



Development and Evaluation of a General Drag Model for Gas-Solid Flows via Deep learning

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Project Objective

The overall objective of this project is to develop, test, and validate a general drag model for multiphase flows in assemblies of non-spherical particles by a physics-informed deep machine learning (PIDML) approach using artificial neural network (ANN).



CFD Software



Project Status

Task Namo	Assigned Resources	Year 1				Year 2					Year 3			
	Assigned Resources	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	
Task 1.0 - Project Management and Planning	PI													
Task 2.0 - Data Collection and Generation	Team													
Subtask 2.1 Data Collection	Team													
Milestone A				-	•									
Subtask 2.2 Data Generation	Co-PI													
Milestone B					-	•								
Decision Point 1	Team								_					
Task 3.0 - ANN Model Development	Co-PI													
Subtask 3.1 ANN Model Training & Test	Co-PI													
Milestone C							•							
Subtask 3.2 ANN Algorithm Evaluation	Team													
Milestone D								•						
Decision Point 2	Team													
Task 4.0 - Drag Model Integration	Team													
Milestone E]								•	•			
Decision Point 3	Team													
Task 5.0 - Multiphase Flow CFD Validation	Team]												
Subtask 5.1 Multiphase Flow Validation	PI													
Milestone F]												
Subtask 5.2 ANN Model Modification	Co-PI]												
Milestone G]											4	

Motivation





 $F = \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 S C_D$

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- 1. Energy industry
 - Gasifiers
 - Combustion
 - CO2 capture
- 2. Food industry
- 3. Chemical process



Alobaid, F., Almohammed, N., Farid, M.M., May, J., Rößger, P., Richter, A. and Epple, B., 2022. Progress in CFD simulations of fluidized beds for chemical and energy process engineering. *Progress in Energy and Combustion Science*, *91*, p.100930.

Motivation





Cube



- The drag coefficient primarily depends on
 - Shape
 - Reynold number
- The variations are highly non-linear
- Single correlation cannot cover all the particles
- Requires more sophisticated modelling such as Neural network



Current State-of-the-Art

RMSE



Existing drag models have large errors and narrow range of applications

Data collection and Features identification (Task 2)



Irregular-shaped Particles (Total: 1894)



- Reynold number (Re) 1.
- 2. 3. Sphericity (ψ)
- Fixed Crosswise Sphericity (ψ_{\perp})
- 4. Fixed Lengthwise Sphericity (ψ_{\parallel})
- 5. Aspect ratio (AR)



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Settling Orientation Study





Final torque on the body is zero or oscillate with a fixed amplitude and frequency

Drag Coefficient Correlation-aided Deep Neural Network (DCC-DNN) (Task 3)



Presa-Reyes, M., Mahyawansi, P., Hu, B., McDaniel, D. and Chen, S.C., 2024. DCC-DNN: A deep neural network model to predict the drag coefficients of spherical and non-spherical particles aided by empirical correlations. *Powder Technology*, 435, p.119388.

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Makeshift Integration with CFD (MFiX)

- 1. MFiX is written on Fortran
- 2. Neural network model is written on Python



https://www.netl.doe.gov/sites/default/files/2020-

11/UCR_HBCU_OMI/Dirk%20VanEssendelft%20Presentation-2020UCRHBCU_Kickoff_MFIXAI_Overview.pdf



- ~11000 particles cost approximately 5 seconds to complete the DEM loop.
- File writing takes place only once
- CFD of lab scale setup is practical
- Large scale can be time consuming

Fluidized bed Simulation

Single Particle settling



Mahyawansi, P. and Lin, C.X., 2021, August. An Investigation of the Effects of Volume Fraction on Drag Coefficient of Non-Spherical Particles Using PR-DNS. In *Fluids Engineering Division Summer Meeting* (Vol. 85284, p. V001T02A024). American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

0.11 X(m)

Fluidized Bed Exp



Assemblies of Particles





Fluidized bed Simulation

Vollmari's Fluidized bed Experiments

Shape	Sphere	Sphere	Ideal Cylinder	Cube	Cube	
				A		
d _e -class [mm]	7	5	7	5	7	
Size [mm]	7.2	5	6.1 6.2	4.2 4.3 4.5	5.2 6.3 6.3	
ϕ [-]	1.00	1.00	0.87	0.81	0.80	
$\rho_p [\text{kg/m}^3]$	772.5	823.0	708.5	639.7	746.9	
$L_{fb}[mm]/\overline{\epsilon}[-]$	95 0.40	88 0.40	98 0.36	98 0.37	103 0.43	
Shape	Elongated Cylinder	Elongated Cuboid	Elongated Cuboid	Plate	Elongated Plate	
		<i>.</i>				
d _e -class [mm]	7	5	7	5	5	
Size [mm]	3.9 14.0	3.0 3.0 7.1	4.2 4.2 11.4	2.0 4.9 6.0	2.0 4.0 8.0	
φ [-]	0.75	0.75	0.73	0.71	0.69	
$ ho_p$ [kg/m ³]	764.4	745.6	639.7	754.1	756.6	
$L_{fb}[mm]/\overline{\epsilon}$ [-]	103 0.44	103 0.42	115 0.40	102 0.43	108 0.46	
Shape	Elongated Cuboid	Plate	Elongated Plate			
d _e -class [mm]	5	7	7			
Size [mm]	2.0 3.0 11.0	2.2 9.0 9.8	2.0 6.0 14.9			
φ [-]	0.64	0.63	0.58			
$\rho_p [kg/m^3]$	728.1	672.8	721.7			
$L_{fb}[mm]/\overline{\epsilon}[-]$	117 0.48	121 0.46	124 0.51			

Vollmari, K., Jasevičius, R. and Kruggel-Emden, H., 2016. Experimental and numerical study of fluidization and pressure drop of spherical and non-spherical particles in a model scale fluidized bed. Powder Technology, 291, pp.506-521.

MFiX Simulations





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Results



Effect of Volume Fractions on Drag for Re = 500



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Modelling Volume Fraction Using Neural Network



Final Integration with MFiX (Task 4)

- Fortran PyTorch Lib (Ftorch) is developed by Cambridge ICCS (Institute of computing and climate science)
- We compiled this library for MFiX and developed it.
- The complex DNN model is transferred using the tracing command.



Methods	Simulation time
MFiX-Python file sharing method for each particle.	~30 days
MFiX-Python file sharing method for all particle together.	~1 day
MFiX-FTorch	< 2 hour

Result (Task 5)



Volume Fraction study for Additional data



Volume Fraction study for Additional data



Blender Development Team. (2023). Blender (Version 3.6) [Computer software]. https://www.blender.org

Conclusions

- Drag force on non-spherical particles depends on shape factor and Reynold number.
- Gated DNN model gives better predictions compared to previous correlations.
- DNN-assisted fluidized bed simulations shows excellent predictions in terms of pressure drop.
- The solid volume fraction effect are now accounted in the second level of DNN model.
- The volume fraction DNN have improved the prediction performance.
- Additional data for volume fraction is generated using PR-DNS of realistic arrangements of particles
- Physics simulations are effective in mimicking fluidized arrangement of particles.



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Appendix

Regular vs. Irregular Shaped Particles

Regular shaped particles:

• A particle of geometric parameters such as volume and surface area that can be mathematically determined

Irregular shaped particles:

• An arbitrary random particle whose geometric parameters cannot be precisely calculated



Particles