



## UPDATE JUNE 2016

CCM LEADS MAJOR DARPA PROGRAM TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE MANUFACTURING OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS WITH AEROSPACE PROPERTIES AT AUTOMOTIVE PRICES

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The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has awarded the University of Delaware Center for Composite Materials (UD-CCM) a \$14.9M three-year cooperative agreement for the Tailorable Feedstock and Forming (TFF) Program.

The objective of this program is to develop a novel low-cost carbonfiber composite feedstock and manufacturing process. The new material, called TuFF (tailorable universal feedstock for forming), may potentially revolutionize the use of composite materials worldwide, as a cost-effective replacement for small metal parts meeting aerospace performance requirements.



(Tailorable Universal Feedstock for Forming)

The feedstock will consist of carbon fiber in a thermoplastic matrix with improved microstructural design, creating thin ply sheets that optimize formability of single and doubly curved parts with aerospace grade mechanical properties and damage tolerance.

Under the leadership of director Jack Gillespie, UD-CCM seeks to establish a semi-automated pilot plant to produce TuFF starting with carbon fiber precursors and ending with net-shape zero-waste formable feedstock blanks. The aim of the pilot plant is to demonstrate the feasibility and scaleup of novel technologies developed through this program with capacity to supply TuFF feedstock to designated industries for evaluation and prototype development.

The success of TuFF as a new material is expected to be transformative for complex curvature composite structures for aerospace and automotive applications in the defense and commercial sectors.

"UD-CCM is excited to lead a team of composite experts from Clemson University, Drexel University and Virginia Tech to develop a new composite material and manufacturing process," said Rob Adkinson, TuFF program manager.

"Bypassing all of the manufacturing problems associated with advanced composites, our approach will allow us for the first time to make composite parts having aerospace properties at automotive prices."

## NEWS UD-CCM collaborates with Industry and University Partners on DOE Vehicle Technologies Programs

Researchers at University of Delaware Center for Composite Materials (UD-CCM) have formed Industry and University Partnerships in two programs recently funded to design, manufacture, and demonstrate an ultra-light hybrid composite door through a Department of Energy program aimed at advancing fuel-efficient vehicle technologies.

UD-CCM is part of the Clemson University led team where researchers will use carbon-fiber-reinforced thermoplastic composites to fabricate a driver's side front-door assembly for a large original equipment manufacturer (OEM). The goal is to reduce the door's weight by 42.5 percent as automakers work to meet U.S. corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards. Fleets of vehicles are supposed to average 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025.

John W. Gillespie, director of UD-CCM, and assistant director Shridhar Yarlagadda issued a joint statement: "Clemson and CCM are establishing a strong partnership to merge auto systems design with composites materials, design and manufacturing to lightweight composites door for high-volume production."

UD-CCM is also part of the TPI Composites, Inc. led team where TPI's expertise in system design and as a Tier 1 supplier will be complemented by UD-CCM's modeling and simulation capabilities for HP-RTM, (High-Pressure Resin Transfer Molding) of carbon-fiber thermoset composites, material response and side-impact crash modeling of composites.

According to CCM assistant director Dirk Heider, the new carbon-fiber-reinforced doors have to match the current steel models with regard to all fit, function, and safety requirements. In addition, the new doors have to be producible at the required rate of 80,000-90,000 units per year.

"We will evaluate new material solutions and conduct a small number of sub-element tests to validate the approach and optimize our design," Heider says. "Final full-scale door testing will demonstrate that our design approach leads to a composite door meeting all performance targets, and full vehicle tests will demonstrate the form, fit and function of the proposed door."

"Investing in advanced vehicle technologies will improve the efficiency of today's vehicles while also supporting the next generation of hybrid and electric vehicles," said Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz in announcing the awards. "The deployment of these technologies will give Americans more options when they are choosing a vehicle, while also creating jobs and cutting harmful carbon emissions."







# NEWS CCM STUDENTS AND STAFF HONORED

On Friday, May 6, 2016 the Center for Composite Materials honored 17 individuals-fourteen students, two researchers and one administrator with seven different awards.

"We have over 60 graduate and undergraduate students who do research with affiliated faculty and staff at the Center for Composite Materials," says Associate Director Suresh Advani. "We are very proud of the interdisciplinary research conducted by our students in exploring new frontiers in composite materials, and the students selected for the awards have shown special initiative to deserve this honor.



### R. L. MCCULLOUGH SCHOLARS AWARD

The Scholars Award recognizes original contributions

to the literature on composite materials. The tribute, consisting of a monetary award, is bestowed on a graduate student author of a paper accepted for publication in a refereed journal. Selection of the recipient for this award is based on the quality of the paper.

Recipient: Hongbo Dai, Ph.D.C.E.E. Advisors: Professor Erik. T. Thostenson & Professor Thomas Schumacher Recipient: Michael Yeager, Ph.D.M.E. Advisor: Professor Suresh G. Advani

### **PROGRESS AWARD**

The Progress Award recognizes research contributions of students to the research goals of the Composites Center. The tribute, consisting of a monetary award, is bestowed on a graduate student author of a CCM Research Report, thesis, or dissertation. Selection of the recipient of this award is based on the quality of the report, thesis, or dissertation.

Recipient: Jiayin Wang, Ph.D.M.E. Advisor: Professor Suresh G. Advani.

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Achievement Award recognizes outstanding personal growth demonstrated by a Center-affiliated graduate student. The tribute, which consists of a monetary award, is bestowed on a graduate student who has demonstrated superior achievement.

Recipient: Hong Yu, Ph.D.M.E. Advisors: Professor Suresh G. Advani & Dr. Dirk Heider

# NEWS OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

The Outstanding Senior Award recognizes the contributions of students participating in the Undergraduate Research Program of the Composites Center. The tribute, consisting of a monetary award, is bestowed on an outstanding senior for cumulative contributions (service as well as research) to Center activities.

Recipient: Michael B. Carroll, Jr., B.M.E. Advisor: Professor John W. Gillespie, Jr. Recipient: Matthew J. Stevens, B.M.E. Advisor: Dr. Bazle Z. Haque

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

The Undergraduate Research Award is bestowed on a student in their junior year whose proposal to perform research on composite materials under the guidance of a UD-CCM affiliated faculty member is selected. The student is expected to enroll in UNIV 401 and UNIV 402 and write a senior thesis. Selection of the recipient for this award is based on the research objective and plan submitted by the student in a one-page abstract.

Recipient: Anthony J. Campanella, B.Chem. Advisor: Dr. Joseph M. Deitzel

Recipient: Erin N. Hitchner, B.Ch.E. Advisor: Dr. Joseph M. Deitzel

Recipient: Evan M. Martz, B.Ch.E. Advisor: Dr. Sanjib C. Chowdhury Recipient: Byron B. Fan, B.Ch.E. Advisor: Dr. Joseph M. Deitzel

Recipient: Francis G. Klincewicz, B.M.E. Advisor: Dr. Joseph M. Deitzel

Recipient: William J. Rocker, B.E.E. Advisor: Dr. Dirk Heider

### CCM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The CCM Scholarship Award recognizes research contributions of Postdoctoral Researchers or Research Professionals affiliated with CCM. Selection of the recipient for this award is based on publication of papers in high quality refereed journals and their impact on the research community of composite materials.

Recipient: Sanjib C. Chowdhury, Ph.D. Advisor: Prof. John W. Gillespie, Jr.

### DIRECTORS' AWARD

The Directors' Award recognizes outstanding personal growth demonstrated by a Center-affiliated employee or student. The tribute, which consists of a monetary award, is bestowed on an employee or student who has demonstrated superior progress.

Recipient: William R. Adkinson Recipient: Preston B. McDaniel, Ph.D.M.S.E.G. Recipient: Sagar M. Doshi, Ph.D.M.E. Recipient: Robin M. Mack

# NEWS

## **COMPOSITES HONOR** GILLESPIE RECEIVES WAYNE W. STINCHCOMB MEMORIAL AWARD FROM ASTM

John W. Gillespie Jr., director of the University of Delaware Center for Composite Materials, has been selected to receive the Wayne W. Stinchcomb Memorial Award from the American Society for Testing and Materials. The award includes delivering a keynote lecture at the American Society for Composites (ASC) conference in Williamsburg, Virginia, in September.

The award was established in memory of Wayne W. Stinchcomb, a fellow of ASTM and past chair of Committee D30 on Composite Materials.

Criteria include outstanding contributions in research, engineering or teaching the technology of composite materials, as well as service and other contributions in the area of composites.

Gillespie was recognized in particular for playing a key role in mentoring his students in his "career engagement in the academic world."

Erik Thostenson, now associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at UD, interacted with many of Gillespie's students while working on his Ph.D. in the 1990s.

"I was always impressed with his mentoring of students in his research group," Thostenson wrote in a letter of support for Gillespie's nomination. "His students were always extremely well prepared and had tremendous breadth and depth of knowledge in their research. He has high expectations of his students, and many of them have gone on to be leaders in industry, government and academia. I try to emulate his approach in preparing my own students for their careers."

John Gangloff, who served as president of UD's student chapter of SAMPE (Society of Advanced Materials and Process Engineering) several years ago, expressed gratitude for Gillespie's support of UD's participation in the SAMPE Student Composite Bridge Contest.



Now a science and technology policy fellow in the U.S. Department of Energy's Fuel Cell Technologies Office, Gangloff wrote, "Prof. Gillespie's advisement over the years greatly educated students about composite materials and processing beyond the classroom and led to experiences to build upon for their future careers."

Kuang-Ting Hsiao, who completed his doctoral research at CCM, credits Gillespie with creating a very dynamic research environment and encouraging researchers, scholars and students to communicate ideas and share results.

Hsiao, who is now professor of mechanical engineering at the University of South Alabama, also referred to Gillespie as "an extraordinary researcher and educator."

# A Short Course on Thermal Analysis

July 13-14, 2015 | 9am - 4pm \$300 for Industrial Full Attendee | \$50 for Students (if space is available) Does not include lunch

### **Description:**

The course will include the basics of Thermal Analysis with morning lectures on differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), and dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA). The afternoon sessions will have hands-on instruction by the vendors, with demonstrations on calibration and how to run experiments.

Participating Venders: TA Instruments, Mettler Toledo, & NETZSCH Instruments

### July 13th Program

Location: Center for Composite Materials (CCM) 101 Academy Street University of Delaware Newark, DE 19716

- 8:45 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 9:10 **Opening Comments, Andrew McGhie (LRSM)**
- 9:10 10:25 DSC Theory and Practice by Larry Judovits (Arkema)
- 10:25 10:45 Break
- 10:45 12:00 DSC Application and Use by Steve Sauerbrunn (CCM)
- 12:00 13:15 Lunch
- 13:15 14:30 Introduction to TGA, Janis Matisons (Gelest)
- 14:30 14:50 Break
- 14:50 16:05 Introduction to DMA, Sara Reynaud (Arkema)

### July 14th Program

Location: TA Instruments 159 Lukens Drive, New Castle, DE 19720

- 9:00 11:30 Hands-on Demos with Vender Dr. Kadine Mohomed (TAI)
- Location: Center for Composite Materials (CCM) 101 Academy Street University of Delaware Newark, DE 19716
- 13:15-15:45 Hands-on Demos with Vendors, Kevin Menard (Mettler) & Hui Hu (Netzsch)



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## A Short Course on

## Progressive Composite Damage Modeling in LS-DYNA Using MAT162

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#### **Upcoming Workshops:**

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 | 9am-5pm Tuesday, November 15, 2016 | 9am-5pm

#### **Cost:** \$595 per person Includes: Coffee, Lunch, Parking, CD with course Content

#### **Description:**

Progressive damage modeling of composites under low velocity impact and high velocity impact is of interest to many applications including car crash, impact on pressure vessels, perforation and penetration of thin and thick section composites. MAT162 rate dependent progressive composite damage model in LS-DYNA is considered as the state of the art. This short course will include the theory and practice of MAT162 composite damage model with applications to low and intermediate impact velocities, understanding the LS-DYNA programming parameters related to impact-contact, damage evolution, perforation and penetration of thin- and thick-section composites with and without curvature. The following topics will be covered in this one-day short course will be provided.

#### **Topics Covered in this Short Course:**

#### Introduction to LS-DYNA

Writing a structured LS-DYNA keyword input deck from scratch for a unit single element (USE) under tension, compression, and shear

### Introduction to Continuum Mechanics and Composite Mechanics

Concepts of large deformation finite strain theory Deformation gradient Cauchy-Green strain tensors Piola-Kirchhoff and Cauchy stress Stiffness matrix for orthotropic and anisotropic composite materials

### **Composite Material Models in LS-DYNA for Shell and Solid Element**

Theory and Practice in MAT162 Progressive Composite Damage Model Unit Single Element analysis

Low Velocity Impact (LVI) and Compression after Impact (CAV) Applications For Shell and Solid Elements

#### Perforation Mechanics of Thin-Composites with MAT162 and Solid Elements

Penetration Mechanics of Thick-Composites Depth of Penetration Experiments Ballistic Impact Experiments

#### Application of MAT162 in Engineering and Research Problems

Impact on Composite Cylinders and Spheres with and without Internal Pressure and/or Blast Pressure Penetration and Perforation of Sandwich Composites Normal and Oblique Impact Multi-Hit Ballistics Meso-Mechanical Modeling of Woven and 3D Composites

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## COMPOSITES UPDATE JUNE 2016

# Consortium **NEWS**

We would like to thank <u>Orbital ATK Flight Systems Group</u> on becoming our newest consortium member.

We would also like to thank <u>Fenner Precision</u>, <u>NETZSCH Instruments North America, Inc</u>, and <u>Sabic Innovative Plastics</u> for their recent membership renewal and all our current members for continuing to participate in CCM's research and development activities.

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