

## Χαμηλοί ρύποι - υψηλές αποδόσεις και ο ρόλος της τυχαιότητας

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## **Research Trajectory**

•Brighton University, London,UK

Senior Lecturer (September 2016-)

#### •City University, London, UK

Lecturer (September 2013-To Date) <u>Key research areas</u>: Engine modelling, Two-Phase Flow modeling, Porous media

#### •Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA

Research Associate (January 2012 – To Date) <u>Key research area</u>: Energy production from conventional and renewable resources, focus on combustion instabilities

#### •Imperial College of London, London, UK Research Associate (January 2010 – December 2011) Kev research areas: Spray modeling for realistic combustors

•Universität Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany

Research Assistant (February 2009 – December 2009) <u>Key research areas:</u> Turbulent mixing through Lagrangian modeling

#### •Imperial College of London, London, UK PhD (October 2005 – February 2009) Key research areas: Development of a new turbulent combustion model (MMC)

#### •National Technical University of Athens, Athens, Greece B.Sc plus Master (September 1999 – February 2005)

Majoring in stochastic calculus

## **Research Focus**

#### Develop the numerical tools that will help the design of a clean flexible energy systems



Skills: Fluid Dynamics, Modelling Stochasic processes, Material Properties, solution of ODE, programming

# How does it translate to day to day basis?



# Isn't the existent technology enough?



2015 United **Nations** Climate Change **Conference**: The expected key result was an agreement to set a goal of limiting global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius ( $^{\circ}$  C) compared to pre-industrial levels. The agreement calls for zero net anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions to be reached during the second half of the 21st century



## Types and sources of greenhouse gases



Goals for the future **Combustion : Latin. Combustionem** which means "burning" **Engine:** Latin *ingenium*: innate quality, a 'clever invention" Burn in a 'clever' way (more efficient&safe, less polluting, minimum cost)

# Where do maths come into picture?

## **Turbulent Combustion**

#### Combustion modelling - Mixing of fuel and oxidiser - Chemistry

Complicated problem (multi-phase multi scale)

-Turbulence: Random Process with chaotic behavior

- Combustion: chemical kinetics, need for efficiency, reduced emissions

- Interaction: Turbulence increases mixing and enhances combustion / Combustion releases heat, which generates flow instability through gas expansion and buoyancy, thus enhancing the transition to turbulence



How do we approach the problem?

(The same way as we do with all physical problems)

## a) Level of reality we represent

<u>Molecular level</u>: definition of a discrete system governed by Boltzman equations

<u>Continuum paradigm</u>: macroscopic description corresponding to a scale of representation larger than the mean free path of the molecules. The system is governed by the Navier Stokes equations

#### **Continuity:**

Momentum:

**Species:** 

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} (\rho u_{i}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho u_{i}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} (\rho u_{i} u_{j}) + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_{j}} = \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_{j}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho Y_{k}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} (\rho u_{i} Y_{k}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} (V_{k,i} Y_{k}) + \omega_{k}$$

## b) Level of time and space resolution



#### **RANS (Averaging):**

$$\overline{Y}(x,t) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} Y(x,t) dt$$

## LES (Filtering):

$$\overline{Y}(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Y(x,t)F(x-x')dx'$$

## c) Modelling of unresolved quantities

#### **Turbulence modelling:**

Reynolds Stresses:  $\overline{u_i u_j}$ 

Species Turbulent fluxes  $\overline{u'_i Y'}$ 

## **Combustion modelling:**

$$F + sO \rightarrow (1+s)P$$

$$\overline{\omega}(Y) \neq \omega(\overline{Y})$$

$$\omega_{F} = -A\rho^{2}T^{\beta}Y_{F}Y_{o} \exp\left(-\frac{T_{A}}{T}\right)$$

$$\dot{\omega}(\xi) \approx \dot{\omega}(\overline{\xi}) + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial\xi}\Big|_{\xi=\overline{\xi}} \delta\xi + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^{2}\dot{\omega}}{\partial\xi^{2}}\Big|_{\xi=\overline{\xi}} (\delta\xi)^{2} + \dots$$



### **Discretization method (PDE-> ODE)**

**Mesh**: RANS (independent of mesh size, LES (mesh determines resolved scales))

**Mesh-Free**: Notional particles  $\overline{Y}(x,t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{1}^{N} Y(x,t;n)$ 







## Programming



## Programming



"11 PFLOP/s Simulations of Cloud Cavitation Collapse," by Diego Rossinelli, Babak Hejazialhosseini, Panagiotis Hadjidoukas and Petros Koumoutsakos, all of ETH Zurich, Costas Bekas and Alessandro Curioni of IBM Zurich Research Laboratory, and Steffen Schmidt and Nikolaus Adams of Technical University Munich.

The researchers, broke some serious computational fluid dynamics ground in their simulation, which maneuvered **6.4 million threads** on the IBM Sequoia system. The simulation, according to IBM, stands as the "largest simulation ever in fluid dynamics by employing **13 trillion cells** and reaching an unprecedented, for flow simulations, 14.4 petaflop sustained performance on Sequoia—73% of the supercomputer's theoretical peak





Fuel concentration





In-cylinder air motion & unburned hydrocarbons



Liquid fuel



Soot (red) & OH (green)



Liquid fuel and OH

## Flames



# Injection



# Injection



# Flame Turbulence Interaction



# Cavitation





# Cavitation



## Flows Through Porous Media



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# **Droplet Impacting Porous Media**



# **Droplet Impacting Solid Surfaces**



## **Droplet Impacting Porous Media**



## **Good Luck!!!!!**

#### MMC

#### **MMC CONCEPT**: Distinguishing major and minor fluctuations of species



#### **Mapping Closure Concept**

<u>Concept</u>: The fluctuations of the major species are modeled by the fluctuations driven by the oscillations of the stochastic reference field.



 $X_z$  is the mapping function between the Gaussian reference space and the mixture fraction (Z) space



#### **The Particle Method**

#### **Particle Method:**

Notional particles = Monte Carlo numerical algorithm in order to solve PDF transport equation.

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial A^{i} F}{\partial x^{i}} - \frac{\partial^{2} B^{ij} F}{\partial x^{i} \partial x^{j}} = 0$$
Kolmogorov
Forward
equation
$$\mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{d}x_{p}^{i} = A^{i}(\mathbf{x}_{p}, t) \, \mathrm{d}t + b^{ij}(\mathbf{x}_{p}, t) \, \mathrm{d}w_{p}^{j}$$
Ito



$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \hat{u}_i P}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \hat{A}_I P}{\partial z_I} + \frac{\partial^2 B_{IJ} P}{\partial z_I \partial z_J} - D \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x_i \partial x_i} = 0$$

$$\mathrm{d} x_p^i = A^i(\mathbf{x}_p, t) \,\mathrm{d} t + b^{ij}(\mathbf{x}_p, t) \,\mathrm{d} w_p^j$$



Mathematical Model Particle-to-cell mixing (we 'mix' random variables)

Specific Application: **Turbulent Mixing** (accelerates the homogenization of any non-uniform fluid mixture)

**Physical Diffusion** 

**Turbulent Diffusion** 







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reference space

#### **Mixing Model**



## **Energy ~ Combustion Systems**

