

Turbulent Flow and Transport

7 Buoyant Plumes, Thermals, etc.

- 7.1 Jets, plumes, forced plumes, thermals, etc. Stable and unstable atmospheres.
- 7.2 The Boussinesq approximation and the conditions for its applicability.
- 7.3 Integral equations for a steady, vertical plume or jet in a still ambient fluid. The entrainment approximation. The effect of the ambient atmosphere on thermal plumes and the physical significance of the atmospheric stratifications parameter S .
The "top-hat" model and its relationship to Gaussian distribution parameters. The boundary conditions at $x=0$. Non-thermal buoyancy (e.g. bubbles in water).
- 7.4 Example: far-field solution for a non-buoyant jet ($S=0$, $F_o \approx 0$, $Q_o \approx 0$, $J_o > 0$). Comparison with experiment.
- 7.5 Far-field solution for a thermal plume in a neutrally stable atmosphere ($S=0$, $F_o > 0$, $Q_o \approx 0$, $J_o \approx 0$). Comparison with experiment.
- 7.6 Far-field solution for a thermal plume in a stably stratified atmosphere ($S > 0$, $F_o > 0$, $Q_o \approx 0$, $J_o \approx 0$). Comparison with Experiment.
- 7.7 Transient thermals rising in a still atmosphere: integral equations and solutions.
- 7.8 Plumes in a crosswind.

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