

# Robustification of Physical Parameters in Gas Networks

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## Challenges in Gas Networks under Uncertainty

gas network with active elements and flows  $q$ , pressure  $p$

$$\sum_{a \in \delta^+(v)} q_a - \sum_{a \in \delta^-(v)} q_a = q_a^{\text{nom}} \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$p_u^2 - p_v^2 = \phi_a q_a |q_a| \quad \forall a = (u, v) \in A$$

active elements

$$p_v \in [\underline{p}_v, \bar{p}_v] \quad \forall v \in V$$

**possible sources of uncertainty:**

demand  $q^{\text{nom}} \in \mathcal{D}$ , roughness  $\phi \in \mathcal{U}$

**goal:**

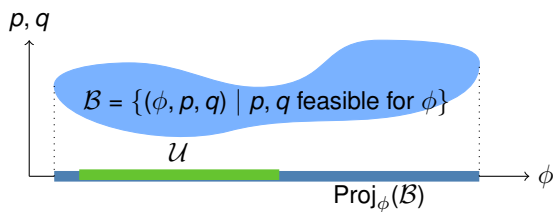
is there a configuration of the active elements such that there is a feasible pressure/flow for every value in the uncertainty set?

**challenge:**

multi-stage non-convex mixed-integer robust optimization problem

## Passive Networks: Set Containment Approach

- robust feasible:  $\forall \phi \in \mathcal{U} \exists$  feasible  $p, q \iff \mathcal{U} \subseteq \text{Proj}_\phi(\mathcal{B})$
- leads to polynomial optimization problems (SDP approximation hierarchy)



### Deciding Feasibility

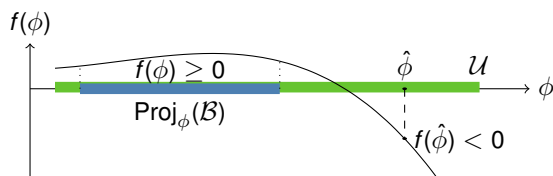
- result:**  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \text{Proj}_\phi(\mathcal{B}) \iff \mathcal{G} = \{x \mid g_j(x) = 0, j \in J\} \subseteq \mathcal{H} = \{x \mid h_i(x) \leq 0, i \in I\}$ , for  $g_j, h_i$  polynomial functions
- need to check if for all  $i \in I: \max_{x \in \mathcal{G}} h_i(x) \leq 0$

computational experiments for feasible one-cycle networks:

nodes	#probs	hierarchy level			mean cpu [s]			#infeas.
		2	3	4	2	3	4	
3	6	6	0	0	0.5	3.5	6.1	0
4	12	5	1	6	0.9	3.7	30.0	6
5	20	10	0	10	1.0	8.7	198.0	0

### Deciding Infeasibility

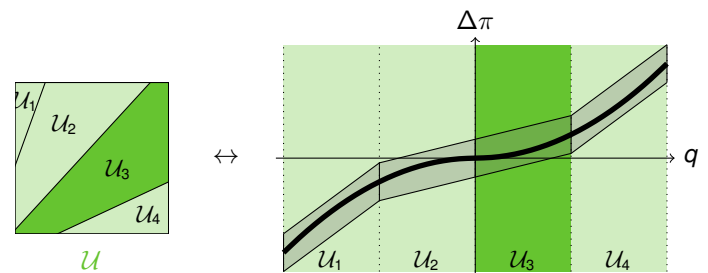
- find polynomial  $f$  which is non-negative on  $\text{Proj}_\phi(\mathcal{B})$  but is negative for some  $\hat{\phi} \in \mathcal{U}$
- result:**  $f$  exists if  $\mathcal{U} \setminus \text{Proj}_\phi(\mathcal{B})$  contains an open subset



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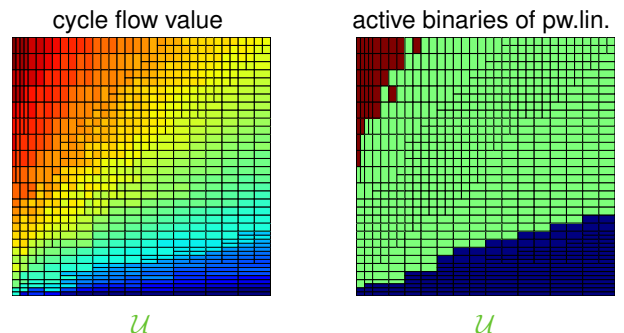
## Active Networks: Splitting the Uncertainty Set

- piecewise linear relaxation of pressure-drop functions
- so far: works on networks with edge-disjoint cycles
- result:** segments of linearization map to partitions of  $\mathcal{U}$
- splitting of  $\mathcal{U}$  allows elimination of auxiliary binary variables for piecewise linearization on second stage



### Experimental Splitting in Strict Robust Model

- three-node network with two uncertain pipes
- adaptive splitting of  $\mathcal{U}$  until feasibility is reached
- 6 iterations (732 partitions)



## Contributions

- Demo 3: validation of solutions via set containment, maximization of additional gas flow via splitting approach
- Uncertainty Team ( $\rightarrow$  talk by René Henrion)