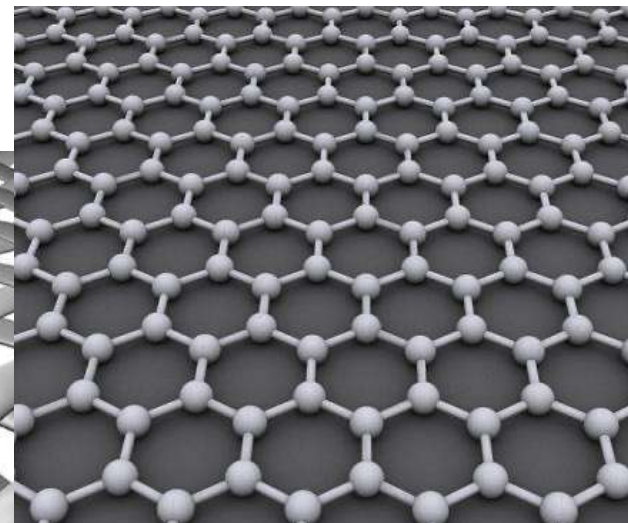
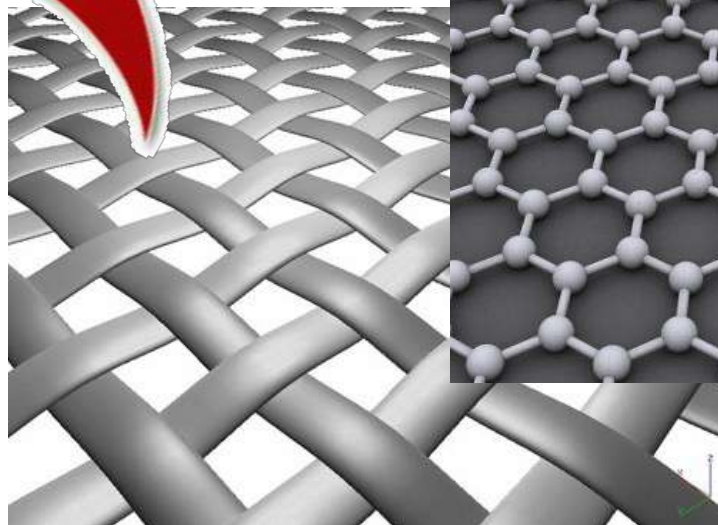




DISEÑO Y RENDIMIENTO DE COMPUESTOS ESTRUCTURALES LIGEROS

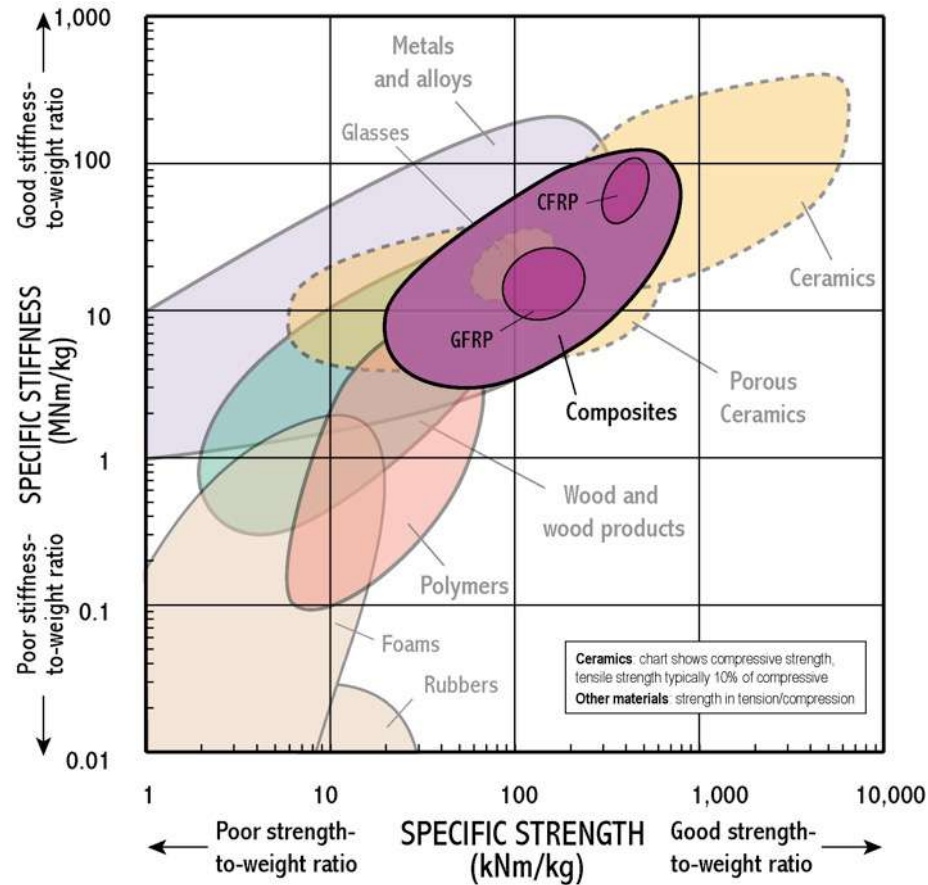
MATERIALES PARA UNA MEJOR DEFENSA

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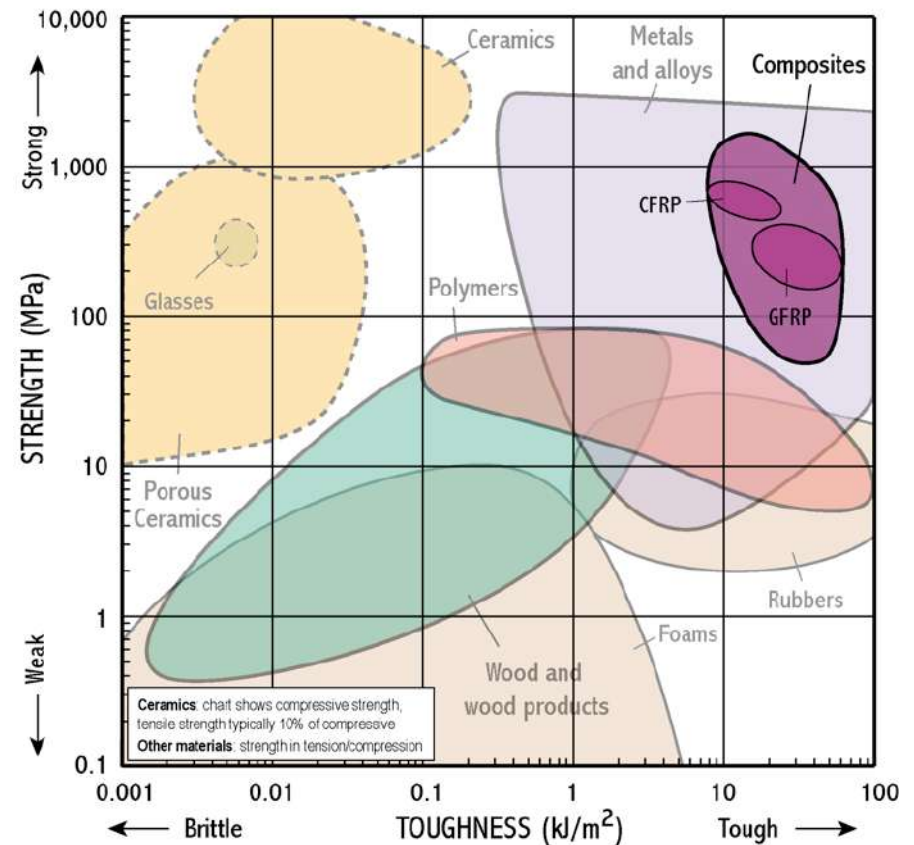
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WHY COMPOSITES?

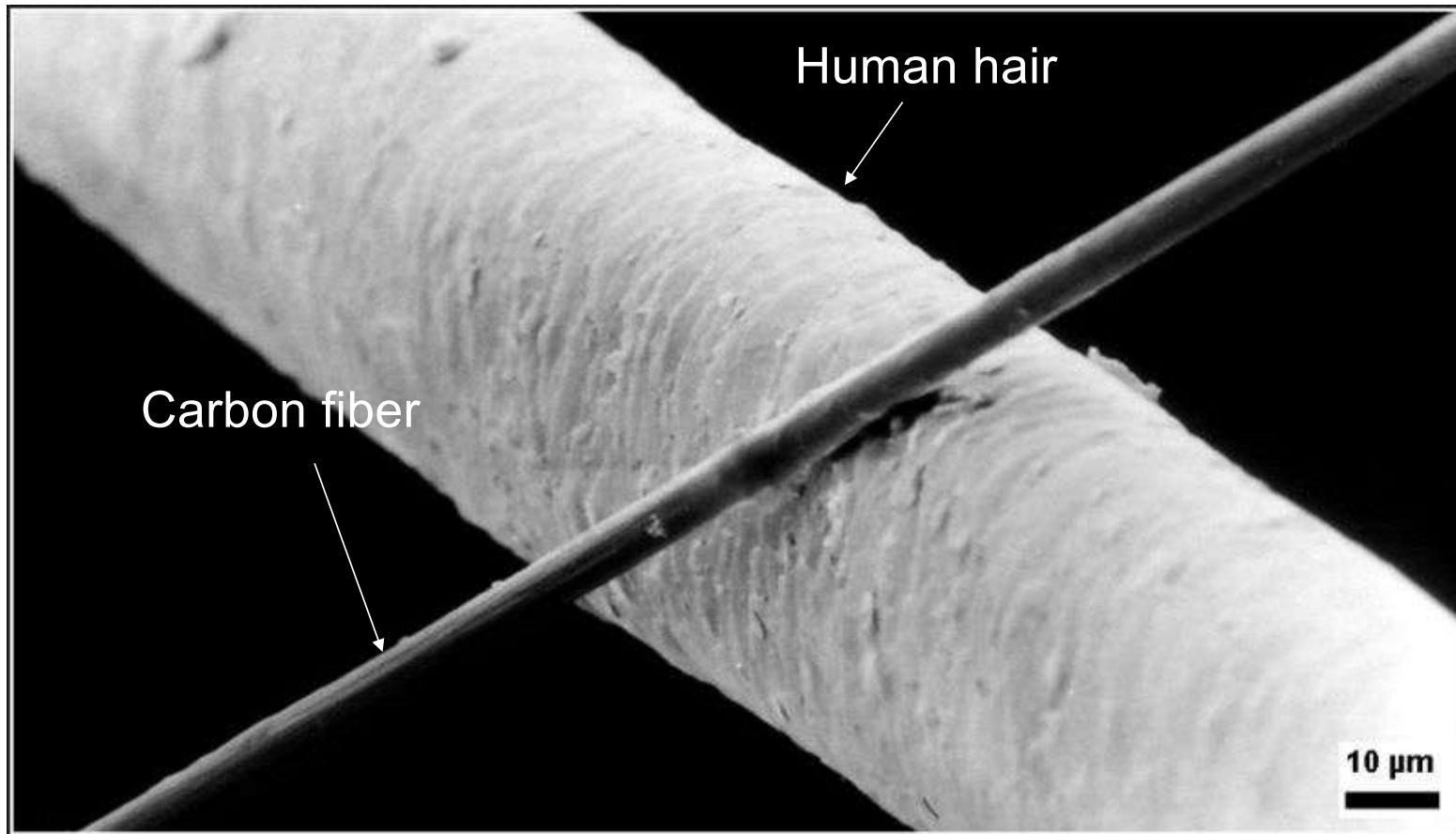
Stiffness/strength



Strength/toughness



WHY COMPOSITES?



WHY COMPOSITES?

Natural fibers

- animal: silkworm silk, spider silk, wool
- plants: cotton, yute, wood
- cellulose

Synthetic

- basalt, quartz, glass
- aramid
- carbon
- nylon, polyester, polyethylene
- PBO



glass



basalt



carbon



sisal



alpaca

sports



automotive



energy



defense



aircraft



space



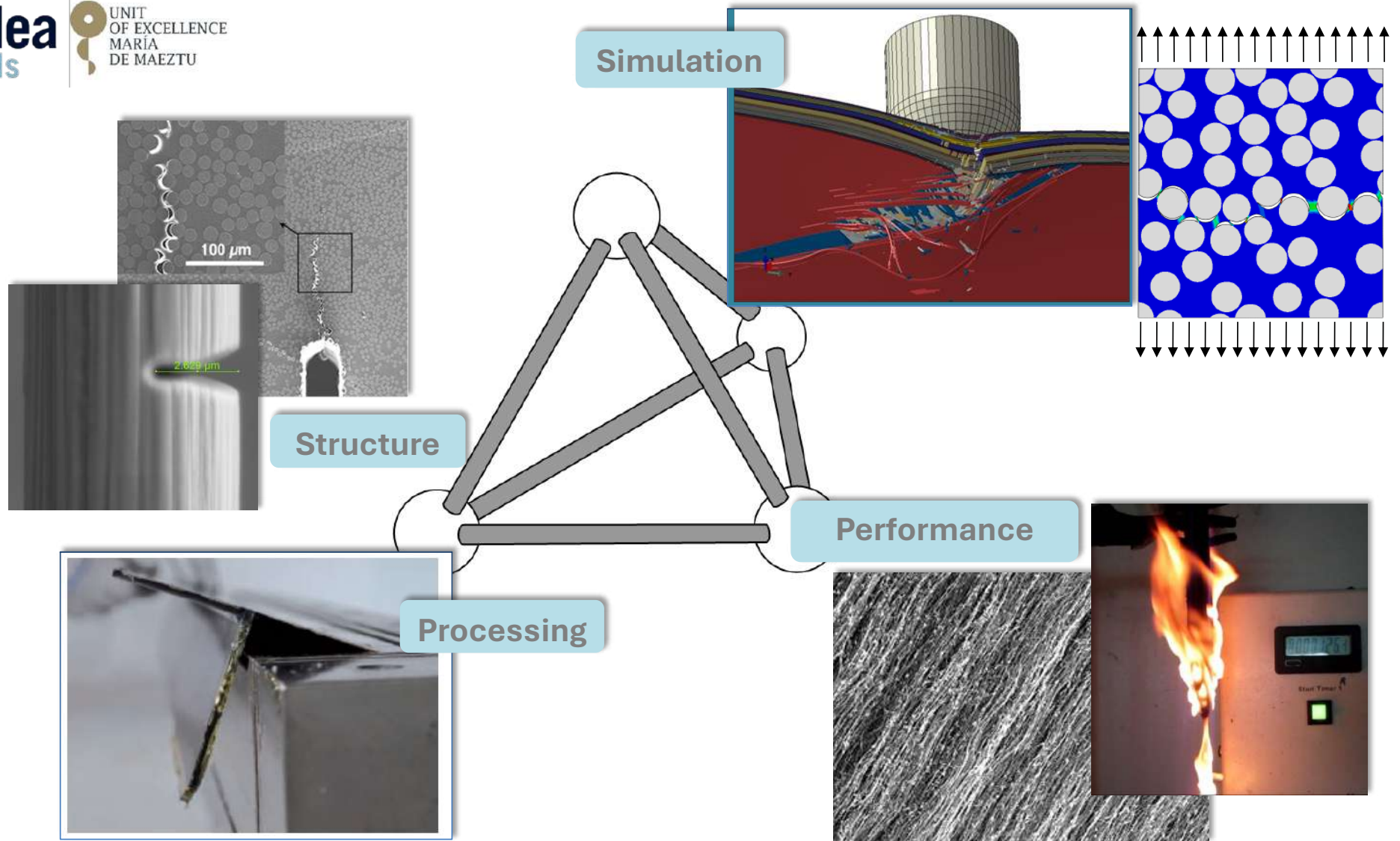
MISSIONS OF THE STRUCTURAL COMPOSITES GROUP

A real industrial example:
the **lighting impact** problem



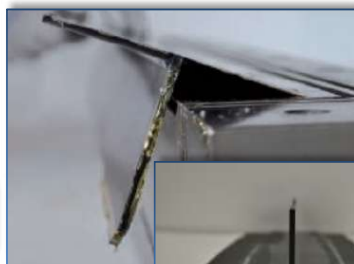
High strength structural composites with improved electrical conductivity

- To push up the **current performance limits** of composites
- To integrate **innovative functionality** of composites
- To develop **material concepts** and their **manufacturing routes**



RTM&Infusion

Processing



Vacuum Bag & Autoclave

Processing of High Performance Composites

Structural Integration

Processing of High Performance Nano Composites



Injection Molding



Extruder



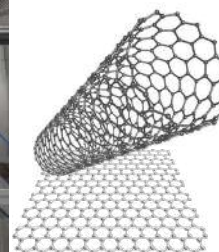
Microcompounding

Calendering



Processing of Advanced Carbon Fillers

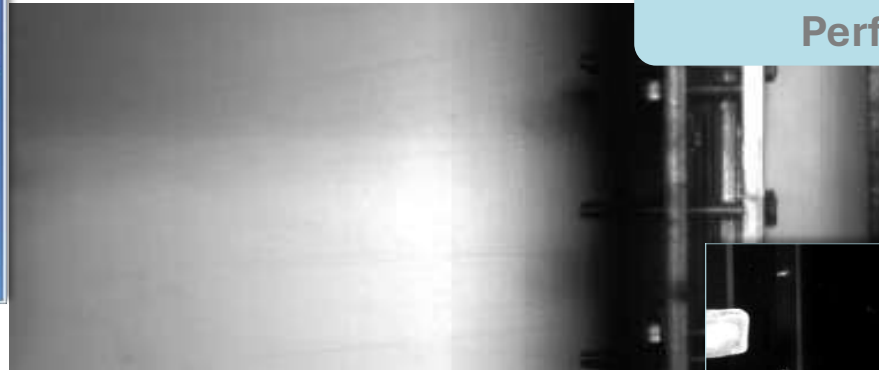
Nano Carbons reactors



Structural Composites for Impact Applications
Open Rotor Programme

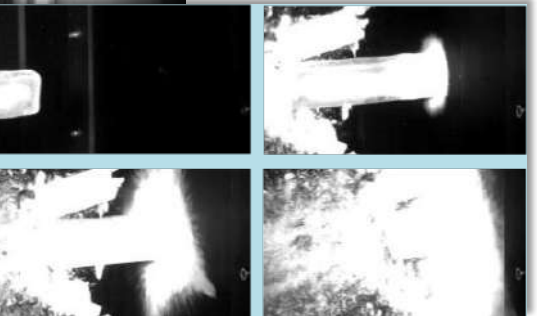


Blade Release



UERF Small Fragment

Development of lightweight shield configurations

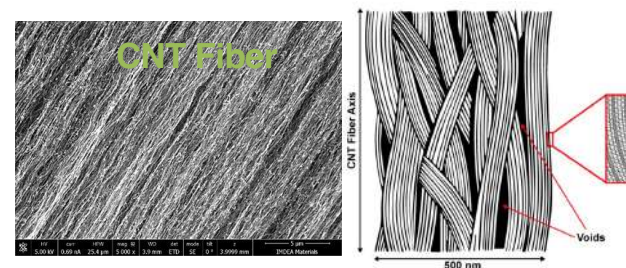


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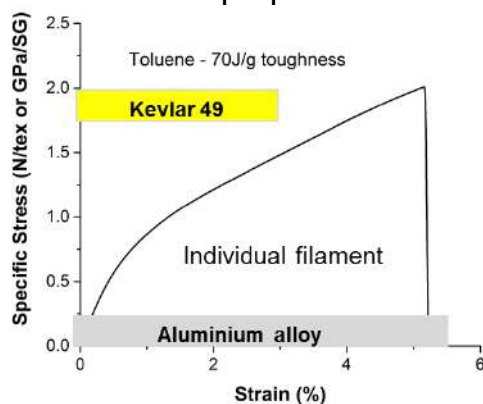
Performance

**New frontiers of Structural
Performance**

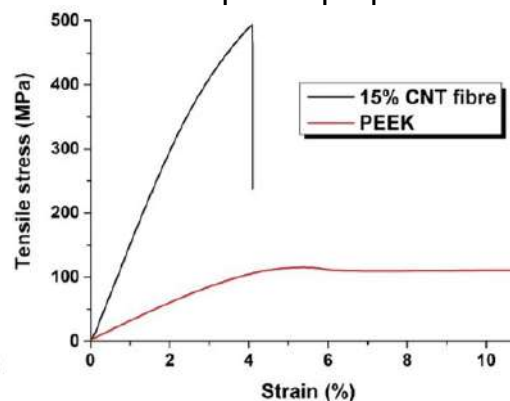
CNT FIBRES AS REINFORCEMENT



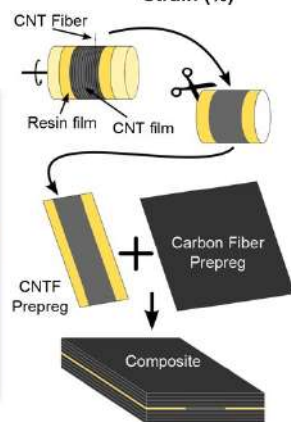
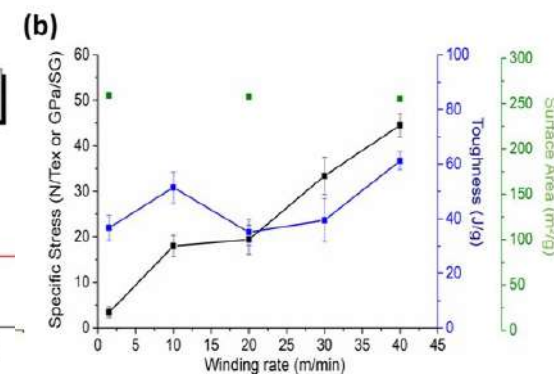
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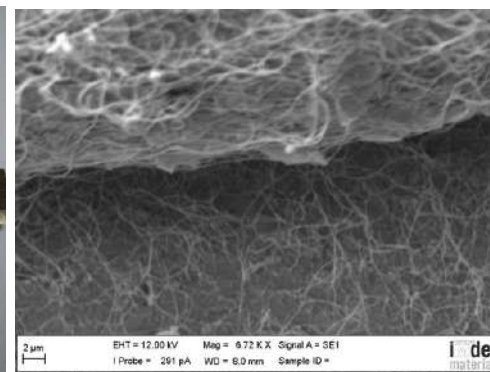
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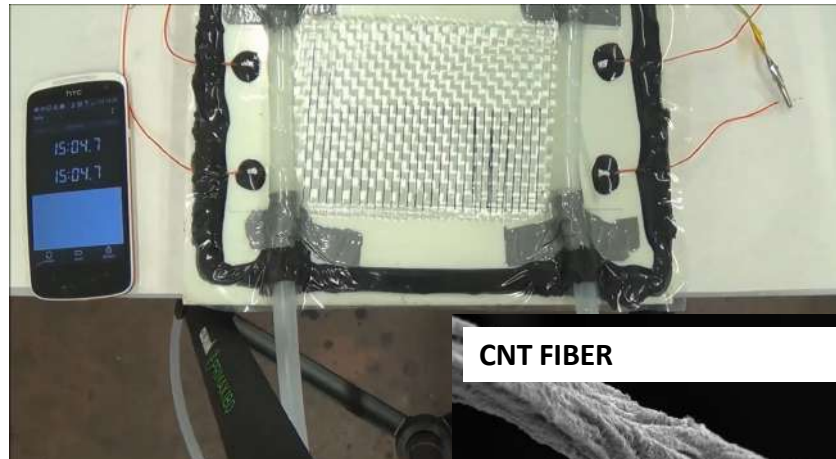
Winding velocity



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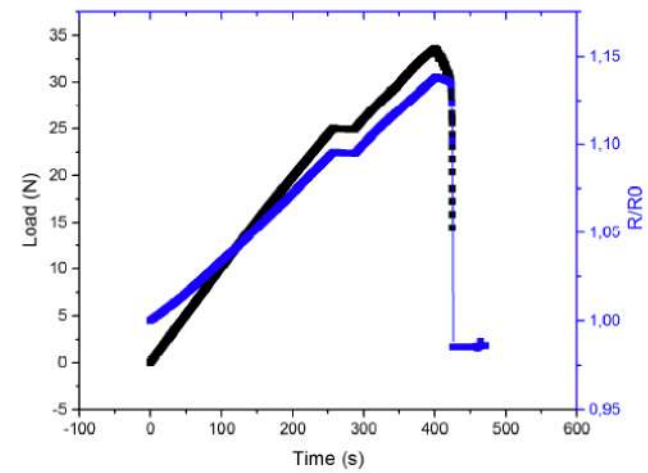
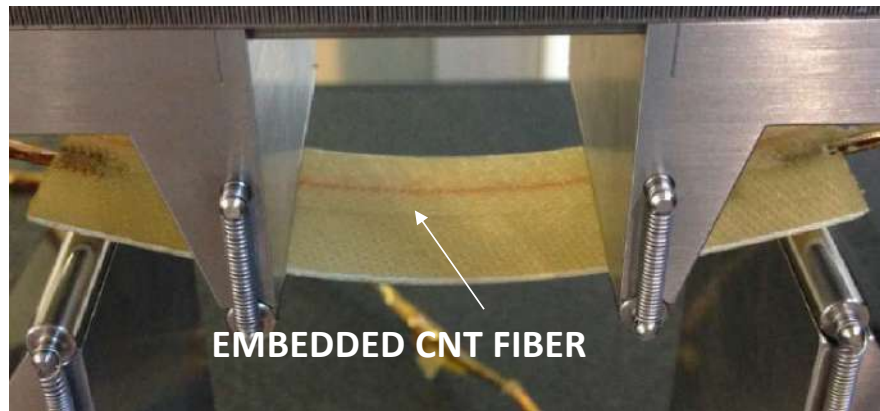


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Performance

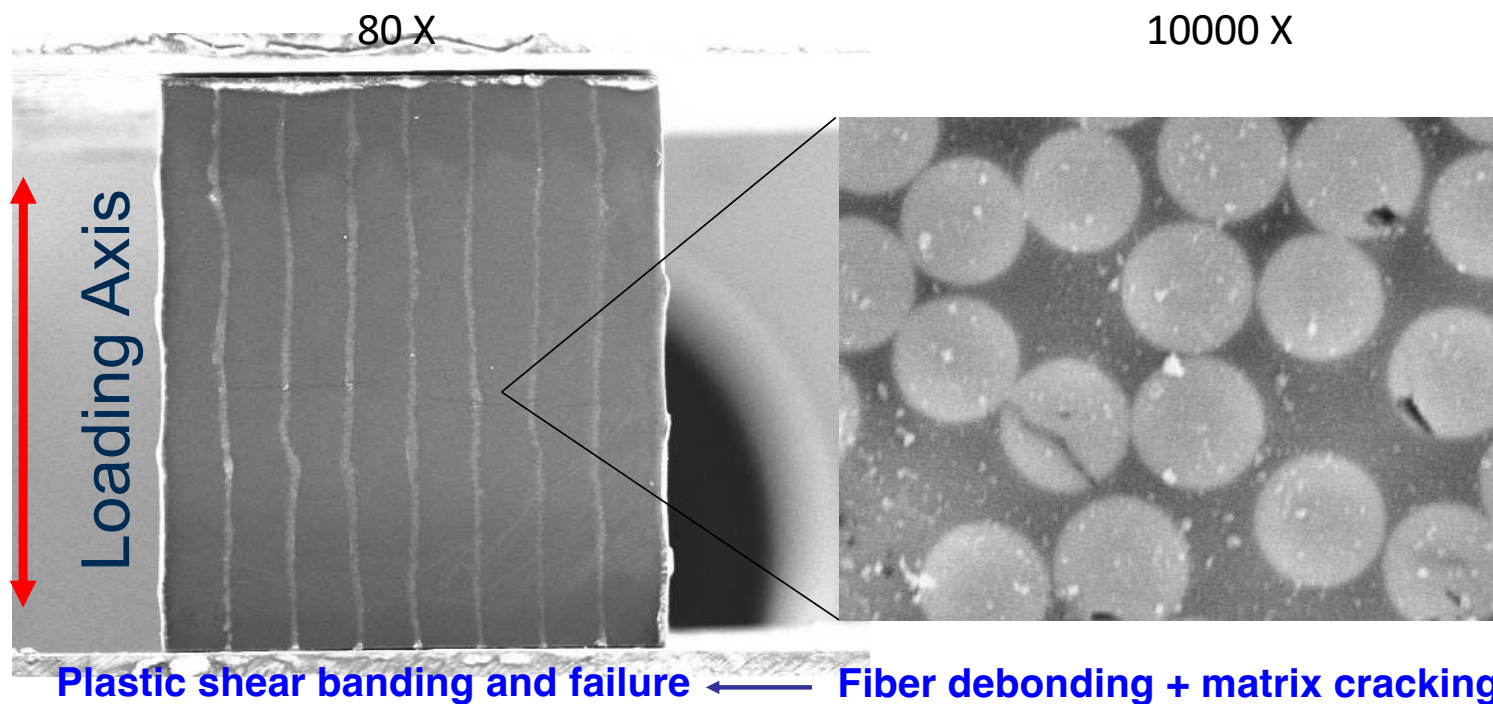
FOUR POINT BENDING



Structure

Micro, Meso and Structural
mechanics of composites

EVALUATION OF FAILURE MECHANISMS IN-SITU SEM TESTING

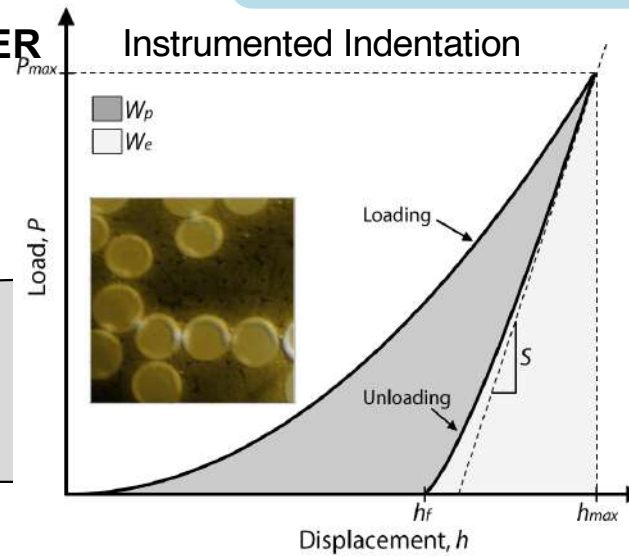
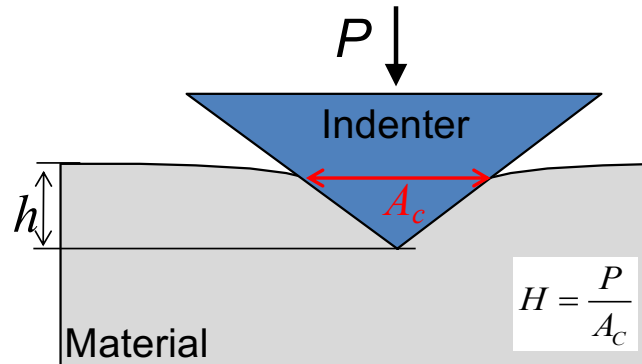


Plastic shear banding and failure ← Fiber debonding + matrix cracking

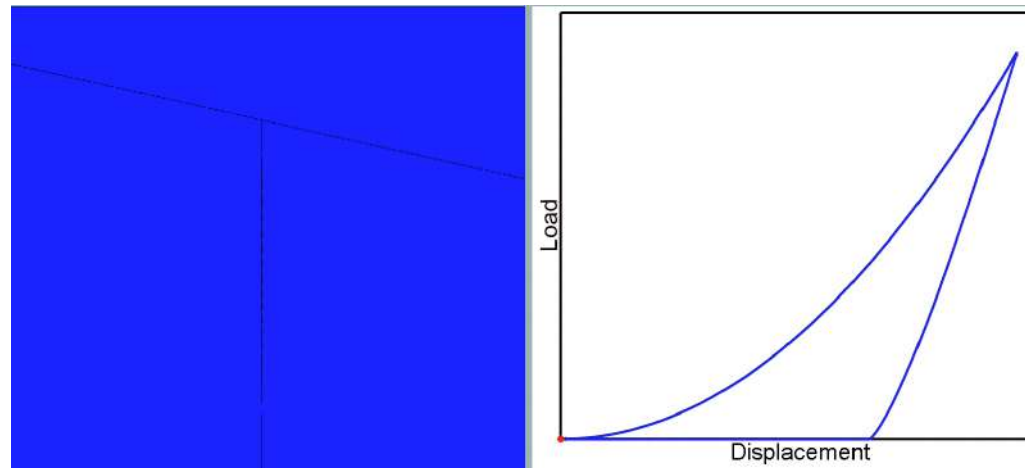
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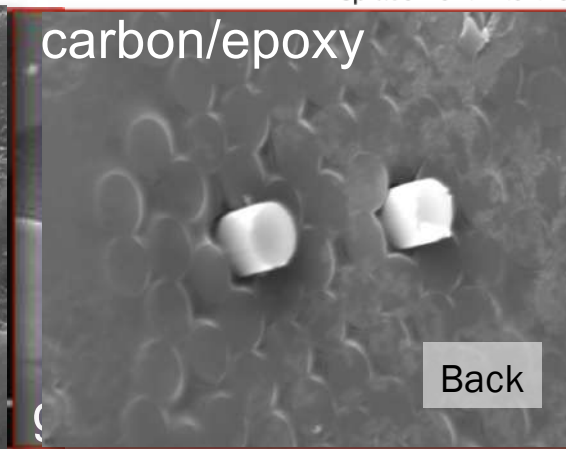
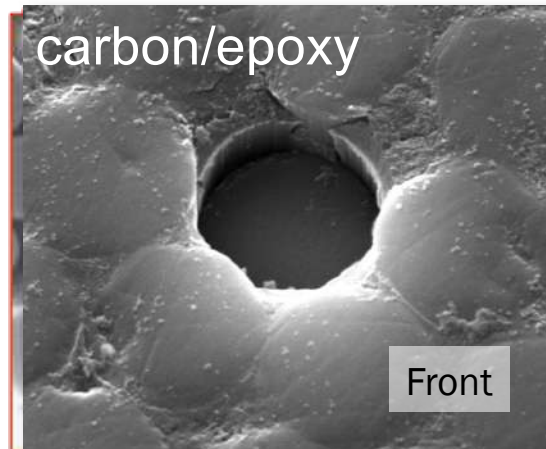
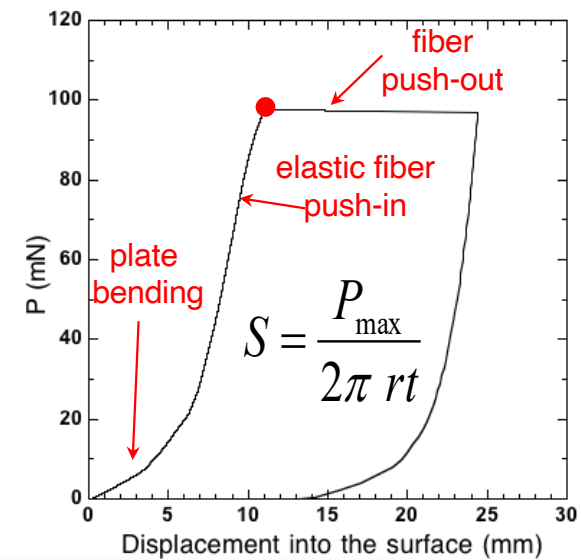
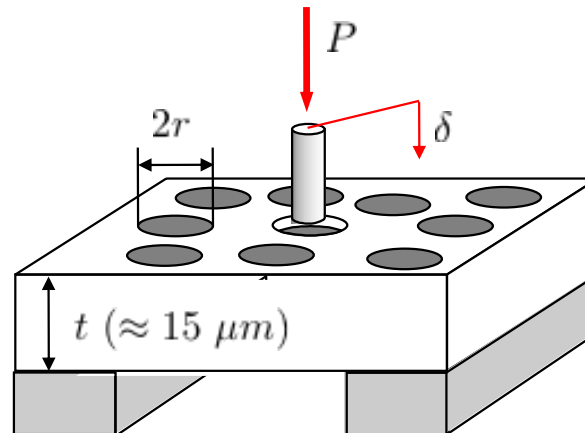
MATRIX CHARACTERIZATION POLYMER MATRIX COMPOSITES



FEM simulation

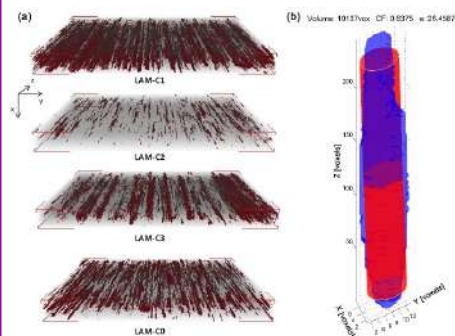


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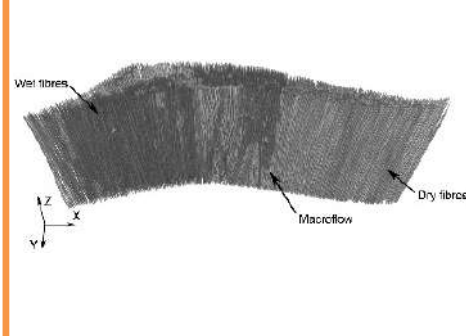
Processing

Optimization of OoA processing of composites



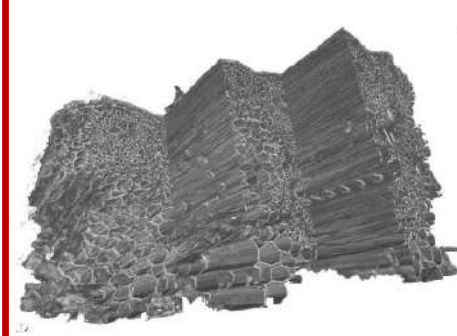
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In-situ infiltration – microflow investigation

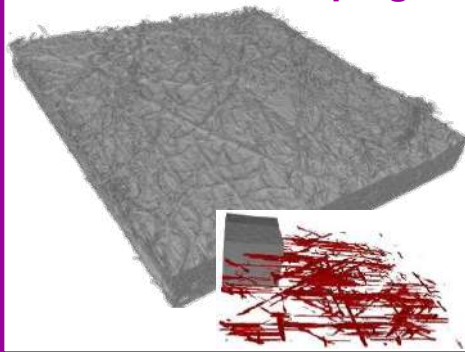


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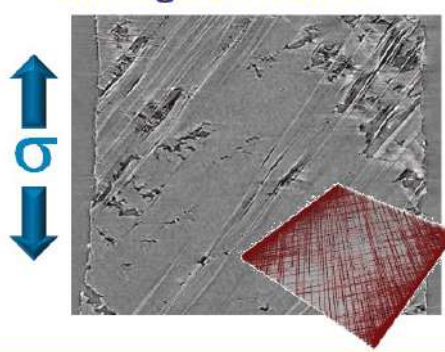
3D microstructure of biomass



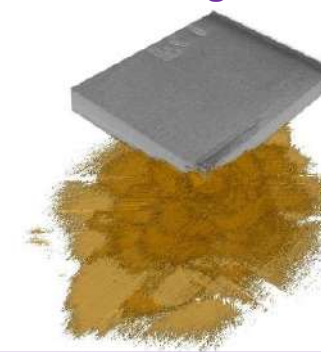
Void evacuation in Out- of-Autoclave Prepregs



Multiscale XCT for damage evaluation

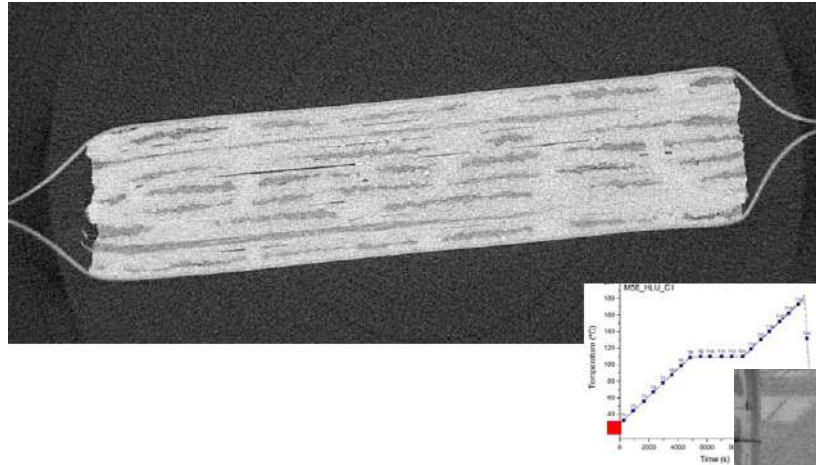


Analysis of impact damage



In-situ visualization of void transport in Out-of-Autoclave Prepregs (OoA)

MINI VACUUM BAG [+45/0/-45/90]_s

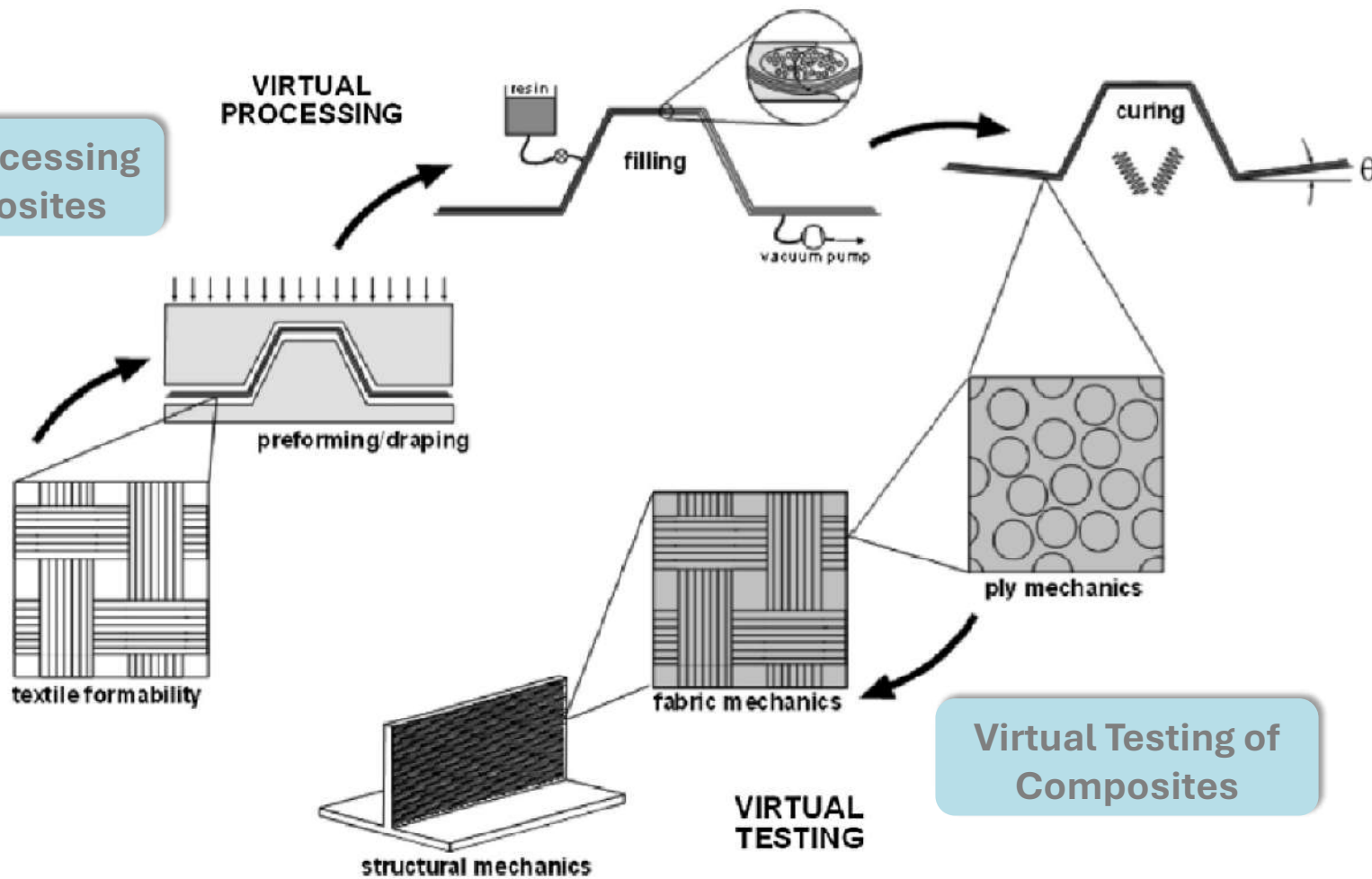


INTERFACE 45/0



Simulation

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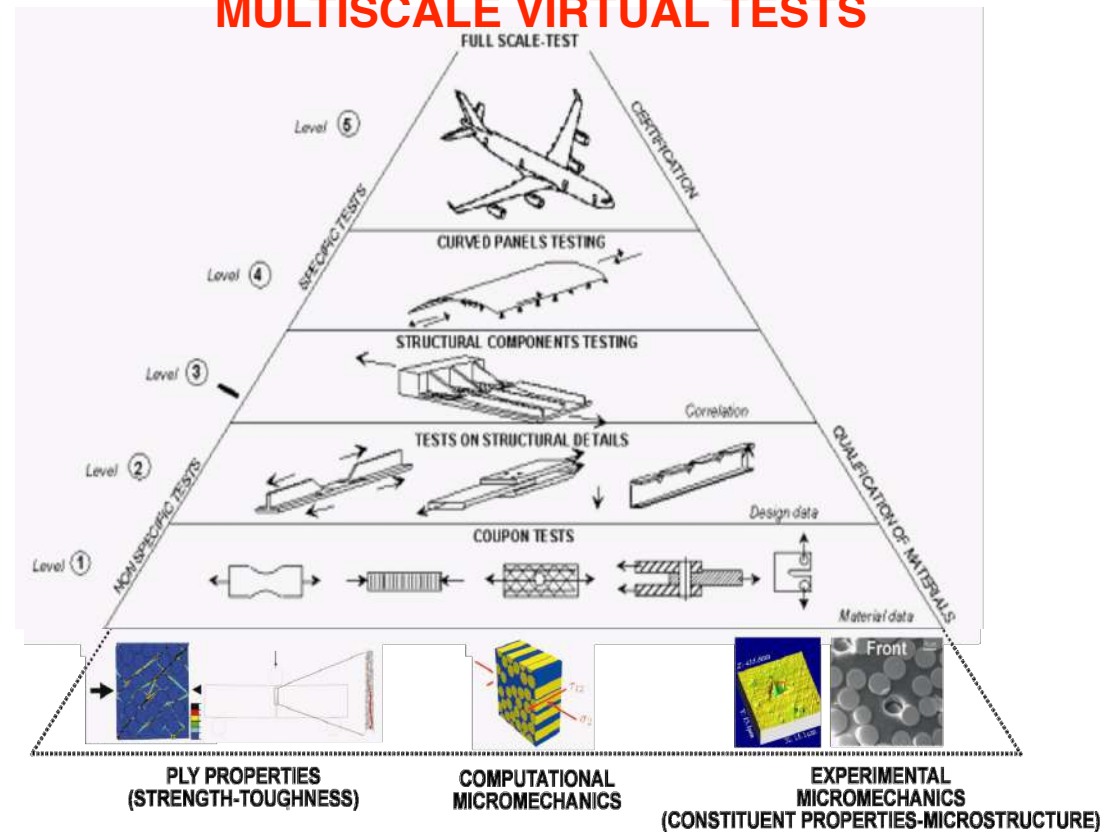


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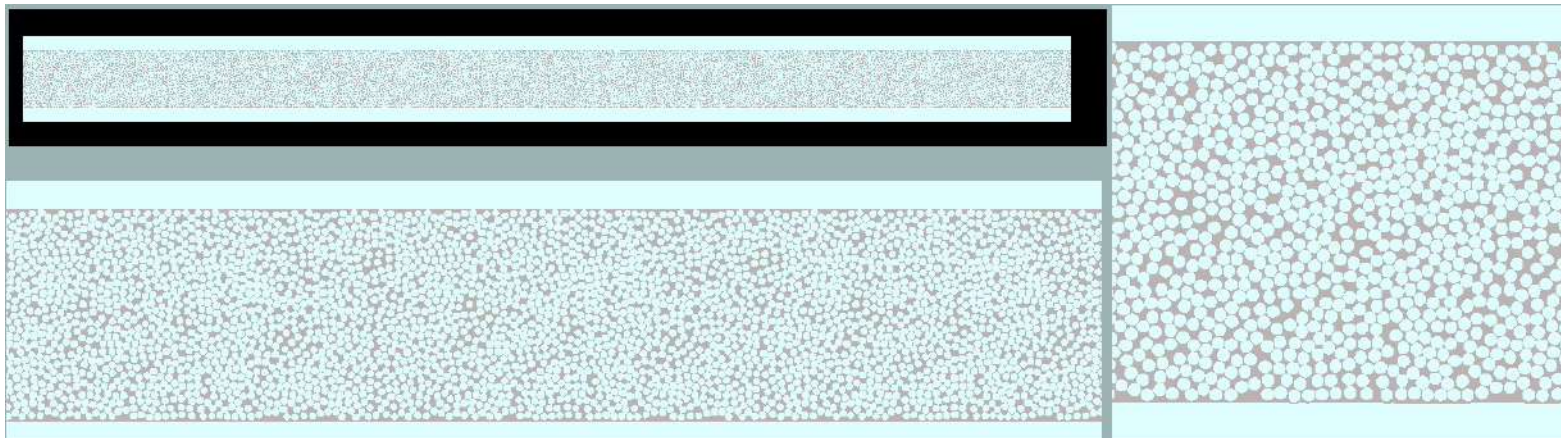
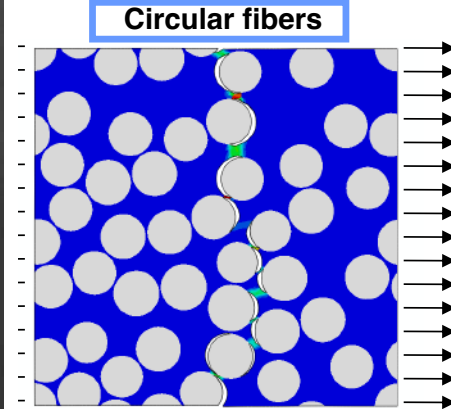
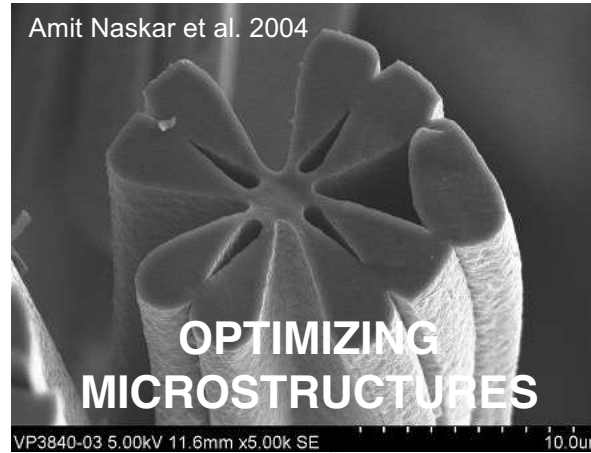
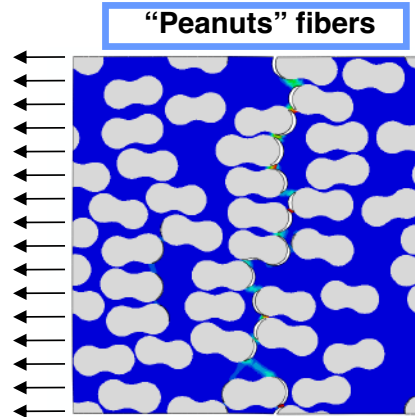
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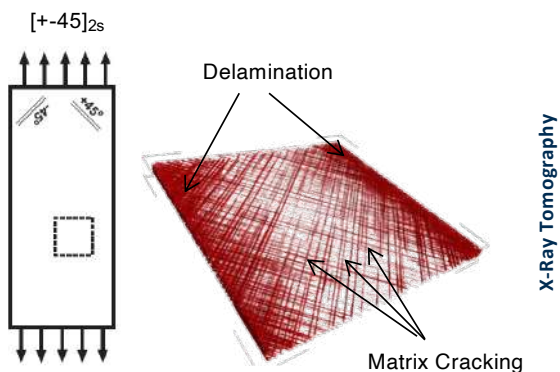
TOWARDS A PHYSICALLY BASED MULTISCALE VIRTUAL TESTS



Bridging the gap between length scales
MICROMECHANICS → **MESOMECHANICS**

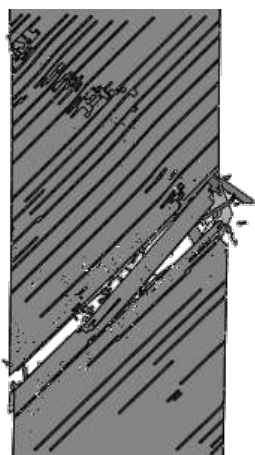


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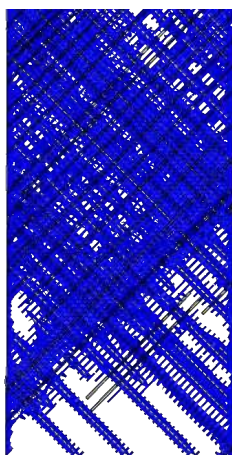


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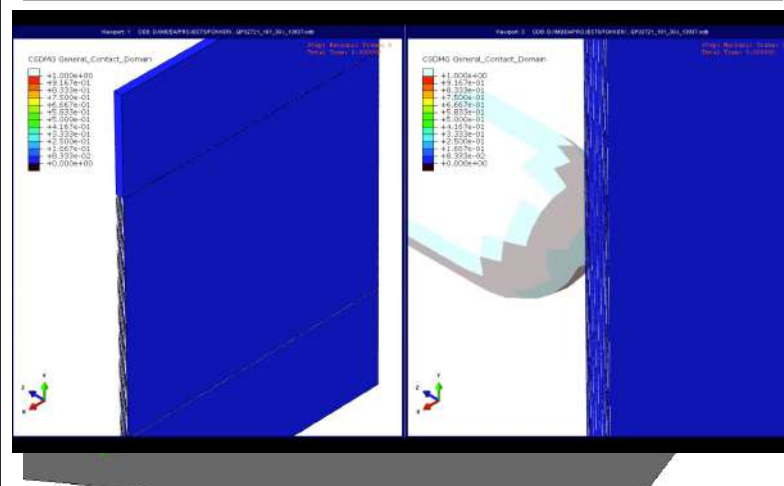
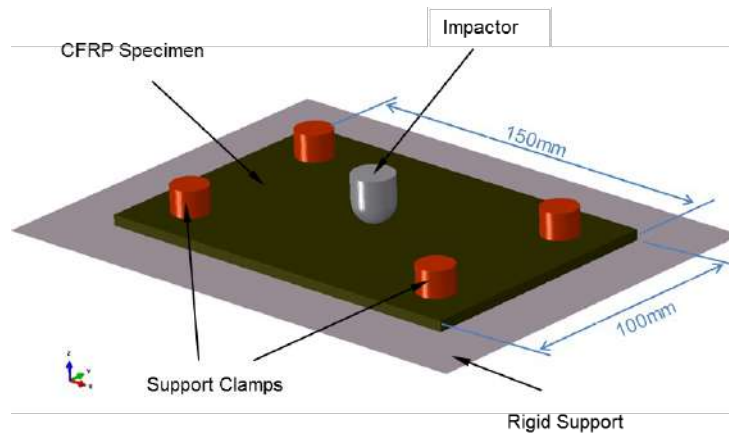
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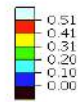


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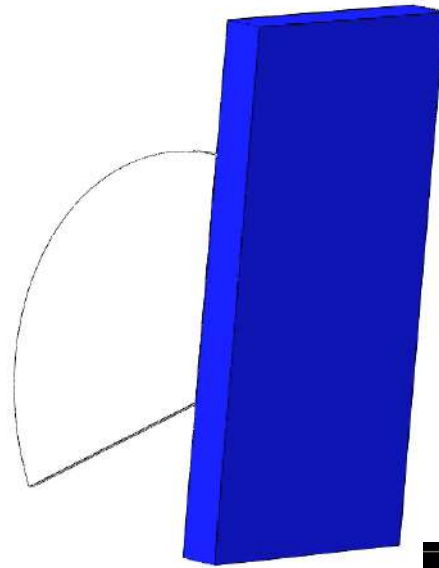


Low-Velocity Impact Test





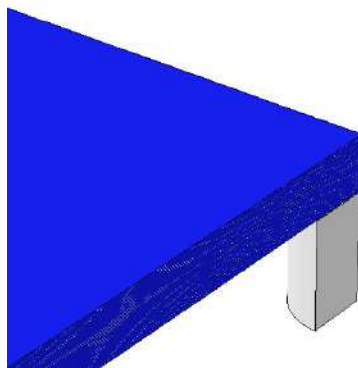
UERF 1/3 Disc



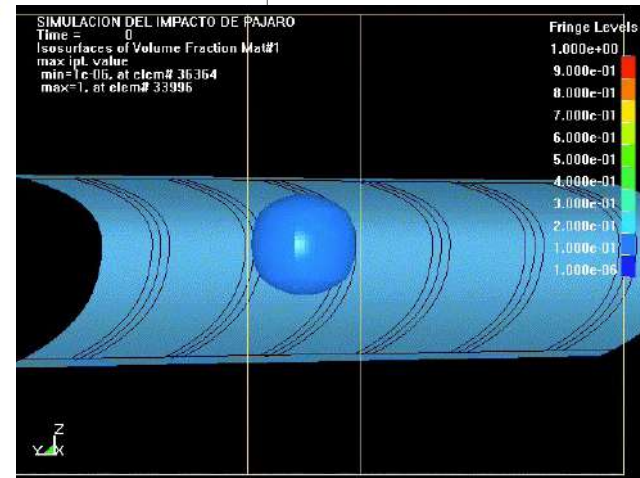
Structural Test

Simulation

UERF small fra



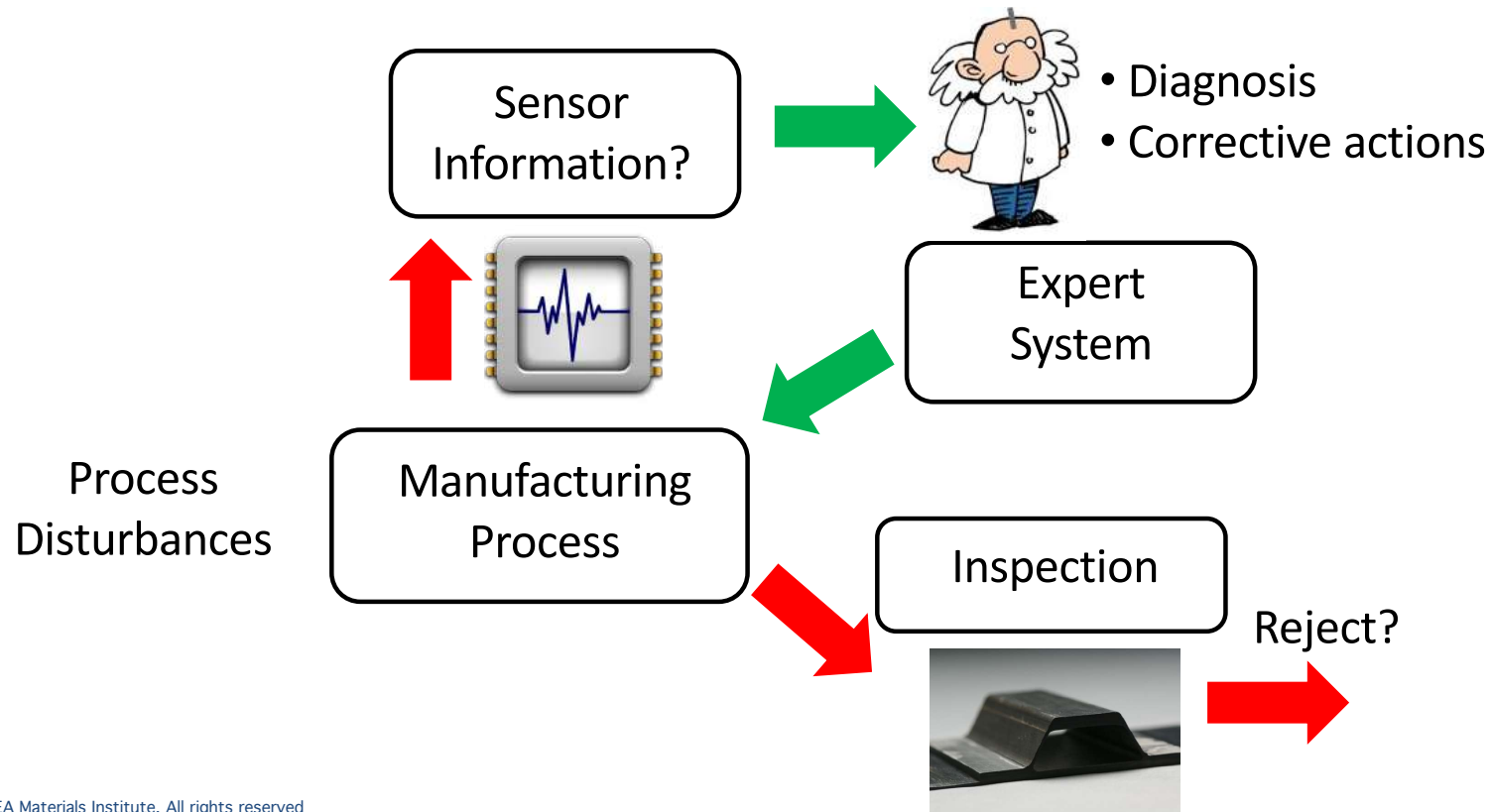
Bird impact



SIMULATION FOR SHIELDING DESIGN

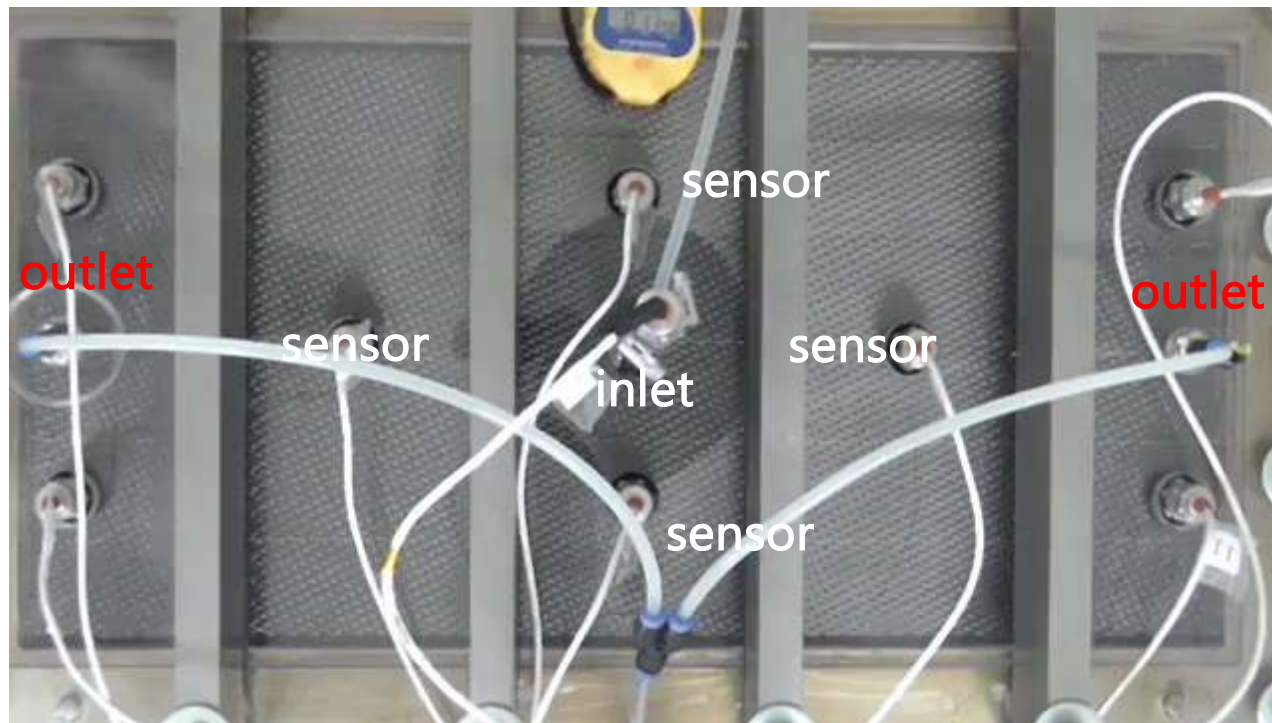
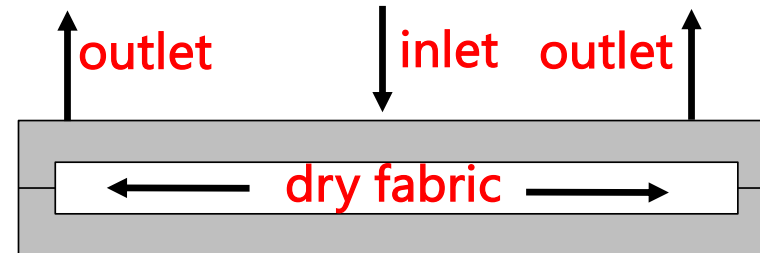
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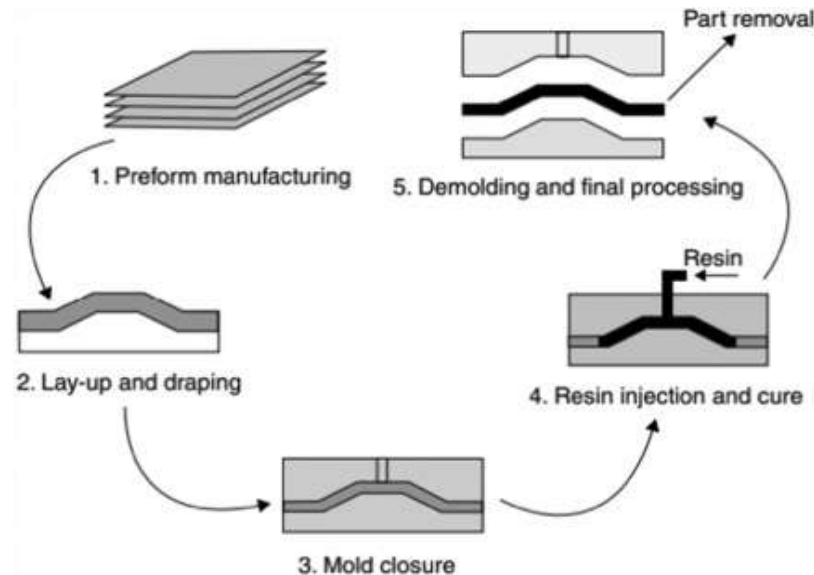
- High cost of processing disturbances (waste materials, inspection, repairing)
- Use sensor information for diagnosis and/or corrective actions.



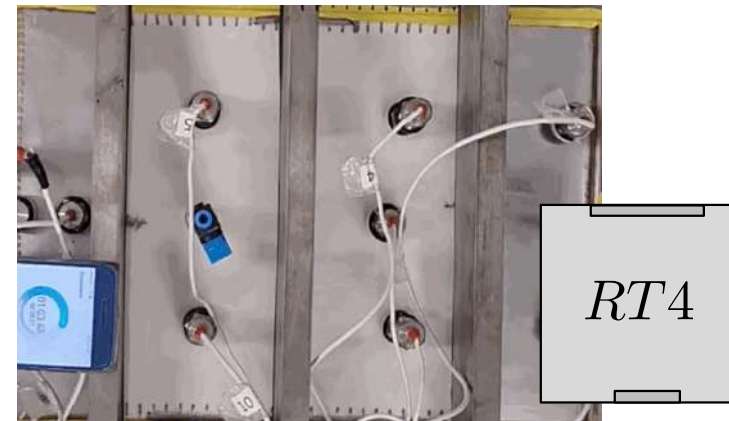
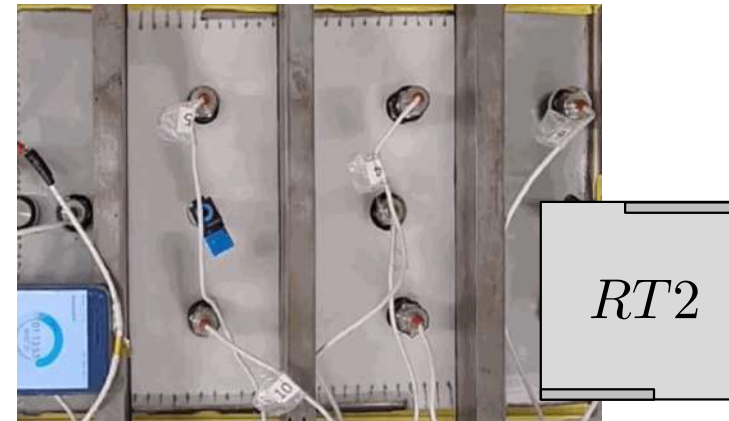
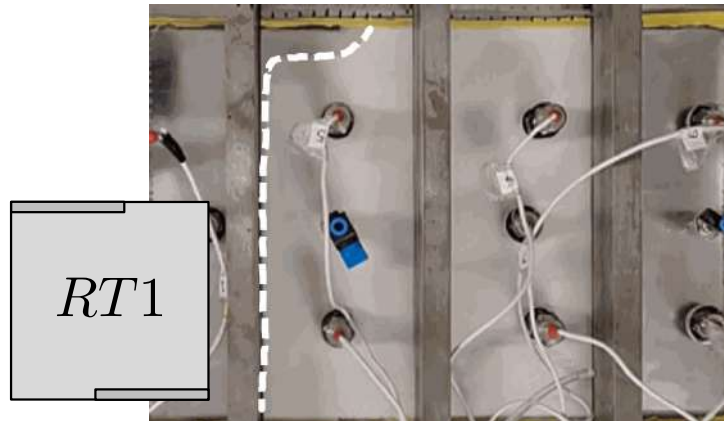
- Low cost as compared with autoclave
- Sensible to void formation

RESIN TRANSFER MOULDING

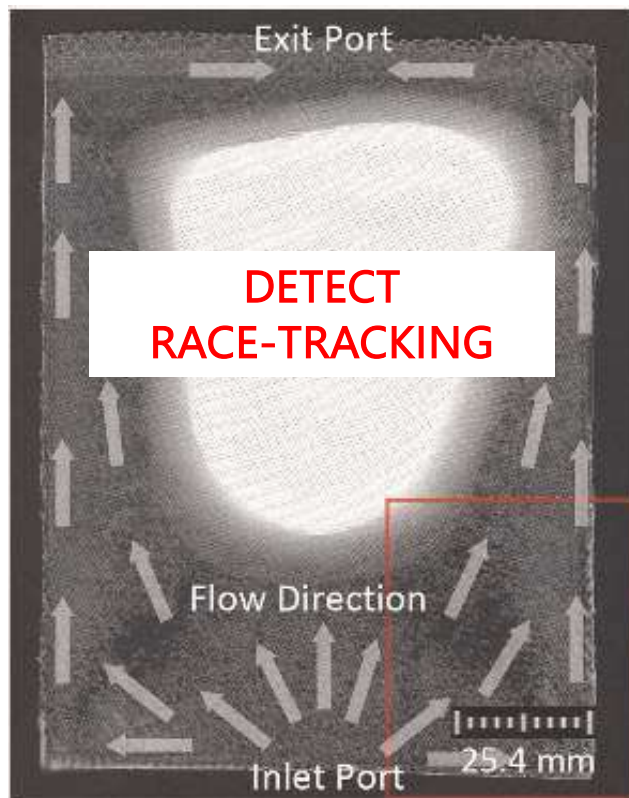




- RTM (Resin Transfer Moulding) is a complex multi-physics problem:
 - Impregnation phase -> porosity & dry spots
 - Curing phase -> lack or excess of cure
 - Residual stresses -> spring-back effects



- Inhomogeneous flow is responsible of dry-spot formation (race-tracking)



- Regions with low velocity produce larger voids (outlet)



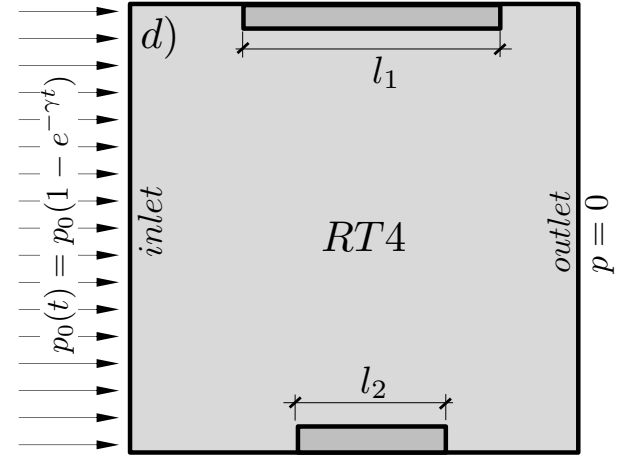
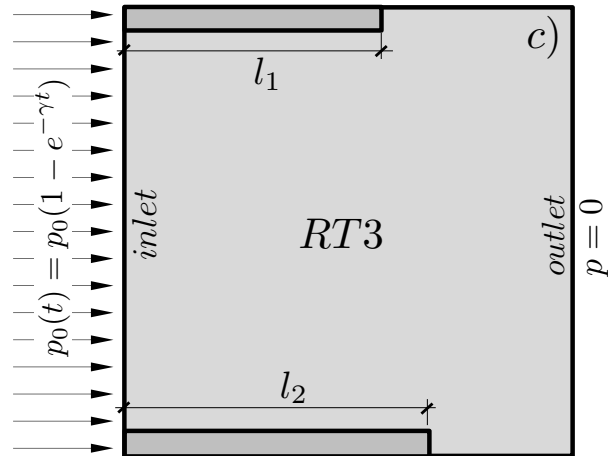
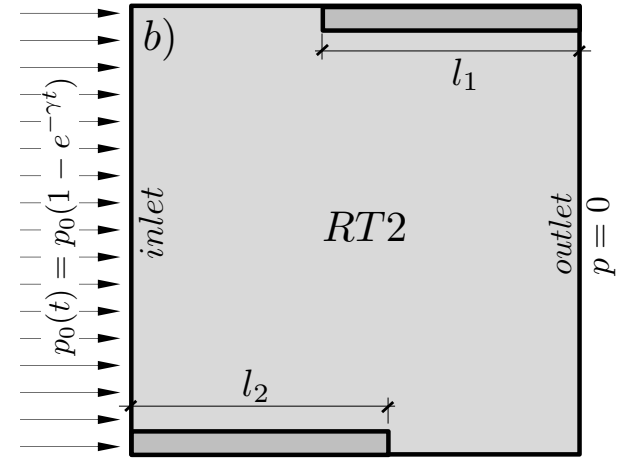
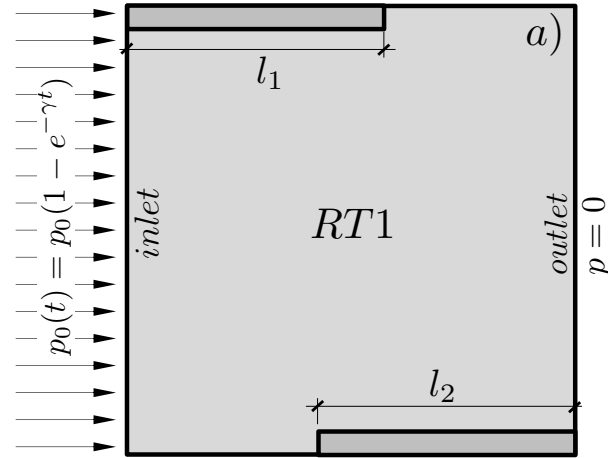
FluidAI



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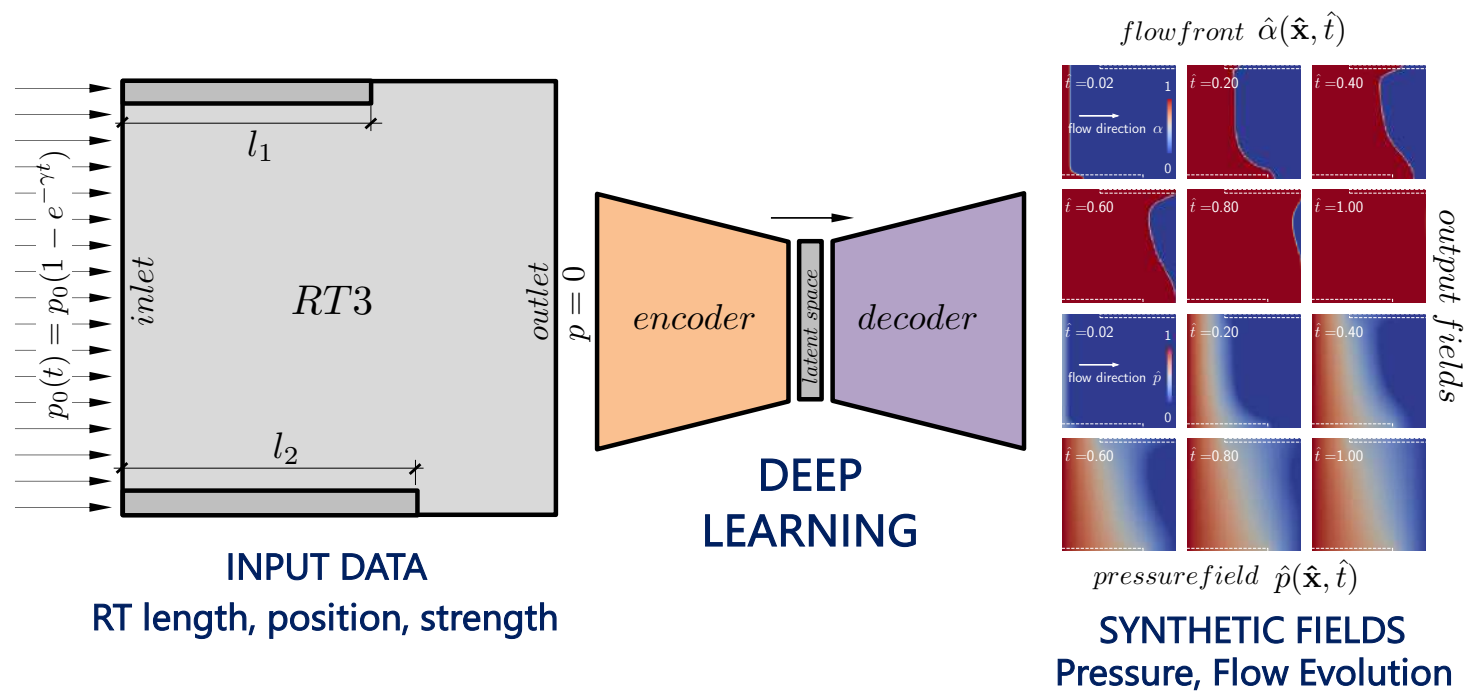
Virtual Processing

- OpenFoam (CFD)
- Pressure field
- Flow evolution





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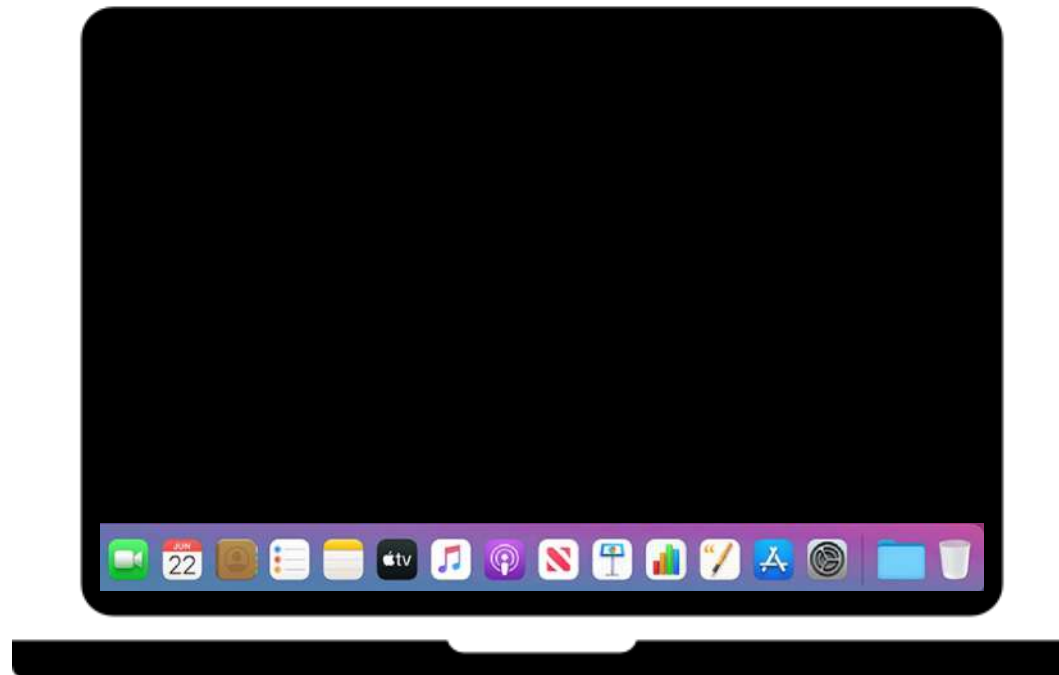


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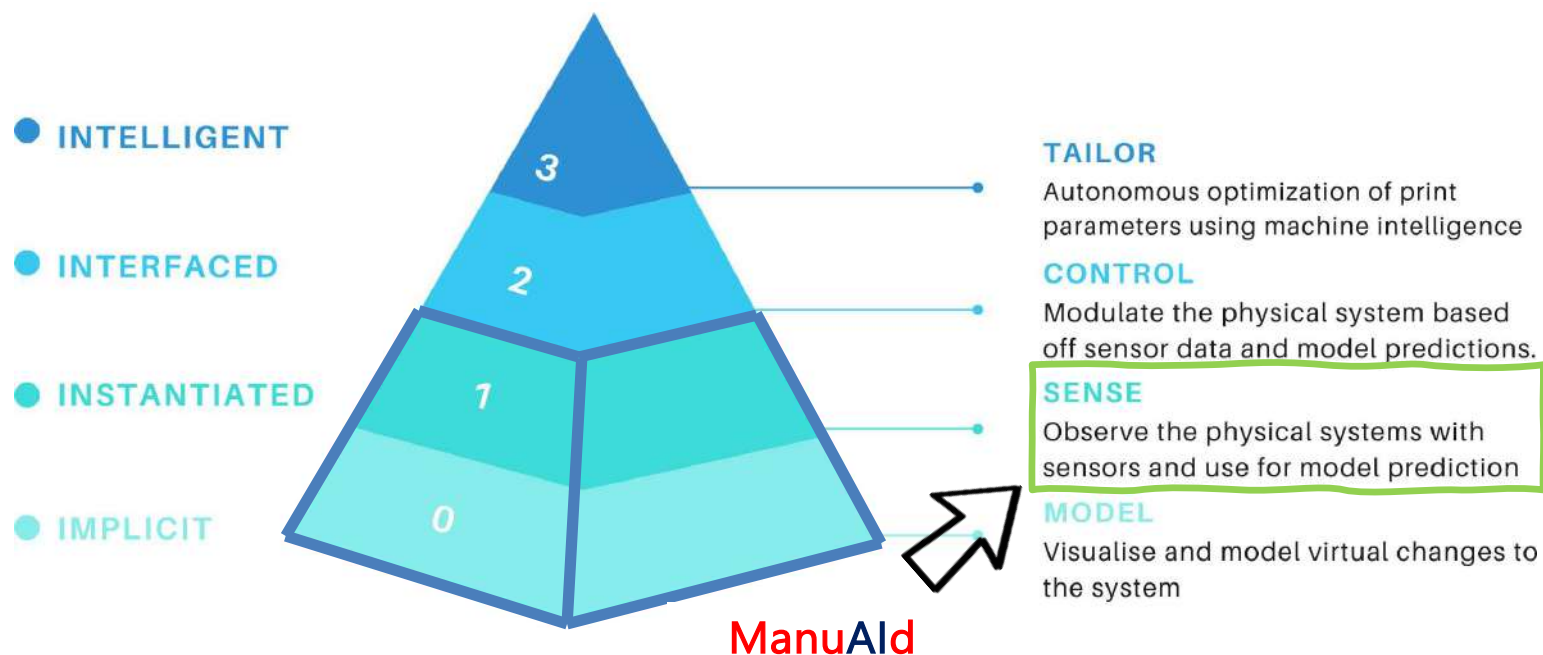


SIMULATE FAST

- Enable cloud calculations
- Thousand of simulations without computational cost
- Bridging Virtual Processing close to the end-user

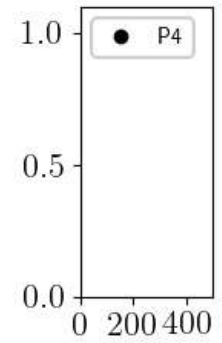
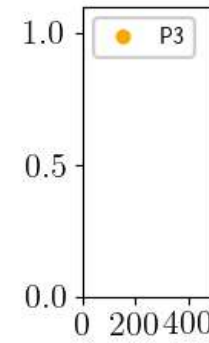
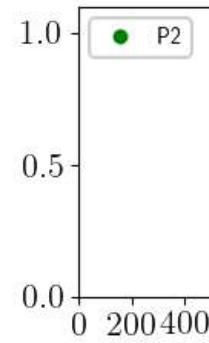
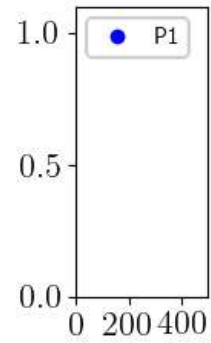
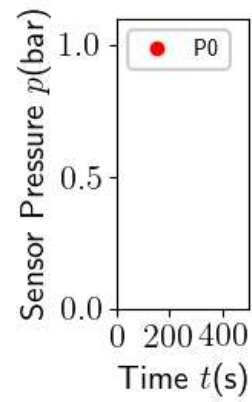


THE DIGITAL TWIN PYRAMID (Phua *et al.*, 2022)

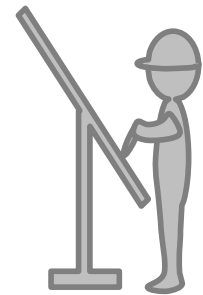
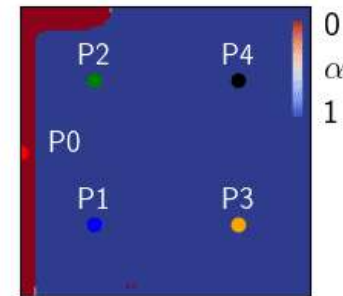


ENABLE DIGITAL TWINS

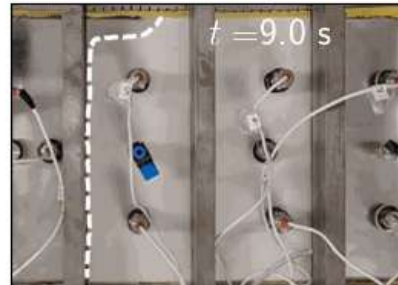
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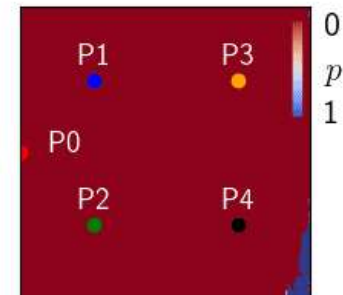
Flow Front Evolution



Ground Truth Experiment



Pressure field evolution



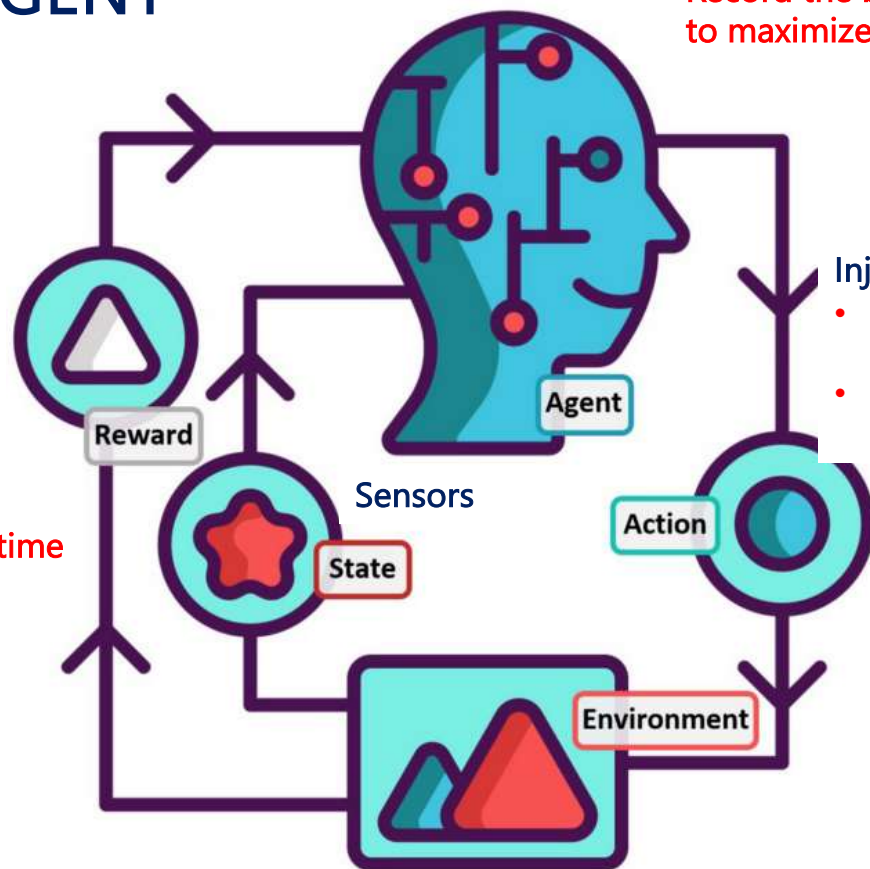
SMART AGENT

Neural Network:

- Record the best injection steps to maximize reward

Optimize:

- Lower porosity
- Lower injection time

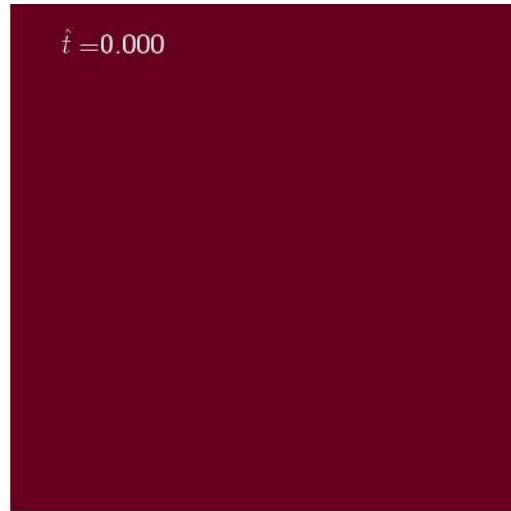
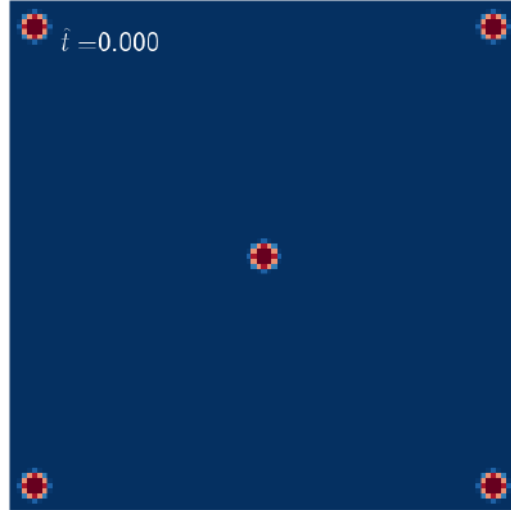


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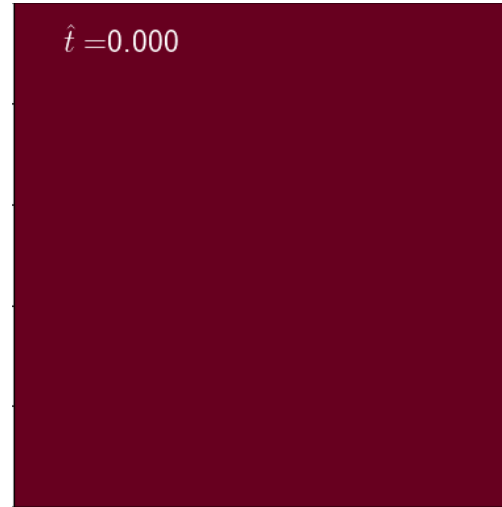
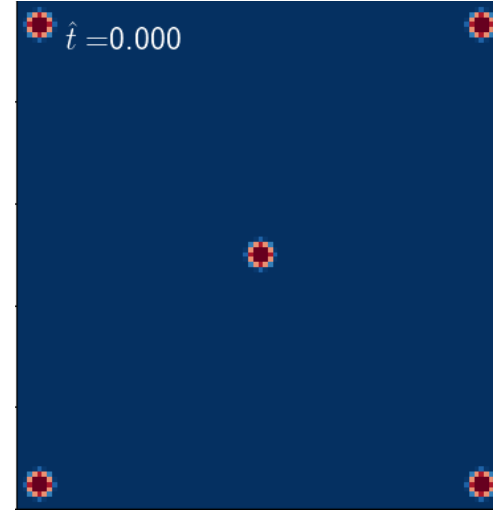
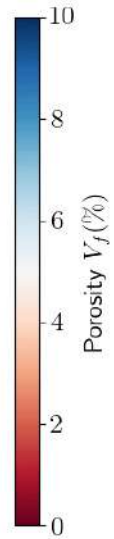
- Opening/closing gates
- Increasing/decreasing pressure

MANUFACTURING SYSTEM

CONSTANT PRESSURE



FILLING



POROSITY

CONTROLLED VELOCITY



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