

Interactive comment on “Numerical modelling of flow and transport in Bari industrial area by means of rough walled parallel plate and random walk models” by Claudia Cherubini et al.

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The manuscript is well structured and presents very strong ties to prior work. The modeling methods are generally well explained and well suited to the case study presented. There are a few places within the manuscript where further clarity would help the authors' message.

1. Line 98-99 "...each time applying v based on one of the three 'equivalent apertures'": I think the authors are referring to v as velocity, however, introducing variables in the introduction could lead to confusion.

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2. Line 399: n_f is not yet defined here.

3. Line 457 "Where $\alpha_L(L)$ and $\alpha_T(L)$ are the longitudinal and transverse dispersion coefficients respectively.": These are the dispersivities, not the dispersion coefficients.

4. Line 459: "The solute plume is discretized into a finite number of particles.": How many?

5. Line 465: Z_1 and Z_2 are not defined. Also, Z_1 and Z_2 for the x and y jumps should be different from each other.

6. Line 468-470 "For steady-state flow and for a source constant intensity, the assumption that the particles N released in time interval $(t_1, t_1 + \Delta t)$ follow exactly the same random trajectories of the particles N released during the previous interval $(t_1 - \Delta t, t_1)$ is possible.": Why is this true? Please add a reference to back this claim up. Since your random walk method should be drawing new random numbers every step for every particle, it seems that this should not be true.

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