

# Composite Aircraft Certification

## TASI'S MODULUS - DD CASE STUDY

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# DD Case Study



DD and its  
Advantages



Aircraft certification



Next steps and  
Conclusions



# Double-Double

## BI-ANGLE LAMINATIONS



# Double Double Bi-angled plies

$[\pm\Phi, \pm\Psi]_n$ ;  $[+\Phi, +\Psi, -\Phi, -\Psi]_n$ ;  $[+\Phi, +\Psi, -\Psi, -\Phi]_n$

- ▶ With  $n=2$   
minimal  
coupling
- ▶ With  $n \geq 4$   
unperceived  
coupling

- ▶ Balanced
- ▶ Symmetric
- ▶ Homogenized
- ▶ Ply-drops
- ▶ Optimization  
tools

# Tsai's Modulus

$$\begin{Bmatrix} N \\ M \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [A] & [B] \\ [B] & [D] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \epsilon^0 \\ K \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \epsilon^0 \\ K \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha] & [\beta] \\ [\tilde{\beta}] & [\delta] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} N \\ M \end{Bmatrix}$$

- ▶  $A=D$ ,  $B=[0]$
- ▶ Tsai's modulus =  $Trace[Q] = Q_{11} + Q_{22} + 2Q_{66}$
- ▶ Tsai's Modulus = total material stiffness.

# Tsai's Modulus & Transformations

| Laminate       | [0]   | [0/90] | [ $\pi/4$ ] | Soft1 | Hard1 | Soft2 | Hard2 | Tr (GPa) |
|----------------|-------|--------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| % [0]          | 100   | 50     | 25          | 10    | 50    | 9     | 55    |          |
| % [ $\pm 45$ ] | 0     | 0      | 50          | 80    | 40    | 73    | 36    |          |
| % [90]         | 0     | 50     | 25          | 10    | 10    | 18    | 9     |          |
| IM6/epoxy      | 0.874 | 0.463  | 0.337       | 0.226 | 0.518 | 0.226 | 0.55  | 232      |
| IM7/977-3      | 0.877 | 0.464  | 0.337       | 0.225 | 0.519 | 0.225 | 0.551 | 218      |
| T300/5208      | 0.877 | 0.465  | 0.337       | 0.224 | 0.518 | 0.225 | 0.551 | 206      |
| IM7/MTM45      | 0.897 | 0.471  | 0.337       | 0.213 | 0.523 | 0.217 | 0.557 | 195      |
| T800/Cytec     | 0.888 | 0.472  | 0.335       | 0.211 | 0.518 | 0.216 | 0.552 | 183      |
| IM7/8552       | 0.884 | 0.469  | 0.336       | 0.217 | 0.519 | 0.22  | 0.552 | 180      |
| T800S/3900     | 0.898 | 0.476  | 0.335       | 0.206 | 0.521 | 0.212 | 0.555 | 168      |
| T300/F934      | 0.883 | 0.472  | 0.335       | 0.211 | 0.517 | 0.216 | 0.55  | 168      |
| T700 C-Ply 64  | 0.866 | 0.464  | 0.337       | 0.225 | 0.514 | 0.226 | 0.546 | 163      |
| AS4/H3501      | 0.852 | 0.456  | 0.338       | 0.237 | 0.512 | 0.234 | 0.543 | 162      |
| T650/epoxy     | 0.866 | 0.465  | 0.337       | 0.222 | 0.514 | 0.224 | 0.546 | 160      |
| T4708/MR60H    | 0.897 | 0.475  | 0.335       | 0.206 | 0.521 | 0.212 | 0.555 | 158      |
| T700/2510      | 0.877 | 0.47   | 0.336       | 0.215 | 0.515 | 0.219 | 0.548 | 144      |
| AS4/MTM45      | 0.889 | 0.474  | 0.335       | 0.206 | 0.518 | 0.214 | 0.552 | 143      |
| T700 C-Ply 55  | 0.869 | 0.466  | 0.337       | 0.222 | 0.515 | 0.224 | 0.547 | 139      |
| Mean           | 0.880 | 0.468  | 0.336       | 0.218 | 0.517 | 0.221 | 0.550 |          |
| Coeff. Var. %  | 1.50  | 1.17   | 0.31        | 4.17  | 0.58  | 2.84  | 0.70  |          |



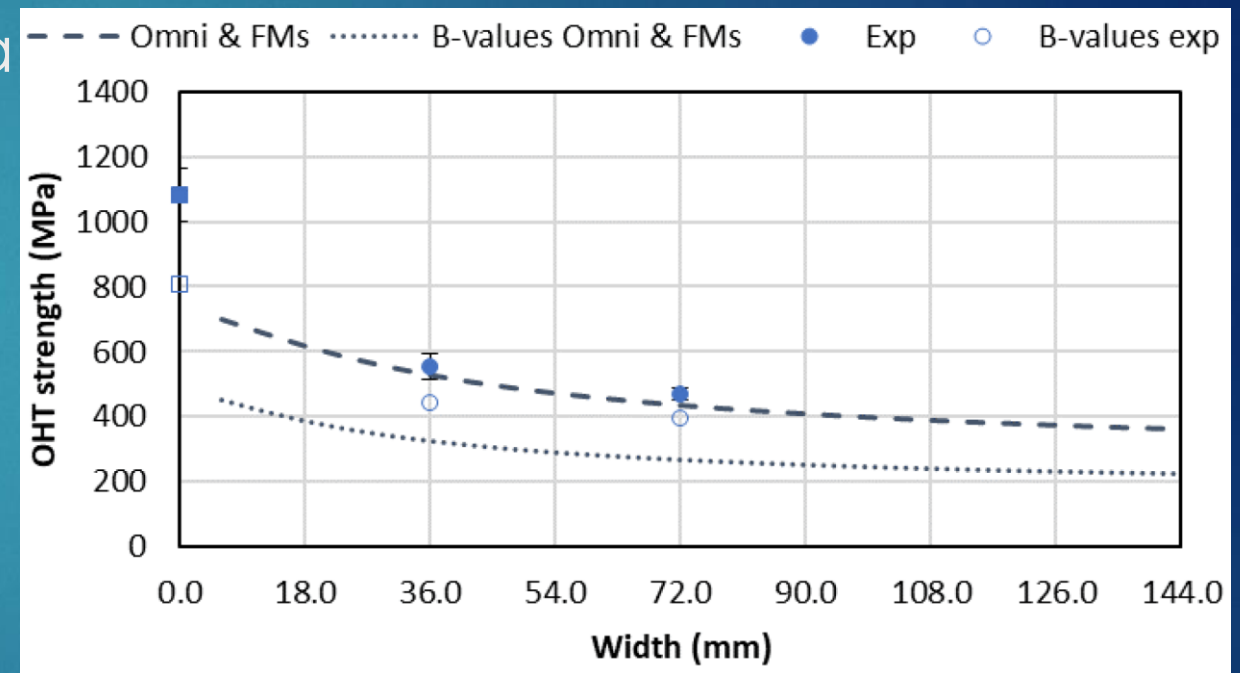
$$\begin{Bmatrix} Q_{11} \\ Q_{22} \\ Q_{12} \\ Q_{66} \\ Q_{16} \\ Q_{26} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m^4 & n^4 & 2m^2n^2 & 4m^2n^2 & m^2n^2 & -mn^3 \\ n^4 & m^4 & 2m^2n^2 & 4m^2n^2 & -mn^3 & m^3n \\ m^2n^2 & m^2n^2 & m^4+n^4 & -4m^2n^2 & mn^3-m^3n & mn^3-m^3n \\ m^2n^2 & m^2n^2 & -2m^2n^2 & (m^2-n^2)^2 & 2(mn^3-m^3n) & 2(mn^3-m^3n) \\ m^3n & -mn^3 & mn^3-m^3n & 2(mn^3-m^3n) & m^3n & -mn^3 \\ mn^3 & -m^3n & mn^3-m^3n & 2(mn^3-m^3n) & -mn^3 & m^3n \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} Q_{xx} \\ Q_{yy} \\ Q_{xy} \\ Q_{ss} \end{Bmatrix}$$

Geometry:  $m = \cos \theta, n = \sin \theta$

Material:  $Q_{xx}, Q_{yy}, Q_{xy}, Q_{ss}$

# Data Extrapolation using Finite Fracture Mechanics Models

Extrapolation of notched data to a DD  $[\pm 0/\pm 50]$  laminate using data identified from a DD  $[\pm 15/\pm 60]$  laminate and comparison with experimentally determined plain and open-hole tension test results (Exp) and corresponding B-Basis values (B-values)

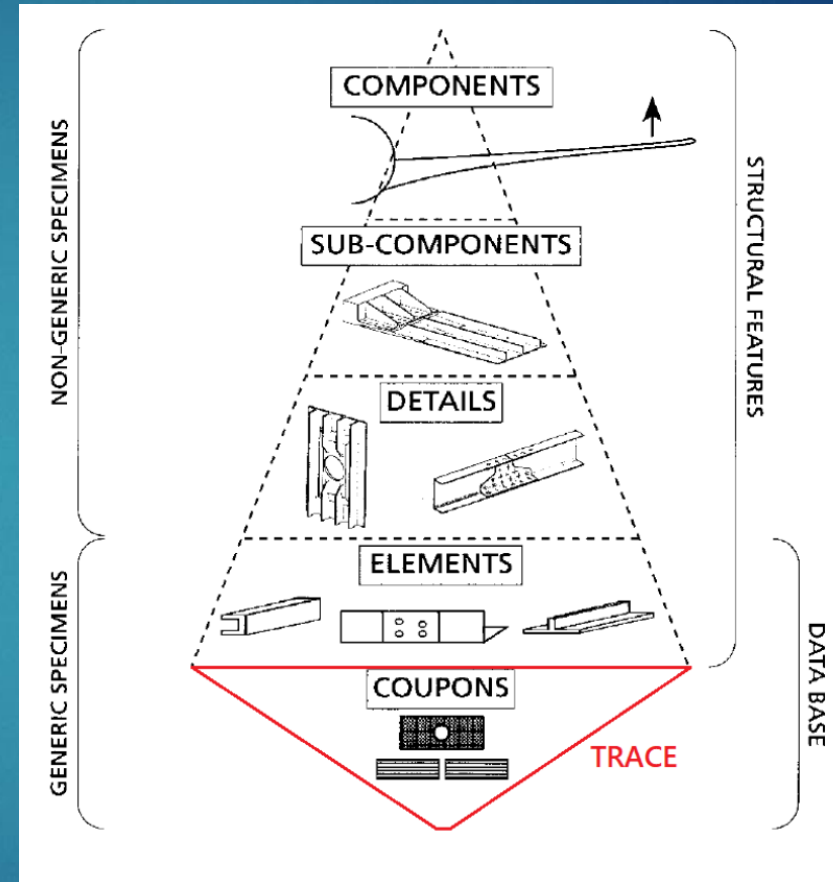




# Tsai's Modulus is a Material Property

$$Tr = E_1 / 0.880$$

| Laminate factors    | $E_x^0 / Tr$ | $E_y^0 / Tr$ | $G_{xy}^0 / Tr$ | $\nu_{xy}^0$ |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Universal [0]       | 0.880        | 0.052        | 0.031           | 0.320        |
| [0/90]              | 0.468        | 0.468        | 0.031           | 0.036        |
| $[\pi/4]$           | 0.336        | 0.336        | 0.129           | 0.308        |
| $[0_7/\pm 45_2/90]$ | 0.662        | 0.175        | 0.070           | 0.310        |
| $[0_5/\pm 45_2/90]$ | 0.518        | 0.208        | 0.109           | 0.423        |
| $[0_2/\pm 45_2/90]$ | 0.445        | 0.289        | 0.109           | 0.308        |
| $[0/\pm 45_4/90]$   | 0.217        | 0.217        | 0.187           | 0.552        |
| $[0/\pm 45]$        | 0.370        | 0.155        | 0.161           | 0.734        |
| $[0/\pm 45/0]$      | 0.499        | 0.141        | 0.129           | 0.701        |
| $[0/\pm 30]$        | 0.510        | 0.074        | 0.129           | 1.220        |
| $[0/\pm 30/0]$      | 0.611        | 0.072        | 0.104           | 1.079        |
| $[\pm 12.5]$        | 0.764        | 0.053        | 0.066           | 0.913        |





# Aircraft Certification

## Classical

- ▶ Production/Temp/Environmental/Static/Dynamic
- ▶ DOT/FAA/AR-03/19 Material Qualification
- ▶ DOT/FAA/AR-10/6
- ▶ FAA/AC-21/26A, FAA/AC23-20
- ▶ EASA AMC 20-29
- ▶ Composite Materials Handbook 17 AC20-107b, AR-96-111, AR-99/49, FAA/CT-86/39

## Proposed

- ▶ Test matrix according to AR-03/19, production based on AC23-20
- ▶ Specimen testing of each material (fiber+epoxy), Basis A or Basis B data generation reduction of subsequent tests based on Tsai's modulus of specimens.
- ▶ Extrapolation of all other properties based on Tsai's Modulus and FFM models

# Conclusions from testing

- ▶ Greener approach
- ▶ Fewer test specimens
- ▶ One to two orders of magnitude less in cost.
- ▶ Quicker and less wastage
- ▶ Confidence in data, better than 95%
- ▶ One material system's data can be used to fine tune structural performance.

# Take home message: Tsai's Modulus and Double-Double

- ▶ The only technology that can reduce structural mass by 45% w.r.t. current LQL laminates, start thinking about how you'll use that 45% reduced mass...
- ▶ Many practical implications we have not touched on.



# Some first aircraft parts in DD using ZeroVoid™ technology of NASHERO



# Questions?

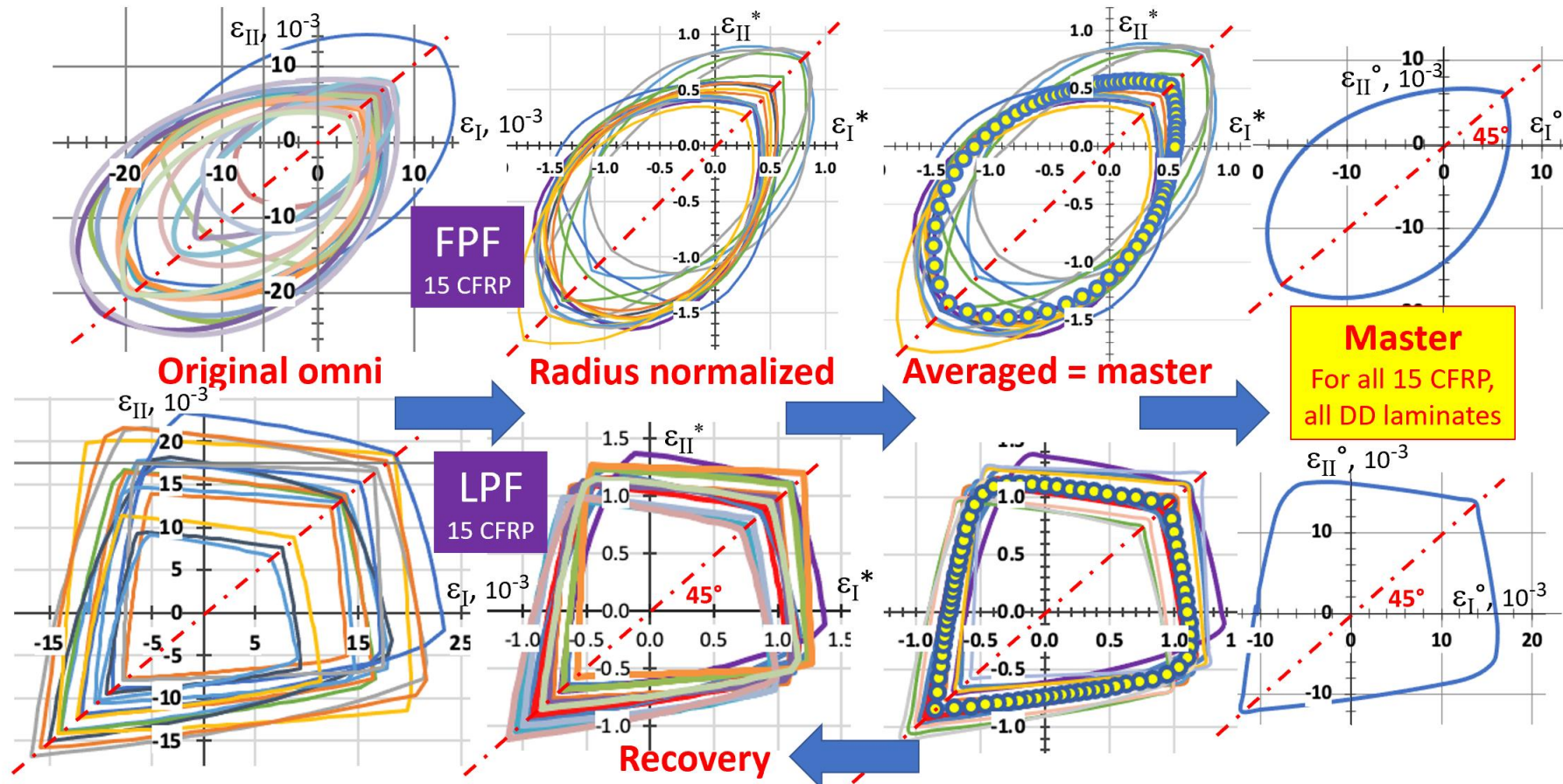
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# Master envelope: radius normalized



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## Scaling: one calibration test

