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Fig. 10 Quasistatically crushed square tubes with two opposing holes [62] (diameter of the holes increases from left to right—it appears that the size of the first lobe decreases with increasing hole diameter until tearing occurs)

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## **Biography:**

Professor Nurick has been working in the field of impact dynamics for over 35 years. During this period he supervised over 70 Post-Doctoral, PhD and MSc students, who are now spread around the world. He has over 100 academic scientific publications covering the following topics; Impact and Blast Dynamics, Crashworthiness, Material Properties at High Strain Rates, Metals and Composites, Human Response and Survivability, Impact on Sports Equipment and Communition (Crushing of Ore Products).

Professor Nurick has served on the Editorial Boards of the International Journal of Impact Engineering, the Latin American Journal of Solids and Structures and the International Journal of Protective Structures. He has also served on the International Scientific Committee of numerous International Conferences around the world. In 2016 Professor Nurick was awarded an A-Rating from the NRF (National Research Foundation) of South Africa. A-rating is given to researchers who are unequivocally recognised by their peers as leading international scholars in their field for the high quality and impact of their research outputs.

Also in 2016, at the Assembly of the ISIE (International Society of Impact Engineering), Professor Nurick was one of the inaugural group of five elected as Honorary Members of ISIE for lifetime significant contributions to and the development and growth of Impact Engineering activities.

Professor Nurick is a Fellow of the University of Cape Town, Fellow of the South African Academy of Engineers, Honorary Fellow of South African Institution of Mechanical Engineering, Honorary Member of the International Society of Impact Engineering and a Life Member of the Indian Society of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics.

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