Numerical Methods for Fluid-Structure Interaction

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Elapsed CPU-times comparisons



Table V. Elapsed CPU–time (dimensionless) for Algorithms 1–6 in Phase II.

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Concluding remarks

• Main points:

- Fluid-structure interaction is a widespread phenomena.
- Its computer-based **simulation** raises many **numerical challenges**.
- In my work, I have focused on:
 - Efficient splitting schemes
 - Accurate unfitted mesh methods

• Perspectives:

- Contacting solids, solid break-up (e.g., micro-encapsulation, drug delivery)
- 3D simulations, non-symmetric penalty free Nitsche's method
- Mesh intersection in 3D & HPC
- Contact with multiple structures

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