

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SMOOTHED PARTICLE HYDRODYNAMICS METHOD TO SOLVE PLASTIC DEFORMATION IN METALS

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Abstract. In this work it was implemented the numerical method of Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH) to solve plastic deformation problems. The SPH is a meshfree particle method, based on a Lagrangian formulation; this is a computationally efficient method that provides precision and stable solutions to integral and differential equations. This formulation includes the continuum mechanics equations for solids, modified by the Johnson-Cook model to represent the plastic behavior of metallic materials. Benchmarks problems and experimental validation are provided.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH) is a technique developed for solving Computational Continuum Dynamics problems. Thus, SPH is a mesh free method based on a Lagrangian approximation for solving partial differential equation systems.

It was used first in Astrophysics problems [1], but nowadays SPH is applied in many fluid and solid mechanics problems [2–4]. The basic SPH technique was first introduced by Lucy, Gingold and Monaghan in 1997 [5], however the most important works in materials strength were provided by Libersky and Petshek [6]. Since then, many authors have implemented SPH in solid mechanics, and lot of papers present applications on numerical fracture [7], elastic [8] and plastic [9] regime deformations in solids, extreme deformation and material processing applications (extrusion, forging and machining) [10], [11].

The application of SPH method in solid mechanics uses the conservation equations of continuum mechanics with energy, momentum and density equations. This work includes lineal terms (elastic deformation) using Hooke's law for the stress tensor, and to describe the non-diagonal terms of the stress tensor this is modified by a von Mises yielding relation, when beyond the elastic limit for permanent deformation. Plasticity is treated using the Johnson and Cook visco-plastic model [12] and an elastic – plastic perfect model was used for the stress and deformation behavior.

This paper presents the application of SPH method to simulate large strains with material strength. A SPH code was implemented and evaluated in three test problems, the impact of a plate against a rigid surface, high shear in a plate and the penetration of a cylinder through a plate. The three example problems are compared using other SPH modeling of the literature and the experimental data. The results that were obtained in the different simulations presents an adequate behavior compared to the experimental and other simulation sources.

2. SPH METHODS

A little summary of the SPH method is presented here. For more details see [13]. The basis of SPH is interpolation theory, and its formulation involves two steps. In the first step the representation of a function in its continuous form is done through the use of a *kernel estimate* of the field variables at a point [14], this approximation of the function is based on the evaluation of the smoothing kernel function. Then, the second step is the representation of the interpolation kernel over the defined domain using discrete variables [15].

Then, the interpolated value of a function f in the space defined by the x vector can be expressed using SPH smoothing as (1).

$$\left\langle f(\mathbf{x}_{i})\right\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{m_{j}}{\rho_{j}} f_{j} W\left(\mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{j}, h\right)$$
(1)

Where m_j and ρ_j are the mass and density of particle j, $W(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j, h)$ is the smoothing kernel, h is the smoothing length (see more in [4]) and N is the total number of particle. The gradient of function f can also be found by differentiating the interpolation (1) as expressed in (2).

$$\left\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_{i})\right\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{m_{j}}{\rho_{j}} f_{j} \nabla_{i} W\left(\mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{j}, h\right)$$
⁽²⁾

Definition of the kernel function is represented in (3).

$$W\left(\mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{j}, h\right) = \frac{1}{h^{d}} \varphi\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{j}\|}{h}\right) = W_{ij}$$
(3)

Where φ is the function that describes kernel approximation and *d* is the number of space dimensions. Although there are several smoothing functions widely used, it is usually preferred the cubic B-spline [16], [17], which is defined by (4).

$$W(q,h) = \alpha_d \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} - q^2 + \frac{1}{2}q^3 & 0 \le q < 1\\ \frac{1}{6}(2-q)^3 & 1 \le q < 2\\ 0 & 2 \le q \end{cases}$$
(4)

Where α_d is a constant of normalization which depends on the number of spatial dimensions (for one dimension is $\alpha_{1D} = \frac{1}{h}$, for two dimensions is $\alpha_{2D} = \frac{15}{7\pi h^2}$ and for three dimensions is $\alpha_{3D} = \frac{3}{2\pi h^3}$), where $||\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j||$ is the distance between two particles.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELASTIC-PERFECTLY PLASTIC STRENGTH MODEL

The SPH method applied in solids mechanics, integrates the traditional equations of mass (5), momentum (6) and energy (7).

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -\rho \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \right) \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\sigma} + \mathbf{F}$$
(6)

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{\sigma} : \nabla^s \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{\sigma} : \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \otimes \nabla \right) \right] + Q_{ij}$$
(7)

Where for the equations (5) to (7), ρ is density, **v** is the velocity vector (v is also defined as dx/dt), **o** is the stress tensor, **F** is external force, E is energy, Q_{ij} is the heat flux, ∇ is the gradient, ∇^s is a symmetric gradient, T is the temperature and t is the time. With the above definitions, the conservation equations can be written in their discrete form, then

the above definitions, the conservation equations can be written in their discrete form, then the equation of conservation of mass, momentum and energy can be transformed into particle equations for SPH with (8), (9) and (10) respectively [15], [18].

$$\left\langle \frac{d\rho}{dt} \right\rangle = \rho_i \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{m_j}{\rho_j} (\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i) \cdot \nabla_i W_{ij}$$
(8)

$$\left\langle \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \right\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{N} m_j \left(\frac{\mathbf{\sigma}_j}{\rho_j^2} + \frac{\mathbf{\sigma}_i}{\rho_i^2} - \prod_{ij} \right) \cdot \nabla_i W_{ij} + \mathbf{F}$$
(9)

$$\left\langle \frac{dE}{dt} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{N} m_j \left(\frac{\mathbf{\sigma}_i}{\rho_i^2} + \frac{\mathbf{\sigma}_j}{\rho_j^2} - \prod_{ij} \right) : \left[\left(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i \right) \otimes \nabla_i W_{ij} + \nabla_i W_{ij} \otimes \left(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i \right) \right] + Q_{ij}$$
(10)

Where the brackets $\langle \rangle$ are used to identify the function approximated by the kernel estimation, and \prod_{ii} term represents the artificial viscous pressure.

The term of the heat flux is defined like (11), This form is used for [15], [19].

$$Q_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} 4 \frac{m_j}{\rho_i \rho_j} \left(\frac{k_i k_j}{k_i + k_j} \right) \left(\frac{T_i - T_j}{\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}} \right) \left(\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \nabla_i W_{ij} \right)$$
(11)

$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} = x_i^{\alpha} - x_j^{\alpha} \tag{12}$$

Where in (11) and (12), *k* is material conduction, \mathbf{r}_{ij} is the distance vector between two particles and x^{α} is the component coordinate of vector \mathbf{x}_i .

The artificial viscous pressure was used as the Monaghan-Gingold form [17](13).

$$\Pi_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{-\alpha \overline{c}_{ij} \mu_{ij}^2 + \beta \mu_{ij}^2}{\overline{\rho}_{ij}} & \text{if } \left(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i \right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i \right) < 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(13)

Where
$$\mu_{ij} = \frac{\overline{h}_{ij} \left(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i \right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i \right)}{|\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i|^2 + 0,01\overline{h}_{ij}^2}, \ \overline{c}_{ij} = \frac{\left(c_i + c_j \right)}{2}, \ \overline{\rho}_{ij} = \frac{\left(\rho_i + \rho_j \right)}{2}, \ \overline{h}_{ij} = \frac{\left(h_i + h_j \right)}{2} \text{ and the } \mathbf{v}_{ij} = \frac{\left(\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_i \right)}{2} \mathbf{v}_{i$$

parameters α and β are order unity and c_i is the speed of sound on the *ith* particle.

3.1. Equations for an elastic-perfectly plastic strength model

The stress tensor appearing in the conservation equations (9) and (10) is defined in term of the pressure $P = -\frac{1}{3}Tr(\sigma)\mathbf{1}$ and the traceless symmetric deviatoric stress $\tilde{\sigma}$ as (14). $\sigma = \tilde{\sigma} - P\mathbf{1}$ (14)

The pressure is normally computed using an state equation of the form $p = p(\rho, E)$, such as the Mie-Gruneisen equation for solids defined in (15).

$$P(\rho, E) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma\eta\right) \left[P_{H}(\rho)\right] + \Gamma\rho E$$

$$\eta = \frac{\rho}{\rho_{0}} - 1$$

$$P_{H}(\rho) = \begin{cases} a_{0}\eta + b_{0}\eta^{2} + c_{0}\eta^{3} , \eta > 0 \\ a_{0}\eta , \eta < 0 \end{cases}$$
(15)

Where for (15) the subscript H refers to the Hugoniot curve and Γ is the Gruneisen parameter and the constants a_0, b_0, c_0 can be definition with lineal relation between to shock velocity U_s and particle velocity S_s , defined for $U_s = c + S_s U_p$. Through a Taylor's series expansion of the Hugoniot function the equations (16) are obtained.

$$a_{0} = \rho_{0}c_{s}^{2}$$

$$b_{0} = a_{0} \left[1 + 2(S_{s} - 1) \right]$$

$$c_{0} = a_{0} \left[2(S_{s} - 1) + 3(S_{s} - 1)^{2} \right]$$
(16)

For the deviatoric part of equation (14), in the elastic range, we used Hooke's law as shown in (17).

$$\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}} = 2\mu\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{\epsilon}}} \tag{17}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{\epsilon}}} = \dot{\mathbf{\epsilon}} - \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{tr} (\dot{\mathbf{\epsilon}}) \mathbf{1}$$
(18)

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} = \nabla^{S} \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \otimes \nabla)$$
(19)

Where for equations (17) to (19), $\tilde{\sigma}$ is the deviatoric stress rate tensor and $\dot{\epsilon}$ is the strain rate tensor and $\dot{\tilde{\epsilon}}$ is the strain rate deviatoric tensor. However, for finite rotations, the equations (17) is not material frame indifferent, then the rotation becomes dependent of a non-physical response. To improve this situation many cases have been formulated [3]. In this work is employed the widely used Jaumann rate [2], [8] for small rotations and it alters (17) to appear as (20).

$$\frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}}{dt} = 2\mu\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{\epsilon}}} - \dot{\mathbf{\omega}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}} - \tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{\omega}}$$
(20)

Where for the equation (20), $\dot{\omega}$ is the rotational or spin rate strain tensor taken for (21), which it's defined by ∇^A that is the anti-symmetric gradient, and μ is the material shear modulus.

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \nabla^A \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \otimes \nabla)$$
(21)

Applying the SPH method the equations (19) and (21) become the equations (22) and (23) [13].

$$\left\langle \dot{\mathbf{\epsilon}} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{m_j}{\rho_j} \left[\nabla_i W_{ij} \otimes \left(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i \right) + \left(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i \right) \otimes \nabla_i W_{ij} \right]$$
(22)

$$\left\langle \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{m_j}{\rho_j} \left[\nabla_i W_{ij} \otimes \left(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i \right) - \left(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i \right) \otimes \nabla_i W_{ij} \right]$$
(23)

This set of equations can now be solved and will describe a perfectly elastic materials behavior. However, it is known that studied materials are not only perfectly elastic but instead present also a plastic behavior, for this a critical stress always exists and the employment of such was used for the material in permanent deformation. This plastic behavior can be introduced in the equations using the von Mises yielding criterion [20], [21], and the deviatoric stress is limited by a scalar function \tilde{f} defined by (24).

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \tilde{f} \, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \tag{24}$$

Plasticity in the von Mises yielding criterion is tread using the Jhonson and Cook viscoplastic model [12] showing in (25). It depends on the plastic strain, the plastic strain rate and temperature variations.

$$Y_{JC} = \left[A + B\left(\varepsilon_{eq}\right)^{n}\right] \left[1 + C\ln\left(\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}_{eq}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_{0}}\right)\right] \left[1 - \left(\frac{T - T_{0}}{T_{m} - T_{0}}\right)^{m}\right]$$
(25)

$$\varepsilon_{eq} = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} : \tilde{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}$$

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} = \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \mathbf{tr}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \mathbf{1}$$
(26)

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{eq} = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \dot{\tilde{\varepsilon}} : \dot{\tilde{\varepsilon}}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{\varepsilon}} = \dot{\varepsilon} - \mathbf{tr} (\dot{\varepsilon})$$
(27)

Where the equations (25) to (27), A is the initial yield stress (*MPa*), B is the coefficient of strength (*MPa*), n is the work hardening exponent, C is the coefficient of strain rate sensitivity, p is the thermal softening coefficient, $\dot{\varepsilon}_0$ is the strain rate reference value (defined as $\dot{\varepsilon}_0 = 1$), T is the material temperature (K), T_0 is the room temperature, T_m is the material melting temperature, $\tilde{\varepsilon}$ is the deviatoric strain, ε_{eq} is the equivalent plastic strain and $\dot{\varepsilon}_{eq}$ is the equivalent plastic strain rate, the two last ones are defined in the equations (26) and (27) respectively. In this work the test problems have a high strain behavior, by such circumstances it is entirely reasonable that when yielding criterion is reached, the assumption that the elastic strain is zero and the plastic strain becomes the total strain can be made; according to this the function \tilde{f} (28) can now be computed following the widely used form [2], [6], [22], where σ_{eq} is equivalent stress, which is given by (29).

$$f = \min\left[\frac{\left(Y_{JC}\right)^2}{\left(\sigma_{eq}\right)^2}, 1\right]$$
(28)

$$\sigma_{eq} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}\tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}:\tilde{\mathbf{\sigma}}}$$
(29)

3.2. Model's definition

For the time stepping we used the Predictor-Corrector algorithm described by Monaghan [23] because presents more stability for the variables time update. The calculations for boundary conditions in this work were made with boundaries defined by lines that exert repulsive force [4], [23], [24], this approach improves the physical behavior because produces a force normal to the boundary over the neighboring particles [25], [26].

Further, we used other improvements like the XSPH [23] for moving the particles, Moving Least Squares (MLS) [27], [28] for density re-initialization and Artificial stress [8] for treatment of instability tensile.

4. NUMERICAL TESTS

Examples for simulating high strain with material strength were carried out using SPH. The SPH results were compared with the result of the other SPH works and experimental data. In this section are presented three test, many employed in the literature [5], [29], [30]. The study examples are high shear in a plate, the impact of a plate against a rigid surface and the penetration of a cylinder through a plate.

4.1. High Shear plate

This test was develop in [5], [29] at first. In this example, an Armco iron plate in two dimensions, the upper half of the plate has an initial velocity of 254 m/s, while the lower bottom starts at rest as seen in Figure 1. The material properties and the parameters for Mie-Gruneisen equation of the Armco iron are presented in Table 1, and in Table 2 are shown the parameters of the Johnson and Cook model and the artificial viscosity coefficient. In this case 1122 particles were initially distributed to represent the plate.

In Figure 2 and Figure 3 is showed a comparison between temperature and equivalent strain at 80 μ s of simulation. The Figure 2 and Figure 3 shows that the maximum strain and temperature are found in the shear plane between the lower and the upper half, from these behaviors it can be intuited that the model is appropriate. In Figure 4 are compared our SPH simulation with that made by Gordon R. Johnson [5], [29], it can be seen that our simulation (Figure 4(a)) shows a more realistic behavior in the interaction between particles compared with Figure 4 (b) in which the material exhibits instability in the separation plane, this improvement is due to the implementation of the artificial viscosity [29], XSPH [23] and artificial stress [22]. While the comparison between our SPH model and the standard finite element method (FEM) (Figure 4 (c)), shows that SPH presents a more rigid behavior in deformation and distributes the strain uniformly in all the particles.



Figure 1. Test 1 high Shear plate, initial conditions.

Table 1.The material properties and the parameters for Mie-Gruneisen equation of the Armco iron [13].

$\mu[GPa]$	$C_p[J/kgK]$	k[W / mK]	$\rho \left[kg / m^3 \right]$	Г	S_s
80	452	80,2	7890	1,81	1,8

A[Mpa]	B[MPa]	С	п	т	$T_0[K]$	$T_m[K]$	α	β
175	380	0,060	0,32	0,55	293,15	1811	0,2	4





Figure 2. High Shear plate, Temperature distribution at $80 \ \mu s$.





4.2. Impact of a plate against a rigid surface

This problem has been widely used in the literature [6], [29], [30]. An Armco iron cylinder represented with a plate in two dimensions is traveling at 200 m/s and in impacts on a rigid static surface. The plate was 2,546 cm longitude, and 0,76 cm wide (Figure 5). The material properties and parameters of models for the Armco iron are presented in the Table 1 and Table 2. The separation between real particles was 300 μm .

The Figure 6 shows the final deformed shape of the cylinder and its dimension and the

Table 3 is the comparison between the SPH simulation made in this work and the made by Gordon R. Johnson [29], Libersky [6] and Liu [30] . From Figure 6 and

Table 3 it can be seen a good behaviour of our model compared to previous SPH models presented in the literature.



Figure 5. The impact of a plate against a rigid surface, initial condition.



Figure 6. The impact of a plate against a rigid surface, final condition.

Table 3. Comparing our SPH simulation of "The impact of a plate against a rigid surface" with that made by Libersky [6], Liu [30] and Gordon R. Johnson [29].

Impact cylinder SPH Models	Final bar height (cm)	Final bar width (cm)
Result by Patiño, Reyes et al.	2,02	1,52
Result by Libersky [6]	2,18	1,52
Result by Liu [30]	2,09	1,93
Result by Johnson [29]	2,11	1,70

4.3. Penetration of a cylinder through a plate

In this case, the model was applied to simulate the penetrating process of an infinitely long aluminum cylinder through an infinitely long aluminum plate, this problem has been widely studied [3], [5], [29]. The simulation has two dimensions, taken as the transversal sec-

tion of both cylinder and plate. Figure 7 presents the initial conditions, while the material properties and the parameters for Mie-Gruneisen equation for the Aluminum are presented in Table 4. Table 5 shows the parameter for the Johnson and Cook model and the artificial viscosity coefficient. In this case 12830 particles were initially distributed. The impact speed of the cylinder was 6180 m/s and the simulations were run up to 20 μs .



Figure 7. The penetration of a cylinder through a plate, initial conditions.

Table 4. The material properties and the parameters for Mie-Gruneisen equation of the Aluminum [9], [18].

$\mu[GPa]$	$C_p[J/kgK]$	k[W / mK]	$\rho \left[kg / m^3 \right]$	Г	S_s
27,1	875	237	2710	1,7	1,5

Table 5.The parameter in Aluminum for the Johnson and Cook model and coefficient in artificial viscosity [9].

A[Mpa]	B[MPa]	С	n	т	$T_0[K]$	$T_m[K]$	α	β
300	426	0,015	0,34	1	273,15	775	2,5	2,5

The strain in the cylinder and the plate at $20 \ \mu s$ can be seen in Figure 8 and **Table 6**, the comparison between the results of the simulation with the results obtained by Liu [30] and S. Hiermaier [9] shows an adequate behavior.

The Figure 9 and Figure 10 present the initial impact behavior, showing the equivalent strain and equivalent strain rate, these show a high plastic strains as it should be assumed in the impact test. It is important to say that the deformation behaviour and the strain rate are distributed over the contact and penetration between the cylinder and the plate, which is physically correct, however the model presents some unnatural separations in the cylinder, probably because of the bad interaction between particles at the penetration starting instant. The fracture criterion was only the natural separation between particles [3].

Table 6. Compared simulation behavior in this paper with the made by Liu [30] and S. Hiermaier [9] at 20 μs .

Cylinder and	Patiño, Reyes	G.R. Liu	S. HIER-	Experimental
plate	et. al	[30]	MAIER [9]	[9]
Dg (cm)	3,2	3,35	3,5	2,75 - 3,45
L/w	1,388	1,33	1,11	1,39





5. CONCLUSIONS

We presented three two-dimensional models of materials strain by the method of Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH) for high strains, considering elastic deformations by Hooke's law and plastic strains through the yielding criterion of von Mises and the Johnson-Cook model.

The test of High Shear plate shows an adequate behaviour in the interaction between particles in our SPH model compared to other models and experimental data. The impact of a rigid plate against a surface presents realistic behavior between particles and rigid boundaries as compared with other simulations. Penetration of a cylinder through a plate has a good performance relative to other models and experimental values, but we still have some irregular separations at the penetration time.

The functionality of SPH for high strain processes modeling was proved and the examples developed showed an appropriate behavior with respect to other models and experimental data.

In future implementations an improvement in the fracture criterion to represent the separation between particles in a better way is necessary

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