Interrelation of Multi-physical Phenomena in Composite Manufacturing Processes

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Composites: freedom of design















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Composites reliability



Economic

Safety + Economic

Safety

Manufacturing quality is a critical issue for improved reliability.



Composites in our life



2.6 TWh/year
= Electricity for 1.5 million people
CO₂ reduction 1.25 MT/year
= 270k cars off the road

Paris Climate Accord: limit global temperature rise to 2 °C

We need to ensure that blades endure minimum 20 years of service



Composite life line





Effect of defects





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Unknown defects and their unknown effects can cause:



Unexpected catastrophic failure [1]

\$25 million downtime cost due
to a blade cracking
Suzlon US in 2010 [1]

Reduced blade life time

The costs of inaction are higher than the costs of action

[1] Sandia Report, SAND2011-1094, February 2011



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Laser Assisted Tape Winding (placement): Laser optics, irradiation heat transfer

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Pultruded profiles



Baran. Pultrusion: State-of-the-art process models. Smithers Rapra. (2015)



Pultruded profiles

Carbon/epoxy

CFRP structural parts for vertical stabilizers



CFRP upper deck floor beams s



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Example: Pultrusion process

In principle it is a simple process...

In reality:





Processing





Challenges

Residual stresses, shape distortions and variation in properties



- Anisotropy
- Non-uniform shrinkage
- Through-thickness gradients
- Tool/part interaction





12x100 mm



Micro-CT – internal structure



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Micro-CT – 3D porosity/crack



Material characterization



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Numerical process modelling





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Shape deformations

Simulation of the pultrusion process: L-shaped profile



Baran et al. Composites Structures (2014)



Shape deformations







5 mm

Glass/polyester (UD Vf = 55 %)

Baran. ESAFORM (2017)

















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Partial curing due to higher pulling speed Delamination during the process



Thickness 12 mm, width = 100 mm

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Baran et al. Applied Composite Materials (2013)



Degree of cure at die exit



100 x 100 mm (glass polyester)

Pulling speed 100 mm/min

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Degree of cure at room temperature (part is cooled down)



100 x 100 mm (glass polyester)

Pulling speed 100 mm/min

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Normal stress distribution

50 % reduction in tensile stresses at center





Transverse shear stress distribution

70 % reduction in maximum transverse shear stress





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Co-bonding challenges



- Multiphysics
- Mechanics and constitutive behaviour of interface
- Load transfer at interface
- Bond quality & strength



Co-bonding warpage

- Glass/polyester
- $[0]_{4s}$ prefab + $[0]_{4s}$ over infused laminate
- 4.5 mm total thickness
- Curing at RT 30 hrs.





Baran, ECCM21 (2017)



Co-bonding warpage

Thermo-chemical-mechanical process simulation Symmetry over infused laminate 2.25 mm 2.25 mm Rigid surface Prefab v 100 mm Shear layer at the interface U, U2 +4.196e-03 +3.844e-03 +3.492e-03 +3.140e-03 +2.788e-03 +2.436e-03 +2.084e-03 732e-03 +1+1.380e-03 +1.028e-03 +6.758e-04 +3.238e-04 2.830e-05

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Co-bonding warpage

Warped geometry





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Laser Assisted Tape Winding (LATW)





LATW applications





Risers for deep-sea oil/gas drilling

Automobile H₂ storage tank



LATW processing challenges

Temperature?

- Too low:
 - Insufficient consolidation or intimate contact
- Too high:
 - Material degradation
 - Excessive deformation





LATW process optimization/control







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LATW process simulation tool



LATW laser light reflection





LATW non-specular reflection





LATW optical model (non-specular reflection)

(1) Incident light ray

- (2) Piece of material, fibre orientation $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$
- (3) Reflected light on screen
- (4) Reflected rays + absorption

Microfacet-based Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF) with microfacet probability distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{\hat{h}}) = p(\theta, \phi) = \exp\left(-\tan^2\theta\left(\frac{\cos^2\phi}{2\sigma_f^2} + \frac{\sin^2\phi}{2\sigma_t^2}\right)\right)$$



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LATW optical model (non-specular reflection)



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LATW thermal model

- 1D transient heat transfer model
- 2D Lagrangian domain (BCs)
- 2D \rightarrow 3D: row of *independent* domains (in transverse direction)





LATW model results

Optical model output:

Normalized laser intensity



Thermal model output:



LATW effect of geometry



Substrate curvature is important



Reichardt, Baran and Akkerman. *ECCM17* (2016) Zaami, Baran and Akkerman. *ESAFORM* (2017)



LATW effect of fiber orientation



Fibre orientation is important

 140

 130

 120

 110

 0°
 45°
 90°

Substrate nip-point T [°C]



Tape nip-point T [°C]

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LATW tape widening





Summary





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Thank you for your attention!

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