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# Crashworthiness of Composites – Material Dynamic Properties

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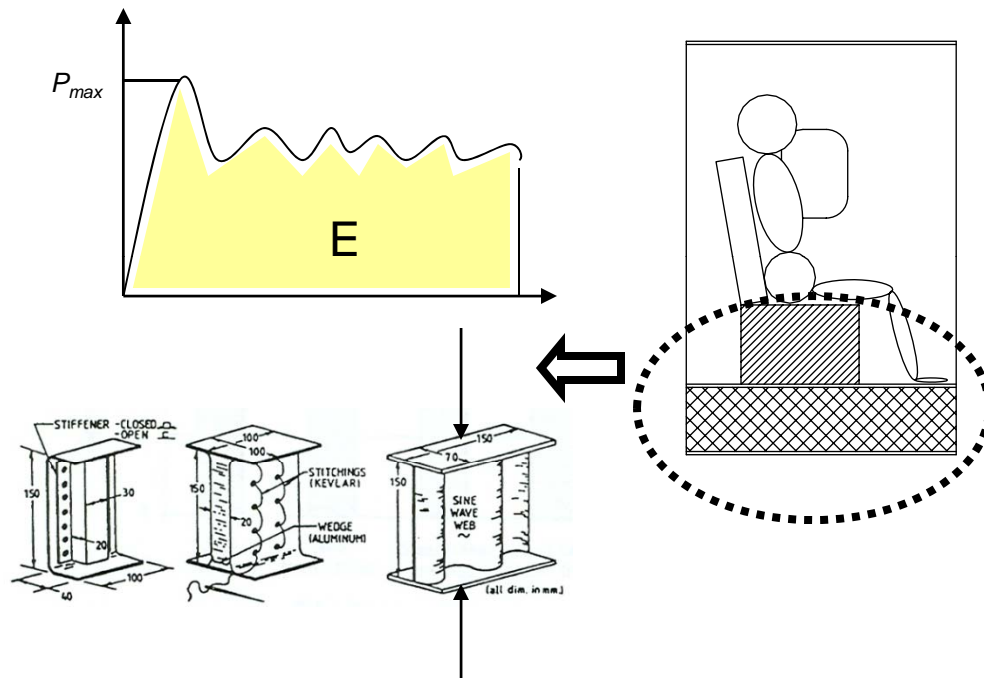
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# Crashworthiness of Composite Fuselage Structures – Material Dynamic Properties

- Motivation and Key Issues



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Bannerman & Kindervater (1984) in *Structural Impact and Crashworthiness*  
Bolukbasi & Laananen (1995) *Composites*, 26.  
Carruthers, Kettle & Robinson (1998) *Appl Mech Rev*, 51.

- Crashworthiness

- maintain survivable volume
- dissipate kinetic energy → alleviate occupant loads

- Energy absorption

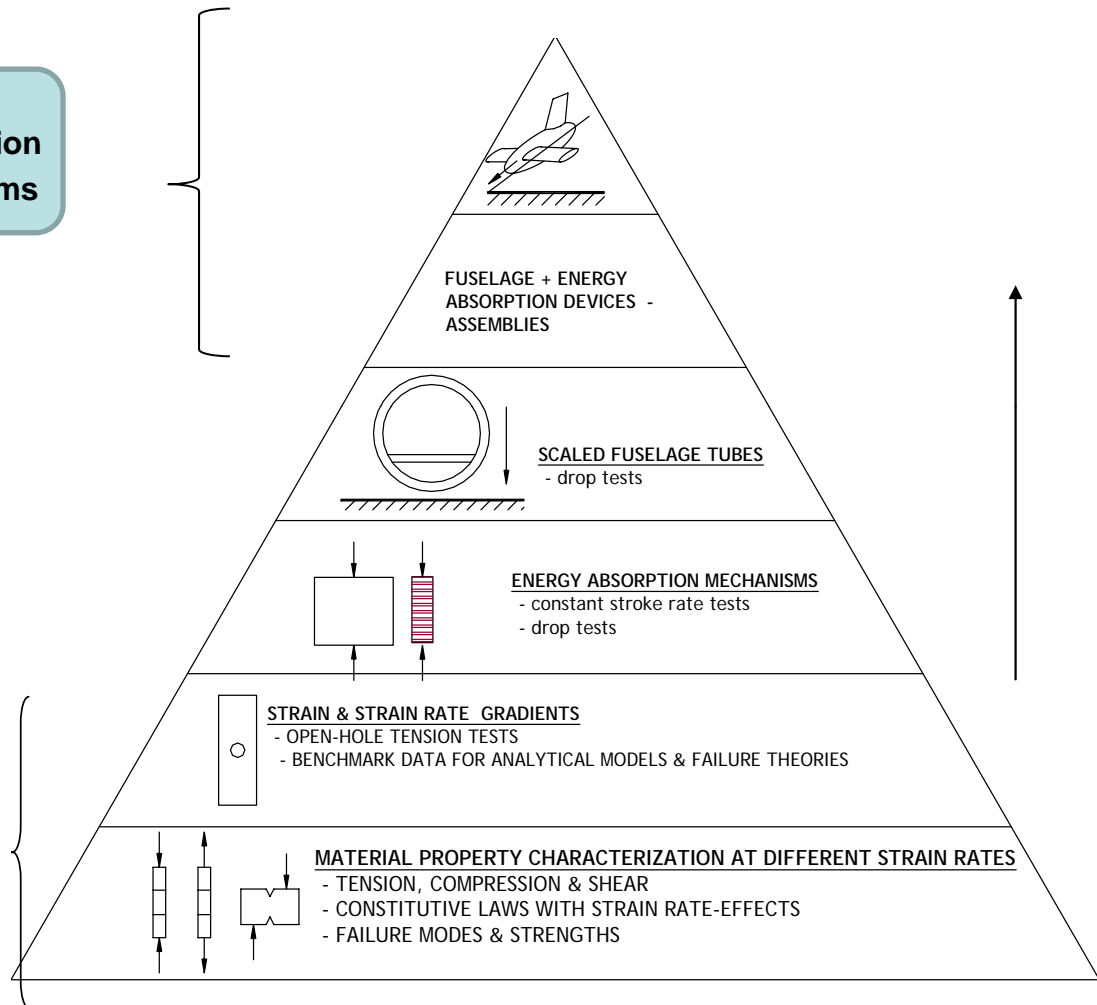
- Composite structures /energy absorption (EA) devices
  - Controlled failure modes
  - Maximize damage volume
  - Provision for sustained stability
- Influencing factors
  - EA device geometry
  - Material
  - Rate sensitivity (?)

# Approach

- CRASHWORTHINESS CERTIFICATION
- specific to structural configuration
- interactions between mechanisms



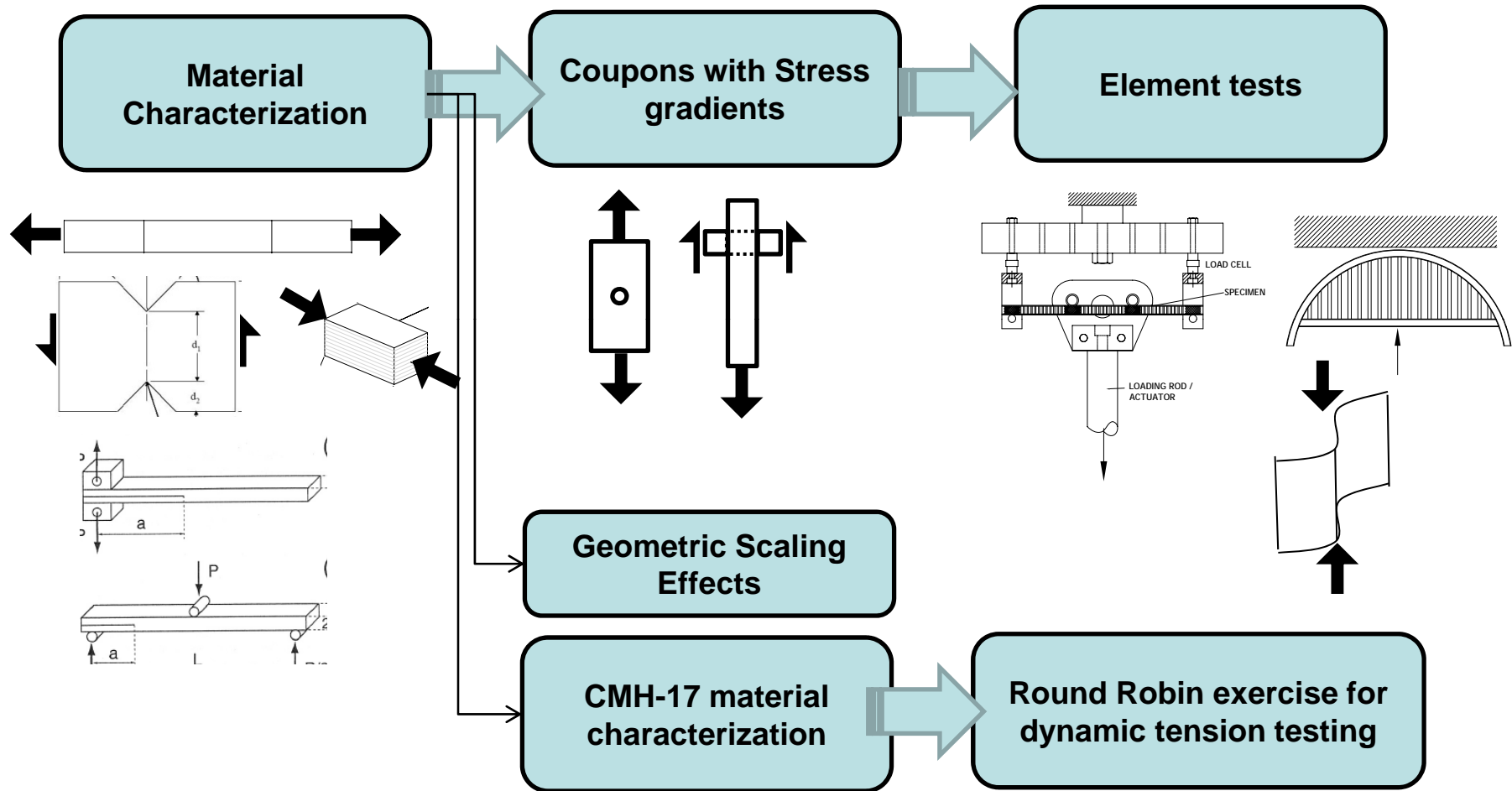
- BENCHMARKING
  - Constitutive models
  - Failure theories
- LOCALIZED IMPACT PROBLEMS
  - Bird, hail, projectile impact
  - Damage Resistance
- CRASHWORTHINESS
  - Crush behavior
  - Structural integrity



# Crashworthiness of Composites – Material Dynamic Properties

- Principal Investigators & Researchers
  - Suresh Keshavanarayana (PI)
  - Gerardo Olivares (PI)
  - J. Acosta, T. Siddiqui, K.Y. Tan
- FAA Technical Monitor
  - Allan Abramowitz
- Other FAA Personnel Involved
  - Curtis Davies
- Industry Participation
  - CMH17 Crashworthiness Working Group
  - NIS (State of Kansas)

# Program Overview...



# Background..Rate Sensitivity

- Material Systems

- NEWPORT material systems

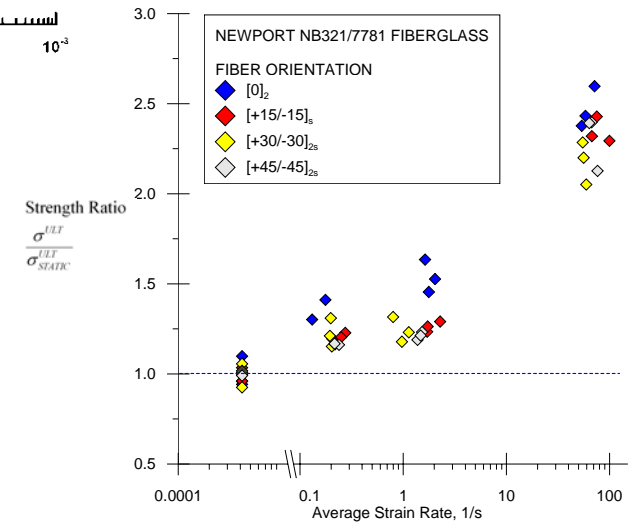
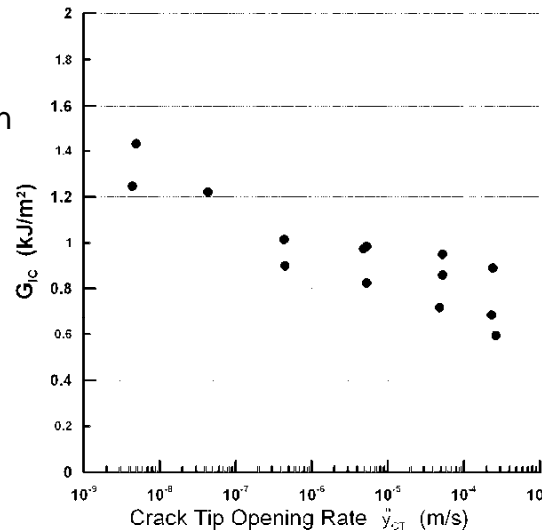
- NB321/3k70 Plain Weave Carbon Fabric (PWCF)
- NB321/7781 Fiberglass

- TORAY material systems

- T800S/3900-2B[P2352W-19] BMS8-276 Rev-H- Unitape
- T700G-12K-50C/3900-2 Plain Weave Carbon Fabric (PWCF)

- Rate Sensitivity

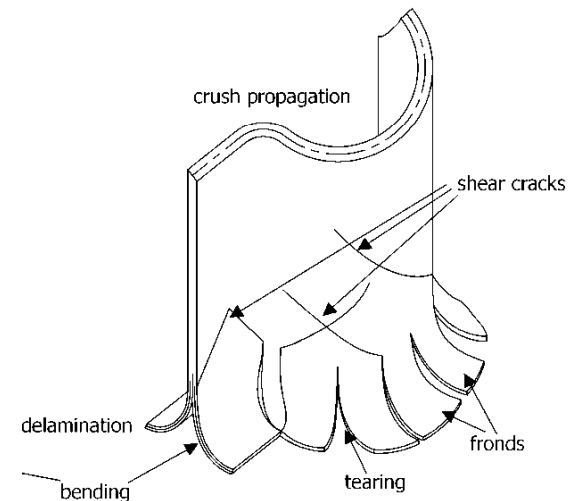
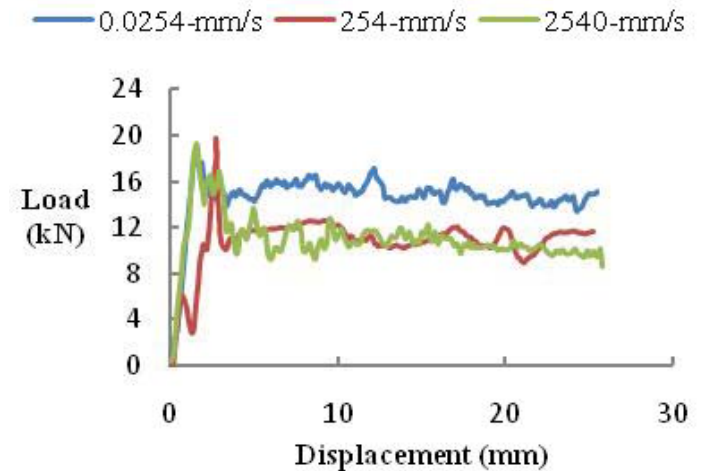
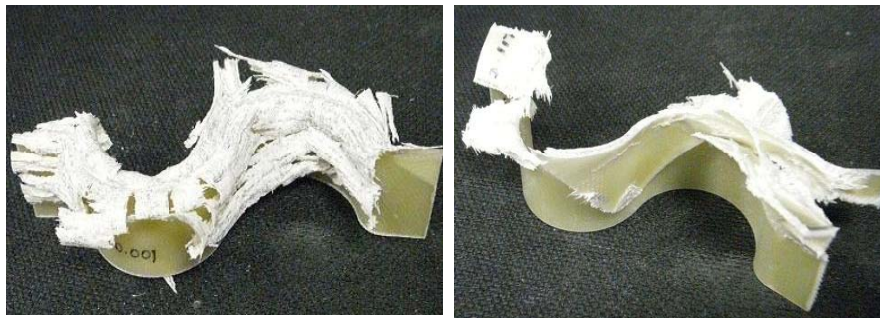
- Dependent on material
- Dependent on loading type ( tension, compression, shear)
- Fracture toughness exhibits trend opposite to that of in-plane properties





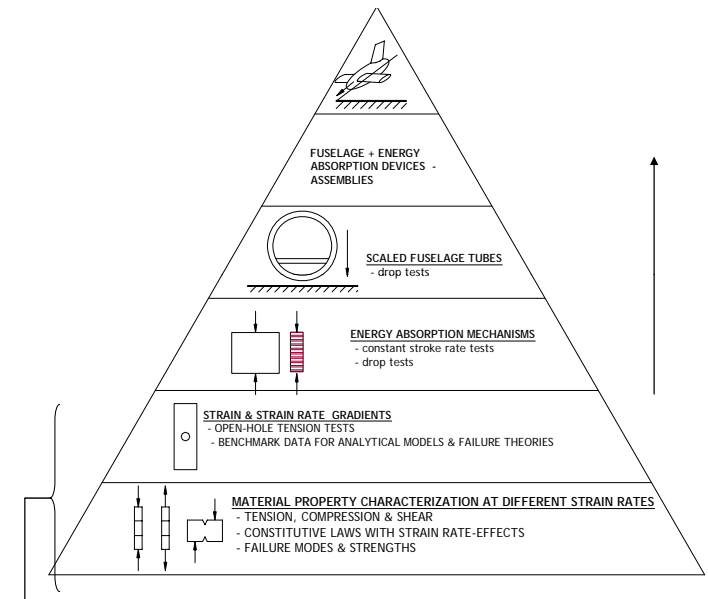
# Background..rate sensitivity

- NB321/7781 material;  $[0]_4$  &  $[\pm 45]_4$ 
  - Crush loads decrease at higher speeds
  - Splaying mode accompanied by tearing of plies observed in  $[0]_4$  specimens.
    - Delaminations
  - Shear cracking observed in  $[\pm 45]_4$  specimens
    - Splaying mode /tearing not established
    - Separation of laminate fragments from specimen



# Recently Completed & Ongoing Work..

- Scaling Studies
  - Tension
    - Observed rate sensitivity in sub-scale coupons applicable at larger scales?\*
- Characterization of CMH-17 material
  - Tension, Compression & Shear
- CMH-17 Round-Robin exercise for Dynamic tensile testing

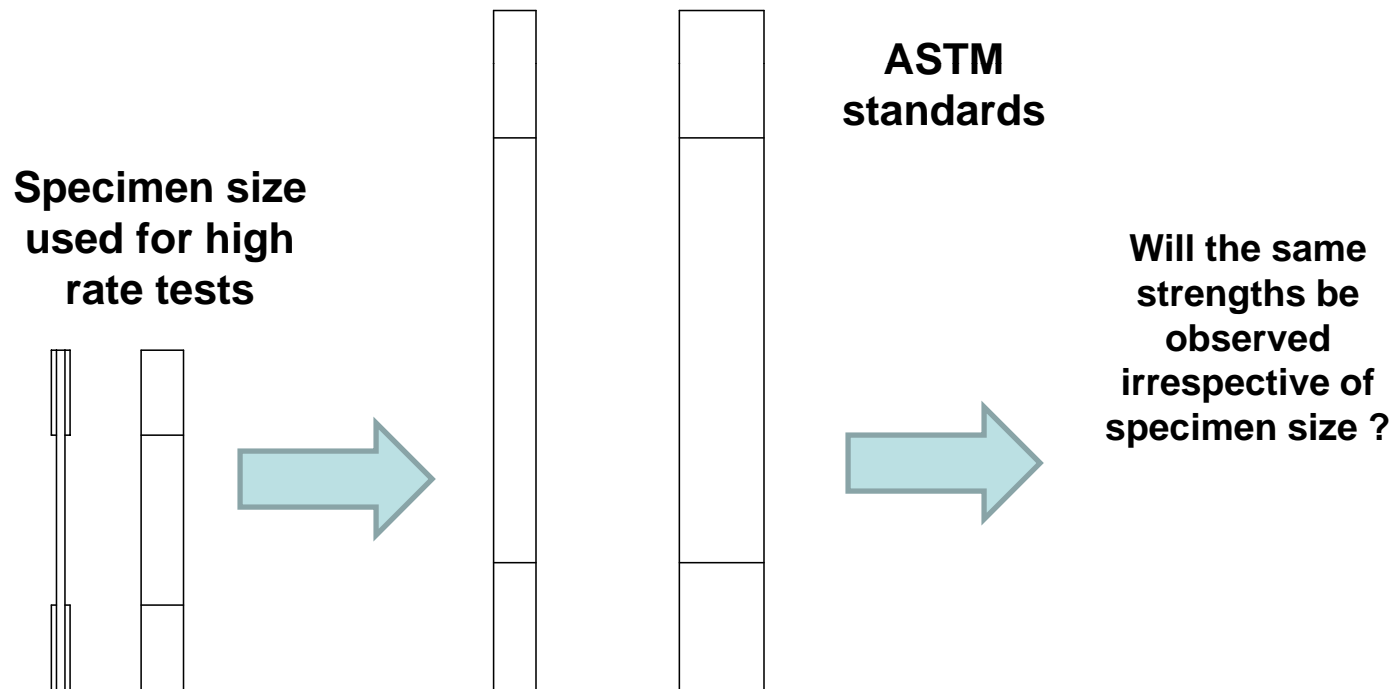


\* K.E. Jackson et. al, J.Comp. Matls., Vol.26, 1992  
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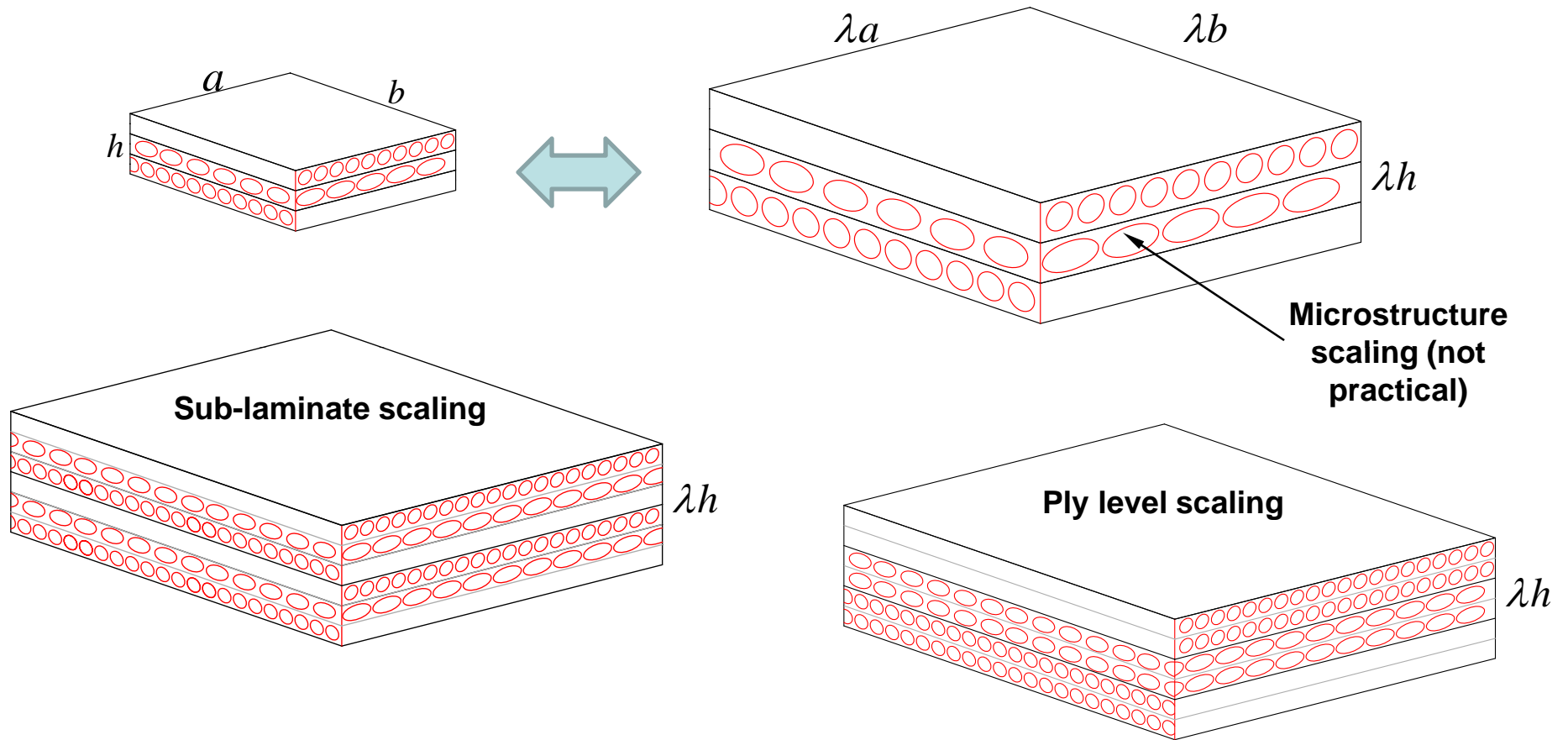


# Scaling Issues..

- Specimen size
  - Reduced specimen size to maximize strain rates
  - Reduced specimens size to minimize failure loads to within testing machine capability



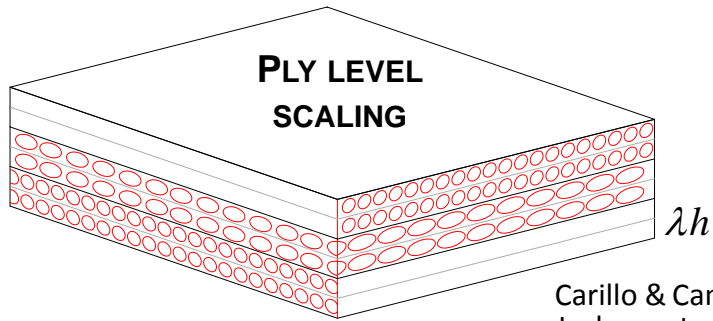
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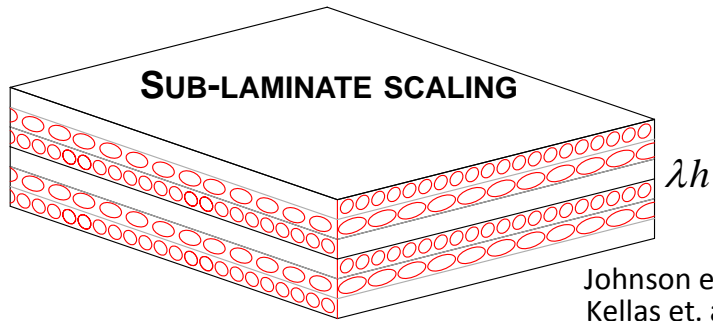
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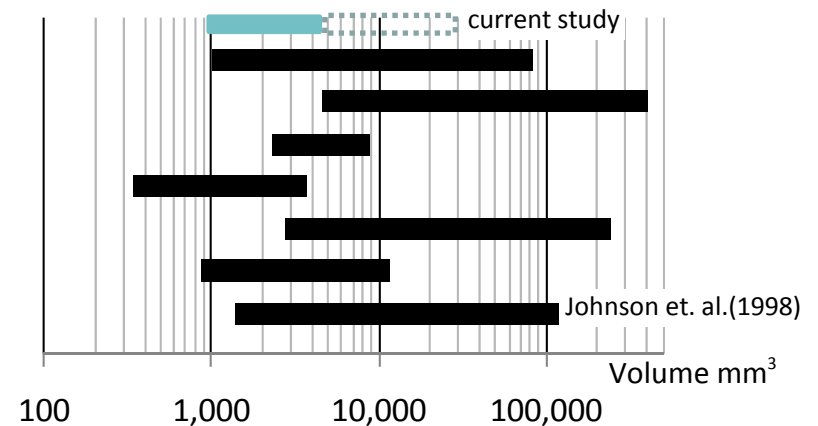
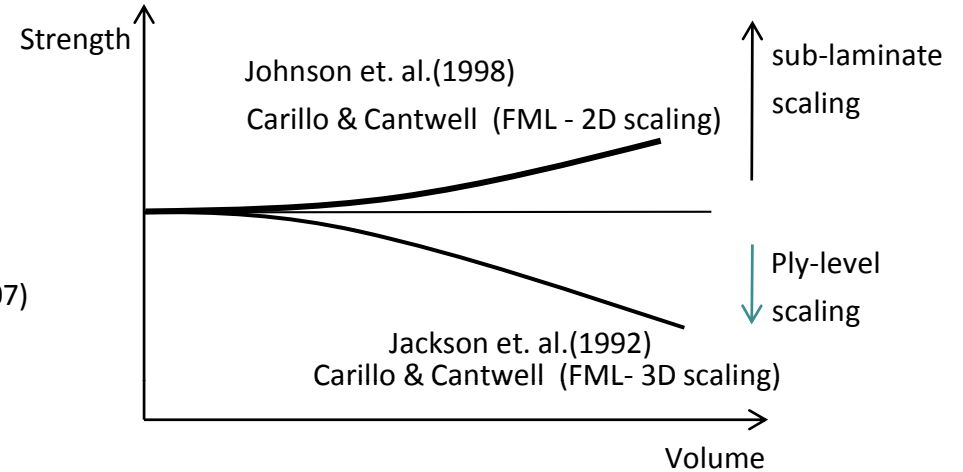
# Geometric Scaling..



Carillo & Cantwell (2007)  
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 Kellas et. al.(1993)



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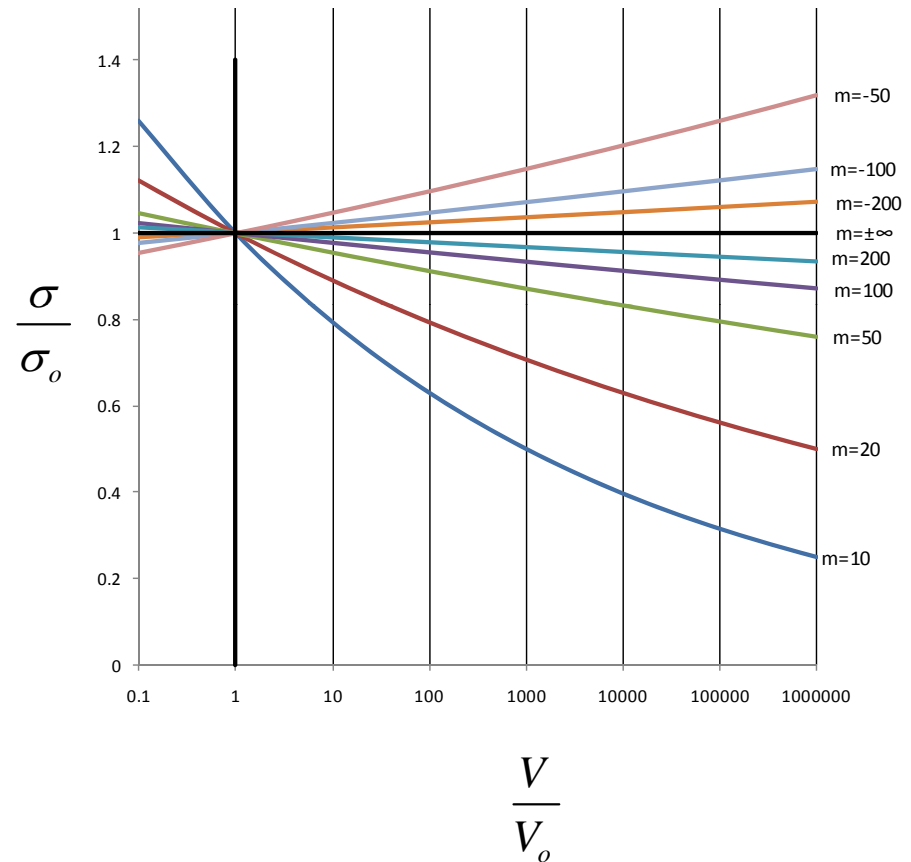
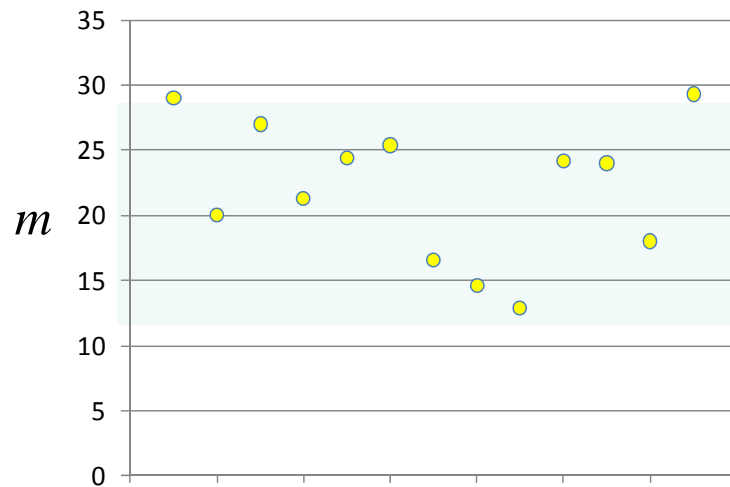
# Weibull model

$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_o} = \left( \frac{V}{V_o} \right)^{-\frac{1}{m}}$$

$\sigma_o \sim$  characteristic(reference) strength

$V_o \sim$  characteristic(reference) Volume

$m \sim$  Weibull modulus



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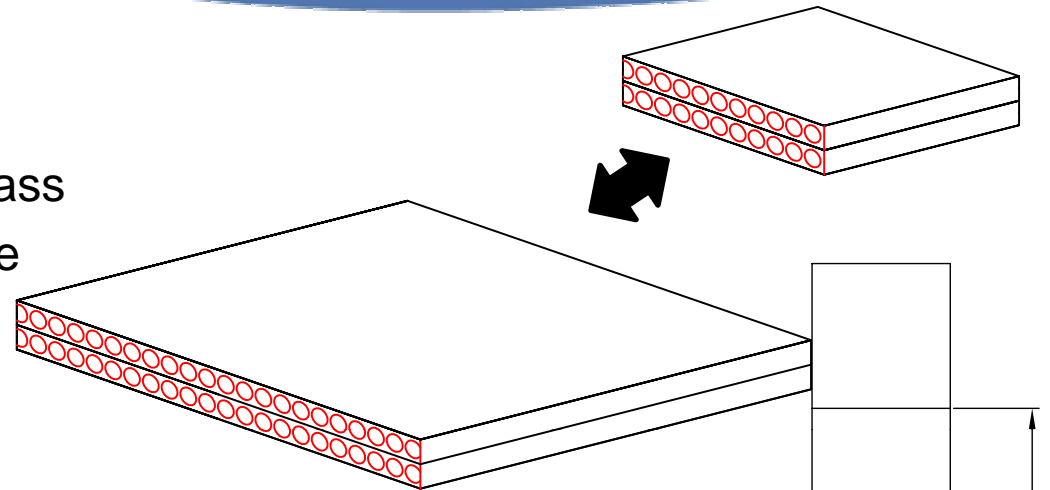
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# Objectives

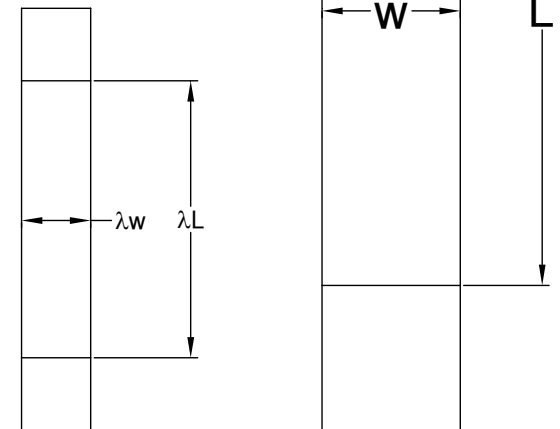
- **Investigate the geometric scaling effects on the tensile properties of composite materials at different strain rates**
  - **Are the scaling effects functions of strain rates?**
  - **Quantify effects in terms of Weibull modulus 'm'**

# Scaling Experiments

- Material Systems
  - Newport NB321/7781 fiberglass
  - Toray T800/3900-2B Unitape
- Scaling type
  - Fabrics : 2D (planar) scaling
  - Unitape : 1D (length) scaling
    - Reduced loading capability



MATERIAL	STACKING SEQUENCE	SCALE $\lambda$	L (mm)	W (mm)
NB321/7781 fiberglass, T700G-12K-50C/3900-2 PWCF	[0] <sub>4</sub> [+45/-45] <sub>s</sub>	1/4*	50.8	12.7
		1/2	101.6	25.4
		1	203.2	50.8
Toray T800S/3900-2B unitape	[0] <sub>4</sub>	1/4*	50.8	12.7
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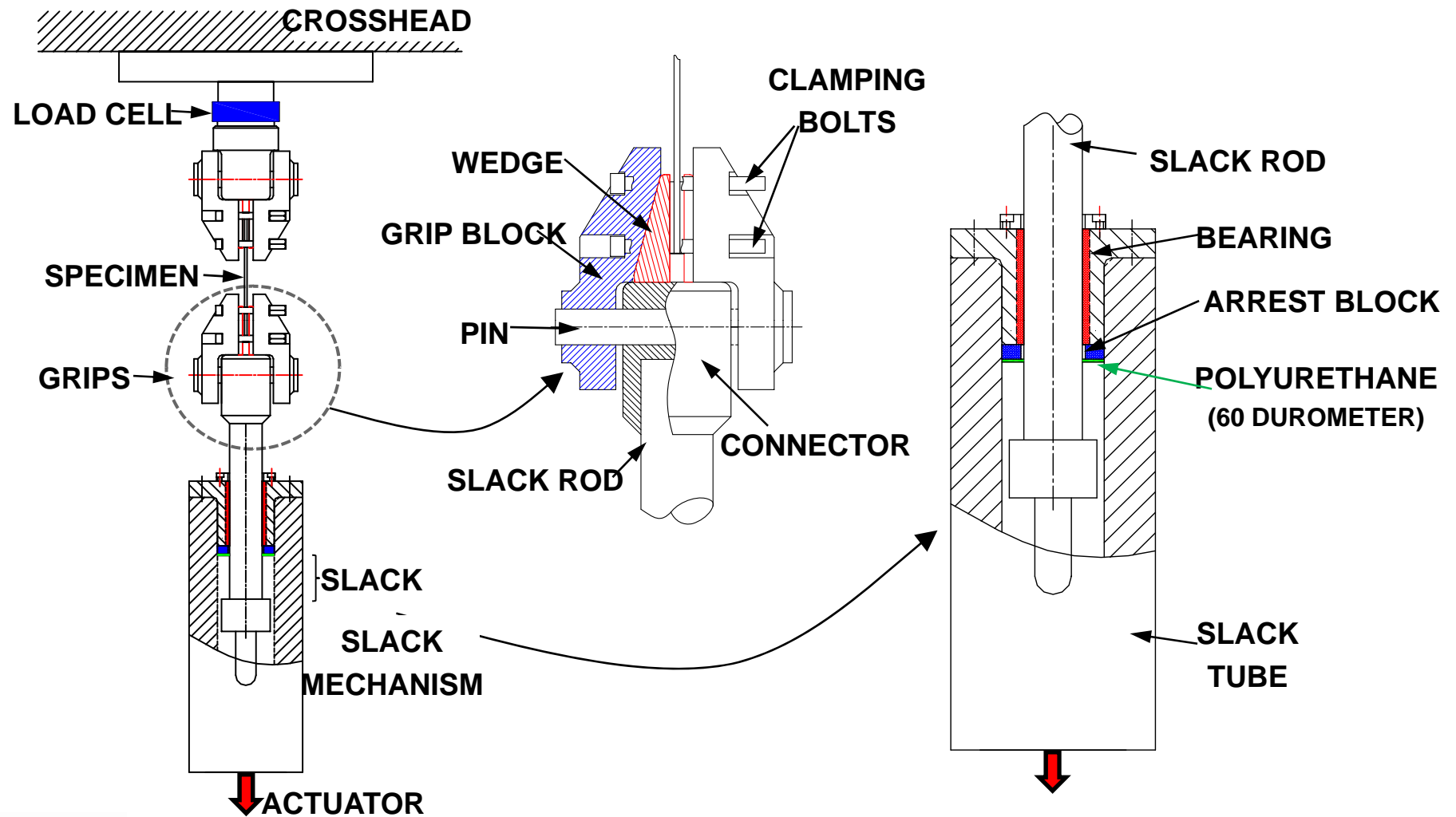


WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY Specimen size used in phase-I





# Tension Test Apparatus...



# Tension Test...Instrumentation

- Load Frames

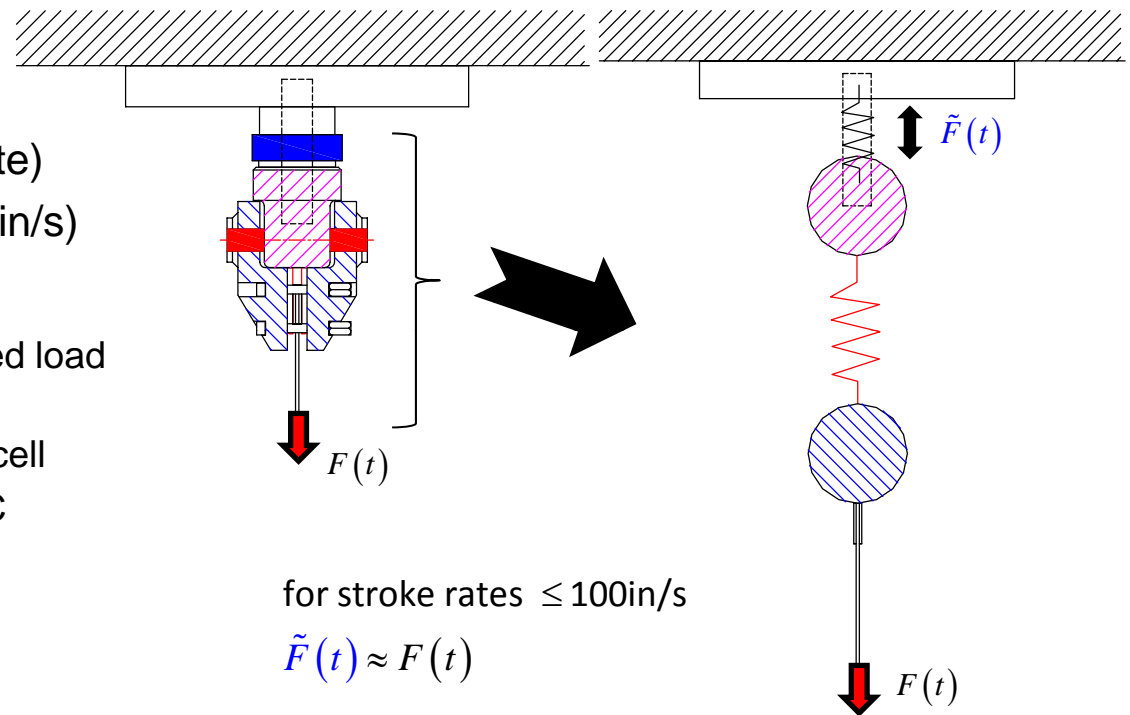
- MTS electromechanical (slow rate)
- MTS high rate ( ~ 0.5 in/s to 500in/s)

- Load measurement

- Slow speed tests ~Strain gage based load cell (5 kip capacity)
- Dynamic Tests ~Piezoelectric load cell
  - PCB Piezotronics model 206C
  - ±10kip capacity
  - ~40kHz upper frequency limit

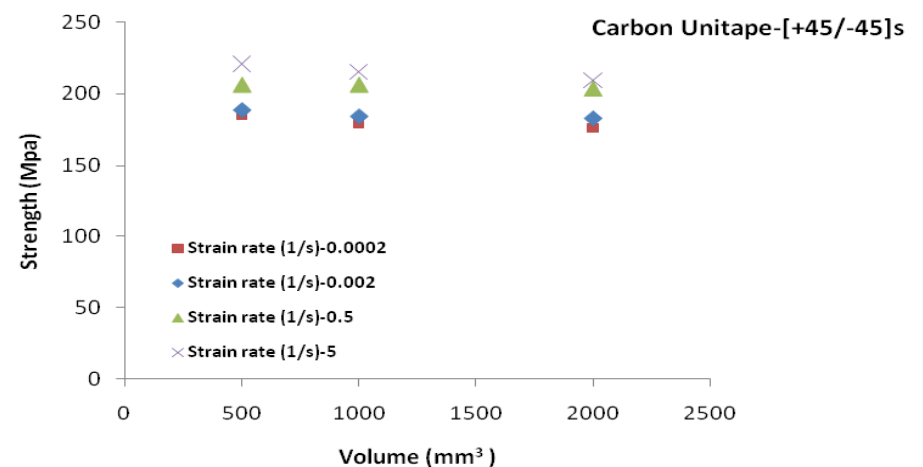
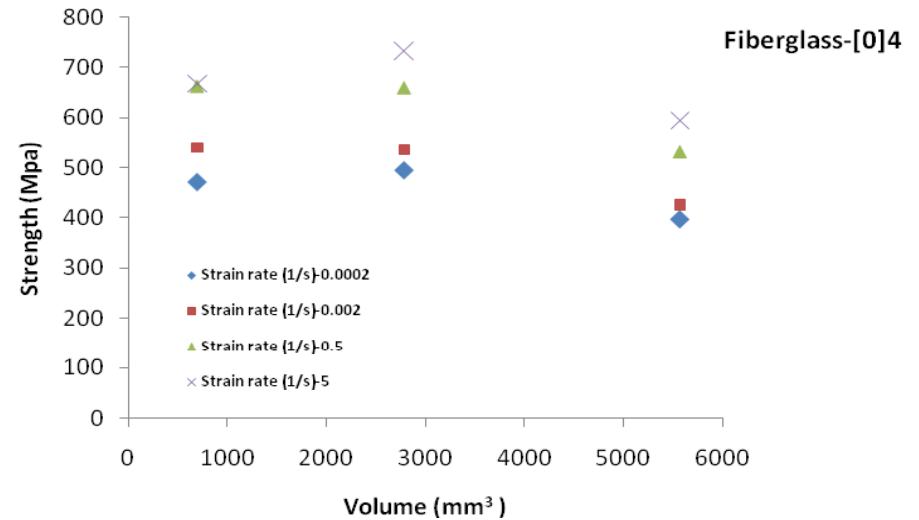
- Strain measurement

- Strain gage CEA-06-250UW-120
- Vishay 2210 signal conditioner
  - Excitation voltage : 1V
  - DC to 50kHz (-0.5dB max)


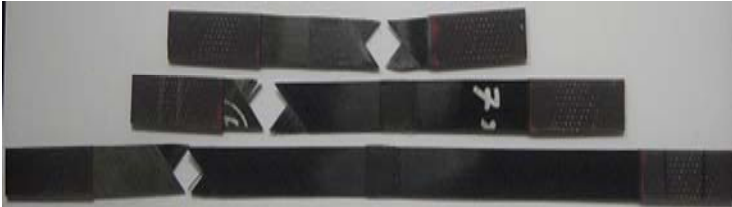






# Test Results

- Sensitivity to strain rate observed at all volumes
- Scaling effects consistent with literature
  - Reduction in strength with increase in volume
  - No significant change in modulus
- Range of volumes investigated to date is limited.

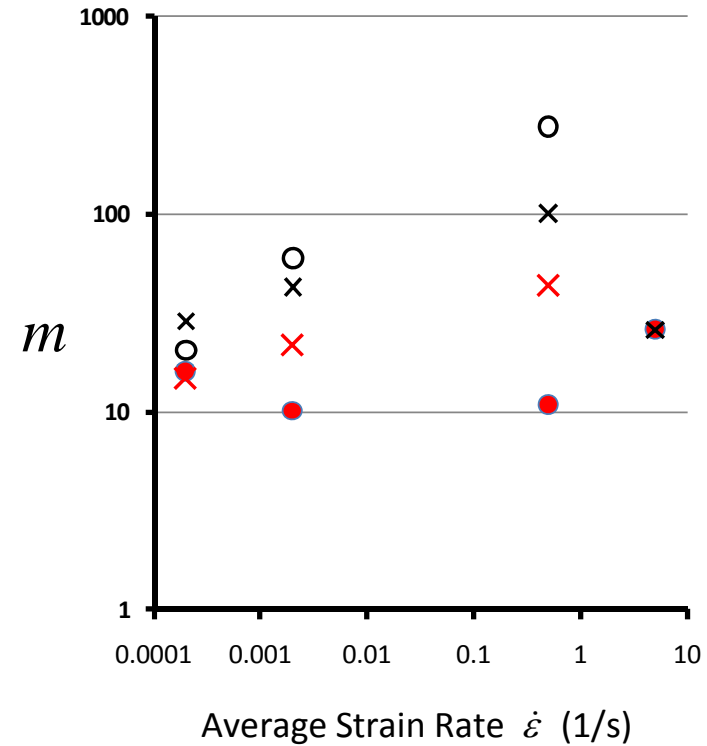
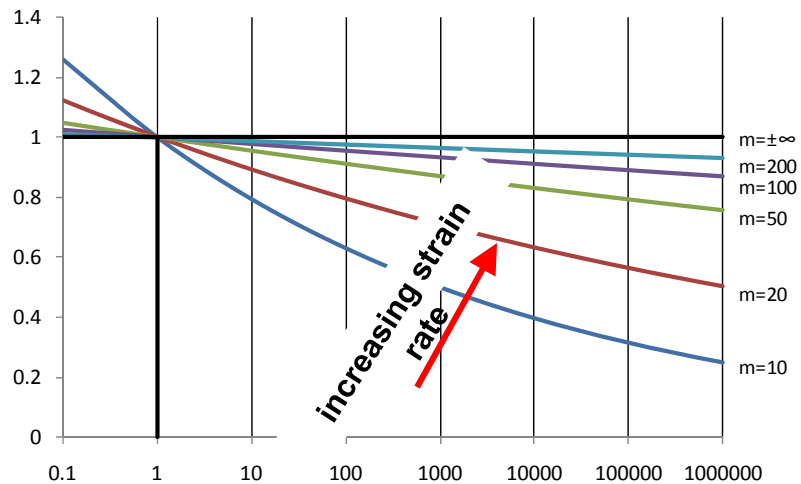


# Failure modes..

Strain Rate (1/s)	$[0]_4$ specimens	$[+45/-45]_s$ Specimens
0.0002		
0.002		
0.5		

# Test Results..Weibull Modulus

- Based on Weibull modulus, the scaling effects tend to diminish with increasing strain rates
  - Increase in 'm' dependent on material system and stacking sequence



- [0]<sub>4</sub>
  - × [+45/-45]<sub>s</sub>
  - [0]<sub>4</sub>
  - × [±45]<sub>4</sub>
- } Toray T800/3900-2B Unitape  
 } Newport NB321/7781

# Material Characterization..Round Robin

- Characterization of *in-plane* stress-strain behavior of Toray T700/2510 Plain weave carbon/epoxy (F6273C-07M) under dynamic rates of loading (P.I :G.Olivares)
  - Tension (current activity)
    - $[0]_n$ ,  $[+/-45]_{ns}$
  - Compression
  - Shear
- Strain Rates
  - Quasi-static to  $\sim 250s^{-1}$


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*Original plans included Newport NB321/7781 fiberglass/epoxy material. Due to budget & time constraints, this material will not be used.*



# Participating Labs/Agencies (POCs)

 Co-ordination, Reporting

 Specimen fab., fixturing, instrumentation (strain gage)

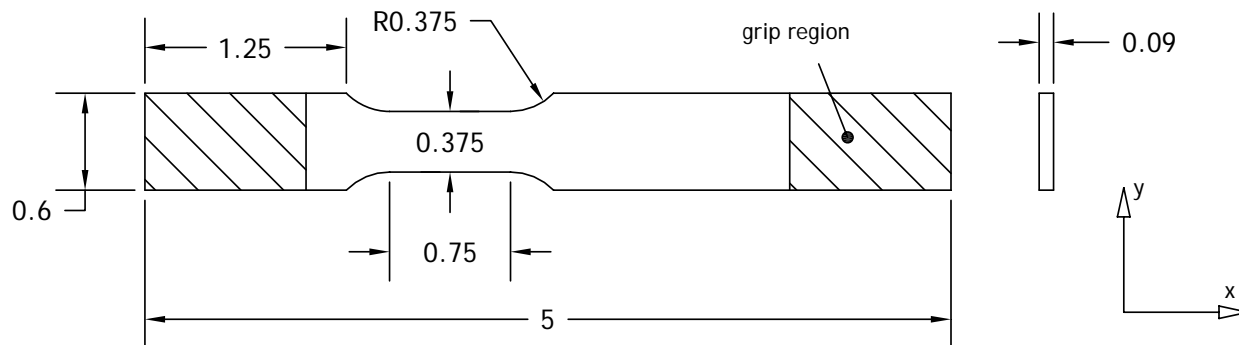
 Material

 Testing

- FAA/NIAR/WSU (A. Abramowitz, G. Olivares, K.S. Raju)    
- Boeing (M.Rassaian, ?) 
- Ohio State University (A. Gilat) 
- DLR (Alastair Johnson) 
- University of Utah (Dan Adams) 
- Oakridge National Labs (M. Starbuck) 
- Toray America (Sam Tiam) 

# Round Robin Activity

- Primary Objective
  - Characterize strain rate sensitivity of Toray T700/2510 Plain weave carbon/epoxy (F6273C-07M) material at strain rates ranging between 0.01 to 250 s<sup>-1</sup>.
- Secondary Objective
  - evaluate the test methods/apparatus, specifically load measurement methods, employed by the participating laboratories.
    - Use extended tab 2024-T3 aluminum specimens



# Nominal Quasi-Static Properties...

Property	Material		
	2024-T3 bare <sup>(1)</sup>	Toray <sup>(2)</sup>	Newport <sup>(3)</sup>
Thickness/ply thickness (in)	0.010 – 0.128	0.0084	0.009
Young's Moduli (Msi)	E=10.5	E <sub>1</sub> =8.12 E <sub>2</sub> =7.97	E <sub>1</sub> =4.19
Shear Modulus (Msi)	G=4.0	G <sub>12</sub> =0.58	G <sub>12</sub> =0.61
Poisson's Ratio	v=0.33	v <sub>12</sub> =0.042	v <sub>12</sub> =0.138
Tensile Strength (ksi)	F <sub>TU</sub> =65 (L)*	F <sub>1t</sub> =132 F <sub>2t</sub> =112	F <sub>t</sub> =63.5
Shear Strength (ksi)	F <sub>SU</sub> = 40*	F <sub>12s</sub> =22	F <sub>12s</sub> =19

Used for tabs

## Data Source

<sup>(1)</sup>MMPDS (\* B-basis values)

<sup>(2)</sup>AGATE WP3.3-033051-134. Lamina properties (Oven cured)

<sup>(3)</sup>AGATE WP3.3-033051-097. Laminate properties (Oven cured)

# Tension Test Apparatus...

participating labs use their

own

Load sensors

CROSSHEAD

LOAD CELL

SPECIMEN

GRIPS

WEDGE

GRIP BLOCK

PIN

SLACK ROD

CLAMPING

BOLTS

CONNECTOR

SLACK ROD

READING

ARREST BLOCK

POLYURETHANE  
(60 DUROMETER)

SLACK

SLACK

MECHANISM

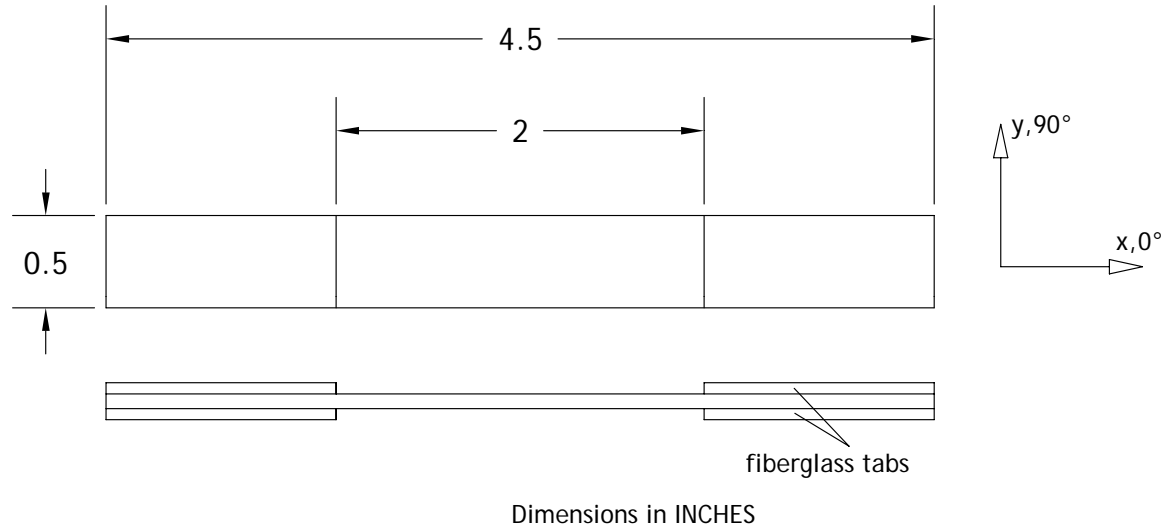
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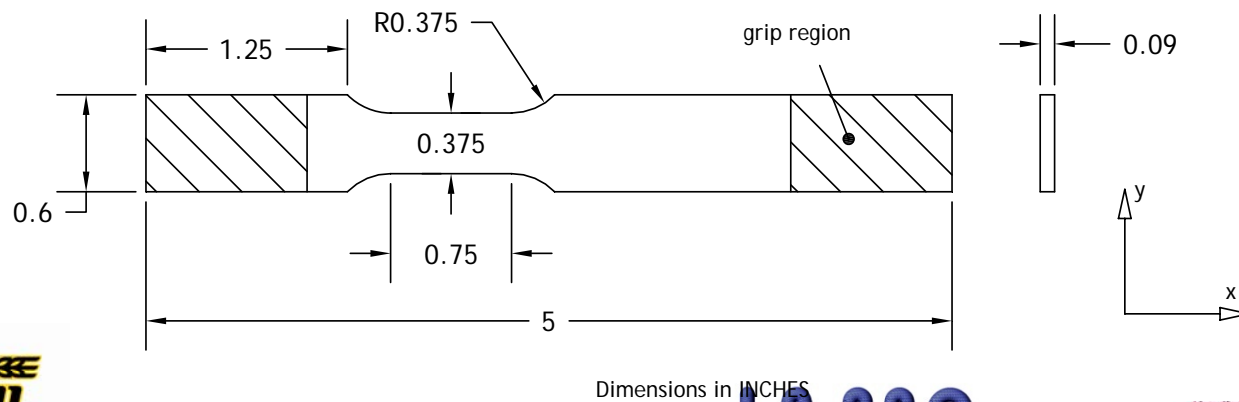
ACTUATOR

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# Test Specimen Geometries..

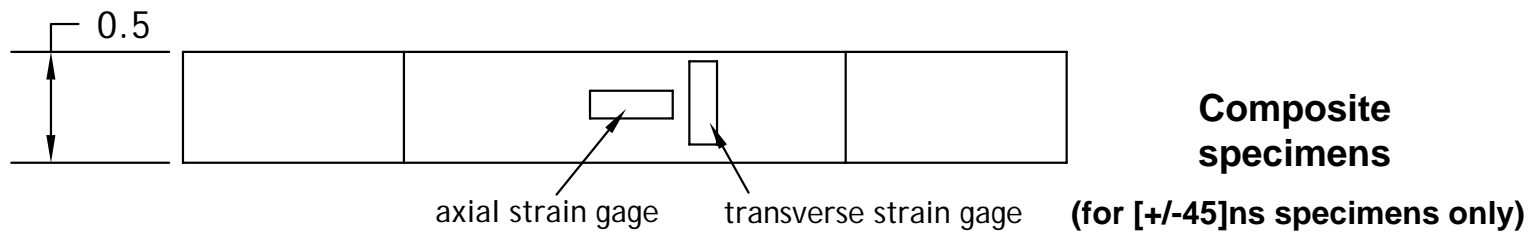
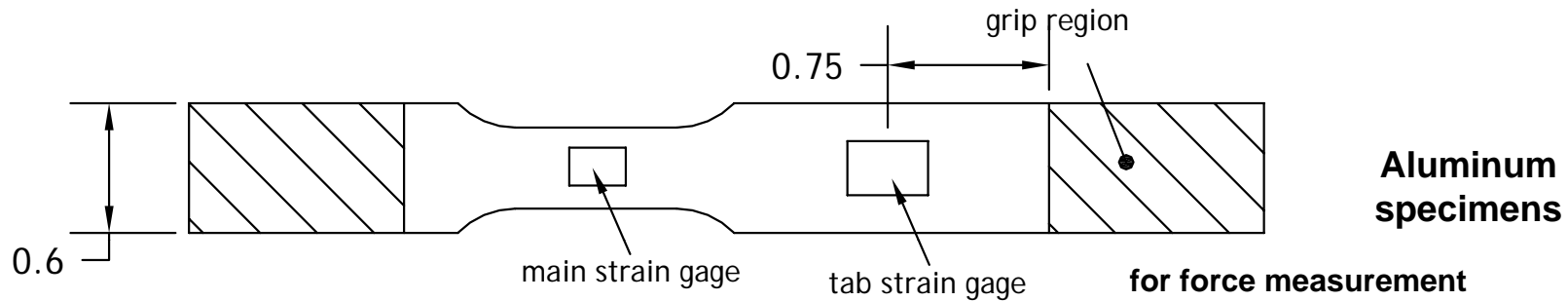


Composite specimens



Aluminum specimens

# Instrumentation..



NOTE : Strain gages are not drawn to scale

Dimensions in INCHES

Instrumentation will be done by WSU/NIAR



# Test matrix...

Material System	Nominal Strain rate (1/s)			
	0.01	1	100	250
2024-T3 Aluminum	×3	×3	×3	×3
TORAY T700/2510 plain weave/epoxy (F6273C-07M)				
[0] <sub>4</sub>	×3	×3	×3	×3
[90] <sub>4</sub> (TBD)	×3	×3	×3	×3
[±45] <sub>4</sub>	×3	×3	×3	×3
NEWPORT NB321/7781 fiberglass/epoxy				
[0] <sub>4</sub>	<del>×3</del>	<del>×3</del>	<del>×3</del>	<del>×3</del>
[±45] <sub>4</sub>	<del>×3</del>	<del>×3</del>	<del>×3</del>	<del>×3</del>

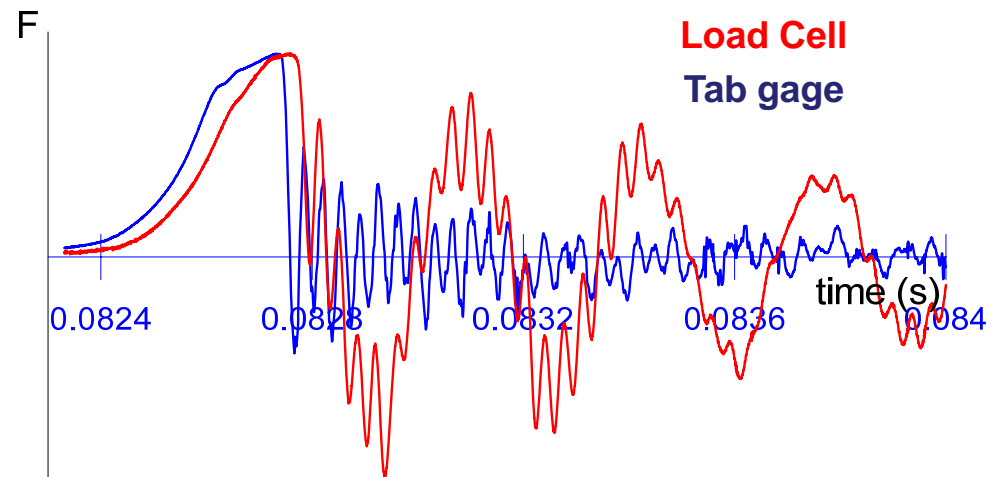
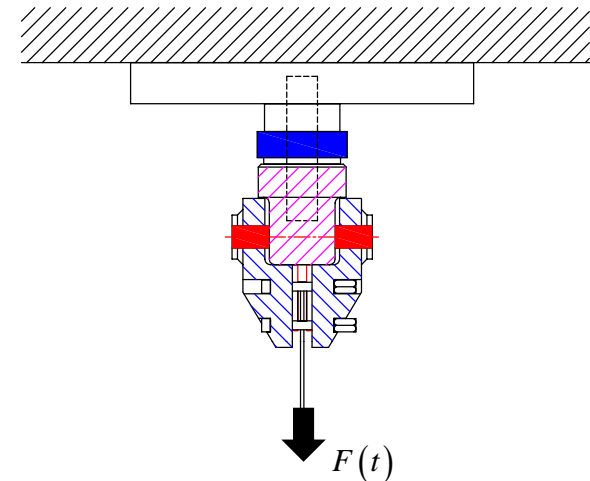
**Total : 48 tests**

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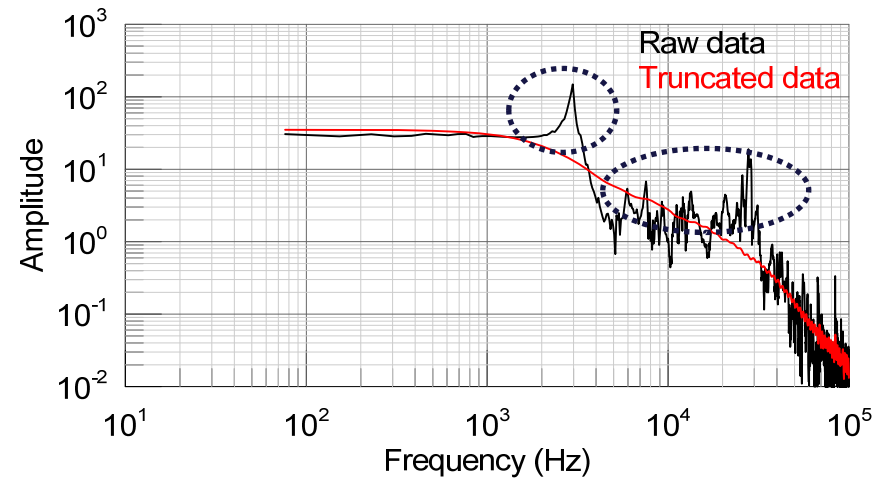
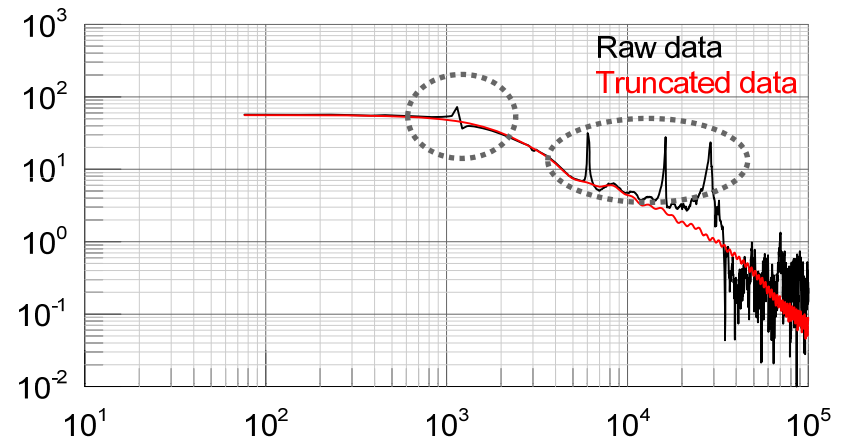
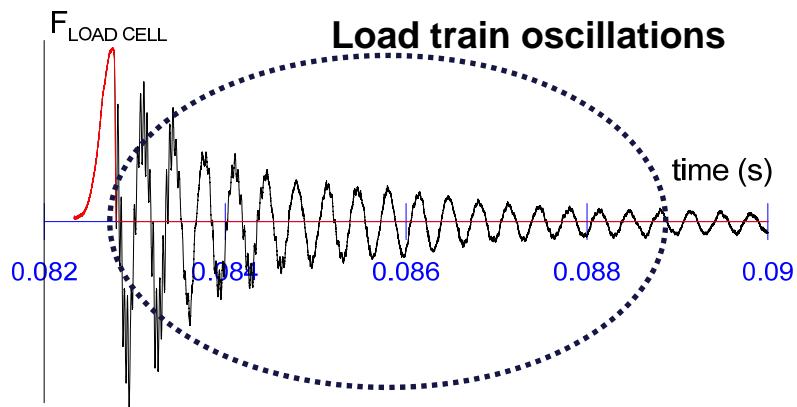
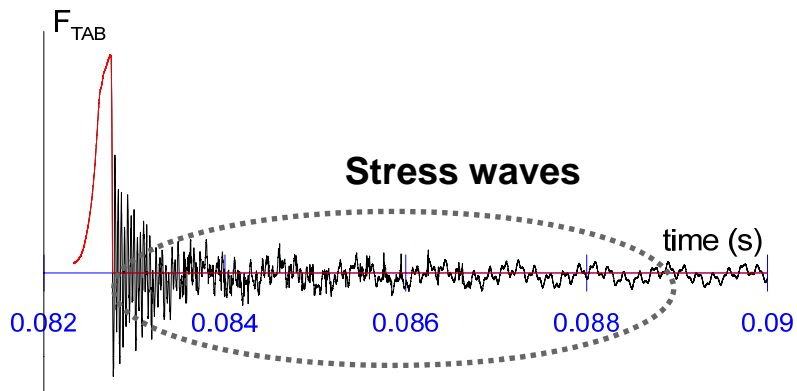
- Document (draft) describing the round-robin activity mailed to participants
  - Ohio State (A. Gilat) requested a different specimen geometry and attachments for use with SHPB apparatus
- Aluminum Specimens
  - Machining has been completed
  - Instrumentation under progress
- Fabrication of Test panels completed
  - C-scan of fabricated panels completed
  - Tapping and specimen machining under progress
- Machining of test fixtures completed

# Preliminary Tests...

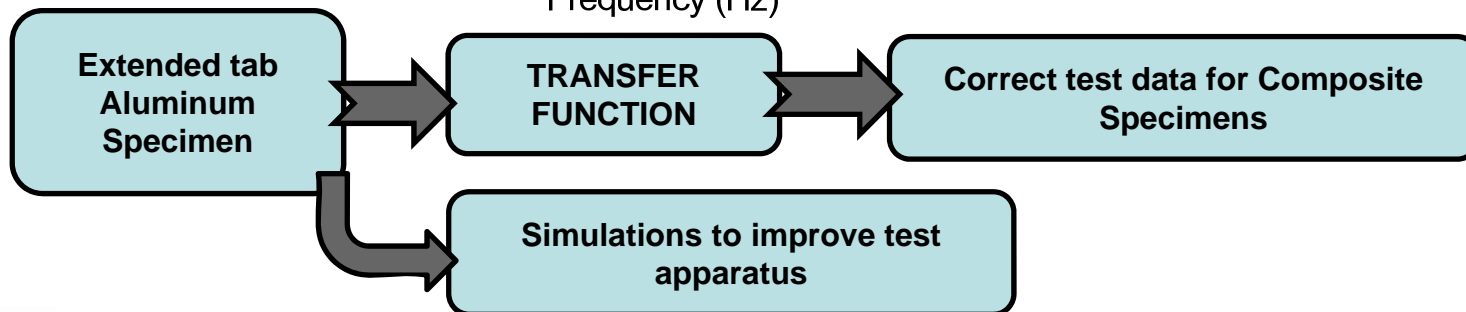
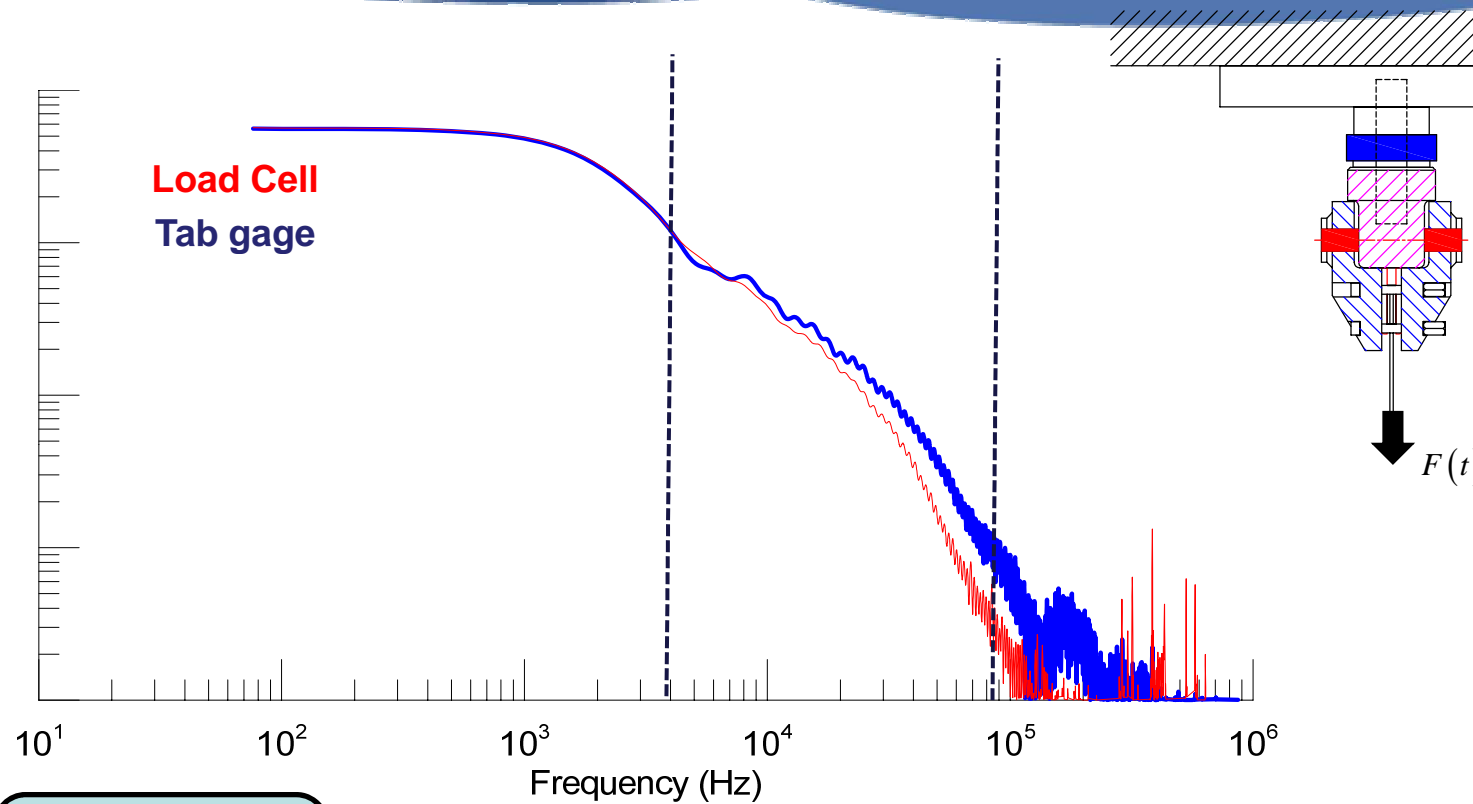
- Extended Tab Aluminum Specimen
- Load measurement
  - PCB Piezotronics model 206C
    - $\pm 10$ kip capacity
    - $\sim 40$ kHz upper frequency limit
- Strain measurement
  - Strain gage CEA-06-250UW-120
  - Vishay 2210 signal conditioner



# Load measurement..



# Load Measurement..



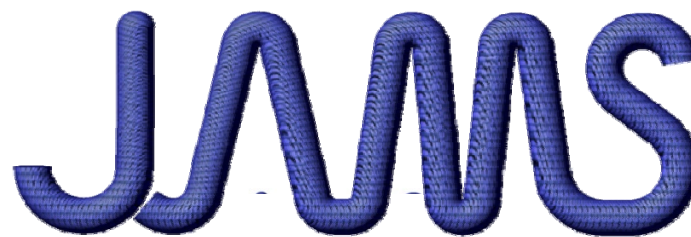
# Looking Forward

- Benefit to Aviation
  - Rate sensitive data for different material systems
  - Guidelines for conducting dynamic testing using servo machine
- Future needs
  - Round-Robin exercises for Compression, Shear
  - Evaluation of material models



End of Presentation.

Thank you.



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