

## Interface Between Molecular and Continuum Simulation of Fluid Dynamics

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#### Summary





#### **Computational Fluid Dynamics**

- Continuous field at every point in space
  - Mass Conservation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \rho \boldsymbol{u}$$

• Momentum Balance (Newton's Law)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho \boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \rho \boldsymbol{u} \boldsymbol{u} = -\boldsymbol{\nabla} P + \mu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u}$$

Energy Conservation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho \mathcal{E}dV = -\boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot \left[\rho \mathcal{E}\boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{\Pi}\cdot\boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{q}\right]$$

Direct Numerical Simulation of Turbulent Couette Flow



#### **Molecular Dynamics**

Discrete molecules in continuous space

- Molecular position evolves continuously in time
- Position and velocity from acceleration

$$egin{aligned} \dot{m{r}}_i &
ightarrow \dot{m{r}}_i \ \dot{m{r}}_i &
ightarrow m{r}_i(t) \end{aligned}$$

Acceleration obtained from forces

- Governed by Newton's law for an N-body system
- Point particles with pairwise interactions only

$$m_i \ddot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i = \mathbf{F}_i = \sum_{i \neq j}^N \boldsymbol{f}_{ij} \qquad \quad \Phi(r_{ij}) = 4\epsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\ell}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\ell}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$





#### **Molecular Dynamics**



## Molecular Dynamics Complex Walls and Fluids



Liquid structure causes viscosity

Stick-slip near walls







Molecules of arbitrary complexity



Oil, water and textured surface

#### Molecular Dynamics Shocks and Multi-Phase





#### Droplet Formation



#### Molecular Dynamics Beyond The Continuum



Big whirls have little whirls that feed on their velocity, and little whirls have lesser whirls and so on to <del>viscosity</del> MD





Mass and Energy (the Hamiltonian) are automatically conserved in MD

## **Coupling Overview**









Table Lookup or Coefficients

MD parameter study stored in table and CFD uses data

#### Embedded Models (HMM)

MD – embedded in a CFD simulation <sup>1)</sup>

#### **Domain Decomposition**

MD –CFD linked along an interface <sup>2)</sup>

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#### Molecular Dynamics Extracting Coefficients





## Non Continuum Shear Phase Map



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#### **Coupled Droplet Spreading and MD**





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 $\mathcal{L}agrangian$ 

#### **A Sheared Liquid Bridge**

- Two fluid phases and sliding molecular walls
- Simple test case to explore wall velocity vs contact line angle
- Non-Equilibrium Steady State





- Molecular dynamics naturally forms an interface
- Mathematical framework to track moving surface
  - Dynamics, surface tension and curvature
  - Flow along surface of molecules (e.g. surfactants)



Sliding Solid walls (tethered)

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#### **Intrinsic surface**

Intrinsic Surface by minimising a penalty function



Chacon & Tarazona (2003) PRL 91, 166103

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#### **Interfaces Control Volume**



# Molecular Dynamics simulation of Nucleation





#### **Isosurface of Density**









## **Coupled Simulation of Boiling**

- Bubble nucleation occurs naturally in MD
- Density, velocity and temperature passed as boundary conditions



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#### **Coupled Simulation**

Assumes a continuous field

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• Discrete molecules

 $m_i \ddot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i = \mathbf{F}_i$  for all i in N





#### **Coupled Simulation**



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#### **Granular Mechanics**



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#### **Particle in Flow (with Drag)**



$$f_i = A|u_i - u|(u_i - u)|$$

Equal and opposite force applied back to CFD



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## **Coupling Results – Polymer Brushes**

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 $Reynolds\ Number$ 

 $Re \approx 400$ 

with 300 million molecules

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over a year

energy coloured by velocity

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#### Law of the wall

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## **Coupling Results – Turbulent Couette**

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#### Summary

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#### **Computers**

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Laptop ~4 cores Shared memory Workstation ~24 cores Shared memory

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Supercomputer 1000+ cores Individual memory interconnected Localisations lends itself to parallel computing using MPI

- Spatial decomposition employed
- Halo cells (ghost molecules) used to link regions

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Halo exchange of variable amounts of data

- MPI\_Send
- MPI\_Recv

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#### **Computational**

- All my results come from my own parallelised MD code
  - Validated against experiments
  - Optimised for good scaling
- Python GUI for Masters' students and collaborators (inc. BP)

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- Fortran, C++, Python with OpenFOAM interface
- Best Practice (SSI), Git, Unit test & Docker
- Minimal Python code to test and understand

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