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# Reduced-order Modelling and Simulation of Gas Transportation Networks

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Optimisation: Theory and Applications

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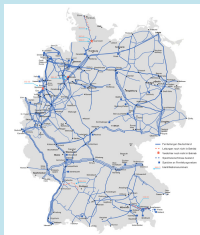


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## Simulation of German energy transportation networks

- **Goals:**
  - hierarchical modeling of transport and distribution networks
  - fast simulation on all levels
  - real-time scenario analysis for network operators
  - coupling of power and gas networks
- **Results:** New **discretization** and **model order reduction** methods for
  - isothermal Euler equations on network graph
  - with nonsmooth nonlinearity
  - leading to coupled system of differential-algebraic equations (DAEs)
  - with uncertain parameters

Implemented in **morgen** — Model Order Reduction of Gas and Energy Networks.



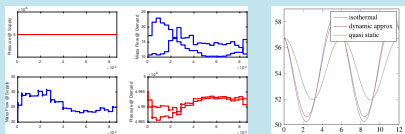
The German natural gas transportation network



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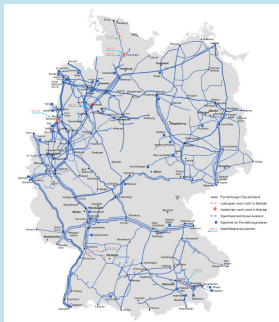




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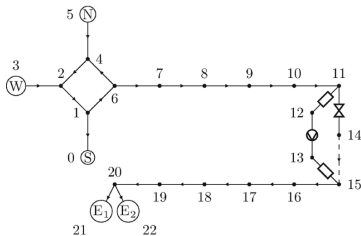
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## Friction-dominated isothermal Euler equations for 1D pipes:

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- Pressure:  $p(x, t)$
- Mass-flux:  $q(x, t)$
- Height:  $h(x)$
- Temperature:  $T_0$
- Diameter:  $d$
- Cross-section:  $S$
- Roughness:  $k$
- Gas Const.:  $R_S$
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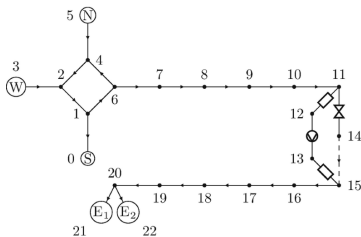


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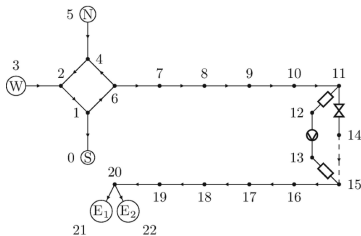
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Kirchhoff's laws:

- ① The net mass-flux at every node is zero.
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## Vectorized PDAE gas network model:

$$D_d \partial_t p^* = D_q \partial_x q,$$

$$\partial_t q^* = D_p \partial_x p - \left( D_g p^* + D_f \frac{q^* |q^*|}{p^*} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_0 q^* = \mathcal{B}_d d_q,$$

$$\mathcal{A}_0^\top p^* = \mathcal{B}_s s_p,$$

- $p^*$  is the pressure at a t.b.d. pipe location.
- $q^*$  is the mass-flux at a t.b.d. pipe location.
- $D_*$  are diagonal matrices.
- $\mathcal{A}_0$  is the incidence matrix without supply node rows.
- $\mathcal{B}_s$  is the incidence matrix of supply node rows.
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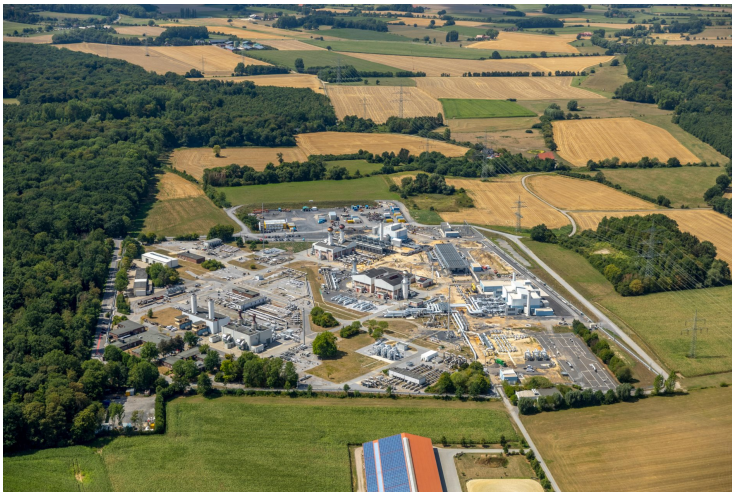
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Natural gas compressor station in Werne, Germany, operated by Open Grid Europe.



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- We recommend first order IMPLICIT-EXPLICIT method (i.e., combination of forward/backward Euler), providing often the best compromise between efficiency and accuracy, but other solvers are available in `morgen`, e.g. second-order IMEX (trapezoidal rule + SDIRK) with parametric Butcher tableau:

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0	0	0
1	1	0
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Implicit:		
$\lambda$	$\lambda$	0
$1 - \lambda$	$1 - 2\lambda$	$\lambda$
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## Parametric, Structured, Nonlinear, Non-Normal, Square:

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_p(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & I_{N_q} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A_{pq} \\ A_{qp} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B_{pd} \\ B_{qs} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_p \\ d_q \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F_c + f_q(p, q, s_p, \theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

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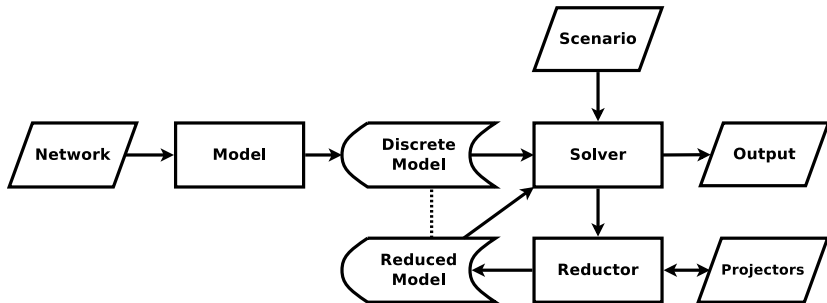
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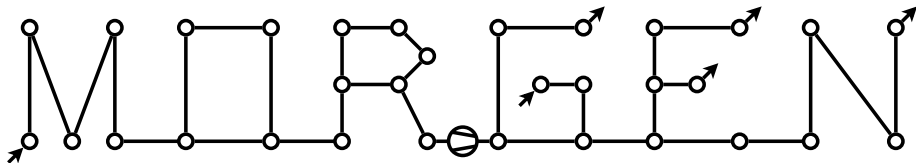
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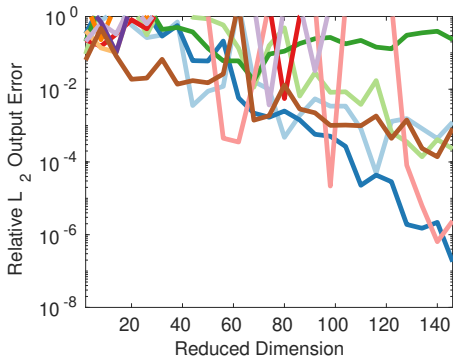
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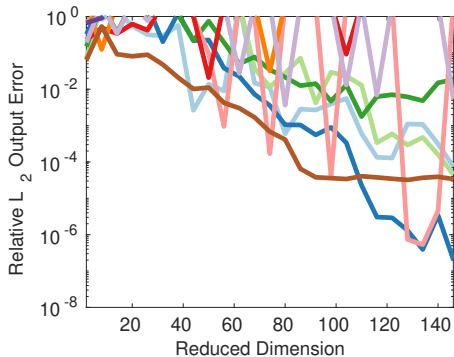


- 2 Cycles
- 1 Compressor
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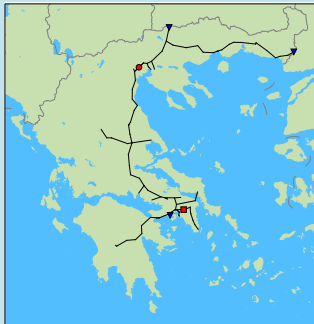
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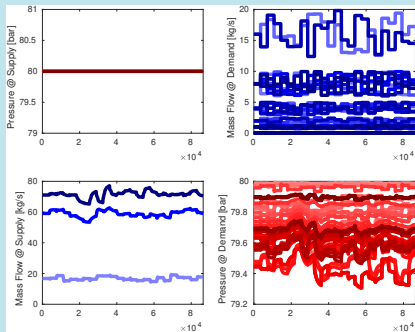
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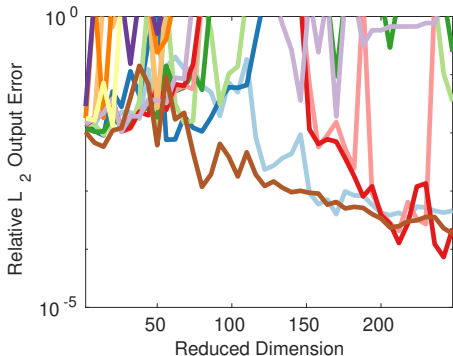
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- steady-state, used as initial state:
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  - demand mass-fluxes up to 16kg.

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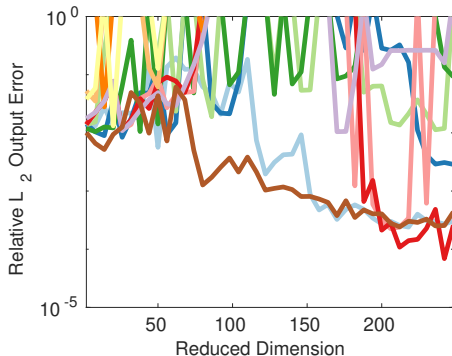


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