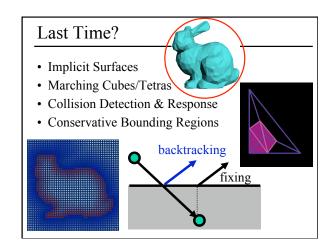
# Navier-Stokes & Flow Simulation



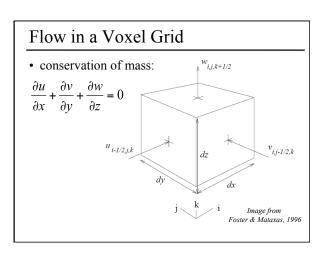
#### Today

- Flow Simulations in Computer Graphics
  - water, smoke, viscous fluids
- Navier-Stokes Equations
  - incompressibility, conservation of mass
  - conservation of momentum & energy
- Fluid Representations
- · Basic Algorithm
- Data Representation

#### Flow Simulations in Graphics

- · Random velocity fields
  - with averaging to get simple background motion
- Shallow water equations
  - height field only, can't represent crashing waves, etc.
- Full Navier-Stokes
- note: typically we ignore surface tension and focus on macroscopic behavior

# Heightfield Wave Simulation • Cem Yuksel, Donald H. House, and John Keyser, "Wave Particles", SIGGRAPH 2007



#### **Navier-Stokes Equations**

• conservation of momentum:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial uv}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial uw}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + g_x + \nu(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2})$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial vu}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v^2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial vw}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + g_y + \nu(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2})$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial wu}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial wv}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w^2}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + g_z + \nu(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2})$$
acceleration

Convection: internal movement in a fluid (e.g., caused by variation in density due to a transfer of heat)

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## Modeling the Water Surface

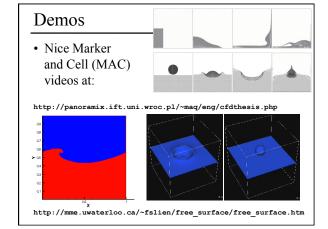
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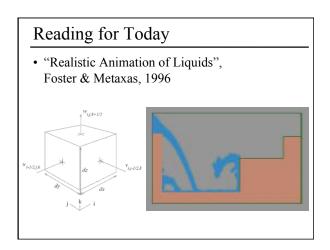
- · Volume-of-fluid tracking - a scalar saying how "full" each cell is
- Particle In Cell (PIC)

  - the particles have mass - impractical, until recently: Smoothed-Particle Hydrodynamics(SPH)
- Marker and Cell (MAC)
  - the particles don't effect computation, just identify which cells the surface passes through
  - Harlow & Welch, "Numerical calculation of time-dependent viscous incompressible flow of fluid with free surface" *The Physics of Fluids*, 1965.

### **Comparing Representations**

- How do we render the resulting surface?
- Are we guaranteed not to lose mass/volume? (is the simulation incompressible?)
- How is each affected by the grid resolution and timestep?
- · Can we guarantee stability?



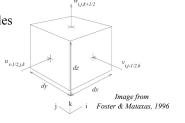


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#### Each Grid Cell Stores:

- Velocity at the cell faces (offset grid)
- Pressure
- List of particles



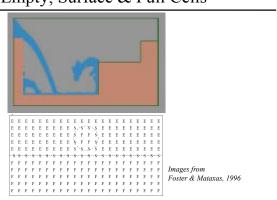
#### Initialization

- Choose a voxel resolution
- Choose a particle density
- Create grid & place the particles
- Initialize pressure & velocity of each cell
- Set the viscosity & gravity
- Choose a timestep & go!

#### At each Timestep:

- Identify which cells are Empty, Full, or on the Surface
- Compute new velocities
- Adjust the velocities to maintain an incompressible flow
- Move the particles
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- Render the geometry and repeat!

#### Empty, Surface & Full Cells



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#### Compute New Velocities

$$\begin{split} \tilde{u}_{i+1/2,j,k} &= u_{i+1/2,j,k} + \delta t \{ (1/\delta x) [(u_{i,j,k})^2 - (u_{i+1,j,k})^2] \\ &+ (1/\delta y) [(uv)_{i+1/2,j-1/2,k} - (uv)_{i+1/2,j+1/2,k}] \\ &+ (1/\delta z) [(uw)_{i+1/2,j,k-1/2} - (uw)_{i+1/2,j,k+1/2}] + g_x \\ &+ (1/\delta x) (p_{i,j,k} - p_{i+1,j,k}) + (\nu/\delta x^2) (u_{i+3/2,j,k} \end{split}$$

$$-2u_{i+1/2,j,k}+u_{i-1/2,j,k})+(\nu/\delta y^2)(u_{i+1/2,j+1,k}$$

$$-2u_{i+1/2,j,k}+u_{i+1/2,j-1,k})+(\nu/\delta z^2)(u_{i+1/2,j,k+1}$$

 $-2u_{i+1/2,j,k}+u_{i+1/2,j,k-1})\},$ 

Note: some of these values are the *average velocity* within the cell rather than the velocity at a cell face

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#### Adjusting the Velocities

- Calculate the *divergence* of the cell (the extra in/out flow)
- The divergence is used to update the *pressure* within the cell
- Adjust each face velocity uniformly to bring the divergence to zero
- Iterate across the entire grid until divergence is  $\leq \epsilon$

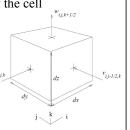
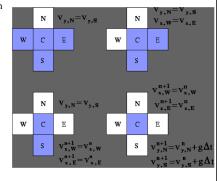


Image from Foster & Mataxas, 1996

#### Handing Free Surface with MAC

- Divergence in surface cells:
  - Is divided equally amongst neighboring empty cells
  - Or other similar strategies:
- Zero out the divergence & pressure in empty cells



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