

# Data Assimilation for Gas Flows on Networks

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# State estimation on networks using observers



- ▶ Goal: Estimate the current system state in gas/H<sub>2</sub> networks (pressure, velocity in all pipes) to improve control decisions.
- ▶ The state can only be measured at a certain number of points.
- ▶ Combine model/simulation and measurements by constructing an observer system, i.e. IBVP that uses approximate initial data and nodal measurements.
- ▶ How many measurement points are needed so that we can guarantee synchronization, i.e. the observer state converges to the true system state, for long times?
- ▶ How can we handle discrepancies between our model and the true evolution?

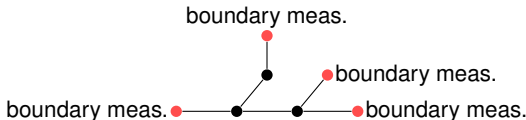


Minimal number of measurement points

Model discrepancies

We consider the case of

- ▶ full state measurements on all boundary nodes (no inner nodes);  
no other measurement points;
- ▶ no measurement errors;
- ▶ original system and observer system coincide;
- ▶ linear model: wave equation (without friction), i.e. linearized Euler equations.  
Coupling conditions correspond to conservation of mass and continuity of enthalpy or pressure in the Euler equations.
- ▶ We use the measured state as boundary condition for the observer system.





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# Evolution equation of difference system



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We denote the difference  $\delta_{\pm}$  between the solutions of the original system and the observer system. It satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \delta_+^e \\ \delta_-^e \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & -c \end{pmatrix} \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} \delta_+^e \\ \delta_-^e \end{pmatrix} &= 0, & e \in \mathcal{E}, \\ \delta_{\pm}^e(0, x) &= y_{\pm}^e(x) - z_{\pm}^e(x), & x \in (0, \ell^e), e \in \mathcal{E}, \\ \delta_{\text{out}}^e(t, v) &= 0, & t \in (0, T), v \in \mathcal{V}_{\partial}, e \in \mathcal{E}(v), \\ \delta_{\text{out}}^e(t, v) &= -\delta_{\text{in}}^e(t, v) + \frac{2}{|\mathcal{E}(v)|} \sum_{g \in \mathcal{E}(v)} \delta_{\text{in}}^g(t, v), & t \in (0, T), v \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{V}_{\partial}.\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{V}_{\partial}$  is the set of boundary nodes and  $y_{\pm}^e$  and  $z_{\pm}^e$  are the initial data of the original system and the observer system, respectively.

# Inner cycles prevent synchronization



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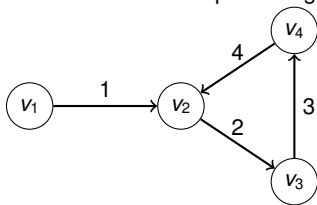
## Lemma

If the graph  $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  contains a cycle consisting of inner points then synchronization cannot be guaranteed, i.e. there exist initial data  $y_{\pm}, z_{\pm}$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|(\delta_+(t), \delta_-(t))\|_{L^2(\mathcal{E})} \neq 0.$$

## Proof.

We consider an example. The general case can be handled analogously.



For any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  a stationary solution is given by  $\delta_{\pm}^1 = 0, \delta_+^j = a, \delta_-^j = -a$  for  $j \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ .





## Lemma

Let  $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  be a tree-shaped network with  $N$  inner nodes. Let  $\ell_m$  denote the maximal length of a pipe in  $G$ . Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for  $T \geq N \frac{\ell_m}{c}$  and  $t > T$  we have

$$\|(\delta_+, \delta_-)(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{E})}^2 \leq C \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_\partial} \|(\delta_+, \delta_-)(\cdot, v)\|_{L^2([t-T, t+T])}^2,$$

## Sketch of proof

We use induction in  $N$

For  $N = 1$  the graph is star shaped and the result is known.

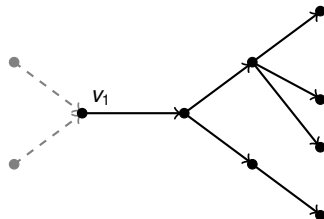
# Observability inequality: induction step



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For  $N > 1$  there exists an inner node  $v_1$  that has only one edge connected to another inner node.

Let  $G_1$  be the sub-graph obtained by removing from  $G$  all edges connecting  $v_1$  to boundary nodes  $\Rightarrow$  observation inequality holds on  $G_1$ .



$G$ : gray and black;  $G_1$ : in black

Note  $\mathcal{V}_\partial(G_1) \subset \{v_1\} \cup \mathcal{V}_\partial(G)$ . Thus, we need to bound

$$\|(\delta_+, \delta_-)(\cdot, v_1)\|_{L^2(t-T, t+T)} \leq C \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_\partial(G)} \|(\delta_+, \delta_-)(\cdot, v)\|_{L^2(t-T-c, t+T+c)}$$



## Theorem

Let  $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  be a tree-shaped network. Then there exist constants  $\mu > 0$ ,  $C_1 > 0$  such that

$$\|(\delta_+, \delta_-)(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{E})}^2 \leq C_1 \exp(-\mu t) \quad \forall t > 0.$$

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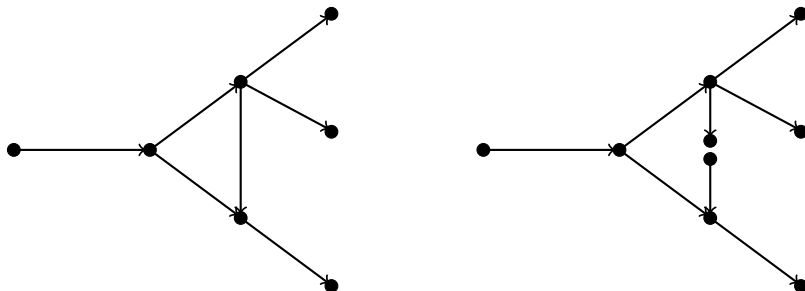
$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\delta_+, \delta_-)(t + \tilde{t}, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{E})}^2 - \|(\delta_+, \delta_-)(t - \tilde{t}, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{E})}^2 \\ & \leq (-c) \int_{t-\tilde{t}}^{t+\tilde{t}} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_\partial} \sum_{\theta \in \mathcal{E}(v)} (|\delta_{\text{out}}^e(s, v)|^2 + |\delta_{\text{in}}^e(s, v)|^2) ds \\ & = (-c) \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_\partial} \|(\delta_+, \delta_-)(\cdot, v)\|_{L^2([t-\tilde{t}, t+\tilde{t}])}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Apply observability and modified Gronwall lemma.

# What to do about general networks?

Inserting a full state measurement at a point inside a pipe (edge) into the observer is equivalent to splitting that edge and adding a boundary node for each half.

If we add one measurement per cycle, we end up with a tree shaped graph  $\rightarrow$  observer state converges exponentially to the true systems state



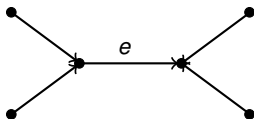
# What about finite time synchronization?



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For star shaped networks without friction there is finite time synchronization.

If there is one inner pipe whose end-nodes have more than two adjacent pipes this is no longer true, due to reflection at nodes with more than two adjacent pipes:



If we start with  $\delta_{\pm}^e(0, x) = 1 \ \forall x \in e$  and  $\delta_{\pm}(0, x) = 0$  for all  $x \notin e$  then for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\delta_{\pm}(n \frac{|e|}{c}, x) = \frac{1}{3^n} \forall x \in e, \quad \delta_{-}(n \frac{|e|}{c}, x) = \frac{2}{3^n} \forall x \notin e$$

→ (only) exponential decay.

# Overview



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Observer model

$$\begin{pmatrix} S_+ \\ S_- \end{pmatrix}_t + \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & -c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} S_+ \\ S_- \end{pmatrix}_x = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_+ \\ \epsilon_- \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\epsilon_{\pm}$  given functions that account for the difference between the models.

We can again study the evolution of the differences  $\delta_{\pm} = R_{\pm} - S_{\pm}$ . If we have state measurements at all nodes we get

## Theorem

*There exist  $T, C, c > 0$  such that for all  $t > T$*

$$\delta_+(t)^2 + \delta_-(t)^2 \leq C \left( 1 + \int_0^t (\epsilon_+(s)^2 + \epsilon_-(s)^2) e^{cs} ds \right) e^{-ct}$$

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