Coupling Atomistic and Continuum Hydrodynamics

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Multiscale Simulation of Liquids

All-Atom MD simulation:

- allows to study processes at the atomic level of detail
- is often incapable to bridge a gap between a wide range of length and time scales involved in molecular systems

Mesoscopic MD simulation:

- reduces the number of DOFs by retaining only those that are relevant for the property of interest \implies longer length and time scales can be reached
- specific chemical details are usually lost in the coarse-graining procedure

Continuum fluid dynamics (CFD):

- allows to model fluid flows on length scales that are out of scope of MD simulation.
- at lower scales (a few molecular diameters) no-slip boundary condition breaks down.

Combination:

Hybrid MD-Continuum Methods

Hybrid Atomistic/Mesoscopic Liquid



M. Praprotnik, L. Delle Site, K. Kremer, Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem. 59, 545 (2008).



AdResS consists of two main steps:

- 1. Derive the effective pair potential U^{cm} between coarse-grained molecules on the basis of the reference all-atom system.
- 2. Couple the atomistic and mesoscopic scales:

$$\mathbf{F}_{\alpha\beta} = w(X_{\alpha})w(X_{\beta})\mathbf{F}_{\alpha\beta}^{atom} + [1 - w(X_{\alpha})w(X_{\beta})]\mathbf{F}_{\alpha\beta}^{cm},$$

where

$$\mathbf{F}^{atom}_{lphaeta} = \sum_{ilpha,jeta} \mathbf{F}^{atom}_{ilpha jeta}$$

is the sum of all pair interactions between explicit atoms of molecules α and β and

$$egin{array}{rll} {f F}_{ilpha jeta}^{atom}&=&-rac{\partial U^{atom}}{\partial {f r}_{ilpha jeta}},\ {f F}_{lphaeta}^{cm}&=&-rac{\partial U^{cm}}{\partial {f R}_{lphaeta}}. \end{array}$$

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Weighting Function



The values w = 1 and w = 0 correspond to the atomistic and coarse-grained regions, respectively, while the values 0 < w < 1 correspond to the transition (*hyb*) regime.

Coarse-Grained Model



Center-of-mass RDF of the flexible TIP3P water model and the effective potential.

R. Delgado Buscalioni, K. Kremer, M. Praprotnik, J. Chem. Phys. 131, 244107, (2009).

Transverse DPD Thermostat



The variation of the dissipative particle dynamics (DPD) thermostat includes the damping of the perpendicular components of the relative velocity, yet keeping the advantages of conserving Galilei invariance and within our error bar also hydrodynamics. It allows for controlling transport properties of molecular fluids.

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Tuning Transport Coefficients



Coupling MD with Continuum



Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulation





Navier-Stokes Equation

Conservation of momentum:

$$\rho(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} + \mathbf{f}$$

Stress tensor:

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = -\eta [\nabla \mathbf{u}]^S - \xi \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \mathbf{I}$$

We consider a Newtonian fluid with dynamic viscosity η and bulk viscosity ξ . The traceless symmetric tensor is defined as $A_{\alpha\beta}^S = (A_{\alpha\beta} + A_{\beta\alpha}) - (2/3)A_{\gamma\gamma}$. Conservation of mass:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0$$

Coupling MD and Continuum

- Physical quantities, i.e., density, momentum, and corresponding fluxes must be continuous across the interface.
- Atomistic and continuum domains provide each other with boundary conditions.
- To impose boundary conditions from the MD to continuum domain is relatively easy since it involves temporal and spatial averaging.
- Imposing the continuum boundary conditions on the particle domain presents the major challenge in hybrid methods.

Hybrid Atomistic-Continuum Schemes

state variable (Dirichlet) schemes

Schwartz alternating method

flux-exchange schemes

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HybridMD

- The hybrid particle-continuum scheme (HybridMD) is designed to connect the dynamics of a "molecular domain" with that obtained from a continuum description of the surrounding fluid flow.
- The method is based on flux-exchange.
- The system is divided in (at least) two domains, described via classical molecular dynamics (MD) and continuum fluid dynamics (CFD), i.e., solving the Navier-Stokes equations.
- The MD and CFD domains share one unique "hybrid interface", H: Flux balance implies the conservation of mass and momentum across H.

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CFD: Flux-Exchange Scheme

• Conservation law for any conserved fluid variable $\phi(\mathbf{r}, t)$:

$$\partial \phi / \partial t = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}^{\phi}$$

 $\mathbf{J}^{\phi}(\mathbf{r},t)$ is the associated local flux.

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 mass: $\phi=
ho$, $\mathbf{J}^{\phi}=
ho\mathbf{u}$

• momentum: $\phi = \rho \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{J}^{\phi} = \mathbf{J}_p = p \mathbf{I} + \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{\Pi}$

- Constitutive relations:
 - Equation of state: $p = p(\rho)$
 - Stress tensor: $\mathbf{\Pi} = -\eta [\nabla \mathbf{u}]^S \xi \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \mathbf{I}$

Finite Volume Method

$$\int_{V_C} \partial \phi / \partial t \, dV = - \int_{V_C} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}^{\phi} \, dV = - \oint_S \mathbf{J}^{\phi} \cdot dS$$
$$\frac{d\Phi_C}{dt} = -\sum_{f=faces} A_f \mathbf{J}_f^{\phi} \cdot \mathbf{n}_f$$

 $\Phi_C = \int_{V_C} \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{r}^3$. The above eq. is numerically solved by the explicit Euler scheme, where $\mathbf{J}_f^{\phi} = (\mathbf{J}_C^{\phi} + \mathbf{J}_{C+1}^{\phi})/2$.



Buffer



B=buffer (overlap domain) serves to impose fluxes into the particle region.

Concurrent Triple-Scale Simulation

Motivation:

to cover the length-scales ranging from the micro- to macro-scale

Method: Triple-scale AdResS-HybridMD scheme

- Is a combination of two dual-scale models: a particle-based Adaptive Resolution Scheme (AdResS), which couples the atomic and mesoscopic scales, and a hybrid continuum-molecular dynamics scheme (HybridMD)
- successfully sorts out the problem of large molecule insertion in the hybrid particle-continuum simulations of molecular liquids
- opens up the possibility to perform efficient grand-canonical molecular dynamics simulations of truly open molecular liquid systems

Results:

the structural and dynamical properties of the liquid are accurately captured

Triple-Scale Method



- to allow for insertion of larger molecule into a dense liquid
- to allow for grand canonical MD simulation of open molecular systems
- R. Delgado Buscalioni, K. Kremer, M. Praprotnik, J. Chem. Phys. 128, 114110 (2008).

Buffer: Two Possible Setups



Equation of State



The pressure tensor:

$$\mathbf{J} = p\,\mathbf{I} + \rho\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{\Pi}$$



Molecular Density Profile



(a)
$$\rho_m = 0.1\sigma^{-3}$$
. (b) $\rho_m = 0.175\sigma^{-3}$.

RDFs: Equilibrium



RDF_{cm}s of the liquid in the atomistic and transition domains (ex + hyb) and in the total molecular region (ex + hyb + cg) of the triple-scale model together with the reference RDF_{cm} of the all-atom system (ex(PBC)) at $\rho = 0.175/\sigma^3$.

Couette Flow



Velocity profile at the particle region of an hybrid simulation of a Couette flow.

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Stokes Flow



Velocity in the y-direction at some selected cells in a hybrid simulation of a Stokes flow.

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Triple-Scale Simulation: Liquid Water



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Couette Flow



Density profile and velocity distribution across the particle domain.



Grand-Canonical Ensemble

Mass fluctuations

Standard deviation of mass $Var[\rho] = \rho k_B T / (Vc_T^2)$, $c_T^2 = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right)_T$, $\beta_T = (c_T^2 \rho)^{-1}$

Flexible TIP3P: $c_T = 7.38 (\varepsilon_{OO}/m_O)^{1/2}$, $\rho = 1.20 m_O / \sigma_{OO}^3$

 V = 3.50 × 6.18 × 11.12 σ³_{OO}: grand canonical: Var[ρ] = 0.0187, simulation: Var[ρ] = 0.020 ± 0.002
 V = 10.50 × 6.18 × 11.12 σ³_{OO}: grand canonical: Var[ρ] = 0.0108, simulation: Var[ρ] = 0.011 ± 0.005

Multiscale Flow Past Fullerene



J. H. Walther, M. Praprotnik, E. M. Kotsalis, P. Koumoutsakos, J. Comput. Phys. 231, 2677-2681, 2012.



Overlap Domain



Cross-section through the overlap region.

Velocity Profile



The x-component velocity profile along the line passing through the fullerene molecule in the x-direction.

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Tangential Velocity Profile



The tangential velocity profile in the radial direction from the fullerene with the radius $R \approx 1.03$ nm.

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Partial Slip Boundary Conditions

The drag force for the Stokes flow past a sphere with partial slip:

$$F_D = 6\pi \left(\frac{R_H + 2\lambda}{R_H + 3\lambda}\right) \eta R_H u_{\infty}$$

The freestream velocity is $u_{\infty} = 0.05 \text{ nm/ps}$.

- Solution We determine the unknown slip length λ and hydrodynamics radius R_H by an iterative procedure using the tangential velocity radial profile with the initial guess $R_H = R$.
- hybrid: $u_s = u_t(R_H) = 0.027 \pm 0.001 \, \text{nm/ps}, \, \lambda = 0.60 \pm 0.02 \, \text{nm}, \, R_H = 1.22 \pm 0.06 \, \text{nm}$
- all-atom: $u_s = u_t(R_H) = 0.030 \pm 0.001 \text{ nm/ps}, \lambda = 0.94 \pm 0.03 \text{ nm}, R_H = 1.32 \pm 0.11 \text{ nm}$

Conclusions

AdResS:

Allows for a dynamical switching between atomistic and coarse-grained molecular descriptions.

AdResS-HybridMD Scheme:

- We performed a triple-scale simulation of a molecular liquid.
- Length scales from the micro- to macro-scale are concurrently coupled.
- The method allows us to perform efficient molecular dynamics simulations of molecular liquids in the grand canonical ensemble or under non-equilibrium flows.

Multiscale flow past a buckyball:

- Solution We simulated a steady incompressible water flow past an immobile C_{540} fullerene molecule with partial slip boundary conditions.
- *it employs a fully 3D coupling between atomistic and continuum descriptions.*
- allows for studying nanoscale flow phenomena that are out of scope of the pure atomistic simulation.

Future work:

Applications to study phenomena involving flow-matter interactions at multiple length scales.

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