

Composite Technology MSE 440

Introduction

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Course outline

2024	MSE 440 Composite technology	
10.09.2024	peb/vm	Introduction to course and learning objectives, group project, constituents
17.09.2024	vm/mw	Composite applications and background on composite processing
24.09.2024	peb	Background on composite mechanics
01.10.2024	peb	Sandwich structures and textile composites
08.10.2024	peb/vm/mw	Projects follow-up session I
15.10.2024	cb	Structural design/joining with composites
22.10.2024	vacation	
29.10.2024	peb	Composites for biomed and sport
05.11.2024	mw	Towards sustainable composites
12.11.2024	mw/vm	Cost modelling - a tool for sustainable innovation
19.11.2024	peb/vm/mw	Projects follow-up session II
26.11.2024	vm	Smart composites
03.12.2024	cp	Nanocomposites
10.12.2024	peb/vm/mw	Student project presentations
17.12.2024	peb/vm/mw	Student project presentations and exam

Today

- Content of the course
- Project
- Composite materials

Course objectives

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

- Know and discuss the main **types of composites**, as well as advanced, multifunctional composites, their processing and **applications**,
- Apply the basic equations for **process and mechanical properties modelling** for composite materials,
- Propose suitable **design, production and performance criteria** for the production of a composite part, including cost analysis and integration of sustainability strategies and the circular economy.

Transversal skills

- **Team work**, project over the duration of the course, in multi-background groups.
- Pitch and **convince** the audience at the end of the course.

Course organisation

- ❑ **slides** will be available to download before the courses on Moodle MSE 440

Grading:

- ❑ A **project** with report and presentation, made in groups, 2/3 of the grade,
- ❑ A short **written exam** on the content of all lectures, during the last session, that will count for 1/3 of the grade.

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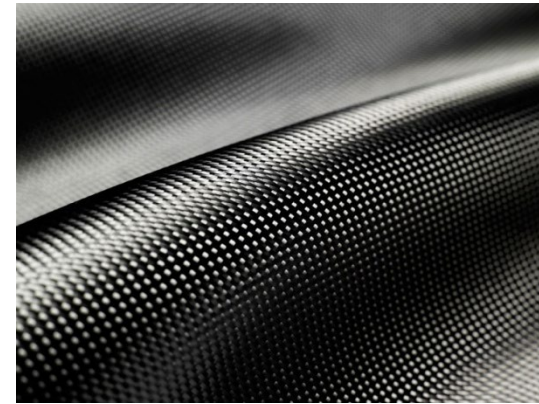
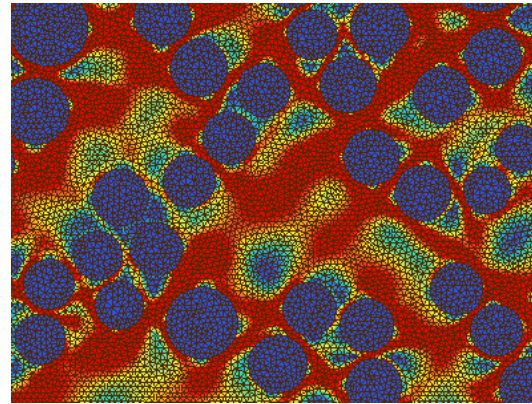
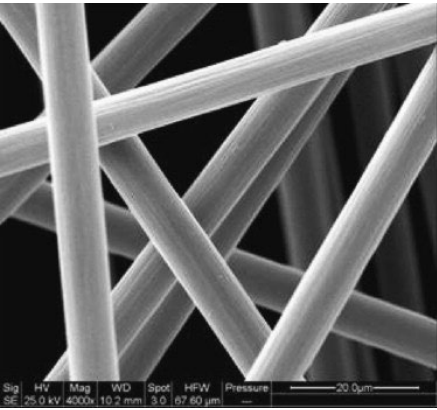
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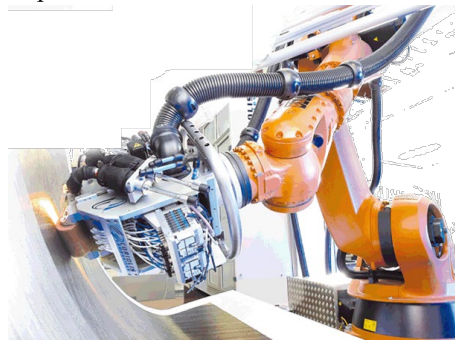
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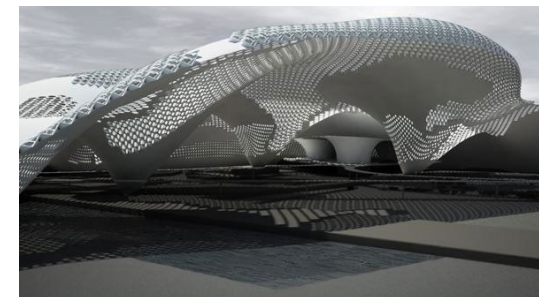
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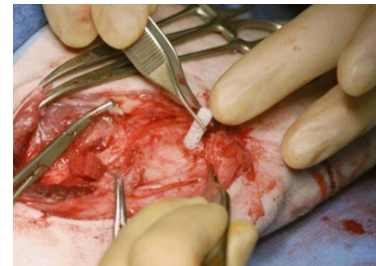
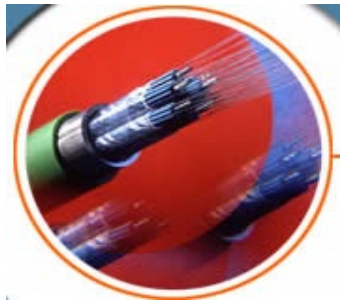
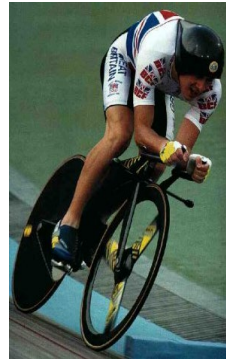


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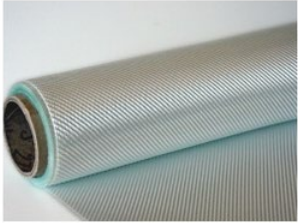
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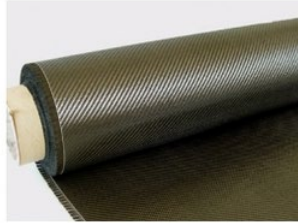
Composite materials?



Constituents



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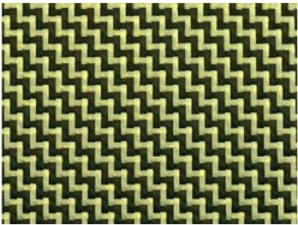


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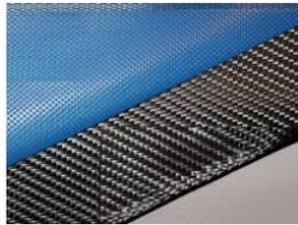


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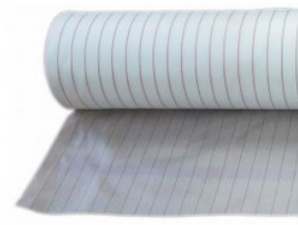
Short overview
of fibers,
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matrices



fibre mixte / hybride



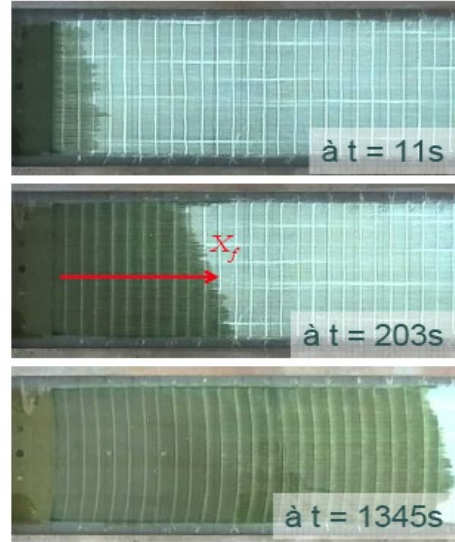
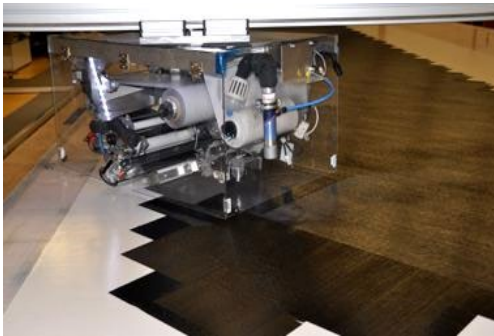
Préimprégné de carbone



Peel ply



Processing

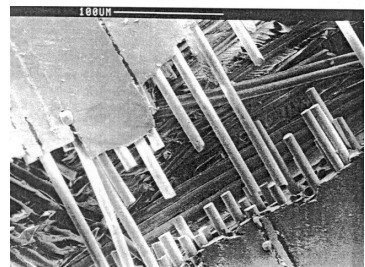
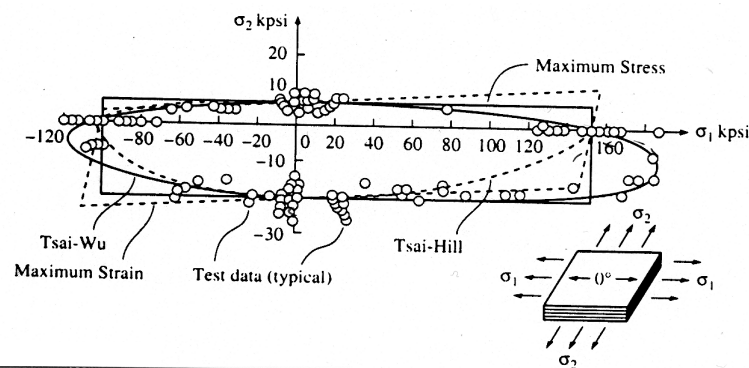
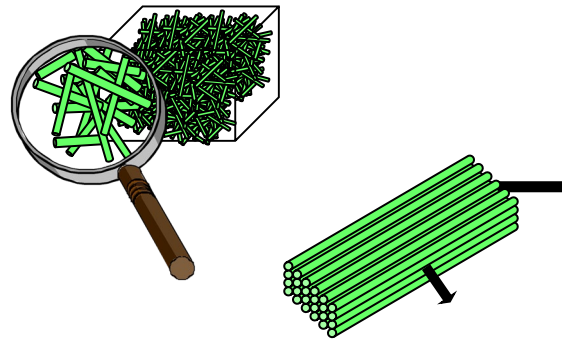
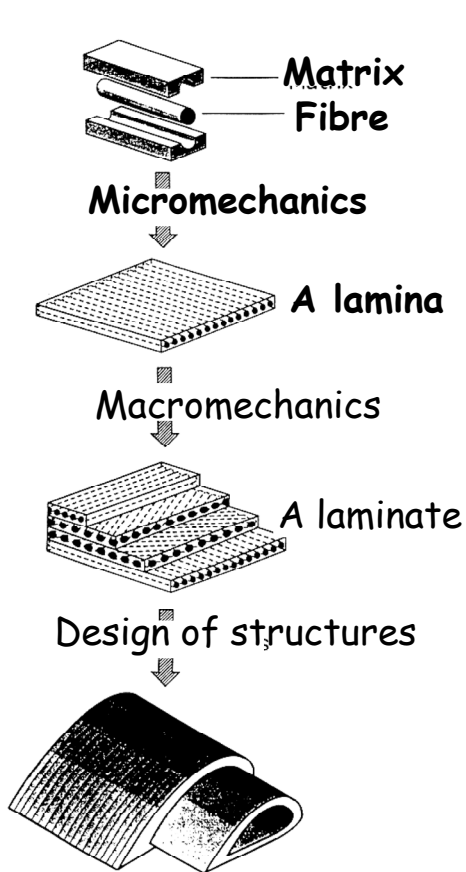


Quick overview of the various composite production methods

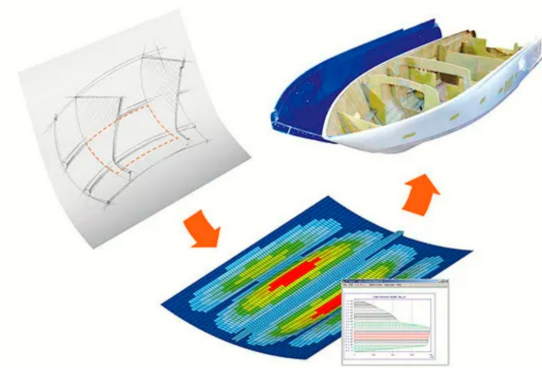
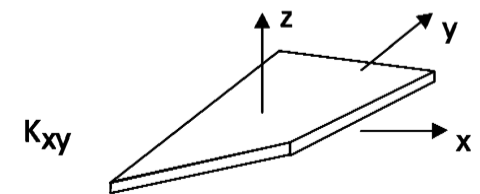
Insight into the main physical mechanisms and how to model them.

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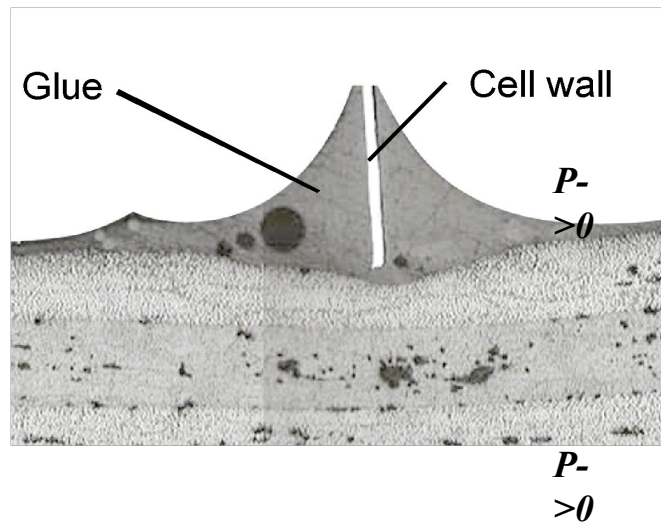
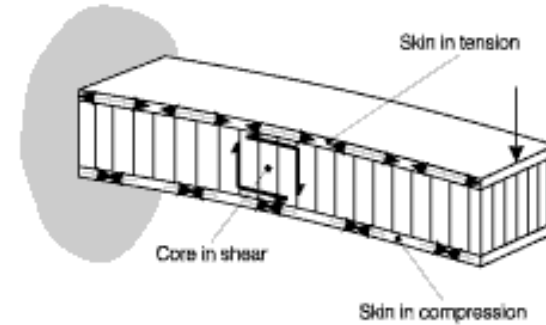
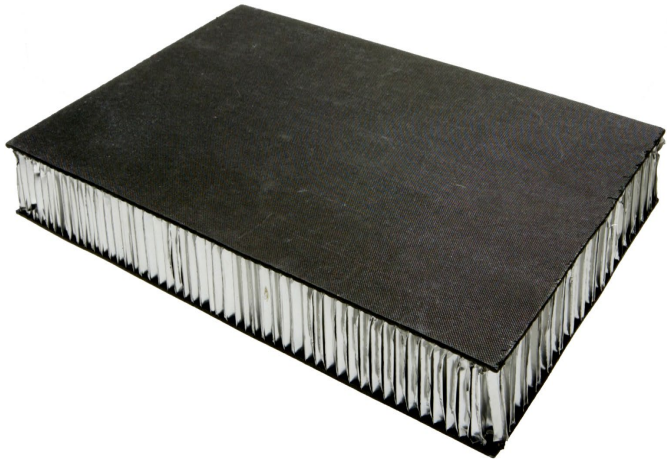
Composite mechanics



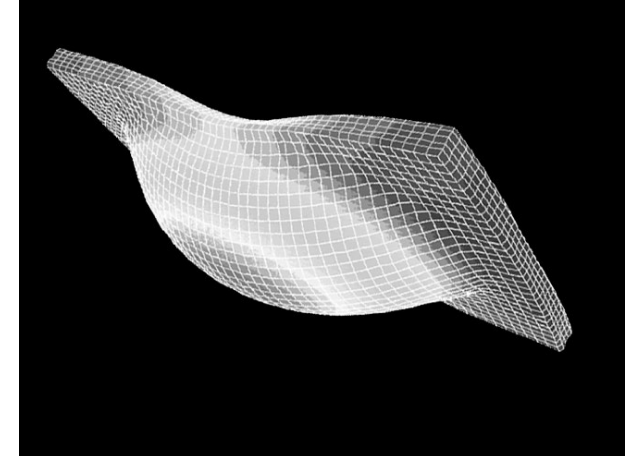
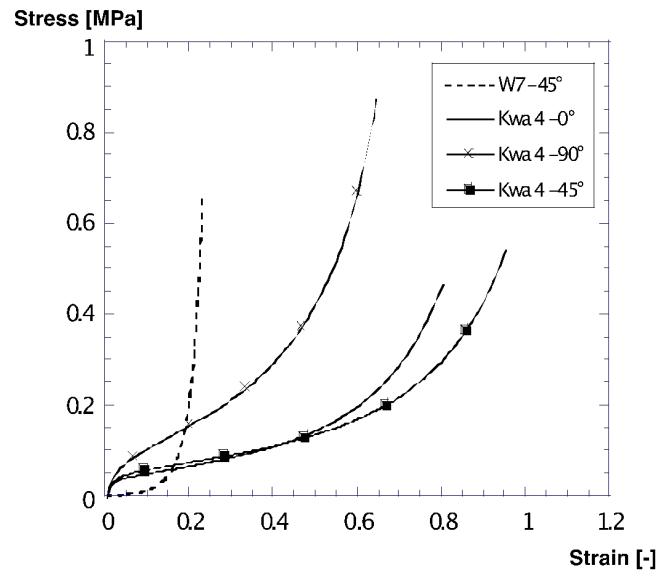
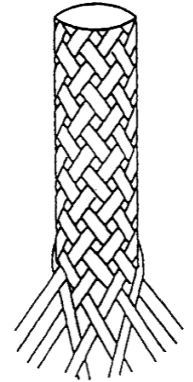
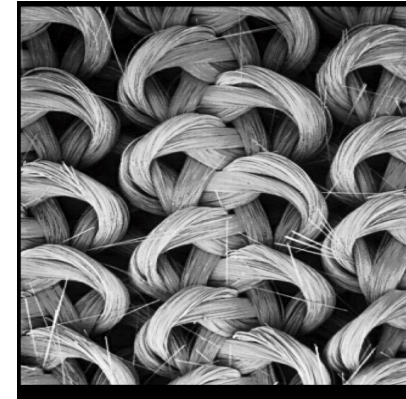
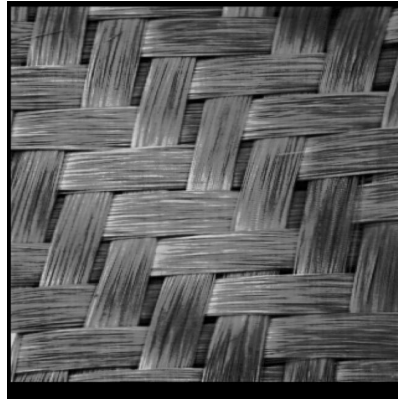
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Sandwich structures



Textiles composites



Learning outcomes

Sandwich

- Type of materials combined for sandwich structures
- Determination of the bending stiffness of sandwich structures
- Processing methods
- Main applications

Textile composites

- Microstructures of woven, braided and knitted textiles
- Mechanical properties of textile composites
- Processing of complex shapes
- Main applications

Load introduction in Design

- How to join composites in an efficient way?
- Some calculation methods as well...

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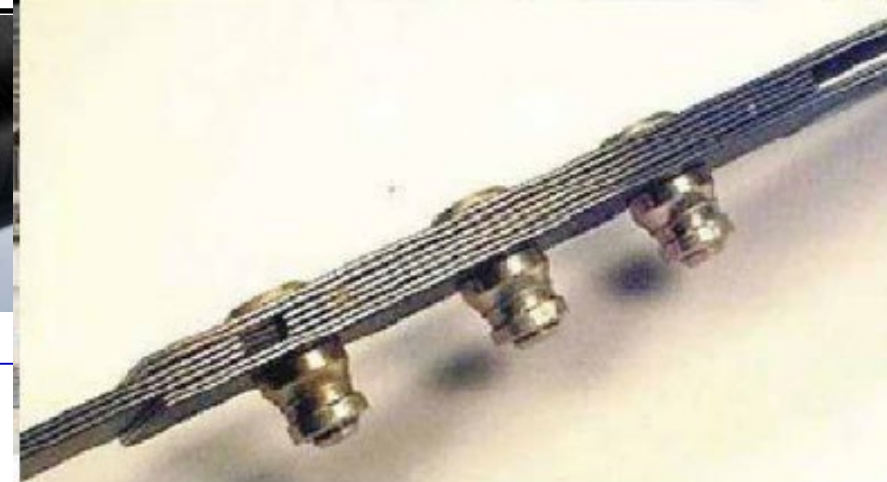
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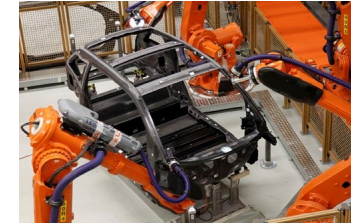


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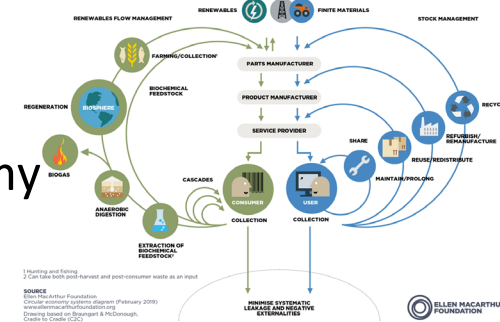
Towards sustainable composites

- Part 1: Where composites are used today
 - Materials and processes used today (linear economy)
 - Aerospace, Wind, and Automotive industrial Sectors



<https://www.compositesworld.com/articles/the-making-of-the-bmw-i3>

- Part 2: Introduction to sustainability strategies & circular economy
 - The Anthropocene & the great acceleration
 - The need for change, planetary boundaries, UN SDGs
 - Moving from a linear economic model to a circular economy
 - Sustainability strategies



- Part 3: Towards sustainable composites ...
 - Application opportunities for advanced composites, Additive manufacturing
 - Remanufacturing, Repurposing, Recovery & Recycling, Sharing, Legislation & Policy

<https://ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/circular-economy-diagram>

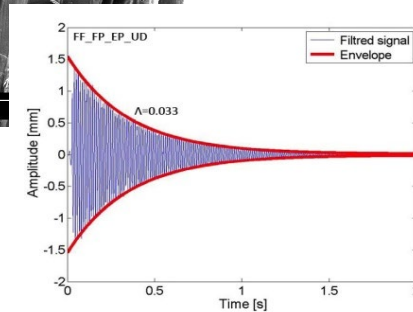
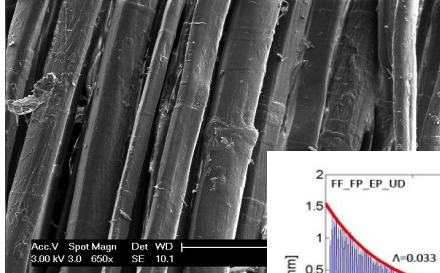
Learning outcomes

Towards sustainable composites

- Understand key sustainability issues and the challenge
- Grounding in sustainability focused around transportation and materials
- Difference between a linear and circular economy
- Need for a trans-disciplinary approach
- How composites can play a role in the journey to NetZero 2050
- Challenges for composites focused around raw materials
- Recent advances in additive manufacturing as an enabler
- Propose 3 SMART initiatives in your group project

Natural biocomposites

Natural Fibre Composites



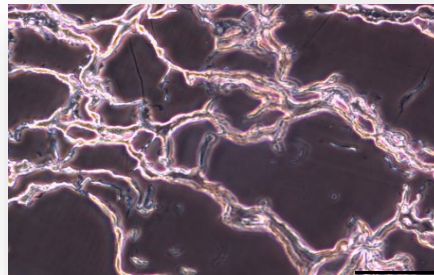
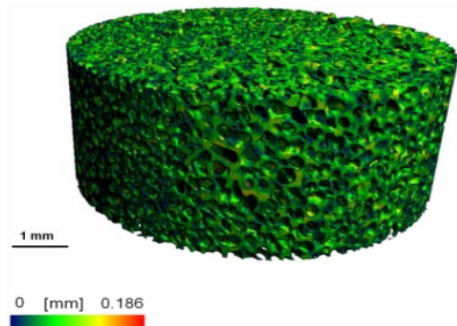
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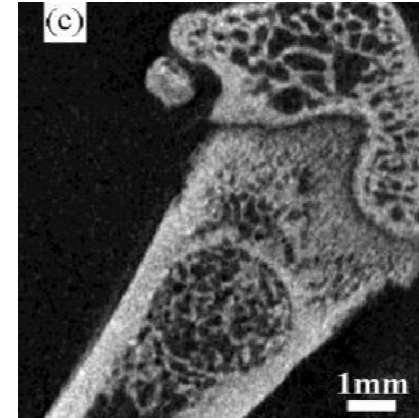
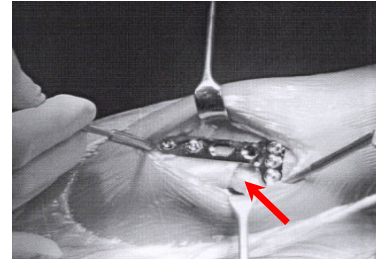
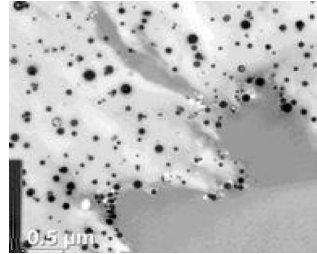
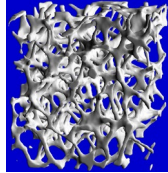
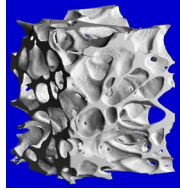
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Biodegradable composite foams

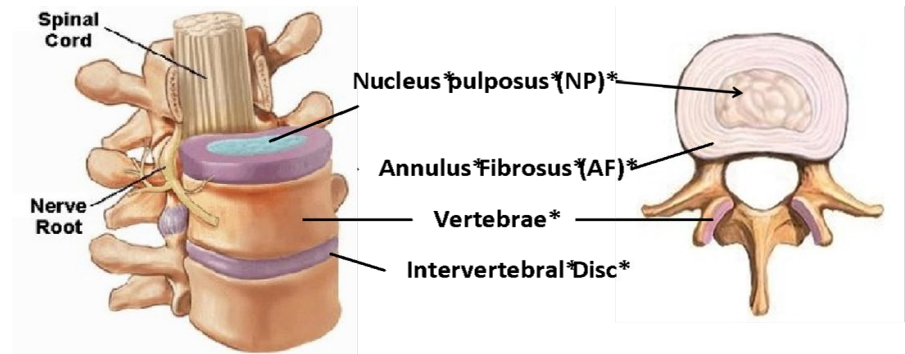
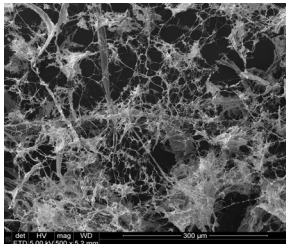


Biomed composites

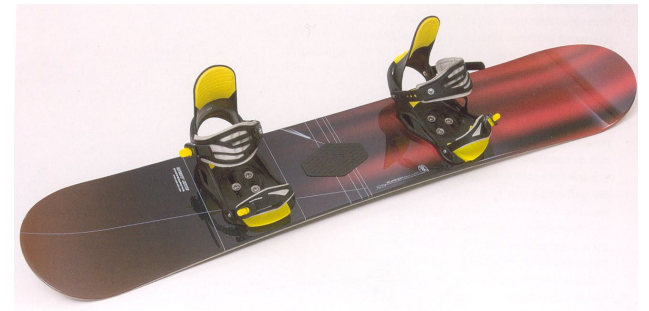
Resorbable composite foams



Composite hydrogels



Sport



Learning outcomes

Biocomposites

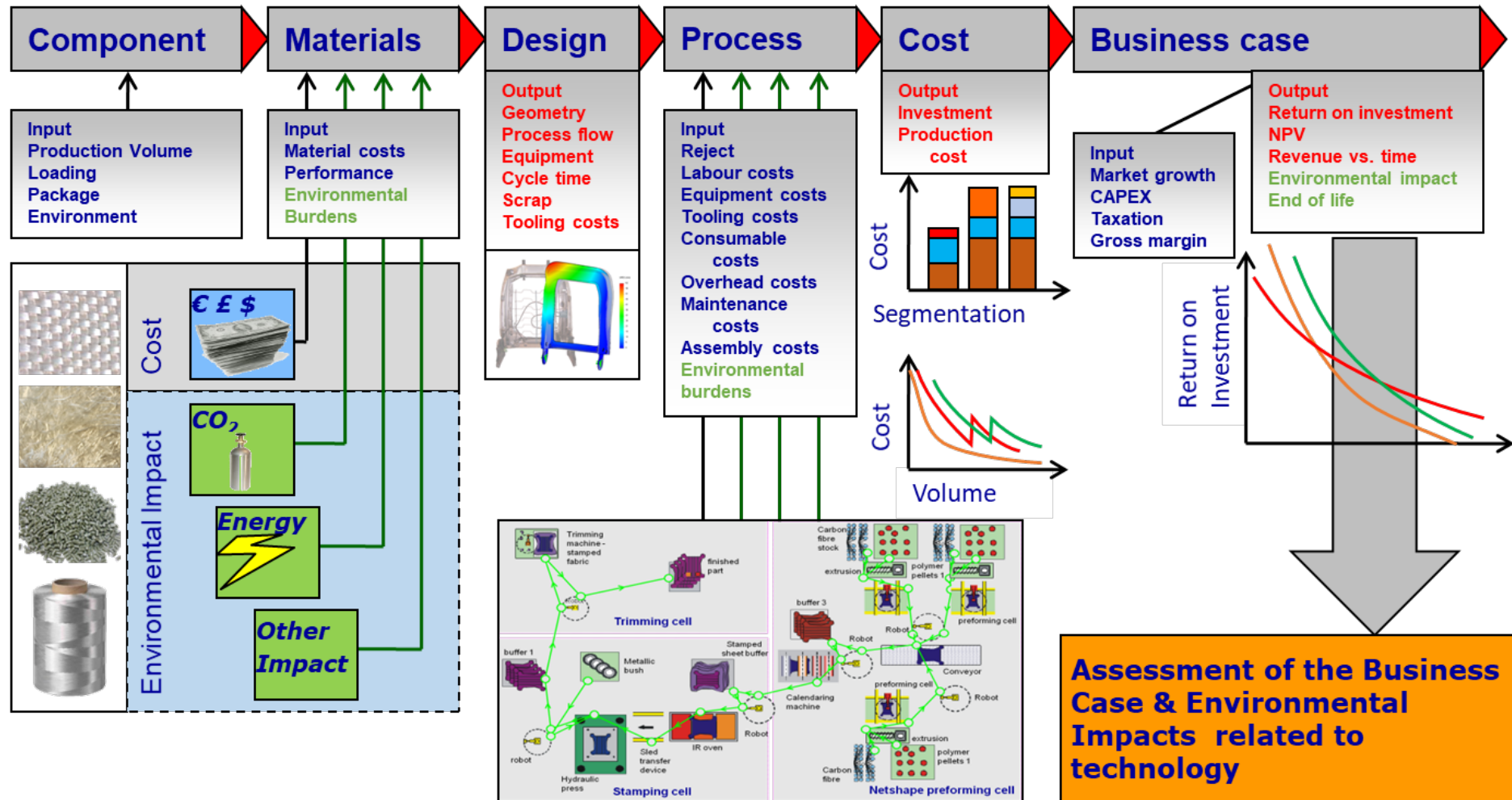
- Biodegradable composites
- Bioresorbable composites
- Selection of composites for body implants
- Composite orthoses and prostheses

Sport applications

- Materials and properties for sport equipment
- Controlling transfer of energies via the materials
- Processing for high performance in competition
- Feel and control, Stiffness and damping

Cost modelling - a tool for sustainable innovation

- Technical, Financial & Environmental Cost Prediction

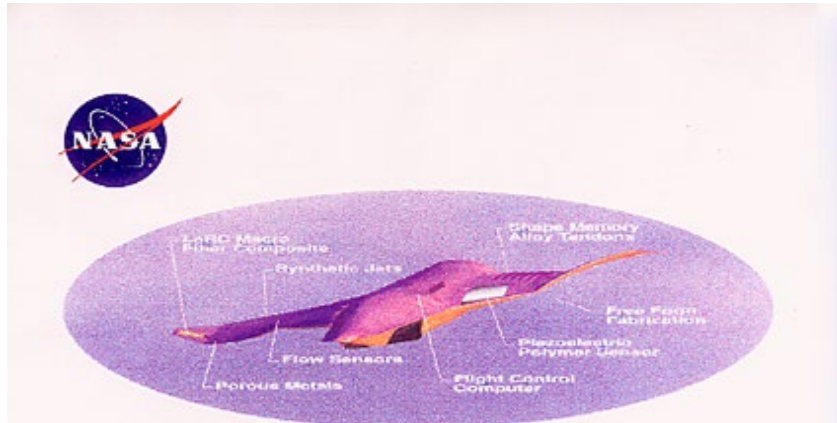


Learning outcomes

Cost modelling

- Learn how to set-up a cost model for a given process/material combination and a given volume of production
- Learn the main assumptions/data needed to set-up a cost model
- Presentation of an Excel tool which can be used for the project

Smart Composites



- Concepts
- Several types
- how to develop an active composite?



Learning outcomes

Smart Composites

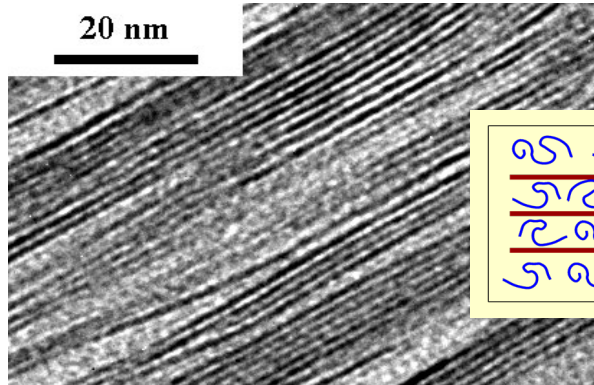
- Learn about the concept of smart composites, the definitions
- Survey various examples: integration of Shape memory alloy fibers, integration of piezo electric materials, of sensors, self-healing materials...
- Be able to propose combinations of materials which can bring functionality to composites for a given application, and to perform simple calculations to evaluate the expected effects.

Nanocomposites

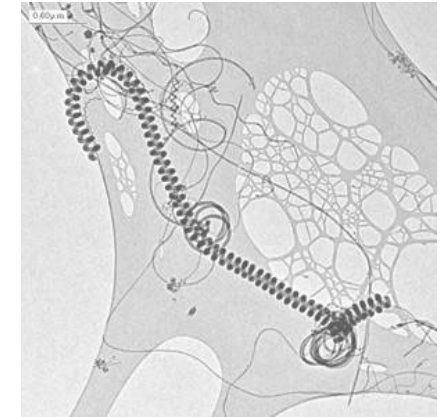
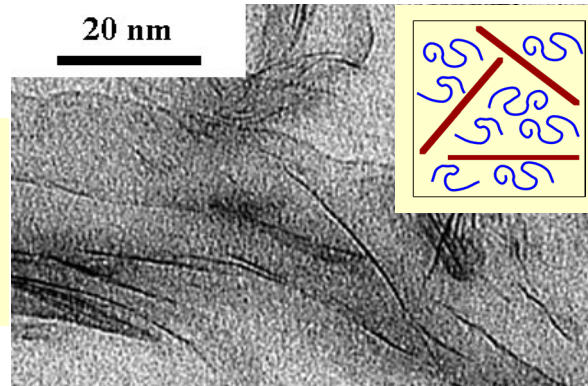
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- Expensive: carbon nanotubes...

Nanocomposite structures

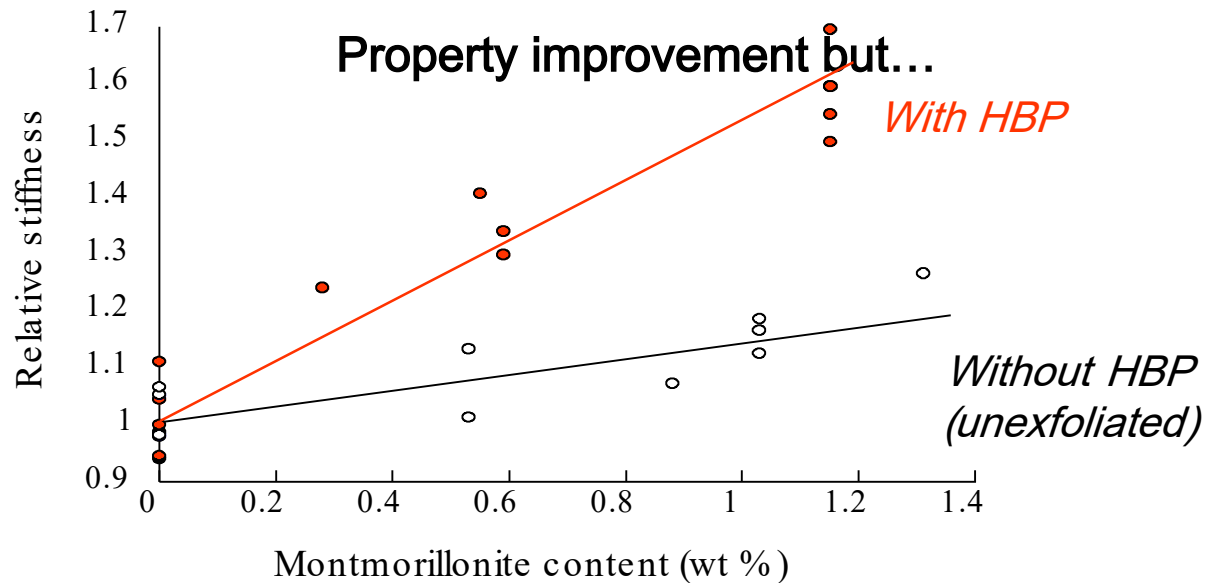
Without HBP



With HBP



Property improvement but...



...difficult to process!

