User Guide for QC-EMMS Drag Model Program

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1. Brief Introduction

QC-EMMS is a gas-solid drag model that considers the remarkable effects of particle clusters during the heterogeneous flow in CFB (Circulating Fluidized Bed). It was developed based on the Energy Minimization in Multi-Scale (EMMS) theory[1]. The QC-EMMS model has shown good accuracy in CFB simulations under a wide range of flow conditions[2-5].

To further extend the model, we uploaded this program to the open-source platform Github. Welcome worldwide scholars to download and use it !

Link: https://github.com/CFACTtsinghua/QC-EMMS

The input parameters are limited to certain ranges in this **trial version**. Welcome to contact us for using the full version and getting more supports!

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2. Calculation of Drag Correction Factor, H_d

(1) Open “ *QC-EMMS Drag Model (Trial Version).exe* ”.

(2) 8 parameters with limited ranges need inputting into the program:

- Gas viscosity, μ_g (Pa·s)
- Gas density, ρ_g (kg/m^3)
- Particle density, ρ_p (kg/m^3)
- Particle diameter, d_p (μm)
- Minimal fluidization solid volume fraction, $\varepsilon_{s,mf}$ (-)
- Superficial gas velocity, U_g (m/s)
- Solid mass circulation rate, Gs (kg/m^{2}s)
- Bed-averaged solid volume fraction, $\varepsilon_{s,bed}$ (-)

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Parameter input:
Gas viscosity, μg (1.75e-5 ~ 1.85e-5 Pa·s)
1.8e-5
Gas density, ρg (1.2 ~ 1.3 kg/m3)
1.2
Particle density, ρp (2400 ~ 2600 kg/m3)
2500
Particle diameter, dp (280 ~ 320 μm)
300
Minimal fluidization solid volume fraction, εs,mf (0.5 ~ 0.6)
0.5
Superficial gas velocity, Ug (7 ~ 8 m/s)
7.5
Solid mass circulation rate, Gs (130 ~ 170 kg/m2s)
150
Bed-averaged solid volume fraction, εs,bed (0.07 ~ 0.08)
0.07
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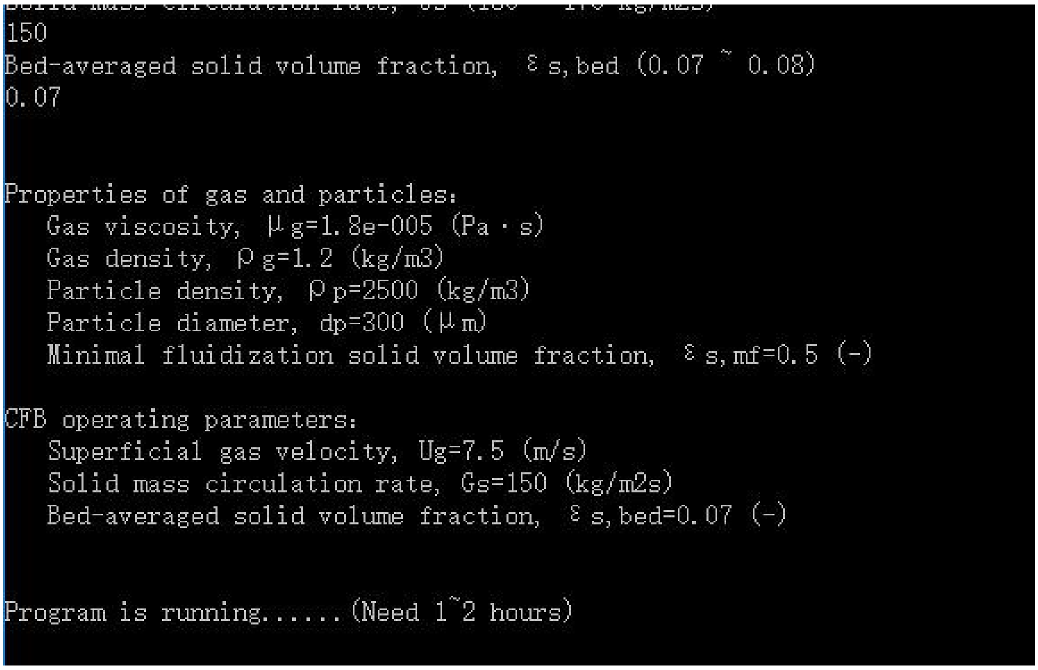
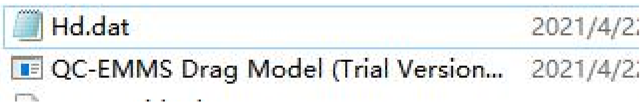
Press “Enter” button to input the next parameter. If some parameters are out of range, please try again.

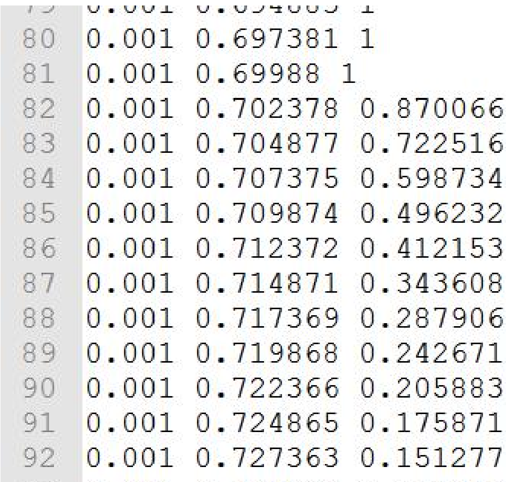
(3) After inputting parameters, it takes 1-2 hours to complete the calculation.



A “*Hd.dat”* data file containing 3 columns and 201201 rows can be created in the same folder with the program:

- First data column: Superficial gas-solid slip velocity, U_{slip} (m/s)
- Second: Local gas volume fraction, ε_g (-)
- Third: Drag correction factor, H_d (-)





The drag correction factor, H_d, is the ratio of the drag function, β, calculated by QC-EMMS model to the β from Wen-Yu model:

$$H_d = \frac{\beta_{QC-EMMS}}{\beta_{WY}} \tag{1}$$

$$\beta_{WY} = \frac{3}{4} C_{D0} \frac{\varepsilon_s \varepsilon_g \rho_g \left| \vec{u}_g - \vec{u}_s \right|}{d_p} \varepsilon_g^{-2.65}, \quad C_{D0} = \begin{cases} \frac{24\left(1+0.15\,\mathrm{Re}^{0.687}\right)}{\mathrm{Re}}, & \mathrm{Re} < 1000 \\ 0.44, & \mathrm{Re} \geq 1000 \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

3. Coupling of QC-EMMS with CFD Platform

Here we provide the coupling method of QC-EMMS model with Fluent®.

(1) Put "*Hd.dat*" and the User Defined Function code "*drag_qc_emms.c*" into the same folder with the Fluent® case.

(2) Compile and load the "*drag_qc_emms.c*"：Define→User-Defined→Functions→Compiled→Add "*drag_qc_emms.c*"→Build→Load

(3) Drag modification: Phase Interaction→Drag→Wen-Yu→Select "Drag Modification"→Set "Drag Factor" to user-defined→qc_emms_drag

(4) Set a User Defined Memory: Define→User-Defined→Memory→Set "Number of User-Defined Memory Locations" to 1.