## ENGG\*4810: Control of Atmospheric Particulates

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### 1 Introduction

MATLAB is a programming language developed by MathWorks. It is based on performing operations on matrices. This is the world's most natural way to express computational mathematics. Figure 1 shows the MATLAB environment consisting of various windows: current directory, workspace, command history, script editor, and command window.

The current directory shows the local files and where MATLAB looks for other files by default if not given another path. The workspace shows the variables that are created through an analysis. These could be single integers, arrays, matrices, characters, strings, data structures, and more. The command window is where you execute single commands, very much like Windows command prompt or Mac's or Linux' terminal. The command history shows you the commands that have been executed before. The editor is where you can script, code, program, or simply run a succession of commands.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Save your work only on your designated H: drive on the server or a memory stick. DO NOT save your work on the local machine in the lab. The local storage on the machine is erased every time the computer is rebooted.

## 2 Using the Command Window

Type the following commands in the command window in order to calculate volume  $V_p$  [m<sup>3</sup>] and mass  $m_p$  [kg] of a particle sphere with diameter  $D_p = 1 \ \mu m$  and unit density  $\rho_p = 1000 \ \text{kg m}^{-3}$ :

>>Dp=1e-6 Dp= 1.0000e-06 >>rhop=1000 rhop=

Figure 1: The MATLAB 7.6.0 environment consisting of current directory, workspace, command history, script editor, and command window.

1000 >>Vp=(pi/6)\*Dp^3 Vp= 5.2360e-19 >>mp=rhop\*Vp mp= 5.2360e-16

Notice that MATLAB echoes the variables in the command prompt. You can turn off the echo by placing a semicolon (;) after each command. Also notice that all variables

Dp, mp, rhop, Vp

now appear in the workspace with specific values. You can clear the command line and then delete these variables from memory (and therefore workspace) using the following commands in the command window:

>>clc >>clear We now perform the same calculation for  $D_p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \ \mu m$  simultaneously using vector operation:

```
>>Dp=1e-6*[1 2 3 4 5];
>>rhop=1000;
>>Vp=(pi/6)*Dp.^3
Vp=
1.0e-16 *
0.0052
          0.0419
                     0.1414
                                0.3351
                                           0.6545
>>mp=rhop*Vp
mp=
1.0e-13 *
0.0052
          0.0419
                     0.1414
                                0.3351
                                           0.6545
```

where now Dp, Vp, mp are row vectors. The operation Dp. $\land$ 3 tells MATLAB to take all elements of the vector and then raise each element to the power of three and store the result in a new vector. If you type in Dp $\land$ 3 the compiler complains because it attempts to perform matrix algebra on a row vector and multiply it by itself twice. We know that from dimensional consideration this is not possible for a row vector. Note that multiplying a scalar **rhop** with a vector Vp is perfectly allowed in matrix algebra, so it is not required to use the .\* for this operation. However, if one desires to multiply two matrices, element by element, this operator can be used.

### 3 Scripting with MATLAB

Next we use the MATLAB editor environment to write a script for the following particle kinematics problem: Consider a solid particle that is thrown from surface with initial velocity  $v_0$  [m s<sup>-1</sup>] with angle  $\alpha$  [rad] relative to the horizon (x) to follow a two-dimensional projectile only under the force of gravity ( $g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ ) acting in the -z direction. The particle is not surrounded by air, i.e. in vacuum, so there is no drag force. We wish to calculate and plot the particle's projectile for t = 0 to 20 s for the following initial conditions: a)  $v_0 = 100 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}$ , b)  $v_0 = 150 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , c)  $v_0 = 200 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$ .

The following equations govern the motion of the particle in the two directions x and y:

$$v_{0x} = v_0 \cos(\alpha) \tag{1}$$

$$v_{0z} = v_0 \sin(\alpha) \tag{2}$$

$$x = x_0 + v_{0x}t \tag{3}$$

$$z = z_0 + v_{0z}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \tag{4}$$

Type the following script in the MATLAB editor. Comments are placed after %. Alternative to defining vectors by specific elements in [], one can use the syntax start:step:finish or zeros(1,n+1) to define a vector. In the former the elements will increment by the step size. In the latter the elements are all initialized to zero. The for loop advances the index of the vector,

and if the increment of a loop is one then it can be omitted from the syntax. We also use an if statement to make sure the trajectory does not become negative in the z direction. We simply stop the particle as soon as z becomes negative.

```
%MATLABProgramming
%Solid particle projectile in vacuum
%Clear command window and memory
clc
clear
%Constants of simulation
g=9.81;
                %Gravitational acceleration [m s<sup>-2</sup>]
n=50;
                %The number of time steps
                %Throw angle [rad]
alpha1=pi/6;
                %Initial velocity [m s^-1]
v01=100;
%Initial velocities
v0x1=v01*cos(alpha1);
v0z1=v01*sin(alpha1);
%Vectors
t=0:20/n:20;
                     %Time vector from 0 to 20 [s]
x1=zeros(1,n+1);
                     %Initialize x as a zero vector [m]
z1=zeros(1,n+1);
                     %Initialize z as a zero vector [m]
%Loop through the time steps and update x and z coordinates
for i=2:n+1
   x1(i)=v0x1*t(i);
   z1(i)=v0z1*t(i)-0.5*g*(t(i))^2;
   %Must check if the particle reaches the ground
   if (z1(i) < 0)
       %Set altitude to zero
       z1(i)=0;
       %Do not advance the x position
       x1(i)=x1(i-1);
   end
end
```

After writing the script save the file in your local directory as MATLABProgramming.m. Then execute the script by clicking on the run (play) button. The series of the commands will be executed, as if they were written in the command window. If you code runs you see that all the variables are generated in the work space. Check them out by double clicking on each variable to see its value. If your script does not run you should debug it first.

### 4 Plotting with MATLAB

We next plot the trajectory using MATLAB's plot command. Type the script below into the editor after the previous script:

```
figure
plot(x1,z1,'ko');
xlabel('x [m]');
ylabel('z [m]');
```

Command figure tells MATLAB to start a new window for this plot. The specifier 'ko' tells MATLAB that we want to show this plot by black empty circles. The xlabel and ylabel command simple enable us to label each axis. If everything goes well you should get figure 2. You can save this figure using the figure menu.



Figure 2: Trajectory of a single particle for initial conditions given in a)

We now continue with other initial conditions b) and c). Simply copy and paste the script into itself and create the vectors for the other initial conditions. To plot multiple curves on the same figure you can modify the plot command according to the following script. You can also add legends, increased marker size, use different colors, and use different font sizes for the legend and axes labels:

```
figure
plot(x1,z1,'ko','MarkerSize',10);
hold on
plot(x2,z2,'bd','MarkerSize',10);
```

```
plot(x3,z3,'rs','MarkerSize',10);
xlabel('x [m]','FontSize',20);
ylabel('z [m]','FontSize',20);
h_legend=legend('a)','b)', 'c)');
set(h_legend,'FontSize',20);
```

If everything goes well you should get figure 3.



Figure 3: Multiple trajectories of a single particle for various initial conditions given in a), b), and c) plotted using markers.

You can plot vectors using lines instead of markers, or even both. Append your script with the following code and run it again. You should get the figure 4.

```
figure
plot(x1,z1,'g-','LineWidth',6);
hold on
plot(x2,z2,'c--','LineWidth',4);
plot(x3,z3,'m^:','MarkerSize',10,'LineWidth',2);
xlabel('x [m]','FontSize',20);
ylabel('z [m]','FontSize',20);
h_legend=legend('a)','b)', 'c)');
set(h_legend,'FontSize',20);
```



Figure 4: Multiple trajectories of a single particle for various initial conditions given in a), b), and c) plotted using lines or a combination of lines and markers.

### 5 Writing and Reading Text Files with MATLAB

We now attempt to write the simulation results into a text file. Append the following script in your editor:

This will create a new file MATLABProgramming.txt and adds the results into it. The fopen and fclose commands open a file id and the specifier 'w' tells MATLAB that you are opening this

file to write in it. The command fprintf is used to print specific strings or variables into the file. Specifiers \t and \n represent the tab and new line. Specifier %f tells MATLAB that you will write a floating point variable in the text file. If you open the text file you should see this:

time [m]	x1 [m] z1	[m] x2 [m]	z2 [m] x3	[m] z3 [m]		
0.000000	0.000000 0	.000000 0.0	00000 0.000	0.000 0.0000	0.000000	
0.400000	34.641016	19.215200 4	42.426407 4	1.641607 40	.000000 68.4	97232
0.800000	69.282032	36.860800 8	84.852814 8	1.713614 80	.000000 135.	424865
1.200000	103.923048	52.936800	127.279221	120.216021	120.000000	200.782897
1.600000	138.564065	67.443200	169.705627	157.148827	160.000000	264.571329
2.000000	173.205081	80.380000	212.132034	192.512034	200.000000	326.790162
2.400000	207.846097	91.747200	254.558441	226.305641	240.000000	387.439394
2.800000	242.487113	101.544800	296.984848	258.529648	280.000000	446.519026
3.200000	277.128129	109.772800	339.411255	289.184055	320.000000	504.029058
3.600000	311.769145	116.431200	381.837662	318.268862	360.000000	559.969491
4.000000	346.410162	121.520000	424.264069	345.784069	400.000000	614.340323
4.400000	381.051178	125.039200	466.690476	371.729676	440.000000	667.141555
4.800000	415.692194	126.988800	509.116882	396.105682	480.000000	718.373188
5.200000	450.333210	127.368800	551.543289	418.912089	520.000000	768.035220
5.600000	484.974226	126.179200	593.969696	440.148896	560.000000	816.127652
6.000000	519.615242	123.420000	636.396103	459.816103	600.000000	862.650485
6.400000	554.256258	119.091200	678.822510	477.913710	640.000000	907.603717
6.800000	588.897275	113.192800	721.248917	494.441717	680.00000	950.987349
7.200000	623.538291	105.724800	763.675324	509.400124	720.000000	992.801381
7.600000	658.179307	96.687200	806.101731	522.788931	760.000000	1033.045814
8.000000	692.820323	86.080000	848.528137	534.608137	800.000000	1071.720646
8.400000	727.461339	73.903200	890.954544	544.857744	840.000000	1108.825878
8.800000	762.102355	60.156800	933.380951	553.537751	880.000000	1144.361511
9.200000	796.743371	44.840800	975.807358	560.648158	920.000000	1178.327543
9.600000	831.384388	27.955200	1018.233765	566.188965	960.000000	1210.723975
10.000000	866.025404	9.500000	1060.660172	570.160172	1000.00000	1241.550808
10.400000	866.025404	0.000000	1103.086579	572.561779	1040.00000	1270.808040
10.800000	866.025404	0.00000	1145.512986	573.393786	1080.00000	1298.495672
11.200000	866.025404	0.000000	1187.939392	572.656192	1120.00000	1324.613704
11.600000	866.025404	0.000000	1230.365799	570.348999	1160.00000	1349.162137
12.000000	866.025404	0.000000	1272.792206	566.472206	1200.00000	1372.140969
12.400000	866.025404	0.000000	1315.218613	561.025813	1240.00000	1393.550201
12.800000	866.025404	0.00000	1357.645020	554.009820	1280.00000	1413.389834
13.200000	866.025404	0.000000	1400.071427	545.424227	1320.00000	1431.659866
13.600000	866.025404	0.00000	1442.497834	535.269034	1360.00000	1448.360298
14.000000	866.025404	0.00000	1484.924240	523.544240	1400.00000	1463.491131
14.400000	866.025404	0.000000	1527.350647	510.249847	1440.00000	1477.052363
14.800000	866.025404	0.000000	1569.777054	495.385854	1480.00000	1489.043995
15.200000	866.025404	0.000000	1612.203461	478.952261	1520.00000	1499.466028
15.600000	866.025404	0.000000	1654.629868	460.949068	1560.00000	1508.318460
16.000000	866.025404	0.00000	1697.056275	441.376275	1600.000000	1515.601292

16.400000	866.025404	0.000000	1739.482682	420.233882	1640.000000	1521.314524
16.800000	866.025404	0.000000	1781.909089	397.521889	1680.000000	1525.458157
17.200000	866.025404	0.000000	1824.335495	373.240295	1720.000000	1528.032189
17.600000	866.025404	0.000000	1866.761902	347.389102	1760.000000	1529.036621
18.000000	866.025404	0.000000	1909.188309	319.968309	1800.000000	1528.471454
18.400000	866.025404	0.000000	1951.614716	290.977916	1840.000000	1526.336686
18.800000	866.025404	0.000000	1994.041123	260.417923	1880.000000	1522.632318
19.200000	866.025404	0.000000	2036.467530	228.288330	1920.000000	1517.358351
19.600000	866.025404	0.000000	2078.893937	194.589137	1960.000000	1510.514783
20.000000	866.025404	0.000000	2121.320344	159.320344	2000.000000	1502.101615

We now attempt to read the text file, partially, that we just created. Append the following script in your editor. The textread command is suited to read entire column of a text file into a vector. On the left hand side of the equal sign, the names for new vectors to be created appear in square brackets []. As argument, the command takes the name of the text file, then the format specifiers are listed. Note that if an specifier is listed with an asterisk %\*f, then that column is skipped. In this example we only read the coordinates for the second projectile, i.e. x2 and z2. The specifier 'headerlines', 1 tells MATLAB that the first line of the text file is just the header and must be skipped:

```
%Read elements of a text file, selectively, into three vectors
[tread, x2read, z2read] = textread('MATLABProgramming.txt',...
'%f %*f %*f %f %f %*f %*f', 'headerlines',1);
```

Make sure that these new variables are created in the workspace. Double click on these variables to see their contents. Congratulations! you have just finished your first computer lab in programming with MATLAB.

# ENGG\*4810: Control of Atmospheric Particulates

Simulation of Particle Projectiles under Gravity, Buoyancy, Drag, and Brownian Forces Amir A. Aliabadi

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### 1 Introduction

In this lab we wish to simulate the projectile of a particle under gravity, buoyancy, drag, and Brownian forces in stagnant air in a two-dimensional domain. Here we briefly provide the relevant equations from the lecture notes, but ask that you consult the lecture notes in detail if required.

The particle Reynolds number is an important non-dimensional parameter to calculate in order to compute the drag coefficient.

$$Re = \frac{Inertial forces}{Viscous forces} = \frac{\rho u_{\infty} D_p}{\mu} = \frac{u_{\infty} D_p}{\nu}$$
(1)

If Re is known the drag force and coefficient on the particle can be calculated using

$$F_{drag} = \frac{C_D A_p \rho u_{\infty}^2}{2C_c} = \frac{\pi C_D \rho D_p^2 u_{\infty}^2}{8C_c}$$
(Spherical particle) (2)

$$C_D = \begin{cases} \frac{24}{\text{Re}} \to \text{Stokes law} & \text{Re} < 0.1 \\\\ \frac{24}{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{16} \text{Re} + \frac{9}{160} \text{Re}^2 \ln(2\text{Re}) \right) & 0.1 < \text{Re} < 2 \\\\ \frac{24}{Re} \left( 1 + 0.15 \text{Re}^{0.687} \right) & 2 < \text{Re} < 500 \\\\ 0.44 & 500 < \text{Re} < 2 \times 10^5 \end{cases}$$

In order to properly calculate the drag force on very small particles, we need to compute the air mean free path, Knudsen number, and therefore slip correction factor:

$$\lambda = \frac{\mu}{0.499p(8M/\pi RT)^{1/2}}$$
(3)

$$\operatorname{Kn} = \frac{2\lambda}{D_p} \tag{4}$$

$$C_c = 1 + \text{Kn} \left[ 1.257 + 0.40 \exp\left(-\frac{1.10}{\text{Kn}}\right) \right]$$
 (5)

We can simulate the instantaneous Brownian acceleration of a particle, in any given coordinate x, y, or z using the methodology of [Li and Ahmadi, 1992] and [Ounis et al., 1991], where the acceleration is given by:

$$S_0 = \frac{216\mu kT}{\pi^2 D_p^5 \rho_p^2 C_c}$$
(6)

$$\alpha_{x,y,z}(t) = \delta \sqrt{\frac{\pi S_0}{dt}} \tag{7}$$

where k is the Boltzmann constant,  $\delta$  is a random variable sampled from a unit normal or Gaussian distribution, and dt is the time step of the particle tracking simulation. Note that the simulation of the Brownian diffusion of particles is very sensitive to the choice of dt. In fact this time step must be selected appropriately to simulate Brownian diffusion correctly. Nevertheless, for the purpose of this lab, a value of dt will be used to show relative significance of the Brownian acceleration in comparison to drag, gravity, and buoyancy.

Having these terms and assuming that the vertical coordinate is positive upward, i.e.  $\uparrow +z$ , and that the particle is ejected in the positive direction in the horizon, i.e.  $\rightarrow +x$ , then the equation of motion for the particle is given as

$$m_{p}\frac{dv_{z}}{dt} = \underbrace{-\frac{\pi C_{D}\rho D_{p}^{2}}{8C_{c}}|v_{z}|(v_{z})}_{\text{Drag force}}\underbrace{-m_{p}g}_{\text{Gravity force}}\underbrace{+\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)D_{p}^{3}\rho g}_{\text{Buoyancy Force}} + \underbrace{m_{p}\alpha_{z}(t)}_{\text{Brownian force}}$$
(8)  
$$m_{p}\frac{dv_{x}}{dt} = \underbrace{-\frac{\pi C_{D}\rho D_{p}^{2}}{8C_{c}}|v_{x}|(v_{x})}_{\text{Drag force}} + \underbrace{m_{p}\alpha_{x}(t)}_{\text{Brownian force}}$$
(9)

### 2 Simulation Matrix

We assume that the initial position of the particle is x = z = 0 and that the particle is ejected upward at an angle  $\alpha = \pi/4$  from x axis with an initial velocity of  $\mathbf{v}(t = 0) = 0.01 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The particle density is  $\rho_p = 1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ . The gravitational acceleration is  $g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  downward. The air pressure is atmospheric, i.e. p = 101,000 Pa. The molecular weigh of air is M = 28.966 g mol<sup>-1</sup>. The universal gas constant is R = 8.314 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>. The Boltzmann constant is  $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$  J K<sup>-1</sup>. The spatial domain is infinite and we wish to simulate particle motion for 100,000 time advances with time step  $dt = 0.1\tau$ , where  $\tau$  is particle's characteristic time. We wish to study the effects of particle size and physical properties of air, i.e. temperature, pressure, and viscosity, on the trajectory of the particle. We develop the following simulation matrix. The particle size range represents typical airborne particle emissions. The air properties are similar to ambient conditions and conditions in hot exhaust gas from combustion processes.

Table 1: Simulation matrix								
Simulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$D_p [\mathrm{m}]$	1e-7	1e-6	1e-5	1e-4	1e-7	1e-6	1e-5	1e-4
T [K]	300	300	300	300	600	600	600	600
$\mu \ [\text{kg m}^{-1} \ \text{s}^{-1}] \ \times 10^{-5}$	1.846	1.846	1.846	1.846	3.017	3.017	3.017	3.017
$\rho  [\mathrm{kg}  \mathrm{m}^{-3}]$	1.777	1.777	1.777	1.777	0.5883	0.5883	0.5883	0.5883

Since the first terms on the right hand side of the equation of particle motion varies with particle velocity. We cannot integrate the equation to arrive at an analytical expression for particle trajectory. Instead, we have to use the finite difference method to approximate the particle trajectory. In this method a time step is chosen that is a fraction (usually 10%) of the particle characteristic time and the particle motion is advanced using the velocity and position information in the previous time step. The particle characteristic time is given by

$$\tau = \frac{\rho_p D_p^2 C_c}{18\mu} \tag{10}$$

### 3 MATLAB Script

alpha=pi/4;

Begin your script by clearing command window and workspace and then defining all constants required for the simulation:

```
%ParticleProjectile
%Particle projectile under forces of gravity, buoyancy, drag, and Brownian
%motion
%Clear command window and memory
clc
clear
%Constants of simulation
g=9.81; %Gravitational acceleration [m s^-2]
```

%Throw angle [rad]

v0=0.01;	%Initial velocity [m s^-1]
p=101000;	%Air pressure [Pa]
R=8.314;	%Universal gas constant [J K^-1 mol^-1]
M=28.966e-3;	%Air molecular weight [kg mol^-1]
rhop=1000;	%Particle density [kg m^-3]
k=1.38e-23;	%Boltzmann constant [J K^-1]
Dp=1e-7;	%Particle diameter [m]
T=300;	%Air temperature [K]
mu=1.846e-5;	%Air dynamic viscosity [kg m^-1 s^-1]
rho=1.777;	%Air density [kg m^-3]
n=100000;	%Number of time advances

Then calculate initial velocity in the x and z direction, followed by mean free path lambda, Knudsen number Kn, slip correction factor Cc, and particle mass mp. The calculation of the Knudsen number, slip correction, and particle mass are left for you to add in the script. In general, you should code in the script below whenever you see (...). Be careful not to miss them:

```
%Initial velocities
v0x=v0*cos(alpha);
v0z=v0*sin(alpha);
```

```
%Calculate mean free path, Knudsen number, slip correction, and mass
lambda=mu/(0.499*p*sqrt(8*M/(pi*R*T)));
Kn=...
Cc=...
mp=...
```

Next we need to calculate the simulation timestep dt as a fraction (10%) of the particle characteristic time tau. Again, these two are left for you to script:

%Calculate particle characteristic time tau=... %Set time step as 10% of the smallest particle characteristic time dt=...

We subsequently define the position vectors and initialize them as zero. The initial velocities also need to be defined.

```
%Define position vectors and initialize to zero
x=zeros(1,n); %x Position vector [m]
z=zeros(1,n); %z Position vector [m]
%Initialize the velocity
vxold=v0x;
vzold=...
```

Next we loop through the time steps, finding the instantaneous acceleration followed by updating

particle velocities and position. At each iteration we reset the accelerations **ax** and **az** to zero. Then we add corresponding accelerations for each direction due to drag, gravity, buoyancy, and Brownian motion, respectively. The Reynolds number of the particle Re is calculate at each iteration given the particle velocity in the previous time step. Subsequently, the coefficient of drag CD is calculated. The Brownian acceleration is added by using the randn(1) function, which generates a random variable drawn from a Gaussian distribution with unit standard deviation and the rand function, which generates a random variable from 0 to 1 drawn from a uniform distribution.

```
%Loop through the time steps and update particle position and velocity
for (i=2:n)
    %Reset acceleration terms
    ax=0.0;
    az=0.0;
    %Calculate particle's Reynolds number (need total velocity)
    Re=(rho*Dp*sqrt(vxold^2+vzold^2))/mu;
    %Calculate the coefficient of drag based on this Reynolds number
    if (Re < 0.1)
        CD=24/Re:
    elseif (Re < 2)
        CD=(24/Re)*(1+3*Re/16+9*Re^2*log(2*Re)/160);
    elseif (Re < 500)
        CD=(24/Re)*(1+0.15*Re^0.687);
    elseif (Re < 2e5)
        CD=0.44;
    end
    %Append accelerations by drag accelerations
    ax=ax-(1/mp)*pi*CD*rho*Dp^2*vxold*abs(vxold)/(8*Cc);
    az=az-(1/mp)*pi*CD*rho*Dp^2*vzold*abs(vzold)/(8*Cc);
    %Append accelerations by gravity force
    az=...
    %Append accelerations by buoyancy force
    az=...
    %Append accelerations by Brownian force
    SO=(216*mu*k*T)/((pi^2*Dp^5*rhop^2)*Cc);
    ax=ax+randn(1)*((pi*S0/dt)^0.5);
    az=az+randn(1)*((pi*S0/dt)^0.5);
    %Find new velocities
    vx=vxold+ax*dt:
    vz=...
    %Find new position
    x(i)=x(i-1)+vx*dt;
    z(i)=...
    %Update old velocities for next iteration
    vxold=vx:
    vzold=...
```

end

Finally you should write script to plot the coordinates  $z \ [m]$  versus  $x \ [m]$  to show the particle trajectory.

## 4 Running the Script

Next you should run the script with the initial conditions provided in the simulation matrix. For each run, simply change the particle diameter Dp and air physical properties T, mu, rho. Each time you run the script, you can save the resulting plot in your local directory given a preferred format, i.e. \*.png, \*.jpg, \*.pdf etc. To do this simply click file then save on the figure menu. Use a descriptive file name for each figure. If your script runs successfully you should get figures similar to the following figures. Your figures will not be exactly the same because you have a random number generator in the code, which samples from a Guassian distribution.

The figures reveal interesting and different projectiles as a function of particle size and air physical properties. Try to discuss and answer the following questions with your peers or instructor:

- For particle sizes of Dp=1e-7 and 1e-6 m, the particle projectile appears as very *jittery* and the particle does not seem to either go up or down consistently. By observing this, which forces do you think are dominant in determining the particle motion?
- For particle size of Dp=1e-5 m the particle projectile still appears as *jittery*, but to a lesser extent, while the particle seems to go down consistently. By observing this, which forces do you think are dominant in determining the particle motion?
- For particle size of Dp=1e-4 m the particle projectile shows very little *jittery* movement, while the particle seems to go down significantly. By observing this, which forces do you think are dominant in determining the particle motion?
- Comparing the two figures, particles Dp=1e-5 and Dp=1e-4 m in size seem to drop a larger distance when T=300 K, mu=1.846e-5 kg m<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, and rho=1.777 kg m<sup>-3</sup> compared to when T=600 K, mu=3.017e-5 kg m<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, and rho=0.5883 kg m<sup>-3</sup>. Try to reason why this has happened by discussing the terms involved in the calculation of the drag force?

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Figure 1: Trajectory of a single particle with sizes Dp=1e-7 m (top left), Dp=1e-6 m (top right), Dp=1e-5 m (bottom left), Dp=1e-4 m (bottom right) for initial conditions T=300 K, mu=1.846e-5 kg m<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, and rho=1.777 kg m<sup>-3</sup>.



Figure 2: Trajectory of a single particle with sizes Dp=1e-7 m (top left), Dp=1e-6 m (top right), Dp=1e-5 m (bottom left), Dp=1e-4 m (bottom right) for initial conditions T=600 K, mu=3.017e-5 kg m<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, and rho=0.5883 kg m<sup>-3</sup>.

## ENGG\*4810: Control of Atmospheric Particulates

Simulation of Particle Size Distributions Amir A. Aliabadi

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### 1 Introduction

In this lab we wish to simulate single mode and bimodal particle distribution functions. A crude representation of particle sizes is by histograms N, where the number concentration for given particle size bins each centred at  $D_p$  is plotted as a function of particle size  $D_p$ . A better representation is the particle size distribution n, which is obtained by dividing the particle concentration N by the width of the particle size bin  $\Delta D_p$ :

$$n_i = \frac{N_i}{\Delta D_p} \text{ or } N_i = n_i \Delta D_p$$
 (1)

In the limit of  $\Delta D_p \to 0$  we present the particle number distribution by  $n_N(D_p)$ . The fundamental property of the particle number distribution is that by integrating the distribution function over all particle sizes we obtain the total particle number concentration across all sizes

$$N_t = \int_0^\infty n_N(D_p) dD_p \tag{2}$$

Also the cumulative particle number distribution  $N(D_p)$  gives the particle number concentration up to particle size  $D_p$  and is given by

$$N(D_p) = \int_0^{D_p} n_N(D_p^*) dD_p^*$$
(3)

The following relationships allow us to convert particle number distributions to particle surface area  $n_S(D_p)$  and volume  $n_V(D_p)$  distributions

$$n_S(D_p) = \pi D_p^2 n_N(D_p) \tag{4}$$

$$n_V(D_p) = \frac{\pi}{6} D_p^3 n_N(D_p) \tag{5}$$

In a similar fashion the total and cumulative particle surface area  $(S, S(D_p))$  and volume  $(V, V(D_p))$  concentration can be found.

Alternative to particle size  $D_p$  one can express distributions as a function of the logarithm of the particle size  $\text{Log}D_p$ . This has the advantage that a larger range of particle sizes can be analyzed conveniently.

#### 2 MATLAB Script

First we generate a random ensemble of 10,000 particles by drawing random variables from a Gaussian distribution. The ensemble can be defined given the total sample size L1 a mean mu1 and a standard deviation std1.

```
%ParticleSizeDistribution
%Particle size distributions
%Clear command window and memory
clc
clear
%Constants of simulation are simply particle ensembles within 1 cm<sup>3</sup> volume
%Each ensemble contains a total count, mean, and standard deviation
\%We also define minimum and maximum particle size and bin width for analysis
L1=10000;
                %Number of particles for ensemble 1
mu1=20;
                %Mean particle diameter [um] of ensemble 1
std1=5;
                %Standard deviation of particle diameter [um] of ensemble 1
                %Width of each bin of particle diameter [um] for ensemble 1
dDp1=1;
Dpmin1=0;
                %Minimum particle diameter [um] for ensemble 1
Dpmax1=70;
                %Maximum particle diameter [um] for ensemble 1
```

```
%Generate random variable from a Gaussian distribution
rand1=std1.*randn(L1,1)+mu1;
```

Subsequently we analyze the particle sizes using a histogram that groups particles in a number of bins, given the minimum and maximum diameters Dpmin1, Dpmax1 and the bin width dDp1. The function to perform this task with is histogram. Simultaneously by calculating the histogram, we also plot it. Since the ensemble of particles was defined over a 1 cm<sup>3</sup> volume. The histogram shows particle number concentration N [cm<sup>-3</sup>] for each bin.

%Define the bins for analysis of the first distribution bins1=[Dpmin1:dDp1:Dpmax1];

```
%Next we define the particle diameter vector. Each element contains bin centre
Dp1=[Dpmin1+dDp1/2:dDp1:Dpmax1-dDp1/2];
%The histogram of the particle ensemble is the number concentration
figure
h1=histogram(rand1,bins1);
xlabel('Dp [um]','FontSize',20);
ylabel('N [cm^{-3}]','FontSize',20);
```

Next we calculate particle number distribution by simply dividing the histogram elements by bin width dDp1. However, before doing this we need to copy the histogram values into a new vector nN1 because the histogram data type h1 contains a lot more information than we need. We access histogram values using the statement h1.Values. We can then plot the particle number distribution for ensemble 1 in the following figure. Notice that since the bin size width was 1  $\mu$ m, the histogram and the particle number distributions are the same.

%Store data from the histogram in a new variable dedicated for number concentration N1=h1.Values;

%Calculate particle number distribution by dividing number concentration by bin width nN1=N1/dDp1;

```
%Now plot the number distribution
figure
plot(Dp1,nN1,'k-','LineWidth',3);
xlabel('Dp [um]','FontSize',20);
ylabel('n_N(Dp) [cm^{-3} um^{-1}]','FontSize',20);
```



Figure 1: Histogram of particle number concentration (left) and particle number distribution (right) for particle ensemble 1.

We now generate a similar distribution but with a different bin size width. Use the following script to specify particle ensemble 2:

L2=10000; mu2=20; std2=5; dDp2=2; Dpmin2=0; Dpmax2=70;

Subsequently write the necessary script to calculate and plot histogram and particle number distribution for particle ensemble 2. The following figure can be obtained.



Figure 2: Histogram of particle number concentration (left) and particle number distribution (right) for particle ensemble 2.

Now by observing these figures discuss and answer the following questions:

- The vertical axis on the histogram plot for particle ensembles 1 and 2 shows that the histogram for particle ensemble 2 is twice larger than that for particle ensemble 1. Why is this?
- Unlike the histograms, the particle size distributions for particle ensembles 1 and 2 are similar, despite the difference in method to calculate them. Comment on why this is the case? By observing this behaviour, are you not convinced that particle size distributions are more useful than particle number concentrations?

Now we will compute the particle surface area nS2 and volume nV2 distributions for particle ensemble 2. This is, again, possible without needing to use for loops in MATLAB because we can perform short form vector operations element by element. Complete the following script to do this and then plot the number, area, and volume distributions on the same plot. The result should be the following figure.

%We now compute particle surface and volume distributions for ensemble 2 nS2=pi\*(Dp2.^2).\*nN2; nV2=...

Now we will compute the cumulative particle number, surface area, and volume concentrations N,



Figure 3: Particle number, surface area, and volume distributions for particle ensemble 2.

S, and V, respectively. Even though MATLAB may have a built-in function to do this, we do it by simple for loops, in order not to forget programming skills. To save memory, every time you want to fill in a vector element by element in a for loop, you must always define the vector first. We do this by the familiar zeros function and the dimension of the vector can be calculated by the length function, which gives the size of the vector supplied to it as an argument. Complete the following script to achieve this. Upon plotting you should get the following figure.

```
%We now compute the cumulative particle number, surface, and volume
%distributions for ensemble 2
%First create and initialize the cumulative distributions
N2=zeros(1,length(nN2));
S2=...
V2=...
%Then compute the cumulative distributions
N2(1)=nN2(1)*dDp2;
S2(1)=...
V2(1)=...
for i=2:length(nN2)
        N2(i)=N2(i-1)+nN2(i)*dDp2;
        S2(i)=...
        V2(i)=...
end
```

By comparing the last two figures, try to answer the following questions:

- Comment on why the volume and surface distribution and cumulative concentrations are much larger than the number distribution or concentration.
- Do the three distributions exhibit the same mode? Do the three cumulative concentrations exhibit the expansion point, i.e. the slope gradient, at the same particle diameter?



Figure 4: Cumulative particle number, surface area, and volume concentrations for particle ensemble 2.

Now we create a bimodal ensemble of particles, ensemble 3, with the logarithm of the particle size. The range for particle size is from Dpmin3=0.001 um or LogDpmin3=-3 to Dpmin3=1000 um or LogDpmin3=3 with the bin size width of dLogDp3=0.2 in the logarithmic scale (Note: it is always good practice to use uniform bin size width, or else the analysis will be complicated). To create a bimodal ensemble of particles we define two sets of attributes (a and b) for two single-mode Gaussian distributions to draw random samples from. So we use different number of particles L3a=40000, L3b=10000 and mean mu3a=-1.5, mu3b=0, but the same standard deviation stda=stdb=0.4. Use the following script to represent the particle ensemble.

L3a=40000; mu3a=-1.5; std3a=0.4; L3b=10000; mu3b=0; std3b=0.4; dLogDp3=0.2; LogDpmin3=-3; LogDpmax3=3;

Next, complete the following script to generate random vectors necessary to generate particle ensemble 3 and create overlapping histograms to represent the particle number concentrations

```
%Now we create a bimodal distribution in the lognormal representation
rand3a=std3a.*randn(L3a,1)+mu3a;
rand3b=...
bins3=[LogDpmin3:dLogDp3:LogDpmax3];
LogDp3=[LogDpmin3+dLogDp3/2:dLogDp3:LogDpmax3-dLogDp3/2];
```

```
figure
h3a=histogram(rand3a,bins3);
```

```
hold on
h3b=...
xlabel('Log Dp [um um^{-1}]','FontSize',20);
ylabel('N [cm^{-3}]','FontSize',20);
```

Then create the particle number distribution for particle ensemble 3 by adding the random vectors and dividing by bin size width in the logarithm scale using the script below. Then plot it. You should obtain the following figures.

N3=h3a.Values+h3b.Values; nN3=...



Figure 5: Histogram of particle number concentration (left) and particle number distribution (right) for particle ensemble 3.

Finally compute the particle surface area nS3 and volume nV3 distributions for particle ensemble 3. This is, again, possible without needing to use for loops in MATLAB because we can perform short form vector operations element by element. Complete the following script to do this and then plot the number, area, and volume distributions on the same plot.

%We now compute particle surface and volume distributions for ensemble 3 nS3=pi\*((10.^LogDp3).^2).\*nN3; nV3=...

Now we will compute the cumulative particle number, surface area, and volume concentrations N, S, and V, respectively. Again, we do it by simple for loops. The scripting for this calculation and plotting is left for you. You should get the following figures.

By observing these figures try to answer the following questions:

- The larger peak in the number distribution is the peak to the left, while the larger peak in the surface and volume distributions is the peak to the right. Why is this?
- Try to explain the behaviour of the cumulative concentrations. Discuss the expansion points in these plots.



Figure 6: Particle number, surface area, and volume distributions for particle ensemble 3.



Figure 7: Cumulative particle number, surface area, and volume concentrations for particle ensemble 3.

## ENGG\*4810: Control of Atmospheric Particulates

Particle Heat and Mass Transfer Amir A. Aliabadi

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## 1 Introduction

In this lab we are going to study evaporation of water droplets in ambient air. The fluid outside the water droplet is a binary system consisting of air molecules and water molecules. So this binary system consists of species A for water vapor and B for air. For simplicity in the following formulations, we will drop index A or B, and insert p for A in places where properties should be inserted associated with the water and not air to avoid confusion. From lecture notes we learnt that the evaporation of a droplet is governed by the following equation

$$R_p^2 = R_{p0}^2 + \frac{2DM_p}{\rho_P}(c_\infty - c_0)t$$
(1)

Most terms in this equation can be determined easily except for molar concentrations c that need to be specified as a function of binary mixture temperature and relative humidity. The specific humidity in air is defined as the ratio of mass of water vapor contained in a mass of water vapor-air binary mixture and is given by

$$w = \frac{m_v}{m_a + m_v} \simeq \frac{m_v}{m_a} \tag{2}$$

where  $m_v$  is mass of water vapor and  $m_a$  is mass of air in the binary mixture. The approximation is valid since mass of water vapor in air is usually very small. Specific humidity can be expressed using partial pressures associated with water vapor and air

$$w = \frac{m_v}{m_a} = \frac{\frac{P_v V}{R_v T}}{\frac{P_a V}{R_v T}} = \frac{R_a}{R_v} \frac{P_v}{P_a} = 0.622 \frac{P_v}{P_a} = \frac{0.622 P_v}{P - P_v}$$
(3)

where V is common volume which the binary mixture occupies, P is pressure  $(P = P_v + P_a)$  is atmospheric pressure), T is temperature, and R is gas constant. This is essentially derived using the ideal gas equation of state. The relative humidity, on the other hand, is the ratio of mass of water vapor to the maximum possible mass of water vapor in air (i.e. before adding any more water vapor resulting in condensation) and is given by

$$\phi = \frac{m_v}{m_g} = \frac{\frac{P_v V}{R_v T}}{\frac{P_g V}{R_g T}} = \frac{P_v}{P_g} \tag{4}$$

where  $P_g$  is saturation pressure for water vapor at a given temperature. With the above developments we have

$$w = \frac{0.622\phi P_g}{P - \phi P_q} \tag{5}$$

From this discussion it is apparent that we can calculate molar concentrations necessary for the evaporation equation as

$$c_{\infty} = w_{\infty} \frac{\rho}{M_p} = \frac{0.622\phi P_{g\infty}}{P - \phi P_{g\infty}} \frac{\rho}{M_p} \tag{6}$$

$$c_0 = w_0 \frac{\rho}{M_p} = \frac{0.622 P_{g0}}{P - P_{g0}} \frac{\rho}{M_p} \tag{7}$$

where subscript  $\infty$  indicates the far-field conditions, and subscript 0 indicates conditions near the droplet surface.  $\phi = 1$  near the droplet, i.e. the binary mixture is saturated near the surface of the droplet.  $\rho$  [kg m<sup>-3</sup>] is density of mixture that is practically the density of dry air, and  $M_p$  [kg mol<sup>-1</sup>] is the molecular weight of water.

In general, water vapor pressure is s function of temperature, therefore both  $c_{\infty}$  and  $c_0$  depend on temperature so that we cannot directly solve the evaporation equation as it is. Instead, we need to solve for droplet surface temperature first using iterative methods, and then solve the evaporation equation. An expression is provided in the lecture notes that gives the equilibrium surface temperature for an evaporating droplet. However, at the time of developing this lab, I could not find a numerical solution to it. Instead, I used another expression from Clausius and Clapeyron to solve for equilibrium droplet surface temperature of an evaporating droplet

$$\Delta_T = \frac{h}{c_p T_\infty} \frac{D}{\alpha} \left( w_\infty - w_{g\infty} \exp\left[\frac{h}{R_a T_\infty} \frac{\Delta_T}{1 + \Delta_T}\right] \right)$$
(8)

$$\Delta_T = \frac{T_0 - T_\infty}{T_\infty} \tag{9}$$

where  $T_0$  [K] is equilibrium droplet surface temperature, h [J kg<sup>-1</sup>] is enthalpy of evaporation that is also a function of temperature,  $T_{\infty}$  [K] is far-field temperature,  $c_p$  [J kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>] is specific heat capacity of water, D [m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>] is diffusion coefficient of air,  $\alpha$  [m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>] is thermal diffusivity of air,  $w_{\infty}$  is mass fraction of water vapor in air at far-field,  $w_{g\infty}$  is mass fraction of water vapor in air under saturated conditions, and  $R_a$  [J kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>] is the gas constant for air.

Once this equation is solved iteratively for  $T_0$ , we can then solve the evaporation equation numerically to simulate the rate of droplet evaporation.

### 2 Simulation Matrix

We wish to perform simulation of droplet evaporation in a binary mixture of air and water vapor at rest. We want to vary initial droplet radius as well as the relative humidity at far-field in the binary system to see the effects on droplet cooling and evaporation time. Table below shows the simulation matrix.

Table 1: Simulation matrix									
Simulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
$R_{p0}$ [m]	1e-3	1e-4	1e-5	1e-6	1e-3	1e-4	1e–5	1e-6	
T[K]	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	
$\phi$	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	

### 3 MATLAB Script

As usual, we begin be defining the simulation constants and the simulation time step. We wish to simulate droplet evaporation over nt=2000 time steps. Complete the following script

```
%ParticleHeatMassTransfer
%Particle Heat and Mass Transfer
%Clear command window and memory
clc
clear
%Constants of simulation
pat=101.35;
                 %Atmospheric pressure [kPa]
                 %Reference air pressure [Pa]
p=101000;
Mp=18e-3;
                 %Water molecular weight [kg mol^-1]
M=28.966e-3;
                 %Air molecular weight [kg mol^-1]
                 %Specific heat of particle [J kg^-1 K^-1]
cp=1007;
                 %Universal gas constant [J K^-1 mol^-1]
R=8.314;
Ra=287.06;
                 %Air Gas constant [J kg^-1 K^-1]
                 %Water particle density [kg m^-3]
rhop=1000;
k=0.025;
                 %Air conductivity [W m^-1 K^-1]
Rp0=1e-3;
                 %Particle initial radius [m]
                 %Far-field air temperature [K]
Tinf=300;
Tref=300;
                 %Reference temperature [K]
                 %Air dynamic viscosity [kg m^-1 s^-1]
mu=1.846e-5;
rho=1.777;
                 %Air density [kg m^-3]
                 %Air relative humidity [0-1]
phi=0.4;
D=2.5e-5;
                 %Diffusivity of air [m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>]
nt=2000;
                 %Number of time steps
```

```
%Calculate mean free path, Knudsen number, slip correction, and mass
lambda=...
Kn=...
Cc=...
%Calculate particle characteristic time
tau=...
%Set time step as 10% of the smallest particle characteristic time
dt=0.1*tau;
```

Next, we define vectors for analysis. First we make the time vector t and the particle radius vector Rp. We then make vectors from property tables of temperature, saturation pressure, enthalpy, and thermal diffusivity. These vectors are needed for the iterative solution of the equilibrium droplet surface temperature for an evaporating droplet. Insert the following script.

```
%Define time and particle radius vectors
t=0:dt:(nt-1)*dt;
Rp=zeros(1,nt);
%Water vapor pressures, enthalpy of vaporization and air thermal diffusivity
T=[5+273.15 10+273.15 15+273.15 20+273.15 25+273.15 30+273.15 35+273.15];
%[K]
Psat=[0.8721 1.2276 1.7051 2.339 3.169 4.246 5.628];
%[kPa]
h=1e3*[2489.6 2477.7 2465.9 2454.1 2442.3 2430.5 2418.6];
%[J kg^-1]
alpha=1e-5*[1.88 1.944 2.009 2.074 2.141 2.208 2.277];
%[m^2 s^-1]
```

It is easier to fit polynomials to these properties so we can efficiently interpolate when needed. The MATLAB function to use is polyfit. Insert the following script.

```
%Fit polynomials (1st or 2nd order) through the data
aPsat=polyfit(T,Psat,2);
ah=polyfit(T,h,1);
aalpha=polyfit(T,alpha,2);
```

Next we calculate properties at far-field given the far-field temperature and relative humidity. We make use of the polynomial coefficients for these calculations. Insert the following script.

```
%Calculate far-field vapor pressure [kPa]
Pginf=aPsat(1)*Tinf^2+aPsat(2)*Tinf+aPsat(3);
```

```
%Calculate far-field latent heat of vaporization [J kg<sup>-1</sup>]
hinf=ah(1)*Tinf+ah(2);
```

%Calculate far-field specific humidity winf=0.622\*phi\*Pginf/(101.35-phi\*Pginf);

%Calculate far-field vapor molar concentration [mol m<sup>-3</sup>] cinf=winf\*rho/Mp;

%Calculate far-field mass fraction under saturated conditions
wginf=winf/phi;

```
%Calculate far-field air thermal diffusivity [m^2 s^-1]
alphainf=...
```

Now we solve for the equilibrium surface temperature for the evaporating droplet iteratively using MATLAB's fsolve function, which attempts to find the zero of a function given an initial solution. The equation is the Clausius Clapeyron equation, and the initial solution is Tinf.

```
%Solve for the equilibrium particle surface temperature
T0=fsolve(@(x)-(x-Tinf)/Tinf+(hinf/Tinf)*(1/cp)*(D/alphainf)...
*(winf-wginf*exp((hinf/Ra/Tinf)*((x-Tinf)/x))),Tinf);
```

Once we have the surface temperature T0 we can calculate other surface properties needed for the evaporation equation. Insert the following script for this calculation.

```
%Solve for surface saturation pressure and molar concentration
%Note at close to the particle we have phi=1
Pg0=aPsat(1)*T0^2+aPsat(2)*T0+aPsat(3);
c0=0.622*Pg0/(101.35-Pg0)*rho/Mp;
```

Finally we can loop through the time steps and calculate the droplet radius using the evaporation equation. Complete the following script. To compute the square root of an expression, you can use MATLAB's sqrt() function.

```
%Now loop through time steps to calculate evaporation time
for i=1:nt
    if ((Rp0^2+(2*D*Mp/rhop)*(cinf-c0)*t(i))>0)
        Rp(i)=...
    end
end
```

The last step is to plot droplet radius Rp versus time t. Perform the simulation for the cases identified in the simulation matrix. You should get the following figures.

Note that in our solution we used the continuum theory throughout the droplet evaporation process, even for the time when droplet becomes very small. There are errors associated with this assumption, but this analysis provides a good approximation, at least showing the relative differences in time scales involved. Discuss the following questions.

- Explain the relationship between initial droplet radius and evaporation time. Is this a linear relationship? for instance if the droplet size is reduced by a factor of 10, does the evaporation time also reduce by a factor of 10?
- Explain the relationship between relative humidity the amount of cooling of the drop. Does a lower relative humidity result in a lower equilibrium surface temperature of an evaporating droplet?
- Explain the relationship between evaporation time and relative humidity. Does lowering relative humidity reduce evaporation time?



Figure 1: Time evolution of droplet radius due to evaporation for relative humidity phi=0.4. Particle radii are Rp0=1e-3 m (top left), Rp0=1e-4 m (top right), Rp0=1e-5 m (bottom left), and Rp0=1e-6 m (bottom right).



Figure 2: Time evolution of droplet radius due to evaporation for relative humidity phi=0.1. Particle radii are Rp0=1e-3 m (top left), Rp0=1e-4 m (top right), Rp0=1e-5 m (bottom left), and Rp0=1e-6 m (bottom right).

## ENGG\*4810: Control of Atmospheric Particulates

Brownian Diffusion of Particles Amir A. Aliabadi

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### 1 Introduction

In a previous lab we introduced the methodology of [Li and Ahmadi, 1992] and [Ounis et al., 1991] in the simulation of Brownian diffusion of particles. In this lab we apply the simulation to an ensemble of sub-micrometer particles and further compare the Brownian diffusion to theoretical predictions.

In 1905 Albert Einstein derived an expression that describes the Brownian diffusion of particles with diameter  $D_p$  [m] in a fluid with dynamic viscosity of  $\mu$  [kg m<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>] and temperature T [K]. If an ensemble of particles are all released at a single point of a resting fluid where Brownian force is the only force applied to the particles, then the mean square displacement of the particles in the x, y, and z directions are given by

$$\langle x^{2} \rangle = \langle y^{2} \rangle = \langle z^{2} \rangle = 2 \underbrace{\frac{kTC_{c}}{3\pi\mu D_{p}}}_{D} t \tag{1}$$

where k [J K<sup>-1</sup>] is the Boltzmann constant,  $C_c$  is the slip correction factor, and t is time elapsed since particle release. D [m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>] is the familiar diffusion coefficient of the fluid. This equation has been shown, experimentally, to be very accurate for sub-micrometer particles.

It is of interest to check if the simulation of the Brownian diffusion introduced in a previous lab is in agreement with theoretical prediction.

### 2 MATLAB Script

We begin the MATLAB script by defining constants of simulation and determining a convenient time step taken as a fraction of the particle relaxation time. We consider an ensemble of 100 particles (np) and 100 time steps (nt).

%ParticleBrownianDiffusion %Particle Browning diffusion %Clear command window and memory clc clear %Constants of simulation p=101000; %Air pressure [Pa] R=8.314; %Universal gas constant [J K^-1 mol^-1] M=28.966e-3; %Air molecular weight [kg mol^-1] %Particle density [kg m^-3] rhop=1.777; %Boltzmann constant [J K^-1] k=1.38e-23; %Particle diameter [m] Dp=1e-7;%Air temperature [K] T=300; %Air dynamic viscosity [kg m^-1 s^-1] mu=1.846e-5; rho=1.777; %Air density [kg m^-3] np=100; %Number of particles in ensemble nt=100; %Number of time advances %Calculate mean free path, Knudsen number, slip correction, and mass lambda=... Kn=... Cc=... mp=... %Calculate particle characteristic time tau=... %Set time step as 10% of the smallest particle characteristic time dt=0.1\*tau; %Define time vector t=0:dt:(nt-1)\*dt; We then define the position matrices, and not vectors, because now for each time step we want to keep track of individual particle positions. For particle velocities and accelerations, we only define

```
%Define position matrices and initialize to zero
%The two dimensional matrix contains position as a function of time
x=zeros(nt,np); %x Position vector [m]
y=...
z=...
%Define acceleration vectors for the most recent time step
ax=zeros(1,np);
```

vectors since we only need to 'remember' those for the last time step.

```
ay=...
az=...
vx=zeros(1,np);
vy=...
vz=...
vxold=zeros(1,np);
vyold=...
vzold=...
```

Then we iterate through time steps, only applying a Brownian acceleration in the three coordinates.

```
%Loop through the time steps for the entire particle ensemble
%Update particle position and velocity
for i=2:nt
    for j=1:np
        %Append accelerations by Brownian force
        S0=(216*mu*k*T)/((pi^2*Dp^5*rhop^2)*Cc);
        ax(j)=randn(1)*((pi*S0/dt)^0.5);
        ay(j)=...
        az(j)=...
        %Find new velocities
        vx(j)=vxold(j)+ax(j)*dt;
        vy(j)=...
        vz(j)=...
        %Find new position
        x(i,j)=x(i-1,j)+vx(j)*dt;
        y(i,j)=...
        z(i,j)=...
        %Update old velocities for next iteration
        vxold(j)=vx(j);
        vyold(j)=...
        vzold(j)=...
    end
end
```

After the computation is done, we wish to plot, in three dimensions, the distribution of the ensemble of particles in space in three times of t(1), t(nt/2), and t(nt). For this we can use the plot3 function. For ease of comparison we fix the axes limits using the axis specifier. Complete the following script to achieve this. If everything goes well, you should get the following figures.

```
figure
plot3(x(1,:),y(1,:),z(1,:),'bo','MarkerSize',5);
xlabel('x [m]','FontSize',20);
```

```
ylabel('y [m]','FontSize',20);
zlabel('z [m]','FontSize',20);
axis(3e-8*[-1 1 -1 1 -1 1]);
figure
...
figure
...
```

By looking at the range on x, y, and z axes we realize the diffusion has just started because the spatial spread of the particles is a fraction of the particle diameter.

Subsequently we wish to calculate and plot the mean square distance of the ensemble of the particles in the x direction from the origin for particle sizes Dp=1e-9, 1e-8, 1e-7, and 1e-6 m. We wish to do this calculation using both simulation and the theoretical formula. Append the following script to perform this task. In order to be able to show data on a wider range we use a logarithm vertical axis by MATLAB function semilogy. You should obtain the following plots.

```
%Define vectors for mean square distance of particle ensemble from origin
x2=zeros(nt,1);
x2theory=zeros(nt,1);
%We now calculate mean square distance of particle ensemble from origin
for i=1:nt
    x2(i)=mean(x(i,:).^2);
    x2theory(i)=2*k*T*Cc*t(i)/(3*pi*mu*Dp);
end
%Plot the simulated and theoretical mean square distance of partilces from origin
figure
semilogy(t,x2,'k-','LineWidth',3);
hold on
semilogy(t,x2theory,'k:','LineWidth',3);
xlabel('t [s]','FontSize',20);
```

```
ylabel('<x^2> [m^2]', 'FontSize',20);
h_legend=legend('Simulation', 'Theory');
set(h_legend, 'FontSize',20);
```

Notice that the two curves only agree in one point. At early times the simulation under-predicts the theoretical prediction, while at large times the simulation over-predicts the theoretical prediction. It appears that with a constant time step, chosen as a fraction of the particle relaxation time, the simulation is doomed to show different values from the theory. This shows one of the limitations of this simulation, which cannot accurately predict Brownian diffusion. In the presence of turbulent diffusion (usually the case), however, the Brownian diffusion is very insignificant compared to turbulent mechanisms which randomly disperse particles. Therefore, it is not necessary to simulate
Brownian motion. Nevertheless, this technique demonstrates the rough dispersion behaviour as a function of particle size and provides a qualitative result.

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Figure 1: Distribution of an ensemble of 100 particles with diameter Dp=1e-7 m at t(1), t(nt/2), and t(nt).



Figure 2: Time evolution of the mean square distance for ensemble of particles from the origin. Particle diameters are Dp=1e-9 m (top left), Dp=1e-8 m (top right), Dp=1e-7 m (bottom left), and Dp=1e-6 m (bottom right).

## ENGG\*4810: Control of Atmospheric Particulates

Particle Dispersion in a Turbulent Jet Amir A. Aliabadi

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#### 1 Introduction

In this lab we are going to simulate turbulent dispersion of particles in a jet using the Random Walk Model (RWM) and the concept of Eddy Interaction (EI). Jets belong to a class of flows known as *free-shear* flows [Hussein et al., 1994]. Such flows exhibit sharp velocity gradients but are not constrained by walls or other types of boundaries, the reason they are called free-shear flows. Jets occur in numerous natural or human made processes such as sneezing, pollen release, fuel injection engines, aircraft propulsion, and more. Most jets are *self-similar* in structure, very much analogous to similarity in geometry. For example, two triangles are similar if they have the same angles. Jets too, have similar properties, no matter how far they are probed from the point of injection.

Figure below shows schematic of a self-similar jet. Note that a virtual origin,  $x_0$ , for the jet is defined for the point where the self-similar behaviour for the jet begins. It is assumed that the injecting nozzle diameter is D.



Figure 1: Schematic of a self-similar jet.

Here two coordinate systems can be used to specify jet flow dynamics. 1) In the cylindrical

coordinate system, x is the direction of the axial propagation of the jet, and r and  $\theta$ , specify the radial and angle positions in the transverse direction. 2) In the Cartesian coordinate system, x is still the the direction of the axial propagation of the jet, but y and z directions are fixed. z is usually chosen in such a way that gravitational acceleration points in the -z direction. y is the horizontal direction. In both coordinate systems, fluid velocities u - v - w can represent the axial and transverse velocities corresponding to  $x - r - \theta$  or x - y - z coordinate systems, respectively. The velocities in the two coordinate systems can be related such that

$$u_{car} = u_{cyl} \tag{1}$$

$$v_{car} = v_{cyl}\cos(\theta) - w_{cyl}\sin(\theta) \tag{2}$$

$$w_{car} = v_{cyl}\sin(\theta) + w_{cyl}\cos(\theta) \tag{3}$$

For a self-similar steady jet, the following linear correlation between the mean centre line velocity in the axial direction  $\overline{U_c}$ , initial mean velocity in the axial direction at the origin  $\overline{U_0}$ , nozzle diameter D, and distance from the nozzle x has been established:

$$\frac{\overline{U_0}}{\overline{U_c}} = \frac{1}{B_u} \left( \frac{x}{D} - \frac{x_0}{D} \right) \tag{4}$$

where  $B_u$  is an empirical constant found to be 5.8 by experiments. The dimensionless origin is found to be  $\frac{x_0}{D} = 4$ . Figure below shows contour plots of velocity magnitude, turbulent kinetic energy, and dissipation rate for a self-similar jet. For this jet, it is assumed that the nozzle diameter is D = 0.01 m and that a total gas volume of V = 0.0005 m<sup>3</sup> is injected over time t = 1 s, which allows calculation of injection velocity. The axial domain x starts from x = 6D = 0.06 m or six nozzle diameters.

A similarity variable has been found, experimentally, to describe mean flow turbulence properties of a self-similar jet

$$\eta = \frac{r}{x - x_0} \tag{5}$$

where r is the radial distance from the centre line of the jet. Numerous functions have been fitted to describe round jets [Hussein et al., 1994], where model fitting to experimental data is achieved by method of least squares to all measured profiles with a similarity variable and fitted an even function given below to calculate mean flow and turbulent properties,

$$p(\eta) = \left[C_0 + C_2 \eta^2 + C_4 \eta^4 + ...\right] \exp\left(-A\eta^2\right).$$
 (6)

The multiplication of the polynomial and exponential function provides an excellent fit over the range in which data were taken ( $\eta < 0.2$ ), and care must be given not to apply these fits beyond this range. Table below shows the fitting parameters.



Figure 2: Contours of velocity magnitude, turbulent kinetic energy, and dissipation rate for a self-similar jet.

#### 2 Simulation Matrix

We wish to simulate turbulent dispersion of  $n_p = 200$  particles of two different diameters,  $D_p$  [m], in the above jet for two injection volumes,  $V_{inj}$ . Table below shows the simulation matrix.

### 3 MATLAB Script

As usual, we begin be defining the simulation constants and the simulation time step. Complete the following script

%TurbulentJetDispersion %Particle dispersion in a jet under forces of %gravity, buoyancy, drag, and turbulence %Clear command window and memory clc

```
clear
```

$p(\eta)$	$C_0$	$C_2$	$C_4$	$C_6$	A
$\overline{U}/\overline{U_c}$	1.0	-1.925	0.0	0.0	63
$\overline{u'^2}/\overline{U_c}^2$	7.778e-2	2.79e1	-2.02e3	4.3e5	257
$\overline{v'^2}/\overline{U_c}^2$	5.457e-2	0.355	-4.298e1	0.0	89
$\overline{w'^2}/\overline{U_c}^2$	5.78e-2	-1.71	2.73e-1	0.0	42
$\overline{u'v'}/\overline{U_c}^2$	$4.375e{1}$	-3.931e1	1.55e2	1.342e4	90
$\epsilon / \left[ \overline{U_c}^3 / (x - x_0) \right]$	0.3549	11.99	-1635	43470	201

Table 1: Constants to determine turbulent properties of a self-similar jet [Hussein et al., 1994]

	Table	2:	Simul	lation	matrix	
-				-		

Simulation	1	2	3	4
$D_p$ [m]	1e-6	1e-5	1e-6	1e-5
$V_{inj}$ [m <sup>3</sup> ]	0.5e-3	0.5e-3	1.0e-3	1.0e-3

%Constants of simulation

g=9.81;	%Gravitational acceleration [m s^-2]
p=101000;	%Air pressure [Pa]
R=8.314;	%Universal gas constant [J K^-1 mol^-1]
M=28.966e-3;	%Air molecular weight [kg mol^-1]
rhop=1000;	%Particle density [kg m^-3]
Dp=1e-6;	%Particle diameter [m]
T=300;	%Air temperature [K]
mu=1.846e-5;	%Air dynamic viscosity [kg m^-1 s^-1]
rho=1.777;	%Air density [kg m^-3]
np=200;	%Number of particles in ensemble
nt=40000;	%Number of time advances
tinj=1.0;	%Injection time [s]
Vinj=0.5e-3;	%Total amount of air injected [m^3]
Dnoz=0.01;	%Nozzle diameter [m]
Bu=5.8;	
Cmu=0.09;	

%Calculate mean free path, Knudsen number, slip correction, and mass lambda=... Kn=... Cc=... mp=... %Calculate particle characteristic time tau=... %Set time step as 10% of the particle characteristic time

dt=0.1\*tau;

Next we define position matrices for particles to have the x, y, and z coordinates of each individual particle at any time step. We position all particles, initially at x(1,:)=6\*Dnoz, but we randomize particle placement in the y and z coordinates, although not far from the jet centre line. Complete the following script

```
%Define position matrices and initialize to zero
%The two dimensional matrix contains position as a function of time
x=zeros(nt,np); %x Position vector [m]
y=...
z=...
%Initialize particle axial position at 6 times nozzle diameter
x(1,:)=6*Dnoz;
%Randomize the lateral position of particles
y(1,:)=0.1*Dnoz*(0.5-rand(1,np));
```

z(1,:)=0.1\*Dnoz\*(0.5-rand(1,np));

Next we calculate jet velocity at nozzle exit and the jet centre line velocity at a distance of six nozzle diameters. Insert the following code

```
%Calculate jet centerline velocity at the onset of self-similar behavior
U0=Vinj/(pi*(Dnoz/2)^2*tinj);
```

```
%Calculate jet center velocity at the onset of self-similar region
Uc=(U0*Bu)/((6*Dnoz/Dnoz)-4.0);
```

Now we are ready to begin iterating, first through number of particles and then through time steps. First we initialize the particle velocities. Like particle location, we randomize particle velocities. We also initialize eddy interaction, life, and crossing times with large enough values to be able run the algorithm properly at start. Complete the following script

```
%Loop through the time steps for the entire particle ensemble
%Update particle position and velocity
for j=1:np
    %Initialize particle velocity at the jet center with jet velocity
    %Calculate jet center velocity at the onset of self-similar region
    Uc=(U0*Bu)/((6*Dnoz/Dnoz)-4.0);
    %Initialize velocity to this center line velocity plus fluctuations
    vx=Uc+0.0001*Uc*(0.5-rand());
    vy=0.0001*Uc*(0.5-rand());
    vz=0.0001*Uc*(0.5-rand());
    vxold=vx;
    vyold=...
```

```
vzold=...
%Start with a "large" eddy interaction, life, and crossing times [s]
%to make sure adequate if statements are executed
ti=1;
te=1;
tc=1;
```

Next we iterate through time steps for each particle. The loop begins we setting the time step to a fraction of the particle relaxation time and resetting the particle accelerations. Complete the following script

```
for i=2:nt
%Set time step as 10% of the particle characteristic time
dt=...
%Reset acceleration terms
ax=...
ay=...
az=...
```

Next we append acceleration in the z direction with gravity and buoyancy forces. Complete the following script

```
%Append accelerations by gravity force
az=...
%Append accelerations by buoyancy force
az=...
```

Next we calculate the turbulent eddy velocity fluctuations. Note that this is done only if the eddy interaction time exceeds the value of eddy life or crossing time for the most recent eddy. If this is true, then a new eddy is sampled and used and the eddy interaction time is reset. Otherwise the eddy interaction time compounds until it exceeds the value of eddy life or crossing times. Insert the following script

```
%Calculate the turbulent fluctuations if necessary
if ((ti >= te) || (ti >= tc))
    %Set time step as 10% of the particle characteristic time
    dt=0.1*tau;
    %Reset the eddy interaction time for the particle
    ti=0;
    %Calculate jet centreline mean velocity for the particle
    %as a function of xold, yold, and zold
    Uc=(((x(i-1,j)/Dnoz)-4.0)/(U0*Bu))^-1;
```

```
%Calculate particle's radial position from the jet center line
rold=(y(i-1,j)^2+z(i-1,j)^2)^0.5;
%Calculate fluctuating velocities for the particle
%in cylindrical coordinate
CO=7.778e-2;
C2=2.79e1;
C4 = -2.02e3;
C6=4.3e5;
A=257;
up2=Uc^2*(C0+C2*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2+C4*(rold/x(i-1,j))^4+...
    C6*(rold/x(i-1,j))^6)*exp(-A*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2);
CO=5.457e-2;
C2=0.355;
C4=-4.298e1;
C6=0.0;
A=89;
vp2=Uc^2*(C0+C2*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2+C4*(rold/x(i-1,j))^4+...
    C6*(rold/x(i-1,j))^6)*exp(-A*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2);
CO=5.78e-2;
C2 = -1.71;
C4=2.73e-1;
C6=0;
A=42:
wp2=Uc^2*(C0+C2*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2+...
    C4*(rold/x(i-1,j))^4+...
    C6*(rold/x(i-1,j))^6).*exp(-A*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2);
%Find angle in the polar cylindrical coordinate system
if (y(i-1,j)>=0)
    theta=asin(z(i-1,j)/rold);
else
    theta=pi-asin(z(i-1,j)/rold);
end
sqrtup2=(abs(up2))^0.5;
sqrtvp2=(abs(vp2))^0.5;
sqrtwp2=(abs(wp2))^0.5;
```

%Generate Gaussian distributed random fluctuating fluid velocities %up and vp are correlated with a coefficient of 0.4

```
up=randn*sqrtup2;
vp=0.4*up+0.9163*randn*sqrtvp2;
wp=randn*sqrtwp2;
%Calculate turbulent kinetic energy for fluid
%at the location of particle
k=0.5*(sqrtup2^2+sqrtvp2^2+sqrtwp2^2);
%Calculate turbulent dissipation rate for fluid
%at the location of particle
CO=0.3549;
C2=11.99;
C4 = -1635;
C6=43470;
A=201;
e=abs(Uc^3/(x(i-1,j))*(C0+C2*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2+...
    C4*(rold/x(i-1,j))^4+...
    C6*(rold/x(i-1,j))^6)*exp(-A*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2));
%Calculate eddy length scale and life time
le=2*(Cmu)^(3/4)*(k)^(3/2)/e;
te=2*(3/2)^0.5*(Cmu)^(3/4)*k/e;
%Calculate fluid instantaneous velocities at particle location
CO=1.0;
C2 = -1.925;
C4=0.0;
C6=0.0;
A=63;
u=Uc*((CO+C2*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2+C4*(rold/x(i-1,j))^4+...
    C6*(rold/x(i-1,j))^6)*exp(-A*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2))+up;
%Transform fluctuating velocity components
%from cylindrical to cartesian coordinates
%using rotation matrix
v=vp*cos(theta)-wp*sin(theta);
w=vp*sin(theta)+wp*cos(theta);
%Calculate relative magnitude of fluid to particle velocity
urel=((u-vxold)^2+(v-vyold)^2+(w-vzold)^2)^{0.5};
%Calculate eddy crossing time
if (1-le/(tau*urel))>0
    tc=-tau*log(1-le/(tau*urel));
```

```
else
    tc=te;
end
%Lower dt to 0.05 of the minimum of eddy life and crossing times
if (dt > 0.05*min(te, tc))
    dt=0.05*min(te, tc);
end
else
    %Update eddy interaction time
    ti=ti+dt;
end
```

Note that we have accounted for a coordinate system transformation from cylindrical to cartesian system. There are also other subtleties in the above script that we leave you to investigate and analyze.

Now we include the effect of drag. Since there is no guarantee that the previous snippet of script runs at every iteration, we must calculate the necessary parameters again. Complete the following script

```
%Now include the effect of drag
%Calculate jet centreline mean velocity for the particle
%as a function of xold, yold, and zold
Uc=(((x(i-1,j)/Dnoz)-4.0)/(U0*Bu))^-1;
%Calculate fluid instantaneous velocities at particle location
CO=1.0;
C2=-1.925;
C4=0.0;
C6=0.0;
A=63;
%Calculate particle's radial position from the jet center line
rold=(y(i-1,j)^2+z(i-1,j)^2)^0.5;
u=Uc*((CO+C2*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2+C4*(rold/x(i-1,j))^4+...
    C6*(rold/x(i-1,j))^6)*exp(-A*(rold/x(i-1,j))^2))+up;
%Transform fluctuating velocity components
%from cylindrical to cartesian coordinates
%using rotation matrix
v=vp*cos(theta)-wp*sin(theta);
w=vp*sin(theta)+wp*cos(theta);
```

```
%Calculate relative magnitude of fluid to particle velocity
urel=((u-vxold)^2+(v-vyold)^2+(w-vzold)^2)^0.5;
%Calculate particle's Reynolds number
Re=...
%Calculate the coefficient of drag based on this Reynolds number
...
%Append accelerations by drag accelerations
ax=ax-(1/mp)*pi*CD*rho*Dp^2*(vxold-u)*abs(vxold-u)/(8*Cc);
ay=...
az=...
```

Finally, update new velocities, positions, and old velocities. Complete the following script

```
%Find new velocities
vx=vxold+ax*dt;
vy=...
vz=...
%Find new position
x(i,j)=x(i-1,j)+vx*dt;
y(i,j)=...
z(i,j)=...
%Update old velocities for next iteration
vxold=vx;
vyold=...
vzold=...
end
```

end

Now plot the particle positions for the entire ensemble of particles at different times in the x-z plane by the following script.

```
figure
plot(x(100,:),z(100,:),'ko','LineWidth',3);
hold on
plot(x(1000,:),z(1000,:),'bo','LineWidth',3);
plot(x(10000,:),z(10000,:),'ro','LineWidth',3);
plot(x(20000,:),z(20000,:),'go','LineWidth',3);
plot(x(40000,:),z(40000,:),'yo','LineWidth',3);
xlabel('x [m]','FontSize',20);
h_legend=legend('nt=100', 'nt=1000', 'nt=10000', 'nt=20000', 'nt=40000');
set(h_legend,'FontSize',20);
```

Make another plot for the dispersion in the x-y plane. In addition to plotting particle dispersion

for the entire population at selected number of time steps, one can plot dispersion for a selected number of particles at all time steps in order to observe the motion of individual particles as they interact with the turbulent jet. Write a script to generate the entire particle trajectory for particles 1, 50, 100, 150, and 200, in both x-z and x-y planes. Now experiment with the script to complete the simulation matrix. You should obtain results similar to the following figures.

Comment on the following points and discuss the following questions.

- Try to explain the effect of particle size on axial penetration, i.e. for a given jet, which size particles penetrate the most in the x direction?
- Answer the above question for dispersion in y and z directions?
- Try to explain the effect of jet velocity on dispersion in the three directions.
- Comment if you can observe the effect of different eddies on dispersion of individual particles on different trajectories over the entire number of time steps. In which direction is this effect clearly seen, i.e. x, y, or z?
- In many particular instances shown, a particle is moving in the negative x direction. How is this possible?
- Regarding particle deflection in the y direction, comment if there is a preferred direction for deflection given particle's initial position in the y direction?
- Comment on computational cost and other possible limits to simulate particle dispersion using the RWM.

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Figure 3: Particle dispersion for the entire particle ensemble at selected number of time steps (top) and particle dispersion for selected number of particles over the entire number of time steps (bottom) for Dp=1e-6 m and Vinj=0.5e-3.



Figure 4: Particle dispersion for the entire particle ensemble at selected number of time steps (top) and particle dispersion for selected number of particles over the entire number of time steps (bottom) for Dp=1e-5 m and Vinj=0.5e-3.



Figure 5: Particle dispersion for the entire particle ensemble at selected number of time steps (top) and particle dispersion for selected number of particles over the entire number of time steps (bottom) for Dp=1e-6 m and Vinj=1.0e-3.



Figure 6: Particle dispersion for the entire particle ensemble at selected number of time steps (top) and particle dispersion for selected number of particles over the entire number of time steps (bottom) for Dp=1e-5 m and Vinj=1.0e-3.

## ENGG\*4810: Control of Atmospheric Particulates

Particle Collection Efficiency of a Laminar Settling Chamber Amir A. Aliabadi

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#### 1 Introduction

In this lab we are going to simulate the particle collection efficiency in a settling chamber. Laminar settling chambers are essentially two dimensional flow systems. For simplicity we will perform a 2D simulation. The chamber has a length of L = 1 m and a height of H = 0.05 m. The mean velocity in this chamber is  $\overline{u} = 0.25$  m s<sup>-1</sup>. Assuming the width of the chamber W is equal to its height H, the settling chamber Reynolds number can be calculated as

$$\operatorname{Re}_{c} = \frac{4r_{h}\rho\overline{u}}{\mu} = \frac{4\left(\frac{H\times H}{2(H+H)}\right)\rho\overline{u}}{\mu} = \frac{H\rho\overline{u}}{\mu}$$
(1)

and must be checked to confirm laminar flow. From the lecture material we learn that the axial velocity profile in a laminar settling chamber can be given as

$$u = \frac{3}{2}\overline{u} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{2z}{H}\right)^2 \right] \tag{2}$$

Here x is the direction of the axial propagation of the flow and z is the vertical axis against which gravity acts. Also from the lectures we learn that the theoretical particle collection efficiency of a laminar settling chamber can be calculated given physical parameters such that

$$\eta(D_p) = \frac{v_t L}{\overline{u}H} \tag{3}$$

where  $v_t$  is terminal velocity given as

$$v_t = \frac{\rho_p g D_p^2}{18\mu} \tag{4}$$

This theoretical estimate is only valid if particle is small enough so that the particle Reynolds number Re < 0.1 but still large enough so that non continuum effects can be ignored, i.e.  $C_c \simeq 1$ .

#### 2 Simulation Matrix

We wish to simulate particle collection efficiency for  $n_p = 200$  particles of three different diameters,  $D_p$  [m], in the above settling chamber. Table below shows the simulation matrix.

Table 1: Simulation matrix			
Simulation	1	2	3
$D_p [\mathrm{m}]$	10e-6	15e-6	20e-6

#### 3 MATLAB Script

As usual, we begin be defining the simulation constants and the simulation time step. We will need to choose a large enough number of time steps to ensure the seeded particles in the flow will exit the chamber or get deposited by the end of the simulation. Complete the following script

```
%LaminarSettlingChamber
%Particle collection efficiency of a laminar settling chamber
%Clear command window and memory
clc
clear
%Constants of simulation
g=9.81;
                %Gravitational acceleration [m s<sup>-2</sup>]
p=101000;
                %Air pressure [Pa]
                 "Universal gas constant [J K^-1 mol^-1]
R=8.314;
                %Air molecular weight [kg mol^-1]
M=28.966e-3;
rhop=1000;
                 %Particle density [kg m^-3]
Dp=10e-6;
                %Particle diameter [m]
T=300;
                 %Air temperature [K]
                 %Air dynamic viscosity [kg m^-1 s^-1]
mu=1.846e-5;
                 %Air density [kg m<sup>-3</sup>]
rho=1.2;
                 %Number of particles in ensemble
np=200;
nt=200000;
                 %Number of time advances
                 "Settling chamber length [m] along x-axis
L=1;
H=0.05;
                 %Settling chamber height [m] along z-axis
ubar=0.25;
                 %Mean velocity across the plates [m s^-1]
%Calculate mean free path, Knudsen number, slip correction, and mass
lambda=...
Kn=...
Cc=...
mp=...
```

```
%Calculate particle characteristic time tau=...
```

```
%Set time step as 10% of the particle characteristic time dt=...
```

Next, we write a script to calculate the Reynolds number in the settling chamber to ensure the flow is laminar. Subsequently we perform a simple calculation to find the theoretical particle collection efficiency. Complete the following script in such a way that the settling chamber Reynolds number and collection efficiency get printed on the command window of MATLAB.

%Calculate flow Reynolds number in settling chamber to ensure laminar flow ReC=...

%First calculate and print the terminal velocity vt=...

%With this velocity calculate the theoretical particle collection efficiency etaTheory=...

To simulate particle collection efficiency, we need a counter variable to be able to increment it within the code every time a particle gets deposited on the bottom plate of the the settling chamber. Enter the following script to initialize a counter variable.

%Initialize the number of particles collected npCollected=0;

Next we define position matrices for particles to have the x and z coordinates of each individual particle at any time step. Remember that this is a 2D simulation so there is no y position matrix. We position all particles, initially at x(1,:)=0, but we randomize particle placement in the z coordinates according to a uniform distribution. This places particles uniformly across the settling chamber. Complete the following script.

```
%Define position matrices and initialize to zero
%The two dimensional matrix contains position as a function of time
x=zeros(nt,np); %x Position vector [m]
z=...
```

%Randomize the vertical (z) position of particles
z(1,:)=H\*(0.5-rand(1,np));

Now we are ready to begin iterating, first through number of particles and then through time steps. First we initialize the particle velocities to zero, and then we calculate air velocity at the location of each particle. The only velocity component for the air is the axial velocity. Complete the following script.

```
%Loop through the time steps and entire particle ensemble
for j=1:np
   %Initialize the particle velocity components
   vxold=...
   vzold=...
   %Initialize the air velocity components at particle location
   u=(3/2)*ubar*(1-(2*z(1,j)/H)^2);
   w=...
```

Within the time advance loop, first we initialize accelerations to zero. Subsequently we append the vertical acceleration by gravity and buoyancy forces. Complete the following script.

```
for i=2:nt
    %Reset acceleration terms
    ax=...
    az=...
    %Append accelerations by gravity force
    az=...
    %Append accelerations by buoyancy force
    az=...
```

Next we need to append the acceleration components by drag forces. First we need to calculate the relative magnitude of the air to particle velocity to be able to calculate the particle Reynolds number. Subsequently we calculate the particle Reynolds number and then the coefficient of drag. This helps us to append the acceleration terms. Complete the following script.

```
%Calculate relative magnitude of air to particle velocity
urel=((u-vxold)^2+(w-vzold)^2)^0.5;
%Calculate particle's Reynolds number
Re=...
%Calculate the coefficient of drag based on this Reynolds number
if (Re < 0.1)
    CD=...
elseif (Re < 2)
    CD=...
elseif (Re < 500)
    CD=...
elseif (Re < 2e5)
    CD=...
end
```

```
%Append accelerations by drag accelerations
ax=ax-(1/mp)*pi*CD*rho*Dp^2*(vxold-u)*abs(vxold-u)/(8*Cc);
az=...
```

Now we can update the particle velocities and positions given the total acceleration in each component. Complete the script below.

```
%Find new particle velocities
vx=...
vz=...
%Find new particle positions
x(i,j)=...
z(i,j)=...
```

Now we need to determine the fate of each particle in case it gets deposited at the bottom plate, i.e. collected, or in case it exists the settling chamber without being deposited. If the particle travels a distance greater than the settling chamber length, then we set its axial position equal to the length of the settling chamber, and then break the inner time loop and move on to the next particle. If the particle travels all the way to the bottom plate, then we set its vertical position equal to the position of the bottom plate, increment the counter variable, and then break the inner time loop and move on to the next particle. This coding strategy, significantly speeds up the code because we do not have to complete all the iterations. Insert the following script.

```
%If the particle has exited the settling chamber, it has not been
%collected. In this case break the inner loop and move on to the next
%particle
if (x(i,j)>L)
    x(i,j)=L;
    break;
end
%If the particle has settled at the bottom of the chamber
%Increment the npCollected and break the inner loop and move on to
%the next particle
if (z(i,j)<-H/2)
    z(i,j)=-H/2;
    npCollected=npCollected+1;
    break;
end
```

We then update the particle velocities and the air velocity at particle's location for the next time iteration. Complete the following script

```
%Update old velocities for next iteration
vxold=...
vzold=...
```

```
%Update the air velocity component in x-axis at particle location u=... end
```

end

Finally, we can simply calculate the particle collection efficiency. Insert the following script.

```
%Now calculate the particle collection efficiency based on the simulation etaSimulation=npCollected/np
```

As usual, we can plot representative results, such as location of all particles at selected time steps, or trajectories of individual particles at all time steps. Insert the following script.

```
figure
plot(x(1,:),z(1,:),'ko');
hold on
plot(x(1/1000*nt,:),z(1/1000*nt,:),'bo');
plot(x(1/100*nt,:),z(1/100*nt,:),'ro');
plot(x(1/10*nt,:),z(1/10*nt,:),'co');
plot(x(nt,:),z(nt,:),'yo');
axis([0 1 -0.025 0.025]);
xlabel('x [m]', 'FontSize', 20);
ylabel('z [m]', 'FontSize',20);
h_legend=legend('Timestep=1', 'Timestep=1/1000*nt', 'Timestep=1/100*nt',...
    'Timestep=1/10*nt', 'Timestep=nt');
set(h_legend,'FontSize',20);
figure
plot(x(:,1),z(:,1),'ko');
hold on
plot(x(:,1/4*np),z(:,1/4*np),'bo');
plot(x(:,1/2*np),z(:,1/2*np),'ro');
plot(x(:,3/4*np),z(:,3/4*np),'co');
plot(x(:,np),z(:,np),'yo');
axis([0 1 -0.025 0.025]);
xlabel('x [m]', 'FontSize',20);
ylabel('z [m]', 'FontSize', 20);
h_legend=legend('Particle=1', 'Particle=1/4*np', 'Particle=1/2*np',...
    'Particle=3/4*np', 'Particle=np');
set(h_legend, 'FontSize', 20);
```

Now run your code to complete the simulation matrix. You should get results similar to the following table and figures. Ensure that by the final simulation time step all particles either deposit on the bottom plate or leave the settling chamber. This can be easily verified by lack of particles in the plots at the final time step.

Table 2: Simulation results			
Simulation	1	2	3
Dp [m]	10e-6	15e-6	20e-6
ReC	812.57	812.57	812.57
etaTheoretical	0.2362	0.5314	0.9447
etaSimulation	0.3100	0.5600	0.8750

Comment on the following points and discuss the following questions.

- Try to explain the effect of particle size on the collection efficiency of the settling chamber.
- We did not simulate the Brownian dispersion effect for the particles in this lab. Discuss if accounting for Brownian dispersion effects would drastically change our results.
- Discuss any potential sources for the mismatch between the theoretical and simulated particle efficiency.
- By doing this lab, would you think laminar settling chambers are suitable to remove particles with the following sizes in diameter: Dp=1e-6, 5e-6, 10e-6, 15e-6, 20e-6, 50e-6 m?
- If laminar settling chambers are to be used to remove particles from large quantity of air, i.e. higher flow rates, what impact does this have on the size of the settling chamber?



Figure 1: Particle dispersion and collection for the entire particle ensemble at selected number of time steps (left) and particle dispersion and collection for selected number of particles over the entire number of time steps (right) for Dp=10e-6 m (top), Dp=15e-6 m (middle), Dp=20e-6 m (bottom).

## ENGG\*4810: Control of Atmospheric Particulates

Particle Collection Efficiency of a Turbulent Settling Chamber Amir A. Aliabadi

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#### 1 Introduction

In this lab we are going to simulate the particle collection efficiency in a turbulent settling chamber. For simplicity we will perform a 2D simulation. The chamber has a length of L = 1 m and a height of H = 0.05 m. The mean velocity in this chamber is  $\overline{u} = 2$  m s<sup>-1</sup>. Assuming the width of the chamber W is equal to its height H, the settling chamber Reynolds number can be calculated as

$$\operatorname{Re}_{c} = \frac{4r_{h}\rho\overline{u}}{\mu} = \frac{4\left(\frac{H\times H}{2(H+H)}\right)\rho\overline{u}}{\mu} = \frac{H\rho\overline{u}}{\mu}$$
(1)

and must be checked to confirm turbulent flow. From the lectures we learn that the theoretical particle collection efficiency of a turbulent settling chamber can be calculated given physical parameters such that

$$\eta(D_p) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{v_t L}{\overline{u}H}\right) \tag{2}$$

where  $v_t$  is terminal velocity given as

$$v_t = \frac{\rho_p g D_p^2}{18\mu} \tag{3}$$

This theoretical estimate is only valid if particle is small enough so that the particle Reynolds number Re < 0.1 but still large enough so that non continuum effects can be ignored, i.e.  $C_c \simeq 1$ .

To simulate flow field in the settling chamber we have used the open source Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software **OpenFOAM 3.0**. A standard  $k - \epsilon$  turbulence model was used to give mean airflow velocity in the x and z directions, turbulent kinetic energy, and the turbulent kinetic energy dissipation rates. The computational domain was discretized in to  $n_x \times n_z = 100 \times 20$  cells and shown below. Note that for this flow a  $y^+ \simeq 1$  corresponds to mesh spacing near the walls at  $\Delta y_{min} = 0.00012$  m resolution. Typical wall functions allow the grid spacing normal to the wall boundaries, customary defined in the y direction as opposed to our case which is in the z direction,

be as large as  $\Delta y = 250 \Delta y_{min}$  and for our case we need a minimum of  $\Delta y = 250 \Delta y_{min} = 250 \times 0.00012 \text{m} = 0.03 \text{m}$ . Our grid spacing results in  $\Delta y = H/n_z = 0.05 \text{m}/20 = 0.0025 \text{m} << 0.03 \text{m}$ , as a result our grid resolution is adequate for the simulation very conservatively.



Figure 1: Computational domain for CFD simulations using <code>OpenFOAM 3.0</code>. The turbulent settling chamber is considered as a 2D geometry with flow in the +x direction and gravity acting in the -z direction.

The solutions obtained for velocity in the  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  directions is shown below. Contrary to the convenient assumption the velocity in the  $\mathbf{x}$  direction is constant across the channel, we see that the simulation captures a growing boundary layer at the walls so that the airflow velocity is reduced. In addition, airflow velocity in the  $\mathbf{z}$  direction is now entirely zero, but exhibits a small positive or negative value, which is nevertheless two orders of magnitude smaller than velocity in the  $\mathbf{x}$  direction.

The simulated turbulent kinetic energy and kinetic energy dissipation rate is shown below. Observe that the turbulent kinetic energy and dissipation rate are highest near the walls, where turbulence is generated. In addition observe that the turbulent boundary layer grows downstream of the settling chamber.

Given these flow fields, we will simulate particle dispersion and collection using an Eddy Interaction model introduced earlier. The concentration of particles is low enough to have no major impact on airflow. With this assumption airflow and particle dispersion simulations can be performed separately. This is also known as *one way coupling*, otherwise, if the particle concentration is very high a *two way coupling* model is necessary where the airflow and particle dispersion simulations

# U (m s-1) X

0 0.572 1.14 1.72 2.29

U (m s-1) Z

0.00

0.0121

0.00605

-0.00605

are now separable.

### 2 Simulation Matrix

-0.0121

We wish to simulate particle collection efficiency for  $n_p = 200$  particles of two different diameters,  $D_p$  [m], in the above settling chamber. Table below shows the simulation matrix.

Table 1: Sim	ulation	matrix
Simulation	1	2
$D_p$ [m]	20e-6	40e-6

#### 3 MATLAB Script

As usual, we begin be defining the simulation constants and the simulation time step. We will need to choose a large enough number of time steps to ensure the seeded particles in the flow will exit the chamber or get deposited by the end of the simulation. Complete the following script

%TurbulentSettlingChamber %Particle collection efficiency of a turbulent settling chamber %Using the Eddy Interaction model

## k (m2 s-2)

0.000136 0.0128 0.0254 0.0380 0.0507

## epsilon (m2 s-3)

0.000197 0.914 1.83 2.74 3.66

Figure 2: Solutions for CFD analysis in the turbulent settling chamber.

%Clear command v	window and memory
clear	
%Constants of s	imulation
g=9.81;	%Gravitational acceleration [m s^-2]
p=101000;	%Air pressure [Pa]
R=8.314;	%Universal gas constant [J K^-1 mol^-1]
M=28.966e-3;	%Air molecular weight [kg mol^-1]
rhop=1000;	%Particle density [kg m^-3]
Dp=40e-6;	%Particle diameter [m]
T=300;	%Air temperature [K]
mu=1.846e-5;	%Air dynamic viscosity [kg m^-1 s^-1]
rho=1.2;	%Air density [kg m^-3]
np=200;	%Number of particles in ensemble
nt=200000;	%Number of time advances
L=1;	<pre>%Settling chamber length [m] along x-axis</pre>
H=0.05;	%Settling chamber height [m] along z-axis
ubar=2;	%Mean velocity across the plates [m s^-1]
nx=100;	%Number of cells in fluid domain in the x direction
nz=20;	%Number of cells in fluid domain in the z direction
Cmu=0.09;	

%Calculate mean free path, Knudsen number, slip correction, and mass lambda=... Kn=... Cc=... mp=... %Calculate particle characteristic time tau=...

```
%Set time step as 10% of the particle characteristic time dt=...
```

Next, we write a script to calculate the Reynolds number in the settling chamber to ensure the flow is turbulent. Subsequently we perform a simple calculation to find the theoretical particle collection efficiency. Complete the following script in such a way that the settling chamber Reynolds number and collection efficiency get printed on the command window of MATLAB.

%Calculate flow Reynolds number in settling chamber to ensure laminar flow ReC=...

```
%First calculate and print the terminal velocity vt=...
```

```
%With this velocity calculate the theoretical particle collection efficiency etaTheory=...
```

There is now some work involved to properly read the CFD simulation results from text files. First calculate the discretization lengths in the  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  directions. Then define the coordinates for the centre of each computational cell and store them in a matrices. Insert the following script.

```
%Calculate spatial discretization
dx=L/nx;
dz=H/nz;
%Define x and z position in fluid domain as matrices and initialize them
xDomain=zeros(nx,nz);
zDomain=zeros(nx,nz);
for i=1:nx
  for j=1:nz
    %Coordinate reference frame is at the beginning of the chamber
    xDomain(i,j)=dx/2+dx*(i-1);
    %Coordinate reference frame is half way up at the center of chamber
    zDomain(i,j)=dz/2+dz*(j-1)-0.025;
  end
```

end

To read in the text files with CFD results we need to create new matrices to hold values for the velocity components, turbulent kinetic energy, and the turbulent kinetic energy dissipation rate. We subsequently open the necessary files for reading. The information in the text files are ordered according to the computational cells from bottom left to top right. The indexing first progresses from left to right and then from bottom to top. This affects the order of iterative loops that we need to implement to read the information properly. Also note that we need to occasionally skip the brackets in the text files. We then close the files after reading them. Insert the following script.

```
%Define airflow velocities u and w (x and z components)
%in fluid domain and initialize them
%Define kinetic energy and dissipation rate in fluid domain and initialize them
%These are read from text files from left to right (+ve x)
%and then from bottom to top (+ve z)
uDomain=zeros(nx,nz);
wDomain=zeros(nx,nz);
kDomain=zeros(nx,nz);
eDomain=zeros(nx,nz);
%Read u, w, k, and e from files, if necessary skip left and right brackets
fileNameU='LabO8TurbulentSettlingChamberU.txt';
fidU=fopen(fileNameU);
fileNamek='LabO8TurbulentSettlingChamberk.txt';
fidk=fopen(fileNamek);
fileNamee='LabO8TurbulentSettlingChamberepsilon.txt';
fide=fopen(fileNamee);
%We need to loop through j first and then i; reason why?
for j=1:nz
  for i=1:nx
       %Read left bracket ( from fidU
       fscanf(fidU, '%1s', 1);
       %Read u and store it in uDomain
       uDomain(i,j)=fscanf(fidU, '%f', 1);
       %Read v and simply discard it
       fscanf(fidU, '%f', 1);
       %Read w and store it in wDomain
       wDomain(i,j)=fscanf(fidU, '%f', 1);
       %Read right bracket ) from fidU
       fscanf(fidU, '%1s', 1);
       %Read k from fidk
       kDomain(i,j)=fscanf(fidk, '%f', 1);
```

```
%Read e from fide
eDomain(i,j)=fscanf(fide, '%f', 1);
end
end
%Close the files after reading the data into matrices
fclose(fidU);
fclose(fidk);
fclose(fide);
```

To simulate particle collection efficiency, we need a counter variable to be able to increment it within the code every time a particle gets deposited on the bottom plate of the the settling chamber. Enter the following script to initialize a counter variable.

%Initialize the number of particles collected npCollected=0;

Next we define position matrices for particles to have the x and z coordinates of each individual particle at any time step. Remember that this is a 2D simulation so there is no y position matrix. We position all particles, initially at x(1,:)=0, but we randomize particle placement in the z coordinates according to a uniform distribution. This places particles uniformly across the settling chamber. Complete the following script.

```
%Define position matrices and initialize to zero
%The two dimensional matrix contains position as a function of time
x=zeros(nt,np); %x Position vector [m]
z=...
```

```
%Randomize the vertical (z) position of particles
z(1,:)=H*(0.5-rand(1,np));
```

Now we are ready to begin iterating, first through number of particles and then through time steps. First we initialize the particle velocities to zero, and then we calculate air velocity at the location of each particle. The velocity components for the air is the axial and vertical directions. Note that we need to convert the particle position into indices so we can lookup up the desired CFD simulation value. Complete the following script.

```
%Loop through the time steps and entire particle ensemble
for particle=1:np
    %Initialize the particle velocity components
    vxold=...
    vzold=...
    %Initialize the air velocity components at particle location
    %We can convert particle positions to the suitable indices in order to
    %look up u, w, k, and e from the fluid domain
    iIndex=floor(x(1,particle)/dx+1);
```

```
jIndex=floor((z(1,particle)+0.025)/dz+1);
u=uDomain(iIndex,jIndex);
w=...
```

We then initialize the eddy interaction, life, and crossing times necessary for the Eddy Interaction model. To start, we set these numbers to large values so we sample an eddy for the first time iteration. We then proceed to the time loop by initializing the particle accelerations and appending them with gravity and buoyancy accelerations.

```
%Start with a "large" eddy interaction, life, and crossing times [s]
%to make sure adequate if statements are executed
ti=1;
te=1;
tc=1;
%Now iterate through time steps
for time=2:nt
    %Set time step as 10% of the particle characteristic time
    dt=0.1*tau;
    %Reset acceleration terms
    ax=0.0;
    az=0.0;
    %Append accelerations by gravity force
    az=az-g;
    %Append accelerations by buoyancy force
    az=az+(1/mp)*(pi/6)*Dp^3*rho*g;
```

It is necessary to check at every time step if a new eddy must be sampled when the eddy interaction time become greater than the eddy life time or the eddy crossing time. If this happens, a new eddy is sampled, and new fluctuating velocity components are added to the mean fluid velocity. These fluctuating components are computed having the information about turbulent kinetic energy and turbulent kinetic energy dissipation rate in the flow, which are available from CFD analysis. If a new eddy should not be sampled, we simply increment the eddy interaction time, until it becomes large enough for an eddy to sample. Complete the following script.

```
%Calculate the turbulent fluctuations if necessary
if ((ti >= te) || (ti >= tc))
    %Reset the eddy interaction time for the particle
    ti=0;
    %Look up the turbulent kinetic energy for fluid at particle location
    k=kDomain(iIndex,jIndex);
```

```
%Look up the dissipation rate for fluid at particle location
    e=...
    %Sample turbulent fluctuating velocities
    %In 2D flow k=0.5*(up^2+wp^2) and for isotropic turbulence k=up^2
    up=randn*sqrt(k);
    wp=...
    %Append the fluid velocities with these fluctuations
    u=uDomain(iIndex,jIndex)+up;
    w=...
    %Calculate eddy length scale and life time
    le=2*(Cmu)^(3/4)*(k)^(3/2)/e;
    te=2*(3/2)^0.5*(Cmu)^(3/4)*k/e;
    %Calculate relative magnitude of fluid to particle velocity
    urel=((u-vxold)^2+(w-vzold)^2)^0.5;
    %Calculate eddy crossing time
    if (1-le/(tau*urel))>0
        tc=-tau*log(1-le/(tau*urel));
    else
        tc=te;
    end
    %Lower dt to 0.05 of the minimum of eddy life and crossing times
    if (dt > 0.05*min(te, tc))
        dt=0.05*min(te, tc);
    end
else
    %Update eddy interaction time
    ti=ti+dt;
end
```

We then account for the effect of drag on particle acceleration. Remember to append the velocity fluctuations to the mean velocity in the flow. This is important because a new eddy is not necessarily sampled at every time step. We subsequently calculate the coefficient of drag and them update the particle accelerations.

%Now include the effect of drag u=uDomain(iIndex,jIndex)+up; w=wDomain(iIndex,jIndex)+wp; %Calculate relative magnitude of fluid to particle velocity urel=((u-vxold)^2+(w-vzold)^2)^0.5;

```
%Calculate particle's Reynolds number
Re=(rho*Dp*urel)/mu;
%Calculate the coefficient of drag based on this Reynolds number
if (Re < 0.1)
    CD=24/Re;
elseif (Re < 2)
    CD=(24/Re)*(1+3*Re/16+9*Re^2*log(2*Re)/160);
elseif (Re < 500)
    CD=(24/Re)*(1+0.15*Re^0.687);
elseif (Re < 2e5)
    CD=0.44;
end
%Append accelerations by drag accelerations
ax=ax-(1/mp)*pi*CD*rho*Dp^2*(vxold-u)*abs(vxold-u)/(8*Cc);
az=...
```

After finding the total particle acceleration, we are ready to update particle velocities and positions.

```
%Find new particle velocities
vx=vxold+ax*dt;
vz=...
%Find new particle positions
x(time,particle)=x(time-1,particle)+vx*dt;
z(time,particle)=...
```

Now we need to determine the fate of each particle in case it gets deposited at the bottom plate or top plate, i.e. collected, or in case it exists the settling chamber without being deposited. If the particle travels a distance greater than the settling chamber length, then we set its axial position equal to the length of the settling chamber, and then break the inner time loop and move on to the next particle. If the particle travels all the way to the bottom or top plate, then we set its vertical position equal to the position of the bottom or top plate, increment the counter variable, and then break the inner time loop and move on to the next particle. This coding strategy, significantly speeds up the code because we do not have to complete all the iterations. Insert the following script.

```
%If the particle has exited the settling chamber, it has not been
%collected. In this case break the inner loop and move on to the next
%particle
if (x(time,particle)>L)
    x(time,particle)=L;
    break;
end
```
```
%If the particle has settled at the bottom or top of the chamber
%Increment the npCollected and break the inner loop and move on to
%the next particle
if (z(time,particle)<-H/2)
    z(time,particle)=-H/2;
    npCollected=npCollected+1;
    break;
end
if (z(time,particle)>H/2)
    z(time,particle)=...
    npCollected=...
    break;
end
```

We then update the particle velocities and the air velocity at particle's location for the next time iteration. Complete the following script

```
%Update old velocities for next iteration
vxold=...
vzold=...
%Update the fluid velocity components at particle location for next iteration
iIndex=floor(x(time,particle)/dx+1);
jIndex=floor((z(time,particle)+0.025)/dz+1);
u=...
w=...
```

end

end

Finally, we can simply calculate the particle collection efficiency. Insert the following script.

# %Now calculate the particle collection efficiency based on the simulation etaSimulation=npCollected/np

As usual, we can plot representative results, such as location of all particles at selected time steps, or trajectories of individual particles at all time steps. Insert the following script.

```
figure
plot(x(1,:),z(1,:),'ko');
hold on
plot(x(1/1000*nt,:),z(1/1000*nt,:),'bo');
plot(x(1/500*nt,:),z(1/500*nt,:),'ro');
plot(x(1/100*nt,:),z(1/100*nt,:),'co');
plot(x(nt,:),z(nt,:),'yo');
axis([0 1 -0.025 0.025]);
```

```
xlabel('x [m]','FontSize',20);
ylabel('z [m]', 'FontSize', 20);
h_legend=legend('Timestep=1', 'Timestep=1/1000*nt', 'Timestep=1/500*nt',...
    'Timestep=1/100*nt', 'Timestep=nt');
set(h_legend, 'FontSize', 20);
figure
plot(x(:,1),z(:,1),'ko');
hold on
plot(x(:,1/4*np),z(:,1/4*np),'bo');
plot(x(:,1/2*np),z(:,1/2*np),'ro');
plot(x(:,3/4*np),z(:,3/4*np),'co');
plot(x(:,np),z(:,np),'yo');
axis([0 1 -0.025 0.025]);
xlabel('x [m]', 'FontSize',20);
ylabel('z [m]', 'FontSize',20);
h_legend=legend('Particle=1', 'Particle=1/4*np', 'Particle=1/2*np',...
    'Particle=3/4*np', 'Particle=np');
set(h_legend, 'FontSize', 20);
```

Now run your code to complete the simulation matrix. You should get results similar to the following table and figures. Ensure that by the final simulation time step all particles either deposit on the bottom or top plates or leave the settling chamber. This can be easily verified by lack of particles in the plots at the final time step.

Table 2: Simulation results				
Simulation	1	2		
Dp [m]	20e-6	40e-6		
ReC	6500	6500		
etaTheoretical	0.111	0.377		
etaSimulation	0.185	0.500		

Comment on the following points and discuss the following questions.

- Try to explain the effect of particle size on the collection efficiency of the settling chamber.
- We did not simulate the Brownian dispersion effect for the particles in this lab. Discuss if accounting for Brownian dispersion effects would drastically change our results.
- Discuss any potential sources for the mismatch between the theoretical and simulated particle efficiency.
- Unlike the laminar settling chamber, it is possible to see particles depositing to the top plate, against the gravitational force that tends to pull particles down. Discuss how this is possible.
- It appears that most of the turbulent motion of particles occurs near the walls, as is evident from the particle dispersion plots. Discuss why is this the case, given the CFD plots.



Figure 3: Particle dispersion and collection for the entire particle ensemble at selected number of time steps (left) and particle dispersion and collection for selected number of particles over the entire number of time steps (right) for Dp=20e-6 m (top), Dp=40e-6 m (bottom).

## ENGG\*4810: Control of Atmospheric Particulates

Homogeneous Water Drop Nucleation Amir A. Aliabadi

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#### 1 Introduction

In this lab we are going to simulate homogeneous nucleation of water drops. In the lectures we learnt the Gibbs equation that tells us, for a system containing only a single species A, that the vapor pressure over a curved interface always exceeds that of the same substance over a flat surface

$$p_A = p_A^o \exp\left(\frac{2\sigma v_l}{kTR_p}\right) = p_A^o \exp\left(\frac{2\sigma M_A}{RT\rho_l R_p}\right) \tag{1}$$

This equation tells us the required vapor pressure  $p_A$  in order to be able to nucleate drops of radius  $R_p$ . We also learnt that the ratio of  $p_A/p_A^o$  is known as the saturation ratio (S), which is an important parameter in homogeneous nucleation processes. The nucleation rate J [m<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>] can be calculated in terms of measurable quantities such as

$$J = \frac{1}{\rho_l} \left(\frac{2\sigma M_A}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{p_A^o}{T}\right)^2 \frac{N_{av}^{3/2}}{R^2} S^2 \exp\left(-\frac{16\pi M_A^2 \sigma^3 N_{av}}{3\rho_l^2 R^3 T^3 \ln^2 S}\right)$$
(2)

#### 2 Simulation Matrix

We wish to simulate required saturation ratio as a function of drop size as well as nucleation rate as a function of saturation ratio for water at two temperatures. Table below shows the simulation matrix.

Table 1: Simulation matrix					
Simulation	1	2			
$T [^{o}C]$	25	100			
$p_A^o$ [Pa]	3.1690e3	101.3200e3			
$\sigma ~[{ m J}~{ m m}^{-2}]$	71.97e-3	58.85e-3			

#### 3 MATLAB Script

As usual, we begin be defining the simulation constants. Insert the following script

```
%HomogeneousNucleation
%Homogeneous water drop nucleation
%Clear command window and memory
clc
clear
%Constants of simulation
R=8.314;
                    %Universal gas constant [J K^-1 mol^-1]
                    %Water molecular weight [kg mol^-1]
MA=18.015e-3;
rhol=1000;
                    %Liquid density [kg m^-3]
k=1.38e-23;
                    %Boltzmann constant [J K^-1]
Nav=6.022e23;
                    %Avogadro's number [mol^-1]
                    %Drop-vapor mixture temperature [K]
T1=273.15+25;
T2=273.15+100;
                    %Water surface tension (function of temperature) [J m^-2]
sigma1=71.97e-3;
sigma2=58.85e-3;
pAo1=3.1690e3;
                    %Water vapor pressure [Pa]
pAo2=101.3200e3;
```

Next define a vector for drop sizes and then calculate the required saturation ratio for each case as a function of desired drop size for homogeneous nucleation of water. Complete the following script.

```
%Initialize water droplet radius vector Rp=1e-9:1e-9:1e-6;
```

```
%Calculate saturation ratio for different temperatures as a function of Rp
S1=exp(2.*sigma1.*MA./(R.*T1.*rhol.*Rp));
S2=...
```

Next plot the results in the log-log plot.

```
figure
loglog(Rp,S1,'b-','LineWidth',3);
```

```
hold on
loglog(Rp,S2,'r-','LineWidth',3);
xlabel('Rp [m]','FontSize',20);
ylabel('Saturation Ratio S','FontSize',20);
h_legend=legend('T1=273.15+25 K', 'T2=273.15+100 K');
set(h_legend,'FontSize',20);
```

Next we redefine a range for saturation ratio to be able to simulate nucleation rates. Complete the following script and then plot the result in using **semilogy** command. You should get the following graphs.

```
%Now redefine S
S=1:0.1:10;
```

```
%Calculate nucleation rate
J1=(1./rhol).*(2.*sigma1.*MA./pi).^0.5.*(pAo1./T1).^2.*(Nav).^1.5./(R.^2).*S.^2.*...
exp(-(16.*pi.*MA.^2.*sigma1.^3.*Nav)./(3.*rhol.^2.*R.^3.*T1.^3.*(log(S)).^2));
```

J2=...

Comment on the following points and discuss the following questions.

- Comment on the dependence of saturation ratio to temperature required to form drops of a certain size by homogeneous nucleation.
- A process engineer is designing a flow stream that contains pure water vapor. The pressure of the flow stream varies on somewhat an unpredictable fashion. She wants to avoid homogeneous nucleation if possible. Should she design the process to operate on low or high temperature?
- The curves in the plot for nucleation rate versus saturation ratio exhibit drastic scales in the vertical axis with critical points indicating a *burst* of nucleation. What does the drastic scale imply? for example what does Log J equal to  $10^{-200}$  mean in comparison to  $10^2$ ? What is the approximate critical saturation ratio at each temperature?



Figure 1: Required saturation ratio to form drops by nucleation of a desired diameter (top) and the functional dependence of nucleation rate to saturation ratio for different temperatures (bottom) for T1=273.15+25 K and T2=273.15+100 K.

## ENGG\*4810: Control of Atmospheric Particulates

Particle Collection Efficiency of a Turbulent Electrostatic Precipitator Amir A. Aliabadi

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### 1 Introduction

In this lab we are going to simulate the particle collection efficiency in a turbulent electrostatic precipitator. For simplicity we will assume particles are uniformly distributed over the cross section, particle charging is the same for all particles, and that the terminal velocity and electric field are constants over space and time. The chamber has a length of L = 1 m and a cross sectional radius of  $r_c = 0.1$  m. The mean velocity in this chamber is  $\overline{u} = 1$  m s<sup>-1</sup> in the axial direction. The electric field is  $E = 1 \times 10^6$  N C<sup>-1</sup>. The chamber Reynolds number is given as

$$\operatorname{Re}_{c} = \frac{2r_{c}\rho\overline{u}}{\mu} \tag{1}$$

and must be checked to confirm turbulent flow. Assuming particle Reynolds number is Re < 0.1, the terminal or electrical migration velocity is given as

$$v_e = \frac{z_p e E C_c}{3\pi\mu D_p} \tag{2}$$

where  $z_p$  is the number of charges on the particle, e [C] is the charge of a single electron, and E [N C<sup>-1</sup>] is electric field. From the lectures we learn that the overall design equation for the turbulent flow electrostatic precipitator using these simplifying assumption gives the following particle collection efficiency.

$$\eta = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{Av_e}{Q}\right) \tag{3}$$

#### 2 Simulation Matrix

We wish to simulate particle electric migration velocity and collection efficiency using the above analytical formulae. We perform each simulation for a range of particle sizes in the range  $D_p = 1 - 10 \times 10^{-6}$  m and number of charges on each particle in the range  $z_p = 1 - 10$ . Table below shows the simulation matrix.

Table 1: Simulation matrix						
Simulation	1	2	3	4	5	
$E [N C^{-1}]$	1e6	2e6	1e6	1e6	1e6	
$r_c  [\mathrm{m}]$	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	
L [m]	1	1	1	2	1	
$\overline{u} \; [\mathrm{m \; s^{-1}}]$	1	1	1	1	2	

#### 3 MATLAB Script

As usual, we begin be defining the simulation constants. Complete the following script

```
%TurbulentElectrostaticPrecipitator
%Particle collection efficiency of an electrostatic precipitator
%under turbulent airflow condition
%Clear command window and memory
clc
clear
%Constants of simulation
g=9.81;
                %Gravitational acceleration [m s<sup>-2</sup>]
p=101000;
                %Air pressure [Pa]
                %Universal gas constant [J K^-1 mol^-1]
R=8.314;
M=28.966e-3;
                %Air molecular weight [kg mol^-1]
                %Particle density [kg m^-3]
rhop=1000;
T=300;
                %Air temperature [K]
mu=1.846e-5;
                %Air dynamic viscosity [kg m^-1 s^-1]
                %Air density [kg m^-3]
rho=1.2;
e=1.602e-19;
                %Electron charge [C]
                %Electric field [N C^-1]
E=1e6;
                %Collector radius [m]
rc=0.1;
L=1;
                %Length of precipitator [m]
ubar=1;
                %Precipitator air velocity [m s^-1]
```

Next, we write a script to calculate the Reynolds number in the electrostatic precipitator to ensure the flow is turbulent. Subsequently we perform a simple calculation to find the chamber electrode area and airflow rate. Complete the following script in such a way that the Reynolds number, chamber electrode area, and airflow rate get printed on the command window of MATLAB.

%Calculate the Reynolds number for the precipitator to ensure turbulent flow ReC=...

```
%Calculate collector surface area and the airflow rate A=... Q=\ldots
```

Next we create a matrix of all particle diameters and number of particle charges. This will be done using MATLAB's linspace and meshgrid commands. The first command creates a linearly spaced number of values given upper and lower bounds. The second command creates a matrix for this purpose. Insert the following script.

```
%Define particle size range for which we wish to find terminal velocity
dp=linspace(1e-6,1e-5);
```

%Define number of electric charges for which we wish to find terminal velocity zp=linspace(1,10);

```
%Construct a matrix of particle diameters and number of charges
[Dp,Zp] = meshgrid(dp,zp);
```

We finally calculate electrical migration velocity and collection efficiency using matrix operations. Complete the following script.

```
%Calculate mean free path, Knudsen number, slip correction, and mass
lambda=mu/(0.499*p*sqrt(8*M/(pi*R*T)));
Kn=2.*lambda./Dp;
Cc=...
```

```
%Calculate the terminal or electrical migration velocity
ve=(Zp.*e.*E.*Cc)./(3.*pi.*mu.*Dp);
```

```
%Calculate the overall collection efficiency of the precipitator eta=...
```

It is favourable to plot our results in 3D using MATLAB's contour3 command. Insert the following script to plot your results. The argument 500 tells the script compiler to plot 500 contours equally spaced in values.

```
%Make a contour plot of electrical migration velocity as a function of Dp and Zp
figure
contour3(Dp,Zp,ve,500);
xlabel('Dp [m]','FontSize',20);
ylabel('Zp','FontSize',20);
```

```
zlabel('ve [m s<sup>-1</sup>]','FontSize',20);
figure
contour3(Dp,Zp,eta,500);
xlabel('Dp [m]','FontSize',20);
ylabel('Zp','FontSize',20);
zlabel('eta','FontSize',20);
```

Now run your code to complete the simulation matrix. You should get results similar to the following table and figures.

Table 2: Simulation results						
Simulation	1	2	3	4	5	
ReC	13000	13000	26000	13000	26000	
A $[m^2]$	0.6283	0.6283	1.2566	1.2566	0.6283	
$Q \ [\mathrm{m^3 \ s^{-1}}]$	0.0314	0.0314	0.1257	0.0314	0.0628	

Comment on the following points and discuss the following questions.

- Try to explain the effects of particle size and the number of charges on the electrical migration velocity and collection efficiency of the precipitator.
- Based on the number of simulation cases you performed, discuss which strategy is more cost effective to increase the particle collection efficiency. Assume that the largest cost is associated with the size of the precipitator and the material consumption. Assume that cost of electrical components are smaller.



Figure 1: Electrical migration velocity and particle collection efficiency in a turbulent electrostatic precipitator for simulation case 1.



Figure 2: Electrical migration velocity and particle collection efficiency in a turbulent electrostatic precipitator for simulation case 2.



Figure 3: Electrical migration velocity and particle collection efficiency in a turbulent electrostatic precipitator for simulation case 3.



Figure 4: Electrical migration velocity and particle collection efficiency in a turbulent electrostatic precipitator for simulation case 4.



Figure 5: Electrical migration velocity and particle collection efficiency in a turbulent electrostatic precipitator for simulation case 5.