

Challenging wind and waves

Linking hydrodynamic research to the maritime industry

LIQUID PATCH IMPACT SIMULATION WITH AN INCOMPRESSIBLE SOLVER

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LIQUID IMPACT

- Introduction of the liquid patch test case
- Numerical settings
- Initial study
 - Grid dependency
 - Time-step dependency
 - Numerical uncertainty
- Extended grid study
- Conclusions & future work



LIQUID PATCH

- 2D free drop of a rectangular liquid patch
- Scale 1:1
- LNG: 455 kg/m³
- NG : 1.82 kg/m³
- Dynamic viscosity 10⁻¹² Pa s
- Incompressible
- No surface tension





NUMERICAL SETTINGS

- Flow solver ReFRESCO
- Time discretisation: implicit Euler
- Transport of VOF, convective flux discretisation
 - HRIC: High resolution interface capturing scheme
 - REFRICS: ReFRESCO interface capturing scheme
- Strict convergence per time-step
 - Low iterative error



- 3 grids
 - 160x240x1
 - 320x480x1
 - 640x960x1
- 3 time-step sizes
 - 0.08 ms
 - 0.04 ms
 - 0.02 ms
- 2 discretisation schemes
 - HRIC

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• **REFRICS**



MARIN

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 - 160x120x1
 - 320x240x1
 - 640x480x1
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- 2 discretisation schemes
 - HRIC
 - **REFRICS**







Pressure in P1

X-velocity in P5





- Influence time-step (REFRICS)
 - grid dependency >> time-step dependency
 - Influence on x-velocity negligible





* http://www.refresco.org/verification-validation/utilitiesvv-tools/

- Numerical uncertainty following Eça and Hoekstra*
 - Steady flow, NACA wing example:
 0.9M to 29.9M cells



Pressure in vortex core





Minimum pressure in vortex



- Numerical uncertainty
 - grid dependency >> time-step dependency
 - Maximum x-velocity in P5: 97.2 ± 12.6 m/s (U=13%)
 - Maximum pressure in P1: 33.8 ± 80.4 bar (U=238%)





Maximum x-velocity in P5 Maximum pressure in P1



Use multi-block structured mesh to increase resolution



160x240: 38,400 cells

GridD32: 19,424 cells



- 5 new grids
 - 2 extra Cartesian grids:
 - 1280x1920: 2,457,600 cells Δt = 0.01 ms
 - 2560x3840: 9,830,400 cells Δt = 0.005 ms
 - 3 Multi-block structured grids
 - 19,424 cells Δt = 0.08 ms
 - 77,696 cells Δt = 0.04 ms
 - 310,784 cells Δt = 0.02 ms



- x-velocity in P5
 - Solution on Cartesian mesh shows consistent results
 - Solution on multi-block structured mesh slightly different





Multi-block structured



Cartesian

- pressure in P1 and on plate, Cartesian mesh
 - Switch to multiple pressure peaks





- pressure in P1 and on plate, multi-block structured mesh
 - Same trend: switch to multiple pressure peaks







- NG volume fraction at t=0.61 s, Cartesian mesh
 - Growing of surface instabilities





- NG volume fraction at t=0.62 s, Cartesian mesh
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• Patch shape at first pressure peak





1280x1920





310,784 cells



• 77,696 cells, t=0.63 s – 0.636 s







• 310,784 cells, t=0.61 s – 0.63 s















- NG volume fraction at t=0.65 s, Cartesian mesh
 - Sharpness of the interface





640x960





- NG volume fraction at t=0.65 s, multi-block structured mesh
 - Sharpness of the interface









77,696 cells





CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

• Conclusions

- VOF method with a good interface capturing scheme gives fairly good results?
- The solution is still grid-dependent!
- Multi-block meshes give comparable results, but much more efficient

Future work

- Apply adaptive mesh refinement
- Interface reconstruction
- Surface tension
- Compressibility

