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# Hygrothermal effects, Manufacturing and Joining

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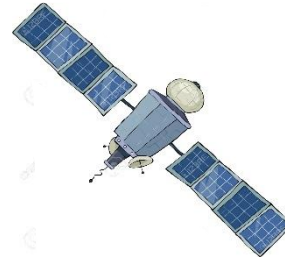
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# Outline



**Hygrothermal effect**  
**Sandwich structure**  
**Joint & Repair**



# Hygrothermal effect

## Hygrothermal effects

- Hygro (Moisture) + thermal (Temperature) effects
- Matrix dominated properties
- transverse tensile, transverse compressive and shear

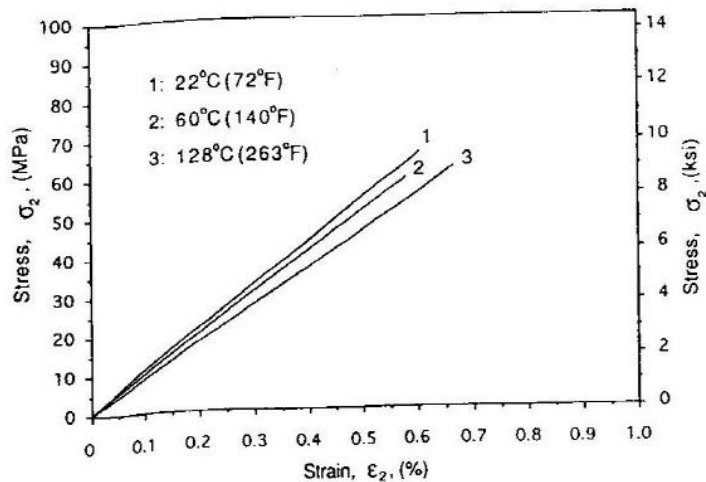


Fig. 6.1 Transverse tensile stress-strain curves for dry AS4/3501-6 carbon/epoxy composite at various temperatures.<sup>2</sup>

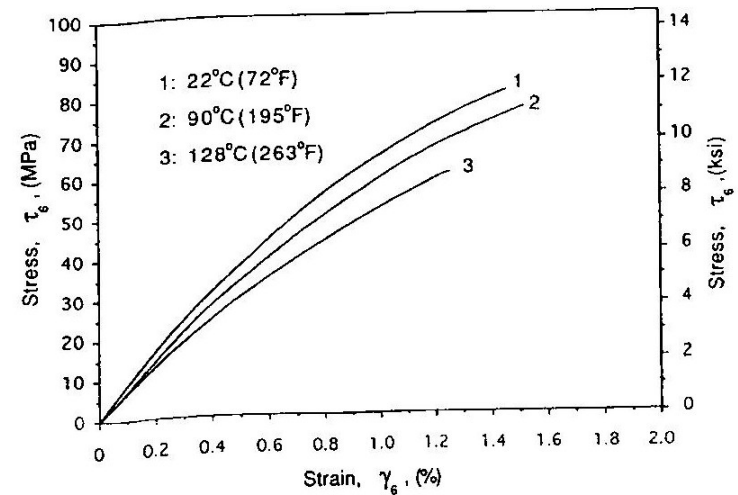


Fig. 6.2 In-plane shear stress-strain curves for unidirectional AS4/3501-6 carbon/epoxy composite at various temperatures.<sup>2</sup>

# Hygrothermal effect

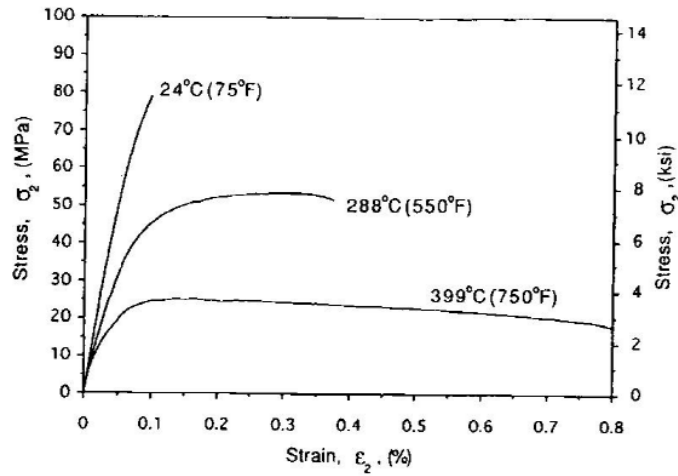


Fig. 6.3 Transverse tensile stress-strain curves for unidirectional silicon carbide/aluminum (SCS-2/6061Al) composite at various temperatures.

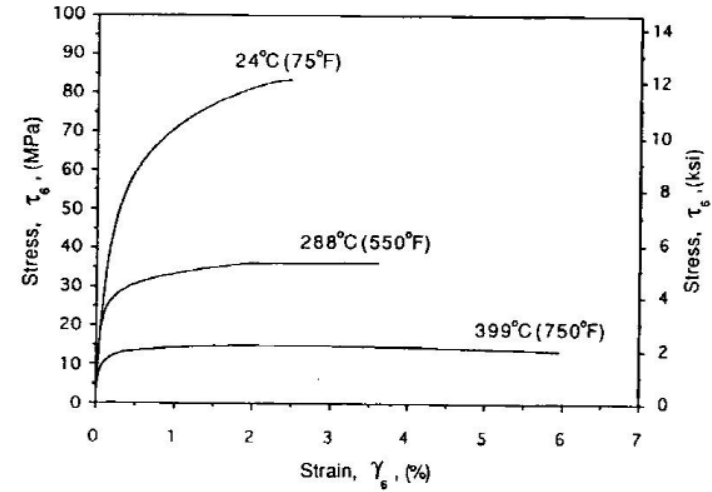


Fig. 6.4 In-plane shear stress-strain curves for unidirectional silicon carbide/aluminum (SCS-2/6061Al) composite at various temperatures.

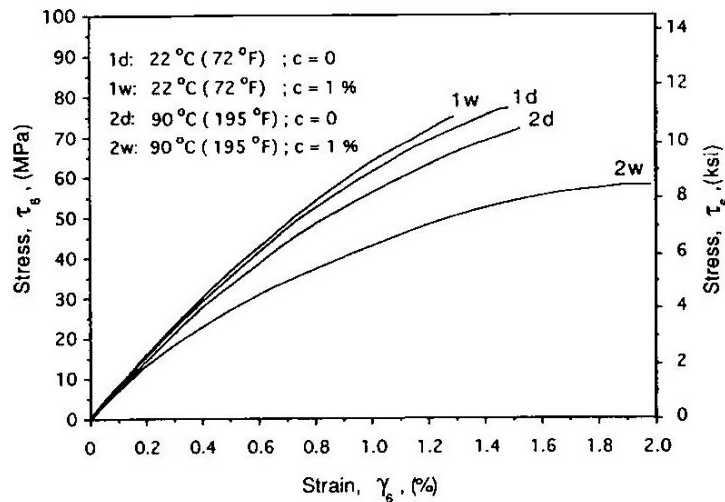


Fig. 6.5 In-plane shear stress-strain curves for unidirectional AS4/3501-6 carbon/epoxy composite illustrating effects of temperature and moisture concentration.

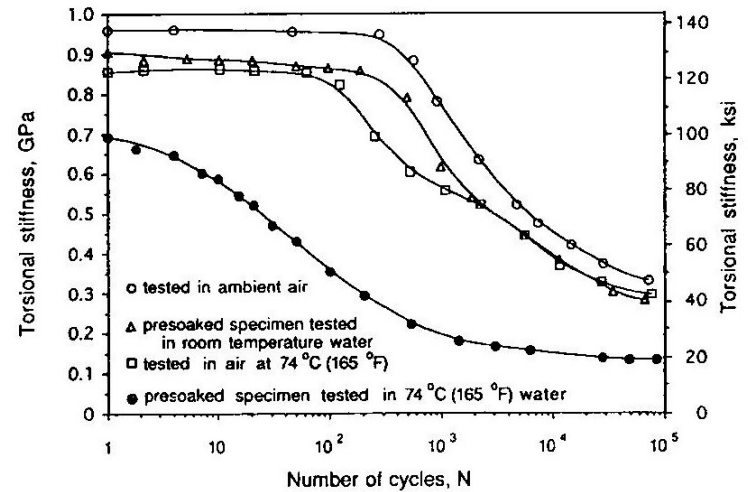
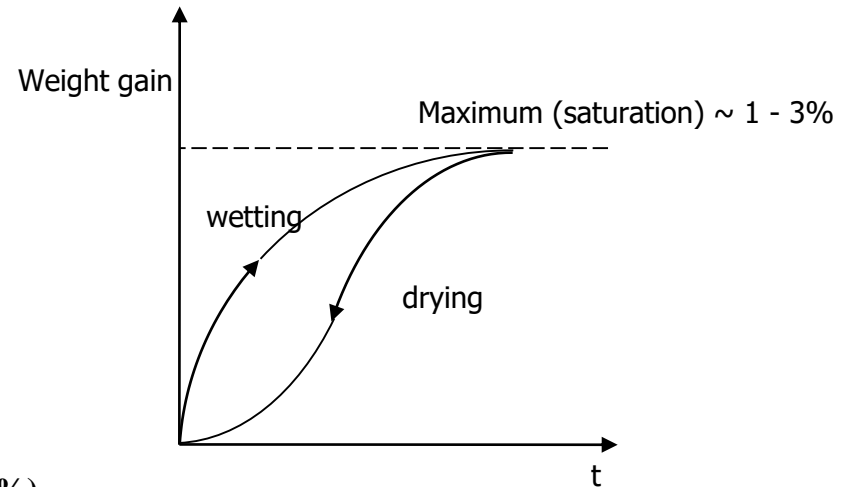
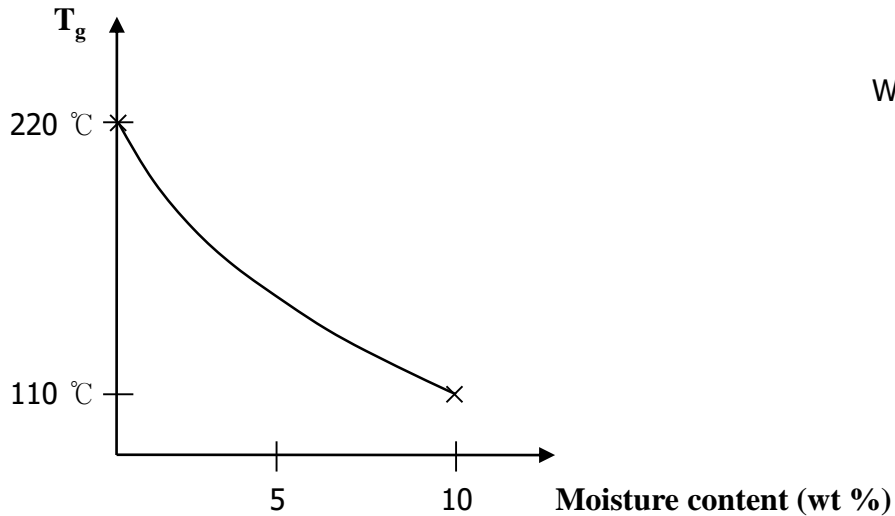
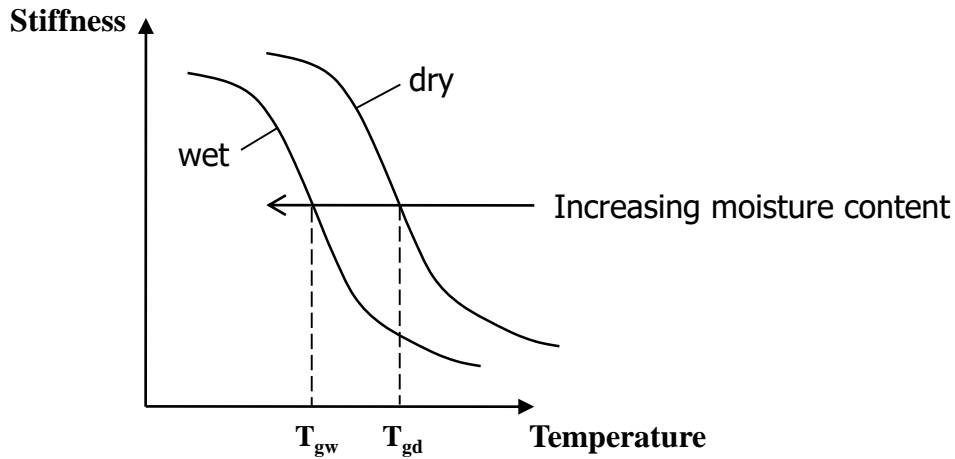


Fig. 6.6 Torsional stiffness degradation of carbon/epoxy composite under cyclic loading under various hygrothermal conditions.

# Moisture effect on typical polymer



# Moisture effect on typical polymer

## ▪ Governing equation

- Temperature (Fourier heat conduction)

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$

- Moisture (Fick's 2<sup>nd</sup> law)

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} D_z \frac{\partial c}{\partial z}$$

- Cf) Fick's 1<sup>st</sup> law  $J$  [flux] =  $-D \frac{dc}{dz}$

- Where,

$\rho$  = Density of material

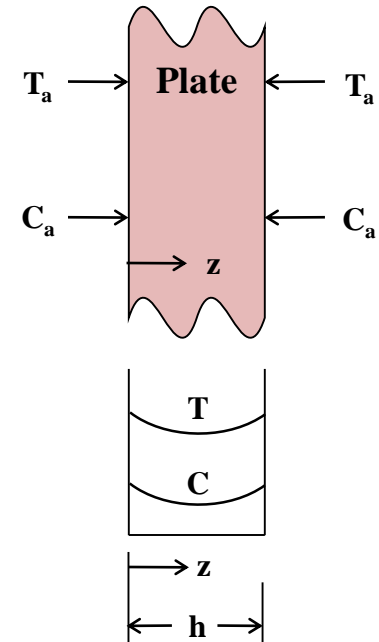
$C$  = Specific heat of material

$K_z$  = Thermal conductivity of material along the z-direction

$D_z$  = Mass diffusivity along the z-direction

$t$  = Time

$c$  = Moisture concentration



Ambient temperature  $T_a$

Ambient moisture concentration  $C_a$

- Temperature reaches equilibrium about one million times faster than the moisture concentration →  $T$  assumed to be the same as  $T_a$

# Moisture weight gain



$$G = \frac{M - M_i}{M_m - M_i} = 1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\exp[-(2j+1)^2 \pi^2 (D_z t / h^2)]}{(2j+1)^2}$$

Where,

$M_i$  : Initial weight percent of moisture

$M_m$  : Fully saturated weight percent of moisture

- Measured value: composite 0~2 %

# Moisture weight gain



## ▪ Example

Epoxy sample with  $h = 5$  mm,  $D$  (diffusivity) =  $3 \times 10^{-8}$  mm<sup>2</sup>/s.

Determine the moisture absorption of an initially dry sample after a period  $t = 100$  days.

$$\frac{\pi^2 Dt}{h^2} = 0.102$$

$M_i = 0$  for initially dry sample

$$\frac{M}{M_m} = 1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \left[ \exp(-0.102) + \frac{\exp(-9(0.102))}{9} + \dots \right] \rightarrow \text{one term will be sufficient.}$$

$$\sim 0.23$$



# Degradation of composite properties

- $$F_m = \frac{P}{P_0} = \left( \frac{T_{gw} - T}{T_{go} - T_o} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$F_m$  = Matrix mechanical property retention ratio

$P$  = Strength of matrix after degradation

$P_0$  = Net strength of matrix after degradation

$T_{go}$  = Glass transition temperature (dry)

$T_{gw}$  = Glass transition temperature (wet)

$T_o$  = Temperature at  $F_0$  was measured

} [°F]

- Chamis (1982) suggested an empirical eq. for  $T_{gw}$  of aerospace epoxy resins.

$$T_{gw} = (0.005M_r^2 - 0.10M_r + 1.0)T_{go}$$

- Degraded material properties (longitudinal modulus)

$$E_1 = E_{f_1}v_f + F_m E_{m_0}v_m$$

# Degradation of composite properties

## ▪ Example

At a "hot-wet" condition,  $T = 200$  °F,  $M_r = 3$  %.

$$\begin{aligned} T_{go} = 350 \text{ °F} \quad E_m &= 0.5 \times 10^6 \text{ psi} \\ E_f &= 32 \times 10^6 \text{ psi} \\ \nu_f &= 0.510 \\ \nu_m &= 0.49 \end{aligned}$$

$$T_{gw} = (0.005(3)^2 - 0.10(3) + 1.0) 350 = 261 \text{ °F}$$

$E$  of matrix,

$$E_m' = \left( \frac{261 - 200}{350 - 70} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (0.5 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}) = 0.23 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

Longitudinal modulus

$$E_1' = (32 \times 10^6)(0.51) + (0.23 \times 10^6)(0.49) = 16 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

$$\text{Cf. } E_1 = 16.4 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

→ 99 %

Transverse modulus

$$E_2' = 0.434 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

$$E_2 = 0.82 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

→ Only  
53 %

# Hygrothermal strains in lamina

- **Uncoupled deformation from the thermal & moisture**
- **Hygrothermal strains**

$$e_1 = \alpha_1 \Delta T + \beta_1 \Delta C$$

$$e_2 = \alpha_2 \Delta T + \beta_2 \Delta C$$

$$e_6 = 0$$

$\alpha$ : Coefficient of thermal expansion

$\beta$ : Coefficient of moisture expansion

Note	Carbon/epoxy – $0.9 \times 10^{-6}$
	Carbon/polyimide – $0.4 \times 10^{-6}$
	Kevlar/epoxy – $4 \times 10^{-6}$
have negative $\alpha_1$ .	

- **Transformation**

$$e_x = e_1 m^2 + e_2 n^2$$

$$e_y = e_1 n^2 + e_2 m^2$$

$$e_s = 2(e_1 - e_2)mn$$

$$m = \cos \theta$$

$$n = \sin \theta$$

# Hygrothermal strains in lamina



- Using above equations,

$$e_x = \alpha_x \Delta T + \beta_x \Delta C$$

$$e_y = \alpha_y \Delta T + \beta_y \Delta C$$

$$e_s = \alpha_s \Delta T + \beta_s \Delta C$$

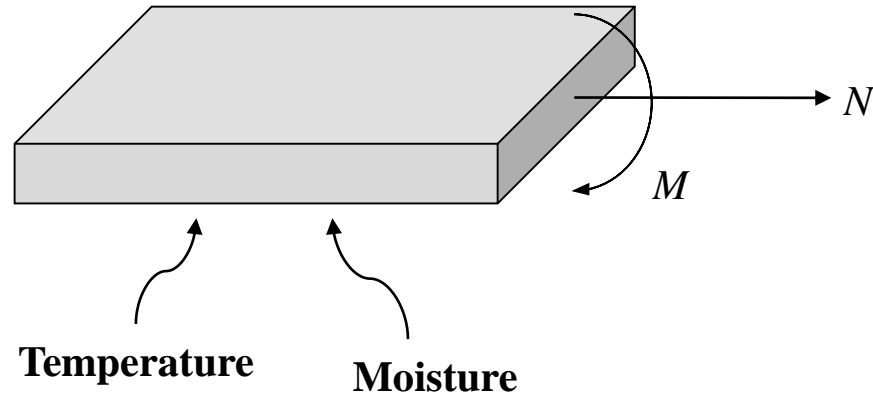
**with (Eq. 6.6)**

$$\alpha_x = \alpha_1 m^2 + \alpha_2 n^2$$

$$\alpha_y = \alpha_1 n^2 + \alpha_2 m^2$$

$$\alpha_s = 2(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)mn$$

# $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$ with hygrothermal effects



$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_x \\ \epsilon_y \\ \gamma_s \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} S_{xx} & S_{xy} & S_{xs} \\ S_{yx} & S_{yy} & S_{ys} \\ S_{sx} & S_{sy} & S_{ss} \end{bmatrix}}_k \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_s \end{pmatrix}_k + \begin{pmatrix} e_x \\ e_y \\ e_s \end{pmatrix}_k$$

Strains from mechanical loading
Hygrothermal strain

# $\sigma$ - $\varepsilon$ with hygrothermal effects



- **Inverting,**

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_s \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} Q_{xx} & Q_{xy} & Q_{xs} \\ Q_{ys} & Q_{ss} & Q_{ys} \\ Q_{sx} & Q_{sy} & Q_{ss} \end{bmatrix}_k \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_x - e_x \\ \varepsilon_y - e_y \\ \gamma_s - e_s \end{pmatrix}_k \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} Q_{xx} & Q_{xy} & Q_{xs} \\ Q_{ys} & Q_{ss} & Q_{ys} \\ Q_{sx} & Q_{sy} & Q_{ss} \end{bmatrix}_k \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_x^o + z\kappa_x - e_x \\ \varepsilon_y^o + z\kappa_y - e_y \\ \gamma_s^o + z\kappa_s - e_s \end{pmatrix}_k \end{aligned}$$

- **For a laminate,**

$$\begin{pmatrix} N_x \\ N_y \\ N_s \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{h_{k-1}}^{h_k} \begin{bmatrix} Q_{xx} & Q_{xy} & Q_{xs} \\ Q_{ys} & Q_{ss} & Q_{ys} \\ Q_{sx} & Q_{sy} & Q_{ss} \end{bmatrix}_k \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_x^o \\ \varepsilon_y^o \\ \gamma_s^o \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_x \\ \kappa_y \\ \kappa_s \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} e_x \\ e_y \\ e_s \end{pmatrix} \right\}_k dz$$

# $\sigma$ - $\varepsilon$ with hygrothermal effects



- In terms of [A] and [B]**

$$\begin{pmatrix} N_x \\ N_y \\ N_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{xx} & A_{xy} & A_{xs} \\ A_{yx} & A_{yy} & A_{ys} \\ A_{sx} & A_{sy} & A_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_x^o \\ \varepsilon_y^o \\ \gamma_s^o \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_{xx} & B_{xy} & B_{xs} \\ B_{yx} & B_{yy} & B_{ys} \\ B_{sx} & B_{sy} & B_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_s \\ \kappa_y \\ \kappa_s \end{pmatrix} - \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} Q_{xx} & Q_{xy} & Q_{xs} \\ Q_{yx} & Q_{yy} & Q_{ys} \\ Q_{sx} & Q_{sy} & Q_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_x \\ e_y \\ e_s \end{pmatrix}}_k t_k$$

- Similarly,**

$$[M]_{x,y} = \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{h_{k-1}}^{h_k} [Q^k_{x,y}] \{ [\varepsilon^o]_{x,y} + z[\kappa]_{x,y} - [e]^k_{x,y} \} z dz$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} N_x^{HT} \\ N_y^{HT} \\ N_s^{HT} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_x \\ M_y \\ M_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{xx} & B_{xy} & B_{xs} \\ B_{yx} & B_{yy} & B_{ys} \\ B_{sx} & B_{sy} & B_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_x^o \\ \varepsilon_y^o \\ \gamma_s^o \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} D_{xx} & D_{xy} & D_{xs} \\ D_{yx} & D_{yy} & D_{ys} \\ D_{sx} & D_{sy} & D_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_s \\ \kappa_y \\ \kappa_s \end{pmatrix} - \sum_{k=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} Q_{xx} & Q_{xy} & Q_{xs} \\ Q_{yx} & Q_{yy} & Q_{ys} \\ Q_{sx} & Q_{sy} & Q_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_x \\ e_y \\ e_s \end{pmatrix} Z_k t$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_x^{HT} \\ M_y^{HT} \\ M_s^{HT} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Z_k = \frac{h_k - h_{k-1}}{2}$$

# $\sigma$ - $\varepsilon$ with hygrothermal effects



- Let  $[\bar{N}]$  &  $[\bar{M}]$  be the total force & moment resultant

$$[\bar{N}]_{x,y} = [N]_{x,y} + [N^{HT}]_{x,y} = [A][\varepsilon^o]_{x,y} + [B][\kappa]_{x,y}$$

$$[\bar{M}]_{x,y} = [M]_{x,y} + [M^{HT}]_{x,y} = [B][\varepsilon^o]_{x,y} + [D][\kappa]_{x,y}$$

As before,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{N} \\ \bar{M} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon^o \\ \kappa \end{pmatrix}$$

Also inverting,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon^o \\ \kappa \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{N} \\ \bar{M} \end{pmatrix}$$



# $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$ with hygrothermal effects



## ▪ Example

[-45/45/-45/45], 0.25 mm thick unidirectional ( $t$ : total thickness) laminate heated from 20 °C to 100 °C.  
Determine the hygrothermal stresses.

CTEs

$$\alpha_1 = 0.88 \times 10^{-6} / ^\circ\text{C}$$
$$\alpha_2 = 31 \times 10^{-6} / ^\circ\text{C}$$

CTE at +45° & -45° :

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \alpha_x \\ \alpha_y \\ \alpha_{xy/2} \end{Bmatrix}_{45^\circ} = [T^{-1}]_{45^\circ} \begin{Bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 15.94 \\ 15.94 \\ -15.06 \end{Bmatrix} \times 10^{-6} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$
$$\begin{Bmatrix} \alpha_x \\ \alpha_y \\ \alpha_{xy/2} \end{Bmatrix}_{-45^\circ} = [T^{-1}]_{-45^\circ} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.88 \\ 31.0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 15.94 \\ 15.94 \\ -15.06 \end{Bmatrix} \times 10^{-6} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

From equation ①,  $[N] = 0$ , and  $[M] = 0$

# $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$ with hygrothermal effects



## ▪ Example

From equation ①,  $[N] = 0$ , and  $[M] = 0$

$$[N^T] = \{ [Q]_{45} \{ \alpha \}_{45} + [Q]_{-45} \{ \alpha \}_{-45} \} (2) (\Delta T) (t/4)$$

Thermal load 2 plies

$$\begin{Bmatrix} N_x^T \\ N_y^T \\ N_s^T \end{Bmatrix} = [Q_{xy}]_{45^\circ} \begin{Bmatrix} 15.94 \\ 15.94 \\ -30.12 \end{Bmatrix} \times 10^{-6} (2) (80^\circ\text{C}) (0.25) + [Q_{xy}]_{-45^\circ} \begin{Bmatrix} 15.94 \\ 15.94 \\ 30.12 \end{Bmatrix} \times 10^{-6} (2) (80^\circ\text{C}) (0.25)$$

$$= \begin{Bmatrix} 1.95 \\ 1.95 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \times 10^{-2} \text{ GPa} \cdot \text{mm}$$

# $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$ with hygrothermal effects



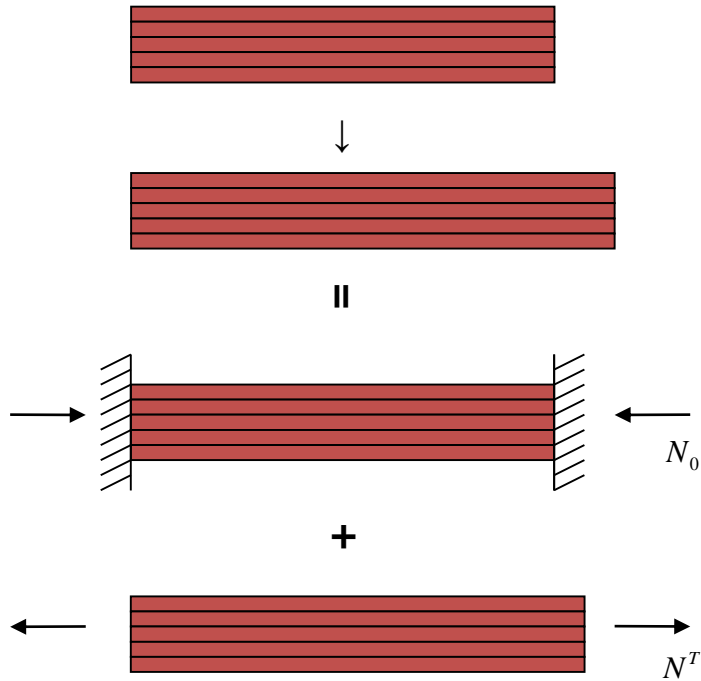
- **Example**

Similarly for moment

$$[M^T] = \left( [Q]_{-45} \{\alpha\}_{-45} (z_1^2 - z_0^2) + [Q]_{45} \{\alpha\}_{45} (z_2^2 - z_1^2) + [Q]_{-45} \{\alpha\}_{-45} (z_3^2 - z_2^2) + [Q]_{45} \{\alpha\}_{45} (z_4^2 - z_3^2) \right) \frac{\Delta T}{2}$$

$$= \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -3.81 \end{Bmatrix} \times 10^{-4} \text{ GPa} \cdot \text{mm}^2$$

# Physical significance



$$\Delta T = 0$$

$$N = 0$$

$$\varepsilon = 0$$

$$\Delta T = \Delta T_0$$

$$N = 0$$

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$$

$$\Delta T = \Delta T_0$$

$$N = -N_0 = -\sum_{k=1}^n Q^k e^k t_k$$

$$\varepsilon = 0$$

$$([\varepsilon] = 0)$$

$$\Delta T = 0$$

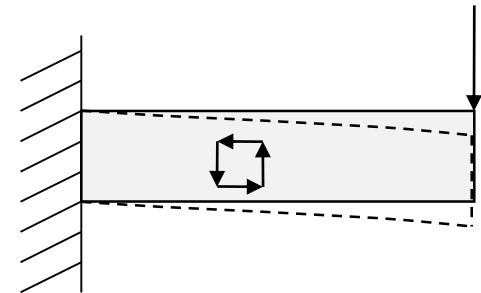
$$N = N^T = N_0$$

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$$

- Thermal loading  $N^T$  is equal to the reaction  $N_0$  of the fixed-end beam under thermal loading. The mechanical force necessary to produce a strain is equal to the purely thermal strain of the laminate.

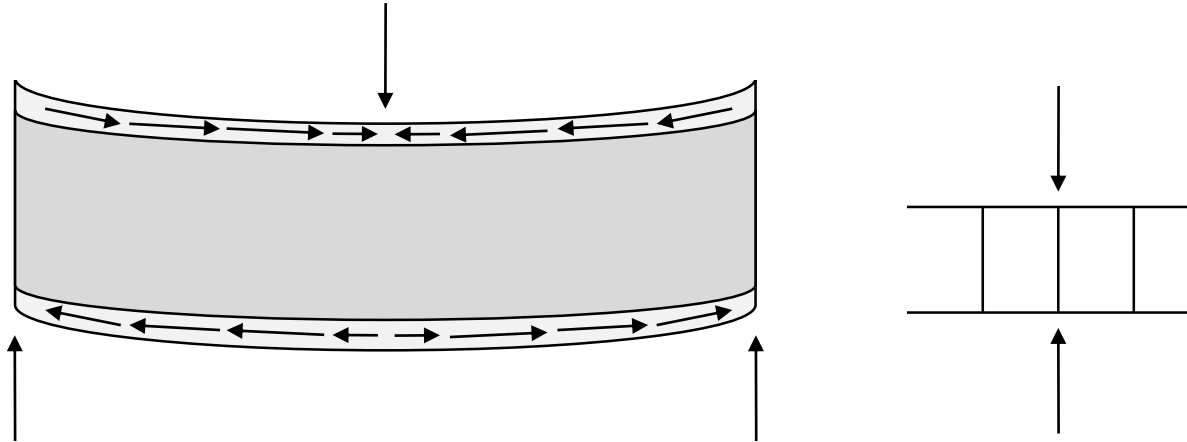
# Sandwich structure

- **Sandwich – face sheets & core**
- **Analysis**
  - Modified classical laminate theory accommodating shear flexibility of the core
  - Material behavior
    - The core material is orthotropic and linear elastic.
    - The face sheet material is orthotropic and linear elastic.
  - Stresses
    - Core sustains only transverse shear stresses; the in-plane stresses in the core are negligible.
    - Face sheets sustain only in-plane loads; the transverse shear stresses in the face sheets are negligible.



# Sandwich structure

- Strain
  - The transverse strain is negligible.

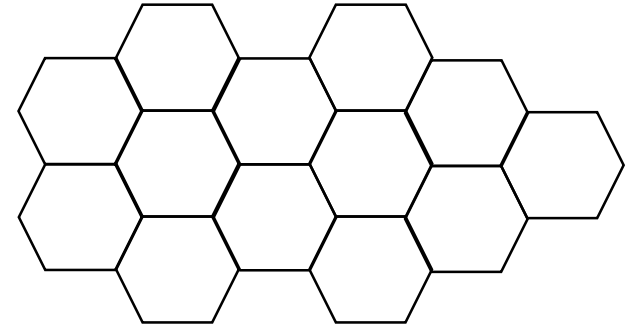


# Core material

- **Honeycomb**

- Aluminum  $\rho \sim \left( \begin{array}{l} 2-10 \text{ lb} / \text{ft}^3 \\ 0.0126-0.63 \text{ kg} / \text{m}^3 \end{array} \right)$

- Phenolic (1/100 CTE of Al)  
(Porous wall – air connection,  
in space structure escape)



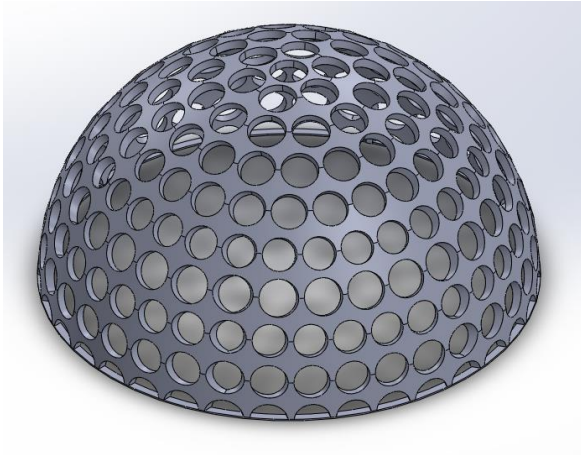
- **Synthetic core**

- Glass microballons with matrix (resin)
- $\rho \sim (2-10 \text{ lb} / \text{ft}^3) \sim 2.51 \text{ kg} / \text{m}^3$

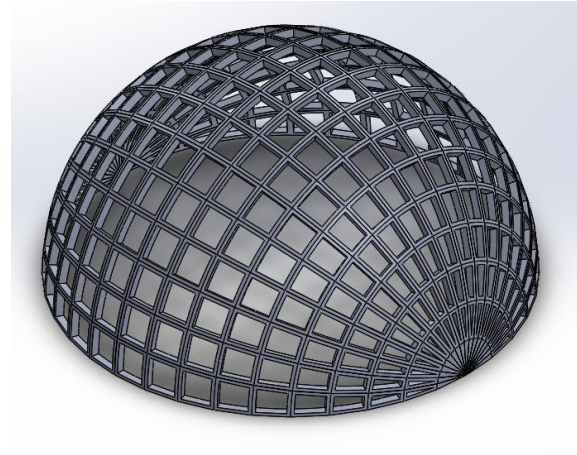


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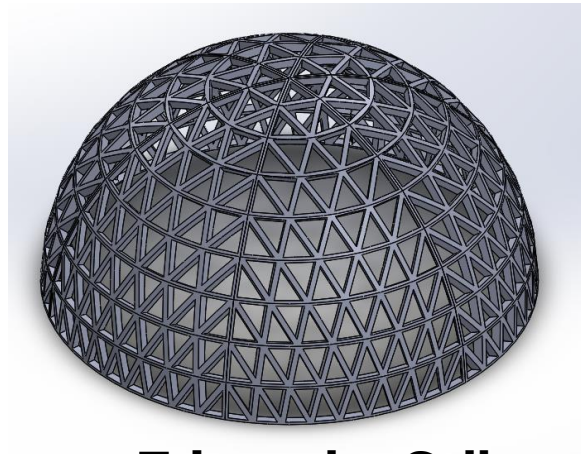
- **Honeycomb**



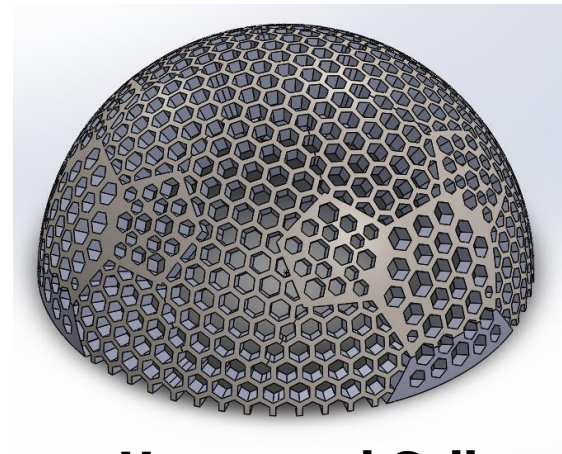
**Circular Cell**



**Rectangular Cell**



**Triangular Cell**



**Hexagonal Cell**



# Core material



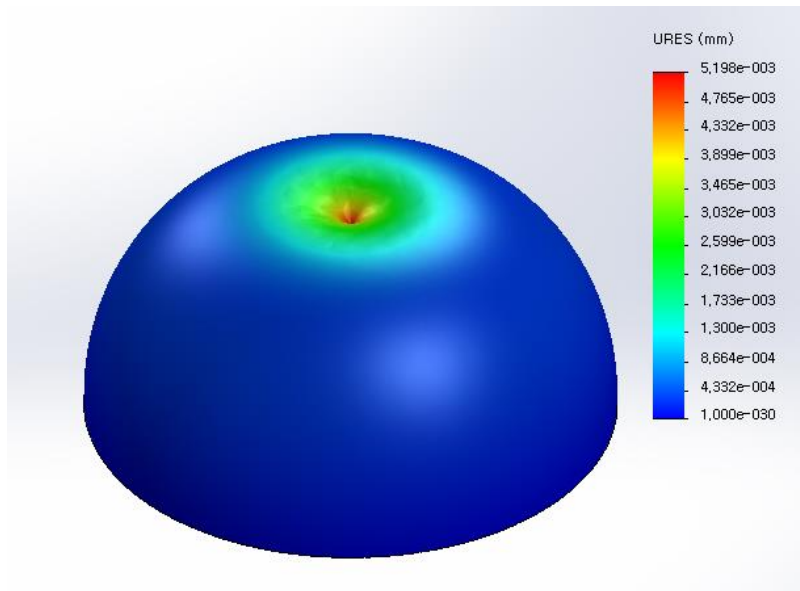
- **Honeycomb**



# Core material



- **Honeycomb**
  - **Compare Theoretical Result to Experimental Result**

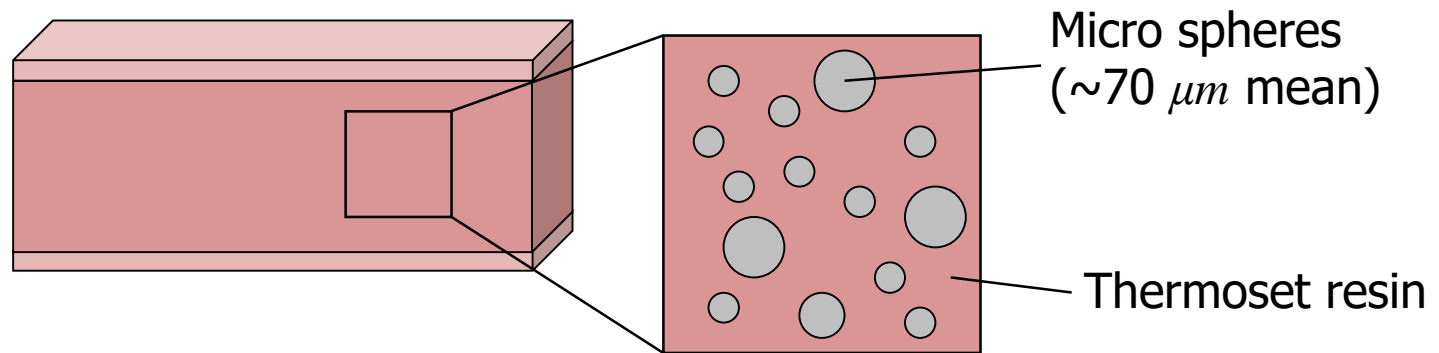


**Simulation result VS Actual Test**

# Core material

- Advantages

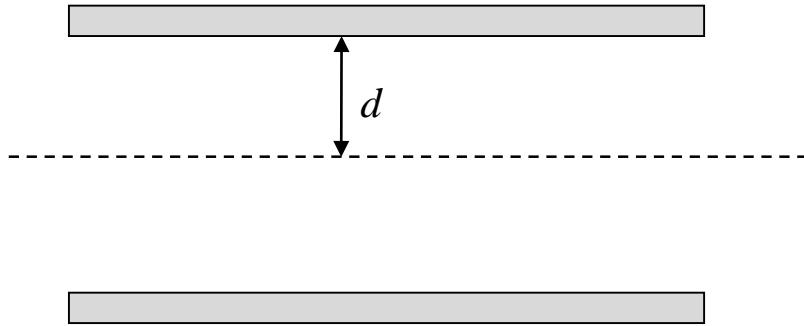
- Continuous support to the face sheet
- No moisture ingress problems
- High compressive, transverse tensile & lateral strength



- Foam

- Sponge-like material – resin
- $\rho \sim (2-10 \text{ lb} / \text{ft}^3) \sim 2.51 \text{ kg} / \text{m}^3$

# Benefit of core



$$A_{ij}' = A_{ij}$$

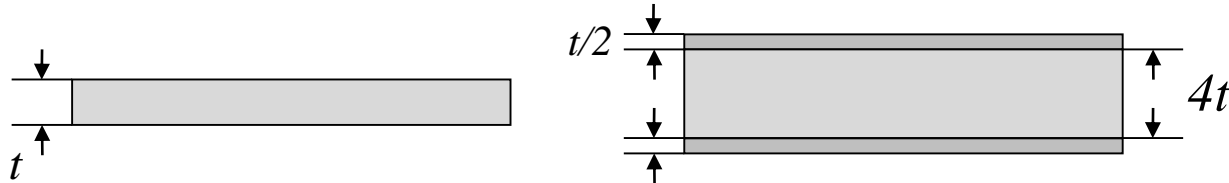
$$B_{ij}' = B_{ij} + d A_{ij}$$

$$D_{ij}' = D_{ij} + 2d B_{ij} + d^2 A_{ij}$$

→ Increased bending stiffness

$$N_i' = N_i$$

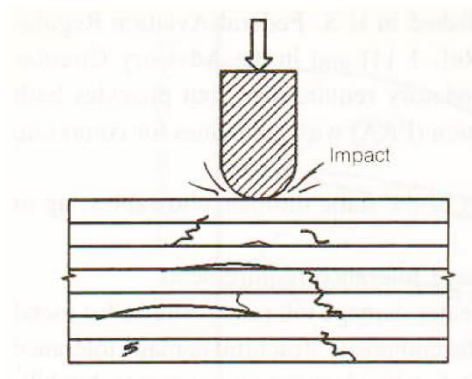
$$M_i' = M_i + d N_i$$



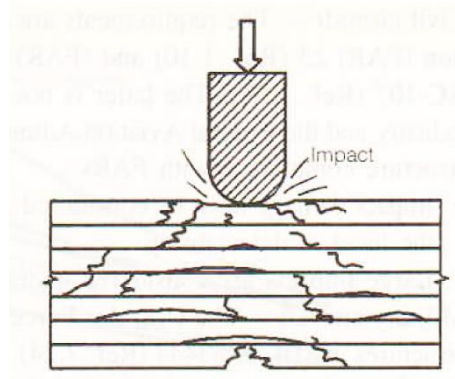
	Solid	Sandwich
Stiffness	1	37
Strength	1	9
Weight	1	1.06

# Damage type

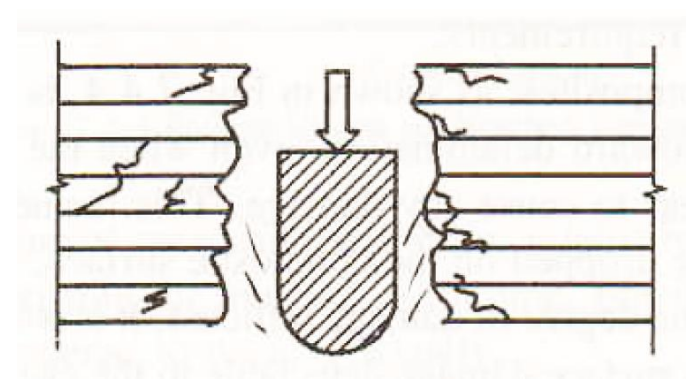
## Types of damage



(a) Undetectable damage

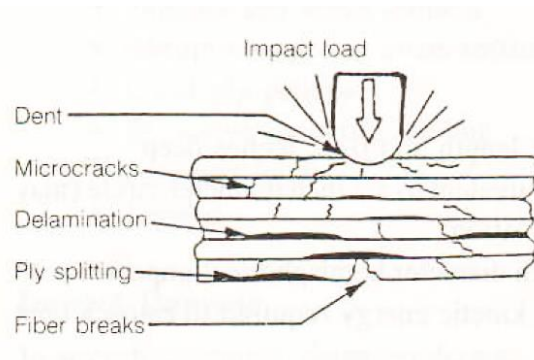


(b) Detectable damage

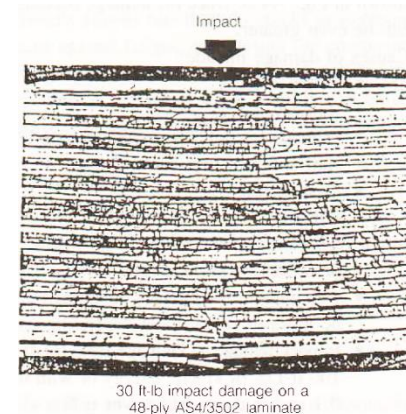


(c) Penetration damage

## Delamination after impact



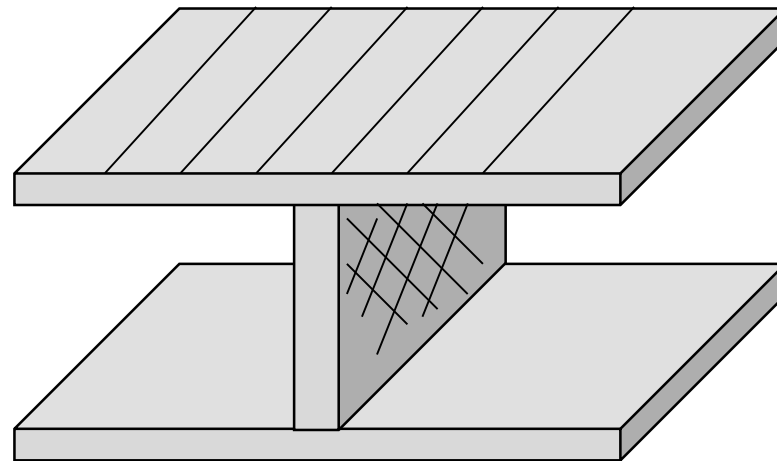
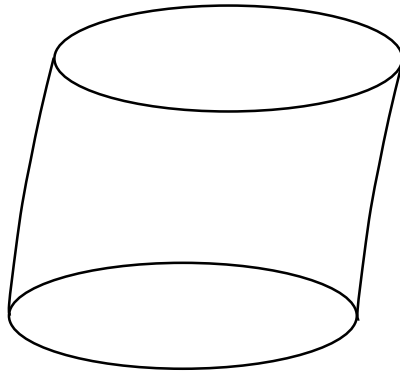
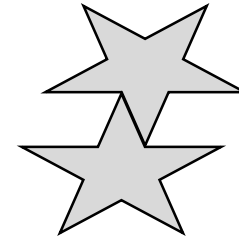
(a) Delamination and microcracks under dent



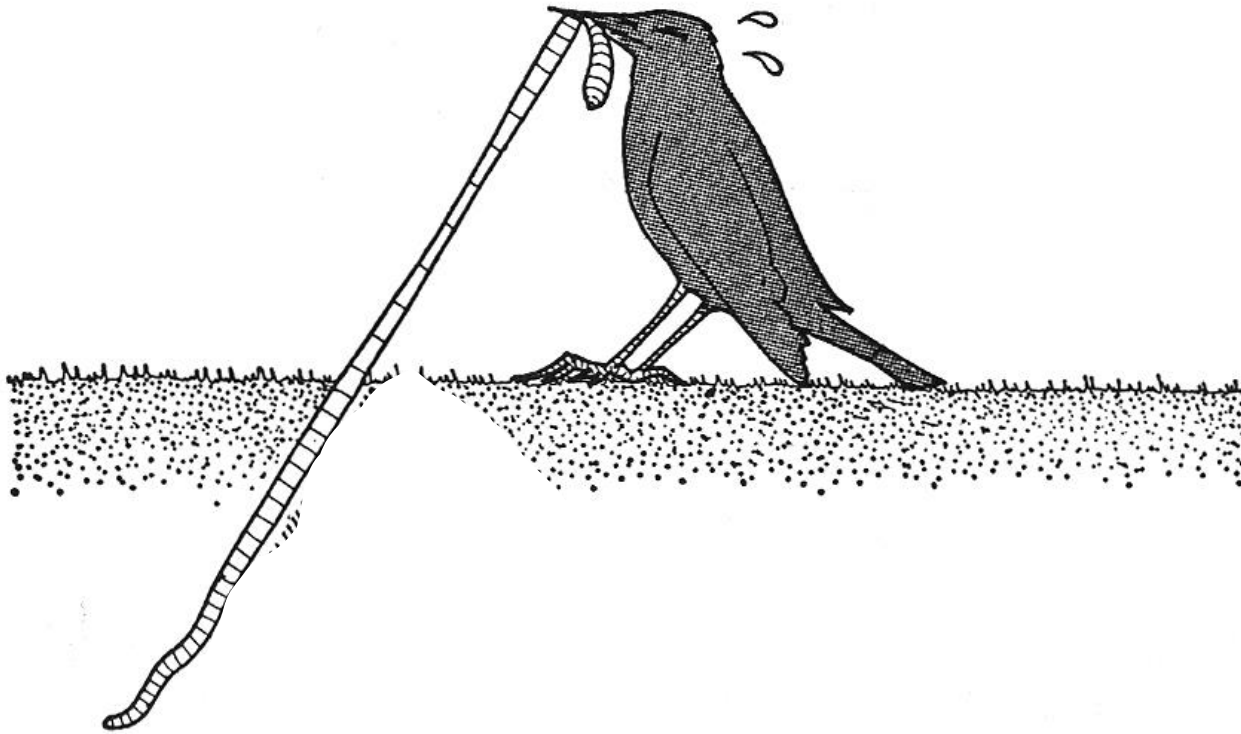
(b) Enlarged view

# Issues

- **Water ingression**
- **Directional properties of cone → Starcell plate bending**
- **Space craft - perforated**

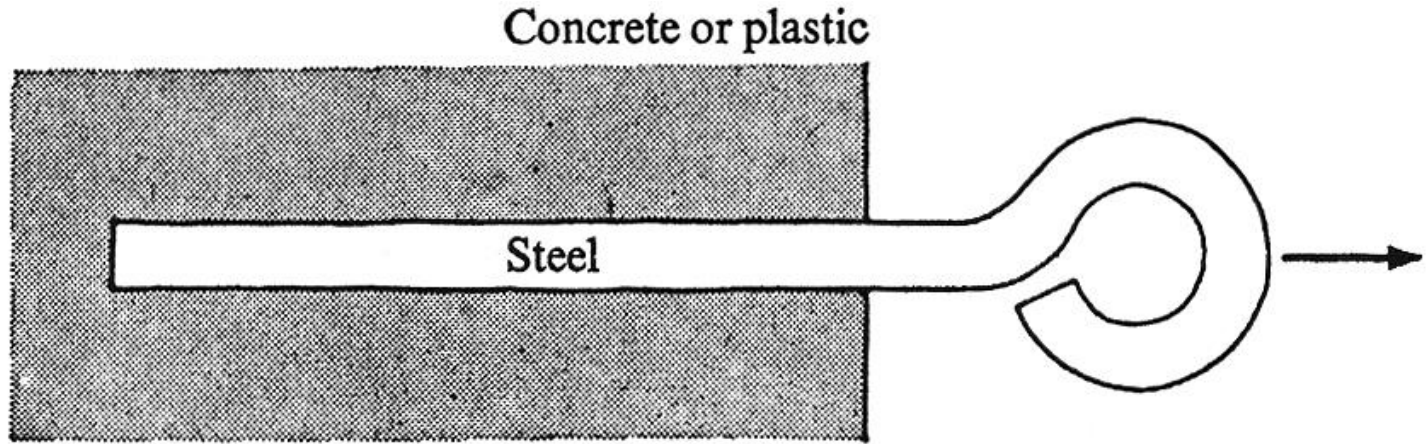


# Joint



*Figure 6.*

# Joint





# Joint



- **Mechanical joint**

- Bearing  
Shear out  
Tension }
  - Reduced load carrying material
  - Stress concentration
- Strength of joint → 20-50 % of laminate strength
- Near optimum layup:  $[0/\pm 45/0]_s$  or  $[0/45/90/-45]_s$

# Joint



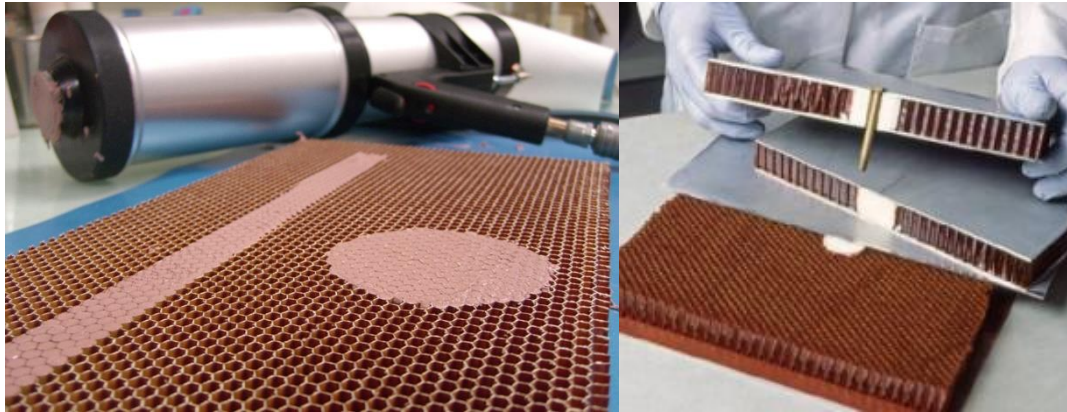
- **Adhesive bonded joint**

- Analysis
  - Volkersen (1938)
  - Hart-Smith (1970's)
- Load transfer by shear
- Minimize stress concentration – scarf, and stepped joint
- Surface treatment
- Do not use  $90^\circ$  plies on the outer surface  $\rightarrow$  use  $\pm 45^\circ$
- Better fatigue performance

- **Review paper by Gleich *et al.***

- Comparison of mechanical & adhesive joints
- *Cf.* bonded and fastened

# Structural joint of Composite/Metal



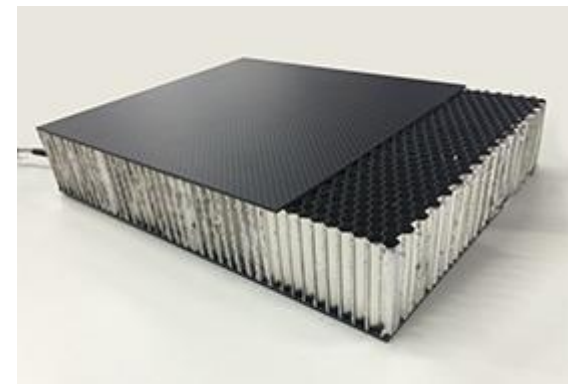
Bonding of honeycomb reinforcement



Bolt joint of metal to CFRP

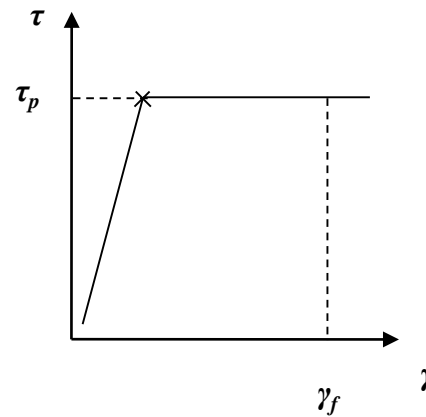
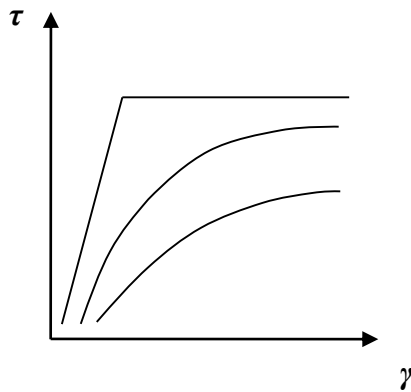
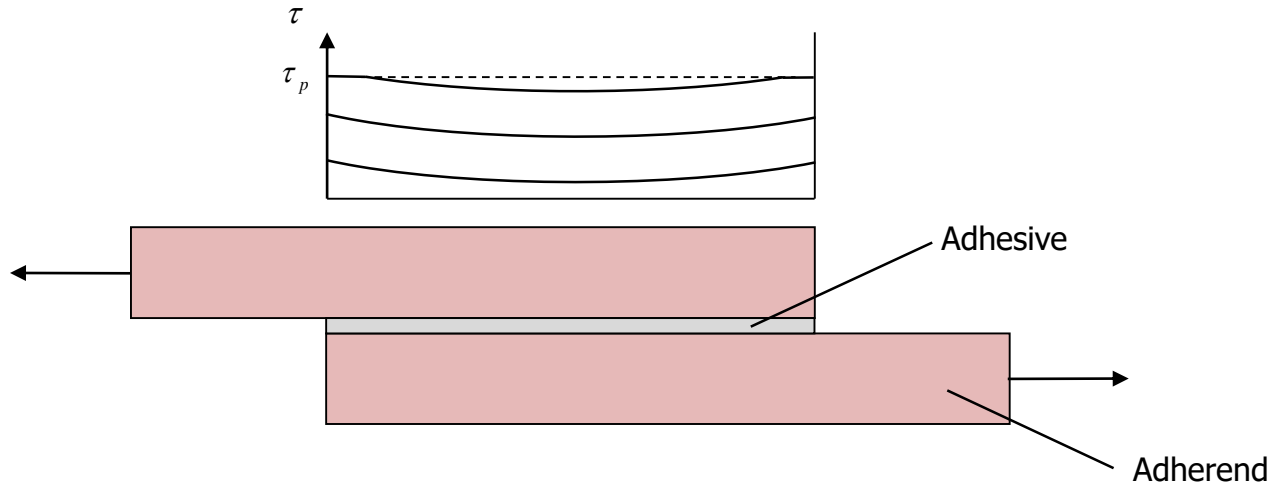


Bonding different materials Al/SAF/CFRP



Bonding different materials  
CFRP/SAF/Al honeycomb/SAF/CFRP

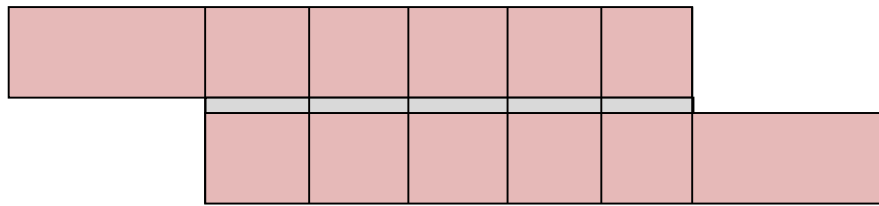
# Stress analysis of bonded joint



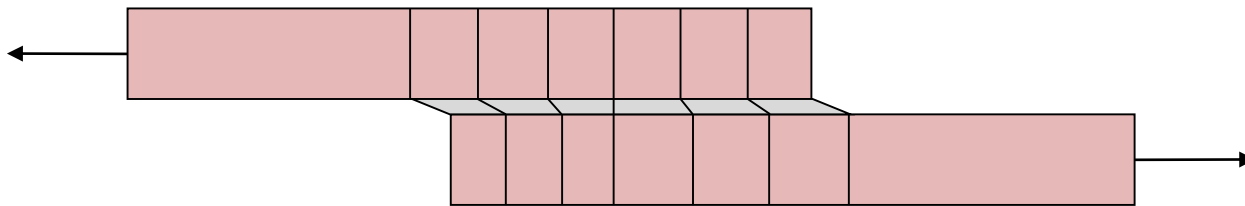
# Stress analysis of bonded joint



- In terms of displacement

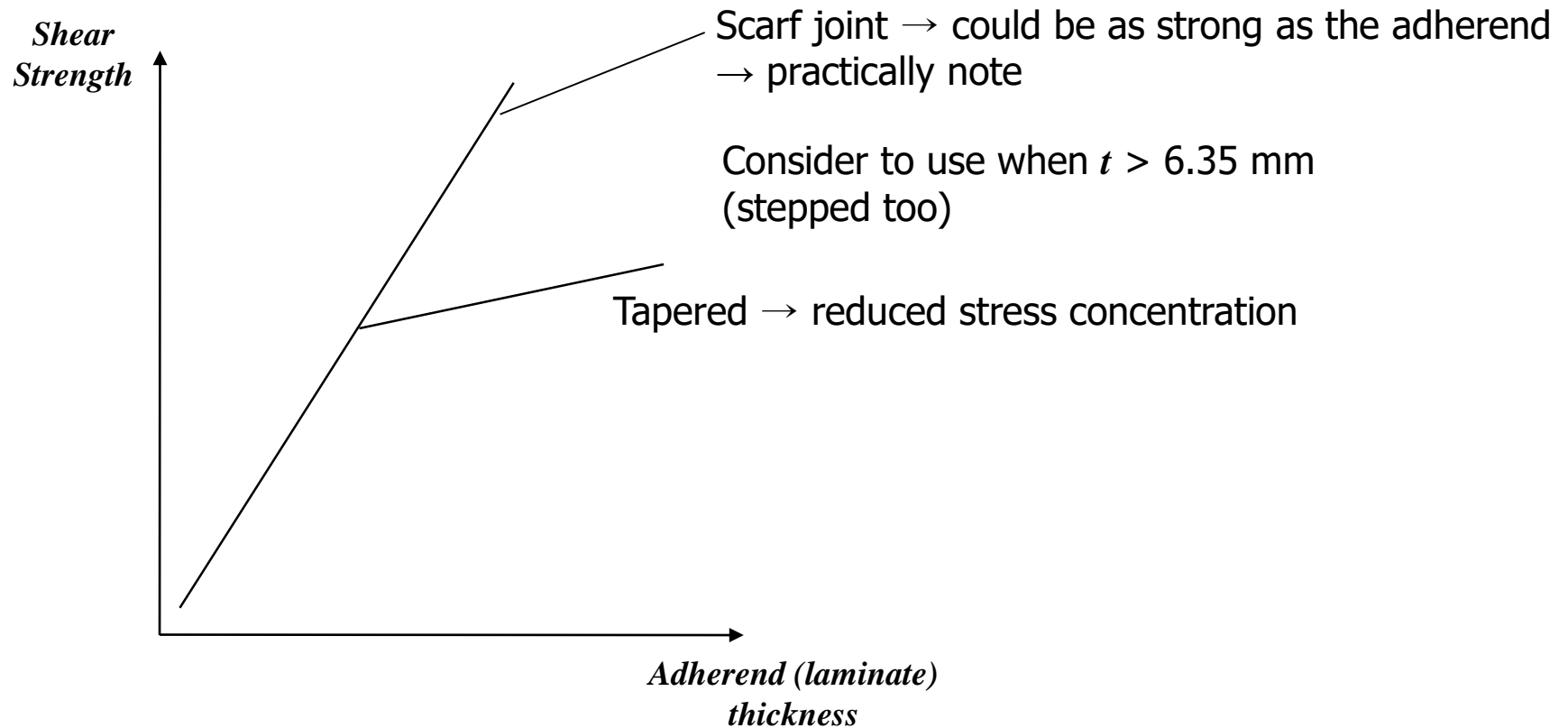


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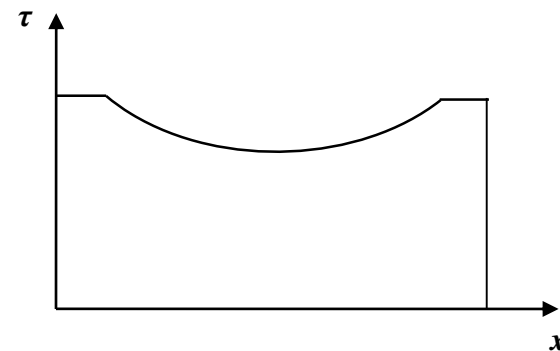
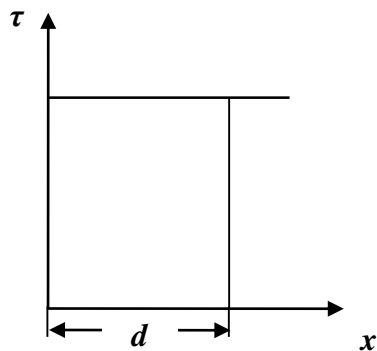
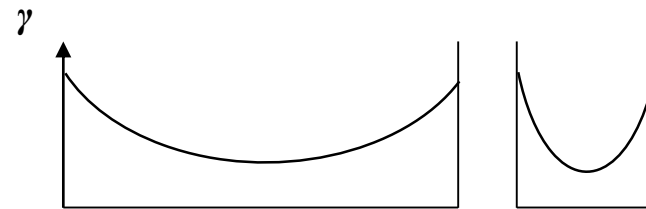
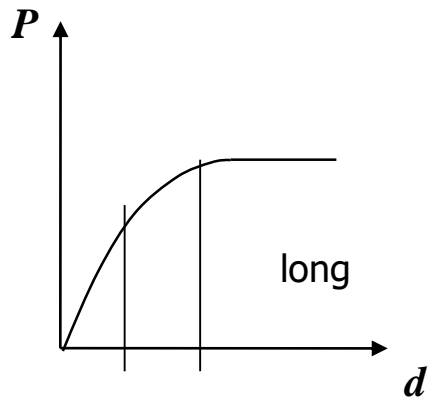
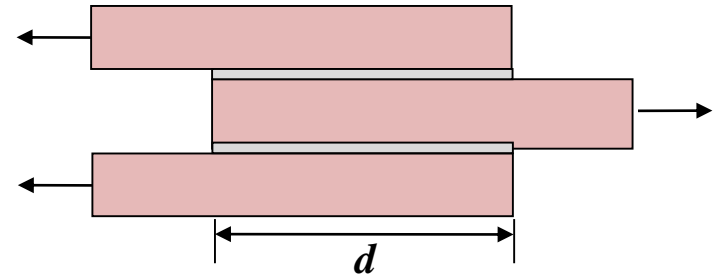
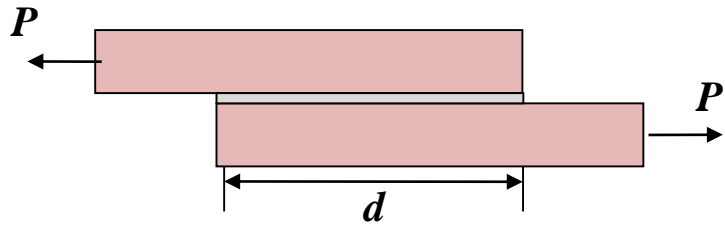


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# Failure modes



# Effect of length of joint

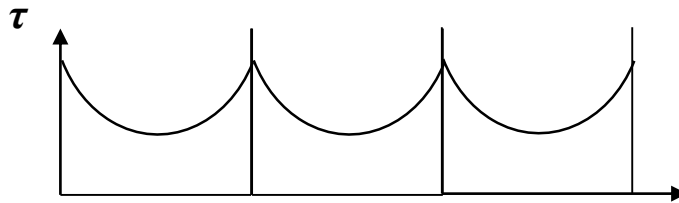
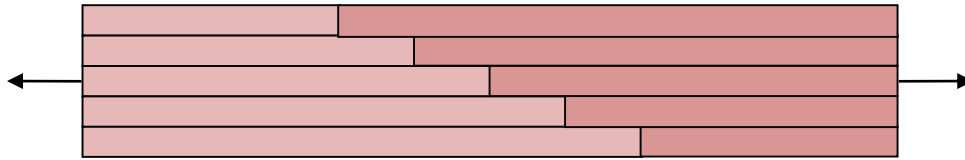


Short joint

Long joint

# Stepped lap joint

- Extensively used to join CFRP & titanium



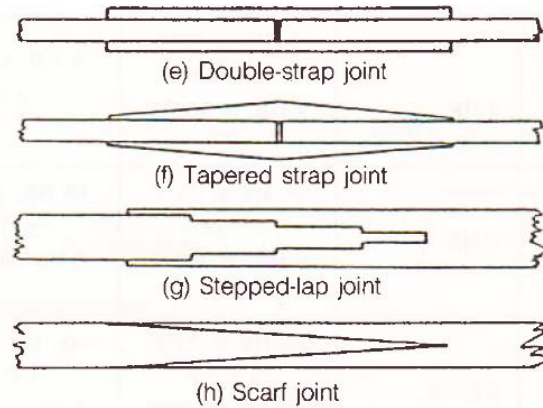
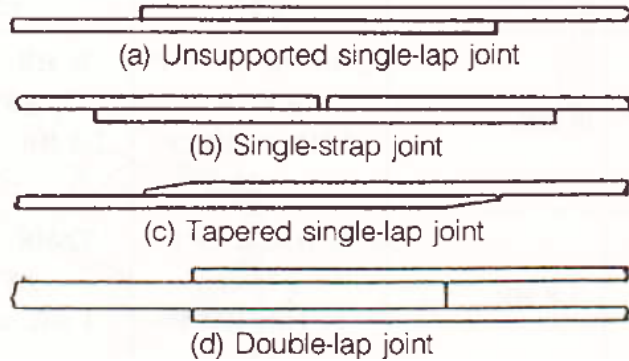
← Composite affects stress profile



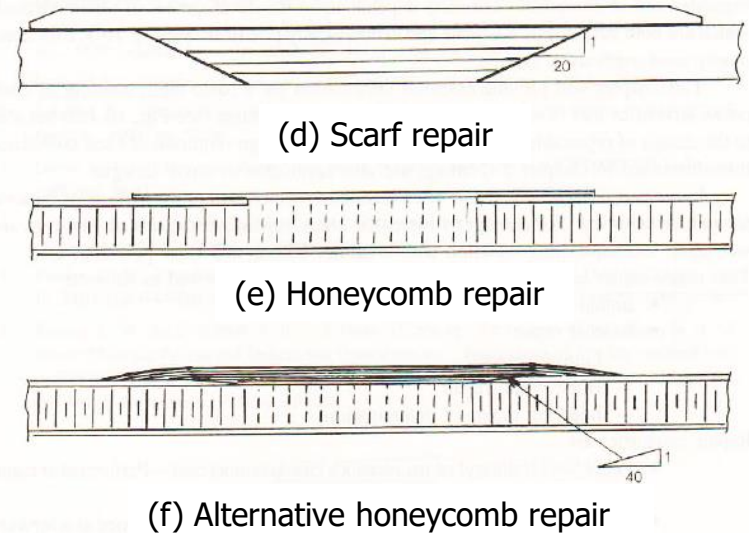
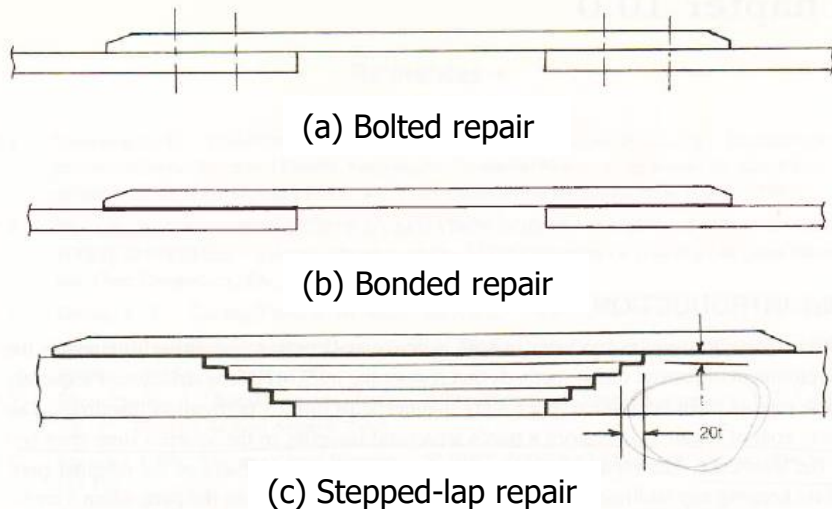
# Joint and Repair



## Joint type



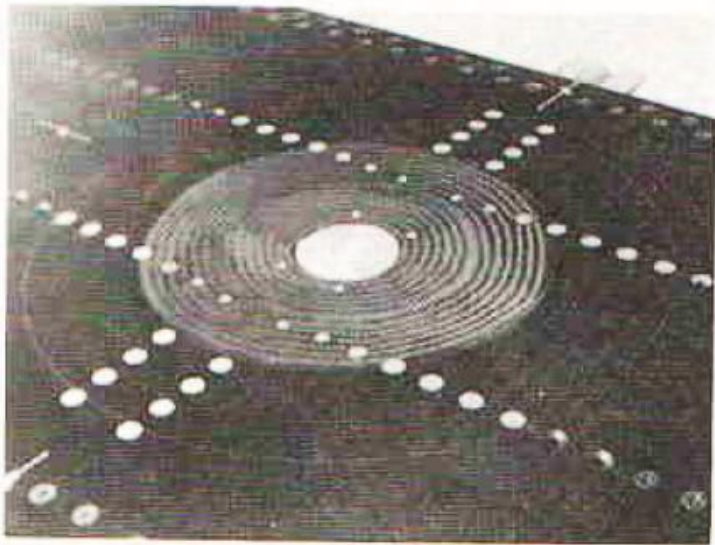
## Repair type



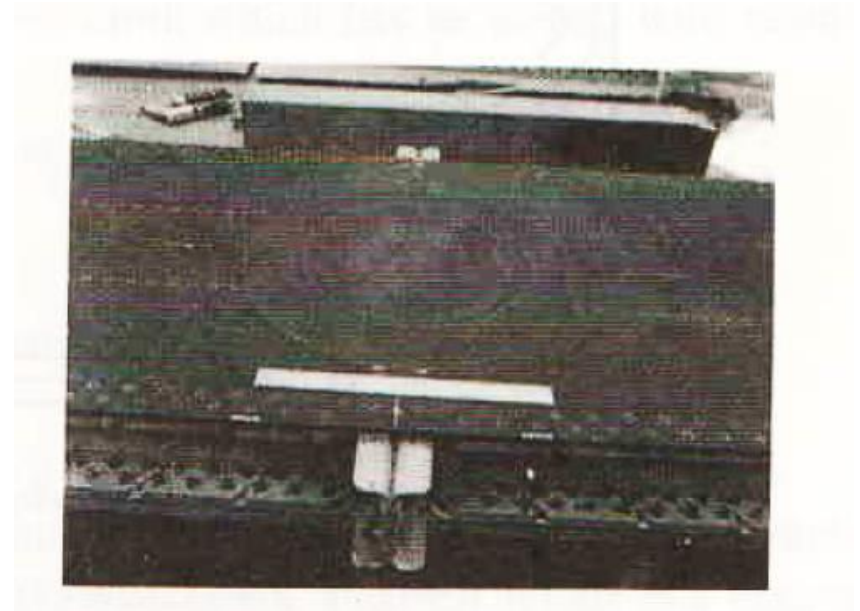
# Joint and Repair



- **Flush repair**



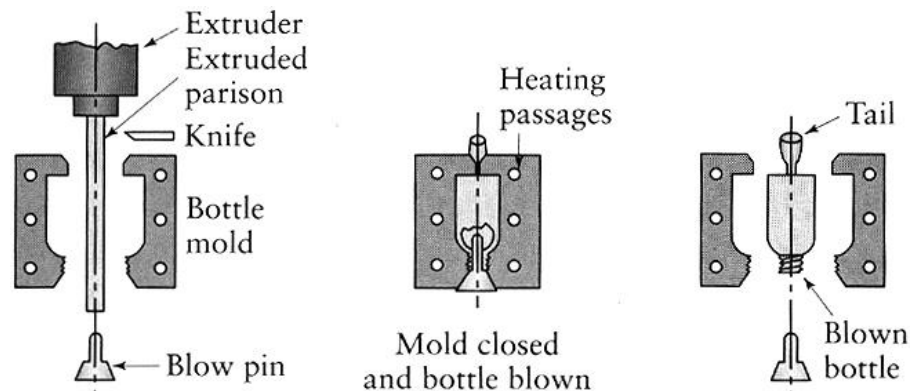
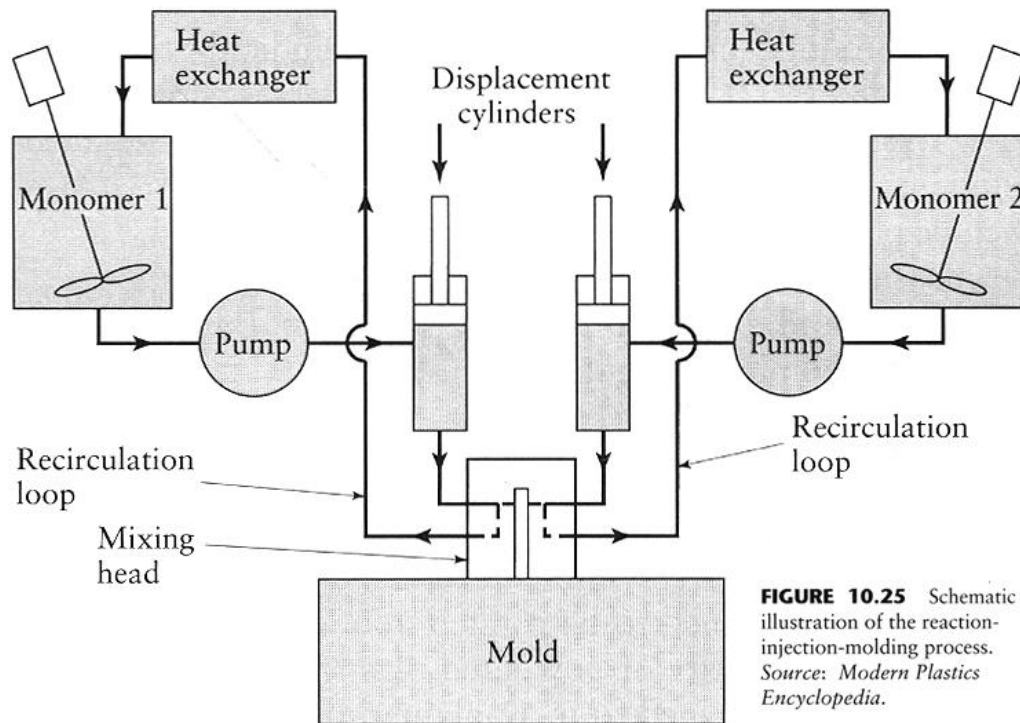
(a) Remove damaged material



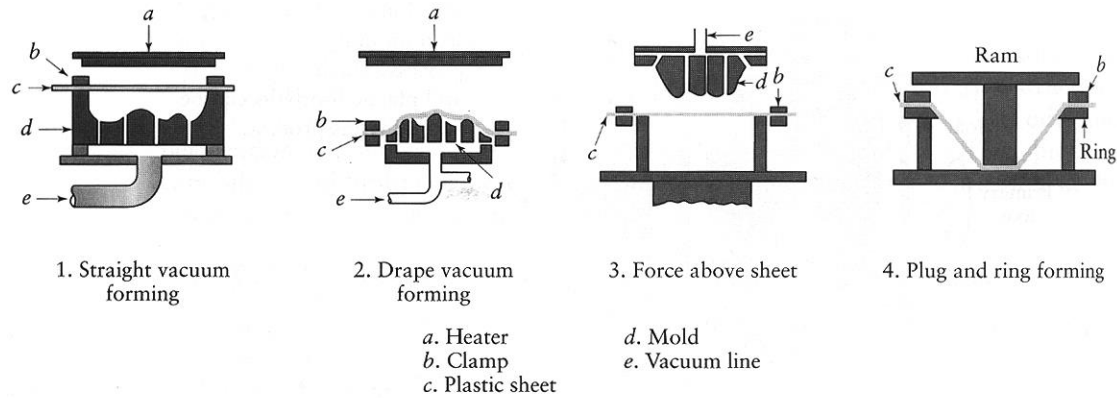
(b) Flush repaired panel

Typical flush repair (Scarf)

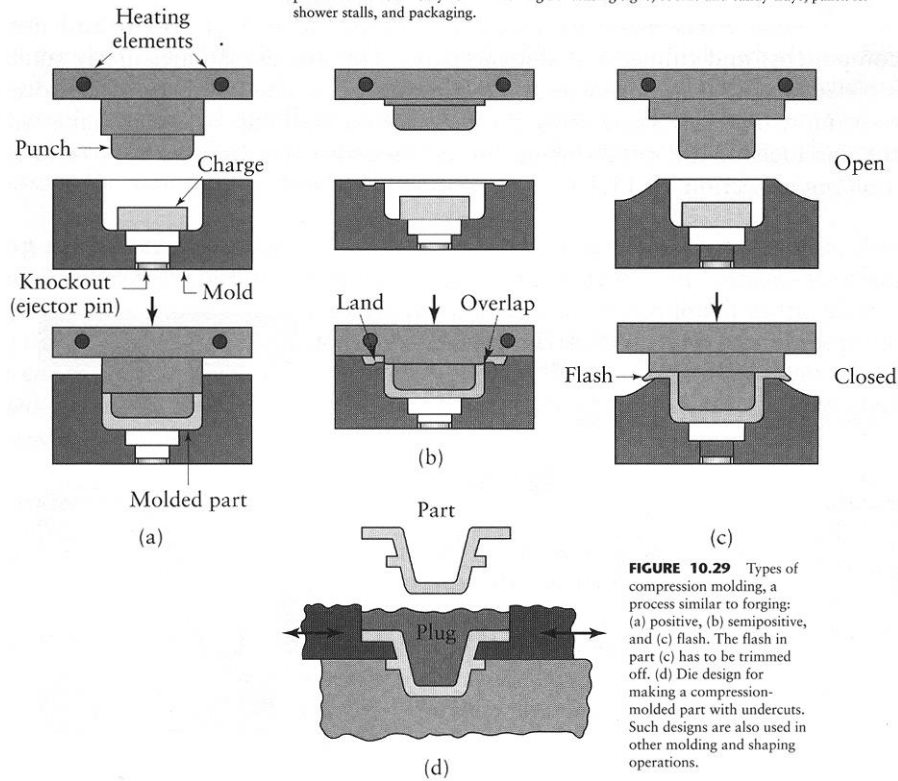
# Reaction-injection molding / Blow molding



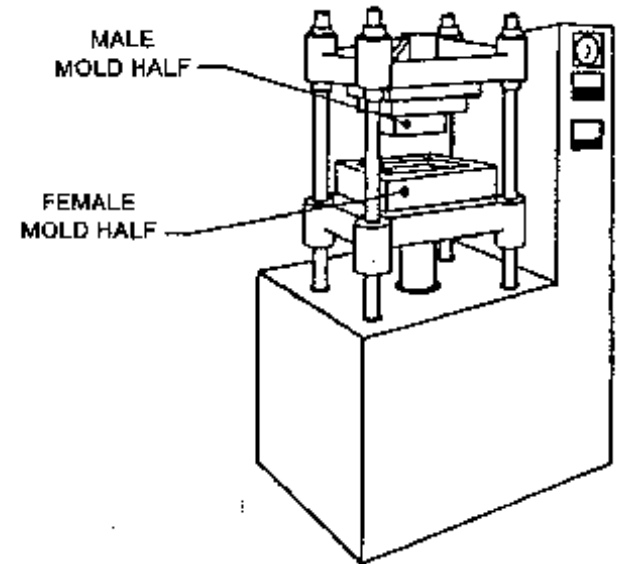
# Thermoforming / Compression molding



**FIGURE 10.28** Various thermoforming processes for thermoplastic sheet. These processes are commonly used in making advertising signs, cookie and candy trays, panels for shower stalls, and packaging.

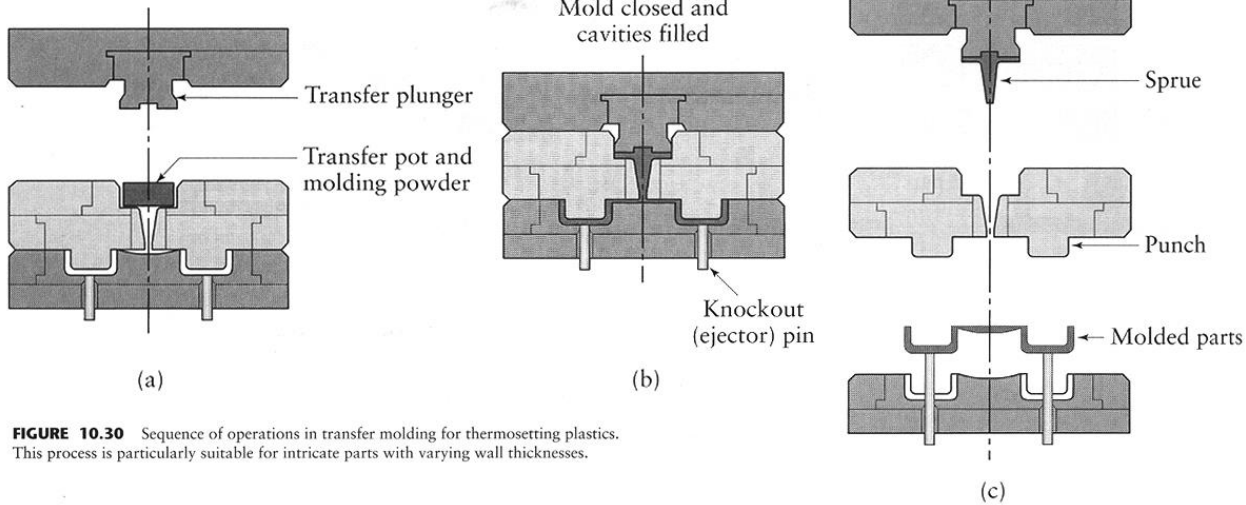


**FIGURE 10.29** Types of compression molding, a process similar to forging: (a) positive, (b) semipositive, and (c) flash. The flash in part (c) has to be trimmed off. (d) Die design for making a compression-molded part with undercuts. Such designs are also used in other molding and shaping operations.

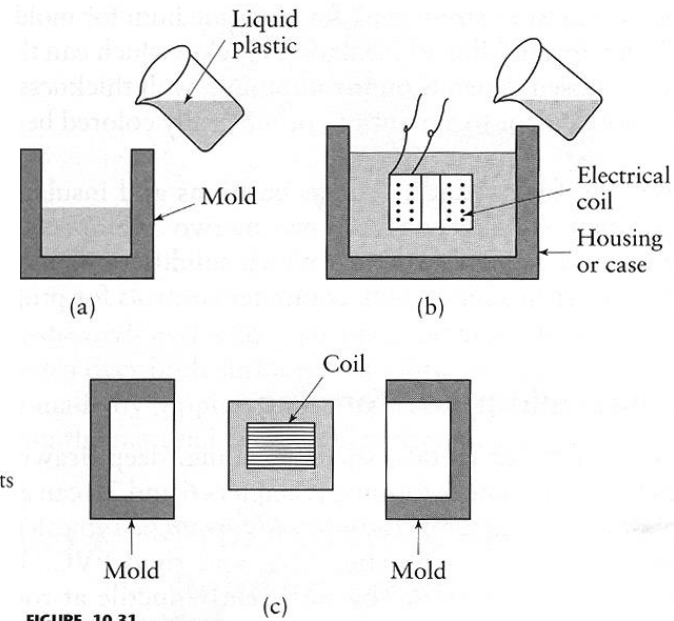


**FIGURE 11** Matched-die (compression) molding.

# Transfer molding / Casting



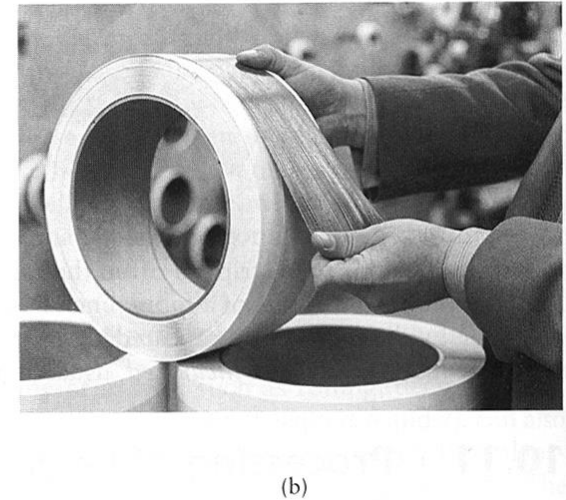
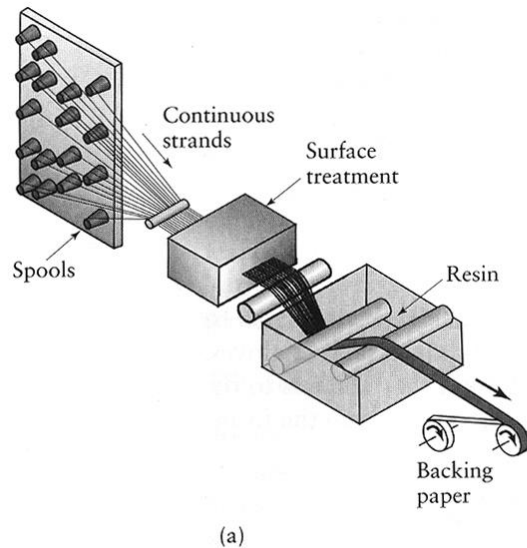
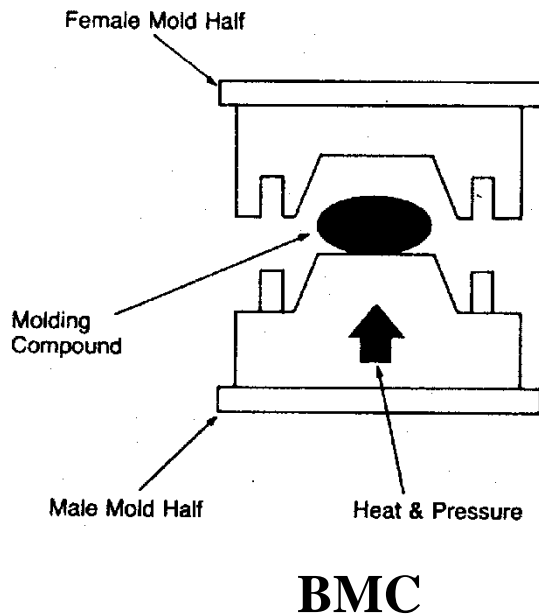
**FIGURE 10.30** Sequence of operations in transfer molding for thermosetting plastics. This process is particularly suitable for intricate parts with varying wall thicknesses.



**FIGURE 10.31** Schematic illustration of (a) casting, (b) potting, and (c) encapsulation of plastics.

# Polymer matrix reinforced plastics

- Prepregs
- Sheet-molding compound (SMC)
- Bulk-molding compound (BMC)
- Thick molding compound (TMC)



**FIGURE 10.34** (a) Manufacturing process for polymer-matrix composite. Source: T.-W. Chou, R. L. McCullough, and R. B. Pipes. (b) Boron-epoxy prepreg tape. Source: Textron Systems.

# Manufacturing of polymer matrix reinforced plastics

## ■ Molding

- Compression molding
- Vacuum-bag molding
  - Autoclave
- Contact molding
  - Hand lay-up
- Resin transfer molding
- Injection molding

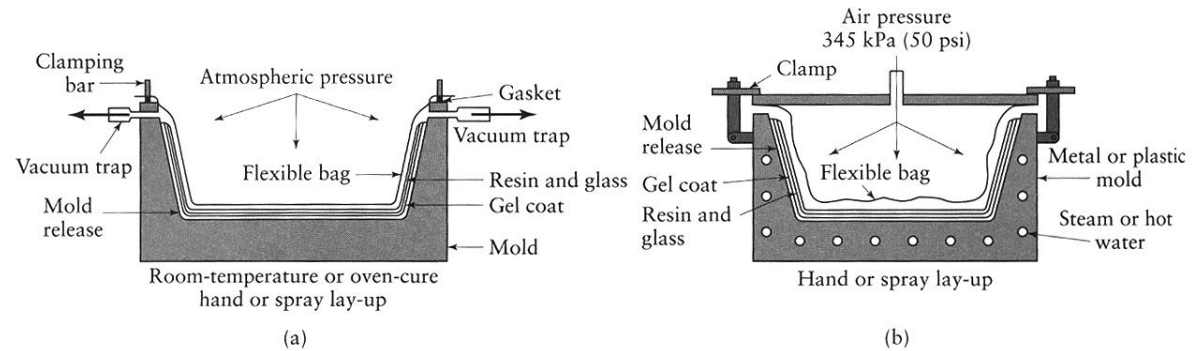
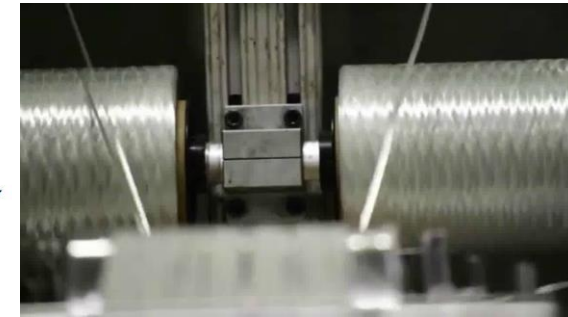
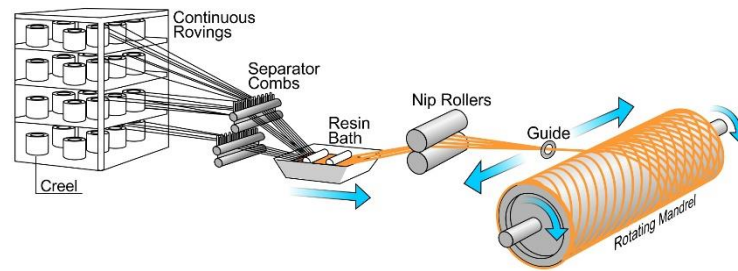


FIGURE 10.36 (a) Vacuum-bag forming. (b) Pressure-bag forming. Source: T. H. Meister.

## ■ Filament winding



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## ■ Pultrusion

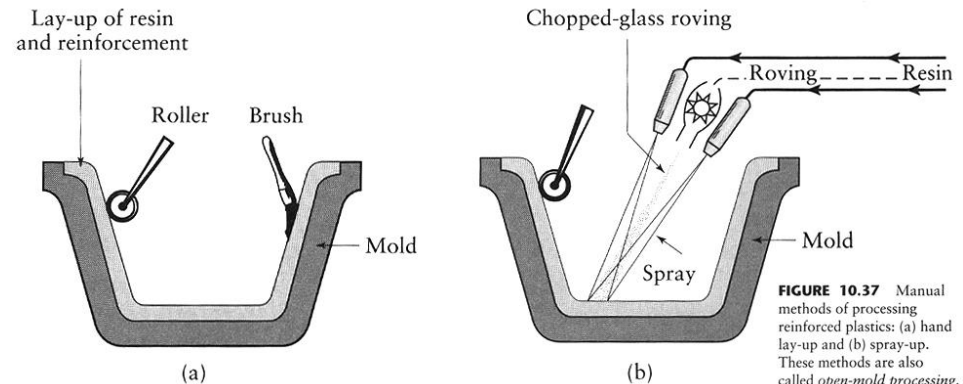
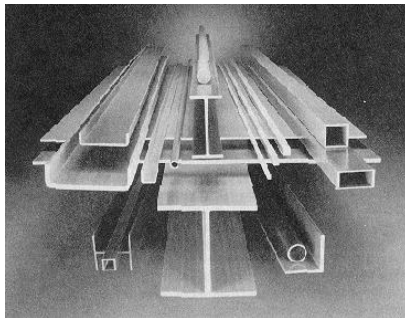
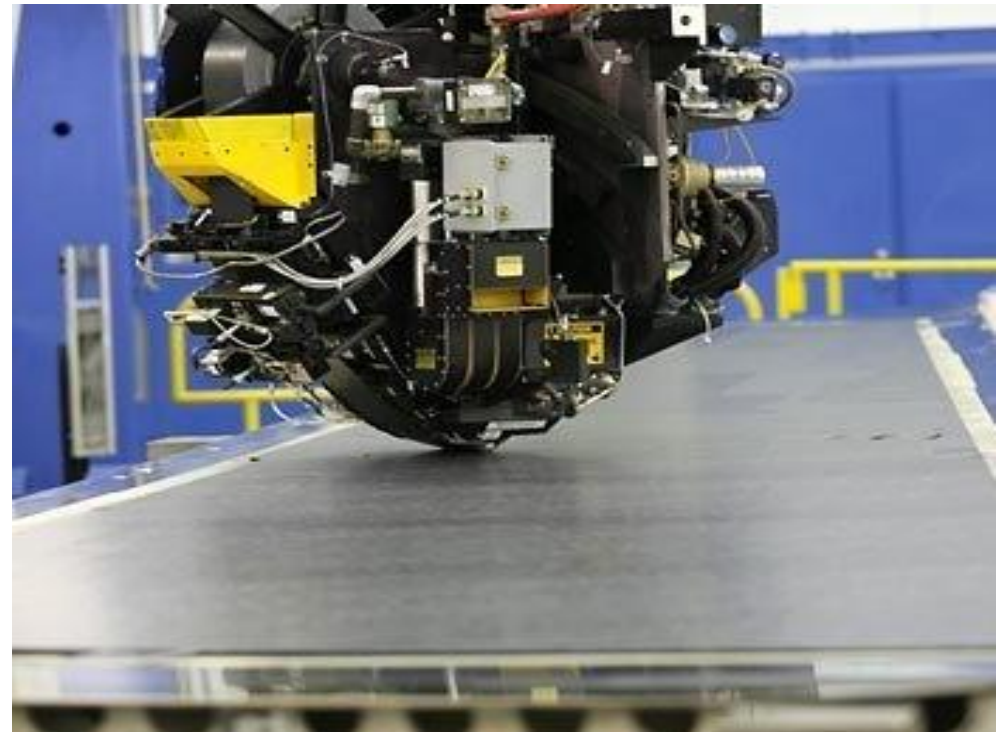
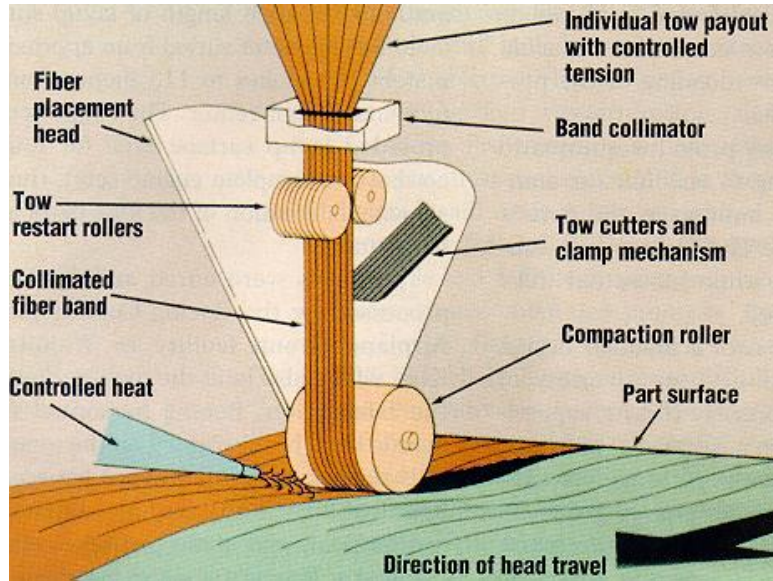


FIGURE 10.37 Manual methods of processing reinforced plastics: (a) hand lay-up and (b) spray-up. These methods are also called open-mold processing.

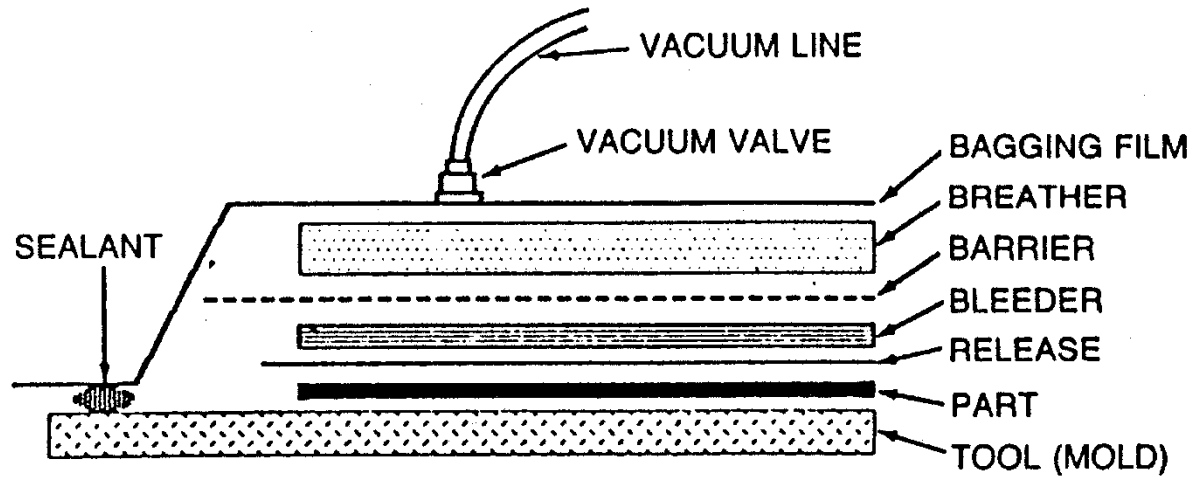
# Automatic tape lay-up



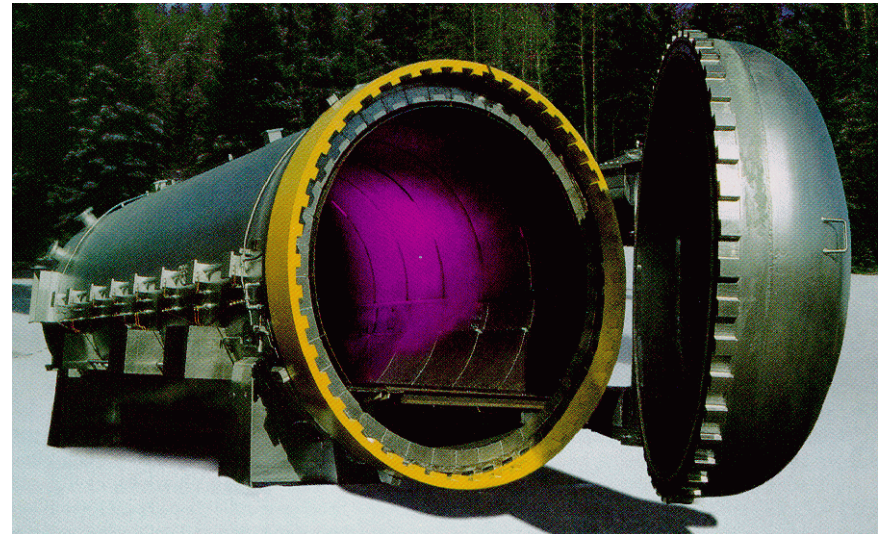
**Automated Composite Layup & Spray Up**  
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# Vacuum bag molding / Autoclave

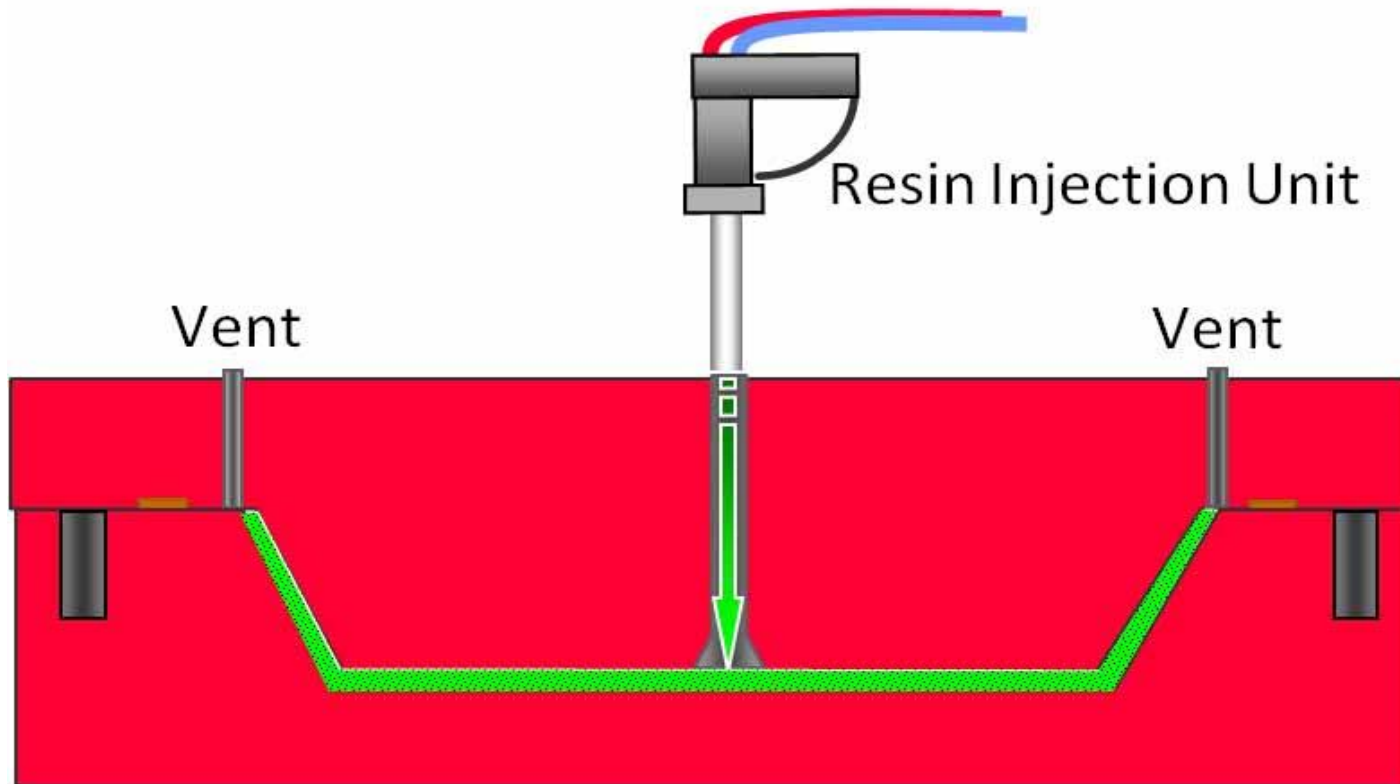


**FIGURE 5** Vacuum bag assembly.



# Resin transfer molding (RTM) manufacturing

## Resin Transfer Molding



Resin Transfer Moulding

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# 3D-Printed electric production car



**Plastic / Carbon Fiber pellets used to print 3-D Car, Local Motors**

Roughly **75 percent** of the LM3D Swim will be 3D printed, including the body panels and chassis, using some sort of composite ABS plastic/carbon fiber material that's yet to be finalized. Eventually, Local Motors hopes to be printing as much as 90 percent of the car.