

Strong and weak forms of a fully non-conforming FSI algorithm in fast transient dynamics for blast loading of structures

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 - Non-conforming FE
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Computational framework

- **Fast transient** dynamic applications with **FSI** (e.g. **blast loading** of structures, shocks, impacts ...)
- Discretization: FE (structure), FE/FV (fluid)
- **Explicit** time integration
- Lagrangian description of structure
- ALE or Eulerian description of fluid
- Need for **robust and efficient FSI algorithms**

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A possible classification

- Each **FSI algorithm** consists of two parts:
 - A **detection** strategy
 - An **enforcement** strategy
- As concerns FSI detection, we distinguish:
 - **Basic** type (no structural failure, moderate rotations)
 - Conforming F-S meshes
 - Non-conforming F-S meshes
 - **Embedded** type (failure/fragmentation, large rotations)
- As concerns FSI enforcement, one can use:
 - **Strong** enforcement (via constraints on velocities)
 - **Weak** enforcement (via pressure forces / fluxes)

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A possible classification

FSI Algorithm	FSI Detection	Basic	No structural failure, moderate rotations
		Embedded	Structure can fail, arbitrary rotations
	FSI Enforcement	Strong	Constraints on F and S velocities are imposed, e.g. by Lagrange multipliers (implicit)
		Weak	Pressure forces are transmitted from the fluid to the structure and structure motion provides weak feedback on fluid (S=master / F=slave)

A Classification of FSI Algorithms

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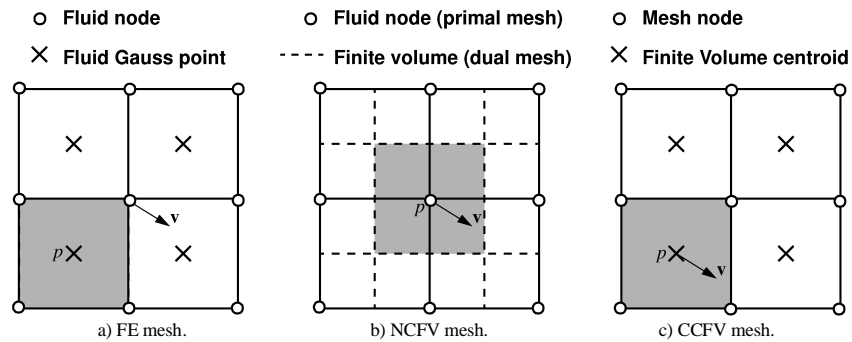
Available FSI Algorithms

FSI Algorithm	Detection Strategy	Spatial Discretization	Enforcement Strategy	Name / command	Use with
	Basic (no structural failure)	Conforming F-S meshes	Strong	FSA	FE, NCFV
			Weak	Merge F-S nodes	CCFV
		Non-conforming F-S meshes	Strong	FSA	FE, NCFV
			Weak	Declare non-matching F-nodes	CCFV
		Embedded (structure can fail) S-mesh is Immersed in the F-mesh	Strong	FLSR	FE, NCFV
			Weak	FLSW	CCFV

A Summary of FSI Algorithms

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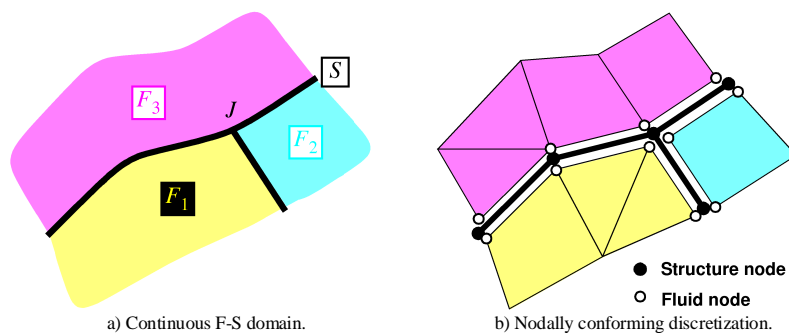
Spatial discretization for the fluid



Both components of FSI algorithms must be adjusted to the chosen type of spatial discretization

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Basic FSI algorithms

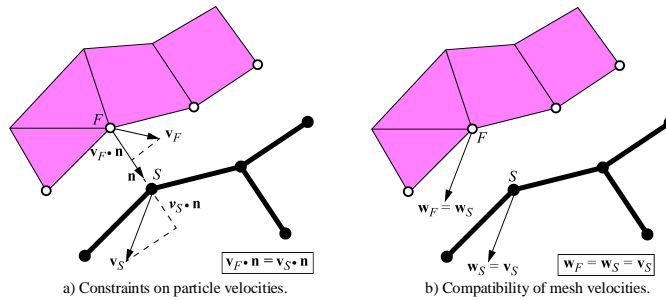


Sample FSI problem and its **conforming** discretization

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Strong approach

- Enforcement occurs via **constraints on velocities**
- These are imposed **strongly** via **Lagrange multipliers**
- **Implicit** treatment together with any other b.c.s

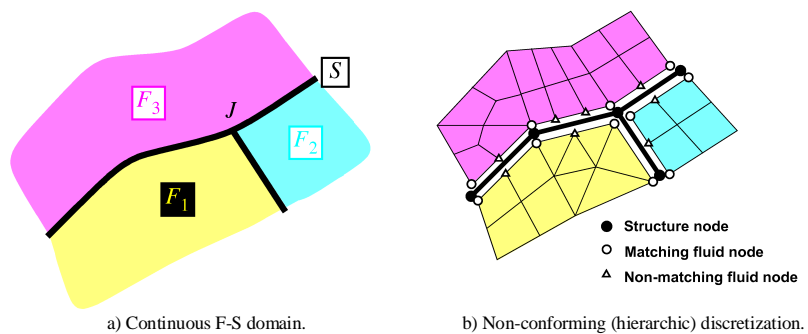


The **FSA**¹ algorithm for a conforming mesh

[1] F. Casadei, J. P. Halleux, An algorithm for permanent fluid-structure interaction in explicit transient dynamics. *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, **128**/3-4, 231-289, 1995.

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Basic FSI algorithms – Non-conforming

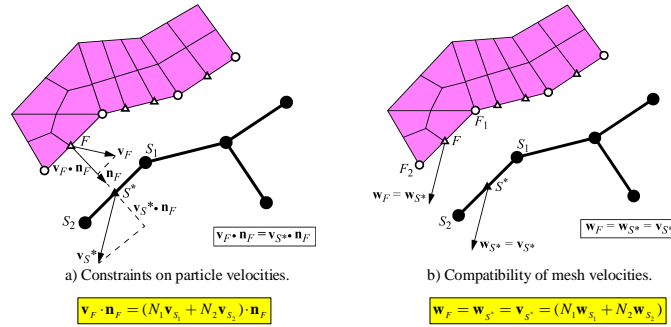


Sample FSI problem and its **non-conforming** discretization

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Strong approach – Non-conforming

- Constraints are enforced both at **matching** and at **non-matching nodes**



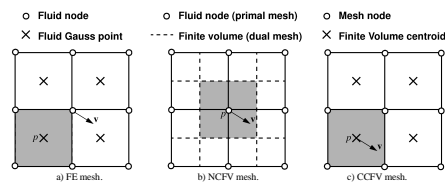
The **FSA**² algorithm for a non-conforming mesh

[2] F. Casadei, S. Potapov, Permanent fluid-structure interaction with non-conforming interfaces in fast transient dynamics. *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, **193**/39-41, 4157-4194, 2004.

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Application to NCFV

- The same **FSA** algorithms (**strong** approach via Lagrange multipliers) can also be applied in a NCFV context, because velocities are discretized at nodes
- In this case the constraint is even “stronger”, since the fluid velocity represents the (average) velocity over the entire FV, not a local value like in FE



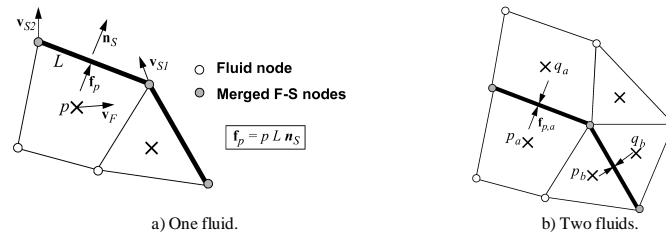
The **FSA**³ algorithm for a NCFV fluid discretization

[3] A. Soria, F. Casadei, Arbitrary Lagrangian-Eulerian multicomponent compressible flow with fluid-structure interaction. *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Fluids*, **25**, 1263-1284, 1997.

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Weak approach

- Seems natural choice for **CCFV** (velocities at centres)
- Fluid **pressure force** is transmitted to the structure
- **Zero numerical fluxes** at the F-S interface
- Structure motion provides (weak) feedback on fluid

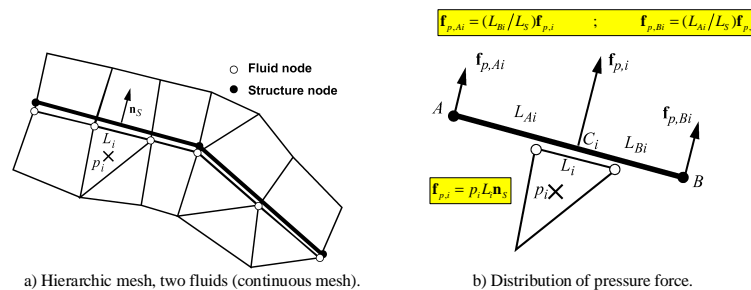


Weak coupling for a **conforming** F-S mesh (**merged** nodes)

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Weak approach – Non-conforming

- **Matching** nodes can be **merged or not** (irrelevant)
- **Non-matching** nodes are also present

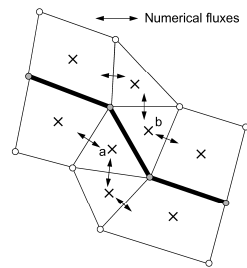


Weak coupling for a **non-conforming** F-S mesh

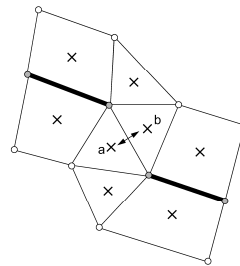
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Structural failure and CCFV

- **CCFV** (velocities at centres) facilitates treatment of structural **failure**
- No fluxes across a solid structure
- Fluxes are activated when structure fails and is **eroded**
- Limitations : mesh entanglement with large rotations



Structure **holds** : no flux between a and b



Structure **fails** locally : flux is activated between a and b

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Comparison strong / weak

Strong approach

- Most natural with **FE** (velocities at nodes).
- **Exact** enforcement of velocity constraints
- **No** master / slave

Weak approach

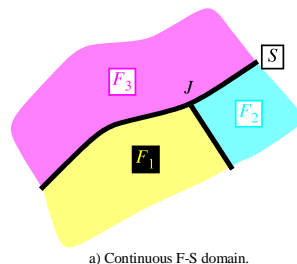
- Most natural with **CCFV** (velocities at centroids).
- Structure acts as **master**, fluid as **slave**
- Only **weak** feed-back

- **NCFV** (velocities at nodes, but average on volume) lie somewhat in between
- **Both** strong and weak approaches seem natural

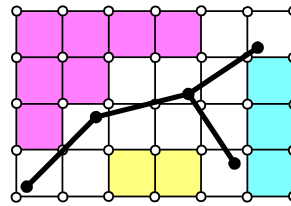
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Embedded FSI algorithms

- Structure is discretized **independently** from fluid and its mesh is **embedded** (or immersed) in the fluid mesh
- Fluid can be Eulerian, with regular mesh : no mesh entanglement for large structure **rotations**
- Treatment of structural **failure** is greatly facilitated
- Less accurate : (locally) **fine** fluid mesh is needed



a) Continuous F-S domain.



b) Structure mesh embedded in the fluid.

Sample FSI problem and its **embedded** discretization

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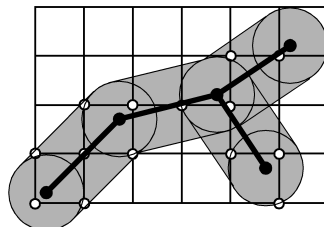
Strong embedded approach

- Detection via **influence domain** around structure
- **Fast** search of **coupled fluid nodes**
- Strong coupling with **closest** structure **point**

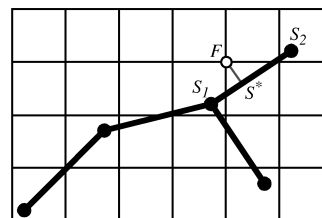
$$\mathbf{v}_f \cdot \mathbf{n}_s = \mathbf{v}_s \cdot \mathbf{n}_s = (N_1 \mathbf{v}_{s_1} + N_2 \mathbf{v}_{s_2}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_s$$

or more simply :

$$\mathbf{v}_f = \mathbf{v}_s = N_1 \mathbf{v}_{s_1} + N_2 \mathbf{v}_{s_2}$$



a) Influence domain (shaded) of the structure.



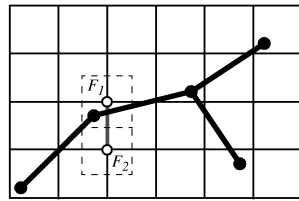
b) F-S coupling.

The **FLSR** embedded algorithm with a **strong** approach

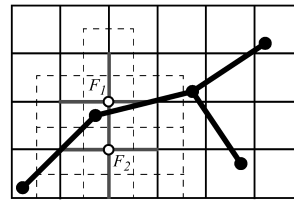
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Application to NCFV

- The **FLSR** embedded algorithm can be applied also to **NCFV**. However, **spurious** fluid passage across solid structure (**leakage**) is observed (**not** with **FE!**)
- Necessary to **block numerical fluxes** between volumes **close** to the structure (various possible strategies)



a) NCFV flux blockage (thick shaded line).

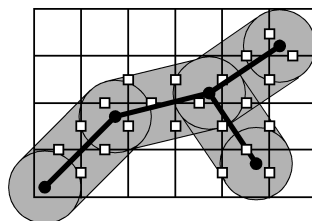


b) More restrictive flux blockage.

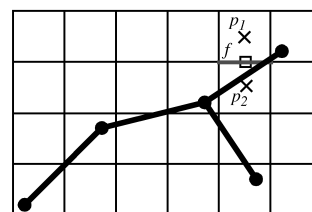
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Weak embedded approach

- Detection via **influence domain** around structure (= FLSR)
- Fast search of coupled fluid **faces** (**for CCFV**)
- Weak coupling : pressure force to **closest** structure **point**
- Necessary to **block numerical fluxes** (= NCFV)



a) CCFV faces in the influence domain.



b) Pressure drop force calculation.

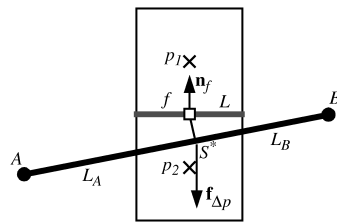
The **FLSW** embedded algorithm with a **weak** approach

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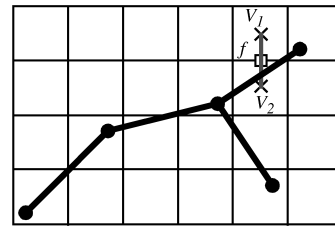
Weak embedded approach (2)

$$\mathbf{f}_{\Delta p} = (p_1 - p_2) L \mathbf{n}_f$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{\Delta p, A} = (L_B / L_3) \mathbf{f}_{\Delta p} \quad ; \quad \mathbf{f}_{\Delta p, B} = (L_A / L_3) \mathbf{f}_{\Delta p}$$



a) F-S coupling force.

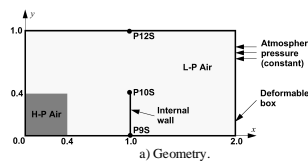


b) CCFV flux blockage (thick shaded line).

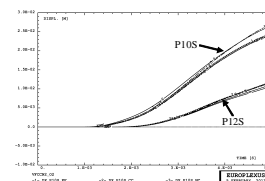
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Explosion in a metallic box

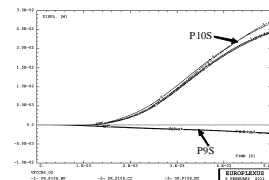
- Fluid mesh 4 times finer than structure
- **FE, NCFV, CCFV.**
- **Basic** (non-conforming) or **embedded**
- 3 x 2 = 6 solutions
- Structure motion is ~ 1 fluid element



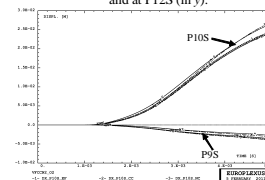
a) Geometry.



b) Structure displacements at P10S (in x) and at P12S (in y).



c) Structure displacements at P10S (in x) and at P9S (in x).

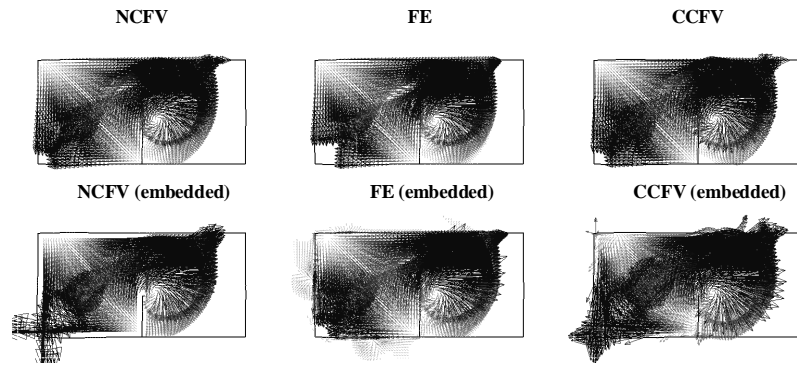


d) Structure displacements at P10S (in x) and at P9S (in y).

Goal : compare **all** algorithms in case with large strains but **moderate rotation** and **no structural failure**

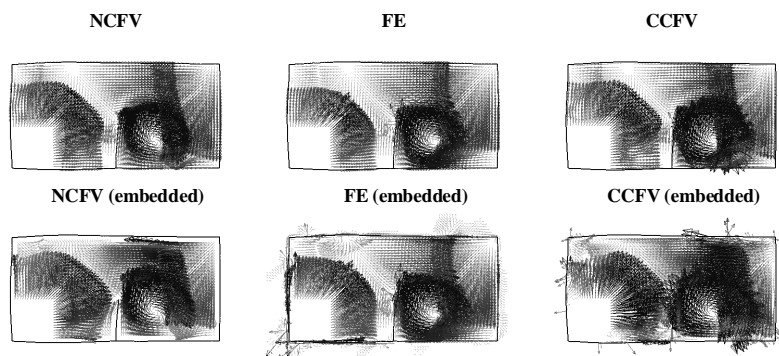
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Fluid velocity at 2.5 ms



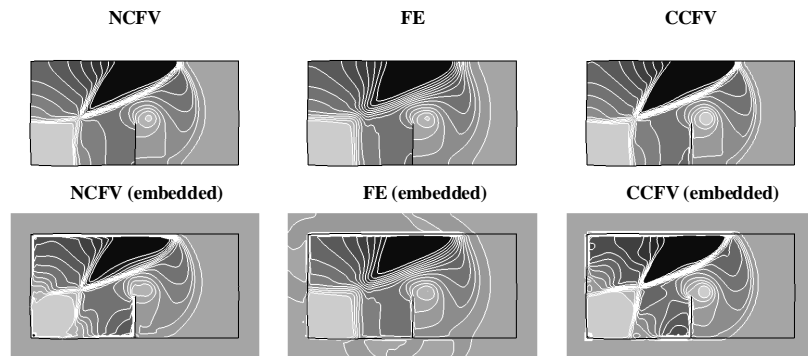
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Fluid velocity at 5.0 ms



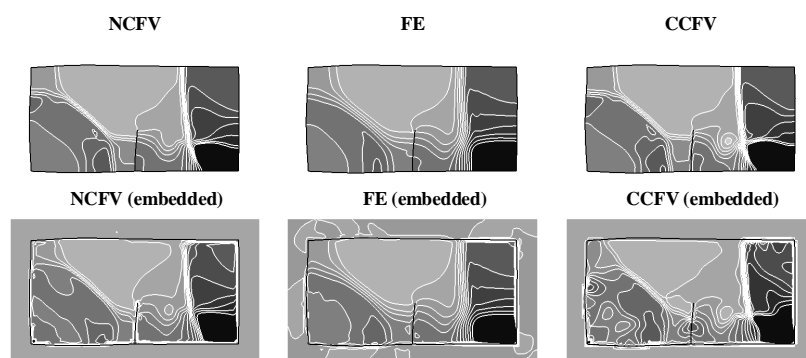
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Fluid pressure at 2.5 ms



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Fluid pressure at 5.0 ms

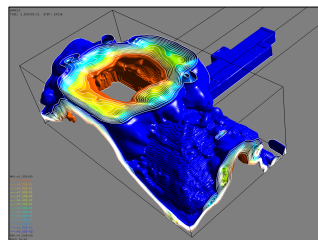


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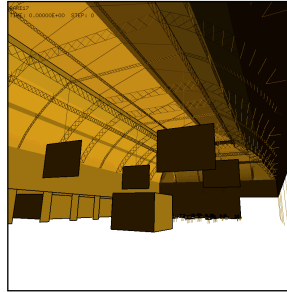
Blast effects in a railway station



Historical building

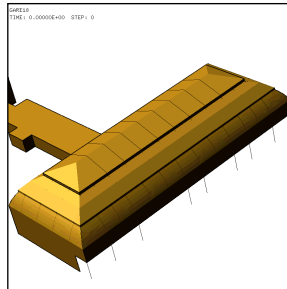


Risk map



Model,
internal

4.5 M FE
(98% fluid)
with FLSR



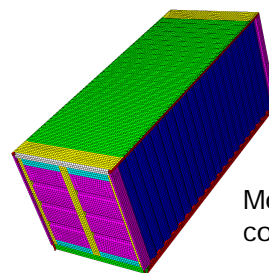
Model,
external

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Blast on ISO container (Courtesy NTNU)



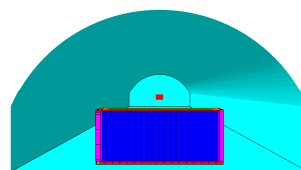
Blast test in tunnel



Model of
container

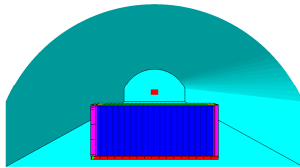


Simulation (applied pressure)

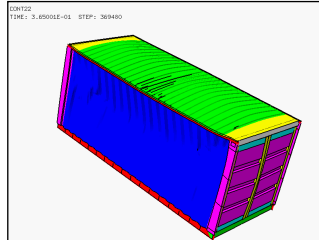


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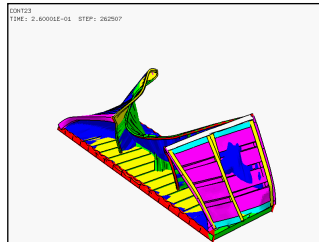
Predictive simulations require FSI



Model of container in tunnel



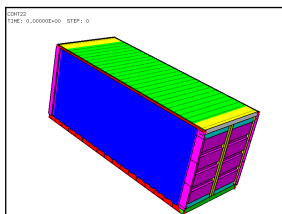
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FE + FLNR



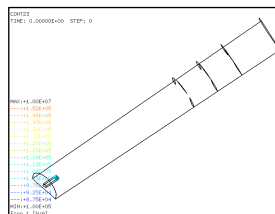
Load case 2:
CCFV + FLSW

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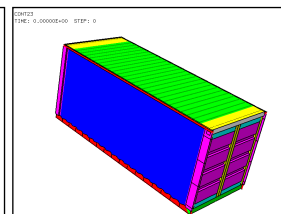
Container simulations with FSI



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Load case 2:
CCFV + FLSW



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