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Following five years in Industry as CTO Mansson moved in 1985 to an academic position at the University of Washington, Seattle. In 1990, he joined the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) as Professor and Director of a newly created chair in Polymer and Composite Technology (LTC) at the Institute of Materials. His research interests are primarily in Composite manufacturing, covering topics such as:

- » Processes & Materials for "High-Volume" Composites
- » Hybrid Molding for Complex Shape Molding
- » Functional Material-Forms
- » Technical Cost Modeling & Implementation Strategies

Besides his research, Prof. Manson was during a period Vice-president at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, focusing on Innovation and Technology Transfer. Since 2008, Prof. Mansson is besides his University engagement, President of the International Academy of Sports Science and Technology, AISTS, an International Olympic Committee (IOC) co-founded organization linking Academic Institutions in Sport Management and Technology.

Prof. Mansson is the founder of the composite companies, EELCEE Ltd. and QEESTAR Co. Ltd. (JV) active in the field of High-Volume Composites and Additive Manufacturing. The two companies have today its main operation in Korea and Europe.



Current Research Focus

The research is focused on novel costeffective materials and manufacturing methods as well as unique additional functionalities, beyond the classical performance characteristics composite materials. The research involved both process and material specific topics but most importantly the interaction between material and process specific characteristics. In addition are scaling strategies for implementation in industrial context emphasized. The research partners are in the Automotive, Aerospace, Chemical. Medical Sport industries.

Main Research Themes

EFFICIENT MASS PRODUCTION OF COMPOSITES

- » Process integration
- » High-rate processes
- » Complex shape forming

INCREASED FUNCTIONALITY OF COMPOSITES

- » Material-form hybridization
- » Integrated Sensing & Monitoring
- » Adaptive composites

COST-EFFECTIVE HIGH-VOLUME COMPOSITE MANUFACTURING

- » Tailored material-form designs
- » Material/Process hybridization
- » Adaptive manufacturing lines
- » Technical Cost Modeling
- » Life Cycle Engineering (LCA & LCC)

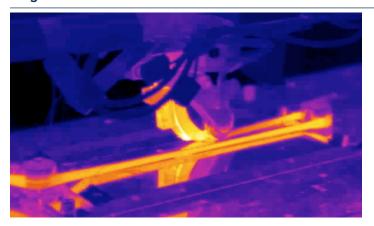
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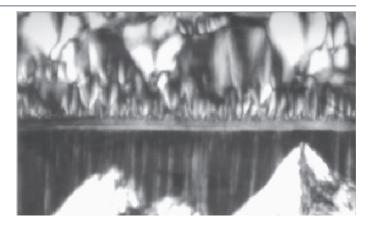
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Recent Patents & Patent Applications

- » Self-monitoring composite vessel for high pressure media
- » High pressure media storage vessel comprises a wall made of a layer with barrier and piezoelectric properties and has self-sensing capability
- » Dual cure compositions, related hybrid nanocomposite materials and dual cure process for producing same
- » Electrochemical cell
 (Collecteurs de courant ultraflexibles et imperméables)
- » Structures with Shear thickening fluids
- » Composite Hydrogels
- » Biocompatible multi-layered structure comprising foam layers and a functional interface