Novel Stochastic and Deterministic Models for Polydisperse Flows Resulting from a Radiological Dispersal Device

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# **Radionuclide Dispersal Events**

#### Full-Scale RDD Field Trials (DRDC Suffield Experiment Series)









#### Images source:

E. Korpach et al., "Real Time In Situ Gamma Radiation measurements of the Plume Evolution from the Full-Scale Radiological Dispersal Device Field Trials," *Health Physics*, 2016.

L. Erhardt et al., "Deposition Measurements from the Full-Scale Radiological Dispersal Device Field Trials," *Health Physics*, 2016.

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# **Modelling RDDs**

#### Necessity

- First response and decision making support
- A priori scenario analyses by response planners
- Physics-based dispersal engine in virtual training environments

#### **Required Capabilities**

- Predict dose from passing plume and contaminated surfaces
- Perform data assimilation with various sensors
- Deal with uncertainties/unknowns, e.g., the amount of explosive and radioactive material(s)

#### Modelling Stages

- Source term characterization
- Transport and dispersion
- Dose estimation (ground & cloud shine)

# Flow Properties of Radionuclide Dispersal Events

#### Polydisperse

Particle size is approximately log-normal

#### Multi-velocity

Particles at a location will display a range of velocities

#### Multi-Regime

- Initially dense particle phase spreads over a large volume
- Initial strong deviations between particle and gas velocities decay to "simple convection"



# **Traditional Transport & Dispersion Models for RDDs**

- Gaussian puffs (Lebel *et al.* (2016), others)
- Eulerian-Lagrangian (Fuka & Brechler (2011), others)

#### Unresolved Issues

- Characterization of the source term (e.g., treatment of blast and fireball dynamics)
- Predictions with traditional models could be quite inaccurate
- Trade-offs between accuracy and computational cost



Images source: S. Thykier-Nielsen et al., 1998

#### Outline

1 Stochastic Approach: MCREXS Model

**(2)** A Kinetic Description of Polydisperse Flow

(3) Deterministic Approach: A Moment Method for Polydisperse Flows

**(4)** Conclusions & Ongoing Work

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#### Improved Source Term Characterization for RDDs Hummel & Ivan, JER 172 (2017)

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Eulerian model for background flow

$$\blacktriangleright \vec{V}_{bf}(t,x) = \vec{V}_{blast}(t,x) + \vec{V}_{wind}(t,x)$$

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   *i*blast provided by a surrogate model based on CFD data for a spherically-symmetric TNT explosion
- Lagrangian model for particles

$$\rho_p \frac{\pi d_p^3}{6} \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = F_{D_x} - F_{dP_x}$$

$$\rho_p \frac{\pi d_p^3}{6} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = F_{D_y} - F_{dP_y}$$

$$\rho_p \frac{\pi d_p^3}{6} \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = F_{D_z} - F_{dP_z} + F_B + F_F$$

-0.94753 (Brode) .83790 (interpolated) 0.1 -Distance [m] Horizontal Distance [m]

#### **Stochastic Modelling Option: Direct Particle Tracking** L. Ivan *et al.*, JER 192 (2018)







#### Phases of the MCREXS Procedure for RDD Simulation MCREXS: Multi-Cloud Radiological Explosive Source (L. Ivan *et al.*, JER 192 (2018))



Figure: 1) Initialization of particles in the explosive device, 2) outward acceleration in the blast field, 3) deceleration in the atmosphere, 4) conversion to a Gaussian puff, and the subsequent dispersion and deposition onto the ground.

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### Shot 1 of the Suffield Full-Scale RDD Experiments

#### **Ensemble Averaging Over 100 Puff Simulations with 12,800 Particles**



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### Shot 2 of the Suffield Full-Scale RDD Experiments

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#### Shot 3 of the Suffield Full-Scale RDD Experiments

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### Summary for the Suffield Full-Scale RDD Experiments

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# **Direct Particle Tracking**

#### Drawbacks





- Expensive
- Stochastic
- Sensitivities are difficult to calculate (inverse problems are hard)

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# A Kinetic Description of Polydisperse Flows

F. Forgues et al., under review in JCP (2019)

Multiphase flow can be considered similar to an ideal gas (many particles in seemingly "random" motion). Traditional Eulerian models can suffer from modelling artifacts in non-continuous regimes.

Kinetic theory defines a distribution function for the density of identical particles

 $\mathcal{F}(x_i, v_i, t)$ 

To allow the particle to be differentiated by a collection of N properties (e.g., size, colour, temperature) the distribution function is extended as

$$\mathcal{F}(x_i, v_i, \zeta_0, \zeta_1, \ldots, \zeta_N, t)$$

The distribution function for particles with a range of sizes is extended to include a diameter space

$$\mathcal{F}(x_i, v_i, d, t)$$

#### **Traditional Moments**

Traditional "macroscopic" properties are related to  $\mathcal{F}$  by moments

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \iiint_{\infty} W(v_i, d) \mathcal{F} \, \mathrm{d}v_i \, \mathrm{d}d = \langle W(v_i, d) \mathcal{F} \rangle$$

$$nu_{i} = \langle v_{i}\mathcal{F} \rangle$$
$$n\Theta_{ij} = \langle c_{i}c_{j}\mathcal{F} \rangle$$
$$n\Psi_{id} = \langle c_{i}(\ln d - \mu)\mathcal{F} \rangle$$
$$n\Psi_{dd} = \langle (\ln d - \mu)^{2}\mathcal{F} \rangle$$

where  $c_i = v_i - u_i$  is the difference between a particle's velocity and the local average and  $\mu$  is the local average of the logarithm of particle diameter.

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## **Evolution of the Distribution Function**

Extended Boltzmann equation:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial t} + v_{\alpha} \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{\alpha}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial v_{\alpha}} \left( a_{\alpha} \mathcal{F} \right) + \sum_{\check{i}=0}^{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_{\check{i}}} \left( \Upsilon_{\check{i}} \mathcal{F} \right) = \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta t} \right)_{\text{collision}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial t} + v_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial a_i \mathcal{F}}{\partial v_i} + \frac{\partial \phi \mathcal{F}}{\partial d} = \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta t}\right)_{\text{collision}}$$

Unfortunately,

- High-dimensional
- Expensive to compute
- Not all the information carried by the distribution is necessary
- It is better to take the velocity moments of the Boltzmann equation



#### **Moment closure**

Velocity moment of the kinetic equation (ignoring collisions and diameter changes):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \mathbf{W}\mathcal{F} \rangle + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \langle v_i \mathbf{W}\mathcal{F} \rangle + \left\langle \mathbf{W} \frac{\partial}{\partial v_i} \left( a_i \mathcal{F} \right) \right\rangle + \left\langle \mathbf{W} \frac{\partial \phi \mathcal{F}}{\partial d} \right\rangle = \left\langle \mathbf{W} \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta t} \right\rangle$$

- System is never closed
- Possible to close the system by choosing *F* as a function of free parameters
- Choose  $\mathcal{F}$  in order to maximize entropy

$$\mathcal{F} = e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{W}}$$



## **Polydisperse Gaussian Distribution Function**

Assumed form of the distribution function:

$$\mathcal{F} = rac{n}{(2\pi)^2 (\det \Psi_{ij})^{1/2}} e^{\left(-rac{1}{2} \Psi_{ij}^{-1} ilde{c}_i ilde{c}_j
ight)} \,.$$

Data show the diameter to be log-normal where

$$\tilde{c}_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} v_{x} - u_{x} \\ v_{y} - u_{y} \\ v_{z} - u_{z} \\ \ln(d) - \mu \end{bmatrix} \qquad \Psi = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_{xx} & \Theta_{xy} & \Theta_{xz} & \Psi_{xd} \\ \Theta_{xy} & \Theta_{yy} & \Theta_{yz} & \Psi_{yd} \\ \Theta_{xz} & \Theta_{yz} & \Theta_{zz} & \Psi_{zd} \\ \Psi_{xd} & \Psi_{yd} & \Psi_{zd} & \Psi_{dd} \end{bmatrix}$$

A generalized Gaussian distribution function can be written for a set of *N* properties



## **Polydisperse Gaussian Distribution Function**

An example distribution in  $v_x$ -d space:



- Particles display a range of velocities and diameters.
- Particles with large diameters are more likely to have higher speeds.

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$$\Psi_{xd} > 0$$

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Polydisperse Flows Subject to Aerodynamic Drag, Gravity and Buoyancy Forces

Application of Gaussian moment closure leads to a 15 first-order hyperbolics PDEs of the form

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{F}_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{F}_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{F}_z}{\partial z} = \boldsymbol{S}$$



$$U = n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \\ (u_x^2 + \Theta_{xx}) \\ (u_x u_y + \Theta_{xy}) \\ (u_x u_z + \Theta_{xz}) \\ (u_x u_z + \Theta_{xz}) \\ (u_x u_z + \Theta_{xz}) \\ (u_y u_z + \Theta_{yz}) \\ (u_z^2 + \Theta_{zz}) \\ (u_z^2 + \Theta_{zz}) \\ \mu \\ (\mu u_x + \Psi_{xd}) \\ (\mu u_y + \Psi_{yd}) \\ (\mu u_z + \Psi_{zd}) \\ (\mu^2 + \Psi_{dd}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_x = n \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ (u_x^2 + \Theta_{xx}) \\ (u_x u_y + 2u_x \Theta_{xx}) \\ (u_x^2 u_y + 2u_x \Theta_{xy} + u_y \Theta_{xx}) \\ (u_x u_y^2 + u_x \Theta_{yz} + u_y \Theta_{xx}) \\ (u_x u_y^2 + u_x \Theta_{yz} + u_y \Theta_{xz} + u_z \Theta_{xy}) \\ (\mu u_x + \Psi_{xd}) \\ (\mu u_x + \Psi_{xd}) \\ (\mu u_x + \Psi_{xd}) \\ (\mu u_x + u_x \Psi_{yd} + u_y \Psi_{xd} + \mu \Theta_{xy}) \\ (\mu u_x u_y + u_x \Psi_{yd} + u_y \Psi_{xd} + \mu \Theta_{xz}) \\ (\mu^2 u_x + 2\mu \Psi_{xd} + u_x \Psi_{dd}) \end{bmatrix}$$

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The original ten wavespeed from the ten-moment model for gases remain and are supplemented by five new waves.

$$\lambda_{1-10} = \begin{pmatrix} u_x + \sqrt{3\Theta_{xx}} \\ u_x - \sqrt{3\Theta_{xx}} \\ u_x + \sqrt{\Theta_{xx}} \\ u_x - \sqrt{\Theta_{xx}} \\ u_x - \sqrt{\Theta_{xx}} \\ u_x - \sqrt{\Theta_{xx}} \\ u_x \\ u_x \\ u_x \\ u_x \\ u_x \end{pmatrix} \qquad \lambda_{11-15} = \begin{pmatrix} u_x + \sqrt{\Theta_{xx}} \\ u_x - \sqrt{\Theta_{xx}} \\ u_x \\ u_x \\ u_x \\ u_x \end{pmatrix}$$



#### **Stokes Drag**

Finally, a drag law is needed to completely close the system.

$$F_{D_i} = \begin{cases} C_d \rho_a \frac{\pi d_p^2}{8} ||\vec{v}|| v_i &: \text{Re} \ge 1\\ 3\pi d_p \mu_a v_i &: \text{Re} < 1 \,, \end{cases}$$
$$C_d = \frac{24}{\text{Re}} + \frac{4.4}{\sqrt{\text{Re}}} + 0.42$$

For now, we assume Stokes drag, i.e.,  $C_d = \frac{24}{\text{Re}}$ .

Acceleration of particle:

$$ec{a}_{d}(t,x) = rac{ec{V}(t,ec{x}) - ec{v}_{p}}{ au}, \ \ au = rac{
ho_{p}d_{p}^{2}}{18\mu_{f}}$$

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Source Term Accounting for the Effect of the Aerodynamic Drag

$$S_{1} = \frac{n}{\tau_{G}} \begin{cases} 0 \\ V_{x} - (u_{x} - 2\Psi_{xd}) \\ V_{y} - (u_{y} - 2\Psi_{yd}) \\ V_{z} - (u_{z} - 2\Psi_{zd}) \\ 2\left(V_{x}(u_{x} - 2\Psi_{xd}) - (u_{x}^{2} - 4u_{x}\Psi_{xd} + 4\Psi_{xd}^{2} + \Theta_{xx})\right) \\ V_{x}(u_{y} - 2\Psi_{yd}) + V_{y}(u_{x} - 2\Psi_{xd}) - 2(u_{x}u_{y} - 2u_{x}\Psi_{yd} - 2u_{y}\Psi_{xd} + 4\Psi_{xd}\Psi_{yd} + \Theta_{xy}) \\ V_{x}(u_{z} - 2\Psi_{zd}) + V_{z}(u_{x} - 2\Psi_{xd}) - 2(u_{x}u_{z} - 2u_{x}\Psi_{zd} - 2u_{z}\Psi_{xd} + 4\Psi_{xd}\Psi_{zd} + \Theta_{xz}) \\ 2\left(V_{y}(u_{y} - 2\Psi_{yd}) - (u_{y}^{2} - 4u_{y}\Psi_{yd} + 4\Psi_{yd}^{2} + \Theta_{yy})\right) \\ V_{y}(u_{z} - 2\Psi_{zd}) + V_{z}(u_{y} - 2\Psi_{yd}) - 2(u_{y}u_{z} - 2u_{y}\Psi_{zd} - 2u_{z}\Psi_{yd} + 4\Psi_{yd}\Psi_{zd} + \Theta_{yz}) \\ 2\left(V_{z}(u_{z} - 2\Psi_{zd}) - (u_{z}^{2} - 4u_{z}\Psi_{zd} + 4\Psi_{zd}^{2} + \Theta_{zz})\right) \\ 0 \\ V_{x}(\mu - 2\Psi_{dd}) - (\mu u_{x} - 2\mu\Psi_{xd} - 2u_{x}\Psi_{dd} + 4\Psi_{dd}\Psi_{xd} + \Psi_{xd}) \\ V_{y}(\mu - 2\Psi_{dd}) - (\mu u_{z} - 2\mu\Psi_{yd} - 2u_{y}\Psi_{dd} + 4\Psi_{dd}\Psi_{yd} + \Psi_{yd}) \\ V_{z}(\mu - 2\Psi_{dd}) - (\mu u_{z} - 2\mu\Psi_{yd} - 2u_{x}\Psi_{dd} + 4\Psi_{dd}\Psi_{zd} + \Psi_{zd}) \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_{\mathcal{G}} = \frac{\rho_p}{18\mu_f} e^{2\mu - 2\Psi_{dd}}, \quad \vec{V}_{bf}(t, x) = (V_x, V_y, V_z)$$

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Source Term Accounting for the Effect of Gravity and Buoyance Forces

$$S_{2} = n \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ \phi_{x}\\ \phi_{y}\\ \phi_{z}\\ 2u_{x}\phi_{x}\\ u_{x}\phi_{y} + u_{y}\phi_{x}\\ u_{x}\phi_{z} + u_{z}\phi_{x}\\ 2u_{y}\phi_{y}\\ u_{y}\phi_{z} + u_{y}\phi_{x}\\ 2u_{z}\phi_{z}\\ 0\\ \mu\phi_{x}\\ \mu\phi_{y}\\ \mu\phi_{z}\\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\phi_i = \frac{\rho_p - \rho_f}{\rho_p} g_i$$

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# **A Polydisperse Sedimentation Problem**

Challenge: capture accurately the different relaxation rates of the particle phase to the terminal velocities for the complete range of particle diameters



Figure: Comparison between the PGM predictions and exact solution for the particle density and velocity as a function of the vertical spatial coordinate

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#### Conclusions

MCREXS Model :

- A hybrid stochastic model for RDD has been developed
- The model is an improvement relative to previously proposed models
- Comparisons to RDD experimental data show good agreement

#### Gaussian Polydisperse Model :

- A new deterministic polydisperse model for a wide range of multiphase flow regimes
- The model is globally hyperbolic and well-posed
- One-dimensional solutions demonstrate the potential for improved Eulerian predictions

# **Ongoing Work**

- Account for the presence complex obstacles in the MCREXS model
- Implement the Gaussian model in an higher-order accurate multi-dimensional numerical framework
- Investigate problems with background flow that models the detonation of a radiological dispersal device
- Investigate high-performance algorithms for computational speed-up



# **Supplementary Material**

- Proof of Wellposedness
- Exact Solution to the Kinetic Equation
- Numerical Method
- Assess the Drag Law for a Space-Homogeneous Case
- A Riemann Problem with Different Drag Strengths



#### **Proof of Wellposedness**

- The resulting PDEs are hyperbolic and well-posed whenever n and  $\Psi$  is positive definite.
- If one premultiplies the PDE for  $\Psi$  by  $\Psi^{-1}$  and uses the identity

$$\partial_s \log(\det(\Psi)) = \operatorname{trace}(\Psi^{-1}\partial_s \Psi)$$

along with the continuity equation, one finds

$$\frac{\partial \log\left(\frac{\det\Psi}{n^2}\right)}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial \log\left(\frac{\det\Psi}{n^2}\right)}{\partial x_i} = -108 \left(\frac{\mu_f}{\rho_p} e^{-2\mu + 2\Psi_{dd}}\right)$$

• The determinant of  $\Psi$  decays exponentially, but never reaches zero.



#### **Exact Solution to the Kinetic Equation**

The kinetic equation for Stokes drag with zero background flow:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial t} + v_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial}{\partial v_i} \left(\frac{v_i}{\tau} \mathcal{F}\right) = 0$$

With initial conditions,  $\mathcal{F}_0(x_i, v_i, d)$ , this has an exact solution:

$$\mathcal{F}(x_i, v_i, d, t) = A \mathcal{F}_0(B_i, C_i, d),$$

with

$$A = e^{\frac{3t}{\tau}},$$
  

$$B_i = x_i + v_i \tau (1 - e^{\frac{t}{\tau}}),$$
  

$$C_i = v_i e^{\frac{t}{\tau}}.$$



Normal distribution function relaxing to a zero velocity; Solution at time t = 0



Figure: Kinetic solution (left) and moment solution (right)



Normal distribution function relaxing to a zero velocity; Solution at time  $t \approx 0.61$  s



Figure: Kinetic solution (left) and moment solution (right)



Normal distribution function relaxing to a zero velocity; Solution at time  $t \approx 1.82$  s



Figure: Kinetic solution (left) and moment solution (right)



Normal distribution function relaxing to a zero velocity; Solution at time  $t \approx 3.03$  s



## Numerical Method (operator splitting)

**Discretization of the Moment Model** 

Simple first-order Godunov-type finite-volume scheme for the hyperbolic part:

$$\widetilde{U}_i^{n+1} = \overline{U}_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left( \hat{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \hat{F}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

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Comparisons are made to a common "single-velocity" multiphase treatment:

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (nu_j) = 0,$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (nu_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (nu_iu_j) = S_i,$$

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### Numerical Result - ICs for a Riemann problem



For the whole domain  $\Theta_{xx}$  is equal to  $1.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$ ,  $\Psi_{xd}$  is equal to 0 m/s,  $\mu$  is equal to  $\ln(28 \times 10^{-6})$  and  $\Psi_{dd}$  is equal to 0.25. A grid of 4000 cells with a CFL number of 0.5 is used for all cases.

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#### No drag $\tau = \infty$

#### **Particle number (left) and velocity (right) at time** t = 1 s





#### **No drag** $\tau = \infty$ $\Theta_{xx}$ (left) and $\Psi_{xd}$ (right) at time t = 1 s





### Medium drag $\tau = 1$ s

**Particle number (left) and velocity (right) at time** t = 1 s





# Medium drag $\tau = 1$ s

 $\Theta_{xx}$  (left) and  $\Psi_{xd}$  (right) at time t = 1 s





## Medium drag $\tau = 1$ s

Mean diameter (left) and  $\Psi_{dd}$  (right) at time t = 1 s





#### **Strong drag** $\tau = 0.1$ s

**Particle number (left) and velocity (right) at time** t = 0.1 s





# Strong drag $\tau = 0.1$ s

 $\Theta_{xx}$  (left) and  $\Psi_{xd}$  (right) at time t = 0.1 s





# Strong drag au = 0.1 s

Mean diameter (left) and  $\Psi_{dd}$  (right) at time t = 0.1 s



