

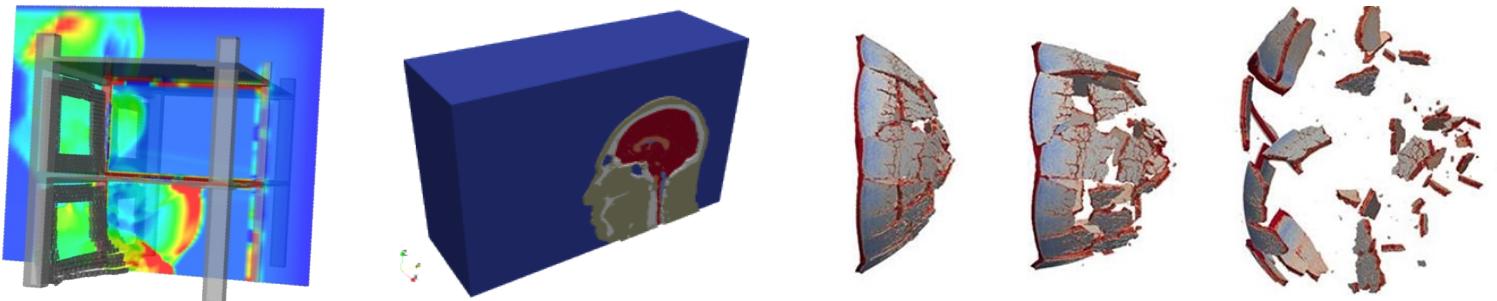


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# Modified Immersed Finite Element Method (mIFEM) For Explicit Eulerian to Explicit Lagrangian Coupling



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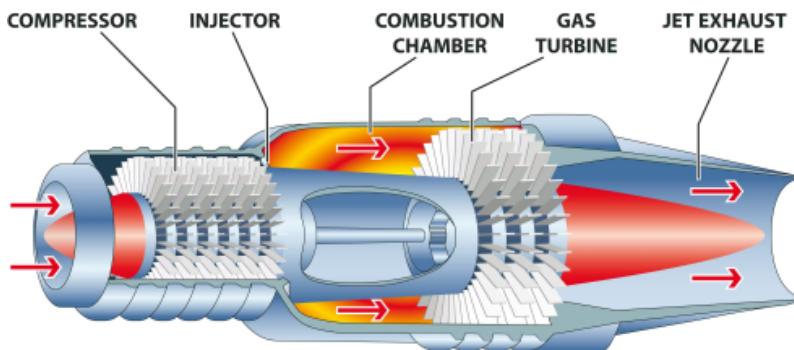
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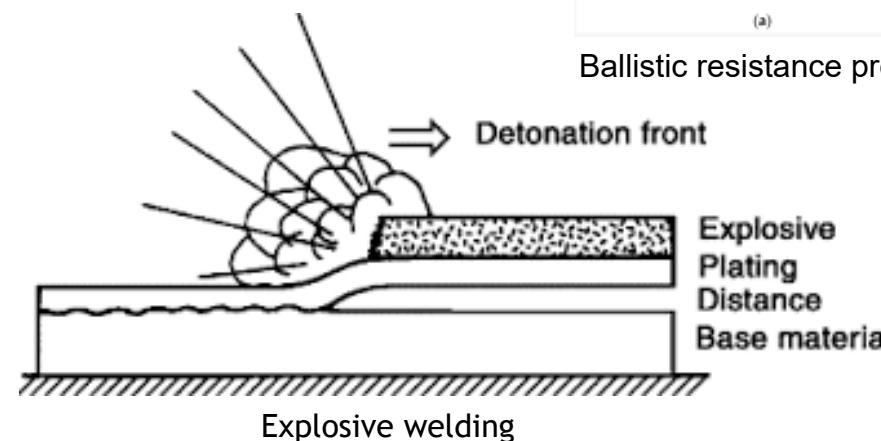
# Many mechanical systems are naturally described by a combined Eulerian & Lagrangian description.



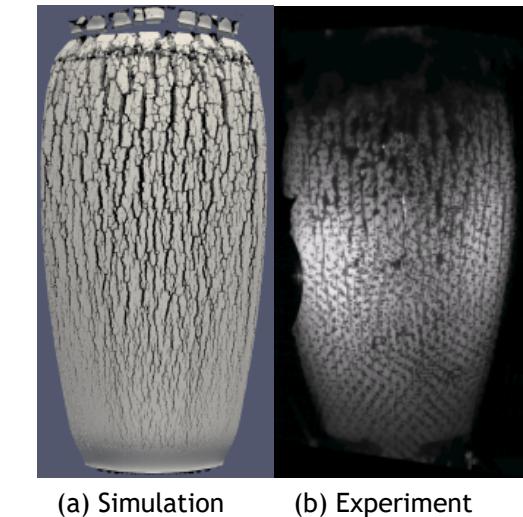
- Lagrangian for solids with low to moderate strain rates
- Eulerian description for materials that flow: fluids, solids at high strain rate
- Blast-on-structure is a common environment in the defense industry
  - Structural integrity
  - Lethality
  - System assessments
- Computational simulations are challenging
  - Fluid-structure interactions (FSI)
  - Particle velocity discrepancies introduce complexity
  - Differing numerical methods for the physics domains



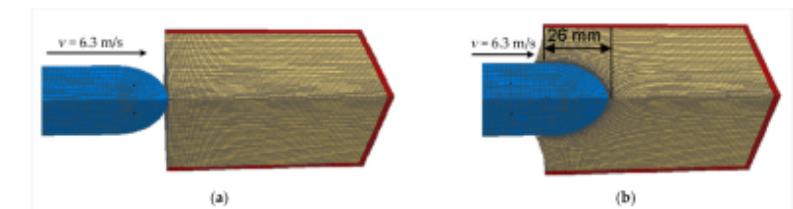
Turbomachinery applications



Explosive welding



Fragmentation of bomb case (R. Teeter)



Ballistic resistance prediction (Zochowski et al., 2021)

# Our goal is to develop a robust and accurate coupling of existing finite element codes.



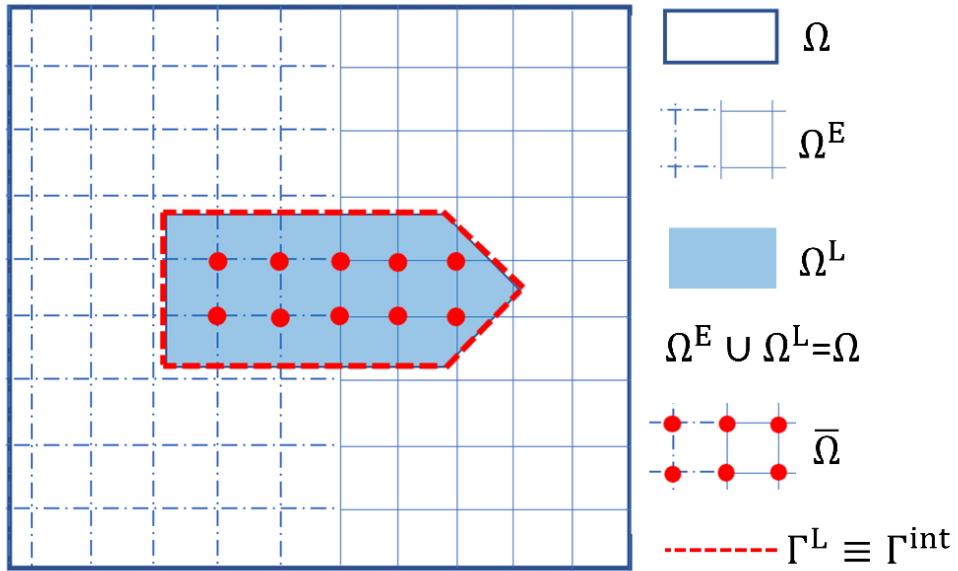
**SABLE**

- SABLE: Shock Adaptive BLock Eulerian
- Shock physics
  - Shock wave formation and propagation
  - Multi- and mixed-phase materials
  - Elastic, viscous, plastic solids with fracture/failures
  - High explosive detonations
  - Structured mesh with Adaptive Mesh Refinement (AMR)
  - Hex8 linear finite elements
  - Solves mass, momentum, energy equations
    - Equations of state
    - Constitutive models
  - Satisfies balance laws, including angular momentum
  - Lagrangian solution step followed by remap
  - Explicit time stepping – central difference



- Sierra Solid Mechanics (Sierra/SM)
  - Large deformation, non-linear material behavior with fracture and failure
  - Linear and quadratic elements
  - Explicit and implicit solution procedures
  - Massively parallel implementation
  - Contact mechanics
  - Extensive material model library
  - Equation of state models
  - Explicit time stepping – central difference

# Immersed methods are a natural choice for SABLE-to-Sierra Solid Mechanics coupling.



Schematic representation of the computational domain [Christon et al., SAND2022-12772]

- Structured background mesh
- Single (nodal) velocity field in SABLE
- No need to resolve “boundary layer” phenomena
  - Precise pointwise field values on the interface are not of primary importance
  - Prefer accuracy of integrated quantities (e.g. total force) over an appropriate collection of Lagrangian faces.

$$\mathbf{F}^L = \sum_{f=1}^{N_{\text{faces}}} \int_f \boldsymbol{\sigma}^E[\mathbf{n}] dS$$

- Modified Immersed FEM (mIFEM, cf. Wang & Zhang, CMAME, 2013) is an approach that allows for separate Lagrangian and Eulerian solvers.

# Domains are coupled via linear momentum balance.

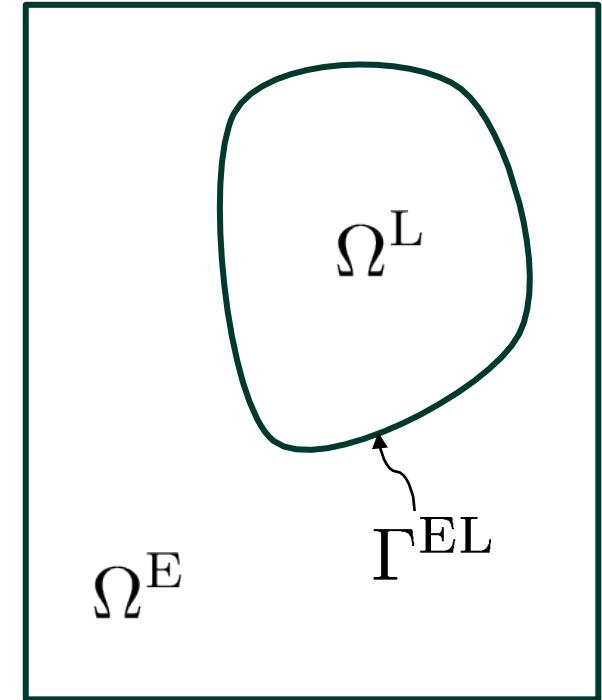


$$\rho^E \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^E}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^E = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{in } \Omega^E$$

$$\rho^L \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^L}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^L = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{in } \Omega^L$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^L[\mathbf{n}^L] + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^E[\mathbf{n}^E] = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \Gamma^{\text{EL}} \quad (\text{dynamic})$$

$$G(\mathbf{v}^E, \mathbf{v}^L) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \Gamma^{\text{EL}} \quad (\text{kinematic})$$



- Eulerian domain is doing a Lagrange step!
- Kinematic interface condition can be no-slip, slip, dynamic friction...
- \*Body forces, initial & boundary conditions omitted for brevity

# Virtual work statement is obtained via the immersed approach.



## Problem 1 (Principle of virtual work)

Choose  $\hat{\mathbf{v}} \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^d$ . Then,

$$\int_{\Omega^L} \left\{ \rho^L \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^L}{\partial t} + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^L \right\} dV + \int_{\Omega^E} \left\{ \rho^E \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^E}{\partial t} + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^E \right\} dV = 0$$

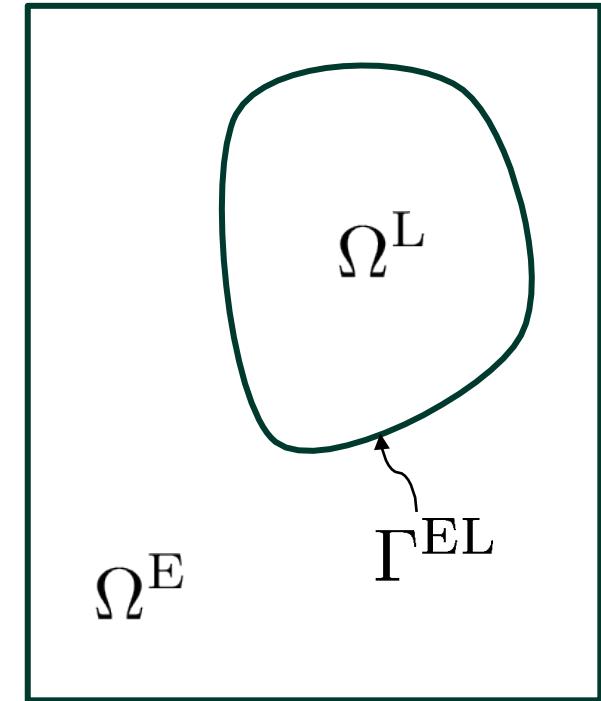
- Immersed approach: single velocity field represents both Lagrangian and Eulerian materials.
- Multiply by  $\mathbf{v}$ , integrate over each domain, integrate by parts, strongly enforce dynamic interface condition (force balance)
- Single velocity field has implications for E-L (inter-material) slip

## Problem 2 (Weak form)

Find  $\mathbf{v}^E \in (H^1(\Omega^E))^d$  and  $\mathbf{v}^L \in (H^1(\Omega^L))^d$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega^L} \left\{ \rho^L \mathbf{v}^L \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^L}{\partial t} + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^L \right\} dV + \int_{\Omega^E} \left\{ \rho^E \mathbf{v}^E \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^E}{\partial t} + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^E \right\} dV = 0$$

$\forall \hat{\mathbf{v}} \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^d$ .



# mIFEM introduces an artificial material to mimic the Lagrangian response.



- “Artificial” domain is the image of the Lagrangian domain immersed in the background
- Kinematics (velocity) on the artificial domain should mimic the Lagrangian kinematics
- Benefit: use existing solid models & Lagrangian codes

$$\rho^A = \begin{cases} \rho^A \text{ in } \Omega^A \\ \rho^E \text{ in } \Omega^E \end{cases}, \quad \sigma^A = \begin{cases} \sigma^A \text{ in } \Omega^A \\ \sigma^E \text{ in } \Omega^E \end{cases}$$

$$\Omega^L \approx \Omega^A$$

$$\rho^A = \rho^L, \quad \sigma^A = \sigma^E$$

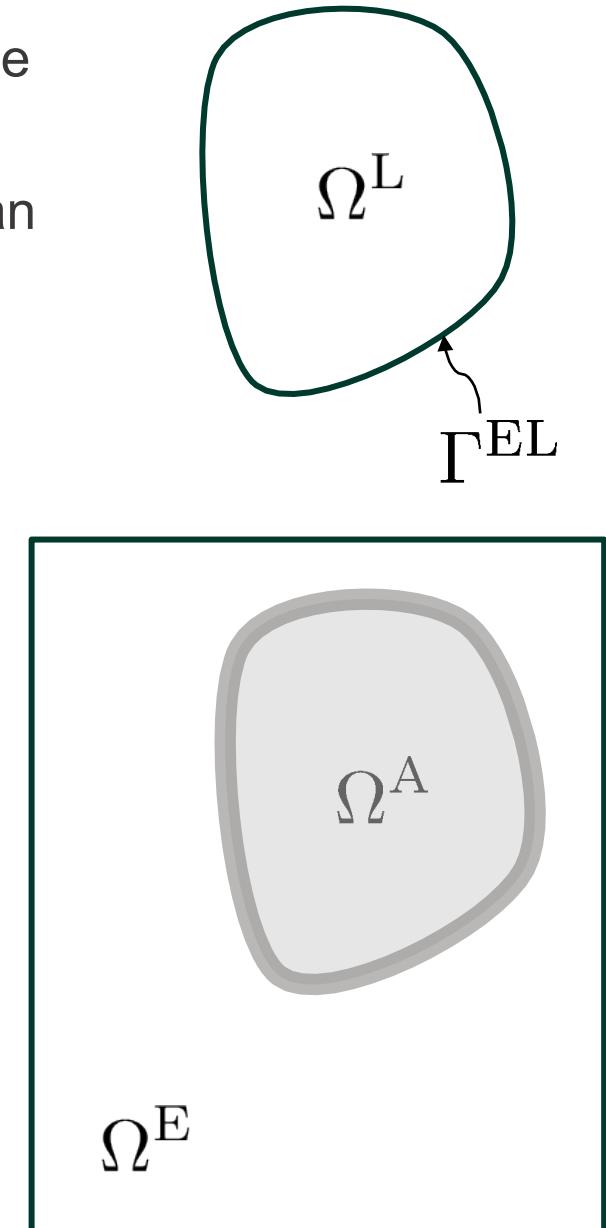
In practice (desired weak form)

Find  $\mathbf{v} \in (H^1(\Omega))^d$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \left\{ \rho \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \sigma \right\} dV =$$

$$\int_{\Omega^A} \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \left( \rho^A \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} - \rho^L \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^L}{\partial t} \right) + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\sigma^A - \sigma^L) \right\} dV$$

$$\forall \hat{\mathbf{v}} \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^d.$$



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- Extend the Eulerian domain, velocity and stress into the artificial domain  $\Omega^L$

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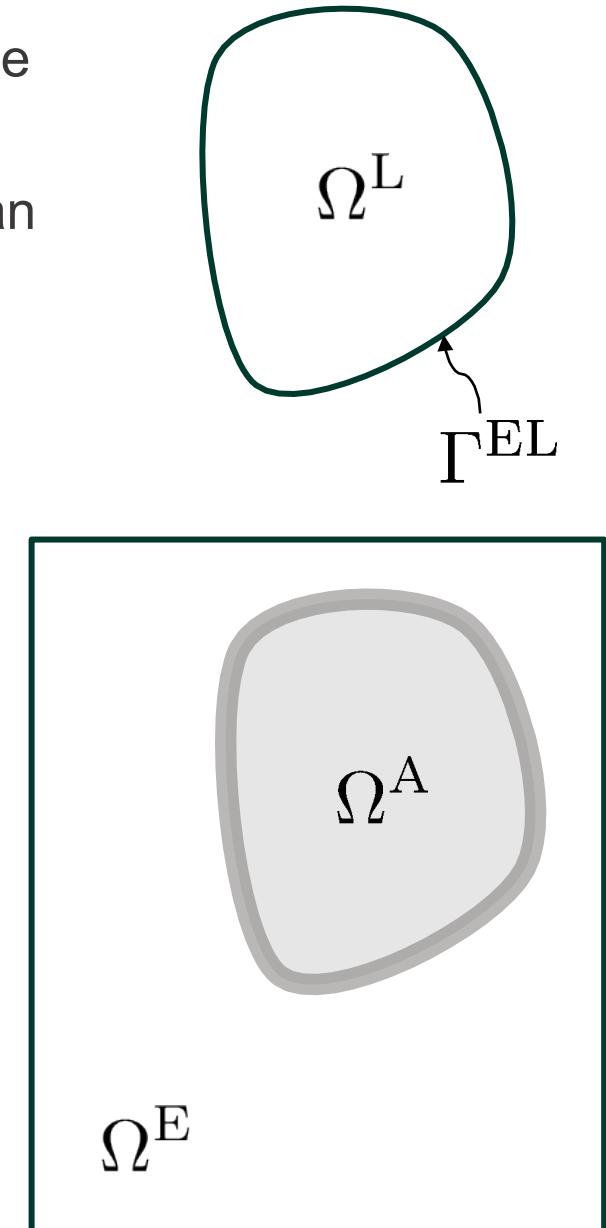
### Problem 3 (Modified weak form)

Find  $\mathbf{v} \in (H^1(\Omega))^d$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \left\{ \rho \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \sigma \right\} dV = \int_{\Omega^A} \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{\text{ELI}} \quad \forall \hat{\mathbf{v}} \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^d.$$

where

$$\int_{\Omega^A} \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{\text{ELI}} = \int_{\Omega^A} \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \left( \rho^A \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} - \rho^L \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^L}{\partial t} \right) + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\sigma^A - \sigma^L) \right\} dV$$



# mIFEM solution algorithm advances Lagrangian and Eulerian domains sequentially without iterations.



For each time step:

1. Interpolate traction on Lagrangian boundary from background material
2. Solve Lagrangian solid dynamics

## Problem 4 (Lagrangian weak form)

Find  $\mathbf{v}^L \in (H^1(\Omega^L))^d$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega^L} \left\{ \rho^L \hat{\mathbf{v}}^L \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^L}{\partial t} + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{v}}^L \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^L \right\} dV - \int_{\Gamma^{\text{EL}}} \hat{\mathbf{v}}^L \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^E[\mathbf{n}^L] dS = \mathbf{0}$$

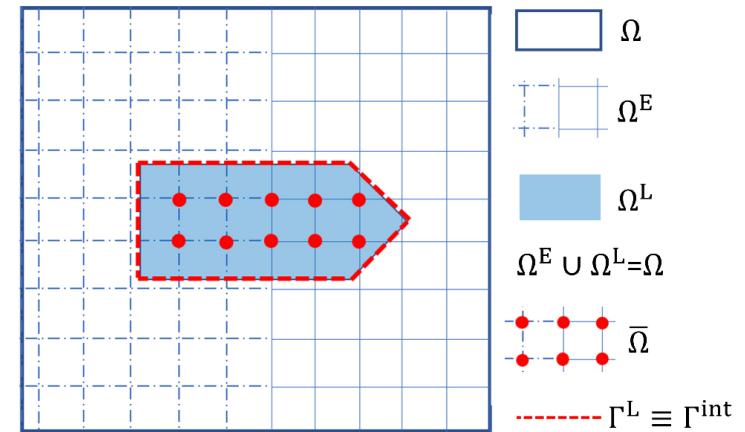
$$\forall \hat{\mathbf{v}}^L \in (H_0^1(\Omega^L))^d.$$

$$\mathbf{a}_n^L = \mathbf{M}^{-1} [\mathbf{F}^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{u}_n^L) - \mathbf{F}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{u}_n^L)]$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2}^L = \mathbf{v}_{n-1/2}^L + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta t_{n-1/2} + \Delta t_{n+1/2}) \mathbf{a}_n^L$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{n+1}^L = \mathbf{u}_n^L + \Delta t_{n+1/2} \mathbf{v}_{n+1/2}^L$$

3. Identify artificial domain  $\Omega^A$  as the image of the foreground Lagrangian domain in the background mesh (via an 'indicator function')



Schematic representation of the computational domain [Christon et al., SAND2022-12772]

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For each time step:

## 4. Evaluate the coupling force

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{\text{ELI}} = \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \left( \rho^A \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} - \rho^L \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^L}{\partial t} \right) + \nabla \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\sigma^A - \sigma^L)$$

## 5. Solve the Eulerian (background) domain

### Problem 3 (Modified weak form)

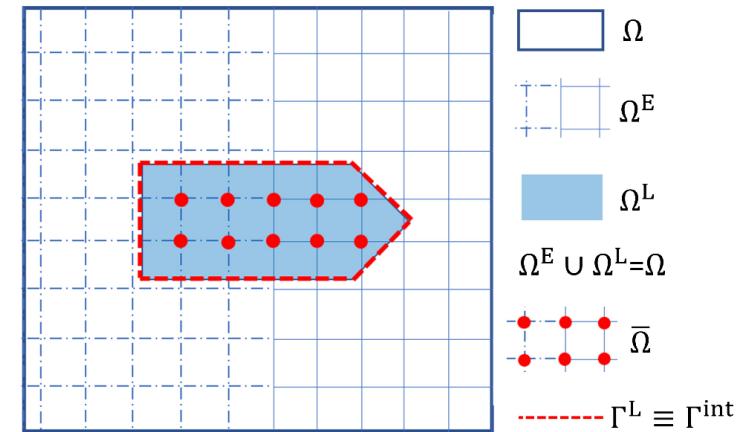
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- Mass conservation and internal energy are also solved
- Calculate fluxes and remap deformed state to initial grid



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# Example: impedance matched shock wave propagation



Eulerian domain:

Dimensions:  $[-2,2] \times [-0.05,] \times [-0.72,0.72]$  cm

Elements:  $400 \times 10 \times 10$

Material: Mie-Gruneisen (linearized)

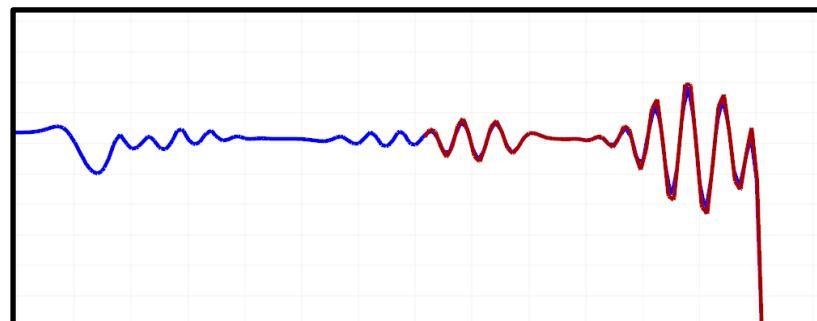
Pressure differential =  $1e8$  Pa

Density differential =  $0.05$  g/cm $^3$

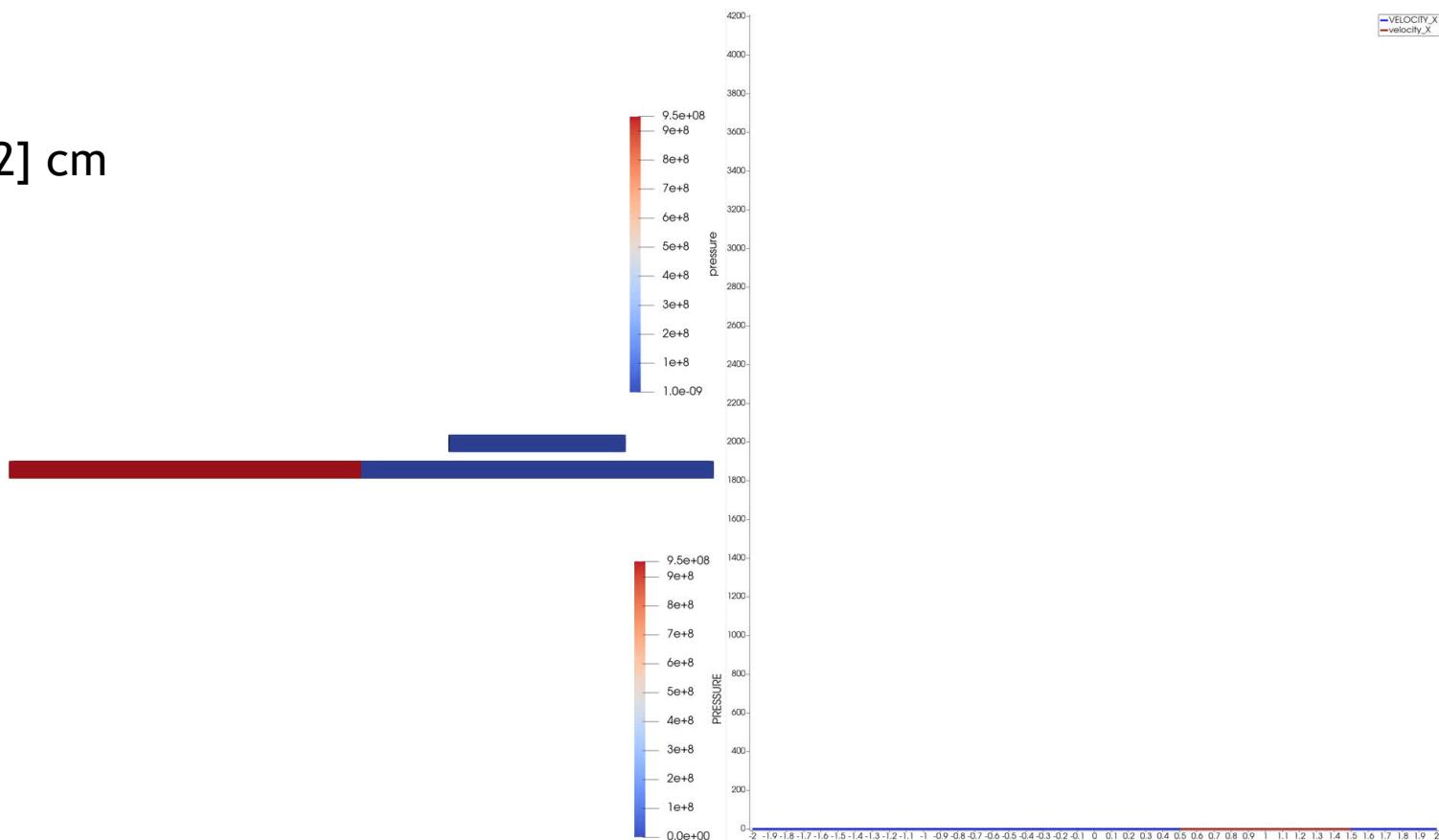
Lagrangian domain:

Dimensions:  $[0.5,1.5] \times [-0.05,] \times [-0.72,0.72]$  cm

Material: elastic, impedance matched



Eulerian and Lagrangian velocities  
agree in overlap region.



# Example: Fragmentation of concentric rings



Eulerian domain:

Dimensions:  $[0,28.8] \times [0,28.8] \times [-0.72,0.72]$  cm

Elements:  $80 \times 80 \times 2 = 12,800$  total

Material: Air (tabulated equation of state)

Initial inner pressure =  $1e10$  Pa

Initial outer pressure =  $0.82e6$  Pa

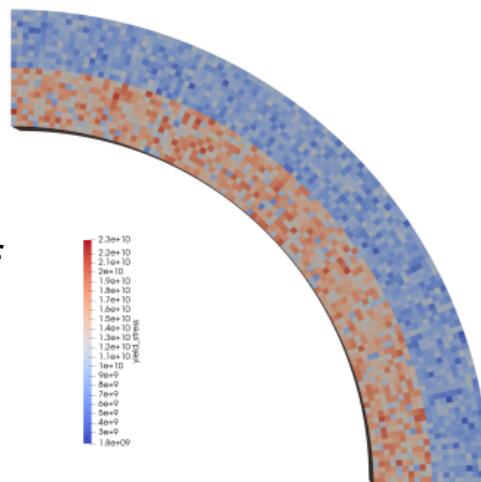
Lagrangian domain:

Inner radius = 11.2 cm

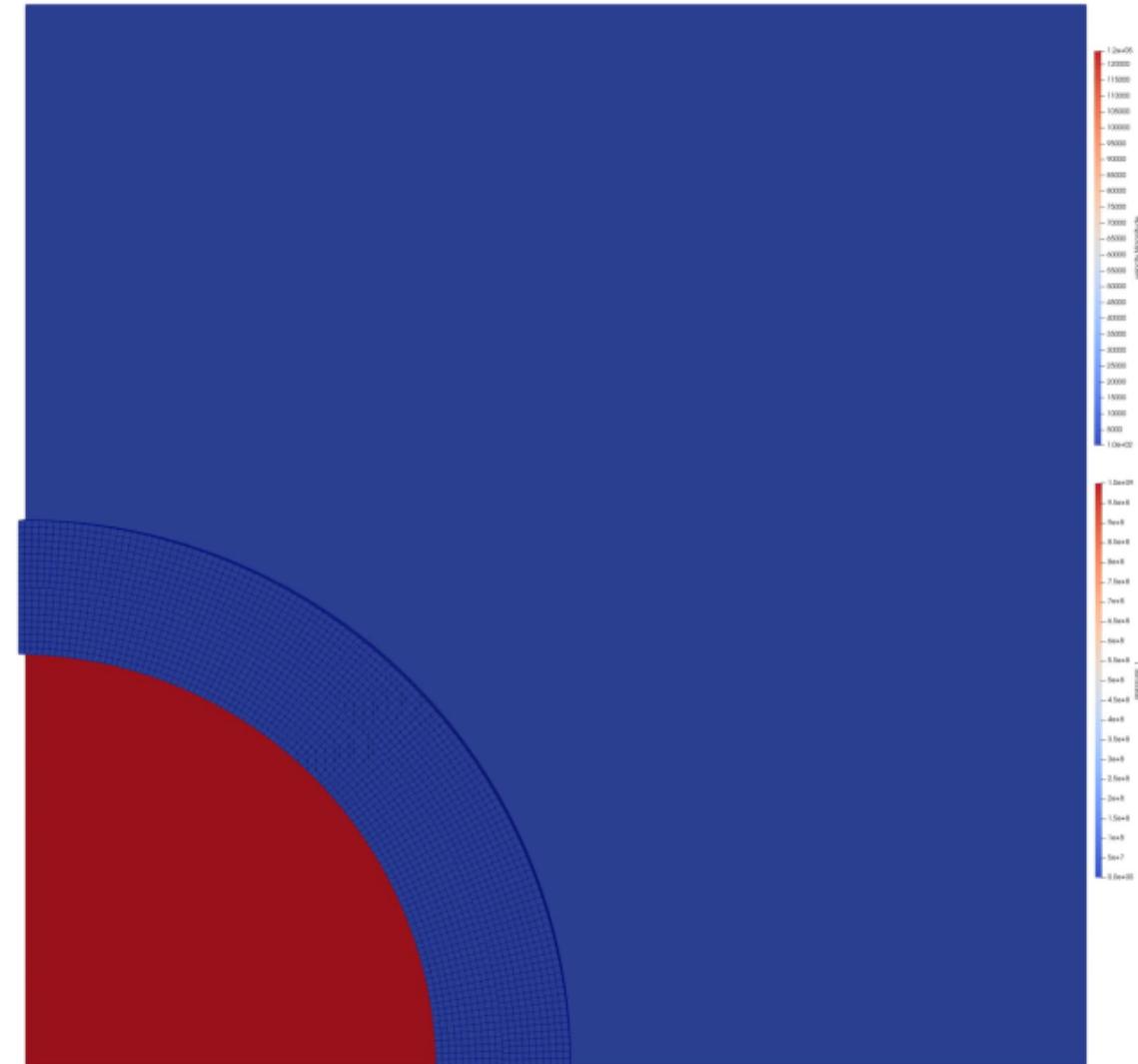
Ring thickness = 1.8 cm

Materials: Tungsten - inner, 8400 elements

Steel - outer, 9680 elements



Weibull distribution of yield stress adds stochasticity



## Take-away messages

1. Two-way immersed coupling of Sierra Solid Mechanics (FEM) and SABLE (shock physics) for explicit transient dynamics simulations will be an enabling technology for next-generation blast-on-structure analysis.
2. Immersed FEM approach is needed for block structured shock physics code
3. Modified IFEM coupling methodology offers features needed for our coupling strategy: theoretical basis, partitioned solvers, additional flexibility
4. Initial investigations show promising results for high strain rate scenarios
5. Research and development work is in progress
  1. Stability and convergence results – theory &
  2. Z-scheme (e.g. CSS) temporal offsets for robustness and accuracy
  3. Strong scaling and running ‘at scale’ needs to be demonstrated