



Real-Time Simulation and Prognosis of Smoke Propagation in Underground Stations: Roadmap

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Motivation

- **Equipment** for smoke extraction is rare in mostly all underground stations worldwide
- Concepts need to be able to adapt to the current situation **dynamically and scenario-based**
- **Simulations in real-time are necessary** due to the strong influence of fire to flow conditions
- To provide for necessary **data processing** and sufficient **computational capacity** in CFD simulations, the computer system needs a minimum amount of **main memory**
- Also **limitations in costs, power, cooling and space** are reasons for installing a small GPU appliance on-site (e.g. in the fire station or truck)

Application

- Predicting the **state of smoke** spread
- **Supporting fire fighters** and technical smoke extraction measures
- **Planning** of rescue work and **development** of control systems for complex smoke extraction via **sensor coupling**
- Dynamic **escape route marking**

Goals

- **Evaluating new models** exploiting modern computer architectures to calculate **smoke propagation in and faster than real-time**
 - **CPU implementation** of a solver for simple 2D geometries
 - **GPU implementation** for complex geometries with dynamical extension of the computational domain
- **Coupling of sensor data** into CFD prognoses

Numerical Models

- **Weakly compressible Navier-Stokes** equations to be solved for a turbulent gas ($\rho = \rho(T)$)

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = \mathbf{f}(T)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$
- Using **finite differences** in space (2nd order) and time (1st order) due to simplicity and parallelization capability on GPUs results with a **fractional step method** and **Helmholtz-Hodge projection** (cf. [1], [2]) into:

- Advection: $\partial_t \mathbf{u}_1 = -(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_1$ (via Semi-Lagrangian)
- Diffusion: $\partial_t \mathbf{u}_2 = \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_2$ (via implicit Jacobi)
- Sources: $\partial_t \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{f}(T)$ (via explicit Euler)
- Pressure: $\partial_t \mathbf{u}_4 = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p$ (via Multigrid + Jacobi)

Smoke sources:

- Temperature: $\partial_t T = -(\mathbf{u}_4 \cdot \nabla) T + \kappa \nabla^2 T + S_T$
- Smoke fraction: $\partial_t d = -(\mathbf{u}_4 \cdot \nabla) d + \gamma \nabla^2 d + S_d$

- To include **turbulence** into our model, we apply the **Smagorinsky-Lilly LES** model (cf. [3]) by solving the LES equations for the spatially filtered velocity $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$, temperature \bar{T} and smoke fraction \bar{d} with filter width Δ_f and an effective viscosity of

$$\nu_{eff} = \frac{\mu_{eff}}{\rho} = \frac{\mu_{mol} + \mu_t}{\rho},$$

where $\mu_t = \bar{\rho} C_S^2 \Delta_f^2 |\bar{S}|$ with Smagorinsky constant C_S (commonly $C_S = 0.2$) and the norm of the filtered stress tensor $|\bar{S}| = \sqrt{2 \bar{S}_{ij} \bar{S}_{ij}}$ with $\bar{S}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{x_j} \bar{u}_i + \partial_{x_i} \bar{u}_j)$.

Goal validation

- **CPU** code validation with simple **2D geometries**; **GPU** code validation with **complex 3D geometries** (e.g. several rooms)
- Validation of **sensor data coupling** with **measured data** provided by collaboration partners

Optimization

- Sensor coupling to **include live data**
- **Ensemble** simulation to optimize prognoses
- **Dynamical extension** of computational domain
- **Multi-GPU** support

Next Steps

- **Verification & Validation** of the CPU implementation
- **GPU implementation** including **dynamical extension** of computational domain and **coupling of sensor data**
- Deep dive into **higher order schemes, Lattice-Boltzmann** & cloud HPC

Literature

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