CFD Models for Polydisperse Solids Based on the Direct Quadrature Method of Moments

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• Number density function (NDF)



particle volume (mass) spatial location

CFD provides a description of the dependence of n(v,a) on x

For multiphase flows, the NDF will include the phase velocities (as in kinetic theory)

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Moments of number density function

$$m_{kl}(x,t) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty v^k a^l n(v,a;x,t) dv da$$

Choice of *k* and *l* depends on what can be measured

Solving for moments in CFD makes the problem tractable due to smaller number of scalars

Multi-fluid model solves for moments from kinetic theory

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- Physical processes leading to size changes
 - Nucleation $\rightarrow J(x,t)$ produces new particles, coupled to local solubility, and properties of continuous phase
 - Growth \rightarrow G(x,t) mass transfer to surface of existing particles, coupled to local properties of continuous phase
 - Restructuring → particle surface/volume and fractal dimension changes due to shear and/or physio-chemical processes
 - Aggregation/Agglomeration
 particle-particle interactions, coupled to local shear rate, fluid/particle properties
 - Breakage → system dependent, but usually coupled to local shear rate, fluid/particle properties

CFD provides a description of the *local* conditions

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What can we compare to in-situ experiments?
 Sub-micron particles
 small-angle static light scattering

$$I(0) = C_1 \frac{m_2}{m_1}$$
 zero-angle intensity
$$\langle R_g \rangle = C_2 \left(\frac{m_2(1+d_f)/d_f}{m_2} \right)^{1/2}$$
 radius of gyration 1.8 < d_f <3

Larger particles → optical methods



$$n(L), L = 2\sqrt{A/\pi}$$
 length
 $D_{pf} = 2\ln(P)/\ln(A)$
projected fractal dimension

CFD model should predict measurable quantities accurately

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Coupling with CFD

Do particles follow the flow?
 Stokes number
 Particle diameter



If St > 0.14, particle velocities must be found from a separate momentum equation in the CFD simulation

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Coupling with CFD

• Do PBE timescales overlap with flow timescales ?

Residence time
$$\tau = V/q$$

Recirculation time

$$t_c \propto D_T/(N_I D_I)$$
 or D_T/U_j

Local mixing timescale

$$t_u = k / \langle \epsilon \rangle$$

Kolmogorov timescale

$$t_{\eta} = (\nu/\langle \epsilon \rangle)^{1/2}$$

CFD simulations w/o PBE can be used to determine timescales for a particular piece of equipment

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• Typical NDF Transport Equation (small Stokes)

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (U_i n) = \text{Advection}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(D_T \frac{\partial n}{\partial x_i} \right) \text{ Diffusion}$$

$$+ J(v) - \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (G(v)n) \text{ Nucleation} + \text{Growth}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^v \beta(v - s, s)n(v - s)n(s)ds$$

$$- n(v) \int_0^\infty \beta(v, s)n(s)ds$$

$$+ \int_v^\infty b(v|s)a(s)n(s)ds - a(v)n(v) \text{ Breakage}$$

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Aggregation Kernel

$$\beta(v,s) = \frac{2K_BT}{3\mu W} \left(v^{1/d_f} + s^{1/d_f} \right) \left(v^{-1/d_f} + s^{-1/d_f} \right)$$
Brownian
+ $\gamma \alpha(v,s) v_p \left(v^{1/d_f} + s^{1/d_f} \right)^3$ Shear-induced

Sub-micron aggregates: Brownian >> Shear-induced Breakage and restructuring determine fractal dimension d_f In granular flow, particle-particle collisions must be added

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• Breakage Kernels

$$a(v) = c\gamma \exp\left(-\frac{B(\gamma)}{\gamma^2 R_p v^{1/d_f}}\right)$$
 exponential

$$a(v) = c_1 \gamma^{c_2} \left(R_p v^{1/d_f} \right)^{c_3}$$
 power law

Breakage due to fluid shear only ==> additional term due to collisions in gas-solid flows

Parameters determined empirically and depend on chemical/physical properties of aggregates

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Daughter Distribution

$$b(v|s) = \delta(v - fs) + \delta(v - (1 - f)s)$$
 binary



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Direct Solvers



Sectional or Class Methods

Accurate predictions for higher-order moments require finer grid (range: 25-120 bins)

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Direct Solvers

- Difficulties encountered when coupled with CFD
 - n(v; x, t) represented by N scalars $n_i(x, t)$ where 25 < N < 120
 - Depending on kernels, initial conditions, etc., source terms for these scalars can be stiff
 - If particles are large (measured by Stokes number), multiphase models with N momentum equations required
 - Extension to multi-variate distributions scales like N^D accounting for "morphology" changes will be intractable

Need methods that accurately predict experimentally observable moments, but at low computational cost

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Quadrature Method of Moments (QMOM)



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• Product-Difference algorithm (univariate CSD)

 $\{m_0, m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5, m_6, m_7\}$ $\{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$

Inverse problem solved on the fly in CFD simulation



• Transport 2N moments in CFD simulation

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial m_k}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(U_i m_k \right) = \text{Advection} \\ &\quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(D_T \frac{\partial m_k}{\partial x_i} \right) \text{ Diffusion} \\ &\quad + J_k + \sum_i k v_i^{k-1} G_i w_i \text{ Nucleation + Growth} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \left[(v_i + v_j)^k - v_i^k - v_j^k \right] \beta_{ij} w_i w_j \text{ Aggregation} \\ &\quad + \sum_i a_i \left[b_i^{(k)} - v_i^k \right] w_i \text{ Breakage} \end{split}$$

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Quadrature Methods



• Comparison with direct method

Using 2N = 8 scalars, QMOM reproduces the grid-independent moments of the direct method

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Multi-variate extension is straightforward



But inverse problem cannot be solved on the fly!

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Direct Quadrature Method of Moments (DQMOM)

$$\frac{\partial w_n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (U_i w_n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(D_T \frac{\partial w_n}{\partial x_i} \right) + \alpha_n \quad \text{Weights}$$

$$\frac{\partial w_n v_n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (U_i w_n v_n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(D_T \frac{\partial w_n v_n}{\partial x_i} \right) + \alpha_{1n} \quad \text{Volume}$$

$$\frac{\partial w_n a_n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (U_i w_n a_n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(D_T \frac{\partial w_n a_n}{\partial x_i} \right) + \alpha_{2n} \quad \text{Area}$$

Source terms found from linear system on the fly

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} (1-k)\phi_n^k \alpha_n + \sum_{n=1}^{N} k\phi_n^{k-1} (c_v \alpha_{1n} + c_a \alpha_{2n}) = R_k$$
$$\phi_n = c_v v_n + c_a a_n$$
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Polydisperse Gas-Solid Flow

• DQMOM with size and momentum of solid phase

$$\frac{\partial w_{\alpha}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (U_{\alpha}w_{\alpha}) = a_{\alpha} \qquad \text{Number}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho w_{\alpha}v_{\alpha}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (U_{\alpha}\rho w_{\alpha}v_{\alpha}) = \rho b_{\alpha} \qquad \text{Mass}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho w_{\alpha}v_{\alpha}U_{\alpha}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho w_{\alpha}v_{\alpha}U_{\alpha}U_{\alpha}) = \rho c_{\alpha} \qquad \text{Momentum}$$

Source terms for mass and momentum can be found from kinetic theory for gas-solid flows

Reduces to two-fluid model when $\alpha = 1$

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Overview of MFIX



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MFIX Governing Equations (I)

• Mass balances

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\varepsilon_g \rho_g) + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_g \rho_g \mathbf{u}_g) = -\sum_{\alpha=1}^N \sum_{n=1}^{N_s} M_{g\alpha n}$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\varepsilon_{s\alpha} \rho_{s\alpha}) + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_{s\alpha} \rho_{s\alpha} \mathbf{u}_{s\alpha}) = \sum_{n=1}^N M_{g\alpha n}$$

Mass transfer from gas to solid phases

• Momentum balances

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\varepsilon_g \rho_g \mathbf{u}_g) + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_g \rho_g \mathbf{u}_g \mathbf{u}_g) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\sigma}_g + \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \mathbf{f}_{g\alpha} + \varepsilon_g \rho_g \mathbf{g}$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\varepsilon_{s\alpha} \rho_{s\alpha} \mathbf{u}_{s\alpha}) + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_{s\alpha} \rho_{s\alpha} \mathbf{u}_{s\alpha} \mathbf{u}_{s\alpha}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\sigma}_{s\alpha} - \mathbf{f}_{g\alpha} + \sum_{\beta=1, \beta\neq\alpha}^N \mathbf{f}_{\beta\alpha} + \varepsilon_{s\alpha} \rho_{s\alpha} \mathbf{g}$$

g: Gas phase s α : Solid phases α =1, N Interaction Stress tensor with gas and other solid phases

Body force

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MFIX Governing Equations (II)

• Thermal energy balances

$$\varepsilon_{g} \rho_{g} C_{pg} \left(\frac{\partial T_{g}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_{g} \cdot \nabla T_{g} \right) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_{g} \qquad -\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} H_{g\alpha} \qquad -\Delta H_{rg} + H_{wall}(T_{wall} - T_{g})$$

$$\varepsilon_{s\alpha} \rho_{s\alpha} C_{ps\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial T_{s\alpha}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_{s\alpha} \cdot \nabla T_{s\alpha} \right) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_{s\alpha} \qquad + H_{g\alpha} \qquad -\Delta H_{rs\alpha} \qquad \text{Heat lost to walls}$$

$$\frac{\text{Conductive heat flux}}{\text{between phases}} \qquad \text{Heat of } f_{reaction}$$
• Chemical species balances
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\varepsilon_{g} \rho_{g} X_{gn}) + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_{g} \rho_{g} X_{gn} \mathbf{u}_{g}) = R_{gn} \qquad -\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} M_{g\alpha n}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\varepsilon_{s\alpha} \rho_{s\alpha} X_{s\alpha n}) + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_{s\alpha} \rho_{s\alpha} X_{s\alpha n} \mathbf{u}_{s\alpha}) = R_{s\alpha n} \qquad + M_{g\alpha n}$$
Reactions Mass transfer

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g: Gas phase s α : Solid phases α =1, N

Polydisperse Solids Model

• Population balance equation for solid phase



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Direct Quadrature Method of Moments



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Modifications to MFIX

• Relation between volume fractions and weights:

$$\varepsilon_{s\alpha} = k_v L_\alpha^3 \omega_\alpha$$

 $k_{\rm v}$: volumetric shape factor

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• Transport equations for volume fractions and lengths:

$$\frac{\partial(\varepsilon_{s\alpha}\rho_{s\alpha})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_{s\alpha}\rho_{s\alpha}\mathbf{u}_{s\alpha}) = 3k_{\nu}\rho_{s\alpha}L_{\alpha}^{2}b_{\alpha} - 2k_{\nu}\rho_{s\alpha}L_{\alpha}^{3}a_{\alpha}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\varepsilon_{s\alpha}L_{\alpha}\rho_{s\alpha})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_{s\alpha}L_{\alpha}\rho_{s\alpha}\mathbf{u}_{s\alpha}) = 4k_{\nu}\rho_{s\alpha}L_{\alpha}^{3}b_{\alpha} - 3k_{\nu}\rho_{s\alpha}L_{\alpha}^{4}a_{\alpha}$$

DQMOM Source Terms



Matrix A relates moments to weights and lengths Source term x is obtained by forcing moments to be exact

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Aggregation and Breakage



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Aggregation and Breakage Kernels

Aggregation and breakage kernels are obtained from kinetic theory

Number of collisions:

 $N_{ij} = \pi \omega_i \omega_j \sigma_{ij}^3 g_{ij} \left[\frac{4}{\sigma_{ij}} \left(\frac{\theta_s}{\pi} \frac{m_i + m_j}{2m_i m_j} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_s) \right]$

$$\beta_{ij} = \frac{N_{ij}}{\omega_i \omega_j} \psi_a$$

Breakage kernel:

$$a_i = \sum_i \frac{N_{ij}}{\omega_i} \psi_b$$

Efficiencies (ψ_a and ψ_b) depend on temperature, particle size, etc.

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PSD Effect on Fluidization

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No aggregation and breakage Breakage dominant average size decreases, FB expands

Aggregation dominant average size Increases, FB defluidizes

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Volume-Average Mean Diameter



N = 2 filled symbols N = 3 empty symbols N = 4 lines

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Volume-Average Normalized Moments



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N = 2 filled symbols N = 3 empty symbols N = 4 lines

$$m_k\left(\mathbf{x},t\right) = \int_{0}^{+\infty} n\left(L;\mathbf{x},t\right) L^k dL \approx \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \omega_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}^k$$

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Extension to Energy/Species Balances

• Thermal energy balance

$$\varepsilon_{s\alpha}\rho_{s\alpha}C_{ps\alpha}\left(\frac{\partial T_{s\alpha}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_{s\alpha}\cdot\nabla T_{s\alpha}\right) = -\nabla\cdot\mathbf{q}_{s\alpha} + H_{g\alpha} - \Delta H_{rs\alpha} + k_{v}\rho_{s}L_{\alpha}^{3}C_{ps}c_{T,\alpha} - k_{v}\rho_{s}L_{\alpha}^{3}C_{ps}T_{s\alpha}a_{\alpha}$$

Changes due to aggregation and breakage Multi-variate DQMOM

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Two Open Problems

1. How to extend DQMOM to systems with unknown fluxes at boundaries in phase space?

Model problem: pure evaporation



Estimate flux in DQMOM variables, test with exact solutions:

Define vectors:Define "cross product": $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{x}$ $x_{\alpha} = w_{\alpha} v_{\alpha} / m_0$ Linear constraint: $\sum c_{\alpha} = 0$ $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = d\mathbf{x}/dt$ IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Simple case with monotone flux (N = 2):



Harder case with multimode flux (N = 2):



Harder case with N = 3:



Two Open Problems

2. What is "best" choice of moments for multivariate DQMOM?



• Choice of moments affects the condition of matrix



All choices yield nearly same weights and abscissas Choose moments with lowest condition number?

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Another example: Williams' Spray Equation

$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{u} \cdot \partial_\mathbf{x} f + \partial_v (R_v f) + \partial_\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{F} f) = \Gamma$$

$$f(v, \mathbf{u}; \mathbf{x}, t) = \text{volume, velocity number density function}$$

$$R_v = \text{evaporation rate}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \text{drag force}$$

$$\Gamma = Q^- + Q^+ = \text{coalesence operator}$$

$$Q^- = -\int \int B(|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*|, v, v^*) f(v, \mathbf{u}) f(v^*, \mathbf{u}^*) \, dv^* \, d\mathbf{u}^*$$

$$Q^+ = \frac{1}{2} \int \int B(|\mathbf{u}^\diamond - \mathbf{u}^*|, v^\diamond, v^*) f(v^\diamond, \mathbf{u}^\diamond) f(v^*, \mathbf{u}^*) J \, dv^* \, d\mathbf{u}^*$$

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Coefficients depend on choice of 5*N* moments:

$$\langle v^k u_1^l u_2^m u_3^p \rangle$$

Condition number of A depends on choice of k, l, m, p

In general, A matrix will become singular if 1 < l + m + p

Choose *l*, *m*, *p* = (0,1) and vary *k* to yield 5*N* distinct moments Number: (k, l, m, p) = 0Mass: k = 1, (l, m, p) = 0

X-Mom: k = 1, l = 1 Y-Mom: k = 1, m = 1 Z-Mom: k = 1, p = 1

Is there a general method for choosing moments?

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