

# NASA ACC High Energy Dynamic Impact Methodology and Outcomes

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  - LS-DYNA MAT162
  - LS-DYNA MAT261
  - Smoothed Particle Galerkin (SPG)
  - EMU Peridynamics

# Team

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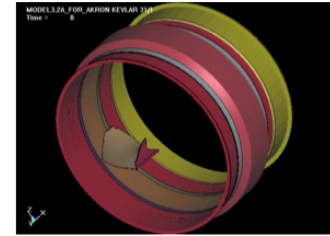
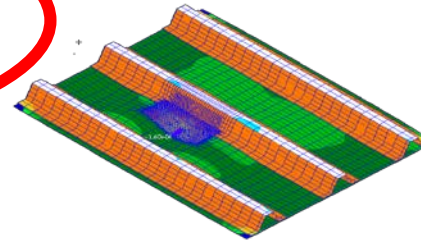
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# NASA ACC Technical Challenge Areas

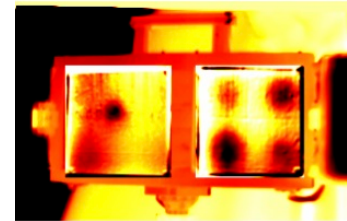
## 1) Predictive Capabilities

- Robust analysis for smarter testing
- Better prelim design, fewer redesigns



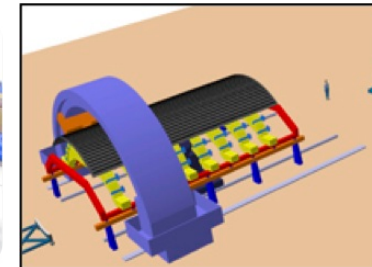
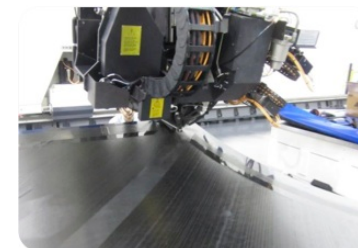
## 2) Rapid Inspection

- Increase inspection throughput
- Quantitative characterization of defects
- Automated inspection



## 3) Manufacturing Process Simulation

- Reduce manufacture development time
- Improve quality control
- Fiber placement and cure process models



## Verification & Validation

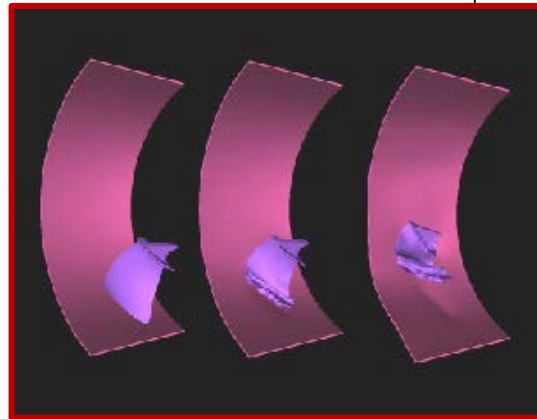
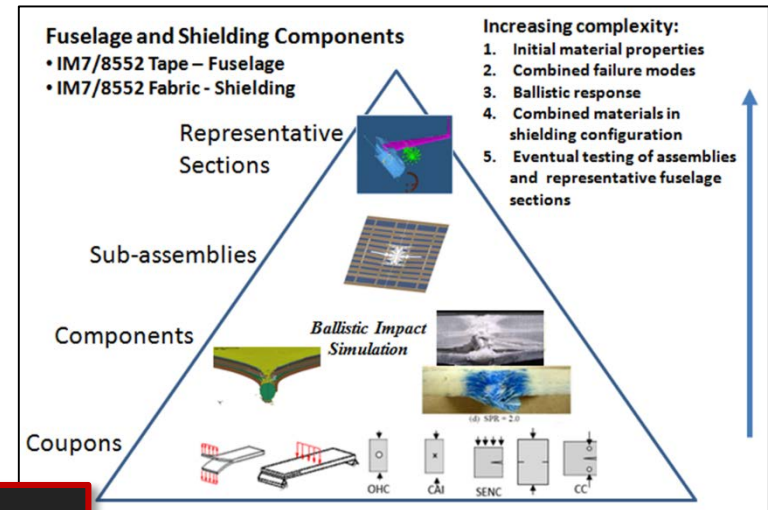
- Tie Technical Challenge work together
- Validate program benefits

# NASA ACC High Energy Dynamic Impact Overview

The NASA ACC High Energy Dynamic Impact (HEDI) activity aims to reduce the number of analysis and testing iterations by developing analytical models that accurately predict

- Physical response
- Damage
- Failure modes

for large scale composite structures



# HEDI Technical Approach

## Phase I:

- Capabilities and limitations of material models
- Coupon characterization and flat panel ballistic impact tests

## Phase II:

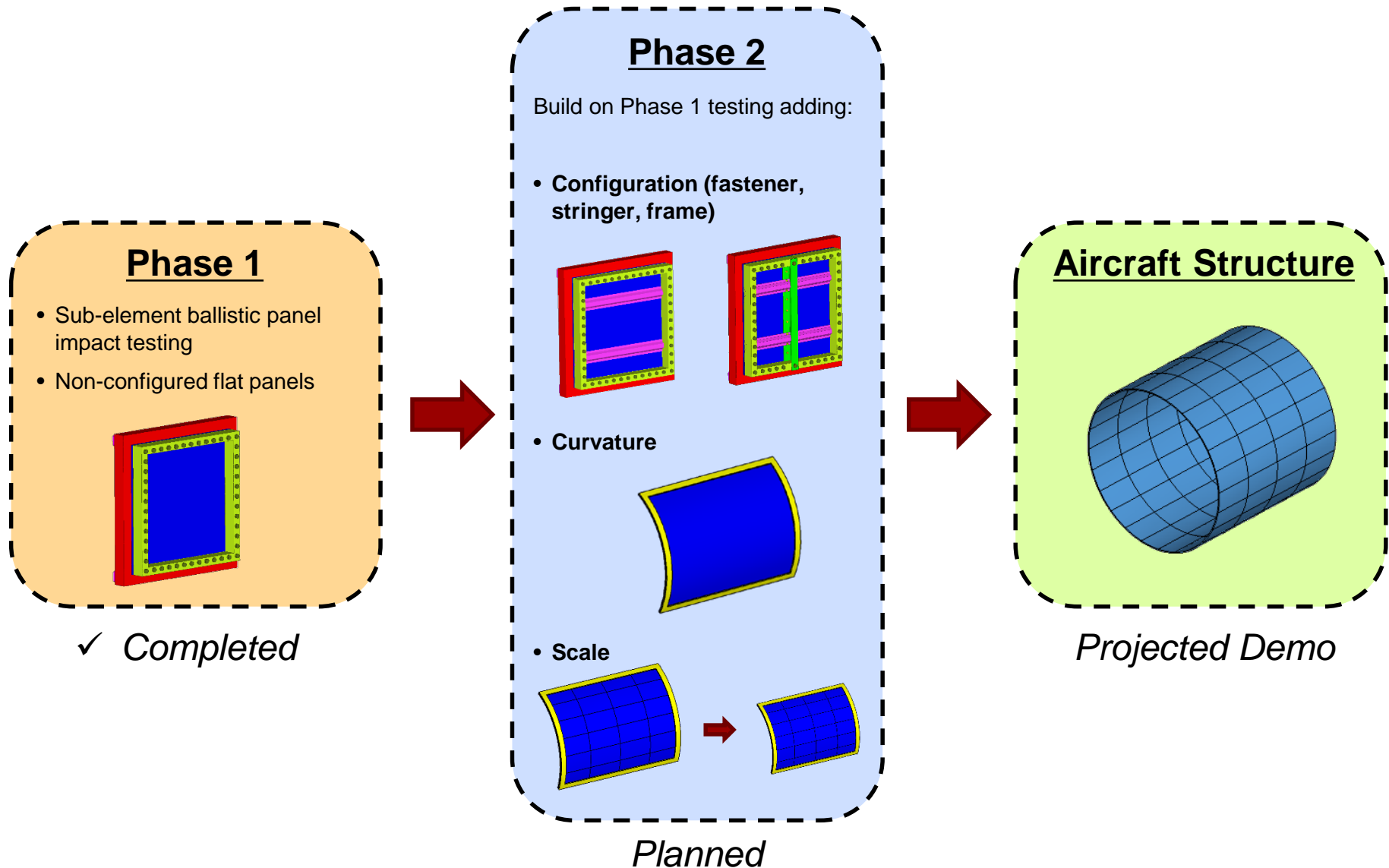
Dynamic experiments on more representative structure

**Validation Articles**  
Design, Manufacturing, and Testing

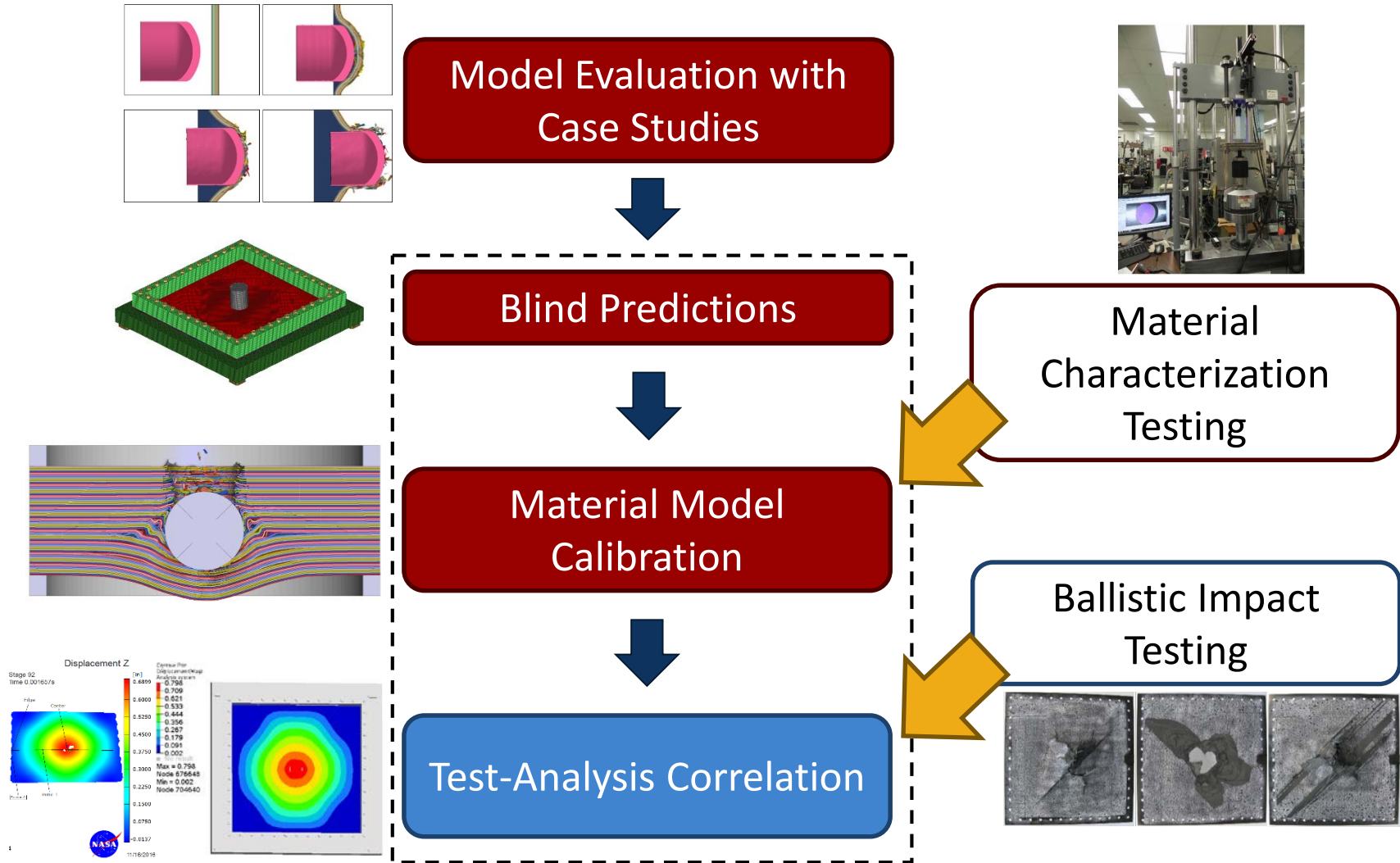
**PDA Model Analysis**  
Evaluate ability of material models to simulate representative structure

**GOAL:** Develop analytical models that accurately predict physical response, damage, and failure modes of large composite structures.  
*Limitations and "best practices" documented*

# Overview of NASA ACC HEDI Testing



# Phase I Technical Development

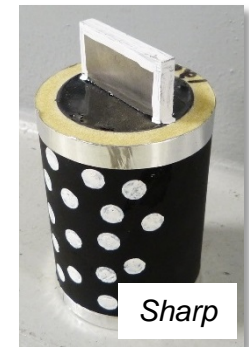




# Phase I Accomplishments

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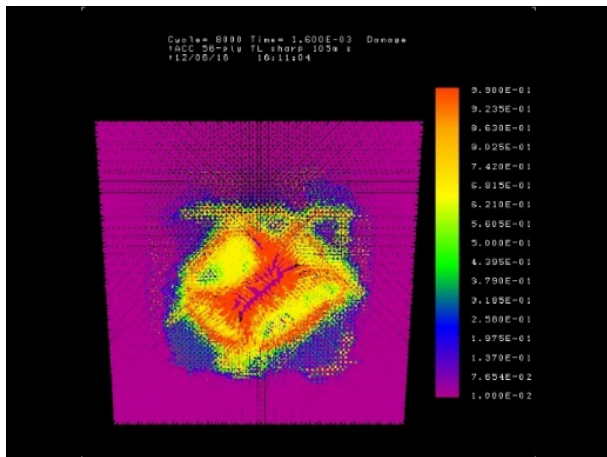
- **Assessed and developed Progressive Damage Analysis (PDA) models**
  - Conducted coupon-level characterization testing
  - Updated stiffness, damage, and strength parameters
- **Conducted extensive ballistic impact testing**
- **Evaluated model performance in predicting damage and panel behavior**
  - Promising results
  - Improved upon past performance
  - Areas of improvement to target in Phase II



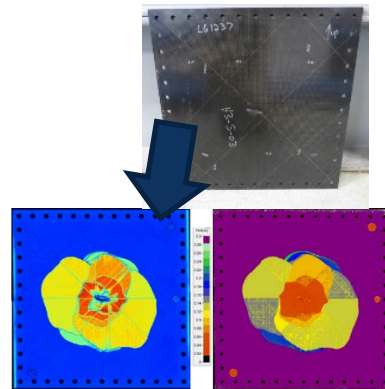
Capabilities and limitations of PDA models and significant test data for high energy dynamic impact

# Detailed Phase I Accomplishments

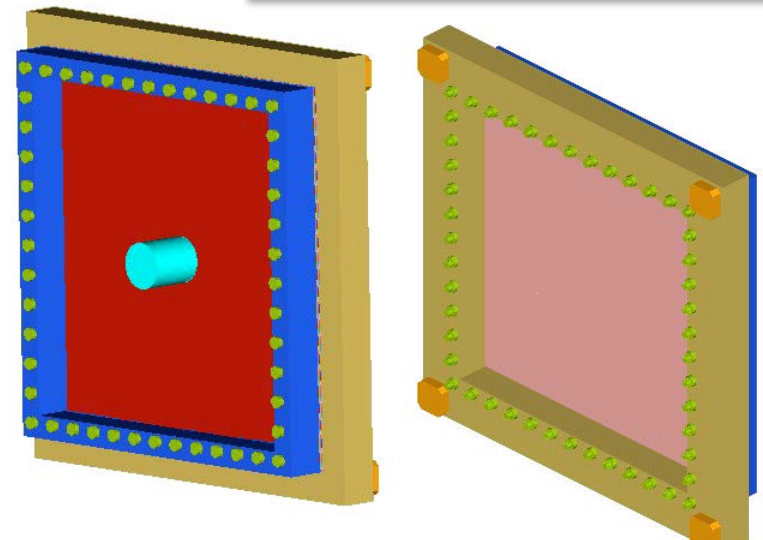
- Four (4) analysis approaches: LS-Dyna MAT162, MAT261, and SPG; EMU Peridynamics
- Forty-two (42) ballistic impact tests on sub-element panels
  - Two (2) material systems with tape & fabric
  - Five (5) unique laminate configurations
  - Two (2) projectiles
- Collaboration with GE, P&W, and Sandia NL



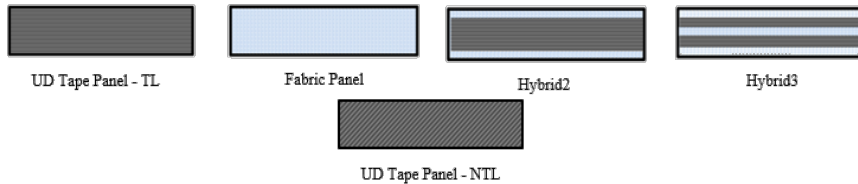
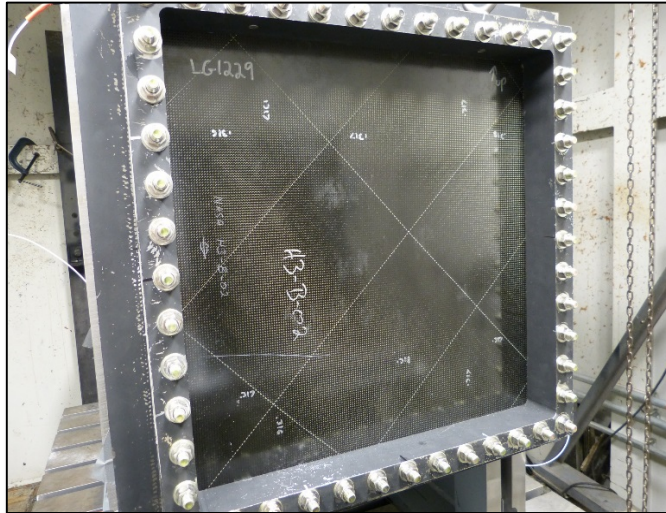
Damage state prediction from Peridynamics



Example NDE of impact panel



# Ballistic Impact Testing Overview



Forty-two (42) ballistic impact tests on flat panels

- Two (2) material systems
  - IM7/8552 UD tape & PW fabric
- Five (5) unique laminate types
- Two (2) projectiles

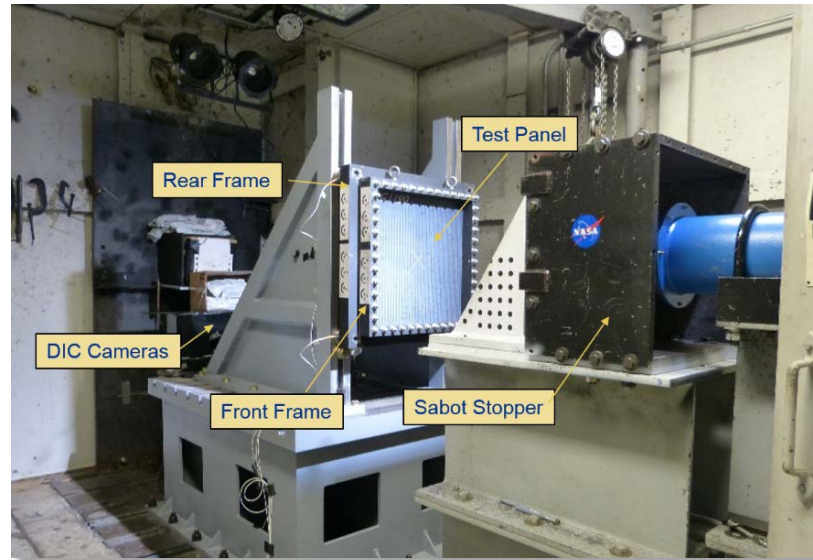
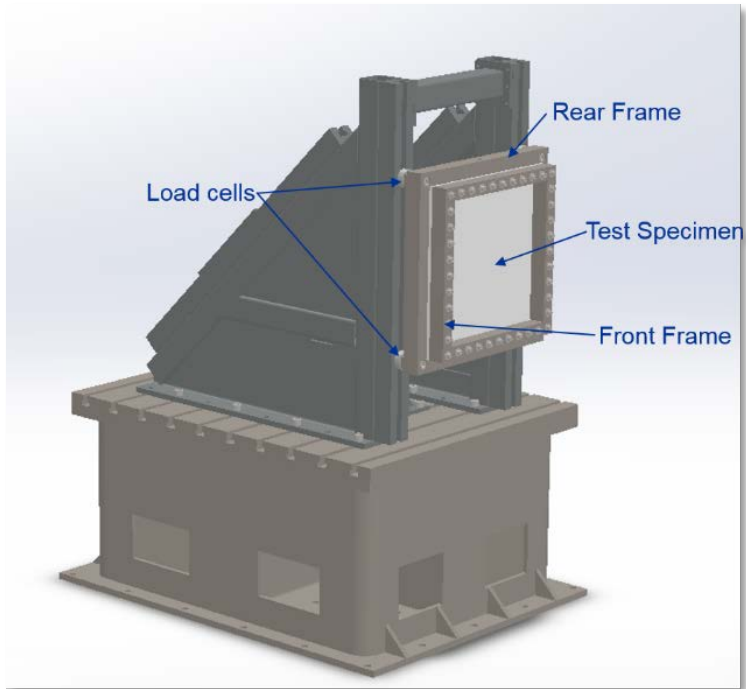


**Blunt Projectile – 0.93lbs**  
Flexane® 94– 3” diameter

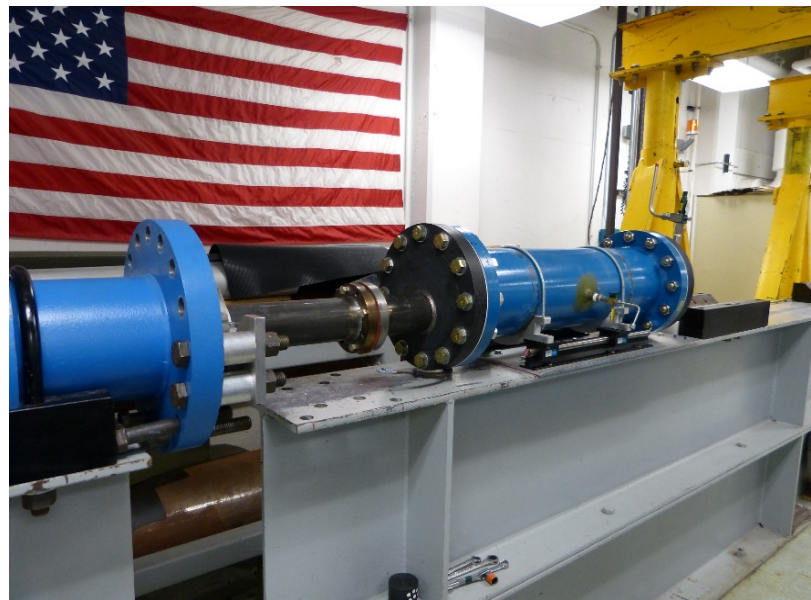


**Sharp Projectile – 0.75lbs**  
2” x 2” x 0.25” Titanium Plate  
Flexane® 94 – 3” diameter

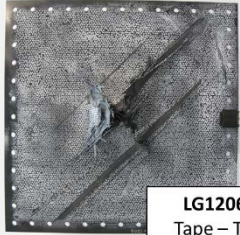
# Ballistic Impact Testing Overview



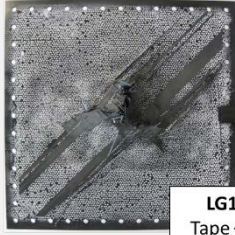
- Single stage gas gun
- 3" inner diameter
- 23' length
- 1900 in<sup>3</sup> pressure vessel volume



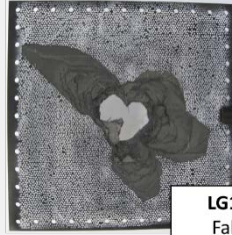
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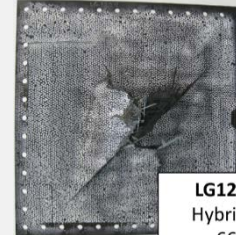
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Tape – TL (40p)  
667 ft/s  
204 ft/s (Penetrate)



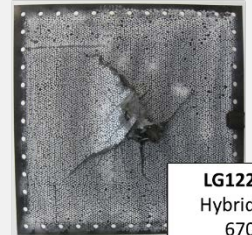
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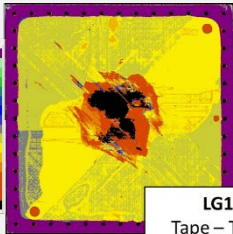
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Fabric (40p)  
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397 ft/s (Penetrate)



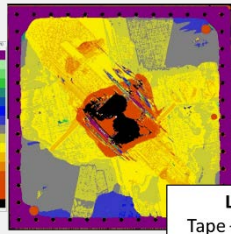
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Hybrid2 (40p)  
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223 ft/s (Penetrate)



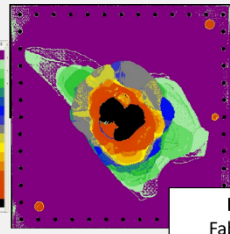
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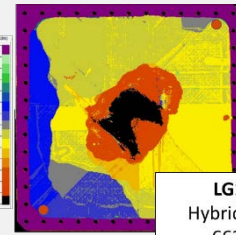
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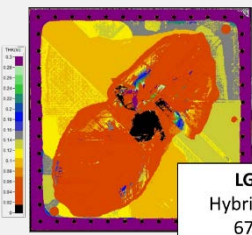
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**LG1224**  
Hybrid2 (40p)  
663 ft/s  
223 ft/s (Penetrate)



**LG1229**  
Hybrid3 (40p)  
670 ft/s  
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UD Tape only  
Quasi-isotropic

UD Tape only  
Non-Traditional

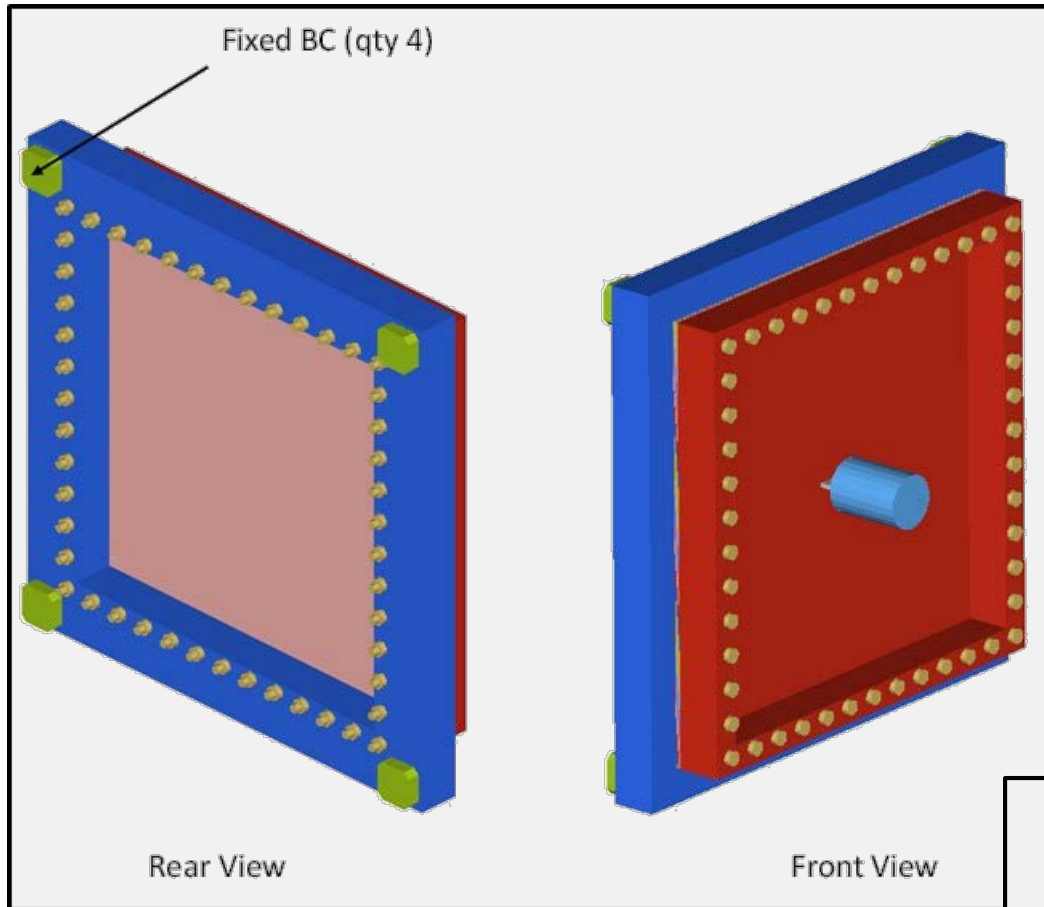
PW Tape only

UD Tape /  
PW Fabric (2)

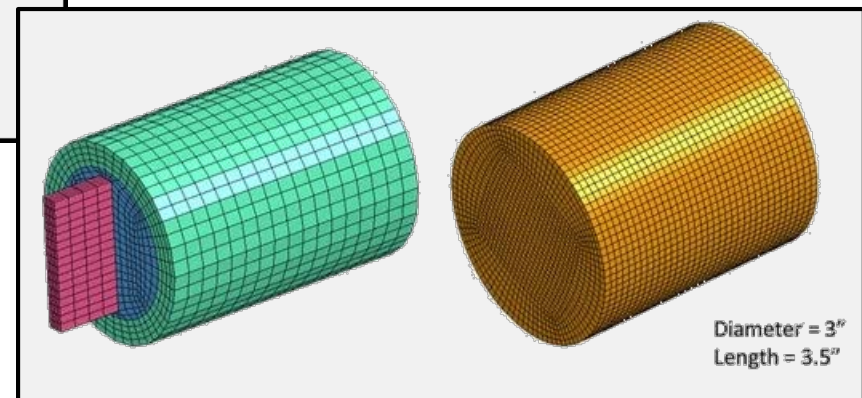
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**Blunt Projectile**

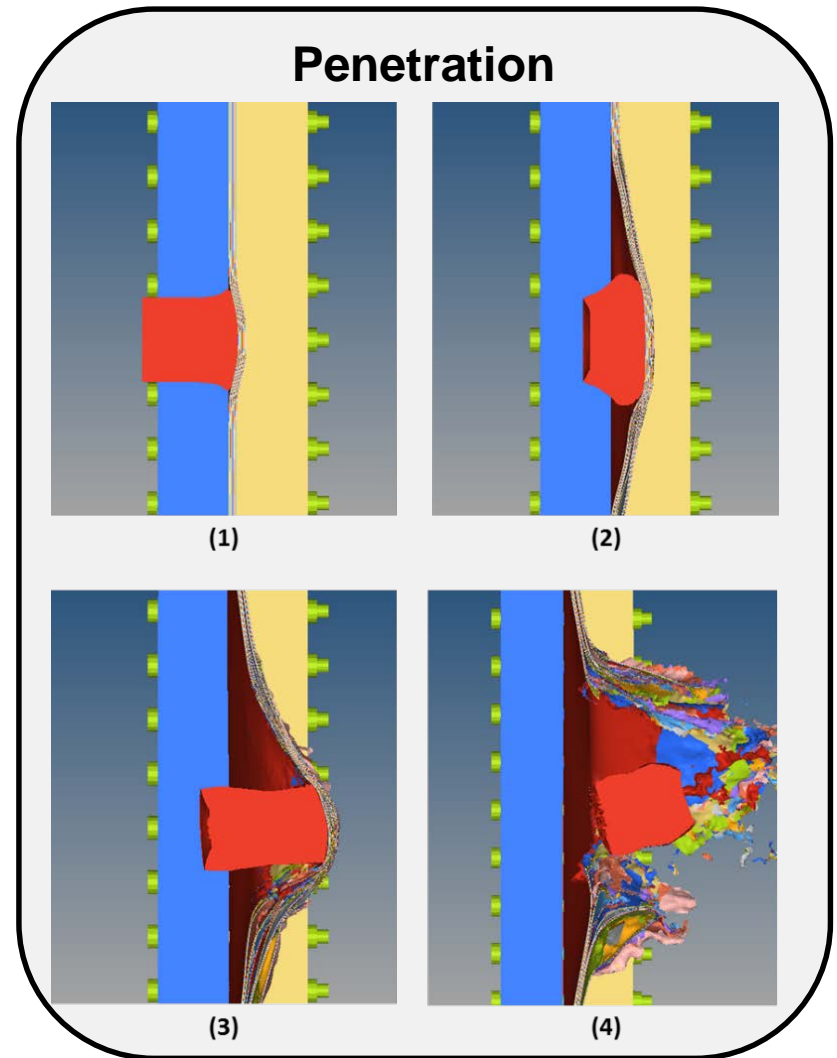
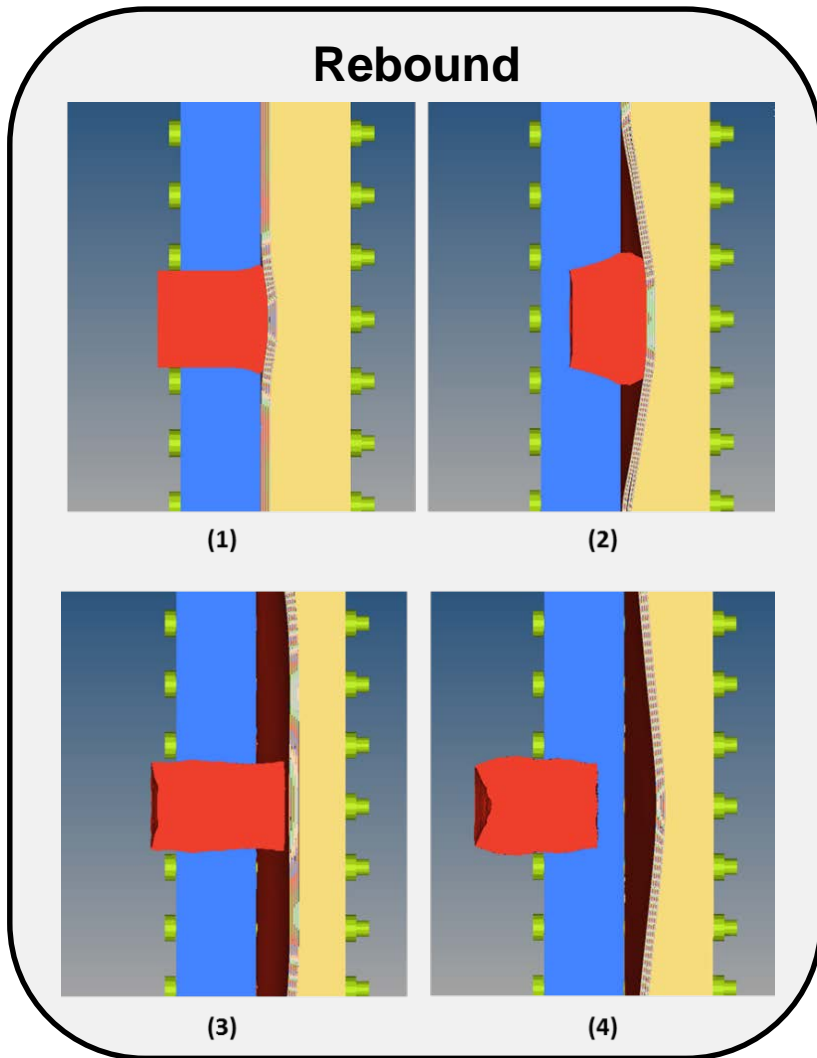
# Progressive Damage Analysis (PDA)



- LS-DYNA MAT 162/261
- Smoothed Particle Galerkin
- EMU Peridynamics



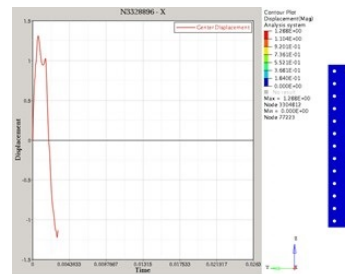
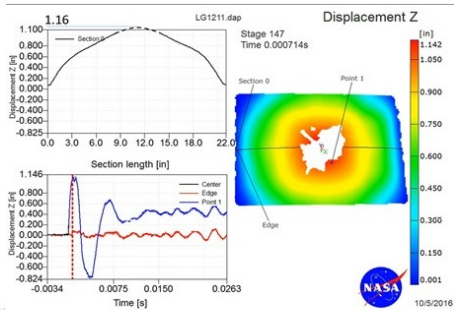
# Progressive Damage Analysis (PDA)



## Blunt Projectile – Typical Response

# Test-Analysis Comparison

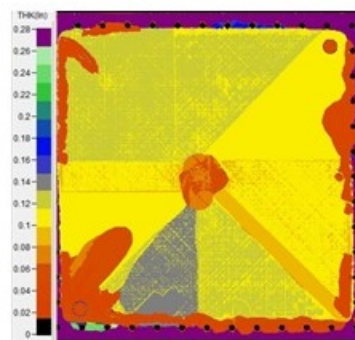
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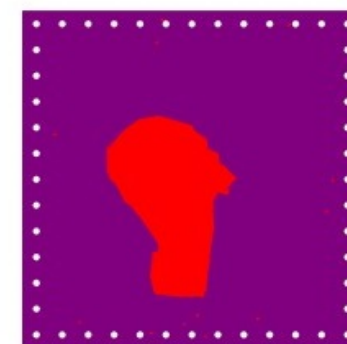
MAT 162 Simulation

Test

Delamination

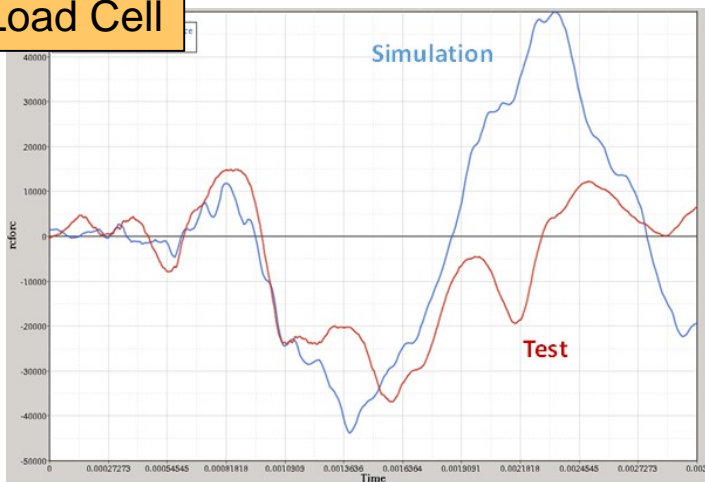


Panel NDE

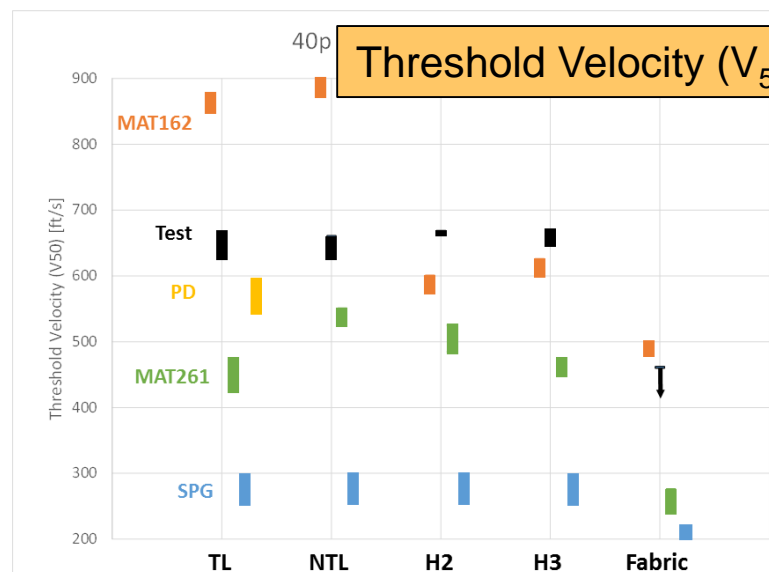


Simulation

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Threshold Velocity ( $V_{50}$ )





# Summary

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- **Phase I**

- Material models developed
  - Characterization coupon testing – complete
  - Promising results from MAT162, MAT261, and peridynamics
- Ballistic impact test: flat panels – complete
- Identification of tech gaps

- **Phase II**

- Testing of more complex structures
- Validation of PDA models

**Significant strides have been made towards the goal of using simulation of composites in impact applications**

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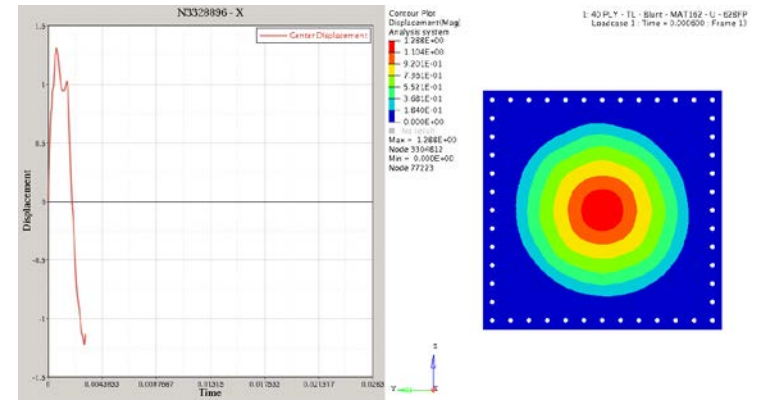
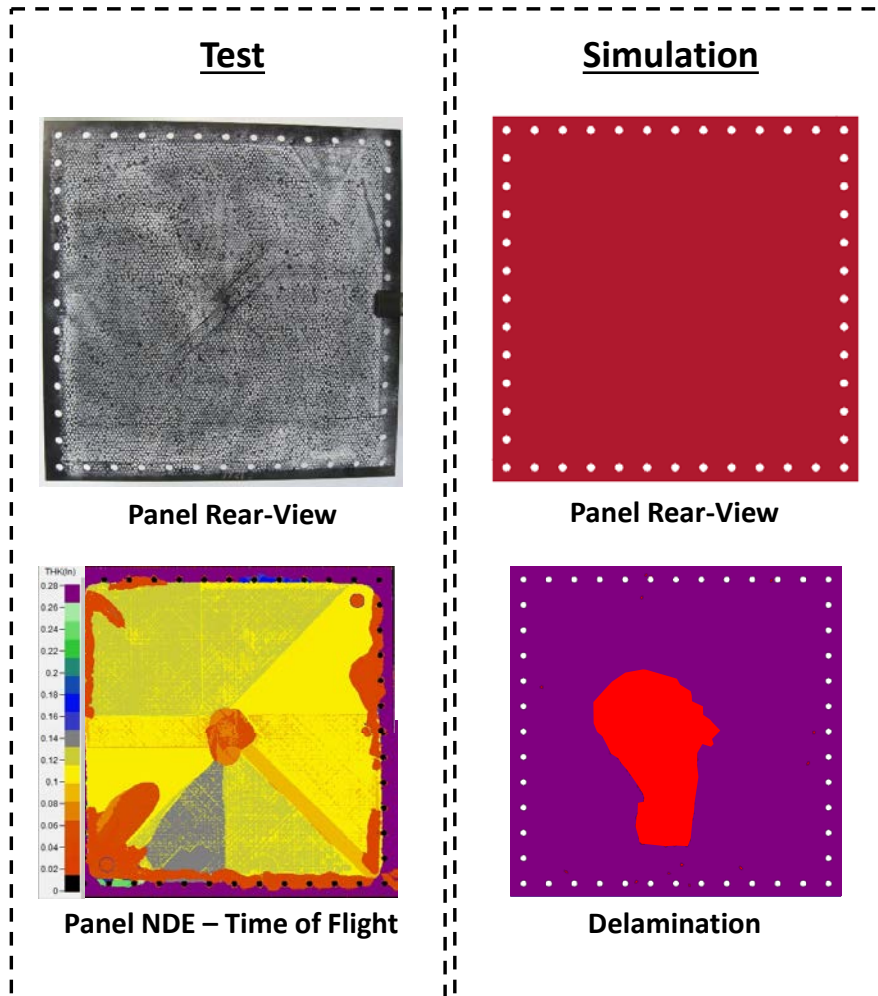
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  - Industry wide effort to reduce composite aircraft certification timeline by 30% by improving technology in manufacturing, testing, analysis, etc.
  - Study was a product of the research involving development of PDFA tools for high energy dynamic impact
  
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**Questions?**

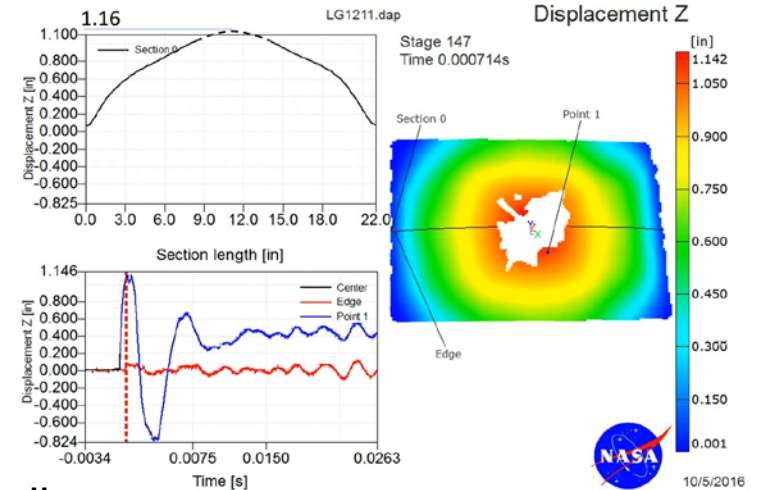
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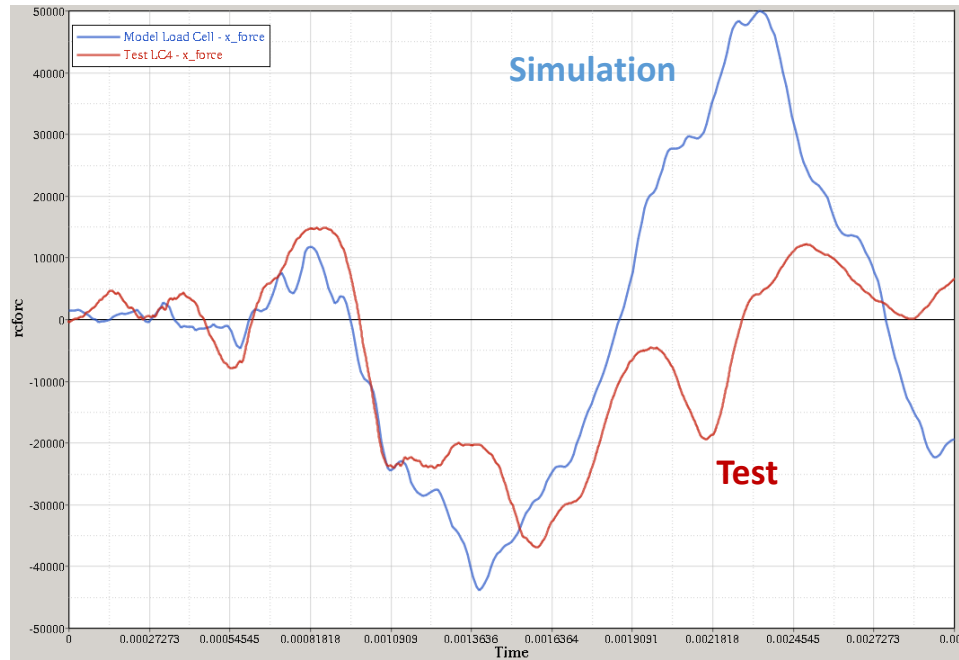
MAT 162 Simulation



Test

.29" Quasi-isotropic UD tape – Blunt projectile

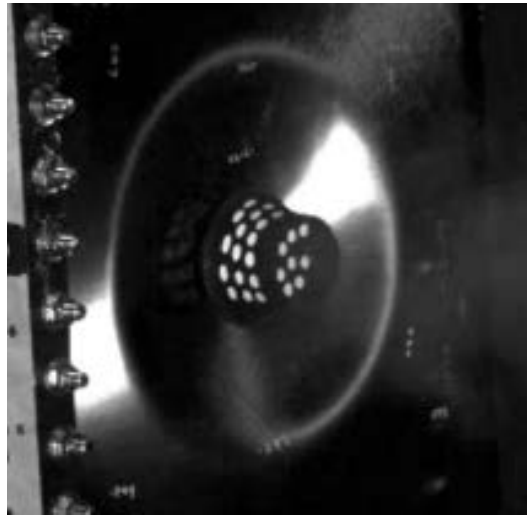
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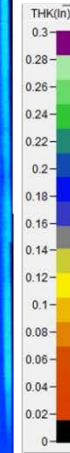
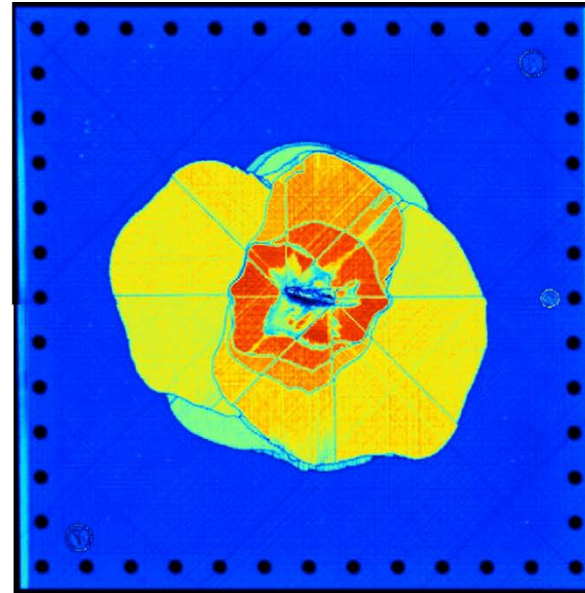
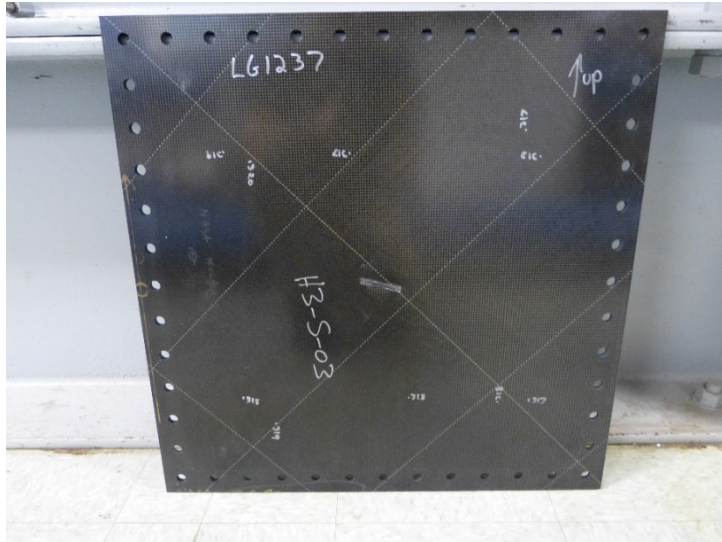
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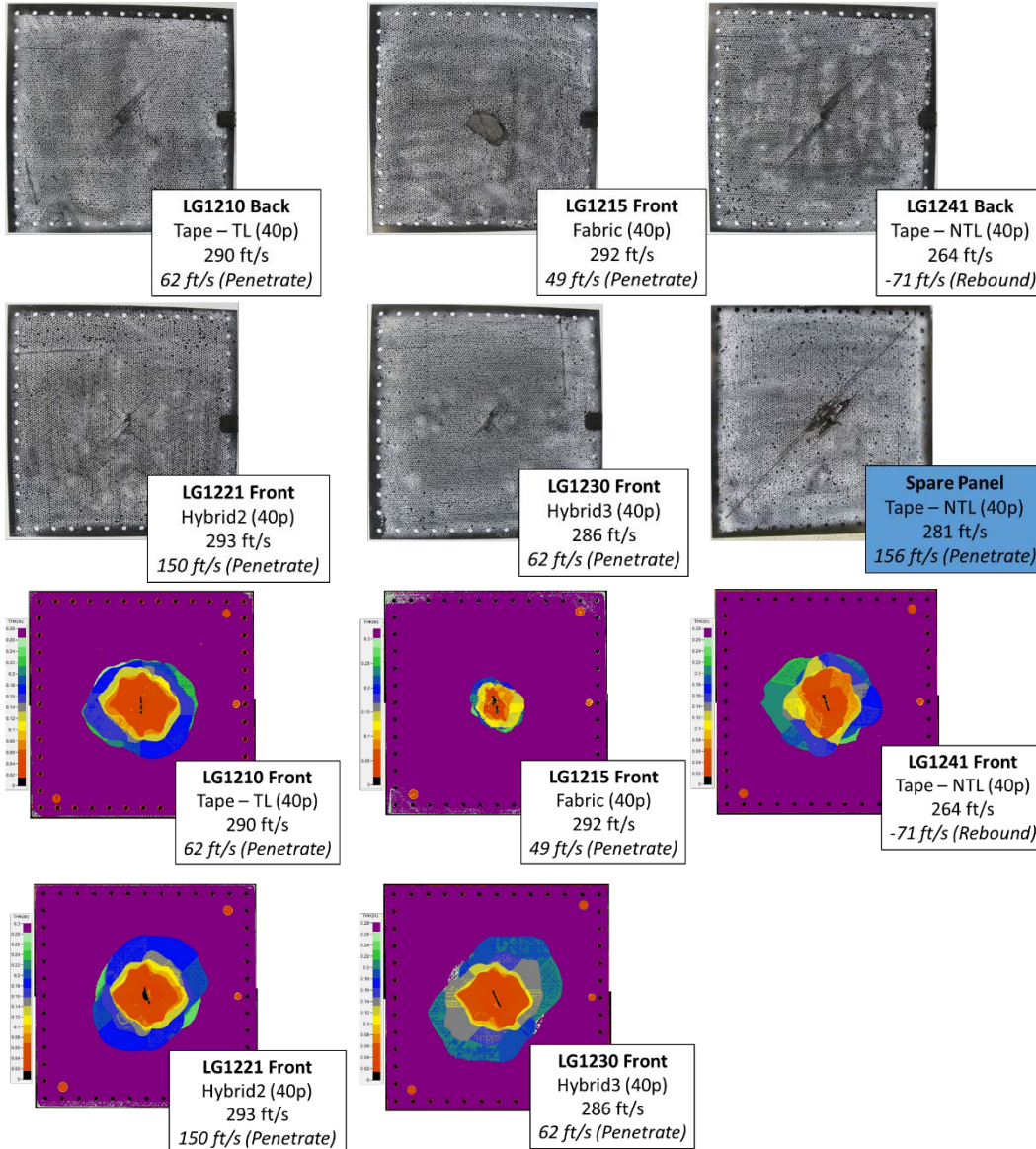


# Ballistic Impact Testing



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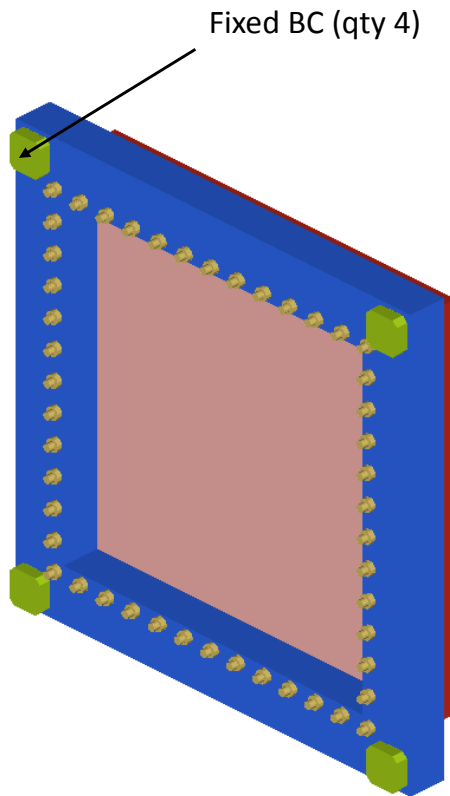
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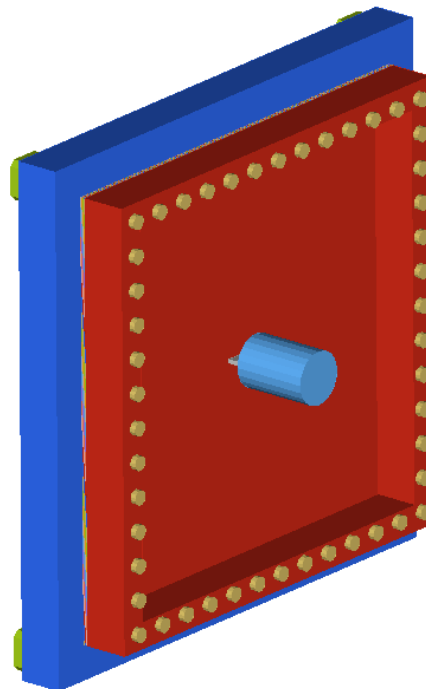


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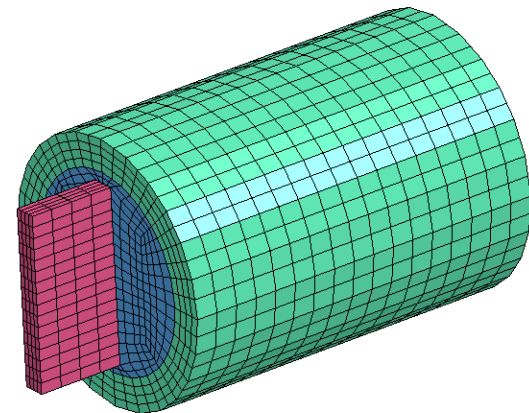
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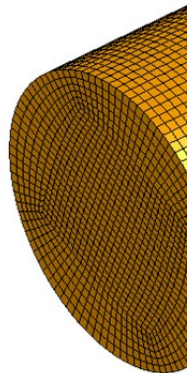
Rear View



Front View



Sharp Projectile



# Material Model Characterization

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