

COMPARACIÓN DE MODELOS DE DISPERSIÓN EN LA SIMULACIÓN DE
LOS OLORES: UN CASO DE ESTUDIO SOBRE PLANTAS DE DEPURACIÓN
DE AGUAS
RESIDUALES

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7.5 billion €

of revenue

66 M

people supplied with drinking water worldwide

More than 33 M

people benefiting from sanitation services provided by SUEZ

3.6 TWh

energy produced from waste and wastewater

3.8 Mt_{CO2}

avoided

9

technical and innovation centers and R&D centers in Europe and Asia

150

researchers acting every day to innovate



* Equipo de soporte descentralizado +35



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inter-comparison models AERMOD/CALPUFF/GRAL/PMSS

El estudio presentado tiene como **objetivo principal** analizar el comportamiento de 4 modelos de **dispersión** atmosférica: 1 modelo **gaussiano**, un modelo de **Puffs** (PuM), y 2 **modelos de partículas lagrangianos** (LPM) en una simulación mensual a partir de las emisiones reales de un planta depuradora de aguas residuales en España.

OWNER	DESCRIPTION
	AERMOD: Modelo de dispersión recomendado por la EPA. Modelo gaussiano en estado estacionario.
	CALPUFF es un modelo lagrangiano, multicapa, multiespecie, de estado no estacionario. Es un modelo lagrangiano de PUFF.
	GRAL es un modelo Lagrangiano de partículas. Ha sido diseñado para reproducir campos de concentración 3D de contaminantes (pasivos) a muy alta resolución, bajo complejas configuraciones topográficas y de construcción.
	PMSS , Parallel Micro-SWIFT-SPRAY (Moussafir et al., 2004 y 2007), es un modelo Lagrangiano de partículas de modelización para calcular transporte y la dispersión capaz de tener en cuenta la presencia de obstáculos (edificios, etc).



Some model properties (AERMOD/CALPUFF/GRAL/PMSS)

Model	CALPUFF	AERMOD	GRAL	PMSS
Definition	Lagrangian puff model	Gaussian model	Lagrangian particle model	Lagrangian particle model
Transport	Lagrangian	Gaussian	Lagrangian	Lagrangian
Dispersion	Gaussian	Gaussian	Lagrangian	Lagrangian
Trajectories (per emission time step)	1	-	many	many
Space resolution	> 90 m	> 90 m	Even < 5 m	Even < 5 m
Time resolution	Even < 15 min	Even < 1 hour	Even < 1 hour	Even < 15 min
EPA Guidelines*	"Alternative" since 2017 (after almost 10 years of evaluation process)*	Regulatory model EPA Guidelines	Not on any EPA list but "alternative" in the spirit . Included in Model	Not on any EPA list but "alternative" in the spirit . Included in Model
Building downwash	Yes	Yes	Documentation	Documentation
Microscale (building effects)	No	No	System (MDS) Yes	System (MDS) Yes

* It is also important to note that the use of CALPUFF in the near-field as an alternative model for situations involving complex terrain and complex winds is not changed by removal of CALPUFF as a preferred model in appendix A of EPA Guidelines. The EPA recognizes that AERMOD, as a Gaussian plume dispersion model, may be limited in its ability to appropriately address such situations, and that CALPUFF or other Lagrangian model may be more suitable, so we continue to provide the flexibility of alternative model approvals (as has been in place since the 2003 revisions to the Guideline)."



Focusing on Lagrangian Models

The two modeling approaches (Particles vs Puff) are referred to as “Lagrangian”. In this approach, the trajectory of a portion of a pollutant plume is not solved in the observer’s reference system, but in the reference system constrained to the portion of the plume itself.

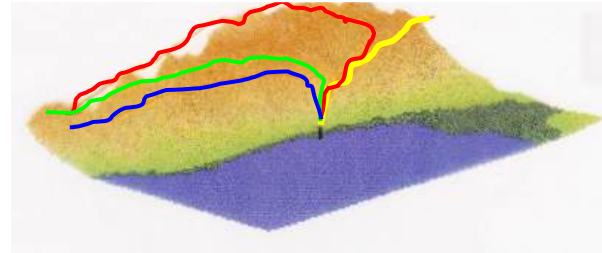
CALPUFF IS A PUFF MODEL : GAUSSIAN FORMULATION (1 TRAJECTORY), VERY FAR FROM THE REAL WORLD

In the case of a **PuM**, the cloud of polluted air expands gradually with time according to the prescribed “expansion rate” and a Gaussian dispersion shape.

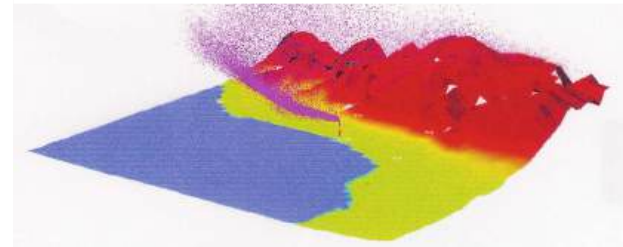
PMSS IS A PARTICLE MODEL : MANY TRAJECTORIES, CONSIDERS THE INHOMOGENEOUS NATURE OF ATMOSPHERIC TURBULENCE IN 3 DIMENSIONS.

In the **LPM** (Lagrangian Particle Model), independent solutions are given instead for a large portion of the points of the plume cross-section, the “particles”.

Trajectorie/Puff (CALPUFF – SCIPUFF)



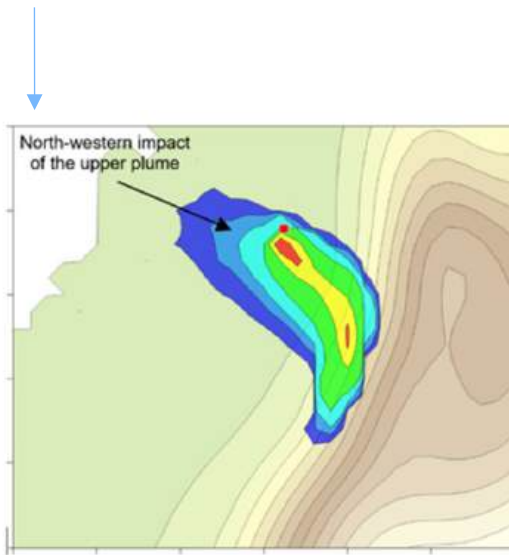
Particles (SPRAY – Flexpart – Lapmod - GRAL)



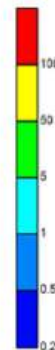
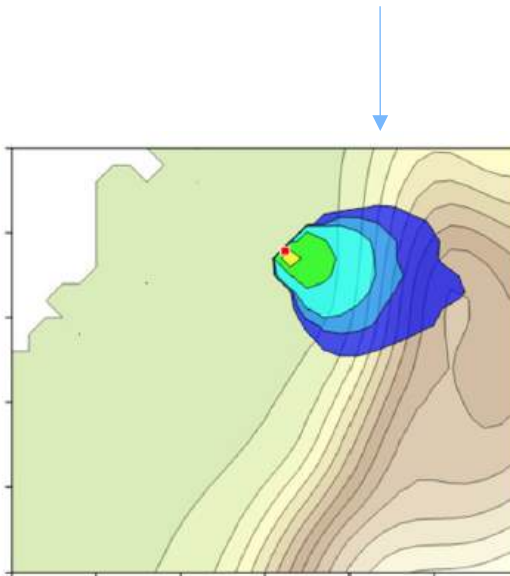


Dispersion in complex terrain for ground sources (odor impact)

PMSS : CORRECT DESCRIPTION OF DISPERSION IN COMPLEX TERRAIN FOR GROUND SOURCES



CALPUFF : INCOHERENT DESCRIPTION OF DISPERSION IN COMPLEX TERRAIN FOR GROUND SOURCES



Nanni, A.; Tinarelli, G.; Solisio, C.; Pozzi, C. **Comparison between Puff and Lagrangian Particle Dispersion Models at a Complex and Coastal Site.** *Atmosphere* **2022**, *13*, 508. <https://doi.org/10.3390/atmos13040508>

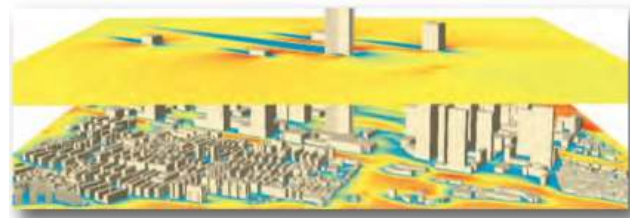
Parallelization

CALPUFF (1 TRAJECTORY) : NO PARALLELIZATION

PMSS : EACH PARTICLE FOLLOWS A PATH. TWO WAYS : BY DOMAIN TILE AND SOURCE GROUP

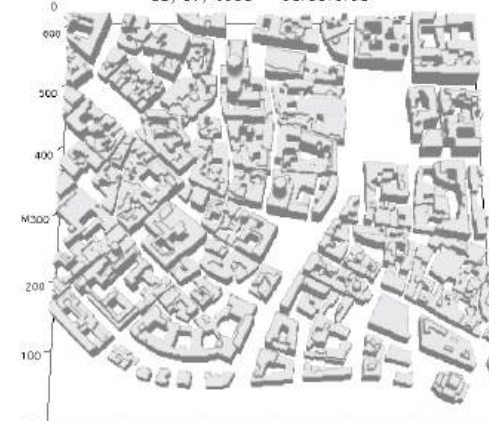
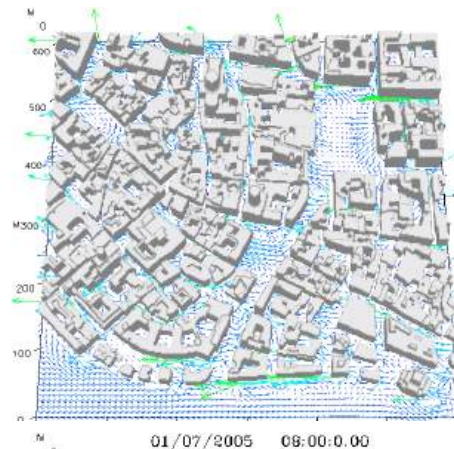
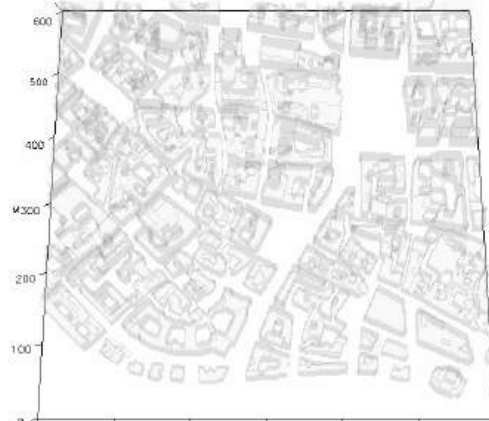
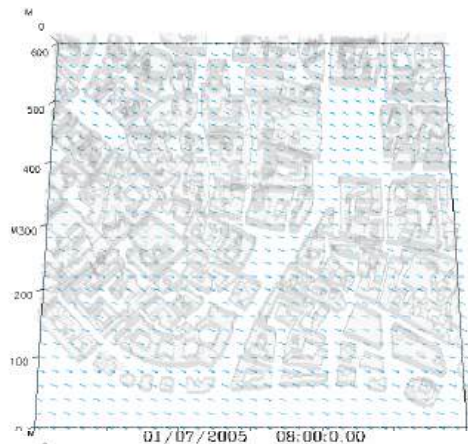
The possibility to parallelize a code allows to push it a very high level and for real time application or massive case study such as a urban domain taking into account street canyons and high resolution.

PMSS CAN REACH VERY HIGH SPATIAL RESOLUTION (< 5 M) AND CONSIDER THE BUILDINGS EFFECT (MICRO SCALE APPLICATIONS), NOT POSSIBLE WITH CALPUFF (RECOMMENDED > 90 M BY EPA).





Why do we need microscale models?

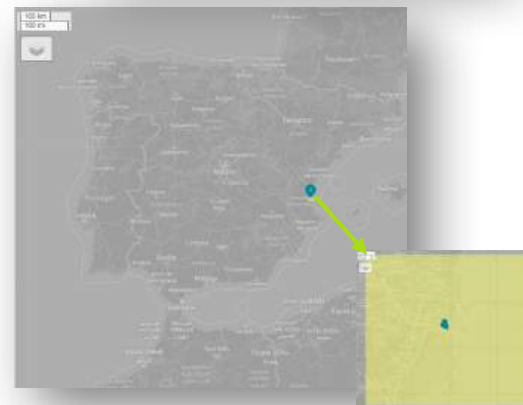




Overview of the study

4 models were intercompared for the real study case of a **WWTP in a city - SE Spain**, taking into account point and area emission sources (**> 40 sources, point and areas**):

- Intercompared Models: **PMSS (LPM), GRAL (LPM), CALPUFF (PuM) and AERMOD (Gaussian)**.
- Domain: 20x20 km, **100 m spatial resolution**.
- **Same data input for all models**: Corine Land Use, SRTM topography, meteorological data from WRF.
- Obstacles and building downwash effects **were not considered**.
- Pollutants emitted: **Odor**
- **One month of meteorological data**: (3 km horizontal resolution / hourly outputs for April 2024).



Results: Time consumption for the exercise

INPUT DATA (PRE-PROCESSING)

Data	Time spent (hours)		
	Calpuff (Lakes UI)	PMSS	GRAL
Topography	0	1	1
Landuse	0	0,5	0,5
Weather	0,5	4	4
Species	0,1	0,5	0,5
Receptors	0,1	0,1	0,1
Emissions	0,25	0,5	0,5
TOTAL (HOURS)	0,95	6,6	6,6

 Best
 Poorest

MODELING

Data	CALPUFF	PMSS	GRAL
Number of processors	1	24	28
Execution time	83h33 min	5h33min	10h43min

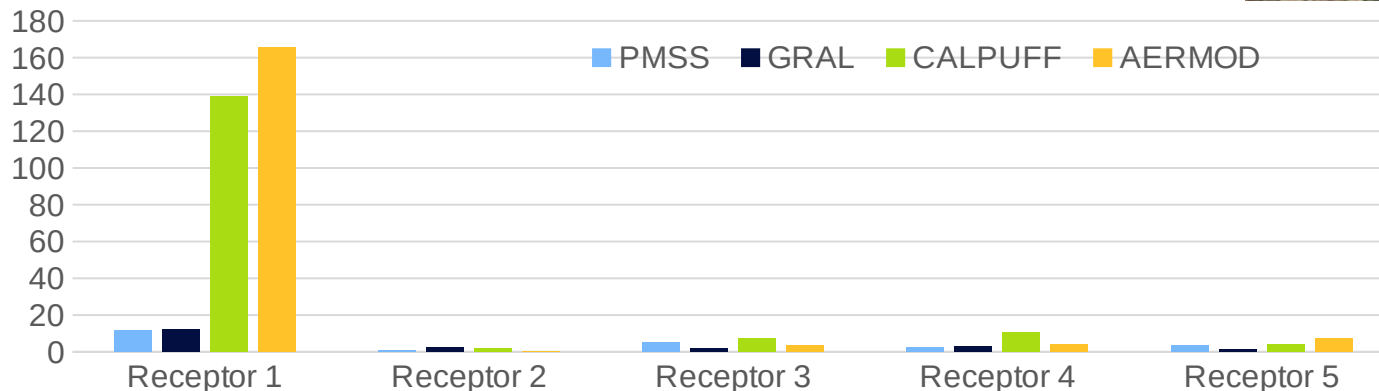
	CALPUFF	PMSS	GRAL
TOTAL	84h28min	13h03min	17h03min



Odour concentration P98 results – Discrete receptors

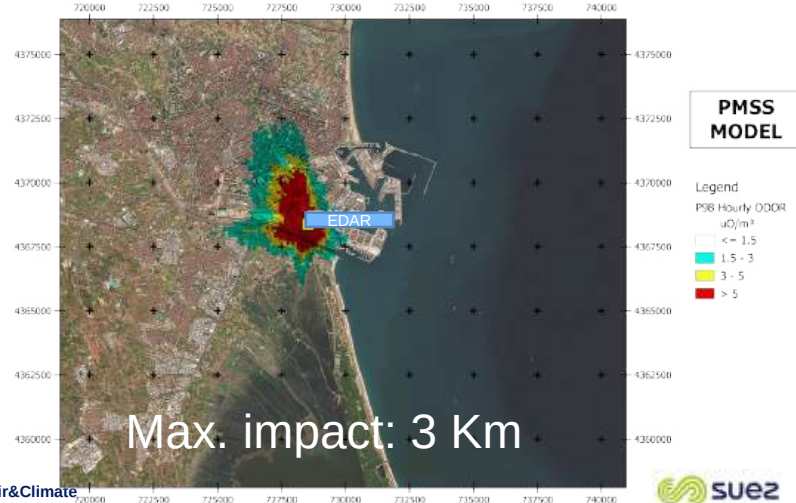
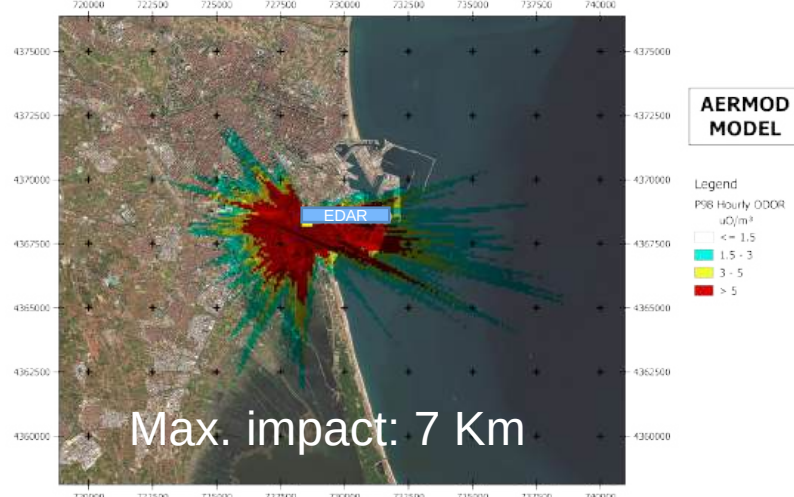
Point	XPOSIT (km)	YPOSIT (km)	Odour concentration ($\mu\text{O}/\text{m}^3$) – P98			
			CALPUFF	PMSS	GRAL	AERMOD
Receptor 1	728.85999	4368.2002	139	12	12	165
Receptor 2	729.70697	4370.33984	2	1	2	0
Receptor 3	727.55103	4369.56006	8	5	2	4
Receptor 4	729.401	4367.16992	11	2	3	4
Receptor 5	727.21899	4367.7002	4	4	1	7

98th Percentile – Discrete receptors





Results



CONCLUSIONS





Conclusiones



Las similitudes en los resultados entre las soluciones gaussianas y **PuM** (AERMOD/CALPUFF) y **LPM** (PMSS/GRAL) demuestran una clara **diferencia entre ambas soluciones.**



Los PuM tiene una interacción limitada con el terreno para fuentes volumétricas: En el caso de una fuente volumétrica fría a nivel del suelo, **los PuM no muestran prácticamente ninguna interacción con el terreno complejo.** Esto puede llevar a **concentraciones calculadas más altas a largas distancias.**



El PuM puede sobrestimar el impacto en el primer obstáculo: En el caso de una fuente puntual alta y caliente, el PuM tiende a exagerar el impacto en el primer obstáculo significativo que encuentra y a descuidar la presencia de obstáculos posteriores igualmente importantes.

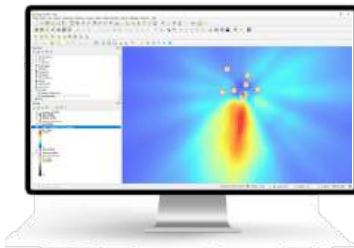


LMP puede considerar los efectos de los edificios (sólo en microescala), determinando de un modo más realista la dispersión.

Se recomienda utilizar modelos de dispersión más avanzados como el LPM al estudiar los impactos atmosféricos a corto y largo plazo de las emisiones de contaminantes del aire fugitivos a nivel del suelo y, en terrenos complejos

PMSS - Industry

- ✓ Regulatory Compliance Air Quality
 - Conducting air quality impact assessments
- ✓ Regulatory Compliance Odors
 - Odour impact studies on air quality. Olfactometry Lab 13725
- ✓ Radiological impact study
 - Estimating environmental concentrations of radionuclides
 - Estimation of effective doses of exposure by irradiation, inhalation and ingestion



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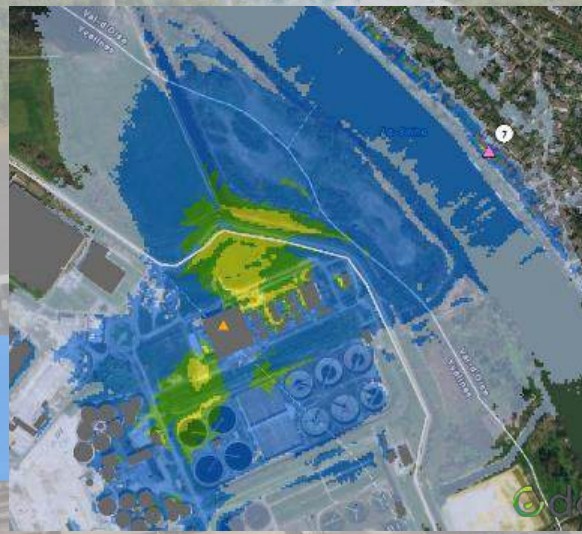


MAPPING

of the impact of the industrial
site on air quality and health



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