

Project description (First-time-right)

Acoustic product release, Internship/graduation

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Background

Manufacturing of composites can involve a lot of manual labour, which makes it more expensive and less consistent. In order to decrease the manual labour automation production technologies for composites require further development. Inholland Composites started a RAAK-MKB research project in September 2014, *Robocompo*, together with 10 SMEs with the aim to automate the vacuum infusion process. The project was a great success and the result can be seen in the Composite Labs in the form of a robot with several end-effectors.

One of the conclusions of the project was that almost the whole process can be automated, but the biggest challenge is controlling the infusion process itself. This subject resulted in a new RAAK-MKB project named: *First-time-right injections for the production of one-off or small series of composite products*.

Project description

For this research project the focus will be on improving the quality of the infusion in such a way that complex and one-off products can be infused in one try, instead of several tries that can be required. The plans to achieve this is using smart-moulds (with sensors and heating) to control the resin flow, vision systems to increase the quality of the build-up and advanced simulation models linked with real-time data and new disruptive concepts. The goal of this graduation project is to develop a technique that can be added to a mould to easy release products to prevent damage during separation.

Activities

Develop a technique, which will improve the releasing of composite products out of moulds. This includes the investigation and validation of using acoustic elements/actuators in the mould-setup.

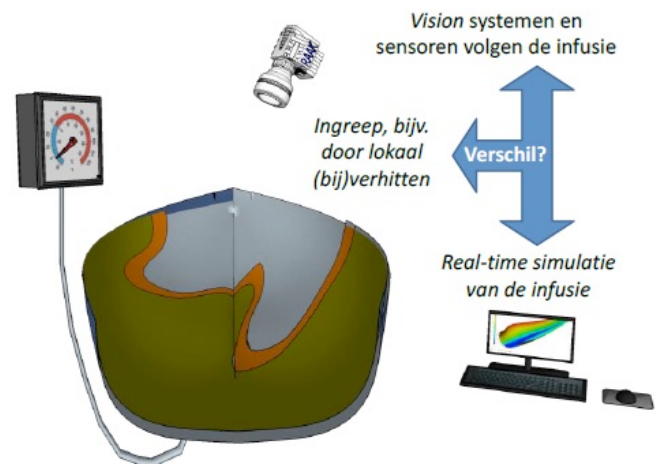


This graduation internship is a chance to improve your expertise in composite materials and out-of-autoclave production methods. You will get familiar with technologies used in the Smart-Industry and have an opportunity to enhance your systems-engineering skills.

Scope of work

During all projects at the First-Time-Right-projects it is intended for the student to gain practical experience with composites. So, even if you're working on a 'theoretical' business-case, you will have to get your hands dirty in the lab. Thus, during design you will learn about manufacturing methods and materials. We are striving to create physical demonstrators in the design projects. Furthermore, a typical scope of work consists of these elements:

- Project plan, research questions, research method
- Literature study, research on tool design, common problems etc.
- Functional analysis and concept study
- Gain expertise in composites
- concept design
- Detailed design
- Demonstrator for manufacturing samples
- Testing of the mould release system
- Analysis of test results
- Communication and interaction with stakeholders, companies and experts
- Technical report



Company information

Inholland Composites, located at Inholland in Delft and Alkmaar, is a very well equipped, high-tech laboratory in the field of composite materials and structures. The focus is on fibre reinforced plastics which provide durable and lightweight solutions in a wide range of applications. Inholland Composites needs students from various technical departments and it's our mission to put theory into practice and provide students with up-to-date education which connects to today's business.

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