

# MULTI-POINT TIME DOMAIN REFLECTOMETRY MEASUREMENT FOR CURE MONITORING



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SEGMENTED CURING EXPERIMENT

# MULTI-POINT SENSING WITH SINGLE TRANSMISSION LINE

Cure of Composites  $\rightarrow$  Property Change (Mechanical, Physical and Electrical)

Volt Volt after cure after cure 4١ before cure before cure Λŧ Time Time Voltage change and Multi-point sensing

Response time change

Sensing points in single T/L by impedance change

With single T/L  $\rightarrow$  Effective

Making impedance changes by shunt capacitance



- Setting marker positions by using conductive materials.
- No curing agent is added to segment-A resin.



## CURING EXPERIMENT RESULTS

Check the response time( $\Delta t$ ) at each segment



RT increase during the wetting: 0.092 ~ 0.121 RT decrease during the curing: 0.006 (very small) No cure on segment-A, but *dt* slightly decreased.

# **RESULTS: SC-15 EPOXY**



### **CONCLUSIONS**

Results: Cure reaction can be checked by change of the response time. Cure of each segment can be simultaneously detected by the data from single transmission line. SC-15 epoxy resin shows larger difference than Derakane 510A-40 vinyl ester resin.

Future Works: Get quantitative relationship between cure reactions and response time changes

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## **METHODS TO IMPROVE HIGH SENSITIVITY**

Indirect contact between T/L and resin  $\rightarrow$  Small change of response time



Direct contact between T/L and resin → Increasing the sensitivity

## **RESULTS: Derakane 510A-40**

Sensor: Bare Copper Wire Curing Time: 2 Hours



Sensor: Bare Copper Wire Curing Time: 24 Hours