# Laboratory for Lightweight Construction and Durability Performance

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## Presentation of the Laboratory for Lightweight Construction and Durability Performance

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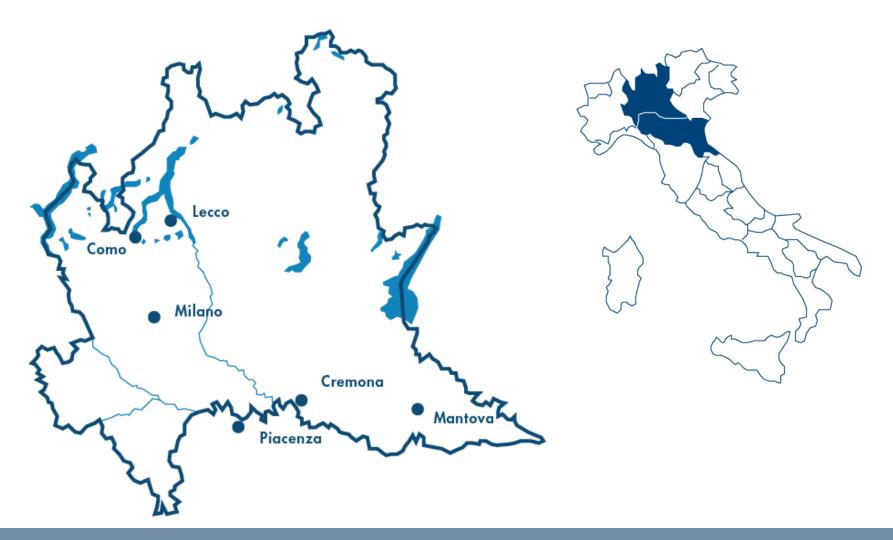
### **Outline**

- Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi)
- Inter-department Laboratories @ PoliMi
- Laboratory of Lightweight Construction and Durability Performance





### The Campuses of the Politecnico di Milano

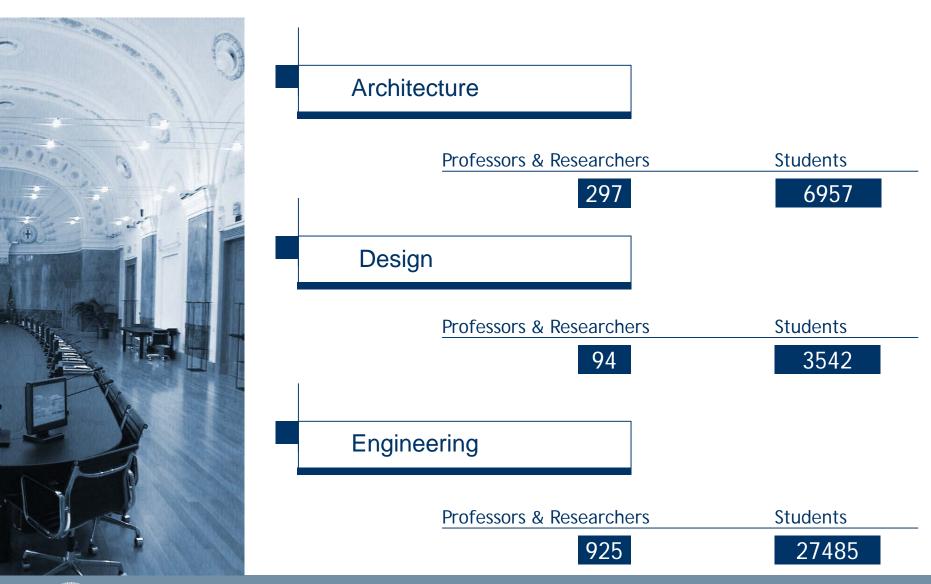


### **Human Resources, Academic year 2014/2015**



Professors and Assistant Professors	1316
Technical and Administrative staff	1207
PhD students	1011
Students	37984

### AY 2015/2016 Faculty: 1316 Students: 37984



21% of architects ograduated from Politecnico di Milano

16% of engineers graduated from Politecnico di Milano

42% of designers graduated from Politecnico di Milano



## QS World University Rankings by Faculty - Engineering and Technology 2017

	World	EU	Italy
Engineering & Technology	24	7 (3 after BREXIT)	1
Politecnico di Milano	Score		orld ink
Academic Reputation (40%)	86,4	3	2
Employer Reputation (30%)	88,4	1	.2
Citations per Paper Measures productivity for the last five years (15%)	79.4	30	01
H-index Citations (15%) Measures both the number of papers produced and the impact of the published work	81,2	8	37
Overall	83.7	2	24

### QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017

	World	EU	Italy
Architecture & Built Environment	14	6	1
Art & Design	7	3	1
Computer Science & Information Systems	49	10	1
Chemical Engineering	100	22	2
Civil & Structural Engineering	14	6	1
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	50	10	1
Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering	29	7	1
Materials Science	70	15	1
Mathematics	78	23	1
Business & Management Studies	88	29	2
Physics & Astronomy	123	54	5

### **Famous Alumni**

### **Giulio Natta**

1963 Nobel Prize for his discovery in polymer science



### Famous Alumni

### Aldo Rossi

1990 Pritzker Architecture Prize



### Renzo Piano

1998 Pritzker Architecture Prize



### **Bachelor and Master of Science Programmes**



24 Bachelor of Science Programmes (1 taught in English)

38 Master of Science Programmes (33 taught in English)

### The 12 Departments of the Politecnico di Milano

Aerospace Science and Technology

Architecture and Urban Studies

Architecture, Built Environment and Construction Engineering

Chemistry, Materials and Chemical Engineering "Giulio Natta"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Design

Electronics, Information and Bioengineering

Energy

Management, Economics and Industrial Engineering

**Mathematics** 

Mechanics

**Physics** 

### Inter-department Laboratories @ PoliMi

- 1. AMALA ADVANCED MANUFACTURING LABORATORY
- 2. BRAINLAB@POLIMI
- 3. CECH (CLIMATE AND ENERGY FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE)
- 4. CFDHUB@POLIMI LABORATORIO DI FLUIDODINAMICA COMPUTAZIONALE
- 5. CLIMATE-LAB
- 6. CREA LAB LABORATORY OF COMPRESSIBLE-FLUID DYNAMICS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY APPLICATIONS
- 7. E4SPORT ENGINEERING FOR SPORT LABORATORY
- 8. GEOLAB LABORATORIO DI GEOMATICA E OSSERVAZIONE DELLA TERRA
- 9. HYDROINFORMATICS LAB (HIL)
- 10. I.DRIVE (INTERACTION BETWEEN DRIVER ROAD-INFRASTRUCTURE VEHICLES AND ENVIRONMENT)
- 11. IN-SITU MICROMECHANICS LABORATORY (ISMICROLAB)
- 12. INTERNET OF THINGS LAB
- 13. LAFOS LABORATORY ON FIBER OPTIC SENSORS

#### 14. <u>LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION AND DURABILITY PERFORMANCE</u>

- 15. LUCID LAB
- **16. MANTOVA LAB**
- 17. MEMS&3D-LAB
- 18. NANOMEDLAB
- 19. PHEEL PHYSIOLOGY, EMOTION AND EXPERIENCE LABORATORY
- 20. POLICLOUD LABORATORY ON CLOUD, INTERNET OF THINGS AND BIG DATA
- 21. POLINDT LABORATORIO PER LA DIAGNOSTICA E IL MONITORAGGIO STRUTTURALE
- 22. PSVL POLIMI SOUND AND VIBRATION LABORATORY
- 23. SISMOSOILLAB
- 24. SOLID-LIQUID INTERFACE NANOMICROSCOPY LAB (SOLINANO LAB)
- 25. TEXTILES HUB LABORATORIO INTERDIPARTIMENTALE DI RICERCA SUI TESSILI E I MATERIALI POLIMERICI
- 26. UPHOS ULTRAFAST PHOTOEMISSION SPECTROSCOPY
- 27. URBANSCOPE LAB

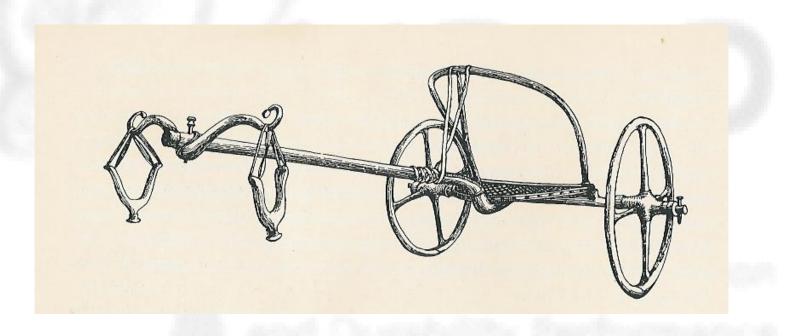


## Lightweight construction

Less is more. Value.

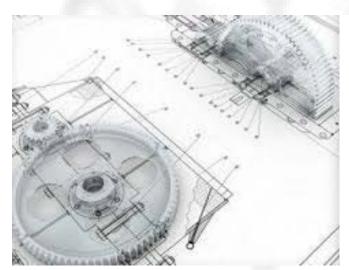
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Lightweight Construction and Durability Performance: a Paradigm of Engineering since ancient times....and still today!

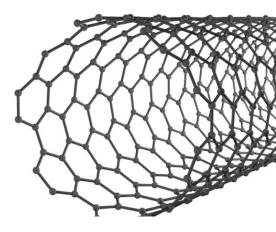


### Brief overview - Motivation for a LiDuP Lab

## Lightweight Construction and Durability Performance: Impacting on 100% of companies providing products or services



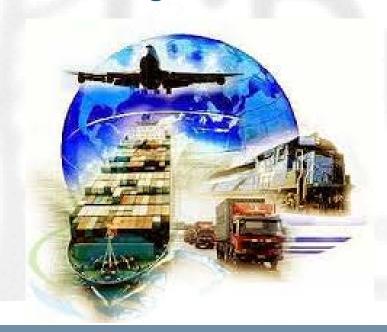




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### **Lightweight Construction and Durability Performance:**

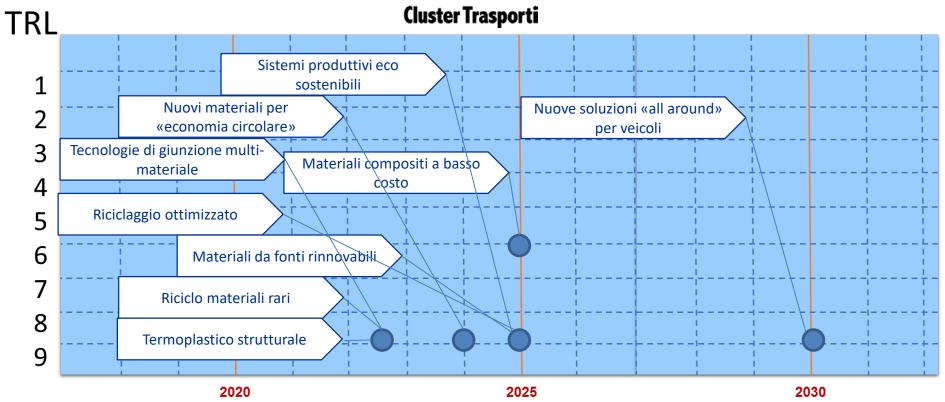
Sustainable growth
Freight traffic cost proportional to weight,
Freight traffic EU 2200 bln ton\*km/year, 7-17% of GDP of
developed countries → reducing 10% mass → reducing 10%
transport costs → increasing 1% GDP



### **ROADMAP**

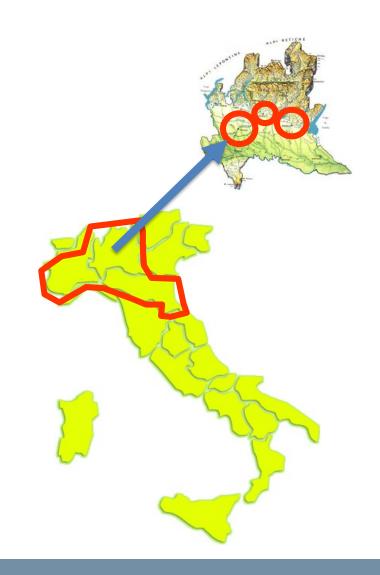
Material and processes referring to «circular economy» and «sustainable vehicles»





### Since 2009: LOMBARDY MOBLITY CLUSTER





### **Working Group**

### **WG 2: LIGHTWEIGHT**



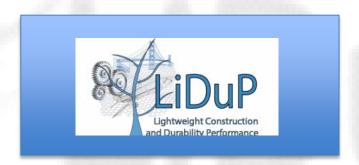
### **Working Group**

### **WG 6: MATERIALS**



### **Brief overview – Interdisciplinary**

### Dept. of Mechanical Engineering



Dept. of Chemistry,
Material and Chemical
Engineering

Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering

### **Brief overview –LiDuP Lab**

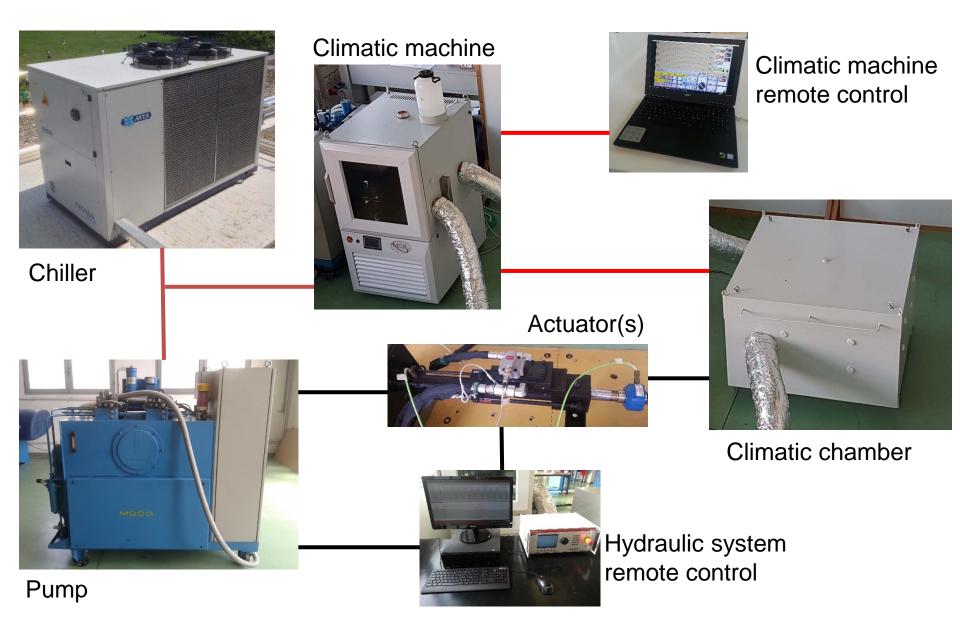


- 1. Climatic machine
- 2. Functionalization of materials





### **System layout**

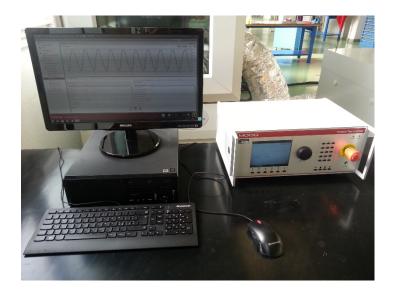


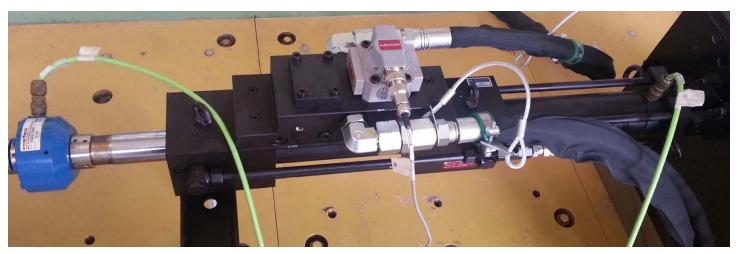
Air conditioning system		
Temperature range	-70°C ÷ 170°C	
Control volume	$0.5 \text{ m}^3$	
Air flow	1000 m <sup>3</sup> /h	
Temperature control accuracy	± 0.3 °C	
Thermal gradient	4°C/min (from -40°C to 120°C) 5°C/min (from 170°C to -40°C)	
Relative humidity	20 ÷ 95% (10°C ÷ 90°C)	
Heating thermal power	8 kW	
Cooling thermal power	16.8 kW	
Vapour generation power	2 kW	

Hydraulic actuation		
Actuation force	up to 170 kN	
Actuation frequency	up to 50 Hz	
Stroke	up to 250 mm	

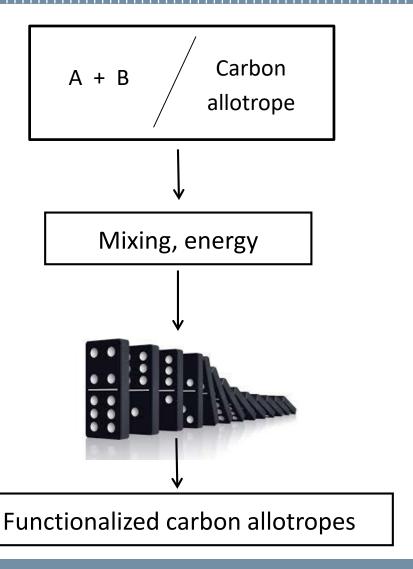






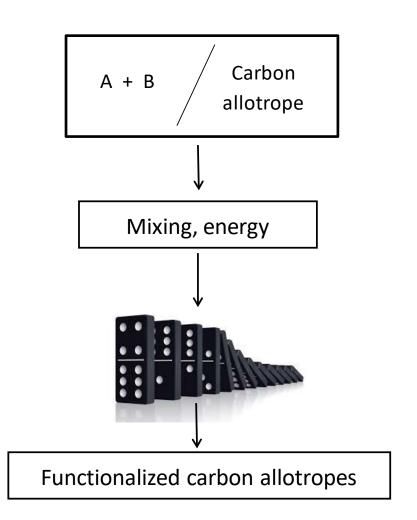


### NanoCarbon Up technology for carbon materials functionalization



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### **Agenda of Today**

11:45 Lightweight constructions in the mechanical and automotive field

A Bernasconi and M Gobbi

12:05 Lightweight constructions – focus on advanced materials

R Frassine and M Galimberti

12:25 Lightweight constructions in civil structures and future perspectives

M Di Prisco e A Pandolfi

12:45 Visit to the laboratory and networking lunch

### Acknowledgemtent, event under the patronage of







## Thank you

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# Lightweight constructions in the mechanical and automotive field

A. Bernasconi – M. Gobbi

#### CTN Strategic Research Agenda 2014-2020

#### Lightweighting solutions and architectures, Chassis, Interiors

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Lightweighting solutions and architectures

Solutions and architectures for lightweighting of components and systems; Multimaterial concepts; ...

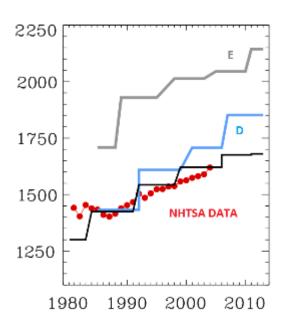
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Chassis

New materials (metals and plastics) for lightening of the structures (advanced steels, metal alloys, Al, Mg, metal foams, advanced engineering plastics, composites with properties tailored, polymer foams, multilayer); Tyre technologies (according to environmental, economic and social sustainability);

#### Introduction

Automobile average curb mass (kg)



#### Fuel Economy Technologies

- -Advances ICE engines
- -Advanced transmissions
- -Mass Reduction
- -Electrification
- -Low rolling resistance tires
- -Improved aerodynamics

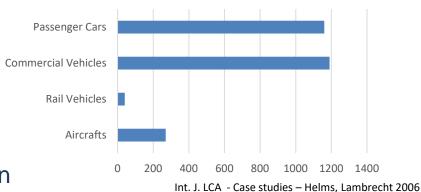
Lightweight design

#### More

- performance
- comfort
- safety
- electronics

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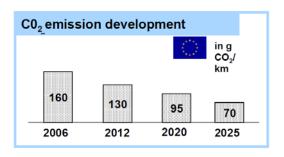
Potential global annual energy saving by lightweight design [PJ]



life-cycle perspective necessary

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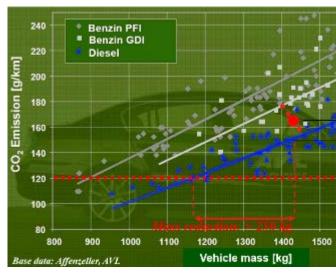
#### Introduction - Lightweight design



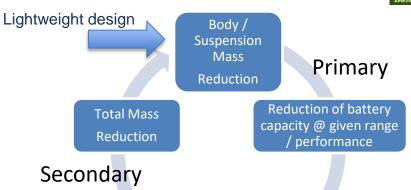
Lightweighting *necessary* to meet CO<sub>2</sub> targets of ICE vehicles

 $-100 \text{ kg} = 8.5 \text{ g}CO_2/\text{km}$ 

Same level of safety and comfort



For electric vehicles necessary to improve the driving range



battery mass  $\approx$  7-10 \* fuel tank (full) mass (0.1 kWh/kg)

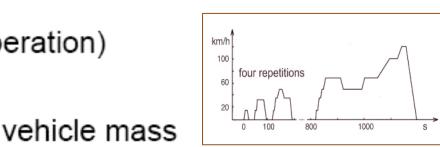
Structural Mass
Reduction

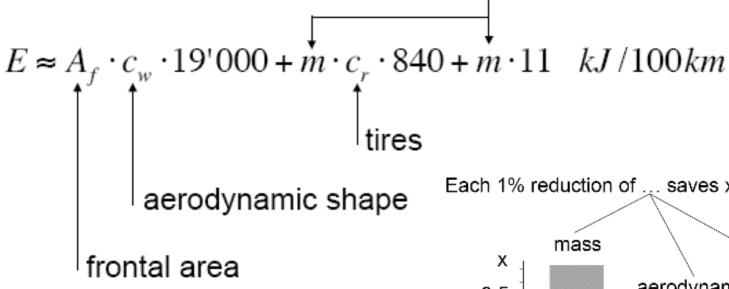
Reduced
Battery &
Powertrain

Reduce battery size

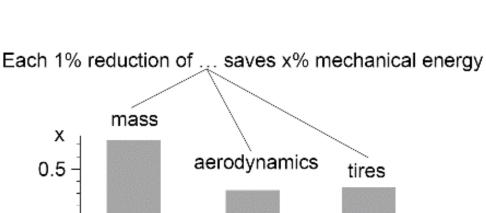
mass

## Mechanical Energy (no recuperation)









## Drivability

Acceleration time 0→100 km/h

$$t_{0 \to 100} \approx \frac{770 \cdot m}{P_{\text{max}}}$$

10% mass reduction

-10% time  $0 \rightarrow 100$ km/h

#### Lightweight design

Using lightweight materials

curb weight reduction up to 40%? NVH performance

High-strength steel (HSS)
Aluminum alloys
Polymer composites
Carbon fiber composites

Vehicle downsizing

Vehicle / subsystems redesign

Optimised vehicle design (min mass)
Secondary weight savings
(same power-to-weight ratio)

#### Complex system multi-objective optimization



**MULTI-OBJECTIVE OPTIMISATION** 

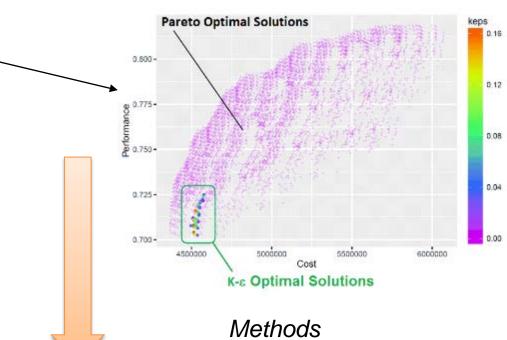
Target performance Vehicle architecture definition

#### SUBSYSTEMS LEVEL

Suspension system
Suspension arms
Wheel carrier / hub
Spring
Damper
Bump stops
Bushings

COMPONENT LEVEL
Suspension arm
Min mass

Min compliance



lexicographical approach

hierarchical optimization

analytical target cascading

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Structural Optimisation

#### **Structural Optimization**

#### Single / multi-objective optimization

Finding the best "structural" design

Cantilever Beam

- Size Optimization

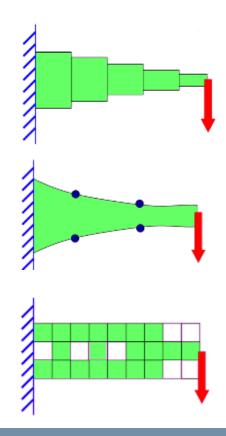
DV: beams size

Shape Optimization

DV: position of control points

- Topology Optimization

DV: density of each cell



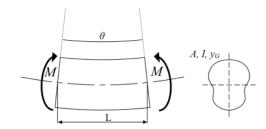
Selection of material cannot be separated from the selection of the beam cross section

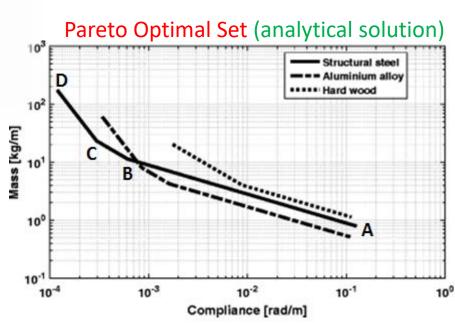
$$m=
ho A \ [kg/m]$$

$$c=rac{ heta}{L}=rac{M}{EI} ~~[rad/m]$$

$$\sigma_{max} \leq \sigma_{adm} \ \phi^e \leq \phi^e_{cr} \simeq 2.3 \sqrt{rac{E}{\sigma_{adm}}}$$

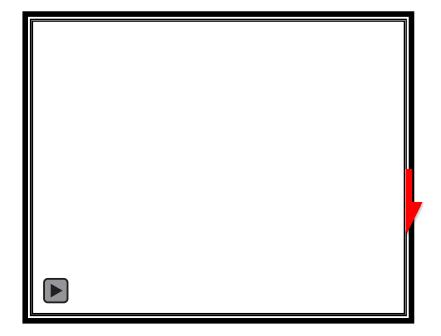
Cross section maximum dimensions





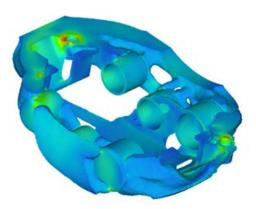
M. Gobbi, G. Previati, F. Ballo, G. Mastinu, Bending of beams of arbitrary cross sections - optimal design by analytical formulae, Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization, 2017

#### **Topology Optimisation**



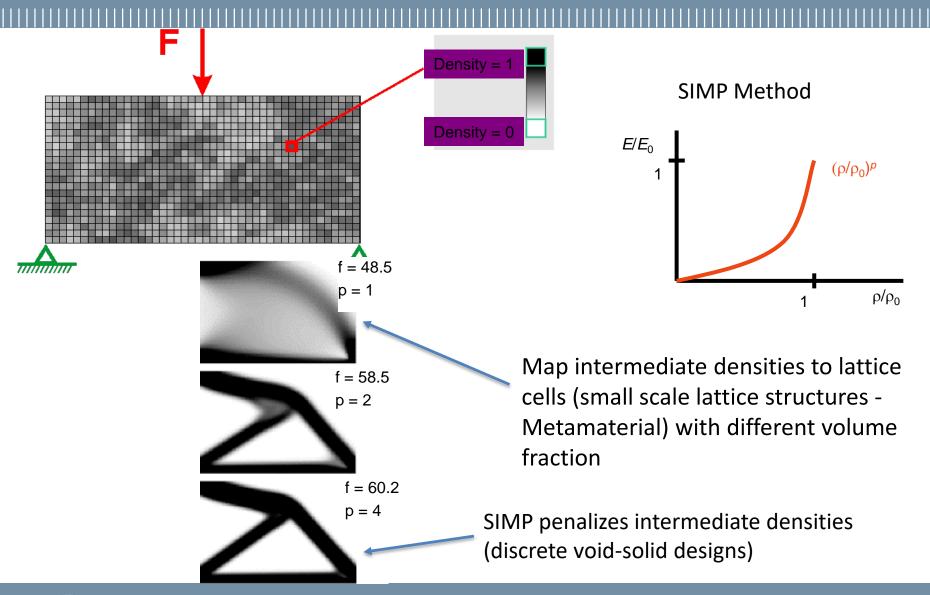


Up to 20% mass reduction



F. BALLO, M. GOBBI, G. MASTINU, A. PISHDAD "LIGHTWEIGHT DESIGN OF A BRAKE CALIPER", 2013 ASME IDETC/CIE 2013 August 4-7, 2013, Portland, Oregon, USA

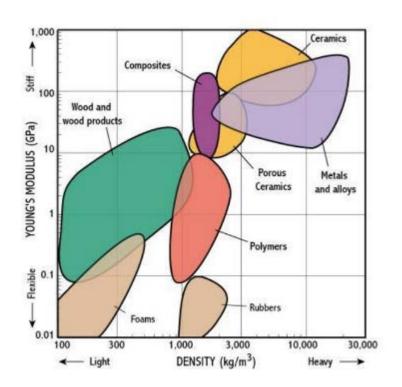
#### **Topology Optimisation SIMP**





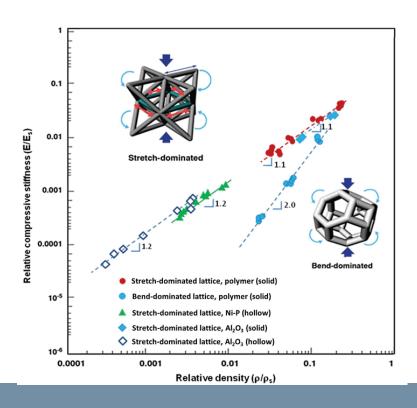
#### Structural Optimization and Lightweight Materials

Design of Materials vs Design with Materials



Multifunctional
Metamaterials/Multimaterial

Develop unique properties not attainable in known materials



#### **Design with Materials**

## Materials for Lightweight solutions:

- Light metal alloys (Al, Mg, Ti,...)
- Composites
  - Continuous fibre reinforced
  - Discontinuous fibre reinforced
- New solutions (metamaterials, multifunctional)

#### Impact on design:

- Simulation: need of simulation tools, also taking into account the manufacturing process
- Testing: experimental identification of mechanical properties
- Joining: need of solutions different from mechanical joining

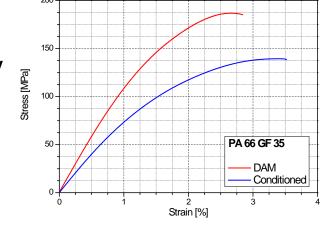
#### **Testing: effect of temperature and humidity**

Testing with special equipment is needed due sensitivity of Lightweight

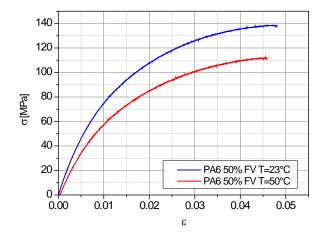
materials to:

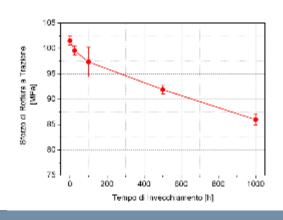
- Temperature

- Humidity



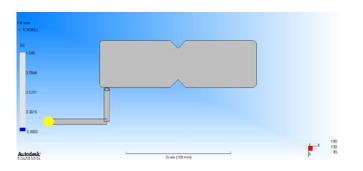
Time (ageing and creep)

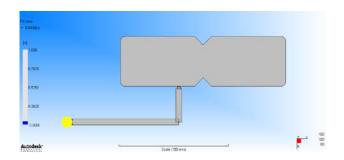


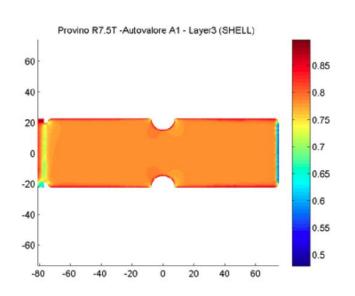


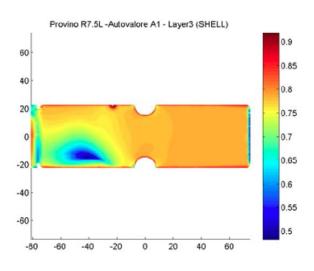
#### Simulation tools: TPM, Through Process Modelling

Effects of processing (e.g. fibre orientation in injection moulding ) need being taken into account by TPM - Through Process Modelling



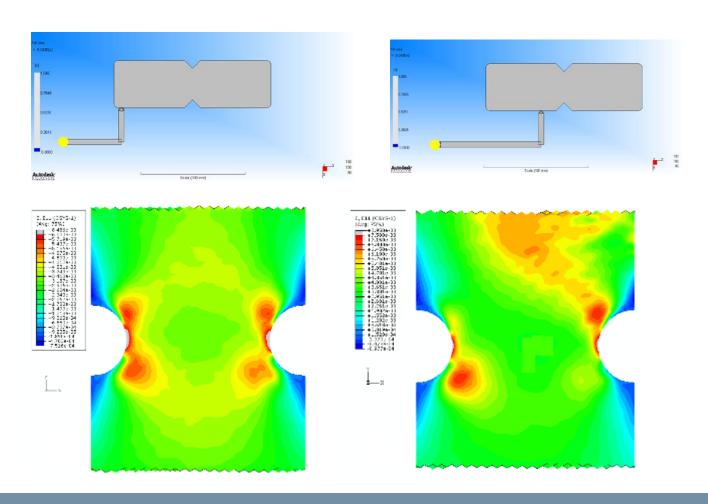






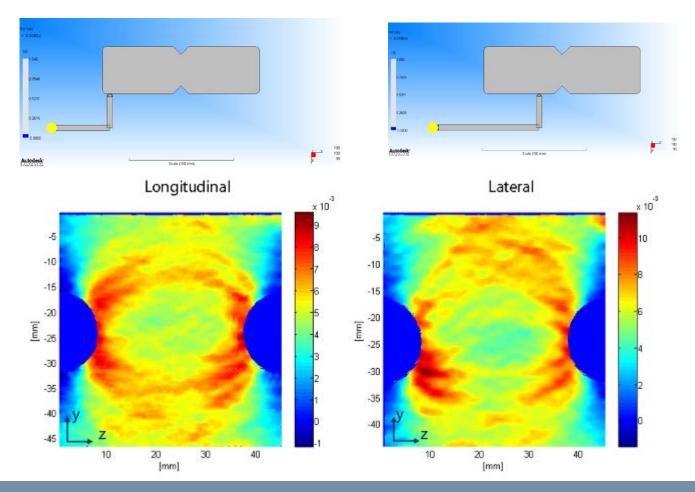
#### Simulation tools: TPM, Through Process Modelling

Different fibre orientation => different strain pattern (numerical)



## Simulation tools: TPM, Through Process Modelling

Different fibre orientation => different strain pattern (experimental)



## Simulation tools: example of workflow for IM parts

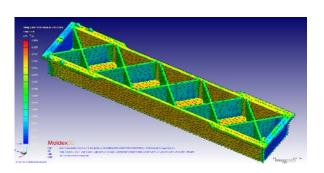
**Process simulation** 

Gate 2

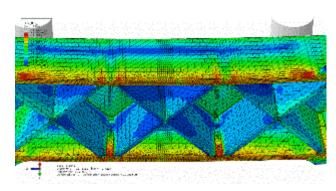
Gate 3

Gate 4

Gate 1



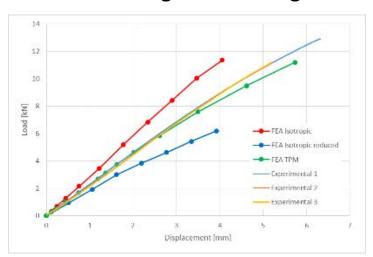
FEA with material's properties defined using process simulation



Testing

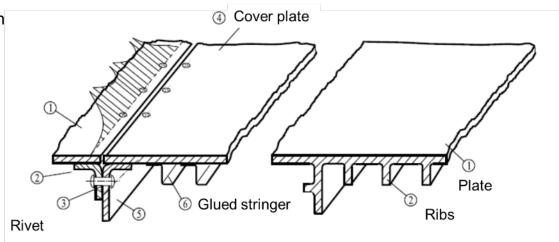


Testing vs Modelling

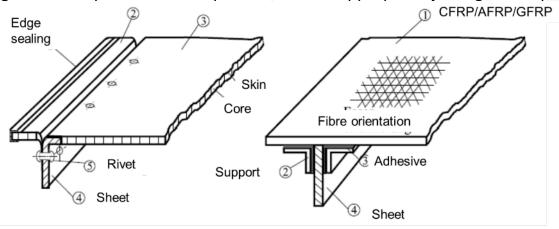


#### Joining solutions for lightweight design

Multi-part vs Integral Construction



Use of lightweight materials, e.g. sandwich panels and composites, calls for appropriate joining techniques



Source: B. Klein. Leichtbau-Konstruktion. Vieweg+Teubner, 2009

#### **Example: CIFA Carbotech booms**



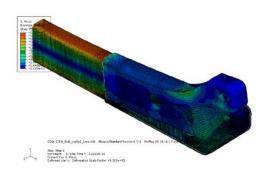


Metal replacement => longer boom, lower weight

Metal replacement => new design solutions, new joining solutions

## **Example:** metal replacement + adhesive bonding

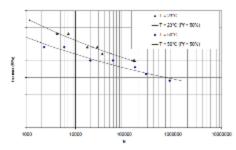
#### Simulation



Testing







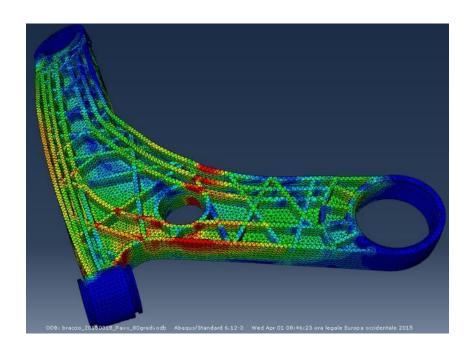


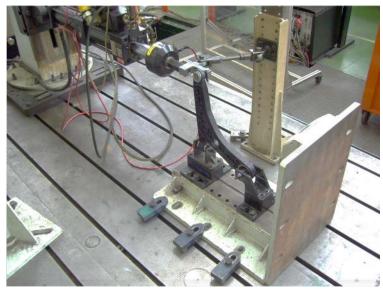
Manufacturing





## "Bando R&S Regione Lombardia SOSPENSIONI LEGGERE"





#### Conclusion

- Lightweight design is currently in the spotlight
- A systematic approach for the development of optimized systems/components is required
- Design with and of new materials possible (Hybrid, Metamaterial, ...)
- New technical issues. Special testing equipment required.



## LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCED MATERIALS

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## **COMPOSITE MATERIALS**

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#### **Outline**

- Current issues on durability
- New developments and applications
- Opportunities from nanotechnology

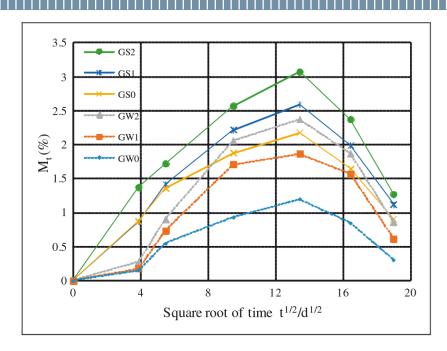
#### **Durability of composites**

- Many successful applications for over 60 years;
- Marine, aerospace, transportation and construction;
- Intrinsic characteristics: no rust, thermal stability, water resistance;
- Most threatening situations: combination of different weathering factors (e.g. Temperature and Humidity);
- Consequences: appearance (yellowing, colour fading, blooming, erosion) and performance (loss of strength).

#### **Artificial wheatering**

- Indoor/outdoor accelerated ageing and field testing;
- Moisture effects: thickness and integrity, careful material and processing selection;
- Cutting and drilling strongly discouraged.

#### Damage due to weathering



**Figure 2.** Water uptake curves of GFRP composites under different loading conditions.

GS0: specimens immersed in saltwater without loading, GS1: specimens immersed in saltwater and subjected to 10% ultimate tensile strength; GS2: specimens immersed in saltwater and subjected to 20% ultimate tensile strength; GW0: specimens immersed in tap water without loading; GW1: specimens immersed in tap water and subjected to 10% ultimate tensile strength; GW2: specimens immersed in tap water and subjected to 20% ultimate tensile strength.

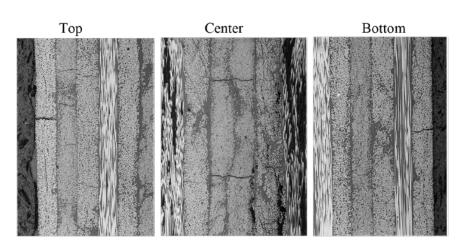


Fig. 7: Microcrack Detection in Aged Polyimide K3B after 3,300 hours (F-FOM1)

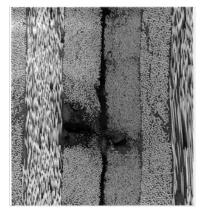
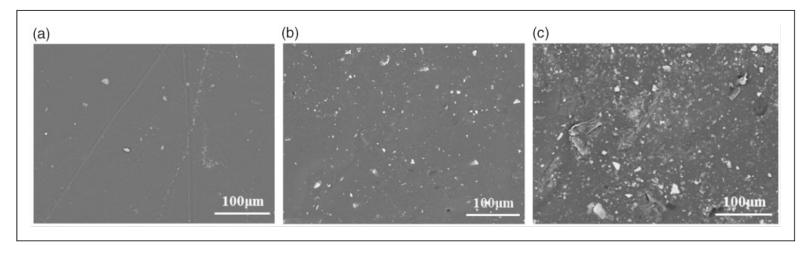


Fig. 10: Resin Matrix Degradation of Cyanate Ester after 2,393 hours (L-TMF3)

## Damage and loading



**Figure 3.** Scanning electron micrographs of the surfaces of specimen: (a) before immersion, (b) after immersion in saltwater for 90 days and subjected to 20% of ultimate tensile strength and (c) after immersion in saltwater for 180 days and subjected to 20% of ultimate tensile strength.

#### Weathering effects depends on composition

- GFRP strength may be severely affected by alkaline exposure;
- Other composites (CFRP) are more sensitive to strong **acids**;
- Stiffness is **less affected** except for very severe damage conditions;
- Strength also decreases at elevated **temperatures**;
- Combined sustained loading and environment may lead to very significant loss of strength in relatively short times.

#### Past, present and future

- Composites proved to be reliable, durable and performant since more than 60 years;
- In 5 years: transportation (+6%) aerospace (+9%) and wind (+4%);
- In 20 years: consumer goods, oil & gas, medical, civil engineering.



## LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCED MATERIALS

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#### Advanced materials for lightweight construction

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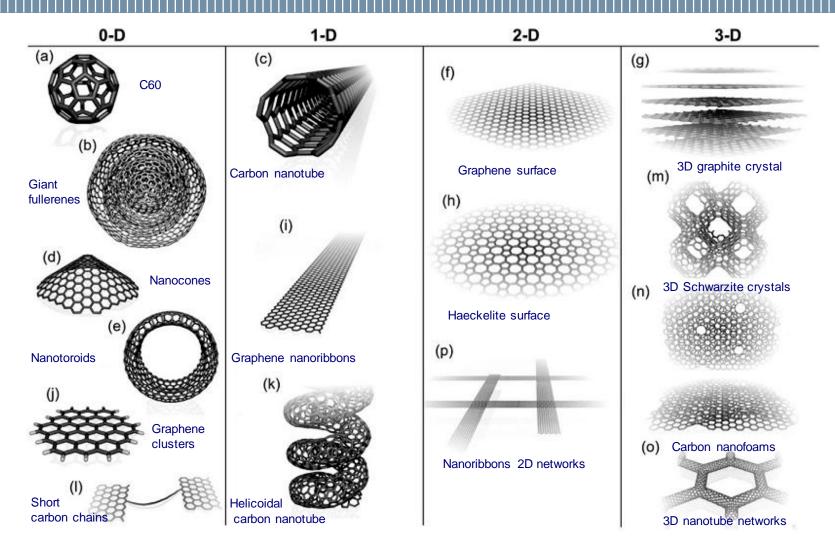
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  - Green chemistry
  - «Circular economy»
- Nanosize

#### Advanced materials for lightweight construction

sp² carbon allotropes
 for the reinforcement of polymer composites

Functionalization

## sp<sup>2</sup> carbon allotropes

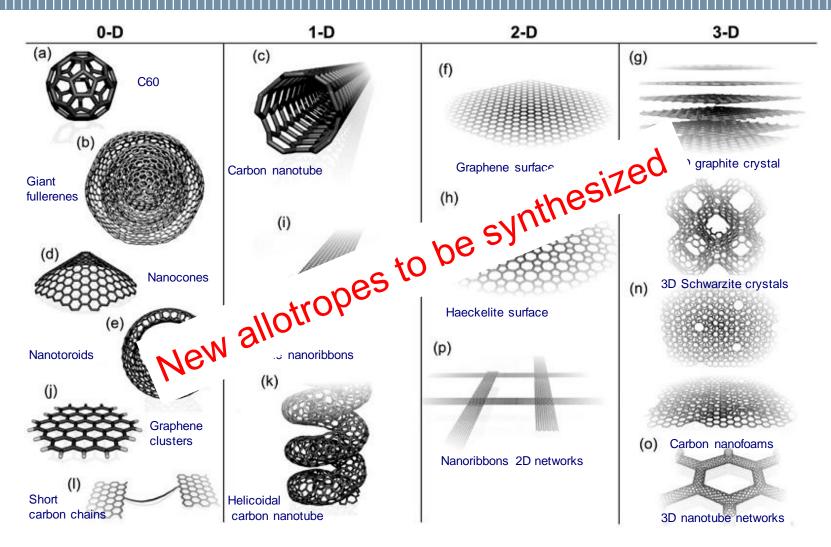


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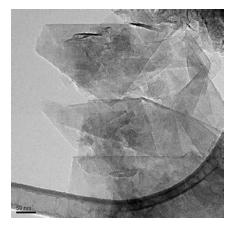
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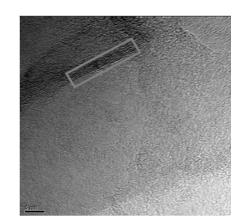
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#### sp<sup>2</sup> carbon allotropes: few layers graphene and carbon nanotubes

Few layers graphene

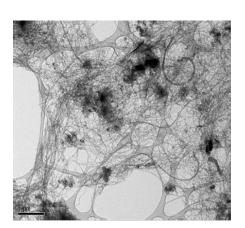


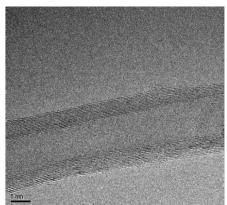


Carbon purity ≈ 98% (TGA),

Surface Area  $(m^2/g) = 300$  (BET)

Carbon nanotubes
CNT

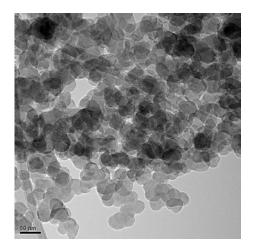


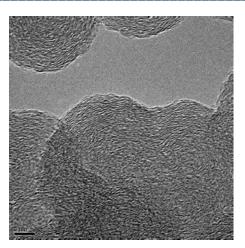


Carbon purity  $\approx 90\%$  (TGA), Surface Area (m<sup>2</sup>/g) = 275 (BET)

# sp<sup>2</sup> carbon allotropes: few layers graphene

Carbon black CB





Carbon purity  $\approx$  98% (TGA), Surface Area (m<sup>2</sup>/g) = 77(BET)

#### **CB** and **CNT** for the mechanical reinforcement of rubber

Isoprene rubber

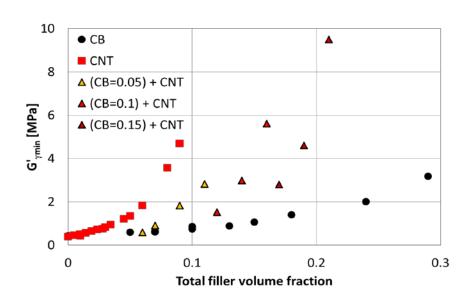
Styrene-butadiene rubber

#### **CB** and **CNT** for the mechanical reinforcement of rubber

#### Isoprene rubber

#### 3.5 ж СВ Ж 3 **X** CNT 2.5 **X CB+CNT G'**, [MPa] ж 2 ж ж 1 ж Ж 0 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2 0.25 0.3 Total filler volume fraction

#### Styrene-butadiene rubber



Data from shear stress tests, 50°C



#### CB and CNT for the mechanical reinforcement of rubber

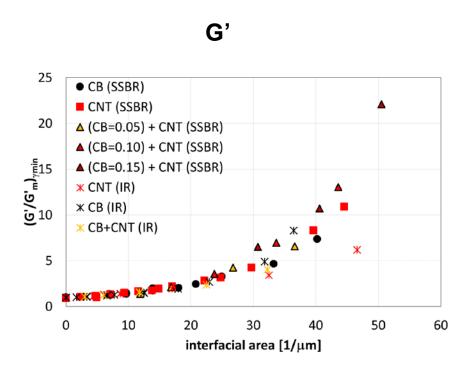
Specific interfacial area =  $A \cdot \rho \cdot \Phi$ 

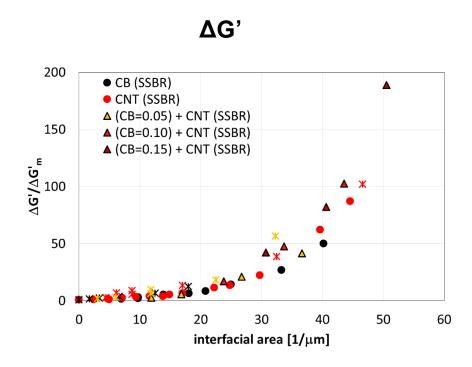
$$\begin{cases} A = BET \ surface \ area \\ \\ \rho = density \\ \\ \Phi = volume \ fraction \end{cases}$$

measure unit: m<sup>2</sup> / m<sup>3</sup>

Surface / volume in the composite

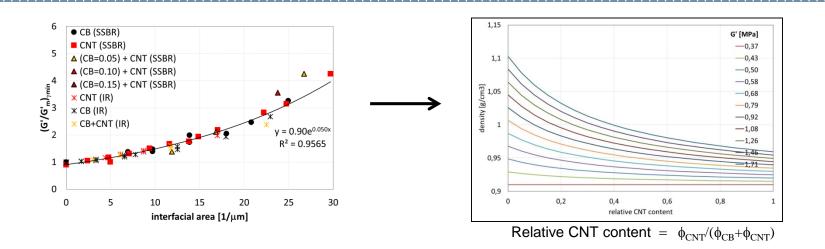
#### Master curves for the mechanical reinforcement of rubber



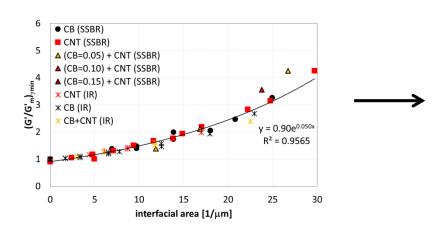


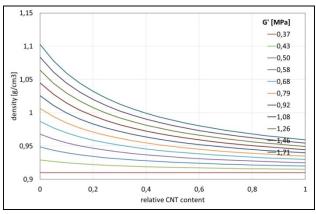
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#### From master curves to lightweight materials



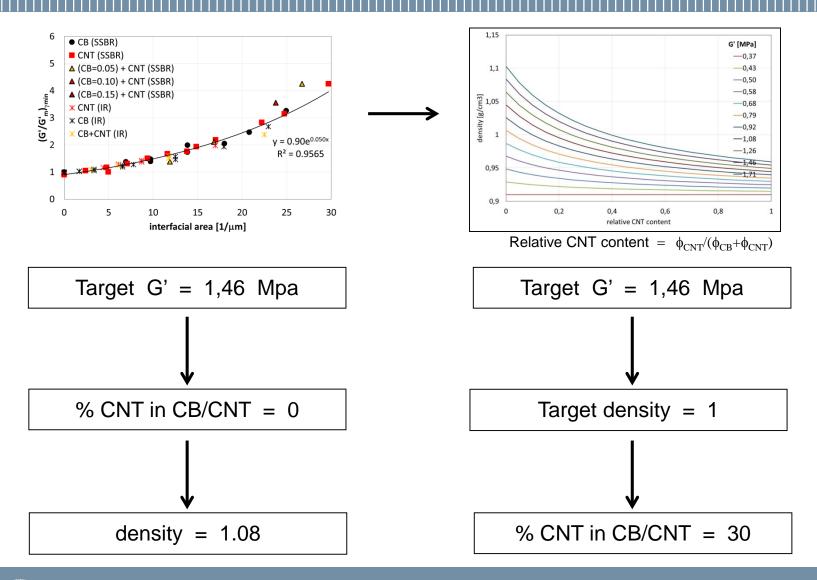
## From master curves to lightweight materials





Relative CNT content =  $\phi_{CNT}/(\phi_{CB}+\phi_{CNT})$ 

#### From master curves to lightweight materials

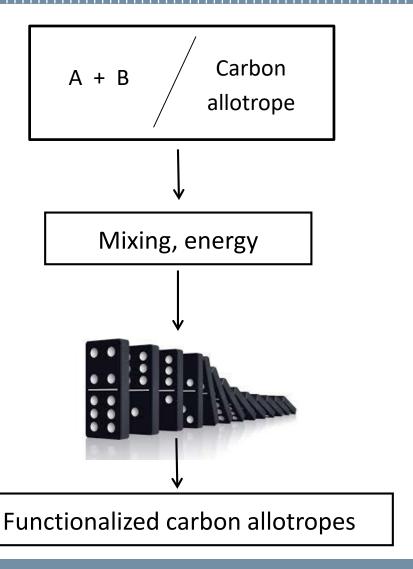


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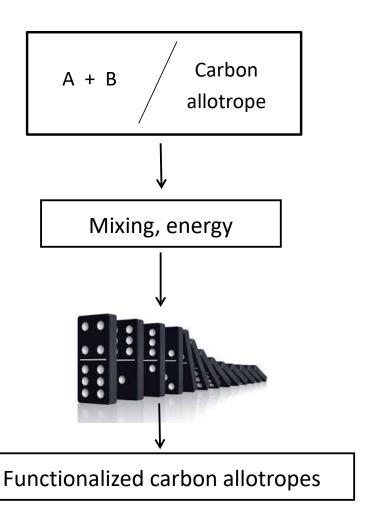
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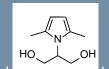
- Sustainable
- Versatile: all types of carbon allotropes
- Tuning of solubility parameters of carbon allotropes
- Simple functionalization process
- Functionalization in situ, during composite preparation
- Five families of Patents

# NanoCarbon Up technology for carbon materials functionalization



- Functional group:
  from few % to 20%
- Functionalization yield:
  from 85% to quantitative
- Covalent bond between functional group and graphene layer
- Bulk structure of graphitic materials: unaltered

#### **Example: serinol pyrrole**



#### **Synthesis**

Atom economy: 83%

Only byproduct: water

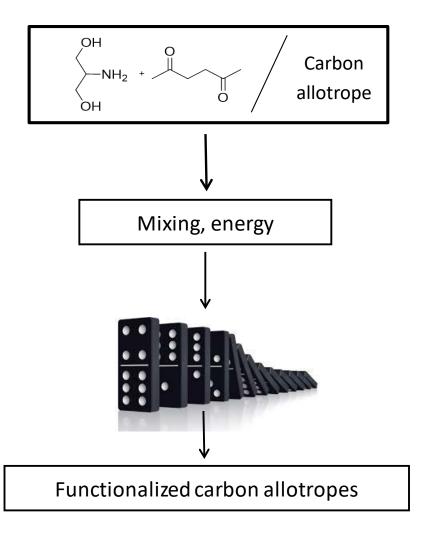
Yield: 95 - 99%

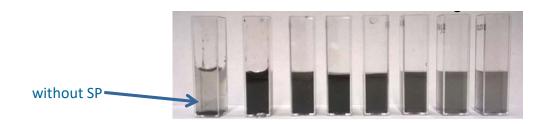
No solvent, no catalyst

*In situ,* on the carbon allotrope

#### **Example: serinol pyrrole**

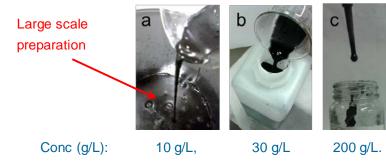


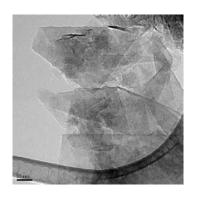




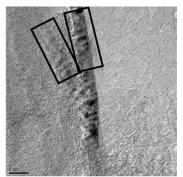


after 30 min centrifugation at 2000 rpm

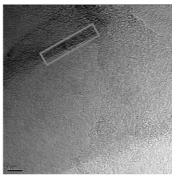




TEM micrograph



about 10-12 graphene layers

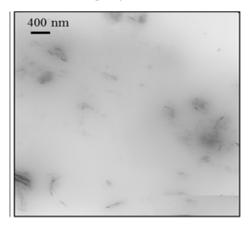


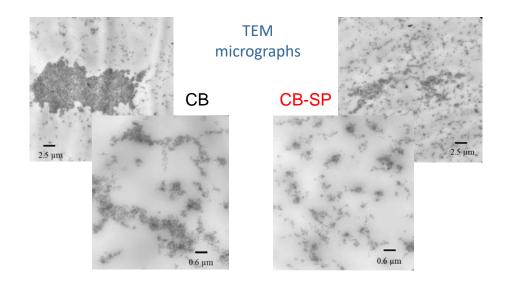
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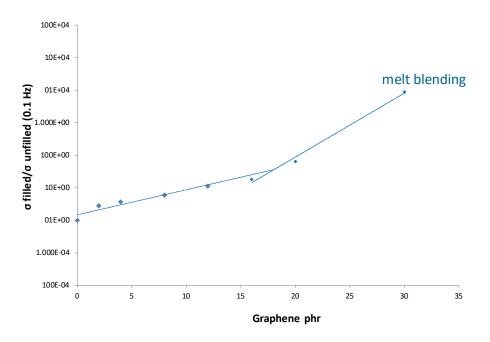
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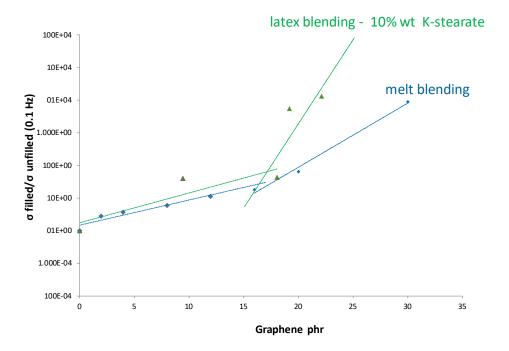
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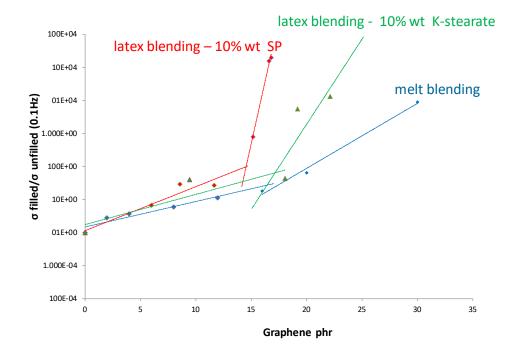
Nano-graphite + SP

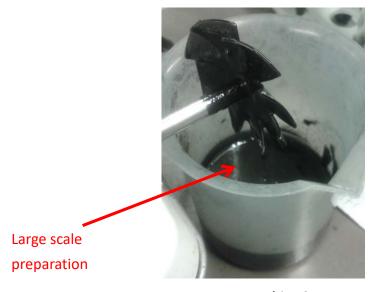










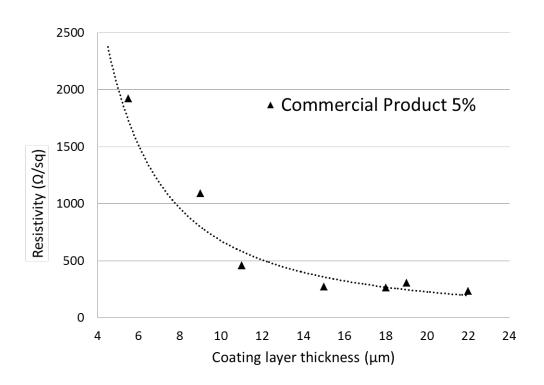


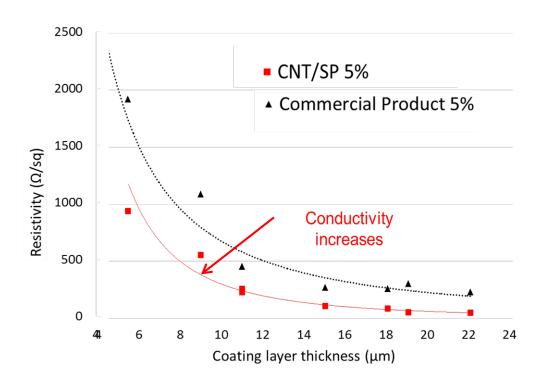
Nanographite-SP 2% by mass in polyol

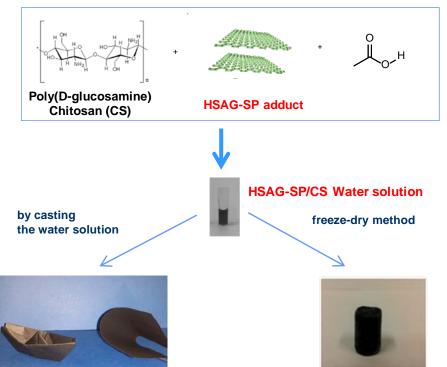




no nanoG nanoG-SP

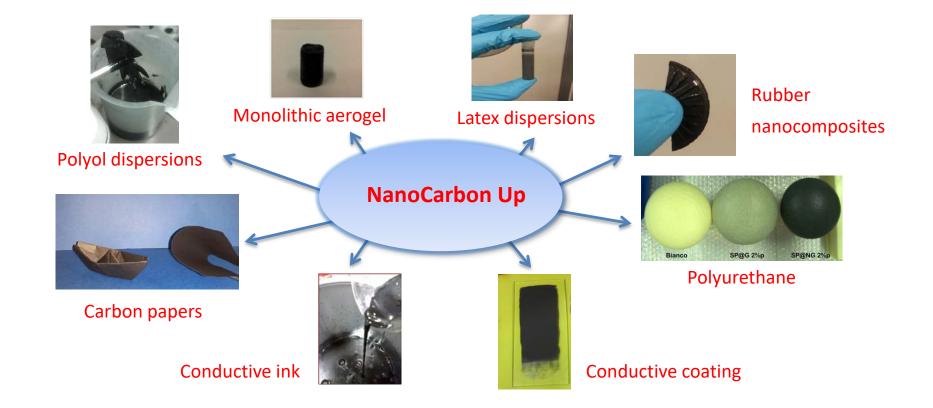




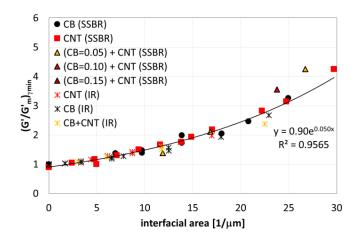


Carbon papers

Monolithic aerogel









# CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

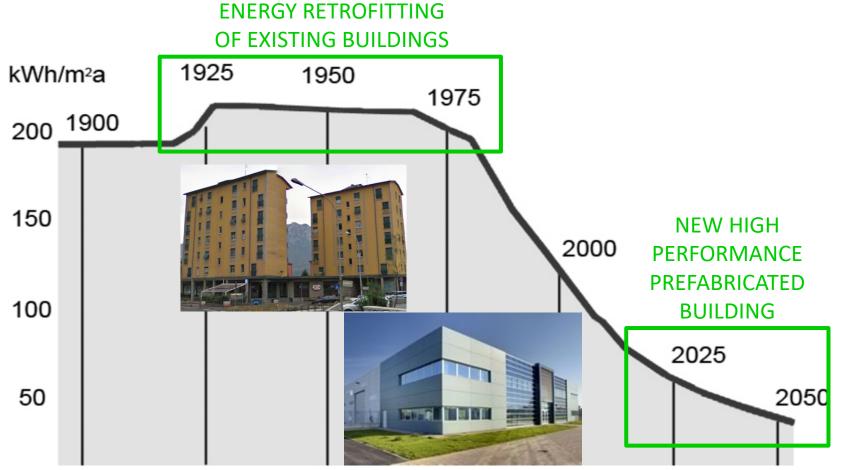
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#### Introduction

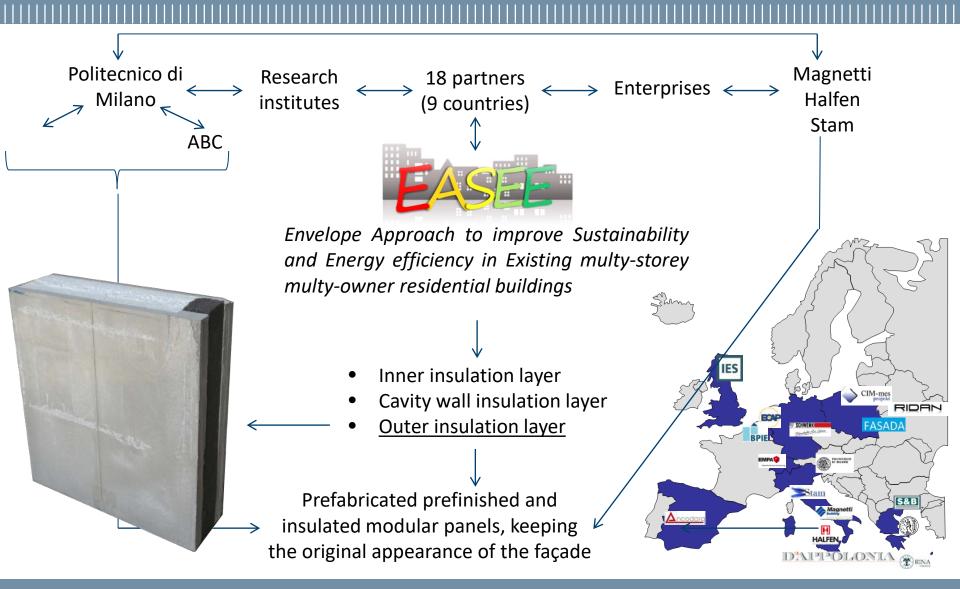
- 1) Prefabricated light-weight sandwich panels for façades: a energy performance improvement of residential buildings
- 2) Prefabricated light-weight HPFRC roofing: a synergic retrofitting of commercial/industrial building
- 3) FRCM for seismic retrofitting: which durability?
- 4) Metaconcrete: a resonant metamaterial with enhanced performance under dynamic loading with has been developed, tested and patented (In collaboration with Caltech).

#### 1. Energy performance improvement by sandwich panels

TRC prefabricated façade sandwich panel for energy retrofitting of existing buildings



# 1. Energy performance improvement by sandwich panels



#### 1. Energy performance improvement by sandwich panels

#### **Inner insulation layer:**





Single layer - Improved perlite board



Multi-layer – Aerogel insulating wallpaper and laminated solution





**Cavity wall insulation layer:** 



Expanded natural perlite hydrophobized (SandB)



**Expanded synthetic perlite (NTUA)** 

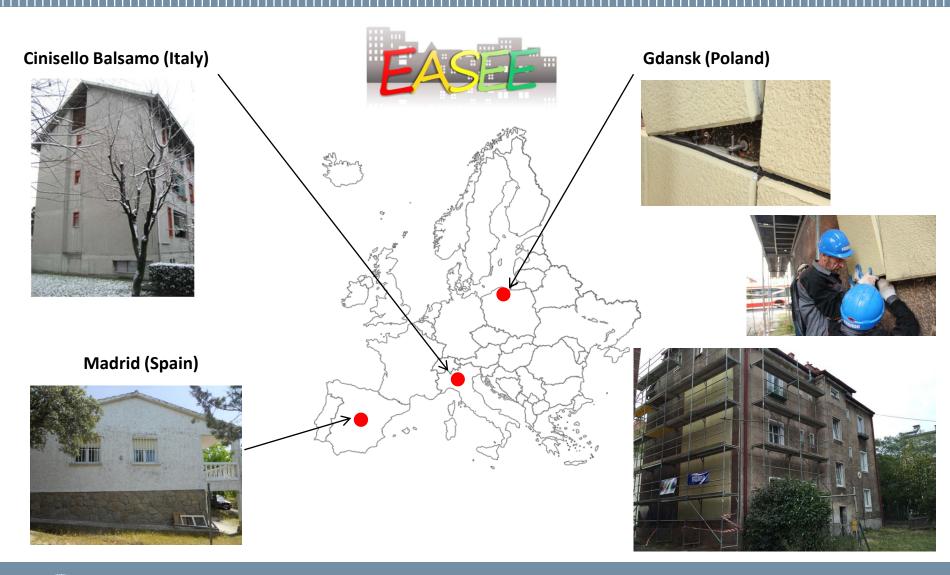


**Outer insulation layer:** 

**Precast TRC sandwich panel** 







Envelope retrofitting strategies



EASEE OUTER ENVELOPE SOLUTION

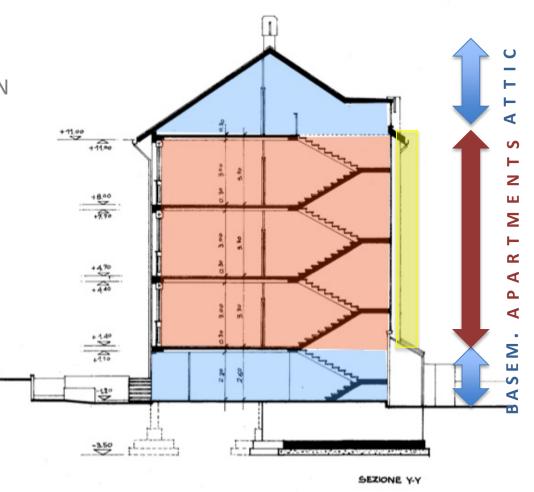
U-value of opaque envelope

2,184 W/m<sup>2</sup>K



0,293 W/m<sup>2</sup>K

- 86%





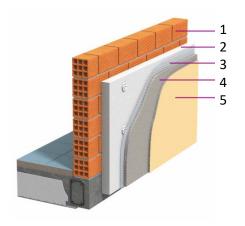
- 1. Demo for internal envelope solutions
- 2. Demo for external envelope solutions





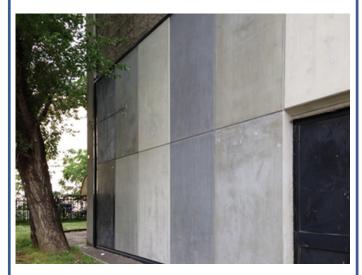
#### **ETICS**

- 1. Masonry wall
- 2. Insulation layer
- 3. Glass fabric
- 4. Primer
- 5. Rendering mortar



(www.bfcartongessomodena.it)

#### **EASEE** panel



#### Main features:

- low impact on occupant life;
- customized finishing (e.g. possible reproduction of the original façade);
- high quality;
- durability.

# Advanced cementitious façades



(http://www.domusweb.it)
 (inhabitat.com)

#### SUMMER CONDITIONS

Effect of the sun radiation on the panel:

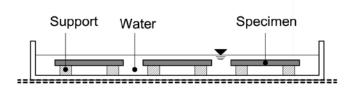
 full-scale panels exposed to real environment conditions will be tested after 1 year of exposure



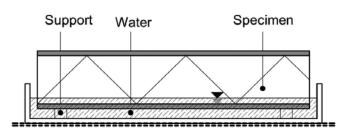
#### WINTER CONDITIONS

Freezing-thawing cycles according to ASTM C666 procedure A up to 500 cycles between +4 °C (+39.2°F) and -18°C (-0,4°F)

• on TRC specimens:



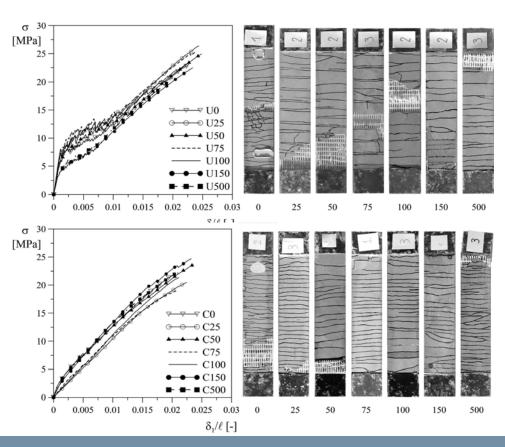
on sandwich beams:

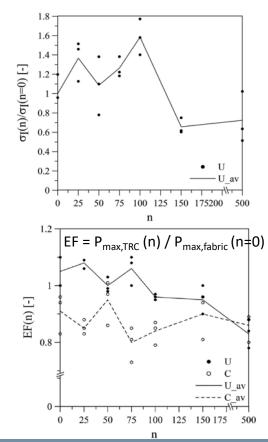


1 cycle = 5 hours

#### **DURABILITY UNDER WINTER CONDITIONS**

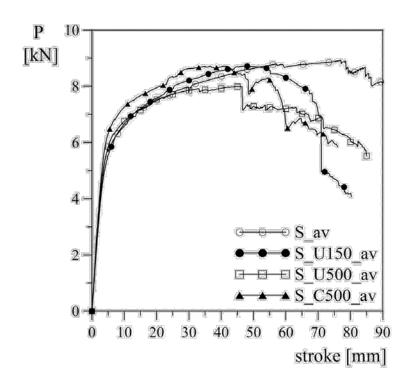
TENSILE TESTS ON 400 x 70 X 6 mm<sup>3</sup> (15.75 x 2.76 x 0.24in.<sup>3</sup>) SPECIMENS





#### **DURABILITY UNDER WINTER CONDITIONS**

4 POINT LOAD TESTS ON 550 x 150 mm<sup>2</sup> (21.65 x 5.91 in.<sup>2</sup>) BEAMS AFTER FREEZING-THAWING CYCLES





**S** = small specimens

**S\_U150** = small specimens exposed to150 freezing-thawing cycles in un-cracked (U) condition before testing;

**S\_U500** = small specimens exposed to 500 freezing-thawing cycles in un-cracked (U) condition before testing;

**S\_C500** = small specimens pre-cracked (C) exposed to 500 freezing-thawing cycles before testing.

Roof systems are in important component of the building envelope, since they are specifically designed to separate the living spaces from the natural environment.

They should ensure:

- adequate mechanical performances;
- energy efficiency;
- sound insulation;
- durability;
- aesthetics.

HOW CAN WE MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE REVISED NATIONAL CODES?



A retrofitting strategy that might be successfully applied to several precast structures in northern Italy is represented by the substitution of the unsafe tertiary roofing elements with innovative multilayer panels characterized by lightness and remarkable structural performances.

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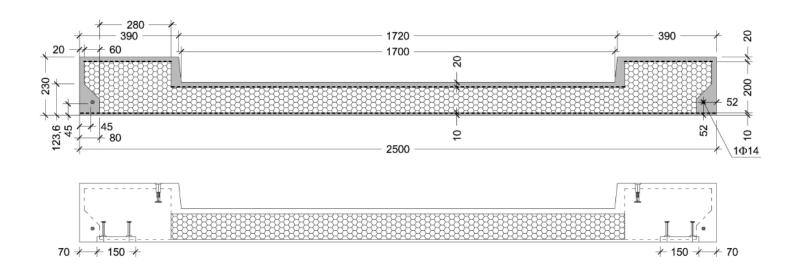


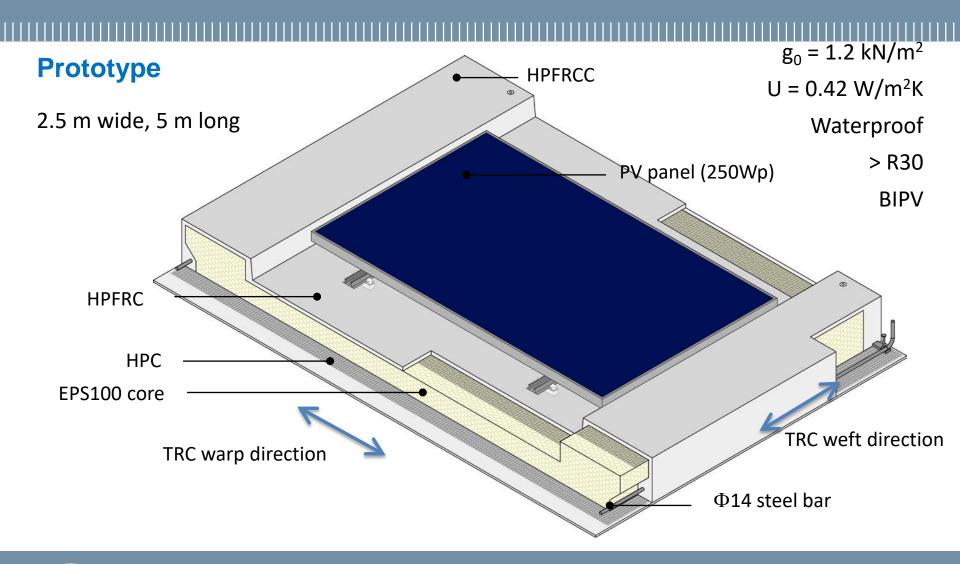


#### The proposal

2.5 m wide and 5 m long secondary prefabricated elements.

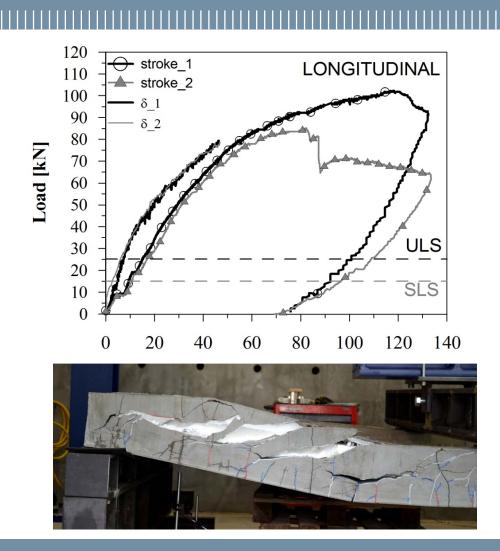
Main features: **lightness** (self-weight of about 1.2 kN/m<sup>2</sup>); remarkable **thermal insulation** (U =  $0.42 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ ), waterproof quality, ease of assembly, fire safety (> R30) and effective integration of photovoltaic systems.





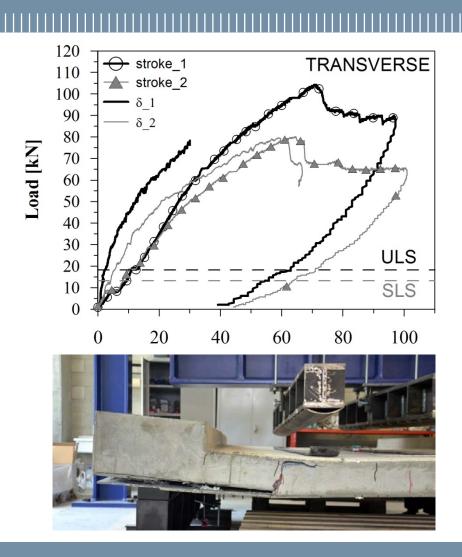


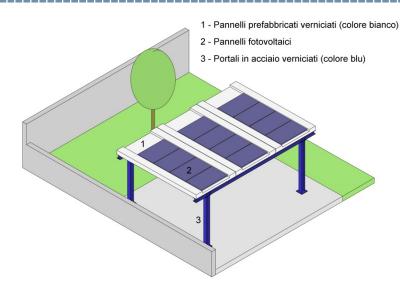


















## FRCM for seismic retrofitting: which durability?



a) Prepared reinforced concrete structure



b) Spraying a fine grained concrete layer [20]



c) Application of carbon fabric into the fine concrete (right photo: [20])

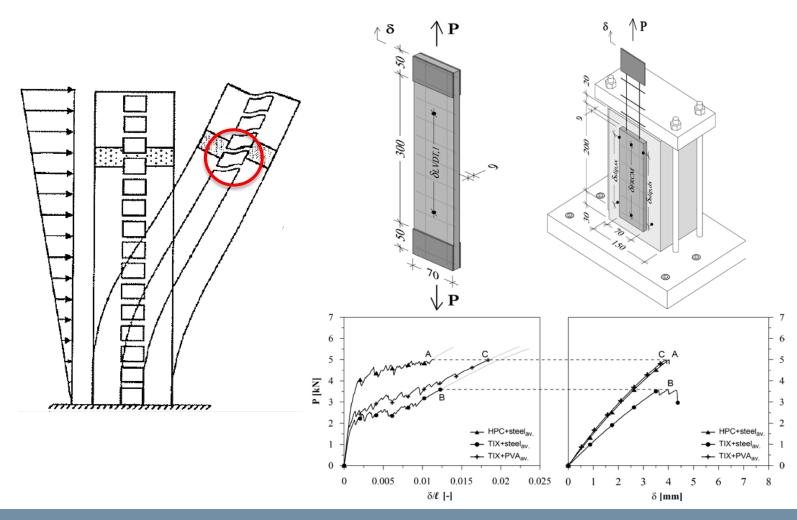


d) Ready TRC surface



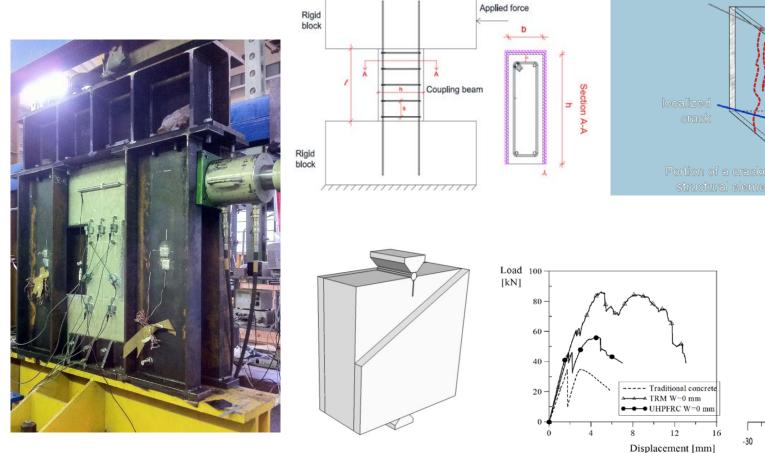
e) Roof structure after reopening of the building

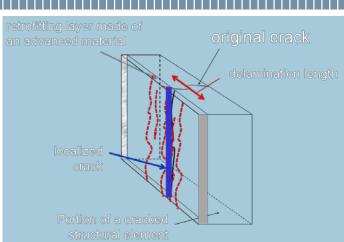
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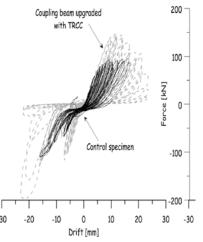


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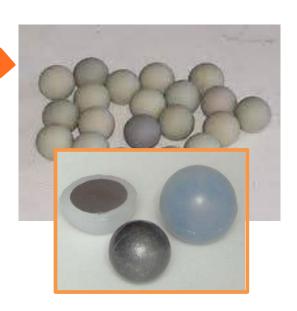






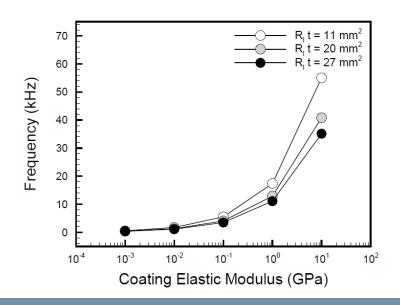
#### Metaconcrete





Metaconcrete is a new concept for a modified concrete where traditional aggregates are replaced by "resonant" engineered inclusions

- Resonant inclusions consist of:
  - A heavy core (e.g. high density material such as lead)
  - A compliant outer layer (e.g. silicone, rubber, or nylon, a few millimeters in thickness)
  - Resonant frequency depends on materials and sizes



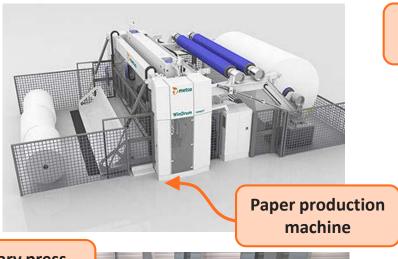
### **Applications for Metaconcrete: Blasts and Impacts**



#### **Applications for Metaconcrete: Vibrations**

#### **Foundations of Vibrating Machinery**

#### **Fuel/Coal Extraction Support**







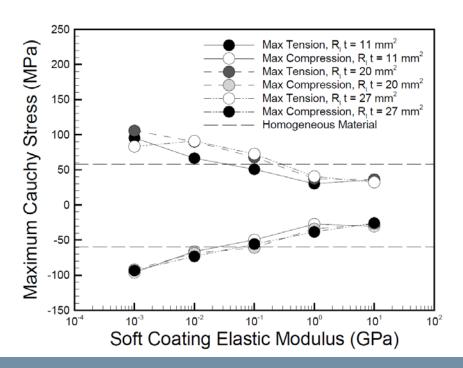


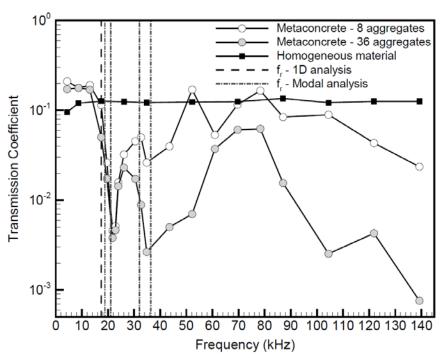
## Numerical validation: energy and stress attenuation

**Transmission Coefficient** 

$$T = \frac{E^{\text{RA}}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N} E^j}$$

 $E^{j}$  = j<sup>th</sup> inclusion time-averaged mechanical energy N = total number of inclusions  $E^{RA}$  = Farthest inclusion energy





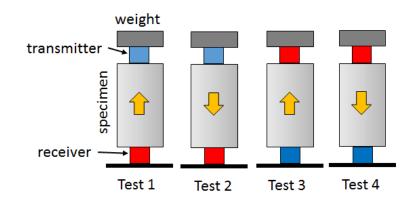
Maximum longitudinal tensile and compressive stress over the duration of the dynamical analysis

#### Experimental validation: signal transmission attenuation









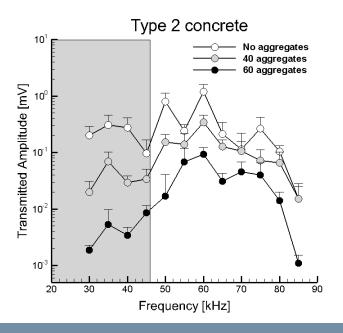
Type 1 concrete

No aggregates
40 aggregates
60 aggregates
60 aggregates
10°

20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90

Frequency [kHz]

- Two types of concrete (without and with fibers)
- Three arrangements (0, 40 and 60 aggr)
- 4 tests for each sample



#### Conclusion

- ✓ Interface behaviour for sun radiation cycles
   ✓ Structured recicled material to substitute EPS as insulation material
   ✓ Maintenance of finishing performance with RH and temperature cycles
   ... during load application
- 4) Mechanical strength, stiffness, durability and temperature performance of metaconcrete shall be investigated in the next years at LIDUP.