



SIMULATION OF LIQUID MOLDING PROCESSES (LCM) FOR CERAMIC MATRIX COMPOSITES (CMC) MANUFACTURING

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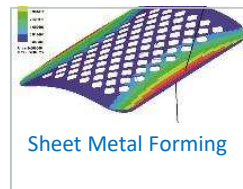
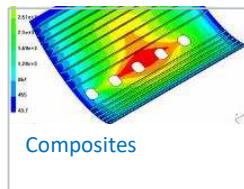
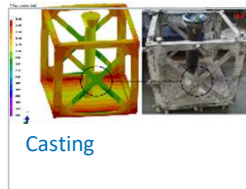
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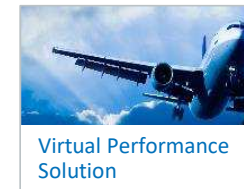
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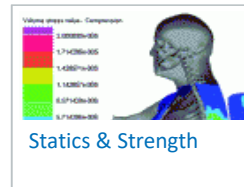
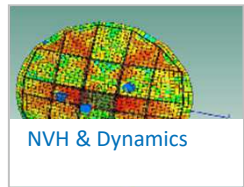
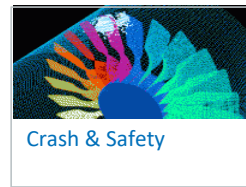
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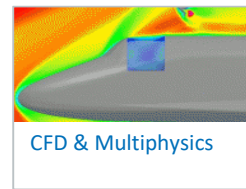
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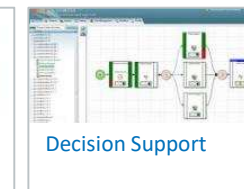
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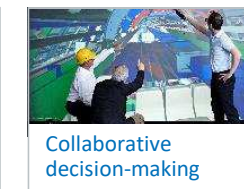
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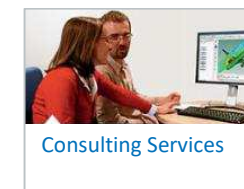
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Virtual Reality



Engineering services

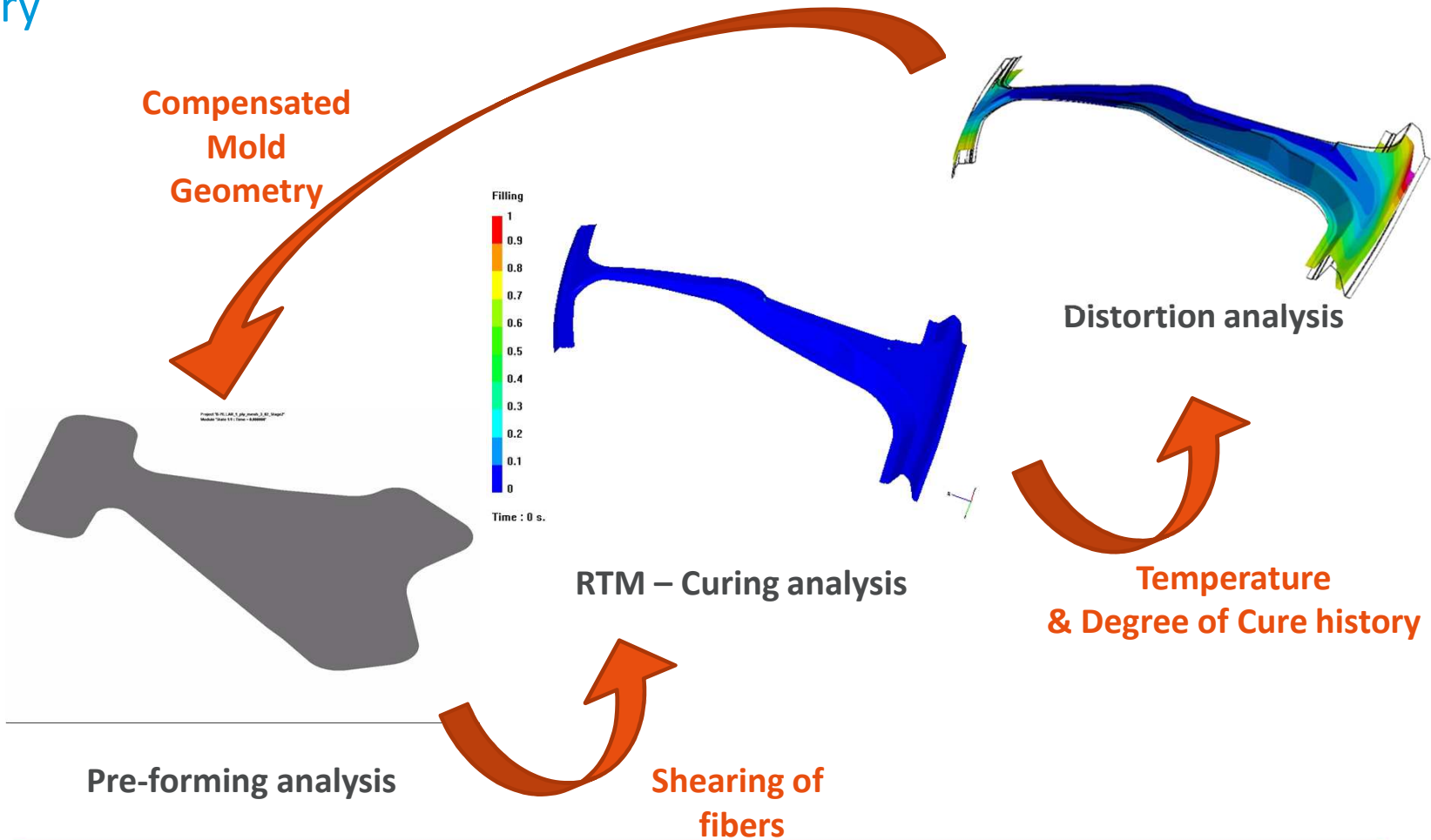


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ESI PAM-COMPOSITES

Summary



SAFRAN CERAMICS AT A GLANCE



AROUND 100
PEOPLE



EXPERTS IN HIGH
TEMPERATURE
COMPOSITES



SAFRAN
INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY ON
CMC :
1000 PATENTS

MANY EXTERNAL
PARTNERSHIPS



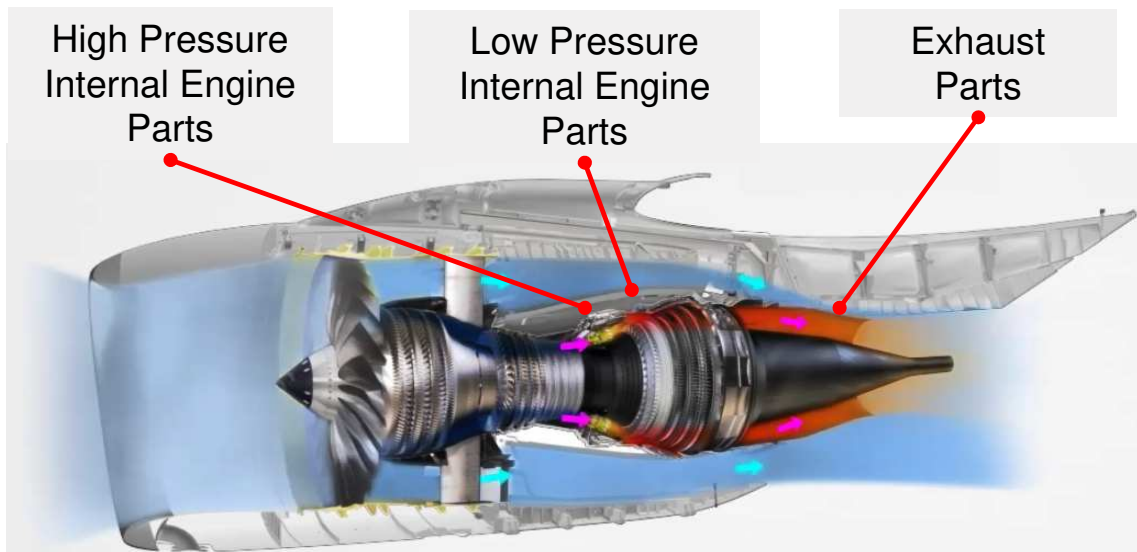
A 9800 sqm
BUILDING,
CONNECTED
TECHNICAL
HARDWARE

CMC FOR AERONAUTICS : SAFRAN LEADS DEVELOPMENTS TO TARGET COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT APPLICATIONS

TARGET

Temperatures : 400 to 1450°C
Life : 30 000 to 100 000 h

Ceramic Matrix Composite
What benefits compared to metallic alloys ?



Low density (between 2 and 3) :

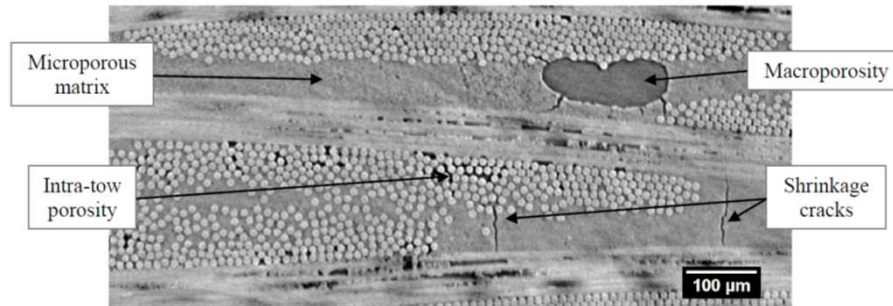
- Mass Saving

Higher temperature capability than the current state-of-the-art metallic alloys :

- Air Cooling Decrease
- Specific Consumption Decrease

CONTEXT

Oxide/Oxide composites (COX) are comprised of alumina matrix and alumina fibers



Oxide are selected for their good compromise between their performance and cost

Engine Mixers and Nozzles are typical applications for such materials

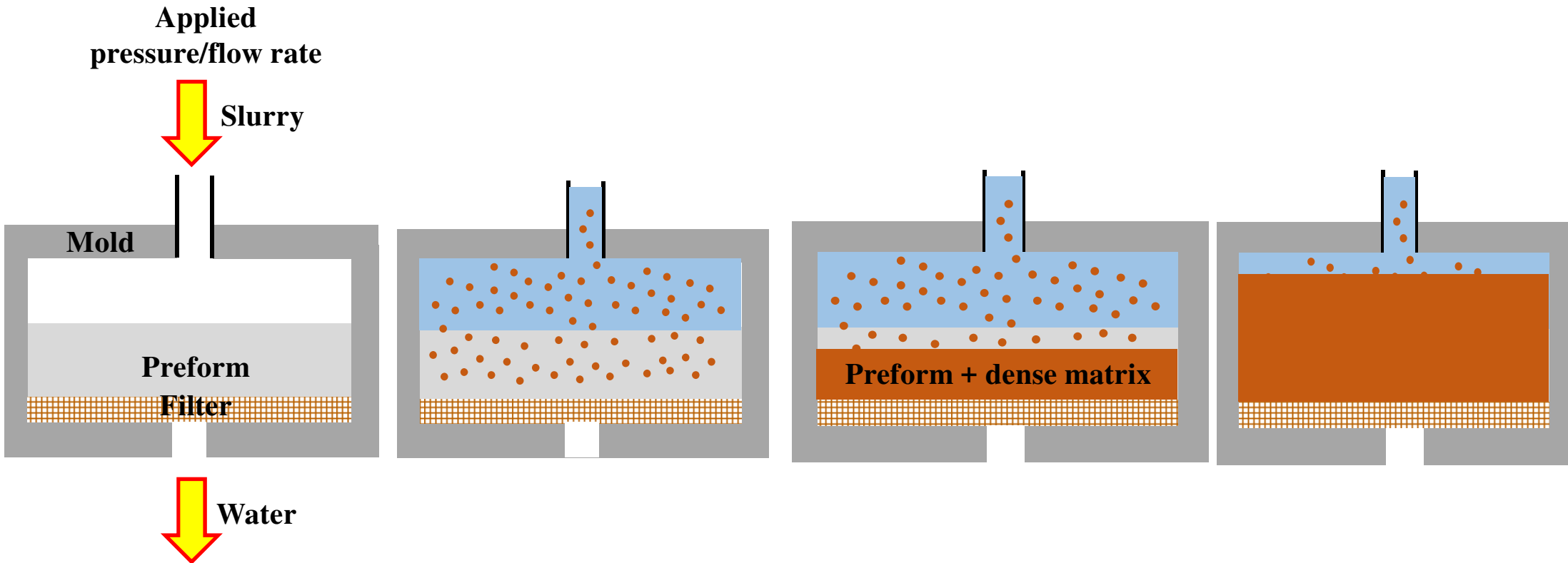
These parts are manufactured by the “Slurry Transfer Moulding” process, patented by Safran

This work concerns the modelling of this process



Oxide CMC part

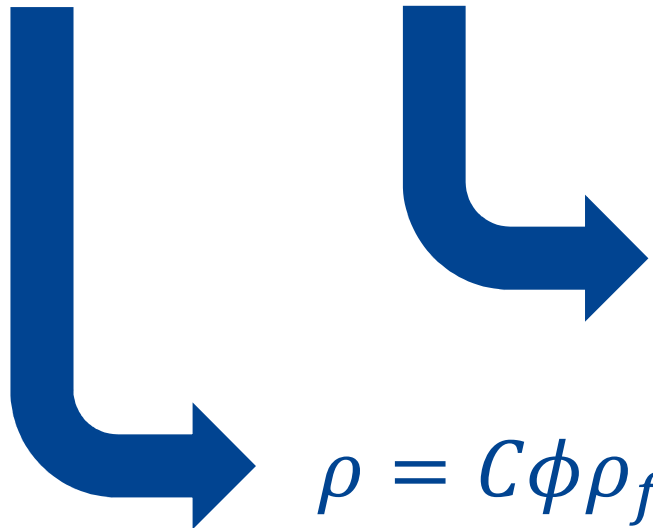
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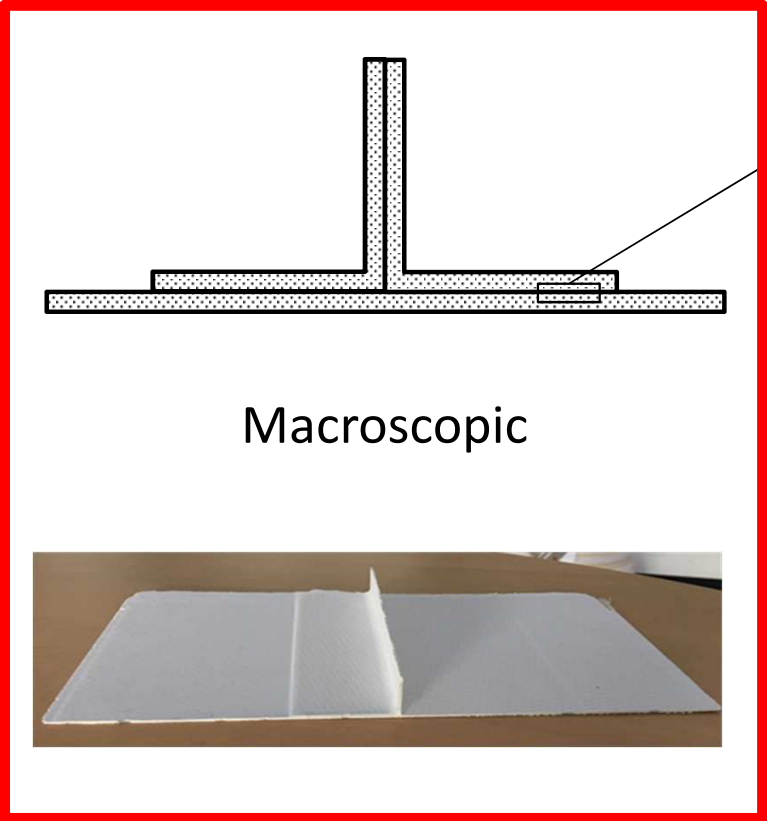
At all times the medium is comprised of two phase :

- A non compacted zone where the slurry flows in the inter-tow space
- A compacted phase where a compact granular material (cake) has locally formed

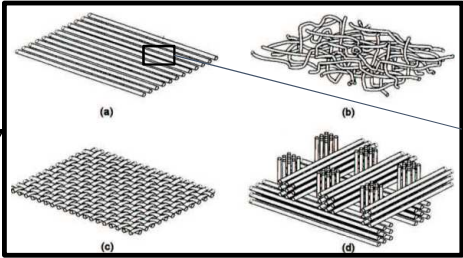
SLURRY MODELLING


$$\eta = f(C; \dot{\gamma})$$
$$\rho = C\phi\rho_{fillers} + (1 - C)\phi\rho_{fluid}$$

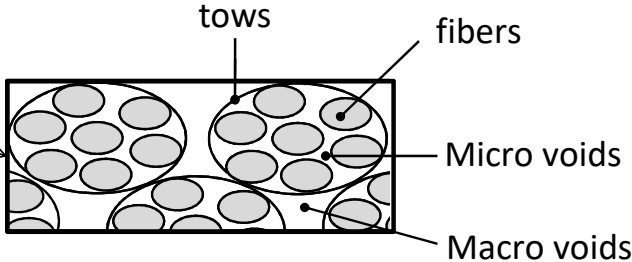
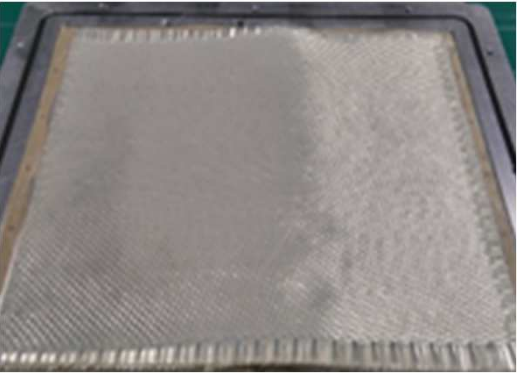
PREFORM MODELLING



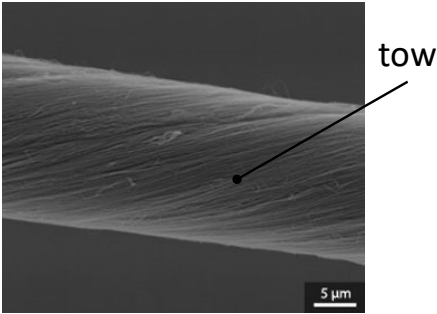
Macroscopic



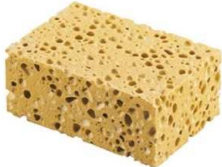
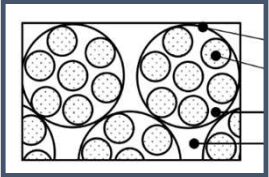
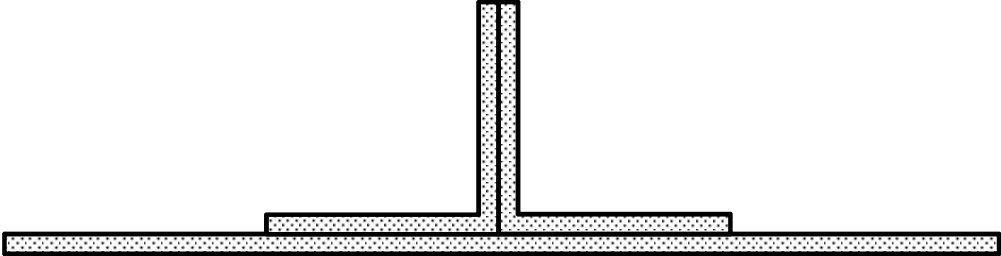
Mesoscopic



Microscopic



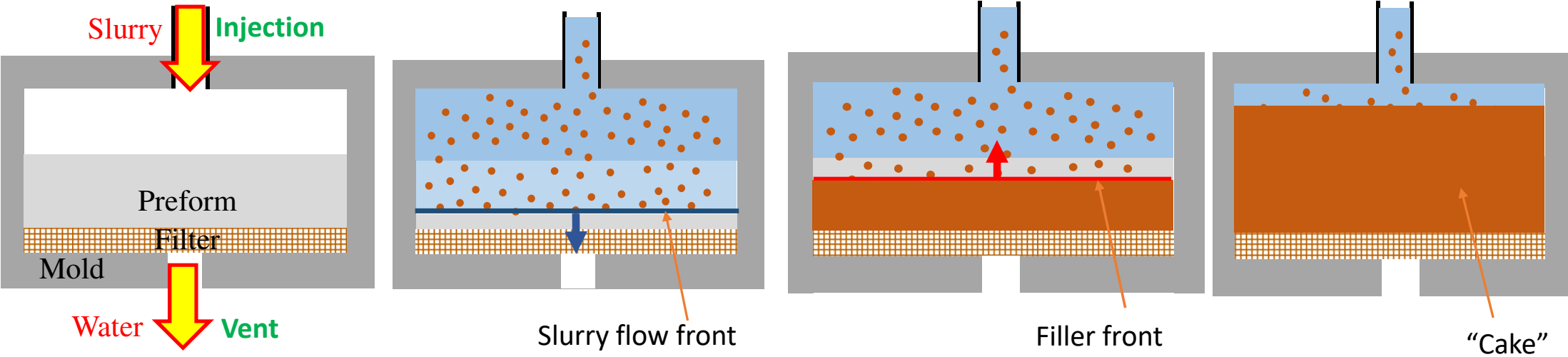
PREFORM MODELLING



PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

Pressure P_{inj} / Flow rate Q_{inj}

Slurry Injection



Biphasic flow through porous medium

Slurry flow = Particle transport

Porous medium

Filtration

SOME EQUATIONS

Mass conservation

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \underline{\nabla} C = \frac{1}{\phi} (C - 1) \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t}$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{v} \phi) = 0$$

Fluid Velocity

$$\underline{v} = \frac{1}{\phi} \underline{U}_d = - \frac{1}{\phi} \frac{1}{\eta} \underline{K} \underline{\nabla} P$$

Filtration

$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} = \lambda_0 f(\sigma) C - k_r \sigma + S$$

Hypothesis

Dual scale porous medium

$$K^t = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{K_f} + \frac{1}{K_d^t}}$$
$$K_d^t = \frac{1}{h_k a^2} \frac{(1 - \sigma)^3}{\sigma^2}$$

Surface filtration only

$$S_e = \frac{Q_{out} C_e}{\Omega_e}$$
$$\lambda_0 = k_r = 0$$

ANALYTICAL VERIFICATION

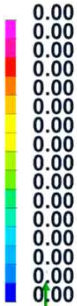
Thickness

Belfort law

$$h = \frac{QC}{S(\sigma_{max} - C)} t$$

$$\Delta p = \frac{\mu Q}{SK} h$$

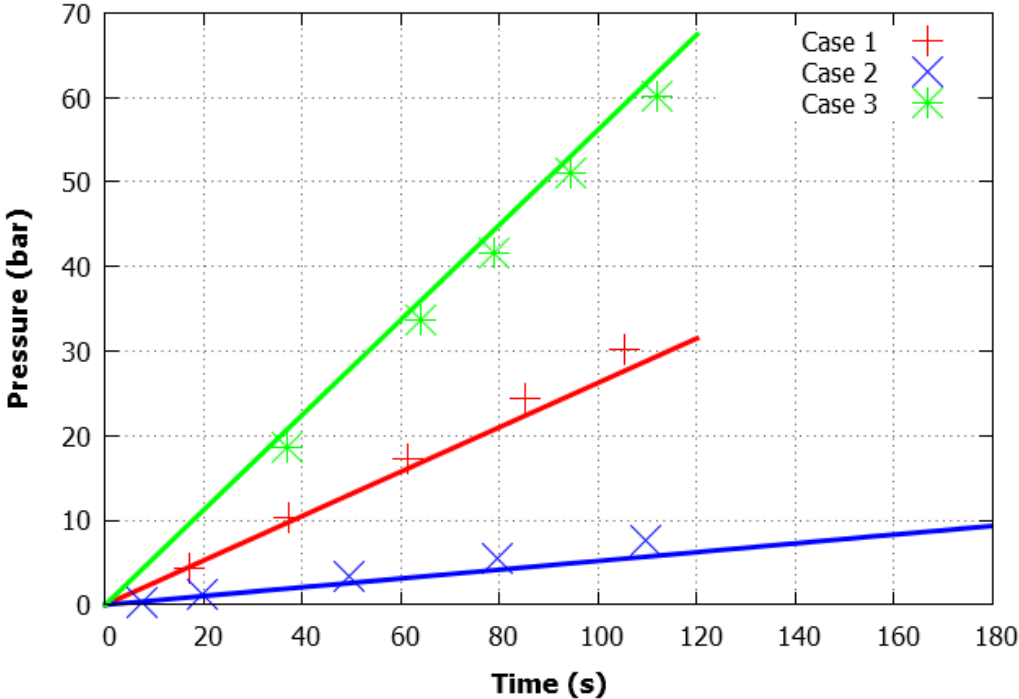
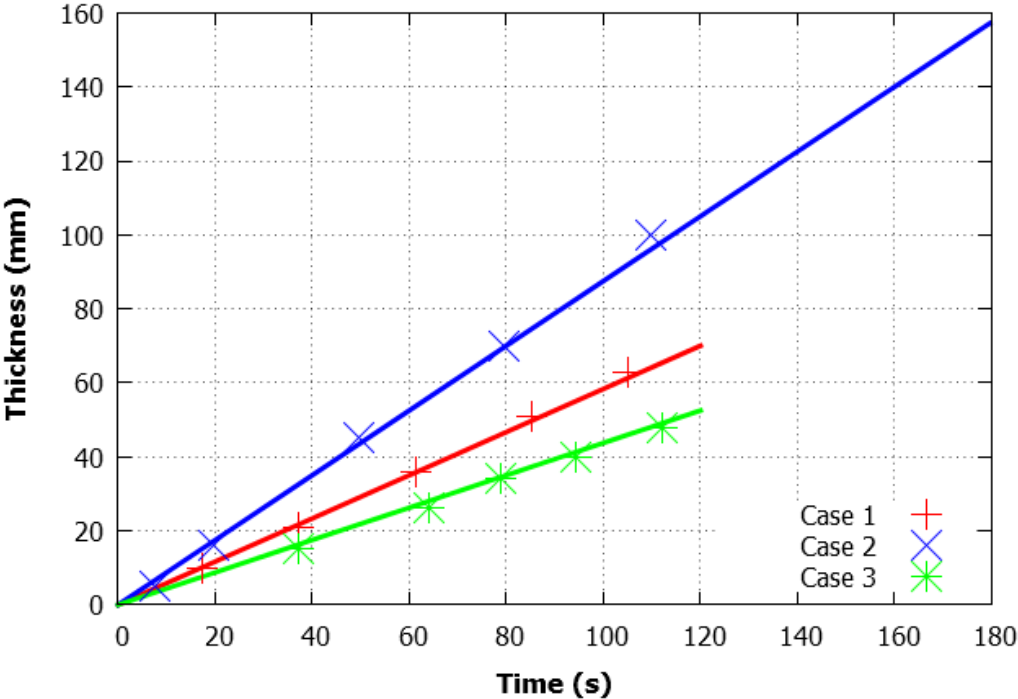
	Permeability (m ²)	Compaction ratio
Case 1	1,55.10 ⁻¹³	0,6
Case 2	1,2.10 ⁻¹²	0,4
Case 3	5,4.10 ⁻¹⁴	0,8



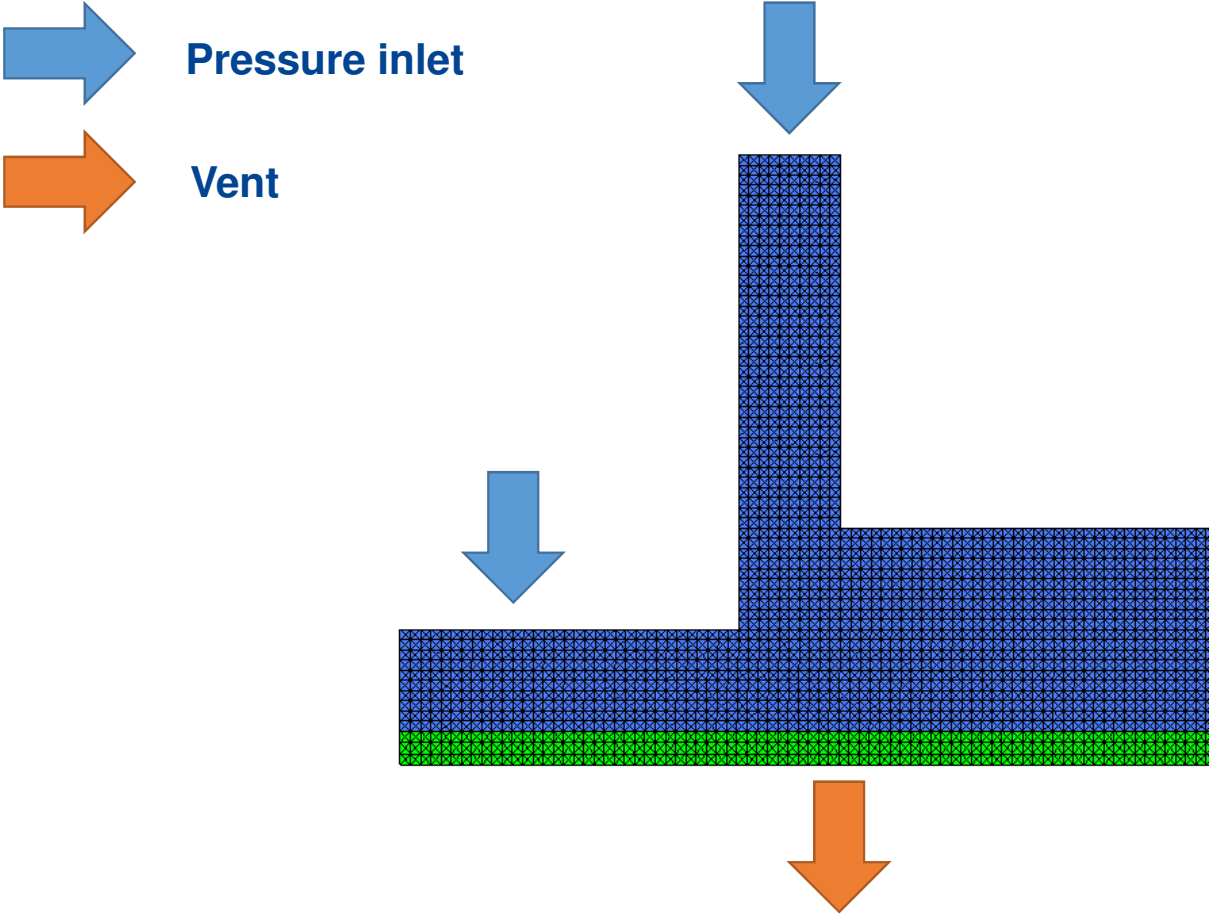
Pressure

ANALYTICAL VERIFICATION

	Permeability (m ²)	Compaction ratio
Case 1	$1,55 \cdot 10^{-13}$	0,6
Case 2	$1,2 \cdot 10^{-12}$	0,4
Case 3	$5,4 \cdot 10^{-14}$	0,8



APPLICATION EXAMPLE



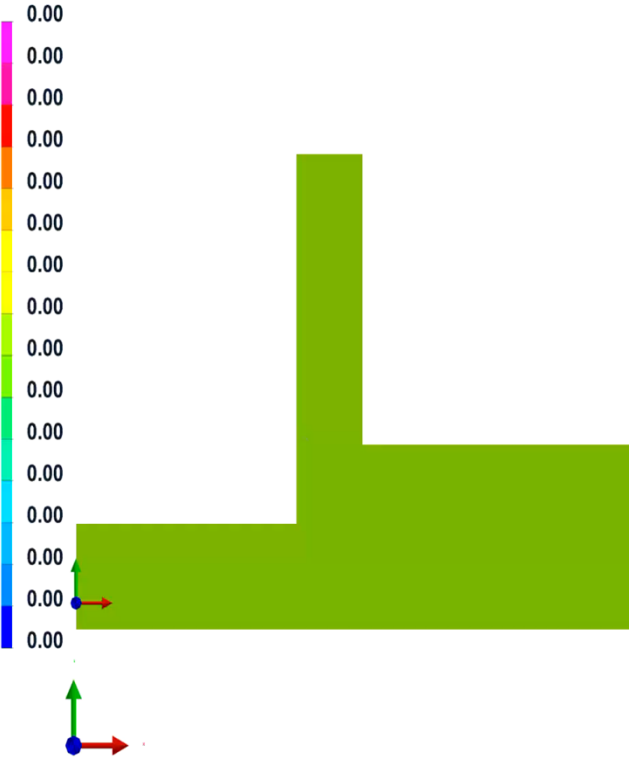
Pressure inlet

Vent

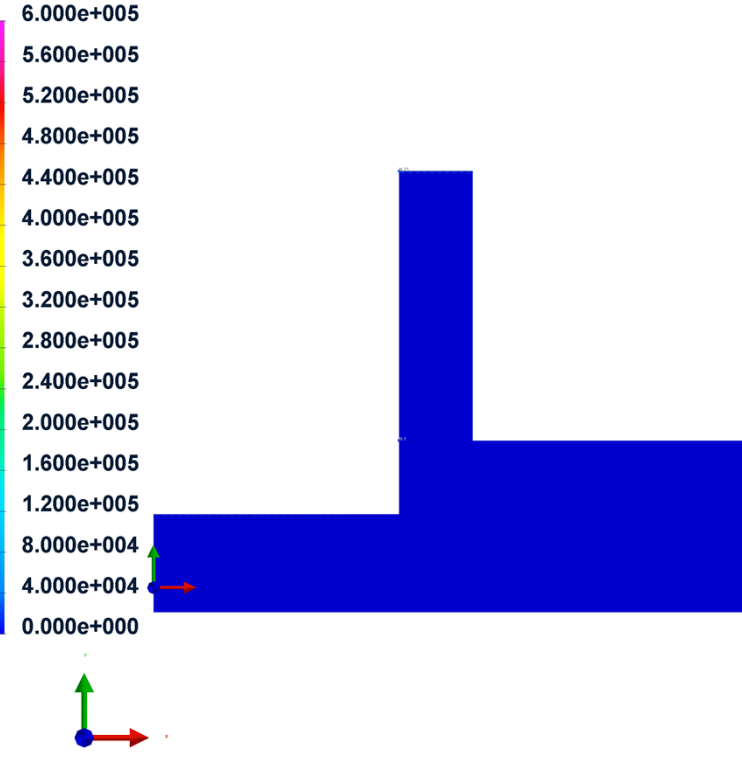
Operating Conditions	
Applied Pressure	6 bars
Vent Pressure	0 bars (relative)
Slurry concentration	30%

APPLICATION EXAMPLE - RESULTS

Cake concentration



Pressure



CONCLUSION

Simulation tool allowing macroscopic simulation on real size part

Implementation verified against analytical laws

On-going works on verification and validation with experimental test comparisons

Use of simulation to define optimized injection strategy



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