

We will start shortly after 10.00

29th September 2022



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Brief introduction to the National Composites Centre

Enrique Garcia NCC Chief Technology Officer

13 September 2022



High Value Manufacturing Catapult



7
centres

27
technologies

£800m
assets

1/3
government funded

£500m
industry R&D linked to HVMC per year

17
locations

3500+
people

Over 2000
projects per year

2/3
industry funded

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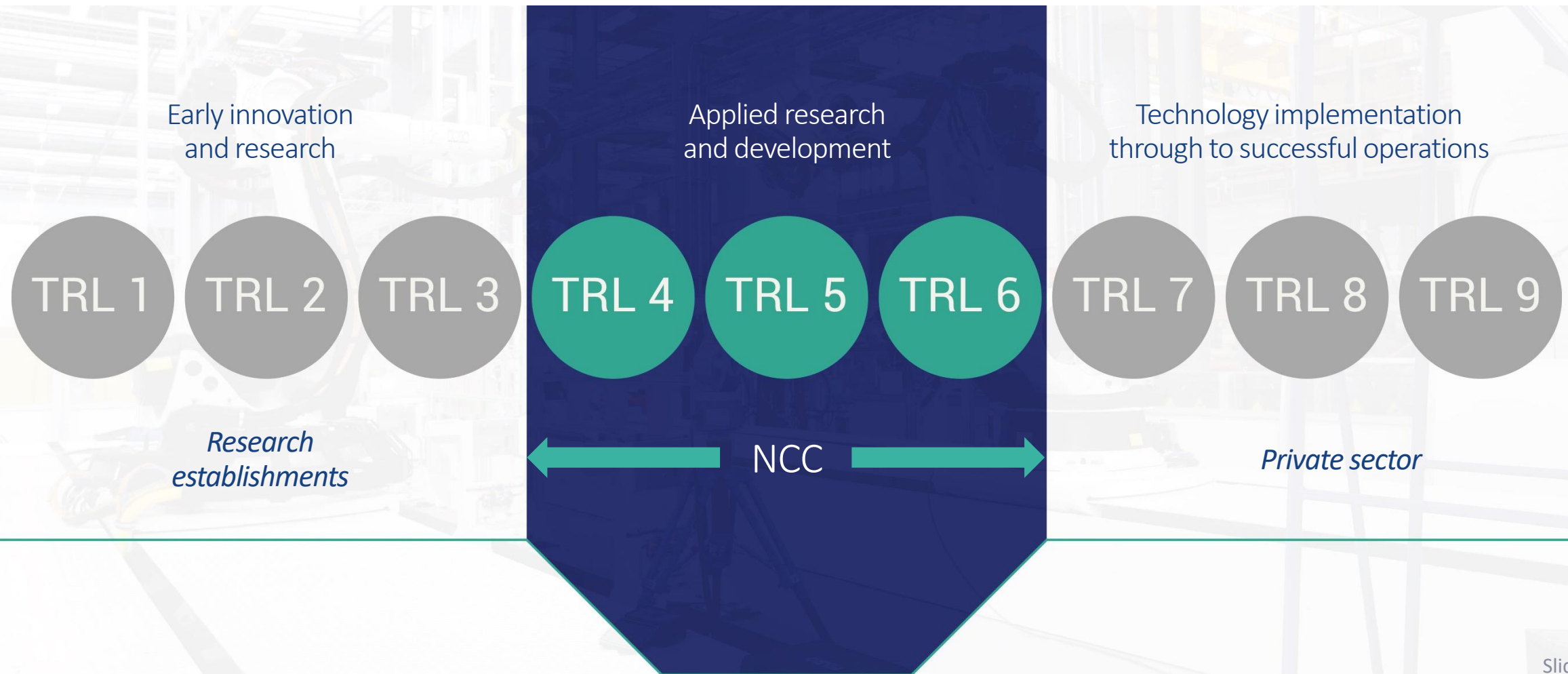
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Catapult Mission: Bridging the Valley of Death





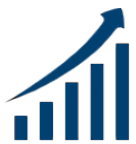
The National Composites Centre

Our Vision

The NCC is a **world leading authority** on composites, bringing together the best minds and the best technologies, to solve some of the world's **most complex engineering challenges**

Our Purpose

To accelerate the adoption of **high value, sustainable engineering solutions** in composites to stimulate global growth and enhance capability for the **benefit of the UK**



£200m
invested in
capabilities



700+
organisations
supported



600+
composites
specialists

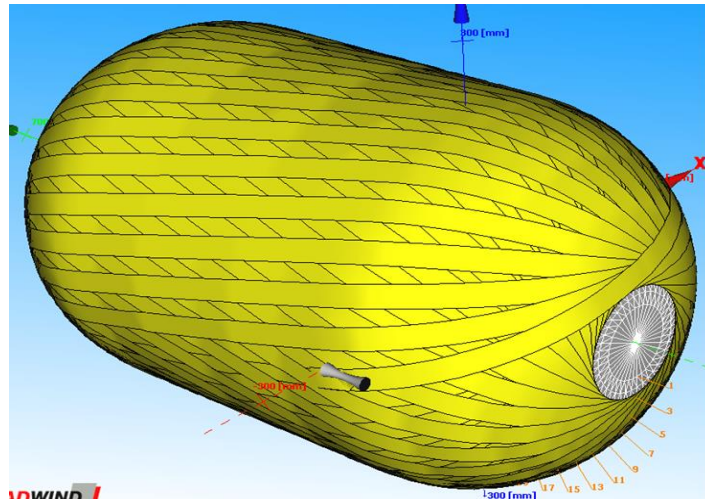
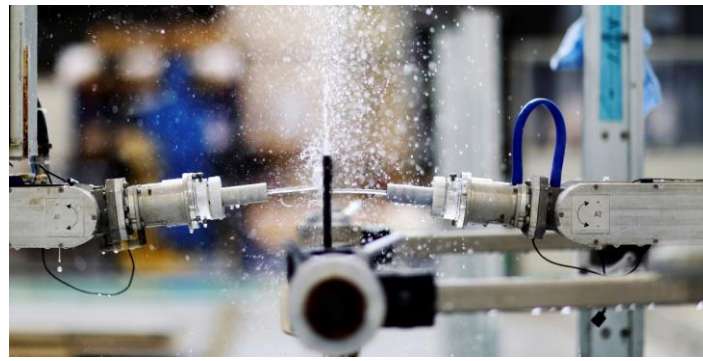


60+
university
partners

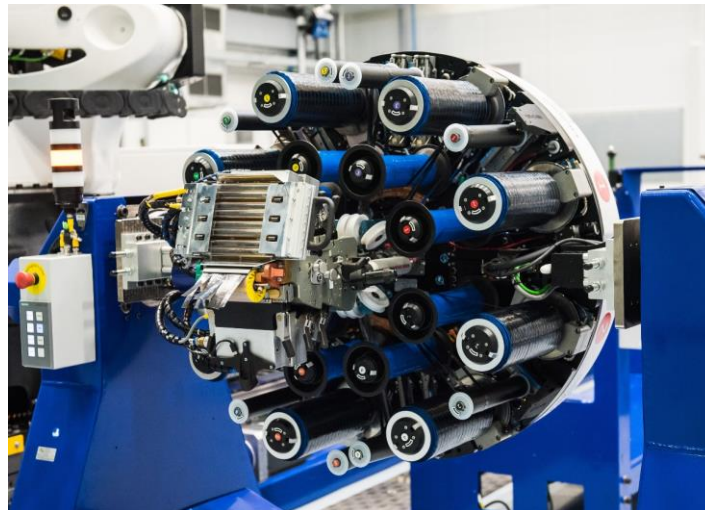
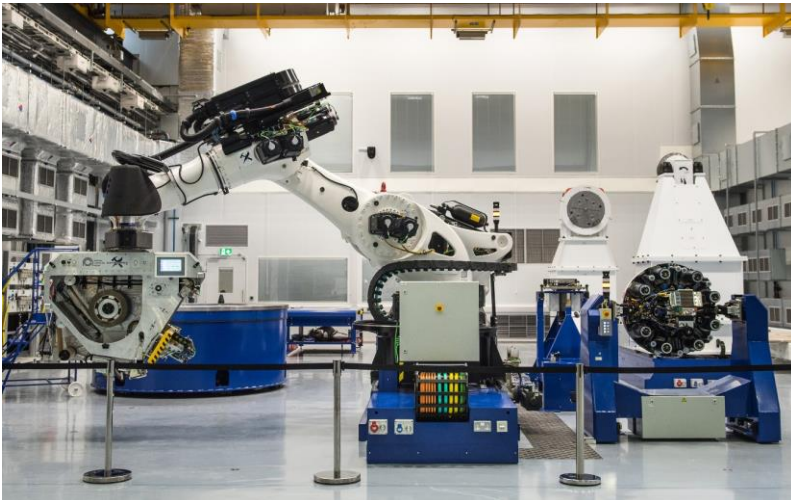
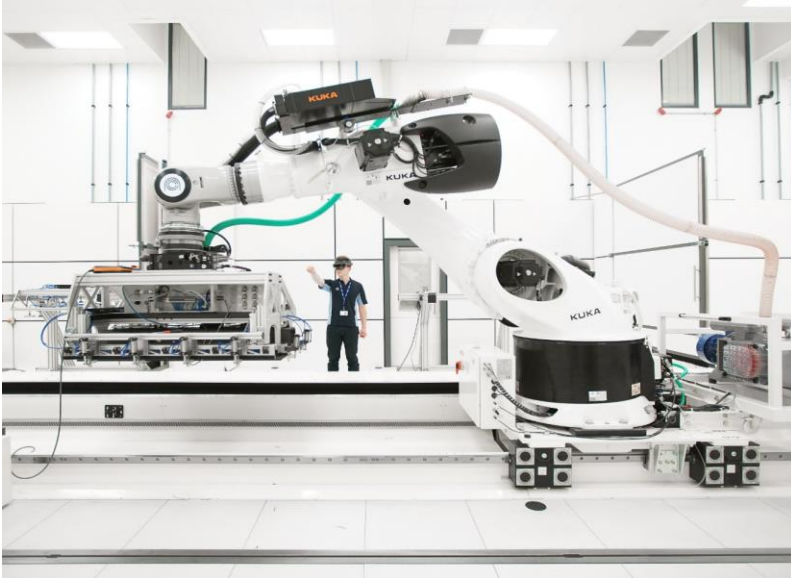




Capabilities



Europe's leading composite innovation centre



Matt Scott NCC Chief Engineer for Capability

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Technology Pull-Through: What is it?

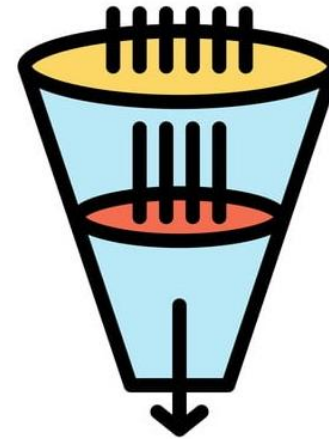
- 🔥 A technology development programme to stimulate the transition of suitably mature technologies to industry
- 🏭 Scope is technologies and methods ready to leave the lab environment (TRL3-4)
- 💰 Projects are 12 months long, are funded and managed by the NCC, and conducted primarily by NCC
- 🧠 Background IP stays with the source universities, foreground IP is shared





Technology Pull-Through: History

- First programme launched in 2017
- 20+ “technologies” matured – including:
 - Continuous Tow Shearing
 - HiPerDif
 - SimpleCure
 - Dielectric sensors
 - Dismantlable joints
 - Bio-derived thermoplastics



Down-selection process
involves **CIMComp** and
NCC input



~£2m total invested in
upcoming technologies
over last 5 years

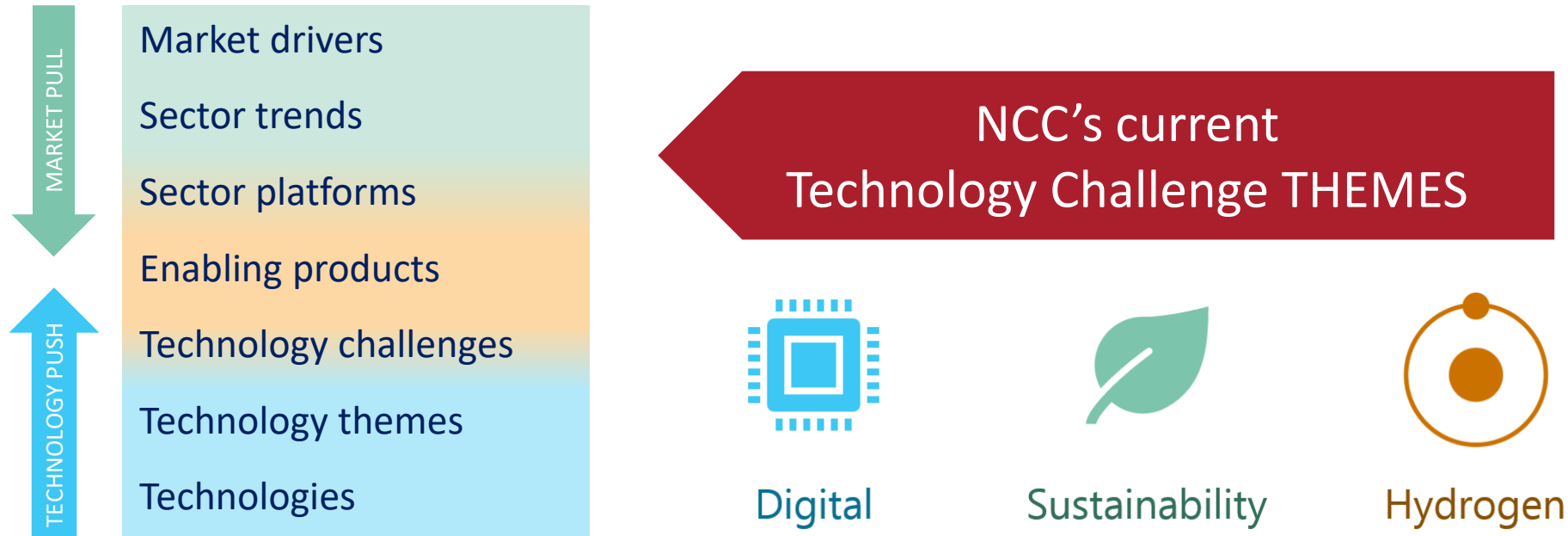






Technology Pull-Through 2022-23

- Two TPT projects kicked off for 2022-23
- Both directly aligned with NCC composites strategy





Global-to-Local Forming Simulation



Digital

- ✓ Dr Lee Harper @ University of Nottingham working alongside Dr Jonathan Belnoue @ NCC/(UoBris)
- ✓ Key technology contributor to large aerospace manufacturing
- ✓ Will directly support national NCC CR&D project
- ✓ Off the shelf software benchmarking



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Sheffield.





Solvolysis recycling of composites

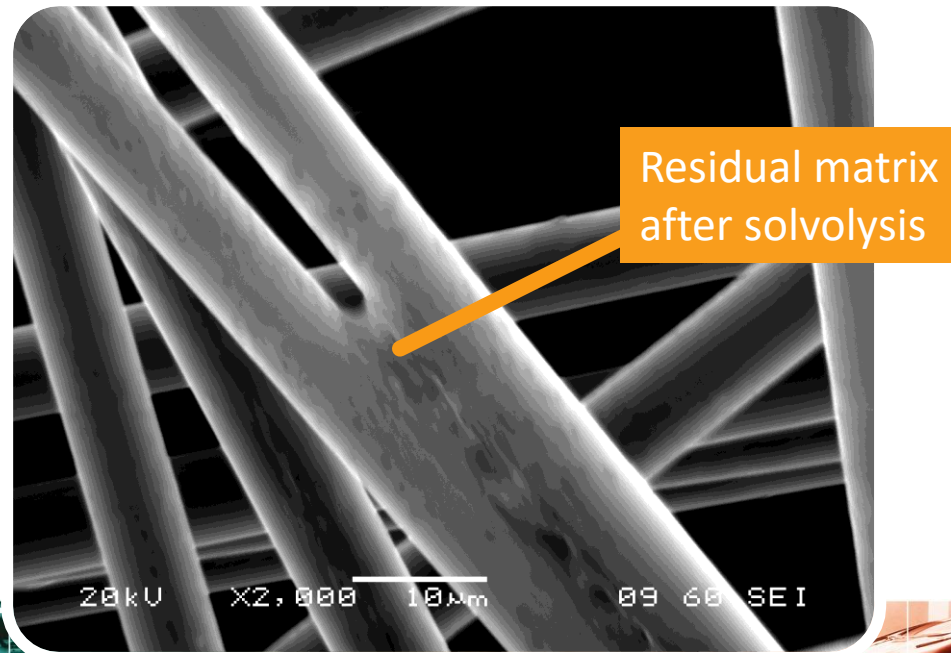


Sustainability

- ✓ Prof Gary Leeke @ University of Birmingham
- ✓ National expert in solvolysis will help build strong NCC recycling foundation – CPI engaged to partner future exploitation with potential future SME route



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Technology Pull-Through 2023-24

- Next year's programme will CONTINUE with new academic proposals



Digital



Sustainability



Hydrogen



Explorative

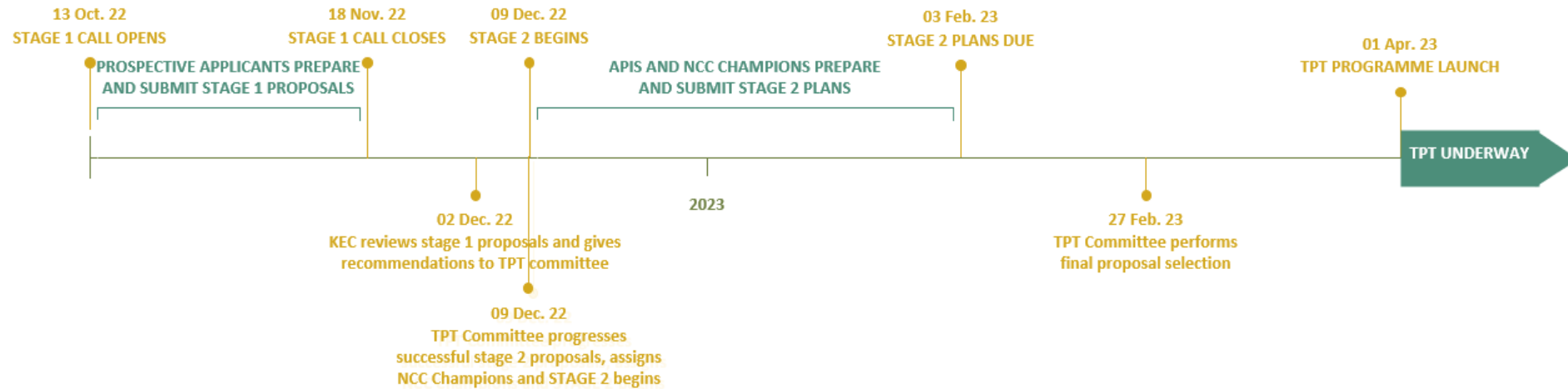
- Selection criteria will include:
 - ✓ Technology Readiness Level
 - ✓ Alignment with Technology Challenge Themes
 - ✓ Viability and impact for future industrial application
 - ✓ Intellectual Property and freedom to operate





Technology Pull-Through 2023-24

- Application process to commence in TWO WEEKS: 13 October 2022



- Application page to be circulated on 13th October when call opens





NCC Sustainability Outlook

Tim Young NCC Head of Sustainability

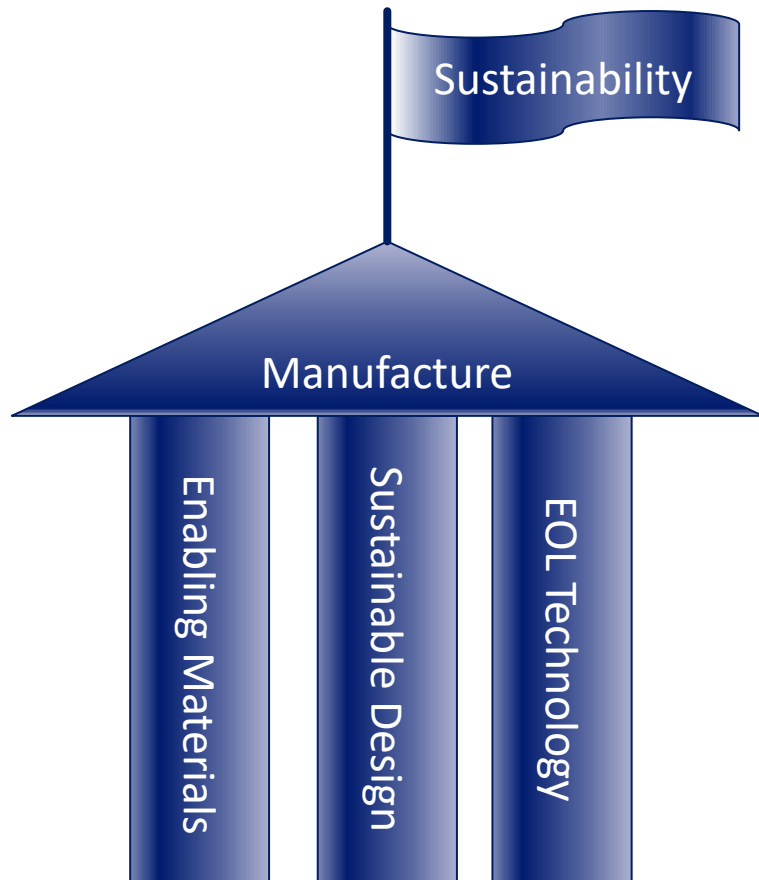
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Sustainability



Sustainability



Cross-Cutting Systems, Digital, Data, Economics,
Social impacts, Logistics, Frameworks & Policy

Transform composite materials, manufacturing, their products and their supply chains into a sustainable and circular industry.

- ✓ Enabling **Materials**
- ✓ Sustainable **Manufacture**
- ✓ **Design** for Sustainability
- ✓ **End of Life** Technologies

Underpinned by existing network strengths across cross-cutting systems architectures/digital/data and increasing impact of academic excellence with a broadened network in economics & social pillars of sustainability





For the purpose of collaboration, focused flows of activity

- Impact to a product or supply chain
- Demonstrate key technology enablers
- Translation impact into other areas (start on wind blades, exploit across automotive)
- Creates a platform for the partnership as thought leader





Sustainability

Digital

- **Make Life Cycle Assessment easier & accessible**
- Measure and tracking
- Manufacturing optimisation

Increase confidence in sustainable design

- **Credibility assessment (Is it greenwashing? End-of-life viability assessment)**

New Materials

- Sustainable materials aimed at specific products (e.g. hydrogen tanks/pipes)
- **Materials for end-of-life** (e.g. separation, disbonding, recyclability)
- **High performance drop-in replacements**
- Technologies that increase performance/durability
- Improved **processability**

Re-living technologies

- Requalification
- **Post-process technologies** (how to handle reclaimed fibres prior to manufacture)
- Re-living / reforming of thermoplastics

Manufacture with recycle & products

- **Increased vol fraction & control of rFibre products**
- Prediction of short fibre
- “r”intermediates and “r”matrices

Sustainable manufacture

- **Remove waste** (e.g. consumables)
- Reduce harm (volatiles, toxicity, cleaning products)
- Quantify and reduce energy / costs
- Low energy heating technologies



Sustainability

Underpinning

Design for S

Future Materials

End of Life

Sustainable
Manufacture

**PRODUCT
IMPACT**

Sustainable design & predictive modelling

- Materials data & appropriate characterisation
- Recycling requirements 4 design
- Designs / disassembly concepts

Recycling Technologies

- Reclamation, of both fibre and matrix
- Waste product identification
- Post reclamation treatment of fibre
- **Recyclate quality assurance & categorisation**

End-of-life

- Disbonding/dismantling
- Fibre handling & chopping
- Separation & identification technologies

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NCC Hydrogen Outlook

Marcus Walls-Bruck NCC Head of Hydrogen

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Hydrogen focus areas at NCC



Pressure vessels

Cryogenic tanks

Distribution pipes

*Why
composites?*

Mass and volume efficiency,
predominantly for mobility applications

Mass efficiency,
initially for aerospace applications

Reduced deployment and
in-service maintenance costs

*NCC
ambition*

Support creation of supply chain

Position UK as future leader
through R&D

Support development of
UK cryogenic knowhow

Identify areas of key IP

Support development of
UK supply chain

Unlock future markets





Pressure vessels ambition:

Position UK as a future leader in design and manufacture of composite pressure vessels



Support formation and development of UK supply chain

Position UK as leader in pressure vessel R&D, including development of market disrupting technologies for UK benefit

2021

Concepting
and design
space
exploration

2022

Multi-load case
design &
certifiable
product

2023

Certifiable
product by
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2024

Tank that
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MOON SHOT
Sustainable
pressure
vessels

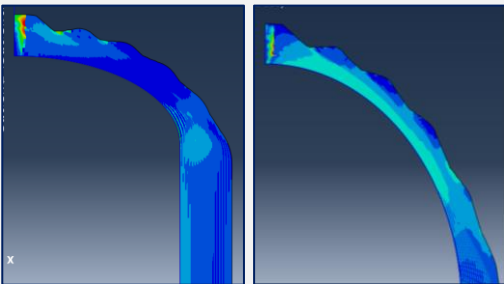
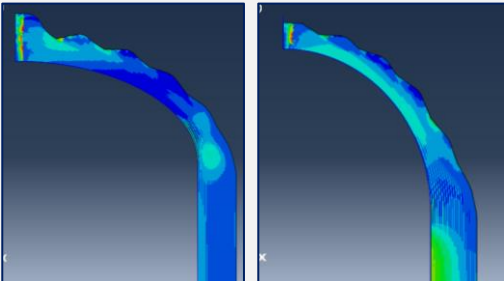
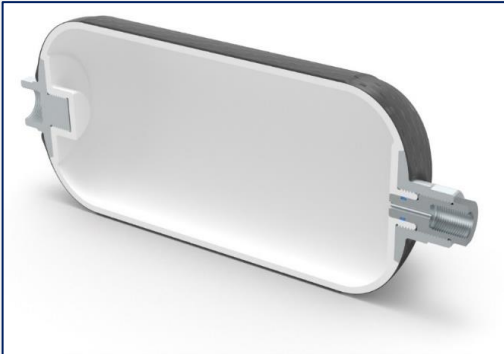




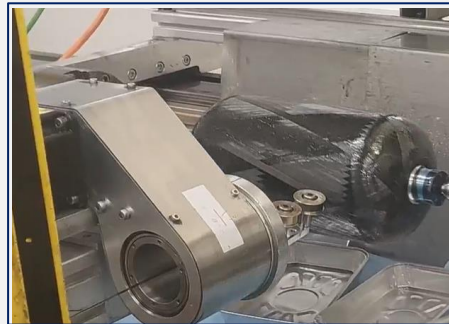
Pressure vessels: NCC activities



Hydrogen



Design



Manufacture



Test



End of life





Pressure vessels: TECHNOLOGY GAPS

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**MOON
SHOT**
Sustainable
pressure
vessels

Challenge 1: Reduced variability in pressure vessel manufacture

Variations during manufacture, including fibre placement and tension during winding, can impact performance. Manufacturing variability is a key driver in the high factors of safety used in design, and the variability in final product performance

Challenge 2: Recoverable and reusable liners and matrix materials

Continuous fibre recovery has been proven possible, however the ability to remove and reuse liner and matrix materials is required to achieve the moon-shot of a fully circular pressure vessel





Cryogenic tanks ambition:

Maximise UK opportunity from adoption of H2 in aerospace



Support development of UK cryogenic know-how and supply chains

Identification and exploitation of key cryogenic tank technologies for UK benefit

2021

Concepting of
cryogenic
tanks

2022

Ground tested
low cycle tank

2023

Flight worthy
low cycle tank

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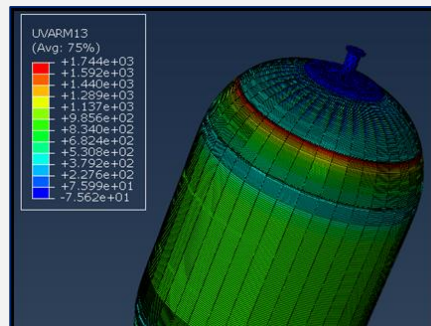
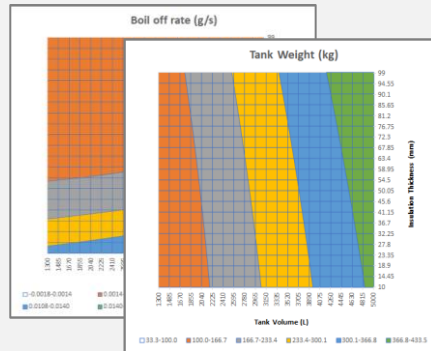
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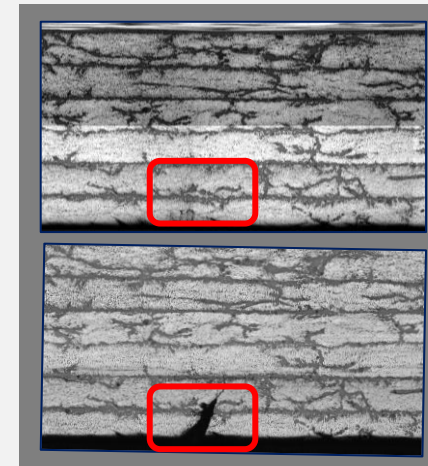
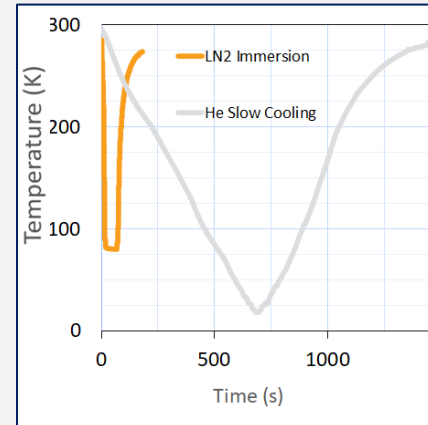




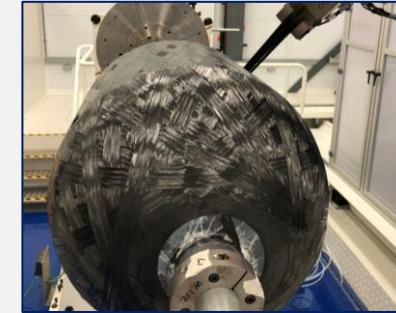
Cryogenic tanks: NCC activities



Concepting and design



Materials



Tank testing coming soon

Manufacture and test



Cryogenic tanks: TECHNOLOGY GAPS

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Challenge 3: Permeability liners

Composites are susceptible to microcracking when thermally cycled to LH2 temperatures. A barrier able to remain bonded to the composite surface, without microcracking and preventing escape of either liquid or gaseous hydrogen is required, preferably able to withstand a high number of thermal cycles

Challenge 4: Microcrack resistant matrix materials

To achieve fit and forget tanks, materials that don't suffer from microcracking when thermally cycled are required. Development of matrix materials able to withstand the loads imparted on them during thermal cycling are therefore key to the long term goal of high cycle tanks. Detection of microcracking in-service is also a significant technology gap





Energy distribution pipes ambition:

Minimise barriers to deployment of hydrogen production



Support development of supply chain by simplified design and path to qualification

Assets management of composite pipes

2022

Pipe
manufacturing
and pressure
testing
capability

2023

Application
mapping;
Identified role
of digital in
path to
qualification

2024

On-site
learning to
customer's site
transferability

2025

Pipe design &
validation -
support
qualification

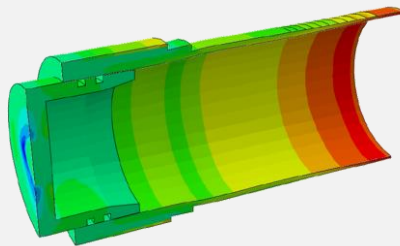
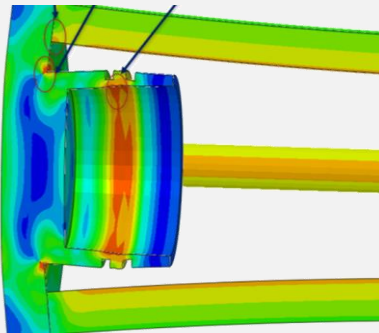
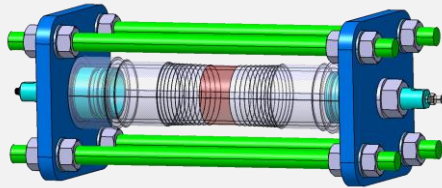
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MOON SHOT
Smart pipes
and fully digital
exploitation

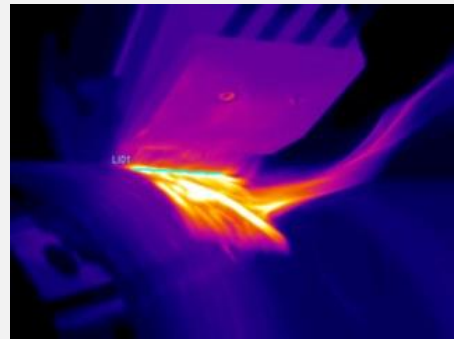




Energy distribution pipes: NCC activities



Design



Manufacture



Inspection and Test





Energy distribution pipes: TECHNOLOGY GAPS



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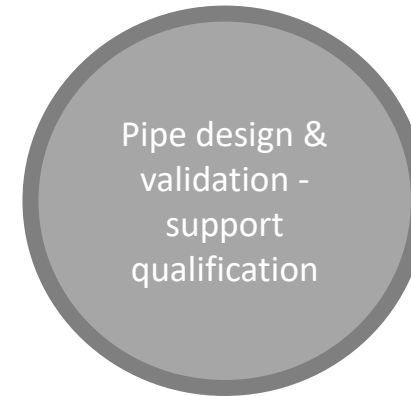
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Challenge 5: Sensors for in-service flexible hydrogen pipes

Condition monitoring of composite pipes tends to be limited by the sensor technologies able to detect defects and damage, whilst being able to withstand the manufacturing and deployment processes





NCC Digital Outlook

Marc Funnell NCC Head of Digital

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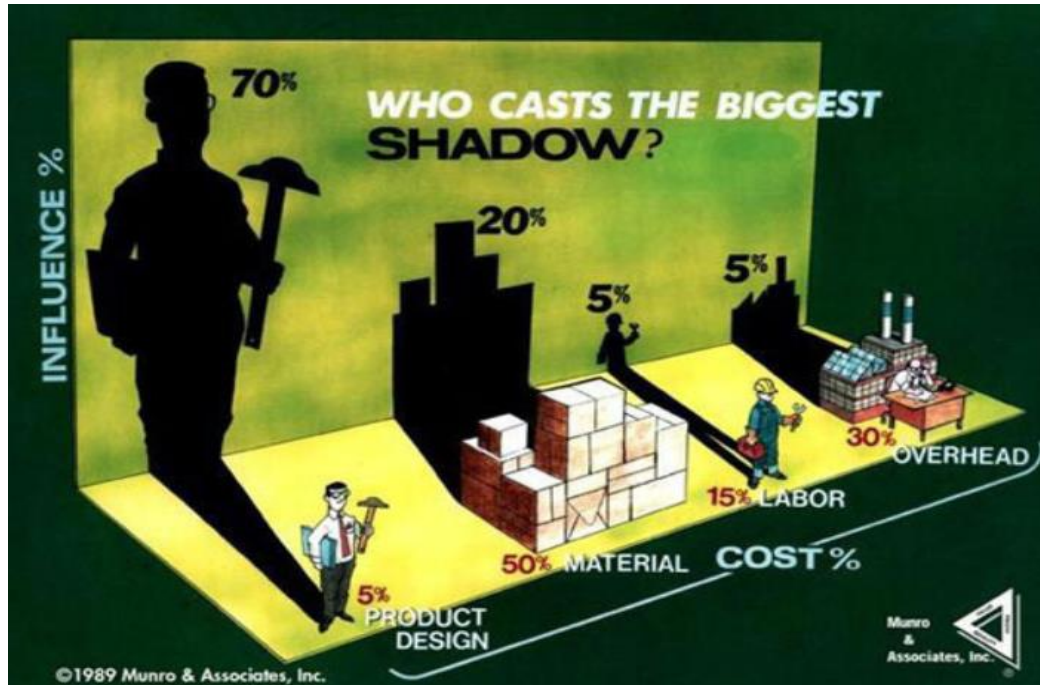


Our Digital Engineering Drivers



Digital

Transforming Product Development



Demonstrating exploitation of knowledge and data to accelerate Product Design and innovative Assurance for net zero solutions

Demystifying Digital Engineering



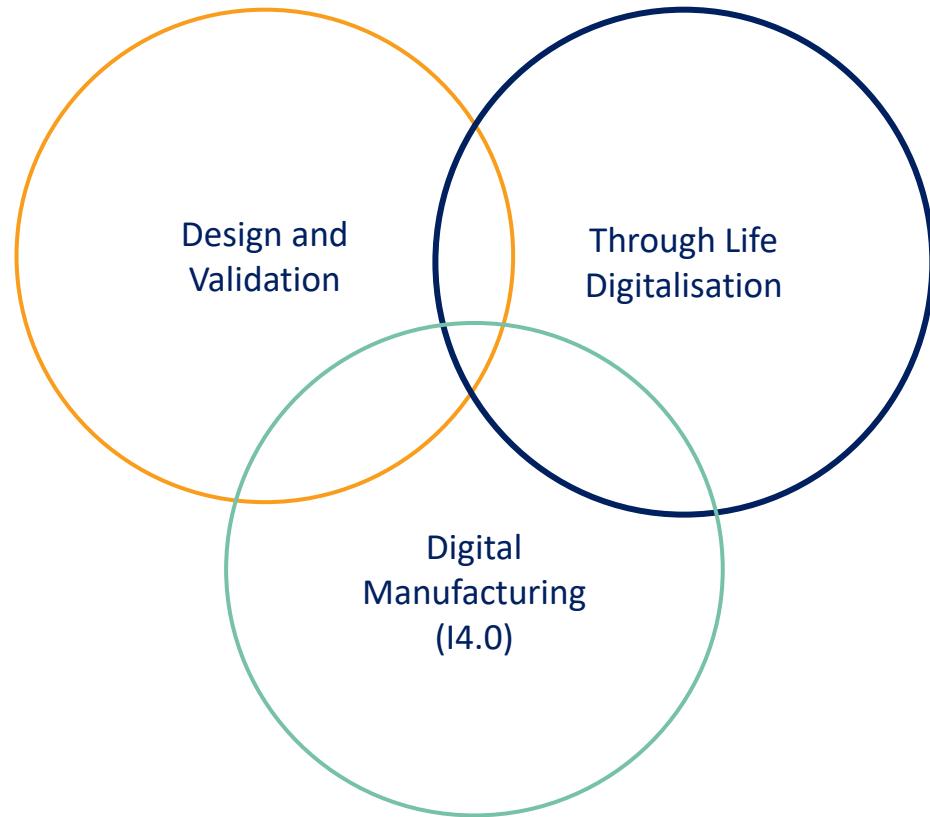
Services and Demonstrations of ROI and solution architectures inside relevant industrial setting, accelerating transformation and adoption

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NCC Strategy for Digital Engineering



Centre of Excellence for Accelerated Product Innovation

Nurturing a cohort of new engineering companies able to exploit digital techniques to compress the product development cycle – delivering more sustainable solutions to the market in half the time

Digital Innovation Hub for I4.0

Providing open access, industrial testbeds which accelerate innovation, skills and workforce developments and collide digital technology with manufacturing

Digital Demystification Services supporting SMEs

Services which help SMEs to unlock new business models and digital solutions as part of an enterprise supply chain which ensure economic growth, diversification and ultimately business resilience





Customer Scenario:

Limited knowledge of where to start or
no appreciation of the journey



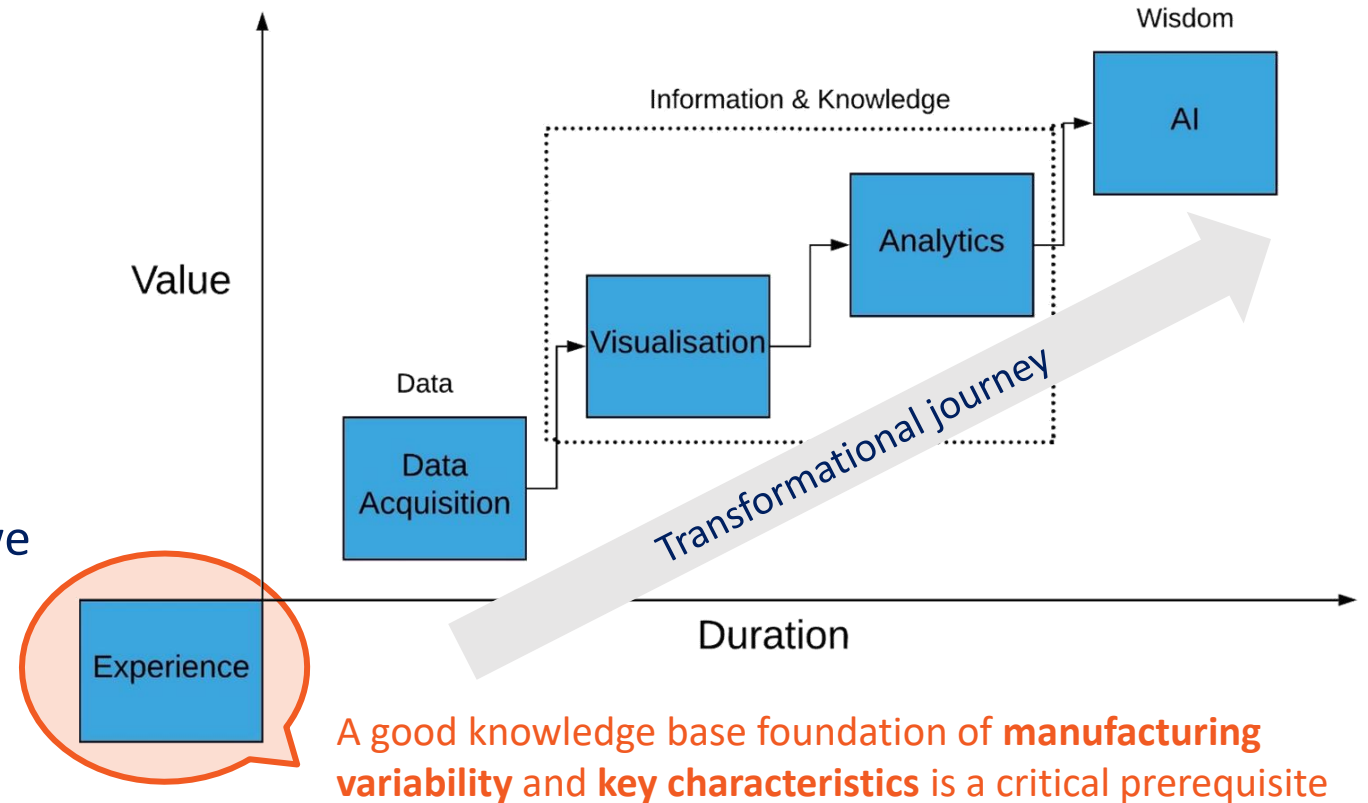
Digital

Understanding Digital & mapping out the transformation journey

(Diagnostics and advisory services)

- What benefits will digital actually offer?
Where are returns to be expected?
How long will this all take and at what cost?
- The journey may look too big to grasp and we
may not know where to start

Diagnostics Team





Customer Scenario:

Journey started but limited data available,
or no clarity on how to get to or manage datasets



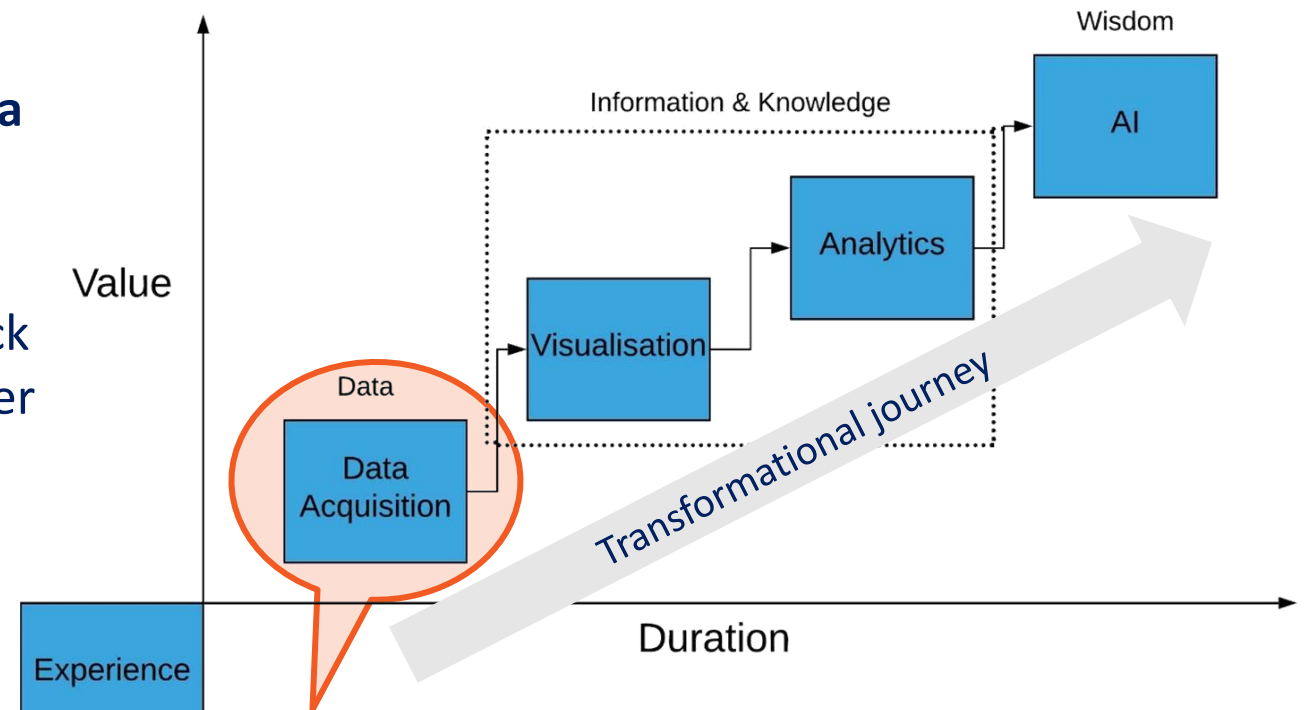
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Acquiring, cataloguing and accessing relevant data

- How do we most efficiently acquire data from our machines? (legacy + new)
- How do we catalogue, categorise and keep track of data collected from multiple sources and over extended periods?
- How do we secure, maintain and configure all this data and at what maintenance cost?

Data & Information Technology
(IOT, 5G, Cloud, Data Management, Networks)

Operations Technology
(Data Acquisition, Sensors, Vision Systems)



An effective data capture and processing solution integrated to a secure and capable IT infrastructure and system solution is imperative





Customer Scenario:

Data available and being collected but limited experience of how to get value from data



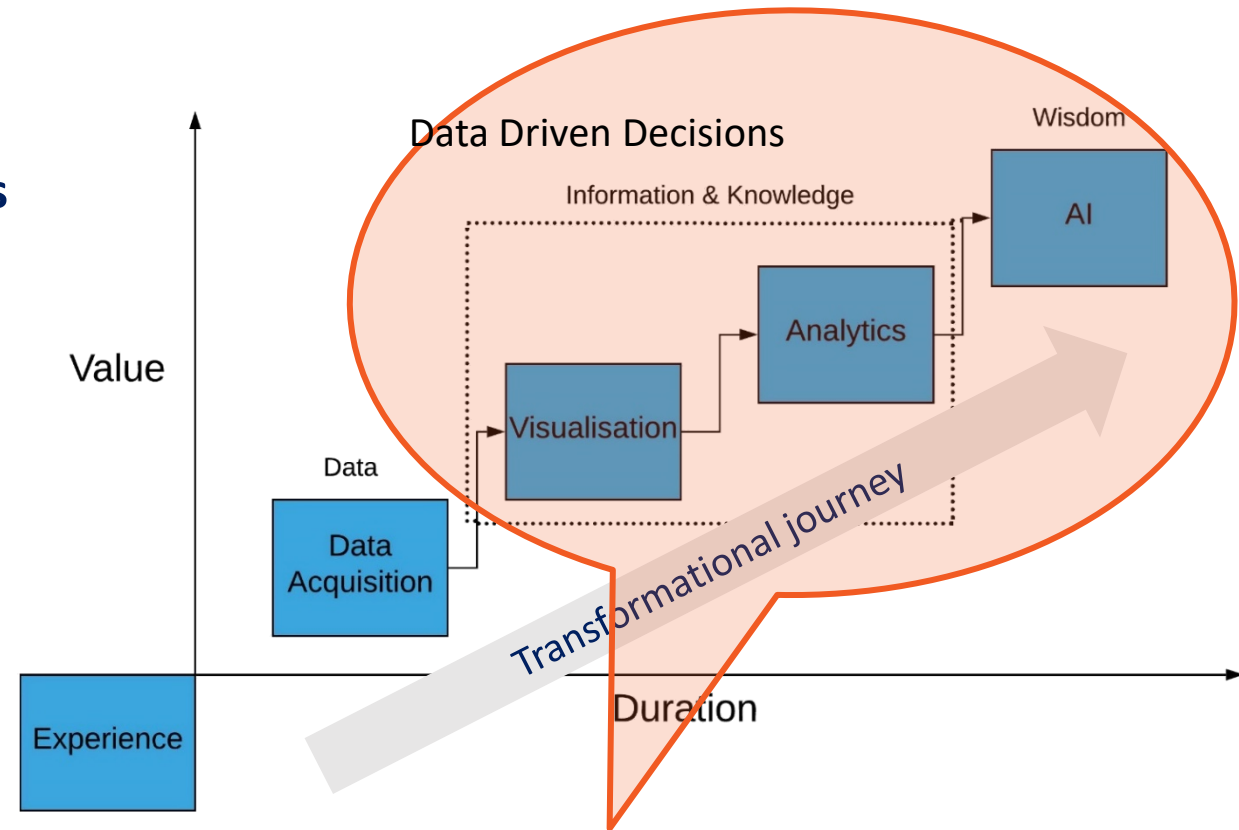
Digital

How best to exploit the gathered data and present this to the users

- What is the best AI, Machine Learning or Data modelling/visualisation strategy to ensure success?
- What resources (computing power, tools and skill sets) do we need to get success and at what cost?
- How do we enable cultural uptake and acceptance of digital ways of working?

Visualisation, Analytics and Data Science
(AR/VR, Dashboards, AI/ML)

Model Based Enterprise
(PIDO, MDO, Toolchains, PLM-MES)



Tailored user interfaces for key stakeholders with robust software engineering management protocol, underpinned with a tailored change management and skills development programme is core to success





Specific Areas of Interest

- **Tracking distinct objects around a busy environment** (like a factory/workshop) using various comms scenarios e.g. 5G 4G, Narrow band or WiFi signals — this hasn't really progressed beyond academia yet
- **Human augmentation**, visual (in- and post process verification), Audial (Voice control) and physical — there are good examples of exo-skeletons that increase the strength of human operators, but not that significantly increase speed or dexterity
- **Machine learning for manufacturing** — general AI models for language, image generation etc. are becoming commonplace, but there hasn't been much progress on general AI for manufacturing. What should this look like, what kind of QHSE and ethical controls should be built in. Especially critical too for limited data sets.
- **Interoperability, Resilience and Security in Data acquisition solutions** and IOT devices inside the factory
- **Manual dexterous task tracking and machine vision verification** — hand tracking learning using AR headsets as opposed to laser line scanners, specific HD cameras and other in-process verification capabilities.
- **Opportunity for “swarm” Cobot mimicry** — based off manual dexterous task tracking and monitoring to increase productivity and consistency
- **Model-based Systems Engineering, Integration platforms and digital thread techniques** — keeping traceability from Material Development — Design Make, Test and following through life (via digital Twin in operations) and through recycling reuse phases.
- **Bringing in attributes from supply chain and shopfloor** (e.g. manufacturing capability, energy usage and resilience) into the early design phases as part of the MDO solutions
- **Structural Health Monitoring** or condition-based monitoring solutions of in-service products using embedded or other sensor solutions e.g. fibre optics to support for Eg H2 — detection of cracking etc in service and other safety considerations





NCC: Other Challenges

Matt Scott NCC Chief Engineer for Capability

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... But that's not all



Explorative

- The NCC has three strategic themes, and these are our main growth areas
- But composites research and development at the NCC happens across the board
- Our technology roadmap covers the full gamut of composites development



Materials



Application & Process Design



Manufacture



Validation & Certification



In-Service



End-of-Life & Circularity





... But that's not all



Explorative

- Other interesting areas:
 - Polymeric composites for high temperature applications
 - CMCs/MMCs for high temperature applications
 - SiC/SiC composites for nuclear applications
 - Reducing time and cost of structural design certification
 - New, low-carbon concrete solutions
 - Etc.

... Disruptive innovation happens unexpectedly





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Short Break and Poll

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How TPT helped dielectric sensing research reach Meggitt

Alex Skordos

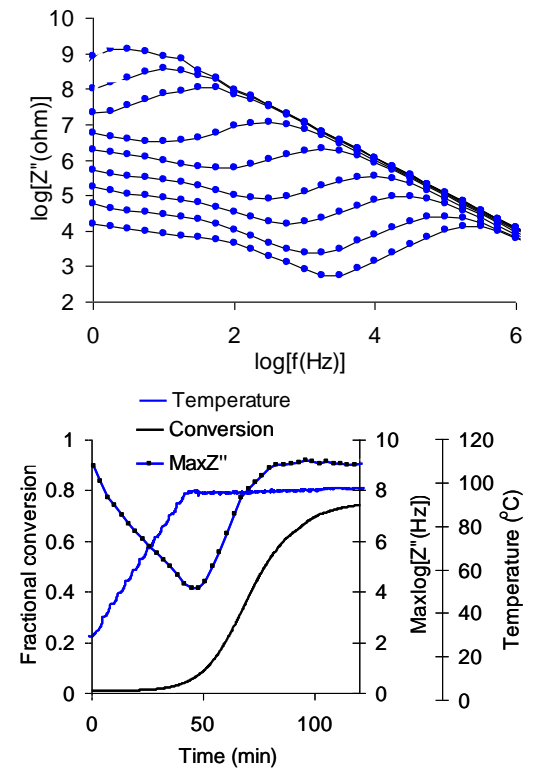
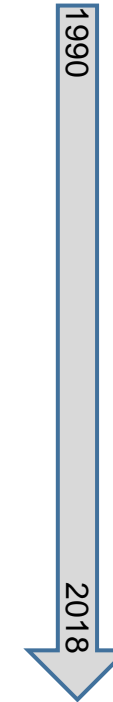
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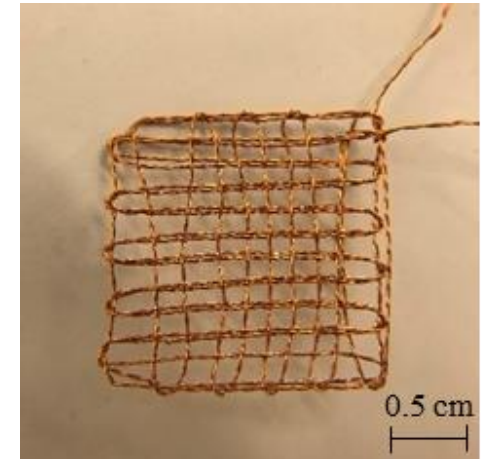
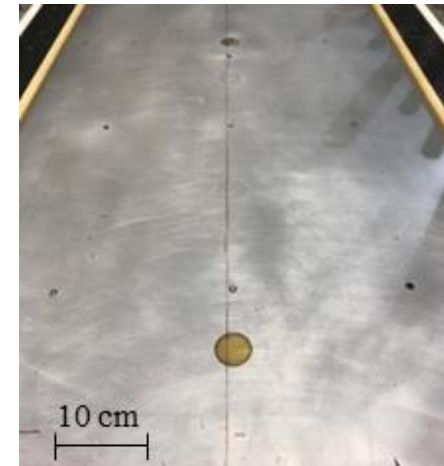
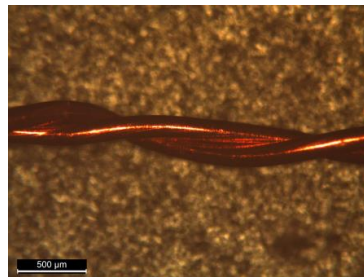
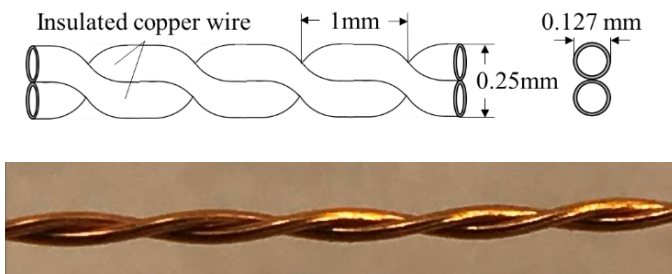
Background – Composites process monitoring at Cranfield

- Work on dielectrics for composites cure started at Cranfield (Partridge/Bloch)
 - Application to autoclave cure, RTM (Maistros/Karkanias/Partridge)
 - Development of cure monitoring signal interpretation methods (Kazilas/Skordos/Karkanias/Partridge)
 - Development of dielectric flow sensing for LCM of insulating reinforcement (Skordos/Partridge)
 - Development of flow and cure sensing for carbon reinforcement (Tifkitsis/Skordos)
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- A number of DTI/ESPRC/EU projects completed
 - Cure monitoring implemented by two SMEs (Inasco, Advise-Deta)
 - Dielectric cure monitoring used in Bombardier, Augusta Westland



Background – Flow/cure sensor for carbon composites

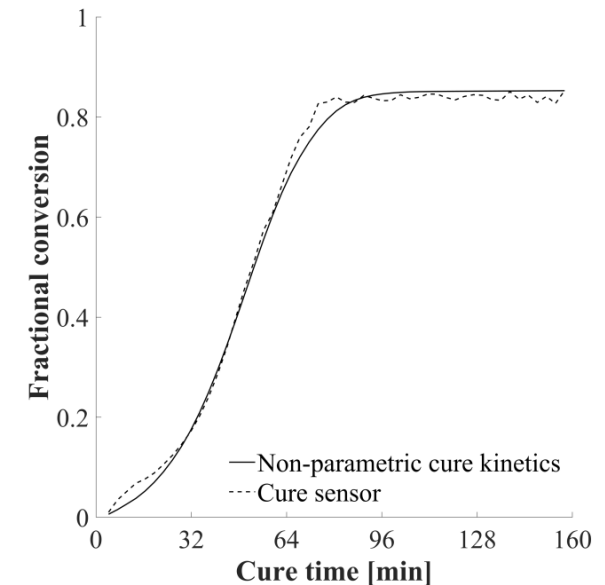
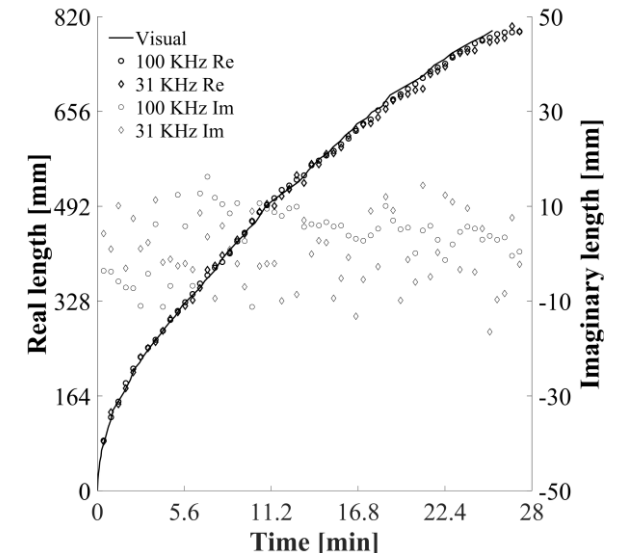
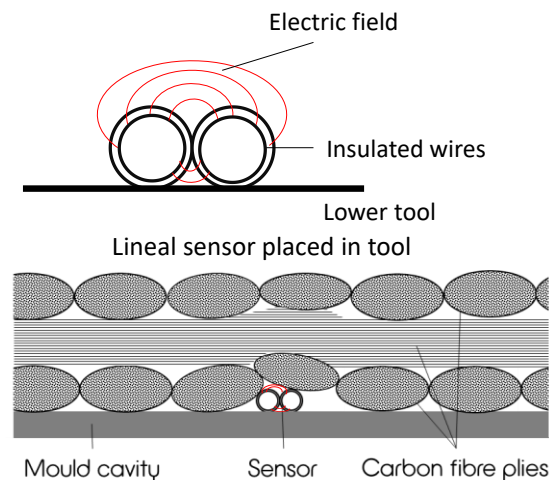
- Insulated (polyurethane, polyamide) wire twisted pair
- Wires act as electrodes
- Insulation eliminates sorting by carbon
- Electric field goes through resin pockets not screened by carbon
- Implementation as:
 - ✓ Lineal sensor for flow monitoring
 - ✓ Woven sensor for cure monitoring



KI Tifkitsis, AA Skordos. A novel dielectric sensor for process monitoring of carbon fibre composites manufacture. *Composites Part A: Applied Science and Manufacturing* 2019;123:180-189
KI Tifkitsis, AA Skordos. Real time uncertainty estimation in filling stage of RTM process. *Polymer Composites* 2020;41:5387-5402

Background – Flow/cure sensor for carbon composites

- Flow monitoring in carbon fibre RTM (3 bar):
 - ✓ Lineal sensor placed on lower tool aligned to main flow
 - ✓ Transparent glass to monitor flow front
 - ✓ Lineal sensor follows closely flow front position at different flow front velocities
- Cure monitoring in carbon fibre VARTM:
 - ✓ Degree of cure measured
 - ✓ Vitrification identified in the signal

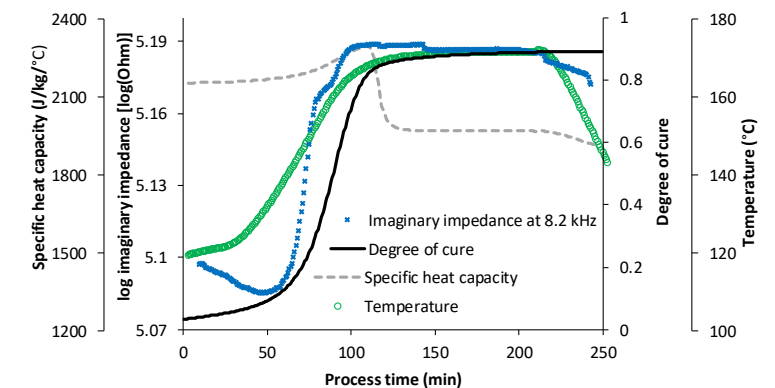
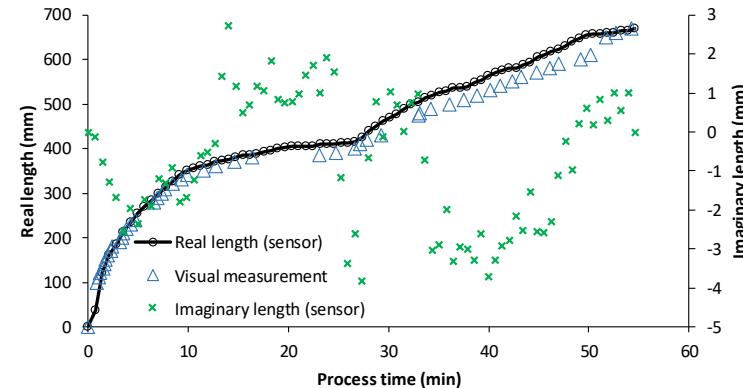
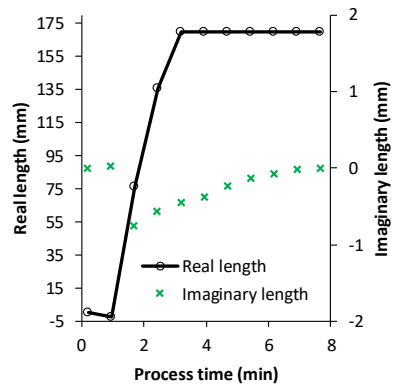
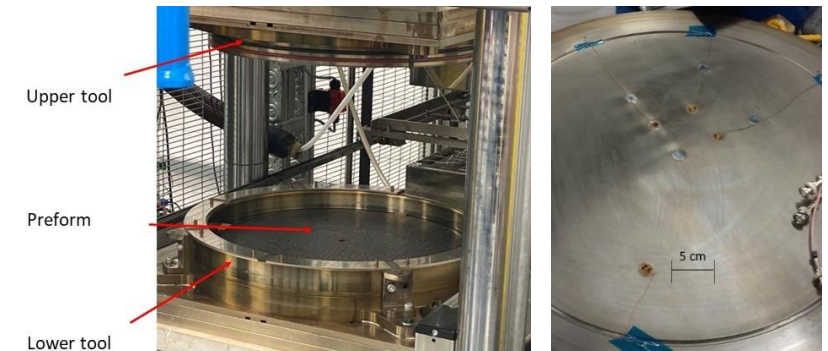
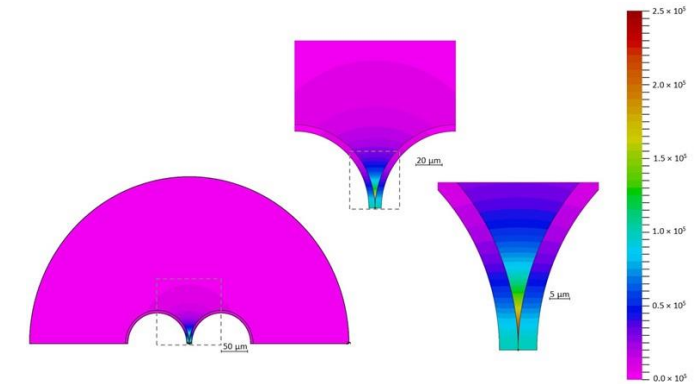


TPT – DiSenc project setup

- Technology at TRL3-4 in 2018
- Pull to TRL6-7 required:
 - ✓ Implementation under industrial conditions (7 bar/180°C)
 - ✓ Sensor production at industrial level
 - ✓ Integration with industrial level equipment (ingress/egress), software and control
- Addressed through
 - ✓ Sensor modelling and optimisation (Lead: NCC, Support: Cranfield)
 - ✓ Wire material/type selection (Lead: NCC, Support: Cranfield)
 - ✓ Sensor manufacturing (Lead: Advise-DETA, Subcontractor: AGTEKS)
 - ✓ Connector development (Lead: Advise-DETA, Support: NCC)
 - ✓ Process integration (Lead: NCC, Support: Advise-DETA)
 - ✓ Process trials (Lead: NCC, Support: Cranfield, Advise-DETA)
- Timeline:
 - ✓ Stage 1/2 proposals: April – July 2018
 - ✓ Project: April 2019 – March 2020
- Key people:
 - ✓ NCC: Tassos Mesogitis, Christian Lira, Fillippo Dionisi, Jack Alcock, Leah Rider
 - ✓ Advise-DETA: George Maistros
 - ✓ Cranfield: Mehdi Asareh, Alex Skordos

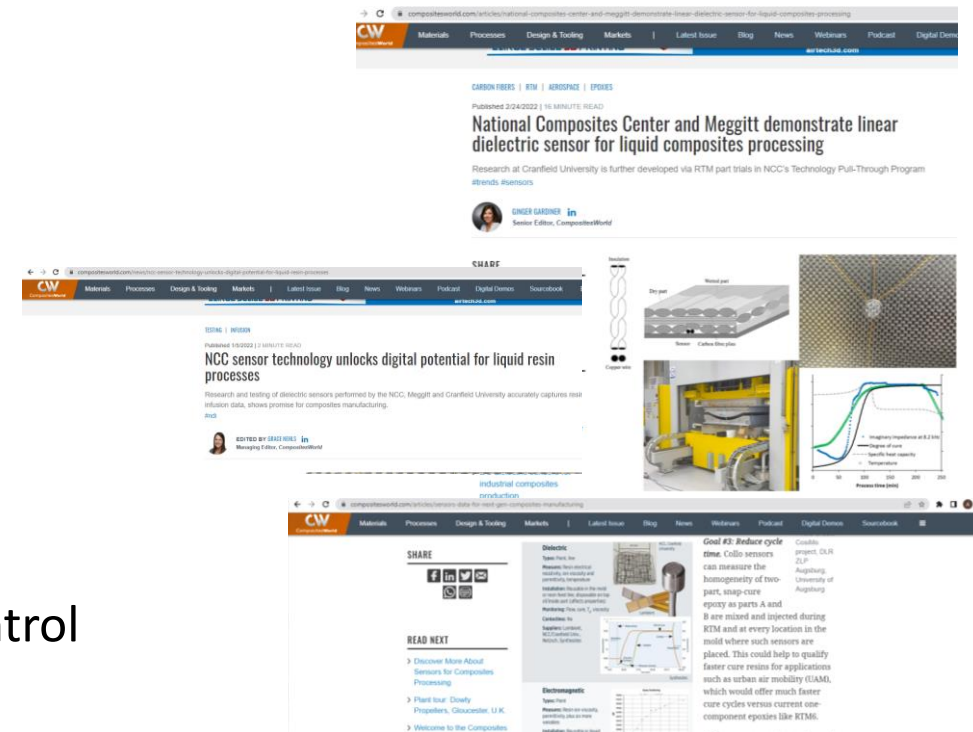
TPT – DiSenc outcomes

- Optimal material/wire selected
- Sensor produced in km lengths at low cost
- Connection protocol developed and tested
- Interfacing with DETA Scope online system
- Successful operation at 7 bar, 180°C
- Accurate monitoring of flow front
- Use for cure sensing including both reaction motoring and vitrification identification



TPT – DiSenc beyond the project

- Research outputs:
 - ✓ TS Mesogitis, GM Maistros, M Asareh, C Lira, AA Skordos. Optimisation of an in-process lineal dielectric sensor for liquid moulding of carbon fibre composites. *Composites Part A: Applied Science and Manufacturing* 2021; 140, 106190
- Industrial outputs
 - ✓ NCC follow ups with industrial contact
 - ✓ Adoption and successful testing at Meggitt
 - ✓ Subsequent publicity:
 - *CompositesWorld*, 24/02/2022
 - *CompositesWorld*, 1/03/2022
 - *CompositesWorld*, 1/05/2022
- Further testing (RNLI)
- Eureka project HYPERCOMP: Integration in process control
- Low TRL: incorporation tufting



Overall experience

- Significantly faster adoption than standard routes
- Funding flexibility allows easy key external contributor involvement
- Resources focusing on maturing technology
- Research institution concentrating on critical knowledge contributions
- Industrial dissemination element unmatched
- Publications still compatible
- Sufficient flexibility in IP to make the project possible

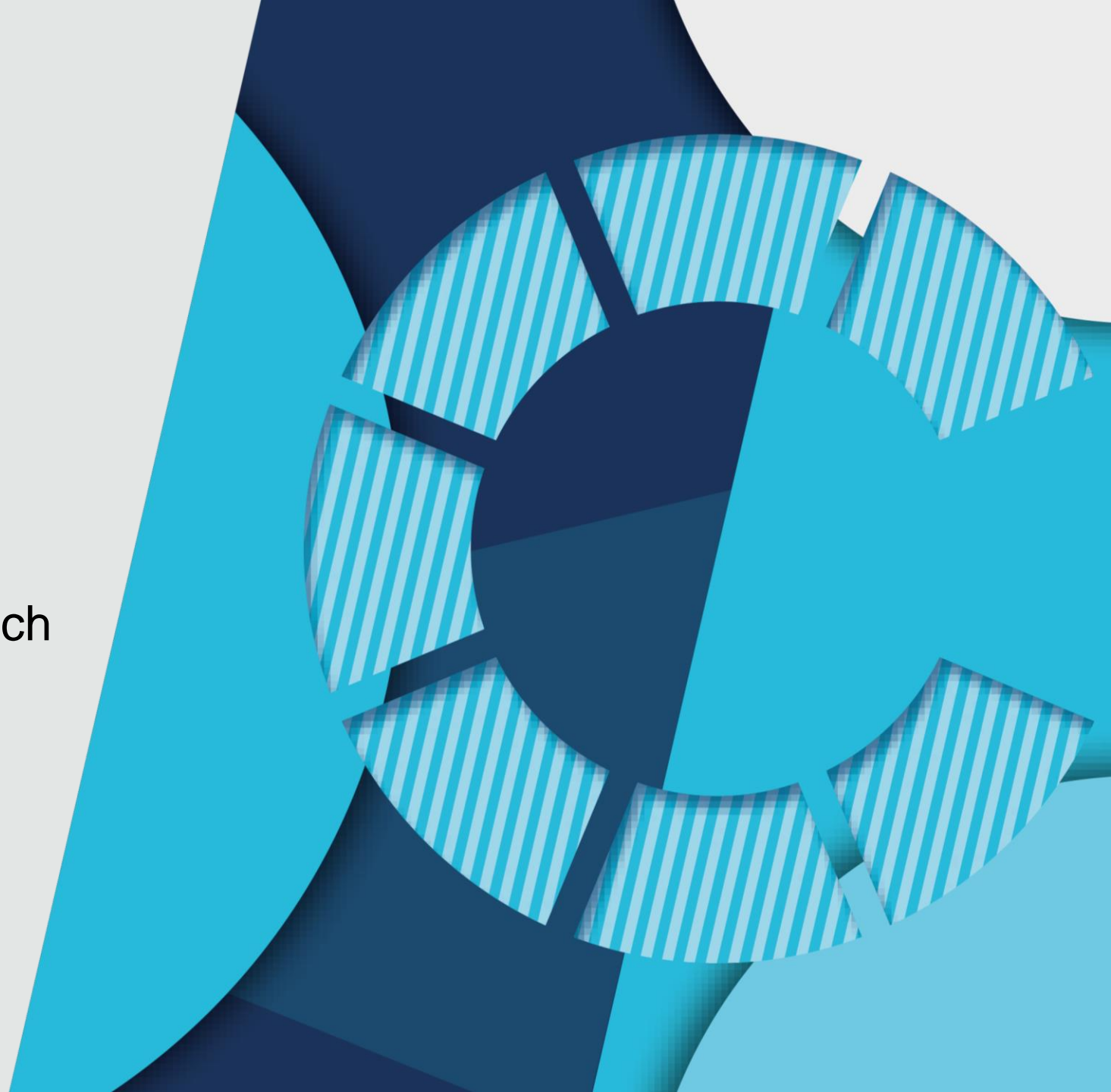
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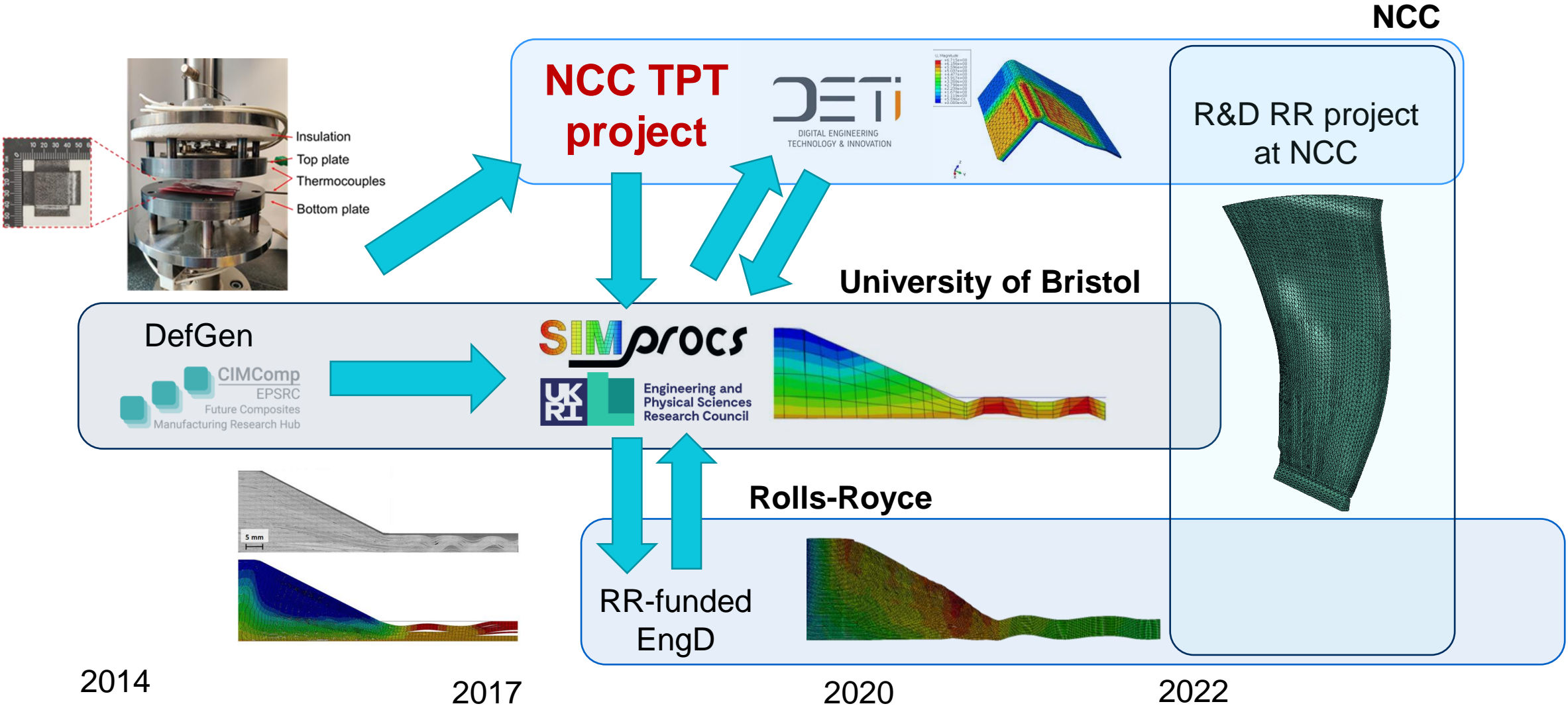


My Experience with the Technology Pull Through program

- Awarded one of the 2 first (“pipe-cleaner”) TPTs.
- Unsuccessful application last year.
- NCC technical lead for one of last year’s project.
- Why apply for a TPT?
 - **Impact** is becoming increasingly important in academia (REF!) and this provides funding for the first steps towards impact.
 - Gives **exposure to industry** challenges (and vice-versa) and can inspire future research.
 - Sometimes what makes for a great idea in a lab environment does not scale-up that well: methods to help **scaling-up** the **technology** can become great low TRL research (see next slide).
 - [Light-touch application that can recycled if unsuccessful].



How an unsuccessful TPT and technology reached Rolls Royce





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Poll Results

- What topic areas would you currently consider for a TPT proposal?
- If you're thinking of something beyond the Technology Challenge Themes (the Big Three) – what are you thinking?





So what?

- TPT stimulates the transition of suitably mature technologies from academia to industry
- This gives researchers the opportunity to show the **IMPACT** of their research (...REF)
- Prior work has shown that TPT gives promising technology the opportunity to progress
- Expressions of Interest open in 14 days – 13th October 2022





Thank you – questions?



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