



Kunststoffe auf dem Prüfstand - Testen und Simulieren

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- Data Cards
- Simulation for Structural Parts
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Semi-Structural Parts Automotive

Light Weight Development as a Global Procedure



Recyclate

LFT-PP
VS
CFT PP

„Thin Wall
Technology“

Global
Data
Cards

Bumper

Instrument Panel

Battery Tray

Door Module

Tailgate

Front End

Noise Shield

Under Body Panel

Spare Wheel Pan

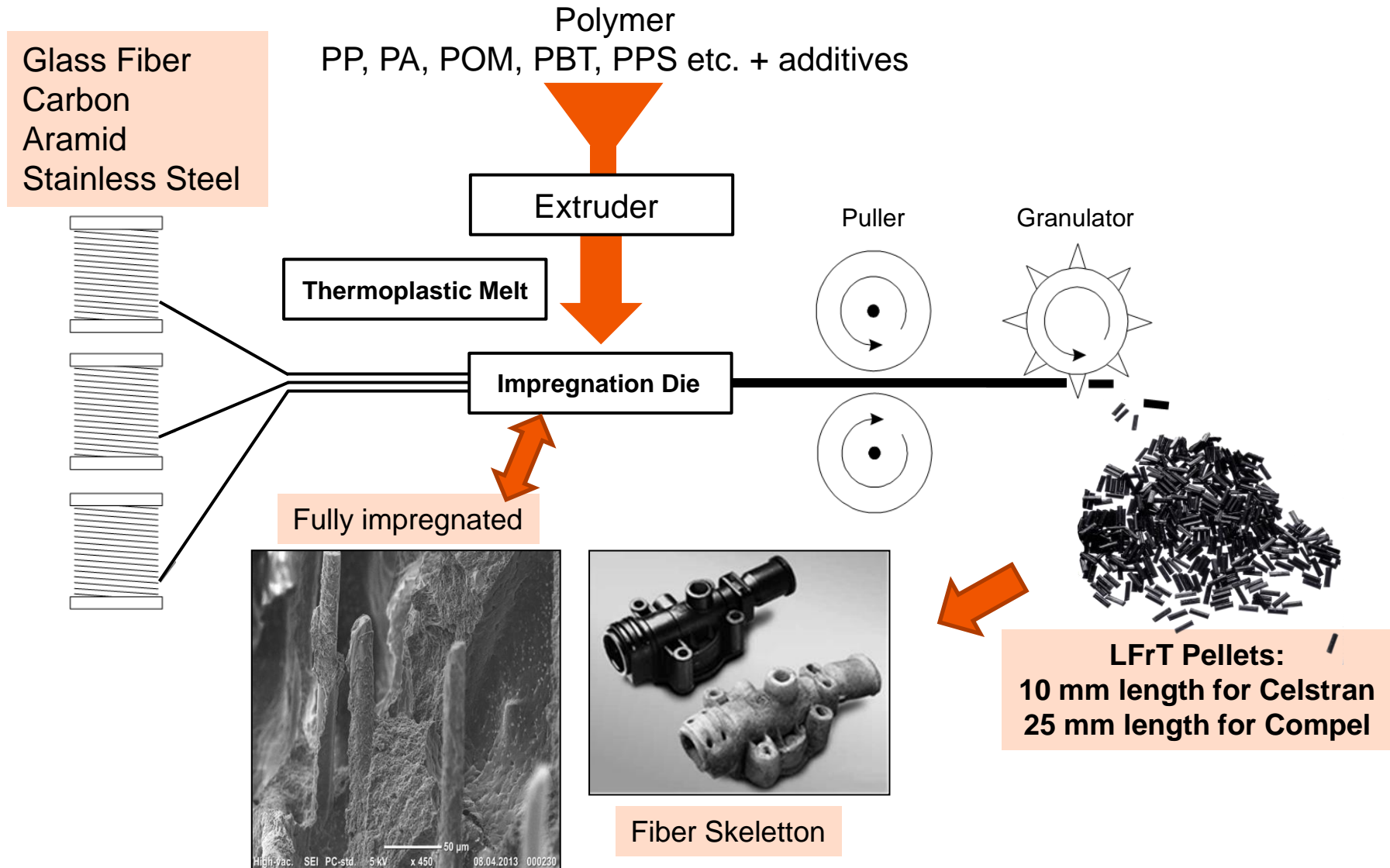
Electronic Box

Seat Panel

Chem./
Physical.
Foaming

LFT +
LFT Hybrid

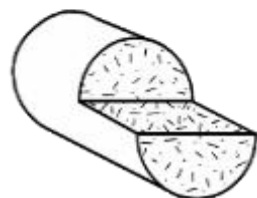
Manufacturing Process – Pultrusion stands for Quality



Fiber Length Development stands for high performance

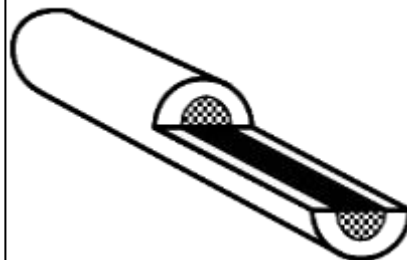


**Short Fiber Granule
Fiber Length
= 0.2 – 0.4 mm**



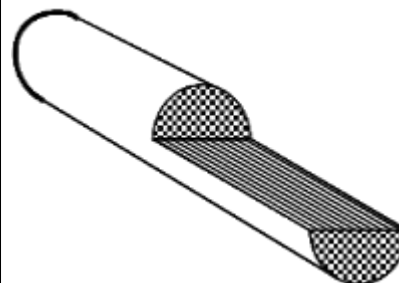
Step 1

**Wire-Coated Or
Co-Mingled Fibers**



Step 2

**Fully Impregnated
Long Fiber Granule
Fiber Length
=11-25 mm**



Step 3

**Fully Impregnated,
Continuous Fiber
Reinforced Tape
(CFR-TP)**



Step 4

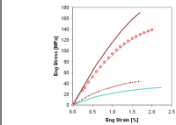
...for excellent project development
in cooperation with OEM / Tier 1, 2... as project tracking



Ideation



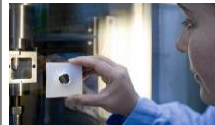
Component Design



Material Data Cards



Filling Simulation, Tooling, Production



Testing



Component Validation

**Personal Vehicles
&
Commercial
Vehicles**



**OEM
Specification**

Specification – as requirements for a global process

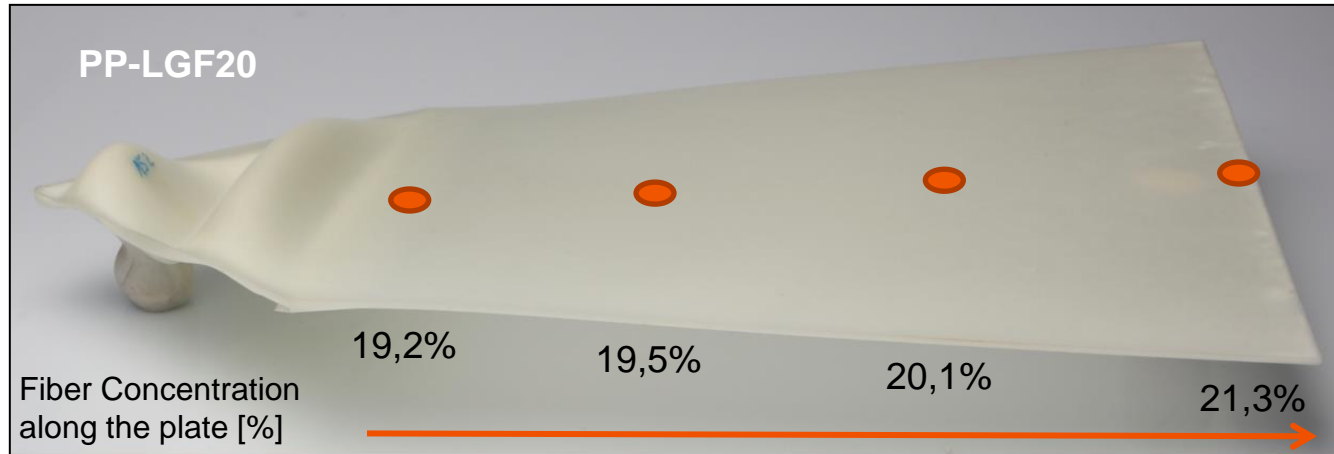
Valuable cooperation – right from the start.

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Moldflow Simulation



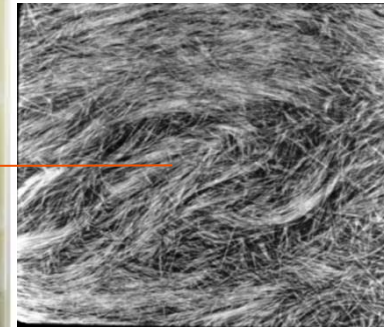
Filling study on 2.5 mm plaque – PP-LGF20 vs PP-LGF50



Celstran PP GF20

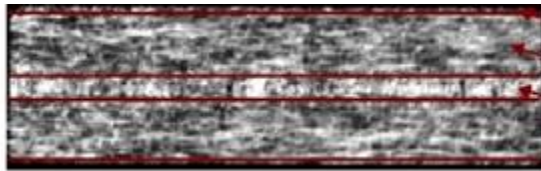


Celstran PP GF50

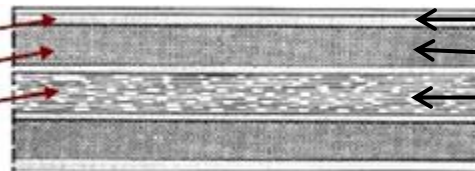


Different flow fronts depending on fiber content.
Filling behaviour (flow front) can not be simulated correctly.

CT Analyzes: Fiber Length Distribution and Orientation over Thickness



cross section

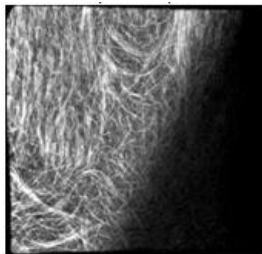
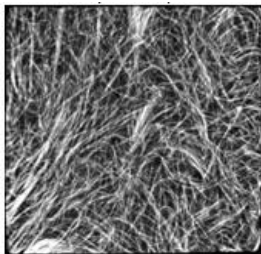


schematic layer structure

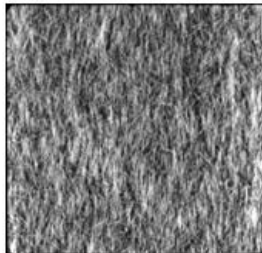
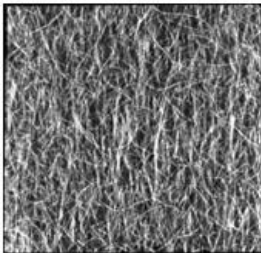
Skin layer
Shear layer
Core layer

Celstran PP GF20 blend

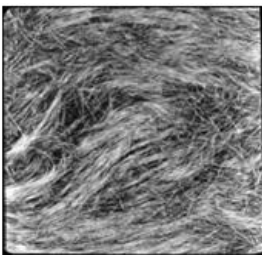
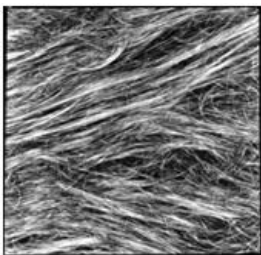
Celstran PP GF50



Skin layer (1)

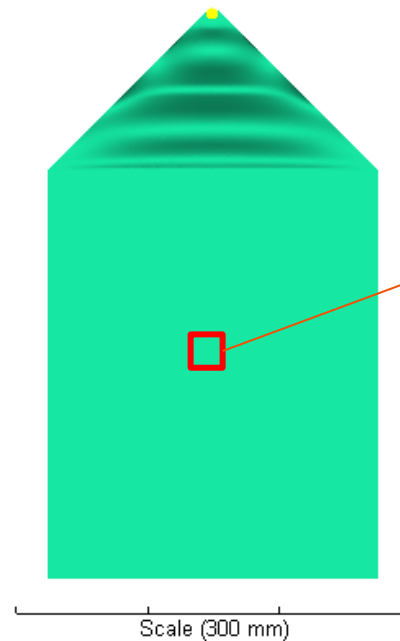
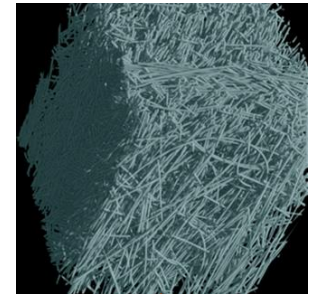


Shear layer (2)



Core layer (3)

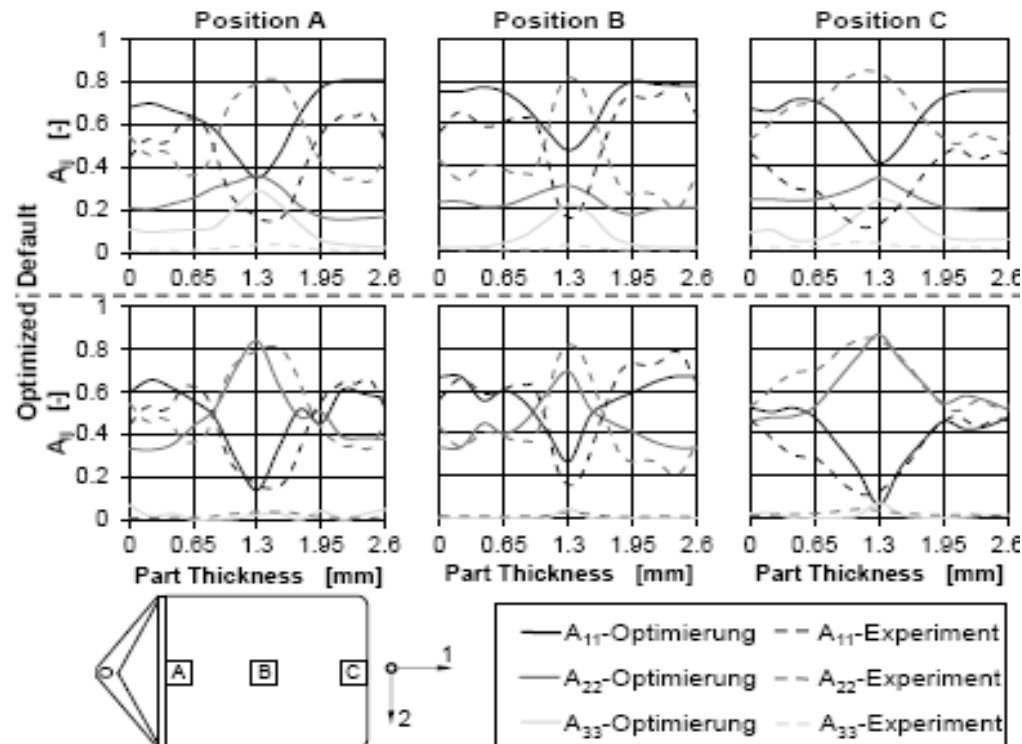
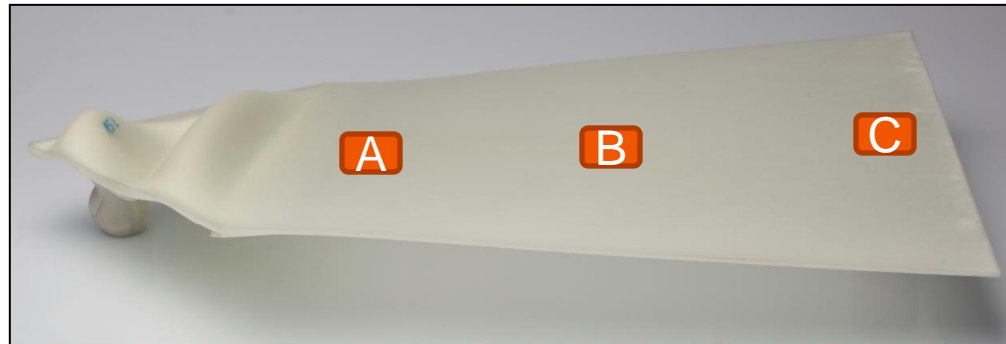
Flow direction



Scale (300 mm)

ARD-RSC Model

Data base for Molfflow on 2.5 mm plaque – PP-LGF20 [1]

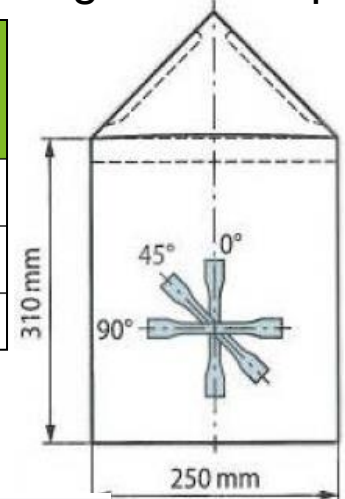


3-point bending test for creating LS Dyna on 2.5 mm plaque – PP-LGF30 – 3 directions

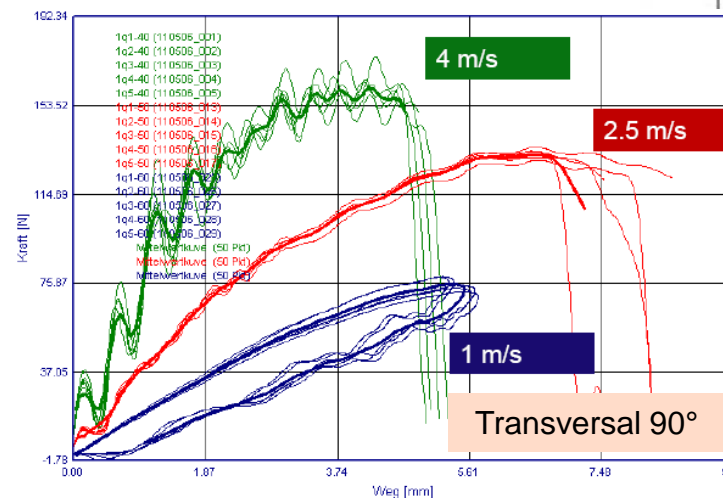
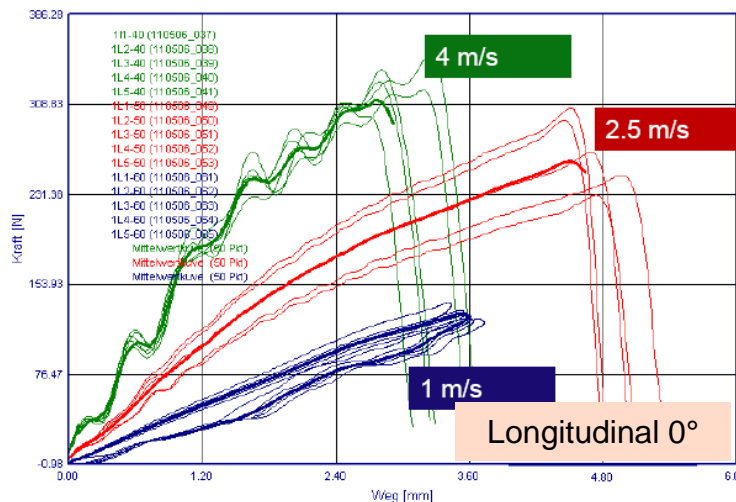
3-point bending test

- Analytical estimation of the range of strain rates leads to the following test set-ups

Distance between Supports l_w [mm]	Velocity of Pendulum v [m/s]	Strain Rate ϵ_{pkt} [1/s]
50	1	0 - 10
40	2.5	10 - 20
30	4	60 - 100



- The strain rate is not of constant value (see given range).
- Each test configuration is repeated three times.



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Typical Requirements:

- **high stiffness**
- **energy absorbance**
- **part integration**

➞ **material, design**

- **low warpage to match precision needs for assembly**

➞ **design, tooling, processing**

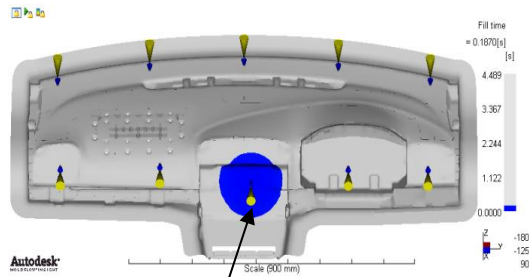
- **weight reduction through thin-walled design**
- **Foaming Process**

➞ **design, processing**

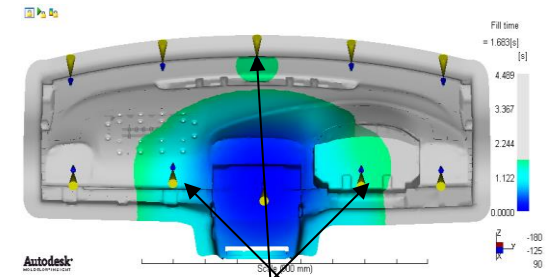
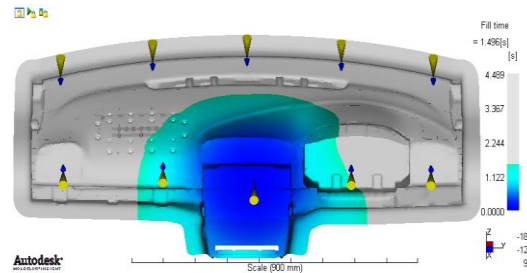
Celstran[®] is a high quality LFT. Typically 20 or 30 % GF content used for IPs

IP Filling Study

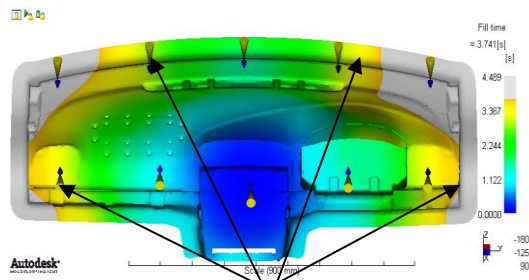
10 Gates timed with Cascade Principle



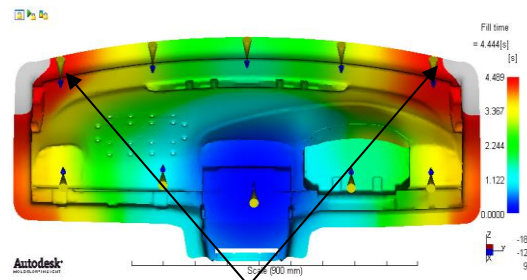
Gate 6 open



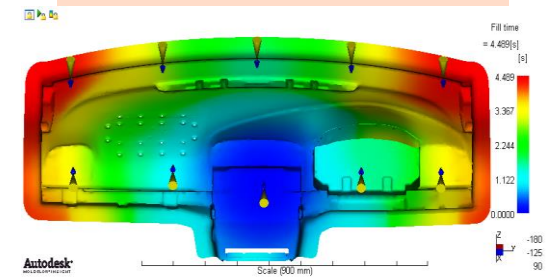
Gate 4, 5 and 8 open at 1.62 s



Gate 2, 3 and 7, 10: open at 3.6 s

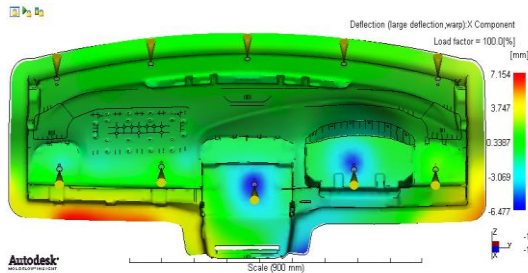


Gate 1,9 : open at 4.4 s

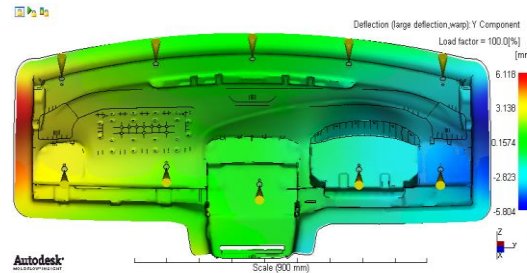


- Cascade gating commonly used for large parts.
- Practical filling study corresponds to the Moldflow study.

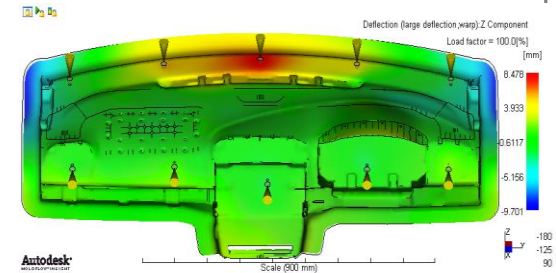
IP Shrinkage and Warpage



Deflection in X direction

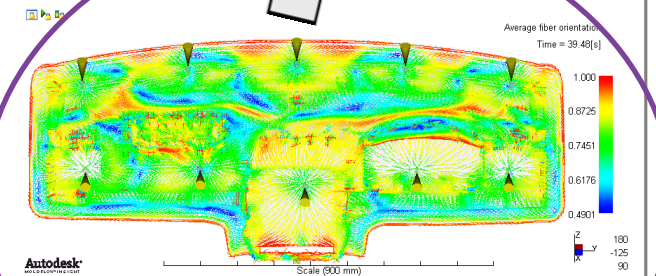


Deflection in Y direction



Deflection in Z direction

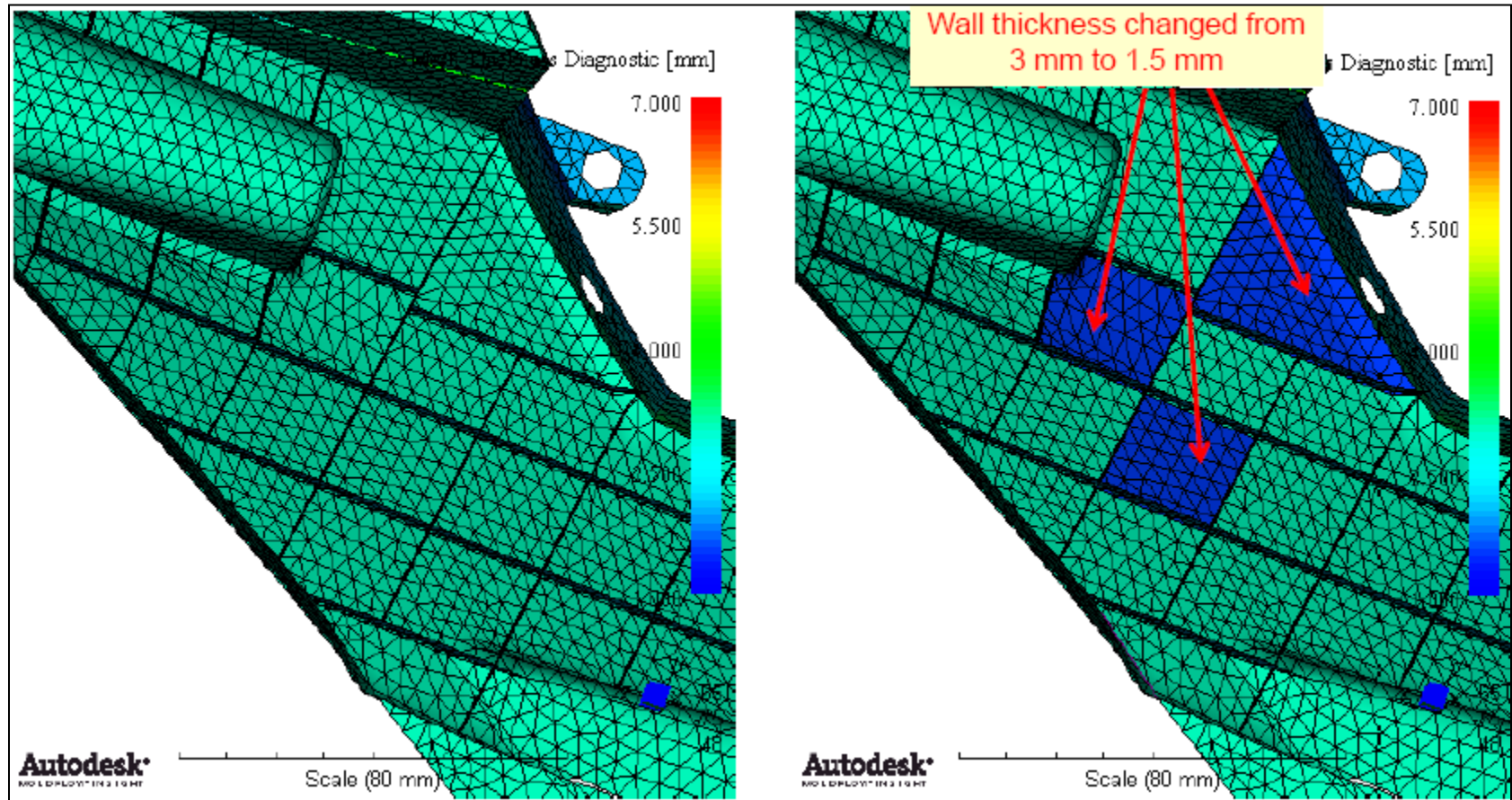
Finished IP: low warpage / homogenous surface



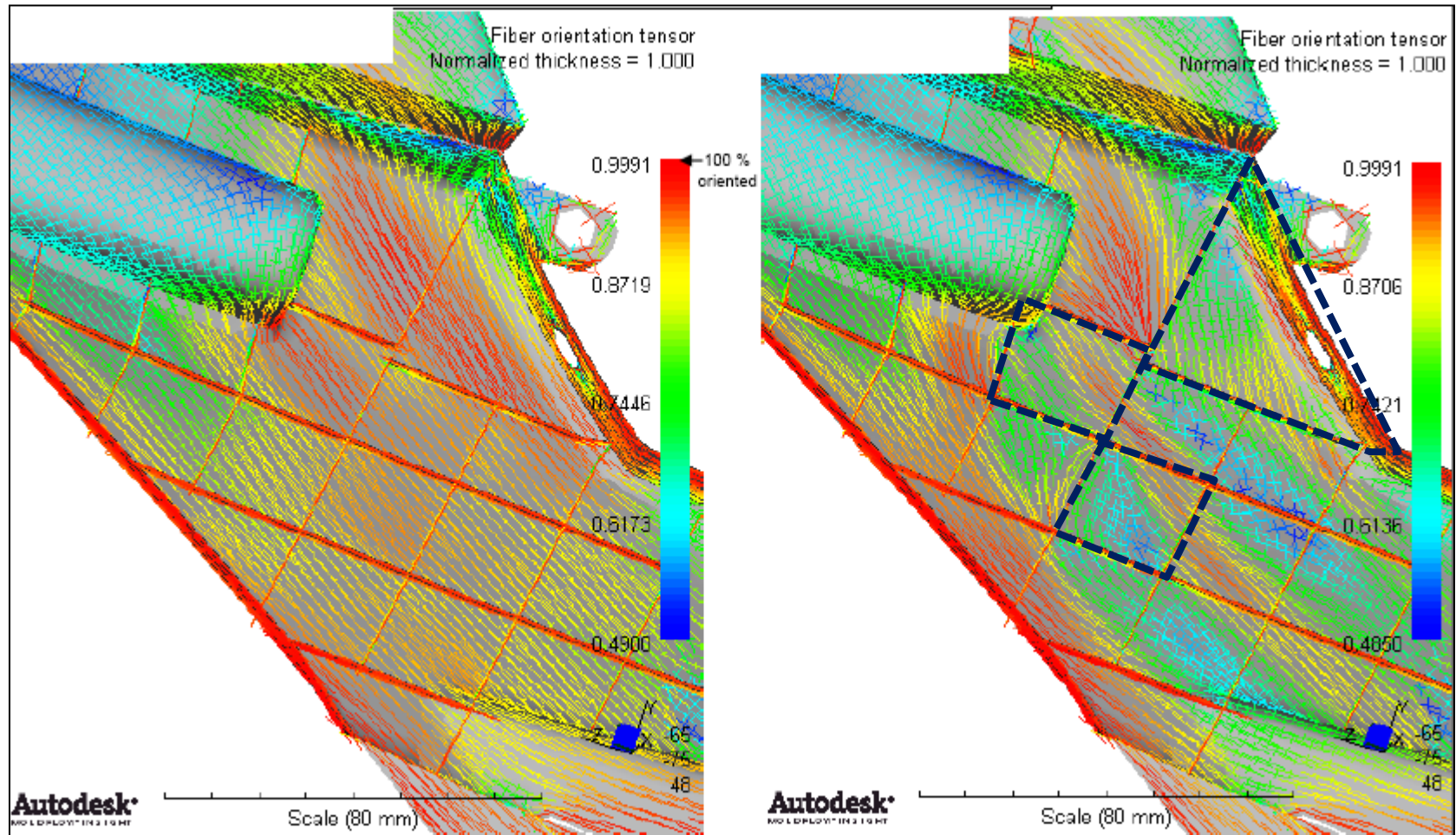
Average fiber orientation in flow direction

Fiber orientation mainly determines the warpage behaviour of the part.

Thin wall design to influence the glass fiber matrix flow



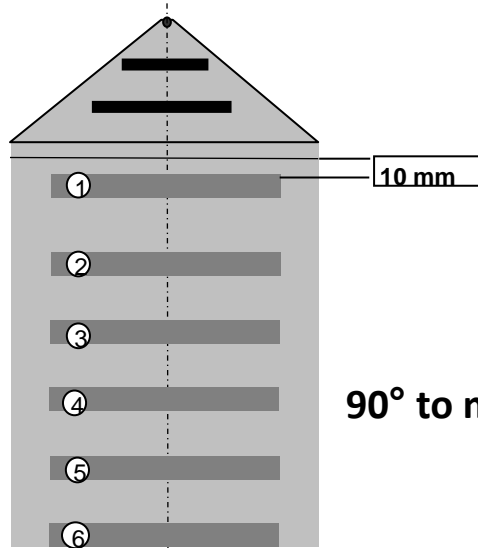
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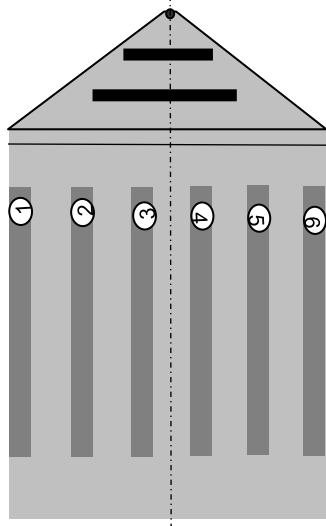
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Test Plan according to a OEM spec

MuCell vs chem Foaming, plaque 2,5 mm wall thickness

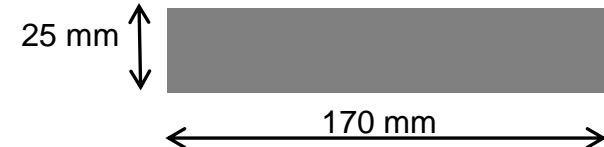


90° to melt flow / transversal

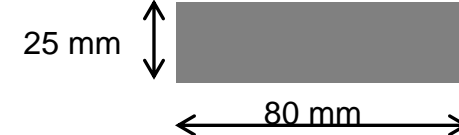


0° to melt flow / longitudinal

Tensile Specimen



Flexural Specimen



Impact Strength



Test program

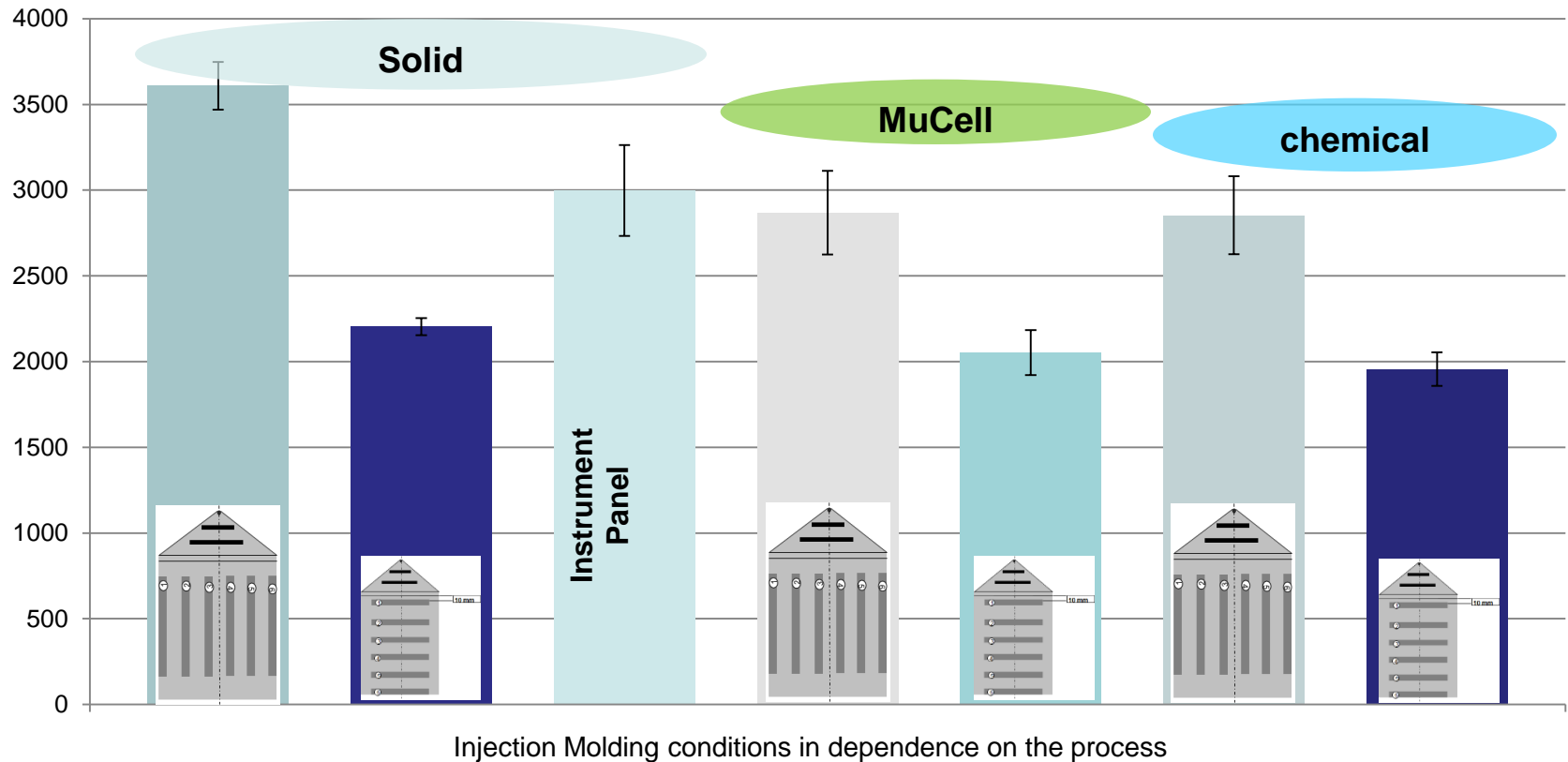
- Tensile test
- Flexural test
- Impact strength
- Fiber length
- Cell dimension and distribution
- Adhesion between Fiber and matrix
- Odor and emission

Material Performance

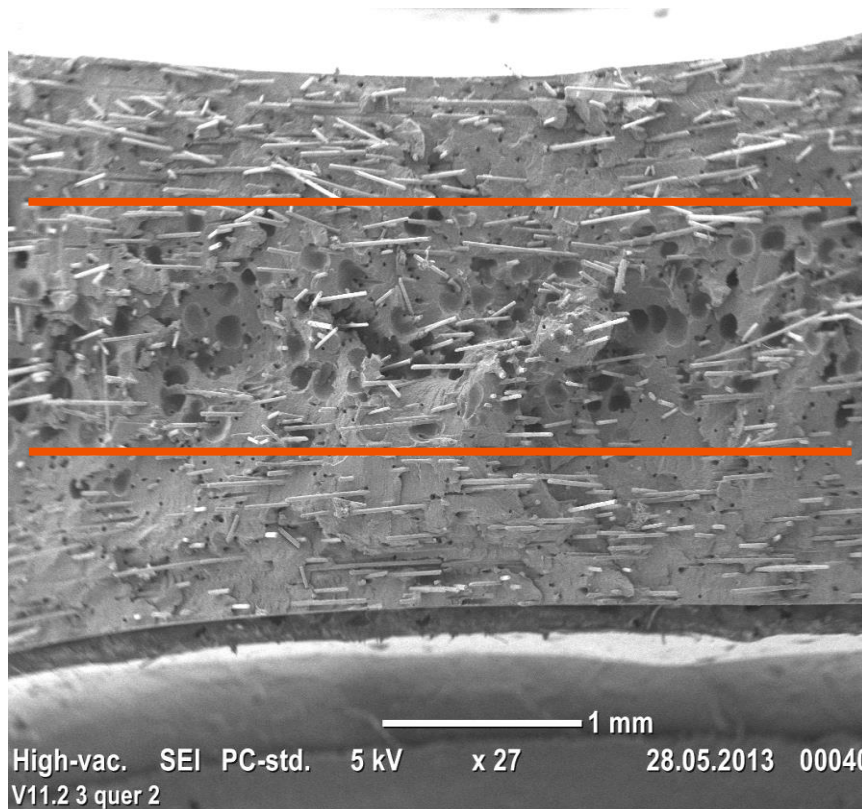
Solid vs MuCell vs chem Foaming: 2,5 mm wall thickness



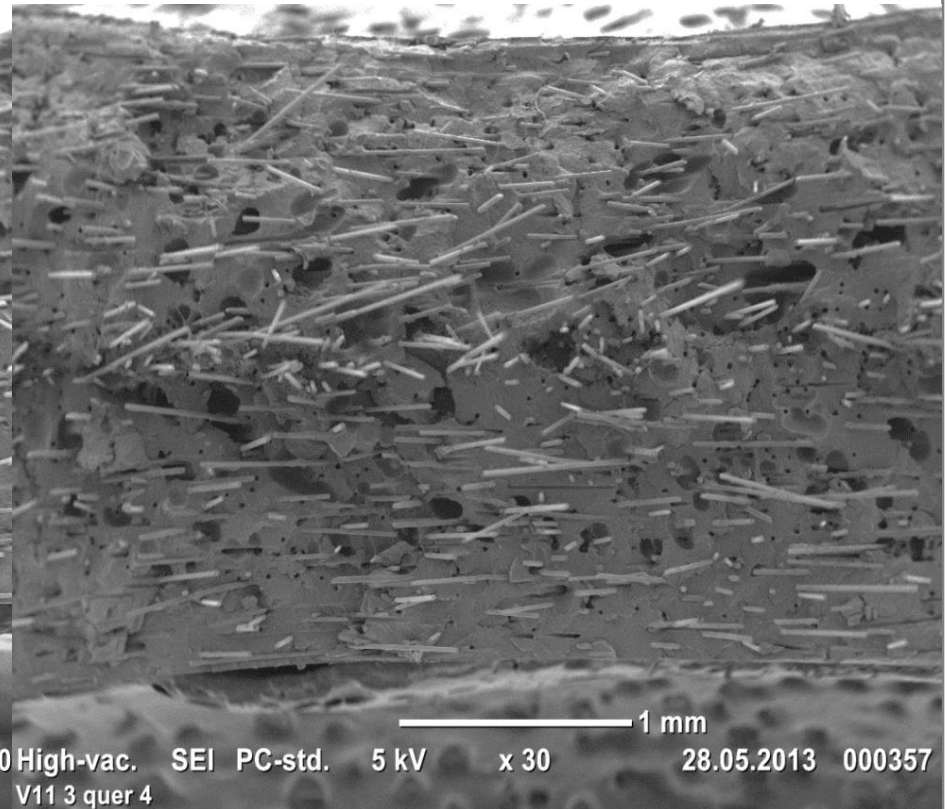
Tensile E-Modulus [MPa] PP-LGF 20



Foam-Process and its Cell distribution all over the wall thickness [2,5 mm]



Chemical foamed



Physical foamed

MuCell vs chem Foaming

Comparison of Celstran PP-GF20



Mechanical Properties 2,5 mm Plate*

		Tensile Test 23°C	Flexural Test 23°C	Impact Strength 23°C	Impact Strength -35°C	Weight Reduction
2,5 mm Plate	solid	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	MuCell	82%	93%	93%	80%	-11,60%
	chemical	78%	87%	93%	74%	-12,40%

* The Feasibility Study was done on MuCell Aggregate for doing a direct Comparison each other.

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Shredder and Regrind

Celstran PP-GF20 Blend – regrind and Tape vs Organo Sheet



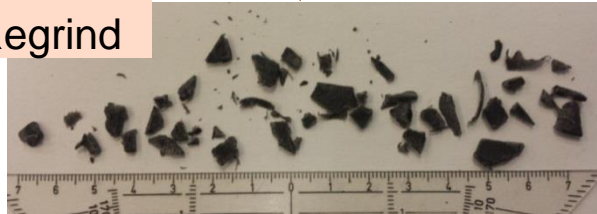
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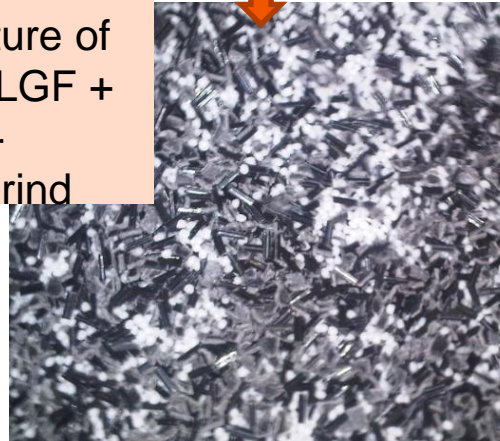
Molded IP



Regrind



Mixture of
PP-LGF +
PP+
Regrind



UD Tape-Recyclate



Organo Sheet-
Recyclate



Test Results out of Cockpit Process

PP-LGF 20 with 10 and 20 weight% regrind



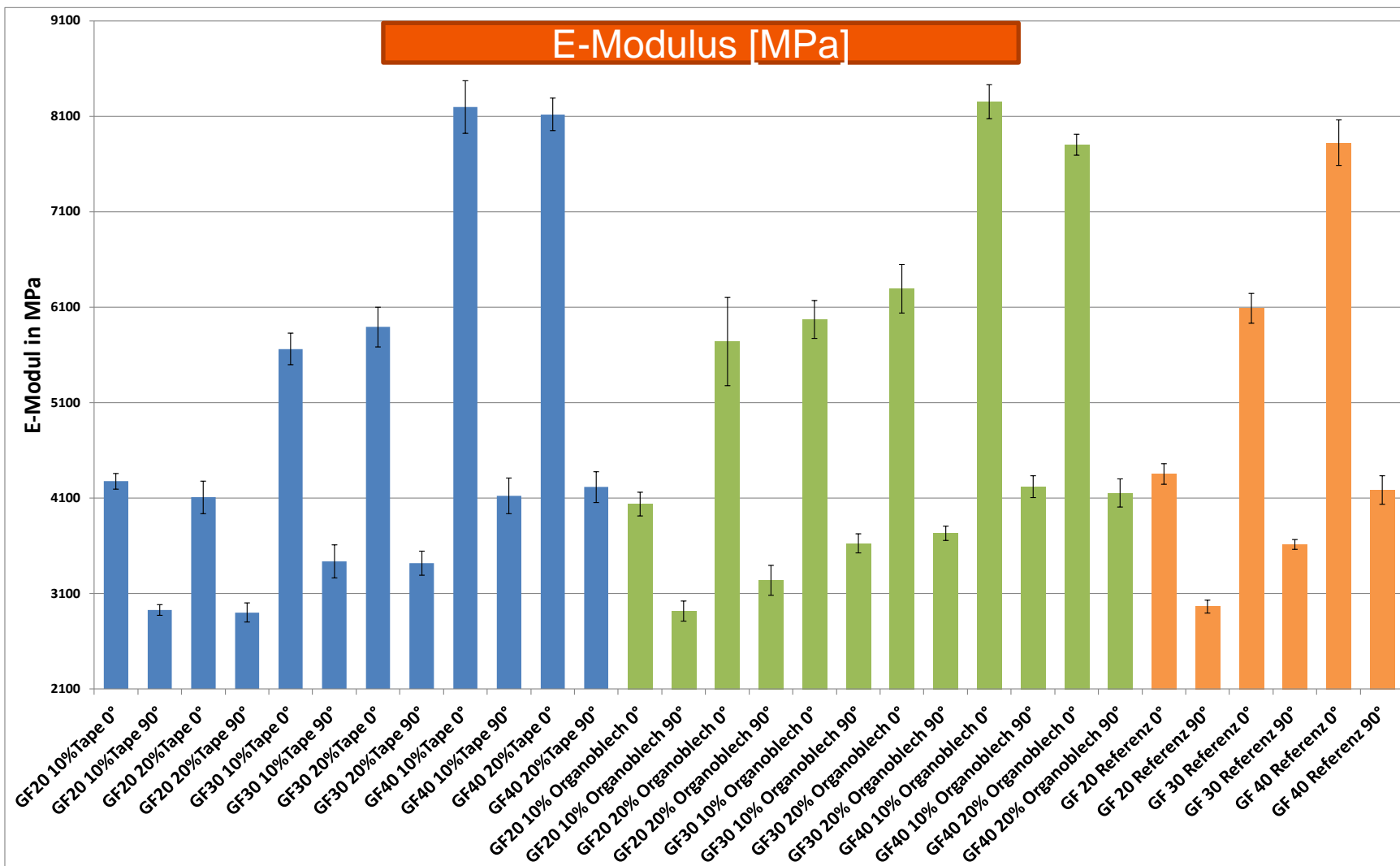
Test procedure All RT		Required**	IP Wall thickness < 2,2 mm	Virgin + 10% R	Virgin + 20% R
Density	g/cm ³	1 ± 0,02	1,02	1,02	1,02
Ash Content	%	20 ± 2	21	20	20
Tensile test E-Modulus	MPa	2.300	3.500	3240	2870
Flexural Test Flexural Strength	MPa	40	65	72	65
Impact Strength	kJ/m ²	20	60	52	46
Tensile Strength	MPa	40	50	52	46
Elongation at break	%	2,0	3	2,9	2,9
VDA 277	µgC/g		35	< 30*	<30*

*Optimized IM parameters→ low melt temperature....

** vs OEM spec

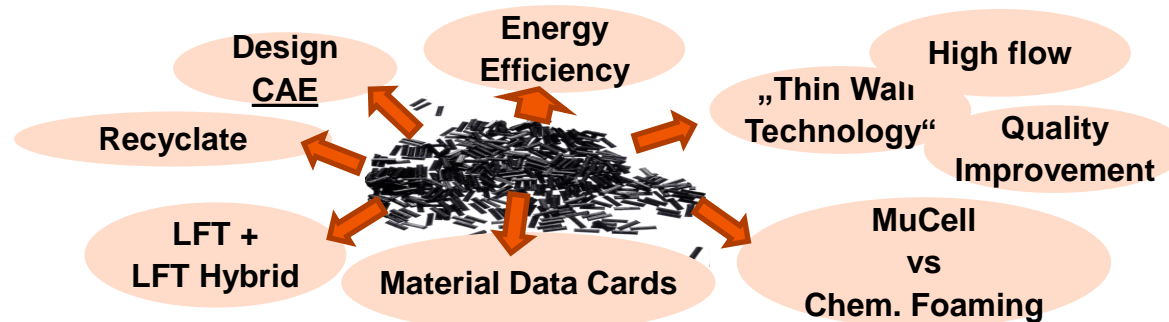
Recycling Concept

PP-LGF in comparison with UD Tape and Organo Sheet recycle



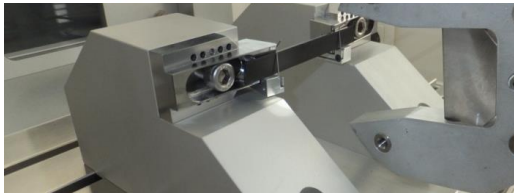
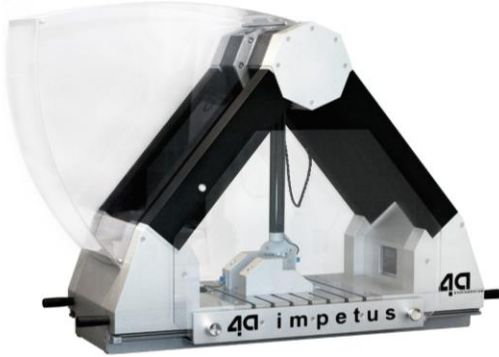
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- Long Fiber reinforced Thermoplastic will be used for structural parts including crash absorption
- Data Cards have to be offered as a package: Campus, Mat 24 and ARD-RSC Model,
- Simulation for Structural Parts have to be done as efficiency as to work out a short development phase and reducing those costs
- Light weight Development necessarily for reducing the CO₂ Emission...
- Celstran Recycling Concept – more important because of the „Old Vehicles Regulations“
- Optimization Process for creating data cards, which offer a more realistic part development including dynamic crash tests etc...
- Due to the thin wall development and foaming procedure, there are required more and more data, which currently are not available

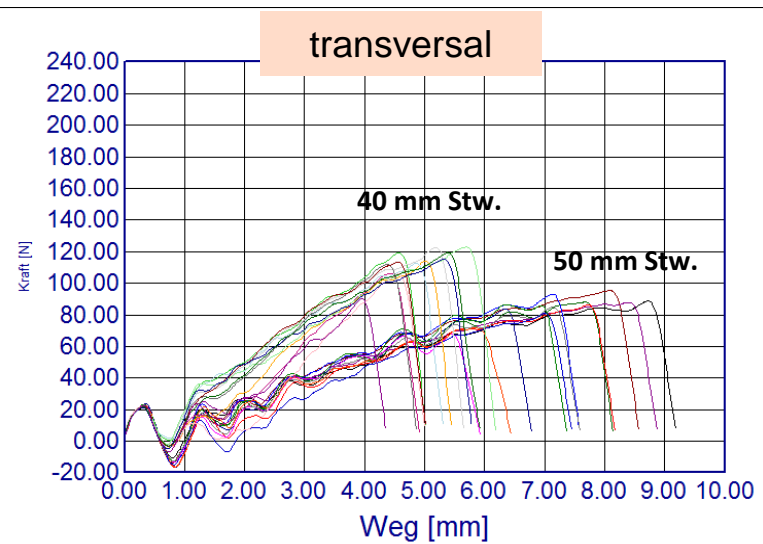
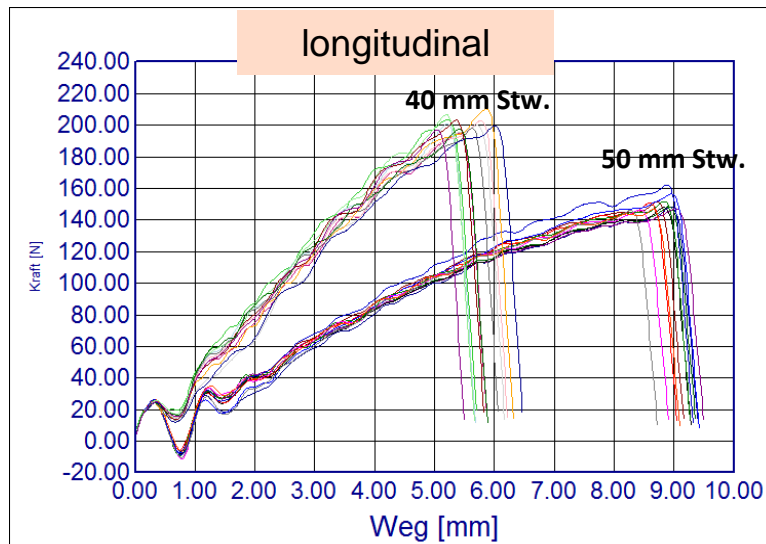


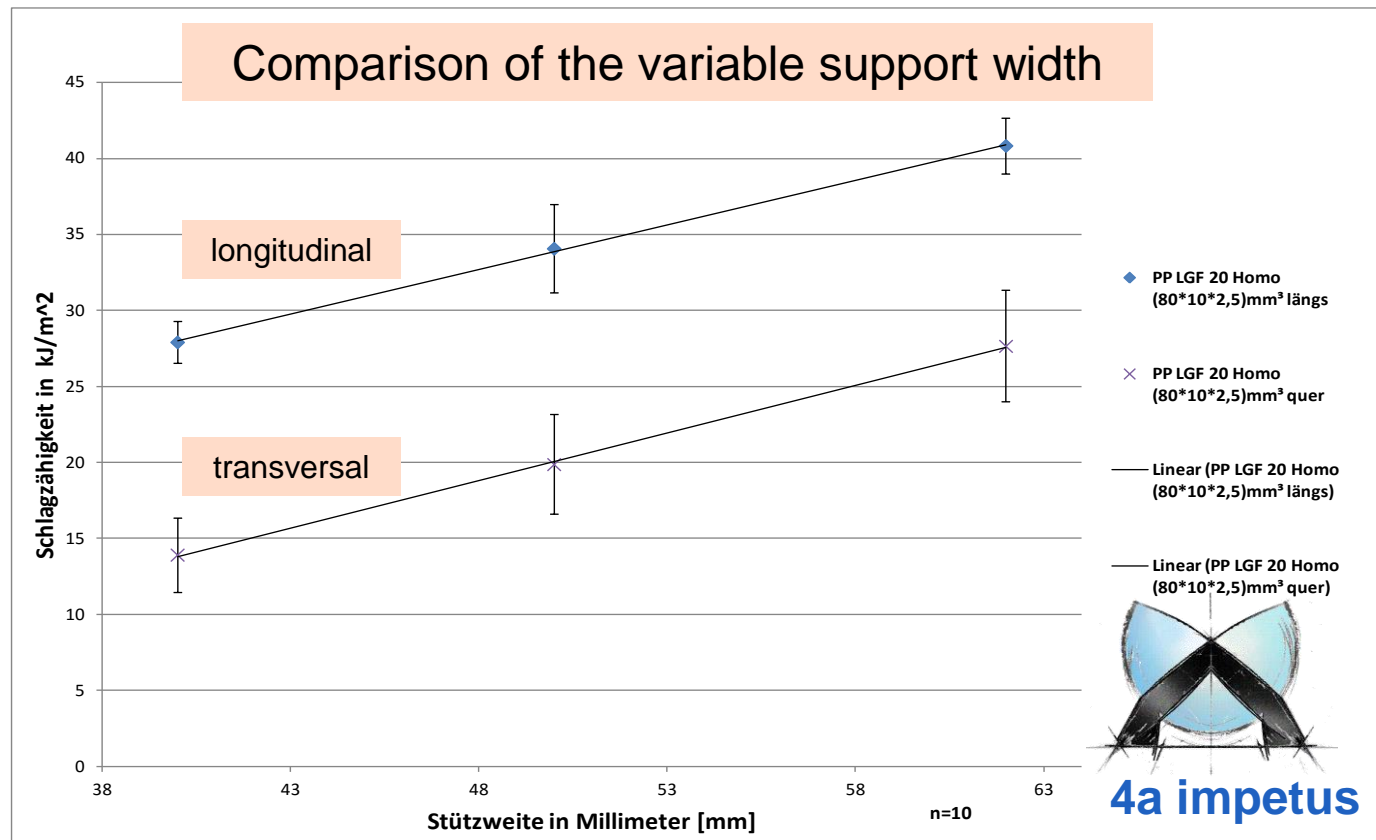
Quality Window

to be defined with a variable support width



- Transversal test specimen create a higher deviation
- Longitudinal test specimen can take over a higher energy absorption
- With smaller support width (increasing strain rate), the power consumption is increasing and the deformation is shrinking





- ▶ Linear link between Impact strength and support width
- ▶ in dependence on the variable support width the transversal test specimen show a lower Impact strength

**Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit
Fragen?**

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[1] FIBER ORIENTATION PREDICTION OF LONG FIBER-REINFORCED THERMOPLASTICS: OPTIMIZATION OF MODEL PARAMETERS

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