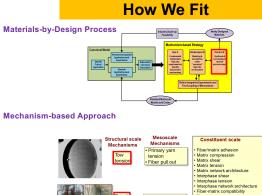
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SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF TOWS WITH CONTROLLED RESIN DISTRIBUTION

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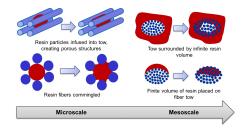
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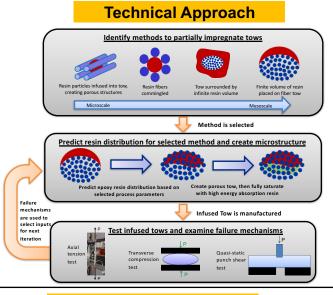
Key Goals

- · To predict the influence of process parameters on resin distribution within a fiber tow on the micro and meso scale as shown below
- · This will result in a porous structure that can then be infused with a different type of resin
- To identify the relationship between resin distribution and energy absorption and determine the optimal resin distribution

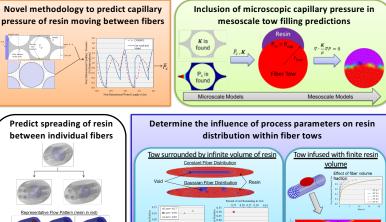


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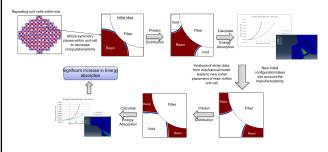


Major Results



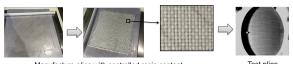
Key Accomplishments

We developed a relationship between processing parameters and energy absorption through collaboration with Ganesh and Gillespie (Micromechanical FE Modeling of Tensile Failure of Unidirectional Composites)



Future Directions in 2017

- · Make single ply composites with controlled resin distribution · Test partially infused, partially porous plies
- Test hybrid resin plies (part epoxy, part polyurethane) Plies will be shot with projectiles to determine the V50 and develop a relationship between V50 and areal density



Manufacture plies with controlled resin content

Test plies

Impact

- Developed a methodology to predict resin distribution within tows to optimize resin distribution between the fibers
- Controlling resin distribution within a tow will allow for the creation of hybrid resin composites, with one resin providing stiffness and a second resin to enhance energy absorbing capabilities
- This will result in composites with the capacity to absorb more energy in extreme dynamic environments









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