Novel technologies to boost the shipyard industry



FIBRE composite manufacturing technologies FOR the automation and modular construction in shipYARDS

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BUILDING FIBRE REINFORCED POLYMER SHIPS

AUTOMATIZATION PROCESSES
MODULAR CONSTRUCTION
DIGITALIZATION





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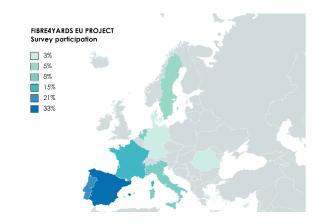
THERE IS THE GENERAL BELIEVE THAT **SHIPYARDS CANNOT REACH** THE LEVEL OF **AUTOMATIZATION OF OTHER INDUSTRIAL SECTORS**

Some of the reasons that we have heard to explain this reasoning are:

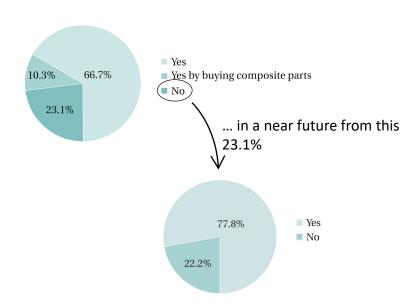
- The number of repeated units is low
- In small boats, there is no need for millimetric precision
- The investment required to automatize manufacturing procedures is too high
- **(...)**

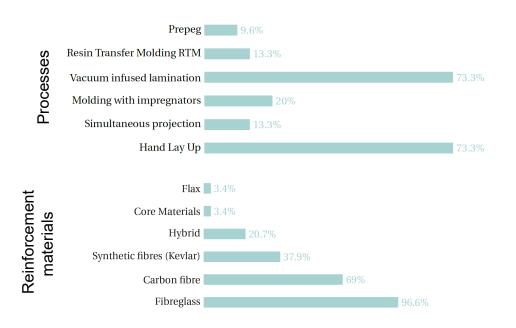


To assess this context, we have conducted a survey among EU shipyards In this survey, we have find out:



Use of composites:







But we have also seen that there is a real interest for new processes and shipyard improvements, such as digitalization:

Interest in new manufacturing procedures

Digitisation of the Production (Industry 4.0 concepts)

Modular and Serialised Shipbuilding in Composites

Hot Stamping for Thermoplastics

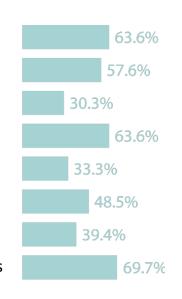
3D Printing / Additive Manufacturing processes

Incorporation of Curved Pultruded Profiles

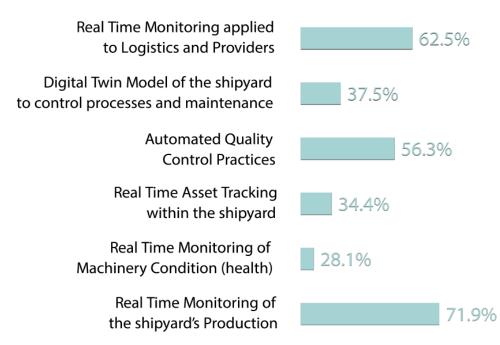
Automated Fibre Placement (AFP) technology

Automatic Tape Laying (ATP) technology

Use of Adaptive moulds



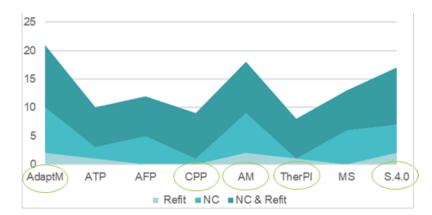
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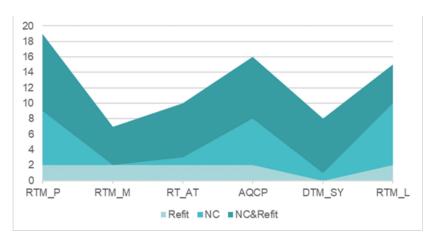
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AdapM: AdaptiveMolds
ATP: Automatic Tape Placement
AFP: Automated Fibre Placement
CCP: Curved Pultruded Profiles

AM: Additive Manufacturing ThermPI: Hot Stamping of Thermoplastics MS: Modular and Serialized Shipbuilding S.4.0: Digitalization of the production

Interest in shipyard 4.0 concepts



RTM_P: Real time monitoring production RTM_M: Real Time monitoring Machinery RT_AT: Real Time Asset Tracking

AQCP: Automated quality control practices DTM_SY: Digital Twin Model

RTM_L: Real time monitoring logistics



Objectives

The main objective of FIBRE4YARDS is to

- Develop the required technologies to increase the automatization and modular construction in shipbuilding,
- Digitalize the shipyard to improve the quality, its efficiency and maintenance
- Incorporate all these improvements, as well as sustainability aspects in the boat design.

And to prove that this can be done,

- Despite the number of repeated units is low
- Efficiently, despite the process does not require millimetric precision
- With an assumable cost for the shipyard



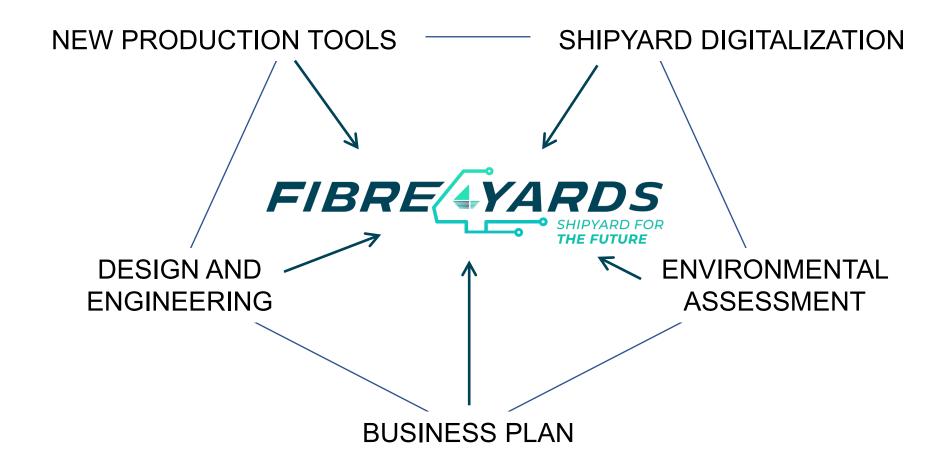
ACTIONS

FIBRE4YARDS expects to achieve this objective with the following **ACTIONS**:

- Adapt advanced manufacturing procedures from other industries, and develop new ones, that can be used by shipyards
- Develop a software to create a digital twin of the shipyard, and define the sensors and measuring systems required to feed this digital twin
- Develop numerical tools for ship design that take into account the new production methods
- Evaluate the environmental impact of the new manufacturing procedures by conducting LCAs
- Elaborate business plans and cost benefit analysis to facilitate the implementation of these new technologies
- Develop guidelines that will help the implementation of all these developments



ACTIONS





New production technologies

The new production technologies developed at FIBRE4YARDS will be

- Developed specifically for FIBRE4YARDS
- Adapted to the shipyard from other industrial sectors
- MUST allow a modular construction

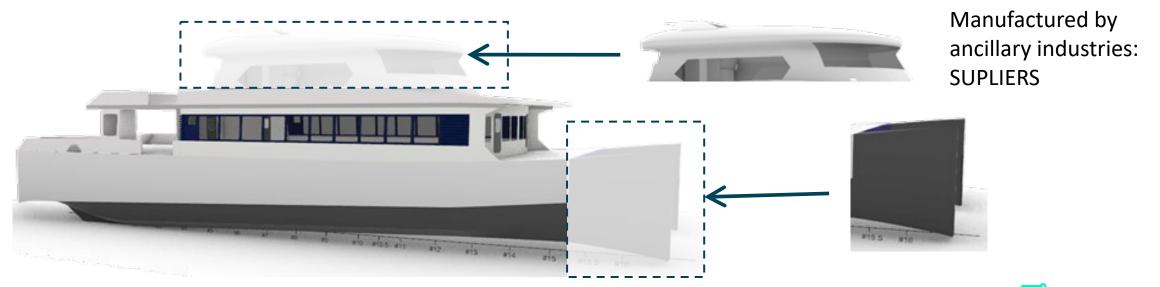
They will be presented tomorrow



New production technologies: Modular construction

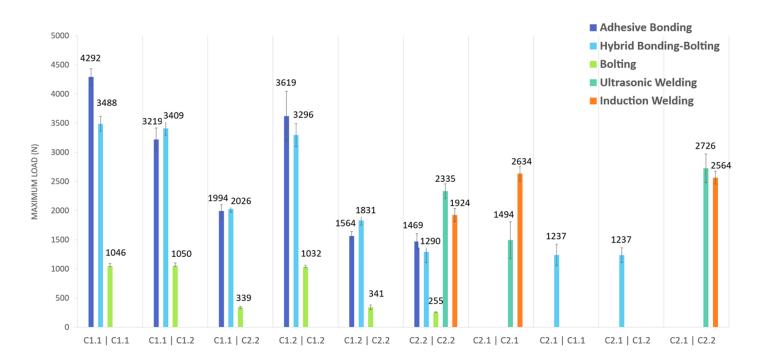
A modular construction will allow having ancillary industries, with specific automatized procedures, producing ship components.

This will reduce investment costs and will increase quality and efficiency.



New production technologies: Modular construction

To facilitate this approach, FIBRE4YARDS has evaluated different connection configurations, joining different materials



C1.1: Photocurable acrylate matrix
Thermoset FRP Composite

C1.2: Epoxy matrix Thermoset FRP Composite

C2.1: Hot-Stamped Thermoplastic FRP Composite

C2.2: 3D Printed Thermoplastic FRP Composite

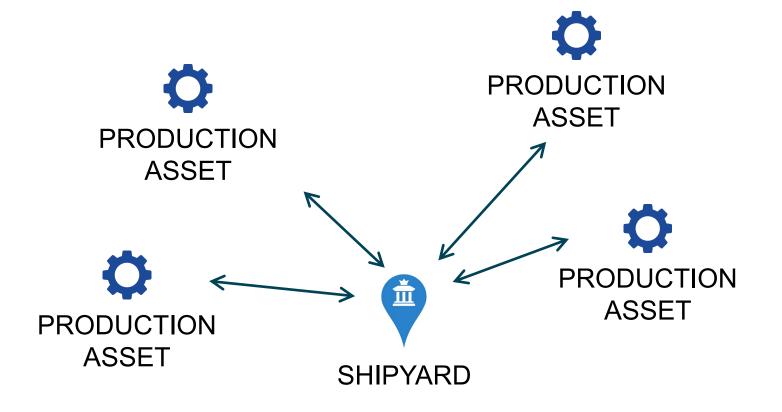


- All new production processes have been fully analysed to define the best parameters to be measured for quality control
- Monitoring can be easily adapted to other production processes
- All monitoring data feeds a shipyard digital twin, facilitating
 - Quality control
 - Evaluation of production procedures
 - Assessment of production times
 - Predict consumable requirements
 - **>** (...)

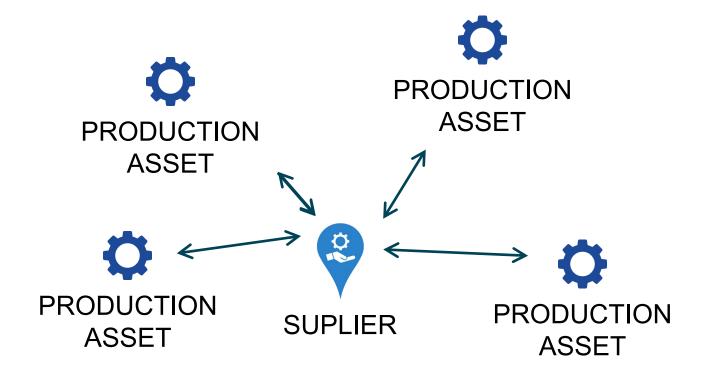




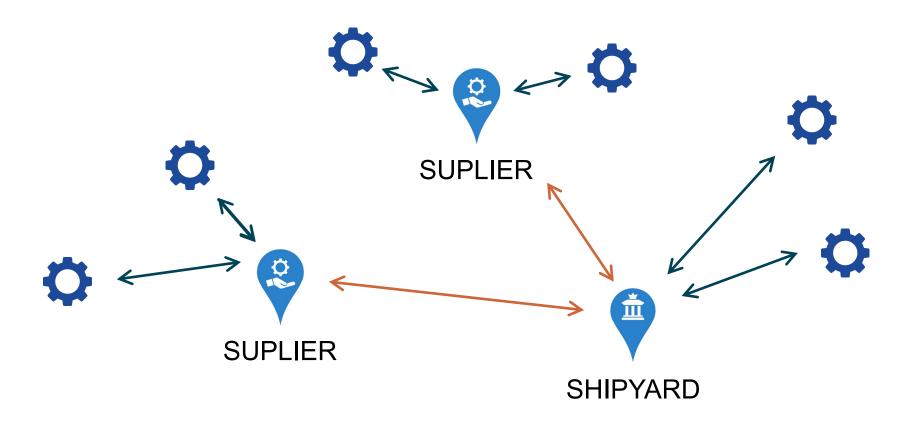




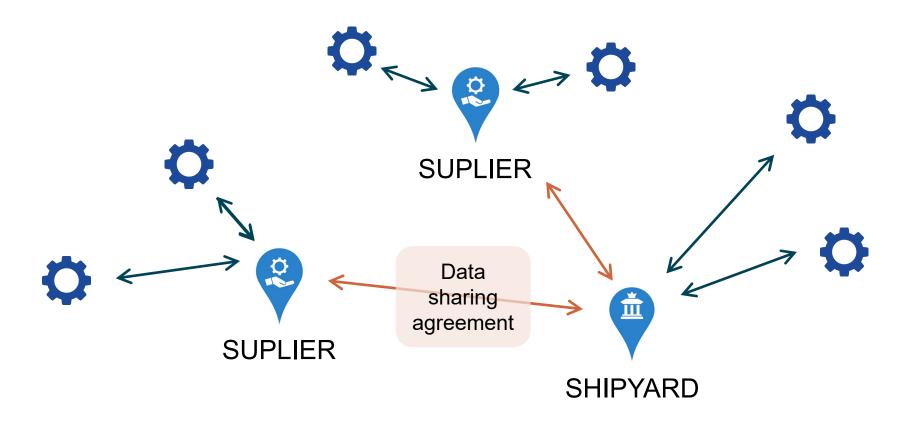








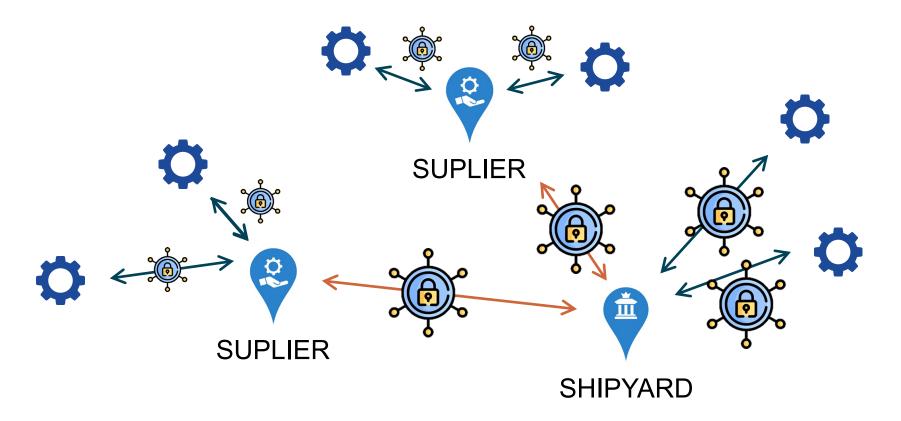






Shipyard digitalization - CYBERSECURITY

FIBRE4YARDS is defining cybersecurity protocols to ensure that the network is safe





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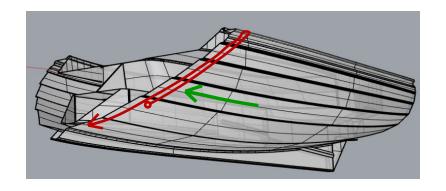


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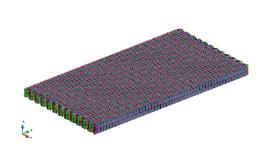


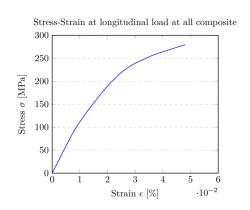
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Failure criteria for 3d printed materials that takes into account the anisotropy produced by the printing direction





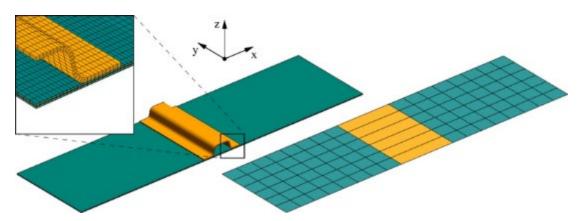






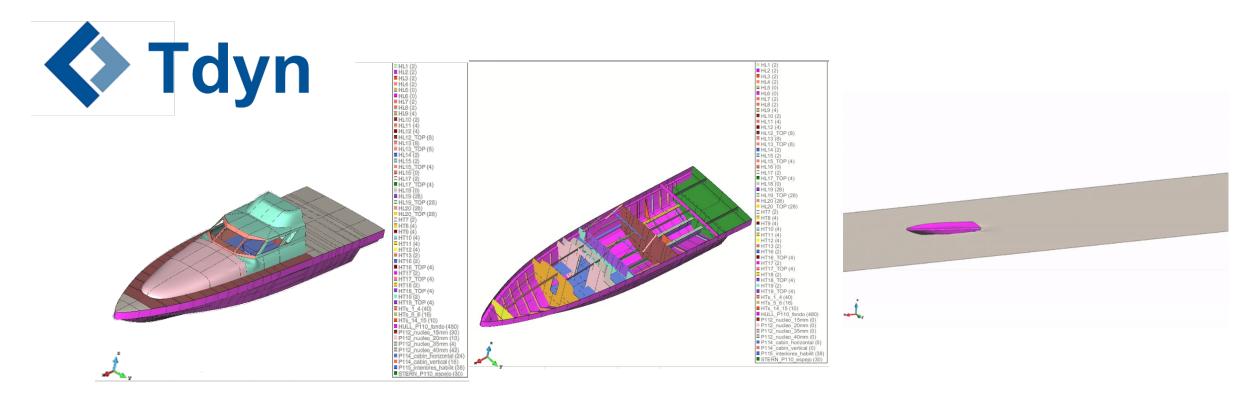
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Incorporation of stiffness and strength of connection members or stiffeners in the shell formulation





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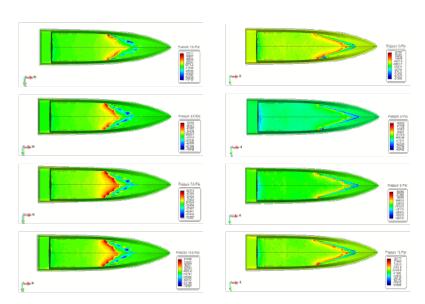




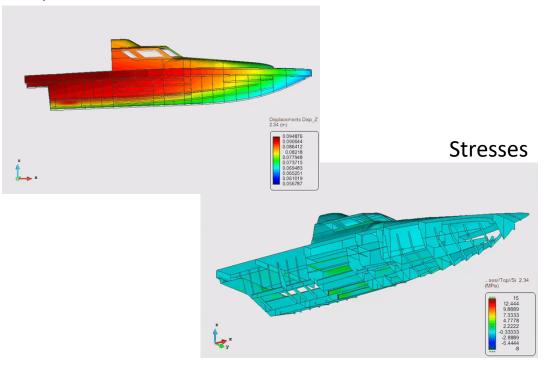
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Evolution of hydrodynamic pressures in the hull



Displacements



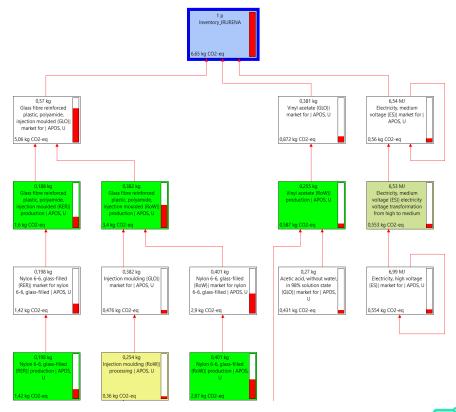


Environmental assessment

- We, ALL, must build ships taking into account their environmental impact: During production, in service and when the ship reaches its end life
- We have conducted a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of all new production methods developed in FIBRE4YARDS

Contribution of individual materials used to manufacture a curved pultruded profile in CO2 emission equivalent







Environmental assessment

- First results of the LCA analysis have shown that materials are the main contributors of the CO2 equivalent emission
- A responsible selection of the manufacturing material can lead to a major reduction on the environmental impact of the ship component
- The optimization and efficiency improvement of production methods can also help to minimize the impact of shipbuilding



Business Plan

- In FIBRE4YARDS we have defined different business models and plans for the different technologies developed. From production methods, to software development.
- All technologies and developments of the project have one or several business models associated, which proves the that they do have possibilities to be merged into the industrial network
- Right now we are conducting a cost benefit analysis study to evaluate the advantages provided by the technologies proposed in FIBRE4YARDS



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IMPROVE QUALITY

BUILD MORE SUSTAINABLE SHIPS

REDUCE COSTS

Having defined the framework, we have to continue working, enthusiastically, to reach this goal





THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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