# A Mixture-Fraction–Based Hybrid Binomial Langevin–Multiple Mapping Conditioning Model

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# Abstract

Generalized Multiple Mapping Conditioning (MMC) allows for the use of any physical quantity to represent the required reference variable provided that it delivers the desired behavior. The binomial Langevin model (BLM) has been shown to predict higher statistical moments with good accuracy. However, joint–scalar modeling for many scalars becomes problematic because scalar bounds must be specified as conditional on other scalars to preserve elemental balances. The resulting volumes in state space become exceptionally complex for realistic problem sizes. In the current work, this central difficulty is avoided by using only velocity and mixture fraction statistics from the BLM with the latter used as the MMC reference variable. The principal advantage of this method is that the implementation of the binomial Langevin mixture fraction is relatively straightforward and provides a direct physical link to MMC. The MMC model is closed using an augmented modified Curl's model where the selection of particle pairs for (turbulent)

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mixing ensures proximity in reference space and a corresponding closeness in physical space. The method is evaluated for a lifted methane jet flame undergoing auto-ignition in a vitiated coflow. Most of the major features of the flow are well reproduced and found to generally outperform other modeling approaches, including Large Eddy Simulations using simplified treatments of turbulence–chemistry interactions such as unsteady flamelet/progress variable descriptions.

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## 1 1. Introduction

The desire to combine improved combustion efficiency with lower emis-2 sions has led to an increased interest in combustion systems that operate near 3 stability limits. Finite-rate chemistry effects (such as extinction/reignition) 4 become important under such conditions and the formulation of calculation 5 methods capable of reproducing such phenomena has received substantial 6 interest [1, 2, 3, 4]. Time-scales covering several orders of magnitude become important [5] with turbulence typically interacting strongly with chemical 8 kinetics. Simple models cannot capture such phenomena and transported 9 probability density function (PDF) based models are typically required [6, 7]. 10 Predictions are more sensitive to various model components—including the 11 closure for molecular mixing [8]—in such situations. 12

The hybrid binomial Langevin–Multiple Mapping Conditioning (MMC) 13 model [9, 10] aims to combine some of the benefits of the binomial Langevin 14 model (BLM) [11], such as predictions of higher statistical moments, with the 15 benefits of the MMC approach [12], while overcoming at least some of the 16 deficiencies associated with each individual model component. Previously, 17 the hybrid model utilized a velocity component for mapping the MMC mix-18 ture fraction. The current work replaces the velocity with a mixture fraction 19 to provide a more physical basis for general flames. 20

One of the difficulties with BLM is joint-scalar modeling because the bounds for all scalars must be specified as conditional on all other scalars to conserve elemental balances. A formulation of the joint velocity-scalar PDF that includes the joint statistics of a mixture fraction and a reaction progress variable has been developed [13]. The formulation provides detailed statistics of velocity-scalar interactions, predicting higher moments with encouraging
accuracy. The current hybrid model seeks to retain this ability while averting
the central difficulty of evolving (variable) scalar bounds.

In the MMC framework, a mathematical reference space is utilized that 29 has sufficient dimensions in scalar space to describe the manifold on which 30 compositions may lie [14]. This is founded on the principles of ordinary 31 and doubly-conditioned Conditional Moment Closures (CMC) [15] applied 32 in previous studies [16, 17, 18]. The probabilistic approach [19] (similar to 33 second-order CMC) provides an alternative [20], has been implemented in a 34 variety of ways [21, 22, 23], and forms the basis for the MMC component of 35 the current hybrid model. 36

Surrogate reference variables have been developed for MMC to avoid dif-37 ficulties in specifying model coefficients: some quantity (preferably already 38 solved as part of the calculation procedure) is used as the reference variable. 39 This is fundamental to the application of generalized MMC [24, 25, 26]. The 40 transformation of such a quantity into a reference variable has been utilized in 41 sparse Lagrangian Large Eddy Simulations (LES) by using the LES-resolved 42 filtered mixture fraction field [24, 27, 28]. In the current hybrid approach, the 43 mixture fraction obtained from BLM is used as the reference variable. The 44 scalar mixing in the MMC component of the hybrid model is then controlled 45 by specifying the fraction of particles which are to be mixed. The model 46 is evaluated by simulating a fuel jet undergoing auto-ignition in a vitiated 47 coflow [29]. 48

# 49 2. Theory

## 50 2.1. Binomial Langevin model

<sup>51</sup> Hülek and Lindstedt [13] developed a generalized form of BLM [11] for <sup>52</sup> the joint-PDF of velocity and multiple scalars. The velocity transport model <sup>53</sup> (including the turbulent dissipation  $\varepsilon$ , the return-to-isotropy of the Reynolds <sup>54</sup> stresses and the dispersion in velocity space) for a stochastic particle p is:

$$du_i^{*p} = \frac{1}{\tau_u} \left( \alpha_1 \delta_{ij} + \alpha_2 \beta_{ij} \right) \left( u_j^{*p} - \langle u_j \rangle \right) dt + \left( C_0 \langle \varepsilon \rangle \right)^{1/2} dw_i$$
(1)

where superscript '\*' represents a stochastic trajectory, k is the turbulent kinetic energy, the velocity time-scale is  $\tau_u = \langle k \rangle / \langle \varepsilon \rangle$ ,  $dw_i$  is an isotropic Wiener process and the Reynolds stress anisotropy tensor is

$$\beta_{ij} = \frac{\langle u'_i u'_j \rangle}{\langle u'_k u'_k \rangle} - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} \,. \tag{2}$$

The modeling coefficients are  $C_0 = 2.1$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 3.7$  and  $\alpha_1 = -\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}C_0\right) - \alpha_2\beta_{ll}^2$ . The modeled stochastic differential equation for any scalar  $\eta$  is

$$d\eta^{*p} = \frac{G_{\eta}}{2\tau_{\eta}} \left(\eta^{*p} - \langle \eta \rangle\right) dt + \left(B_{\eta} \langle \varepsilon_{\eta} \rangle\right)^{1/2} dw_{\text{bin}}$$
(3)

where the drift  $(G_{\eta})$  and diffusion  $(B_{\eta})$  coefficients are defined elsewhere [11, 13],  $dw_{\text{bin}}$  is a binomial Wiener process [11] and the mean scalar dissipation is modeled as  $\langle \varepsilon_{\eta} \rangle \equiv \langle \eta'^2 \rangle / \tau_{\eta}$ , with the scalar timescale modeled using the timescale ratio  $C_{\phi}$ :

$$\tau_{\eta} = \tau_u / C_{\phi} \,. \tag{4}$$

<sup>64</sup> Many of the physical processes that occur are simulated well by the <sup>65</sup> model [13]. However, the presence of conditional scalar limits in  $G_{\eta}$  and  $B_{\eta}$  for reacting scalars cause difficulties due to evolving scalar bounds. This issue has been addressed for a two-scalar formulation by ensuring transport along a scalar boundary for limiting cases [13]. Generally, a much larger number of scalars (e.g. 48 species in the current case) must be considered, resulting in very complex volumes in composition space. However, if the implementation is restricted to the mixture fraction alone (where the bounds are simple), then no difficulties arise.

73 2.2. MMC model

The current work utilizes Generalized MMC [26], so does not solve the standard transport equation for the reference variable  $(\xi^{*p})$  [12], because the mixture fraction solved by the binomial Langevin model is defined to be the reference variable:

$$\xi^{*p} = \eta^{*p} \,. \tag{5}$$

Instead, the transport of the reference variable is solved by Eq. (3). The same particle contains information from both the BLM and MMC, so  $\eta$  directly maps to the MMC mixture fraction Z. The major benefits of this approach are that the reference variable does not merely map, but actually models the behavior of the mixture fraction; and the inhomogeneous drift term, which is challenging to model, does not need to be determined.

Equation (5) is the principal difference with the previous hybrid binomial Langevin–MMC model [9, 10]; previously the velocity from Eq. (1) was used to define  $\xi$  in Eq. (5). Because  $\eta$  was used in the earlier work to control the amount of mixing, another model for the mixing needs to be implemented, which will be discussed later. In the MMC framework,  $n_s$  reactive scalars are solved with  $n_s - 1$  species mass fractions  $(Y_I)$  combined with the specific enthalpy h. The stochastic form of the transport equations is [12]:

$$dZ^{*p} = Sdt (6)$$

$$dY_I^{*p} = (S+W_I)dt \tag{7}$$

$$d\mathbf{x}^{*p} = \mathbf{U}dt.$$
 (8)

Here, S is the mixing model,  $W_I$  the chemical source term,  $dw_l$  a Wiener process and  $\mathbf{U} \equiv \langle \mathbf{v} | \boldsymbol{\xi} \rangle$  the conditional velocity, with  $\mathbf{v}$  the physical velocity. To ensure compatibility with the joint-PDF of mixture fraction and velocity for BLM, the BLM velocity obtained from Eq. (1) is used in Eq. (8) for the current hybrid model:

$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{u} \,. \tag{9}$$

# $_{97}$ The conventional model for the diffusion coefficient B was used

$$B = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_{\eta} \rangle}{2} \left\langle \left( \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 \right\rangle^{-1} , \qquad (10)$$

with the derivative obtained by subdividing the reference space and performing least-squares curve fits in each section [30].

The Modified Curl's (MC) model [31, 32] was applied for the mixing term (S). What distinguishes MMC from MC is that pairs of particles are not randomly paired, which could cause interaction across a diffusion layer (which would only happen in extremely high turbulence). Instead pairs of particles are selected to be close in reference space, modeling the behavior that particles are physically close together (at a subgrid scale) because the mapping process requires the reference variable to change across a diffusion layer in <sup>107</sup> a similar way to the mixture fraction. Particles are considered available for
<sup>108</sup> pairing according to [10, 30]

$$|\Delta\xi^{*pq}| \le (2B\Delta t)^{1/2} \tag{11}$$

where  $\Delta \xi^{*pq} = \xi^{*q} - \xi^{*p}$ . This mimics the effect of the diffusive term of a 109 stochastic differential equation [i.e. the last term of Eq. (1) or Eq. (3)], where 110 the average distance particles diffuse is  $(2B\Delta t)^{1/2}$  and the particles interact 111 at the new location. To reduce the chances of Eq. (11) being violated, p 112 is selected so that  $|\xi^{*p}|$  is in descending order. If no q can be found to 113 satisfy Eq. (11), then q is selected to minimize  $|\Delta\xi^{*pq}|$  and any violation will 114 occur for outliers, which are in the low-probability region. In common with 115 all other PDF-based approaches where particles mix by sharing information 116 with a small number of particles (usually one other), if  $\Delta t$  is too small or the 117 number of particles is insufficient (i.e. if  $n_p \Delta t \to 0$ , where  $n_p$  is the number 118 of particles in a physical cell), then the model fails  $(\langle Z'^2 \rangle$  does not decay in 119 the mixing substep). 120

Particles are paired with a nearby particle, not the neighboring parti-121 cle. The reason for this is that smaller values of  $n_p \Delta t$  are possible without 122 changing the result. Those MMC methods which pair neighboring particles, 123 e.g. [33, 21], rely on sufficiently-high values of  $n_p \Delta t$  to reorder the particles 124 so particles do not uniquely pair with the same particle repeatedly. Such 125 behavior is also observed in the stranding behavior of EMST if it is imple-126 mented without the aging function, which causes many of the particles to be 127 unavailable for interactions. Arguably, the low  $n_p\Delta t$  limit of MMC behaves 128 worse than EMST in terms of stranding: MMC is restricted to isolated pairs 129 of particles, whereas in EMST interactions can occur between multiple par-130

ticles. The method used here and in related work [9, 10, 20, 30] guarantees dissipation in the mixing process for smaller values of  $n_p\Delta t$  than methods that pair neighboring particles. Because the distance between particles in reference space is consequentially greater for individual particles than if they were neighboring, the amount of dissipation per mixing interaction and the number of paired particles must also be different.

To close the model for S, the MC model [31, 32] was used. The process of 137 choosing the degree of mixing differs from the previous model because  $\eta$  is not 138 available for controlling this process. For those particles selected for mixing, 139 the amount of mixing was 50% [30] of that specified in the original Curl's 140 model. The number of particles selected for mixing remains an unclosed 141 parameter. In the current work, 6% of particles at any physical location 142 were mixed per time step; on average, this amounted to 24 particles. It is 143 likely that this value of 6% is not general and future work will focus on a 144 general approach to selecting the number of particles to mix. 145

The method of mixing follows the same procedure as standard MC. 146 Firstly, the method for choosing pairs must be decided. In MC, particles are 147 randomly chosen from the available set of particles (normally those within a 148 computational cell, so the particles are moderately close in physical space). 149 In the current method, the pair for a particle is chosen at random from 150 the subset of particles within the computational cell that are also close in 151 reference space. Secondly, the distribution of the mixing amount must be 152 chosen. A uniform distribution is common for MC (the amount of mixing 153 is a uniformly-distributed random variable between no mixing and complete 154 mixing). The current method specifies a single value that provides the same 155

<sup>156</sup> mean amount of mixing [30]; modifying this to a random value affects the <sup>157</sup> conditional means [30]. Finally, the fraction of particles to be mixed must <sup>158</sup> be determined. In MC, this is governed by the distribution of the mixing <sup>159</sup> amount and the rate of decay of scalar variance. A fixed value is used here <sup>160</sup> for simplicity, but this can be replaced to allow variations.

#### <sup>161</sup> 3. Results

## <sup>162</sup> 3.1. Simulated experiment

The experiment [29] studied here is a methane-air jet  $(CH_4 33\% v.v.)$  with 163 a velocity of 100 m/s and pipe diameter of 4.57 mm (jet Re = 28,000). The 164 coflow was air vitiated with H<sub>2</sub> (lean:  $\Phi = 0.40$ ) and burned prior to being 165 released as coflow at 5.4 m/s and 1350 K. The typical behavior of this setup 166 is a lifted flame where the liftoff height is very sensitive to the inflow speeds 167 and temperature. This case is challenging for models because predicting the 168 liftoff behavior accurately requires suitable treatment of extinction/reignition 169 behavior. 170

The model was implemented into a parabolic code used successfully in 171 a previous study of the current vitiated flow [34]. In each simulation, there 172 were 80 cells in the radial direction, with the width of the domain increasing 173 as the entrained region grew. There was also variable spacing in the axial 174 direction, with  $\Delta z/d = 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  initially, linearly increasing to  $\Delta z/d = 0.05$ 175 at z/d = 10, then subsequently linearly increasing up to  $\Delta z/d = 0.11$  in the 176 range 30 < z/d < 60. On average, 400 particles were used in each cell, with 177 an ensemble of 10 simulations. Direct integration of the chemistry was used 178 in order to eliminate interpolation errors. The reduced chemical mechanism 179

comprises 48 species (28 in steady-state) and 300 reactions [7].

#### 181 3.2. Mean statistics

The mean statistics were averaged over a spatial resolution of  $\Delta z/d = 0.5$ , 182 with no spatial averaging in the radial direction, then averaged over the 183 ensemble. The ensemble standard deviation is computed from the Favre 184 mean from each of the 10 simulations in the ensemble. The centerline mean 185 mixture fraction (Fig. 1) and temperature (Fig. 2) show good agreement 186 for most of the domain, generally reproducing the behavior near the outlet 187 and the axial stabilization point of the lifted flame. From the small ensemble 188 standard deviation in all the results, 400 particles/cell appears to be sufficient 189 to resolve the flow. The centerline rms mixture fraction (Fig. 3) tends to be 190 under-predicted downstream, which is likely due to excessive mixing in this 191 region, but the location and magnitude of the maximum is reproduced. The 192 temperature rms (Fig. 4) is well reproduced for z/d < 70, which accounts 193 for most of the important features of the flow. The temperature rms is 194 predicted significantly better than other models [29]. The species centerline 195 distributions are all generally well predicted, with the  $O_2$ , OH and CO profiles 196 shown in Fig. 5. Further species are included in the Supplemental Material. 197 The radial profiles of mean mixture fraction (Fig. 6) and mean tempera-198 ture (Fig. 7) generally agree with the experimental data. The radial locations 199 of the local maxima in the temperature around the base of the lifted flame 200  $(40 \le z/d \le 50)$  are predicted well, as is the edge of the coflow. Like the cen-201 terline results, the standard deviations tend to be modestly underpredicted. 202 Most results presented so far are similar to those obtained using the MC 203 model [34]. The exception is the centerline temperature rms, where the au-204



Figure 1: Centerline Favre-average mixture fraction. Hybrid model: ensemble mean, —; ensemble std either side of ensemble mean, -. Experiment [29],  $\circ$ .



Figure 2: Centerline Favre-average temperature. As per Fig. 1.

thors have not found a RANS simulation that can correctly predict the locations of both the rise at  $z/d \simeq 40$  and the decrease at  $z/d \simeq 60$ . Of the LES simulations that report the temperature rms, some cannot simultaneously predict both these locations [35, 36]. Others that do predict the centerline temperature rms cannot predict a local maxima in the radial profile of mean



Figure 3: Centerline rms mixture fraction. As per Fig. 1.



Figure 4: Centerline rms temperature. As per Fig. 1.



Figure 5: Centerline Favre-average mass fractions. (a)  $O_2$ ; (b) OH; (c) CO. As per Fig. 1.

210 temperature at z/d = 40 [37, 38].

## 211 3.3. Conditional statistics

To properly understand the conditional statistics, the mixture fraction PDF is reported in Fig. 8. The general shape of the experiment is reproduced; the  $\delta$ -function at f = 0 shows that the coflow is resolved throughout the domain; while the maximum mixture fraction decays with distance



Figure 6: Radial mixture fraction at different axial locations. Hybrid model: mean, —; rms, – –. Experiment [29]: mean, •; rms, □.

<sup>216</sup> downstream somewhat faster than the experiment, which causes the slight<sup>217</sup> underprediction of the standard deviation.

The scatter plots of temperature with respect to mixture fraction (Fig. 9) show that there is broad agreement with the experimental data. The results presented here are qualitatively similar to the corresponding MC results [34]. The major difference is that by localizing the mixing, the particles tend to be richer for the same temperature, in closer agreement with experiment.



Figure 7: Radial temperature at different axial locations. As per Fig. 6.

Comparing to other computational results [29], for  $z/d \leq 40$  there are frozen particles across most of the range of mixture fraction, in line with the experiments. At z/d = 30, no particles are close to equilibrium, unlike other studies. There is notable divergence between experimental data and all previous studies at z/d = 40. The current results and past MC results [29, 34] appear similar at z/d = 50 and reproduce the band of particles at stoichiometric-to-rich mixture fractions which span the frozen and equi-



Figure 8: Mixture fraction PDFs. Hybrid model, -; experiment [29], -. z/d = 30, -; 40, -; 50, -; 70, -.

librium limits. However, unlike the MC results [29, 34], local extinction is limited at z/d = 70, resulting in better agreement with the experimental data.

Conditional averaging of these results (Fig. 10) shows that the current 233 approach predicts the near-frozen nature of the flow at z/d = 30, while 234 repeating the MC model behaviour [29] of the conditional mean being the 235 equilibrium temperature for a large portion of the lean part of the domain 236 further downstream. The lean portion (the stoichiometric mixture fraction 237 is 0.177 [29]) is predicted well by the current model, while other studies over-238 predict the temperature in this region [29]. Following this trend, the current 239 results under-predict the conditional temperature for the rich region (partic-240 ularly at z/d = 50 in contrast to other studies [29]. The behavior of MMC 241 in the rich region can be attributed to the lower centerline mixture fraction 242 rms. Ironically, the latter creates a good prediction at z/d = 70, where 243 the MMC results slightly over-predict the experiment for the entire range of 244 mixture fractions. Conditional statistics for some species are included in the 245 Supplemental Material and tend to mirror the predictions of temperature. 246



Figure 9: Scatter plots of temperature versus mixture fraction for the hybrid model (left) and experiment [29] (right). There are 2500 randomly-selected data points shown for each axial location. Equilibrium (upper) and frozen (lower) limits, and stoichiometric mixture fraction (vertical line): —.

# 247 3.4. Flame liftoff height

The flame liftoff height was calculated by averaging the axial locations where the mole fraction of  $C_2H_4$  reached 100 ppm and  $C_2H_2$  reached 2 ppm [29]. For the base conditions, the liftoff height was found to be H/D = 42, somewhat larger than the experimental value of 35 [29]. Similar to previous results [29], there is little sensitivity to coflow velocity (Fig. 11), although the



Figure 10: Temperature conditioned on mixture fraction. Hybrid model: z/d = 30, -;40, -  $\cdot$ ; 50, - -; 70,  $\cdots$ . Experiment [29]:  $z/d = 30, \diamond$ ; 40,  $\circ$ ; 50,  $\triangle$ ; 70,  $\Box$ . Equilibrium (upper) and frozen (lower) limits: -.



Figure 11: Liftoff height as function of jet velocity. Coflow velocity: 4.2 m/s,  $\diamondsuit$ ; 5.3 m/s,  $\Box$ ; 6.5 m/s,  $\circ$ . Hybrid model: open symbols with linear curve-fit of all results, -. Experiment [29]: closed symbols with linear curve-fit of each coflow velocity, —.

<sup>253</sup> current results predict a much larger liftoff height. The general trend of a <sup>254</sup> monotonic decrease in liftoff height with increasing coflow temperature is <sup>255</sup> reproduced (Fig. 12), with a lower sensitivity of liftoff height to coflow tem-<sup>256</sup> perature, consistent with the MC model results using the same code [34]. <sup>257</sup> The insensitivity to coflow conditions could be caused by the mixing model <sup>258</sup> and future improvements may contribute to a greater sensitivity to coflow <sup>259</sup> conditions.



Figure 12: Liftoff height as function of coflow temperature. Hybrid model, +. Experiment [29],  $\circ$ .

# 260 4. Conclusions

A modified version of the hybrid binomial Langevin–Multiple Mapping 261 Conditioning model has been proposed with the reference variable modeled 262 by the mixture fraction from BLM. This approach promises to improve upon 263 the applicability of the previous formulation [9, 10], while resulting in a 264 simpler implementation. The development of a universal methodology that 265 imposes a physical condition on the fraction of particles to be mixed remains 266 desirable. However, it appears that the current augmented MC model, which 267 imposes local mixing of particles in reference space, removes the tendency of 268 the standard MC model to over-predict local extinction. The model was 269 evaluated for a lifted jet flame [29], with the results generally comparing 270 favorably with experimental data and previous modeling efforts. 271

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#### **336 Figure Captions**

Figure 1: Centerline Favre-average mixture fraction. Hybrid model: ensemble mean, —; ensemble std either side of ensemble mean, – –. Experiment [29], o.

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Figure S7: Rms of conditional temperature. Hybrid model: z/d = 30, --;  $40, -\cdot; 50, --; 70, \cdots$ . Experiment [29]:  $z/d = 30, \diamondsuit; 40, \circ; 50, \bigtriangleup; 70, \Box$ . Figure S8: Scatter plots of O<sub>2</sub> mass fraction versus mixture fraction

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Figure S9: O<sub>2</sub> mass fraction conditioned on mixture fraction. Hybrid model:  $z/d = 30, -; 40, -; 50, -; 70, \cdots$ . Experiment [29]:  $z/d = 30, \diamondsuit$ ; 40,  $\circ$ ; 50,  $\bigtriangleup$ ; 70,  $\Box$ . Equilibrium (lower) and frozen (upper) limits: —.

Figure S10: Rms of conditional O<sub>2</sub> mass fraction. Hybrid model: z/d =394 30, —; 40, - ·; 50, - -; 70, · · · . Experiment [29]:  $z/d = 30, \diamondsuit;$  40,  $\circ;$  50,  $\triangle;$ 395 70,  $\Box$ .

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Figure S13: Rms of conditional OH mass fraction. Hybrid model:  $z/d = 30, -; 40, -; 50, -; 70, \cdots$ . Experiment [29]:  $z/d = 30, \diamondsuit; 40, \circ; 50, \triangle; 405 70, \Box$ .