# VERICUT® Composite Applications

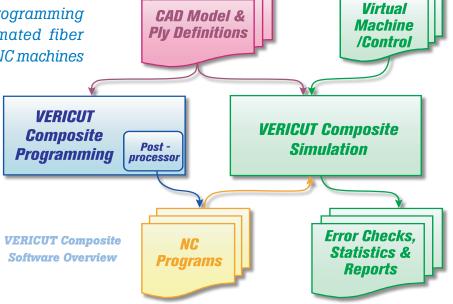


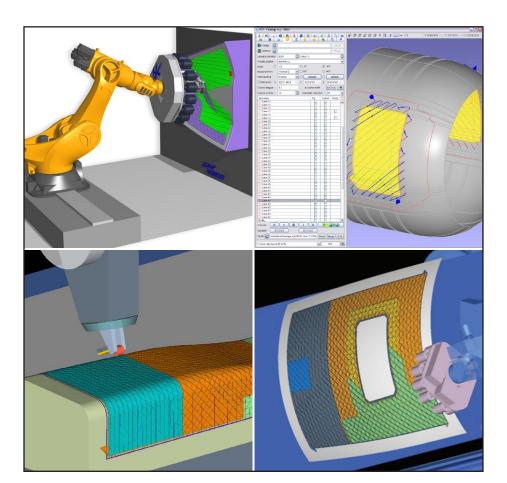
# G Composite Applications

Machine-independent off-line programming & simulation software for automated fiber placement (AFP) and tape laying CNC machines

# VERICUT Composite Programming (VCP)

VCP reads CAD surfaces and ply boundary information and adds material to fill the plies according to user-specified manufacturing standards and requirements. Layup paths are then linked together to form specific layup sequences and are output as NC programs for the automated layup machine.



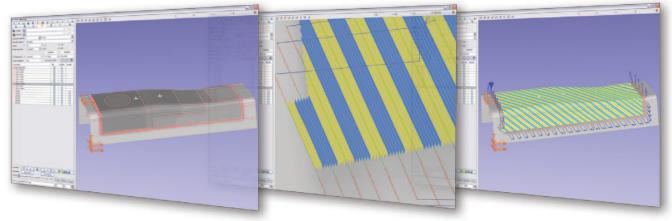


# VERICUT Composite Simulation (VCS)

VCS reads CAD models and NC programs, either from VCP or other composite layup path generation applications, and simulates the sequence of NC programs on a virtual machine. Material is applied to the layup form via NC program instructions in a virtual CNC simulation environment. The simulated material applied to the form can be measured and inspected to ensure the NC program follows manufacturing standards and requirements. A report showing simulation results and statistical information can be automatically created.



# **VERICUT Composite Programming Process**



# Reads CATIA, STEP or ACIS surface models

Other model formats available upon request

# Reads FiberSim, CATIA or other external ply geometry and information

- Boundary geometry
- Ply direction
- Start points

# Generates layup paths based on manufacturing engineering rules

- Rosette projection at specified angles
- Parallel to guiding curve
- Follow natural path of form's surface

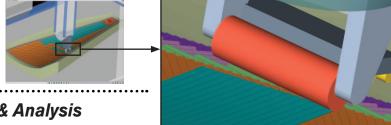
Adds thickness to form for subsequent sequences

# Links paths to create form layup sequences

- Automatically and manually link paths based on shortest distance and form's topology
- Insert machine-specific commands and actions
- Insert safe start and restart events

# Post-processes linked paths

- Output per machine requirements
- Configurable machine-specific events
- Output safe start and restart sequences



# **VERICUT Composite Machine Simulation & Analysis**

# Reads CAD geometry of the layup form

Used for collision detection and material application

# Uses VERICUT virtual machine and control emulation to simulate the layup machinery

 Can be configured for virtually any CNC syntax and machine kinematics configuration

# Reads the NC program and simulates the layup process based on NC program commands

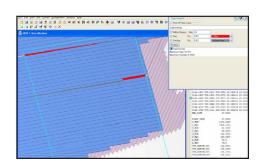
- Validate the actual NC program that will run on the layup equipment
- Add material to the form based on NC program commands
- Adds material in discrete layers/sequences, constructing the workpiece exactly like the physical process

# Checks the process for compaction roller/form conformance and direction

- Verify roller orientation to path
- Verify path correctness to the form and previously applied sequences/layers of material
- Check roller conformance for bridging or excessive compaction

# Measures added material and inspects for manufacturing requirements

- Measure lap, gap and thickness
- Detect steering radius violations



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