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Approche pluridisciplinaire dans le domaine des procédés composites : besoins industriels et exemples de réalisation

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Global demand for CFRP in tonnes 2008-2020 (*estimated)





Global carbon fibre consumption (tonnes) by application (2012).

Global demand for carbon fibre in tonnes 2008-2020 *estimated)

Source : Reinforced Plastics



Forecast growth in carbon fibre use in the automotive market from 2010-2020 (tonnes). *Estimated. (Source: The Global CRP Market 2013: CCeV.)

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OUTLINE



Direct / one-shot Multi sequential steps Tooling Control, steering Robustness Design criteria Process induced defects Series

Composites Manufacturing



Composite parts









Material based classification



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Classification based on dominant physical mechanism

- Short fiber suspension manufacturing process : transport of fibers and liquid/melt resin as a suspension over long distance
- Squeeze flow manufacturing process : long discontinuous or continuous fibers preimpregnated with resin deform together to form the part
- Porous media manufacturing method : usually continuous nearly stationary (sometimes process induced out of plane deformation) fiber networks impregnated by liquid resin

Fibers appear at different scales



Fibrous constituents

Manufacturing of fiber composites => use of fibers from the micrometer level up to the centimeter level.





Stack of many layers





Structural Composites Manufacturing Routes



Composites Processes Classification

Types	Materials	Main features (Physics)	Processes	Relative Cost
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B1	Matrix+ Fibers	Matrix flow + limited fiber motion	Injection (RTM, LRI, C-RTM)	Material Process
B2		Limited matrix flow +fiber motion	Consolidation Compression, HLU, Spray Up (TS or TP powders, films)	
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Liquid Composite Molding



Resin Transfer Molding (RTM)



Good formability of the NCF1

Poor formability of the NCF2

Mechanical loadings



Resin Transfer Molding (RTM)



Influence of Fabric



Double-scale porosity => Two-phase flow



Influence of Polymer

• Fiber scale mechanism (thermal and chemical effects)



• Macroscopic scale effects : spring-back effect, warpage



Liquid Resin Infusion (LRI)



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Temps de l'infusion (s)

Composites Processes Classification

Types	Materials	Main features (Physics)	Processes	Relative Cost
A1	Semi-products (compounds)	Flow of soft composite in the mold	Compression (SMC) Injection (BMC, LFT)	Material Process
A2	or	Forming of soft composite	Thermostamping Compression (TS/ TP prepregs)	

Long Fiber Thermoplastics (LFT)



Fibrous microstructures in flows

- Oilute suspensions: no contact between the fibers
- Semi-concentrated suspensions: presences of contacts
- Concentrated suspensions: creation of new microstructures



Sheet Molding Compound (SMC)



Stamping/forming



Source : Owenscorning





Thermostamping of prepregs



Thermostamping of prepregs

Influence of temperature



Thermostamping of prepregs





Without blankholder

With blankholder

FUTURE?



- Composites manufacturing processes create distinct microstructural properties in the product
- DFM (design for manufacturing) = practice for designing products, keeping manufacturing in mind to obtain maximum benefits and capabilities of the manufacturing method
- Concurrent engineering environment to avoid later changes in the design.

Example

Design and manufacturing engineers work separately to create the design of the outer body panels of a car...

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Design engineer



=> Computational framework for concurrent engineering



The rule of thumb is :

For good quality, the whole process should be broken down into small steps and each step done at a different time.



BUT :

For lowcost manufacturing, many steps may be combined so the process can be done at one time or a lesser number of times!

From aeronautics to automotive applications



Direct Processing







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Automated Fiber Placement (AFP)



[Coriolis Composites]

Automated Fiber Placement (AFP)

- Fiber orientations can be adapted according to the stress paths and contour of a component
- Net-shape fabrication reduces waste



Microstructural and geometrical features are interdependent



AFP: Exemple









Composites Manufacturing



Défis pour la formation

Sensibiliser aux :

- Aspects technologiques des procédés (notamment au travers d'exercices pratiques utilisant des moyens "industriels")
- Aspects multi-physiques et multi-échelles des procédés au travers de la modélisation et de la simulation numérique
- Difficultés liées à l'obtention des données d'entrée des outils de calcul
- Liens entre les constituants, la conception et la fabrication des pièces composites





Questions?



