

# Modeling Threaded Fasteners

## A Case Study for Low Fidelity Modeling Techniques

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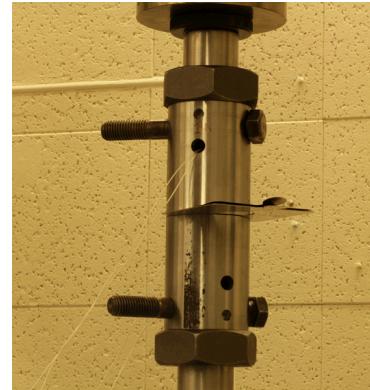
# Motivation

- Large scale, high fidelity analysis is inherent to the types of complex structures that are analyzed at Sandia.
- These complex structures can contain many fasteners, and the fasteners can be:
  - Different sizes
  - Subjected to diverse loadings
  - Loaded at various rates
- It is thus becomes necessary to model fasteners with a lower level of fidelity yet still capture the global behavior of the joint, especially when its performance is critical to the output quantities of interest.

Goal: benchmark performance of low fidelity fastener modeling techniques.

# Approach

- Perform quasistatic and dynamic testing for pure tensile and shear loadings on NAS1352-06-6P threaded fasteners.
- Calibrate low fidelity modeling approaches to quasistatic test data.
- Extend calibrated models to dynamic analysis and assess performance at elevated strain rates.



*Quasistatic Tension Test Setup*



*Quasistatic Shear Test Setup*



*Dynamic Tension Test Setup*

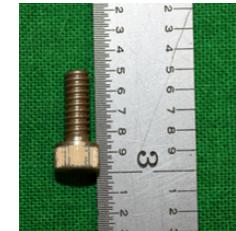
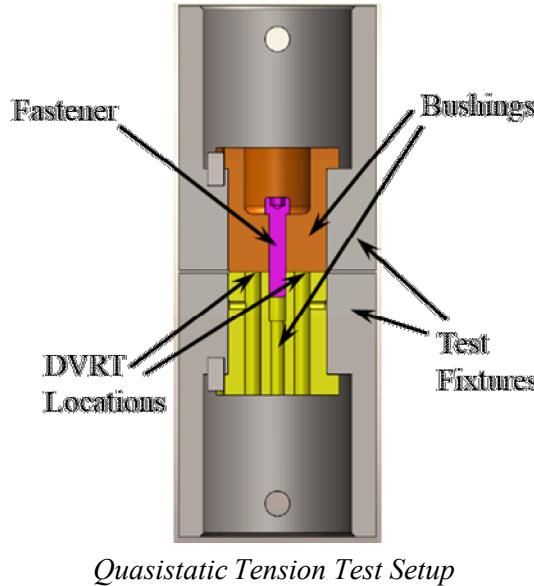


*Dynamic Shear Test Setup*

We will focus on the tension tests and analysis

# Quasistatic Testing

- Test fixtures made of tool steel.
- Four DVRTs located in bottom bushing take local displacement measurements of bushing separation
- Tests performed on both preloaded (20 in-lb) and hand-tightened fasteners.



NAS1352-06-6P Fastener

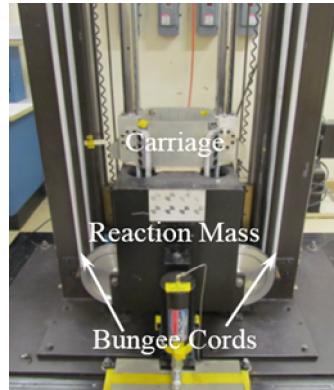


DVRT Locations in Bushing

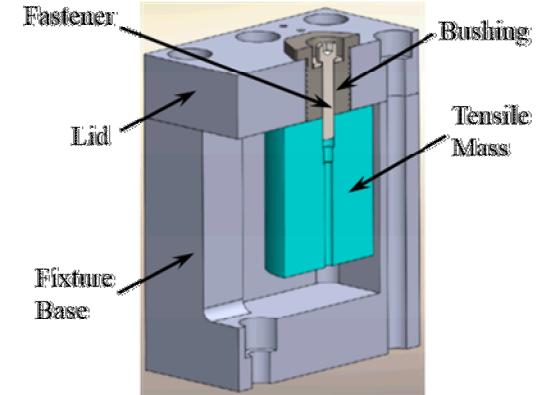
NAS1352-06-6P	SML6-3	SML6-7	SML6-12	SML6-13	SML6-22	SML6-31	SML6-33	Model
Head Diameter, A, (in)	0.222	0.223	0.222	0.224	0.224	0.221	0.224	0.226
Head Height, H, (in)	0.1367	0.1365	0.1372	0.1372	0.1371	0.1372	0.1369	0.138
Shank Length, L, (in)	0.3688	0.364	0.3673	-	0.3639	0.3618	0.3686	0.375
Major Diameter, D, (in)	0.134	0.133	0.134	0.134	0.135	0.134	0.135	N/A
Tensile Stress Area, $A_s$ , (in <sup>2</sup> )	0.0084	0.0083	0.0084	0.0084	0.0086	0.0084	0.0086	0.0084

# Dynamic Testing

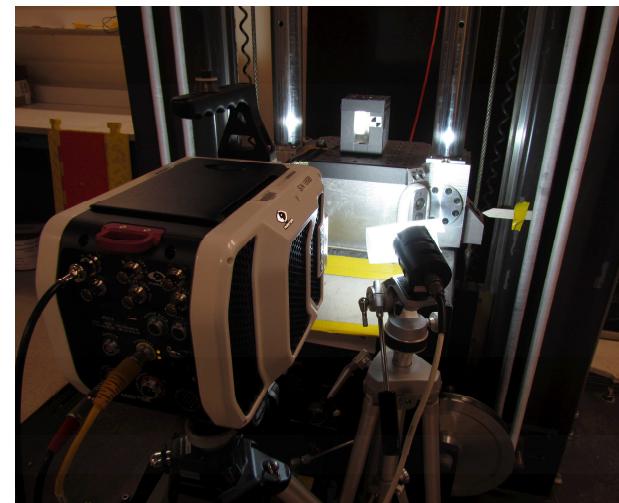
- To create a dynamic loading scenario test fixtures were bolted to the carriage of a bungee accelerated drop table.
- When the drop table carriage impacts the reaction mass the fastener experiences a tensile loading caused by the acceleration of the tensile mass.
- Multiple accelerometers placed on test fixture for validation metrics.
- All tests were performed with the fasteners preloaded to 22 in-lb.



*Drop Table*



*Dynamic Tension Test Fixture*

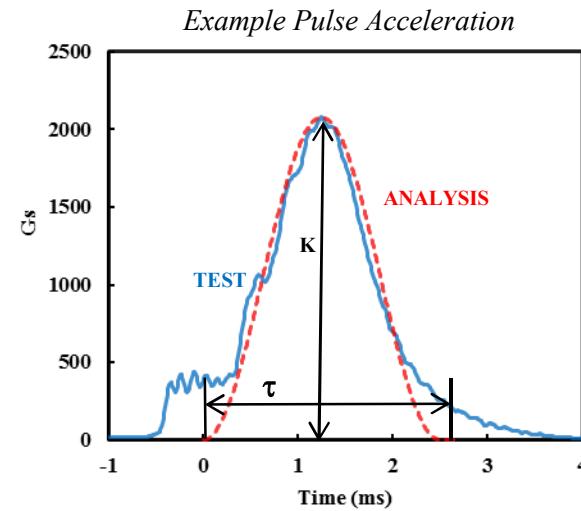
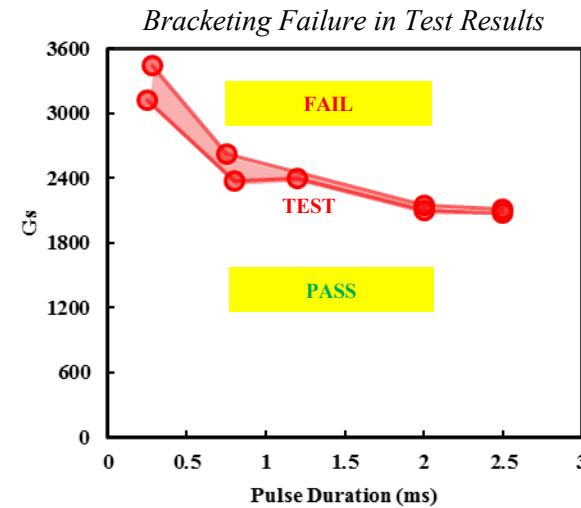


*Drop Table Experimental Setup*

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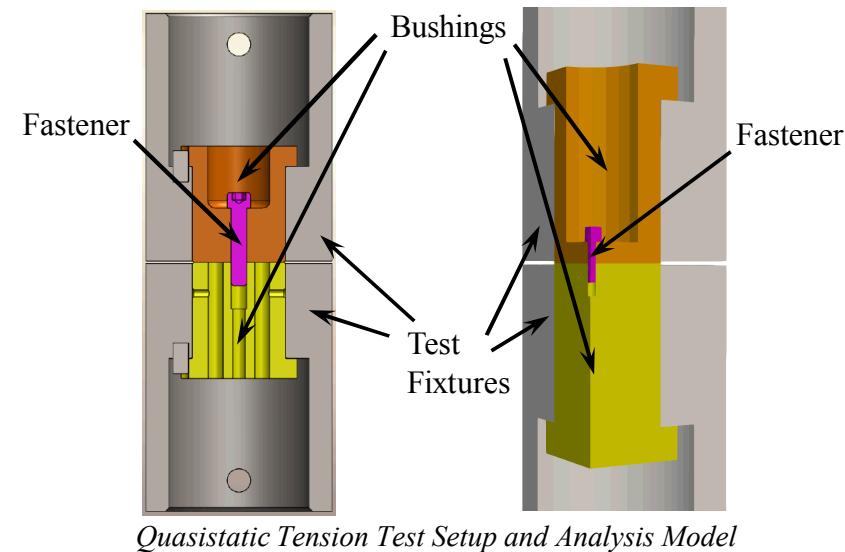
- Main objective: determine failure load of fastener while varying shape of pulse acceleration.
- Five pulse levels were chosen that spanned the entire range of the drop table capability.
- With only four screws to test at each velocity level it was critical to bracket the failure point by achieving both a catastrophic failure and a non-failure within the four tests.
- “Pulses” approximately take the form of a haversine function.

$$K \sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi t}{\tau} \right)$$

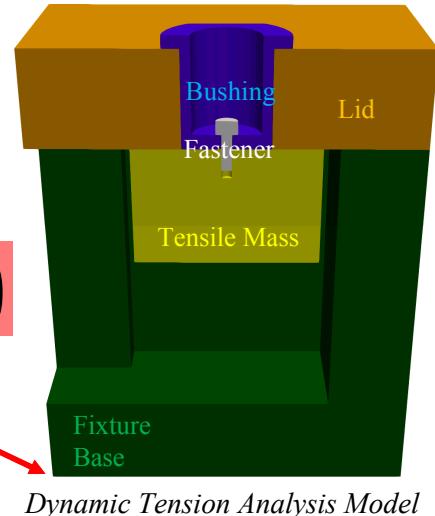
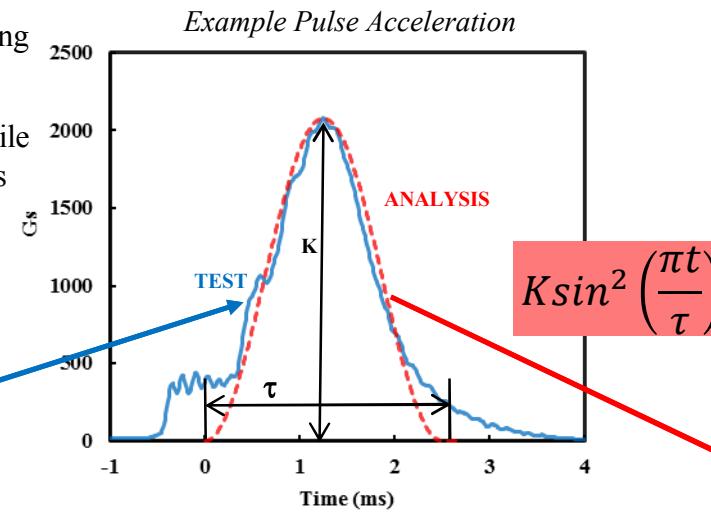
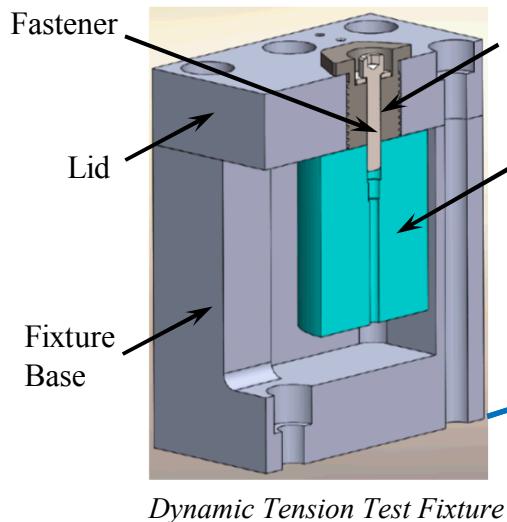


# Analysis Models

- One-quarter (quasistatic) and one-half (dynamic) of the test setups were modeled utilizing symmetry.
- Displacement analytically measured at DVRT locations on quasistatic analysis model.
- Pulse acceleration applied to bottom of fixture base in dynamic analysis model.



Quasistatic Tension Test Setup and Analysis Model



Dynamic Tension Analysis Model

# Fastener Modeling Approaches

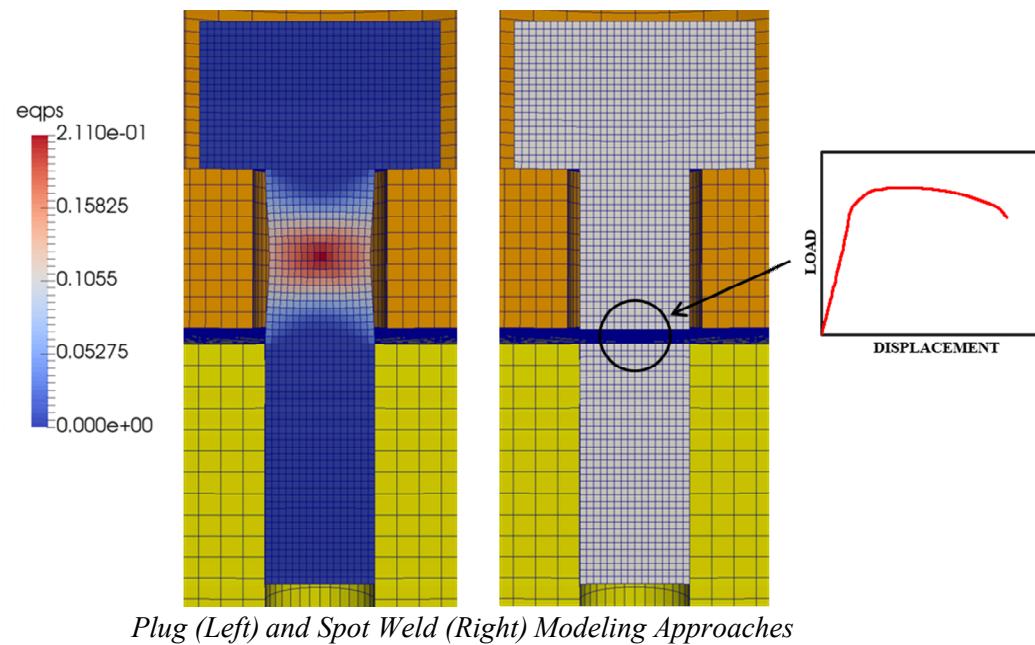
- Studied two low fidelity modeling approaches: Plug and Spot Weld

## Plug

- Hex elements
- Elastic plastic constitutive model
- Piecewise-linear hardening
- EQPS death criterion

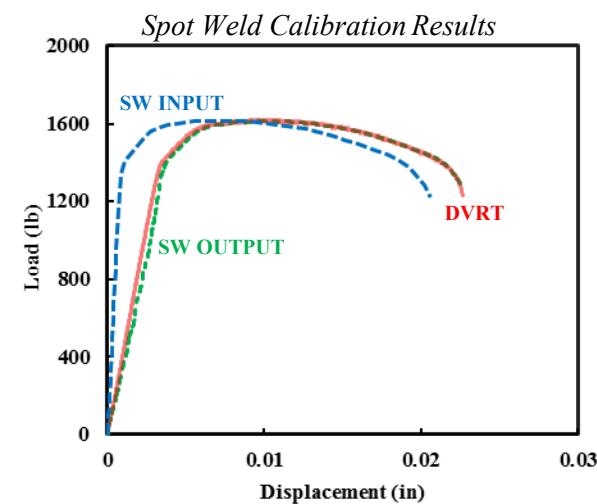
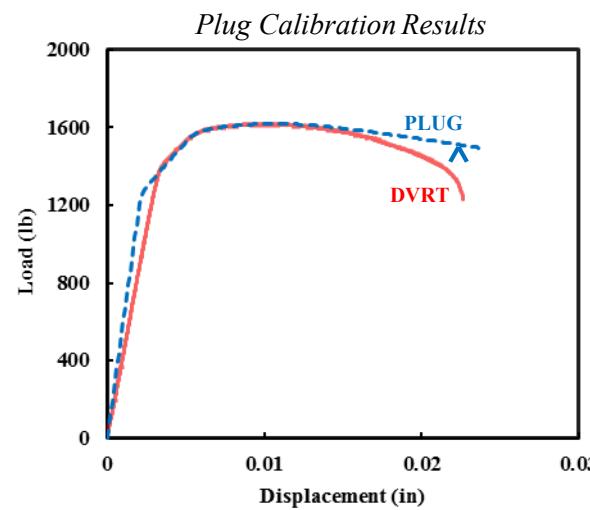
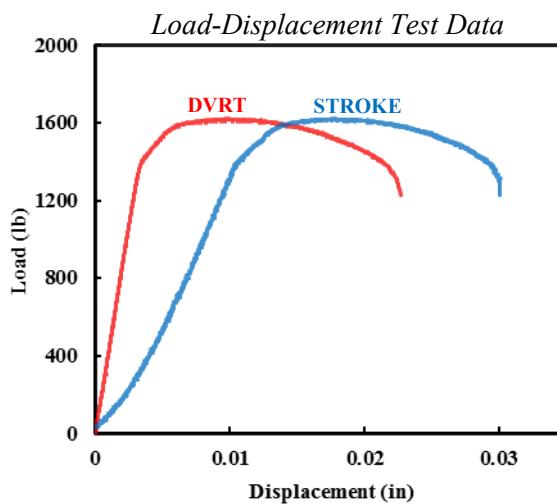
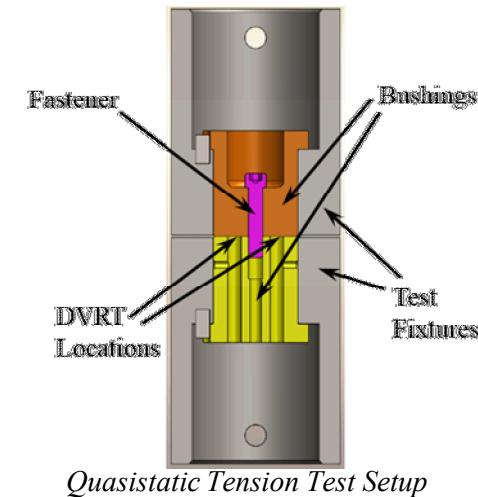
## Spot Weld

- Hex elements
- Elastic constitutive model
- P- $\delta$  defined relationship
- Fails at end of P- $\delta$  curve



# Quasistatic Test Results

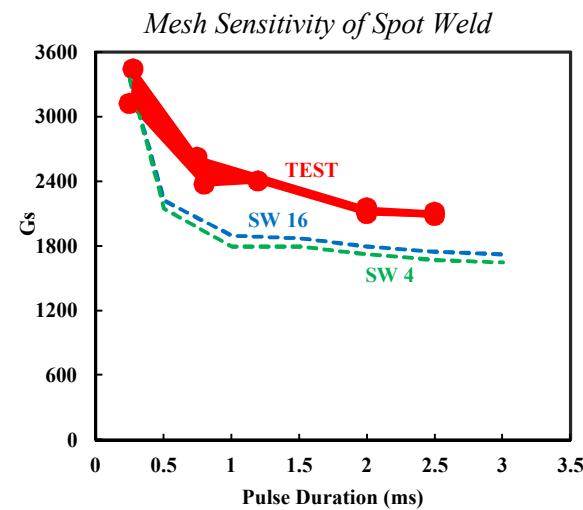
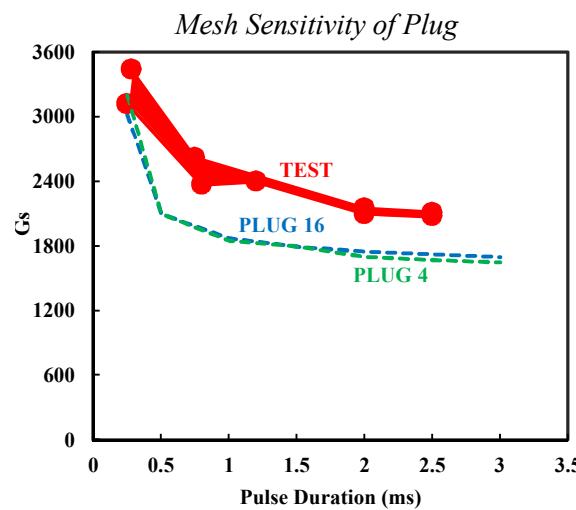
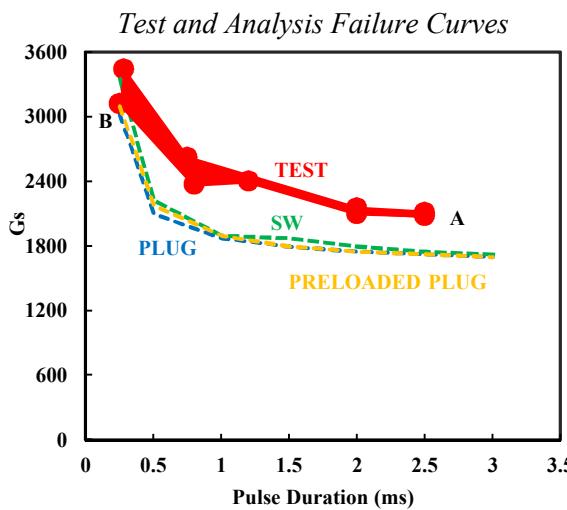
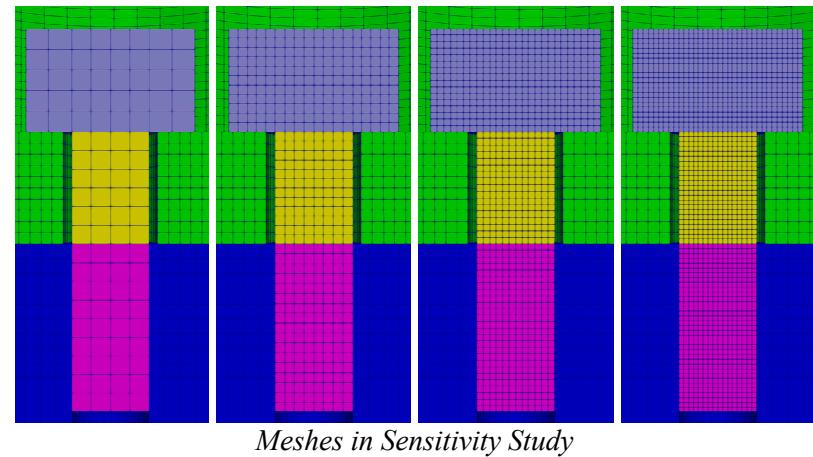
- Displacement measurements from stroke and DVRTs were very different.
- Compliance significantly contributes to data acquisition.
- Both modeling methods reasonably reproduce test results.



DVRT data provides a more local and reliable measurement.

# Dynamic Test Results

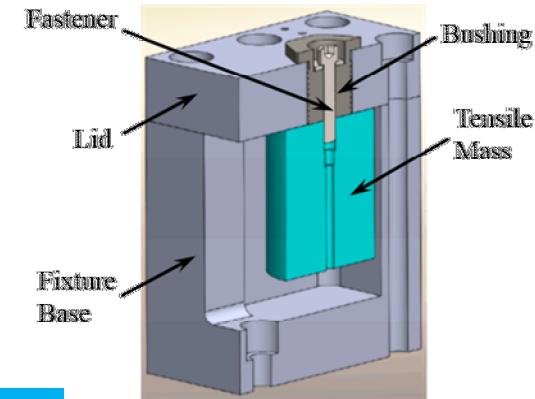
- Dynamic failure curves were reproduced with each modeling method.
- Failure defined as complete cross-section separation.
- Sensitivity study performed to further assess modeling approaches.



Modeling approaches conservatively predict failure and are insensitive to mesh size.

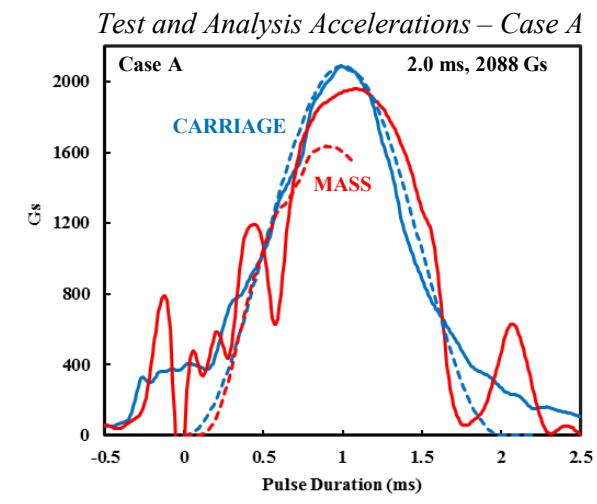
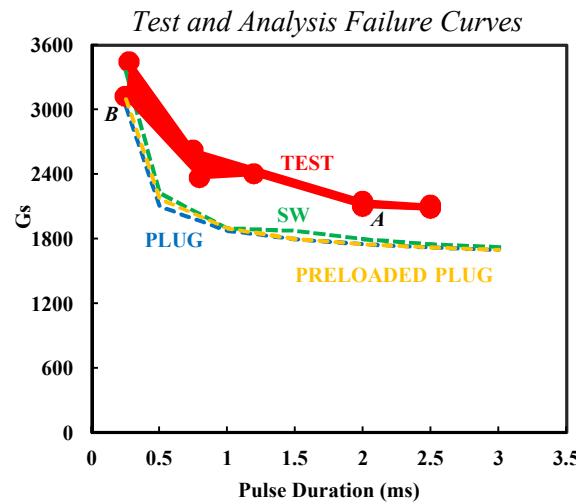
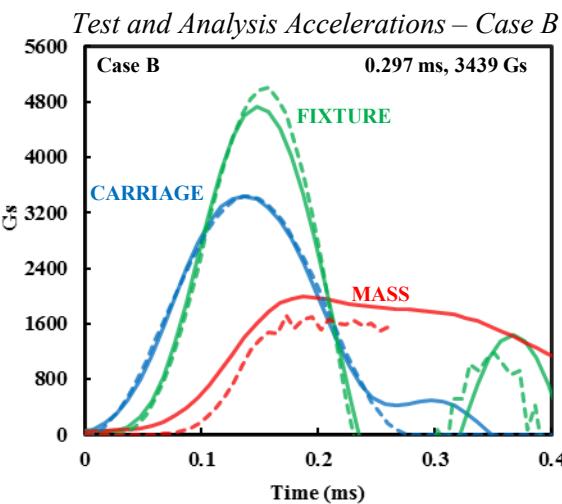
# Dynamic Test Results

- Accelerations were compared to evaluate reliability of simulations.
- Accelerations analytically measured and compared to test data from carriage, test fixture, and tensile mass.
- Analysis reasonably reproduces test results.



Dynamic Tension Test Fixture

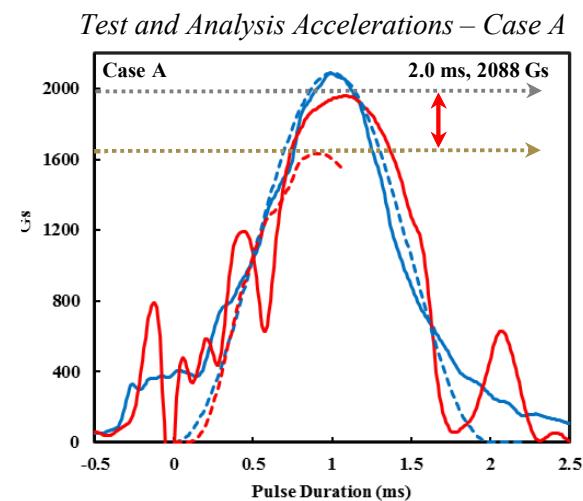
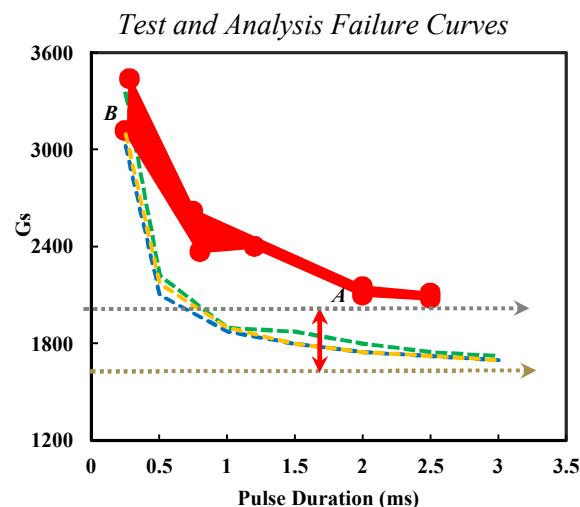
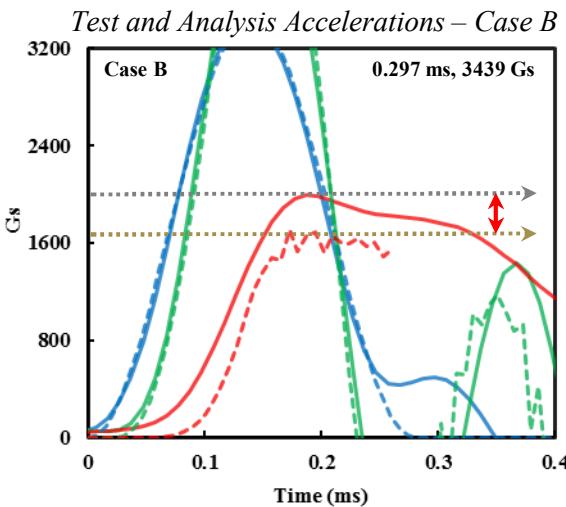
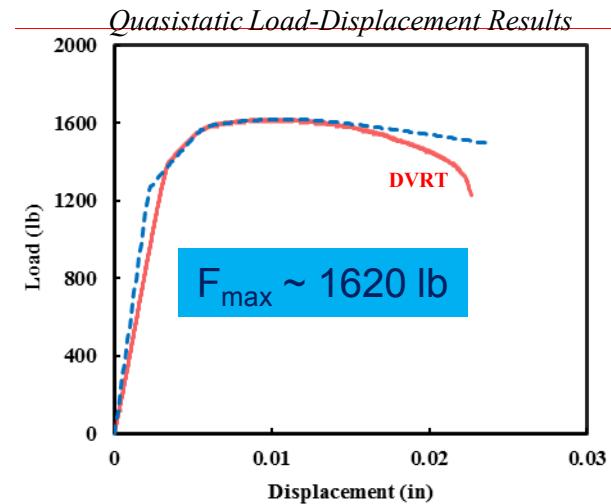
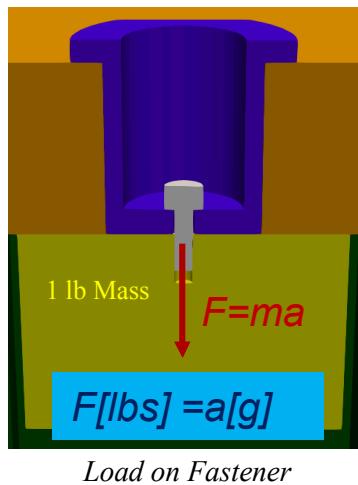
Note: Solid lines are test results,  
Dashed lines are analysis results.



Peak tensile mass accelerations do not vary, but under predicted by analysis.

# Dynamic Test Results

- FBD shows load on fastener is equal to tensile mass acceleration.
- Test accelerations 20% higher than ultimate load in quasistatic tests.



Strain rate effects possibly causing increased load capacity.

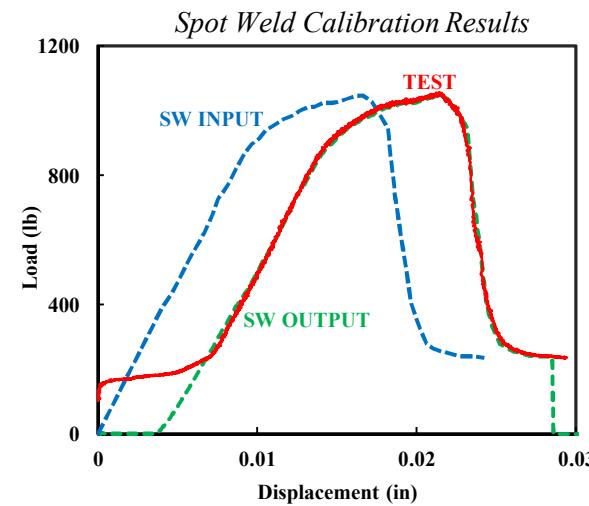
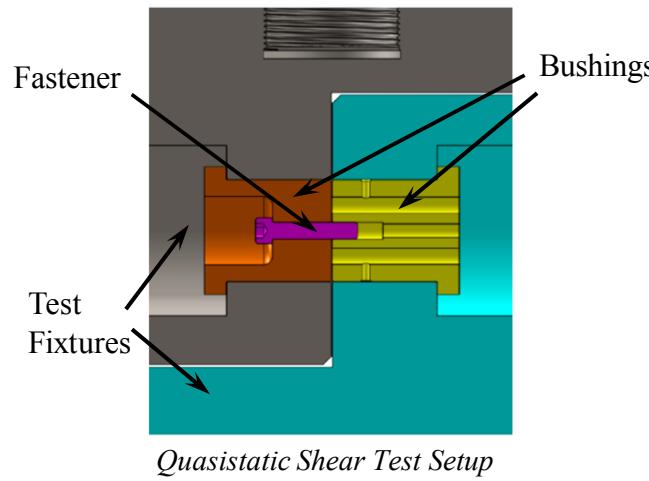
# Conclusions and Future Work

- Measurement techniques play a significant role in data acquisition and analysis must account for all relevant bodies and compliance.
- The plug and spot weld modeling approaches can be reliably used to model fasteners for monotonic quasistatic tensile loadings.
- When the simple constitutive models associated with these approaches are extended to high strain rate applications, they do not capture the apparent strain rate effects observed during testing.
- These initial findings warrant an expanded study that includes testing performed at intermediate strain rates (0.1 – 10  $\epsilon/s$ ) and a more complex, strain rate dependent constitutive model (i.e. Johnson-Cook) to further assess the performance of these fasteners and obtain a better, more robust analysis model.

# QUESTIONS?

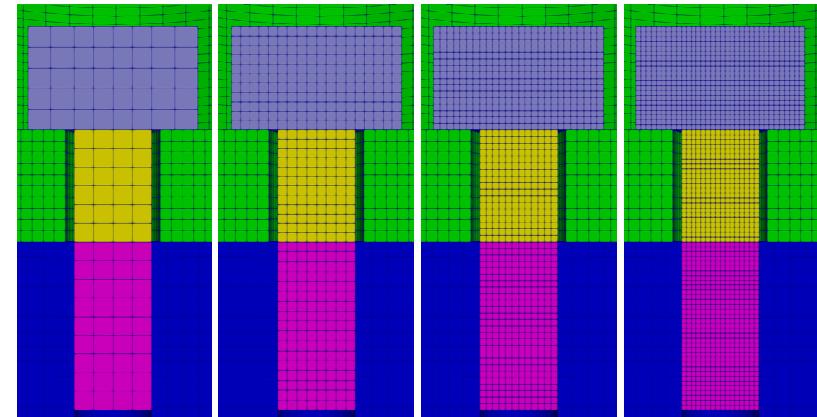
# Quasistatic Test Results – Shear

- Displacement measurements from stroke and LVDT were very similar.
- Spot weld flexibility allows model to accurately capture shear load-displacement behavior.
- Plug approach results are not directly calibrated to shear, and performance is questionable.



# Dynamic Test Results – Shear

- Plug model is very sensitive to mesh discretization.
- Accelerations resemble test data, but analysis mass acceleration is extremely noisy.



Meshes in Sensitivity Study

