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# Compressed Gas Network Digital Twins

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# Outline

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2. Gas Networks
3. Compression
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- More renewable energy → More volatility
- Gas-fired power plants → Fast reacting energy conversion
- Biogas and hydrogen → Convertible green energy
- Gas networks → Transport and store energy
- International infrastructure → Large-scale network
- Intraday interactions → Dynamic simulations
- Uncertainties → **Many day-ahead simulations, every day**

Applied math to the rescue!<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>T. Clees, A. Baldin, P. Benner, S. Grundel, C. Himpe, B. Klaassen, F. Küsters, N. Marheineke, L. Nikitina, I. Nikitin, J. Pade, N. Stahl, C. Strohm, C. Tischendorf, A. Wirsén: **MathEnergy – Mathematical Key Technologies for Evolving Energy Grids**; in: Mathematical Modeling, Simulation and Optimization for Power Engineering and Management, Mathematics in Industry (34): 233–262, 2021. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-62732-4\_11

1. Digital twin (DT)  $\Rightarrow$  Physical twin (PT)
2. Digital  $\Rightarrow$  Machine-readable encoding
3. Twin  $\Rightarrow$  Data-driven coupling

## By Data Flow?<sup>2</sup>

- Digital Model:  $\boxed{\text{PT}} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{manual}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{manual}} \end{matrix} \boxed{\text{DT}}$
- Digital Shadow:  $\boxed{\text{PT}} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{automatic}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{manual}} \end{matrix} \boxed{\text{DT}}$
- Digital Twin:  $\boxed{\text{PT}} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{automatic}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{automatic}} \end{matrix} \boxed{\text{DT}}$

## By Data Binding?<sup>3</sup>

- A (virtual) model relating to a real thing:  $\boxed{\text{PT}} \mapsto \boxed{\text{DT}}$
- Data sets relating to the physical twin:  $f_d(\boxed{\text{DT}}, \text{[Bar Chart]}) \approx f_p(\boxed{\text{PT}}, \text{[Bar Chart]})$
- Adjustability of the model to data:  $f_d^*(\boxed{\text{DT}}, \text{[Bar Chart]}, \text{[Document]}) = f_p(\boxed{\text{PT}}, \text{[Bar Chart]})$

<sup>2</sup>W. Kritzinger, M. Karner, G. Traar, J. Henjes, W. Sihn: **Digital Twin in manufacturing: A categorical literature review and classification**; IFAC PapersOnLine 51–11: 1016–1022, 2018. doi:10.1016/j.ifacol.2018.08.474

<sup>3</sup>L. Wright, S. Davidson: **How to tell the difference between a model and a digital twin**; Advanced Modeling and Simulation in Engineering Science 7: 13, 2020. doi:10.1186/s40323-020-00147-4

## Type:

- Steady-state or dynamic simulation?
- Transport or distribution network?

→ Transient gas transport network simulations.

## Effect:

- Complexity due to nonlinearity!
- Large-scale due to hyperbolicity!

## Isothermal Euler Equations in a Long Pipe:

$$\frac{1}{\gamma_0 z_0} \partial_t p = -\frac{1}{S} \partial_x q$$

$$\partial_t q = -S \partial_x p - \left( \underbrace{\frac{S g h_x}{\gamma_0 z_0} p}_{\text{Gravity}} + \underbrace{\frac{\gamma_0 z_0 \lambda_0 |q| q}{2 d S p}}_{\text{Friction}} \right)$$

- Pressure  $p(x, t)$
- Mass-Flux  $q(x, t)$
- Pipe Incline  $h_x$
- Pipe Diameter  $d$
- Pipe Cross-Section  $S$
- Gravity Acceleration  $g$
- Friction Factor  $\lambda_0$
- Compressibility Factor  $z_0$
- Gas State  $\gamma_0 = T_0 R_S$

## Spatial Discretization and Index Reduction (Endpoint Discretization):

$$(\mathcal{A}_{0,R} D_p^{-1} d_0 \mathcal{A}_{0,R}^\top) \dot{p} = -\mathcal{A}_0 q^L + \mathcal{B}_d d_q$$

$$D_q^{-1} \dot{q}^L = \mathcal{A}_0^\top p + \mathcal{B}_s^\top s_p - \left( D_g d_0 \mathcal{A}_{0,R}^\top p + D_q^{-1} D_f \frac{|q^L| q^L}{d_0 \mathcal{A}_{0,R}^\top p} \right)$$

- Incidence Matrix  $\mathcal{A}_0$
- Outflow Incidence Matrix  $\mathcal{A}_{0,R}$
- Pressure Boundary Operator  $\mathcal{B}_s$
- Mass-Flux Boundary Operator  $\mathcal{B}_d$
- Inflow Mass-Flux  $q^L(t)$
- Outflow Pressure  $p(t)$
- Boundary Pressure  $s_p(t)$
- Boundary Mass-flux  $d_q(t)$



## Quantities of Interest, Parametrization and Additive Compressors:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} E_p(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & E_q \end{pmatrix}}_E \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \end{pmatrix}}_{\dot{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & A_{pq} \\ \hat{A}_{qp} & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}}_x + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & B_{pd} \\ B_{qs} & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_B \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} s_p \\ d_q \end{pmatrix}}_u + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ F_c + f_q(p, q, \theta) \end{pmatrix}}_f$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} s_q \\ d_p \end{pmatrix}}_y = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_{sq} \\ C_{dp} & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_C \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}}_x$$

- Mass matrix  $E$
- System matrix  $A$
- Input matrix  $B$
- Output matrix  $C$
- Nonlinearity  $f$
- Evolution  $\dot{x}$
- State  $x$
- Input  $u$
- Output  $y$
- Parameter  $\theta$

## Input-Output System:

$$E\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) + f(x(t))$$

$$y(t) = Cx(t)$$

### Conditions:

- $E = E^T \geq 0$
- $A = (J - R)Q$ 
  - $J = -J^T$
  - $R = R^T \geq 0$
  - $Q = Q^T > 0$
- $B = (G - P)$
- $C = (G + P)^T Q$
- $f ?$

### Components:

- $J$  Energy Flux
- $R$  Energy Dissipation
- $Q$  Energy Storage
- $G$  Resistive Ports
- $P$  Control Ports

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## Do we have a digital twin?

- Mathematical model (based on physics)
- Network topology (i.a. of real networks)
- Scenario data (i.e. supply pressure, demand mass-flux, compressor settings)
- Model parameters (i.e. gas composition, temperature, pipe roughness)
- Adjustability (i.e. friction formula, compressibility formula, efficiency factor)

→ Yes!<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>Using the *data binding* definition.

## Goals:

- Faster simulations,
- via smaller state-space ( $\dim(x_r) \ll \dim(x)$ ),
- but preserving input-output behavior ( $\|\tilde{y} - y\| \ll 1$ ).

## Means:

- Input-output system → System-theoretic model reduction
- Parametric system → Robust model reduction
- Nonlinear system → Data-driven model reduction
- Coupled system → Structured model reduction
- Large-scale system → “Port-Hamiltonian model reduction”
- Hyperbolic system → Dominant subspace model reduction<sup>5,6</sup>?

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<sup>5</sup>P. Benner, C. Himpe: **Cross-Gramian-Based Dominant Subspaces**; Advances in Computational Mathematics 45(5): 2533–2553, 2019. doi:10.1007/s10444-019-09724-7

<sup>6</sup>S. Grundel, C. Himpe, J. Saak: **On Empirical System Gramians**; Proceedings in Applied Mathematics and Mechanics 19: e201900006, 2019. doi:10.1002/pamm.201900006

## Petrov-Galerkin Projection:

$$U \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times n}, V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times N}, VU = I_n$$

## Idea:

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \quad \begin{array}{l} x_r := Vx \\ x \approx Ux_r \end{array} \quad U\dot{x}_r = f(Ux_r) \quad \begin{array}{l} VU = I_n \\ \xrightarrow{\approx} \end{array} \quad \dot{x}_r = Vf(Ux_r)$$

## Reduced Order Model (ROM):

$$VE(U\dot{x}_r(t)) = VA(Ux_r(t)) + VBu(t) + Vf(Ux_r(t))$$

$$\tilde{y}(t) = C(Ux_r(t))$$

## Structured Projection $\rightarrow$ Structured ROM:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \end{pmatrix}, V = \begin{pmatrix} V_1 & 0 \\ 0 & V_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (VEU)\dot{x}_r(t) &= (VAU)x_r(t) + (VB)u(t) + Vf(Ux_r(t)) \\ \tilde{y}(t) &= (CU)x_r(t) \end{aligned}$$

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## Reduced Order Model (ROM):

$$E_r \dot{x}_r(t) = A_r x_r(t) + B_r u(t) + Vf(Ux_r(t))$$

$$\tilde{y}(t) = C_r x_r(t)$$

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**Data-Driven Reachability:**

$$W_R := \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{m=1}^{N_s+N_d} \int_0^T X_m(t; \theta_k) X_m(t; \theta_k)^\top dt$$

**Data-Driven Observability** (for nonlinear systems):

$$W_O := \sum_{k=1}^K \int_0^T Y_{[1:N]}(t; \theta_k)^\top Y_{[1:N]}(t; \theta_k) dt$$

→ SVD of  $W_R$  (and  $W_O$  or  $W_R^*$ ) then defines projectors.

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## Data-Driven Adjoint Reachability (= observability for port-Hamiltonian systems):

$$W_R^* := \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{m=1}^{N_s+N_d} \int_0^T Z_m(t; \theta_k) Z_m(t; \theta_k)^\top dt$$

→ SVD of  $W_R$  (and  $W_O$  or  $W_R^*$ ) then defines projectors.

<b>Reductor</b>	<b>Variants</b>
Proper Orthogonal Decomposition (POD)	Reachability
Empirical Dominant Subspaces	Reachability & Observability
Empirical Dominant Subspaces	Minimality
Empirical Dominant Subspaces	Averaged Minimality
Balanced POD	Reachability & Observability
Empirical Balanced Truncation	Reachability & Observability
Empirical Balanced Truncation	Minimality
Empirical Balanced Truncation	Averaged Minimality
Goal-Oriented POD	Reachability
Empirical Balanced Gains	Reachability & Observability
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Dynamic Mode Decomposition Galerkin	Reachability

- Quality of the dynamic solution determines data-driven ROM quality.
- The initial condition for the dynamic problem is steady state solution.
- Steady-state problem is solved by iterated QR-based least-norm solver.
- Nonlinear system → explicit solver vs. Stiff system → implicit solver.

Tested Solvers	Type
ode23s	Adaptive 2nd Order Rosenbrock
<b>IMEX1</b>	1st Order Implicit-Explicit
IMEX2	2nd Order Implicit-Explicit Runge-Kutta
RK4	4th Order “Classic” Explicit Runge-Kutta
RK52	5-Stage, 2nd Order Hyperbolic Runge-Kutta
RK64	6-Stage, 4th Order Hyperbolic Runge-Kutta

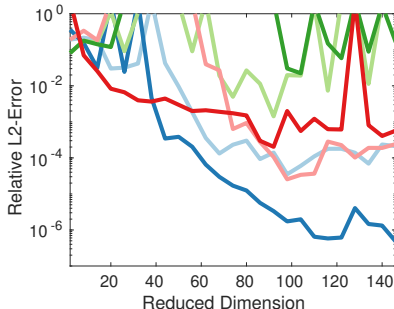
## How to compare ... ?

- 2 Models
- 6 Solvers
- 13 Reductors
- > 30 Networks

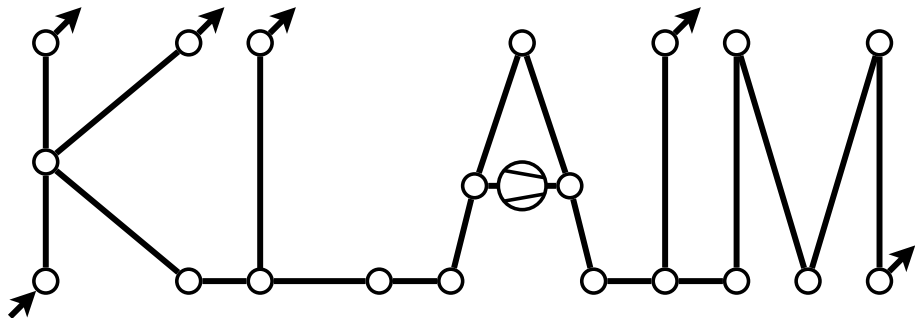
## MORscore!<sup>7</sup>

- Lowest attained error?
- Fastest error decay?
- Non-monotonic error decay?
- Sortable measure?

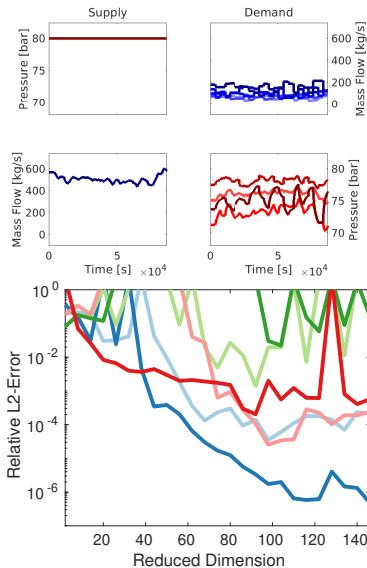
→ MORscore: Area above error graph.



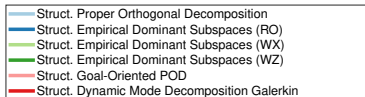
<sup>7</sup>C. Himpe: **Comparing (Empirical-Gramian-Based) Model Order Reduction Algorithms**; in: Model Reduction of Complex Dynamical Systems: 141–164, 2021. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-72983-7\_7



- Supply nodes: 1
- Demand nodes: 5
- Compressors: 1
- Solver: IMEX1
- Reductors: 6 (Galerkin-only)
- Boundary ports: 6
- State space: 1205
- Time horizon: 24h
- Training\*: Step inputs
- Scenario: Random demands



Reductor	MORscore
Proper Orthogonal Decomposition	0.17
Empirical Dominant Subspaces (RO)	0.25
Empirical Dominant Subspaces (WX)	0.05
Empirical Dominant Subspaces (WZ)	0.01
Goal-Oriented POD	0.13
Dynamic Mode Decomposition Galerkin	0.16





**After numerous tests with various networks we recommend:**

**Model:** Port-Hamiltonian Endpoint Discretization

**Solver:** 1st Order Implicit-Explicit Time Stepper

**Reducer:** Empirical Dominant Subspaces (Reachability-Observability)

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morgen – **Model Order Reduction for Gas and Energy Networks**  
<https://git.io/morgen>

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