible through dynamic development environments



- Flexible in integrating various software and tools



- Many possible output formats for standard and interactive reports



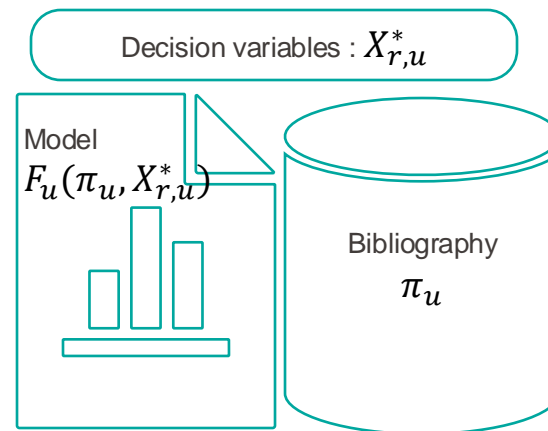
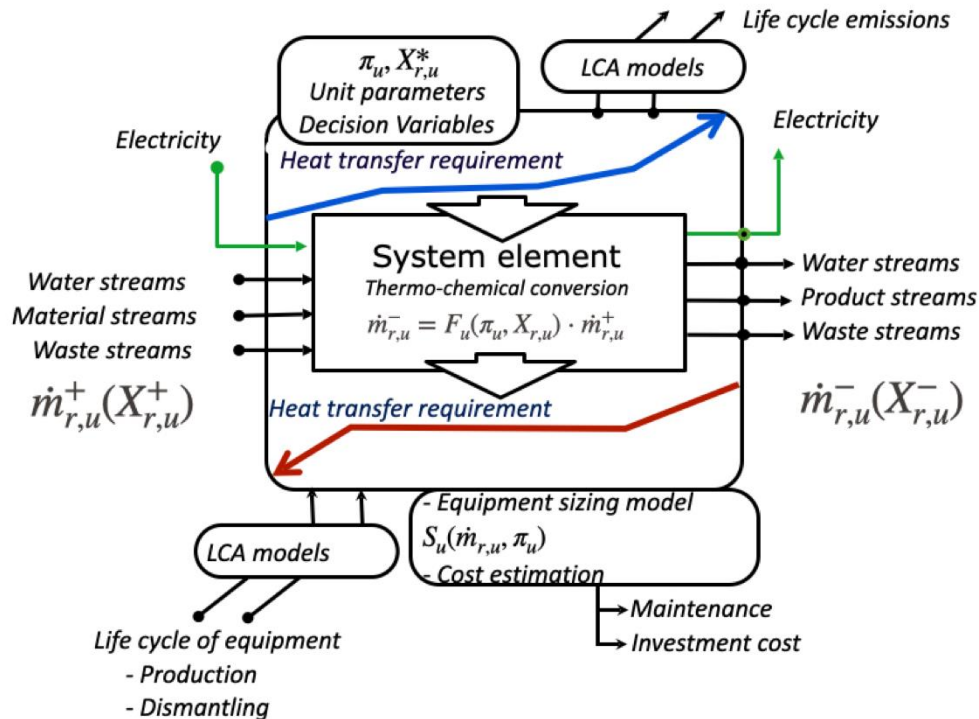
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# ROSMOSE

## Process integration/technology blueprints

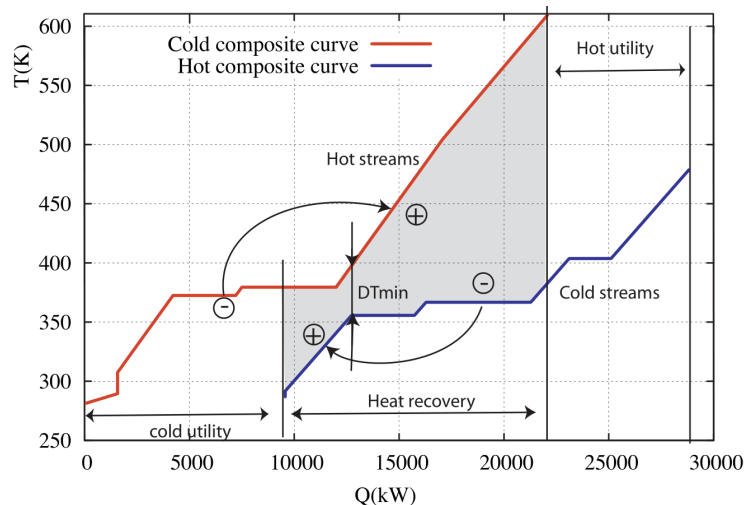


# ROSMOSE

## General information



- Allows users to:
  - Define systems and energy technologies
  - Call external software (e. g. Aspen Plus)
  - Perform pinch analysis calculations
  - Solve optimisation problems
  - Integrate utilities
  - Compare operational scenarios
  - Produce dynamic reports or presentations

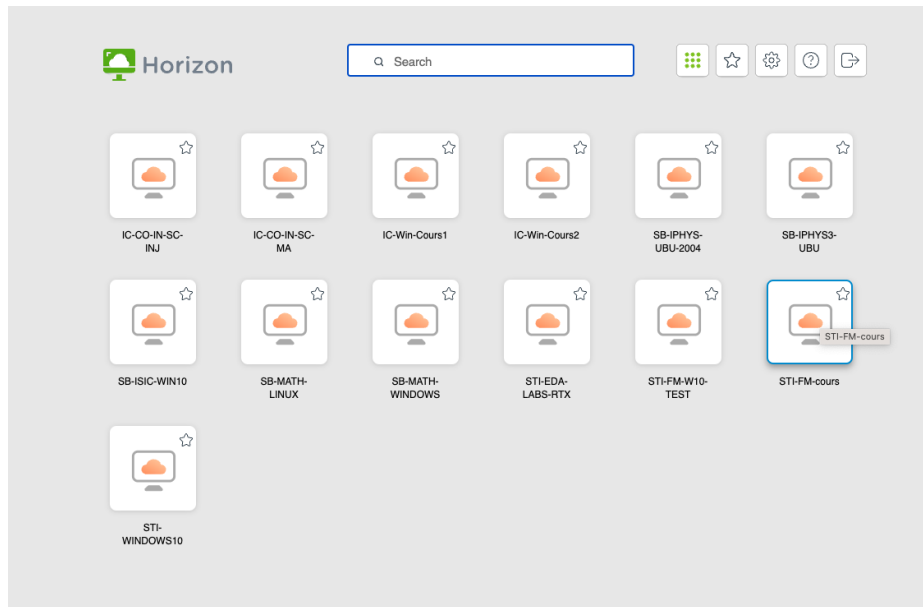


*Hot and cold composite curves of a process*

## O U T L I N E

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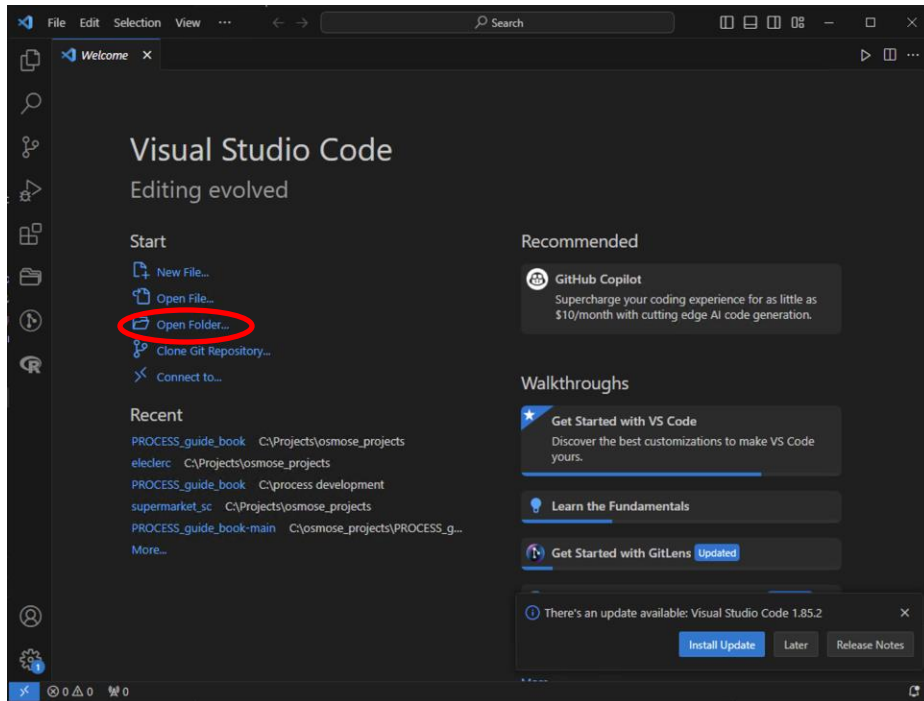
- Access your VM through <https://vdi.epfl.ch> --> STI-FM-course
- Download the heat integration project files from moodle → “PROCESS\_GUIDE\_BOOK.zip”
- Move the files to the VM desktop and extract



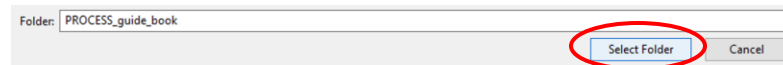


# Open the Project Files

- Open Visual Studio Code
- Open the file using “open folder”



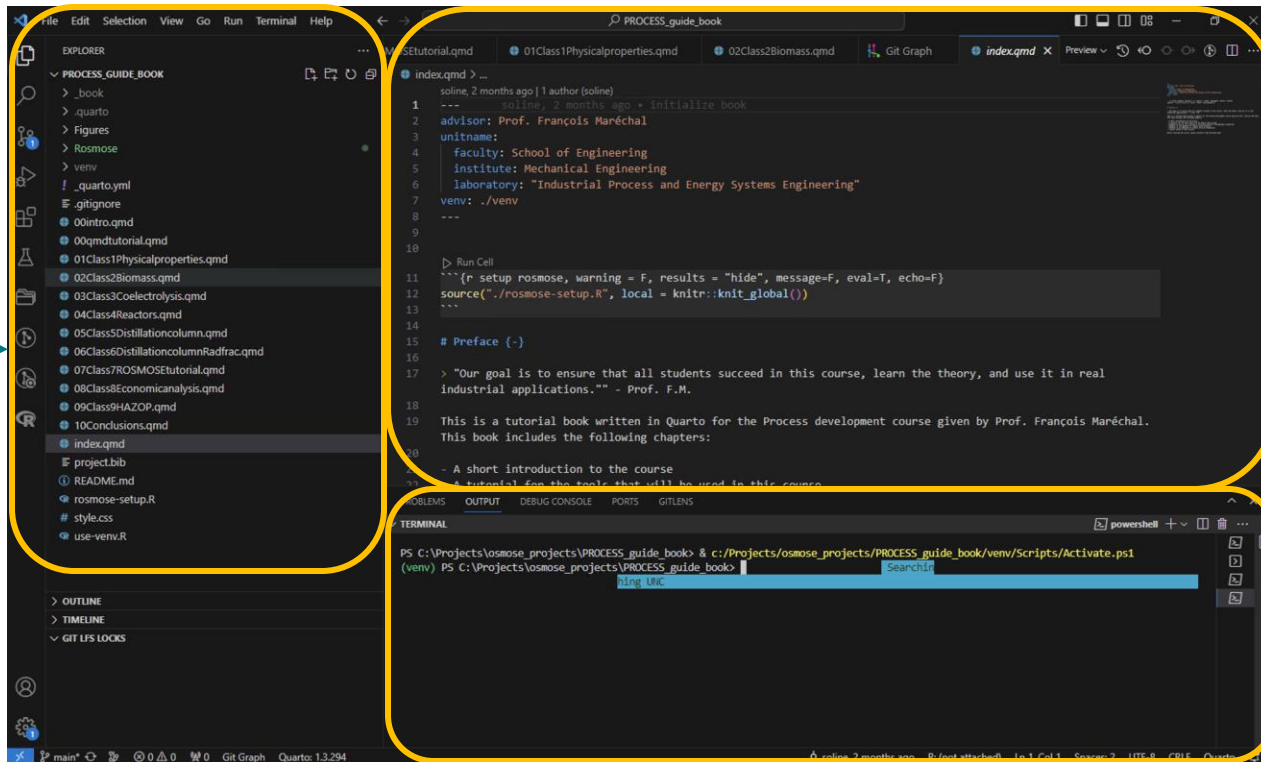
- Then “select folder”



The quarto book is now open in VSCode !



This is where  
are the files of  
your model,  
Aspen files,  
ROsmose files  
and results

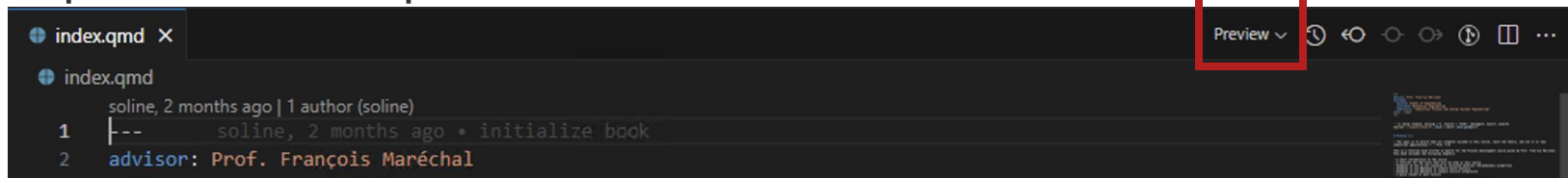


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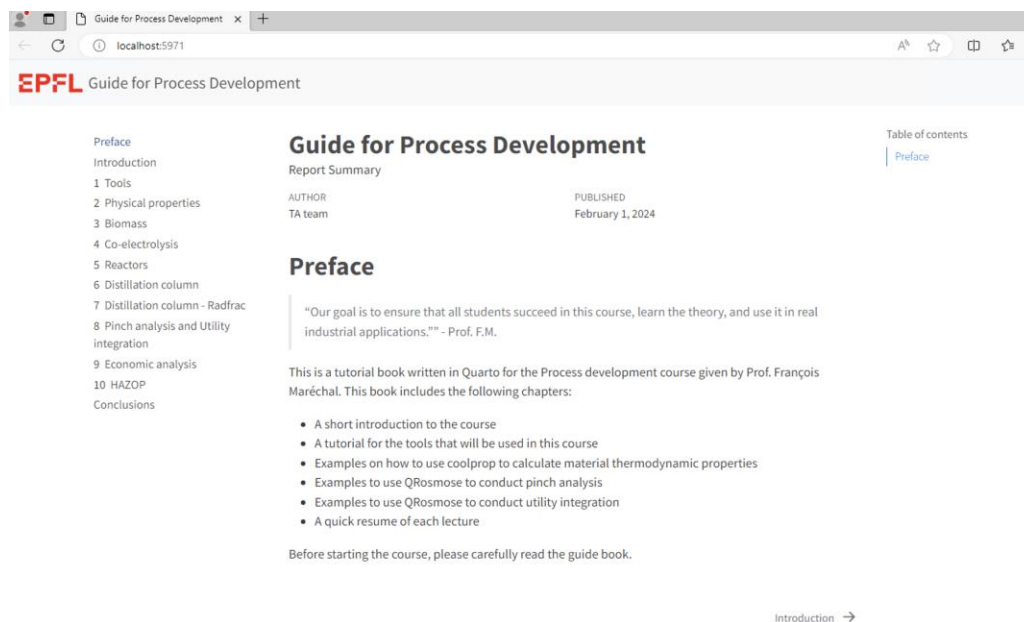
- Open the index.qmd file

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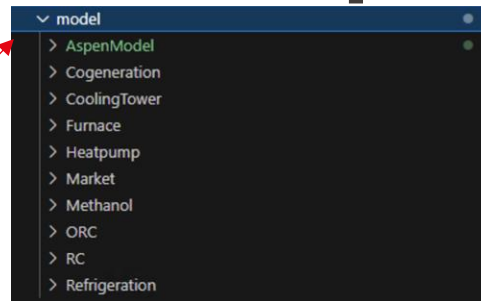
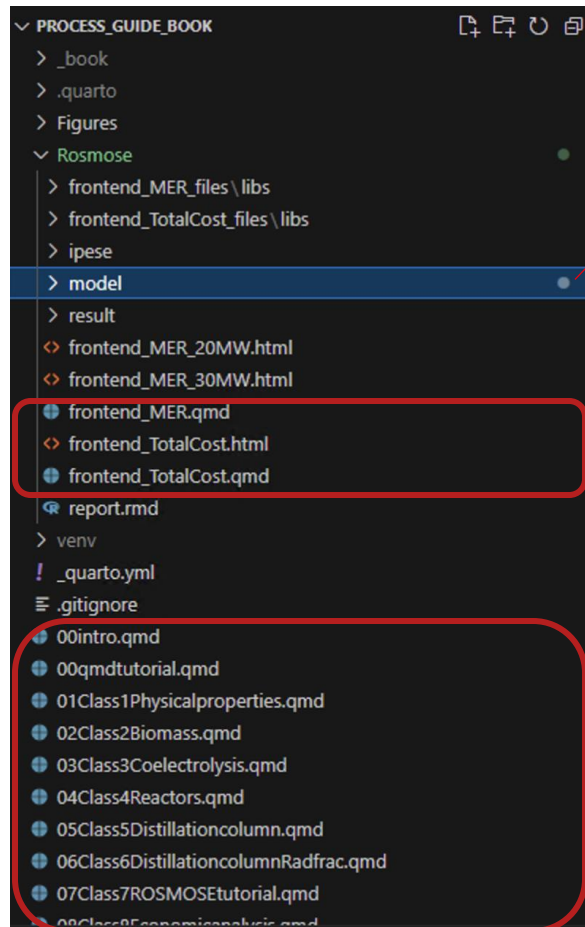


Or write *quarto preview* in the terminal

It creates an html book



# Overview of the quarto book - composition

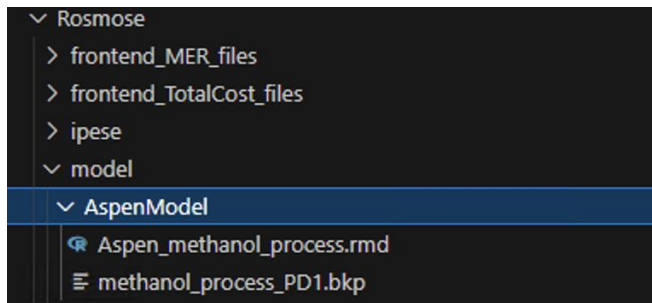


The folder *Model* contains ROsmose and Aspen files

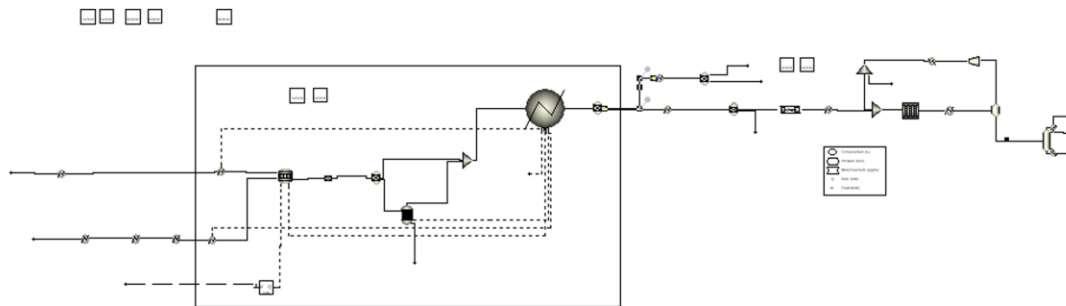
The Frontend: *MER* (minimum energy requirement) and *Total Cost*, they allow you to run the model

This is the description of the classes. It can be displayed using *Preview* in the index.qmd file

The ASPEN file is located in the guide book, directly linked to ROsmose



It is the same ASPEN file as last class



With Rosmose, we will be doing the heat integration



3.3 Calcul des inerties      Formules      SOLIDE  
3.4 Règle de Steiner

$O$  est un point à l'arrêt

$$\vec{L}_O = I_O \vec{\omega}$$

$$\dot{\vec{O}}\vec{P}_\alpha = \vec{V}_\alpha = \vec{\omega} \wedge \vec{O}\vec{P}_\alpha$$

← le solide a un point fixe en  $O$ .

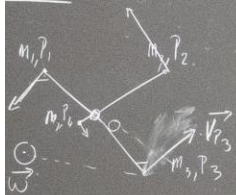
$G$

$\vec{M}_O$

partie I

rigidité implique  
distances et angles  
relatifs constants

moment cinétique



$$\vec{V}_\alpha = \vec{\omega} \wedge \vec{O}\vec{P}_\alpha$$

$$\vec{\omega} \hat{=} \wedge (\vec{O}\vec{P}_\alpha \hat{x} + \vec{O}\vec{P}_\beta \hat{y})$$

$$\vec{L}_O =$$

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OUTLINE

Concept

Functionalities

Case study

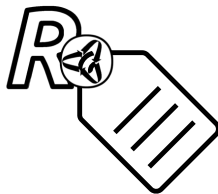
Conclusions

# ROSMOSE

## Functionalities

- ROSMOSE variable is defined as a *tag*, i.e. an object containing:

- a name,
- a value,
- a physical unit, and
- a description

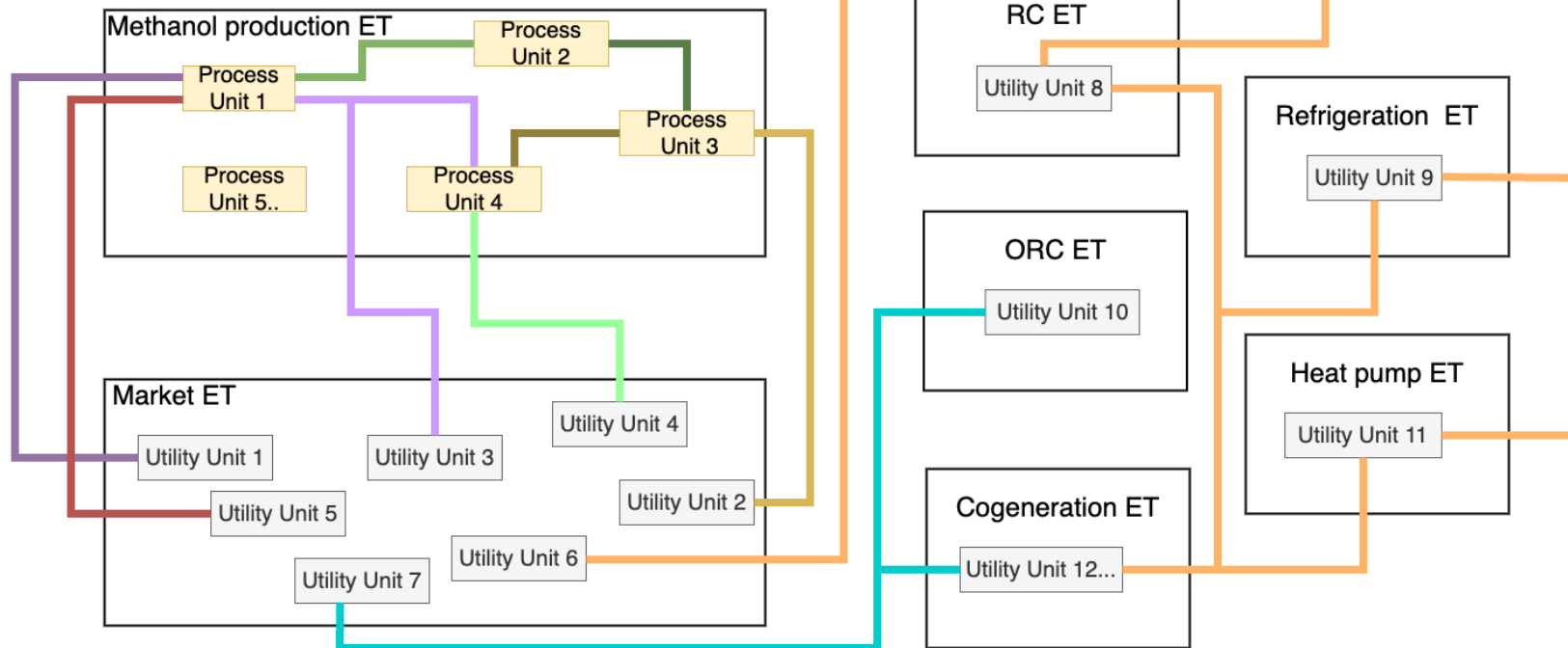


- Tags are used to specify: inputs, outputs, or parameters of a model
- Building blocks of an ROSMOSE project are called *energy technology (ET) models*
- Layers in ROSMOSE can be thought of as the ‘pipes’ through which similar streams flow and are described by a name and a physical unit

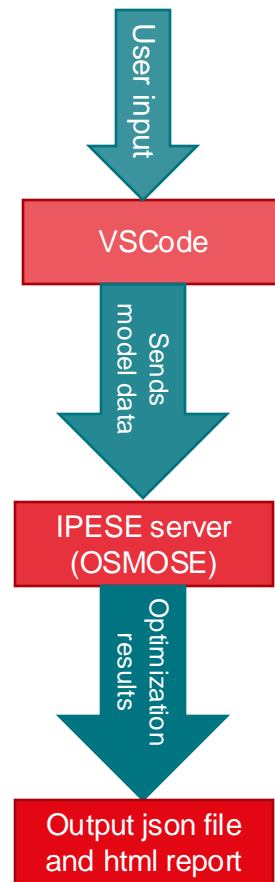


## ROSMOSE Project Structure

Layers



- You already have a running example in the folder “Rosmose”
  1. User defines the model to optimize
  2. User asks the IPESE server to solve the optimization problem
  3. IPESE tools process the models and solve the problem
  4. If the calculation succeeds, the results are sent in a .JSON file
  5. An automatic .html report is also generated summarizing model results and sample plots



- OSMOSE Lua backend framework handles solving the mixed integer linear programming (MILP) problem

$$\min Cost_{tot} = \sum_{u \in Units} \left[ \sum_{t \in Time} (Cop1_u \cdot Y_{u,t} + Cop2_u \cdot M_{u,t}) \cdot \Delta t + Cinv1_u \cdot Y_u + Cinv2_u \cdot M_u \right]$$

- Subject to multiple constraints:

$$Y_{u,t} \cdot Fmin_u \leq M_{u,t} \leq Y_{u,t} \cdot Fmax_u \quad ; \forall u \in Units, \quad \forall t \in Time$$

$$\sum Input\ streams = \sum Output\ streams \quad ; \forall Layer, \quad \forall Time$$

$$\sum_{w=1}^{N_w} M_w \cdot q_{w,r} + \sum_{i=1}^N Q_{i,r} + R_{r+1} - R_r = 0 \quad ; \forall r = 1 \dots N$$

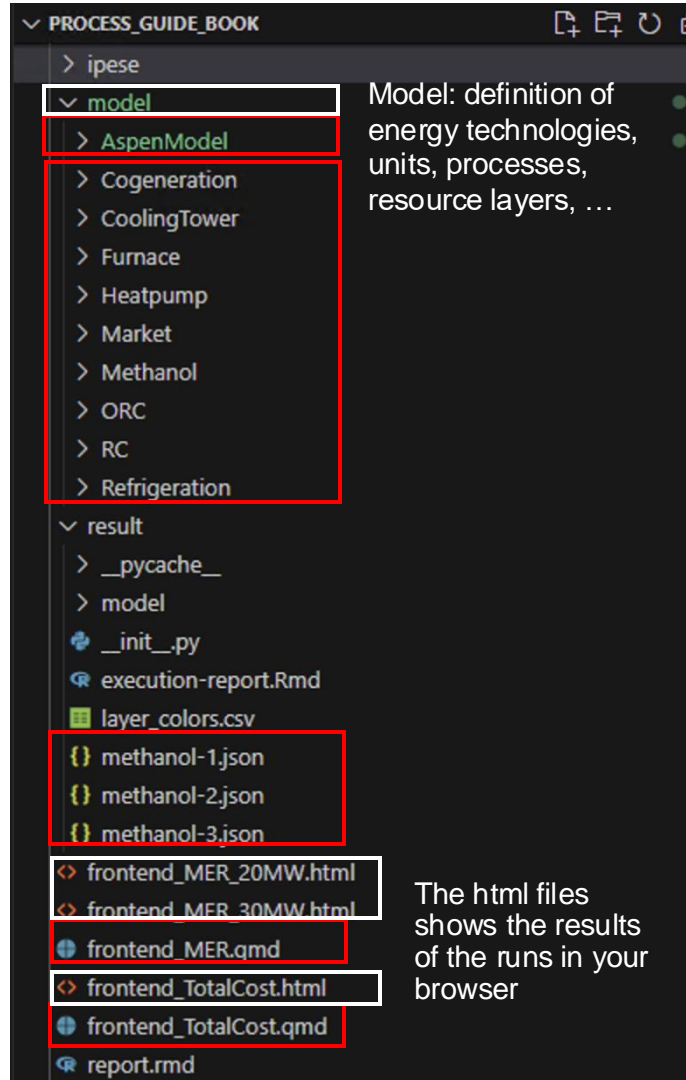


The Aspen model

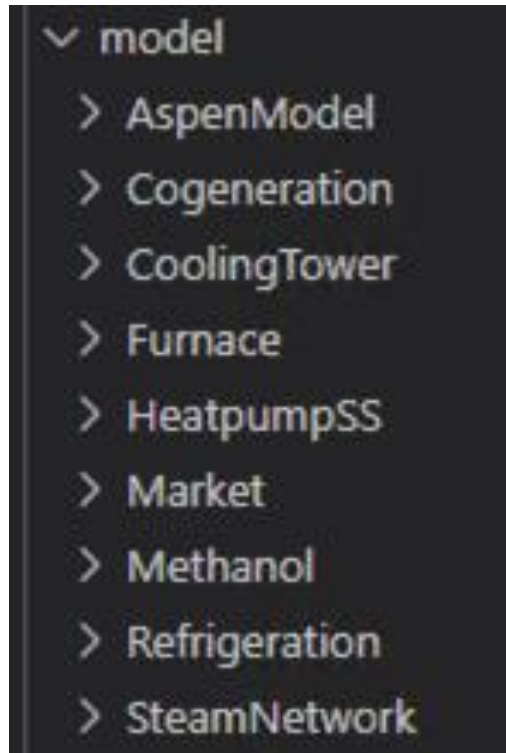
The ETs

The results of the runs, stored in a json file

The frontend is the main script that dictates what to include in the optimization and run it. There are two frontends: MER (minimum energy requirement) and total cost (cost optimization)



- In the model folder, you define the model for your Energy Technologies (ET). In the example case, we have 9 ETs + the link to the Aspen model:
  - A sample Aspen Model demonstrating how to import flowsheet data from Aspen into ROSMOSE
  - The heat integration ETs *Cogeneration*, *Cooling Tower*, *Furnace*, *HeatpumpSS*, *Methanol*, *Refrigeration*, and *Steam Network*
  - The *market*, to close the mass and energy balance with the resources consumed
- For the first step, you will only model your processes to determine the minimum energy requirements and estimated savings → no heat integration ETs needed





# Linking Aspen with Rosmose

- In the folder *AspenModel*, open the file *Aspen\_methanol\_process.rmd*
- In this file, we can import and export data from our Aspen flowsheet (*methanol\_process\_PD1.bkp*)
- You can specify conditions that you want to change in the simulation file
- You can import stream/unit data from the aspen flowsheet to be used in the heat integration problem

```

{rosnose}
: MODEL Methanol

|Software|Location| Comment|
|:---|:---|:---|
|ASPEN|model\AspenModel\methanol_process_PD1.bkp||

```

Name and location of the Aspen file

```

{rosnose}
: MODEL INPUTS Methanol

| Name | Path | Value | Units | Comments |
|:-----|:-----|:-----|:-----|:-----|
|Electrolyzer_size|/Data/Streams/POWER/Input/POWER|-30000|kW||

```

Input power of the process

```

{rosnose}
: MODEL OUTPUTS Methanol

| Name | Path | Units | Comments |
|:-----|:-----|:-----|:-----|
|T_AIR_1|/Data/Streams/AIR1/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED|C||
|T_AIR_2|/Data/Streams/AIR2/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED|C||
|heater_1|/Data/Blocks/HEATER1/Output/QCALC|kW||
|T_FUEL_1|/Data/Streams/FUEL1/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED|C||
|T_FUEL_2|/Data/Streams/FUEL2/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED|C||
|heater_3|/Data/Blocks/HEATER3/Output/QCALC|kW||
|T_FUEL_3|/Data/Streams/FUEL3/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED|C||
|heater_4|/Data/Blocks/HEATER4/Output/QCALC|kW||
|T_FUEL_4|/Data/Streams/FUEL4/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED|C||
|heater_5|/Data/Blocks/HEATER5/Output/QCALC|kW||
|T_AIR_OUT|/Data/Streams/AIROUT/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED|C||
|T_AIR_4|/Data/Streams/AIR4/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED|C||
|cooler_1|/Data/Blocks/COOLER1/Output/QCALC|kW||
|T_FUEL_OUT|/Data/Streams/FUELOUT/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED|C||
|T_LTFUEL|/Data/Streams/LTFUEL/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED|C||

```

Aspen paths of the streams  
Follows the syntax  
Name/path/units

- Take the two first steps of the condenser
- And the two last steps of the reboiler

```
|cond_ti|/Data/Blocks/T1/Output/B_TEMP/2|C| |
|cond_to|/Data/Blocks/T1/Output/B_TEMP/1|C| |
|cond_Q|/Data/Blocks/T1/Output/COND_DUTY|kW| |
|reb_ti|/Data/Blocks/T1/Output/B_TEMP/23|C| |
|reb_to|/Data/Blocks/T1/Output/B_TEMP/24|C| |
|reb_Q|/Data/Blocks/T1/Output/REB_DUTY|kW| |
```

T1 (RadFrac) - Profiles × +

TPFQ Compositions K-Values Hydraulics Reactions

View All Basis Mole

	Stage	Temperature	Pressure	Heat duty	Lic
		C	bar	kW	kn
▶	1	58,7832	1,01325	-1802,75	
▶	2	63,9245	1,01325	0	

▶	23	77,3037	1,01325	0
▶	24	91,2973	1,01325	1879,58



- Open the file *Aspen\_methanol\_process.rmd* in Aspen Plus
- Go to *Simulation*
- The streams are in *Customize* → *Variable explorer*
- Scroll down the menu until the info you need
- Take the stream path in *Call* (example here for T\_AIR\_1). When you copy it in Rosmose, **be careful of the slash / that are backed in Rosmose (\)**

The screenshot shows the Aspen Plus V11 interface. The 'Customize' tab is selected in the top menu. The 'Variable Explorer' is open, showing a tree structure under 'Root' > 'Data' > 'Streams' > 'AIR1' > 'Output' > 'TEMP\_OUT' > 'MIXED'. A red arrow points from the 'Variable Explorer' to the 'Call' property in the 'Properties' pane. The 'Call' property is highlighted with a red box and contains the path: `Application.Tree.FindNode("\Data\Streams\AIR1\Output\TEMP_OUT\MIXED")`. A red arrow also points from the 'Call' property to the 'Call' property in the 'Properties' pane.

Aspen paths of the stream

```

{rosmose}
: MODEL OUTPUTS Methanol

| Name | Path | Units | Comments |
|:-----|:-----|:-----|:-----|
| T_AIR_1 | /Data/Streams/AIR1/Output/TEMP_OUT/MIXED | C | |
  
```

Attribute	Value
Path to Node	Application.Tree.Data.Streams.AIR1.Output.TEMP_OUT.MIXED
Call	Application.Tree.FindNode("\Data\Streams\AIR1\Output\TEMP_OUT\MIXED")
Dimension	0
Value	25
Physical Quantity	22
Unit of Measure	4



# Description of the ETs

# Definition of the Ets

Name the model

Defining your layers

Defining process units

```
# Biomass ET {-}
```

```
```{rosmose Methanol}
! OSMOSE ET Methanol
```
```

This ET will use the following Layers

```
```{rosmose Methanol_layers}
: OSMOSE LAYERS Methanol
```

Layer	Display name	shortname	Unit	Color
ELEC	Electricity	elec	kW	yellow

```
```
```

The methanol ET contains the following units

```
```{rosmose Methanol_units}
: OSMOSE UNIT Methanol
```

unit name	type
Methanol	Process

```
```
```

# Definition of the ETs

- We have to define some parameters for our unit methanol

```

{rosmose Methanol_params}
: OSMOSE UNIT_PARAM Methanol

cost1	cost2	cinv1	cinv2	imp1	imp2	fmin	fmax
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

```

- And the hot and cold streams in our processes

```

** Heat Streams **

{rosmose Methanol_hs}
: OSMOSE HEAT_STREAMS Methanol

name	Tin	Tout	Hin	Hout	DT min/2	alpha
heater_1	T_AIR_1%	T_AIR_2%	0	heater_1%	2.5	1
heater_3	T_FUEL_1%	T_FUEL_2%	0	heater_3%	2.5	1
heater_4	T_FUEL_2%	T_FUEL_3%	0	heater_4%	2.5	1
heater_5	T_FUEL_3%	T_FUEL_4%	0	heater_5%	2.5	1
cooler_1	T_AIR_OUT%	T_AIR_4%	0	cooler_1%	2.5	1
cooler_2	T_FUEL_OUT%	T_LTFUEL%	0	cooler_2%	2.5	1
MSC_cooler_1	MSC_cooler_1_Tin%	MSC_cooler_1_Tout%	0	MSC_cooler_1_Duty%	2.5	1
MSC_cooler_2	MSC_cooler_2_Tin%	MSC_cooler_2_Tout%	0	MSC_cooler_2_Duty%	2.5	1
HX_1	T_S1%	T_S2%	0	HX1_Duty%	2.5	1
HX_2	T_S4%	T_S5%	0	HX2_Duty%	2.5	1
HX_3	T_S7%	T_S8%	0	HX3_Duty%	2.5	1
R_1	T_S3%	T_S4%	0	R1%	2.5	1
reb	reb_ti%	reb_to%	0	reb_Q%	2.5	1
cond	cond_ti%	cond_to%	0	cond_Q%	2.5	1

```

```

{rosmose}
Power_consump = MSC_power_tot%-Electrolyzer_size%

{rosmose Methanol_rs}
: OSMOSE RESOURCE_STREAMS Methanol

layer	direction	value
ELEC	in	Power_consump%

```

- If your unit is consuming a resource, you can define it as follow (example for the power consumption)

## ■ Definition of input heat streams

- **Tin**: stream inlet temperature [ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ]
- **Tout**: stream outlet temperature [ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ]
- **Hin**: stream inlet enthalpy (0 reference point) [kW]
- **Hout**: stream outlet enthalpy (Q for hot and cold streams) [kW]
- **DTmin/2**: Dtmin is the minimum temperature difference allowed for the heat exchange
- **alpha**: stream heat transfer coefficient [ $\text{kW}/\text{m}^2/\text{K}$ ]
- Look at the lecture notes for a guidelines on Dtmin/2 and alpha for different types of streams!
- Pay attention to only put letters and numbers in the name of the streams. **No special characters ( \_ - ; ... )**

```

** Heat Streams**
***{rosnose Methanol_hs}
: OSMOSE HEAT_STREAMS Methanol

name		Tin		Tout		Hin		Hout		DT min/2		alpha	
:-----		:-----		:-----		:-----		:-----		:-----		:-----	
heater_1		%T_AIR_1%		%T_AIR_2%		0		%heater_1%		2.5		1	
heater_3		%T_FUEL_1%		%T_FUEL_2%		0		%heater_3%		2.5		1	
heater_4		%T_FUEL_2%		%T_FUEL_3%		0		%heater_4%		2.5		1	
heater_5		%T_FUEL_3%		%T_FUEL_4%		0		%heater_5%		2.5		1	
cooler_1		%T_AIR_OUT%		%T_AIR_4%		0		%cooler_1%		2.5		1	
cooler_2		%T_FUEL_OUT%		%T_LTFUEL%		0		%cooler_2%		2.5		1	
MSC_cooler_1		%MSC_cooler_1_Tin%		%MSC_cooler_1_Tout%		0		%MSC_cooler_1_Duty%		2.5		1	
MSC_cooler_2		%MSC_cooler_2_Tin%		%MSC_cooler_2_Tout%		0		%MSC_cooler_2_Duty%		2.5		1	
HX_1		%T_S1%		%T_S2%		0		%HX1_Duty%		2.5		1	
HX_2		%T_S4%		%T_S5%		0		%HX2_Duty%		2.5		1	

```



You can also define **tags** and use them in your model definitions. Example here for Heatpump1. A tag has a name, a value, a unit and a definition

```

```{rosmose}
Evap_Tin = 54.5 [C] # Evaporator temperature inlet
Evap_Tout = 54.5 [C] # Evaporator temperature outlet
Cond_Tin = 76.5 [C] # Condenser temperature inlet
Cond_Tout = 76.5 [C] # Condenser temperature outlet
Cond_Qmax = 6000 [kW] # Condenser reference heat flow rate
exeff = 0.5 [-] # Second law efficiency
dtmin_2ph = 2 [C] # phase-change delta t minimum
n = 40.0 [yr] #lifetime of a heat pump
i = 0.06 [-] #interest rate
CEPCI_2020 = 596.2 [-] # actual CEPCI
CEPCI_2008 = 575.4 [-] # CEPCI 2008
```

```

Note: Heat pumping will be profitable only if it allows to transfer heat from below to above the pinch, i.e.

```

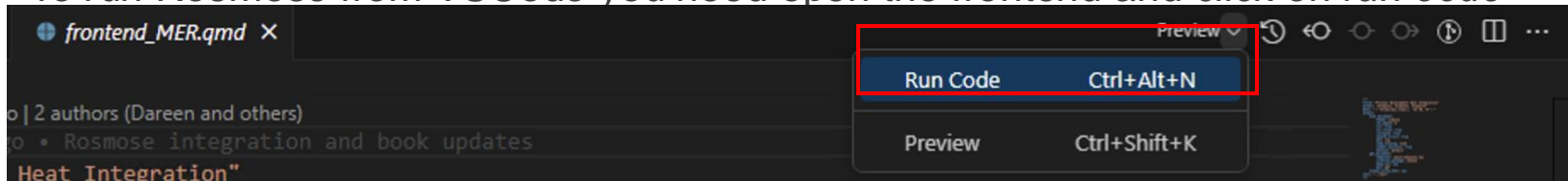
```{rosmose}
COPcarnot = (%Cond_Tin% + 273) / (%Cond_Tin% - %Evap_Tin%) [-] # Carnot COP
COP = %exeff% * %COPcarnot% [-] # Actual COP
W_heatpump = %Cond_Qmax% / %COP% [kW] # Heat pump power consumption
Evap_Qmax = %Cond_Qmax% * (%COP% - 1) / %COP% [kW] # Evaporator heat flow rate
Annuity = (%i%*(1+%i%)**n%)/((1+%i%)**n%-1) [-] #annualization factor
Cinv2_HP = 300*%Cond_Qmax%*(%CEPCI_2020%/CEPCI_2008%)*%Annuity% [Euro/y] #300 Euro/kWth at the condenser
```

```



# The frontend and the results

- The frontend is the main script that dictates what to include in the optimization and run it.
- It is the file that will be compiled by quarto and will launch the optimization
  - It is your optimization scenario
  - You can define multiple frontends corresponding to multiple scenarios (here minimum energy requirement and cost optimization)
  - Generates two outputs: an optimization report in html and a json results file
- To run Rosmose from VSCode you need open the frontend and click on *run code*



- This command will automatically run all lines in your frontend.Rmd file:
  - Importing Rosmose
  - Importing the models of your ETs
  - Plotting your optimization results and generating the output html report

# Methanol process in ROsmose

## ■ Osmose-solve options

- MER: Minimum energy requirements (only process targets)
- TotalCost: optimal integration of utility units

$$\min Cost_{tot} = \sum_{u \in Units} \left[ \sum_{t \in Time} (Cop1_u \cdot Y_{u,t} + Cop2_u \cdot M_{u,t}) \cdot \Delta t + Cinv1_u \cdot Y_u + Cinv2_u \cdot M_u \right]$$

- With an operating time of 8760 h/year → 1 year operating plant without maintenance

```

```{rosmose solve-osmose}
! OSMOSE SOLVE-LOCAL methanol MER [Methanol]

|name    |value|
|:-----|:----|
|op_time|8760 |
```

```

# Minimum energy requirement – MER frontend

- After running the frontend, you can see the results in your browser
- It has plotted the grand composite curve, the composite curves and the MER are given.

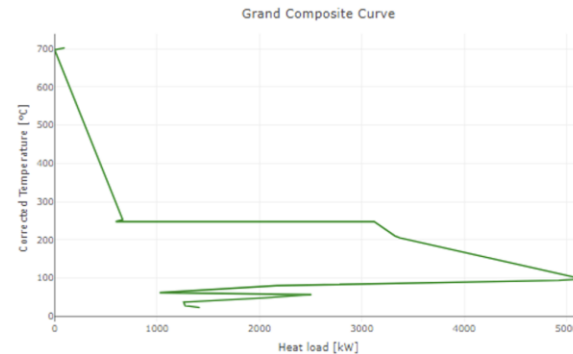
## Energy Requirements

Minimum Heating Requirement: 98.7 kW

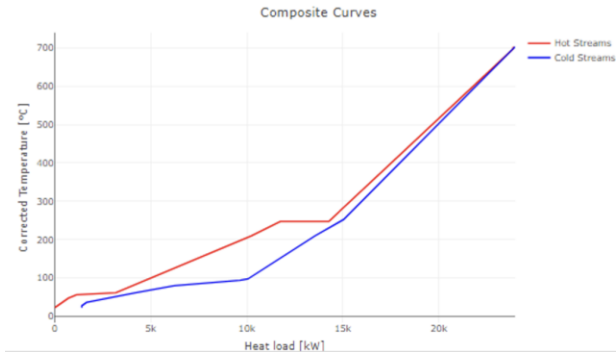
Minimum Cooling Requirement: 1417 kW

## Plots

### Grand Composite Curve



### Composite Curves



# Frontend MER in ROSMOSE



## Process Development Heat Integration

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```
source("../rosmose-setup.R", local = knitr::knit_global())
```

## Introduction

This report presents the results of your heat integration simulations. Each run will generate an output json file stored in the "Rosmose/result" folder and a "frontend.html" file stored in "Rosmose" folder.

The json files will be numbered as 1, 2, 3,,,,, for each run. However, the "frontend.html" file is overwritten each time hence to keep previous versions you must rename the file before running your simulation again.

once your models and units are ready you can run the rsomose simulation by pressing the "Preview" button in the top right corner or using the command line "quarto preview" in the terminal at the correct directory location.

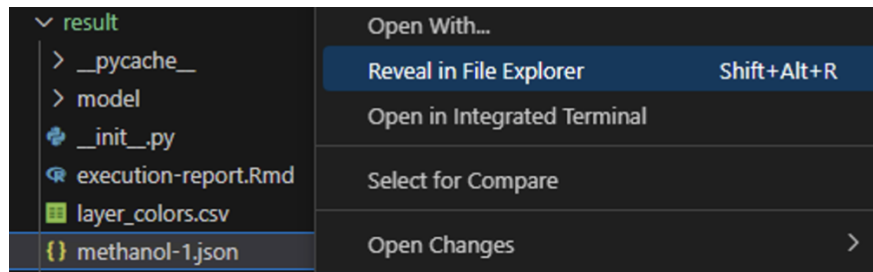
A ready example is given to demonstrate extraction of data from an Aspen flowsheet, changing the process parameters in Aspen through your Rmd file and displaying your integration results.

all Aspen related files are found in this folder "model/AspenModel/."

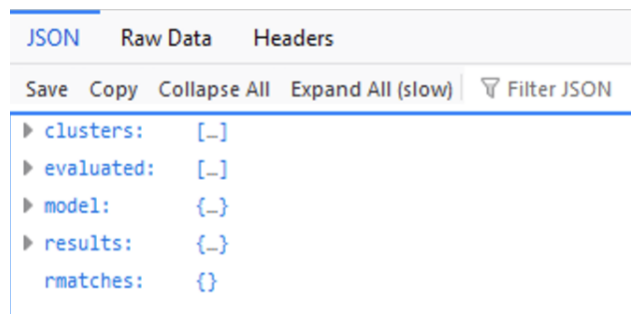
The "Aspen\_methanol\_process.rmd" file is coupled with the "methanol\_process\_PD1.bkp" file. The same example Aspen process flowsheet used in all tutorials throughout the course.

# Total cost frontend

- The results are in the folder *Results*, in the *methanol.json* file. Click right and open in file explorer



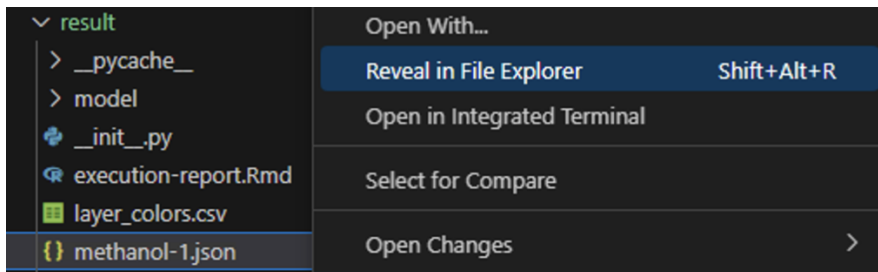
- Open the file with Firefox.



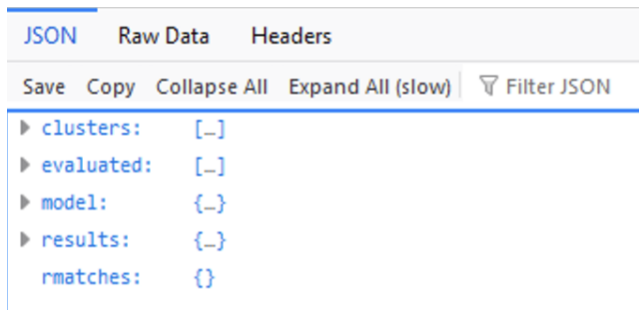


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- The results are displayed. The main ones you will need are in results > rb\_shipment. It is the flows and their value.

```

▼ rb_shipment:
  ▼ 0:
    ▼ 0:
      layerId:      "ELEC"
      layerUnit:    "kW"
      realValue:    32025.865
      source:       "Clu_Loc_MER_ro_ELEC"
      target:       "Clu_Loc_Methanol_Methanol"

```

- You can also find the KPIs as the capex, the impact, the opex...



OUTLINE

**Concept**

**Functionalities**

**Case study**

**Conclusions**



- ✓ Remember AGIR! (**A**nalyse, **G**enerate, **I**nterpret, **R**eport),
- ✓ Find the MER of your process
- ✓ Next time we will see how to close the energy balance using various utility systems



**For the next class, please  
look deep into the model  
and the ETs and prepare  
your questions about it**