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TEST CASE ID AWG-ERIF-4

Steel Projectile Impacts Kevlar[®] Fabric

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

This document specifies the test case AWG-ERIF-4. It provides general test case information like name and ID as well as information to the confidentiality, status, and classification of the test case.

A detailed description of the test case is given, the purpose of the test case is defined, and the tested features are named. The test case specifications also state the target measures for testing and the expected results, as well as their pass and fail criteria.

Testing results are provided in section 5 for the therein mentioned LS-DYNA® version and platforms.

2 Test Case Information

Test Case Summary	
Confidentiality	external use
Test Case Name	Steel Projectile Impacts Kevlar® Fabric
Test Case ID	AWG-ERIF-4
Test Case Status	active
Test Case Classification	Validation
Test Case Source	Arizona State University (ASU) NASA Glenn Research Center
Tested Keyword	*MAT_DRY_FABRIC (ASU material model Version 1.3)
Member of Test Suite	AWG ERIF SUITE
Metadata	AWG ERIF

Table 1: Test Case Summary

3 Test Case Specification

3.1 Test Case Purpose

The purpose of Test Case ID AWG-ERIF-4 is the validation of an impact experiment on layered dry fabric rings performed at NASA Glenn Research Center [3]. The reliability and consistency of LS-DYNA® as a finite element solver for this impact simulation using fabric structures is evaluated by performing analyses with different modelling approaches for the fabric (see table 4).

3.2 Test Case Description

This Test Case contains an impact analysis (see figure 1) using a 304L stainless steel projectile impacting 8 layers (Model LG612) ¹ and 32 layers (Model LG969) ² of dry fabric rings made from Kevlar® 49 P-Aramid.

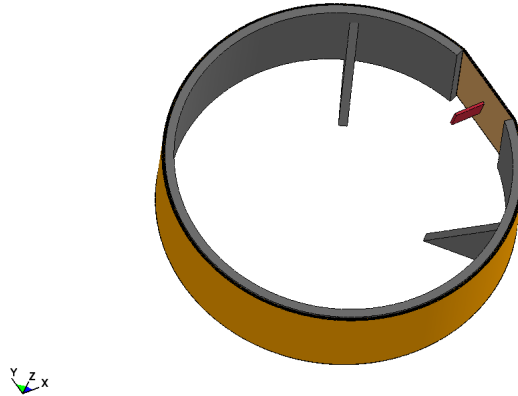


Figure 1: Model sketch: 304L stainless steel projectile impacting Kevlar® 49

Table 2 contains a short summary of the physical model set up. Details on the experimental set up can be found in [3] and [1].

Physical Model Information		
Model	LG612	LG969
fabric geometry	8 layers, height = 10.0"	32 layers, height = 10.0"
ring geometry	outer diameter = 40.0"	inner diameter = 38.0" height = 10.5"
ring opening	10.0"	
fabric material	Kevlar® 49 P-Aramid	
fabric areal density	0.02275 g/cm ²	
projectile geometry	length = 4.0" , height = 2.0", thickness = 0.3124"	
projectile mass	324 g	
projectile material	304L stainless steel	
projectile initial velocity	10.779 in/ms	9.252 in/ms
projectile final velocity	9.864 in/ms	0.00 in/ms

Table 2: Model set-up data

¹ Model number refers to the File No, in [3]

² Model number refers to the File No, in [1]

3.3 Model Description

The model geometry is discretized with solid elements for the projectile and shell elements for the layers of dry fabric rings (see figure 2). The number of elements and material specifications for the model can be found in table 3.

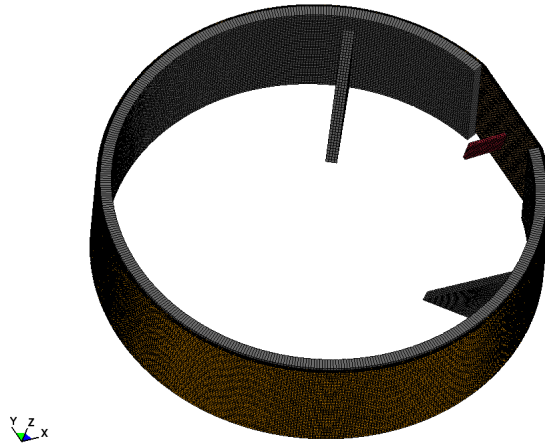


Figure 2: FEA model: 304L stainless steel projectile impacting Kevlar[®] 49

Two experimental set-ups are used. The two experimental set ups are named after their File No. in [3] and [1]. LG612 is an experiment where the projectile was not contained by the fabric layers. LG969 is an experiment where the projectile was contained.

Two modelling approaches for the experimental set-ups are used. The CMS (Concentric Modelling System) approach models the fabric in concentric wraps around the steel ring, whereas in the SMS (Spiral Modelling System) approach the fabric is wrapped continuously around the steel ring. The SMS approach mimics the actual test conditions.

A summary of these four sub test cases can be found in table 4.

The material definitions and their parameters can be found in the input decks.

FEA Model information				
Sub Test Case ID ¹	1	2	3	4
Model ID	LG612	LG969	LG612	LG969
Modelling approach	CMS	CMS	SMS	SMS
Nodes	146176	217578	93079	218090
Solid elements	81652	28442	28648	28652
Solid materials	3	3	3	3
Shell elements	40520	162240	40320	162280
Shell materials	4	16	4	16
Parts	7	19	7	19
Number of shell layers	2	8	2	8
Fabric layers per shell	4	4	4	4
Fabric material	*MAT_DRY_FABRIC (ASU material model Version 1.3) ²			
Ring geometry	outer diameter = 40.0" thickness = 1.0" height = 10.5"			
Fabric geometry	height = 10.0"			
Projectile geometry	length = 4.0" , height = 2.0" , thickness = 0.3124"			
Projectile velocity	$v_x = 10.779$ in/ms	$v_x = 9.252$ in/ms	$v_x = 10.779$ in/ms	$v_x = 9.252$ in/ms
Unit system	in (length), ms (time), Mlbf-ms ² /in (mass), Mlbf (force), Mpsi (stress), Mlbf-in (energy)			

¹ Sub Test Case ID and Model ID refers to the ID's in table 4

² For details on this material see [2]

Table 3: FEA Model Information

Sub Test Case ID	File No. ¹	Modelling Approach ²	Input Deck Name
1	LG612	CMS	CMS.LG612.in
2	LG969	CMS	CMS.LG969.in
3	LG612	SMS	SMS.LG612.in
4	LG969	SMS	SMS.LG969.in

¹ Correspond to the File No. in [3] and in [1]

² CMS (Concentric Modeling System) and SMS (Spiral Modeling System)

Table 4: Specification of sub test cases

4 Test Specifications

4.1 Test Case Targets

Table 5 displays the test case targets. The test case targets specify values or a series of values taken from the finite element analysis solution of the test case and they are used in a comparison of analysis results and experimental data. They are chosen in a way that they can be directly or indirectly compared to the experimentally determined values or observations.

Test Case Targets				
Target number	Output	Component Type	Component Id	retrieved from
1	kinetic energy	part	11	binout/matsum file

Table 5: Test Case targets for Test Case ID AWG-ERIF-4

The target values are chosen to identify the kinetic energy loss of the projectile during the impact event. Target number 1 is the kinetic energy of the body of the projectile (see figure 3 for definition of the body and the cap of the projectile). The target is used to evaluate the perforation of the fabric (see section 4.2).

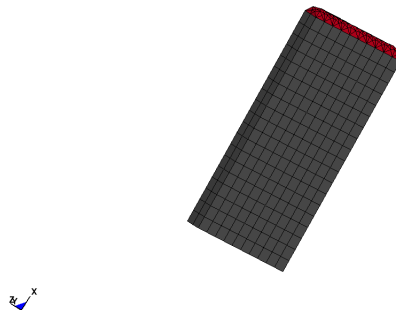


Figure 3: Part identification of the projectile: Grey coded is part 11 (body), red coded is part 12 (cap)

4.2 Pass/Fail Criteria

These are the Pass/Fail criteria used for the Validation of the Test Case ID AWG-ERIF-4.

The sub test case passes if the test case target data falls within the corridor bounds. Otherwise the test fails.

The test case corridors are upper and lower bounds for the test case targets. They were defined based on the test target data obtained with LS-DYNA® R9.0 Revision 108899 binaries by the following process:

- For a specific test case target, interpolate the data from different platform and executable (R9.0 Revision 108899) combinations, so that the time domain is the same.
- Calculate the upper and lower bounds by:

$$bound_{up}(i) = max(i) + 0.2 \times [max(i) - min(i)] + 0.05 \times peak$$

$$bound_{low}(i) = min(i) - 0.2 \times [max(i) - min(i)] - 0.05 \times peak$$

where $max(i)$, $min(i)$ are the maximum and minimum values at the i_{th} time step across all platforms and executable (R9.0 Revision 108899) combinations the test case was calculated with, $peak$ is the maximum absolute y value across the whole time domain, $bound_{up}(i)$ and $bound_{low}(i)$ are the upper and lower bounds for the i_{th} time step.

5 Test Case Results

5.1 Software and Hardware Specifications

In order to ensure cross-platform consistency, the herein mentioned sub test cases are run on platforms specified in table 6 and the results are calculated with software versions defined in table 7.

Platform Name	Operating sys-tem	CPU type	MPI-Protocol	Number of cpu's ¹	Memory Option
cdcvdce7mbu01	CentOS 7.9	Intel® Xeon® Gold 6238R @ 2.20GHz	Platform MPI 08.3.0.2	4	

¹ Number of cpu's used for calculation of the test case

Table 6: Used Platforms and CPU Type's

Product	Version	Release	Revision	Parallel type ¹	Precision ²	executable
LS-DYNA®	971	R14.1.1	8-g2ef819c24f	SMP	SP	ls971.8-g2ef819c24f.R14.1.1
LS-DYNA®	971	R14.1.1	8-g2ef819c24f	SMP	DP	ld971.8-g2ef819c24f.R14.1.1
LS-DYNA®	971	R14.1.1	8-g2ef819c24f	MPP	SP	mpp971.8-g2ef819c24f.R14.1.1
LS-DYNA®	971	R14.1.1	8-g2ef819c24f	MPP	DP	mpd971.8-g2ef819c24f.R14.1.1

¹ MPP = Massively Parallel Processing, SMP = Symmetric Multiprocessing

² SP = single precision, DP = double precision

Table 7: Tested LS-DYNA® version

5.2 Results Summary

Table 8 contains the results of the Test Case ID AWG-ERIF-4 completed with all combinations of software and hardware defined in section 5.1 (4 * 2 * 4 total calculation runs).

Details on the test results can be found in the section 5.3.

The table 8 validation summary is:

- **PASS** - Pass criteria in section 4.2 is attained.
- **FAILED** - Pass criteria in section 4.2 is not attained.
- **ERROR** - sub test case terminates due to error.
- **N/A** - sub test case was not calculated.

Sub Test Case ID	PASS/FAILED
1	PASS
2	PASS
3	PASS
4	PASS

Table 8: Validation results summary for Test Case ID AWG-ERIF-4

5.3 Result Details

The following subsections contain detailed results for the Test Case ID AWG-ERIF-4 for LS-DYNA® R14.1.1 Revision 8-g2ef819c24f.

For each sub test case defined in section 3.3 there is a graph displaying the time history of the result target defined in section 4.1 for the platform and software version combinations defined in section 5.1.

The title of the graph states the test case ID and the name of input deck. The legend contains the type, branch and the revision of the executable.

Example for title:

Title:

'AWG_ERIF_TEST_CASE_4: CMS_LG612.in' states the test case ID 4 and name of the input deck for sub test case 1.

5.3.1 Sub Test Case ID 1 - Test Target 1

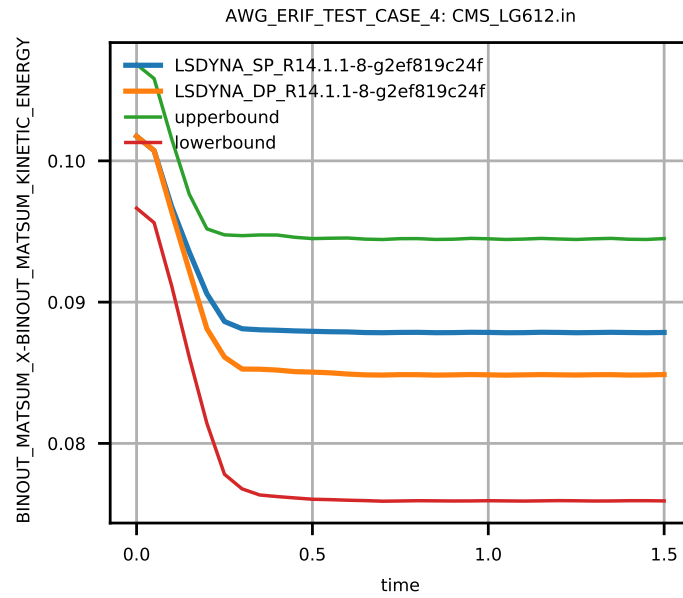


Figure 4: Cross platform results, kinetic energy part 11, sub test case ID 1

5.3.2 Sub Test Case ID 2 - Test Target 1

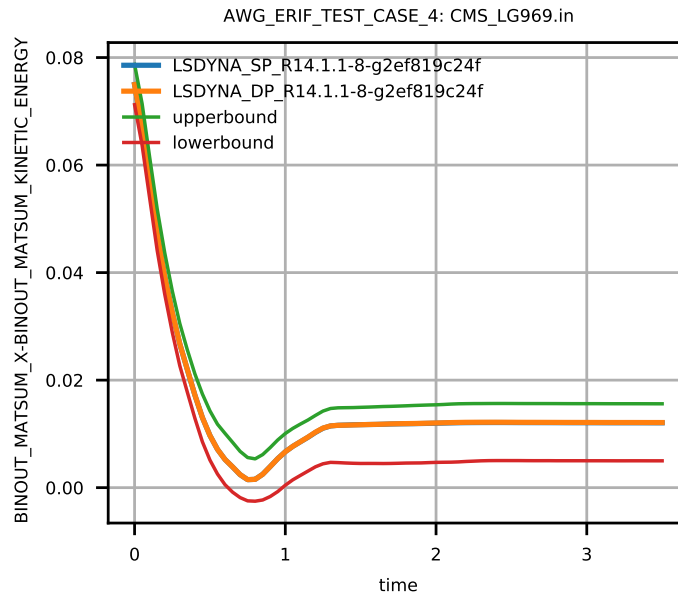


Figure 5: Cross platform results, kinetic energy part 11, sub test case ID 2

5.3.3 Sub Test Case ID 3 - Test Target 1

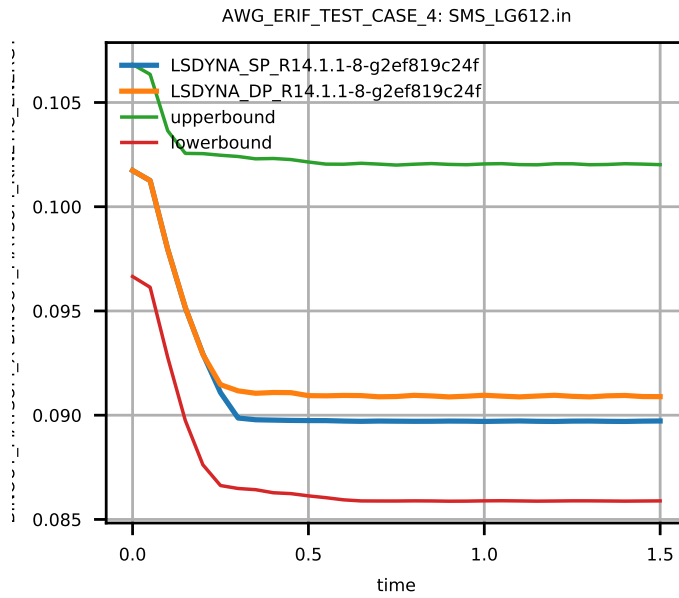


Figure 6: Cross platform results, kinetic energy part 11, sub test case ID 3

5.3.4 Sub Test Case ID 4 - Test Target 1

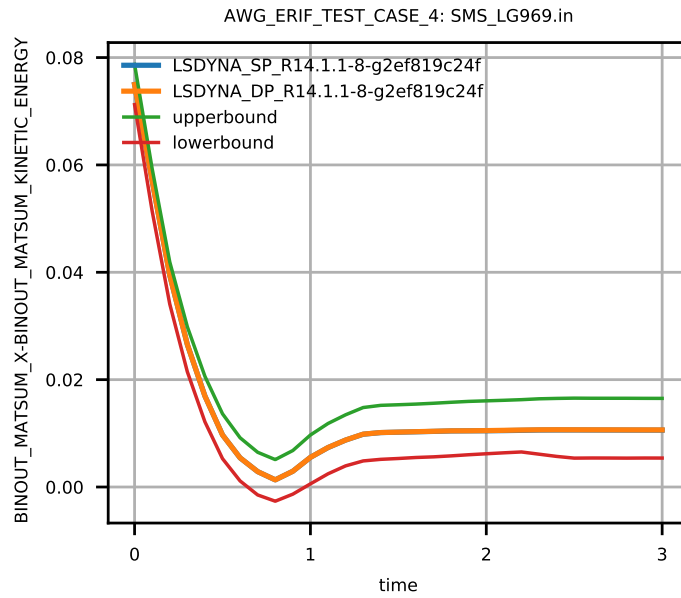


Figure 7: Cross platform results, kinetic energy part 11, sub test case ID 4

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