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Failure of composite laminates

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Career:

2011 – present:	Technology Platform Leader, Swerea SICOMP
2008 – present:	Senior Scientist, Swerea SICOMP AB
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2001 - 2003:	Senior Researcher, FOI, Test/theory composite materials for aircraft structures
1988 – 2000:	FFA – The Aeronautical Research Institute of Sweden, Test/theory composites
1993 – 1994:	Research Assistant, MIT, Completing research work for MSc thesis.

2013 project: Modeling crash behavior in future lightweight composite vehicles

The purpose of the project is to lay the foundation for establishing confidence in crash predictions of composite vehicles to a level comparable with current state of the art for conventional metallic structures. It is of utmost importance that the Swedish automotive industry properly takes on this issue with respect to future competitiveness in lightweight design. To accomplish a robust and cost efficient simulation of crash in a composite structure, the project proposes four main work packages comprising research issues ranging from damage modeling at the ply-level to homogenization based modelling of the laminate behavior as well as dissemination and valorization of the results obtained.

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