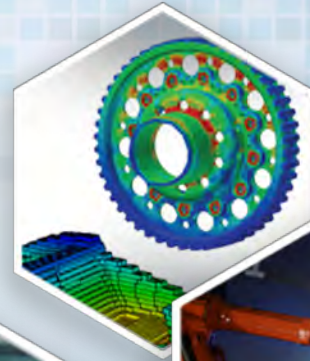


# IACMI Facilities and Capabilities Update

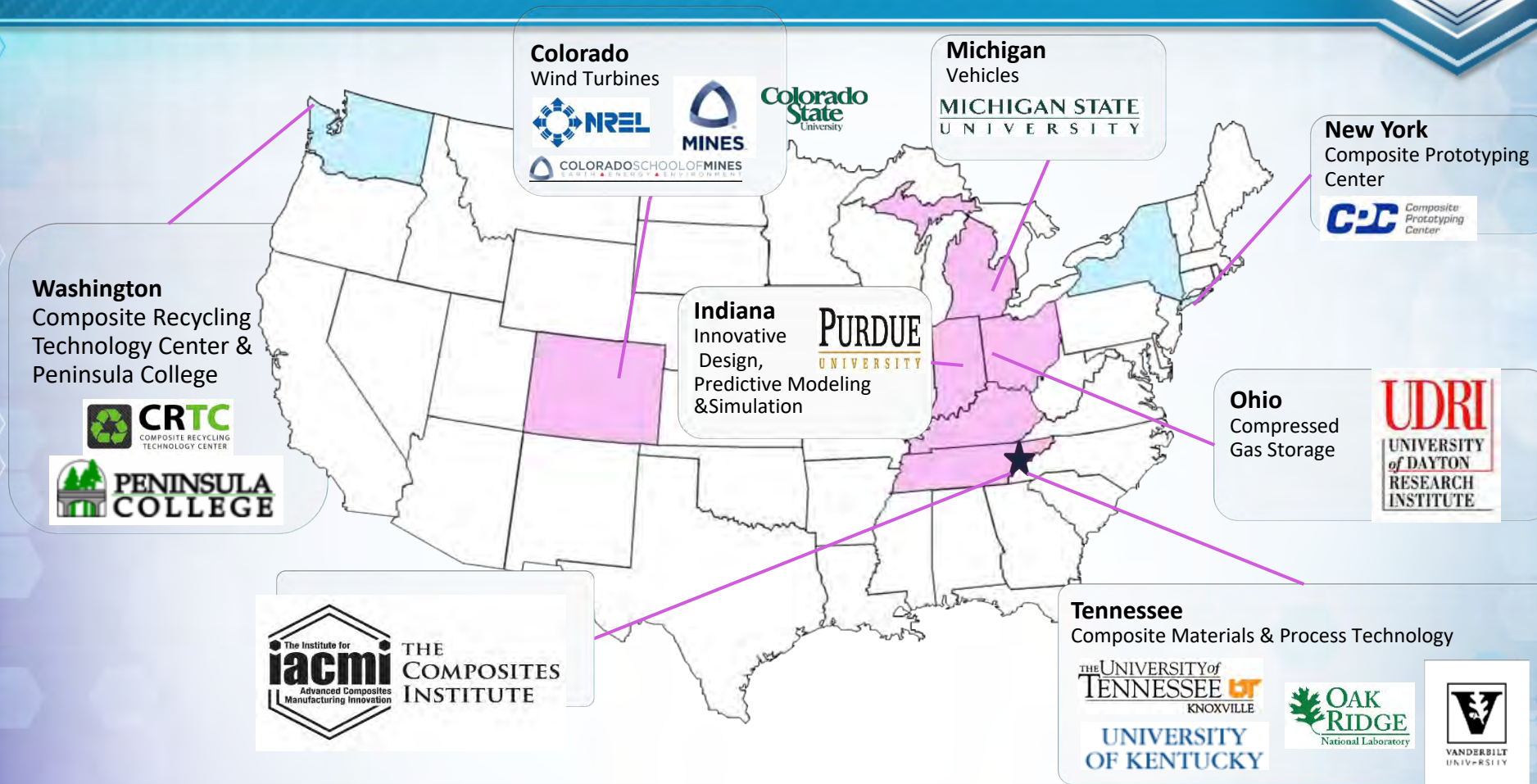
Dale Brosius

Chief Commercialization Officer

January 30, 2019



# IACMI – A National Institute for Advanced Composites

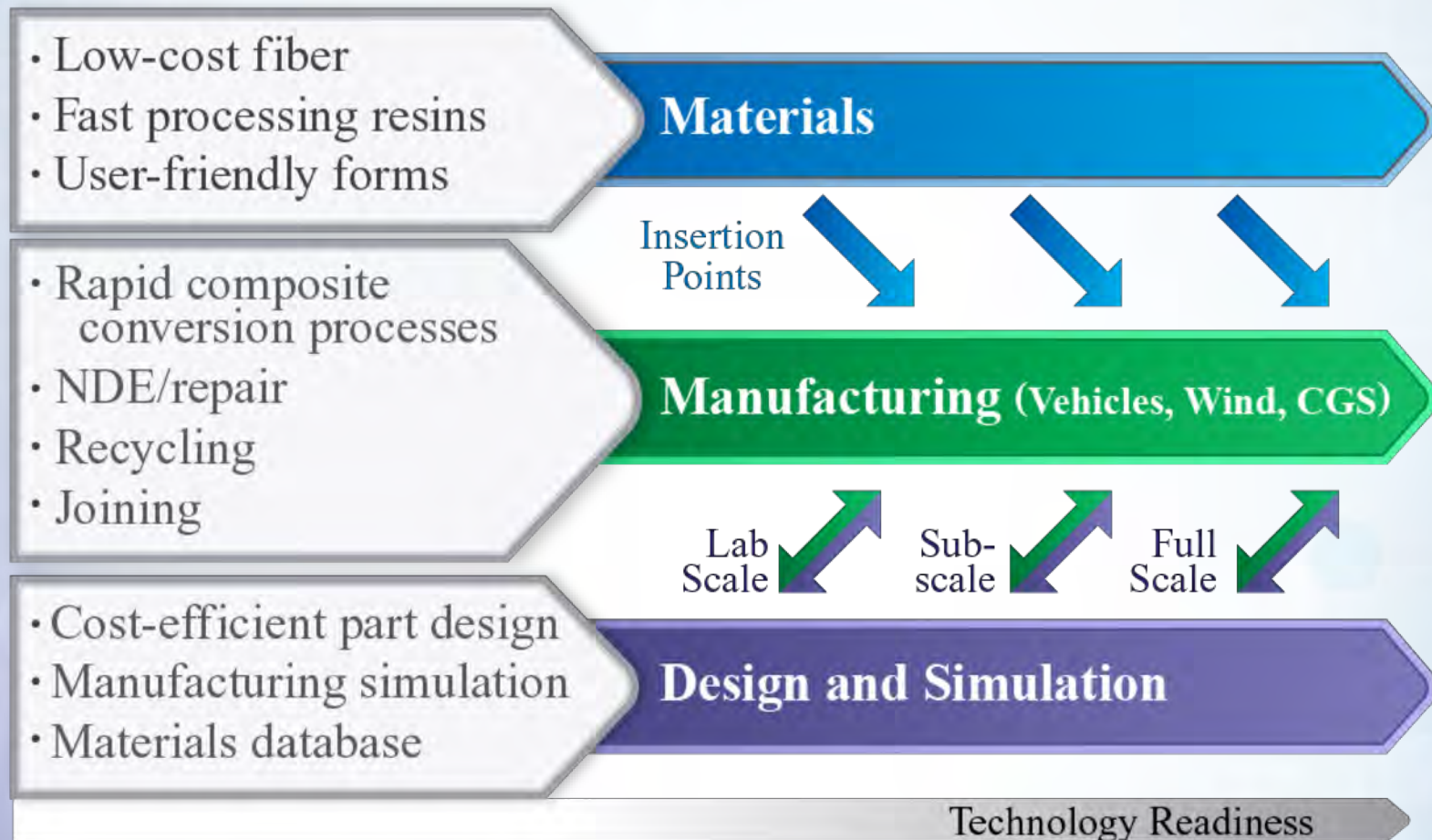


## Technical Goals:

- Lower carbon fiber–reinforced polymer (CFRP) cost
- Reduce CFRP embodied energy
- Improve composite recyclability into useful products



# Capabilities across multiple competencies



# Unparalleled Capabilities Worldwide



**Solution  
spinning  
line**



**Carbon Fiber  
Technology  
Facility**



**Pre-preg  
production  
pilot/full  
scale**



**Pilot-scale  
PCM  
750 ton  
press**



**Full Scale  
PCM  
4,000 ton  
press**







# Composite Materials



# UKY CAER solution spinning line for multifilament continuous tow





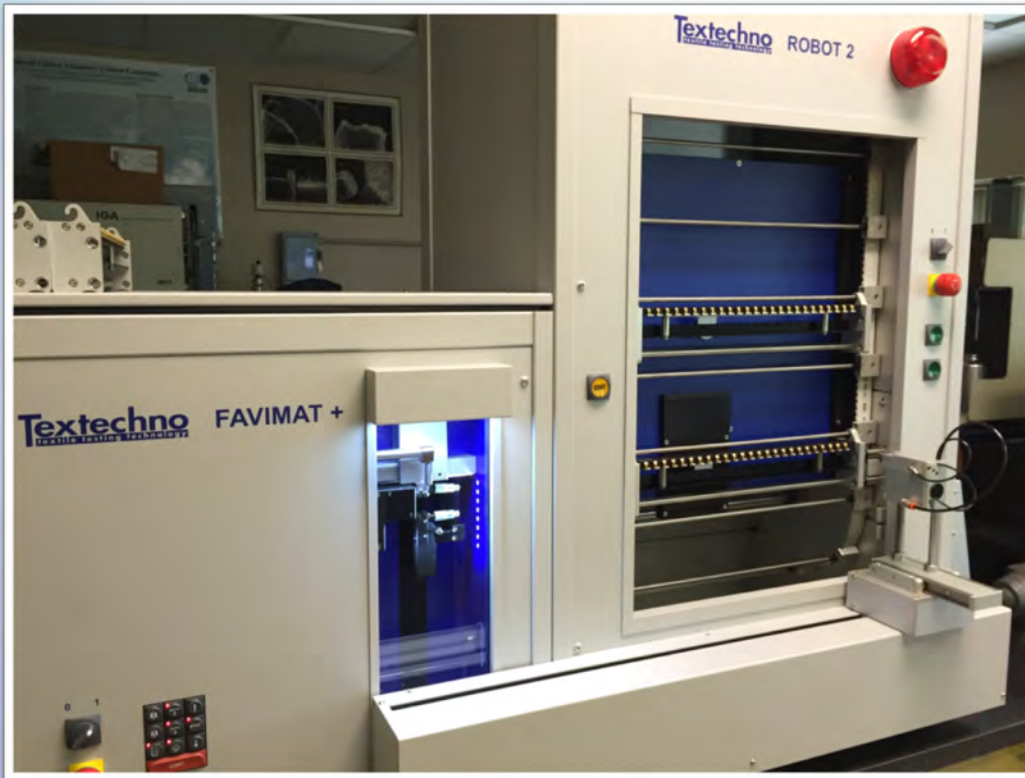
# Heads UP, Real-Time Spinning Data Acquisition and Logging



- ◆ Polymer dope
  - ◆ Flow rate
  - ◆ Amount remaining
  - ◆ Temperature
- ◆ Filtration pressure drop
  - ◆ Temperature
- ◆ Spinneret pressure drop
  - ◆ Temperature
- ◆ Tow tension down the line
- ◆ Godet drive linear speeds
  - ◆ Tow draw ratios



# Robotic Single Filament Tensile Testing and Linear Density



- ◆ FAVIMAT +
- ◆ Vastly increases single filament testing efficiency
- ◆ 100s of filaments per sample



# Unique open-access carbon fiber processing capabilities



**Melt spinning**



**Bench and pilot scale heat treatment equipment**



**World's most flexible carbon fiber semi-production facility**

# Textile PAN based CF



IACMI partner, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, has demonstrated a production method estimated to reduce the cost of carbon fiber as much as 50% and the energy used in production by more than 60%.

**IACMI generating properties on composites produced with textile PAN carbon fiber**





# UTK : Lab Scale Flexible Automated Infused Tow and Pre-Preg Manufacturing



Manual Method



Automated Method

# Sheet molding compound (SMC) line - UTK

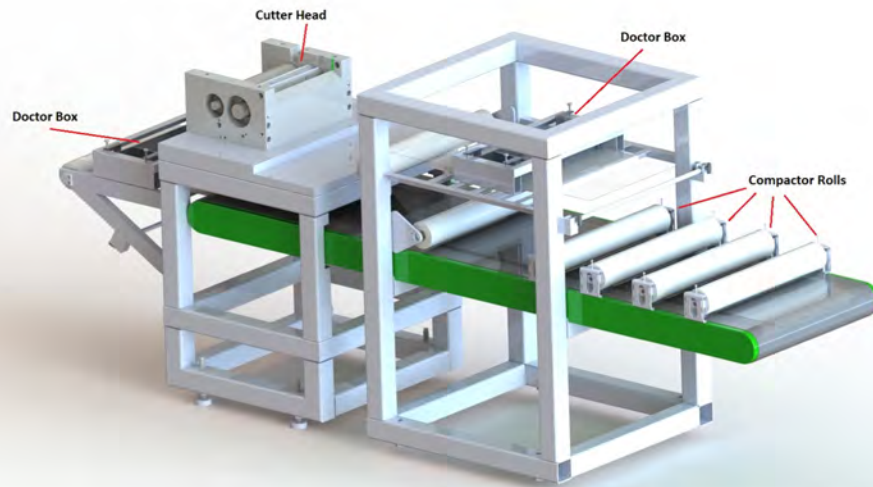
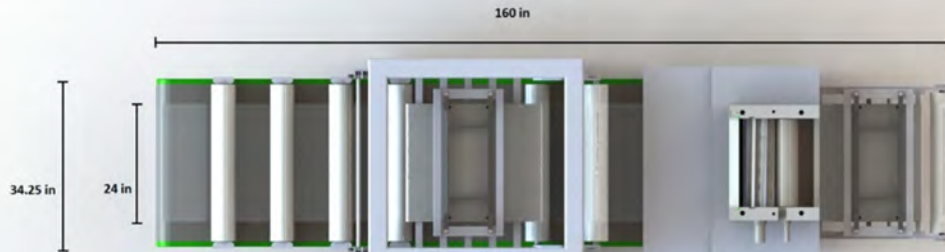


Illustration of cutting head  
of the SMC line



- Custom line
- Produce up to 18" wide SMC
- Glass, carbon, basalt SMC
- For use in multiple IACMI projects
- Materials collaboration with industry partners



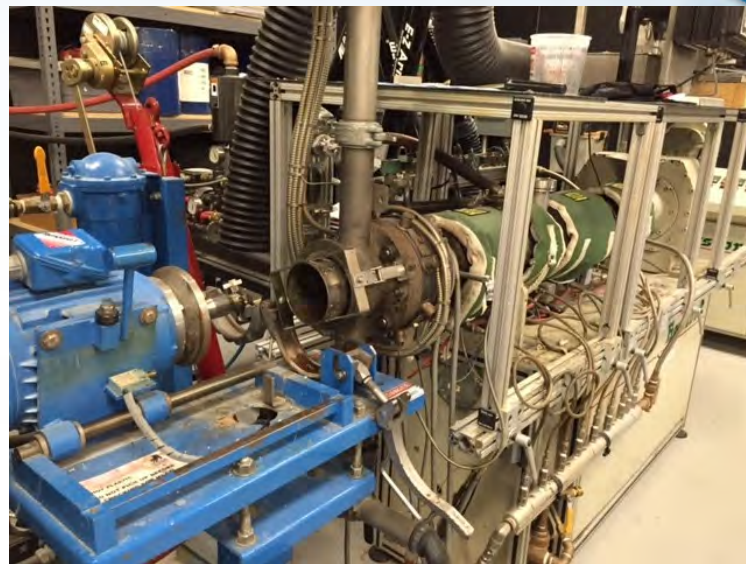
# Multiphase Compounding – Pelletizing Line (UTK)

## Specifications

- Berstorff Model ZE25x30D Gala Pelletizing Line
- Complete Lab Size Under Water Pelletizing Line
- Screw size – 25 mm
- L/D ratio- 30:1
- 15 HP, Gear Box Ratio 4:1

## IACMI Use/projects

- Compounding of LCCF and other fibers with a range of olefin and engineered resins
- Multiphase – syntactic foams and color compounds
- Production of noodles, pellets and tapes
- Feedstock for multiple processes





# 12" prepreg line – SURF facility in Detroit





# Net shape preforming – Laystitch at UDI



## Complex shaped CFRP parts:

- load detour
- load introduction
- stiffening function



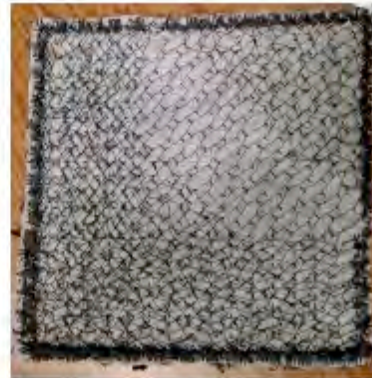
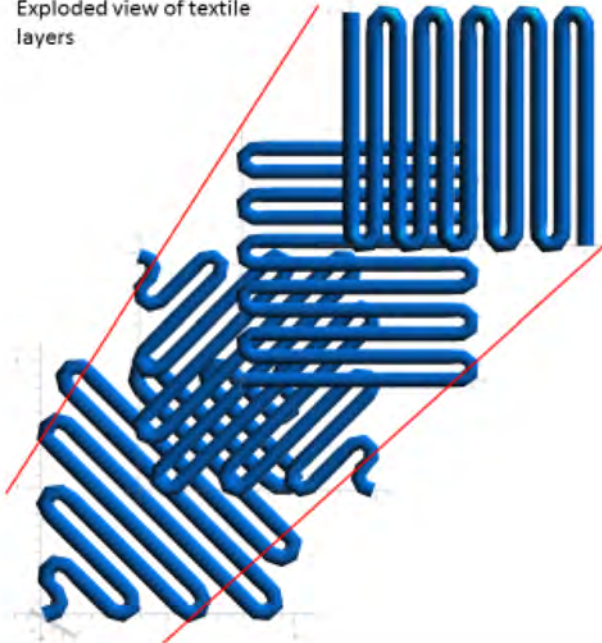
## Potential applications:

- Cleats, clips, brackets
- Window frames
- Frame elements

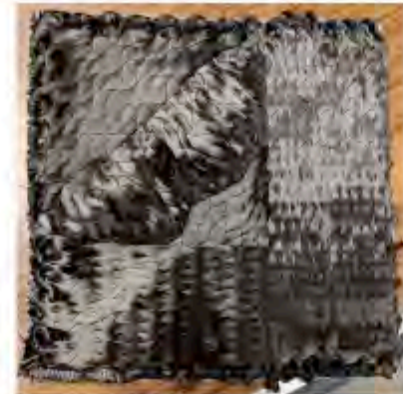
# Net Shape Preforming - Laystitch

## Simulation and fabrication of quasi-isotropic preform

Exploded view of textile layers



Back Side – Quasi-Isotropic Laystitch preform.  
Differential amount of stitching is an artifact of the number of layers printed to show the quasi-isotropic nature of the preform.



Front Side – Quasi-Isotropic Laystitch preform ( 0, +/- 45, 90 Degree Layers all visible).

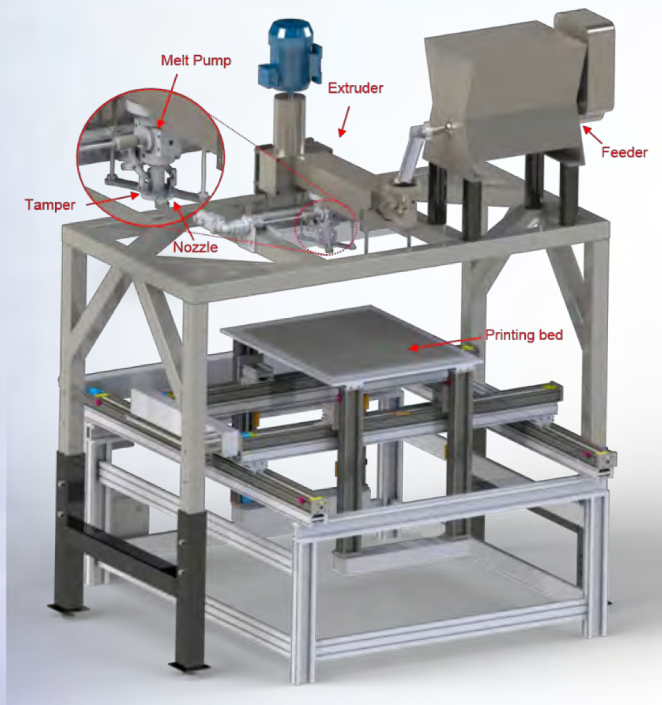






# Component Manufacturing

# Additive Manufacturing - Purdue





# Composites Molding Tools Printed

***50% Carbon Fiber/PPS***



**Thermoforming Tool**



**Compression Molding Pin Bracket Tool**

# High Temperature Tooling by Additive Manufacturing - UDRI



- ◆ Collaborative effort with Cincinnati, Inc (1 hour from UDRI)
- ◆ Focus on single sided tooling capable of 350F and 100 psi cure (autoclave, Rapidclave, e.g.)
- ◆ Focus material is specially formulated carbon fiber filled polysulfone. Other materials, such as PPS and PEI have also been trialed.



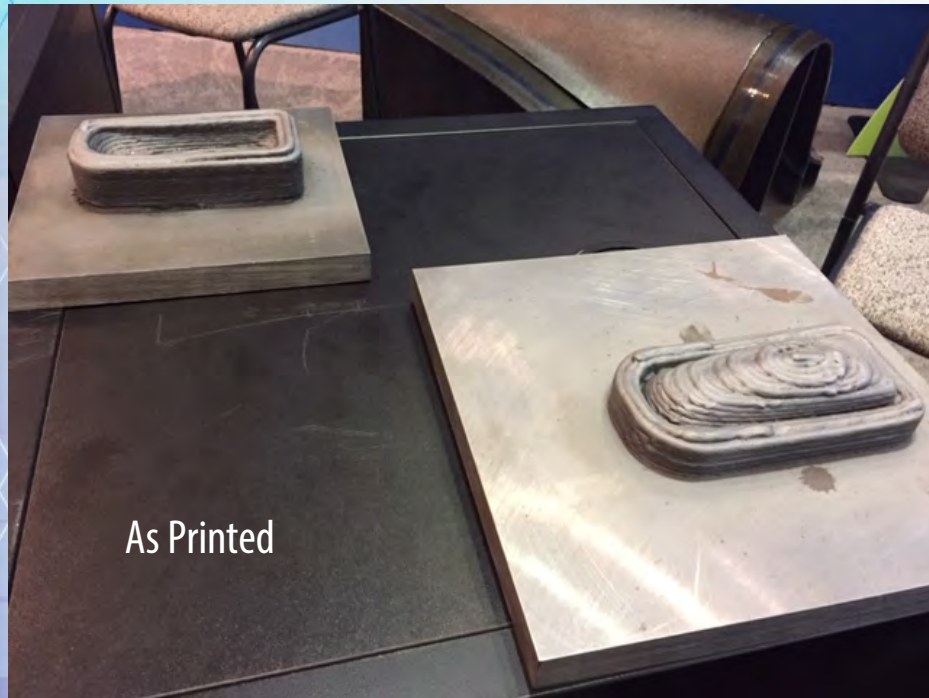


# Big Area Additive Manufacturing - ORNL



Recent enhancements in physical scale, speed of production, and work in high temperature polymer composites, e.g. PPS/CF

# 3D printed steel tooling - ORNL





# Parts molded from 3D printed steel tooling - ORNL

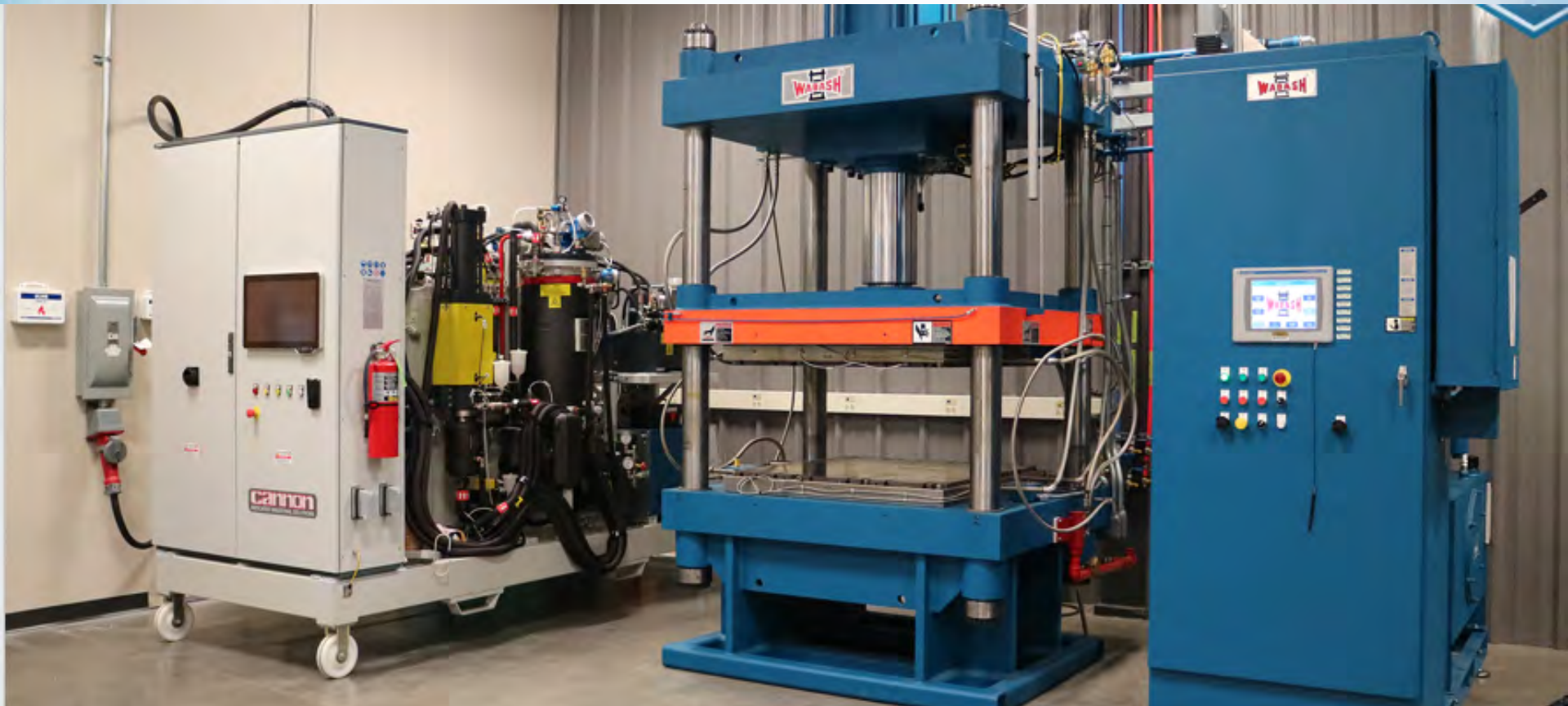


# Compression presses - UDRI





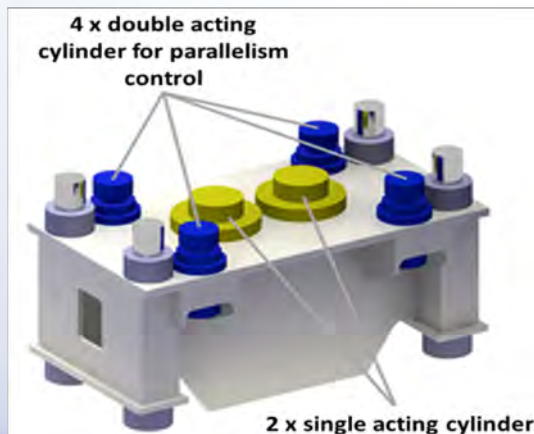
# Compression Molding and HPRTM - Purdue



# Compression press – SURF



- ◆ Manufactured by Schuler
- ◆ Short-stroke design
- ◆ Multi-process capable
  - ◆ “Closed mold” infusion
  - ◆ Compression molding
  - ◆ Thermoplastic forming, etc.
- ◆ Specifications
  - ◆ 36,000kN (4,000T)
  - ◆ Platen: 3.6m x 2.4m (~12ft x 8ft)
- ◆ Operational since October 2017



**SCHULER**   
FORMING THE FUTURE



# Compression press - SURF



# Tools currently available for project use

Saturn Fender



Tonneau cover (inner & outer)  
Ford Sport Trac



Chevy Volt Battery Box





# Resin mixing unit for HPRTM and wet pressing (SURF)

- ◆ Capable of processing epoxies and polyurethane systems
- ◆ High pressure (120 bar) capability
- ◆



# Purdue – Injection Over Molding (330 ton)



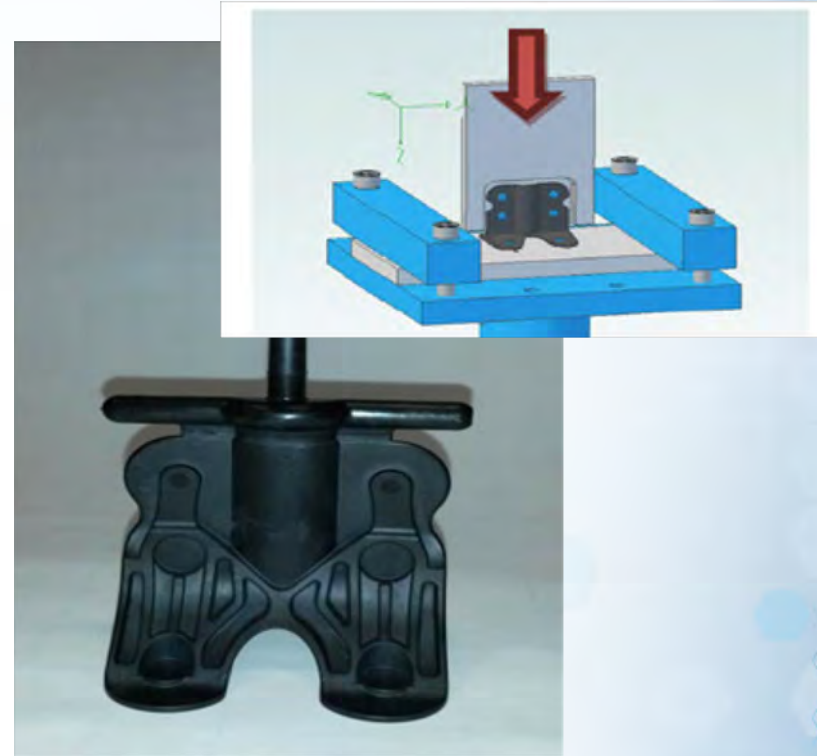


# Purdue – Injection Over Molding w/preform line





# UDRI Facility – Injection Over Molding (440 ton)





# Injection molding press – SURF (3300 ton)



- ◆ Built by Milacron
- ◆ Specifications
  - ◆ 29,500kN (3,315T)
  - ◆ Platen: 3m x 2.5m (~10ft x 8ft)
  - ◆ 413 oz. max shot size (multiple screw sizes)
- ◆ Operational since February 2017



# Autoclave - UDRI

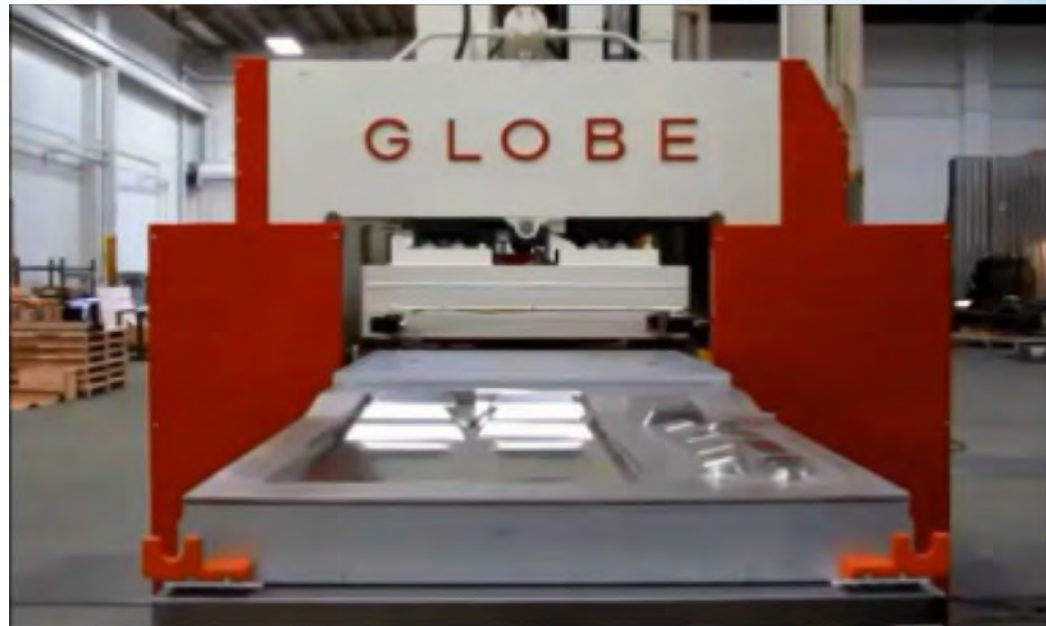




# Rapidclave® curing - UDRI



- ◆ Globe Machine Rapidclave® equipment at former National Composite Center site
- ◆ Provides heating and cooling capabilities on single sided tooling at rates over 10X that of autoclave processing at similar pressures, e.g., 100psi
- ◆ Time on equipment is being made available to UDRI under consignment for IACMI projects



# CPC Manufacturing Floor



## **CPC supports the following processes & functions:**

Automated Fiber Placement

RTM / VaRTM

5 Axis CNC Routing Cell

Autoclaves , Ovens

Compression Molding, Heated Press

Hand Lay-Up with Laser projection assisted templates and kitting capabilities

Clean Room (Class 100,000)

Single Ply Cutting System with nesting s/w

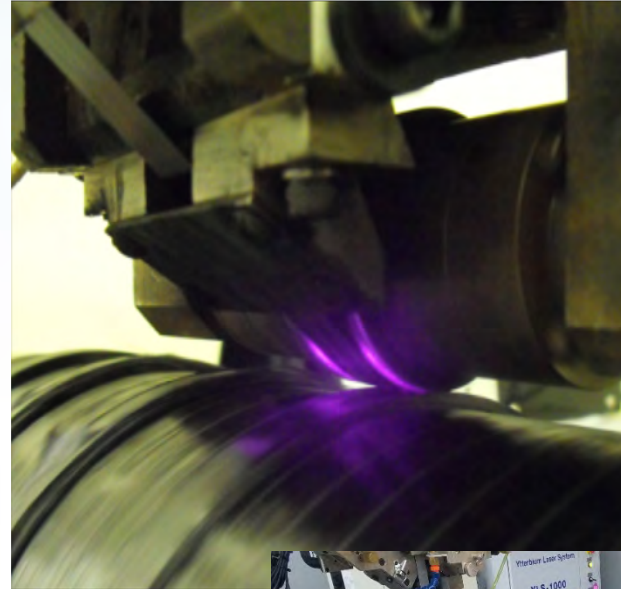
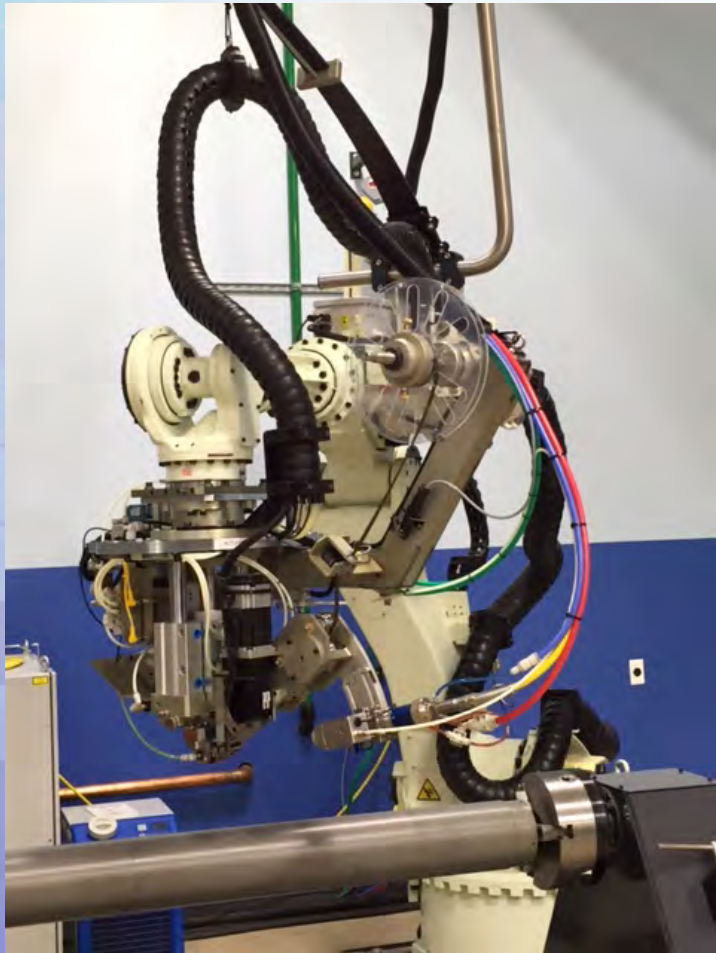
Test and inspection – NDT and CMM tools and instruments

3D Printer

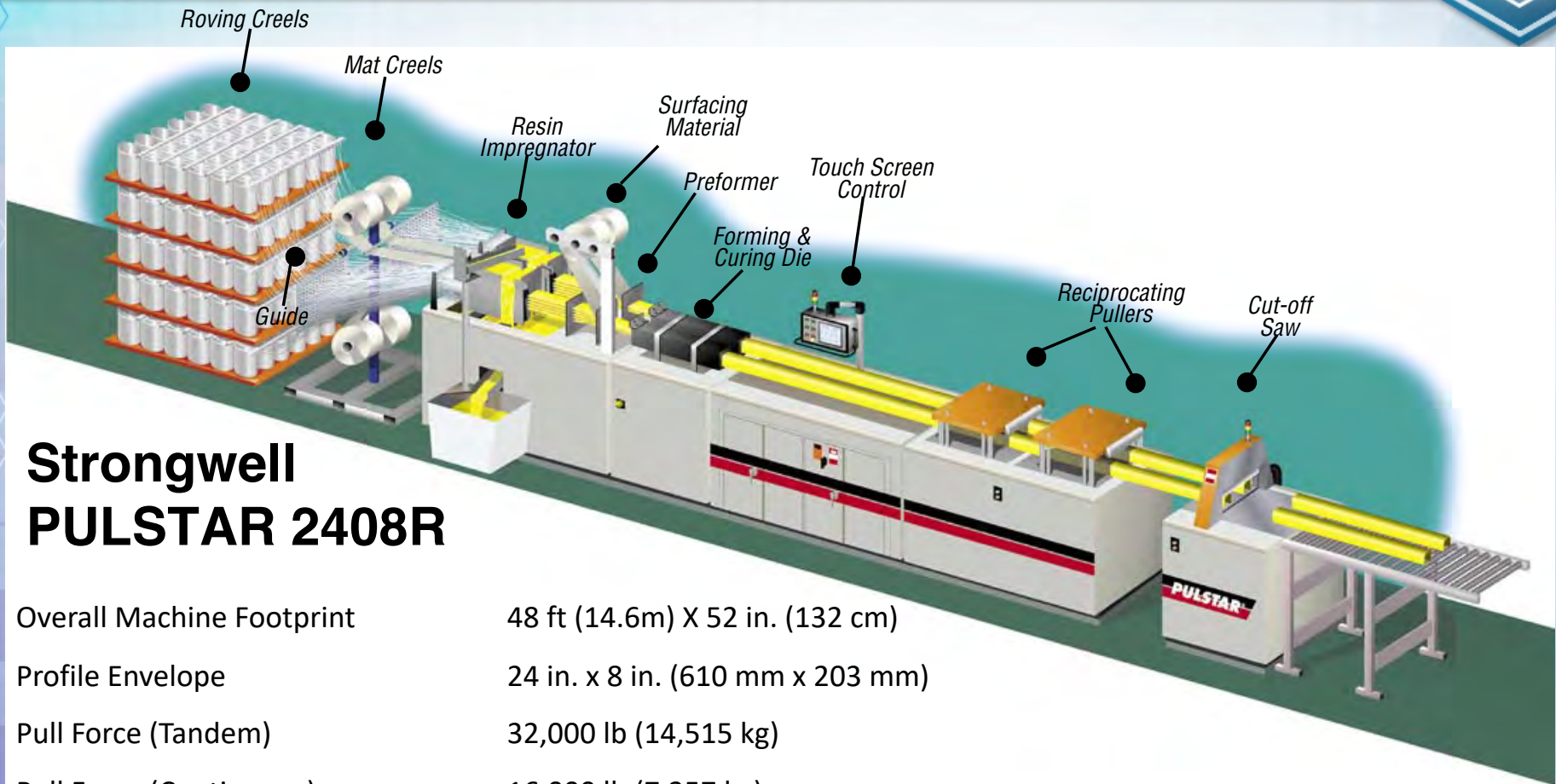
Walk-in Freezer



# Laser Consolidation Fiber Placement -CPC



# IACMI Pultrusion Machine – ORNL CFTF



## Strongwell PULSTAR 2408R

Overall Machine Footprint	48 ft (14.6m) X 52 in. (132 cm)
Profile Envelope	24 in. x 8 in. (610 mm x 203 mm)
Pull Force (Tandem)	32,000 lb (14,515 kg)
Pull Force (Continuous)	16,000 lb (7,257 kg)
Clamp Force	24,000 lb (10,886 kg)
Speed Range	1-120 in./min (2-305 cm/min)

**Source: Strongwell**



# IACMI Pultrusion Machine – ORNL CFTF





# Large scale infusion equipment - NREL



- Multiple station valves enable up to eight individual vacuum sources for larger infusions



- Graco automated mixing and dispensing machine
- Designed for use with epoxy infusion systems

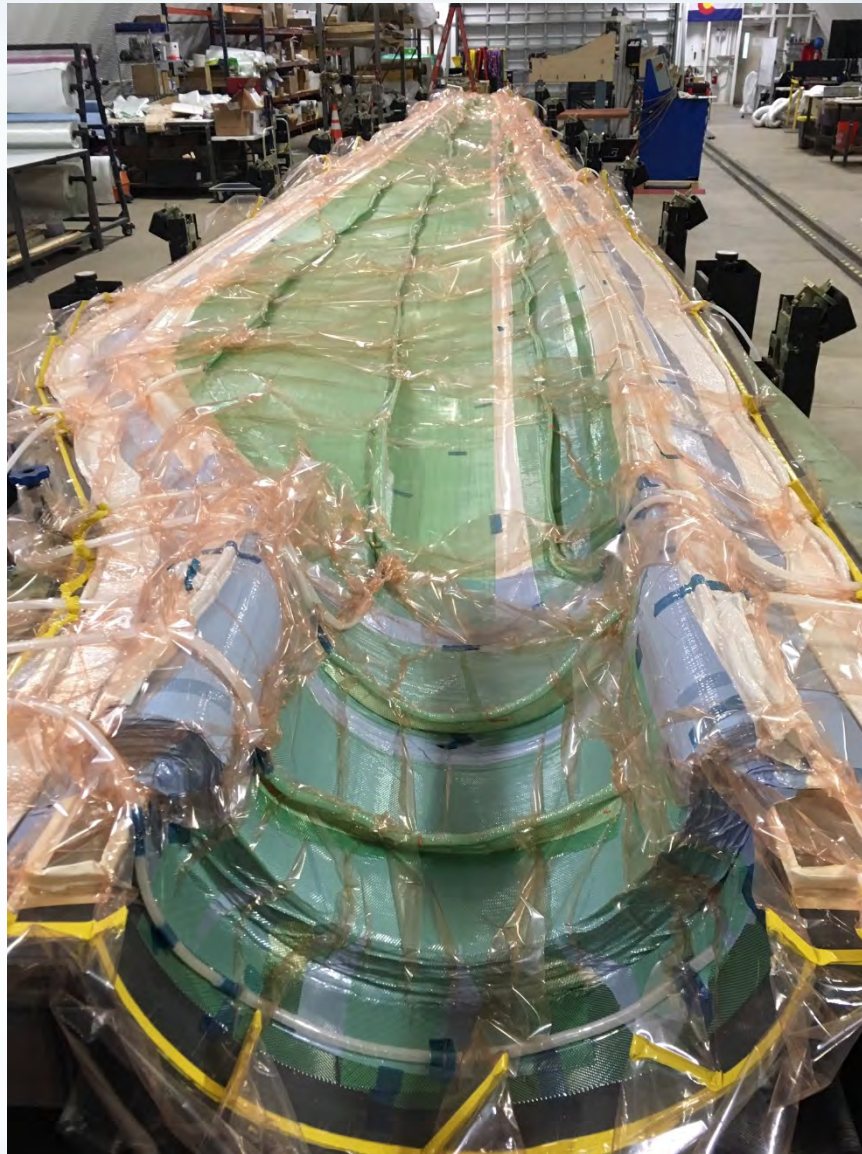


- MVP automated mixing and dispensing machine
- Designed for use with polyesters, vinyl esters and ELIUM® thermoplastic



# Large part infusion - NREL

13m blade shell  
At CoMET facility

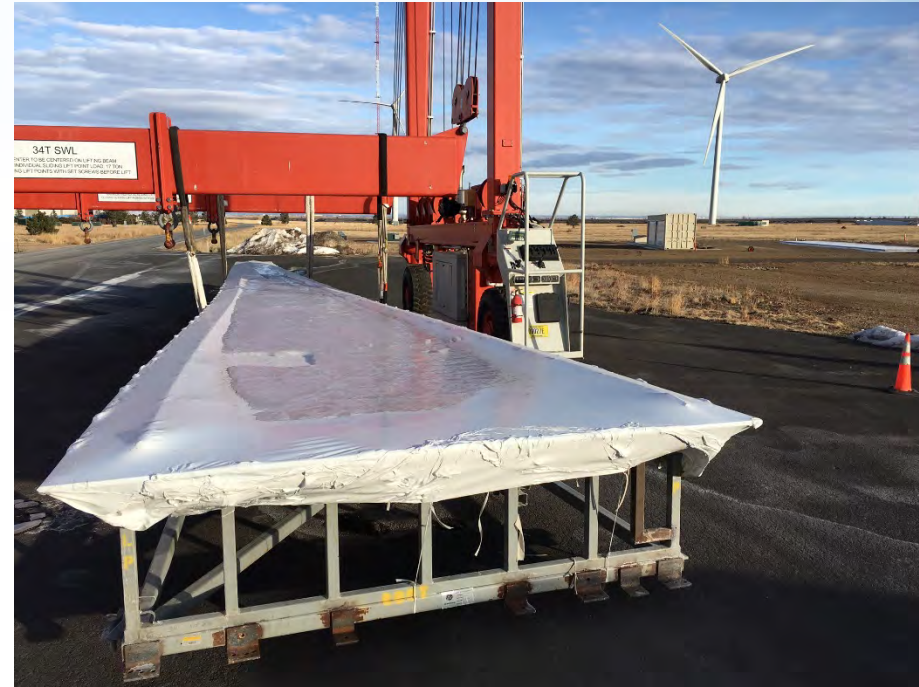




# Wind Blade Tooling



48.7m blade tip mold  
Courtesy GE



48.7m shear web mold  
Courtesy GE



# Wind Blade Tooling



9m BSDS blade components  
Courtesy TPI Composites



Portion of 45m spar cap infusion mold  
Courtesy DowAksa

# RocTool Induction Heating / Fast cycle processing of thermoplastic composites (MDF) installed July 2017



## Equipment specifications

- ◆ Induction generator DZ150KW
- ◆ Tactile interface – RT 21
- ◆ Closed cooling unit - R45 model
- ◆ Performance cooling
- ◆ RocTool Technology / Tool Hardware

## IACMI projects

Compression molding

Class A surface finish

Fast cycle time in recycled and virgin carbon fiber thermoplastic mats

Evaluation of range of material forms and resin for processing-quality-cycle times

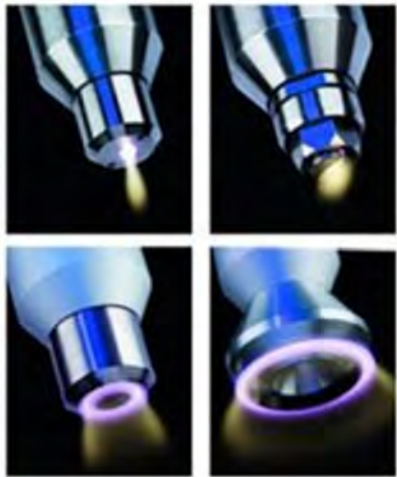


Representative System and parts





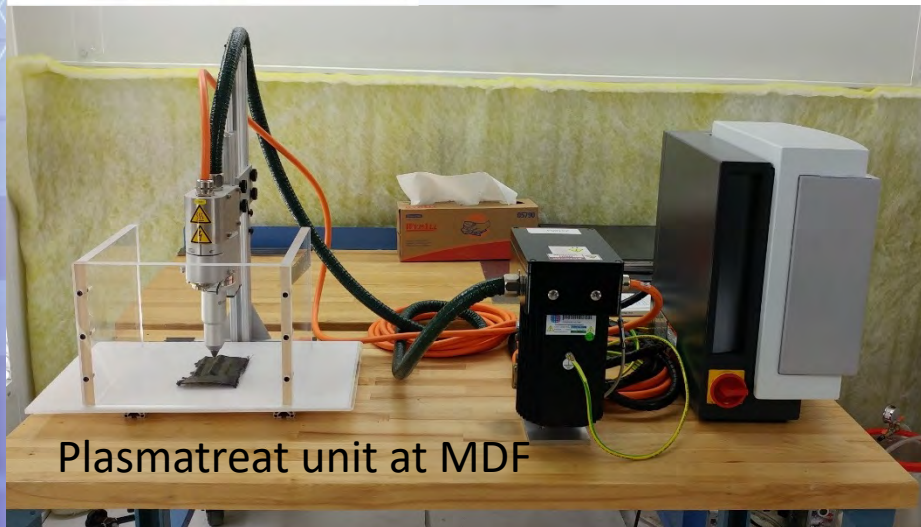
# Plasmatreat unit at MDF (Jet - RD1004 / Generator - FG5001 / Transformer - HTR1233) - MDF



Resource Member

Enabling plasma treatment for surface enhancement

Tennessee (in place) and Michigan (planned)



Plasmatreat unit at MDF

- State-of-the-art FG5001 Plasma Generator
- Cleaning, etching, polymerization, surface activation and increased manufacturability.
- Bonding enhancement of low surface energy substrates
- Fiber treatment
- Surface and Interface enhancement
- Overmolding/tape bonding
- Multi-material joining
- Additive manufacturing layer by layer
- Product development

# Plasmatreat and RocTool at SURF



Plasma cleaning & coating  
(2 systems via LIFT)

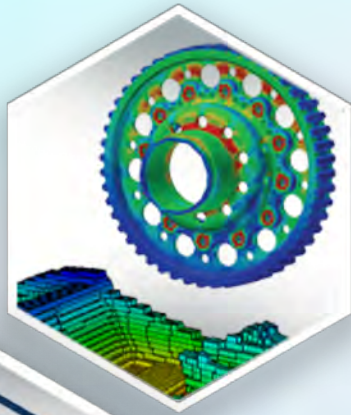


Systems for rapid  
(induction) heat-cool for  
injection & compression  
molding





# Design Modeling and Simulation



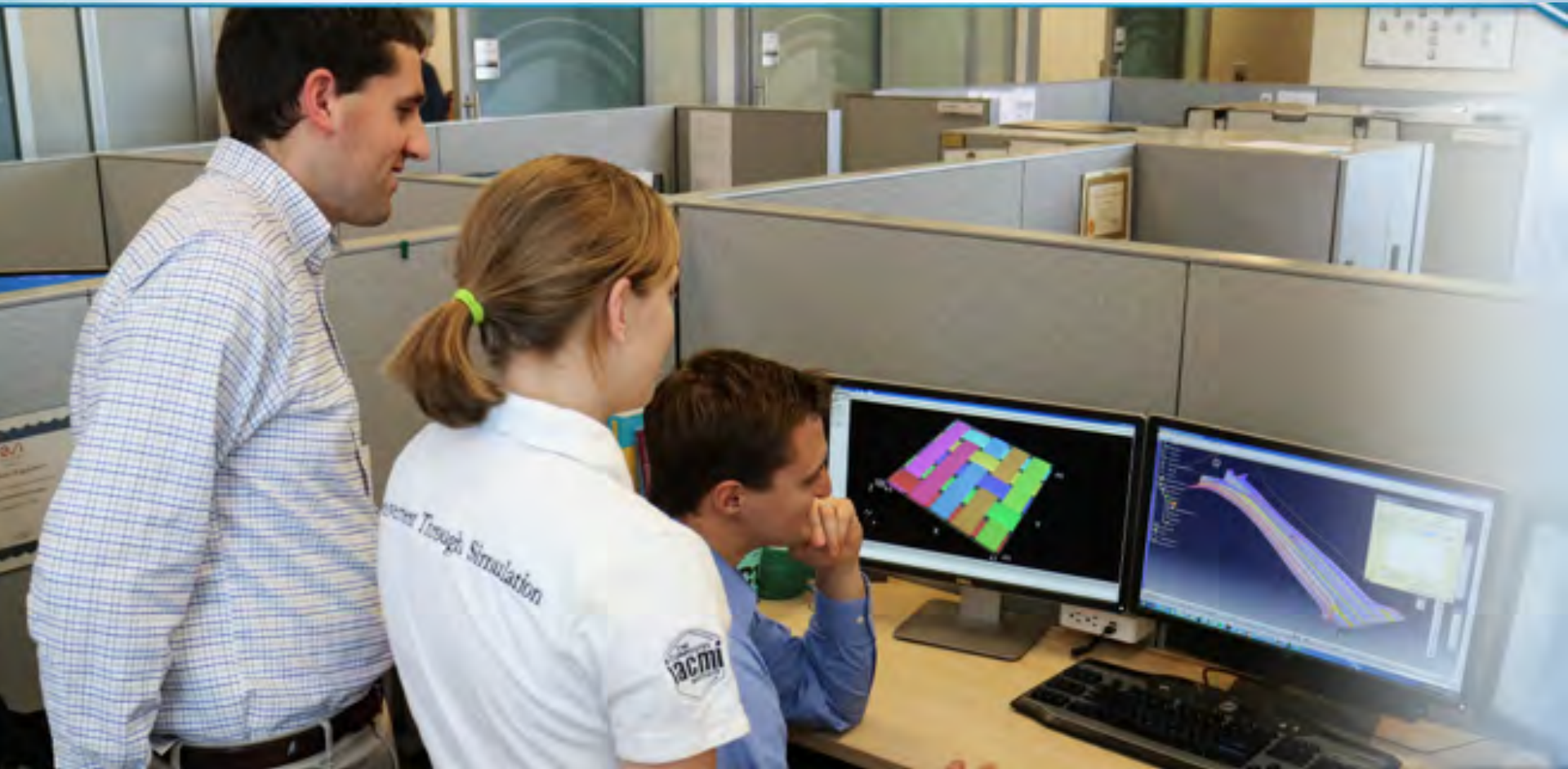


# Indiana Manufacturing Institute

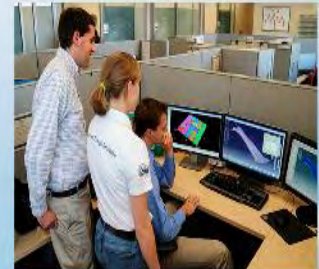
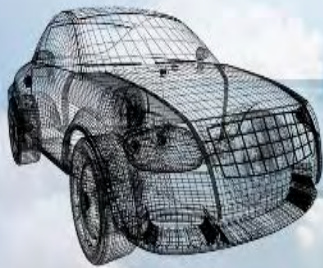




# Composites Virtual Factory



# Manufacturing Informed Design



**Expertise**



**Collaboration**

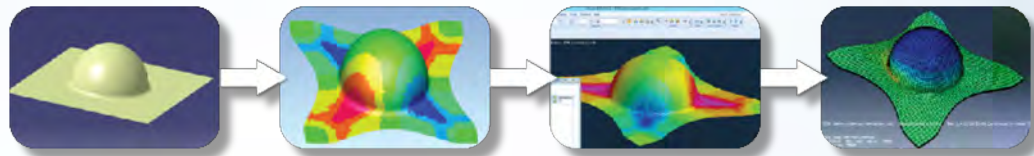


# Composites Virtual Factory Vision

**End-to-end**  
composites simulation.

Powered by  
**integrated** and **validated**  
commercial software.

In a **secure, collaborative,**  
**cloud-based** environment.



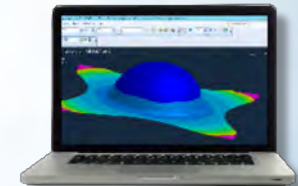
Design



Manufacturing



Performance



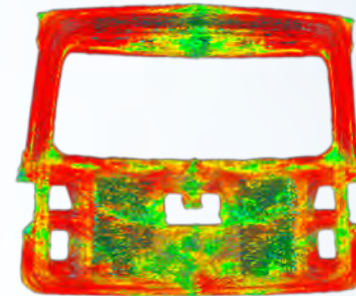
# Driven by End-to-End Simulation



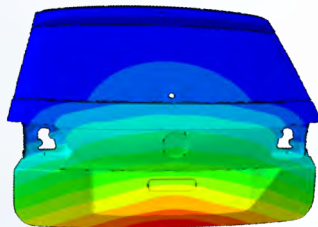
Current Metal Design



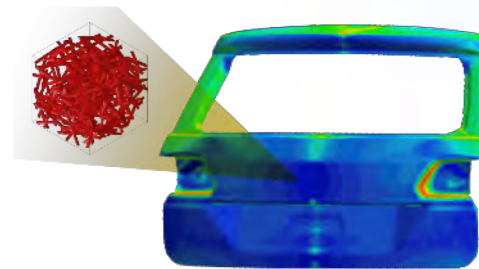
Redesign in CATIA



Predict fiber orientation  
with Moldex3D



Design for manufacturing informed  
performance with Abaqus



Integrate material  
properties with Digimat



# Delivering Composites Simulation Tools



COMPRO | RAVEN



CATIA | ABAQUS | ACCELRYIS | ENOVIA | DELMIA



SWIFTCOMP | VABS



DIGIMAT



PAM-FORM | PAM-RTM | PAM-DISTORT | PAM-CRASH



**A single platform - with major composites software.**

# Integrated Workflow Apps



Additive  
Manufacturing



Injection  
Overmolding



HP-RTM



Compression  
Molding



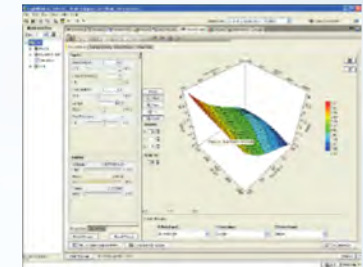
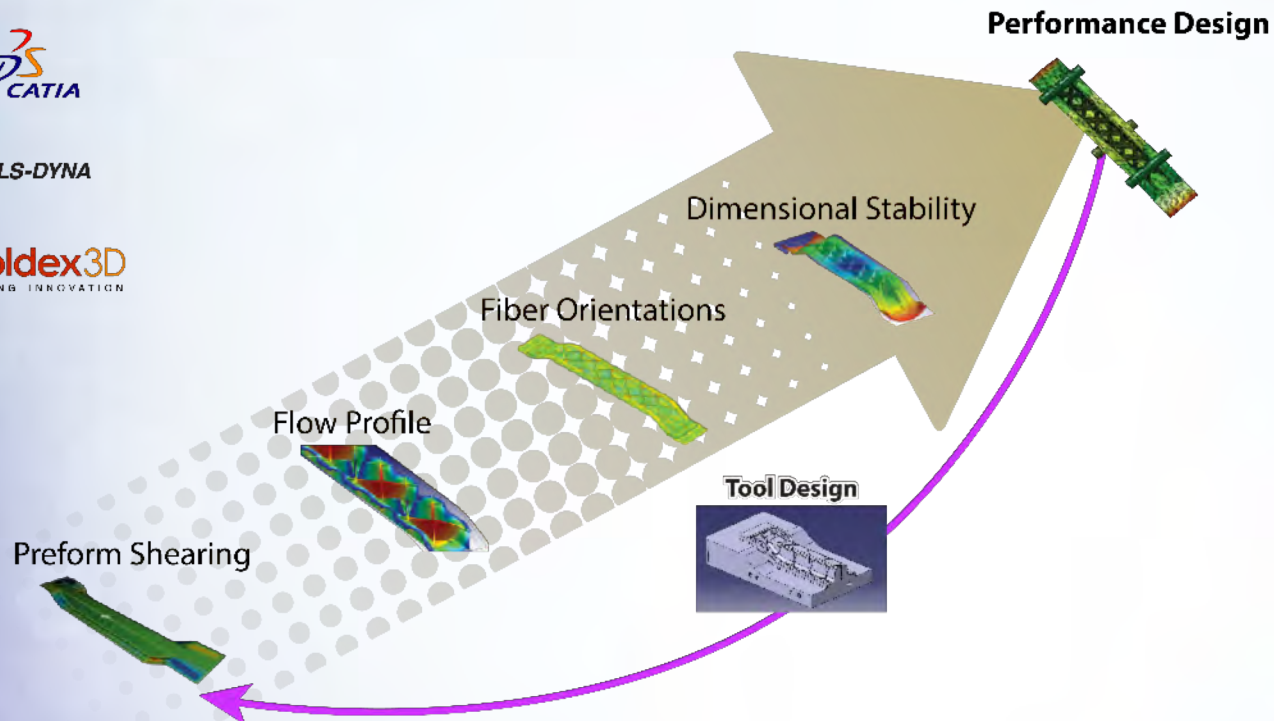


# Code Integration Makes Possible

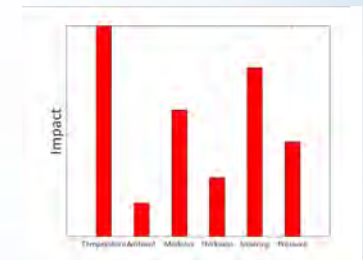
3D  
CATIA

LS-DYNA

Moldex3D  
MOLDING INNOVATION



## Sensitivity Studies



# Delivering Simulation Tools in the Cloud



**COMPOSITES  
VIRTUAL  
FACTORY  
HUB**



A secure cloud services platform, offering compute power, file storage, content delivery, and other functionality to help businesses scale and grow.





**Testing**

# Materials and Mechanical Testing



The IACMI network includes numerous labs capable of testing fiber and resin properties, as well as mechanical properties on molded components and structural testing of assemblies

- ◆ All ASTM/ISO test methods for numerous specimen geometries
- ◆ Hot/wet, cold, fatigue, chemical exposure, creep, etc.
- ◆ Panel fabrication and specimen preparation
- ◆ Resin rheology, fabric drapability/formability and permeability
- ◆ Larger scale structural tests at UDRI, Vanderbilt, NREL

Just ask your IACMI contact and we can direct your enquiry to the right location(s) to meet your needs



# Validation Labs - Purdue



# UDRI Facility



Analytical Lab



Environmental Conditioning Lab





# Laboratories - SURF

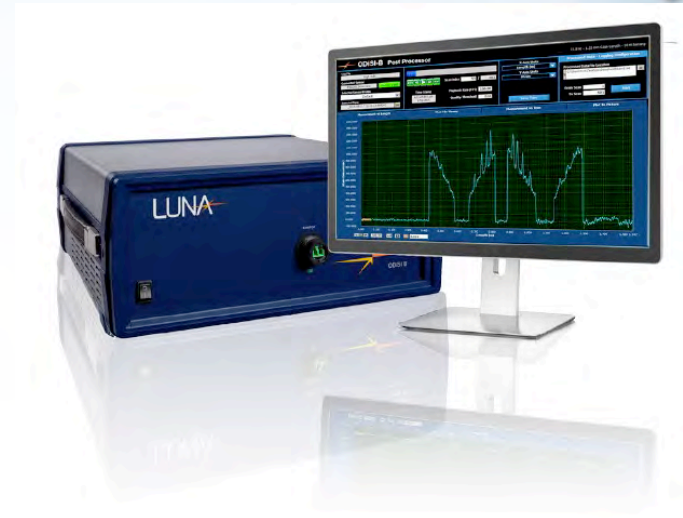
- ◆ Analytical-wet lab & sample prep (340 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - ◆ Material preparation (e.g., mixing)
  - ◆ Materials Characterization
    - ◆ FTIR, DSC/DMA, Microscopy, etc
  - ◆ Trimming, cutting, grinding, etc.
- ◆ Controlled process lab (450 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - ◆ Temperature & humidity controlled
  - ◆ Negative pressure & filtered return (carbon containment)
  - ◆ Space for pre-preg & tape lay-up lines



# LUNA Fiber Optic Strain and Temperature Sensing (ODiSI-B 5.0) System

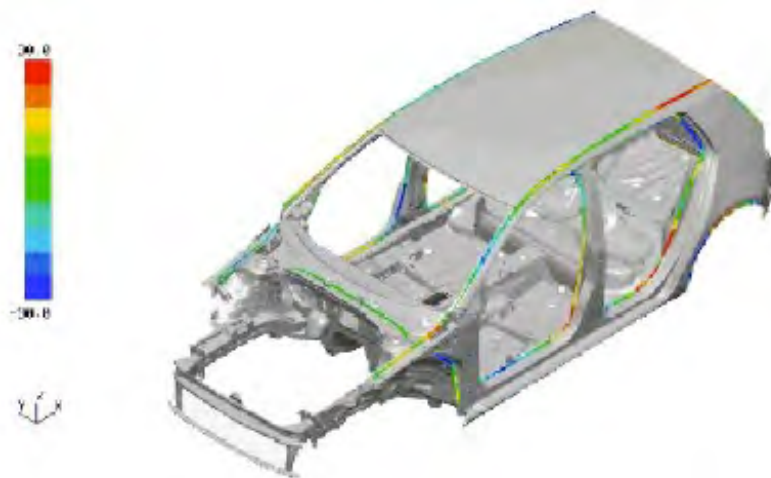


- **OPT06003 Full SW & HW upgrade - includes ver 5.0.0 and upgrade to electronics, optical network, new standoff, High Definition sensing upgrade, system alignment and test. High-Speed CFG option.**
- **FBI Gauge 3D Visualization Software Package Acquisition**



## ODiSI - Key Benefits

- High definition sensing offers unprecedented visibility into a design's structural performance
- Low profile and flexible sensors ideal for embedding within composite structures and measuring strain on curved surfaces
- Corrosion resistant, dielectric, and immune to EMI/RFI
- An ideal tool for validating FE models of composite structures



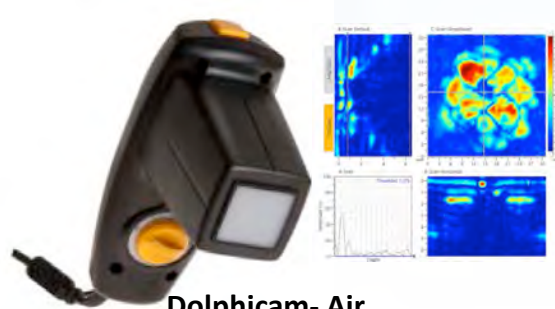


# Mobile NDE Lab Technologies - Vanderbilt

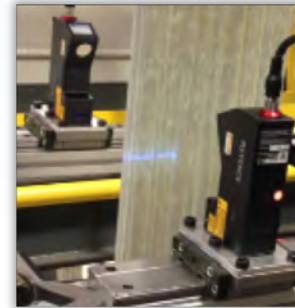


## Flaw detection in composites

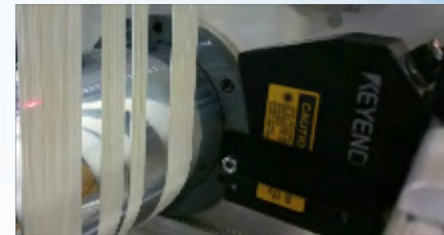
### Mistras Acoustic Emission System 01/2017



Dolphicam-Air  
coupled active in-line  
ultrasonic NDE  
09/2016



Keyence Laser  
Profilometer 08/2015

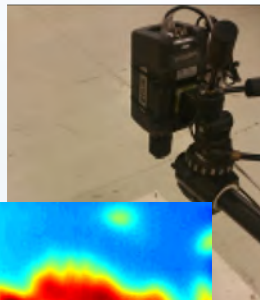


Keyence Laser-  
Displacement Sensors  
08/2015

## Cure Monitoring for Composites



Olympus EPOCH 650  
Portable Ultrasonic NDE  
Systems 01/2017



FLIR High  
Resolution IR  
Camera 03/2016



HBM 100 Ms/Sec High  
Speed Data Acq. System  
04/2016



National Instruments PXI  
16 bit, 4 MHz signal driver  
12/2016



# Recycling



# Recycling Shredder (UTK)

## MS-1714 Dual Shaft Shear Shredder

- ◆ Feed Chamber Opening: 17" x 14"
- ◆ Discharge Opening: 17" x 14"
- ◆ Infeed Hopper: Open Top: ½ Cubic Yard
- ◆ Diameter of Shredding Knives: 7-1/2" Thickness of Knives: 5/8"
- ◆ Motor: 15HP, 1800RPM Voltage: 480/3/60



## IACMI projects

- Shredding aerospace end of life parts
- Recycling thermoset cured resins and composites
- Glass and carbon fiber thermoplastic shreds
- Reprocessing in extrusion-compression, injection-compression and other downstream processes



# Composites Recycling Technology Center



- ◆ CRTC, located in Port Angeles, Washington
- ◆ Objective to recycle scrap prepreg into useful parts
- ◆ Initial products developed and shipping



**CRTC**  
COMPOSITE RECYCLING  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER



**PENINSULA  
COLLEGE**



# Working Relationships - Recycling

- ◆ Composite Recycling Technology Center
- ◆ Carbon Conversions
- ◆ Vartega
- ◆ ELG Carbon Fiber
- ◆ GreenTex Solutions
- ◆ CHZ Technologies
- ◆ Adherent Technologies

# Questions?

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