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# Design Process for 4D printed moisture actuated flax fibre reinforced polylactic acid composites.

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## **4D** printing





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### Conclusion



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# **Type of actuator**



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# **Optimisation**

# Material distribution:



# **Evolutionary Algorithms**

# Neural Networks

# Optimised geometry to 4D Printing



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## **Reversibility**



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# Conditioning



# Actuation Measurement

Physical

Photos

# Point of Interest



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- 1- Need to **design** an hygromorph
- 2- Optimise model of 4D printed actuators
  - 3- **Produce** 4D printed hygromorph
- 4- Measure properties influencing the actuation of hygomorph
  - 5- Conduct actuation test
  - 6- Run reversibility test
  - 7- Measure speed of actuation



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# Conclusion

1- Classify the different types of studies for 4D printed structures.

2- Defined different categories of materials used to create the 4D printed humidity triggered bending actuators.

3- Characterise the different techniques to condition specimens and measure actuation.

4- Initiate standardization work for different elements of the research field: reversibility, speed, actuation measure, deformation tests.

5- Discussed and compared the different modelling and geometry optimisation techniques as well as the measurement of the properties needed for the model.



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#### Measuring the hygroscopic effect







#### **Printed structure**









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### **FEA vs Experiment**



#### Good qualitative comparison

Variable deformation







1- Model continuous fibre 3D and 4D printed composites

2- 3D DIC test set up for out-of-water actuation test

3- Leaf-inspired printing pattern to obtain synclastic curvature

4- Discuss the influence of **inter-filament distance** on actuation

5- Discuss variability in 4D printing actuation measurement

6- Discuss genetic algorithm optimisation of printing pattern





# Conclusion

- 1- Model to design 3D and 4D printed continuous fibre composite structures
- 2- Measure the hygro expansion of 3D printed continuous flax fibre reinforced polylactic acid
  - 3-Bioinspired (leaf) structure produced and tested for actuation
  - 4- Define a way to record the deformation via 3D digital image correlation
- 5- Compare the actuation model to the specimen: good qualitative comparison & highlight of the reasons for the qualitative difference
  - 6- We also discuss optimisation of the filament path via Genetic Algorithm







#### FEA vs Timoshenko









**FEA vs Timoshenko** 

# 3D printing G-code:

Model:

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#### FEA vs Timoshenko







# 1- Model for varying inter-filament distance specimens

2- Create a data base for the **accuracy of the Timoshenko** bilayer beam equation for hygromorph presented in open literature

3- Discuss validity of FEA model created







## **Calla Lily**









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#### **Angle-HBC**





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#### **Angle-HBC**









1- Discuss **bio-inspiration** from calla lily flower

2- Video gage test set up for out-of-water actuation test

3- Test different printing patterns to **control actuation amplitude** 

4- Compare prediction models for actuation (Analytical, Numerical)

5- Measure speed of actuation and discuss the influence of the stacking sequence





## Conclusion

1- Improve the actuation amplitude by replacing  $[90^\circ, 0^\circ, 0^\circ]$  stacking sequence with  $[90^\circ, \alpha^\circ, \alpha^\circ] \setminus \alpha \in [40^\circ, 55^\circ]$ .

2- Speed at t=0 increases with amplitude. Permanent state reached at the same time.

3- Curving the filament of a cross ply specimen can be used to control the actuation amplitude but not the double curvature

4- We were able print a specimen bio mimicking calla lilly flower but the actuation lacked amplitude







# Thank you for the attention

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