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Il Ciclo di Vita dei Materiali Compositi



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PROCESSI DI PRODUZIONE AUTOMATIZZATA (AFP & RTM)

Leonardo Lecce





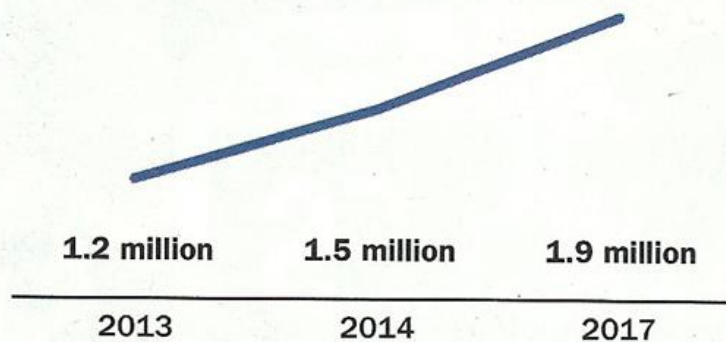
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1. INTRODUZIONE

AUTOMAZIONE.....QUALI INCOGNITE ?!

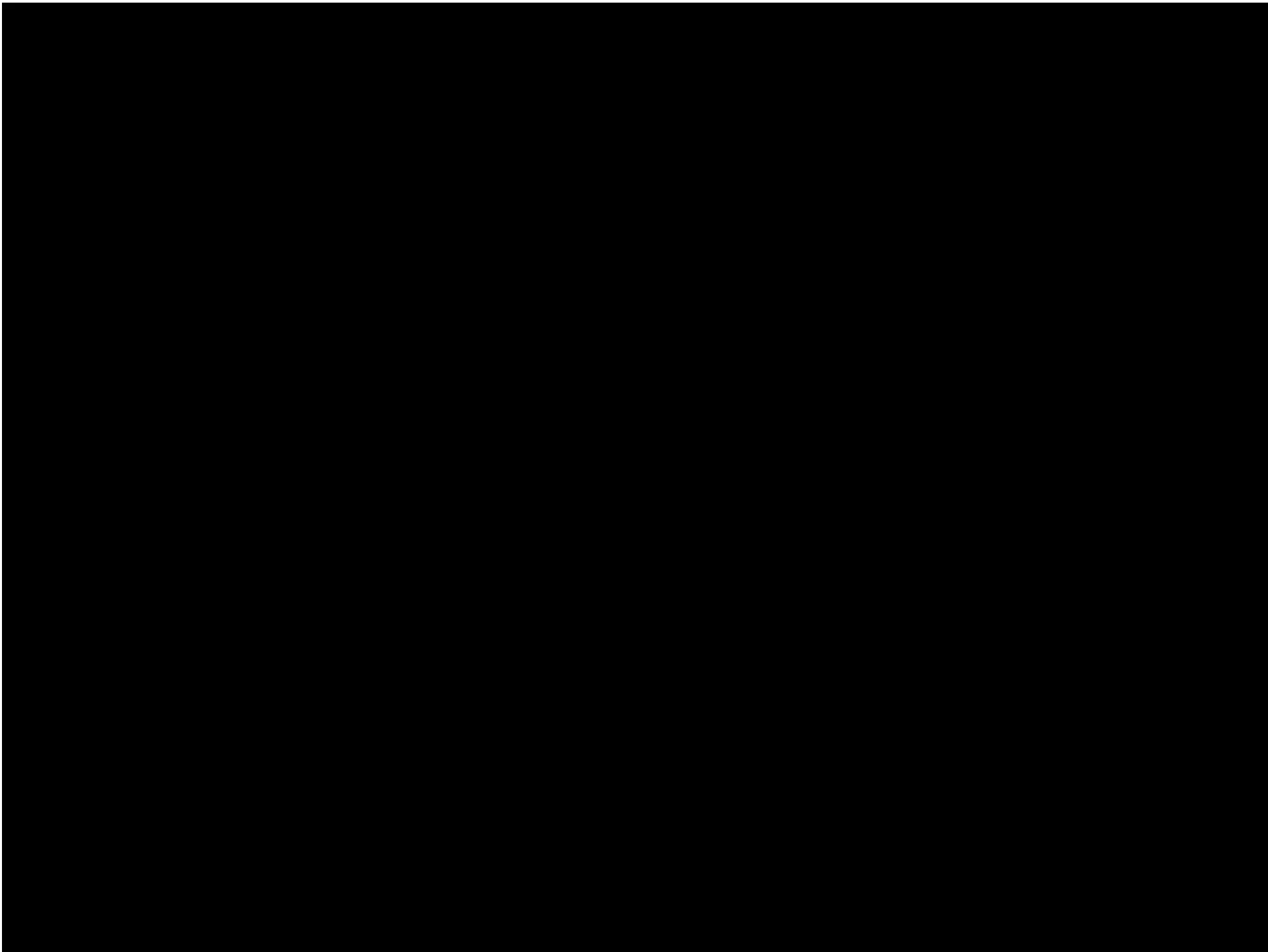
Industrial Robots Worldwide



Source: Brookings Institution

markets. Take Boeing's Black Diamond project. "The heart of this project is about automation," Allen says. "In both our defense and commercial businesses, when we automate we can radically change the cost proposition for building out our products."

tion think tank. Oxford University researchers Carl Frey and Michael Osborn studied 702 occupational groupings in 2013 and found "47% of U.S. workers have a high probability of seeing their jobs automated over the next 20 years."



1. INTRODUZIONE

TECNICA TRADIZIONALE : HAND-LAY-UP (HLU)

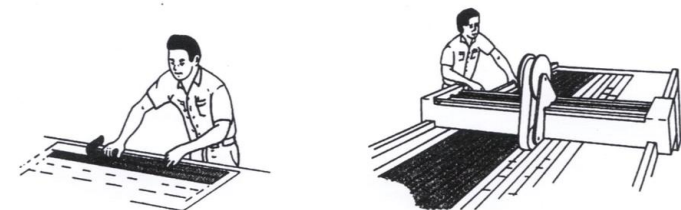
Advantages of the hand-lay-up method

1. Has been the workhorse for composites since the beginning –proven process.
2. Very flexible- Can handle part with complex configuration
3. Does not involve high capital investment in acquiring expensive machines
4. Can handle custom made parts well

Disadvantages of the hand-lay-up method

1. Rate of material deposition is slow.
2. Requires large amount of manual labor
3. Variability depending on the operator
4. Can not handle large parts
 1. Limit of out life of the prepregs
 2. Logistic issues
5. Introduces large amount of waste.
6. Lack of integration between manufacturing and design
7. Difficulty in making parts with no free edge (tubes)

Hand-lay-up.



1. INTRODUZIONE

Comparison between manufacturing of autos and aircrafts

Current aerospace composite part manufacture



Current automobiles manufacture



MAIN AUTOMATED COMPOSITE MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES

FILAMENT WINDING

ATL : AUTOMATIC TAPE LAY-UP : Wider tape (12 inch or more)
AFP: AUTOMATIC FIBER PLACEMENT: Narrower tape (0.125", 0.25", 0.5")
Multiple tapes (up to 32 or 64)
Fiber steering
Heating source for thermoplastic composites

CCM: CONTINUOUS COMPRESSION MOULDING

CM: COMPRESSION MOULDING

ARTM : AUTOMATED RESIN TRANSFER MOULDING

ESTRUSIONE, ETC



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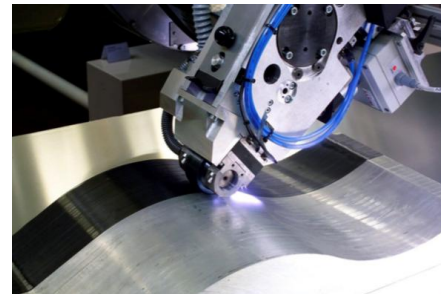
PANORAMICA TECNOLOGIE AUTOMATIZZATE



FILAMENT WINDING



ATL : AUTOMATIC TAPE LAY-UP



AFP: AUTOMATIC FIBER PLACEMENT



PANORAMICA TECNOLOGIE AUTOMATIZZATE

CCM: CONTINUOUS COMPRESSION MOULDING (FINO A 80 m/h di profilati rettilinei)

Continuous Compression Moulding Machines



CCM Part hat shape



PANORAMICA TECNOLOGIE AUTOMATIZZATE

Tipologie diverse di AFP

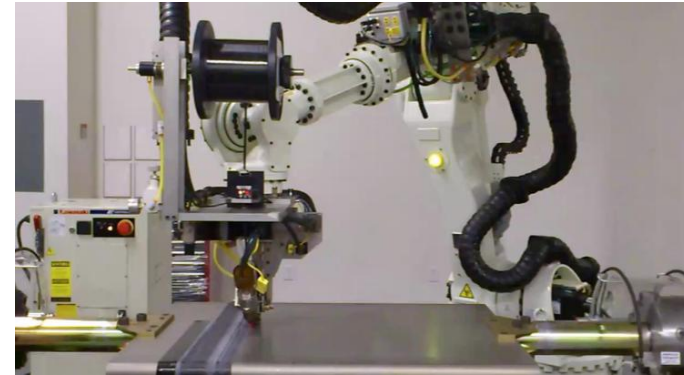
Automated Fiber Placement (AFP)
machine at Concordia University



MAG IAS machine



MTorres machines



Fraunhofer machine



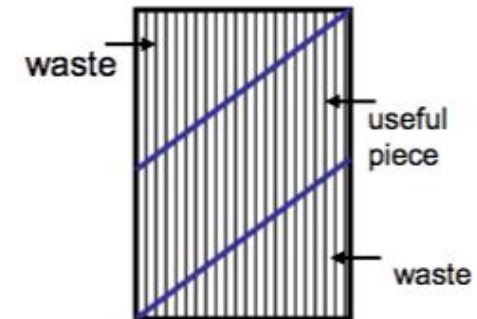
Ingersoll machines



CORIOLIS machine

Advantages of automated fiber placement (AFP) process

1. Fast speed of material deposition (> 10 lb/hr)
(as compared to HLU- 2.5 lb/hr)
1. Does not depend on the operator
2. Less labor intensive
3. Less waste of materials (lower buy/fly ratio)
4. Repeatability of results
5. Seamless transition between manufacturing and design
6. Can handle large structures
7. Can produce unique structures
8. Steerable fibers



Challenges for automated fiber placement (AFP) process

1. High capital cost
2. New technology
3. Thermoset composites still need second operation (autoclave or oven)
4. Laps and gaps issues
5. Distortion in thermoplastic composite processing



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PANORAMICA TECNOLOGIE AUTOMATIZZATE

Diffusione macchine AFP-ATL



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1. Boeing
2. Spirit
3. Airbus
4. Bell Helicopter TexTron
5. Bombardier (Coriolis)
6. ATK
7. COMAC
8. SUPERJET
9. FINMECCANICA - AA (Grottaglie-Foggia)
10. FINMECCANICA –AW (Brindisi)

UNIVERSITA' E CENTRI DI RICERCA

1. Sheffield university (UK)
2. Manchester Institute of Technology (UK)
3. Bristol University (UK)
4. Fraunhofer Institute (Germany)
5. NLR (Netherlands)
6. Univ. of Missouri (USA)
7. Union College (USA)
8. Australia
9. Japan
10. Concordia University (Canada)
11. National Research Council Canada (Canada)
12. TUM Munich (Germany)
13. COMPODITATOUR (France)

NOVOTECH Srl – Avetrana (TA)



AFP – VISTA DA UN COSTRUTTORE CORIOLIS COMOSITES

COMPANY PROFILE

Founded in 2001

- By 3 « young » engineers

110 employees

- Mostly engineers
- Highly skilled in robotics, composites & software

Turnover 15M€

- More than 20M€ expected in 2015

French independant company

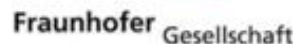
- Founder owned

Patented technology

- 15 families of patent
- 150 titles

References

- Airbus Group (D&S, Aero) A350, Ariane 6, A320 NEO
- Safran (Aircelle),
- Dassault Aviation, Bombardier, Aerocomposit



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AFP – VISTA DA UN COSTRUTTORE CORIOLIS COMOSITES



Robotic cells

- TP, dry/binder tow, Thermoset
- 8 to 32 tows



Software

- Integrated in CATIA V5/V6 or standalone
- Composites design, simulation and programming



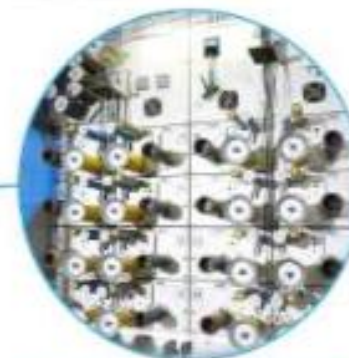
Collaborative R&T

- Skilled engineer team
- Worldwide

AFP – VISTA DA UN COSTRUTTORE CORIOLIS COMOSITES



Fibre feeding system with controlled temperature



Standard high precision and high dynamic movement robot

Proprietary software to control AFP robot

Creel with tension regulated bobbin unwinding system

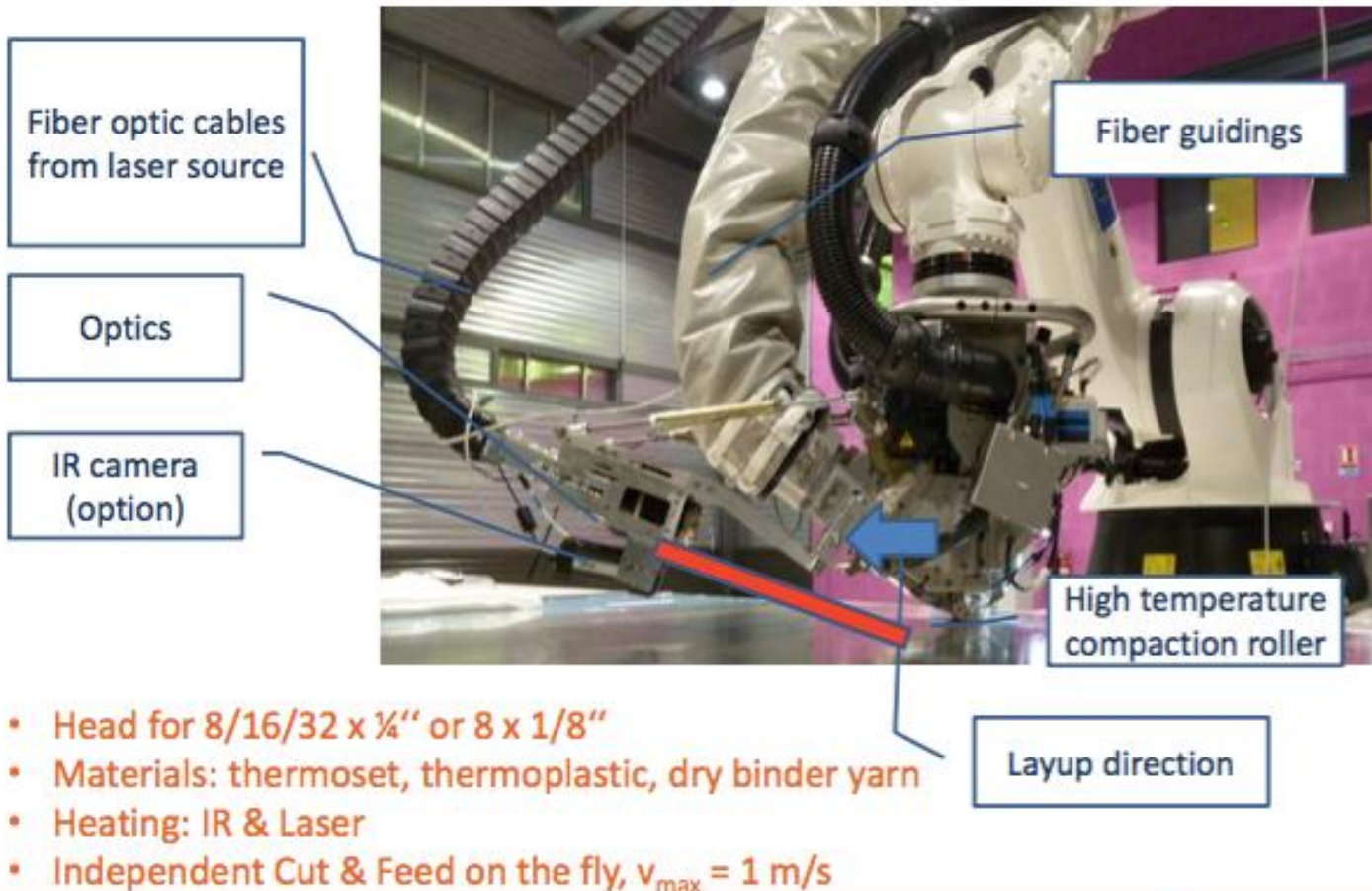


Lightweight and highly innovative layup head, developed in-house

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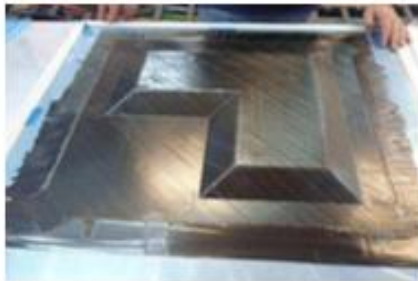


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CURRENT ROBOTIC FIBER PLACEMENT



Inserts and variable thickness



No scrap when cut-outs



Steering

- No scrap
- High mechanical properties
- Variable thickness capability
- Control of compaction and consolidation
- Full simulation and off-line programming

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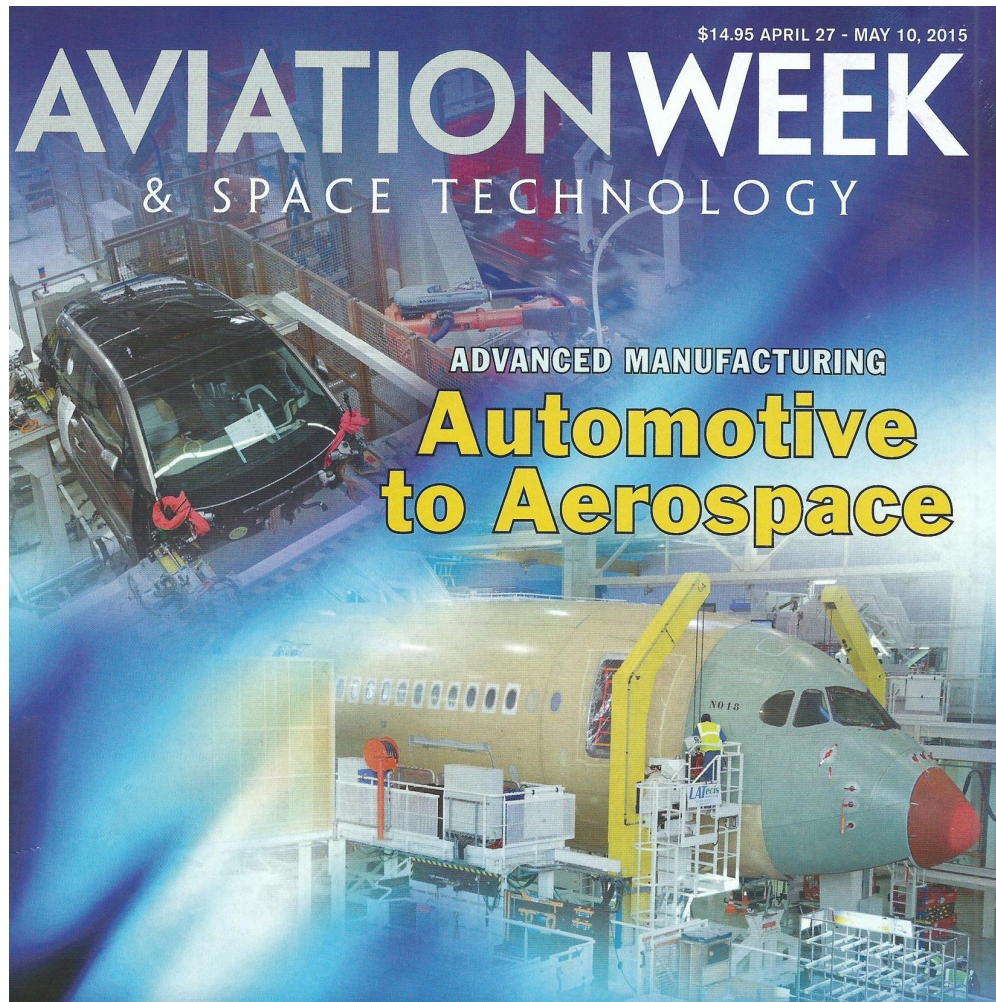


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Faster Carbon

Europe's aircraft industry seeks to pave way for high-rate production of carbon-fiber structures

Graham Warwick Paris

Auto to Aero

Can aircraft manufacturers use low-cost, high-rate composite technologies from the car industry?

Graham Warwick Paris

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Initially, carbon fiber was used only in high-performance but low-volume supercars where material cost and manufacturing cycle times are less critical. Then in 2009, BMW announced it would build a small all-electric car using carbon-fiber composites. Deliveries of the i3 began late in 2013, but at 100 cars a day, it is at the lower end of the high-volume spectrum. Now automakers like PSA Peugeot Citroen are looking at composites, but for rates exceeding 900 cars a day.

AFP – VISTA DA CORIOLIS COMOSITES

AEROSPACE & AUTOMOTIVE

INDUSTRY NEEDS REGARDING AFP

Industry	Aerospace	Industry
Materials	Thermoset Binder Yarn Thermoplastics 50 to 100 €/kg	Dry fiber Thermoplastics Thermoset 5 to 15€/kg
Typical parts	Fuselage + Door Tail cone Fairings	Chassis Body structure Spars
Dimensions	1 – 25 m	0.1 – 2.5 m
Parts/Year	100 - > 2.000	1.000 - > 200.000
Features	Double curved High quality Complex contour Sandwich	Complex 3D Variable thickness Local reinforcements

Flexible machine
Precision



Highly automated
High productivity
Low material costs

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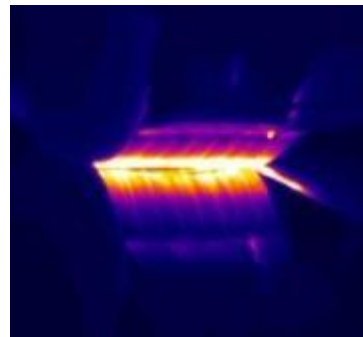
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Composites Research Hub



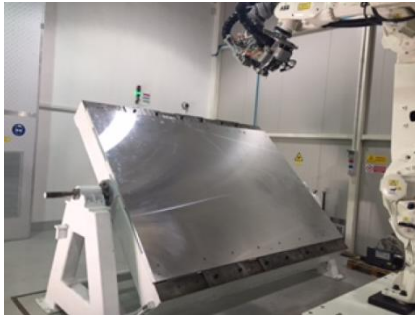
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Overview on our Solutions in Composites Manufacturing

Relevant Equipment and SW

Manufacturing, Curing, Machining and Repair of Composites



AFP Machine

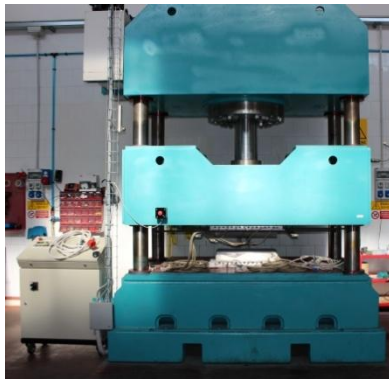
ABB IRB-6640/205/2.75
standard robot 8-fibre placement
head, developed by Coriolis
Composites s.a.s. (France),
mounted on a linear axis with a
working length of 3m. Material
heating can be performed by a
3kW laser or IR lamp.



Infuser Servo injector for HP-RTM/VARTM
molds, up to 4000cc per shot



Hypaject MKIII injection system thermostatted
up to 10bar injection pressure for RTM.



Hot Press for RTM and CM
with plates of [m] 1.2 x 1.8,
400° C Insulated Plates.



Vertical Machine Center
MV 214 P 12B from
Quaser.



Composite Curing Oven
400° +/- 2° C
uniformity temperature,
size [m] 1.0 x 1.0 x 1.2
with Vacuum Line.

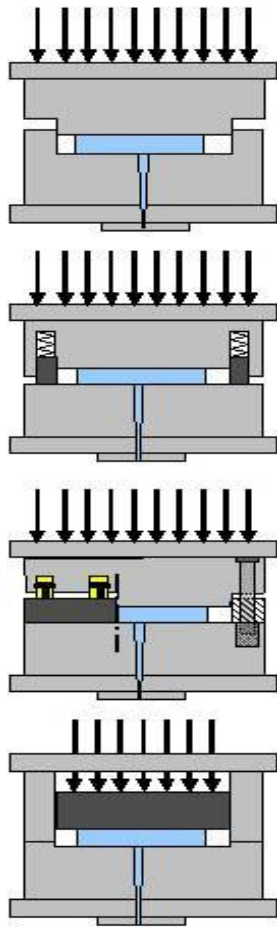


ACR3 Dual Zone Hot Bonder
with SR Blanket kit from
BriskHeat Corporation

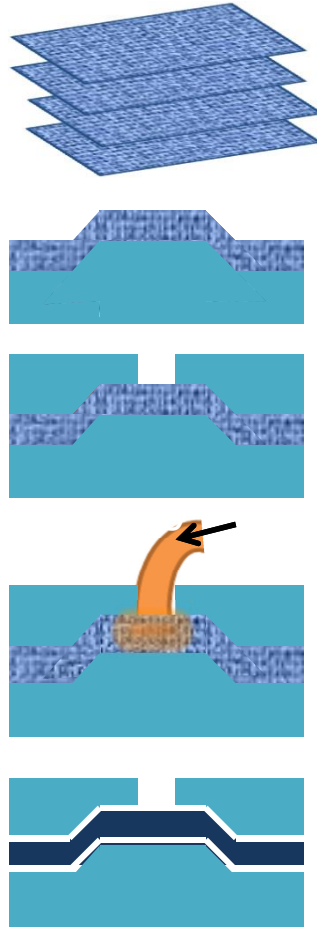
Virtual Product
Development



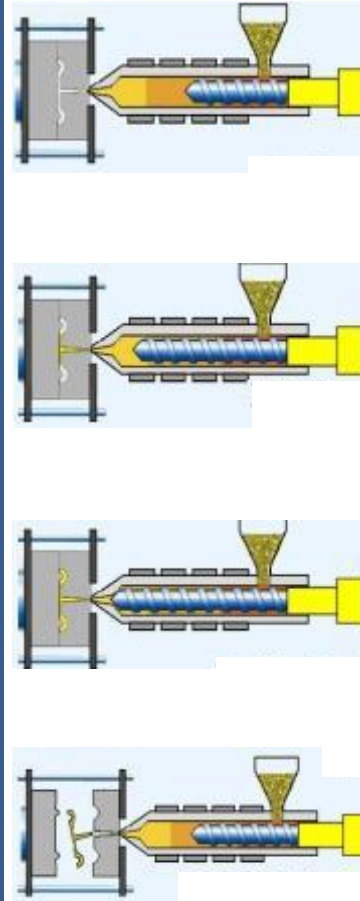
Technology - Targeted Innovation



**Compression
Moulding Process**



**Resin Transfer
Moulding Process**



**Injection
Moulding Process**

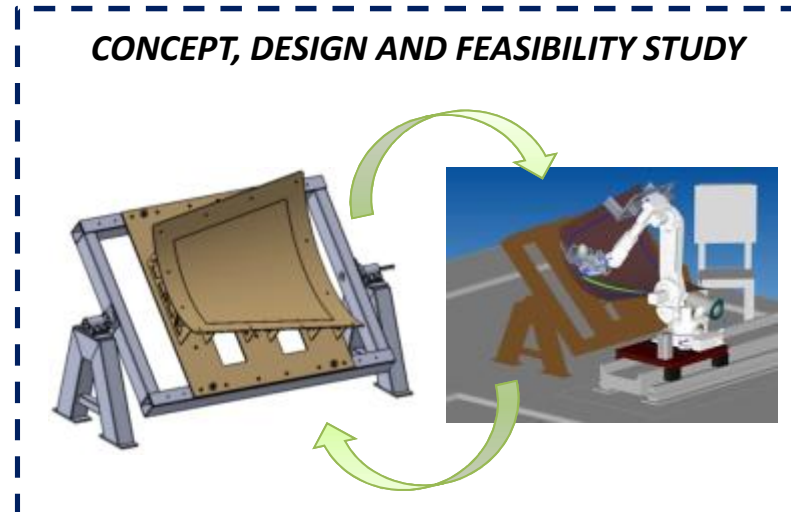
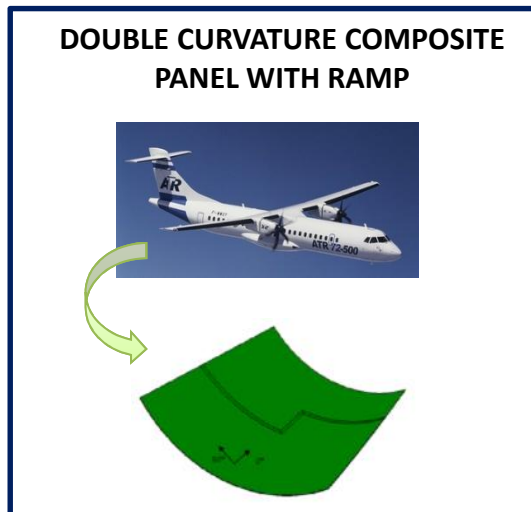


**Automated Fiber
Placement Process**

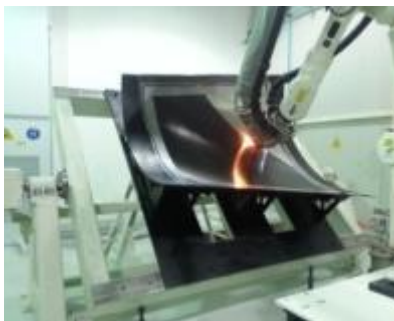
Design & Manufacturing of Composite Layups by AFP Process - LAMITECH Project



DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL A/C TAIL CONE PORTION (1/4)



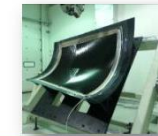
MANUFACTURING



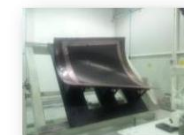
Double Curvature panel
($r_{min}=850$, $r_{max}=1150$ mm) with
a ramp - Thermoset Prepreg
(977-2-35-12KHTS from Cytec)



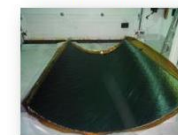
Double Curvature panel ($r_{min}=850$,
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Copper foil - Thermoset Prepreg
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Double Curvature panel
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with a ramp - Dry Fiber material
(Prism TX1100 IMS-65 from Cytec)



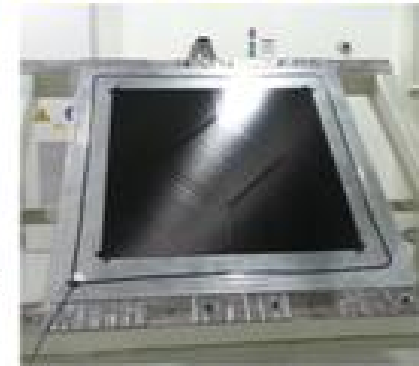
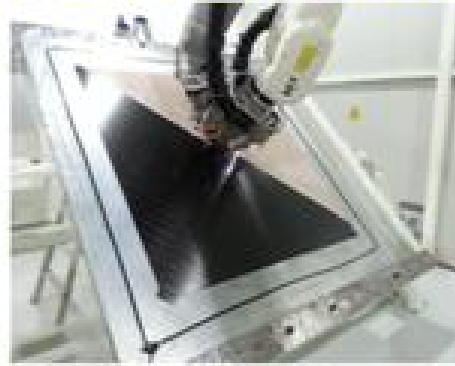
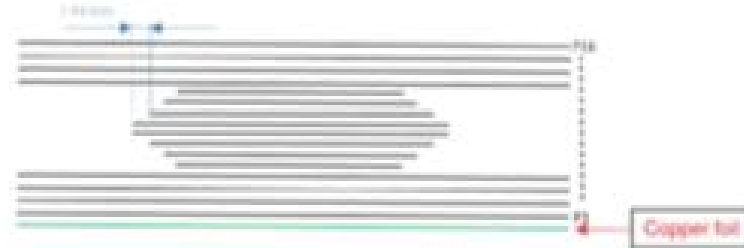
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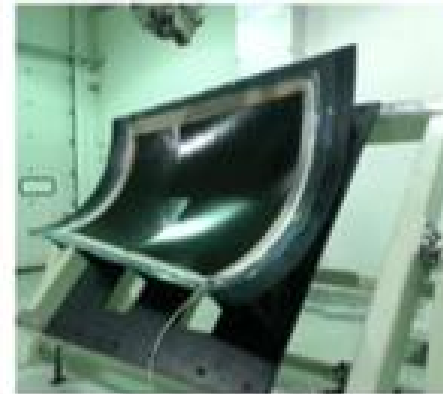
Manufacturing of test trials with Lightning strike protection

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Test Trial #1



Test Trial #2

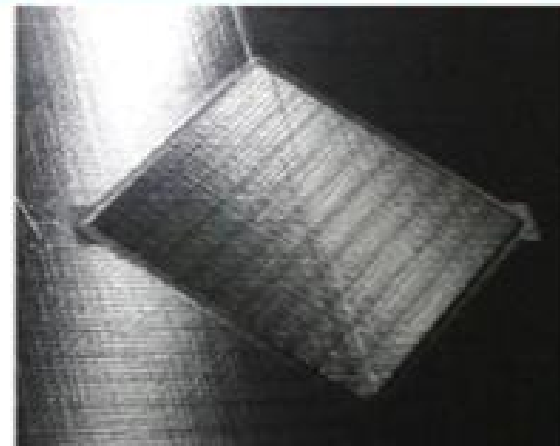
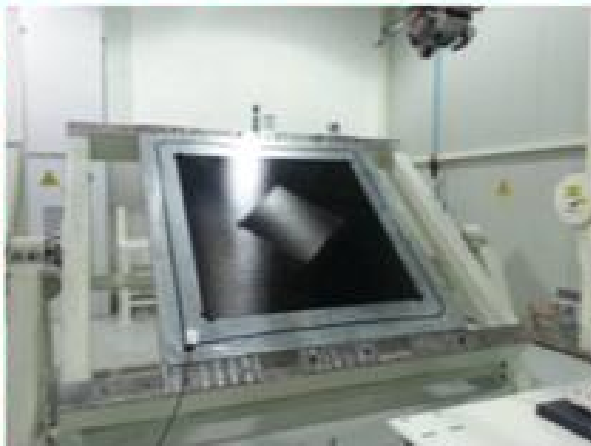
Manufacturing of a test trial with Acoustic Damping ability

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Mid-plane views of the panel during (left) and after (right) the placement of the acoustic damping layer.

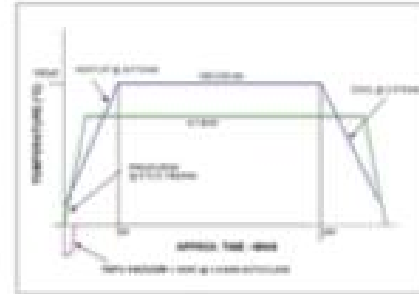
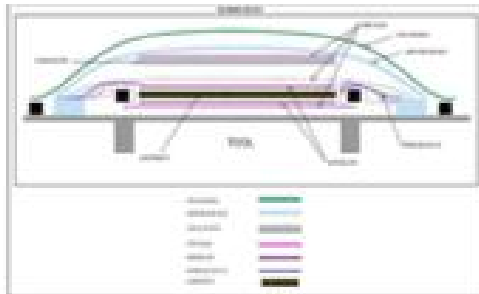


Test Trial #3

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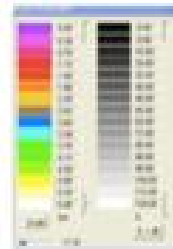
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Datasheet recommendations
 for the bagging scheme and
 curing cycle of the test trial

Side A



Side B



NDI of the test trial. C-Scan on
 both sides was performed.

No defect revealed.

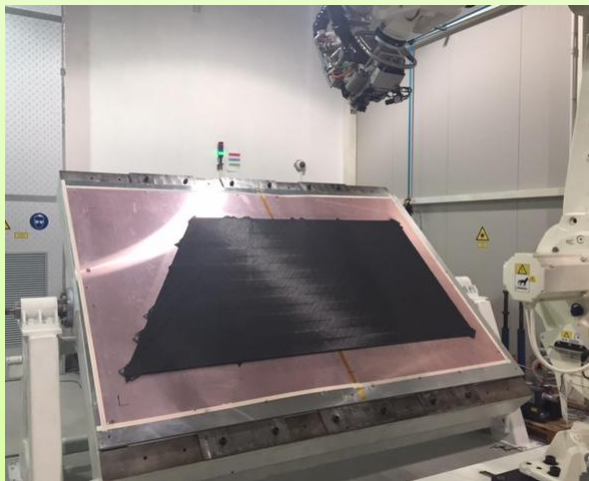
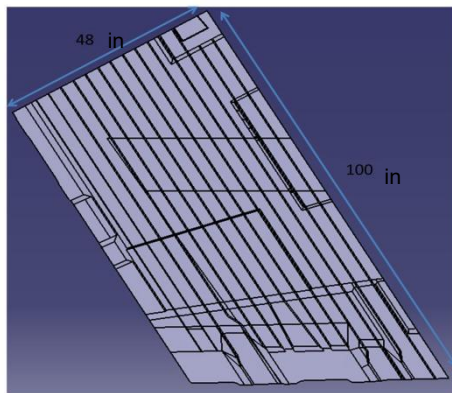
Design & Manufacturing of composite demonstrators by AFP Process - SPIA Project (ongoing)

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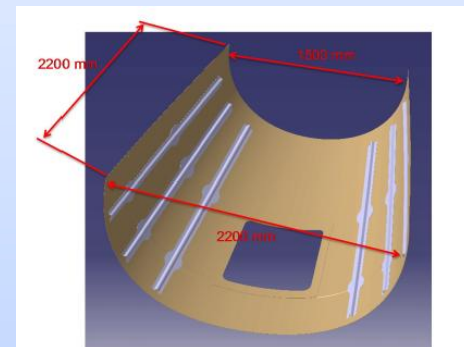
DEVELOPMENT OF COMPLEX COMPOSITE DEMONSTRATORS

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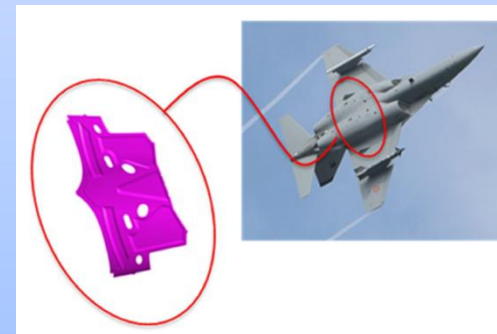


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A/C TAIL CONE PORTION (1/2)



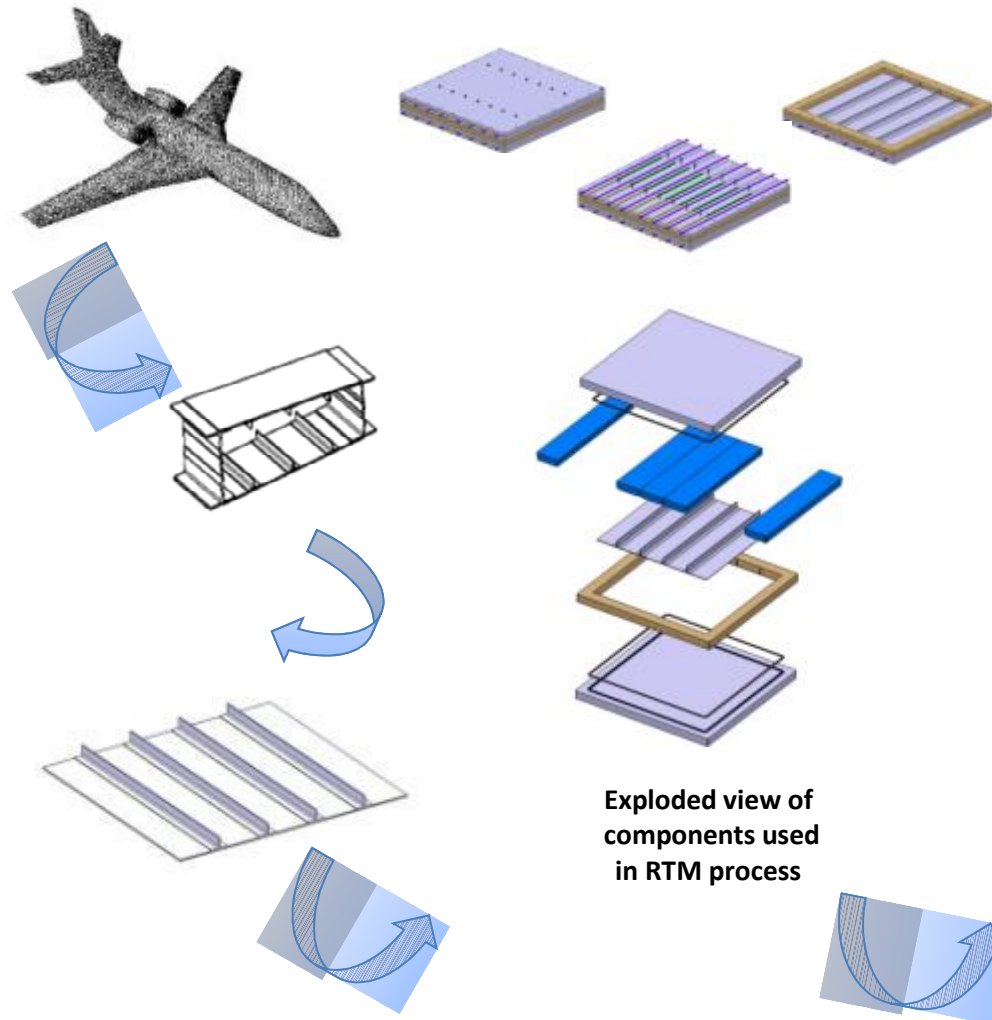
M346 FUSELAGE PORTION



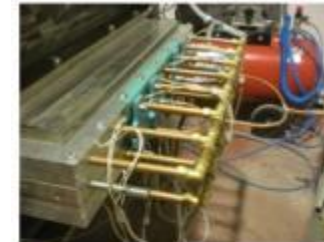
Design & Manufacturing of Composite Layups by RTM process



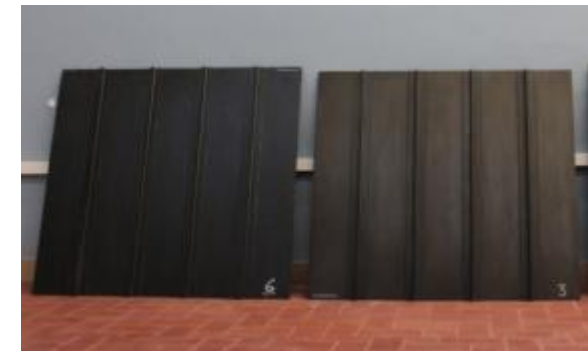
This method offers high precision moulded parts and enables integrated solutions offering high quality and repeatability beyond a reduction of weight, costs and assembly time.



Exploded view of
components used
in RTM process



Equipment used in
the RTM process

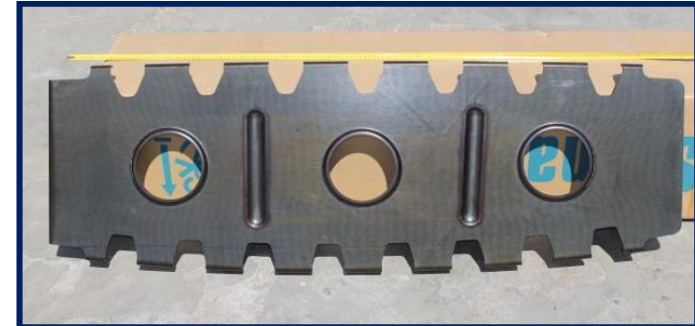
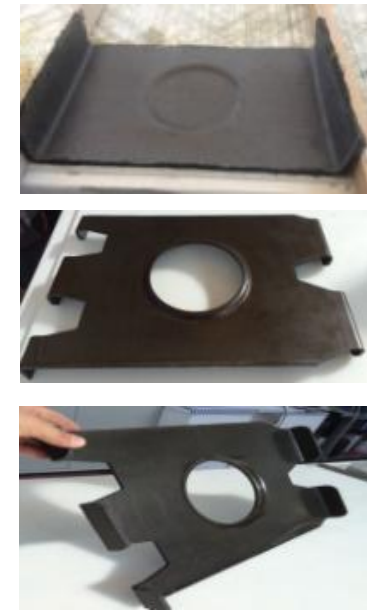
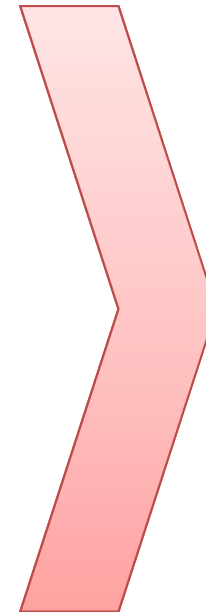
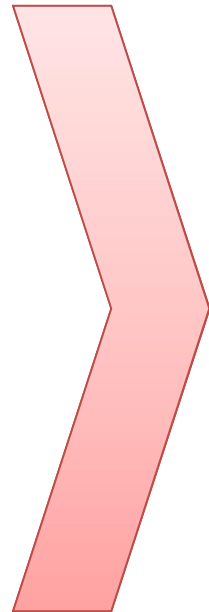
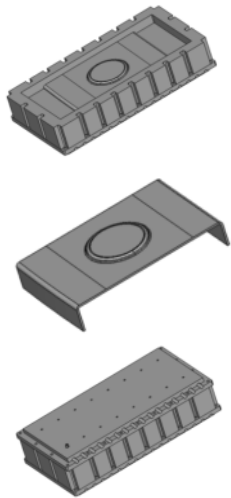


View as built of Composite Stiffened Panels
(TS) samples manufactured by RTM process
for an International R&T Project with
University of Naples "Federico II"

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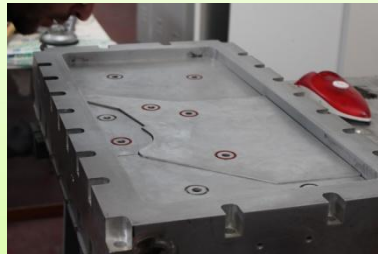
MANUFACTURING OF RIBS FOR REGIONAL A/Cs : FROM SUB-COMPONENT TO A FULL-SCALE DEMONSTRATOR



Design & Manufacturing of Demonstrators by RTM process



HELICOPTER DASHBOARD SUPPORT



AIRCRAFT WING SPAR



HANDLE FOR HELICOPTERS



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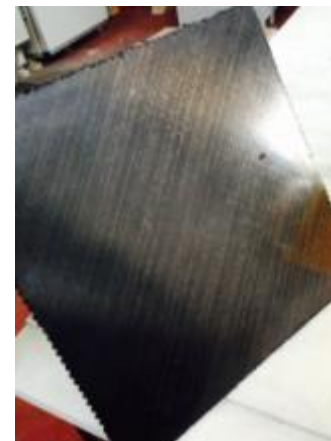
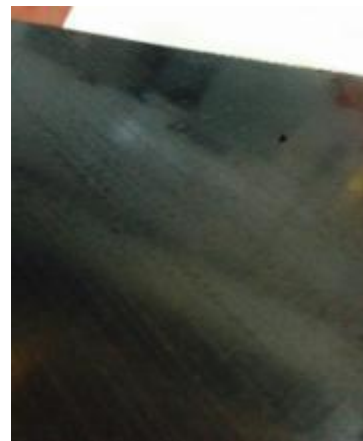
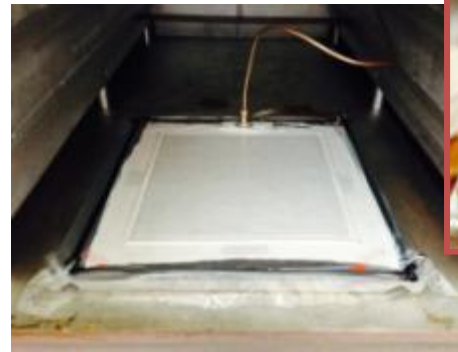
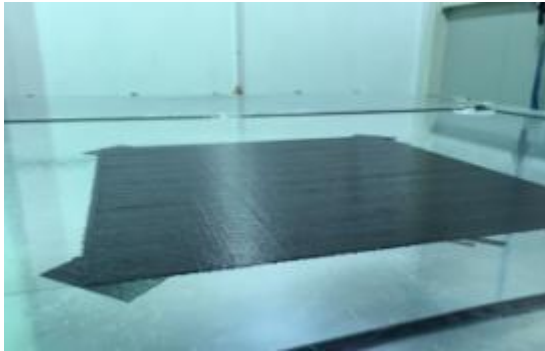
- 1. INTRODUZIONE**
- 2. PANORAMICA TECNOLOGIE AUTOMATIZZATE**
- 3. AFP – VISTA DA UN COSTRUTTORE (CORIOLIS COMOSITES)**
- 4. ESPERIENZE DI SVILUPPO DI TECNOLOGIE AUTOMATIZZATE
(NOVOTECH & COMPOSITI AVANZATI)**
- 5. TEMATICHE DI SVILUPPO E RICERCA DI NOVOTECH**
- 6. CONCLUSIONI**

Out of Autoclave Panels (CYCOM 5320-1) using AFPM

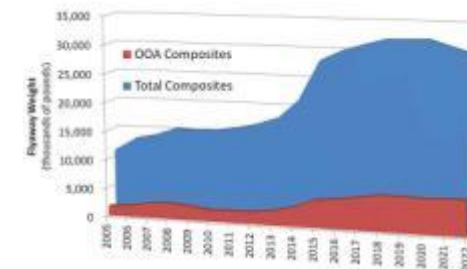
Partners:



CYTEC



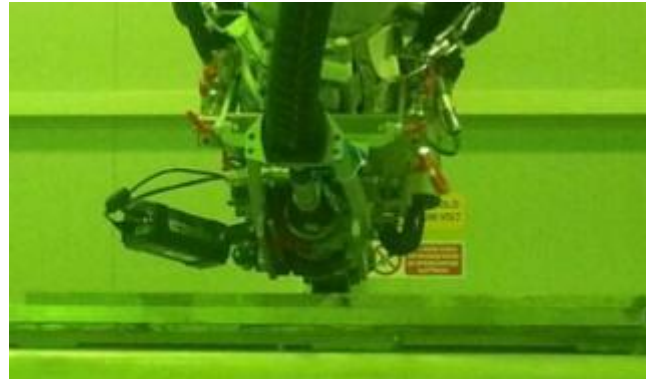
ESTIMATED 2013-2022 MARKET FOR TOTAL AEROSPACE COMPOSITE STRUCTURES VS. OOA COMPOSITES.



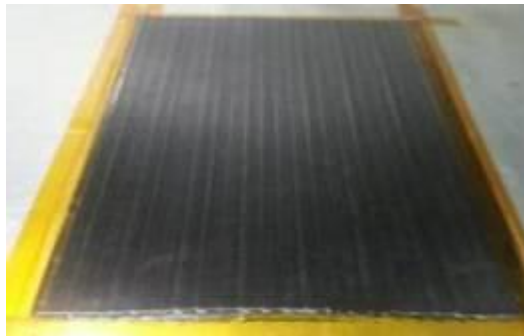
Source CFC (Jan 2014)

TP In-Situ Consolidation using AFPM (in progress)

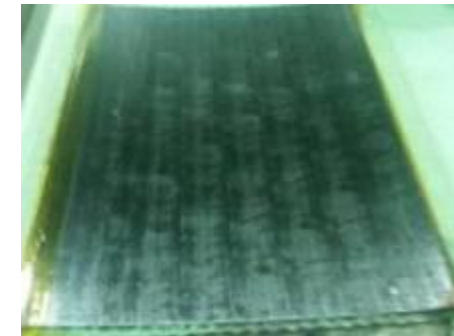
- *Layup performed by NVT*
- *Materials provided by AAAEM*
- *NDI and Mechanical Tests will be performed by Cytec*



(a)
Layup at $T \approx 250^{\circ} \text{C}$



(b)
Layup at $T \approx 400^{\circ} \text{C}$

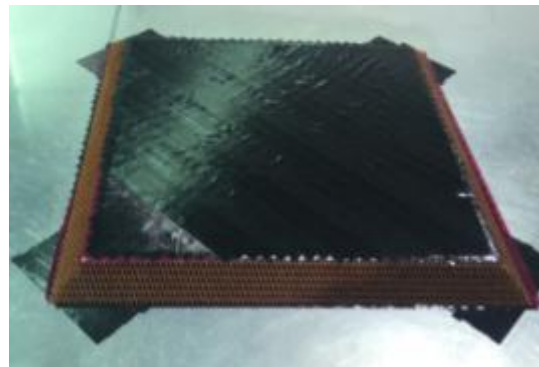
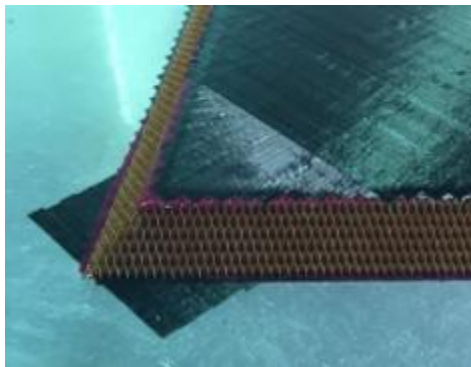
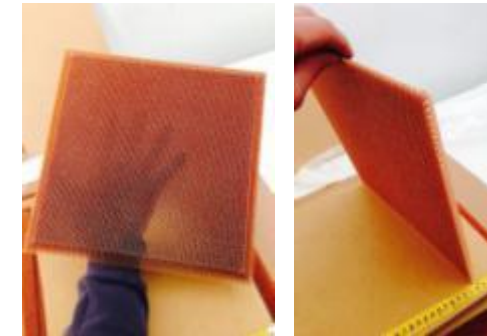
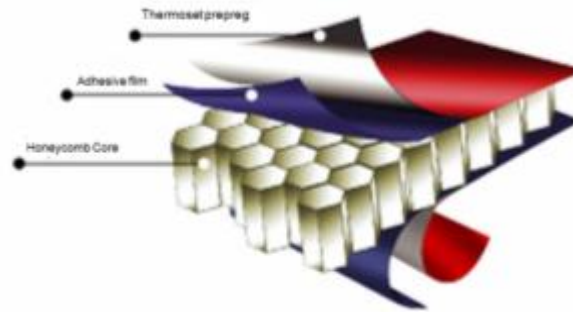
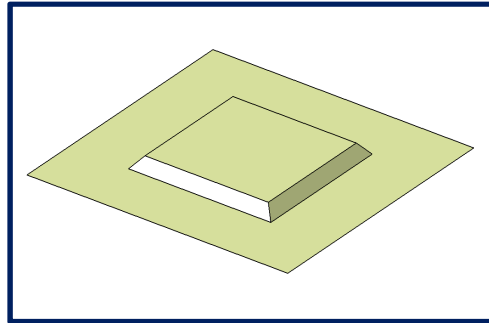


(c)
Layup at $T \approx 400^{\circ} \text{C}$ on a thermal insulation plate

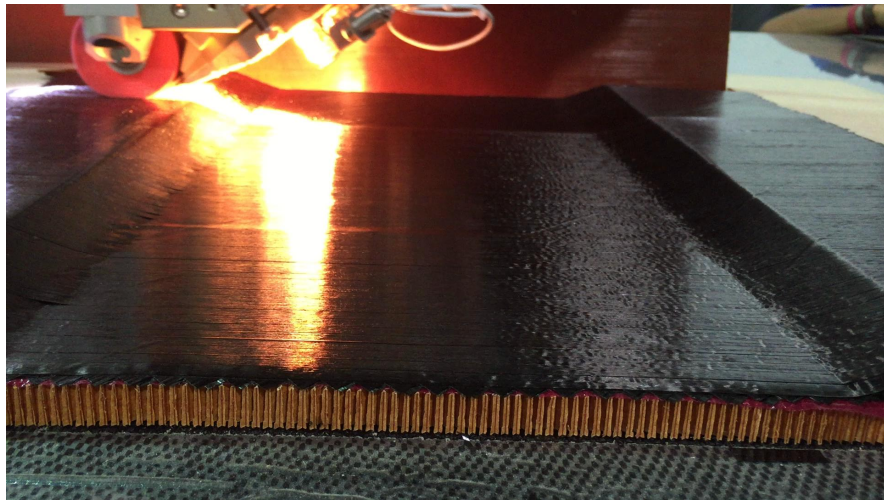
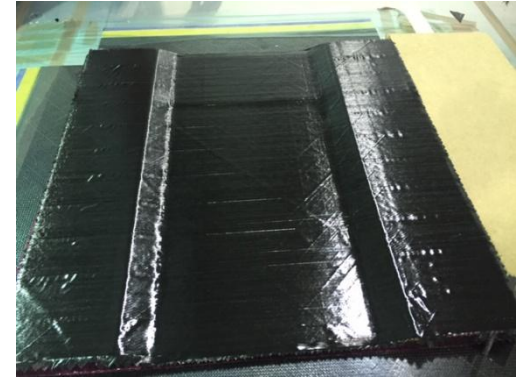
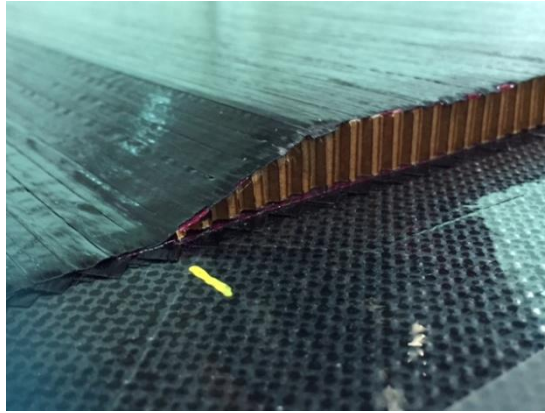
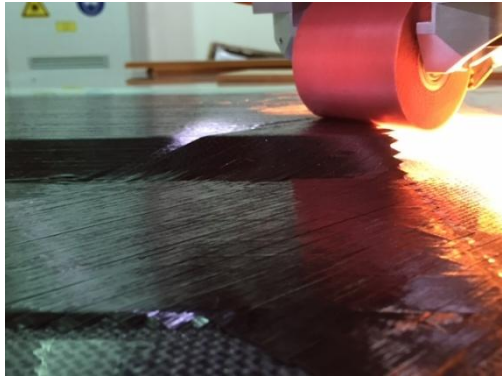
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Sandwich Panels using AFPM

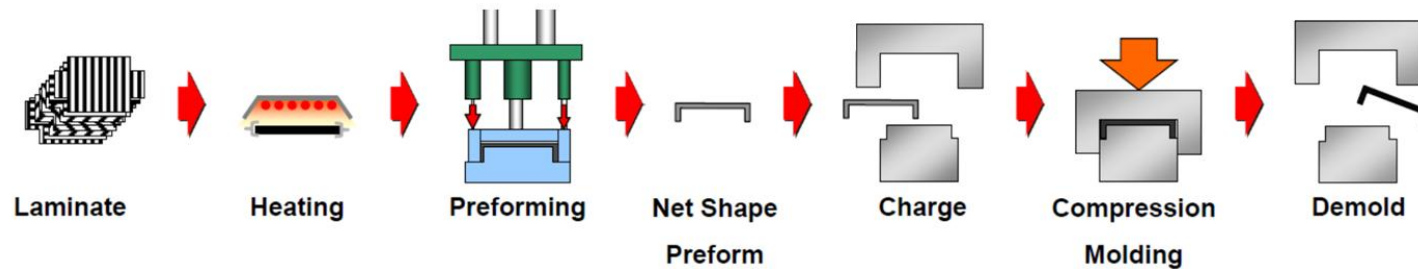


-45°	Thermoset 977-2 (Cytec)
45°	
90°	
0°	
Adhesive	3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural AF 163-2
Component	Honeycomb
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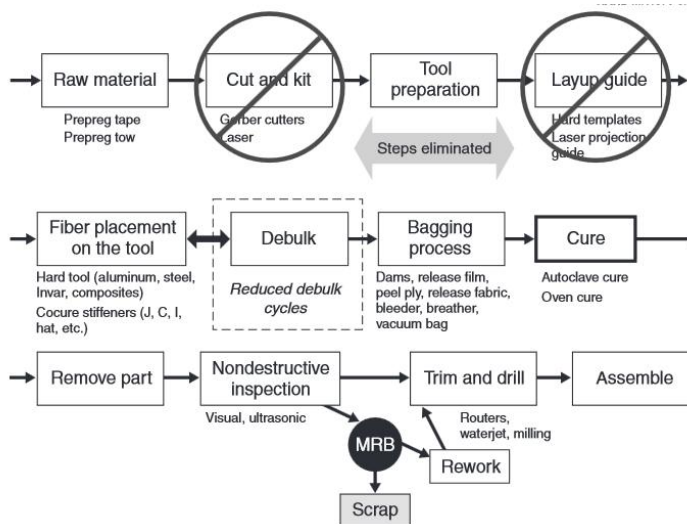


Rapid Preforming process using AFPM

- Preforming of Prepreg for PCM or Dry Fiber material for Infusion process
- High Surface Quality
- OOA process (Hot Press or Oven depending on the part)

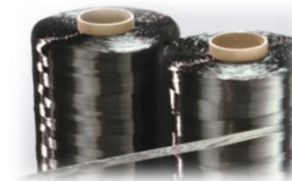


Automated Fiber Placement steps compared to Hand Layup

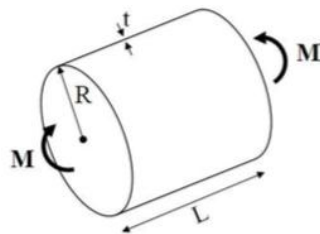
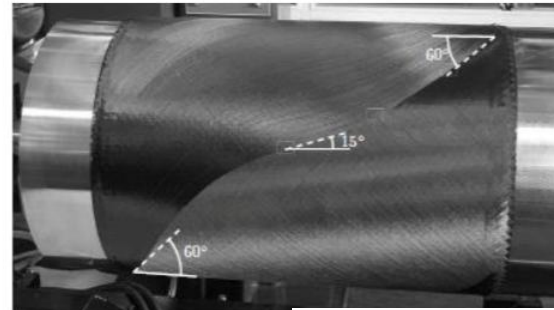


Advanced preforming process :

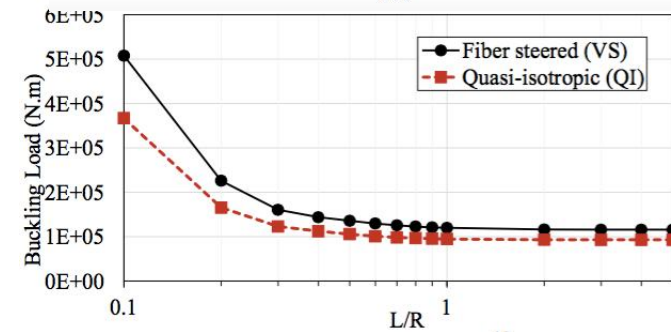
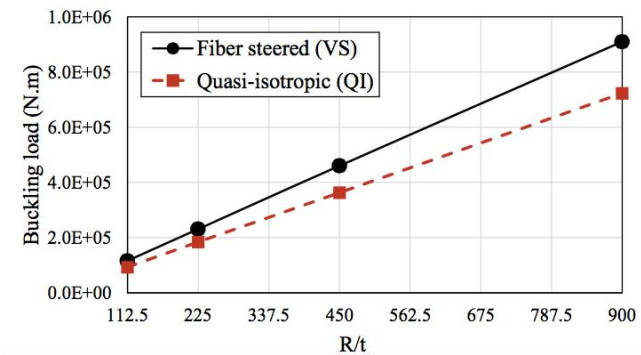
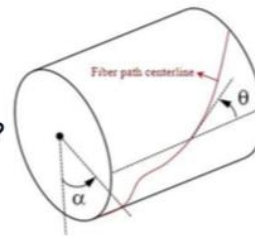
- Fast
- Consistent
- Less manual labor
- Automated



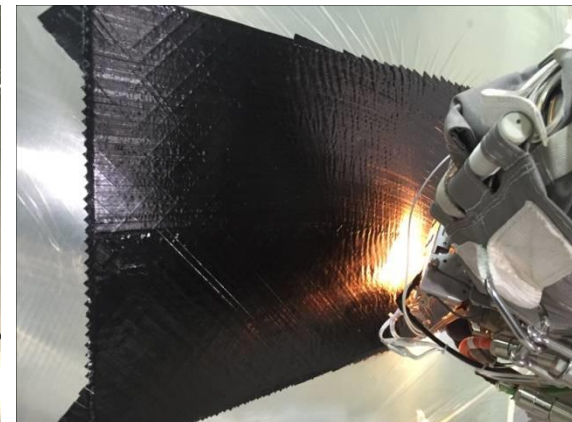
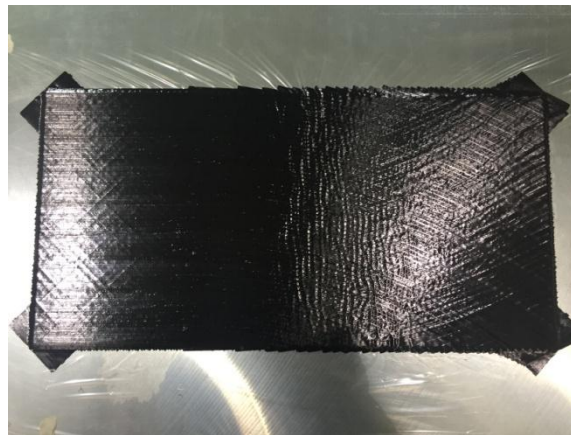
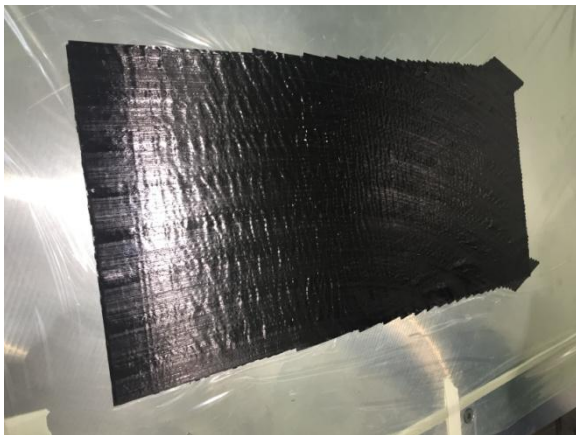
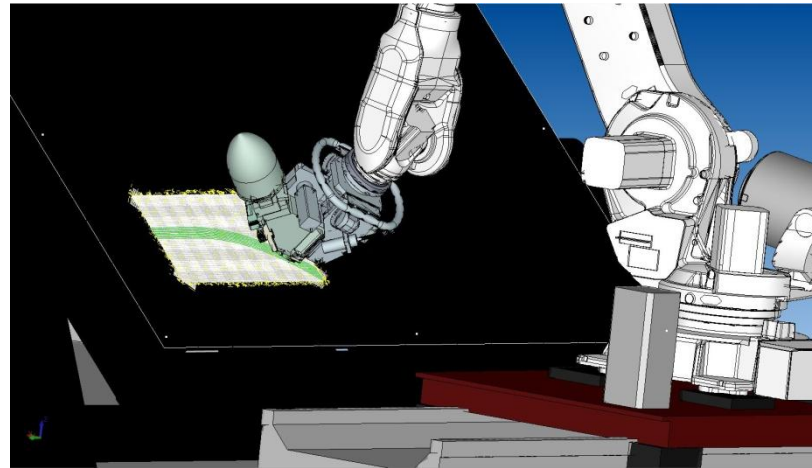
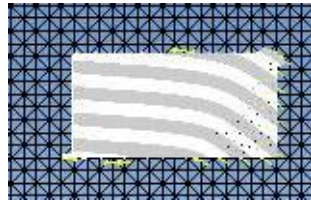
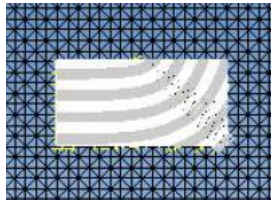
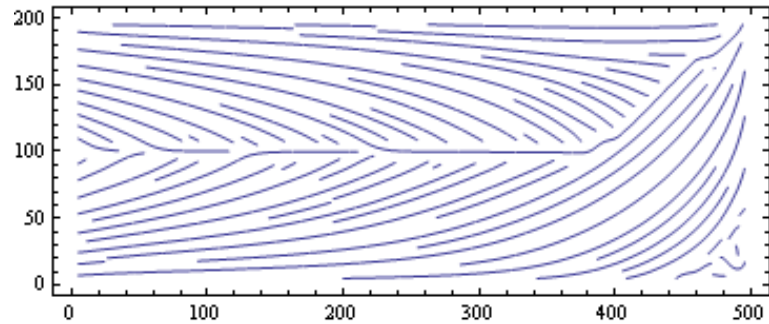
Fiber steering and buckling optimization



What is the optimum path (θ) to have maximum buckling load?



Optimized stratification strategy



***Thank you
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