Summary of Recent Modelling Work at Cambridge

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Experimental Data – Thermal Fields



Modelling – Thermal Fields – Condition 1



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Temperature Field Fixed *T*(*x*) **Velocity Field**

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Initial particle velocity = 1 m/s (x-direction) Gravity included Convective heat transfer = Specified h, ambient T = Fixed T(x) Drag law = Haider-Levenspiel with specified particle sphericity



Drag Correlations for Particles of Regular Shape, Advanced Powder Technology, Vol. 16, No. 4, 363-372. 2005



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Outcomes: Sphericity = 0.73 Aspect Ratio ~ 1.5



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$$\operatorname{Re}_{p} = \frac{\left|U_{f} - U_{p}\right| \rho_{f} D_{p}}{\mu_{f}}$$
$$\operatorname{Pr} = \frac{Cp_{f} \mu_{f}}{k_{f}}$$
$$Nu_{p} = 2 + a \operatorname{Re}_{p}^{b} \operatorname{Pr}^{1/3} = \frac{hD_{p}}{k_{f}}$$

 $4500 \le h \le 8700 \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$

Principles of Gas-Solid Flows, Liang-Shih Fan & Chao Zhu, Cambridge University Press, October 2005, p.512-513

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Local variations in *h*?





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Specify the COMSOL-predicted $T_p(t)$ as a thermal boundary condition in ABAQUS and compute the non-isothermal particle temperature history





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Modelling – Particle Impact Events

Initial Particle Velocity = 85 m/s Initial Particle Temperature = 952°C

Using Smooth Particle Hydrodynamics (meshless) method to model particles with viscous, fluid-type mechanical behaviour



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Initial Particle Velocity = 93 m/s Initial Particle Temperature = 950°C

Using Smooth Particle Hydrodynamics (meshless) method to model particles with viscous, fluid-type mechanical behaviour



Conclusions

- Modelled temperature and velocity fields within the ash-injection rig
- Good agreement between modelled fields and experimental data
- Incorporated measured particle sphericity in the Haider-Levenspiel drag equation and simulated the particle trajectories
- Predicted the particle temperature and velocity histories
- Compared predicted T_p at substrate impact point with measured ash T_g values. $T_p > T_g$ for all cases and $T_p > T_m$ of Laki crystalline phases (~30%) for conditions 2 and 3
- Correlated predicted T_p at impact with SEM-observed splat morphologies