



Simulation of the Manufacturing and Serviceability of Continuous Fiberreinforced Plastics



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Composites

A composite is a combination of two or more materials, differing in form or composition on a macroscale. The constituents do not dissolve or merge completely into one another, but can be physically identified and exhibit an interface.





Chracteristic structure of fiber reinforced plastics

- Fiber size and geometry have significant influence on the part performance.
- Fibers show higher strength and stiffness than material in bulk form
 - Fewer internal defects
 - Aligned crystalline structure
- Strongly anisotropic tensile response
 - Typical stiffness ratio: 20:1 100:1
 - Fibers linear elastic, matrix non-linear

A thorough understanding of the manufacturing process is extremely important





Length scale and modeling techniques



- The modeling strategy is to be defined based on
 - the length scale
 - the effects to be capturde by the simulation



Agenda

- Process simulation
 - Winding and Braiding
 - Draping
 - Thermoforming
- Crashworthiness analysis
 - Short and long fiber reinforced plastics
 - Continuous fiber reinforced plastics
- Mapping
- Summary





Producibility Winding and Braiding



Winding and Braiding



- Exact positioning and orientation of fibers for complex geometries
- Thorough planning of the manufacturing process is required



Winding and Braiding - Simulation



- 21 yarns
- 21543 beam elements
- 1 part
- Simple rotation of the fibers
- Braiding core is pushed through the braiding ring





Winding and Braiding - Simulation



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





Winding and Braiding - Simulation



- 48 yarns
- 25236 beam elements
- 48 discrete elements
- 6 parts
- Fibers are rotated and then moved to create the braiding-pattern
- Braiding core is pushed through the braiding ring







Producibility Draping



Draping – Simulation with discrete elements



- Warp and weft direction *MAT_LINEAR_ELASTIC_DISCRETE_BEAM
- Diagonal behavior modeled with *MAT_CABLE_DISCRETE_BEAM
- This approach allows to model positive and negative shear loading





Draping – *MAT_034 (*MAT_FABRIC)



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





Draping - *MAT_234 / *MAT_235



- *MAT_234 (*MAT_VISCOELASTIC_LOOSE FABRIC)
 - Micromechanical approach
 - Mathematical description for geometry and kinematic of symmetrical woven fabric
 - Looking angle is taken into account
 - Viscoelastic enhancement for higher shear strain
- *MAT_235 (*MAT_MICROMECHANICS_DRY_FABRIC)
 - Micromechanical approach with homogenization strategy (RVE)
 - Mathematical description of symmetrical woven fabric
 - Looking angle is taken into account





- *MAT_249
 - Macroscopic, hyperelastic and anisotropic material formulation
 - Up to three different fiber families can be defined in any integration point
 - Stress-strain response for tension and compression given as load curve
 - Non-linear elasto-plastic shear behavior also defined be load curve input
 - Contains thermo-elasto-plastic material for thermoplastic matrix







S-Rail Example













Thermoplastic pre-pregs – process overview

- Properties of thermoplastic matrix material
 - At high temperature, molten material behaves like a viscous fluid
 - At low temperature, material can be described as an elasto-plastic solid
- Process overview



- Process is reversible as no chemical curing occurs
- Relatively short cycle times can be realized



Thermoplastic pre-pregs – picture frame test

- Standard experimental set-up to characterize shear behavior
- Results show significant temperature dependence
 - At low temperature, matrix material dominates
 - At high temperature, behavior similar as for dry fabric material







Thermoplastic pre-pregs – Validation



- Picture frame test is simulated for different temperatures
- Simulation result show good agreement with experimental data
 - Realistic non-linear shear behavior of fabric (highest temperature)
 - Effect of matrix curing with decreasing temperature is well captured





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Serviceability Short and long fibers



Anisotropic elastic solution with MAT_002_ANIS

Hyperelastic (total) formulation using Green-Lagrange strain E

 $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = J^{-1} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{F}^T = J^{-1} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{F}^T$

Elastic-anisotropic behavior, stiffness matrix with 21 independent coefficients:

- Several possibilities to define material directions, e.g. AOPT, ELEMENT_SOLID_ORTHO, ...
- No plasticity, no damage, no failure (but: brittle failure possible via *MAT_ADD_EROSION)



*MAT_(ANISO)TROPIC_ELASTIC



CARD #1	mid	ro	c11	c12	c22	c13	c23	c33
CARD #2	c14	c24	c34	c44	c15	c25	c35	c45
CARD #3	c55	c16	c26	c36	c46	c56	c66	aopt
CARD #4	xp	ур	zp	al	a2	a3	macf	ihis
CARD #5	v1	v2	v3	d1	d2	d3	beta	ref

- C_{ii}: constants in the 6x6 anisotropic constitutive matrix
- AOPT: usual options to define the material's coordinate system
- ihis: flag for element-wise definition of the stiffness tensor with *INITIAL_STRESS_SOLID



 $\sigma_{ii} = C_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{kl}$



*INITIAL_STRESS_SOLID

CARD #1	eid	nint	nhisv	larg	e	iveflg	ialegp nth		int	nthhsv	
CARD #2	sigxx		sigyy		sigzz		sigxy		sigyz		
CARD #3	sigzx		eps		hisv1		hisv2		hisv3		
CARD #4	hisv4		hisv5			hisv6	hisv7		hisv8		
CARD #5	hisv9		hisv10		hisv11		his	hisv12		hisv13	
CARD #6	hisv14		hisv15		hisv16		his	hisv17		hisv18	
CARD #7	hisv19		hisv20		hisv21						

- The matrix entries C_{ij} are written onto the history variables per integration point.
- Setting ihisv=21 in MAT_002 will take into account the fully anistropic stiffness tensor (e.g. hisv#1 – hisv#21 have to be defined in DYNAIN for instance)



Anisotropic elastic solution with MAT_002_ANIS

- Direct input in material card
 - Drawback: inhomogeneous distribution (e.g. from previous short fiber filling simulation) in component needs individual part definition for every element



- Initialization with *INITIAL_STRESS_SOLID (new option in next Release R7.1)
 - Only one part definition for whole component. Anisotropic coefficients are part of material's history field and can therefore be initialized for each integration point individually.









Domposite damage – modeling aspects

intralaminar

layered thin shell elements



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- + numerical "cheap" (thickness has no influence on critical time step size)
- + combination of single layers to sublaminates
- no stresses in thickness dir.

layered thick shell elements

- + 3D stress state
- + combination of single layers to sublaminates
- thickness influences the critical time step size



solid elements

- + 3D stress state
- one element for every single layer
- → numerical "expensive"





Ply definition with *PART_COMPOSITE(_TSHELL)

- Part-wise definition of lay-ups
- No *SECTION_SHELL-keyword card needed
- Material models, thicknesses and angles are defined for each layer
- Add as many cards as necessary



***PART_COMPOSITE (_TSHELL)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Card 1	PID	ELFORM	SHRF	NLOC	MAREA	HGID	ADOPT	
	28	2	0.0	0.0				
Card 2	MID1	THICK1	BETA1		MID2	THICK2	BETA2	
	1	0.2	0.0		2	0.4	45.0	
Cord 2	MID3	THICK3	BETA3		MID4	THICK4	BETA4	
Card 3	3	0.2	90.0					



Ply definition with *ELEMENT_(T)SHELL_COMPOSITE

- Element-Wise definition of lay-ups
- *SECTION_SHELL-keyword is needed
- Material models, thicknesses and angles are defined for each layer
- Add as many cards as necessary
- Allows the definition of different lay-ups within one part



*ELEMENT_(T) SHELL_COMPOSITE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3	9	10
Card 1	EID	PID	N	1 N2	N3	N4	N5	N	6	N7	N8
	1	2		3	4	5	6		7		8
Card 2	MID1	THIC	K1	BETA1		MID2	THIC	THICK2 B		ETA2	
	1	0.2		0.0).0		0.4	0.4		5.0	
Card 3	MID3	THICK3		BETA3		MID4	THIC	K4	BE	ETA4	
	3	0.2		90.0							



Failure mechanisms in fiber reinforced composites





LS-DYNA: Available models for composite structures

- *MAT_022: (*MAT_COMPOSITE_DAMAGE)
 - plane stress
 - Chang-Chang failure criteria: fiber tension, matrix tension/compression
 - fiber compression is missing
 - "sudden" failure: E1,E2,nu12,G12 = 0.0

- *MAT_054/055: (*MAT_ENHANCED_COMPOSITE_DAMAGE)
 - plane stress
 - failure criteria (54: Chang-Chang 55: Tsai-Wu): fiber tension/compression, matrix tension/compression
 - failure: stresses kept constant till failure strain reached, then: E1,E2,nu12,G12 = 0.0



LS-DYNA: Available models for composite structures

- *MAT_058: (*MAT_LAMINATED_COMPOSITE_FABRIC)
 - plane stress
 - Hashin failure criteria: fiber tension/compression, matrix tension/compression
 - exponential damage model



- *MAT_059: (*MAT_COMPOSITE_FAILURE_Option_MODEL)
 - Option: SHELL/SOLID



LS-DYNA: New models for composite structures

- *MAT_261: (*MAT_LAMINATED_FRACTURE_DAIMLER_PINHO)
 - Coupled failure criterion based on 3D-stress state
 - complex 3D-fibre kinking model
 - Matrix failure invokes search for controlling fracture plane
 - Inear softening law based on fracture toughness
 - 1D-plasticity-model (mixed hardening) for in-plane shear behavior defined by load curve







LS-DYNA: New models for composite structures

- *MAT_262: (*MAT_LAMINATED_FRACTURE_DAIMLER_CAMANHO)
 - Coupled failure criterion based on 2D-stress state
 - Constant fiber misalignment angle based on shear and longitudinal compressive strength
 - Matrix failure with fixed planes
 - (Bi-)linear softening law based on fracture toughness
 - 1D-plasticity-model (linear mixed hardening) for in-plane shear behavior





Comparison of different material models





Comparison of different material models

- 1-Element-Test, Single-Layer (,SHELL', ELFORM=2)
- Cyclic test with a +/-45° layup (A-M)







Preliminary results

three point bending of a hat profile

single shell with a thickness of 2mm / carbon fibers in epoxy resin - [90%0%45%-45%0%90%-45%45%0%90%]



Preliminary results

shear specimen

single shell with a thickness of 2mm / carbon fibers in epoxy resin
- [45%-45%]₃₈



Preliminary results

CFRP Box, Carbon-Epoxy





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 Different applications use different modeling techniques, constitutive models, standards and validation procedures.





- Source: Braiding Simulation
- Target: Crash structure discretized with shell elements





- Source: Draping Simulation with beam elements
- Target: Crash structure discretized with shell elements





- Source: Draping Simulation with beam elements
- Target: Crash structure discretized with shell elements





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Summary

- Process simulation with LS-DYNA
 - Tailored modeling techniques for different length scales
 - Examples for winding, braiding and draping processes
 - New thermo-mechanical material model for thermoplastic prepregs
- Serviceability
 - New features for short and long fiber reinforced plastics (work in progress)
 - A variety of different material models for simulation of continuous fiber reinforced plastics
- Mapping
 - Between different length scales
 - Between different modeling approaches



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Composite Materials



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e-Xstream engineering

Company



Who are we...? A MSC Software Company!

✓ Team of 30+ persons

- PhDs (65%)
- MS & BS Engineering (25%)
- Marketing, Finance & Admin (10%) ٠

✓ Material experts

Micromechanics

✓ It's all about...

COMPOSITES







e-Xstream engineering

Company



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• Worldwide Partner Network

- ✓ Material Experts
 - Material Suppliers

- Software
 - Providers
 - Resellers

✓ Service Providers

- Industrial
- R&D

Composite Materials



Composite Materials

• Workflow – From Material to Structural Engineering



Composite Materials



Composite Materials

• UD Composites

 \rightarrow Micro / Macro $^{\rm Bridging\ the\ Scales}$



Composite Materials

• Woven Composites

→ Draping Impact on Stiffness & Failure





Sc Nonlinear Multi-Scale Modeling Platform



Tools

- For experts
- Modular environment

Solutions

- For designers
- Integrated environments
- Workflow oriented

eXpertise

• Knowledge transfer







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∞ Release Notes & Highlights



DIGIMAT 5.0.1 RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS

With "Reinforced Plastics" e-Xstream poured 10 years of experience into a GUI guided tool that aids the setup of coupled analysis in an easy and understandable way, uniform to all communities. This release will support the setup of 3D analyses with Marc, MSC Nastran, Abagus, Ansys and LS-Dyna based on Moldflow, Moldex3D, Sigmasoft or Timon 3D processing results. All Digimat solution technologies are supported. Jobs can either be run and monitored on a local computer or packaged

Progressive Failure UD Composites

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Digimat 5.0.1 offers a Matzenmiller-Lubliner-Taylor (MLT) based model for the progressive failure of UD composite materials. Failure progression includes individual damage evolution functions as well as stabilization of failure progression for coupled analyses.

SOL700 is now available in the Digimat-CAE/Nastran interface supporting MSC Nastran 2013.1.

Woven Composites Improved Robustness

The Hybrid solution method has been enhanced to support elastic, elastoplastic and elasto-viscoplastic material models for woven composites including per-phase failure.

Anisotropic thermal conductivity can be used in coupled analyses with Digimat-CAE/Abaqus. Thermomechanical analyses are available via Digimat-CAE/Marc. Robustness has been improved by offering Reverse Engineering of thermo-elastoplastic material models in MX and the support of thermo-elastic and thermoelastoplastic within the Hybrid solution method.

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€ Abaqus √ 6.12 ✓ 2013.1 **C MSC Nastran SOL700** € Ansys ✓ 2013.1 € CLS-Dyna ∞ Marc \checkmark 2012 \rightarrow Thermo-mechanical √ 6.1 MSC Software

Digimat **Software**

SC MSC Nastran SOL400



5.0.1

ANSYS[®]

SIMULIA

LSTC

 \checkmark 14.5 \rightarrow Initial stresses...

✓ v11

🛆 Altair







HIGHLIGHTS 5.0.1

Progressive Failure Hybrid for Woven



Progressive Failure

Highlights 5.0.1

$\overline{\sigma} \xrightarrow{\overline{\epsilon}} \overline{\overline{\epsilon}}$ MF

∞ UD Composites

- ✓ Macroscopic model
 - Stiffness
 - Linear elasticity
 - Failure
 - Hashin 2D
 - Hashin 3D
 - Hashin-Rotem 2D

• Damage

- <u>Matzenmiller / Lubliner / Taylor</u>
- Individual damage control functions
- Stabilization of failure progression





Progressive Failure

Highlights 5.0.1



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∞ UD Composites

✓ Stiffness / Damage / Failure



Instantaneous failure Remaining stiffness



Damage Complete failure

Progressive Failure

Highlights 5.0.1



∞ UD Composites

✓ Analysis control by damage evaluation





Hybrid for Woven

Highlights 5.0.1



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 ∞ Hybrid solution



Hybrid for Woven

Highlights 5.0.1



∞ Woven Composites

- ✓ Material model
 - Basic & homogeneous yarns
 - Stiffness
 - Elastic
 - Elastoplastic
 - Elasto-Viscoplastic
 - Failure
 - Per-phase



Hybrid for Woven

Highlights 5.0.1



Woven Composites

- ✓ Elastoplastic / failure
 - Excellent correlation with experiments

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MICRO vs. EXP





strain









DIGIMAT CLASSICS

Short Fiber Reinforced Plastics in Digimat 5.1



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<u>R</u>obust/<u>F</u>ast/<u>E</u>asy



4.5.1

∞ Hybrid solution

✓ Improved accuracy





Failure <u>R</u>obust/<u>F</u>ast/<u>E</u>asy

C Reverse Engineering



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5.0.1



MX

Post-Processing

<u>R</u>obust/<u>F</u>ast/<u>E</u>asy



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stresses

Post-Processing

<u>R</u>obust/<u>F</u>ast/<u>E</u>asy



4.5.1

∞ First eigenvalue a_l of the orientation tensor a_{ii}

✓ Where do we find areas with strongly oriented fibers?





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Post-Processing

<u>R</u>obust/<u>F</u>ast/<u>E</u>asy



4.5.1

∞ <u>A</u>chieved <u>P</u>otential <u>S</u>tiffness

✓ How much of the potential of my material am I using?





Post-Processing

<u>R</u>obust/<u>F</u>ast/<u>E</u>asy



4.5.1

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∞ <u>Relative</u> <u>Orientation</u> <u>State</u>

✓ How strongly are stress and fiber orientation correlated?







Digimat-RP

Integrated Workflow Environment for

Process Chain Modeling







∞ Design of Fiber Reinforced Plastic Parts

✓ **Tools** for multi-scale modeling







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∞ Solutions

- ✓ Integrated workflow environment
- ✓ Usable for experts & non-experts alike



Workflow

Digimat-RP



∞ Integrated Workflow Environment



Workflow

Digimat-RP



STRUCTURAL MODEL

✓ Prerequisites

- The structural model must be complete and ready to run with the targeted FEA code
- The regions of the structural FEA model where a Digimat material is to be used must have a specific material assigned
 - If several different Digimat materials are to be used, then each associated region must have its own unique material

✓ Limitations

- 3D solid elements
- Bi-phase Digimat materials only
- No advanced output management

RP acts upon the material model of an existing FEA input deck!



Digimat-RP



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- ✓ Short (& long) fiber reinforced plastics
 - Injection Molding
 - SFRP
 - Injection-Compression Molding

 SFRP / LFT
 - Compression Molding
 - LFT

Digimat-RP





- ✓ Short (& long) fiber reinforced plastics
 - Supported Software
 - 3D analyses

✓ Moldflow

.xml
 Autodesk^{*}
 Moldflow^{*}

✓ Sigmasoft

• .xml



✓ Moldex3D

• .o2d

Moldex3D°

- ✓ 3D Timon
 - .bou





Digimat-RP



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✓ Short (& long) fiber reinforced plastics

• Levels of quality

Choice between the effort to set up the material model and accuracy of results

Quantitative

- Data: based on anisotropic measurements
- Effort: expert reverse engineering (weeks to months)
- Semi-Quantitative
 - Data: based on ISO 527 dumbbell
 - Effort: non-expert reverse engineering

(~5-10 min.)

Qualitative

- Data: representative family curve from CAMPUS database
- Effort: none

(generic & ready to run)





Digimat-RP





✓ Short (& long) fiber reinforced plastics

• Levels of quality

Choice between the effort to set up the material model and accuracy of results

QUALITATIVE / SEMI-QUANTITATIVE / QUANTITATIVE



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✓ Internal

- Generic grades
 - » Linear elastic

✓ From Tools

- Digimat-MX
 - Material suppliers' grades
 - Generic grades
 - » (Thermo-) Linear elastic
 - » (Thermo-) Elastoplastic

✓ Short (& long) fiber reinforced plastics

• Input

 Encryption/Decryption of material properties fully supported

✓ From File

- Digimat-MF (.daf)
 - Build, save & use material model
 - » Any type
- Digimat-CAE (.mat)
 - Re-use previous analyses
 - » Any type
 - Use encrypted
 - » Any type



Digimat-RP





✓ Short (& long) fiber reinforced plastics

Performances

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Plastics

E ·	- Linear	Elastic
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Stiffness (quasi-static)

E/EP	- Linear elastic / Elastoplastic
TE/TEP	- Temperature dependent

Impact & Failure

- VE/EVP
 - Viscoelastic / Elasto-Viscoplastic
 - + FPGF - Failure of SFRP

(Thermal) Creep

VE / TVE - Viscoelastic EVP / TEVP - Elasto-Viscoplastic



Digimat-RP





✓ MACRO

- Linear elastic weak coupling
- High efficiency in CPU

✓ MICRO

- Nonlinear strong coupling
- Highest accuracy in stiffness

✓ Short (& long) fiber reinforced plastics

• Solution Methods

 Choice between accuracy of results and performance of the computation (CPU)

✓ HYBRID

- Nonlinear weak coupling
- High efficiency in CPU
- High accuracy in stiffness
 - E, EP, EVP, TE, TEP
- Highest accuracy in failure of SFRP



Digimat-RP





- ✓ Short (& long) fiber reinforced plastics
 - IMPLICIT Supported software
 - 3D analyses

- ✓ MSC Nastran SOL400

 .bdf / .dat
 MSC Software

 ✓ Marc

 .dat
 MSC Software
- Abaqus STD.inp

Z DS SIMULIA

✓ Ansys.cdb / .inp / .dat





Digimat-RP





- ✓ Short (& long) fiber reinforced plastics
 - **EXPLICIT** Supported software
 - 3D analyses

.inp

✓ Abaqus Explicit

✓ MSC Nastran SOL700

.bdf / .dat



✓ LS-Dyna

.k/.key



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SIMULIA



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€ Summary

✓ FEA

• Marc, MSC Nastran ^(SOL400 /700), Abaqus ^(Standard/Explicit), Ansys, LS-Dyna ^(Implicit/Explicit)

✓ Material

- Generic / File (.daf & .mat) / Digimat-MX / Digimat-MF
- Support of encryption

✓ Solutions

• Macro, Micro, Hybrid + User defined templates

✓ Manufacturing

- Moldflow3D, Moldex3D, Sigmasoft, Timon3D
- ✓ Job management (submission & monitoring)



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