

# FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS OF BALLISTIC RESPONSE OF LAMINATED TEXTILE FABRIC MULTILAYERS IN LS-DYNA

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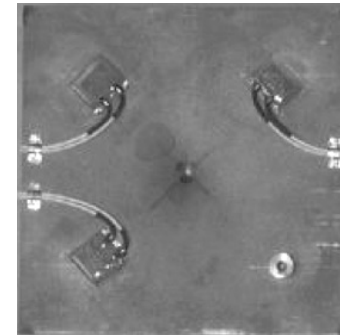
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# PROBLEM FORMULATION – development of multifunctional ballistic protective package applying:

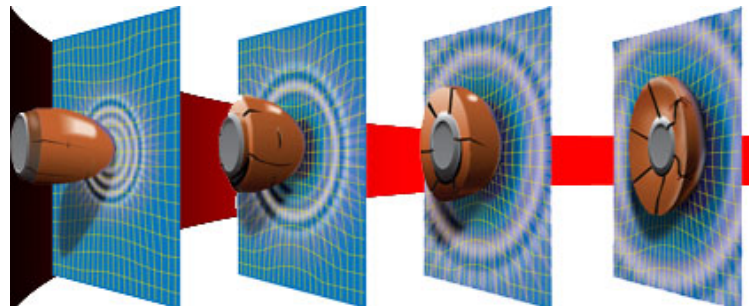
- Hybrid constructions



- Mechatronic structures

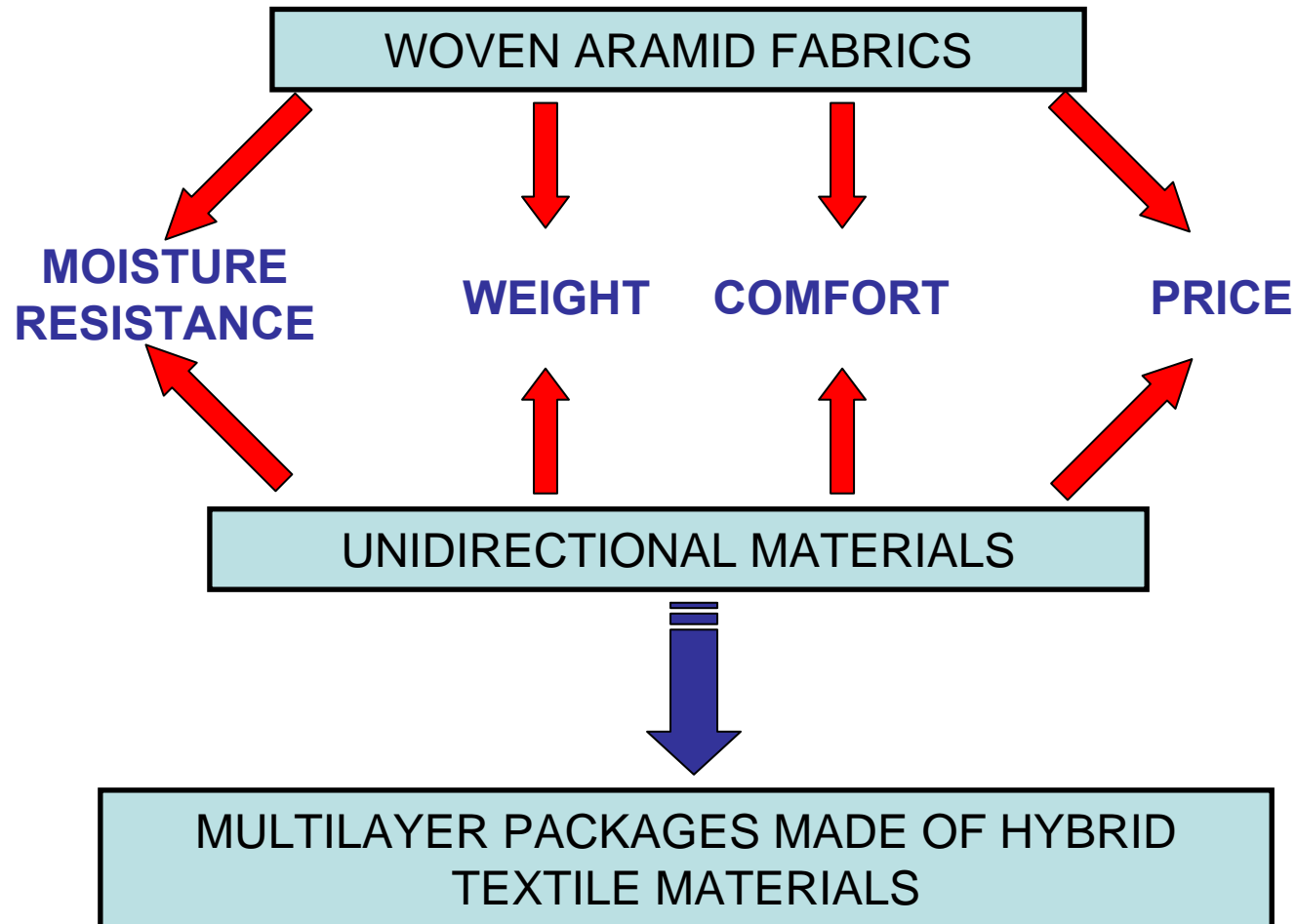


- Computational models

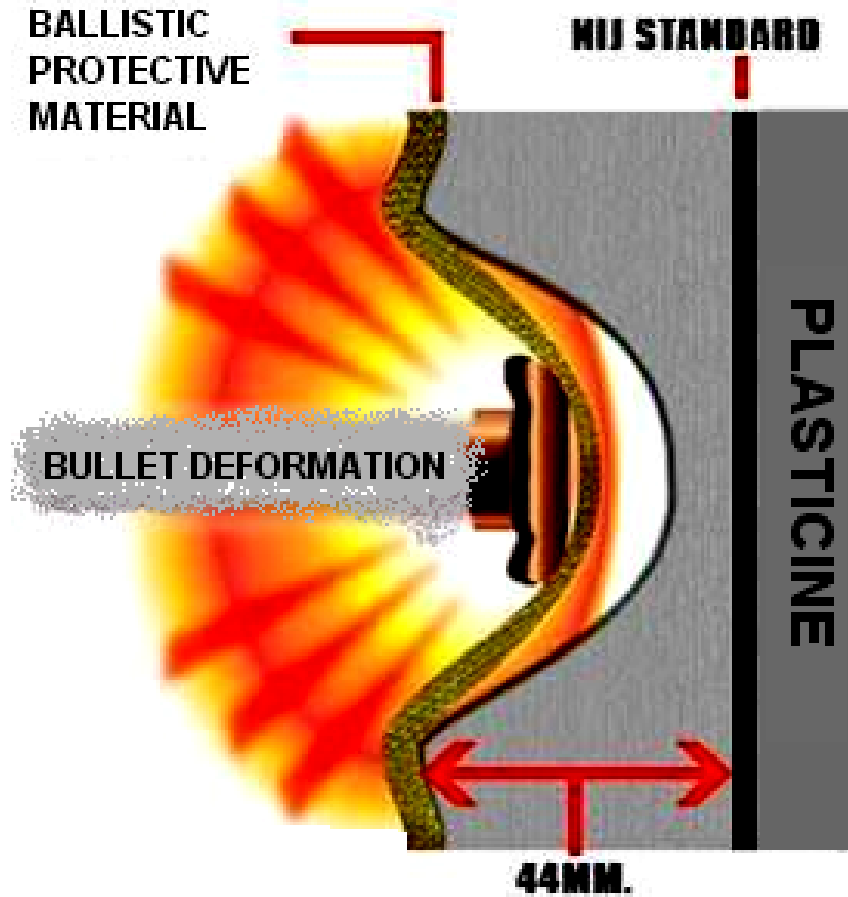


# INVESTIGATION AND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CHEMICAL FIBERS AND FABRIC STRUCTURES USED FOR BALLISTIC PROTECTION

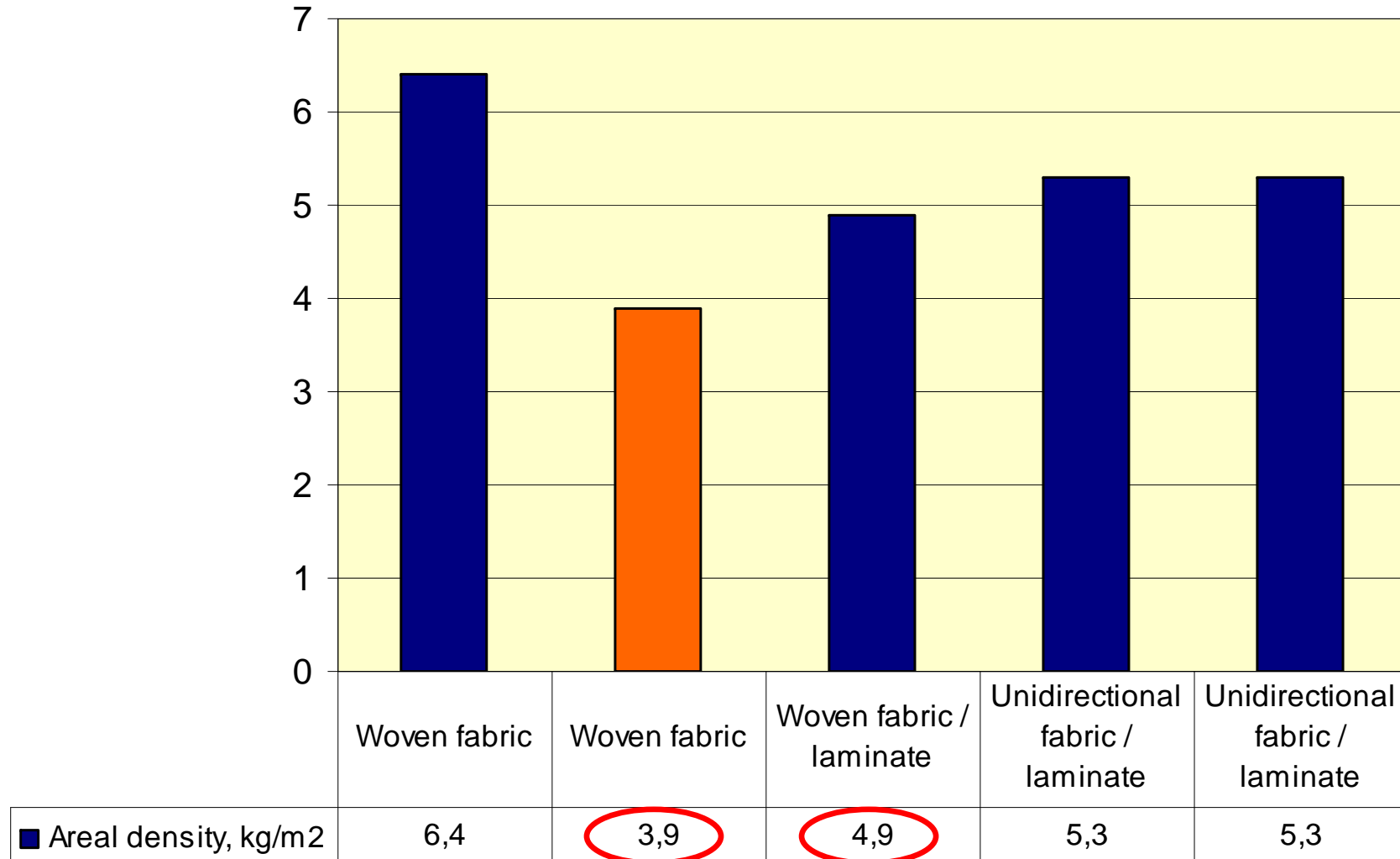
## Textile materials for ballistic protection:



# BALLISTIC TESTING AND EVALUATION

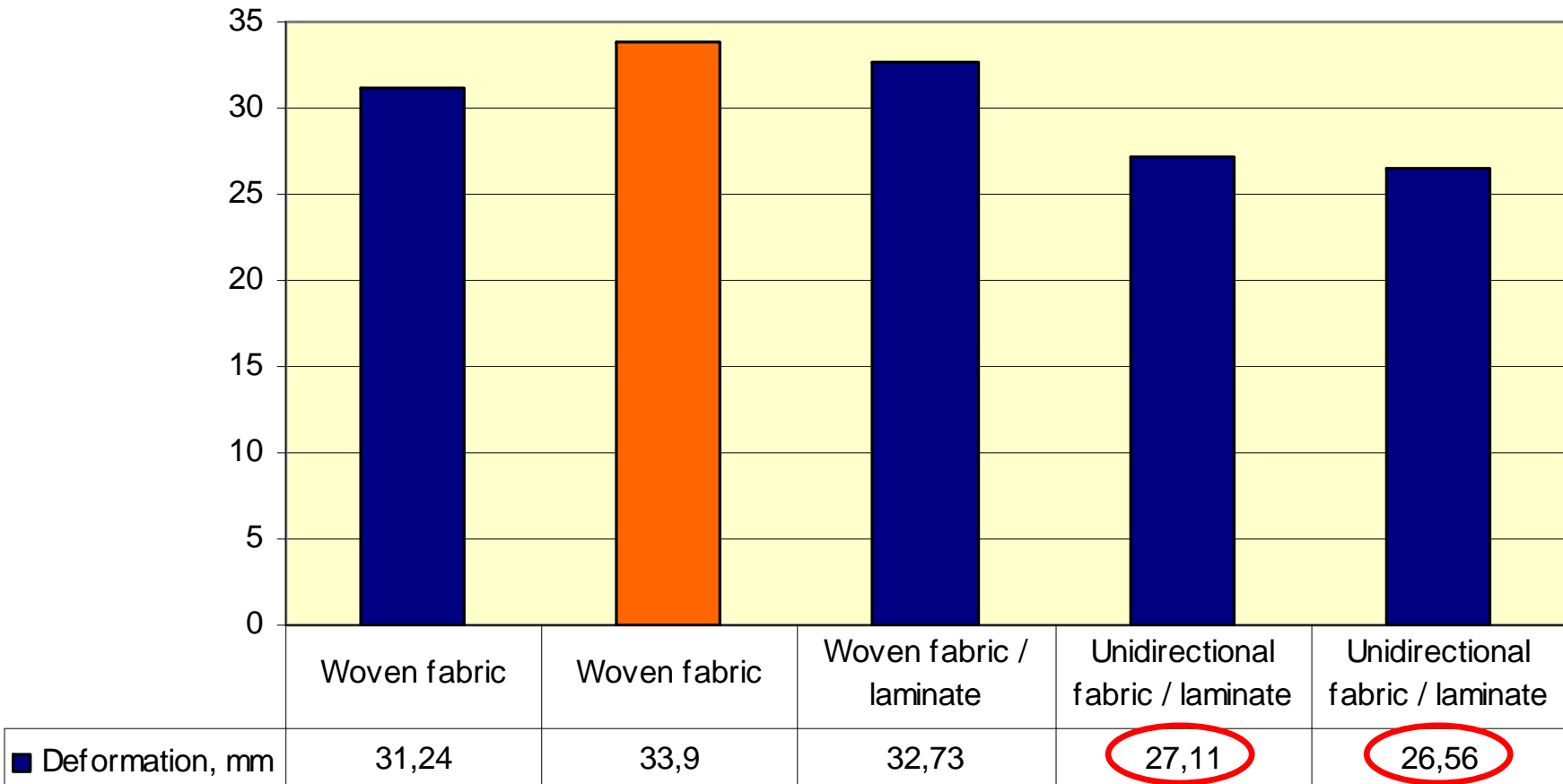


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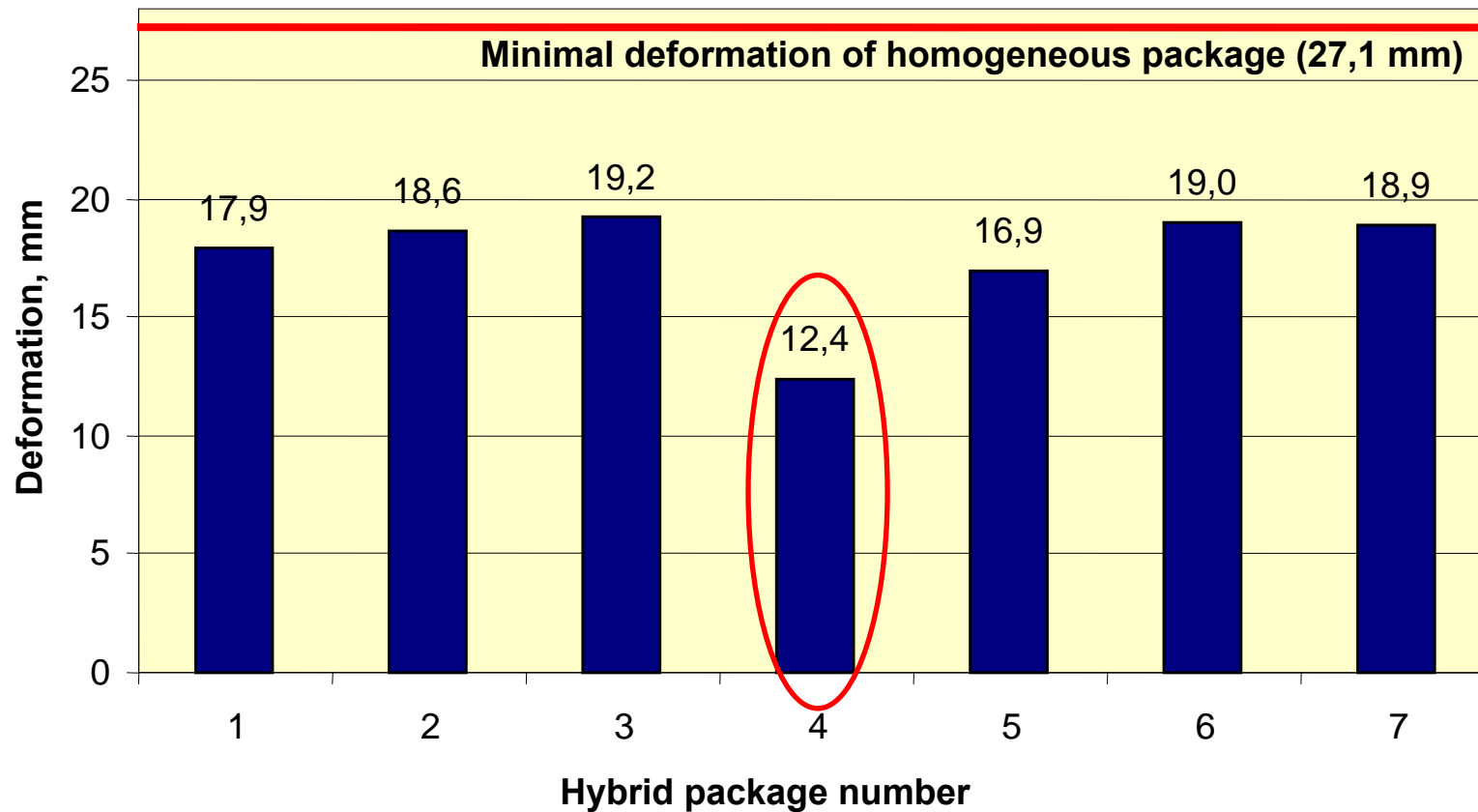
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# Ballistic testing of packages from **hybrid textile materials**



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**Ballistic properties of textile packages can be predicted by using the *finite element models***

- **FEM is a technique, which enables to represent realistically the physical behavior of complex systems;**
- **By means of FEM a complex structure is represented as an assembly of small fragments of simple geometrical forms (finite elements);**
- **The behavior of each FE is described by equations based on physical laws.**

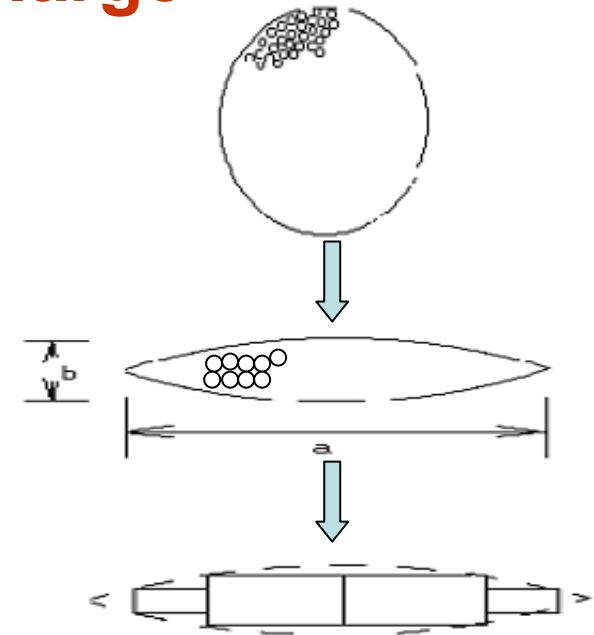


# Models of Textile Fabric Layers

- “Micro-mechanical”: filament as primary component  
**Not used: model dimensionality too large**

- “Mezo-mechanical”: yarn as primary component

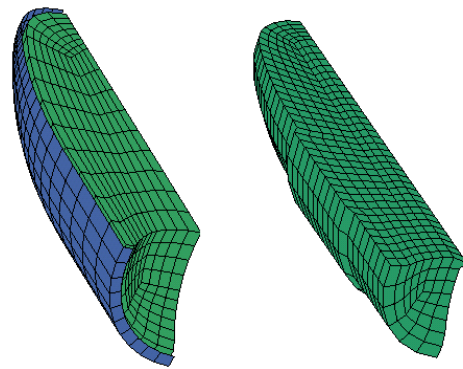
**Yarns presented as thin shells**



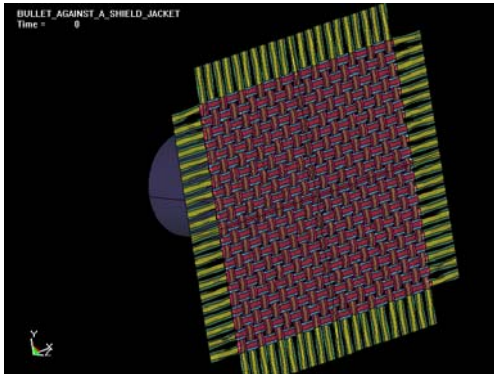
- “Macro-mechanical”: fabric as primary component

**Fabric presented as a continuous membrane**

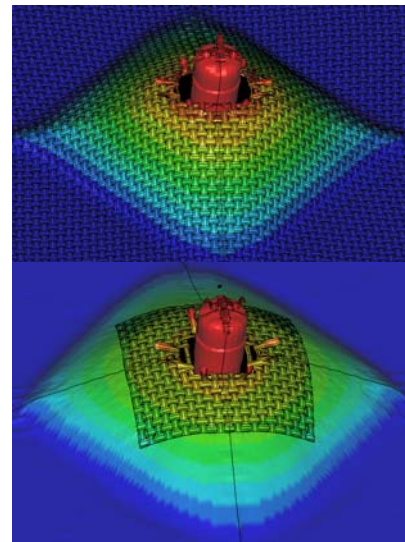
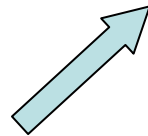
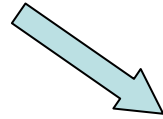
- **FE models of terminal ballistics are complex and multi-component;**
- Model components are experimentally validated in order to adjust their parameters for ensuring the adequacy of the results to the reality;
- **Model validation is performed according to the rationally planned sequence of physical and computational experiments.**



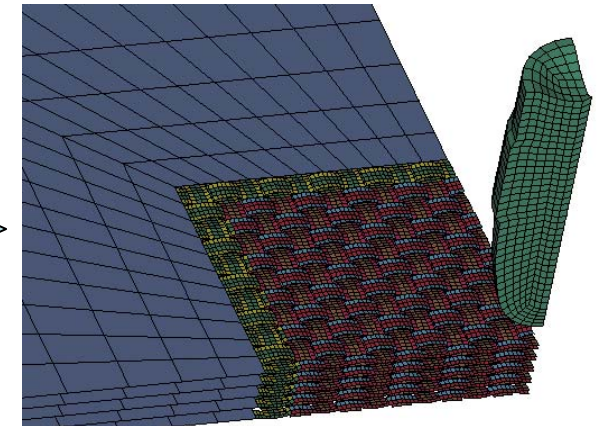
3D bullet models



Mezzo-mechanical model of the woven structure



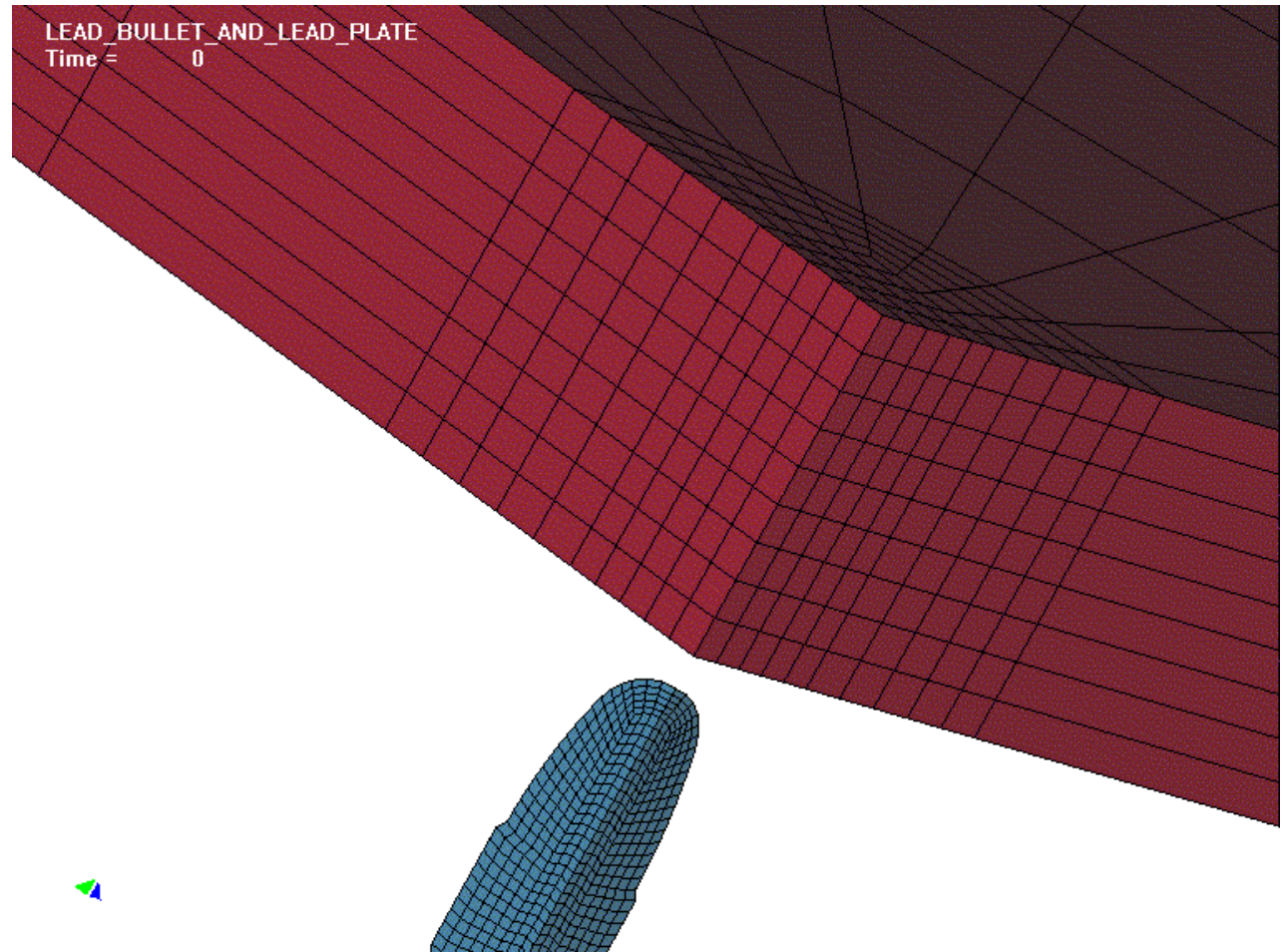
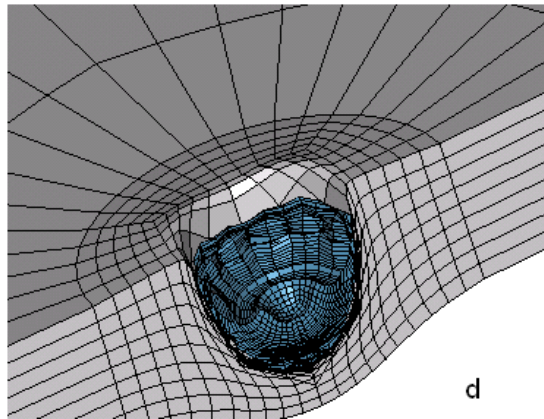
Combination of mezo- and macro- mechanical models



Joined model of ballistic interaction

## Validation of model components:

Ballistic interaction of a lead bullet against a lead plate  
(determination of dynamic parameters of the material)



## Sources of possible inadequacy of the model:

*adjusting the material constants values in the process of the model validation*

- Very approximate model of a yarn;
- Lack of a full set of material constants (mostly dynamic ones);
- Limited size of a multilayer package presented by a woven structure model

*adjusting the \*MAT\_FABRIC constants values in the process of the model verification*

# Material models

- brass and lead are elastic-plastic materials  
(\*MAT\_PLASTIC\_KINEMATIC)
- TwaronCT assumed to be perfectly elastic up to failure limit
- in high velocity impact interaction the yield stress is dependent upon the strain rate  
(Symonds-Couper model):

$$\sigma_Y = \sigma_{Y0} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\dot{\epsilon}}{C} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right]$$

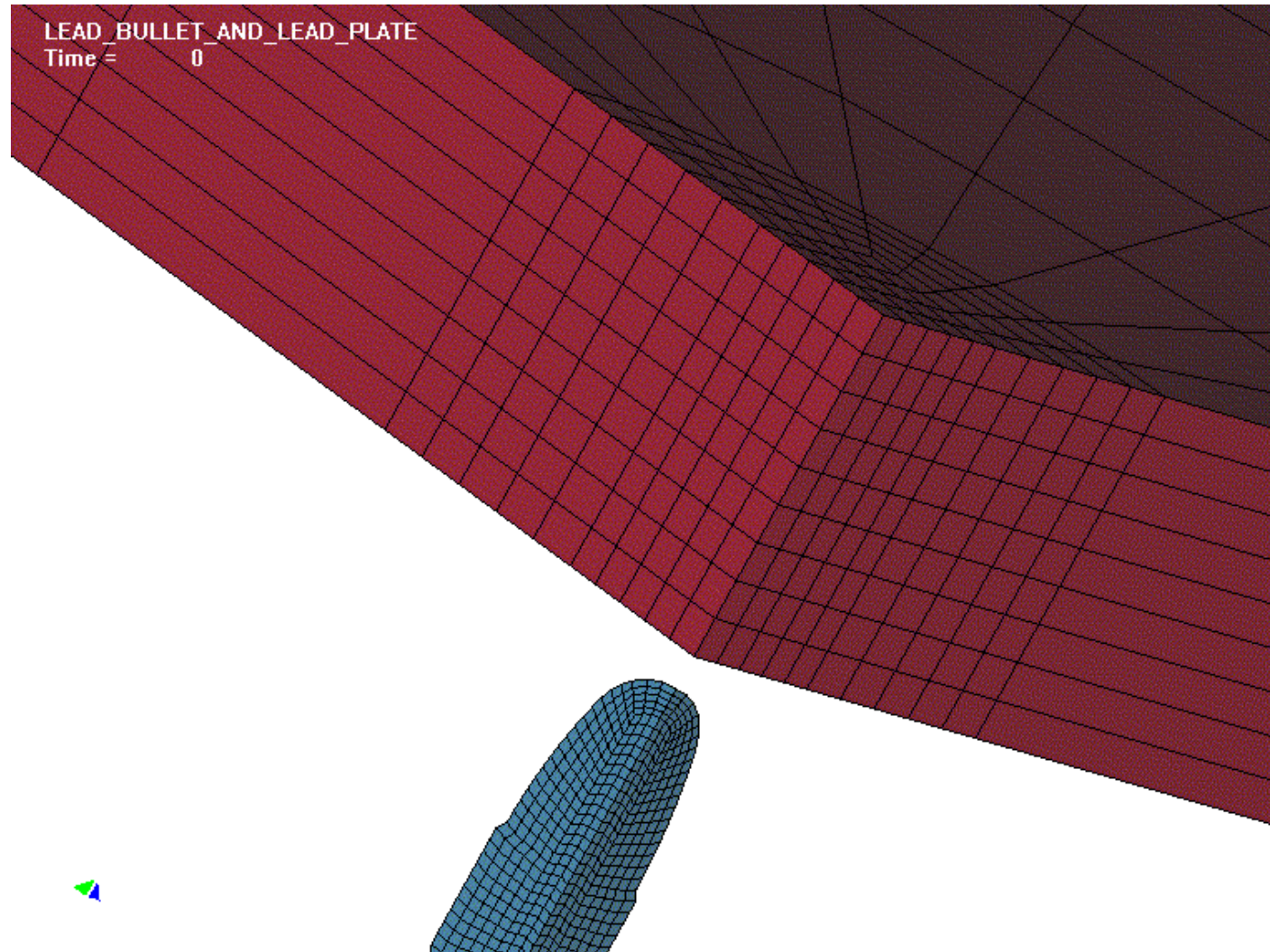
## Bullet model validation:

### Determining the lead material dynamic parameters

- numerical and physical experiments of shooting the lead bullet into 10mm thickness lead plate;
- The data obtained from the physical experiment:
  - the measured linear momentum supplied to the plate;
  - the deformed shape of the bullet imbedded into the target

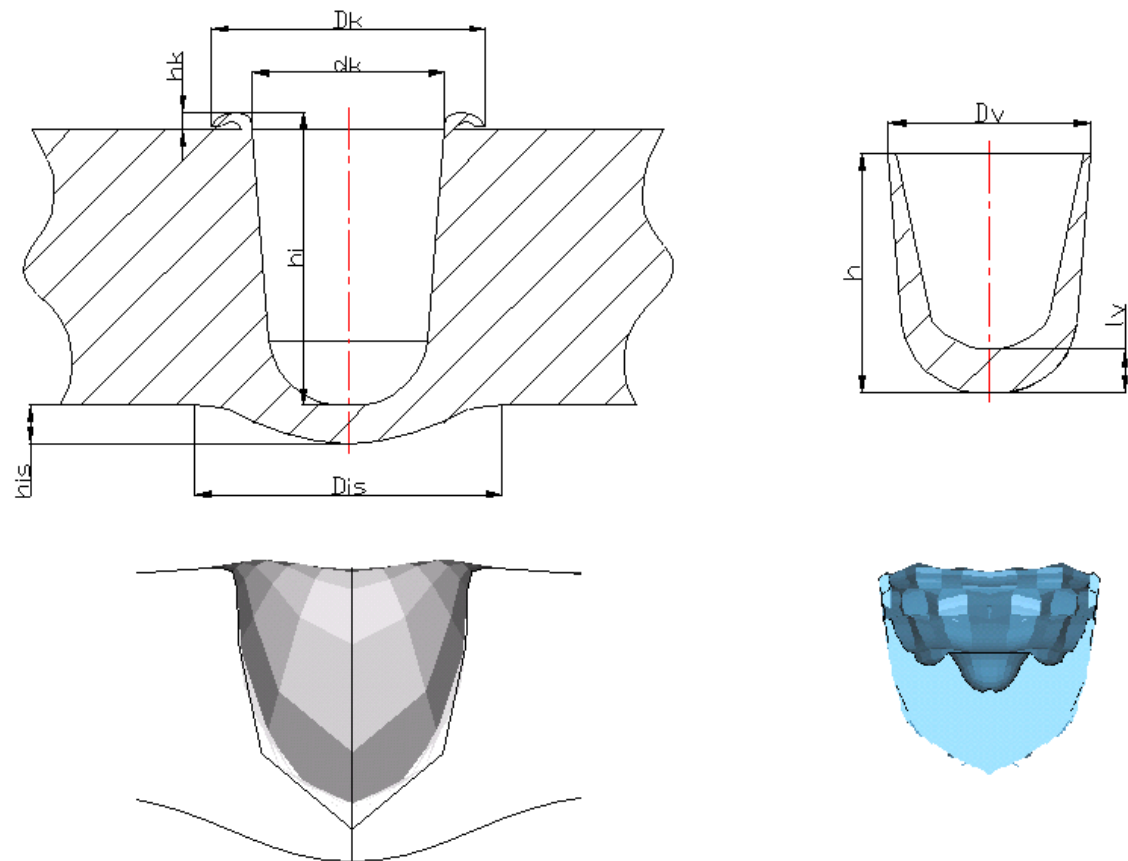
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# Simulation of Impact of the Lead Bullet Against the Lead Plate



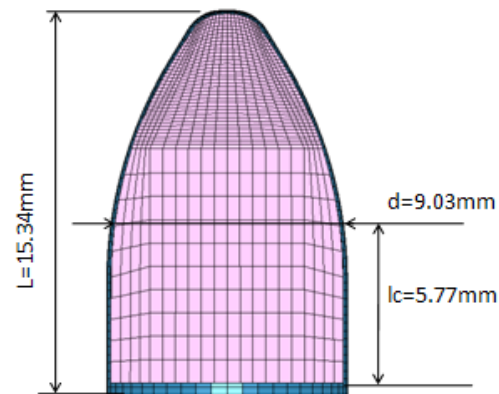
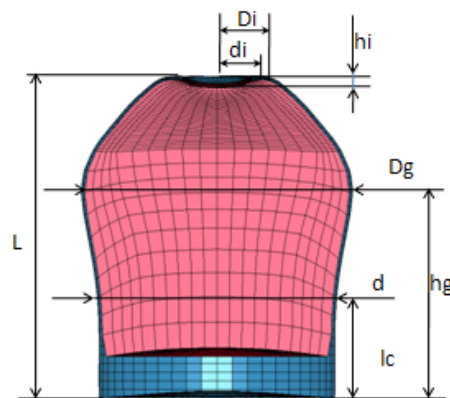
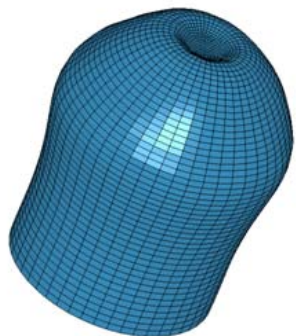
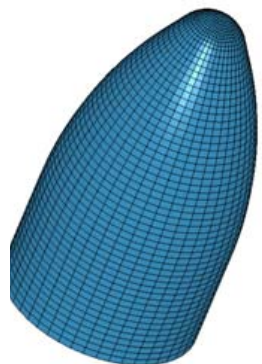
# Scheme of experimentally measured dimensions

- the pit punched in the plate (a)
- the remains of the bullet (b)



measured value	$D_k$	$d_k$	$h_k$	$h_i$	$D_{is}$	$h_{is}$	$m_l$	$D_v$	$h$	$l_v$
experimental	13,27	9,34	1,82	13,34	14,89	4,77	2,36	8,93	9,75	3,03
simulated		11,00		11,30	19,00	3,20	2,23	10,20	9,40	3,80





1 - 129m/s;

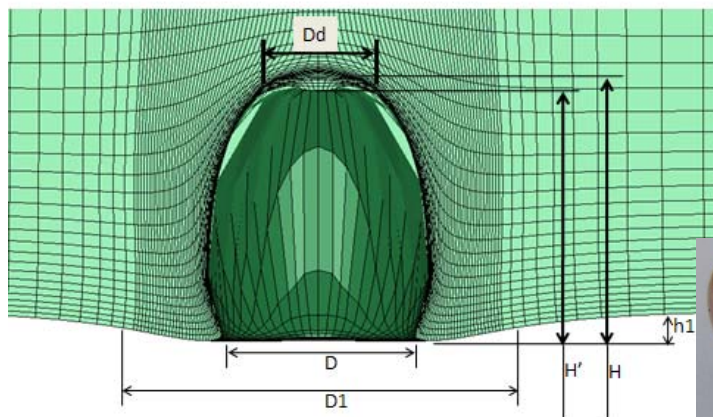
2- 162m/s;

3- 193m/s

f

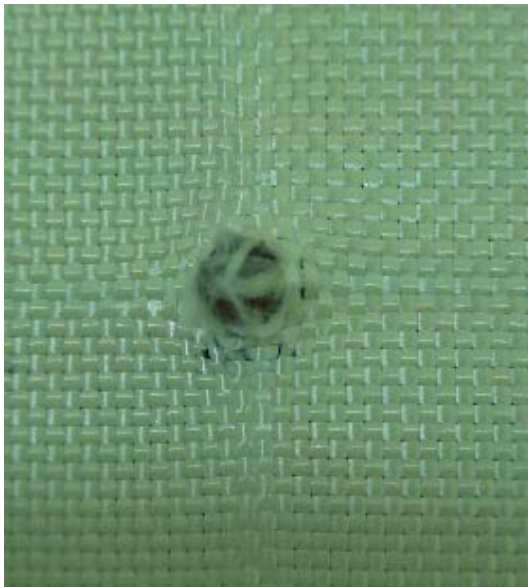
2.9 pav. Į švino plokštę įsmigusios kulkos ir išmuštos duobutės geometriniai parametrai:

a,c – kulkos išeities matmenys ir erdvinis vaizdas; b,d – deformuotos kulkos išeities matmenys ir erdvinis vaizdas; e – duobutės geometriniai parametrai; f – de kulkos nuotraukos esant skirtingiems sąveikos greičiams

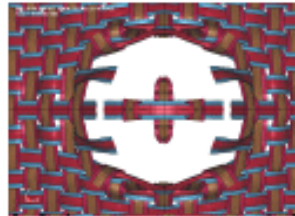
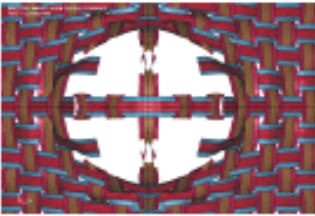
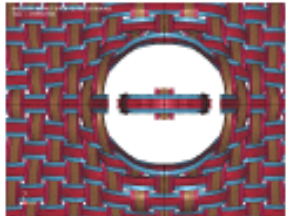
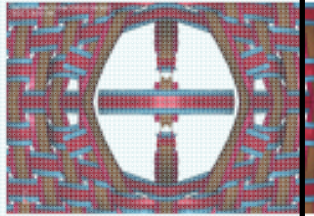
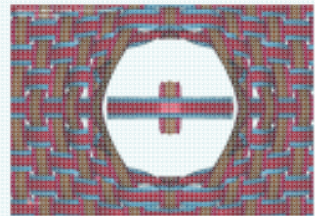
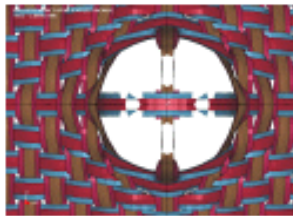
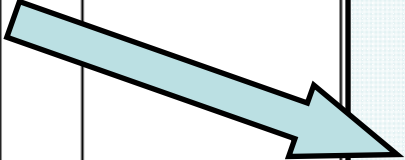


# Model validation of a single textile layer : number and patterns of broken yarns (dynamic friction coefficients determined)

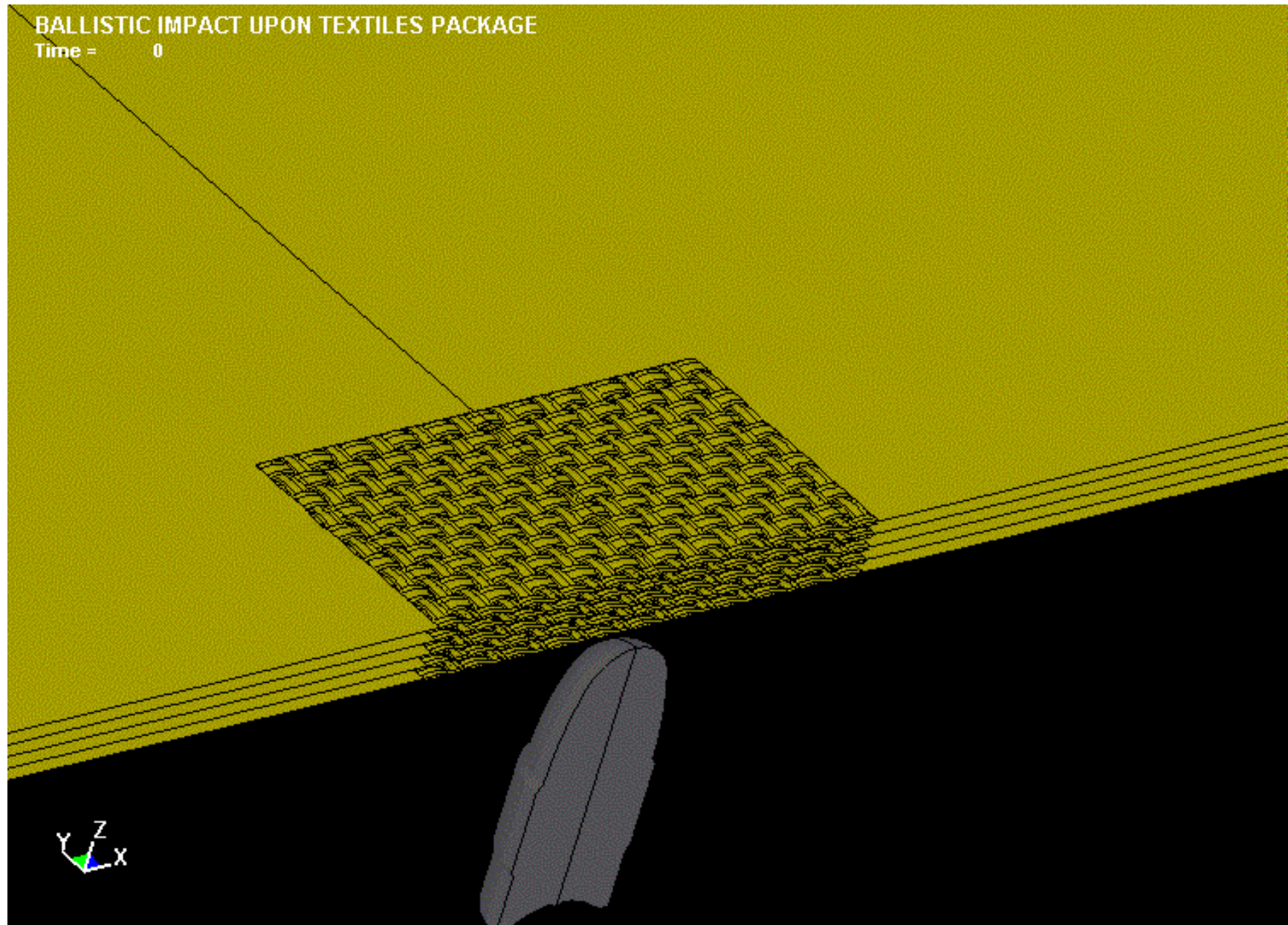
$0.1 < FS_k < 0.2;$   
 $0.1 < FS_s < 0.2;$   
 $FS_s + FS_k < 0.3$



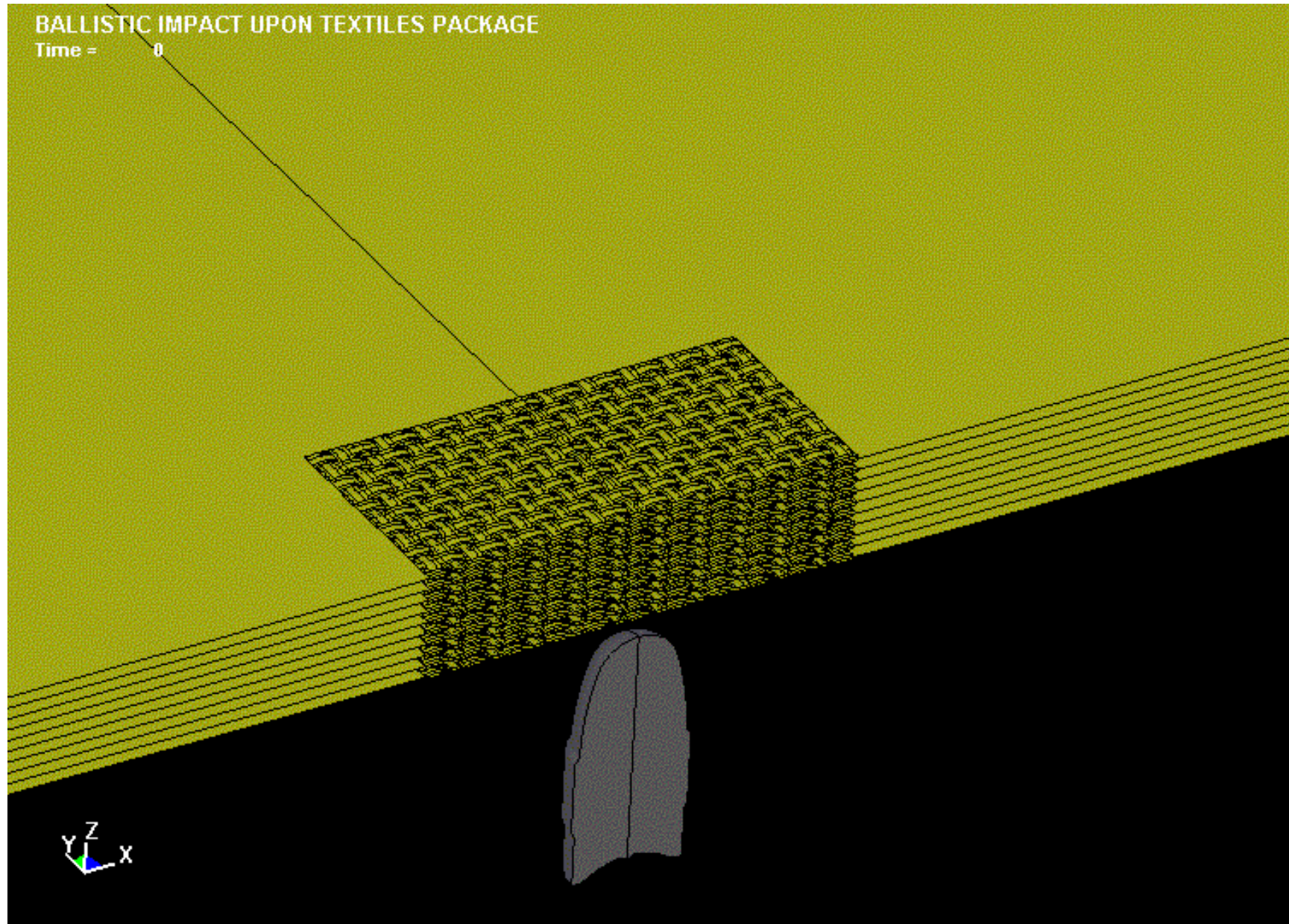
FSs	FSk=0	FSk=0.1	FSk=0.15	FSk=0.2
0.15			$t=2.58e-5; 3.06e-5s;$ $\mu=0.0063; 0.0075$ $ep_{max}=0.55$ <b>Wf0, 2Wp1 -&gt; Wp0 (4)</b>	
0.2	$t=2.4e-5; 2.7e-5s;$ $\mu=0.0058; 0.00665$ $ep_{max}=0.45$ <b>Wf0 -&gt; Wp0 (2)</b>	$t=2.58e-5; 3.36e-5s;$ $\mu=0.0063; 0.0082$ $ep_{max}=0.5$ <b>2Wp1 -&gt; Wf0 -&gt; Wp0 (4)</b>	$t=1.86e-5; 3.06e-5s;$ $\mu=0.0044; 0.00715$ $ep_{max}=0.55$ <b>2Wp1 -&gt; Wf0 -&gt; Wp0 (4)</b>	$t=3.18e-5; 4.68e-5s;$ $\mu=0.0077; 0.01166$ $ep_{max}=0.6$ <b>2Wf1 -&gt; Wf0 -&gt; Wp0 -&gt; 2Wp1 (6)</b>
0.3	$t=2.28e-5; 3.6e-5s;$ $\mu=0.0055; 0.00873$ $ep_{max}=0.5$ <b>2Wf1 -&gt; Wf0 -&gt; Wp0 (4)</b>	$t=3.54e-5; 5.22e-5s;$ $\mu=0.0085; 0.0124$ $ep_{max}=0.65$ <b>2Wf2 -&gt; 2Wf1 -&gt; 2Wp1 -&gt; Wf0 -&gt; Wp0 (8)</b>		$t=3.18e-5; 4.98e-5s;$ $\mu=0.0077; 0.0118$ $ep_{max}=0.65$ <b>2Wf2 -&gt; 2Wf1, 2Wp1 -&gt; Wf0 -&gt; Wp0 (8)</b>



# 300 m/s ballistic interaction against 5 layer package



# 300 m/s ballistic interaction against 10 layer package

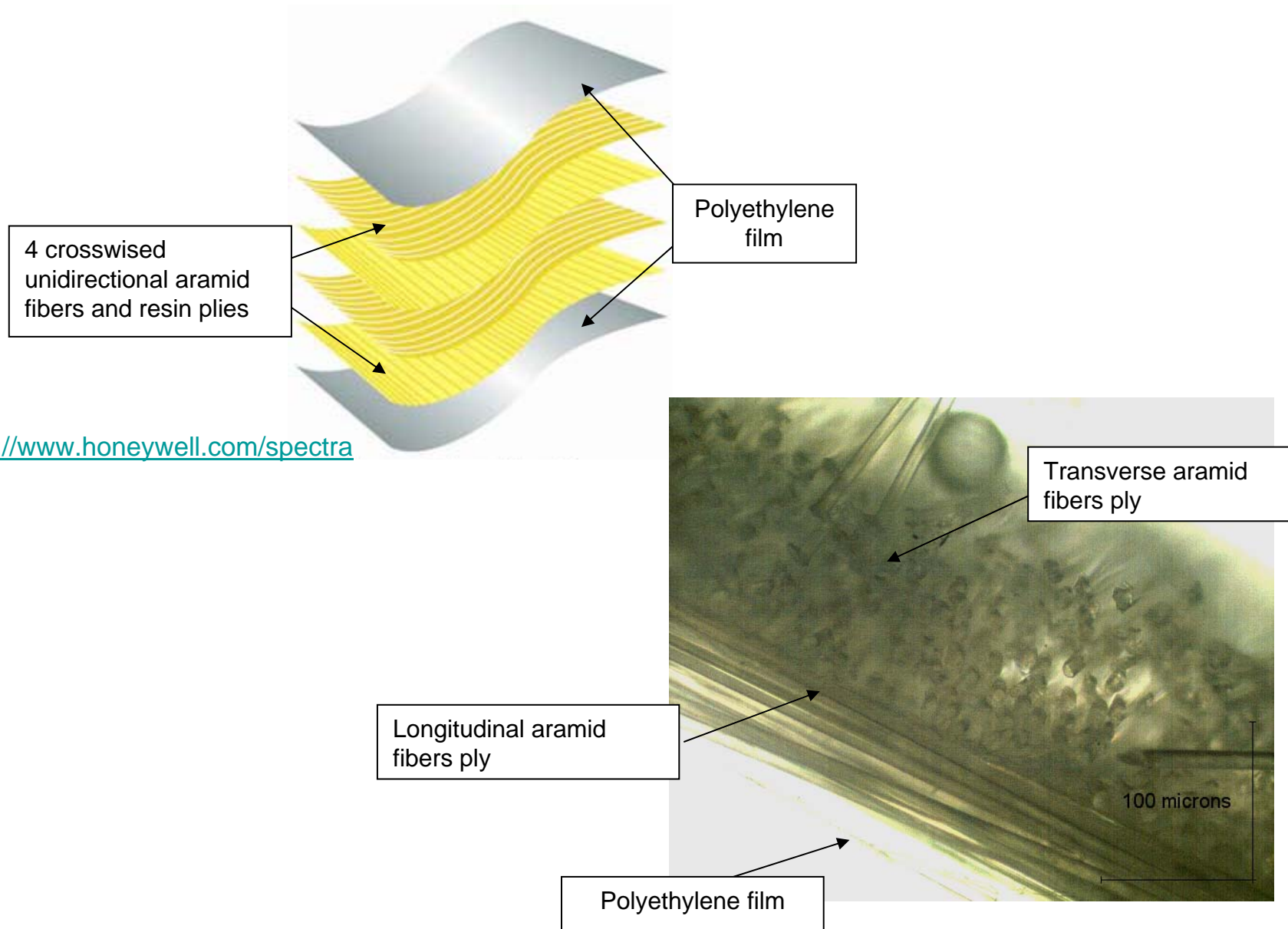


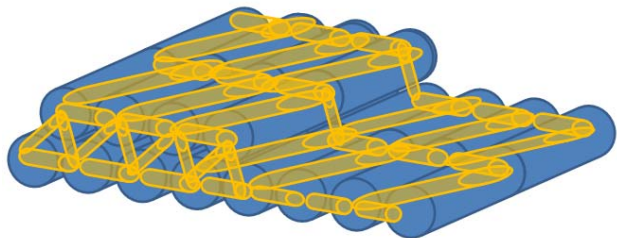
# Models of **Layers** and **Packages**

- Creation and validation of *single layer models* allows to explain the regularities of their physical behavior and thus prepares the main components for creation of structural models of packages.

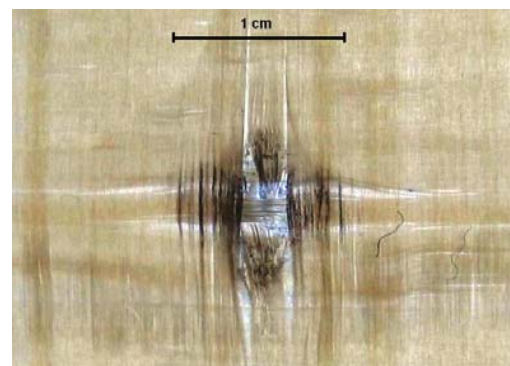
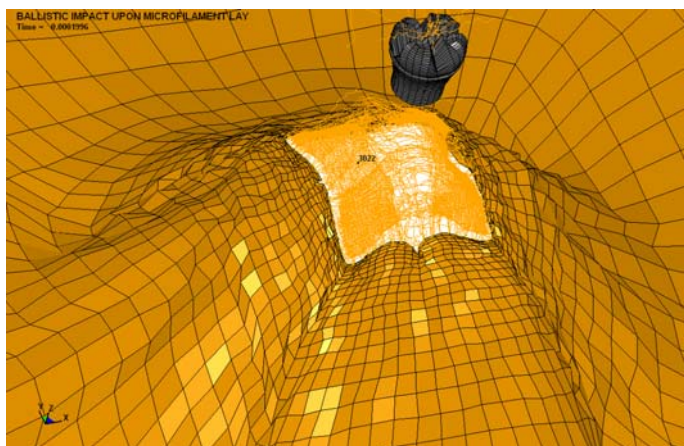
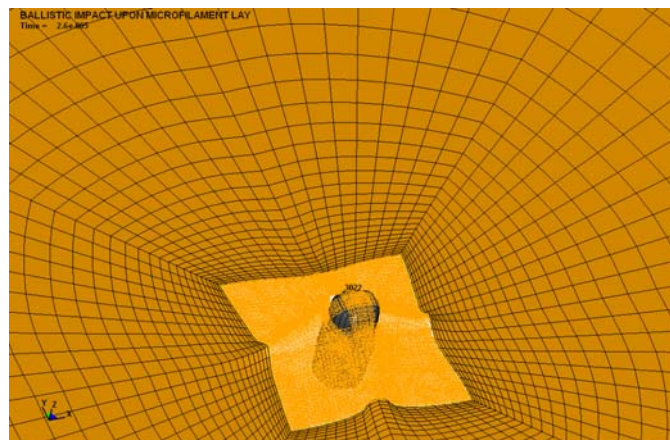
- On the base of models of separate layers the *structural models of ballistic packages* are created, the calculation of which enables to improve the structural designs of textile packages and to improve their ballistic performance.

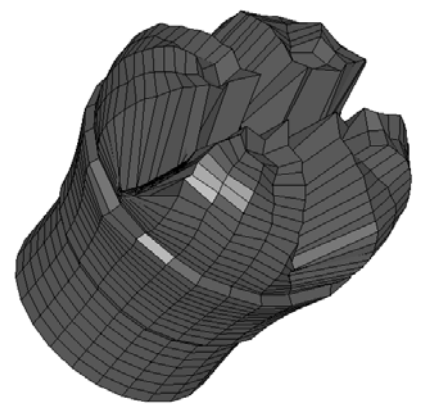
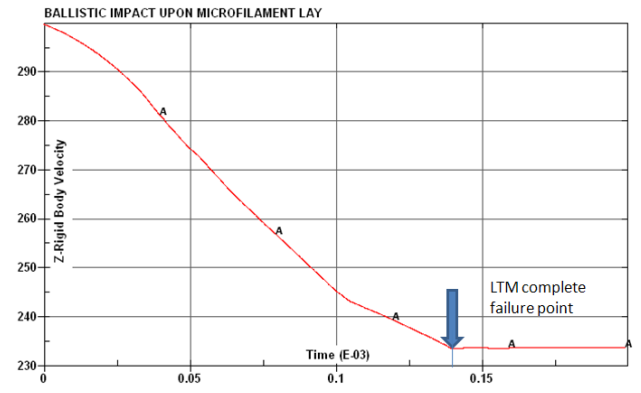
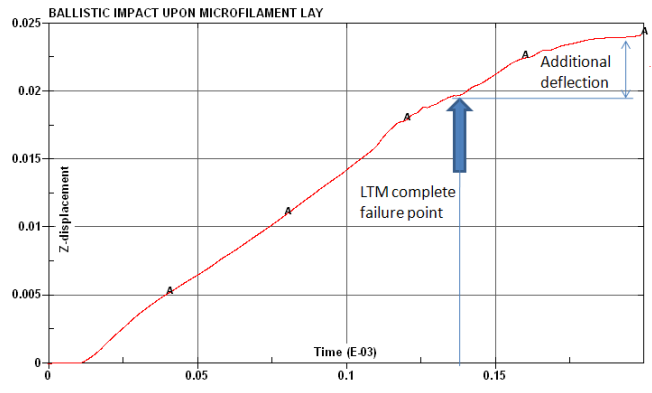
# New research problems : **Textile laminates**



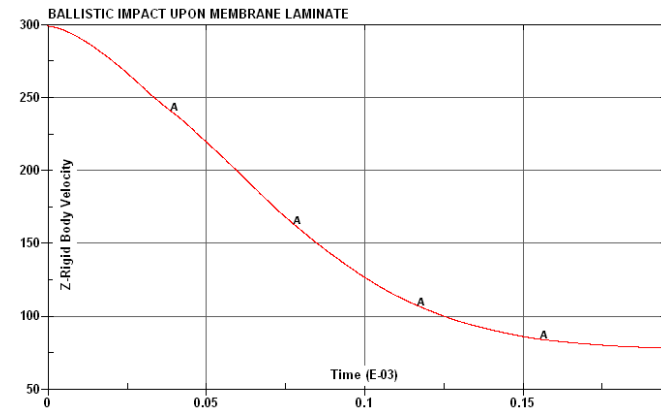
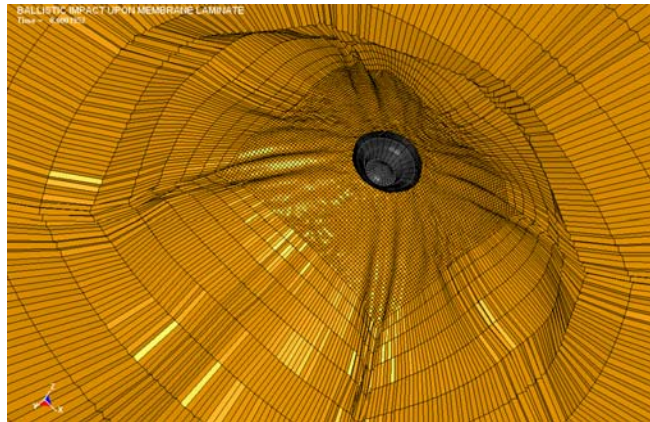
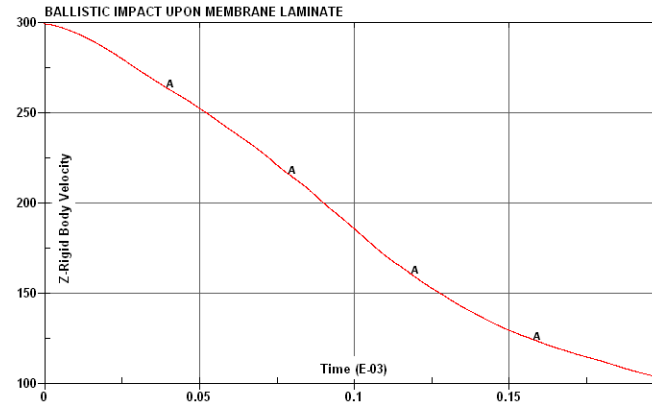
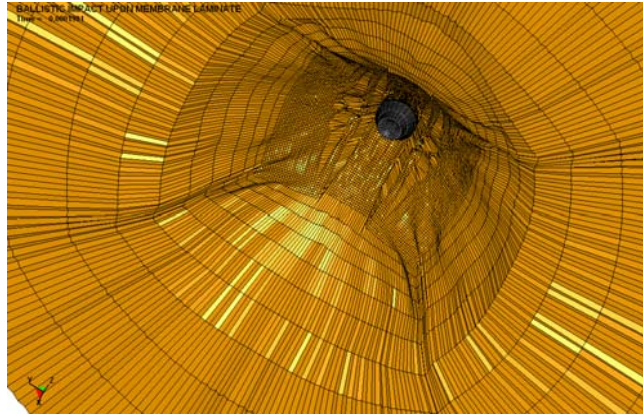


2.11 pav. Paraaramido filamentų BE ir jų suklijavimą elastomeru pavaizduojančių strypelių (šviesesnė spalva) apytikris išdėstymas meco-mechaniniame LTM modelyje (žr. taip pat 28 pav.)









# CONCLUSION - 1

- Strength of the packages of unidirectional materials against the ballistic impacts is higher and their weight and thickness are less compared to conventional woven textiles packages;
- Computational models of textile laminates have been developed in LS-DYNA finite element software. They integrally describe the properties of the laminate layers fastened by elastomer pitch and their failure characteristics by using failure strain and stress criteria;

## CONCLUSION - 2

- Preliminary computations have been performed for model verification and model dynamic parameter validation experiments projected;
- Schemes of ballistic experiments have been planned and initial shooting-through experiments performed demonstrated the advantages of hybrid packages. The equipment has been arranged for more complex experiments foreseen in the nearest future.

**End of Presentation**