

# **LS-DYNA<sup>®</sup> Smoothed Particle Galerkin Method for Severe Deformation and Failure Analyses in Solids**

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# Outline

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1. Methods in LS-DYNA for solids and structure analyses.
2. Numerical issues in conventional particle methods.
3. Smoothed particle Galerkin method for solid applications.
4. Benchmarks and numerical examples.
5. Keyword input format.
6. Conclusions and future plans.



# Methods for Solid and Structural Analyses in LS-DYNA®

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- *Rubber Materials*: FEM, EFG; **MEFEM**
- *Foam materials*: FEM, SPH, EFG, **SPG**
- *Metal materials*: FEM, SPH, EFG, **MEFEM**, **Adaptive FEM** and **EFG**
- *Quasi-brittle material fracture*: FEM, SPH, EFG, State-based Peridynamic method
- *E.O.S. materials and high speed applications*: ALE, SPH, **SPG**  
State-based Peridynamic method
- *Shells*: FEM, EFG, **SFEM**
- *Soil*: ALE, SPH, EFG, **SPG**
- *Discrete materials*: discrete element method
- *Composites and Unit cell analysis*: FEM, EFG, Immersed Particle Galerkin method



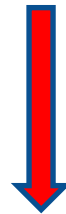
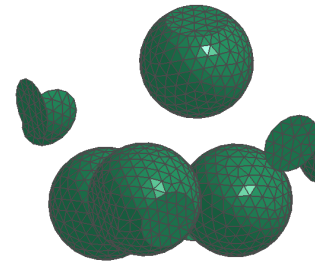
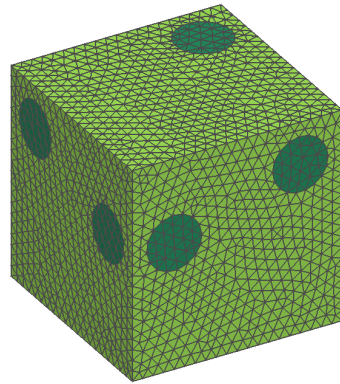
# Numerical Issues in Conventional Particle Analysis of Solids and Structures

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- ❑ Lack of approximation consistency
  - Impose first-order reproducing condition
- ❑ Tension instability
  - Ensure material failure occurs before numerical fracture
- ❑ Material diffusion
  - Use higher-order integration scheme
- ❑ Presence of spurious or zero-energy modes
  - Need stabilization
- ❑ Difficulty in enforcing the boundary conditions
  - Special treatments (Convex approximation...)

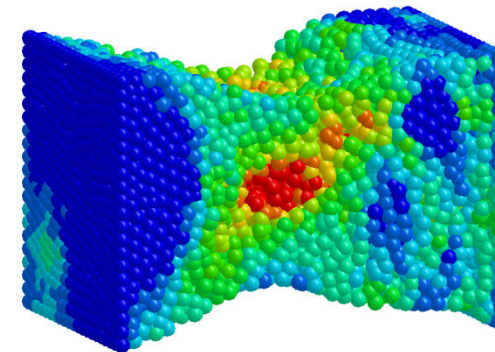
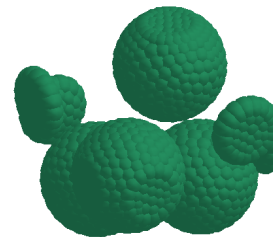
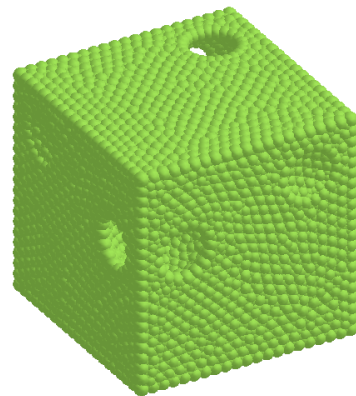
# 3D Smoothed Particle Galerkin Method

FEM



- Solid applications
- Read all FEM input formats
- A purely particle computation
- Handle severe deformation + failure

SPG



# Main Features

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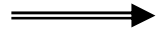
## Smoothed Particle Galerkin (SPG) Method

- Has explicit/implicit versions. Currently only explicit method implemented.
- A pure particle integration method without integration cell.
- Removes low-energy modes due to rank deficiency in nodal integration.
- Related to residual-based Galerkin meshfree method.
- Can be related to non-local or gradient types inelasticity.
- Without stabilization control parameters.
- Stability analysis via Variational Multi-scale analysis.
- First-order convergence in energy norm.
- Capable of providing a physical-based failure analysis.
- Has the trial version (will be formally released in this year).

# Residual-based Meshfree Galerkin Principle

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{u}(X) &\approx \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\Psi}(Y; X) \hat{u}(X) d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\Psi}(Y; X) \nabla \hat{u}(X) \cdot (Y - X) d\Omega \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2!} \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\Psi}(Y; X) \nabla^{(2)} \hat{u}(X) \cdot^{(2)} (Y - X)^{(2)} d\Omega \quad \text{Displacement approximation} \\
 &= \hat{u}(X) \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\Psi}(Y; X) d\Omega + \nabla \hat{u}(X) \left( \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\Psi}(Y; X) (Y) d\Omega - X \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\Psi}(Y; X) d\Omega \right) \\
 &+ \nabla^{(2)} \hat{u}(X) \cdot^{(2)} \left( \frac{1}{2!} \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\Psi}(Y; X) (Y - X)^{(2)} d\Omega \right) \\
 &= \hat{u}(X) \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\Psi}(Y; X) d\Omega + \nabla^{(2)} \hat{u}(X) \cdot^{(2)} \left( \frac{1}{2!} \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\Psi}(Y; X) (Y - X)^{(2)} d\Omega \right) \\
 &= \hat{u}(X) + \nabla^{(2)} \hat{u}(X) \cdot^{(2)} \eta(X) \implies \text{Gradient type nonlocal strain}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Variational formulation



$$\begin{aligned}
 a^h(\hat{u}, \delta \hat{u}) &= l(\delta \hat{u}) \quad \forall \delta \hat{u} \in V^h \\
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 a^h(\hat{u}, \delta \hat{u}) &= \int_{\Omega} \delta(\nabla^s \hat{u}) : C : (\nabla^s \hat{u}) d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{\nabla}^{(2)} \hat{u}) : C : (\bar{\nabla}^{(2)} \hat{u}) d\Omega \\
 &= a_{stan}^h(\hat{u}, \delta \hat{u}) + a_{stab}^h(\hat{u}, \delta \hat{u}) \\
 a_{stab}^h(\hat{u}, \delta \hat{u}) &= \int_{\Omega} \delta(\bar{\nabla}^{(2)} \hat{u}) : C : (\bar{\nabla}^{(2)} \hat{u}) d\Omega \\
 \bar{\nabla}^{(2)} \hat{u} &= \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \eta : \hat{u} \nabla^{(2)} + \nabla^{(2)} \hat{u} : \eta \nabla) \\
 l(\delta \hat{u}) &= \int_{\Omega} \delta \hat{u} \cdot f d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_N} \delta \hat{u} \cdot t d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} (\delta \nabla^{(2)} \hat{u} : \eta) \cdot f d\Omega
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 \end{aligned}$$

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## Coercivity

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\hat{\mathbf{u}}\|_1^2 &\leq c_1 \|\nabla^s \hat{\mathbf{u}}\|_0^2 \leq c_1 \left( \|\nabla^s \hat{\mathbf{u}}\|_0^2 + \|\bar{\nabla}^{(2)} \hat{\mathbf{u}}\|_0^2 \right) \\
 + &\leq \frac{c_1}{\gamma_{\min}(\mathbf{C})} \left( a_{stan}^h(\hat{\mathbf{u}}, \hat{\mathbf{u}}) + a_{stab}^h(\hat{\mathbf{u}}, \hat{\mathbf{u}}) \right) \\
 &= c_2 a^h(\hat{\mathbf{u}}, \hat{\mathbf{u}}), \quad c_1, c_2 > 0, \quad \hat{\mathbf{u}} \in V^h
 \end{aligned}$$

## Continuity

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a^h(\hat{\mathbf{u}}, \hat{\mathbf{v}})| &\leq \int_{\Omega} |(\nabla^s \hat{\mathbf{u}}) : \mathbf{C} : (\nabla^s \hat{\mathbf{v}})| d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} |(\bar{\nabla}^{(2)} \hat{\mathbf{u}}) : \mathbf{C} : (\bar{\nabla}^{(2)} \hat{\mathbf{v}})| d\Omega \\
 &\leq \gamma_{\max}(\mathbf{C}) \left\{ \left( \int_{\Omega} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\hat{\mathbf{u}})\|_0^2 d\Omega \right)^{1/2} + \left( \int_{\Omega} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\hat{\mathbf{v}})\|_0^2 d\Omega \right)^{1/2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + c_3 \left( \int_{\Omega} \|h \nabla \hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\hat{\mathbf{u}})\|_0^2 d\Omega \right)^{1/2} + \left( \int_{\Omega} \|h \nabla \hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\hat{\mathbf{v}})\|_0^2 d\Omega \right)^{1/2} \right\} \\
 &\leq \gamma_{\max}(\mathbf{C}) c_4 \{ \|\hat{\mathbf{u}}\|_1 \|\hat{\mathbf{v}}\|_1 \} \leq c_5 \|\hat{\mathbf{u}}\|_1 \|\hat{\mathbf{v}}\|_1, \quad c_3, c_4, c_5 > 0 \quad \forall \hat{\mathbf{u}}, \hat{\mathbf{v}} \in V^h
 \end{aligned}$$

==== *Unique solution !*



$$\begin{cases} a^h(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{u}^h) + a^h(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{u}^b) = l(\mathbf{v}^h) \quad \forall \mathbf{v}^h \in V^h & \text{coarse-scale equation} \\ a^h(\mathbf{v}^b, \mathbf{u}^h) + a^h(\mathbf{v}^b, \mathbf{u}^b) = l(\mathbf{v}^b) \quad \forall \mathbf{v}^b \in \mathbf{B}^h & \text{fine-scale equation} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{B}^h(\Omega) := \{ \mathbf{v}^b : \mathbf{v}^b \in \mathbf{H}^1, \mathbf{v}^b = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \Gamma \} \quad \text{global residual-free fine-scale space}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}^h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{J=1}^{NP} \tilde{\Psi}_J(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\mathbf{u}}_J$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{J=1}^{NP} \tilde{\Psi}_J(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{K=1}^{NP} \Psi_K(\mathbf{x}_J) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_K \\ \implies &= \sum_{K=1}^{NP} \sum_{J=1}^{NP} \Psi_K(\mathbf{x}_J) \tilde{\Psi}_J(\mathbf{x}) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_K \\ &= \sum_{K=1}^{NP} \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_K \\ \implies & \mathbf{u}^b \approx \left( \sum_{I=1}^{BP} (\phi_I(\mathbf{x}) - \Psi_I(\mathbf{x})) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_I^b(\mathbf{x}_I) \right) = \sum_{I=1}^{BP} \Psi_I^b(\mathbf{x}) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_I^b(\mathbf{x}_I), \forall \mathbf{x}_I \in Z_I^b \\ & \text{fine-scale approximation} \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \bar{\mathbf{u}}^h = \mathbf{u}^h + \mathbf{u}^b = \boldsymbol{\Psi}^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} \left( -\mathbf{K}^{b^T} \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{R}} + \mathbf{R} \right) + \boldsymbol{\Psi}^{b^T} \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \bar{a}^h(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h) &= a^h(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h) + a_{stab}^h(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h) \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h\|_e^2 + h^2 \|\Delta(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h)\|_e^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Error estimation in energy-norm} \quad \leq c_{(\mu, \lambda)} h^2 |\mathbf{u}|_{2, \Omega}^2 + \tilde{c}_{(\mu, \lambda)} h^2 |\mathbf{u}|_{2, \Omega}^2 \leq \bar{c}_{(\mu, \lambda)} h^2 |\mathbf{u}|_{2, \Omega}^2$$

# Nonlinear SPG Implementation

## Implicit formulation

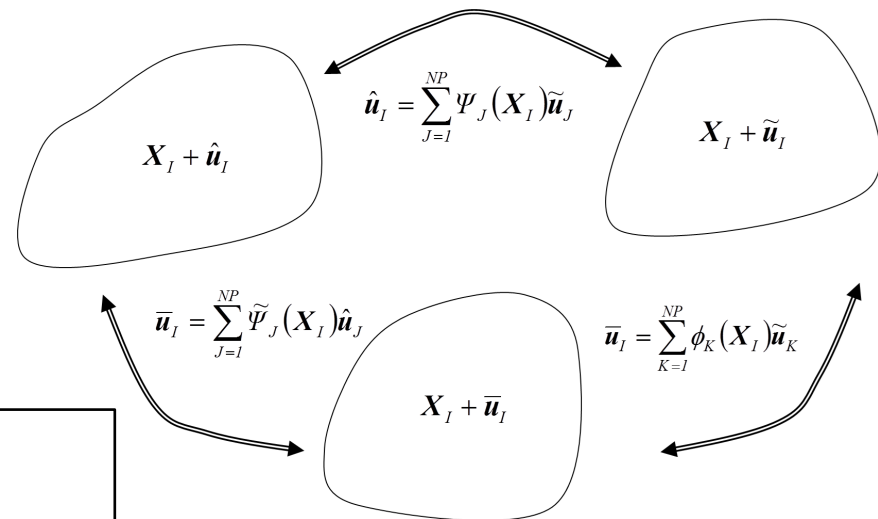
$$\Delta \delta \Pi = \int_{\Omega_x} \delta \varepsilon_{ij} C_{ijkl} \Delta \varepsilon_{kl} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega_x} \delta u_{i,j} T_{ijkl} \Delta u_{k,l} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega_x} \delta u_i \Delta f_i d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_N} \delta u_i \Delta t_i d\Gamma$$

$$\implies \delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^T \mathbf{K}_{n+1}^v (\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}})_{n+1}^{v+1} = \delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^T \mathbf{R}_{n+1}^v$$

$$\implies \tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{U}}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{IJ} = \phi_J(\mathbf{X}_I) \mathbf{I} = \sum_{K=1}^{NP} \Psi_K(\mathbf{X}_I) \Psi_J(\mathbf{X}_K) \mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{K}_{n+1}^v \mathbf{A}^{-1} (\Delta \bar{\mathbf{U}})_{n+1}^{v+1} = \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{R}_{n+1}^v$$



*Corresponding coordinate systems in SPG computation*

## Explicit dynamic formulation

$$\implies \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \ddot{\bar{\mathbf{U}}} = \mathbf{A}^{-T} (\mathbf{f}^{ext} - \mathbf{f}^{int})$$

$$\implies \bar{\mathbf{M}} \ddot{\bar{\mathbf{U}}} = \mathbf{A}^{-T} (\mathbf{f}^{ext} - \mathbf{f}^{int})$$

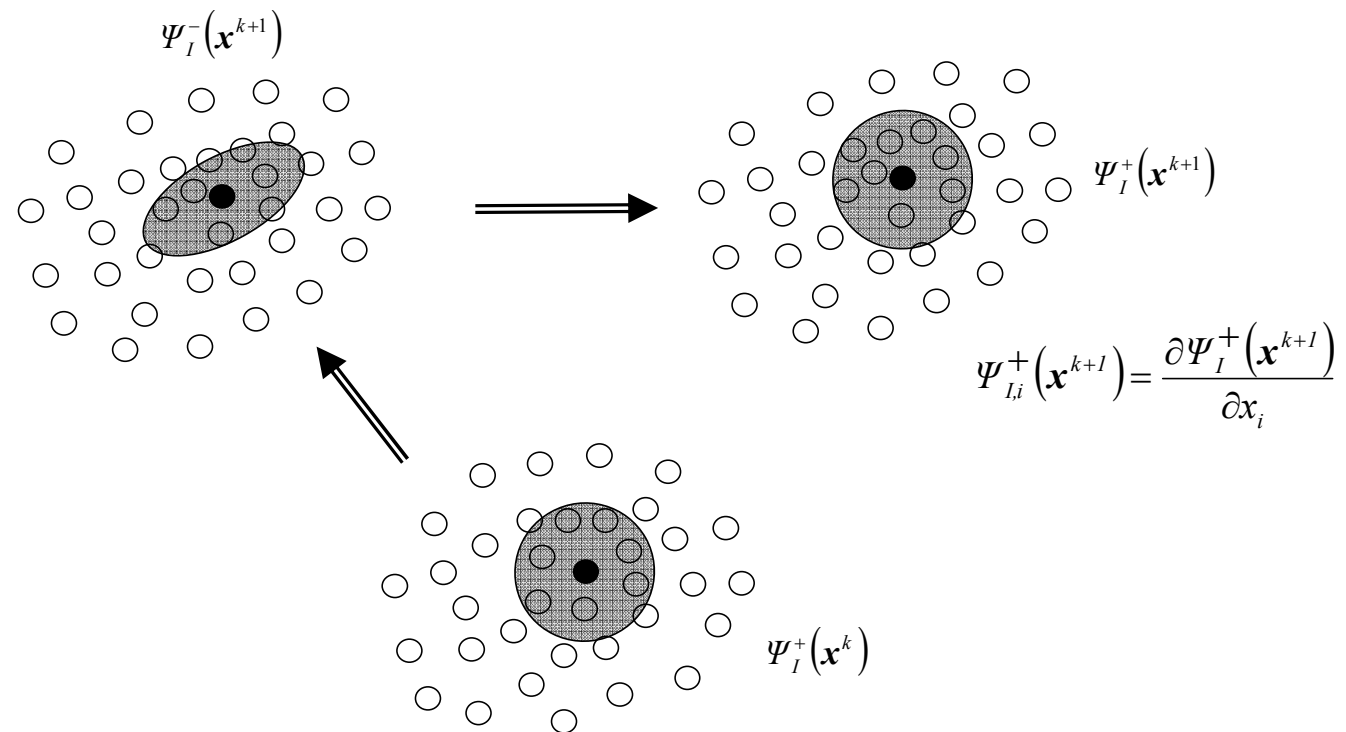
$$\bar{\mathbf{M}}_I^{RS} = \sum_J^{NP} \bar{\mathbf{M}}_{IJ} = \sum_J^{NP} \mathbf{A}_{IK}^{-T} \mathbf{M}_{KM} \mathbf{A}_{ML}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{d\rho_I}{dt} = -\rho_I \nabla \cdot (\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}_I) = -\rho_I \sum_{J=1}^{NP} \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}_J \cdot \Psi_{J,x}(\mathbf{x}_I)$$

**Currently implemented in LS-DYNA<sup>®</sup>**

# Updated Lagrangian /Eulerian Kernels

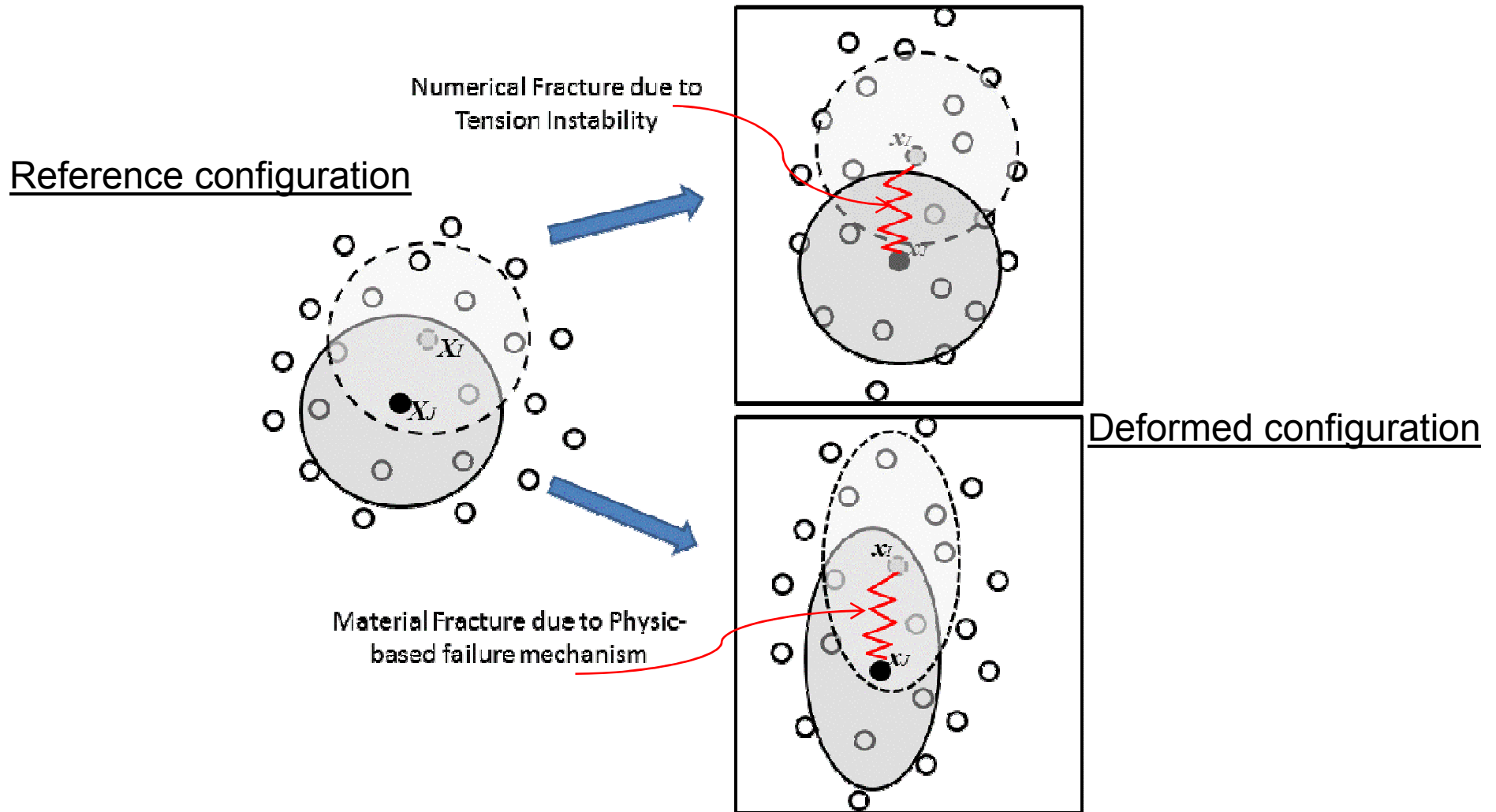
$$\Psi_{i,i}^-(\mathbf{x}^{k+1}) = \frac{\partial \Psi_I^-(\mathbf{x}^{k+1})}{\partial x_i^{k+1}} = \frac{\partial \Psi_I^-(\mathbf{x}^{k+1})}{\partial x_j^k} \frac{\partial x_j^k}{\partial x_j^{k+1}} = \frac{\partial \Psi_I^-}{\partial x_j^k} f_{ji}^{k-1}$$



**Consistency + Stability = Convergence**

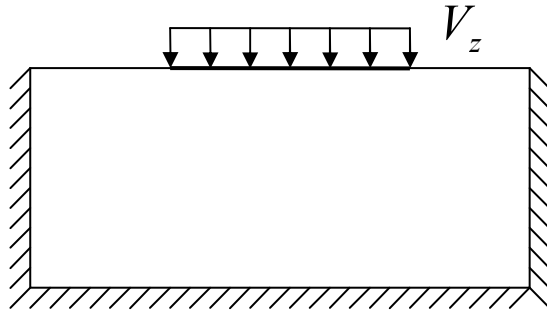
*First-order rate of convergence in energy norm !*

# Material fracture v.s. Numerical fracture



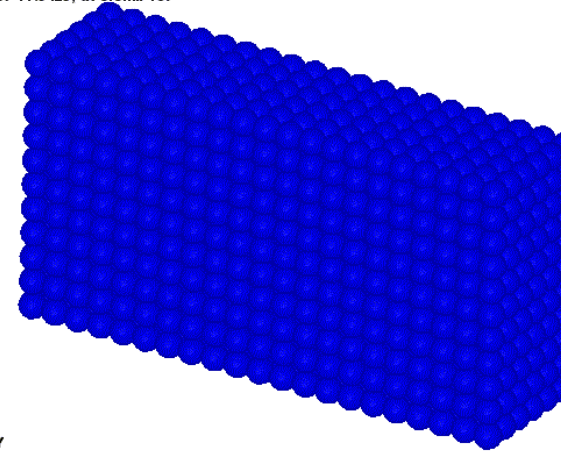
**physical material fracture before numerical fracture**  $\implies$  **Enlarge numerical support !**

# Prandtl's punch problem

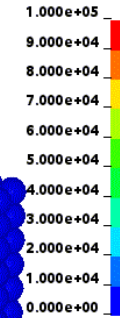


Updated  
Lagrangian

Punch  
Time = 0  
Contours of Effective Stress (v-m)  
min=0, at elem# 1  
max=11.9423, at elem# 187



Fringe Levels



Dimension: 4x2x1

Particles: 21x11x6

Elastic material:  $E=6.9 \times 10^4$

$\nu=0.3$

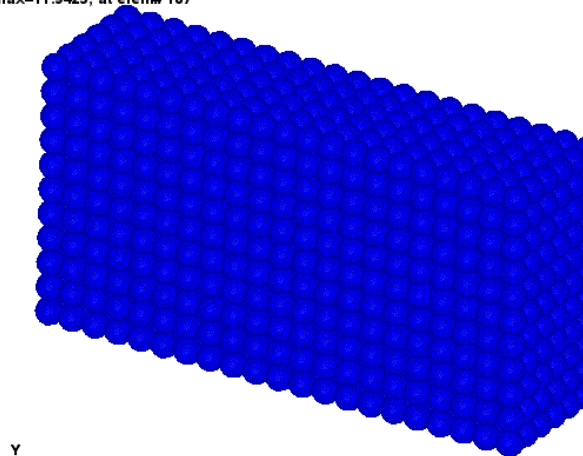
$V_z=2$

$\rho_0=2.7 \times 10^3$

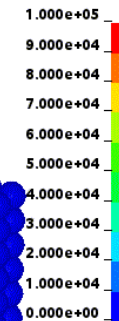
Eulerian



Punch  
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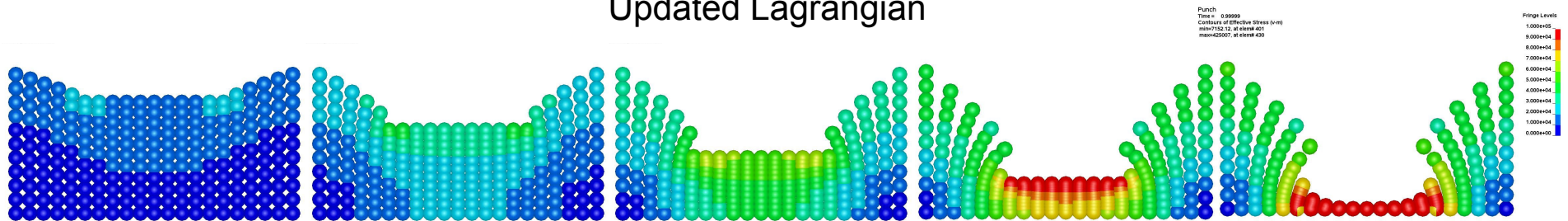


Fringe Levels



# Prandtl's punch problem

Updated Lagrangian



Fixed  $\Delta t = 3.0 \times 10^{-5}$

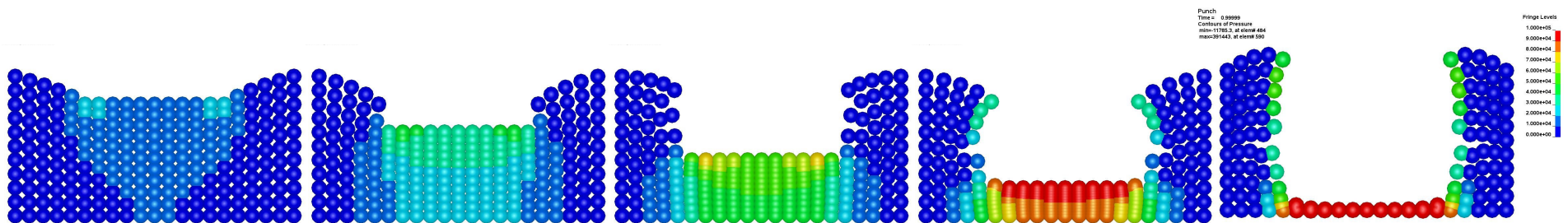
$t=0.2$

0.4

0.6

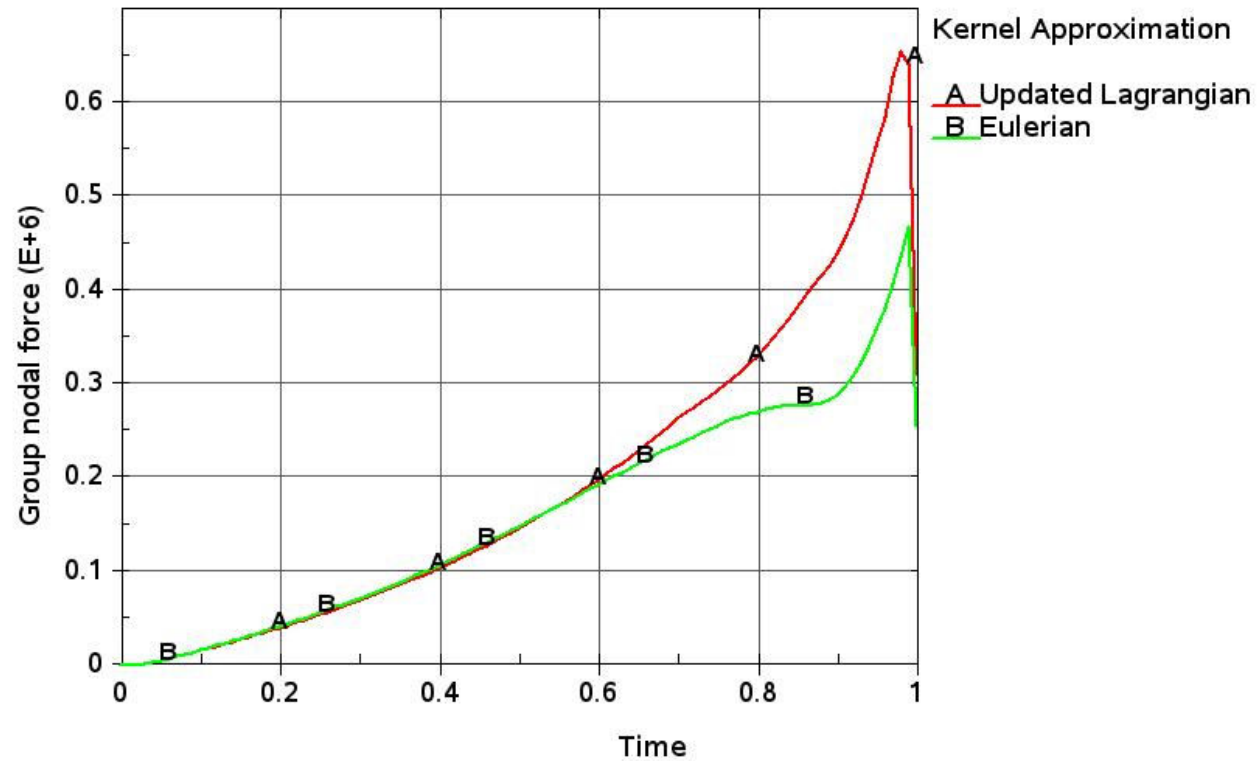
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1.0



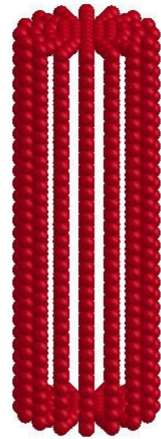
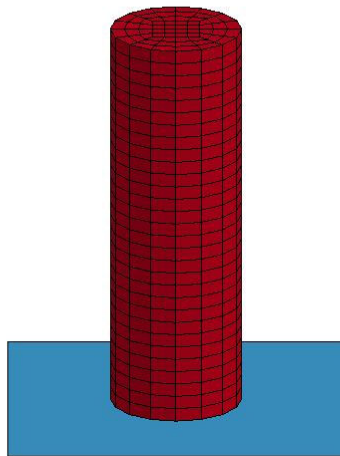
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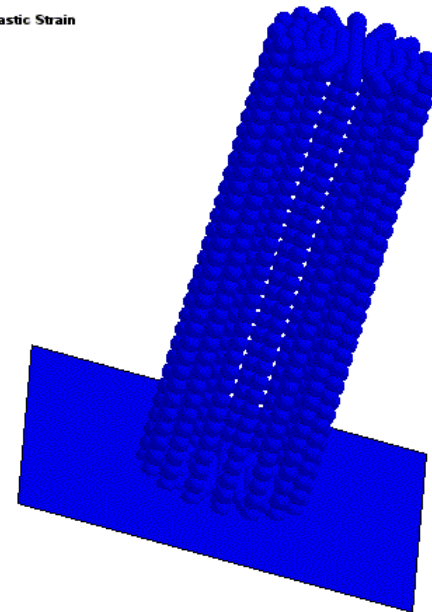


Nodal force comparison with different kernel approximations

# Taylor Bar Impact



Taylor bar  
Time = 0  
Contours of Effective Plastic Strain  
max IP. value  
min=0, at elem# 1  
max=0, at elem# 1



Fringe Levels  
1.775e+00  
1.597e+00  
1.420e+00  
1.242e+00  
1.065e+00  
8.873e-01  
7.098e-01  
5.324e-01  
3.549e-01  
1.775e-01  
0.000e+00

R=3.91 mm  
H=23.46 mm  
 $\rho_0=2.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg/mm}^3$   
E=78.2GPa  
 $\nu=0.3$   
 $\sigma_y=0.29(1+125e^p)^{0.1}$   
 $V_0=373 \text{ mm/ms}$

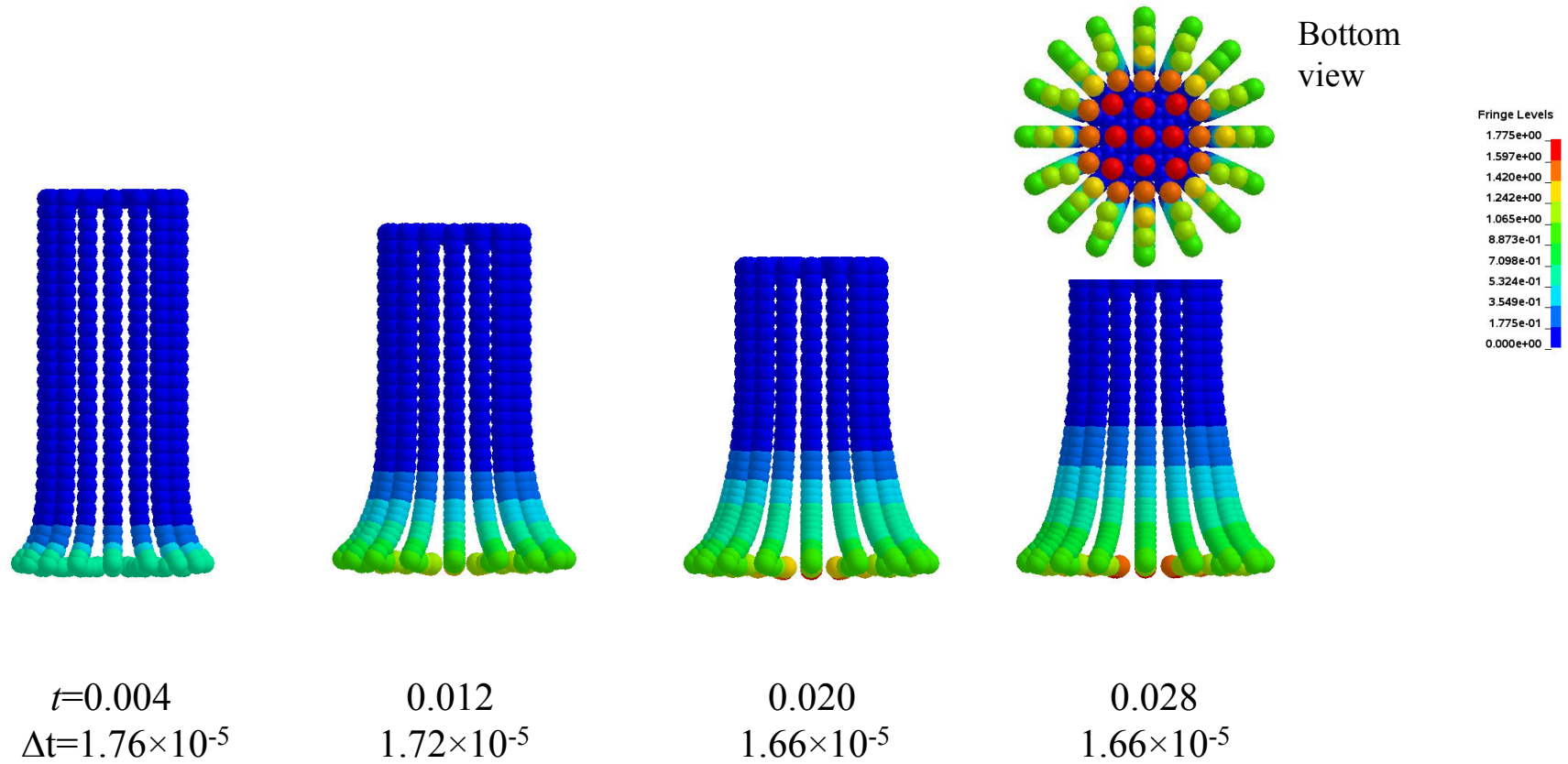
Particles: 2263  
DX=DY=DZ=1.4 SMSTEP=25

Final H=18.07mm

Exp. H=16.51mm

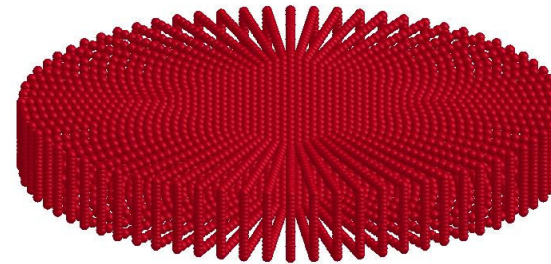
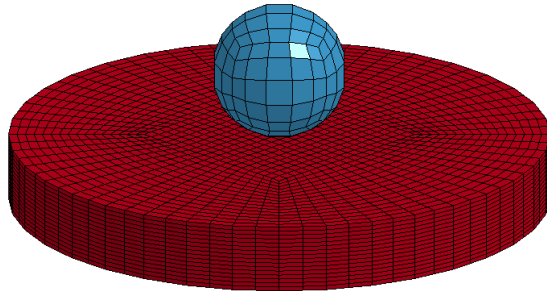


# Taylor Bar Impact



Progressive deformation with effective plastic strain contour

# Plate Impact (Ductile Material)



Ball: rigid, R=5.0

Plate: R=20.0, thickness=5.0

Particles: 25721, updated Lagrangian

Elastic perfectly-plastic material:

$$\rho_0 = 7.85 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$E = 6.9 \times 10^4$$

$$\nu = 0.3$$

$$\sigma_y = 200.0$$

$$V_z = -600.0, -400.0, -300.0$$

Ball impact plate

Time = 0

Contours of Effective Plastic Strain

min=0, at elem# 3828

max=0, at elem# 3828

Fringe Levels

2.934e+00

2.641e+00

2.347e+00

2.054e+00

1.760e+00

1.467e+00

1.174e+00

8.802e-01

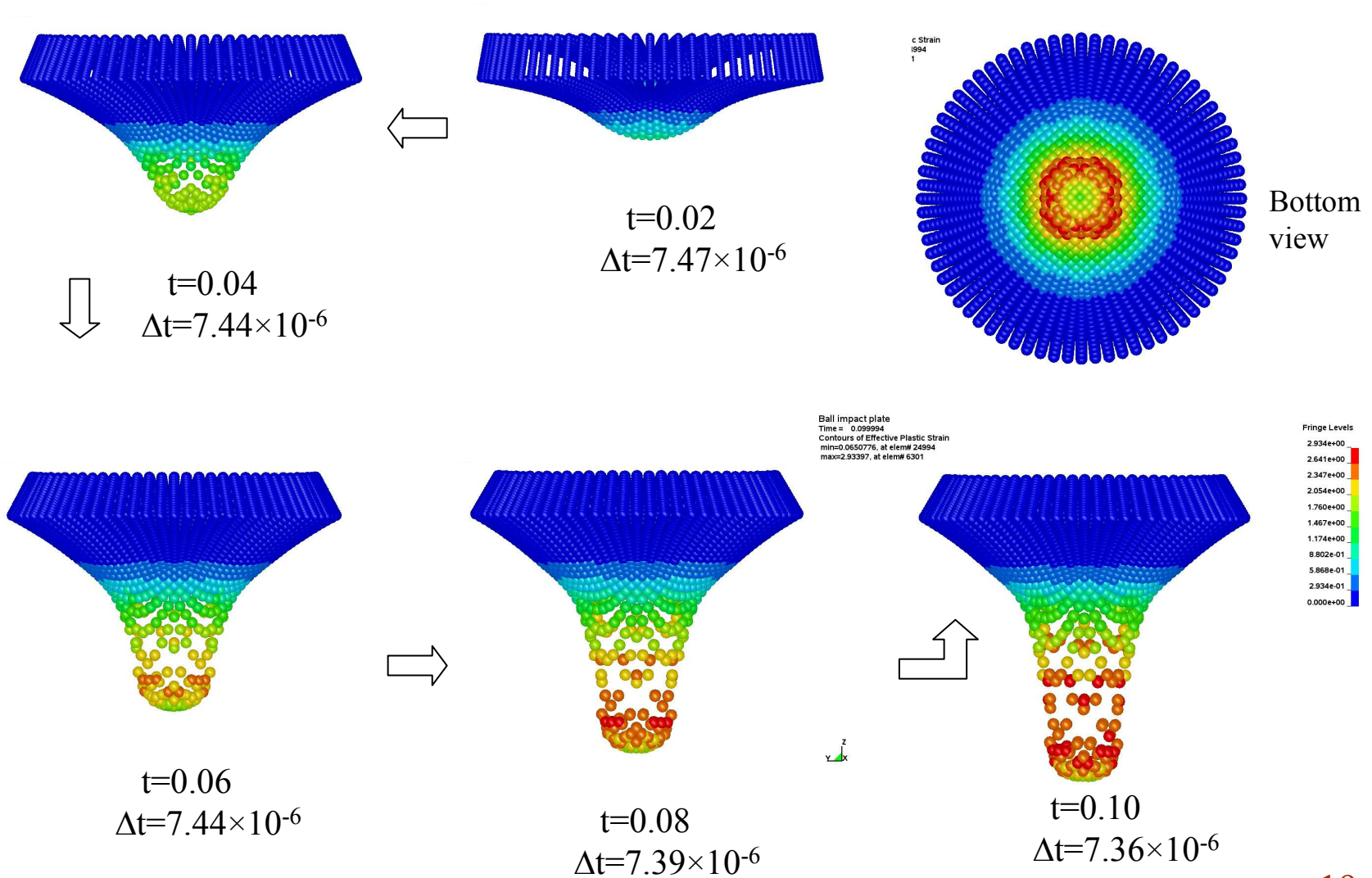
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2.934e-01

0.000e+00



# Plate Impact



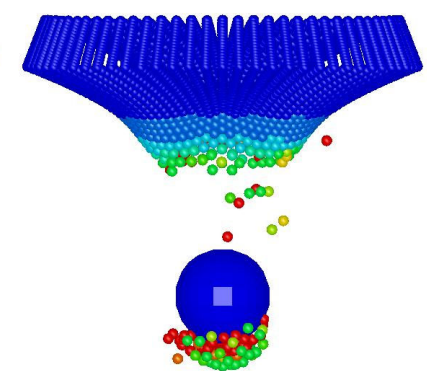
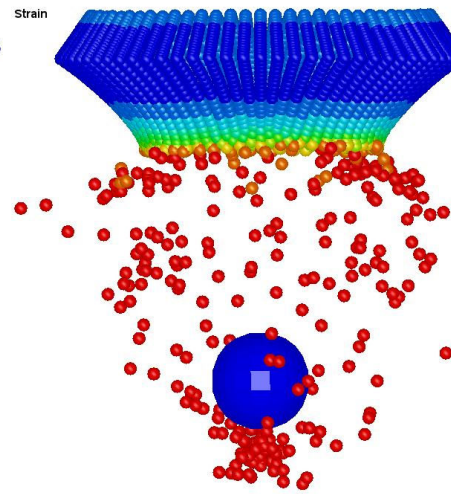
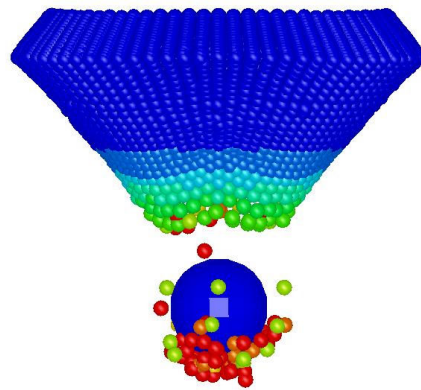
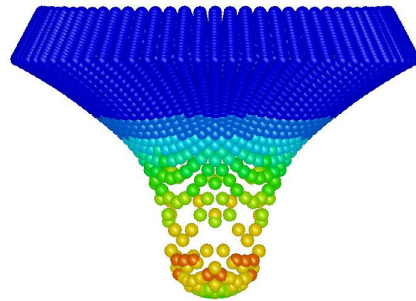
# Effective plastic strain ( $\nu=600$ , $t=0.06$ )

Lagrangian

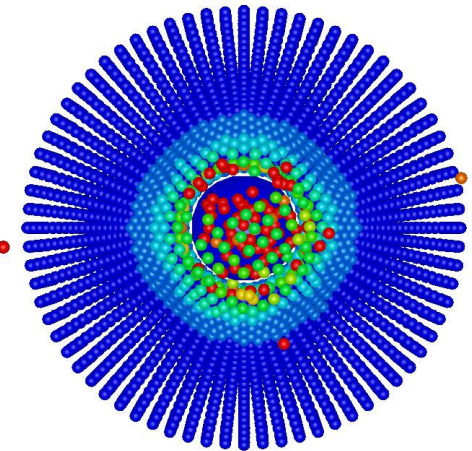
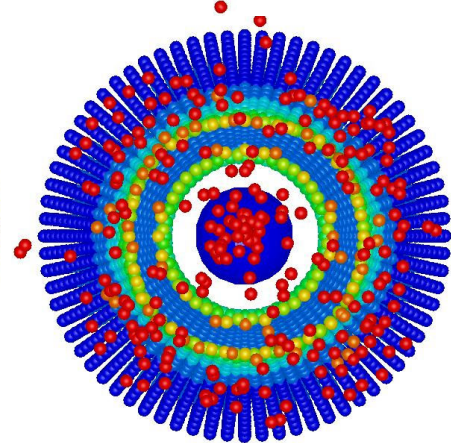
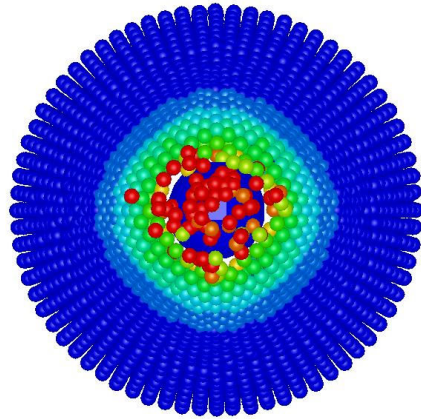
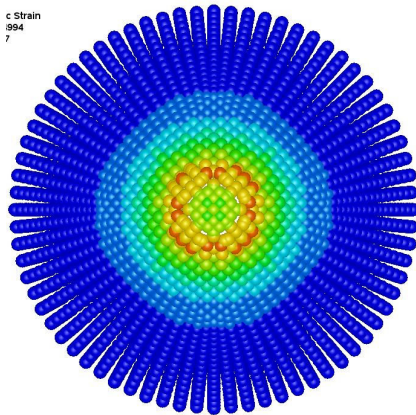
Eulerian

Eulerian CMD

Eulerian PSD



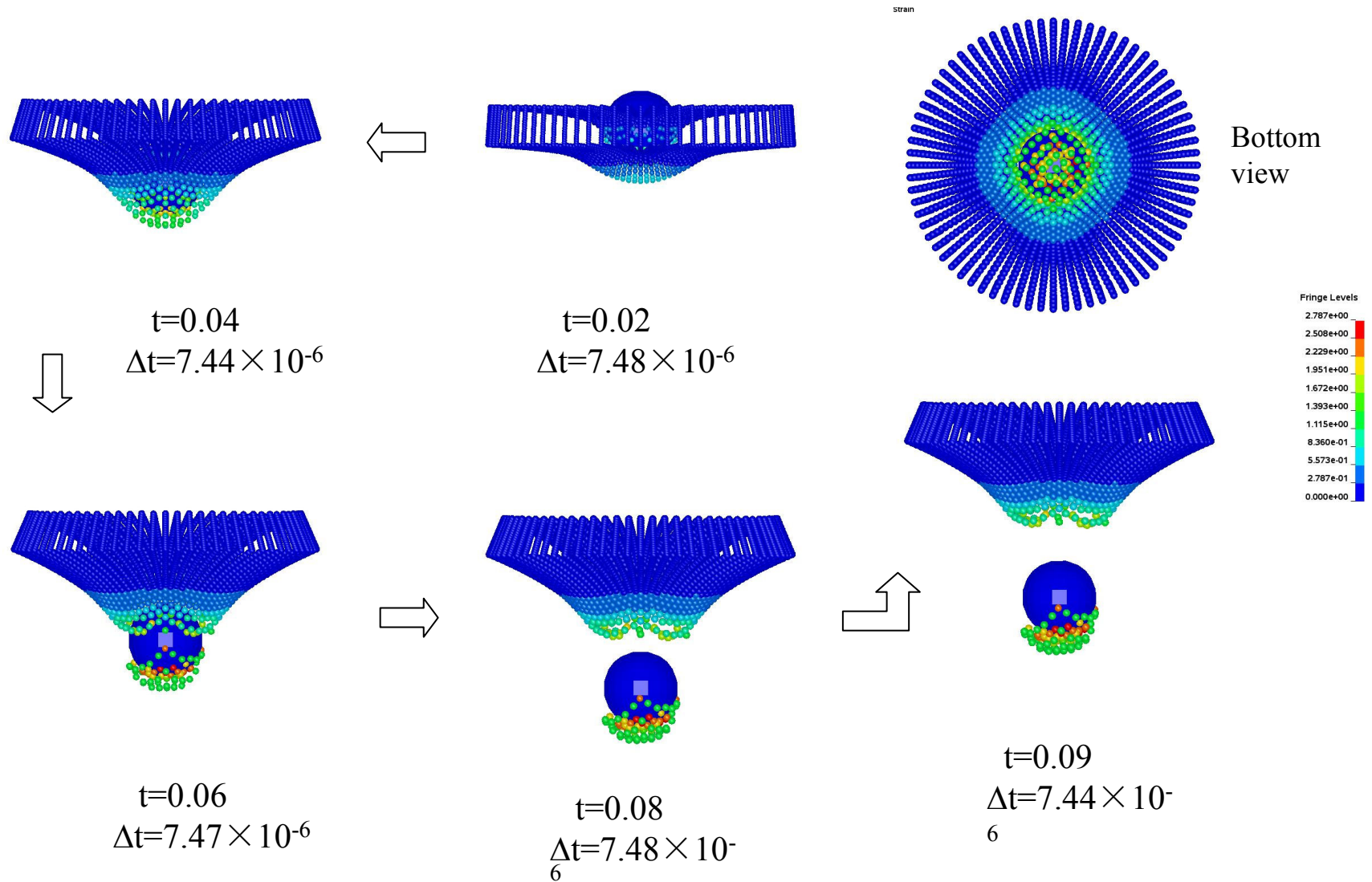
Front view



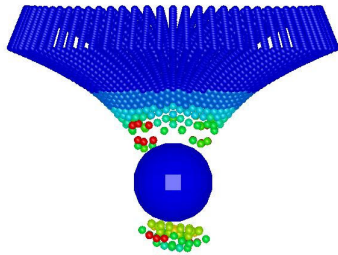
Bottom view

© Strain  
994  
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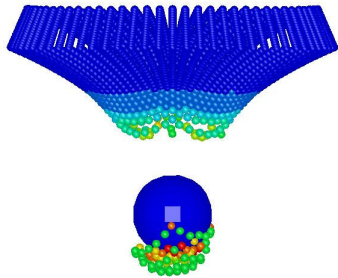
# Progressive effective plastic strain plots with phenomenological strain-based damage ( $\nu=400$ )



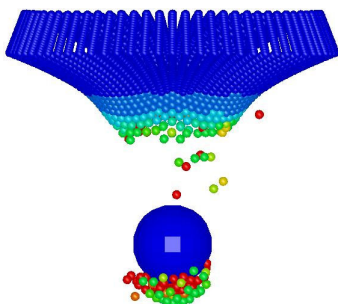
v=300  
t=0.12



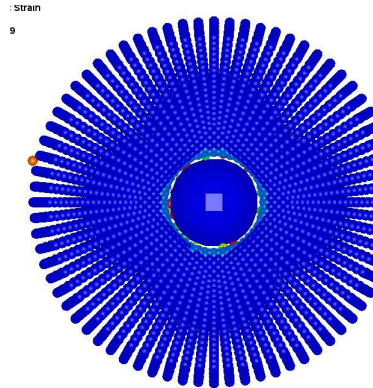
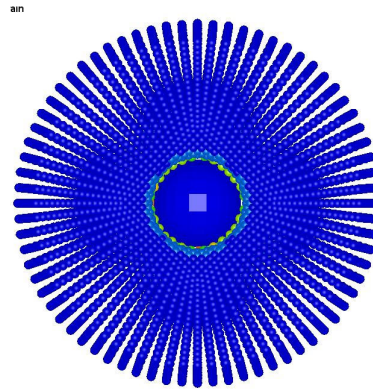
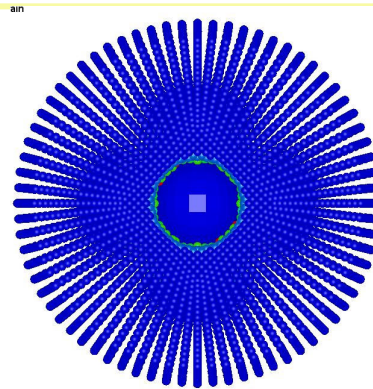
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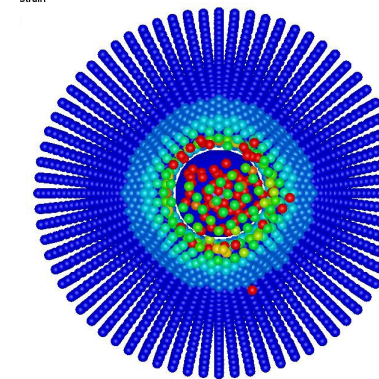
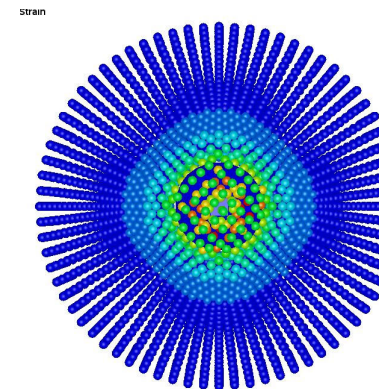
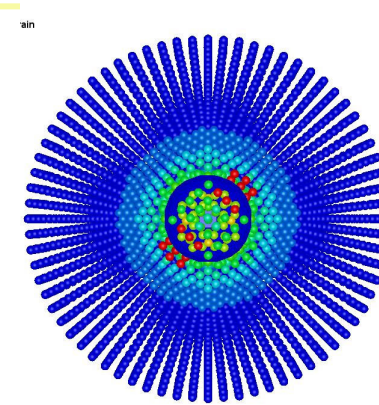
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Front view



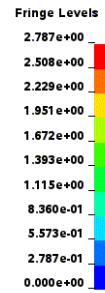
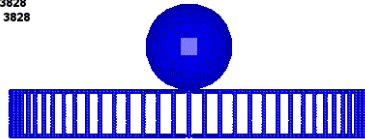
Top view



Bottom view

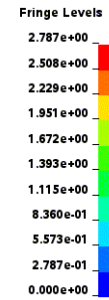
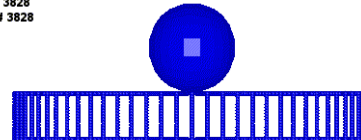


Ball impact plate  
Time = 0  
Contours of Effective Plastic Strain  
min=0, at elem# 3828  
max=0, at elem# 3828



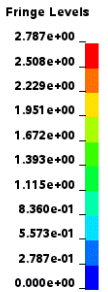
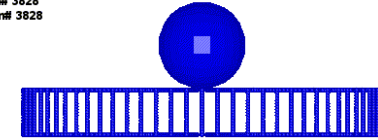
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v=400

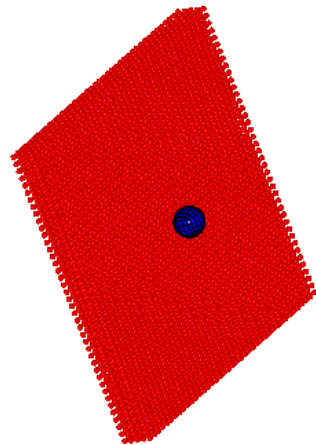
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Contours of Effective Plastic Strain  
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v=600

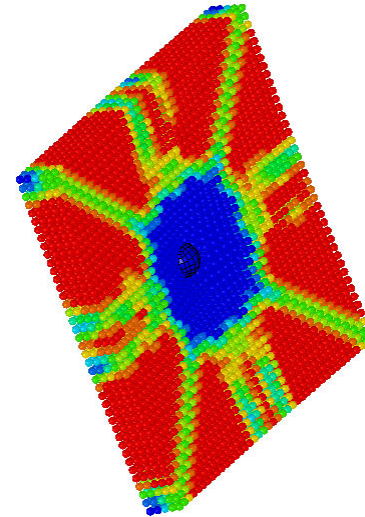
# Plate Impact (Brittle Material)

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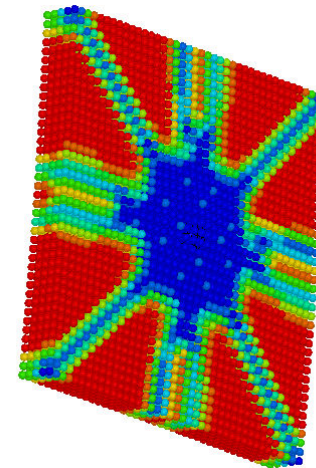


Damage Indicator  
(movie)

Fringe Levels  
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9.000e-01  
8.000e-01  
7.000e-01  
6.000e-01  
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4.000e-01  
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0.000e+00



Front View

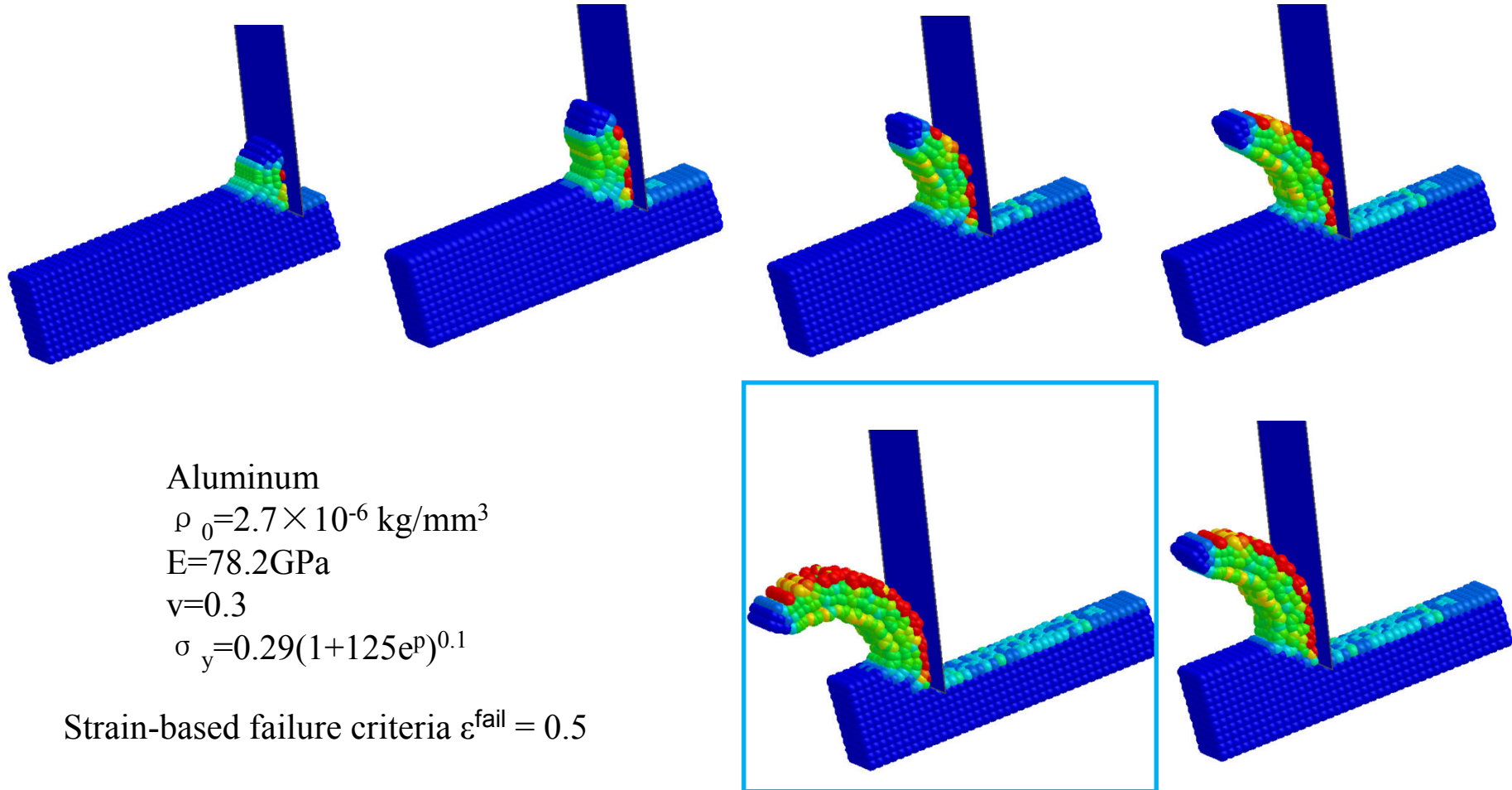


Back View

Final Crack Pattern



# Metal cutting analysis (1)



Aluminum

$$\rho_0 = 2.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg/mm}^3$$

$$E = 78.2 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.3$$

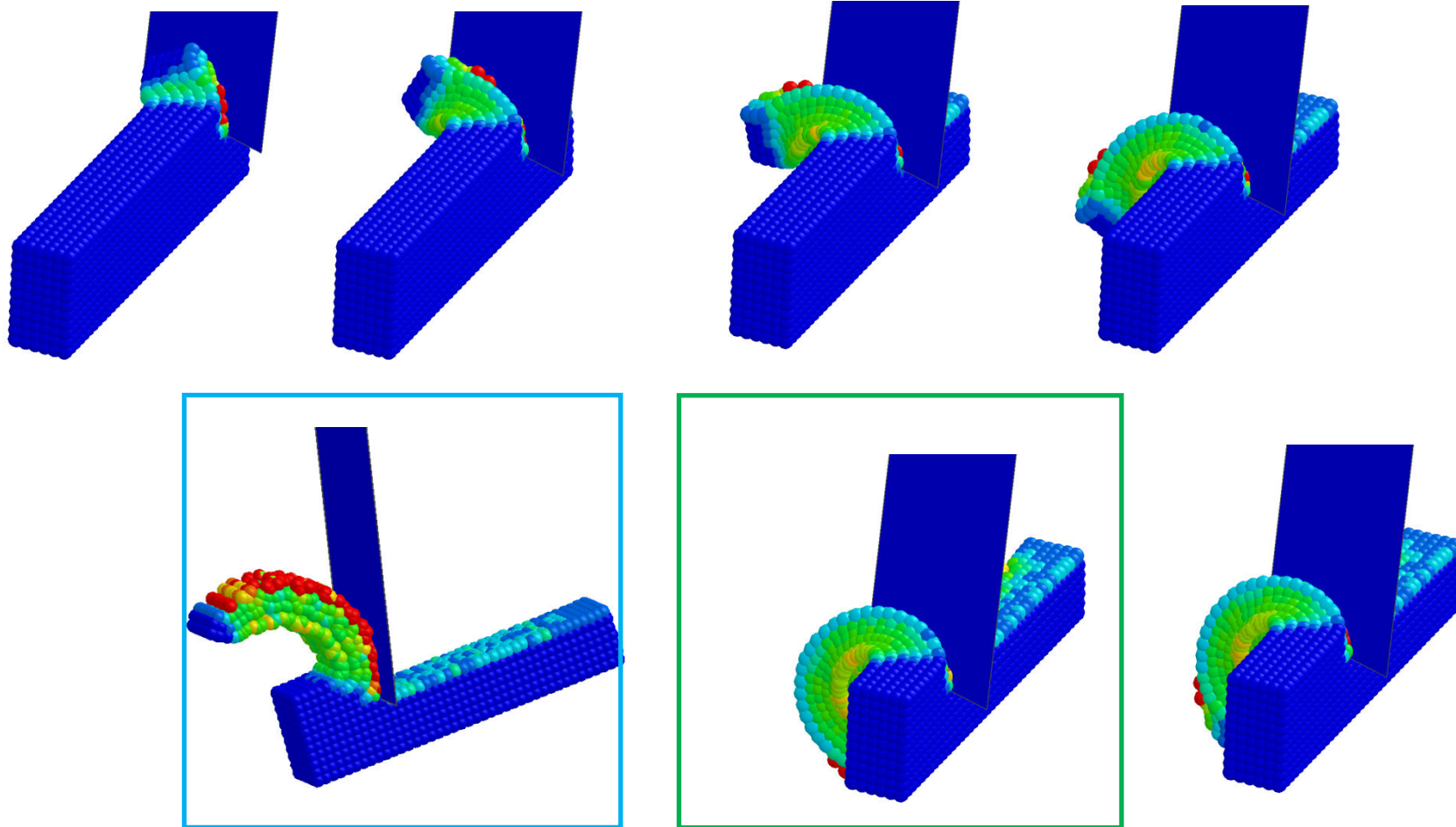
$$\sigma_y = 0.29(1 + 125e^p)^{0.1}$$

Strain-based failure criteria  $\epsilon^{\text{fail}} = 0.5$

Cutting Speed = 10 m/s

$$\text{Fixed } \Delta t = 3.0 \times 10^{-5}$$

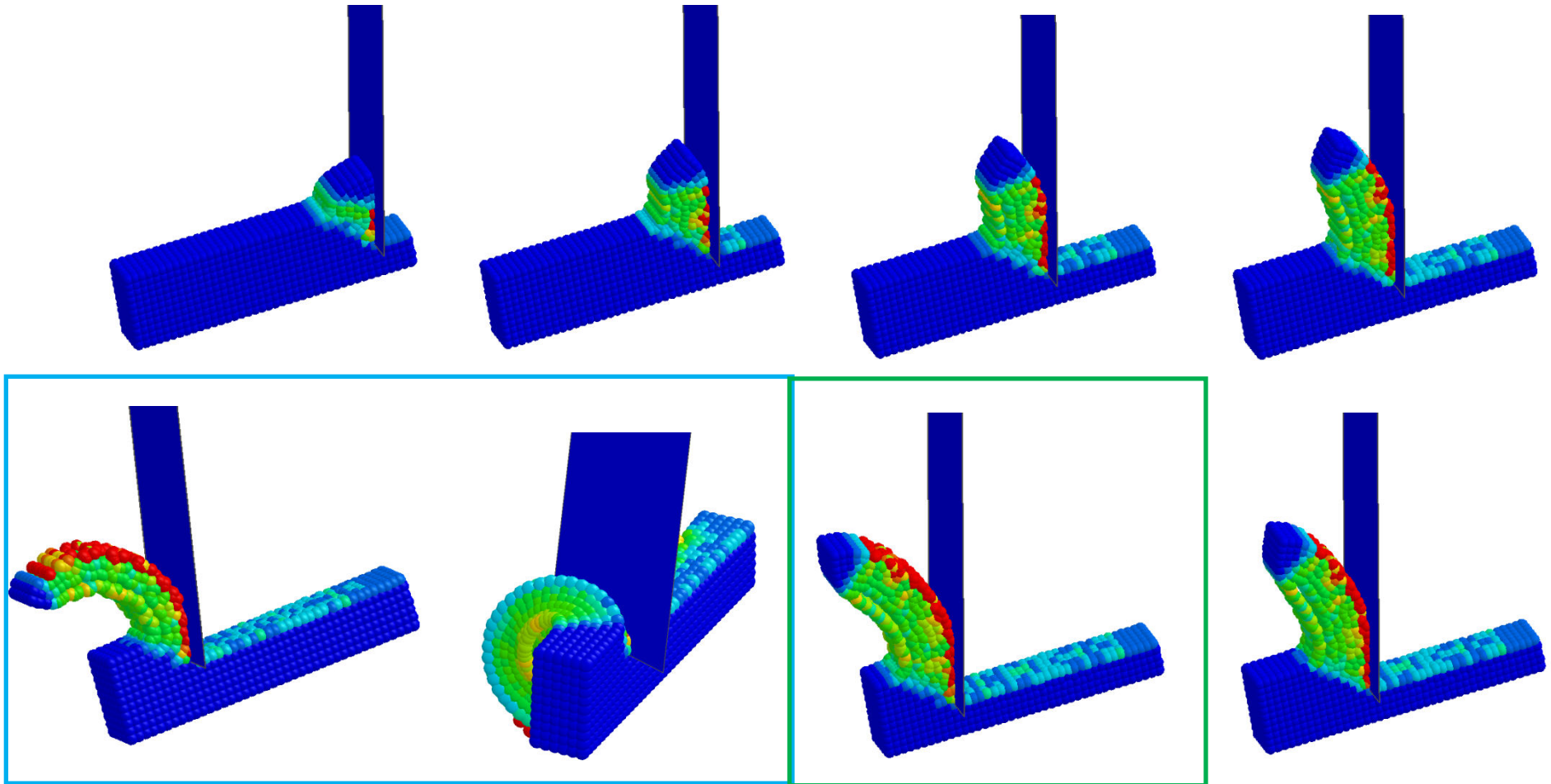
## Metal cutting analysis (2)



Cutting Speed = 10 m/s  
with different cutting  
angle

Fixed  $\Delta t = 3.0 \times 10^{-5}$

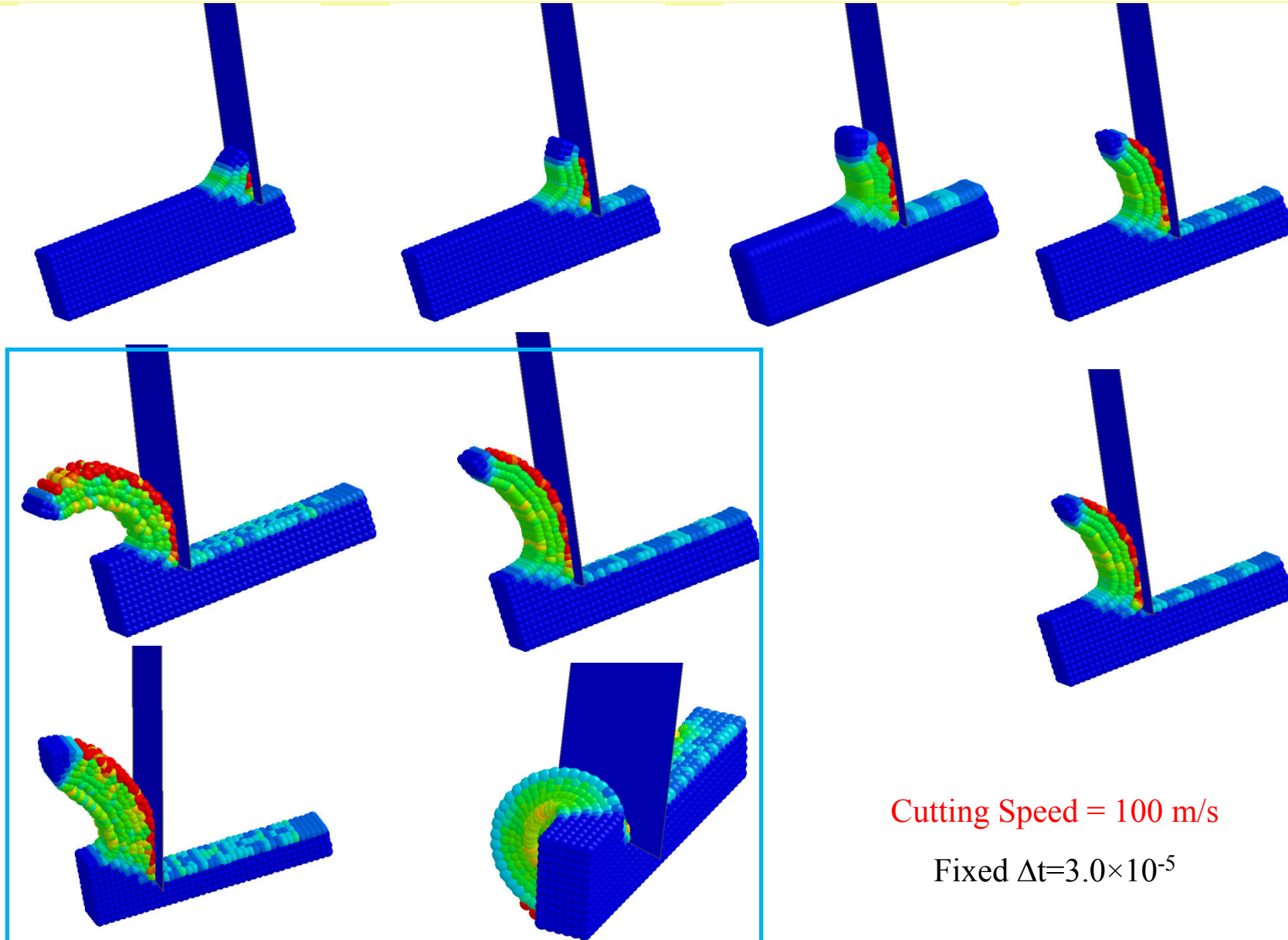
# Metal cutting analysis (3)

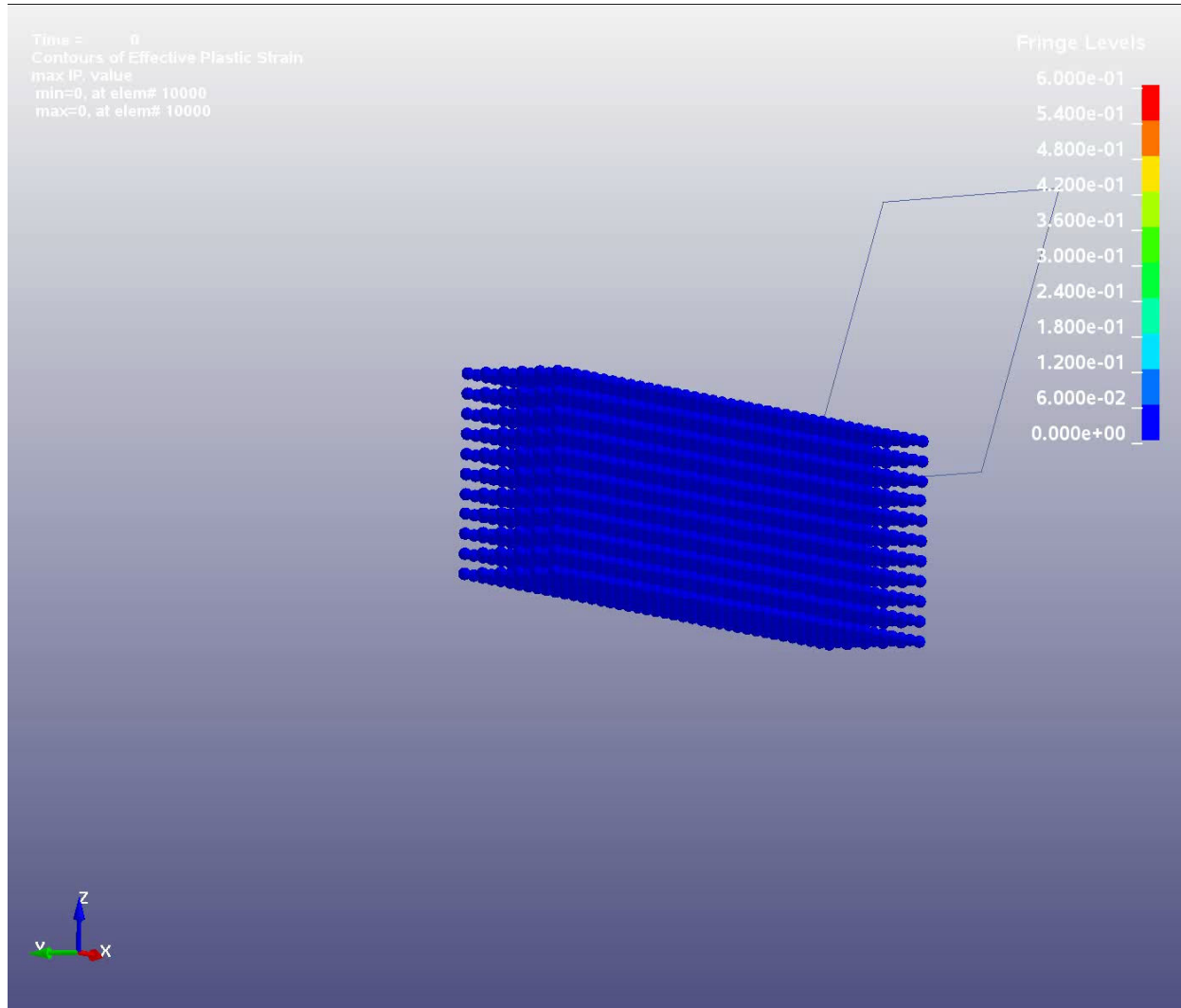


Cutting Speed = 10 m/s  
with different depth

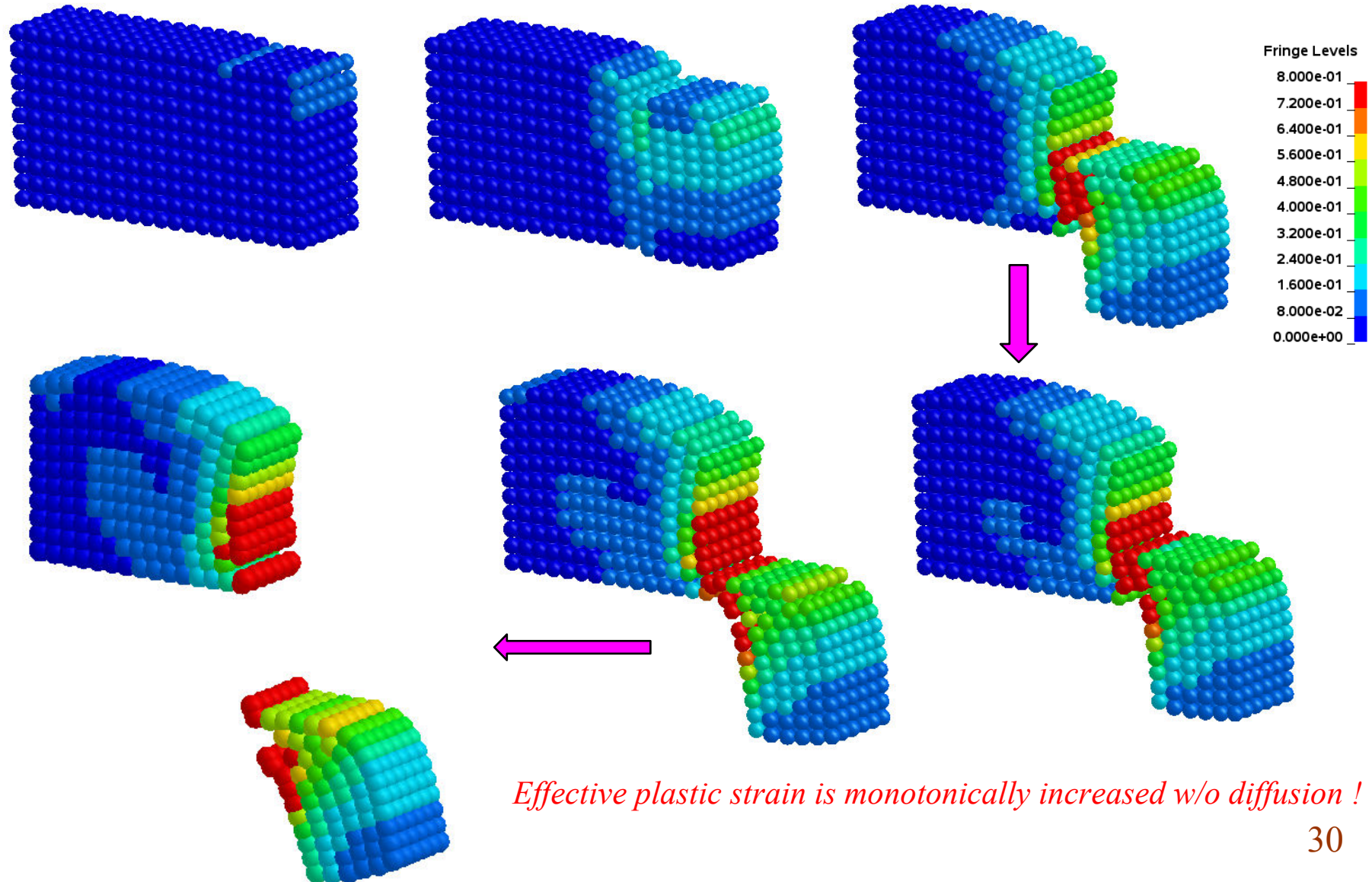
Fixed  $\Delta t = 3.0 \times 10^{-5}$

## Metal cutting analysis (4)





# Metal shearing analysis





# Keyword Input Format

\*SECTION\_SOLID\_SPG

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Variable	SECID	ELFORM	AET					
Type	I	47	I					
Default								

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Type	F	F	F	I	I	F	I	F
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Card3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variable	IDAM	FS	STRETCH					
Type	I	F						
Default	0							

<u>VARIABLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
SECID	Section ID.
ELFORM	Element formulation options. Set to 47 to active SPG method.
DX, DY, DZ	Normalized dilation parameters of the kernel functions in X, Y and Z directions.
ISPLINE	Option for kernel functions. EQ.0: Cubic spline function (default). EQ.1: Quadratic spline function. EQ.2: Cubic spline function with circular shape.
KERNEL	Type of kernel approximation. EQ.0: updated Lagrangian kernel. EQ.1: Eulerian kernel. EQ.2: Semi-Lagrangian kernel. EQ.3: Pseudo-Lagrangian kernel.
LSCALE	Length scale for displacement regularization.
SMSTEP	Interval of time steps to conduct displacement regularization.
SWTIME	Time to switch from updated Lagrangian kernel to Eulerian kernel.
IDAM	Damage option. EQ.0: Continuum damage mechanics (default) EQ.1: Phenomenological strain damage EQ.2: Maximum principal strain damage
FS	Failure strain if IDAM=1; maximum principal strain if IDAM=2
STRETCH	Stretching parameter if IDAM=1



# Conclusions and Future Plans

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1. Smoothed Particle Galerkin (SPG) Method is implemented in LS-DYNA® and a SMP trial version is available.
2. Mathematical and numerical properties have been provided.
3. The method is able to handle severe deformation involving material failure for various solid applications.
4. The application to compressible fluids or fluid-type solids is currently excluded.
5. Official SMP and MPP versions will be released in this year.
6. The extension to adaptive FEM/EFG method will be considered.
7. The switch from FEM to SPG method for severe deformation analysis will be implemented.