

# **SIERRA\_SolidMechanics**

## **Quasistatic, Implicit dynamics and Explicit dynamics Capabilities**

Computational Solid Mechanics and  
Structural Dynamics Department, 1542

August, 2008

# SIERRA Mechanics Modules

**SIERRA\_SolidMechanics**  
Quasistatics, Implicit dynamics  
and Explicit dynamics





# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics:

## Development team

| Team member             | Expertise                                               |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Manoj Bhardwaj          | Structural Dynamics, Agile code development             |
| Nathan Crane            | NBTet remeshing, element death                          |
| Arne Gullerud (½ time)  | Material models, shell contact                          |
| Jason Hales             | Solvers, elements, failure modeling                     |
| Martin Heinstein        | Contact, solvers, transient dynamics                    |
| Brent Perschbacher      | Performance profiling, testing                          |
| Kendall Pierson         | Solvers, Code architecture                              |
| Vicki Porter            | Rigid body mechanics, QS $\leftrightarrow$ ETD handoffs |
| Greg Sjaardema (½ time) | SIERRA framework/toolkit                                |
| Ben Spencer             | BCs, multi-scale modeling                               |
| Joe Jung                | manager 1542                                            |

# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

## capabilities (sampling)

index

Single Physics

Nonlinear stress response (w/ multi-level solvers)

[stress](#)

Interface problems

[contact](#)

Energy absorbing impact (e.g. crash)

[impact](#)

Large deformations (remeshing, particle methods)

[remesh](#)

Failure Modeling (explicit & implicit)

[GPFM](#)

Coupled Physics

quasistatics ↔ transient dynamics ↔ structural dynamics

[SM  
x-fer](#)

Thermal-structural response (e.g. residual stress)

[TSR](#)

Fluid Structure Interaction

[FSI](#)

Energy deposition (e.g. blast-structure, ground shock)

[Shock](#)

# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

## Nonlinear stress Response



### Application areas

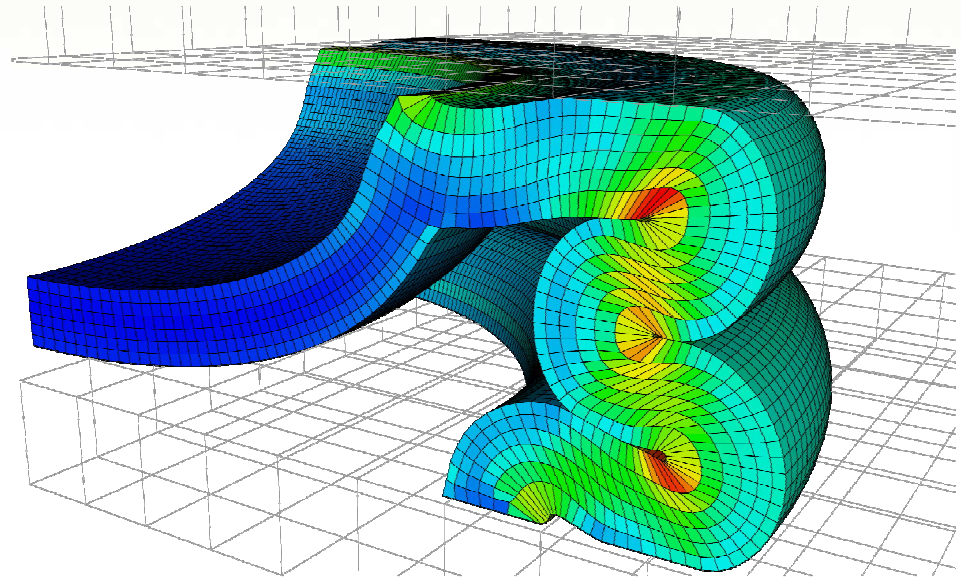
- ✓ Mechanical stress simulation

### Objective

- ✓ Kinematic and/or force driven deformation
- ✓ Material & Geometric nonlinearities

### Methodology

- ✓ Parallel-scalable Implicit multi-level solvers for quasistatics (QS) and Implicit transient dynamics (ITD)
- ✓ Explicit transient dynamics (ETD)



### “Energy absorbing barrier”

Multilinear elastic-plastic constitutive model

Frictional contact, geometric and material nonlinearities, parallel scalability

Quasistatic solution with multi-level solver, nonlinear CG core solver with FETI preconditioner

# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

## Interface Problems

### Application areas

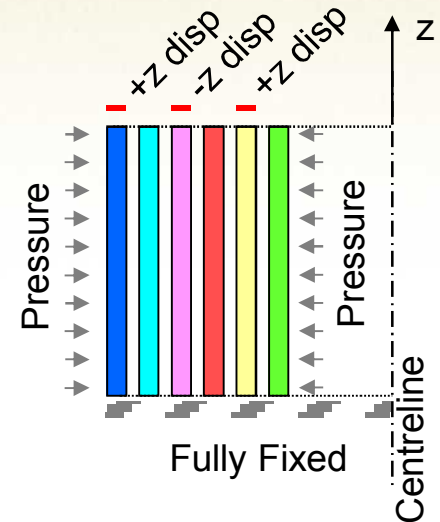
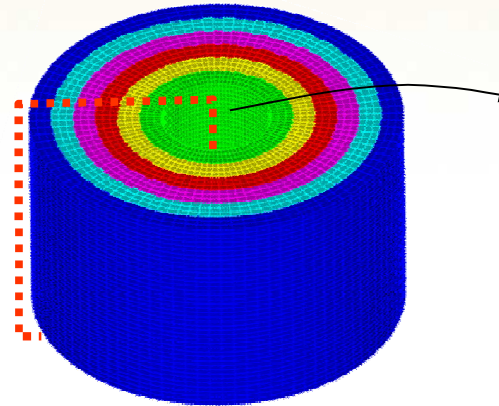
- ✓ Implicit and explicit problems w/ interfaces

### Objective

- ✓ Foundational capability for modeling structural response w/ interfaces

### Methodology

- ✓ Parallel-scalable contact algorithms for implicit & explicit



“concentric cylinders”

Nonlinear materials,  
frictional (Coulomb) contact

10<sup>6</sup> element hex model solution on Thunderbird  
(4480 Dual 3.6 GHz Intel EM64T processors, 6 GB RAM)

| # slip updates | 256 Procs<br>Min:Sec (ltr) | 512 Procs<br>Min:Sec (ltr) |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1              | 32:28 (279)                | 17:18 (182)                |
| 2              | 27:11 (184)                | 14:33 (194)                |
| 3              | 21:14 (140)                | 12:10 (140)                |

# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics : Interface Problems



## Application areas

- ✓ Tire performance

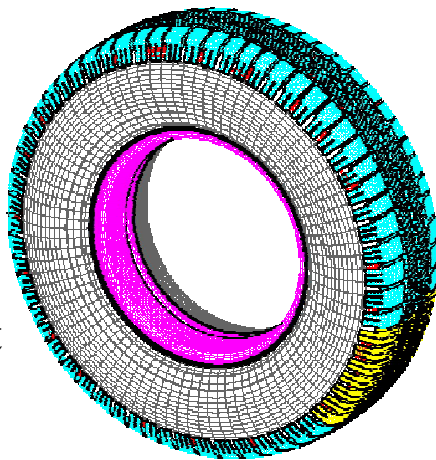
## Objective

- ✓ Validated footprint prediction

## Methodology

- ✓ Algorithms for frictional energy dissipation

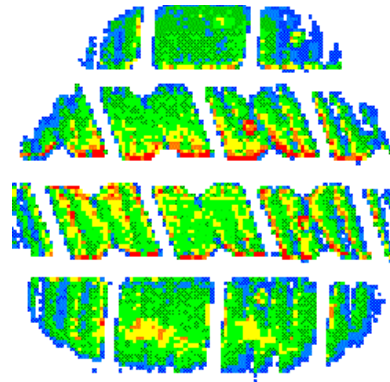
Nonlinear  
incompressible  
materials,  
frictionless &  
frictional contact



“tire footprint”

## Front Tire

50 psi / 1425 lb / 0.75° camber / 1.07° slip

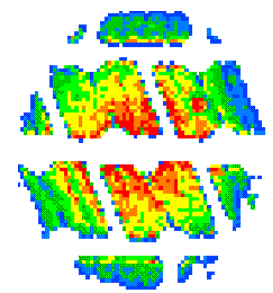


*Experimental*

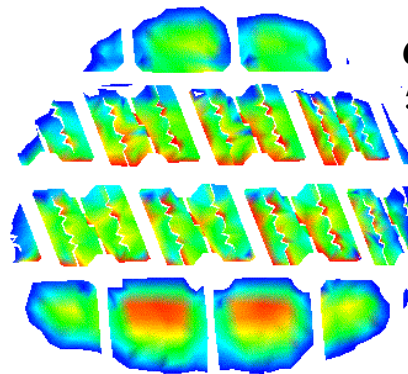
6.5 in < FL > 4.2 in  
6.5 in < FW > 4.6 in  
1.51 < FSF > 1.82

## Rear Tire

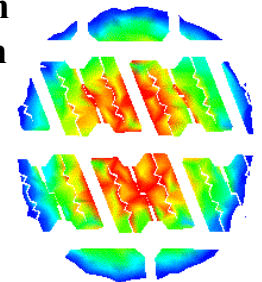
80 psi / 670 lb



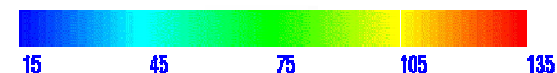
*Calculated*



6.69 in < FL > 3.99 in  
5.97 in < FW > 4.65 in  
1.49 < FSF > 1.50



CFNOR



# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

## Energy absorbing impacts

### Application areas

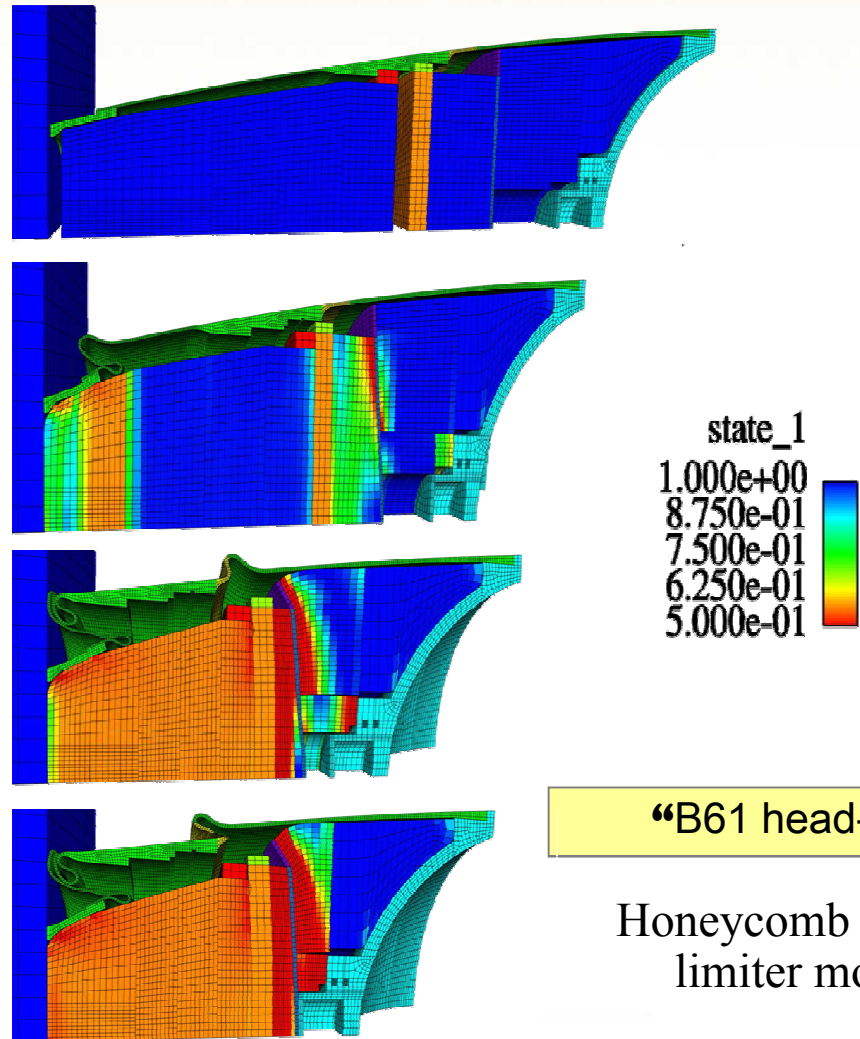
- ✓ Impact limiter design

### Objective

- ✓ Modeling large deformation impacts & Internal energy dissipation

### Methodology

- ✓ Honeycomb plasticity model, impact, contact frictional energy



# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

## Energy absorbing impacts



### Application areas

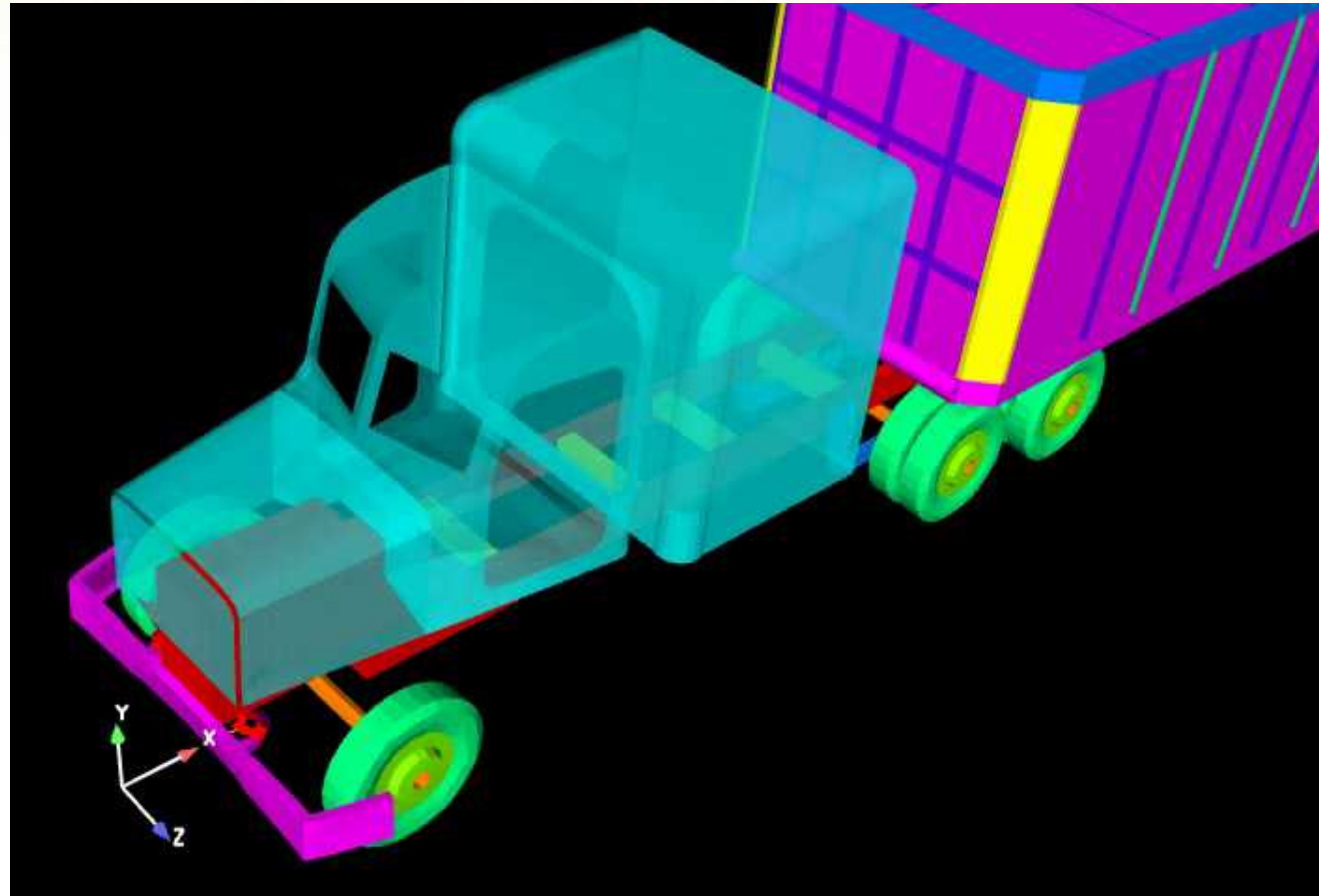
- ✓ Crash simulations

### Objective

- ✓ Modeling large deformation impacts

### Methodology

- ✓ Parallel scalable self-contact algorithm for shells, hexes, beams,...



“truck-trailer head-on”

Shell, hex & beam model  
Impact velocity = 55 mph

# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics : Nodal-Tet/AutoRemeshing

## Application areas

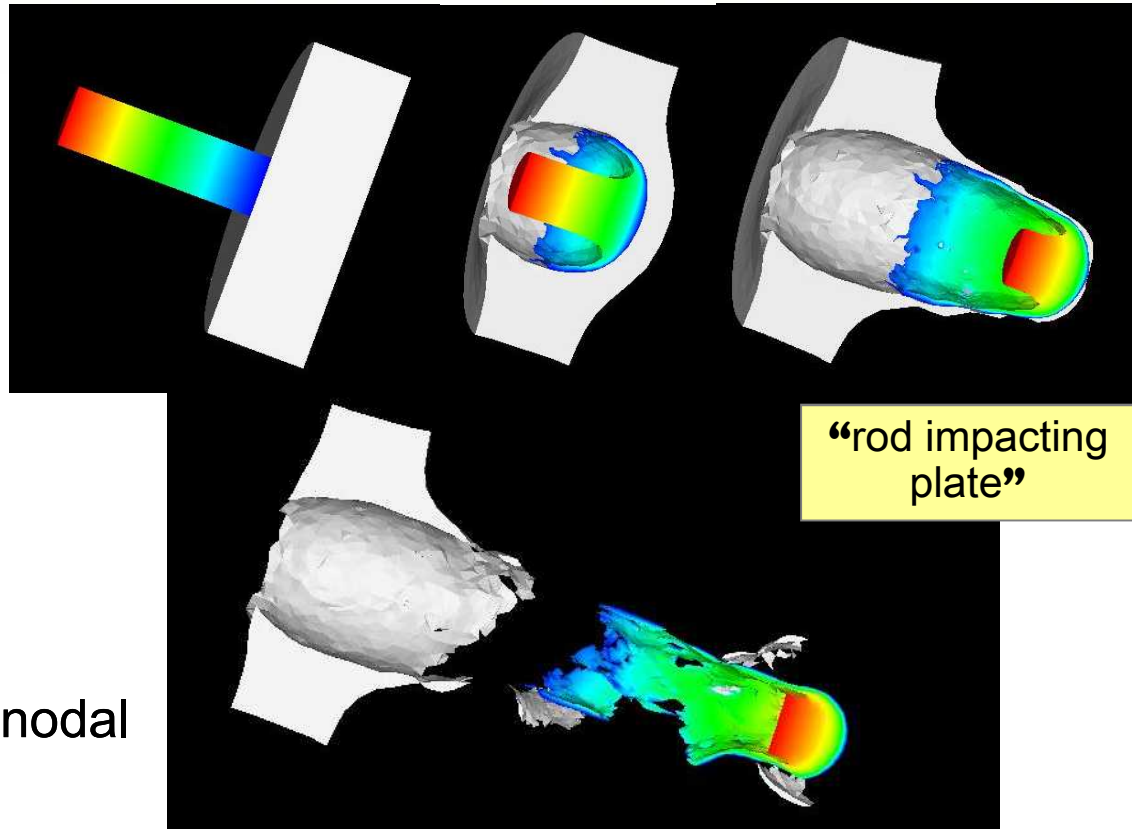
- ✓ Ballistic penetration
- ✓ Metal forming
- ✓ Snow-mud traction

## Objective

- ✓ Modeling dynamic events where solid materials undergo extreme deformation with large plastic flow

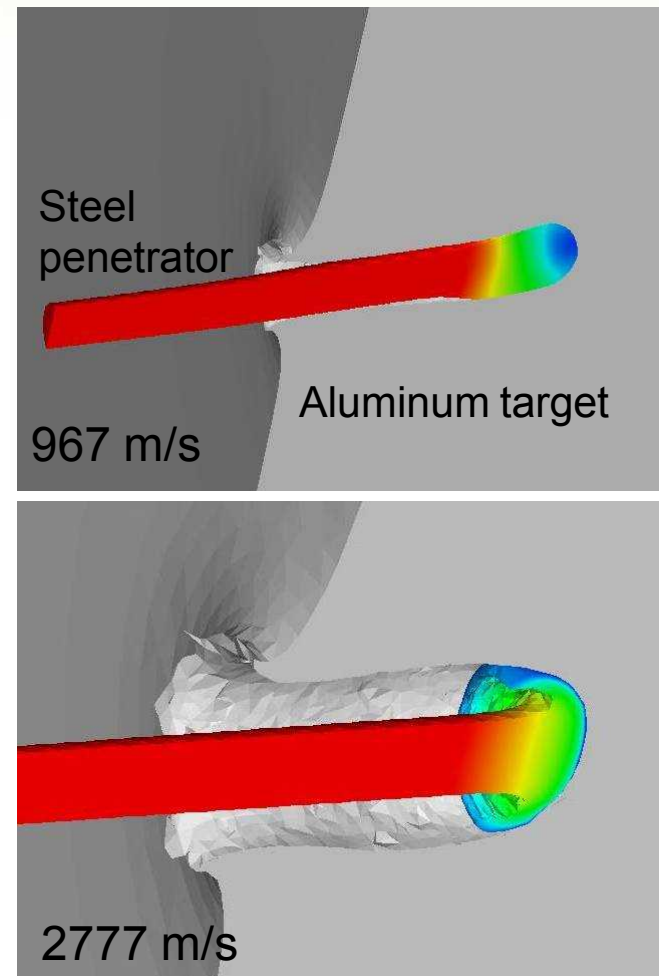
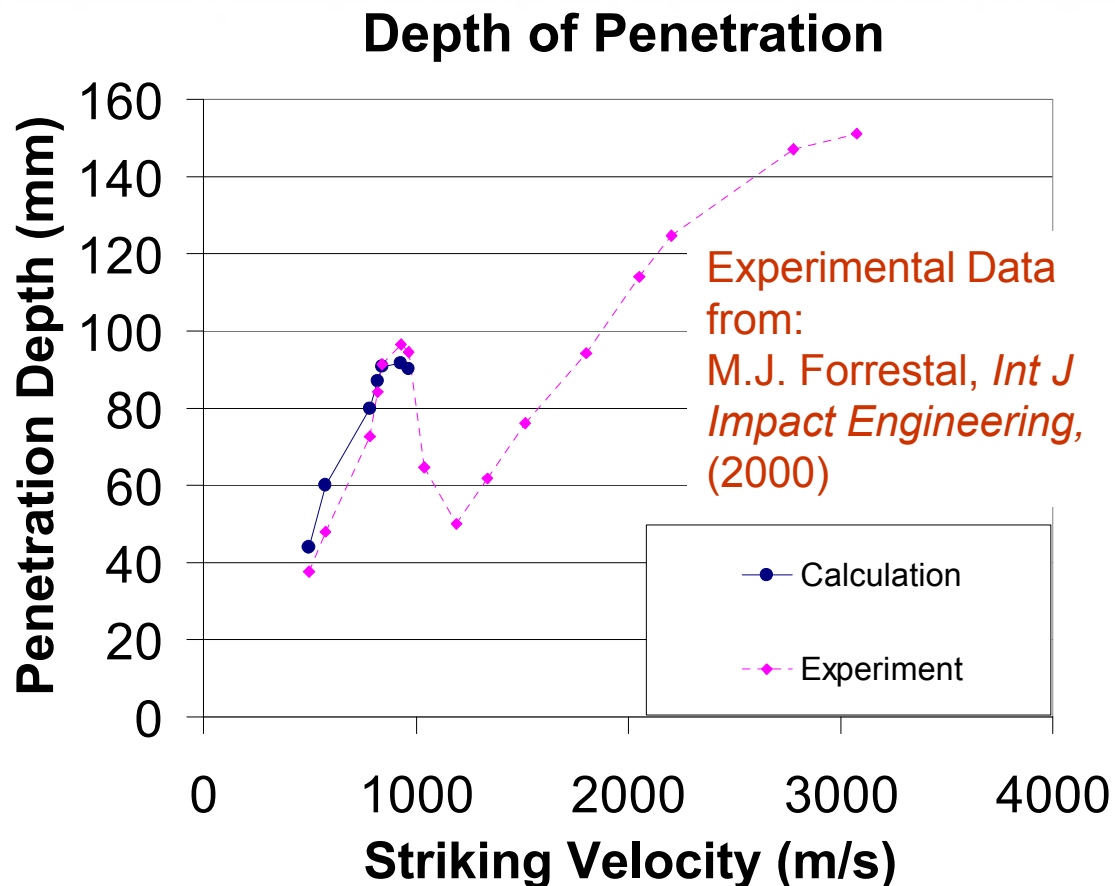
## Methodology

- ✓ non-locking low order nodal tetrahedral element
- ✓ Deformation induced automatic remeshing, w/ minimal state advection



Tungsten rod, steel plate,  
Impact velocity = 2500 m/s

# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics : Nodal-Tet/AutoRemeshing



# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

## Particle methods

### Application areas

- ✓ High-speed impacts, fluid dispersal

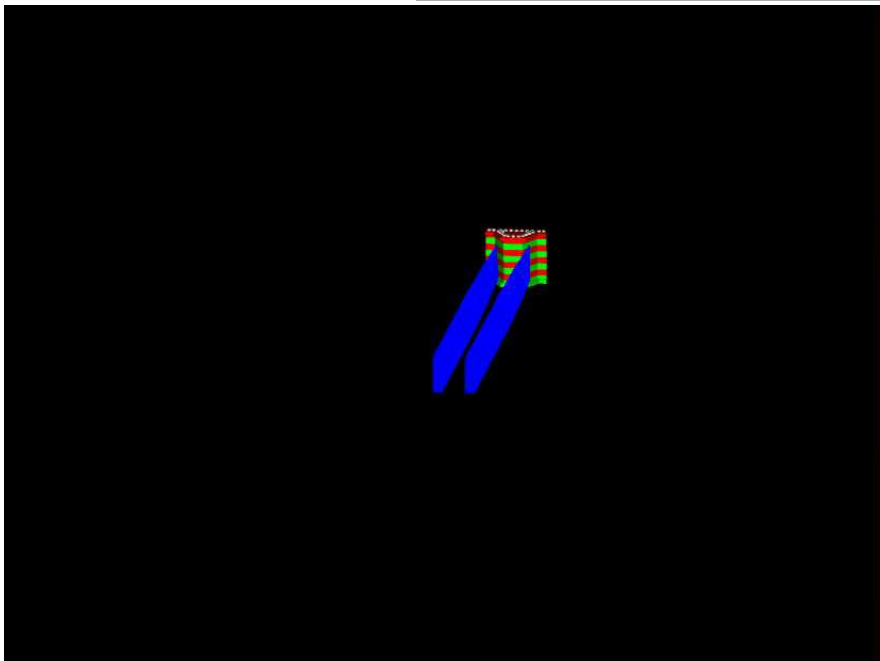
### Objective

- ✓ momentum transfer to other structures

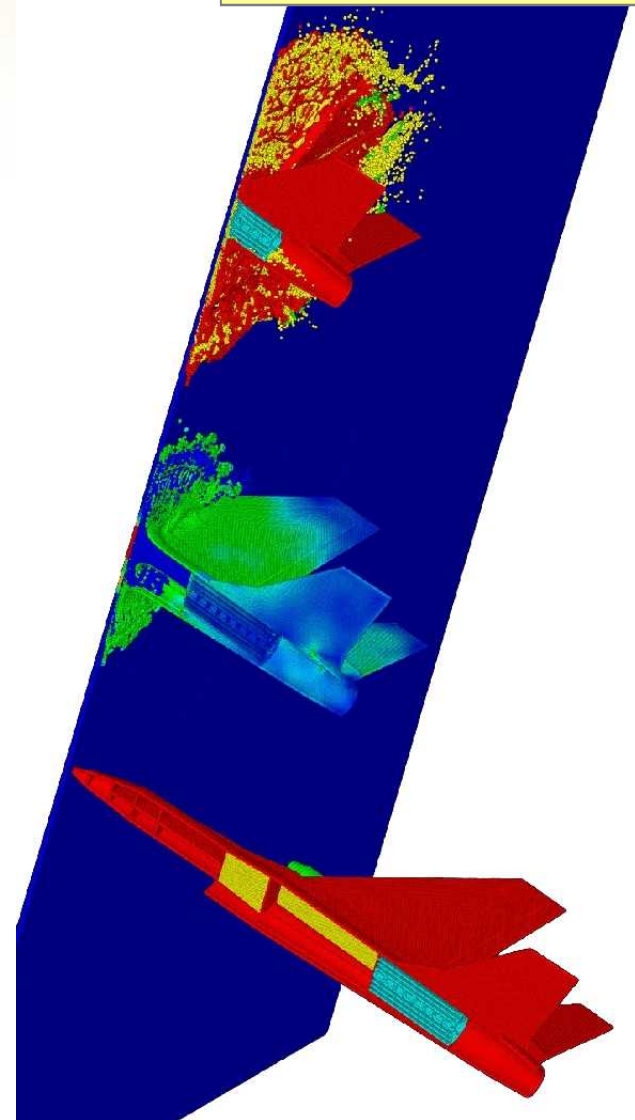
### Methodology

- ✓ SPH

“water sled”



“F16-impact”

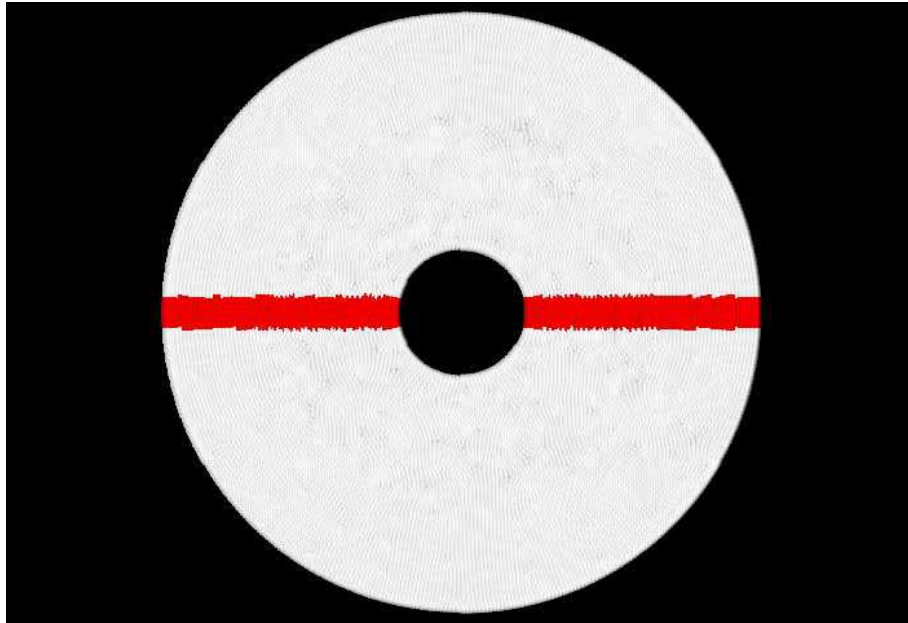


# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

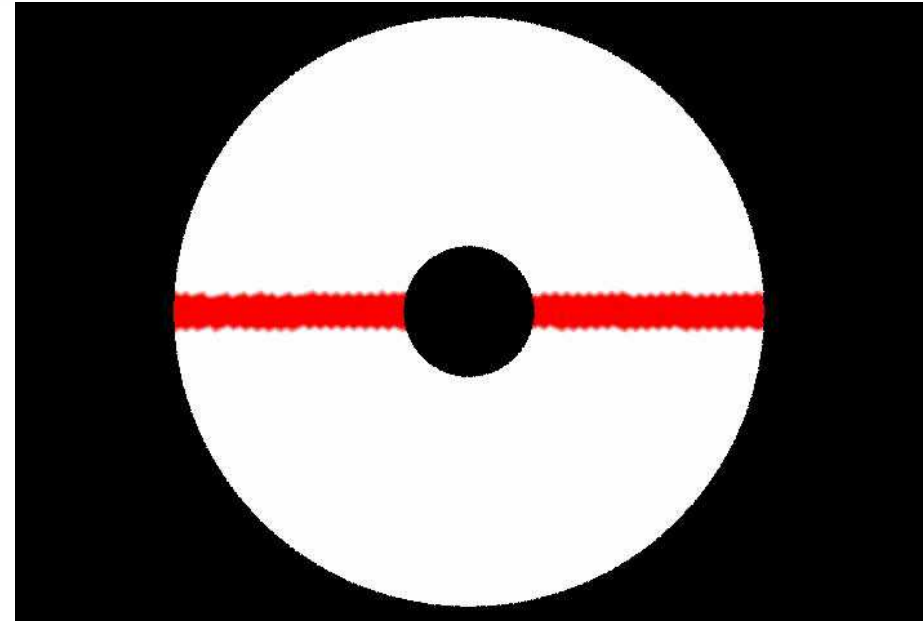
## Particle methods or NBTet remeshing ?



“viscous disc”



SPH

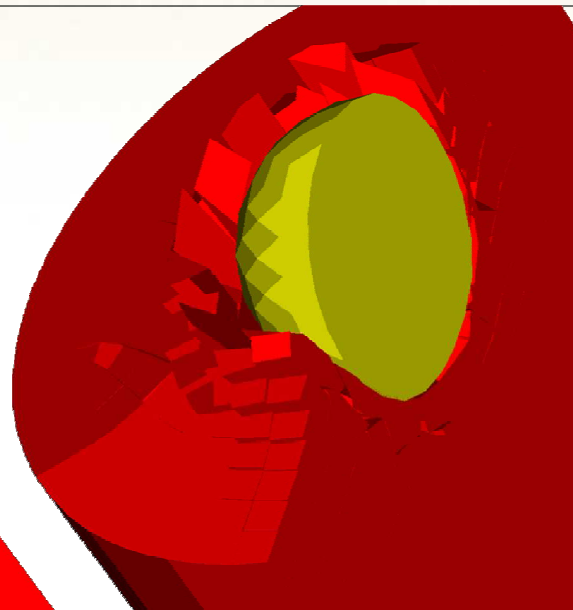
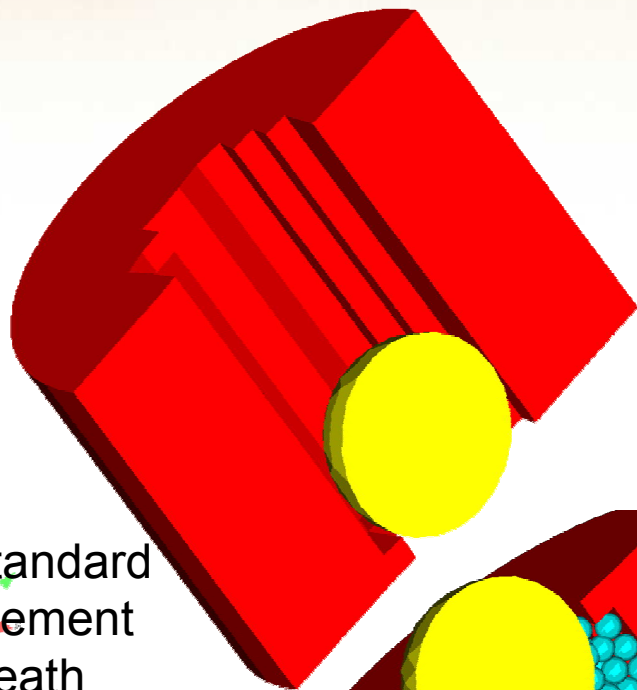


NBTet-remeshing

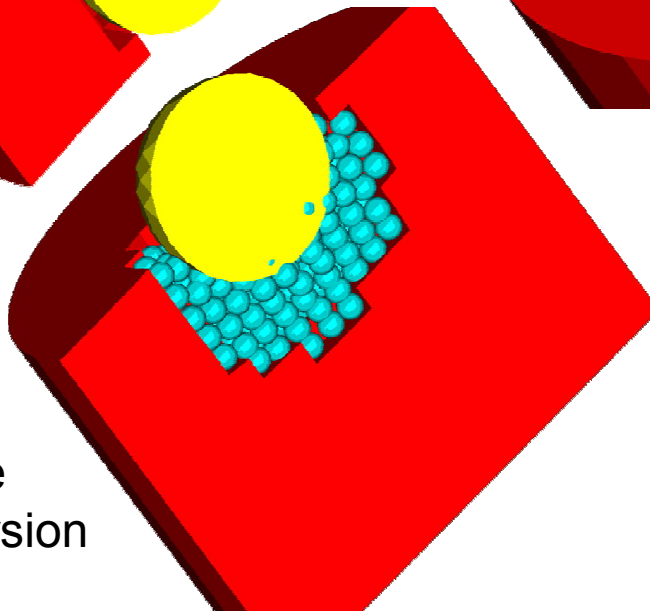
NBTet remeshing is preferred over SPH for large shearing deformation where material response is critical

# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

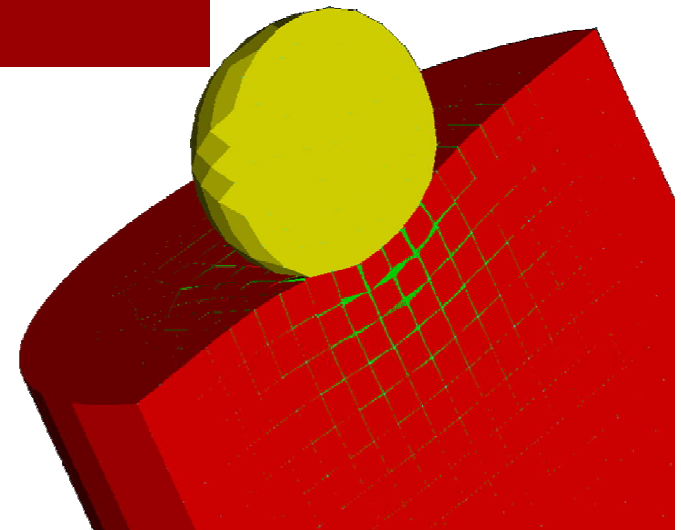
## General Pervasive failure modeling capabilities



Element  
Disconnection



Particle  
Conversion

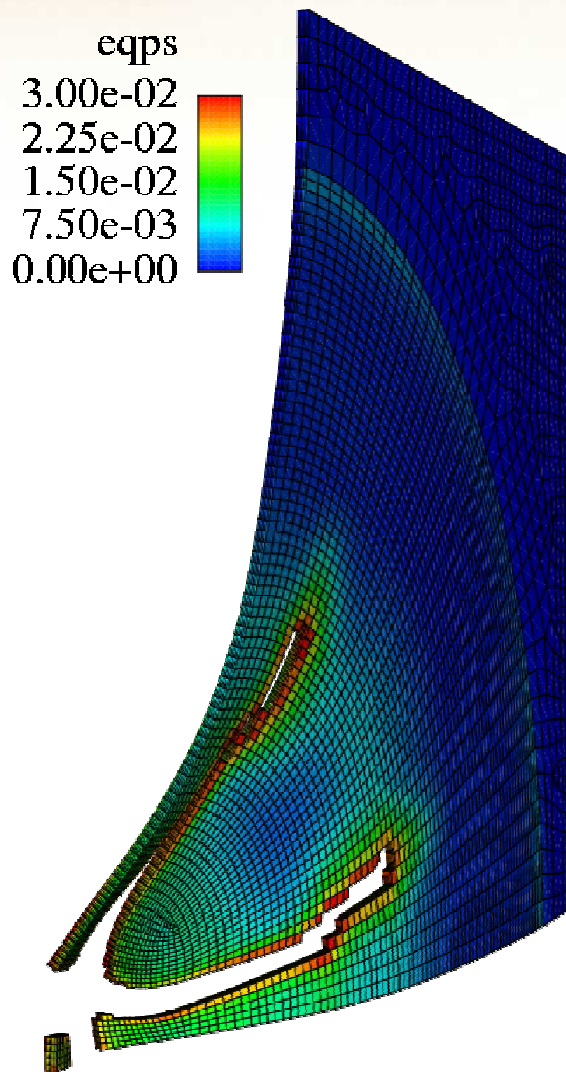


Cohesive  
Zone Insertion

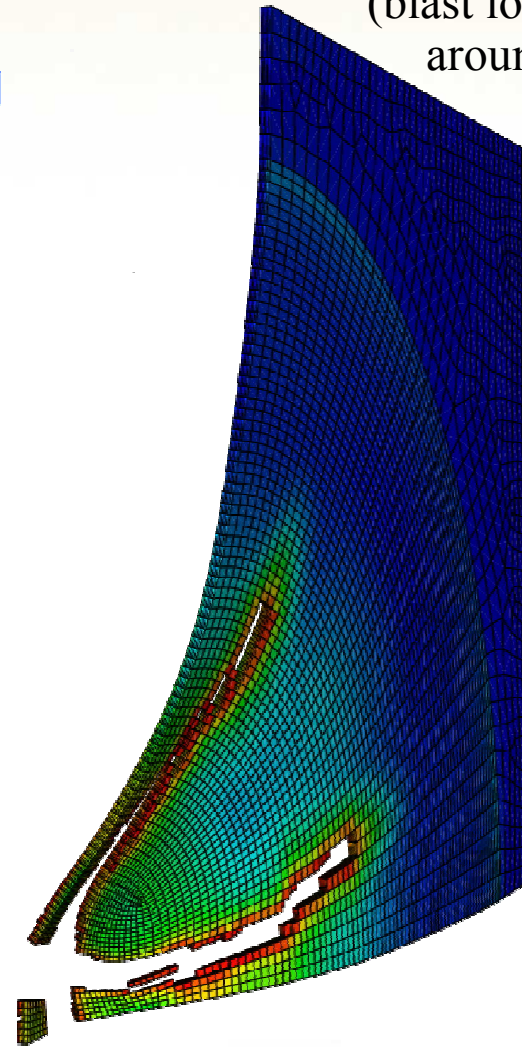
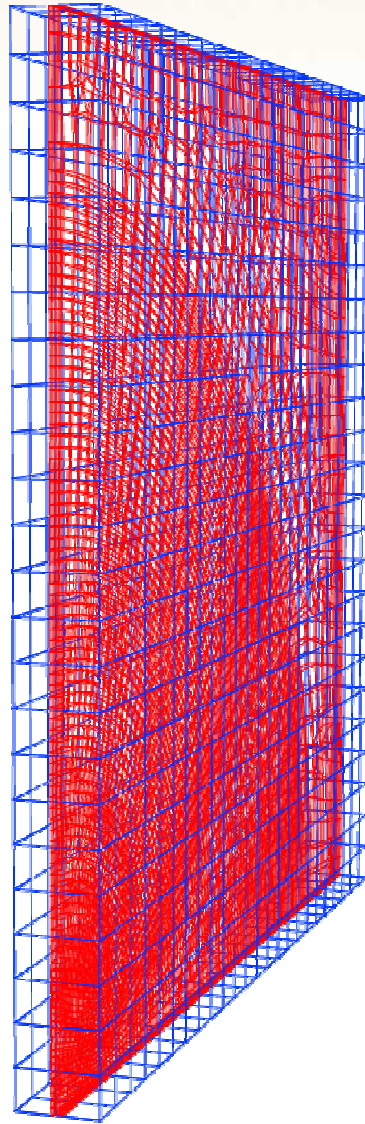
# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics : Multi-scale failure modeling

“ $\frac{1}{4}$ -plate”

(blast loaded, fixed  
around edge)



Solution w/o ECM



w/ ECM yields a 4x larger timestep

# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics : Quasistatic/Implicit failure modeling

## Application areas

- ✓ Brittle & ductile failure

## Objective

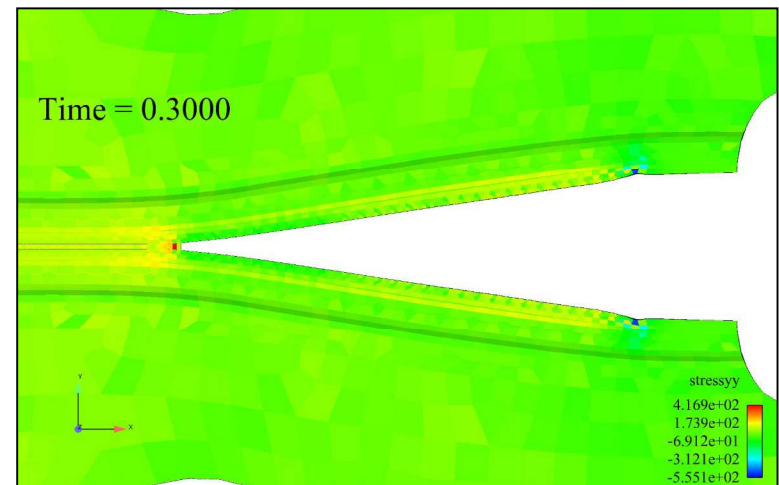
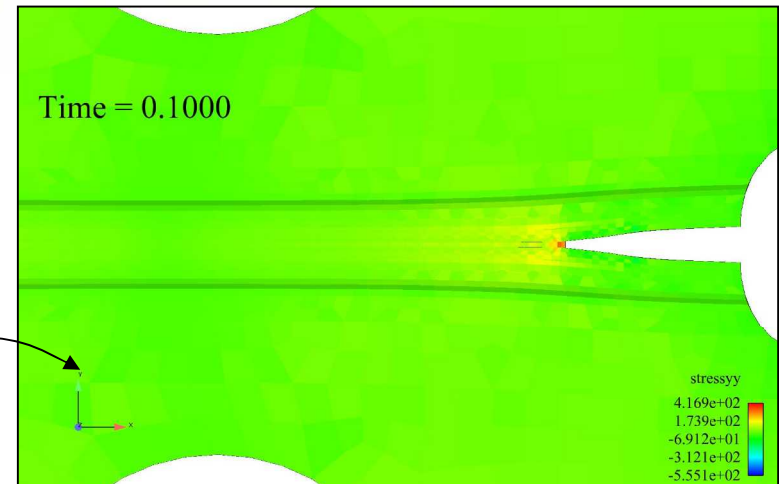
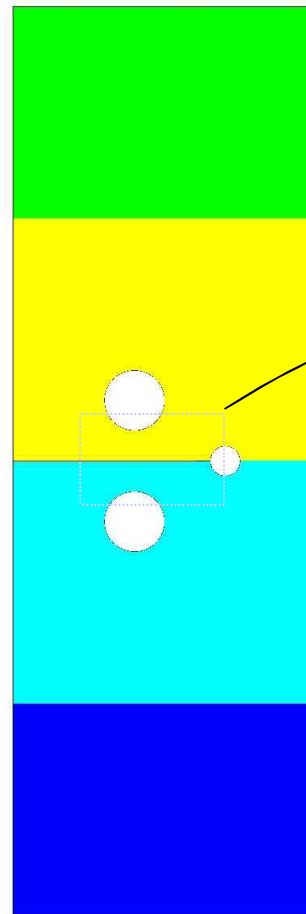
- ✓ Converged

## Methodology

- ✓ Multi-level solution control (1 element death per “Newton” update)

QS loaded, Multi-linear elastic-plastic model, coupon is pre-cracked

“ 3-hole tension test ”



# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

## General Pervasive failure modeling capabilities

“5-panel box / blast”

### Fracture Methods:

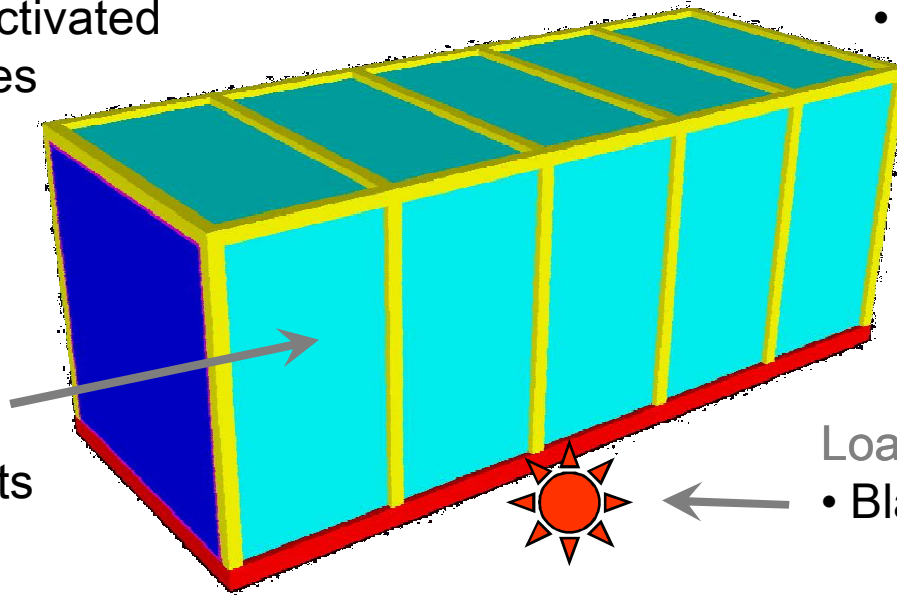
- Element Death with Particle Conversion
- Dynamically Activated Cohesive Zones

### Advanced Methods:

- Tet Remeshing
- Explicit Control Modes

### Elements:

- Hexes
- Nodal-based tets
- Shells



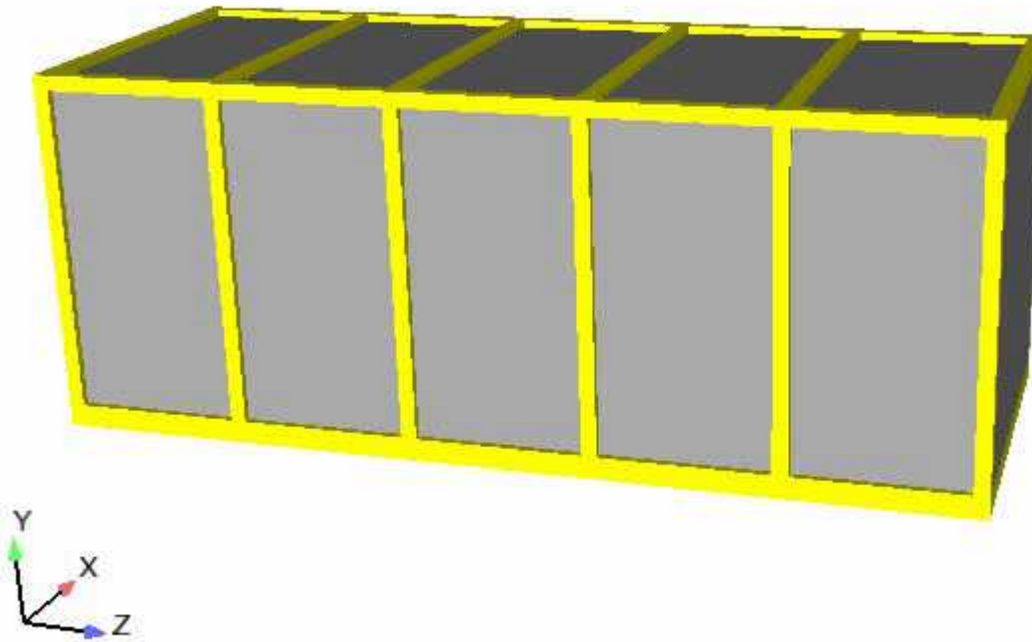
### Loading:

- Blast Pressure (Conwep)

# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics : General Pervasive failure modeling capabilities

“5-panel box / blast”

Time = 0.000000

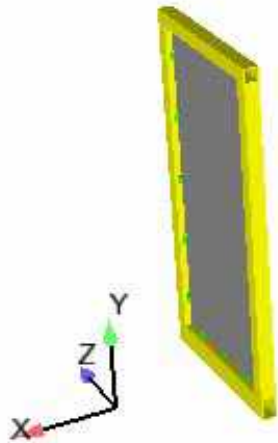


# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

## General Pervasive failure modeling capabilities

“single-panel / blast”

Time = 0.000000

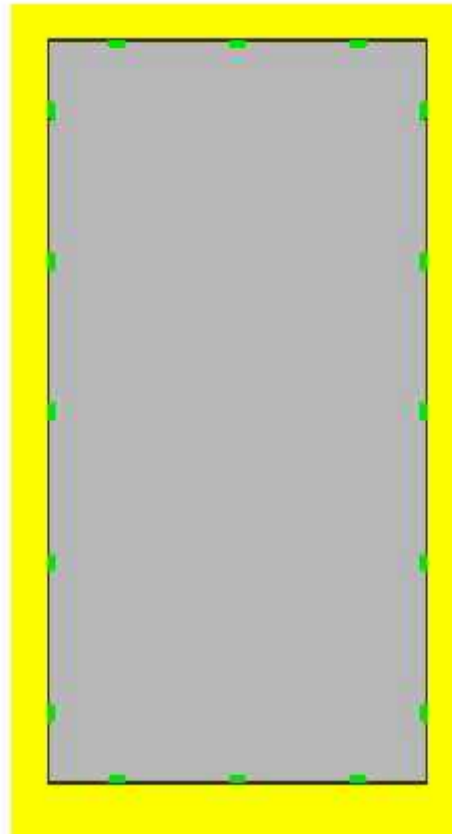
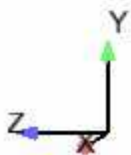


# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics : General Pervasive failure modeling capabilities



“single-panel / blast”

Time = 0.000000



# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics :

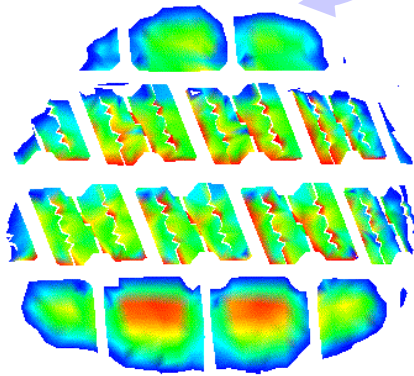
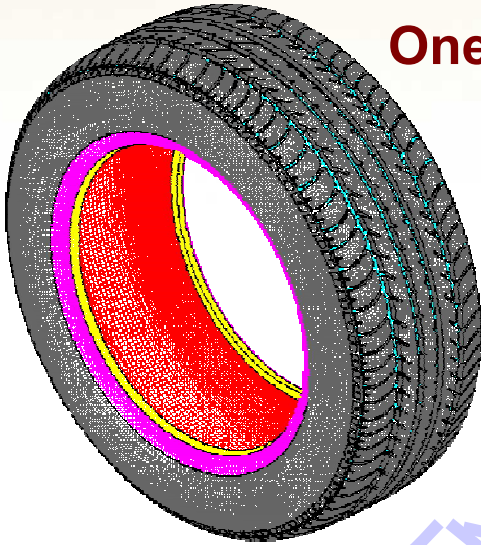
## SolidMechanics transfers



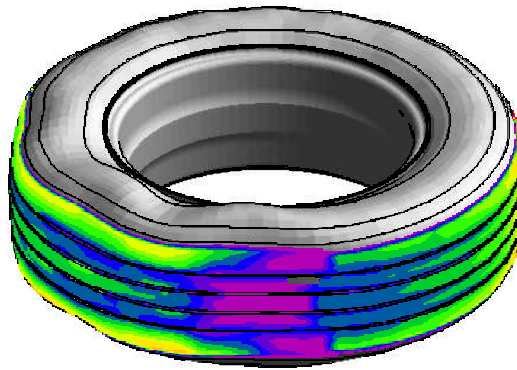
**One Tire “reference” mesh  
...Many analyses**

**(using variety of algorithms & transfer operators)**

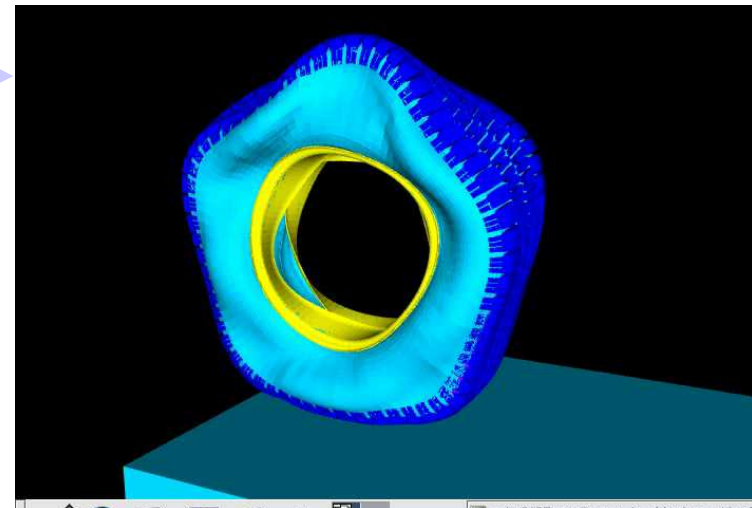
- Quasistatic Inflate-deflect (parked tire footprint)
- Steady State Rolling (handling characteristics)
- Quasistatic Rolling (wear prediction)
- High-speed Dynamic Rolling (dynamic effects)
- Modal analysis of a parked tire



QS-ID (footprint)



LHSR (frictional energy loss,  
standing waves)

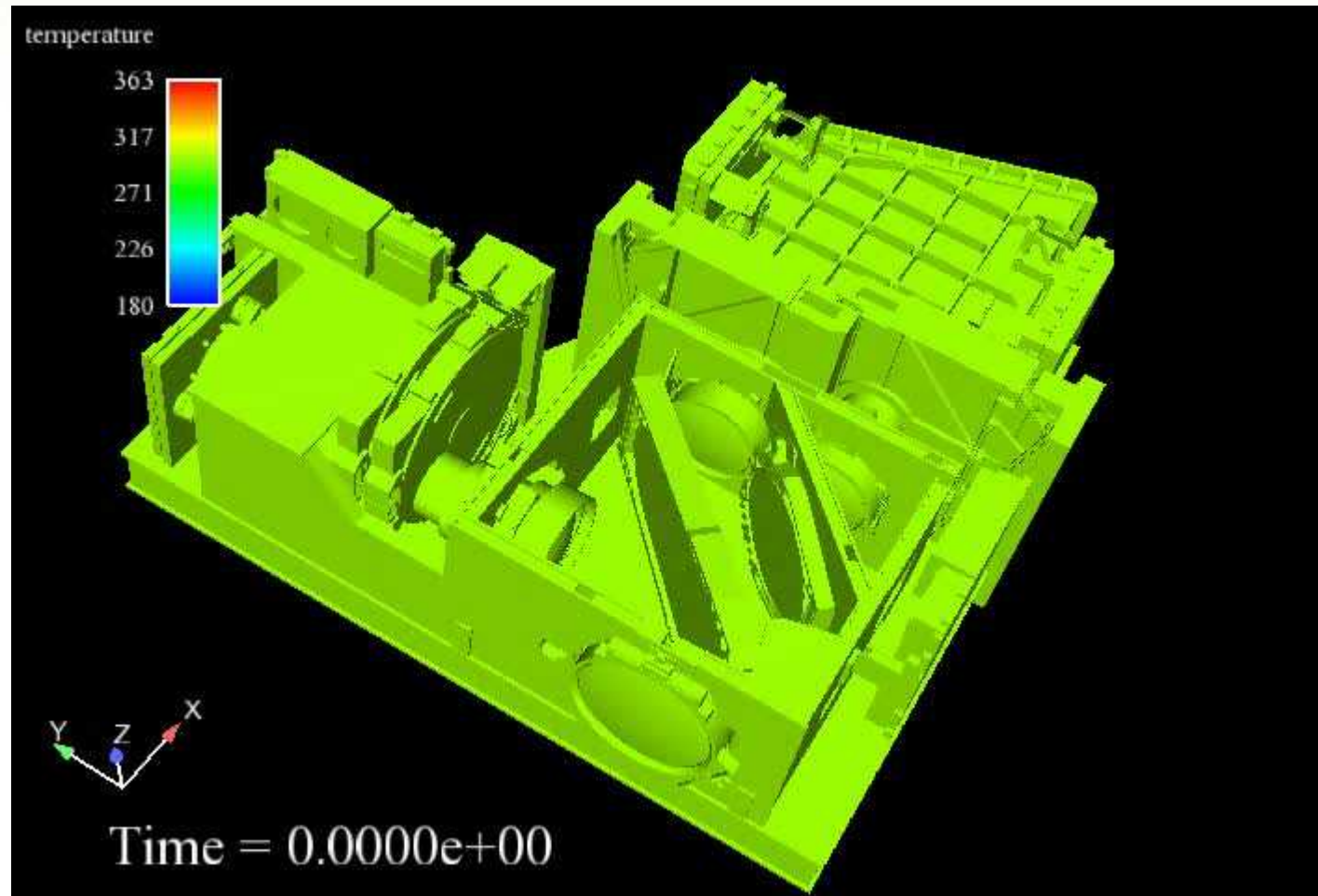


Modes (→ modal reduction)

# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics : Thermal Structural Response

HIFES  
satellite in  
“hot” orbit

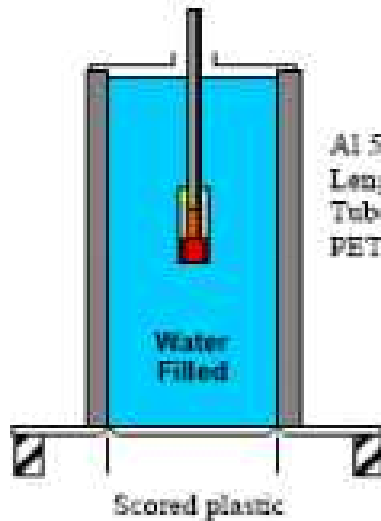
Modeled w/  
NBTet



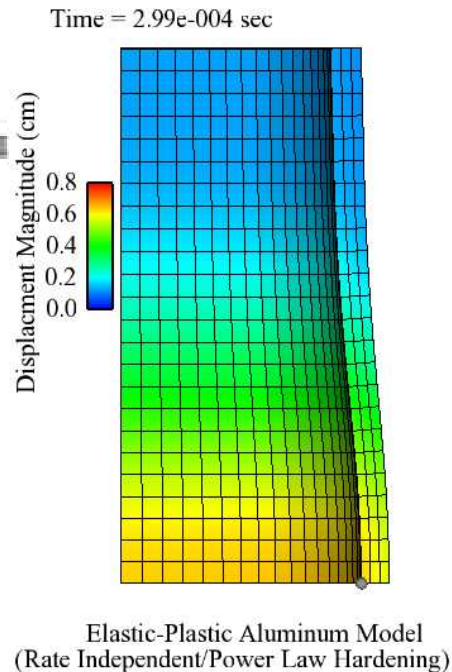
# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics : Fluid Structure Interaction



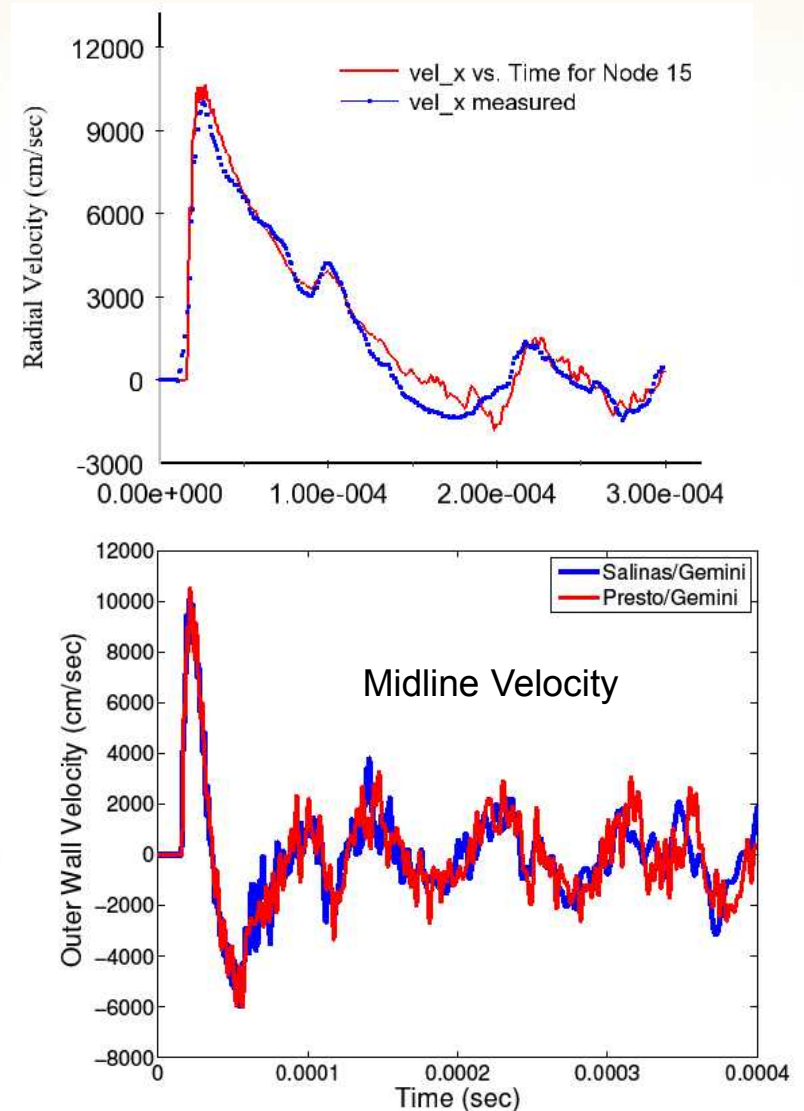
Water filled cylinder with a charge of PETN detonated.



Al 5086 tube  
Length 9"  
Tube: 4" OD, 1/4" wall  
PETN Charge 2.8g



[2] G. Changers, et al. Pressure measurements on a deforming surface in response to an underwater explosion. *Shock Compression of Condensed Matter*, Ed. Schmidt, Dandekar, Forbes, American Institute of Physics, 1998.



# SIERRA\_SolidMechanics : CTH hydrocode – ETD coupling



- Air-blast loading problems
- Approach: CTH (Eulerian) for blast, Presto for structural response
- 1-way coupling of Presto and CTH is complete
- 2-way coupling is being tested and verified; hydrobuldge test + plate response to explosives

