Resistance Decomposition of a Self-propelled Ship in Full Scale

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• Simulations of self-propelled ships at full scale are a main goal for CFD;

• These flows involve multiple complex physics such as turbulent flow, free-surface and cavitation, making them numerically challenging;

• Very little data at full scale exists for comparison/validation;





Overview and goals

- To perform a full scale simulation of a self propelled ship, and corresponding simplifications, i.e, no propeller and double-body setup;
- How is the resistance affected by
 - the inclusion of the free-surface?
 - 2 the propeller?
 - In the second second

How do these effects affect each other?
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Overview and goals

- Top-down approach with reference case being the self-propelled* simulation, with free trim and sink and hull/propeller roughness.
- The remaining simulations are progressive simplifications of the reference case:
 no ship motion (fixed trim and sink);
 - 2 no propeller (resistance test);
 - In o free surface double body setup:
 - with/without roughness;
 - with/without propeller;





• "Development of an industry recognised benchmark for Ship Energy Efficiency Solutions";

• Provides a data base of sea trial data, useful for full scale CFD validation, with several workshops being organised on this topic;

• Over 50 participating organisations, project conclusion in 2023.





- The JoRes tanker, one of the vessels studied in the JoRes project;
- Geometry given in the project, along with sea trial data and roughness measurements;

Table: JoRes 1 tanker dimensions





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Test case description

Test Case



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Designation	Grid 5	Grid 4	Grid 3	Grid 2	Grid 1
# of prism layers	20	25	30	35	40
Expansion ratio	1.2	1.157	1.129	1.110	1.095
Growth Layers	4	5	6	7	8
Design refinement ratio	2.0	1.6	1.33	1.14	1.0

Table: Grid settings





Designation # of surface faces # of volume cells Design refinement ratio Surface refinement ratio Volume refinement ratio

Grid 5	Grid 4	Grid 3	Grid 2	Grid 1
150,442	234,286	295,508	396,177	499,010
3,812,535	7,201,525	10,918,634	17,022,359	24,107,080
2.0	1.6	1.33	1.14	1.0
1.82	1.46	1.30	1.12	1.0
1.85	1.50	1.30	1.12	1.0

Table: Double Body without Propeller





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Grid 5	Grid 4	Grid 3	Grid 2	Grid 1
239,240	349,212	439,947	574,421	697,023
5,583,304	10,106,176	15,213,482	23,522,579	32,535,742
2.0	1.6	1.33	1.14	1.0
1.71	1.41	1.26	1.10	1.0
1.80	1.48	1.29	1.11	1.0

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Grid 5	Grid 4	Grid 3	Grid 2	Grid 1
208,936	331,928	424,922	576,462	723,545
6,264,248	12,133,854	18,950,116	29,773,509	42,243,195
2.0	1.6	1.33	1.14	1.0
1.86	1.48	1.30	1.12	1.0
1.89	1.52	1.31	1.12	1.0

Table: Free Surface without Propeller





Numerical Settings

- Simulations performed in STAR-CCM+ 17.02.008-r8;
- $k \omega$ Shear Stress Transport (SST) turbulence model with wall functions and all y+ approach;
- Total prism layer thickness selected such that y_{avg}^+ ranges from 60 to 120, depending on the grid.
- Second order schemes for space discretisation. Time step selected such that propeller rotation ranges from 1° to 0.5°, depending on the grid, keeping Courant number constant.





Friction Resistance Split



Friction Resistance - Fore



Friction Resistance - Aft



Friction Resistance - Rudder



Friction Resistance - Hull



Pressure Resistance - Hull



Total Resistance - Hull



Friction Resistance Split



Friction Resistance - Fore



Friction Resistance - Aft



Friction Resistance - Rudder



Friction Resistance - Hull



Pressure Resistance - Hull



Total Resistance - Hull



Propeller Thrust



Propeller Torque



Total Resistance - Hull - grid5



Total Resistance - Hull - grid3



Friction Resistance Split



Friction Resistance - Fore



Friction Resistance - Aft



Friction Resistance - Rudder



Friction Resistance - Hull



Pressure Resistance - Hull



Total Resistance - Hull



Friction Resistance Split



Friction Resistance - Fore



Friction Resistance - Aft



Friction Resistance - Rudder



Friction Resistance - Hull



Pressure Resistance - Hull



Total Resistance - Hull



Propeller Thrust



Propeller Torque



• Very good friction resistance predictions with double-body setup. Roughness accounts for over 10% of friction resistance;

• Propeller influence on friction resistance is not limited to the aft of the ship. Including the propeller in double-body setup significantly improves pressure resistance prediction.

• Pressure resistance oscillations make statistical convergence extremely difficult when free surface is included. Results seem to indicate that the effect of the free-surface on the resistance is comparable or smaller than the effect of including the propeller.





• Understand mechanism behind pressure oscillations. Is it physical, is it numerical?

• Reliable data for setup with free surface and propeller. Challenging if pressure oscillations are a physical behaviour due to different time scales.





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