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Introduction

- MYNTS (MultiphYsal NeTwork Simulator), a system for physics-based simulation of energy transport networks, is enhanced by several concepts:
- 1. Generalized resistivity (GR):
 - GR-conditions provide global convergence of respective solution algorithms, approaching a (then) existing and unique solution from an arbitrary starting point.
 - In previous papers, a theoretical foundation for GR was developed.
 - Modeling of gas compressors is especially complex. Here, an extension of GR to advanced compressors by means of unfolding is explained.
- 2. Hierarchical topological reduction:
 - For large networks encountered in realistic cases, the newly developed algorithms allow to speed up the solution process significantly.
- For benchmarking both features, a set of realistic test networks is used.





Key Aspects of this Contribution



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Summary of GR and Exemplary Solver Workflow

- Stability of modeling is addressed by monotonicity of element equations, e.g., m(P1,P2) should increase w.r.t. P1, decrease w.r.t. P2 *
- Stability of the solver is additionally supported by special low level algorithms (Armijo line search)
- IPOPT, as used by previous MYNTS versions as a solver, is replaced by an own SCAI Newton solver, containing these algorithms
- Call to the new kernel (Utrans^{*}) invokes a Python workflow, describing a multiphase solution procedure (e.g., start with forced goals of compressors and regulators; proceed with free compressors; then with advanced; iterate mixing of temperature and gas properties,...)



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Stable Modeling of Advanced Compressors

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Stable Modeling of Advanced Compressors

- Strategy: eliminate all intermediate variables (Had,Qvol,rev,Perf,eta,...); represent advanced compressor's equation in the basic form, e.g., P2(P1,m)
- Check monotonicity
- Use a monotone linear continuation outside of the working region *



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Stable Modeling of Advanced Compressors – Results for Benchmark Suite

test	total	converged	
networks	num.	old	new
H-gas	60	31	60
L-gas	23	23	23

old: internal vars not eliminated, eqs partially unfolded new: internal vars eliminated, eqs completely unfolded

100% convergence achieved!





Stable Modeling of Advanced Compressors – **Details**

A sequence of non-linear transformations:

 $(qvol,rev) \rightarrow (had,eta,perf) \rightarrow (rho1,had,m) \rightarrow (P1,P2,m)$

- step1: a usual 1D quadratic and 2D biquadratic models F(qvol,rev) *
- step2: temperature & gasmix independent models m=perf/had eta, rho1=m/qvol
- step3: temperature & gasmix dependence

k=1.29; alp=(k-1)/k; gam=Rgas/mu T;

P1=EOSinv(rho1) ← inverse equation of state rho=EOS(P), DC92/GERG

 $z_1=P_1/(gam^*rho_1) \leftarrow universal gas law PV=m/mu RTz$

P2=P1(Had alp/(gam z1)+1)^(1/alp) \leftarrow Had definition resolved w.r.t. P2

(watch out for units: W/kW/MW, bar/Pa etc)

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Stable Modeling of Advanced Compressors – Details

- powmax region: restricted by revmin/revmax and
- qmin/etamin (aka surge line and choke line)
- revmin/revmax are consts, qmin1(rev) is given as 1D quadratic model, eta(qvolmax,rev)=etamin=const is solved w.r.t. qvolmax(rev)
- qmin2(rev) is defined as argmax_q had(q,rev), qmin=max(qmin1,qmin2,0)
- region between revmin/revmax and qmin/etamin is resampled to Nrev*Neta grid
- revmax region: rev=revmax side, in (rho1,m) projection scaled to the origin
- cont1,2 regions go down/up in (rho1,m) projection
- the obtained 3D surface in (rho1,m,had) or (P1,P2,m) spaces is represented by triangulation

revmax region ed

(P1,m) projection



resulting P2(P1,m) eqn



Stable Modeling of Advanced Compressors – Known Challenges (revmin Side)

- revmin side of powmax patch generally has a fold
- m is continued downwards from this line, due to opening bypass regulator, circulating a part of the flow
- this continuation creates the fold, producing multiple solutions, degeneracy of Jacobi matrix...
- fortunately, for most of the cases, this region is located beyond the physical domain of rho1 or P1 and can be safely ignored
- for extra safety, rho1max value is defined, cutting off the fold, and the patch is restricted by this value







Stable Modeling of Advanced Compressors – Extended Control equation in Translation Matrix







Stable Modeling of Advanced Compressors – Low Level Implementation

- triangulated surface P2(P1,m) represented as follows
- barycentric coordinates on a plane: m1*V1+m2*V2+m3*V3=(x,y), m1+m2+m3=1
- can be solved for m123(x,y) by linear formulas, 3 numbers (c0,cx,cy) per m
- one formula can be spared using m3=1-m1-m2
- point belongs to triangle: m1,2,3>=0
- one more linear formula represents z-coord (P2)
- altogether 9 numbers (equivalent to 3 nodes x 3 coords)
- a function is implemented, searching for a triangle and evaluating z-coord and its xy-derivatives
- linked to the solver using a mechanism of user-defined functions







Stable Modeling of Advanced Compressors – Current Status of Development

- T-, K- & GEN-compressors and P-, E- and S-drives are implemented
- E-drives in the case of strongly increasing Mt(rev) replaced with const Mt
- S-drives implemented as const powmax drives
- procedure of conversion of compressors and drives chars to triangulated surfaces is implemented as an external module in Mathematica
- produces triangle lists in MYNTS_TRIFILE, which can be used in UTrans workflow
- modeling of temperature and gasmix implemented, by non-linear deformation (warping) of precomputed diagrams
- a module for reconstruction of eliminated vars is developed (postprocessing of solution)





Stable Modeling of Advanced Compressors – Example of Visualization







Relaxed Armijo Rule

- standard Armijo rule works as stabilizing line search algorithm for Newton iterations
- ensures that the residual of the system decreases
- theoretically (Kelley 1995) guarantees convergence for ||J⁻¹||<C
- we are solving nearly degenerate systems (due to marginal signatures of c&r eqs)
- they correspond to nearly plateau behavior of the residual
- small non-linear terms can strongly reduce the step, forcing Newton iterations to stagnate
- we have implemented a relaxed version of Armijo rule







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Relaxed Armijo Rule

- detects plateau situation by estimating of the lowest SVD eigenvalue:
- Jdx=-f, v=dx/|dx|, lam^2<=vT(JTJ)v=|f|^2/|dx|^2</p>
- in plateau situation allow residual to increase not more than a given threshold
- significantly improves convergence of realistic examples $(48/60 \rightarrow 59/60)$
- sometimes (rarely) causes Newton iteration to cycle
- usually those cases can be solved by switching relaxing off $(59/60 \rightarrow 60/60)$
- further, if networks diverge, look at the behavior of residuals
- if almost converged, increase max_iter
- Is=100 line search failed, a fold or other singularity met
- Iook at localization of residuals (the nearest c&r are printed out, residuals can be visualized on the networks)
- try to change the local settings to remove the divergence
- Image: model→free, spo→sm, eliminate shortcircuits if any...)





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Topological Reduction Algorithms

- series and parallel connections of generic network elements can be reduced *
- in graph theory, the graphs reducible in this way are called series-parallel graphs, SPGs
- additional reduction is an elimination of a leaf (a node of valency 1), for generalized series-parallel graphs, GSPGs
- for transport networks all Qset leafs can be eliminated in this way
- additional reduction is cleaning out "superconductive" edges, such as shortcuts, open valves, D=1m L=1m pipes, etc; and removing disconnected parts possessing no Psets



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Topological Reduction Filter for Pipes – Implementation

- reduces series, parallel and tree-like connections (Generalized Series Parallel Graph, GSPG)
- implemented for quadratic pipes, generalization for other friction laws is possible

$$P_1|P_1| - P_2|P_2| = R_1Q|Q|,$$

$$P_2|P_2| - P_3|P_3| = R_2Q|Q|,$$

$$P_1|P_1| - P_3|P_3| = R_{12}^sQ|Q|,$$

$$R_{12}^s = R_1 + R_2$$

series

$$P_{1}|P_{1}| - P_{2}|P_{2}| = R_{1}Q_{1}|Q_{1}|$$

$$= R_{2}Q_{2}|Q_{2}|, \ Q = Q_{1} + Q_{2},$$

$$P_{1}|P_{1}| - P_{2}|P_{2}| = R_{12}^{p}Q|Q|,$$

$$R_{12}^{p} = \left(R_{1}^{-1/2} + R_{2}^{-1/2}\right)^{-2}$$
parallel



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Topological Reduction Filter for Pipes – Implementation

generalization for other friction laws

 $F(P_1) - F(P_3) = G_{12}^s(Q), \qquad F(P_1) - F(P_2) = G_{12}^p(Q),$ $G_{12}^s(Q) = G_1(Q) + G_2(Q) \qquad G_{12}^p = (G_{1,inv} + G_{2,inv})_{inv}$

Qset movement algorithm (level3)

where F,G are monotonic 1D-functions (represented by linear interpolation or splines, sampled by N points)





Basic Benchmark Set

network N1



network	compressors	regulators	Psets	nodes:edges:pipes
N1	4	0	2	100:111:34
N2	7	18	4	973:1047:500
N3	25	54	6	4721:5362:1749





Basic Benchmark Set – Reduction Factors

tested on realistic networks of different complexity

reduction factors of 2.4 – 2.9 achieved (level1/level2)

Nodes:Edges:Pipes count for different reduction levels

network	level0	level1	level2	level3
N1	100:111:34	39:40:34	13:14:8	8:9:3
N2	973:1047:500	528:541:479	198:208:146	126:134:72
N3	4721:5362:1749	1723:1814:1666	705:755:607	296:332:184

implemented

(estimation)

level0 = original network

level1 = removing disconnected parts and superconductive elements

level2 = GSPG reduction with fixed Qsets

level3 = GSPG reduction with moving Qsets



Basic Benchmark Set – **Topological Results for Network N1**

80 level0 n77 p22 p23 n74 c1|2 n56 n87 n99 75 n75 c3|4 p25 n30 v38 g10 v41 n88 p31 n90 n89 ► 70 n85 n71 n69 n62 p24 n84 pressure [bar] p32 n60 n91 n68 p33 ⁿ⁹⁸ 65 n65 • 🕒 • • • p15 compressor regulator s14 s15 s9 60 n52 p19 n61 ••• n64 n72 n86 n55 n67 v40 X resistor valve n53 n76 55 • 8 • • <mark>></mark> • n80 cooler heater - 50 n56 n56 n99 n99 c1|2 ٦D c3|4 c1|2 \bigcirc Ø c3|4 p31 p31 n89 n89 n91 n91 p32 n76 🔻 🖣 level2 level3 (estimation) n80

level0 = originalnetwork

(|evel1| = removing)disconnected parts and superconductive elements, not shown, looks similar to level0)

level2 = GSPGreduction with fixed Qsets

level3 = GSPGreduction with moving Qsets

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Basic Benchmark Set – Run Times and Speedup Factors

- tested on realistic networks of different complexity
- speedup factors of 2.2 2.6 achieved (level1/level2):

Run times (2.6GHz Intel i7 CPU)

network	level1		level2	
	filter	solve	filter	solve
N1	0.006	0.044	0.009	0.02
N2	0.063	0.5	0.09	0.196
N3	0.243	2.103	0.371	0.944

level0 = original network

level1 = removing disconnected parts and superconductive elements

level2 = GSPG reduction with fixed Qsets

level3 = GSPG reduction with moving Qsets



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Exemplary Applications (1) – A Large Set of Realistic Examples

Plots for 146 networks of different complexity:

- Distribution of complexity (Nodes + Edges) at reduction level 1 (more appropriate for comparisons than level 0!)
- Reduction factor between level 1 and 2. Shape of the histogram resembles Poisson distribution.
- Acceleration factor: deceleration up to strong acceleration. Mean important here (ensemble runs!). Outliers related to randomness of the solver path towards solution. Number of compressors influences run times significantly!





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Exemplary Applications (2) – partDE-Hy Demonstrator

partDE-Hy* v.2 on Open Street Map (left) and in MYNTS (right)



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Exemplary Applications (2) – partDE-Hy (v.1)



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Timings [sec] free2s 0.8

adv3s 1.5 mix-s 5.4

(timings for 2.6GHz Intel i7 CPU)



Topological Reduction Filter for Pipes – Discussion

Novel topological reduction method for gas transport networks developed

- The method uses a contraction of series, parallel and tree-like subgraphs, containing the pipes, described by quadratic friction law.
- Several realistic networks of different complexity have been used for benchmarking of the method.
- Compared with original network, elimination of superconductive elements and disconnected parts (level1) often results in reduction factor of around 2, further GSPG reduction with fixed Qsets (level2) multiplies this by ca.
 then GSPG reduction with moving Qsets (level3) gives an estimated multiplicative factor of around 2.
- Measured speedup factor (level1 \rightarrow level2) often around 1.5-3.0.
- Method can be extended to other friction laws and elements.





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