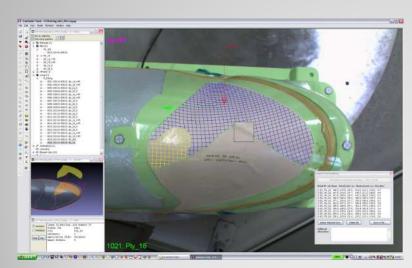
# Prototype to Production A Case Study for Niche Vehicle Development



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- Specialist in lightweight technologies including composite and 3D Printing applications
- Structural Engineering; Project Engineering and Management
- Multi-industry including automotive, motorsport, wind energy, marine and aerospace
- 15+ Years in the composites industry and a further 10+ years in high level motorsport and aerospace



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**Aluminium Additive Manufacturing** 

# **Engineering & Beyond**



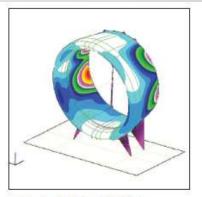
#### SYSTEMS AND ENGINEERING

Combining parts, manufacturing tools and engineered structures

Some previous example demonstrating:

- Technical, Engineering and Project Management
- Structural Engineering, Materials selection,
   Tooling, Prototyping, Processing, Systems and
   Component Manufacturing









Duct leading edge component sitting in assembly jig

### **Systems and Engineering**



#### Programme Management of bodyin-white composite panels

- From concept
- Through detail design
- To Production

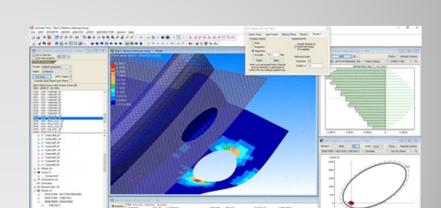


#### **Typical Automotive Composite Panels**

- Extensive composite processing and prototyping experience
- 3D modelling and Composite analysis experience/support
  - Solidworks
  - Laminate Tools/LAP \*

#### Interfacing to

- DS Abaqus
- MSC Patran/Laminate Modeler
- Altair Hypermesh, Optistruct/RADIOSS
- Femap
- Ansys

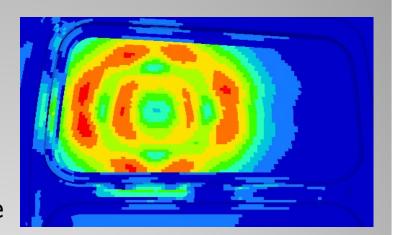


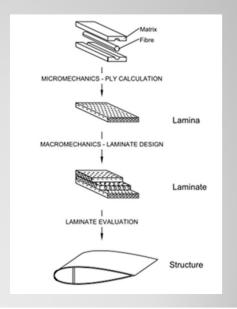
\*Partnership with Anaglyph Ltd

#### **Composites Engineering - Capabilities**

#### Laminate Optimisation for Stiffness

- Selection of material weights, fabric and UD fibre orientation, core materials and overlaps.
- Optimise laminate thickness and backing structure for stiffness/weight, buckling resistance and customer perception
- Compare with known metal solutions
- Quantify effect of core thickness and fibre orientation

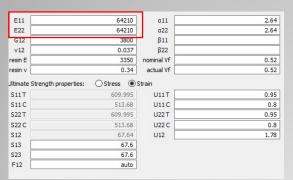




## **Composites Engineering**

- Materials selection using LAP
- Comparisons of the variety of fabric/resin choices

XC611 – 600 gsm stitched biax Default material

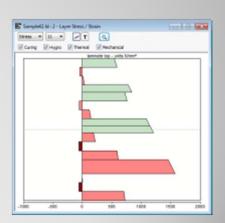


XCHM304 – 300 gsm stitched biax Alternative High Modulus material

E11	107657	o11	1.68
E22	107657	a22	1.68
G12	4310	β11	
v12	0.02	β22	
resin E	3350	nominal Vf	0.56
resin v	0.34	actual Vf	0.56
S11T	796	Strain U11T	0.739385
S11 C	579	U11C	0.537819
S22 T	796	U22 T	0.739385
S22 C	579	U22 C	0.537819
	579 77.58	U22 C U12	0.537819 1.8
S12			
S22 C S12 S13 S23	77.58		

Case #	Construction	Max Deformation (mm)
1	Default material (XC611)	1.067e-002
4	High modulus material	0.635e-002

- The max deformation is reduced to 60% of default
- However price is >2x per metre square and twice the amount would be required for geometric requirements
- Hence this is not a viable solution for all the construction



Investigation into fibre modulus/cost effectiveness

- Ambitious project initiated by two young Emiratis
- Limited budget and resources, to be built in Dubai so not a large supporting infrastructure
- Initial car built using some novel technologies but generally very traditional
  - Steel spaceframe
  - Glass fibre (CSM) panels





#### The "Dubai Roadster"

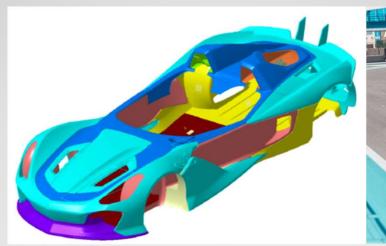
 Car was surfaced in traditional automotive software (Alias) by a designer working for GM

 Surface data imported to SolidWorks and panel splits defined and panels developed for tooling

 Tools created for bodywork and some made by Additive Manufacturing; others more traditional route

Low temperature cured parts made directly

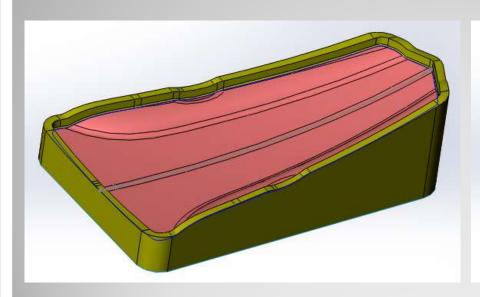
in glass fibre

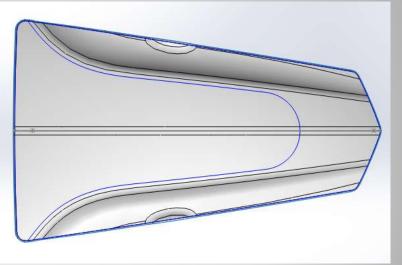


# **Prototype production**

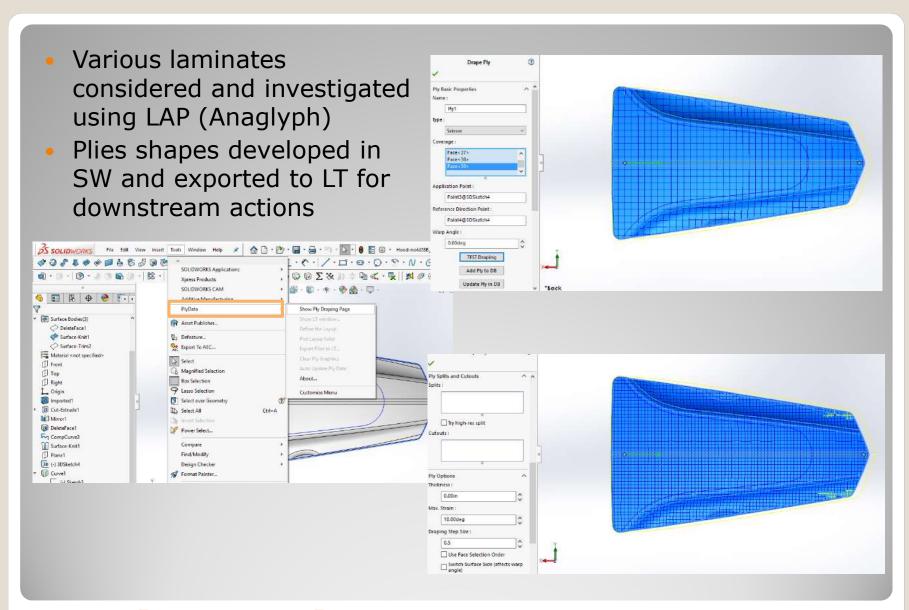
motoring

- Process unsuitable for multiple vehicles
- Requirement to have lighter panels from carbon fibre/epoxy to be investigated
- Development of plies from CAD using interface from SolidWorks to Laminate Tools
- Goal: Creation of ply book and ply shapes exported for cutting

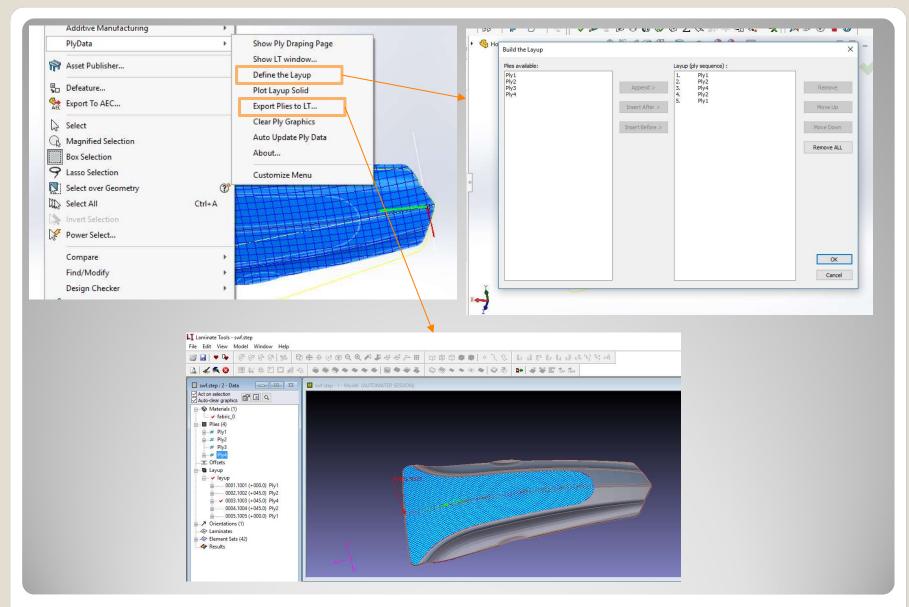




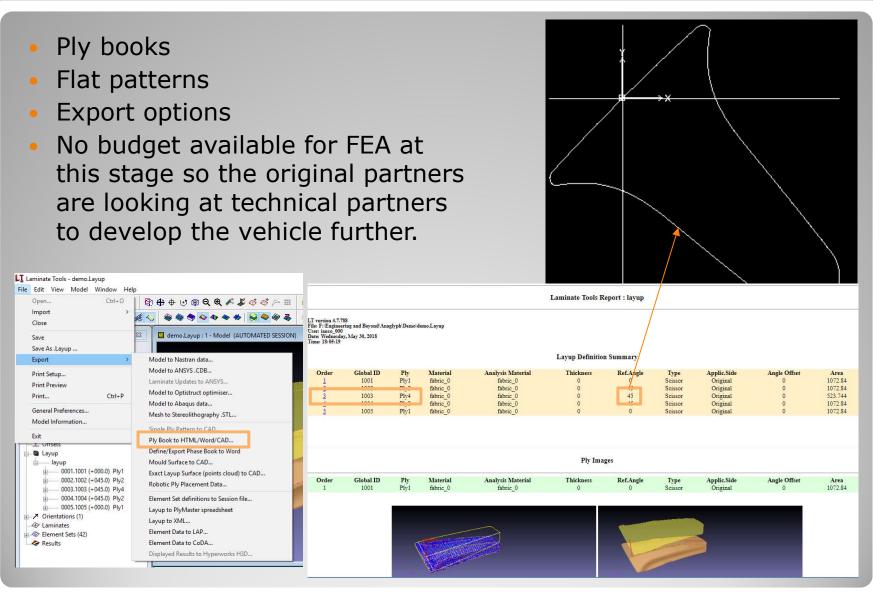
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## **Laminate Tools Interfacing**



# **Manufacture support**

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