

# Structural Acoustic Modeling Capabilities in Sierra-SD

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# Higher order elements Sierra/SD

*(acoustic formulation only)*

- **Element formulation:**

- $H^1$ -conforming hierarchical p-FEM shape functions\*
  - Integrated Legendre polynomials
- Internal element variables statically condensed
  - vertex, edge and face unknowns remain

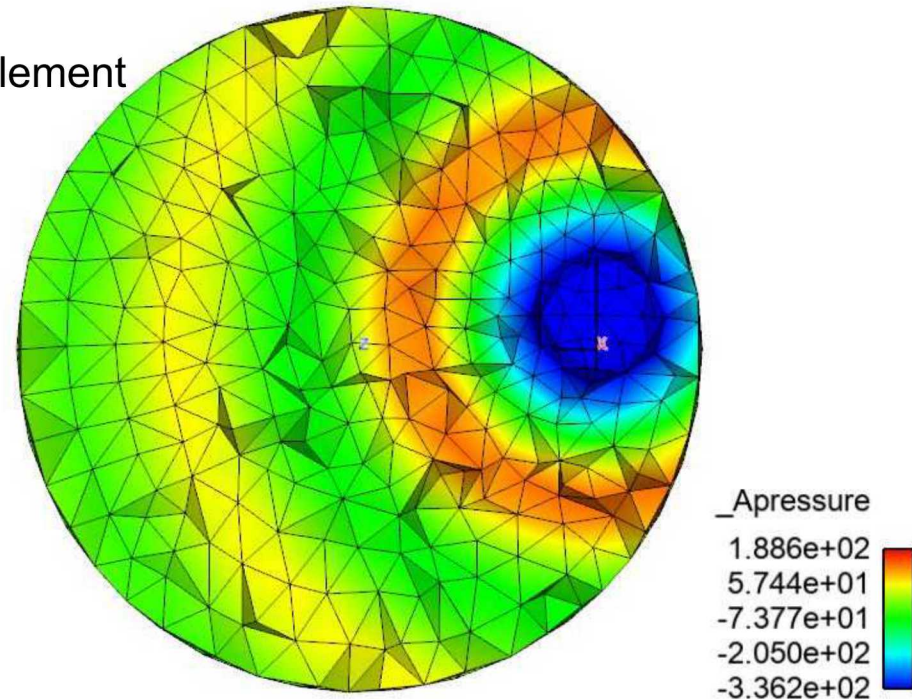
- **Implementation:**

- Based on hp3d code from UT Austin (Demkowicz et al.)
- Other options possible, but very convenient (free coarse problem, ...)
- Hex8, Tet4 or Wedge6 mesh  $\Rightarrow$  internal edge-face-volume data structures  $\Rightarrow$  dial in polynomial degree on the fly
- Parallel assembly and solution
- Planned for Release 4.50 (Summer)
- Acoustic Only - Elasticity planned for 2019

\* *Finite Elements in Analysis and Design* (2010) 474-486

# Higher Order Elements with Infinite element absorbing boundary

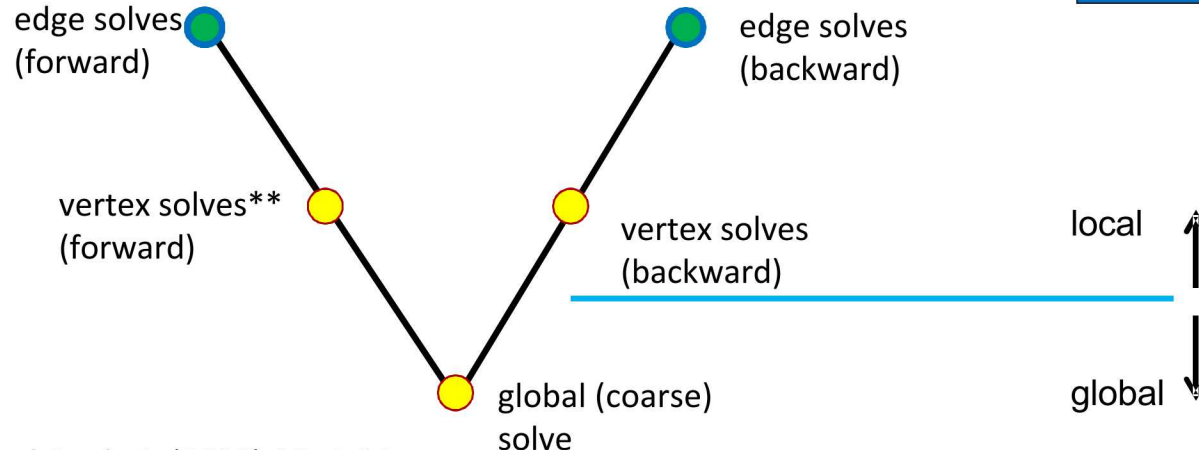
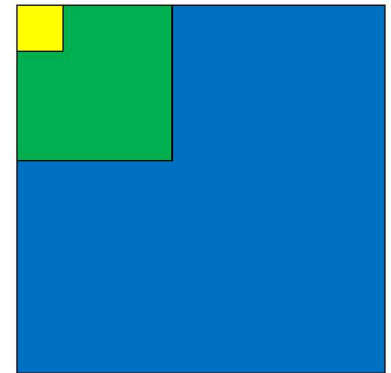
- Test on 1D wave guide
- Test on 3D spherical domain with offset loading –
  - Using 3<sup>rd</sup> order P-Elements in interior with 6<sup>th</sup> order Infinite elements
  - Reproduces pressure contours of infinite domain
  - No reflections observed
  - Higher order elements allow us to coarsen mesh – only one element between hollow sphere and boundary
  - Geometry still approximated by linear element



# Higher order elements (*local solve strategy*)

## ■ Preconditioning Strategy

- goal: reduce memory and computations
- local solves associated with edges and vertices
- global solve for  $p = 1$  sub-block (readily available)
- Closely related strategy by Schoberl et al.\*
- Symmetric Gauss-Seidel implementation (additive too)



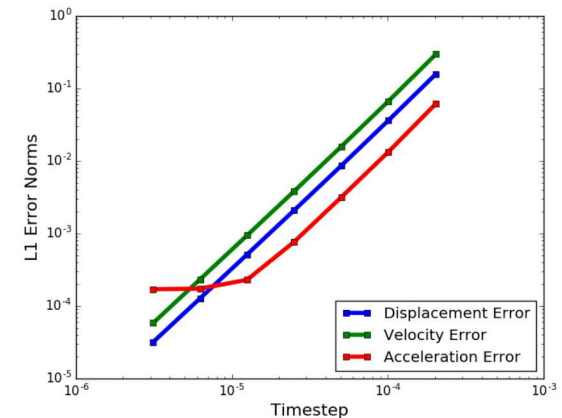
\* IMA Journal of Numerical Analysis (2008) 28, 1-24

\*\* economic version (energy minimization)

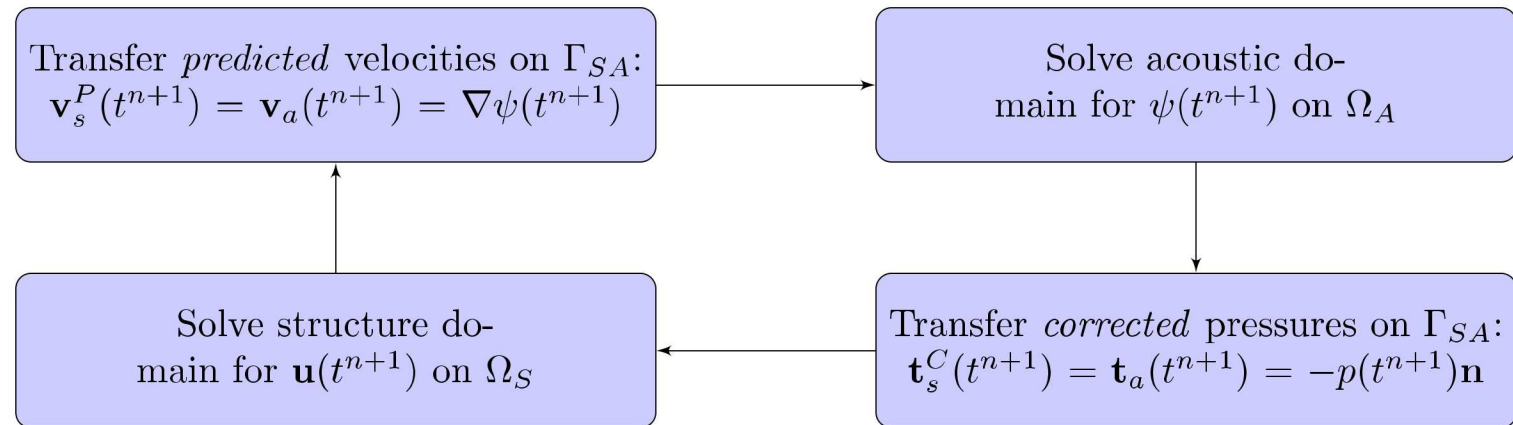


# Loosely Coupled Structural Acoustics

- Developed through the use of the Navy Standard Coupler (NSC)
- Allows one executable for Structure subdomain, one for Acoustic subdomain
- Able to achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Accuracy through GSS method
- Partitioned allows flexibility for MPMD coupling with other software, e.g., Sierra/Solid Mechanics
- Eliminates matrix conditioning issues by separating structure and acoustic matrices
- Predictor/corrector coupling has many options that will be explored in future work



# Generalized serial staggered (GSS) algorithm



- Assumptions behind usage
  - Time steps are sufficiently small for accuracy
  - No need for sub-iterations between physics solvers for stability
- Second order accurate predictor + Newmark beta = second order time accurate coupling
- Adams-Bashforth predictor for structural velocities:

$$\mathbf{v}^{n+1^P} = \mathbf{v}^n + \frac{3}{2}\Delta t \mathbf{a}^n - \frac{1}{2}\Delta t \mathbf{a}^{n-1}.$$

# Comparison of Infinite Elements and PML

## Infinite Elements

- Time and frequency domain formulations are identical (same matrices)
- Restricted to homogeneous media on ellipsoidal domains
- Built-in capability for computing far-field pressures (outside of acoustic mesh)

## PML

- Originally restricted to frequency domain solutions
- Works on arbitrarily shaped convex domains (with corners)
- Can also absorb evanescent waves, and in some cases works on heterogeneous domains
- No capability for computing far-field pressure

# Infinite Elements

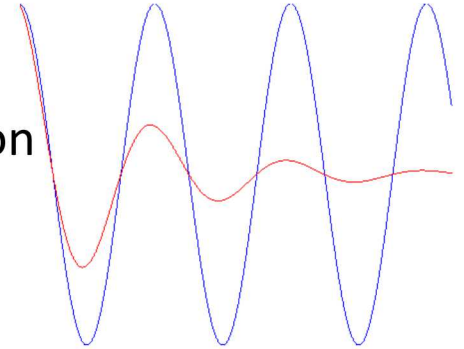
- Conjugated Astley-Leis
  - Time Domain, Frequency Domain, Eigen
- Legendre Polynomials to Order 19
- Ellipsoidal Domain
- Walsh *et al* “A comparison of transient infinite elements and transient kirchhoff integral methods for far field acoustic analysis” Journal of Computational Acoustics (2013)



# Perfectly Matched Layers

WTF4

- Undamped solution of wave equation:  $e^{ikx}$ 
  - this wave will propagate indefinitely in the x direction
- Complex Coordinate System:
  - $\tilde{x} = a(x) + ib(x)$
- Wave Equation becomes:
  - $e^{ik\tilde{x}} = e^{i(-ka(x)+ikb(x))} = e^{-kb(x)} e^{ika(x)}$
  - Damped Wave Equation
- Bunting *et al*, “Parallel Ellipsoidal Perfectly Matched Layers for Acoustic Helmholtz Problems on Exterior Domains”  
Journal of Computational Acoustics, 2018
- Frequency Domain Only



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### WTF4

I would just set  $a(x) = x$

Walsh, Timothy Francis, 7/24/2014

# Results: Infinite Element - PML

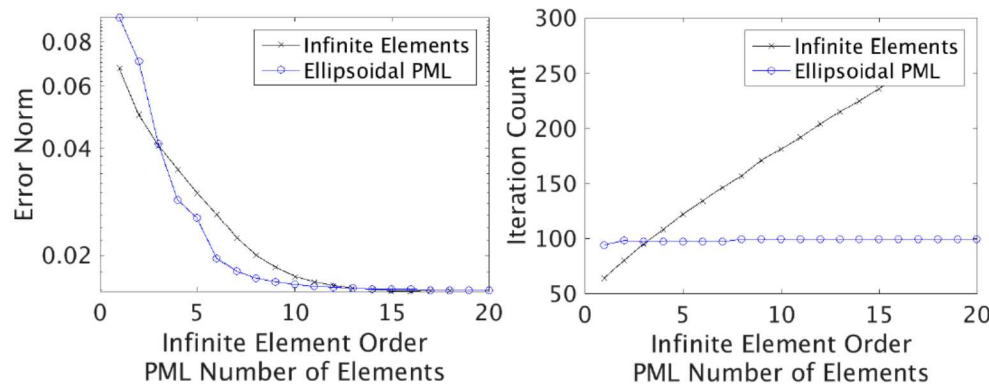
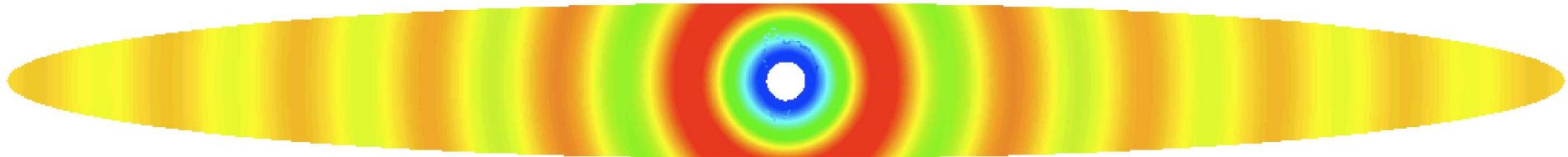
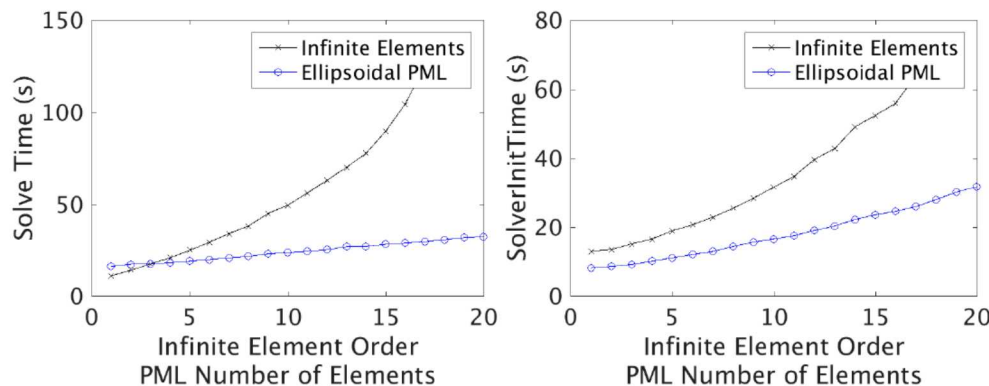


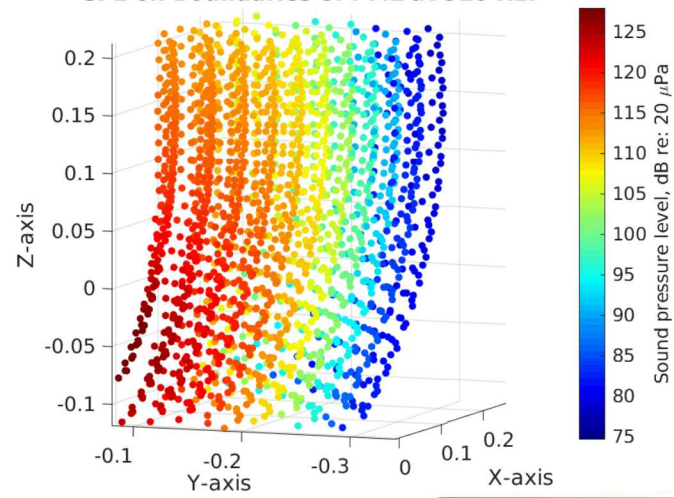
Figure 9: Comparison Between IE and PML (100 Hz)



For a fixed level of accuracy

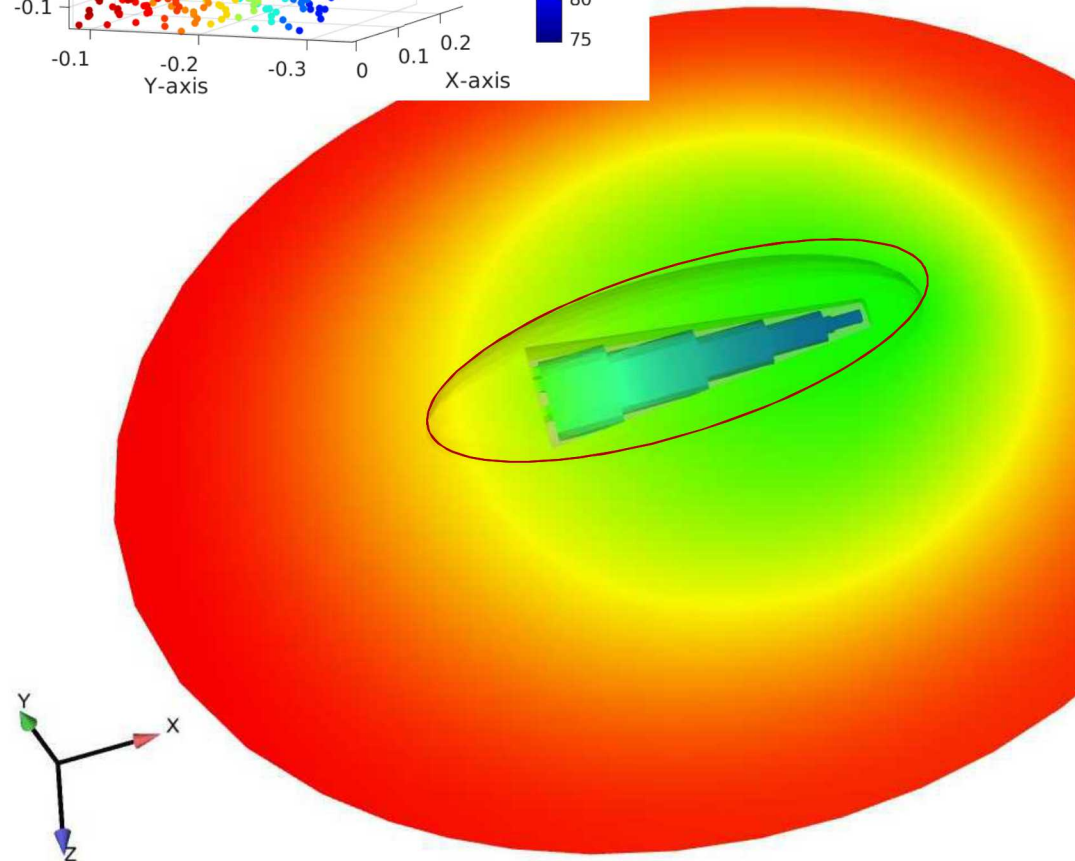
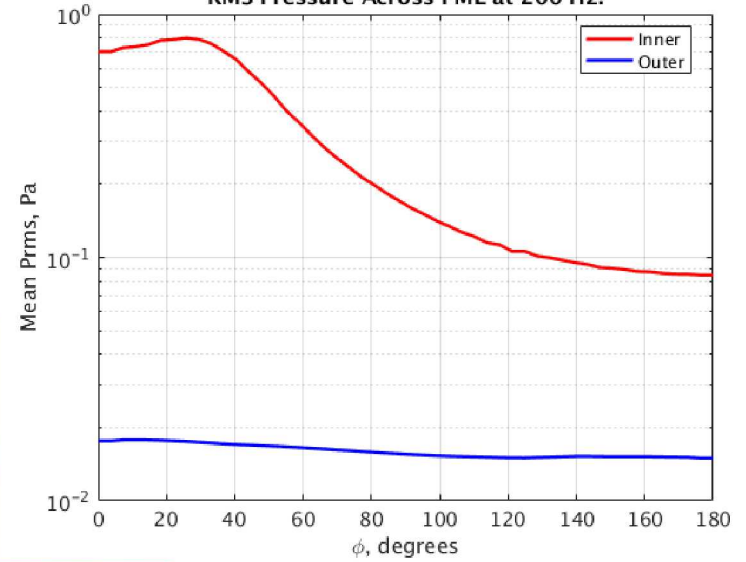
- PML required many less iterations than infinite elements
- PML solution times were much faster
- In frequency domain, PML is clear winner over infinite elements

SPL on Boundaries of PML at 910 Hz.

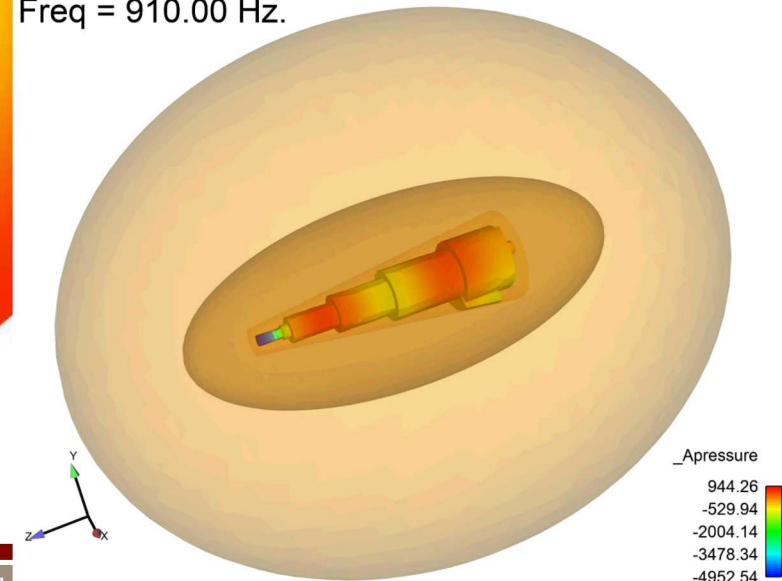


# PML results

RMS Pressure Across PML at 200 Hz.



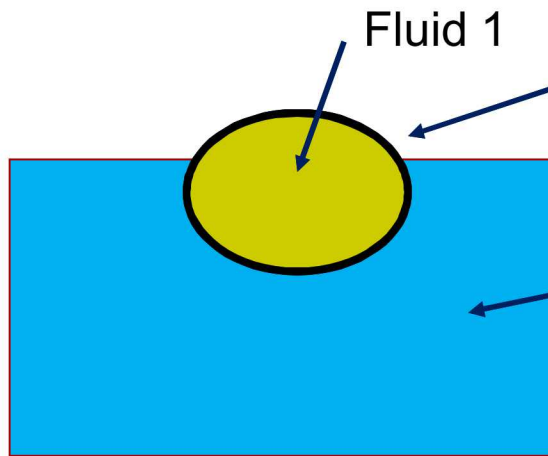
Freq = 910.00 Hz.



Credit: Jerry Rouse

# Doubled Wetted Shell-Acoustics

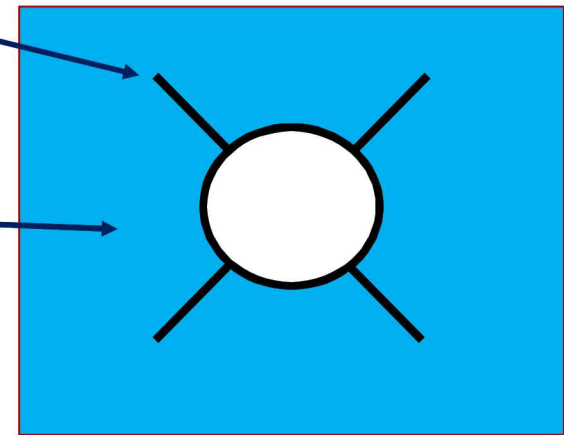
- Modeling of thin shell structures fully immersed in a fluid.
- Direct request from Navy.
- Hopefully will also be useful for internal use cases



Example: Floating Fuel Tank

Shell

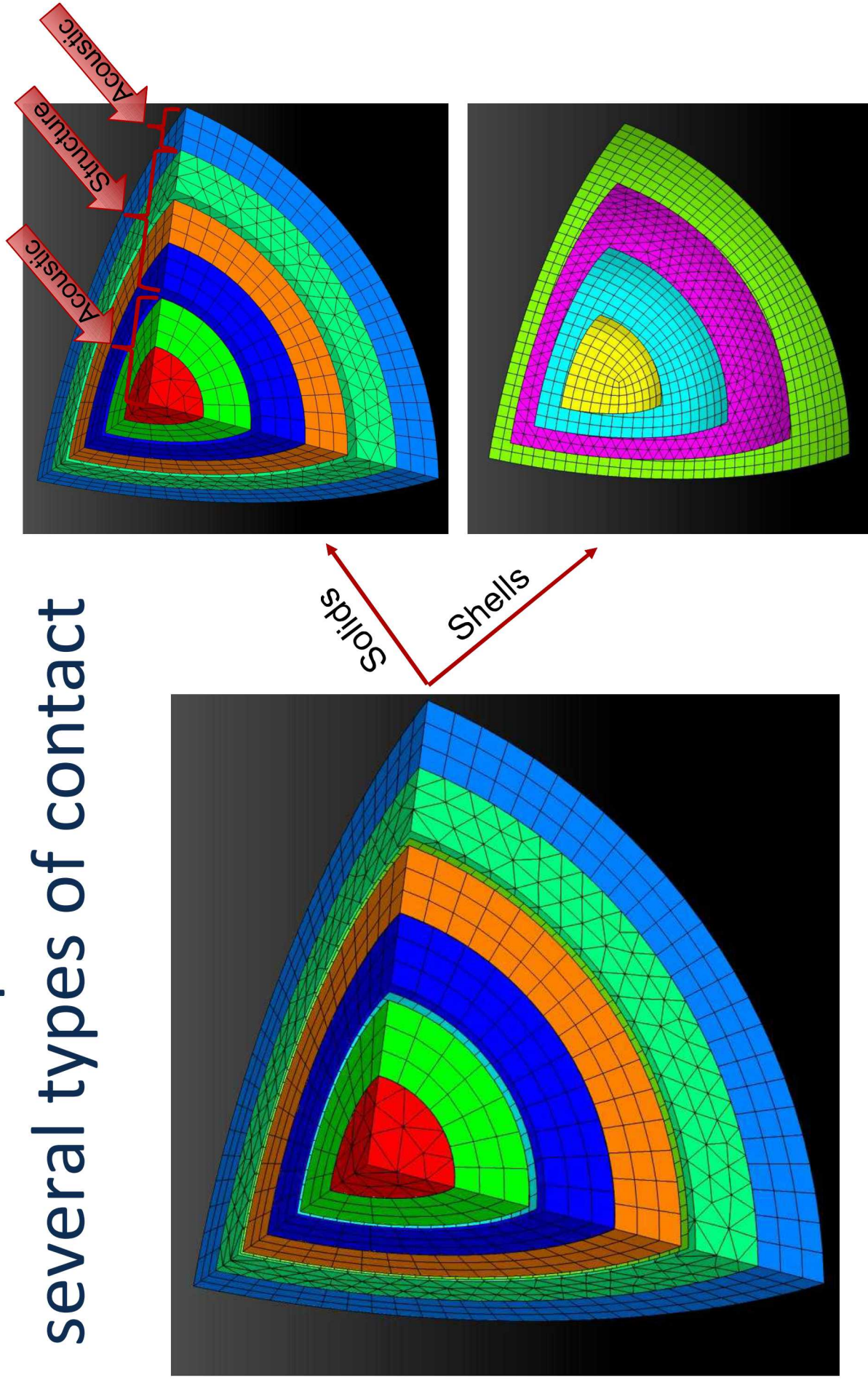
Fluid 2



Example: Immersed Thin Structure

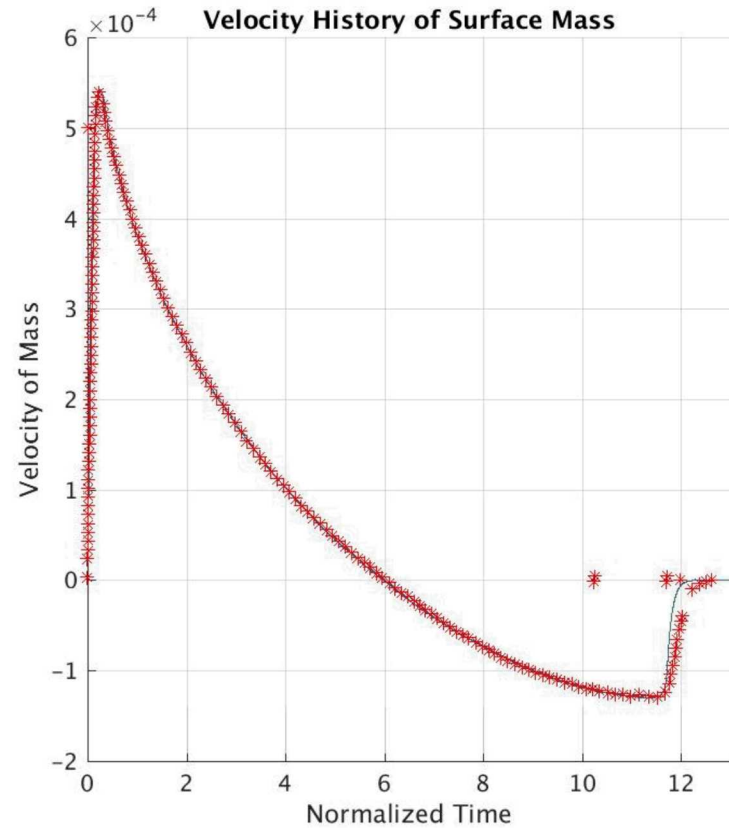
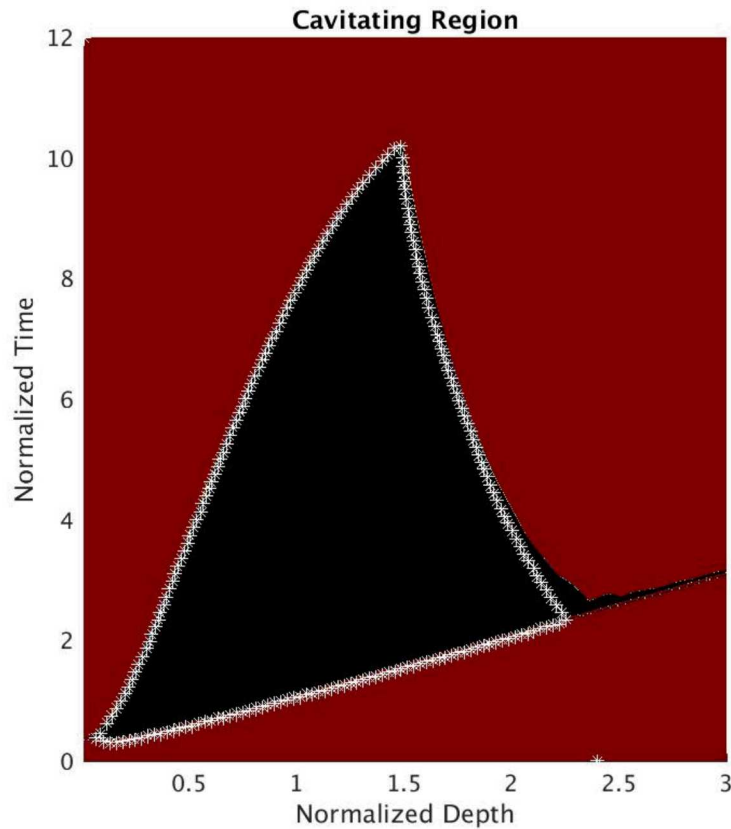


# Dash example with several types of contact



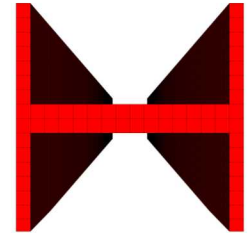
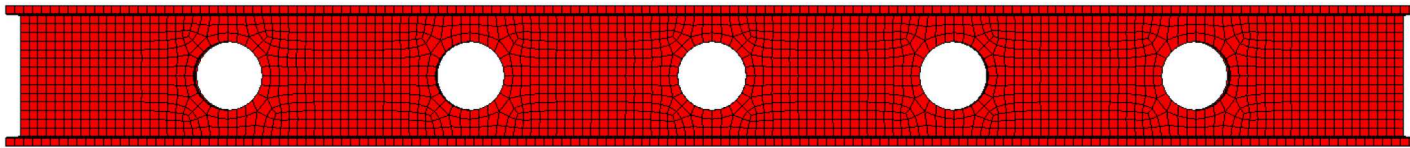
# Cavitation

\*: Bleich-Sandler (1970) paper; 400 Elements per length scale



# Very Large Problems in Structural Dynamics

- How large of a matrix system  $\mathbf{A}\cdot\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$  can we solve?



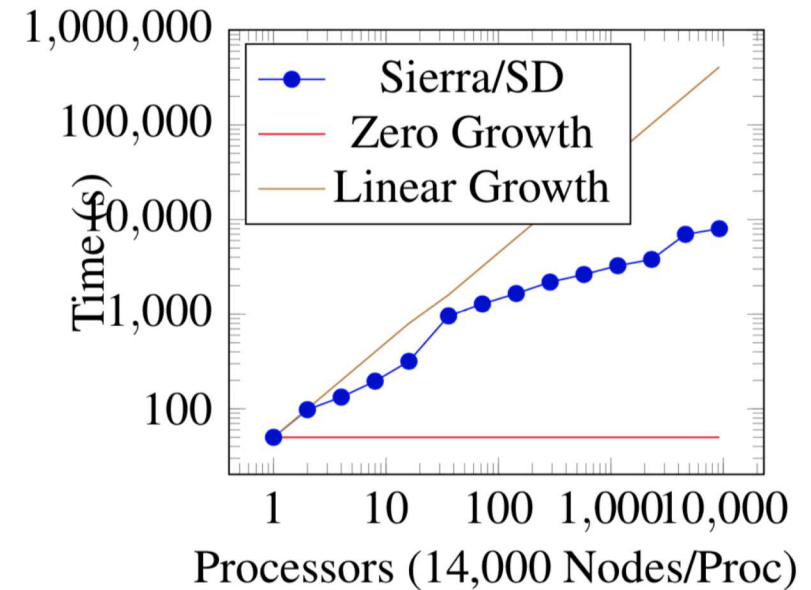
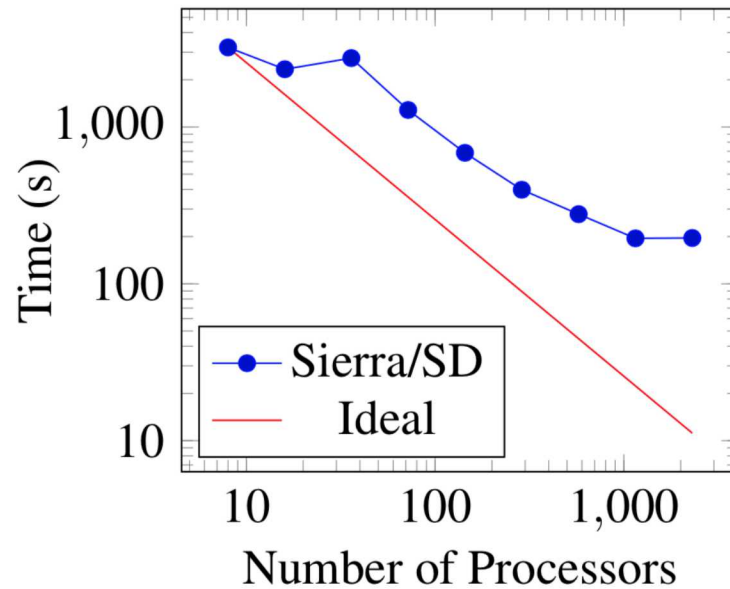
High Performance Computing/parallel processor computing

*Strong scaling:* how the solution time varies with the number of processors for a fixed total problem size

*Weak scaling:* how the solution time varies with the number of processors for a fixed problem size per processor

“Strong and Weak Scaling of the Sierra/SD Eigenvector Problem to a Billion Degrees of Freedom,” Gregory Bunting, SAND2019-1217

# Some scaling results of Sierra/SD



**Figure 8.** Scaling of Mesh 7 - 1,079,941 Nodes

Strong scaling

Weak scaling



# How do you know the number of processors needed?



	Mesh Number																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
NumProc	Salinas Complete						Not Run						Failed (Memory)					
1	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
2	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
4	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
8	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
16	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
36	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
72	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
144	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
288	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
576	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
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9216	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red
18432	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Red	Red

Table 2. Matrix of Successful Sierra/SD Runs

Consider: speed, memory usage, and *availability!*



# The End.

