

Spotlight On...

## Simcenter STAR-CCM+ Hybrid Multiphase Modeling

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## Overview: Multiphase

## **Hybrid Multiphase Flow Applications**





## **Discover Better Designs**, Faster!



#### Maximize water recovery for a cooling tower

#### Intelligent design exploration to maximize water recovery:

- Vary radius of inlet, gap at base of tower
- Constrain tower height and steam flow rate

#### Requires hybrid multiphase approach

- Allows solution in timeframe needed for design exploration
- VOF vapor phase used for steam and air
- Water for VOF vapor phase condenses on the wall to form Fluid Film
- The Fluid Film runs down the wall under gravity
- On reaching the lower edge of the tower, it drips off as LMP droplets
- Droplets fall into a pool of VOF where the water phase is recovered



## **Discover Better Designs**, *Faster!*



#### Maximize water recovery for a cooling tower

Design manager used to assess many different design configurations:

- Industry leading hybrid-adaptive search algorithm
- Examine plots and scenes for any design

#### **Results :**

- The water recovery was found to be greatest with the inlet having radii in the range 9-10m
- At larger radii the recovered water tended to hit the inlet rather than the pool





#### Parametric Models

#### Flexible and Robust Meshing

**Multiphysics** 

Speed and Performance

Powerful Data Analysis

Workflow Automation

Intelligent Design Exploration

Simcenter STAR-CCM+

- Built-in parametric 3D CAD tool
- Bi-directional connectivity to CAD/PLM tools





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# Parametric Models

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## Simcenter STAR-CCM+

- Fully automated process
- Solution-based mesh refinement using tables
- Conformal prism layer meshes for accurate CHT



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#### Simcenter STAR-CCM+

- Comprehensive suite of multiphase and phase interaction models
- Predict and understand real-world behavior:
  - Multi-regime, multi-scale, multiphase flows
- Efficient hybrid modelling to allow even the most complex problems to be solved efficiently whilst retaining details



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#### Simcenter STAR-CCM+

- Wide range of methods to balance compute time and
- Fast solvers with excellent scalability



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## Parametric Models Flexible and Robust Meshing **Multiphysics** Speed and Performance Powerful Data Analysis Workflow Automation

Intelligent Design Exploration

#### Simcenter STAR-CCM+

- Powerful, integrated post processing and visualization
- Tools to understand complex interdependencies









#### Simcenter STAR-CCM+

- End-to-end pipelined workflow in one environment
- Workflow easily repeated with a few clicks enabling design space exploration



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## Parametric Models Flexible and Robust Meshing **Multiphysics** Speed and Performance **Powerful Data Analysis** Workflow Automation Intelligent Design Exploration

#### Simcenter STAR-CCM+

- Fully integrated in Simcenter STAR-CCM+
- Leverages HEEDS design optimization technology



## Multiphase Modeling in Simcenter STAR-CCM+





#### Spotlight on Hybrid Multiphase

- Comprehensive suite of multiphase models
  - Eulerian Multiphase (EMP)
  - Mixture Multiphase (MMP)
  - Volume Of Fluid (VOF)
  - Dispersed Multiphase (DMP)
  - Fluid Film (Film)
  - Lagrangian Multiphase (LMP)
  - Discrete Element Method (DEM)
- Hybrid Modeling and Phase Interaction Models



#### Comprehensive suite of multiphase models

#### **Covering all flow regimes**

- Wide range of models
- Use the most appropriate model for each regime
  - Dispersed, stratified, mixed, slug, discrete etc.

#### Hybrid modeling strategy

- Models can be used together in a single simulation
- Use each model for its appropriate regime
- Minimize computational cost through effective use of models
- Allowed by mass transfer mechanisms such as impingement, evaporation or reactions





#### Comprehensive suite of multiphase models

#### There are seven multiphase models in Simcenter STAR-CCM+

- Eulerian Multiphase (EMP)
- Mixture Multiphase (MMP)
- Volume Of Fluid (VOF)
- Dispersed Multiphase (DMP)
- Fluid Film (Film)
- Lagrangian Multiphase (LMP)
- Discrete Element Method (DEM)





#### Comprehensive suite of multiphase models

#### These models can be split into two families

#### **Eulerian Models**



 The observer considers the particles, bubbles, or droplets to be a continuum passing through a fixed volume



 The observer tracks parcels of particles as they move through space & time





#### Eulerian Multiphase (EMP) Model

- Used for modeling miscible fluids mixed on length scales smaller than we wish to resolve
- The most 'complete' multiphase model
  - Solves a set of transport equations for each phase
- Can model phase change and crystal growth
- Models for tracking the population of size distribution of bubbles or droplets
- Use Cases:
  - Bubble Columns
  - Mixing Vessels
  - Settling Tanks
  - Fluidized Beds







#### Mixture Multiphase (MMP) Model

- Used for similar applications to EMP
  - Phases are assumed to be miscible
- Lightweight model compared to EMP
  - Only solves one set of transport equations
  - Solves for volume fraction
  - Allows slip between phases
    - Relative motion accounted through drag laws
- Can model phase change
  - Wall boiling
- Use Cases:
  - Fuel Cells
  - Nuclear: Steam Generators
  - Boilers





#### Volume Of Fluid (VOF) Model

- Used to track the motion of free surfaces
  - For immiscible fluids with a sharp interface
- Can model phase change
  - Boiling/evaporation/condensation/cavitation
  - Solidification/melting
- Can include the effects of surface tension
- Predefined VOF waves for marine simulations
- Use Cases:
  - Marine Hydrodynamics and Seakeeping
  - Fuel Tank Sloshing
  - Oil and Gas Flow Assurance
  - IC Engine Cooling





Kelvin waves around vessel





#### Fluid Film Model

- Used for modeling a thin layer of fluid on surfaces
  - Thickness stored on the surface rather than resolved
- Can capture rivulets and surface tension effects
- Can model phase change
  - Evaporation and condensation
  - Melting and solidification
- Multiple application areas:
  - Vehicle Rainwater Management
  - Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)
  - Fuel Sprays
  - Spray Coating / Deposition
  - Aircraft Ice Protection





#### Lagrangian Multiphase (LMP) Model

- Solves the path of discrete droplets or particles
  - Large numbers of droplets tracked by grouping into parcels
  - Can be one way or two way coupled with the flow
- Suitable for dilute dispersed phases
  - Low volume fraction and little particle-particle collision
- Models for:
  - Droplet splashing and rebound at walls
  - Primary atomization and secondary breakup
  - Evaporation, condensation and reactions
- Use Cases
  - Vehicle Water Management
  - Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)
  - Spray Coating
  - Erosion
  - Liquid Fuel Combustion





#### Dispersed Multiphase (DMP) Model

- Used for dilute Eulerian dispersed phases
  - Analogous to Lagrangian Multiphase
  - Volume fraction too low to affect continuous phase
  - E.g. rain or sand in air
- Continuous phase solved by another model
  - E.g. single phase model
- Can be used as post-processing step, or be two-way coupled with the flow
- Use Cases:
  - Vehicle Water Management
  - Aircraft Icing
  - Sand Ingestion





#### Discrete Element Method (DEM)

- Model non-spherical particles such as aggregates
  - Where bulk particle behavior important
  - Where particles are densely packed (in contact)
- Particles may break and deform
- Can be coupled with the flow in a single package
- Use Cases:
  - Fluidized beds
  - Rock mechanics
  - Conveying aggregates
  - Tablet coating
  - Plugging fissures in oil wells
  - Crop harvesting and lawn mowing







#### Hybrid Modeling and Phase Interaction Models

- Simcenter STAR-CCM+ has a wide range of multiphase models
  - Covering every flow regime
- Real world flows, however, cover more than one regime
  - Need to be able to use more than one model together
  - This is hybrid multiphase modeling
    - Allows us to efficiently model complex applications
- Remember again our cooling tower example
  - Uses three multiphase models
    - VOF, Fluid Film and LMP
- In the following sections, the hybrid multiphase modeling capabilities and benefits of Simcenter STAR-CCM+ are presented



## Summary

Predict and understand real-world behavior of multiphase flows

• Explore many design variants early in development

#### **Parametric Models**

Flexible and Robust Meshing

**Multiphysics** 

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Intelligent Design Exploration

- Comprehensive suite of multiphase models
- Covering all multiphase regimes in real world problems
- Computationally efficient hybrid approaches



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Hybrid Multiphase Modeling in Simcenter STAR-CCM+

## Why So Many Models?



- Each multiphase model is built on assumptions and is suited to a particular regime
  - Not an issue if physical problem is restricted to this regime
  - Renders model invalid for other regimes
- Multiphase model must be carefully chosen depending on flow regimes present Using only one model requires simplification and assumption
- For example:
  - The Volume of Fluid (VOF) model assumes phases form free surfaces, artificially sharpening boundary between phases
    - Ideal for modeling flow around a marine vessel
    - Any bubbles droplets should be resolved
- Real flow problems cover multiple flow regimes and such assumptions may be unacceptable

## **Applicable Regimes**





## **Efficient Modeling of Real World Multiphase Flows**



#### Three options for modeling multi-regime real world multiphase flows:

- 1. Use highest fidelity model
  - VOF can be used as a quasi-DNS multiphase model, resolving every droplet, bubble and film
  - Typically not feasible
  - Under-resolution leads to inaccuracy
- 2. Use several models together to cover all regimes
  - E.g. VOF for free surfaces, Fluid Film for thin films, and LMP for droplets
  - Software must provide all relevant phase interactions, appropriate mass and energy transfer models
- 3. Expand the applicability of a standard model (e.g. EMP) to cover multiple regimes

#### All of the above are possible in Simcenter STAR-CCM+



## Hybrid Multiphase Multiple Models Working Together

### **Application Example – Aircraft Icing**





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## **Application Example – Nacelle Collection Efficiency**

- Used for similar use cases to LMP-Film
  - DMP is a lightweight Eulerian model •
    - Suitable for low volume fractions (mists, fine sprays, small bubbles)
- DMP -> Film Impingement
  - Similar to LMP, DMP phases can impinge into film
  - Example shows icing collection efficiency as a result of • super-cooled DMP droplets impinging on a nacelle





## **Application Example – Vehicle Water Management**



- Background
  - Regulations require visibility in key areas
  - Using hybrid VOF-film we can study interaction with aerodynamics
- Results
  - Fluid Film regions are indicated by dark blue
  - VOF regions by cyan color
- Surface tension forces passed between models
  - Ensures consistent behavior in transition regions
- Flow features in thicker regions of fluid can only be captured by VOF
  - Hybrid approach provides cost effect way to do this



Rainwater management using hybrid VOF-Film

## **Application Example - Gear Box**



- Reduced computational expense for hybrid multiphase simulations
  - Removes the need for LMP for dilute dispersed phases
  - Removes stochastic effects due to discrete impingements
- Example shows DMP spray forming a Fluid Film on a rotating gear
  - When the film becomes thick it transitions to VOF
- Use Cases

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- Vehicle Water Management/Soiling
- Modeling Air Bubbles in Steel



Impinging DMP phase, VOF phase on gear, Fluid Film phase



## Hybrid Multiphase Single Model for Multiple Regimes

## **EMP – Multiple Flow Regime Model**



#### Key Information

- Combines the benefits of VOF & EMP
- Accurately simulate new applications with a computationally affordable model
  - Impractical to model small bubbles and droplets accurately with VOF as an extremely fine mesh is needed
    - Under-resolved VOF is inaccurate as there is no model to account for dispersed bubbles & droplets
  - EMP simulations do not resolve the free surfaces
- A single multiphase model captures
  - Many different co-existing flow regimes
    - Stratified flow / free surfaces
    - Dispersed sprays
    - Dispersed bubbles



#### Spillway model with dispersed and stratified flow

## **EMP – Multiple Flow Regime Model**





### **EMP – Multiple Flow Regime Model**



- In the interface region:
  - Gives sharp free surfaces where there is sufficient mesh similar to VOF when LSI model used
  - Uses a alternative drag model to accurately model mixed regimes where no phase dominates
- Where droplets or bubbles are too small to resolve, they are treated as dispersed phases in a continuous phase
- Bulk boiling and condensation can be modeled at the interface
- Surface tension effects can be included

2D Model	LSI	VOF	Diff
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## **Summary**



- Real world multiphase flows are complex with multiple regimes
  - Stratified, dispersed, discrete, films, .....
- Traditional multiphase models typically assume a single regime
  - Leads to inaccuracies when assumptions are violated
- Simcenter STAR-CCM+ provides hybrid multiphase modeling techniques for these real world flows
  - Many models working together through phase interactions
  - A single model to cover multiple regimes in EMP-LSI
- These methods are being continuously developed



### Hybrid Multiphase Compatibility





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