



Materials for large length fibre-based ships. Characterization, selection, and numerical analysis

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INTRODUCTION



We need to know:

- The performance of the material (characterization)
- Numerical tools to help engineers in the structural design

SELECTION OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS FOR MARINE APPLICATIONS

- Testing campaign – 1st phase
- Selection criteria
- Testing campaign – 2nd phase
- Fire performance

CHARACTERIZATION AND SIMULATION OF FIBRE-BASED MATERIALS

- Model to analyze the mechanical performance of composites
- Calibration process and numerical results
- Fatigue Analysis

SELECTION OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS FOR MARINE APPLICATIONS

CHALLENGE AND APPROACH

- Identification of new fibre based material systems for large scale vessels is a key objective of Fibreship
- Comprehensive list of candidate constituents



Extensive small scale experimental campaign to down-select the best resin candidates

Selection of reinforcement material and detailed characterization of the best composite candidates for Fibreship application

TESTING CAMPAIGN – 1ST PHASE



PHASE 1 – MATRIX CANDIDATES – Mechanical Properties – All tested with GLASS FIBRES

RESIN CLASS	RESIN/REINFORCEMENT	v_f (FIBRE VOLUME FRACTION)	DENSITY	APPARENT INTERLAMINAR SHEAR STRENGTH	FLEXURAL STRENGTH	FLEXURAL MODULUS	Resin Cost ³ (€ per kg)	Resin/Hardener Mixture Cost ³ (€ per kg)
VINYLESTER	LEO SYSTEM/ LEO UD 940gsm Glass							
URETHANE ACRYLATE	CRESTAPOL 1210/ UD 996gsm Glass ²							
EPOXY	PRIME 27/ UD 996gsm Glass ²							
	SR1125/ UD 996gsm Glass ²							
BIO-EPOXY	SUPER SAP CLR/ UD 996gsm Glass ²							
PHENOLIC	CELLOBOND J2027X/ UD 996gsm Glass ²							
THERMOPLASTIC	ELIUM/ UD 996gsm Glass ²							

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VINYLESTER	LEO SYSTEM/ LEO UD 940gsm Glass	56% (4.3%)	2.233 g/cm ³ (1.8%)	44.41 MPa (8.8%)	592.0 MPa (22%)	22.03 GPa (21%)	€11.14	€14.00
URETHANE ACRYLATE	CRESTAPOL 1210/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	57% (0.3%)	2.017 g/cm ³ (0.7%)	42.09 MPa (3.0%)	790.61 MPa (11.3%)	34.52 GPa (2.0%)	€8.50	€8.46
EPOXY	PRIME 27/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	58% (0.9%)	2.061 g/cm ³ (0.5%)	58.04 MPa (2.4%)	917.1 MPa (2.4%)	35.37 GPa (2.8%)	€9.10	€10.34
	SR1125/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	58% (3.0%)	2.198 g/cm ³ (2.3%)	50.53 MPa (1.7%)	853.8 MPa (8.5%)	30.35 GPa (8.1%)	€17.60	€18.47
BIO-EPOXY	SUPER SAP CLR/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	60% (0.6%)	2.158 g/cm ³ (0.9%)	57.78 MPa (3.6%)	865.2 MPa (8.9%)	32.80 GPa (3.8%)	€10	€13.10
PHENOLIC	CELLOBOND J2027X/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	58% (0.4%)	1.984 g/cm ³ (0.9%)	33.51 MPa (4.8%)	858.8 MPa (6.7%)	34.92 GPa (4.1%)	€4.13	€4.48
THERMOPLASTIC	ELIUM/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	56% (1.0%)	1.999 g/cm ³ (0.4%)	56.87 MPa (3.6%)	942.8 MPa (3.8%)	33.86 GPa (1.6%)	€27.25	€26.83

TESTING CAMPAIGN – 1ST PHASE



PHASE 1 – MATERIAL CANDIDATES – Manufacturing details

RESIN CLASS	RESIN/REINFORCEMENT	RESIN : HARDENER BY WEIGHT	VISCOSITY (from datasheet)	TOOL	INFUSION TIME ⁴	INFUSION TEMPERATURE	CURING SCHEDULE	POST-CURING SCHEDULE
VINYLESTER	LEO SYSTEM/ LEO UD 940gsm Glass	100 : 2	340 cP at 20°C	HEATED ALUMINIUM	20 mins	17.3°C (RT ³)	Overnight at 30°C	6 hours at 80°C
URETHANE ACRYLATE	CRESTAPOL 1210/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	100 : 2 : 1 : 1	175 cP at 25°C	GLASS	11 mins	21.1°C (RT ³)	60 mins at RT ³	No post-cure required
EPOXY	PRIME 27/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	100 : 28	285 cP at 20°C 150 cP at 30°C	GLASS + HEATED MAT	15 mins	18.8°C (RT ³)	1 hour at 45°C Overnight at RT ³	7 hours at 65°C
	SR1125/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	100 : 14	680 cP at 20°C 305 cP at 30°C 160 cP at 40°C	GLASS + HEATED MAT	40 mins	19.9°C (RT ³)	16 hours at 40°C	8 hours at 80°C
BIO-EPOXY	SUPER SAP CLR/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	100 : 33	300 cP at 25°C	HEATED ALUMINIUM	92 mins	35°C	Overnight at RT ³	2 hours at 120°C
PHENOLIC	CELLOBOND J2027X/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	100 : 4	270 cP at 25°C	HEATED ALUMINIUM	36 mins	60°C	15 mins at 60°C	3 hours at 80°C
THERMOPLASTIC	ELIUM/ UD 996gsm Glass ²	100 : 2.5	100 cP at 25°C	GLASS	23 mins	21.9°C (RT ³)	Overnight at RT ³	No post-cure required

SELECTION CRITERIA

PHASE 1 – MATERIAL CANDIDATES – DEFINITION OF A CRITERIA FOR MATERIAL DOWN-SELECTION

	Mechanical Properties (Dry Condition)			Manufacturing				Impact				Total Score / Rank
Weight /100	35			35				30				
	ILSS ¹	Flexural Strength ²	Flexural Stiffness ³	Elevated Temp infusion/cure ⁴	Post Cure ⁵	Infusion Time ⁶	No. of resin system Components ⁷	Cost ⁸	Claimed FR ⁹	Styrene ¹⁰	Recyclability ¹¹	
Weight	/15	/10	/10	/10	/10	/10	/5	/10	/10	/5	/5	
Leo system	10	3	3	0	0	5	5	5	10	0	0	41 (6)
Crestapol 1210	10	6	6	10	10	10	0	5	0	0	0	57 (2)
Prime 27	15	6	10	0	0	10	0	5	0	5	0	51 (4)
SR1125	10	6	6	0	0	5	5	5	10	5	0	52 (3)
SUPER SAP CLR	10	6	6	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	0	37 (7)
CELLOBOND	5	6	6	0	0	0	5	10	10	5	0	47 (5)
ELIUM	10	10	6	10	10	5	5	0	0	5	5	66 (1)

Notes:

	Criteria	Relative Scoring
1	ILSS (Interlaminar shear strength)	Interlaminar shear strength established from short beam shear test
2	Flexural Strength	Flexural Strength established from 3-point bend test
3	Flexural Modulus	Flexural Modulus established from 3-point bend test
4	Elevated Temperature infusion and or cure requirement	As specified by resin supplier. Certain resin systems require elevated temperature curing to achieve full mechanical properties / to achieve a specified glass transition temperature
5	Elevated Temperature Post Cure Requirement	As specified by resin supplier. Certain resin systems require elevated temperature postcure to achieve full mechanical properties / to a achieve specified glass transition temperature
6	Infusion Time	Time required to fully infuse a flat panel as recorded during laboratory infusion trials
7	No. of Components required	Number of components in resin system (resin, catalyst, initiator etc.)
8	Cost	Cost of samples as purchased by ULim
9	Claimed Fire Retardancy	Fire retardancy as claimed by resin supplier
10	Styrene	Resins based on styrene reactive diluent technology (e.g. polyester/vinylester/urethane acrylate) present issues with styrene emissions/migration, and manufacturing personnel exposure
11	Recyclability	Thermoplastic resins can be reformed on heating and as such have a high potential for recycling Thermosetting resins can not be reformed on heating and are inherently difficult to recycle

1st draft ranking: (1) Elium |(2) Crestapol 1210 |(3) SR1125

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Weight	/10	/5	/5	/10	/10	/20	/10	/15	/21	/2	/2		
Synolite 8488 G-2	?	?	?	10	10	20	10	15	0	1	1	67	To be completed
DION 9102-683				10	10	20	10	13	0	1	?	64	
Leo system	7	1.5	1.5	5	0	14	10	12	21	1	0	73	System to be checked with Saertex
Crestapol 1210	7	3	3	10	10	20	0	7	0	1	0	61	
Prime 27	10	3	5	5	0	12	5	10	0	1	0	51	
SR1125	7	3	3	5	0	12	5	8	21	1	0	65	
SUPER SAP CLR	7	3	3	0	0	6	5	7	0	1	0	32	OUT due to high infusion T°
CELLOBOND	4	3	3	0	0	6	0	15	21	0	0	52	OUT due to high infusion T° and gel time too short
ELIUM	7	5	3	10	10	12	0	0	0	2	1	50	

Traction strenght ?



This item has changed

Previous ponderation values

35(15/10/10) 35(10/10/10/5) 30(10/10/5/5)

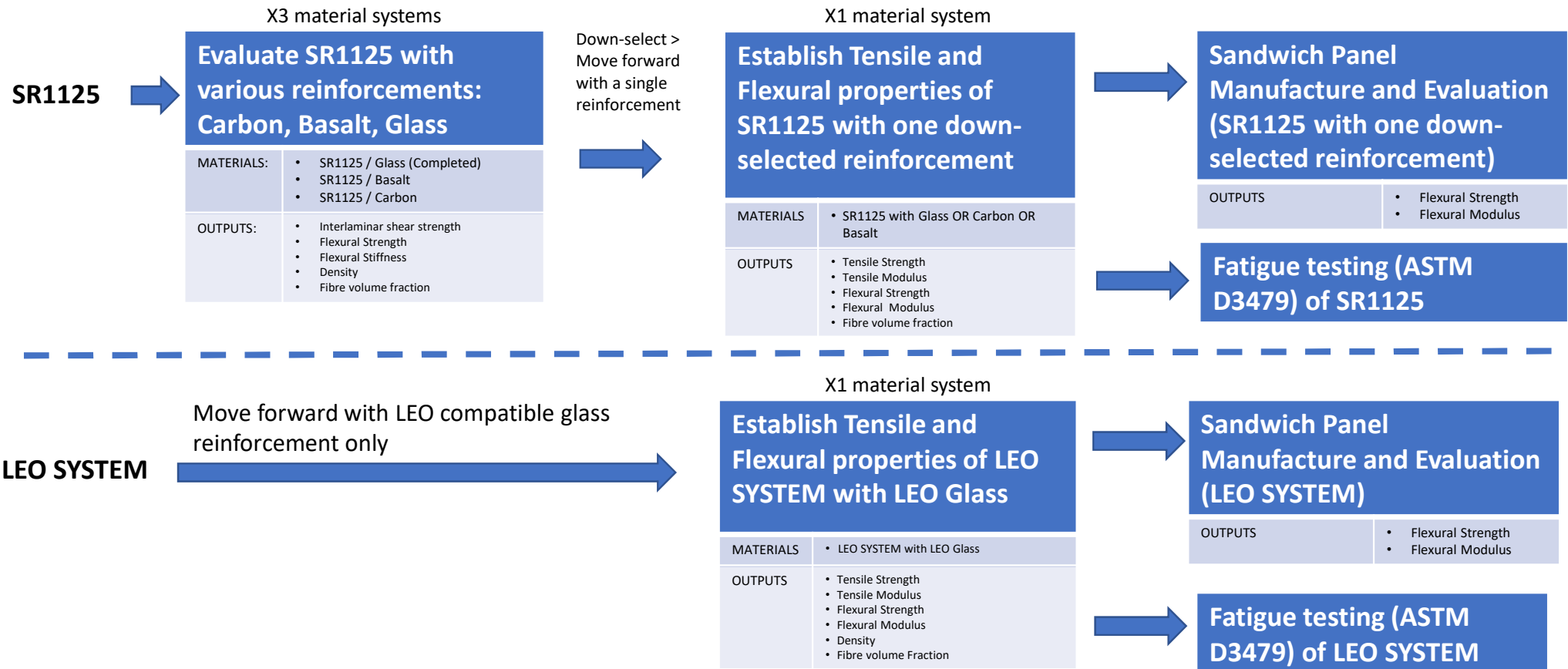
Ranking if FR is an option

1st Leo System, 2nd SR 1125

Ranking if FR is not an option

1st Leo System, 2nd Synolite 8488 G-2 / DION 9102-683, 3rd SR 1125

PHASE 2 – MATERIAL DETAILED MATERIAL CHARACTERIZATION



TESTING CAMPAIGN – 2ND PHASE

Comparison of fibre properties

RESIN CLASS	RESIN	REINFORCEMENT	Reinforcement Cost	FIBRE VOLUME FRACTION	DENSITY*	APPARENT INTERLAMINAR SHEAR STRENGTH	FLEXURAL STRENGTH	FLEXURAL MODULUS
Epoxy	SR 1125	Glass fibres SAERTEX U-E-996g/m ²	2.00 €/m ²	53% (1.3%)	1.842 g/cm (1.9%)	50.53 MPa (1.7%)	853.8 MPa (8.5%)	30.35 GPa (8.1%)
		Carbon fibres Saertex U-C-314g/m ²	10.50 €/m ²	51% (1.6%)	1.371 g/cm (2.5%)	51.25 MPa (8.4%)	798.8 MPa (± 8.5%)	74.43 GPa (± 10.2%)
		Basalt fibres Basaltex BAS UNI 350	5.95 €/m ²	32% (3.9%)	1.655 g/cm (1.2%)	40.63 MPa (3.7%)	577.9 MPa (4.2%)	22.72 GPa (4.1%)

DRY VS WET Results

RESIN CLASS	RESIN/ REINFORCEMENT	APPARENT INTERLAMINAR SHEAR STRENGTH			FLEXURAL STRENGTH			FLEXURAL MODULUS		
		DRY	WET*	CHANGE	DRY	WET*	CHANGE	DRY	WET*	CHANGE
STAGE 2 VINYL ESTER	LEO INFUSION RESIN/LEO UD 940gsm Glass	38.11 MPa (4.9%)	37.48 MPa (3.4%)	-1.7%	820.71 MPa (6.8%)	829.22 MPa (9.8%)	+1.0%	28.59 GPa (4.0%)	31.69 GPa (2.1%)	+10.8%
STAGE 2 EPOXY	SR1125/ UD 996gsm Glass	50.53 MPa (1.7%)	51.86 MPa (1.7%)	+2.6%	853.8 MPa (8.5%)	812.2 MPa (1.9%)	-4.9%	30.35 GPa (8.1%)	31.02 GPa (2.7%)	+2.2%

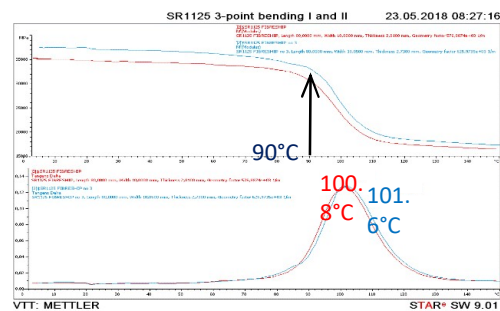
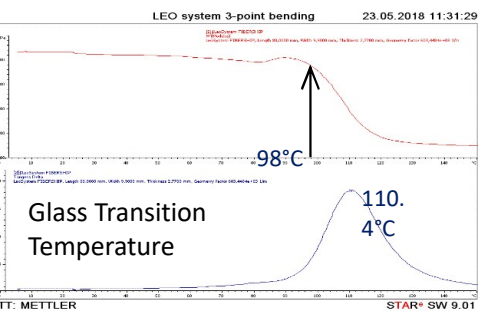
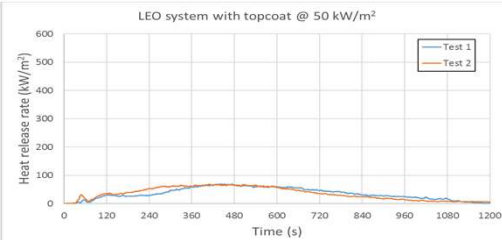
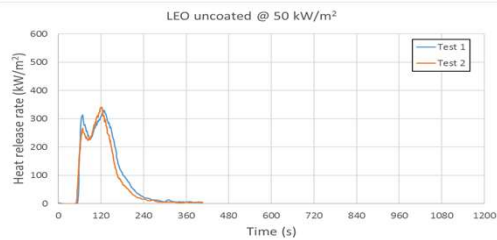
*WET SAMPLES ARE SOAKED IN DEIONISED WATER FOR 28 DAYS AT 35°C

FIRE PERFORMANCE

- Fire performance is of utmost importance for Fibreship application and has been a key point for phase 1 and phase 2 material selection. Tests were made in materials w/o coatings.

TGA = Thermogravimetric Analysis
 MCC = Micro-scale Combustion Calorimetry
 DMTA = Dynamic Mechanical Thermal Analysis
 DSC = Differential Scanning Calorimetry
 TPS = Transient Plane Source

TEST METHOD	PHASE	OUTCOME
Cone calorimeter	1 & 2	time to ignition, heat release and smoke production data per unit area, mass loss
TGA	1	mass loss as a function of temperature
MCC	2	heat release as a function of temperature
DMTA	2	temperature dependency of key mechanical properties (storage modulus, loss modulus), glass transition temperature
DSC	2	specific heat capacity
TPS	2	thermal conductivity



FIRE PERFORMANCE

Resins considered and results obtained from the CC test during the first phase analysis

Cone calorimeter test sample

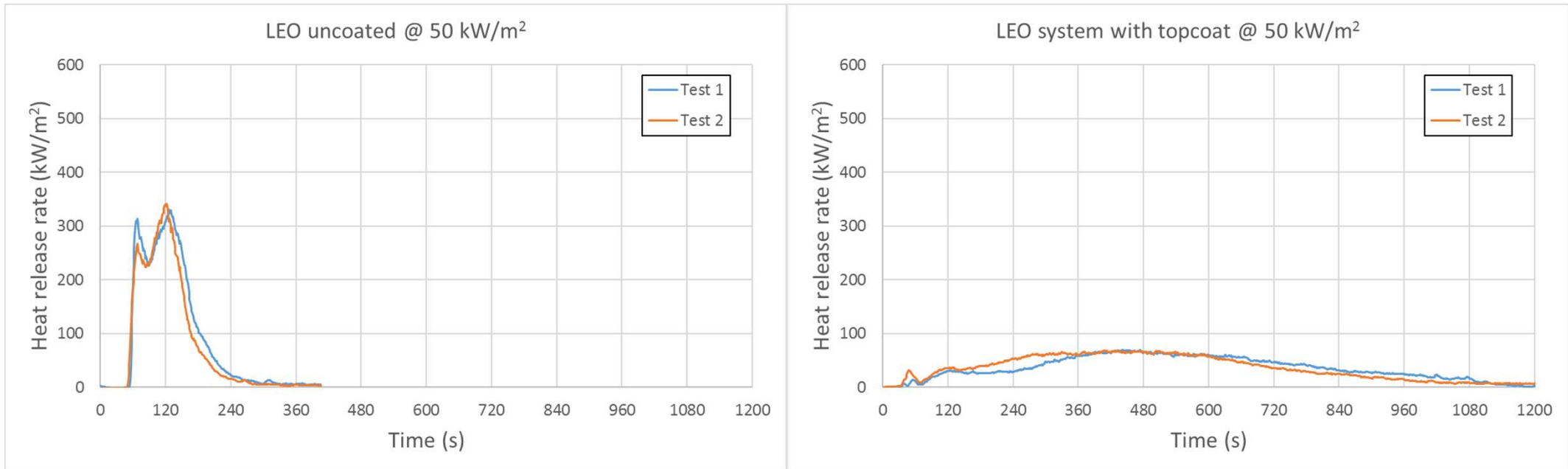


RESIN CLASS	RESIN DETAILS	t_{ig} (s)	HRR_{max} (kW/m ²)	THR (MJ/m ²)	TSP (m ²)
Vinylester	LEO system with topcoat	75	69	42.3	8.8
	LEO without topcoat	50	336	33.5	15.1
Urethane acrylate	Crestapol 1210	44	314	35.4	9.3
Epoxy	Prime 27	60	496	39.4	10.7
	SR1125 with topcoat	53	261	40.7	9.3
	SR1125 without topcoat	53	546	42.5	13.5
Bio-epoxy	Super Sap CLR	61	520	42.0	12.0
Phenolic	Cellobond J2027X	*)	71	9.9	0.4
Thermoplastic	Elium	23	255	40.7	1.8

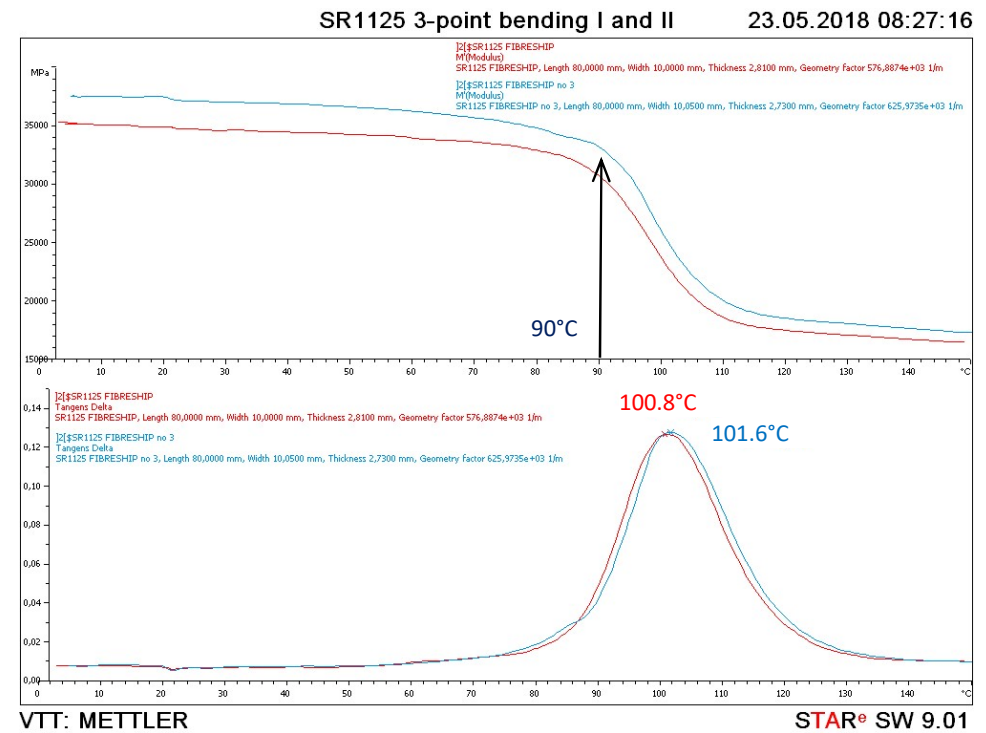
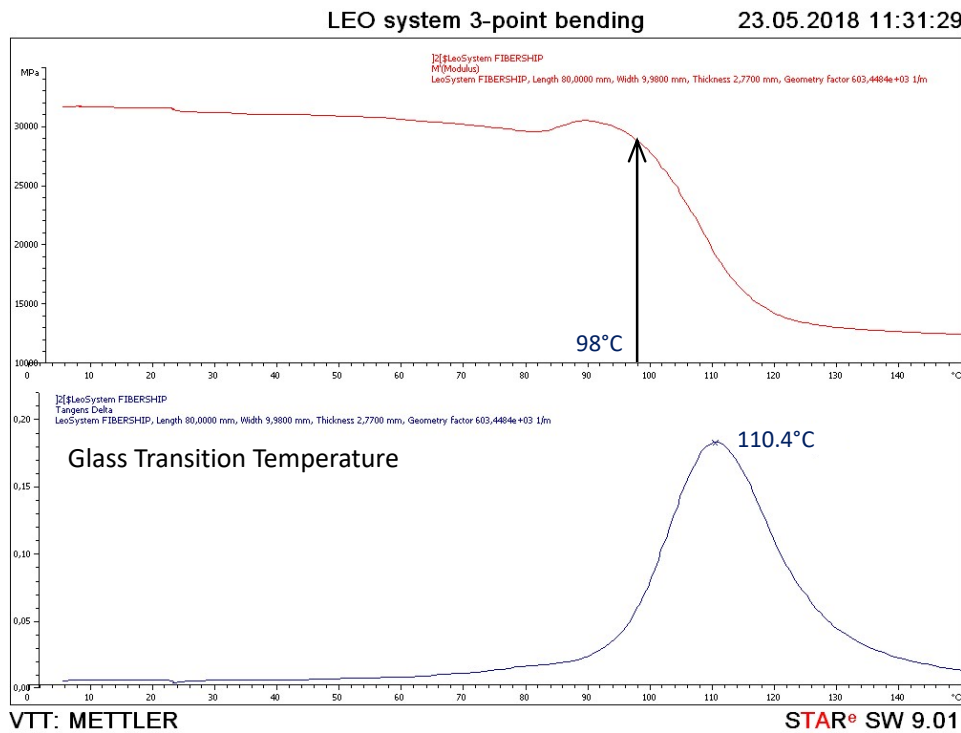
*) Exceptional ignition behaviour: small local flame in ca. 90 s, 50 % of area ignited in ca. 120 s, whole surface ignited in ca. 180 s

EXAMPLES OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED IN THE FIRST PHASE – LEO SYSTEM

HEAT RELEASE RATE:



EXAMPLES OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED IN THE SECOND PHASE – DMTA Results



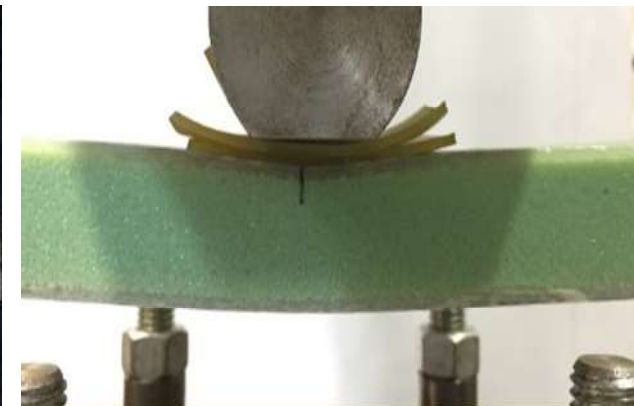
Storage modulus (in MPa) and loss factor (tangens delta) values as the function of temperature with 1 Hz frequency measured in three point bending.

CHARACTERIZATION AND SIMULATION OF FIBRE-BASED MATERIALS

MODEL TO ANALYZE THE MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE OF COMPOSITES

INTRODUCTION. Challenges with composites

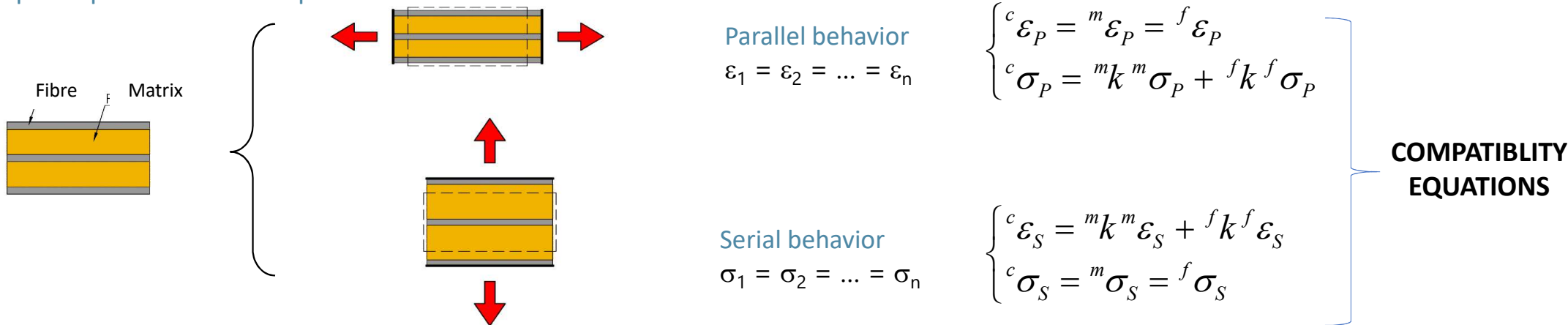
- Different materials, with different mechanical performance, are coupled providing combined response
- Anisotropic behaviour: material properties are orientation-dependency.
- Different and complex failure modes (delamination, matrix cracking, fibre breakage,...)
- Lack of experimental data compared with other materials.



MODEL TO ANALYZE THE MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE OF COMPOSITES

Numerical models for composite material characterization will be based on the serial/parallel mixing theory, which acts as constitutive equations manager, providing the non-linear response of the composite by coupling the constitutive equations of its components.

It assumes that the contribution of each component to the composite performance is proportional to its volumetric participation in the composite.



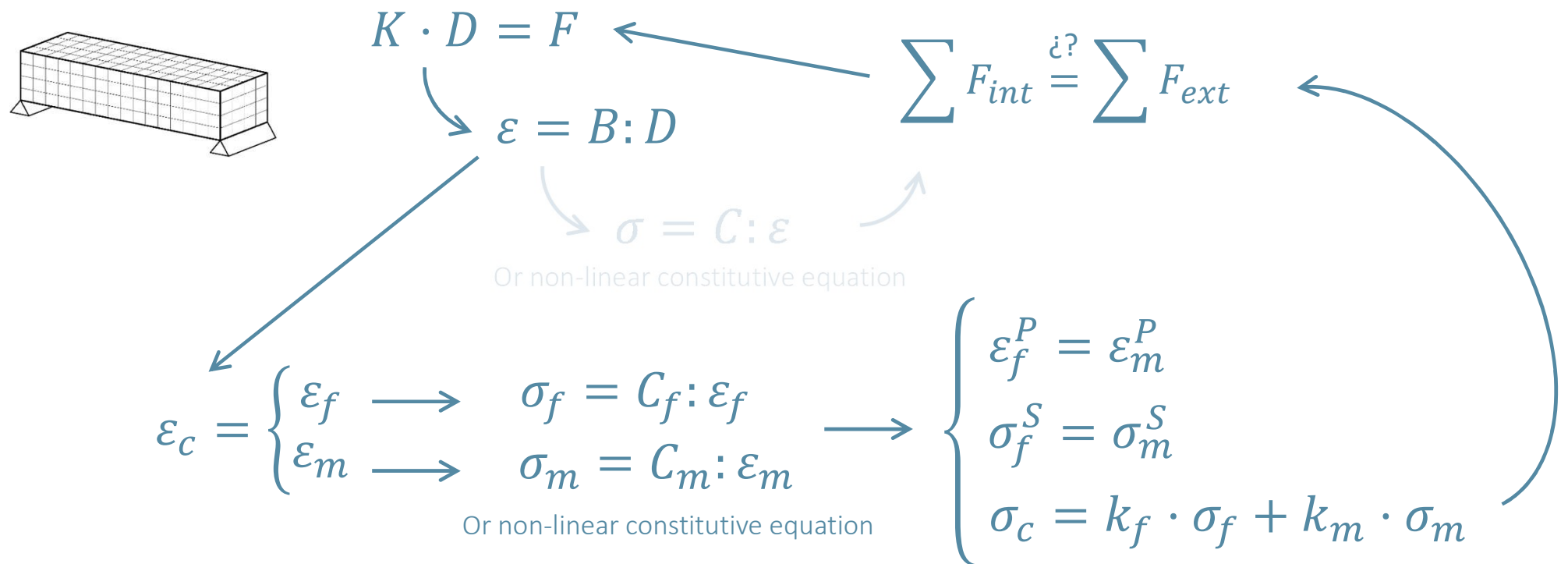
Classic RoM

$${}^c \sigma = {}^f k \cdot {}^f \sigma + {}^m k \cdot {}^m \sigma$$

S/P RoM

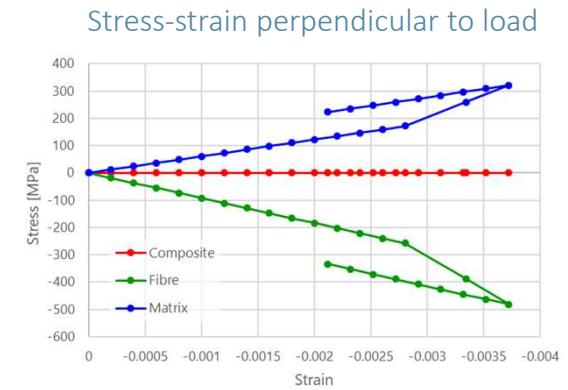
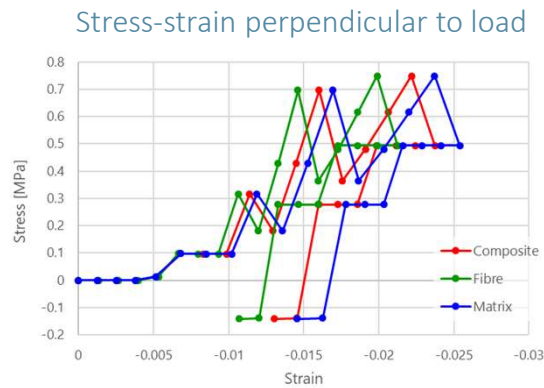
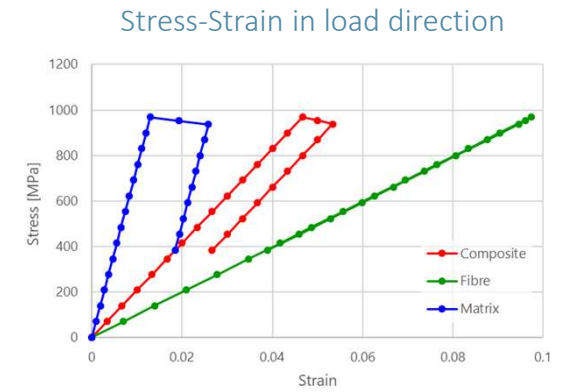
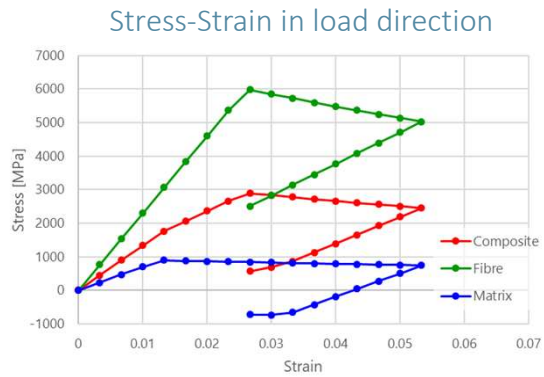
$${}^i \sigma = \frac{\partial \Psi^i}{\partial \varepsilon^i} \longrightarrow {}^c \sigma = {}^f k \cdot \frac{\partial \Psi^f}{\partial \varepsilon^f} + {}^m k \cdot \frac{\partial \Psi^m}{\partial \varepsilon^m}$$

Implementation of the serial/parallel mixing in a code based on the Finite Element Method



MODEL TO ANALYZE THE MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE OF COMPOSITES

FORMULATION PERFORMANCE:



MODEL TO ANALYZE THE MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE OF COMPOSITES



- With this formulation the composite performance is obtained from the mechanical parameters of the composite components.
- Failure is predicted by the components failure, instead of a failure criteria that considers the composite a material by itself.

CALIBRATION PROCESS – PARAMETERS REQUIRED

From composite:

Each different ply orientation, Volumetric participation of each ply with different orientation, Fiber/Matrix system

From constituent materials:

Young modulus, Poisson coefficient, Shear modulus, Volumetric participation, Non-linear parameters (strengths, fracture energy)

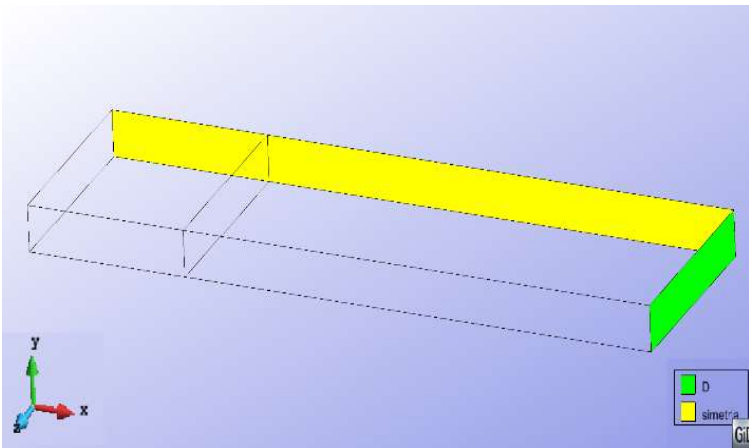
MATERIAL PROPERTIES DEFINED (FROM CALIBRATION PROCESS)

Elastic properties			
Material	Young Modulus (Gpa)	Poisson coefficient	Shear Modulus (Gpa)
Leo Fiber E-Glass	70	0.22	1.66
Leo Vinyl Ester	3	0.3	0.455

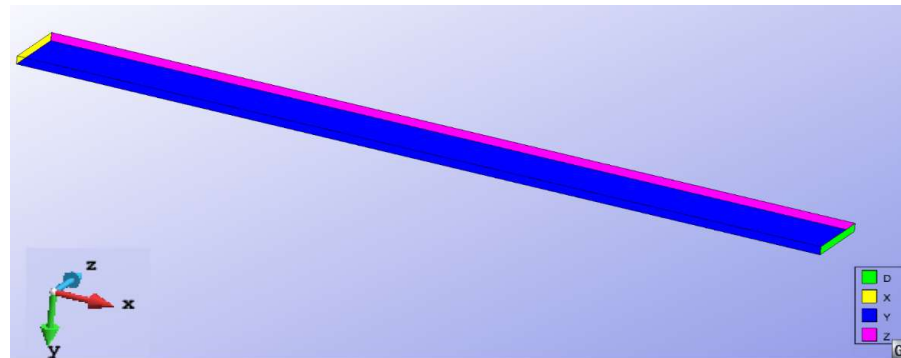
Non-Linear properties					
Material	Yield criteria	Constitutive law	Compressive threshold strength (MPa)	Shear strength (MPa)	Fracture energy (J/m2)
Leo Fiber Glass	Norm principal stress	Exponential damage	1400	1400	185000
Leo Vinyl Ester	Norm principal stress	Exponential damage	120	70.6	5370

RESULTS. Numerical model

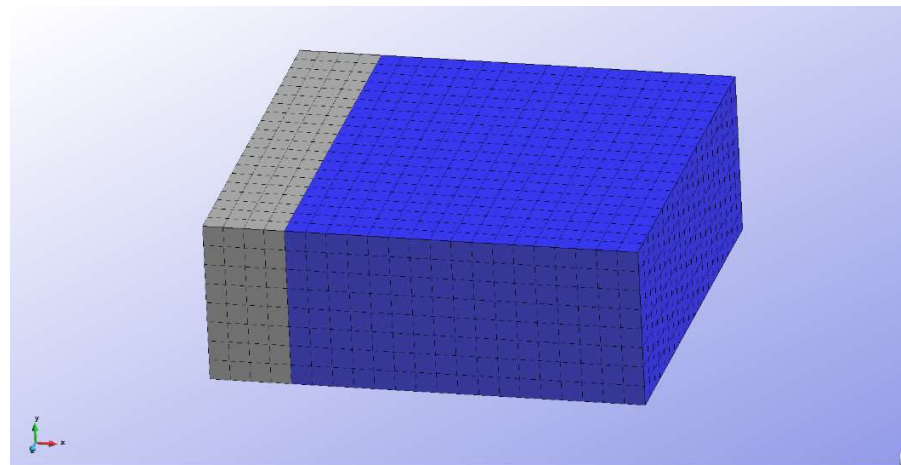
Flexure test model



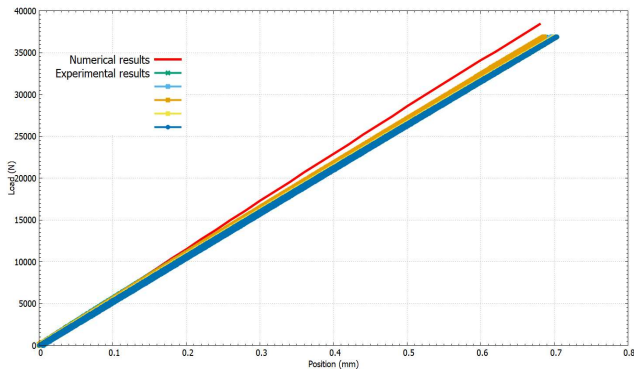
Tensile test model



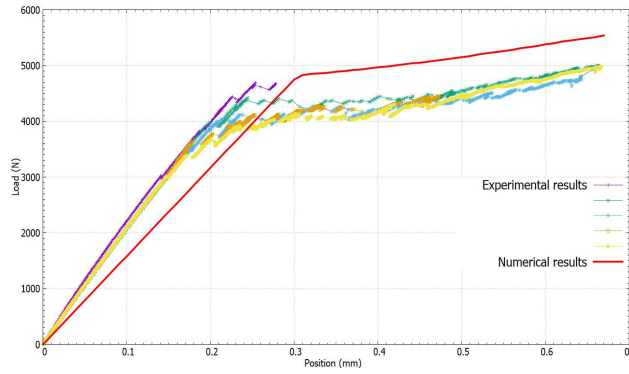
Shear test model



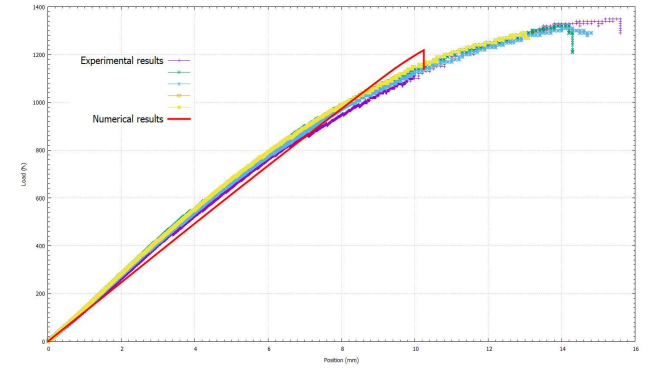
COMPARISON OF NUMERICAL VS EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS FOR GF/VINYLESTER LEO SYSTEM



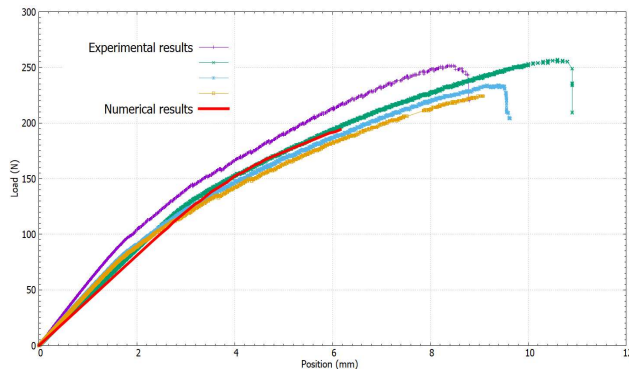
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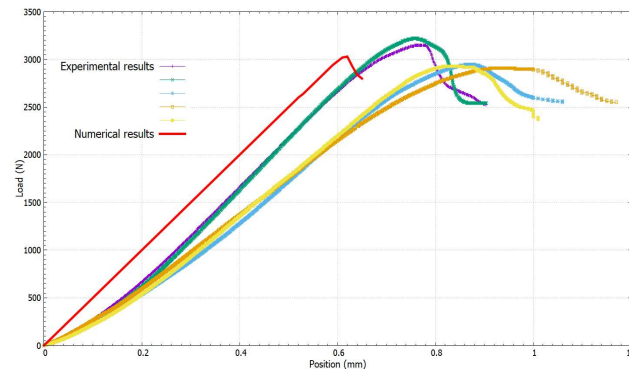
Transversal tensile test



Longitudinal flexure test



Transversal flexure test

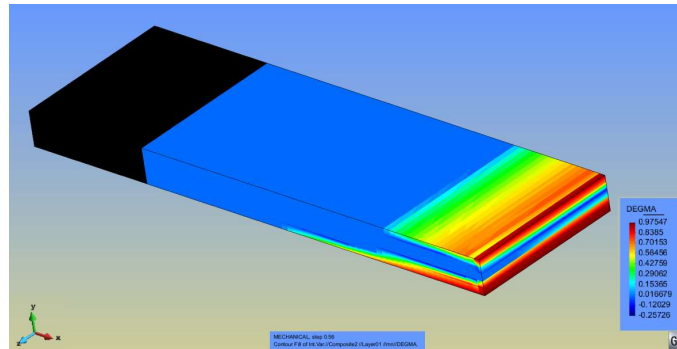


Shear test

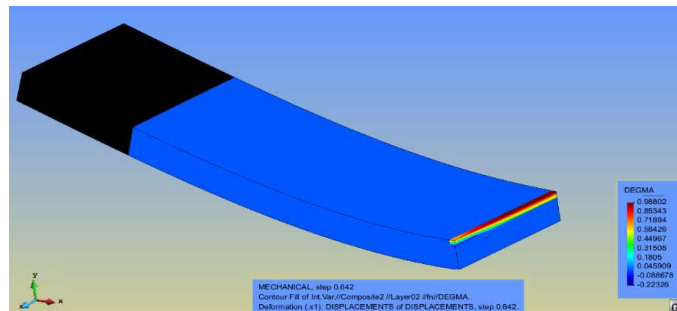
RESULTS FEM MODEL. Failure modes.

A numerical simulation not only has to represent the global performance correctly, besides has to show the equivalent failure mechanism

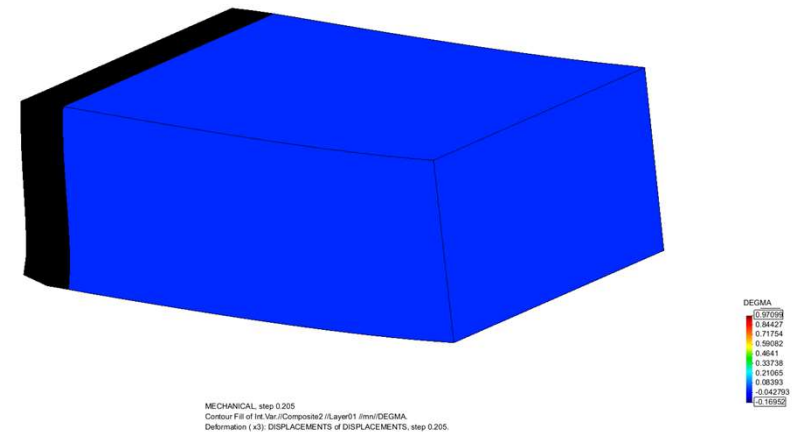
3P Bending in fibre direction



3P Bending perpendicular to fibre direction

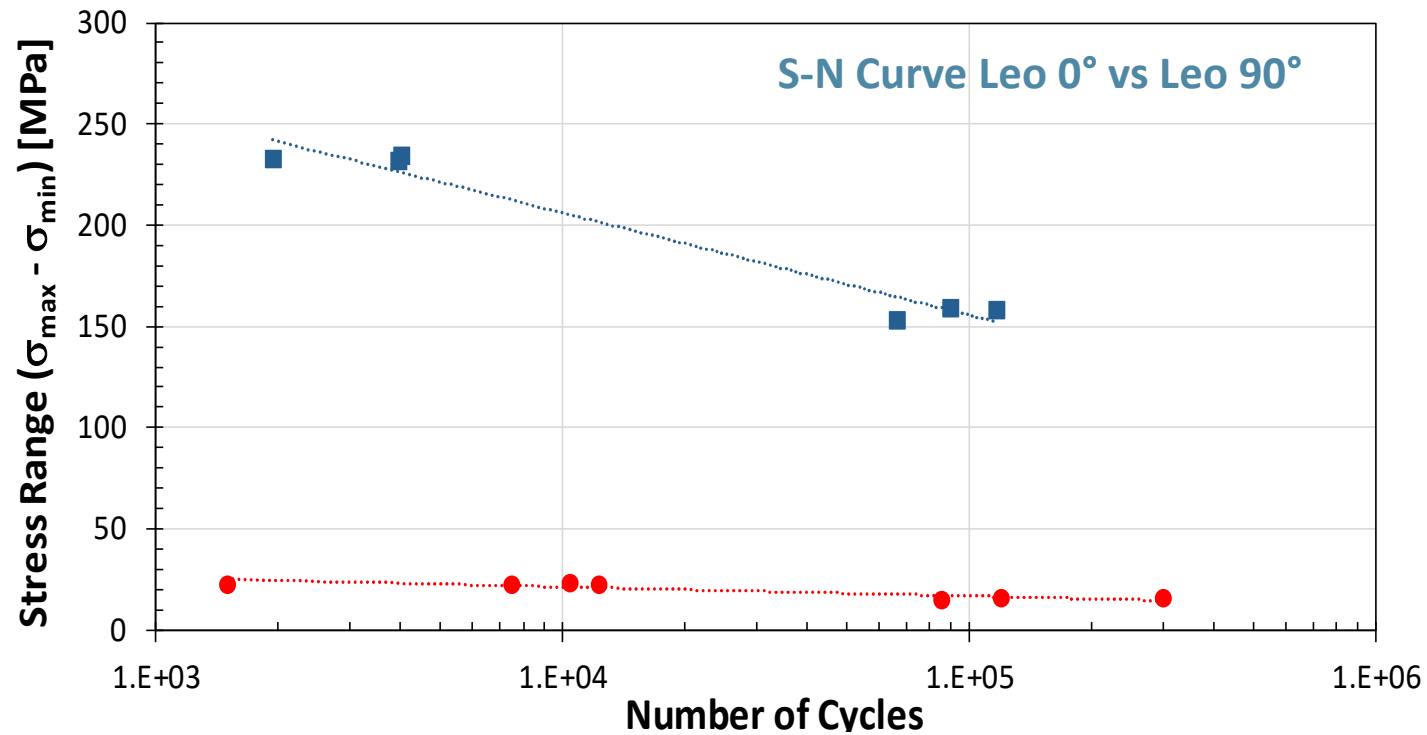


Shear test



Fatigue analysis is basic in naval structures and must be also considered in composites.

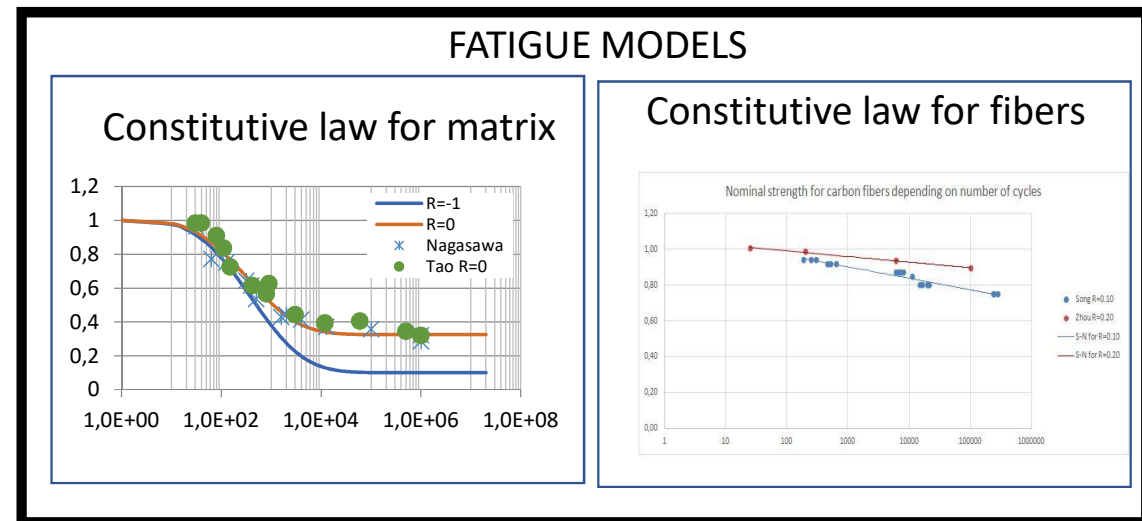
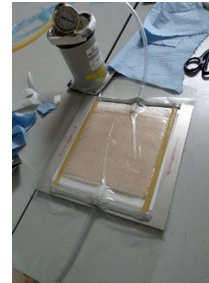
Fatigue performance of composites is highly anisotropic, due to the differential fatigue performance of fibres and matrix:



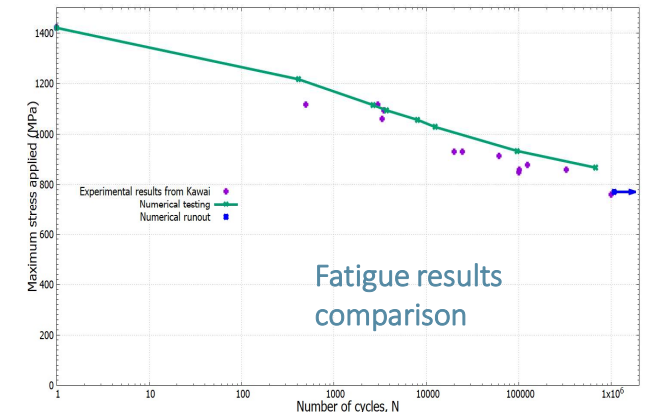
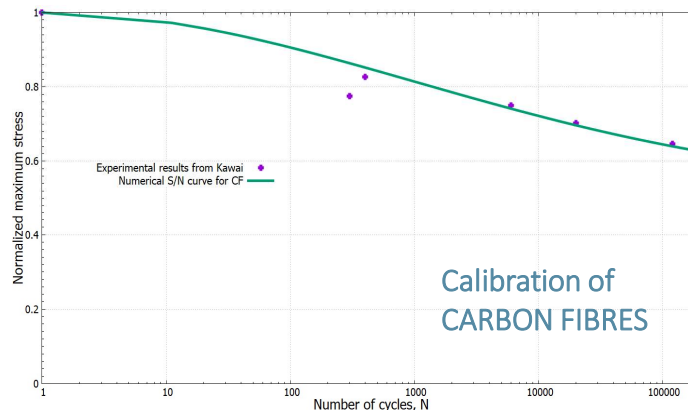
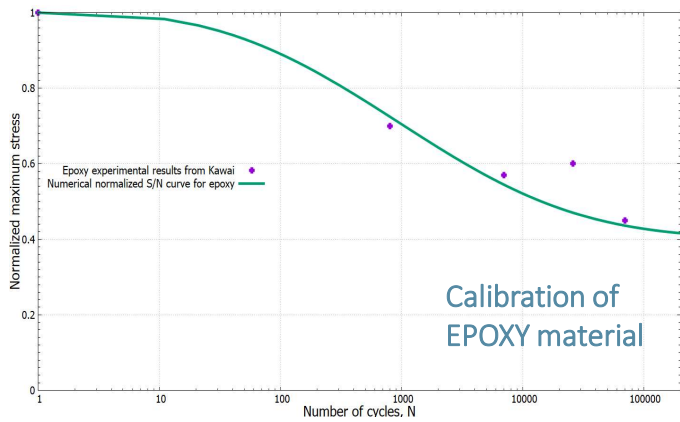
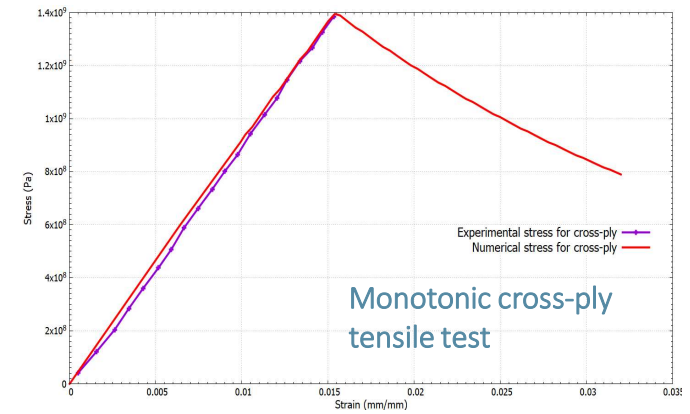
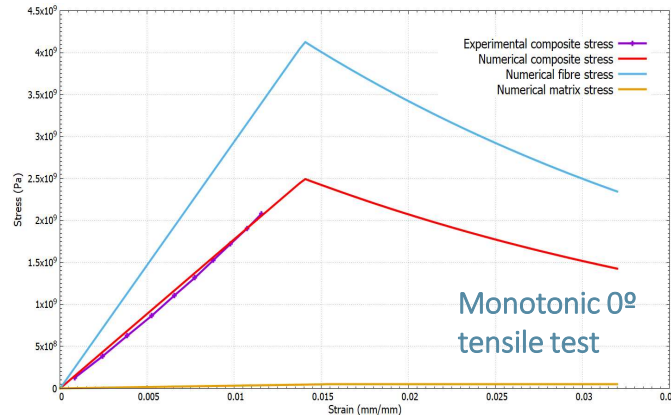
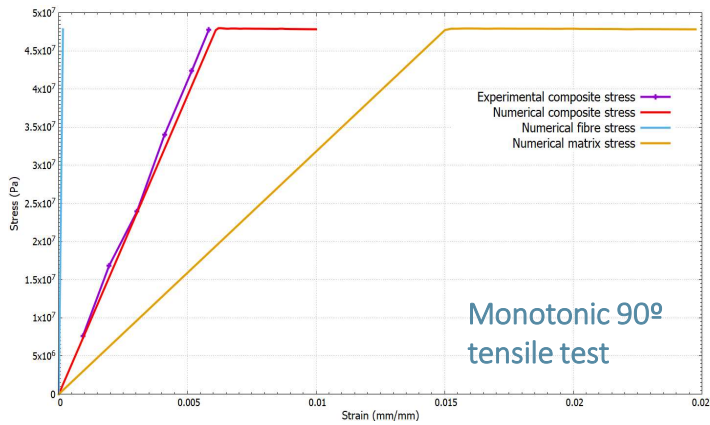
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ADAPTATION OF THE FORMULATION TO COMPOSITES

- Require to establish fatigue models for fibre and matrix.
- S/P Mixing Theory couples both materials to obtain fatigue behaviour of composite.
- **Fibre and matrix performance, both static and fatigue, are obtained by tests on UD laminates.**
 - UD loaded at longitudinal direction has a fibre-dominated performance.
 - UD loaded at transverse direction has a matrix-dominated performance.
- Failure of the laminate is supposed when damage appears on fibre for longitudinal ply.

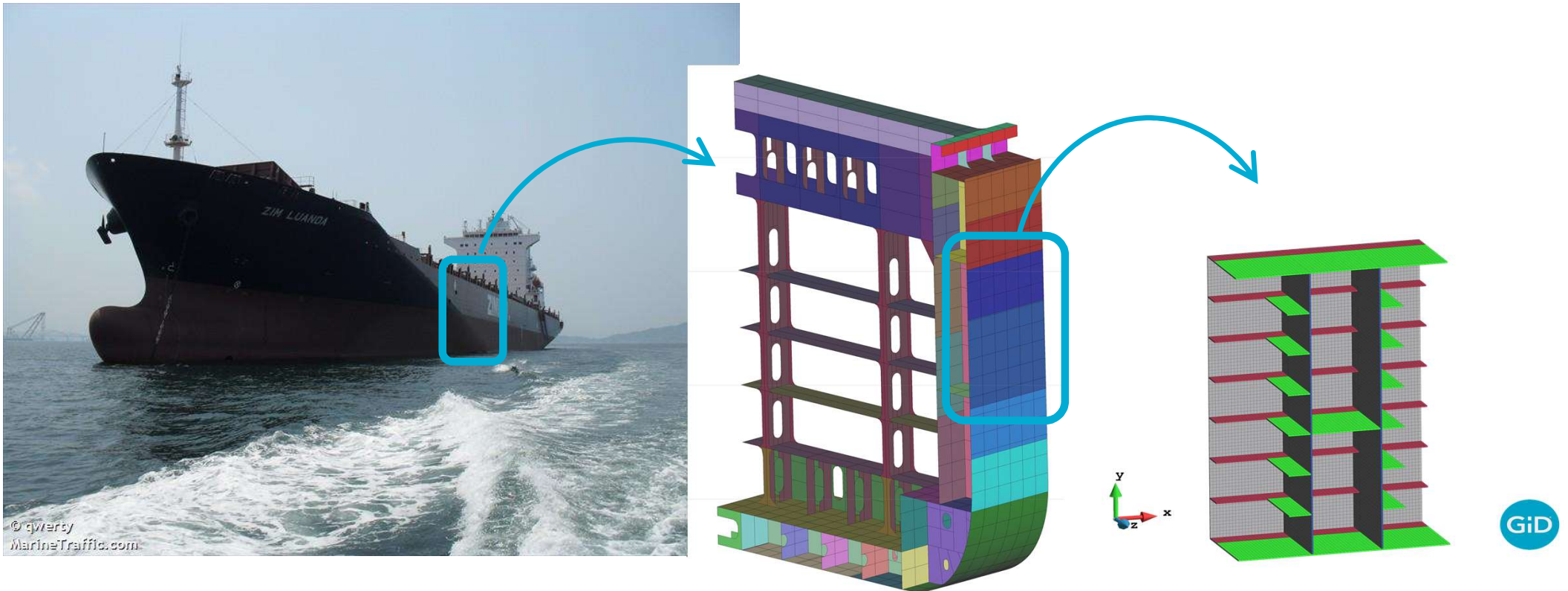


VALIDATION OF THE FORMULATION



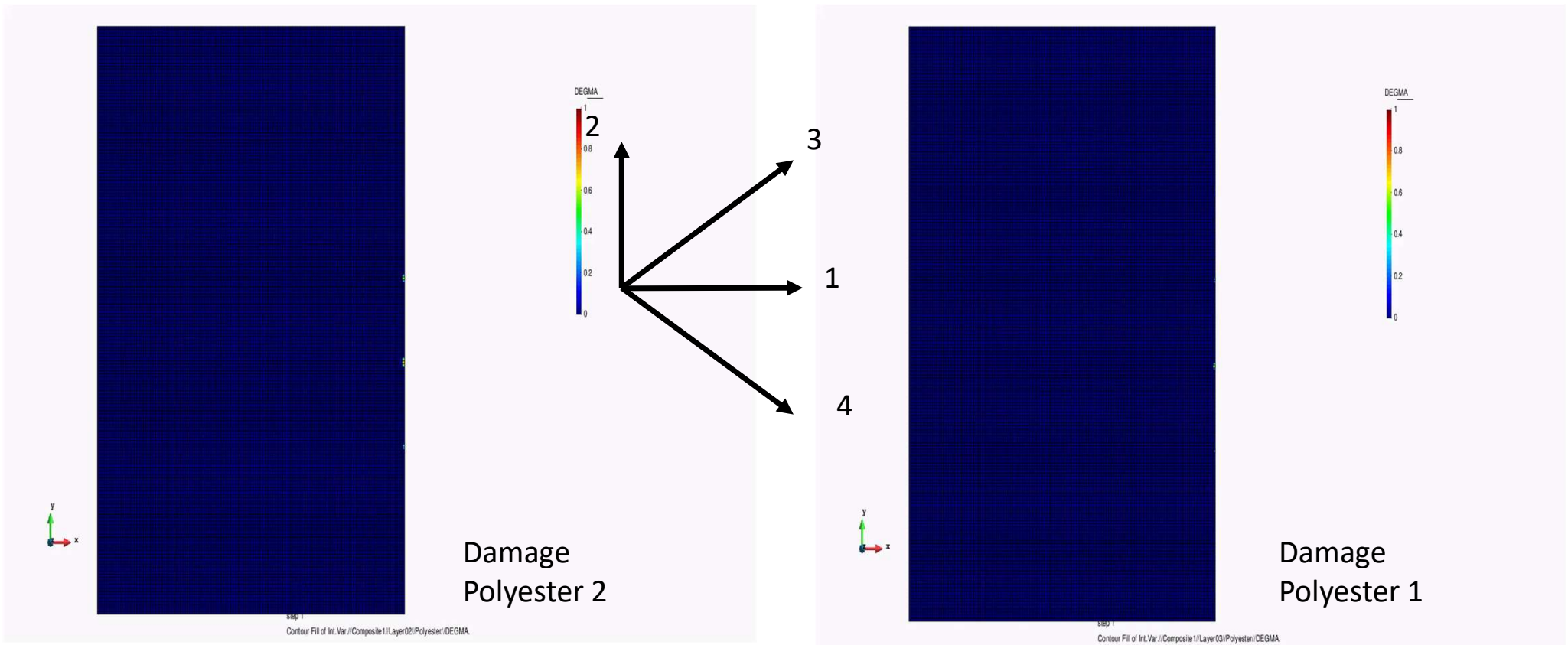
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The procedure developed is applied to the Zim Luanda container ship vessel



Fatigue analysis

Cycle jumps: 1, 25.000, 150.000, 225.000 cycles.





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