



The First Custom Fitting Helmet

Roberto Rivas | Rosa Kurtz | Ryan Rusali | QC Yang | Zoe Li





PROBLEM

Every game season, **20**% of hockey players receive concussions. A major reason for these concussions is ice hockey helmets do not fit players well.

SOLUTION

A helmet that provides custom fitting with more protection while maintaining the traditional style for NHL players.

INSPIRATION

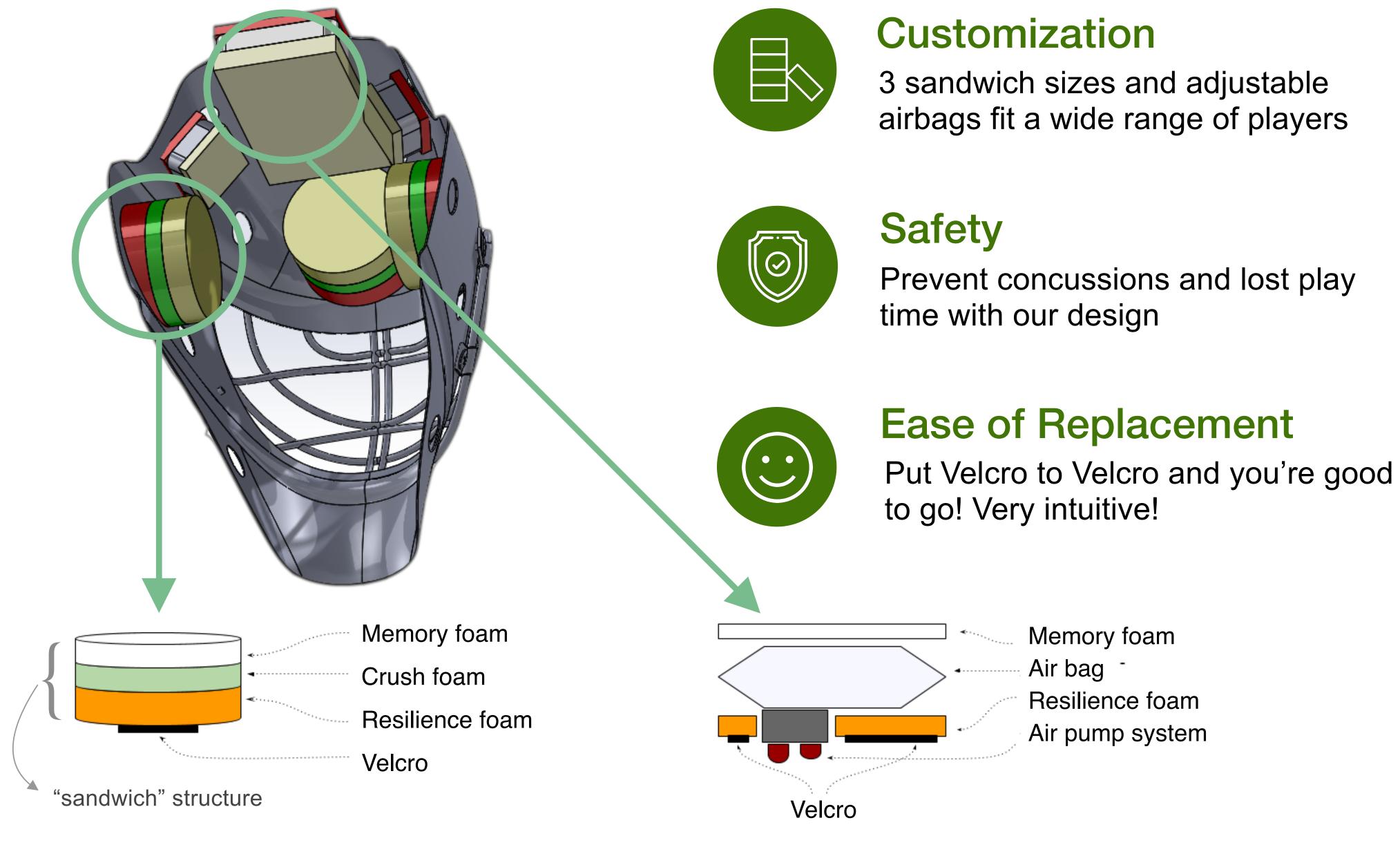


- Car crash > absorb energy > use EA foam
- Skate pump fitting > use TPU airbag

IMPACT TESTING

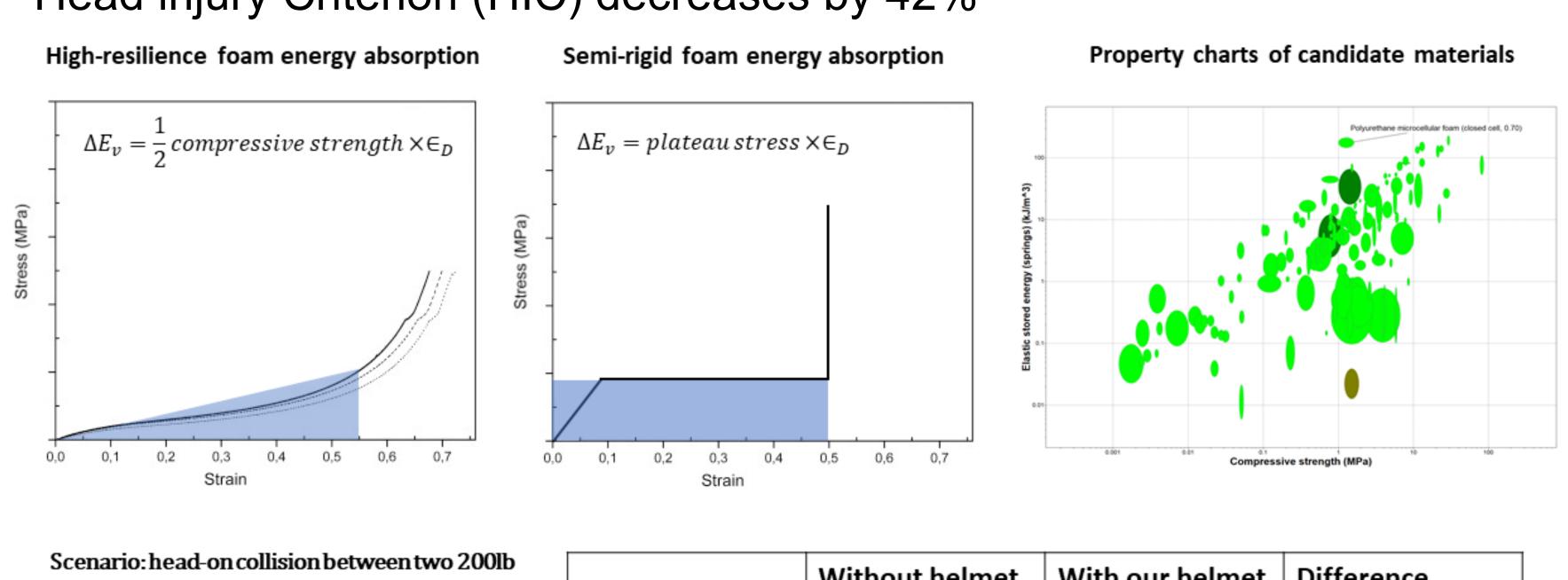
- The "sandwich" structure is effective at absorbing force
- Our data show effectiveness increases as force increases





EFFECTIVENESS

- The impact energy experienced by player's head decreases by 69%
- Head injury Criterion (HIC) decreases by 42%



Scenario: head-on collision between two 200lb players at 15mph during a check

Equation 1:
$$HIC = \left(\frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} * \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \widehat{a}(t) * dt\right)^{2.5} * (t_2 - t_1)$$

Equation 2: $\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} m_A v_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_B v_B^2$

Equation 3:
$$F = \frac{\Delta P}{t} = ma$$

	Without helmet	With our helmet	Difference
$\Delta E_{head}(J)$	90.5	28.3	68.7%
a(g)	29.3	23.7	20%
HIC	340	194.6	42%