

Application of genetic algorithms for the calibration of an air quality model and its validation using pollutant measures from the surroundings of an electric power plant

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- Validation of the framework proposed by the authors (Oliver et al. 2013, Energy) through experimental data from an electric power plant
- Gran Canaria island (Canary Islands)









 Two different stages: Modeling and Calibration – Two kinds of data are needed:

1) Wind data

2) Pollutant concentration data





- WIND DATA: For modeling and calibration
- Wind data from 1 station close to power plant
- Wind data from forecasting model
- 3 consecutive days of wind data (hourly)
- Calibration of mode through genetic algorithms







• Pollutants data: Some data for modeling and other for calibrating

- One emission stack (Electric power plant) (modeling)
- 3 immission stations (calibration)
- 1 inmission station (validation)
- 3 consecutive days of emission and immission data (hourly)
- Calibration of model variables attending experimental data from immission







Adaptive Finite Element Model

- Construction of a tetrahedral mesh adapted to the terrain
- Wind field modeling from experimental and meteorological data
- Pollutant dispersion modeling

Mesh construction



Gran Canaria Mesh



Mesh construction



Gran Canaria Mesh (II)



Mesh construction



Gran Canaria Mesh







Gran Canaria Mesh



Wind field modeling



- Experimental data from 1 station (power plant)
- Use Harmonie model
- Horizontal interpolation
 - Weighting inverse to the squared distance and inverse height differences

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_0(z_m) = \varepsilon \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_n}{d_n^2}}{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{d_n^2}} + (1-\varepsilon) \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_n}{|\Delta h_n|}}{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{|\Delta h_n|}}$$

- Vertical interpolation
 - Log-linear wind profile



Wind field modeling



The resulting mass-consistent wind field u verifies:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$
$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_a$$

and minimizes the adjusting functional

$$E(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \left(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}_0 \right)^t \mathbf{P} \left(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}_0 \right) d\Omega$$

 Introducing a Lagrange multiplier and solving an elliptic problem

Wind field Calibration



- Calibration
 - ε (Horizontal interpolation weight)
 - Tv Th (Mass consistent factors, $\alpha = \frac{Th}{Tu}$)
- Genetic algorithms
 - G. Montero, E. Rodriguez, R. Montenegro, J.M. Escobar, J.M. Gonzalez-Yuste, Genetic algorithms for na improved parameter estimation with local refinement of tetrahedral meshes in a wind model, Advances in Engineering Software, Volume 36, Issue 1, January 2005, Pages 3-10, ISSN 0965-9978, [DOI:10.1016/j.advengsoft.2004.03.011]

Wind field Calibration





Wind field Calibration





log Error



- Initial population 1000
 - 6 different episodes

-1st

-2nd -3rd -4th

5th

6th

100 genetic iterations

Wind field results







Find concentration
$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x},t)$$
 for $(\mathbf{x},t) \in \Omega \times (0, t^{end}]$
 $\frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{c} = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{K} \nabla \mathbf{c}) + \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{c})$
 $c(x,t) = c^{emi}$ Stack outflow
 $c(x,t) = c^{amb}$ Inlet wind boundaries
 $n. \nabla c = 0$ Outlet wind boundaries
 $c(x,0) = c^{ini}$ Initial condition
 $n. k \nabla c = -V^d c$ Terrain condition (Vd is the deposition diagonal matrix)

Air quality modeling



Temporal discretization: Cranck-Nicolson

Spatial discretization: Least Squares FEM

 System solver: Conjugate gradient preconditioned with an Incomplete Cholesky Factorization

Matrix storage: sparse MCS (matrix column storage)

Air quality Calibration



Calibration

Diffusion (K), minimization of F(k):

$$F(k) = RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} (c - c_t)^2_n}{N}}$$

- K = diffusion parameter
- N= numer of stations
- C = measured concentration in the station

 C_t = Calculated concentration

Air quality Calibration

 Genetic algoritm evolution

- 24 hours simulation
- 64 individual population
- 32 genetic steps
- Based on 3 stations data



Air quality Validation



Validation



Air quality Results



Concentration SO_2 (g/m³) after 1000 seconds



Air quality Results



Concentration SO_2 (g/m³) after 1000 seconds



Air quality Results



Isosurface evolution 1 µg/m³







- Suitable approach for modeling air transport and reaction over complex terrains
 - A. Oliver, G. Montero, R. Montenegro, E. Rodríguez, J.M. Escobar, A. Pérez-Foguet, Adaptive finite element simulation of stack pollutant emissions over complex terrains, Energy, Volume 49, 1 January 2013, Pages 47-60, ISSN 0360-5442, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2012.10.051.
- Genetic algorithms useful for calibration
- Validation comparing model outcomes with experimental data



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