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## 超高分子量ポリエチレン繊維複合材によるアルミ合金製 デブリバンパーからのイジェクタの低減

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高強度繊維である超高分子量ポリエチレン繊維の複合材は、防御材料として有望である。この材料を用いて、アルミ合金製デブリバンパーからのイジェクタの低減しつつ、バンパーとしての性能は同等もしくは向上するようなデブリバンパーを目指して、研究している。その結果を報告する。

Ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene fiber composites of high strength fibers are promising materials for defense materials. Our group is trying to reduce ejecta from aluminum alloy debris shielding and to keep or improve bumper performance. We would like to report some results using ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene fiber composites.

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International Space Station

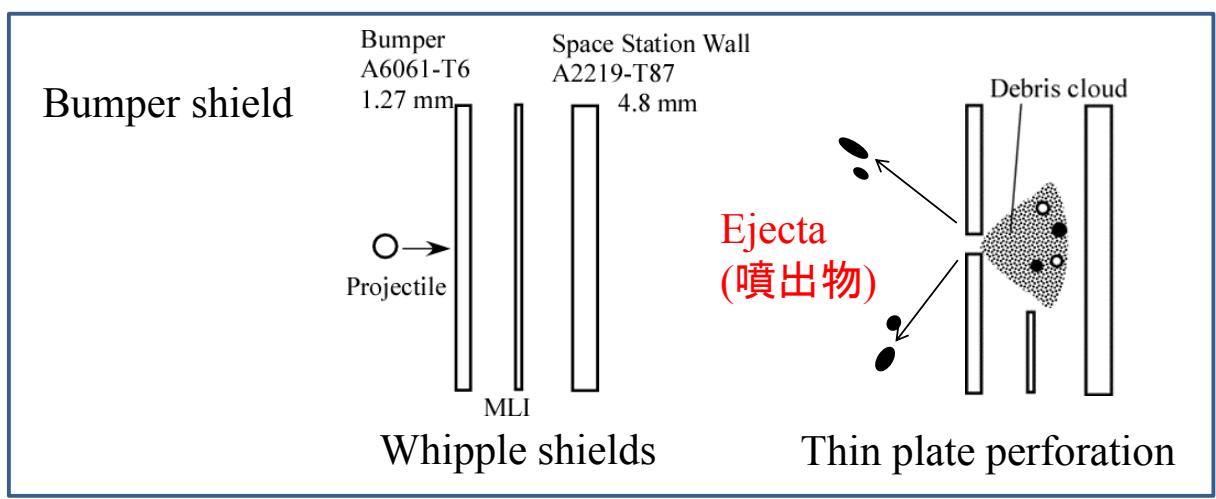


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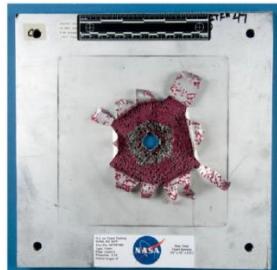
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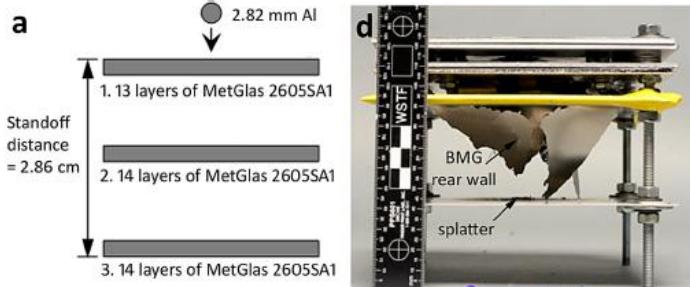
# Improvements to Bumpers

8.33 mm al sphere → double-layer foam  
6.9 km/s



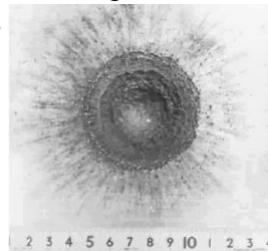
Ryan et al., NASA/TM-2009-214793

2.82 mm al sphere → Metallic glass-stuffed  
7.06 km/s



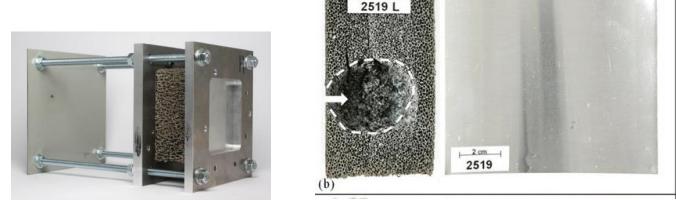
Douglas C. Hofmann et al., Adv. Eng. Mat. 2014

φ20 mm, 2 mm Al plate → Mullite bumper  
3.08 km/s



Kawai et al., Int. J. Impact Engineering, 2008, p. 1612-1615

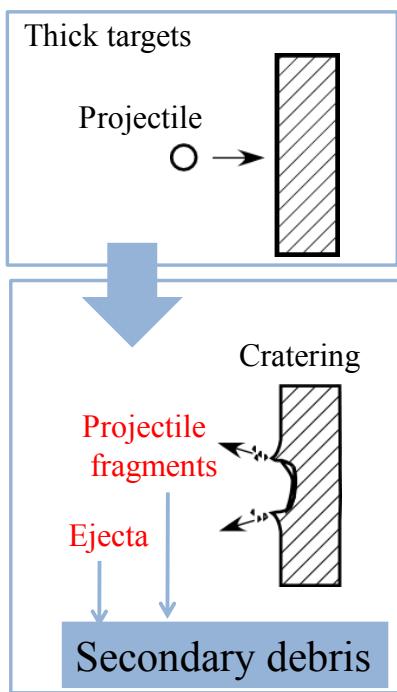
4 mm al (AlCu4Mg1) → Hybrid metal foams  
6.5 km/s



Andreas Klavzar et al., Procedia Engineering, 103 (2015)

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# Thick Plate Penetration

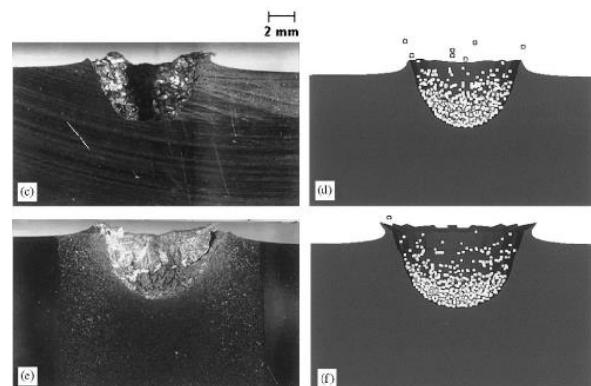


Composition of ejecta



Numata, Kikuchi, Sun, Kaiho, Takayama, Proc JSSW, (2006), pp. 221-222.

Projectile fragments and ejected materials

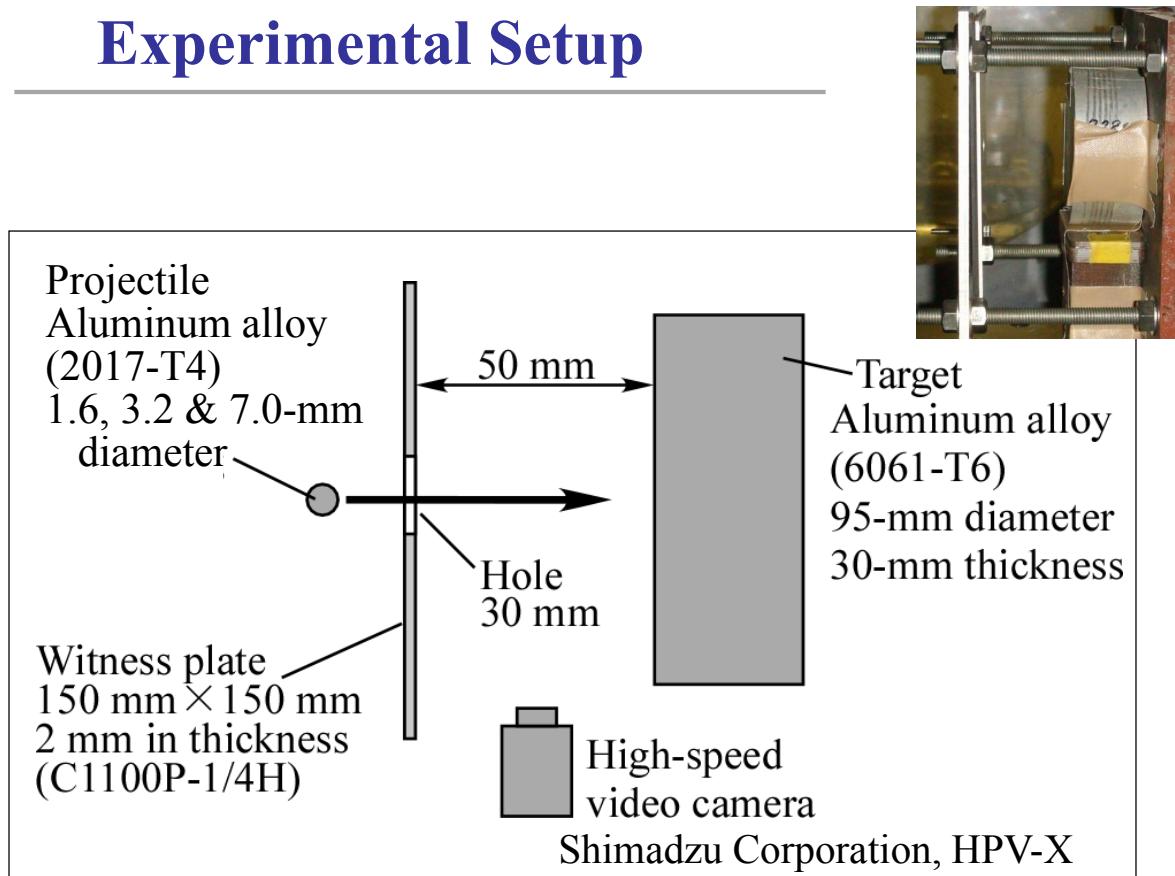


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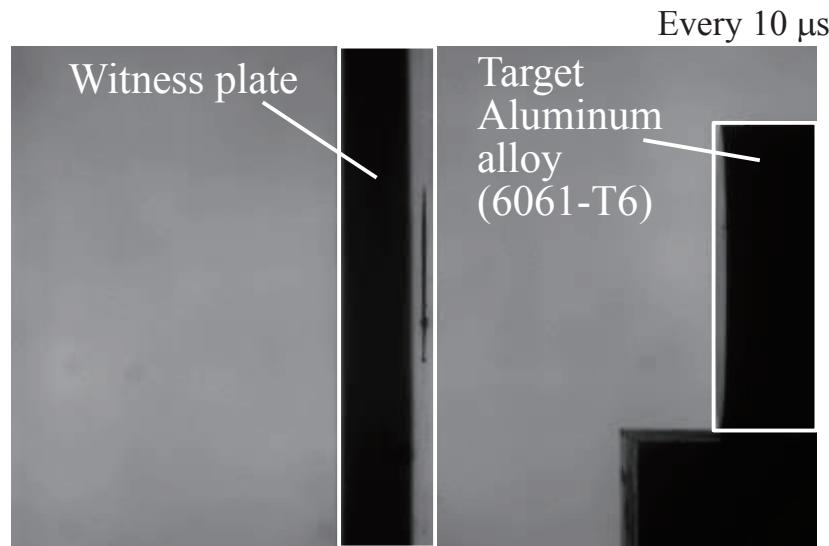
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## Earlier Studies of Our Group

### Experimental Setup



## Image of Scattering Ejecta



Projectile: Aluminum alloy (2017-T4)  
3.2-mm diameter

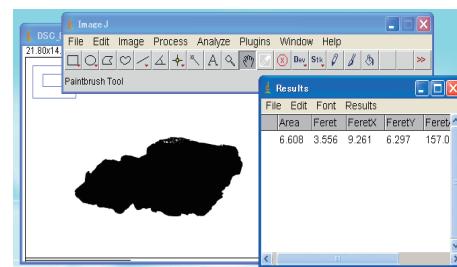
Impact velocity 4.14 km/s

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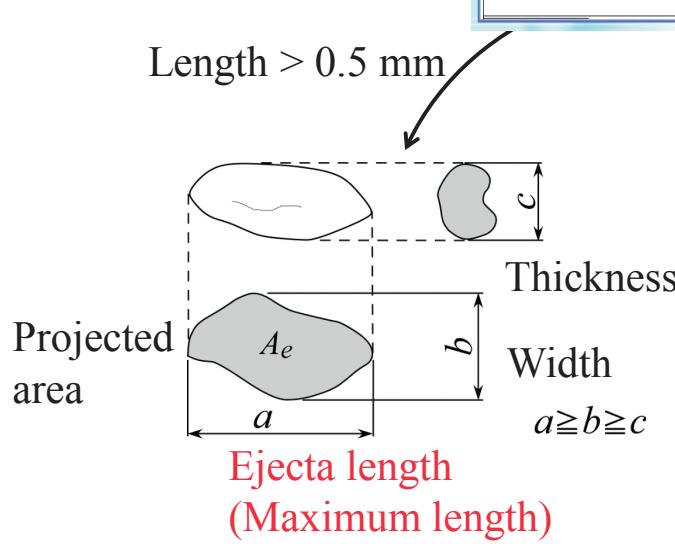
## Definition of Ejecta Size

Image analysis software

(Image J)



Length > 0.5 mm

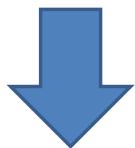


ϕ7mm, 2.92 km/s

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# Today's Presentation Contents

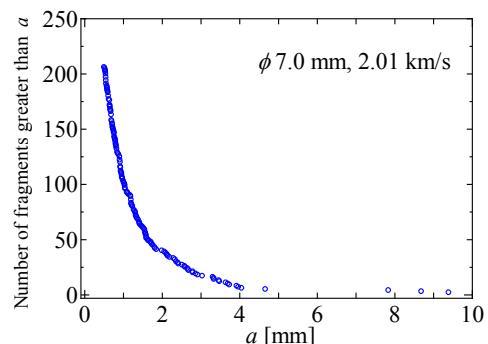
1. Hypervelocity impacts of aluminum alloy spheres on aluminum alloy targets



2. Length distribution of ejecta collected from test chamber

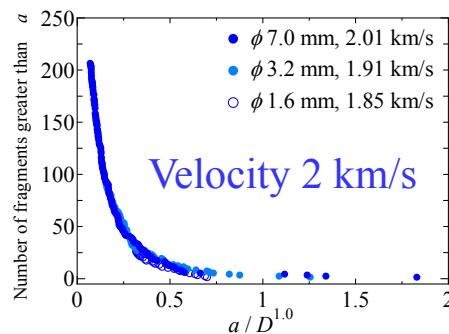
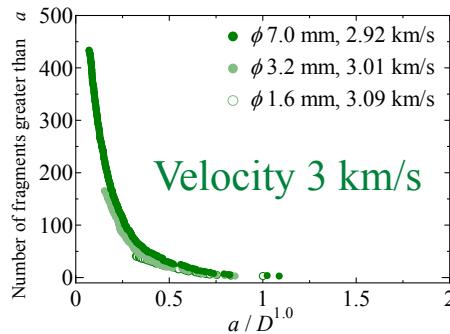
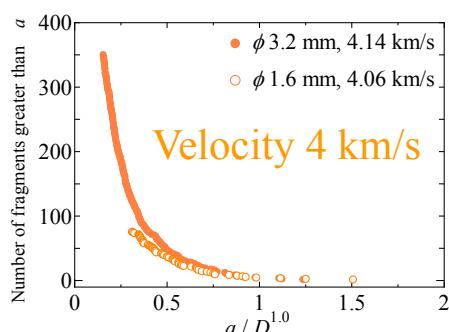
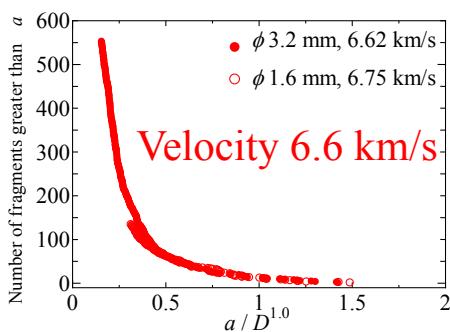


3. Scaling law for ejecta length



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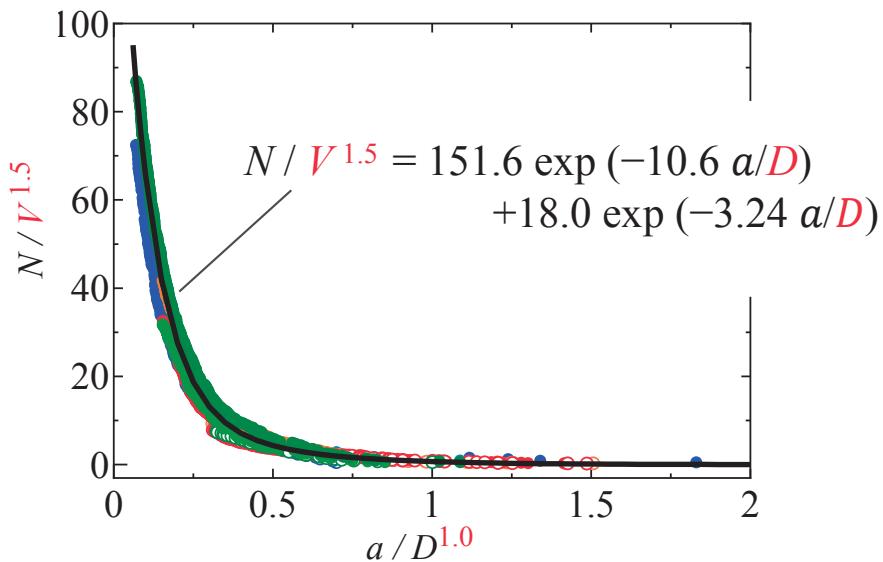
## Normalization on Horizontal Axis



Ejecta length on horizontal axis divided by projectile diameter  $D^{1.0}$  → Good agreement

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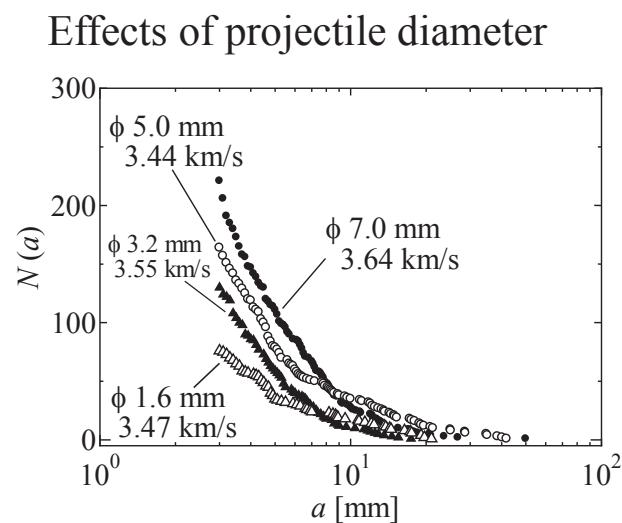
## Normalization of Vertical Axis & Horizontal Axis



Masahiro Nishida, Yasuyuki Hiraiwa, Koichi Hayashi, Sunao Hasegawa, Scaling laws for size distribution of fragments resulting from hypervelocity impacts of aluminum alloy spherical projectiles on thick aluminum alloy targets: Effects of impact velocity and projectile diameter, International Journal of Impact Engineering, 109, (2017) pp. 400-407.

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## The Number of Ejecta on Front Side



Al sphere → CFRP plates  
(Front side of target)



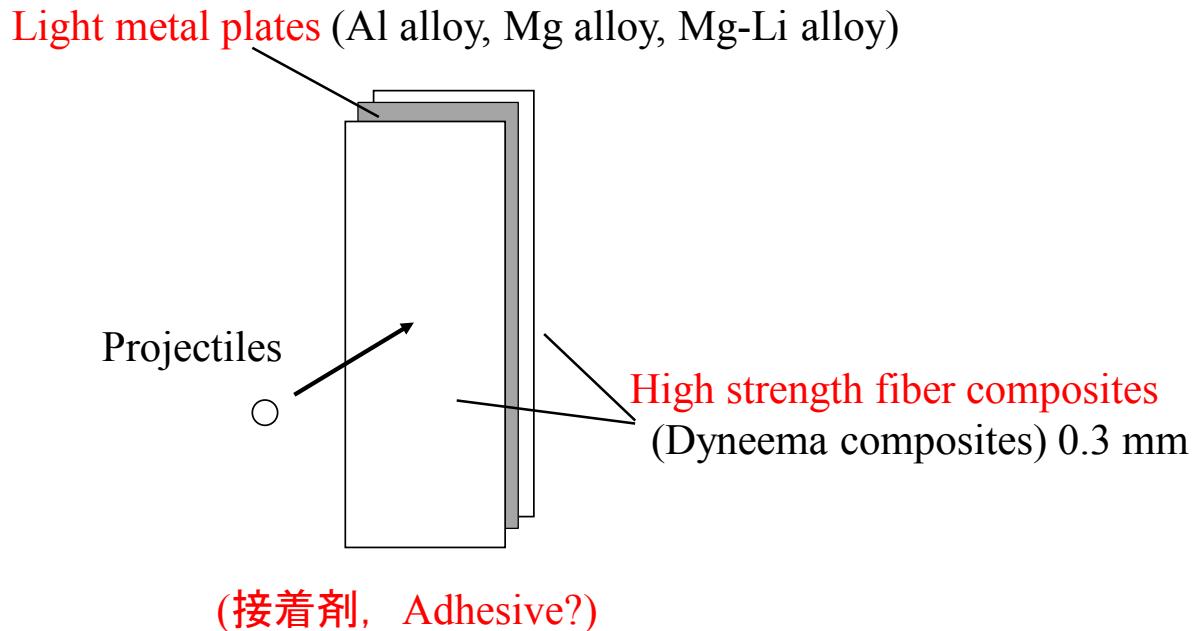
Reduction of ejecta

西田, 林, 東出, 材料 (2018)

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# Projects for Reduction of Ejecta

Project : High strength fiber composites / Al (Mg)



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## Earlier Studies of Debris Shielding (1/2)

### PBI coating/CFRP

Polybenzimidazole (PBI):  
Atomic Oxygen Protective Coating

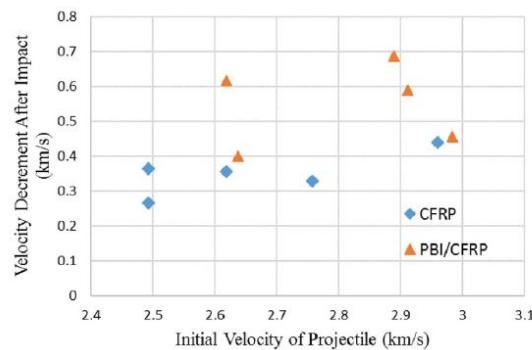
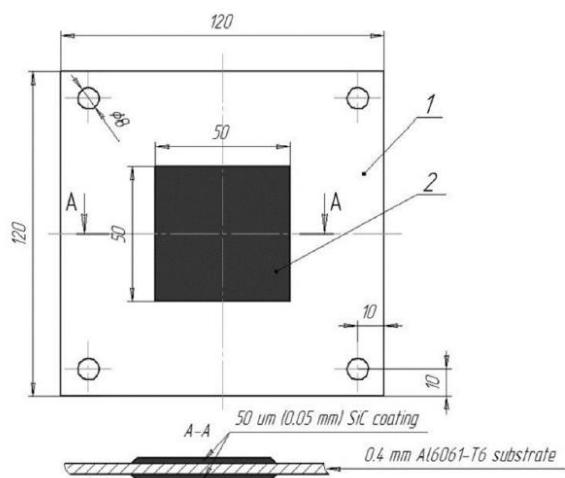


Fig. 5. Velocity decrement of the projectile after impact with CFRP and PBI/CFRP.

Sarath Kumar Sathish Kumar, et al., Polybenzimidazole (PBI) film coating for improved hypervelocity impact energy absorption for space applications, Composite Structures 188 (2018) 72–77

### SiC coating/Al



Aleksandr Cherniaev, Igor Telichev, Sacrificial bumpers with high-impedance ceramic coating for orbital debris shielding, International Journal of Impact Engineering, 119 (2018) 45–56

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## Earlier Studies of Debris Shielding (2/2)

Ti-Al nylon impedance-graded materials

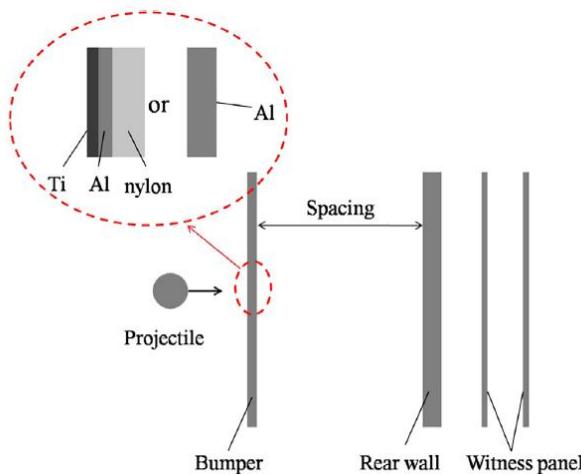


Fig. 1. Experiment schematic diagram.

Kevlar/ CFRP

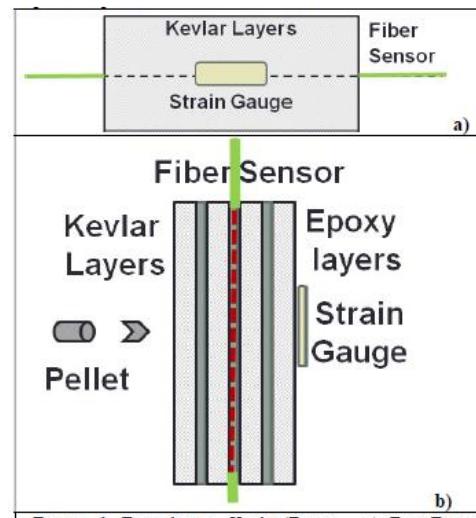


Figure 6, Four layers Kevlar/Epoxy, a) Top Front View; b) Cross Section Side View Strain Gauge and FBG (example Shot #79)

Zhang P.L., et al., Study of the shielding performance of a Whipple shield enhanced by Ti-Alnylon impedance-graded materials, International Journal of Impact Engineering 124 (2019) 23–30

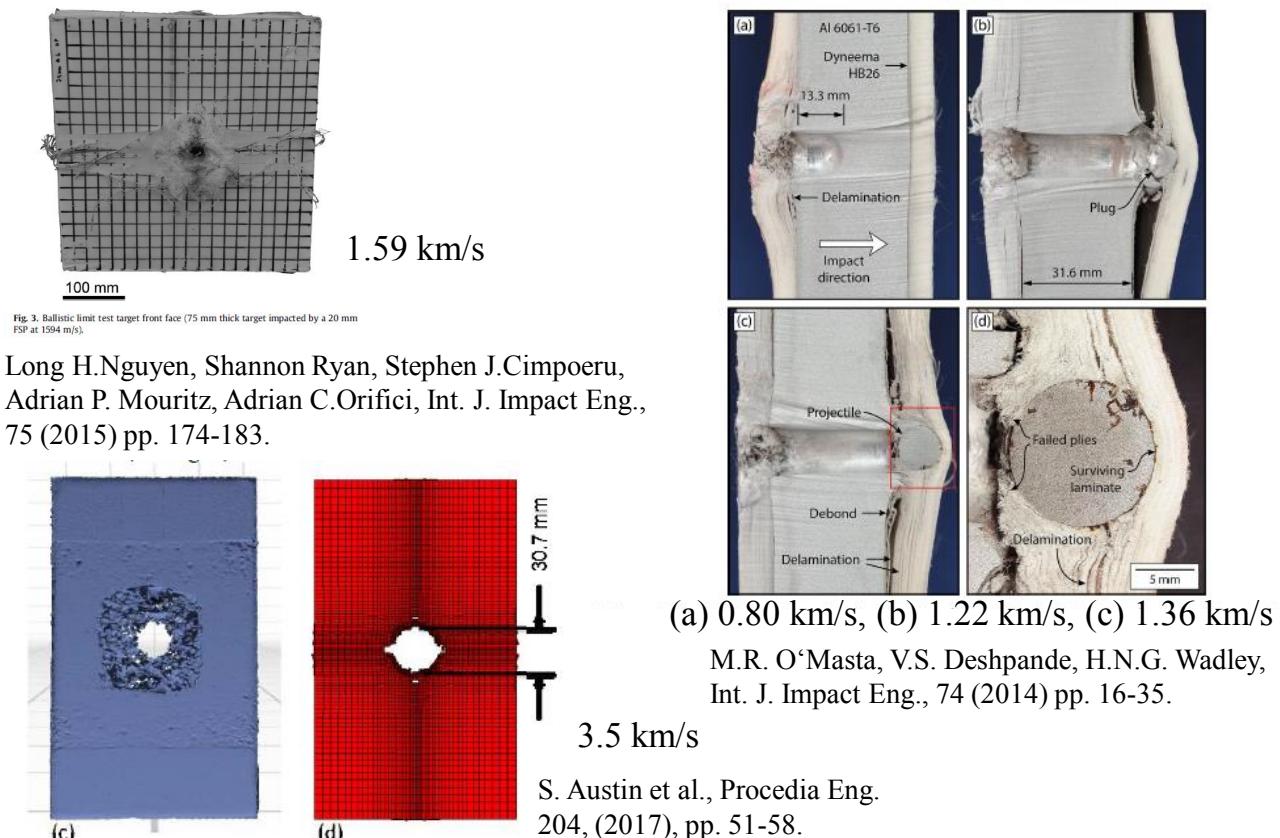
Emile Haddad, et al., Mitigating the effect of space small debris on COPV in space with fiber sensors and self repairing materials, Proc. ECSSMET (2018)

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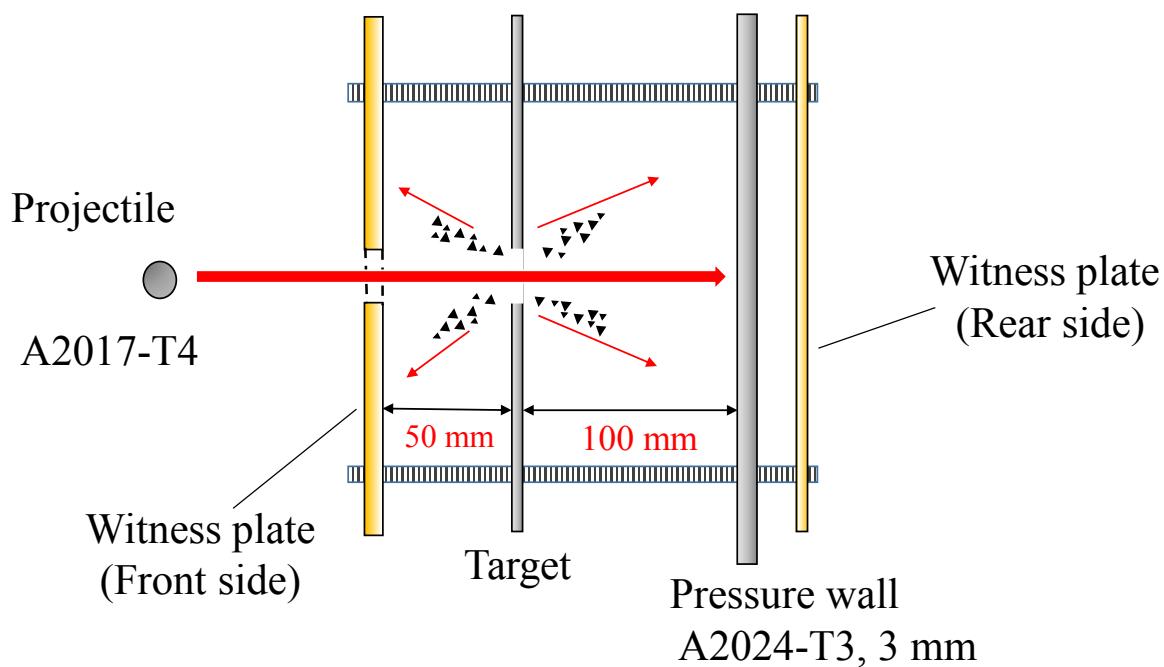
Project 3 High strength fiber composites / Al (Mg)

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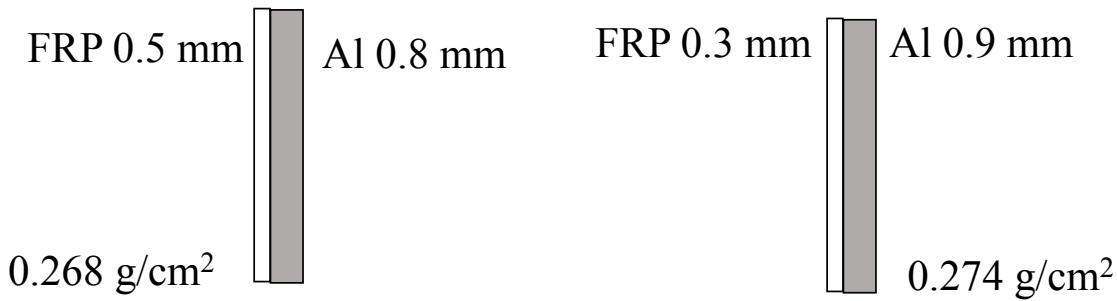
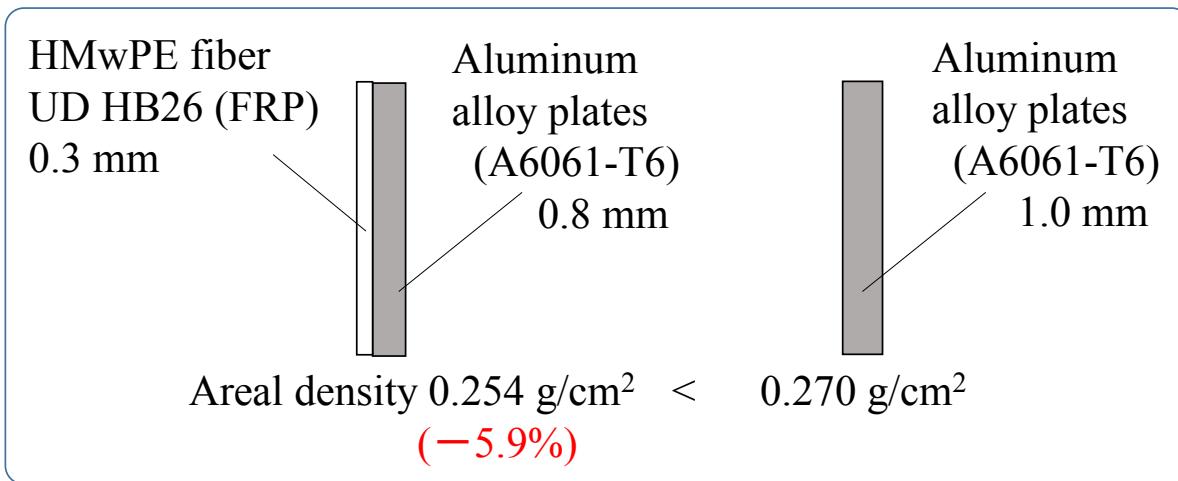
## Earlier Studies of Dyneema Composites



## Experimental Setup



## Dyneema Composites & Aluminum Alloy Plates

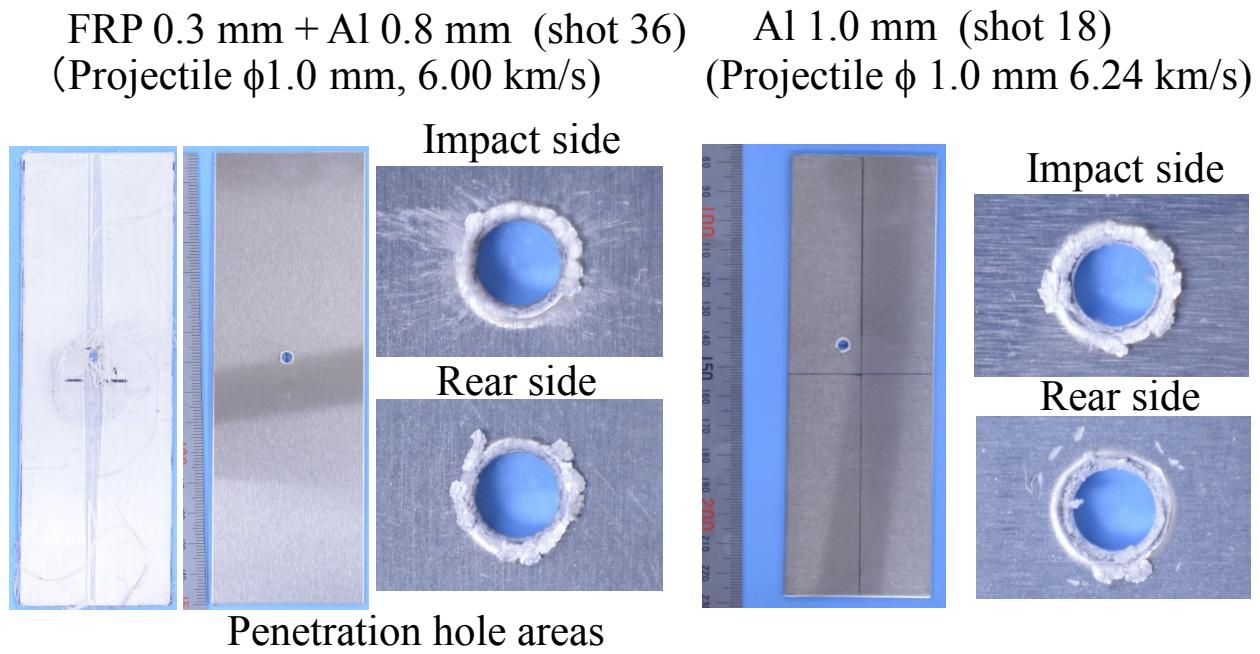


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**Results of projectile diameter 1.0 mm and impact velocity 6 km/s**

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## Penetration Holes

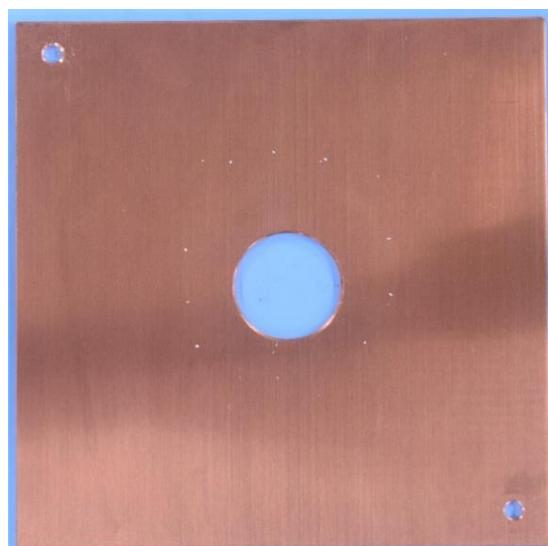


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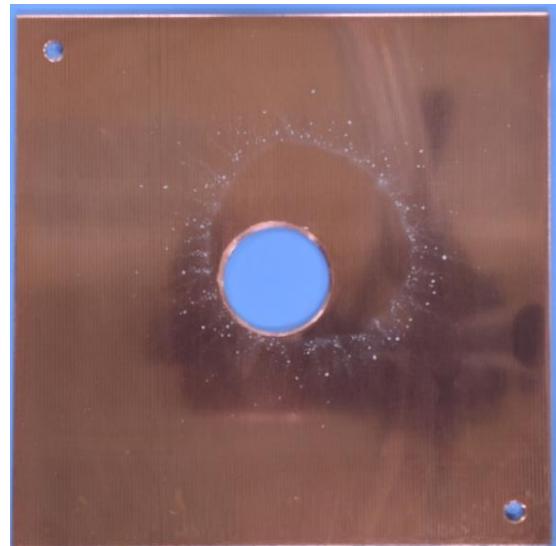
## Witness Plates on Impact Side (1/2)

ISO 11227 : Test procedure to evaluate spacecraft material ejecta upon hypervelocity impact

FRP 0.3 mm + Al 0.8 mm (shot 36)      Al 1.0 mm (shot 18)



(Projectile  $\phi$ 1.0 mm, 6.00 km/s)



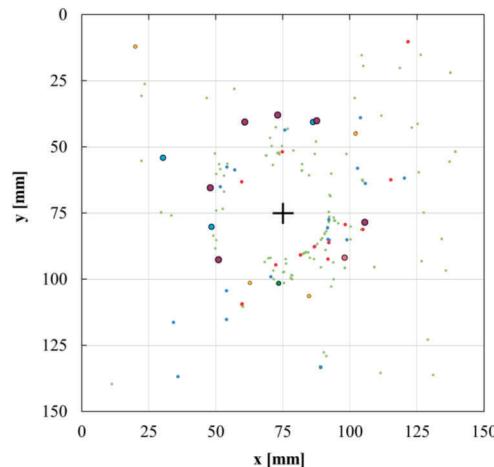
(Projectile  $\phi$  1.0 mm 6.24 km/s)

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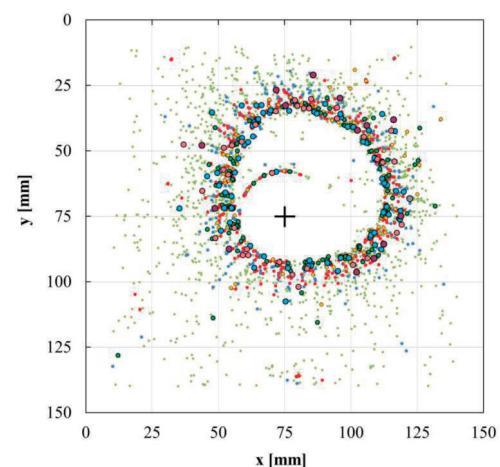
## Witness Plates on Impact Side (2/2)

ISO 11227 : Test procedure to evaluate spacecraft material ejecta upon hypervelocity impact

FRP 0.3 mm + Al 0.8 mm (shot 36)



Al 1.0 mm (shot 18)



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## Pressure Wall

FRP 0.3 mm + Al 0.8 mm (shot 36)



Al 1.0 mm (shot 18)



(Projectile  $\phi$ 1.0 mm, 6.00 km/s)

(Projectile  $\phi$  1.0 mm 6.24 km/s)

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## Summary

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Areal density of FRP/Al was – 5.9% of Al plates.

1. Penetration holes → No tendency
2. Witness plates on impact side → **Low ejection velocity**
3. The number of ejecta collected from test chamber → The same
4. Pressure walls → **Less damage**
5. Ballistic Limit Curve → **Slightly improved**

Unclear points (困っている点)

1. Welding of aluminum alloys?
2. Adhesive of FRP/Al?

## Thank you for your kind attention

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