



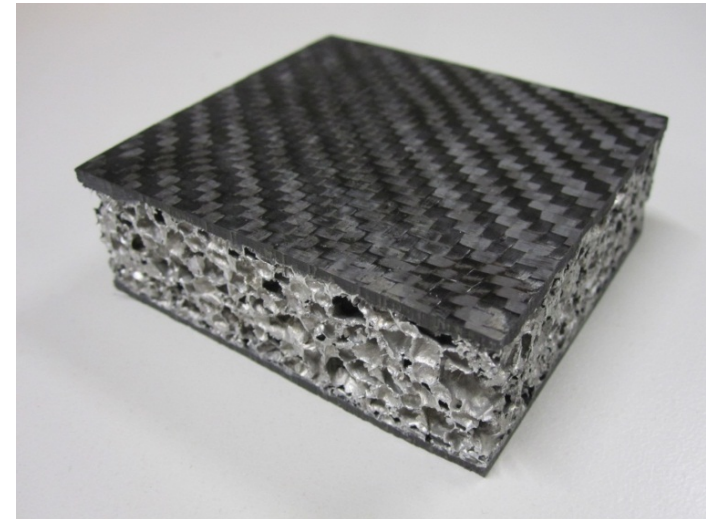
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Lightweight Modular Vehicle Platform (LMVP)

Composite Sandwich Panels - Deformation and Energy Absorption

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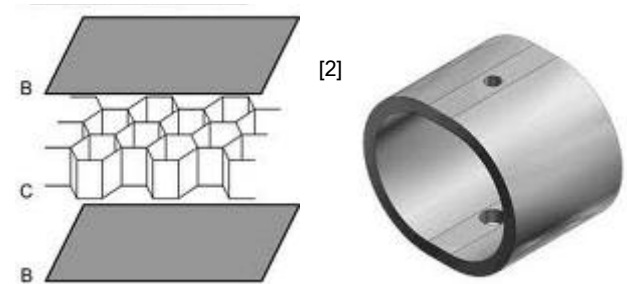




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[1] www.wn.com
[2] www2.tbo.com



Table 1. Changes in ranking for most important causes of death from 1990 to 2020 in baseline scenario

Disorder	Ranking		Change in ranking
	1990	2020 (baseline model)	
Within top 15			
Ischaemic heart disease	1	1	0
Cerebrovascular disease	2	2	0
Lower respiratory infections	3	4	↓1
Diarrhoeal diseases	4	11	↓7
Perinatal disorders	5	16	↓11
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	6	3	↑3
Tuberculosis	7	7	0
Measles	8	27	↓19
Road-traffic accidents	9	6	↑3
Trachea, bronchus, and lung cancers	10	5	↓5
Malaria	11	29	↓18
Self-inflicted injuries	12	10	↑2
Cirrhosis of the liver	13	12	↑1
Stomach cancer	14	8	↑6
Diabetes mellitus	15	19	↓4
Outside top 15			
Violence	16	14	↓2
War injuries	20	15	↑5
Liver cancer	21	13	↑8
HIV	30	9	↑21

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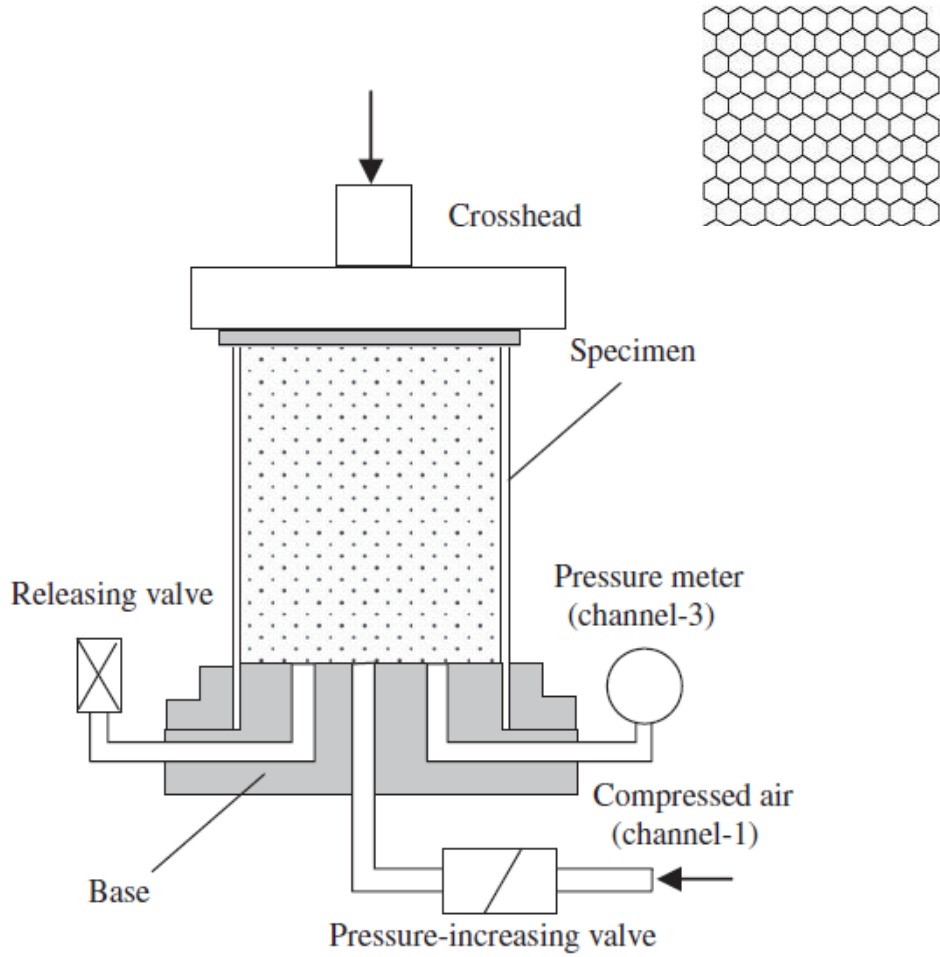
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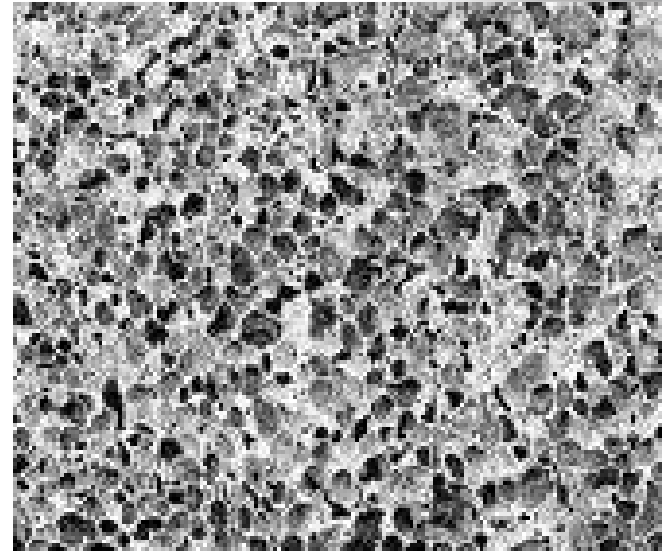


Energy Absorbing Systems and Materials

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Pressurised thin wall tubes

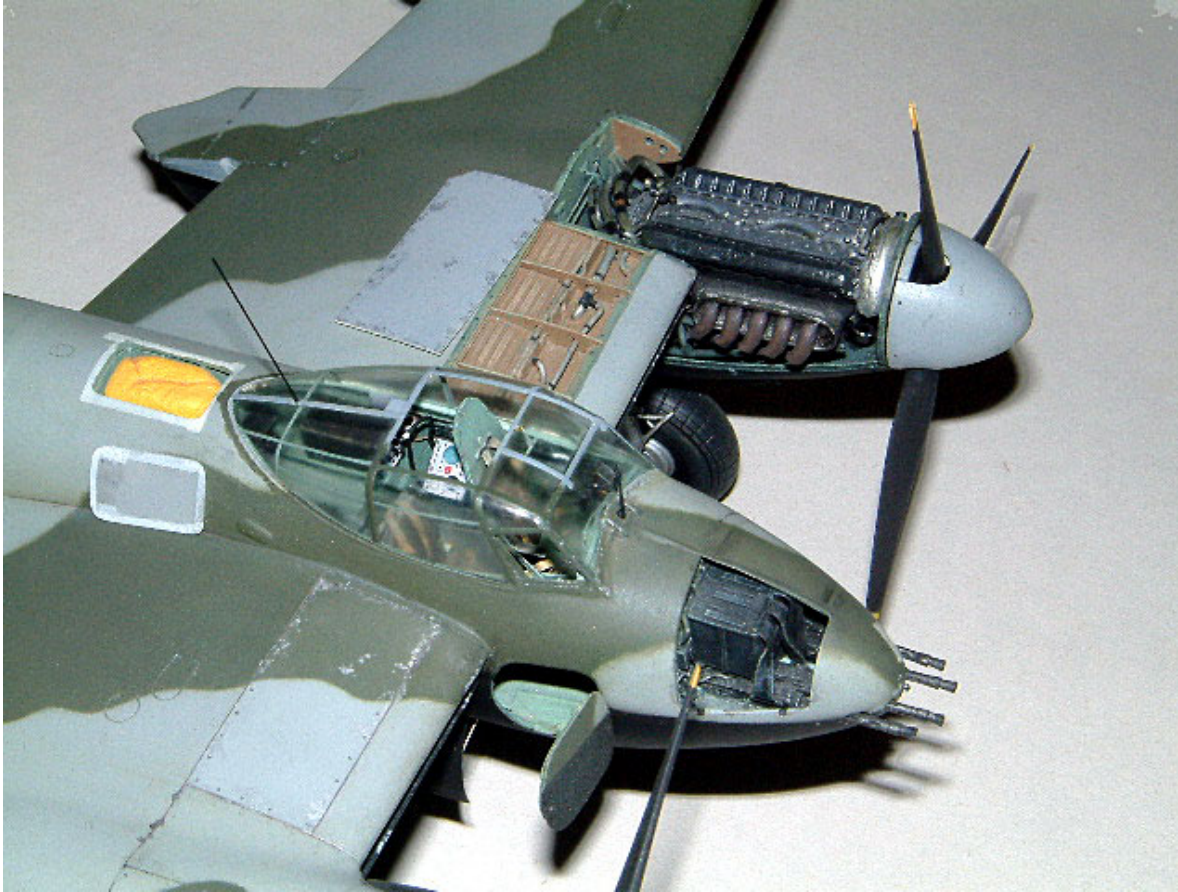


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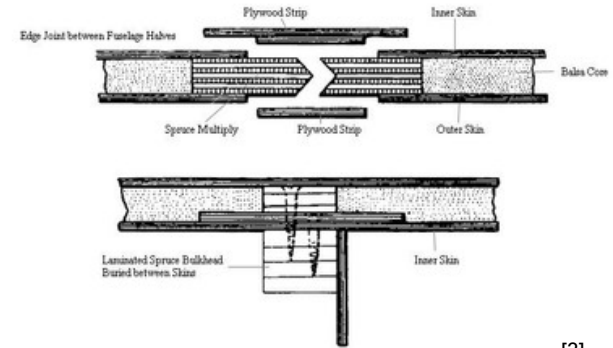
Early implementation of sandwich panels



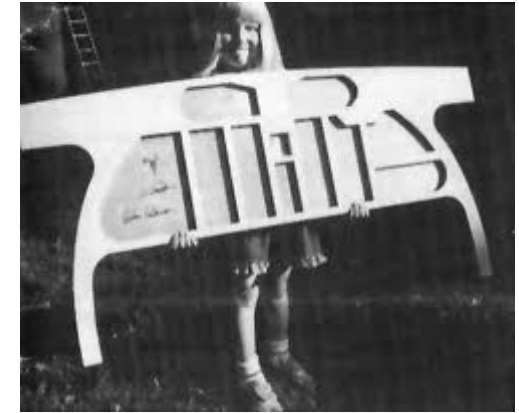
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Mosquito Fuselage Construction Detail

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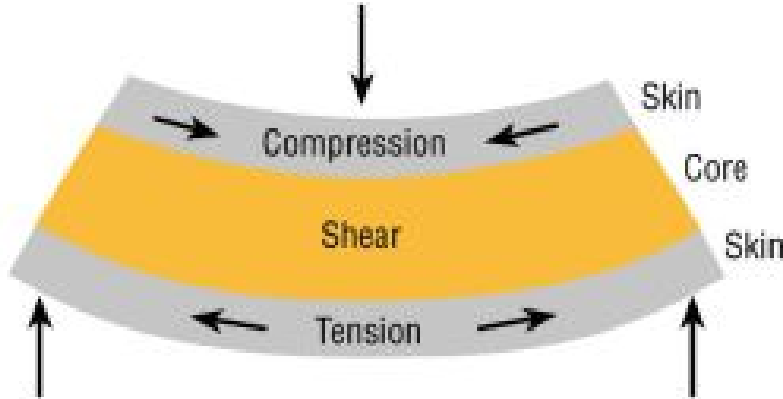


de Havilland Mosquito - Veneer face sheets and balsa core used for fuselage parts

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[3] www.sequair.com



Deformation of sandwich panels



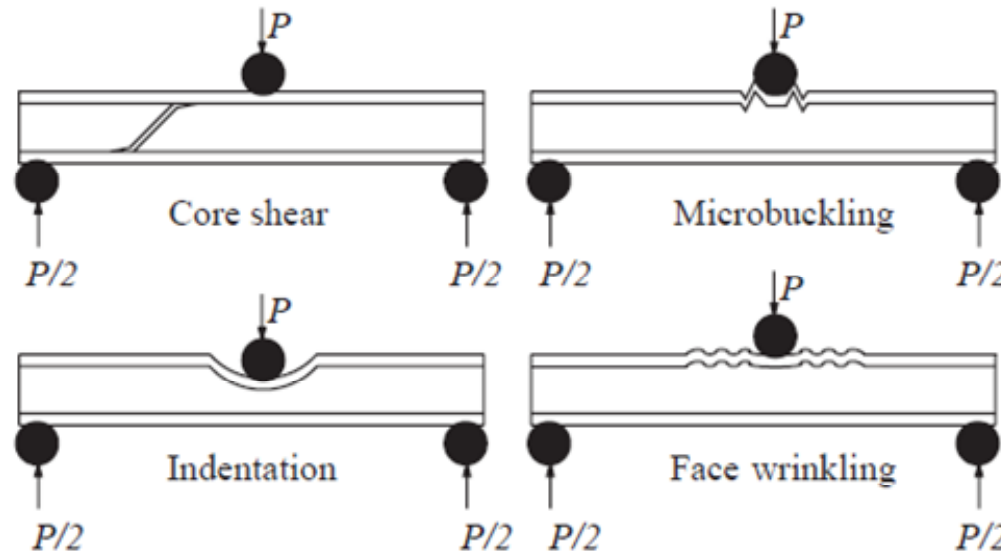
$$\delta = \frac{PL^3}{48(EI)_{eq}} + \frac{PL}{4(AG)_{eq}}, \quad [1]$$

where $(EI)_{eq}$ is the equivalent flexural rigidity

$$(EI)_{eq} = \frac{E_f b t_f d^2}{2} + \frac{E_f b t_f^3}{6} + \frac{E_c b c^3}{12} \approx \frac{E_f b t_f d^2}{2}$$

and $(AG)_{eq}$ is the equivalent shear rigidity

$$(AG)_{eq} = \frac{b d^2 G_c}{c} \approx b d G_c,$$



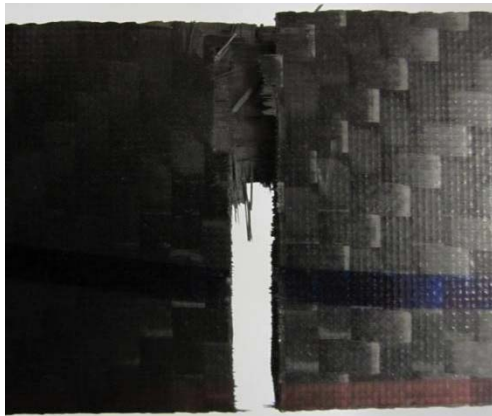


Carbon Fibre Composites

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Hierarchy of structure and models of a textile composite

Structure	Elements	Models
Yarn (tow)	Fibres	Fibre distribution in the yarn and its change under load/strain Mechanical properties of the yarn
Fabric (woven, knitted...)	Yarns	Geometry of yarns in the fabric and its change under load/strain Mechanical behaviour of the fabric repeat under complex loading
Composite unit cell	Fabric Matrix	Mechanical properties (stiffness matrix/non-linear; strength) Permeability tensor
Composite part	(Deformed) unit cells	Behaviour under loading Flow of the resin Behaviour in the forming process

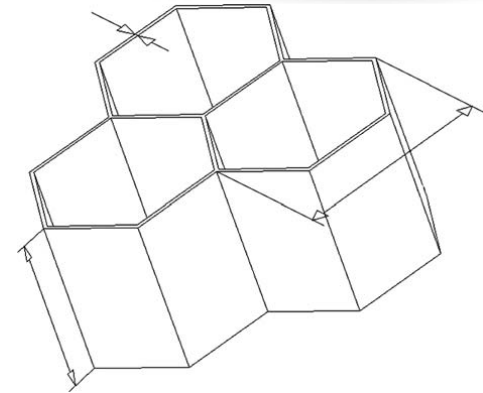
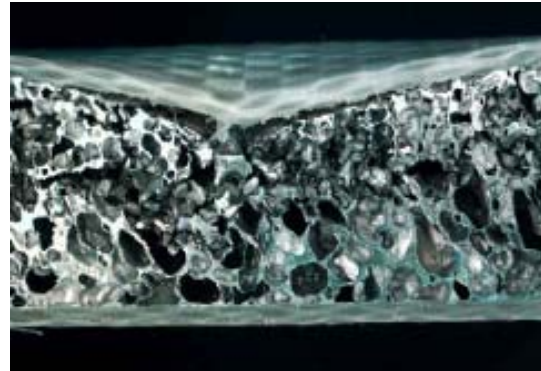




Core Types

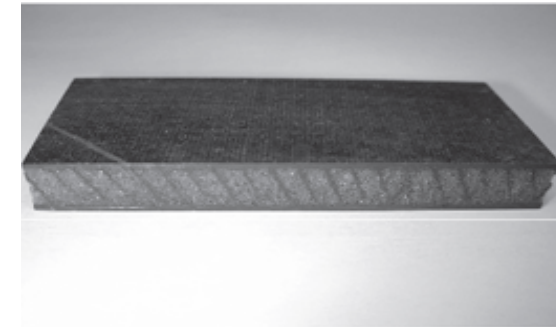
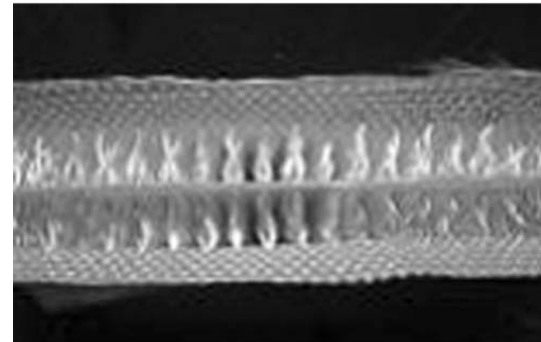
◆ Foams

- ◆ Syntactic
- ◆ Metallic
- ◆ Polymeric
- ◆ Ceramic



◆ Honeycombs

- ◆ Polymeric
- ◆ Metallic,

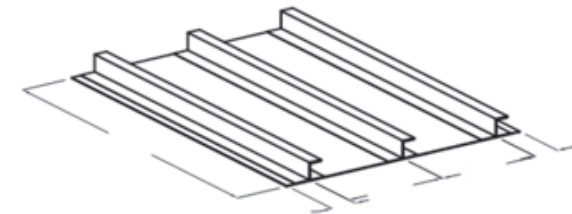
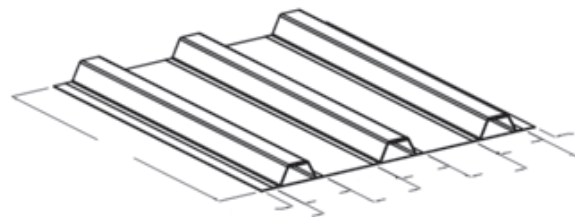


◆ 3D integrated

◆ Corrugated

◆ Truss

◆ Z-pinned



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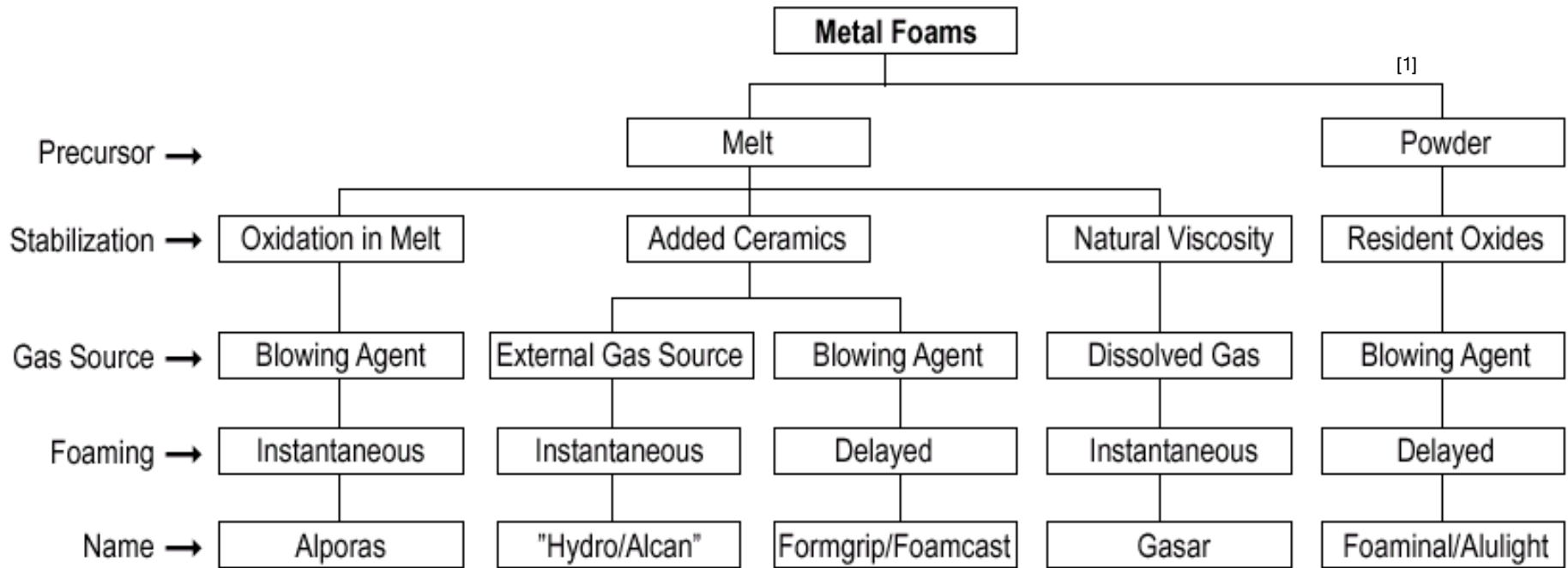
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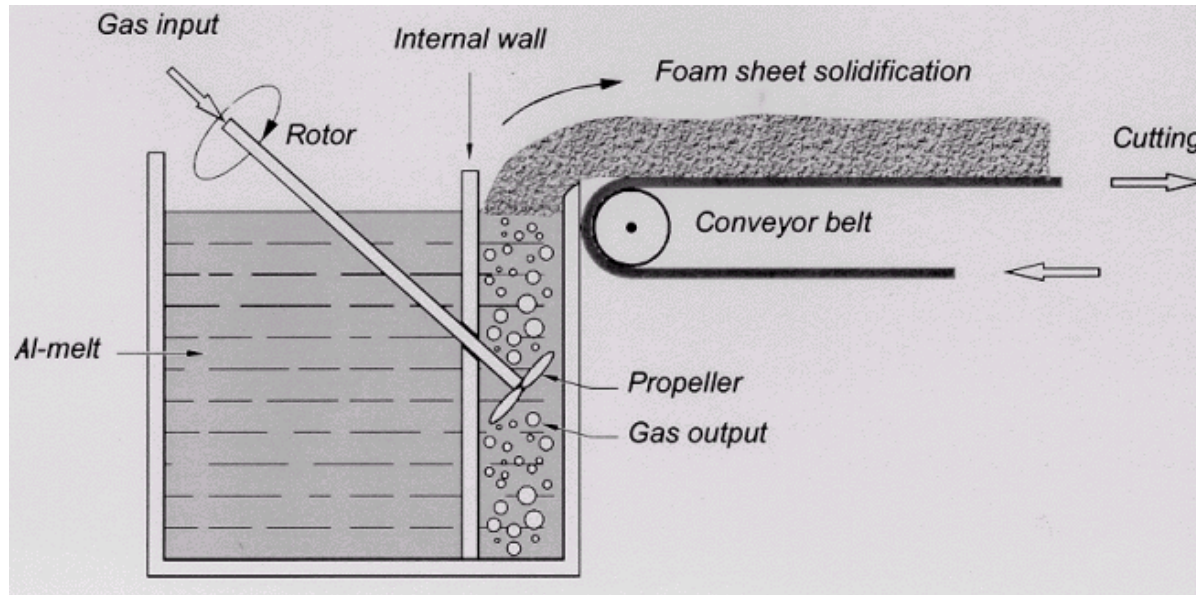
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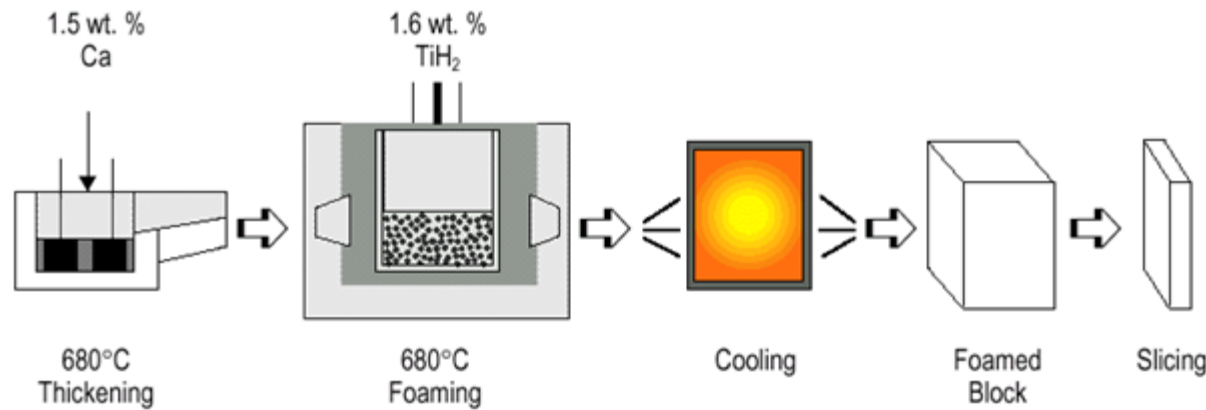


Aluminium Foam Manufacturing





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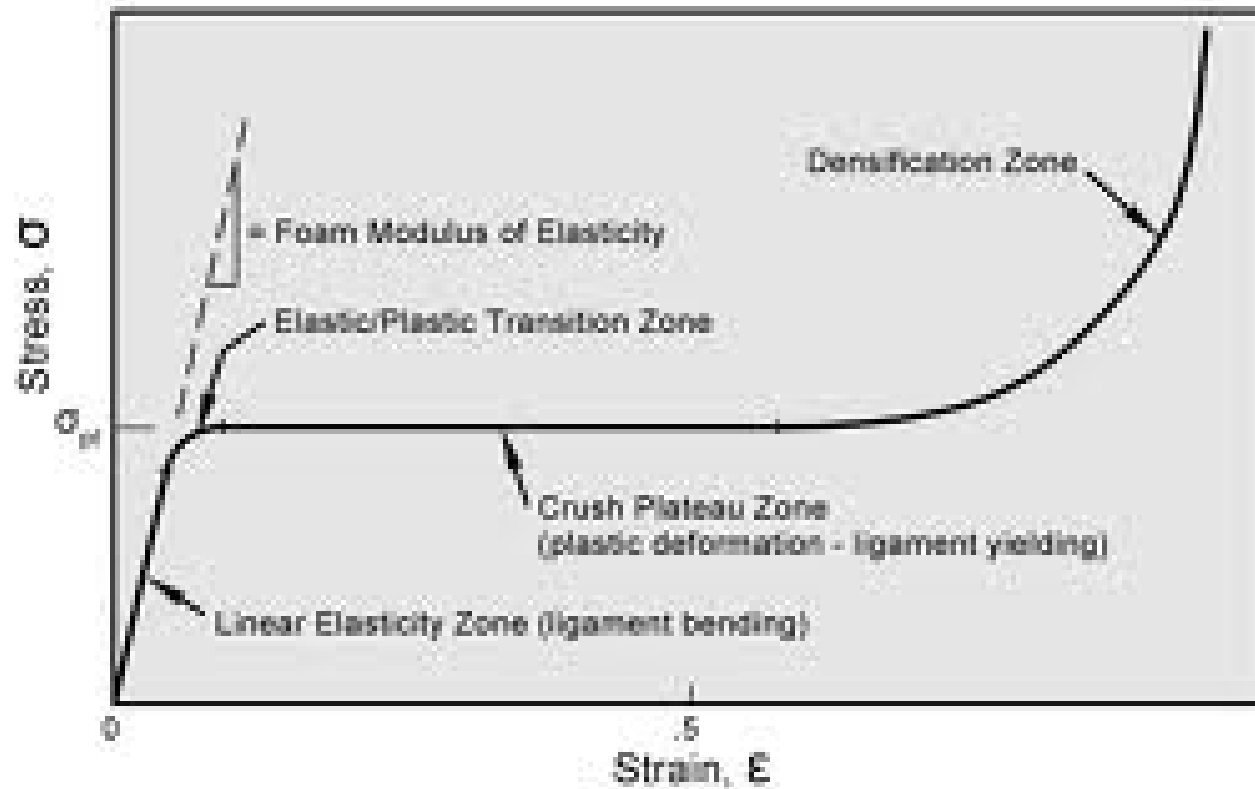
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Stress-Strain curve for Aluminium Foams

TYPICAL STRESS - STRAIN PLOT
(Showing the Elastic, Transition, Plastic, and Densification Zones)

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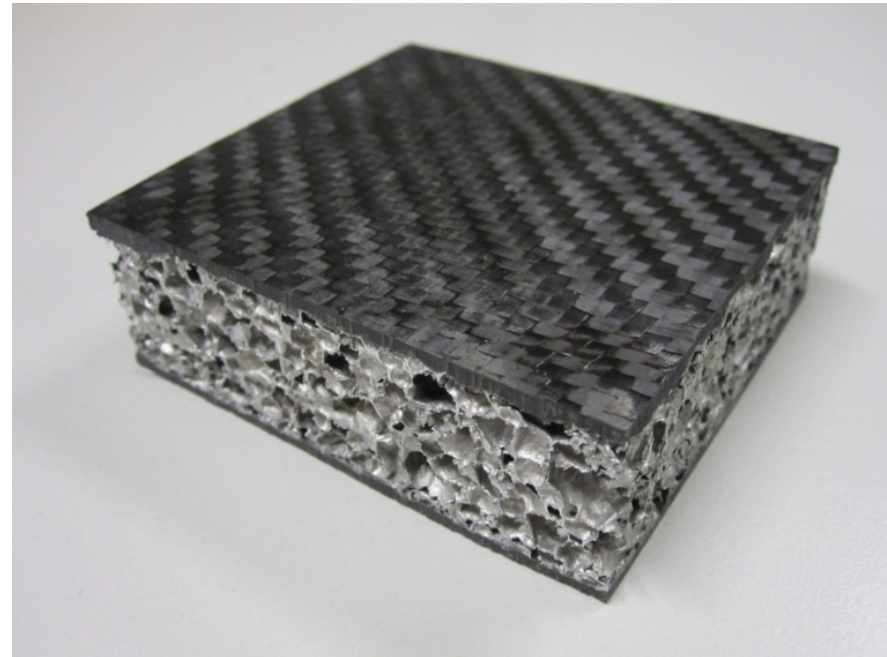


Research

◆ Experiments

◆ FEA

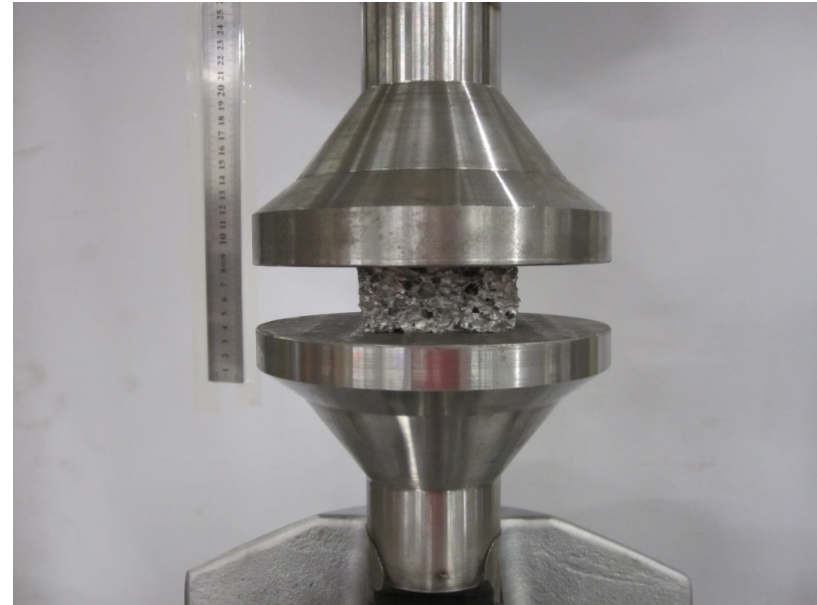
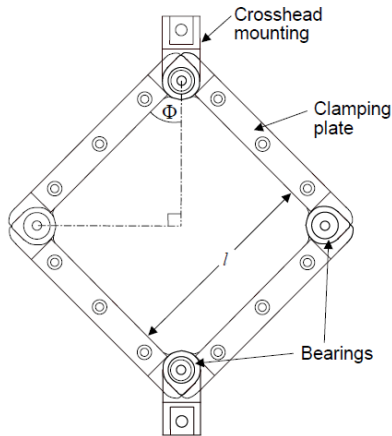
◆ Analytical model





Experiments

- ◆ Quasi-static material testing of face sheet and core materials
 - ◆ Compression
 - ◆ Tension
 - ◆ Four-point bending
 - ◆ Picture frame testing

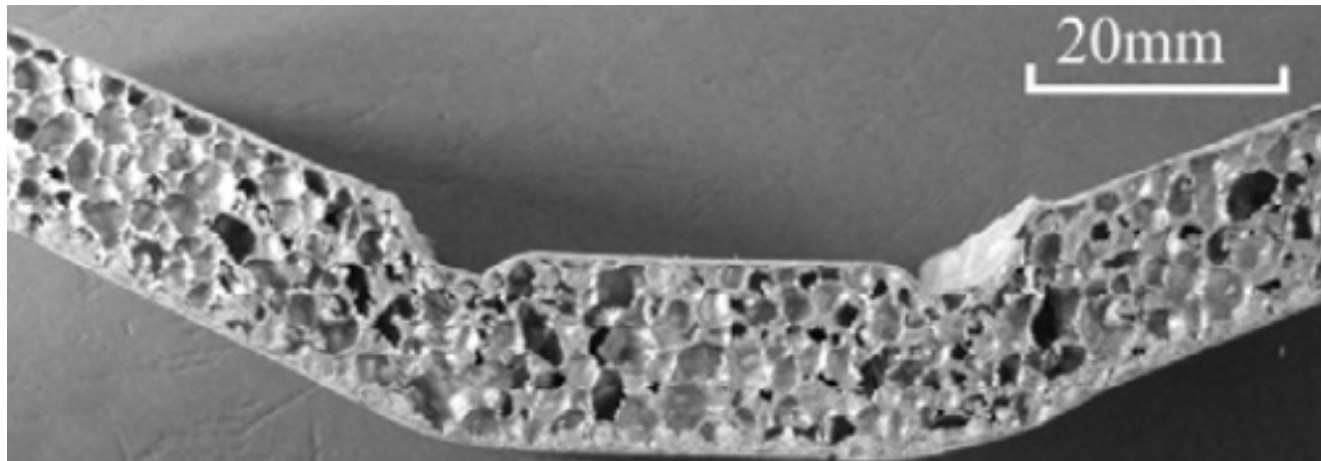


- ◆ Quasi-static mechanical testing of composite sandwich structure
 - ◆ Compression
 - ◆ Four-point bend testing



Experiments

- ◆ Low Velocity impact testing of face sheets and mechanical testing of the composite sandwich structure
 - ◆ Instron High Velocity Testing Machine
 - ◆ Drop Tower
 - ◆ Four point bending





FEA and Analytical Model

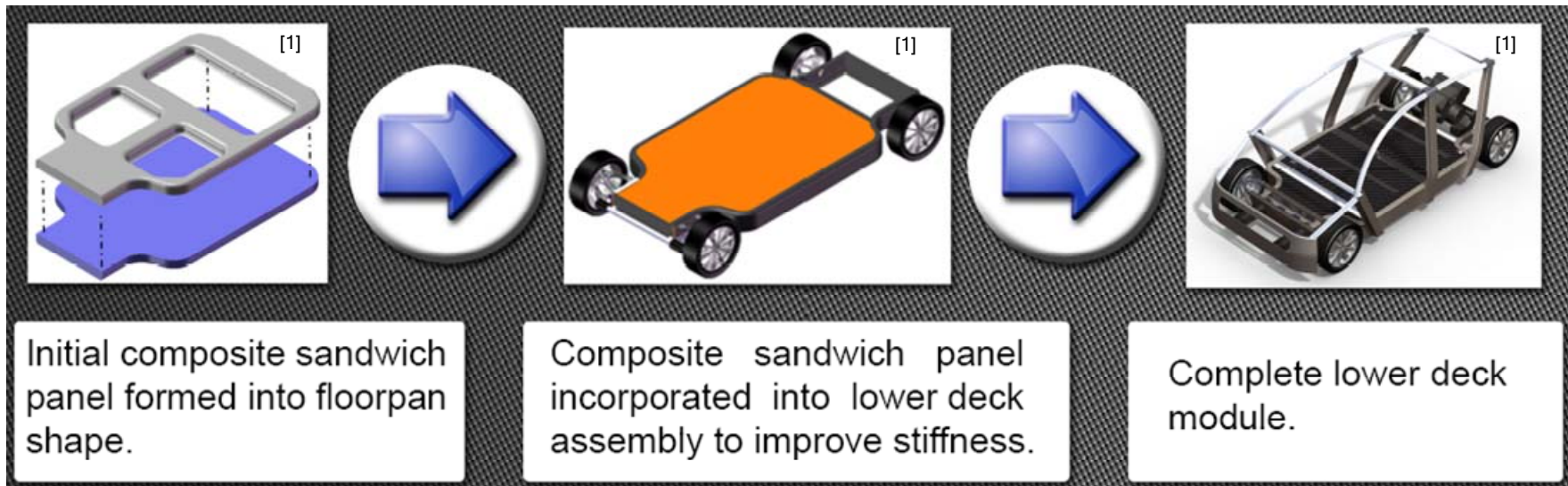
- ◆ FEA models will be created to mimic testing load applications and validated with experimental data.
- ◆ Parametric studies will be conducted to study effects of
 - ❖ Core thickness
 - ❖ Face sheet thickness
 - ❖ Bonding layer thickness

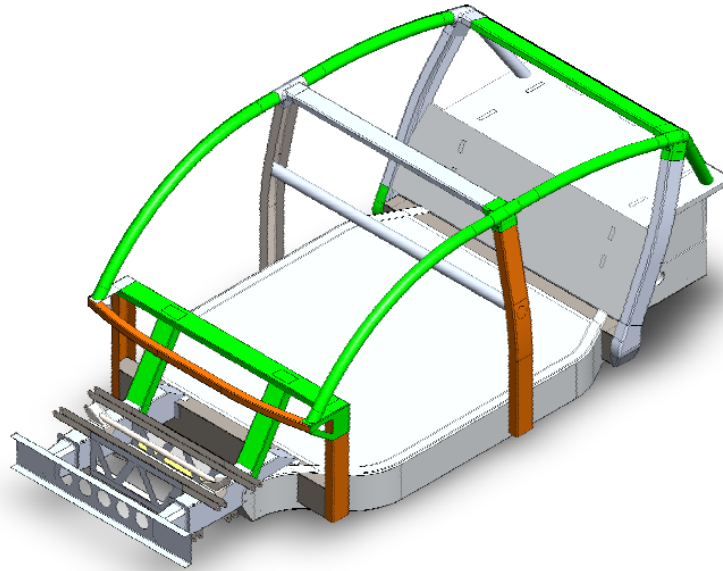
On the structure to observe the flexural behaviour and energy absorption.



Outcomes

- ◆ Accurate analytical model to describe loading cases required for virtual prototyping
- ◆ Experimental data
- ◆ Robust FEA models





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