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**Major Goals:** 1. Use high-speed video camera along with linear impactor instrumented with high-end accelerometers to investigate the deflection of military helmets mounted on a magnesium head under impact loads. Use the deformation information to verify the numerical models to be developed in coming years.  
2. Utilize split Hopkinson pressure bar technique along with high-speed video camera to investigate the damage in both compression and indirect tension at both medium and high strain rates.  
3. Employ modified Hopkinson pressure bar system along with high-speed video camera to investigate the crack initiation and propagation in laminated composites reinforced with short flocked fibers along through thickness direction.

**Accomplishments:** 1. Dynamic fracture of laminated composites reinforced with short fibers along the thickness direction: Experiments were conducted to investigate the crack dynamics of laminated composites. Currently working on capturing electro-mechanical response along with high speed imaging to correlate crack propagation due to damage to in-situ change in electrical resistance.

2. Dynamic deformation studies of novel energy absorbing materials for military helmets: Fiber based novel layered materials to be used in military helmet pads are investigated for deformation and constitutive response under impact loading conditions using split Hopkinson pressure bar along with acquired high-speed video camera.

3. Impact loading of military helmets with novel padding materials for mitigating traumatic brain injuries: Novel padding materials for army helmet is currently investigated for their performance against rotational loading conditions. Experiments were performed to understand the deflection and angular acceleration of helmets for various positions of the helmets.

**Training Opportunities:** One graduate student was trained on the acquired high-speed video camera.

**Results Dissemination:** Rabbi, M.F., Chalivendra, V.B. and Li, D. Dynamic Fracture Characterization of 3D printed materials, SEM Annual Conference & Exposition, Greenville, SC, June 4-7, 2018.

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**Technology Transfer:** PI is currently collaborating with Dr. Asha Hall, Dr. Haile Mulugeta, and Dr. Latha Narajan from Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland on a cooperative agreement (W911NF-17-2-0198).

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**Acquisition of State-of-the-Art High-Speed Video  
Camera for Capturing Dynamic Deformation under  
Impact loads**

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## Objective

In the proposed project, acquired high-speed video camera is to investigate the real-time deformation of military helmet pads, damage evolution of composite materials and crack dynamics of composite materials under impact loading conditions. The unanswered questions of this research are: (i) Is the deformation of novel flocked (through thickness reinforced) energy absorbing materials (FEAM) based padding materials heterogeneous?, (ii) What are the damage initiation mechanisms in flocked composite materials under dynamic loads?, (iii) What are crack-tip velocities and acceleration (if any) in the flocked composites under dynamic loading conditions?, and (iv) How is the real-time deflection of head equipped with military helmets under impact loads?

## Approach

- Use high-speed video camera along with linear impactor instrumented with high-end accelerometers to investigate the deflection of military helmets mounted on a magnesium head under impact loads. Use the deformation information to verify the numerical models to be developed in coming years.
- Utilize split Hopkinson pressure bar technique along with high-speed video camera to investigate the damage in both compression and indirect tension at both medium and high strain rates.
- Employ modified Hopkinson pressure bar system along with high-speed video camera to investigate the crack initiation and propagation in laminated composites reinforced with short flocked fibers along through thickness direction.

## Equipment Procured

The acquired instrument through this DURIP grant is Shimadzu Hyper Vision HPV-X2, which is the state-of-the-art high speed video camera with high end specifications such as 10 million frames per second, 100,000 pixels resolution (400 horizontal  $\times$  250 vertical), with maximum 256 frames, and with exposure time as low as 10ns. The image of the high-speed video camera is shown in **Figure 1**. Along with this camera, a control unit, a set of focusing lens, a white LED light source, and a tripod are also included. The has a warranty period of 1 year.



**Figure 1:** Image of High-speed video camera acquired through DURIP grant

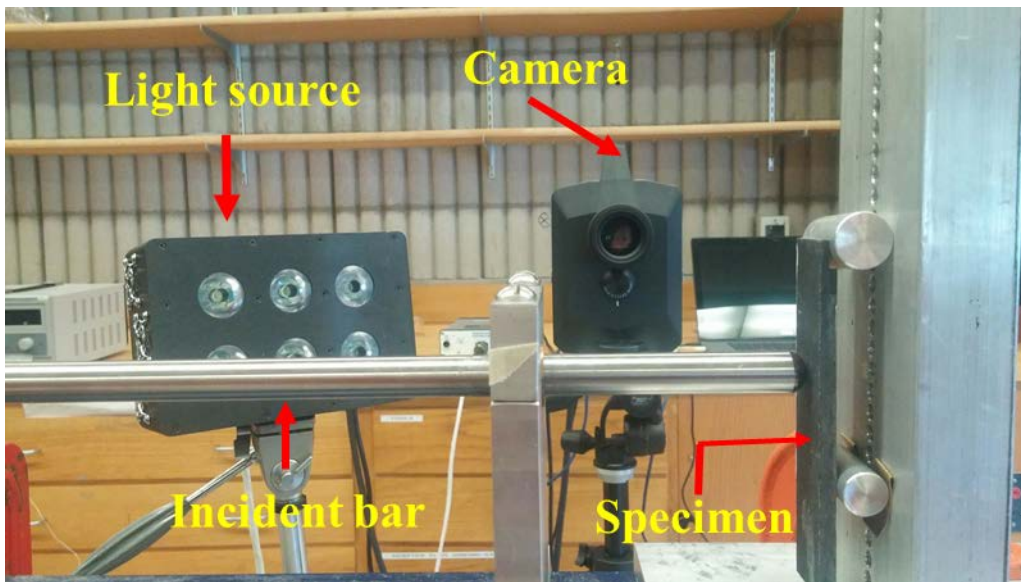
## Relevance to Army

Proper understanding of real-time deformation of padding materials will help to design military helmets to withstand both linear and angular accelerations. Currently used military helmet pads use foam materials and they do excellent job in mitigating the effect of linear acceleration. However, FEAM based padding materials can withstand both linear and angular acceleration due to the fact that flocked fibers in FEAM can buckle as well as promote frictional dissipation energy during contact between two neighboring flocked fibers under rotational load.

Through thickness reinforced laminated composites offer superior fracture toughness due to crack bridging and hence can be used as damage resistant materials for army structures and for body armor applications.

### Accomplishments for Reporting Period

**1. Dynamic fracture of laminated composites reinforced with short fibers along the thickness direction:** This project is sponsored as a cooperation agreement (W911NF-17-2-0198) with Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. For dynamic fracture characterization of glass fiber/epoxy composites, a modified split Hopkinson pressure bar consisting of a striker bar and a solid incident bar made of maraging steel is used to load a three point bend specimen (as shown **Figure 2**).



**Figure 2:** Experimental set up that shows the position of high speed video camera and light source with respect to specimen under dynamic loading conditions

A copper pulse shaper with 1.2 mm is used for obtaining dynamic force equilibrium. When the striker bar impacts the incident bar, a compressive pulse, known as incident pulse was generated which traveled through the incident bar to bar specimen interface. After reaching the specimen, incident pulse transmitted to the specimen and loaded the crack tip. A high speed camera HPVX with 10,000,000 frames/second was used to observe the real time crack initiation and propagation. Picture of the actual test setup is shown in **Figure 2**. Using one dimensional wave theory, the force applied on specimen can be obtained according to the following equation (1)

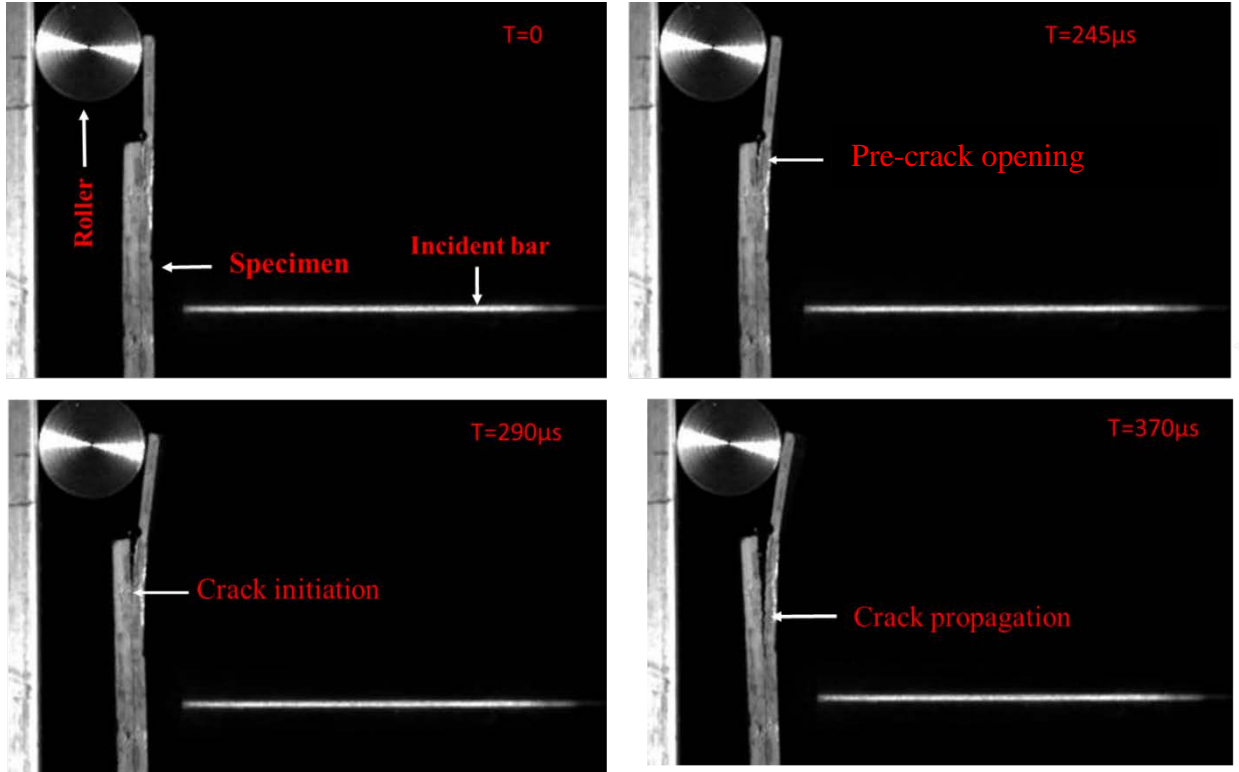
$$F(t) = AE[\varepsilon_i(t) + \varepsilon_r(t)] \quad (1)$$

By using beam theory, general expression for mode-I and mode-II can be expressed as:

$$G_I = \frac{1}{4} \frac{F^2 (\alpha+h)^2}{BEI} \quad (2)$$

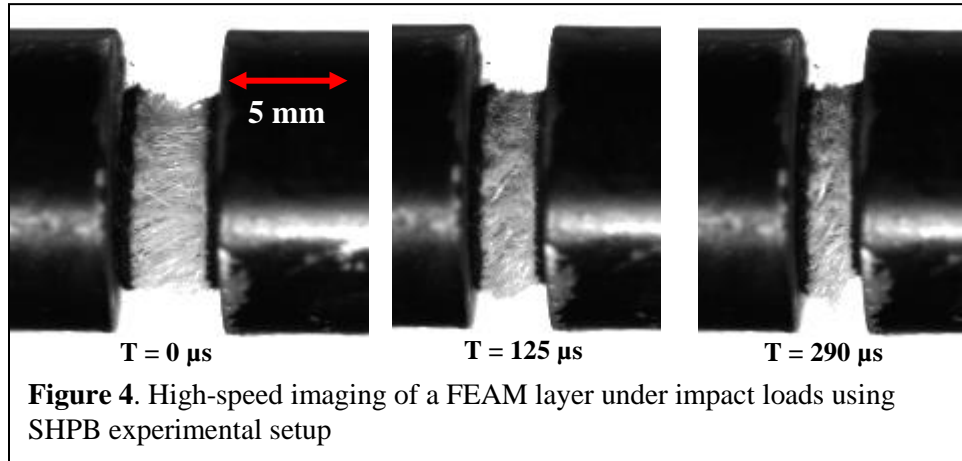
$$G_{II} = \frac{3}{16} \frac{F^2 (\alpha+h)^2}{BEI} \quad (3)$$

The dimensions of glass fiber/epoxy specimen used in this study are 76.2 mm length, 25.4 mm in width and 4.5 mm in thickness. During the fabrication process, a pre crack was created by inserting a 25.4 mm long scotch tape into mid thickness from the opening edge. After the curing, a diamond blade saw was used to take out a 15.24mm long strip from the upper half section to make a mixed mode opening notch flexure (MONF) specimen.



**Figure 3:** Real time imaging of dynamic fracture of glass fiber reinforced composite test specimen

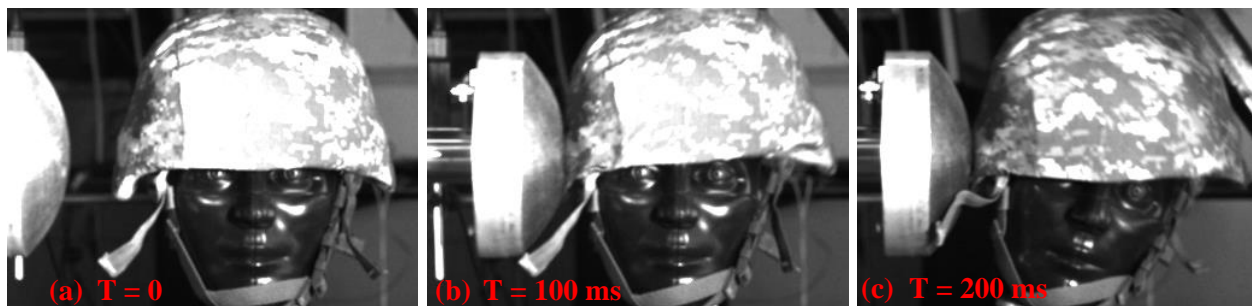
The preliminary set of dynamic fracture experiments were conducted using high-speed imaging as shown in **Figure 3**. It is shown from the figure that, pre crack started to open at 245μs after the impact, took around 45μs to open the crack from pre-crack tip and then propagated along the mid plane thickness. We plan to include electrical response along high-speed imaging in composites embedded with CNTs and reinforced with short carbon fiber between the laminates to investigate the damage evolution under impact loads.



## 2. Dynamic deformation studies of novel energy absorbing materials for military helmets:

PIs research group is interested in developing novel padding materials for military helmets to mitigate traumatic brain injuries of combating soldiers when they were subjected to blast loading conditions. To this effect, we are using novel fiber based energy absorbing materials against the foam based materials currently in use. To understand the impact response of these novel materials, we tested compressive response of single layer of fiber based energy absorbing materials using split Hopkinson pressure bar system along with high-speed video camera acquired through this grant.

**Figure 4** shows the deformation of fiber based energy absorbing material undergoing compression shown at  $T = 125 \mu s$  and under shear deformation at  $T = 290 \mu s$ . The images were taken with a 200,000 frames/second framing rate at an exposure time of  $1 \mu s$ . The sudden shift in deformation shape in the flock fibers from impact compression to shear loading conditions is clearly demonstrated. It appears that the inter-fiber friction mode of impact energy absorption (IEA) is the prominent mechanism of these novel materials.



**3. Impact loading of military helmets with novel padding materials for mitigating traumatic brain injuries:** A custom designed linear impactor is used to create well-controlled impact conditions on military helmets. **Figure 5** shows the real-time images of military helmet under impact with high-speed camera at a framing rate of 50 frames/second. We plan to use



novel fiber based padding materials that can withstand shear deformation under inclined impacts at various angles. We are currently pursuing experimental studies to generate preliminary data to submit full proposal to Army Research Office.

### **Collaborations and Technology Transfer**

PI is currently collaborating with Dr. Asha Hall, Dr. Haile Mulugeta, and Dr. Latha Narajan from Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland on a cooperative agreement (W911NF-17-2-0198).

### **Resulting Journal Publications during Reporting Period**

None, but the manuscripts are in preparation for submission in summer 2018.

### **Graduate Students Involved During Reporting Period**

None, because no personnel was funded from this DURIP grant.

### **Awards, Honors and Appointments**

None