

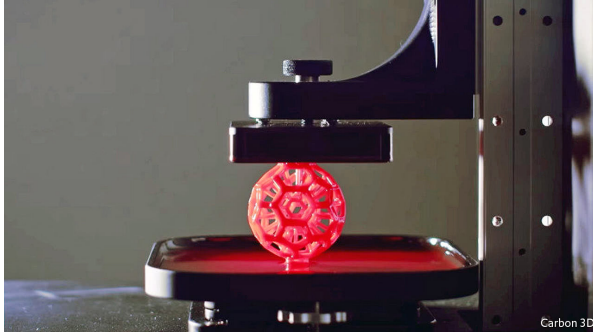
Delay Compensated Control of the Stefan Problem

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Motivation



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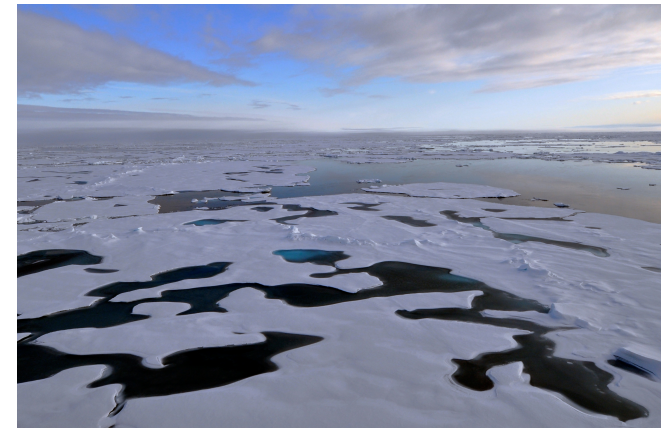
Lithium Ion Batteries

Stefan Problem (Phase Change Model)

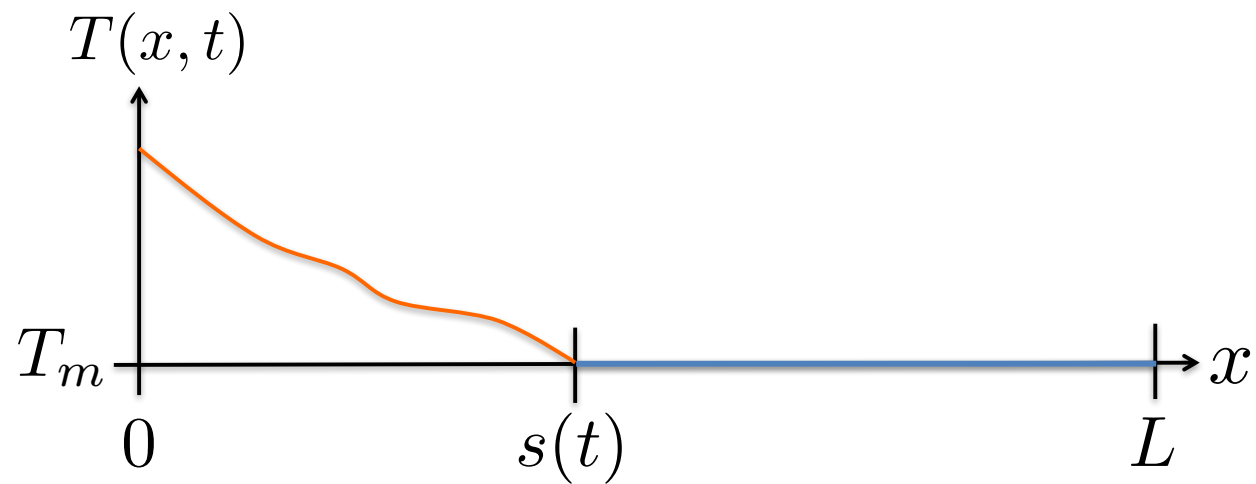
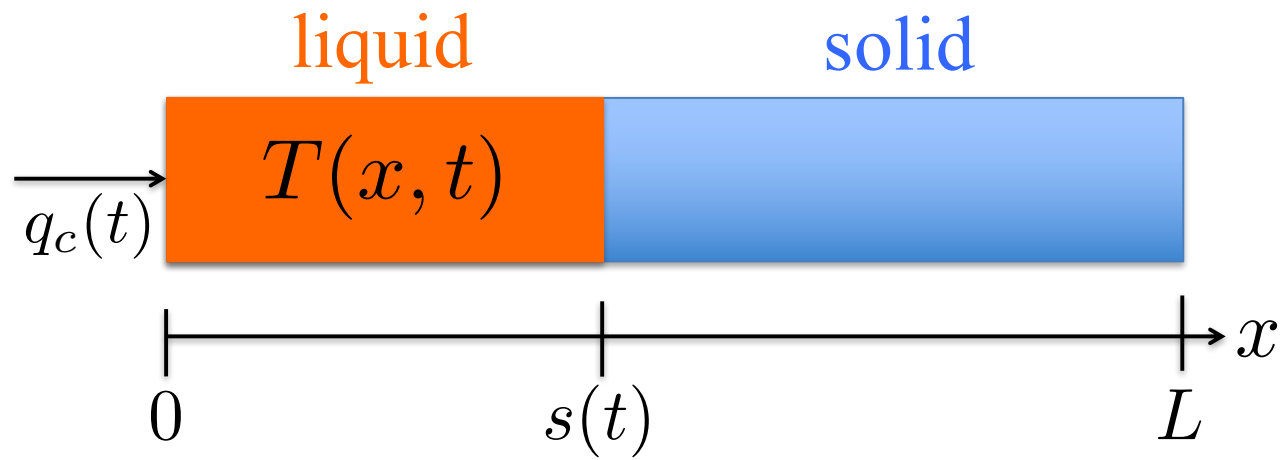
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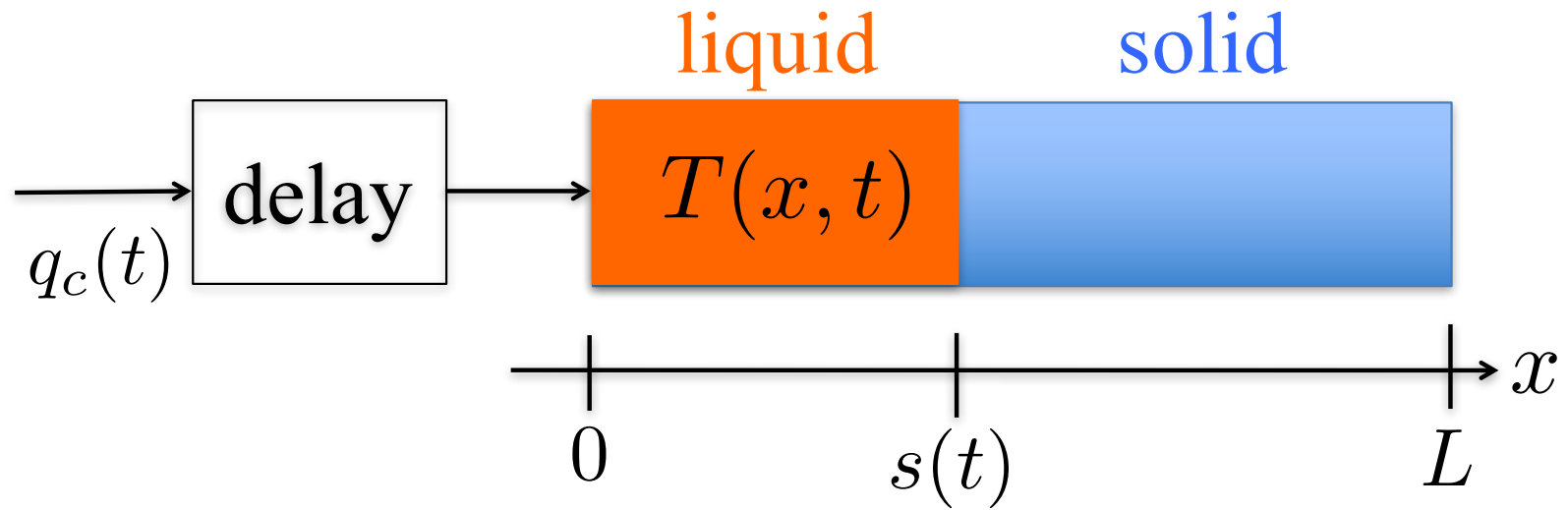
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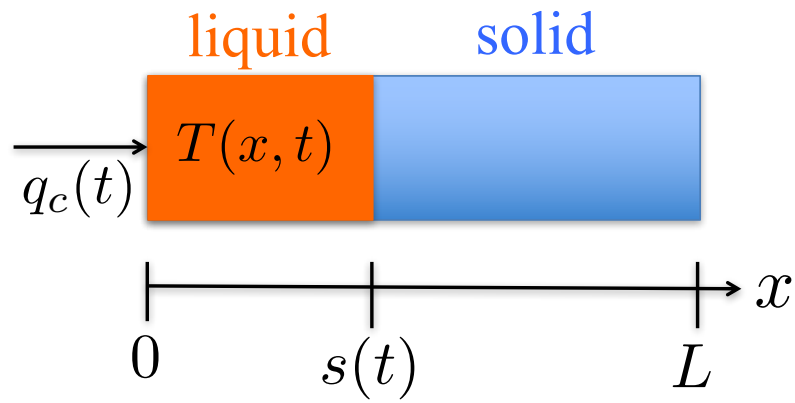
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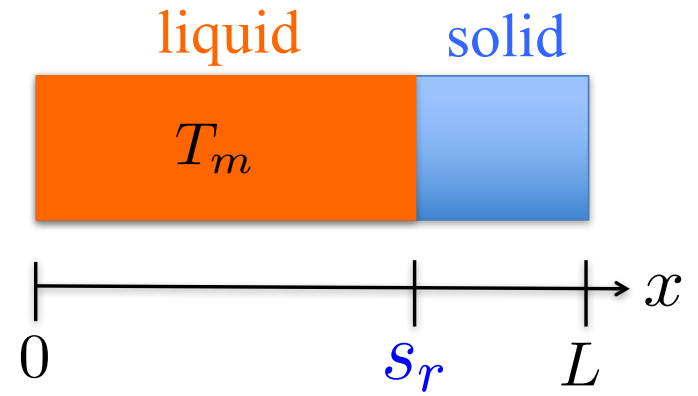
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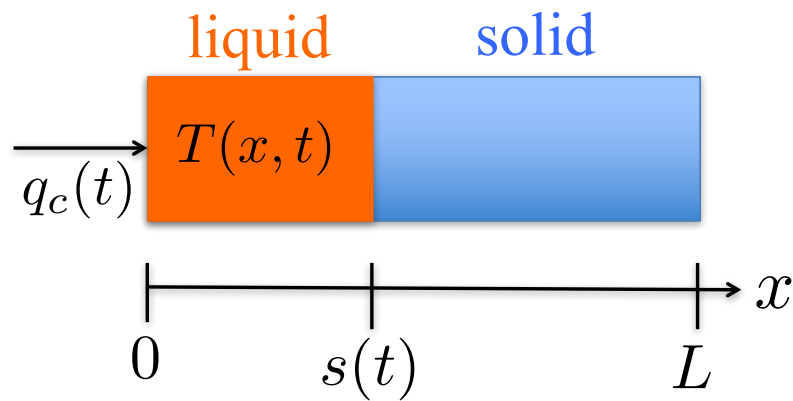
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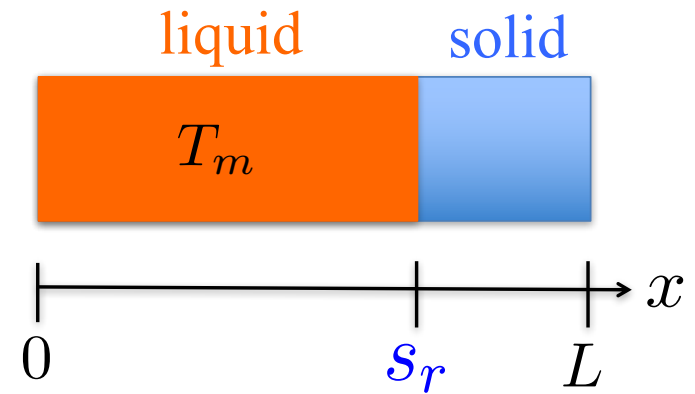
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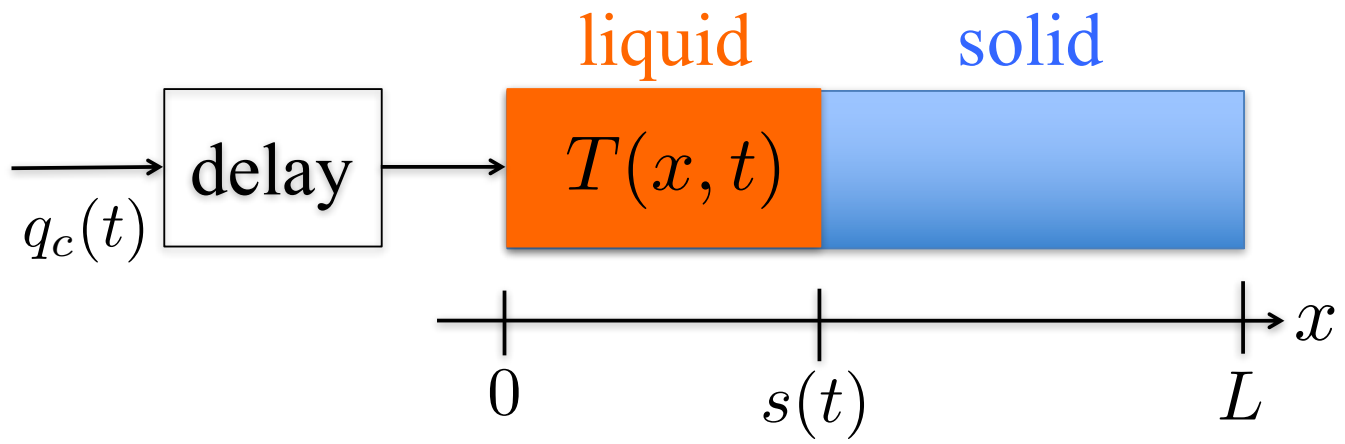


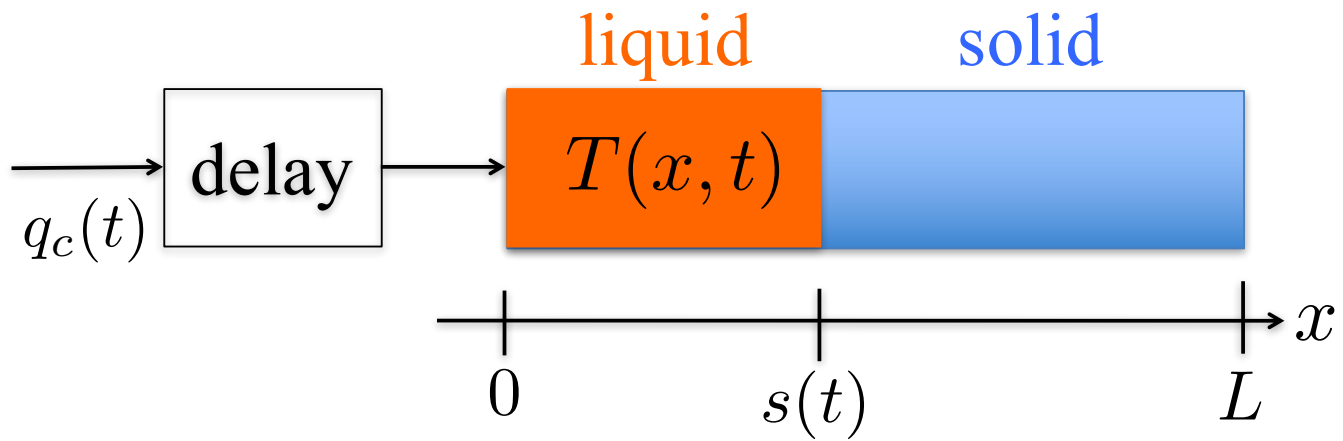
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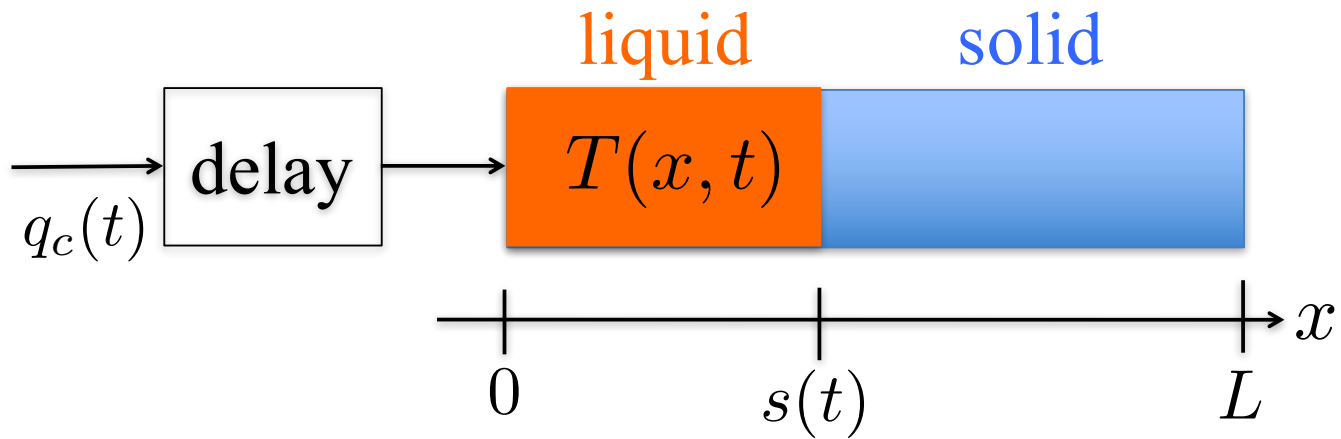
Objective: Design heat control $q_c(t)$ to achieve

$$s(t) \rightarrow s_r, \quad T(x, t) \rightarrow T_m, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

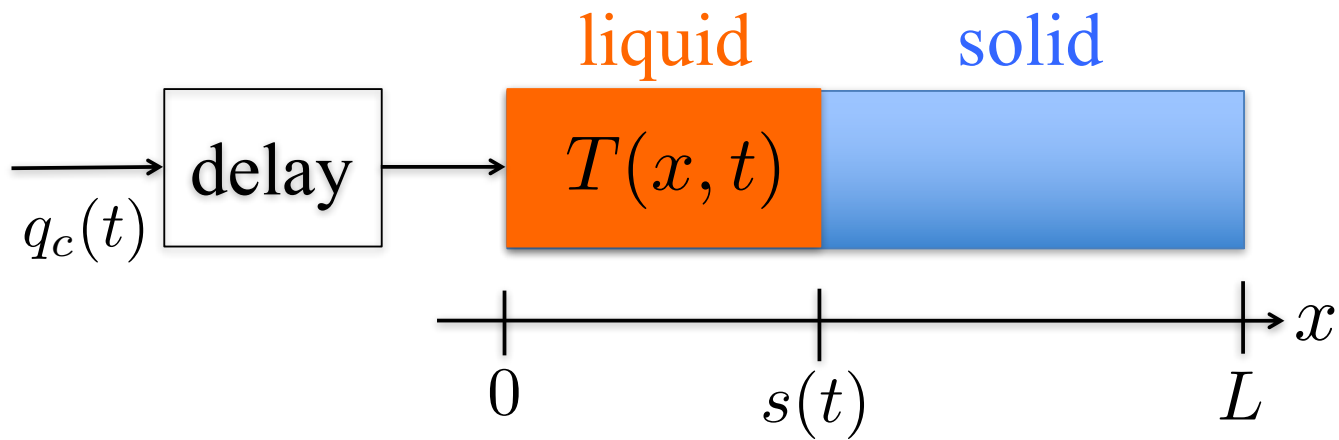




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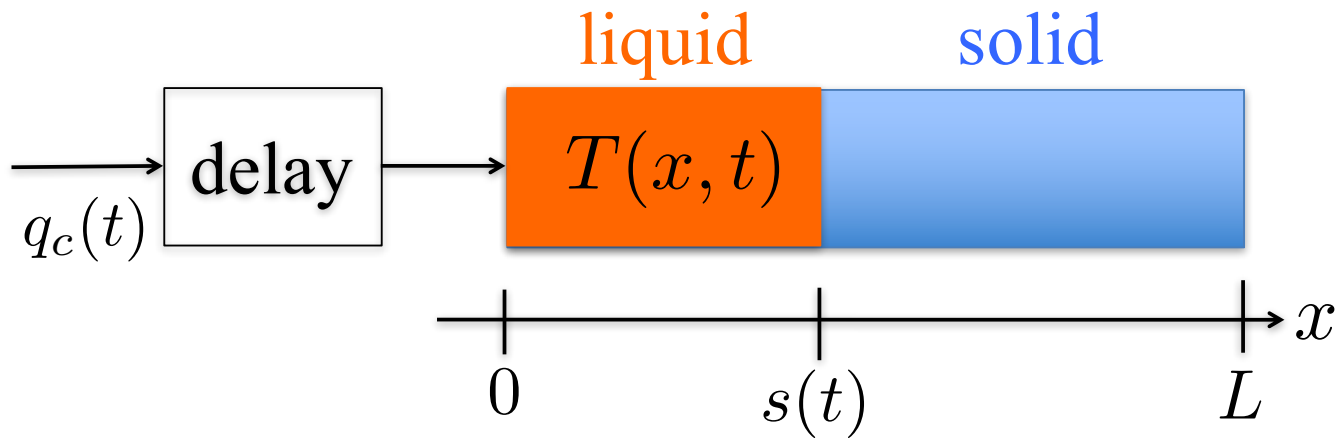


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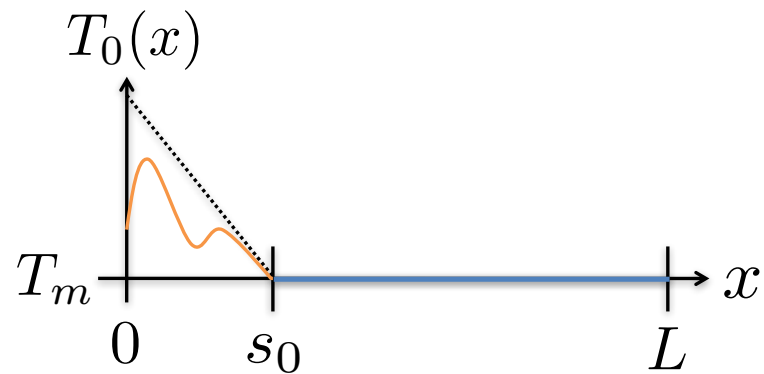
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State-dependent moving boundary \rightarrow Nonlinear

Assumption : Initial interface position $s_0 > 0$, and initial temperature $T_0(x)$ is Lipschitz ($H := \text{Lip. const.}$)

$$0 < T_0(x) - T_m < H(s_0 - x)$$



Assumption : The past input maintains non-negative, i.e.

$$q_c(t) \geq 0, \quad -D < \forall t < 0.$$

Model valid iff

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Lemma If $q_c(t) > 0 \quad \forall t > 0$, then $\dot{s}(t) > 0 \quad \forall t > 0$ and

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- Since total energy grows, energy corresponding to setpoint must be greater than initial energy

The following assumption **necessary** (because $\int_0^{s_r} (T_r(x) - T_m) dx = 0$)

Assumption : Setpoint s_r chosen to satisfy

$$s_r > s_0 + \beta \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^{s_0} (T_0(x) - T_m) dx + \int_{-D}^0 \frac{q_c(t)}{k} dt \right)$$

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Note : Control law is nonlinear because of $s(t)$ in integration limit.

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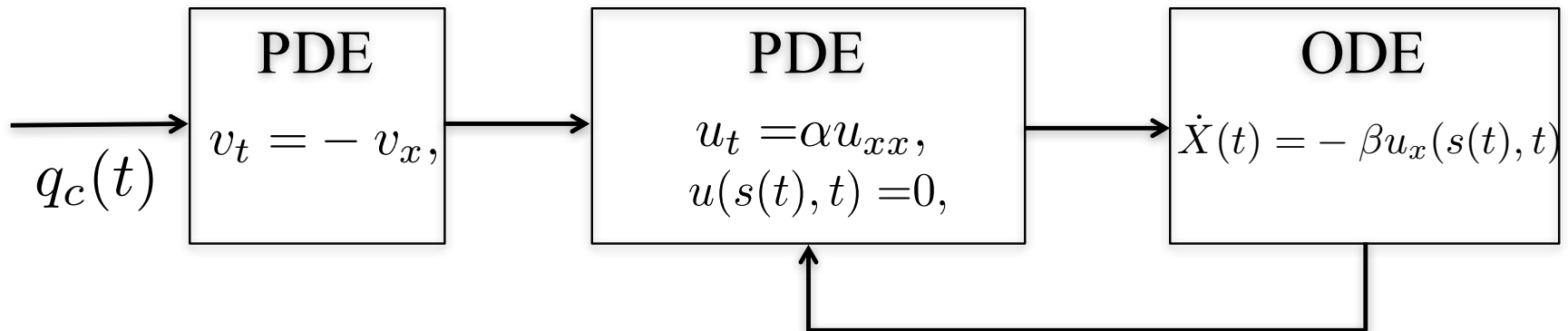
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(v, u, X) -system

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Target system

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$$z(-D, t) = 0,$$

$$w_x(0, t) = -z(0, t),$$

$$w_t(x, t) = \alpha w_{xx}(x, t) + \frac{c}{\beta} \dot{s}(t)X(t), \quad 0 < x < s(t)$$

$$w(s(t), t) = 0,$$

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Lyapunov analysis with $\dot{s}(t) > 0$ and $s_0 < s(t) < s_r$ yields the norm estimate

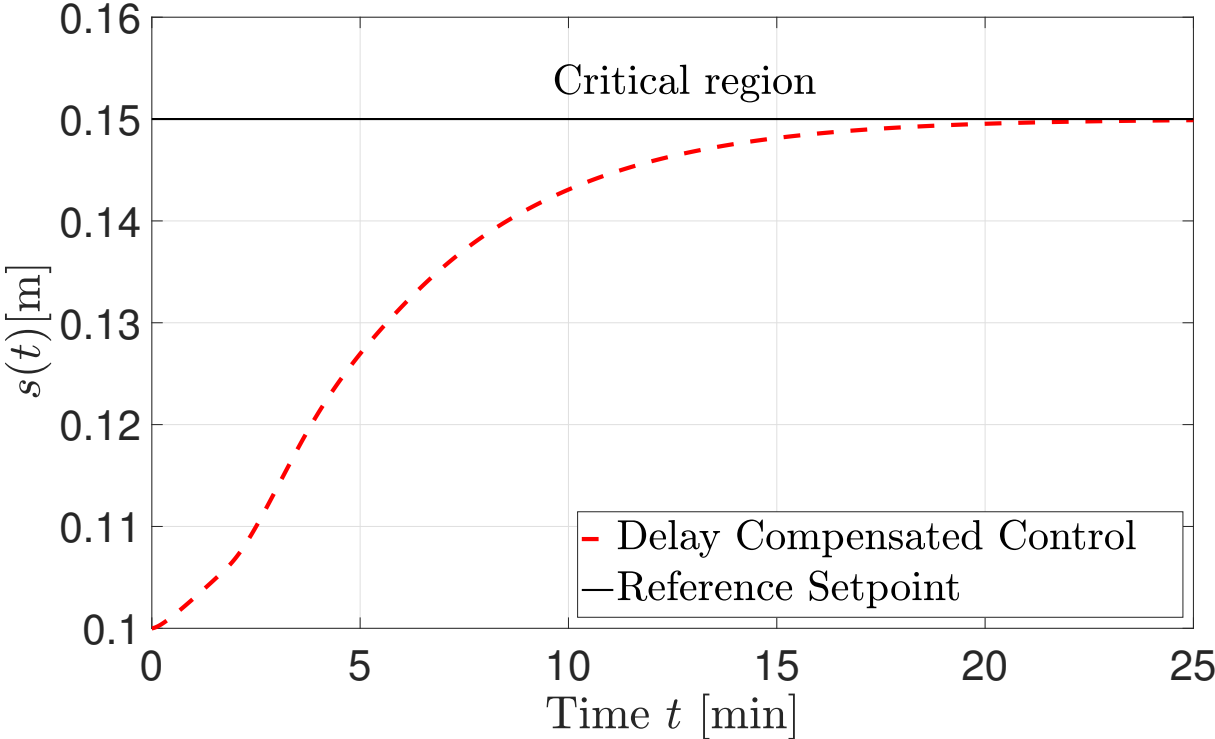
$$\Psi(t) \leq M\Psi(0)e^{-bt},$$

for some positive constants $M > 0$ and $b > 0$,

where $\Psi(t) = \|v\|_{\mathcal{H}_1(-D,0)}^2 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}_1(0,s(t))}^2 + X(t)^2$.

Numerical Simulation

Zinc

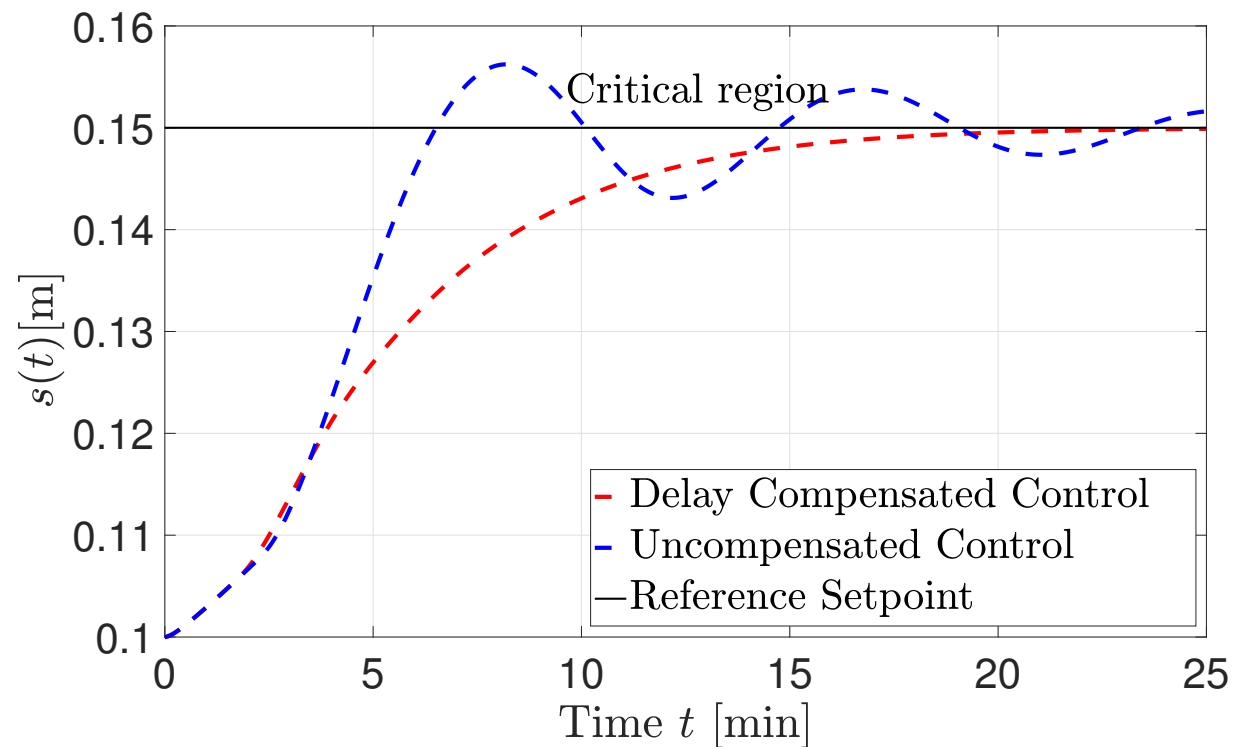


No overshoot

Numerical Simulation

Compare with uncompensated control

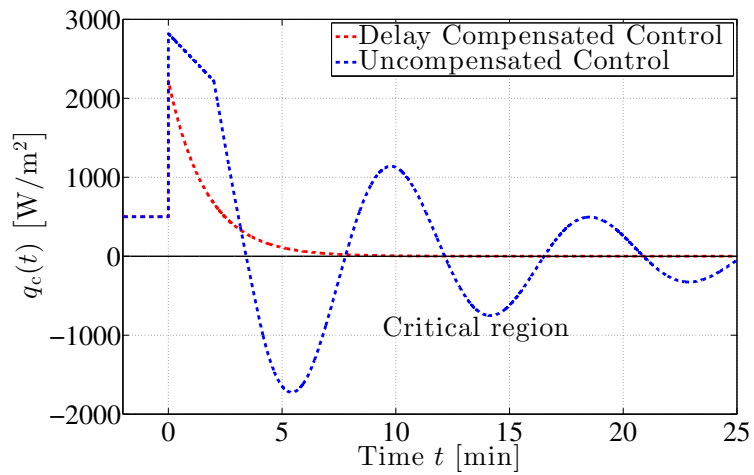
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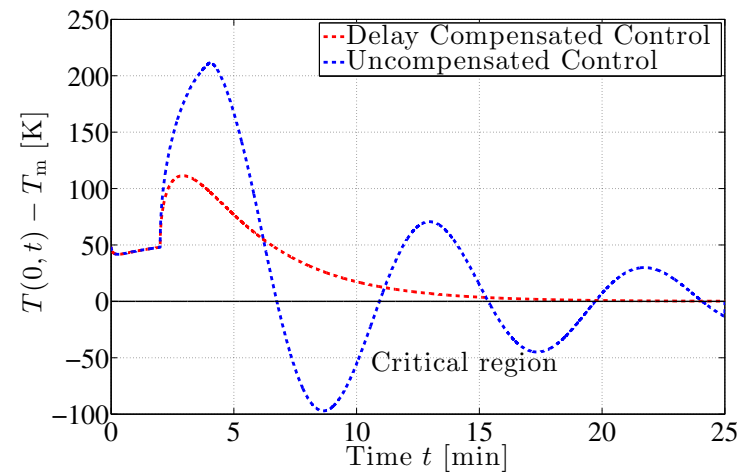
Uncompensated control violates the model validity

Numerical Simulation

Heat input



Temp. at $x=0$



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Future Work

- Observer design under sensor delay
- Adaptive control under unknown delay