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NASA ACC High Energy Dynamic Impact Methodology and Outcomes

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  - Test Results
- **Test Analysis Comparison**
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  - LS-DYNA MAT261
  - Smoothed Particle Galerkin (SPG)
  - EMU Peridynamics

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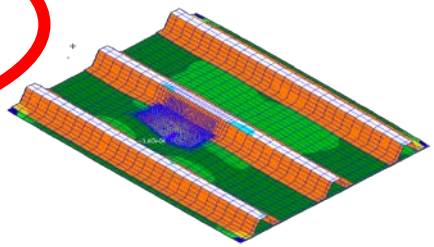
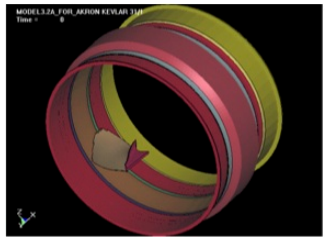
NASA ACC Technical Challenge Areas

1) Predictive Capabilities

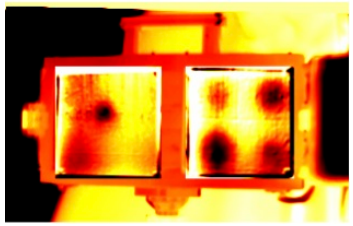
- Robust analysis for smarter testing
- Better prelim design, fewer redesigns





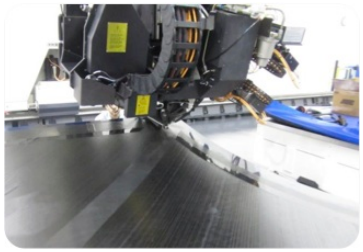
2) Rapid Inspection

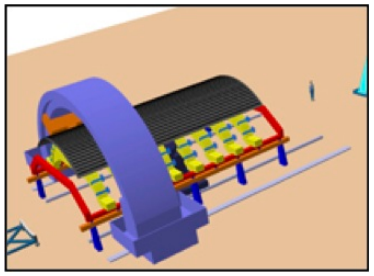
- Increase inspection throughput
- Quantitative characterization of defects
- Automated inspection



3) Manufacturing Process Simulation

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





Verification & Validation

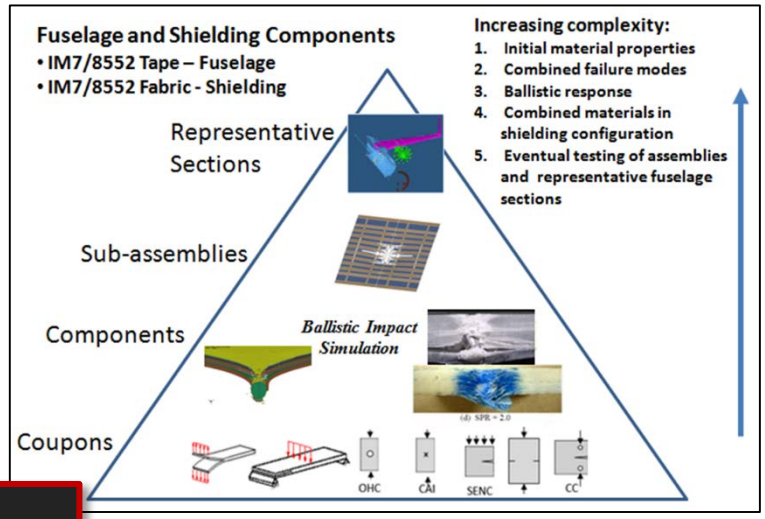
- Tie Technical Challenge work together
- Validate program benefits

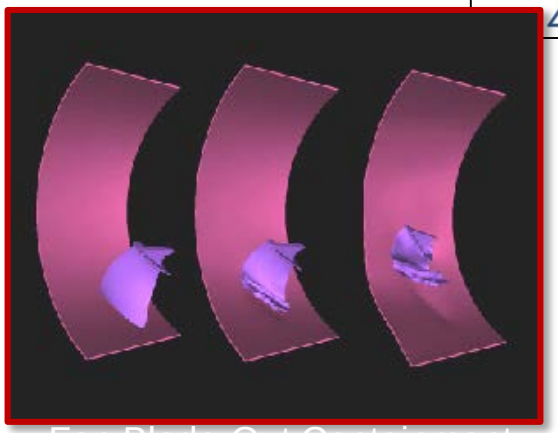
NASA ACC High Energy Dynamic Impact Overview

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

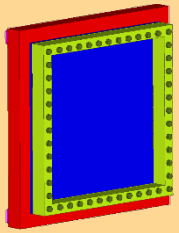
PDA Model Analysis
Evaluate ability of material models to simulate representative structure

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 1

- Sub-element ballistic panel impact testing
- Non-configured flat panels



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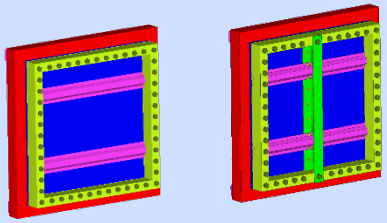
Phase 2

Build on Phase 1 testing adding:

- **Configuration (fastener, stringer, frame)**



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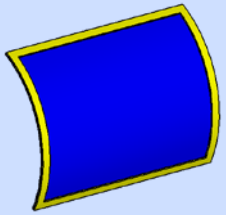

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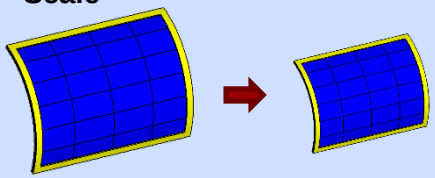
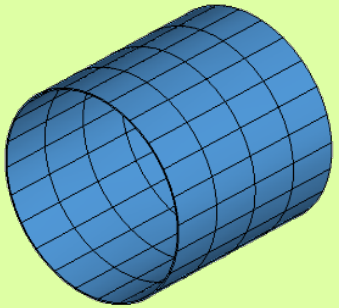


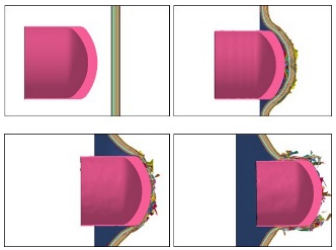
Planned

Aircraft Structure



Projected Demo

Phase I Technical Development



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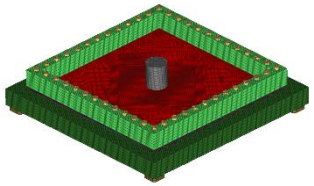

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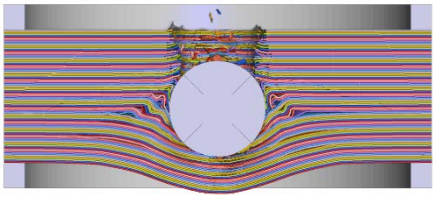
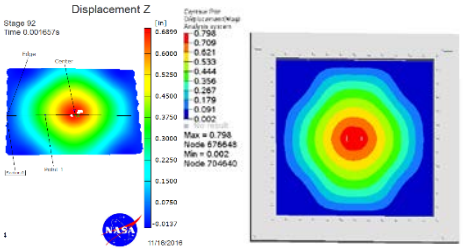


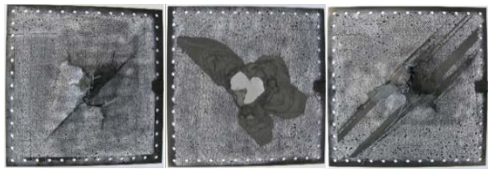
Material Model Calibration



Test-Analysis Correlation

Material Characterization Testing

Ballistic Impact Testing



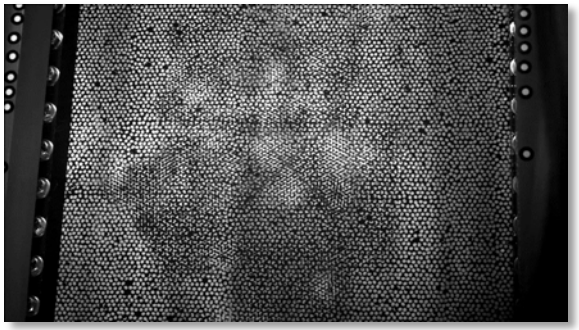
Phase I Accomplishments

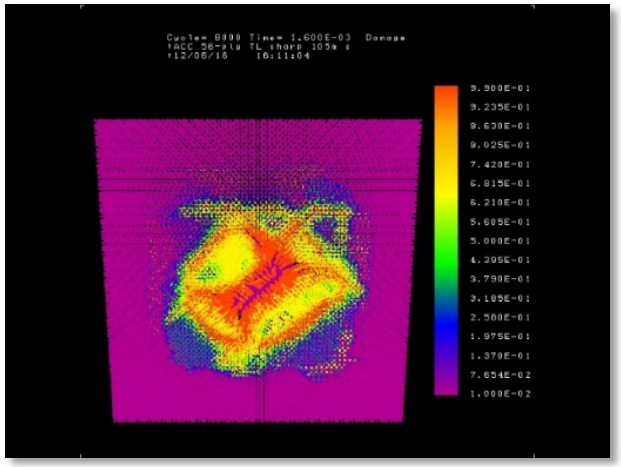
- **Assessed and developed Progressive Damage Analysis (PDA) models**
  - Conducted coupon-level characterization testing
  - Updated stiffness, damage, and strength parameters
- **Conducted extensive ballistic impact testing**
- **Evaluated model performance in predicting damage and panel behavior**
  - 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

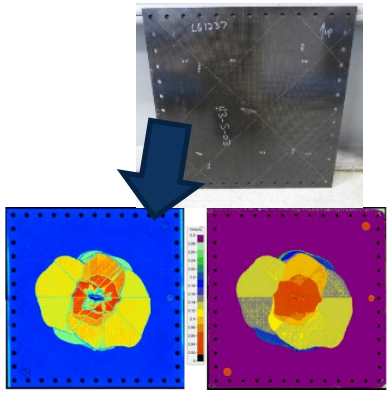
Detailed Phase I Accomplishments

- **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**

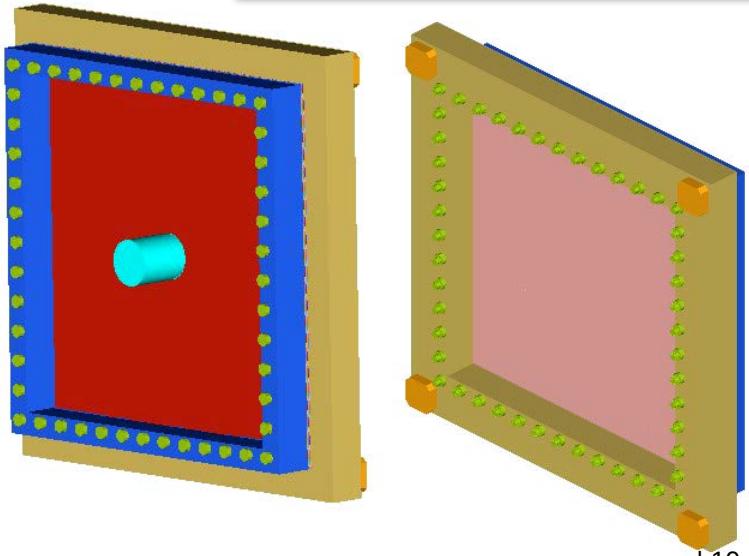




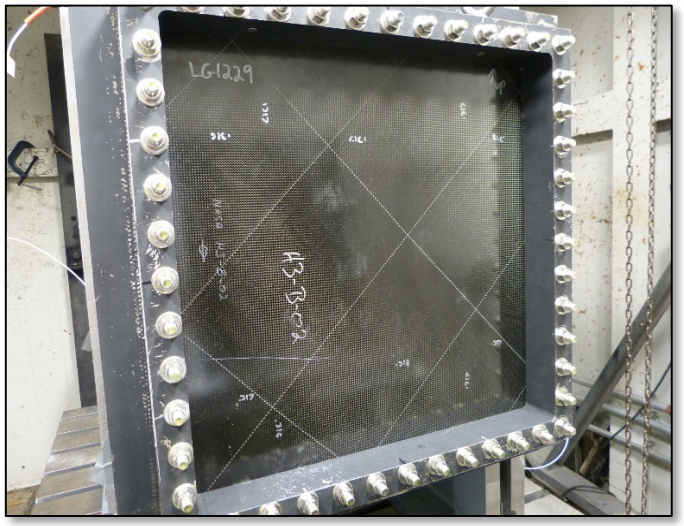
Damage state prediction from Peridynamics

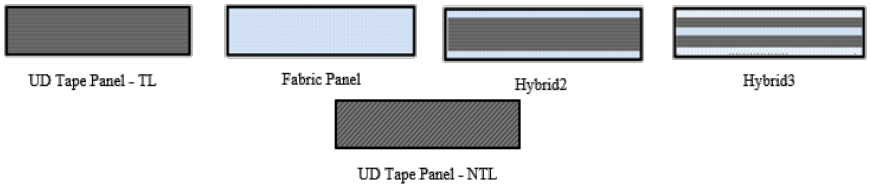


Example NDE of impact panel



Ballistic Impact Testing Overview



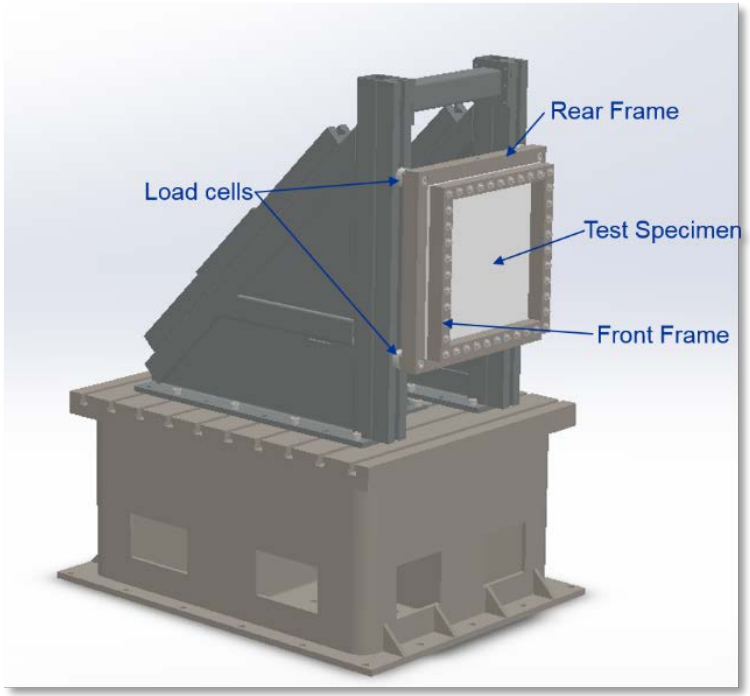


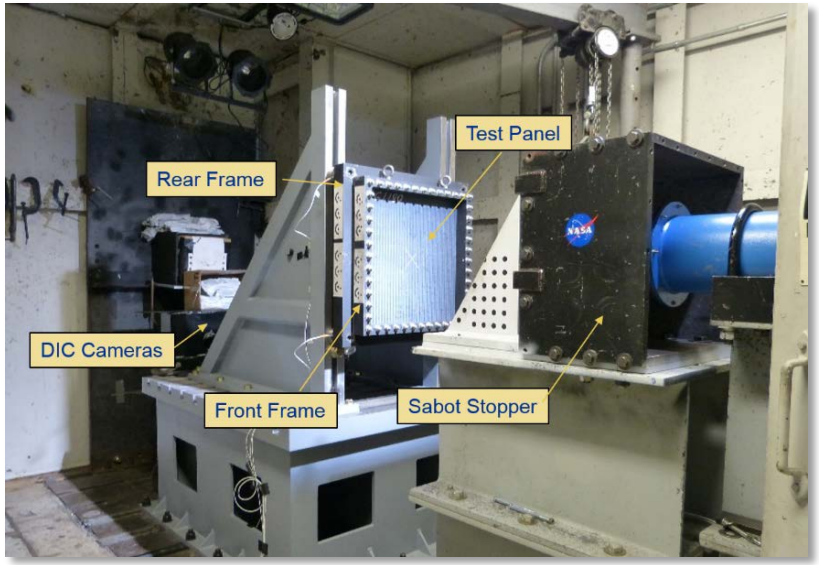
Blunt Projectile – 0.93lbs
Flexane® 94– 3” diameter

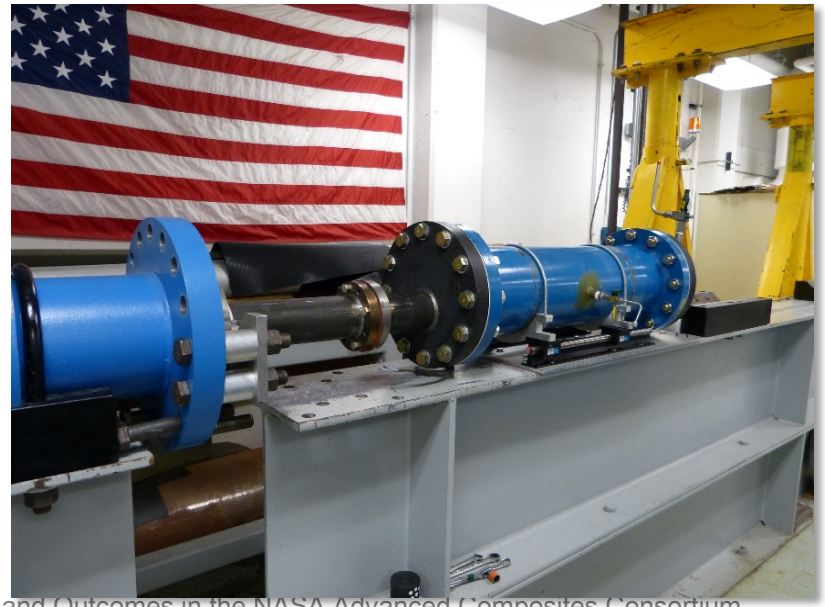
Sharp Projectile – 0.75lbs
2” x 2” x 0.25” Titanium Plate
Flexane® 94 – 3” diameter

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

Ballistic Impact Testing Overview

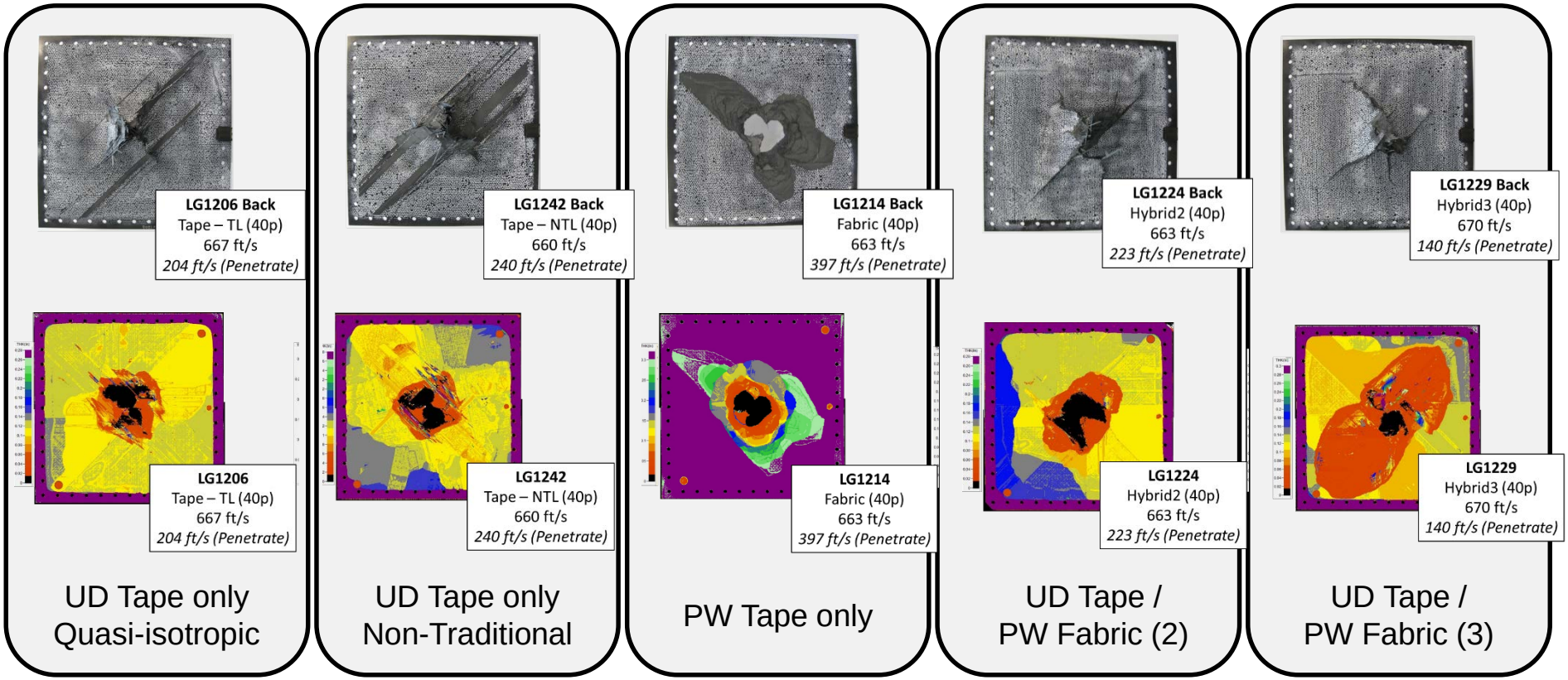






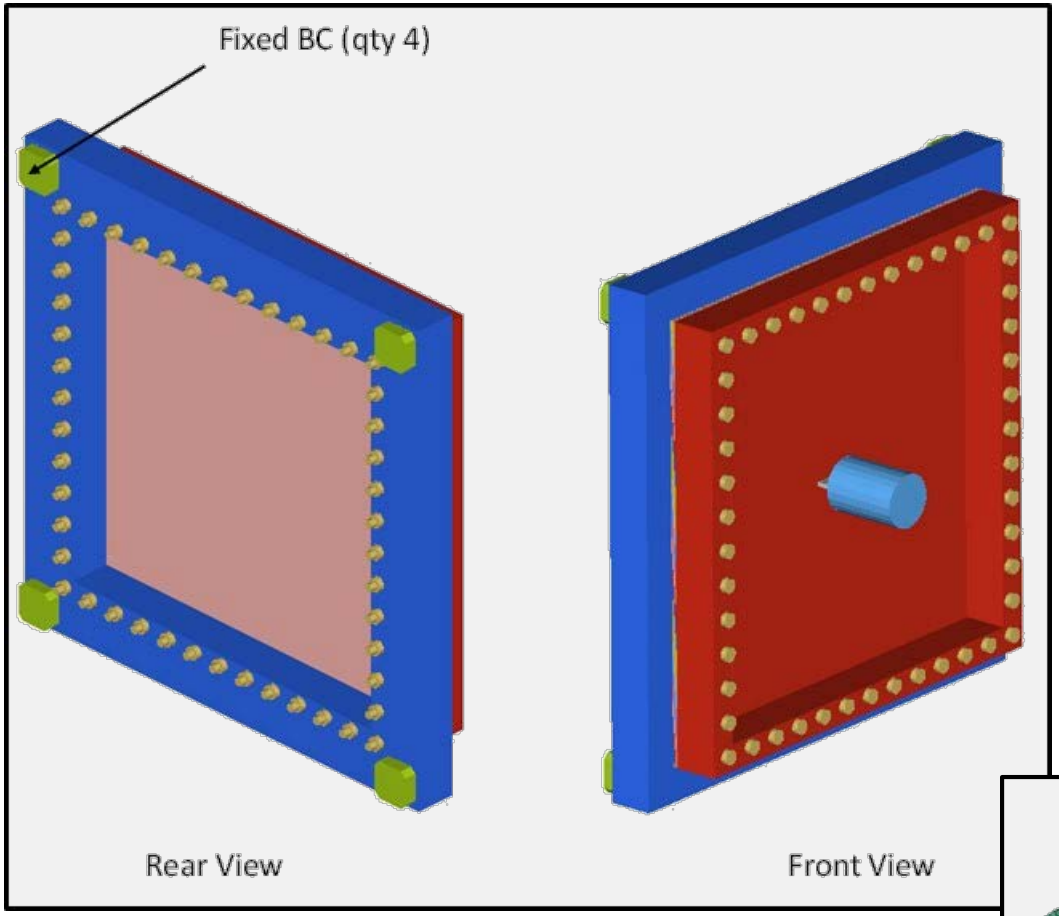
- Single stage gas gun
- 3” inner diameter
- 23’ length
- 1900 in^3 pressure vessel volume

Ballistic Impact Testing

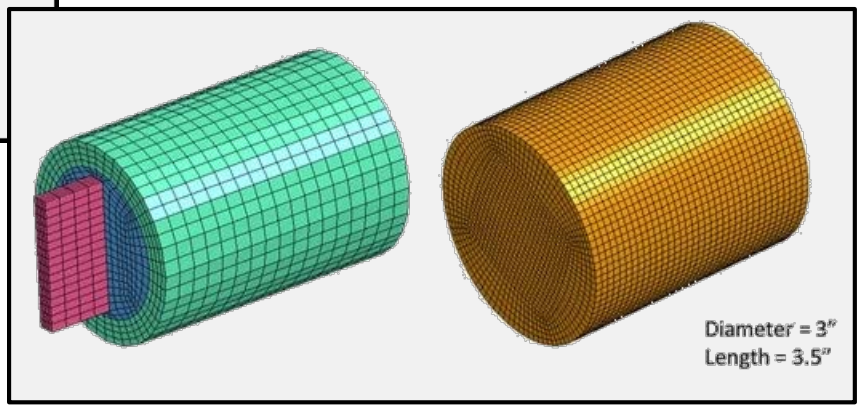


Blunt Projectile

Progressive Damage Analysis (PDA)



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



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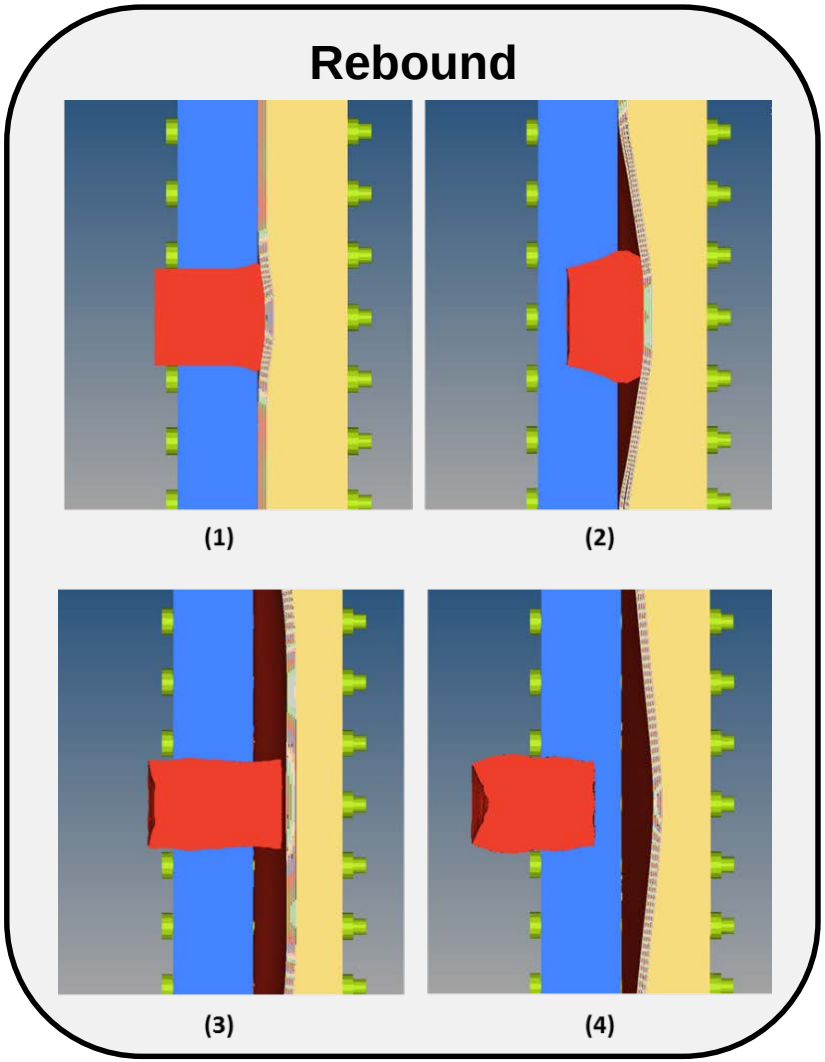
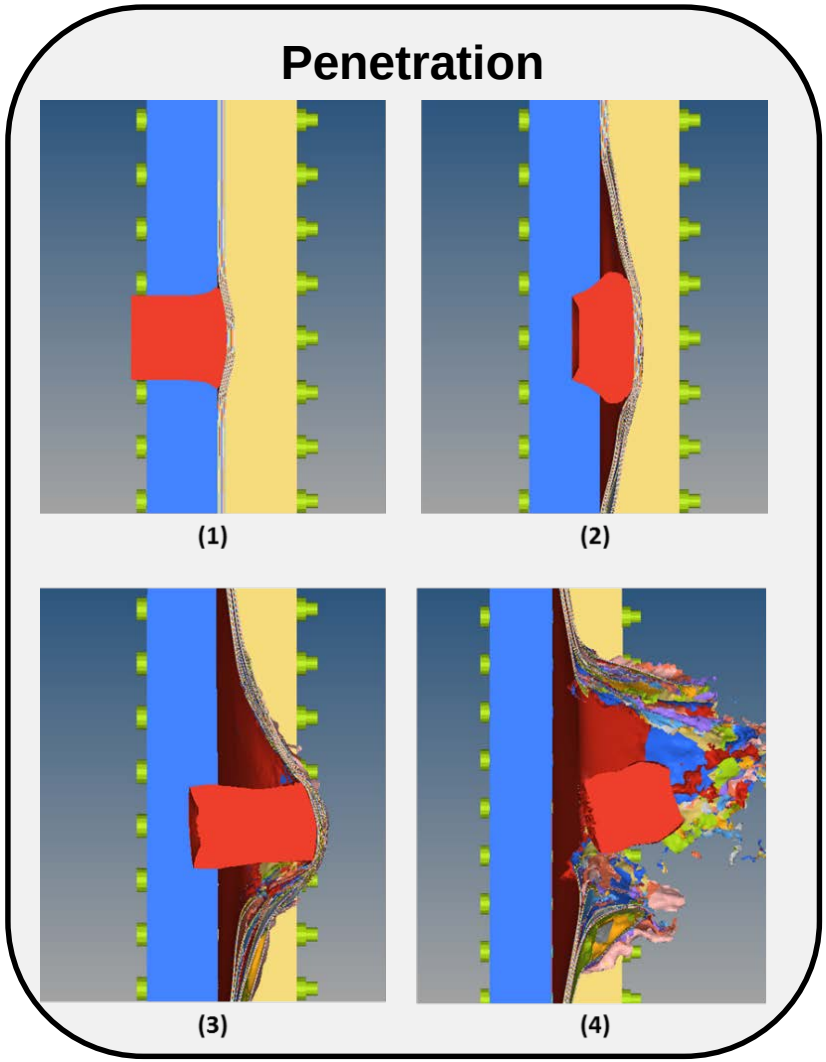
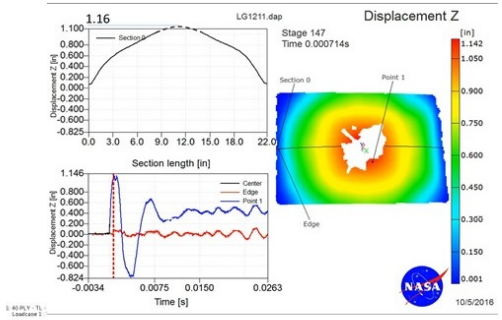




Blunt Projectile – Typical Response

Test-Analysis Comparison

Displacement



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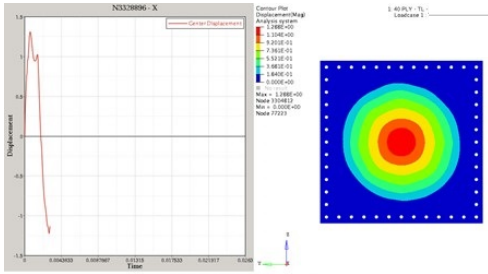
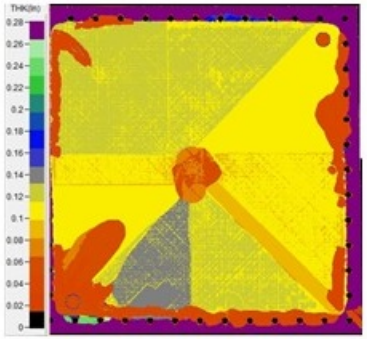


MAT 162 Simulation

Delamination



Panel NDE

Simulation

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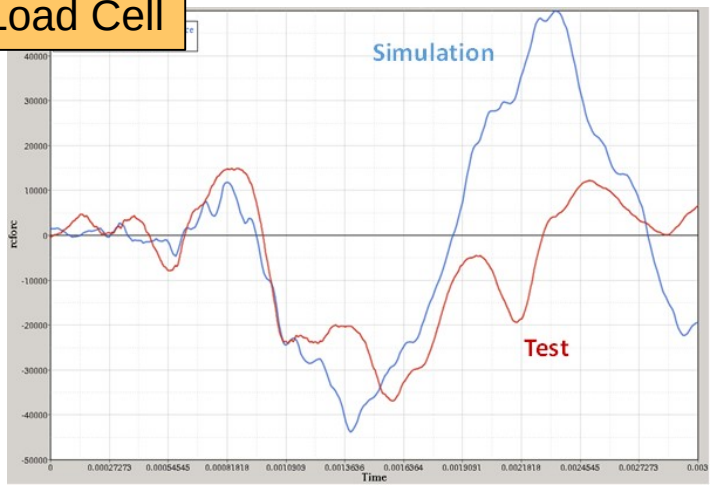
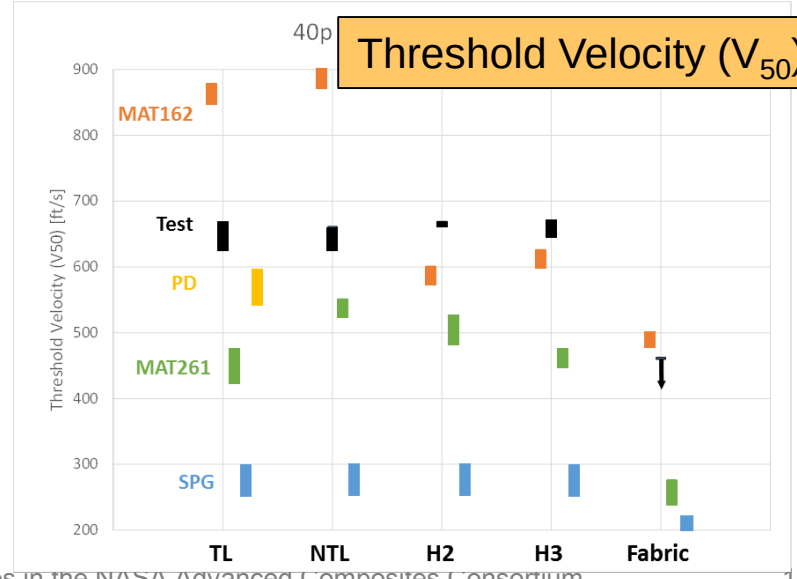


Threshold Velocity (V_{50})



Summary

- **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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  - Study was a product of the research involving development of PDFA tools for high energy dynamic impact

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Questions?

Test-Analysis Comparison

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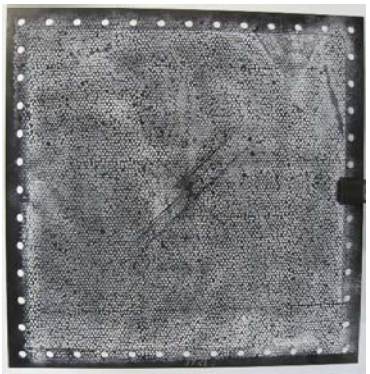

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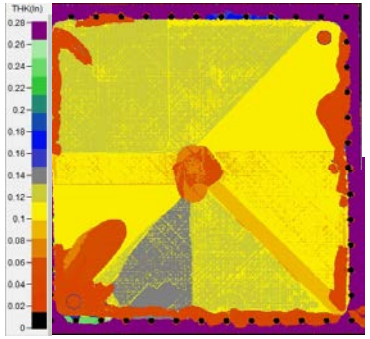

Panel NDE – Time of Flight

Simulation

Panel Rear-View

Delamination

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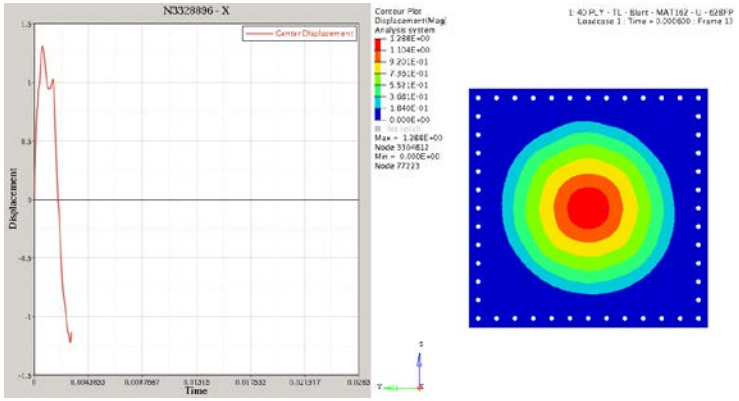

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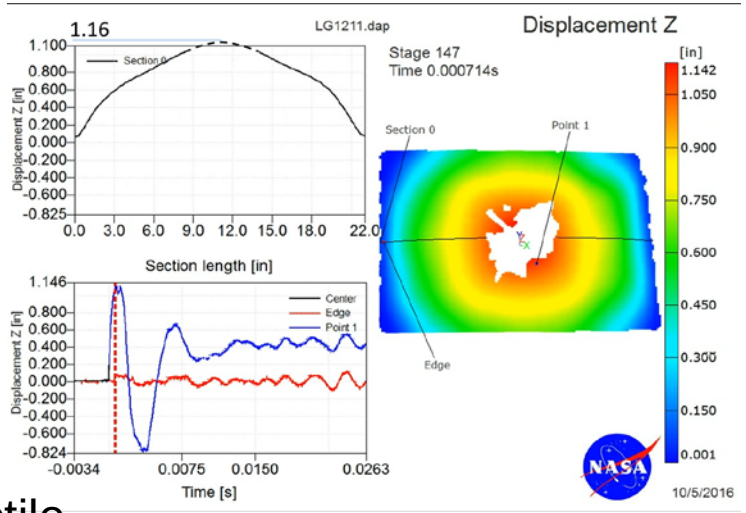

Test

.29” Quasi-isotropic UD tape – Blunt projectile

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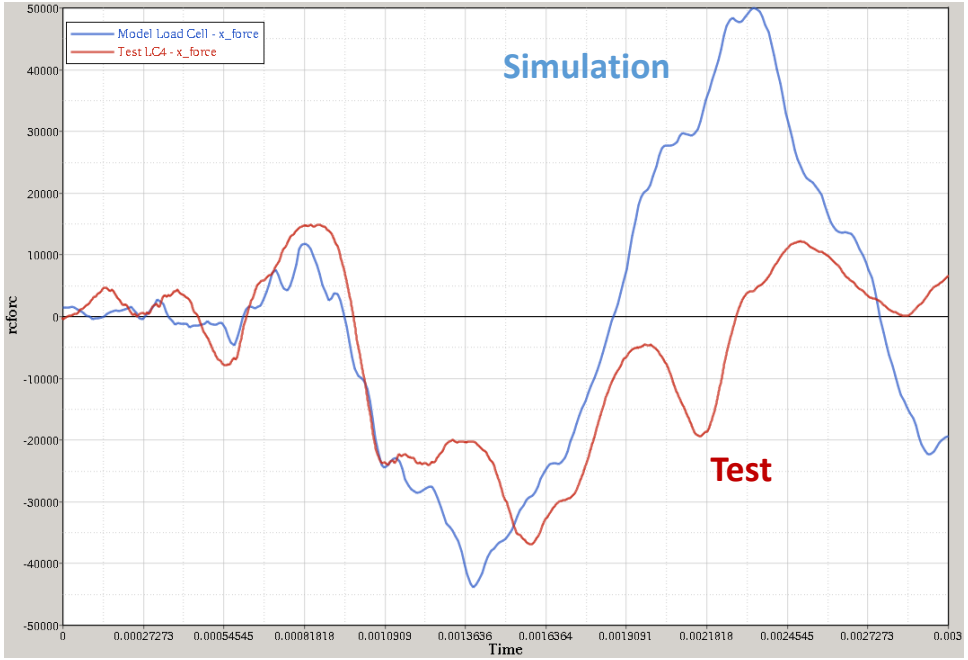

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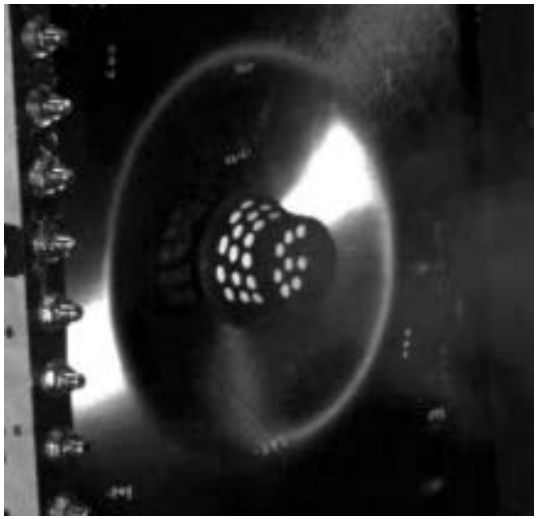

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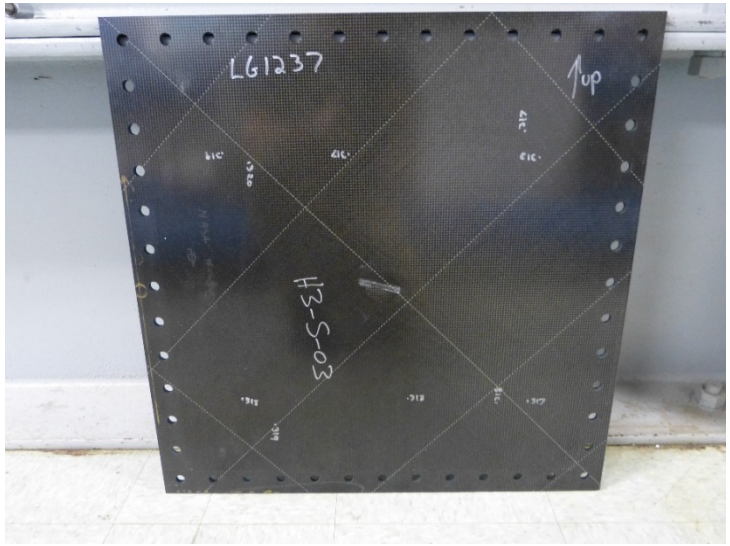

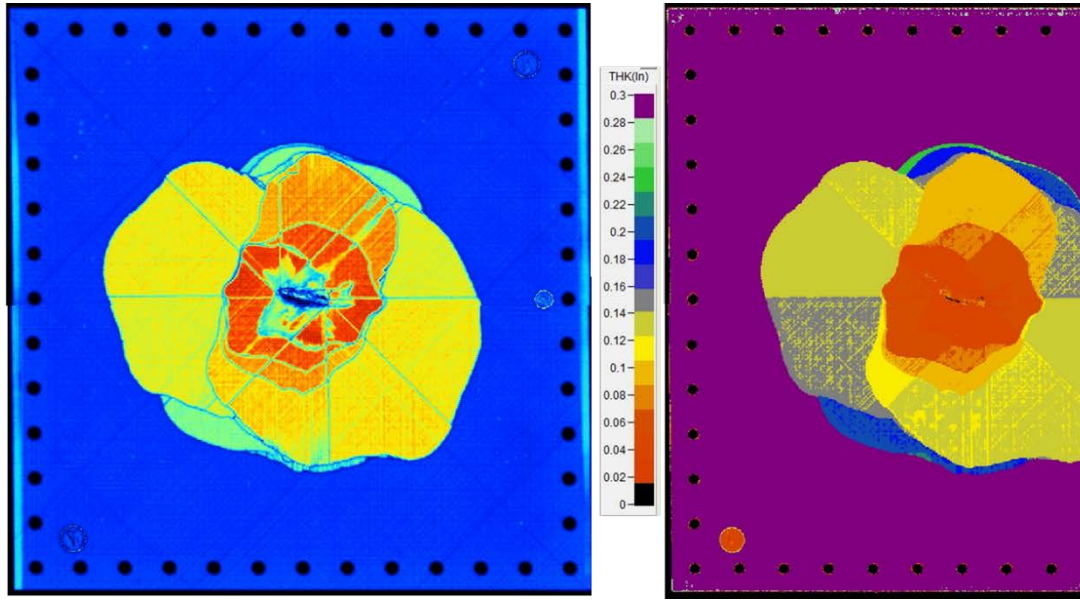

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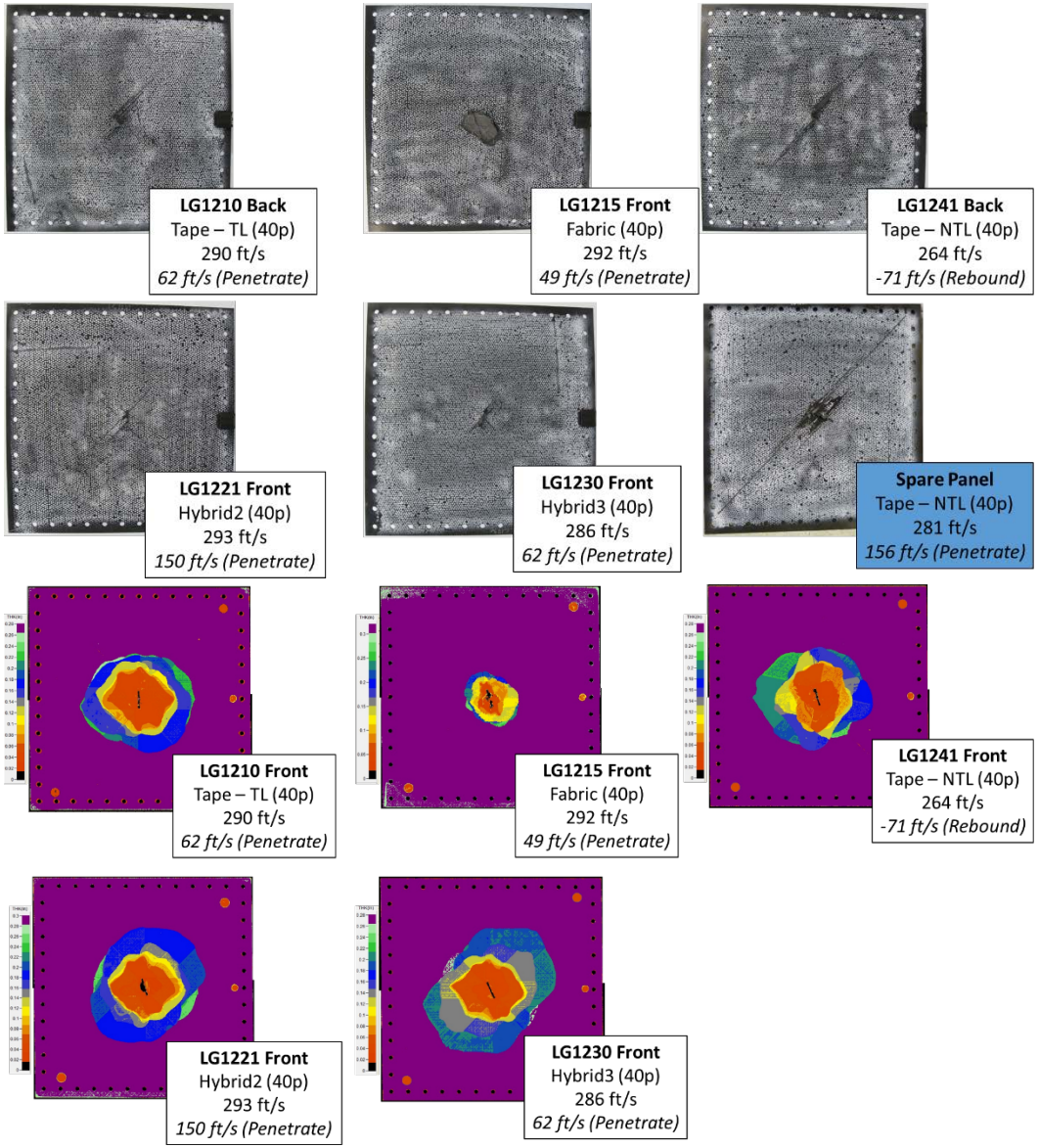
Ballistic Impact Testing



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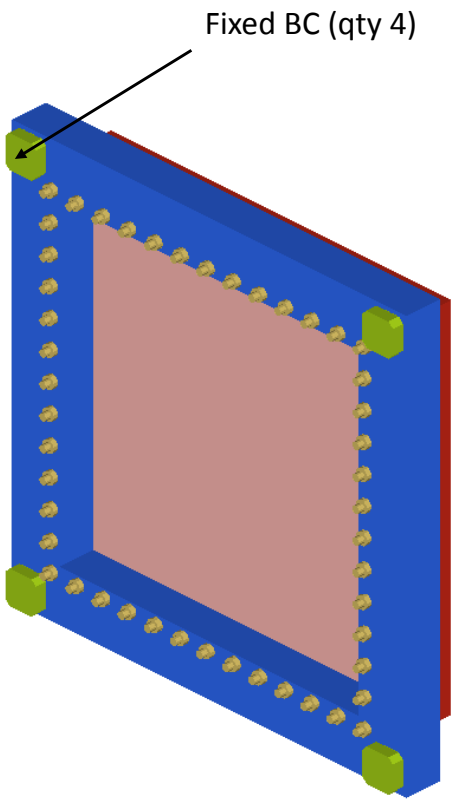

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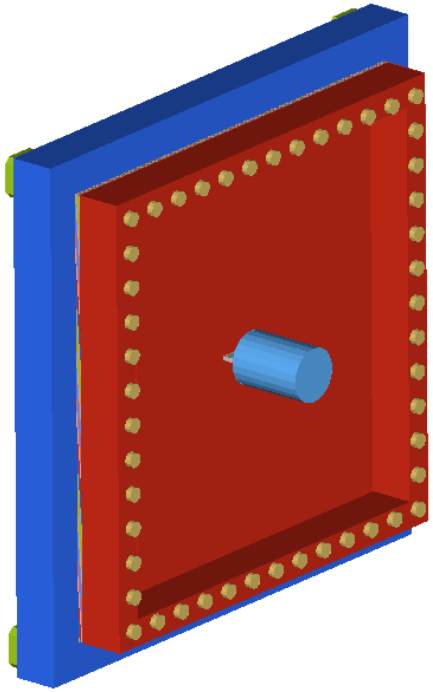

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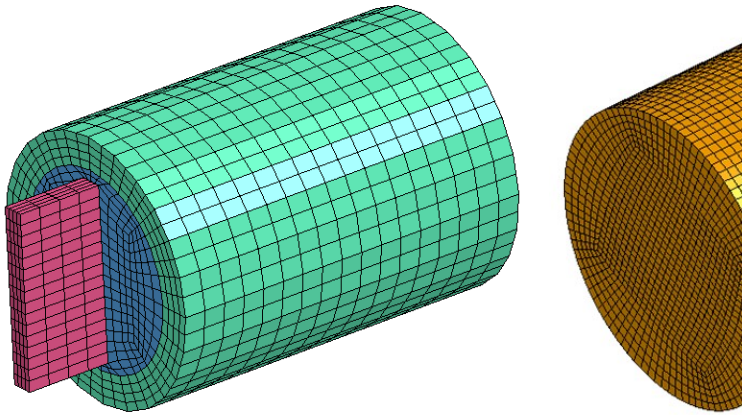
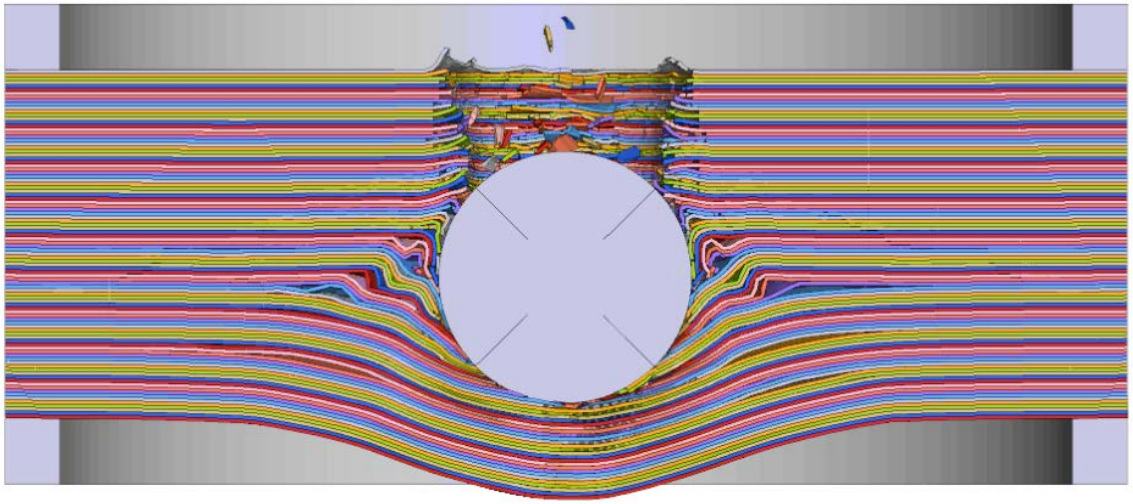


Sharp Projectile

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