

# Fibre Waviness: Drivers and Mechanisms

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#### Outline

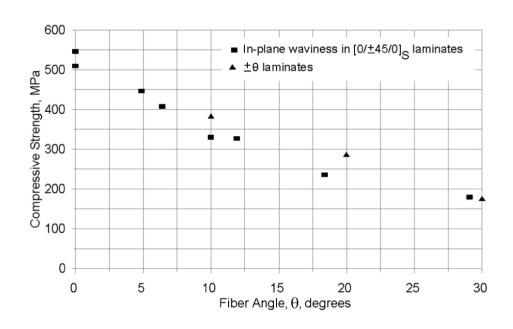
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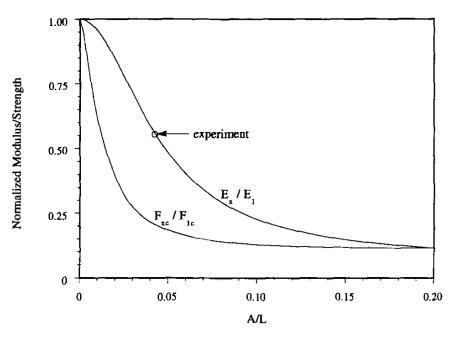


### Why study fibre waviness?

- Significant reduction in compressive strength
- Detrimental effect on fatigue response of a composite



Mandell 2003

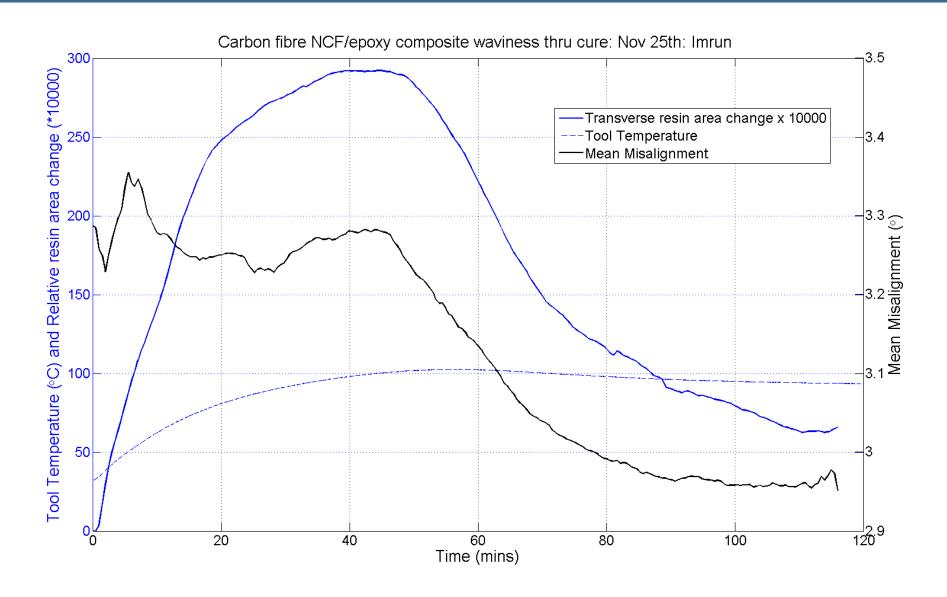


Hsiao 1996





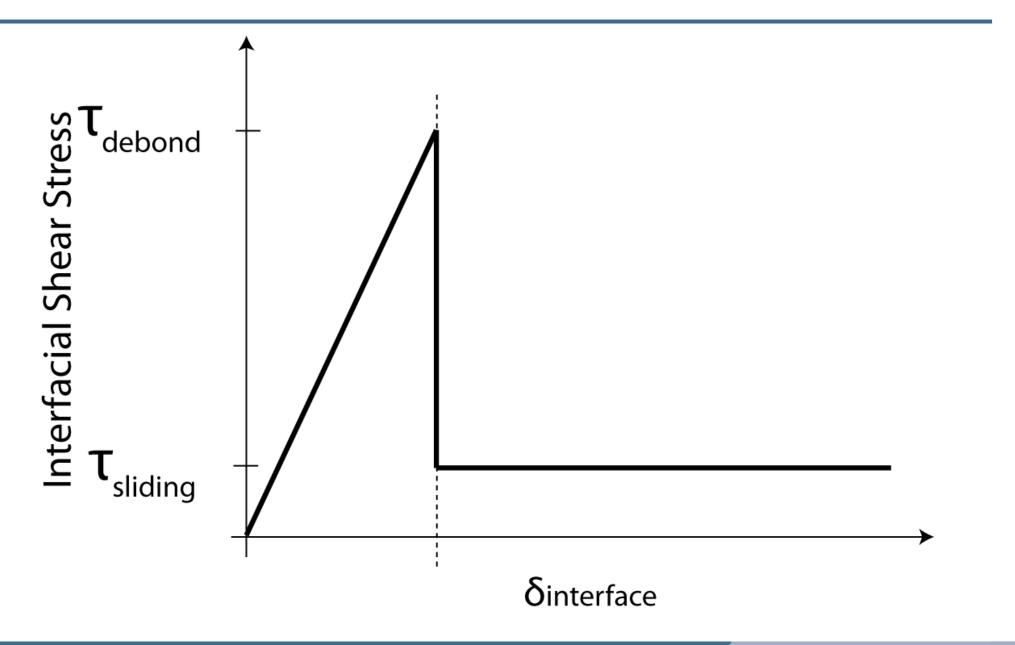
## Effects of resin volume change







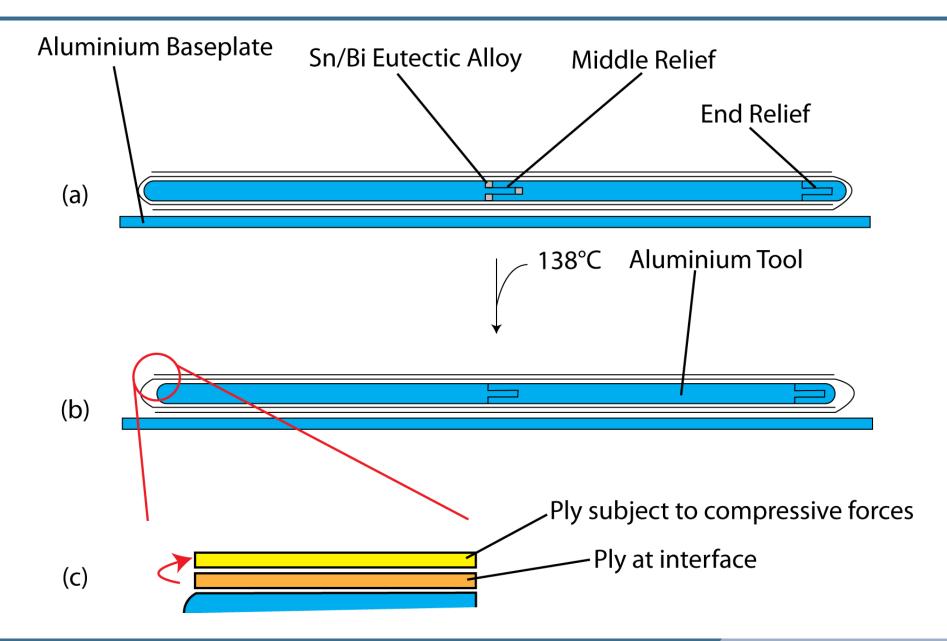
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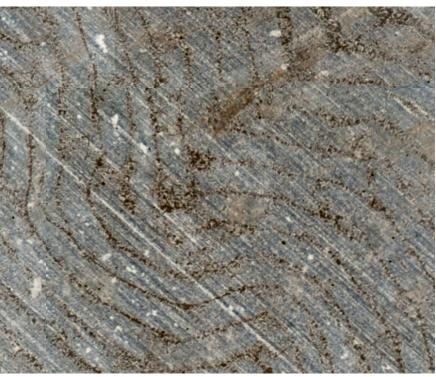






# Laminate Design

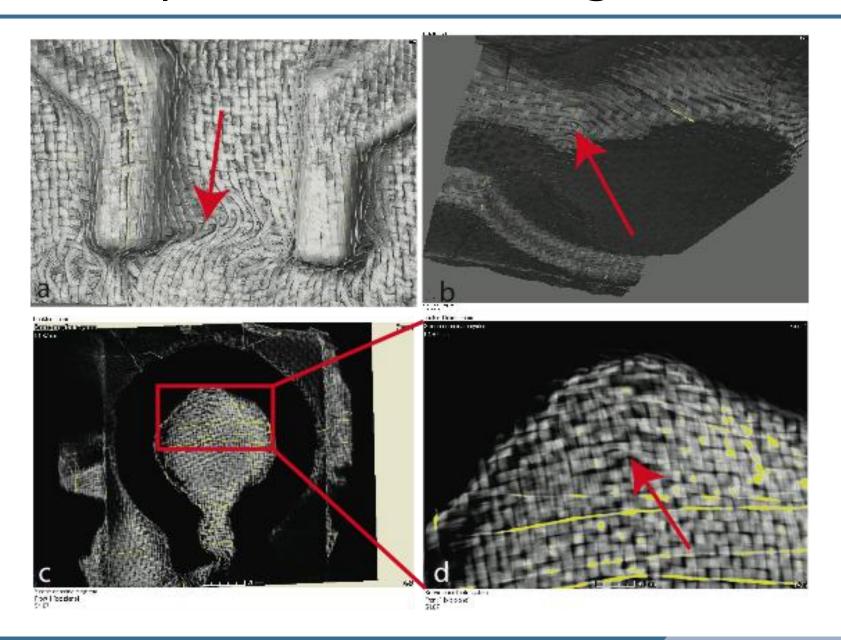








# Drape-Induced Misalignment







#### Future Work

- Further quantify effects of tool-part interaction
- Use CT scanning to elucidate the formation of wrinkles during the manufacture of propeller blades
- Investigate the link between laminate design and tool geometry





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