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# Safety of High Pressure Hydrogen Tank - Approach to Carbon Neutral Society -

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1. High Pressure Hydrogen Management
2. Types of Tank
3. How to Ensure Reliability of Tank
4. Applicability of Fracture Mechanics
5. Application of Health Monitoring System

**We have several options for energy supply chain to realize carbon neutral society.**

Hydrogen is the most promising.

# Mobile Application of Fuel Cell



Intelligent Energy

<https://www.intelligent-energy.com/our-products/uavs/>



<https://www.toyota-shokki.co.jp/news/release/2016/07/26/001318/index.html>



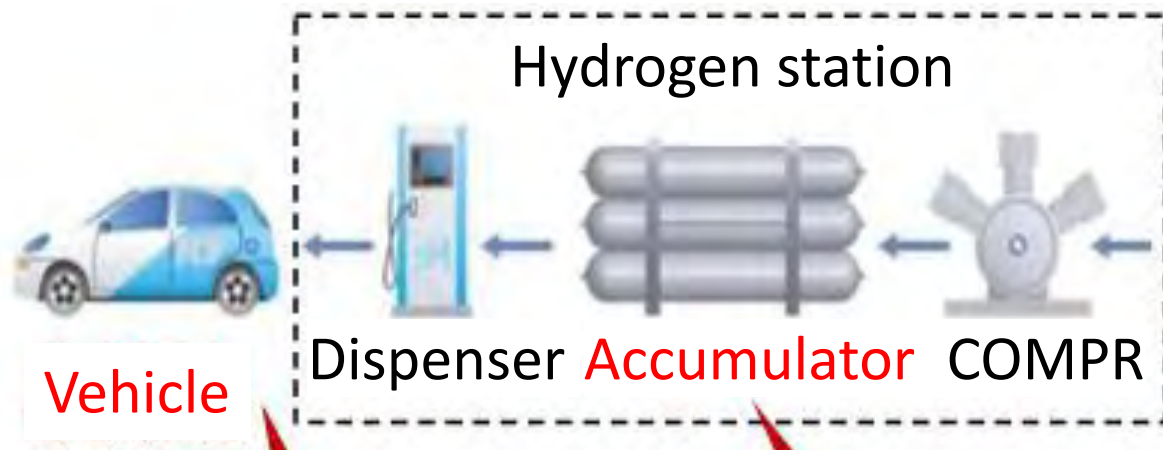
Alstom's Coradia iLint

<https://www.globalrailwayreview.com/news/77191/hydrogen-fuel-cell-train-tour/>



Bike with Cartridge Tank

# Hydrogen Tank to Support Fuel Cell Vehicle



Trailer



# Types of tank

Type4 for FCV

# Four Types of Hydrogen Tank

## **Type1**

all metal cylindrical pressure vessel

## **Type2**

a hoop wrapped cylindrical pressure vessel with a load sharing metal liner and composite reinforcement on the cylindrical part only

## **Type3**

fully wrapped cylindrical pressure vessel with a load sharing metal liner and composite reinforcement on both the cylindrical part and dome ends

## **Type4**

a fully wrapped cylindrical pressure vessel with a non-load sharing liner and composite reinforcement on both the cylindrical part and the dome ends



# For FCV Tank or Fueling Station

## FCV tank

Normal working pressure	: 70 MPa
Allowable temperature	: 85°C ~ -40°C
Pressure cycles	: 5500 or 11,000
Design optimization	: Light weight

## Accumulator

Design pressure	: 100 MPa
Allowable temperature	: Ambient
Pressure cycles	: 100,000
Design optimization	: Cost reduction

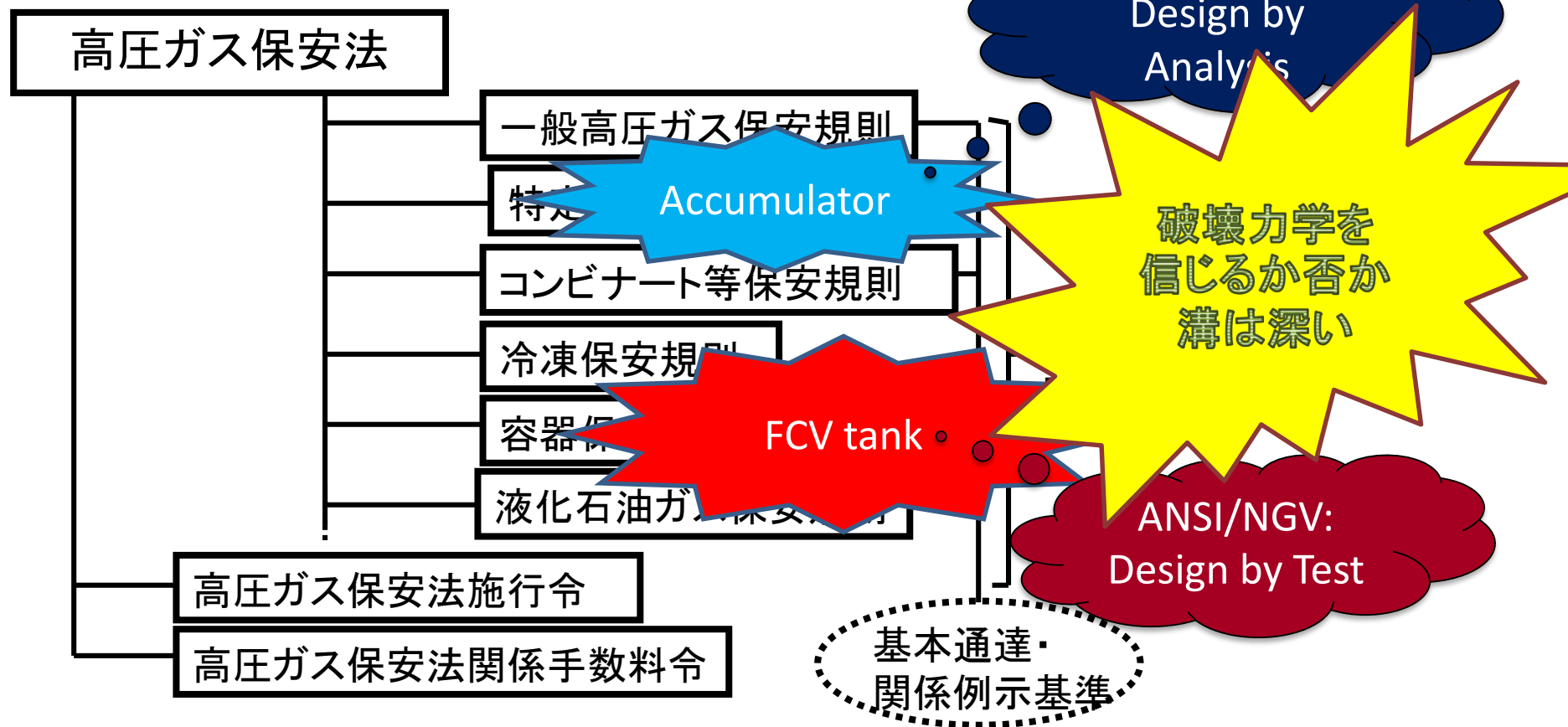
# How to Ensure Reliability of tank

Fracture mechanics ?



# Japanese Regulation of Tank

## 高压ガス保安法令等の主な体系



# KHKS 0220 Regulation

1. Scope
  2. Definition of terms
  3. Materials
  4. Design
    4. 1 General
    4. 2 Basic formulation
    4. 3 Pressurized cylinder
    4. 4 Fatigue analysis
    4. 5 Strength and fatigue evaluation
    4. 6 Experiment for fatigue analysis
    4. 7 Leak before break
    4. 8 Crack propagation
  5. Manufacturing
  6. Stationary test
  7. Leakage
- Never require performance test as design standard !**

# Performance Test for FCV Tank

1. Absence of methodology by specimen test to determine allowable stress for CFRP
2. Reliability by performance tests
3. Origination from compressed natural gas vehicle
4. Design by trial and error

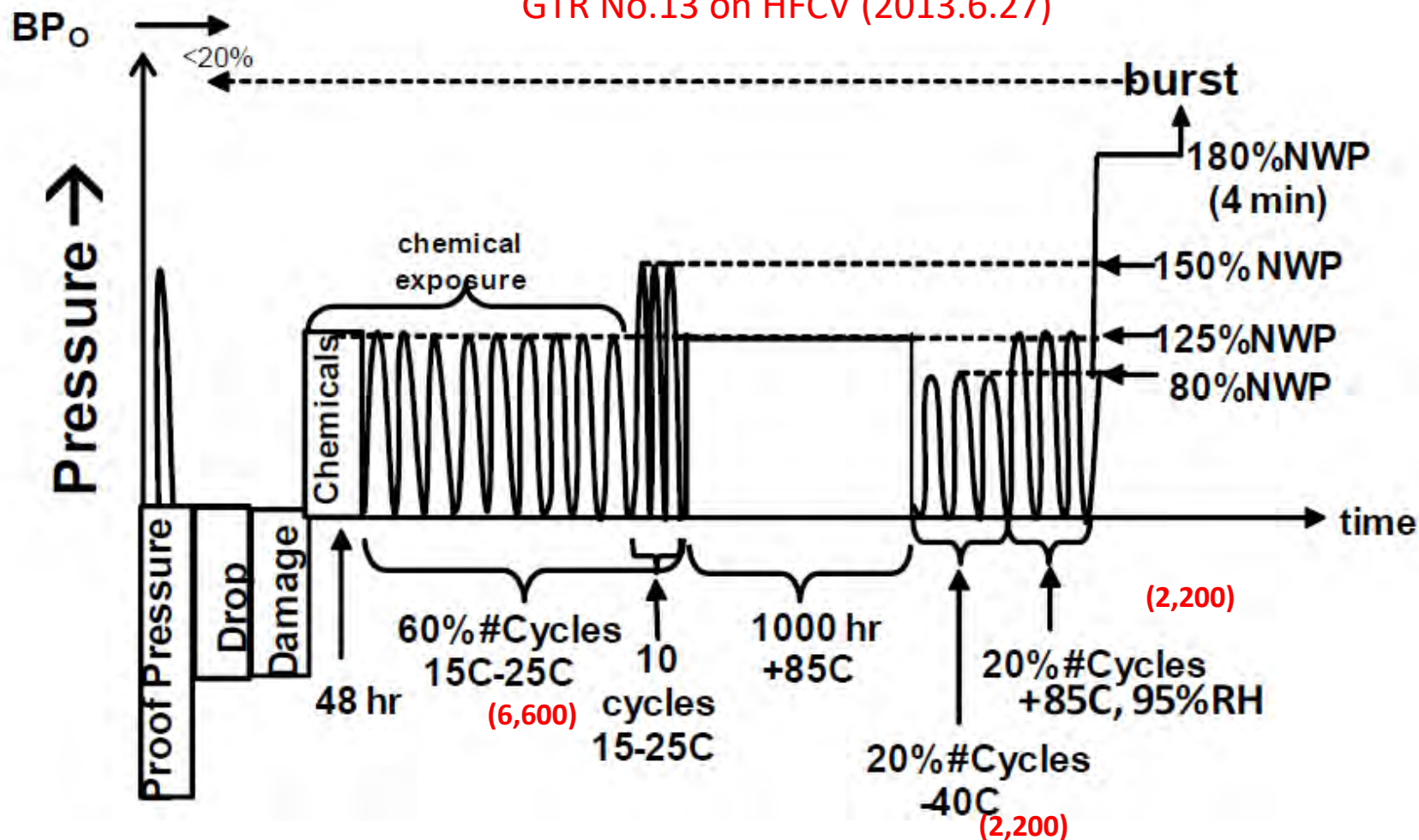
# Performance Test for Simulated Life of Tank

Global Technical Regulation No.13 (UNR134)

- Drop test
  - Surface damage test
  - Chemical exposure test
  - Ambient-temperature pressure cycling test
    - 10 cycles by 150 % NWP
    - High temperature static pressure test
    - Extreme temperature pressure cycling
      - Hydraulic residual pressure test
      - Burst test

# Performance Based Test for Type 4 Tank

GTR No.13 on HFCV (2013.6.27)



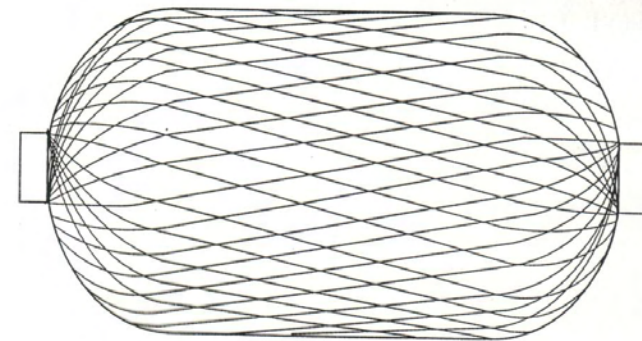
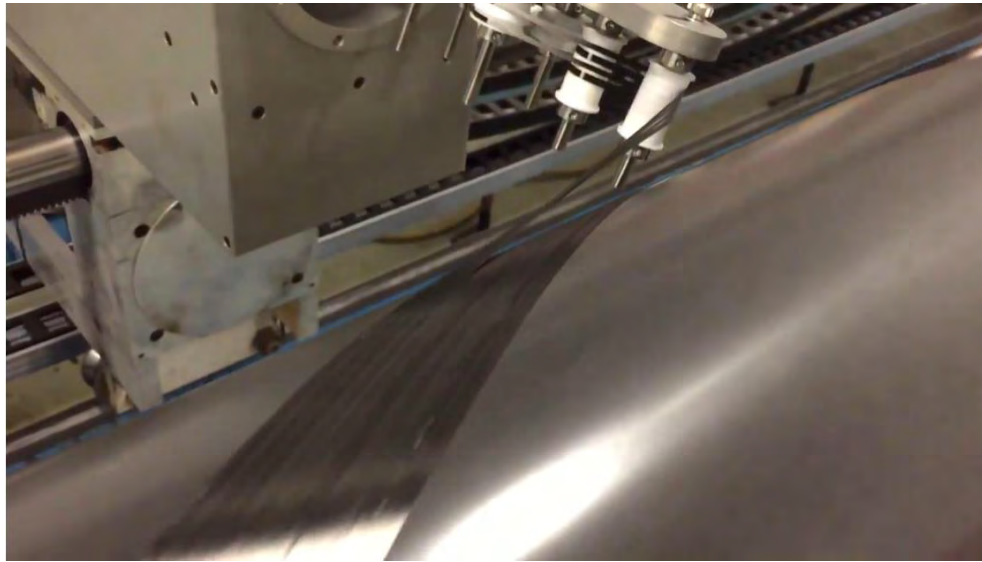
#Cycles = 5,500 or 7,500 or **11,000**

# Applicability of Fracture Mechanics

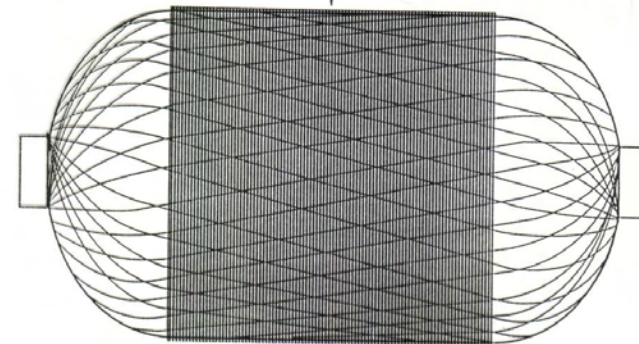
Difficulty by complicated  
mechanical field in CFRP



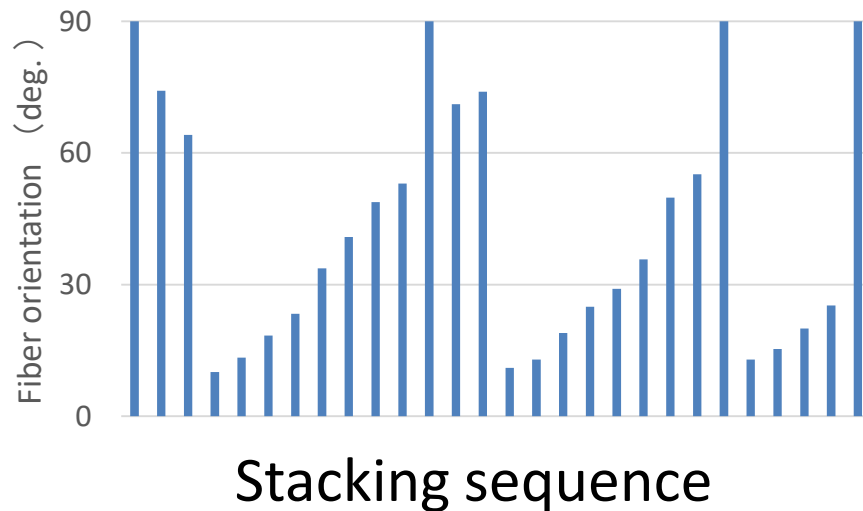
# Filament Winding Method



Helical winding



Hoop winding

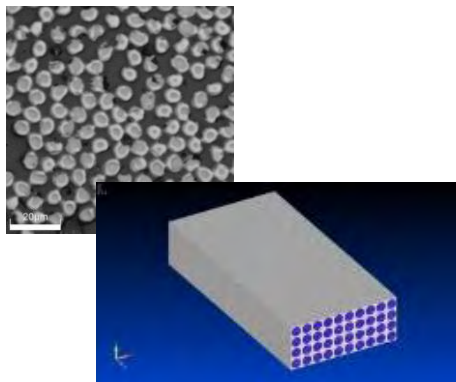


Huge variation of stacking sequence  
=> **Difficulty in stress analysis**



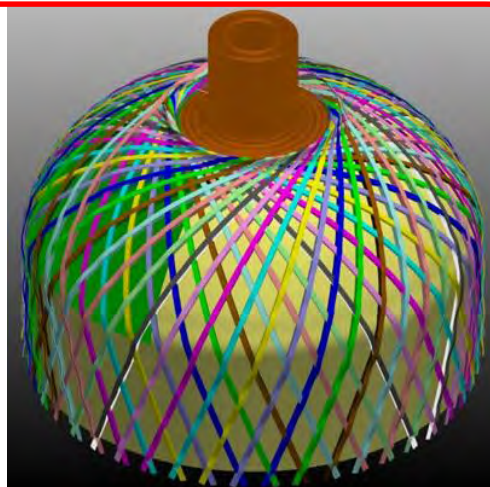
# Approach by Meso-scale Modeling of CFRP

## Micro-scale



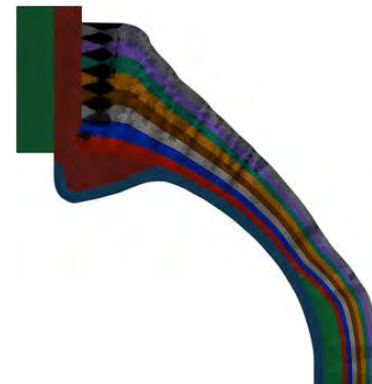
- ✓ Solid model
- ✓ Carbon fiber:  
Anisotropic material
- ✓ Matrix resin:  
Isotropic material

## Meso-scale



- ✓ Solid model
- ✓ Carbon fiber bundle:  
Anisotropic material
- ✓ Matrix resin:  
Isotropic material

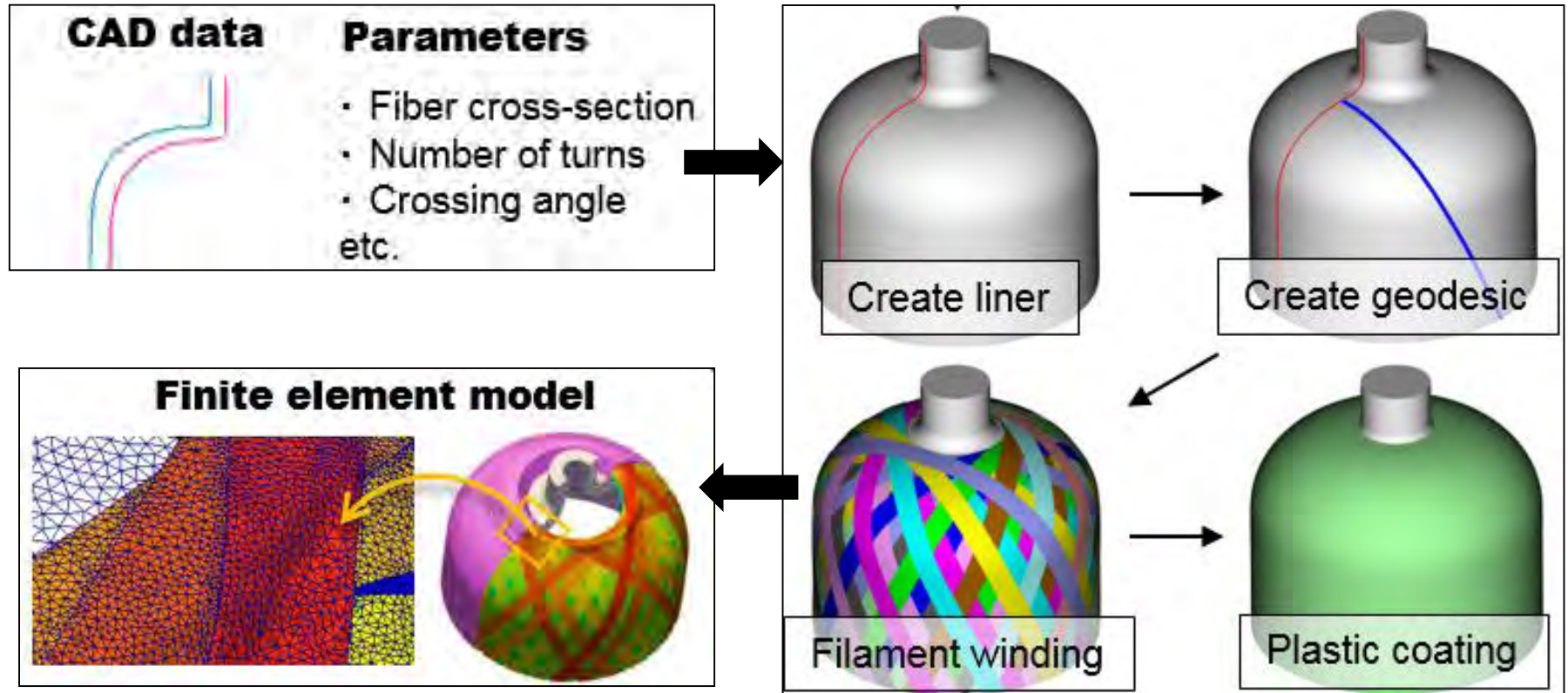
## Macro-scale



- ✓ Axisymmetric  
continuum model
- ✓ CFRP: Anisotropic  
material

Carbon fiber bundles and matrix resin are distinguished separately to cope with stress enhancement by fiber bundles crossing in filament winding process.

# Meso-scale Modeling of CFRP Tank

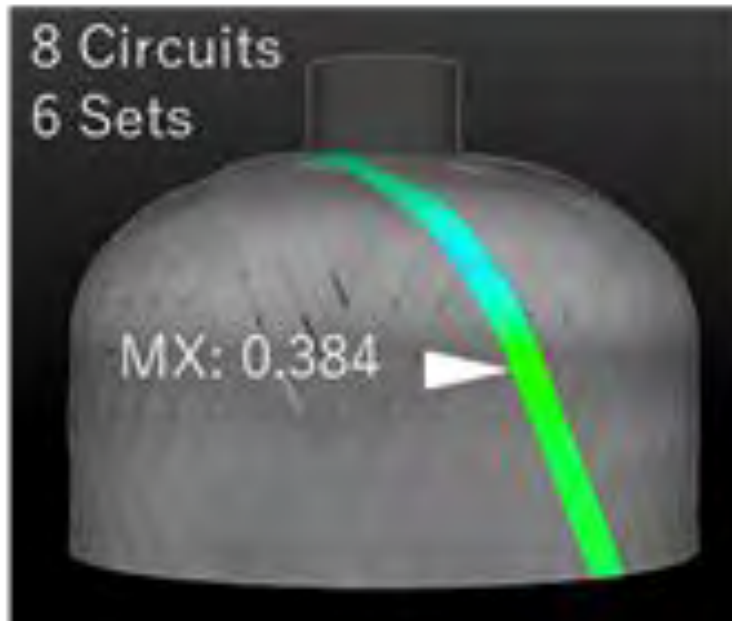


## Merit:

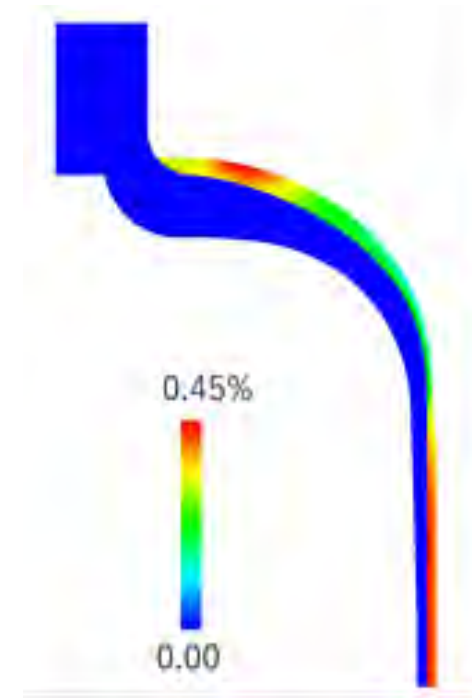
- Direct introduction of nonlinear fracture model of resin
- Explicit handling winding pass as design parameter

# Advanced Meso-scale Model

## Meso-scale



## Macro-scale



Strain along fiber is incorrectly evaluated by macro-scale model caused by inadequate continuum modeling based on rule of mixture and lamination theory.

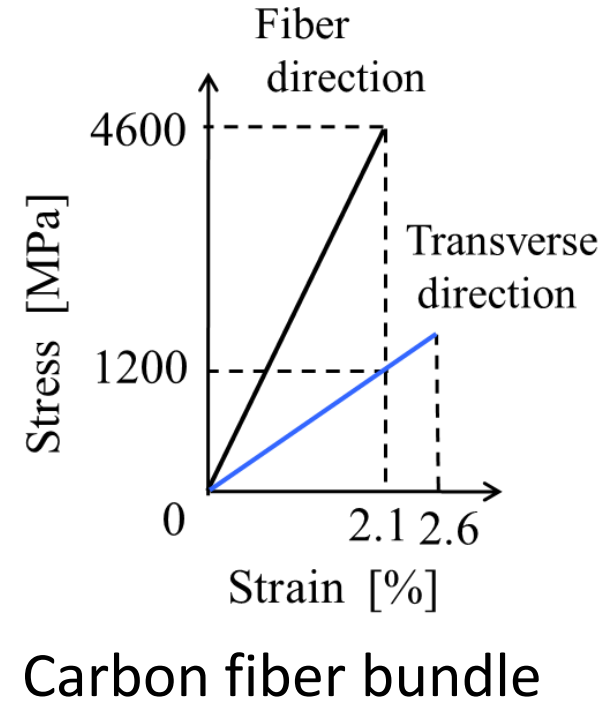
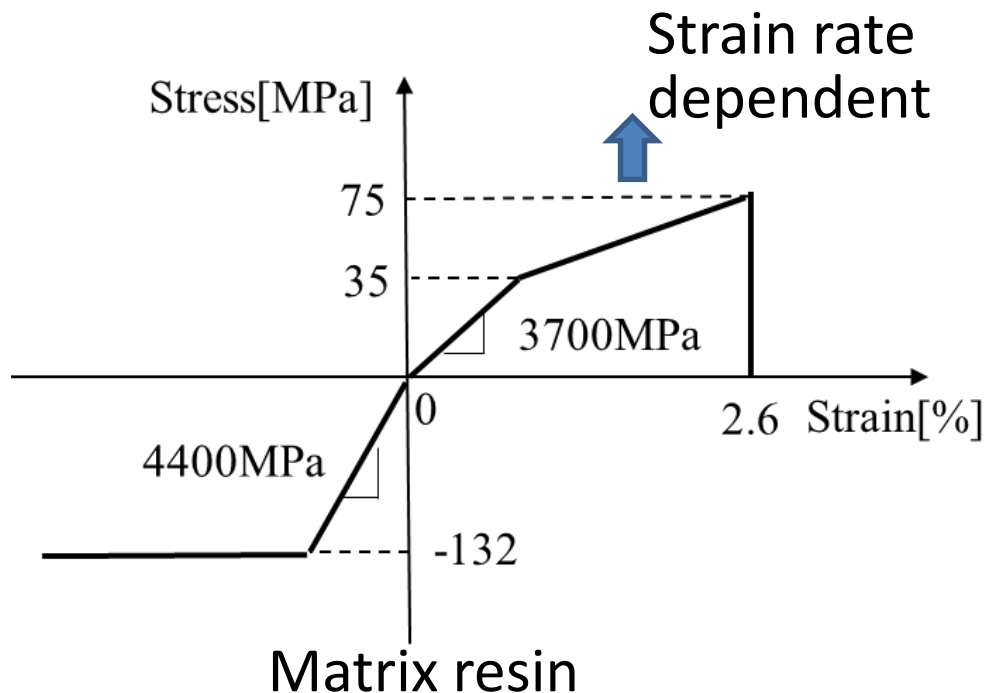
# Fracture Model Setting

Matrix resin:

- ✓ Plastic behavior depending on strain rate
- ✓ Asymmetric fracture model for tension and compression

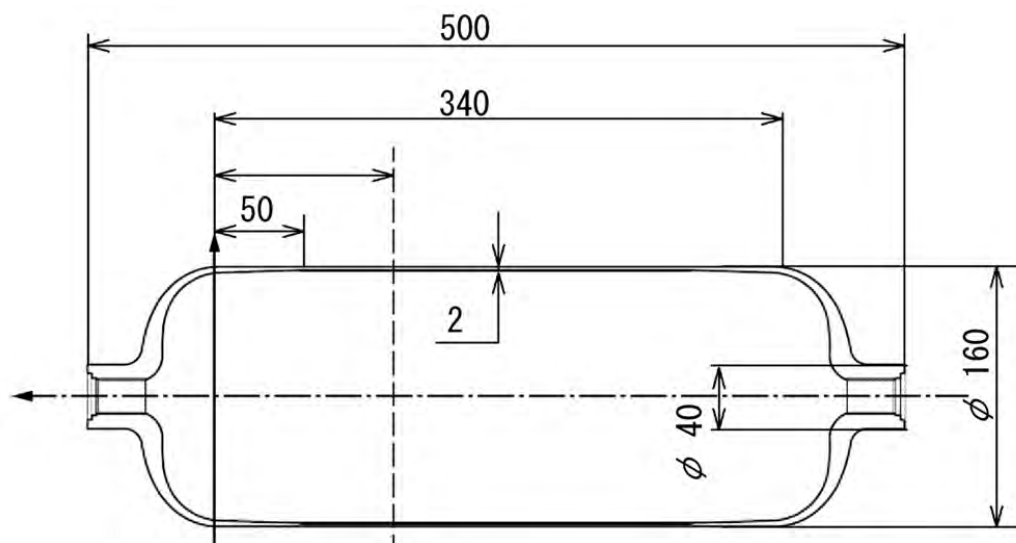
Carbon fiber bundle:

- ✓ Resin fracture criterion for transverse direction





# Validation by Pressurizing Burst Test



A6061 liner of 7.5 L

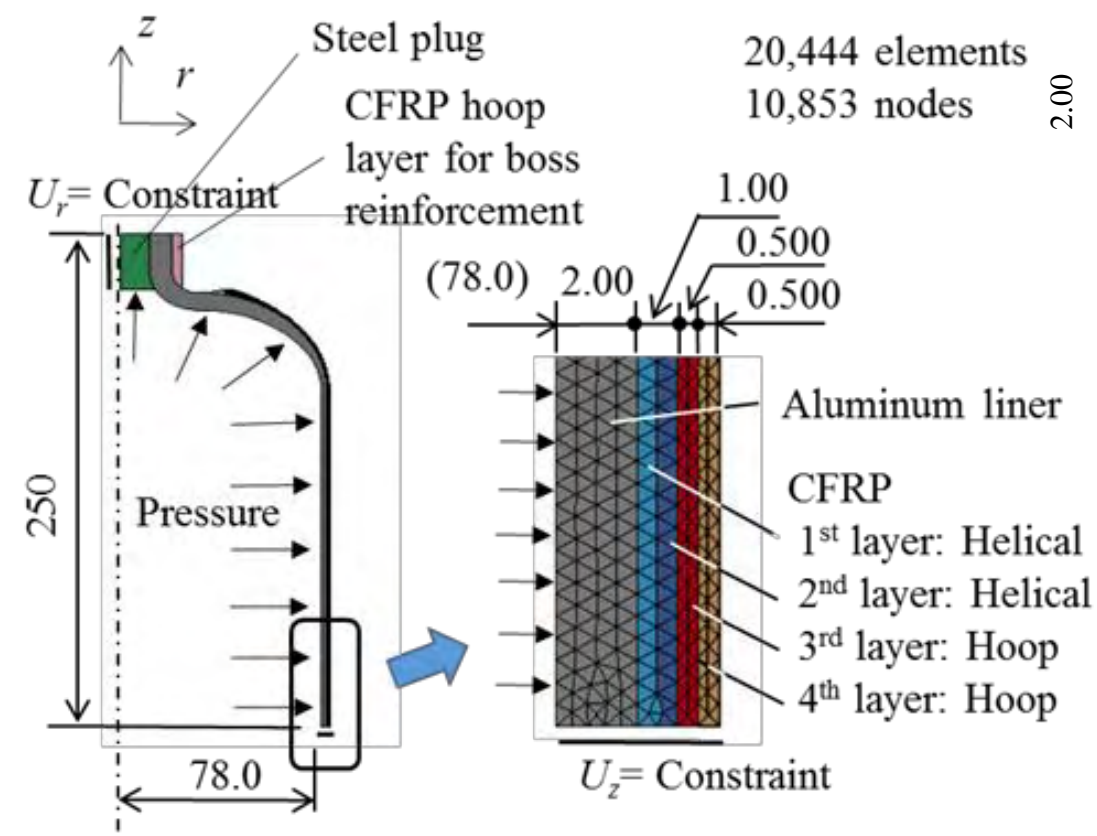


Type 3 mini-tank

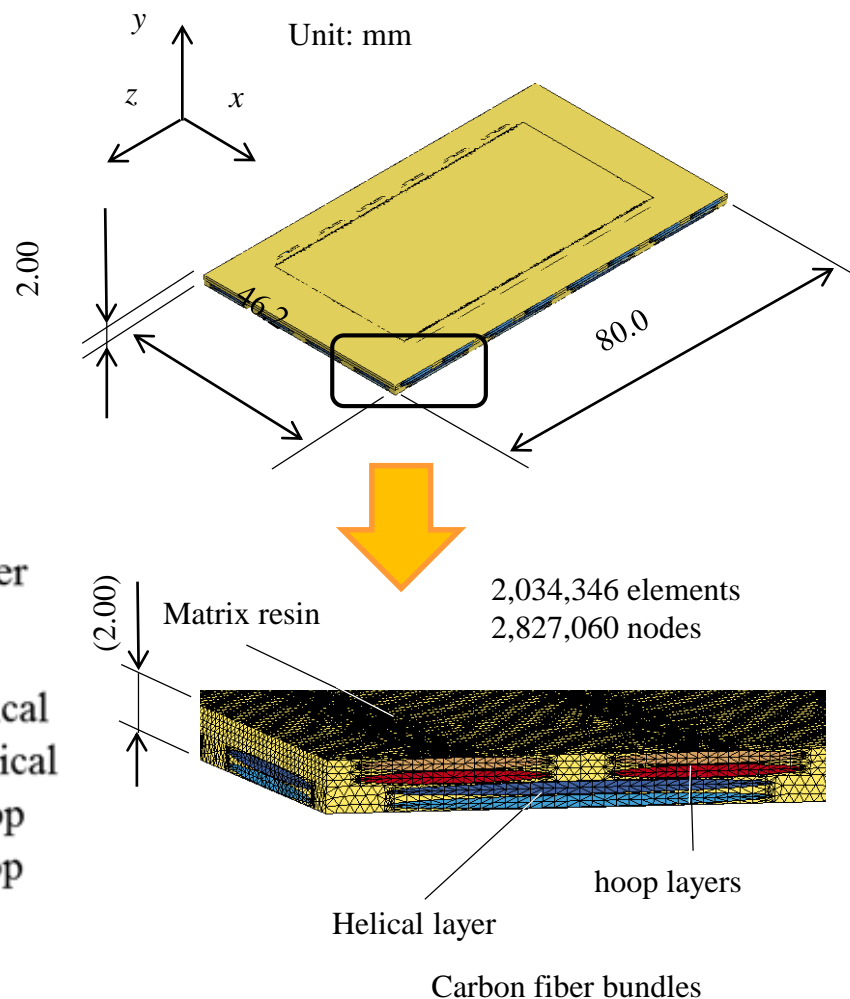


After burst test

# Zooming Simulation

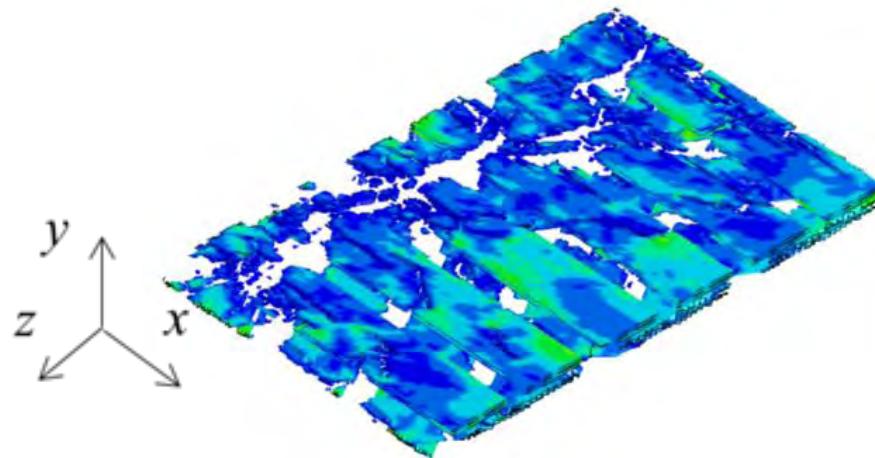
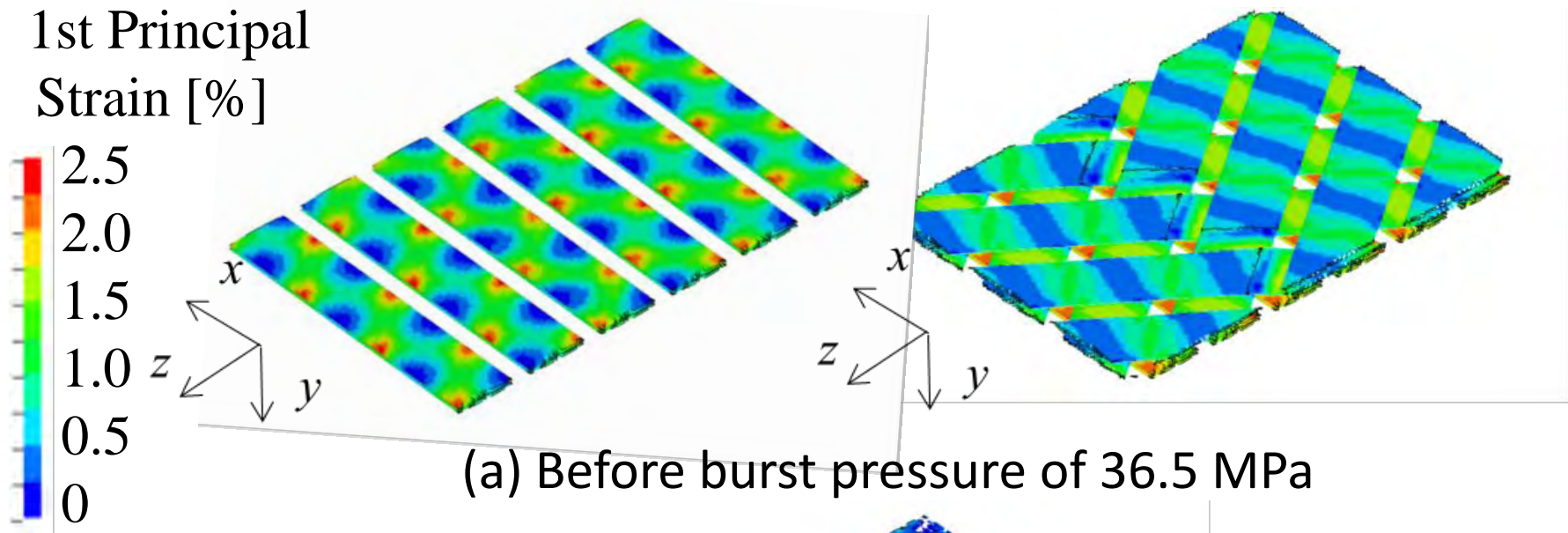


Macro-model



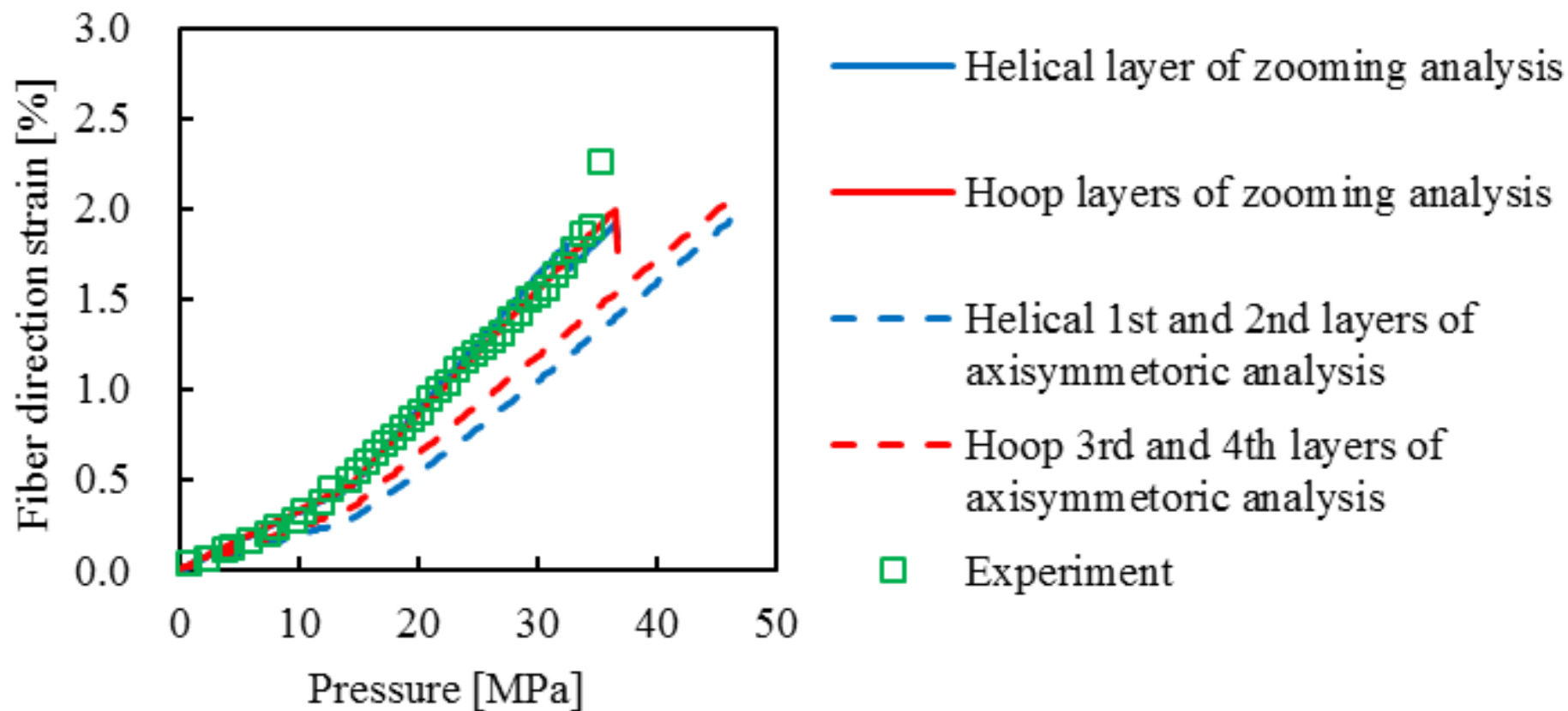
Meso-model

# Local 1<sup>st</sup> Principal Strain Enhancement





# Precise Prediction of Burst Pressure



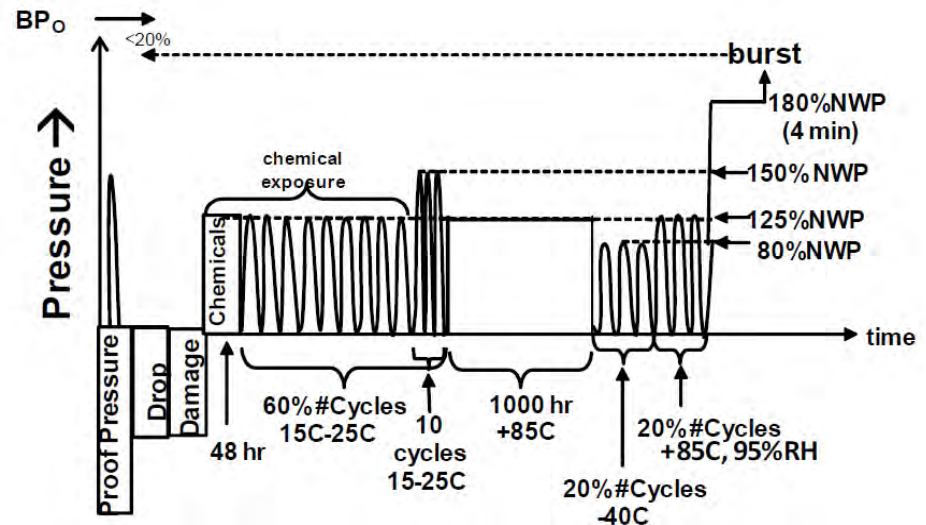
# Application of Health Monitoring System

Condition Based Maintenance  
(CBM)

# Huge Safety Factor by Performance Test

## Irrationalness of performance-based regulation : GTR No.13

- ✓ Stringent test to hold safety for 15 years without inspection
- ✓ Prohibition of use over 15 Years



## Rational proposal of condition-based maintenance

- ✓ Health monitoring of CFRP tank
- ✓ Utilizing automotive telecommunication technology
- ✓ Detail inspection after damage signal

## Concluding Remarks

- ◆ Absence of design methodology based on fracture mechanics
- ◆ Complicated micro- and meso-structures of CFRP
- ◆ Performance test to ensure reliability of CFRP
- ◆ Application of fracture mechanics based on meso-scale simulation
- ◆ Condition-based maintenance for CFRP tank