

Cavitation Modeling in NESM using Sierra-SD



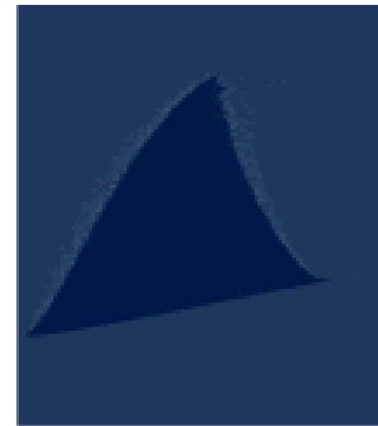
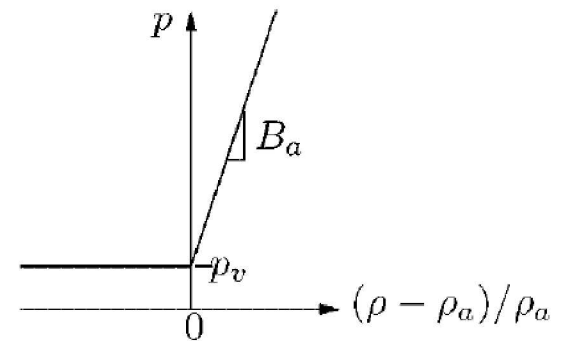
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- Simulate moderate cavitation that occurs due to underwater explosions
 - No focus on free surface at this time; significant hydrostatic pressure exists
 - Capture evolution and collapse of cavitating region – secondary pressure pulse
 - Localized cavitation at moderate depths
 - Large scale simulations - scalability
- Modeling Approach
 - Cavitating acoustic finite elements (lower order elements)
 - Single acoustic fluid with bilinear pressure model
 - Velocity potential implementation of cavitation constraint
 - Implicit time stepping formulation



Displacement Potential Formulation:

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \psi = 0; \quad \nabla \psi = \underline{u}; \quad \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = \max(c^2 \nabla^2 \psi, p_o)$$

- Most widely used from 1970's by Newton to CAFE and CASE by Sprague and Geers
- Explicit implementation with verification to Bleich-Sandler problem
- One fluid, cut-off cavitation formulation

Pressure Potential Formulation:

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 p = 0; \quad p = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$$

- Uses a pseudo- or auxiliary pressure to evolve the state of the acoustic material
- Developed by Nimmagadda and Cipolla and implemented in Abaqus

4 Velocity Potential Wave Equation

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \phi = 0; \quad \phi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}; \quad \nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} = \underline{v}$$

- Valid for both implicit and explicit time stepping
- This is the formulation used in NESM/Sierra-SD
- Compatible with the NESM implementation of Navy UNDEX acoustic scattering loads
- Compatible with monolithic structural acoustic coupling in Sierra-SD
- Implementation uses auxiliary or pseudo-velocity potential similar to Nimmagadda and Cipolla
- Not used elsewhere – Newton gives smoothness arguments against this and the pressure potential cavitation formulation



Constrained wave equation with a displacement potential

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Constrained wave equation with velocity potential

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \phi = 0;$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \max(c^2 \nabla^2 \psi, p_o) = \max \left[c^2 \nabla^2 \int \phi dt, p_o \right]$$

The bilinear pressure constraint makes ϕ a heaviside function. The order of operations on ϕ are important; Laplacian cannot be brought inside integral.

Difficult to apply constraints to $\int \phi dt$; use change of variables $c^2 \nabla^2 \int \phi dt = \frac{\partial \bar{\phi}}{\partial t}$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \max \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\phi}}{\partial t}, p_o \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\phi}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \phi = 0;$$

6 Implicit Time-stepping with Explicit Cavitation Constraint

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{\phi}}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 \phi ; \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \max \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\phi}}{\partial t}, p_o \right)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \bar{\phi}}{\partial t} \right|_{n+1} = \left. \frac{\partial \bar{\phi}}{\partial t} \right|_n + \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} c^2 \nabla^2 \phi dt$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right|_{n+1} = \max \left(\left. \frac{\partial \bar{\phi}}{\partial t} \right|_{n+1}, p_o \right)$$

Explicit Cavitation Constraint being applied over time-step, no nonlinear solve. Cavitation evolution is typically slower than the wave speed

$$\phi_{n+1} = \phi_n + \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dt$$

Implementation

- Nodal constraints on the first time-derivative
- Explicit time stepping – straight forward application of constraint
- Implicit time stepping requires interlacing of constraint within time-step
- Subtle detail: Construct to store the time derivative of the auxiliary variable, $\frac{\partial \bar{\phi}}{\partial t}$

(1) Given ϕ_n , $\dot{\phi}_n$ and $\ddot{\phi}_n$, use Newmark-Beta implicit time stepping to solve wave equation for ϕ_{n+1} , $\dot{\phi}_{n+1}$ and $\ddot{\phi}_{n+1}$. Only $\dot{\phi}_{n+1}$ will be modified by cavitation

(2) Given $\ddot{\phi}_n$ and $\dot{\phi}_n$ from previous time-step and using $\ddot{\phi}_{n+1}$ from step (1), use Newmark-Beta equation for velocity to update $\dot{\phi}_{n+1}$

$$\dot{\phi}_{n+1} = \dot{\phi}_n + \Delta t [(1 - \gamma)\ddot{\phi}_n + \gamma\ddot{\phi}_{n+1}]$$

(3) Solve for ϕ_{n+1} by using $\dot{\phi}_{n+1}$ in the cavitation constraint

$$\phi_{n+1} = \max[\dot{\phi}_{n+1}, p_o]$$

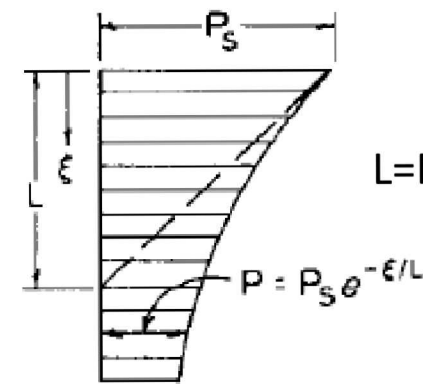
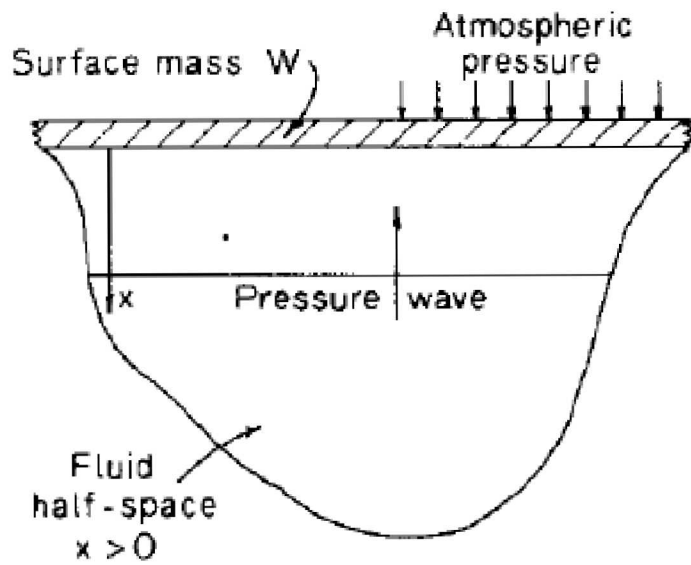
(4) Advance time-step and repeat

Note:

$\dot{\phi}$ is the only auxiliary term being computed and its time evolution is tracked in step (2).

When cavitation occurs, only $\dot{\phi}$ is changed in the current time step.

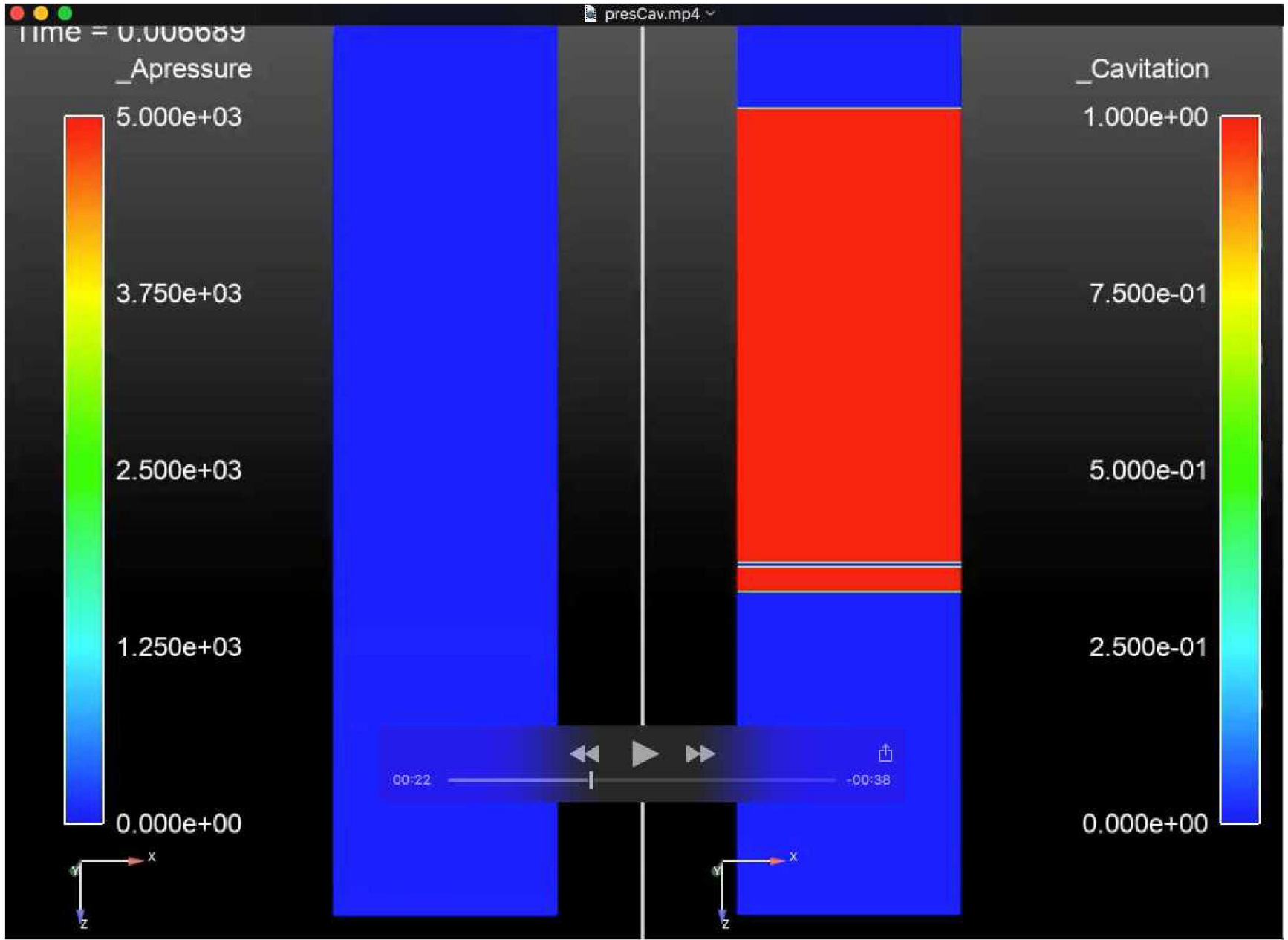
8 | Bleich Sandler Problem Set-up



$L = \text{Decay Length} = 4.74\text{ft}$

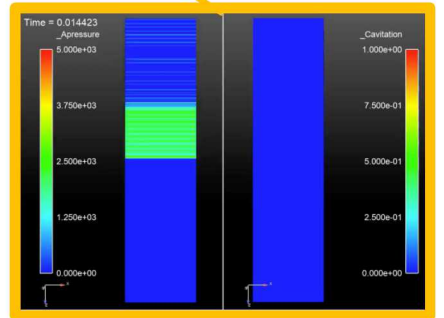
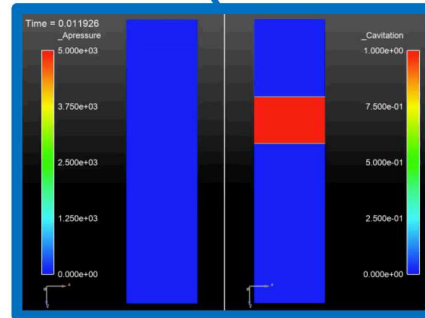
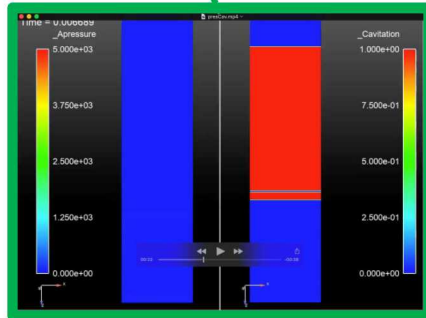
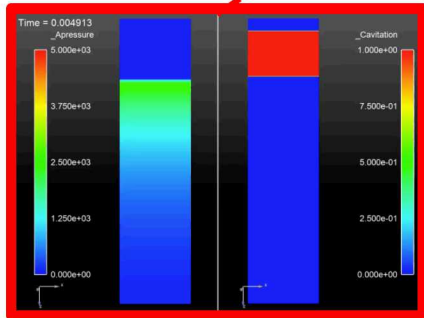
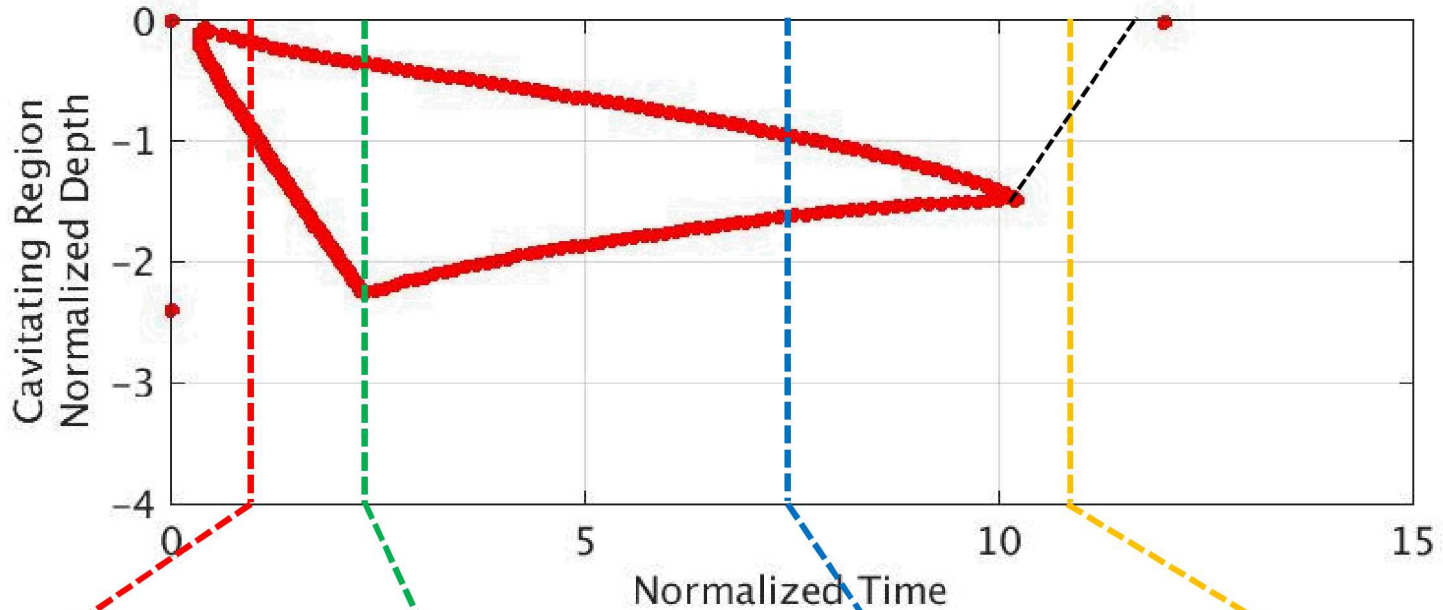
Pressure History

9 | Bleich Sandler Example



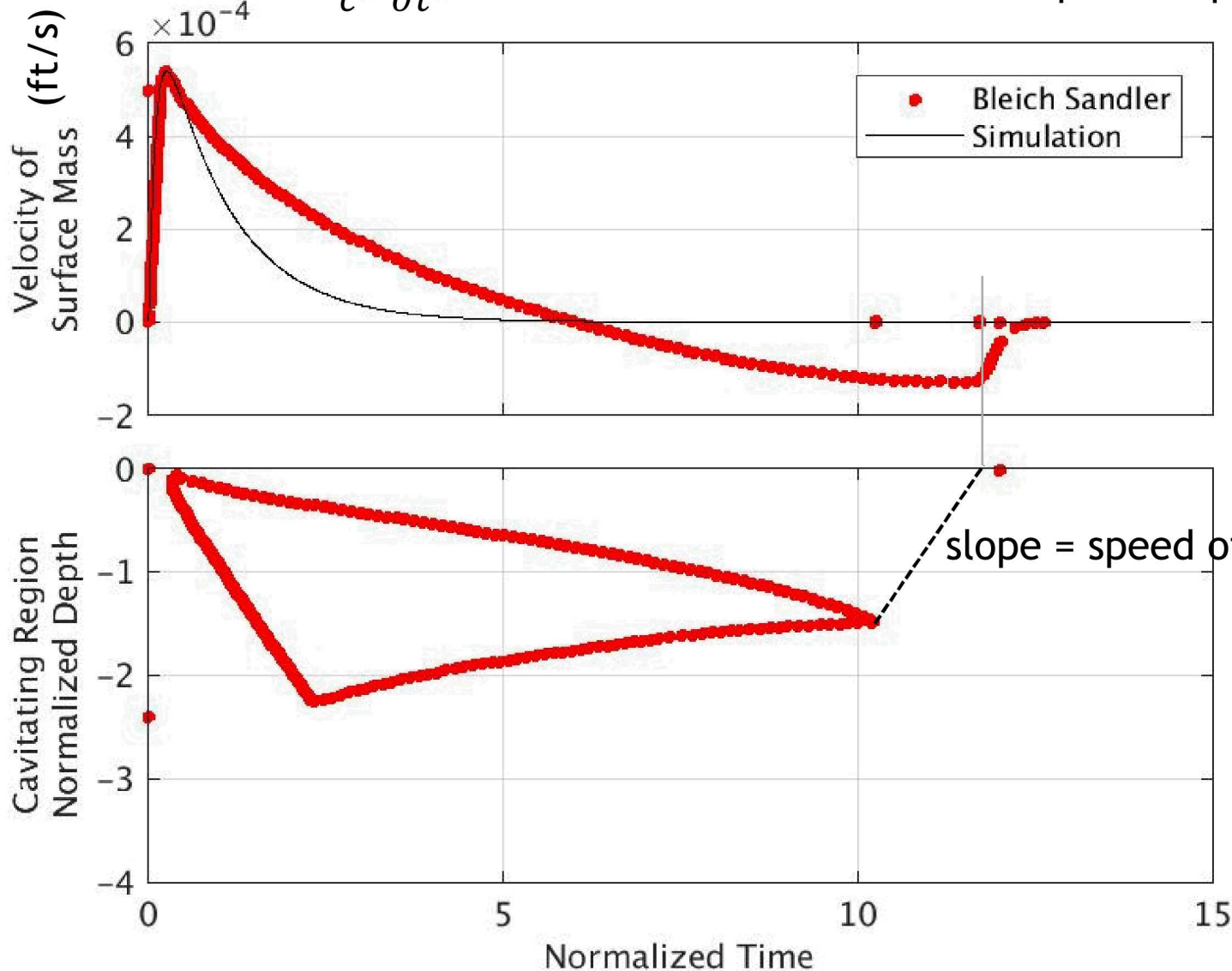
$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \phi = 0;$$

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 Normalized Depth = $\text{depth} / \text{decay Length}$



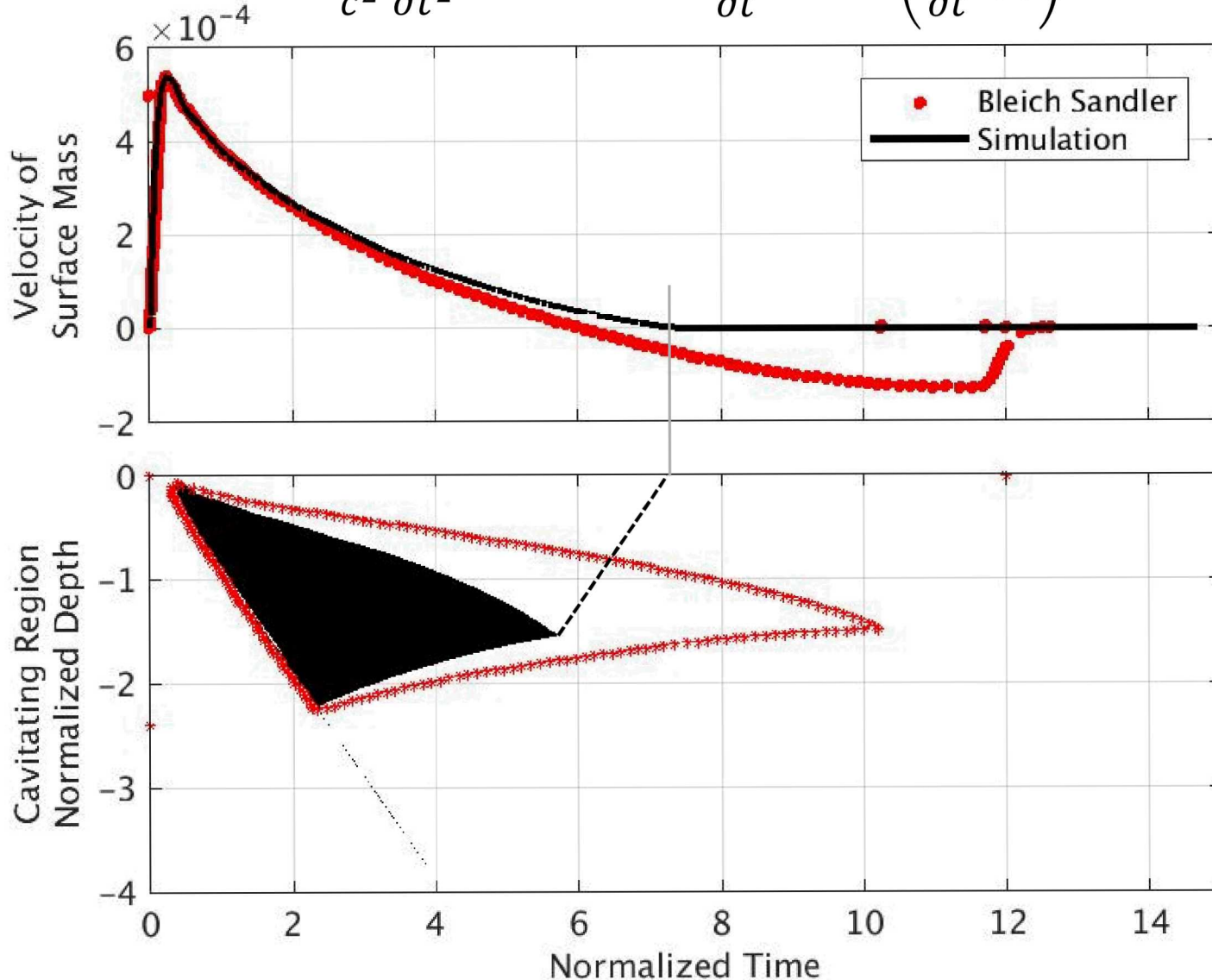
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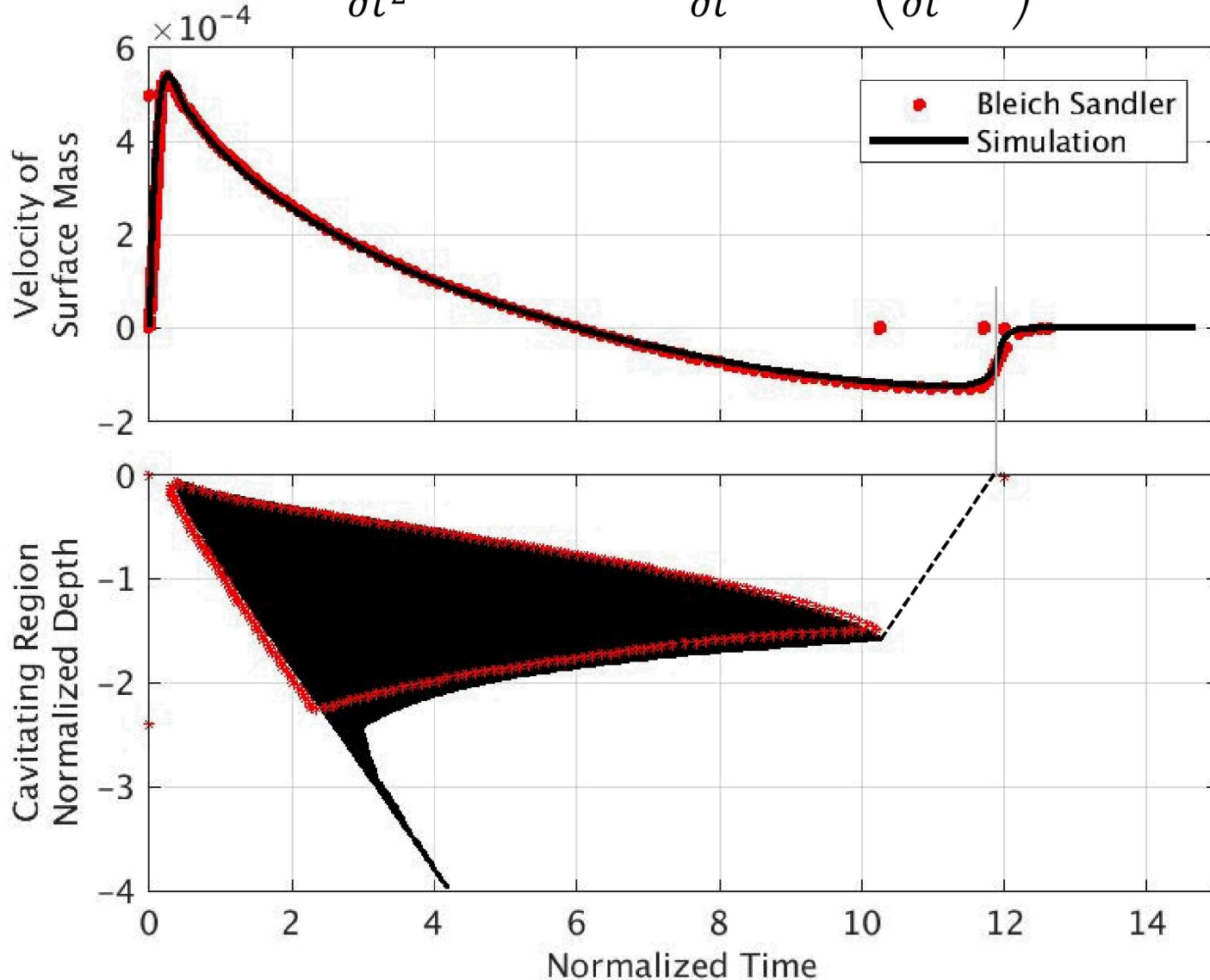
Bleich Sandler – Cavitation Constraint without Auxiliary Potential

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \phi = 0; \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \max\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}, p_o\right)$$



Bleich Sandler – 100 Elements per Length Scale (L = 4.74 feet)

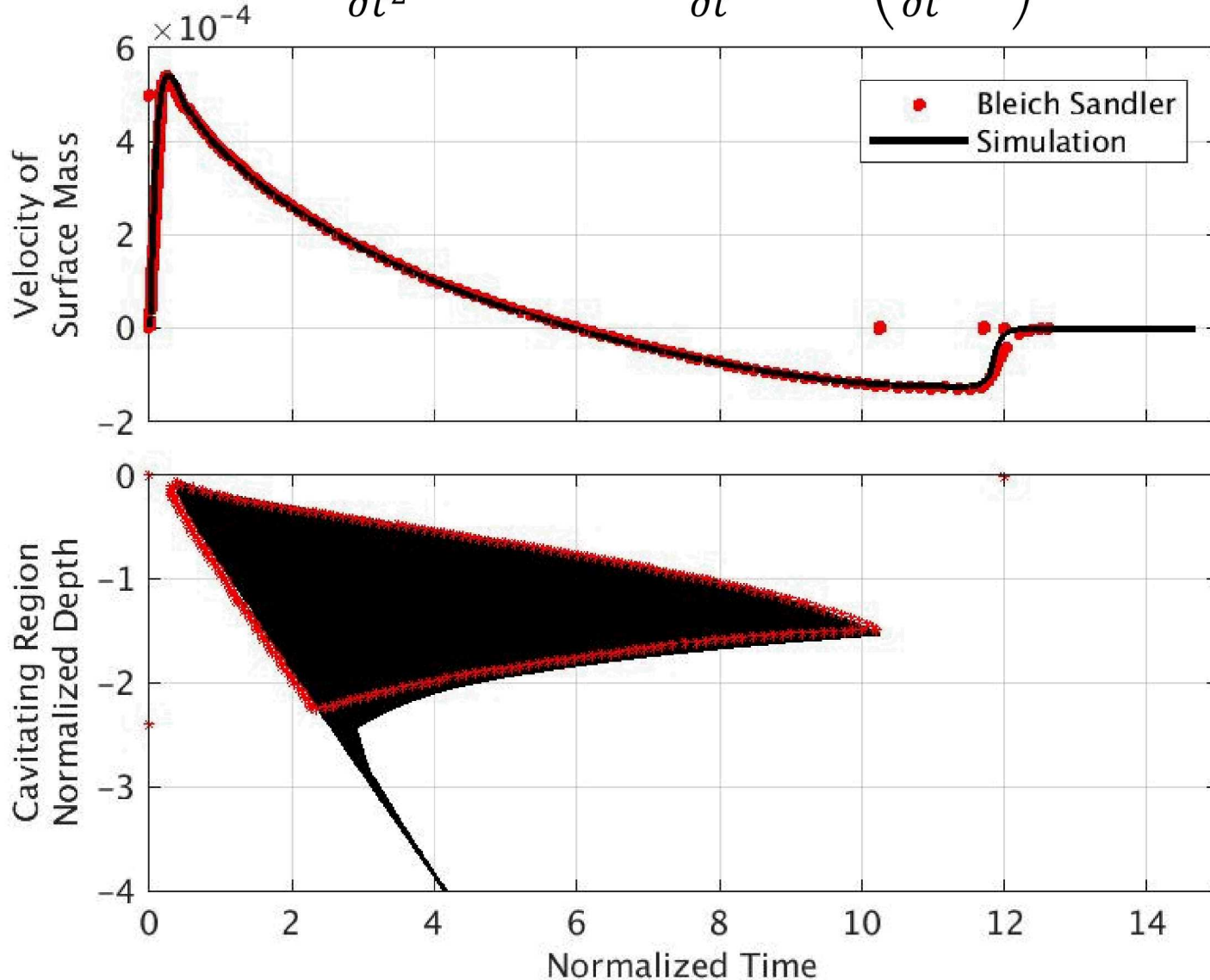
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Element Size
 $h=0.0474$ ft
 $=0.015$ m

Bleich Sandler – 200 Elements per Length Scale

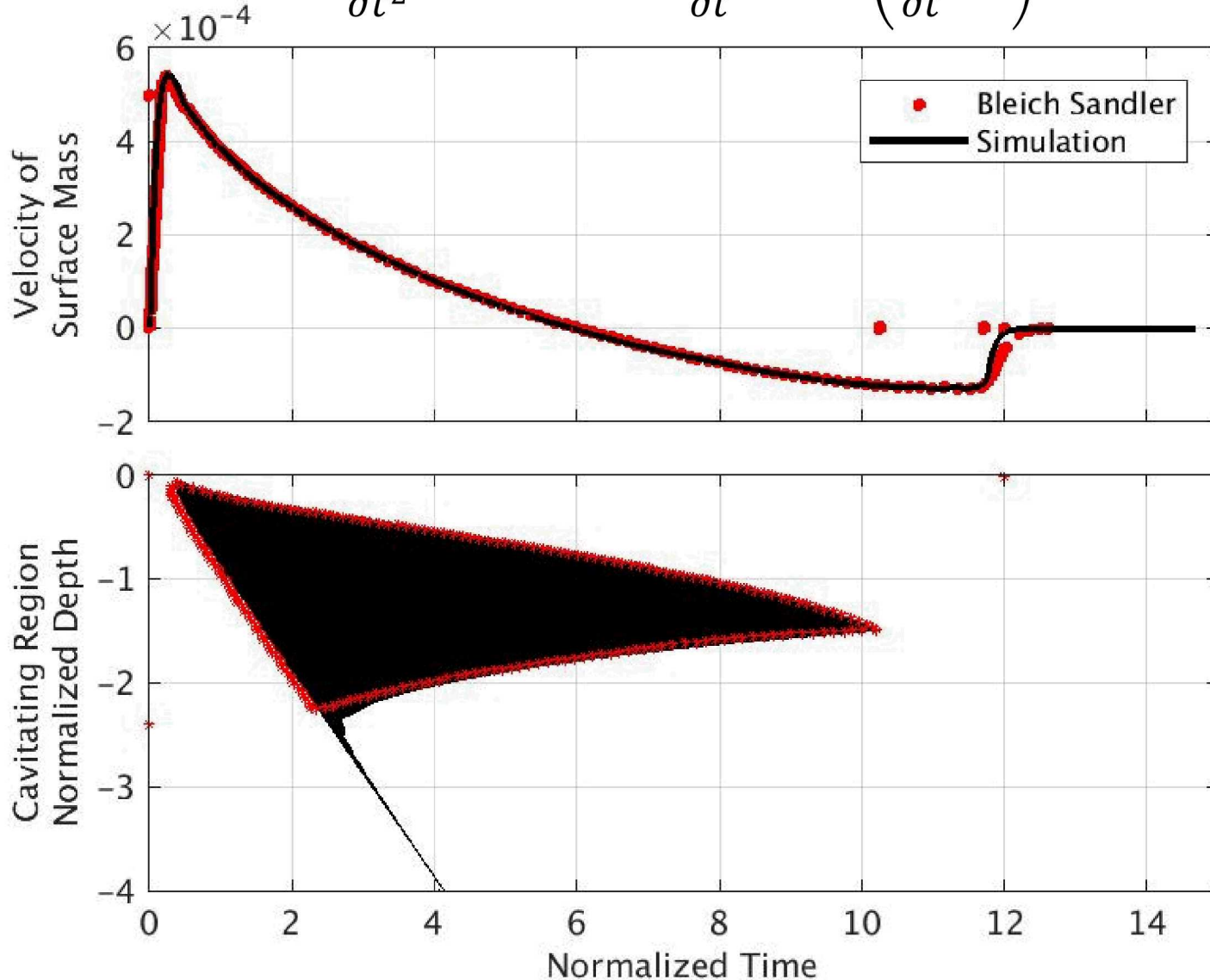
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Element Size
 $h=0.0237$ ft
 $=0.0072$ m

Bleich Sandler – 400 Elements per Length Scale

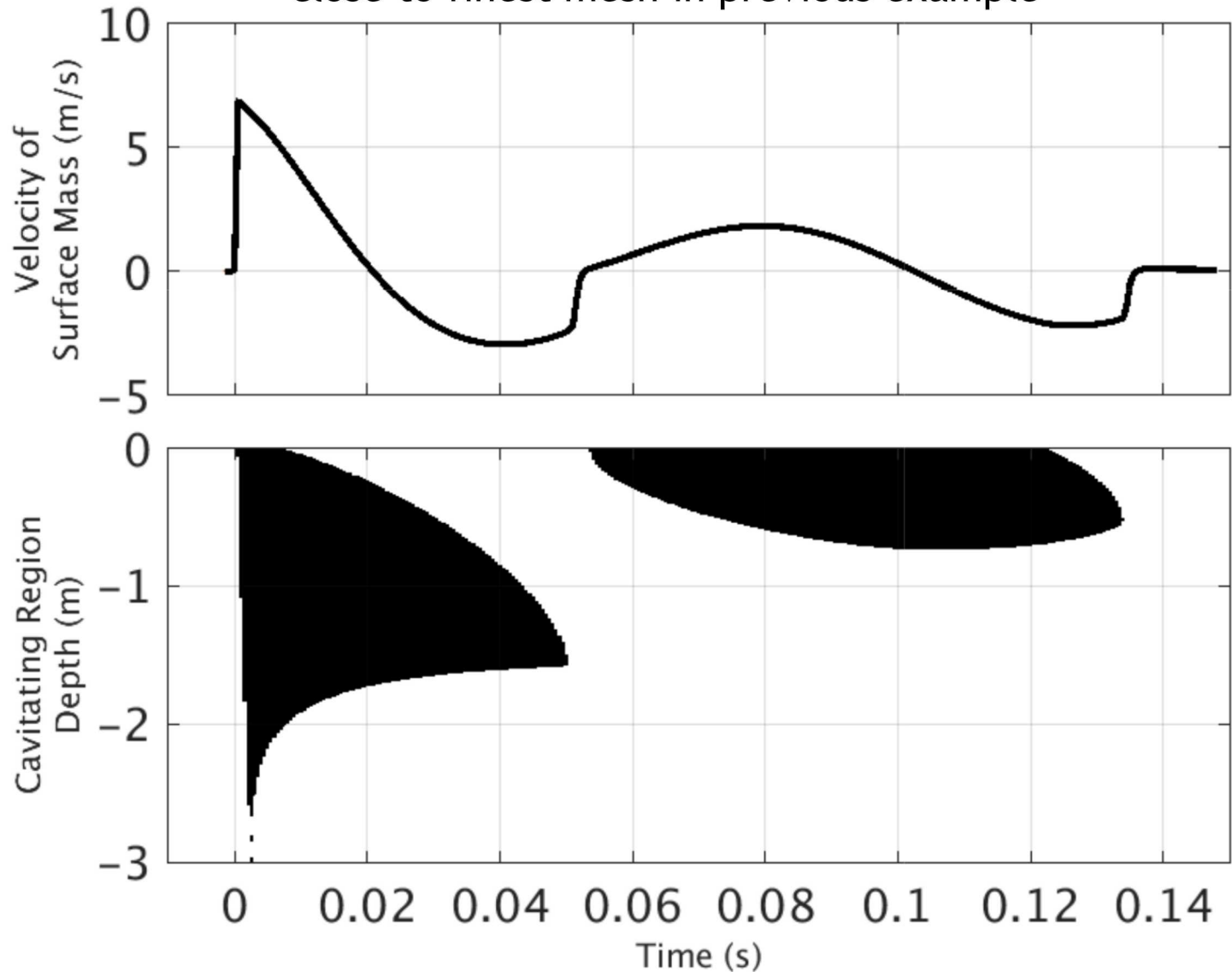
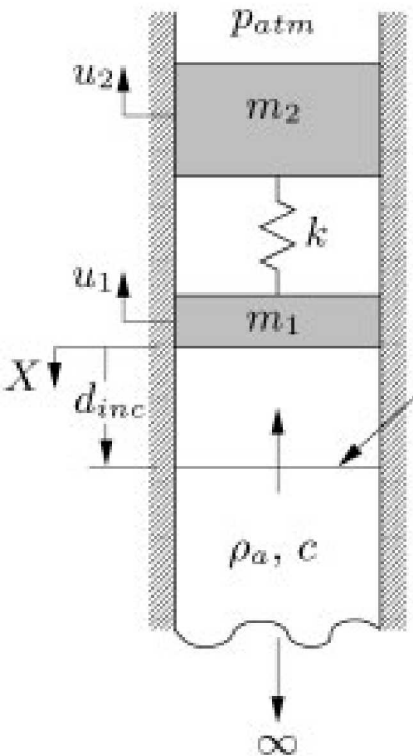
$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{\phi}}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \nabla^2 \phi = 0; \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \max\left(\frac{\partial \bar{\phi}}{\partial t}, P_0\right)$$



Element Size
 $h=0.0119$ ft
 $=0.0036$ m

Sprague and Geers Spring Mass Variant of Bleich Sandler

Element Size, $h=0.003\text{m}$;
close to finest mesh in previous example

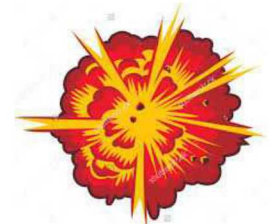


Submerged Cylindrical Shell – 2D Sprague and Geers Approximation

Carlos felippa 2d café model

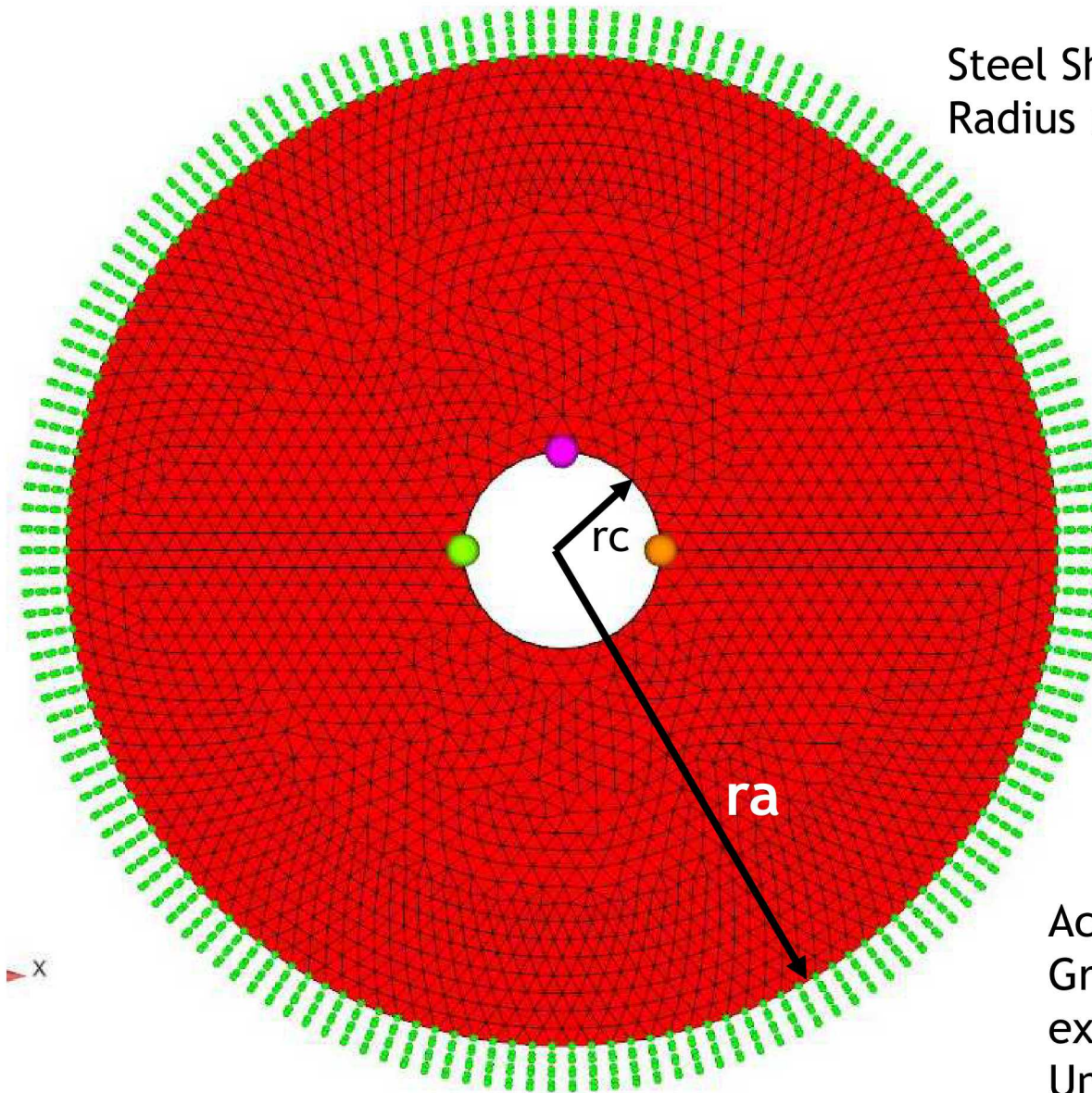
Steel Shell thickness=0.05m
Radius $r_c = 5\text{m}$

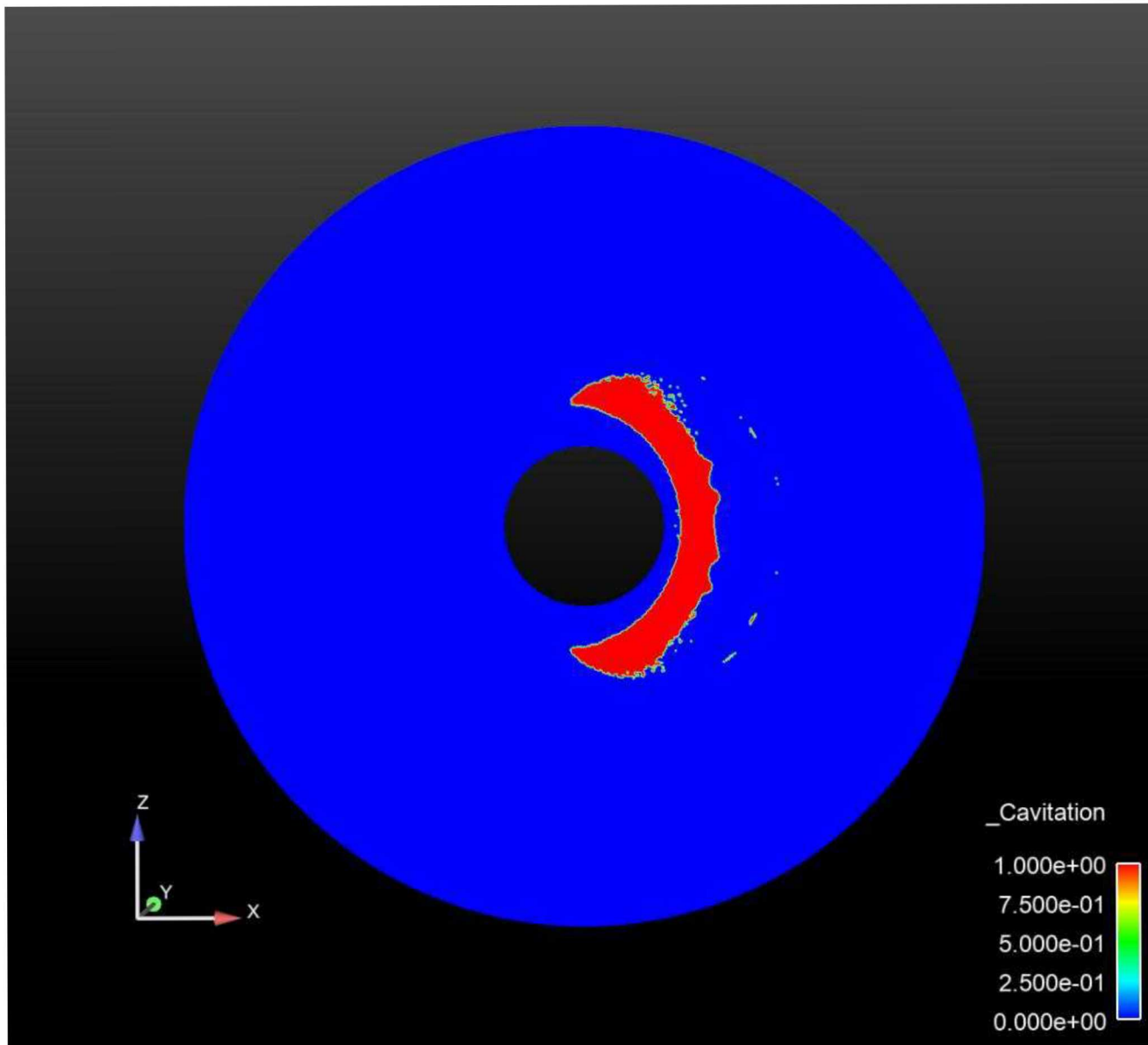
60kg HMX
12m standoff



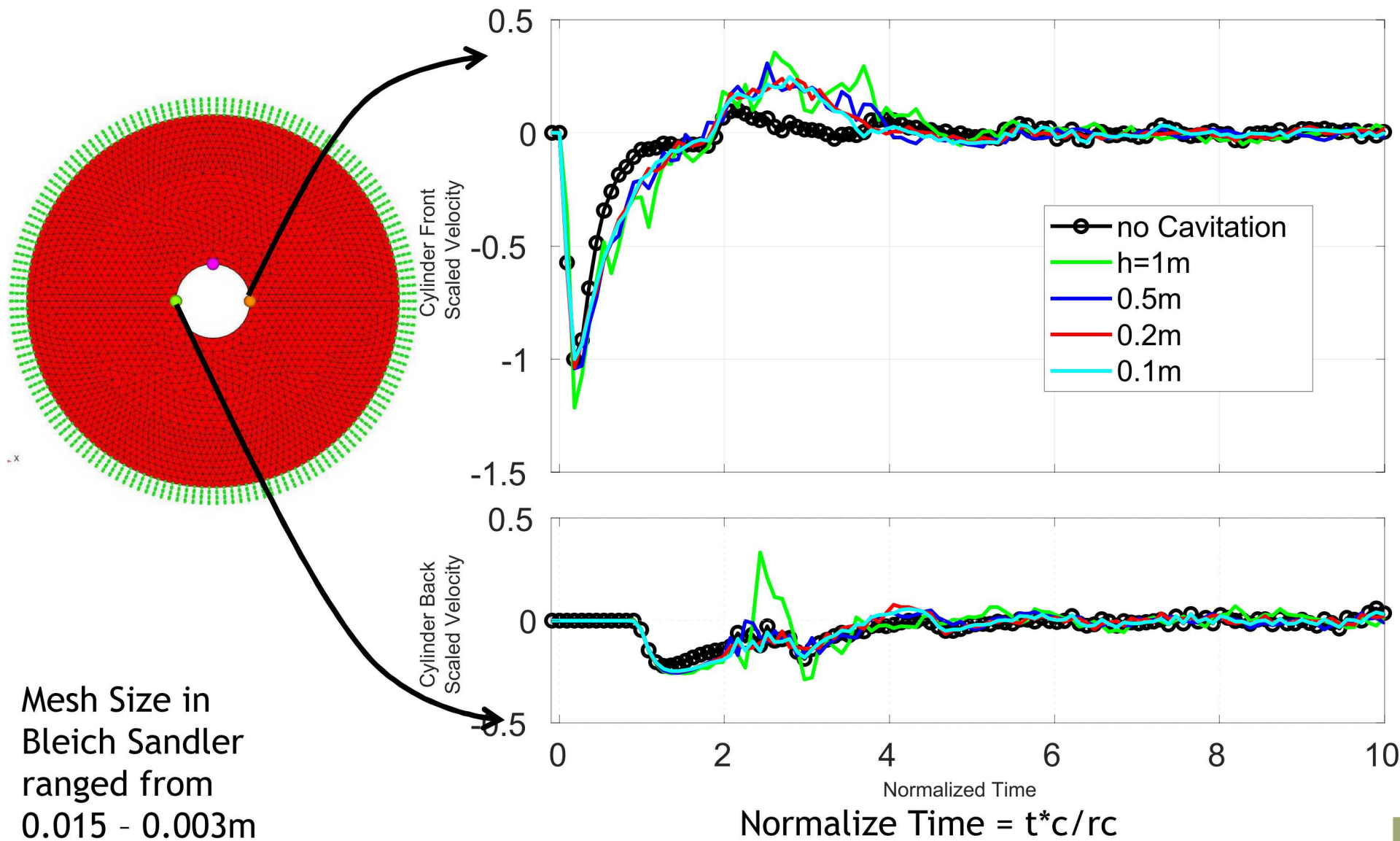
Step Exponential Plane Wave
Scattering Approximation

Acoustic domain radius, $r_a=25\text{m}$
Green dots are infinite element
exterior boundary conditions
Uniform depth of 30m





Velocity Response of Shell Structure MOVIE With cavitation and pressure wave



Comments:

- Sierra SD provides highly scalable cavitating acoustic capability
- Velocity Potential seems to ease frothing issues observed in displacement potential
- Uses numerical damping as opposed to explicit material damping
- Other Benefits of Sierra SD:
 - Infinite Element absorbing boundary conditions
 - Navy UNDEX loading
 - Monolithic Structural-Acoustics modeling
 - Coupling to other Sierra codes including Sierra Solid Mechanics

Future Improvements:

- Verification and validation with 3D Examples with Navy
- Cavitating Acoustic P-Elements (similar but not the same as CASE based on spectral elements). Slow convergence rates for lower order elements.