

Damage Quantification in Multi-directional Laminates using Thermoelastic Stress Analysis

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

Project inspiration

Scientific background of TSA

Principles behind the damage parametrisation

Damage in multidirectional laminates

Conclusions of the research and future work

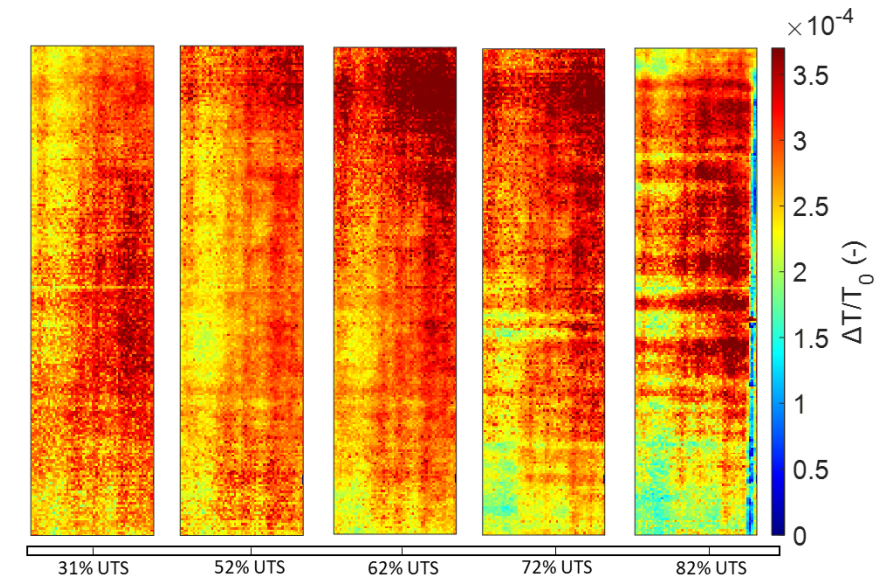
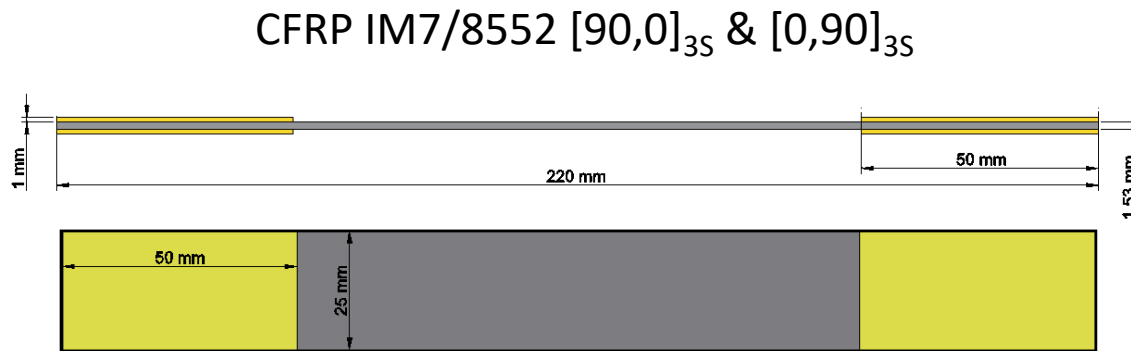
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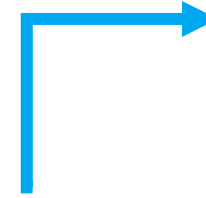
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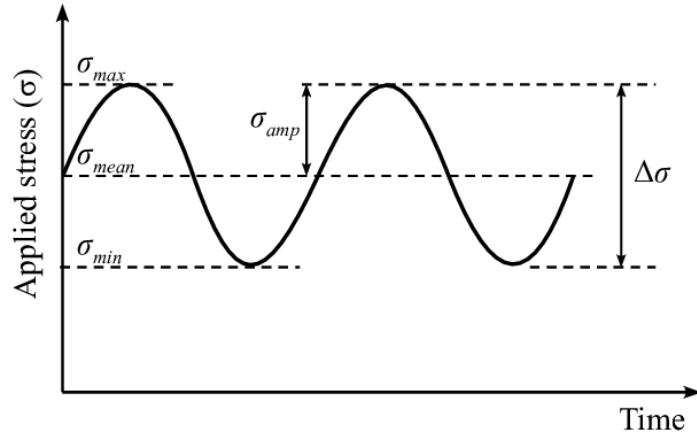
AIM & OBJECTIVES → Novel full-field damage parametrization methodology using TSA

- Exploit the non-adiabatic thermoelastic response to detect surface and subsurface damage in laminated composites.
- Damage quantification using TSA of CFRP $[0,90]_{3s}$, $[90,0]_{3s}$, $[0,45,-45,0,0,0]_s$ and $[0,0,0,45,-45,0]_s$ configurations.
- Compare TSA damage quantification with the stiffness degradation at different damage levels (obtained with DIC).
- **Work In Progress:** Applying all the knowledge to quantify damage in real structures (e.g C-Spar)

SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND

Stress variation ($\Delta\sigma$) is required to obtain the thermoelastic response of a material:

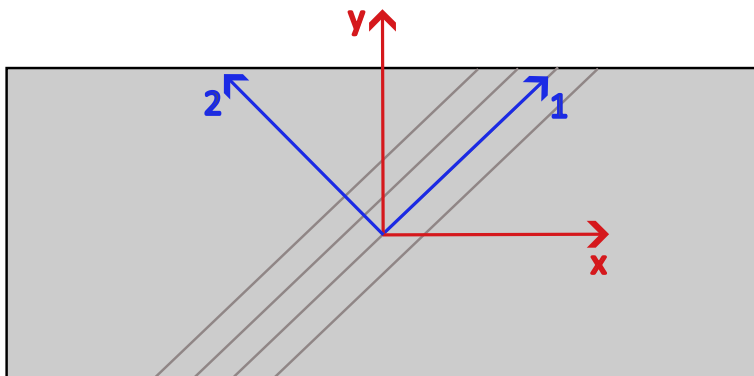
T_0 ~ Mean temperature
 ρ ~ Density
 C_p ~ Specific heat capacity
 α_1 and α_2 ~ Thermal expansion coefficients in 1,2
 $\Delta\sigma_1$ and $\Delta\sigma_2$ ~ Stress variation in 1,2
 $[Q]_{1,2}$ ~ Stiffness matrix
 $[T]$ ~ Transformation matrix
 $[\Delta\epsilon_{xy}]$ ~ Strain variation in x,y



$$\Delta T = \frac{-T_0}{\rho C_p} (\alpha_1 \Delta\sigma_1 + \alpha_2 \Delta\sigma_2) = \frac{-T_0}{\rho C_p} ([\alpha]_{1,2}^T [Q]_{1,2} [T] [\Delta\epsilon]_{xy})$$

Simplified for orthotropic composite lamina (as $\alpha_6 = 0$)

We are looking for HEAT TRANSFER to obtain SUBSURFACE INFO!



1,2: Ply coordinate system

x,y: Laminate coordinate system

Ply 1	→	ΔT (θ , Material properties, thickness...)
Ply 2	→	ΔT (θ , Material properties, thickness...)
Ply 3	→	ΔT (θ , Material properties, thickness...)
Ply n	→	ΔT (...)
Ply n+1	→	ΔT (...)

Midplane

Cross-section of multi-directional symmetric laminate

SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND

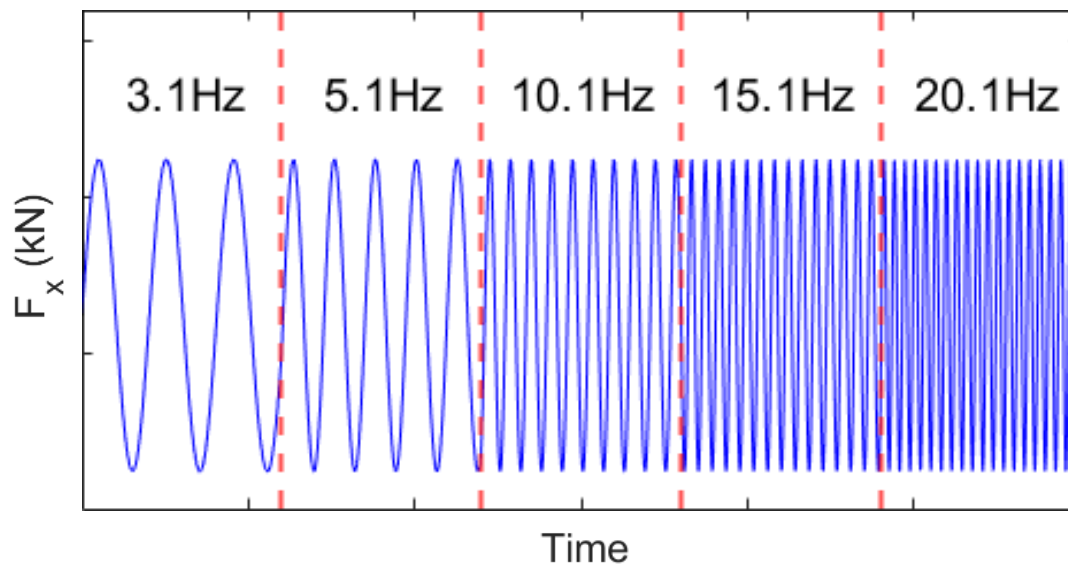
Thermoelastic Stress Analysis on...

GFRP RP-528: Adiabatic for all the layups (Not subsurface contribution) [1]

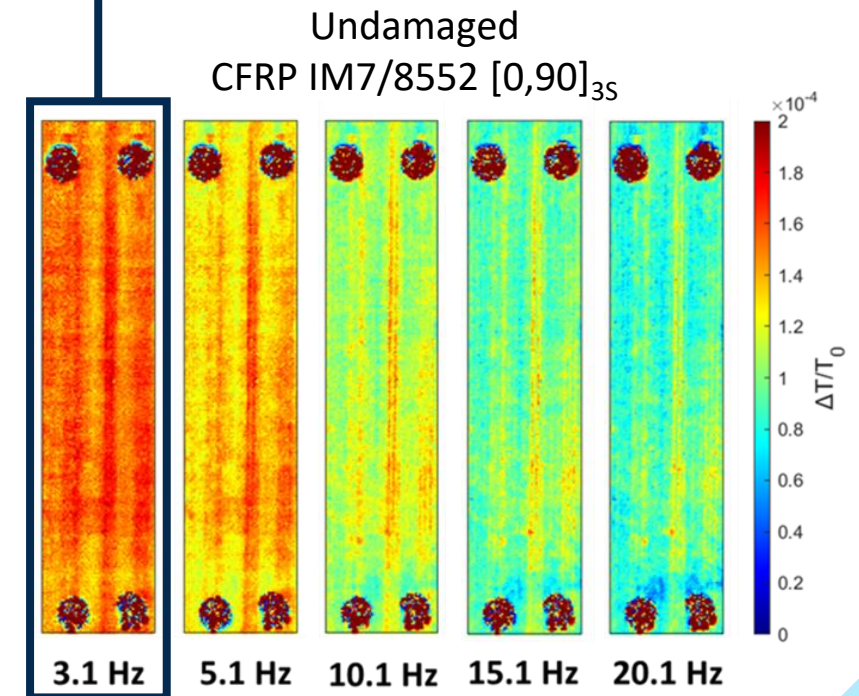
CFRP IM7/8552 → HEAT TRANSFER OCCURING AT LOWER FREQUENCIES [1,2]

Subsurface Features (e.g. Damage)

Frequency Range



Example



[1] Jiménez-Fortunato I., Bull DJ., Thomsen OT., Dulieu-Barton JM. On the source of the thermoelastic response from orthotropic fibre reinforced composite laminates. *Composites Part A: Applied Science and Manufacturing*. Elsevier Ltd; 1 October 2021; 149(106515): 1–15.

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HOW IS DAMAGE QUANTIFIED?

A **thermoelastic theory** was defined in [3] for anisotropic materials and a **damage parameter** was defined using TSA

- It was developed based in the law of conservation of mass, momentum and energy.
- It relates the density, the internal energy per unit mass and the heat absorbed per unit mass for damaged and undamaged materials.
- Experiments were carried out on **GFRP [0,90,0,90,0]_s** at a loading frequency of **10.1 Hz**

$$\Delta T = -\frac{T_0}{\rho C_p} \cdot (\alpha_x \sigma_x + \alpha_y \sigma_y) \xrightarrow[\text{i.e. the laminate stress}]{\text{In pure tension: } (\alpha_x \sigma_x + \alpha_y \sigma_y)} \frac{\Delta T}{T_0} = K_{Undamaged} \cdot \frac{\Delta \sigma_x}{(1-D)^2}$$

$-(\alpha_x) / \rho C_p$
 * Undamaged: $D=0$
 * Damaged: $D \neq 0$
 Damage parameter

$$D_{TSA} = 1 - \sqrt{K_{Undamaged} \cdot \Delta \sigma \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta T}{T_0}\right)^{-1}}$$

$$D_{YM} = \frac{E_{Undamaged} - E_{Damaged}}{E_{Undamaged}}$$

NOVELTY OF THIS RESEARCH

- Damage parametrisation carried out at low frequencies → **Subsurface**
- Full-field damage parametrisation → **Localised ROIs**
- Does the D_{TSA} gives better a better quantification of actual damage?

[3] Zhang D, Sandor B (1990) A thermoelasticity theory for damage in anisotropic materials. Fatigue Fract Eng Mater Struct 13:497–509

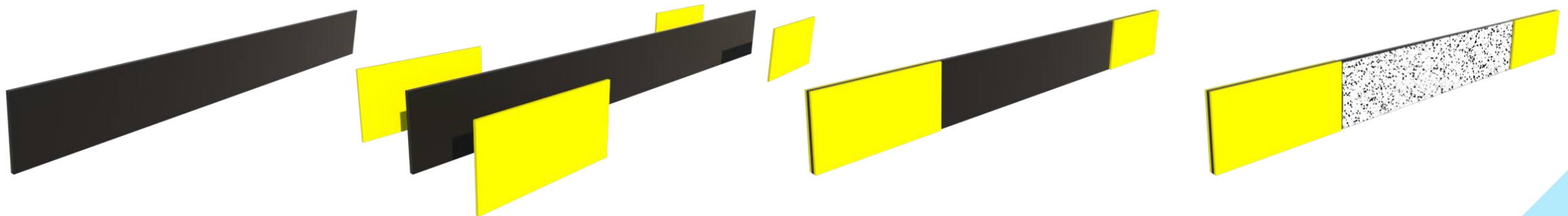
EXPERIMENTAL PLAN – MATERIAL (CFRP IM7/8552)

Tension mode → uniform strain state through the laminate thickness

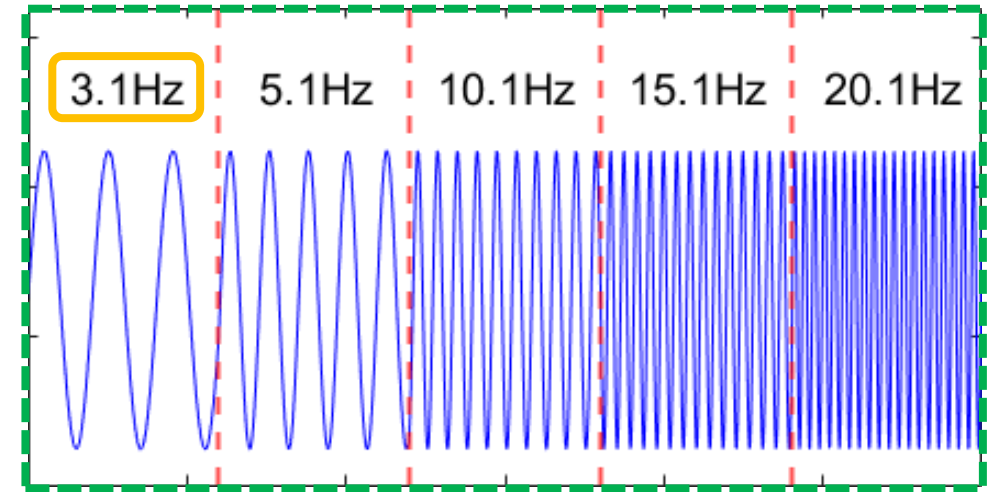
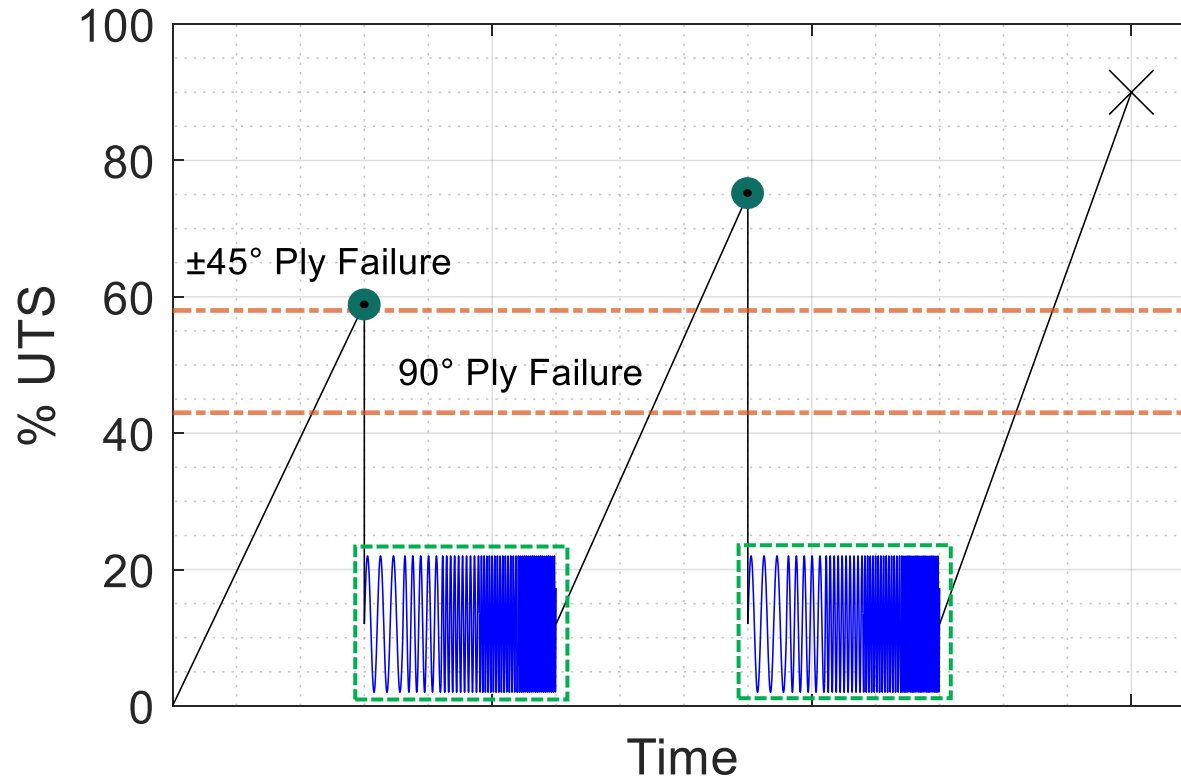
Configuration	Loading scenario	FPF _{Tsai-Wu} (MPa)	Ply failing	Failure Mode	Applied cyclic Stress (MPa)	UTS _{LaRC03} (MPa)
[90,0] _{3s} & [0,90] _{3s}	Tension Loading	542.60	90°	Matrix failure	162.66 ± 141.33	1245.63
[0,45,-45,0,0,0] _s & [0,0,0,45,-45,0] _s	Tension Loading	914.87	±45°	Shear	123.46 ± 111.11	1548.42

- Different plies breaking and different failure mechanisms
- Low cyclic stress must be applied

Coupon Preparation



EXPERIMENTAL PLAN



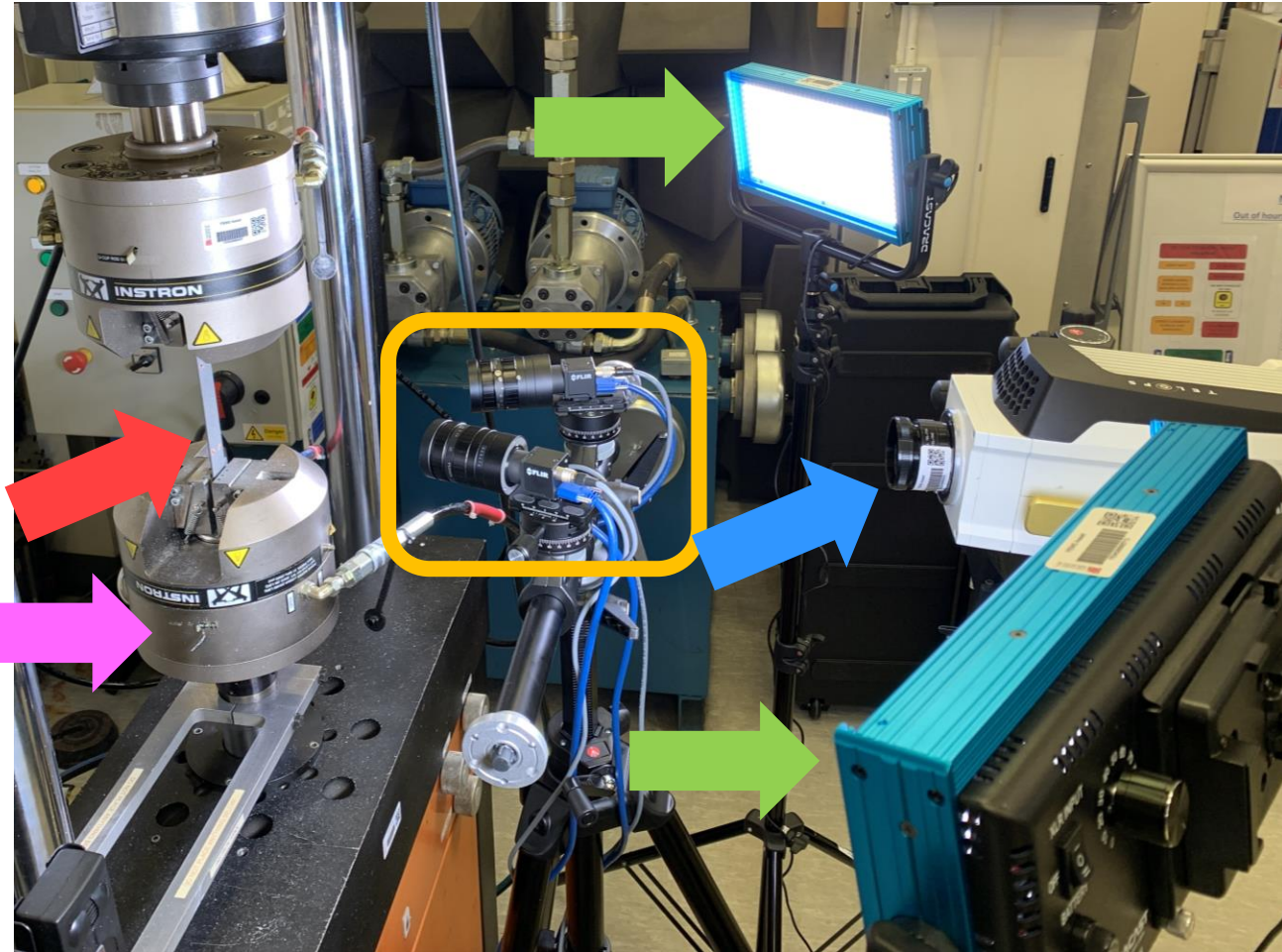
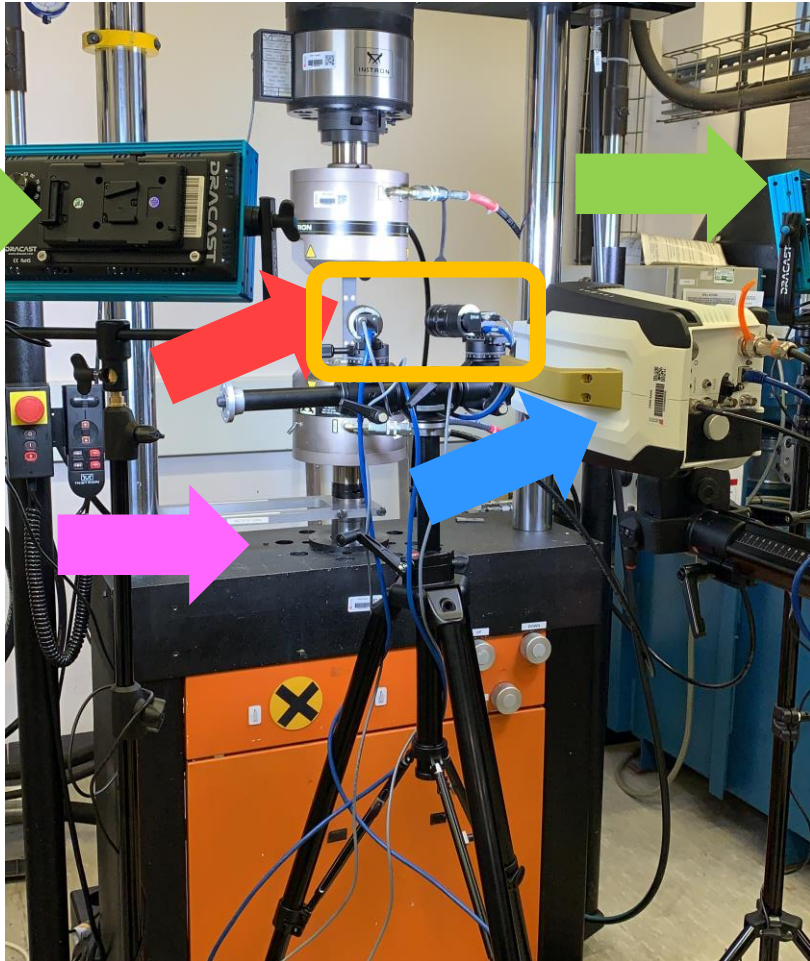
WE ARE USING TSA AND DIC

...Why DIC?
To obtain D_{YM}

Load Ramp → Induce damage progressively (in tension)

Cyclic Loading → Observe the plies condition (Inspection)

EXPERIMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS



SAMPLE

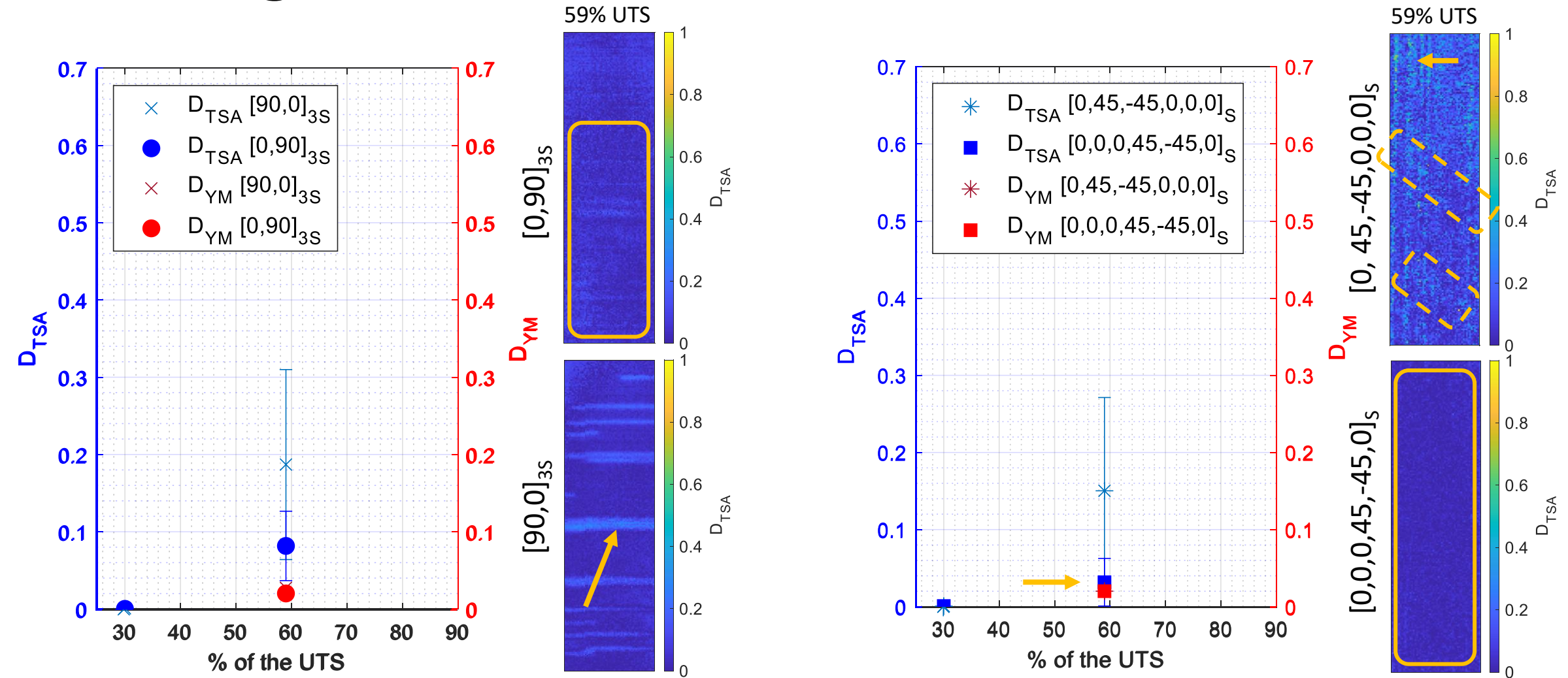
DIC
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TSA
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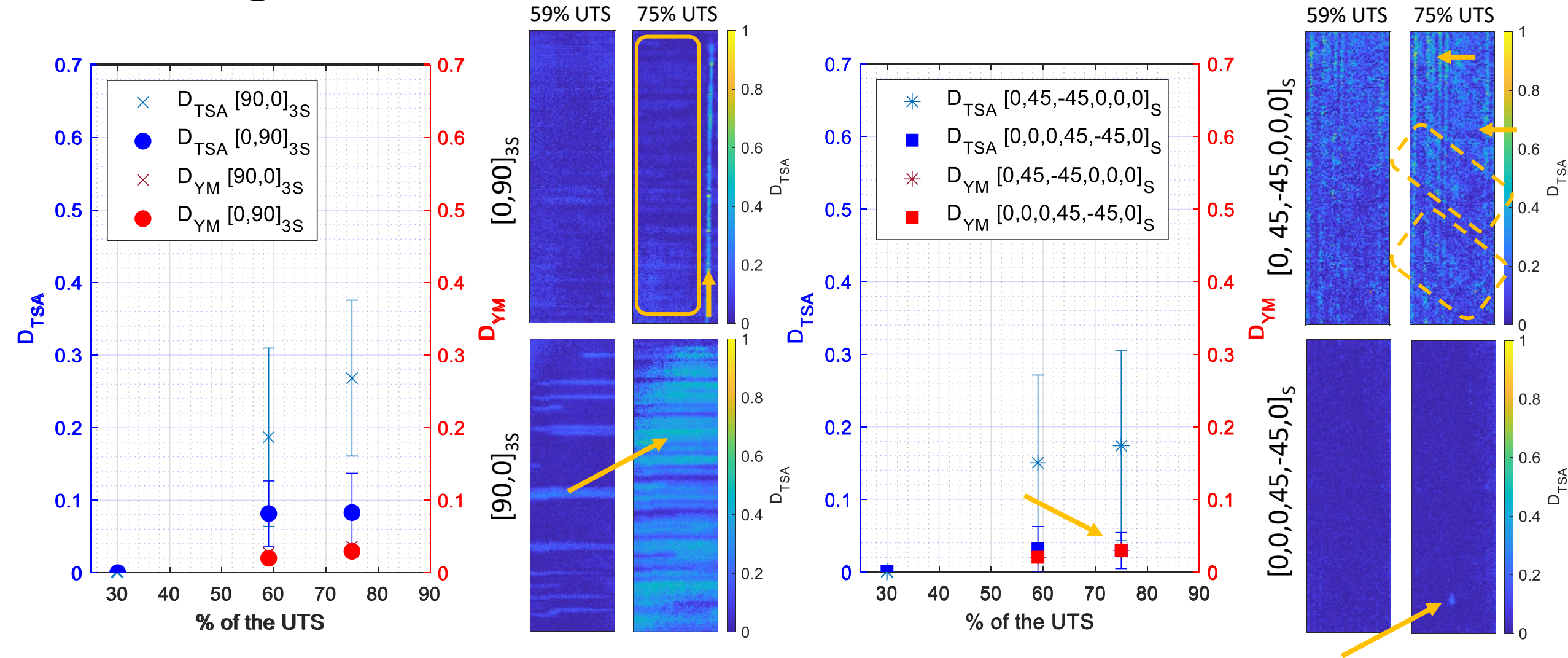
LIGHTS

HYDRAULICS

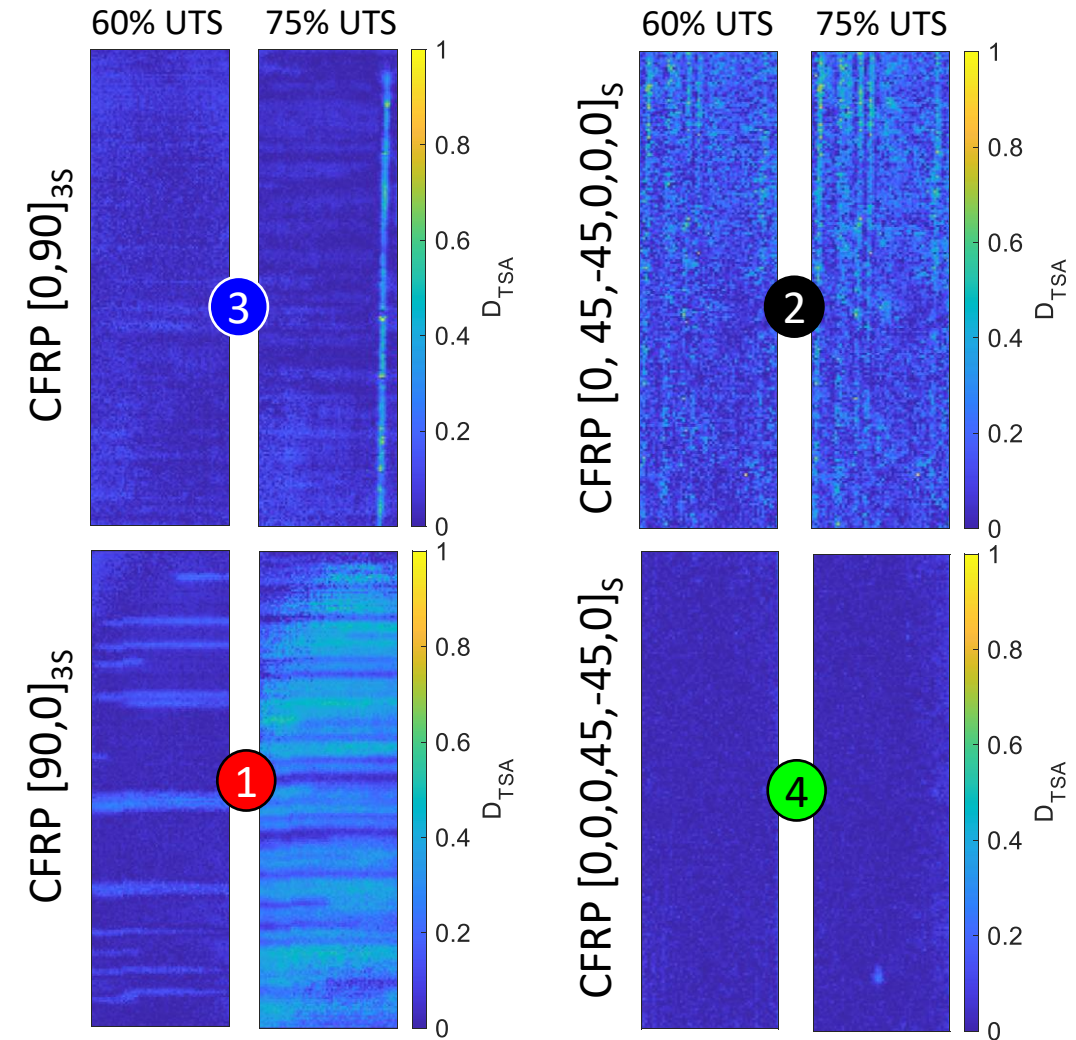
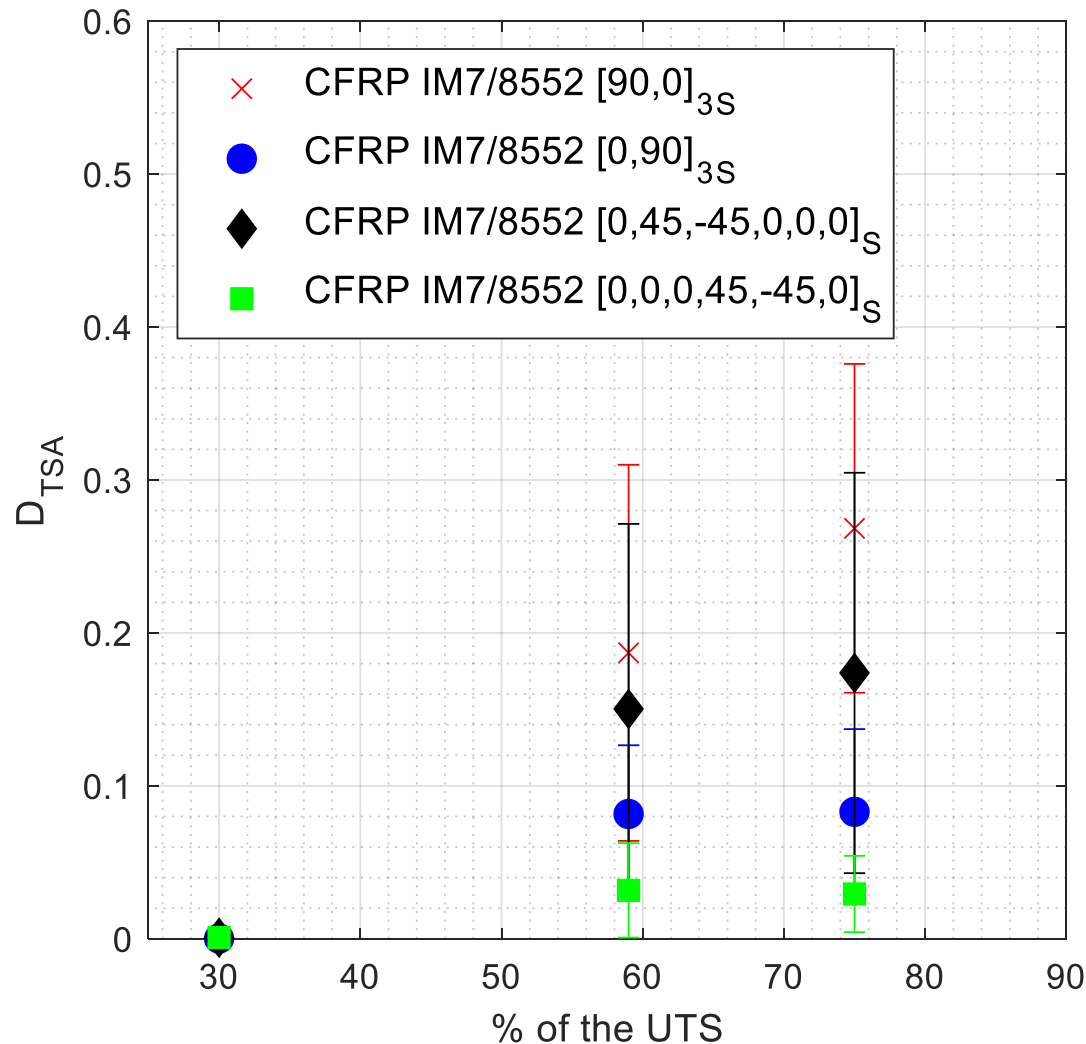
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TSA Damage Quantification: All the laminates



CONCLUSIONS OF THE RESEARCH

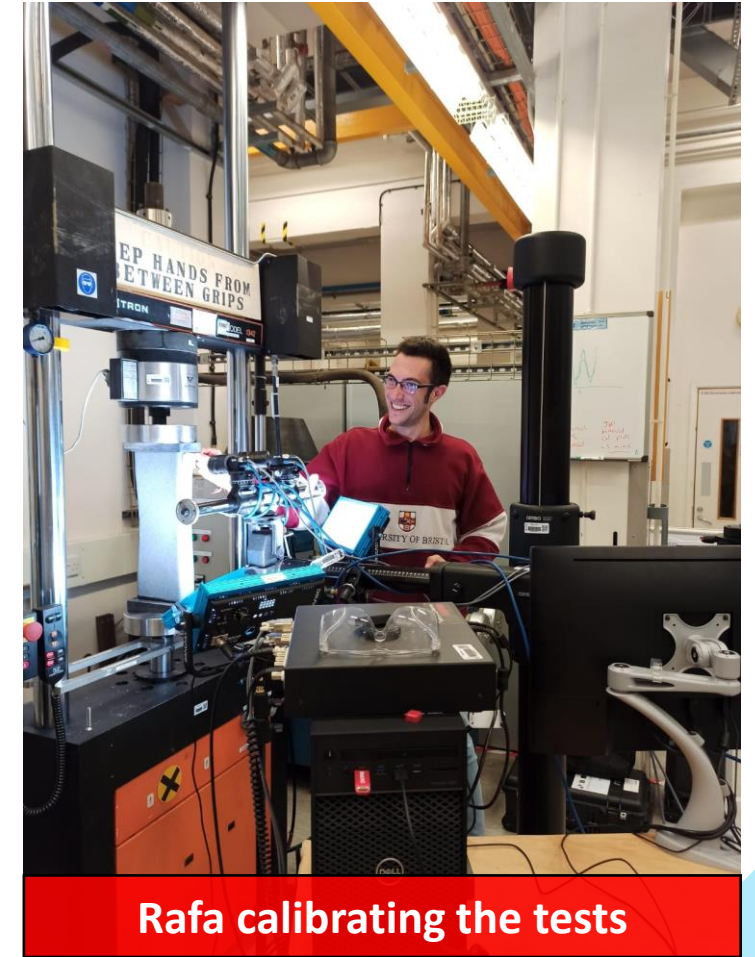
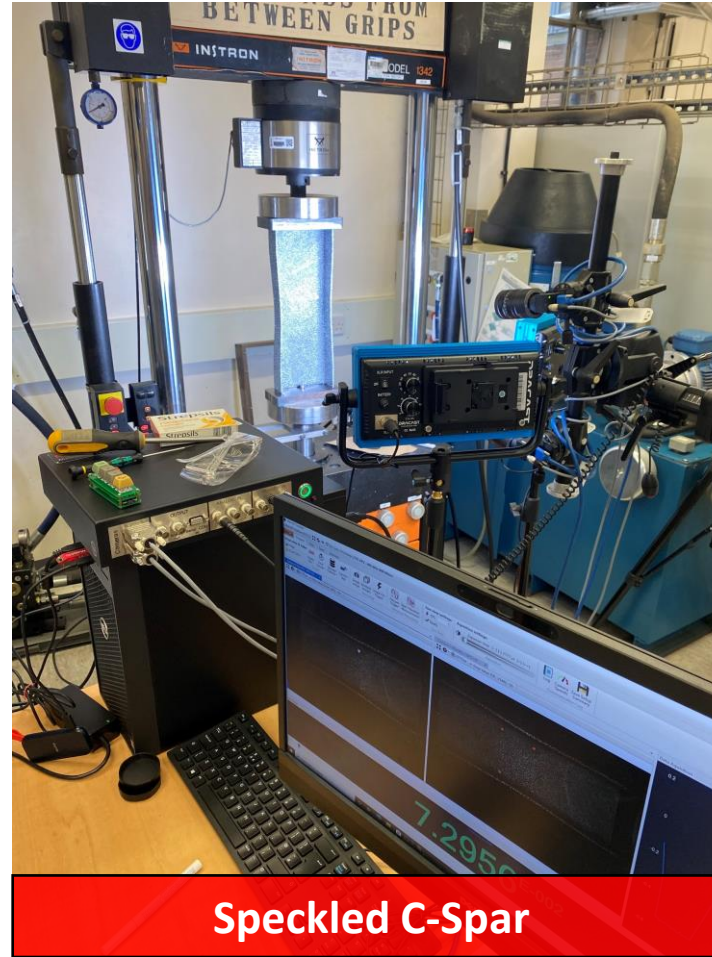
- Full-Field damage parametrization using TSA **at low frequencies provides** information about both surface and subsurface
- Compared with the stiffness degradation parametrisation, D_{TSA} provides more information about the laminate's status
 1. $[90,0]_{3S}$ wasn't more damaged than $[0,90]_{3S}$ but it exhibited a higher D_{TSA}
 2. $[0,45,-45,0,0,0]_S$ wasn't more damaged than $[0,0,0,45,-45,0]_S$ but it exhibited a higher D_{TSA}

TSA provides a better measure of a **reduction in structural performance** when the damage is close to the surface

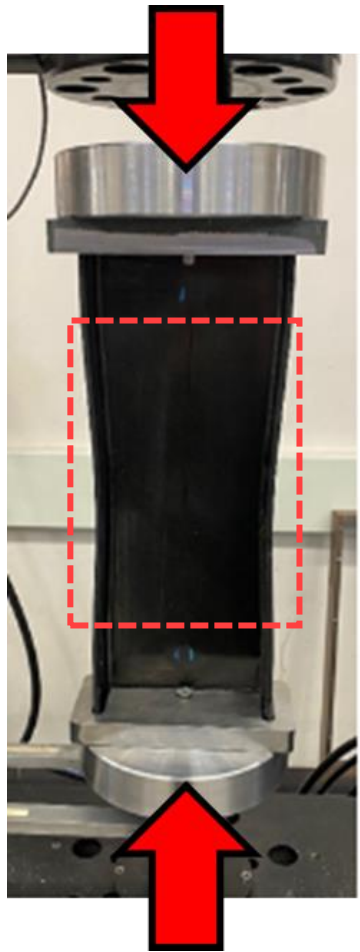
FUTURE WORK

- WIP: Damage parametrization of a real structure: **C-Spar**
- Subject specimens to different stress states (e.g. bending) → Not only tension in real structures stress state

WIP: C-Spar // EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

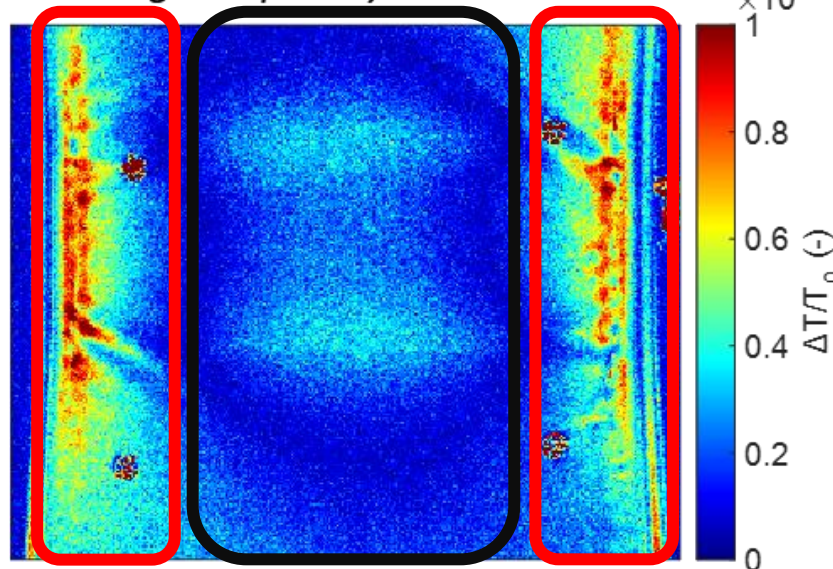


WIP: C-Spar // Inside the web Inspection



Undamaged

Loading Frequency = 3.1 Hz

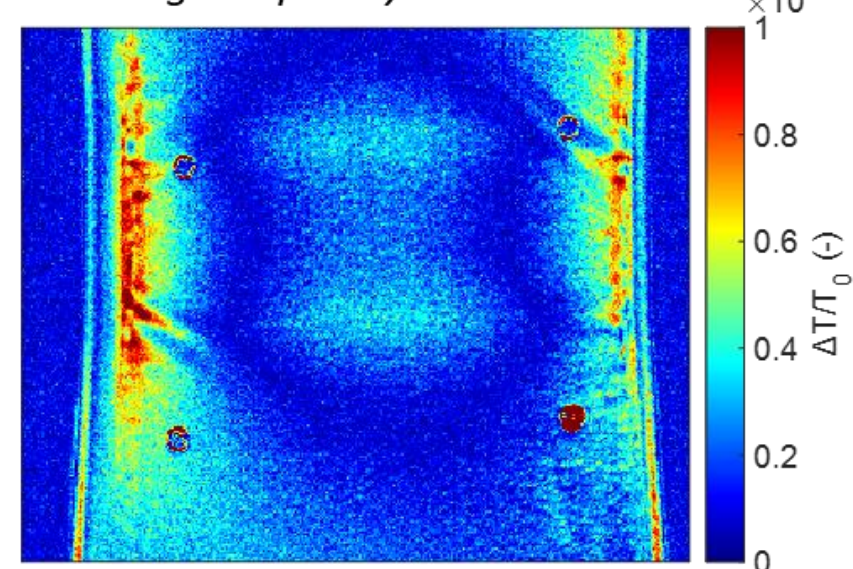


Wrinkles
High stress concentration areas

8 Shape: Buckling ~ Bending

Damaged

Loading Frequency = 3.1 Hz



Same pattern found as the undamaged

Damage parametrisation

**More complex stress state*



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