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*Thermoplastic composites for automotive :
a complete solution from design (QSD[®]),
optimized manufacturing (QSP[®]),
until recycling (ThermoPRIME[®] et Thermosaïc[®])*

Cetim, the Technical Centre for Mechanical Industry

established in 1965 to improve companies' competitiveness

- 
- ▶ **1st French research institute in mechanical engineering**
 - ▶ **Main technology partner for Industry 4.0 roll out**

Mechanical engineering

Test laboratory, consulting and support

Advanced manufacturing solutions and services

Transfer and industrialization of innovations

Main locations

Multidisciplinary facilities
to support international mechanical
industry...

Main figures

- ▶ 1,100 employees
- ▶ 70% Engineers
- ▶ 147 M€ turn over



Addressing more than 4 000 annual clients worldwide



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Quilted Stratum Process® (QSP®) : an innovative concept

Design optimized, the right material at the right place :

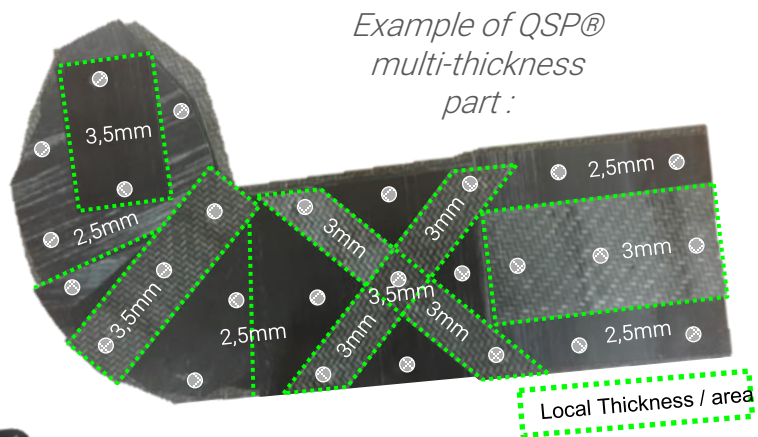
- ✓ Multi-thickness parts
- ✓ Multi-orientation parts
- ✓ Multi-material parts

Netshape final parts for more added value :

- ✓ Global integration from raw material to final parts
- ✓ Low material scraps
- ✓ Assembly & functions integration

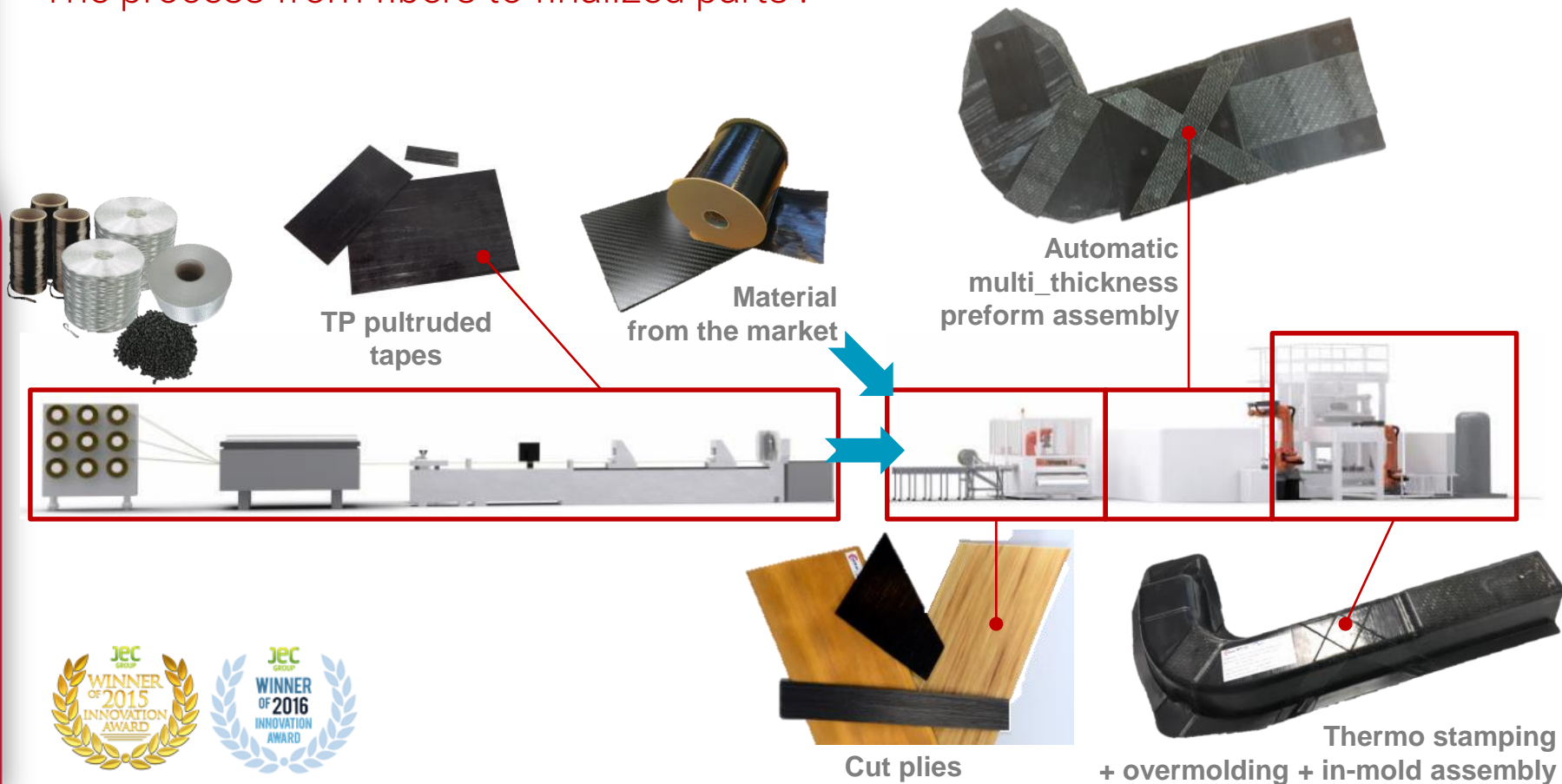
Production performance :

- ✓ Full automated cell from preform assembly to netshape part
- ✓ Short cycle time (40 to 120sec)
- ✓ Competitive cost

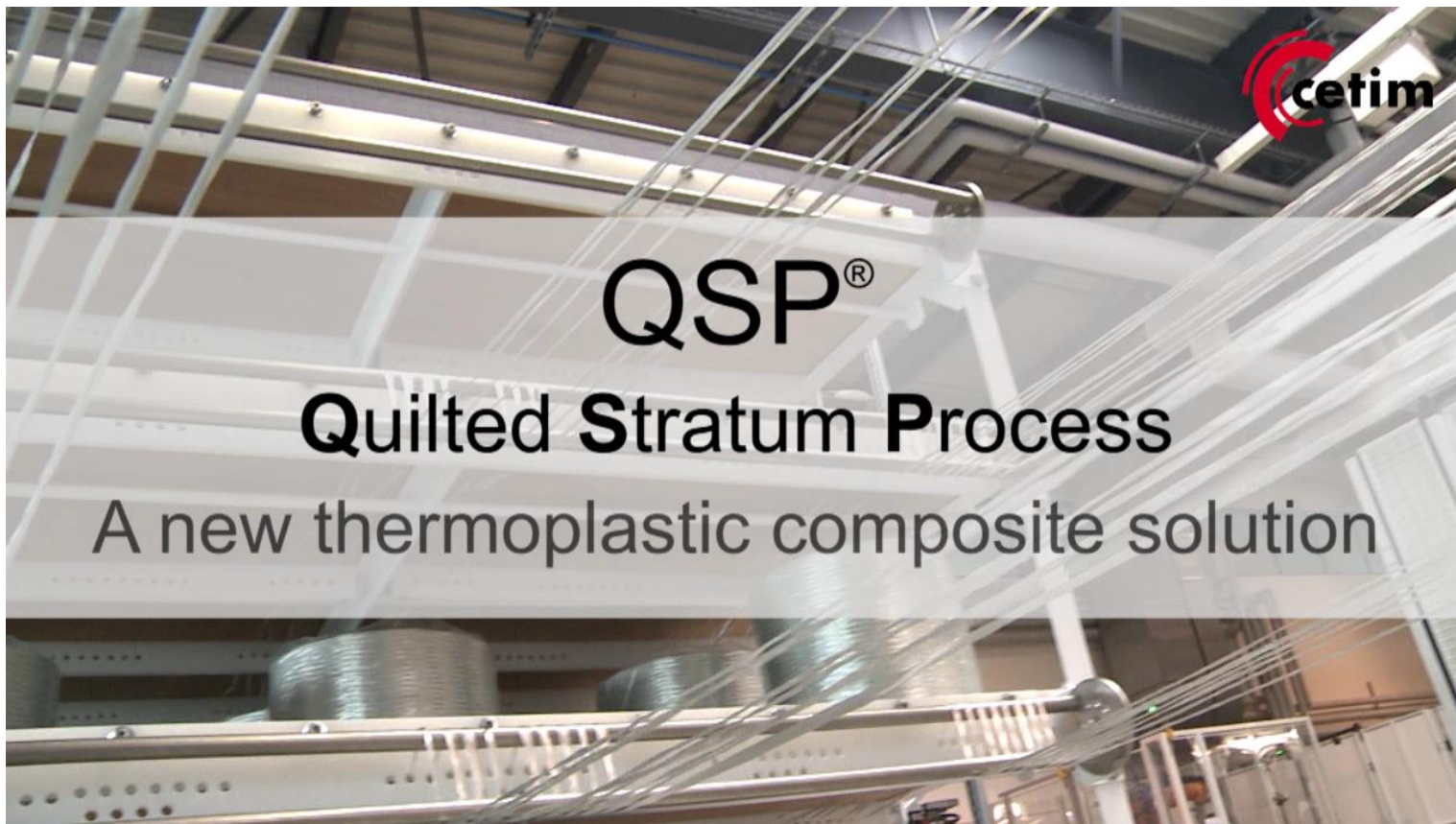


Quilted Stratum Process® (QSP®) – General view

The process from fibers to finalized parts :



Quilted Stratum Process® (QSP®) – Video of the process

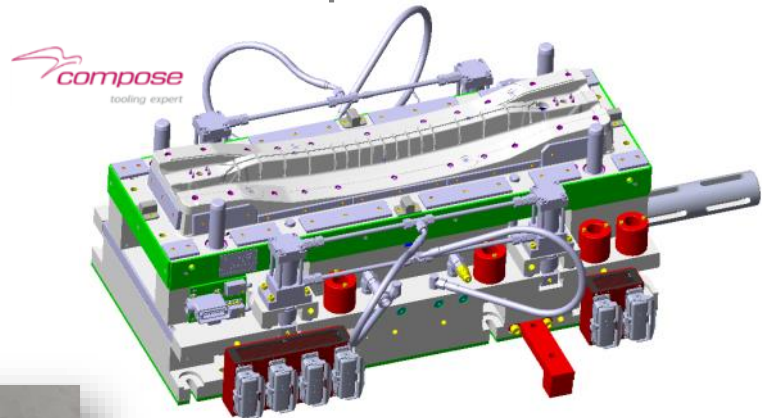


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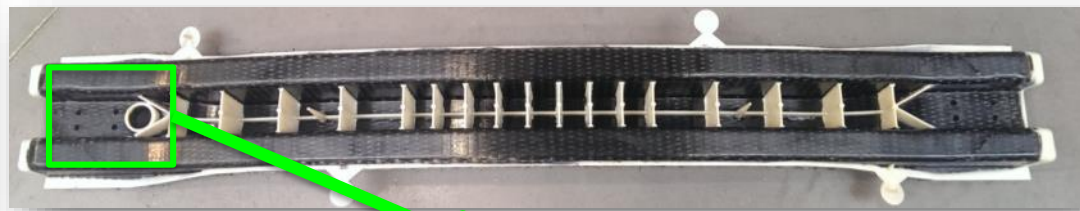
QSP® : Example of mold industrialization on a bumper beam

Mold industrialization :

- ✓ Netshape part
- ✓ Stamping + overmolding in one step
- ✓ “one-shot” in-mold assembly for more added value and more mechanical resistance

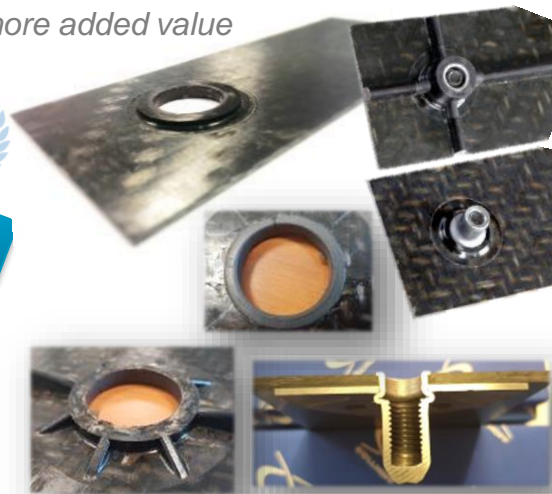
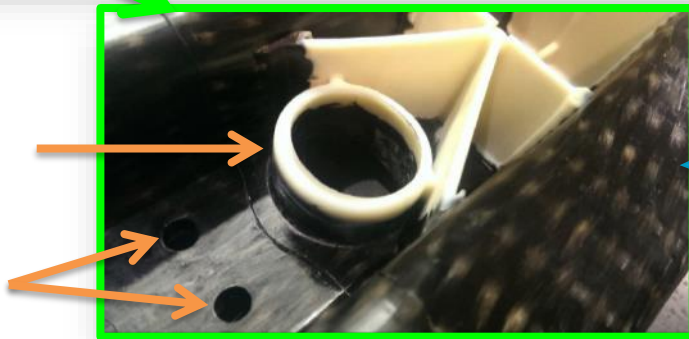


More “one-shot” in-mold solutions for more added value



Example of one-shot hole in-mold Ø 27mm overmolded **without pre-cutting**

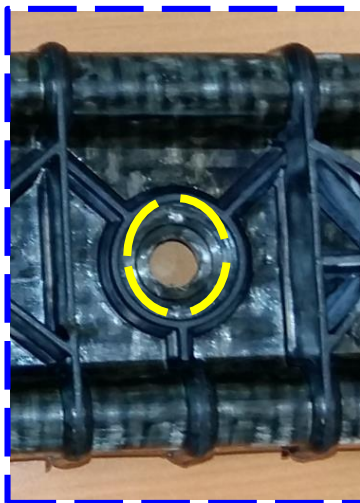
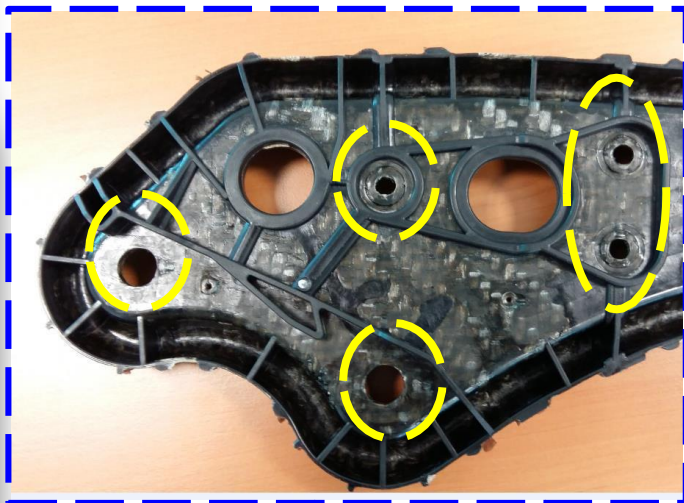
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8 one-shot holes in-mold Ø 6,9mm



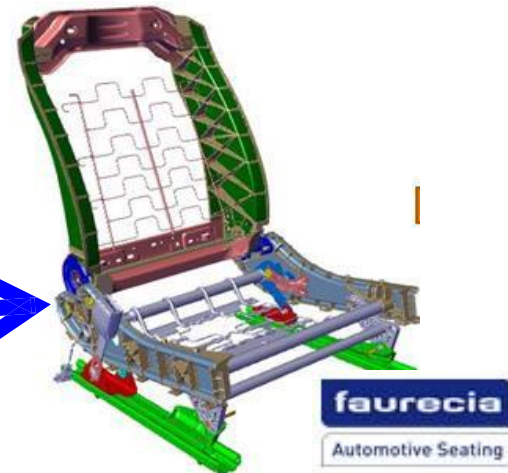
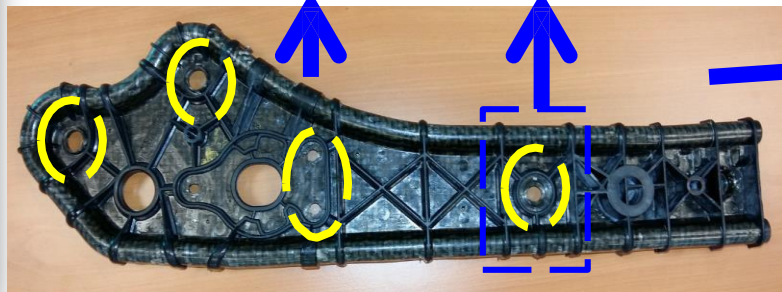
QSP[®] : part example with in-mold added value

Application of one-shot holes in mold on seat structure part (*DEMOS*)

*DEMOS project : Faurecia (leader), **CETIM**, ECM,
Mines Paristech, Lisi,, IFP, funded by ADEME
(french government)*



Hole without precutting on preform

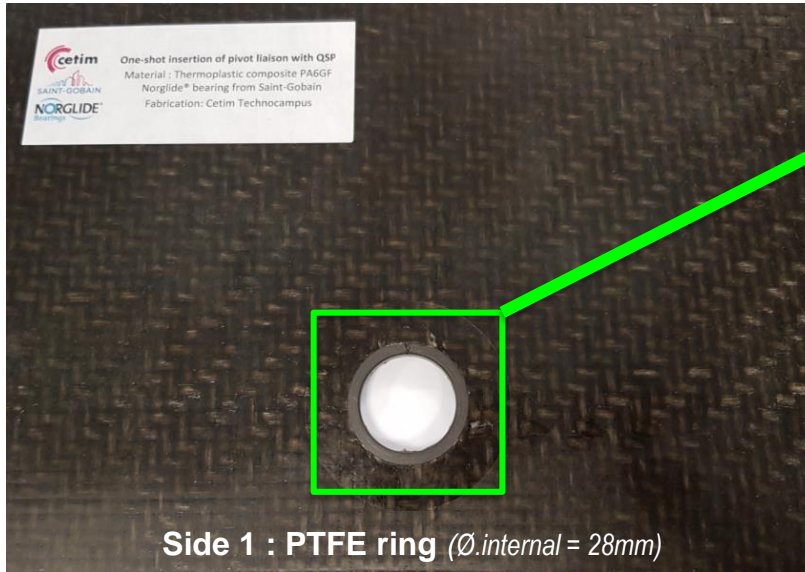


Faurecia / Cetim – JEC Conf 2016,03

QSP® : part example with in-mold added value

Application of direct insertion PTFE bearings into composite (*one-shot operation*) – SAINT-GOBAIN Bearings

- ✓ Stamping + bearing insertion + overmolding in one step
- ✓ No pre-hole needed for small diameters ($\approx < \varnothing 15\text{mm}$)
- ✓ Pre-hole for big diameters ($\approx > \varnothing 15\text{mm}$)



QSP® : New development for in-mold assembly

New IMTEC® HR designed for QSP® – *High mechanical Resistance fastener*

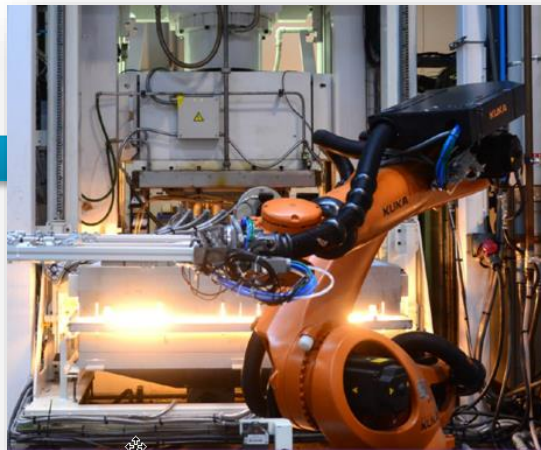
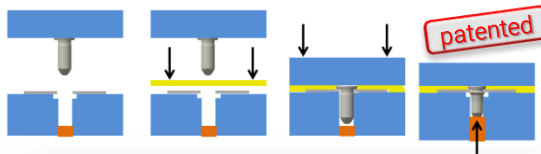
3 parts for the IMTEC® HR :

- RIVKLE®
- Metal Reinforcement
- Thermoplastic composite preform



QSP® process :

- Stamping of the organo-sheet
- In-mold assembly of the fastener



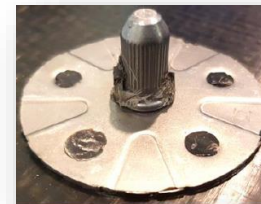
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Finished part - structural application :

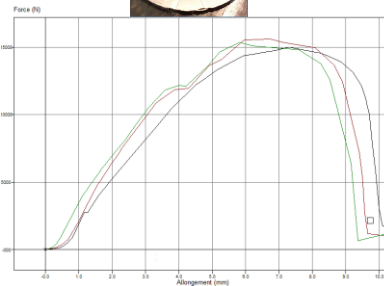
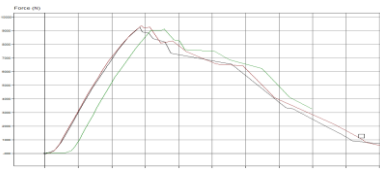
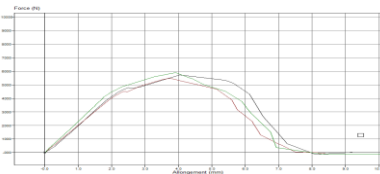
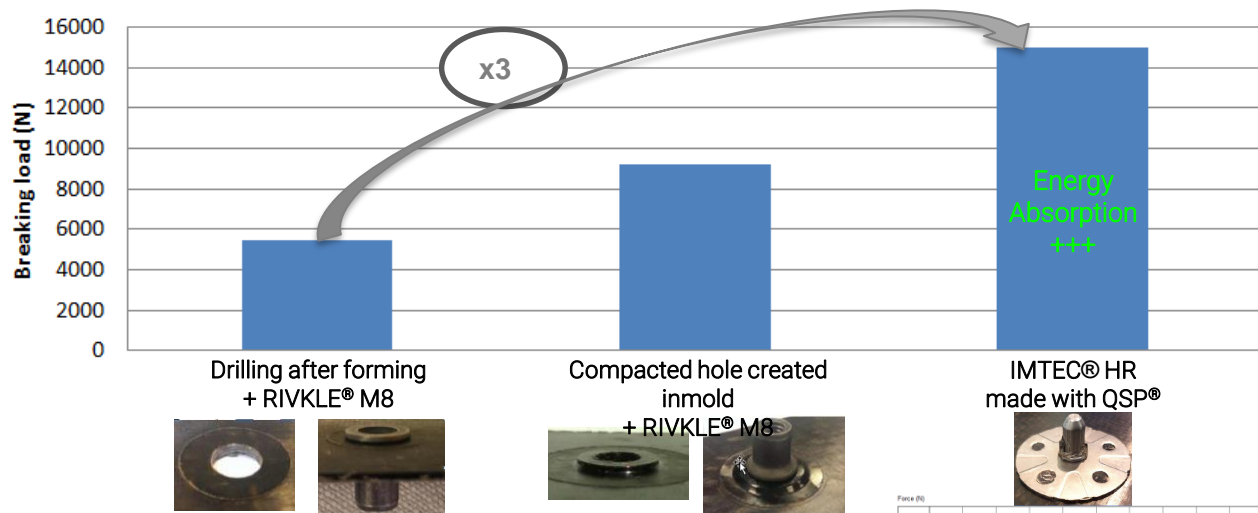
- Netshape part
- Full integration in QSP® of IMTEC® HR



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New **IMTEC® HR** designed for QSP® – *High mechanical Resistance fastener*

Pull out tests



M8 thread – flange Ø60 – Hole for tests: Ø35mm

General Key Benefits of QSP®

Design optimization with QSD® :

- ✓ Freedom in material choice (*Mix UD tapes, laminates...*)
- ✓ Multi-materials design (*local integration of carbon patches, overmolding short fibers...*)
- ✓ 0% scrap design possible

Weight reduction with QSP® :

- ✓ **Reduction up to 25%** of composite use compared to mono-thickness part

Process optimization with QSP® :

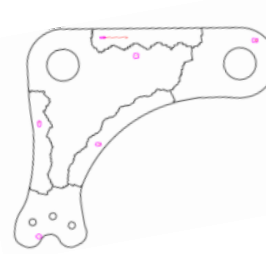
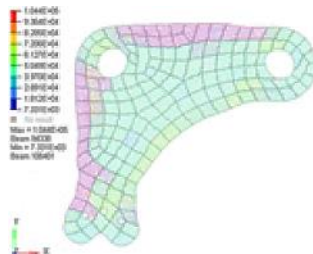
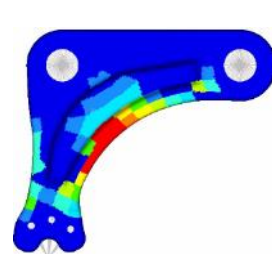
- ✓ Reduction of global material waste from 40-50% to 0-15% = **Cost effective**
- ✓ A maximum added value on parts (one-shot assemblies in-mold) = **Cost effective**
- ✓ In line process / automation = **high volume production**
 - ❖ From 1 to 5 min cycle time for a net shape part

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Quilted Stratum Design (QSD®) : 3-steps Design to Cost optimization

Part base FEA + CAO



Composite
optimisation

Shape /
Forming

Patching
study

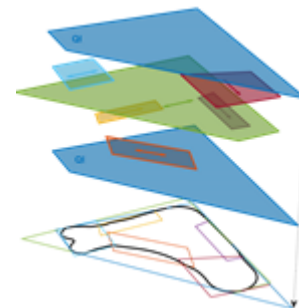
- Advanced optimisation method
- Multi criteria
- Auto / user zoning
- Altair Hyperworks / Optistruct



- Shape constrains integration
- Work on flattened shape

- User material database
- Stiffness matching method
- Cost evaluation with :
 - Patching strategies
 - Scraps costs

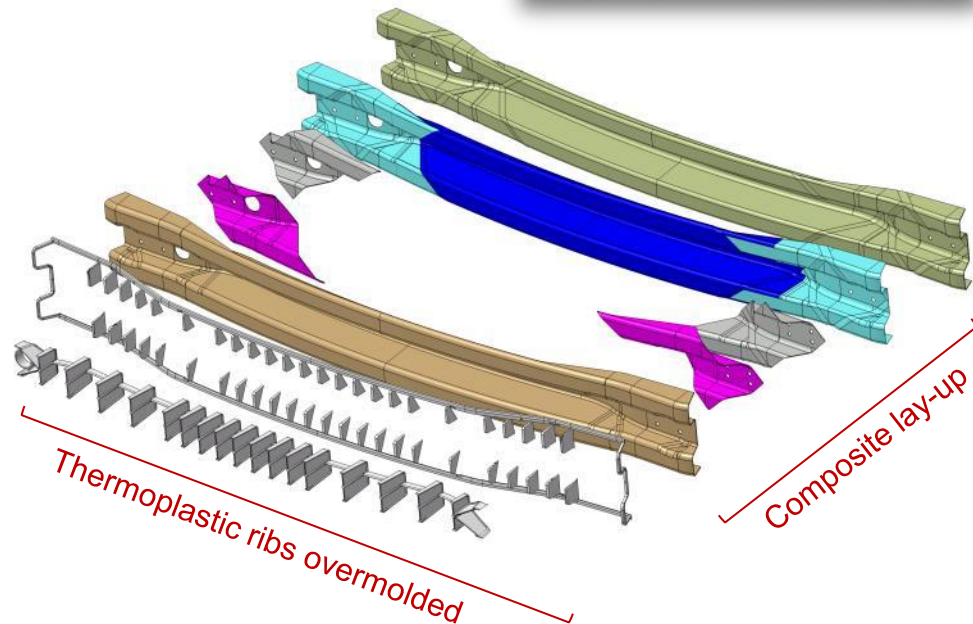
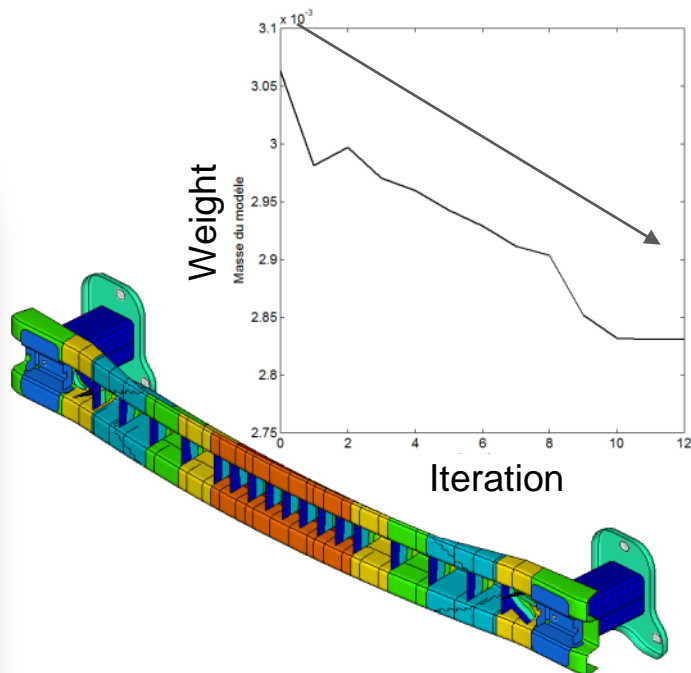
QSD®



Multi-material
Multi-thickness
optimized
stacking sequence

Quilted Stratum Design (QSD[®]) : design methodology

Methodology applied on automotive front bumper beam



Optimization results : ✓ Multi-patches with local anisotropy :

- ❖ Multi-materials
- ❖ Multi-thickness

General QSD® - QSP® Skills & Services



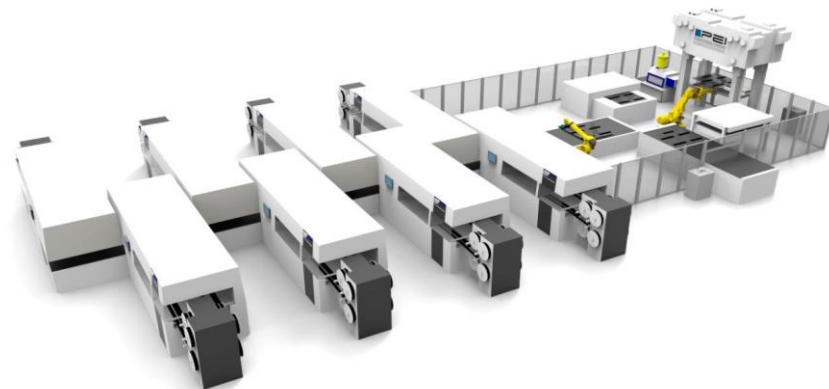
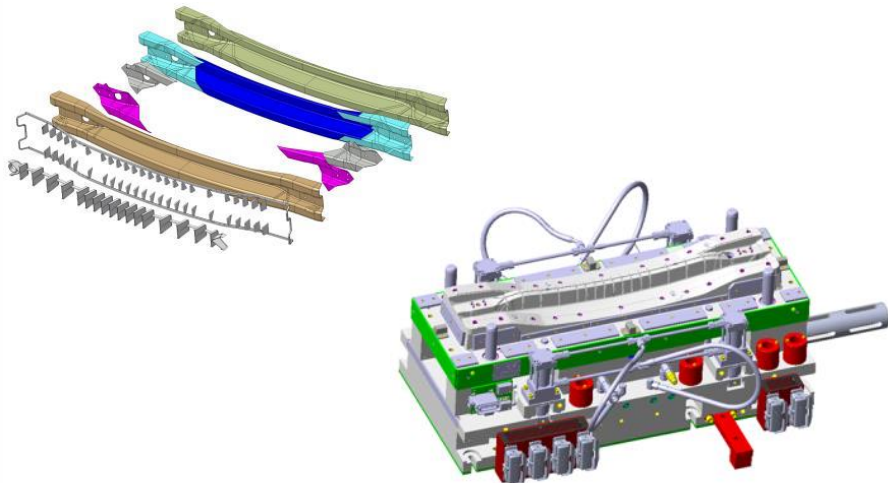
Cetim: Product & Process Development

- ▶ Material Qualification,
- ▶ Product Design,
- ▶ Product Testing,
- ▶ Prototype Manufacturing,
- ▶ Quality evaluation / NDT
- ▶ Validation



Pinette Emidecau Industries: Industrial Engineering & Support

- ▶ Full line design & Supply,
- ▶ Automatic Tape cutting,
- ▶ Automatic Preform assembly,
- ▶ Heating, Forming and overmolding,
- ▶ **Loiretech**: Preform Heating System
- ▶ **Compose**, Tooling Design & supply



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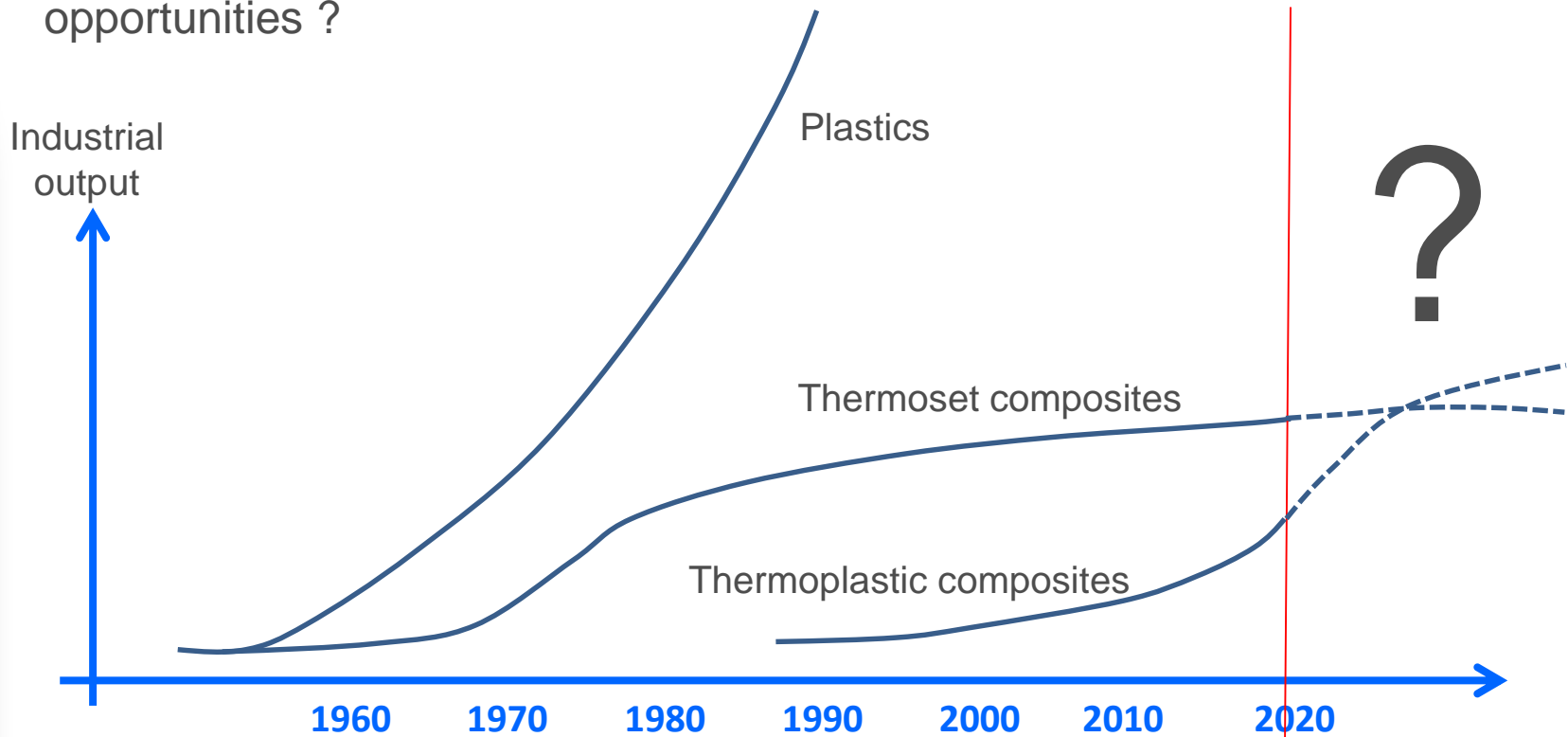
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Plastics and thermoset/thermoplastic composites : which trends and opportunities ?



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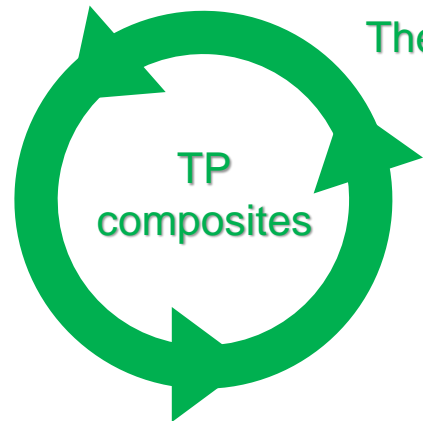
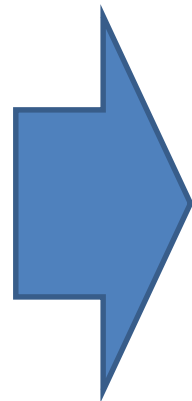
Thermoplastic composite waste → a new recycling opportunity



Production waste



End of life waste



Thermosaïc®

TP
composites

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ThermoPRIME® technology : an up-cycling approach for plastic waste

Key information about ThermoPRIME® technology

- ✓ Cost effectiveness process, low environmental impact
- ✓ Convenient for any kind of recycled thermoplastic (rPP, rPA...)
- ✓ **Recycled plastic + long or continuous reinforcement (mat, fabric...) → composite panel (laminate)**



« Plywood-like » structure

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- ✓ **Scraped thermoplastic composite → composite panel**



« OSB-like » structure

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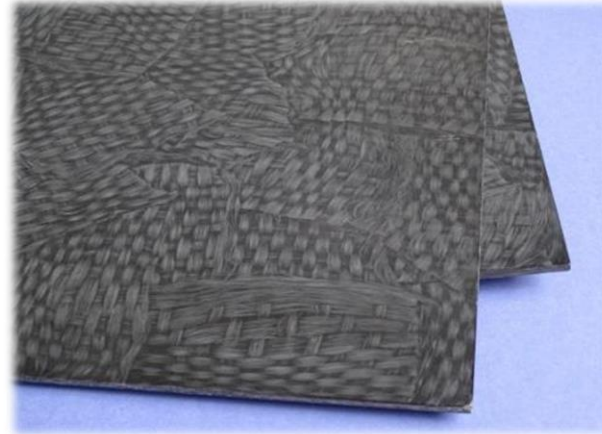
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Thermo-mechanical process → recycled composite panels production

Patented



Pilot line



Thermosaïc® composite panels

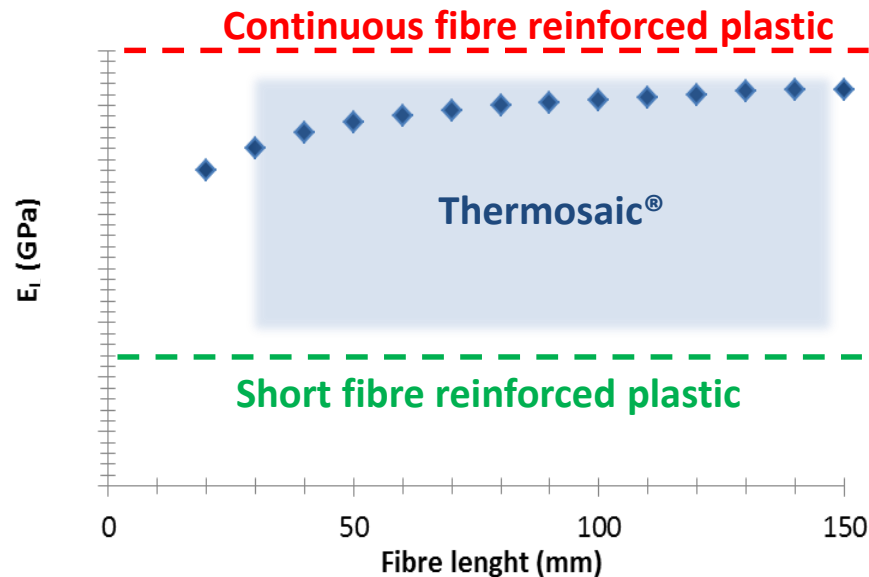
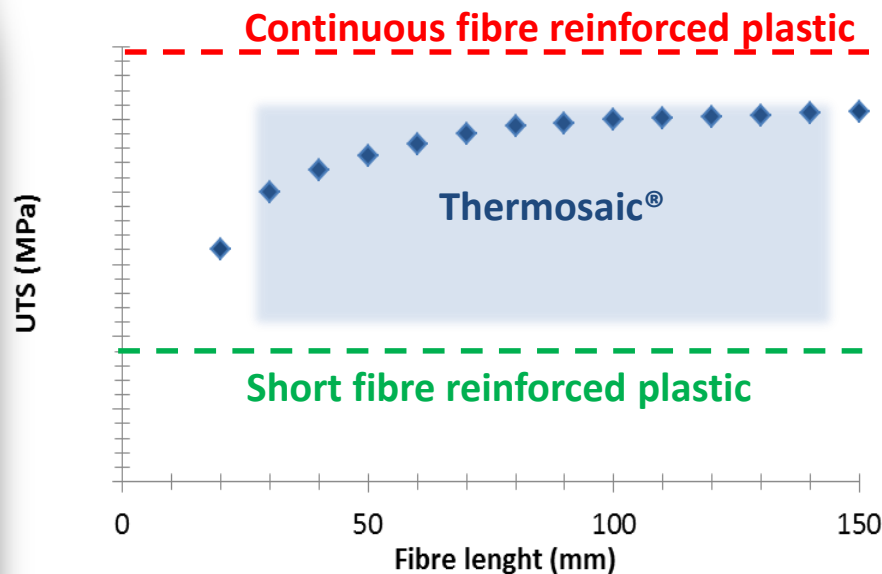
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Thermosaïc® technology : a new recycling approach for thermoplastic composite waste

- ✓ **No separation between polymer matrix and fiber reinforcement**
- ✓ Mechanical properties of recycled material mostly maintained
- ✓ Composite panels → isotropic mechanical properties
- ✓ Composite panels → high formability potential

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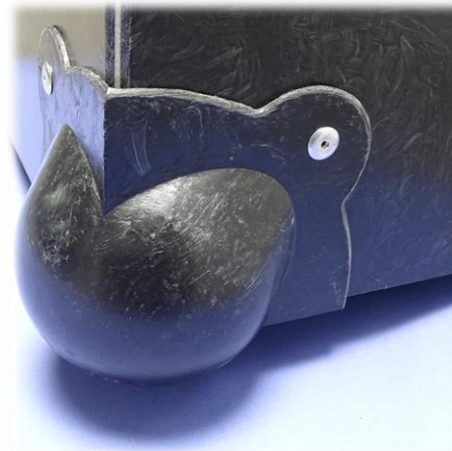
Source : Global trends, from Kelly&Tison and Cox models (PP/GF)

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Recycled composite panels adapted to traditional processing techniques

- ✓ cutting
- ✓ folding
- ✓ welding
- ✓ machining
- ✓ stamping
- ✓ thermoforming
- ✓ ...



Riveting, welding, stamping of Thermosaïc® composite panels (PP/GF)



JEC Award Paris 2018 Sustainability category

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