

# Analysis of Composite Materials with Abaqus

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### **About this Course**

### **Course objectives**

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

- Define anisotropic elasticity for combining the fiber-matrix response
- Define composite layups
- Model progressive damage and failure in composites
- Model delamination and low-cycle fatigue of composite structures
- Model sandwich composite structures and stiffened composite panels

### **Targeted audience**

**Simulation Analysts** 

### **Prerequisites**

This course is recommended for engineers with experience using Abaqus



### Day 1

- Lecture 1 Introduction
- Lecture 2 Macroscopic Modeling
- Lecture 3 Laminate Modeling
  - Workshop 1 The Pagano Plate Problem
- Lecture 4 Composite Modeling with Abaqus
  - Workshop 2a Buckling of a Laminate Panel
  - Workshop 2b Composite Wing Section
  - Workshop 3 Composite Yacht Hull (Optional)

### Day 2

- Lecture 5 Modeling Damage and Failure in Composites
- Lecture 6 Cohesive Behavior
  - Workshop 4 Analysis of a DCB using Cohesive Behavior
- Lecture 7 Virtual Crack Closure Technique (VCCT)
  - Workshop 5 Analysis of a DCB using VCCT (Abaqus/Standard)
  - Workshop 6 Analysis of a DCB using VCCT (Abaqus/Explicit)

### Day 3

- Lecture 8 Reinforcement Modeling
- Lecture 9 Modeling of Sandwich Composites
  - Workshop 7 Bending of a Sandwich Beam
- Lecture 10 Modeling of Stiffened Panels
  - Workshop 8 Bending of a Reinforced Flat Panel under Uniform Pressure
- Lecture 11 Low-cycle Fatigue
  - Workshop 9 Fatigue Crack Growth in a DCB Specimen

### **Additional Material**

- Appendix 1 Debond Capability
- Appendix 2 Cohesive Element Modeling Techniques
- Appendix 3 More on Continuum Shell Elements
- Appendix 4 Alternative Modeling Techniques
- Appendix 5 Modeling Composite Material Impact
  - Workshop 10 Perforation of a Composite Plate
- Appendix 6 Material Orientation Examples
- Appendix 7 Multiscale Modeling

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## **Lesson 1: Introduction**

- Description of a Composite
- Some Typical Composites
- Finite Element Modeling of Composites

### Lesson 2: Macroscopic Modeling

- Introduction
- Anisotropic Elasticity
- Viscoelasticity
- Thermal Expansion
- Material Orientation
- Multiscale Modeling



# **Lesson 3: Laminate Modeling**

- Introduction
- Laminated Composite Shells
- Continuum Shell Elements
- Continuum Shell Meshing
- Continuum Solid Elements
- Continuum Solid Shell Elements
- Symmetry Conditions and Laminated Structures
- Workshop Preliminaries
- Workshop 1: The Pagano Plate Problem



### **Lesson 4: Composite Modeling with Abaqus**

- Introduction
- Understanding Composite Layups
- Understanding Composite Layup Orientations
- Defining Composite Layup Output
- Viewing a Composite Layup
- Abaqus/CAE Demonstration: Three-ply composite
- Composites Modeler for Abaqus/CAE
- Workshop 2a: Buckling of a Laminate Panel
- Workshop 2b: Composite Wing Section
- Workshop 3: Composite Yacht Hull



# **Lesson 5: Modeling Damage and Failure in Composites**

- Failure Criteria in Laminates
- Failure Theories
- Progressive Damage of Fiber-Reinforced Composites
- Example
- Import of Composite Damage Model



### **Lesson 6: Cohesive Behavior**

#### Lesson content:

- Introduction
- Cohesive Element Technology
- Constitutive Response in Cohesive Elements
- Viscous Regularization for Cohesive Elements
- Cohesive Element Examples
- Surface-based Cohesive Behavior
- Element- vs. Surface-based Cohesive Behavior
- Workshop 4: Analysis of a DCB using Cohesive Behavior



Note: Appendix 2 contains an in-depth discussion of modeling techniques for cohesive elements using both the interactive and keywords interfaces.



# Lesson 7: Virtual Crack Closure Technique (VCCT)

- Introduction
- VCCT Criterion
- LEFM Example using Abaqus/Standard
- LEFM Example using Abaqus/Explicit
- Output
- Ductile Fracture with VCCT
- VCCT Plug-in
- Comparison with Cohesive Behavior
- Examples
- Workshop 5: Analysis of a DCB using VCCT (Abaqus/Standard)
- Workshop 6: Analysis of a DCB using VCCT (Abaqus/Explicit)



# **Lesson 8: Reinforcement Modeling**

- Introduction
- Rebar Layers
- Embedded Elements

# **Lesson 9: Modeling of Sandwich Composites**

- Introduction to Sandwich Composites
- Abaqus Usage
- Modeling Skins with Abaqus/CAE
- Examples
  - Comparison to NAFEMS solution
  - Comparison of Conventional and Continuum Shells
  - Stacking Elements Through the Thickness
  - Tapered Sandwich Composite
- Workshop 7: Bending of a Sandwich Beam



## **Lesson 10: Modeling of Stiffened Panels**

- Stiffened Composite Panels
- Abaqus Usage
- ▶ Example
- Workshop 8: Bending of a Reinforced Flat Panel under Uniform Pressure



# Lesson 11: Low-cycle Fatigue

- Introduction
- Direct Cyclic Low-cycle Fatigue Analysis
- Low-cycle Fatigue Criterion
- Workshop 9: Fatigue Crack Growth in a DCB Specimen



# **Appendix 1: Debond Capability**

- Introduction
- Modeling Interface Behavior

# **Appendix 2: Cohesive Element Modeling Techniques**

- Viscous Regularization
- Modeling Techniques



# **Appendix 3: More on Continuum Shell Elements**

- Defining the Thickness Direction for Continuum Shell Elements
- Shell Thickness
- Change in Thickness and Thickness Modulus

# **Appendix 4: Alternative Modeling Techniques**

- Introduction
- Laminated Shell Section Definition
- Laminated Solid Section Definition
- Section Point-Based Postprocessing Technique

# **Appendix 5: Modeling Composite Material Impact**

- Introduction
- Composite Damage Models in Abaqus/Explicit
- Unidirectional Fiber
  - Example Composite Plate Impact
- Woven Fabric
  - Example Corrugated Beam Crushing
- Modeling Techniques
- Workshop 10: Perforation of a Composite Plate



## **Appendix 6: Material Orientation Examples**

- Example 1: Layered Shell Elements
- Example 2: Solid Elements
- Example 3: Layered Solid Elements

# **Appendix 7: Multiscale Modeling**

- Introduction
- Mean-field Homogenization
- Mean-field Homogenization for Linear Elastic
   Composites
- Specifying the Microstructure of the Composite
- Validation: Unit Cube with Spherical Inclusion
- Validation: Matrix with Cylindrical Inclusion
- Fiber Orientation
- Example: Unidirectional stiffened panel subjected to axial compression

- Validation: Short Fiber Composites
- Multi-step Homogenization
- Example: Multiple Inclusion Model
- Composites with Thermal Expansion
- Incremental Mean-field Homogenization for Nonlinear Composites
  - Output
- Examples
- Micromechanics Plug-in
- Upscaling
- Downscaling

