

FLUID STRUCTURE INTERACCION WITH HIGH ORDER DISCONTINUOUS GALERKIN METHODS

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ABSTRACT

We consider high fidelity simulations of aerodynamic problems exhibiting significant fluid structure interaction. We will present our discontinuous Galerkin methodology for the discretization of convection-diffusion systems and also address efficient solution strategies [1,4]. In order to handle problems involving variable geometries, we introduce a continuous mapping [3] between a fixed reference configuration and the time varying domain. By writing the Navier-Stokes equations as a conservation law for the independent variables in the reference configuration, the complexity introduced by variable geometry is reduced to solving a transformed conservation law in a fixed geometry. The spatial discretization is carried out using the Discontinuous Galerkin method on unstructured meshes of triangles, while the time integration is performed using either an explicit Runge-Kutta method or BDF formulae.. A number of results involving biologically-inspired flight will be shown to illustrate the flexibility of the approach to handle high order approximations on complex geometries.

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