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Outline

- Direct Simulation Monte Carlo
- Surprising Poiseuille Flow
- Surprising Couette Flow
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- Surprising Diffusive Mixing
- Surprising Brownian Motion

Scales for Dilute Gases



DSMC Algorithm

DSMC resembles MD except in the evaluation of collisions

- Initialize system with particles
- Loop over time steps
 - Create particles at open boundaries *
 - Move *all* the particles *
 - Process any interactions of particle & boundaries *
 - Sort particles into cells
 - Perform random collisions *
 - Sample statistical values

Example: Flow past a sphere



G.A. Bird, *The DSMC Method* (2013) ALG, *Numerical Methods for Physics* (2015)

Popular public domain codes: dsmcFoam and Sparta

DSMC Collisions

- Sort particles into spatial collision cells
- Loop over collision cells
 - Compute collision frequency in a cell
 - Select random collision partners within cell
 - Process each collision



Collision pairs with large relative velocity are more likely to collide but they do *not* have to be on a collision trajectory

Collisions (cont.)

Post-collision velocities (6 variables) given by:

- Conservation of momentum (3 constraints)
- Conservation of energy (1 constraint)
- Random collision solid angle (2 choices)



Direction of v_r' is random

Can also model internal molecular energy (e.g., vibrational) as well as chemical reactions (e.g., disassociation)

Discoveries and Confirmations

Fluid dynamic effect first discovered by DSMC and later confirmed by theory



Fluid dynamic effect first predicted by theory and later confirmed by DSMC



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This is like a 747 flying 1.5 mm above ground.

Boeing 747: 70.6 m long





exponentially with height

DSMC Simulation of Air Slider



F. Alexander, ALG, and B. Alder, Phys. Fluids 6 3854 (1994).

Fluctuations & Measurements

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For desired accuracy of E_u = 1% with N = 100 particles per cell

$$S \approx \frac{1}{N \mathrm{Ma}^2 E_u^2} \propto \frac{1}{\mathrm{Ma}^2}$$

 $S \approx 10^2$ samples for Ma = 1.0 (Aerospace flow) $S \approx 10^8$ samples for Ma = 0.001 (Microscale flow)

N. Hadjiconstantinou, ALG, M. Bazant, and G. He, J. Comp. Phys. 187 274-297 (2003)

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Plane Poiseuille Flow

Cause fluid flow as accelerationdriven or as pressure-driven Poiseuille flow

Channel widths roughly 10 to 100 mean free paths (Kn \approx 0.1 to 0.01)



Fluid Velocity

Velocity profile across the channel (wall-to-wall)



Note: Flow is subsonic & low Reynolds number (Re = 5)

Temperature

Temperature profile across the channel (wall-to-wall)



M. Malek Mansour, F. Baras and ALG, *Physica A* **240** 255 (1997). Y. Zheng, ALG, and B. Alder, *J. Stat. Phys.* **109** 495-505 (2002).

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Heat Flux & Temperature Gradient

Heating occurs inside the system by viscous shear and heat flows to the walls.

Near the center of the channel the heat is flowing from *cold to hot* !



Kinetic Theory - BGK model

Kinetic theory calculations using BGK model predicts the dip.



M. Tij, A. Santos, *J. Stat. Phys.* **76** 1399 (1994) M. Malek Mansour, F. Baras and ALG, *Physica A* **240** 255 (1997).

Burnett Theory for Poiseuille

Pressure profile also anomalous with a gradient normal to the walls. Agrees with Burnett's hydrodynamic theory.



Super-Burnett Theory



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Slip length for thermal wall is about one mean free path.

Slip increases if some particles reflect specularly; define accommodation coefficient, α , as fraction of thermalize (non-specular) reflections.

Cylindrical Couette Flow

Dilute gas between concentric cylinders. Outer cylinder fixed; inner cylinder rotating. Low Reynolds number (Re \approx 1) so flow is laminar; also subsonic.



Velocity Slip in Couette Flow

Simple prediction of angular velocity including slip is mostly in qualitative agreement with DSMC data.



 ζ is the slip length.



K. Tibbs, F. Baras, ALG, Phys. Rev. E 56 2282 (1997)

Diffusive and Specular Walls



so $V = \omega r$

Anomalous Couette Flow

At certain values of accommodation, the angular fluid speed is minimum *within* the fluid.



K. Tibbs, F. Baras, ALG, Phys. Rev. E 56 2282 (1997)

Anomalous Rotating Flow



BGK Theory

Excellent agreement between DSMC data and BGK calculations and BGK theory confirms the velocity minimum at low accommodation.



K. Aoki, H. Yoshida, T. Nakanishi, ALG, *Physical Review E* 68 016302 (2003)

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Calculating Fluid Velocity



How should one calculate local fluid velocity from particle velocities in DSMC (or in MD)?

Instantaneous Fluid Velocity

Center-of-mass velocity in a cell C

$$u = \frac{J}{M} = \frac{\sum_{i \in C}^{N} m v_i}{m N}$$

Average particle velocity

$$\overline{v} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \in C}^{N} v_i$$



Note that $u = \overline{v}$ so these are equivalent

Mean Fluid Velocity

Instantaneous fluid velocity is defined as,

$$u = \frac{J}{M} = \frac{\sum_{i \in C}^{N} m v_i}{mN} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \in C}^{N} v_i$$

But we have two ways to define mean fluid velocity, averaged over independent samples:

$$\langle u \rangle = \left\langle \frac{J}{M} \right\rangle \qquad \qquad \langle u \rangle_* =$$

Which definition gives the correct hydrodynamic fluid velocity?

"Phantom" Fluid Velocity

Mean instantaneous fluid velocity, $\langle u \rangle$, measurement gives an anomalous flow in a <u>closed</u> system at steady state with ∇ T.

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DSMC

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Measured Fluid Velocity

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M. Tysanner and ALG, *J. Comp. Phys.* **196** 173-83 (2004).

Landau Model for Intelligence

Apply the Landau model to university students:

Genius



Intellect = 3

Not Genius



Intellect = 1

Three Semesters of Teaching

First semester



Second semester

Third semester

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Average = 2

Average = 3

Average Student?

How do you estimate the intellect of the average student?

* Average of instantaneous values for the three semesters:

$$\left\langle u\right\rangle = \frac{3+1+2}{3} = 2$$

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Significant difference because there is a *correlation* between class size and quality of students in the class.

Bias in Instantaneous Fluid Velocity

From the definitions,

$$\langle u \rangle \approx \langle u \rangle_* \left(1 + \frac{\langle \delta N^2 \rangle}{\langle N \rangle^2} \right) - \frac{\langle \delta J \delta N \rangle}{m \langle N \rangle^2} = \langle u \rangle_* - \frac{\langle \delta \rho \delta u \rangle}{\langle \rho \rangle}$$

Fluctuating hydrodynamics theory predicts a correlation,

$$\langle \delta \rho(x) \delta u(x) \rangle \propto -x(L-x) \nabla T$$

This prediction agrees perfectly with observed effect.

Similar effect occurs with temperature, pressure, etc.

Density-Velocity Correlation

Correlation of density-velocity fluctuations under ∇T



ALG, Phys. Rev. A 34 1454 (1986).

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Giant Fluctuations in Mixing

Fluctuations grow large during mixing even when the two species are identical (e.g., red & blue hard spheres).

The effect is driven by a coupling of concentration and velocity fluctuations.

This is <u>**not</u>** a hydrodynamic instability!</u>



Experimental Observations



In microgravity experiments fluctuations during mixing grow to millimeter size

-1%

-2%

-3%

Concentration-Velocity Correlation



A. Donev, ALG, A. de la Fuente, and J.B. Bell, *J. Stat. Mech.* 2011:P06014 (2011)

Diffusion Flux & Fluctuations

Consider a monatomic gas of "red" and "blue" particles with a steady state gradient imposed by wall boundaries.



The non-equilibrium correlation $\langle \delta \hat{c} \delta \hat{u}_{\parallel} \rangle$ enhances the effective flux of concentration even at this steady state.

A. Donev, ALG, A. de la Fuente, and J.B. Bell, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 106(20): 204501 (2011)

Fluctuation Enhanced Diffusion

Can separate the contributions to the concentration flux as,

$$\langle \mathbf{F} \rangle = \langle \rho_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle = \langle \rho_1 \rangle \langle \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle + \langle \delta \rho_1 \delta \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle$$
$$D_{\text{eff}} \nabla c \quad D_0 \nabla c \quad \Delta D \nabla c$$

In DSMC we can easily measure

$$\langle
ho_1
angle, \langle {f u}_1
angle, \langle
ho_1 {f u}_1
angle$$
 and $abla c$

Find the bare diffusion coefficient D_0 and the total effective diffusion coefficient D_{eff}



Surprising Diffusion

Spectrum of hydrodynamic fluctuations is truncated at wavenumbers given by the size of the physical system.



The wider system can accommodate long wavelength fluctuations, thus it has an enhanced diffusion rate. *Diffusion coefficient depends on system width!*

DSMC and FNS Results (Quasi-2D)



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The piston moves (despite equal pressures) and the gases on the two sides reach a common temperature!

Adiabatic Piston by DSMC

Heat is conducted between the chambers by the non-equilibrium Brownian motion of the adiabatic piston.





M. Malek Mansour, ALG, and F. Baras, Phys. Rev. E 73 016121 (2006)

DSMC / PDE Hybrids

Each approach has its own relative advantages

PDE Solvers

- Fast (few variables,
 More Physics simple relations)
- Efficient and accurate (high • order CFD methods)
- Approximations available (incompressible, inviscid)

DSMC

- (molecular details)
- Thermal fluctuations
- Stable (H-theorem)

DSMC / PDE Hybrids use Navier-Stokes solver in flow regions where DSMC is not required.

Hybrid for Adiabatic Piston



Fluctuating Hydrodynamics

Landau introduced fluctuations into the Navier-Stokes equations by adding white noise fluxes of stress and heat.

$$\partial \mathbf{U}/\partial t + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \mathbf{J} \\ E \end{pmatrix}$$

Hyperbolic Fluxes Parabolic Fluxes Stochastic Fluxes
$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \mathbf{v} \\ \rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + P \mathbf{I} \\ (E+P) \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tau \\ \kappa \nabla T + \tau \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathcal{S} \\ \mathcal{Q} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathcal{S} \end{pmatrix},$$

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We have adapted standard numerical schemes from CFD to solve these stochastic PDEs.

Stochastic vs. Deterministic PDEs

Compare results from an all-DSMC simulation with hybrids DSMC/PDE simulations.

Long-time relaxation of the piston position is *wrong* using deterministic PDEs in the hybrid.





A. Donev, J.B. Bell, ALG, and B. Alder, SIAM Multiscale Model. Sim. 8 871-911 (2010)

Conclusions

- DSMC is a powerful engineering design tool (e.g., disk drive)
- DSMC has discovered interesting hydrodynamic effects in Poiseuille and Couette flows.
- DSMC has confirmed theoretical predictions for the enhancement of diffusion due to non-equilibrium fluctuations.
- DSMC must be used carefully due to these fluctuations (e.g., measuring fluid velocity; Brownian effects in hybrids).

Thank you for your attention

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