

New Features in LS-DYNA EFG Method for Solids and Structures Analysis

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Summary:

In this presentation, an update on LS-DYAN EFG method for solids and structures analysis will be given. Several features were developed in the past two years to solve specific challenging problems as well as to improve the efficiency. This talk will emphasize on three new features including an adaptive Meshfree scheme based on a local Maximum Entropy approximation for metal forging and extrusion analysis, a semi-Lagrangain formulation in foam materials under severe compression, and a discrete meshfree approach in the failure analysis of brittle materials. Several practical examples are included to demonstrate these capabilities.



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Current EFG Formulations for Solids and Structures Analysis

- Metal materials in Forging/Extrusion analysis: Adaptive formulation
 - Foam materials: Semi-Lagrangian kernel formulation
 - Rubber materials: Lagrangian kernel formulation
 - Quasibrittle material fracture: Strong discontinuities formulation
 - E.O.S. materials: Eulerian kernel formulation (trial version)
 - Meshfree Shell: Lagrangian kernel, adaptivity ...
- } Stabilized Method

 **Adaptive Methods for Manufacturing Simulations**

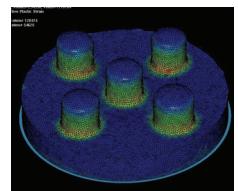
Reasons for Adaptivity

- High accuracy requirement (surface representation, high gradient ...)
- Residual stress effects the crash result



Current Numerical Limitations

- RH-adaptivity for solids (H-adaptivity is limited to shell structures).
- No failure is allowed if failure energy is important (can not be extended to metal cutting, riveting ..)
- Do not apply to rubber-like materials



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 **1. Adaptive EFG Method**

Adaptive Forging/Extrusion analysis

- An explicit/implicit solver coupled with thermal analysis.
- Introduce a fast transformation meshfree method and a modified Maximum Entropy approximation to improve the efficiency.
- A second-order interpolation scheme for state variable transfer.
- Include global/local adaptive refinements.
- Available in SMP and MPP.

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EFG Fast Transformation Method

• Momentum equation
 $\rho \dot{\mathbf{v}} = \nabla_x \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{b}$

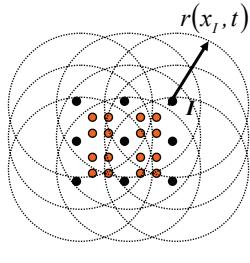
• Continuity equation
 $\dot{\rho} = -\rho \nabla_x \cdot \mathbf{v}$

$\int_{\Omega} \delta \mathbf{v} \cdot \rho \dot{\mathbf{v}} d\Omega = - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \delta \mathbf{v} : \boldsymbol{\sigma} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \delta \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{b} d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} \delta \mathbf{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} d\Gamma$

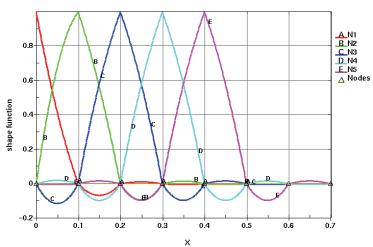
$m_I \dot{\mathbf{v}}_I = - \sum_I \nabla_x \Phi_I(\mathbf{x}_s) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_s V_s$

$\dot{\rho}_s = -\rho_s \sum_I \mathbf{v}_I \cdot \nabla_x \Phi_I(\mathbf{x}_s)$

$u_{\bar{\Omega}}^h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{I \in \Omega} \sum_{x \in \Omega} \hat{\Psi}_J^{(m)}(\mathbf{x}_I) \hat{\Psi}_J^{(m)}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x}_I$



• Particle
 • Stress point



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EFG Modified Maximum Entropy Method

Local MAXENT (Ortiz and Arroyo, 2006)

(MAXENT) maximize $H(\mathbf{p}) = \beta(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{i=1}^N p_i |\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \log p_i$

subject to $p_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, N$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N p_i = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N p_i (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$$

— for $\beta \in [0, +\infty)$, $H(\mathbf{p})$ is continuous and strictly convex in solution
 (well-behaved mass matrix, monotonicity, variation diminishing ...)
 — less dependent
 — difficult to decide β

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EFG Modified Maximum Entropy Method

Define the partition function Z : $Z(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) e^{\lambda \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)/r_i}$

where $\phi_i(\mathbf{x})$ is the kernel function at node i
 r_i is the support size of kernel at node i

The unique solution of MAXENT is proven to be

$$p_i(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \frac{\phi_i(\mathbf{x}) e^{f_i(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)}}{Z(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)} \quad \forall p_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, N$$

satisfying $\sum_{i=1}^N p_i = 1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N p_i (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

where $f_i(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \lambda \cdot [(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)/r_i]$

— implicit solve; 3~5 iterations

- Non-negative approximation
- Smoothness in irregular nodes
- Less dependence
- Kronecker-Delta at boundary

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Mesh-free Interpolation for Data Transfer in Adaptivity

Current variable update : $f_s^{n+1} \approx A_{\alpha s}^{n+1} \tilde{f}_\alpha = A_{\alpha s}^{n+1} A_{\alpha \beta}^{n-1} f_\beta^-$
 $A_{IJ} = \bar{\Phi}_I^{[mj]}(x_J)$

$\bar{\Psi}_I^{[mj]}(x^-, t_{n+1}) \quad \bar{\Psi}_I^{[mj]}(x^+, t_{n+1})$

● Particle
● Stress point
○ Old Particle
○ Old Stress point
● New Particle
● New Stress point

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 **Input Format**
***SECTION_SOLID_EFG**

Essential Boundary Conditions

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IEBT EQ. 1: Full transformation (default)
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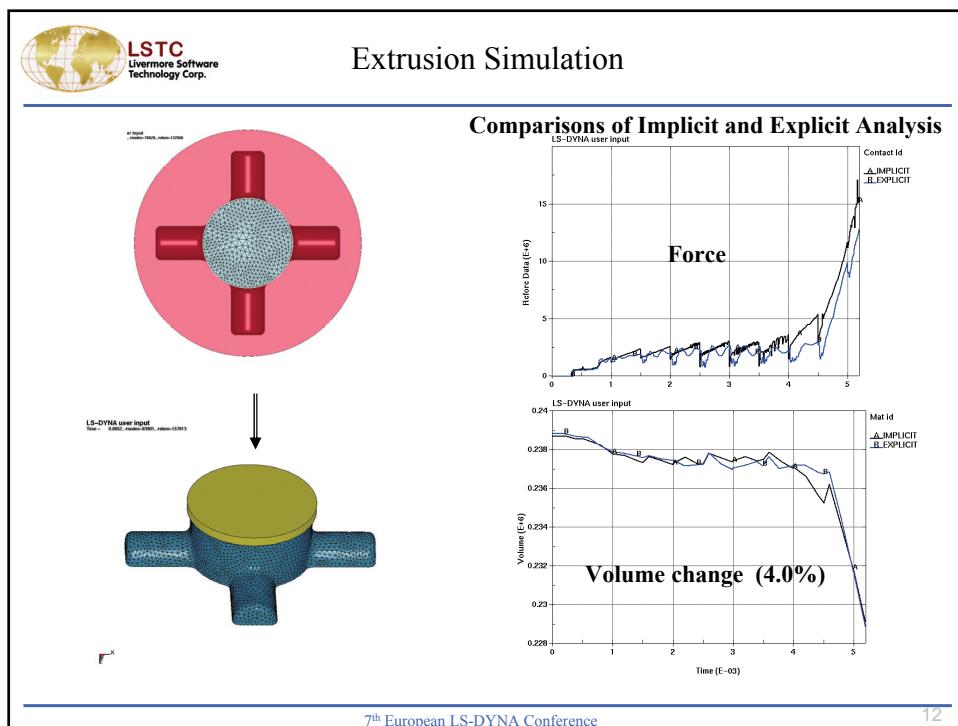
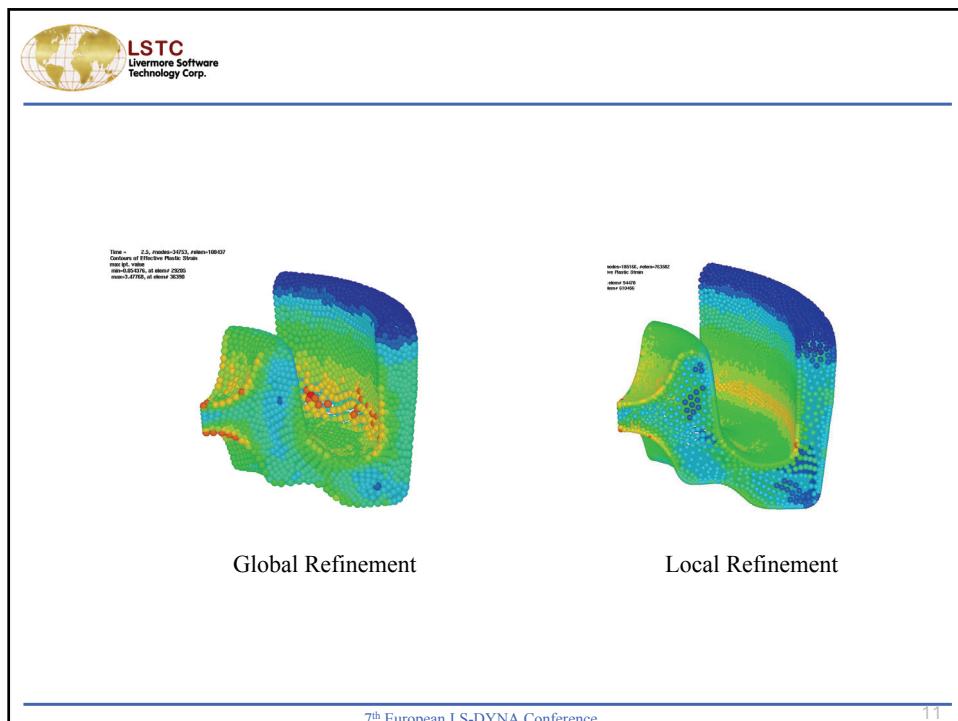
 **Forging Simulation**

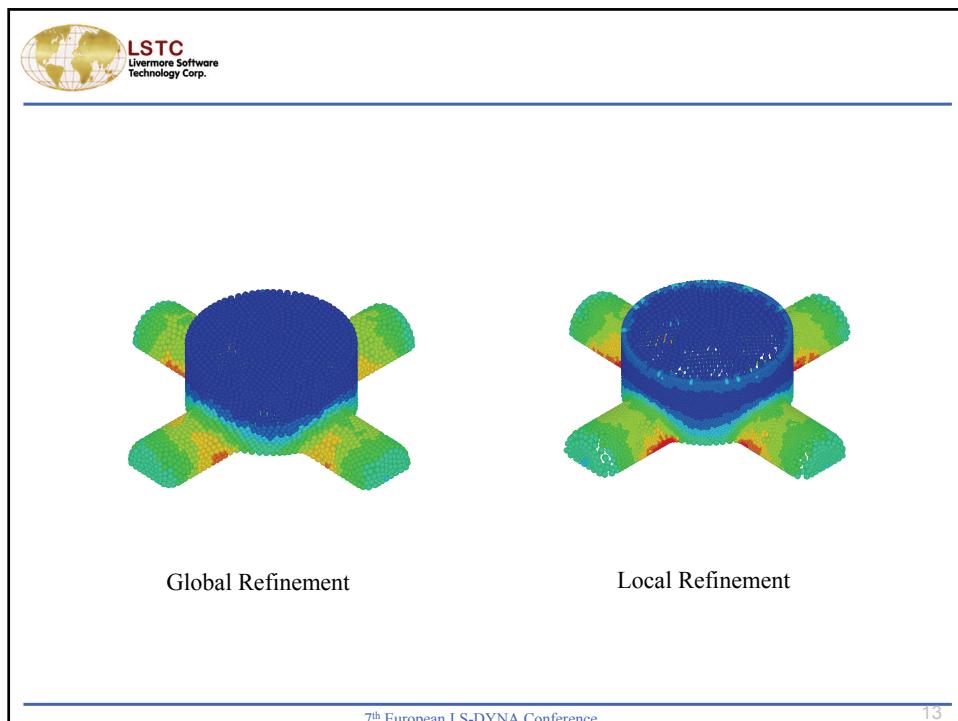
Diagram showing a forging simulation setup. A red punch is shown impacting a workpiece. The workpiece is discretized into two stages: EFG (5827 nodes) and EFG Adaptivity (13661 nodes), illustrating mesh refinement during the simulation.

Two graphs compare Adaptive EFG (red line with triangles) and EFG (green line with circles) results:

- Volume change (1.7%)**: Shows volume data over time from 0 to 2.5 seconds. Both curves show a similar trend with minor differences.
- Force**: Shows resultant force in kilonewtons (kN) over time from 0 to 2.5 seconds. Both curves show a similar peak around 2.2 seconds.

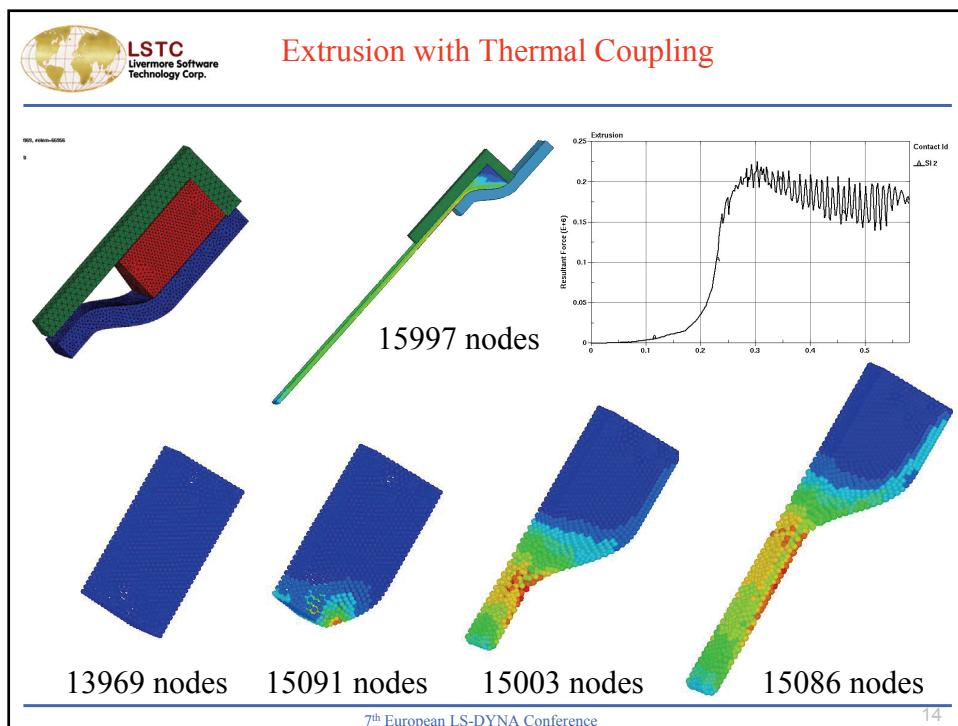
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2. The Stabilized EFG Method with Kernel Switch

The Stabilized EFG Method with kernel switch

- Is a one-point integration scheme + gradient type hourglass control.
- Assumed strain method for nearly incompressible materials.
- Designed especially for foam and rubber materials.
- The speed is between FEM reduced integration element (#1) and full integration element (#2)
- A switch to full integration (rubber) or Semi-Lagrangian kernel (foam) is allowed in large deformation range.
- Available in SMP explicit and MPP explicit.



Gradient Type Stabilized EFG Method

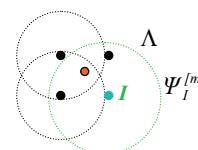
$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_I^{(m)} &= \Psi_{I,0}^{(m)} + (x - x_0)\Psi_{I,x}^{(m)} + (y - y_0)\Psi_{I,y}^{(m)} + (z - z_0)\Psi_{I,z}^{(m)} + O_2 \\ \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_I^{(m)} &= \mathbf{B}_{I,0}^{(m)} + (x - x_0)\mathbf{B}_{I,x}^{(m)} + (y - y_0)\mathbf{B}_{I,y}^{(m)} + (z - z_0)\mathbf{B}_{I,z}^{(m)}\end{aligned}$$

Assumed Strain Method

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} = \bar{\mathbf{B}} \dot{\mathbf{U}}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{B}_0 + \underbrace{\bar{\mathbf{B}}_x(x - x_0) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}_y(y - y_0) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}_z(z - z_0)}_{\text{anti-hourglass}}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{B}}_x = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} & -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} & -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} \\ -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} & -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial z} \\ -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} & -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial z} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Psi^T & & \\ & \Psi^T & \\ & & \Psi^T \end{bmatrix};$$



$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{I \in \Lambda} \Psi_{I,x}^{(m)}(x) &= 0 \\ \sum_{I \in \Lambda} \Psi_{I,x}^{(m)}(x) \cdot x_i &= 1, \quad \Lambda = \{I | 1, 2, \dots, NP\} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\bar{\mathbf{B}}_x \bullet \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}}_{\text{partition of nullity}} \\ \sum_{I \in \Lambda} \Psi_{I,x}^{(m)}(x) \cdot y_i &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Total Lagrangian

$$\sigma_{ij} \approx F_{ik} S_{kj} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} + F_{ik,x} S_{kj} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} (x - x_0) + F_{ik,y} S_{kj} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} (y - y_0) + F_{ik,z} S_{kj} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} (z - z_0)$$

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Semi-Lagrangian Kernel in Foam Material

Convective velocity \mathbf{C} due to Semi-Lagrangian or Eulerian kernel

$$\mathbf{v}^- = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{X}, t_{n+1})}{\partial t} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}} \text{ (material time frame)} \quad \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{v}^- - \mathbf{v}^+$$

$$\mathbf{v}^+ = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{x}, t_{n+1})}{\partial t} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}} \text{ (reference time frame)} \quad \dot{\mathbf{f}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial t} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}} + (\mathbf{C} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{f}$$

- Lagrangian phase : $\bar{\Psi}_j^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}, t_n) = \bar{\Psi}_j^{[m]}$
- Transport phase : $\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial t} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}} + (\mathbf{C} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{f} = 0$

$$\nabla \mathbf{f} = \sum_j \frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}_j^{[m]}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_j; \mathbf{f}_I = \sum_j \bar{\Psi}_j^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}_I, t_n) \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_j$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{\Psi}_j^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^+) = \bar{\Psi}_j^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^-) - (\mathbf{x}^+ - \mathbf{x}^-) \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}_j^{[m]}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}^-} + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{f}^+ \approx \sum_j \bar{\Psi}_j^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^+) \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_j$$

● Particle
● Stress point

Stress recovery scheme is conservative, consistent and monotonic !

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Domain Integration Schemes

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IDIM EQ. 1: Local boundary condition method (default)
EQ. 2: Two-points Gauss integration
EQ.-1: Stabilized EFG method

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Deformation tolerance for the activation of Semi-Lagrangian kernel

Card 2

Variable	DX	DY	DZ	ISPLINE	IDILIA	IEBT	IDIM	TOLDEF
Type	F	F	F	I	I	I	I	F
Default	1.01	1.01	1.01	0	0	1	1	0.01

TOLDEF |TOLDEF| < 1.0
= 0.0 : Lagrangian kernel
> 0.0 : Semi-Lagrangian kernel
< 0.0 : Eulerian kernel

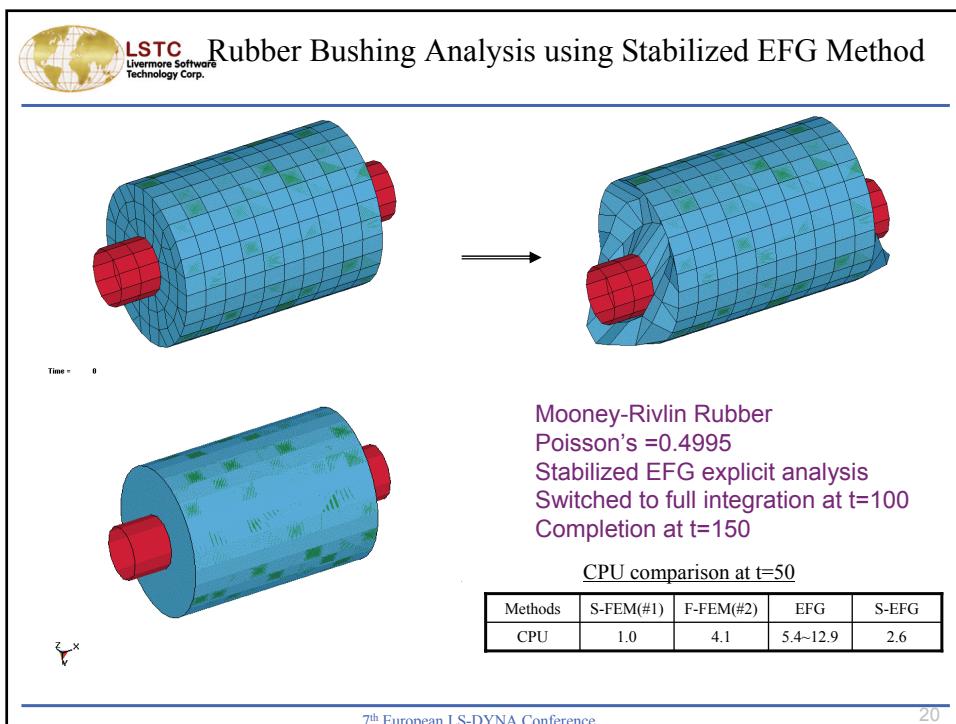
Time control for the activation of Semi-Lagrangian kernel or Eulerian kernel

Card 3

Variable	IGL	STIME	IKEN					
Type	I	100.0	I					
Default	0	1.e+20	0					

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Foam Compression using Stabilized EFG Method and Semi-Lagrangian Kernel

MESHFREE TEST
Foam compression test
Centroid of effective mass (v=0) initial
Foam thickness = 10 mm
Eulerian mesh size = 1 mm
TOLDEF = 0.01

Low Density Foam
Stabilized EFG explicit analysis
Switched to Semi-Lagrangian (TOLDEF=0.01)

Original EFG

**EFG +
Semi-Lagrangian Kernel**

Comparison of final deformation

3. EFG Failure Analysis

Meshfree Failure Analysis

- Is a discrete approach.
 - Crack initiation and propagation are governed by cohesive law.
 - Crack currently is cell-by-cell propagation and is defined by visibility.
 - Minimized mesh sensitivity and orientation effects.
 - Applied to quasibrittle materials.

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Discrete Cracks

Crack in Meshfree: Visibility Criterion (Belytschko et al.1996)

Intrinsic (Implicit crack) : no additional unknowns

$$\Omega_0^+ \quad \Omega_0^-$$

$$x(\eta) = \sum_{I=1}^2 \Phi_I^{FEM}(\eta) X_I + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{J \in \Omega_0^+} \Psi_J(X(\eta)) u_J + \sum_{J \in \Omega_0^-} \Psi_J(X(\eta)) u_J \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial x(\eta)}{\partial \eta} = \sum_{I=1}^2 X_I \otimes \frac{\partial \Phi_I^{FEM}(\eta)}{\partial \eta} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{J \in \Omega_0^+} u_J \otimes \frac{\partial \Psi_J(X)}{\partial X} + \sum_{J \in \Omega_0^-} u_J \otimes \frac{\partial \Psi_J(X)}{\partial X} \right) \frac{\partial X(\eta)}{\partial \eta}$$

Initially-rigid Cohesive Law: Redefined Displacement Jump (Sam, Papoula and Vavasis 2005)

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\left(\frac{u_n}{\delta_{0n} + \delta_n}\right)^2 + \beta^2 \left(\frac{u_t}{\delta_{0t} + \delta_t}\right)^2}$$

$$T_{ef} \equiv \sqrt{T_n^2 + \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^2 T_t^2} = T_{max}$$

$$T_n = \frac{1-\lambda}{\lambda} \frac{u_n}{\delta_n} \frac{T_{max}}{1-\lambda_{cr}} \quad \text{and} \quad T_t = \frac{1-\lambda}{\lambda} \frac{u_t}{\delta_t} \frac{\alpha T_{max}}{1-\lambda_{cr}}$$

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$\lambda = \lambda_{cr} = 0.005 \quad \lambda = \lambda_{cr} = 0.01$

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Minimization of Mesh Size Effect in Mode-I Failure Test

Failure is limited in this area

Coarse elements Fine elements

T_n

$D = \lambda_{cr} = 0.005 \quad D = \lambda_{cr} = 0.01$

Mode I test (D=0.005)

Mode I test (D=0.01)

Y displacement (E-3)

Time

element size
△ Coarse
□ Fine

D=0.01

Y displacement (E-3)

Time

element size
△ Coarse
□ Fine

D=0.005

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