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[Structural health monitoring and adaptive structures]

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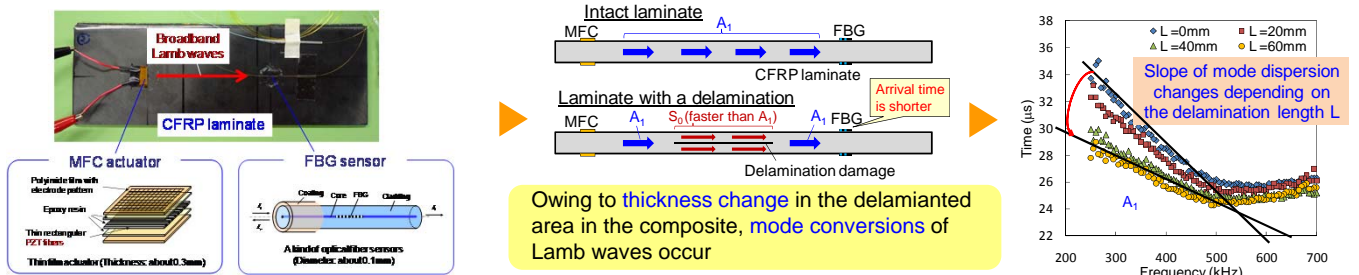
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Smart Material Systems

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Damage detection system using ultrasonic waves and optical fiber sensors

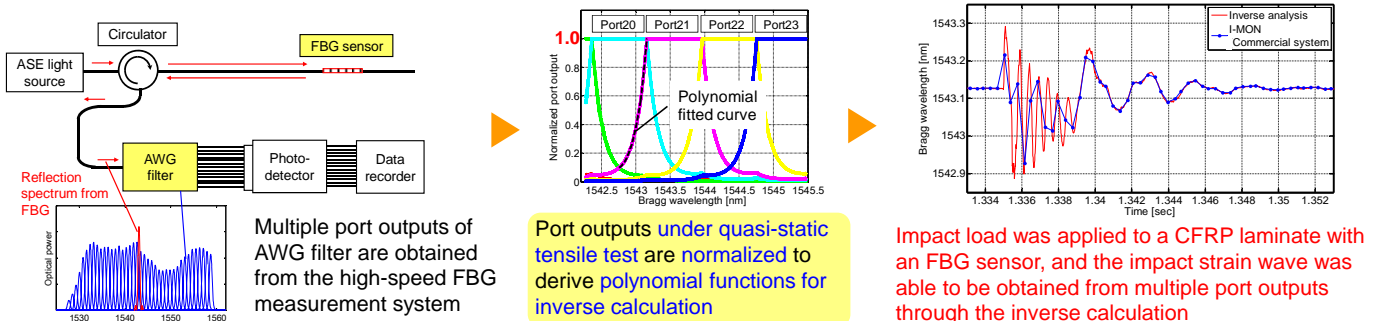
Built-in broadband ultrasonic propagation system for detection of delamination damage



Broadband ultrasonic waves are propagated with the devices integrated with the composite laminate, and the internal delamination damage are evaluated quantitatively based on the mode conversion behavior.

(Toward practical use of the system to aircraft et al., we investigate the correction method of environmental temperature effect.)

Function enhancement of the system for passive detection of impact strain waves



Collision of foreign objects that is the main cause of damage occurrence in CFRP composite structures can be detected passively.

Smart adaptive structure systems with integrated shape memory materials

Sandwich structure with self-repair function for impact damage

Shape memory alloy (SMA) honeycomb made of 50µm SMA foils

Owing to shape memory effect of SMA, the mechanical properties of the panel can be recovered along with the shape recovery.

Shape-variable lightweight actuator structure

Bending shape can be controlled effectively by uniform application of shear recovery force from Honeycomb to CFRP skins.

SMA artificial muscle for rehabilitation

Through the geometric investigation of SMA wires, we construct the artificial muscle with high stretch properties and moderate contractive force suitable for rehabilitation of joint in the finger.