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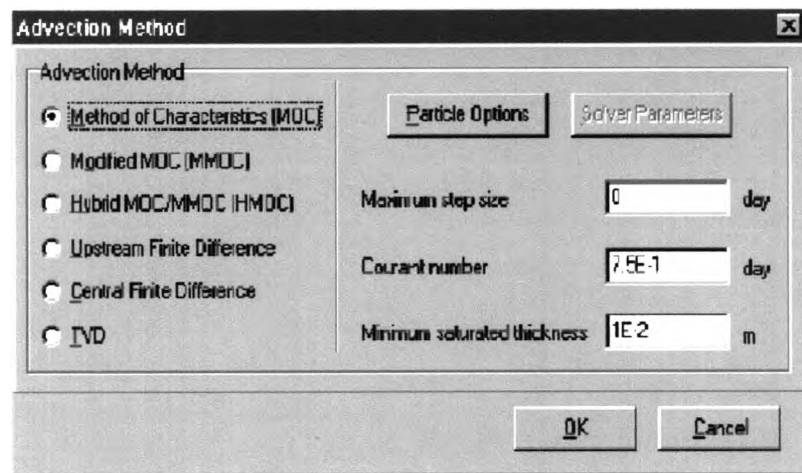
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## **APPENDIX**

## Advection Method

The advection settings are used to select the numerical method used to solve the advective part of the transport equation and to customize the settings for the selected method. Modifying the default advection parameters require some understanding of the techniques used to solve the advection component of mass transport. The Advection Method dialog for the MT3DMS transport engine is shown in the following figure;



The available Advection Methods (MIXELM) is;

### 1. Method of Characteristics (MOC)

The MOC method is available in all versions of MT3D. The MOC method uses a conventional particle tracking technique based on a mixed Eulerian-Lagrangian method for solving the advection term. The dispersion, sink/source mixing and chemical reaction terms are solved with the finite difference method. The MOC technique tracks a large number of moving particles forward in time and keeps track of the concentration and position of each particle. The main advantage of the MOC technique is that it is virtually free of numerical dispersion. However, the drawback of the MOC technique is that it can be slow and can require a large amount of computer memory.

## **2. Modified Method of Characteristics (MMOC)**

The MMOC method is available in all versions of MT3D. The MMOC was developed to improve computational efficiency of the MOC technique. Unlike the MOC technique, which tracks the position and concentration of a large number of moving particles, the MMOC technique places a particle at the mid-point of each cell at each new time level. The particle is tracked backward to find its position at the old time level and the concentration associated with the old time level is used to approximate the concentration at the new time level. The MMOC technique is both faster and requires less computer memory than the MOC technique. However, with the lower-order interpolation scheme available with MT3D the MMOC technique introduces some numerical dispersion.

## **3. Hybrid Method of Characteristics (HMOC)**

The HMOC method is available in all versions of MT3D. The HMOC technique combines the strengths of the MOC and the MMOC techniques by using an automatic adaptive scheme that uses the MOC technique at sharp concentration fronts and the MMOC technique away from the fronts. By selecting an appropriate criterion for controlling the switch between the MOC and MMOC techniques, the HMOC scheme can provide accurate solutions for both sharp and non-sharp front problems.

## **4. Upstream Finite Difference Method**

The Upstream Finite Difference method is available in all MT3D versions. Since, the finite-difference method does not involve particle tracking or concentration interpolations, it is normally more computationally efficient than the Method of Characteristics (MOC). In addition, the finite difference method normally has very small mass balance errors because it is based on the principle of mass conservation. However, the Upstream Finite-Difference method can lead to significant numerical dispersion for problems having sharp concentration fronts.

## **5. Central Finite Difference Method**

The Central Finite Difference method is only available in MT3DMS, MT3D99 and RT3Dv.2.5. The central finite difference method does not exhibit the numerical dispersion problems like the Upstream Finite Difference method, but is susceptible to excessive artificial oscillations in advection dominated problems.

## **6. TVD Method**

The TVD method is available only with MT3DMS, MT3D99 and RT3Dv.2.5. The third-order total-variation-diminishing (TVD) scheme, which is mass conservative, solves the advection term based on ULTIMATE algorithm (Universal Limiter for Transient Interpolation Modeling of the Advective Transport Equations). As in the particle-based methods, the TVD scheme solves the advection component independent of the other terms in the transport equation. Results from the third-order TVD scheme may exhibit minor numerical dispersion and minor oscillations in problems having sharp concentration fronts. Since the algorithm is explicit there is a stability constraint on the step size. The maximum allowed value for the time step is the minimum time step calculated for every active cell.



## Dispersion equation

Dispersion is a mechanical process that tends to ‘disperse’, or spread, the contaminant mass in the X, Y and Z directions along the advective path of the plume and acts to reduce the mass concentration. Dispersion is caused by the tortuosity of the flowpaths of the groundwater as it travels through the interconnected pores of the soil. Dispersion is calculated using the equation;

$$D = \alpha_L * \frac{V_L^2}{|V|} + \alpha_H * \frac{V_H^2}{|V|} + \alpha_V * \frac{V_V^2}{|V|} + D^*$$

Where;	D	is the Dispersion
	$\alpha_L$	is the longitudinal dispersivity (units of 1/length)
	$V_L$	is the longitudinal velocity of flow along the plume migration pathway
	$\alpha_H$	is the horizontal dispersivity (units of 1/length)
	$V_H$	is the horizontal velocity of flow along the plume migration pathway
	$\alpha_V$	is the vertical dispersivity (units of 1/length)
	$V_V$	is the vertical velocity of flow along the plume migration pathway
	$D^*$	is the diffusion coefficient (no units)

MT3D calculates the Dispersion tensor for the mass transport model using the following parameters:

- Longitudinal Dispersivity for each transport grid cell
- Ratio of Horizontal to Longitudinal Dispersivity for each layer
- Ratio of Vertical to Longitudinal Dispersivity for each layer
- Molecular Diffusion Coefficient for each layer

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