

LES of Spray A using the Hybrid Method of Moments Soot Model

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Cluster of Excellence – The Fuel Science Center

- Vision & Mission
 - Closed carbon cycle
 - Near-to-zero pollutant emissions
- Synthetic fuels from
 - Renewable electricity
 - Alternative carbon feedstocks
 - Biomass
- Funding
 - 7 Years (2019-2025)
 - > 100 Ph.D. Students (8 disciplines)
- Aim of this sub-project: Understanding fuel effects on combustion and pollutant formation using detailed chemistry combustion and pollutant formation LES models





Outline

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Spray Combustion LES Model

Liquid phase

- Lagrangian Particle Tracking
 - Initial droplet size imposed from resolved interface simulations
 - Sub-models for
 - Secondary breakup (KHRT)
 - Drag
 - Evaporation (Bellan)
- Interaction with gas phase via source terms



Lagrangian particles

Gas phase

- Fully compressible flow solver
- Ideal gas law
- Dynamic Smagorinsky SGS model
- Additional scalar transport equations solved for combustion model



Mixture fraction field on center plane

Chemistry

- Multiple Representative Interactive Flamelet (MRIF) model
- Chemistry parameterized over mixture fraction (ID)
- Presumed FDF subfilter closure
- Hybrid Method Of Moments (HMOM) soot model



0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1 Mixture fraction



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Statistical Soot Modeling

- Particles cannot be tracked individually
 - Solving a distribution function instead
 - Number Density Function (NDF)
 - Usually bimodal due to persistent nucleation
- NDF evolution is governed by Population Balance Equation (PBE)

$$\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}N_i) - \nabla \cdot \left(0.55\frac{\nu}{T}\nabla T N_i\right) = \dot{N}_i$$

- Source terms include subprocesses^[1]:
 - Nucleation and Condensation of PAH
 - Hydrogen abstraction carbon addition (HACA)
 - Coagulation
 - Oxidation

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Zhao et al. Combust. Flame, 133 (2003) 173 -188



Hybrid Method Of Moments^[11]

- Particles are 3D chains composed of small spherical primary particles
- > Multi-variate statistical models
 - Volume and surface area used to describe particles
- Solving statistical Moments of the NDF

 $M_{x,y} = \sum_{i} V_i^x S_i^y N_i$

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 \succ Source terms unclosed \rightarrow Assumptions needed for NDF

$$M_{x,y}^{\text{HMOM}} = N_0 V_0^x S_0^y + \exp\left(\sum_{r=0}^R \sum_{k=0}^r a_{r,k} x^k y^{r-k}\right)$$
$$M_{x,y} = N_0 V_0^x S_0^y + N_L V_L^x S_L^y$$





Balthasar & Frenklach , Combust. Flame, 140 (2005) 130-145





Inert Results (Spray A – 60bar / 1500 bar) - #210667

Numerical Methods and Setup	
CFD Code	CIAO (In-house)
Solver	Fully compressible
Time integration CFD	5-stage LDD-RK
Spatial schemes CFD	CD4 / WENO5
Minimum grid spacing	80 µm
Number of CFD cells	50e6
Time step size (CFD)	20 ns
Number of parcels	~600e3





Reactive Results I/III (Spray A – 60bar / 1500 bar / 15% O₂) - #210370

Combustion Model	
Dodecane chemistry	Cai CNF 2016
PAH chemistry	Blanquart CNF 2009a
NO _X chemistry	GRI3.0
Soot/gas phase interaction chemistry	Blanquart CNF 2009b
Total number of species	822
Total number of reactions	4611
Number of flamelets	40





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Experiments: S.A. Skeen, J. Manin, L.M. Pickett: Simultaneous Formaldehyde PLIF and High-Speed Schlieren Imaging for Visualization in High-Pressure Spray Flames, Proceedings of the Combustion Institute, Volume 35, Issue 3, 2015, Pages 3167-3174



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Reactive Results II/III (Spray A – 60bar / 1500 bar / 15% O₂)

- Ignition delay and flame lift-off in good agreement
 - Ignition delay 0.40 ms (2% max OH)
 - Flame lift-off 15.2 mm (2% max OH)
- Formaldehyde field show similar features as high-speed PLIF data (Hyung Sub Sim ECN6.12)





OH and CH_2O in center plane



Reactive Results III/III (Spray A – 60bar / 1500 bar / 15% O₂)

- Soot onset is in good agreement with experiments
- Soot mass is underpredicted



Experimental values from S. Skeen et al. SAE, 2016



Summary & Outlook

Summary

- The Lagrangian spray combustion model has been coupled to a bivariate statistical soot model
- The model has been applied to Spray A yielding good results in terms of spray and combustion characteristics
- However, the soot mass is underpredicted

Outlook

- Reaction path ways have been recorded throughout the LES (All 4611 reactions)
 - PAH and soot formation pathways have been analyzed (submitted to CS2020)
- Multiple realization of Spray A will be performed
- Trying to run Spray D until ECN7





Thank you for your attention!

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