# Simulations of short fiber reinforced plastics – from injection molding to crash

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## Introduction

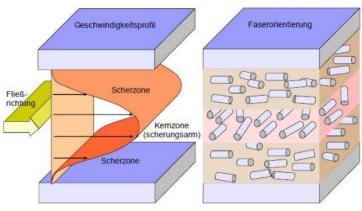
#### SFRP and simulations



- SFRP short fiber reinforced plastics, or short fiber thermoplastics, are easy to process and that also makes it a cost-effective design solution.
- The mechanical properties of these materials depend heavily on the fiber orientation relative to the loading direction.
- Fiber orientations come from the manufacturing (often injection molding) and vary within the final components, leaving us with an inhomogeneous and anisotropic material.

■ To completely capture the mechanical behavior, we need to model the complete process from

manufacturing of the component to the applied loading.



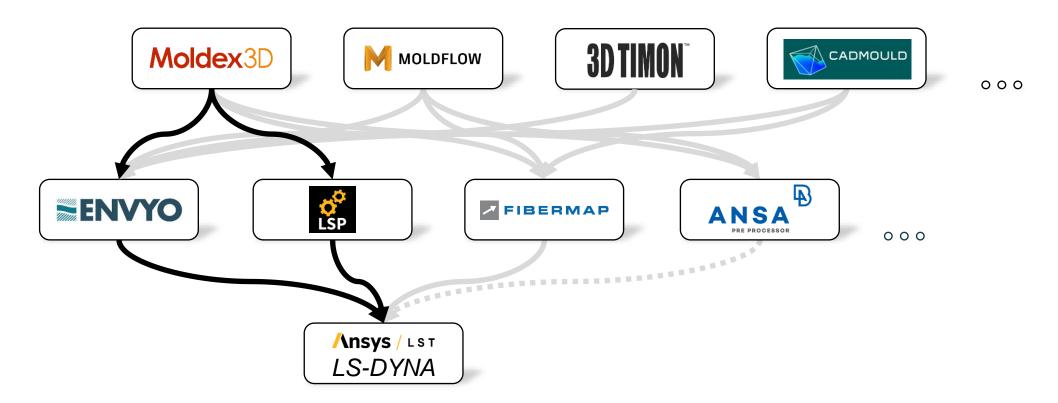
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## Introduction

#### Process simulation paths



Process simulation paths and focus of this webinar.

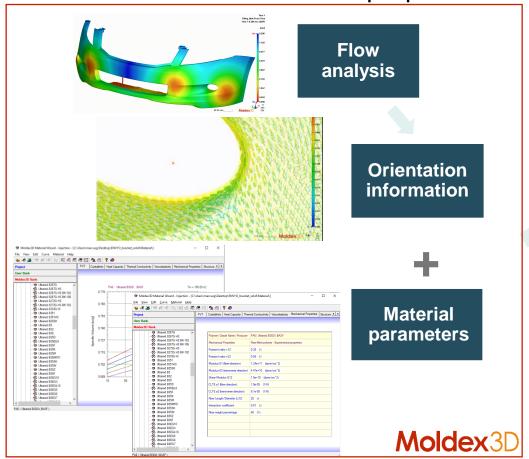


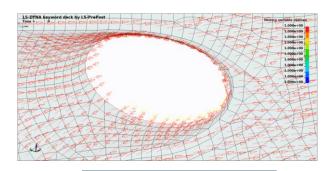
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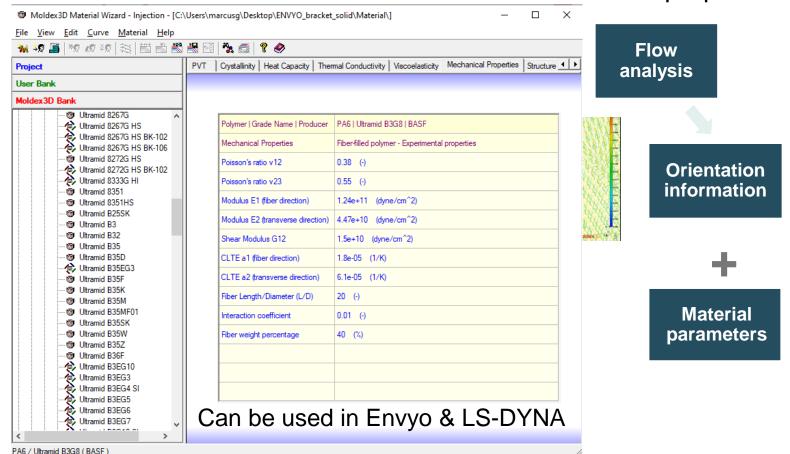


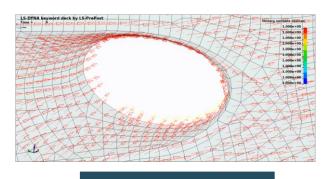
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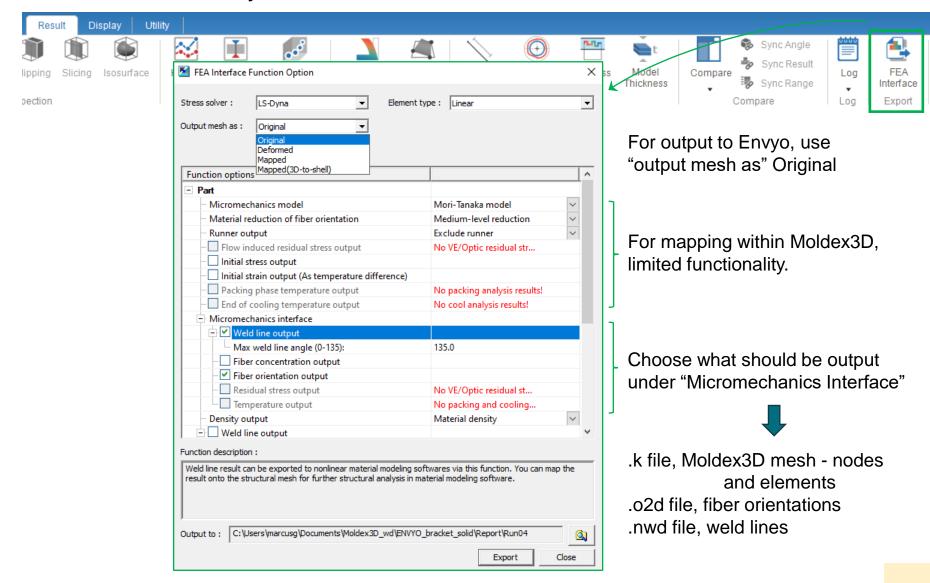
**LS-DYNA** model

# **Process example using Moldex3D**

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Output results for further analyses

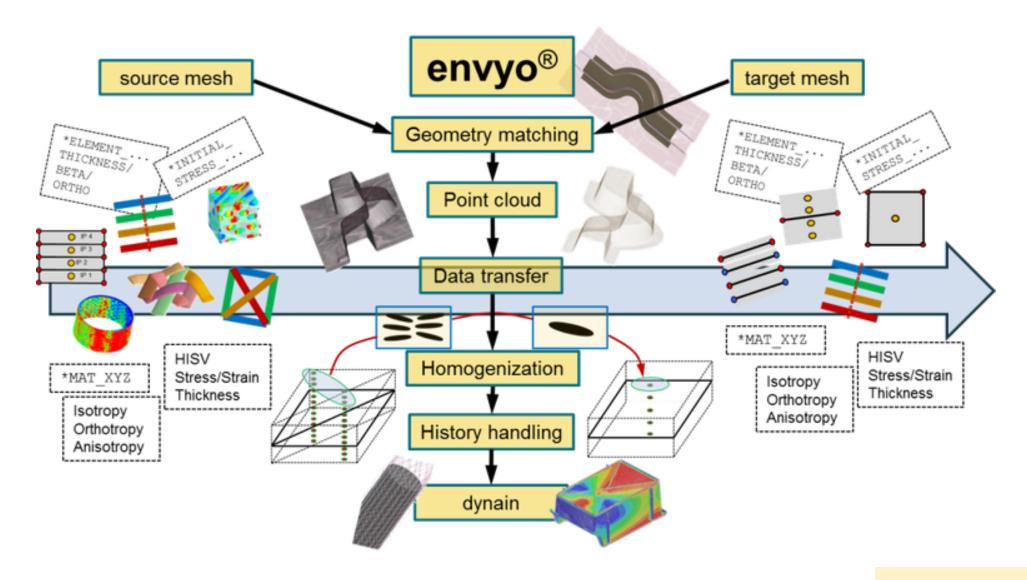




- Envyo® is a mapping tool for multiple purposes, developed by DYNAmore GmbH, an Ansys company.
- Envyo can for instance map:
  - from different solvers
  - to other meshes including between different element types
  - from 2d axisymmetric simulation results to 3d models
  - from history variable values to other material models
  - from point clouds of experimental data
  - from images
  - ..
- Mapping with Envyo can be used for many purposes, but mapping to an LS-DYNA input model is the most common application.

ENVYO





## Mapping injection molding results to LS-DYNA



- When mapping from injection molding analyses, only mapping to shell and solid elements is available right now.
- A "weldline" can be put in a separate part with lower material properties. You also specify the width (radius) on the weldline. Currently no difference in what angle the fronts meet (flow line vs. weld line).

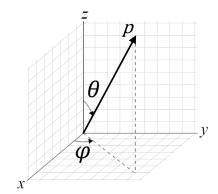
#### Fiber orientations



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Each fiber has a definite direction described by

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, -\frac{\pi}{2} \le \varphi \le \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 \le \theta \le \pi$$



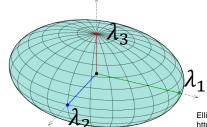
The orientation tensor sums and averages the contributions from each fiber

$$a_{ij} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} p_i^k p_j^k = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

• The symmetric tensor has three orthogonal eigenvectors and corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  that sum to 1

$$a_{ij} = a_{ji}$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1$$



Ellipsoid adopted from Ag2gaeh - Own work, CC BY-SA 4.0, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=45585493

 The eigenvector with the largest eigenvalue is often visualized along with the eigenvalue as the color fringe to show the fiber directions

#### Homogenization



 Homogenization is the process of collecting the material properties of the constituents into one composite material.

- Not all properties are necessarily homogenized, some properties are given on the material card and need to be calibrated.
- Many homogenization methods exist, of which these are available in Envyo
  - Halpin-Tsai
  - Tandon-Weng
  - Voigt
  - Kukuri
  - Mori-Tanaka\_1
  - Mori-Tanaka 2
  - Mori-Tanaka\_3
- Mori-Tanaka\_3 is the most widely used one, together with a linear closure approximation method and assumed spheroidal inclusion shape.

## **Material models for SFRP in LS-DYNA**

\*MAT\_157 and \*MAT\_215



- \*MAT\_ANISOTROPIC\_ELASTIC\_PLASTIC (\*MAT\_157, explicit, implicit)
  - Anisotropic elastic adopted from \*MAT\_002
  - Anisotropic plastic adopted from \*MAT\_103\_P (FGHLMN for solids, R-values for shells)
  - Strain rate dependency with table in LCSS
  - Brittle orthotropic failure available (phenomenological, Tsai-Wu or Tsai-Hill)
- \*MAT\_4A\_MICROMEC (\*MAT\_215, explicit, implicit(R14.1/dev))
  - Michromechanical model with inelastic homogenization for describing the composite deformation
    - Mori-Tanaka Meanfield Theory
    - Ellipsoidal inclusions using Eshelby's solution
    - Orientation averaging
    - DIEM for matrix failure and maximum stress criterion for fiber failure
  - Matrix behavior is by an isotropic viscoplastic (on LCIDT) von Mises model
  - Fiber behavior is transversal isotropic elastic

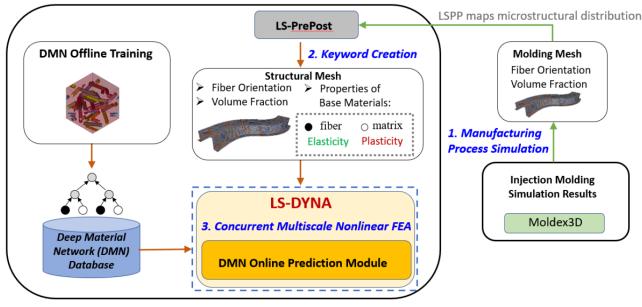
Material model	mat_157, IHIS=1	mat_157, IHIS=3	mat_215
What is mapped?	Material directions	<ul> <li>Material directions</li> <li>Stiffness matrix (accounts for orientation degree)</li> </ul>	Length and orientation of ellipsoid

## **Material models for SFRP in LS-DYNA**

\*MAT\_303



- Machine-learning based multiscale material model
  - User needs to provide
    - Fiber orientation tensor
    - Fiber volume fraction (optional)
    - Material properties for each constituent
  - LSPP can be used for data transfer from Moldex3D
  - Model is trained "offline" utilizing the LS-DYNA RVE Analysis tool
  - Available since R14, explicit
    - Eight-node hexahedral elements, four-node tetrahedrons
    - Type 25 four node shell elements



Wei, Wu, Lyu, Hu, Rouet, Zhang, Ho, Oura, Nishi, Naito, Shen: Multiscale Simulation of Short-Fiber-Reinforced Composites: From Computational Homogenization to Mechanistic Machine Learning in LS-DYNA, 13<sup>th</sup> European LS-DYNA Conference 2021, Ulm.

# Mapping to \*MAT\_157, IHIS=1

## MAT\_157 = MAT\_ANISOTROPIC\_ELASTIC\_PLASTIC



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Material directions given on this form can only be visualized in LS-PrePost after an initialization in LS-DYNA.

#### Input to Envyo:

- SourceFile=XYZ 1.k (from Moldex3D)
- TargetFile=XYZ\_2.k (target mesh)
- MappingResult=XYZ\_3.key (result file)
- OrientationFile=XYZ\_4.o2d (from Moldex3D)
- WeldlineFile=XYZ\_5.nwd (from Moldex3D)
- ETYP=1
- MapStress=Yes (does not map residual stresses)
- MapWeldline=Yes
- WeldlinePID=10
- WeldlineRADIUS=1.0
- MapMainDir=No
- ALGORITHM=ClosestPoint
- SORT=BUCKET
- REPEAT=YES
- INN=4
- TargetMaterialModel=157
- IHIS=1

The  $q_{tf}$  terms are the first and third rows of a rotation matrix for the rotation from a co-rotational element's system and the *a-b-c* material directions. The  $c_{tf}$  terms are the upper triangular terms of the symmetric stiffness matrix,  $c_{11}$ ,  $c_{12}$ ,  $c_{13}$ ,  $c_{14}$ ,  $c_{15}$ ,  $c_{16}$ ,  $c_{22}$ ,  $c_{23}$ ,  $c_{24}$ ,  $c_{25}$ ,  $c_{26}$ ,  $c_{33}$ ,  $c_{34}$ ,  $c_{35}$ ,  $c_{36}$ ,  $c_{44}$ ,  $c_{45}$ ,  $c_{46}$ ,  $c_{55}$ ,  $c_{56}$ , and  $c_{66}$ .

# Mapping to \*MAT\_157, IHIS=3

#### MAT\_157 = MAT\_ANISOTROPIC\_ELASTIC\_PLASTIC



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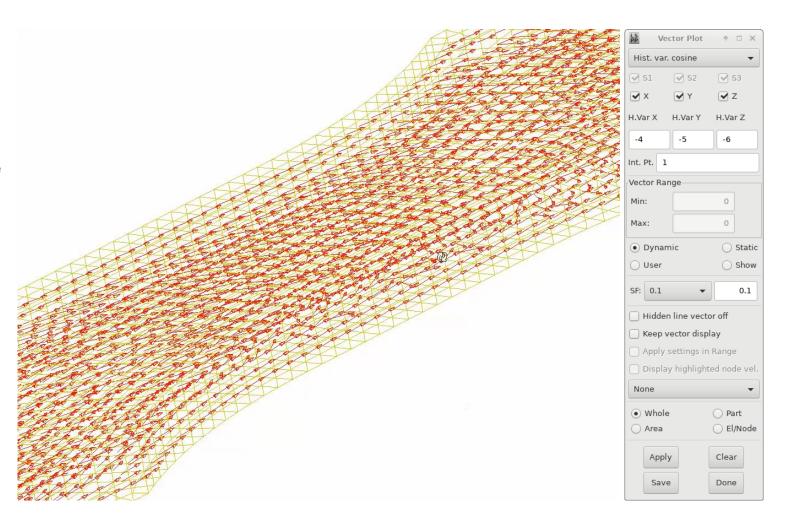
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- IHIS=3
- HomogenizationMethod=method
- ClosureApproximation=method
- E11F="Fiber Young's modulus in main direction"
- E22F="Fiber Young's modulus in thickness direction"
- RHOF="Fiber density"
- PRBAF="Fiber in-plane Poisson's ratio"
- PRCBF="Fiber out-of-plane Poisson's ratio"
- G12F="Fiber shear modulus"
- EM="Matrix Young's modulus"
- RHOM="Matrix density"
- PRM="Matrix Poisson's ratio"
- AspectRatio="Fiber aspect ratio (length/thickness)"
- FiberVolumeFraction="Fiber volume fraction in percent"
- InclusionShape="Shape of the inclusions."
  - Spheroidal
  - Spherical
  - Needle
  - Disc

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## Visualizing fiber directions in LS-PrePost



- 1. Run an analysis (a single time step is enough).
- 2. Open the d3plot and navigate through "Post" to the "Vector-Plot" functionality.
- 3. Select "Hist. Var. cosine" and insert -4 for H.Var X, -5 for H.Var Y and -6 for H.Var Z, that's where the first vector of the principal axis of the material coordinate system is stored in the d3plot. For shells, insert -1 for H.Var X, -2 for H.Var Y.

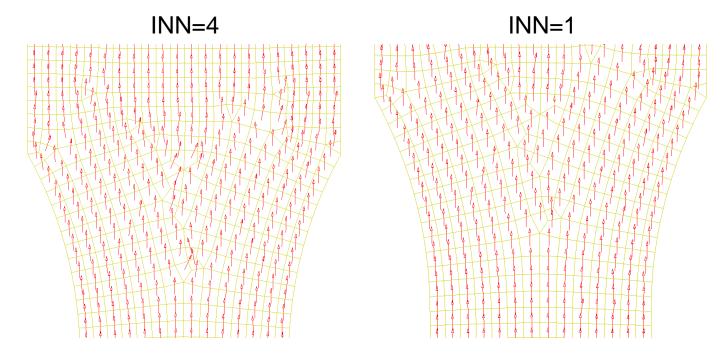


## **Invariant node numbering**

## INN flag on \*CONTROL\_ACCURACY



- Calculation of local element coordinate system is calculated differently depending on the value of the INN flag on \*CONTROL\_ACCURACY.
- Example, Envyo is set to INN=1



Envyo currently supports all positive inputs of INN.

## Mapping to \*MAT\_215

## $MAT_215 = MAT_4A_MICROMEC$



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#	F	HISV9	HISV10		HISV11	HISV	12	HISV13
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Input to Envyo:

- TargetMaterialModel=215

#### \*MAT\_215 history variables

Extravar.	DESCRIPTION					
1	effs - equivalent plastic strain rate of matrix					
2	eta - triaxiality of matrix $\eta = -\frac{p}{q}$					
3	xi - lode parameter of matrix $\xi = -\frac{27 \bullet J_3}{2 \bullet q}$					
4	dM - Damage initiation d of matrix (Ductile Criteria)					
5	DM - Damage evolution D of matrix					
6	RFF - Fiber reserve factor					
7	DF- Fiber damage variable					
8	Currently unused					
Extravar.	DESCRIPTION					
9	A11 - fiber orientation first principal value					
10	A22 - fiber orientation second principal value					
11	q1/q11					
12	q2/q12					
13	-/q13					
14	-/q31					
15	-/q32					
16	-/q33					
17	FVF- Fiber-Volume-Fraction					
18	FL- Fiber length					

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Green text = input if element type is shell

# Mapping to \*MAT\_303

## MAT\_303 = MAT\_DMN\_COMPOSITE\_FRC



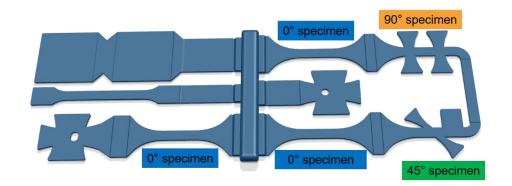
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- Additional input lines may be given:
  - ISO: Flag for anisotropy of the fiber phase:
    - EQ.0: Isotropic fiber material property
    - EQ.1: Transversely isotropic fiber material property
  - ITC: Option for the elastoplastic material law for the matrix phase.
    - EQ.0: No tension-compression asymmetry in material properties
    - EQ.1: Use tension-compression asymmetric material properties

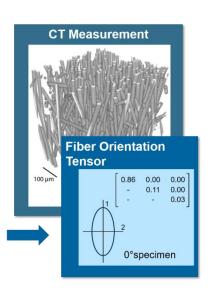
## Material testing and calibration



- By Borealis Polyolefine GmbH, Austria.
- "The Borealis GF-tool"
  - Specimens with high fiber alignment in 0, 45 and 90° angle relative loading direction.
- CT scanning to determine detailed orientation distribution.
- GD301FE was characterized.





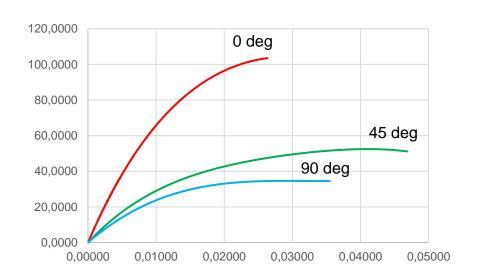


## Calibrations of material models

#### Test data GD301FE



• Quasistatic response:



CT scans of tensile tests report an average orientation degree used in the calibrations:

0 deg:

a11=0.86

a22=0.105

**45** deg:

a11=0.822 a22=0.148

**9**0 deg:

a11=0.778 a22=0.201

Test data for higher strain rates data is also available, but we have not used it in this presentation.

\*MAT 4A MTCROMEC TITLE

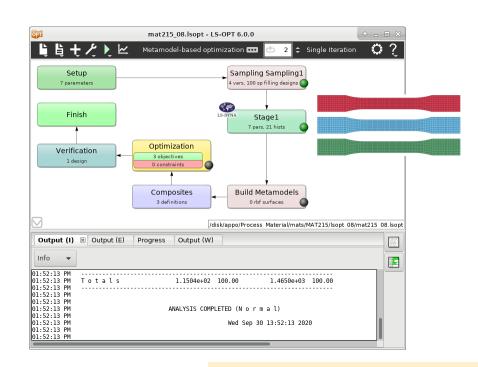
## Setup



- Input fiber properties.
- Parameterize the model to optimize the matrix properties. Only the hardening curve was optimized.

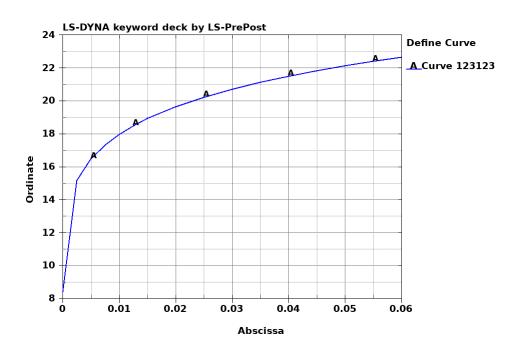
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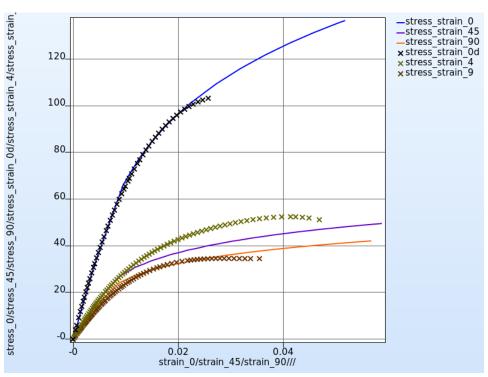
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#### Results







- Possible reasons for deviation:
  - Constant fiber orientation through tensile specimen assumed.
  - The assumed equation for the hardening is insufficient.
  - Limitations of shell description.



The elastic properties for the three tensile tests were homogenized manually in the Ansa homogenization tool.

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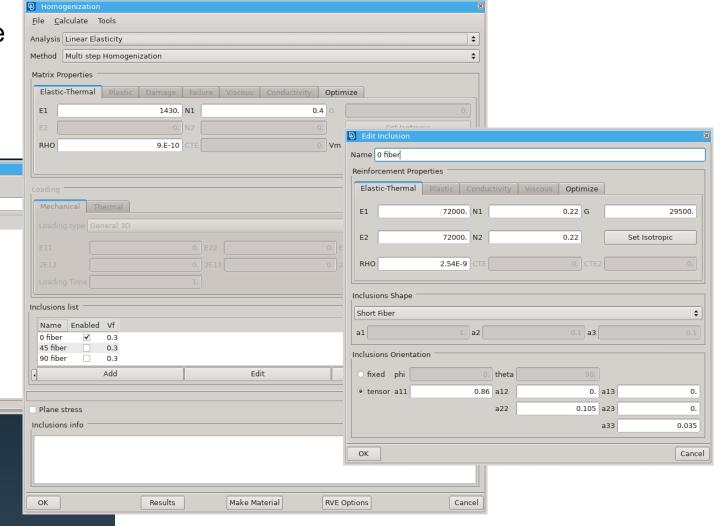
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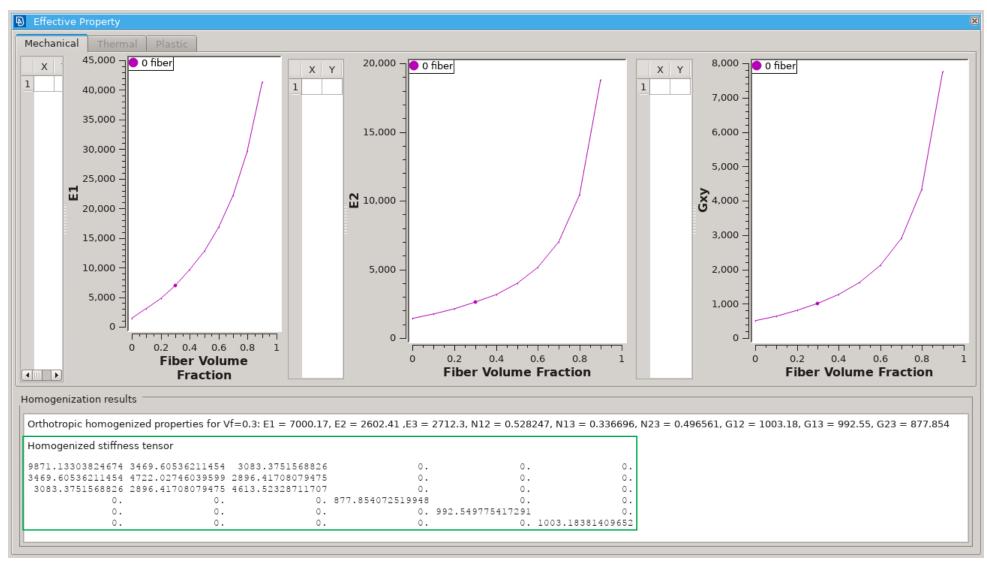
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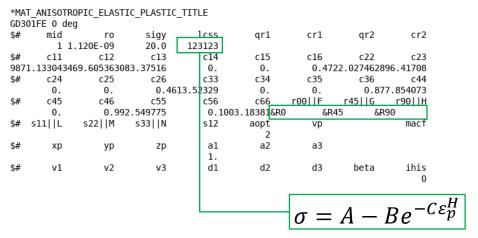




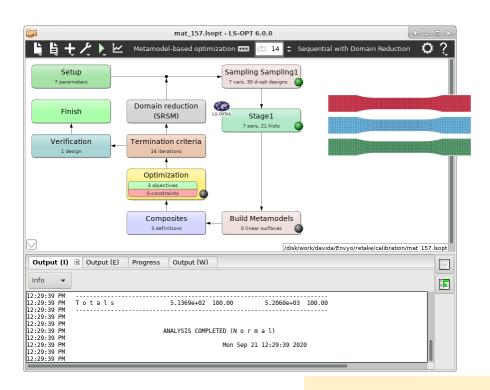
## Setup



- Homogenize the elastic and mass properties of the matrix and fibers to get a composite stiffness matrix and density.
- Parameterize the model to optimize the hardening and the R-values.

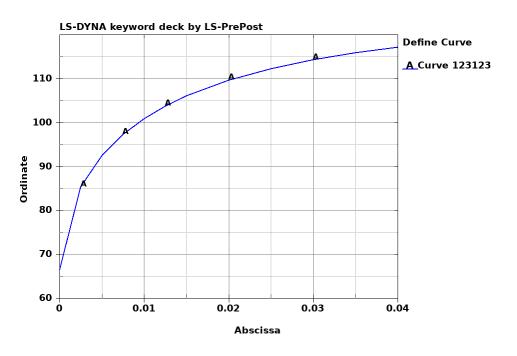


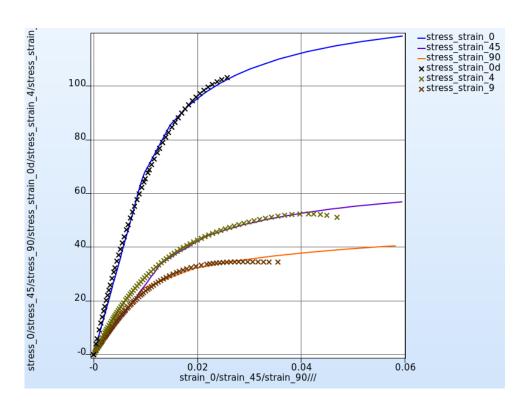
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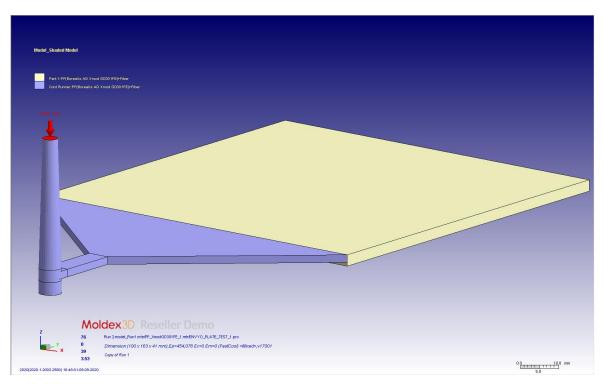
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  - Limitations of shell description.

## Tensile tests from injection molded plate

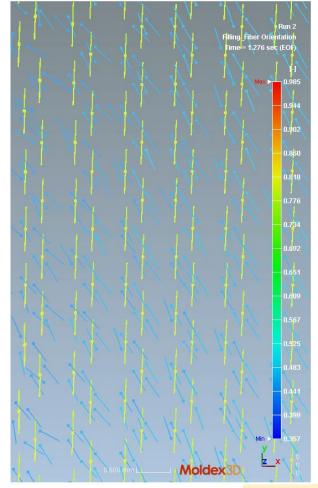


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A plate is injected with material from which tensile specimen are cut out in different directions.



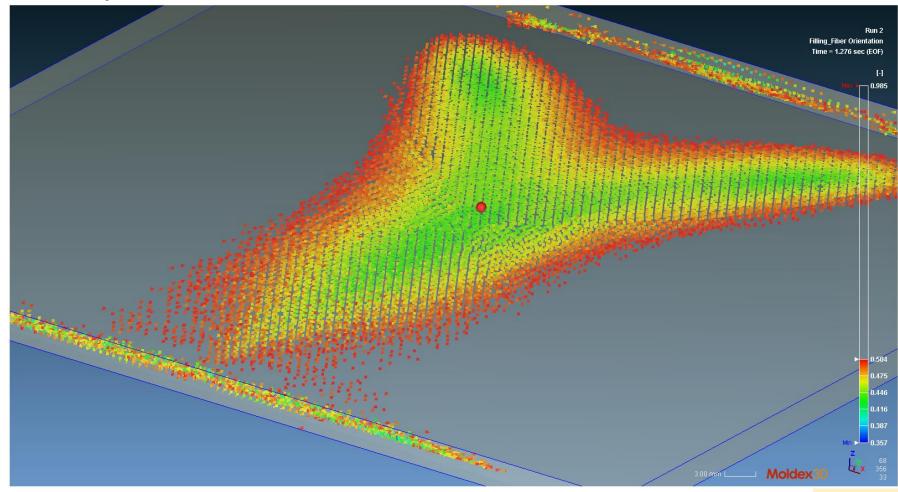
■ The fibers are mostly oriented in the y direction...



## Tensile tests from injection molded plate

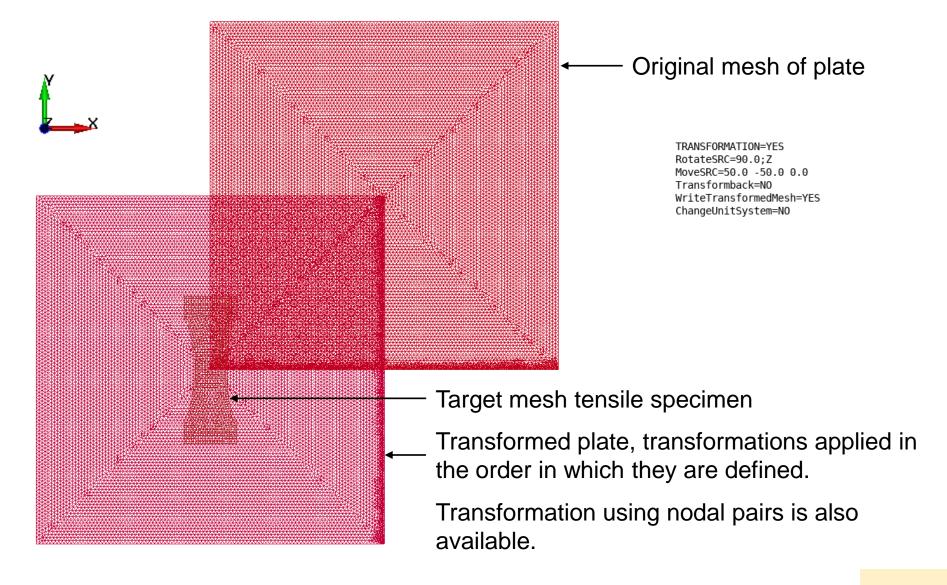


... except for the mid layer which is not as oriented.



# Transformations in Envyo, e.g. 90° rotation

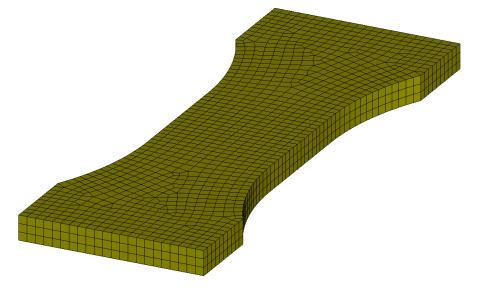


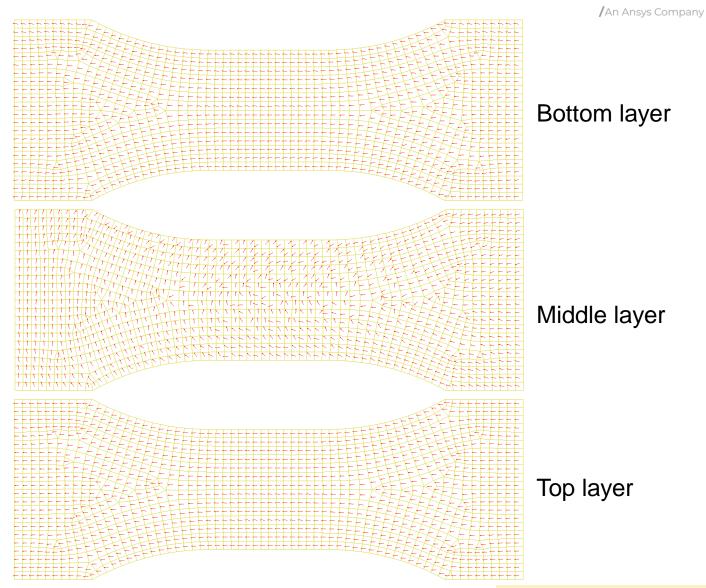


# Fiber orientation after mapping

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Illustration of 0° sample



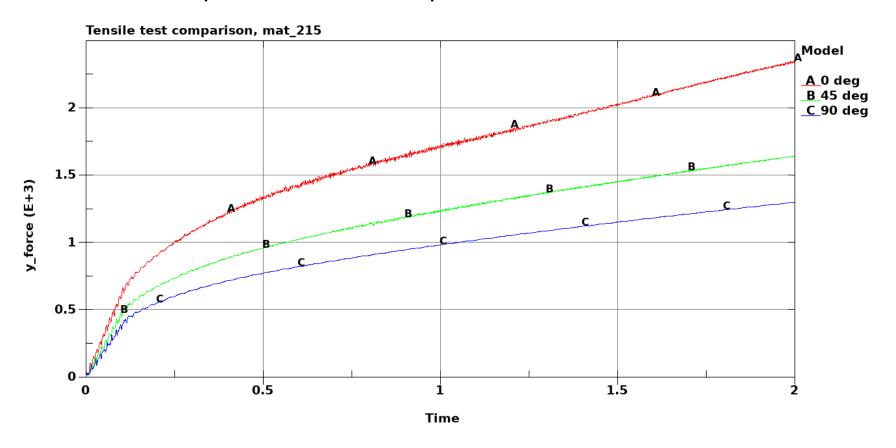


## **Tensile simulation results**

## Example using the calibrated \*MAT\_215



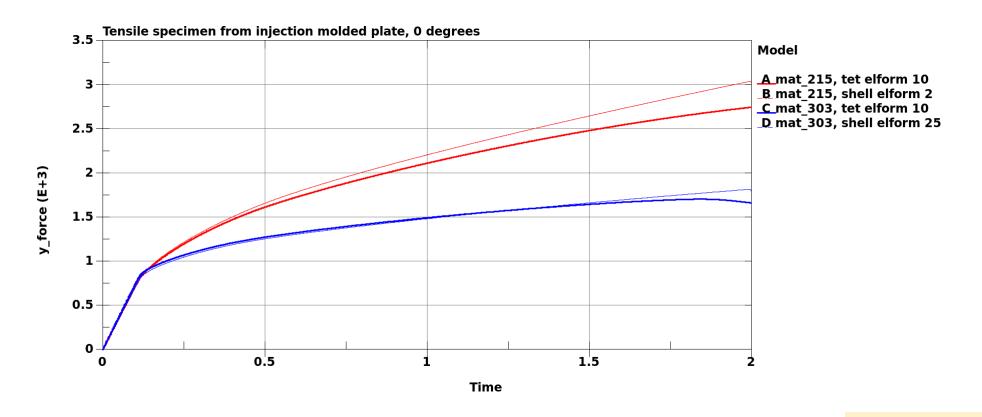
Simulations of cut out tensile specimens from the plate.



## Test of \*MAT\_303

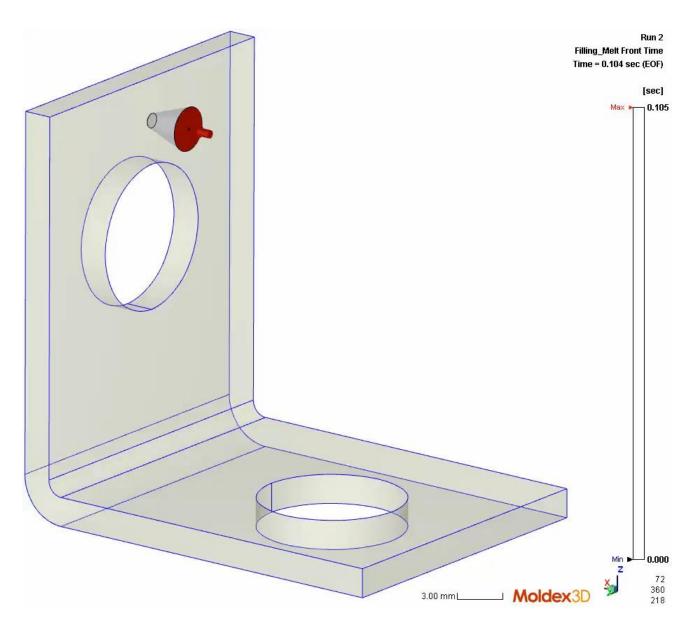


The same input for mat\_215 and mat\_303 give different results. Calibrations of base material properties might be necessary.



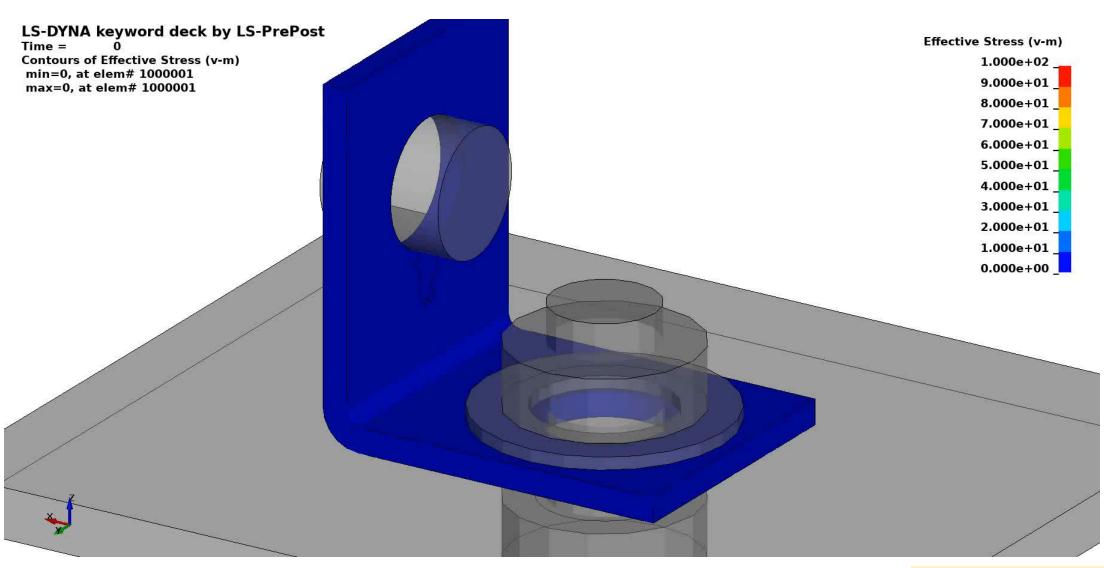
Bracket





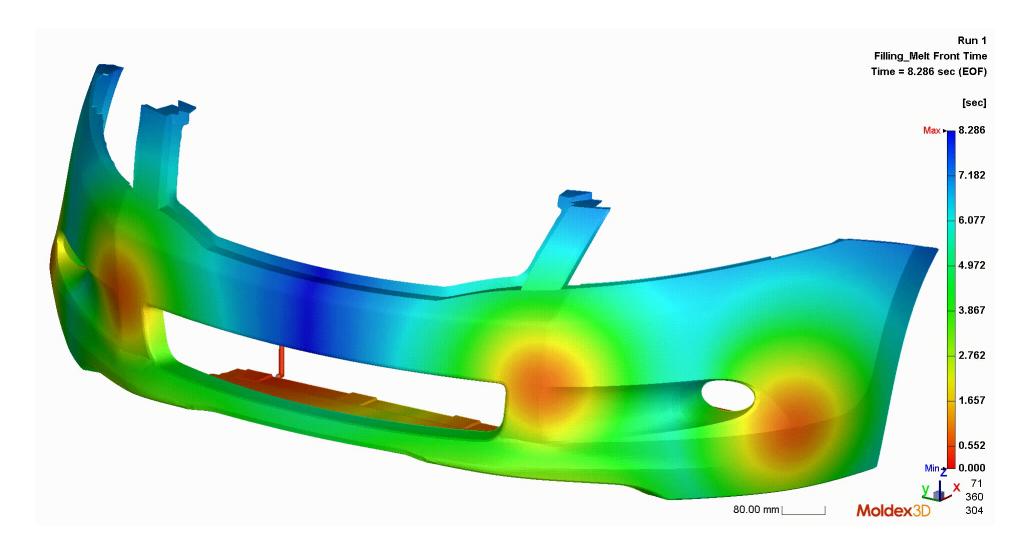
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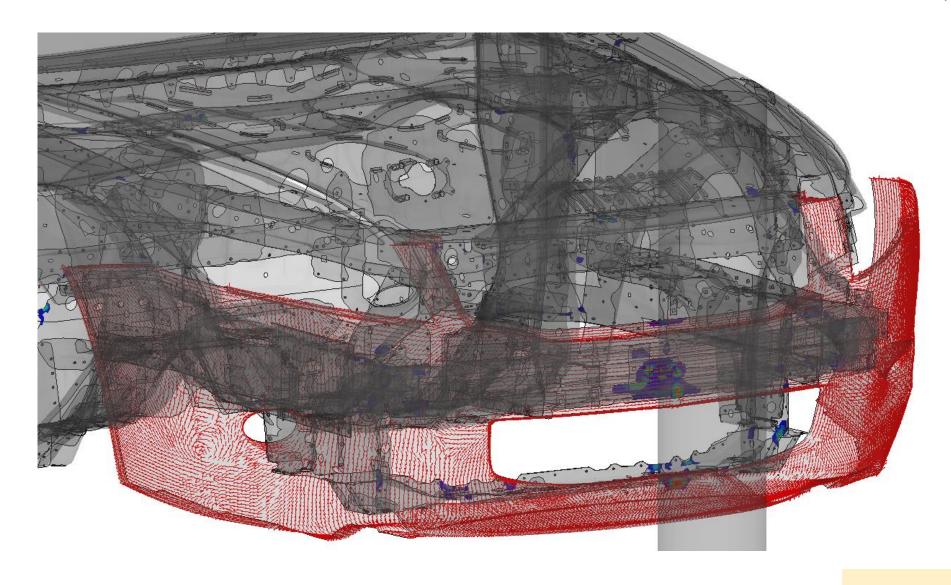
## Bumper





## Bumper

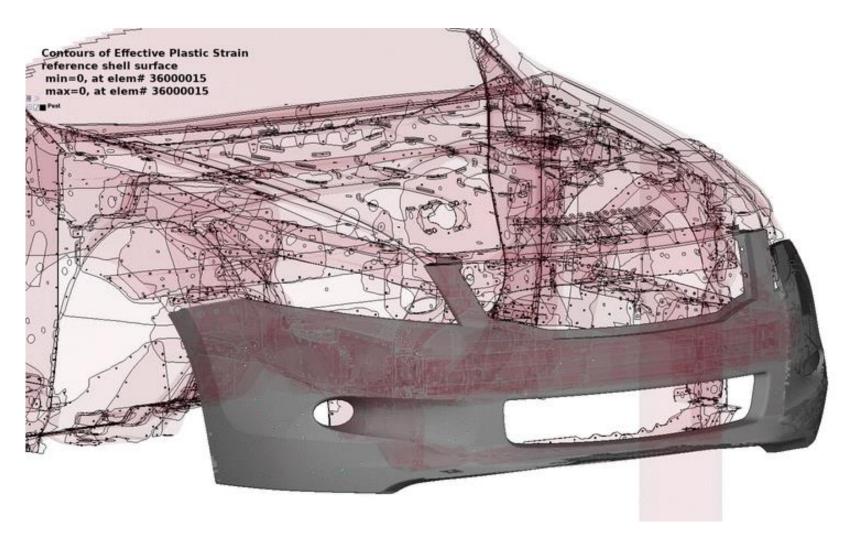




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Effective Plastic Strain
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9.010e-03
8.020e-03
7.030e-03
6.040e-03
5.050e-03
4.060e-03
3.070e-03
1.090e-03
1.090e-04

The car used in this demonstration is a modified version of the publicly available Honda Accord model, provided by NHTSA, <a href="https://www.nhtsa.gov/crash-simulation-vehicle-models">https://www.nhtsa.gov/crash-simulation-vehicle-models</a>.

## **Final remarks**



- Additional experimental results are needed for calibration of
  - Strain rate dependencies
  - \*MAT\_157 for solid elements
  - Failure, e.g. triaxiality dependent (\*MAT\_ADD\_DAMAGE\_DIEM/GISSMO) or even anisotropic damage (\*MAT\_ADD\_GENERALIZED\_DAMAGE)
- Some suggestions for additional experiments
  - Bending tests (load concentrated on top and bottom of specimen where fibers are more oriented)
  - Puncture test (biaxial stress state for calibration of triaxiality dependent failure)
  - Samples created with intentional weld lines (calibration of reduced strength in weld lines)
- A component validation of the calibrated material is recommended
  - How much resolution is required through the thickness to incorporate effects from fiber tensor variations?

## **Further information**



- Course in "Simulation of short fiber reinforced composites", DYNAmore GmbH.
- Closing Incompatibilities in Constitutive Modeling and Spatial Discretization with envyo, Liebold C., Erhart A., 10<sup>th</sup> European LS-DYNA Conference, Würzburg, 2015.
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- DYNAmore Express: Envyo Mapping capabilities and recent developments, <a href="https://youtu.be/DvOchqNhaZA">https://youtu.be/DvOchqNhaZA</a>
- Free webinar: ENVYO current status, https://youtu.be/8RY3Fd9BYCU
- DYNAmore Express: Modeling plastics in LS DYNA (Part 2) Anisotropic Modelling of Thermoplastics, <a href="https://youtu.be/WiL4K-5pvRU">https://youtu.be/WiL4K-5pvRU</a>

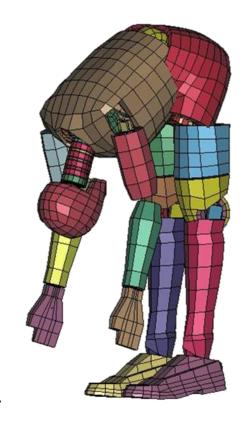




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