

Composite Materials at the division of Engineering Materials-Linköping University

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The Division of Engineering Materials

17 researchers, 2 Industrial PhD students

Mechanical testing and Characterization

Metallic materials

Polymer Composite materials

Additive manufacturing

Mechanical properties

Microstructures

Advanced mechanical testing equipment: Fatigue, Impact...

Microstructural investigations: SEM, Optical microscope...

The Division of Engineering Materials

Basic courses

TMKM12 - Engineering Materials

TMKM11 - Material for Design

TMKM22 - Industrial Materials Selection

Advanced courses

TMKM16 - Sustainable Material Selection

TMKM90 - Deformation and Fracture

TMKO01 - Advanced materials and the environment

TMKO02 - Engineering Materials and Manufacturing Technology

TMKO03 - Metals for lightweight applications

TMKO04 - Composite materials

TMKO05 - Additive Manufacturing for Industrial Applications

TMKO06 - Biopolymers and biocomposites

We are giving courses at both basic and advanced levels to around **400 engineering students** each year.

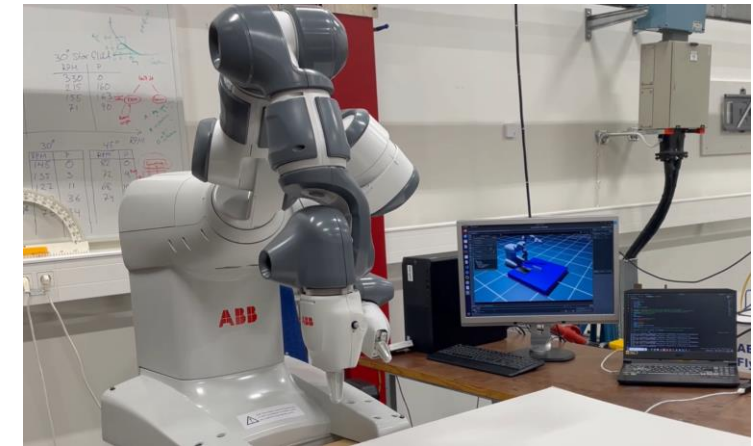
**Compraser-Labs:
Course given to
industries and
coordinated by
RISE**

Composite Research at Engineering Materials

- **Manufacturing process vs resulting material properties**
 - Out of autoclave, Vacuum infusion, Prepreg Lay-up
- **Understanding of the material properties over time**
 - Example: Joints (bolted, adhesive...)
- **Multifunctional composite (using graphene or integrated sensors)**
- **Sustainable composite materials (Meso and Macro-scale levels)**
 - Change conventional fibers to natural fibers

Composite automation research

- (Cost-efficient) composite manufacturing systems
 - Low-volume, high performance products (aerospace & space)
 - High-volume, cost-sensitive products (marine, automotive)
 - System design, Automation and process development
- Virtual worlds & Digital twin utilization



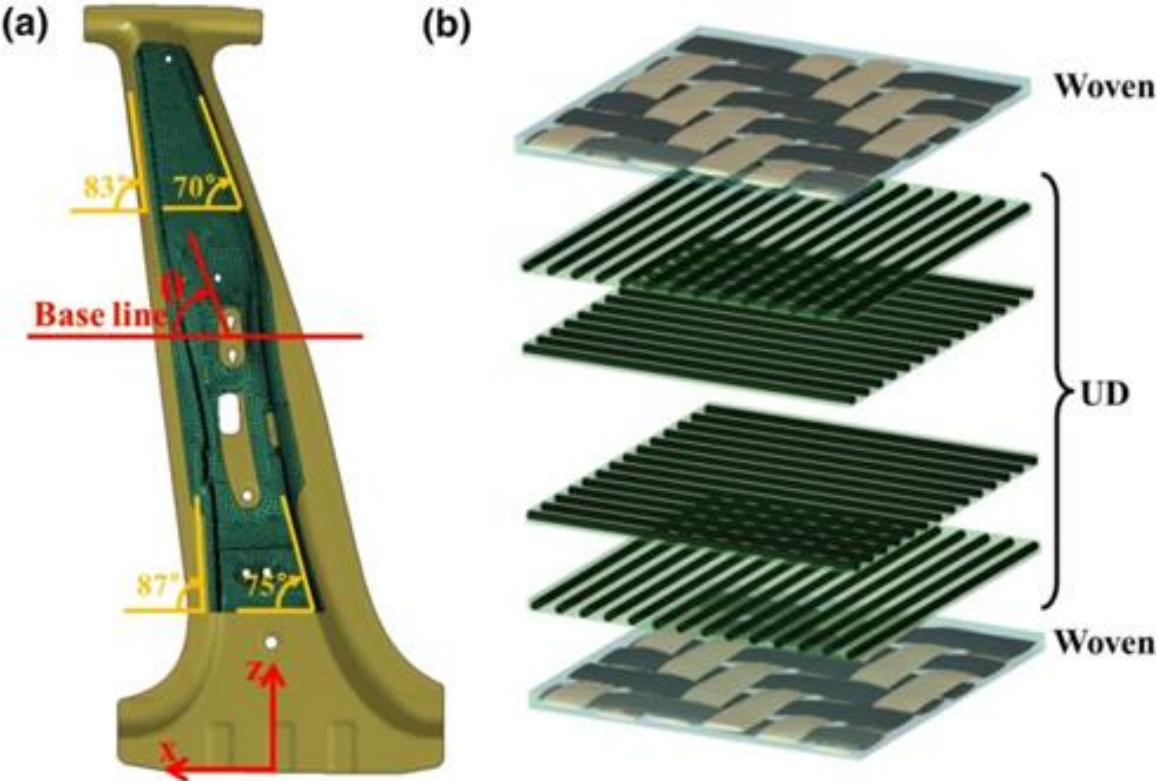
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(Composite manufacturing, Composite automation & Automation)

Selected Research Projects

**Ongoing research activities &
Collaboration with industry**

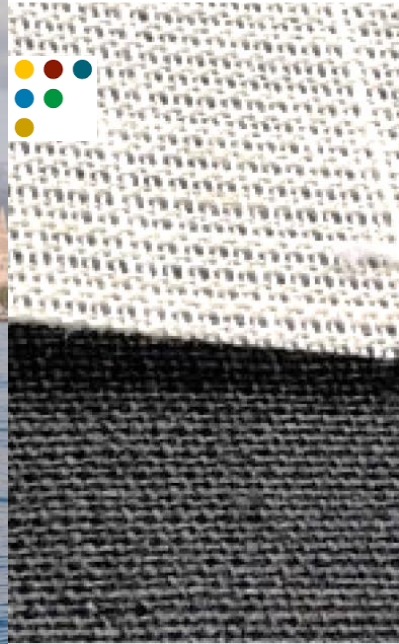
Project: Sustainable composites for structural parts in automotive applications

Investigate the **performance** of a **hybrid** natural/carbon fiber reinforced polymer **composites** for **structural parts** in **automotive applications**.



Project: Going Green with Graphene

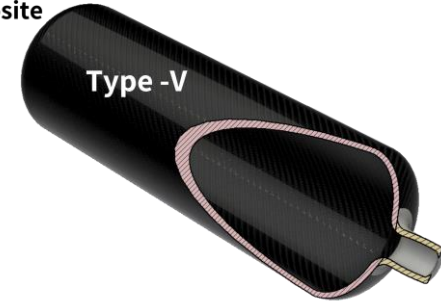
Investigate the sensitivity of graphene coated natural fibers to water and humidity



Project: Thermal and mechanical cycling of thin-ply composites for cryogenic applications

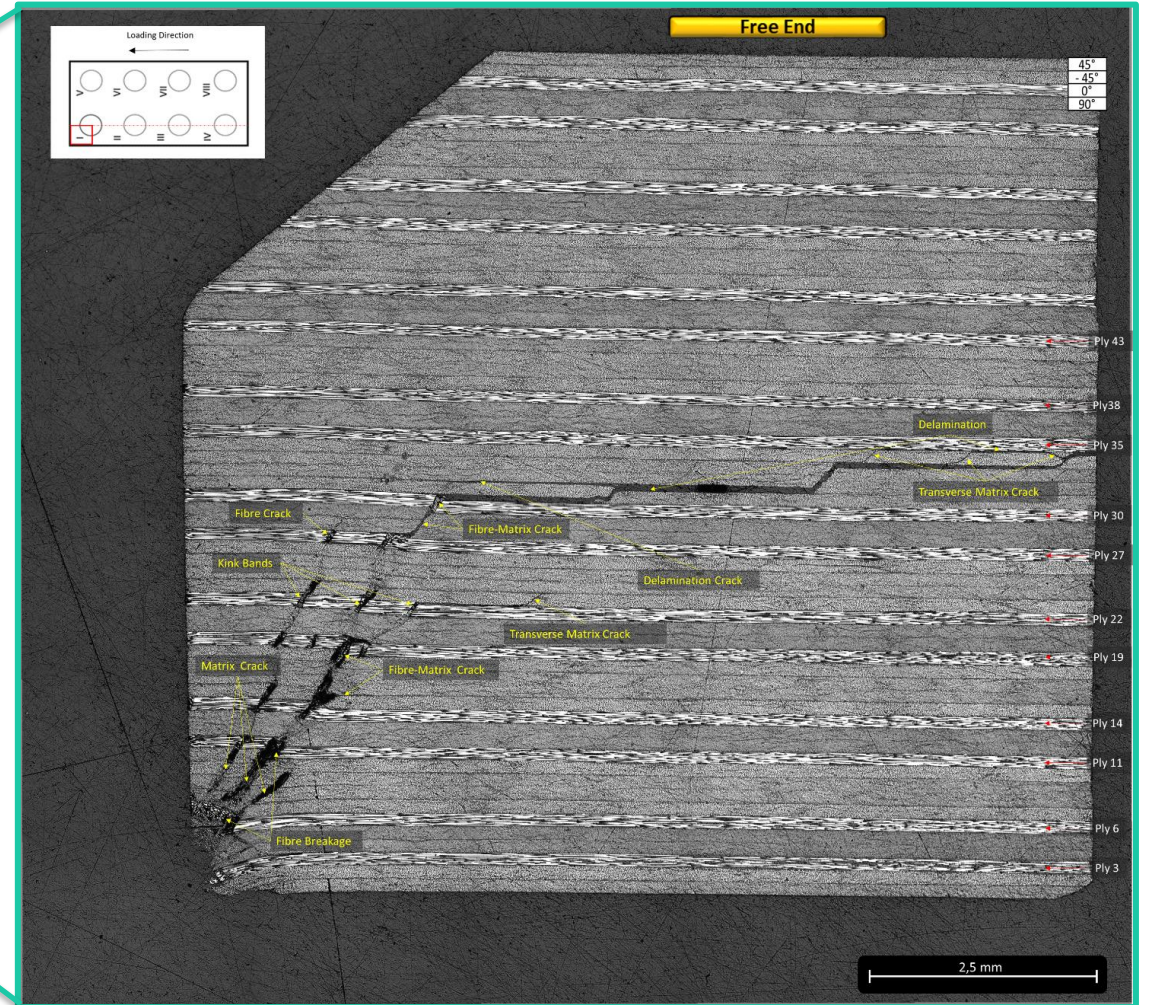
Investigate the effect of **thermo-mechanical cycling** of thin ply composites and improve existing fatigue models to account for **cryogenic temperatures**.

No liner
All-
composite



Project: International Demonstrator (1 industrial PhD Student)

Damage characterization of Composite-Metal and Composite/Composite bolted joints under static and dynamic loads



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Project: Manufacturing defects and their effect on the mechanical performance of lighter aeroengines (1 PhD Student)

Explore how **manufacturing parameters** affect the generation and density of defects in composite laminates. The **impact of these defects on mechanical performance** and damage propagation will be investigated.



Thank you for your attention!

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