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We believe that the meeting offered our delegates a forum for the dissemination of their recent work in mechanics and materials and their applications in engineering design, fostered research that integrates mechanics and materials in the design process, and promoted exchange of ideas and international co-operation among scientists and engineers in this important field of engineering.

We are particularly indebted to the authors and special guests for their presentations. Each of the more than 420 contributions offered opportunities for thorough discussions with the authors. Particularly, we acknowledge the excellent contributions of the participants, their innovative ideas and research directions, the novel modeling and simulation techniques, and the invaluable critical comments. We are also indebted to the outstanding keynote speakers who highlighted the conference themes with their contributions and covered the main topics of the conference. We also take this opportunity to thank the members of the International Scientific Committee and the reviewers for their time, effort and helpful suggestions.

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All in all, M2D2015 was a great success and the credit must go to all the participants for their significant contributions and lively discussions, the keynote speakers for bridging the gap between the different disciplines and the organizing committee for an absolutely superb organization of the meeting in this magnificent city. To all of you, we offer our gratitude.

Given the rapidity with which science is advancing in all areas of mechanics and materials, the next conference in this series (Integrity, Reliability and Failure - IRF 2016) will take place in Porto, Portugal in July 2016. Undoubtedly, we expect IRF2016 to be as stimulating and interesting as M2D2015, as evidenced by the excellent contributions offered in this current event. We look forward to seeing all of you in Porto in 2016.

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NUMERICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL ASSESSEMENT OF THE DISPLACEMENT FIELD ON PDMS SAMPLE

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ABSTRACT

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The numerical technique show to be very effective to reproduced the global mechanical behaviour of hyper-elastic materials. However, the local behaviour is very difficult to predict and further developments must be made in order to improve the quality of material behaviour.

Keywords: polydimethylsiloxane, hyper-elasticity, digital image correlation, biaxial tensile test, finite element method.

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The aim of this work is development of a method that is able to characterize with high detail the mechanical behaviour of PDMS materials used in bioengineering and biological applications. For this purpose, the biaxial tensile test is performed and the full field displacement and strain are measured using DIC technique. From the displacements fields we

assess the most appropriate constitutive models of hyper-elastic materials that could use simulate the mechanical behaviour of the PDMS.

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The results from the biaxial tensile tests are shown in Fig. 1. These curves were used in the numerical simulations for the constants determination of constitutive model. This information was combined with the displacement measured with the commercial DIC system (Aramis®) for computing the strain fields.

The experimental and the numerical strains were compared and determined the mean relative error, presented in Table 1.

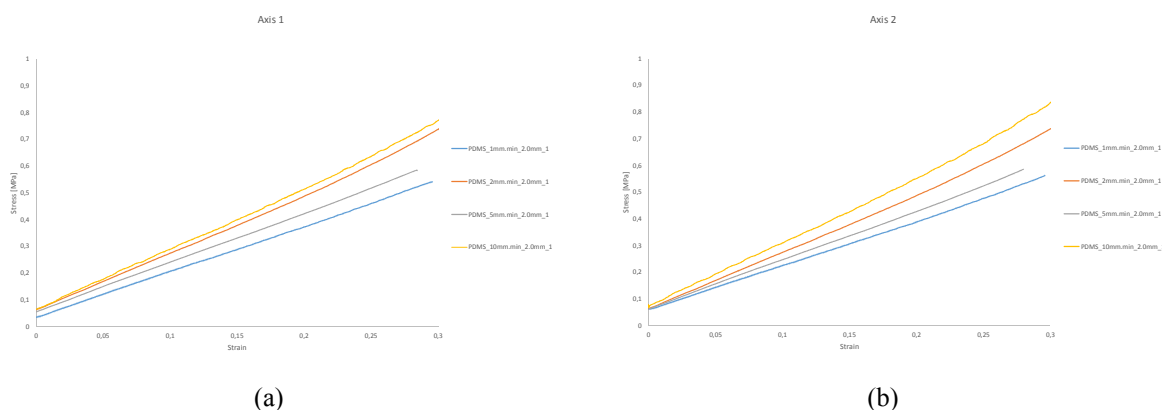


Fig. 1 - Biaxial tensile test results in: (a) axis 1 and (b) axis 2.

Table 1 - Mean relative error of displacement field for different test velocities

	1mm/mim	2mm/mim	5mm/mim	10mm/mim
RTV 615	29.44%	7.93%	19.7%	26.44%

The DIC technique was shown to be suitable for the measurement of displacement fields in hyper-elastic materials.

For the constitutive models examined, it was found that the models of Ogden and Yeoh lead to better results, namely a lower error for the offset. However, these models do not fully characterize the hyper-elastic behavior of the tested specimens, high local deviations between the numerical simulation and experimental measurements were found.

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