

POTENTIALS OF POLYMERIC BASED BODY STRUCTURE MATERIALS IN FULL CAR CRASH

POTENTIALE POLYMERBASIERTER KAROSSERIEWERKSTOFFE IM VOLLFAHRZEUG-CRASH



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Agenda:

- Motivation and introduction
- Body Structure Solutions material overview

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- Scope and demonstrator selection
- Solution setups and modular model build
- IIHS side impact example
- Summary and outlook

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Motivation and Introduction

Vehicles of the "next generation" [Mobility, Energy, Regulations, Markets]:

- New package concepts and vehicle architectures
- Module driven vehicle development
- Exploitation of further lightweight potentials by advanced materials
- Implementation of multi-material concepts
- Enabling simulation of advanced materials and joining techniques
- Ensuring active and passive vehicle safety
- Investigation of advanced urban mobility concepts
- Complete redesign of automotive production, esp. for smaller volumes

(Source: Prof. S. Gies, Trends and concepts - vehicles of the next Generation, Aachener Body Engineering Days 2009, 22nd September 2009, Aachen, Germany)

Related Polymeric based Application and Solution Development:

- In general the basic idea of such "next generation" application or solution developments is independent of a specific vehicle
- To explain the advantages and to evaluate the potentials of these polymeric materials, a full vehicle demonstrator is used

BETAMATE[™] Structural Adhesives

BETAFOAM[™] Acoustical and Structural Cavity-Filling Foam





Front Rail under Floor







BETAMATE[™] Ultra Light Weight Reinforcement





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SCOPE: Analyze and optimize DOW Body Structure Solutions in a full vehicle environment by using a Demonstrator Car

Why selecting the Ford Taurus 2001 vehicle?

- Mass production mid class sedan vehicle
- 3rd model review with cleanup and refinement (2008)
- Public available from NCAC National Crash Analysis Center
 http://www.ncac.gwu.edu/vml/models.html



Some CAE facts:

- 1 064 611 elements
- 936 259 nodes
- 795 components



Crash Durable Adhesive Setup: BETAMATE[™] 1496 all length ~100 m



Structural BEATFOAM Setup:

BETAFOAM[™] 89100/124 all cavity 82.9 kg



Ultra Light Weight Reinforcement Setup: BETAMATE[™] ULWR all gap/edge 4.2 kg



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Modular approach LS-DYNA

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Vehicle Model Ford Taurus 2001 by NCAC Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) side impact Barrier by LSTC Frontal Offset Deformable Barrier (ODB) by LSTC

Rigid Barrier by NCAC (Baseline)



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2001 Ford Taurus

Baseline Verification

-Test 3248 **Baseline Original:** NCAC 600 -FE- Simulation LS-DYNA -HPC-Pune-Simulation Version: mpp971s R2 500 Revision: 7600.1224 Platform: SGI Altix Workstation IA64 OS level: Linux 2.4(64 bit) 400 Precision: Single precision (I4R4) Force [kN] Total CPU time: ~ 14 hrs (for 150 ms) Number of processors: 12 200 100 0 0.3 0.4 0.1 0.2 0.5 0,6 0.7 0.8 Displacement [m] DOW **Baseline HM exported:** LS-DYNA Version: mpp971s R2 Revision: 7600.1224 Platform: HPC - Pune, Linux Workstation Intel-Xeon64 OS level: RH EL 4 upd 3 (MPICH 1.2.6) Precision: Single precision (I4R4) Total CPU time: ~ 11 hrs Number of processors: 16 Initial velocity 15646 mm/s (56.4 kmph) Gravity load 9810 mm/s2

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(Entire vehicle)



Total Weight: 2.621 kg (37% weight saved) Dow Automotive Systems

B-Pillar Intrusion (ULWR)



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B-Pillar Intrusion (CDA)



B-Pillar Intrusion (BETAFOAM)

B-Pillar Intrusion (comparing)

reducing max. intrusion: ULWR (10%), CDA (6%), BETAFOAM (40%)

Further optimization of all solutions is ongoing

Summary and Outlook:

- A full vehicle demonstrator (Ford Taurus model year 2001 by the NCAC) is used to examine and optimize the development capabilities of automotive materials and solutions
- The full vehicle model demonstrates qualitative benefits of new material and solution based developments
- Limitations can be seen on the quantitative potential as the vehicle model is from 2001 and not represents latest state-of-the-art design
- Optimization objectives depend on design strategies and performance targets including weight and costs. The demonstrator approach enables to study and present related methods
- Additional load cases like rear and roof crash as well as the pole impact should be added
- Further optimization strategies should be discussed in cooperation with OEMs and Tiers

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