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# Providing Confidence in Durable Composites

**DURACOMP project event, 28 April 2016**



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## Welcome & Introduction

by Toby Mottram

Principal Investigator, Warwick University

Health and Safety brief

by

Nigel Keen, NCC

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## Programme for today

### *Presentations from Invited speakers*

- 10:10 NCC, Nigel Keen, Business Development Engineer, National Composites Centre (NCC).
- 10:30 *Challenges of Composites for Infrastructure and Construction*, James Henderson, Technical Authority, Transportation, Atkins and Composites UK Construction Group
- 10:50 *Designing FRP Structures – The Ideal and the Reality*, Lee Canning, Principal Engineer, Bridges, Jacobs

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## Programme for today

- 11:10 *Q&A panel session*  
Chair, Peter Gosling, Newcastle University
- 11:25 *Break and networking*
- 11:55 *Confidence in Durable Composites (DURACOMP)*  
Partners' presentation on research outcomes and impact
- 12:45 *Lunch and networking*  
Tour of NCC facilities  
Posters and demonstrations of software

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## Programme for today

- 14:00 *Facilitated Activity:*  
 DURACOMP project partners, Peter Gosling  
 Information for the facilitated activity was issued this morning.
- 16:15 Closing remarks on event, Toby Mottram  
 Dissemination
- 16:30 End

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## Dissemination of outcomes

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/eng/duracomp/>

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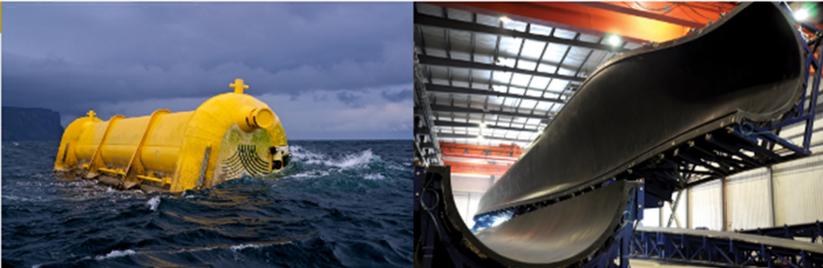
### Providing Confidence in Durable Composites

The multi-university DURACOMP team will deliver the basis of a new paradigm for specification of composite solutions in Ground and Structural Engineering, driven by the need to prepare the UK's infrastructure for an uncertain future.



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## Background to DURACOMP project

LIMES.NET - Network for Low Impact Materials and innovative Engineering Solutions for ground & structural engineering

1 Sept. 2011- 30 Sept. 2012

Meetings, Workshops and Missions

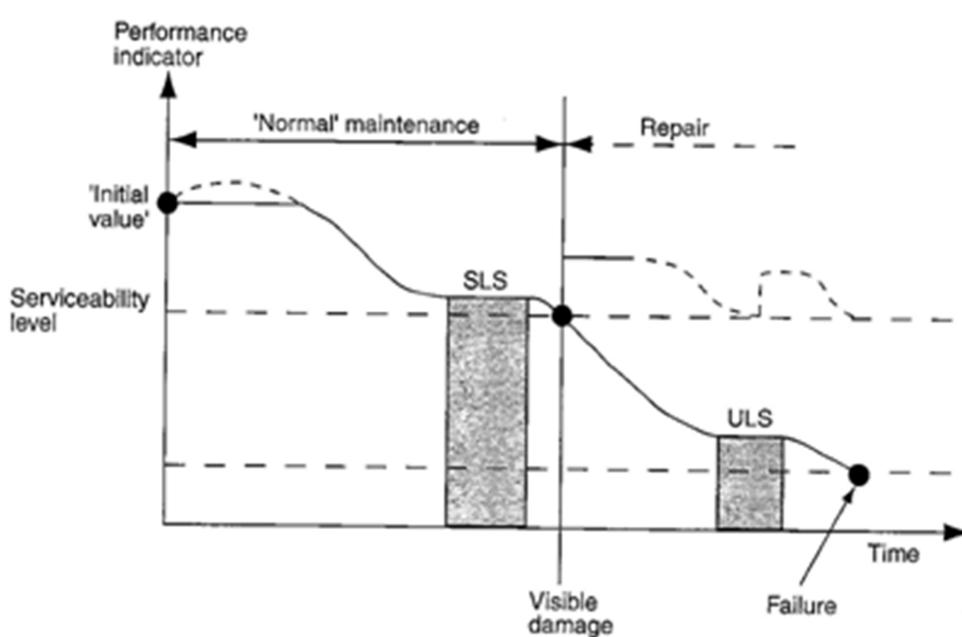
EPSRC - *Ground and Structural Engineering Research Challenge Call* July-Sept 2012 possible £8m

Following Interviews in November 2012 three funded ( $\cong$  £5m) with two for LIMES.NET 'materials'.

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## A driver for DURACOMP research



Source - Gulvanessian, H, Galgaro, J-A and Holický, M. *'Designers' Guide to EN 1990 Eurocode: Basic of Structural Design,'* Thomas Telford, London, (2002).

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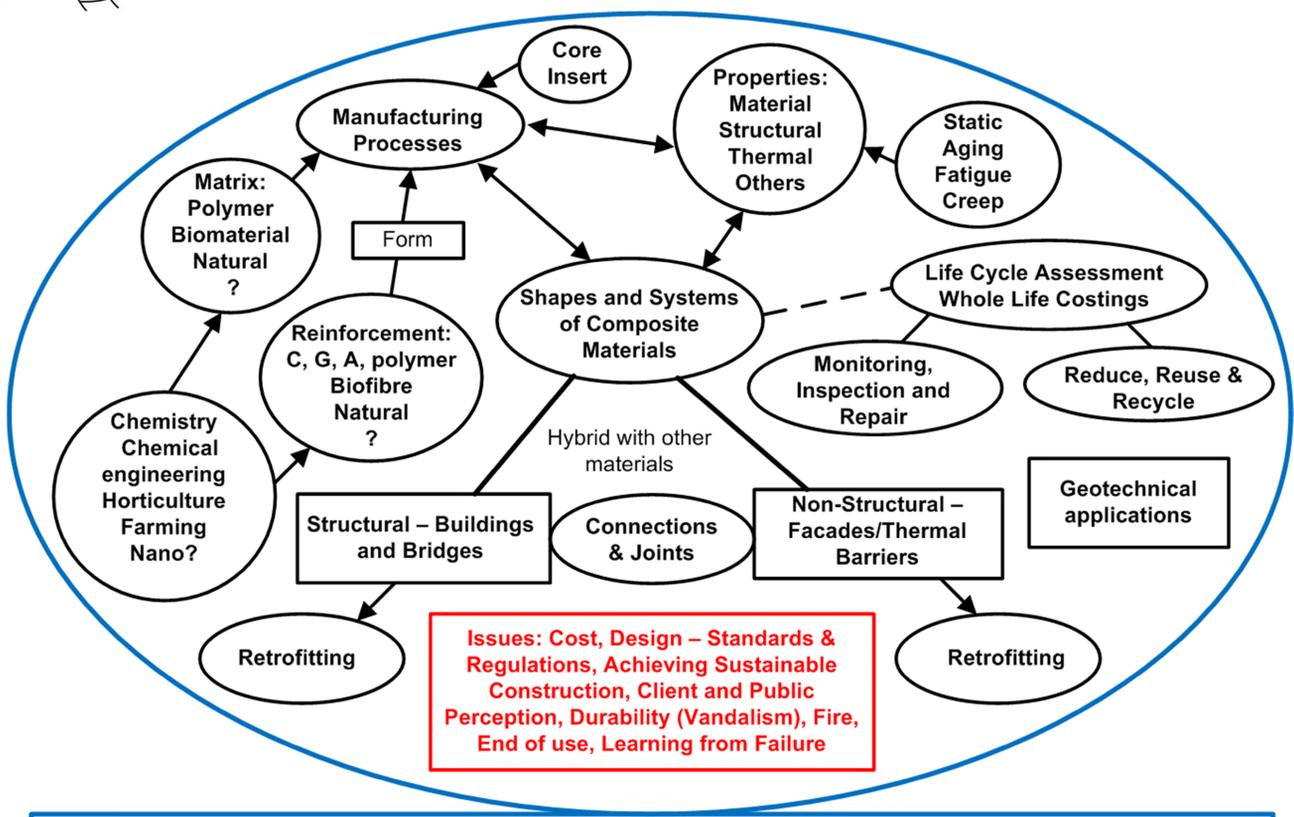


### Objectives are to:

- develop an innovative multi-scale analysis framework to provide confidence in durable composite structures;
- develop a reliability analysis for composite materials and structures subject to uncertainty;
- conduct material and structural-level characterisation tests to obtain properties required for the lifetime prediction analyses;
- develop a paradigm of testing and analysis methods to enable composite structures to be assessed, in the shortest practical timeframe;
- create a multi-disciplinary team across several universities.



### From LIMES.NET 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 15 Sept. 2011



What are the challenges, gaps in knowledge and/or components and/or end uses? 10



**On behalf of the DURACOMP partners  
we want this event to be worthy  
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for you**

