

Contact Algorithms for Extreme Loadings on Underground Structures with SIERRA mechanics

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Current Divine Strake Model Definition

Preload (Adagio)

- Currently not modeled

Blast Loading (CTH)

- One way coupling.
- Eulerian shock physics code CTH code run first. CTH predicts pressure and velocity history on cavity wall from explosive charge.

Structural Response (Presto)

- Presto, Sierra mechanics solid dynamics module (explicit transient dynamics)
- Sandia Geomodel for rock material model, with material parameters fit from experimental data on core samples
- Tetrahedra elements used to simplify meshing. Nodal-based tetrahedrons for stress wave response
- Non-reflecting boundaries at model edges.
- ✓ Momentum preserving surface-surface contact treatment, “Dash”, for joint modeling
- Dynamically inserted cohesive zones for rock fracture

Revisiting Contact Algorithms in SIERRA solid mechanics for Extreme Loadings on Underground Structures

Characteristics of interface modeling

- Large pressures transmitted across rock joints
- Stick-Slip response of rock joints is an important response
- Potentially many rock joints with intersections

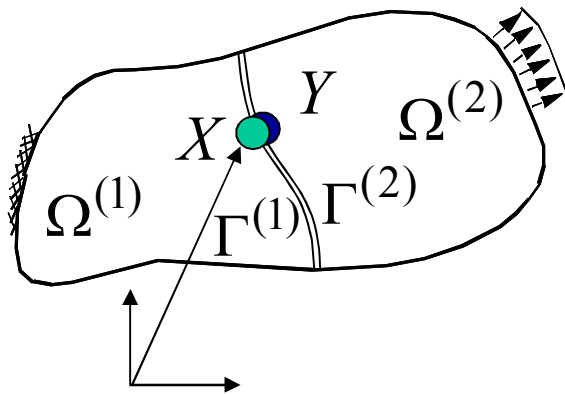
Improvements needed in Node-Face algorithms

- Deteriorating accuracy under extreme interface pressures
- Numerical tolerances (e.g. extending face size) is often problematic
- Improve robustness for intersecting contact surfaces
- Capability to accommodate Nodal-based tet w/ remeshing
- Capability to accommodate dynamically inserted cohesive zones
- Performance
- Parallel consistency

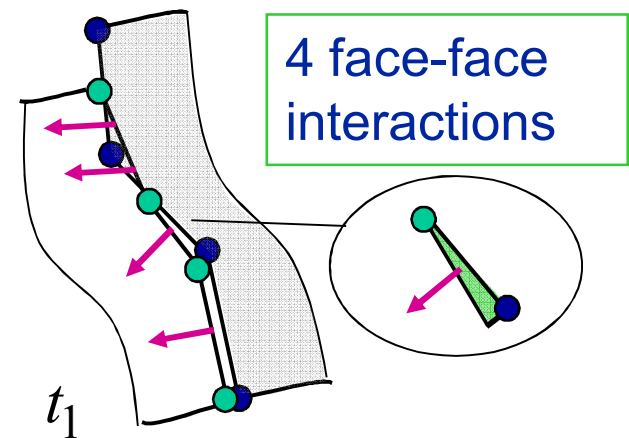
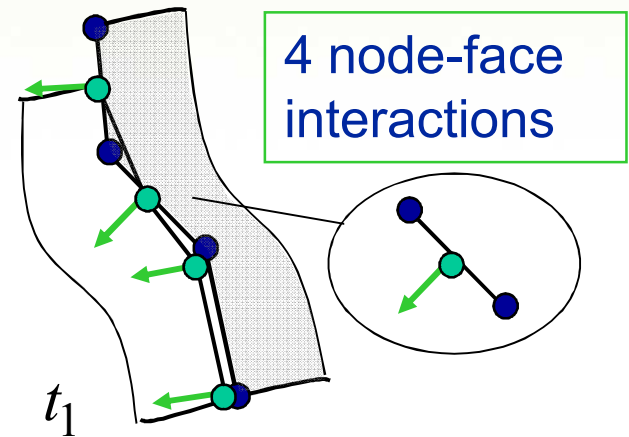
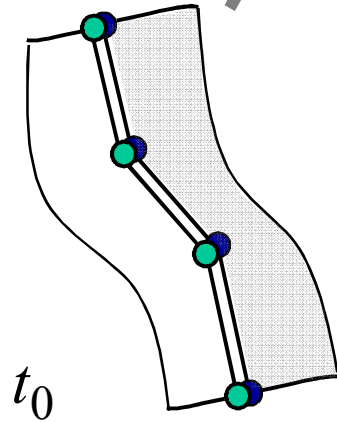
Approach → DASH, a face-face contact algorithm

Contact search algorithm: 2 strategies

A closest point projection defines “node-face interactions”, from which the constraints $\mathbf{G}^{nf} \mathbf{v}^{n+1/2} = 0$ are defined (a contact gap)



A surface projection defines “face-face interactions”, from which the constraints $\mathbf{G}^{ff} \mathbf{v}^{n+1/2} = 0$ are defined (a volume overlap)



Contact constraint enforcement: Central difference time integrator with contact

Central time difference, applied to transient dynamics leads to an explicit update of the configuration

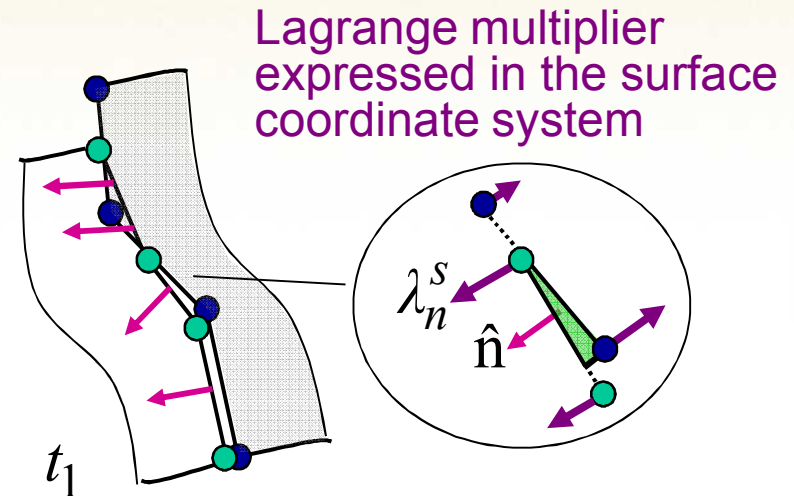
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}^n &= \mathbf{M}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{F}_n^{ext} - \mathbf{F}_n^{int} - \mathbf{F}_n^c \right) \\ \mathbf{v}^{n+1/2} &= \mathbf{v}^{n-1/2} + \Delta \bar{t} \mathbf{a}^n \\ \mathbf{d}^{n+1} &= \mathbf{d}^n + \Delta t^{n+1/2} \mathbf{v}^{n+1/2} \\ \mathbf{x}^{n+1} &= \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{d}^{n+1} \\ &\text{next } n \end{aligned}$$

However, the contact force at n , \mathbf{F}_n^c , must be calculated to satisfy the constraint $\mathbf{G}\mathbf{v}^{n+1/2} = 0$

Central time difference with contact

The contact force is the “scatter” of the Lagrange multipliers: $\mathbf{F}_n^c = \mathbf{G}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}_n$

e.g.: $F_n^c \Big|_s = G \Big|_s^T \lambda_n^s$



The constraint $\mathbf{G}\mathbf{v}^{n+1/2} = 0$ can be re-expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}\mathbf{v}^{n+1/2} &= \mathbf{G} \left(\mathbf{v}^{n-1/2} + \Delta \bar{t} \mathbf{a}^n \right) \\ &= \mathbf{G} \left(\mathbf{v}^{n-1/2} + \Delta \bar{t} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{F}_n^{ext} - \mathbf{F}_n^{int} - \mathbf{F}_n^c \right) \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which leads to a set of non-diagonal coupled equations:

$$\Delta \bar{t} \left[\mathbf{G} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{G}^T \right] \boldsymbol{\lambda}_n = \mathbf{G} \left[\mathbf{v}^{n-1/2} + \Delta \bar{t} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{F}_n^{ext} - \mathbf{F}_n^{int} \right) \right]$$

Iterative solution for constraint enforcement

compute predictor configuration, assuming $\mathbf{F}_n^c \approx \mathbf{F}_{n-1}^c$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^{n+1/2} = \mathbf{v}^{n-1/2} + \Delta\bar{t}\mathbf{M}^{-1}(\mathbf{F}_n^{ext} - \mathbf{F}_n^{int} - \mathbf{F}_{n-1}^c)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{d}}^{n+1} = \mathbf{d}^n + \Delta t^{n+1/2} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}^{n+1/2}$$

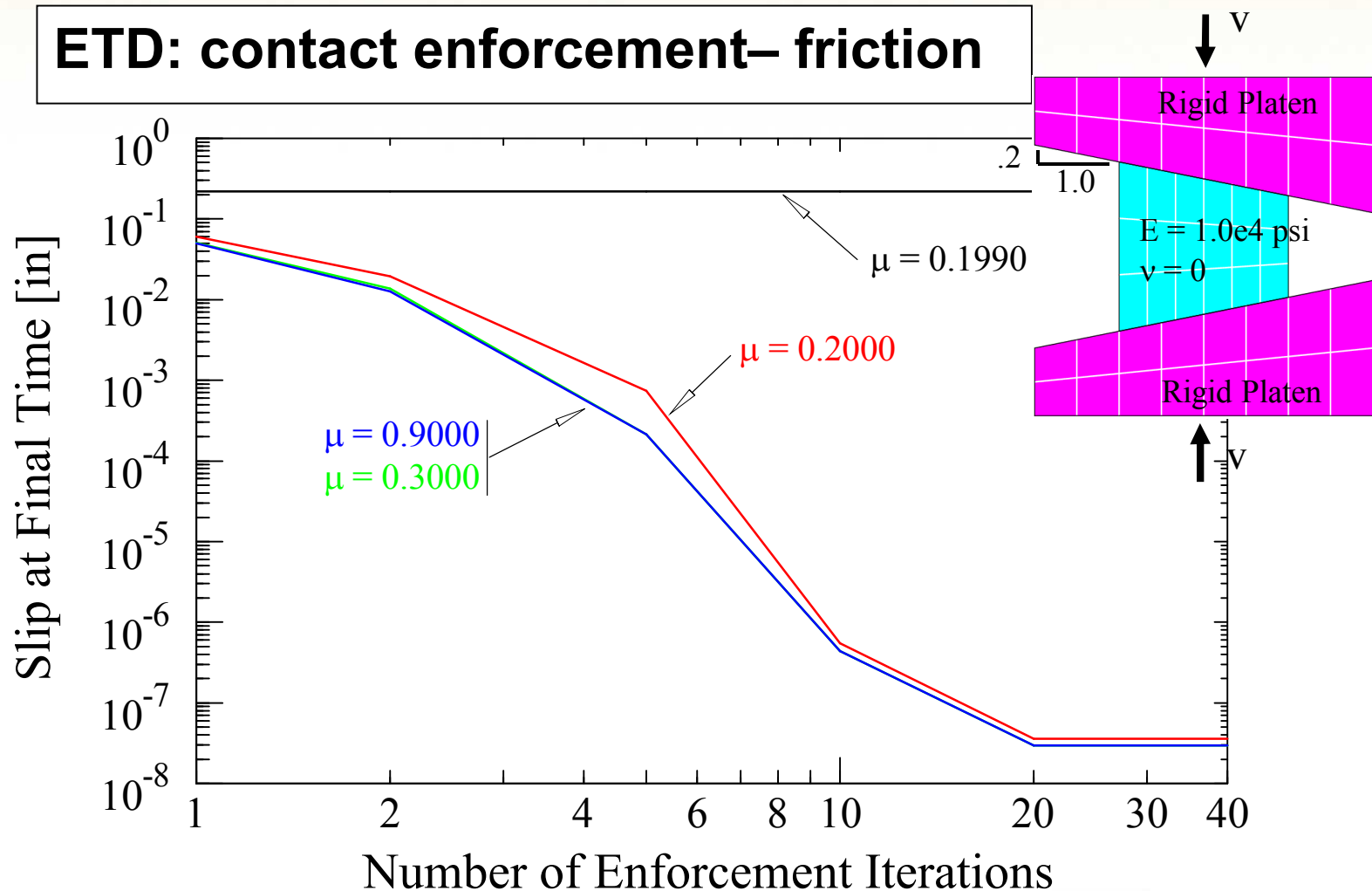
compute \mathbf{G} by contact search

iterate subscript j , beginning with $j = 0$, $\lambda_0^n = 0$ $\mathbf{v}_0^{n+1/2} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{j+1}^n &= \left(\mathbf{H}_{\beta}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{v}_j^{n+1/2} \right) / \Delta\bar{t} + \lambda_j^n \\ \mathbf{v}_{j+1}^{n+1/2} &= \mathbf{v}_j^{n+1/2} - \Delta\bar{t}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{G}_N^T (\lambda_{j+1}^n - \lambda_j^n) \\ j &\leftarrow j+1, \text{ next } j \end{aligned}$$

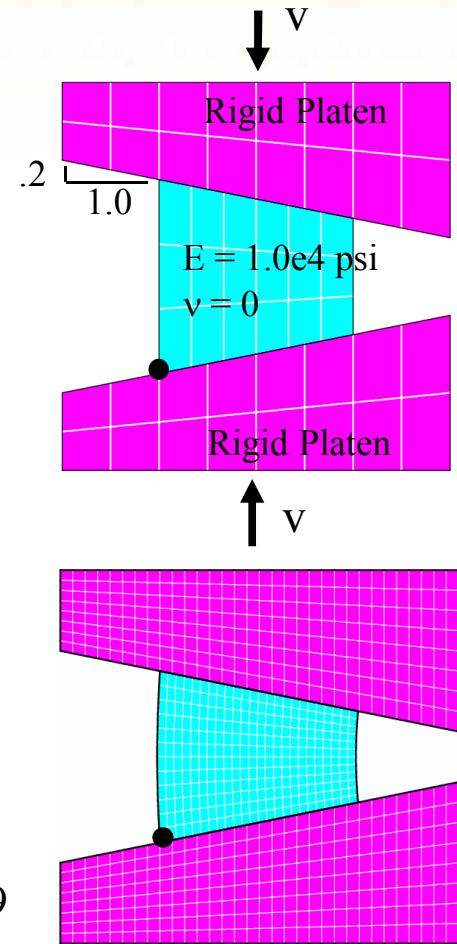
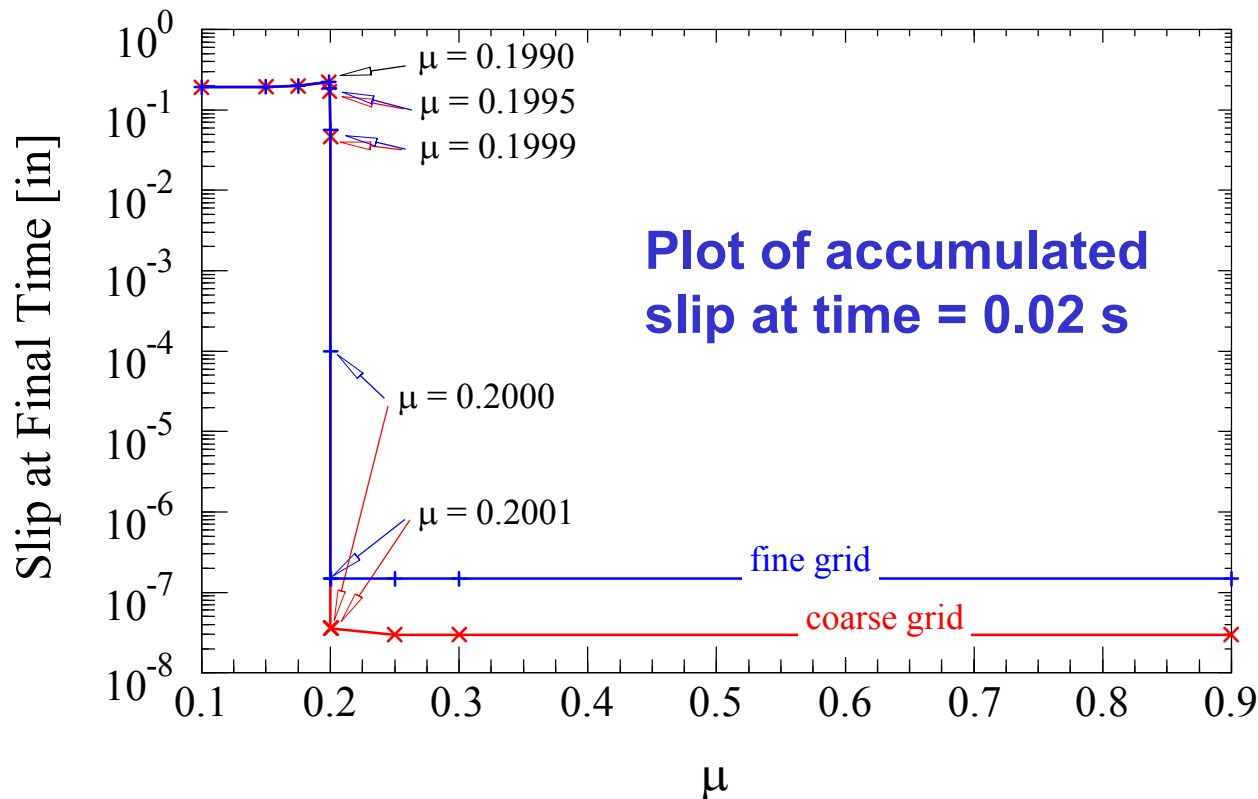
update contact force, $\mathbf{F}_n^c = \mathbf{G}^T \lambda_j^n$

Enforcement accuracy improves with iterations

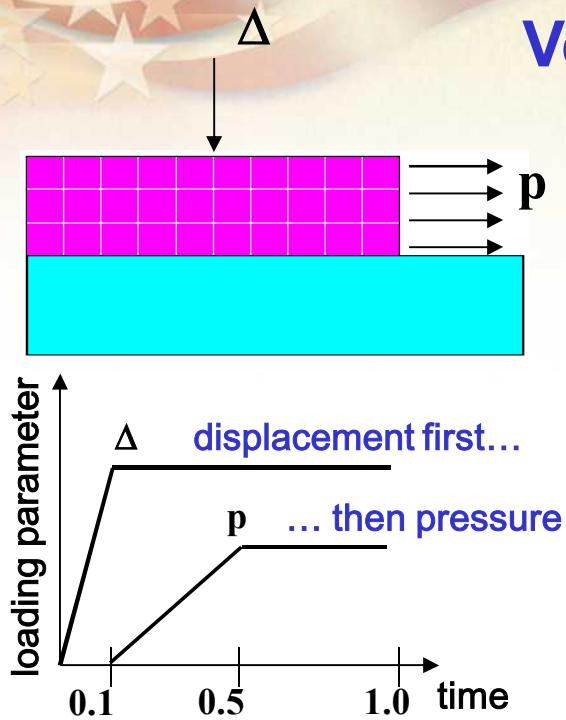


Verification of Incipient frictional sliding: 20 enforcement iterations

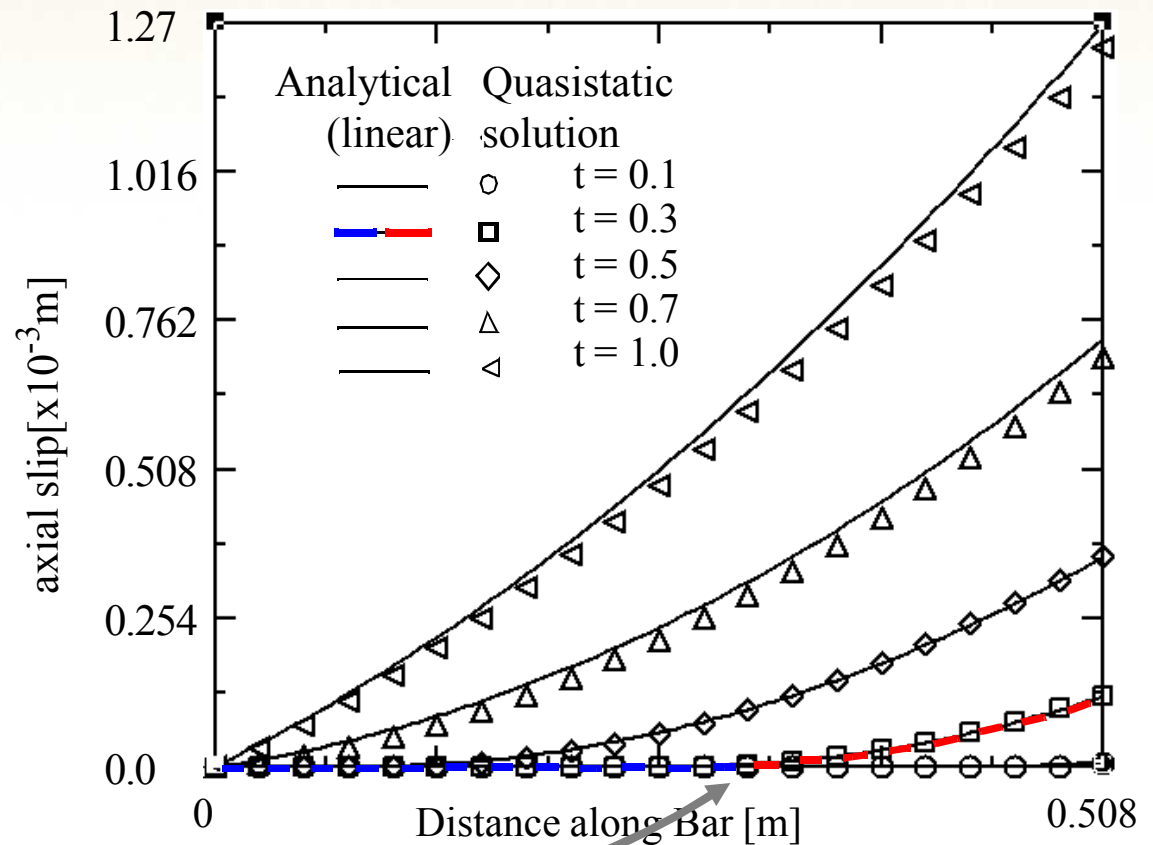
ED: contact enforcement– friction



Verification of Moving Slip front



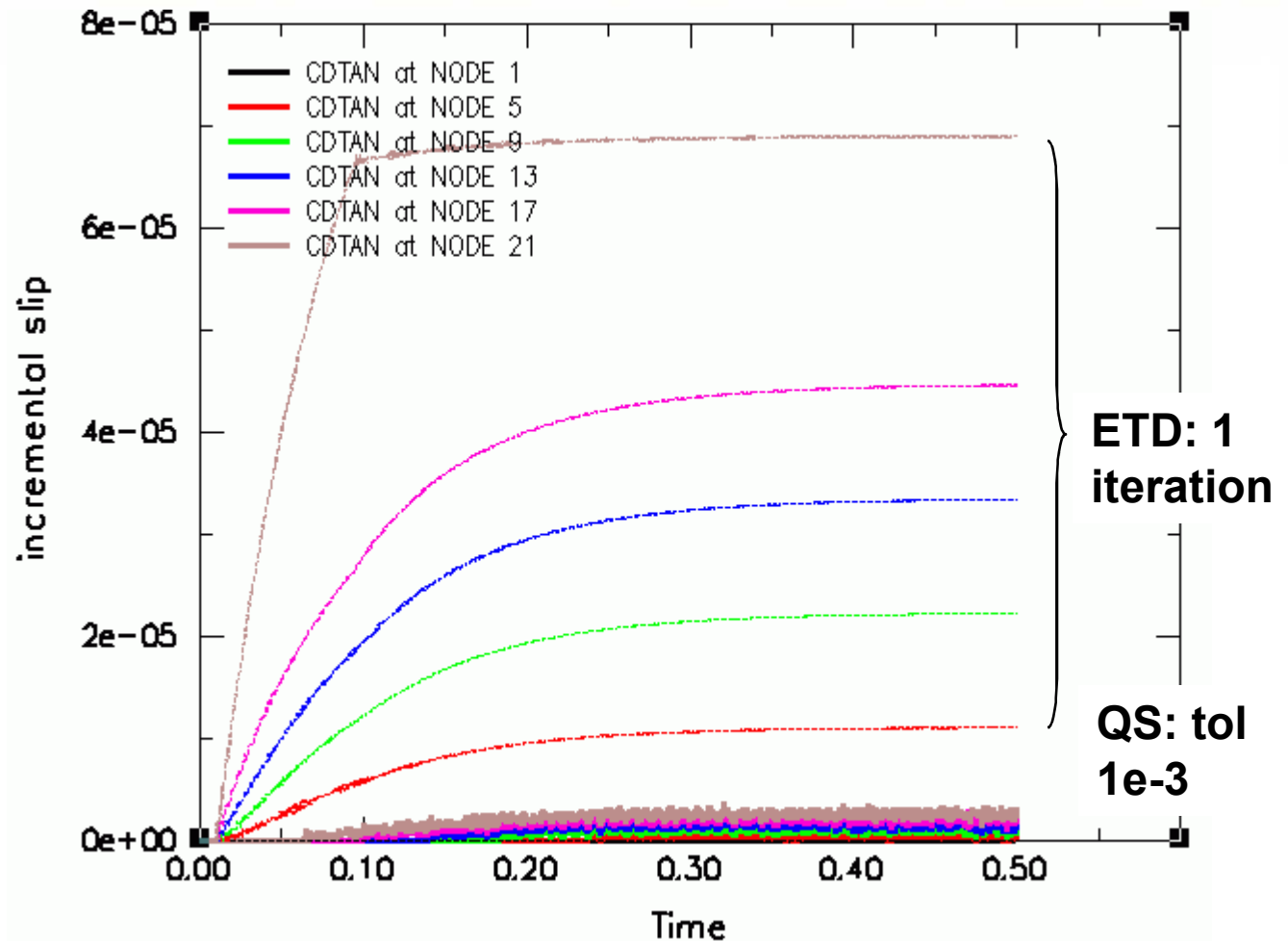
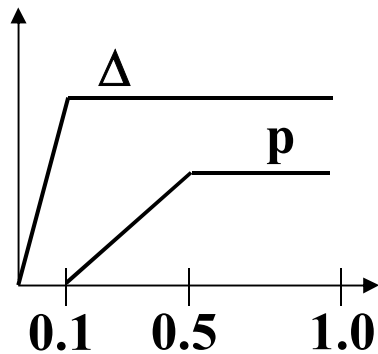
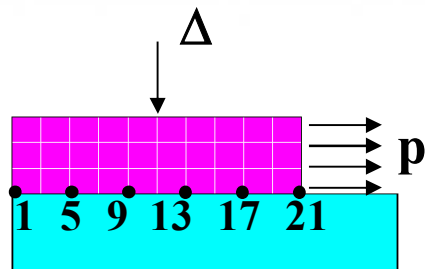
At time $t=0.3$ the **stick/slip** boundary is located at approximately 0.3175m along the length of the bar



Comparison of a verified Quasistatic and an Explicit Transient Dynamic solution (at slow loading rates)...
is often our only way to verify Explicit contact enforcement

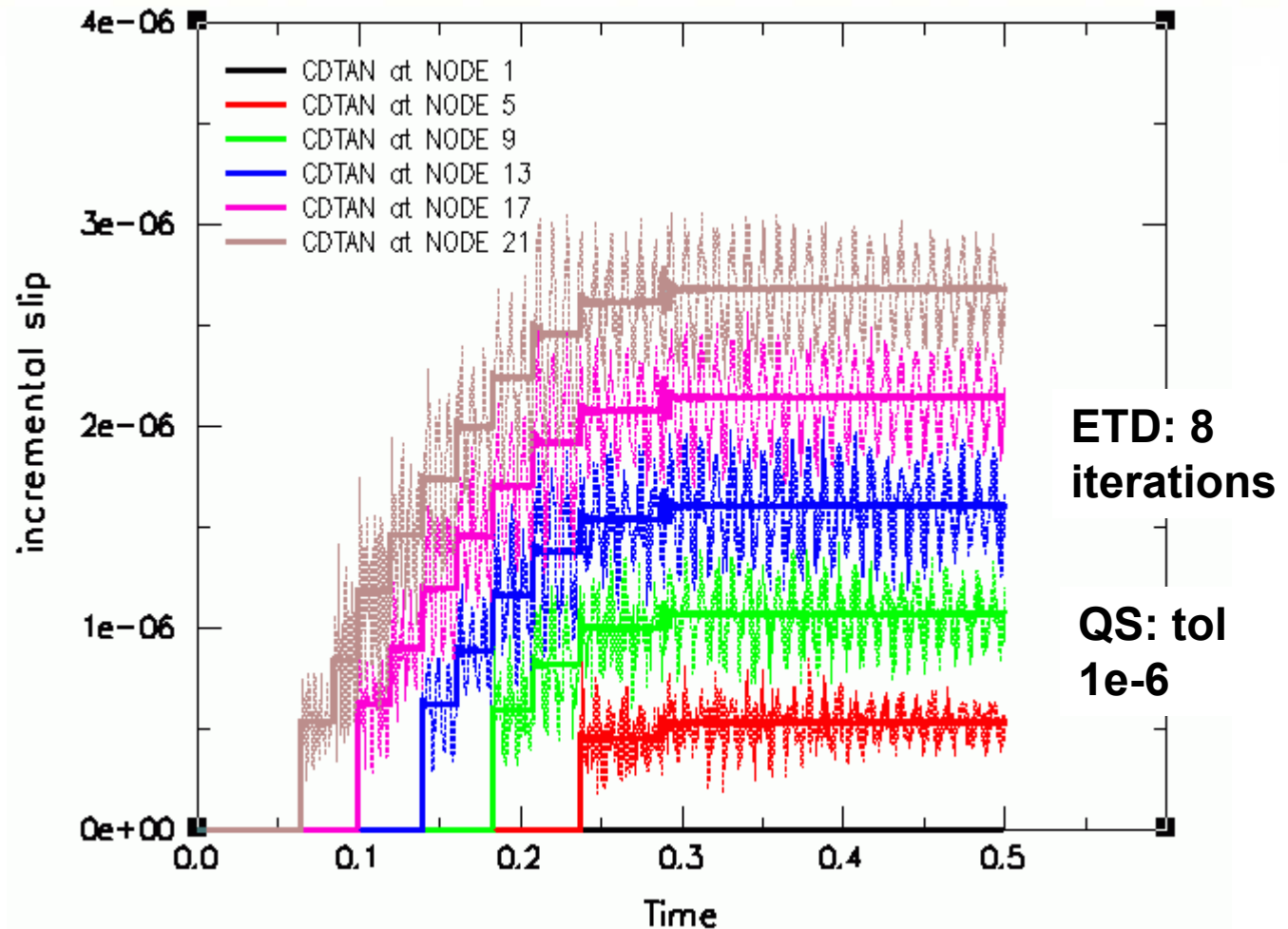
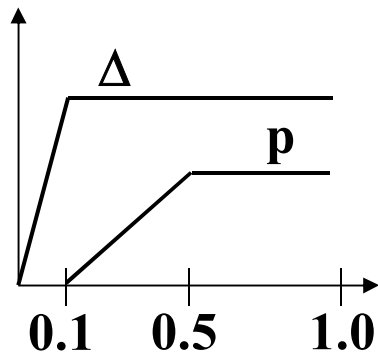
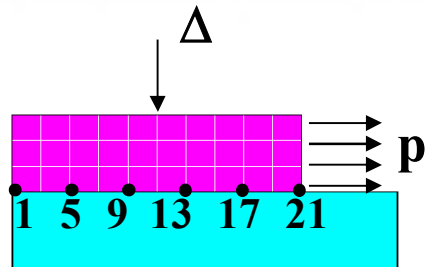
Verification of Moving Slip front

QS/ETD - beam slip test problem



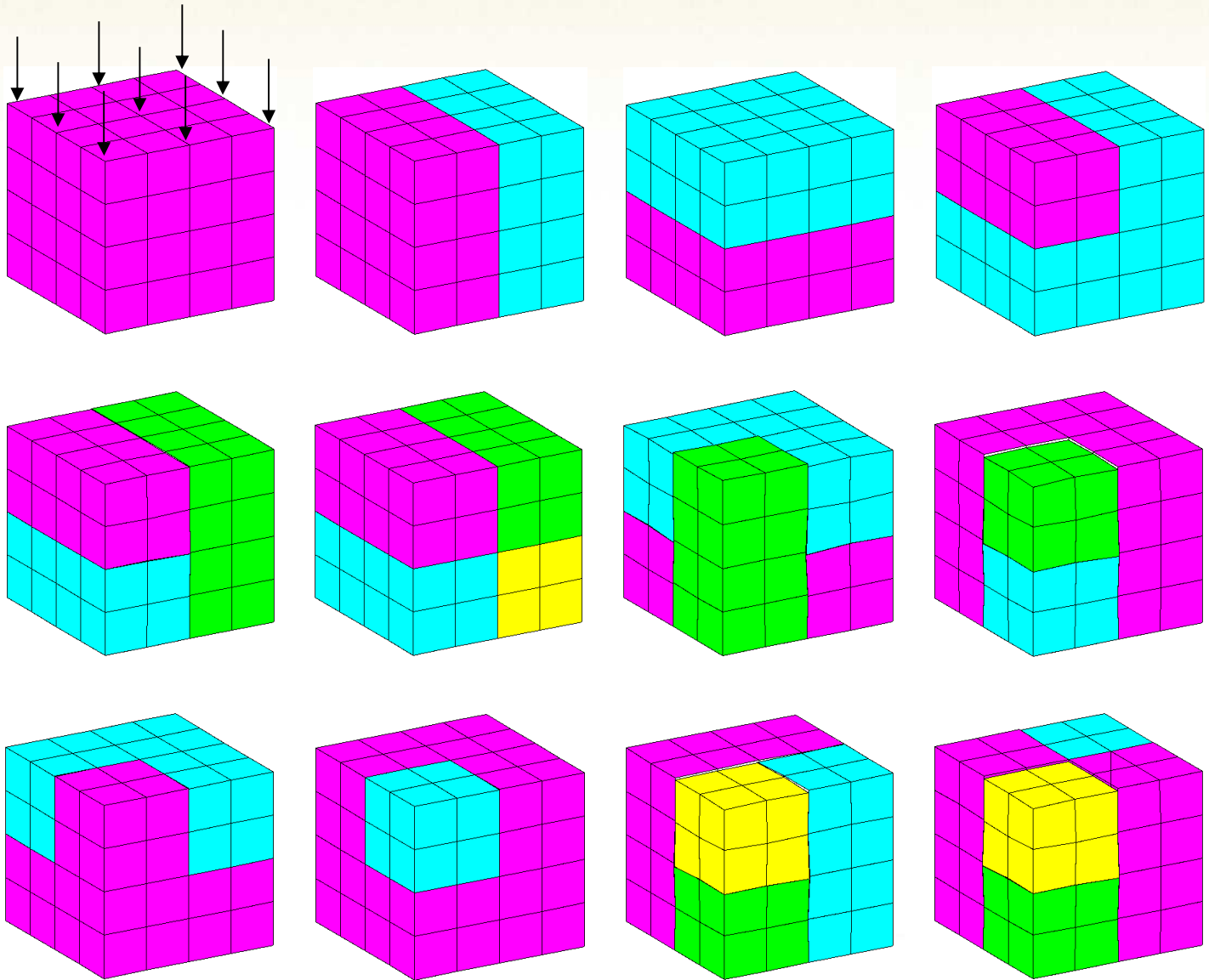
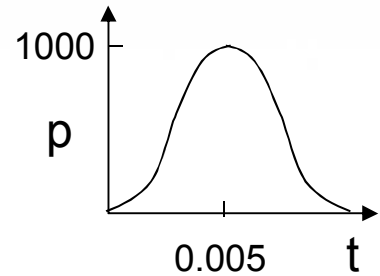
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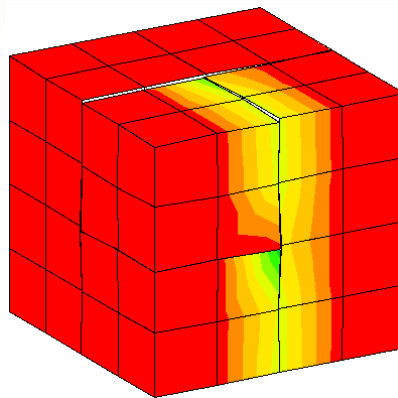
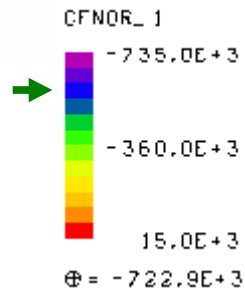
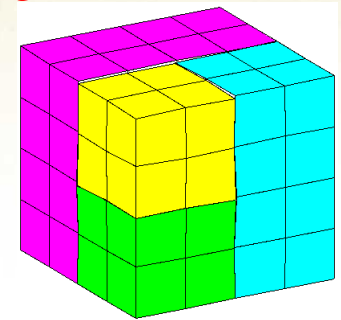


Verification of Intersecting surfaces : contact puzzle patch test

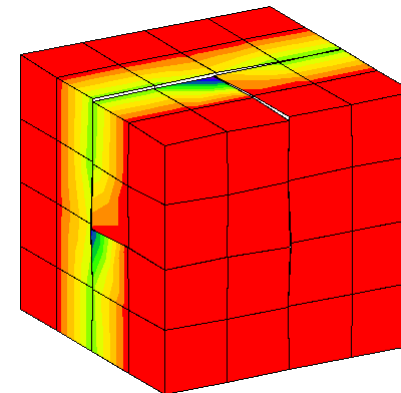
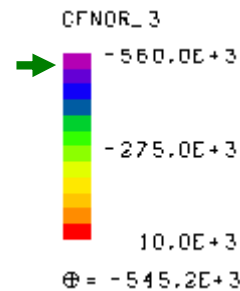
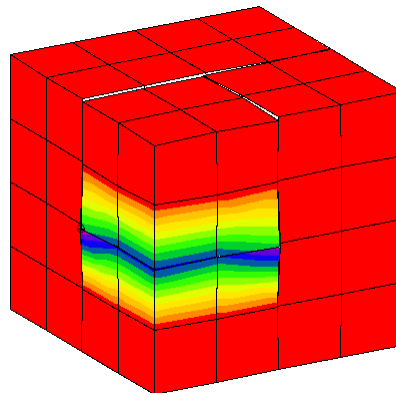
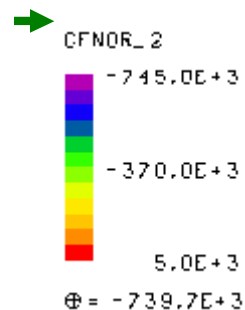
Pressure load
(sine pulse)



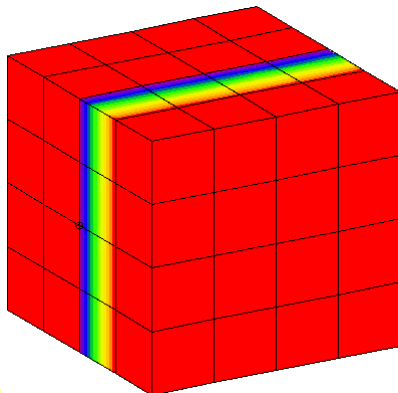
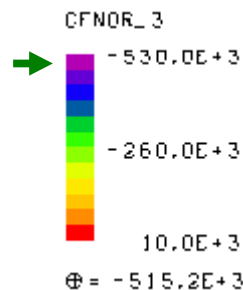
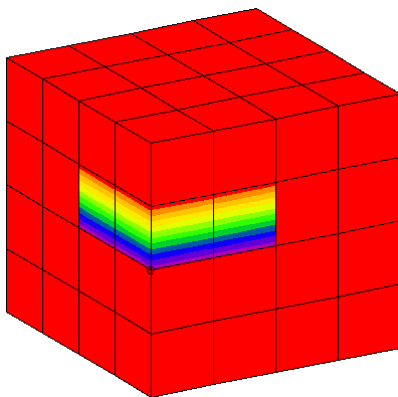
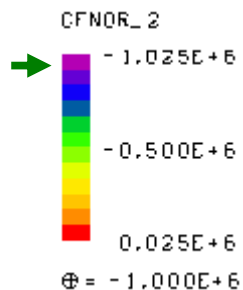
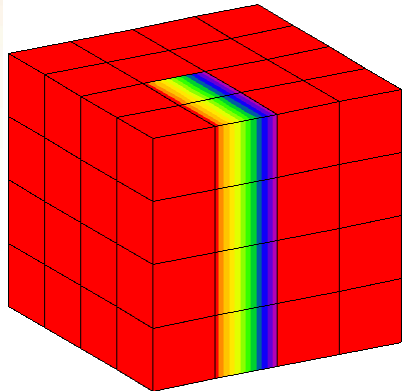
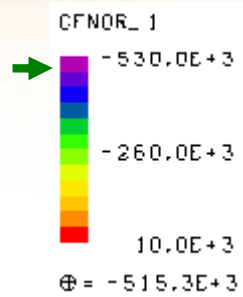
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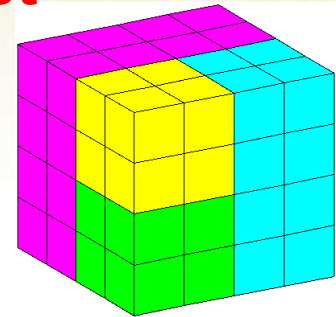
expected solution is not obtained
(due to inability of Node-Face algorithm
to reflect symmetric contact)



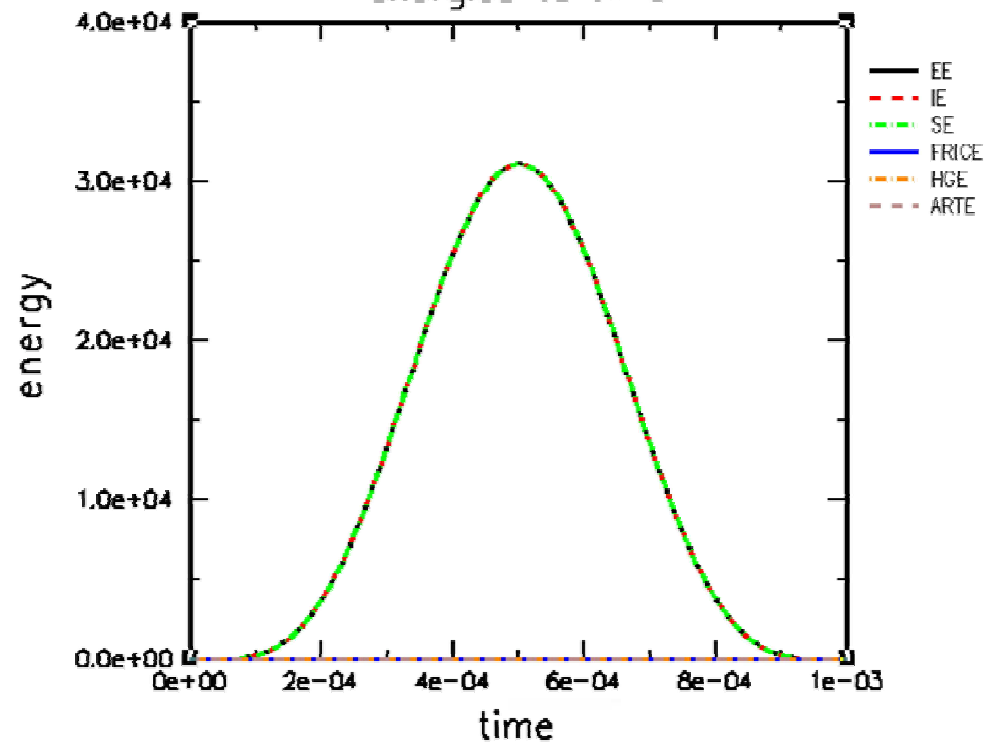
Verification of Intersecting surfaces : contact puzzle patch test



expected solution



mcc_patchtest
energies vs time





Benchmark testing of Node-Face & Face-Face Contact Algorithm

Accuracy

- momentum preserving normal impact/contact
- accuracy of frictional contact enforcement
- capability for extreme interface pressures
- parallel repeatability

Robustness

- numerical tolerances (extending face size)
- capability to accommodate Nodal-based tet w/ remeshing & dynamically inserted cohesive zones

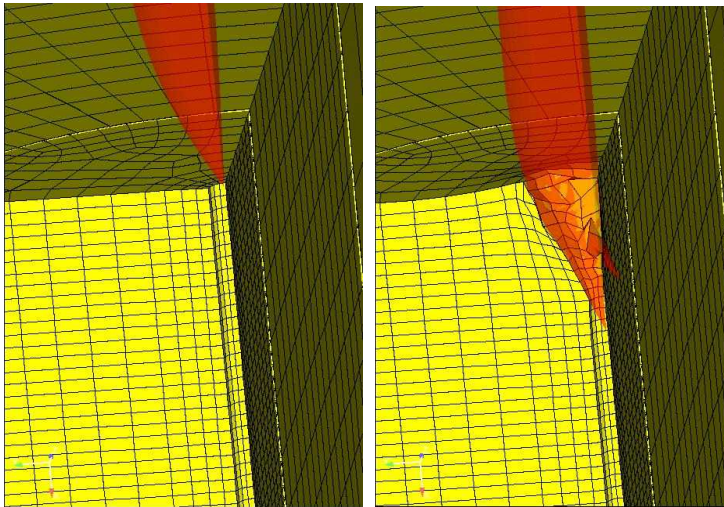
Performance

- Raw serial performance
- Parallel scalability

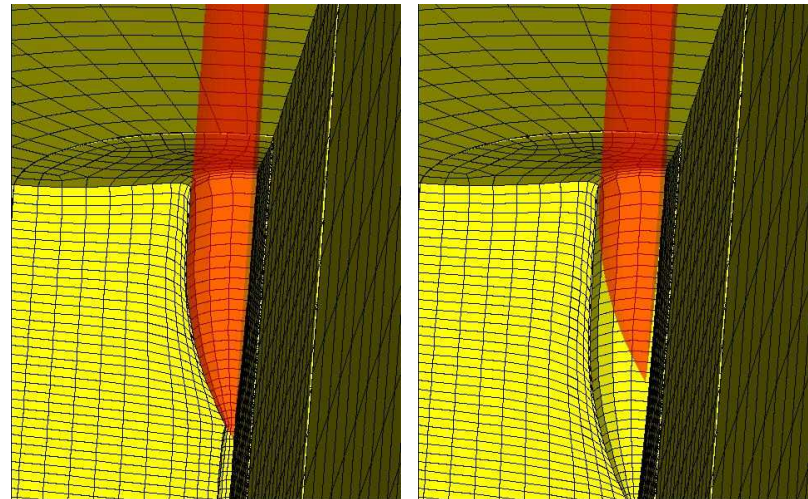
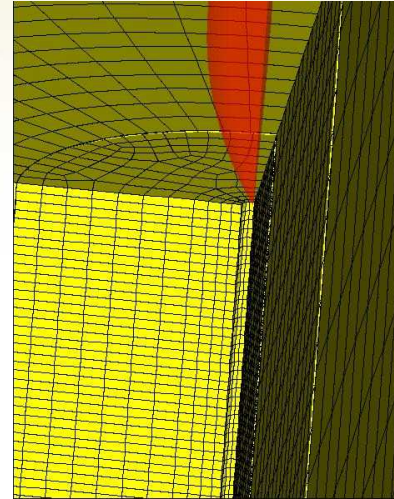
Presto performance test suite (PTS) is a collection of problems typical of the range of problems solved by an Explicit Transient Dynamics code

Robustness test: Large impact pressure

Example **A010_Pilot_hole**



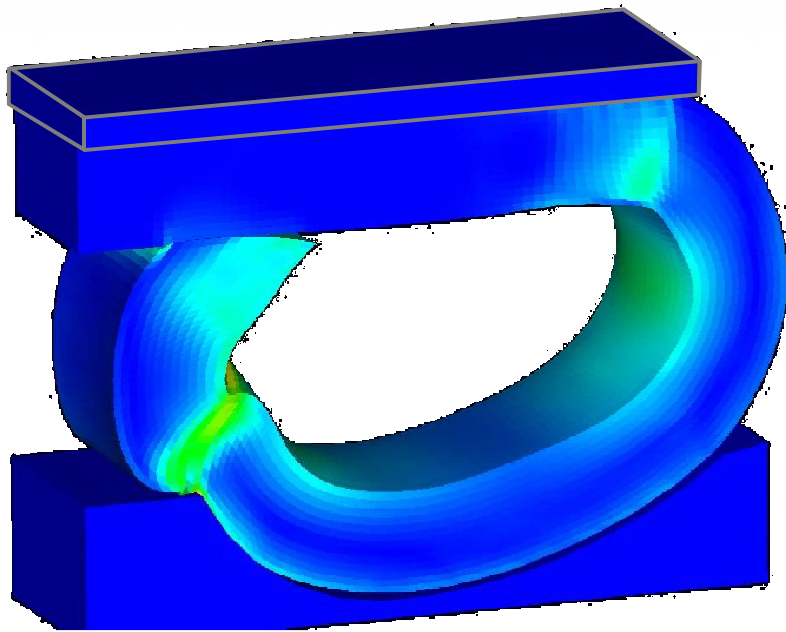
ACME: Node-Face algorithm
Impact pressures are severe,
node face constraints do not
smoothly load penetrator



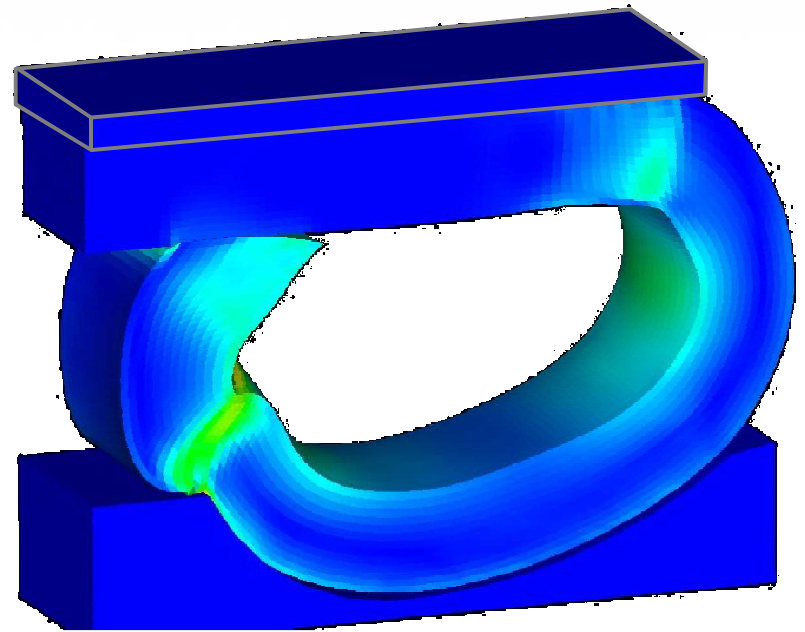
DASH: Face-Face algorithm
Robust result during full-depth
penetration and rebound

Accuracy test: Large frictional sliding

Example: **P013_staple**



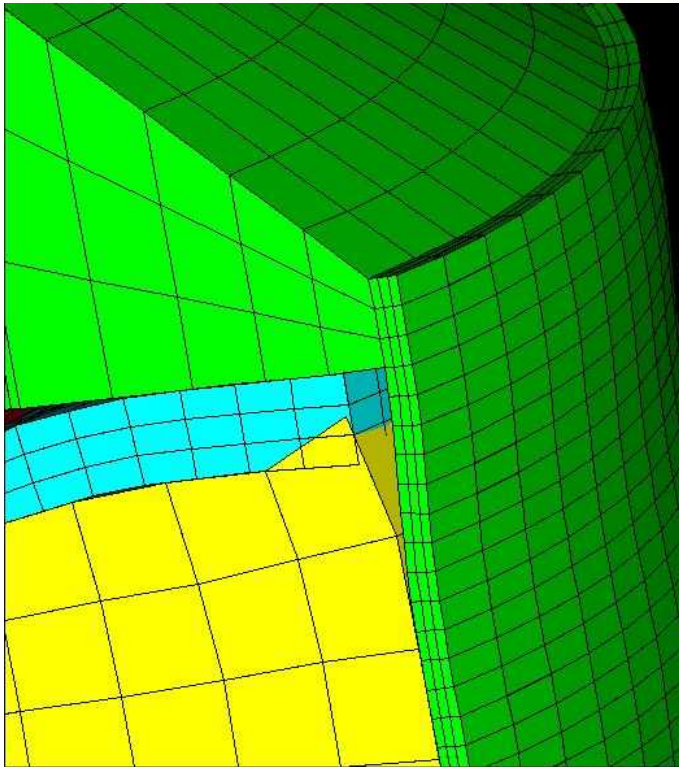
ACME: Node-Face algorithm



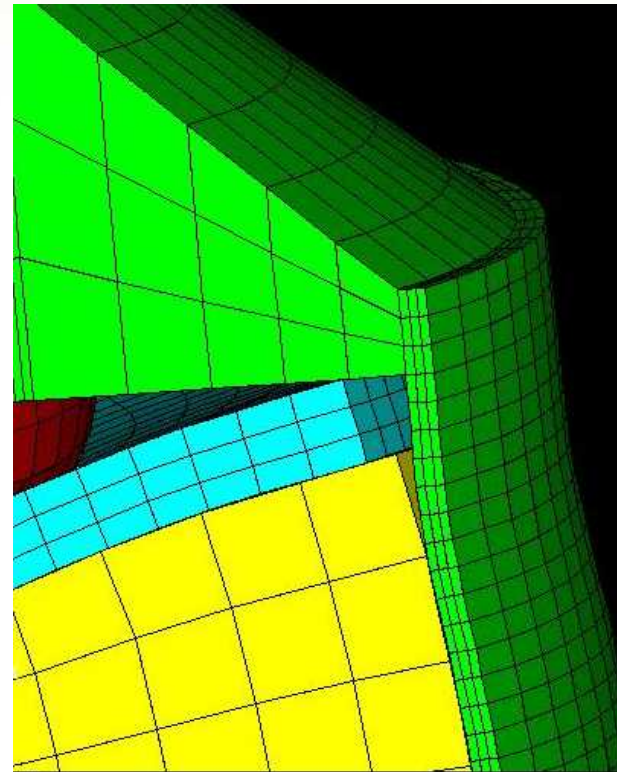
DASH: Face-Face algorithm

Accuracy test: Numerical tolerances

Example: P007_two_layer_cake



ACME: Node-Face algorithm
Edge tolerance is exceeded, thus constraints are lost around plate perimeter

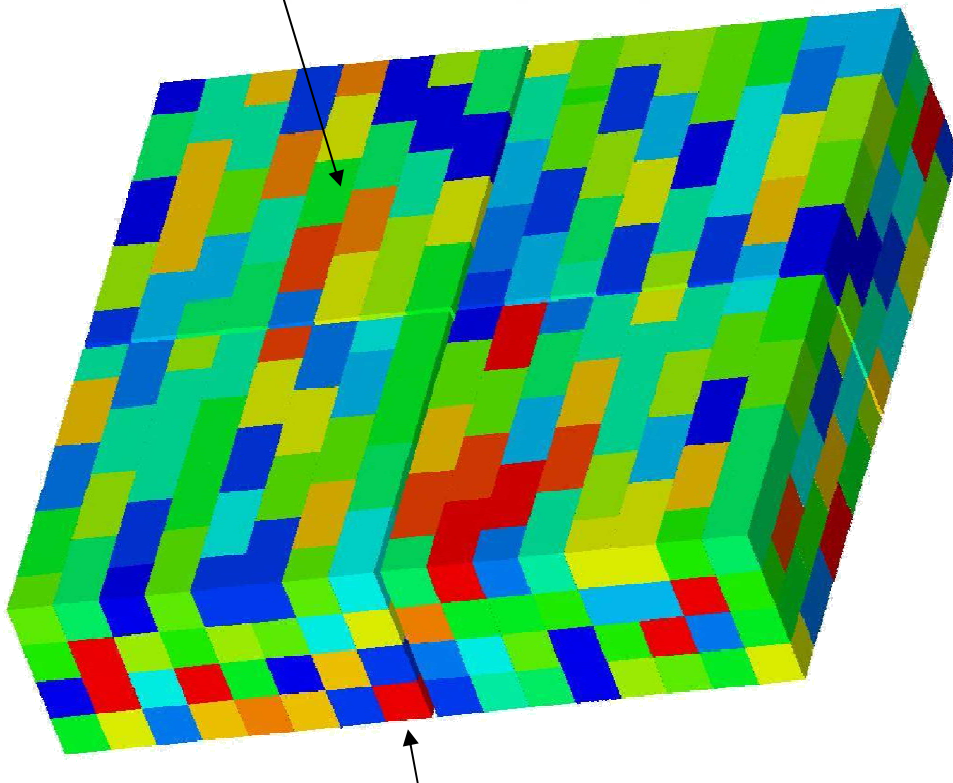


DASH: Face-Face algorithm
No need for edge tolerance, volume overlap naturally maintains constraints around plate perimeter

Robustness test: tolerances w/ multiple constraints

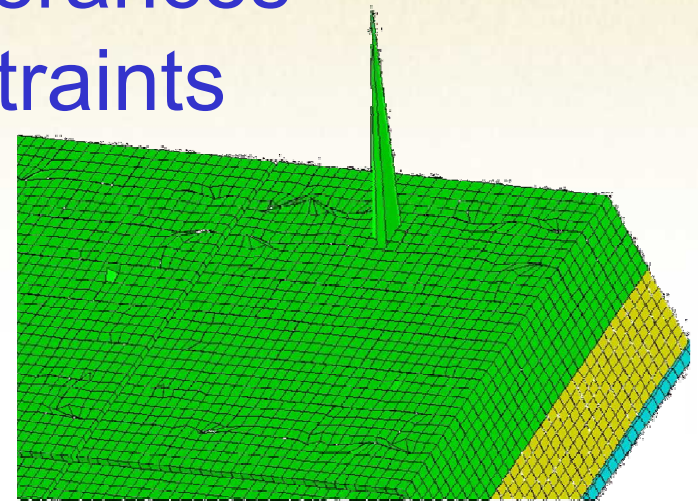
Example: P012-Walls

Pressure loaded



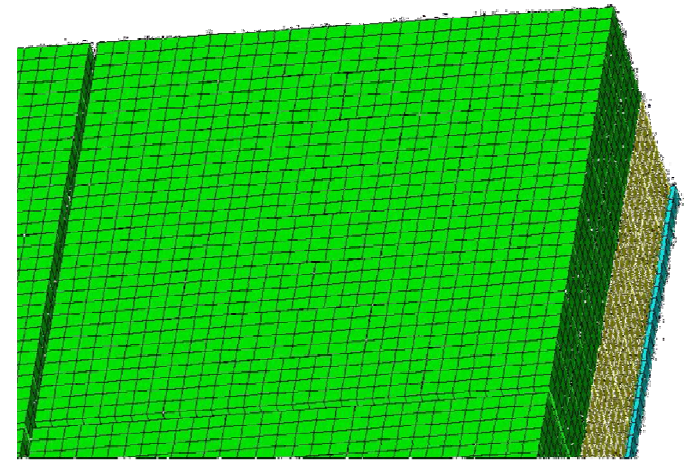
Simply supported below,
Confined around edges

ACME : Node-
Face algorithm



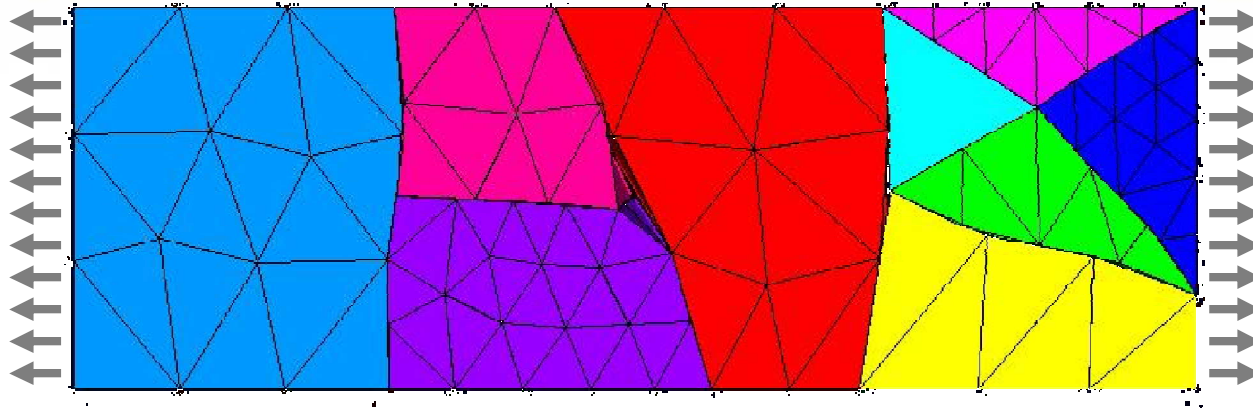
Some Node-Face constraints
missed due to edge tolerance

DASH : Face-
Face algorithm



All Face-Face constraints
detected & enforced

Accuracy & Robustness test: preserving linear consistency for tied contact

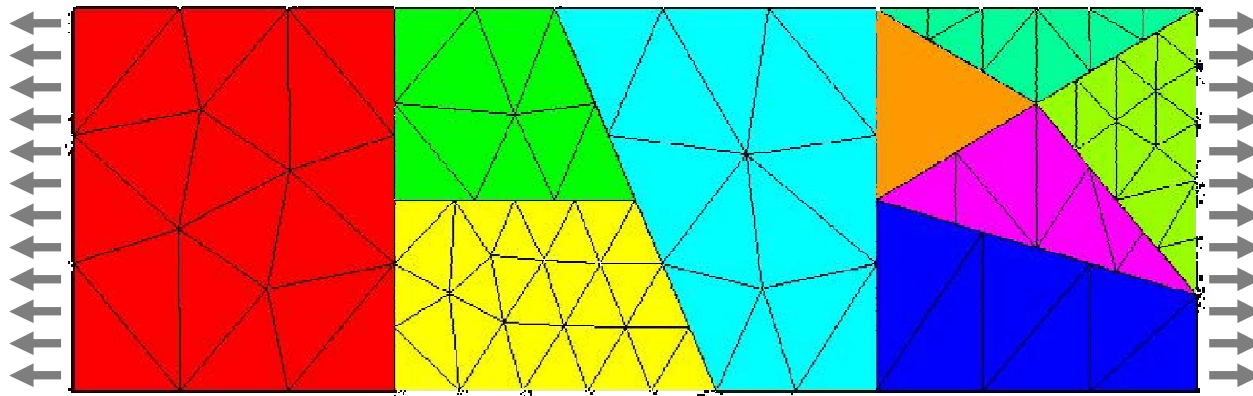


ACME:

Node-face constraints

Stress Error = 81.2%

4 / 12 multiple
interaction puzzle
tests fails



Dash:

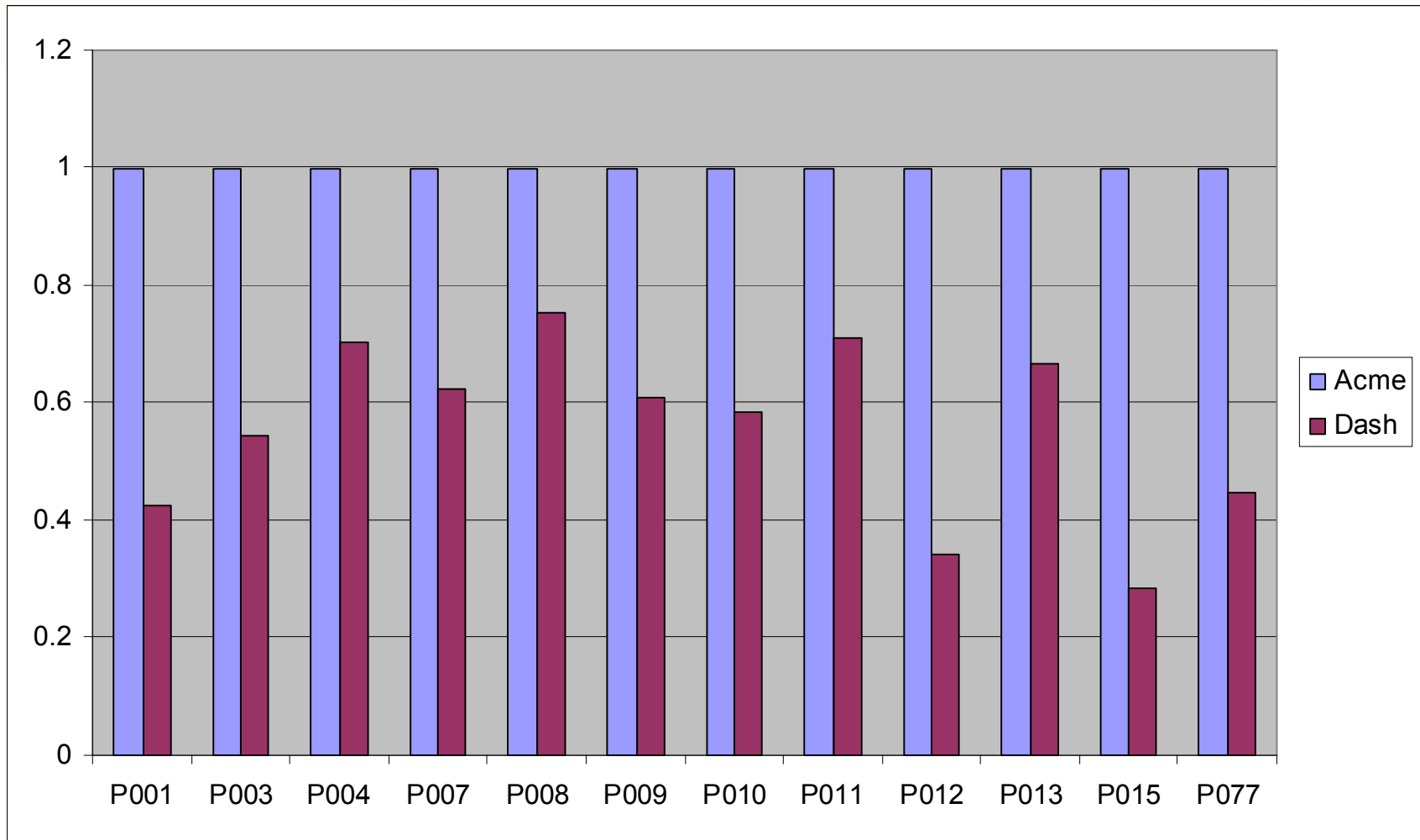
Face-face constraints

Stress Error = 1.5%

All 12 multiple
interaction puzzle
tests pass

Performance testing: ACME vs. DASH

Performance test suite: Total run time



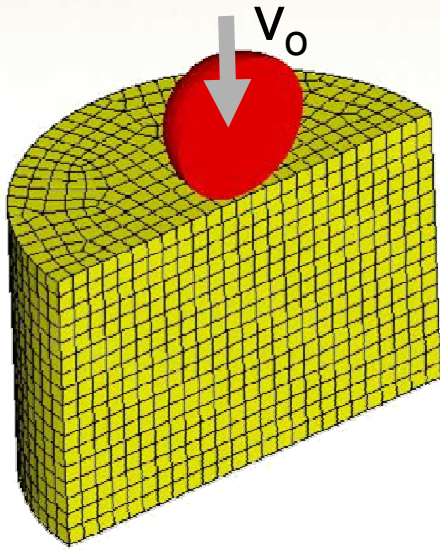
Parallel consistency test: ACME vs. *DASH*

P003 – Can Crush: 1, 2, 4, 16 Procs:

Reported: Standard Deviation of quantity divided by average value of quantity.

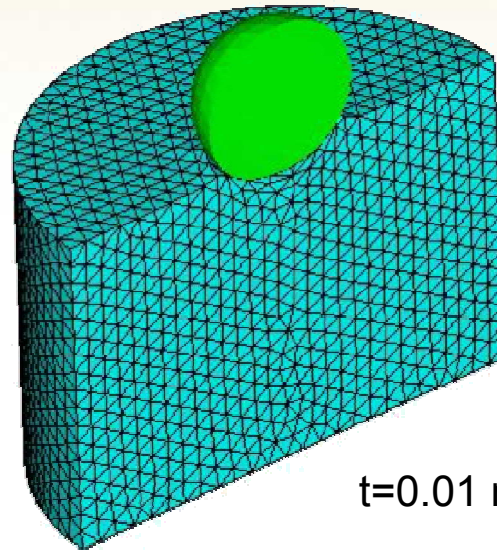
quantity	ACME	<i>DASH</i>
Final Internal Energy	8.28e-02%	1.46e-10 %
Final displacement at specified node	1.8e-01%	5.45e-09 %
Final velocity at specified node	1.16%	1.70e-08%
Max acceleration (raw) at specified node	77.5%	1.07e-06%

Enhanced capability: NBTet w/ remeshing

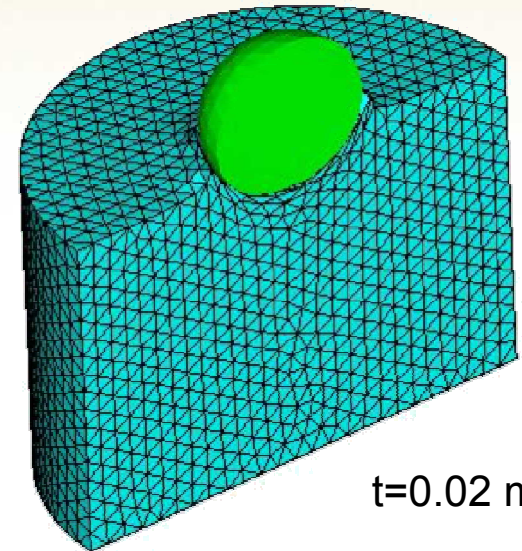


NBTet w/ distortion
induced remeshing

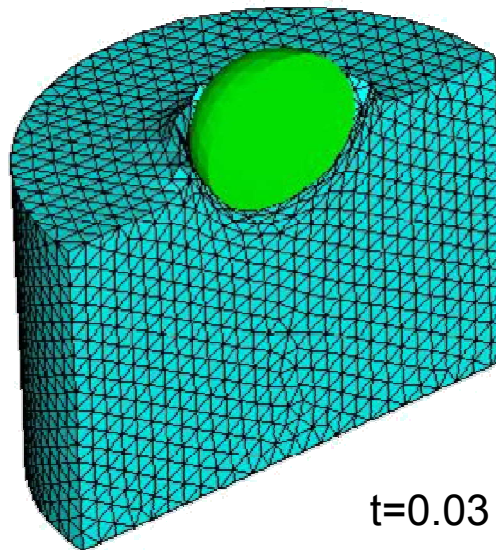
No element death...
instead automatic
remeshing is invoked
based on element
distortion, DASH contact
is used



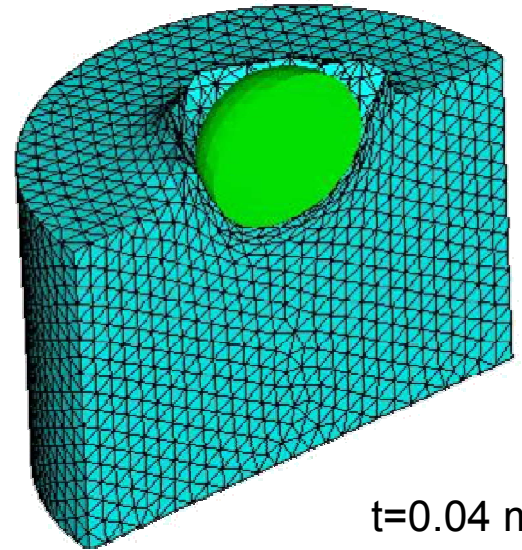
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$t=0.02$ ms

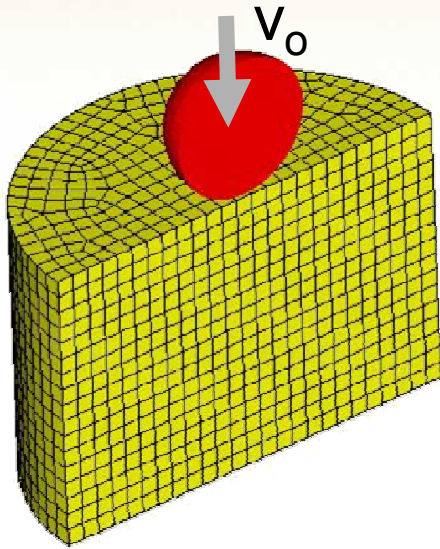


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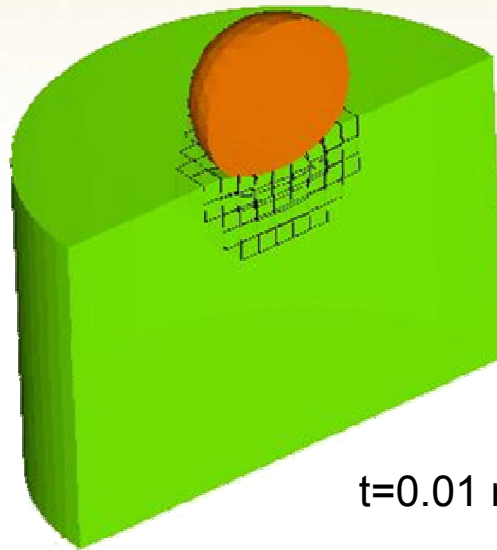
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Enhanced capability: Dynamic insertion of Cohesive zones

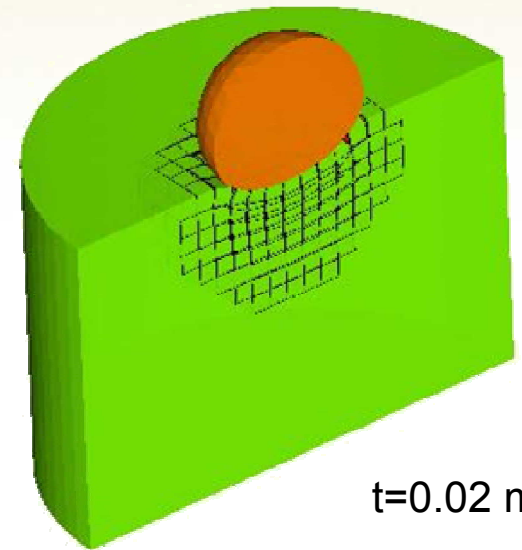


Cohesive Zone
Insertion @ 10% eqps

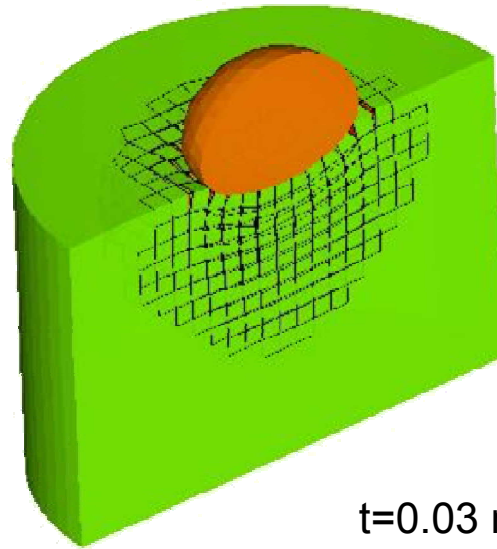
Dynamic insertion
around elements as
they reach 10%
equivalent plastic strain



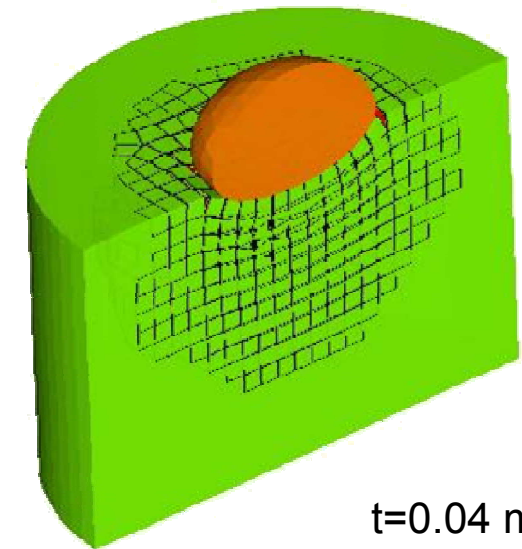
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$t=0.02$ ms

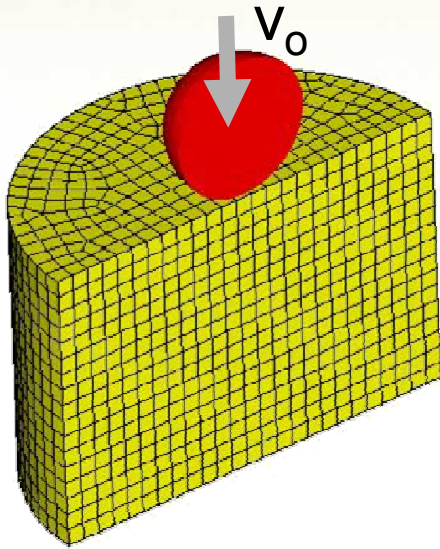


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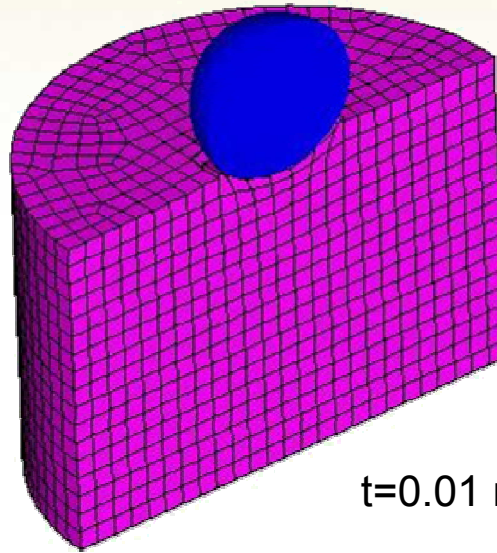
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Enhanced capability: Dynamic element disconnection

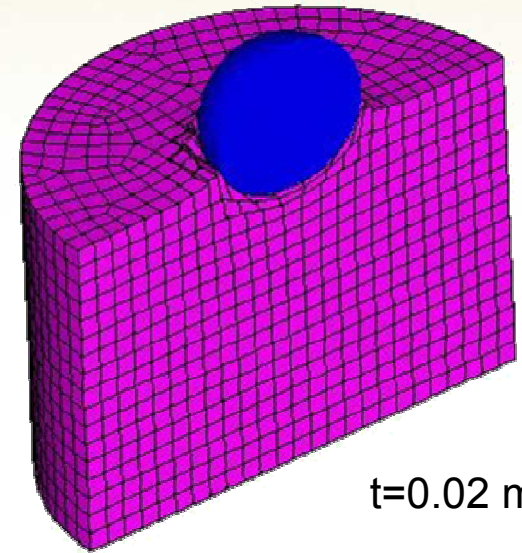


Element disconnection
@ 10% eqps

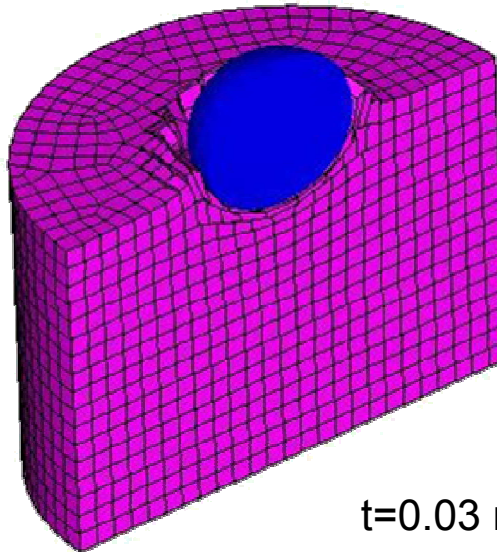
Element is disconnected from its neighbors when equivalent plastic strain reaches 10%, DASH contact is invoked between resulting elements



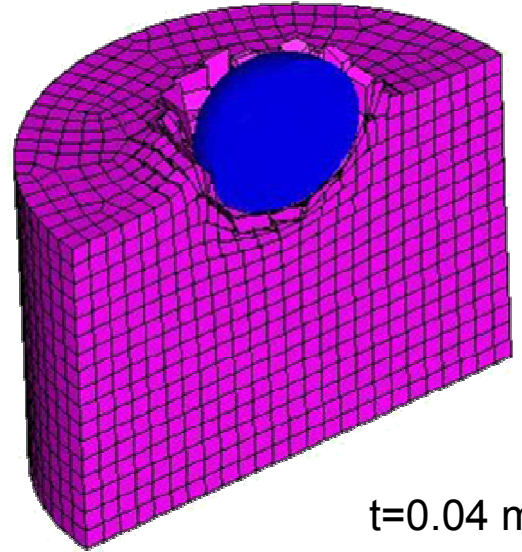
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$t=0.02$ ms



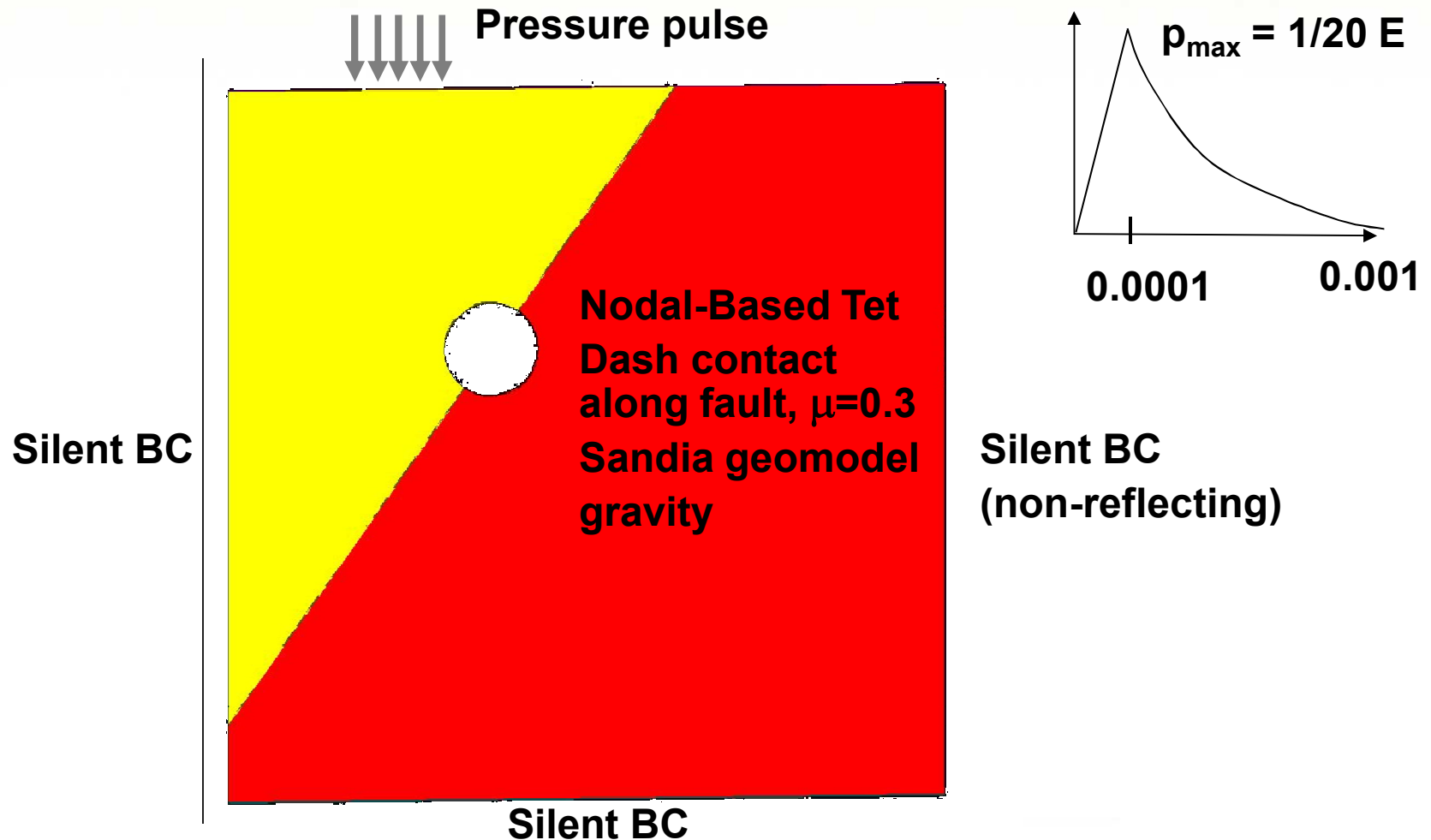
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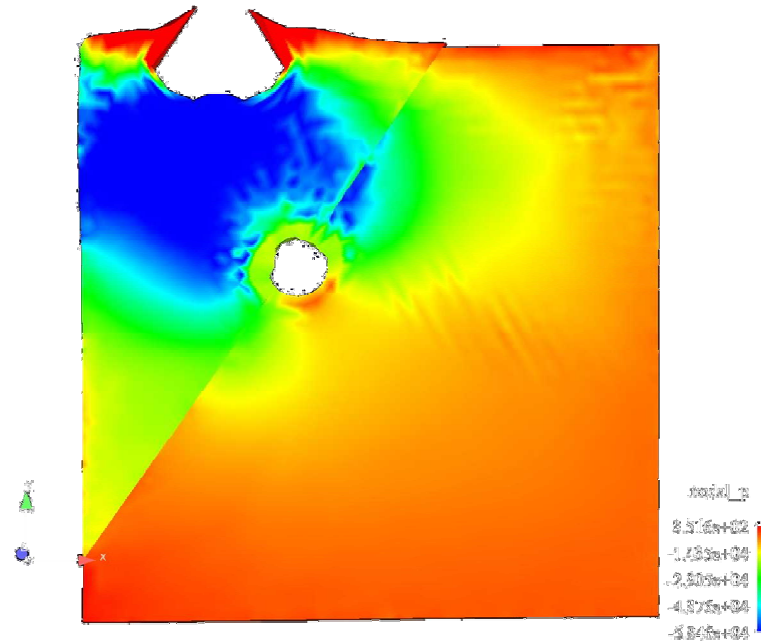
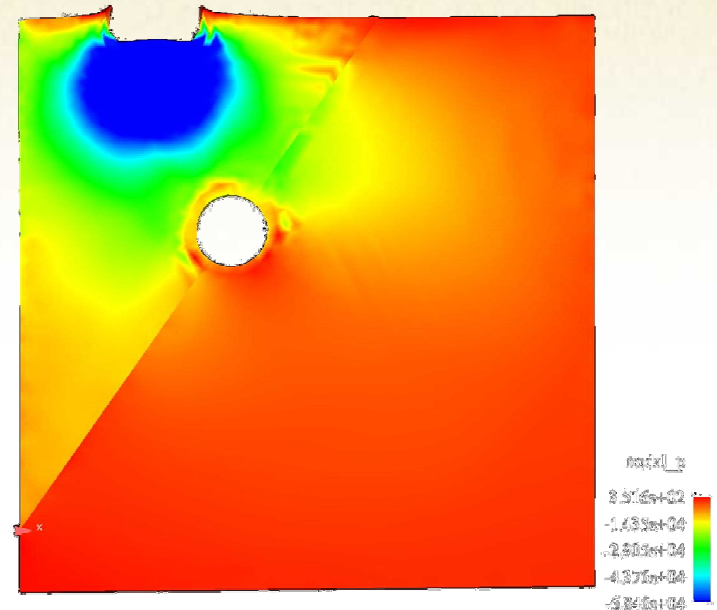
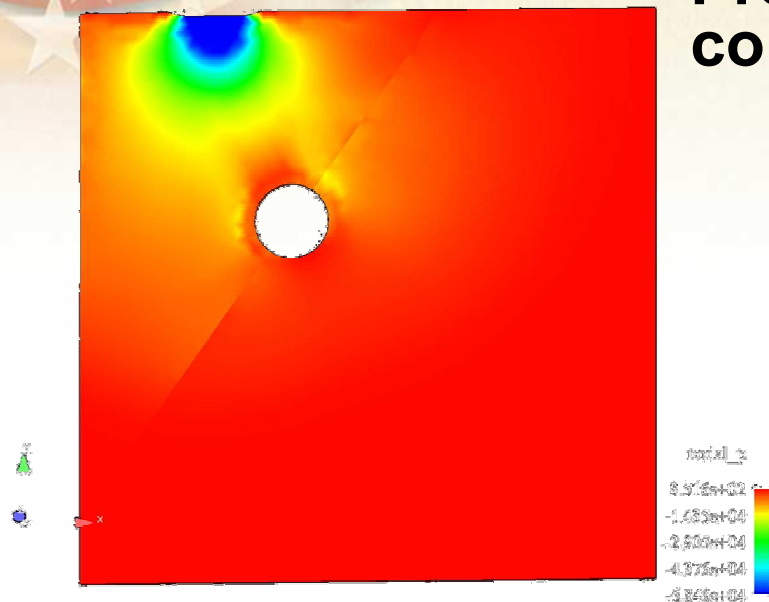
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Evaluation of Nodal-Based Tet & DASH

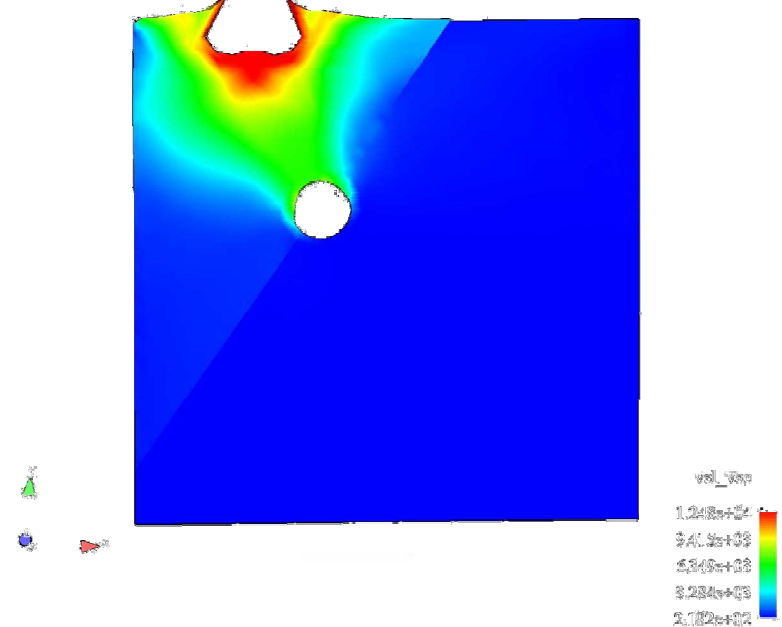
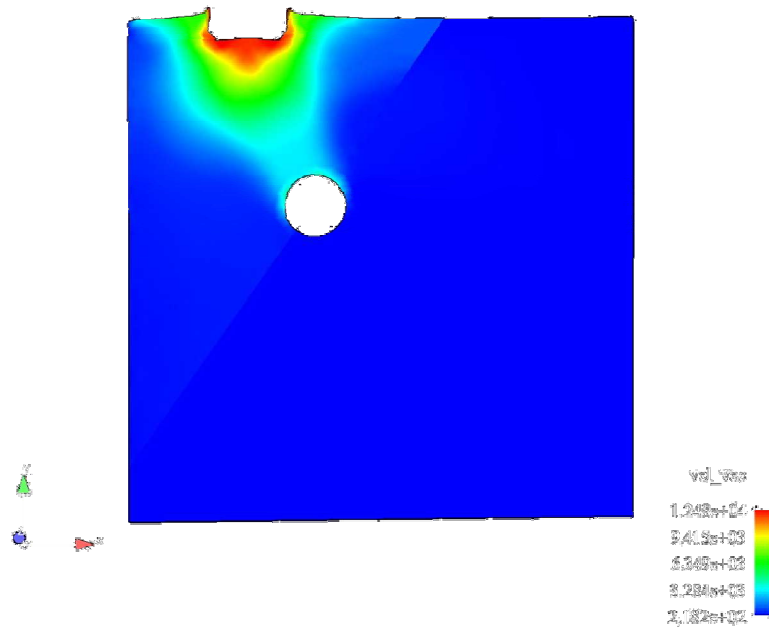
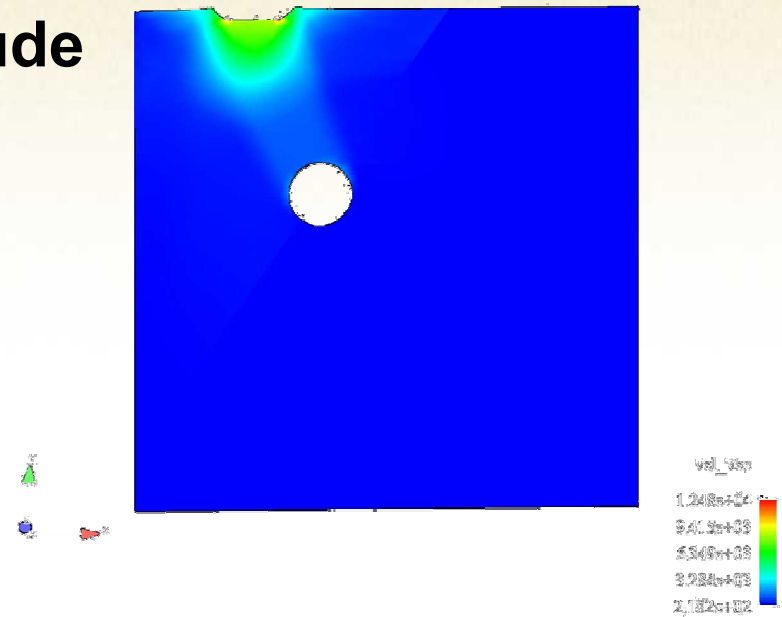
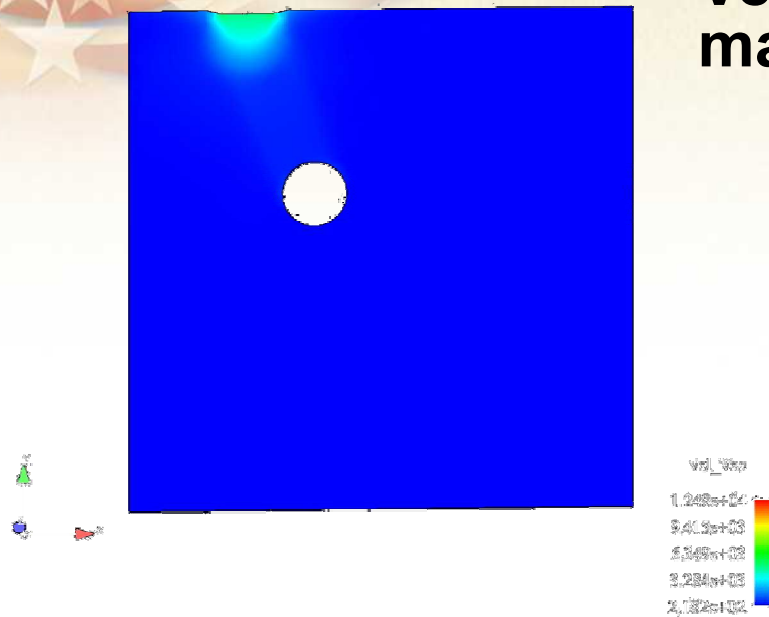
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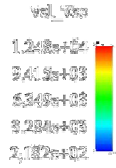
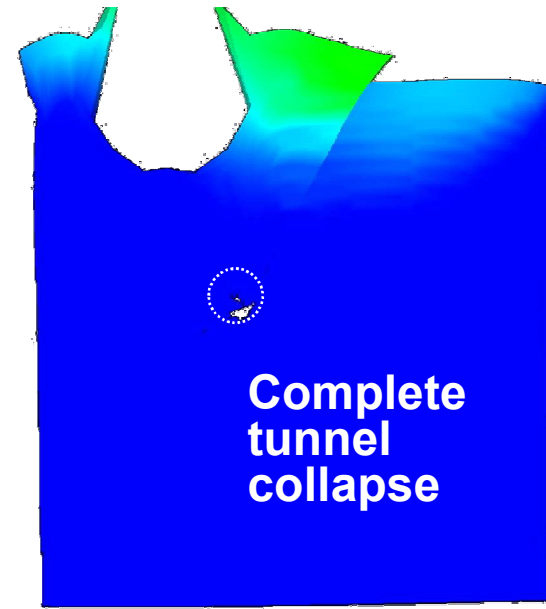
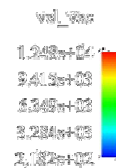
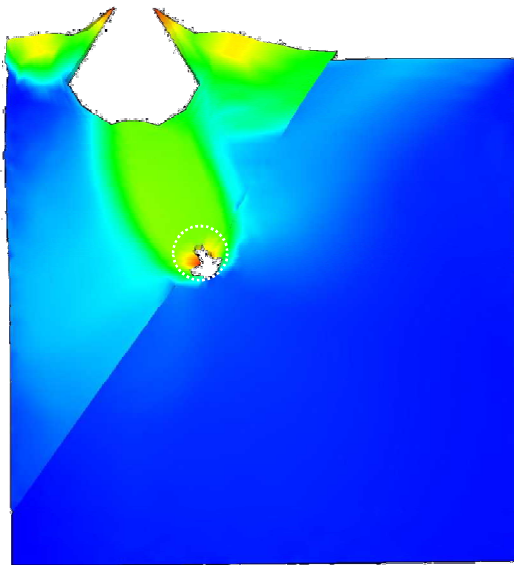
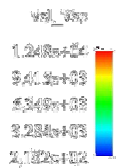
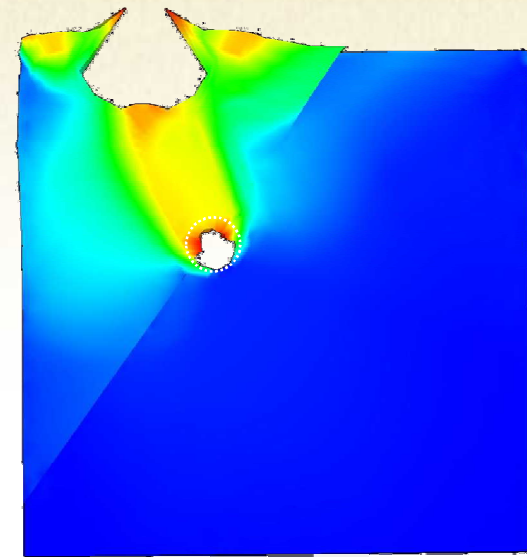
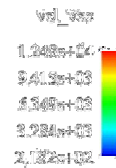
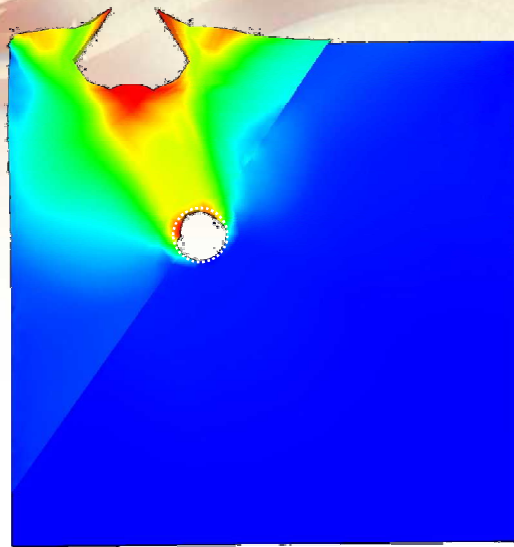
Pressure contours



Velocity magnitude

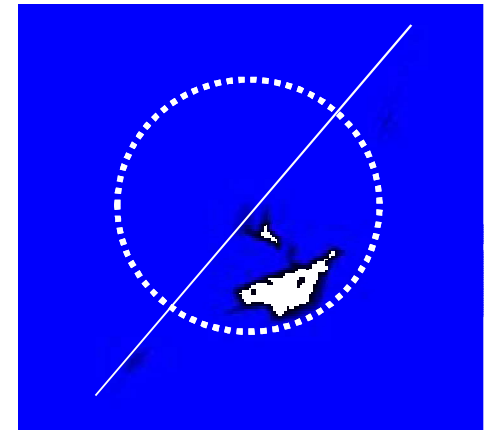
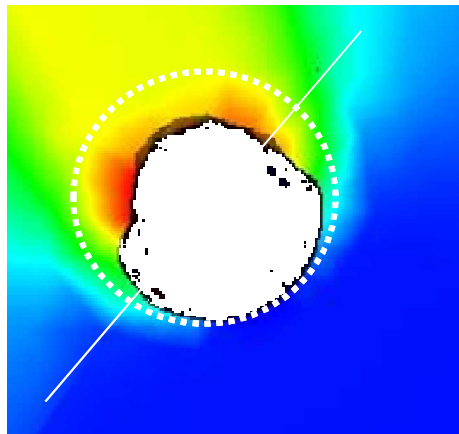
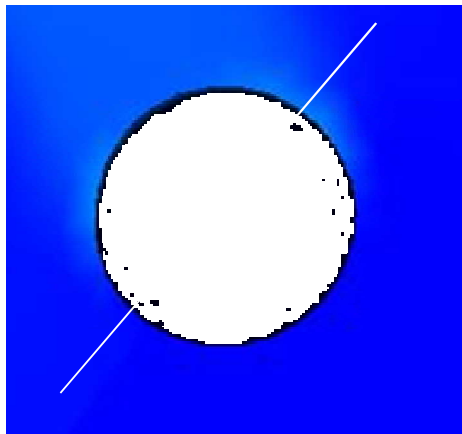


Velocity magnitude



Complete
tunnel
collapse

Velocity magnitude producing (nearly) complete tunnel collapse



Summary of Face-Face Contact Algorithm for Extreme Loadings on Underground Structures

Accuracy

- Maintains momentum preserving normal impact/contact
- Maintains accuracy of frictional contact enforcement
- Improved capability for extreme interface pressures
- Improved parallel repeatability

Robustness

- Eliminates use of numerical tolerances (extending face size)
- Expands capability to accommodate Nodal-based tet w/ remeshing & dynamically inserted cohesive zones

Performance

- Raw serial performance as good as if not better than node-face algorithm
- Demonstrated parallel scalability