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Modified Gaussian plume model and K-transport and diffusion model efficiency in the same atmospheric conditions

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The aim of this paper is to compare the modified Gaussian plume model and K-model for continuous emission sources in weakly orographically developed regions. Parametrization of input variables is based on the physical methods using similarity theory.

The results show that, when strong winds and stable atmosphere are present, ground level concentrations take similar values. In contrary, when weak winds and unstable atmosphere are present, K-model overestimates values given by Gaussian model due to exclusion of plume rise in the process of diffusion parametrization.

Efikasnost modificiranog Gaussovskog i K-modela transporta i difuzije u jednakim atmosferskim uvjetima

U ovom radu uspoređeni su modificirani Gaussovski i K-model transporta i difuzije za kontinuirani izvor emisije u orografski slabo razvijenom području. Parametrizacija ulaznih veličina se zasniva na fizici procesa uz uporabu teorije sličnosti.

Rezultati pokazuju sličnost vrijednosti prizemnih koncentracija pri pojavljivanju jačih vjetrova i stabilne atmosfere. No, pri pojavljivanju slabijih vjetrova i labilnije atmosfere, K-model precjenjuje vrijednosti u usporedbi s Gaussovskim modelom što je uzrokovan neuključivanjem dizanja perjanice prilikom parametrizacije procesa difuzije.

Introduction

Planetary boundary layer, as a part of atmosphere with very strong friction influence, is very hard to model. In past, several groups of models have been developed, but nowadays three basic groups of models are used:

- 1) models which use numerical integration of differential equations (K-transport and diffusion models),

- 2) models which use statistical methods for description of movements of large number of individual particles (Monte Carlo models),
 3) models which use analytic solutions of differential equations (Gaussian models).

K-models are based on the law of conservation of mass, and it often needs respectable computer time for numerical integration (Nanni and Tagliazzucca, 1982). Their advantage is time dependency, while Gaussian models are stationary. The advantage of Gaussian models is that they require very little computer time because of their analyticity, but the approximations are so rough that they can produce nonrealistic field of ground level concentrations of pollutants. The greatest problem is how to model the diffusion processes, which are very variable in time and space.

In this paper a comparison has been made of the ground level concentrations calculated by K-model (Nanni and Tagliazzucca, 1982; Vilibić, 1994) and by the modified Gaussian plume model for continuous sources (Vilibić, 1994). They both assume time independence, although K-model is basically time dependent. Input data consist of five sets of values for different weather conditions – from stable through neutral to unstable. In the work of Vilibić (1994) numerical methods for preparing the stability nomograms (Smith, 1979; Vogt et al., 1971) have been converted for the computer use. Further parametrizations necessary for describing processes in both models in the planetary boundary layer are made using the similarity theory (Panofsky and Dutton, 1984; Smith, 1979).

Gaussian plume model

Gaussian plume model has got the name from the shape of equation which describes the field of ground level concentrations:

$$c = \frac{Q}{2\pi u \sigma_y \sigma_z} e^{-y^2/2\sigma_y^2} \left[e^{-(z-h_e)^2/2\sigma_z^2} + e^{-(z+h_e)^2/2\sigma_z^2} \right] \quad (1)$$

where:

- Q – source strength (kg/s)
- z – the height above the ground (m)
- y – the distance from the plume axis (m)
- h_e – effective plume height (m)
- u – wind speed at height h_e (m/s)
- σ_y, σ_z – dispersion parameters (dependent upon the distance x from the source and upon the turbulence intensity) (m)
- c – ground level concentration (kg/m^3)

This equation is an analytic solution of the K-model differential equation with the following approximations (Šinik, 1981):

- 1) stationary wind field
- 2) homogeneous wind field
- 3) no chemical reactions and no deposition
- 4) no ground absorption
- 5) interval of at least 10 minutes, to avoid instantaneous peaks
- 6) wind speed in x -axis different from zero, so the diffusion in the x -axis may be neglected.

For parametrization of the wind speed the exponential law is used (Weil and Brower, 1984), dispersion parameters are described by the Briggs curves (Gifford, 1978) which have been modified using the urban factor (Vilibić, 1994), and the effective height is calculated from other sets of Briggs equations (Briggs, 1978; Weil and Brower, 1984). For all parametrizations the use of similarity theory (Panofsky and Dutton, 1984) and the parametrization of radiation are also necessary (Penzar and Penzar, 1991).

In the paper by Vilibić (1994) the basic equation (1) has been improved by the inclusion of horizontal plume turning in the model. In the case with the mixing layer height z_i greater than the effective plume height h_e the developed equation is given as:

$$c = \frac{Q \varepsilon}{\pi u \sigma_y \sigma_z} e^{-y^2/2\sigma_y^2} \left[e^{-h_e/2\sigma_z^2} + \sum_{i=1}^5 \left(e^{-(2mz_i - h_e)^2/2\sigma_z^2} + e^{-(2mz_i + h_e)^2/2\sigma_z^2} \right) \right], \quad (2)$$

while in the case $z_i < h_e$ the developed equation is given by:

$$c = \frac{Q \varepsilon}{\pi u \sigma_y \sigma_z} e^{-y^2/2\sigma_y^2} \left[e^{-h_e/2\sigma_z^2} + \sum_{m=1}^5 e^{-(2mz_i - h_e)^2/2\sigma_z^2} \right] \quad (3)$$

The parametrization of z_i is given by the nomogram of Pasquill and Smith (1983) which is here transformed into the set of equations (Vilibić, 1994). Factor of condensation ε shows the value of horizontal plume turning, and it's defined as a ratio of areas attached to non-curved and curved plume (Vilibić, 1994). Expressions after the signs of sum define the plume reflection from ground and mixing layer (Šinik, 1981).

Special case of spreading of the Gaussian plume occurs when the mixing layer goes over the effective height (where the maximum concentrations are present). This process is called fumigation which usually occurs in the morning after the night with strong stable conditions (Šinik, 1981). In that case equations given in Vilibić (1994) are used.

K-transport model

K-model is based on the law of mass conservation:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + V \nabla c = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} K_{ij} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x_j} + S + D; \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, 3 \quad (4)$$

where:

V – wind speed

K_{ij} – components of tensor of diffusion

S – source strength, and

D – deposition rate.

If we assume that there is no vertical wind component ($w = 0$), deposition ($D = 0$) and non-diagonal terms of diffusion tensor ($K_{ij} = 0, i \neq j$), equation (4) may be transformed into:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} K_x \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} K_y \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K_z \frac{\partial c}{\partial z} + S \quad (5)$$

This equation can be separated into a set of equations (Nanni and Tagliazucca, 1982) that are numerically integrated by improved methods of Runca and Sardei (1975). In this paper the numerical integration has been performed in space with dimensions $10 \text{ km} \times 10 \text{ km} \times z_i$. The horizontal grid spacing is 500 metres, while the vertical one is $h_s/4$, where h_s is source height (Vilibić, 1994). Vertical changes of the wind speed at grid points are calculated using the exponential law (Weil and Brower, 1984) for u and v wind components. Parametrization of diffusion tensor is based on the relations given by Shier and Shieh (1974) for vertical diffusion, and by Nanni and Tagliazucca (1982) for horizontal diffusion. Source strength S is modelled such that in the source point concentration is Q and in all other points plume is transported by diffusion and transport processes.

Results

Both models (K- and modified Gaussian) have been applied to the same atmospheric conditions and compared using five sets of input data for various stability conditions in the planetary boundary layer (Table 1) in orographically weakly developed region. Technological parameters of the source (volume flux and temperature of smoke at stack exit, stack height, source strength) have been estimated using the data from some stacks in the Republic of Croatia e.g. Plomin 1 and 2, Rijeka and Zagreb.

Tables 2 to 6 illustrate numerically all the cases (A, B, C, D and E). Horizontal grid spacing is 500 metres. Numbers in the tables represent rela-

Table 1. Input data for cases A, B, C, D and E

CASE	A	B	C	D	E
Month	3	1	6	6	1
Hour	10	13	13	13	6
Cloudiness (in 1/8)	0	0	0	2	8
Wind at station 1 (ms^{-1})	2	1	1	4	3
Wind at station 2 (ms^{-1})	2	1	1	4	3
Atmospheric temperature at stack height (K)	280	290	300	300	270
Declination of Earth (°)	0	-15	20	20	-15
Roughness (m)			0.5		
Distance from source to station 1 (m)			3000		
Distance from source to station 2 (m)			8000		
Urbanization factor			0.5		
Angle between winds at stations 1 and 2 (°)			45		
Source height (m)			150		
Gas temperature at stack height (K)			470		
Volume flux ($\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$)			200		
Source strength (kgs^{-1})			1		

tive concentrations from 0 to 10000. Exact concentration can be calculated if every number is divided by 10000 and multiplied by the C(CG) or C(CK) which represent Gaussian and K-model maximal concentrations, respectively.

Figures 1 to 5 show graphically the distribution of ground level concentrations for all cases. Figures (a) represent three dimensional view of concentration fields, while Figures (b) and (c) represent the Gaussian and K-model concentrations, respectively. The concentrations are proportional to the area of the circles (the smallest edge points of the plume represent 0.1 % of the maximal concentration). Better understanding of graphical presentation will be achieved by consulting the table presentation.

Case A represents morning situation when fumigation occurs (Fig. 1, Table 2). Analysis of the results lead us to the conclusion that the Gaussian plume model gives very high concentrations close to the source, while farther concentrations decrease rapidly. This is in agreement with the fumigation theory (Šnik, 1981). Meanwhile K-model gives ten times smaller concentrations because here it has been applied as time independent model which is not temporally related to the previous situations and does not include a fumigation process.

Case B describes unstable situation in winter with weak winds (Fig. 2, Table 3). Maximal concentration is 2.5 smaller in K- than in the Gaussian model and its distance from the source is greater (in K-model about 2500 m, in Gaussian about 500 m); so both models give similar concentrations at distances larger than 2000 m from the source. Closer than 2000 m the K-model gives lower values. Yet it should be mentioned that the plume is more

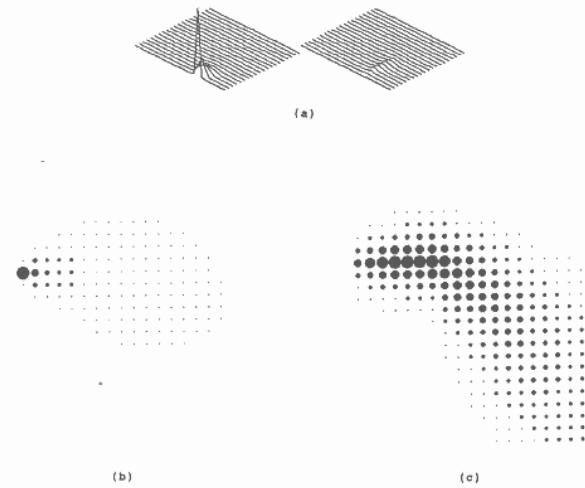


Table 2. Numerical presentation of ground level concentrations for case A

MODIFIED GAUSSIAN MODEL :

K-MODEL 2

MAIS(CG) = 3.362E-09

Figure 1. Ground level concentrations for case A. (a) 3D view (Gaussian left, K-model right); (b) 2D view (Gaussian model); (c) 2D view (K-model)

narrow in the K-model, especially when weak winds and unstable atmosphere are present. This is due to additional modelling of horizontal diffusion and plume rise in the Gaussian model (Briggs, 1978; Weil, 1979) and the influence of edge walls in the K-model.

Case C represents a very unstable situation in summer with strong convection and weak winds (Fig. 3, Table 4). Ground level concentration field calculated by K-model gives thousand times larger values than the Gaussian model. The reason for this disagreement lies in the modelling of vertical diffusion processes without inclusion of plume rise in K-model. This produces much smaller effective height of the source in K-model, as strong convective eddies bring more plume gases to the ground.

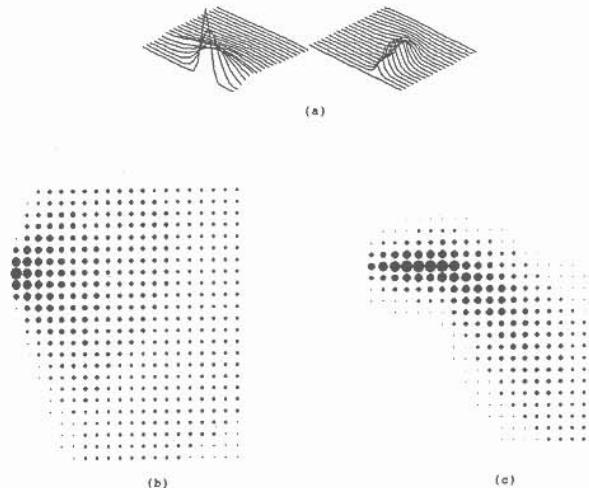


Figure 2. Ground level concentrations for case B. (a) 3D view (Gaussian left, K-model right); (b) 2D view (Gaussian model); (c) 2D view (K-model)

Case D shows unstable situation in summer with strong winds (Fig. 4, Table 5). A trend of horizontal plume shrinking can be noticed in both models, which is caused by dominant influence of transport processes rather than diffusion. Maxima of concentrations are shifted to the distances between 2000 and 3000 m from the source, and their values are 5 and 2 times smaller than in the cases B and C, respectively.

Case E describes nightly situation with strong winds and cloudy sky (Fig. 5, Table 6). It can be noticed that the maxima, especially the Gaussian one, are shifted to about 5000 m from the source with farther horizontal shrinking of plumes. Values of both maxima are smaller than in the case D and the concentration fields are similar for the same reasons as in the case D (dominant transport processes).

Table 3. Numerical presentation of ground level concentrations for case B

MODIFIED GAUSSIAN MODEL :

0	14	361	831	1081	1187	974	566	962	859	814	766	720	671	635	595	558	523	491	
0	187	204	1181	1376	1403	1145	1307	1054	951	934	874	817	764	712	665	620	578	542	507
0	278	1231	1624	1487	1617	1316	1241	1161	1081	1003	939	882	834	748	686	635	596	518	
0	1843	1563	2191	1939	1817	1618	1316	1255	1153	1058	972	893	825	759	701	651	604	562	526
143	3323	2813	3357	2219	1937	1628	1478	1333	1284	1037	1004	913	827	759	710	654	629	567	527
0	1415	2323	2251	2351	2208	1851	1642	1429	1261	1134	1013	919	822	753	702	646	598	546	519
0	6415	5233	4230	2351	2351	2208	1851	1642	1429	1261	1134	1013	919	822	753	702	646	598	546
0	1325	6661	4461	3557	2584	2351	1983	1644	1423	1264	1133	1013	919	822	753	702	646	598	546
0	1413	1935	4234	3311	2351	2208	1851	1642	1429	1261	1134	1013	919	822	753	702	646	598	546
0	1413	2110	2634	2341	2261	1917	1659	1549	1323	1145	1008	895	893	730	666	612	567	529	481
0	1463	1953	2104	1932	1815	1777	1656	1526	1406	1146	958	840	756	685	618	547	497	443	
0	378	1237	1654	1547	1617	1673	1465	1245	1119	881	765	746	642	590	544	504	477	447	419
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0	8	70	232	297	236	1508	1061	875	707	470	400	315	248	164	117	95	74	55	35
0	8	26	185	220	416	1826	808	671	535	500	470	455	423	412	351	351	325	334	317
0	0	0	181	385	470	838	673	566	483	464	444	415	405	344	343	332	316	306	301
0	0	0	3	52	186	349	637	576	464	448	421	414	396	379	351	345	331	314	295
0	0	0	0	35	117	253	563	483	434	417	402	384	371	355	341	323	311	294	270
0	0	0	0	11	71	179	612	481	388	375	361	347	333	310	306	291	281	266	
0	0	0	0	5	41	123	351	303	270	262	251	231	216	213	201	183	177	163	
0	0	0	0	2	13	82	384	357	348	339	318	317	296	293	281	273	262	252	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	43	94	166	250	320	335	310	289	

K-MODEL :

0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	8	4	0	8	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	8	4	0	8	0	0	0	
0	0	2	4	7	10	14	11	12	8	5	3	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	
0	4	12	40	58	77	93	62	43	27	15	8	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	
0	15	22	137	218	289	367	426	296	204	129	75	43	20	9	4	1	1	0	0
0	145	391	651	955	1231	1509	1859	1771	1671	1501	1026	664	466	30	20	10	6	3	
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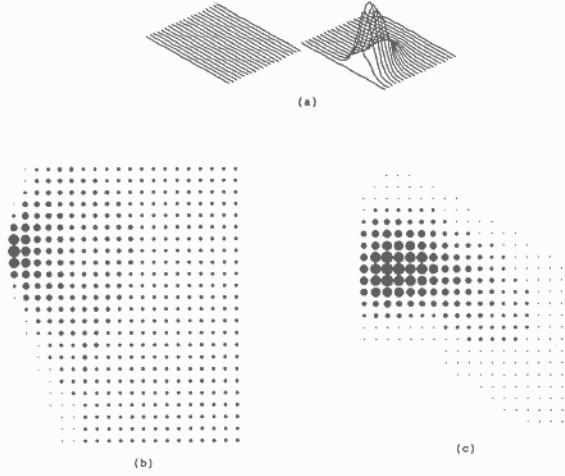


Table 4. Numerical presentation of ground level concentrations for case C

MODIFIED GAUSSIAN MODEL :

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0	255	818	1012	1041	1010	413	726	742	763	648	634	681	572	513	517	692	439	449	428	
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50	1527	1424	1584	1353	1237	1009	916	937	797	741	695	632	611	579	547	519	433	470	449	
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2467	4443	2953	2012	1659	1536	1212	934	933	815	783	723	615	611	594	501	501	440	457	419	
7143	2132	2139	1559	1559	1226	1003	945	857	735	735	616	630	591	538	522	490	475	455	419	
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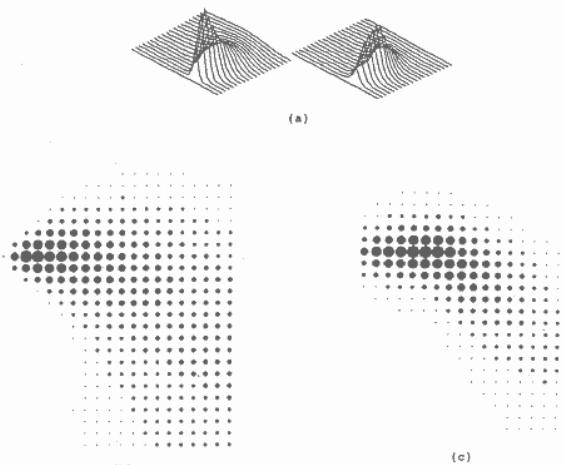


Figure 4. Ground level concentrations for case D. (a) 3D view (Gaussian left, K-model right); (b) 2D view (Gaussian model); (c) 2D view (K-model)

planetary boundary layer parameters as well as concentration fields than the K-model as forced in this paper. In the stable conditions and also when strong winds are present, both models give similar ground level concentrations. That similarity is caused by dominance of transport rather than diffusion processes, which are easier to model.

From the results it can be concluded that the Gaussian plume model is more applicable when the ground level concentration for continuous stationary sources is of interest, while the K-model is not effective in the stationary situations. Its advantage is the description of instantaneous sources of emission (time dependence). Further improvements of both models would be possible if measuring of input meteorological parameters could be more effective. Then the better parametri-

Table 5. Numerical presentation of ground level concentrations for case D

MODIFIED GAUSSIAN MODEL:

K-MODEL

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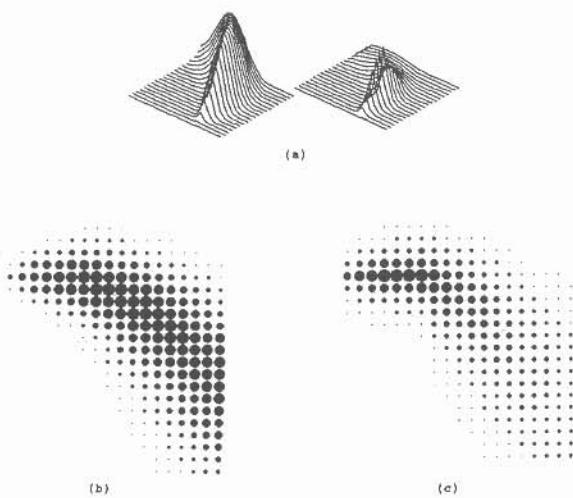


Table 6. Numerical presentation of ground level concentrations for case E

MODIFIED GAUSSIAN MODEL:

K-MODE :

Figure 5. Ground level concentrations for case E. (a) 3D view (Gaussian left, K-model right); (b) 2D view (Gaussian model); (c) 2D view (K-model)

zation of diffusion processes would be achieved. It is necessary to emphasize that the parametrizations should be based on the physical processes in the atmosphere rather than on the statistical methods (Weil and Brower, 1984; Vilibić, 1994).

To test the modified Gaussian and K-models it is necessary to organize an experiment where ground level concentrations would be measured at points determined from the results of both models. The comparison with the empirical data can be useful in further improvements in parametrization of diffusion processes included in both models.

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