

# Sandia National Laboratories

## Student Research Projects

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# Safety Engineering

## Safe Process for High-Consequence Systems

- Modeling and Simulation
  - Make conservative assumptions to bound the correct answer
  - “All models are wrong, but some are useful.” (George Box)
- Testing and Validation
  - Perform tests to ensure that the model captures the relevant physics
  - Test a simplified geometry and tune the model to match
- Design a Safe Process
  - Limit sources of energy at safe thresholds
  - Prevent severe consequences with high probability
  - Improve component and tool designs where needed

# Student Projects

## Internships

- Exclusion Region Barrier Analysis
- Puncture Analysis
- Model Communication Worksheet

## Senior Design Projects

- Mechanical Impact Tests
- Mechanical Joint Analysis

# **SHOCK ISOLATION**

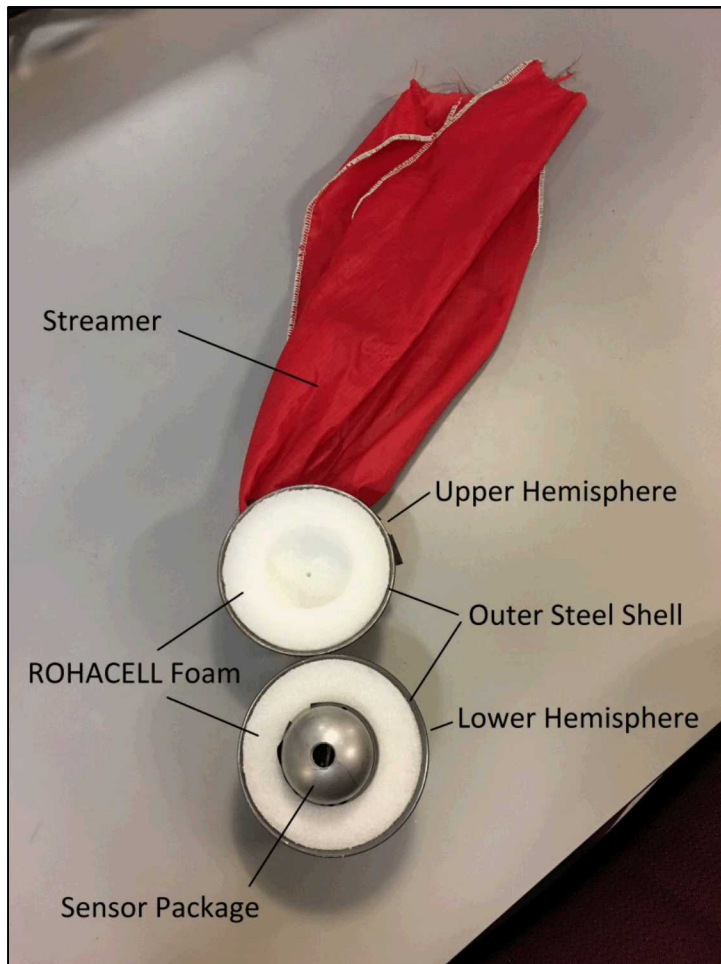
## **Drop Tests of Acceleration Sensor with or without Foam and Shell**



# Background

- For many problems we use a design principles approach to safety.
- This approach is used for systems which require extreme levels of certainty involving probabilities of one in a million or less.
- The safety design principles are called the three I's
  - Isolation: Surround a critical component with a structure that blocks a form of energy.
  - Incompatibility
  - Inoperability

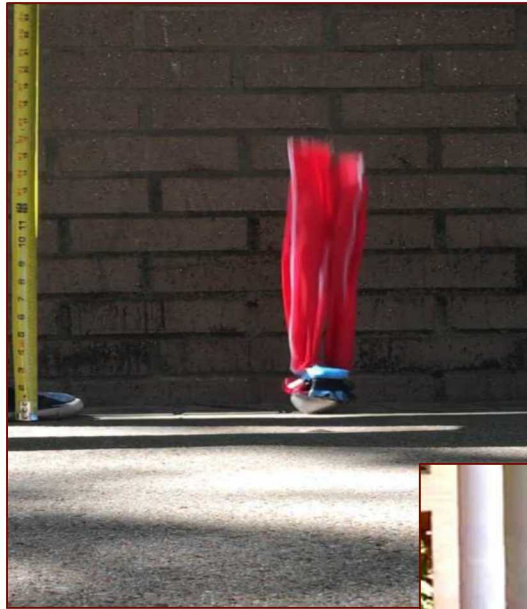
# Shock Isolation



- **Need:**  
Shock isolation of the sensor package from an external insult.
- **Constraints:**  
Sensor and exterior volumes are bounded.  
The maximum allowable peak shock level at the sensor is 400 g's.
- **Problem:**  
What migration material will produce the maximum level of shock isolation?

# Shock Isolation

- **Baseline tests:**  
Without mitigation,  
progressively drop the  
sensor at higher heights  
until 400 g's is reached.



- **Quantitative tests:**  
With mitigation,  
progressively drop the  
sensor at higher heights  
until 400 g's is reached.



# Shock Isolation

- Without mitigation:  
A drop from only 31 inches produced over 400 g's.



- With mitigation:  
A drop from over 19 feet was required to produce over 400 g's.





# Shock Isolation

## Post mortem

Very little plastic deformation occurred in the shell



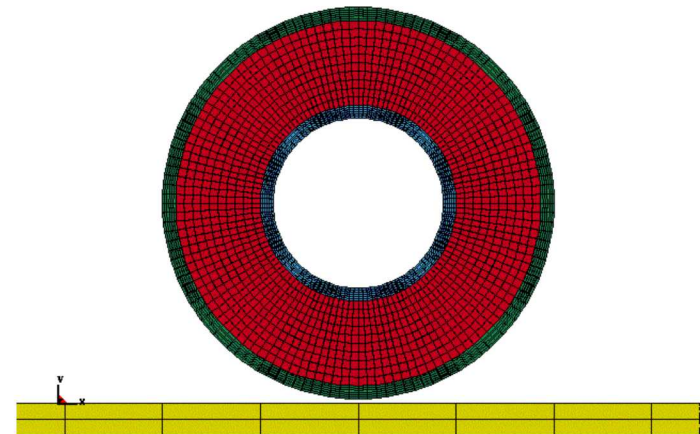
Most of the plastic deformation occurs within the foam.



Modeling and experiment agreed.

LS-DYNA user input  
Time = 0

Only a portion of the foam was crushed.

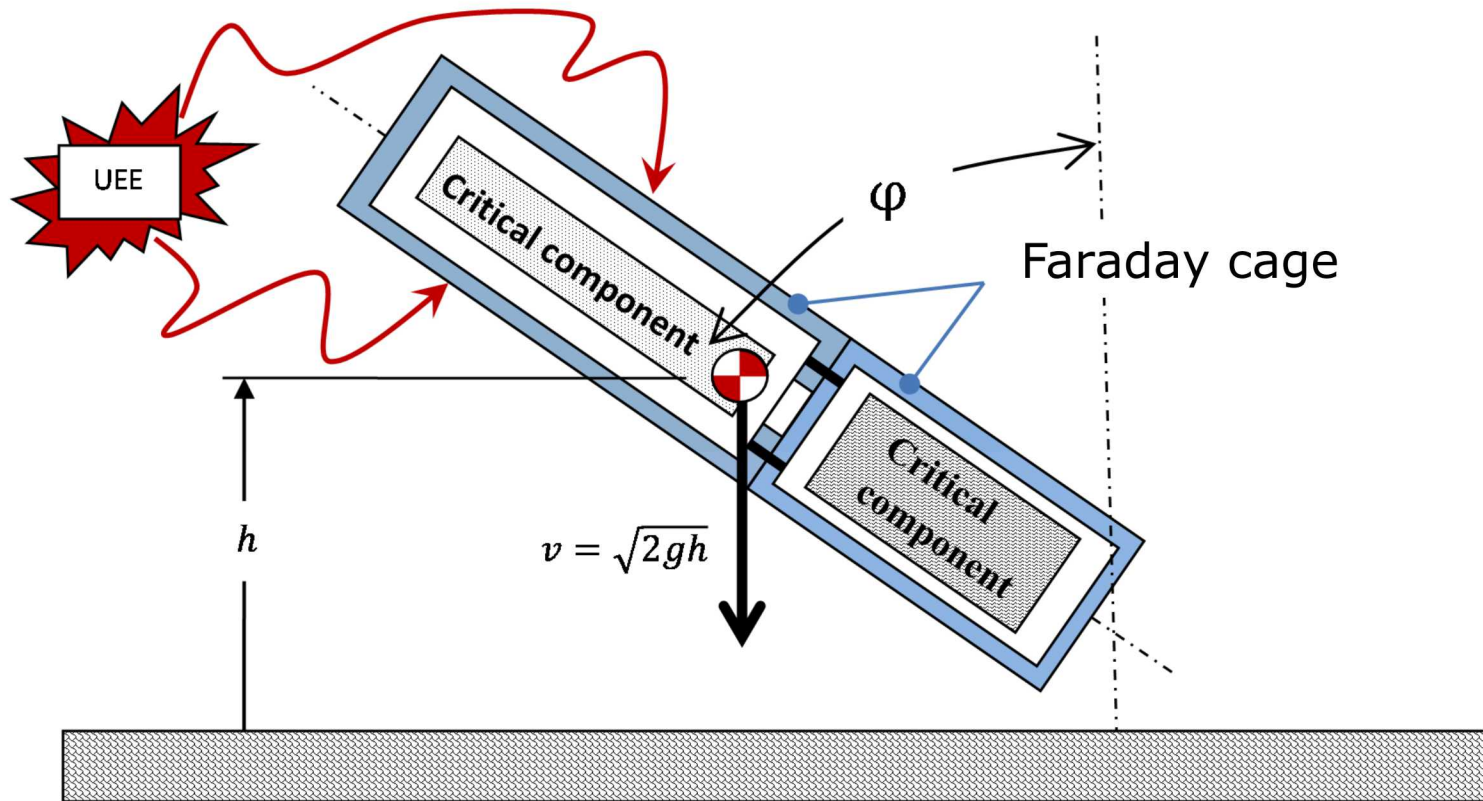


# **ELECTRICAL ISOLATION**

**Design Study Optimizing Strength vs.  
Weight with Three Metals**

# Electrical Isolation

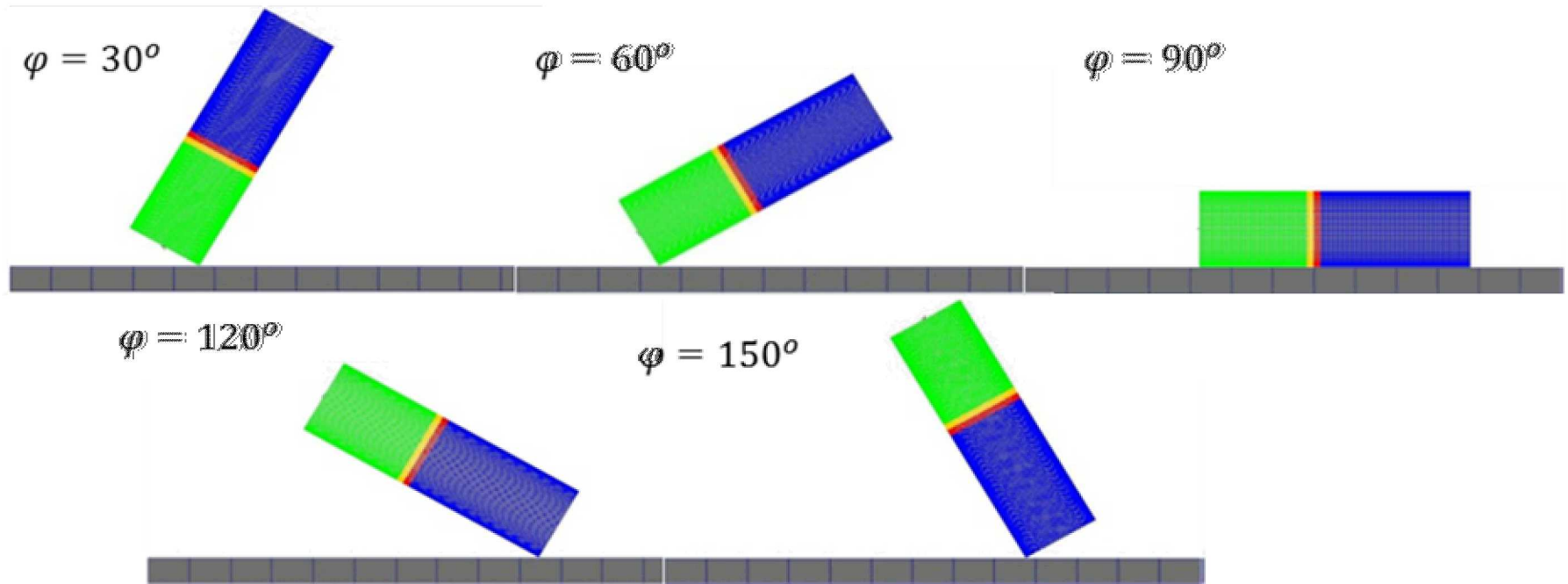
What is the best material to maintain a Faraday cage?



# Electrical Isolation

## Perform an Environmental Search

Simulations are performed for a distribution of insult orientations to determine the orientation that will produce material failure of the cage at the lowest drop height.





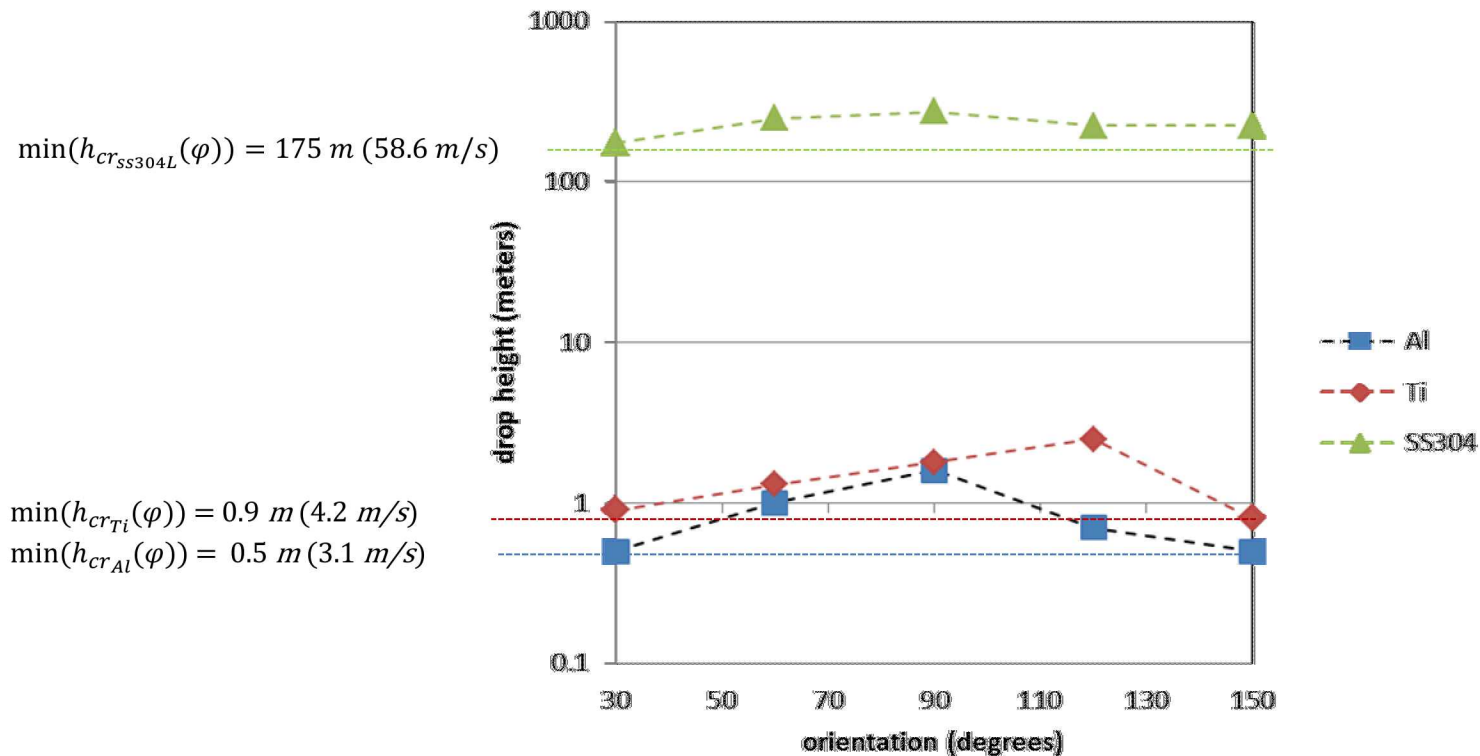
# Electrical Isolation

## What is the best material?

Aluminum, is the least effective material

Titanium was only marginally better than Aluminum

Steel, on the other hand, was by far the best option



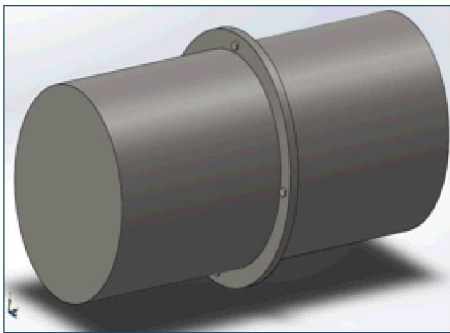
- We like ductile materials

# **MECHANICAL ISOLATION**

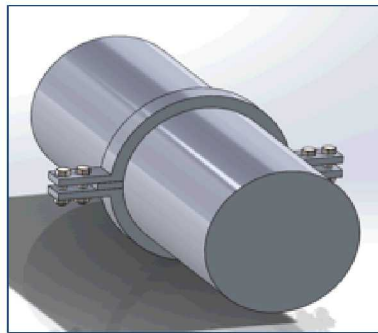
## **Design Study Maximizing Toughness with Three Means of Attachment**

# Mechanical Isolation

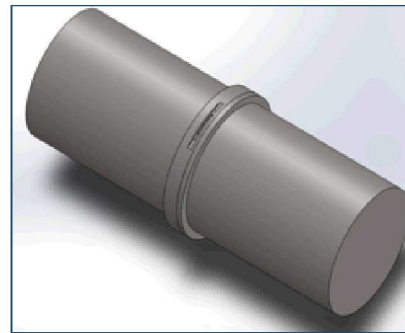
- What is the best joint design?



Bolted



Clamped



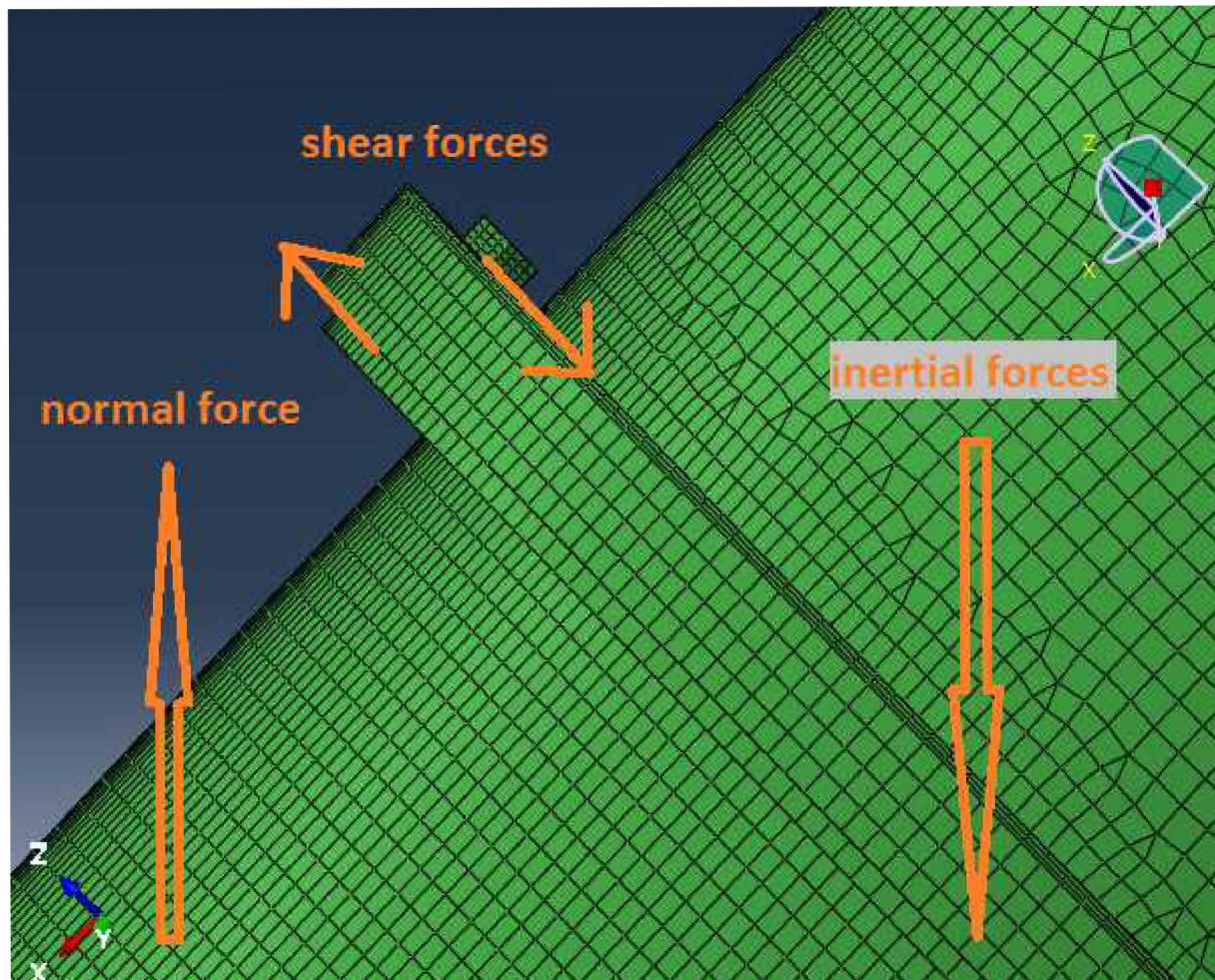
Tape Joint



J-Locked

# Mechanical Joints

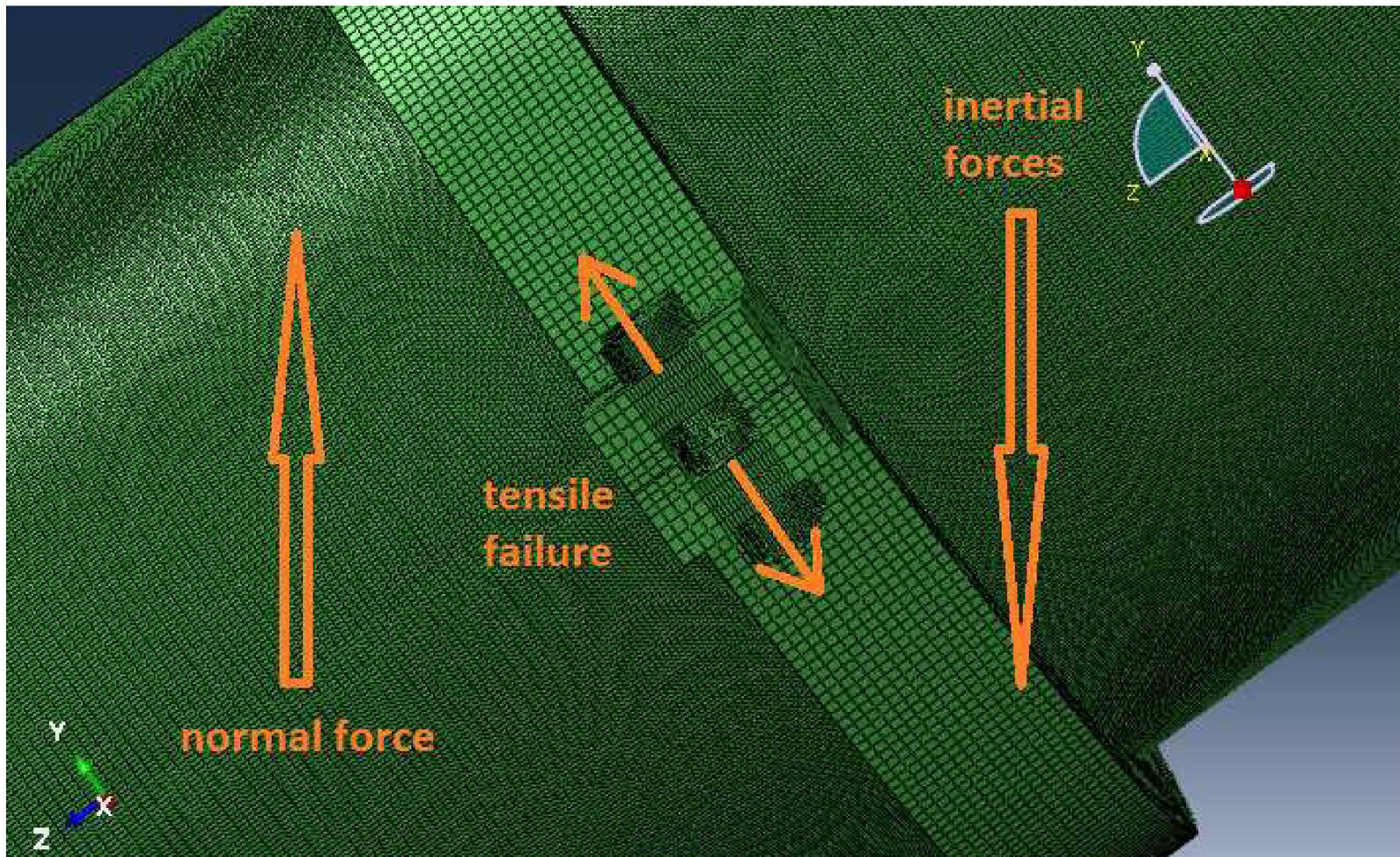
## Bolted Joint Model





# Mechanical Joints

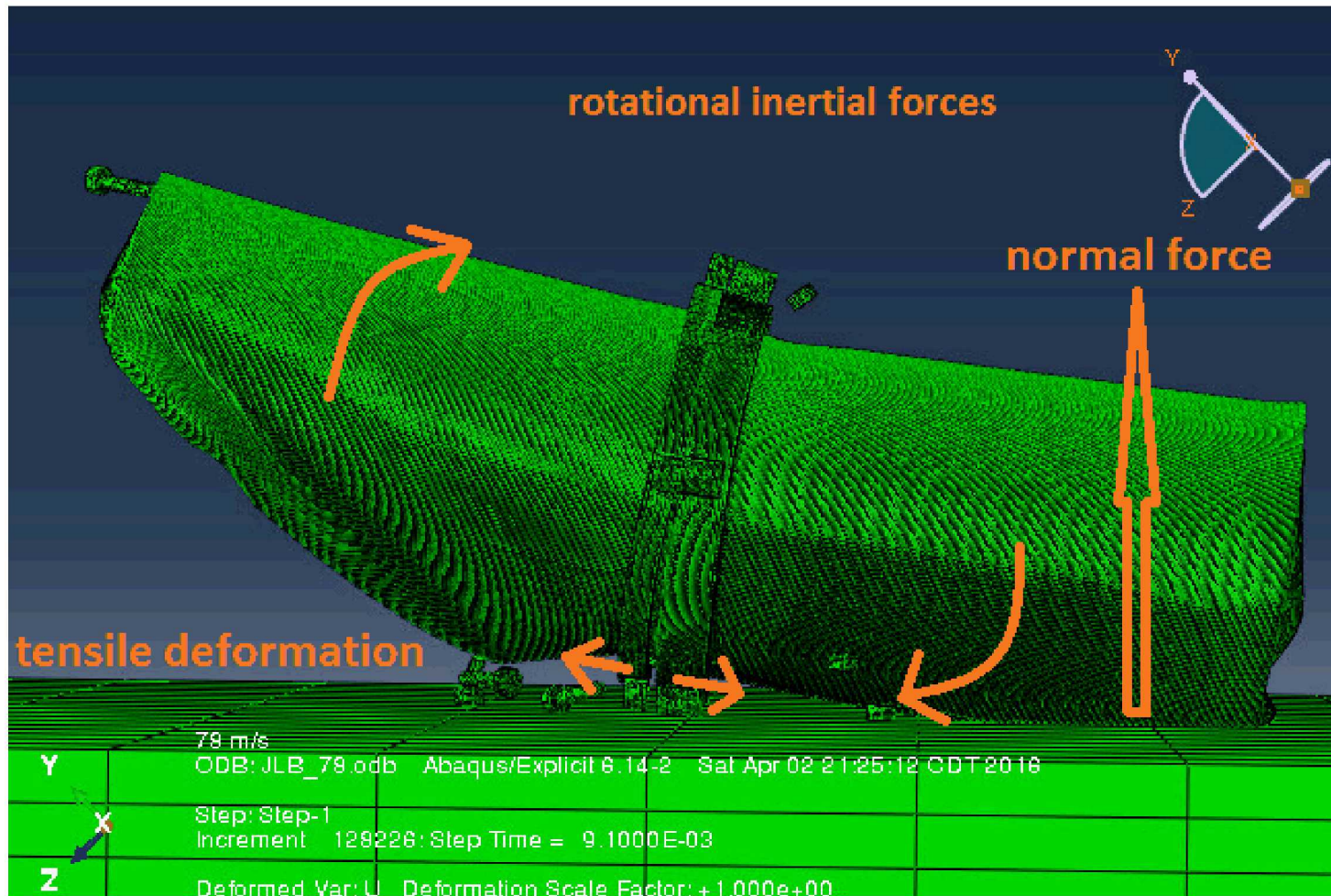
## Clamped Joint Model





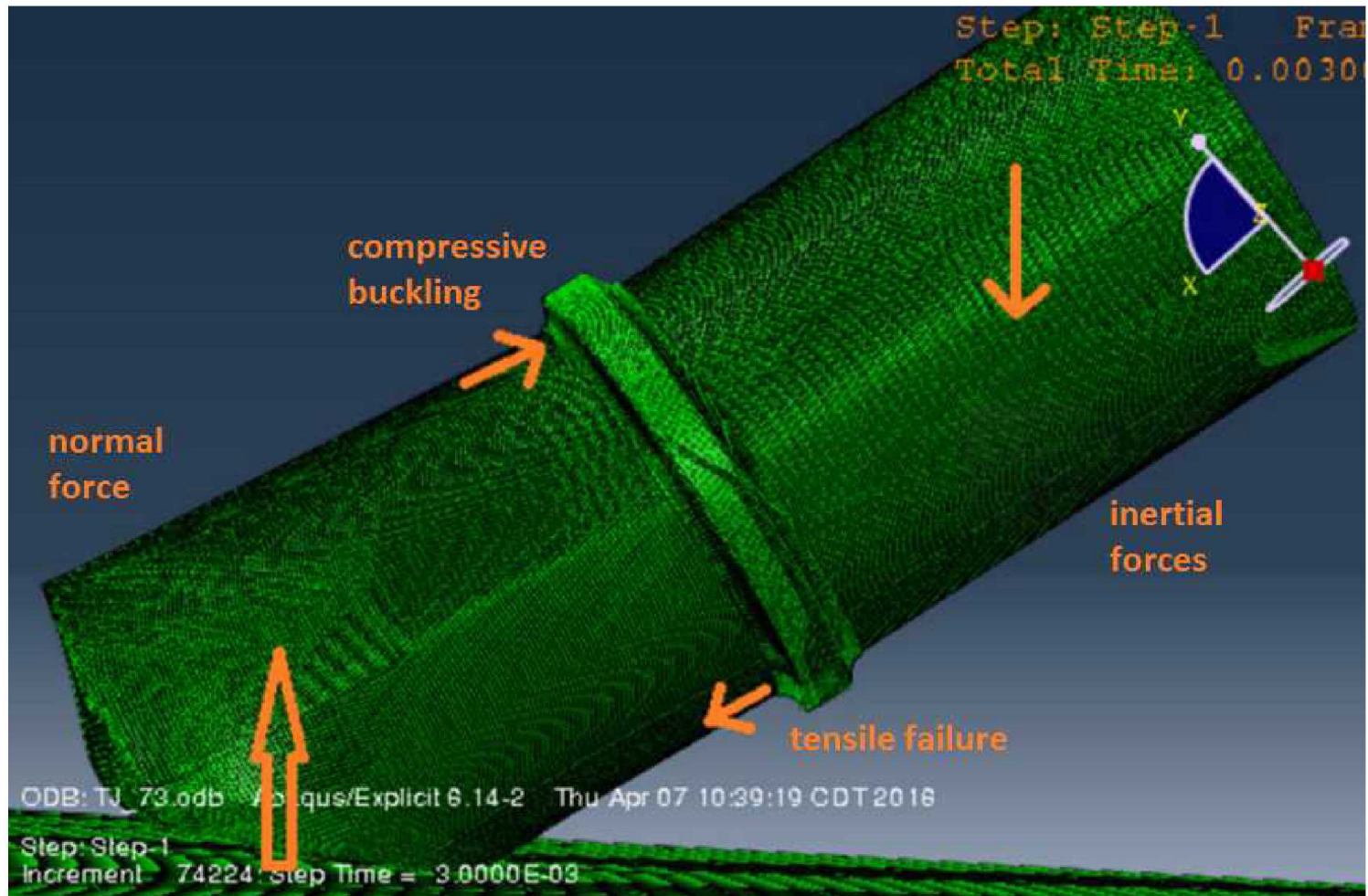
# Mechanical Joints

## Bolted J-Lock Joint Model



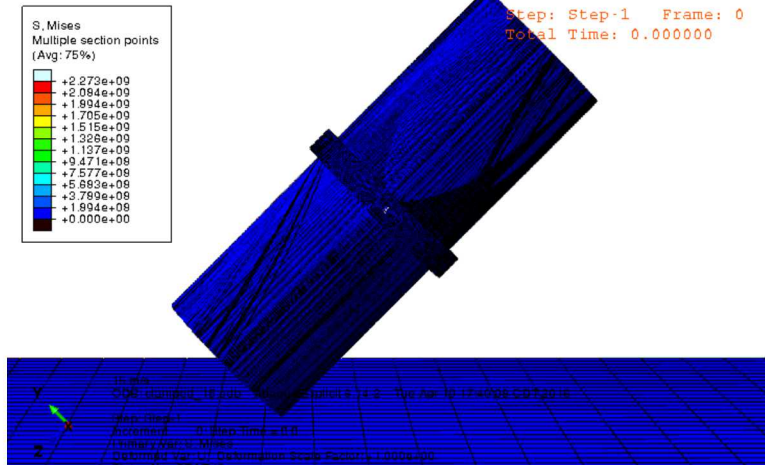
# Mechanical Joints

## Tape Joint Model

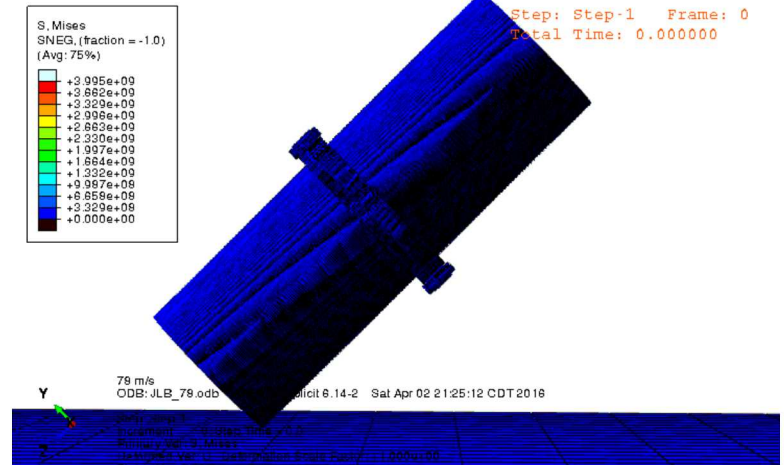


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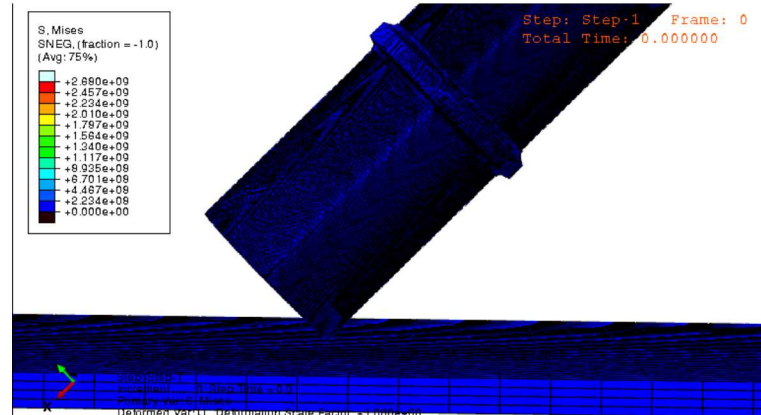
## ■ Clamped



## ■ J-lock



## ■ Tape Joint





# Mechanical Isolation

## Simulation Results

Joint	Failure Velocity (m/s)	Energy Absorbed (J)
Bolted	12	1,152
Clamped	14	2,156
Bolted J-Lock	72	51,840
Tape Joint	72	53,136

- We do not like bolted interfaces

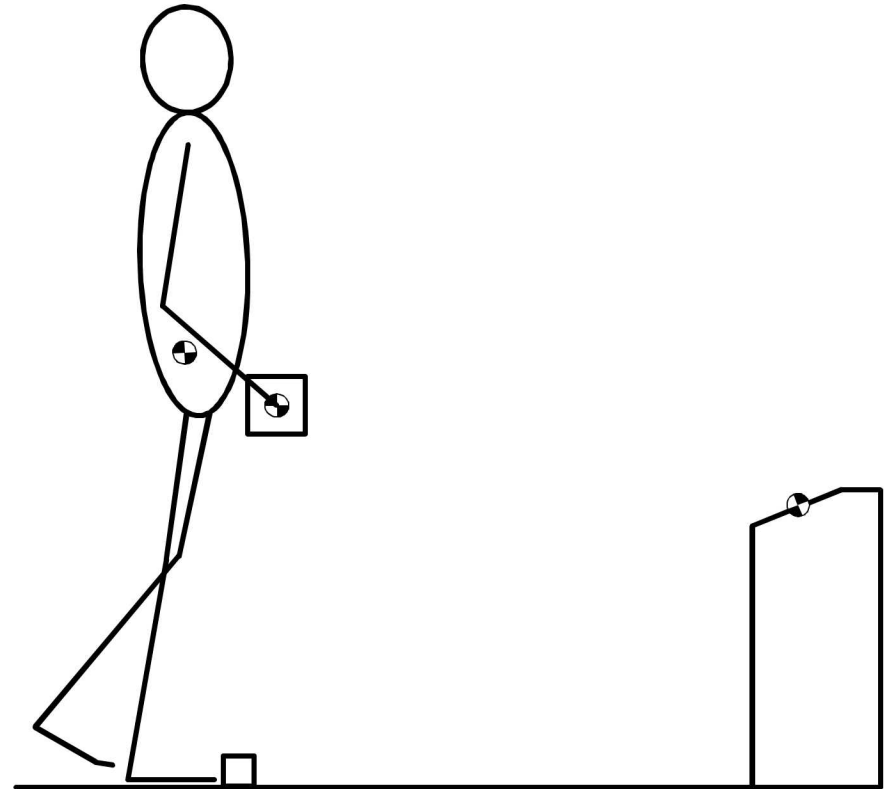
# **TRIP AND FALL HAZARD**

## **Analysis of Impact Force and Energy in an Industrial Setting**

# Trip and Fall Hazard

## Assumptions

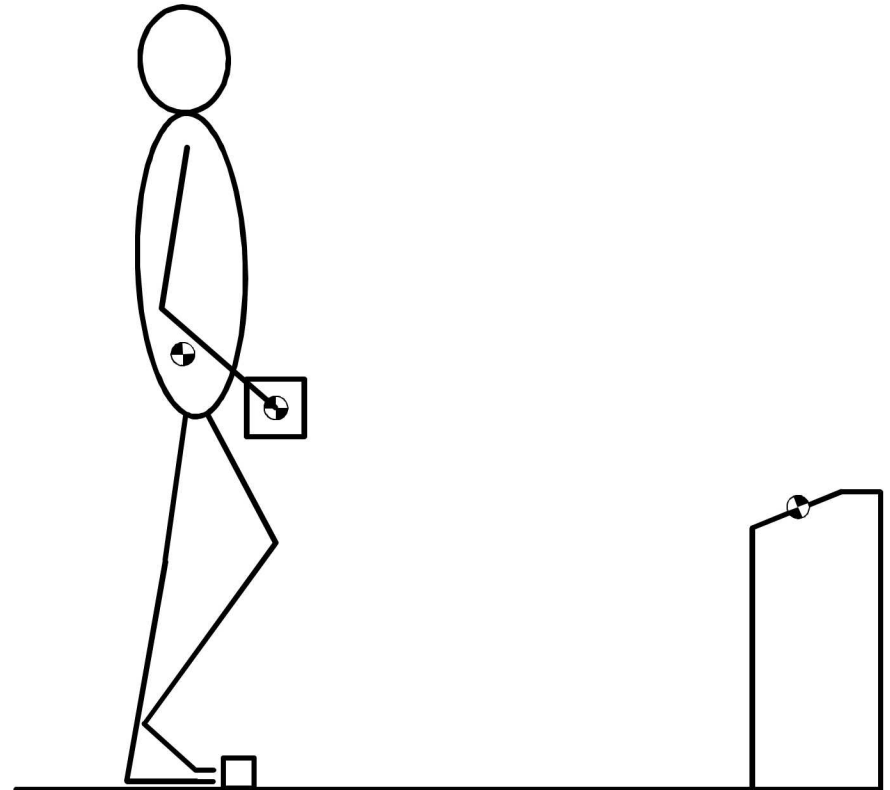
- Forward fall
  - No recovery or avoidance
- Two-dimensional
  - Load is held in both hands
  - No glancing blow
- Initial conditions
  - Walking toward sensitive target component
  - Carrying load in comfortable position



# Trip and Fall Hazard

## Trip Hazard

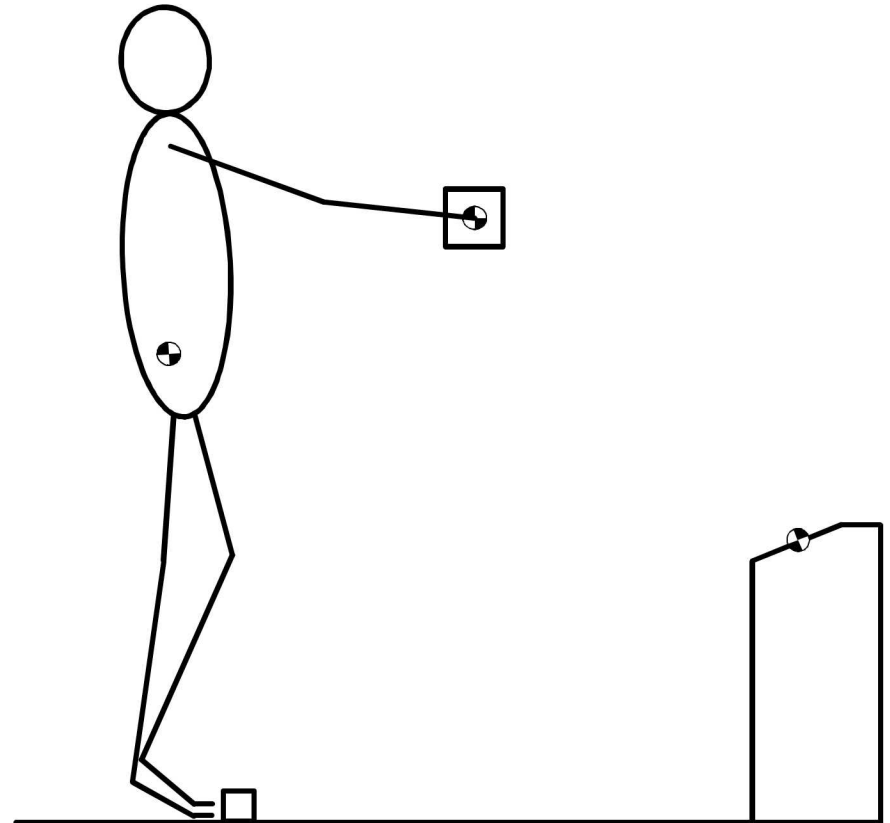
- Man trips on rigid obstacle
  - Both feet are trapped
  - Location results in load impacting critical component
- Trip analyzed with rigid-body dynamics
  - Momentum is conserved



# Trip and Fall Hazard

## Human Response

- Reaction observed in experiments
  - Flexion of ankle raises body and load
  - Man raises and extends arms
  - Man retains grip on load
- Muscle Action
  - Potential energy increases
  - Angular momentum is conserved
  - Angle to overall center of gravity is constant

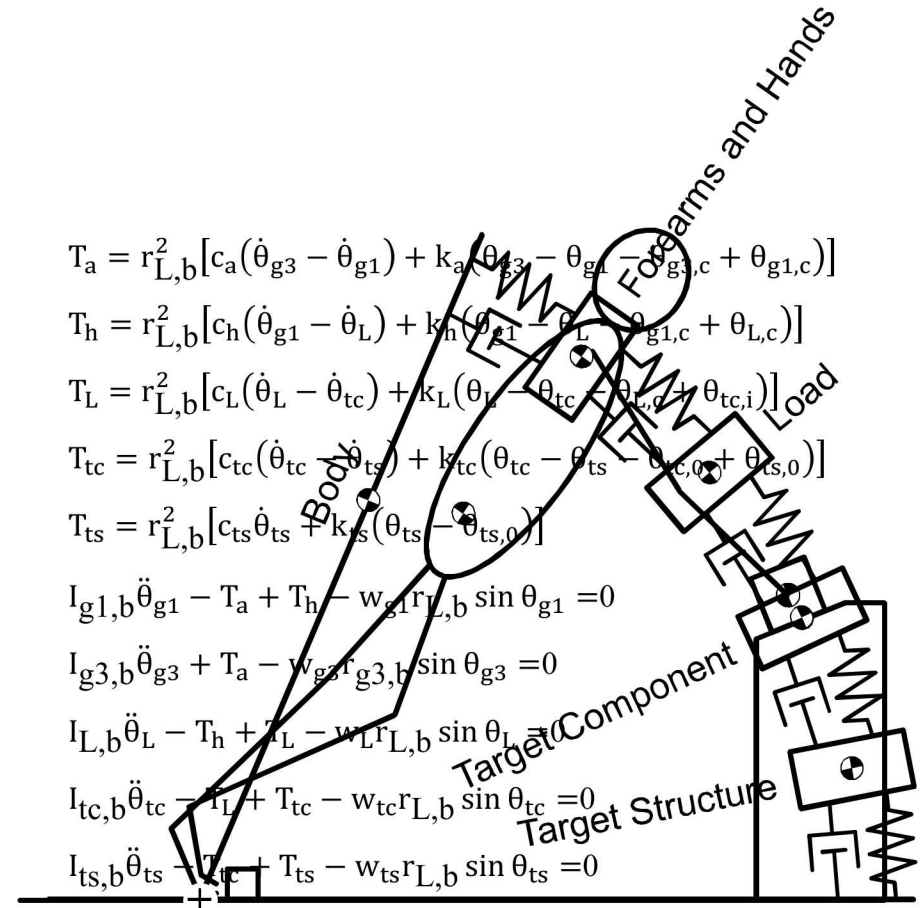




# Trip and Fall Hazard

## Fall and Load Impact

- Fall analyzed with rigid-body dynamics
  - Man and load rotate together
  - Energy is conserved
- Load impact analysis
  - Coupled mass-spring-damper system
  - Arms flex until body contacts load



# Trip and Fall Hazard

## Body Impact

- Model transitions to new configuration
  - Arms lose strength
  - Hands retain grip on load
  - Body inertia reacted through chest
- Body impact analysis
  - Real-time coupling of masses in dynamic system
  - Springs and dampers apportion impact energy between target and person

$$T_b = \begin{cases} T_{b,1} & r_{L,b}(\theta_{g4} - \theta_{g2} - \theta_{g4,d} + \theta_{g2,d}) \leq \delta_{b,t} \\ T_{b,2} & r_{L,b}(\theta_{g4} - \theta_{g2} - \theta_{g4,d} + \theta_{g2,d}) > \delta_{b,t} \end{cases}$$

$$T_{b,1} = r_{L,b}^2 [c_b(\dot{\theta}_{g4} - \dot{\theta}_{g2}) + k_{b,1}(\theta_{g4} - \theta_{g2} - \theta_{g4,d} + \theta_{g2,d})]$$

$$T_{b,2} = r_{L,b}^2 [c_b(\dot{\theta}_{g4} - \dot{\theta}_{g2}) + k_{b,2}(\theta_{g4} - \theta_{g2} - \theta_{g4,d} + \theta_{g2,d})] + r_{L,b}(k_{b,1} - k_{b,2})\delta_{b,t}$$

$$c_b = \begin{cases} c_{b,c} & \dot{\theta}_{g2} \leq \dot{\theta}_{g4} \\ c_{b,e} & \dot{\theta}_{g2} > \dot{\theta}_{g4} \end{cases}$$

$$T_s = r_{L,b}^2 [c_s(\dot{\theta}_{g2} - \dot{\theta}_L) + k_s(\theta_{g2} - \theta_L - \theta_{g2,d} + \theta_{L,d})]$$

$$T_h = r_{L,b}^2 [c_h(\dot{\theta}_{g1} - \dot{\theta}_L) + k_h(\theta_{g1} - \theta_L - \theta_{g1,c} + \theta_{L,c})]$$

$$T_L = r_{L,b}^2 [c_L(\dot{\theta}_L - \dot{\theta}_{tc}) + k_L(\theta_L - \theta_{tc} - \theta_{L,c} + \theta_{tc,c})]$$

$$T_{tc} = r_{L,b}^2 [c_{tc}(\dot{\theta}_{tc} - \dot{\theta}_{ts}) + k_{tc}(\theta_{tc} - \theta_{ts} - \theta_{tc,0} + \theta_{ts,0})]$$

$$T_{ts} = r_{L,b}^2 [c_{ts}\dot{\theta}_{ts} + k_{ts}(\theta_{ts} - \theta_{ts,0})]$$

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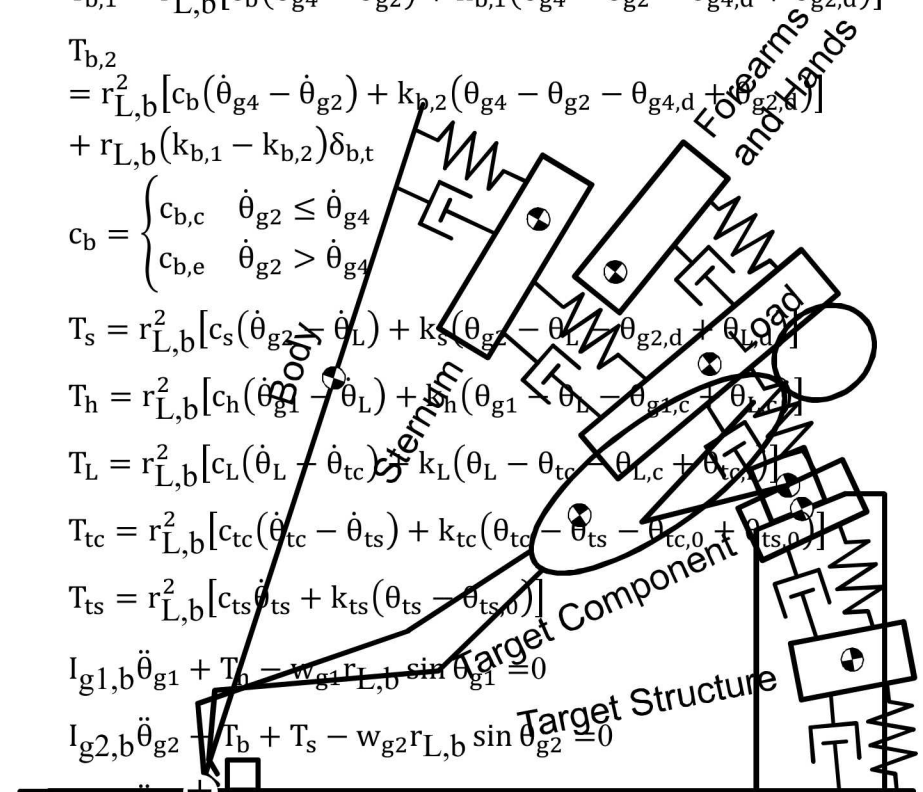
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$$I_{L,b}\ddot{\theta}_L - T_s - T_h + T_L - w_Lr_{L,b}\sin\theta_L = 0$$

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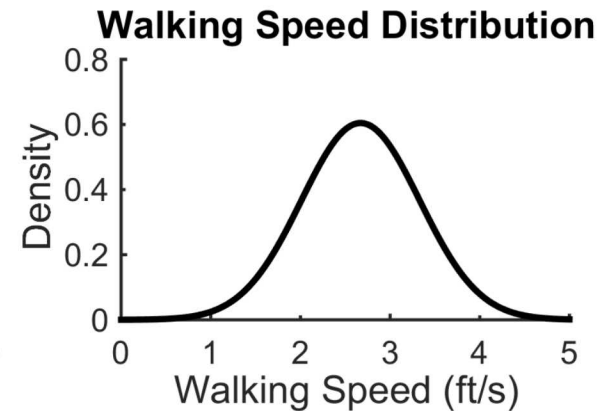
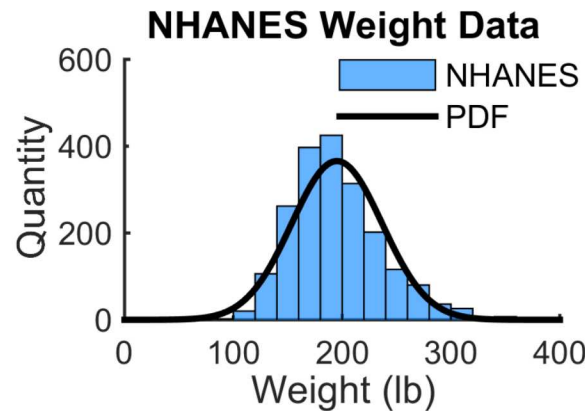
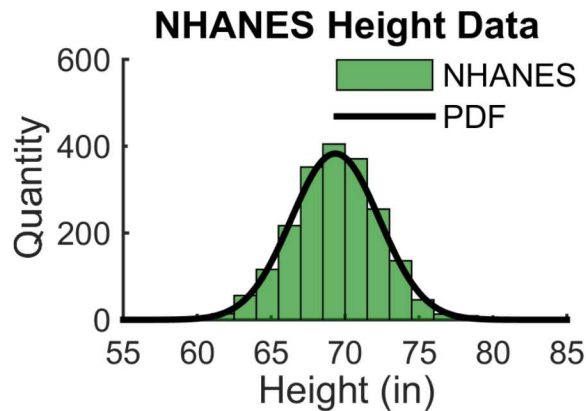
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# Trip and Fall Hazard

## Inputs

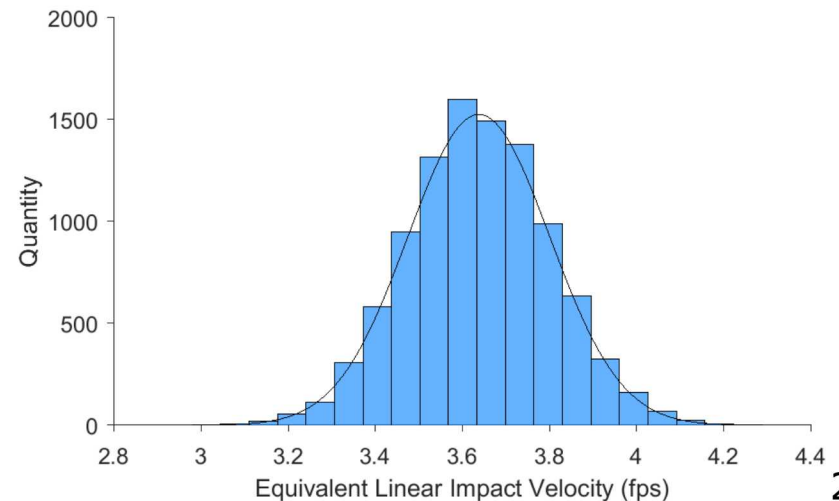
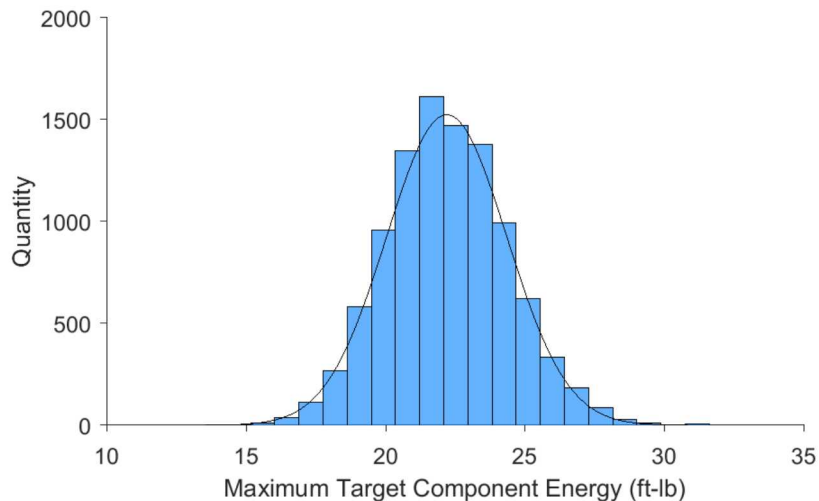
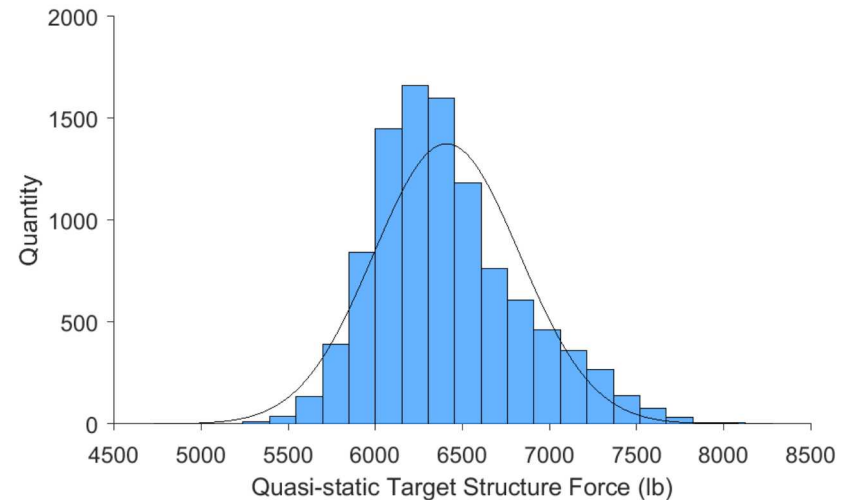
- Weight of load
- Dynamic properties of mass-spring-dampers
- Height of target
- Probability of bounding real hazard
- Correlated height and weight of man
- Walking speed



# Trip and Fall Hazard

## Output for a Single Scenario

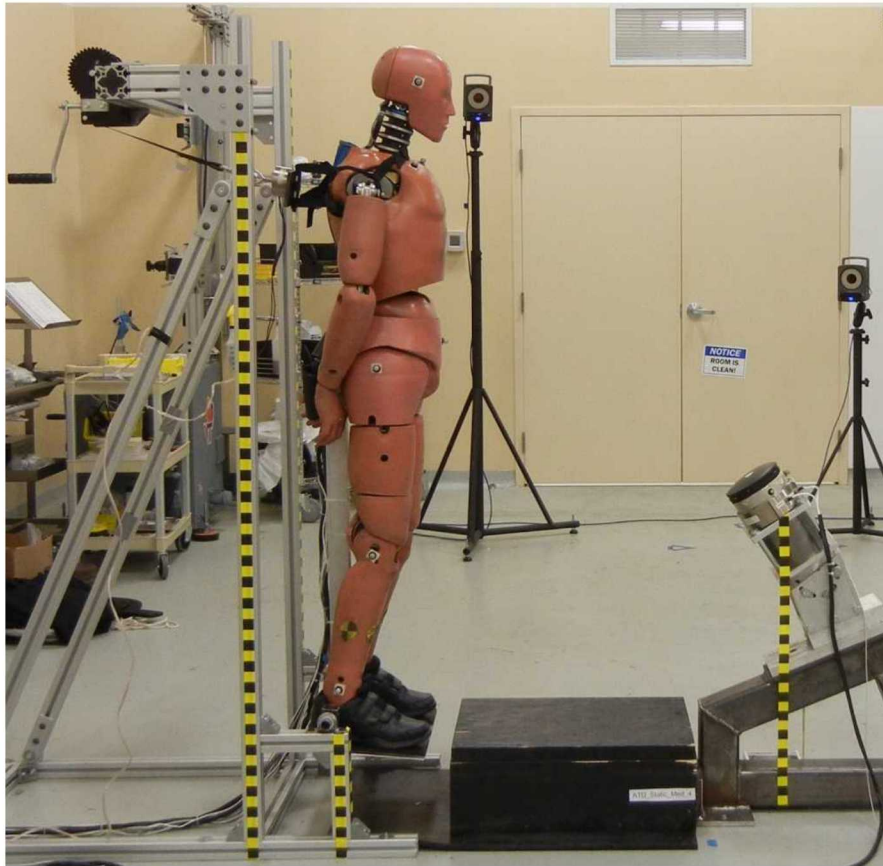
- Load weighs 5 lb
- Target 25 in high
- Thin target component
- Stiff target structure
- 10,000 random men



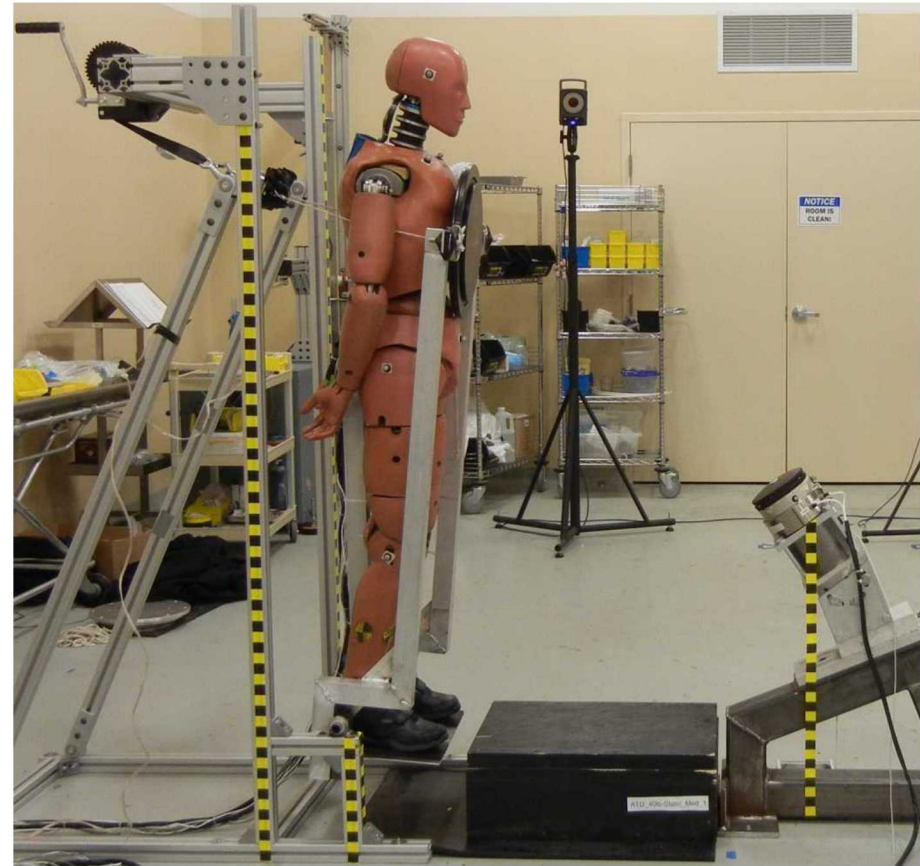


# Trip and Fall Hazard

## Anthropomorphic Test Device (ATD)



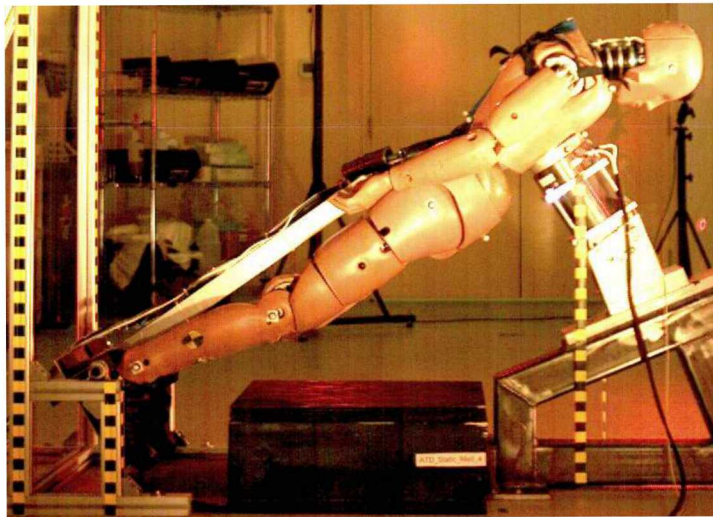
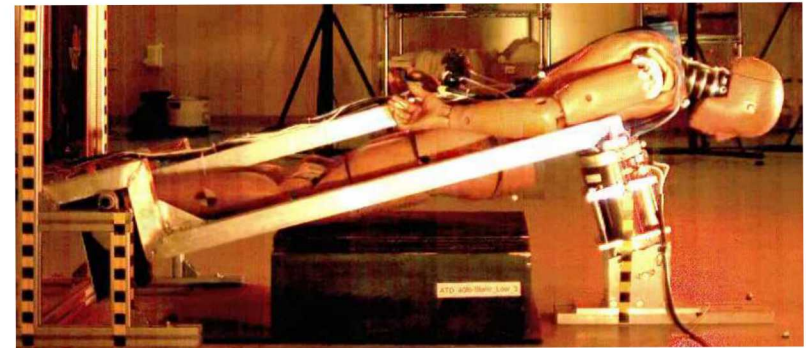
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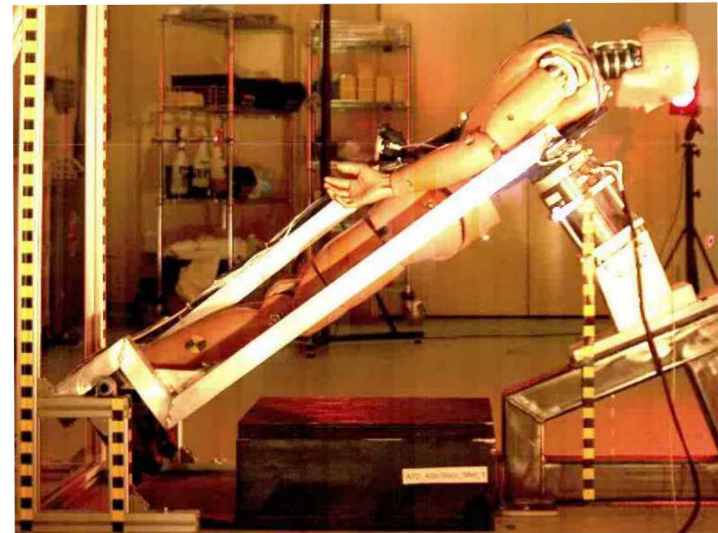
ATD with 40-lb Load

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## Anthropomorphic Test Device (ATD)



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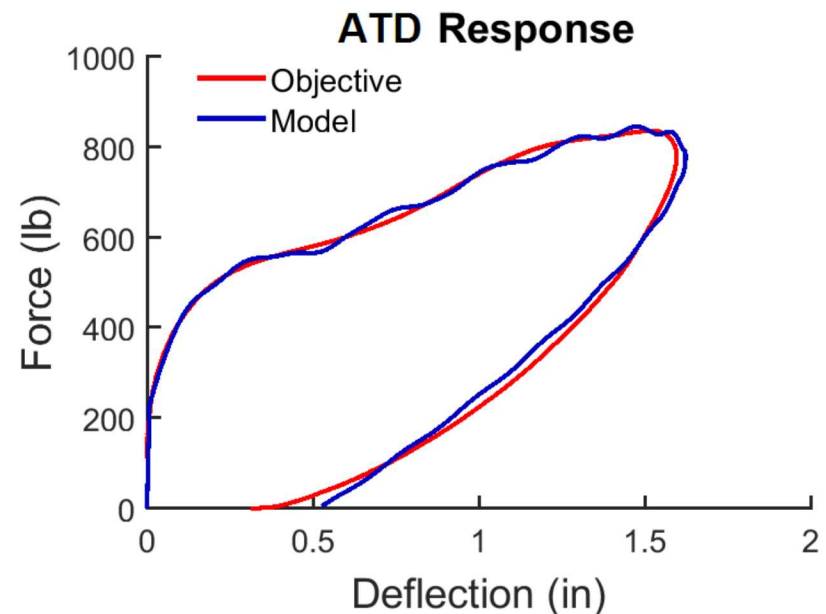
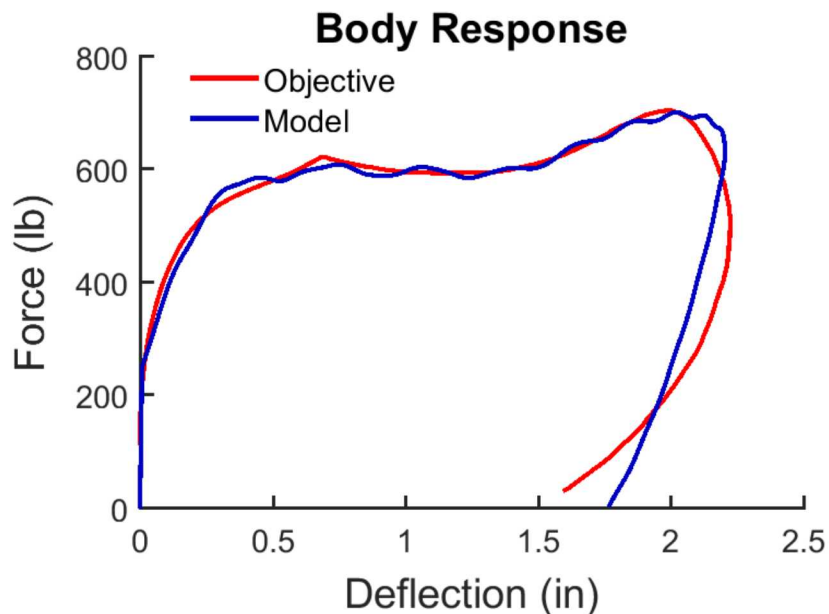
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# Trip and Fall Hazard

## Model Correlation

- Correlated body response to combined response from ATD and cadaver tests
- Optimized properties to ATD response for validation of model

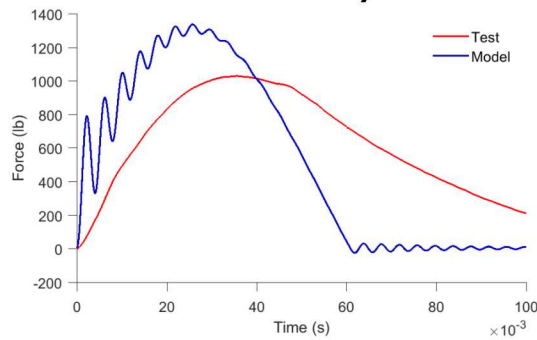


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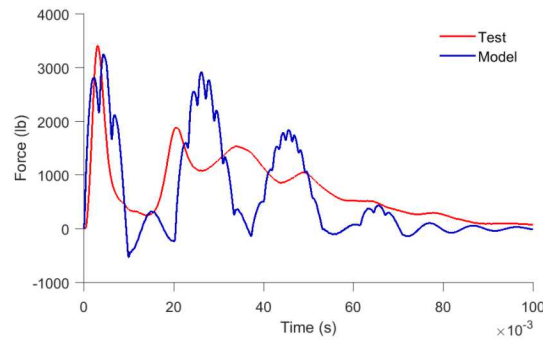
## Model Validation

Load Cell

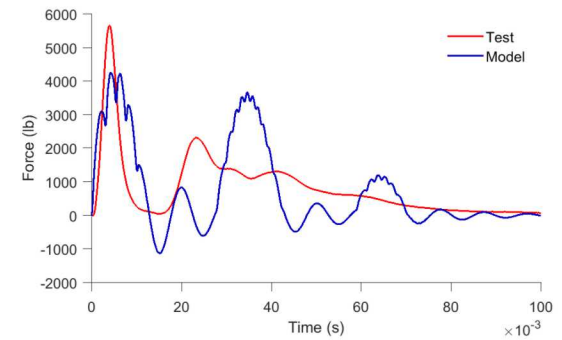
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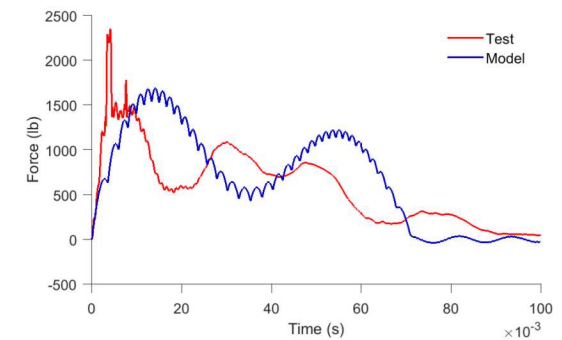
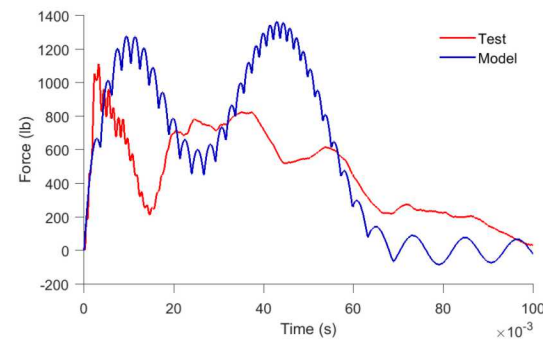
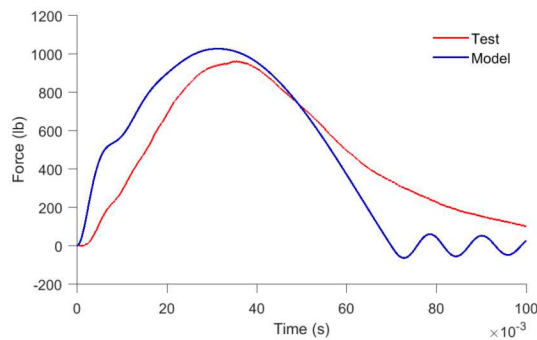
ATD with 20-lb Load



ATD with 40-lb Load



Aluminum Beam





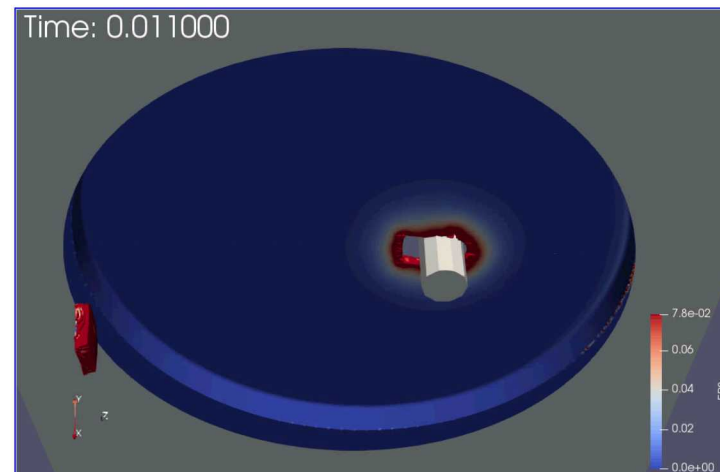
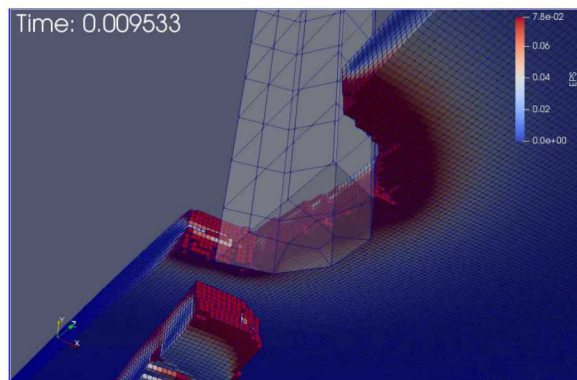
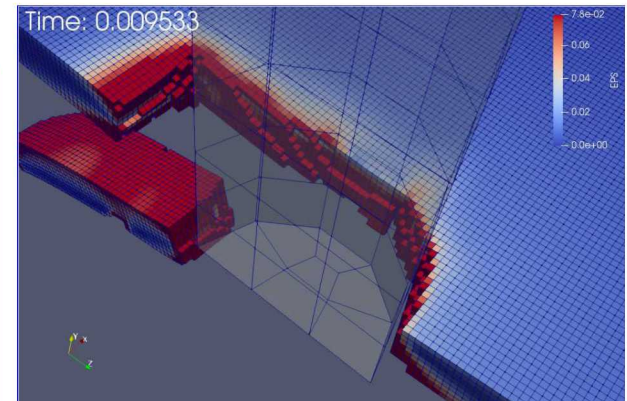
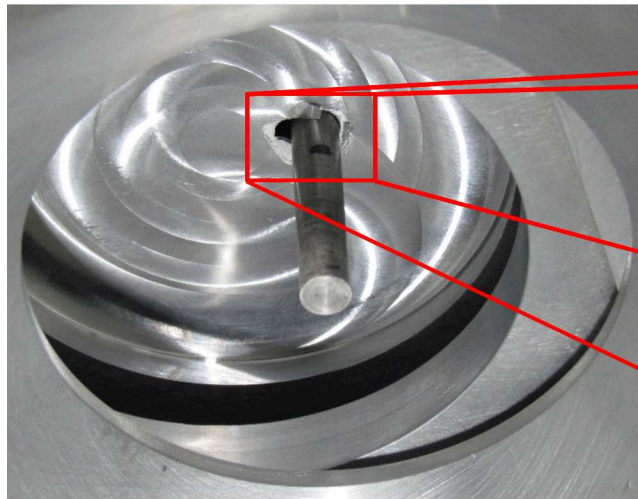
# **PROBE PUNCTURE SIMULATIONS**

**Validation of Constitutive Models and  
Failure Criteria**

# Probe Puncture Simulations

## Small Probe with Flat End

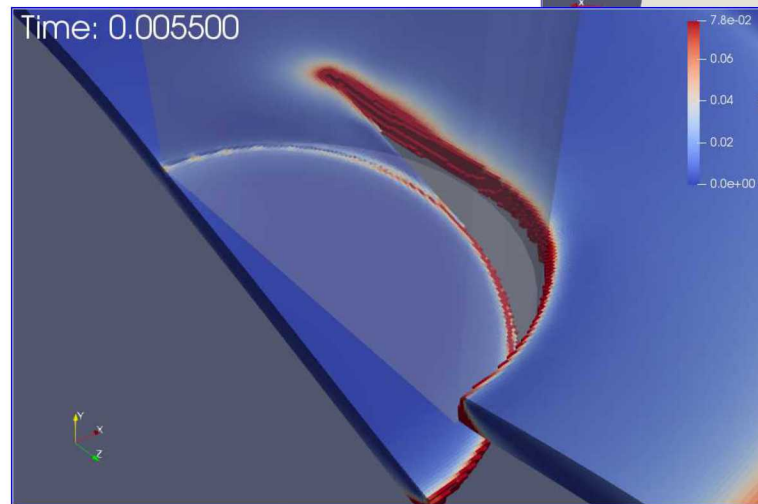
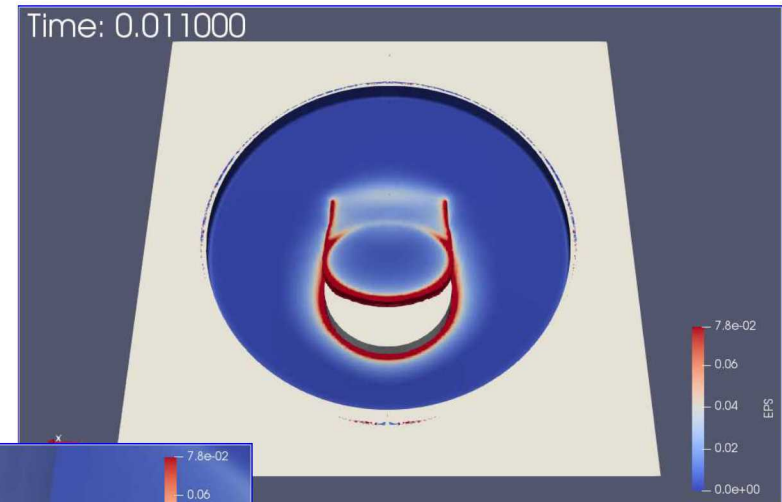
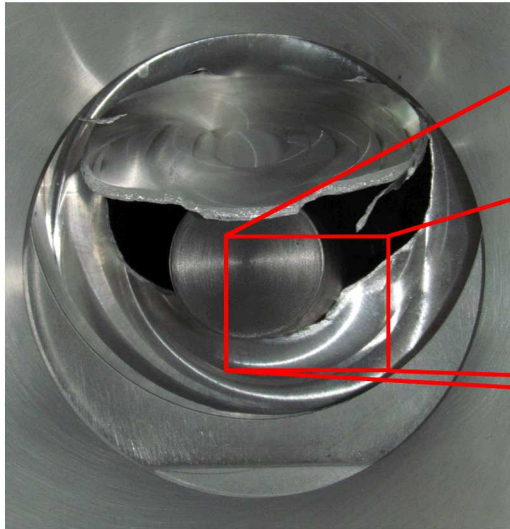
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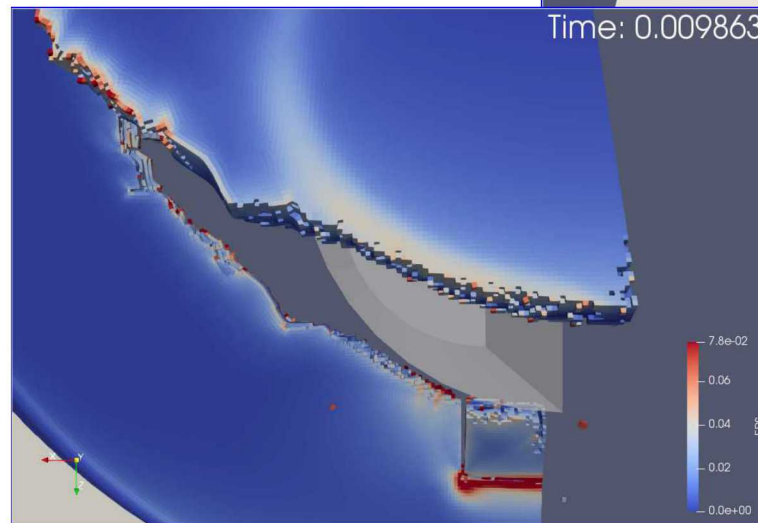
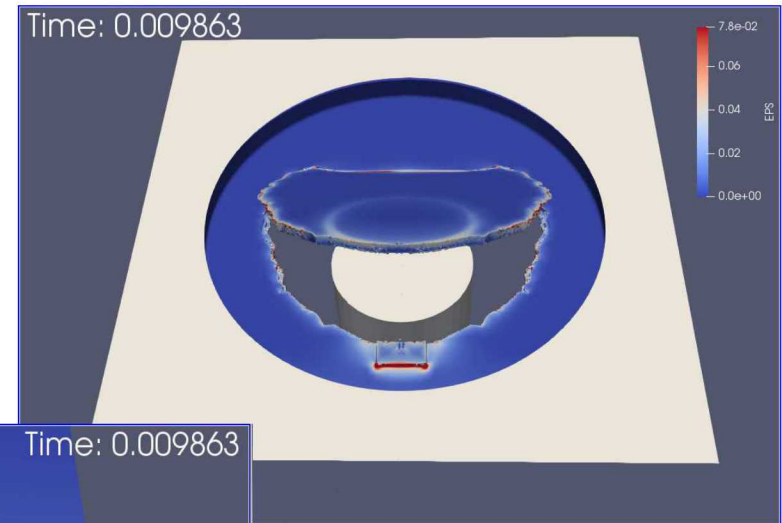
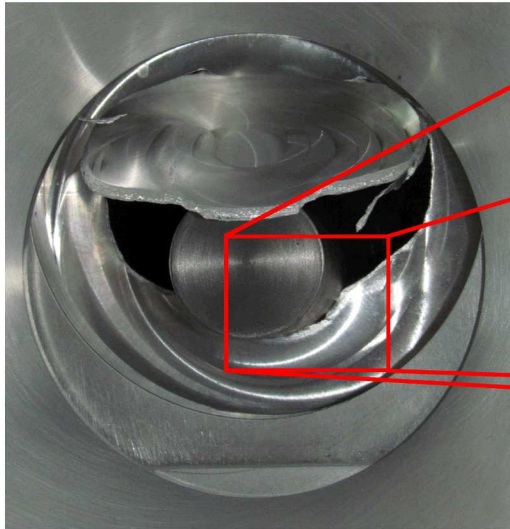
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# Probe Puncture Simulations

## Large Probe with Flat End

Johnson-Cook Model with Wellman Failure Criterion

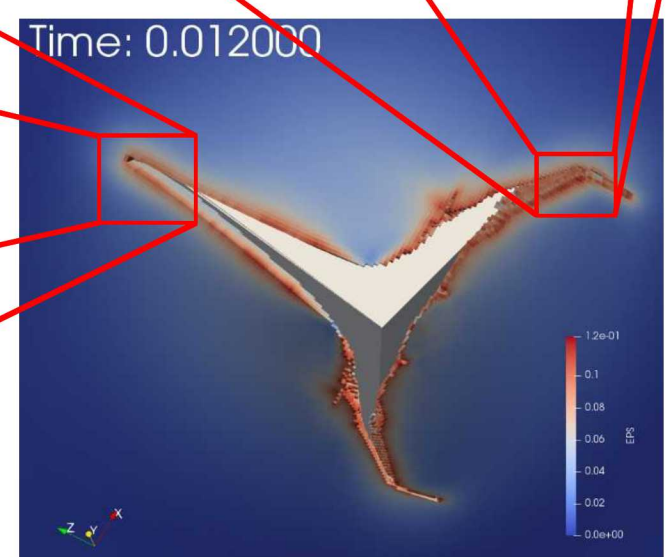
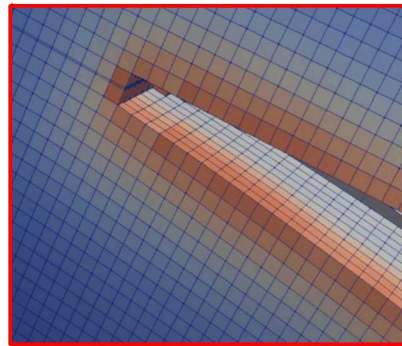
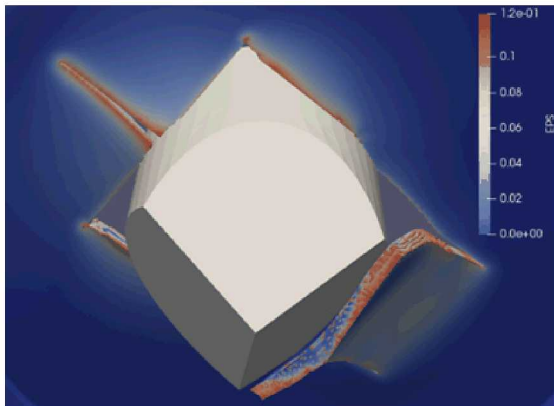
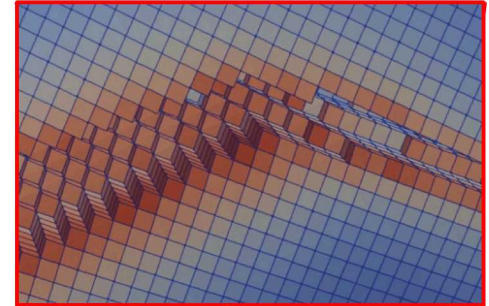
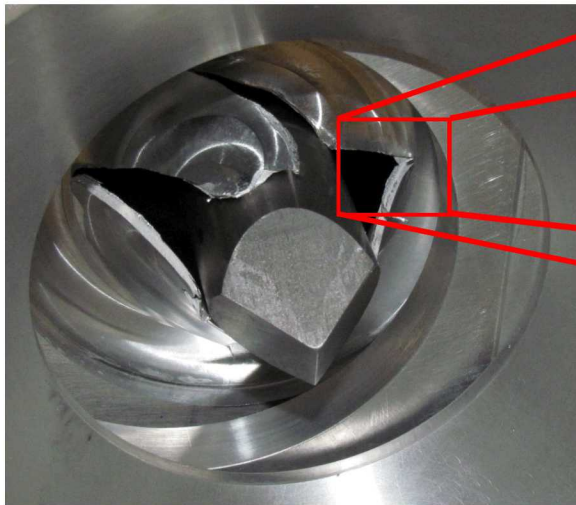




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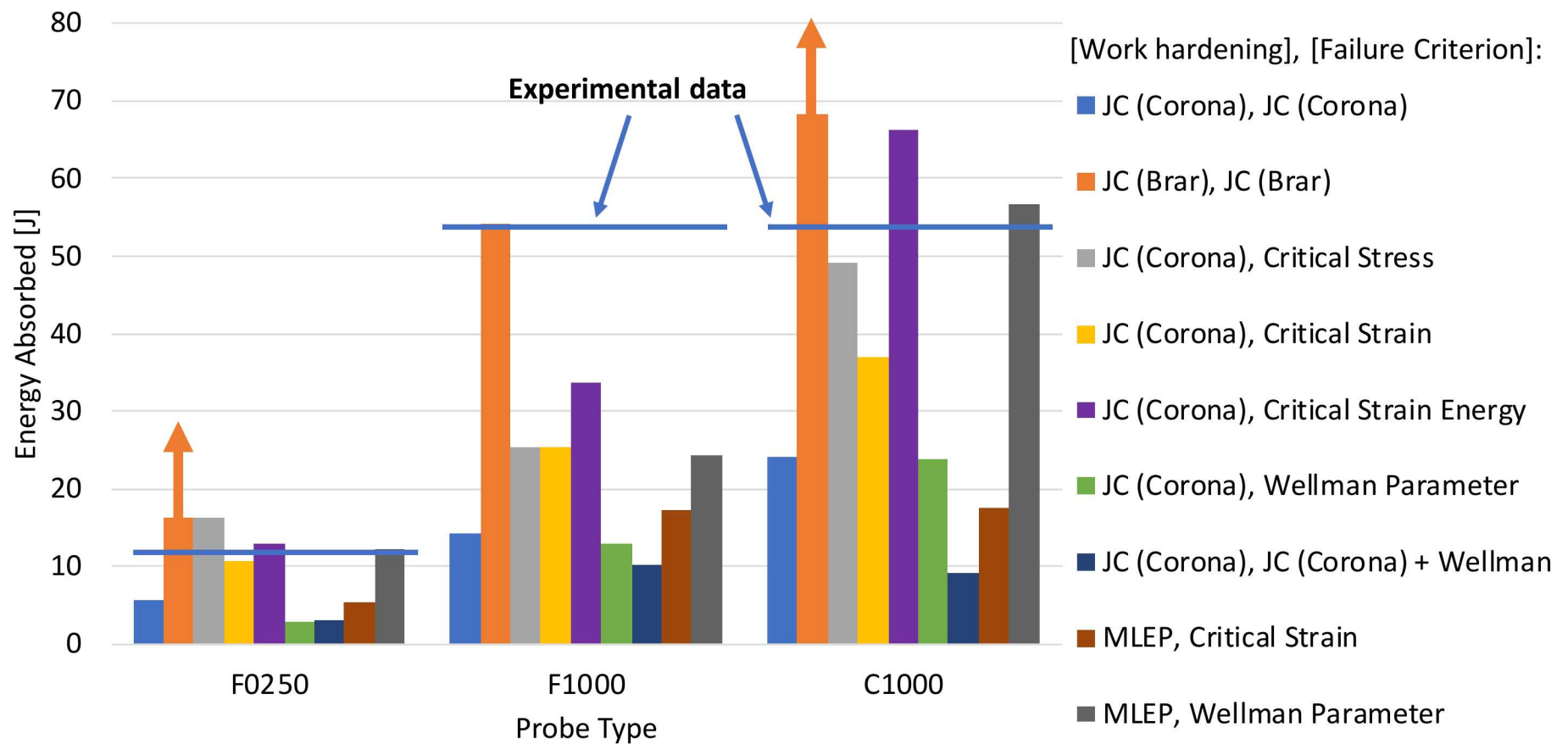
## Large Probe with Sharp Corner

Johnson-Cook Model with Critical Stress Failure Criterion



# Probe Puncture Simulations

## Results



# **PROPERTIES OF SYNTACTIC FOAM**

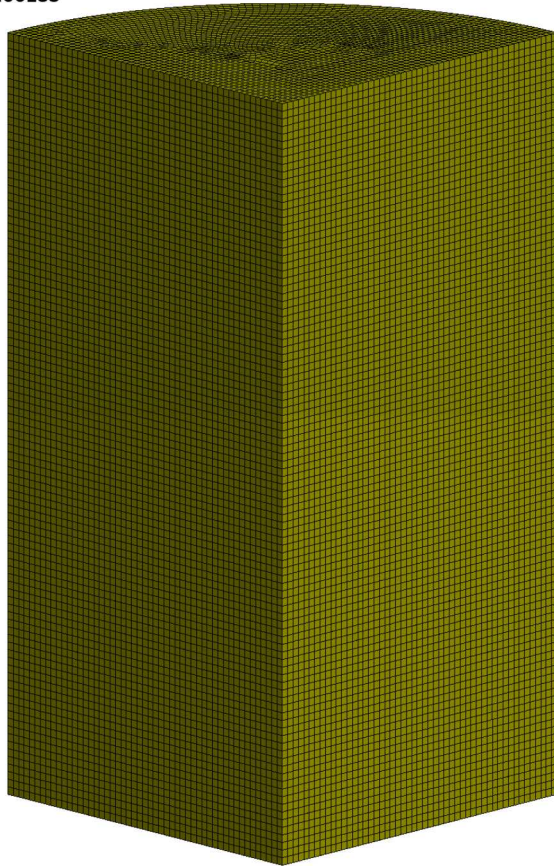
## **Testing and Model Correlation**



# Properties of Syntactic Foam

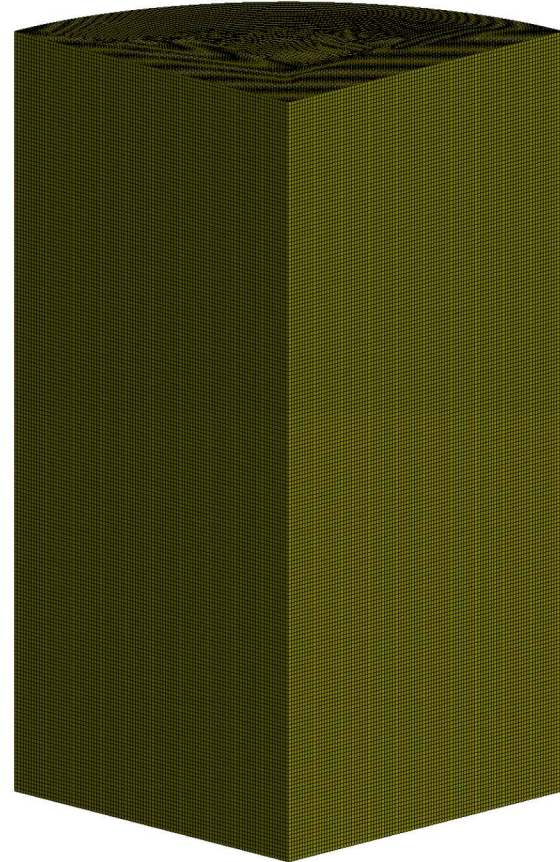
## Simulation of Cylinder in Tension

Quarter Cylinder Tension, Coarse Mesh, 0.012 Strain, 100 mm/s  
Time = 0.00288



Coarse Mesh

Quarter Cylinder Tension, Fine Mesh, 0.012 Strain, 100 mm/s  
Time = 0.00291

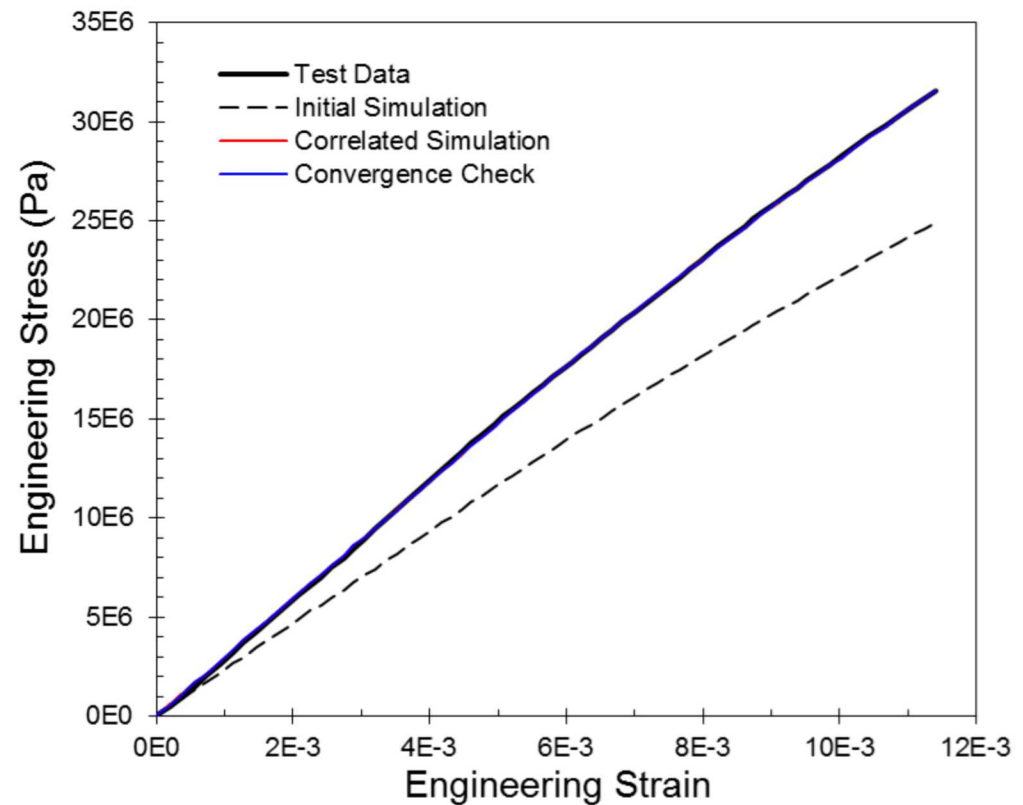
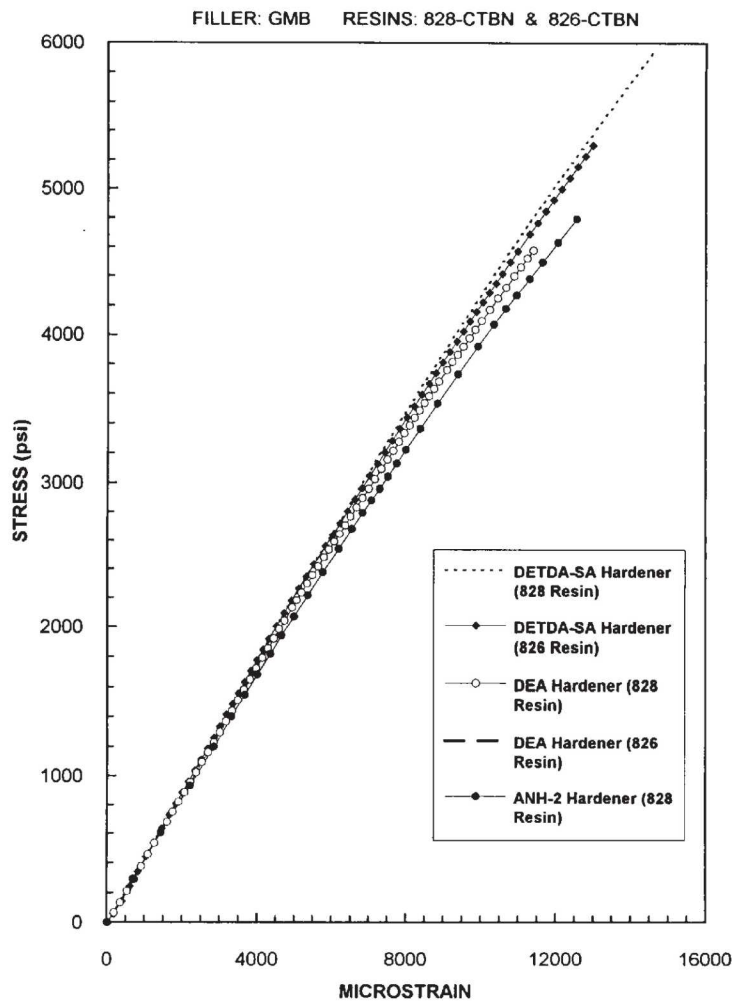


Fine Mesh



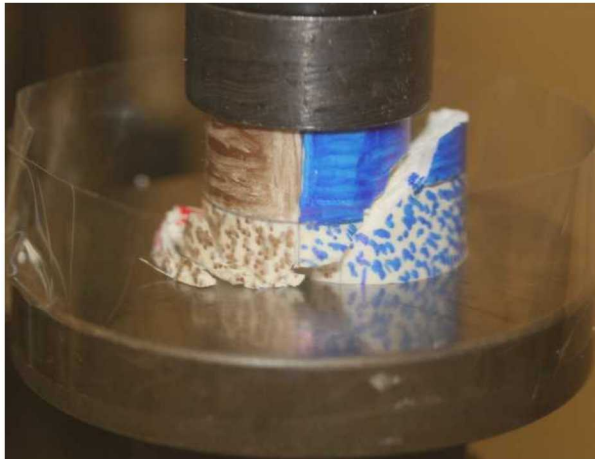
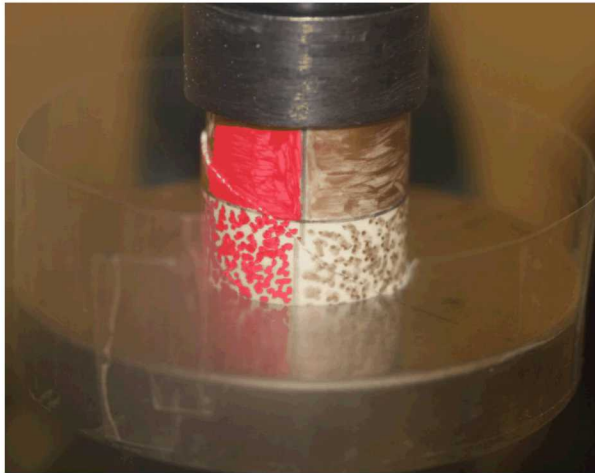
# Properties of Syntactic Foam

## Correlation to Published Test Results



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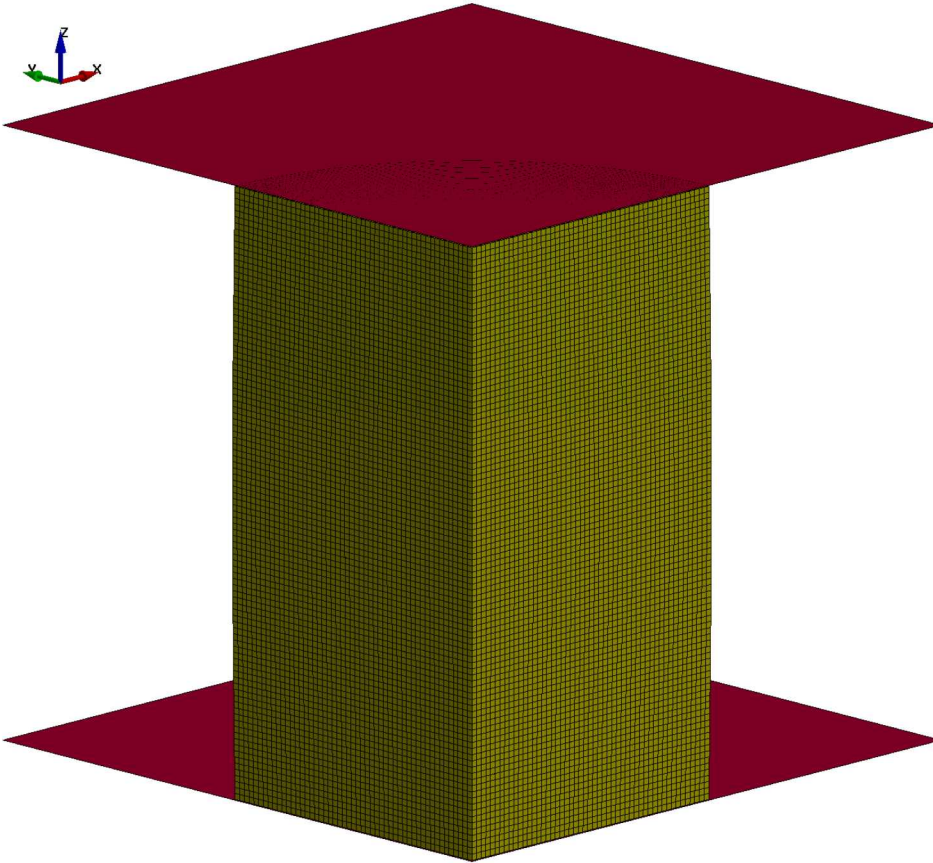
## Tests of Cylinders in Compression



# Properties of Syntactic Foam

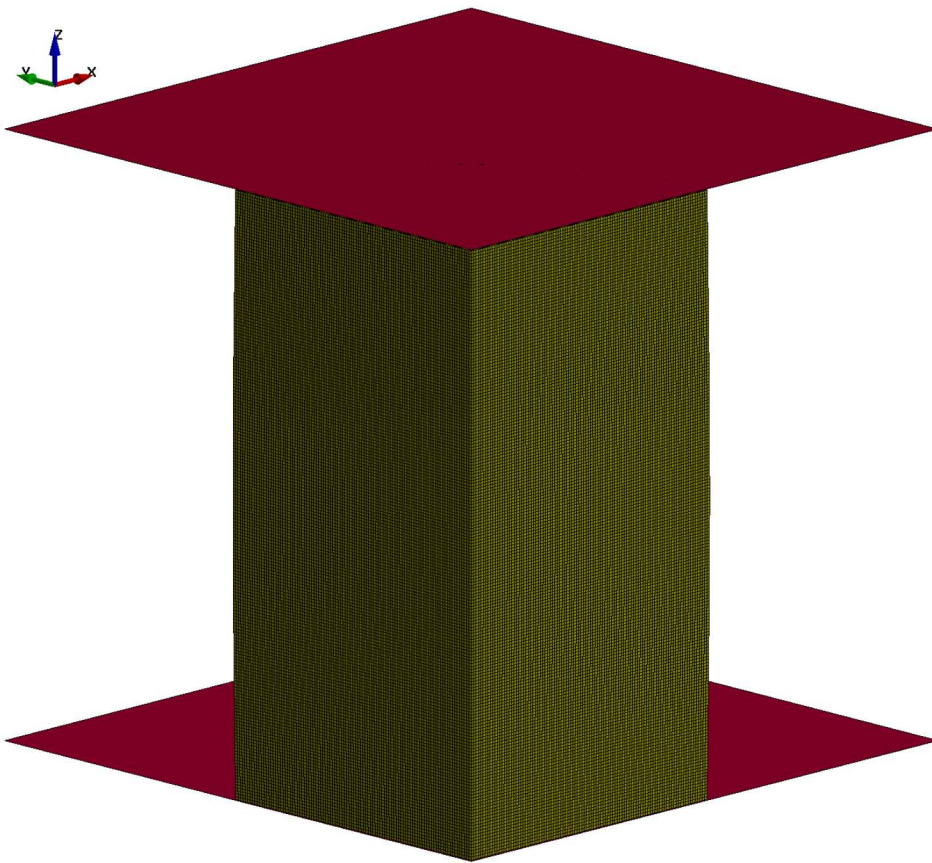
## Simulation of Cylinder in Compression

Quarter Cylinder Compression, Coarse Mesh, -0.059 Strain, 100 mm/s  
Time = 0.01128



Coarse Mesh

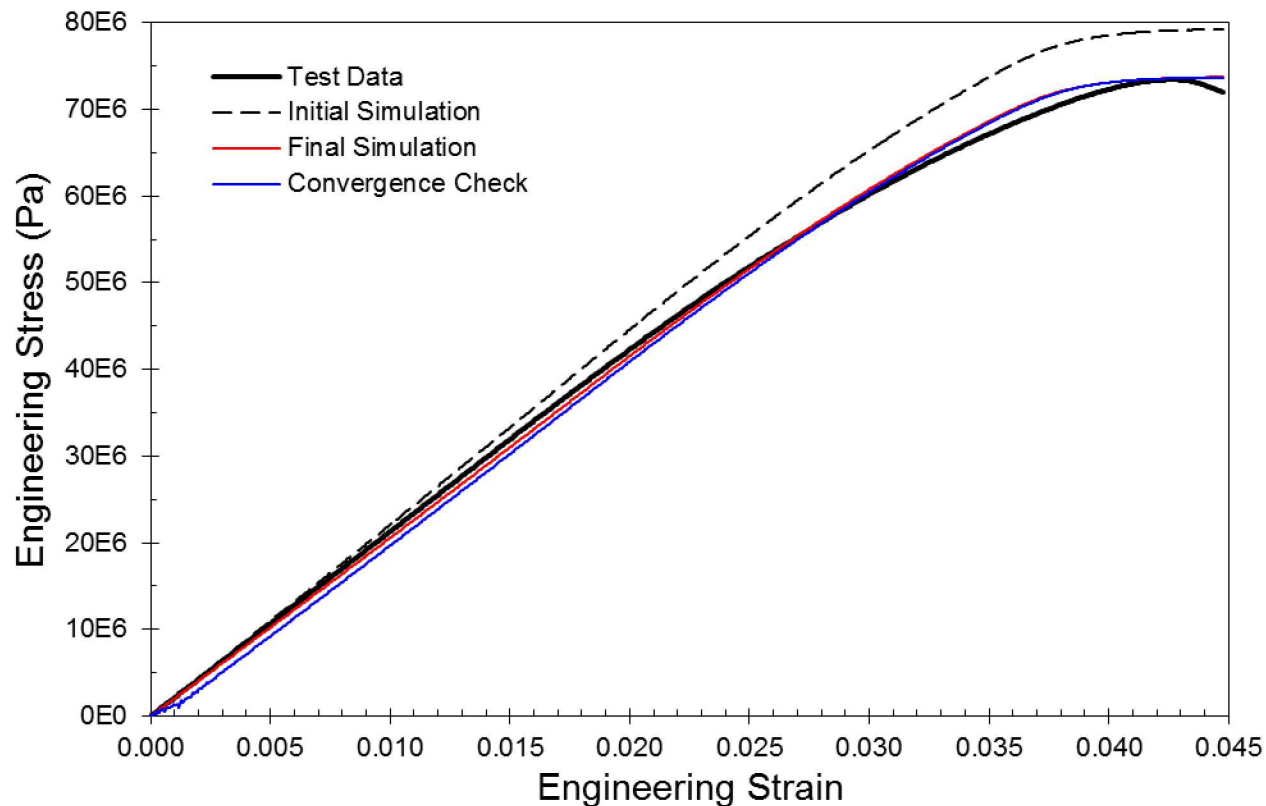
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Fine Mesh

# Properties of Syntactic Foam

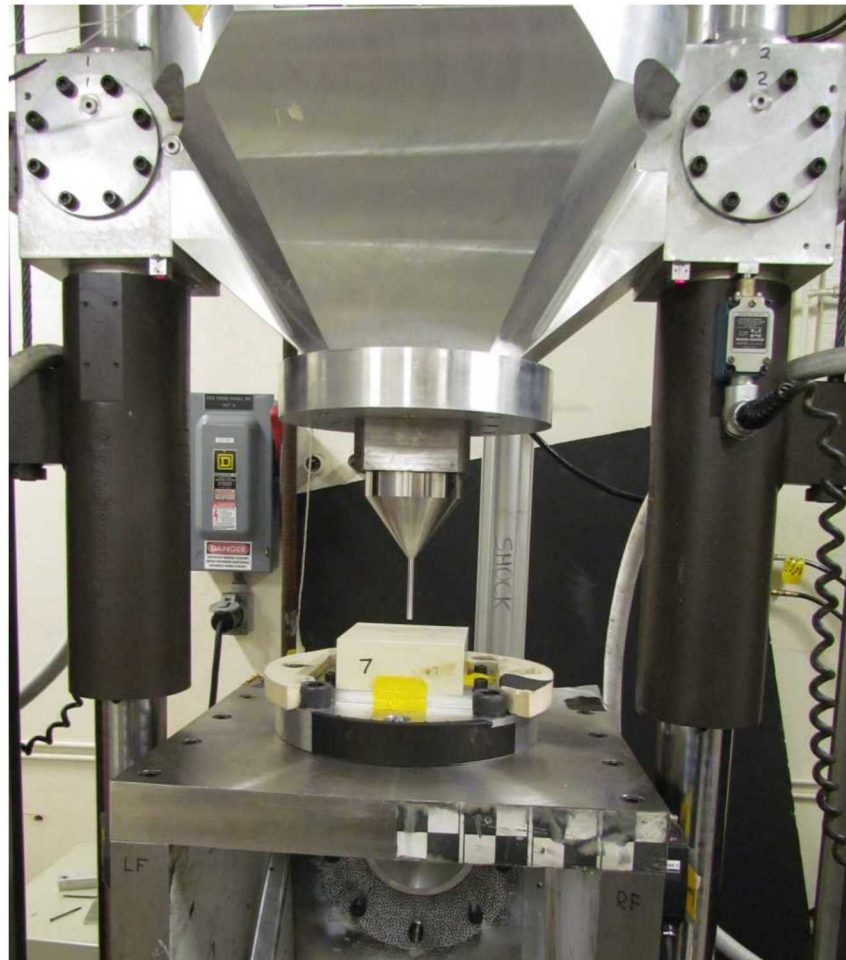
## Correlation to Test Results





# Properties of Syntactic Foam

## Test of Probe Penetrating Block



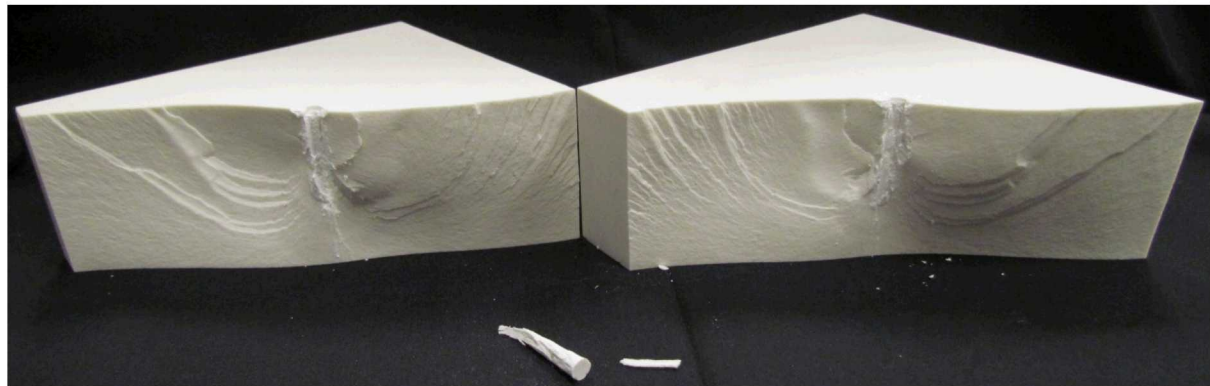
# Properties of Syntactic Foam

## Fractured Blocks

Sample 3



Sample 4



# Properties of Syntactic Foam

## Intact Blocks



Sample 1



Sample 6

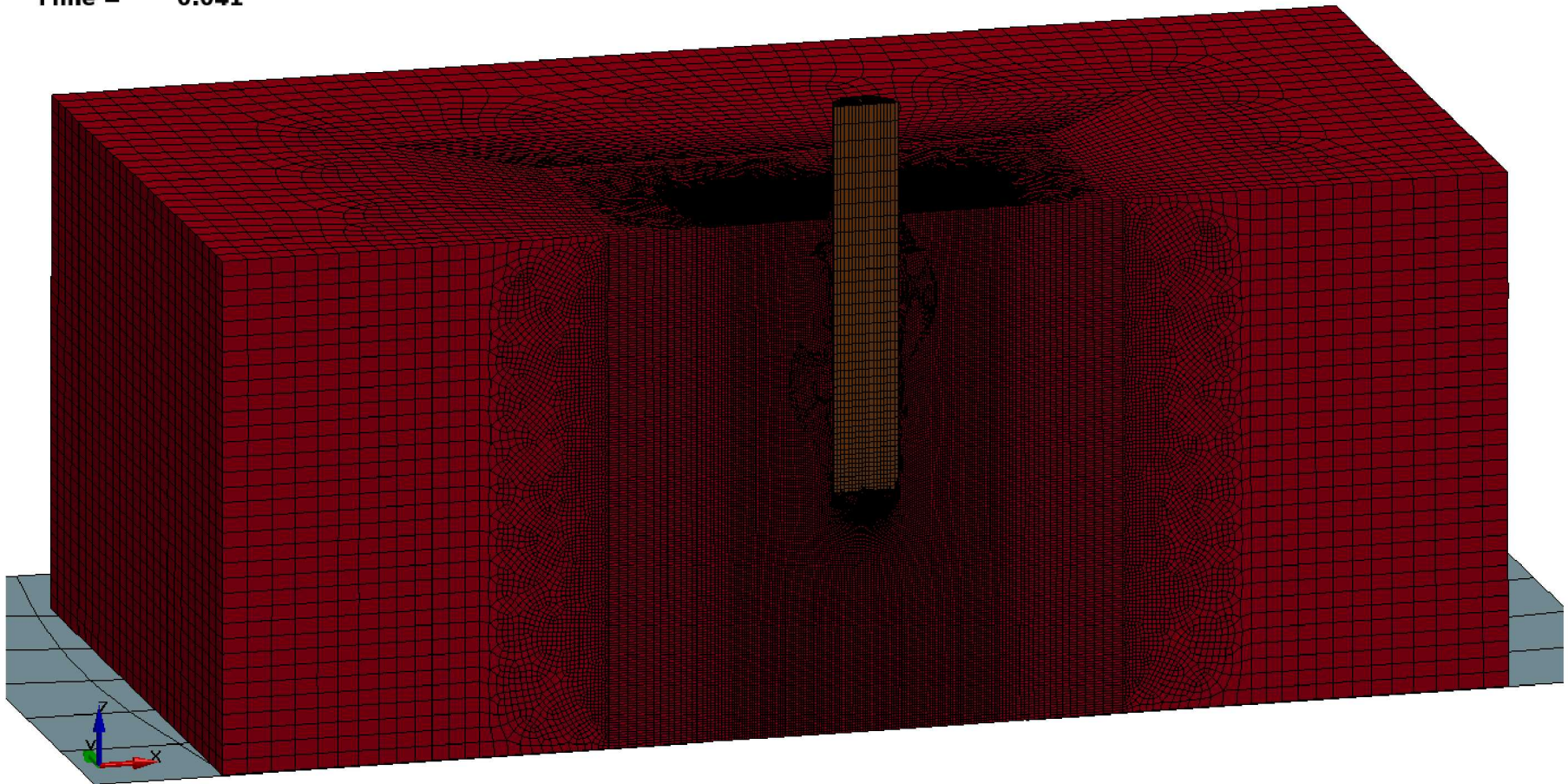


# Properties of Syntactic Foam

## Simulation of Probe Penetrating Block

Half Foam Block Impacted by Quarter-Inch Probe Driven by Initial Energy

Time = 0.041





# Properties of Syntactic Foam

## Test Results

Result	Condition	Value
Mean Penetration Depth	Fractured	27.1 mm
	Intact	20.9 mm
Energy at Mean Depth	Fractured	140 J
	Intact	143 J

## Simulation Results

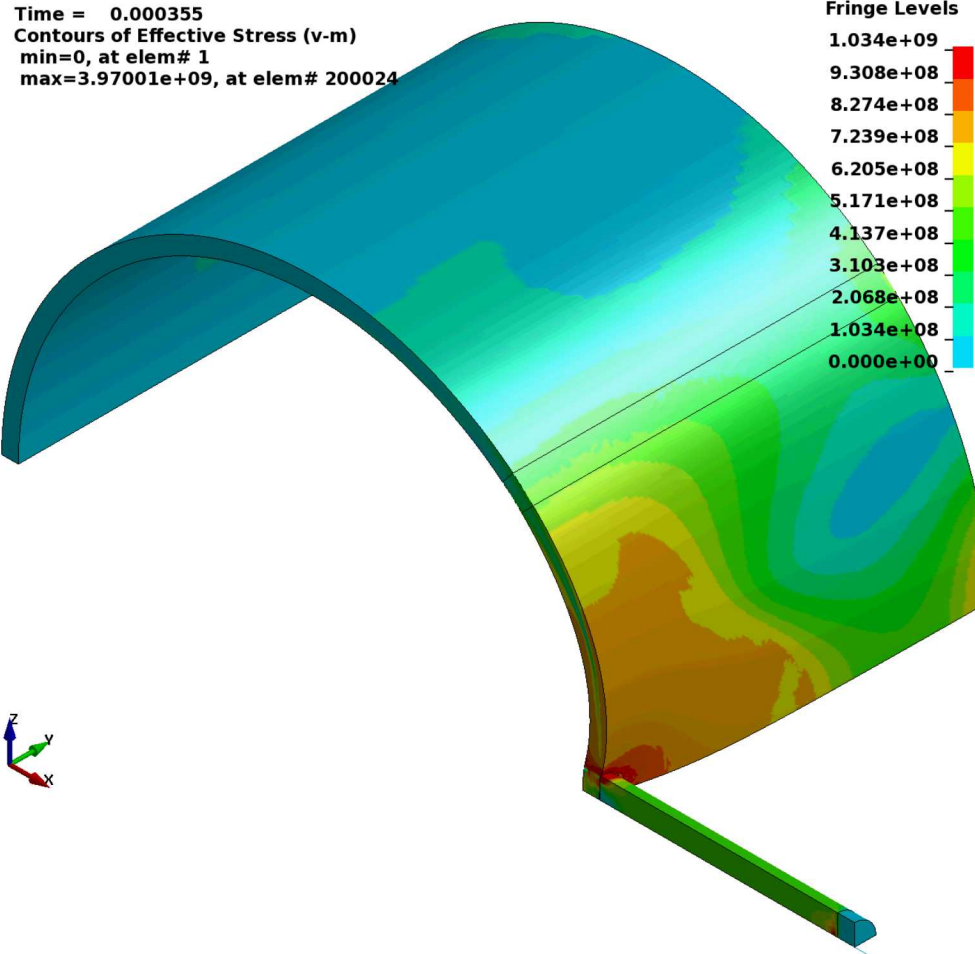
Result	Value	Fraction of Test Result
Time	40.9 ms	
Displacement	27.3 mm	131%
Initial Kinetic Energy	124 J	
Potential Energy	25 J	
Energy Absorbed	149 J	104%

# **MESH CONVERGENCE**

**Determine Mesh Size Prior to  
Meshing Complex Geometry**

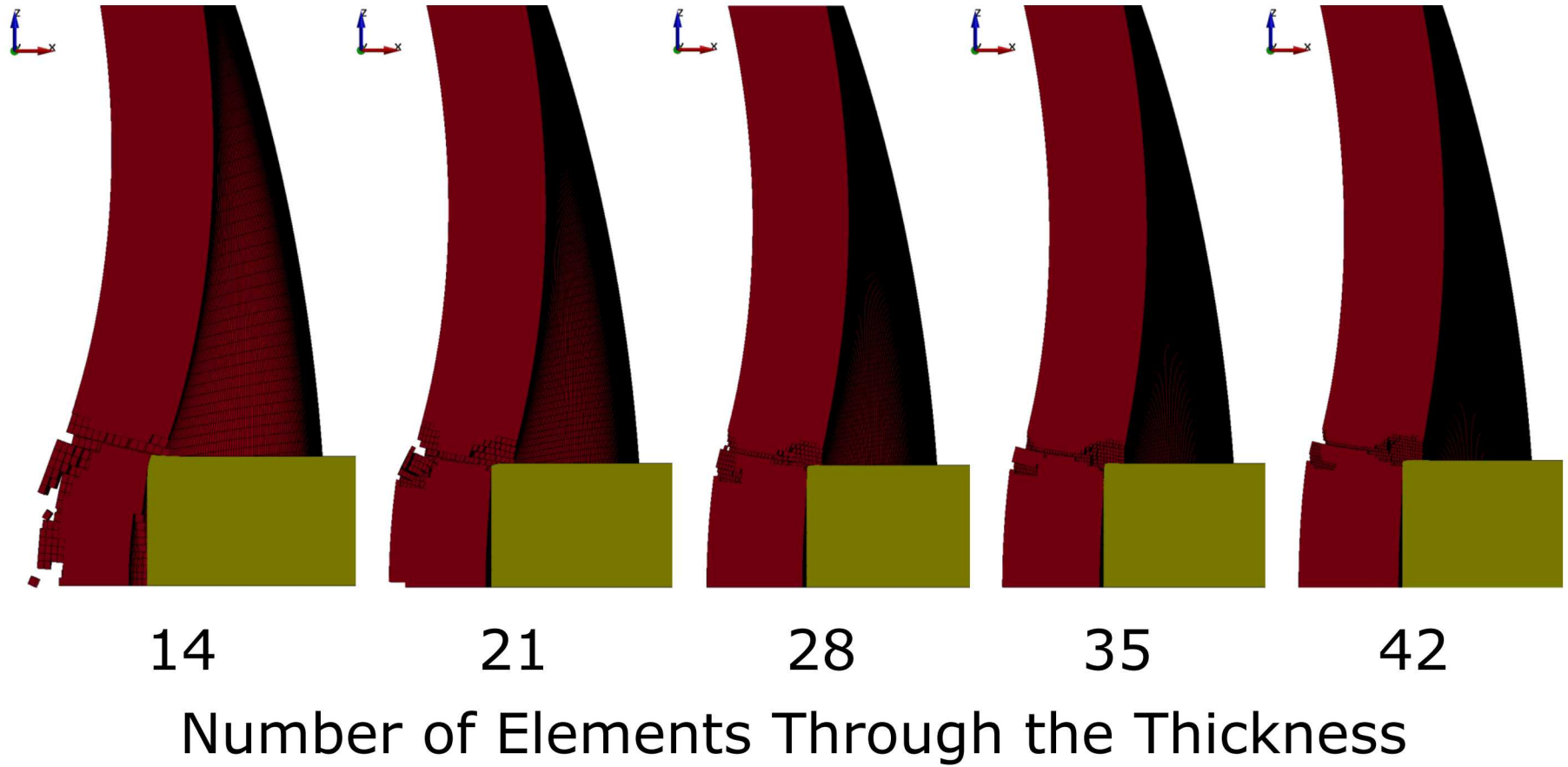
# Mesh Convergence

## One-Quarter-Inch Flat Probe



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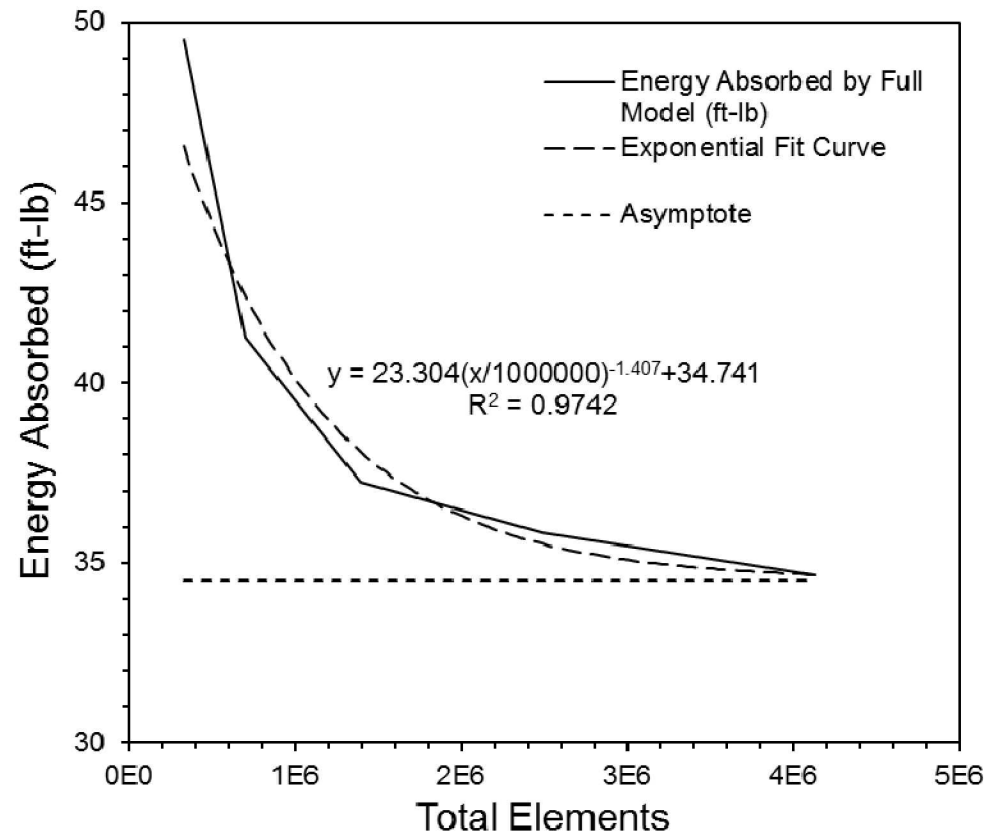
## One-Quarter-Inch Flat Probe





# Mesh Convergence

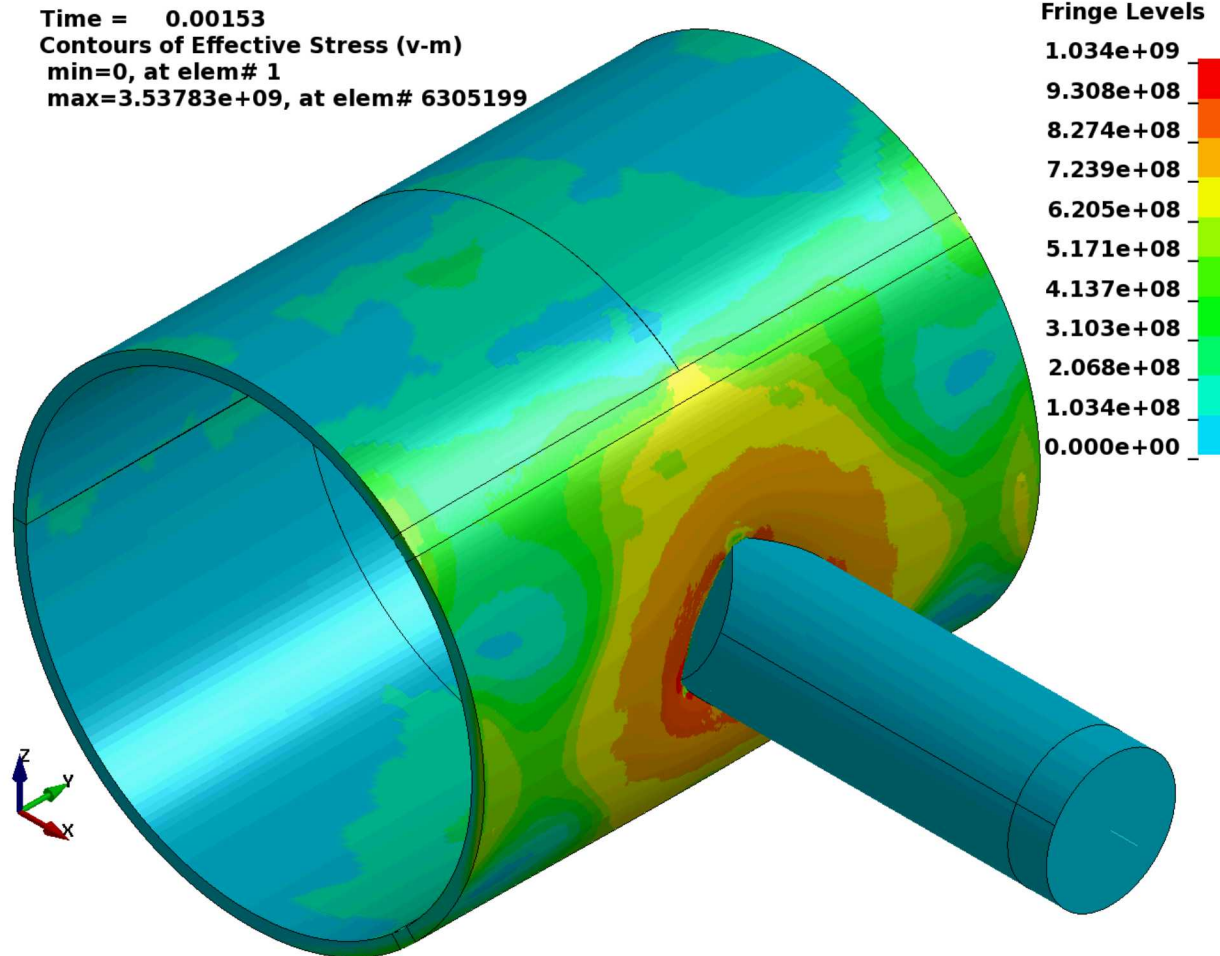
## One-Quarter-Inch Flat Probe



Asymptotic Convergence

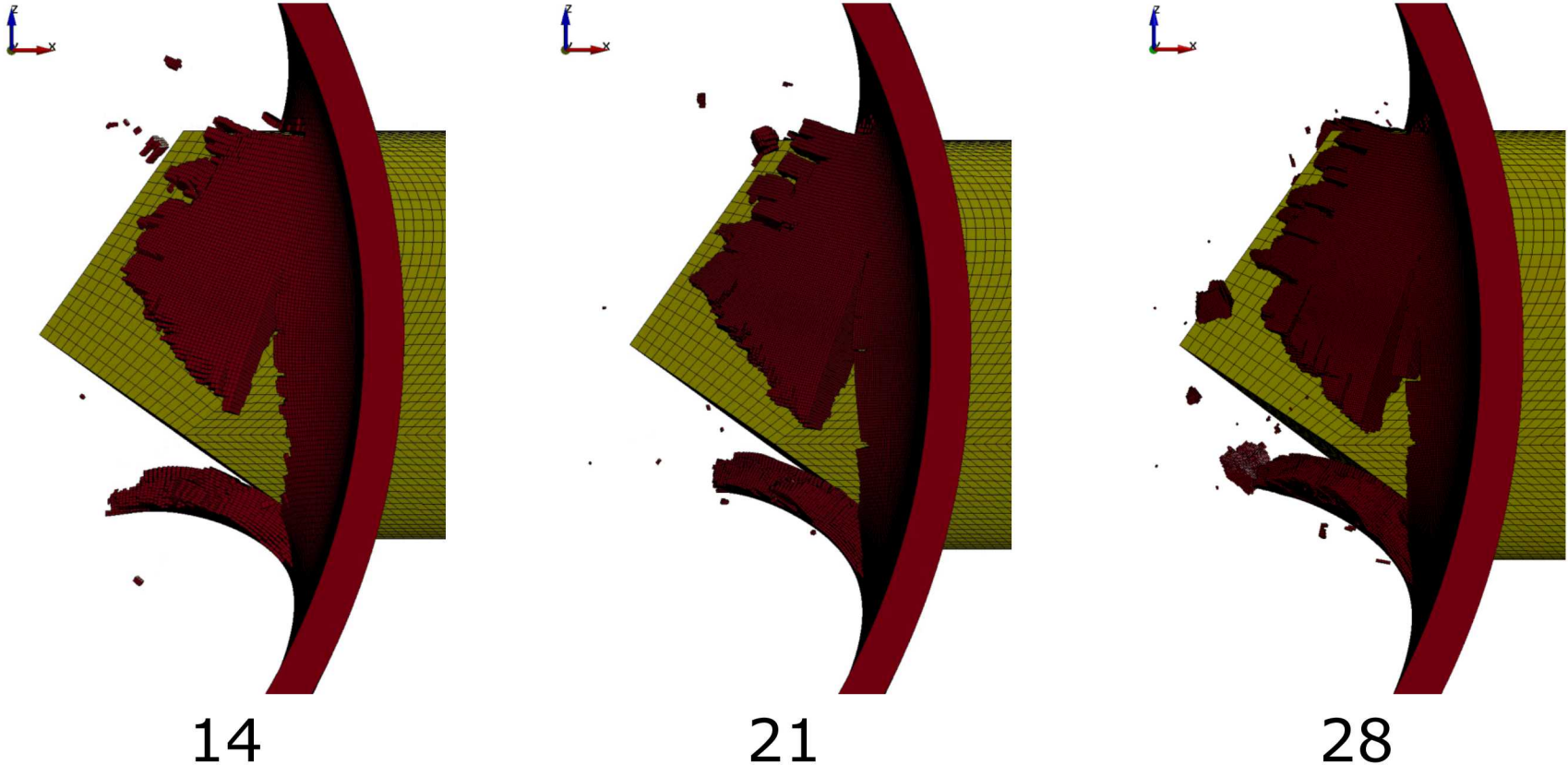
# Mesh Convergence

## One-Inch Corner Probe



# Mesh Convergence

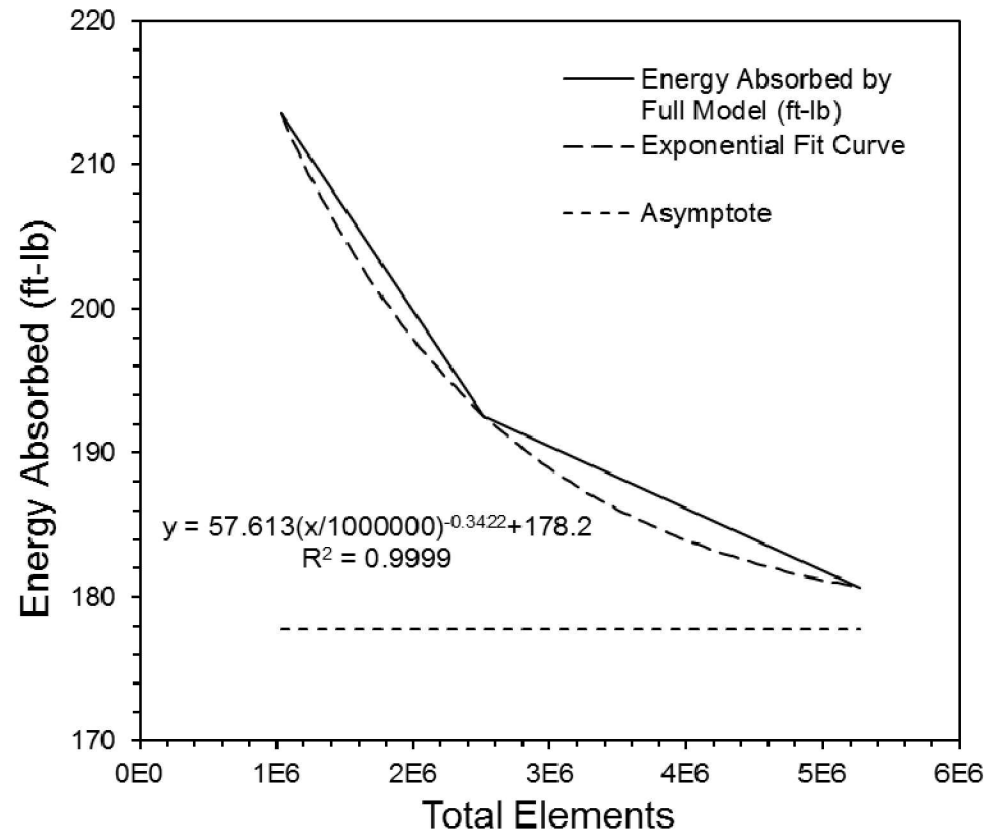
## One-Inch Corner Probe



Number of Elements Through the Thickness

# Mesh Convergence

## One-Inch Corner Probe



Asymptotic Convergence



# Safety Theme

## Design Safe Processes for the Production of High-Consequence Systems

- Mitigate energy from mechanical impact hazards
- Exclude electrical energy by maintaining a Faraday cage
  - Design exclusion region barriers with ductile metals
  - Design strong, resilient joints
- Quantify hazards due to technicians falling
- Strengthen technical basis by improving accuracy of simulations
  - Test material properties
  - Correlate constitutive models and failure criteria
  - Verify convergence of finite element meshes

# Conclusion

## Safe Process for High-Consequence Systems

- Perform tests to establish first principles of physics
- Build conservative models to simulate reality
- Test simplified components if actual components are not available
- Validate models against test data
- Design components and tools for safety
- Limit sources of energy to prevent severe consequences

# Questions?

What would you like to know about . . .

- Managing a senior design project
- Pursuing a graduate degree
- Interviewing for a job or internship
- Working at Sandia National Laboratories
- Living in Albuquerque, New Mexico