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Task II Overview



- Modeling
 - UCLA Codes
 - Hypercomp Phase II SBIR
 - Truchas with LANL
- Experiments
 - MTOR
 - FLIHY
- Other Work and Collaborations

Continued Modeling Work at UCLA

Complimentary 3D Formulations for Flow3D benchmarking and Task I analysis

A – Electric Potential Formulation

 $\nabla^2 \varphi = \nabla \cdot [U \times B] \qquad \vec{j} = \sigma [-\nabla \varphi + U \times B]$

B – Induced Magnetic Fields Formulation

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \sigma} \nabla^2 B + (B \cdot \nabla) U - (U \cdot \nabla) B \qquad j = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\nabla \times \vec{B}')$$

C – Parabolized 3D N-S with height function surface mapping (extension of successful 2.5D work)



HyPerComp Phase-II SBIR Research

- To convert HyPerComp's existing adaptive hybrid unstructured mesh environment to problems in liquid metal MHD with free surfaces.
- Modular code structure to the extent possible, for hierarchical MHD treatment
- Interaction with interested research groups (LANL, LLNL, FZK, etc.)
- Commercial applications to metallurgy (MAG/GATE: Concept Engineering Group, PA)



Project Organization



Time-line

Mid-November : Target date for completion of preliminary incompressible solver. Debugging and trial runs will commence.

Late-November: VOF testing will commence

Early December : Finalize our calculation procedure for EM-fields using *e*, B (or J) formulations Summary of trial runs on sample codes (Sergey, Neil)

January - March : Induced field solver (B or J formulation)

April - June : Validation, Debugging, test cases, code optimization Setting up and sample runs of NSTX geometry

Year - 2:

Complex geometry cases Higher order schemes Complex boundary condition procedures Parallel large scale simulations Commercialization

Structure of the HIMAG Solver



Schematic of Flow Solver



Update state vector $q = (u,v,w,p,e_{\mathcal{T}})$ at each cell center

Incompressible Flow Solvers

Time advancement from n to n+1 (detailed solution description in report-1)

1. A simple implicit fractional step method

Here, u,v,w,p,er are stored at cell centers and a face normal velocity U is stored at cell faces.

- (i) Solve Crank-Nicholson discretized momentum equations for an intermediate state u*,v*,w*
- (ii) Compute interpolated value U*
- (iii) Solve pressure Poisson equation using U^* to obtain p(n+1)
- (iv) Obtain u,v,w, $e_{\mathcal{T}}$ at n+1
- 2. PISO Scheme

This is a non-iterative predictor-corrector scheme. Operations on pressure and velocity and pressure are decoupled. However, in a point-implicit technique as in our current work, we would need to perform sub-iterations to converge the predictor and corrector steps.

- (i) Solve for first intermediate state u*,v*,w* using the pressure p at time level n
- (ii) Solve for updated pressure p* using u*,v*,w* in pressure Poisson equation
- (iii) Using p*, solve for u**,v**,w**
- (iv) Obtain p** from u**,v**,w**
- (v) Using p**, obtain u***, v***, w*** the final solution.

Free Surface: Algorithmic aspects

- The purpose of the free surface module is to advance and reconstruct a scalar function e_{T} from t to t + dt
- This will be accomplished by summing a face-based flux of the advected quantity given a local velocity field, with appropriate higher order corrections.
- Apart from the mesh data structure, also available is the cell centered velocity field and a face-based mass flux
- This routine may be called several times during the sub-iterations, with intermediate flow quantities.

Sample computation (using Crank-Nicholson discretization):

$$\varphi_t + \bar{\nabla} \cdot \left(\bar{V} \varphi \right) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left(\varphi_P^{t+\delta t} - \varphi_P^t \right) \Omega_P = -\sum_{faces} \frac{1}{2} \left(\varphi_f^{t+\delta t} - \varphi_f^t \right) F_f \delta t$$

where

 $F_f \approx \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$

eventually, we get: $\varphi_P^{t+\delta t} = \frac{\sum_{faces} a_f \varphi_{nb}^{t+\delta t} + \sum_{faces} b_f \varphi_{nb}^t + \varphi_P^t \frac{\Omega_P}{\delta t}}{\sum_{faces} c_f}$

Based upon an appropriate evaluation of the face-based values of *e*, the routine will return the coefficients a,b,c for each face when consulted

Collaboration with LANL on Truchas Code (Telluride)

- Large Scale Parallelism
 - 1000+ CPUs
 - via domain decomposition
 - innovative solution algorithms
- Will use initially for:
 - studying circulation in droplets
 - test unstructured MHD models (LANL has a person working on this with us)
 - compare with FLOW3D



Decomposition of part for parallel computation

Current Status FLIHY Facility Systems

- Pumping station, flow meter and 4 m straight test section installed and operating
- IR heater system installed and operating (40 kW/m²)
- Ultrasound and IR camera diagnostics working, techniques continue to be evolved
- Dye injection system working



Water Film flowing under IR heater







IR study of surface cooling as a function of flow height, velocity and inclination

Will be summarized by Sergey Smolentsev



IR image of water surface emerging from IR heater section





APEX Initial Experiments in MTOR

- Inclined plane with magnetic propulsion
- Self-contained recirculating cell
- Magnetic flux concentrators
- Free jets and soaker hose in uniform fields and field gradients





- PPPL DC power supply and 24 coil torus operating up to 2650 A (B = 0.45 T). Trouble shooting underway to reach full 3600 A.
- Water coolant loop and over temperature sensing systems operational
- Pumped, 16 L, Ga-In-Sn flow loop operational
- Inclined plane, flux concentrator, and small jet experiments installed and data currently being acquired.



Ga-In-Sn flowing in 20 cm wide, open channel

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APEX MHD Tests in NSTX conditions



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- Flux horns for field concentration (B=0.8 T) and directional variation
- Good match for Ha, Re, and Fr to NSTX outboard conditions

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Other Task-II related work

- Liquid Walls in spheromak studies
- Integrated plasma eq/ LW motion modeling (PPPL)
- Plasma wind tests in PISCES -Collaboration with G. Antar and R. Doerner (UCSD)
- Modeling of DIII-D lithium sample movement – Collaboration with D. White and C. Wong (GA)
- FLIHY closed channel flow influence of MHD – Jupiter II collaboration with Japan
- LIMITs and FLIRE lithium flow facilities at SNL and UIUC





Flowing film and stagnant boat tests in PISCES