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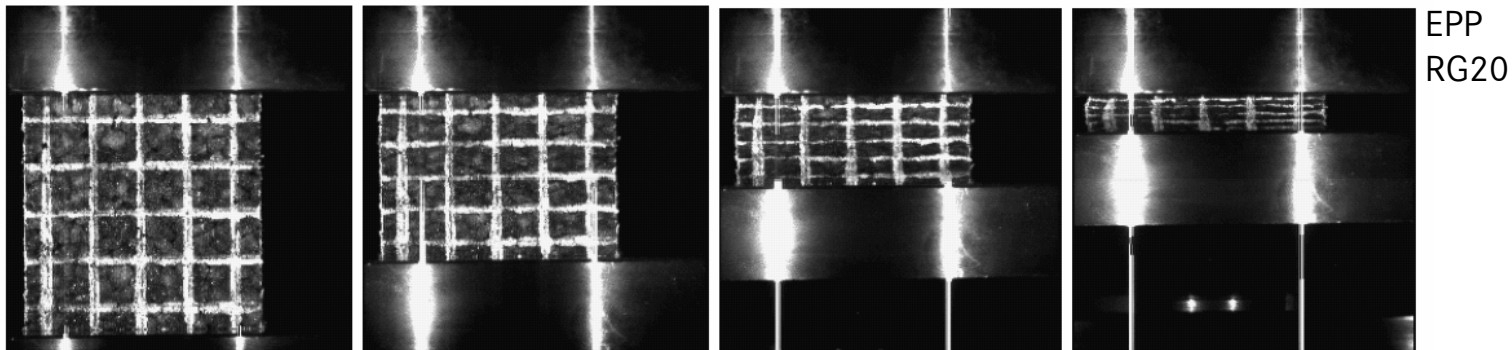
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Constitutive Models for Foams in Crashworthiness Analysis - a State-of-the-Art Review

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Introduction

- What are foams?
 - Material scientist: any material manufactured by some expansion process
 - (Crash-) Numericist: a material with a Poisson coefficient close to zero



- Both definitions coincide only for low density foams, roughly below 200g/l
 - High density (>200g/l) structural foams are not foams in the numerical sense since they exhibit a non-negligible Poisson effect
- In what follows: polymeric foams are considered only

Constraints in crashworthiness analysis

- Used: explicit finite element method (LS-DYNA)
- Time step determined by element size and material tangent
- Material model determines computation time !
- Results have to be generated very fast due to development process
- Time-consuming parameter identification not acceptable

Further limitations

■ Accuracy

- Global density variations
- local density variations (gradients in the part)
- skin formation in cold formed parts (not in cut parts)
- influence of the microstructure, mainly in parts with small dimensions

■ Simulation problems

- Dynamic test results on soft polyurethanes (seatfoams) are dependent on size and shape of the sample, due to the open cell structure and air outflow
- theory of porous media needed
- or tests on samples that are roughly the size of the part of interest

Subdivision according to their mechanical behaviour

■ Elastic foams

- Hyperelastic-viscous behaviour (MAT_57/73/83...)

$$\sigma_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_j \lambda_k} \frac{\partial W}{\partial \lambda_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda_j \lambda_k} \tau_i(\lambda_i) \quad W = \int \tau d\lambda \quad \left(+ \quad \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \right)$$

■ Crushable foams

- Visco-elastic-visco-plastic behaviour (not available yet)

- Strain rate independent plasticity $f(\sigma_{ij}) \leq 0$ anisotropic (MAT_142)

- Strain rate dependent plasticity $f(\sigma_{vm}, p) \leq 0$ isotropic (MAT_075)

- Elasto-visco-plasticity $f(\sigma_{vm}, p, \dot{\epsilon}^p) \leq 0$ isotropic (SAMP)

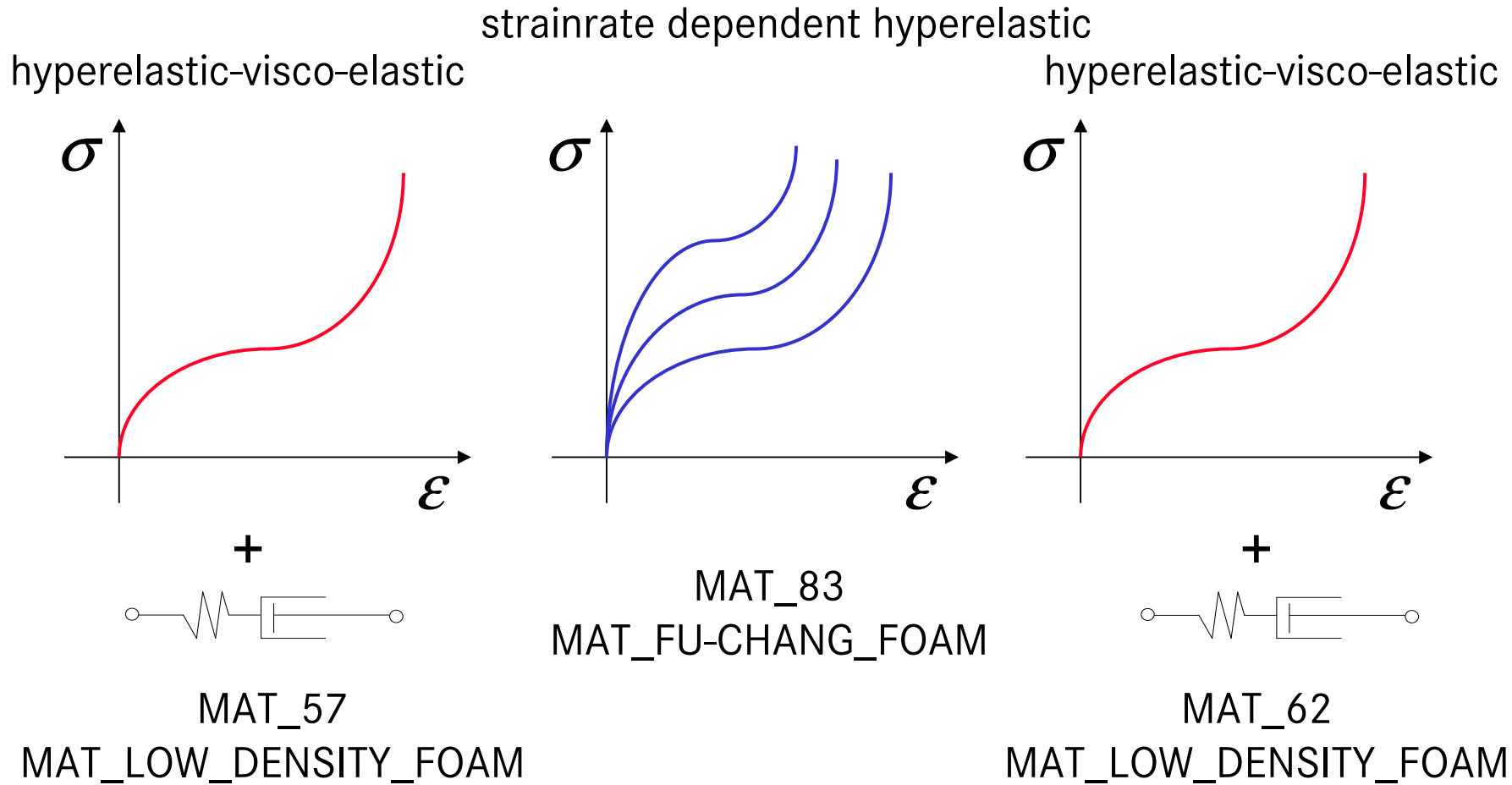
Elastic foams

- Hyperelastic viscous material behaviour
 - Poisson's ratio = 0 (=> principle stresses uncoupled)
 - Hill-functional + viscous terms formulated in principal stress space

$$\sigma_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_j \lambda_k} \frac{\partial W}{\partial \lambda_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda_j \lambda_k} \tau_i(\lambda_i) \quad W = \int \tau d\lambda$$

- Input of stress-strain curves at different strain-rates desirable
- Important applications:
 - bumper foam
 - seat and padding
 - pedestrian protection: leg impactor (Conforfoam)

Material laws for elastic foams (no Poisson effect)



Material law for elastic foams (with Poisson effect)

- Implemented as MAT_SIMPLIFIED_RUBBER/FOAM in 2004 (Kolling/DuBois/Feng)
- Uses Hill instead of Ogden functional (incompressible case):

$$W = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{C_j}{b_j} \left[\lambda_1^{b_j} + \lambda_2^{b_j} + \lambda_3^{b_j} - 3 + \frac{1}{n} (J^{-nb_j} - 1) \right]$$

where C_j , b_j and n are material constants and $J = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3$

The nominal stresses (force per unit undeformed area) are $i=1,2,3$

$$S_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \sum_{j=1}^m C_j \left[\lambda_i^{b_j} - J^{-nb_j} \right]$$

for uniaxial tension:

$$n = \frac{-\log \lambda_3}{2 \log \lambda_3 + \log \lambda_1} \quad \rightarrow \quad S_1(\lambda_1) = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \sum_{j=1}^m C_j \left[\lambda_1^{b_j} - \lambda_1^{\frac{-nb_j}{2n+1}} \right]$$

Material law for elastic foams (with Poisson effect)

$$\text{let } f(\lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^m C_j \lambda^{b_j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1^{\left(\frac{-n}{2n+1}\right)^k} S_1(\lambda_1^{\left(\frac{-n}{2n+1}\right)^k}) = f\left(\lambda_1^{\left(\frac{-n}{2n+1}\right)^k}\right) - f\left(\lambda_1^{\left(\frac{-n}{2n+1}\right)^{2k}}\right), \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\lambda_1) = \lambda_1 S_1(\lambda_1) + \lambda_1^{\frac{-n}{2n+1}} S_1(\lambda_1^{\frac{-n}{2n+1}}) + \lambda_1^{\left(\frac{-n}{2n+1}\right)^2} S_1(\lambda_1^{\left(\frac{-n}{2n+1}\right)^2}) + \dots$$

The function $f(\lambda)$ is determined and

$$S_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_i} [f(\lambda_i) - f(J^{-n})], \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

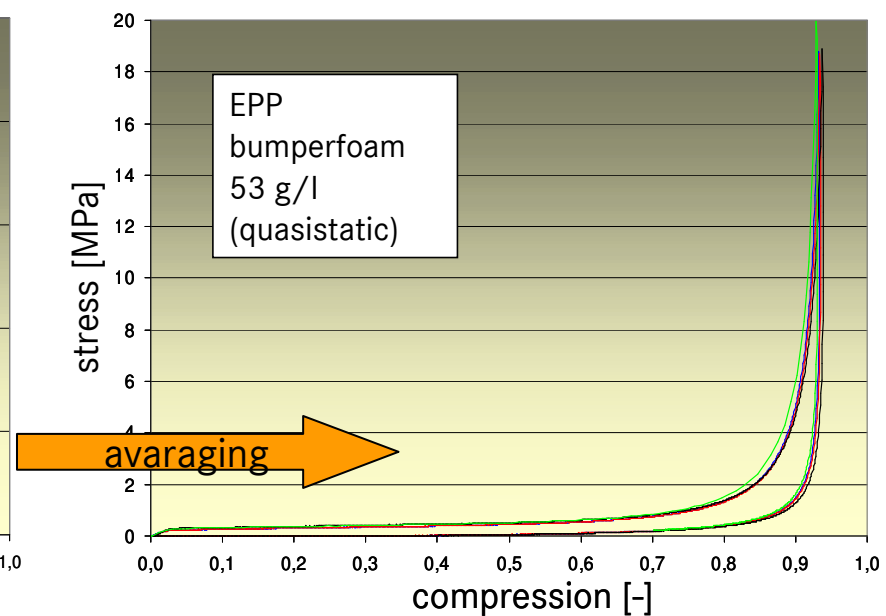
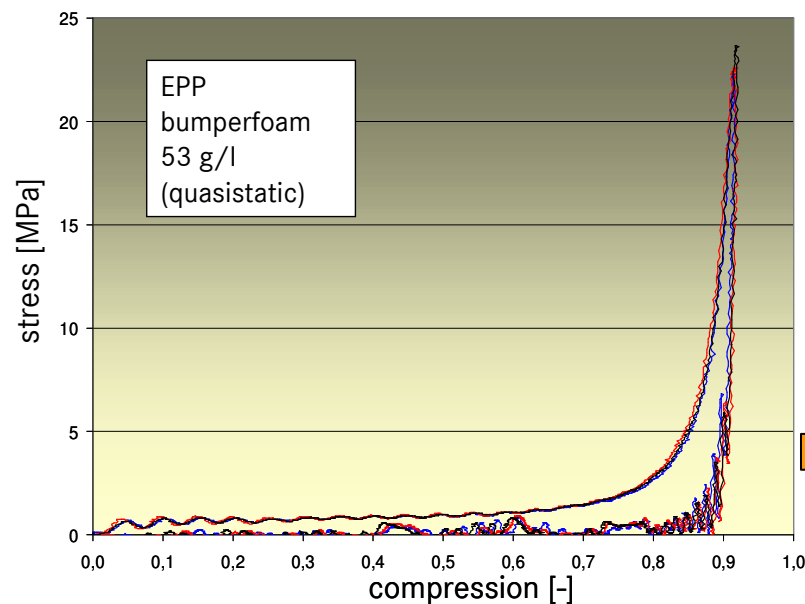
- Load curves directly inputted in material card
- Extension due to elastic damage is realized in Mat183 (for rubber first) (Kolling/Du Bois/Benson) => simulation of hysteresis by dissipation

Material laws for elastic foams in LS-DYNA

No.	keyword	formulation	input
38	MAT_BLATZ_KO_FOAM	hyperel., $\nu = 0.25$	1 parameter
57	MAT_LOW_DENSITY_FOAM	hyperel. + viscoel.	LC+parameter
62	MAT_VISCOUS_FOAM	hyperel. + viscoel. ν variable	parameter
73	MAT_LOW_DENSITY_VISCOUS_F OAM	hyperel. + 6 viscoel. dampers	LC parameter
83	MAT_FU-CHANG_FOAM	hyperel.+strain-rate	LC/ table
177	MAT_HILL_FOAM	hyperel., ν variable	LC
178	MAT_VISCOELASTIC_HILL_FOAM	= 177 + viscoel	LC + parameter
179	MAT_LOW_DENSITY _SYNTETIC_FOAM	hyperel. pseudo-damage	LC LC
180	MAT_LOW_DENSITY _SYNTETIC_FOAM_ORTHO	no damage orthog- onal load direction	LC
181	MAT_SIMPLIFIED_RUBBER/FOAM _(WITH_FAILURE)	hyperel.+strain-rate ν variable	LC/ table

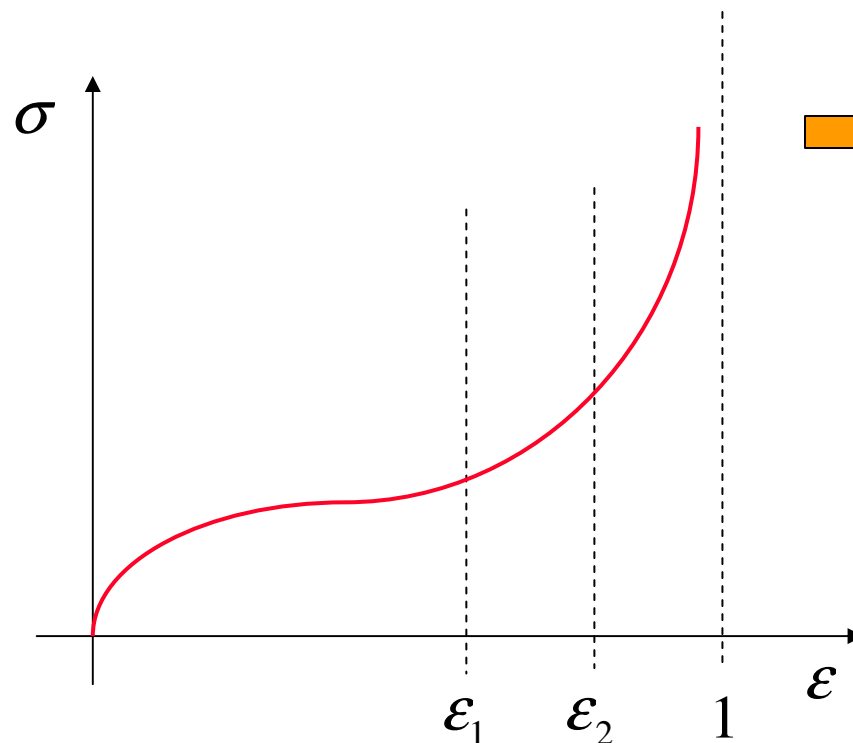
Material laws for elastic foams

- Material 83 is the most frequently used industrial solution for the simulation of elastic foams: bumperfoam and seatfoam
- main reason is user-friendliness: no parameters need to be fitted, test curves are (almost) directly inputted



Material laws for elastic foams

- If extrapolation of test curves is necessary:
 - We use a hyperbolic function of order n
 - Extrapolation exponent n is fitted to have a continuous transition



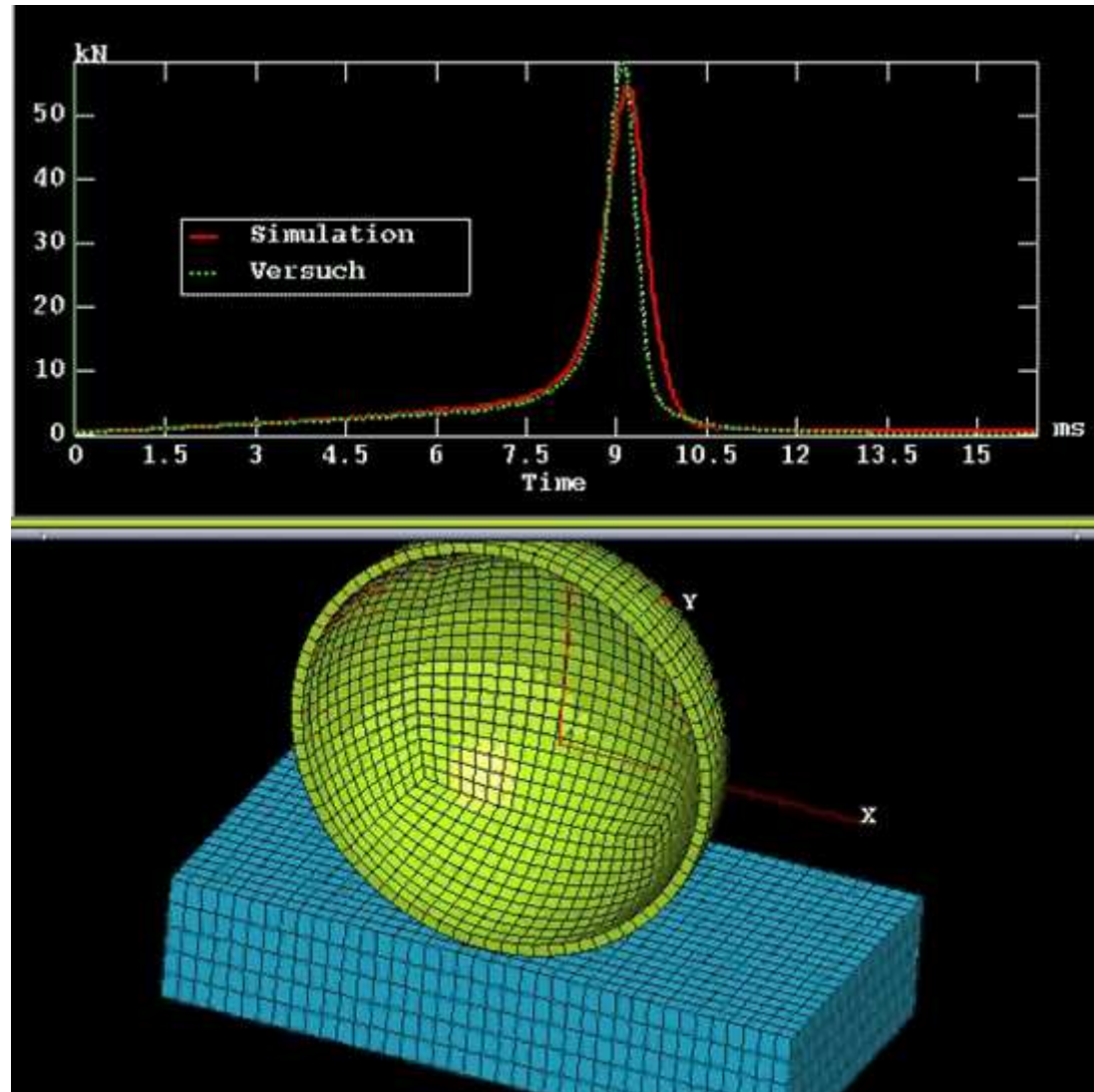
$$\sigma_{n+1} = \sigma_n + \left. \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \epsilon} \right|_{\epsilon_1} \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{1 - \epsilon_n} \right)^n \Delta \epsilon$$

$$\epsilon_n > \epsilon_1$$

$$n = \frac{\ln \left(\frac{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1}{\left. \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \epsilon} \right|_{\epsilon_1} \Delta \epsilon} \right)}{\ln \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{1 - \epsilon_2} \right)}, \quad \epsilon_2 > \epsilon_1$$

Example: PU-Foam

- Extremely high compression up to 98%
- Stability problems
- Time step size!
- Contact problems
- Sharp impactors cause deformation gradients in foam parts
- Lagrangean finite elements cannot follow the corresponding deformed shapes unlimitedly
- EFG methods (v970) may present an alternative

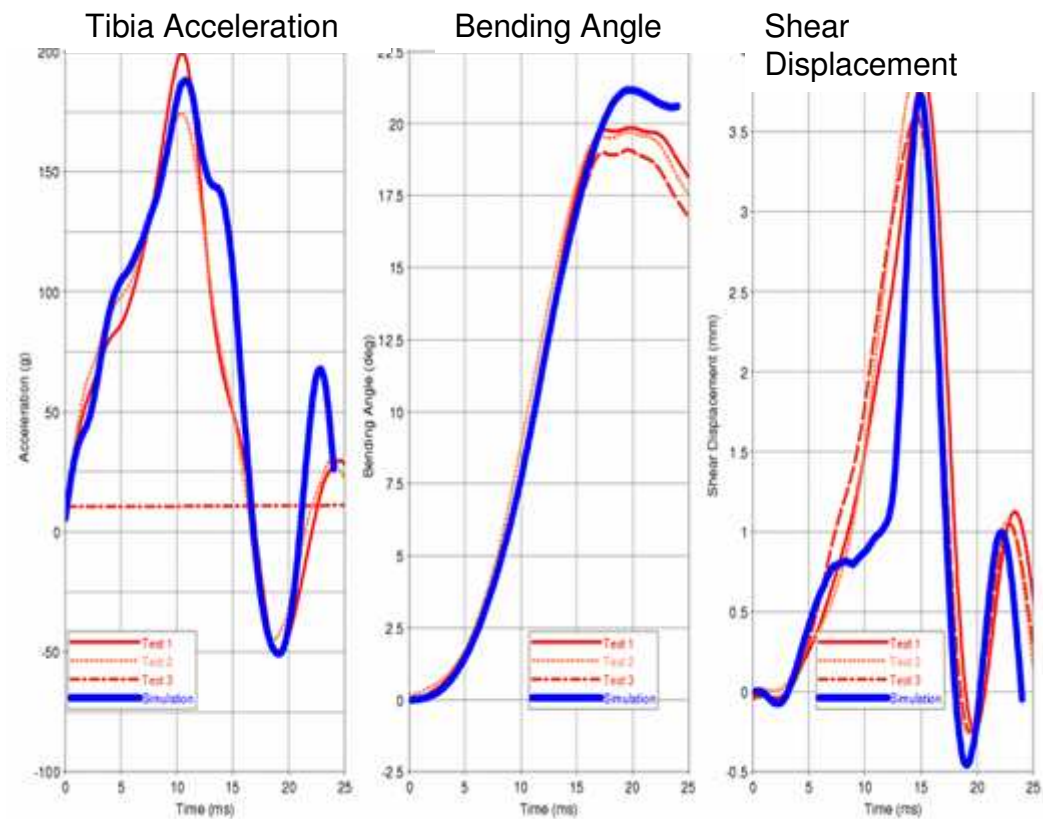
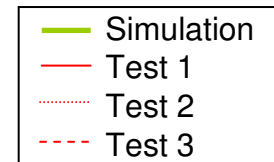
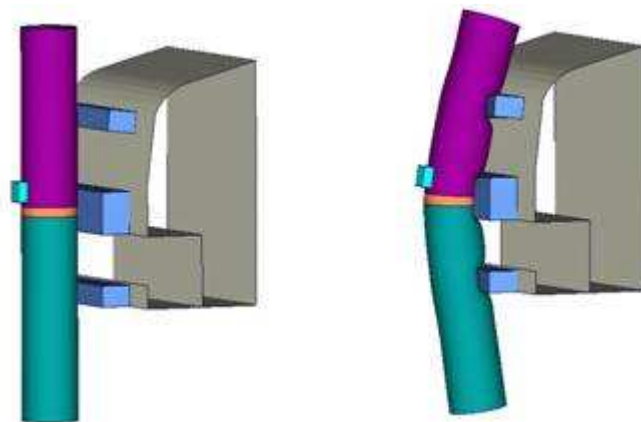


Example: Conforfoam, leg-impact

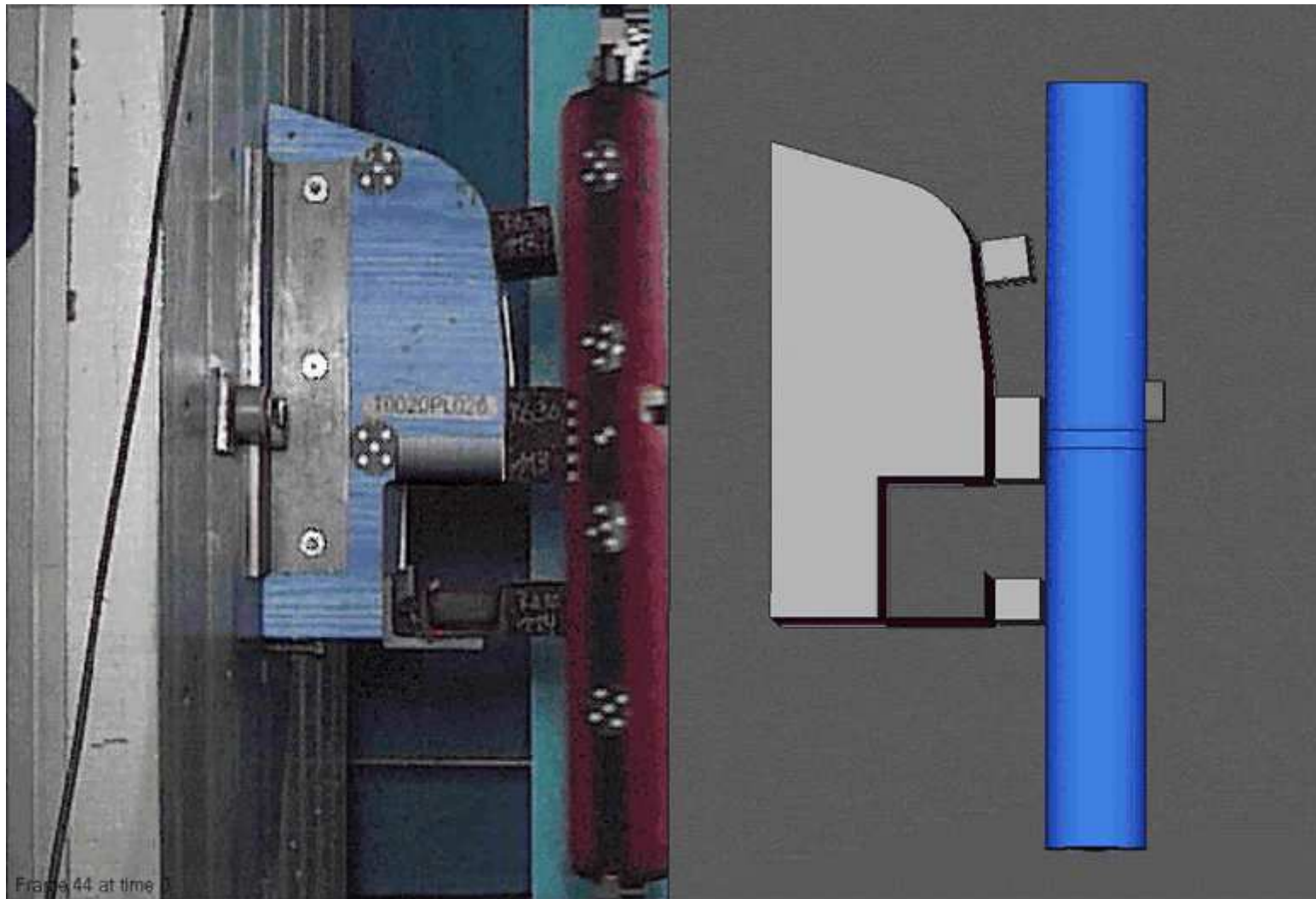
Validation test

Impact velocity 35/40 km/h

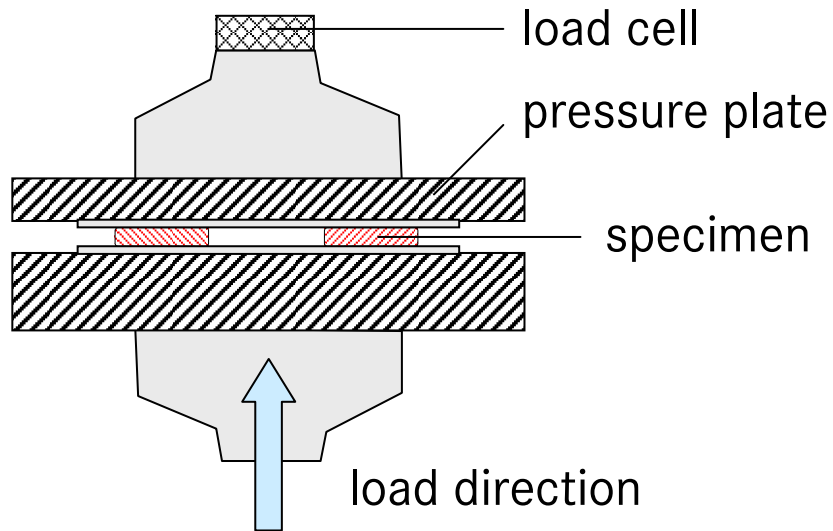
Variation in vertical positions



Leg-impact: test configuration for validation



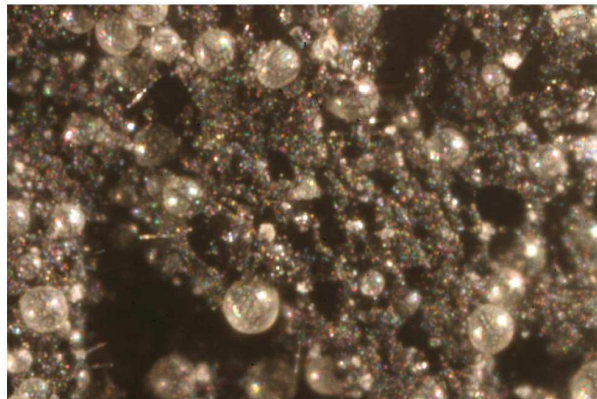
Example: Adhesive EFBond (rubber foam)



test specimen



Microstructure, 1.7x22.5mm

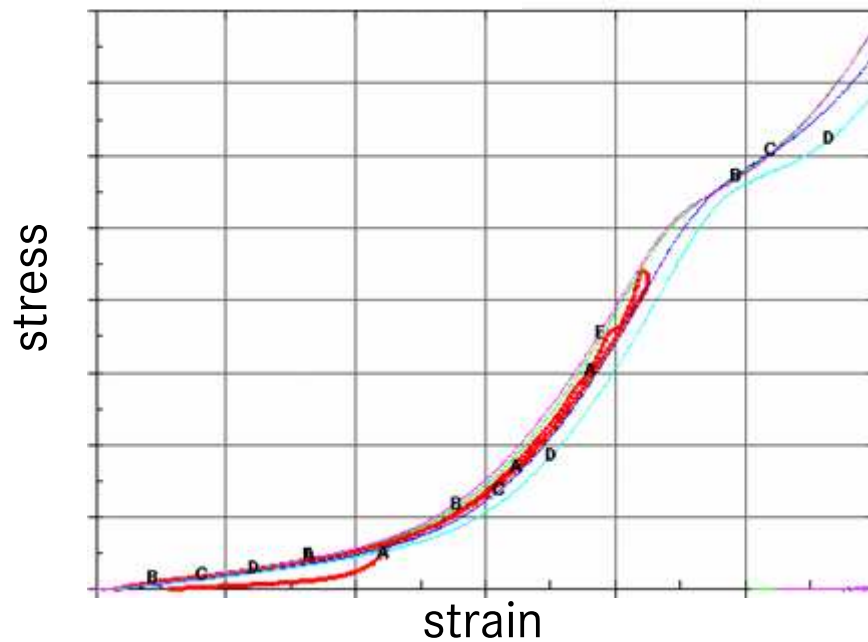


Adhesive EFBond

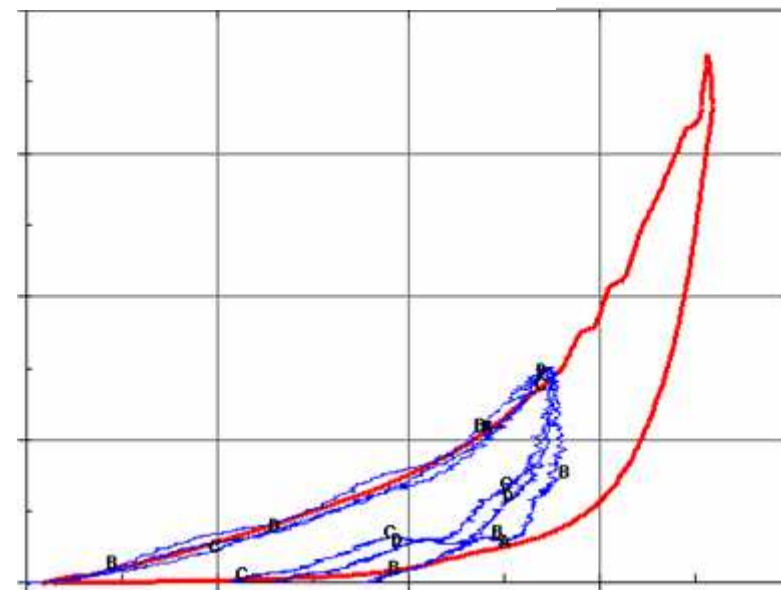
- $l=100\text{mm}$, $b=15\text{mm}$ and $t=2/3/4\text{ mm}$
- volume elements: min $l = 0.67\text{mm}$
- timestep = $6.8 \cdot 10^{-6}\text{ s}$



quasi static loading



dynamic loading: 800/s



Plastic foams

- Structural and crushable foams
- Material model: SAMP
 - not only valid for thermoplastics
 - It covers metals as well
 - Also suitable for
 - Adhesives (if you have a glue how to model)
 - Structural foams
 - Crushable foams
- Example: validation of a high-strength, low-density, expandable epoxy polymer (Terocore by CORE Products) using a single material input card of SAMP

Material laws for crushable foams in LS-DYNA

No.	keyword	formulation	input
5,14	MAT_SOIL_AND_FOAM	isotropic, el-pl	parameter
26,126	MAT_HONEYCOMB	anisotropic, el-pl	LC
53	MAT_CLOSED_CELL_FOAM	isotropic, el-pl	LC
63,163	MAT_CRUSHABLE_FOAM	isotropic, el-pl <i>v</i> variable	LC / table
75	MAT_BILKHU/DUBOIS_FOAM	isotropic, el-pl strain-rate	LC parameter
142	MAT_TRANSVERSELY_ANISOTROPIC_CRUSHABLE_FOAM	anisotropic el-pl	LC
144	MAT_PITZER_CRUSHABLE_FOAM	isotropic, el-pl <i>v</i> variable	LC + strain-rate parameter
user	MAT_SAMP	isotropic, el-pl <i>v</i> variable	LC / table

SAMP: A Semi-Analytical Model for Polymers

In co-operation with André Haufe (Dynamore) & Paul Du Bois (Consultant)

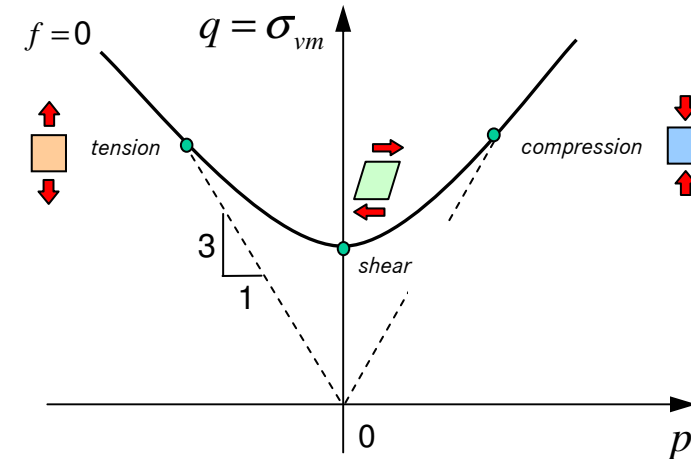
$$f = q^2 - A_0 - A_1 p - A_2 p^2$$

$$A_0 = 3\sigma_s^2 \quad A_1 = 9\left(\sigma_s^2 \frac{\sigma_c - \sigma_t}{\sigma_c \sigma_t}\right)$$

$$A_2 = 9\left(\frac{\sigma_t \sigma_c - 3\sigma_s^2}{\sigma_t \sigma_c}\right)$$

plastic potential:

$$g = \begin{cases} q^2 - A_0 - A_1 p - A_2 p^2 & \text{associated} \\ \sqrt{q^2 + \alpha p^2} & \text{non - associated} \end{cases}$$

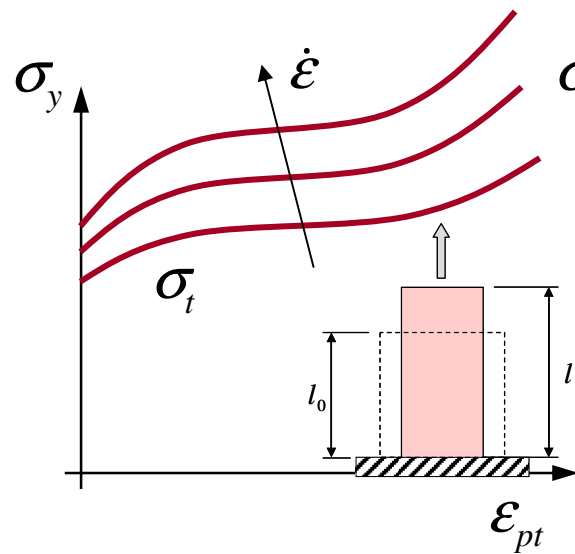


C¹-continuous yield surface

flow parameter correlates to plastic Poisson's ratio: $\alpha \propto \nu_p = \frac{9-2\alpha}{18+2\alpha} \leq 0.5$

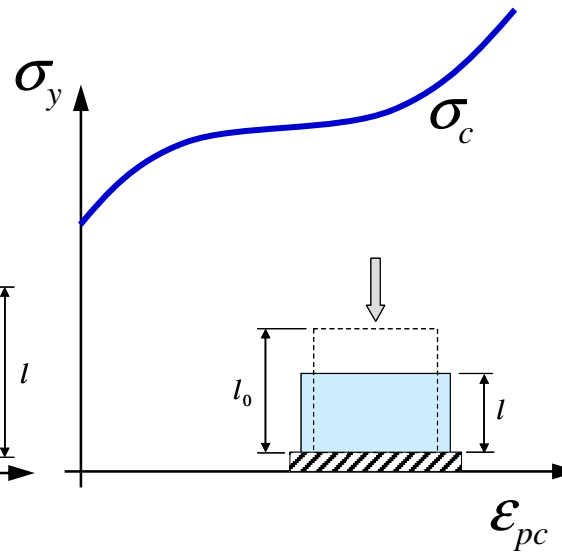
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■ Hardening curves: tabulated data



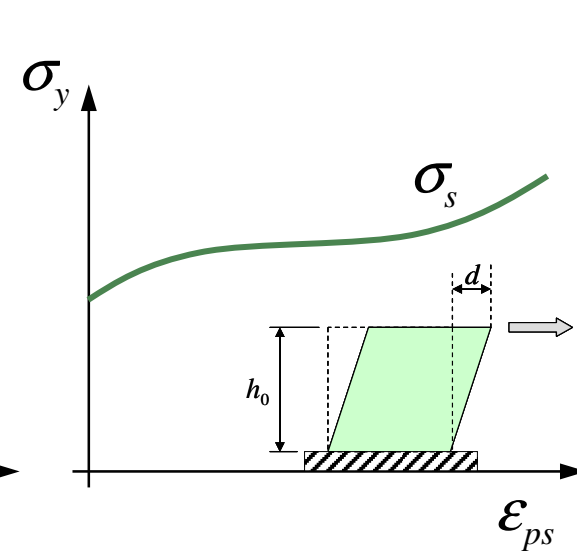
tensile hardening curve from tensile test at different strain rates

$$\epsilon_{pt} = \epsilon_t - \frac{\sigma_t}{E}, \quad \epsilon_t = \ln \frac{l}{l_0}$$



compressive hardening curve from compression test

$$\epsilon_{pc} = \epsilon_c - \frac{\sigma_c}{E}, \quad \epsilon_c = -\ln \frac{l}{l_0}$$



shear hardening curve from shear test

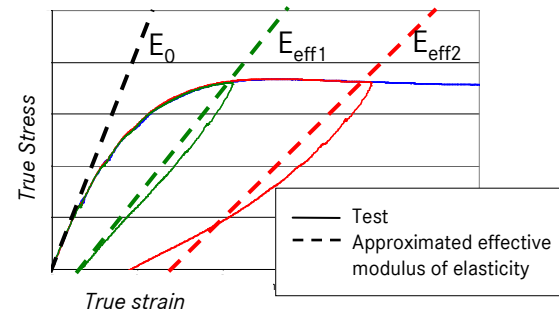
$$\epsilon_{ps} = \epsilon_s - \frac{\sigma_s}{2G}, \quad \epsilon_s = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial y} dt = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{h_0}$$

difficult !

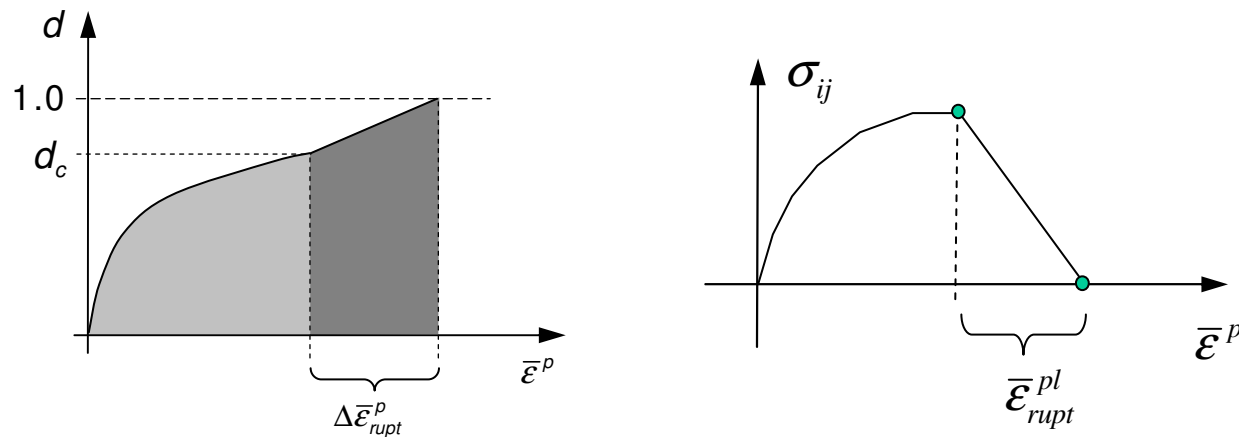
SAMP: Ductile damage and failure

Damage for elastic unloading is defined by a load curve $\chi(\bar{\epsilon}^{pl}) = [0,1]$

→ $\sigma_{eff} = \sigma_{pl} \cdot (1 - \chi(\bar{\epsilon}^{pl}))$



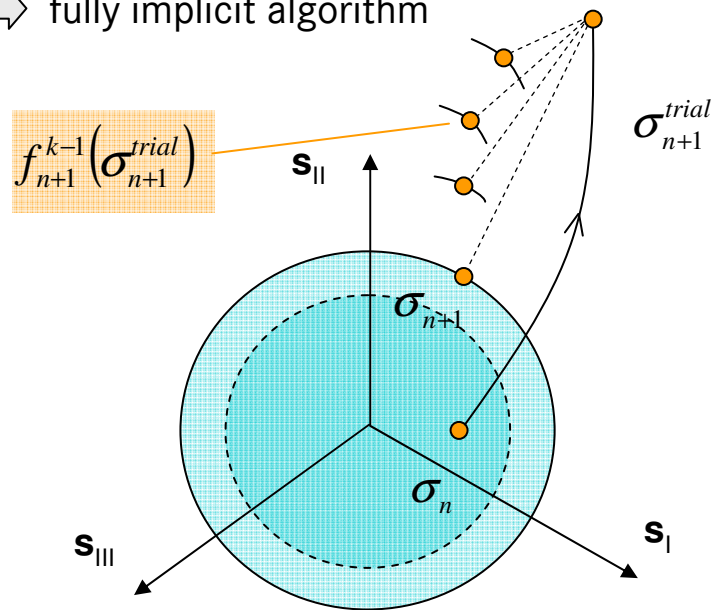
Failure onset defined by the parameter d_c , further fading of the element defined by $\Delta \bar{\epsilon}_{rupt}^p$



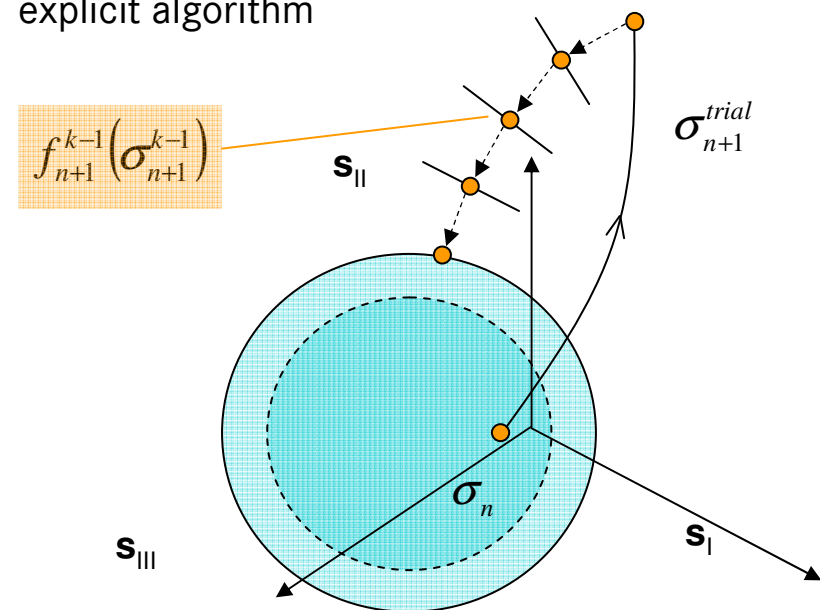
Stress update algorithms : NEWTON-iteration

Backward Euler return mapping or general closest-point-projection or radial return

⇒ fully implicit algorithm



⇒ explicit algorithm



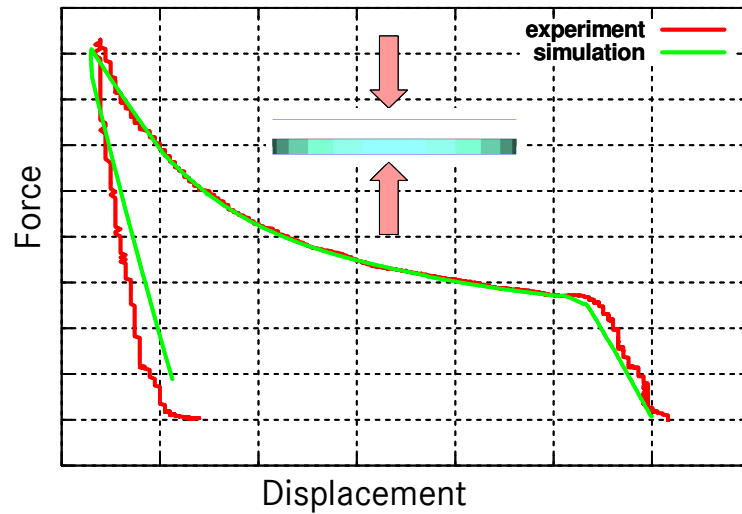
linearization around the elastic trail state :

$$f_{n+1}^k = f_{n+1}^{k-1} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \Delta \lambda} d(\Delta \lambda)^{k-1} = 0$$

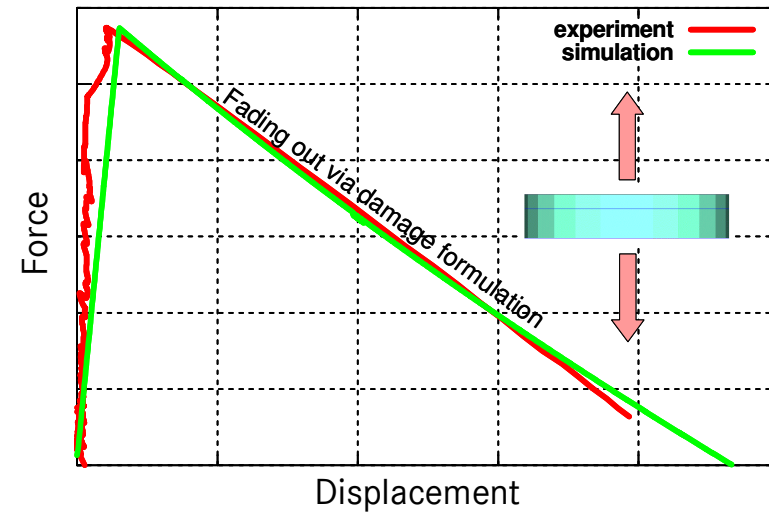
$$\Delta \lambda^k = \Delta \lambda^{k-1} + d(\Delta \lambda)^{k-1} = \Delta \lambda^{k-1} - \frac{f_{n+1}^{k-1}}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial \Delta \lambda}}$$

Materialvalidierung mit SAMP

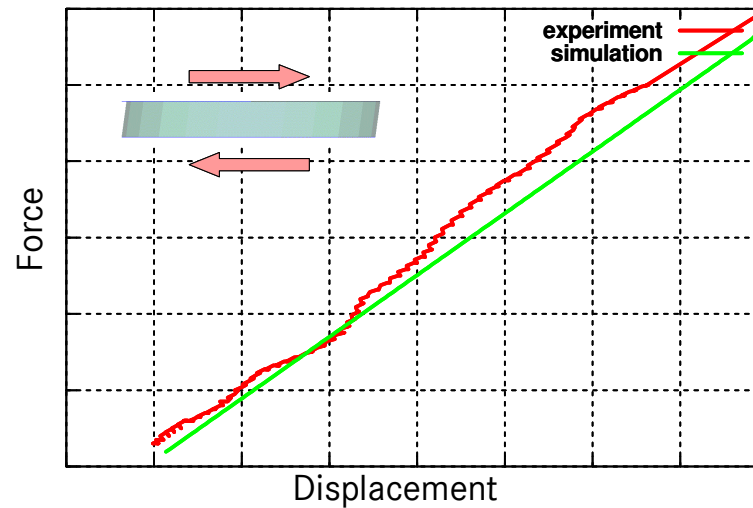
FOAM compression



FOAM tension



FOAM shear



Conclusions and outlook

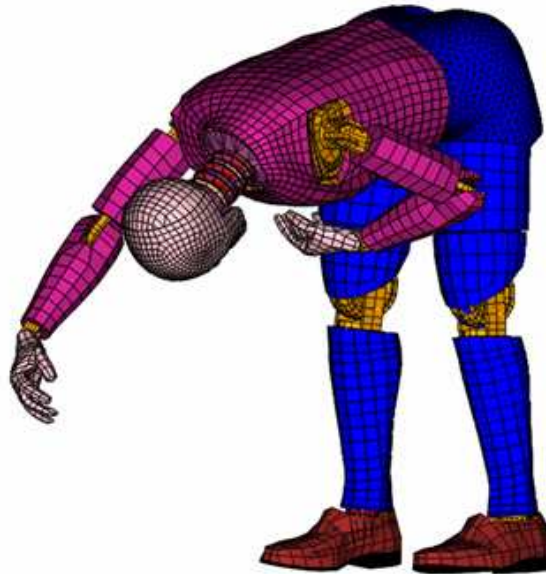
■ Elastic foams

- Popular material law based on strain rate dependent hyperelasticity (kind of pseudo viscosity): FU_CHANG_FOAM
- Stress-strain curves as input directly from test data
- Real viscosity and elastic rebound are the biggest stumbling blocks in that kind of formulation

■ Crushable foams

- Material laws for crushable foams available (even anisotropic)
- SAMP as an alternative considering different behaviour under tension, compression, shear and biaxial loading
- Anisotropic extension for SAMP desirable

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