



Recent developments for process simulations of composite structures in LS-DYNA



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Concrete



Short fiber reinforced polymers (cement/stone/steel) (glass/PP)



Long fiber reinforced polymers (glass/carbon/PA/PP/EP)



Sandwich/Laminates (alloy/polymer/..glass/PVB/...)





short fibers



long fibers



fibrous composite materials (fibers in a matrix)



laminated composite materials (layers of various materials)

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Process simulation: Motivation





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Simulation on cm-scale

Smeared approach: Homogenization of local structure and constitutive properties



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Agenda

- Braiding
- Draping
- Organo sheets
- RTM

Mapping







Braiding

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First steps for processing simulation

Filament winding simulation:



21 yarns21543 Beam elements, 1 partSimple rotation of the fibers and pushing of the braiding core through the braiding ringSimple filament winding

Simple braiding simulation:



42 yarns86172 Beam elements, 2 partsFibers are rotated and then moved up- and down to create the braiding-patternBraiding core is pushed through the braiding ring

Braiding simulation with UD reinforcement:



84 yarns
174348 Beam elements, 3 parts
Half the elements used as UD – reinforcement parts
Fibers are rotated and then moved up- and down to create the braiding-pattern
Braiding core is pushed through the braiding ring





Draping



Modeling techniques on cm-scale:

Fabric materials available for draping simulation

MAT 34 MAT_234 MAT 235 Simulation on cm-scale: Simulation on cm-scale: MAT MICROMECHANICS DRY FABRIC (#235) MAT_VISCOELASTIC_LOOSE_FABRIC (#234) Simulation on cm-scale: MAT FABRIC (#34) Micro-mechanical approach with homogenization strategy (RVE): Micro-mechanical approach : A special membrane formulation is automatically invoked Mathematical description of symmetrically woven fabric Mathematical description of geometry and kinematic of symmetrical woven fabric warn yar Subcell Two ore identical $C_{11}^{\rm f} = C_{12}^{\rm f} = C_{13}^{\rm f}$ C_{14}^{f} $-C_{is}^{f}$ $-C_{16}^{f}$ $C_{22}^{\rm f}$ $C_{23}^{\rm f}$ $C_{24}^{\rm f}$ $-C_{25}^{f}$ $-C_{26}^{f}$ -C16-C16 Computation of used stress and strain measure $R_{0L} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{f^2 - \xi_0^2}{J_0^2}$ $\mathcal{E}_{exp} = \frac{J - I_0}{J}$ $\mathcal{S}_{\text{run}} = \ln\left(\frac{J}{L}\right)$ C. σ_{m_2} Assembly of RVE built of 4 sub cells New in R7.0: bending stiffness Simulation on cm-scale: Simulation on cm-scale: MAT MICROMECHANICS DRY FABRIC (#235) MAT VISCOELASTIC LOOSE FABRIC (#234) Micro-mechanical approach with homogenization strategy (RVE): Taking locking angle through reduction factor for G12 into account Mathematical description of symmetrically woven fabric Visco-elastic enhancement for higher strain rates **New: ACMD** $hisv(1) = \theta_f$ $hisv(6) = g_{-}$ $hisv(7) = \gamma_n$ $hisv(2) = \theta_{-}$ $hisv(3) = \beta_f$ $hisv(8) = \sigma_{4}$ $hisv(4) = \beta_{\mathbf{v}} \quad hisv(9) = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{v}}$ $hisv(5) = \sigma_v$ $hisv(14) = \mu$ Example data: Example data w=0.32 mm Kevlar 129 Kevlar 129 $hisv(1) = \theta$ nue12=nue23=0.2 E1=E2= 7.4 GPa Rho=1440 kg/m3 E1= 99.1 GPa s=0.909mm Anisotropic unidirectional layered THETAJock = 35 deg. $hisv(2) = \theta$ G12 = 2.5 GPa E2= 7.4 GPa Beta f = Beta w =1 s=0.909mm THETA=3 deg. $hisv(3) = \alpha$ G12 = 2.5 GPa THETAlock=5 deg. T= 0.82mm S=6.5e-2 mm² constitutive model for draping G23 = 5.0 GPa deltaTEHTA=0.5 deg. NEW in future release.



Enhancements in MAT_FABRIC (MAT34) starting with LS-DYNA R7.0

- Material describes an orthotropic material behavior
- Requires discretization with membrane elements
- Allows to add a bending resistance by defining an additional elastic coating in the material card



Example: Tablecloth with varying coating stiffness



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Draping: Using discrete elements for strong anisotropy

Modeling woven fabrics with beam elements:

Warp and weft direction *MAT_LINEAR_ELASTIC_DISCRETE_BEAM (MAT_066) Diagonal behavior modeled with *MAT_CABLE_DISCRETE_BEAM (MAT_071)



This approach allows also to model positive and negative shear loading.

Optional matrix may be represented with shell elements and elastic/plastic material.





Draping – **New Material model**

Beta status (could be enhanced for organo sheets)



New anisotropic constitutive model for draping (ACMD)

 Hyperelastic, anisotropic material formulation, accounting for *n* discrete fiber families in *each* integration point



- Normalized initial fiber directions \vec{m}_i^0 are defined w.r.t. to material direction
- Current state of fiber \vec{m}_i is given by $\vec{m}_i = \underline{F}\vec{m}_i^0$ with length λ_i
- Response of the fibers according to a function $f(\lambda_i)$ of current length $\vec{m_i}$ of the fiber defined by a load curve
- Stresses due to elongation of the individual fibers families are then computed as

$$\underline{\sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{J} f(\lambda_i) \ \vec{m}_i \otimes \vec{m}_i$$

Interaction between neighboring fiber families can be accounted for by

$$\underline{\sigma} = \sum_{\substack{i,j\\i\neq j}} \frac{1}{J} g\left(\vec{m}_i \cdot \vec{m}_j \right) \vec{m}_i \otimes \vec{m}_j$$

where function g can again be provided as a load curve

For the sake of stability, a linear relation between transverse shear stresses σ_{31}, σ_{32} and the corresponding components of the bulk strain tensor is additionally assumed



Example: tensile test specimen (ACMD)

- Prescribed motion of top nodes
- Arrows indicate the principal stresses



Results show that

- stress orientations are independent of element orientations
- material definition accounts correctly for anisotropic (non-orthotropic) material behavior

Example ACMD: Draping simulation (-45 /+45)

Comparison with LS-DYNA standard material MAT_FABRIC (MAT_034)

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Outlook: Output of composite related data

Write separate output file including information about

- Ply-ID the IP under consideration belongs to
- Fiber directions
- Damage
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- Output in binary LSDA-format
- First implementations made in LS-DYNA for the User Material and in LSPP

Next steps: implementation for LS-DYNA standard materials

Draping example: S-Rail Process simulation Х \times [geometry provided by Benteler-SGL]

Organo sheet

Process simulation: Organo sheet

Single layer of woven fabric that is coated on both sides with PA6, t=1.5mm The forming process is done at 250-300 C. **Modeling**: Layered shell with *PART_COMPOSITE defining

plastic material for PA6 at the outsides (*MAT_PLASTIC_KINEMATIC) and orthotropic material for woven fabric (*MAT_ORTHOTROPIC_ELASTIC)

Process simulation: Organo sheet

Optical comparison of fiber directions (aligned with mesh)

Resin transfer moulding (RTM)

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Injection of Resin

- Infiltration is a 3D flow problem through a porous media
- Porosity depends on the packing density of the fibers
- Fiber orientation results in an anisotropic porosity
- Flow through porous media can be modeled in LS-DYNA using the CONSTRAINED_LAGRANGE_IN_SOLID keyword

Simple test example

Box with an inclusion Inflow defined at red elements Main material (green) and inclusion (yellow) have same/different viscous coefficients.

Same porosity coefficients

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Example: L-Shape

• Draping

S-Rail example: Isotropic porosity

- Mesh obtained from draping simulation
- Flow induced by pressure inlet
- One injection point for resin is considered (blue)

RTM Simulation SRail Geometrie

S-Rail example: Anisotropic porosity

- LS-DYNA allows to define the porosity with respect to the element coordinate system:
 - Easy to specify a porosity in thickness direction even for curved geometries
 - Important if the geometry results from a previous draping simulation

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Homogenization strategies

Source Mesh:

four Parts 10461 Beam Elements avg. length: 1.65 – 3.30 mm

Target Mesh:

one or four Parts 4x 300 Shell Elements avg. length: 1.80 – 18.40 mm

Homogenization strategies:

Fiber orientation definition

Vector \vec{a} is given directly by the orientations of the beam elements *ELEMENT_SHELL_COMPOSITE or *PART_COMPOSITE

Main disadvantage:

- Each element get's an assigned material card -> 300 elements eq. 300 diff. material cards
- good as a first tryout, but not relevant for any kind of simulation

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Only one material card per part! Relevant for crash simulations...

<u>IP - 4</u>

IP - 3

	Origin	
0.291E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02
0.287E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02
0.283E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02
0.279E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02
0.275E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02
0.271E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02
0.267E+03	0.316E+03	0.507E+02
0.263E+03	0.316E+03	0.507E+02
0.259E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02
0.256E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02
0.252E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02
0.248E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02
0.244E+03	0.316E+03	0.506E+02

Direction			
-0.110E-01-0.200E+01	0.000E+00		
-0.106E-01-0.200E+01	0.000E+00		
-0.970E-02-0.200E+01	0.800E-05		
-0.858E-02-0.200E+01	0.000E+00		
-0.714E-02-0.200E+01-	-0.400E-05		
-0.546E-02-0.200E+01	0.000E+00		
-0.369E-02-0.200E+01	0.000E+00		
-0.180E-02-0.200E+01	0.000E+00		
-0.600E-04-0.200E+01	0.530E-04		
0.160E-02-0.200E+01	0.221E-03		
0.310E-02-0.200E+01	0.511E-03		
0.454E-02-0.200E+01	0.881E-03		
0.580E-02-0.200E+01	0.129E-02		

Mapping with LS-PrePost

Load vector field into LS-PrePost using the Composite-Modeling feature:

Eletol -> Composite -> Map

For each ply, fiber directions can be mapped

Output will be *ELEMENT_-SHELL_COMPOSITE for LS-DYNA input deck

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IP1

IP2 IP3 IP4

Mapping from experimental data

so far: transfer of fiber orientation-tensors onto a LS-DYNA mesh Input: patran-format mesh, output: csv-file containing orientation tensor & fiber-volume ration per element, transfer as *INITIAL STRESS SOLID data for visualization purposes only Three different mesh sizes considered so far: Coarse, Mean, Fine Example-part: 3-layered braided tupe with 0-deg reinforcement fibers Further enhancements supposed to work with Hexa-elements, maybe with (T)shell elements

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