



# Modelling of a Long Pneumatic Transmission Line: Models of Successively Decreasing Complexity and their Experimental Validation



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# **Overview**

### Motivation

### Purpose of a model

- Analysis
- Feedforward control
- Feedback control
- Optimization

#### Problems

- Which model is well-suited to describe a pneumatic transmission line?
- "Le simple est toujours faux. Ce qui ne l'est pas est inutilisable." Paul Valéry (1937)





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#### One-dimensional compressible flow

- Conservation laws
- Friction and heat transfer
- Successive model simplifications

#### Simulation and measurement results

- Scenario 1 Flow into ambient air
- Scenario 2 Flow into a terminating volume

#### Summary and outlook

References





### **Conservation laws**

### Euler equations

- Conservation of mass  $\rho_t + (\rho v)_z = 0$
- Conservation of momentum  $(\rho v)_t + (\rho v^2 + p)_z = 0$
- Conservation of energy  $(\rho e)_t + (v(\rho e + p))_z = 0$



### Augmented Euler equations

- Conservation of mass  $\rho_t + (\rho v)_z = 0$
- Conservation of momentum  $(\rho v)_t + (\rho v^2 + p)_z = -f_{\text{comp}} \frac{\rho v |v|}{2D}$
- Conservation of energy

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$$(\rho e)_t + (v(\rho e + p))_z = \frac{1}{A} 2\pi \alpha r_i (T_0 - T) + f_{\text{comp}} \frac{\rho v^2 |v|}{2D}$$





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### Friction and heat transfer



### **Empirical correlations**

Compressible friction factor

 $f_{\text{comp}} = f \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M a^2\right)^{-0.47}$ 

Laminar flow

$$f = \frac{64}{Re}$$

- Turbulent flow (Haaland)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -1.8 \log \left[ \left( \frac{\varepsilon/D}{3.7} \right)^{1.11} + \frac{6.9}{Re} \right]$$



Heat transfer coefficient (Gnielinski)

$$\alpha = \frac{\lambda_f}{D} \frac{\frac{f_{\text{comp}}}{8} (Re - 1000) Pr}{1 + 12.7 \left(\frac{f_{\text{comp}}}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(Pr^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1\right)}$$



#### Successive model simplifications

Model 1  

$$\rho_t + (\rho v)_z = 0$$
  
 $(\rho v)_t + (\rho v^2 + p)_z = -f_{comp} \frac{\rho v |v|}{2D}$   
 $(\rho e)_t + (v(\rho e + p))_z = \frac{1}{A} 2\pi \alpha r_i (T_0 - T) + f_{comp} \frac{\rho v^2 |v|}{2D}$ 

#### Assumptions

- No diffusion
- One-dimensional flow
- No gravity
- Fluid is a polytropic, ideal gas

### Model 2



- Flow is isothermal
  - Valid if pressure changes are slow compared to the time needed to reach the thermal equilibrium





#### Successive model simplifications

#### Model 2

$$\rho_t + (\rho v)_z = 0$$

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### Assumptions

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- Flow is isothermal

- No convective acceleration
  - Valid for Ma < 0.3</li>





### Successive model simplifications

Model 3

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Model 4

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m fric}rac{32\eta_0}{D^2}v,\quad k_{
m fric}\geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

### Assumptions

- No diffusion
- One-dimensional flow
- No gravity
- Fluid is a polytropic, ideal gas
- Flow is isothermal
- No convective acceleration

- Laminar flow
  - Valid for small Reynolds numbers
  - Effect of compressibility on the friction factor can be neglected





### Successive model simplifications

Model 4

$$\rho_t + (\rho v)_z = 0$$
$$(\rho v)_t + a_{iso}^2 \rho_z = -k_{fric} \frac{32\eta_0}{D^2} v$$



$$\rho_t + (\rho v)_z = 0$$
$$(\rho v)_t + a_{iso}^2 \rho_z = -k_{fric} \frac{32\eta_0}{D^2} \frac{1}{\rho_0} \rho v$$

### Assumptions

- No diffusion
- One-dimensional flow
- No gravity
- Fluid is a polytropic, ideal gas
- Flow is isothermal
- No convective acceleration
- Laminar flow

- Density is almost constant
  - Valid for small pressure and temperature changes





### Testing scenarios

#### Scenario 1

Flow in ambient air



### Scenario 2

Flow into a terminating volume



#### Initial and boundary conditions

- Initial conditions  $p(z,0) = p_0(z), \ \rho(z,0) = \rho_0(z), \ v(z,0) = 0$
- Left boundary condition  $p(0,t) = p_{in}(t), \ \rho(0,t) = \rho_{in}(t)$
- Right boundary condition scenario 1
    $p(L,t) = p_0$
- Right boundary condition scenario 2  $p_{vol}(t) = \frac{m_{vol}(t)R_sT_{vol}(t)}{V_{vol}}$   $m_{vol}(t) = \int_0^t \dot{m}(L,\tau) \,d\tau + m_{vol}(0)$   $(c_{v,f,vol}m_{vol}T_{vol})_t (t) = (\dot{m}e)(L,t)$   $+ (pAv)(L,t) + \dot{Q}_{vol}(t)$





#### Test bench

#### Mechanical components

Tube

Diameter	D	8∙10 <sup>-3</sup> m
Length	L	19,83 m
Roughness	З	1,5·10⁻ <sup>6</sup> m

Terminating volume

Volume	V <sub>vol</sub>	6,46·10⁻⁴ m³
Therm. restistance	$R_{vol}$	4·10 <sup>-3</sup> K/W

Medium air

Ambient temperature	T <sub>0</sub>	293,15 K
Ambient pressure	p <sub>0</sub>	1,01 bar
Heat capacity ratio	γ	1,4

#### **Electrical components**

- Pressure sensors
  - Festo pressure transmitter SPTE
- Ventil
  - Norgren proportional valve VP60
- Computer
  - Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-4770 CPU @ 3.40Ghz
  - Simulink Real-Time

#### Implementation for simulation

 The PDEs are discretized via the second-order finite difference method of MacCormack





### Testing scenarios

- Scenario 1 Flow into ambient air
- Step input signal
  - Opening the valve in 0,0175 s







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#### Shock wave



- Simulation of model 1
  - $v_{max} = 111.06 \text{ m/s}$
  - Ma<sub>max</sub> = 0.33
  - T<sub>max</sub> = 317.84 K





### **Testing scenarios**

#### Scenario 1 - Flow into ambient air

- Step input signal
  - Opening the valve in 0.0175 s



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  - v<sub>max</sub> = 111,06 m/s
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#### Shock wave



- The shock wave and its reflection are damped due to friction
- Scattering of the shock wave in the sensor causes measurement error
- CFL condition < 1 in the shock wave causes numerical dispersion





### **Testing scenarios**





Model 1  $(\rho v)_{t} + (\rho v^{2} + p)_{z} = -f_{\text{comp}} \frac{\rho v |v|}{2D} \quad \text{Model } 2D$   $(\rho e)_{t} + (v(\rho e + p))_{z} = \frac{1}{A} 2\pi \alpha r_{i}(T_{0} - T) + f_{\text{comp}} \frac{\rho v^{2} |v|}{2D}$  Model 2

$$(\rho v)_t + (\rho v^2 + a_{\rm iso}^2 \rho)_z = -f_{\rm comp} \frac{\rho v |v|}{2D}$$

Model 3

$$(\rho v)_t + a_{
m iso}^2 \rho_z = -f_{
m comp} \frac{\rho v |v|}{2D}$$

**Propagation speed** 



• Model 1: 
$$v + \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}}$$

• Model 2:  $v + \sqrt{\gamma R_s T_0}$ 

• Model 3: 
$$\sqrt{\gamma R_s T_0}$$



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#### **Testing scenarios**

#### Scenario 1 - Flow into ambient air



Loss of energy



- Model 1  $(\rho v)_{t} + (\rho v^{2} + p)_{z} = -f_{\text{comp}} \frac{\rho v |v|}{2D}$   $(\rho e)_{t} + (v(\rho e + p))_{z} = \frac{1}{A} 2\pi \alpha r_{i}(T_{0} T) + f_{\text{comp}} \frac{\rho v^{2} |v|}{2D}$   $\text{Model 1: } \dot{Q} = \frac{1}{A} 2\pi \alpha r_{i}(T_{0} T)$   $(\rho v)_{t} + (\rho v^{2} + a_{\text{iso}}^{2} \rho)_{z} = -f_{\text{comp}} \frac{\rho v |v|}{2D}$   $\text{Model 2: } P = f_{\text{comp}} \frac{\rho v^{2} |v|}{2D}$
- Model 3  $(\rho v)_t + a_{iso}^2 \rho_z = -f_{comp} \frac{\rho v |v|}{2D}$



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### **Testing scenarios**

#### Scenario 1 - Flow into ambient air



Model 4.1

$$(\rho v)_t + a_{iso}^2 \rho_z = -k_{fric} \frac{32\eta_0}{D^2} v, \quad k_{fric} = 1$$

- Model 4.2  $(\rho v)_t + a_{iso}^2 \rho_z = -k_{fric} \frac{32\eta_0}{D^2} v, \quad k_{fric} = 15$
- Model 5

$$(\rho v)_t + a_{iso}^2 \rho_z = -k_{fric} \frac{32\eta_0}{D^2} \frac{1}{\rho_0} \rho v, \quad k_{fric} = 8$$

- Choice of k<sub>fric</sub> for Model 5
  - Model 4: Friction laminar
     Proportional to v
  - Model 5: Friction linear
     Proportional zu ρv
- Evident for the steady state solution
  - Pressure profile at t = 1.4 s







#### Testing scenarios



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  - $(\rho v)_t + (\rho v^2 + a_{\rm iso}^2 \rho)_z = -f_{\rm comp} \frac{\rho v |v|}{2D}$
- Model 3  $(\rho v)_t + a_{iso}^2 \rho_z = -f_{comp} \frac{\rho v |v|}{2D}$





Boundary conditions

Model 1:  

$$p_{\text{vol}} = \frac{\left(\int_{0}^{t} \dot{m}(\tau) \, \mathrm{d}\tau + m_{\text{vol}}\right) R_{s} T_{\text{vol}}}{V_{\text{vol}}}$$

$$\left(c_{v,f,\text{vol}} m_{\text{vol}} T_{\text{vol}}\right)_{t} = \dot{m}e + pAv + \dot{Q}_{\text{vol}}$$

- Model 2 and 3
$$p_{\rm vol} = \frac{\left(\int_0^t \dot{m}(\tau) \, \mathrm{d}\tau + m_{\rm vol}\right) R_s T_0}{V_{\rm vol}}$$



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### **Testing scenarios**



- Deviation from measurement at t = 0.5 s
  - Model 1: 0,45 %
  - Model 2: 8,02 %
- Total energy loss
  - Ratio model 1 to model 2: 1.36

Pressure in volume



Boundary conditions

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$$\left(c_{v,f,\text{vol}} m_{\text{vol}} T_{\text{vol}}\right)_t = \dot{m}e + pAv + \dot{Q}_{\text{vol}}$$

- Model 2 and 3
$$p_{\rm vol} = \frac{\left(\int_0^t \dot{m}(\tau) \,\mathrm{d}\tau + m_{\rm vol}\right) R_s T_0}{V_{\rm vol}}$$





### Testing scenarios

Scenario 2 – Flow into a terminating volume



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- Model 5

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# **Summary and outlook**

### Summary

#### Assumptions and effects

- Basic assumptions Model 1
- Isothermal flow Model 2
  - Two instead of three equations
  - Conservation of energy is violated
- No convective acceleration Model 3
  - Coefficients of the derivatives are constant (equations are semilinear instead of quasilinear)
  - Wave propagation speed is incorrect
- Laminar flow Model 4
  - Correlations are not necessary
  - Effect of friction without amplification factor is underestimated
- Constant density Model 5
  - Linear equations
  - Relatively severe error due to the approximations

#### Root mean square

 Difference between simulated and measured pressure (in bar)



### Computational time

 Simulation of scenario 1 (in s) with N<sub>7</sub> = 992 and N<sub>1</sub> = 24 270 - 30 514





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# **Summary and outlook**

### Outlook

#### Applications of the models

- Complex models for
  - Simulation
  - Optimization
  - Distributed-parameter feedforward control
  - Lumped-parameter feedback control

- Less complex models
  - If pressure changes are relatively small
  - Suited if the system exhibits a terminating volume at the end of the transmisssion line (e.g. piston)
  - Time-critical applications
  - Distributed-parameter feedback control







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# Sinusanregung

### Testing scenarios

#### Scenario 1

Ecxitation with maximum frequency (~ 16 Hz)



# Sinusanregung

### Testing scenarios

#### Scenario 2

Ecxitation with maximum frequency (~ 16 Hz) 





# **Derivation of Model 3**

### Linearization of the pressure function

 Formulierung der Eulergleichungen durch Entropieerhaltung

$$\rho_t + (\rho v)_z = 0$$
$$(\rho v)_t + (\rho v^2 + p)_z = 0$$
$$S_t + vS_z = 0$$

Definition der Entropie

$$S = c_v \log\left(\frac{p}{\rho^{\gamma}}\right) + \kappa$$

Auflösen nach Druck

$$p(\rho) = \exp\left(\frac{S}{c_v} + \kappa\right) \rho^{\gamma}$$

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ür Funktion des Drucks

$$p(\rho) = p(\rho_0) + \gamma \exp\left(\frac{S}{c_v} + \kappa\right) \rho_0^{\gamma-1}(\rho - \rho_0) + \cdots$$
$$= p(\rho_0) + \gamma \frac{p(\rho_0)}{\rho_0}(\rho - \rho_0) + \cdots$$

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- Assumption von kleinen Änderungen  $p(\rho) = p(\rho_0) + \gamma R_s T_0(\rho - \rho_0)$
- Isotherme Eulergleichungen  $\rho_t + (\rho v)_z = 0$  $(\rho v^2 + a_{iso}^2 \rho)_z = 0$  with  $a_{iso} = \sqrt{\gamma R_s T_0}$

