#### 15th German LS-DYNA<sup>®</sup> Forum



# Simulation strategies for additive manufacturing with LS-DYNA

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### Agenda

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#### **Motivation**

There exist a large variety of methods: Selective laser sintering (SLS) Selective laser melting (SLM) Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM) Stereolithography (SL) Laminated Object Modeling (LOM) Powder Bed and Inkjet head 3D printing

... and many more...





#### **Motivation**

All these processes have something in common:

They are very often temperature dependent methods

They allow for individual and highly complex part generation

The production process might have an influence on the resulting components

behavior





#### LS-TaSC: topology optimization





Methods used are adopted from welding simulation:

Usage of \*BOUNDARY\_THERMAL\_WELD\_TRAJECTORY

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Card 1	PID	PTYP	NSID1	VEL1	SID2	VEL2	NCYC	RELVEL
Card 2	IFORM	LCID	Q	LCROT	LCMOV	LCLAT	DISC	
Card 3	Pl	P2	₽3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8
Opt.	Tx	Ty	Tz					

\*SET\_NODE which defines the laser path

Velocity of the weld source

NCYC = Number of sub-cycling steps

IFORM = Geometry of energy-rate density distribution

LCID & Q = weld energy input rate vs. time and multiplier







Methods used are adopted from welding simulation:

Usage of \*MAT\_THERMAL\_CWM (\*MAT\_T07)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Card 1	TMID	TRO	TGRLC	TGRMULT	HDEAD	TDEAD		
Card 2	LCHC	LCTC	TLSTART	TLEND	TISTART	TIEND	HGHOST	TGHOST

TISTART/-END = Material has a birth and death time

Allows to turn on layers

Until birth HDEAD/TDEAD

TLSTART/-END = Material is activated based on temperature

Allows to evaluate, if melting process has been successfull

Until activated HGHOST/TGHOST

All parameters are temperature dependent





Methods used are adopted from welding simulation:

Usage of \*MAT\_CWM (\*MAT\_270)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Card 1	MID	RO	LCEM	LCPR	LCSY	LCHR	LCAT	BETA
Card 2	TASTART	TAEND	TLSTART	TLEND	EGHOST	PGHOST	AGHOST	
Opt.	T2PHASE	T1PHASE						

TASTART/-END = temperature range for annealing process

TLSTART/-END = temperature range for material activation

Until activation:

Low stiffness

Negligible thermal expansion

Card 1 contains activated properties





Different modeling approaches are conceivable:

"smeared approach"

Only one part

Coincident nodes

"semi-detailed approach"

One part for each layer

Contacts have to be defined between the layers

Thermal contact can be activated depending on time

"Detailed approach"

layer- or even element wise activation (remeshing)

Volume consistency?







All approaches allow for path consideration:

Element-wise activation - small thermal timestep size ncyc = 1

Patch-wise activation - medium thermal timestep size ncyc = 🗡

Layer-wise activation - large thermal timestep size ncyc =

Simulation can be done in two steps:

- 1) Run thermal analysis only
- 2) Run mechanical analysis using \*LOAD\_THERMAL\_D3PLOT

Direct coupling between thermal and mechanical analysis is possible

Thermal analysis is implicit, mechanical can be implicit or explicit





Thermal only analysis (20 Layers)

 $dt_max = 1.0$ 

Printing time for each layer: ~ 0.04 s, cooling time/layer = 10 s, final cooling = 100 s

Element-wise activation	Patch-wise activation	Layer-wise activation
min. dt = 2.E-04 cpu time = 21min, 16 s ncyc = 1	min. dt = 2.E-03 cpu time = 16min, 15 s ncyc = 11	min. dt = 2.E-02 cpu time = 7min, 26 s ncyc = 101



How do we get the path into the model?

Ultimaker Cura software allows for gcode-path generation based on stepdata

envyo<sup>®</sup> allows for data interpretation, point cloud and \*SET\_NODE – generation

\*BOUNDARY\_THERMAL\_WELD\_-TRAJECTORY cards, min/max timestep curves, part and contact activation times

(model uses ~1.7million points, 1730 layers, more than 95.000 trajectories)







#### **Future Plans & Summary**

Simulation of additive manufacturing processes is doable with LS-DYNA envyo<sup>®</sup> helps to simplify the preprocessing when it comes to path-considerations

Further investigation should be done regarding the influence of the introduced methods on the warpage of the part

Mapping the simulation result and paths onto structural meshes







#### **Future Plans & Summary**

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LSTC is working on that topic Recent enhancements include adaptive remeshing based on the temperture gradient Further information:

www.lstc-cmmg.org/3d-printing

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