Workshop on connection modeling with LS-DYNA

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- Adhesives modeling modeling of line and area shaped con.
- Bolted connections

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General introduction

Preliminary remarks







□ failure forces

- main focus in connection modeling lies on the correct prediction of the respective failure forces
- one has to distinguish between two totally different connection categories:

Failure forces depend on the connection material

- e.g., adhesive bonding
- identify material parameters using a certain material combination
- idea: The material model can be applied to any other material combination

 \rightarrow not so much experiments are necessary





Failure forces depend on the connected materials

- e.g., spot welding
- material parameters have to be identified for every individual material combination
- idea: Find a relation to predict failure forces based on the material parameters of the sheet materials and geometry information
- \rightarrow a lot of experiments are necessary





verification and validation process

- problem I: element size and explicit time integration
 - » ideal procedure: A detailed model with physical material parameters can be used on every scale of interest

- \rightarrow verification is done on the smallest scale
- \rightarrow validation can be done on KS-II and component scale
- the spatial discretization of the connection has to be very fine compared to the element size usually used on the component and full car scale
- explicit time integration \rightarrow decreasing of time step or increasing of additional mass
- because of limited CPU-power, the highest scale for the usage of a detailed model is currently the scale of the KS-II specimen





 $\hfill\square$ verification and validation process

- problem II: discretization issue

» flange materials are currently discretized with shell elements





- **requirement:** The spatial discretization and the respective material model of the connection has to be chosen in such a way that the performance and the validity of the full car simulation is not negatively affected.



 \rightarrow The only applicable procedure for connection modeling is the usage of so-called substitute models with artificial material parameters

- currently used robust element types and corresponding material models

- » hexahedron elements in combination with 3-d material models, e.g.,
 - » *MAT_SPOTWELD (*MAT_100),
 - » *MAT_SPOTWELD_DAIMLERCHRYSLER,
 - » *MAT_ARUP_ADHESIVE (*MAT_169),
 - » *MAT_FU_CHANG_FOAM (*MAT_083), ...



□ different joining techniques and the corresponding material models

- punctiform
 - » spot welding, RIVTAC, ...
 - » currently used robust material models:
 *MAT_SPOTWELD_{DAMAGE_FAILURE},
 *MAT_SPOTWELD_DAIMLERCHRYSLER +
 *DEFINE_CONNECTION_PROPERTIES, ...
- line-shaped
 - » MIG welding, MIG soldering, ...
 - » currently used robust material model: *MAT_ARUP_ADHESIVE, ...
- area-shaped
 - » adhesive bonding: Structural adhesive, hood adhesive, PU windshield, ...
 - » currently used robust material models:
 - *MAT_ARUP_ADHESIVE,
 - *MAT_FU_CHANG_FOAM, ...





Recent trends in LS-DYNA

- □ element types and corresponding material models
 - volume elements and 3-d material models, e.g.,
 *MAT_SPOTWELD (*MAT_100),
 *MAT_ARUP_ADHESIVE (*MAT_169)
 - » material law: stress vs. strain
 - \rightarrow critical time step depends on thickness
 - » disadvantage: If element height tends to zero, e.g., switching from a shell disc. of the flanges to a discretization with solids, the critical time step tends to zero as well
 - → impossible to use standard element formulations and corresponding material models
 - cohesive elements and corresponding material models, e.g., *MAT_COHESIVE_...
 - » material law: stress vs. displacement
 - \rightarrow critical time step is independent of thickness
 - » advantage: elements with zero height can be used without running into troubles regarding the critical time step





cohesive elements and material modeling

- material behavior can be defined individually for the normal and shear direction
 - \rightarrow correct definition of the thickness direction is extremely important
- cohesive material laws are displacement (not strain) driven:
 - \rightarrow local relative displacements at integration points
 - \rightarrow local (interface) stresses

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & E_T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E_N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} N/mm^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N/mm^3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot [mm]$$

Interface stiffness is not the same as *classical* stiffness

- density can be specified per unit volume or per unit area \rightarrow handling of elements with an initial volume of zero
- LS-DYNA provides "special" volume elements: Account for orientation (element numbering), special treatment of thickness (critical time step)



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- cohesive elements
 - » attached via coincident nodes or tied contact
 - » element numbering defines thickness direction
 - » in plane integration: 2x2 Gauss



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- available cohesive material models in LS-DYNA (overview)
 - » *MAT_184: (*MAT_COHESIVE_ELASTIC)
 - ightarrow simple elastic cohesive model
 - » *MAT_185: (*MAT_COHESIVE_TH)
 - \rightarrow cohesive model by *Tvergaard* and *Hutchinson*
 - ightarrow tri-linear traction-separation law
 - → same loading and unloading path; completely reversible
 - » *MAT_186: (*MAT_COHESIVE_GENERAL)
 - \rightarrow three irreversible mixed-mode formulations (TES=0,1,2)
 - \rightarrow arbitrary normalized traction-separation law \rightarrow load curve (TSLC)
 - » *MAT_138: (*MAT_COHESIVE_MIXED_MODE)
 - \rightarrow simplification of *MAT_186 \rightarrow restricted to linear softening
 - \rightarrow bi-linear traction-separation law
 - \rightarrow quadratic mixed mode delamination criterion
 - » *MAT_240: (*MAT_COHESIVE_MIXED_MODE_ELASTOPLASTIC_RATE)
 - \rightarrow rate-dependent, elastic-ideal plastic
 - \rightarrow tri-linear traction-separation law
 - \rightarrow quadratic yield and damage criterion in mixed-mode loading
 - \rightarrow damage evolution is governed by a power-law
 - » special case: *MAT_169: (*MAT_ARUP_ADHESIVE)
 - \rightarrow rate-dependent, elastic-ideal plastic with damage
 - \rightarrow conti.-mech. material model, but several comp. of the stress tensor are neglected





- 3-d models in conjunction with cohesive elements *MAT_ADD_COHESIVE
 - » using this keyword, it is possible to combine currently the following material models with cohesive elements (ELFORM=19, 20):
 - *MAT_{1, 3, 4, 6, 15, 24, 41-50, 81, 82, 89, 96, 98, 103-107, 115, 120,
 - 123, 124, 141, 168, 173, 187, 188, 193, 224, 225, 252 and 255} assumption: No lateral expansion and no in-plane shearing



- » density can be specified per unit volume or per unit area
 - \rightarrow handling of elements with an initial volume of zero
- » number of integration points required for the element to be deleted can be specified

- differences in material behavior





Verification and validation process

important: The spatial discretization as well as every other definition in the LS-DYNA input file should be the same for all applications



- experimental investigations for validation
 - generally, fasteners are loaded by a combination of tension, compression, shear, bending and torsion
 - experimental validation is based on test specimens (e.g., LWF-KS2)
 - quasi-static and dynamic loading conditions





Spotweld modeling – Modeling of punctiform connections



Spotweld modeling

*MAT_SPOTWELD_{DAMAGE-FAILURE}





 flange connection by *CONTACT_TIED_SHELL_EDGE_TO_SURFACE (equiv. to *CONTACT_SPOTWELD)
 SLAVE: Spotweld hexahedron, spotweld beam MASTER: Flange elements
 Recommendation: Put all elements in one single tied contact
 post-processing with SWFORC

□ material model

- bilinear elastoplastic von Mises material law
- isotropic hardening
- always try to use real material parameters to circumvent instabilities!!! Adjust the elasticity modulus to get an acceptable time step.



□ *MAT_SPOTWELD – failure criterion

$$\left(\frac{\max(N_{rr},0)}{N_{rr_{F}}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{N_{rs}}{N_{rs_{F}}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{N_{rt}}{N_{rt_{F}}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{M_{rr}}{M_{rr_{F}}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{M_{ss}}{M_{ss_{F}}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{M_{tt}}{M_{tt_{F}}}\right)^{2} - 1 > 0$$



□ *MAT_SPOTWELD_DAMAGE-FAILURE

- several failure criteria are available and can be specified via variable OPT (CARD 3)

ΟΡΤ				failure criterion (FC)
0	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	resultant based, forces & moments of failure is written
-1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	like OPT=0, FC is comp. and written, element is not deleted
-2	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	like OPT=-1, but peak value of FC and exact time is written
1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	stress resultant based (TOYOTA), no individual bending term
2	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	user defined spotweld failure
3	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	notch stress based failure
4	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	structural stress intensity factor based failure
5	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	maximum structural stress based failure
6	\checkmark	×	1	like OPT=1, LS-DYNA looks for failure parameter for each beam node, FC is evaluated for each beam node independently, failure parameters have to be defined for each connected part, strain rate effects can be defined (TOYOTA)
7	×	1	×	stress resultant based, LS-DYNA looks for fail. param. dep. on flange partners, failure parameters have to be defined for every flange connection combination, strain rate effects can be defined, definition of default values possible
9	\checkmark	×	×	like OPT=6 but failure is split into nugget pull out and fracture failure (TOYOTA)
-9		×	×	like OPT=9, FC is comp. and written, element is not deleted
11		×	×	resultant based failure, load curves or table can be defined as result. fail. forces vs. load. direction or result. fail. forces vs. load. direction vs. strain rate



□ *MAT SPOTWELD DAMAGE-FAILURE

R7.1.1 - new failure model OPT=11 for beam elements, where failure depends on loading direction via curves

OPT = 11 invokes a resultant force based failure criterion for beams. With corresponding load curves or tables LCT and LCC, resultant force at failure F_{fail} can be defined as function of loading direction γ (curve) or loading direction γ and effective strain rate $\dot{\varepsilon}$ (table):

$$F_{\text{fail}} = f(\gamma)$$
 or $F_{\text{fail}} = f(\gamma, \dot{\varepsilon})$

with the following definitions for loading direction (in degree) and effective strain rate:

$$\gamma = \tan^{-1} \left(\left| \frac{F_{\text{shear}}}{F_{\text{axial}}} \right| \right), \quad \dot{\varepsilon} = \left[\frac{2}{3} \left(\dot{\varepsilon}_{\text{axial}}^2 + \varepsilon_{\text{shear}}^2 \right) \right]$$





numerical example – *MAT_SPOTWELD

- run spotweld_user.k and take a look on the simulation results
- define *CONTACT_SPOTWELD to tie the nodes of the hexahedron elements on the shell surfaces
- define *MAT_SPOTWELD with the following properties: RHO=7.85E-6, E=5.0, PR=0.3, SIGY=0.25, ET=0.6
- define NRR=5.0, NRS=NRT=3.0 and check failure in the message-file
- define plastic failure strain via EFAIL=0.15
- define an additional output for the SWFORC-file with a time interval of DT=1.0E-2



Spotweld modeling

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*MAT_SPOTWELD_DAIMLER

- can only be used with underintegrated solid elements (ELFORM=1, constant stress) combined with hourglass stabilization IHQ=6.
 Remark: If beam elements are defined, use the cluster option to generate solid elements automatically in LS-DYNA
- flange connection by *CONTACT_TIED_SHELL_EDGE_TO_SURFACE (equiv. *CONTACT_SPOTWELD)
 - SLAVE: Spotweld hexahedron,
 - MASTER: Flange elements
 - Recommendation: Put all elements in one single tied contact
- post-processing with SWFORC- and DCFAIL-file
- □ techniques





□ material model

- bilinear elastoplastic von Mises material law
- isotropic hardening
- always try to use real material parameters to circumvent instabilities!!! Adjust the elasticity modulus to get an acceptable time step.





 \square failure model

 the failure model consists of three terms that take normal stresses, shear stresses and stresses due to bending into account:

$$\sigma_n = \frac{N_{rr}}{A} \quad \sigma_b = \frac{\sqrt{M_{rs}^2 + M_{rt}^2}}{Z} \quad \tau = \frac{M_{rr}}{2Z} + \frac{\sqrt{N_{rs}^2 + N_{rt}^2}}{A}$$

- the failure criterion reads as follows:

$$f = \left(\frac{\sigma_n}{s_n^F}\right)^{m_n} + \left(\frac{\sigma_b}{s_b^F}\right)^{m_b} + \left(\frac{\tau}{s_s^F}\right)^{m_r} - 1$$

where the inner moment lever is defined as

 $Z = \pi \frac{d^3}{32}$

Here *d* is the equivalent diameter of the solid spot weld element assuming a circular cross section.









□ keyword definition









numerical example – *MAT_SPOTWELD_DAIMLER

- run spotweld_daimler_user.k and take a look on the simulation results
- define *CONTACT_SPOTWELD to tie the nodes of the hexahedron elements on the shell surfaces
- define *MAT_SPOTWELD_DAIMLER with the following properties: RHO=7.85E-6, E=5.0, PR=0.3, SIGY=0.25, ET=0.6
- activate the failure criterion with the following properties: DSN=DSB=0.2, DSS=0.3, DEXSN=DEXSB=DEXSS=1.0
- define an additional damage behavior using DGTYP=4 and DGFAD=0.08
- define an additional output for the DCFAIL-file with a time interval of DT=1.0E-2





SPOTHIN – Contact thickness scale factor

- SPOTHIN is only applied to *CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_SINGLE_SURFACE
- only shell elements with a connected slave node of solid spotweld will be scaled by the contact thickness scale factor SPOTHIN.

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without contact thickness scale factor



with contact thickness scale factor



→ Artificially created parasitic contact forces will not be generated and thus, failure of the spotweld at a too early stage is circumvented!

Spotweld cluster automatic generation of spotweld clusters from beam elements 1 hex elements 4 hex elements 8 hex elements 16 hex elements CONTROL_SPOTWELD_BEAM \$ T ORS RPBHX LCT LCS T ORT PRTFLG BMSID ID OFF 0.1 0.0 8 0 0

- RPBHX: Replace each spot weld beam element with a cluster of RPBHX solid elements. RPBHX may be set to 1, 4, 8
- BMSID: Optional beam set ID defining the beam element ID's that are to be converted to hex assemblies
- ID_OFF: Part ID of generated hex assemblies equals original part ID plus ID_OFF
- if RPBHX=4/8, the keyword *DEFINE_SPOTWELD_ASSEMBLY is created automatically, which allows the definition of output data to the SWFORC-file. The ID of the parent beam is used subsequently for the solid cluster.
- the beam element is automatically deleted from the model



Adhesives modeling – modeling of line and area shaped con.



Adhesives modeling

Mechanical behavior of bonding materials





*MAT_ARUP_ADHESIVE (*MAT_169)

- $\hfill\square$ works for solid element types 1, 2 and 15
- $\hfill\square$ material behavior can be defined individually for the normal and shear direction
 - ightarrow correct definition of the thickness direction is extremely important
- thickness direction can be defined via smallest element side or node numbering
- $\hfill\square$ bond thickness can be defined individually
- → material behavior independent of element height
 □ elastoplastic material model with the following yield surface:

 $\left(\frac{\sigma(\dot{\varepsilon})}{\sigma_{\max}(\dot{\varepsilon})}\right)^{PWRT} + \left(\frac{\tau(\dot{\varepsilon})}{\tau_{\max}(\dot{\varepsilon}) - SHL_SL \cdot \sigma(\dot{\varepsilon})}\right)^{PWRS} - 1.0 = 0$









thickness direction can be defined via





future work: Thickness direction is calculated based on tied contact information

□ bond thickness can be defined individually (BTHK)

- \rightarrow material behavior independent of element height
- \rightarrow reduce errors due to an incorrect spatial discretization in the full car crash model
- → negative value: BTHK is bond thickness but critical time step is not affected (can affect stability!!!)





□ 1-Element-Test ('SOLID', ELFORM=1)







numerical example – *MAT_ARUP_ADHESIVE

- run arup_user.k and take a look on the simulation results
- define *CONTACT_SPOTWELD to tie the nodes of the hexahedron elements on the shell surfaces
- define *MAT_ARUP_ADHESIVE with the following properties: RHO=7.85E-6, E=5.0, PR=0.3, TENMAX=SHRMAX=0.2, GCTEN=GCSHR=0.08, PWRT=PWRS=2, SHRP=0.02
- run the simulation and take a look on the results



*MAT_COHESIVE_MIXED_MODE_ELASTOPLASTIC_RATE (*MAT_240)

- □ elastic-ideally plastic cohesive zone model with damage
- \square rate-dependent
- Itri-linear traction-separation law
- □ alternative for *MAT_ARUP_ADHESIVE
- quadratic yield and damage criterion in mixed-mode loading
- number of integration points required for the element to be deleted can be specified (INTFAIL)
- maximum stress, total energy and a further factor describing the traction-separation law can be specified in tension as well as shear







numerical example – *MAT_COHESIVE_MIXED_MODE_ELASTOPLASTIC_RATE

- run mat_cohesive_mixed_mode_elastoplastic_rate.k and take a look on the simulation results
- define *CONTACT_SPOTWELD to tie the nodes of the hexahedron elements on the shell surfaces
- define *MAT_COHESIVE_MIXED_MODE_ELASTOPLASTIC_RATE with the following properties: RO=7.85E-6, EMOD=GMOD=1.0, THICK=1.0, T0=S0=0.2, G1C_0=G2C_0=0.08,
- run the simulation and take a look on the results



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BOLTED CONNECTIONS

Preliminary remarks

- $\hfill\square$ bolt shaft can be modeled with beam or solid elements
- □ bolt head and nut can be modeled using shell or solid elements
 remark: Keep in mind that shell elements have no rotational d.o.f. around the shell normal, if the shaft is discretized with beams and the nut as well as the bolt head with shell elements
 → no torsional stiffness of the bolt
- pre-stressing can be taken into account
 - beam element: *INITIAL_AXIAL_FORCE_BEAM
 - solid element: *INITIAL_STRESS_SECTION
 - material model via temperature
- connected parts can be modeled using shell or solid elements
 - remark: Standard shell elements assume plane stress state.
 No stress can arise in normal direction.
- failure can be activated in the respective material model as well as using *MAT_ADD_EROSION
 - available for 3-d volume and shell elements
 - only erosion is currently supported for beam elements 1 and 11





- increase of additional mass can be handed using selective mass scaling (*CONTROL_TIMESTEP, IMSCL)
- use *CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_SINGLE_SURFACE for contact between connected parts, nut and bolt head
- shaft discretized with beam elements:
 - use *CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_GENERAL and null beams (*MAT_SPOTWELD beams are not considered by default) to handle contact between bolt shaft and connected parts
- □ shaft discretized with solid elements:
 - use *CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_SINGLE_SURFACE to handle contact between bolt shaft and connected parts
- □ Coulomb friction can be defined in the contact keyword





- Pre-stressing for beam elements *INITIAL AXIAL FORCE BEAM
 - □ Purpose: Initialize the axial force resultants in beam elements that are used to model bolts.
 - □ This option works with *MAT_SPOTWELD with beam type 9

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- \square BSID: Beam set ID
- Load curve ID defining preload force versus time. □ LCID: When the load curve ends or goes to zero, the initialization is assumed to be completed.
- □ SCALE: Scale factor on load curve
- □ remarks:
 - use contact damping with VDC={0.1-0.2} and/or *DAMPING_PART_STIFFNESS with COEF=0.1
 - always use a smooth ramp in the load curve starting at the origin to apply the load
 - when the end of the load curve is reached or the value of the load decreases form the maximum value, the initialization stops.







- Pre-stressing for solid elements *INITIAL STRESS SECTION
 - initialize the stress in solid elements that are part of a section definition to create a preload.
 - stress component in the direction normal to the cross-section plane is initialized.
 - □ option works with a subset of materials that are incrementally updated.
 - □ rubbers, foams, and materials that are combined with equations-of-state cannot be initialized by this approach.
 - □ NEW: Hyperelastic materials # 57, 73 and 83 can be initialized with this approach.

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□ remarks:

- use contact damping with VDC={0.1-0.2} and/or *DAMPING_PART_STIFFNESS with COEF=0.1
- always use a smooth ramp in the load curve starting at the origin to apply the load
- when the end of the load curve is reached or the value of the load decreases form the maximum value, the initialization stops.
- solid elements types 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18 are supported
- ALE elements are not supported





