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LESSON 7: SOLUTE CLOUD DYNAMICS



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Assumptions on the turbulent diffusion of solute:

- i. Turbulence is homogeneous and stationary (ergodic process)
- ii. Flow is 1D and uniform, i.e. $\boldsymbol{u} = (u_0, 0, 0)$
- iii. The process is 2D (actually it is 3D!)

It means that Taylor's hypothesis is valid

The solute evolution after the injection at the time t_0 is shown in figure.









DYNAMICS OF SOLUTE CLOUD



If we consider the process being repeated N times (N is large):



The origin of the reference system corresponds to the mean cloud centroid









The problem must be investigated though probabilistic approach.

In each realization (j=1...N) the concentration of the solute is: c = c(x, t)

Therefore the concentration mean cloud is:

$$C(\mathbf{x},t) = \langle c(\mathbf{x},t) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} c \, p(c|\mathbf{x},t) \, \mathrm{d}c$$

The average of the realization equal to the temporal mean of c. It is due to ergodicity!

Statistical moments:

Cloud

$$M = \int \int \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} c(\mathbf{x}, t) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}$$
$$x_{gi} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_i \, c(\mathbf{x}, t) \, \mathrm{d}x_i$$
$$\sigma_i^2 = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x_i - x_{gi})^2 \, c(\mathbf{x}, t) \, \mathrm{d}x_i$$

Mean cloud

$$C(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} c \, p(c|\mathbf{x},t) \, \mathrm{d}c$$
$$X_{gi} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_i \, C(\mathbf{x},t) \, \mathrm{d}x_i$$
$$\Sigma_i^{\ 2} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x_i - X_{gi})^2 \, C(\mathbf{x},t) \, \mathrm{d}x_i$$









Let's compare the variance of generic cloud and the mean cloud. For the generic cloud, the variance can be write as:

$$\sigma_{i}^{2} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x_{i}^{2} - 2x_{i}x_{gi} + x_{gi}^{2}) c(\mathbf{x}, t) dx_{i}$$

$$\sigma_{i}^{2} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_{i}^{2} c(\mathbf{x}, t) dx_{i} - \frac{2x_{gi}}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_{i} c(\mathbf{x}, t) dx_{i} + \frac{x_{gi}^{2}}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} c(\mathbf{x}, t) dx_{i}$$

$$\sigma_{i}^{2} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_{i}^{2} c(\mathbf{x}, t) dx_{i} - \frac{2x_{gi}}{M} M x_{gi} + \frac{x_{gi}^{2}}{M} M$$

$$1 \quad e^{+\infty}$$

$$\sigma_i^{\ 2} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_i^{\ 2} c(\mathbf{x}, t) dx_i - x_{gi}^{\ 2}$$

And then the average variance considering the N realization is

$$<\sigma_i^2>=\frac{1}{M}\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty}x_i^2C(x,t)dx_i -$$









The variance of the mean cloud is:

$$\Sigma_i^2 = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x_i^2 - 2x_i X_{gi} + X_{gi}^2) C(\mathbf{x}, t) dx_i$$

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$$\Sigma_i^2 = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_i^2 C(\mathbf{x}, t) dx_i - X_{gi}^2$$

By replacing the latter into the mean variance of the clouds, we find:

$$< \sigma_i^2 > = \Sigma_i^2 + X_{gi}^2 - < x_{gi}^2 >$$



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This relationship can be rearranged as following:

The length scale of the cloud and of the the mean cloud are then defined as:

Cloud Mean cloud

$$l(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + \sigma_z^2}{3}}$$

$$L(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma_x^2 + \Sigma_y^2 + \Sigma_z^2}{3}}$$

By replacing the definitions of variances, we find:

$$L(t)^{2} = \frac{\langle \sigma_{x}^{2} + \sigma_{y}^{2} + \sigma_{z}^{2} \rangle}{3} + \frac{\langle (x_{gx} - X_{gx})^{2} + (x_{gy} - X_{gy})^{2} + (x_{gz} - X_{gz})^{2} \rangle}{3}$$

$$L(t)^{2} = \langle l(t)^{2} \rangle + \frac{\langle x_{gx}'^{2} + x_{gy}'^{2} + x_{gz}'^{2} \rangle}{3} \qquad L(t) > \langle l(t) \rangle$$

N.B. The mean square difference among the centroid of the cloud and the mean cloud is defined as following:

$$< (x_{gi} - X_{gi})^{2} > = < x_{gi}^{2} - 2x_{gi}X_{gi} + X_{gi}^{2} >$$

$$< (x_{gi} - X_{gi})^{2} > = < x_{gi}^{2} > -2 < x_{gi} > X_{gi} + X_{gi}^{2} \longrightarrow < (x_{gi} - X_{gi})^{2} > = < x_{gi}^{2} > -X_{gi}^{2}$$



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 $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{X},t)$

It is useful to study the problem through Lagrangian approach. In this condition particles are describe by: Y(T)

Particle motion

- Initial position: X
- Lagrangian velocity: v
- Particle trajectory: x = X + Y(X, t)

By these definition the particle trajectory can be rewritten as:

$$x = X + \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + T} v(x, t) dt \longrightarrow Y(T) = \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + T} v(x, t) dt$$

By the Lagrangian point of view, the probability that particle in X at t_0 is located in x + dx at t is defined as: Conditional probability

> p(Y|X, t)Y represents the displacement, i.e. x

Being the flow turbulent, we can also decompose the velocity and the motion of the particle:

$$Y' = Y - \langle Y \rangle$$

$$Fluctuation of particle velocity and motion$$









The single particle has mass m. Being the cloud of n particles, the total mass of the cloud is $M = m \cdot n$. Then the mean concentration of the cloud is:

 $C(\mathbf{x},t) = n \cdot m \, p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X},t) = M \, p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X},t)$

Mean concentration in according to the Lagrangian point of view.

The <u>centroid of the mean cloud</u> is given by:

$$X_{gi} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_i C(\mathbf{x}, t) dx_i$$

$$X_{gi} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_i M p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}, t) dx_i = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_i p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}, t) dx_i$$

$$X_{gi} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (X_i + Y_i) p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}, t) dY_i = X_i \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}, t) dY_i + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Y_i p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}, t) dY_i$$

$$\longrightarrow X_{gi} = X_i + \langle Y_i \rangle$$









Similarly, the variance of the mean cloud is:

$$\Sigma_{i}^{2} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x_{i} - X_{gi})^{2} C(\mathbf{x}, t) dx_{i}$$

$$\Sigma_{i}^{2} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (Y_{i} - \langle Y_{i} \rangle)^{2} M p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}, t) dY_{i} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Y_{i}^{\prime 2} M p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}, t) dY_{i} \qquad \sigma^{2} = \langle Y_{i}^{\prime 2} \rangle$$

$$\longrightarrow \qquad \Sigma_{i}^{2} = \langle Y_{i}^{\prime 2} \rangle$$

The Length of the mean cloud is finally:

$$L(t)^{2} = \frac{{\Sigma_{x}}^{2} + {\Sigma_{y}}^{2} + {\Sigma_{z}}^{2}}{3} = \frac{\langle Y'_{x}^{2} + Y'_{y}^{2} + Y'_{z}^{2} \rangle}{3} \qquad \text{Injection point}$$

$$L(t)^{2} = L(0)^{2} + \frac{\langle Y'_{x}^{2} + Y'_{y}^{2} + Y'_{z}^{2} \rangle}{3} \qquad \text{Injection of volume } \forall_{0} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{concentration } < c >_{0}$$

It is trivial demonstrating that:

$$x_i = X_i + Y_i$$

$$X_{gi} = X_i + \langle Y_i \rangle$$

$$Y_i - \langle Y_i \rangle = Y_i'$$

$$X_{gi} = X_i + \langle Y_i \rangle$$









The Length of the mean cloud can be rewritten as:

$$L(t)^{2} = L(0)^{2} + \frac{D_{xx} + D_{yy} + D_{zz}}{3}$$

Where D_{ij} is the <u>cross-correlation function</u> of the fluctuation of particle displacement, which is defined as:

 $D_{ij} = \langle Y'_i(t)Y'_j(t) \rangle$ It is worth noting that D_{ij} depends on time t, being: $v' = \frac{dY'}{dt}$

Hence, D_{ij} is fuction of t and it can be expressed in terms of v'!

To describe the evolution of the mean cloud with time variying, it is then useful considering the Lagrangian function of temporal cross-correlation, that is defined as:

 $Q_{ij}^{L}(t_{1},t_{2}) = < v'_{i}(X,t_{0},t_{1})v'_{j}(X,t_{0},t_{2}) >$

Since the process is ergodic, i.e. the hypotheses of homogeneity and stationarity are valid, we can rearrange Q_{ij}^L considering only the variable $\tau = t_2 - t_1$:









$$Q_{ij}^{L}(\tau) = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} v'_{i}(X, t_{0}, t_{1} + \xi) v'_{j}(X, t_{0}, t_{2} + \xi) d\xi$$



N.B. When the process is ergodic, we need of <u>one realization</u> to obtain the time averaged information

Moreover, stationarity implies that: $\langle v(X, t_0, t) \rangle = \langle u(x, t) \rangle$ Averaged velocity in Lagrangian system Averaged velocity inEulerian system

In this condition, we have $D_{ij} \propto Q_{ij}^L$, but they depend on time intervals. We need of a <u>Time</u> scale that helps us to describe the cloud diffusion.

To define the time scale we normalize the Lagrangian cross-correlation function:

$$R_{ij}^{L}(\tau) = \frac{Q_{ij}^{L}(\tau)}{\sigma_{ui}(t_1)\sigma_{uj}(t_2)}$$
 Lagrangian cross-correlation coefficient
 σ_{u} is Eularian, being $\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}, t)$









Finally, the time scale of the mean cloud diffusion is defined by:

$$\longrightarrow T_L = \max\left(\int_0^\infty R_{ii}^L(\boldsymbol{x},\tau)\,\mathrm{d}\tau\right)$$

Lagrangian Temporal Macroscale

we use this parameter to distinguish three type of diffusion (as described at the beginning of the lecture):

i. $t \ll T_L$ ii. $t \cong T_L$ iii. $t \gg T_L$









In the short time interval after the insertion, the solute stays aroud the insertion point (X, t_0) . In this condition we can assume:

- i. Eulerian velocity is the same within the interval, i.e. $u(X, t) \cong u(X, t_0)$
- ii. Lagrangian and Eulerian velocities are similar, i.e. u = v

Under these assumptions:

$$\boldsymbol{v} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{Y}}{\mathrm{d}t} \implies \boldsymbol{Y} = \boldsymbol{v} \ t \cong \boldsymbol{u} \ t$$



Considerig t_0 the initial time of the process and $t = t_0 + \tau$ a generic time of the process, we find:

$$\boldsymbol{Y} = \int_{t_0}^t \boldsymbol{\nu}(\boldsymbol{x}, \tau) \, \mathrm{d}\tau \cong \boldsymbol{u} \, \tau$$

It follows that: $Y' = Y - \langle Y \rangle = (u - \langle u \rangle)\tau = u'\tau$

By replacing the latter into the cross-correlation function, it reads:

$$D_{ii} = \langle Y'_i^2(\tau) \rangle = \langle u'_i^2 \rangle \tau^2$$









When $t \ll T_L$ the mean cloud length scale is then:

$$L(t)^{2} = L(0)^{2} + \frac{\langle u'_{x} \rangle^{2} + \langle u'_{y} \rangle^{2} + \langle u'_{z} \rangle^{2}}{3} \tau^{2}$$

The cloud spreads quickly in the interval of time after the insertion!

We do not demonstrate it, but the turbulent diffusion is expressed as:

$$\longrightarrow e_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathrm{d}D_{ij}}{\mathrm{d}t}$$

In this case:

$$e_{ij} = \langle u'_i u'_j \rangle \tau = Q_{ij} \tau$$
Eulerian cross-correlation function

N.B. Turbulent diffusion coefficient e_{ij} increases linearly with time increasing, and it is proportional to the turbulent fluctuations of velocity.









It is the most useful case in the practice. I observe the cloud always downstream of the insertion point.

To find the diffusion coefficient, we start from the definition of the cross-correlation function:

$$D_{ij} = \langle Y'_i(t_1)Y'_j(t_2) \rangle$$

$$D_{ij} = \int_0^T \int_0^T \langle v'_i(t_1)v'_j(t_2) \rangle dt_1 dt_2 = \int_0^T \int_0^T Q_{ij}^L(t_2 - t_1) dt_1 dt_2$$

To solve the integral it is necessary to change the integration variables, as following:











In the new system the limits of integration becomes:

$$\begin{cases} t_1: [0,T] \\ t_2: [0,T] \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \varphi: [-T,T] \\ \psi: [0,T] \end{cases}$$

The integrals into two triangles composing the rhombus are then:

(1)
$$\int_{-T}^{0} \int_{-\varphi/2}^{T+\varphi/2} Q_{ij}^{L}(\varphi) \mathrm{d}\varphi \,\mathrm{d}\psi$$

(2)
$$\int_0^T \int_{\varphi/2}^{T-\varphi/2} Q_{ij}^L(\varphi) \mathrm{d}\varphi \,\mathrm{d}\psi$$

$$\rightarrow \qquad D_{ij} = \int_{-T}^{0} \int_{-\varphi/2}^{T+\varphi/2} Q_{ij}^{L}(\varphi) \mathrm{d}\varphi \, \mathrm{d}\psi + \int_{0}^{T} \int_{\varphi/2}^{T-\varphi/2} Q_{ij}^{L}(\varphi) \mathrm{d}\varphi \, \mathrm{d}\psi$$









Since $Q_{ij}^{L}(\varphi) = Q_{ij}^{L}(-\varphi)$, the D_{ij} can be simplified as:

$$D_{ij} = 2 \int_0^T \int_{\varphi/2}^{T-\varphi/2} Q_{ij}^L(\varphi) \mathrm{d}\varphi \,\mathrm{d}\psi = 2 \int_0^T (T-\varphi) Q_{ij}^L(\varphi) \mathrm{d}\varphi$$

To evaluate L(t), we have to study the case i = j (and replace T with t):

$$D_{ii} = 2\int_0^T (T-\varphi)Q_{ii}^L(\varphi)d\varphi = 2t\int_0^t Q_{ii}^L(\varphi)d\varphi - 2\int_0^t \varphi Q_{ii}^L(\varphi)d\varphi$$

It is worth noting that:

$$t \gg T_L \implies Q_{ii}^L \to 0 \implies \int_0^t R_{ii}^L(\varphi) \mathrm{d}\varphi \cong T_L \qquad \qquad R_{ii}^L = \frac{Q_{ii}^L}{\sigma_{ui}^2}$$

and:

$$\int_{0}^{t} \varphi \ Q_{ii}^{L}(\varphi) \mathrm{d}\varphi = \sigma_{ui}^{2} \int_{0}^{t} \varphi \ R_{ii}^{L}(\varphi) \mathrm{d}\varphi \cong \sigma_{ui}^{2} R_{i}$$
 It is a finite value









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the approximations into D_{ii} yield:

It means that:

$$L(t)^{2} = L(0)^{2} + \left[\sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{2}{3} (\sigma_{ui}^{2} T_{Li})\right]^{t}$$

The cloud area increases linearly with time increasing

The cloud size exceeds the size of macrovortex length scale, i.e. the solute particles lost memory of their initial condition.

Finally, the turbulent diffusion coefficient is:









In the turbulent diffusion we can distinguish three phases:

i. $t \ll T_L$. The cloud spreads quickly being its length scale as much as the microvortexes scale. The Diffusion coefficient increases lineraly with time increasing.



- *ii.* $t \cong T_L$. Solute particles have lost memory of initial condition, but the cloud is still smaller than the macrovortexes. In this case: $e_i = f(\langle u'_i^2 \rangle T_{Li}) \propto L_{Li}^{4/3}$ $Lagrangian Macroscale Length of the cloud L_{Li} = \sqrt{\langle u'_i^2 \rangle T_{Li}}$
- *iii.* $t \gg T_L$. Solute particles have lost memory of initial condition and the cloud is larger than the macrovortexes. The coefficient of diffusion does not depend on t anymore.

$$\longrightarrow e_i = < {u'_i}^2 > T_{Li} = \sqrt{< {u'_i}^2 > L_{Li}}$$



