

CO₂PipeHaz : Risk assessment decision support tools for CO₂ pipelines

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Health & Safety Laboratory



- Founded in 1911 to study explosions in coal mines
- Remit increased many times since
- Safety in Mines Research Board 1921
- Occupational Medicine Laboratory 1959
- Health & Safety at Work Act 1974
- An Agency of HSE since 1995





CO2 pipelines – so what?



- Previous work by HSL has shown that:
- There are significant hazards:

Connolly & Cusco "Hazards from high pressure carbon dioxide releases during carbon dioxide sequestration processes". 12th International Symposium on Loss Prevention and Safety Promotion in the Process Industries, Edinburgh, 22-24 May **2007**.

• There are significant risks:

Wilday, McGillivray, Harper & Wardman "A Comparison of Hazard and Risks for CO2 and Natural Gas Pipelines" Hazards XXI Symposium, Manchester, 10-12 November **2009.**

Comparison of CO₂ & natural gas pipelines (32 barg)





CO₂ PipeHaz WP1.5



- 1. Geographical Information Systems and Computerised Fluid Dynamics integration
 - Transfer of terrain data from GIS into CFD
 - Transfer of concentration predictions from CFD into GIS
- 2. Far-Field Dispersion
 - Development of two-phase CO₂ dispersion CFX model to benchmark against FLACS
 - Validation using INERIS (France) and Dalian (China) experiments
- **3.** Hypothetical Industrial CO₂ Release
 - Demonstration of CFD and GIS model capabilities using hypothetical industrial CO₂ release scenario

GIS-CFD Integration





CFD Model Development



- Modelled release (for initial experiments)
 - Orifice Diameter: 0.5 inch
 - CO₂ Reservoir Conditions:150 bar and 9 °C
- Have obtained realistic representation of physics



CO₂ Particle Temperature





Water Droplet Concentration





Gas Temperature





CFD Model Development



• Effect of particle size on jet centreline temperature







- Validation of far-field dispersion model using experimental data from INERIS (France)
- Construction of 3D topographical model for hypothetical case based on a realistic industrial case with varied topography
- Work is currently progressing to plan...

Decision Support Tools



WP3 Objectives

- Incorporate the predictive capabilities developed in previous Work Packages, as well as current knowledge and good practice, into decision support tools.
- Demonstrate the usefulness of tools to identify potential hazards and to assess their capability to predict and model consequences

WP3 Description of work



- 3.1 Review and refinement of good practice guidelines
- 3.2 Safety and risk assessment tools
 - Review of risk assessment approaches
 - Integral consequence assessment methodology
 - Risk assessment methodology based on ARAMIS
 - Short-cut risk assessment methodology incorporating topography
- 3.3 Test cases

CO2 risk assessment



- Overall aim: To develop a risk assessment methodology for CO₂ pipelines
- Incorporate new knowledge from CFD and experiments
- Precautionary estimates applied and discussed for any remaining knowledge gaps
- To perform consequence modelling for a test case high pressure CO₂ pipeline using Phast and/or other appropriate tools if applicable
- Apply individual and societal risk assessments to the hazard footprints

Consequence results





- Scenario: Obstructed jet released in D5 weather conditions for an outdoor recipient
- Pipeline details: 700 mm diameter, 140 barg, 10°C operating temperature and 16km long section

Societal risk assessment









Risk assessment incorporating topography



1) Literature review

Identified two publicly available dispersion models for testing

- QUIC (Los Alamos National Security, U.S. Department of Energy's)
- **Twodee-2** (Hankin, 2003-04)

2) Test models using wind tunnel data (Schaztmann)

- QUIC
- TWODEE-2
- CFD models

3) Test case pipeline assessment

4) Dose calculation and overlay with population data in HSL risk assessment tool QuickRisk

Consequence modelling incorporating topography



- CFD models in pipeline QRA
 - along the trajectory of a long pipeline (e.g. $>10^2$ km)
 - calculations at regular intervals (e.g. 100m)
 - considering terrain at each release point and
 - a representative set of weather conditions (Pasquill atmospheric stability and wind speed combinations e.g. D5, F2; or D5,F2, D2,B2)
 - around a set of wind directions to provide sufficient resolution for QRA (eg. from 72 to 360)
 - = 2x72x1000 = 144,000 CFD simulations but preferably 4x360x1000=14,400,000 simulations
 - need for short-cut models!



- TWODEE-2: Shallow layer model – PROS:
 - topography
 - open source
 - standard ASCII text format inputs and outputs
 - concentration and dose outputs (ASCII text grd file)
 - it can be run non-interactively
 - CONS:
 - mesh dependency; source term definition
 - run time increases with mesh resolution
 - queries on detail of earlier versions



TWODEE-2: Shallow layer model



Mesh	hh:mm
100 x 100	00:02
200 x 200	00:14
400 x 400	02:16
800 x 800	> 08:00

Schatzmann's wind tunnel tests REDIPHEM database in RISO (2009)

Run time for different mesh sizes



 Twodee-2 vs wind tunnel data: computational domain and location of sensors



Schatzmann's wind tunnel tests REDIPHEM database in RISO (2009), releases of SF_6 at (0.5, 0) on a 4.8 degree slope. 100x100 grid (Dx=Dy=0.04m).



Twodee-2 vs wind tunnel data



Comparison of measured concentration vs. concentrations predicted by Twodee-2. Schatzmann's wind tunnel tests REDIPHEM database in RISO (2009), releases of SF6 at (0.5, 0) on a 4.8 degree slope. 100x100 grid (Dx-Dy-0.04m). Running time = 62s.



- QUIC: Lagrangian particle tracking;
 - PROS:
 - topography
 - running time after setup
 - ASCII text outputs
 - CONS:
 - Availability of continuous release model for project deliverable deadline?
 - Effect of source definition, mesh and time-step selection on results;
 - built around GUI inc. data extraction tool for concentration and dose outputs



Short-cut risk assessment methodology



- -Inputs
 - Topography data
 - Population
 - Scenarios (frequency)
 - Dispersion modelling (Twodee-2, QUIC)
 - Dose contours
- -Societal risk calculation (QuickRisk)

Topography data



- OS LandForm Profile Plus (2x2x0.1) for detail near source (<3km)
- OS LandForm Panorama (50x50x1m) to 15 km from source



Population data



- UK's National Population Database (NPD)
 - Residential layers (Night time and Daytime), workplaces
 - Schools, Hospitals, Roads (average, peak flow),



Dispersion modelling and dose contouring



- shallow layer model Twodee-2
- area source
- example release rate (source term and crater model to be developed to address this)
- 1%, 10% and 50% fatality contours



Conclusions



- Methodology developed for combining consequence models + topology + dose calculations + population = risk
- For the integral consequence modelling assessment, the pipeline risk calculation is being developed as part of CO2PipeHaz project and will be implemented soon.
- Aim ultimately will be better Land Use Planning advice around CO2 pipelines utilising empirical models. Options:
 - a) Hazard range
 - b) Individual risk
 - c) Individual risk + geographic topography features
 - d) Risk + topography + populations

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