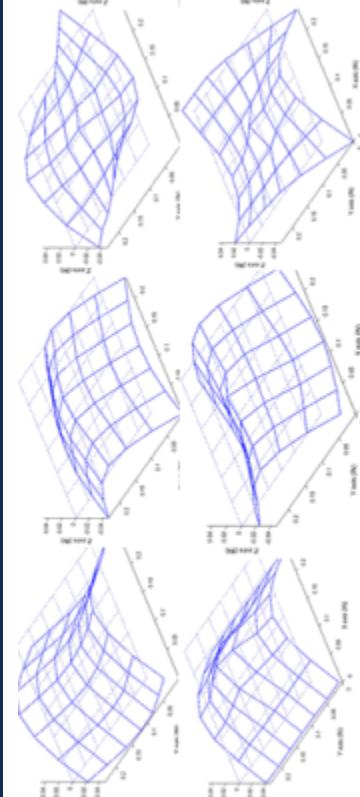
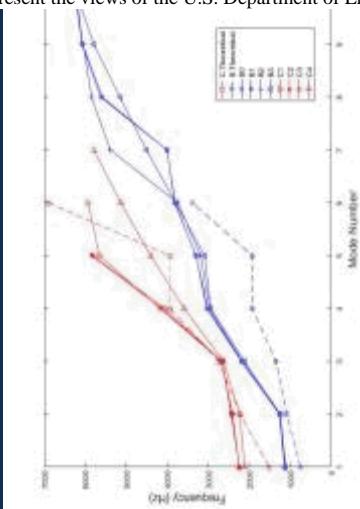


# An NDE Approach to Composite Material Impact Damage Initiation and Growth Process

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# Background

- Develop a testing/inspection strategy to efficiently survey a composite structure for the full life-cycle.
- Introduce damage into a composite sample under a known load condition, inspect the samples with traditional NDI techniques.
- Determine the relationship between damage, dynamic frequency response, mode shape, and damping of a carbon fiber composite material and the use of inspection techniques.

# Why use composites?

- Typical Composites

- Glass
- Carbon
- Aramid
- Epoxy



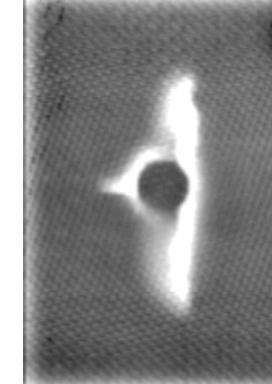
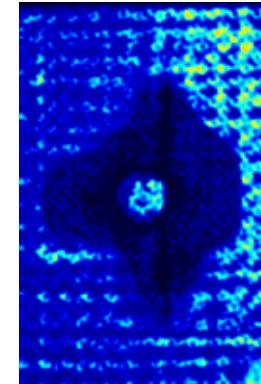
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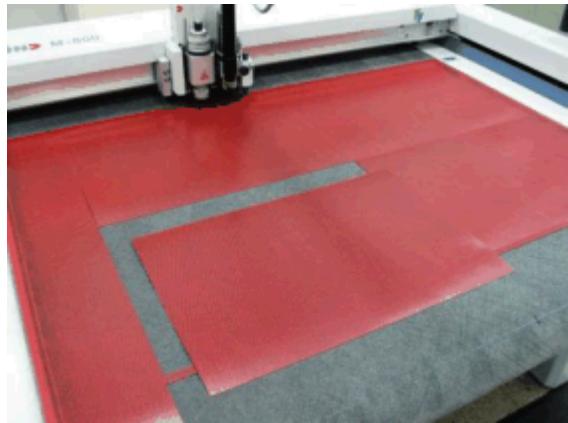
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- Benefits: high strength to weight ratio, fatigue resistance
- Challenges: transverse loading deficient, subsurface damage, and delamination
- Damage detection techniques for composite structures

- Visual
- Optical
- **Ultrasonic**
- Acoustic
- **Radiographic**
- Thermal
- **Modal Analysis**



# Specimen Fabrication



4-Axis CNC Ply Cutting



Layup Kits for Laminates



Panels Autoclave Cured

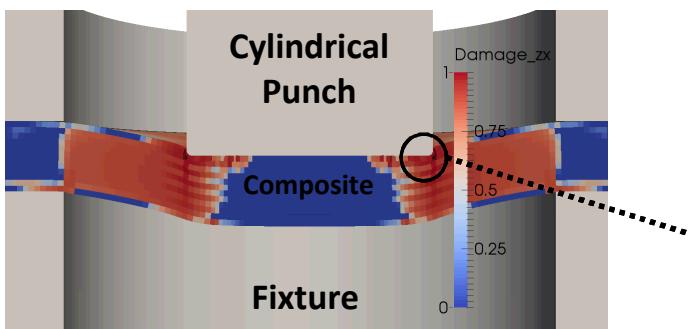
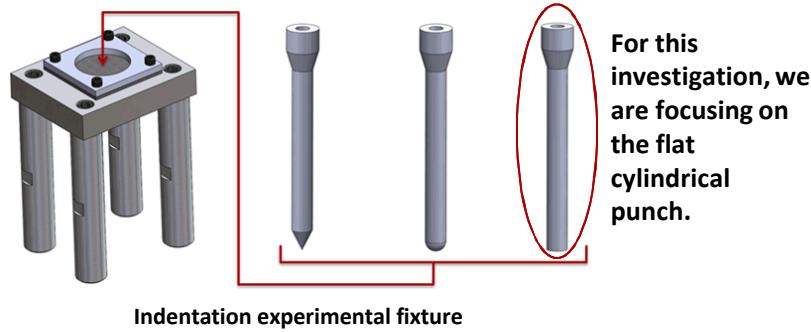


Specimens Cut From Laminate

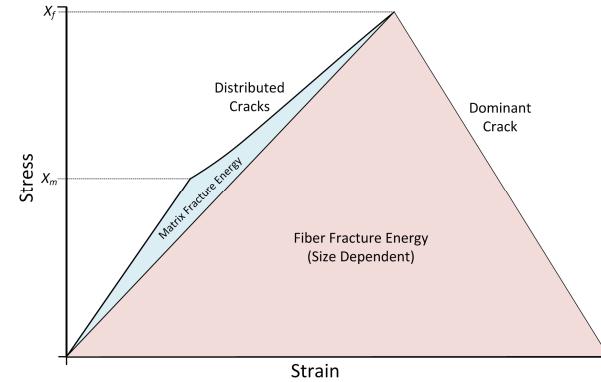
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<b>8.4</b>	24	[(0/90)12]s	152

# Boundary Conditions

- Existing orthotropic material models either do not consider damage or use a fully interactive damage criteria
- Our model divides material behavior into 3 sections:
  - Linear elastic
  - Distributed damage (hardening often associated with matrix cracking)
  - Localized damage (softening often associated fiber breakage)
- Damage initiates according to a partially-interactive strain based failure criteria



Cylindrical punch simulation example with out-of-plane shear damage

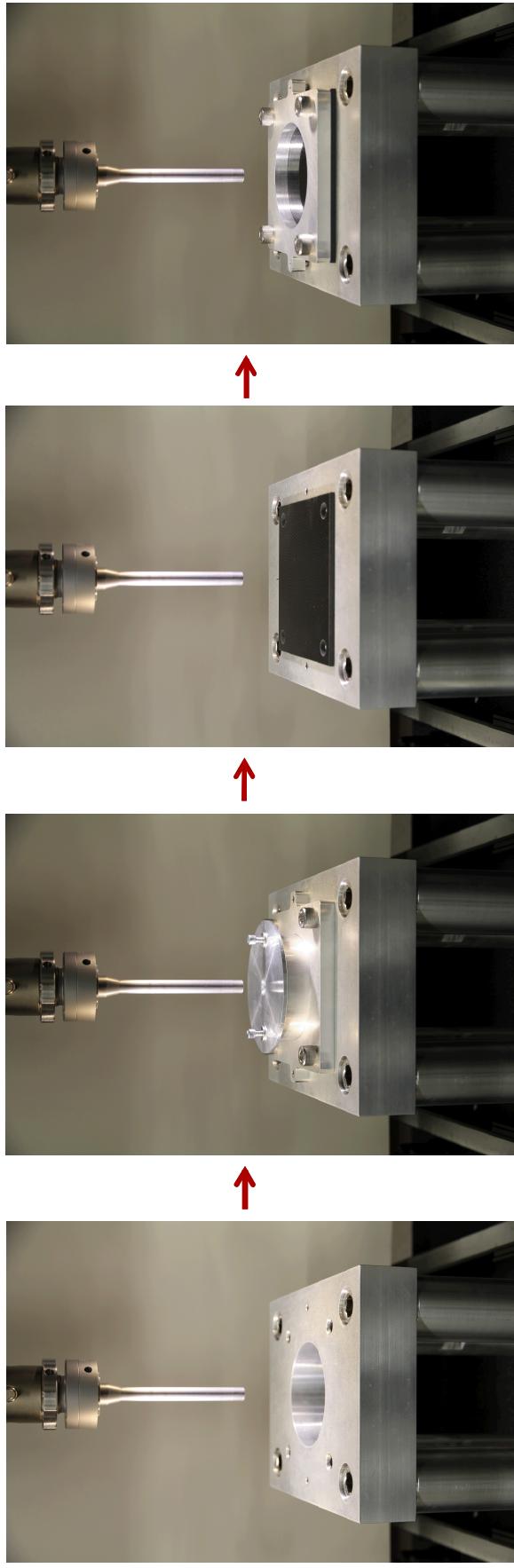


**Idealized Stress-strain response showing damage while loaded**

*"This highly localized event may not be feasible to model with standard 3D finite elements due issues associated with mesh dependence and model size. Surface localization elements, such as CZEs, can possibly be used to better predict the localized out-of-plane shear failure."*



# Test Configuration



Clamp and Test

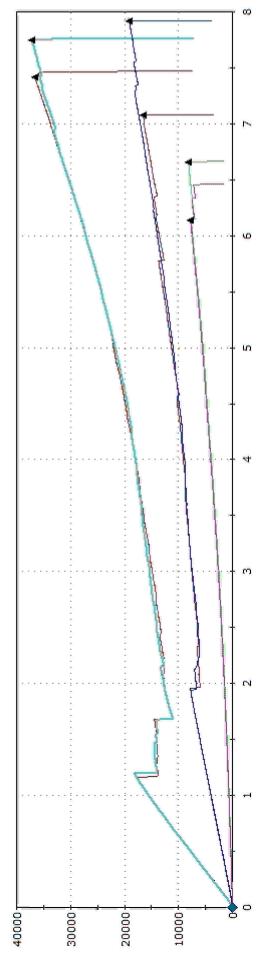
Mount Specimen

Alignment Bushing

Mount Bottom Plate



Specimen surfaces show little detail of damage

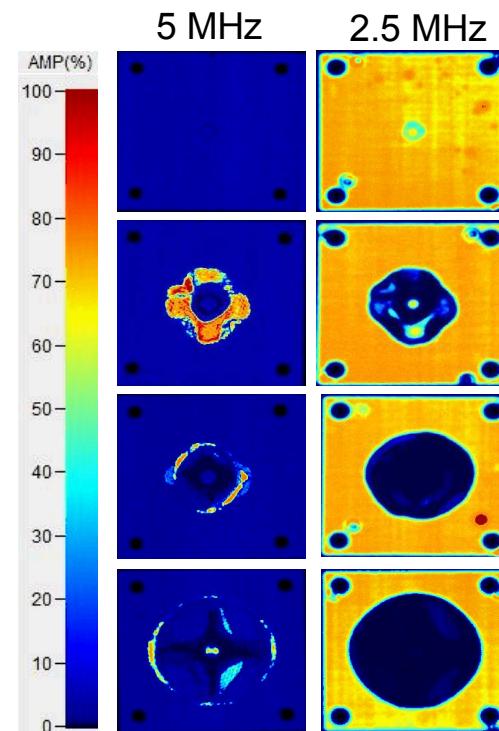
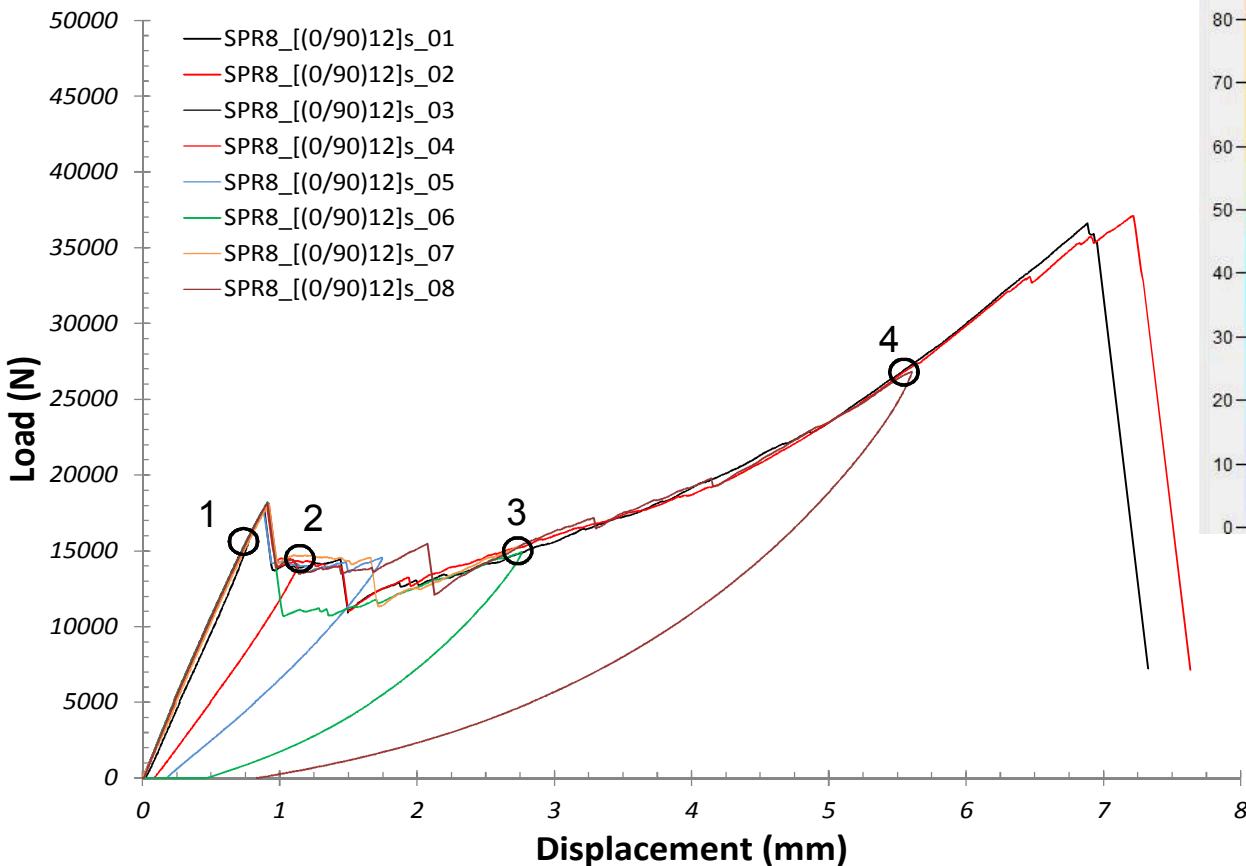


Load (N)

Displacement (mm)

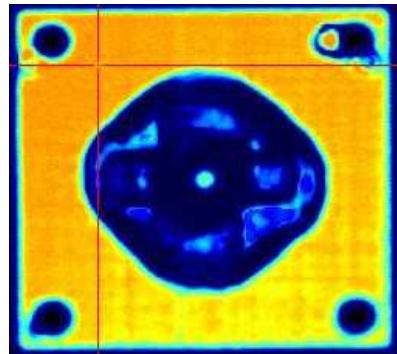
# Damage and Growth

By systematically increasing the level of loading to regions of 'interest,' an understanding of the damage time sequence of events can be determined (24 Ply).

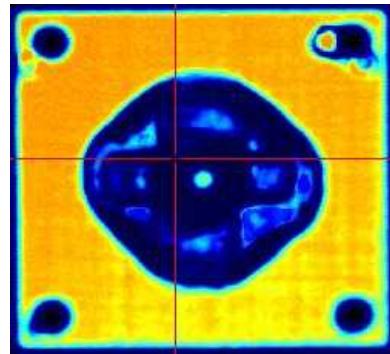


The nature and spatial variation of the damage is difficult to define using traditional ultrasonics.

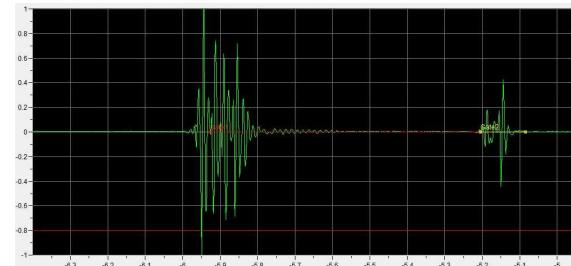
# Ultrasonics versus Computed Tomography



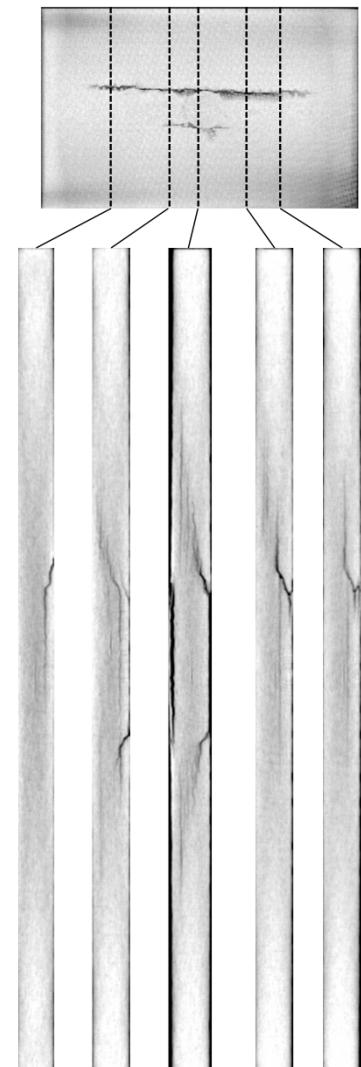
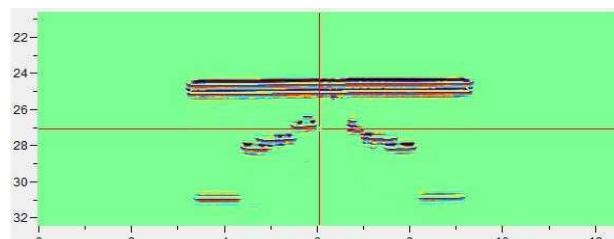
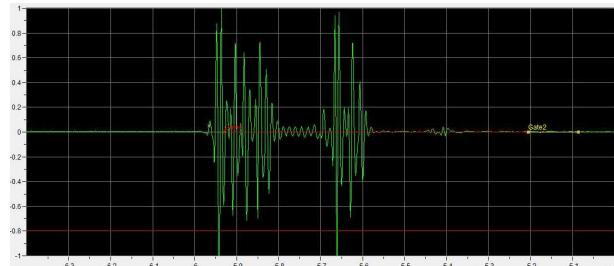
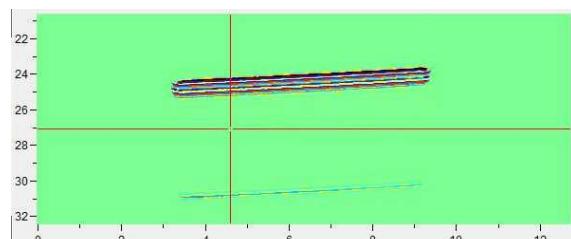
**C Scan**



**A Scan**



**B Scan**

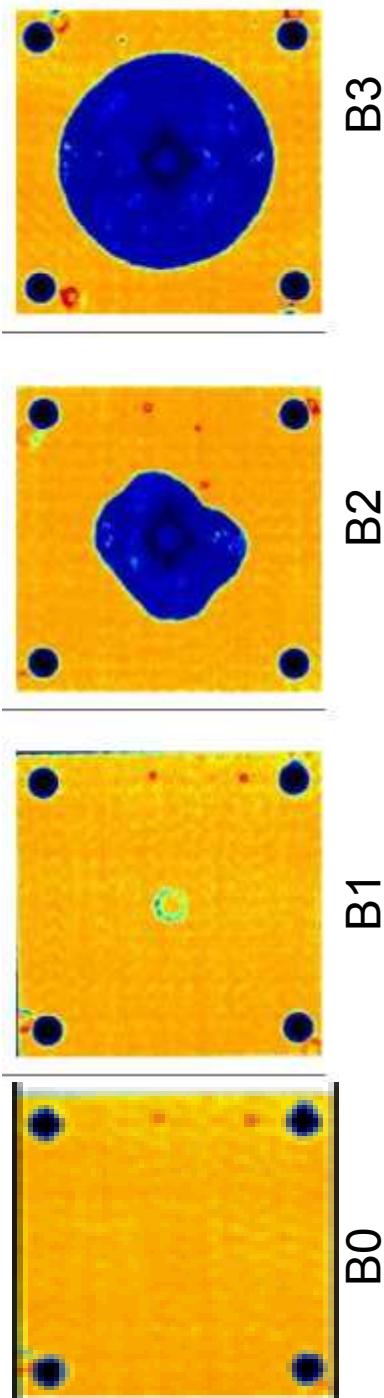


Although some spatial variation can be determined from signal attenuation, additional insight is gained by CT inspection.

# Damage Quantification



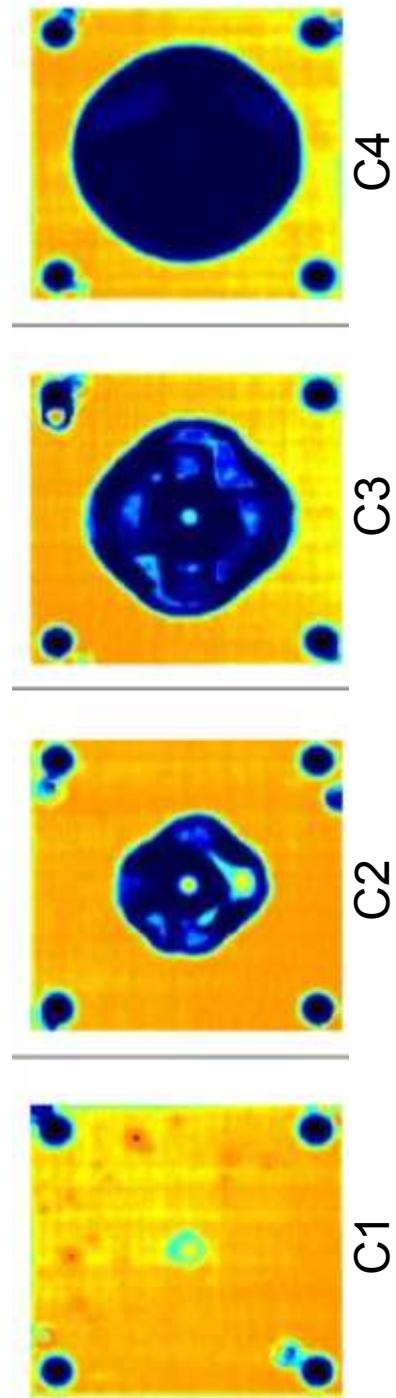
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$$Q = \frac{A_{Damaged}}{A_{Total}}$$

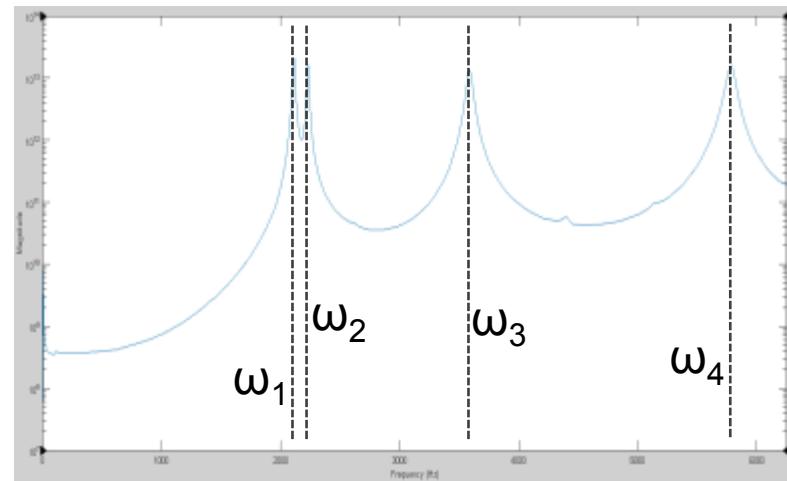
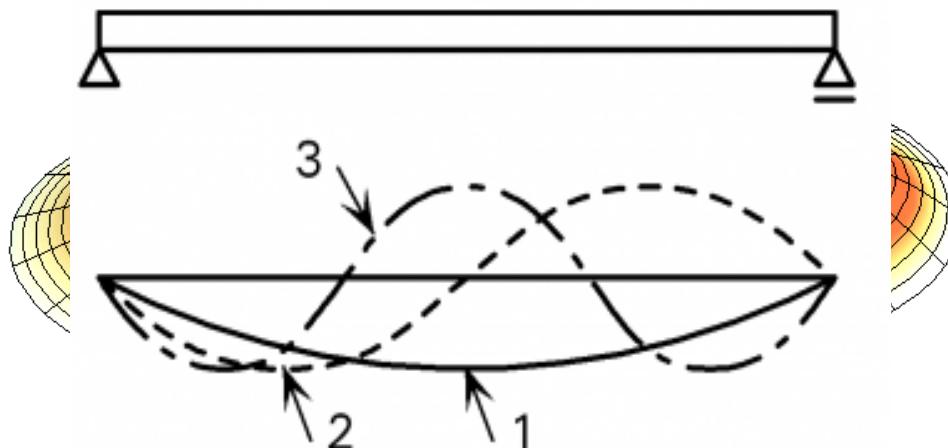
Plate	B0	B1	B2	B3	C1	C2	C3	C4
$A_{damaged}$ (in <sup>2</sup> )	0	0.262	6.07	14.5	0.427	6.67	12.5	16.3
Q (%)	0	1.60	37.0	89.0	2.61	40.8	76.2	100

24-Ply



# Introduction—Mode Shapes

- Specific pattern of vibration that move sinusoidally at varying points
- All mode shapes are present at the same time, however are shown at different frequencies
- Each mode shape and correlating frequency depend on structure, material, and boundary conditions



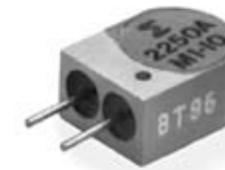
# Experimental Approach



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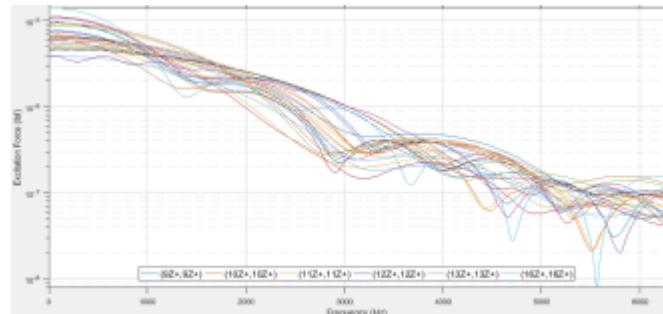
Mounted Accelerometer



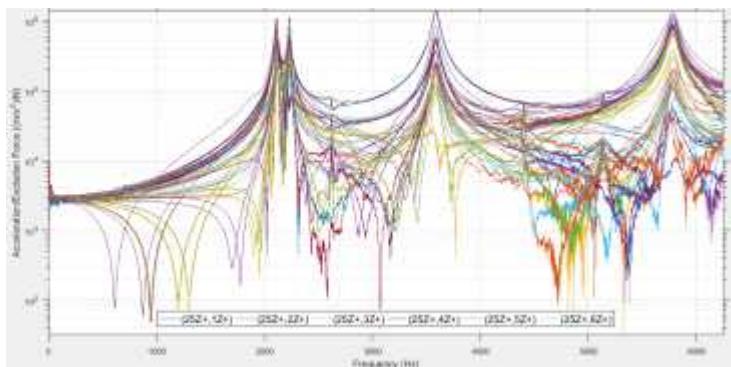
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Piezoelectric Quartz



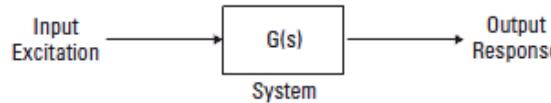
PCB 086C03 Modal Hammer



Modal Hammer Impulse Force



Frequency Response Measured Outputs



System Block Diagram

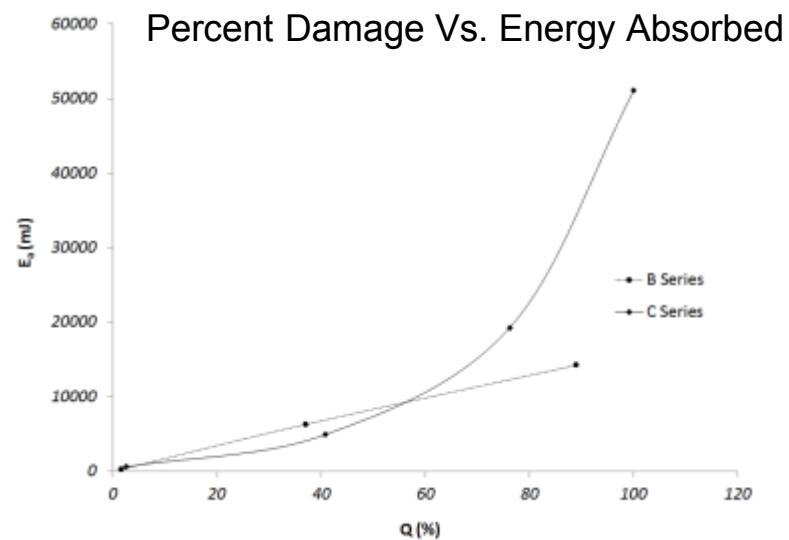
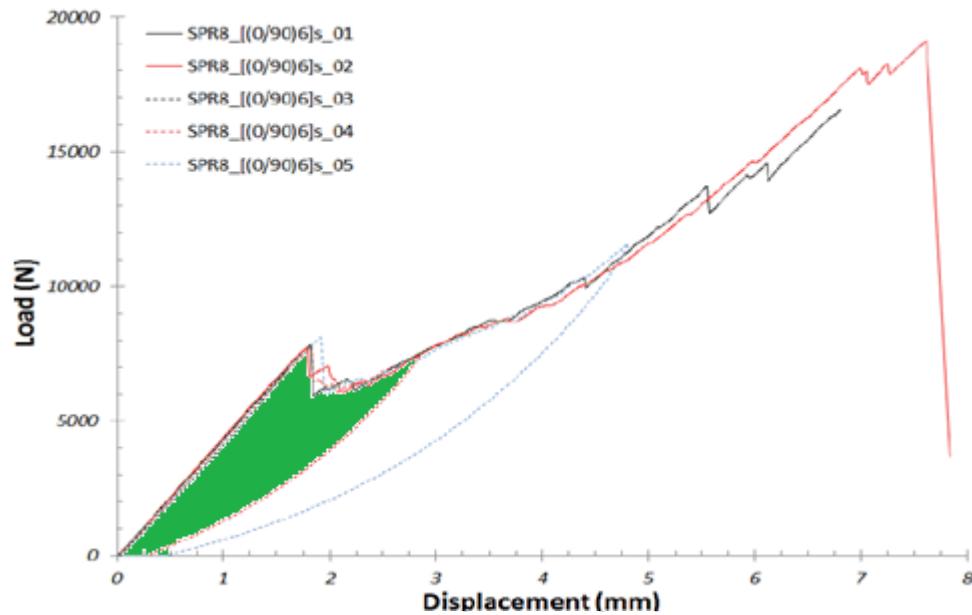
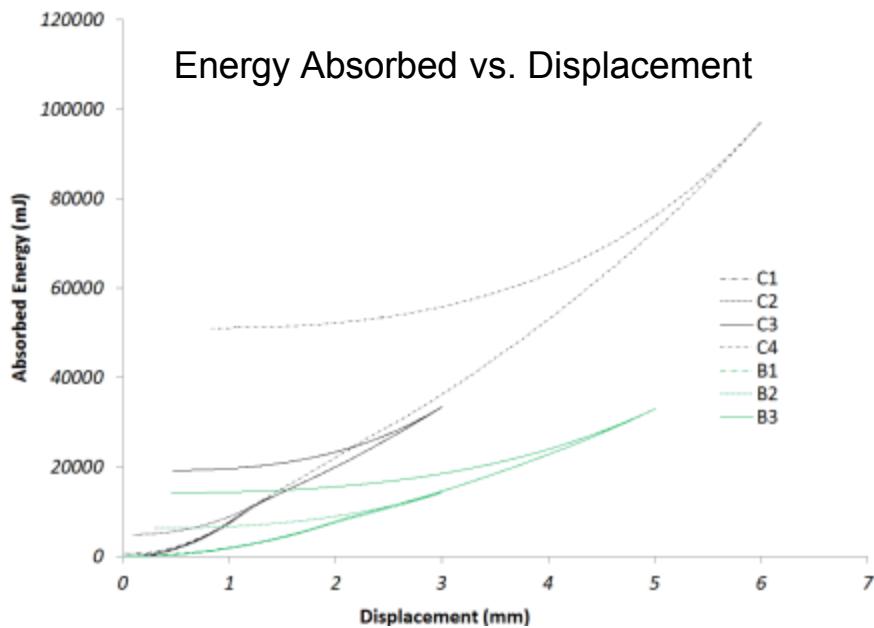
$$\text{Transfer Function} = \frac{\text{Output}}{\text{Input}}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)}$$

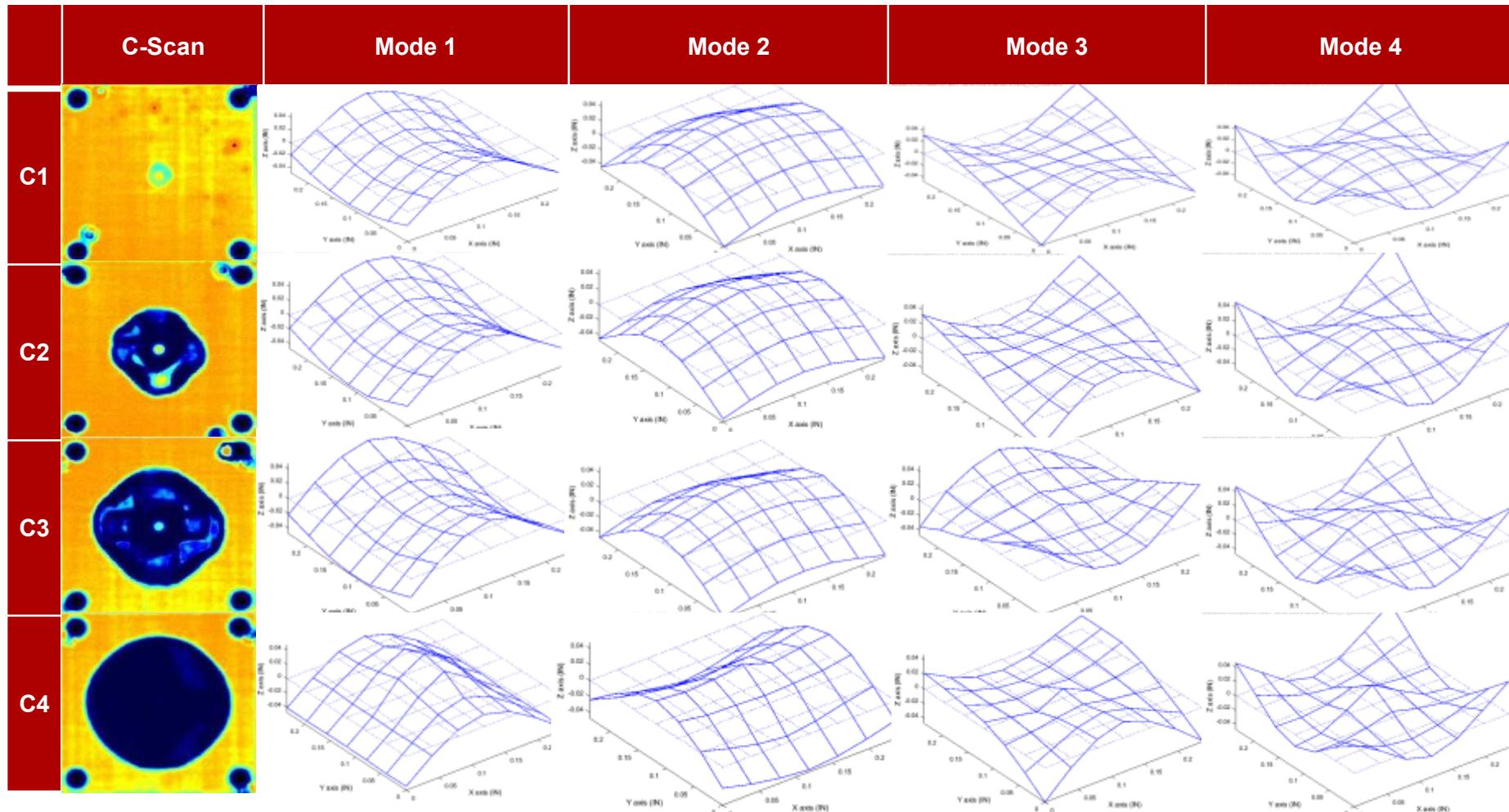
# Energy Quantification

Absorbed Energy ( $E_A$ )  
defined as area under load  
displacement graph

$$E_A = \int P d\delta$$

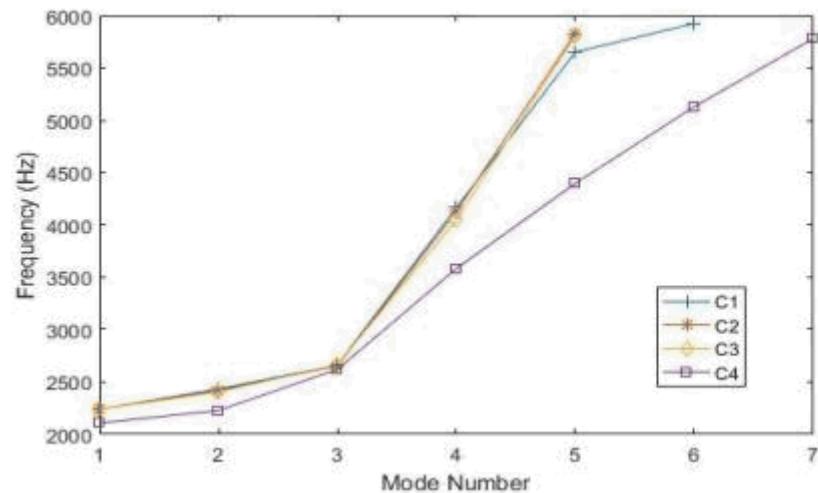


# 24 Ply Series Mode Shapes

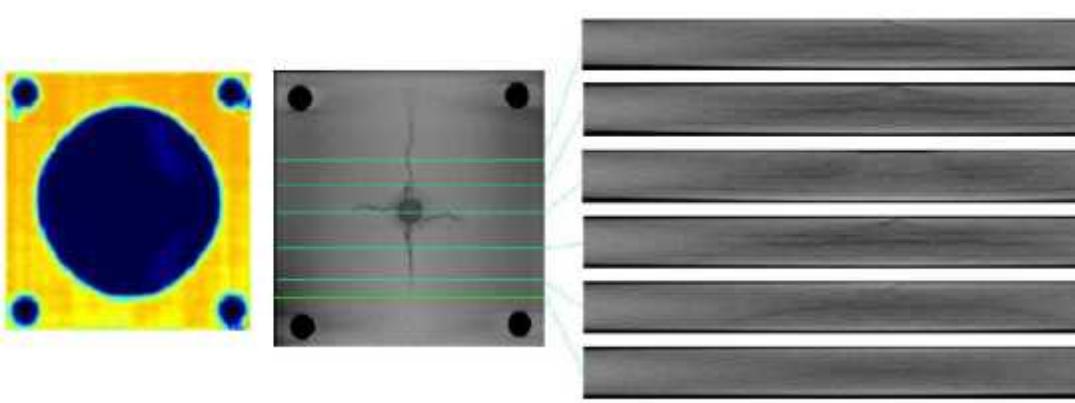
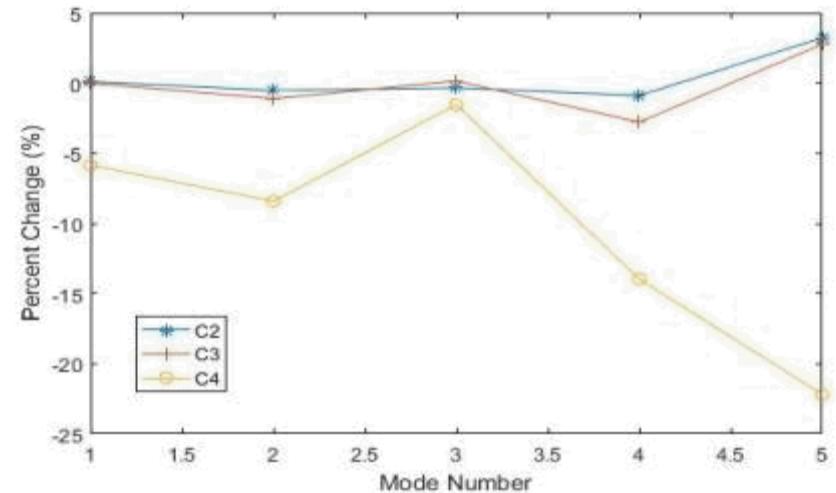


# 24 Ply Series Frequency

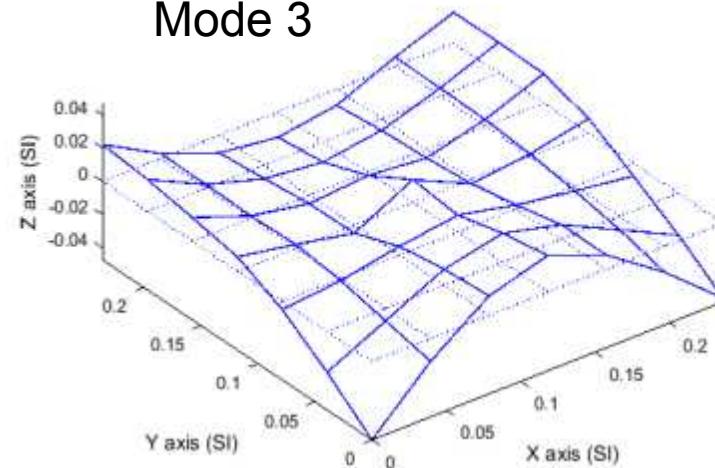
Frequency vs. Mode Number



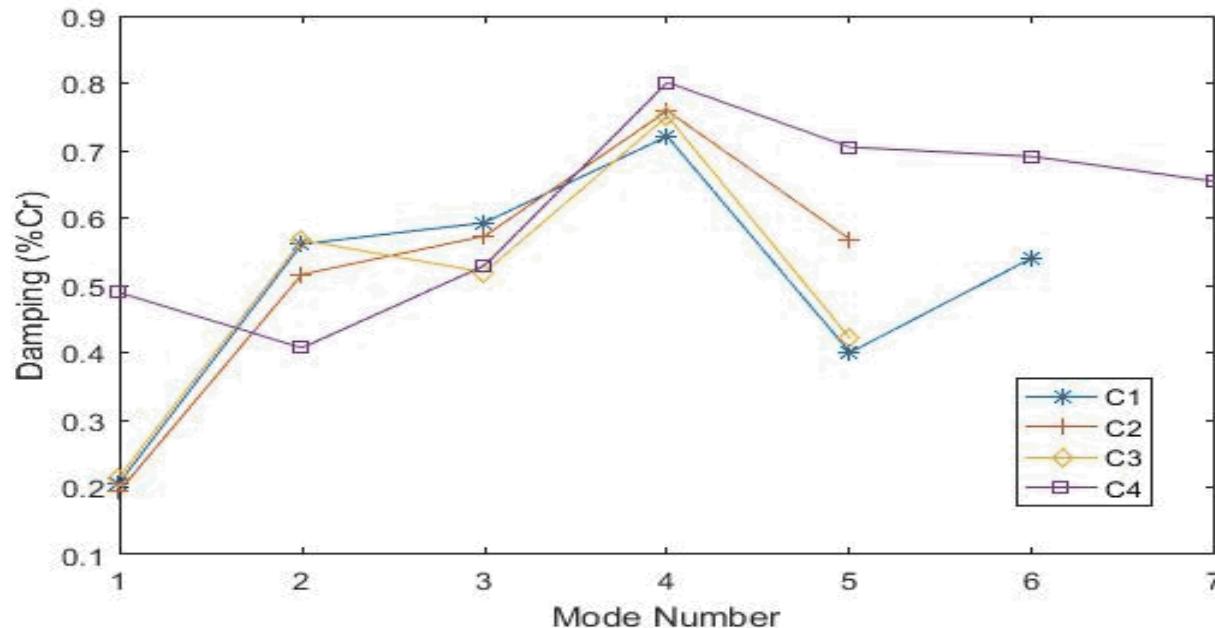
Percent Change of Frequency vs. Mode Number



Mode 3

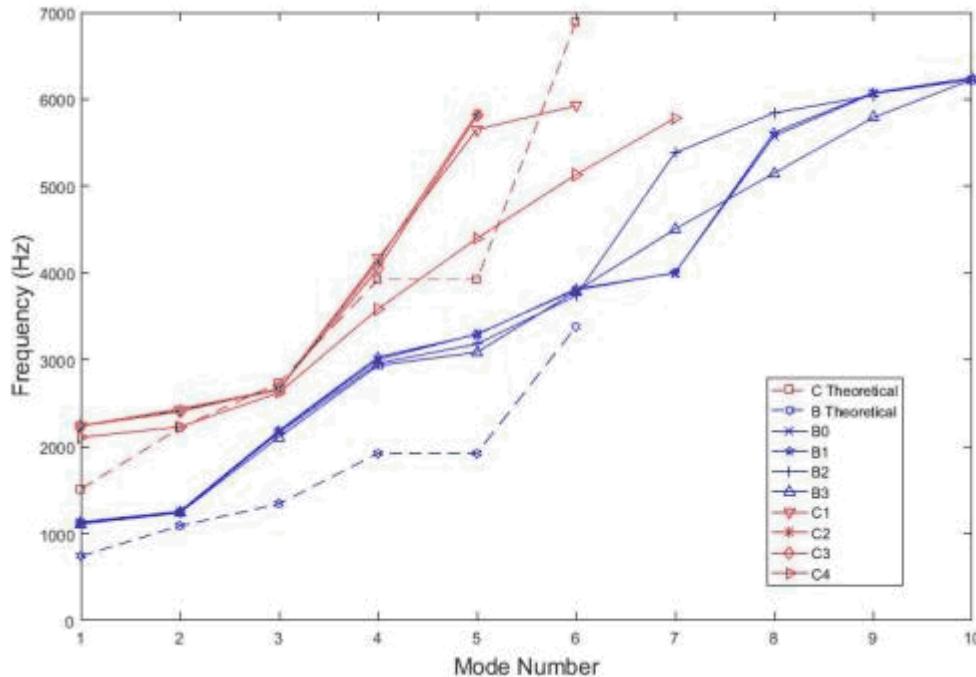


# 24 Ply Series Damping



- Critical damping has a similar increasing trend in magnitude for first 4 modes
  - This trend is consistent with the dynamic location of the mode shape and the potential for increasing frictional losses
- Damping magnitudes at mode 4 correlate with degree of damage
- All specimens show a decrease in damping from mode 4 to 5
  - However, mode shapes begin to differ at this transition

# Comparison with Isotropic Theory



$$f_{ij} = \frac{\lambda_{ij}^2}{2\pi a^2} \sqrt{\frac{Eh^3}{12\gamma(1-\nu^2)}}$$

$a$  = length of plate

$b$  = width of plate

$h$  = thickness of plate

$E$  = modulus of elasticity

$\gamma = \mu h$  = mass per unit area

$\nu$  = Poisson's ratio

$\lambda_{ij}^2$  = Dimensional Frequency Parameter

- Increasing trend of frequency and mode number, as expected
- Mode 4 and 5 are orthogonal bending modes and are predicted to have the same frequency for isotropic plates
- Theory predicts relative trend with acceptable agreement, but any damage or anisotropy violate assumptions

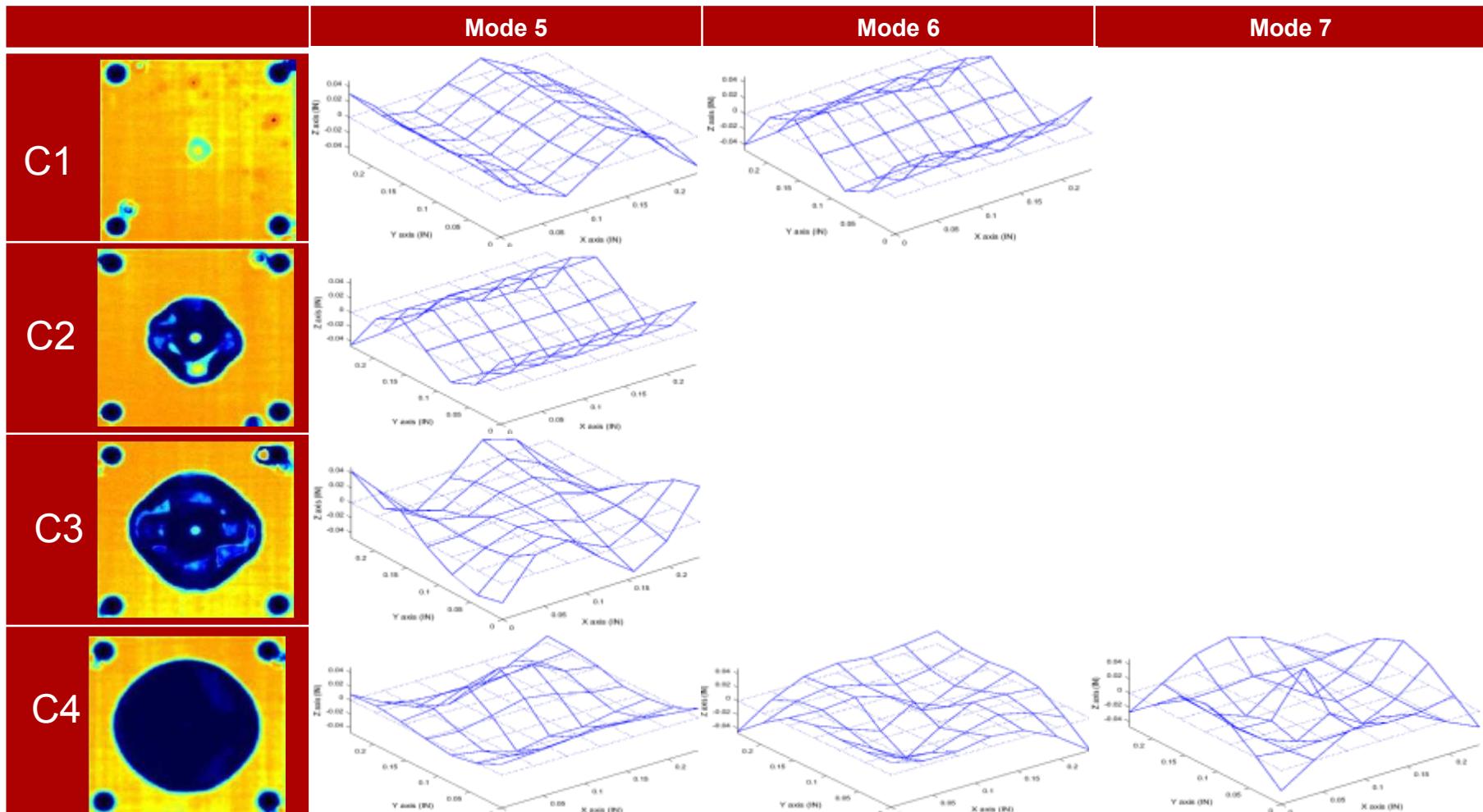
# Conclusions

- Frequency of bending modes likely depends on spatial distribution and form of damage.
- If damage was centered at a dynamic point of the mode shape, notable variation in frequency occurs.
- If damage was centered at a node of the mode shape, little variation in frequency at that mode shape was noted.
- Mode shape change was the earliest indication of damage.

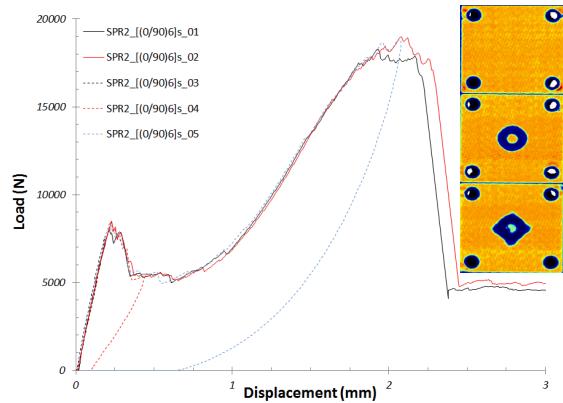
# Future Research

- Variable damage locations
- Variation in damage forms
- 3D damage correlation with:
  - Damping
  - Frequency
  - Mode shapes
- Relating these dynamic changes to damage mechanisms
- Development and validation of orthotropic damage models that capture structural dynamic effects
- Relating these effects to long-term performance and reliability of critical components

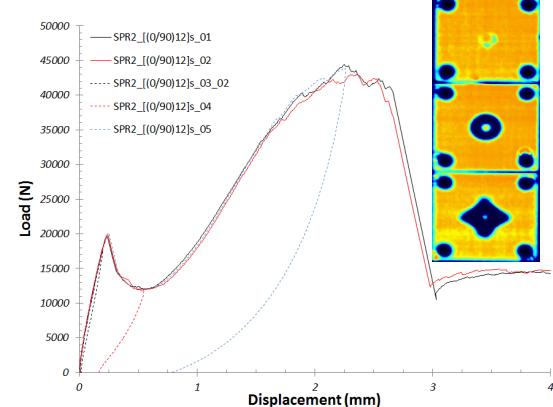
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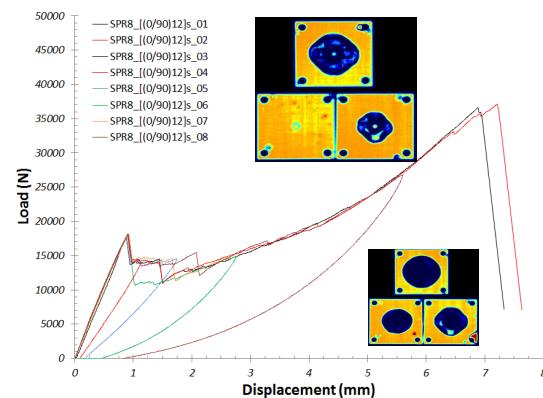
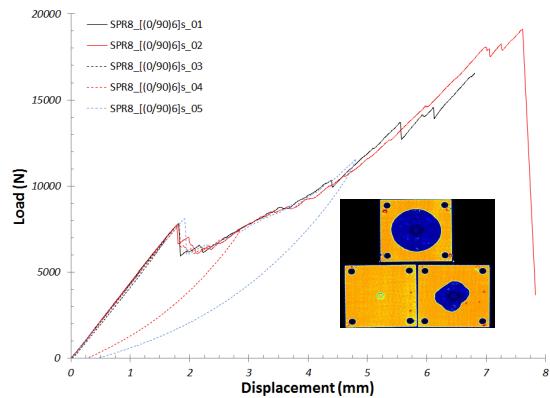
## 12 Ply



## 24 Ply



SPR 2



SPR 8