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# NUMERICAL MODEL FOR THE PARAMETRIC ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT BALL-PADDLE RACQUET.

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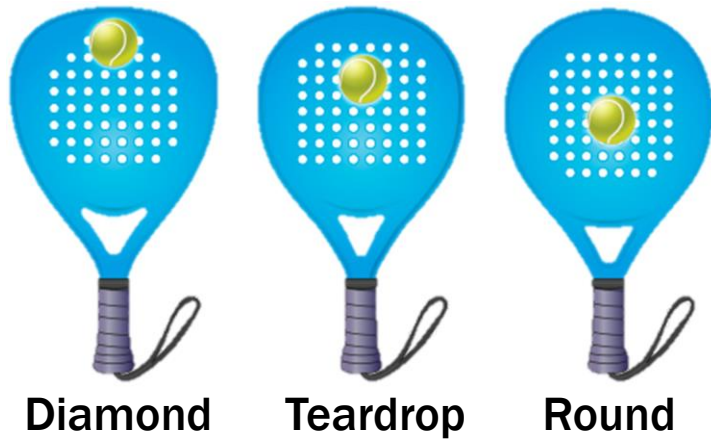
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## Outline



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**Diamond**

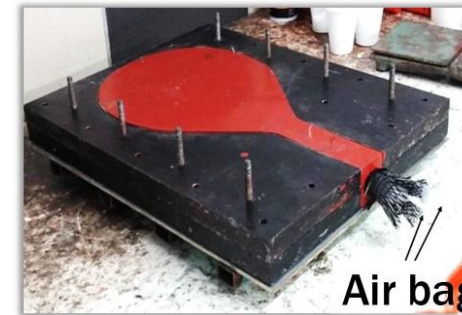
**Teardrop**

**Round**

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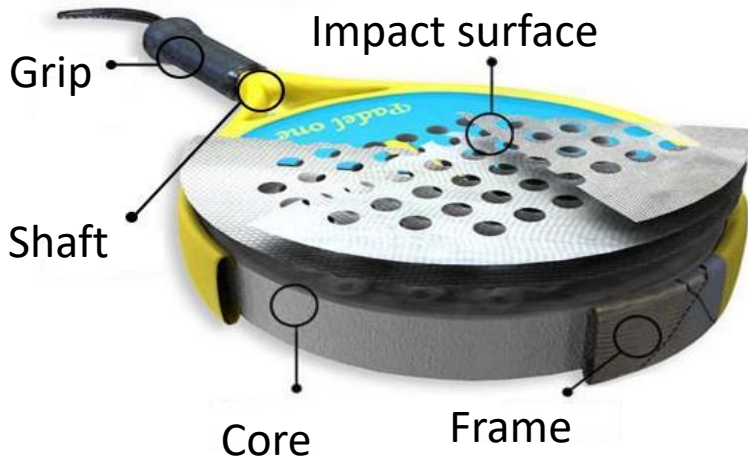


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Air bag

**PLAYER'S SENSATIONS**



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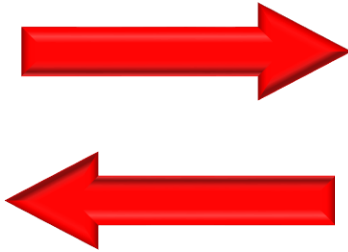
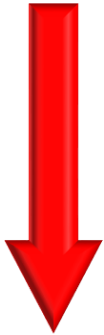
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**NUMERICAL SIMULATION  
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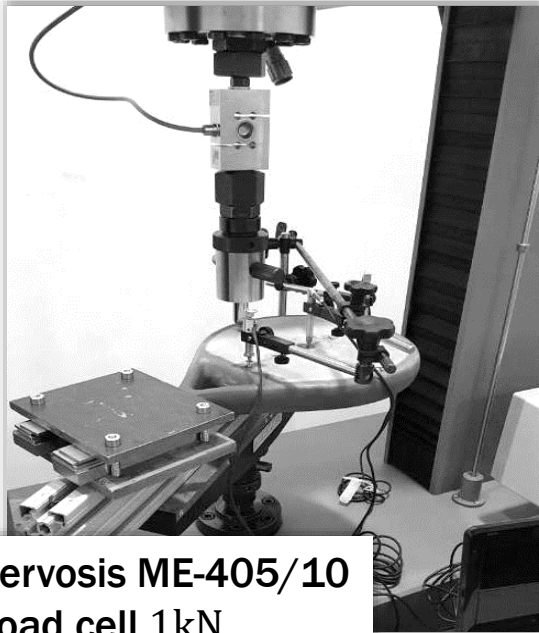
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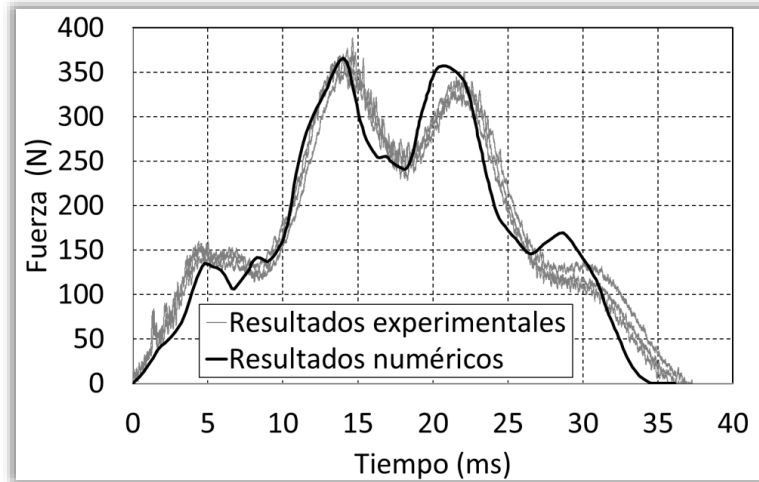
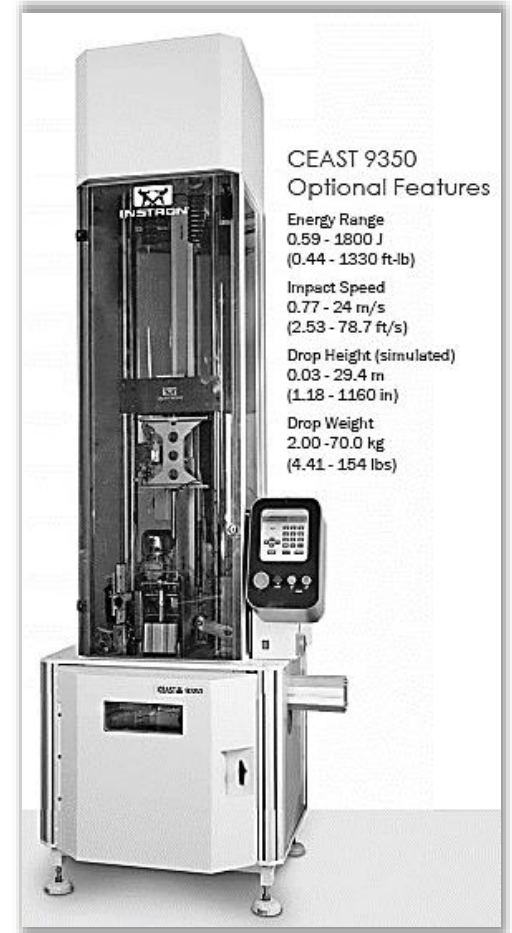
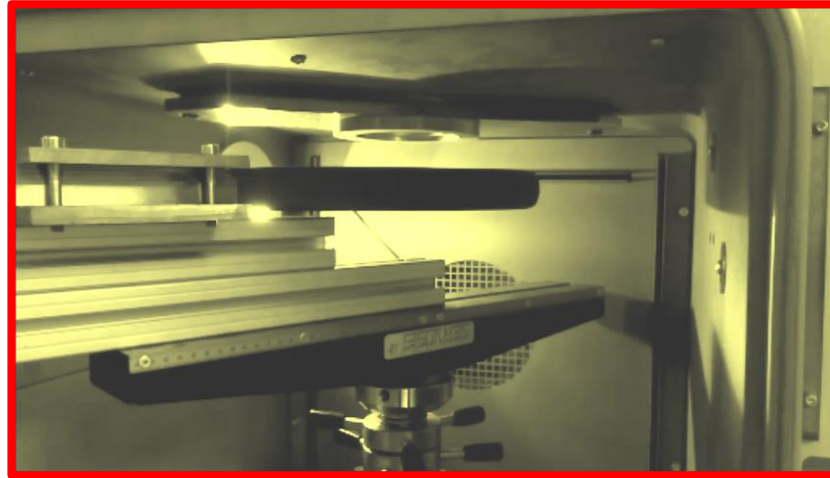
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## Static & Dynamic (impact) tests



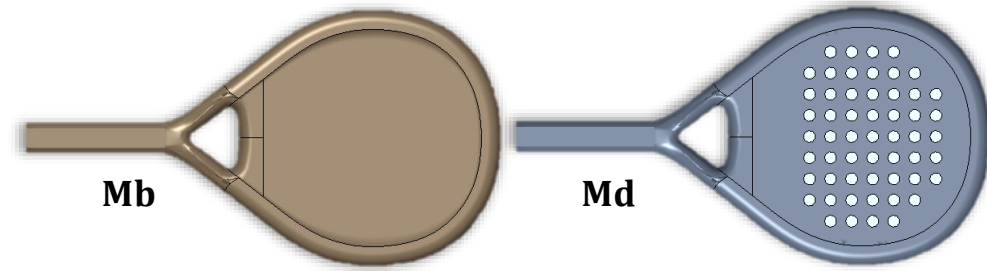
Servosis ME-405/10  
 Load cell 1kN  
 Load<sub>max</sub>: 50N



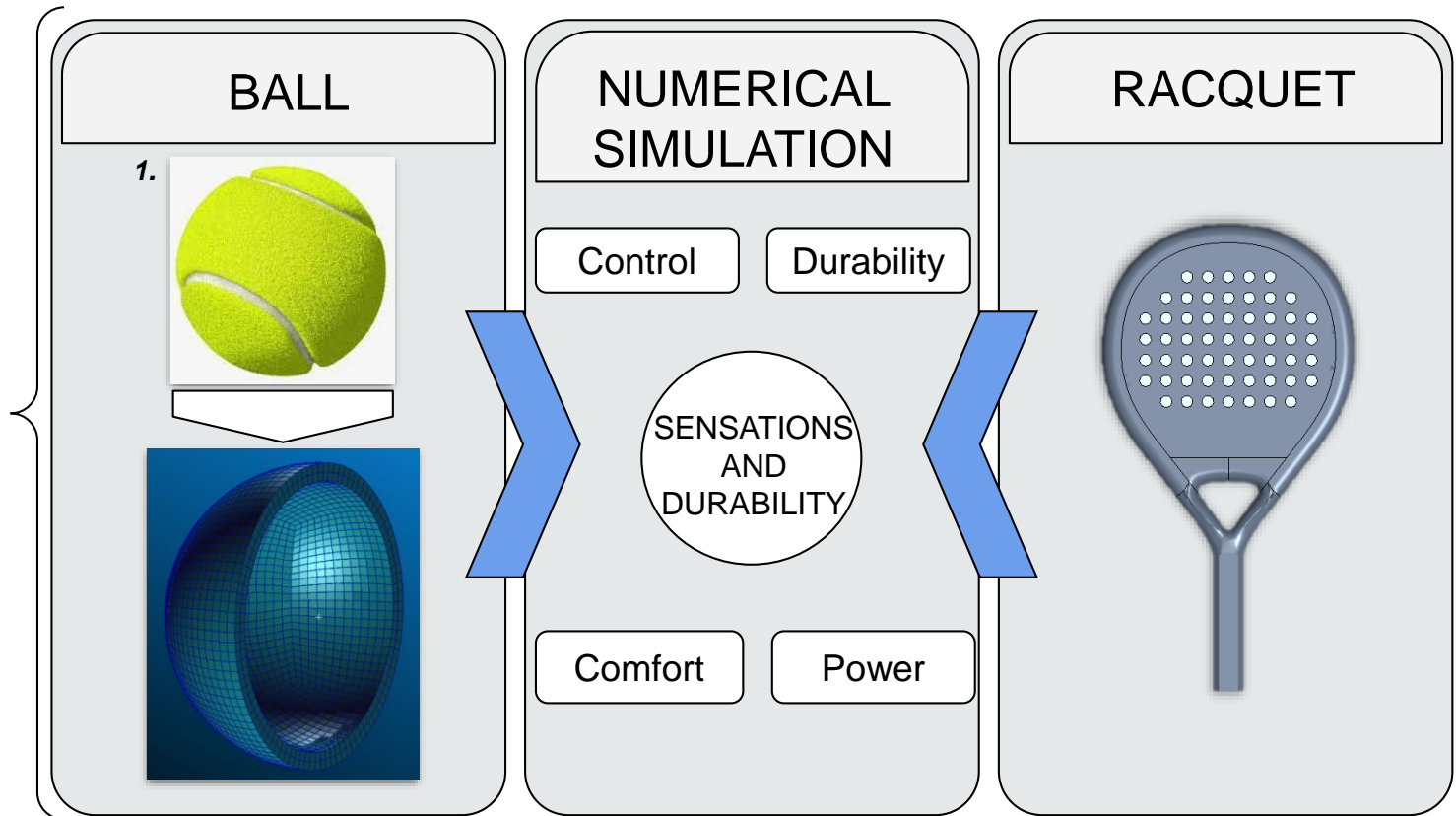
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- Study of the influence of the holes.



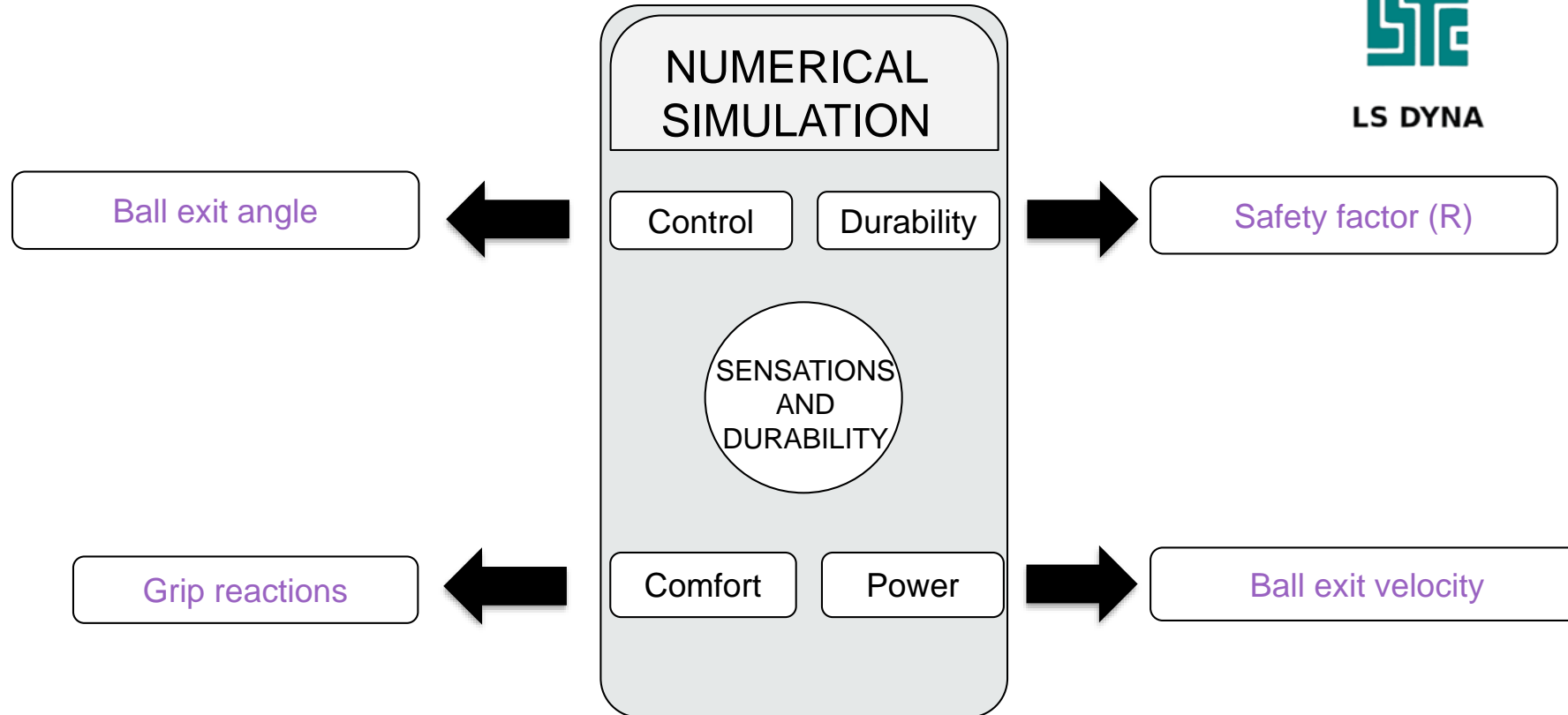
- Engineering parameters versus player's sensations and racquet durability.



1. <https://www.pinterest.es/pin/844776842591064746/>

2. Molí Díaz, A. A. (Junio 2017). *Correlación numérico-experimental del comportamiento ante impacto de una pala de padel*. TFG

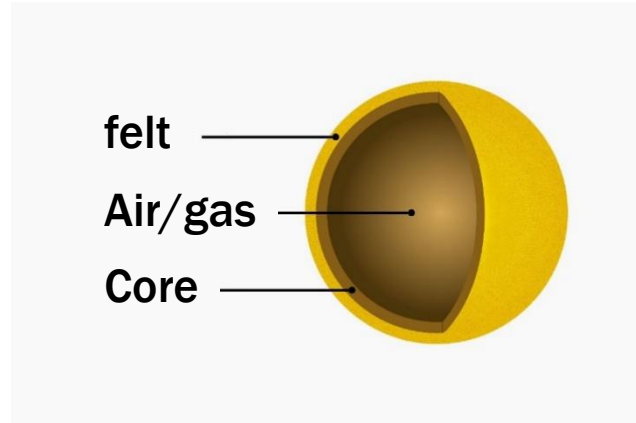
- Numerical simulation → Explicit Finite Elements analysis.
- Engineering parameters definition.



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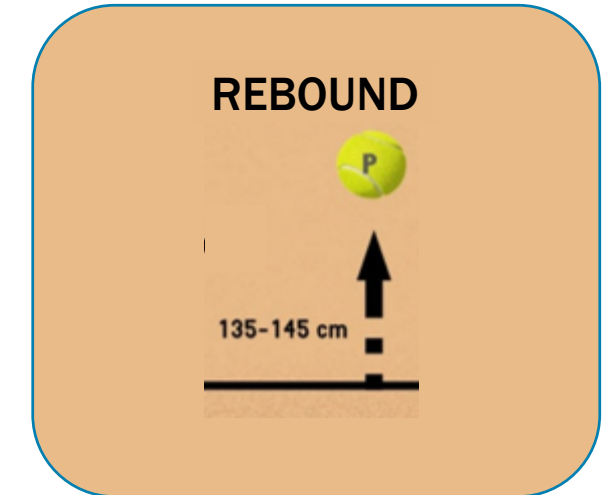
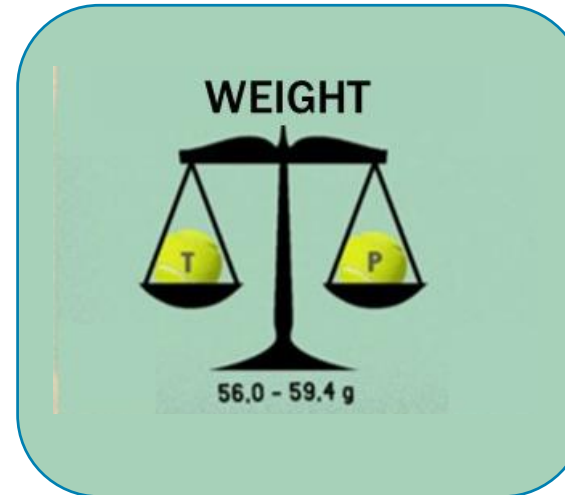
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<https://padelstar.es/reglas-de-padel/reglamento-la-pelota/> (24-1-2021)



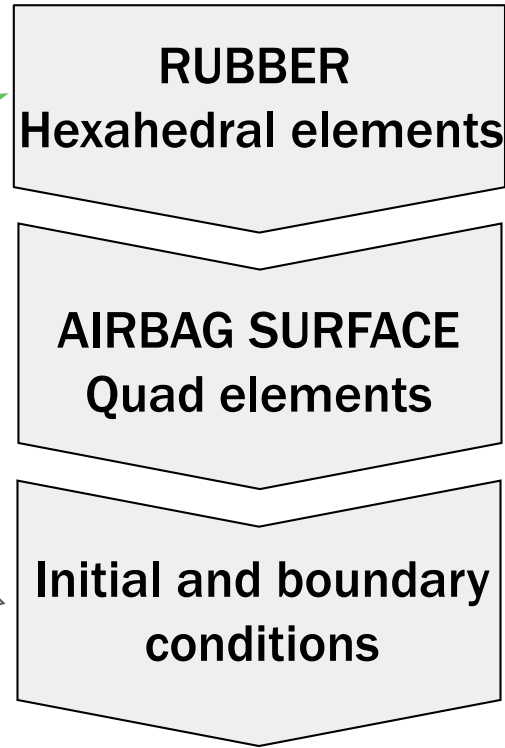
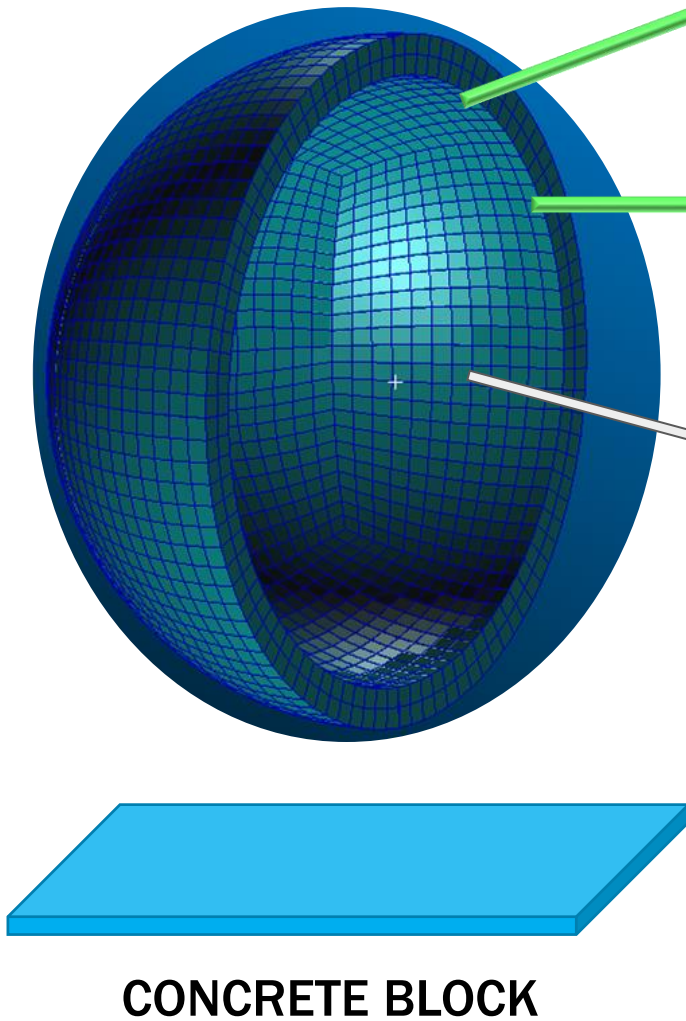
Internal relative pressure: 0.82 bar

Regulatory rebound height when launching from a height of 2.56 m: 1.35-1.45 m.

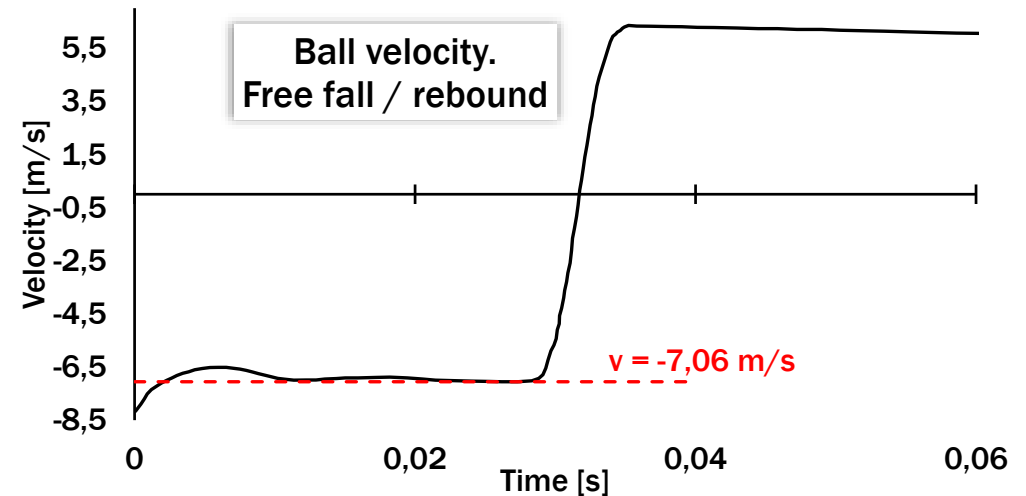


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- Initial Velocity.
- Airbag internal pressure.
- Contact.



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RUBBER  Ogden's hyperelastic model

Behavioral law defined by unitary deformation energy function

$$W = \sum_{j=1}^{j=N} \sum_{i=1}^{i=3} \frac{\mu_j}{\alpha_j} (\lambda_i^{\alpha_j} - 1) + K(J - 1 - \ln J)$$

Maxwell relaxation function (viscous behavior) Prony series (g(t))

$$g(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} G_i e^{-\beta_i t}$$

Where:

*K* is the volumetric modulus of compressibility.

*J* is the unit volume change.

$\lambda_i$  are the principal deformations.

$\mu_j$  and  $\alpha_j$  are the material constants.

*N* is a number, eligible, of terms that can be used for the definition of this function. In this work, three terms have been considered.

$G_i$  are shear moduli.

$\beta_i$  relaxation factors.

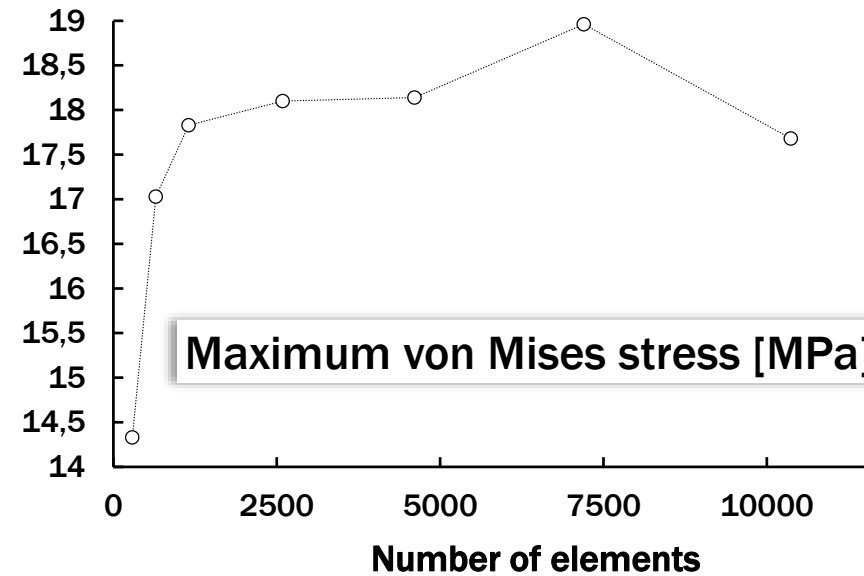
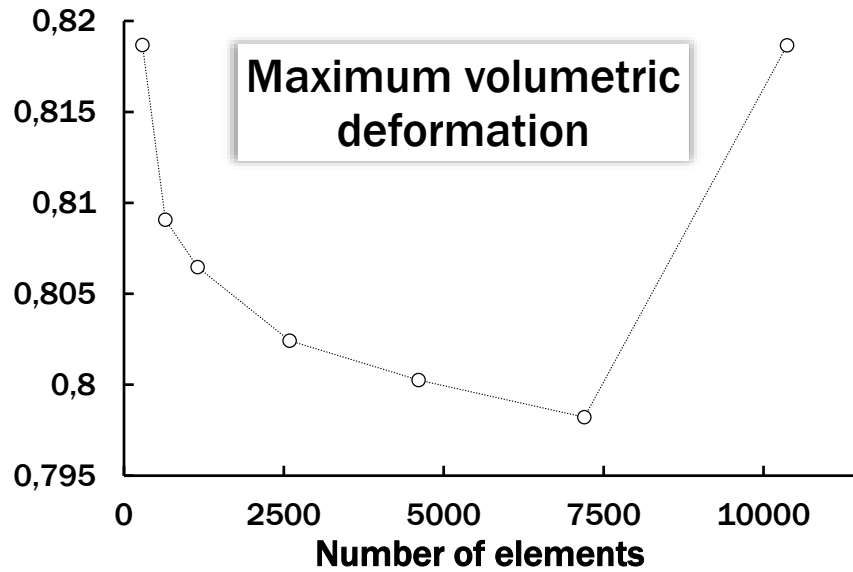
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RUBBER ( Ogden Model)			
	Density	1.15 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	
<i>G</i>	2.39 MPa	$\nu$	0.49
$\mu_1$	$-1.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\alpha_1$	-7.424
$\mu_2$	1.552	$\alpha_2$	-1.664
$\mu_3$	2.149	$\alpha_3$	3.28
$G_1$	$1.975 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\beta_1$	25.675
$G_2$	$1.4491 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$\beta_2$	259.57

ALLEN, Thomas Bruce (2009). Finite element model of a tennis ball impact with a racket. Doctoral, Sheffield Hallam University. element model of a tennis ball impact with a racket," Sheffield Hallam University, 2009.

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### CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS



The time step is performed automatically by SOL 700 of MSC Nastran, to ensure that the Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy condition is satisfied.

$$\Delta t < \Delta t_{crit} = \frac{h}{c} = \frac{2}{\omega_{max}}$$

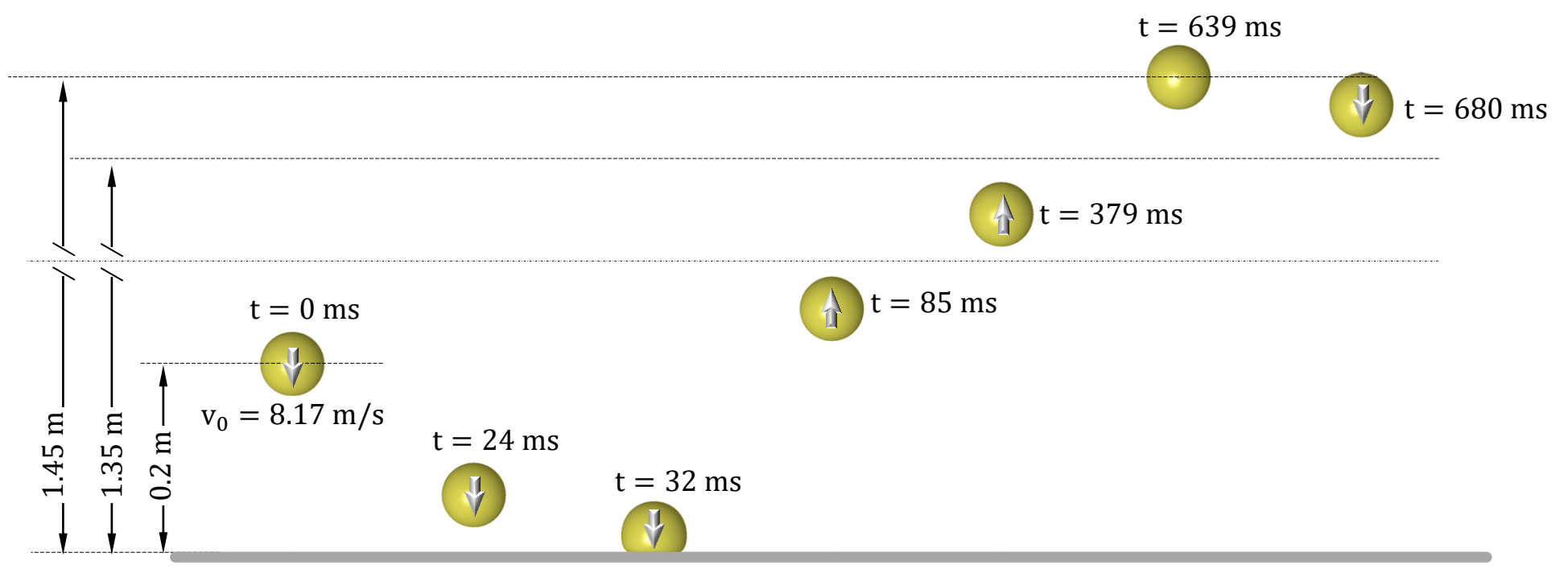
Where:

h is the element size.

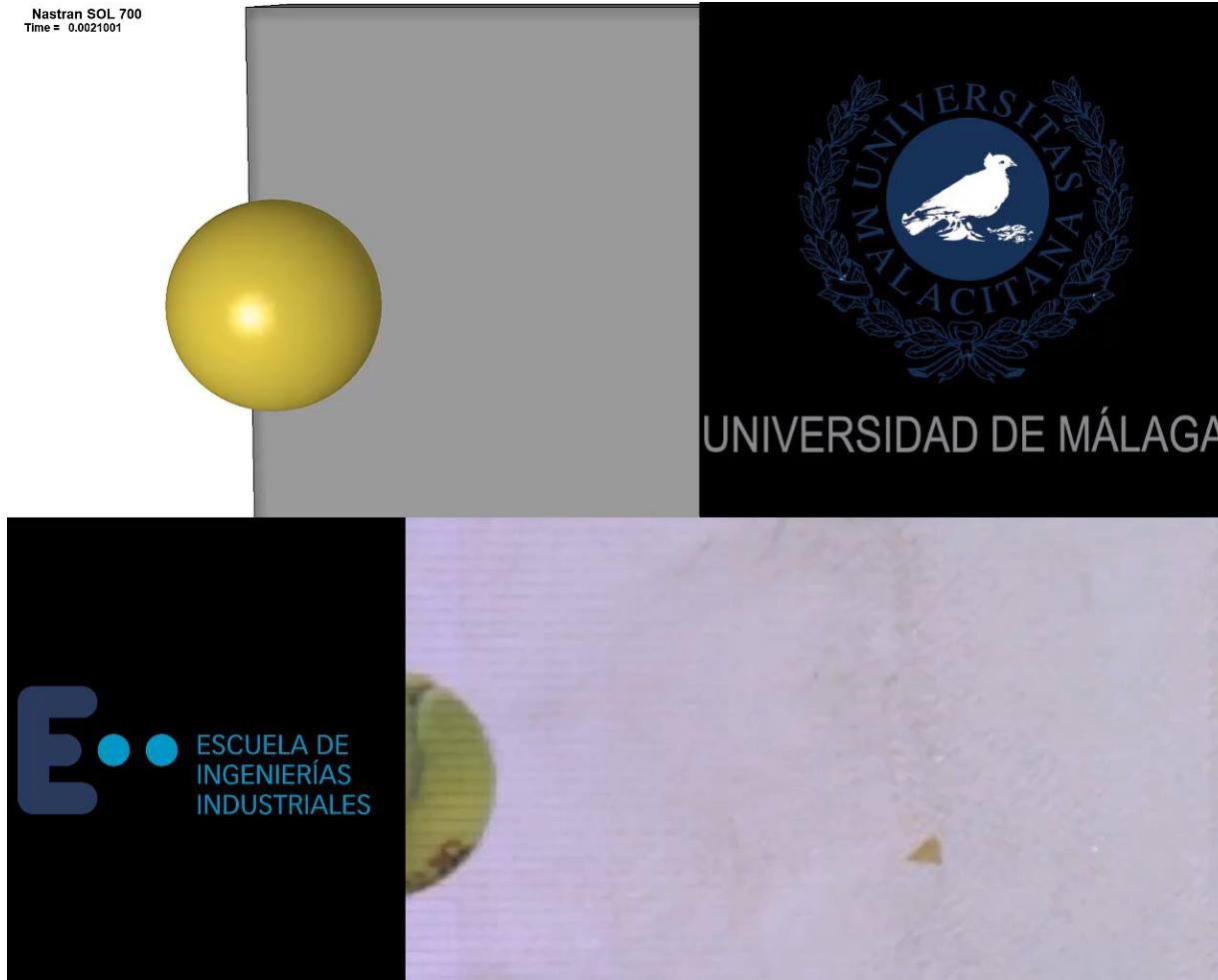
c maximal wave speed.

$\omega_{max}$  maximum system eigenfrequency.

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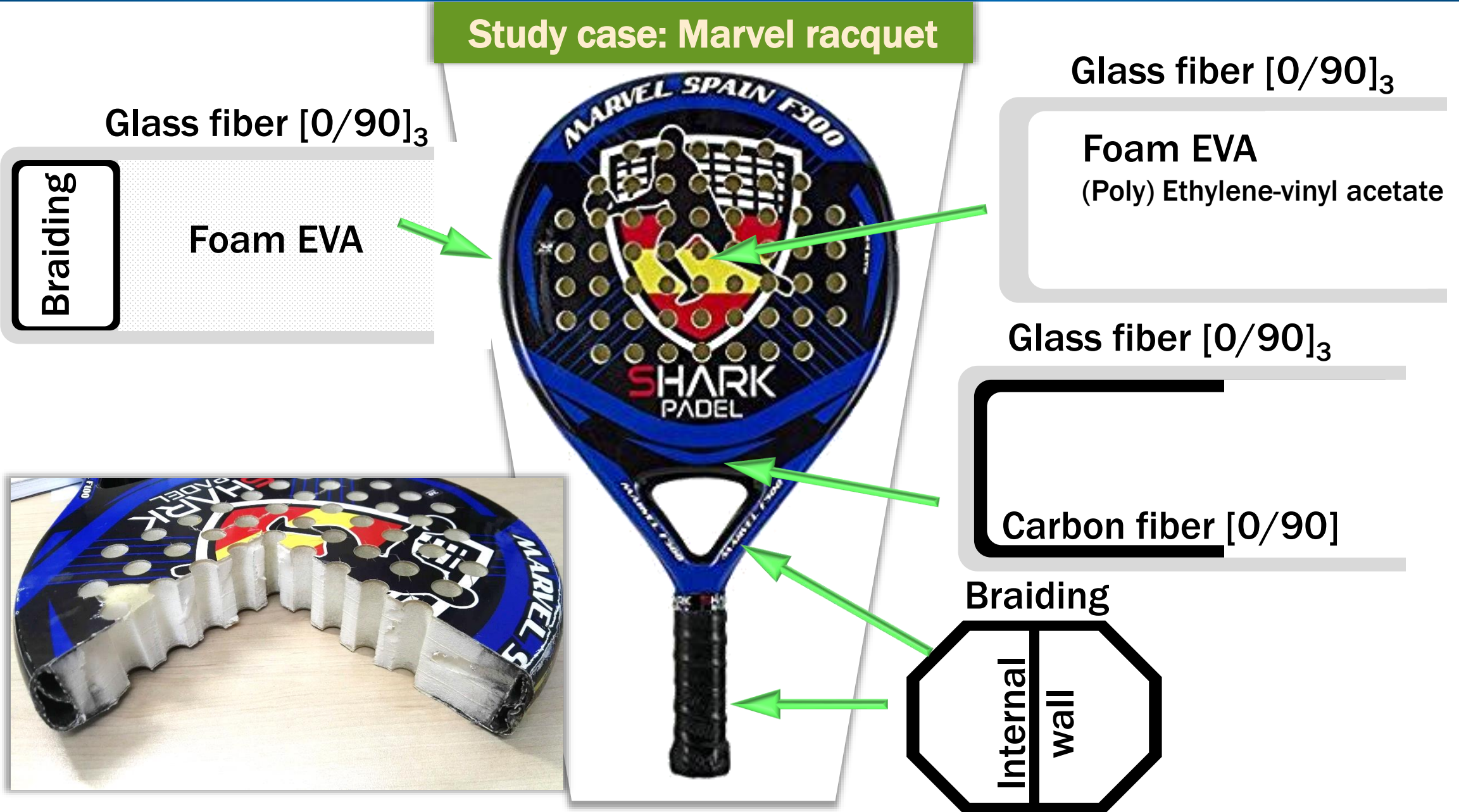


**Velocidad de Impacto**  
  
**100 mph**  
 (aprox 161 km/h)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FC8Tpi3U0H0&ab\\_channel=MattAnderson](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FC8Tpi3U0H0&ab_channel=MattAnderson)

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**Study case: Marvel racquet**



# Laminates

## Fabric ply

Property	Carbon	Glass
$E_x = E_y$	32.5 GPa	12.2 GPa
$E_s$	2.6 GPa	1.9 GPa
$\nu_{xy}$	0.04	0.09
$X = Y$	299 MPa	296 MPa
$X' = Y'$	414 MPa	228 MPa
$S$	73 MPa	222 MPa
$V_f$	29 %	25 %
Density	1270 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1430 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Thickness	0.39 mm	0.33 mm

Balanced glass fabric: 220 gr/m<sup>2</sup>

Twill 3K carbon fibre 2×2: 200 gr/m<sup>2</sup>

Multipurpose epoxy resin for manual lamination

## Hybrid braiding

Property	Unidirectional ply	
	Carbon	Glass
$E_x$	59.5 GPa	20.25 GPa
$E_y$	5.3 GPa	4.04 GPa
$E_s$	2.6 GPa	1.9 GPa
$\nu_{xy}$	0.28	0.26
$X$	621 MPa	590 MPa
$X'$	562 MPa	328 MPa
$Y$	40 MPa	93 MPa
$Y'$	246 MPa	354 MPa
$S$	68 MPa	216 MPa
Density	1270 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1430 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Thickness	0.099 mm	0.121 mm

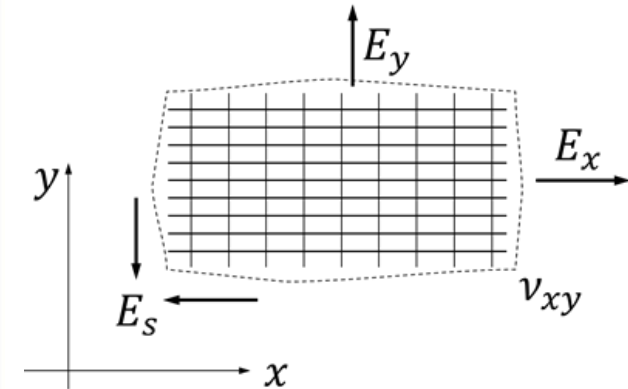
Hybrid braiding carbon/glass 40 mm:

39.8 gr/m

## Core: EVA foam

EVA foam (Ethylene-vinyl acetate).

Property	EVA
$E$	1,6 MPa
Density	27,8 kg/m <sup>3</sup>

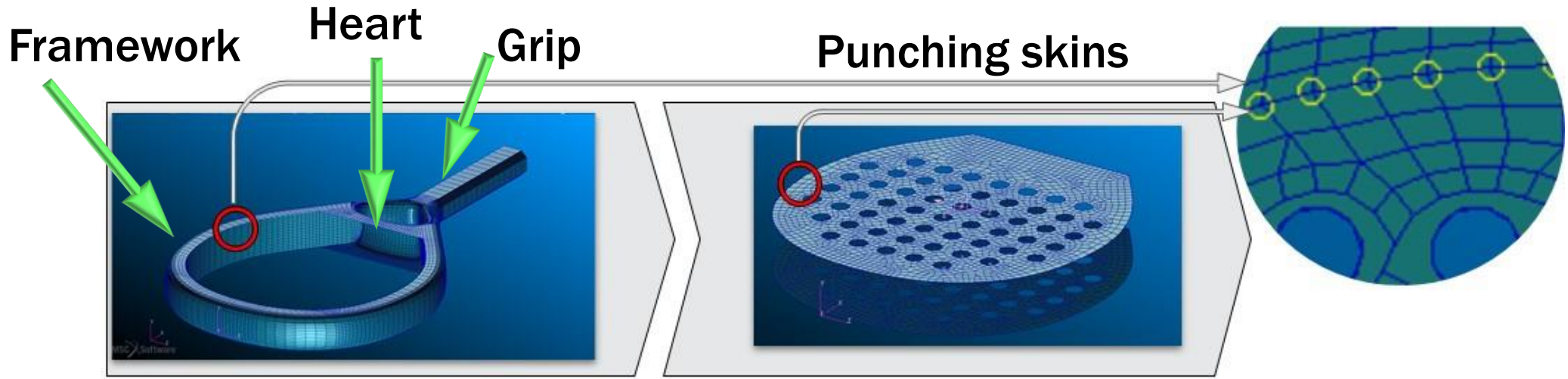


Manufacturing process: Hand-laminated and vacuum bag for hybrid braiding

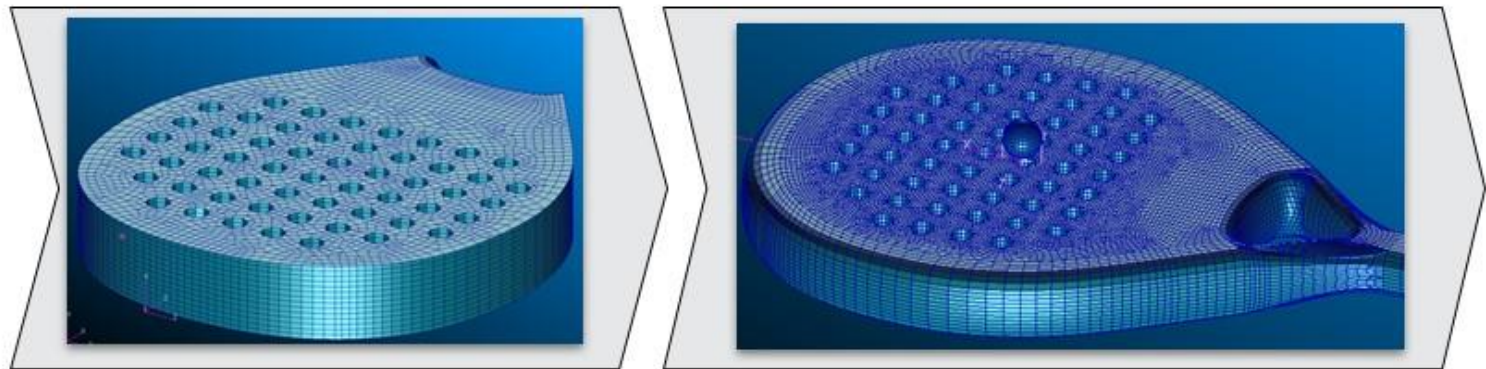
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### TRI and Quad Shell elements

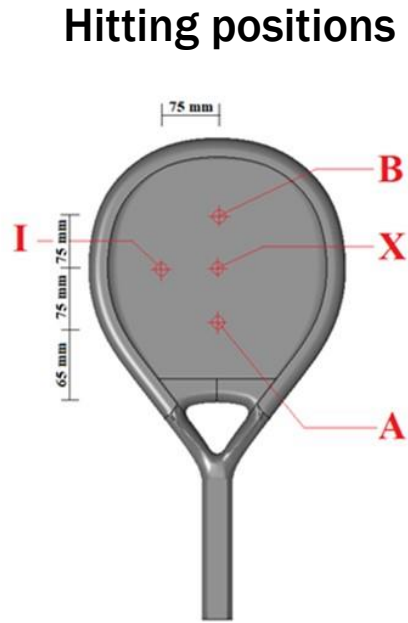


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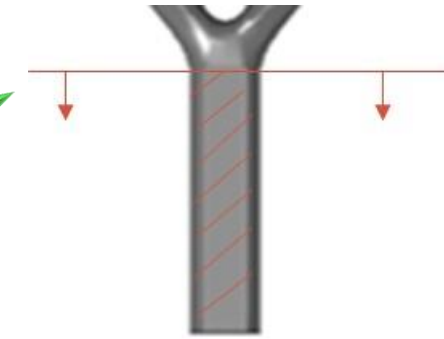
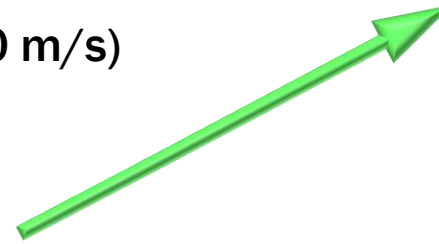
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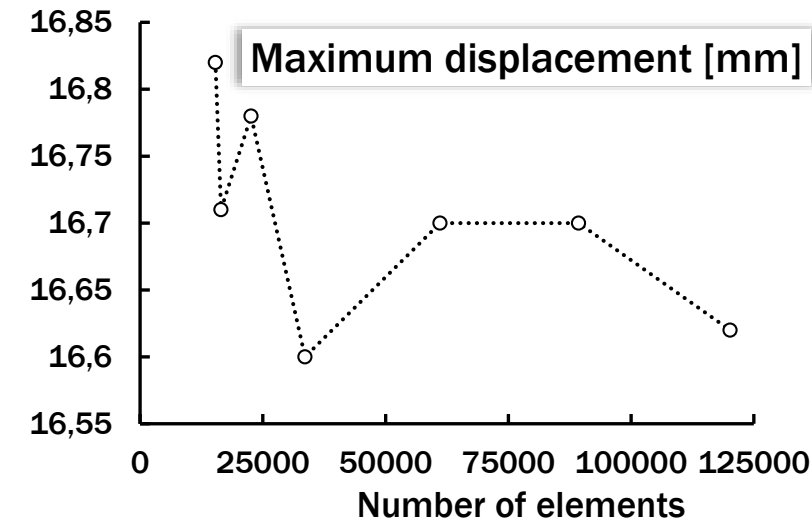
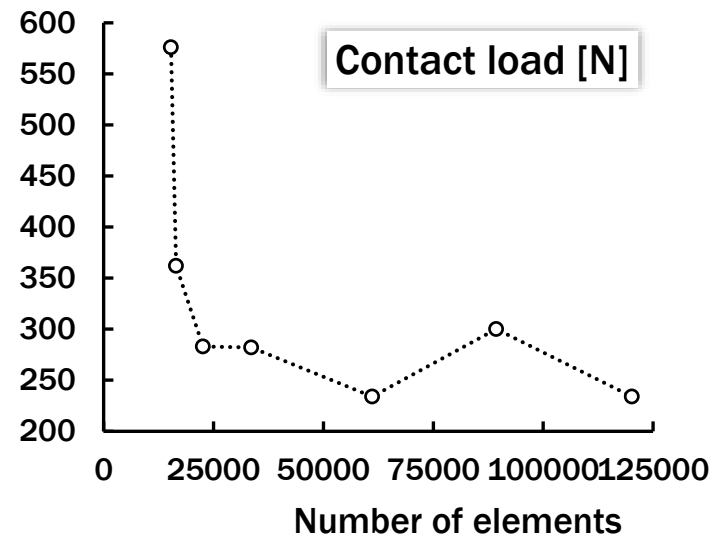
### Initial and boundary conditions

- Impact velocity (30 m/s)
- Grip embedding
- Ball-Racquet contact

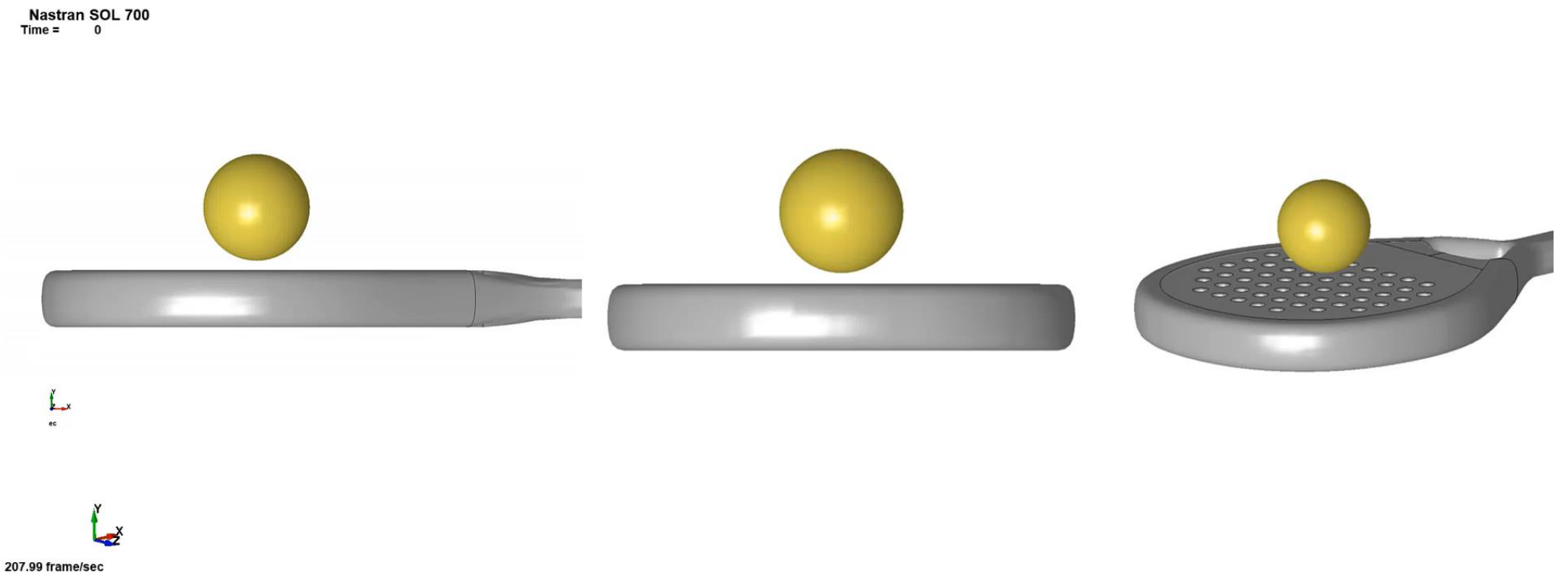


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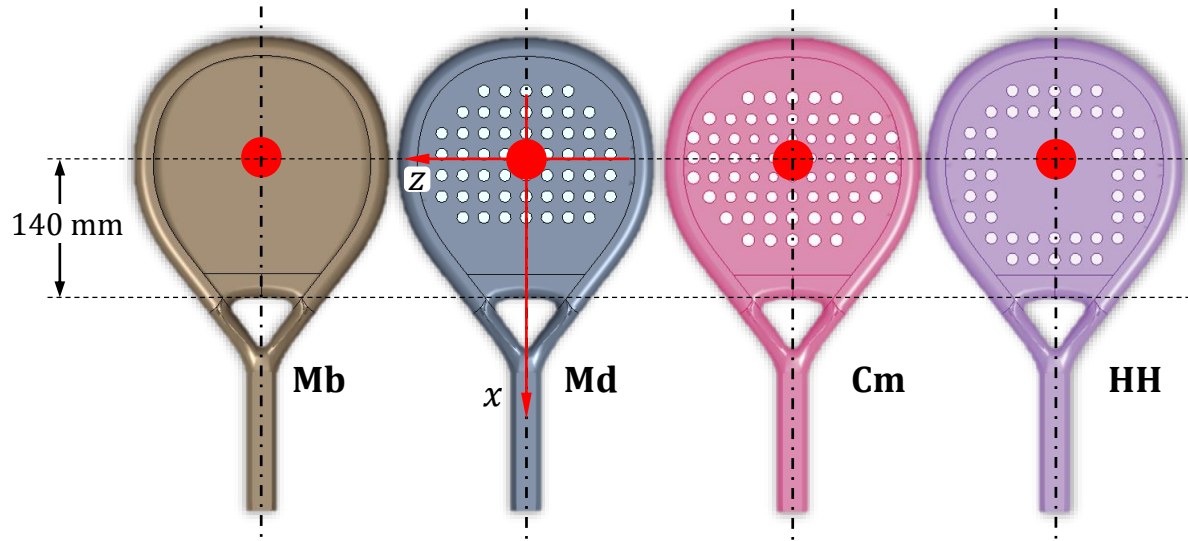
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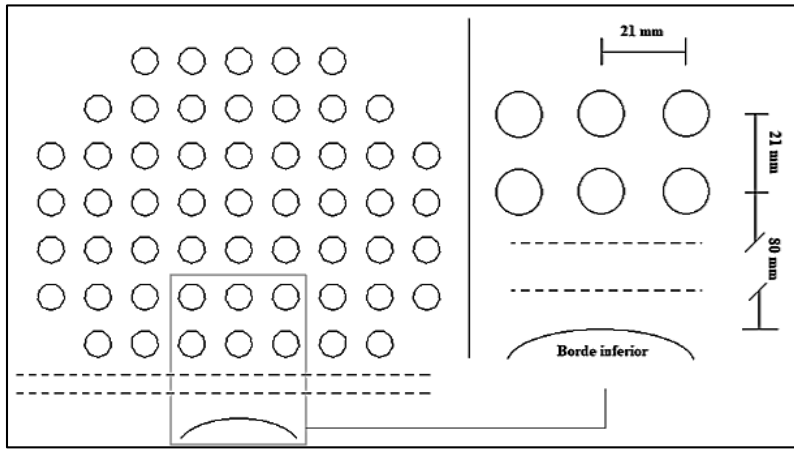
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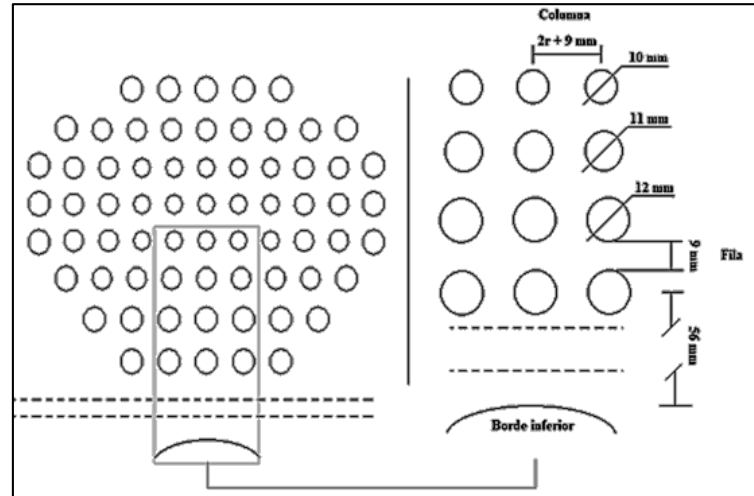
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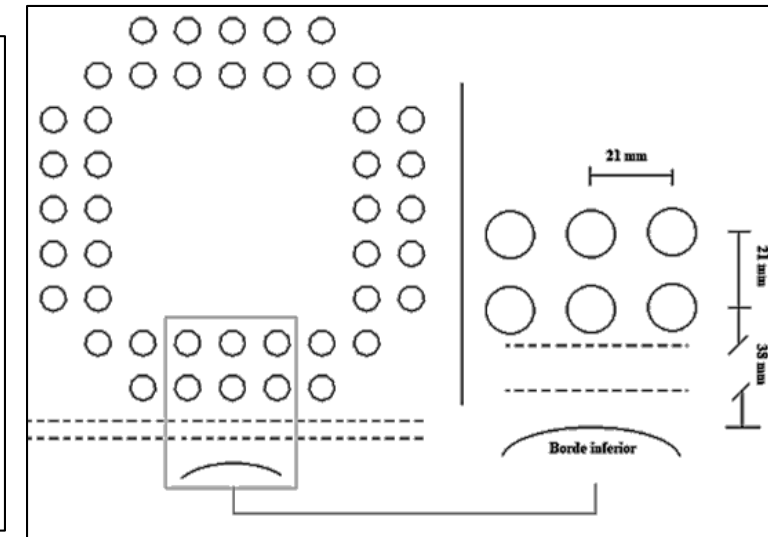
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Mb	Rough racket
Cm	Commercial
HH	Huarte-Huera



Marvel (SHARK)



Commercial

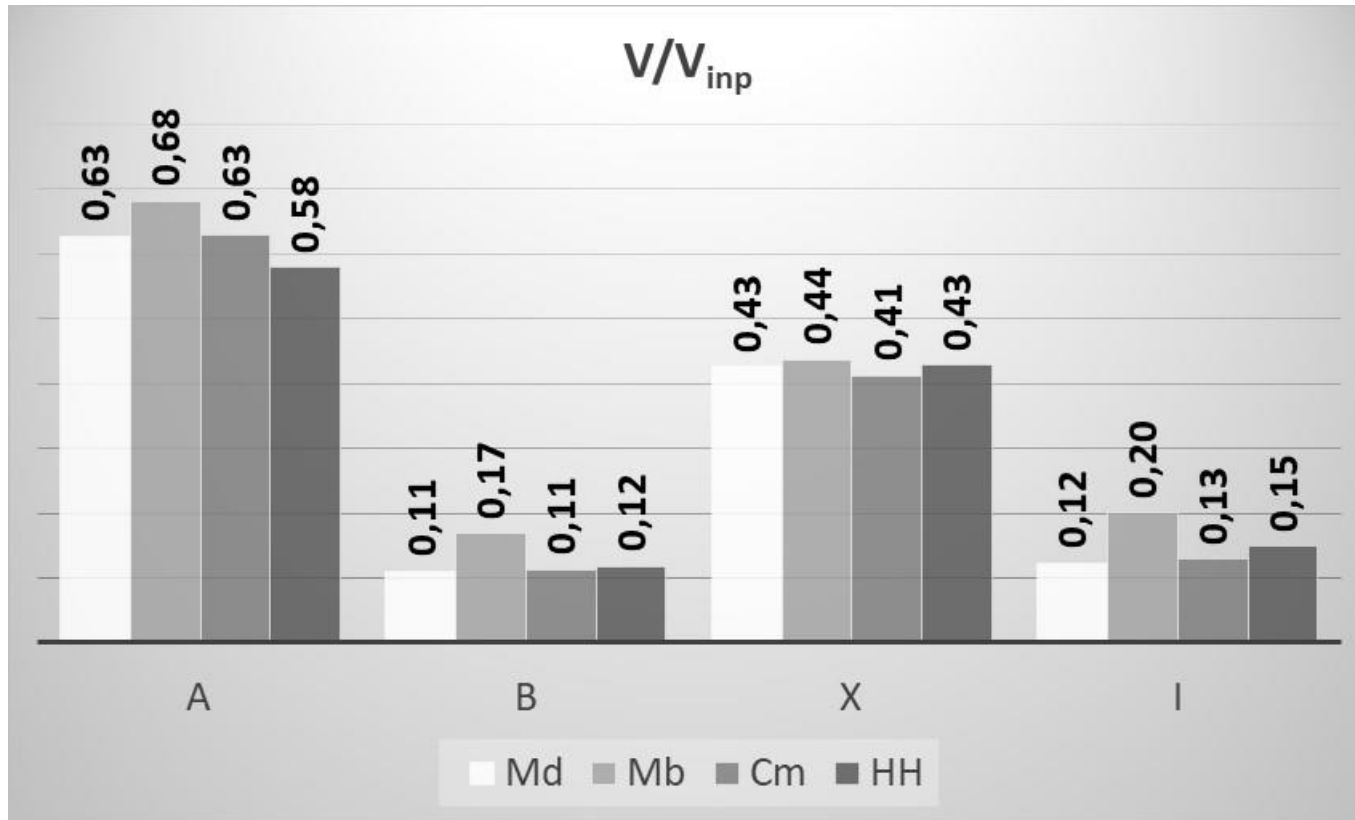


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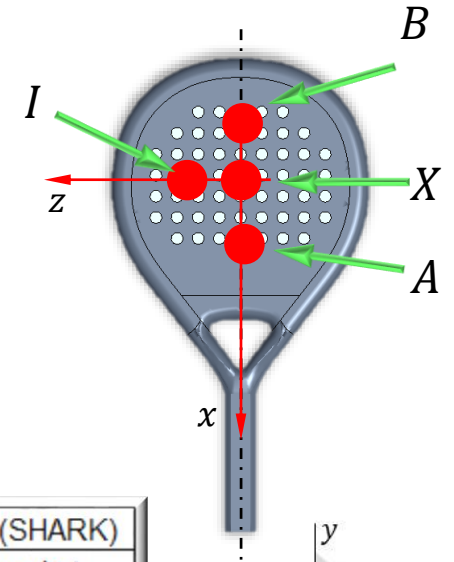
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**POWER**

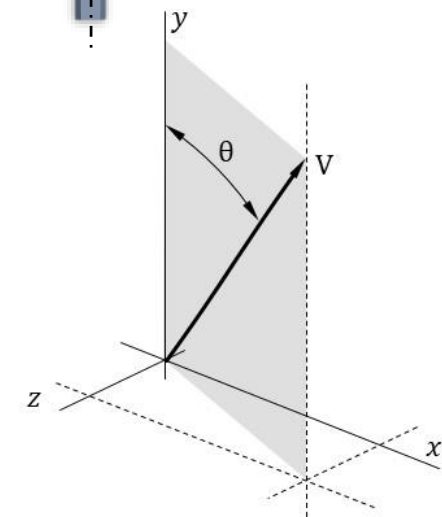
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	V/V <sub>inp</sub>	Δ%	V/V <sub>inp</sub>	Δ%	V/V <sub>inp</sub>	Δ%	V/V <sub>inp</sub>	Δ%
Md	0,63		0,11		0,43		0,12	
Mb	0,68	8,74	0,17	52,22	0,44	2,57	0,20	64,09
Cm	0,63	0,27	0,11	1,43	0,41	-3,40	0,13	5,25
HH	0,58	-7,70	0,12	7,07	0,43	0,56	0,15	21,59



**Reference Racquet: Marvel**



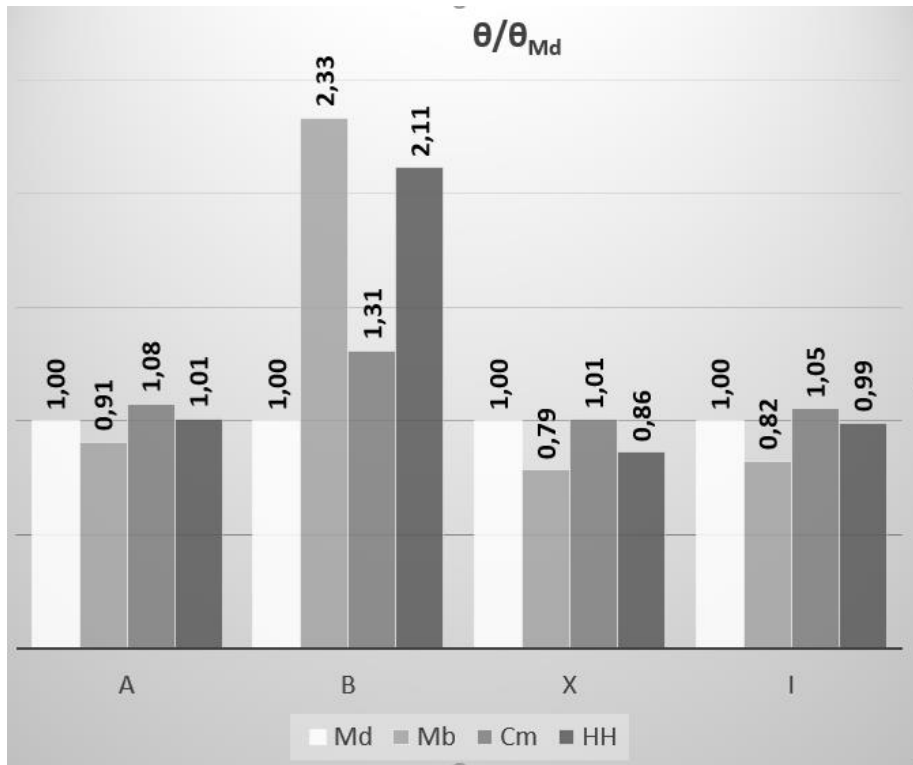
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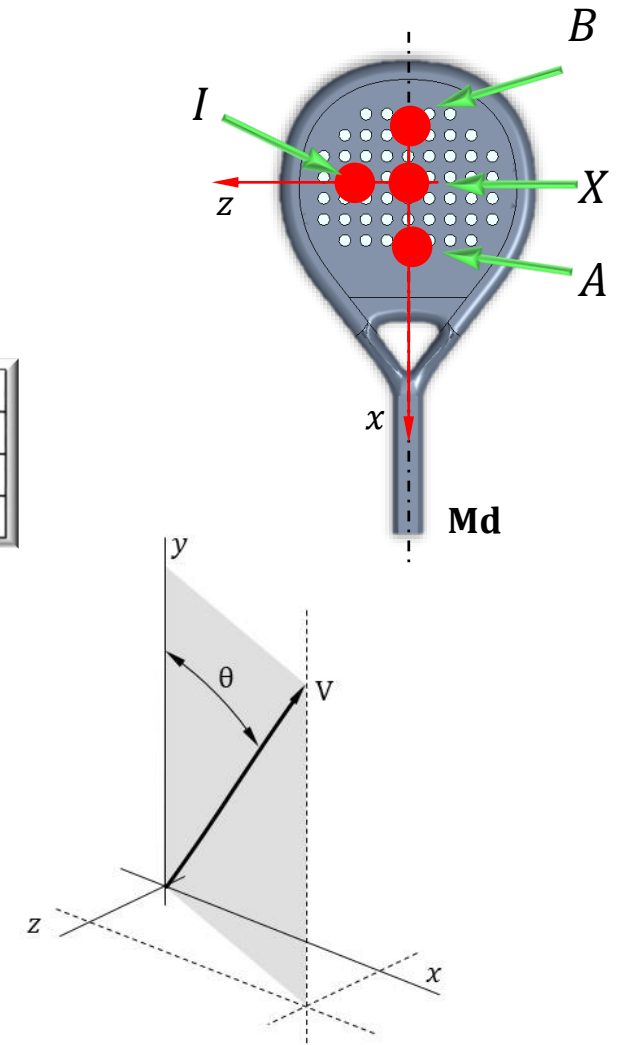
**CONTROL**

	A		B		X		I	
	$\theta/\theta_{Md}$	$\Delta\%$	$\theta/\theta_{Md}$	$\Delta\%$	$\theta/\theta_{Md}$	$\Delta\%$	$\theta/\theta_{Md}$	$\Delta\%$
Md	1,00		1,00		1,00		1,00	
Mb	0,91	-9,24	2,33	133,33	0,79	-21,39	0,82	-17,65
Cm	1,08	7,62	1,31	30,96	1,01	0,68	1,05	5,44
HH	1,01	1,00	2,11	111,44	0,86	-13,84	0,99	-0,71



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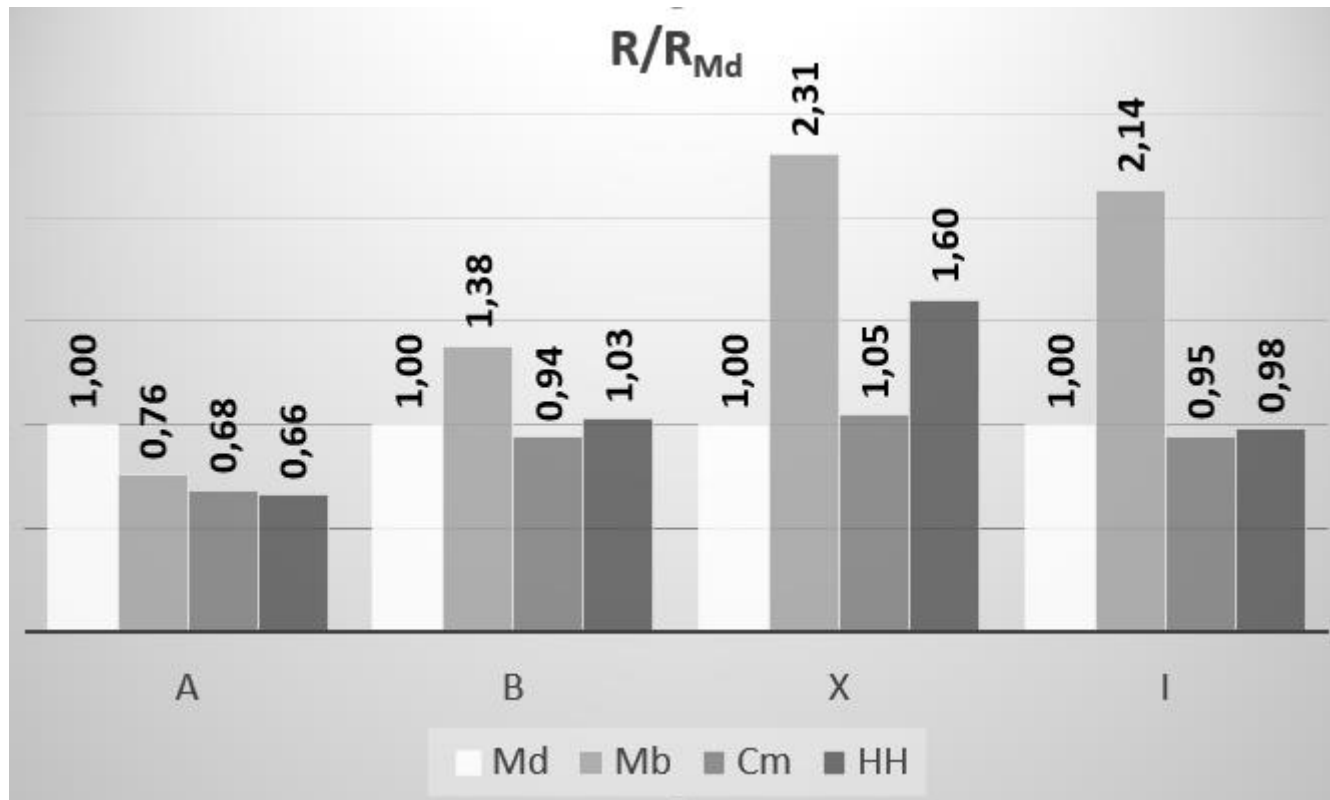
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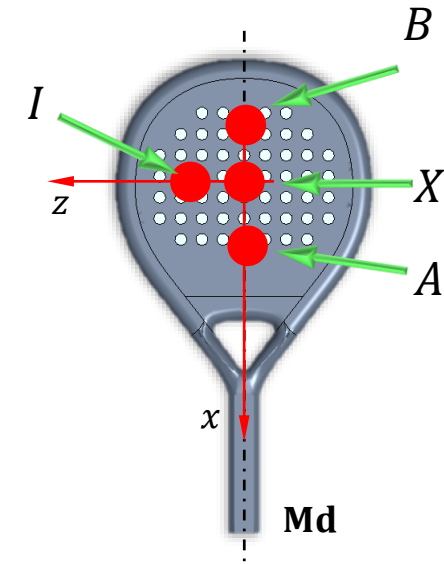
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### DURABILITY

	A		B		X		I	
	R/R <sub>Md</sub>	Δ%	R/R <sub>Md</sub>	Δ%	R/R <sub>Md</sub>	Δ%	R/R <sub>Md</sub>	Δ%
Md	1,00		1,00		1,00			
Mb	0,76	-24,28	1,38	38,02	2,31	130,68	2,14	113,51
Cm	0,68	-31,52	0,94	-5,73	1,05	4,55	0,95	-5,41
HH	0,66	-34,06	1,03	2,60	1,60	60,23	0,98	-2,16



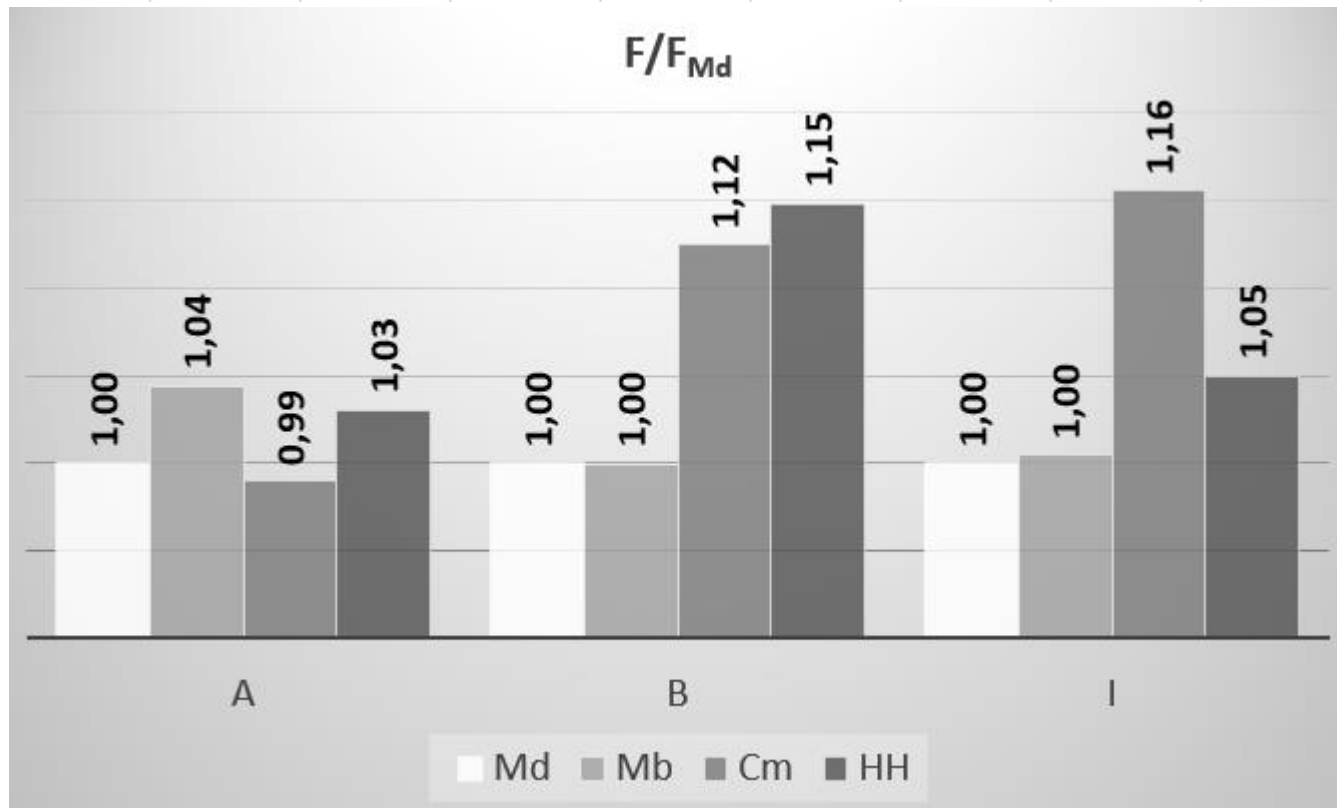
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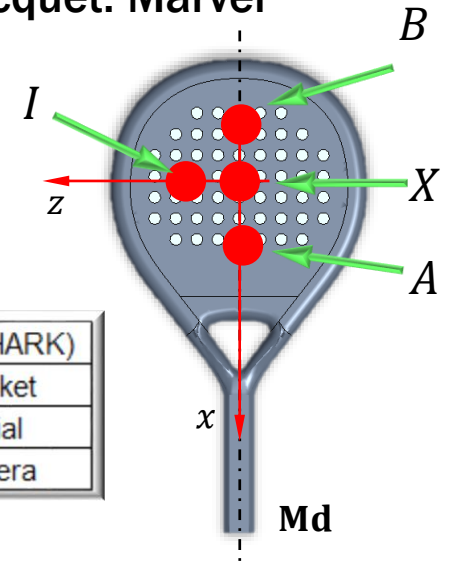
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COMFORT- FORCES

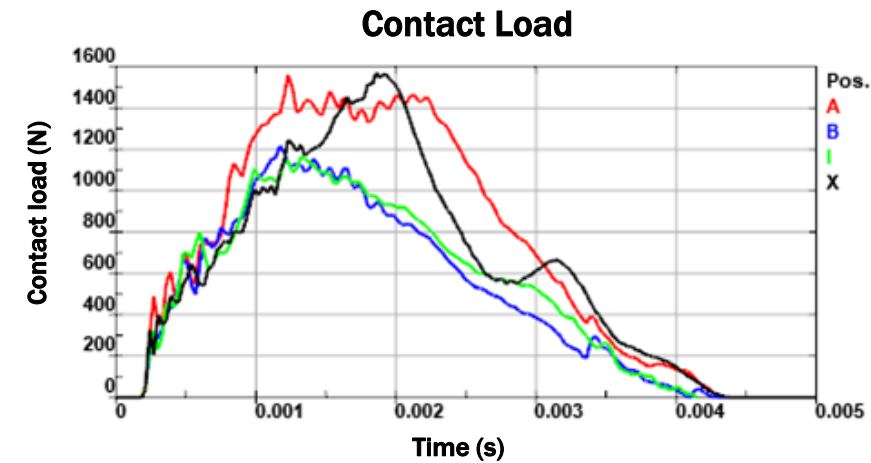
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	$F/F_{Md}$	$\Delta\%$	$F/F_{Md}$	$\Delta\%$	$F/F_{Md}$	$\Delta\%$	$F/F_{Md}$	$\Delta\%$
Md	1,00		1,00		1,00		1,00	
Mb	1,04	4,42	1,00	-0,04	0,91	-8,69	1,00	0,47
Cm	0,99	-1,02	1,12	12,49	1,11	10,57	1,16	15,54
HH	1,03	3,05	1,15	14,80	0,99	-1,19	1,05	5,00



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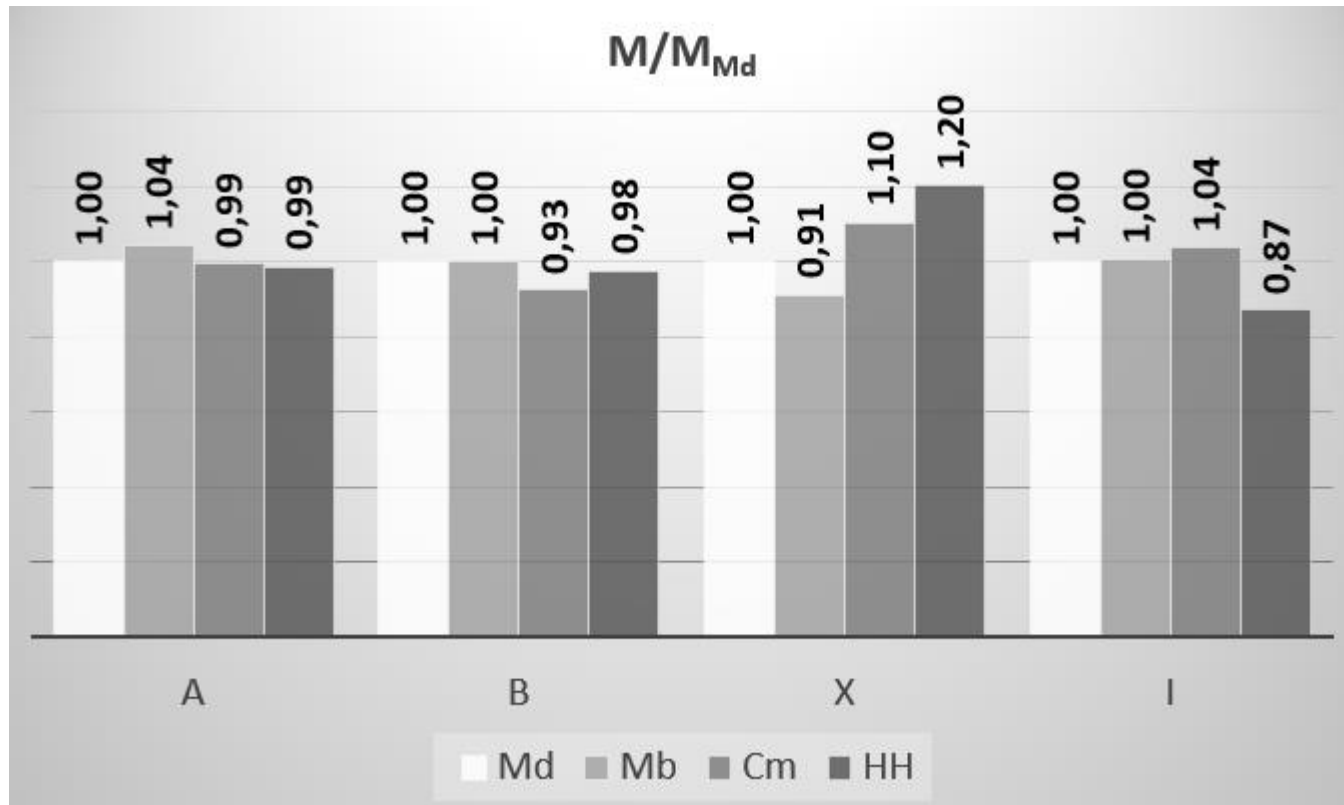


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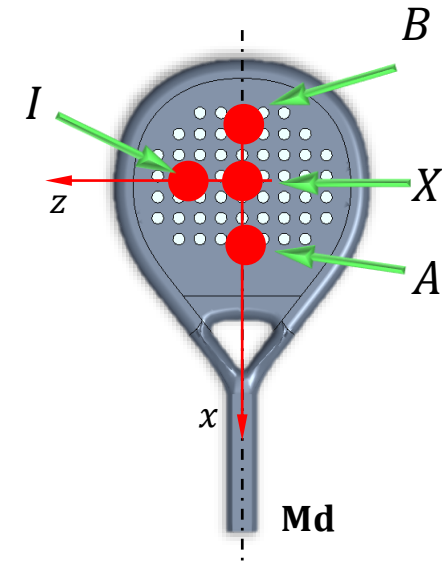


COMFORT- MOMENT

	A		B		X		I	
	M/M <sub>Md</sub>	Δ%	M/M <sub>Md</sub>	Δ%	M/M <sub>Md</sub>	Δ%	M/M <sub>Md</sub>	Δ%
Md	1		1		1		1	
Mb	1,02	2,37	0,97	-3,39	1,09	8,53	1,05	5,44
Cm	0,99	-0,53	0,93	-7,50	1,10	10,39	1,04	3,74
HH	0,99	-1,24	0,98	-2,25	1,20	20,35	0,87	-12,65



Reference Racquet: Marvel

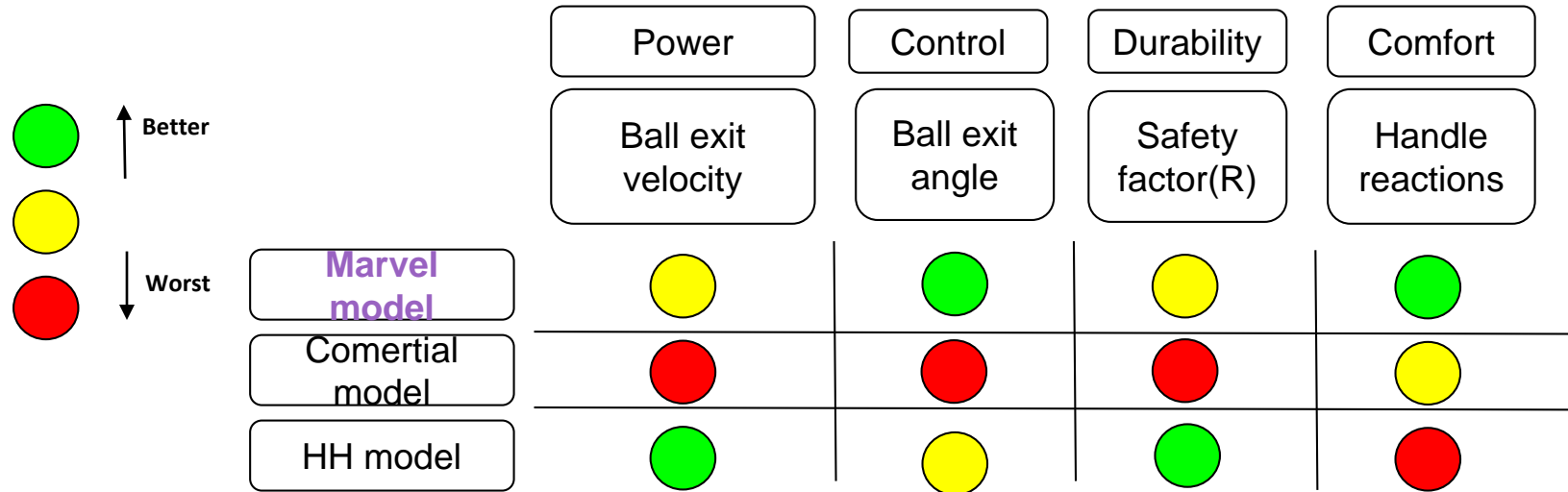


Md	Marvel (SHARK)
Mb	Rough racket
Cm	Commercial
HH	Huarte-Huera

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- ❑ Ball model validated by regulations.
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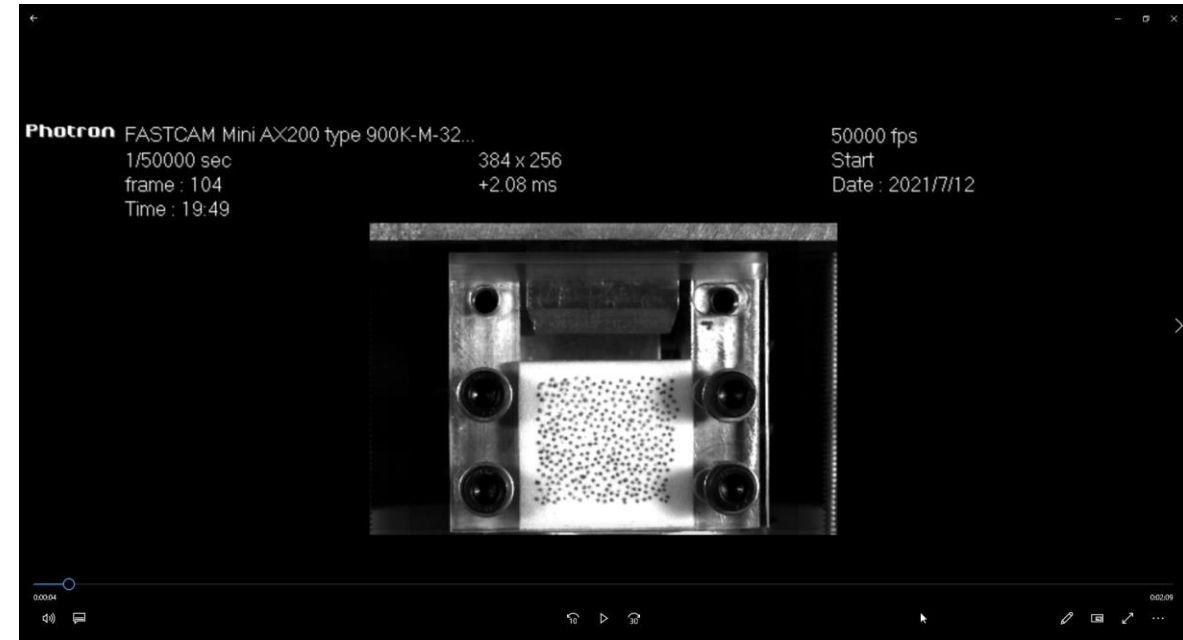
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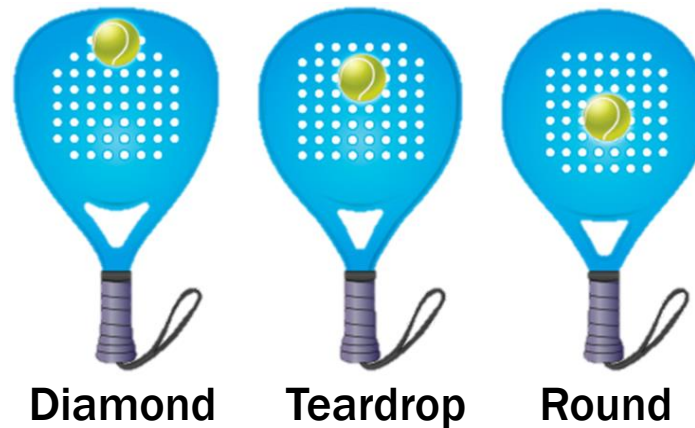
	$\dot{\epsilon} (s^{-1})$	$E_x (MPa)$	
		Average	Deviation
Quasi-static Tests (1)	$22 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0,111	0,003
	$132 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0,1107	0,0004
Low velocity impact test (2)	79	0,417	0,008
	105	1,59	0,02

(1) Universal test machine Servosis ME-405/10. Load cell 1 kN

(2) Drop test machine Instron CEAST 9350. Load cell 2,25 kN



Racket geometry change



Modification of reinforcing materials.

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