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# Model Reduction for Gas Networks: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly

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**Input-Output System** (PDAE after index reduction and spatial discretization):

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_p & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A_{pq}(\theta) \\ A_{qp}(\theta) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ z^2(p, \theta)q \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B_d \\ B_s & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_s \\ q_d \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f_q(p, q, \theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_d \\ q_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_d & 0 \\ 0 & C_s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}$$

**Input:**

- Pressure @ Supply  $p_s$
- Mass-flow @ Demand  $q_d$

**State:**

- Pressure  $p$
- Mass-flow  $q$

**Output:**

- Pressure @ Demand  $p_d$
- Mass-flow @ Supply  $q_s$

## Exploitable Structure:

**System:** Input-output form

**Stability:** Locally exponentially stable

**Structure:** Pressure and mass-flow states

**Square:** Same number of inputs and outputs

**Symmetry:** Linearization is Port-Hamiltonian

**Control:** Control-affine system

**Locality:** Single steady-state

**Split:** Linear (stiff) and Nonlinear parts

**Parameter:** Low-dimensional, but non-affine

## Friction Term:

$$f_q(p, q, \theta) = -z(p, \theta) \frac{\lambda(q)}{C} \frac{q|q|}{p}$$

## A Well-Mannered Nonlinearity:

**Locality:** Element-wise

**Stability:** Locally stable

**Friction Factor:** Static

**Smoothness:** Smooth enough

**Nonlinearity:** Quadratic, but not quadratic

## Non-Pipe Elements:

Short Pipes, Resistors, Compressors, Coolers, Regulators, Heaters

## Issues and Treatments (everything is a pipe):

**Short Pipe:** Pipe without friction!

**Resistor:** Pipe with super-friction?

**Compressors:** Pipe with anti-friction?

**Coolers:** Compressor super-model?

**Regulators:** Anti-compressor?

**Heaters:** Regulator super-model?

## Units and Scales:

$$[p] = \text{Pa}$$

$$[q] = \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{O}(p)}{\mathcal{O}(q)} = 10^5$$

## Issues and Treatments:

**Structured:** Model reduction for interconnected systems!

**Internal:** Rescale pressure model to [bar]?

**External:** Scale pressure output to [bar]?

**Gramians:** Weight via inner product?

**Comparison:** Weighted norms?

**Compressibility Factor** (Truncated Virial Expansion):

$$z(p, \theta) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^K V_k(\theta) p^k$$

**Issues and Treatments:**

**Move:** To mass operator?

**Move:** To pressure operator?

**Move:** To mass-flow operator?

**Move:** To friction nonlinearity?

**Integrator:** Leap-frogging?

## Hyperbolic Part:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} &= -c \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\end{aligned}$$

## Issues and Treatments:

- Neglected kinetic term!
- Non-normal differential operator!
- Large reduced basis?
- Extra diffusion?
- Better IMEX?



## Switched Elements:

Valves: SISO & Two States

Compressors: MIMO & Multiple States

## Issues and Treatments:

- Change graph topology and steady-state!
- Multiple valves and compressors!
- Global or “local” reduced order model?
- Prohibit switching during scenario?
- Igor & Victor: I am looking at you!

**The Good:** System Structure, Friction Nonlinearity

**The Bad:** Non-Pipe Elements, Multi-Scale

**The Ugly:** Compressibility Nonlinearity, Hyperbolicity

**Ideas, Suggestions, War Stories?**

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