haviour was realised with shell elements. Furthermore basic knowledge is gained about the material behaviour of gradientfabric structures. The transition zone between different weave types should be integrated in the simulation model in further research. The aim is to characterise the material of the transition zone, since its characteristics cannot be measured using standard textile test methods. In order to characterise and determine the drapability of the transition zone between the different weaves, there is a high demand for research with respect to measuring and simulation techniques. If an extensive explanation of the material behaviour of fabrics with gradient-drapability characterisations is successful, it would be a major step in creating a basis for engineering constructions with complex shaped component geometries in the field of textile-reinforced composites. As a result, an innovative componentadjusted textile structure with predictable characteristics would be available on the market

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