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# **Impact performance of out of die UV cured pultruded profiles for vessel structures**

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# Composites in Shipbuilding



Composites



Lightweight



Source: RTVE Fabricando Made in Spain - Barcos.

- Labour intensive
- Low productivity
- Lack of robustness



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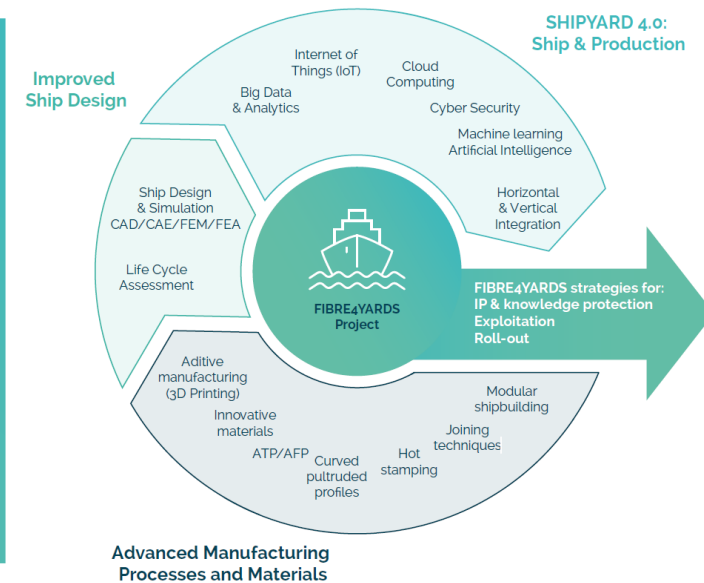
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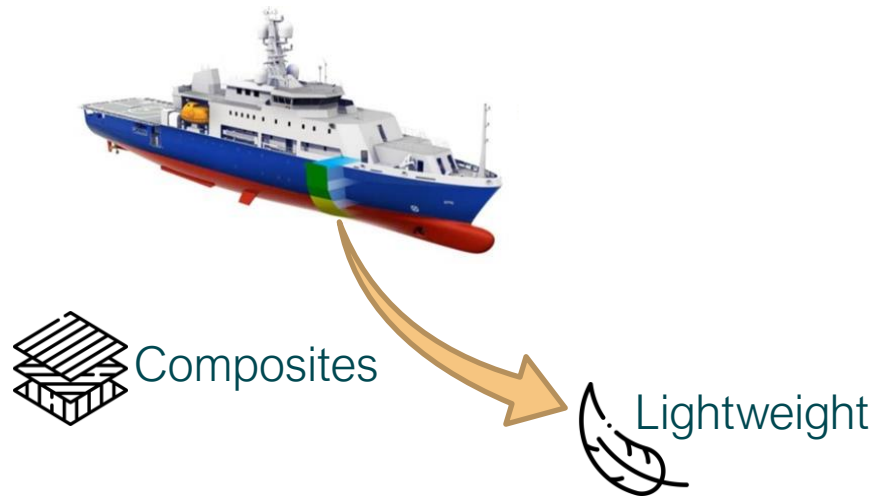
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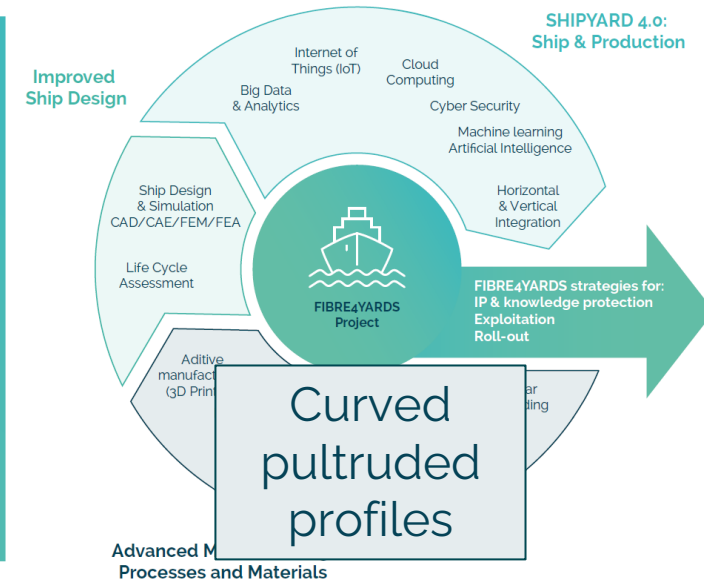
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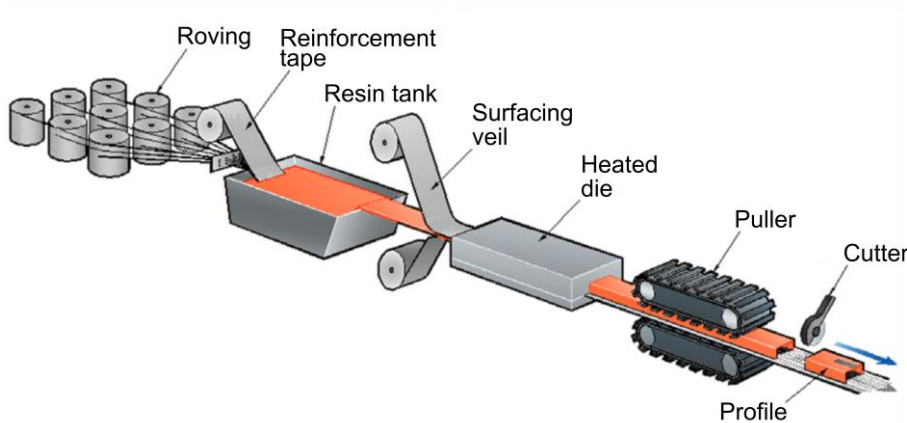
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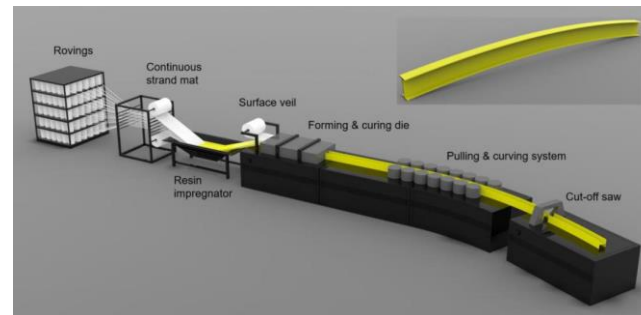
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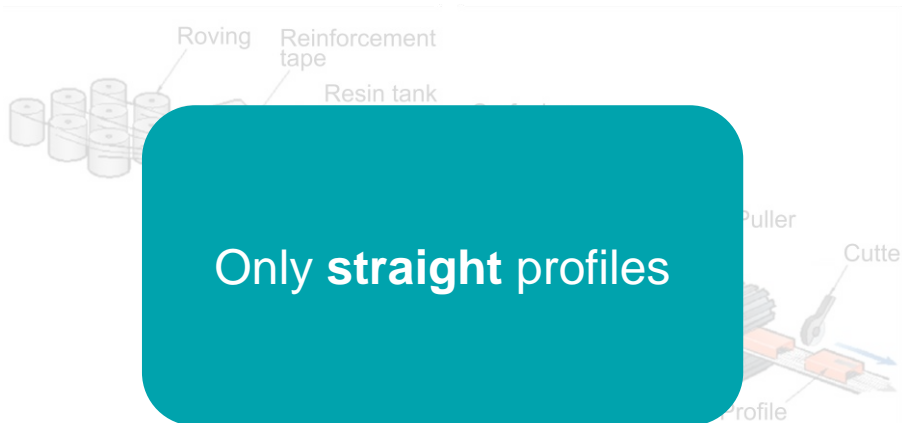


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- ✓ High mechanical properties in the longitudinal direction
- ✓ High flexibility
  
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- ✗ Limited to shapes with a constant curvature



# Out of die UV cured pultrusion



Only **straight** profiles

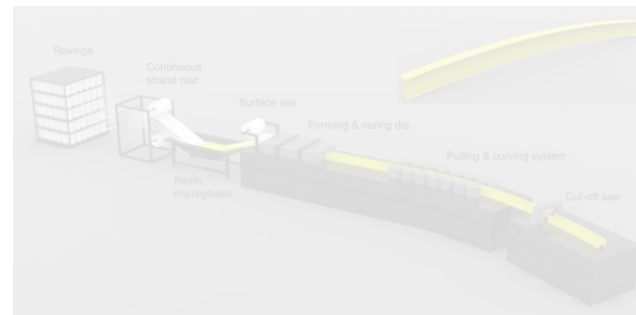
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No **variable** curvatures

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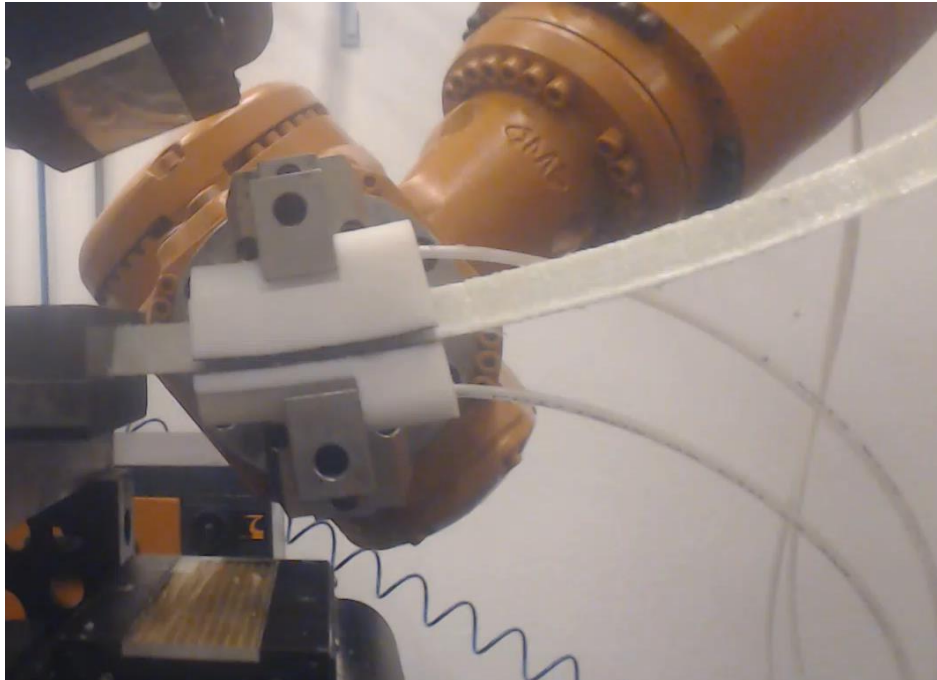
Curing inside the die



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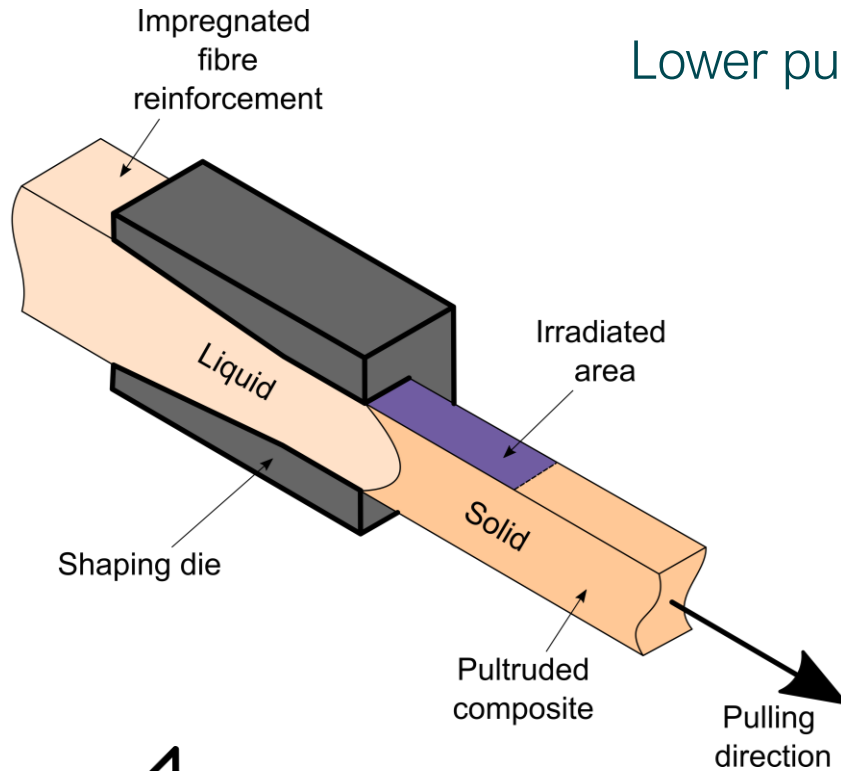
## Ultraviolet (UV) curing

To cure the profile **out of the die** and change the paradigm of conventional pultrusion technologies



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- ✓ High mechanical properties in the longitudinal direction
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- ✗ Constant cross section
- ✓ Low pulling forces
- ✓ Moderate investment in machinery
- ✓ Shapes with variable curvatures
- ✗ No opaque reinforcements
- ✗ Profile thickness limited by radiation penetration

# Transversal mechanical behaviour



Lower pulling forces



Less longitudinal fibre reinforcement



Enhanced transversal mechanical behaviour



Improvement against complex loading conditions



## Objective

Analyse how the **impact response of stiffeners** could be improved by taking advantage of the **greater freedom for defining the reinforcement configuration** on profiles manufactured by **out of die UV cured pultrusion**.



# Materials and physical characterization



Matrix

Vinyl ester acrylate resin  
formulation

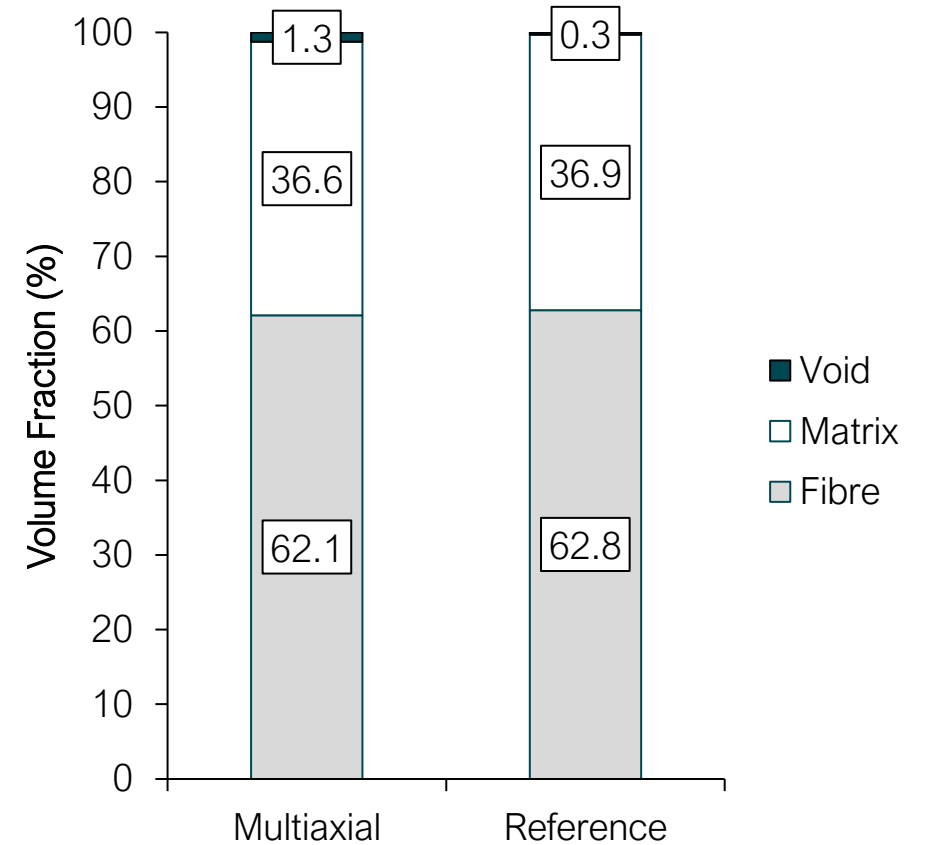
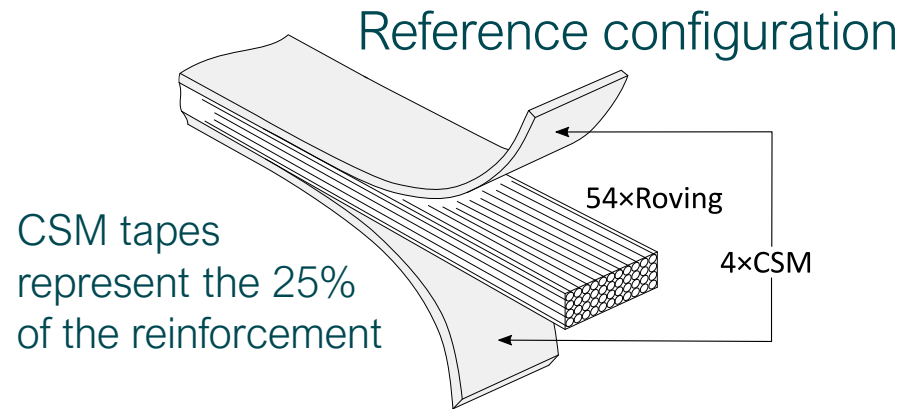
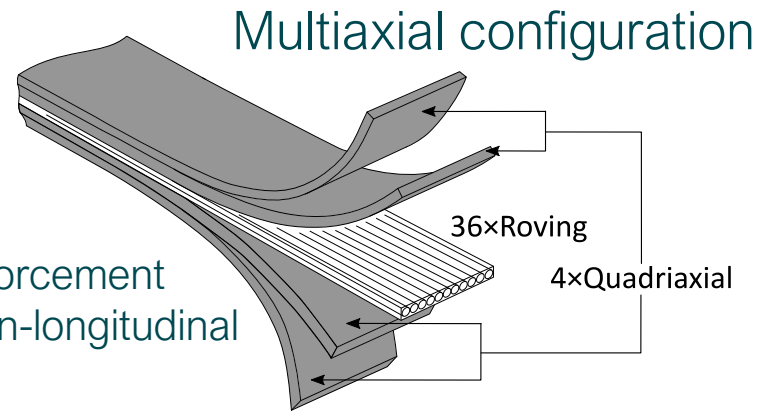
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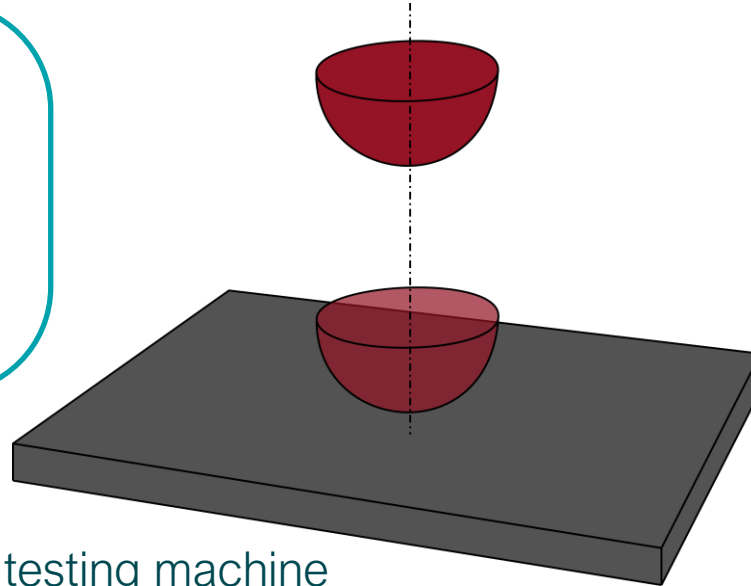
Fibre  
Reinforcement

40% of reinforcement  
placed in non-longitudinal  
orientations



# Experimental techniques

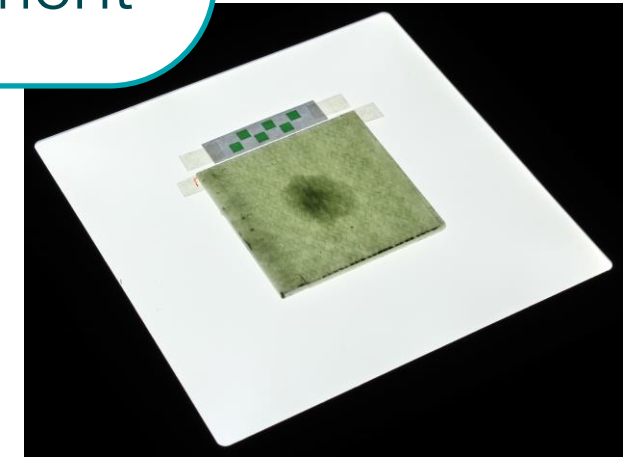
Drop weight  
low velocity  
impact test



Fractovis-Plus (CEAST) testing machine

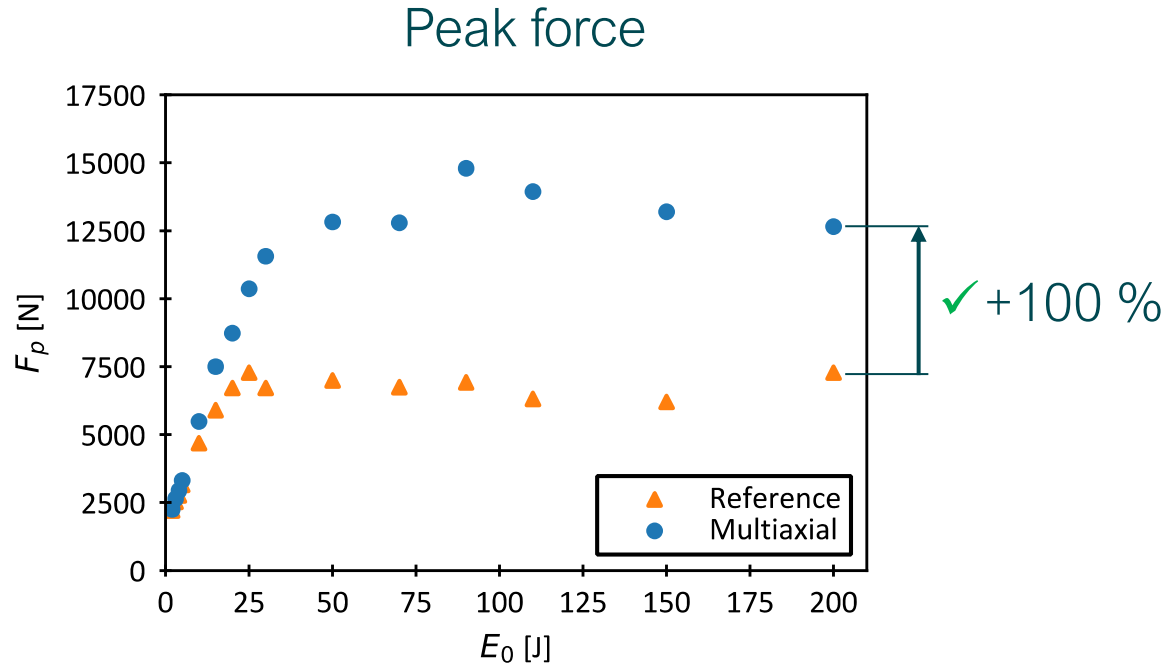
- Flat square specimens (3 mm thick and 75 mm wide)
- Clamping ring (Ø 40 mm inner and Ø 60 mm outer)
- Initial drop heights 50 - 1000 mm
- Striker masses 2 - 20 kg
- Incident impact energies 1 - 200 J
- Hemispherical instrumented striker (Ø 20 mm) with a 20 kN load cell

Backlighting  
delamination  
assessment

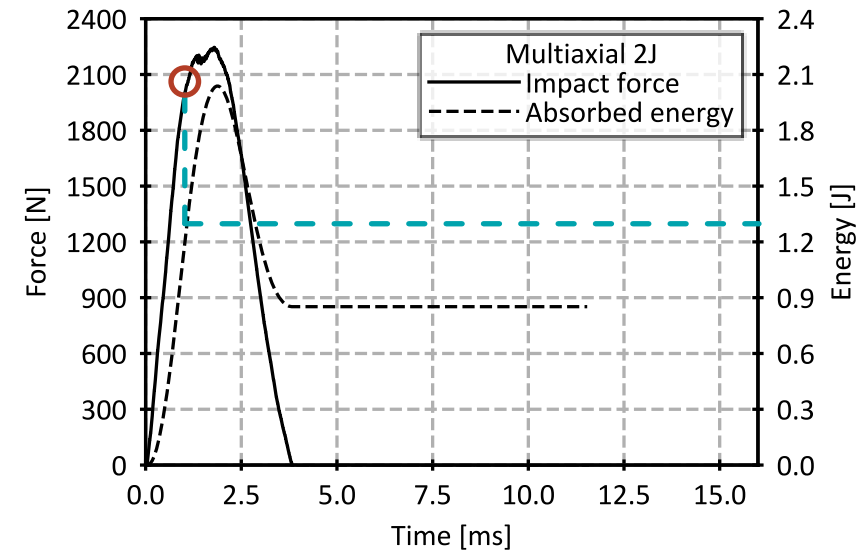
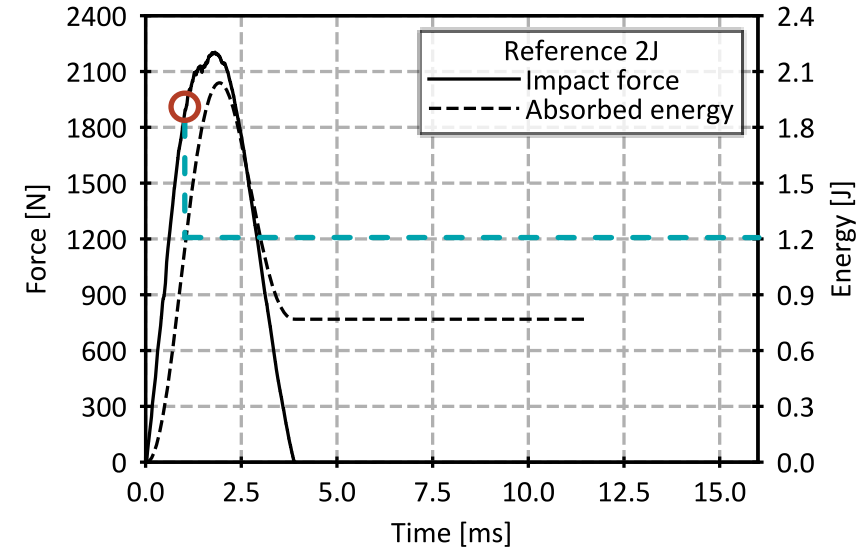


Computer vision aided delamination  
contour recognition

# Impact resistance

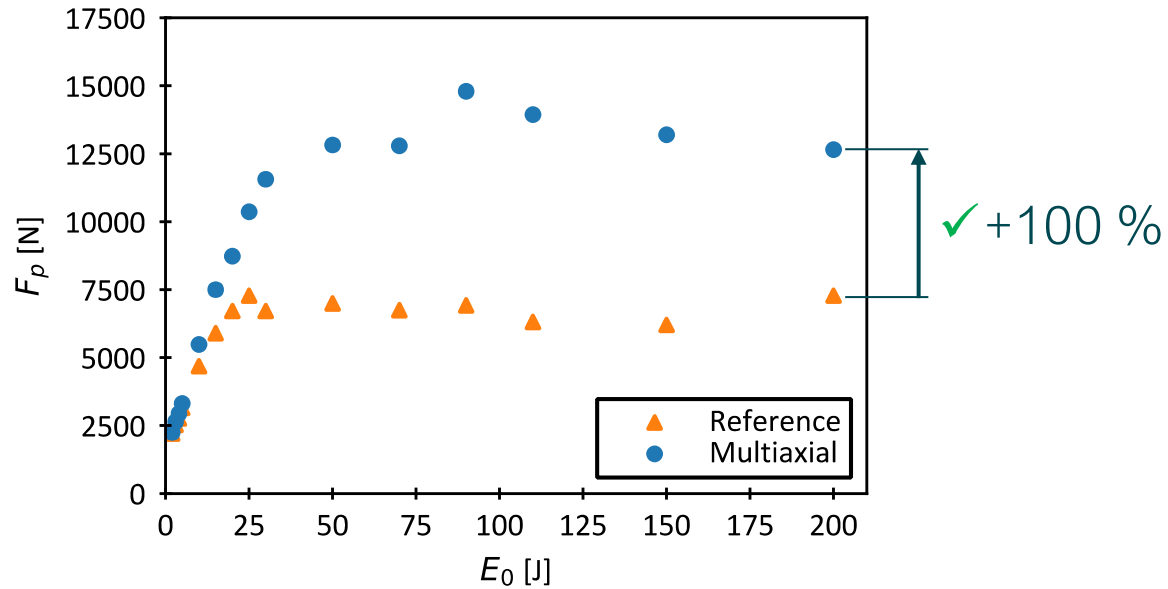


Pultruded composite	Critical energy [J]
Reference	1.2
Multiaxial	1.3

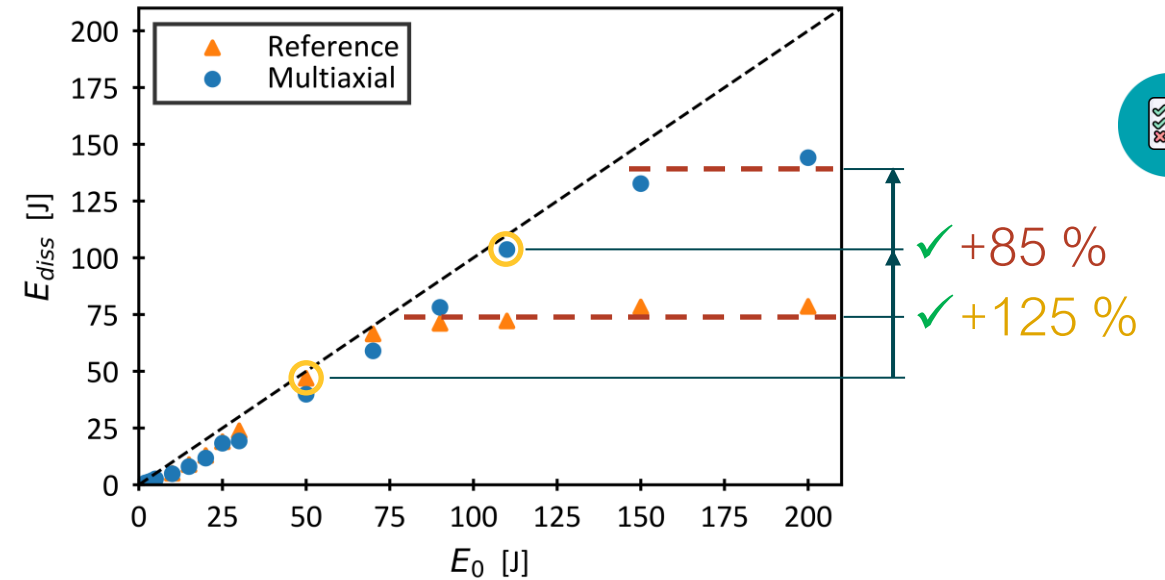


# Impact resistance

Peak force



Dissipated energy

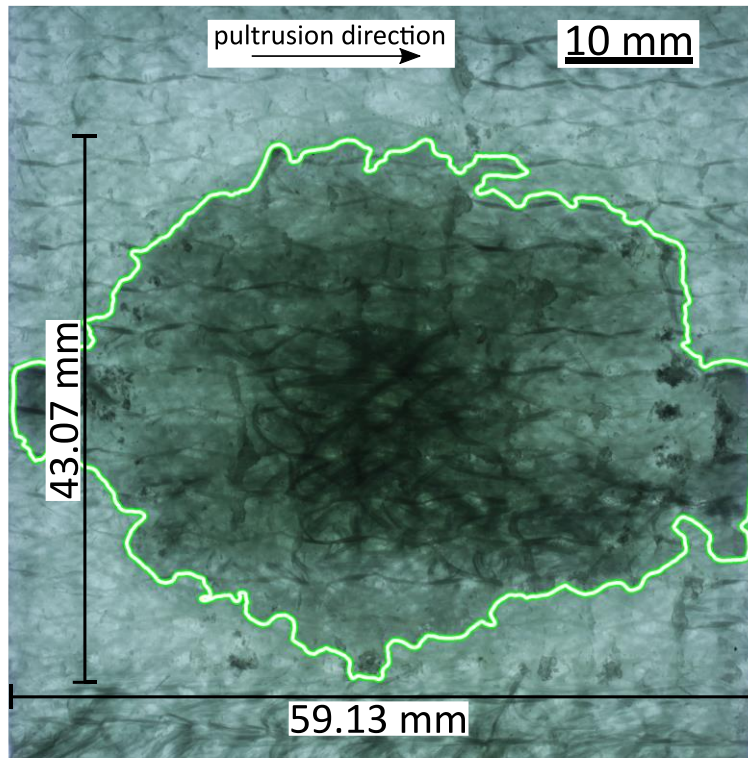


Pultruded composite	Critical energy [J]	Penetration threshold [J]	Perforation threshold [J]
Reference	1.2	50	75
Multiaxial	1.3	115 ✓ +125 %	140 ✓ +85 %

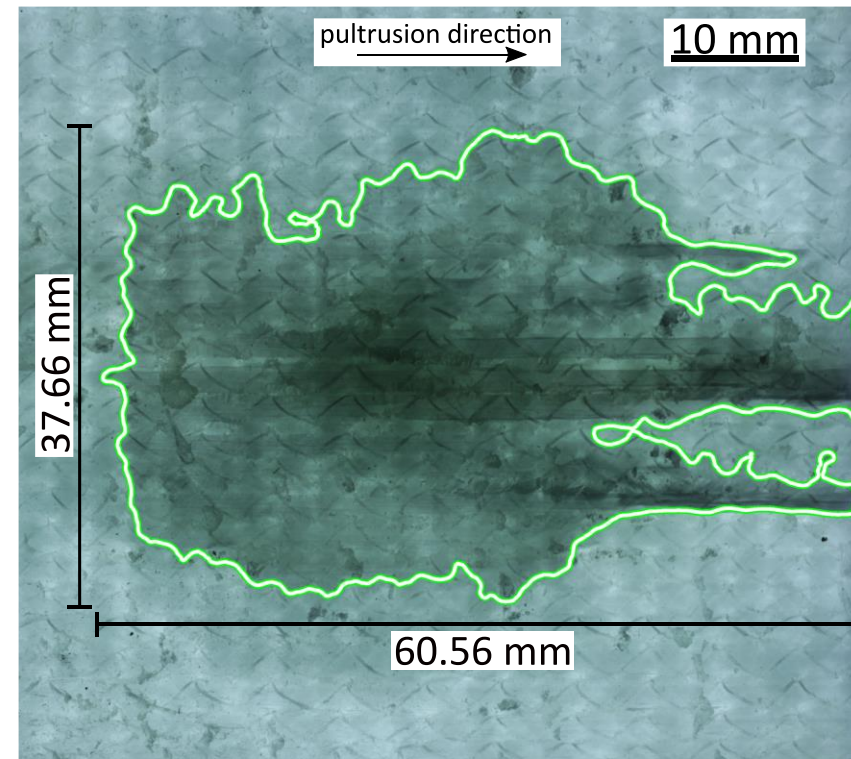
# Delamination assessment

Delamination contours after a 25 J impact event

Reference configuration



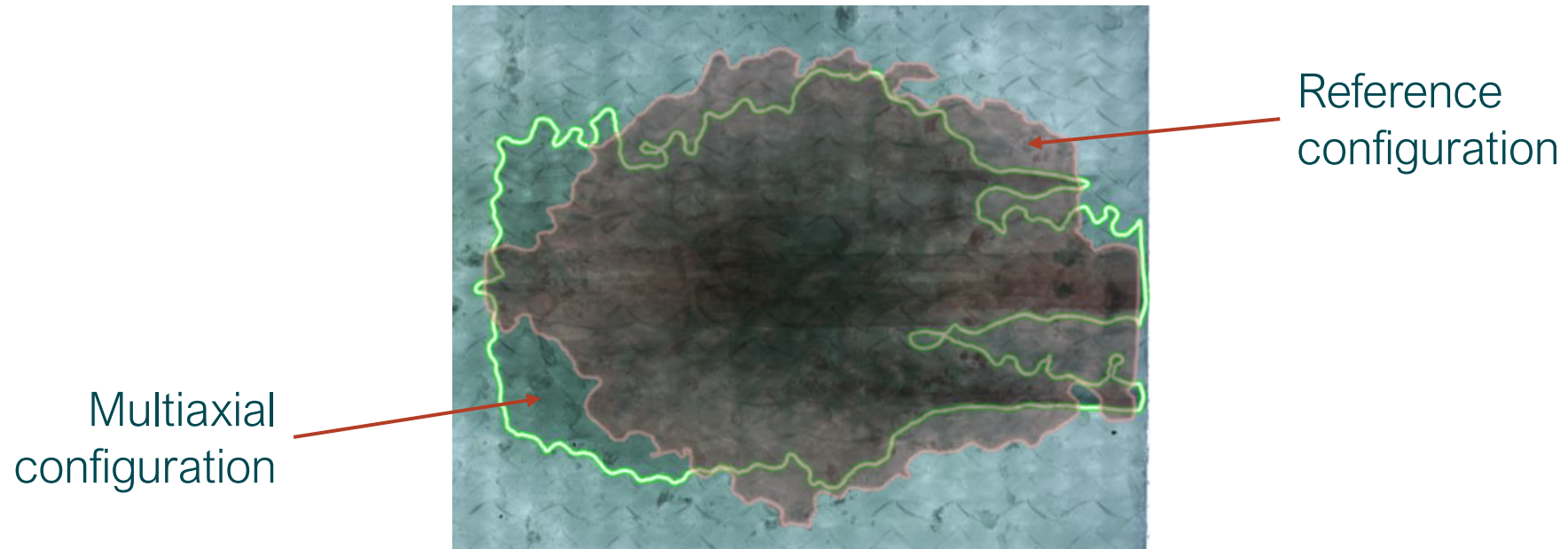
Multiaxial configuration





# Delamination assessment

Delamination contours after a 25 J impact event



- ✓ The multiaxial configuration **restrains the extent of the delaminated area** in the transversal direction.

# Damage tolerance

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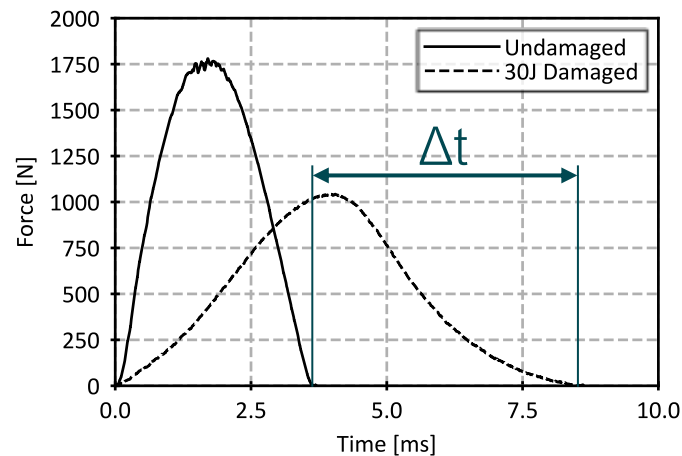
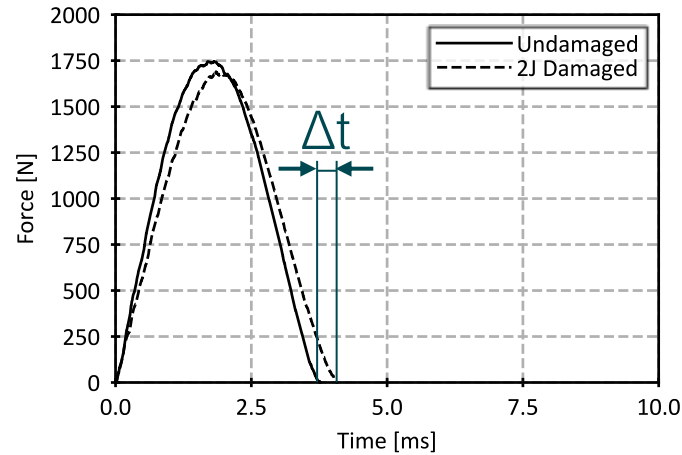
Subcritical impact



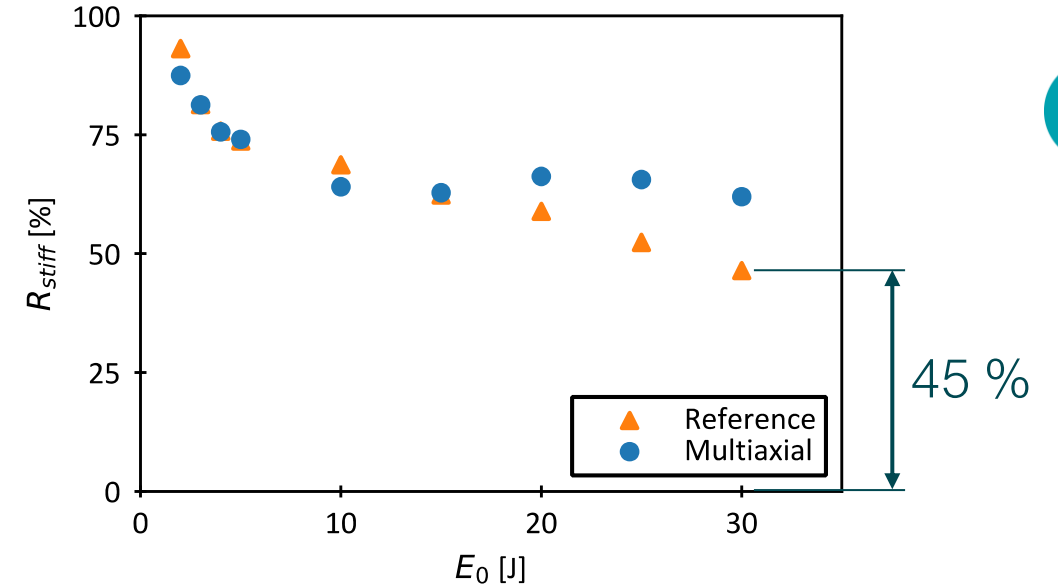
Critical impact



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## Residual stiffness



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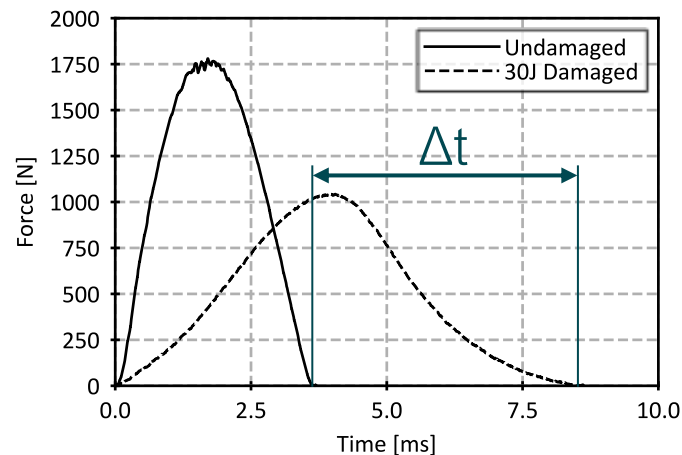
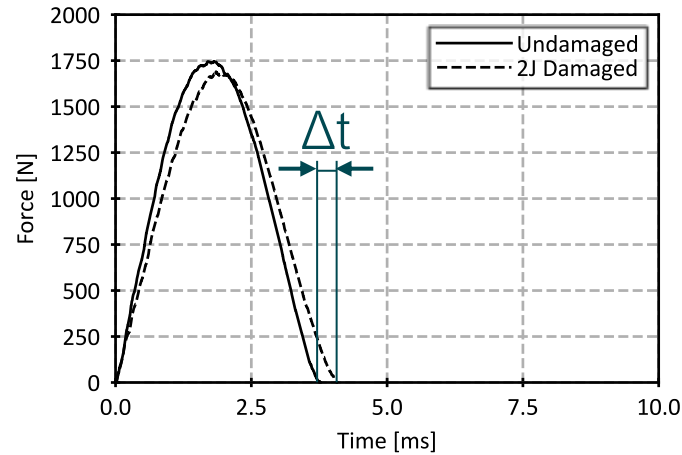
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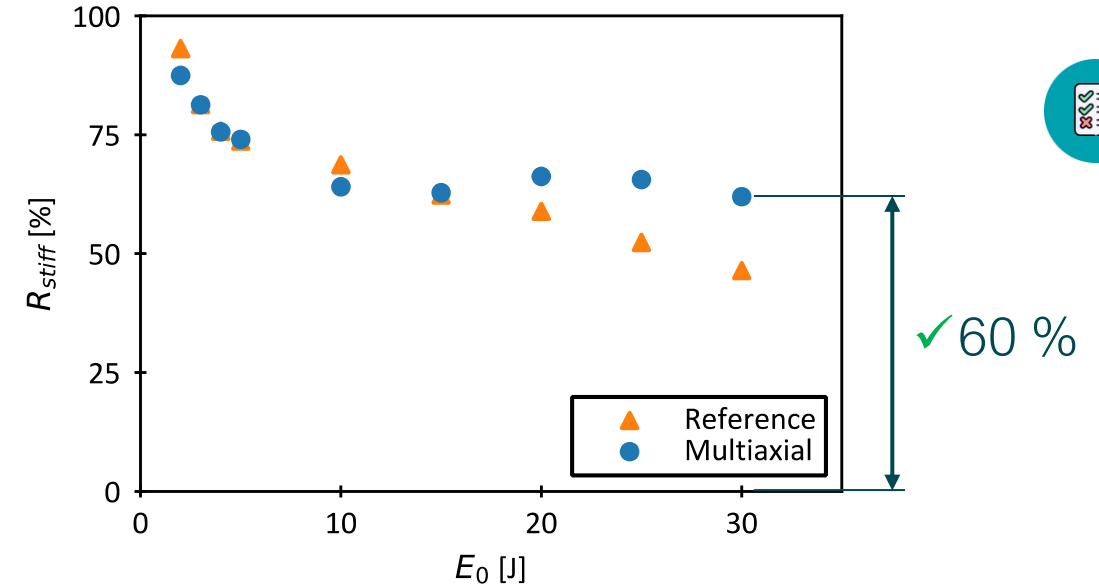
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Subcritical impact



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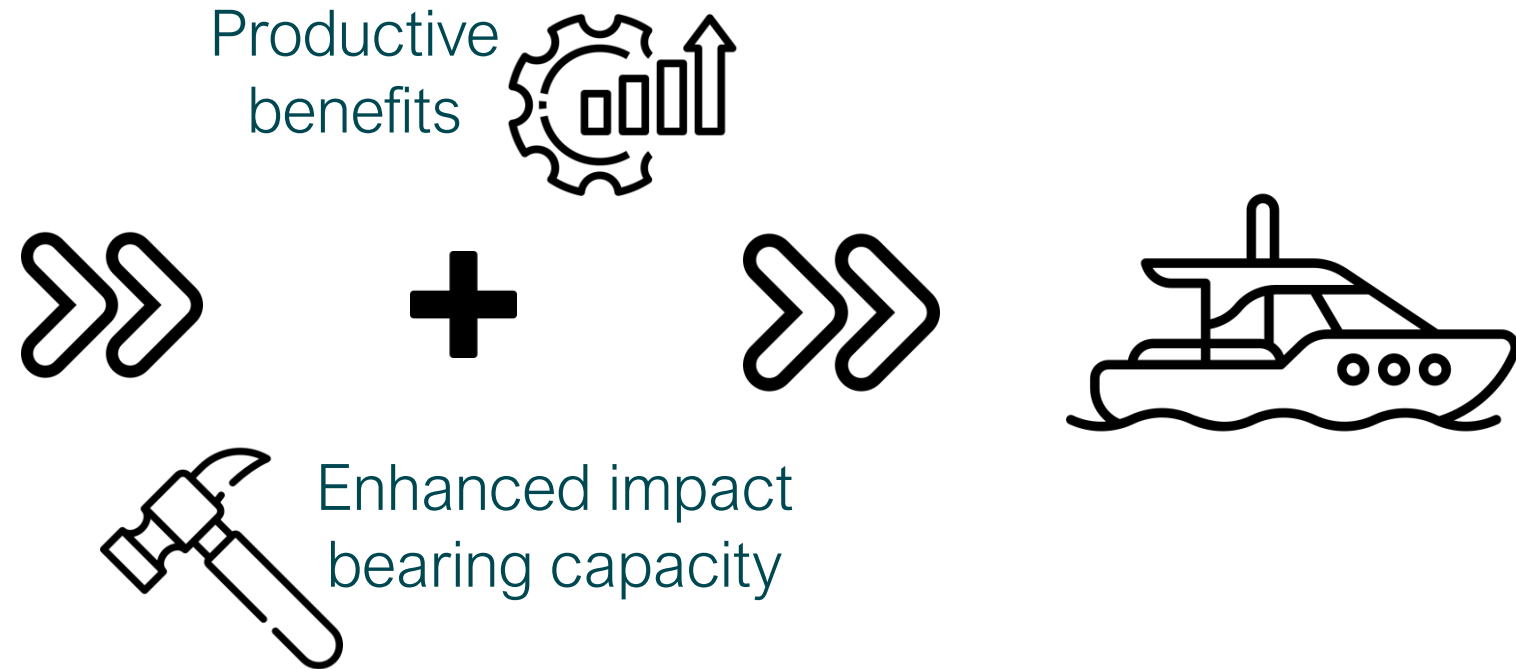
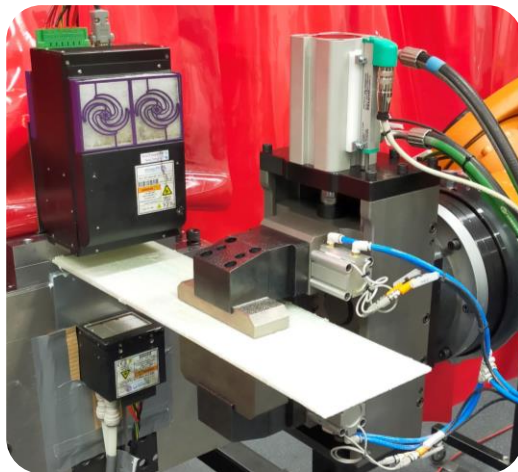


✓ The multiaxial configuration retains a 60 % of its original stiffness, even when presenting delamination of a considerable extent due to a 30 J impact event.



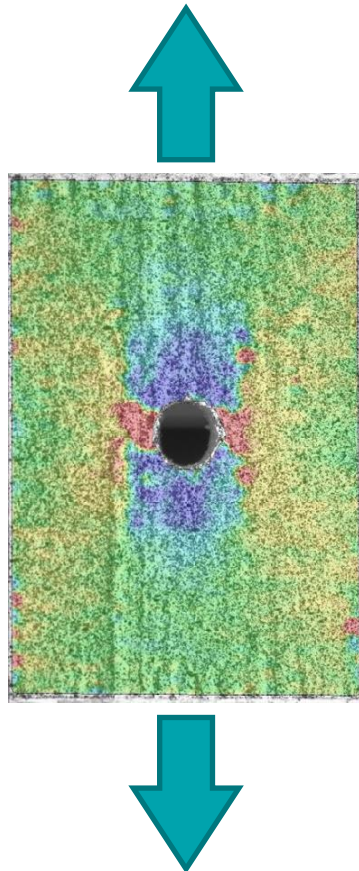
# Conclusions

- ✓ The impact response and damage tolerance of vessel structures stiffeners could be enhanced with the reinforcement configurations that can be manufactured by out of die UV cured pultrusion.

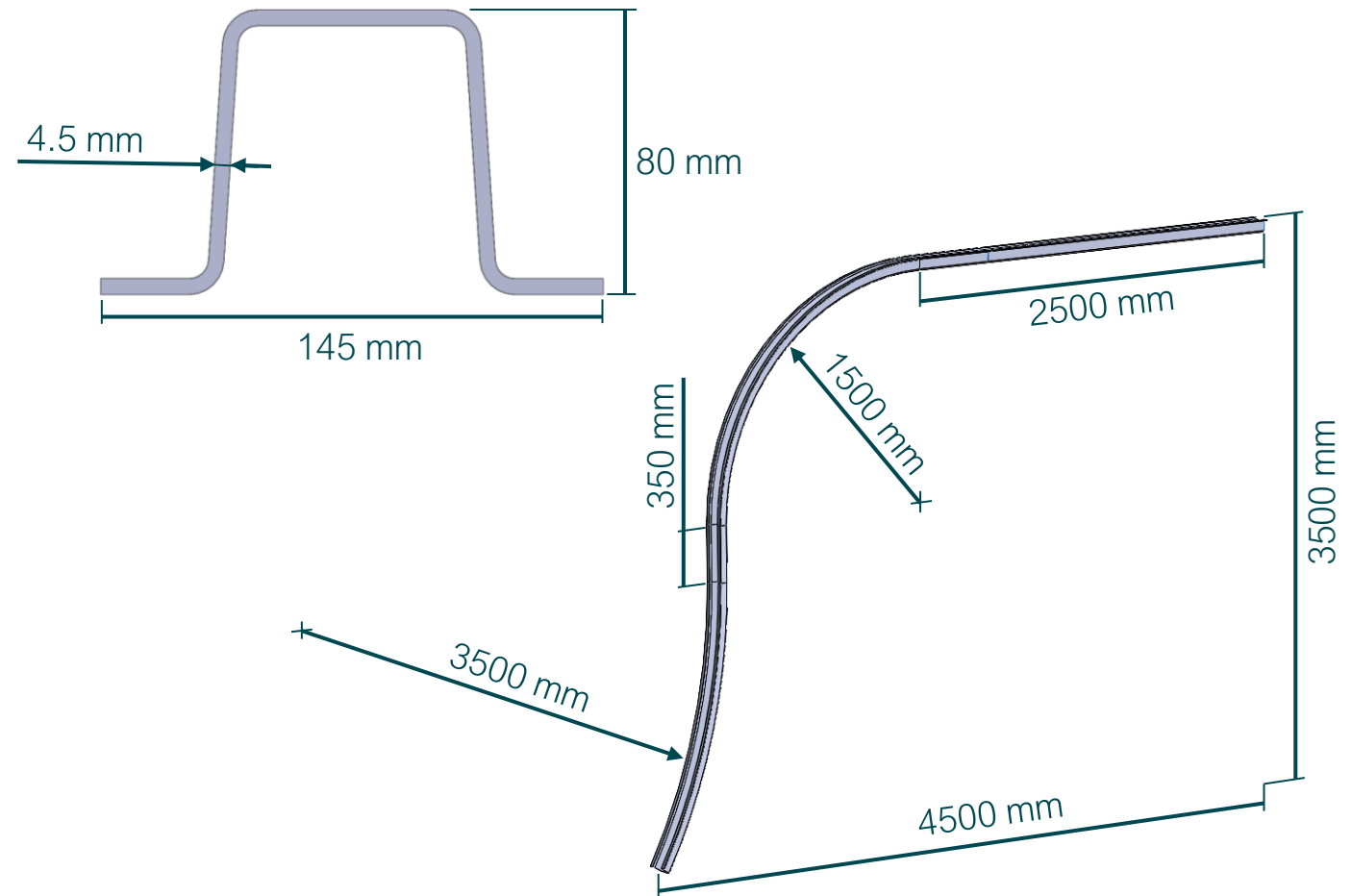


# Future lines

- Open Hole tensile strength tests on the same analysed reinforcement configuration.



- Top-hat stiffener profiles for the F4Y demonstrator superstructure with a **variable curvature**.





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