

# EVALUATING THE INTRALAMINAR TENSILE FRACTURE BEHAVIOR OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS UNDER HIGH RATE LOADING THROUGH A COMBINED EXPERIMENTAL AND NUMERICAL METHODOLOGY

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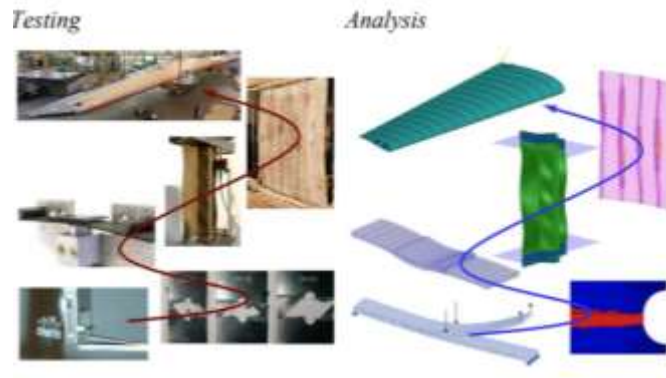
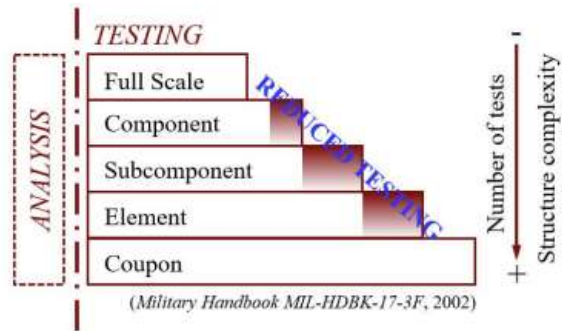


# Introduction

## Composite Materials

→ NUMERICAL SIMULATION

→ EXPERIMENTS



## Under QUASI-STATIC CONDITIONS



Well-established techniques (even for some cases of fatigue)

## Under DYNAMIC CONDITIONS



### → NUMERICAL SIMULATION

- Based on static characterization properties
- Model formulation without sensitivity to strain rates

### → EXPERIMENTS

- Methods under development. No standardization
- There is no consensus in the literature



## BEDYN's GOAL

Define a methodology for numerical simulation and experiments for dynamic loadings

# Dynamic characterization

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	Bearing effect: Pinned Hole Tension

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		ENF (pure mode II)
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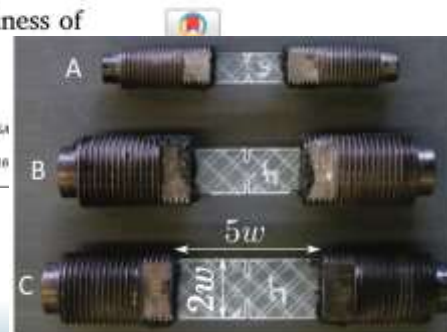


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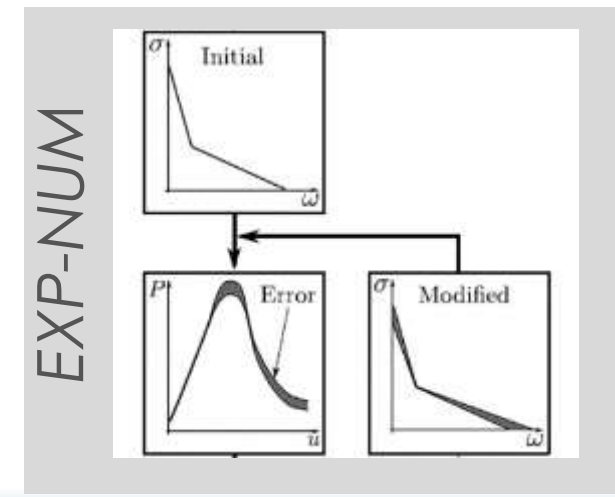
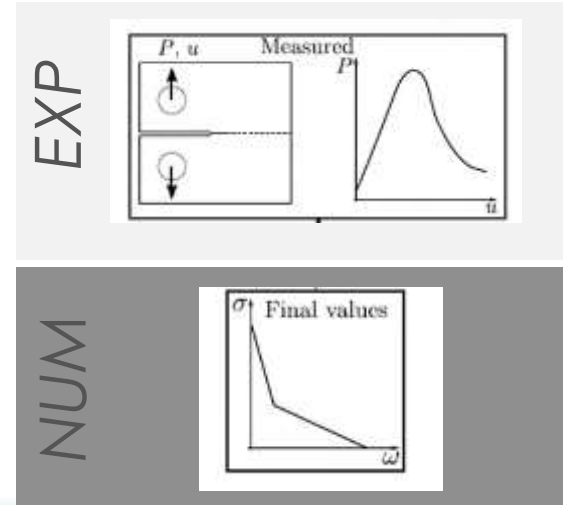
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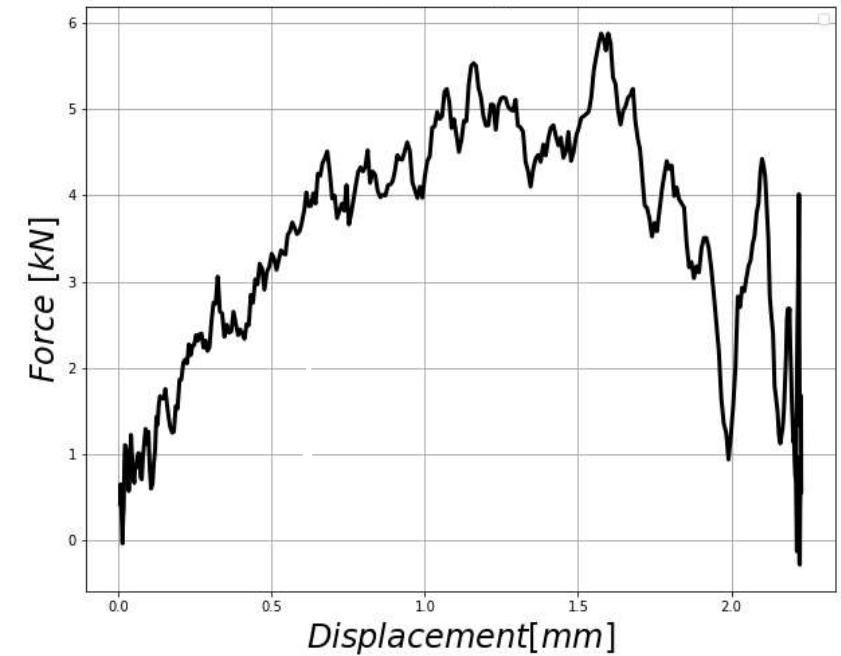
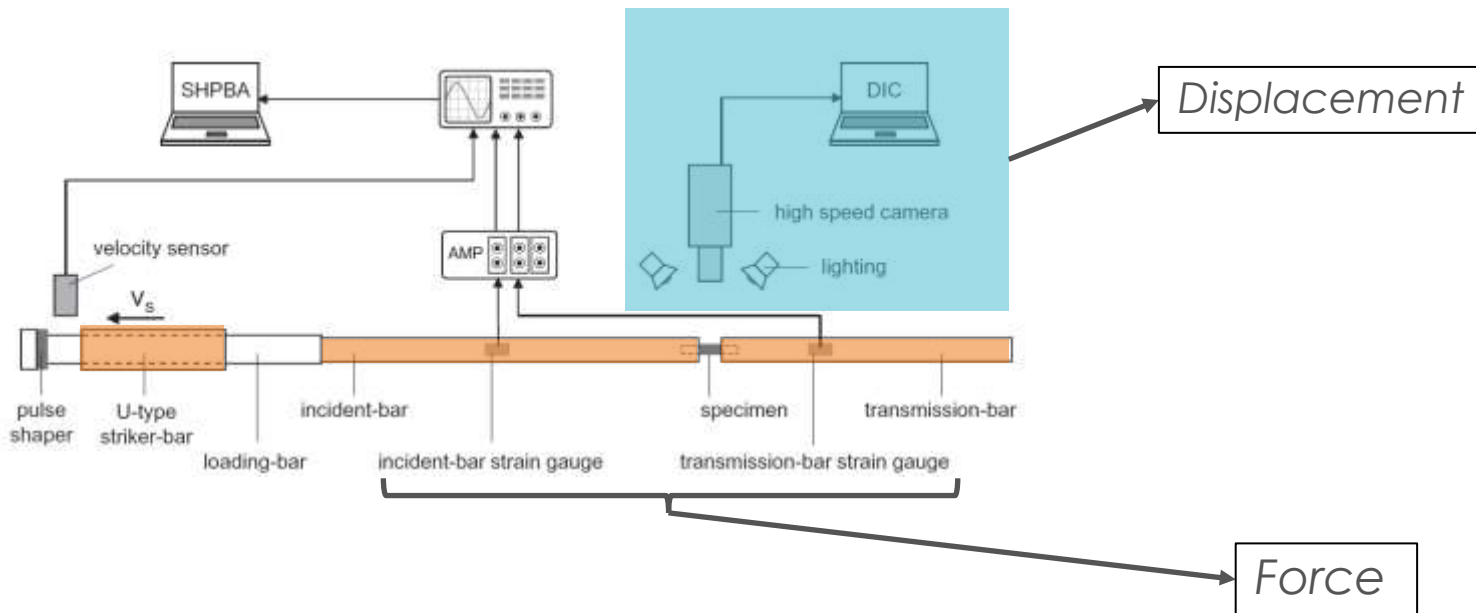


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# Split Hopkinson Pressure Bar



# Experimental methodology



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Cross ply

L1 (50% 0°)

L2 (QI)

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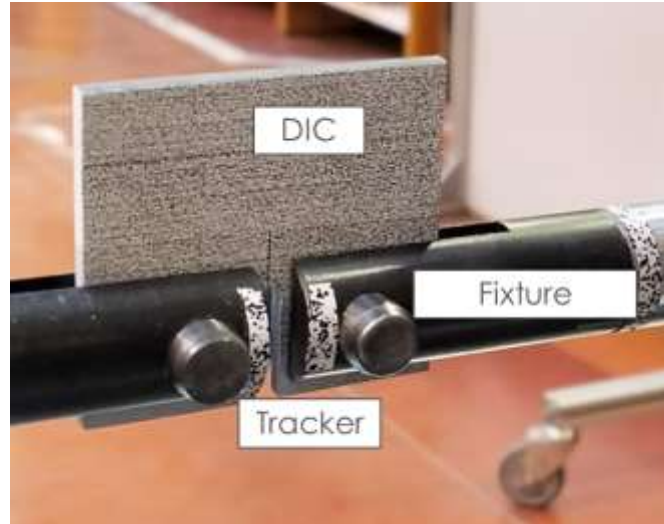


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- In-plane strains by DIC
- Opening trackers

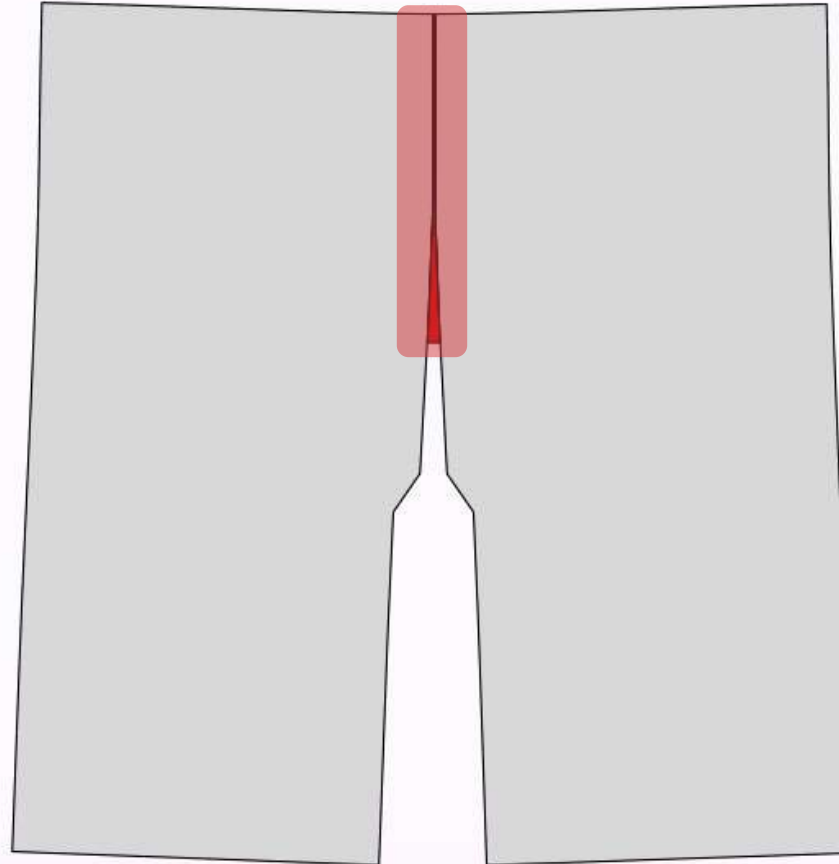
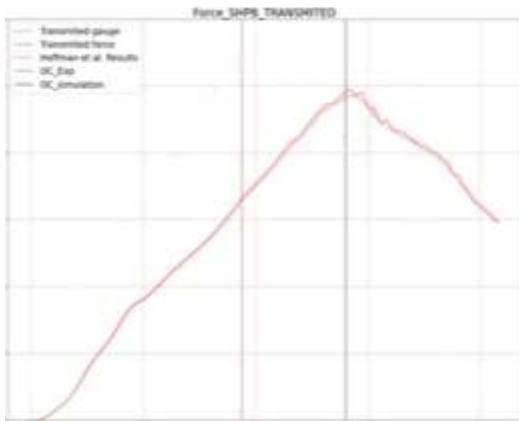
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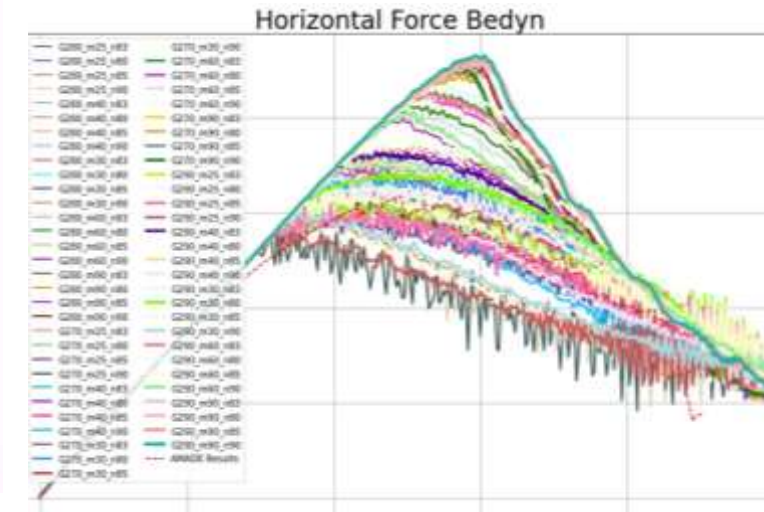
- INSIGHT 100kN (0.5mm/min)
- Clip-On COD extensometer
- Optical system traveller (Canon 550D + macro EF) to monitor the crack growth

# Numerical methodology

- **Explicit model**
- **Simplified model:**  Displacement data is obtained from input bar.



- **Cohesive elements**
  - Quadratic stress initiation criteria
  - Linear and bi-linear softening
  - B-k mixed mode



- **Specimen:**
  - 2D Shell elements
  - Elastic properties of the laminate

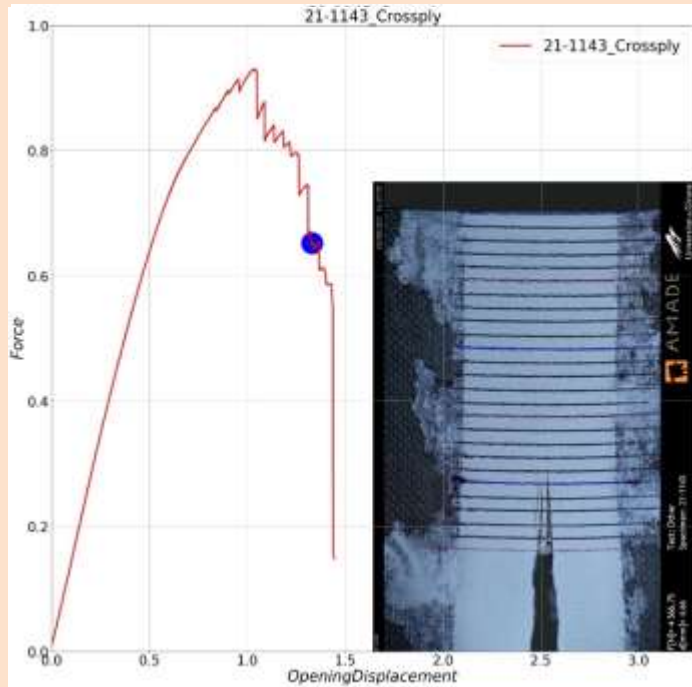
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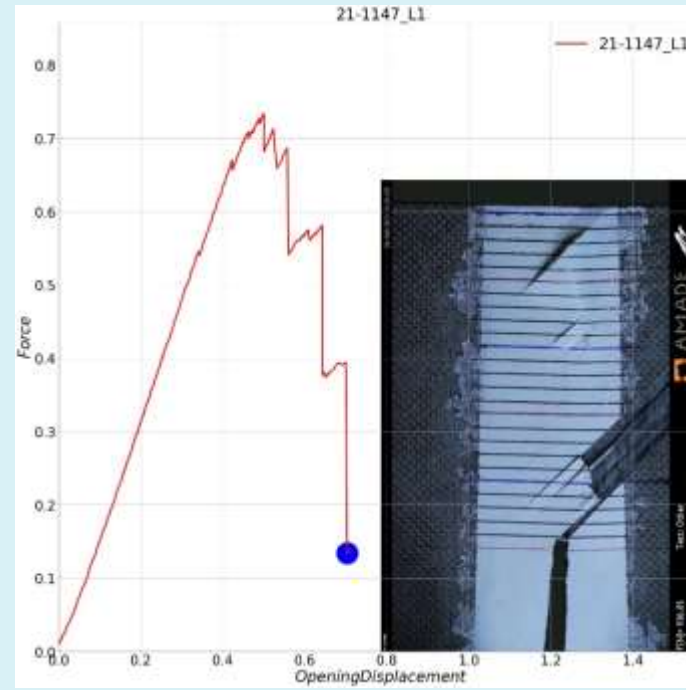


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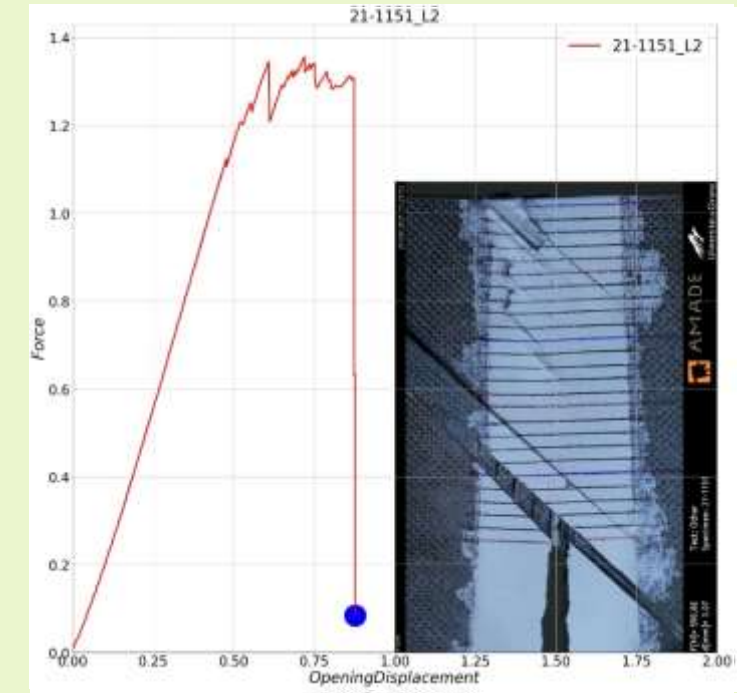
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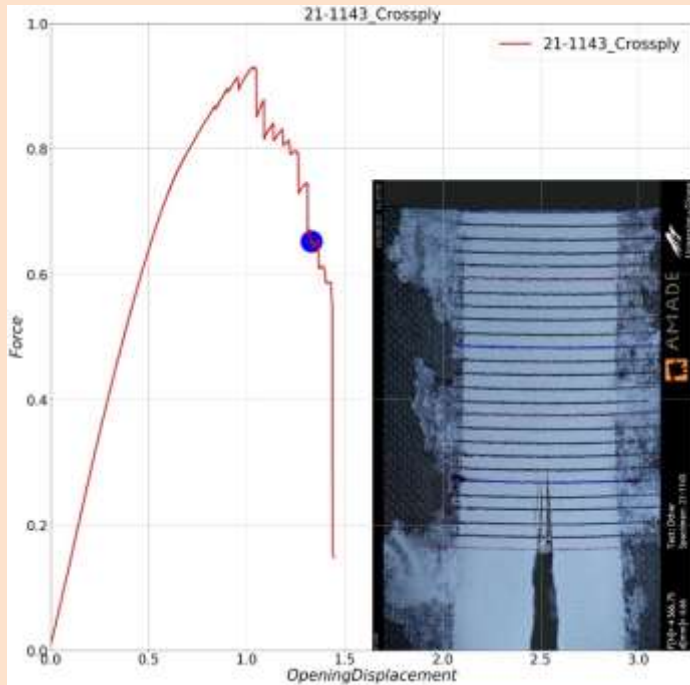
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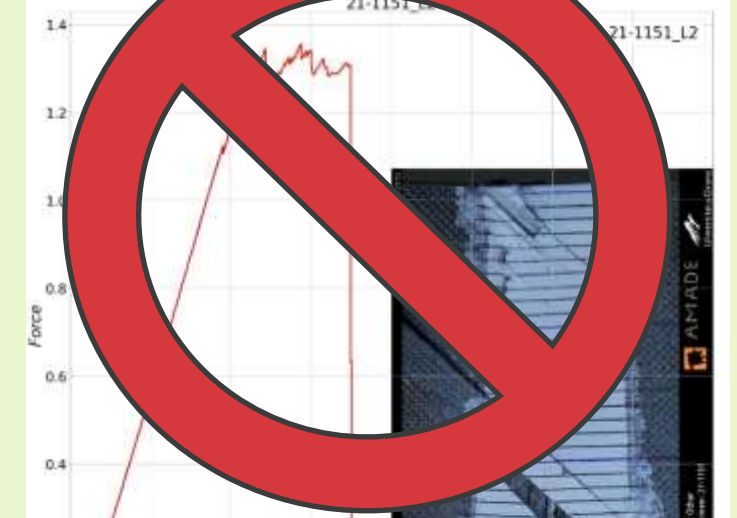
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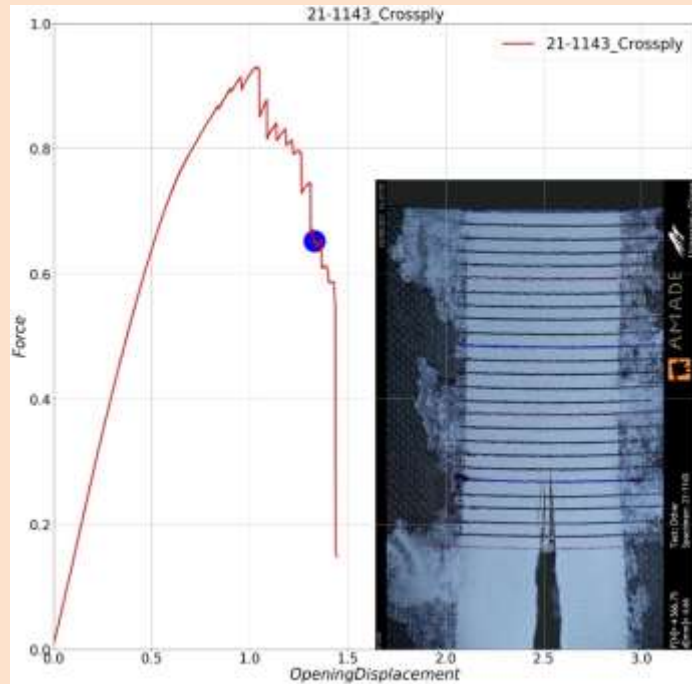


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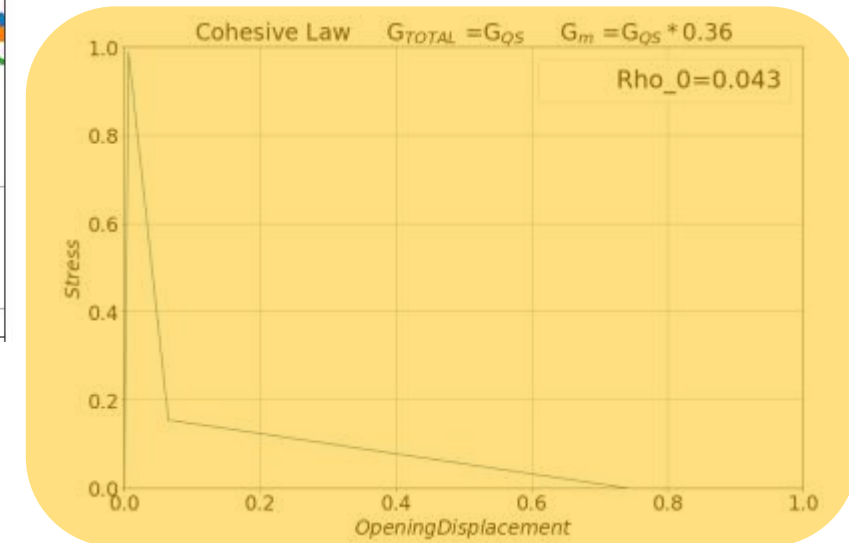
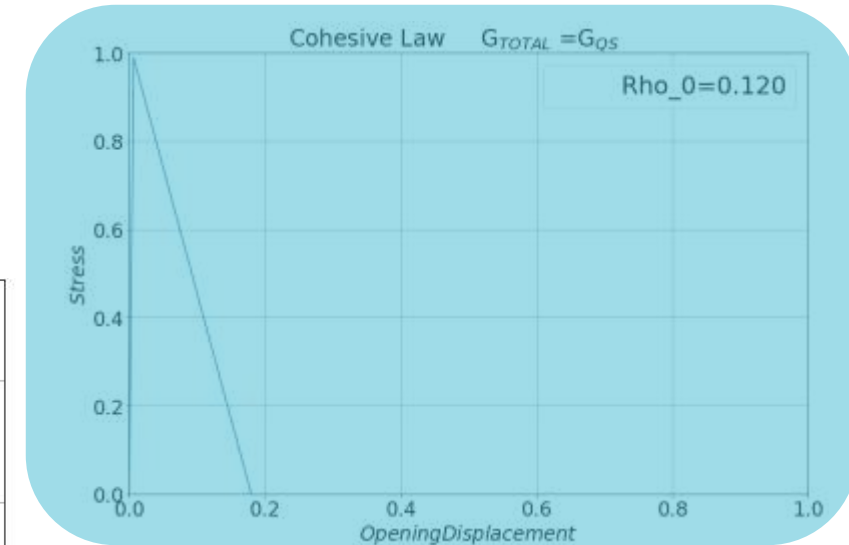
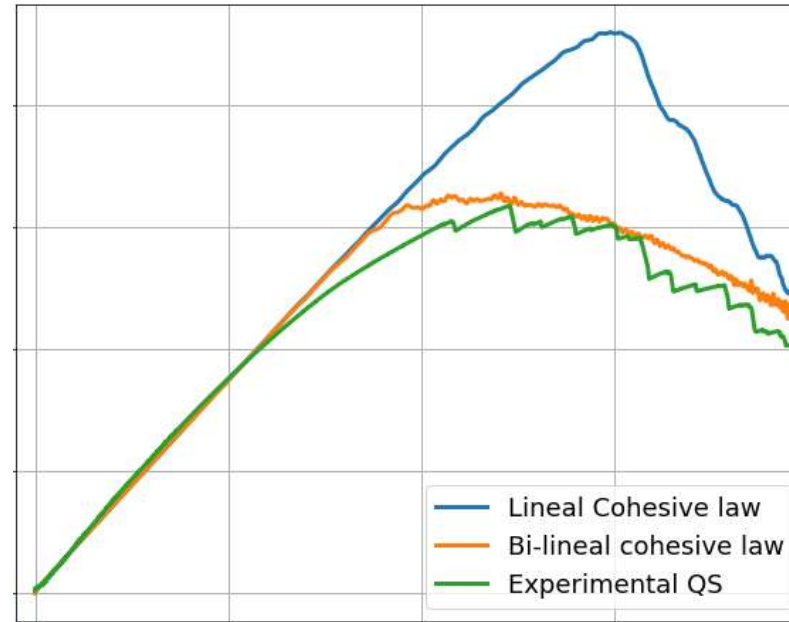
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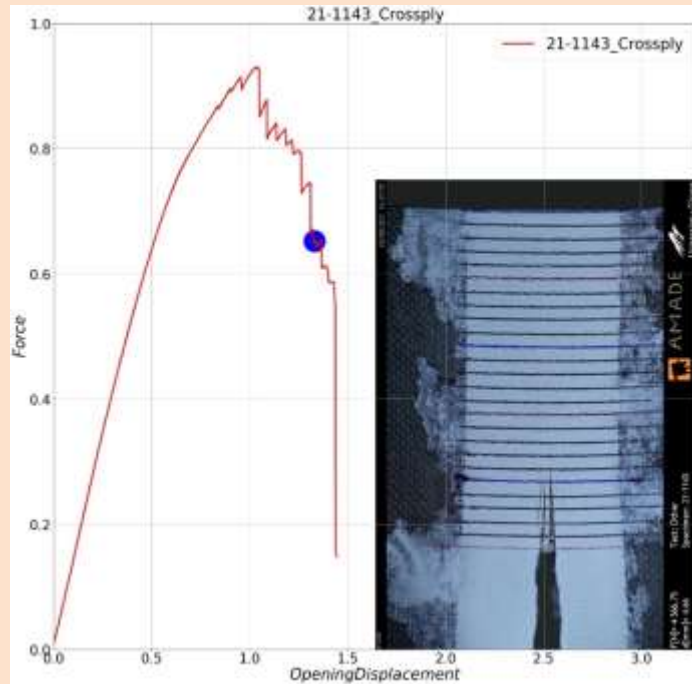
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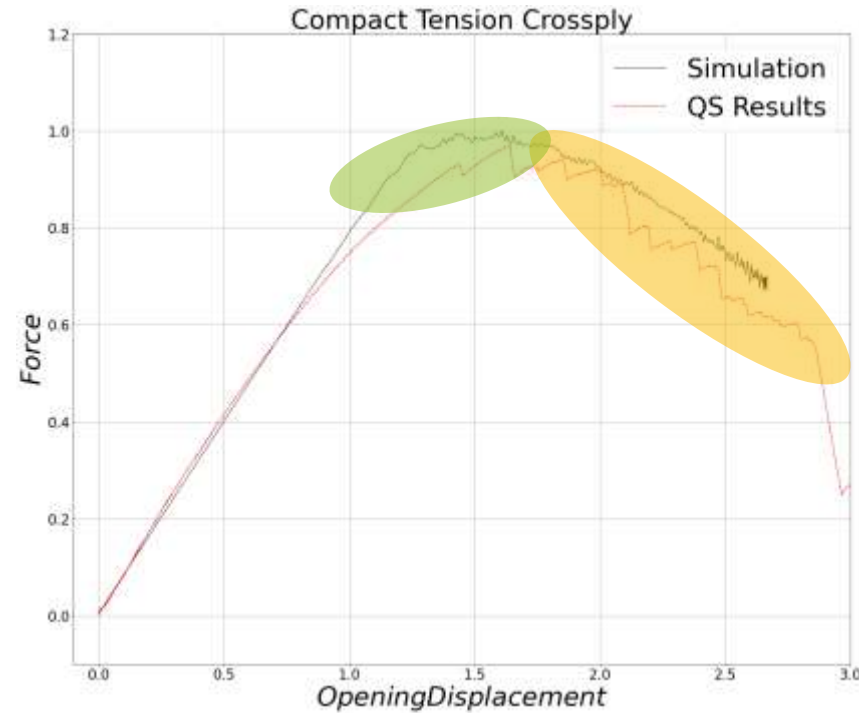
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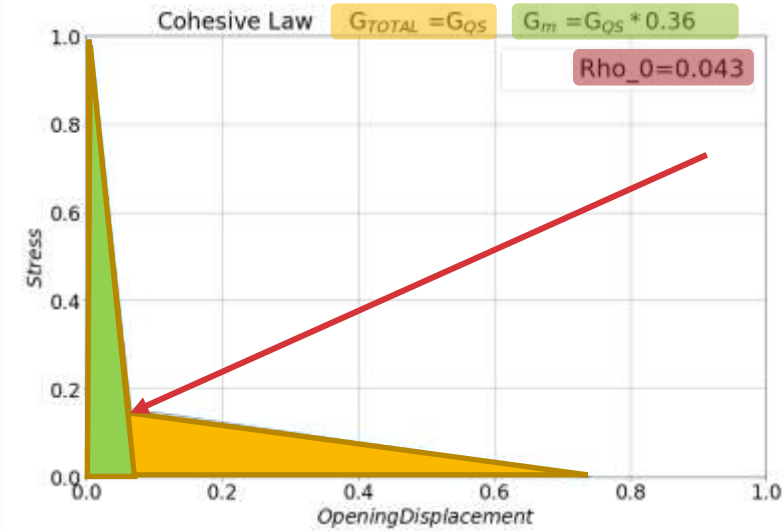


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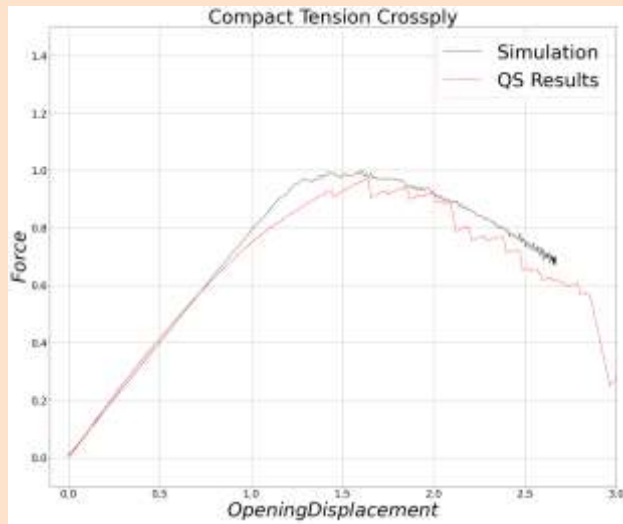


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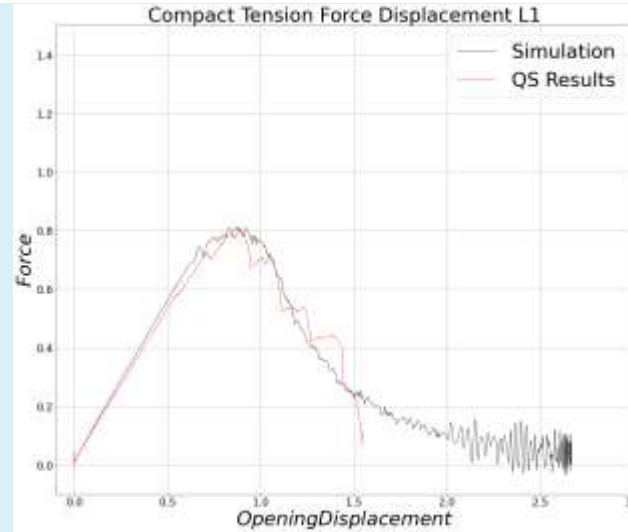
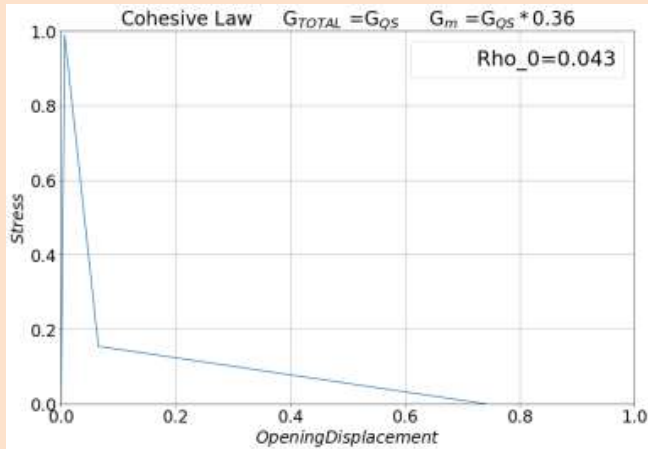


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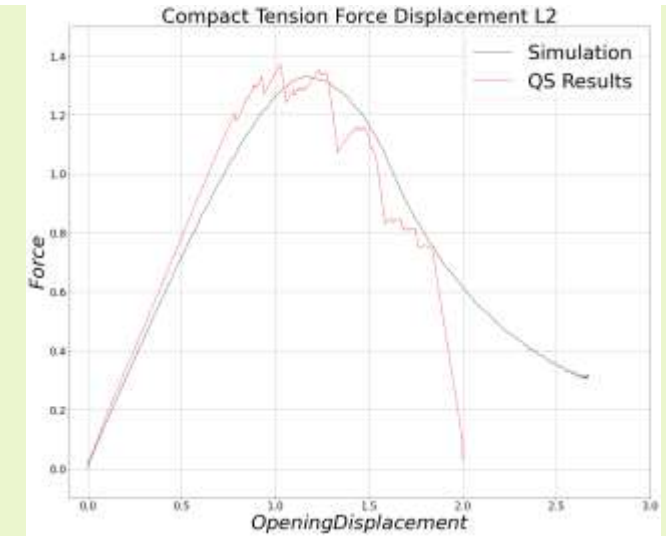
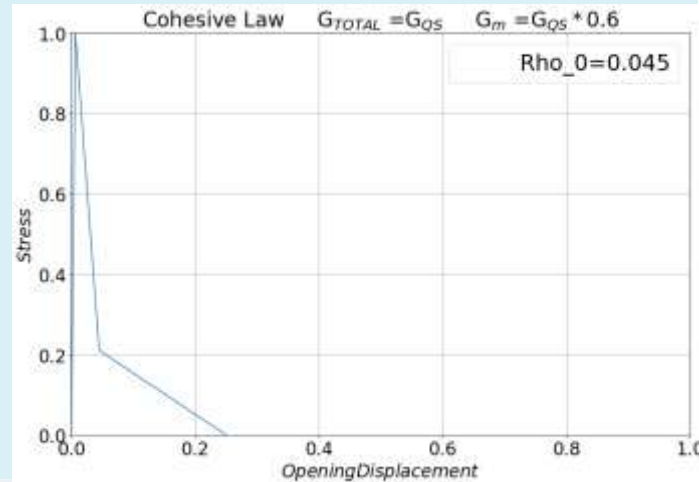
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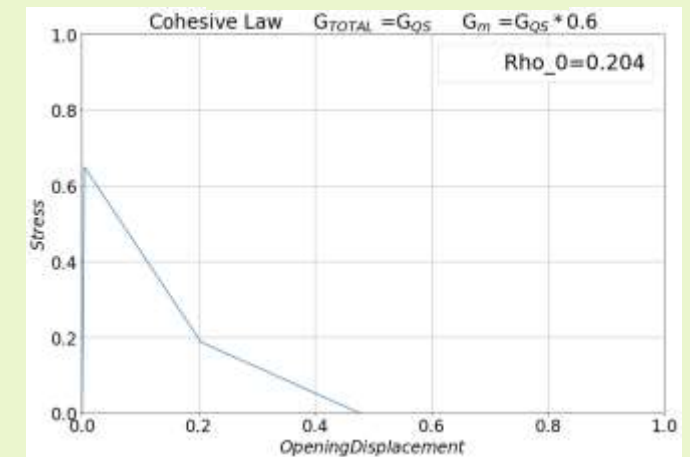
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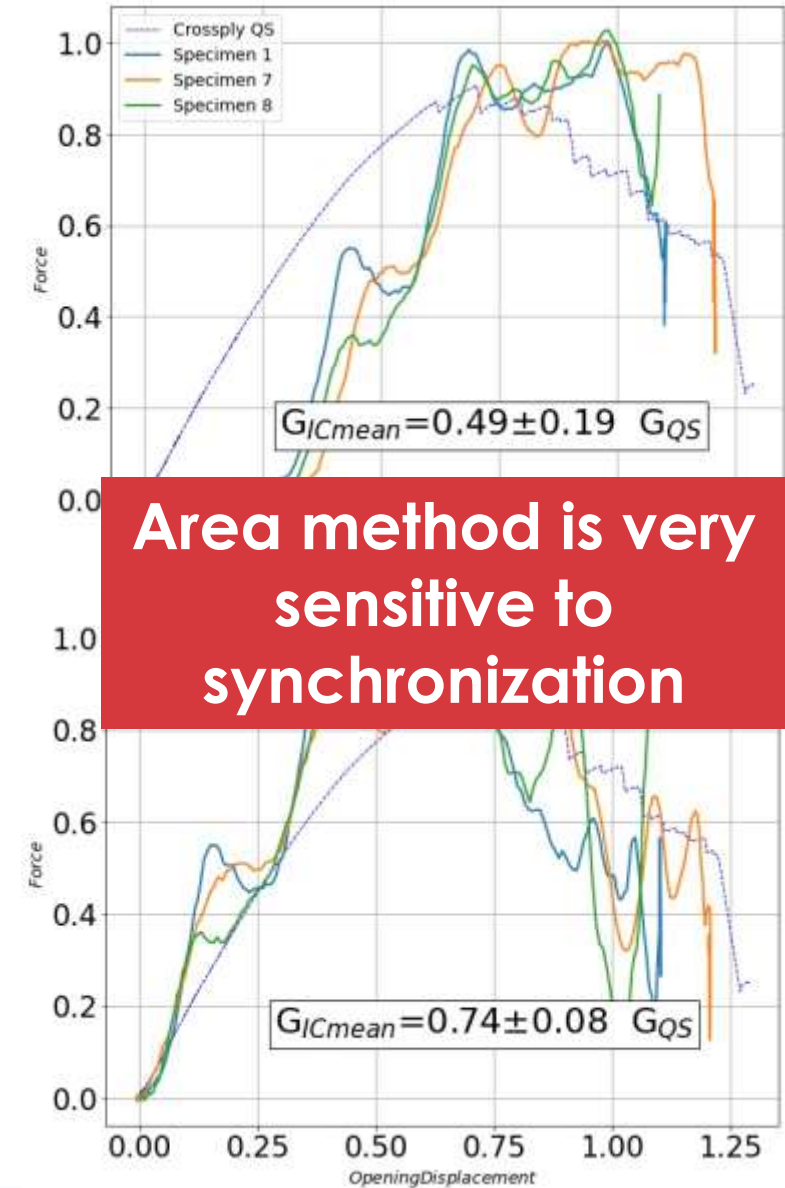
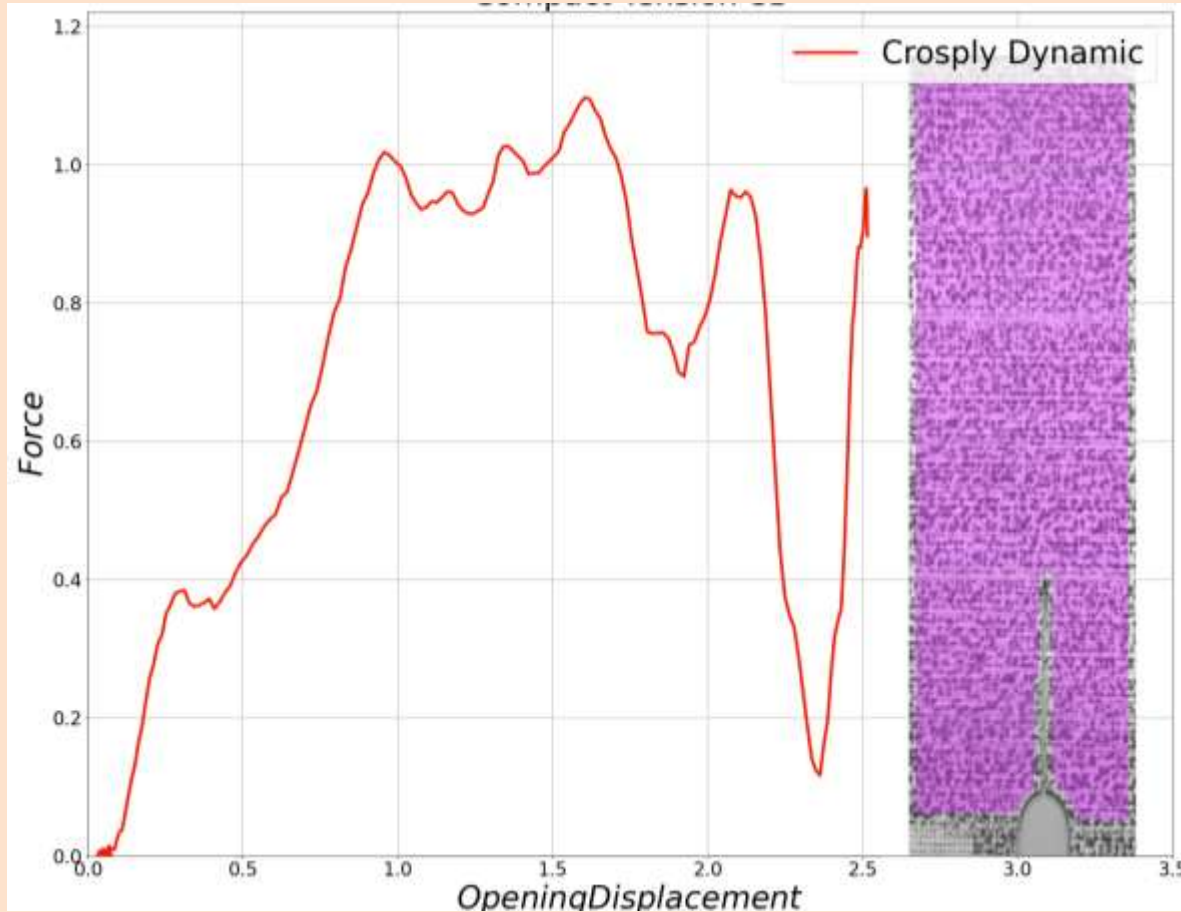


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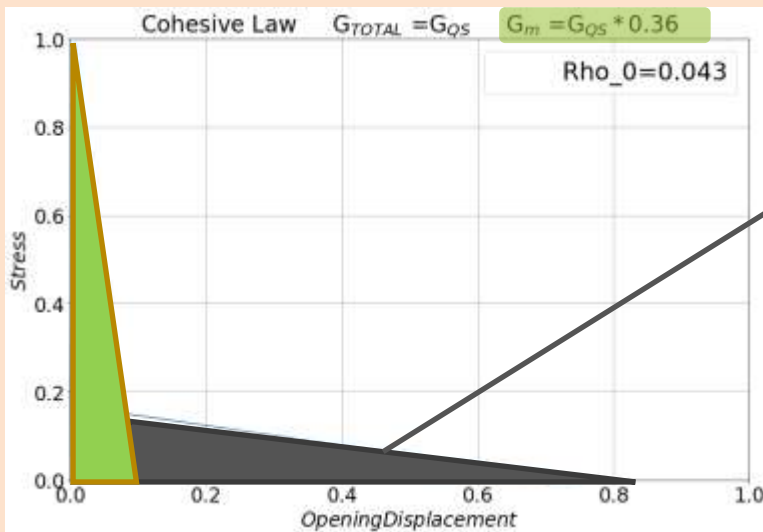
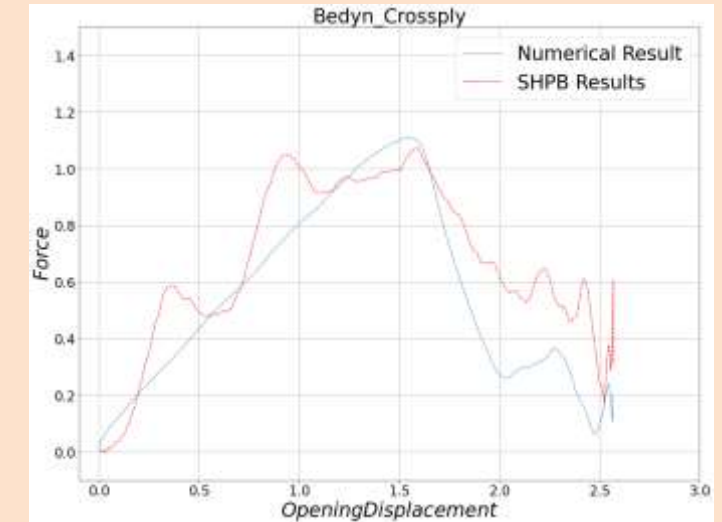
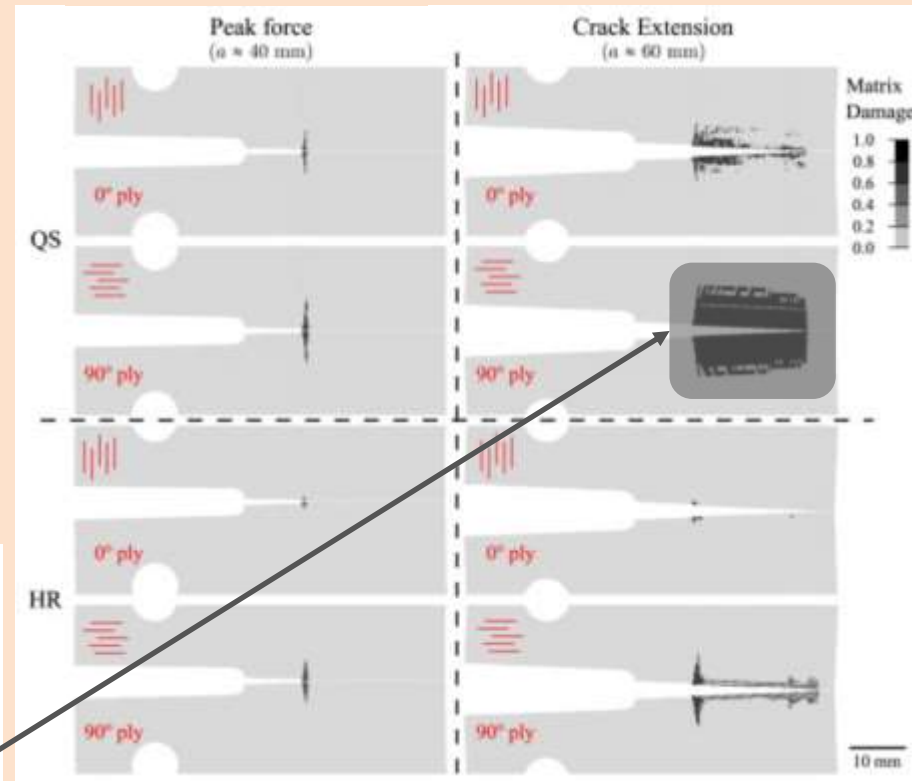
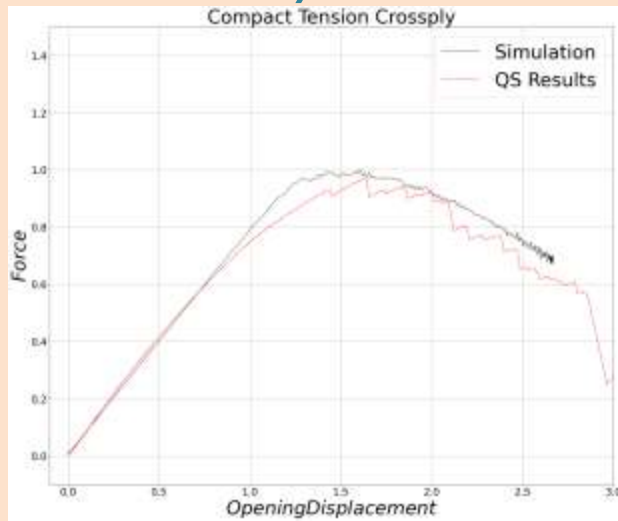


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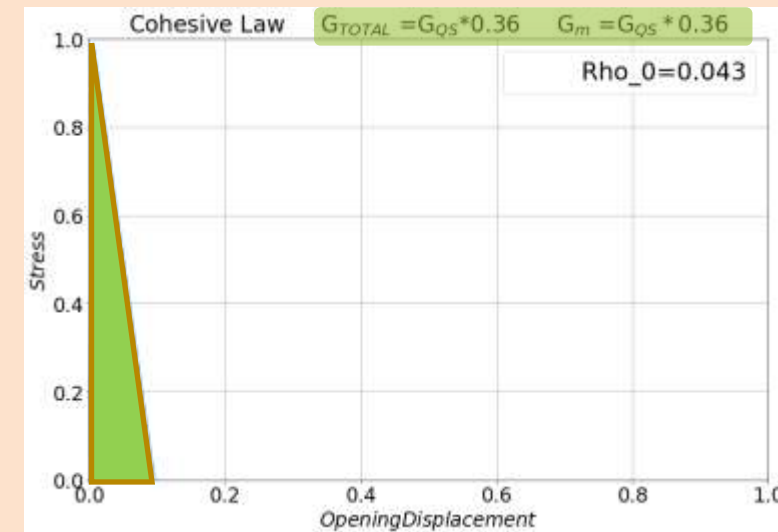


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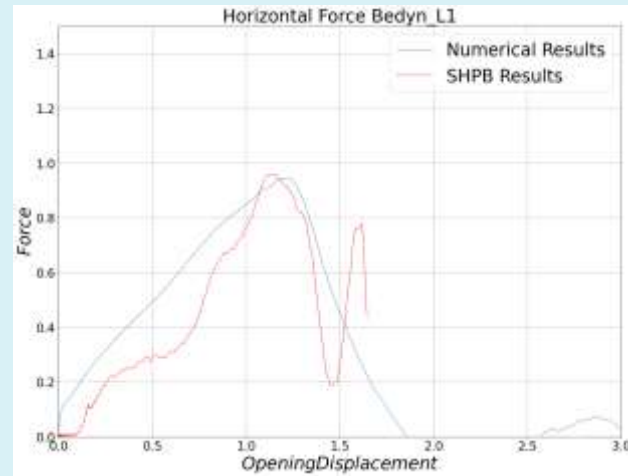
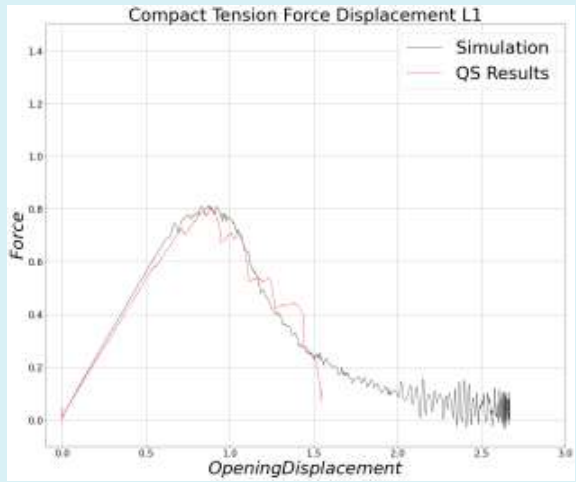


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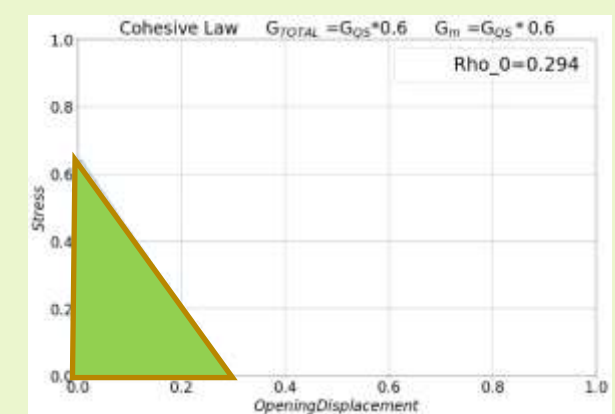
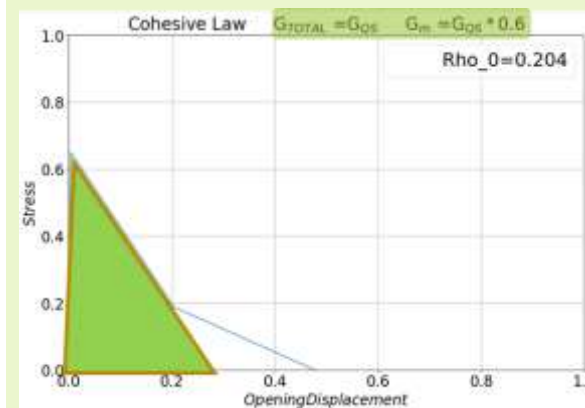
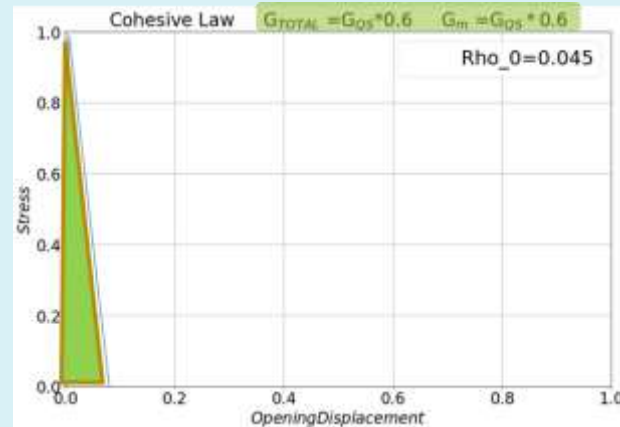
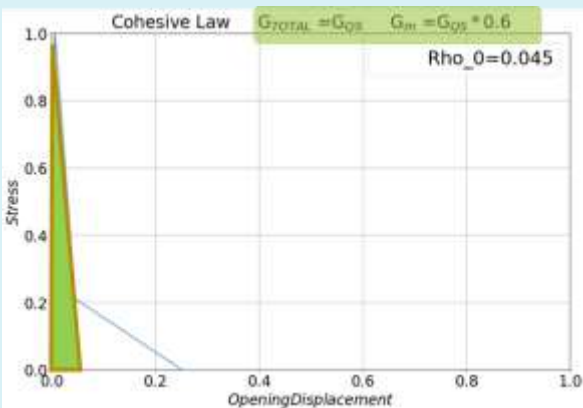
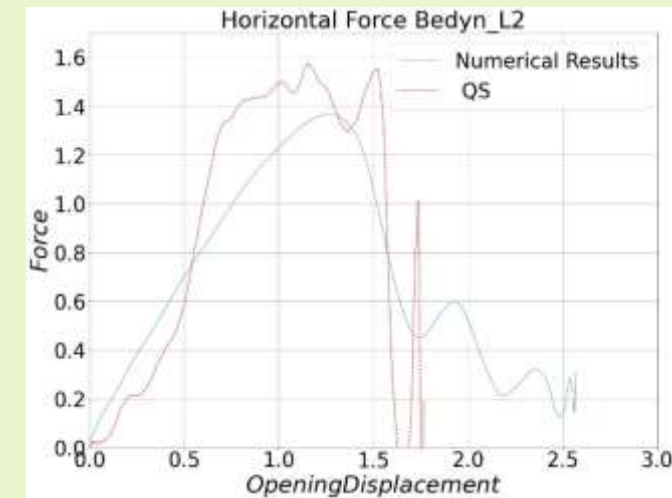
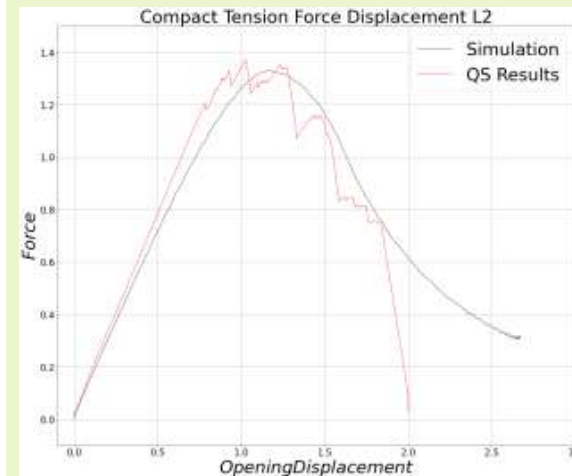
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# Conclusions

- *Experimental tests and numerical analysis of CT specimen under dynamics loadings has been done.*

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- *Combined numerical and experimental methodology shows a good agreement in quasistatic conditions.*
- *Proposed methodology is valid to obtain cohesive law for different stacking sequences.*
- *Area method is very sensitive to synchronization.*
- *Proposed methodology is valid to obtain cohesive law at high rate taking into account uncertainties due to specimen wave propagation.*
- *Laminate fracture toughness is reduced at high rate due to the reduction on damage area around the crack*

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