Firedrake/FEniCS meetings LIFD

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"Agenda" Firedrake first meeting LIFD

Introduce ourselves;

- circa 3-min-each slide presentation of what we (aim to) do with Firedrake (or FEniCS);
- discuss the goals of the meetings; e.g., GitHub page, examples' board, open questions, et cetera; and,
- (announcement of) Firedrake 2025 (in Leeds), September Mon-Wed 15, 16, 17.

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My (team's) work in Firedrake

(2015/16: lost improved Taylor-Hood implementation of 2-phase flows Navier-Stokes-Cahn-Hilliard)

Use variational principles (VPs) or Hamiltonian dynamics to derive weaks forms or automated generation weak forms from VP in FD:

- 2016-onwards Dr Anna Kalogirou, 2DH Benney-Luke wave equations (B. & Kalogirou 2016, Gidel et al. 2017, Choi et al. 2022 & 2024); FD-example.
- Will Booker's (unfinished) work with Mark Walkley on 3D incompressible flows/chaotic attractors.
- Dr Floriane Gidel 3D potential flow water wave equations (Gidel 2018, B. 2022).
- Dr Tomasz Salwa (2018) linear FSI wave-mast system (Salwa et al. 2027); FD-example.

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- Dr Choi et al. 2024, Lu et al. (2025): VP 3D potential flow implemented directly, with automated generation of (complicated 3D+1D) weak forms of the equations.
- Advantages: enormous reduction in development time, efficient, flexible, higher-order spectrally-accurate space discretisations plus (automatic) preservation of discrete forms of conservation properties.
- Time discetisation: second-order implicit modified-midpoint scheme (MMP).

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Yang Lu's work in Firedrake

- Presentation on the Firedrake 23 Workshop; Firedrake implementation of the two variational approaches: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_GnuqSTqhAs
- Slides: https://github.com/luyanggeorge/3D_tank_VP/ blob/main/Firedrake23_Yang.pdf

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My work in Firedrake

 Bokhove, now: VP of ODE's (billiards), wave equations, wave-to-wire wave energy device with inequality constraints and FSI.



Amirul Khan's work in ...

"My interests":

- (i) application of opensource solvers in civil and environmental engineering problems (pollutant dispersion, heat transfer etc);
- (ii) in domain specific languages like OPS similar to OP2 which is used by Firedrake for auto code generation of our Lattice Boltzmann solver; and,
- (iii) reduced order models and data assimilation with application in the built environment.

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Grand VP of wave-to-wire model

Equations of motion follow from variational principle (red=waves, blue=buoy, green=EM-generator, coupling, B. et al. 2019):

$$0 = \delta \int_{0}^{T} \int_{0}^{L_{x}} \int_{R(t)}^{l_{y}(x)} \int_{0}^{h} -(\partial_{t}\phi + \frac{1}{2}|\nabla\phi|^{2})dz - gh(\frac{1}{2}h - H_{0}) - \frac{1}{2\gamma} \Big(F_{+}(\gamma(h - h_{b}) - \lambda)^{2} - \lambda^{2}\Big) dydx MW\dot{Z} - \frac{1}{2}MW^{2} - MgZ + (L_{i}I - \underline{K(Z)})\dot{Q} - \frac{1}{2}L_{i}I^{2}dt$$
(1)

velocity $u = \nabla \phi(x, y, z, t)$, depth h(x, y, t), rest depth H_0 , buoy $h_b(Z, y) = Z - K_h - \tan \theta(L_y - y)$, piston R(t), coupling function $\gamma_m G(Z) = K'(Z)$, buoy mass M, keel height K_h , buoy coordinate Z(t), buoy velocity $W(t) = \dot{Z}$, charge Q(t), current $I(t) = \dot{Q}$.