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Forming of Aligned Discontinuous Fibre Thermoplastic Prepreg for Sustainable Composite Manufacturing

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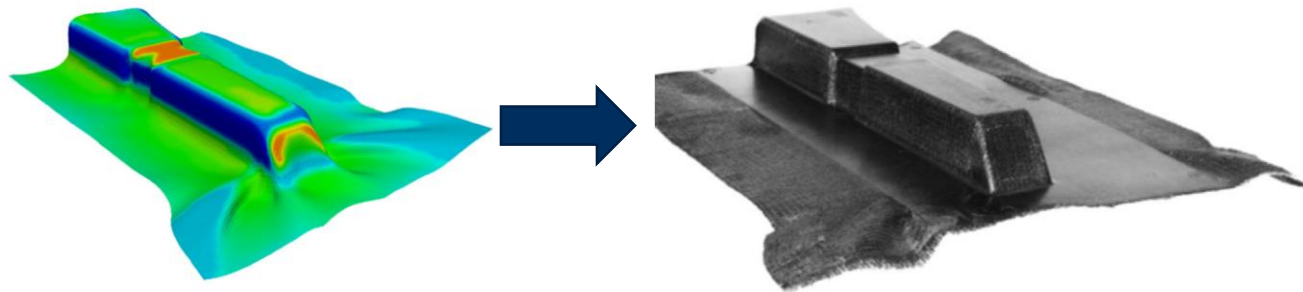


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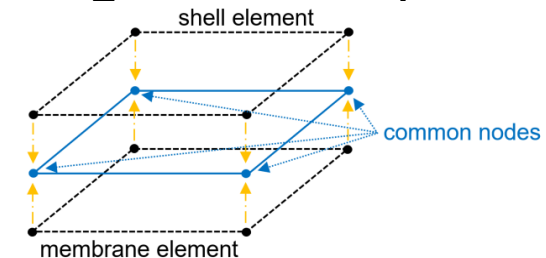


Forming of Thermoplastic Short Fibre Prepreg

- Problems
 - Sustainable solutions are needed
 - Thermoplastic composite manufacturing is very hard with standard methods
 - Forming of defect free composite parts depends on experience and trials
- Aim: Development of forming simulation tool for manufacturing of thermoplastic HiPerDiF tapes



Guzman-Maldonado, E., Hamila, N., Naouar, N., Moulin, G., & Boisse, P. (2016). Simulation of thermoplastic prepreg thermoforming based on a visco-hyperelastic model and a thermal homogenization. *Materials & Design*, 93, 431-442.

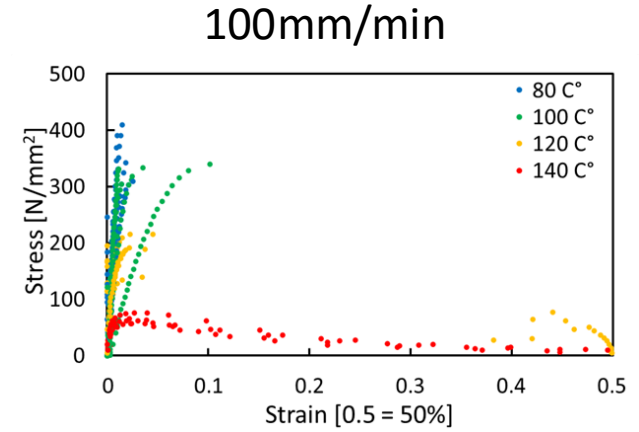
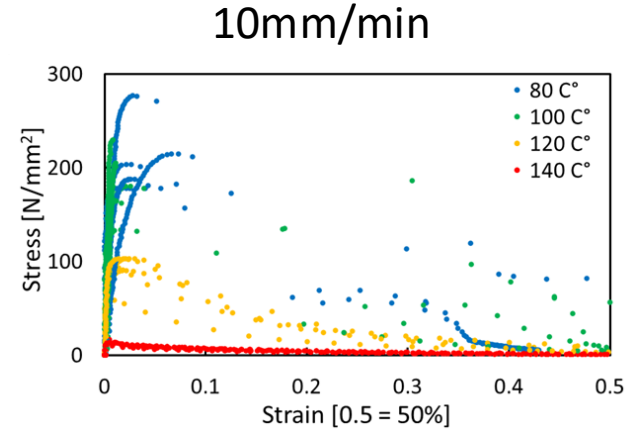
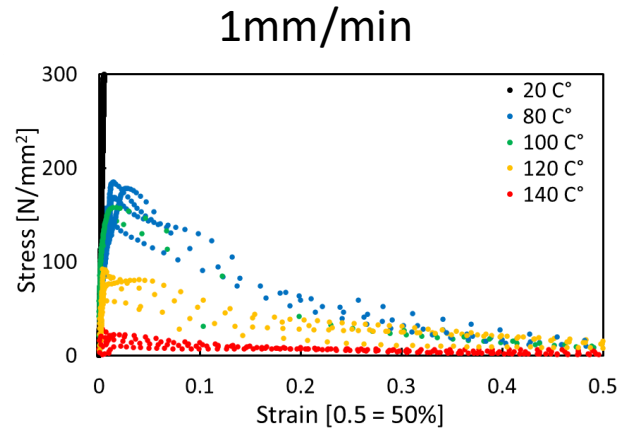


Element Type	E_1 [MPa]	E_2 [MPa]	G_{12} [MPa]
Membrane	?	?	?
Shell	?	?	?

Thompson, A. J., Belnoue, J. P., & Hallett, S. R. (2020). Modelling defect formation in textiles during the double diaphragm forming process. *Composites Part B: Engineering*, 202, 108357. doi:10.1016/j.compositesb.2020.108357

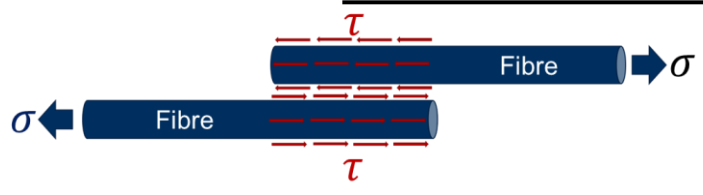


Tensile Characterisation under Processing Condition



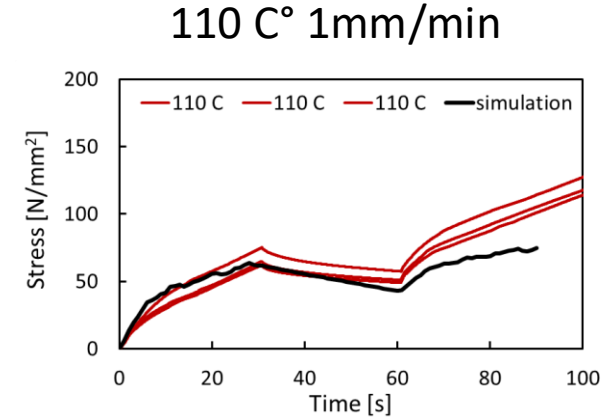
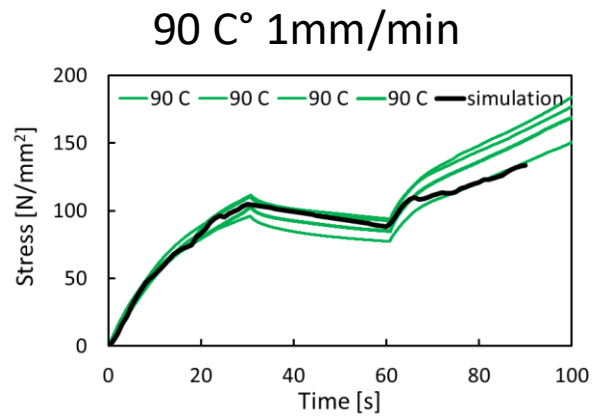
➤ Higher temperatures diminish the matrix properties, thereby reducing load-carrying capacity, whereas higher speeds enhance them

Model derivation, implementation and validation

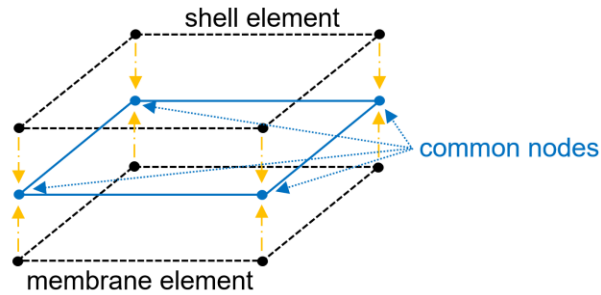


Micromechanical model

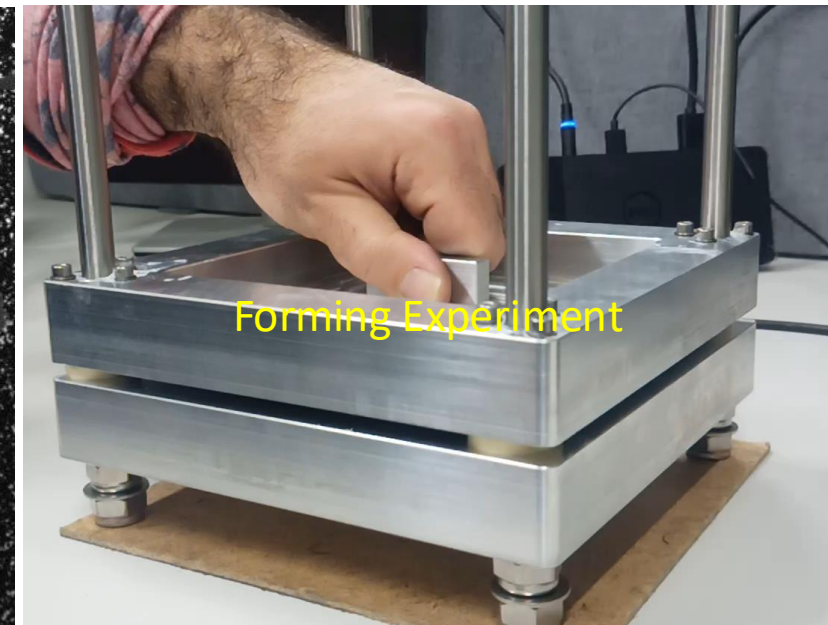
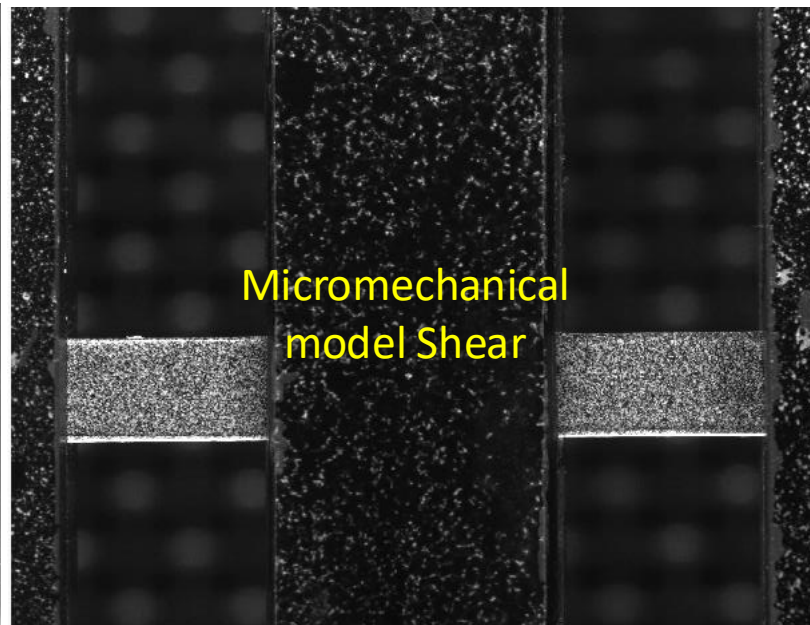
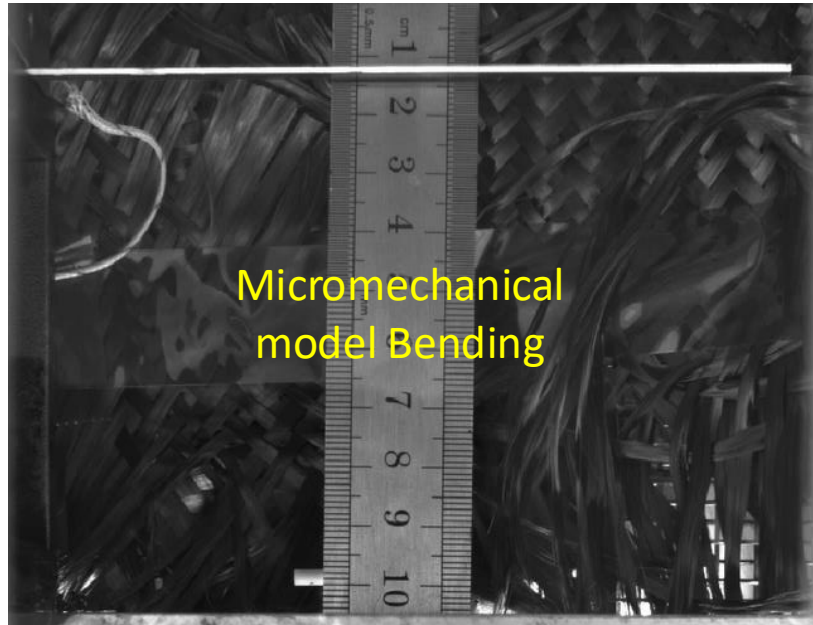
$$\dot{\sigma} = \left(2G(\dot{\epsilon}) \left(\frac{L - \delta}{D} [K - 1] f \frac{\delta}{D} \right) \dot{\epsilon} - \left(\frac{G(\dot{\epsilon})}{\eta(\dot{\epsilon})} \right) \sigma \right)$$



Process Simulation



Element Type	E_1 [MPa]	E_2 [MPa]	G_{12} [MPa]	Density [tonne/mm ³]
Membrane	Micromechanical model Tension	Modulus at each temp.	Micromechanical model Shear	7.13E-05
Shell	Micromechanical model Bending	1	0	7.13E-05





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Thanks for listening!
Any questions?

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