







# Damage behavior of highly porous ceramics

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- Investigates mechanical and damage behavior of materials and structures
- Develops manufacturing plants and their control techniques
- Provides production logistics management solutions

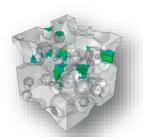
#### **CHALLENGE**

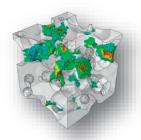
- In-depth investigation aiming at material design
- Prediction of elastic properties of porous sound absorbing ceramics
- Prediction of pure brittle damage with respect to microstructure

## **HOW CAN DIGIMAT TACKLE THESE CHALLENGES?**

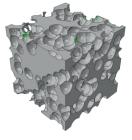
Pure brittle damage development in a porous ceramic RVE (30% porosity)

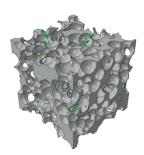


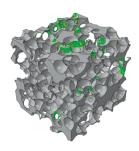




Influence of porosity on pure brittle damage of the RVE (50% - 60% - 70%)







#### **DIGIMAT SOLUTION**

- Reverse engineering of the unknown material properties based on experimental results
- Virtual compounding of different porous ceramics in Digimat-MF
- In-depth micro investigation of porous ceramics by Digimat-FE
- Numerical investigation of pure brittle damage at both micro and macro scales on the porous ceramics

#### **RESULTS**

- Reduced cost of material production and characterization
- Increased material strength with improved material design
- Boosted cooperation between ceramic developer and acoustic user

#### **MATERIALS**

Ceramics

#### **PERFORMANCES**

Stiffness, Failure, Sound absorption

#### **DIGIMAT**

Digimat-MF, Digimat-FE

### **CAE TECHNOLOGY**

**Abaqus Standard** 

#### **INDUSTRY**

Energy, Aerospace

#### **APPLICATION**

Material design



CT scan of ceramic sound absorber. Courtesy of Frank Giese, ZARM.

"The application of Digimat-MF and Digimat-FE paved the way for me to give an insight into the influence of microstructure on the overall mechanical and brittle damage behavior of highly porous sound absorbing ceramics. I was able to contribute to the improvement of material strength by new material design while keeping the good sound absorption."

Reza Malekmohammadi Research Assistant, bi**me** www.bi**me**.de



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Digimat FE: Finite Element based homogenization software used to model the nonlinear behavior of Representative Volume Elements (RVE) of material microstructures.

Digimat MX: Material eXchange platform used to prepare, store, retrieve and securely exchange Digimat material models between material suppliers and end-users.

Digimat CAE: Digimat linear and nonlinear interfaces to major processing and structural FEA software to enable multi-scale analyses of composite structures.

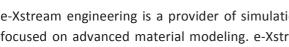
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