

Microalgues, biocarburants et couplage hydrodynamique-biologie

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- DYLISS (A. Siegel)
- BAMBOO, IBIS, MODEMIC + LOV, IFREMER
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Sustainable/renewable energies

Two aspects

- Algae culture - hydrodynamics-biology coupling
- Marine energies

IEED (Institute of Excellence in Carbon-free Energy)

- GreenStars & Inria Project Lab “Algae in silico”
- France Energies Marines

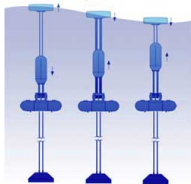
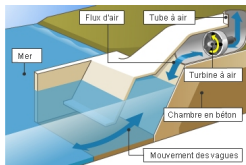
Common features

- Strong political/economical supports
- Many small/young companies
- Scientific challenges : modeling, num. anal. & simulations
- Optimization problems (\neq network, \neq intermittence)
- Sustainable development vs. oil price

Marine energies

Capture the waves energy

- Various tested systems
- **Objective** : be able to simulate the fluid/structure interaction in order to optimize the system



Microalgae can support the 3rd biofuel generation

Description : algae pool driven into motion by a paddle wheel

Companies : EADS, Microphyt, Naskéo, Ondalys, Roquette, Sofiprotéol, Soliance, . . .



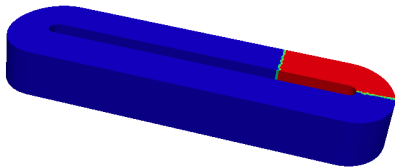
Goal : optimize the biomass production by playing on the nutrients supply, water depth, agitation, . . .

Production : lipids (methanisation), CH_4

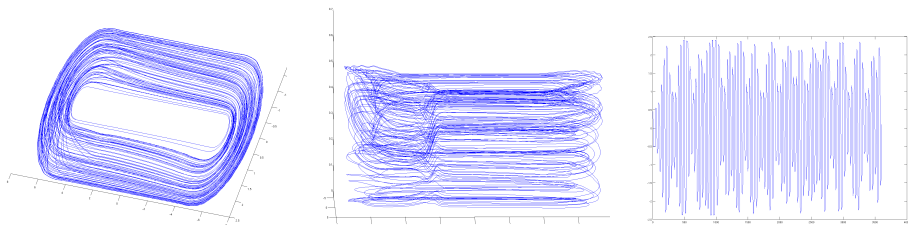
Initial supports : ARC "Nautilus" - PEPS CNRS

Illustration

- Algotron (INRA-LBE)



- **3d motion** (anim)



Modelling, prediction & optim. of μ -algae growth

ANGE, BIOCORE, DYLISS, BAMBOO, IBIS, MODEMIC

- Genomic
 - individual scale
 - reconstruction of metabolic networks
 - reduction to a macroscopic scale
 - lipid & glucid storage
- Macroscopic
 - μ -algae and their dynamical environment
 - light induced adaptation mechanisms
- Hydrodynamics
 - hydrodynamics-biology coupling
 - evaluation of culture strategies

Fluid mechanics + biology

- Navier-Stokes with free surface

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \underline{\mathbf{u}} = 0, \\ \dot{\underline{\mathbf{u}}} + (\underline{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla) \underline{\mathbf{u}} + \nabla p = \mathbf{G} + \operatorname{div} \underline{\underline{\Sigma}}, \end{cases}$$

- Droop model (Droop 1983)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dC_1}{dt} = \mu\left(\frac{C_2}{C_1}, I\right) C_1 - RC_1 \\ \frac{dC_2}{dt} = \lambda(C_3, \frac{C_2}{C_1}) C_1 - RC_2 \frac{dC_3}{dt} = -\lambda(C_3, \frac{C_2}{C_1}) C_1 \end{cases}$$

with C_1 : phytoplanktonic carbon, C_2 residual nitrates and C_3 phytoplanktonic nitrogen, I light, R death rate

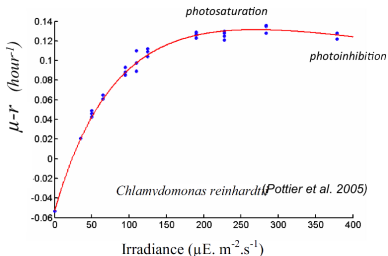
- Advection, reaction and diffusion PDE's

$$\frac{\partial X}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\underline{\mathbf{u}} X) = F(X) + \nu \Delta X$$

with $X = (C_1, C_2, C_3)^T$

Algae : photosynthesis & photoacclimation

- Photosynthesis is well known at steady state in the lab



Growth rate

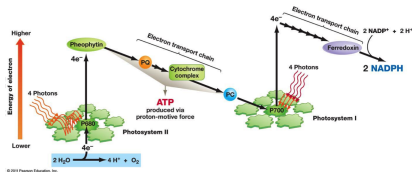
$$\mu(I) = \tilde{\mu} \frac{I}{I + K_s I + \frac{I^2}{K_{i,I}}}$$

Eilers & Peeters (1988)

- Behavior w.r.t. light fluctuations (high frequency) ?

Several time scales

- Slow time scale (1-10 mins)
 - Droop like models (widely used)
- Fast time scale (1-10 secs)



- Many states : rest, storage, busy, restore, **dammaged** (photoinhibition)

$$X \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T I(t) dt \right) \neq \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T X(I(t)) dt$$

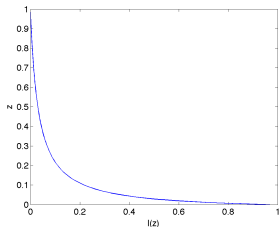
- Sunshine variations, circadian rhythm

Increase light variations

- Light attenuation

$$I(z) = I_0 e^{-\psi(C_2, z)}$$

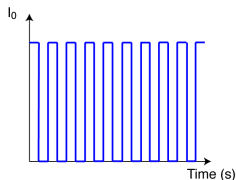
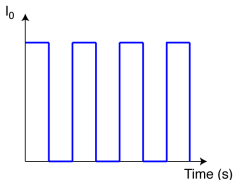
(C_2 chlorophyll, biomass)



- Light variations

$$\frac{dI_0}{dt} \nearrow \Rightarrow P_{biomass} \nearrow$$

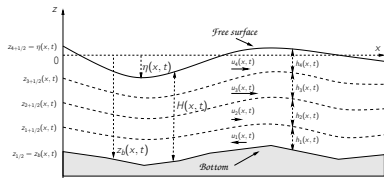
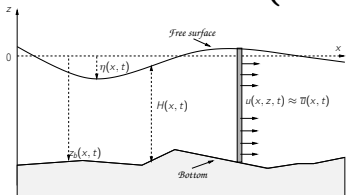
(experiments+models)



→ Increase mixing (paddlewheel) ⇒ hydrodynamics-biology coupling

Incompressible Euler (NS) system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial uw}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -g \end{array} \right.$$



- Beyond the Saint-Venant system
- Many contributions (Audusse, Bouchut, LeVeque, Pares, ...)
- Isopycnal models / non-miscible fluids / sigma-transform

Key idea

Saint-Venant

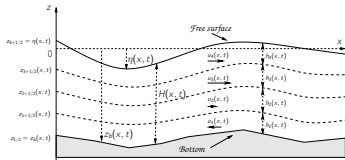
$$u(x, z, t) \approx \bar{u}(x, t)$$



“Multilayer” Saint-Venant

$$u(x, z, t) \approx \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \mathbf{1}_{z \in L_{\alpha}(x, t)} u_{\alpha}(x, t)$$

Approximate Euler system (M2AN, JCP 2011)



- Weak form (\mathbb{P}_0^t) of the Euler system $\mathbb{P}_0^t = \{\mathbf{1}_{z \in L_\alpha(x,t)}, 1 \leq \alpha \leq N\}$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (h_\alpha u_\alpha) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial (h_\alpha u_\alpha)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (h_\alpha u_\alpha^2 + \frac{g}{2} h_\alpha f(\{h_j\}_{j \geq \alpha})) = F_{\alpha+1/2} - F_{\alpha-1/2} \end{cases}$$

- Only one “global” continuity equation, $H = \sum h_\alpha$
- Exchange terms $G_{\alpha+1/2}$, $F_{\alpha+1/2} = u_{\alpha+1/2} G_{\alpha+1/2} + P_{\alpha+1/2}$,
- $G_{\alpha+1/2} = \sum_{j=1}^{\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial h_j}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (h_j u_j) \right)$
- If $G_{\alpha+1/2} \equiv 0$ non-miscible fluids, N cont. equations

Properties of the model (hydro only)

- Hyperbolicity ?

$$M(X)\dot{X} + A(X)\frac{\partial X}{\partial x} = 0$$

- hyperbolic for $N = 2$
- for $N > 2$, “arrow matrices” and interlacing of eigenvalues
- large family of entropies
- When $N \rightarrow \infty$? ($\approx 2 \times 2$ system)
- **Proposition** *The functions $(h_\alpha, u_\alpha, E_\alpha)(t, x)$ are strong solutions of MSV iff $\{M_j(x, t, \xi)\}_{j=1}^N$ is solution of*

$$\frac{\partial M_\alpha}{\partial t} + \xi \frac{\partial M_\alpha}{\partial x} - N_{\alpha+1/2} + N_{\alpha-1/2} = Q_\alpha(x, t, \xi)$$

- Discretization using **finite volumes**
- Robust & efficient numerical scheme
 - positive, well-balanced, **discrete entropy inequality**

Analytical validation (CMS 2012)

- Analytical solutions to the Euler system
 - 2d and 3d solutions, for any bottom topography $z_b(x, y)$
 - with entropic shocks
 - not necessarily free surface flows
 - In 2d (continuous solutions), u and H characterized by

$$u = \alpha\beta \frac{\cos\beta(z - z_b)}{\sin\beta H}, \quad \left(g(H + z_b) + \frac{\alpha^2\beta^2}{2\sin(\beta H)^2} \right)_x = 0$$

- Recovered by the 2d and 3d codes (also without free surface)

◦ analytic



◦ simulated

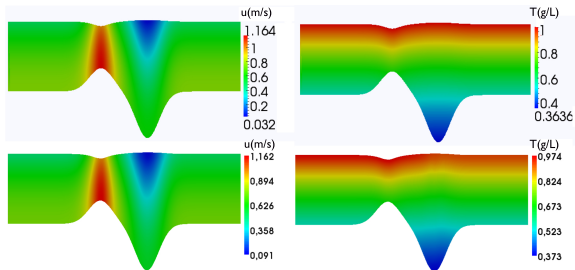


Validation : hydrodynamics + biology

- Analytical validations

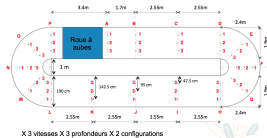
(Euler hydro + bio)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial uw}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -g \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial uT}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial wT}{\partial z} = f(x, z)T \end{array} \right.$$

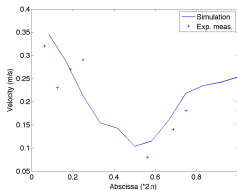
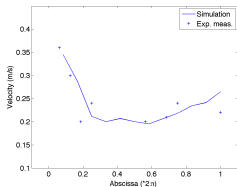


Exp. validations (M2AN 2013)

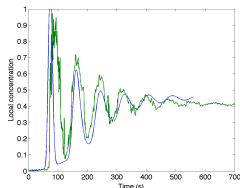
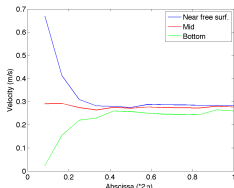
- Measurement points



- Comparison (25 Hz, aligned blades, paths 2 & 3, $H = 30$ cm)



- Comparison (25 Hz, path 2, $H = 5, 20, 30$ cm) & Tracer



An optimization problem

$$\max P_{algae} \text{ vs. } \min E_{wheel}$$

Playing on

- Water level
- Paddlewheel (shape, velocity, . . .)
- Nutrients
- Algae species
- . . .

Idea

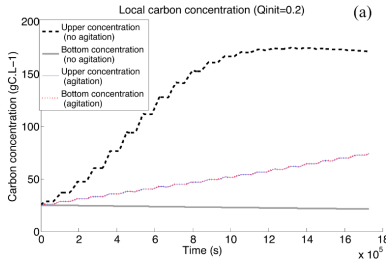
- Many simulations
- ➞ Optimization (cf. G. Allaire) but for fluid mechanics (e.g. HCLs)

Importance of the paddle wheel

- Algae culture in a raceway
 - 3d Navier-Stokes + Droop model



- Results (PhD A.-C. Boulanger)

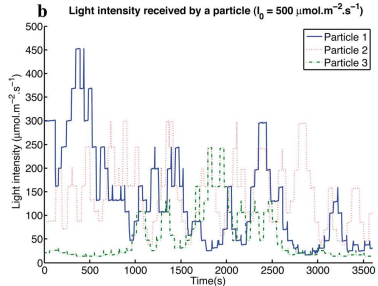
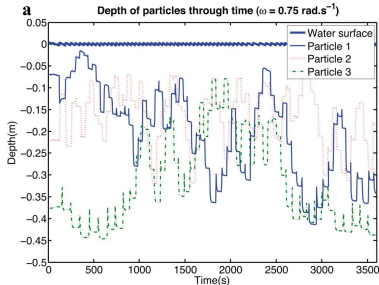


Lagrangian trajectories

- Calculated from hyd. simulations

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \underline{u}(M(t))$$

- Description : eulerian \neq lagrangian



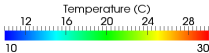
Many degrees of freedom

Experiments

- Many μ -algae species
- Freshwater/marine algae

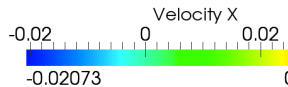
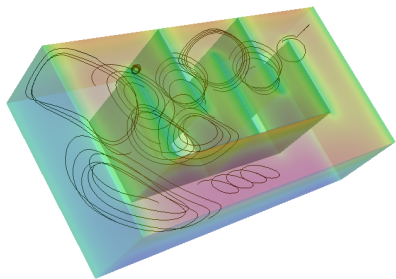
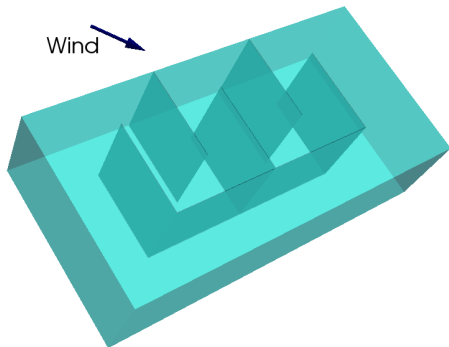
A priori simulations

- Raceway with a modified geometry, with obstacles
- Lighting strategies
- Solar driven flows



Salt marshes

- Collaboration with “La compagnie du vent” (GDF-Suez)



Challenges & positioning

4 aspects : modeling, analysis, simulation & experiments

- Genomic
- μ -algae in their environment
- Hydrodynamics-biology coupling
 - incompressible Euler with free surface
 - non-hydrostatic effects & sedimentation

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{u}} = 0$$

$$\partial_t \underline{\mathbf{u}} + (\underline{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla) \underline{\mathbf{u}} + \nabla p = \mathbf{G}$$

- Very complex systems
 - many couplings
 - multiscale, with uncertainties
- Goal oriented researches
 - need for scientific breakthroughs, upstream research
 - robust/efficient numerical tools
- From gene to industrial process
 - transfer / complex & changing ecosystem of SME

Capture wave energy

- Collaboration with Openocean
- An experimental device
(Pecem harbor - Ceara - Brazil)



Obtained results

