STATUS 2025: VMAP WORKING GROUP FULL MODEL STORAGE

VMAP User Meeting 2025



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Note: examples in this presentation are based on VMAP 1.0.0



Introduction to WG Complete Model Storage



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Introduction to WG Complete Model Storage



- Original goals of VMAP ITEA Project (2017-2021):
 - CAE workflow interface for passing results between diverse software
 - Multi-disciplinary use cases
 - Meshes + results
- Complete Model Storage
 - Meshes + results + all information needed to produce the results
 - Boundary conditions, loads, etc.
 - Reproducibility
 - Collaboration (exchange of (almost) full model)

Recap state of complete model storage at UM 2024





Recap state of complete model storage at UM 2024





- How to group conditions?
 - Engineering hierarchy?
 - Mathematical hierarchy?
 - Group *loads* by kind
 - Group constraints by kind
 - Easy *re-use* in ...
 - ... analysis steps: different conditions in steps?
- How do other projects solve this?



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Numerous contributions by WG members for comparisons:

- ABAQUS (general)
- ANSA (general, in numerous solver modes)
- ANSYS (general)
- HyperMesh (turbine use case in ABAQUS mode)
- SMILE (full vehicle crash case with ABAQUS and LS-DYNA translations)



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• First conclusion:

Separate conditions in Boundary Conditions (BC) and Initial Conditions (IC)

Exactly how to group conditions?
Vote

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- WG voting on the following options:
 - 1. separation of conditions into IC & BC
 - 2. separation of conditions into IC & BC. Separation of BC into two further groups Dirichlet BC and Neumann BC
 - 3. separation of conditions into IC & BC. Placing Dirichlet BC and Neumann BC as an attribute to the BC



More discussion points:

- Still no full definition on how to group conditions
- BC fields possible
- Temporal BC (fields) possible via tables
 - Still, IC stand out from an engineering perspective
- Consistency of IC & BC (logical, chronolgical) should not be part of VMAP, which should just provide a language for description.
- Consider simple, universal use cases …



Suggestions for simple thermal and mechanical problems:

- Plate with hole under tension (2D)
- Three-point bending truss (3D)
- Heat conduction through plate (2D)
- Heat convection of brick in air (3D)
- Rotating bladed disk (3D, includes CONNECTION)
- ...?
- Consensus: no 1D use cases
- Important: possibility to store solver specific data not covered by use cases
- Besides grouping of conditions, modelling approaches need to be chosen ...

Example of established modelling approaches and VMAP integration options



Examplary condition: heat convection. Options: VMAP uses ...

1. ... ANSYS/PERMAS standard



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Requirement Analysis

Suggested additional requirements:

- "VMAP should be capable of storing model setup information in detail for standard examples."
- "VMAP should be capable of storing static and transient analyses."
- [..., modal analysis, ...]



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Chapter 3

Requirement Analysis for VMAP

The VMAP consortium involves more than 30 companies from all over Europe and North America. This includes the 10 manufacturing industries and the rest are CAE software developers. All the members of the consortium offer different industrial use cases, hence making VMAP a wholesome standard covering a vast variety of materials used for manufacturing. Based on this vast majority of use cases, some of the critical requirements for VMAP are listed below:

- 1. VMAP should contain result information in detail.
- 2. VMAP should contain all data necessary to map the results.
- 3. VMAP should be capable of storing transient analyses.
- 4. VMAP should be able to use any of the standard unit systems.
- 5. VMAP files should be useful for both batch and automatic execution modes.
- 6. VMAP should be capable of storing custom coordinate systems, both local and global.
- 7. VMAP should be useful for all known operating systems.
- 8. VMAP files should be accessible with the help of free/open source tools.
- 9. A service and support community should exist, even after the project ends.
- 10. Software maintenance should be carried out on a regular basis.

These are few of the very basic requirements, which form the building blocks of VMAP. These critical requirements and many others formed the basis of VMAP and led to a standard which covers the geometrical and material domain in CAE.

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Open Questions

- How to reflect the outcome of the voting in the concept?
- How to model each condition?
- What about the analysis layer?
- HDF5 ← → JSON





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