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# **Frühzeitige Erkennung von Materialschädigungen aufgrund mechanischer Belastung mittels Thermographie**

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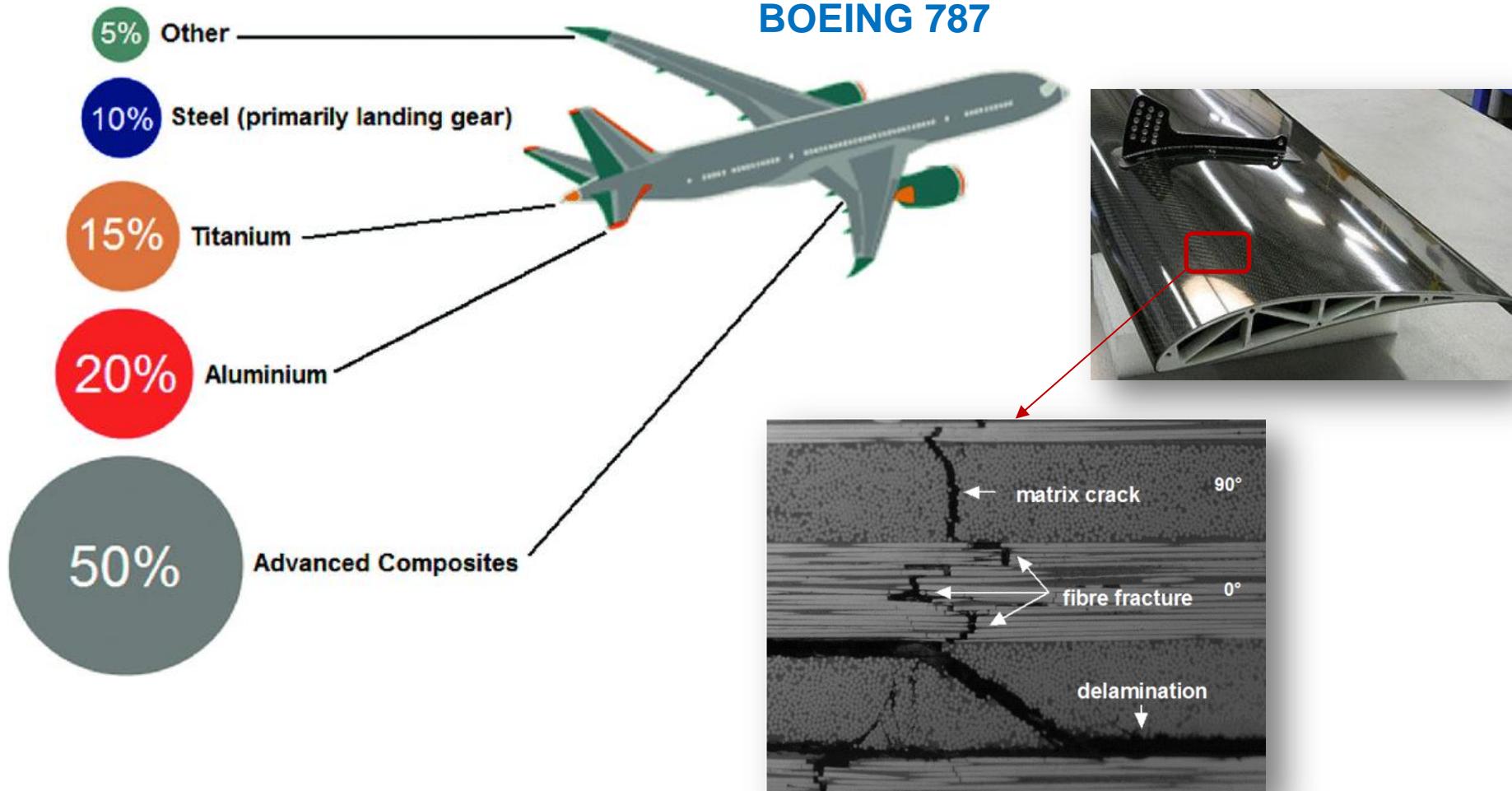
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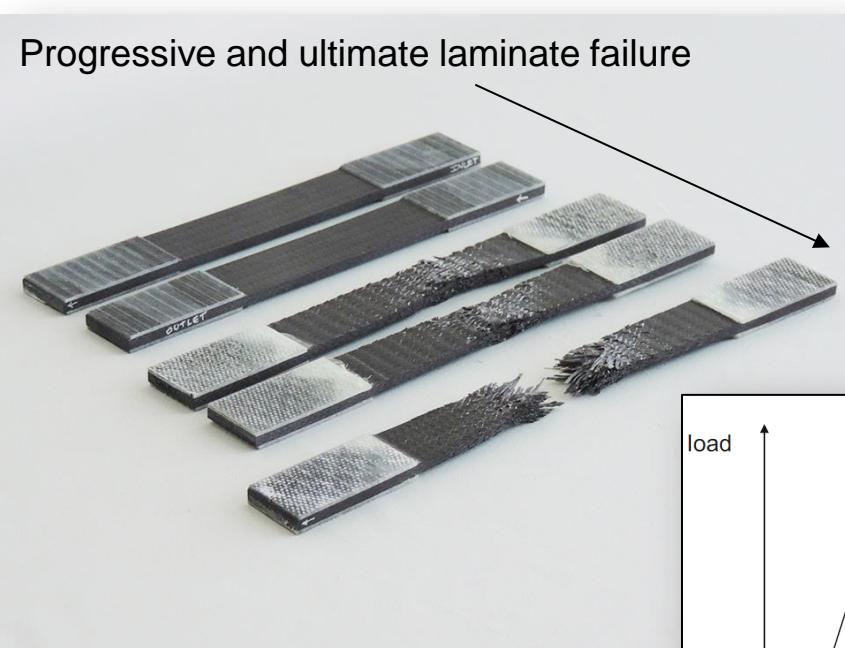
# Motivation

## Advanced composites in the aircraft industry



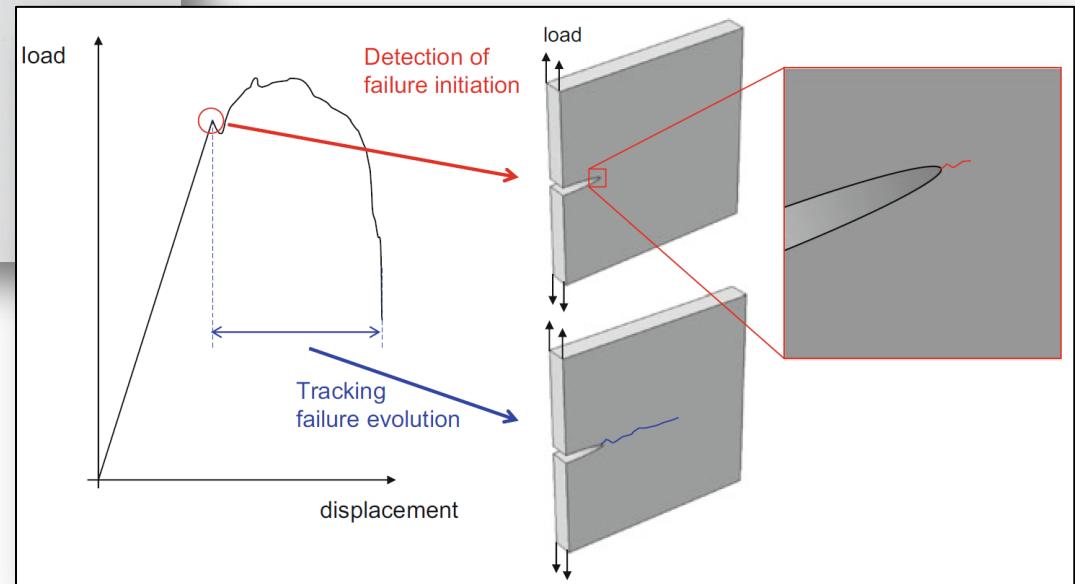
# Motivation

## In-situ failure analysis of multidirectional composites



### Objectives:

- Detection of failure initiation
- Tracking failure evolution
- Quasi-static and fatigue load



# Motivation

## Fatigue-behavior of composite materials

***homogeneous material***

*single crack formation*



***fiber reinforced material***

*multiple crack formation*



*load direction*

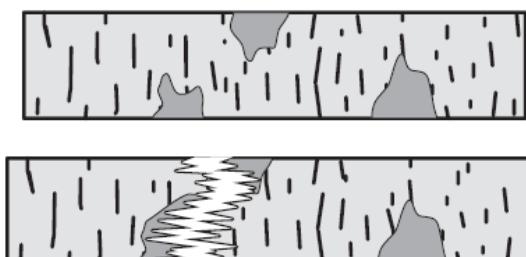
*formation of transverse cracks*



*growth of transverse cracks*

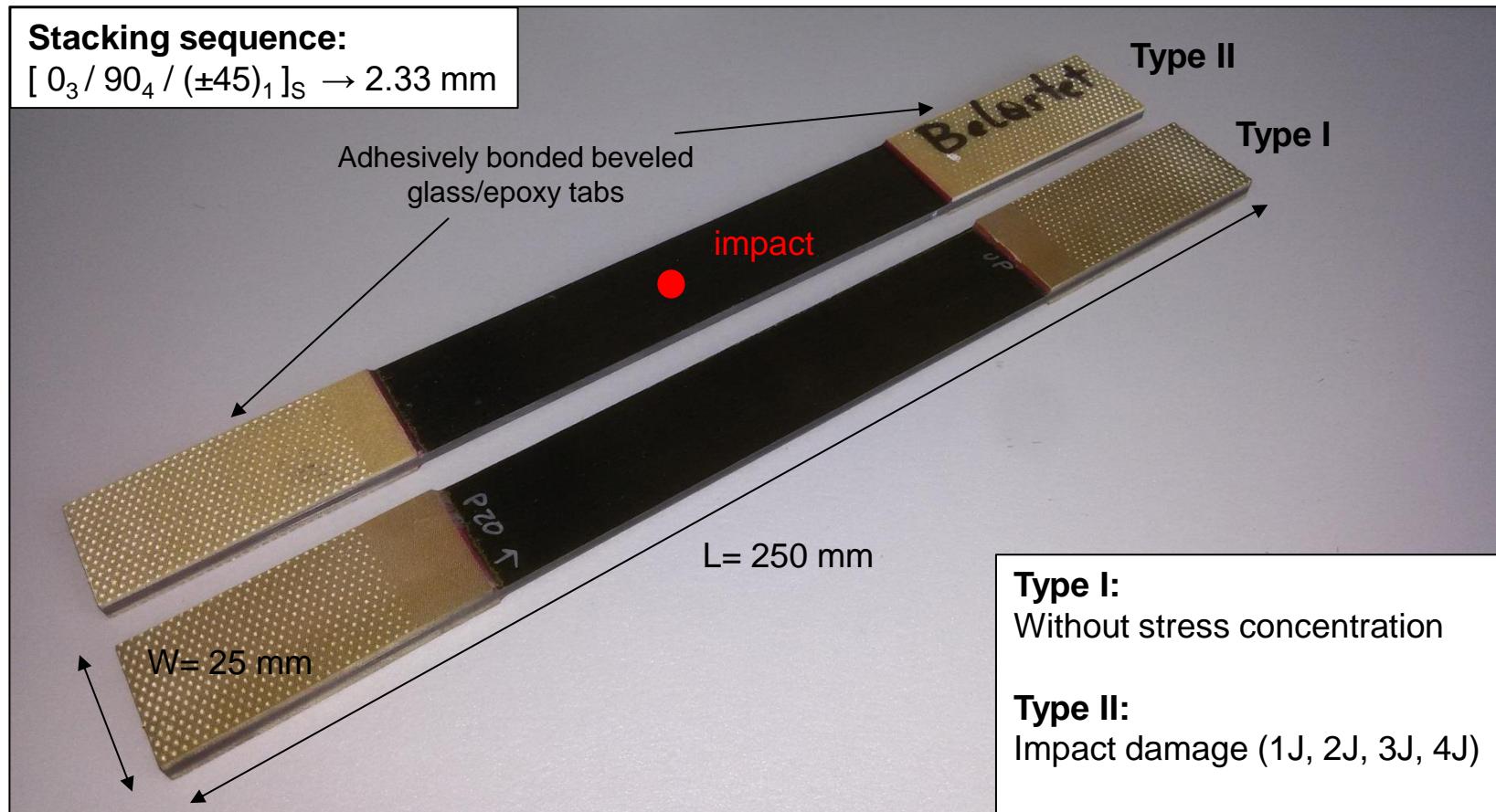


*delamination  
large-area damage  
fracture*



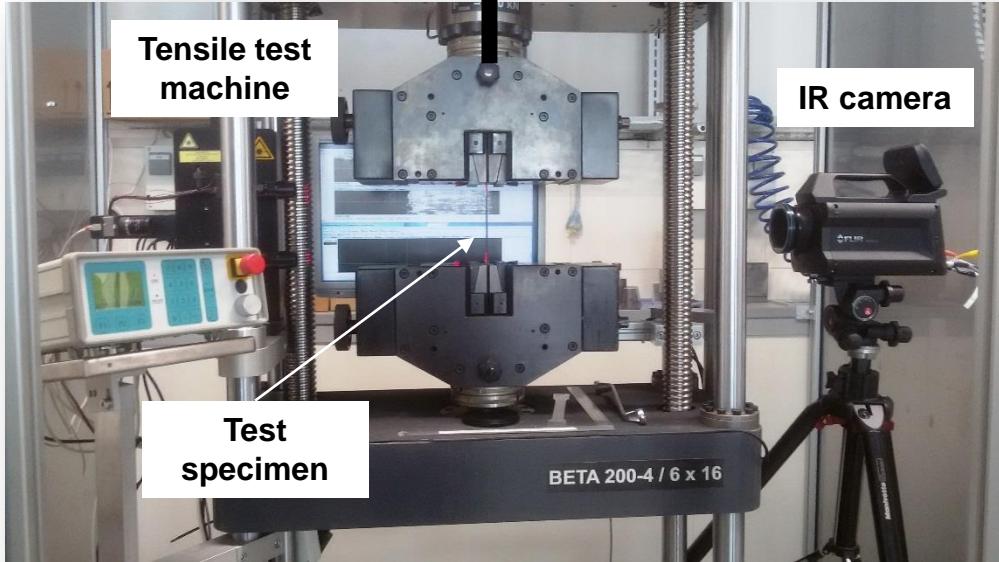
# Test specimens

## Multidirectional laminate of CFRP



# Quasi-static uniaxial tensile tests

Experimental setup – In-situ passive thermography

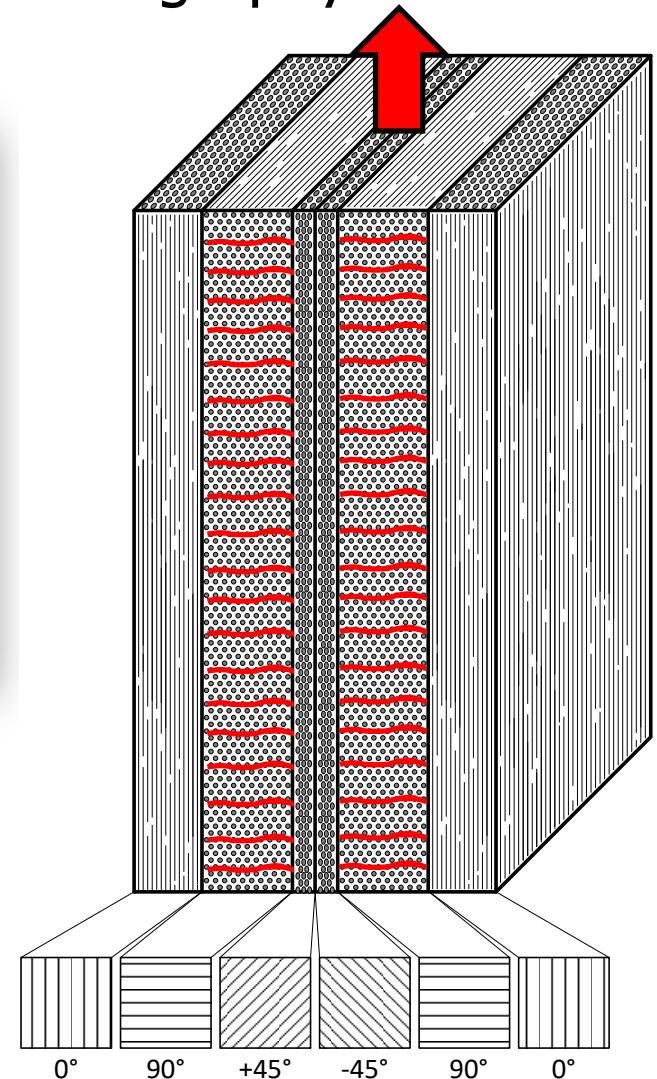


IR camera

FLIR X8400sc  
1024 x 256 pixel (920)  
50 FPS

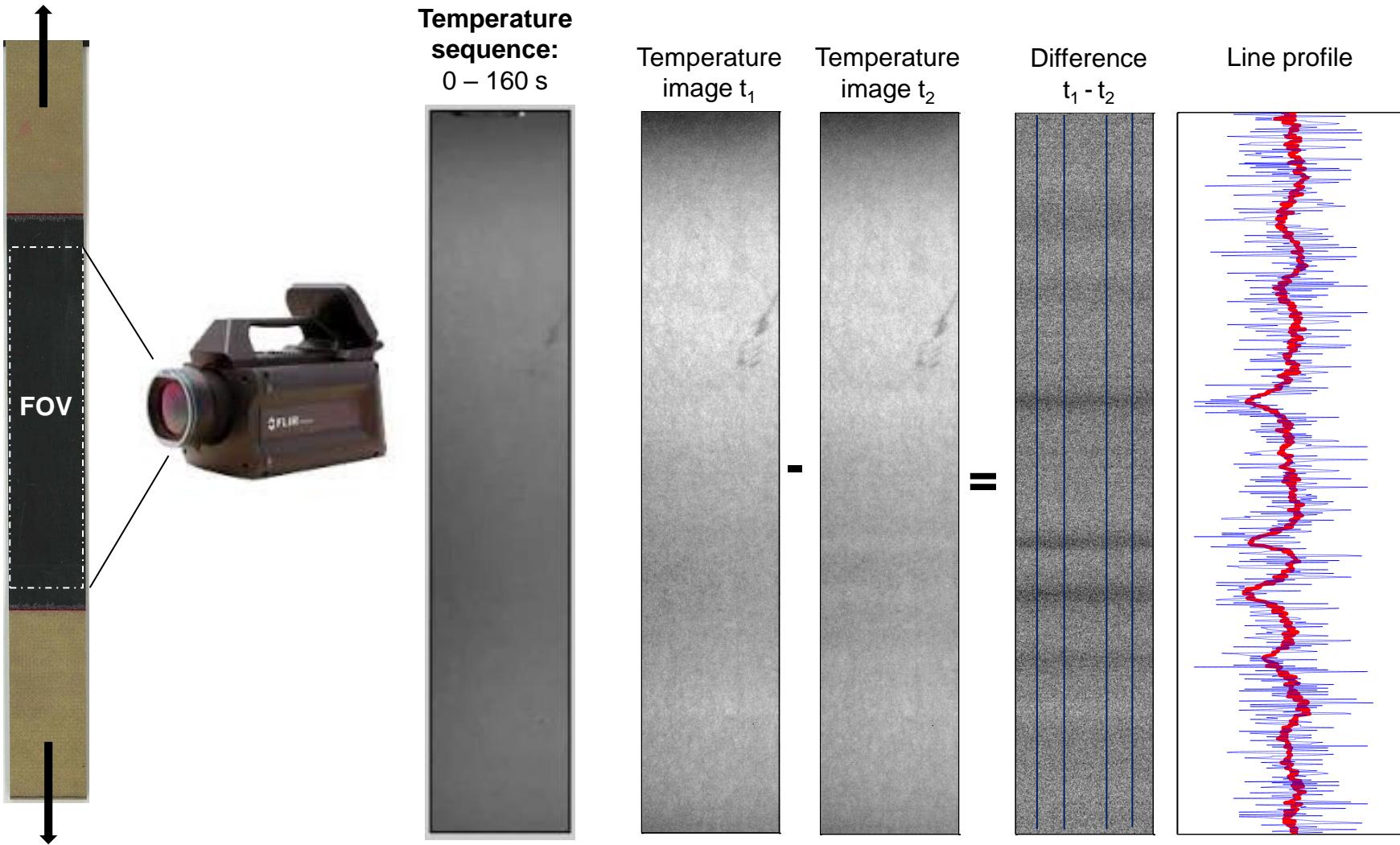
Tensile test machine

Messphysik BETA 200-4/6X16  
Test speed: 2 mm / min  
Maximum stress:  $\sigma_{\max} = 550$  MPa



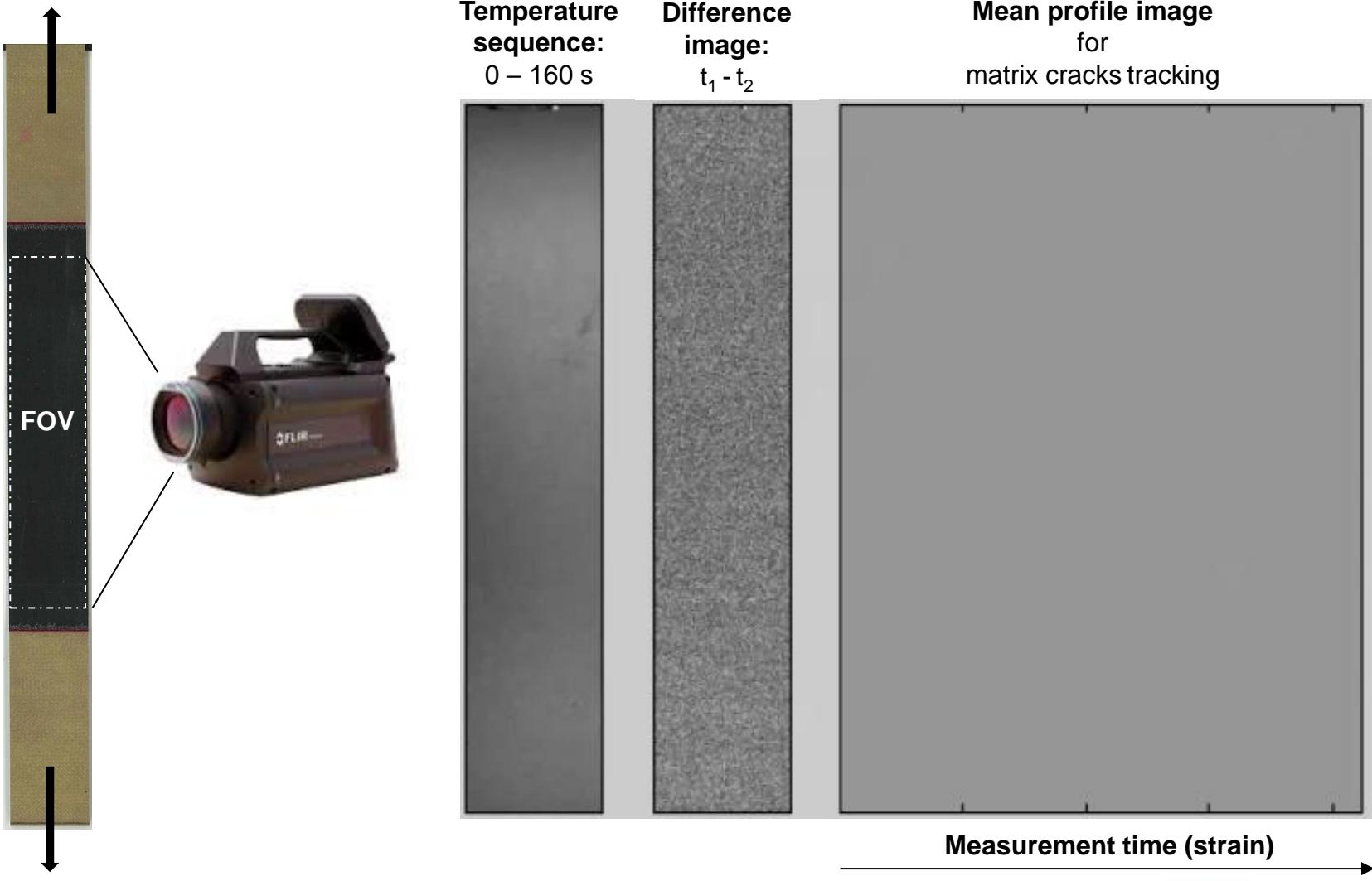
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## Type I – Transverse matrix cracking



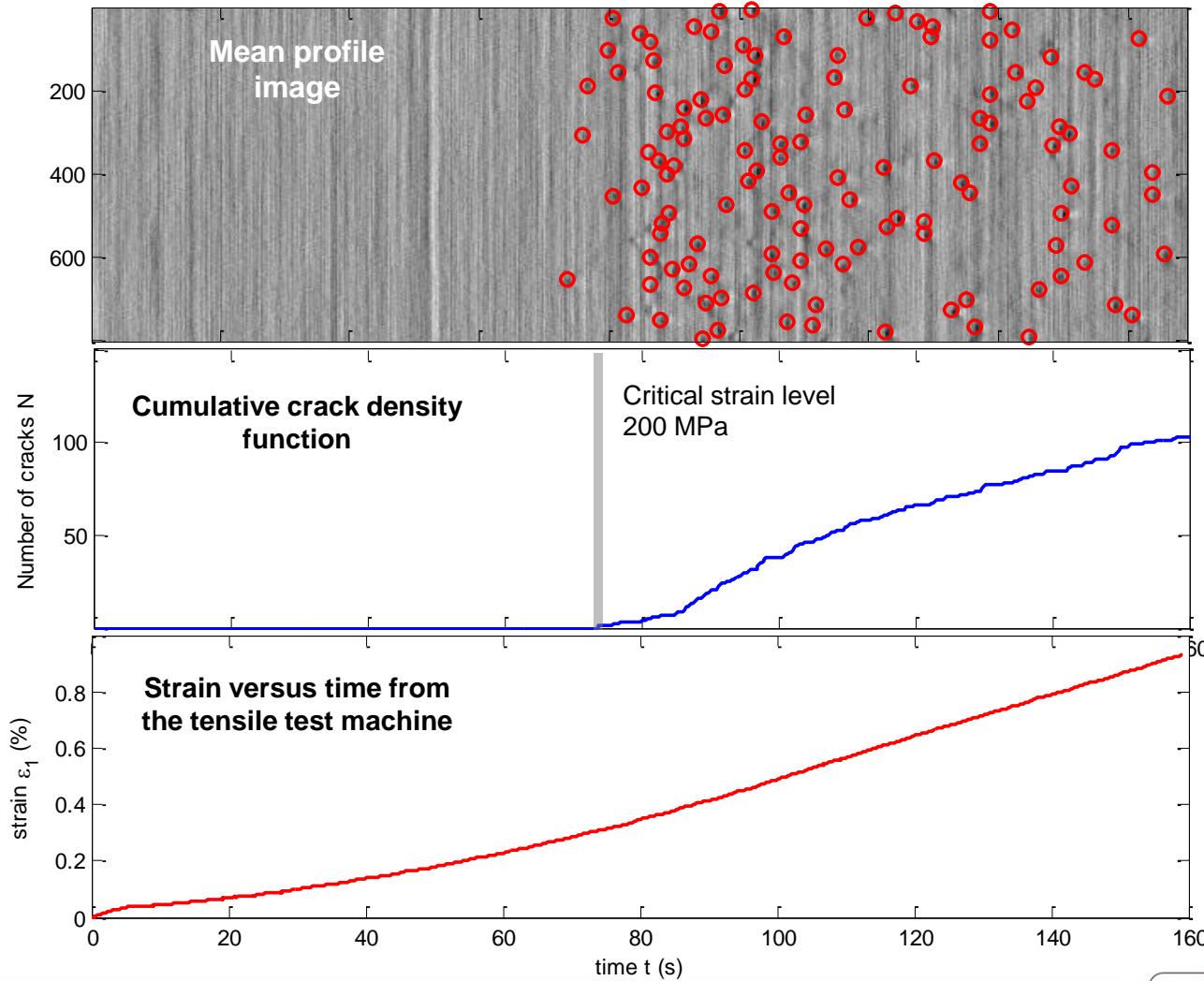
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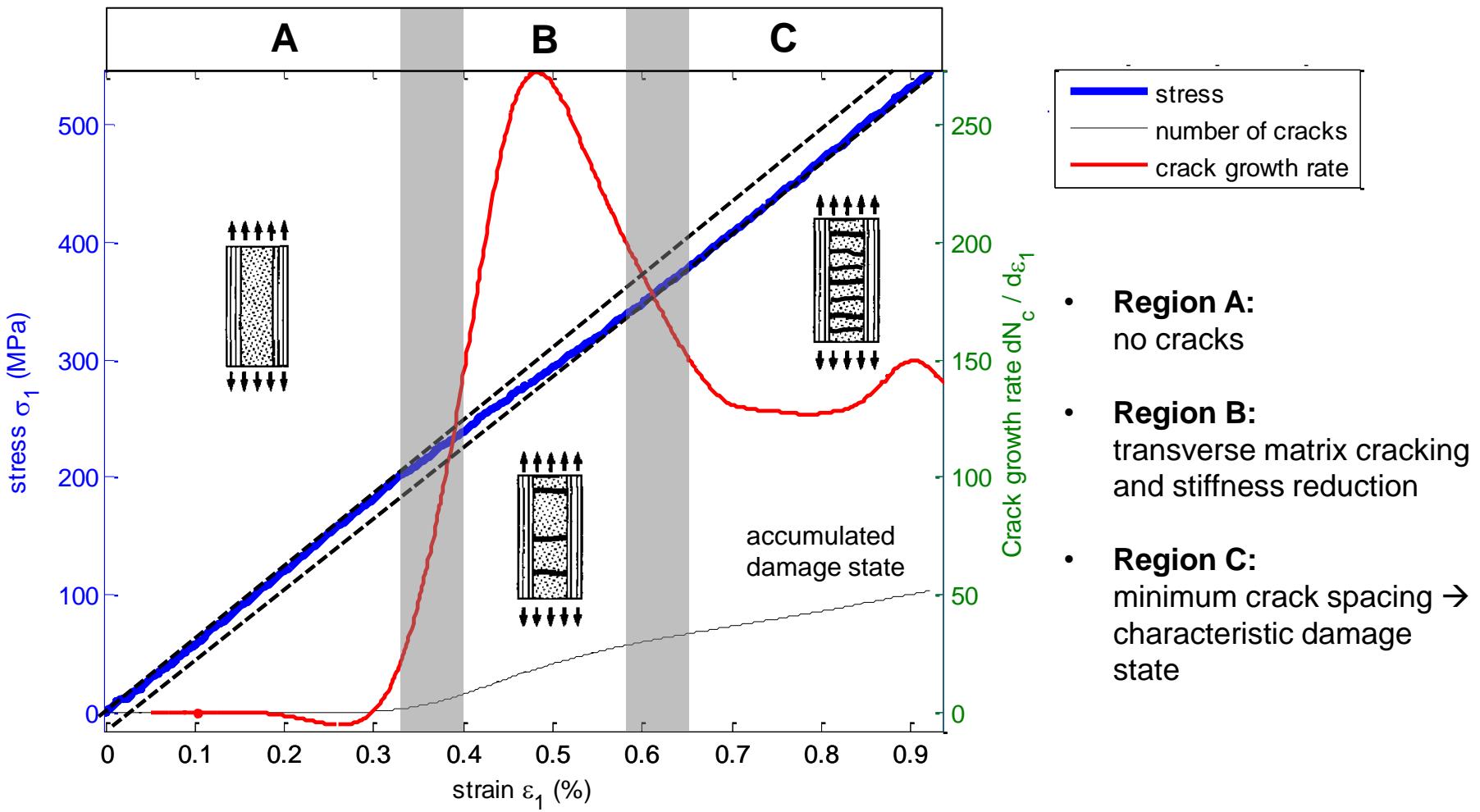
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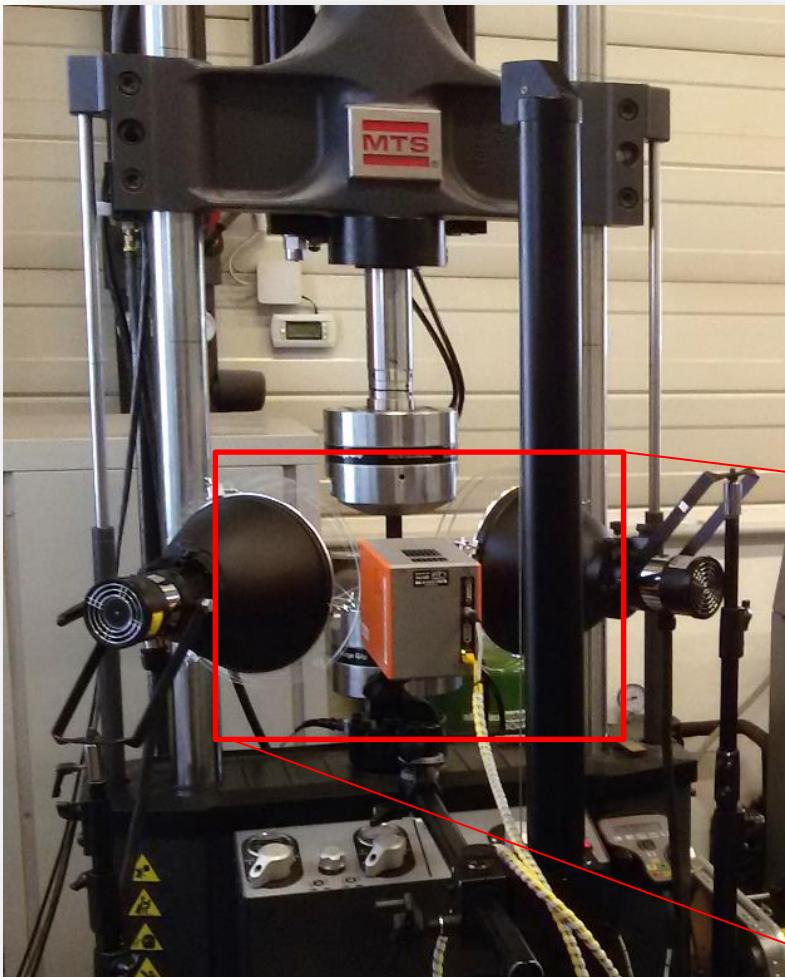
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# Fatigue uniaxial tensile tests

## Experimental setup – Pulsed thermography



### Servo-hydraulic tensile test machine

MTS 370.10 Landmark  $\pm 100$  kN

Frequency = 10 Hz

Maximum stress:  $\sigma_{\max} = 500$  MPa

Minimum stress:  $\sigma_{\min} = 50$  MPa

### Pulsed thermography setup

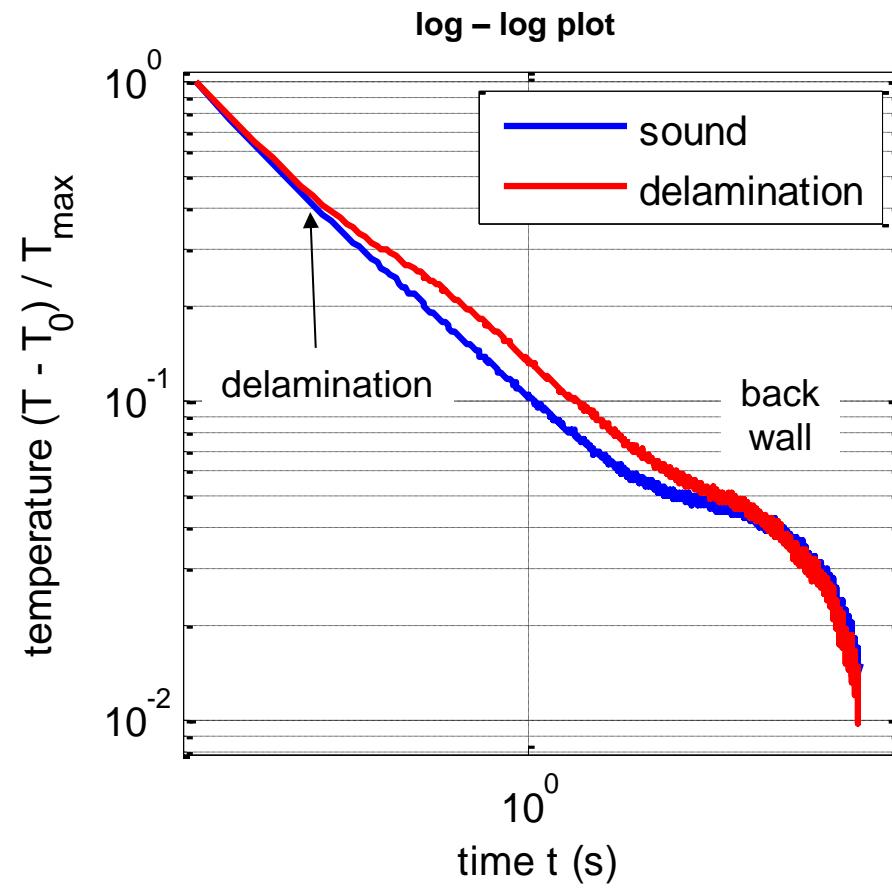
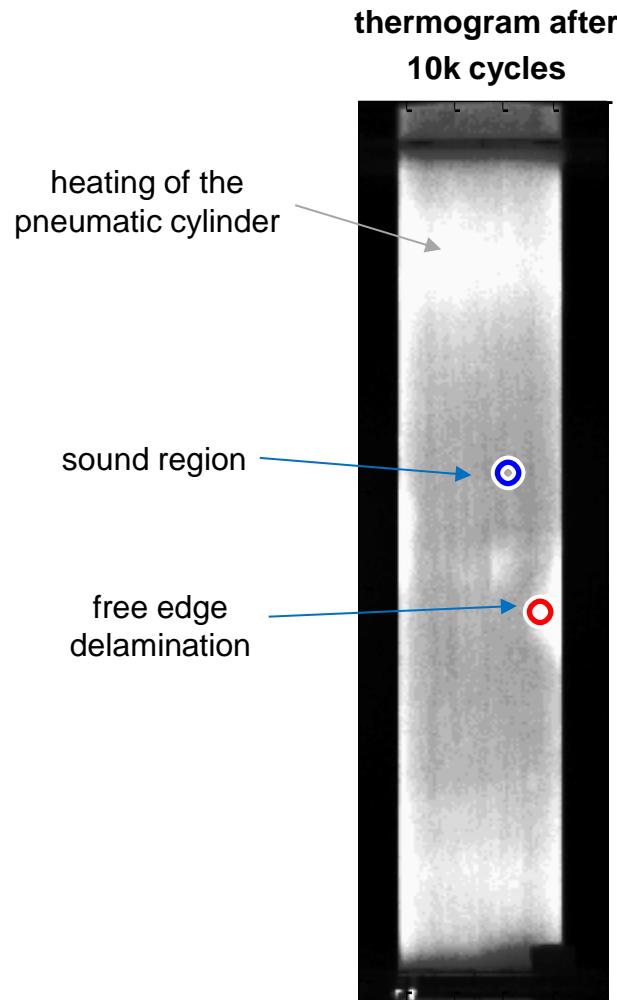
IRCAM Equus 81k M Pro

Flash light: Bläsing G6000z



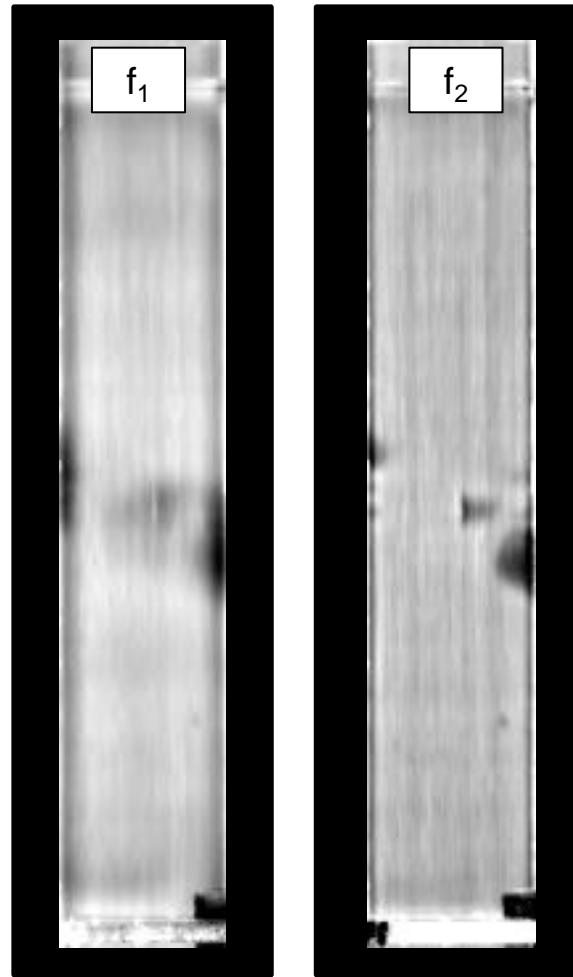
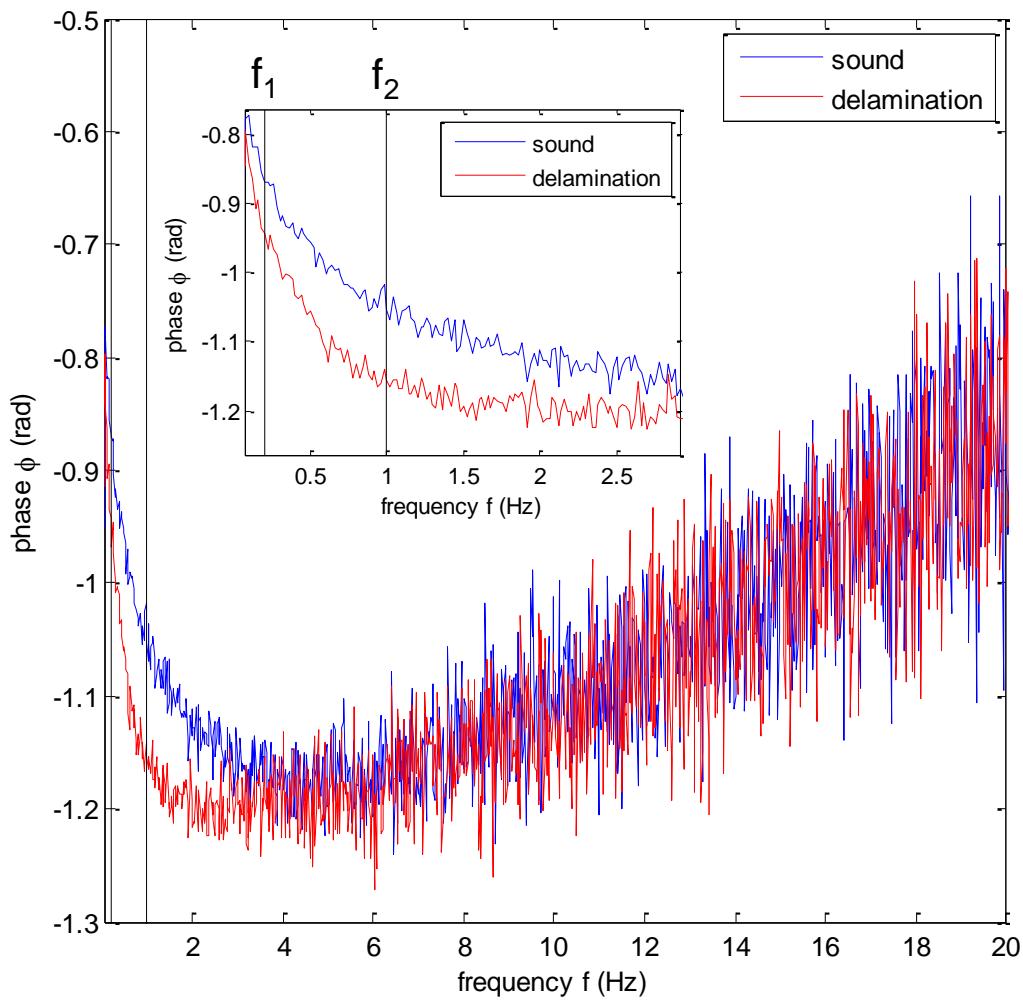
# Fatigue uniaxial tensile tests

## Pulsed thermography – temperature evolution



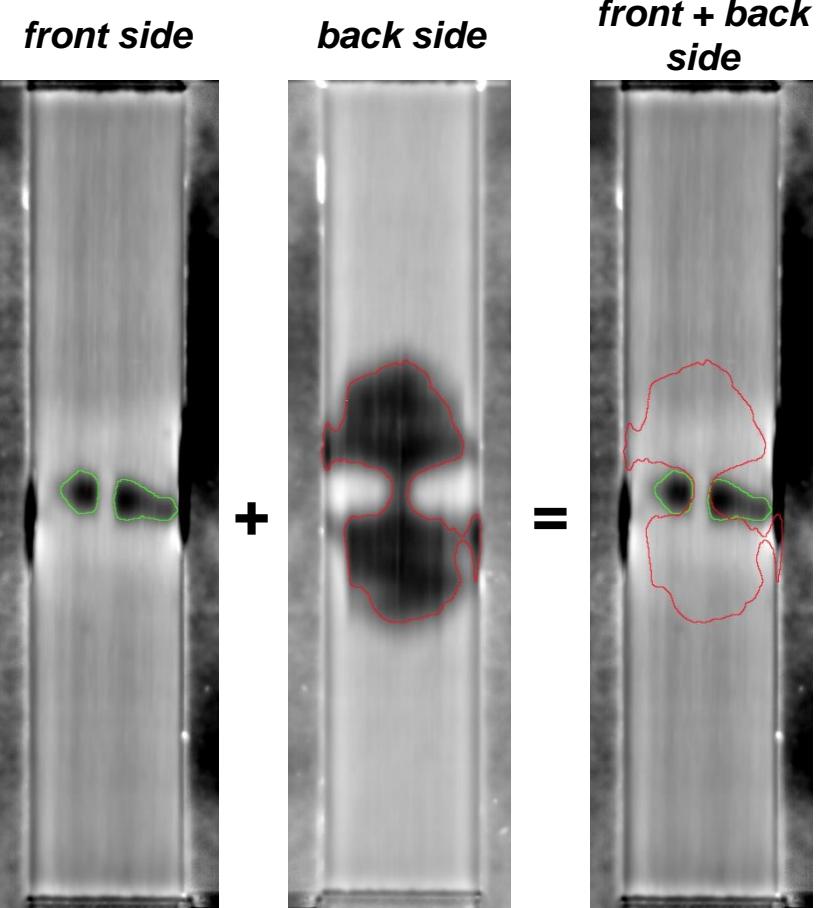
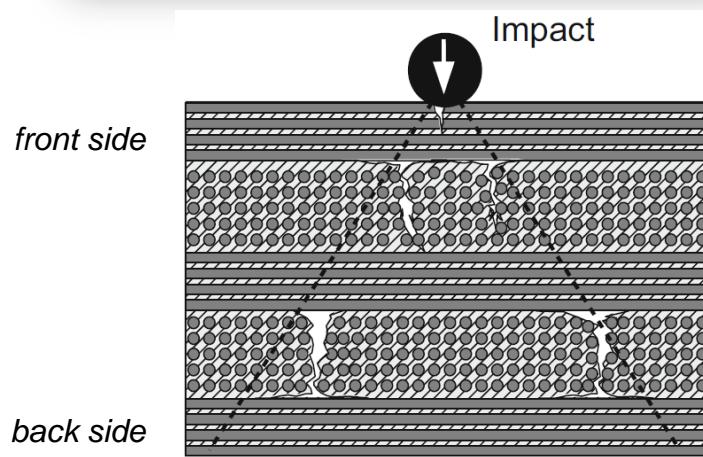
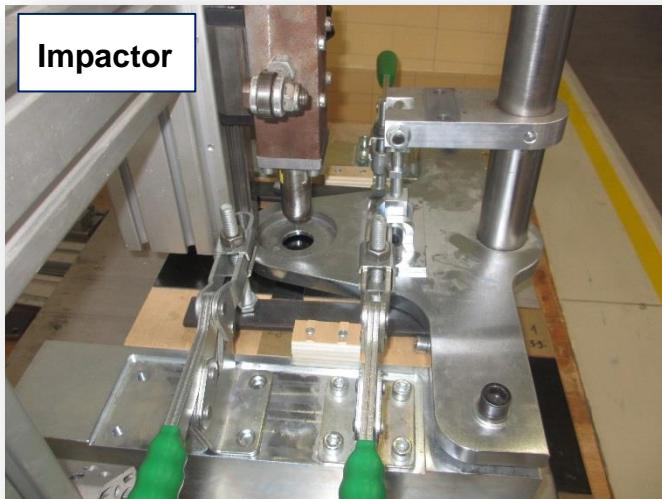
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## Principle of Pulse Phase Thermography (PPT)



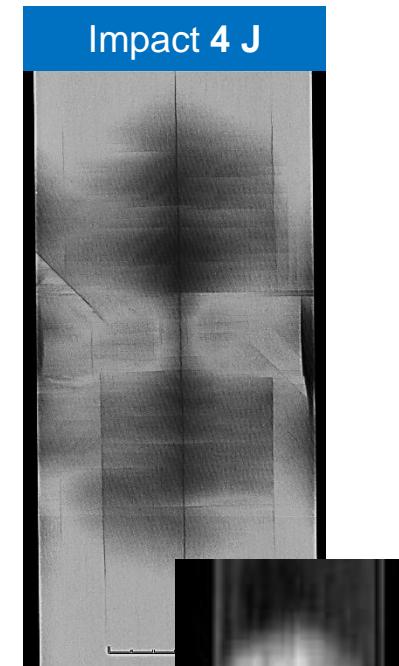
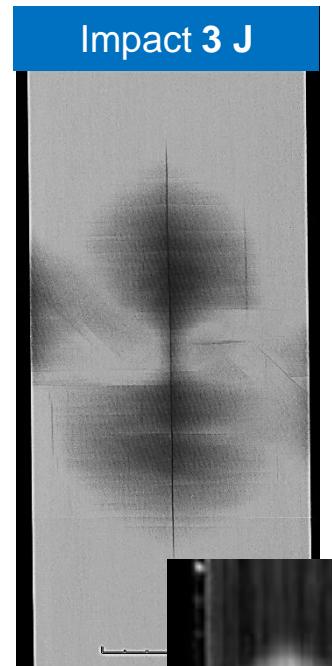
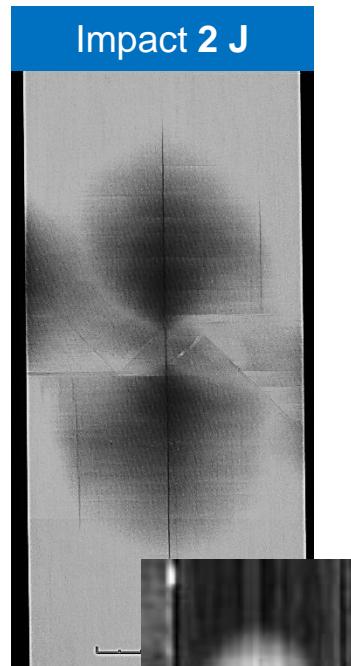
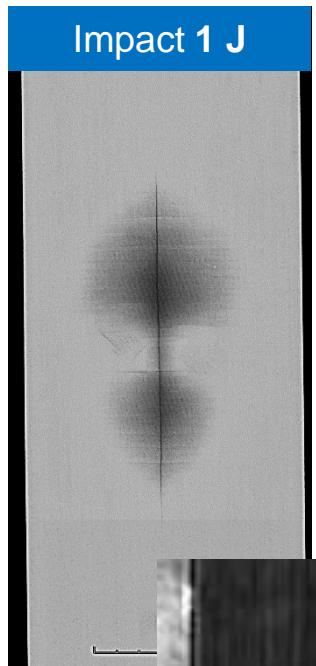
# Fatigue uniaxial tensile tests

Type II: Impact damage without tensile loading



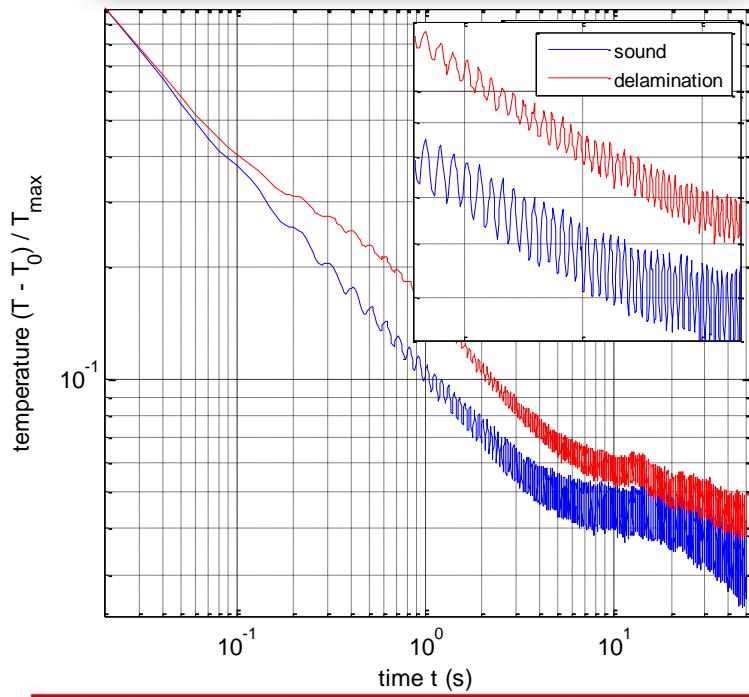
# Fatigue uniaxial tensile tests

Type II: Comparison with 3D-Xray Computed Tomography (XCT)

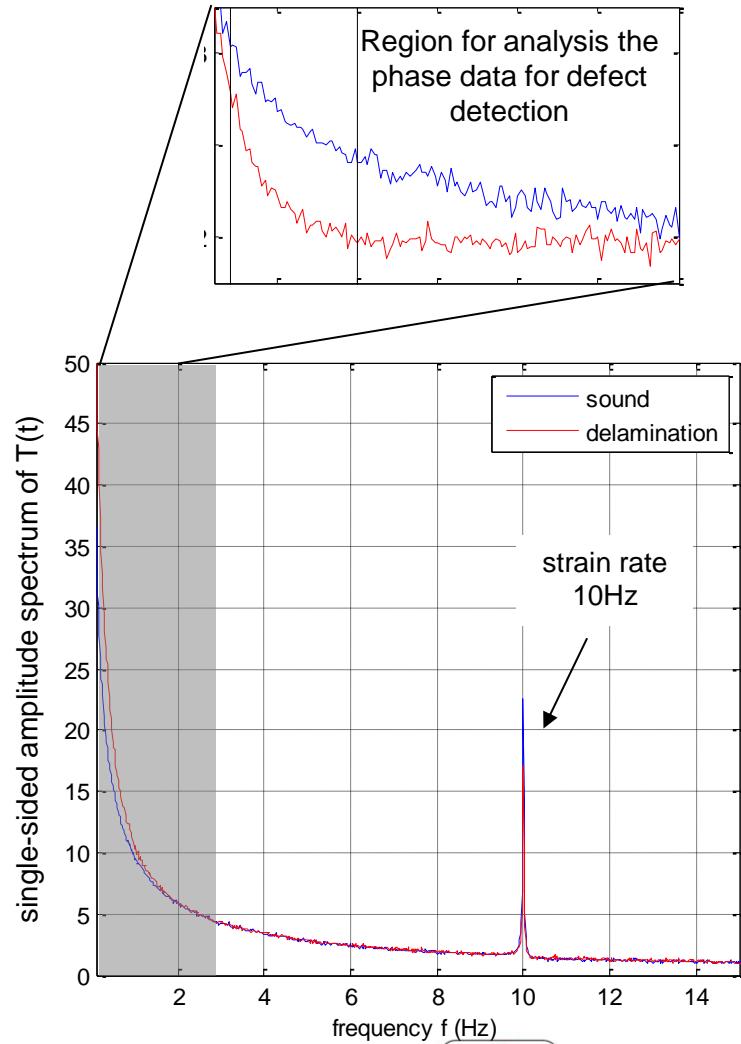


# Fatigue uniaxial tensile tests

In-situ PPT with separation of the strain rate



FFT  
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# Fatigue uniaxial tensile tests

Damage progression under increasing number of cycles

Increasing number of cycles up to 250 k

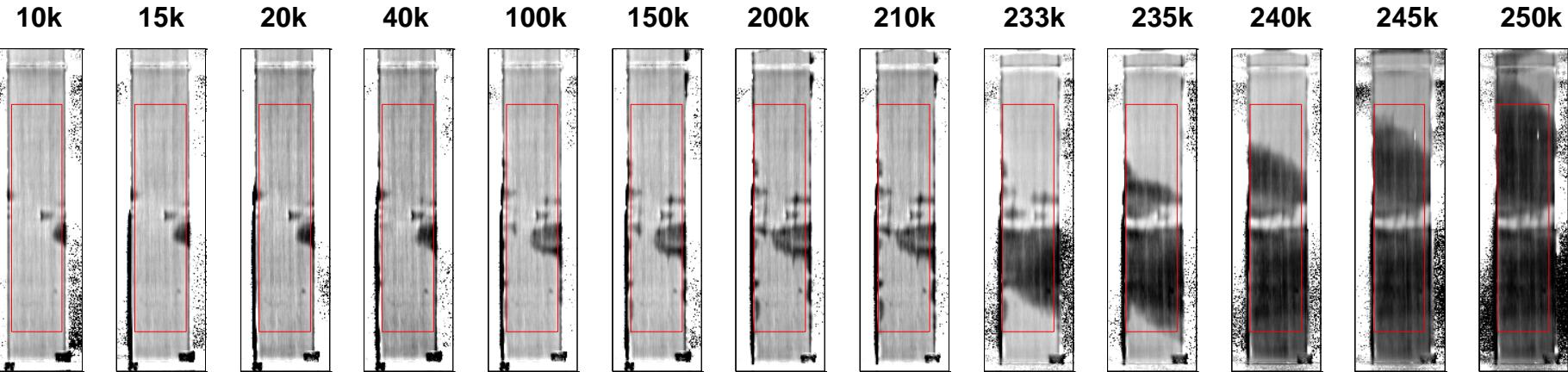
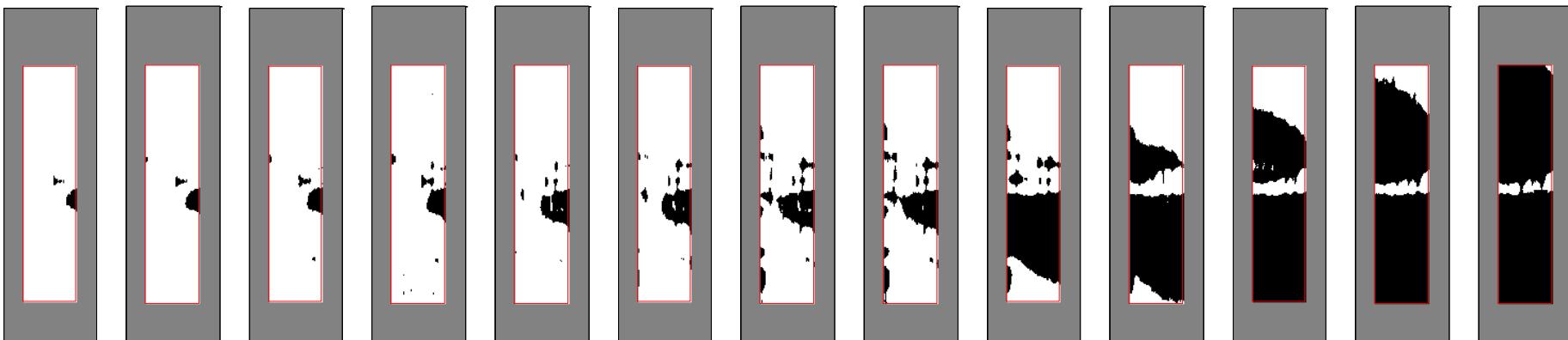
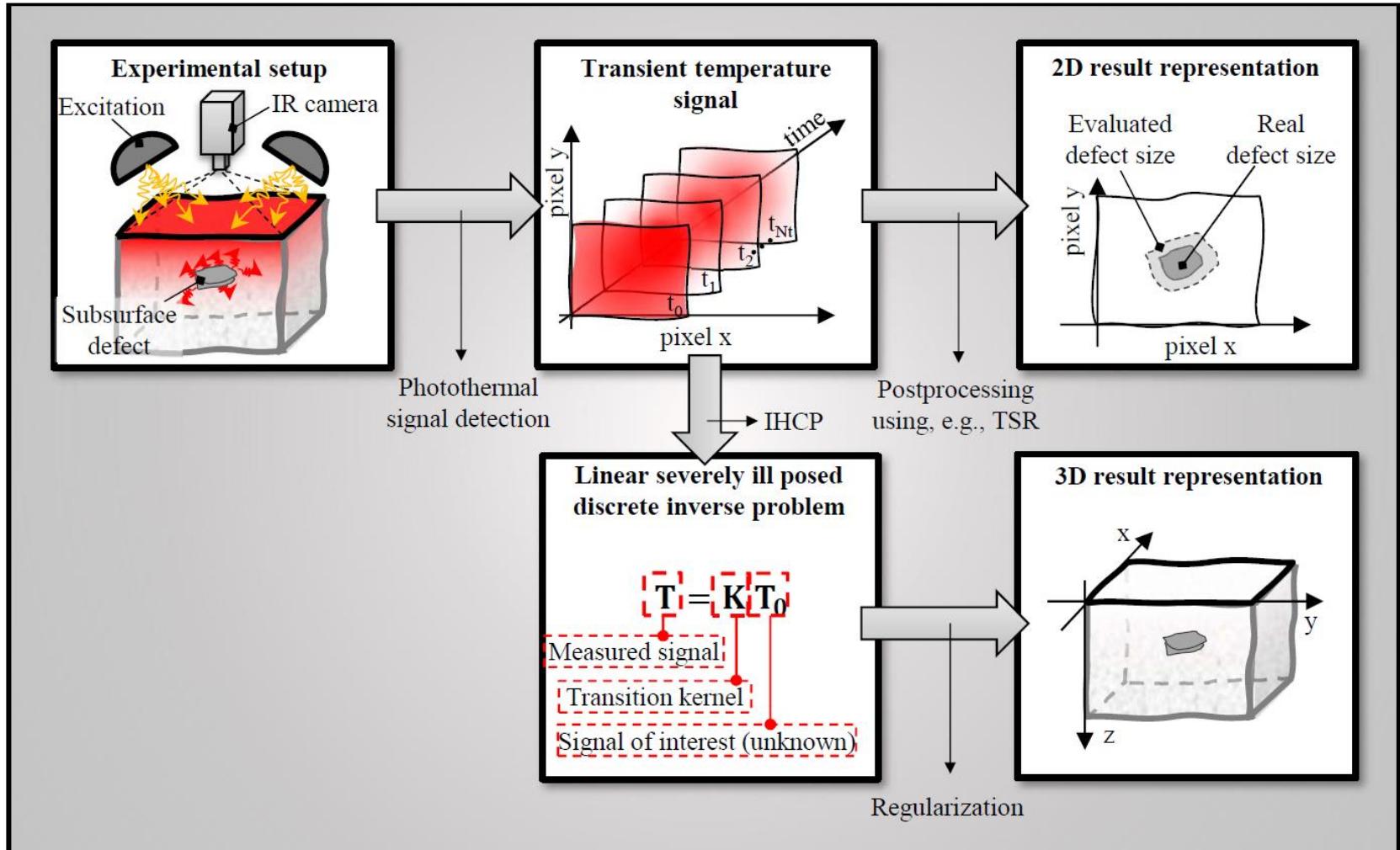


image segmentation for the determination of the delamination size



# 3D Thermo-Tomography

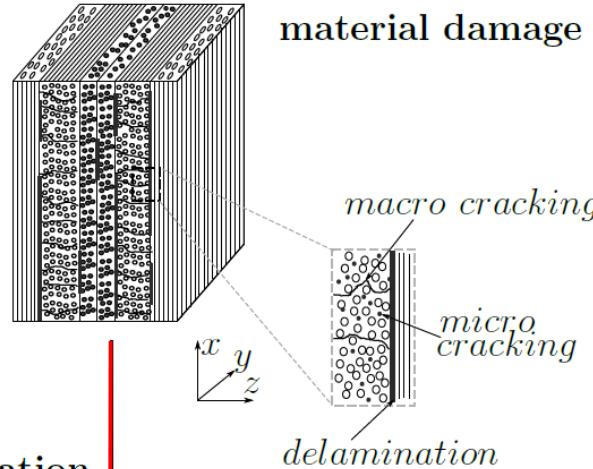
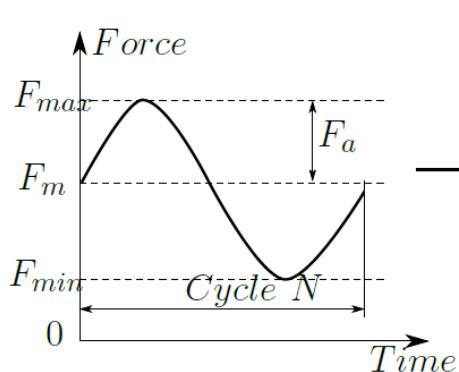
## Virtual Wave Concept for Image Reconstruction



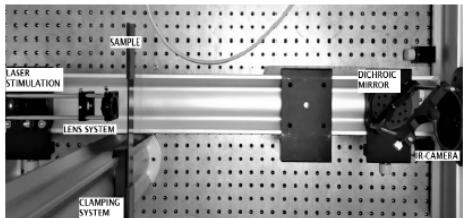
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## Damage Imaging

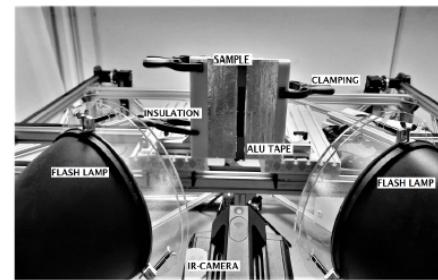
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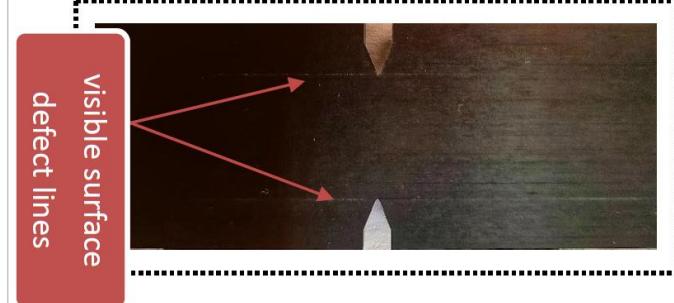
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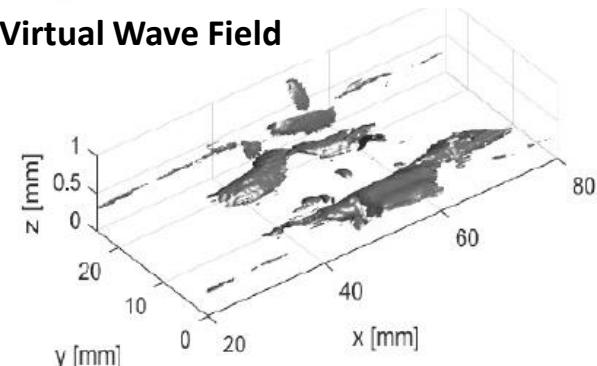
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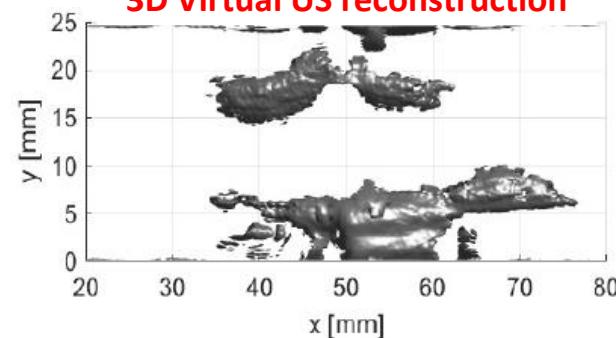
3D reconstruction of  
internal defects



Virtual Wave Field

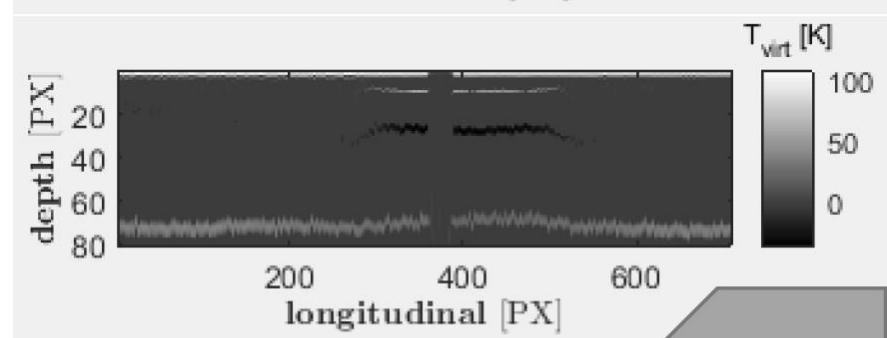
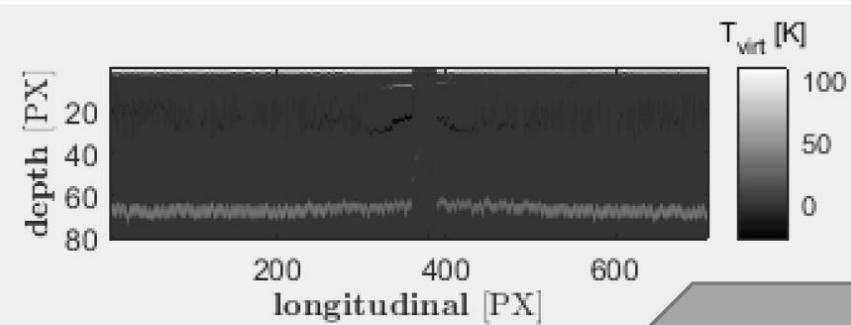
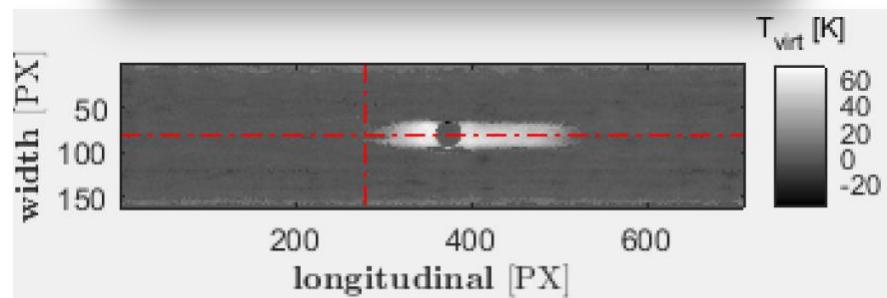
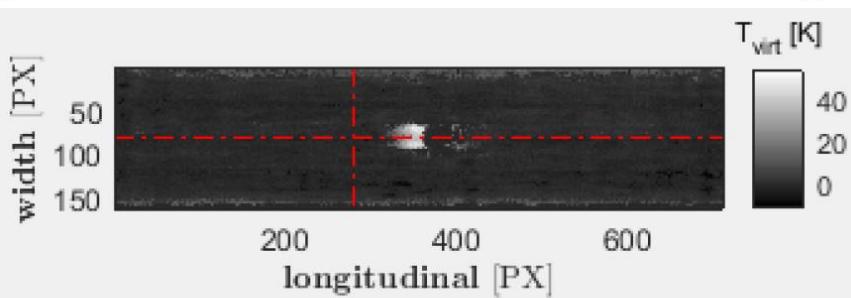
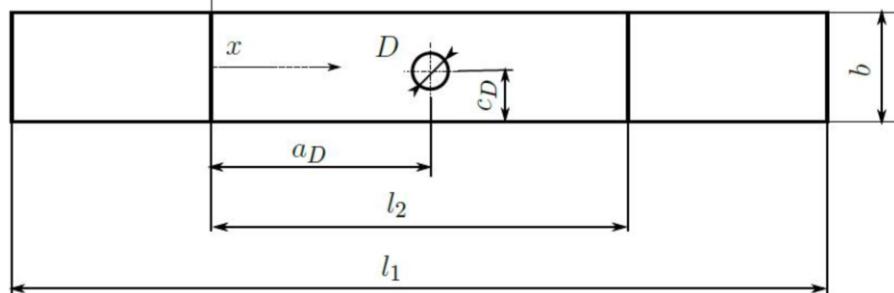


3D Virtual US reconstruction



# 3D Thermo-Tomography

## Virtual Wave Concept for Image Reconstruction



@12k cycles

@32k cycles

# Conclusion

- The **initiation** and **progression** of **matrix cracking** in a carbon/epoxy laminate can be detected **in-situ** with **passive thermography**
- The detected **matrix crack density** function explain the measured **stiffness reduction** due to tensile loading
- The **frequency separation** in PPT allows the **in-situ** identification of the **delamination size** without any disturbance of the mechanical loading and deformation
- The **Virtual Wave Concept** enables a **3D imaging** of the defect with increasing fatigue

# Outlook

## Application on components under fatigue loading



Source: Colt



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