

XML GUIDE FOR DUALSPHYSICS

**FLEXIBLE FLUID-STRUCTURE
INTERACTION**

SPECIAL: FLEXSTRUCS



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flexstrucs: Flexible fluid-structure interaction

A **flexible fluid-structure interaction** formulation is available in DualSPHysics v5.2. The approach is based on a Total Lagrangian SPH formulation for the dynamics of the flexible structure, and the fluid-structure interaction is handled via the existing dynamic boundary condition within DualSPHysics.

There are three main developments implemented within the structural dynamics solver: 1) a **Total Lagrangian formulation**, which relies on representing all relevant quantities and operators with respect to an initial (material) reference frame, **to eliminate tensile instabilities**; 2) a **kernel correction** scheme for the flexible structures **to retain linear consistency** at the edges of the geometry; 3) an **hourglass (zero-energy) mode suppression** scheme to **reduce the effect of instabilities related to rank-deficiency** of the collocated SPH discretisation.

The **interaction at the fluid-structure interface** is handled automatically by the existing **dynamic boundary condition** within DualSPHysics. In this way, the fluid sees the flexible structure as a normal moving boundary.

For more information, please see **O'Connor, J. and Rogers, B.D. *Journal of Fluids and Structures*, 2021.**

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```

Geometry definition

Tag as moveable object

Flexible structure definition

There are three main steps to setting up a case involving flexible fluid-structure interaction:

- 1) Define the geometry of the flexible structure and where it will be clamped.
- 2) Tag the flexible structure as a moveable object.
- 3) Tag the flexible structure and its clamp and define the material and numerical properties.

Geometry Definition

```
<mainlist>
  <setdrawmode mode="full" />
  <!--Clamp-->
  <setmkbound mk="0" />
  <drawsphere radius="0.05">
    <point x="0.2" y="0.0" z="0.2" />
  </drawsphere>
  <!--Flexible Structure-->
  <setmkbound mk="1" />
  <drawbox>
    <boxfill>solid</boxfill>
    <point x="0.2" y="-0.01" z="0.19" />
    <size x="0.4" y="0.02" z="0.02" />
  </drawbox>
</mainlist>
```

It is necessary to define the geometry of the clamp first, then embed the flexible structure within the clamp.

mkbound 0



Tag as Moveable Object

```
<motion>
  <objreal ref="1">
    <begin mov="1" start="0" />
    <mvnull id="1" />
  </objreal>
</motion>
```

The flexible structure is tagged as a moveable object via the **<motion/>** block by setting the **<mvnull/>** label. This tells DualSPHysics that the motion is to be computed during runtime.

Flexible Structure Definition

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  </flexstrucs>
</special>
```

mkbound and **mkclamp** are the mkbound numbers for the flexible structure and clamp, respectively.

density is the mass density (kg/m^3) of the flexible structure, **youngmod** is the Young's modulus (Pa), and **poissratio** is the Poisson ratio.

constitmodel is the constitutive model to be used. This defines the stress-strain relationship for the flexible structure. There are two available in 2-D (plane strain and plane stress) and one for 3-D (St. Venant-Kirchhoff). See the end of this document for more details.

hgfactor is the hourglass correction factor to use in the zero-energy mode suppression scheme. Note that non-zero values will increase the effective stiffness of the flexible structure. Therefore, it is recommended to set this to zero first and only increase it if zero-energy instabilities appear. If required, a value of 0.1 has been found to work effectively with negligible impact on the effective stiffness.

Geometry Definition

```
<commands>
  <mainlist>
    <setdrawmode mode="full" />
    <setmkfluid mk="0" />
    <drawbox>
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      <size x="0.008" y="0.02" z="0.616" />
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  </mainlist>
</commands>
```

mkbound 3

mkbound 0

mkfluid 0

mkbound 3

mkbound 2

mkbound 1

Tag as Moveable Object

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As well as tagging the flexible structure as a moveable object, a realistic gate motion is also included to initiate the dam break.

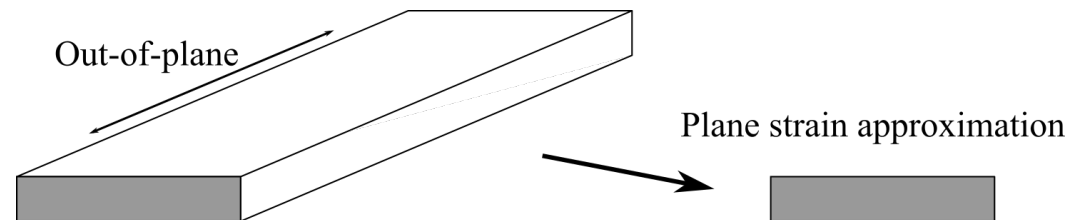
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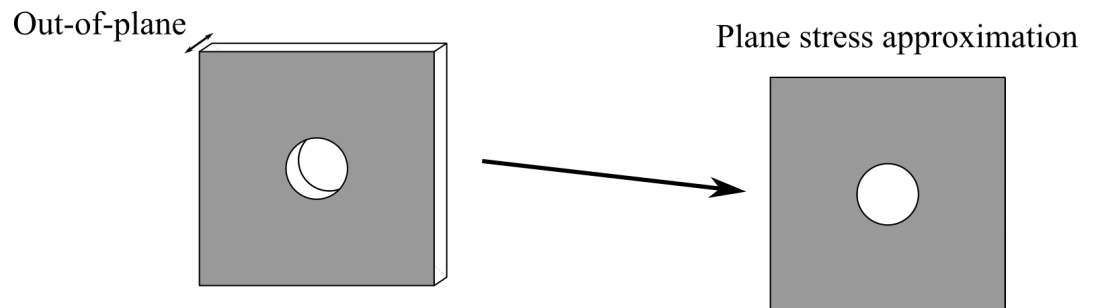
Constitutive Model

There are three possible options for **constitmodel**: 1 (plane strain), 2 (plane stress), and 3 (St. Venant-Kirchhoff).

Plane strain is only valid for 2-D problems and models the third (out-of-plane) dimension by assuming there is **zero strain in the third dimension**. This is suitable for problems that are **very thick in the out-of-plane direction**.



Plane stress is only valid for 2-D problems and models the third (out-of-plane) dimension by assuming there is **zero stress in the third dimension**. This is suitable for problems that are **very thin in the out-of-plane direction**.



The hyperelastic **St. Venant-Kirchhoff** constitutive model is the only available 3-D model and is an extension of the **linear elastic** model to the **geometrically nonlinear regime**.