Two-fluid flow simulation using higher order methods

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Goal

High fidelity predictive simulation of dynamic 3D marine transport phenomena.

Build models that solve full the 3D Navier-Stokes equations with breaking waves and Fluid/vessel interaction





Outline

- Model hierarchy
- Simulation pipeline
- Geometry modeling/preparation
- Software framework
- Validation/capabilities
- Conclusion/outlook





Model hierarchy







Simulation pipeline







Meshing a vessel using GF-file











Result: faceted Surface



Meshing a vessel using IGS-File















Result



Isogeometric Analysis

- Hughes, Cottrell, and YB. First paper appeared in Fall 2005
- Based on technologies (e.g., NURBS) from computational geometry used in:
 - Design (CAD)
 - Animation (CG)
 - Visualization (CG)





- Same ("exact") functional description is used for geometry and simulation
- Includes standard FEA as a special case, but offers other possibilities:
 - Precise and efficient geometric modeling
 - Simplified mesh refinement
 - Superior approximation properties
 - Smooth and higher-order basis functions
 - Integration of design and analysis



Software framework

- ERDC in-house finite element simulation framework
- UCSD Isogeometric analyses research code
- Interface capturing
 - Level Set
 - Volume of Fluid (VOF)
- Turbulence modeling
 - Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes
 - Residual-Based Large-Eddy Simulation
- Weak Dirichlet boundary conditions
- Basis function independent (PI,P2,QI,NURBS,...)





Dam break with obstacle



Pressure on obstacle



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Water height in tank



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Wigley Hull



Waterline and Wave pattern



Vessel in shallow channel



Vessel in shallow channel





Conslusion

- Finite element based 3D Navier-Stokes
 - Complex geometry(description??)
 - High accuracy (high order)
 - Boundary conditions (Boundary layer/outflow)
- Interface capturing
 - Sharp interfaces (breaking/smooth waves)
 - Mass conservative





Outlook

- Release of tetrahedral 3D air/water/vessel capability in August 2010
- Integration of Isogeometric methods in ERDC in-house code
- Isogeometric tools for complex geometry
 - Vessels
 - Bathymetry
 - Structures
- Adjoint-based space-time adaptivity



