

## CRASHWORTHINESS OF COMPOSITE FUSELAGE STRUCTURES – MATERIAL DYNAMIC PROPERTIES

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Motivation and Key Issues



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- 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 (?)





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- Objective(s)
  - Literature Review
  - Material property characterization at different strain rates (10<sup>-4</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> to 10<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>)
    - -Phase-1 : Tension, Compression & Shear
    - -Phase-2 : Open Hole Tension, Interlaminar Shear, Pin Bearing
    - –Phase-3 : Fracture Toughness (mode I & II)
    - -Phase-4 : Characterization of EA device, Scaling effects,
      - Dynamic characterization of CMH-17 material(in progress)





## FAA Sponsored Project Information





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- Industry Participation
  - CMH-17



## Background..Rate Sensitivity





Material Systems

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### 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



0.5

0.0001

0.1

Average Strain Rate, 1/s

10

100

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# Ongoing Work..





- Rate sensitivity of Energy Absorption (EA) Device
  - Corrugated beams (stable configuration)
  - Failure modes
  - Correlation with rate sensitivity of material properties (compression, fracture toughness)
- Scaling Studies
  - Tension
    - Observed rate sensitivity in sub-scale coupons applicable at larger scales?\*
- Rate sensitivity of CMH-17 material





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# JMS Rate Sensitivity of EA device

Corrugated beam geometry

- Stable configuration
- Easy to fabricate
- Captures failure mechanisms observed in tubes
- 45° chamfered edge to trigger failure
- Material Systems
  - Newport NB321/7781 fiberglass
  - Toray T700G-12K-50C/3900-2 Plain Weave Carbon Fabric
- Stacking sequences
  - $[0]_n$  and  $[\pm 45]_n$ , where n=4,8 and 12

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- Test Apparatus
  - Fixture
    - Specimen compressed between aluminum platens
    - Clamped-edge support along one edge of the specimen
  - Quasi-static tests
    - 44kN MTS electromechanical load frame
    - Strain gage based load cell
  - Dynamic tests
    - 25.5mm/s and higher
    - 24kN MTS high rate servo m/c
    - Piezoelectric load cell
- Data acquisition

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Force, stroke and strain



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- speed.
  - Consistent with rate sensitivity of \_ intrinsic material strength
- dependent on laminate thickness • and stacking sequence





#### Toray T700G-12K-50C/3900-2 PWCF





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**Results..EA** device

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Stacking Scale Width W Length L Material λ (in) (in) sequence 0.25 0.50 2 Newport NB321/7781 [0]4 0.50 1.00 4 fiberglass [±45]₄ 1.00 1 8 0.50 0.25 2 [0]4 0.50 0.50 4 8 Toray T800S/3900-2B 1 0.50 Unitape 0.25 0.50 2  $[+45/-45]_{s}$ 0.50 1.00 4 1.00 8 1





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Scaling studies

- Failure modes
- Weibull model
  - Account for differences disproportional thickness and planar scaling
- Characterization of CMH-17 material
  - Tension, Compression, Shear, Fracture toughness
  - Testing under progress





- Benefit to Aviation
  - Rate sensitive test data for candidate material systems
  - Scaling effects
  - Rate sensitivity of EA devices

### Future Needs

- Implementation of existing rate sensitive constitutive models for the materials investigated at coupon level
- Use rate sensitive constitutive models for analyzing EA device(s)
- Test standards for dynamic material characterization

