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2.1 Introduction

2.2 Background on mining compressed air networks

2.2.1 Preamble

Compressed air is used extensively in a mine in surface and underground operations. In this section, background on compressed air systems is provided ¹ through discussion of component ² that make ³ up the system.

- ¹ Passive voice
- ² [the component or a component]
- ³ [make → makes]

2.2.2 Compressor air network components

Compressors

Compressed air in mining is most commonly supplied by a centrifugal-type dynamic ⁴ compressor [20],[21].

Compression in these machines is achieved ⁵ as a result of the centrifugal force from the high speed ⁶ rotation of impellers in air ⁷. Impeller rotation powered by a large electric motor. A higher pressure ratio is obtained ⁸ through multi-stage impeller designs [20]. The compression process is inefficient. Only about 5% to 10% of the input energy of the process is converted ⁹ into energy that is used [22].

- ⁴ Unusual word pair
- ⁵ Passive voice
- ⁶ [high-speed → high-speed]
- ⁷ [the air or an air]
- ⁸ Passive voice

Pneumatic rock drills

Drilling is mainly performed ¹⁰ in the production areas or stopes ¹¹ of a mine. Drill ¹² machines are used to drill holes into the rock face. Once the holes have been drilled, explosives are then installed to break up the rock [23].

- ⁹ Passive voice

Compressed air is used to power pneumatic rock drills

- ¹⁰ Passive voice
- ¹¹

within a mine. Pneumatic rock drills run at an efficiency of 2%. This ¹⁴ is low when compared to alternative rock drills such as electric, oil electro-hydraulic and hydro-powered drills that run ¹⁵ at an efficiency of between 20-31% [24], [14].

¹² ~~Passive voice~~ ~~Repetitive word~~

¹³ Passive voice

Refuge bays

¹⁴ Unclear antecedent

Refuge bays are installed underground in deep level mines to provide safety to miners in the event of an emergency. To satisfy the safety criteria ¹⁶, most mines will utilize ¹⁷ compressed air to deliver cool ¹⁸ air to the chamber [25]. g. 2.1 shows an example of a compressed air inlet at an underground refuge bay. A muffler is installed to the end of the inlet air pipe to reduce noise.

¹⁵ Repetitive word: *run*

The provision of 1.42 l/s of air per person at a pressure between 200 and 300 kilopascals is

¹⁶ Dangling modifier

¹⁷ Possible Americanism

¹⁸ Overused word: *cool*

Figure 2.1: An example of compressed air inlet in an underground refuge bay chamber of a mine.

required to provide oxygen and prevent any poisonousness gas entering the refuge ¹⁹ [25].

Air flow in the refuge bays can be controlled ²⁰ with ²¹ a manual valve within the chamber. Often, this valve is often misused ²² by mine workers who open the valves fully in order to ²³ cool ²⁴ the bay through decompression of the air.[CitationNeeded]

¹⁹ Repetitive word: *refuge*

Processing plants

Processing plants are constructed ²⁵ near gold and mines.

²⁰ Passive voice

²¹ [controlled **with** → controlled **by**]

They are used ²⁶ when extracting metal from the ore that is

²² Passive voice

²³

obtained ²⁷ from the mining operation. These plants use compressed air for various systems, processes and equipment.

²⁴ [in order to → to]
Overused word: cool

To save costs ²⁸, processing plants often share compressed air network with mine [8]. The plants use relatively low ²⁹ amounts of air compared to mines, however ³¹ ³⁰ plant processes have pressure requirements that differ from the rest of the air network. If the plant is not isolated from the mine ³² air network ³³, compressed air optimizations ³⁴ on the mine ³⁵ can be complicated.

²⁵ Passive voice
²⁶ Passive voice
²⁷ Passive voice

Other compressed air users

²⁸ Dangling modifier

Due to the availability underground, compressed air is utilised ³⁶ for a number of ³⁷ other applications. These usages include, ³⁸ pneumatic loaders or rock shovels, pneumatic cylinders, dam sediment agitation, cooling and ventilation and many other applications. This vast variety of ³⁹ applications also leads to misuse of compressed air this leads to inefficient operation.

²⁹ Overused word: low
³⁰ [mines, however → mines. However]
³¹ [however,]
³² Repetitive word: mine
³³ Repetitive word: network
³⁴ Possible Americanism
³⁵ Repetitive word: mine

2.2.3 Operation schedule

On a typical mine, various operations ⁴¹ will take place at different times of the day. Depending on the activity taking place, many mines will control the pressure to meet the requirements

³⁶ Passive voice
³⁷ [a number of → some]
³⁸ [include,']

[26],[8]. g. 2.2 shows the schedule and pressure requirement on a typical deep level mine.

³⁹ [of of]

As shown in the figure, the pressure requirement ⁴² changes depending on the activity taking place. The drilling shift typically has the highest pressure requirement

⁴⁰ [this,]

⁴¹ Repetitive word: operations

whilst ⁴³ blasting shift ⁴⁴ requires the lowest. Schedules and operation philosophies can differ between mines. Different operational schedules ⁴⁵ require ⁴⁶ alternative pressure ⁴⁷ requirement profiles.

Figure 2.2: The typical operation schedule ⁴⁸ of a deep level mine [26].

2.2.4 Instrumentation and measurements

For large industrial systems, thorough instrumentation is necessary in order to ⁴⁹ monitor performance and equipment condition throughout the system. In a mining compressed air network, instrumentation is installed to monitor flows, pressures, temperatures ,etc ⁵⁰. Electri-cal ⁵¹ instrumentation is also installed ⁵² for sensing currents, power factors, voltages and power. On control valves, input/output pressures, ows ⁵³ and valve position are usually measured ⁵⁴ with instrumentation.

A Supervisory ⁵⁵ control and data acquisition (SCADA) system is ⁵⁶ used to monitor and control processes throughout the mine from a control room. The SCADA centralises instrumentation data from Programmable logic controllers (PLCs) throughout the mine ⁵⁷. The SCADA can also be used to control ⁵⁸ machines and instrumentation by sending control signals to the relevant PLC. Communication to the underground PLCs is achieved using a substantial ⁵⁹ bre ⁶⁰ optic network.[27]

2.2.5 Summary

2.3 Review of compressed air energy interventions in

⁴² Repetitive word: *requirement*

⁴³ [~~whilst~~ → while]

⁴⁴ Repetitive word: *shift*

⁴⁵ Repetitive word: *schedules*

⁴⁶ Repetitive word: *require*

⁴⁷ Repetitive word: *pressure*

⁴⁸ Repetitive word: *schedule*

⁴⁹ [~~in order to~~ → to]

⁵⁰ [, etc]

⁵¹ [~~Electri-cal~~ → Electrical]

⁵² Passive voice

⁵³ Unknown word: *ows*

⁵⁴ Passive voice

⁵⁵ [~~A Supervisory~~ → Supervisory]

⁵⁶ [~~is~~ → are]

industry

2.3.1 Preamble

Compressed air improvement can be obtained ⁶¹ through intervention in either the supply or demand of compressed air [26]. Improvements in supply interventions ⁶² are achieved ⁶³ by increasing the efficiency of compressed air supply. Examples of this type of intervention include Dynamic Compressor Selection (DCS), compressor maintenance, etc.

⁵⁷ Repetitive word: *mine*

⁵⁸ Repetitive word: *control*

⁵⁹ Unusual word pair

⁶⁰ Unknown word: *bre*

Due to the size of mining compressed air networks, there is often a larger scope for improvement in air demand. Improving the demand ⁶⁴ is achieved by optimising air flow consumers, reducing leaks, etc.

This section will review compressed air supply and demand interventions that have improved energy or operation efficiency the mining industry. From the, ⁶⁵ successes and shortcomings in studies will be discussed and analysed with regard to ⁶⁶ this study.

⁶¹ Passive voice

⁶² Repetitive word: *interventions*

⁶³ Passive voice

2.3.2 Strategies to improve compressed air supply

Optimising compressor control

Compressors types and numbers can differ widely from mining compressed air systems. Compressor selection is crucial in these systems to match the correct compressors with the requirements of the system [28].

⁶⁴ Repetitive word: *demand*

In a study by Booysen et al ⁶⁷ [21] on optimising compressor control, [21] found that many mines control

compressors using xed ⁶⁸ target pressure points that are much higher that ⁶⁹ required. In one system, compressors were set to a target 650 kilopascals to ensure pressure underground did not fall below 500 kilopascals. Using high pressure ⁷⁰ set-points can lead to excessive ⁷¹ wasteful blow-o flow when the pressure exceeds a maximum points ⁷².

⁶⁵ [the,]
⁶⁶ [with-regard-to → about]

Booyesen [29] showed that through dynamic pressure setpoint control, matching the supply pressure with the demand, and optimal compressor selection, energy savings can be achieved. In a case study, an average power reduction of 1.07 MW was achieved ⁷⁴. The lead to an estimated energy cost saving of R3M.

Optimising control of compressors to match the demand of the system can be complicated.

Variable Speed Drives (VSDs) and guide vain ⁷⁵ are used to control the capacity of the system ¹³. More effective ⁷⁶ power reductions can be achieved ⁷⁷ through the use of VSD control. Running compressors at part load reduces ⁷⁸ efficiency. From literature ⁷⁹ it shown electric motors will typical use 60-80% of there ⁸⁰ rated power when running at <50% load [30].

⁶⁷ [al.]

⁶⁸ [xed → fixed]

⁶⁹ Possibly confused word

⁷⁰ [high-pressure → high-pressure]

⁷¹ [excessive,]

Reconfiguring compressed air networks

A number of ⁸¹ old mining compressed air systems have not been adequately maintained ⁸² and improved. Often they cannot sufficiently ⁸³ supply air to meet the demand or air is provided from non ⁸⁵ optimal ⁸⁴ sources. In a study by Bredenkamp [31], reconfiguring of the air network was investigated to improve these systems.

⁷² [a-maximum-points → maximum points]

⁷³ Preposition at the end of a sentence

⁷⁴ Passive voice

In the study, Bredenkamp investigated⁸⁶ interconnecting the compressed air systems of two mining shafts and relocating of a compressor. This strategy lead⁸⁷ to an average power reduction of 1.7 MW and an estimated annual energy cost saving of R8.9M at the time.

⁷⁵ Possibly confused word

2.3.3 Strategies to reduce compressed air demand

⁷⁶ Overused word: *effective*

As illustrated in g^{89, 88} 2.2 - Reducing leaks

⁷⁷ Passive voice

⁷⁸ [~~reduces~~ → reduce]

⁷⁹ [the literature]

- [8]

⁸⁰ Possibly confused word

- [15] - investigated various Compressed air demand reduction and efficiency optimisations .⁹⁰

Leakage detection

⁸¹ [~~A number of~~ → Some]

⁸² Passive voice

⁸³ [~~sufficiently~~ → sufficiently]

Air leaks are a major⁹¹ inefficiency in mining compressed air systems. Improving leaks is relatively⁹² easier method to reduce air demand and improve the efficiency of the system [32]. Air leaks occur as a result of open pipes, fissure and breaks. Losses depend on the size of the leak and pressure in the network. g. 2.3 shows the theoretical⁹³ air ow of through a pipe orifice as a function of leakage area and pressure1. [32] showed that the system power consumption linearly increases with the amount of air leakage. Therefore, energy savings can be achieved⁹⁴ through either reducing pressure or detecting and xing⁹⁵ leaks.

⁸⁴ [~~non-optimal~~ → non-optimal]

⁸⁵ [~~nen~~ → an]

⁸⁶ Repetitive word: *investigated*

⁸⁷ [~~lead~~ → leads]

Leaks are often not easily detected through visual methods. In industry, a number of⁹⁶ techniques are employed to detect air leaks. Pascoe [33] and van Tonder [14] summarised these strategies as follows:

⁸⁸ Sentence fragment

⁸⁹ [~~in—g~~ → in g]

Audible detection (Walk and report)

1 efunda, "Orifice Flowmeter Calculator." [Online]
http://www.efunda.com/formulae/fluids/calc_orifice_flowmeter.cfm, [Accessed 18 October 2016].

⁹⁰ [optimisations- → optimisations.]

Figure 2.3: The leakage flow ⁹⁷ as a function of inlet pressure and leakage area1.

⁹¹ Overused word: *major*

⁹² [a relatively or the relatively]

Ultrasonic detection

Detection ⁹⁸ through intelligent systems Pigging

⁹³ Unusual word pair

Soap water and dyes

These methods are time and resource intensive ⁹⁹ and many mines do not actively employ dedicated leakage detection and repair teams. Marais et al ¹⁰⁰ [34] investigated streamlining the leakage detection and repair process to increase energy savings through the use of Compressed Air Leakage Documentation System (CALDS ¹⁰¹). The system was developed to allow centralised mobile leakage reporting. Usage of CALDS in mines resulted in an increased leak detection rate. One mine ¹⁰² reporting 24 leaks in a single month. It was noted ¹⁰³ in the study that there difficulty quantifying the actual energy savings of the leakage repairs due to other intervention occurring simultaneously ¹⁰⁴.

⁹⁴ Passive voice

⁹⁵ Possibly confused word

⁹⁶ [a-number-of → some]

Underground control valves optimisation

Many mines utilise automated valves at critical locations or levels in the compressed air network. These valves control the pressure, restricting air flow from that point in

the air network¹⁰⁵. Restricting air ow reduces losses resultant from network¹⁰⁶ inefficiencies and leaks.

Kleingeld¹⁰⁷ and Marais [35] found that optimising control valve control on mining levels can conservatively lead to between 20% on mines where no control valves are installed¹⁰⁸. For systems that already have some form of network control, between 10 and 15% savings can conservatively be achieved.

From literature, the advantage of control¹⁰⁹ valve optimisation is the signi¹¹⁰ cant savings that can be achieved¹¹¹ with relatively short set-up up time. Savings can be achieved¹¹² incrementally with each control valve installation. Studies did not look at accurate estimations of savings or the shaft pressure improvements that result from control valve optimisation.

Improving pneumatic rock drill efficiency

Pneumatic rock drills are on¹¹³ of the largest air consumers in a mine. However Pneumatic drilling systems convert energy very inefficiently. Replacing pneumatic drills with more efficient alternatives such as hydraulic or pneumatic drills would lead to large energy savings

[33]. Alternatively improving the efficiency¹¹⁴ of pneumatic drilling can have a significant energy impact on the system, without the cost and safety concerns of alternative drilling technologies.

In a study by Bester et al. [36] looking at the effect of compressed air pressure on energy demand¹¹⁵ Bester showed that between 2002 and 2013 compressed air and energy consumption per tonne of ore produced had steadily increased. This¹¹⁶ is illustrated¹¹⁷ in g. 2.4. The

⁹⁷ [leakage—flow → leakage flow]

⁹⁸ Repetitive word: *detection*

⁹⁹ [intensive,]

¹⁰⁰ [al.]

¹⁰¹ [GALDS → CDS]

¹⁰² [mine **is** or mine **was**]

¹⁰³ Passive voice

¹⁰⁴ Weak verb

¹⁰⁵ Repetitive word: *network*

¹⁰⁶ Repetitive word: *network*

increase ¹¹⁸ of air consumption per Tonne was a result of reduced air pressure at the mining areas. This ¹¹⁹ caused a drop in the drilling rate, leading to higher air consumption. Pressure measurements as low ¹²⁰ as 300 kilopascals were recorded ¹²¹ in these areas ¹²². Before 2002 the drilling pressure at the mining section (stopes ¹²³), was maintained above 500 kilopascals at most mines.

¹⁰⁷ [Kleingeld → Kleinfeld]

¹⁰⁸ Passive voice

Figure 2.4: The Compressed air energy and flow consumed per T of ore produced. Adopted from Bester et al. [36].

¹⁰⁹ Repetitive word: *control*

¹¹⁰ [signi → sign]

¹¹¹ Passive voice

¹¹² Repetitive word: *achieved*

From literature, it is shown ¹²⁴ that lowering the pressure reduces the efficiency ¹²⁵ and drill rate of rock drilling, leading to higher air consumption. Interventions that reduce systemic air losses or optimise supply can increase the pressure operating pressure. Increased pressure, during

the drilling shift, ¹²⁶ may add more value than the energy cost savings that can be achieved ¹²⁷ at a lower pressure.

¹¹³ Possibly confused word

2.3.4 Summary

2.4 Use of simulations to identify improvements in mining systems

¹¹⁴ [efficiency → efficiency]

2.4.1 Preamble

The value of simulation in the mining industry has been shown ¹²⁸ through its use in Demand Side Management (DSM) initiatives. Simulation has been used to identify savings strategies for water reticulation cooling,

¹¹⁵ [intensive,]

compressed air and ventilation. This section will summarise the the work ¹²⁹ that has been done ¹³⁰ in industry. From this ⁴⁰ the successes and shortcomings of previous work will be discussed.

2.4.2 Estimating techniques used for energy savings on mining

systems

Estimation of energy savings has been used in literature to obtain the potential energy impact that can be achieved ¹³¹ for a system. Before new tools allowed for quick ¹³² development of simplified simulation models, estimation techniques were frequently used to determine the feasibility of energy interventions on mining systems. The problem with an estimation ¹³³ approach is that they typically rely on simplified ¹³⁴ system model that lead to high prediction error.

Snyman, [15] used mathematical estimation techniques to determine the expected power savings from initiatives on mining compressed air systems. Due to uncertainty in the estimations, [15] predicted results were provided ¹³⁵ as a range between conservative and best-case estimates. The actual achieved energy impact would fall between these estimations.

Benchmark modelling

Cilliers, [37] developed "best practice models" using the Corrected Ordinary Least Square (COLS) benchmarking method. These models provide an energy benchmark ¹³⁶ that can be used to identify the scope for energy improvements on a system. An example of a benchmark ¹³⁷ model for a mining compressed air system is shown ¹³⁸

¹¹⁶ Unclear antecedent
¹¹⁷ Passive voice
¹¹⁸ Repetitive word: *increase*

¹¹⁹ Unclear antecedent

¹²⁰ Overused word: *low*
¹²¹ Passive voice
¹²² Repetitive word: *areas*
¹²³ Possibly confused word

¹²⁴ Passive voice
¹²⁵ [*efficiency* → *efficiency*]

¹²⁶ [*shift,* /]
¹²⁷ Passive voice

in ⁷³ ?? The model shows ¹³⁹ that energy required is dependent on the quantity of ore mined and the depth of the mine ¹⁴⁰. [37] also developed benchmark models for mine cooling, water reticulation and ventilation systems.

2.4.3 Value of simulation in mining DSM

Van Niekerk [38],[39] investigated the value of simulation models in mine DSM projects. Van Niekerk developed simulation models for compressed air and water reticulation systems

$E_{comp} = 1:51 Z + 33:36 T \quad 1930:21$

Figure 2.5:

using KYPipes's ¹⁴² gas simulation engine. ¹⁴¹

Mine cooling systems

Simulation has been used ¹⁴³ in studies as a tool to improve mine cooling. Holman [40] investigated improvements to mine cooling systems that improve ¹⁴⁴ performance and efficiency ¹⁴⁵. In the study [40] used simplified PTB simulation models to investigate cooling interventions.

The scenario Holman simulated showed potential average power reduction of 136 kW which would lead to an annual energy cost saving of R0.55M. The study could be improved ¹⁴⁶ by increasing accuracy of the simulation. Power difference of as high as 31% between the simulation and actual were ¹⁴⁸ observed ¹⁴⁷ for some time periods.

¹²⁸ Passive voice

¹²⁹ [the work]
¹³⁰ Passive voice

¹³¹ Passive voice

¹³² [the quick]

¹³³ Repetitive word: *estimation*

¹³⁴ [a simplified or the simplified]

¹³⁵ Passive voice

2.4.4 Simulation procedures

- Philip - Kriel masters

2.4.5 Simulation model verification strategies

Due to lack of instrumentation, measurement inaccuracies and other non-ideal aspects of mining systems. It is impossible for a simulation model to match the actual system's performance perfectly. From literature, methods of verifying simulation precision were investigated ¹⁴⁹. The verification techniques identified from literature ¹⁵⁰ were Mean ¹⁵¹ residual difference, Mean Absolute Error (MAE), coefficient ¹⁵² of determination or correlation and Mean Square Error (MSE).

Mean residual difference ¹⁵³ method

The average difference method looks at the average for ¹⁵⁵ ¹⁵⁴ the data points in the actual and simulated time series. The error is then calculated ¹⁵⁶ with eq. (2.1). The simulation percentage error in relation to ¹⁵⁷ the actual series is then calculated ¹⁵⁸ by dividing the error by the Actual datapoints ¹⁵⁹, eq. (2.2).

A major ¹⁶⁰ disadvantage of this method is that for transient simulation, the positive and negative errors for individual points can cancel out. This ¹⁶¹ leads to a smaller resultant error than would be expected. The resultant error measurement therefore ¹⁶² can not lead to any ¹⁶³ conclusive ¹⁶⁴ statements regarding the accuracy of the model [41]. This strategy is not recommended ¹⁶⁵ if used alone to verify transient simulation precision.

¹³⁶ Repetitive word: *benchmark*

¹³⁷ Repetitive word: *benchmark*

¹³⁸ Passive voice

¹³⁹ Repetitive word: *shows*

¹⁴⁰ Repetitive word: *mine*

¹⁴¹ Sentence fragment

¹⁴² [~~KYP~~Pipes's → pipes's]

¹⁴³ Passive voice

Yu-jie ¹⁶⁶ Xu et al ¹⁶⁷ [42] developed a simulation model for an absorption chiller. In the study [42] utilised residual difference to measure the relative steady state error of the absorber model ¹⁶⁸.

¹⁴⁴ Repetitive word: *improve*
¹⁴⁵ [efficiency → efficiency]

21

¹⁴⁶ Passive voice

The accepted margin of accuracy in the study was a relative ¹⁶⁹ steady state error of 5 %. Mean absolute error method

¹⁴⁷ Passive voice
¹⁴⁸ [were → was]

The MAE verification method ¹⁷⁰ follows a similar calculation as in the Average residual difference ¹⁷¹ method. However, as shown in eq. ¹⁷² (2.4), the error is calculated individually for each point in the series. The average of the individually ¹⁷³ errors is the resultant error, eq. (2.3). To obtain the relative error percentage ¹⁷⁴, each error is divided by the Actual value at that time step as in eq. (2.4).

A Actual ¹⁷⁵ system time series S Simulation time series

n Data point

¹⁴⁹ Passive voice

N Number of Data point in simulation period

¹⁵⁰ [the literature]
¹⁵¹ [the Mean or a Mean]
¹⁵² [coefficient → coefficient]

Coefficient ¹⁷⁶ of determination

¹⁵³ [erence → Terence]

The Coefficient ¹⁷⁷ of correlation is the measure of how accurately a data series (x) can be represented ¹⁷⁸ in a linear relationship with Data series (y), i.e. $y = mx$ ¹⁷⁹ + c. The value for the coefficient ¹⁸⁰ ranges between 1 and 1 ¹⁸¹ where a value of 1 indicates a perfect linear relationship

¹⁵⁴ Repetitive word: *average*
¹⁵⁵ Possibly confused preposition
¹⁵⁶ Passive voice

between the series and a value of -1 represents a perfect negative linear relationship. A value of 0 indicates ¹⁸² that there is no relationship ¹⁸³ between the data series. The correlation coefficient ¹⁸⁴ can be calculated using equation eq ¹⁸⁵. (2.5).[41]

Kurnia et al ¹⁸⁶ [43],[44] developed a simulation for a novel underground mining ventilation system. [43],[44] selected the mathematical model with the highest precision when compared with historical data points. The chosen model had an R-Square value of 0.96 and a relative error 30 %, using the mean absolute error method.

Mean squared error

In statistics, the MSE or Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) is the average of the square of the error between the actual and estimated value. The value is always positive. A smaller value relates to a more accurate model.¹

dominic ¹⁸⁷ [45]

Comparing verification methods

The difference between the verification strategies is best shown using an example. Figure g. 2.6 shows the simulation model's output power ¹⁸⁸ and the actual power ¹⁸⁹ of the system over a 24 hour period. In a study by [18], the mean residual percentage difference method, eq ¹⁹⁰. (2.2), was used to calculate the accuracy of a simulation model. The average of the two power profiles were ¹⁹¹ similar, leading to a calculated relative error of 1.17%. Using the Relative error method, eq ¹⁹³, ¹⁹² (2.4),

¹⁵⁷ [~~in-relation-to~~ → about]
¹⁵⁸ Passive voice
¹⁵⁹ Possibly confused word

¹⁶⁰ Overused word: *major*

¹⁶¹ Unclear antecedent

¹⁶² [measurement, therefore,]
¹⁶³ Repetitive word: *lead*
¹⁶⁴ [~~conclu-sive~~ → conclusive]
¹⁶⁵ Passive voice

¹⁶⁶ [~~jie~~ → Jie]
¹⁶⁷ [al.]

¹⁶⁸ Repetitive word: *model*

¹⁶⁹ [~~relative~~ → relatively]

¹⁷⁰ Repetitive word: *method*

¹⁷¹ Unknown word: *ence*

¹⁷² Sentence fragment

¹⁷³ [~~individually~~ → individual]

¹⁷⁴ Dangling modifier

applied to the same data the results in a relative error of 15.2%. The results of the verification strategies on the example is 195 provided 194 in section 2.4.5.

175 [~~A~~ Actual → An Actual]

1 University of Kentucky Department of Mathematics,
"Estimators, Mean Square Error, and Consistency"
[Online] <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~mai/sta321/mse.pdf>,
[Accessed 3 March 2017].

Figure 2.6: Example of simulation error calculations.
Data adapted from Mare [18]

176 [cient → cent]

177 [Coefficient → Coefficient]

178 Passive voice

Table 2.1: Results of the comparison of verification methods.

179 [mx → MX]

180 [coefficient → coefficient]

181 [+ → one]

Willmott, [46] studied the Advantages of the use of mean absolute error MAE over the RMSE method in assessing model accuracy. In the study,[46] concluded that the MSE measure is a function of MAE and therefore does not describe average error alone. From the analysis 196 MAE was described 197 as the most natural and unambiguous measure of average error magnitude.

182 Repetitive word: *indicates*

183 Repetitive word: *relationship*

184 [coefficient → coefficient]

185 Possibly confused word

Verification usage in previous simulation studies

186 [al.]

Previous studies verified there 198 simulations through different methods and varying degrees of precision.

2.4.6 Summary

Table 2.2: Simulation verification methods that were implemented 199 in previous studies.

2.5 Use of simulation in mining compressed air optimisation

2.5.1 Preamble

This section will discuss literature where simulation was used to optimise mining compressed air systems.

187 [dominic → Dominic]

2.5.2 Compressed air simulation models

Simplified vessel model

Before new tools allowed model ²⁰⁰ development for complex mining compressed air simulation models, Marais [8],[12] created a simplified model to estimate and quantify the performance of potential interventions. [8] simplified the mining compressed air system, comparing the network to an air source and a vessel with many leaks. This ²⁰¹ is illustrated ²⁰² in g. 2.7.

188 Repetitive word: *power*
189 Repetitive word: *power*
190 Possibly confused word

191 [were → was]
192 Sentence fragment
193 Possibly confused word

Figure 2.7: Simplified compressed air network model.
Adapted from Marais [8].

194 Passive voice
195 [is → are]

A simplified calculation methodology was developed to quickly estimate the expected energy savings impact on the system ²⁰³. From this, energy saving ²⁰⁴ estimations rules were developed ^{206 205} as shown in table ²⁰⁷ 2.3.

The accuracy of this approach is not very high as the specifics of the network are not taken into account. The simplified approach ²⁰⁸ cannot be used ²⁰⁹ for more complex

scenarios for example compressor relocation. The study also does not estimate other potential benefits of

an intervention ²¹⁰ such as pressure delivery improvements.

Intervention ²¹¹ Estimation rule

Reducing compressor deliver pres- $x\%$ pressure

reduction / (1.6 to 1.8) $x\%$ power

sure reduction

Reduce control valve pressure $x\%$ pressure reduction / p
 $x\%$ power reduction.

Where p is the valves percentage flow

contribution to the system

Reduction of ow $x\%$ flow reduction / $x\%$ power
reduction

¹⁹⁶ [analysis,]

¹⁹⁷ Repetitive word: *described*

¹⁹⁸ [there → their]

Table 2.3: Summary of energy saving estimation rules[8].

Simpli ²¹² ed system model

Kriel [26] used simulation to estimate project performance on compressed air. The KYPipe software tool was utilised to develop simulation ²¹³ model for compressed air systems. [26] simplified the system for the simulation such that a single compressor and a flow ²¹⁴ to each level represented the system. The model is shown graphically in g. 2.10

¹⁹⁹ Passive voice

Figure 2.8: Simpli ed system model. Adapted from Kriel [26].

Simulation ²¹⁵ was performed to quantify the savings from underground network interventions. The interventions were designed ²¹⁶ to reduce flow to the network ²¹⁷. The simulated

results varied between 10 and 25% from the actual performance of the interventions. The simulation procedure in this study could be improved using a more precise model verification method.

200 Repetitive word: *model*

Compressor relocation

Bredenkamp [31] developed a simulation model to test compressor relocation scenarios. The model, as visualised in g. 2.9

201 Unclear antecedent

202 Passive voice

Figure 2.9: Compressor relocation simulation model. Adapted from bredenkamp 218 [31].

Compressed air ring

- Pascoe

203 Split infinitive

Figure 2.10: Simplified compressed air ring model. Adapted from Kriel [33].

204 Repetitive word: *saving*

205 Passive voice

206 Repetitive word: *developed*

207 Possibly confused word

- Bredenkamp -Mare et al

- van Tonder

208 Repetitive word: *approach*

209 Passive voice

- De Coning

- simulations to investigate the opportunity to optimise the control strategy of a compressed air network by rescheduling the compressors.

210 Missing verb

211 Repetitive word: *intervention*

2.5.3 Summary

²¹² [Simpli → Simple]

²¹³ [a simulation or the simulation]

²¹⁴ [~~a~~ flow]

²¹⁵ [Simulation → The simulation]

²¹⁶ Possibly confused word

²¹⁷ Repetitive word: *network*

²¹⁸ [bredenkamp → Breden Kamp]