

Stochastic Control and Market Design for Natural Gas Networks

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Why Stochastic?

- ▶ Uncertainty of gas extractions arises from:
 - ▶ Imperfect forecasts
 - ▶ Imbalances in power grid
 - ▶ Renewable gas supply
- ▶ Risks are induced by uncertainty:
 - ▶ Operational risks (operations at (or beyond) the limits)
 - ▶ Market risks (contract violations, variable returns, etc.)
- ▶ 2014 North American cold wave is an excellent example
 - ▶ Sudden peak in natural gas demand
 - ▶ Congestions in the natural gas network
 - ▶ Record-high spot prices from Jan 1 to Feb 18
 - ▶ Network expansion is prohibitive.
- ▶ From deterministic to stochastic control & market practices

Towards stochastic control polices

- ▶ Stochastic control policy:
 - ▶ Mathematically strict rule (function)
 - ▶ Optimized ahead of real-time operations
 - ▶ To produce control inputs in real-time
- ▶ We develop control policies that internalize
 - ▶ Gas extraction uncertainty
 - ▶ Operational and market risk criteria
 - ▶ Intra-day variability of network variables
- ▶ Stochastic control policies enable
 - ▶ Distinguish network assets contributions into uncertainty control
 - ▶ Distinguish gas extraction contributions into overall uncertainty
 - ▶ Price uncertainty and variability (variance) of network operations

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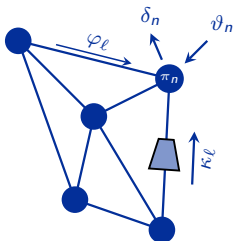
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Natural gas network equations



- ▶ Network as a graph $\Gamma(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{E})$
 - ▶ Set of nodes $\mathcal{N} = \{1, \dots, N\}$
 - ▶ Set of edges $\mathcal{E} = \{1, \dots, E\}$
- ▶ Gas network variables
 - ▶ $\vartheta \in \mathbb{R}^N$ – gas injection rates
 - ▶ $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^N$ – gas extraction rates
 - ▶ $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}^E$ – gas flow rates
 - ▶ $\pi \in \mathbb{R}^N$ – squared gas pressures
 - ▶ $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}^E$ – squared pressure regulation

- ▶ Gas conservation law

$$A\varphi = \vartheta - B\kappa - \delta \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

- ▶ Weymouth equation

$$\varphi \circ |\varphi| = \text{diag}[w](A^T \pi + \kappa) \in \mathbb{R}^E$$
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- ▶ Pricing based on the combination of linear and conic duality

- ▶ Unlike linear, conic constraints are not separable

- ▶ SOCP duality distinguishes the effort of network assets w.r.t. each component of forecast errors in $F \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$, e.g.,

$$\lambda_n^{\bar{\pi}} \leq \|u_n^{\bar{\pi}}\|, \quad u_n^{\bar{\pi}} \in \mathbb{R}^N,$$

where $\lambda_n^{\bar{\pi}}, u_{n1}^{\bar{\pi}}, \dots, u_{nN}^{\bar{\pi}}$ are prices for max. press. control

Revenue		Deterministic	Chance-constrained		
		Nominal balance	Regulation balance	Uncertainty	Variance
			Regulation balance	Network limits	State variance
Injection	$R_n^{inj} =$	$f(\lambda_n^c, \vartheta_n)$	$+f(\lambda_n^r, \alpha_n)$	$+f(u_n^{\pi}, u_n^{\varphi}, u_n^{\pi}, \alpha_n)$	$+f(u_n^{\pi}, u_n^{\varphi}, \alpha_n)$
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Modeling Gas Network Operations





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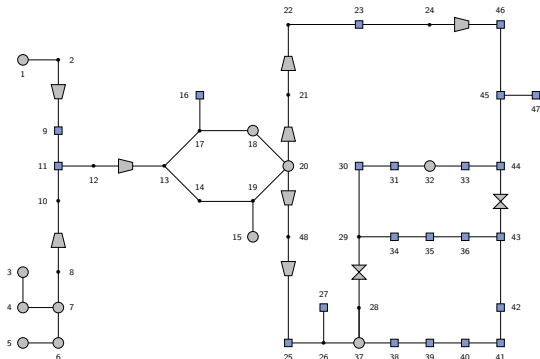
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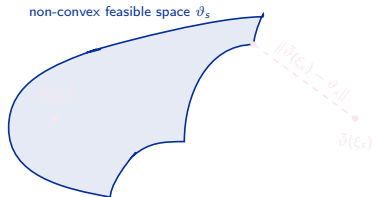
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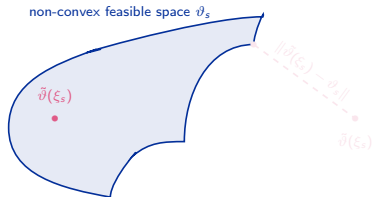
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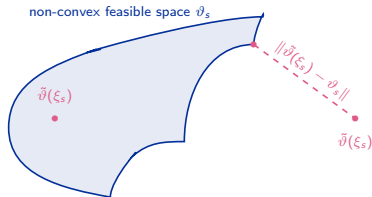
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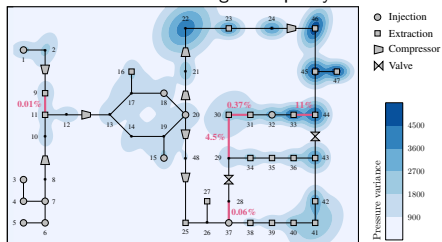
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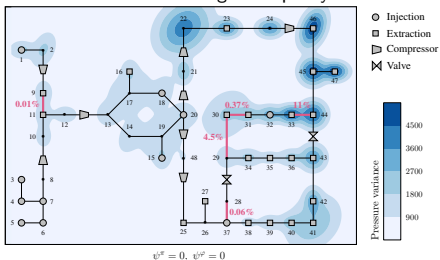


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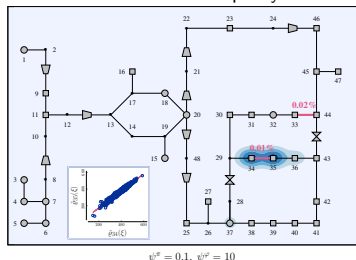
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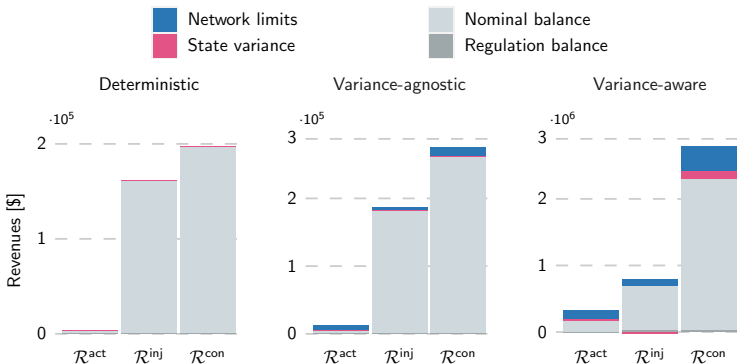


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Consumer	$R_n^{con} =$	$f(\lambda_n^c, \delta_n)$	$+f(\lambda_n^r, \mathbf{1}_n)$	$+f(u^{\pi}, u^{\pi}, u^{\varphi}, [F]_n)$	$+f(u^{\pi}, u^{\varphi}, [F]_n)$



Conclusions & Outlook

- ▶ Chance-constrained policies allow for an explicit uncertainty management while:
 - ▶ Internalizing probabilistic forecast and risk criteria of network operators
 - ▶ Producing uncertainty- and variance-aware network controls with guarantees
 - ▶ Offering the foundation for the stochastic gas market-clearing settlement
- ▶ Future extensions:
 - ▶ Coordination of power and gas networks
 - ▶ Contracts for TSO and NGO for the stochastic renewables, voltage control, etc.
 - ▶ More controls to exploit and price the flexibility of natural gas extractions
- ▶ arXiv paper & GitHub  repository are coming soon

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