

# Updates to the pressure code to enable systems with parallel channels

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# Main modifications

- Connectivity is specified in addition to dimensions in getGeometry function
- Graph tools are used to track connectivity and dimensions
- Solves for consistent mass flow across (in/out) each node

```
function myZero = massFlowRate(P, T, G)

mprickij = zeros(length(P), 1);
for i = 1:numedges(G)
    % Channel info
    ni = G.Edges.EndNodes(i, 1); % start node
    nj = G.Edges.EndNodes(i, 2); % end node
    LWH = [G.Edges.Length(i);
           G.Edges.Width(i);
           G.Edges.Height(i)]; % segment dimensions

    % Compute mass flow rate across segment
    mdot_jl_j2 = compute_mprickij(LWH, P(ni), P(nj), T);

    % Add to node sums (inflow - outflow)
    mprickij(ni) = mprickij(ni) - mdot_jl_j2;
    mprickij(nj) = mprickij(nj) + mdot_jl_j2;
end

% Trim off inlet and outlet nodes as pressures there are known
inletnode = G.Edges.EndNodes(find(G.Edges.ConnectsIn == 1, 1), 1);
outletnode = G.Edges.EndNodes(find(G.Edges.ConnectsOut == 1, 1), 2);
mprickij([inletnode, outletnode]) = [];

% Mass flow rate should be constant across segment junctions

f = 1e10;
myZero = f * mprickij;

end
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function G = getGeometry(geom_type)

id = geom_type;

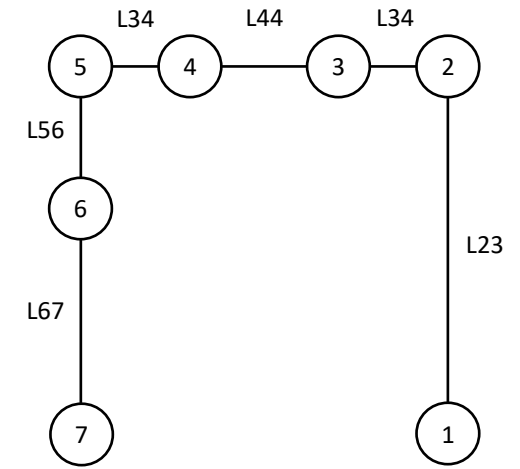
switch id
case 'wellmixed'
    disp('ID: Well-mixed')
    % Channel lengths (m)
    L23 = 500e-6;
    L34 = 70e-6;
    L44 = 180e-6;
    L56 = L23;
    L67 = 21e-3;
    Lij = [L23; L34; L44; L34; L56; L67];

    % Channel heights (m)
    h23 = 100e-9;
    h34 = 100e-9;
    h44 = 100e-9;
    h56 = 100e-9;
    h67 = 60e-6;
    Hij = [h23; h34; h44; h34; h56; h67];

    % Channel widths (m)
    w23 = 10e-6;
    w34 = 10e-6;
    w44 = 120e-6;
    w56 = 10e-6;
    w67 = 150e-6;
    Wij = [w23; w34; w44; w34; w56; w67];
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```
% Channel connectivity (channel connects start node to end node)
C = zeros(length(Lij), 2);
C(:, 1) = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]; % Start node
C(:, 2) = [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]; % End node

% Store this info as a directed graph
G = digraph(C(:, 1), C(:, 2), Lij * 1e3);
G.Edges.Length(findedge(G, C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Lij;
G.Edges.Width(findedge(G, C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Wij;
G.Edges.Height(findedge(G, C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Hij;
```



# Eg1: One parallel channel

```
case 'parallel_1'
disp('ID: Parallel_1')
% Channel lengths (m)
L23 = 500e-6;
L34 = 70e-6;
L44 = 180e-6;
L56 = L23;
L67 = 21e-3;
Lij = [L23; L34; L44;
       L44/3; L44/3; L44/3; % Add one copy of the L44 segment
       L34; L56; L67];

% Channel heights (m)
h23 = 100e-9;
h34 = 100e-9;
h44 = 100e-9;
h56 = 100e-9;
h67 = 60e-6;
Hij = [h23; h34; h44;
       h44; h44; h44;
       h34; h56; h67];

% Channel widths (m)
w23 = 10e-6;
w34 = 10e-6;
w44 = 120e-6;
w56 = 10e-6;
w67 = 150e-6;
Wij = [w23; w34; w44;
       w44; w44; w44;
       w34; w56; w67];

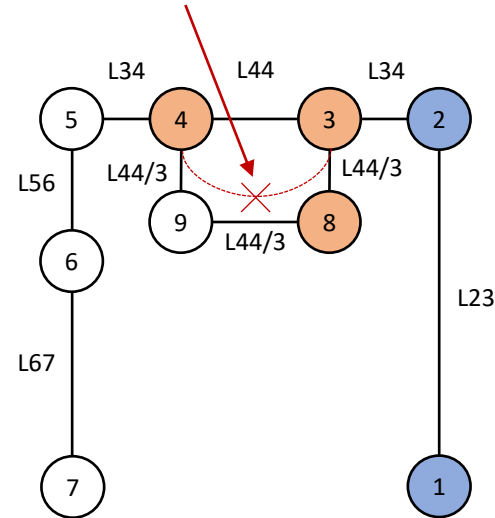
% Channel connectivity (channel connects start node to end node)
C = zeros(length(Lij), 2);
C(:, 1) = [1, 2, 3, 3, 8, 9, 4, 5, 6]; % Start node
C(:, 2) = [2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 4, 5, 6, 7]; % End node

% Store this info as a directed graph
G = digraph(C(:, 1), C(:, 2), Lij * 1e3);
G.Edges.Length(findedge(G, C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Lij;
G.Edges.Width(findedge(G, C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Wij;
G.Edges.Height(findedge(G, C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Hij;
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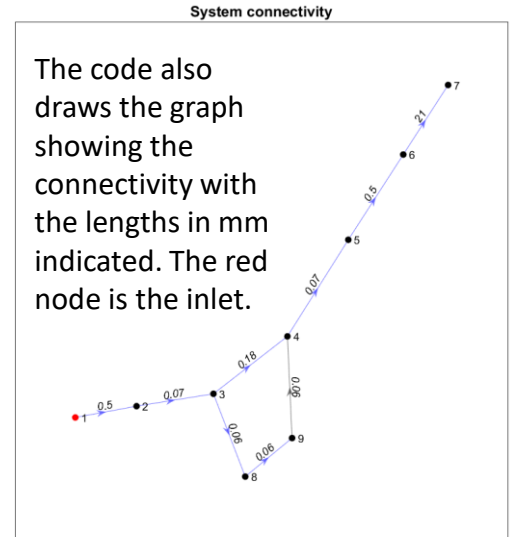
Node 3 is connected to node 4  
&  
Node 3 is connected to node 8

Node 1 is connected to node 2

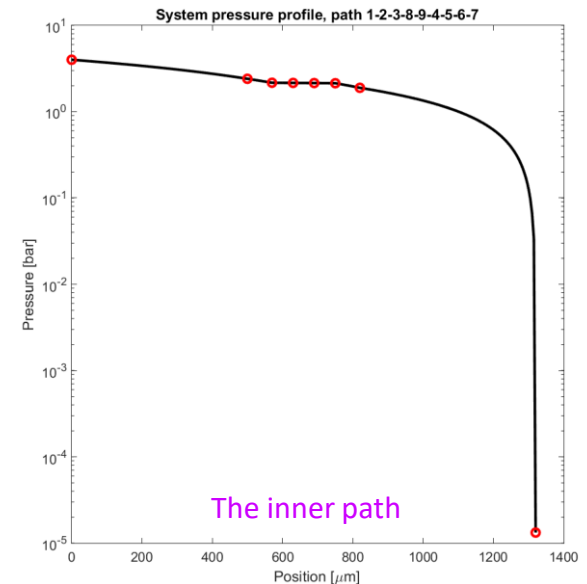
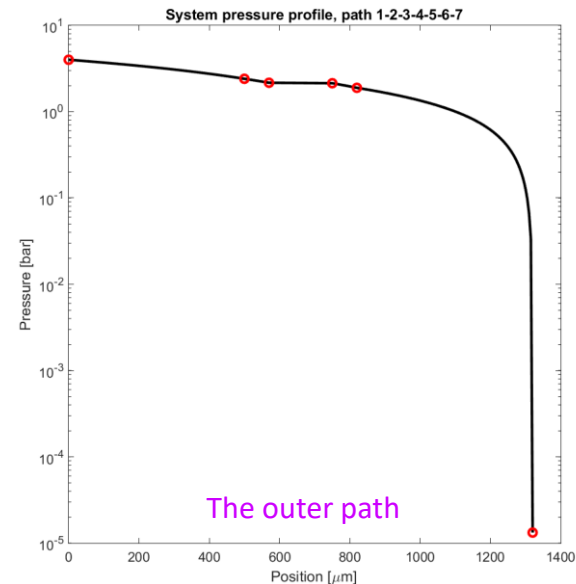
NB: no two channels can share  
the same two nodes so there  
must be "right-angled" bends



Mass flow rate:  $1.2\text{e-}12$  kg/s w  
50/50 split in parallel part



Pressure profiles are plotted  
for each path through the  
system. Pressures at the  
junctions will be the same  
as both paths are solved  
together. Flow rates can be  
different depending on the  
channel dimensions



# Eg2: Two parallel channels

```
case 'parallel_2'
disp('ID: Parallel_2')
% Channel lengths (m)
L23 = 500e-6;
L34 = 70e-6;
L44 = 180e-6;
L56 = L23;
L67 = 21e-3;
Lij = [L23; L34; L44;
       L44/3; L44/3; L44/3; % Add two copies of the L44 segment in
       L44/3; L44/3; L44/3; % parallel, divided where they bend
       L34; L56; L67];

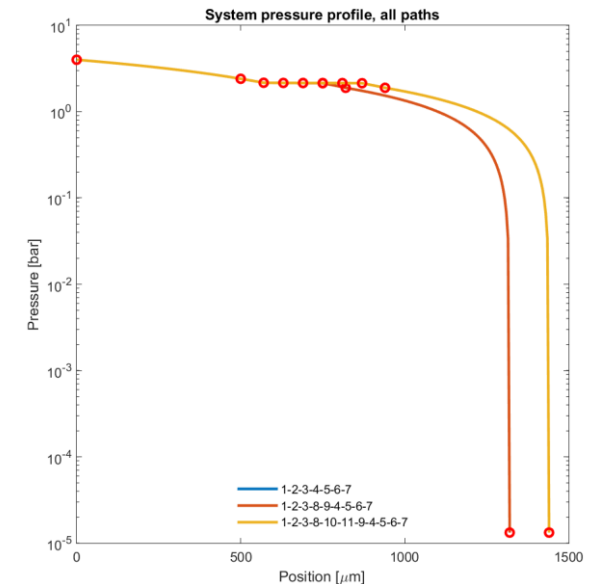
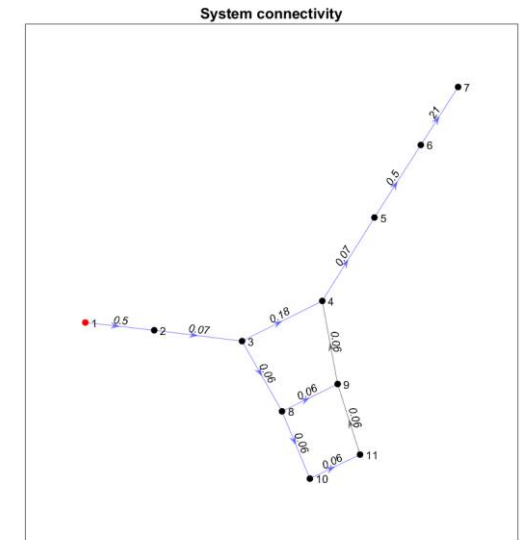
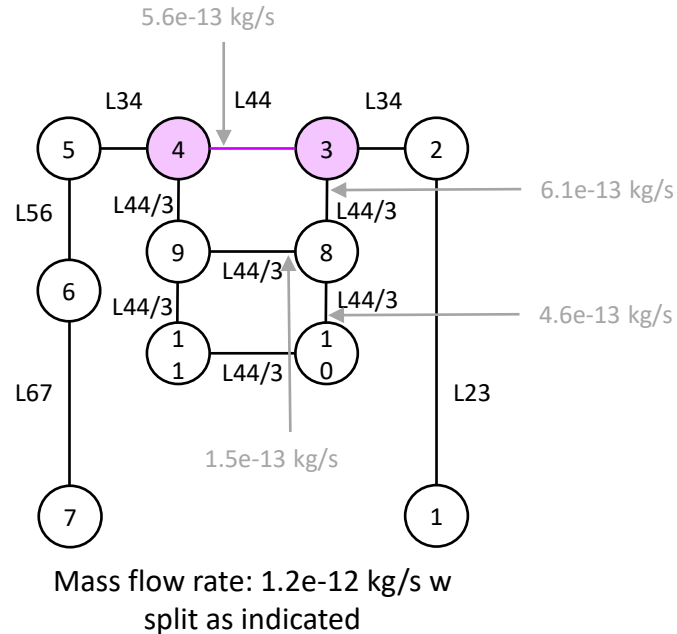
% Channel heights (m)
h23 = 100e-9;
h34 = 100e-9;
h44 = 100e-9;
h56 = 100e-9;
h67 = 60e-6;
Hij = [h23; h34; h44;
       h44; h44; h44;
       h44; h44; h44;
       h34; h56; h67];

% Channel widths (m)
w23 = 10e-6;
w34 = 10e-6;
w44 = 120e-6;
w56 = 10e-6;
w67 = 150e-6;
Wij = [w23; w34; w44;
       w44; w44; w44;
       w44; w44; w44;
       w34; w56; w67];

% Channel connectivity (channel connects start node to end node)
C = zeros(length(Lij), 2);
C(:, 1) = [1, 2, 3, 3, 8, 9, 8, 10, 11, 4, 5, 6]; % Start node
C(:, 2) = [2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 4, 10, 11, 9, 5, 6, 7]; % End node

% Store this info as a directed graph
G = digraph(C(:, 1), C(:, 2), Lij * 1e3);
G.Edges.Length(findedge(G,C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Lij;
G.Edges.Width(findedge(G,C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Wij;
G.Edges.Height(findedge(G,C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Hij;
```

Node numbering is arbitrary  
but the ordering of the channel  
dimensions in Lij, Hij, Wij  
should match the rows in C



Plotting all profiles on the  
same axis shows that the  
outer path (connecting  
nodes 10 and 11) is longer

# Eg3: Two parallel channels

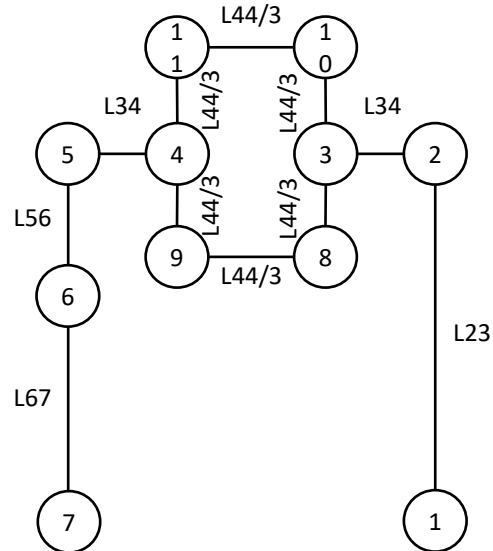
```
case 'parallel_3'
disp('ID: Parallel_3')
% Channel lengths (m)
L23 = 500e-6;
L34 = 70e-6;
L44 = 180e-6;
L56 = L23;
L67 = 21e-3;
Lij = [L23; L34;
       L44/3; L44/3; L44/3;
       L44/3; L44/3; L44/3;
       L34; L56; L67];
```

```
% Channel heights (m)
h23 = 100e-9;
h34 = 100e-9;
h44 = 100e-9;
h56 = 100e-9;
h67 = 60e-6;
Hij = [h23; h34;
       h44; h44; h44;
       h44; h44; h44;
       h34; h56; h67];
```

```
% Channel widths (m)
w23 = 10e-6;
w34 = 10e-6;
w44 = 120e-6;
w56 = 10e-6;
w67 = 150e-6;
Wij = [w23; w34;
       w44; w44; w44;
       w44; w44; w44;
       w34; w56; w67];
```

```
% Channel connectivity (channel connects start node to end node)
C = zeros(length(Lij), 2);
C(:, 1) = [1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 3, 10, 11, 4, 5, 6]; % Start node
C(:, 2) = [2, 3, 8, 9, 4, 10, 11, 4, 5, 6, 7]; % End node
```

```
% Store this info as a directed graph
G = digraph(C(:, 1), C(:, 2), Lij * 1e3);
G.Edges.Length(findedge(G, C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Lij;
G.Edges.Width(findedge(G, C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Wij;
G.Edges.Height(findedge(G, C(:, 1), C(:, 2))) = Hij;
```

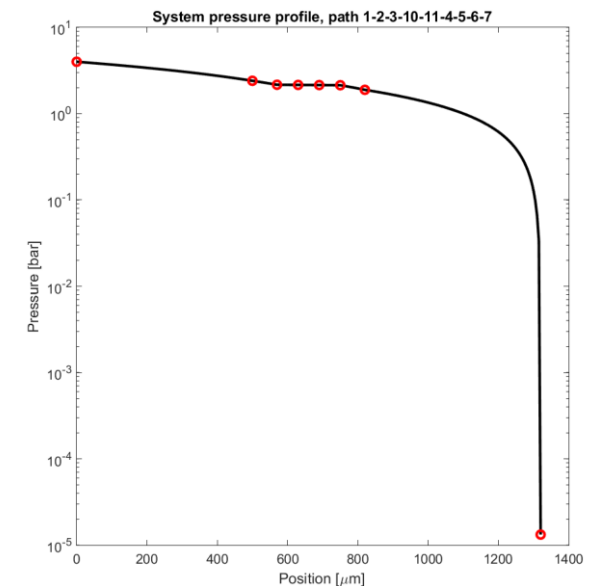
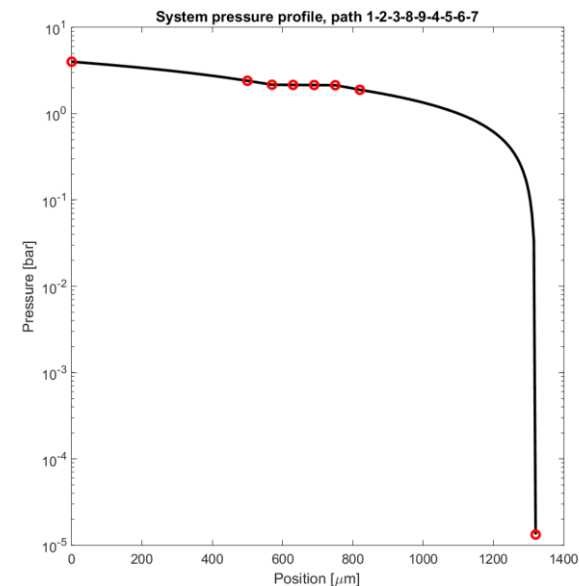
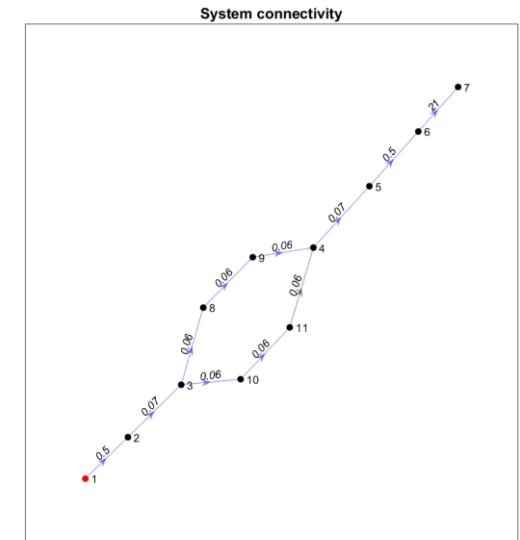


Mass flow rate: 1.2e-12 kg/s w  
50/50 split in parallel part

ID: Parallel\_3  
Edge endpoints (junctions) and weights (lengths):

EndNodes	Weight	Length	Width	Height	ConnectsIn	ConnectsOut
1 2	0.5	0.0005	1e-05	1e-07	1	0
2 3	0.07	7e-05	1e-05	1e-07	0	0
3 8	0.06	6e-05	0.00012	1e-07	0	0
3 10	0.06	6e-05	0.00012	1e-07	0	0
4 5	0.07	7e-05	1e-05	1e-07	0	0
5 6	0.5	0.0005	1e-05	1e-07	0	0
6 7	21	0.021	0.00015	6e-05	0	1
8 9	0.06	6e-05	0.00012	1e-07	0	0
9 4	0.06	6e-05	0.00012	1e-07	0	0
10 11	0.06	6e-05	0.00012	1e-07	0	0
11 4	0.06	6e-05	0.00012	1e-07	0	0

This table is printed out so  
you can check the  
dimensions are correct.  
Every row corresponds to  
one channel.



# Comments

## Pressures

- It is important that the initial guess for the pressure profile is reasonable. This is more difficult than in the linear case, because the pressure needs to drop between successive nodes. I added a function called *setPressures* to interpolate between the inlet and outlet pressures across each path and then average for nodes that occur in multiple paths.
- Since the ordering of the nodes is arbitrary, the inlet and outlet nodes do not need to have the smallest and largest node numbers (see examples on the previous slides where I chose to number the outer path first and the outlet node is node 7/11). I added the function *reorder* to put the specified initial and final pressures in the correct places in the pressure vector to match their node numbers.

## Numerical stability

- I have tested the examples in the previous slides, and I believe the code should also work for a wider range of configurations (e.g., all the channels don't have to diverge and reconverge at the same pair of nodes). However, this assumption is untested so please let me know if it breaks under any configuration. I can imagine cases where it finds a negative mass flow or pressure solves the equations.
- I noticed in testing it that sometimes there is a tiny (order  $1e-15$ ) imaginary component in the pressures. I have clipped that off, but I added a warning in case it gets significant. Please let me know if you ever see that happening.