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# IMPACT DAMAGE IN COMPOSITE PLATES

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Computer Code: PDCOMP**

**Progressive damage analysis for laminated composites.**

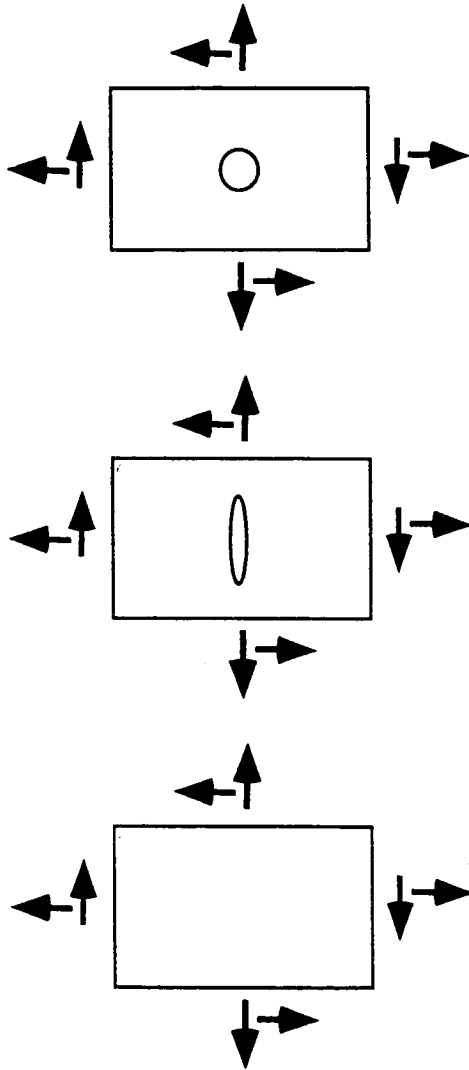
**Ref: Shahid and Chang, "An accumulative damage model for tensile and shear failures of laminated composite plates" (1994, JCM).**

### **Computer Code: 3DIMPACT**

**Prediction of the extent of delaminations in laminated composites resulting from a point impact load.**

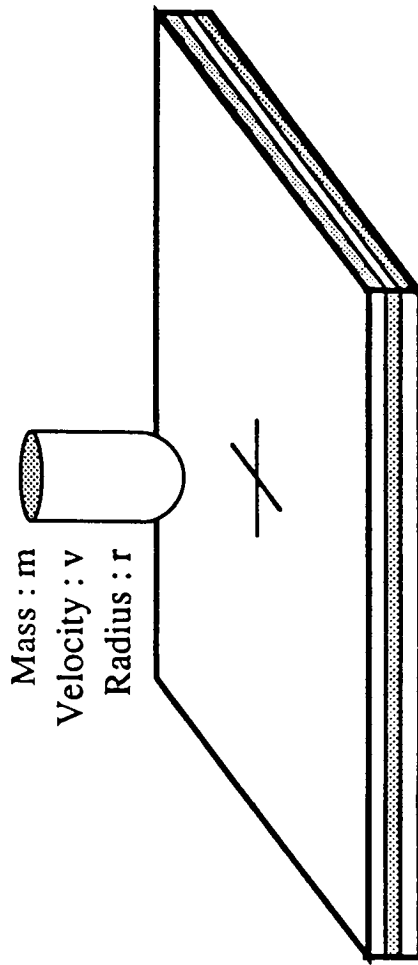
**Ref: Choi and Chang, "A model for predicting impact damage of graphite/epoxy laminated composites due to point-nose impact" (1992, JCM).**

## PDCOMP CODE



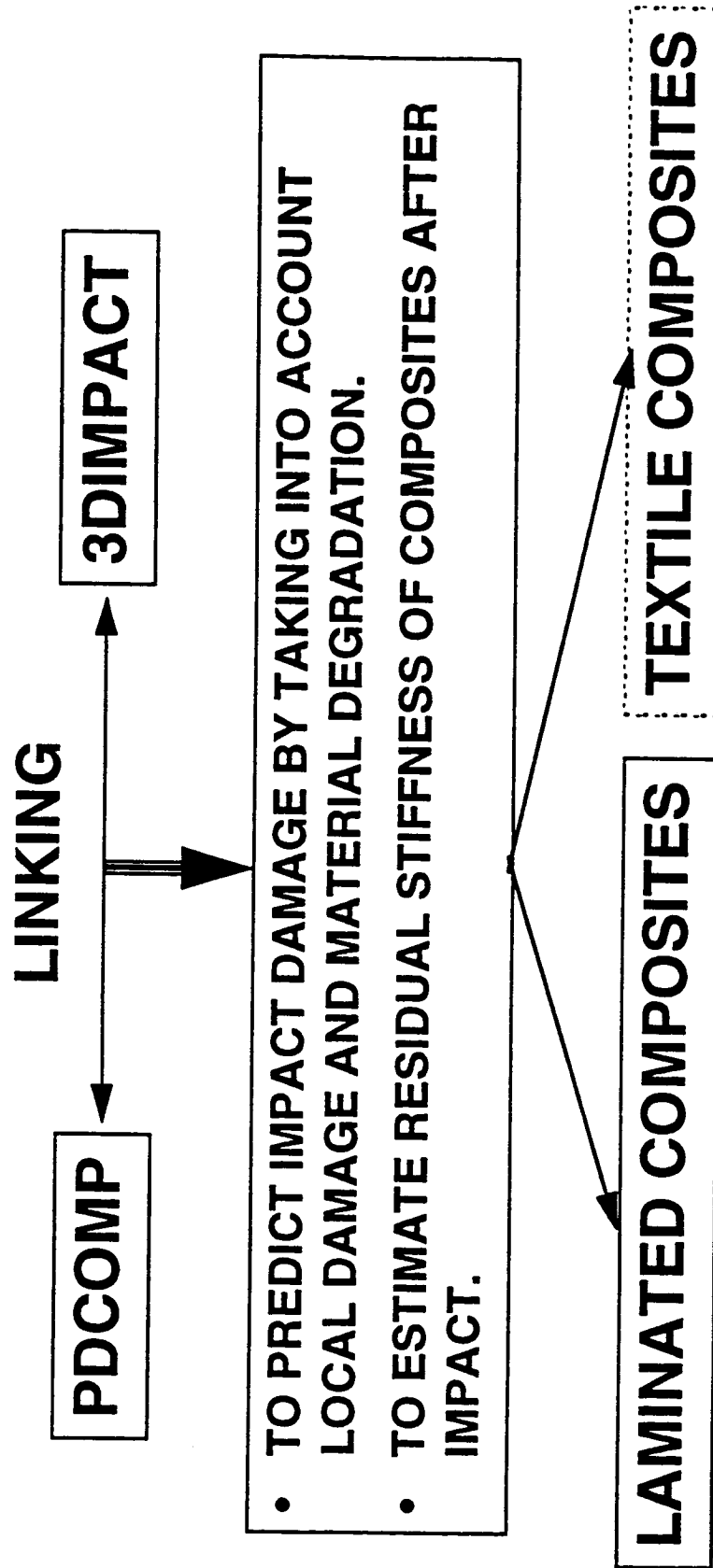
- Predict damage accumulated inside composites as a function of applied loads.
- Estimate residual ply properties as a function of damage state and failure mode.
- Limited to symmetric laminates.
- Ignore the edge effect.

## 3DIMPACT CODE



- Predict impact velocity threshold.
- Estimate the extent of delaminations in laminates resulting from low-velocity impact.
- Limited to symmetric laminates.
- Applied to point-nose impact.
- No material degradation considered.
- Needs to determine an empirical parameter  $Da$ .

# OBJECTIVE



# MAJOR MODIFICATION OF THE 3DIMPACT CODE FOR LAMINATED COMPOSITES

## 1. Failure Criteria

matrix cracking

delamination

fiber breakage

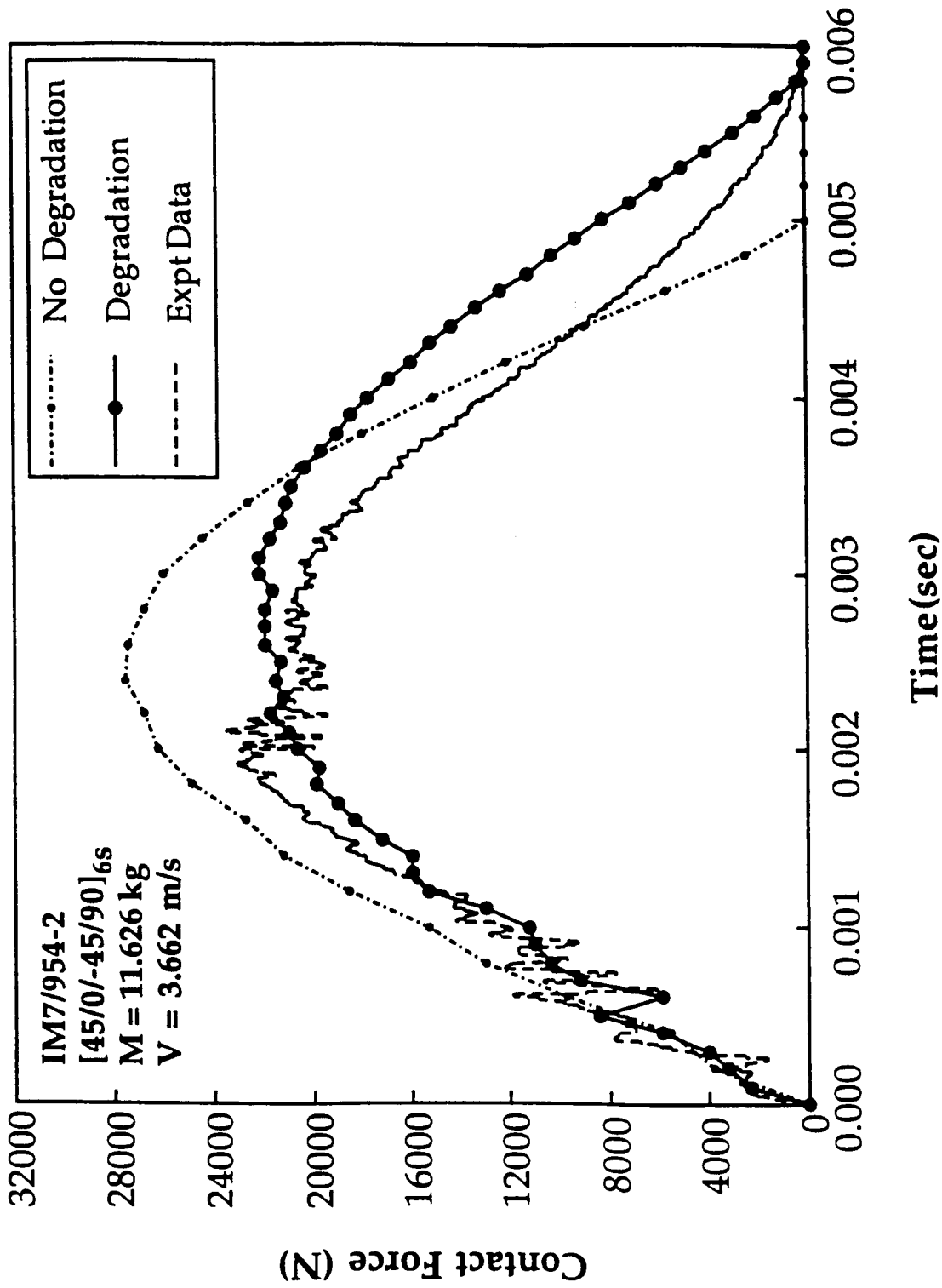
## 2. Material Degradation

- Material properties as a function of failure mode and the extent of the damage (from PDCOMP).

## 3. Hertzian Contact Law ( $F = k \alpha^\beta$ )

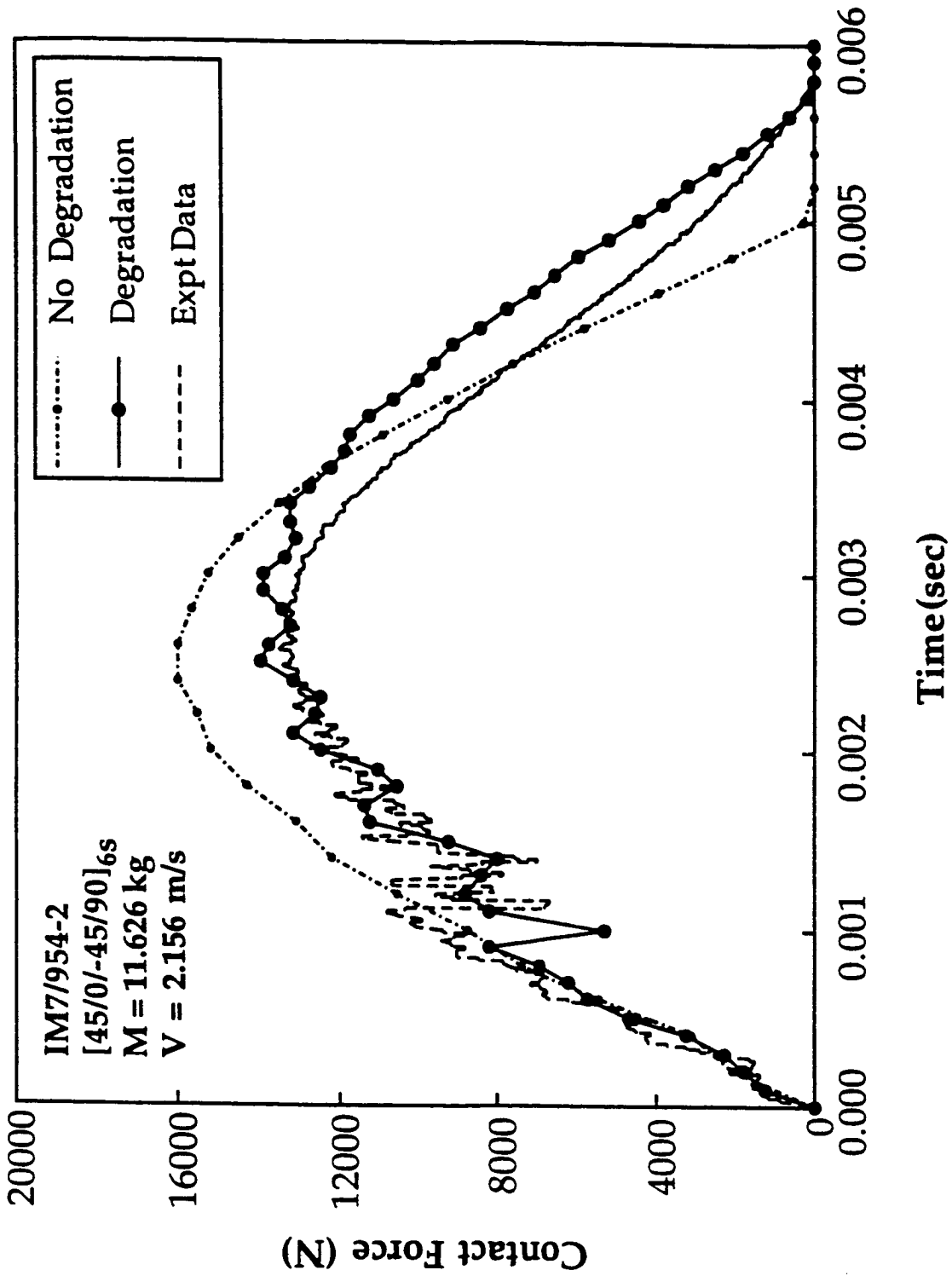
- Modify contact stiffness  $k$  as a function of damaged material properties.
- Apply to both loading and unloading paths.
- Contact area may vary during impact.

# **LOCAL DAMAGE EFFECT ON FORCE RESPONSE**

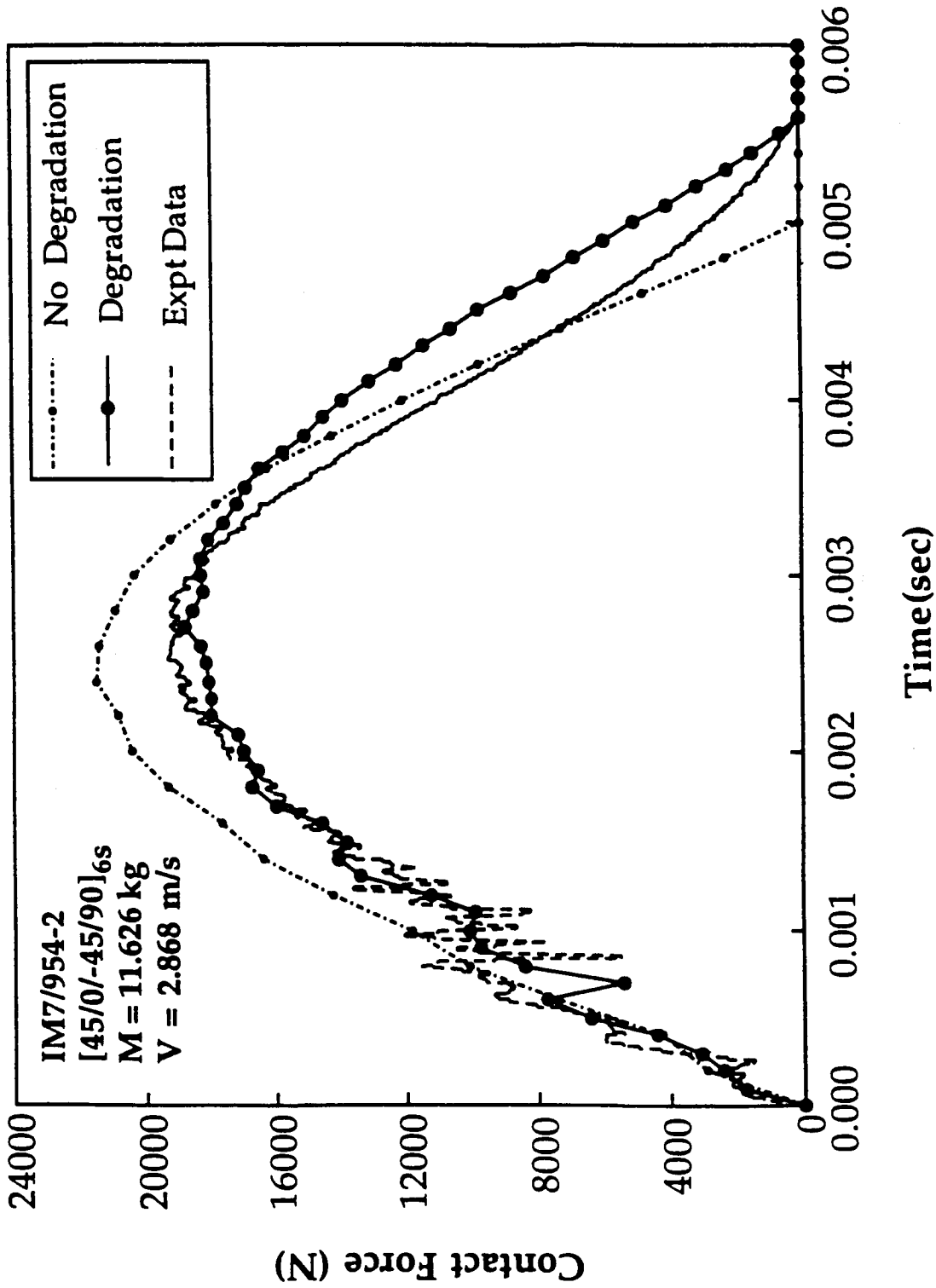


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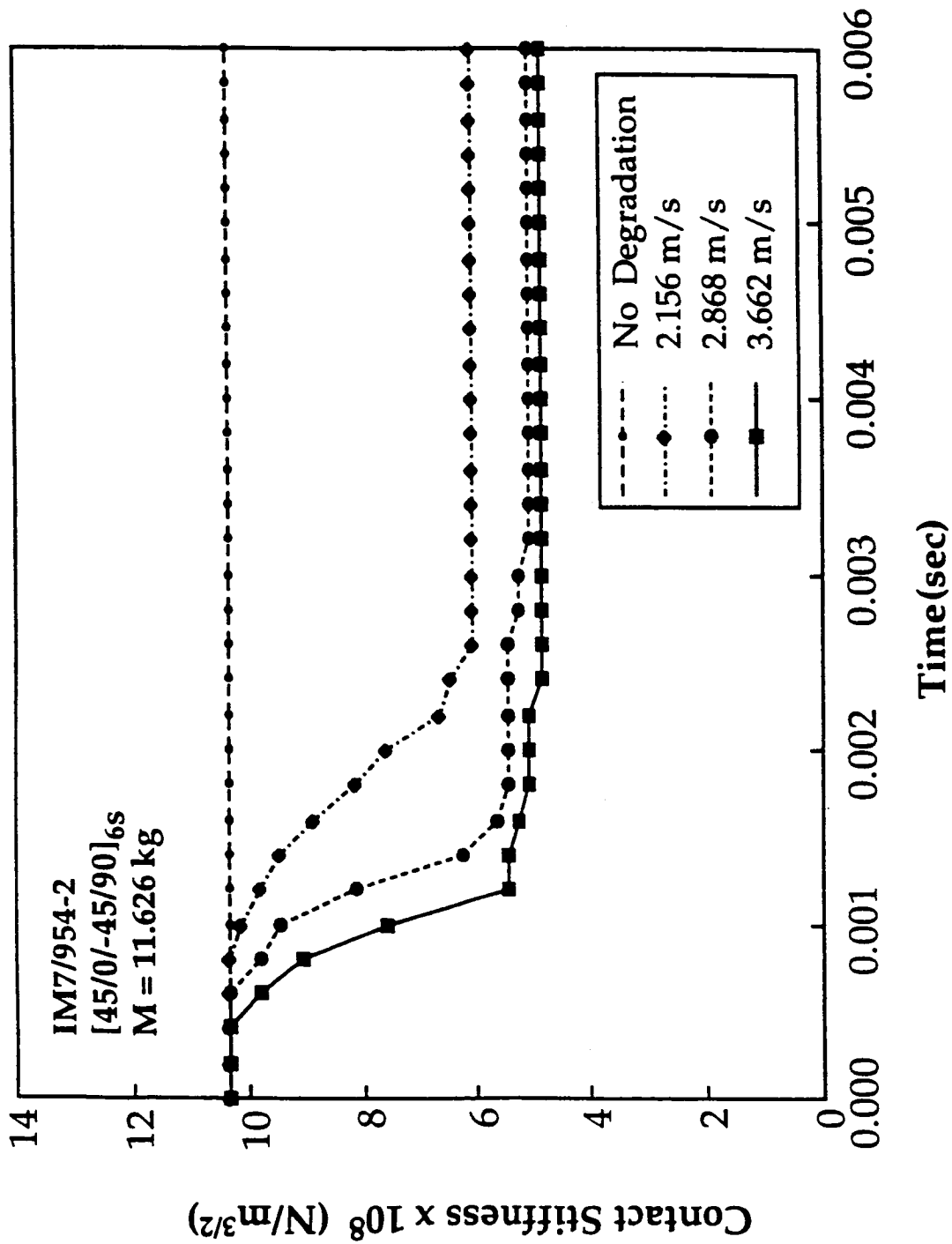




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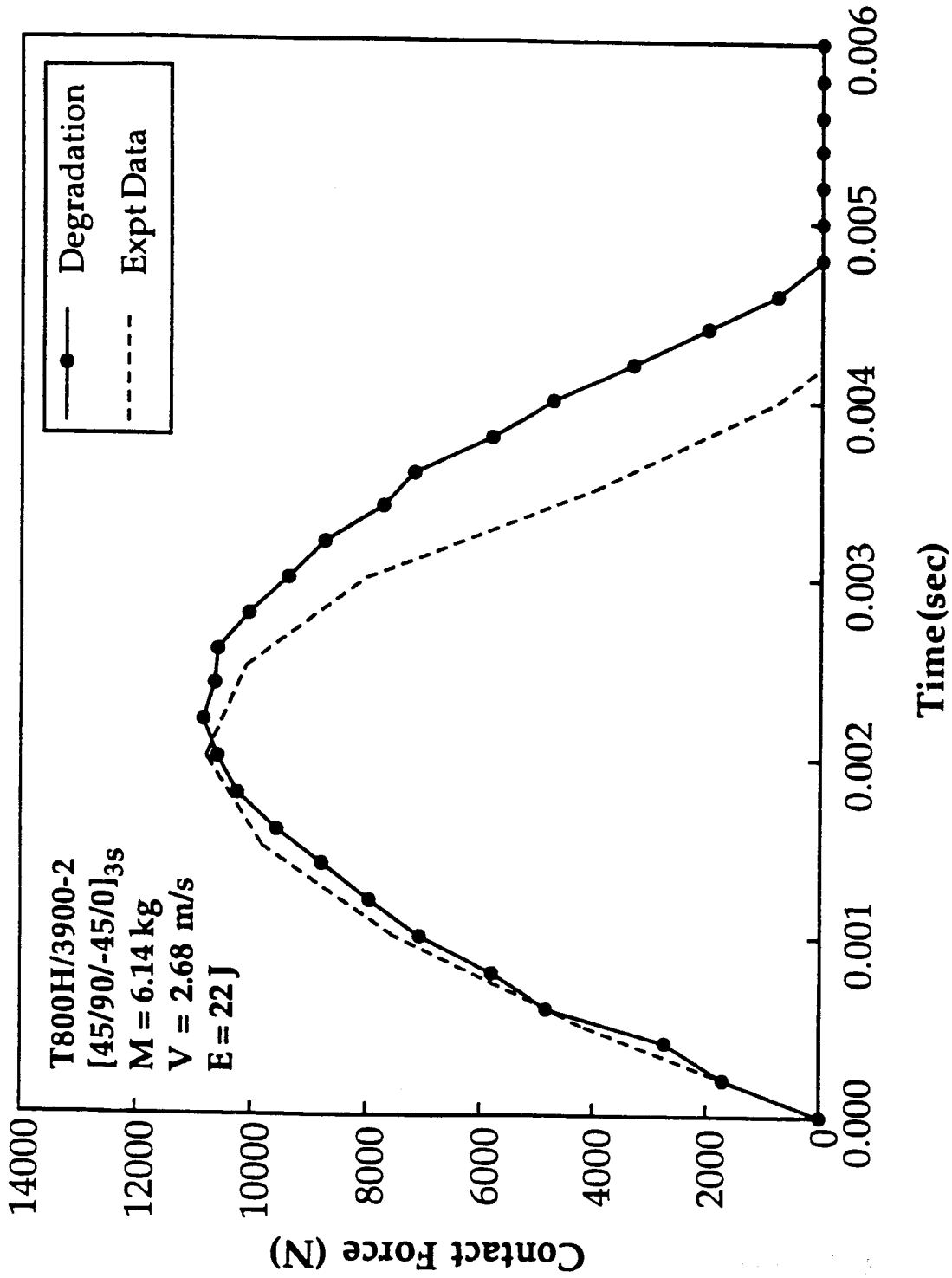


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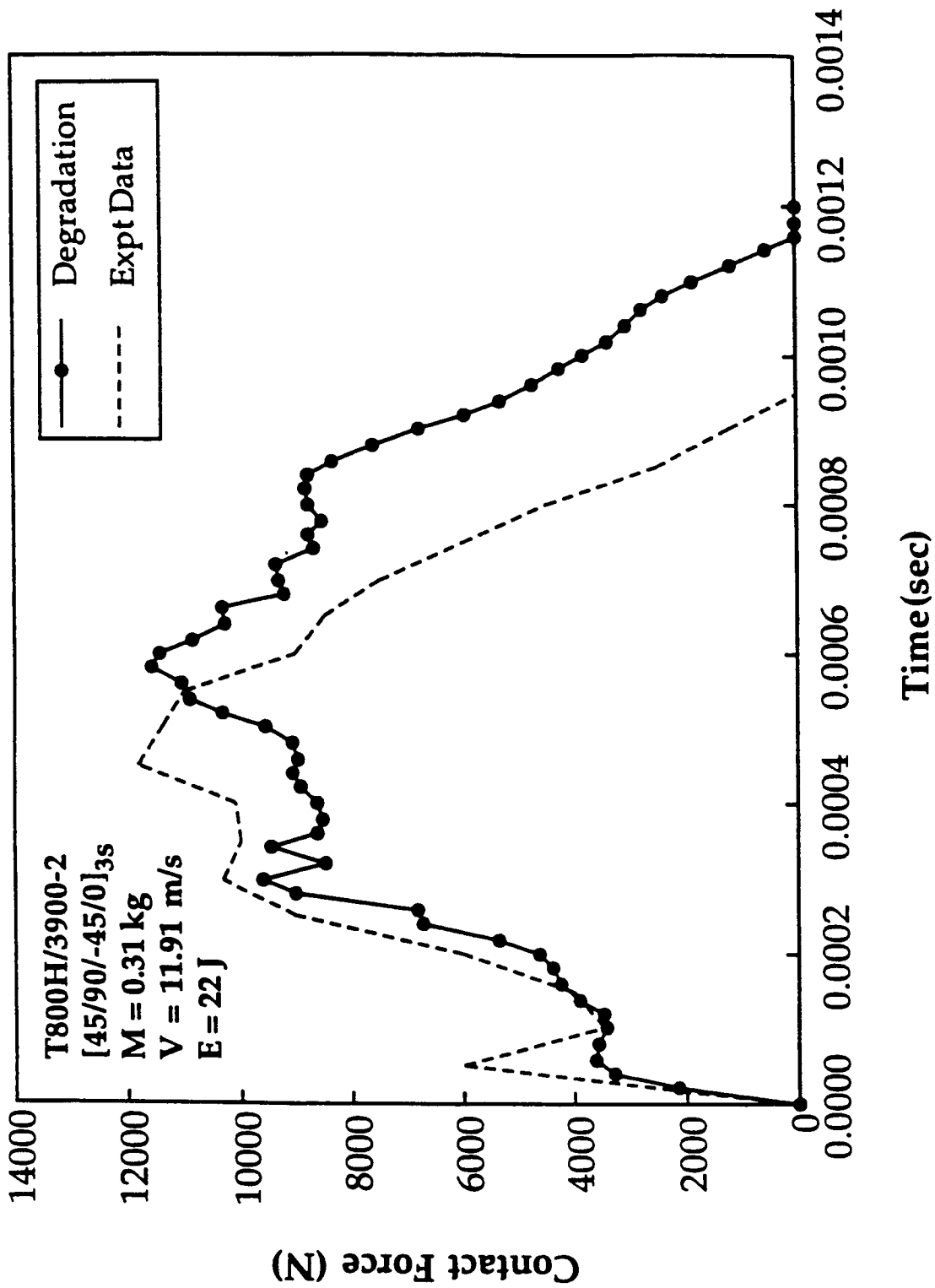


The distribution of the contact stiffness as a function of time during impact on IM7/954-2 graphite/epoxy composites for an impactor at three different velocities.

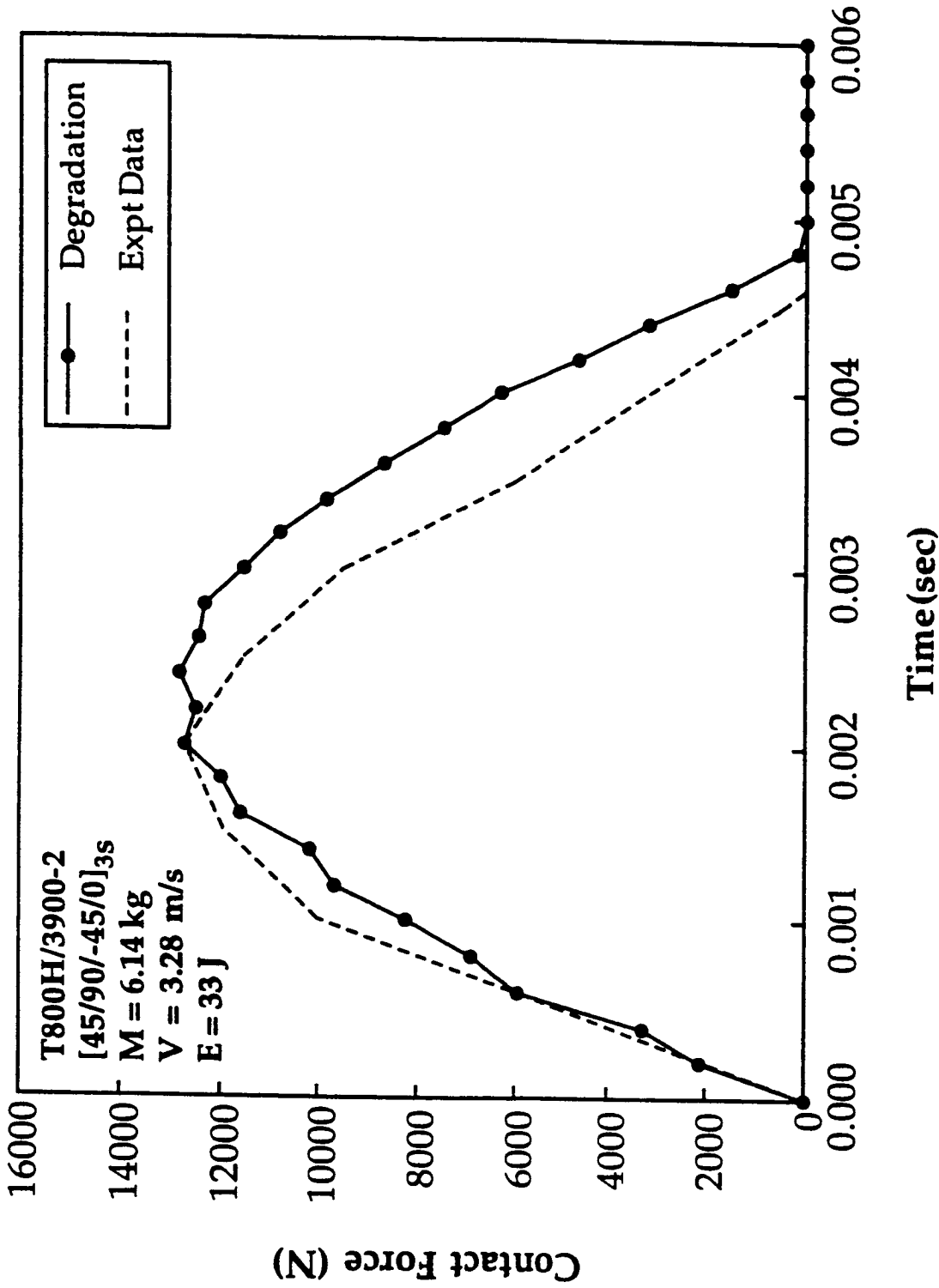
# **MASS EFFECT (AT SAME IMPACT ENERGY)**



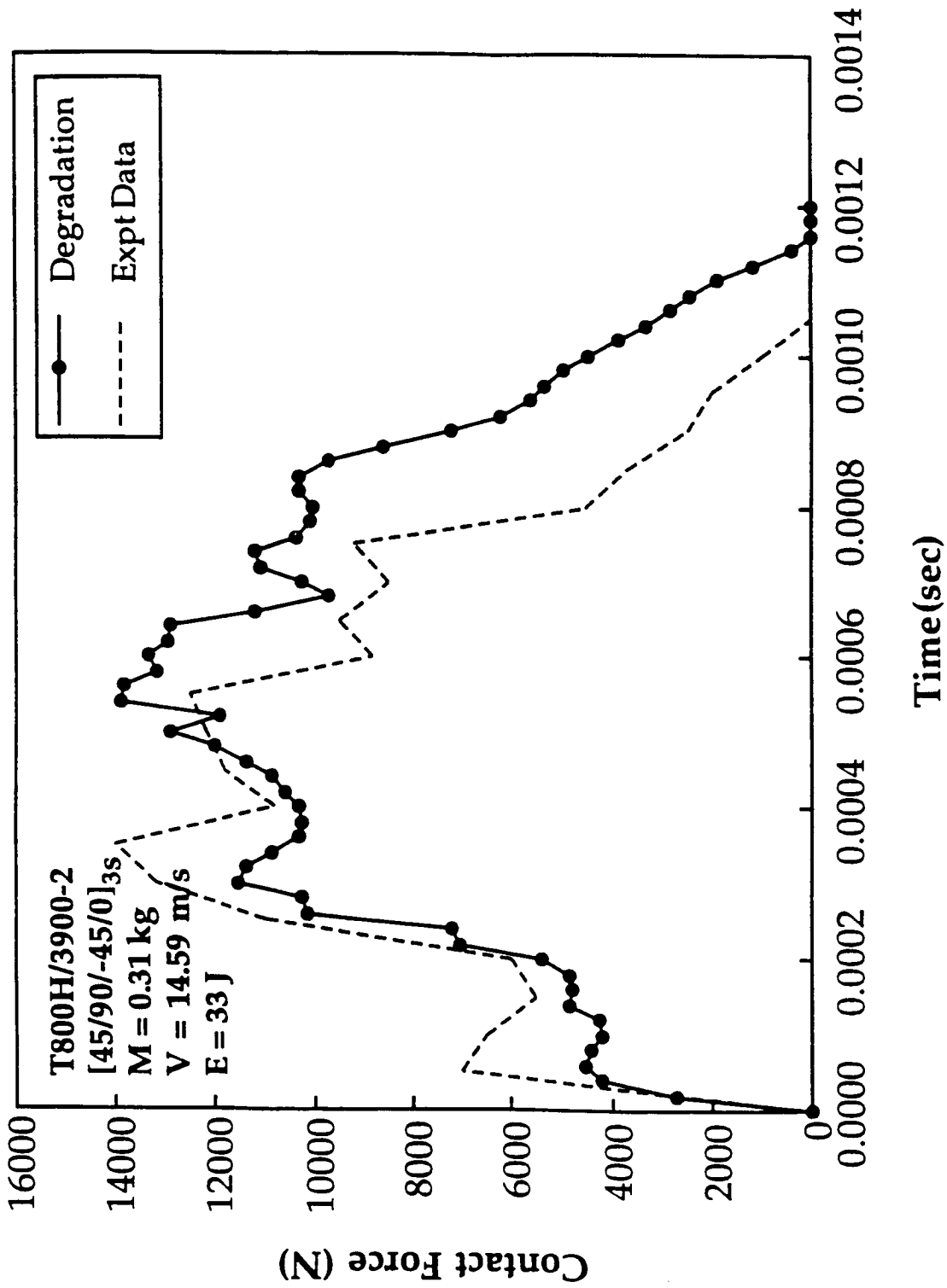
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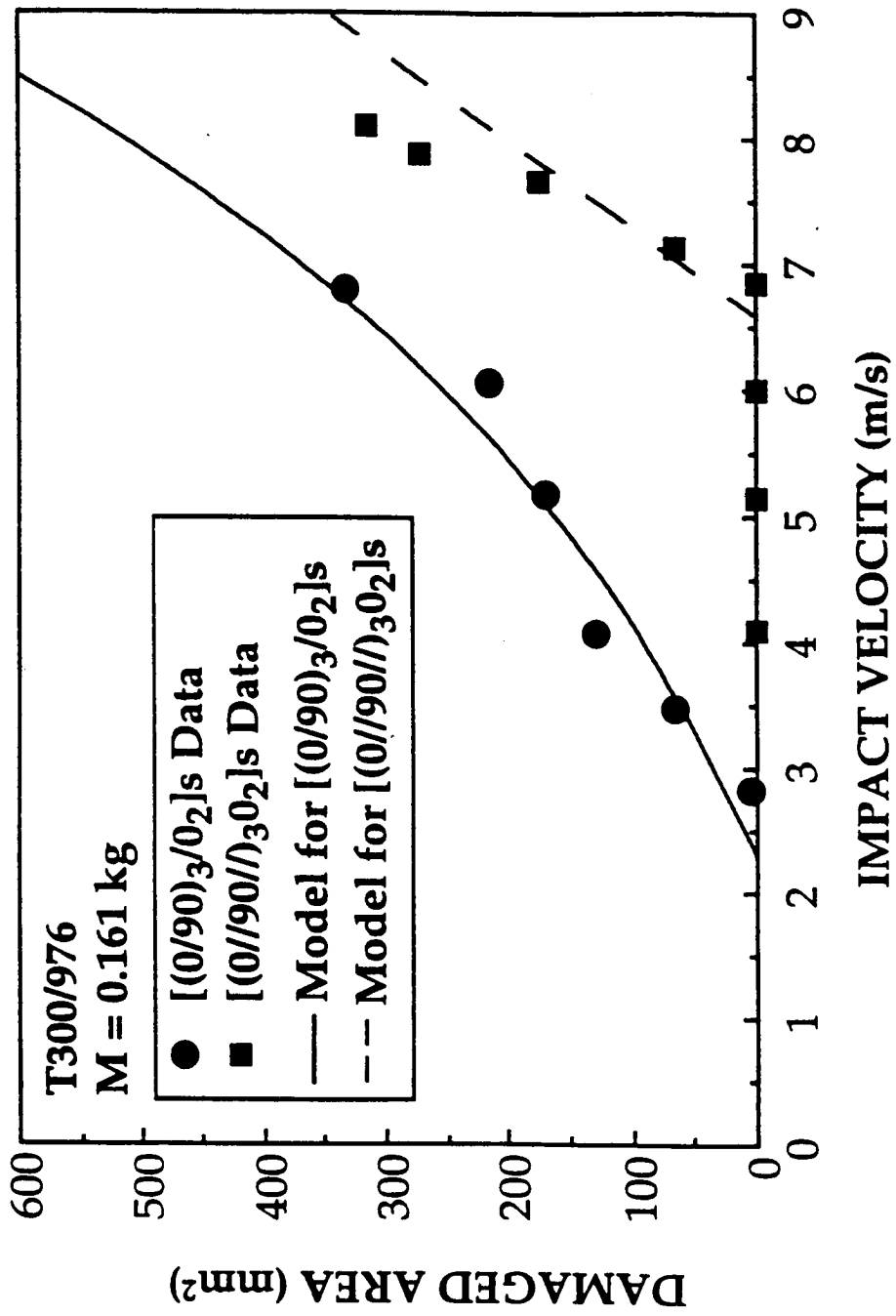
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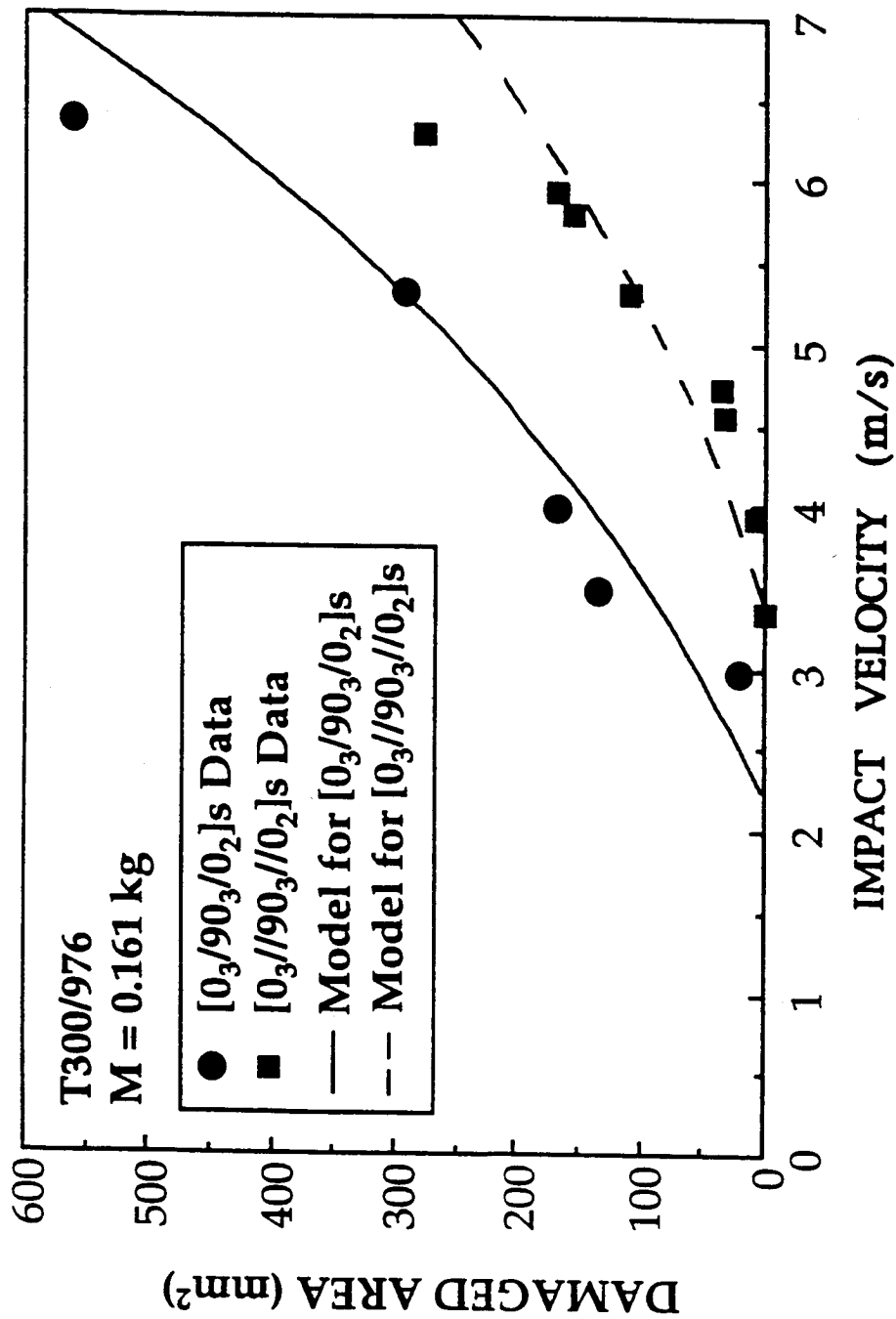
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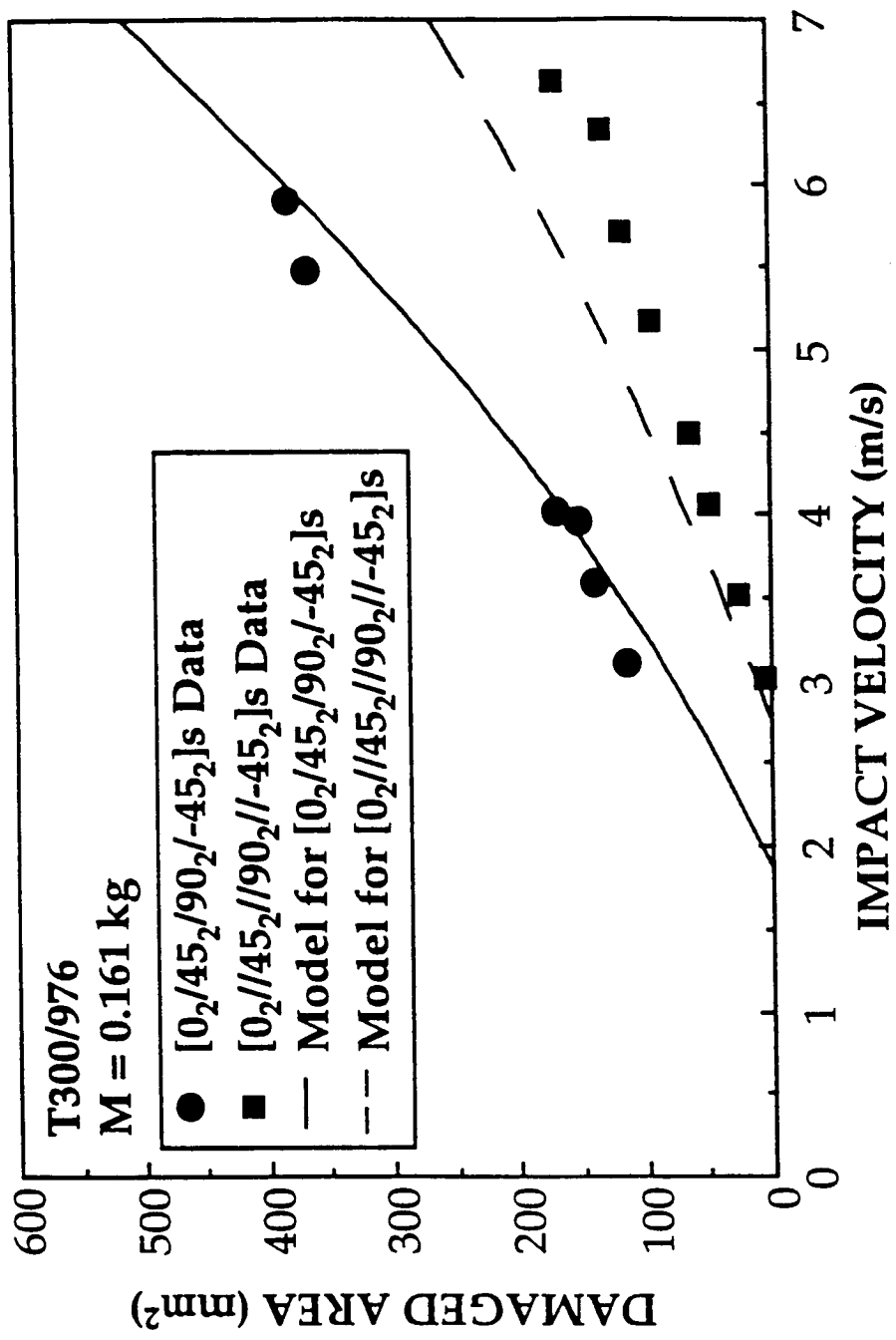
**INTERFACIAL STRENGTH EFFECT  
(WITH AND WITHOUT INTERLEAVES)**



Impact damage area as a function of the impact velocity for composites with and without interleaves. Comparison between the predictions and the test data.



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# THE MAJOR INCLUSION IN 3DIMPACT CODE

## FOR TEXTILE COMPOSITES

### 1. Material Properties

- Homogeneous and anisotropic media

### 2. Failure Criteria

- Modified Tsai-Wu 3-D failure criterion

Mode I: inplane failure dominated along a principal axis

Mode II: inplane failure dominated along the second principal axis.

Model III: out-of-plane failure.

### 3. Material Degradation

- Material properties as a function of failure mode; a 0.1 degradation factor applied to the engineering properties associated with the failure mode.

### 4. Modified Hertzian Contact Law ( $F = (k) \alpha^\beta$ )



# Impact and CAI test conditions

| Code | Material Form | Pattern | Laminate Thickness (in.) | Ply Thickness (in.) | Impact Energy (in.-lb) |
|------|---------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| L1   | Braids        | 2       | 0.151                    | 0.0377              | 146                    |
| L2   | "             | 1       | 0.165                    | 0.0413              | 146                    |
| L3   | Woven(LTL)    | 2       | 0.162                    | 0.0405              | 146                    |
| L4   | "             | 1       | 0.162                    | 0.0405              | 146                    |
| L5   | Woven(TTT)    | 2       | 0.171                    | 0.0425              | 146                    |
| L6   | Braids        | 2       | 0.175                    | 0.0437              | 240                    |
| L7   | "             | 1       | 0.161                    | 0.0403              | 240                    |
| L8   | Woven(LTL)    | 2       | 0.164                    | 0.041               | 240                    |
| L9   | "             | 1       | 0.165                    | 0.0413              | 240                    |
| L10  | Woven(TTT)    | 2       | 0.169                    | 0.0422              | 240                    |
| N1*  | Braids        | 1       | 0.181                    | 0.0453              | 240                    |
| N2*  | "             | 1       | 0.172                    | 0.043               | 192                    |
| N3*  | "             | 1       | 0.178                    | 0.0445              | 72                     |
| N4*  | "             | 1       | 0.179                    | 0.0447              | 96                     |
| N5*  | Woven(LTL)    | 1       | 0.175                    | 0.0437              | 72                     |
| N6*  | "             | 1       | 0.168                    | 0.042               | 96                     |
| N7*  | "             | 1       | 0.173                    | 0.0432              | 240                    |

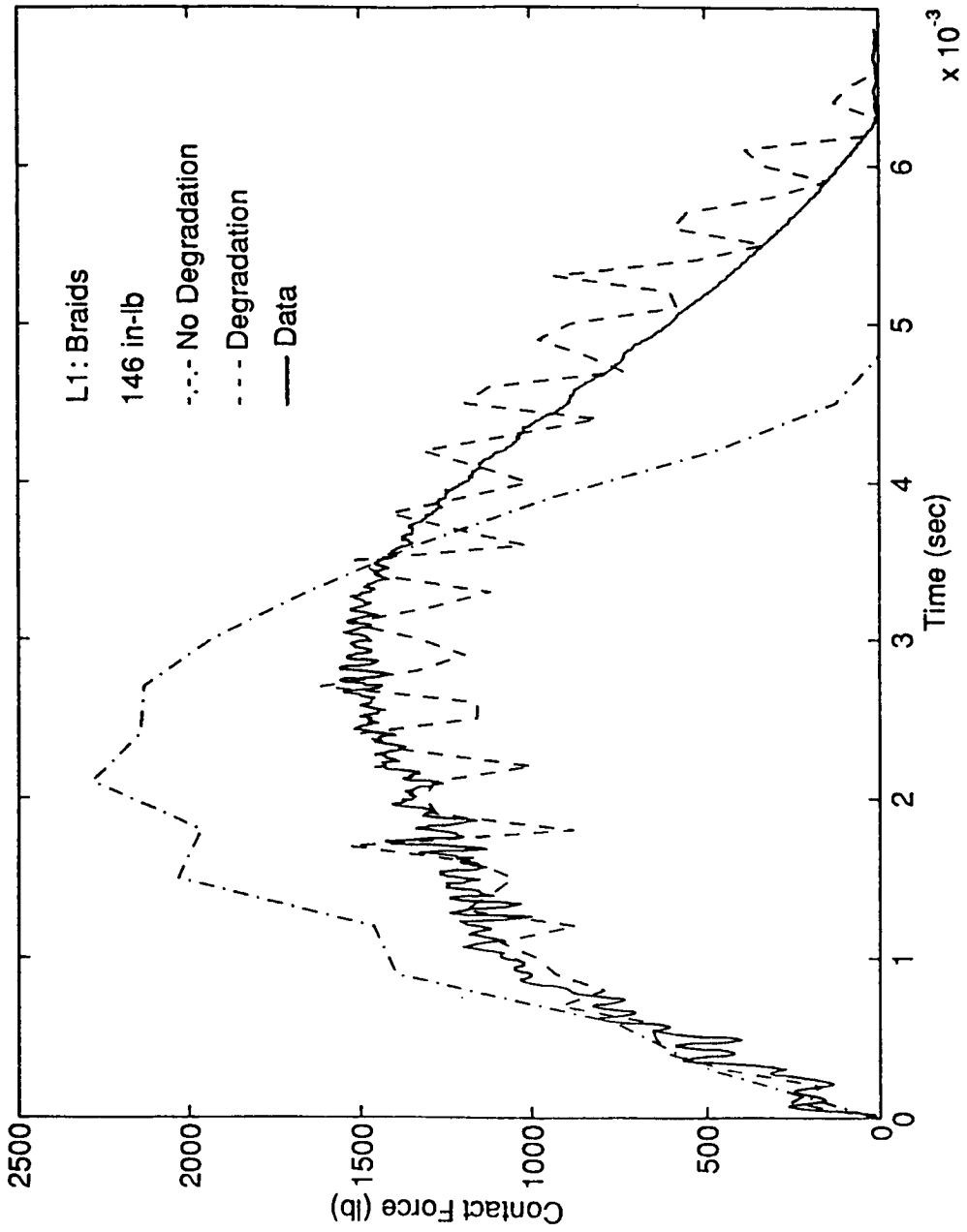
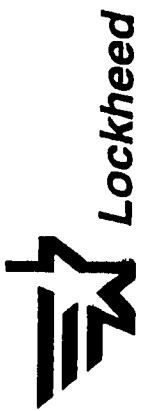
Impactor mass 13.2 lbf; \* 9.8 lbf.; Nose radius 5/16 in.

# MATERIAL PROPERTIES USED IN THE CALCULATIONS

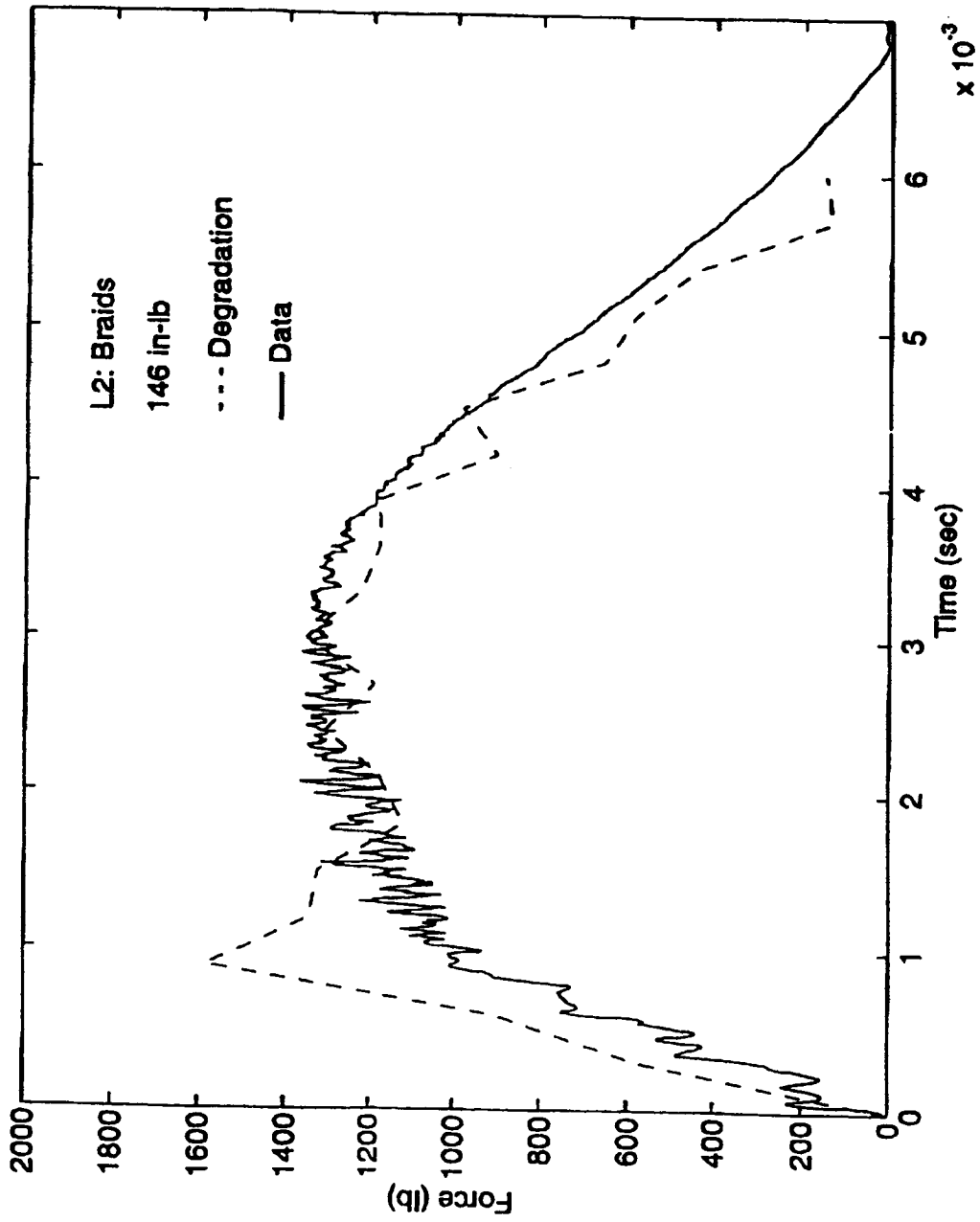
|    | Impactor velocity(in/s) | Exx(msi) | Eyy(msi) | Ezz(msi) | Vxy    | Vxz    | Vyz    | Gax(msi) | Gyz(msi) | Xt (ksi) | Yt (ksi) |
|----|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1  | 92.43                   | 11.180   | 4.420    | 4.420    | 0.4000 | 0.4000 | 0.5700 | 1.630    | 1.578    | 104.34   | 29.11    |
| 2  | 92.43                   | 7.410    | 4.380    | 4.380    | 0.3920 | 0.3920 | 0.5600 | 2.170    | 1.573    | 80.94    | 55.48    |
| 3  | 92.43                   | 11.420   | 10.040   | 1.575    | 0.0528 | 0.4778 | 0.3892 | 1.743    | 1.250    | 102.31   | 90.41    |
| 4  | 92.43                   | 10.820   | 9.843    | 1.544    | 0.0515 | 0.4813 | 0.3761 | 1.852    | 1.227    | 123.04   | 83.56    |
| 5  | 92.43                   | 10.710   | 9.995    | 1.523    | 0.0578 | 0.4094 | 0.3711 | 1.450    | 1.207    | 108.47   | 93.45    |
| 6  |                         |          |          |          |        |        |        |          |          |          |          |
| 7  | 118.51                  | 11.180   | 4.420    | 4.420    | 0.4000 | 0.4000 | 0.5700 | 1.630    | 1.578    | 104.34   | 29.11    |
| 8  | 118.51                  | 7.410    | 4.380    | 4.380    | 0.3920 | 0.3920 | 0.5600 | 2.170    | 1.573    | 80.94    | 55.48    |
| 9  | 118.51                  | 11.420   | 10.040   | 1.575    | 0.0528 | 0.4778 | 0.3892 | 1.743    | 1.250    | 102.31   | 90.41    |
| 10 | 118.51                  | 10.820   | 9.843    | 1.544    | 0.0515 | 0.4813 | 0.3761 | 1.852    | 1.227    | 123.04   | 83.56    |
| 11 | 118.51                  | 10.710   | 9.995    | 1.523    | 0.0578 | 0.4094 | 0.3711 | 1.450    | 1.207    | 108.47   | 93.45    |
| 12 |                         |          |          |          |        |        |        |          |          |          |          |
| 13 | 137.54                  | 7.410    | 4.380    | 4.380    | 0.3920 | 0.3920 | 0.5600 | 2.170    | 1.573    | 80.94    | 55.48    |
| 14 | 123.00                  | 7.410    | 4.380    | 4.380    | 0.3920 | 0.3920 | 0.5600 | 2.170    | 1.573    | 80.94    | 55.48    |
| 15 | 75.36                   | 7.410    | 4.380    | 4.380    | 0.3920 | 0.3920 | 0.5600 | 2.170    | 1.573    | 80.94    | 55.48    |
| 16 | 87.00                   | 7.410    | 4.380    | 4.380    | 0.3920 | 0.3920 | 0.5600 | 2.170    | 1.573    | 80.94    | 55.48    |
| 17 |                         |          |          |          |        |        |        |          |          |          |          |
| 18 | 75.36                   | 10.820   | 9.843    | 1.544    | 0.0515 | 0.4813 | 0.3761 | 1.852    | 1.227    | 123.04   | 83.56    |
| 19 | 87.00                   | 10.820   | 9.843    | 1.544    | 0.0515 | 0.4813 | 0.3761 | 1.852    | 1.227    | 123.04   | 83.56    |
| 20 | 137.52                  | 10.820   | 9.843    | 1.544    | 0.0515 | 0.4813 | 0.3761 | 1.852    | 1.227    | 123.04   | 83.56    |

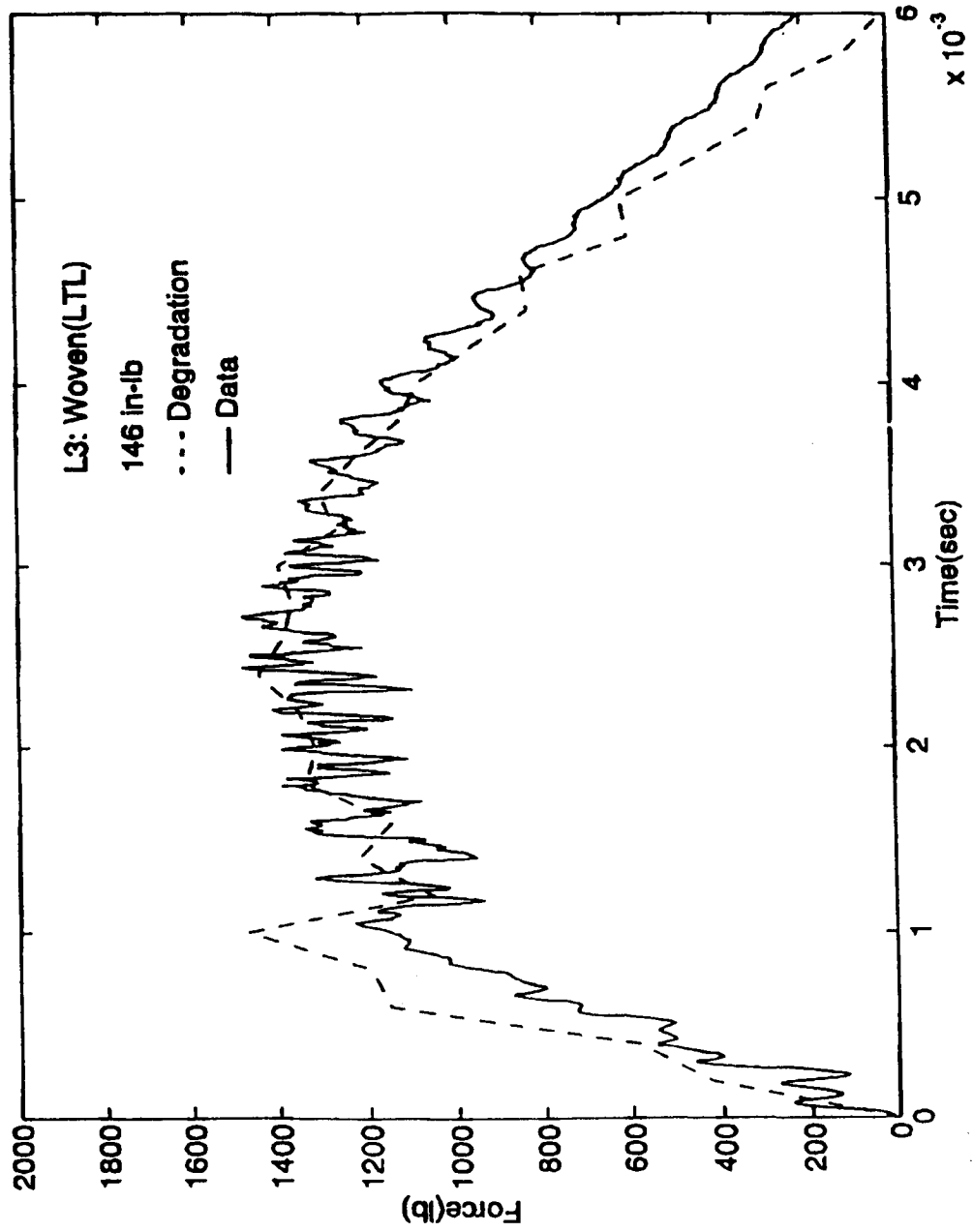
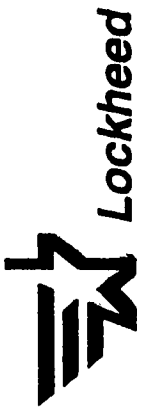
  

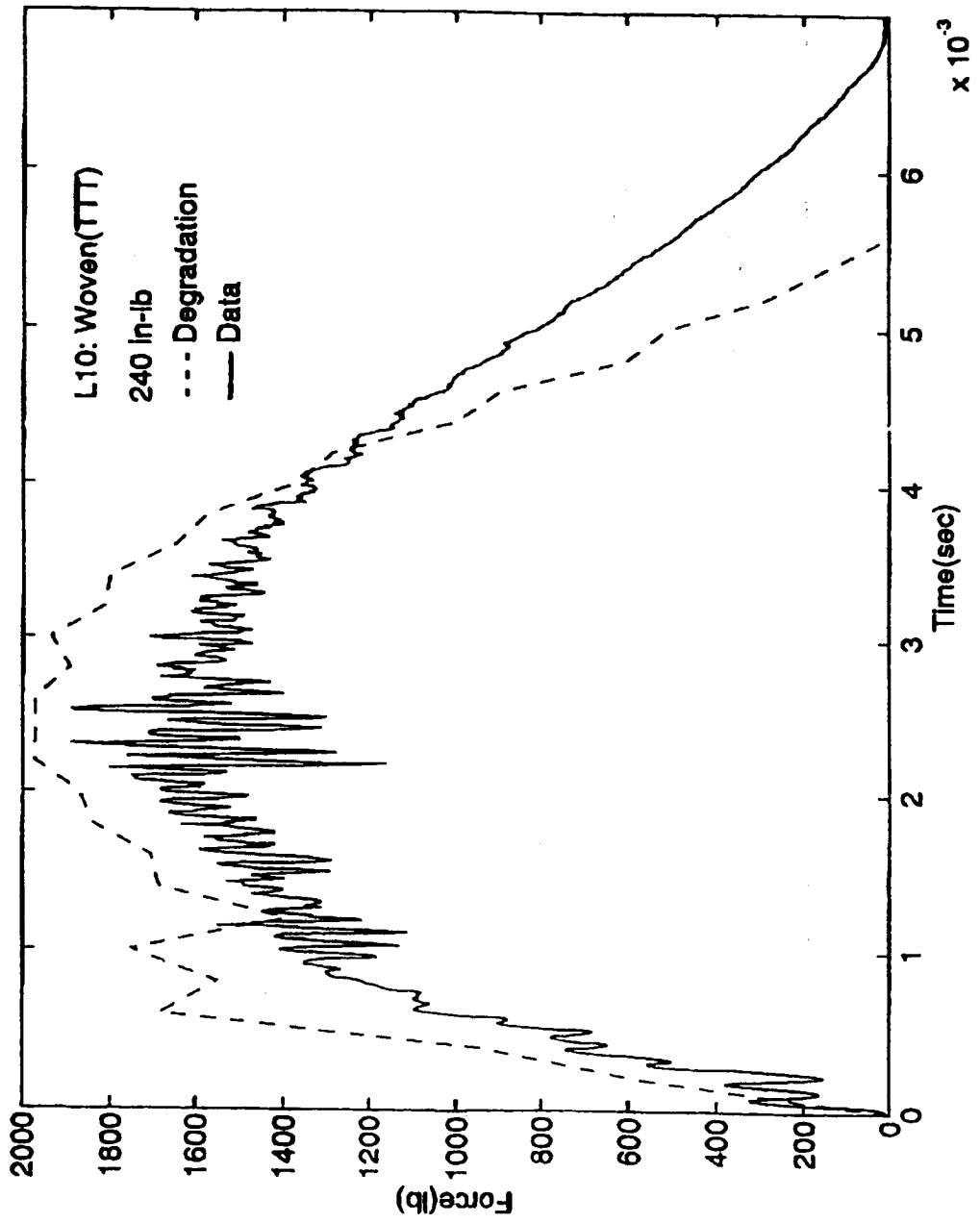
|    | Xc (ksi) | Yc (ksi) | Ref S (ksi) | Interlaminar Tenston (ksi) |
|----|----------|----------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1  | 71.84    | 32.75    | 23.60       | 7.65                       |
| 2  | 71.11    | 54.29    | 24.40       | 6.85                       |
| 3  | 71.94    | 55.25    | 13.10       | 5.15                       |
| 4  | 81.56    | 53.66    | 12.30       | 5.36                       |
| 5  | 75.06    | 57.86    | 18.90       | 3.70                       |
| 6  |          |          |             |                            |
| 7  | 71.84    | 32.75    | 23.60       | 7.65                       |
| 8  | 71.11    | 54.29    | 24.40       | 6.85                       |
| 9  | 71.94    | 55.25    | 13.10       | 5.15                       |
| 10 | 81.56    | 53.66    | 12.30       | 5.36                       |
| 11 | 75.06    | 57.86    | 18.90       | 3.70                       |
| 12 |          |          |             |                            |
| 13 | 71.11    | 54.29    | 24.40       | 6.85                       |
| 14 | 71.11    | 54.29    | 24.40       | 6.85                       |
| 15 | 71.11    | 54.29    | 24.40       | 6.85                       |
| 16 | 71.11    | 54.29    | 24.40       | 6.85                       |
| 17 |          |          |             |                            |
| 18 | 81.56    | 53.66    | 12.30       | 5.36                       |
| 19 | 81.56    | 53.66    | 12.30       | 5.36                       |
| 20 | 81.56    | 53.66    | 12.30       | 5.36                       |

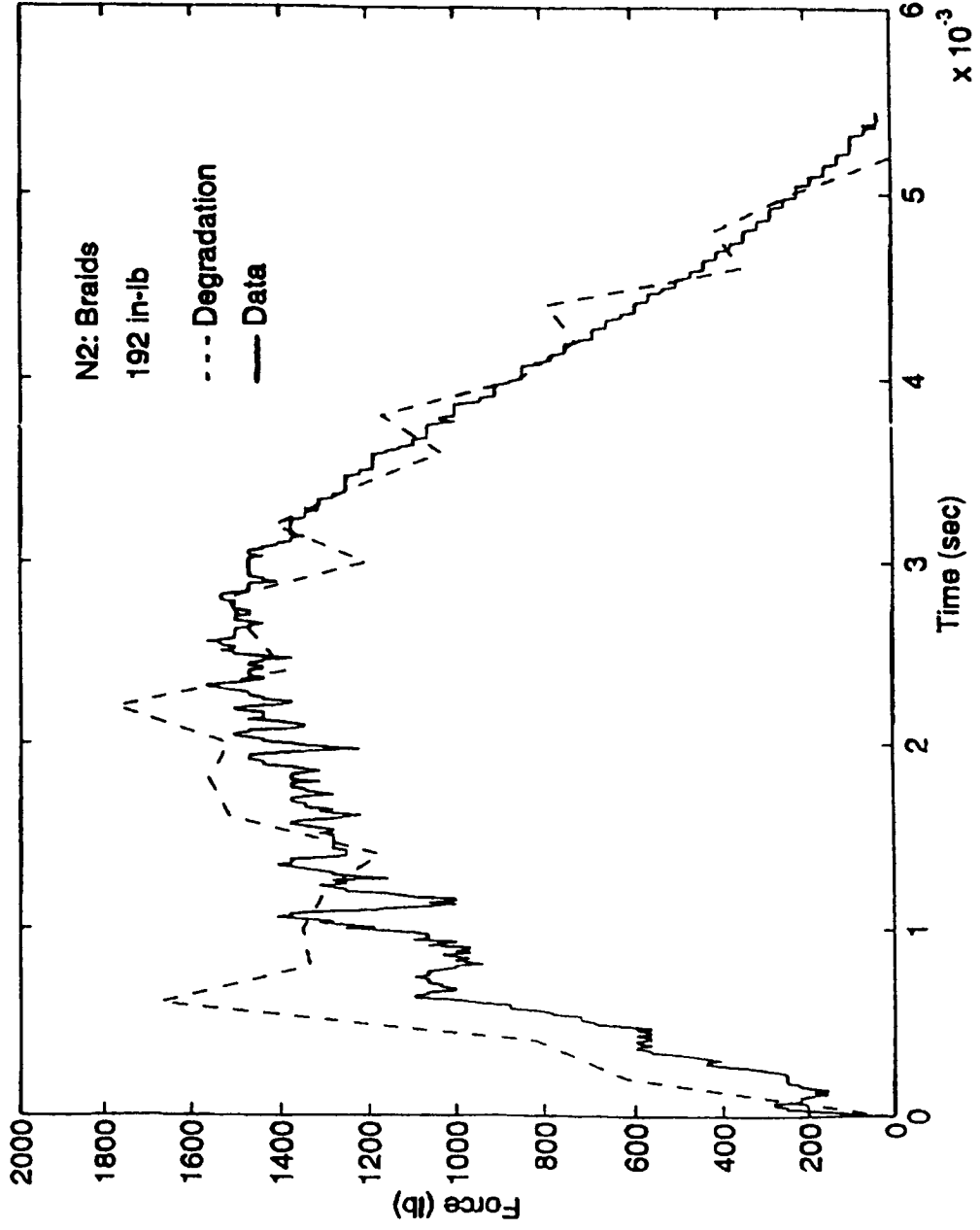














# Results Comparison - Analysis vs. Test

| Code | Expt.Dent<br>Depth(in.) | Pred. Dent<br>Depth (in) | Damage<br>Area(sq.in.) | Pred.<br>Damage (sq.<br>in.) | Expt. CAI<br>(kips) | Pred. CAI<br>(kips) |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| L1   | 0.011                   | 0.026                    | 0.99                   | 1.196                        | 29.8                | 23.5                |
| L2   | 0.011                   |                          | 0.95                   |                              | 23.9                |                     |
| L3   | 0.012                   | 0.023                    | 0.89                   | 0.7                          | 22.8                | 27.5                |
| L4   | 0.015                   | 0.024                    | 1.13                   | 0.551                        | 23.5                | 13.5                |
| L5   | 0.012                   | 0.019                    | 1.67                   | 0.504                        | 26.8                | 23.5                |
| L6   | 0.014                   |                          | 1.67                   |                              | 26.2                |                     |
| L7   | 0.058                   |                          | 1.35                   |                              | 19.1                |                     |
| L8   | 0.018                   | 0.029                    | 1.42                   | 0.74                         | 21.2                | 16.5                |
| L9   | 0.023                   | 0.037                    | 1.82                   | 0.71                         | 23.5                | 23                  |
| L10  | 0.023                   | 0.025                    | 2.24                   | 0.627                        | 26.3                | 22.5                |

## CONCLUSION

- The modified 3DIMPACT code could predict more accurately the impact damage in laminated composites than the earlier version.
- Local damage could have a significant effect on the response of the target and the force-time history of the impactor.
- The predictions of the code for textile composites were promising.
- More work needs to be done on characterization of material properties of textile composites containing damage.
- Hertzian contact law is not good for unloading and for simulating impact damage; the impactor should be included in the finite element modeling.