

# Characteristics method for fluid/rigid systems

## Application to self-propelled motions

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# Introduction

Fluid-Structure interaction problems considered :

- **Fluid/solid systems**: rigid bodies immersed in a viscous fluid
- **Fluid/deformable body**

Self-propulsion of a deformable body = motion by shape changes  
(bacteria, amoeba, ciliate, eel, fish, ...)



White blood cell vs bacterium  
(David Rogers, Vanderbilt University, 1950)

# Outline

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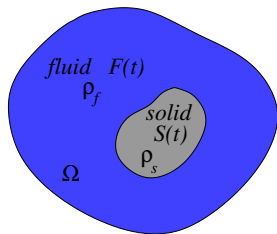
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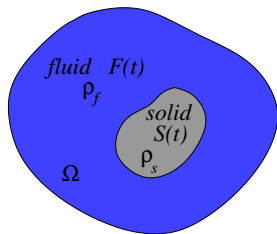
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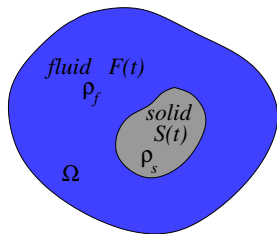


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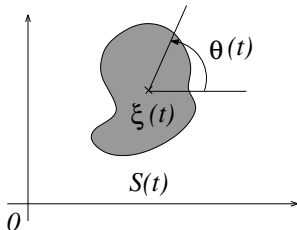
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- Constant densities  $\rho_f$  (fluid) and  $\rho_s$  (solid).

## Fluid/rigid system

### a- Rigid displacement (2D)

The **unknown** position of the rigid body  $S(t)$  into the fluid is defined by :

- the position of the mass center  $\xi(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
- an orientation angle  $\theta(t)$ .



**Eulerian velocity field for the solid:** for all  $\mathbf{x} \in S(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$

$$\mathbf{u}_S(\mathbf{x}, t) = \xi'(t) + \theta'(t)(\mathbf{x} - \xi)^\perp$$

where  $\mathbf{x}^\perp = (-x_2, x_1)^\top$ .

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The fluid:

- The Cauchy stress tensor

$$\sigma(\mathbf{u}, p) = 2\nu D(\mathbf{u}) - pl_d$$

- $\nu > 0$  viscosity
- $D(\mathbf{u}) = (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^\top)/2$  symmetric strain tensor.

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$$\mathbf{u} = \boldsymbol{\xi}' + \theta' (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\xi})^\perp \quad \text{on } \partial S(t)$$

mass  $m$  and moment of inertia  $I$  of the rigid body.

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- *Monolithic scheme (global weak formulation)*
  - Distributed Lagrange multipliers/ fictitious domain, fixed mesh (eulerian method) : Glowinski & Pan & Hesla & Joseph & Périaux, 2000.
  - San Martín & JFS & Takahashi & Tucsnak, 2005, San Martín & JFS & Loredana, 2011.
  - Penalization methods and Level-set: Angot 1999, Bost & Cottet & Maitre 2010

# 1 - Monolithic finite elements scheme with characteristics

## a- A global weak formulation

- Space of functions (velocity) which are *rigids* into the solid  $S(t)$ :

$$\mathcal{K}(t) = \{\mathbf{u} \in H_0^1(\Omega) \mid D(\mathbf{u}) = 0 \text{ in } S(t)\}$$

*Remark:* for all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{K}(t)$ , there exist  $l_{\mathbf{v}} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\omega_{\mathbf{v}} \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = l_{\mathbf{v}} + \omega_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\xi})^\perp \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in S(t).$$

- The space for pressure :

$$\mathcal{M}(t) = \left\{ p \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \int_{\Omega} p \, d\mathbf{x} = 0, \, p = 0 \text{ in } S(t) \right\}$$

- Bilinear forms

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = 2\nu \int_{\Omega} D(\mathbf{u}) : D(\mathbf{v}) \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

$$b(\mathbf{u}, q) = - \int_{\Omega} (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}) q \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \in H_0^1(\Omega), \, q \in L^2(\Omega)$$

- Material derivative of  $\mathbf{v}$  associated to the velocity  $\mathbf{u}$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}$$



Let  $(\mathbf{u}, p, \xi, \theta)$  be a strong solution to the fluid-rigid system.  
 $\mathbf{u}$  and  $p$  are extended to the whole domain  $\Omega$  :

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \xi'(t) + \theta'(t)(\mathbf{x} - \xi(t))^\perp \quad \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in S(t),$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0 \quad \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in S(t).$$

Global mixed formulation.

For all  $t \in (0, T)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \rho \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\mathbf{x} + a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b(\mathbf{v}, p) &= \int_{\Omega} \rho \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{K}(t) \\ b(\mathbf{u}, q) &= 0 \quad \forall q \in \mathcal{M}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{density } \rho(\cdot, t) = \begin{cases} \rho_f & \text{in } F(t) \\ \rho_s & \text{in } S(t) \end{cases}$$

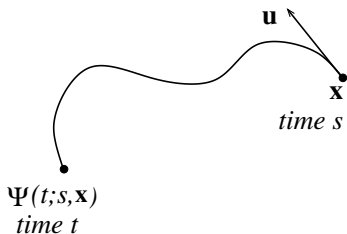
Material derivative of  $\mathbf{u}$  and the characteristic function.

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt}(\mathbf{x}, t_0) = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right) (\mathbf{x}, t_0) = \frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{u}(\psi(t; t_0, \mathbf{x}), t)]|_{t=t_0}$$

The characteristic function  $\psi : (\mathbb{R}^+)^2 \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is the solution of

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \psi(t; s, \mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{u}(\psi(t; s, \mathbf{x}), t) \\ \psi(s; s, \mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

$\psi(t; s, \mathbf{x})$  is the position of a particle at time  $t$  which is in  $\mathbf{x}$  at time  $s$ .



## b- Space and time discretisation - monolithic scheme

Triangulation  $\mathcal{T}_h$  of the complete domain  $\Omega$  (fluid+solid)  $\rightarrow$  fixed mesh

*Approximations with  $\mathcal{T}_h$  :* velocity  $\mathbf{u}_h^k \simeq \mathbf{u}(\cdot, t^k)$

pressure  $p_h^k \simeq p(\cdot, t^k)$

mass center  $\xi_h^k \simeq \xi(t^k)$

orientation angle  $\theta_h^k \simeq \theta(t^k)$

Finite elements space for the velocity  $\mathcal{K}_h^k \simeq \mathcal{K}(t^k)$

Finite elements space for the pressure  $\mathcal{M}_h^k \simeq \mathcal{M}(t^k)$

Suppose the approximate solution  $(\mathbf{u}_h^k, p_h^k, \xi_h^k, \theta_h^k)$  is known at time  $t = t^k$ .  
We aim to compute the solution at time  $t = t^{k+1}$ .

- ① *Computation of the new position of the mass center and the new orientation angle of the solid.*

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_h^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\xi}_h^k + \Delta t \mathbf{u}_h^k(\boldsymbol{\xi}_h^k),$$

$$\theta_h^{k+1} = \theta_h^k + \frac{\Delta t}{I} \int_{S_h^k} \rho_s (\mathbf{u}_h^k(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{u}_h^k(\boldsymbol{\xi}_h^k)) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\xi}_h^k)^\perp d\mathbf{x} \quad \text{with } S_h^k = S(\boldsymbol{\xi}_h^k, \theta_h^k)$$

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- ② **Monolithic scheme:** Global computation of the velocity  $\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1} \in \mathcal{K}_h^{k+1}$  and the pressure  $p_h^{k+1} \in \mathcal{M}_h^{k+1}$ .

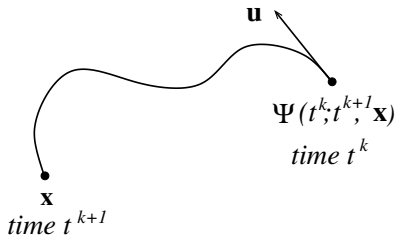
→ approximations of the material derivative and the characteristic function

*Time approximation of the characteristic function :*

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt}(\mathbf{x}, t^{k+1}) &= \frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{u}(\psi(t; t^{k+1}, \mathbf{x}), t)]|_{t=t^{k+1}} \\ &\simeq \frac{\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t^{k+1}) - \mathbf{u}(\psi(t^k, t^{k+1}, \mathbf{x}), t^k)}{\Delta t}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}\psi(t; t^{k+1}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{u}(\psi(t; t^{k+1}, \mathbf{x}), t), & t \in [t^k, t^{k+1}] \\ \psi(t^{k+1}; t^{k+1}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}. \end{cases}$$

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## 2 - The homogeneous case of a constant density function ( $\rho_f = \rho_s$ )

[SMSTT05] J. San Martín, J.-F. Scheid, T. Takahashi and M. Tucsnak,  
Convergence of the Lagrange-Galerkin method for the equations modelling the  
motion of a fluid-rigid system, SIAM J. Numer. Anal., Vol. 43 (2005).

We assume that  $\rho_f = \rho_s = 1$ .

Find  $\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1} \in \mathcal{K}_h^{k+1}$ ,  $p_h^{k+1} \in \mathcal{M}_h^{k+1}$  s.t.

$$\left( \frac{(\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1} - \mathbf{u}_h^k \circ \bar{\mathbf{X}}_h^k)}{\Delta t}, \phi \right) + a(\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1}, \phi) + b(\phi, p_h^{k+1}) = (\mathbf{f}_h^{k+1}, \phi) \quad \forall \phi \in \mathcal{K}_h^{k+1},$$
$$b(\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1}, q) = 0 \quad \forall q \in \mathcal{M}_h^{k+1},$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{X}}_h^k$  is the approximate characteristic function at time  $t^k$ .

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$$\bar{\mathbf{X}}_h^k = \tilde{\psi}(t^k; t^{k+1}, \cdot) \simeq \psi(t^k, t^{k+1}, \cdot)$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \tilde{\psi}(t; t^{k+1}, \mathbf{x}) &= P\mathbf{u}_h^k(\tilde{\psi}(t; t^{k+1}, \mathbf{x})), \\ \tilde{\psi}(t^{k+1}; t^{k+1}, \mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{x}. \end{cases}$$

$P$  is the orthogonal projector on the finite elements space

$$\mathcal{R}_h = \{\mathbf{rot} \varphi_h, \varphi_h \in E_h, \varphi_h = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}.$$

Interest of  $P$  :  $\operatorname{div}(P\mathbf{u}_h^k) = 0$  in  $\Omega$  (fluid+solid) and since  $P\mathbf{u}_h^k = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , we have  $\bar{\mathbf{X}}_h^k(\Omega) = \Omega$ .



The finite elements spaces  $\mathcal{K}_h^k$  and  $\mathcal{M}_h^k$ .

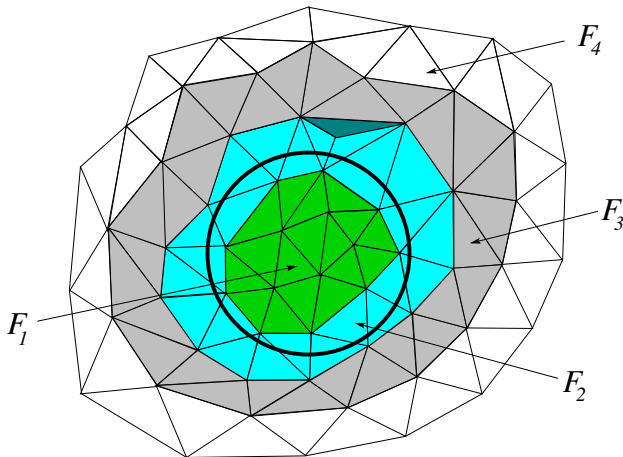
Finite elements for Stokes:  $\mathbb{P}_1$ -bubble/ $\mathbb{P}_1$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_2/\mathbb{P}_1$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_1$ -iso- $\mathbb{P}_2/\mathbb{P}_1$ ,  $\dots$

- $E_h$  : space of approximations for the pressure in the (classical) Stokes problem  
 $E_h =$  space of  $\mathbb{P}_1$  functions.
- $W_h$  : space of approximations for the velocity in the (classical) Stokes problem  
 $W_h =$  space of  $\mathbb{P}_1$ -bubble functions.

Conforming approximations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_h^k &= E_h \cap \mathcal{M}(t^k) \quad \text{where } \mathcal{M}(t^k) = \mathcal{M}(\xi_h^k, \theta_h^k) \\ \mathcal{K}_h^k &= W_h \cap \mathcal{K}(t^k) \quad \text{where } \mathcal{K}(t^k) = \mathcal{K}(\xi_h^k, \theta_h^k)\end{aligned}$$

Let  $A_h^k$  be the union of all the triangles which intersect the solid body  $S(\xi_h^k, \theta_h^k)$  (green and blue triangles)



Every function of  $\mathcal{M}_h^k$  is null in  $A_h^k$

Every function of  $\mathcal{K}_h^k$  is rigid in  $A_h^k$ .

## Convergence result ([SAN MARTÍN-S. -TAKAHASHI-TUCSNAK, 2005])

**Theorem** . Let  $C_0 > 0$  be a fixed constant. We suppose that  $\Omega$  is polygonal convex and that the solution  $(\mathbf{u}, p, \xi, \theta)$  of the fluid-rigid system is regular. Assume that  $S$  is a *ball* and that  $\text{dist}(S, \partial\Omega) > 0$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . We also assume that  $\rho_s = \rho_f$ . Then, there exist 2 constants  $C > 0$  and  $\tau^* > 0$  independents of  $h$  and  $\Delta t$  s.t. for all  $0 < \Delta t \leq \tau^*$  and for all  $h \leq C_0 (\Delta t)^2$ , we have

$$\sup_{1 \leq k \leq N} \left( |\xi(t^k) - \xi_h^k| + \|\mathbf{u}(t^k) - \mathbf{u}_h^k\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right) \leq C \Delta t.$$

*Remark.* For the Navier-Stokes equations, alone without any rigid, the same type of result holds for  $h \leq C_0 \Delta t$  ([Pironneau, 1982]) and for  $h^2 \leq C_0 \Delta t \leq C_1 h^\sigma$  ( $\sigma > 1/2$ ) ([Süli, 1988]).

Key ingredient for the proof:

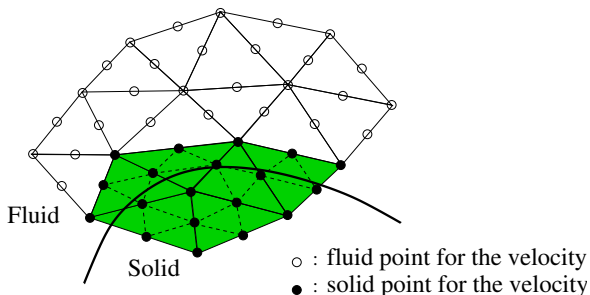
The velocity functions  $\mathbf{u}(t^k)$  and  $\mathbf{u}_h^k$  **are not rigids at the same place**  
 $\Rightarrow$  difficult to compare them.

We transform

$$\mathbf{u}(t^k) \in \mathcal{K}(\xi(t^k)) \longrightarrow \mathbf{U}^k \in \mathcal{K}(\xi_h^k).$$

We are then able to compare  $\mathbf{U}^k$  with  $\mathbf{u}_h^k$  since they are both functions in  $\mathcal{K}(\xi_h^k)$  i.e. **rigid velocities in  $S(\xi_h^k)$**

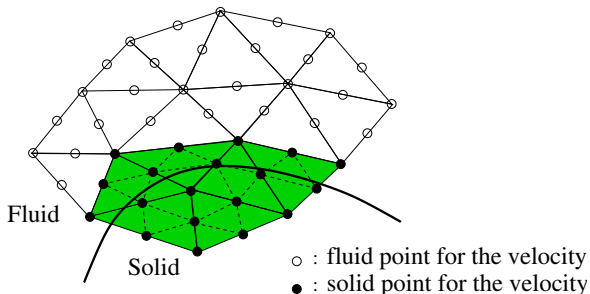
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- *Approximate space for the pressure:*  $\mathcal{M}_h^k(\boldsymbol{\xi}_h^k) = \text{span}\{(\varphi_i)_{i \in \text{fluid}}\}$
- *Approximate space for the velocity:*

$$\mathcal{K}_h^k(\boldsymbol{\xi}_h^k) = \text{span}\left\{(\phi_i)_{i \in \text{fluid}}, \left(\sum_{i \in \text{rigid}} \varphi_i \mathbf{l}_j\right)_{j=1,2,3}\right\} \subset \mathbb{P}_2 \cap \mathcal{K}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_h^k, \theta_h^k)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u}_h^k &= \sum_{i \in \text{fluid}} \mathbf{u}_i \phi_i + \sum_{j=1}^3 \eta_j \mathbf{l}_j^k \sum_{i \in \text{rigid}} \varphi_i \\ p_h^k &= \sum_{i \in \text{fluid}} p_i \varphi_i\end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\mathcal{M} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}^T}_{\text{Stokes matrix on } \Omega} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ P \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{M} \begin{pmatrix} L \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The transformation matrix  $\mathcal{M}$  is of size  $(2N_f + 3 + M_f) \times (2N + M)$

$$\mathcal{M} = \left( \begin{array}{c|cc|cc|c|c} \overbrace{N_f} & & \overbrace{N_s} & & \overbrace{N_f} & & \overbrace{N_s} & & \overbrace{M_f} & \overbrace{M_s} \\ \hline I_2 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & 0 & & I_2 & & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_1 & \cdots & \alpha_1 & 0 & \alpha_2 & \cdots & \alpha_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & I_1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

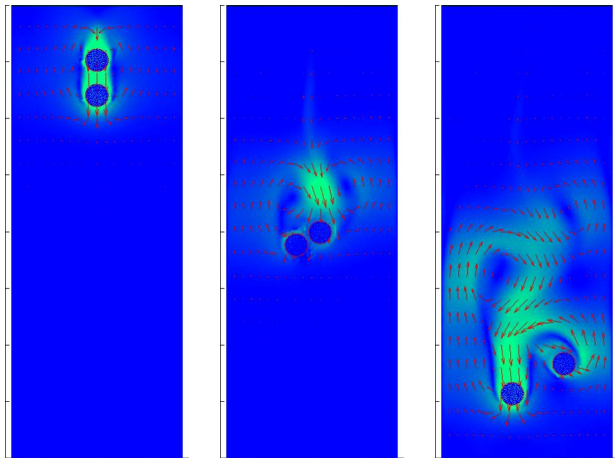
$I_2$  and  $I_1$  are identity matrices of order  $N_f$  and  $M_f$  respectively and  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = (\mathbf{x}(P_i) - \boldsymbol{\xi}_h^k)^\perp$ .

## Numerical simulations ( $\rho_f = \rho_s$ )

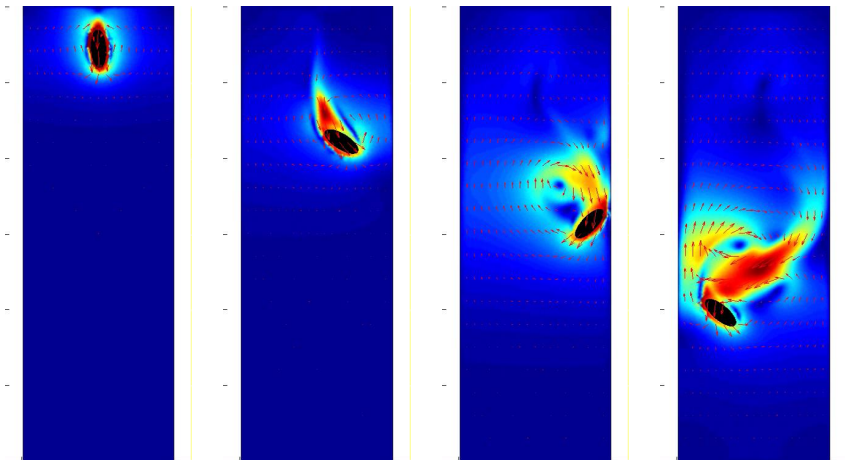
Several bodies are easily handled

$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$  into the fluid,  $\mathbf{f} = (0, -g)^\top$  into the solid.

- free fall of rigid balls in a fluid (tumbling)



- Freely falling ellipse (unstable vs 'more stable')



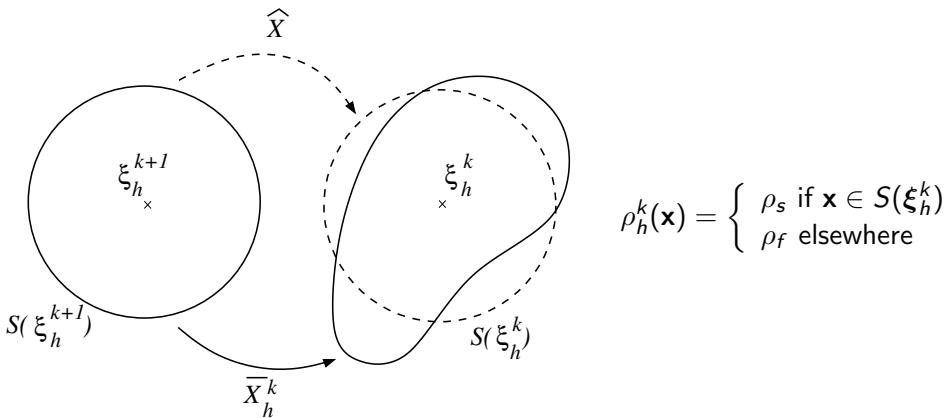
### 3 - The case of a discontinuous density function

Now, we assume that  $\rho_f \neq \rho_s$ .

**First idea** : extend the previous scheme (for  $\rho_f = \rho_s$ ) by approximating the inertial term in the Navier-Stokes equations (material derivative) as:

$$\rho_h^{k+1} \frac{(\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1} - \mathbf{u}_h^k \circ \bar{\mathbf{X}}_h^k)}{\Delta t} \quad \text{with } \rho_h^{k+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \rho_s & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in S(\xi_h^{k+1}) \\ \rho_f & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$\bar{\mathbf{X}}_h^k$  is the approximate characteristics function for the case  $\rho_f = \rho_s$ .



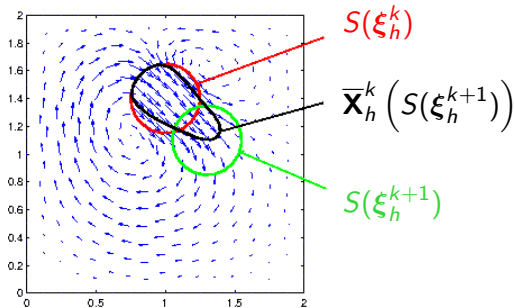
### Difficulties :

- The error estimate  $\|\mathbf{u}(t^k) - \mathbf{u}_h^k\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$  involves the term

$$\|\rho_h^{k+1} - \rho_h^k \circ \overline{\mathbf{X}}_h^k\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad (\text{with } \rho_h^{k+1} = \rho_h^k \circ \widehat{\mathbf{X}})$$

- Generally  $\overline{\mathbf{X}}_h^k(S(\xi_h^{k+1})) \not\subseteq S(\xi_h^k)$  and  $\rho_h^{k+1} \neq \rho_h^k \circ \overline{\mathbf{X}}_h^k$ .

Numerical example of  $\overline{\mathbf{X}}_h^k \left( S(\xi_h^{k+1}) \right) \not\subseteq S(\xi_h^k)$



$\Rightarrow$  we do not know how to estimate the term  $\|\rho_h^{k+1} - \rho_h^k \circ \overline{\mathbf{X}}_h^k\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \dots$

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## Properties of the modified characteristics function

- ①  $\bar{\mathbf{X}}_h^k(S(\xi_h^{k+1})) = S(\xi_h^k).$
- ② If the density function  $\rho_h^k$  is extended to  $\rho_f$  outside  $\Omega$ , then  $\rho_h^{k+1} = \rho_h^k \circ \bar{\mathbf{X}}_h^k.$

From 2), we have  $\|\rho_h^{k+1} - \rho_h^k \circ \bar{\mathbf{X}}_h^k\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = 0 !!!$

## Convergence result for the modified characteristics with $\rho_f \neq \rho_s$ ([SAN MARTÍN-S.-SMARANDA, 2011])

**Theorem.** We suppose that  $\Omega$  is polygonal, convex and that  $(\mathbf{u}, p, \xi, \theta)$  is a regular (exact) solution to the fluid-rigid system. We assume that  $S$  is a ball and that  $\text{dist}(S, \partial\Omega) > 0$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . Let  $C_0 > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  be fixed constants. Then, there exist 2 constants  $C > 0$  and  $\tau^* > 0$  independents of  $h$  and  $\Delta t$  s.t. for all  $0 < \Delta t \leq \tau^*$  and for all  $h \leq C_0 (\Delta t)^{1+\alpha}$ , we have

$$\sup_{1 \leq k \leq N} \left( |\xi(t^k) - \xi_h^k| + \|\mathbf{u}(t^k) - \mathbf{u}_h^k\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right) \leq C \Delta t^\alpha.$$

*Remark.* For  $\alpha = 1$ , we get the convergence order of the scheme for the case  $\rho_f = \rho_s$ .

## 4 - Link with the fictitious domain method

For every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{K}(\xi)$

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} \cdot \varphi \, d\mathbf{x} = \rho_f \int_{\Omega} \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} \cdot \varphi \, d\mathbf{x} + \left(1 - \frac{\rho_f}{\rho_s}\right) \rho_s \int_{S(t)} \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} \cdot \varphi \, d\mathbf{x}$$

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### Fictitious domain formulation

For all  $t$ , find  $\mathbf{u}(t) \in \mathcal{K}(\xi)$ ,  $p(t) \in \mathcal{M}(\xi)$ ,  $\xi(t)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_f \left( \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt}, \varphi \right) + \left(1 - \frac{\rho_f}{\rho_s}\right) \left( m\xi''(t) \cdot \mathbf{l}_{\varphi} + I\theta''(t)\omega_{\varphi} \right) + a(\mathbf{u}, \varphi) + b(\varphi, p) &= (\rho \mathbf{f}, \varphi) \\ b(\mathbf{u}, q) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{K}(\xi)$  and  $q \in \mathcal{M}(\xi)$ .

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Find  $\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1} \in \mathcal{K}_h^{k+1}$ ,  $p_h^{k+1} \in \mathcal{M}_h^{k+1}$  s.t.

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& + \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_f}{\rho_s} \right) \left( m \frac{\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_h^{k+1}) - \mathbf{u}_h^k(\boldsymbol{\xi}_h^k)}{\Delta t} \cdot \mathbf{l}_\phi + l \frac{\omega_{\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1}} - \omega_{\mathbf{u}_h^k} \cos(\theta_k)}{\Delta t} \omega_\phi \right)
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This is a discretisation of the fictitious domain formulation

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_f \left( \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt}, \varphi \right) &+ \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_f}{\rho_s} \right) \left( m \xi''(t) \cdot \mathbf{l}_\varphi + I \theta''(t) \omega_\varphi \right) \\
&+ a(\mathbf{u}, \varphi) + b(\varphi, p) = (\rho \mathbf{f}, \varphi)
\end{aligned}$$

## B. An extended model for deformable bodies

Self-propulsion by shape changes = ability for a body to move into a fluid by changing its shape (deformation)

The self-propulsion is the result of the interaction between the deformation and the fluid

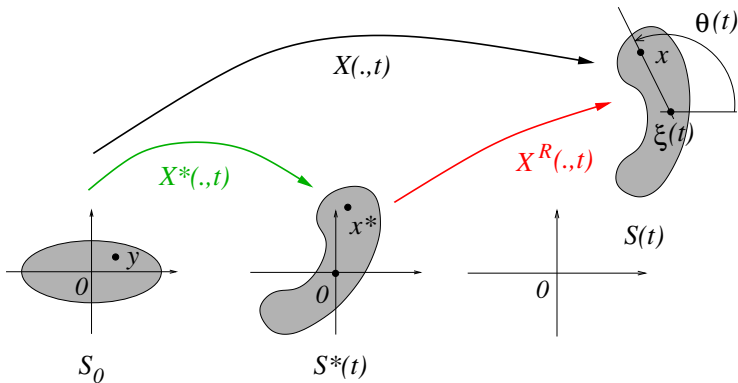
**Main hypothesis :** The deformation is given once for all and can't be modified by the fluid flow

# 1- A kinetic model for the deformation (2D)

$\mathcal{S}_0$  : reference body.

The transformation  $X$  of  $\mathcal{S}_0$  is regular

$$X(\mathbf{y}, t) = \mathbf{X}^R(\mathbf{X}^*(\mathbf{y}, t), t) \quad \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{S}_0, \quad t \geq 0.$$



$X^*$  : deformation of the body (known)

$X^R$  : rigid displacement (**unknown**)

Hypothesis for the deformation  $X^*$  :

- The total volume and the total mass of the body are conserved.
- The deformation  $X^*$  does not modify the linear and angular momenta of the body. In particular, the mass center of the the deformed body  $S^*$  does not change.

The unknowns :

- $\xi(t)$ : mass center of the deformable body.
- $\theta(t)$  : orientation angle ( $R_\theta$  : rotation matrix)

The eulerian velocity field of the body  $\mathcal{S}(t)$  is:

$$\mathbf{u}_S(\mathbf{x}, t) = \underbrace{\xi'(t) + \theta'(t)(\mathbf{x} - \xi(t))^\perp}_{\text{rigid displacement}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, t)}_{\text{deformation}}$$

where

$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, t) = R_{\theta(t)} \mathbf{w}^*(\mathbf{x}^*, t), \quad \mathbf{x} = X^R(\mathbf{x}^*, t)$$

and  $\mathbf{w}^*(\mathbf{x}^*, t) = \frac{\partial X^*}{\partial t}(\mathbf{y}, t)$  is the deformation velocity (**known**).

## 2- The full system fluid/deformation

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_f \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right) - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \nabla p &= \rho_f \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } F(t) \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} &= 0 \quad \text{in } F(t)\end{aligned}$$

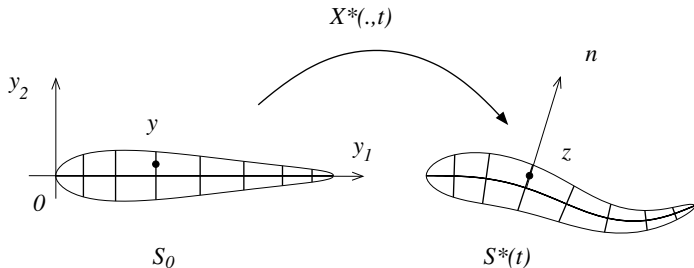
$$\mathbf{u} = \boldsymbol{\xi}' + \theta' (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\xi})^\perp + \mathbf{w} \quad \text{on } \partial S(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}m \boldsymbol{\xi}'' &= - \int_{\partial S(t)} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, p) \mathbf{n} \, d\Gamma + \int_{S(t)} \rho_s \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ (I \theta')' &= - \int_{\partial S(t)} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\xi})^\perp \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, p) \mathbf{n} \, d\Gamma + \int_{S(t)} \rho_s (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\xi})^\perp \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x}\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  same global formulation as in the rigid body case.

### 3 - Fish-like swimming simulations

A geometric beam model for  $X^*$ : during the deformation, the cross-sections remain perpendicular to the middle line (Kirchhoff's model)



The mean curvature of the middle line is prescribed (carangiform swimming) :

$$K(y_1, t) = (a_2 y_1^2 + a_1 y_1 + a_0) \sin 2\pi(y_1/\lambda - t/T) + a_3$$

## Numerical simulations

