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Closure Models for High-Order Finite Element Hydrodynamics

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We develop novel high-order multi-physics numerical methods for future hardware

- We use the Arbitrary Lagrangian-Eulerian (ALE) framework to simulate the equations of shock hydrodynamics.
- High-order Finite Element Methods could provide better simulation quality.
- High-order Finite Element Methods promise better efficiency on Future Systems.
- Increasing the order produces more flops with the same data motion.





Example – shock passing through an equilibrated cell



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We derive a closure model that is compatible with our high-order finite element framework

- Pressure relaxation on integration point level
- Sub-cell computations with no material interfaces

- General with respect to high-order discretizations in space and time
 - 3 material cell tracking 121 points, Q6Q5, RK4



We define our material representation on continuous level

- We evolve a single velocity and multiple, material-specific thermodynamic variables.
- Material indicator functions:

$$V_k = \int \eta_k \to \eta_k(x) = \frac{V_k(x)}{V(x)}$$
$$\sum_k \eta_k = 1, \quad 0 \le \eta_k \le 1$$

Density and specific internal energy:

$$M_{k} = \int \eta_{k} \rho_{k} , I_{k} = \int \eta_{k} \rho_{k} e_{k}$$
$$\rho = \sum_{k} \eta_{k} \rho_{k} , \quad \rho e = \sum_{k} \eta_{k} \rho_{k} e_{k}$$



Multi-material evolution is defined through a continuous model

Differences in compressibility are recognized by

$$\beta_k = \frac{dV_k}{dV}, \sum_k \beta_k = 1$$

Evolution of indicators and material mass conservation:

$$\frac{d\eta_k}{dt} = (\beta_k - \eta_k)\nabla \cdot v, \quad \frac{d(\eta_k \rho_k)}{dt} = -\eta_k \rho_k \nabla \cdot v.$$

Momentum and specific internal energy:

$$\eta_{k}\rho_{k}\frac{de_{k}}{dt} = -\beta_{k}p_{k}\nabla \cdot v \qquad \qquad \eta_{k}\rho_{k}\frac{de_{k}}{dt} = -\eta_{k}p_{k}\nabla \cdot v \\ -c_{p}(\beta_{k} - \eta_{k})p^{*}\nabla \cdot v \\ \rho\frac{dv}{dt} = -\nabla\sum_{k}\beta_{k}p_{k} \qquad \qquad \rho\frac{dv}{dt} = -\nabla\sum_{k}\eta_{k}p_{k}$$
Non-convex combination

Our high-order closure models are based on point-wise pressure equilibration

Fully-discrete pressure prediction at each point

$$p'_{k} = p_{k}^{n} - \tau \kappa_{k} \frac{\beta_{k}}{\eta_{k}} \nabla \cdot v = \bar{p_{k}} - \tau \kappa_{k} \frac{(\beta_{k} - \eta_{k})}{\eta_{k}} \nabla \cdot v$$



Modulus

- Pressure equilibration imposed by $\, p_k^\prime = p^st \,$

$$p^{*} = \sum_{k} \left(\bar{p_{k}} \frac{\eta_{k}}{\kappa_{k}} \right) / \left(\sum_{k} \frac{\eta_{k}}{\kappa_{k}} \right)$$
$$(\beta_{k} - \eta_{k}) \nabla \cdot v = \frac{1}{\tau} (\bar{p_{k}} - p^{*}) \frac{\eta_{k}}{\kappa_{k}}$$

 $p_{k}^{n} \bullet p$ $t + \Delta t \quad t + \tau$ $\tau = c_{\tau} \min_{k} \left(\frac{h}{C_{o,k}}\right)$

Equilibration time scale at the point of interest

Additional discretization details

- Material indicators are not FE functions
 - Evolved at quadrature points, not DOFs

$$\eta_k^* = \eta_k + c\Delta t(\beta_k - \eta_k)\nabla \cdot v$$

Limiting is applied at each integration point

$$|c\Delta t(\beta_k - \eta_k)\nabla \cdot v| \le 0.5\eta_k, \quad \sum_k \eta_k^* = 1, \quad 0 < \eta_k^* < 1$$

- The energy equations use the limited quantities and a common pressure $\eta_k \rho_k \frac{de_k}{dt} = -\eta_k p_k \nabla \cdot v - c_p p^* (\beta_k - \eta_k) \nabla \cdot v + \eta_k \sigma_{a,k} : \nabla v$
 - Minimizing the error leads to $c_p = rac{\sum_k p_k (\beta_k \eta_k)^2}{\sum_k p^* (\beta_k \eta_k)^2}$ X
- Each material computes its own viscosity. $\sigma_a=$

$$\sigma_a = \sum_k \eta_k \sigma_{a,k}$$

Modified Sod shock tube



Modified Sod shock tube – 1st order



Modified Sod shock tube – 3rd order



Water / air shock tube



Water / air shock tube – 1st order



Water / air shock tube – 3rd order



Steel ball impacting an Aluminum plate – 2nd order

Axisymmetric Air + Steel + Al Gruneisen, no strength



Q2Q1 + RK2 NURBS coarse mesh (generated by PMESH) High-order ALE + High-order Closure

The closure model is necessary to avoid sensitivity to the EOS



Steel ball impacting an Aluminum plate – 2nd order



Mixed

density

Conclusions and future work

- High-order closure models show promise:
 - Applicable to high-order elements on curved meshes
 - Applicable to high-order time integrators
 - Sub-cell resolution without reconstruction of explicit material interfaces (currently)
- We continue the closure research:
 - Improvements for small amounts of material that is being compressed
 - Better calculation of energy redistribution
- Other high-order research topics:
 - Performance improvements on modern architectures
 - High-order radiation diffusion coupled with ALE hydro
 - High-order non-conforming AMR

Crooked pipe, Q2-Q1



Sedov, parallel NMR