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## **Advanced Engineered Composites in Protective Structures**

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- Introduction
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- Computational Modeling
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- FRP Composite Plates under Blast load
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- FRP and Foam Sandwich Composite under Blast
- Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer (BFRP) Rods
- Normal and Prestressed Concrete BFRP Retrofitting
- Conclusions and Future Directions

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### **Engineered Composites**

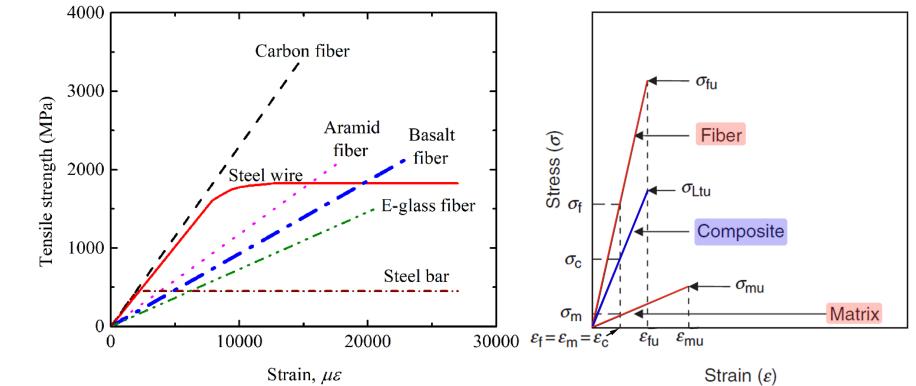
#### **Basalt Fiber Products**



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#### Basalt fiber composite: A new engineered composite

- Structural sustainability and safety (more attention). Includes: durability of structures, recoverability after disasters, use of new materials, and economical issues.
- Financial loss due to corrosion of steel (sea water): up to 700 Billion USD every year (Wu et al., 2012).
- ✓ Basalt fiber: made from basalt rock melted at 1400°C
  without any additives.
- ✓ One of the best alternatives to steel.



#### Applications of FRP Composites



### **BFRP-Retrofitting**

#### **General Applications**

- Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer (BFRP) laminates can be installed in all types of structural applications including but not limited to flexural strengthening, shear strengthening, and axial confinement applications.
- > Flexibility in usage is one of the most appealing aspects of the rehabilitation system



FRP used in flexural strengthening



FRP used in shear strengthening

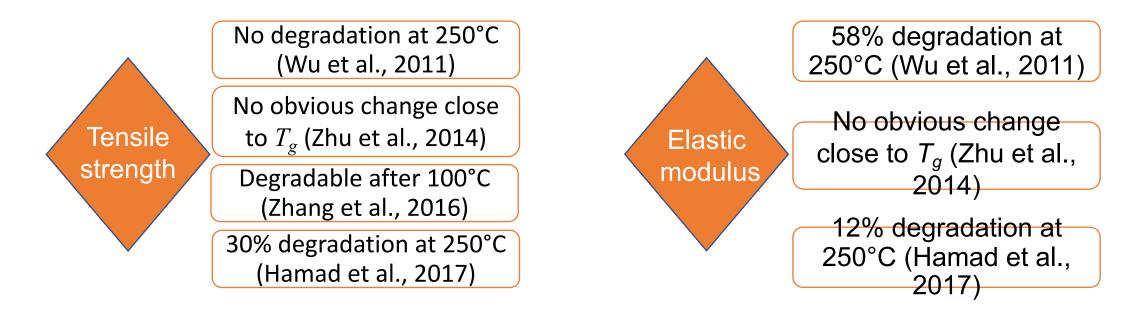


FRP used in an axial confinement

### **Characterization at Elevated Temperatures**

#### <u>Motivation</u>

- > Integral bridges experience thermal stresses throughout their service life.
- > The thermo-mechanical behavior of the BFRP composites varies with the manufacturing.



The absence of full investigations and understanding of the behavior of BFRP rebars at elevated temperatures raises the need for further research study to compliment the state-of-the-art and contribute to international standards on this subject.

### Characterization at Elevated Temperatures: <u>Prerequisite Tests</u> <u>Properties of the BFRP Rod</u> 1. Determinatio

Fiber volume fraction ( $v_f$ ), glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) and resin decomposition temperature ( $T_d$ ) are not mentioned in the data sheet.

| Property                               | Parameter |
|--|-----------|
| Nominal diameter of rod (mm)           | 8         |
| Tensile strength (MPa)                 | 1125      |
| Tensile modulus of elasticity (GPa)    | 52        |
| Transverse modulus of elasticity (GPa) | 3.48      |
| Shear modulus (GPa)                    | 1.24      |
| Strain at break                        | 0.0235    |

Missing properties are required for the thermomechanical study.

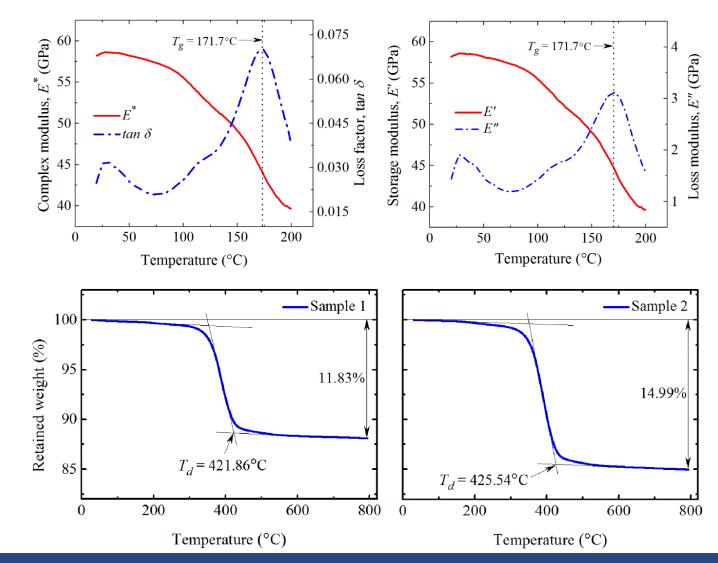
#### 1. Determination of fiber content

The SEM analysis is performed at a scale bar of 100-micron and 50micron

- The scanning electron microscopy (SEM) analysis is conducted on 12 BFRP rod specimens.
- The average fiber content is found to be 80.1%.

Characterization at Elevated Temperatures: Prerequisite Tests

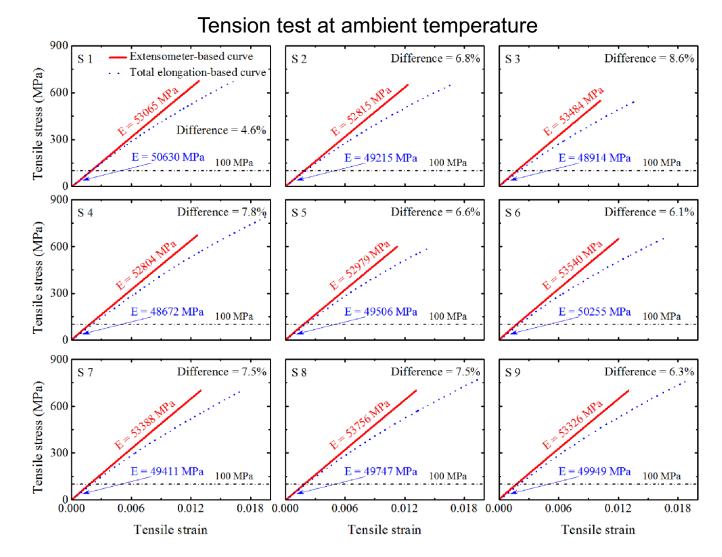
- 2. Glass transition temperature  $(T_g)$
- Dynamic mechanical thermal analysis (DMTA) test.
- >  $T_g$  of the resin is found to be 171.7°C.
- 3. Resin decomposition temperature  $(T_d)$
- Thermo-gravimetric analysis (TGA) test.
- >  $T_d$  is found to be 423.7°C.



#### Characterization at Elevated Temperatures: Prerequisite Tests

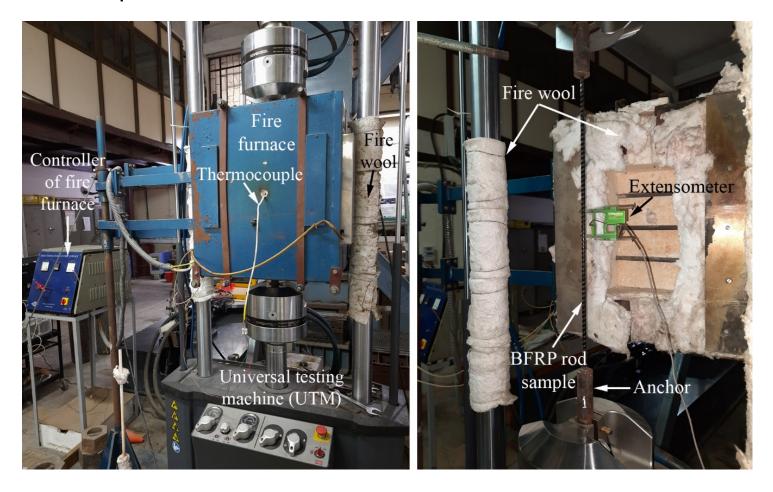
#### 4. Measurement of Elastic Modulus

- Using extensometer in tension test at elevated temperatures is challenging.
- Total elongation of BFRP rod sample can also be used if proved reliable.
- Total elongation-based approach is found reliable with 6.9% error.



#### Tension Test on BFRP at Elevated Temperatures

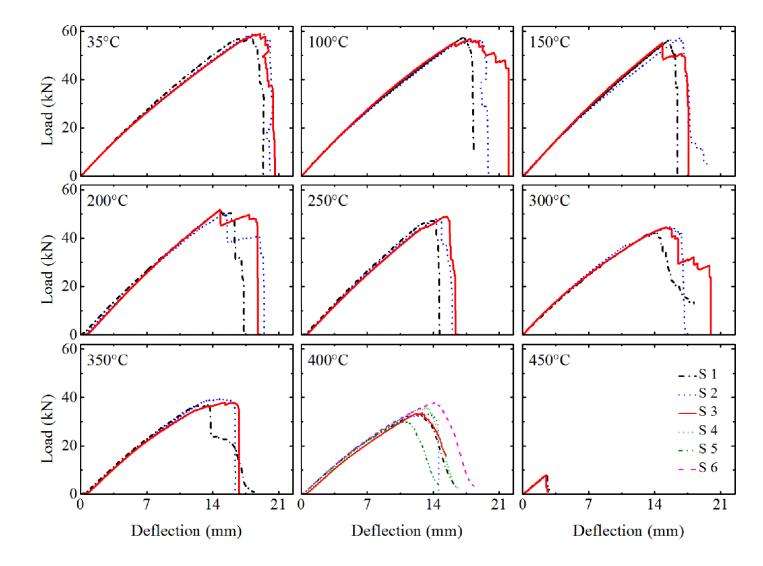
Total of 30 BFRP rod samples are tested, three identical specimens at each temperature level.





#### Tension Test on BFRP rod at Elevated Temperatures

- Load-deflection response is considered for evaluating the degradation in tensile strength and stiffness with temperature.
- ➢ Mild degradation up to 200°C.
- More pronounced degradation after 200°C, up to 400°C.
- Total loss of tensile strength at 450°C.

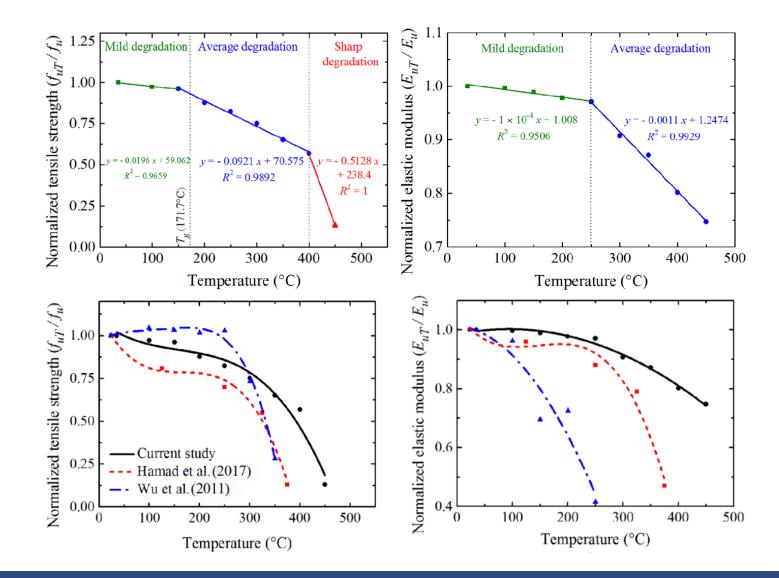


#### Tension Test on BFRP rod at Elevated Temperatures

Degradation in Tensile Strength and Tensile Modulus of Elasticity

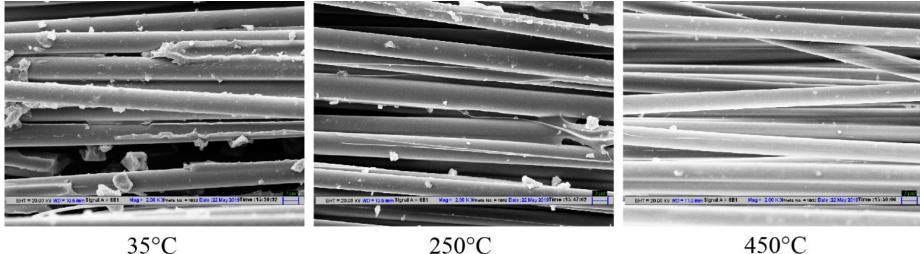
#### Performance Assessment on BFRP Rod at Elevated Temperatures

The BFRP rod, tested in the current study, has performed remarkably.



#### Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

- > The scanning electron microscopy (SEM) investigation is carried out on three rod samples tested at different temperature levels.
- The good bonding can be observed at room temperature (35°C) where a bundle of fibers can be seen.
- $\succ$  The discreteness of fibers can be seen at 250°C and 450°C.
- $\succ$  The smooth surfaces of fiber, free of resin, can be seen at 450°C.



#### **Development of Constitutive Law**

Three existing approaches as well as an initial proposed model are fitted with the experimental results.

1. Gu and Asaro (2004)

$$P(T) = P_0 \left( 1 - \frac{T - T_0}{T_{ref} - T_0} \right)'$$

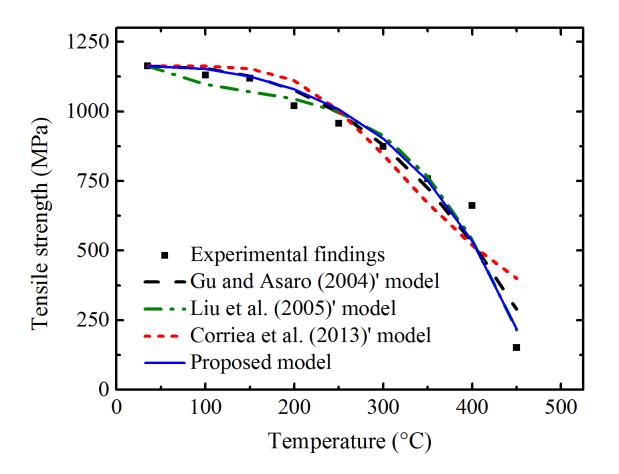
2. Liu et al. (2005)

$$\frac{P_T}{P_0} = 1 - a_1 \left(\frac{T - T_0}{T_g - T_0}\right) - a_2 \left(\frac{T - T_0}{T_g - T_0}\right)^2 - a_3 \left(\frac{T - T_0}{T_g - T_0}\right)^3$$

3. Corriea et al. (2013)

$$P(T) = \left(1 - e^{Be^{CT}}\right) \times \left(P_0 - P_r\right) + P_r$$

4. Proposed model  $P(T) = P_0 \left( 1.507 - 0.507 \exp\left\{ \left[ \frac{T - T_0}{T_d} \right]^{2.142} \right\} \right)$ 



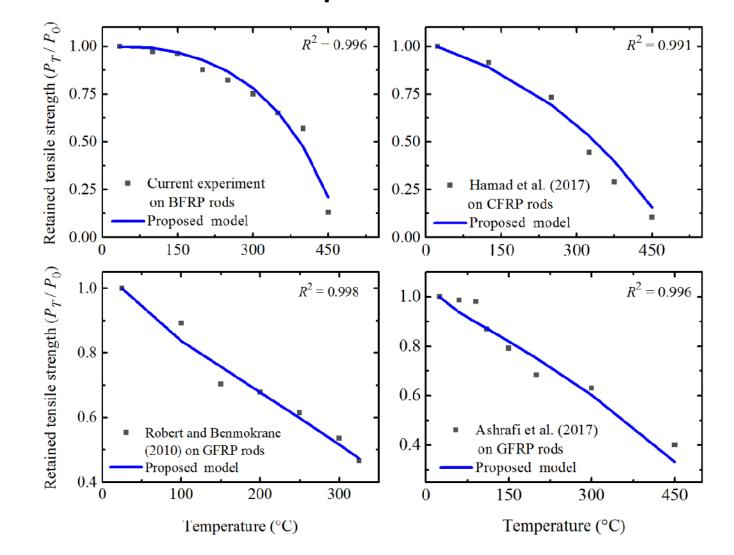
#### **Development of Constitutive Law**

$$P(T) = P_0 \left( A - (A - 1) \exp\left\{ \left[ \frac{T - T_0}{T_d} \right]^C \right\} \right)$$

 $A = 0.0725 \sqrt{T_d}$ 

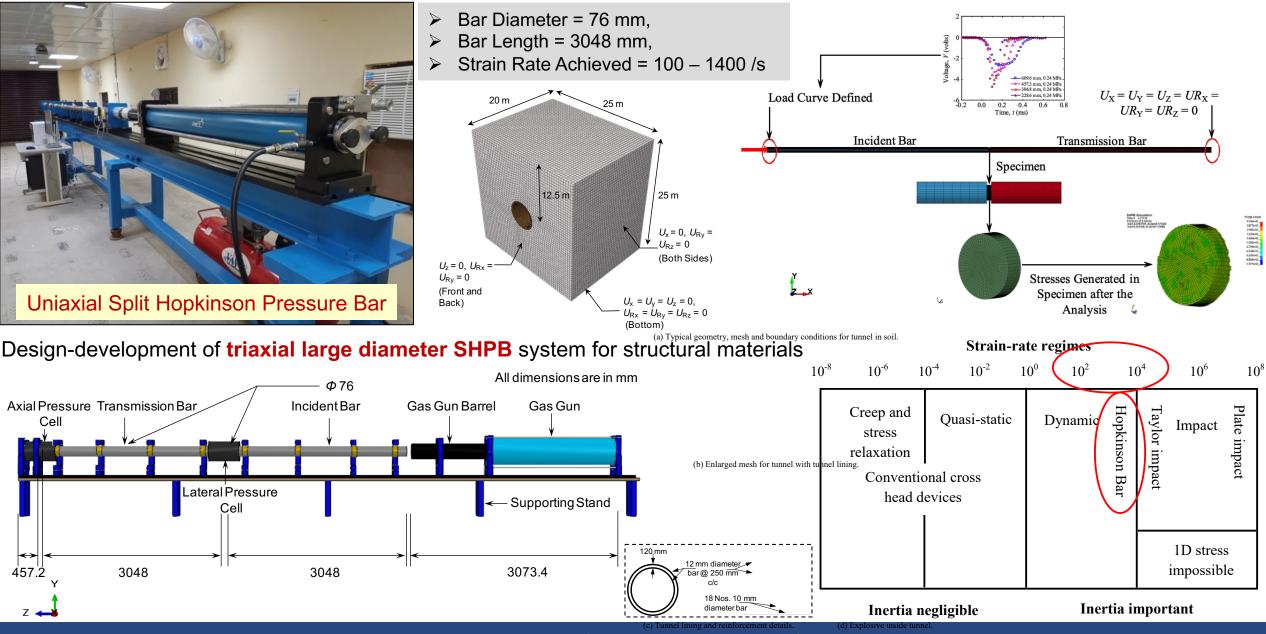
$$C = 0.154 v_f \exp(0.0166T_g)$$

The proposed model: original, generic, and flexible.



#### Implementation

### Split Hopkinson Pressure Bar (SHPB)

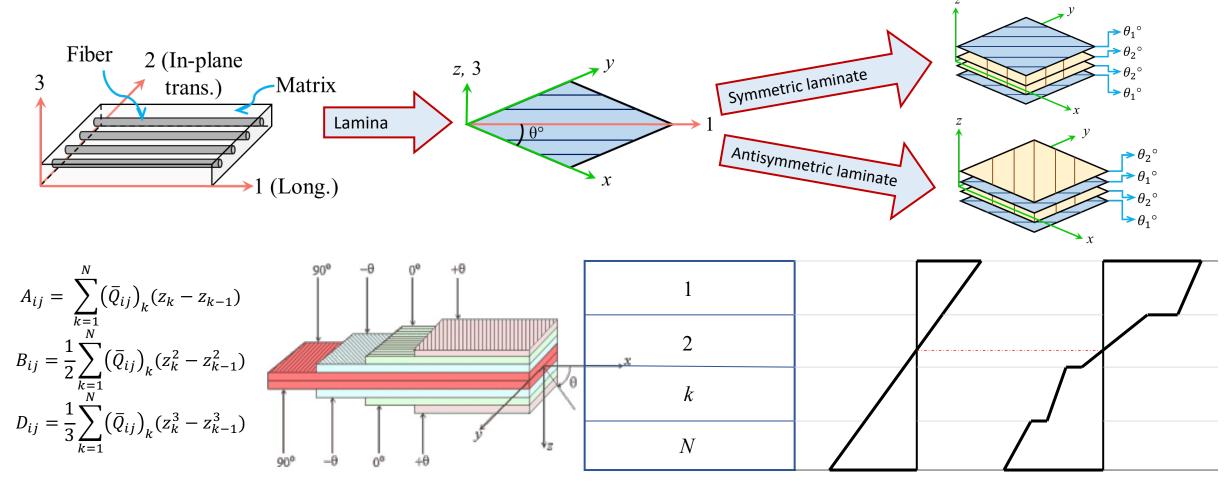


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### **Engineered Composite Laminates / Plates**

#### Engineered composite: laminated composite plate



Here,  $N_i$  and  $M_i$  are resultant forces and moments on the laminate,  $\varepsilon_j$  and  $\kappa_j$  are mid-plane strains and curvatures,  $A_{ij}$  extensional stiffnesses,  $B_{ij}$  coupling stiffnesses, and  $D_{ij}$  bending stiffnesses.

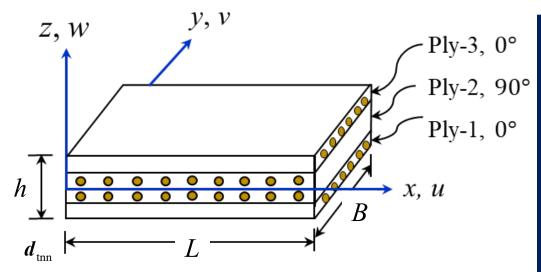
Strain variation

Stress variation

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## **Computational Modeling of Engineered Composite Plates**

Finite element (FE) formulation of composite plate in thermal environments



Constitutive Relation of laminate (using first order shear deformation theory):

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathrm{x}} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathrm{y}} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathrm{xy}} \end{cases}_{\mathrm{k}} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & Q_{16} \\ Q_{12} & Q_{22} & Q_{26} \\ Q_{16} & Q_{26} & Q_{66} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathrm{k}} \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\mathrm{x}} \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\mathrm{y}} \\ \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{\mathrm{xy}} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \tau_{\rm yz} \\ \tau_{\rm zx} \end{cases}_{\rm k} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{44} & Q_{45} \\ Q_{45} & Q_{55} \end{bmatrix}_{\rm k} \begin{cases} \gamma_{\rm yz} \\ \gamma_{\rm zx} \end{cases}$$

Hamilton's variational principle  $\delta \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} \mathcal{L} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} \delta(U - W - T) dt = 0$ 

wherein, variation of the total kinetic energy:  $\delta T$ 

$$\delta T = \sum_{e=1}^{ne} \delta T_e = -\sum_{e=1}^{ne} \delta d_e \left( \int_{A_e} (\mathbf{N}^T \bar{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{N} dA_e) \right) \ddot{\mathbf{d}}_e$$

and, variation of the total potential energy:  $\delta V = \delta (U - W)$ 

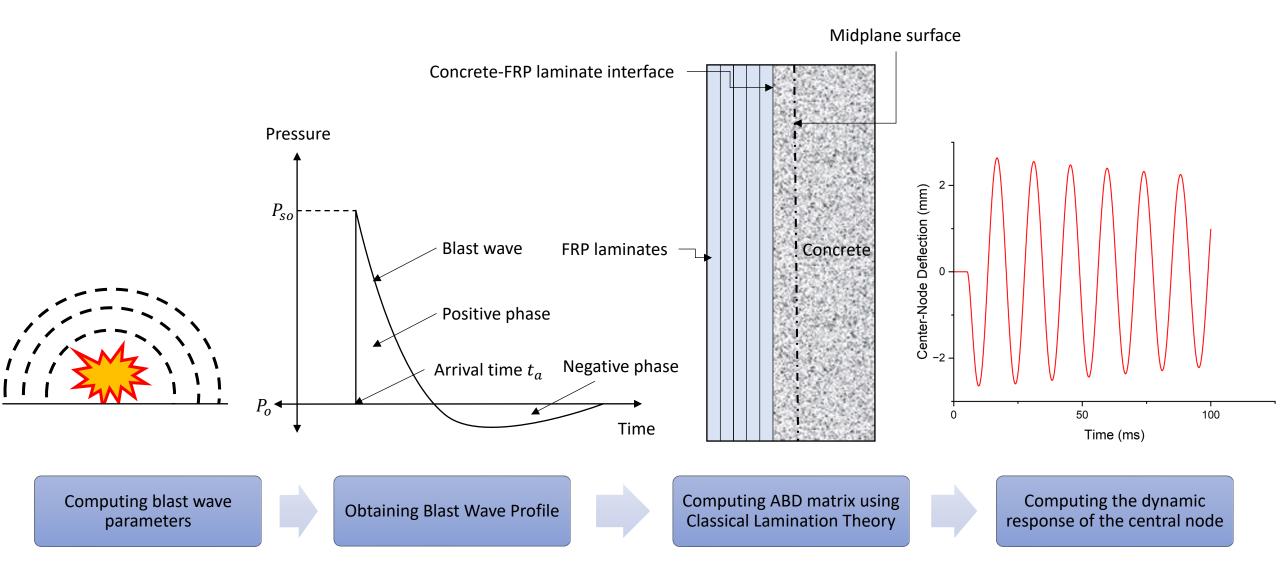
$$\delta V = \sum_{e=1}^{ne} \delta V_e = \sum_{e=1}^{ne} \left( \delta \int_{A_e} (\boldsymbol{d}_e^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \bar{\boldsymbol{D}} \boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{d}_e) \, \mathrm{d}A_e - \frac{1}{2} \delta \int_{A_e} (\boldsymbol{d}_e^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{G}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{S}_r \boldsymbol{G} \boldsymbol{d}_e) \, \mathrm{d}A_e - \delta \int_{A_e} (\boldsymbol{d}_e^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{N}^{\mathsf{T}} q) \, \mathrm{d}A_e \right) \\ \boldsymbol{K} \qquad \boldsymbol{K} \qquad$$

Thus, governing equation of composite plate in elevated temperature  $(K + K_G)d_{tnn} + M\ddot{d}_{tnn} = P$ 

Here, *N*: shape function,  $t_{nn}$ : total number of nodes in an element, *ne*: total number of elements,  $d_{tnn}$ : global displacement vector, and *q*: external dynamic load vector

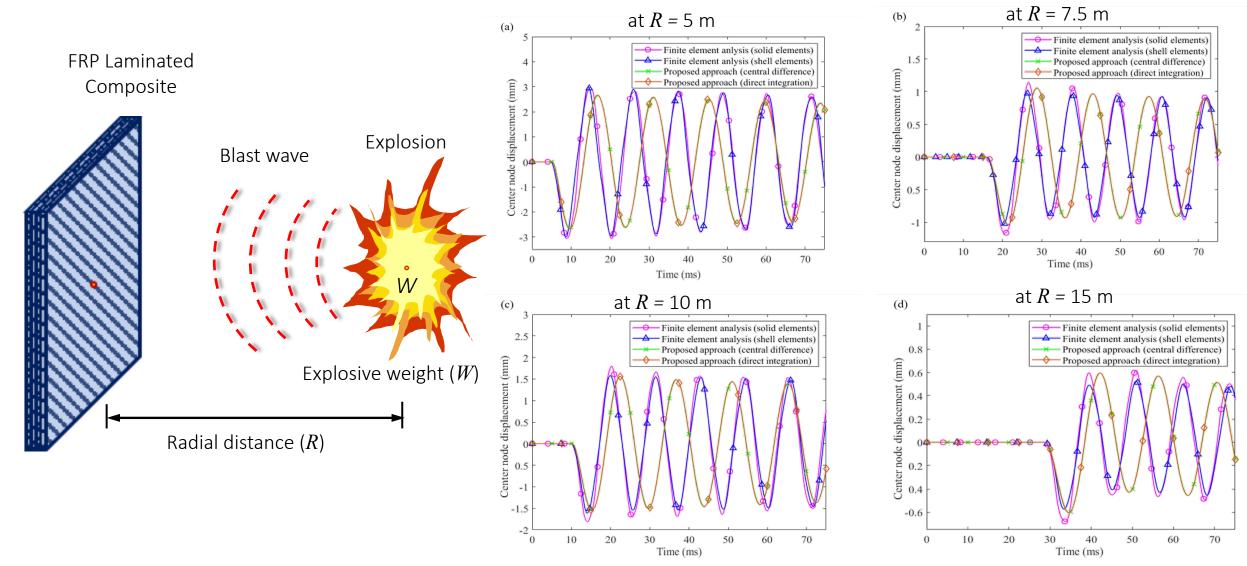
### **FRP Composite Plate for Strengthening**

#### Application of the FRP composite plate for strengthening concrete against blast load



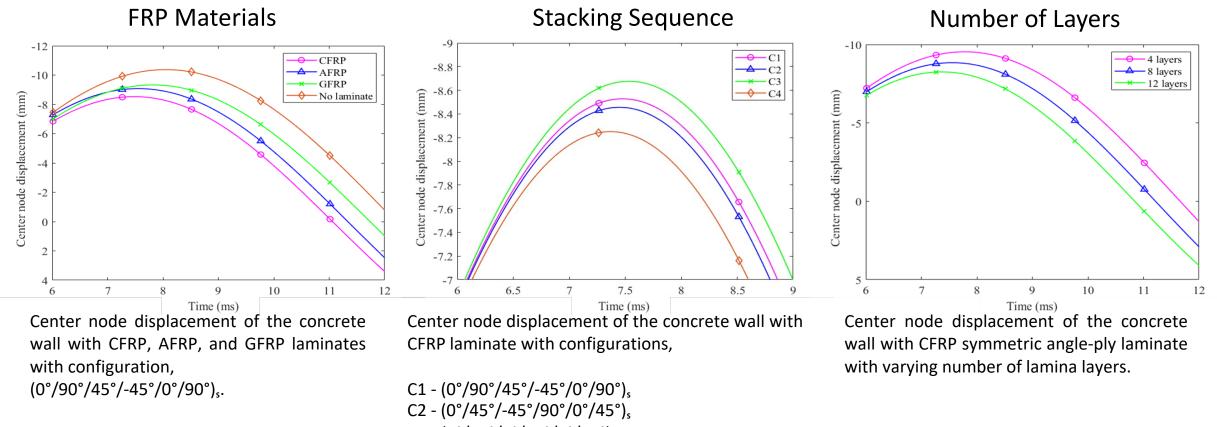
### FRP Composite Plates under Blast load

#### Validation with 3D-FE analysis for different radial distance from explosion center



#### FRP Composite Plates under Blast load

# Blast-induced response of concrete wall for varied materials properties and geometries FRP composite

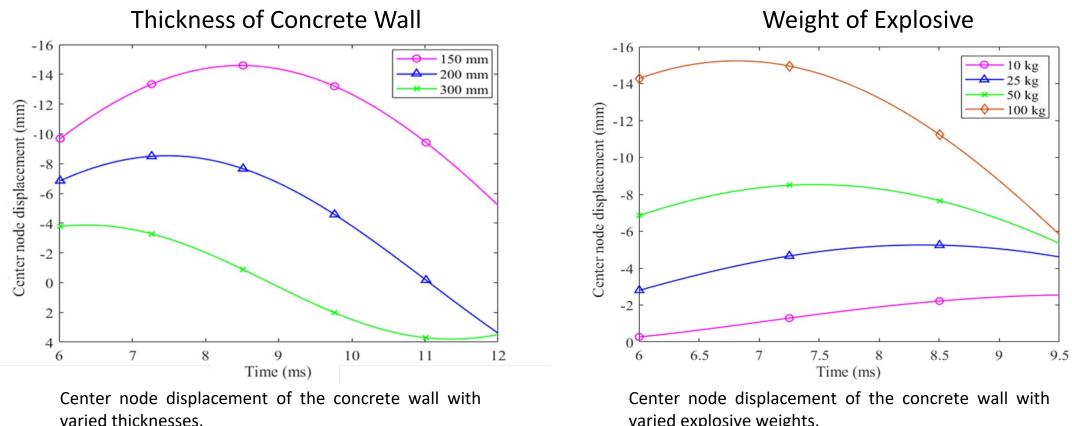


C2 - (0 /45 /-45 /90 /0 /45 ), C3 - (0°/90°/0°/90°/0°/90°), C4 - (45°/-45°/45°/-45°/45°/-45°),.

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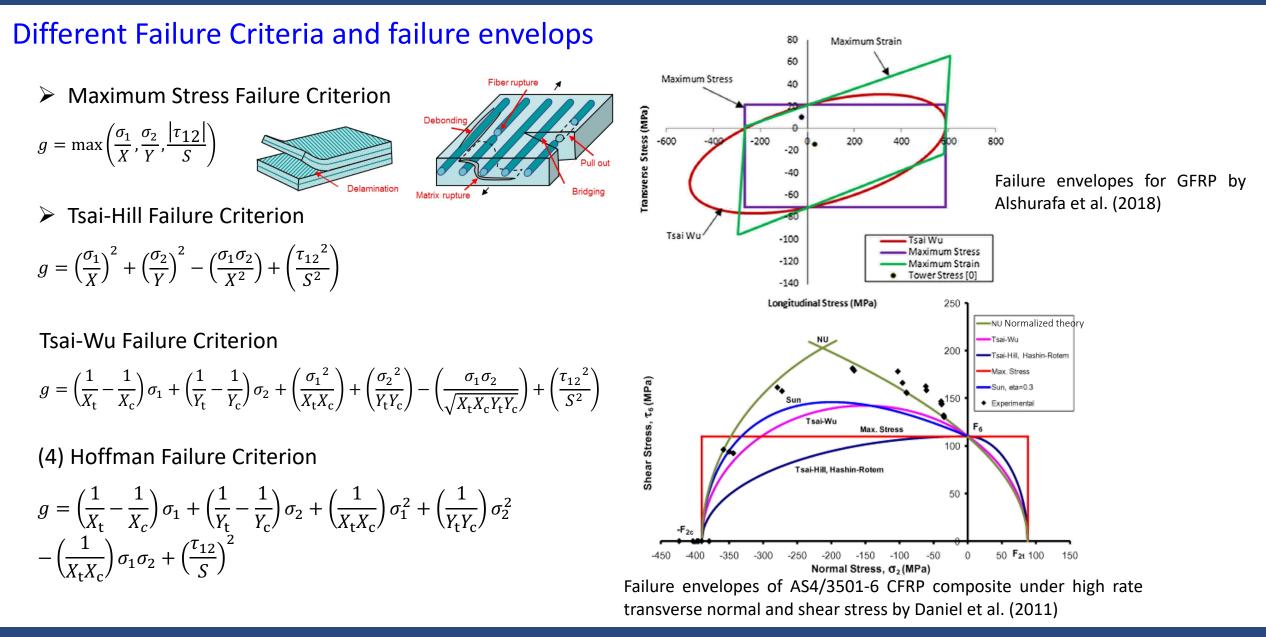
#### FRP Composite Plates under Blast load

Blast-induced response of RC walls for varied thickness and explosive weight



varied explosive weights.

### Damage Evolution of FRP Composite Plates under Blast



### **Damage Evolution of FRP Composite Plates under Blast**

#### Damage evolution in FRP composite plate

#### Hashin's Damage Failure Criterion

Fiber damage in tension  $(\sigma_{11} \ge 0)$  $(d_f^T)^2 = (\frac{\sigma_{11}}{X_T})^2 + \alpha (\frac{\tau_{12}}{S})^2$ 

Fiber damage in compression ( $\sigma_{11} < 0$ )

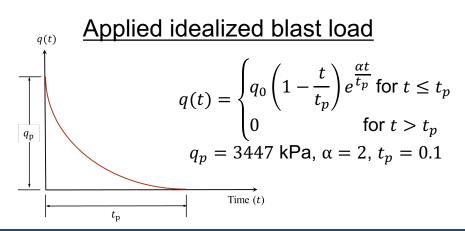
$$\left(d_{\rm f}^{\rm C}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sigma_{\rm 11}}{X_{\rm C}}\right)^2$$

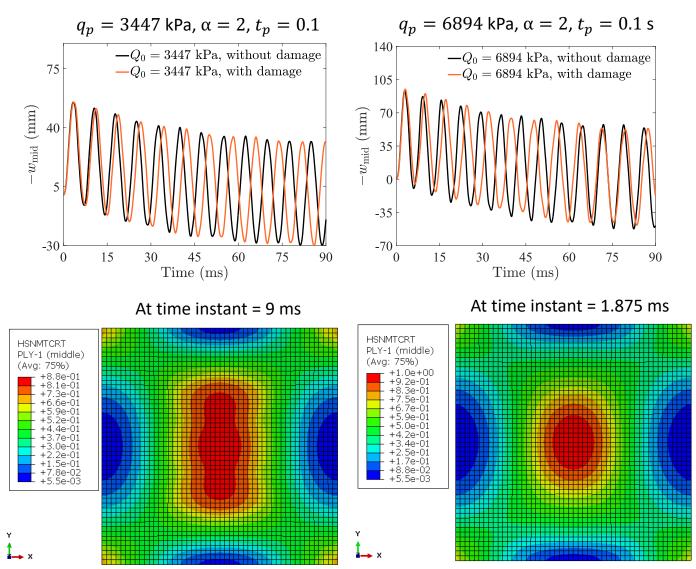
Matrix damage in tension ( $\sigma_{22} \ge 0$ )

$$\left(d_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{T}}\right)^{2} = \left(\frac{\sigma_{22}}{Y_{\mathrm{T}}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\tau_{12}}{S}\right)^{2}$$

Matrix damage in compression ( $\sigma_{22} < 0$ )

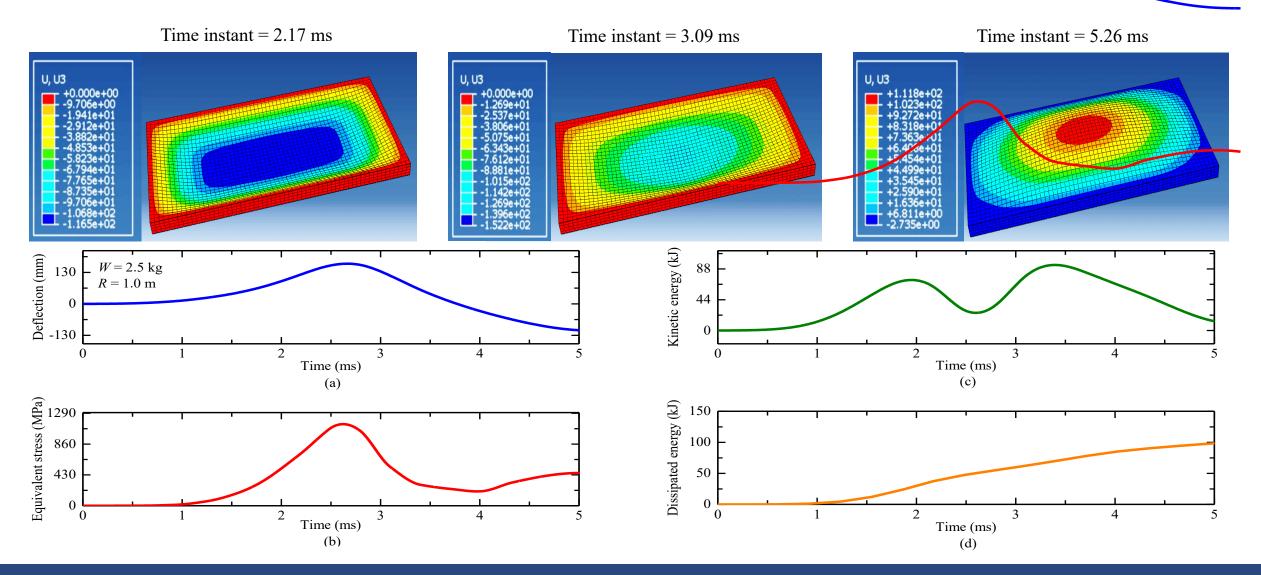
$$\left(d_{\rm m}^{\rm C}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sigma_{22}}{2S}\right)^2 + \left[\left(\frac{Y_{\rm C}}{2S}\right)^2 - 1\right]\left(\frac{\sigma_{22}}{Y_{\rm C}}\right) + \left(\frac{\tau_{12}}{S}\right)^2$$





### **FRP and Foam Sandwich Composite under**

#### Deformation shapes of sandwich panels for W = 2.5 kg and R = 1 m



#### Experimental Investigations on BFRP-Beams Prestressing Application

- Already developed anchors are used.
- ➢ Hollow load cells are used.
- > 5-mm strain gauges.



#### **Construction of Beams**

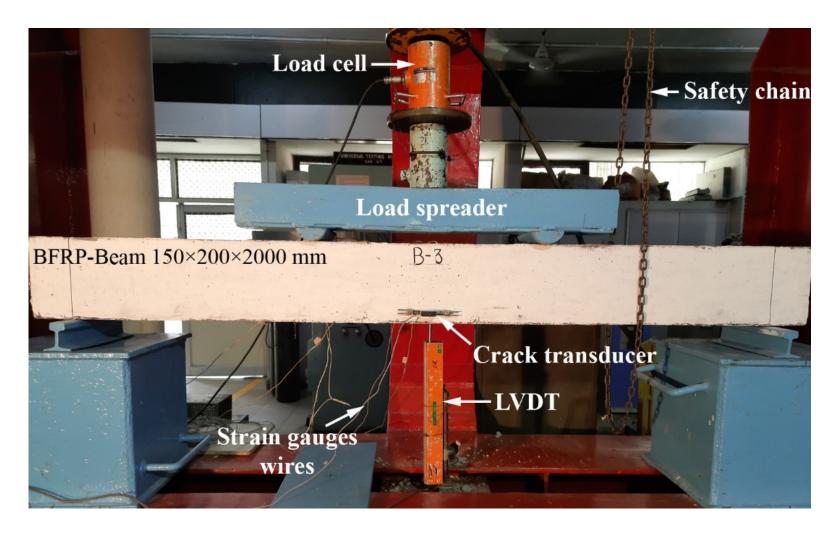
> Three different grades of concrete are used.



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#### Four-Point Bending Test on Beams

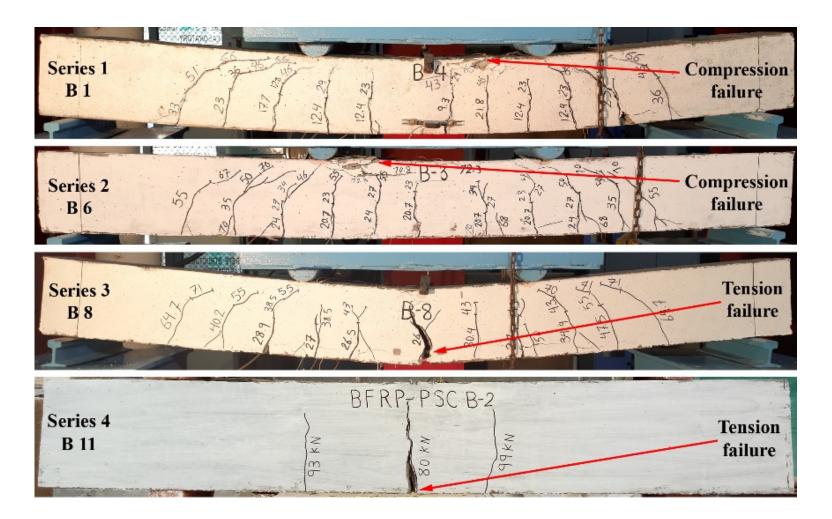
- Beams are instrumented and tested.
- The instrumentation includes the use of:
  - 1. load cell,
  - 2. strain gauges,
  - 3. crack transducer, and
  - 4. linear variable differential transformer (LVDT).



#### Experimental Investigations on BFRP-Beams: Experimental Results

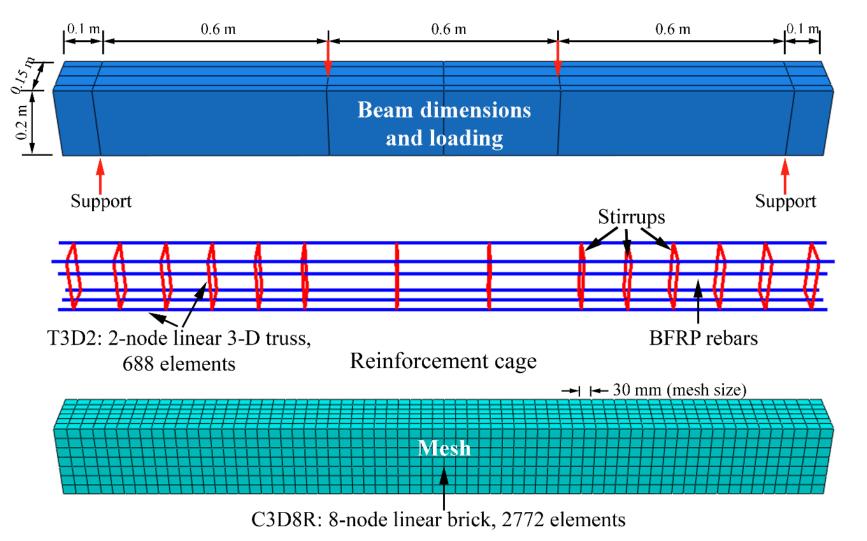
#### Failure Mode and Crack Pattern

- Failure of beams in Series 1 and 2: crushing of concrete.
- Failure of beams in Series 3 and 4: rupturing of BFRP rebars/ tendons.
- Beams in Series 1, 2, and 3: excessive cracking, which is desirable,
- Beams of Series 4: extremely few numbers of cracks.



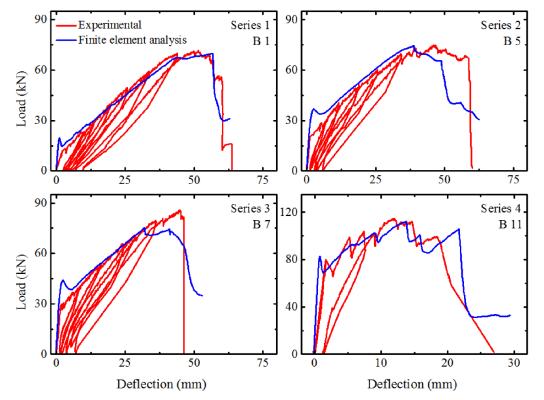
#### Flexural Analysis of BFRP-Beams: Finite Element Analysis (FEA)

- Concrete is modeled as 8node linear brick elements (C3D8R).
- FRP bars are modeled using 2-node linear truss elements (T3D2).
- The mesh size is set to 30 mm.
- The analysis is run in static step up to failure.

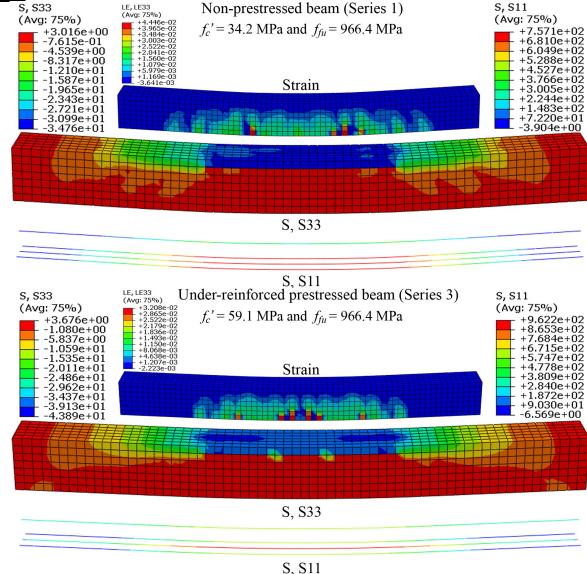


#### Flexural Analysis of BFRP-Beams: FEA results

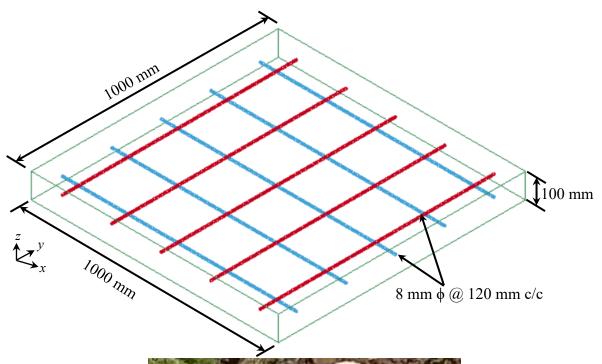
• Compression-controlled failure in Series 1 and tension-controlled failure in Series 3.



# The FEA results are in a good agreement with the experimental findings.

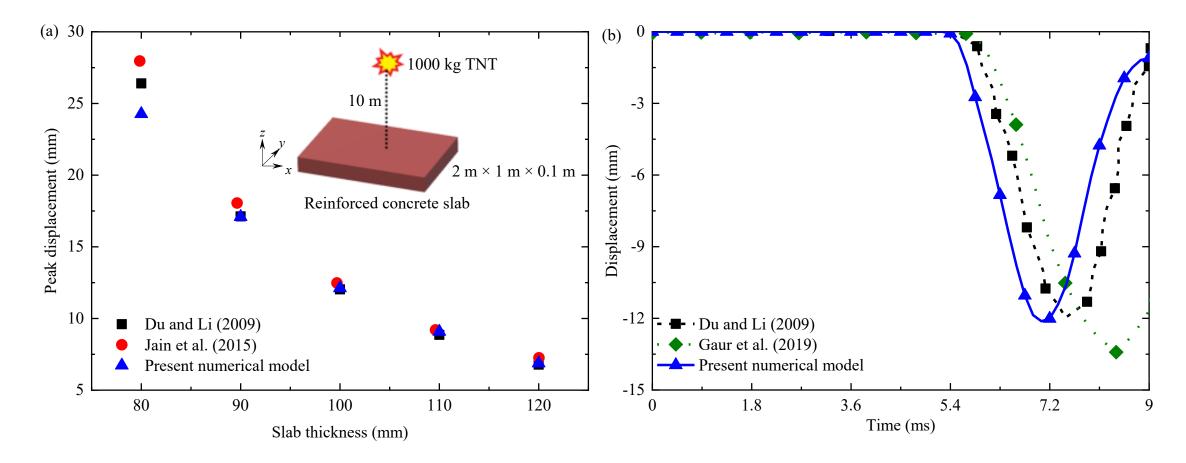


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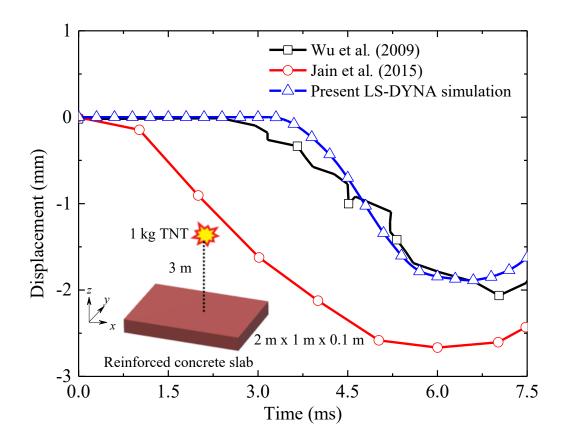




- Dimensions of Panel: 1 m × 1 m × 0.1 m
- Reinforcement: Basalt fiber reinforced polymer (BFRP)
- Diameter of reinforcement: 8 mm
- Location of reinforcement: Distance of 50 mm from top of the panel (in depth direction) and at a distance of 200 mm center to center with concrete cover of 30 mm
- Grade of Concrete: M50
- Boundary condition: Simply supported on all four corners
- Blast type: Contact blast
- Explosive type: TNT



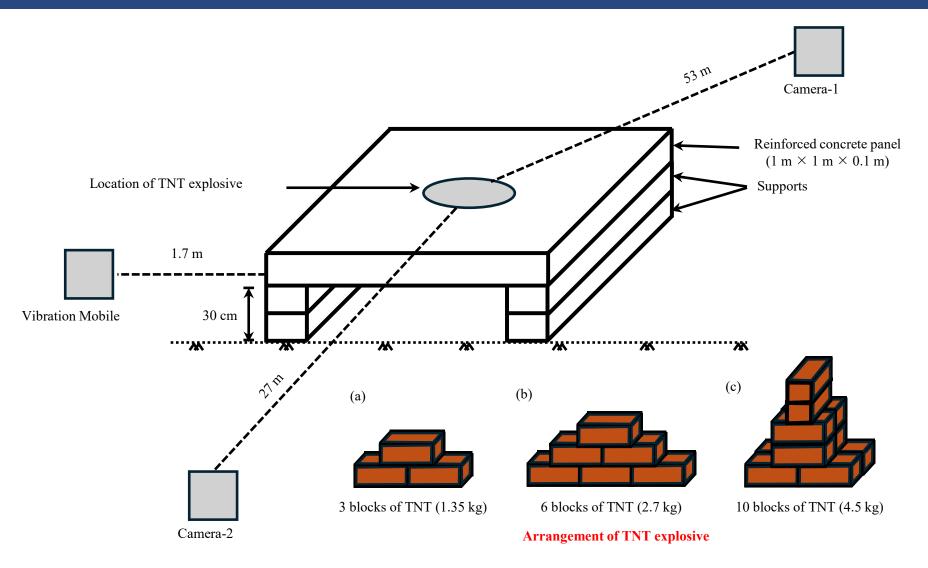
Numerical simulation in LS-DYNA® and the results reported by (a) Du and Li (2009); Jain et al. (2015), and (b) Gaur et al. (2019) for peak displacement values considering/different slab thickness and displacement time history



Peak reflected and incident pressure between studies reported by Wu et al. (2009), UFC-3-340-02 (2008), and values obtained by LS-DYNA<sup>®</sup> simulation

| Particulars                                | Peak reflected pressure values | Peak incident pressure values |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | (MPa)                          | (MPa)                         |
| Wu et al. (2009)                           | 0.3                            | Not reported                  |
| UFC-3-340-02 (2008)                        | 0.32                           | 0.119                         |
| Present LS-DYNA <sup>®</sup><br>simulation | 0.33                           | 0.118                         |

Displacement time history between present LS-DYNA<sup>®</sup> simulation and the results reported by Wu et al. (2009) and Jain et al. (2015)



Position of camera, vibration mobile, and TNT explosive during the field test

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Field test of BFRP reinforced concrete (RC) panel subjected to 1.35 kg TNT charge weight under contact blast

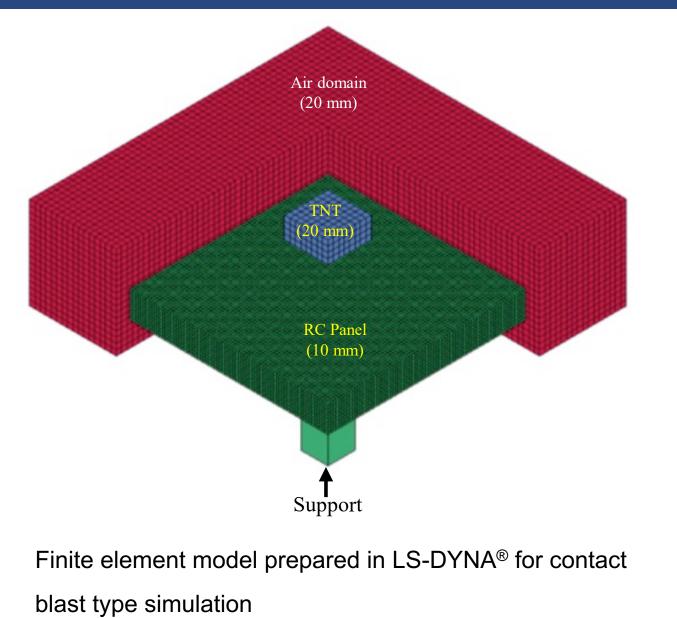
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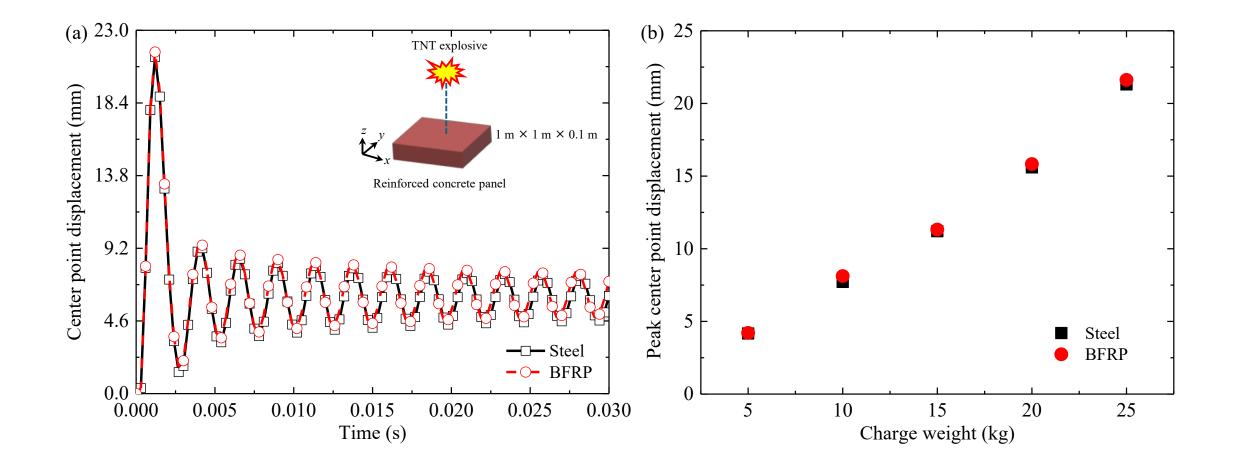


Field test of BFRP reinforced concrete (RC) panel subjected to 4.5 kg TNT charge weight under contact blast

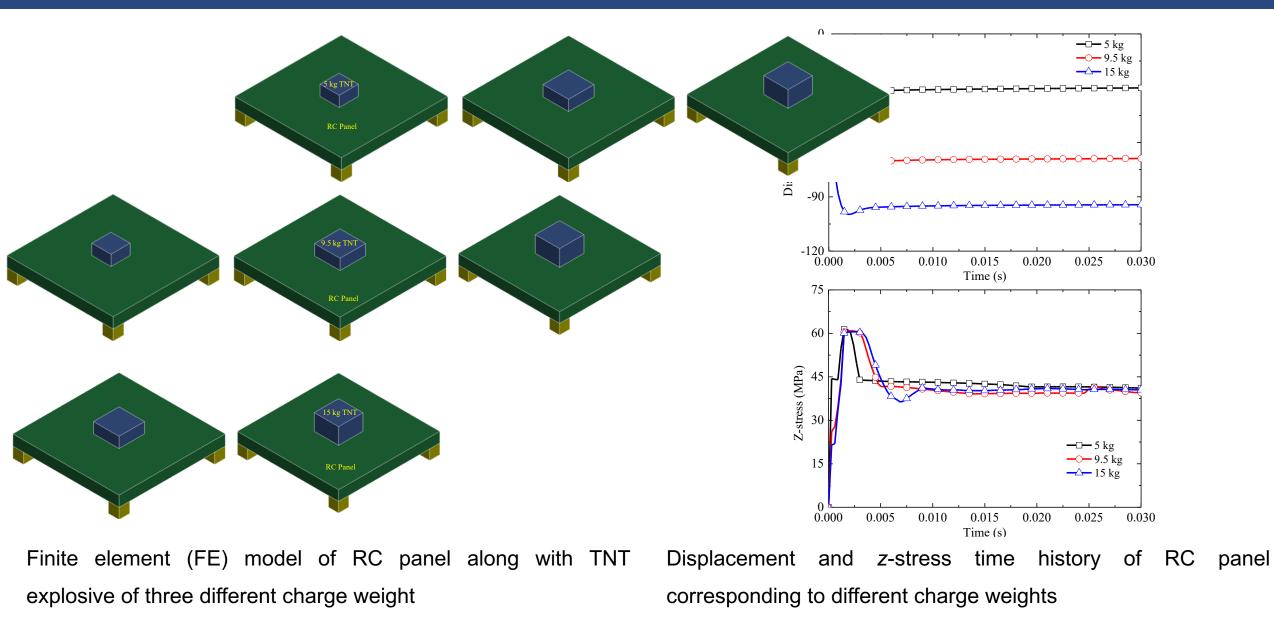
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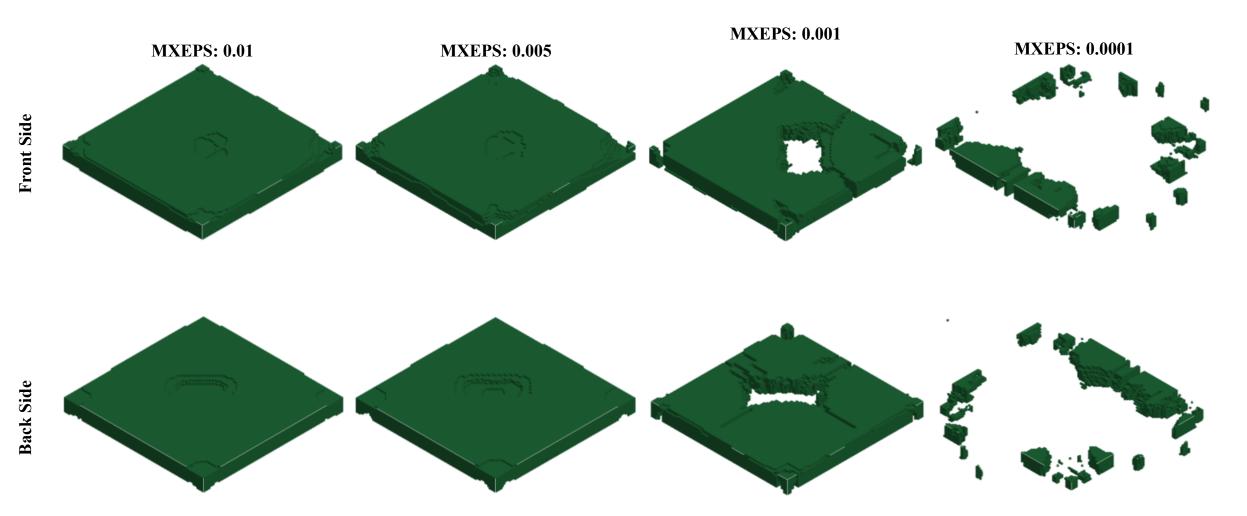
| Entity                |       | Material model  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------|---|--|--|--|
| Concrete              |       | Johnson-Holmquist concrete (MAT_111)<br>and<br>Concrete damage (MAT_72R3) |  |  |  |
| Reinforcement<br>bars | BFRP  | Piecewise linear plasticity (MAT_024)                                     |  |  |  |
|                       | Steel | Plastic kinematic (MAT_003)   |  |  |  |
| TNT                   |       | High explosive burn (MAT_008)   |  |  |  |
| Air                   |       | Null (MAT_009)  |  |  |  |



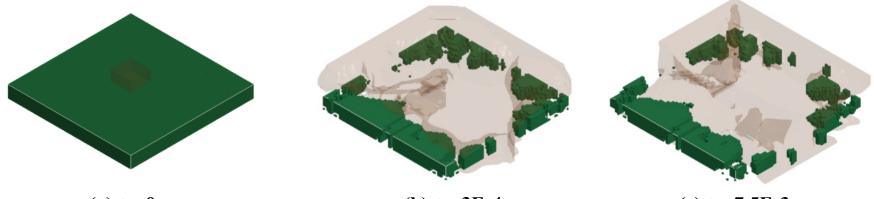
Steel- and BFRP-reinforced concrete panel (a) displacement time history (b) peak center point displacement



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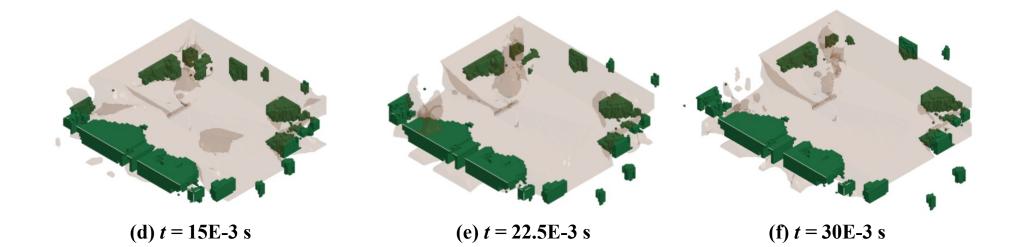
Damaged state of RC panel (front and back side) at t = 0.02 s for four different principal strains



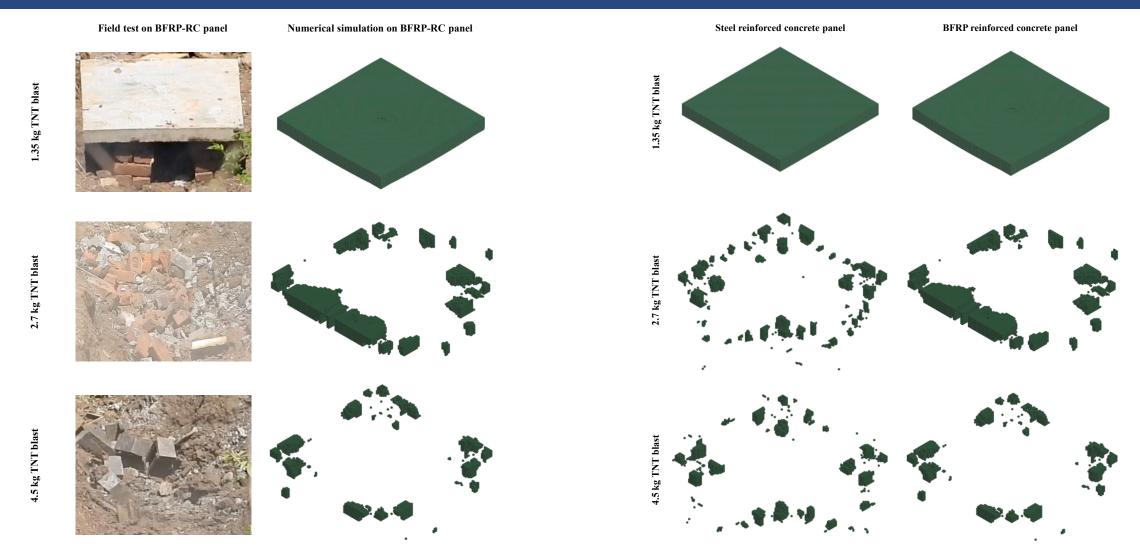


(b) t = 3E-4 s

(c) t = 7.5E-3 s



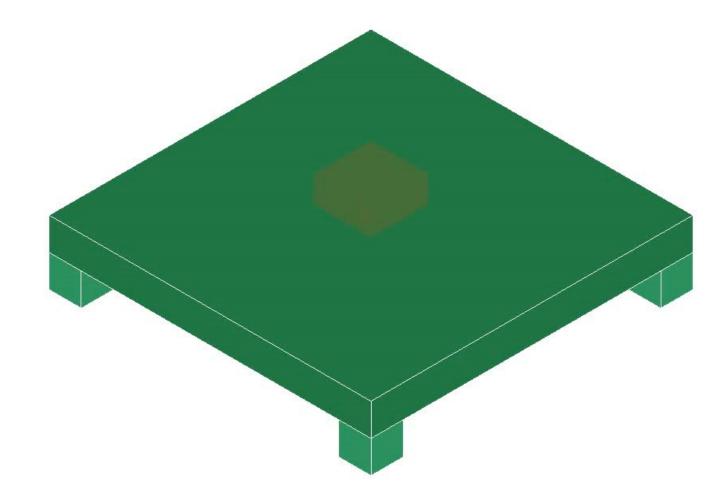
Blast wave propagation at different time interval for the panel subjected to 3 kg TNT blast load



Damaged state of BFRP-RC panel subjected to different blast loadsDamaged state of RC panel subjected to different blastin case of field test and numerical simulationloads for steel- and BFRP RC panels

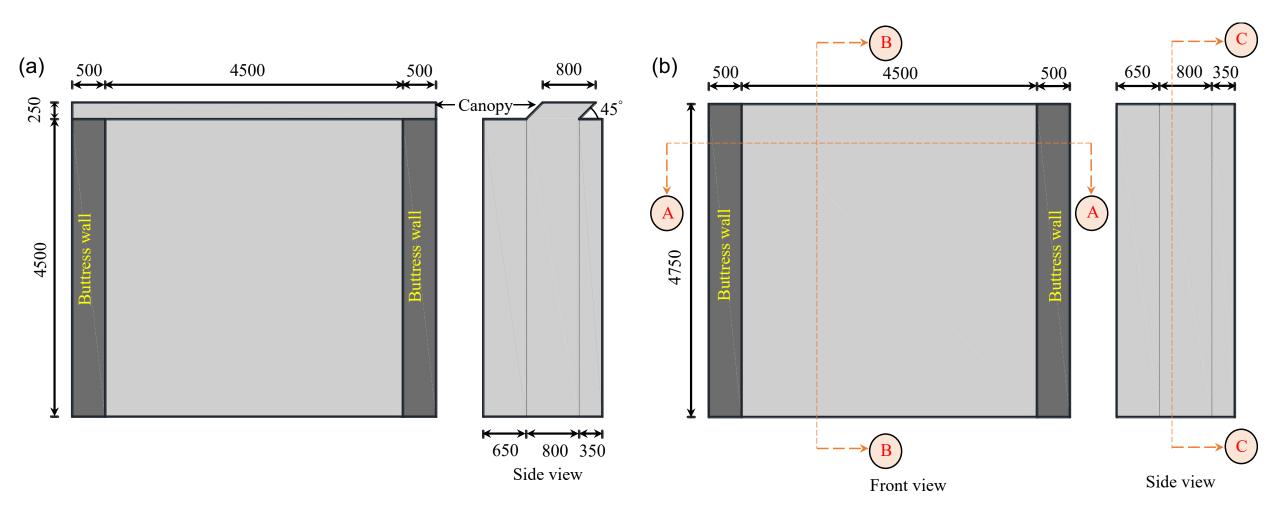
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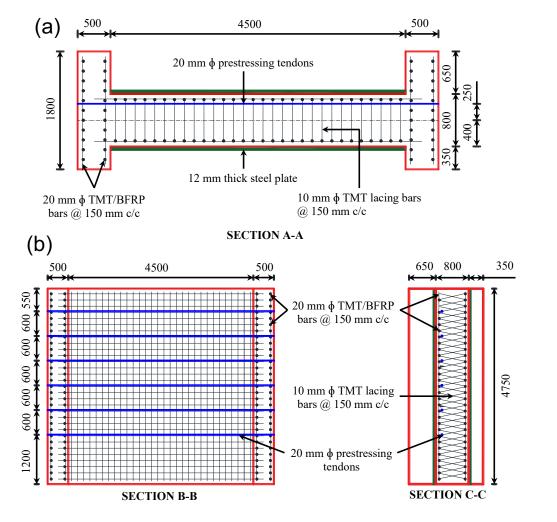


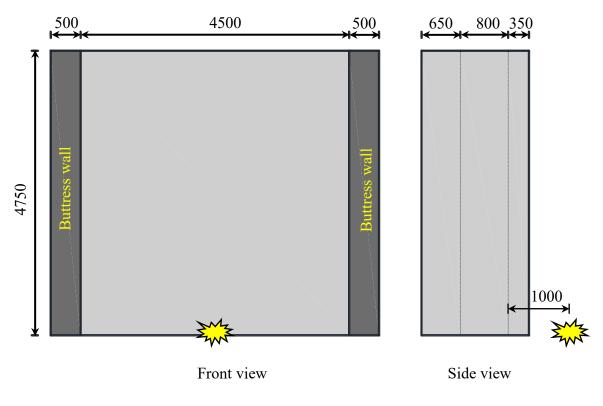
## BFRP reinforced concrete panel subjected to 4.5 kg TNT charge weight

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Dimensions of the prestressed concrete (PSC) wall (a) original (b) blast/impact retrofit

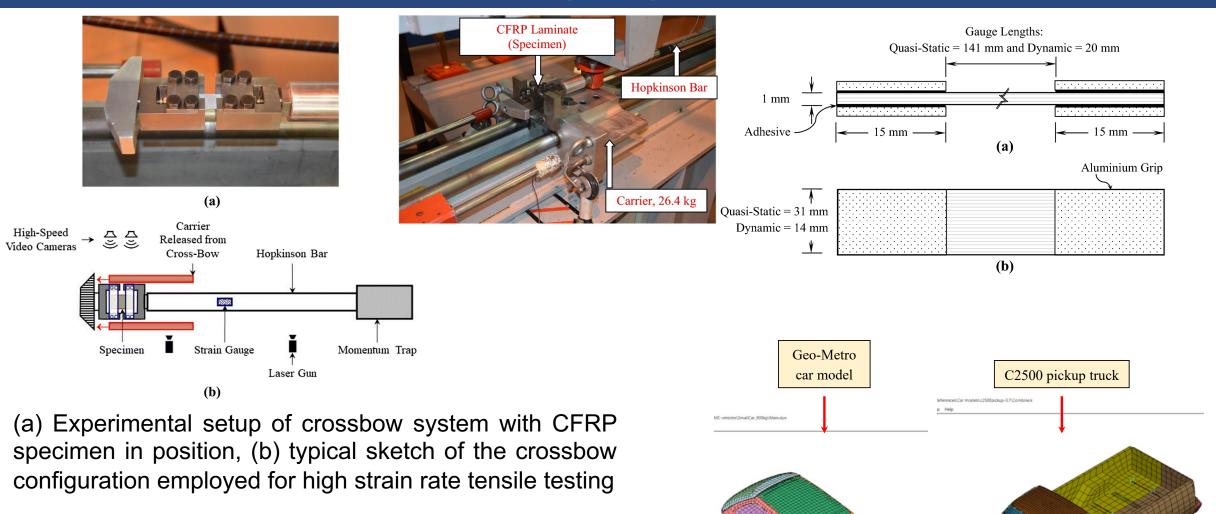




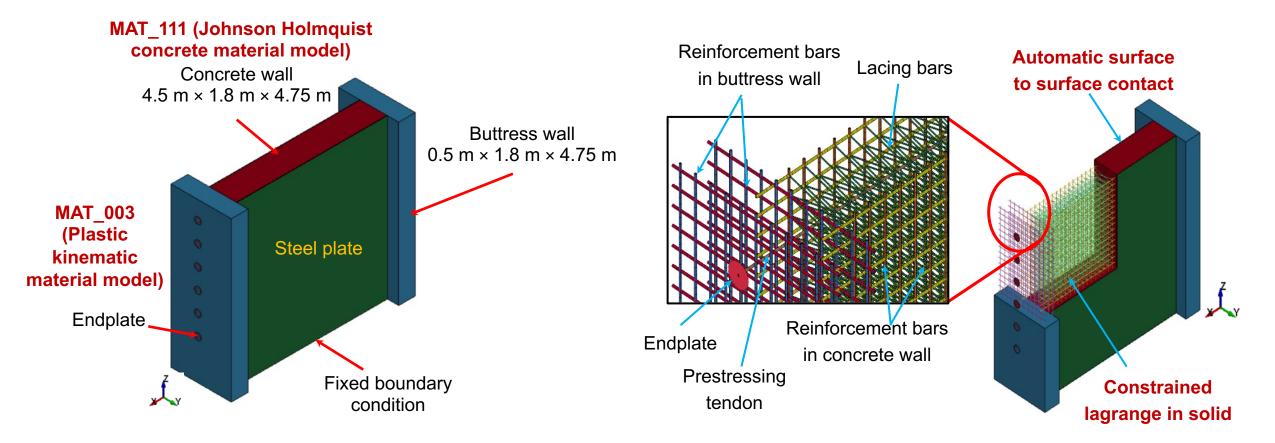
Threat parameter 1 (Minimum explosive at 1m from the wall)

Section of the reinforced concrete (RC) wall (a) top

view (b) front and side view

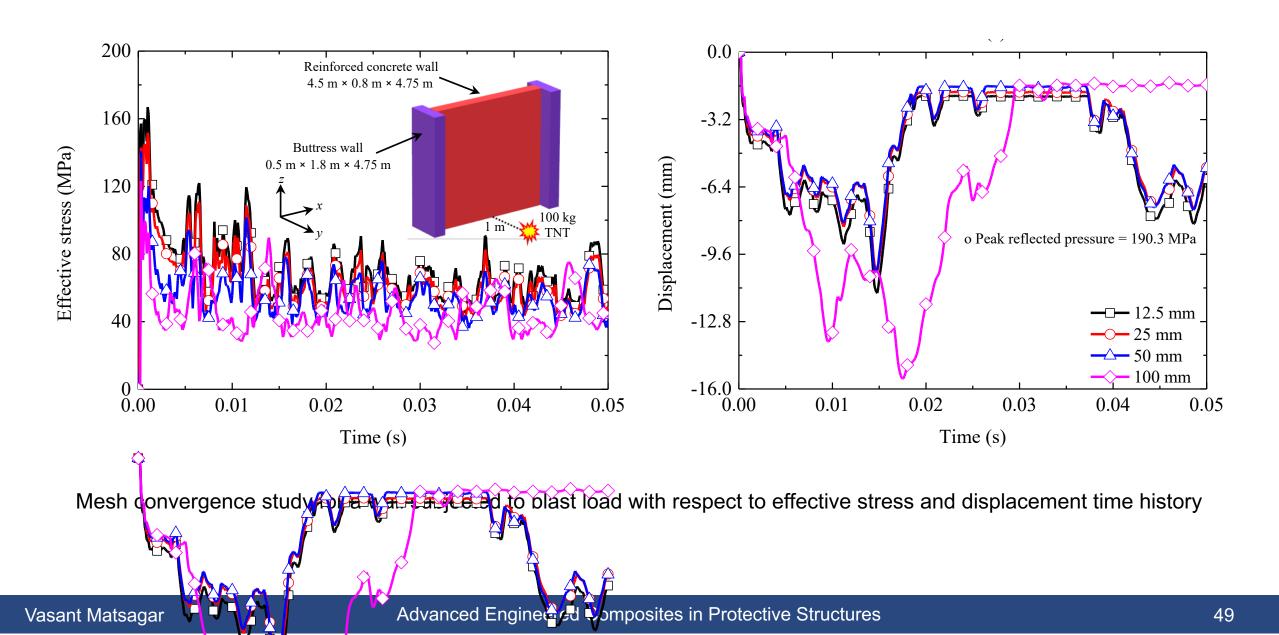


Threat parameter: (PSC wall subjected to vehicle with explosive)



Isometric view of reinforced concrete wall FE model in LS-DYNA®

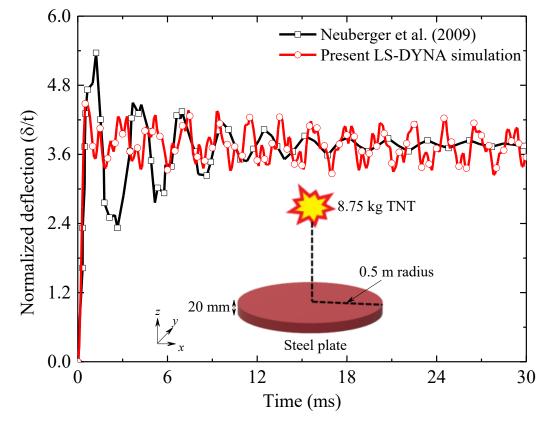
Reinforcement detailing in the reinforced concrete wall FE model in LS-DYNA<sup>®</sup>



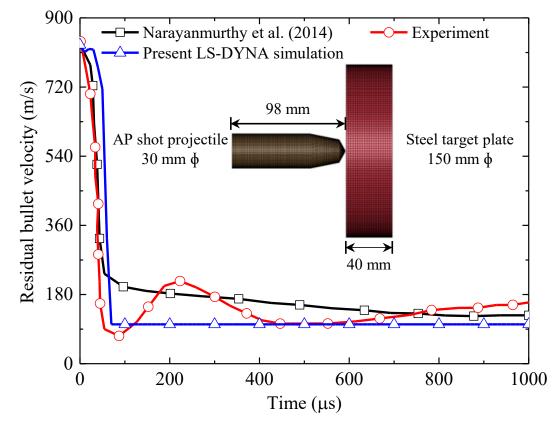


#### PSC wall subjected to impact with car and the corresponding effective stress generated in the wall

Validation with study reported by Neuberger et al. (2009) and Narayanmurthy et al. (2014)

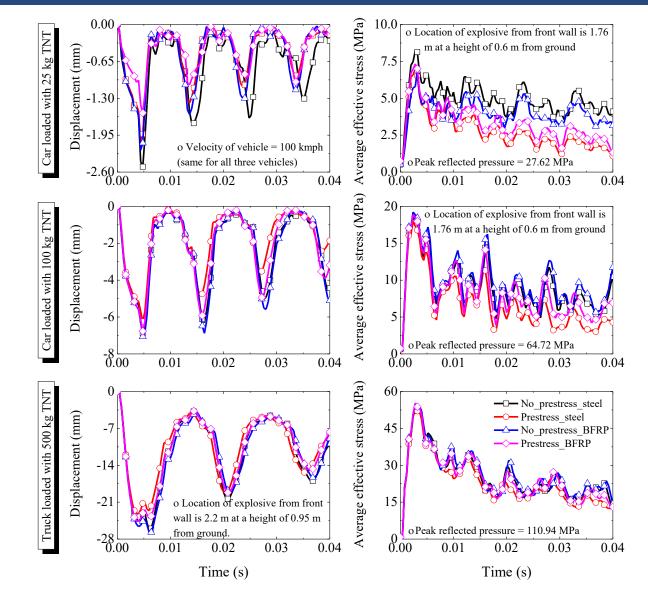


Comparison of normalized deflection time history between results reported by Neuberger et al. (2009) and present LS-DYNA<sup>®</sup> simulation

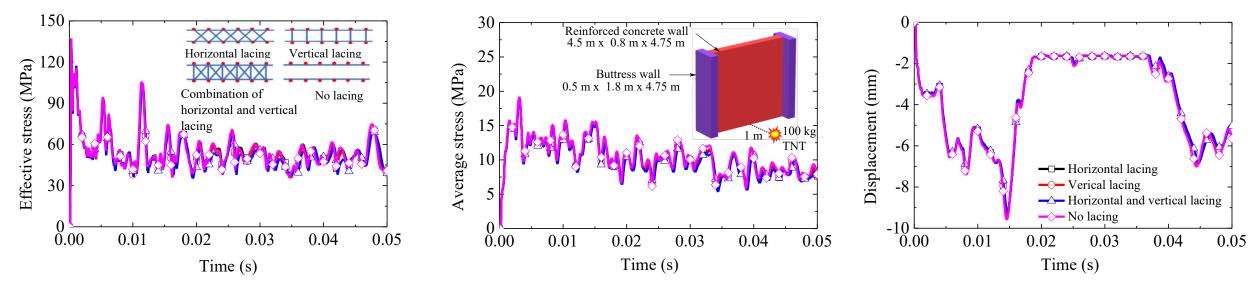


Comparison of residual bullet velocity between Narayanmurthy et al. (2014), experimental test result, and LS-DYNA<sup>®</sup> simulation

| Reinforcement | Prestress | 100 kg | 200 kg | 300 kg | 400 kg | 500 kg |
|---------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| BFRP          | ★         |        |        |        | 1      |        |
| BFRP          |           |        |        |        | 1      |        |
| Steel         | ★         |        |        |        |        |        |
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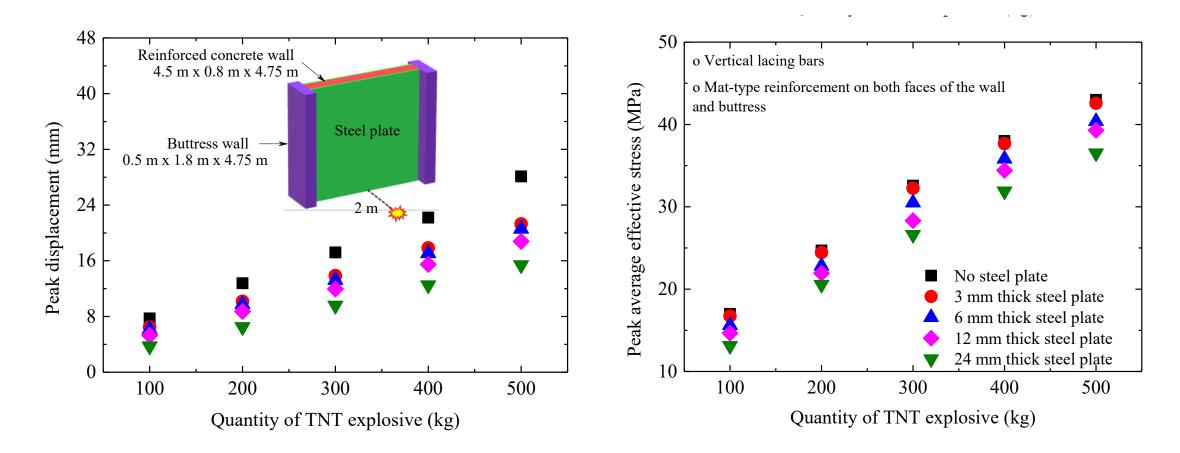
Response of PSC wall for three vehicles with explosive with prestressed and non-prestressed configurations having steel or BFRP reinforcement



Study on different lacing configurations based on the effective stress, average stress, and displacement time history

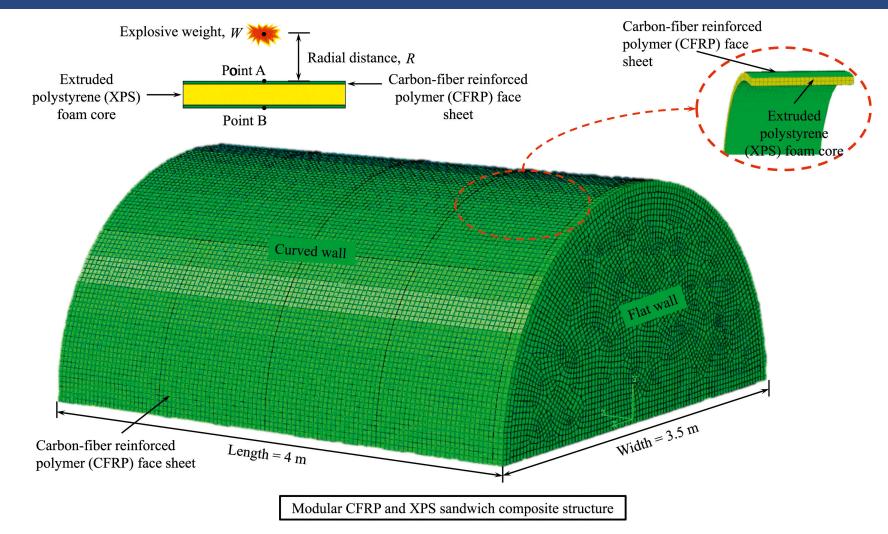
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| Almoda M  | Root mean square error between various lacing configurations |                        |                 |                           |  |  |  |
|-----------|--|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| I ₽ I Y } |  | Root mean square error |                 |                           |  |  |  |
|           | Comparison parameter   | Horizontal             |                 | Combination of horizontal |  |  |  |
|           |  | lacing                 | Vertical lacing | and vertical lacing       |  |  |  |
|           | Displacement   | 0.11                   | 0.106           | 0.21                      |  |  |  |
| 0         | Effective stress   | 2.48                   | 2.81            | 5.21                      |  |  |  |
|           | Average effective stress                                     | 0.503                  | 0.445           | 0.89                      |  |  |  |



Effect of thickness of steel plate on blast performance of reinforced concrete wall based on peak displacement values and peak average effective stress

#### Modular Structure with CFRP and XPS



The three-dimensional (3D) finite element (FE) model of carbon fiber-reinforced polymer (CFRP) and extruded polystyrene (XPS) foam sandwich modular structure

### **Conclusions and Future Directions**

- Engineered (lightweight) composite materials, i.e., fiber reinforced laminated composite plates, FRP composite sandwich panels, etc. are efficient in blast resistant design.
- > Concrete walls with fiber reinforced composite or FRP strengthening are better resilient against blast loads.
- Basalt fibers reinforced polymer (BFRP) composite can be used for resilient infrastructure design, specifically industrial structures where close-in detonation or contact blast scenario exists.
- Fiber reinforced composites can be efficiently used for retrofitting concrete slabs/ panels/ walls, beams, and columns more effectively with prestressing.
- In future: high strain rate characterization of the composite material constituents and field testing at close-in detonation condition and contact blast will be useful for numerical validation.



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