Shell-Fluid Coupled Simulation of Detonation-Driven Fracture and Fragmentation

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AI 6061-T6 Tube Fracture (J. Shepherd)



Experiments courtesy of J. Shepherd, Caltech

Modeling and simulation challenges

- Ductile mixed mode fracture with large deformations
- Successive change of the mesh topology
- Fluid-shell interaction under changing mesh topology

Fractured tubes





Ductile fracture

Fractured Thin-Shell Kinematics

Reference configuration



Deformed configuration



 $\overline{r} = \overline{x}(\theta_1, \theta_2) + \theta^3 \overline{a}_3$

 $r^\pm=x^\pm(heta_1, heta_2)+ heta^3a_3^\pm$

 Kirchhoff-Love assumption: Director a₃ is normal to the deformed middle surface

Fractured Thin-Shell Equilibrium

Shell and cohesive interface contribute to the internal virtual work

$$\delta \Pi_{Shell}^{int} + \delta \Pi_{Interface}^{int} - \delta \Pi^{ext} = 0$$

■ Shell internal virtual work consists of a membrane and bending term

$$\delta \Pi^{int}_{Shell} = \int (n^{lpha} \cdot \delta a_{lpha} + m^{lpha} \cdot \delta a_{3,lpha}) d\Omega$$

• Cohesive internal virtual work consists of a tearing, shearing, and hinge term $\delta \Pi_{Interface}^{int} = \int (t \cdot \delta [x] + s \cdot \delta [a_3]) d\Gamma_C$

Subdivision FE-Discretization

- Away from crack flanks, conforming FE discretization requires smooth shape functions
 - On regular patches, quartic box-splines are used

$$\overline{x}_h(\xi,\eta) = \sum_{I=1}^{12} N^I(\xi,\eta)\overline{x}_I$$

On irregular patches, subdivision schemes are used (here Loop's scheme)







F. Cirak, M. Ortiz, P. Schröder, Int. J. Numer. Meth. Engrg. 47 (2000)

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Discontinuous Shape Functions

Pre-fractured patches operate independently for interpolation purposes



 Edge opening displacements and rotations activate cohesive tractions

Cohesive Interface Model

- Membrane, shear, and bending tractions are computed by numerical integration over shell thickness
 - At each quadrature point a conventional irreversible cohesive model is used



- Conformity prior to crack initiation can be enforced
 - F. Cirak, M. Ortiz, A. Pandolfi, CMAME (2005)

Simply Supported Plate



Linear elastic material:		Geometry:	
Young's modulus	69000	Length	1.0
Poisson's ratio	0.3	Thickness	0.1

Fluid-Shell Coupling: Overview

- High speed flows interacting with thin-shells effectively require a coupled Eulerian-Lagrangian approach
 - In Eulerian formulations, mesh points are fixed
 - In Lagrangian formulations, mesh points follow the trajectories of material points

Eulerian-Lagrangian coupling

- Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian method
 - High accuracy, but algorithmically challenging for shells with large deformations
- Interface tracking and Interface capturing schemes
 - Algorithmically very robust
 - Well established in Cartesian mesh based Eulerian fluid codes
 - Recently applied to fluid-solid coupling

Gas Dynamics

Compressible inviscid fluid flow (Euler equations)

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho v) = 0 \qquad \text{Mass conservation}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho v) + \nabla \cdot (\rho v \otimes v + Ip) = 0 \qquad \text{Momentum conservation}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [(E+p)v] = 0 \qquad \text{Energy conservation}$$

Specific total energy

$$E = \rho e + \frac{1}{2}\rho \|v\|^2$$

Equation of state for perfect gas

$$p = (\gamma - 1)\rho e$$
 $\gamma - ratio of specific heats$

Gas Dynamics - Discretization

- Euler equations in conservation law form $V_{,t} + \nabla \cdot F = 0$
- Finite volume discretization on a Cartesian grid

$$\int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{V}_{,t} dx + \int_{\Gamma} \boldsymbol{F} dn = 0$$

Reduced to one dimensional problems along each coordinate axis using dimensional splitting

$$\frac{V_i^{n+1} - V_i^n}{\Delta t} h = \left(F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n - F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n\right) \qquad h - \text{ mesh size}$$

- Fluxes are computed by solving local Riemann problems
- For additional features see amroc.sourceforge.net

Explicit Fluid-Shell Coupling -1-

Thin-shell and fluid equations are integrated with an explicit time integration scheme



- Coupling is achieved by enforcing:
 - Continuity of normal velocity
 - Continuity of traction normal component
 - Unconstrained tangential slip

Explicit Fluid-Shell Coupling –2-

- Enforcing the interface conditions on the fluid grid through ghost-cells
 - Ghost cell values are extrapolated from the values at the shell-fluid interface
 - Normal velocity modifications in the ghost cells

 $m{v}_{Fluid} = \left[(2 ilde{v}_{Shell} - ilde{v}_{Fluid}) \cdot m{n}
ight] m{n} + (ilde{v}_{Fluid} \cdot m{t}) m{t}$

 $ilde{v}_{Fluid}$ — extrapolated fluid velocity

 ${ ilde v}_{Shell}-$ extrapolated shell velocity

 $m{n}, m{t}-m{n}$ normal and tangent to the interface

 Corresponds to reflecting the normal fluid velocity component in a moving local coordinate frame attached to the shell

Enforcing the interface conditions on the shell

 Interpolated pressures from the fluid mesh are applied as external traction boundary conditions to the shell

Airbag – Geometry and Discretization



Shell Mesh: 10176 elements

Fluid Mesh: 48x48x62 cells

F. Cirak, R. Radovitzky, C&S (2005)

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Airbag – Limit Surface



total simulation time approx. 23 ms

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Airbag – Kinetic Energy



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Fluid Induced Fracture



Material model for Al 6061-T6: J_2 - plasticity with viscosity

Cohesive interface model: Linearly decreasing envelope with loading and unloading

Coupled Simulation in Elastic Regime



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Circumferential strain at x=28.2cm



- The fluid grid initialized with normal shock conditions
- In contrast to the computation, the experiment performed with a detonation wave

Coupled Simulation with Fracture



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Coupled Simulation - Threshold



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Coupled Simulation - Close-up



Coupled Simulation - $P_{max} = 6.0MPa$

20736 shell elements, 80x80x640 fluid cells



Computational Specifics

Computations performed on an Intel Xeon Cluster

- 41 processors for the fluid
- 29 processors for the shell
- Total computing time ~8h



Partitioning of the fluid domain



Partitioning of the shell domain





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Conclusions

- The shell and the fluid, as well as their coupled interaction, are considered in full detail
- The proposed coupling approach is very robust and efficient
 - No remeshing
 - Algorithmic coupling with minor modifications of shell and fluid solvers
- Although first steps towards validation are encouraging, detonation tube experiments are far too challenging to simulate. Currently, a new set of shock tube experiments are done by J. Shepherd at Caltech.