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Network Calculations

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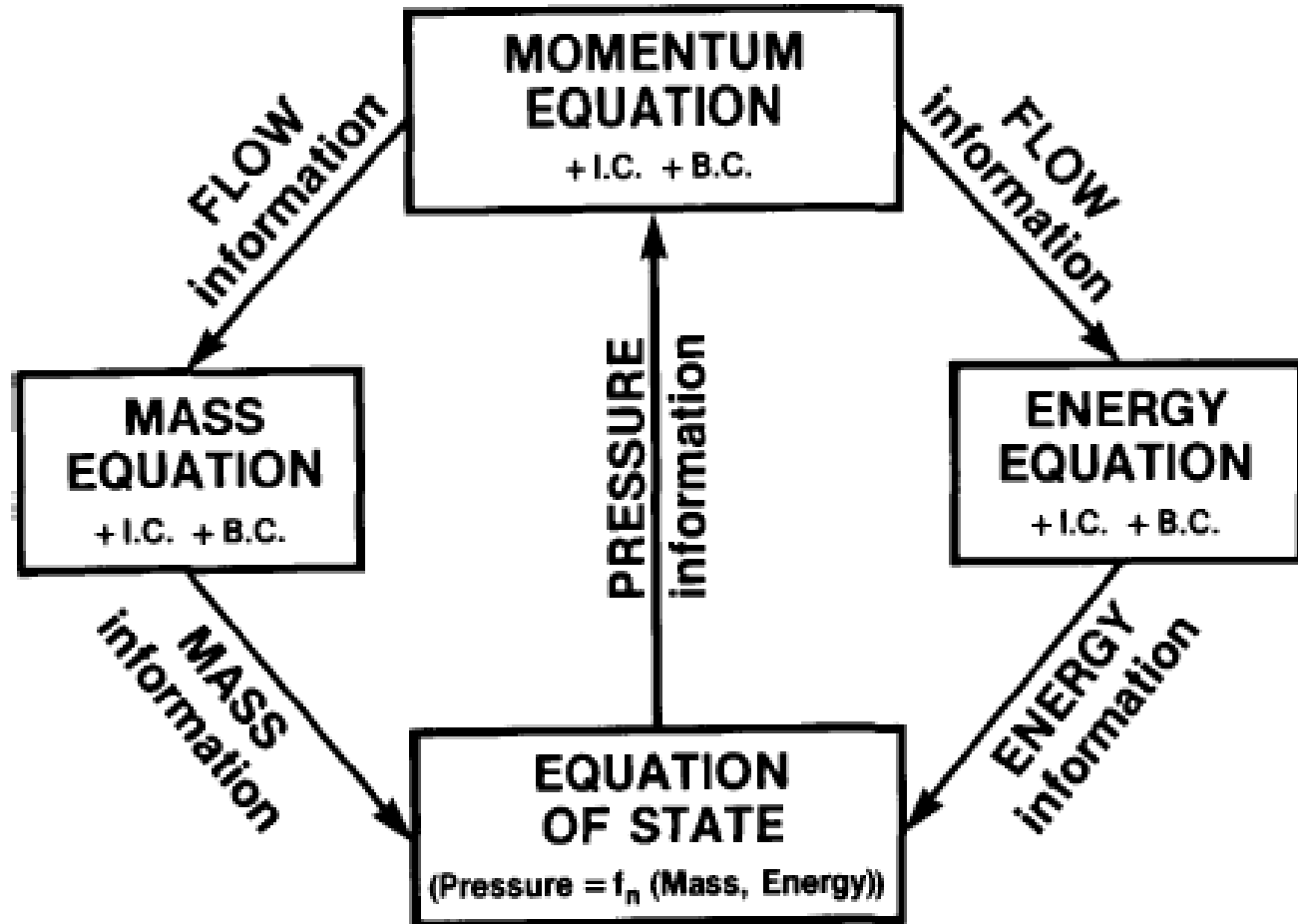
Outline

- Outline of Porsching method
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- Fully explicit scheme
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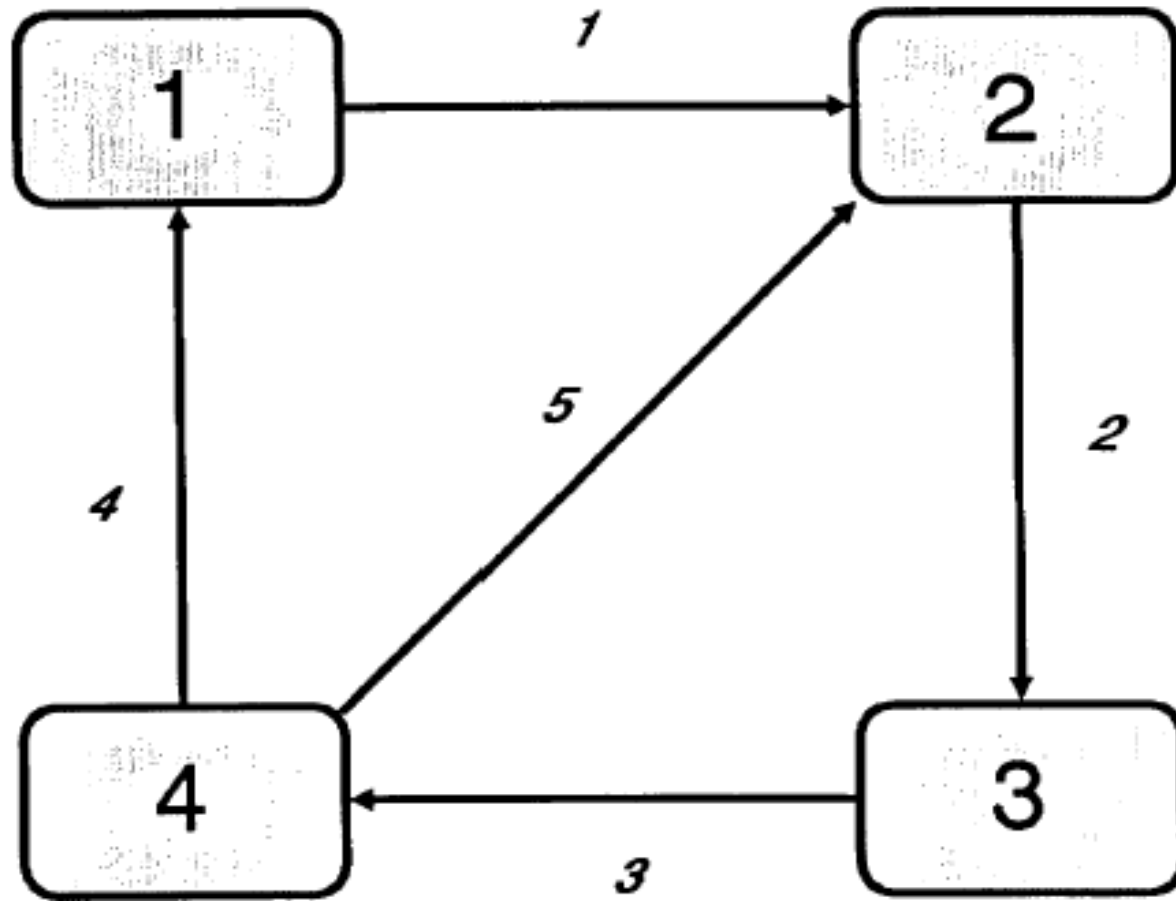
Porsching method

- This algorithm, involving the Jacobian (derivative of the system state matrix), is used originally in the computer code FLASH-4 and subsequently in the OPG code SOPHT, and evolved into forms used in RETRAN
- The strength of Porsching's approach lies in its recognition of flow as the most important dependent parameter and, hence, its fully implicit treatment of flow
- Based on system state matrix which contains all the system dynamics in terms of the dependent parameters of mass, energy and flow. Back substitution finally gives a matrix rate equation in terms of the system flow (the unknown) and the system derivatives.
- Porsching form is identical to the “Rate” form and is a subset of the fully implicit back-substituted form and is easily derived from it
- Some codes, but not all use this method

Thermal-hydraulic System Simulation Equations



Sample Thermal-hydraulic Network



Fully-implicit back-substituted form (FIBS)

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{M}_i, \mathbf{H}_i, \mathbf{W}_j)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{f}^t + \Delta t \mathbf{J} \dot{\mathbf{u}}$$

\mathbf{J} is the Jacobian of the system of equations

$$\Delta \mathbf{u} = \Delta t \mathbf{f}^t + \Delta t \mathbf{J} \Delta \mathbf{u}$$

$$[\mathbf{I} - \Delta t \mathbf{J}] \Delta \mathbf{u} = \Delta t \mathbf{f}^t$$

FIBS (contd.)

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = \frac{A}{L} \left[(P_{IN} - P_{OUT}) - \left(\frac{f \cdot L}{D} + k \right) \cdot \frac{W^2}{2g_c \cdot \rho \cdot A^2} \right] - A \cdot \rho \cdot g / g_c \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_j}{dt} &= \frac{A_j}{L_j} \left\{ P_u + S_{WP} \Delta P_u - P_d - S_{WP} \Delta P_d \right\} + k_j \left(W_j + S_{WW} \Delta W_j \right)^2 + b_{wj} \\ &= \frac{\Delta W_j}{\Delta t} \end{aligned}$$

$$b_{wj} = (A_j/L_j) (h_j \rho_j g + \Delta P_{\text{pump}})$$

FIBS (contd.)

$$\frac{dM_i}{dt} = \sum_{j \forall d} (W_j + S_{MW} \Delta W_j) - \sum_{j \forall u} (W_j + S_{MW} \Delta W_j) \approx \frac{\Delta M_i}{\Delta t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dH_i}{dt} &= \sum_{j \forall d} (W_j + S_{HW} \Delta W_j) \frac{(H_j + S_{HH} \Delta H_j)}{(M_j + S_{HM} \Delta M_j)} - \sum_{j \forall u} (W_j + S_{HW} \Delta W_j) \frac{(H_j + S_{HH} \Delta H_j)}{(M_j + S_{HM} \Delta M_j)} + Q_i \\ &= \sum_{j \forall d} \left(\frac{W_j H_j}{M_j} + \frac{S_{HW} H_j}{M_j} \Delta W_j + \frac{S_{HH} W_j}{M_j} \Delta H_j - \frac{S_{HM} W_j H_j}{M_j^2} \Delta M_j \right) \\ &\quad - \sum_{j \forall u} \left(\frac{W_j H_j}{M_j} + \frac{S_{HW} H_j}{M_j} \Delta W_j + \frac{S_{HH} W_j}{M_j} \Delta H_j - \frac{S_{HM} W_j H_j}{M_j^2} \Delta M_j \right) + Q_i \\ &\approx \frac{\Delta H_i}{\Delta t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta P_i = \frac{\partial P_i}{\partial M_i} \Delta M_i + \frac{\partial P_i}{\partial H_i} \Delta H_i + \frac{\partial P_i}{\partial V_i} \Delta V_i$$

$$\frac{\Delta P_i}{\Delta t} = C_{1i} \frac{\Delta M_i}{\Delta t} + C_{2i} \frac{\Delta H_i}{\Delta t}$$

For constant volume

FIBS (contd.)

- The system unknowns to be solved for are ΔW , ΔM , ΔH and ΔP
- The mass equation is simple and is used to eliminate ΔM in terms of ΔW . Flow is chosen as the prime variable since it is the main actor in thermal-hydraulic systems.
- The enthalpy equation poses a problem as it is too complex to permit a simple substitution; Porsching surmounts this by setting $S_{HH} = S_{HM} = 0$, ie making the solution explicit in specific enthalpy.

$$\Delta \mathbf{M} = \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{MW} [\mathbf{W}^t + \mathbf{S}_{MW} \Delta \mathbf{W}]$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{MW} = \begin{matrix} & \text{links} \rightarrow \\ \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right) & \begin{matrix} \text{nodes} \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

FIBS (contd.)

$$\Delta \mathbf{W} = \Delta t \left\{ \mathbf{A}^{\text{WP}} \left[\mathbf{P}^t + S_{\text{WP}} \Delta \mathbf{P} \right] + \mathbf{A}^{\text{WW}} \left[\mathbf{W}^t + 2S_{\text{WW}} \Delta \mathbf{W} \right] + \mathbf{B}^{\text{W}} \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{WW}} = \begin{pmatrix} -k_1 |W_1| & 0 \\ -k |W_2| & 0 \\ 0 & -k_5 |W_5| \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B}^{\text{W}} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1/L_1 (h_1 \rho_1 g + \Delta P_{\text{pump1}}) \\ A_2/L_2 (h_2 \rho_1 g + \Delta P_{\text{pump2}}) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{WP}} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1/L_1 & -A_1/L_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2/L_2 & -A_2/L_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_3/L_3 & -A_3/L_3 \\ -A_4/L_4 & 0 & 0 & A_4/L_4 \\ 0 & -A_5/L_5 & 0 & A_5/L_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

FIBS (contd.)

$$\Delta H = \Delta t \left(\mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} \left[\mathbf{W}^t + S_{\text{HW}} \Delta \mathbf{W} \right] + S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}^*} \Delta \mathbf{H}^* - S_{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}^*} \Delta \mathbf{M}^* + \mathbf{B}^{\text{H}} \right)$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{H}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta H_1 \\ \Delta H_2 \\ \Delta H_3 \\ \Delta H_4 \\ \Delta H_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Delta \mathbf{M}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta M_1 \\ \Delta M_2 \\ \Delta M_3 \\ \Delta M_4 \\ \Delta M_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} = \begin{pmatrix} -H_1/M_1 & 0 & 0 & +H_4/M_4 & 0 \\ H_1/M_1 & -H_2/M_2 & 0 & 0 & H_4/M_4 \\ 0 & H_2/M_2 & -H_3/M_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_3/M_3 & -H_4/M_4 & -H_4/M_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

FIBS (contd.)

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{HH*}} = \begin{pmatrix} -W_1/M_1 & 0 & 0 & +W_4/M_4 & 0 \\ W_1/M_1 & -W_2/M_2 & 0 & & +W_5/M_4 \\ 0 & W_2/M_2 & -W_3/M_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & W_3/M_3 & -W_4/M_4 & -W_5/M_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} = \begin{pmatrix} -W_1H_1/M_1^2 & 0 & 0 & W_4H_4/M_4^2 & 0 \\ W_1H_1/M_1^2 & -W_2H_2/M_2^2 & 0 & 0 & W_5H_4/M_4^2 \\ 0 & W_2H_2/M_2 & -W_3H_3/M_3^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & W_3H_3/M_3^2 & -W_4H_4/M_4^2 & -W_5H_4/M_4^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

FIBS (contd.)

$$\Delta \mathbf{H}^* = \mathbf{I}^{\text{LN}} \Delta \mathbf{H}$$

$$\mathbf{I}^{\text{LN}} = \begin{matrix} & \text{nodes} \rightarrow \\ \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \text{links} \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}^*} \Delta \mathbf{H}^* &= \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}^*} \mathbf{I}^{\text{LN}} \Delta \mathbf{H} \\ &\equiv \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}} \Delta \mathbf{H} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}^*} \Delta \mathbf{M}^* &= \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}^*} \mathbf{I}^{\text{LN}} \Delta \mathbf{M} \\ &\equiv \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} \Delta \mathbf{M}. \end{aligned}$$

FIBS (contd.)

$$\Delta \mathbf{H} = \Delta t \{ \mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} (\mathbf{W}^t + S_{\text{HW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}) + S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}} \Delta \mathbf{H} - S_{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} \Delta \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{B}^{\text{H}} \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{H} = \Delta t \{ \mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} (\mathbf{W} + S_{\text{HW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}) + S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}} \Delta \mathbf{H} - \Delta t S_{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} (\mathbf{W}^t + \mathbf{W}^{\text{MW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}) + \mathbf{B}^{\text{H}} \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{H} = \Delta t [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}}]^{-1} \{ \mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} (\mathbf{W}^t + S_{\text{HW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}) - \Delta t S_{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} (\mathbf{W}^t + S_{\text{MW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}) + \mathbf{B}^{\text{H}} \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{C}_1 \Delta \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{C}_2 \Delta \mathbf{H},$$

$$\mathbf{C}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & & & & \\ & C_{12} & 0 & & \\ & & C_{13} & & \\ 0 & & & & C_{14} \end{pmatrix}$$

FIBS (contd.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta \mathbf{P} &= \Delta t \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} (\mathbf{W}^t + S_{\text{MW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}) + \Delta t \mathbf{C}_2 [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}}]^{-1} [\mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} (\mathbf{W}^t + S_{\text{HW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}) \\
 &\quad - \Delta t S_{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} (\mathbf{W}^t + S_{\text{MW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}) + \mathbf{B}^{\text{H}}] \\
 &\equiv \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{\text{PW1}} \mathbf{W}^t + \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{\text{PW2}} \Delta \mathbf{W} + \Delta t \mathbf{B}^{\text{P}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{PW1}} = \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} + \mathbf{C}_2 [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}}]^{-1} [\mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} - \Delta t S_{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}}]$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{PW2}} = S_{\text{MW}} \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} + \mathbf{C}_2 [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}}]^{-1} [S_{\text{HW}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} - \Delta t S_{\text{HM}} S_{\text{MW}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}}]$$

$$\mathbf{B}^{\text{P}} = \mathbf{C}_2 [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}}]^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{\text{H}}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{W} = \Delta t \{ \mathbf{A}^{\text{WP}} [\mathbf{P}^t + \Delta t S_{\text{WP}} (\mathbf{A}^{\text{PW1}} \mathbf{W}^t + \mathbf{A}^{\text{PW2}} \Delta \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{B}^{\text{P}})] + \mathbf{A}^{\text{WW}} [\mathbf{W}^t + 2S_{\text{WW}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{WW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}] + \mathbf{B}^{\text{W}} \}$$

$$[\mathbf{I} - \Delta t (2 S_{\text{WW}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{WW}} + \Delta t S_{\text{WP}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{WP}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{PW2}})] \Delta \mathbf{W}$$

$$= \Delta t \{ [\mathbf{A}^{\text{WW}} + \Delta t S_{\text{WP}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{WP}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{PW1}}] \mathbf{W}^t + \mathbf{B}^{\text{W}} + \mathbf{A}^{\text{WP}} [\mathbf{P}^t + \Delta t S_{\text{WP}} \mathbf{B}^{\text{P}}] \}$$

FIBS – Final Set of Equations

$$\mathbf{A} \Delta \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{PW1}} = \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} + \mathbf{C}_2 [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}}]^{-1} [\mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} - \Delta t S_{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}}]$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{PW2}} = S_{\text{MW}} \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} + \mathbf{C}_2 [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}}]^{-1} [S_{\text{HW}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} - \Delta t S_{\text{HM}} S_{\text{MW}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}}]$$

$$\mathbf{B}^{\text{P}} = \mathbf{C}_2 [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}}]^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{\text{H}}$$

$$[\mathbf{I} - \Delta t (2 S_{\text{WW}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{WW}} + \Delta t S_{\text{WP}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{WP}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{PW2}})] \Delta \mathbf{W}$$

$$= \Delta t \{ [\mathbf{A}^{\text{WW}} + \Delta t S_{\text{WP}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{WP}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{PW1}}] \mathbf{W}^{\text{t}} + \mathbf{B}^{\text{W}} + \mathbf{A}^{\text{WP}} [\mathbf{P}^{\text{t}} + \Delta t S_{\text{WP}} \mathbf{B}^{\text{P}}] \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{M} = \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} [\mathbf{W}^{\text{t}} + S_{\text{MW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}]$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{H} = \Delta t \{ \mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} (\mathbf{W}^{\text{t}} + S_{\text{HW}} \Delta \mathbf{W}) + S_{\text{HH}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HH}} \Delta \mathbf{H} - S_{\text{HM}} \mathbf{A}^{\text{HM}} \Delta \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{B}^{\text{H}} \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{C}_1 \Delta \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{C}_2 \Delta \mathbf{H}$$

Fully Explicit Scheme (S=0)

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{PW1}} = \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} + \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{PW2}} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{B}^{\text{P}} = \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{B}^{\text{H}}$$

$$\therefore \Delta \mathbf{W} = \Delta t \{ \mathbf{A}^{\text{WW}} \mathbf{W}^t + \mathbf{B}^{\text{W}} + \mathbf{A}^{\text{WP}} \mathbf{P}^t \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{M} = \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{\text{MW}} \mathbf{W}^t$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{H} = \Delta t \{ \mathbf{A}^{\text{HW}} \mathbf{W}^t + \mathbf{B}^{\text{H}} \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{C}_1 \Delta \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{C}_2 \Delta \mathbf{H},$$

Semi Implicit Scheme (S_{HH} , $S_{HM} = 0$)

$$\mathbf{A}^{PW1} = \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{A}^{MW} + \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{A}^{HW}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{PW2} = \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{A}^{MW} + \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{A}^{HW}$$

$$\mathbf{B}^P = \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{B}^H$$

$$[\mathbf{I} - \Delta t(2 \mathbf{A}^{WW} + \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{WP} \mathbf{A}^{PW2})] \Delta \mathbf{W}$$

$$= \Delta t \{ [\mathbf{A}^{WW} + \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{WP} \mathbf{A}^{PW1}] \mathbf{W}^t + \mathbf{B}^W + \mathbf{A}^{WP} [\mathbf{P}^t + \Delta t \mathbf{B}^P] \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{M} = \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{MW} [\mathbf{W}^t + \Delta \mathbf{W}]$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{H} = \Delta t \{ \mathbf{A}^{HW} (\mathbf{W}^t + \Delta \mathbf{W}) + \mathbf{B}^H \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{C}_1 \Delta \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{C}_2 \Delta \mathbf{H}$$

Fully Implicit Scheme

$$\mathbf{A}^{PW1} = \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{A}^{MW} + \mathbf{C}_2 [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{HH}]^{-1} [\mathbf{A}^{HW} - \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{HM} \mathbf{A}^{MW}]$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{PW2} = \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{A}^{MW} + \mathbf{C}_2 [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{HH}]^{-1} [\mathbf{A}^{HW} - \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{HM} \mathbf{A}^{MW}]$$

$$\mathbf{B}^P = \mathbf{C}_2 [\mathbf{I} - \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{HH}]^{-1} \mathbf{B}^H$$

$$[\mathbf{I} - \Delta t(2 \mathbf{A}^{WW} + \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{WP} \mathbf{A}^{PW2})] \Delta \mathbf{W}$$

$$= \Delta t \{ [\mathbf{A}^{WW} + \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{WP} \mathbf{A}^{PW1}] \mathbf{W}^t + \mathbf{B}^W + \mathbf{A}^{WP} [\mathbf{P}^t + \Delta t \mathbf{B}^P] \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{M} = \Delta t \mathbf{A}^{MW} [\mathbf{W}^t + \Delta \mathbf{W}]$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{H} = \Delta t \{ \mathbf{A}^{HW} (\mathbf{W}^t + \Delta \mathbf{W}) + \mathbf{A}^{HH} \Delta \mathbf{H} - \mathbf{A}^{HM} \Delta \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{B}^H \}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{C}_1 \Delta \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{C}_2 \Delta \mathbf{H}$$

Programming Notes

- System geometry is contained in \mathbf{A}^{MW}
 - All other matrices are derived from this matrix and node/link properties
- The fully-implicit method is more complicated than the semi-implicit method
 - it requires the addition and multiplication of more matrices as well as a matrix inversion, especially when a large number of nodes is required
 - In one case study, for 9 nodes and links, the cost is a 50% increase in iteration time. But this becomes a 250% increase as one approaches the 36 node/link case.

Programming Notes

- Usually the matrices contain mostly zeros and, in the case of a circular loop, may be diagonally dominant in nature (i.e. non-zero elements occupy one, two or three stripes through the matrix).
- If the multiplication of two large matrices is desired, say $N \times N$ in dimension, the time to carry out the operation (N^3 multiplications and N^3 additions) can be very significant. However, it is possible to reduce the number of individual operations without losing the generality of the method.
- Suffice it to say that, in general, the semi-implicit method has a Courant limit on the maximum time step that can be taken in order to ensure stability. The fully-implicit method does not have this limitation.
- As the Courant time step limit is determined by the nodal residence time, the time step limit is dependant on the node sizes and the flows through the nodes.

Programming Notes

- Usually the matrices contain mostly zeros and, in the case of a circular loop, may be diagonally dominant in nature (i.e. non-zero elements occupy one, two or three stripes through the matrix).
- For example, for a 9 node case, the semi-implicit method required 0.10 seconds per iteration and required 2 iterations to meet the report time of 1.0 seconds. The fully-implicit method meet the report time in one iteration which took 0.14 seconds. At 36 nodes however, the semi-implicit method took 2×0.71 seconds while the fully-implicit method took 2.12 seconds.
- Clearly, one method is not superior to the other in all cases.
- Pressure determination involves the use of property derivatives. To avoid the numerical problems associated with discontinuities, smooth functions for properties, and other thermal-hydraulic correlations must be used

Questions?