



# **Spare** project – improvement of continuous compression moulding process for the production of thermoplastic composite beams

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#### **SPARE PROJECT**

# Full scale innovative composite pax and cargo floor grids for regional Aircraft Fuselage barrel on ground demonstrators

- Manufacturing of 2 full shipsets of pax and cargo floor grids
- Use of thermoplastic resin reinforced with carbon fiber.
- Manufactoring technologies with a lot of potential for automation

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weight saving + recurring cost reduction.



















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# **BACKGROUND**









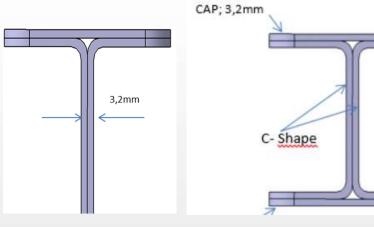
## **BACKGROUND**

# **Induction Welding**





- high degree of automation
- high control of process parameters
- > low plant costs









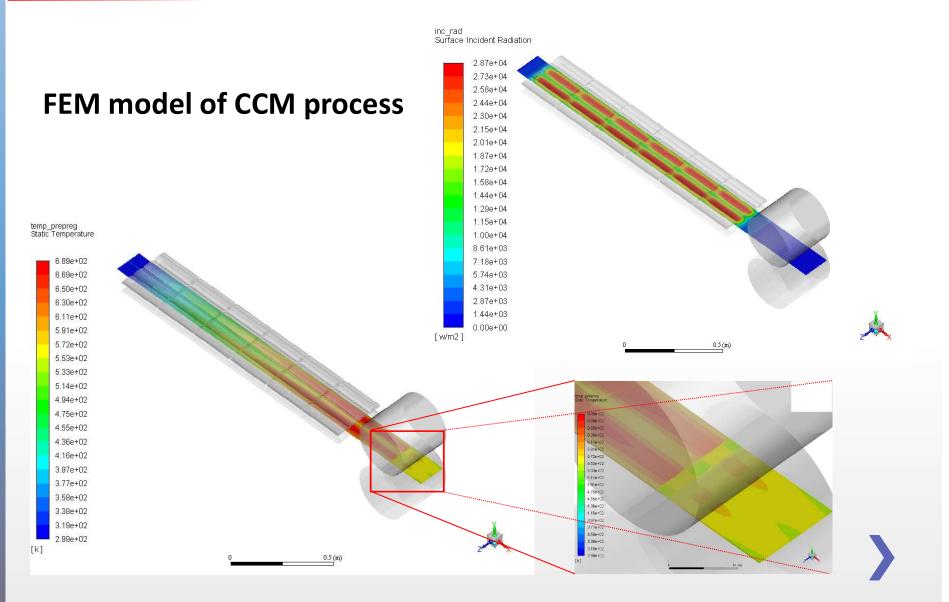


# Limits of the CCM process

- ☐ Unknown temperature on material
- ☐ The weight of the process parameters
  - on the temperature is unknown
- ☐ Uncertainty about product quality



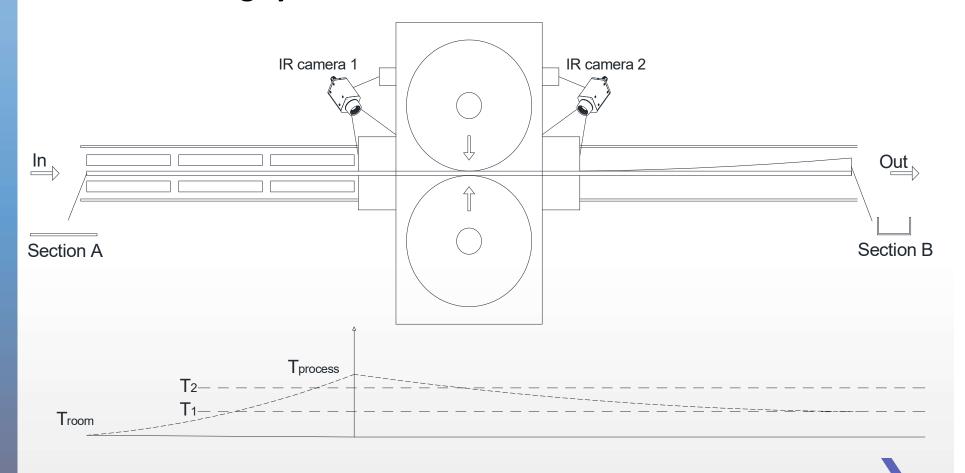








#### **IRT** monitoring system





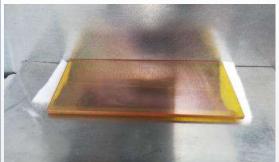


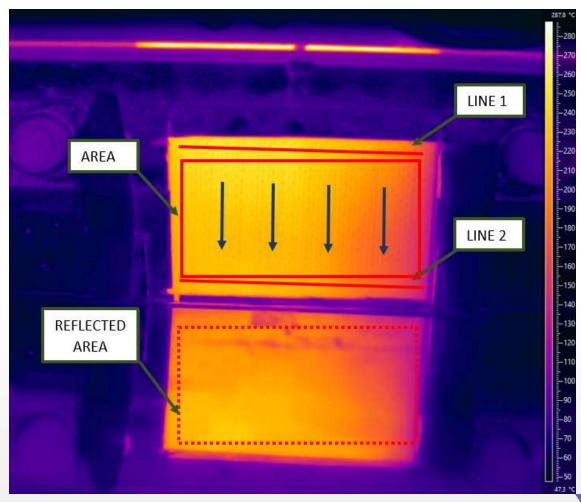






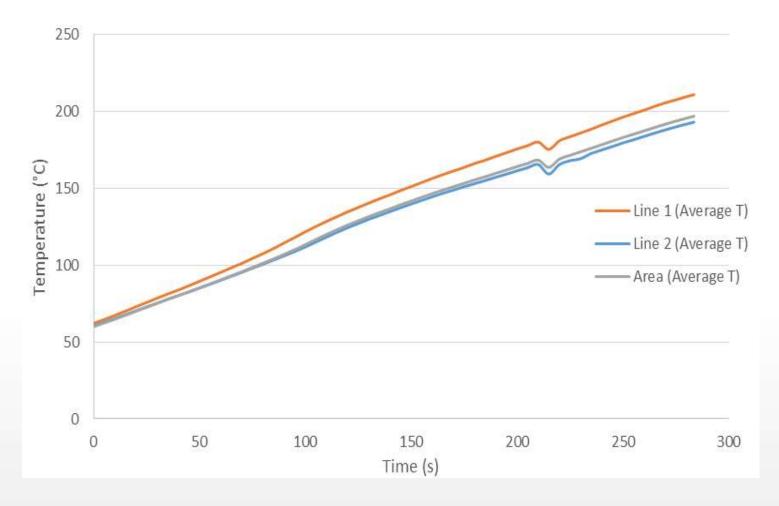








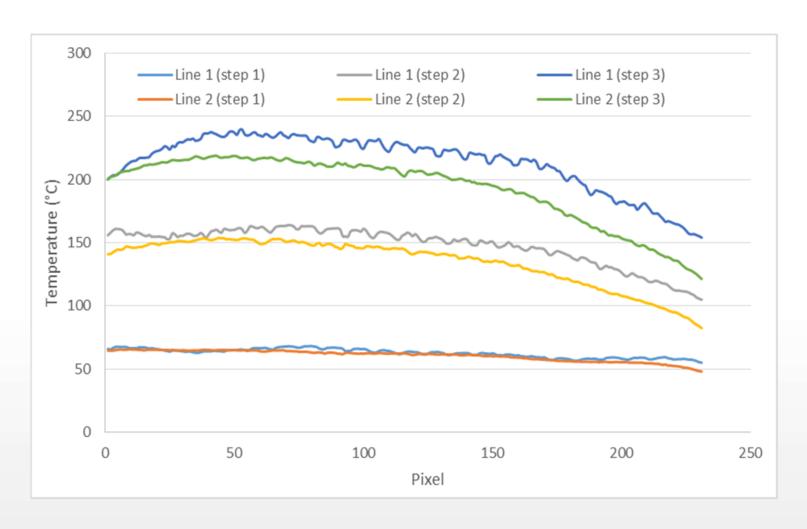




Warm-up step



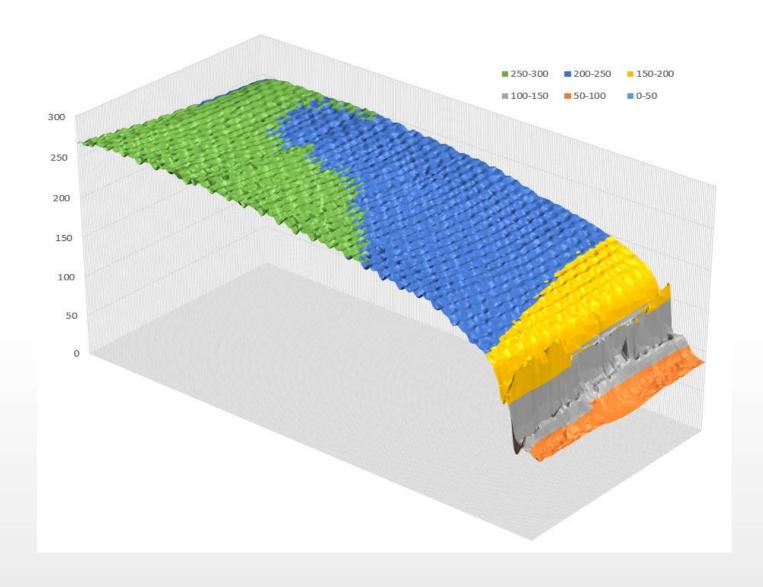




#### Temperature profiles for 3 different steps

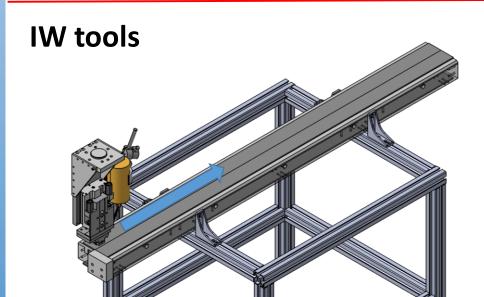


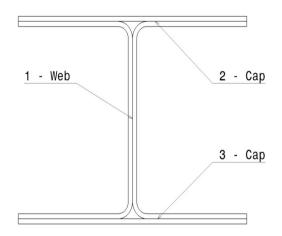


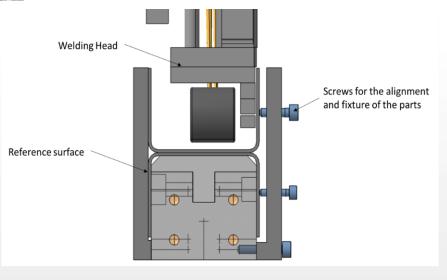






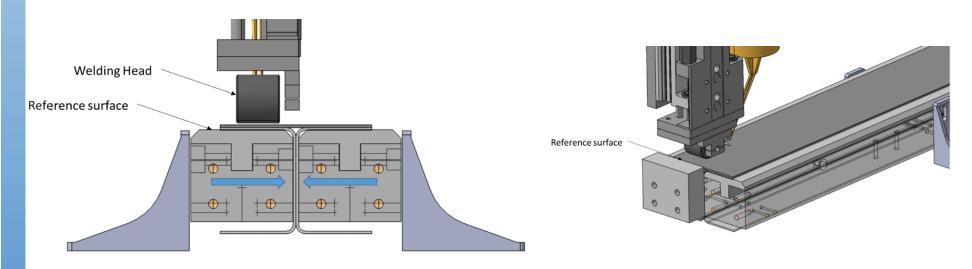












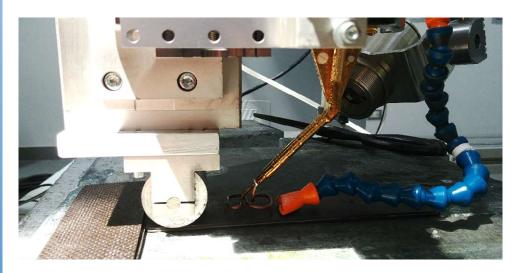














#### **IW** parameters

- welding power
- speed of the welding head
- pressure to apply





#### **NEXT STEPS**

- » Validation of the temperature monitoring system
- » Induction welding on the components for the construction of the beams for the two floors
- » Assembly and assembly of the two floors
- » Technical-economic analysis of the solutions developed









#### **CONCLUSION**

SPARE project will lead to a optimized and innovative production process

> Effectiveness of thermoplastic composite

> IRT and FEM can improve the production processes











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