



Numerical Modeling of Cavitation and Two-phase Flow using a Multiscale Approach

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Background & Motivation



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Overview of Problem & Modeling Strategy



Viscous Mixture Equations

Ref: Ma et al, A physics based multiscale modeling of cavitating flows. Computers & Fluids. 2017

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Eulerian Solver: 3DYNAFS-VIS[©] for Viscous Continuum Mixture

- Two-phase mixture is treated as a Continuum:
 - $\rho_{m} = (1 \alpha) \rho_{\ell} + \alpha \rho_{g} \qquad \mu_{m} = (1 \alpha) \mu_{\ell} + \alpha \mu_{g}$
 - α : void fraction (*determined by the bubble distribution*)

Mixture Continuity and Momentum equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho_m u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_m u_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho_m u_i u_j}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\mu_m \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \right]$$

Eulerian Solver: 3DYNAFS-VIS[©]

- Artificial compressibility method
- Dual time stepping scheme for time-accurate solutions

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Lagrangian Solver: 3DYNAFS-DSM[©] for Dispersed Bubbles

Bubble Motion Equation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_{b}}{dt} = -\frac{3}{\rho_{m}} \nabla P_{SAP} - 2gz + \frac{3}{4} \frac{C_{D}}{R} \left(\mathbf{u}_{SAP} - \mathbf{u}_{b}\right) \left| \mathbf{u}_{SAP} - \mathbf{u}_{b} \right|$$
$$+ \frac{3}{4} \frac{C_{L}}{\pi R} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{m}}{\rho_{m}}} \frac{\left(\mathbf{u}_{SAP} - \mathbf{u}_{b}\right) \times \left(\nabla \times \mathbf{u}_{SAP}\right)}{\sqrt{\nabla \times \mathbf{u}_{SAP}}} + \frac{3}{R} \left(\mathbf{u}_{SAP} - \mathbf{u}_{b}\right) \dot{R}$$

Bubble Dynamics Equation: Surface Averaged Pressure (SAP) modified Rayleigh-Plesset-Keller-Herring Equation

$$(1 - \frac{\dot{R}}{c_m})R\ddot{R} + \frac{3}{2}(1 - \frac{\dot{R}}{3c_m})\dot{R} = \frac{\left(\mathbf{u}_{SAP} - \mathbf{u}_b\right)^2}{4} + \frac{1}{\rho_m}\left(1 + \frac{\dot{R}}{c_m} + \frac{R}{c_m}\frac{d}{dt}\right)\left[p_v + p_g - p_{SAP} - \frac{2\gamma}{R} - 4\mu_m\frac{\dot{R}}{R}\right]$$

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Level Set Method for Large Gas/Liquid Interfaces

□ Define a smooth level set function $\psi(x,y,z,t)$ whose zero level coincides with the liquid/gas interface at *t*

 $\psi(x,y,z,t) = d(x,y,z)$

where d is the signed distance from the interface

Evolve the interface by solving a transport equation

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

Apply free surface boundary conditions at $\psi(x,y,z,t) = 0$

- Normal stress balance
- Zero shear stress

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Micro → Macro Bridging: Single Bubble Scenario



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Micro → Macro Bridging: Bubble Merge Scenario

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Demo: Cavitation in a Line Vortex (Tangential Injection of Bubbles)



Contoured by distance function

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Meso-Scale Transition Allows Capture of...



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Macro → Micro Bridging: Bubble Generation



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Fully Coupled, Fully Predictive 3DynaFS-VIS-Dsm[©]



Free Surface Evolution Boundary Location

(*u*, *P*)

Grow or Merge

Mixture N-S Equations

Shrink or Breakup

Discrete Singularity Model

Nucleation

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Parallelization for HPC Applications

OpenMP Parallelization

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MPI Parallelization

Ma, J., Gnanaskandan, A., Hsiao, C., & Chahine, G. L. "Message Passing Interface Parallelization for Two-Way Coupled Euler–Lagrange Simulation of Microbubble Enhanced HIFU." ASME. J. Fluids Eng., 2021 (ASME CFDTC Best Paper of 2020)

Hybrid MPI-OpenMP Paral

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OpenMP+OpenACC(GPU)

Hsiao, C-T., Ma, J., Kapahi, A., & Chahine, G.L. M SBIR Report, 2015 (*NERSC User Science Highligi*



Multiscale Modeling

A numerical model accurately captures flow dynamics of microbubbles that can help and/or hinder industrial machinery.

(J. Ma, DynaFlow, Inc.)



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Cavitation behind Obstacle: Separation, Vortex & Bub. Entrainment









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Cavitation behind Obstacle: Inception -> Cavitation -> Supcavitation





Reentrant Jet under Supercavity & Comparison with Lab Observations



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Open Propeller Prop5530







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Modelling of cavitating flows is important but challenging as it involves a wide range of scales and gas-liquid interface structures

- DYNAFLOW addresses this using a multiscale modeling platform 3DYNAFS[©], which integrates several specialized modules with proper coupling/transitions in between
- The developed methods have been tested and are able to predict the full range of cavitation stages over an obstacle: from Inception to Supcavitation
- Novel applications also include modeling cloud bubble for HIFU biomedical treatments

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