

A mixed Boltzmann–BGK model for inert gas mixtures

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Motivation

We aim at preserving wherever possible the detailed description of interactions provided by Boltzmann operators, and at the same time we would like an analytically and numerically manageable kinetic model for gas mixtures

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We consider an inert mixture of N species ($s = 1, \dots, N$)

Boltzmann equations

$$\frac{\partial f_s}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_s = \sum_{r=1}^N Q_{sr}(f_s, f_r)$$

with
$$Q_{sr}(f_s, f_r) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} g_{sr}(|\mathbf{y}|, \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}) \left[f_s(\mathbf{v}') f_r(\mathbf{v}'_*) - f_s(\mathbf{v}) f_r(\mathbf{v}_*) \right] d\mathbf{v}_* d\boldsymbol{\omega}$$

- \mathbf{v}' , \mathbf{v}'_* are post-collision velocities
- $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_*$ is the relative velocity
- Cross sections $g_{sr}(|\mathbf{y}|, \mu)$, $\mu \in [-1, 1]$ depend on reduced masses and on the intermolecular potential

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\Rightarrow $5 N^2$ free parameters $\{\nu_{sr}, \mathbf{u}_{sr}, T_{sr}; s, r = 1, \dots, N\}$ to be combined with only $(N+4)$ conservation laws

[For this reason many consistent BGK models are available for gas mixtures]

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$$\nu_{sr} n_s (\mathbf{u}_{sr} - \mathbf{u}_s) = \langle Q_{sr}, \mathbf{v} \rangle, \quad \nu_{sr} n_s \left(3 \frac{T_{sr} - T_s}{m_s} + |\mathbf{u}_{sr}|^2 - |\mathbf{u}_s|^2 \right) = \langle Q_{sr}, |\mathbf{v}|^2 \rangle$$

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\Rightarrow We get explicit expressions for the exchange rates of the bi-species Boltzmann integrals even for general interaction potentials

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The effects of the intermolecular potentials are included in coefficients λ_{sr} , and possibly in collision frequencies ν_{sr} (free parameters)

Theorem

The BBGSP model preserves *positivity* of solutions f_s and of corresponding temperatures T_s , $s = 1, \dots, N$, provided that collision frequencies satisfy the conditions

$$\nu_{sr} \geq \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{sr} n_r$$

The BGK model satisfies all the *main properties* of Boltzmann equations:

- conservation laws (for mass, momentum and energy);
- H-theorem;
- uniqueness of equilibrium solution $f_s^{\text{eq}} = n_s M \left(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{u}, \frac{T}{m_s} \right)$

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Hydrodynamic limits

The structure of BBGSP model allows to investigate its hydrodynamic limit not only in the classical collision dominated regime:

$$\frac{\partial f_s}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_s = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \sum_{r=1}^N \nu_{sr} (n_s \mathcal{M}_{sr} - f_s)$$

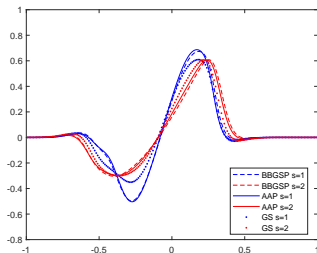
but also in situations where only intra-species collisions are dominant

⇒ In both regimes, Navier–Stokes equations have been derived owing to a Chapman–Enskog asymptotic procedure

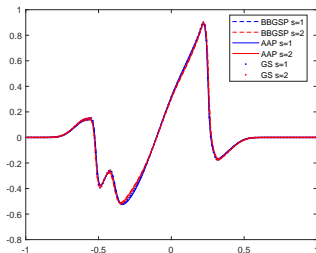
Numerical comparison with other BGK models

(Cho, Boscarino, Groppi, Russo, KRM 2021)

Numerical approximation: **conservative semi-Lagrangian methods** with high order Diagonally Implicit Runge Kutta or Backward Difference Formula methods for time discretization (asymptotic preserving (AP) schemes)



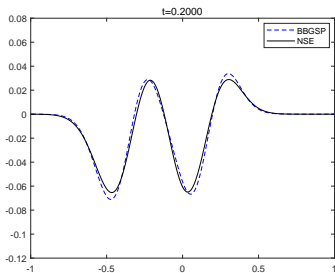
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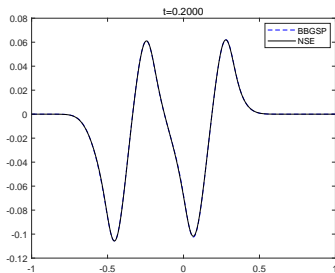
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Figure: Comparison of species velocities u_s from three BGK models: Andries, Aoki, Perthame 2002 (solid line), Bisi, Groppi, Spiga 2010 ('· · ·'), BBGSP ('- - -')

Comparison between BBGSP model and Navier–Stokes equations



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Figure: Comparison of global velocity u from BBGSP and NS equations

- **Boltzmann model**

- integro-differential Boltzmann equations for distribution functions
- collision operators as sum of binary terms
- detailed description of the interactions between any pair of components
- high computational cost for integral operators

- **BGK models**

- simpler linear relaxation operators
- more manageable numerics and hydrodynamic limits
- not unique model for mixtures
- no detail at microscopic level

- **Aim of the mixed model:**

to combine the positive features of the two descriptions

General form of the Boltzmann–BGK model

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we observe that

- $m_s \mathbf{v}$ and $m_s |\mathbf{v}|^2$ are collision invariants for single-species Boltzmann operators;
- it holds

$$\langle \tilde{Q}_{sr}, \begin{pmatrix} m_s \mathbf{v} \\ m_s |\mathbf{v}|^2 \end{pmatrix} \rangle = - \langle \tilde{Q}_{rs}, \begin{pmatrix} m_r \mathbf{v} \\ m_r |\mathbf{v}|^2 \end{pmatrix} \rangle$$

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Future works

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