Galaxy formation in SPHS



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Integral Continuity
$$\rho_{i} = \sum_{j}^{N} m_{j} W_{ij}(|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|, h_{i})$$
Momentum
$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_{i}}{dt} = \sum_{j}^{N} \frac{m_{j}}{\rho_{i}\rho_{j}} (P_{i} + P_{j}) \nabla_{i} \overline{W}_{ij}$$
Eqn. of state
$$P_{i} = A_{i}\rho_{i}^{\gamma} \qquad ; A_{i} = \text{const.}$$
Improved force error

Background | Advantages of SPH

- I. Lagrangian
- 2. Galilean invariant
- 3. Manifestly conservative
- 4. Easy to implement

5. Couples to O(N) FMM gravity

Background | Some problems with 'classic' SPH

The "blob test"



A 1:10 density ratio gas sphere in a wind tunnel (Mach 2.7), initially in pressure eq.

Agertz et al. 2007

Background | Some problems with 'classic' SPH

I. The 'E0' error

2. Multivalued pressures

3. Overly viscous

4. Noisy

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Momentum
$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_{i}}{dt} = \sum_{j}^{N} \frac{m_{j}}{\rho_{i}\rho_{j}} \left(P_{i} + P_{j}\right) \nabla_{i} \overline{W}_{ij}$$
$$P_{j} \simeq P_{i} + h \underline{x}_{ij} \cdot \underline{\nabla} P_{i} + O(h^{2})$$

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I.The 'EO error' | Minimising EO - raising the kernel sampling



Smooth on kernel scale (stable kernel)
 Larger neighbour number
 More power in kernel wings

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$$\alpha_{\text{loc},i} = \begin{cases} \frac{h_i^2 |\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_i)|}{h_i^2 |\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_i)| + h_i |\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_i| + n_s c_s} \alpha_{\text{max}} & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_i < 0\\ 0 & \text{[i.e. going to converge]} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
[Requires high order gradient estimator]

$$\alpha_i = \alpha_{\mathrm{loc},i} \quad \alpha_i < \alpha_{\mathrm{loc},i}$$

otherwise, α_i smoothly decays back to zero:

$$\dot{\alpha}_{i} = (\alpha_{\text{loc},i} - \alpha_{i})/\tau_{i} \quad \alpha_{\min} < \alpha_{\text{loc},i} < \alpha_{i}$$
$$\dot{\alpha}_{i} = (\alpha_{\min} - \alpha_{i})/\tau_{i} \quad \alpha_{\min} > \alpha_{\text{loc},i}$$

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SPHS | Putting it all together

- 'E0' error reduced using 442 neighbours and stable higher order HOCT kernel. Also much lower noise (4).
- 2. Multivalued pressures eliminated using advance warning high order switch and conservative dissipation. Lower viscosity away from shocks (3); multimass particles now possible.
- Timestep limiter [Saitoh & Makino 2009] => strong shocks correctly tracked.
- 4. Implementations in GADGET2 & 3.









SPHS tests | Gresho vortex



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SPHS tests | KH instability I:8 density contrast ... multimass



SPHS tests | Blob test

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SPHS | Cooling halos



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SPHS | Conclusions

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- Multivalued pressures eliminated using advance warning high order switch and conservative dissipation. Lower viscosity away from shocks; multimass particles now possible.
- Timestep limiter => strong shocks correctly tracked.
- Good performance and convergence to >1% accuracy on a wide range of test problems.
- Santa Barbara test => entropy profile core
- Cooling halos => no SPH blobs