

## **Beyond Standards: Material Testing and Processing for Successful Simulations of Foam Materials (LAW90)**







#### DatapointLabs Technical Center for Materials



#### Summary Overview Applus & DatapointLabs

## **Applus, DatapointLabs & Materials Characterization**



#### **Applus Overview:**

**Relevant Divisions:** Product Development & Validation

#### Relevant Partner Laboratories: Materials Characterization & Quality Assurance

**€1,558B** revenue | **23,387 staff** | **70+ countries** [2020]

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- Engineering
- Product/System Certification
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# **DatapointLabs Summary Overview (I)**

- Experience
  - 27 years of experience in materials testing and characterization
  - ISO 17025:2017 accredited, operating on an end-end digital platform
  - Nadcap accredited [Aerospace / Defense] (Metallic/Non-Metallic Materials Testing)



- Testing 2000+ materials per year
- Standard 5-day turnaround
- Comprehensive one-stop testing capability
  - 168 unique tests: all aspects of mechanical, thermal and rheological characterization



Certificate# 1242.01 ISO/IEC 17025:2017



Certificate# 17231205927 Non Metallic Materials Testing



# **DatapointLabs Summary Overview (II)**



- Capabilities
  - Materials: plastics, composites, foam, rubber, metals, additive materials, films, adhesives
  - May be characterized over a wide range of temperature and environmental conditions (elevated/cryogenic, heat aging, moisture conditioning, weathering, fluid exposure, invivo)
  - Characterize non-linear and post-yield behavior, dynamic situations (drop, crash, impact), hyperelasticity (rubber, foams), time-based behavior (creep, stress relaxation, viscoelasticity)
- Clientele
  - Global clientele of more than 1,800 companies in 49 countries
  - Market leader in materials testing for CAE simulation
  - Recognized as accredited materials test lab by leading OEMs





# Materials Testing

Characterization Challenges Quality Assurance Scientific Precision Suitability of Data CAE-Related Issues











# **Tackling the Most Challenging Characterizations**

- Example: plastics
  - Non-linear elasticity
  - Complex plasticity (pre-yield, post-yield)
  - Viscoelasticity (time-based behavior)
  - Properties change over product operational temperature
  - Properties change with environmental exposure
  - Distinct behavioral classes
    - Ductile (post-yield behavior)
    - Brittle (no post-yield behavior)
    - Elastomeric (hyperelastic with plasticity)



# **Materials Testing – Ensuring Accuracy of Data**

- Quality assurance of materials characterization data accuracy [ISO17025:2017]
  - Data Traceability operation of a complete digital platform for end-to-end traceability of test data
  - Independent Evaluation participation in quarterly interlaboratory round-robin proficiency testing
  - Calibration scheduled periodic calibration of test equipment to NIST-traceable calibration measures
  - Verification routine verification of test equipment using NIST-traceable standard reference materials
  - Auditing SOPs adherence to standard operating procedures (SOPs) for all calibration/verification
  - Uncertainty Budgeting determination of measurement uncertainty budgets for calibration
  - Recordkeeping complete recordkeeping of equipment calibration/verification activity & scheduling
  - Monitoring employment of control charts for statistical process control (SPC) monitoring of testing
  - Spot Intervention preventative or corrective action as dictated by the individual case
  - Test Standards adherence to ISO/ASTM testing protocols and standards whenever applicable
  - Testing SOPs adherence to SOPs informed by test standards for all standard test procedures
  - Data Statistics probing of inherent test variability through replicate testing for basic data statistics

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# **Materials Testing – CAE-Related Issues**



- Complexity of today's material data
  - Often not easily understood by design/CAE engineers
- Terminological issues regarding material properties
  - Often a lack of common vocabulary between materials engineers and CAE experts
- Appropriateness of material model to material and application
  - Selection of material model can be limited by lack of material data or model familiarity
- Difficulties in parameter conversion to material model
  - Conversion / calibration: raw material property data → material model inputs (e.g. selected points, slopes (modulus), equation coefficients, transitions, end points)
  - Conversion can be tricky, relies on skill and expertise of the analyst
- Difficulties in preparation of material file for simulation input
  - Each solver has a unique, complex, sometimes obscure file format for model import
  - Units must be converted to self-consistent unit system unique to each solver

# **Materials Testing for Product Development**



#### **TestCart**

Comprehensive online catalog and order system for 168 unique tests characterizing physical, thermal and flow properties of materials for use in R&D and product development

metals, plastics, composites, rubber, foam, rubber, films

#### **TestPaks**<sup>®</sup>

Material testing and material parameter conversion to generate 179 material cards for 36 simulation (CAE) programs, including finiteelement analysis, crash and drop-test simulations, injection-molding and other process simulations

#### **CAETestBench™**

Validate your simulation against a physical part, created and tested using a rigid protocol, which can be accurately replicated in your solver – probe simulation accuracy and quantify its ability to replicate the test

Validations range from simple tensile modes to more complex, multi-axial modes, impact and failure











High strain-rate (to 1000/s) measurements using 1M fps camera with digital imaging



High-pressure dilatometer for isothermal & isobaric PVT measurements



Feeding specimen material into capillary rheometer for characterization



#### TestCart

#### Mechanical Testing Thermal Testing Rheological Testing

**OEM Materials Qualification** 





Mechanical



- Stress-strain curves tensile, compressive, flexural, volumetric, shear
- Modulus tensile, compressive, shear, flexural, bulk
- Poisson's ratio tensile or compressive
- High strain rate properties up to 1000/s
- Hyperelastic and hyperfoam properties
- Creep and creep rupture tensile, compressive, flexural
- Fatigue tensile, flexural
- Impact Izod, Charpy, Dynatup
- Volumetric properties compressibility, bulk modulus
- Viscoelastic properties torsion, tensile, compressive, flexural
- Stress relaxation torsion, tensile, compressive
- Friction, wear and hardness
- Environmental exposure heat and chemical aging
- Forming limit diagrams





#### Thermal



- Thermal expansion linear and volumetric
- Thermal conductivity
- Thermal diffusivity
- Thermogravimetric analysis
- Specific heat
- Transitions melting, solidification, crystallization kinetics
- Heat deflection temperature
- PVT isothermal & isobaric methods, very high-pressure PVT





#### Thermal



- Capillary viscosity, juncture losses, slip, die swell
- Viscoelastic properties, dynamic and steady shear
- Rheotens melt tension measurements
- Extensional viscosity lubricated squeezing
- Melt flow rate





## TestPaks

#### Material parameters for CAE

- Structural FEA
- Crash/dynamic FEA
- Injection molding CAE
- Extrusion
- Blow-molding

# **TestPaks – Material Parameters for Simulation Applus**

- Reducing enterprise product risk with better CAE material data
  - Risk: divergence between simulated and actual product behavior
  - Contributing factor: disparity between material model and actual material(s)
- TestPaks: from expert materials testing to CAE-ready material files
  - Developed in collaboration with CAE software partners
  - 179 unique TestPaks for most common material models across
     36 CAE software packages
  - Simply order online or email/call us, typical delivery in five business days

# **TestPaks – Characterization to CAE Material File**

- TestPaks include
  - Exact material testing to CAE material model requirements
  - Conversion of raw characterization data to material model parameters
  - Solver-formatted, CAE-ready material files
- Your characterization data, test reports and CAE material files are deposited directly into your Personal Matereality database account

**TestPaks** material properties for your CAE

- Universal TestPaks available for some common material models
  - Single set of material tests;
     material files for multiple CAE solvers
  - Particularly attractive for material suppliers serving OEM customers requiring data for CAE







# Serving the Automotive Industry

General Services Offered
Material Qualification
Characterization for CAE
Typical TestPaks Ordered
TestPaks for LS-DYNA
Example: Rate-Dependency

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# **DatapointLabs - Serving the Automotive Industry**

- Testing for material qualification and design properties
  - Precision data used to represent a material in new product development
  - Typical testing: stress-strain data, fatigue, creep
  - Qualification testing against automotive OEM standards
- Testing for CAE simulation and analysis
  - High strain rate properties for crash simulations
  - Injection molding simulation
  - Hyperelastic properties of rubber and foams
  - S/N curves for fatigue simulation
  - Specialized rubber properties for non-linear NVH simulations



#### Testing for Crash and Impact CAE







# **TestPaks for Automotive Industry**



- G-771 LS-DYNA High Speed Tensile Rate Dependent Model (MAT\_019 or MAT\_024 or MAT\_089)
- G-771V LS-DYNA Validated High Speed Tensile Rate Dependent Model (MAT\_019 or MAT\_024 or MAT\_089)
- G-772 LS-DYNA High Speed Foam Model (MAT\_083 or MAT\_163)
- G-776 LS-DYNA GISSMO Failure Model
- G-778 LS-DYNA SAMP-1 Semi-Analytical Model for Plastic (MAT\_187)
- G-780 LS-DYNA Hyperelastic (MAT\_027)
- G-782 LS-DYNA Hyperviscoelastic Rubber (MAT\_077)
- G-784 LS-DYNA Simplified Rubber with Rate Dependency (MAT\_181)

G-602 RADIOSS Tensile Rate Dependent Model (Laws: 2, 36, 44)

G-604 RADIOSS Rate Dependent Foam Model (Law 70) G-606 RADIOSS Hyperelastic Model (Law 42, 69)

- G-790 LS-DYNA Forming (Barlat 3-parameter model: MAT\_036)
- G-791 LS-DYNA Transversely Anisotropic Elastic Plastic (MAT\_037)
- G-792 LS-DYNA Isotropic Elastic (MAT\_001)
- G-793 LS-DYNA Plastic Kinematic (MAT\_003)
- G-794 LS-DYNA Laminated Composite Fabric (MAT\_054)

#### Advanced failure model calibration for metals and plastics:

- G-776I LS-DYNA MAT\_024+GISSMO shell element failure model for metals
- G-778I LS-DYNA SAMP+GISSMO shell element failure model for ductile plastics (MAT\_187+GISSMO)

G-607 RADIOSS Hyperelastic Model with Viscoelastic (Law 42)





# • High strain rate data

- 0.01. 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000/s



High strain-rate measurements (to 1000/s) using 1M fps, high-speed camera with digital imaging.





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- Test modes
  - Tensile
  - Compressive
  - Shear
  - Biaxial
  - Volumetric





Loading test specimens for a plate-twist shear modulus test.





Using Matereality's Viewer module to quantify the goodness of fit of a hyperelastic equation to raw data.



- Visco-elastic data
  - Prony series data models
- Rate dependent data
  - Hyperbolic model extrapolation













# **Orthotropic Properties of Composites**

- Tensile properties
- Compressive properties
- Shear properties

Properties are non-linear in certain orientations and modes of deformation











# Creep, Fatigue, Long-term Behavior



- Properties change with environmental exposure
  - More severe with some polymers
- Solution
  - Determine product use environment
  - Expose specimens to analogous environment
    - Heat aging
    - Moisture conditioning, weathering
    - Fluid exposure
    - In-vivo





Saline cell to measure properties for `in-vivo' applications



# **Example - Rate-Dependency Data for MAT\_024**



- Generation of rate-dependency data (LS-DYNA MAT\_024)
  - Low to very high strain-rate data: 0.01/s, 0.1/s, 1/s, 10/s, 100/s, 1000/s



High strain-rate measurements (to 1000/s) using 1M fps, high-speed camera with digital imaging.















# CAETestBench:

#### Validation of simulation

- Composites
- AM Metals
- Plastics
- Rubber
- Crash/impact







1 Closed-cell foam

<sup>2</sup> Open-cell foam

<sup>3</sup> Honeycomb foam

Reproduced from Hitti, K., 2011. Direct Numerical Simulation of Complex Representative Volume Elements (RVEs): Generation, Resolution and Homogenization.





Mechanical properties depends on:







Mechanical properties depends on:

- Density
- Cell structure



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Reproduced from Zhang R., Chen J., et alt. 2020. Correlation between the structure and compressive property of PMMA microcellular foams fabricated by supercritical CO2 foaming method





Mechanical properties depends on:

- Density
- Cell structure
- Wall cell intrinsic material properties



Reproduced from Kováčik J., Orovčík L., Jerz J. 2016. High-temperature compression of closed cell aluminum foams





- Non-linear (elastic or crushable) stress-strain response
- Zero Poisson ratio in compression
- Rate dependency
- Failure in tension and shear
- Larger deformation in compression





# Compression response I Elastic response

- <sup>2</sup> Deformation plateau
- 3 Densification





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Radioss LAW90 describes the visco-elastic foam tabulated material

Reasons to use it

- Accurate modeling of foam behavior
- Strain-rate sensitivity
- Easy to implement
- Good correlation with experimental data
- Availability





#### Visco-elastic foam tabulated material



# **Radioss LAW90: Definition**

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- 1. E0 is the Young's modulus at the highest strain rate in the stress-strain curve.
- 2. Poisson's ratio is expected to be 0 for large compressions, but to ensure stability in calculations, it is set to a small value, typically around 10E-3.
- 3. To further improve stability, an additional curve can be added to the stress-strain curve, representing a strain rate 10 times higher than the highest strain rate. This extra curve is used in the calculation to ensure that the results remain stable even at high strain rates.
- 4. The LAW90 model uses the hysteresis of the quasi-static curve to calculate the unloading behavior. The shape and hysteresis parameters of the curve must be fitted during the validation process to accurately predict the unloading behavior.

$$\sigma = (1 - D)\sigma \text{ with } D = (1 - Hyst) \left(1 - \left(\frac{W_{cur}}{W_{max}}\right)^{Shape}\right)$$





- 1. Compression test data
- 2. Smoothing the data and point reduction
- 3. Extrapolating the data
- 4. Filtering the date







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- 1. Compression test data
- 2. Smoothing the data
- 3. Extrapolating the data
- 4. Filtering the data
  - 1<sup>st</sup> derivative
  - Moving window filter
  - Integrate

Thank you so much Marian Bulla for suggesting this additional step. Your contribution has been of great help, and we truly appreciate your input.







	ASTM D695-15							
Method	Standard Test Method for Compressive Properties							
	Crash Material Models							
Solver	Radioss // OpenRadioss							
Specimen	form	cube						
	thickness	26						
Parameters	Crosshead speed	16.2 - 162000 mm/min						
	material model	LAW90						
	element formulation	24						
	mesh type	hexahedral						
	element size	10 mm						
	boundary conditions	fixed base						
	initial conditions	Upper surface displacements						
	contact type	Type 7 (interior)						













	DPL V-101						
Method	Falling Dart Impact Validation						
	Crash Material Models						
Solver	Radioss // OpenRadioss						
Specimon	form	cube					
Specifien	thickness	53					
Parameters	impact velocity	2.30 m/s					
	dart weight	0.54 kg					
	dart diameter	50.8 mm					
	material model	LAW90					
	element formulation	24					
	mesh type	hexahedral					
	element size	10 mm					
	boundary conditions	fixed base					
	initial conditions	acceleration					
	contact type	Type 7 (impact)					
		Type 7 (interior)					









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## **Radioss LAW90: Parameters Study**







## **Radioss LAW90: Parameters Study**











- The use of the LAW90 material card has been successfully validated through compression and impact tests for simulating foam materials.
- Experimental compression curves cannot be used directly for material modeling, and data pre-processing is necessary.
- To ensure stability and accuracy, it is crucial to use **monotonically increasing imported curves**.
- When testing with strain-rate variables, the Type 7 contact card must be used to limit the compression strain of the elements. The strain limit corresponds to the point where densification begins in the model's curve with the highest strain-rate.
- In impact applications, it is essential to use an **impactor with smooth geometries**, as sharp geometries can cause instability due to mesh deformations.
- Various types of meshes, elements, and properties have been tested, and a hexahedral mesh with Isolid=24, Ismrt=10, and size=10 is recommended for succesful results.
- For applications that require more precise unloading, the LAW70 card is recommended. This card also uses experimental curves to calculate unloading, and it is important to prepare these curves in the same way as the load curves.

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