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A VMS-stabilized mixed formulation for non-linear
incompressible solid mechanics problems using the implicit
Material Point Method

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Motivation

The climatic change is one of the main causes of **water-related extreme events**.



Figure: Landslide in Wenchuan area of China (left) and bridge failed during Washington floods (right)

In recent years, **Material Point Method (MPM)** receive attention in geotechnical engineering.

Goal of the work

The development of a stabilized formulation for incompressible materials in the **MPM framework**. In particular:

- ① **Incompressible solid mechanics in mixed formulation** for simulating large deformation regimes and
- ② **Newtonian law** for a linearized displacement-based formulation.

All implementations are performed using **KRATOS Multiphysics**, an open source and high performance simulation software.

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Why using the Material Point Method (MPM)?

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FEM

✗ Large deformation regimes.

Discrete approaches

✗ Large scale problems.

✗ Complex material laws.

The Material Point Method

✓ Large deformation problems

✓ Free surface evolution

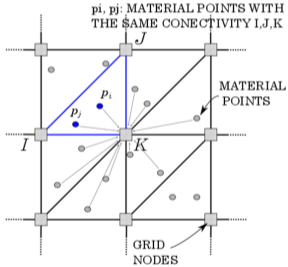
✓ Mass conservation.

✓ Complex material laws.

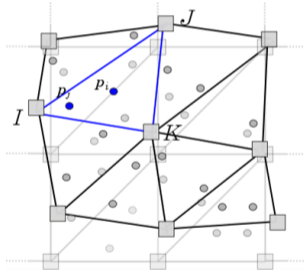
MPM is a particle-in-cell (PIC) method which takes advantage of all the potential and the well-established knowledge reached in **FE technology**.

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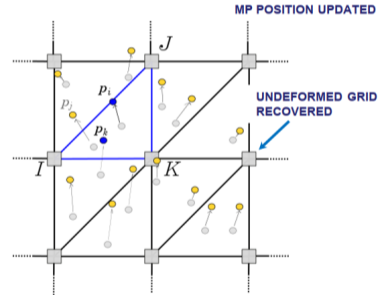
- 1 A background grid (fixed) used for the FEM solution system.
- 2 A collection of Material Points (MP) (Lagrangian).



Stage 1. Initialization



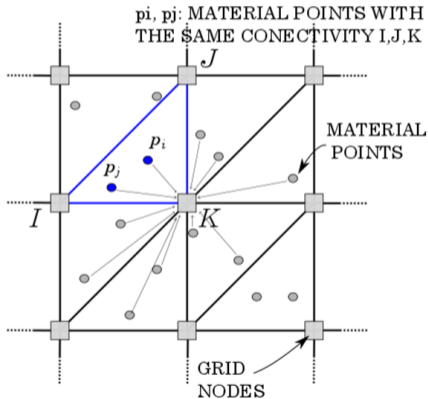
Stage 2. Calculation



Stage 3. Convection

Stage 1. Initialization phase

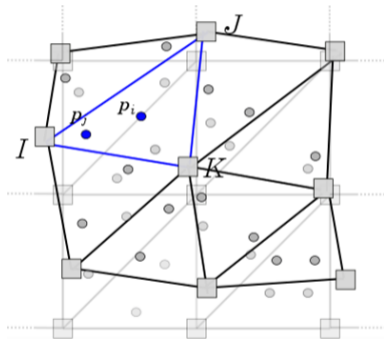
Definition of the initial conditions on the FE grid's nodes.



- 1 Extrapolation on the nodes.
- 2 Prediction of nodal displacement, velocity and acceleration.

Stage 2. Calculation phase

Update Lagrangian-FEM solution on the nodes of the background grid.



Ω : Initial configuration.

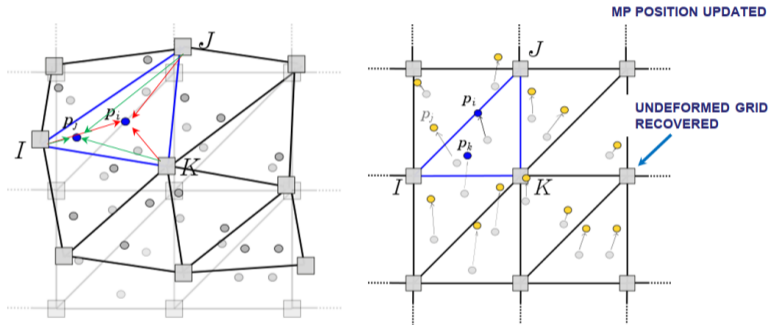
$\varphi(\Omega)$: Current configuration.

The FE traditional steps:

- 1 **Construction** of the elemental system. System is evaluated in the current configuration.
- 2 **Assembling** of the elemental system.
- 3 **Solving** the system.

Stage 3. Convective phase

Information is interpolated and stored on the particles which are moved on the calculated positions.



- 1 Nodal information is interpolated back onto the material points.
- 2 MP position is updated.
- 3 The undeformed FE grid is recovered.
- 4 The material points connectivities are updated.

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Mixed formulation u-p for hyperelastic materials

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A standard Galerkin displacement-based formulation fails when Poisson's ratio $\nu \rightarrow 0.5$ ($\kappa \rightarrow \infty$) or when the plastic flow is constrained by the volume conservation condition.

Updated Lagrangian Formulation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \rho \mathbf{b} \quad \text{in } \varphi(\Omega)(t), \\ \frac{p}{\kappa} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{J}\right) = 0 \quad \text{in } \varphi(\Omega)(t), \\ \mathbf{u} = \bar{\mathbf{u}} \quad \text{on } \varphi(\partial\Omega_D)(t), \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \bar{\mathbf{t}} \quad \text{on } \varphi(\partial\Omega_N)(t), \end{array} \right.$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{dev}} + p\mathbf{I}$$

Cauchy stress tensor

Hyperelasticity

$$\mathbf{S} = 2 \frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{C})}{\partial \mathbf{C}} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{1}{J} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{F}^T.$$

$$\mathbf{S} := 2 \frac{\partial \Psi_{\text{dev}}}{\partial \mathbf{C}} + \frac{d\Psi_{\text{vol}}}{dJ} J \mathbf{C}^{-1}$$

- Deviatoric model: Neo-Hookean
- Volumetric model: Miehe et al.

$$\frac{\partial \Psi_{\text{vol}}(J)}{\partial J} = \kappa \left(1 - \frac{1}{J}\right)$$

Mixed formulation for an incompressible Newtonian fluid material

It is a displacement-based formulation, and it is assumed finite strains.

Updated Lagrangian Formulation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \rho \mathbf{b} \quad \text{in } \varphi(\Omega)(t), \\ 1 - \frac{1}{J} = 0 \quad \text{in } \varphi(\Omega)(t), \\ \mathbf{u} = \bar{\mathbf{u}} \quad \text{on } \varphi(\partial\Omega_D)(t), \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \bar{\mathbf{t}} \quad \text{on } \varphi(\partial\Omega_N)(t), \end{array} \right.$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \underbrace{2\mu \nabla^S \mathbf{v}}_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{dev}}(\mathbf{u})} + p \mathbf{I}$$

Cauchy stress tensor

Incompressible Newtonian fluid material

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{1}{J} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{F}^T$$

$$\mathbf{S} := J \left(\mu \mathbf{C}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{C}} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \right) + p J \mathbf{C}^{-1}$$

where

$$\dot{\mathbf{C}} = \frac{D\mathbf{C}}{Dt} = 2\mathbf{F}^T \nabla^S \mathbf{v} \mathbf{F}; \quad \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F}$$

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Variational form

The weak form problem consists in finding $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}, p] :]0, T[\rightarrow \mathcal{W}$, such that the initial conditions are satisfied and for all $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{w}, q] \in \mathcal{W}_0$,

$$(\mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{U}), \mathbf{V}) + B(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{V})$$

where:

$$(\mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{U}), \mathbf{V}) = \left(\rho \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2}, \mathbf{w} \right)$$

$$B(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) = (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{dev}}(\mathbf{u}), \nabla^s \mathbf{w}) + (p\mathbf{l}, \nabla^s \mathbf{w}) + \left(\frac{p}{\kappa}, q \right) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{J}, q \right)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{V}) = \langle \rho \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \langle \bar{\mathbf{t}}, \mathbf{w} \rangle_{\varphi(\partial\Omega_N)}$$

Linearization

- Newton-Raphson's iterative procedure. B must allow to compute a correction $\delta \mathbf{U} = [\delta \mathbf{u}, \delta p]$.
 $\mathbf{U} = \delta \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{U}^*$.

$$(\mathcal{D}_t(\delta \mathbf{U}), \mathbf{V}) + B_d(\delta \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{V}) - (\mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{U}^*), \mathbf{V}) - B(\mathbf{U}^*, \mathbf{V})$$

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Spatial discretization of the linearized form.

Galerkin finite element approximation. It consists in finding $\delta \mathbf{U}_h \in \mathcal{W}_{h,0}$ such that:

$$\underbrace{(\mathcal{D}_t(\delta \mathbf{U}_h), \mathbf{V}_h)}_{\text{Temporal terms}} + \underbrace{B_d(\delta \mathbf{U}_h, \mathbf{V}_h)}_{\text{bilinear form}} = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{V}_h) - (\mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{U}_h^*), \mathbf{V}_h) - B(\mathbf{U}_h^*, \mathbf{V}_h)$$

for all $\mathbf{V}_h \in \mathcal{W}_{h,0}$. To discretise the continuum body \mathcal{B} by a set of n_p material points and Ω_p a finite volume of the body to each of those material points.

$$\mathcal{B} \approx \mathcal{B}_h = \bigcup_{p=1}^{n_p} \Omega_p.$$

Time discretization

Monolithic time discretization using a Newmark scheme.

Stabilization technique: Variational Multi-Scale (VMS) Methods

- **Objective:** to approximate the components of the continuous problem solution that cannot be resolved by the finite element mesh.
- Unknown splitting: $\delta \mathbf{U} = \underbrace{\delta \mathbf{U}_h}_{\in \mathcal{W}_{h,0}} + \underbrace{\tilde{\mathbf{U}}}_{\in \tilde{\mathcal{W}}}$ and $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_{h,0} \oplus \tilde{\mathcal{W}}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{(\mathcal{D}_t(\delta \mathbf{U}_h), \mathbf{V}_h) + B_d(\delta \mathbf{U}_h, \mathbf{V}_h)}_{\text{Galerkin terms}} + \underbrace{\langle \mathcal{D}_t(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}), \mathbf{V}_h \rangle + \sum_K \langle \tilde{\mathbf{U}}, \overbrace{\mathcal{L}_d^*(\mathbf{u}_h; \mathbf{V}_h)}^{\text{adjoint operator of } \mathcal{L}_d} \rangle_K}_{\text{Stabilization terms}} \\
 & = \underbrace{\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{V}_h) - B(\mathbf{U}_h^*, \mathbf{V}_h) - (\mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{U}_h^*), \mathbf{V}_h)}_{\text{Galerkin terms}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{U}}}{\partial t} + \tau^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \underbrace{[\tilde{\mathcal{F}} - \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{U}_h^*) - \mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{U}_h^*) - \mathcal{D}_t(\delta \mathbf{U}_h) - \mathcal{L}_d(\delta \mathbf{U}_h)]}_{\text{Residual from the linearization}}$$

Sub-grid scale

Final expression for linear elements

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{(\mathcal{D}_t(\delta \mathbf{U}_h), \mathbf{V}_h) + B_d(\delta \mathbf{U}_h, \mathbf{V}_h)}_{\text{Galerkin terms}} + \underbrace{S_1(\mathbf{U}_h^*; \delta \mathbf{U}_h, \mathbf{V}_h) + S_2(\mathbf{U}_h^*; \delta \mathbf{U}_h, \mathbf{V}_h)}_{\text{Stabilization terms}} \\
 & = \underbrace{\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{V}_h) - B(\mathbf{U}_h^*, \mathbf{V}_h) - (\mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{U}_h^*), \mathbf{V}_h)}_{\text{Galerkin terms}} + \underbrace{R_1(\mathbf{U}_h^*, \mathbf{V}_h) + R_2(\mathbf{U}_h^*, \mathbf{V}_h)}_{\text{Stabilization terms}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$S_1(\mathbf{U}_h^*; \delta \mathbf{U}_h, \mathbf{V}_h) =$$

$$\sum_K \tau_1 \left\langle \tilde{P} \left[-\rho \frac{\partial^2 \delta \mathbf{u}_h}{\partial t^2} + (\nabla \delta \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \nabla p_h^*) + (\nabla \cdot p_h^* (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbb{I}) : \nabla^s \delta \mathbf{u}_h) + \nabla \delta p_h \right], \right. \\
 \left. - (\nabla \mathbf{w}_h \cdot \nabla p_h^*) - (\nabla^s \mathbf{w}_h : \nabla \cdot p_h^* (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbb{I})) - f(J(\mathbf{u}_h^*)) \nabla q_h \right\rangle_K$$

$$S_2(\mathbf{U}_h^*; \delta \mathbf{U}_h, \mathbf{V}_h) = \sum_K \tau_2 \left\langle \tilde{P} \left[-\frac{\delta p_h}{\kappa} + f(J(\mathbf{u}_h^*)) \nabla \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}_h \right], \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}_h + \frac{q_h}{\kappa} \right\rangle_K$$

- \tilde{P} is the L^2 – projection onto the space of sub-grid scales,
- τ is a matrix computed within each element

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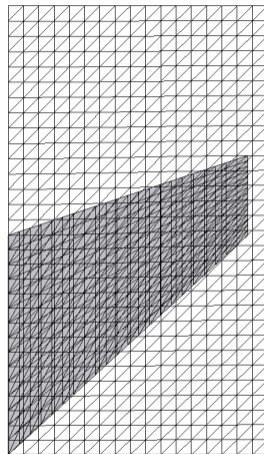
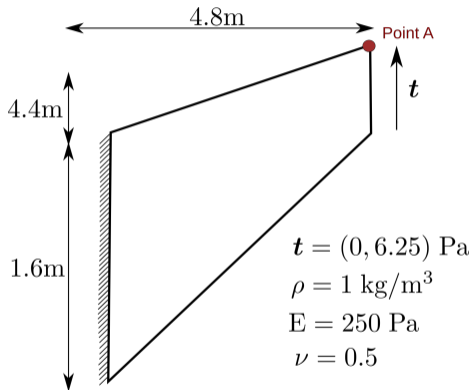
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Cook's membrane. Main features.



Temporal discretization: $\delta t = 0.0025 \text{ s}$

Spatial discretization: $h = 0.6, 0.3, 0.15, 0.75, 0.325 \text{ m}$ with 16 material points per element.

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Cook's membrane: static and dynamic cases.

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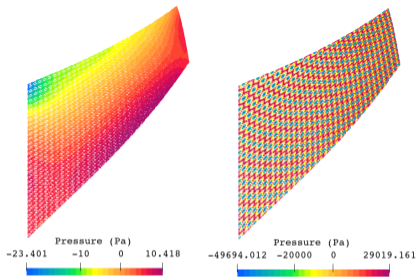
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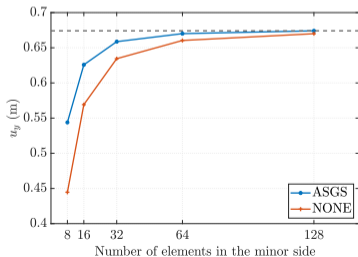
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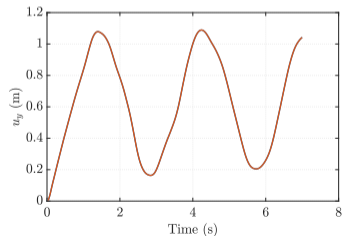


Pressure using stabilization VS without stabilization.



Mesh convergence. Static case.

- Pressure distribution without jumps between elements.
- Dynamic case is impossible to run without stabilization.



Evolution of the displacement in time. Dynamic case.

Twisting column problem. Main features

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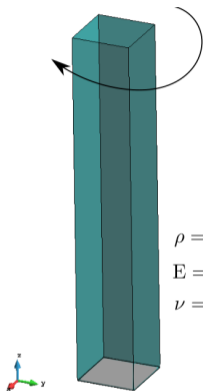
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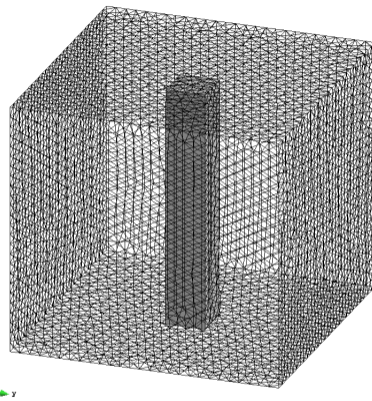
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$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= 1100 \text{ kg/m}^3 \\ E &= 1.7 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa} \\ \nu &= 0.5\end{aligned}$$

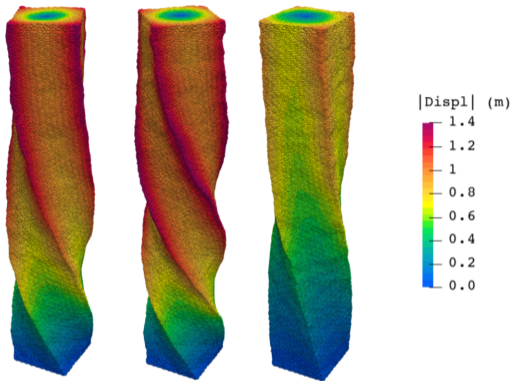


$$\mathbf{v}^0(x, y, z) = 105 \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{12}\right) (y, -x, 0)^T \text{ m/s}$$

Temporal discretization: $\delta t = 0.001 \text{ s}$, $T_{\text{fin}} = 0.5 \text{ s}$,

Spatial discretization: mesh size $h = 0.2 \text{ m}$, and 16 material points per element in the body.

Twisting column problem



Twisting column at $t = 0.05$ s, $t = 0.1$ s and $t = 0.2$ s.

- Simulation is done without remeshing techniques, ALE or level set.

Conclusion

ASGS stabilization method is **more robust than other methods**, such as Polynomial Pressure Method (PPP).

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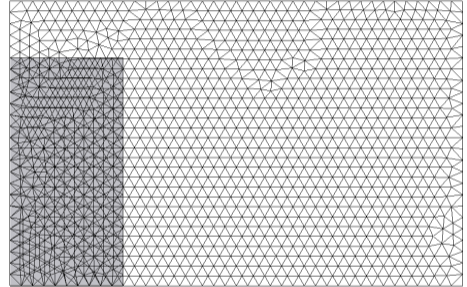
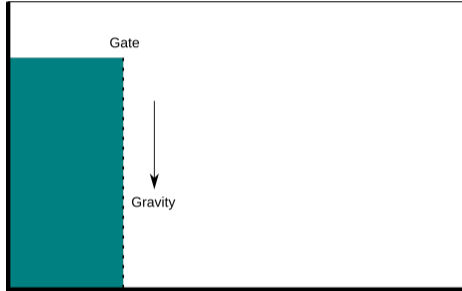
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Spatial discretization: Mesh size $h = 0.1$ m and $h = 0.2$ m, and 6 material points per element.

Temporal discretization: $\delta t = 0.001$ s, $T_{\text{fin}} = 0.9$ s.

Dam break problem. Results

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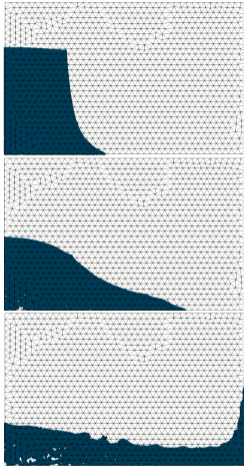
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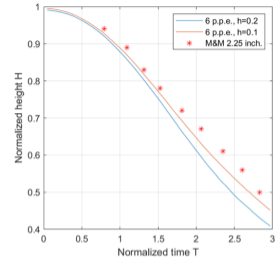
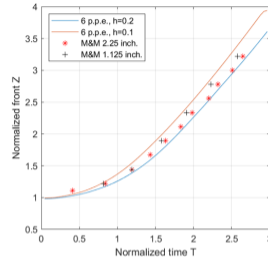
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Dam break test at $t=0.25, 0.5$ and 0.85 s.



Left: distance of the surge front from axis of plane of symmetry;
Right: height of the residual column.

- **Volumetric locking** is avoided.
- In agreement with **experimental evidence**.

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- VMS-type stabilization have been developed and implemented for a **solid mechanics framework** and the Material Point Method.
- **ASGS stabilization** is more robust in comparison with others stabilization techniques such as the Polynomial Pressure Projection.
- It is able to compute very challenging **large deformation regimes**.
- **Newtonian law** for an Updated Lagrangian linearized displacement-based formulation have been developed. It is checked using an experimental test.

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Linearization

- Newton-Raphson's iterative procedure.
- Taylor's series expansion evaluated at the last known equilibrium configuration $\mathbf{U}^* = [\mathbf{u}^*, p^*]$.
- B must be allowed to compute a correction $\delta\mathbf{U} = [\delta\mathbf{u}, \delta p]$. Note that $\mathbf{U} = \delta\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{U}^*$.

$$B(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) \approx B(\mathbf{U}^*, \mathbf{V}) + B_d(\delta\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) + o(\delta\mathbf{u}) + o(\delta p)$$

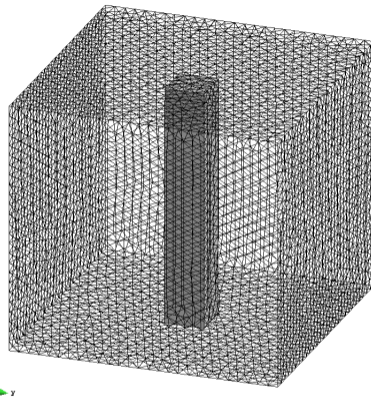
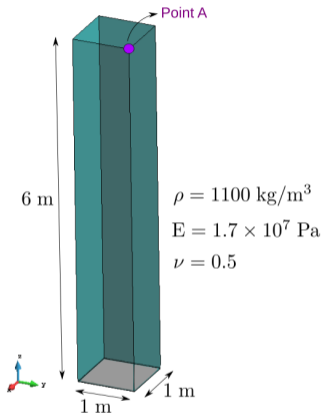
Find the correction $\delta\mathbf{U} = [\delta\mathbf{u}, \delta p] :]0, T[\rightarrow \mathcal{W}_0$ such that

$$(\mathcal{D}_t(\delta\mathbf{U}), \mathbf{V}) + B_d(\delta\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{V}) - (\mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{U}^*), \mathbf{V}) - B(\mathbf{U}^*, \mathbf{V})$$

$$\mathcal{D}_t(\delta\mathbf{U}) = \left[\rho \frac{\partial^2 \delta\mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2}, 0 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_d(\delta\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) &= (\nabla \delta\mathbf{u} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}^*) + p^* \mathbf{I}), \nabla \mathbf{w}) \\ &+ \left(\nabla^s \mathbf{w}, \mathbb{C}^{\text{dev}}(\mathbf{u}^*) + p^* (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbb{I}) : \nabla^s \delta\mathbf{u} \right) \\ &+ (\delta p, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}) + \left(\frac{\delta p}{\kappa}, q \right) - (f(J(\mathbf{u}^*)) \nabla \cdot \delta\mathbf{u}, q) \end{aligned}$$

Bending beam problem. Main features

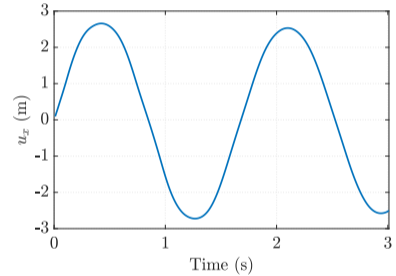
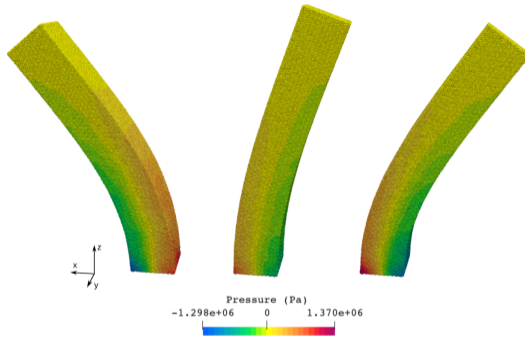


$$\mathbf{v}^0(x, y, z) = \frac{5}{3}(z, 0, 0)^T \text{ m/s}$$

Temporal discretization: $\delta t = 0.01 \text{ s}$, $T_{\text{fin}} = 3 \text{ s}$,

Spatial discretization: mesh size $h = 0.2 \text{ m}$, and 16 material points per element in the body.

Bending beam problem. Results



Bending column at $t = 0.5$ s, $t = 1$ s and $t = 1.25$ s. Evolution of x-displacement in time of the point A.