Recent Developments in LS-DYNA

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Outline

- Introduction
- Developments
- Conclusions

LS-DYNA Application Areas

Development costs are spread across many industries



Automotive

Crash and safety NVH Durability FSI



Aerospace

Bird strike Containment

Crash

Manufacturing

Stamping

Forging



Consumer Products



Structural

Earthquake safety Concrete structures Homeland security



Electronics

Drop analysis Package analysis Thermal

Defense

Weapons design Blast response Penetration Underwater Shock Analysis

Accommodates Coupled Simulations

Multiple field equations are strongly coupled



One Code for Multiple Solutions



LS-DYNA

Multi-physics

• Structure + Fluid + EM + Heat Transfer + , ..

Multi-stage

• Implicit + Explicit

Multi-scale

• Failure predictions, i.e., spot welds

Multi-formulations

linear + nonlinear



Many Results Manufacturing, Durability, NVH, Crash

One Model for All Applications

In crash, one structural model is used for frontal, side, offset, and rear impacts. The structural models used for durability, NVH, and FSI calculations are identical to the crash models with possible adjustments related to mesh density. The wide usage of the single model results in a model with fewer modeling errors:

- Only one model to revise for design changes.
- Only one model to check for errors.
- Multi-physics problems can be addressed.
- Easier database management

Initial stress, strain, and thickness distributions from manufacturing analysis are available for all simulations

Electromagnetics



- Fully implicit.
- Double precision.
- 2D axisymmetric solver /3D solver.
- SMP and MPP versions available.
- Automatically coupled with LS-DYNA solid and thermal solvers.
- FEM for conducting pieces, no air mesh needed (FEM-BEM method).
- New set of keywords starting with *EM.





In collaboration with: G. Mazars & G. Avrillaud: Bmax, Toulouse, France



MMF: High velocity forming process

- Forming limits increased
- Springback reduced
- Wrinkling reduced
- High reproducibility





Magneto crimping

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Tensile test of the crimped parts (no EM)



Heating by Joule losses pressure applied for consolidation and maintained during cooling.



Rail gun simulation











- EM heats up a coil plunged in a kettle
- ICFD with conjugate heat transfer heats up the water



Water stream lines colored by the temperature level.

Application: Conducting shells

Development : Allowing user to define conductive shells in 3D problems.

Advancement stage : Conducting shells can be used in the development version with the Eddy Current, Inductive heating and Resistive heating solvers. EM contact also available. SMP and MPP versions fully functional.

- Eddy currents (the combination of inductive diffusive effects) is essentially a 3D phenomenon which means that elements with thickness are usually required for correct solution. Consequently, up to now, only solid conductive elements were allowed and shells could be insulators only.
- However, some users have expressed the wish to be able to use conductive shells in 3D problems in order to maintain their associated mechanical and thermal properties.
- From the EM perspective, those shells are treated like "invisible" solids i.e the EM solver will build an underlying equivalent solid mesh to solve for the EM quantities.



Application: Resistive spot welding and others

Development : Calculation of a additional resistance term and local Joule heating due to contact occurring between two conductors.

- Resistive spot welding is a process in which contacting metal surfaces are joined by the heat obtained from resistance to electric current.
- Frequently encountered in the automobile manufacturing industry where it is used almost universally to weld metal sheets together (often automated process).
- Several formulas exist, often variation of Holm's law:

$$R_{contact} = \frac{\rho}{2a}$$

With ρ the material's resistivity and a the radius of the equivalent contact circle area.

Application: Resistive spot welding and others

Status : Available in the development version. Several methods for calculating contact Resistance available. See *EM_CONTACT_RESISTANCE card.

Local heating spot between electrodes and work piece due to Contact Resistance



Application: magnetic field lines

Development : Have the solver compute some magnetic field lines in the air based on user defined parameters for analysis and post processing.

- The use of the BEM method i.e no air mesh does not allow the visualization of the EM fields in the air hence the interest of this new feature.
- From a starting point given by the user the field line is computed step by step using a explicit numerical integration scheme (RK4, DOP853).
- Approximation methods are available in order to speed up the computation of the second member of the magnetic field line equations :
 - multipole method
 - "multicenter" method : this method has been developed at LSTC
- This feature along with the multicenter/multipole methods are treated as a research project that could be used at a latter stage to compute and store efficiently the BEM matrix and thus speed up the computational time of the EM solver.

Application: Magnetic field lines

Current status : The magnetic field lines are now exported as individual Isprepost readable files at each output state, and will soon be integrated in the d3plot files. In a future development cycle, they will be automatically generated in Isprepost at any time without the user having to specify the output times before the run.



Future Developments

- Symmetry conditions
- Piezoelectric materials
- Magnetic materials

Incompressible Fluid Dynamics

- A CFD solver for incompressible flows (ICFD solver).
- Fully implicit.
- Double precision.
- SMP and MPP versions available. Highly scalable in MPP.
- New set of keywords starting with *ICFD/*MESH.
- Can run as a stand alone CFD solver.

Aerodynamics: study of turbulent flow around a car



Wave impact: study of pressure forces on a body



Time: 0.00 s

Aircraft wing filling: study of fuel repartition and filling time



Thoughts about FSI

- A widely used approach in engineering is to assume that the FSI problem is linear and to use two different software products and licenses.
- The solid work group finds the need for FSI simulation.
- The geometry is sent to the fluid group which builds a mesh and runs the fluid problem with a CFD solver until it reaches steady state.
- The fluid stresses together with the mesh is brought back to the solid group which handles data with scripts to convert it into the input data for the solid solver.
- The solid solver performs a modal analysis.

The LS-DYNA approach

- LS-DYNA has immense solid mechanics capabilities as well as a huge material library. It can run both in explicit and implicit and already has a thermal solver for solids.
- LS-DYNA offers the perfect environment in order to develop a CFD solver allowing complex fluid structure interactions as well as the solving of conjugate heat transfer problems.
- The set up of the coupled problem is greatly simplified with only a few additional keywords necessary.
- On top of the classic "loose" or "explicit" FSI coupling, the ICFD solver offers a state of the art strong coupling method which opens up new applications.
- "All in one code" approach.



Aerodynamics: highly non linear FSI problem with flap oscillating in the wind (Turek benchmark problem)



Sloshing: Flap oscillating in partially filled tank

Time = 0, #nodes=2146228, #elem2d=274382, #elem3d=6403785



Artificial Heart valve: Strong pressure gradients force leaflets open



Stamping and conjugate heat transfer: flow in serpentine pipe causes die to cool



ICFD Solver Developments

Application: Multiphase problems

Development : Being able to solve problems with two fluids of different densities (water+air).

Current Status : Implementation stage.

- Numerous applications such as lubrication, droplets, sloshing in closed tanks, etc.
- Two immiscible phases.
- Level Set approach for interface tracking.
- Continuous and discontinuous approach to model pressure jumps (surface tension).
- When the inertial effects of the second fluid can be simplified, the Free surface approach can be used.
Application: Multiphase problems





- Free surface approach: suitable for problems where the inertial effects of the lighter fluid may be neglected.
- Continuous approach: works in most multiphase problems.
- Discontinuous approach: used in problems where surface tension effects are important.



Application: Porous Materials

Development : Implementation of a generalization of the Navier Stokes equations that will allow the definition of sub-domains with different permeability/porosity.

Current Status : Validation stage. Available in the development version. See 4th card of ICFD_MAT.

Being ϵ , κ the porosity and the permeability of the medium respectively :

$$\begin{split} \varepsilon &= \frac{void \ volume}{total \ volume} \\ \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon} \bigg[\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \left(\frac{u_i u_j}{\varepsilon} \right)}{\partial x_j} \bigg] = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial (P \ \varepsilon)}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\mu}{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_i^2} + \rho g_i - D_i \\ \end{split}$$
Ergun correlation :
$$D_i &= -\frac{\mu U_i}{\kappa} + \frac{1,75\rho |u|}{\sqrt{150}\sqrt{\kappa}\varepsilon^{1.5}} U_i \end{split}$$

Application: Porous Materials

Validation stage: analysis of references cases involving porous and fluid domains. Study of FEM solution and analytical/reference solutions



Application: Thermal problems

Development : Calculation of the convection coefficient "h" based on a rigorous approach for the estimation of the bulk temperature Tm.

Current Status : Available in the Development version.

$$h = \frac{q}{T_s - T_m}$$

With q the heat flux, Ts the temperature at the surface and Tm the "bulk temperature"

- Frequently used by engineers in cooling applications in order to approximate the effect of the fluid cooling on the structure (See *BOUNDARY_CONVECTION).
- The h can be found in empirical tables based on the fluid properties and the geometry of the pipe.
- However, for complex cases and geometries, it may be useful to run the CFD problem in order to check the value of the h along the pipe and to look for potential zones or pipe bents where the cooling becomes less or too efficient.

Application: External and internal aerodynamics with turbulence

Development: Adding more HRN and LRN laws of the wall for the turbulence models. Providing more tools for the boundary layer mesh generation.

Current status : Implementation stage



Future Developments

- A wave generator for free surface problems.
- Porous media with FSI problems.
- Specific porous media models for parachutes.
- Adaptive surface remeshing.
- Embedded approach for FSI problems.

Rotational Dynamics

Rotational Dynamics for Implicit

Rotational dynamics: the study of vibration of rotating parts (turbine blades, propellers in aircraft and rotating disks in hard disk drives etc.).

The **deformation of rotating components** can cause damage in machines with rapidly rotating parts.

The **resonant vibration** can lead to premature fatigue failure in those rotating components, as well as bearings and support structures.

The goal of the Rotational Dynamics in LS-DYNA is to study the above vibration-related phenomenon by considering spin softening and gyroscopic effects.

Implementation in LS-DYNA

*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_ROTATIONAL_DYNAMICS

Variable	sid	stype	omega	vid	nomega	iref		
Туре	I	Ι	F	I	I	I		
Variable	omeg1	omeg2	omeg3	omeg4	omeg5	omeg6	omeg7	omeg8
Туре	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F

- **sid**: Set ID of the rotational structure.
- **stype**: Set type, 0: part;

1: part set

- omega: Rotating speed.
- vid: Vector ID to define the rotating axis. It is defined in *DEFINE_VECTOR.

nomega: No. of rotating speeds for Campbell diagram plotting (an example will be given on the next slide).

- **iref**: Reference frame. 0: rotating coordinate system; 1: fixed coordinate system.
- **omegi**: The ith rotating speed.

You can define as many cards as the number of rotating sets.

Modal Analysis Example

Campbell Diagram: represents a system's eigen-frequencies as a function of rotating speeds.Study case (on the right): a shaft and a disk, rotating along the shaft axis.

The following two plots: give the Campbell diagrams obtained from LS-DYNA and ANSYS.





Frequency Domain

Frequency domain features

- FRF
- SSD
- Random vibration
- Random fatigue

- Response spectrum analysis
- BEM Acoustics
- FEM Acoustics



Application

- NVH of automobiles and aircraft
- Acoustic design and analysis
- Defense industry
- Fatigue of machines and engines
- Civil and hydraulic engineering
- Earthquake engineering



FRF

What is FRF?



- FRF, as a transfer function, expresses structural response to applied load as a function of frequency
- Property of structure system
- Dependent on frequency





Random vibration

Why do we need random vibration analysis?

- The loading on a structure is not known in a definite sense
- Many vibration environments are not related to a specific driving frequency
- Examples:
 - Wind-turbine
 - Air flow over a wing or past a car body
 - Acoustic input from jet engine exhaust
- Earthquake ground motion
- Wheels running over a rough road
- Ocean wave loads on offshore platforms

Input: PSD (Power Spectral Density), or SPL (Sound Pressure Level)

Output: D3PSD, D3RMS, NODOUT_PSD, ELOUT_PSD



New interpolation options on PSD curve

Three types of interpolation for PSD curves



Random vibration fatigue

*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_RANDOM_VIBRATION_FATIGUE

- Calculate fatigue life of structures under random vibration
- Based on S-N fatigue curve

*MAT_ADD_FATIGUE

 Based on probability distribution & Miner's Rule of Cumulative Damage Ratio
 $p = \sum_{i=1}^{n} n_i$

$$R = \sum_{i} \frac{n_i}{N_i}$$



Card 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variable	MID	LCID	LTYPE	А	В	STHRES	SNLIMT	
Туре	Ι	Ι	Ι	F	F	F	Ι	
Default	none	-1	0	0.0	0.0	none	0	

$$N \cdot S^{m} = a$$
$$\log(S) = a - b \cdot \log(N)$$



Number of cycles, N_f Source of picture: http://www.efunda.com

SSD

Why do we need SSD (Steady State Dynamics)?

- Harmonic excitation is often encountered in engineering systems. E.g. it is commonly produced by the unbalance in rotating machinery.
- The load may also come from periodic load, e.g. in fatigue test.
- The excitation may also come from uneven base, e.g. the force on tires running on a zig-zag road

Input: frequency load spectrum (complex variable)

Output: D3SSD, NODOUT_SSD, ELOUT_SSD





 $F(t) = F_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi)$

SSD Fatigue (ongoing development)

*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_SSD_FATIGUE

- Calculate fatigue life of structures under steady state vibration (e.g. sine sweep)
- Based on S-N fatigue curve
- Based on Miner's Rule of Cumulative Damage Ratio
- Rainflow counting algorithm for each frequency for one period

$$R = \sum_{i} \frac{n_i}{N_i}$$



Example of SSD Fatigue

Loading condition

Freq (Hz)	Acl (g)	Duration (min)
16	0.5	10
20	0.5	10
25	0.5	10
31.5	0.5	10
•••	•••	•••
2000	0.5	10

S-N fatigue curve

σ	N
(MPa)	
100	8×10 ⁴
10	8×10 ⁵
1.	8×10 ⁶
0.1	8×10 ⁷
0.01	8×10 ⁸



BEM Acoustics



ATV and MATV

*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_ACOUSTIC_BEM_ATV *FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_ACOUSTIC_BEM_MATV

- ATV calculates acoustic pressure at field points due to unit normal velocity of each surface node.
- MATV calculates acoustic pressure at field points due to vibration in eigenmodes.
- ATV / MATV is dependent on structure model, properties of acoustic fluid as well as location of field points.
- ATV / MATV is useful if the same structure needs to be studied under multiple load cases.



Example: ATV of car door model



MATV BEM is efficient



CPU time (1 core)	Intel Xeron CPU E5504 @2.00 GHz
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Cases	traditional BEM	MATV BEM
1 load case	2 h 39 m 50 s	4 h 40 m 56 s
10 load cases	26 h 38 m 18 s	4 h 41 m 10 s





D3ACS for BEM acoustics

*DATABASE_FREQUENCY_BINARY_D3ACS







Real part of surface pressure



Acoustic volume of compartment



Imaginary part of surface pressure

Incident waves for acoustic analysis

*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_ACOUSTIC_INCIDENT_WAVE



Example: sound scattering on rigid sphere



FEM Acoustics

*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_ACOUSTIC_FEM

- An alternative method for acoustics. It helps predict and improve sound and noise performance of various systems. The FEM simulates the entire propagation volume -- being air or water
- Compute acoustic pressure and SPL (sound pressure level)
- Output frequency range dependent on mesh size
- Available elements: hexahedron, tetrahedron, and pentahedron

Output: D3ACS; PRESS_PA; PRESS_DB



Response spectrum analysis

*FREQUENCY_DOMAIN_RESPONSE_SPECTRUM

Various mode combination methods

- o SRSS method
- o NRC Grouping method
- o CQC method
- Double Sum methods
- o NRL SUM method
- Evaluate peak response of structure
- The input spectrum is dependent on damping (using *DEFINE_TABLE to define the series of excitation spectrum corresponding to each damping ratio).
- Application: *earthquake engineering,*

nuclear power plants design etc.

 Strain results are obtained by turning on STRFLG in *DATABASE_EXTENT_BINARY.

Output: D3SPCM





Recent Developments in LS-DYNA (part 2)

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Particle Methods

Meshless Particle Solvers

1) Particle Gas

- CPM Ideal Gas Law
- Particle Blast Real Gas Law
- 2) SPH
- 3) Discrete Element Method (DEM)
 - Discrete Element Sphere
 - Discrete Element Method with Bond
- 4) Coupled Multi-Physics Solvers

Particle Gas, CPM-Ideal Gas Law

- Modeled by ideal gas law: pV=nRT
- The volume of molecules is neglected
- maintain the same Maxwell-Boltzmann velocity distribution at thermal equilibrium
- Work for low pressure and moderate temperature

CPM/UP switch with Chambers

Time =



Old: chambers collapsed into one bag

Chamber 22

New: chambers becomes separated UP domain

CPM/UP switch with Chambers

- CPM/UP Switch at 7 ms, curves A, B, C, D, E
- CPM all the way, curves F, G, H, I, J



Particle Gas, Particle Blast-Real Gas Law


Particle Gas, Particle Blast–Real Gas Law

Air Particle

- Modeled by ideal gas law (CPM): pV=nRT
- High Explosive (HE) Particles
 - Modeled by real gases: p(V-b)=nRT
 - The co-volume effect is included
 - Work for high pressure and high temperature
 - Pressure drop sharply during adiabatic expansion

Particle Gas, Ideal and Real Gas Law



Particle Blast, Real Gas Law

Numerical Example



Particle Blast, Real Gas Law

Numerical Example

Blast simulation with sand



Particle Blast, Real Gas Law

Numerical Example

Simulation Results for 700mm Model



Time[ms]

Center Deflection [mm]

Enhancement of SPH

- **1. Friction Stir Welding**
- 2. SPH to SPH contact
- 3. SPH active region and new bucket sort

Friction Stir Welding

Double Sided FSW (Bobbin Tool) - 600 RPM, 1200mm/min Time = 0

Extended SPH thermal solver for SPH form 7 and 8



Double sided FSW 600 RPM, 1200 mm/min(plastic work and friction energy to heat) Courtesy of Kirk A. Fraser @ PredictiveEngineering



SPH Interaction

Multiple impacts with Keyword: SECTION_SPH_INTERACTION

Define the different type of interactions between SPH parts.



SPH Active Region & Better Bucket Sort





Discrete Element Method (DEM)

- **1. Discrete Element Sphere**
- 2. Discrete Element Method with Bond

Discrete Element Method (DEM)

Discrete Element Sphere



Dry Particle

Wet Particle

Discrete Element Method (DEM)

Discrete Element Sphere

	-	-	f DrIng. Nils Karajar	a, Dynamore GmbH	
1			-	2.63E-6	-
P-P Fric			0.57		0.00
P-P FricR		0.10		0.01	0.00
P-W FricS		0.30	0.30	0.10	0.01
	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
	0	0	1	1	1
Gamma	0.00	0.00	7.20E-8	2.00E-6	7.2E-8
\$+-	1	2	3	4	5
foamed cl	ау	dry sand	wet sand	fresh concrete	"water"

DEM Mixer

Mixer 9.6L (kg-m-s) Time = 0



Node to Beam Coupling

*DEFINE_DE_TO_BEAM_COUPLING



Node to Surface Coupling

*DEFINE_DE_TO_SURFACE_COUPLING



Tied Node to Surface Coupling

*DEFINE_DE_TO_SURFACE_TIED



Throwing a pie in the face, Courtesy of Kazuya, Lancemore

Other Shapes





Discrete Element Sphere with Bond Model

Extending into Continuum Mechanics

- All particles are linked to their neighboring particles through Bonds.
- The properties of the bonds represent the complete mechanical behavior of Solid Mechanics.
- The bonds are independent from the DES model.
- They are calculated from Bulk Modulus and Shear Modulus of materials.
- Contact is disabled between bonded pair



DEM Bonds

DE Bond Type I

- Simple links, truss or beam, etc...
- Extended Peridynamics

DE Bond Type II

- Heterogeneous links to model continuum mechanics
- Extended features and will use regular *MAT properties

DE Bond TYPE I

• Every bond is subjected to:

- Stretching
- Shearing
- Bending
- Twisting
- The breakage of a bond results in Micro-Damage which is controlled by the critical fracture energy value J_{IC}.



DEM Bond TYPE I

Form different shapes of particles using DEM

LS-DYNA keyword deck by LS-PrePost Time = 0





DEM Bond TYPE I

DE Paste (microgm-micron-sec) Time = 0





DEM TYPE II

Heterogeneous BOND(HBOND) Continuum Particle Method



- ***DEFINE_DE_HBOND** connects two spheres with a heterogeneous bond.
- *MAT properties are used to determine the stiffness of the bonds automatically.
- Strains, stresses, and history variables are computed for each particle independently.
- *INTERFACE_DE_HBOND specifies various damage/failure models.
- Self contact will be activated for broken bonds.

One Particle Method

From "Continuum" to "Discrete"



- One model setup
- One solver
- Same material models
- Multi-physics: *Continuum Mechanics Damage Mechanics Fracture Mechanics Discrete Mechanics*
- Built-in self contact
- Coupling with other FEM and particle methods

HBOND Verification

A simply-supported beam under a body force



- FEM & DEM models are created for one half beam with the symmetric boundary conditions in the middle.
- The displacements & stresses obtained by the DEM are very close to those by the FEM.
- No boundary effects.





L Tension Stress X

HBOND Verification

Specimen under Tension



HBOND Micro-Mechanics

***DEFINE_DE_HBOND** creates a heterogeneous bond between different spheres.

***INTERFACE_DE_HBOND** defines various damage/failure models for the heterogeneous bonds based on the material properties of the connecting particles.



Various heterogeneous bonds

SiC/AI Metal Matrix Composite

DEM for Material Design



Material P	roperties	AI	S	SiC	
Density: [k	2,700) 3,	3,100		
Young's mo	odulus [Gl	71.7	4	427	
Poisson's r	0.33	0	0.17		
Failure Ene	40	40			
Average Pa	-		13		
LS-DYNA	Results	7% v	/ol	25%	o vol
LS-DYNA	Results	7% v Exp.	vol Num.	25% Exp.	vol Num.
LS-DYNA Young's [GPa]	Results modulus				Num.
Young's	modulus	Exp.	Num.	Exp.	Num.
Young's [GPa]	modulus	Exp. 84.2	Num. 80.6	Exp. 113.3	Num. 113.5

HBOND

A Reinforced Bar under Four-Point Bending



*DEFINE_DE_HBOND bonds all parts.

*INTERFACE_DE_HBOND defines different de-bonding criteria between parts





De-bonding process

Comparison between DEM & Experimental Results



Coupled Multi-Physics Solvers



Node to Node Coupling

SPH to SPH Contact



Tank sloshing with fluid and vapor (node to node contact) Density ratio ~ 1000

Node to Beam Coupling

DES to Beam Contact



Node to Surface Coupling

DES to Segment Contact

Particles (kg-m-s) Time = 0



Node to Volume Coupling

DES to ALE Contact



Powder(DES)

Modal Dynamics
Modal Dynamics

 Modal Dynamics in LS-DYNA has been enhanced in LS971 R71 with new features and keywords.

*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_MODAL_DYNAMICS

- To activate modal dynamic analysis *CONTROL_IMPLICIT_MODAL_DYNAMICS_MODE
- To select a subset of modes to use in the analysis *CONTROL_IMPLICIT_MODAL_DYNAMICS_DAMPING
 - To specify damping coefficients for modal damping.
- Good for model analysis
 - with multiple load cases
 - where the response is well captured with a small number of modes
 - linear behavior in the elements and materials

Modal Dynamics Example

 Instrument Bracket from BAE Systems Hägglunds



5 Impulse forces

Response for 5 impulse forces



Modal Dynamics Example

- An instrument bracket is subjected to impulsive loading.
- Force spikes are applied sequentially to five points.
- Response is computed using Transient modal dynamics.
- 30 eigenmodes extracted up to 1370 Hz.
- Constant modal damping used, 1 % of critical.
- 4 CPU cores used in all cases.
- Transient Explicit: 3h 39 min (single precision)
- Transient non-linear implicit: 4 h 26 min
- Transient modal dynamics: 3 min 33 sec -- 60 Times faster!

LS-TaSC

LS-TaSC

- Topology and Shape Computations using LS-DYNA.
- LS-TaSC goals:
- Solving for large, highly nonlinear problems. The methodology is valid for linear.
- Imbedded in the design process

Version 3.0

- Major New Features
- Free surface design of solids
 - Geometry definitions
 - Automatic mesh smoothing
- Integration with LS-PrePost
- Several minor features.

Topology design of a bonnet

Multi-criteria problem: One design for three nonlinear load cases, each with constraints. During the design process, the algorithm will remove 90%-99% of the structure. Mesh refinement is therefore required.

Example courtesy of JRL.



Free surface design

- Redesign of the surface of solids to have a uniform stress (removing the stress concentrations).
- Geometry definitions are allowed.
- Very quick to set up the design problem.

Component surface design

• Component example with the yellow surface selected for redesign. Setting up a problem consists of defining a surface.



Component shape design

• Design at iteration 16 shows the flanges that are created.



Component shape design



LS-PrePost Integration



LS-PrePost ICFD Capabilities

- Since the official release of the ICFD solver in the R7.0 version, developments have been continuous and the number of users has been steadily growing.
- Currently, LS-PrePost offers some tools in order to post treat the results from the ICFD solver based on its solid mechanic counterpart.
- However, the requirements for CFD post treatment are often quite different and challenging. This meant that a radically new approach was needed for LS-PrePost to meet those specific requirements.
- LS-PrePost 4.2 will be the first version to incorporate post treatments specific to the ICFD Solver and to CFD solvers in general.

Object oriented structure:



Object oriented structure:



A right click on the initial Object (here the fluid volume) pops up a Menu which allows the user to create new objects



Modifying newly created object:



New object created : Splane













It is also possible to post treat all ASCII files (See *ICFD_DATABASE family) dumped by the ICFD solver (forces, flux, point data etc)



- Currently, four type of objects can be created : Splane, isosurfaces, streamlines and vectors. Those are the most commonly used visualization tools in order to study flow patterns.
- More object types may be implemented in the future. A project is underway in collaboration with the University of San Diego in order to offer further advanced tools for qualitative post treating of the results.
- The next step of development will include some new features for a more flexible and dynamic post treatment of results and data (easy extraction of values from the mesh, curve plotting options etc..)
- LS-PrePost 4.2 is currently in alpha stage but can already be used for users eager to beta test its current functionalities.

Thank you for your attention !



Summary

- LSTC is working to be the leader in cost effective large scale numerical simulations
 - LSTC is providing dummy, barrier, and head form models to reduce customer costs.
 - LS-PrePost, LS-Opt, and LS-TaSC are continuously improving and gaining more usage within the LS-DYNA user community
 - LSTC is actively working on seamless multistage simulations in automotive crashworthiness, manufacturing, and aerospace
- The scalable implicit solver is quickly gaining market acceptance for linear/nonlinear implicit calculations and simulations
 - Robustness, speed, accuracy, and scalability have rapidly improved
 - New developments:
 - Combined implicit and explicit running together
 - Linear analysis combined with h-adaptivity

Future

- LSTC is not content with what has been achieved
- New features and algorithms will be continuously implemented to handle new challenges and applications
 - Electromagnetics,
 - Acoustics,
 - Compressible and incompressible fluids
 - Isogeometric shell elements
 - Discrete element methodology for modeling granular materials
 - Simulation based airbag folding and THUMS dummy positioning underway
- Multiscale capabilities are under development
 - Implementation underway (New approach which is more user friendly)
- Hybrid MPI/OPENMP developments are showing significant advantages at high number of processors for both explicit and implicit solutions

Thank You !