

UPCYCLING for thermoplastic composites :

How to recycle with added value with
ThermoPRIME® & Thermosaic® technologies



Cetim, the Technical Centre for Mechanical Industry

established in 1965 to improve companies' competitiveness

- ▶ 1st French research institute in mechanical engineering
- ▶ Main technology partner for Industry 4.0 roll out



Mechanical engineering

Test laboratory, consulting and support

Advanced manufacturing solutions and services

Transfer and industrialization of innovations

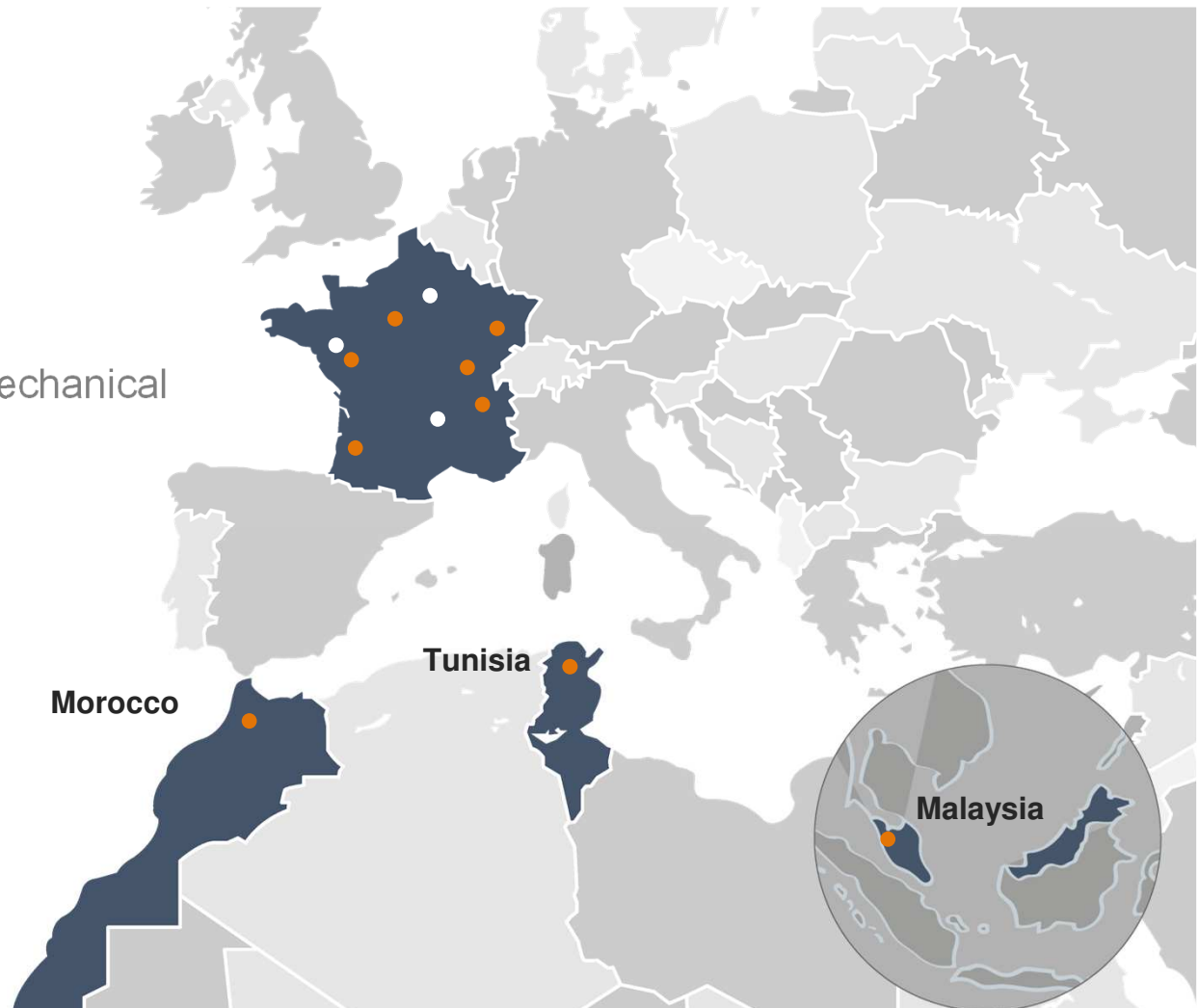
Cetim Group

Main locations

Multidisciplinary facilities
to support international mechanical
industry...

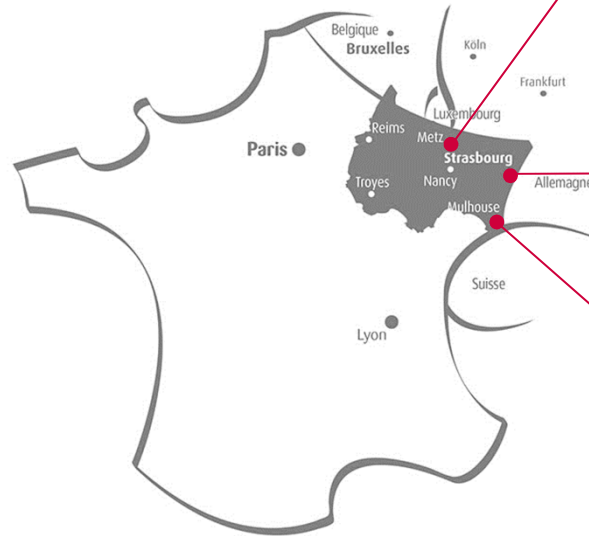
Main figures

- ▶ 1,100 employees
- ▶ 70% Engineers
- ▶ 147 M€ turn over



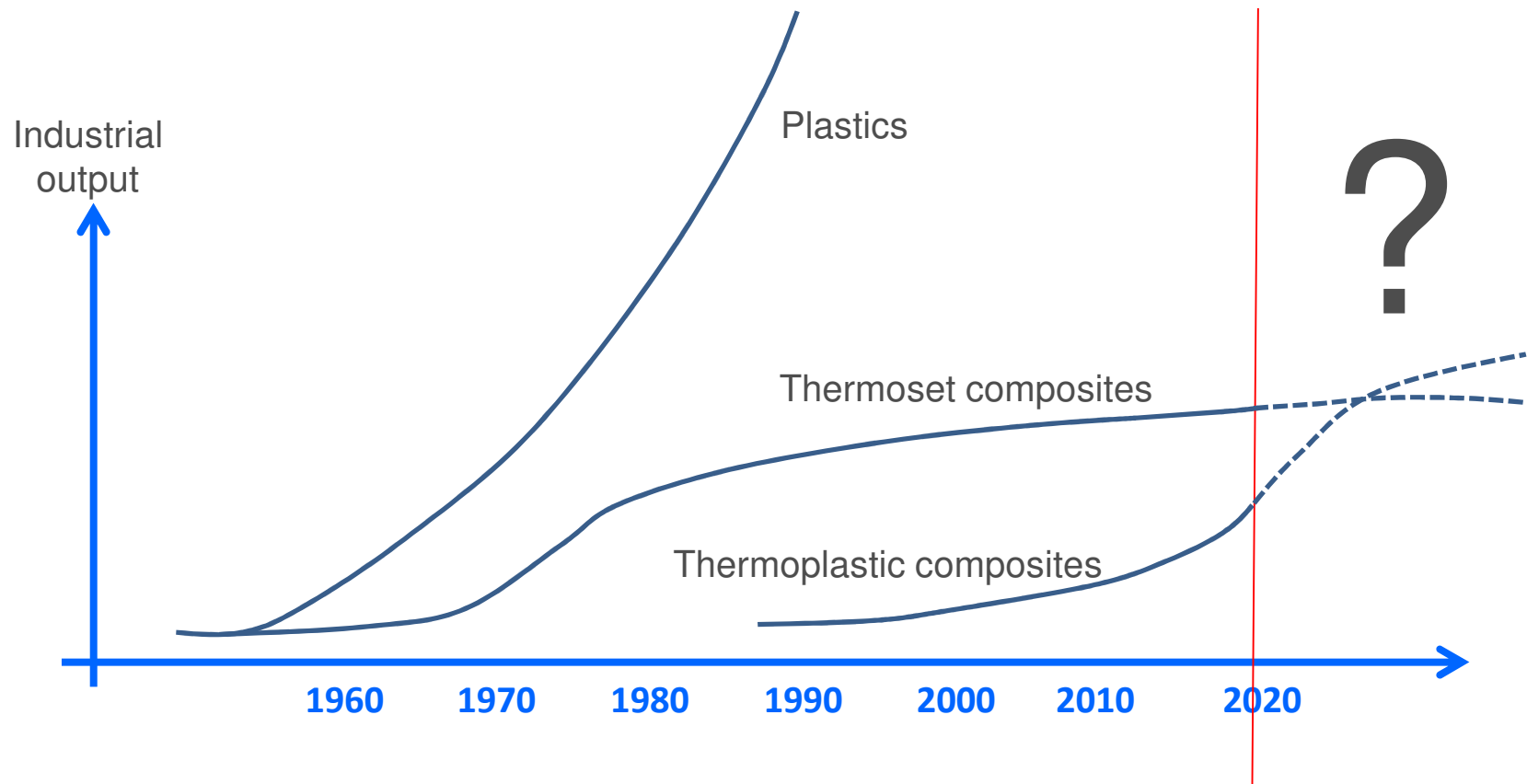
Cetim Grand Est – Identity & sites

- ▶ CRITT (Regional Innovation & Technological Transfer Center)
- ▶ Label CRT (Technological Resource Center)
- ▶ Created in 1977
- ▶ 86 people
- ▶ 3 sites
- ▶ 2 500 actions / year



- ▶ 600 companies / year
- ▶ 30% activity in R&D
- ▶ Association with Cetim group
- ▶ Member of Carnot institute MICA

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Thermoplastic composite waste & existing plastic waste :

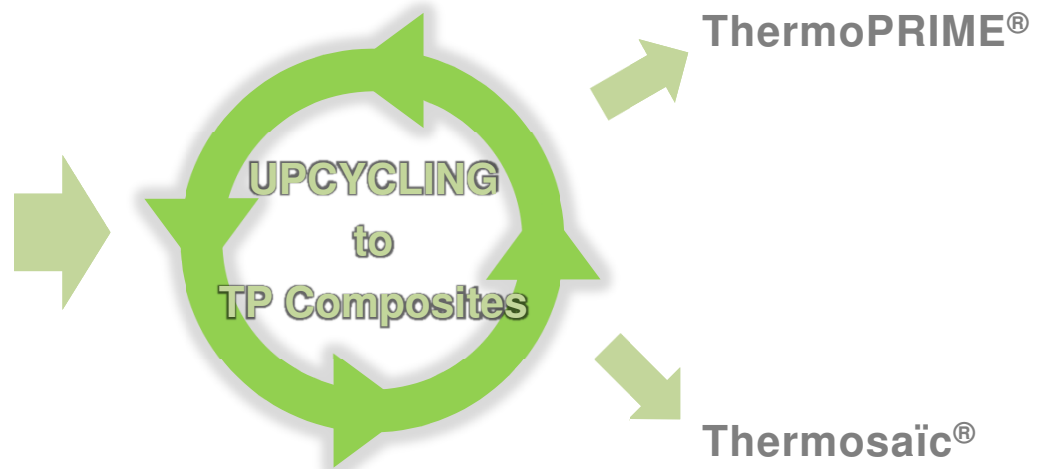
➔ **UPCYCLING** opportunities for new thermoplastic composites



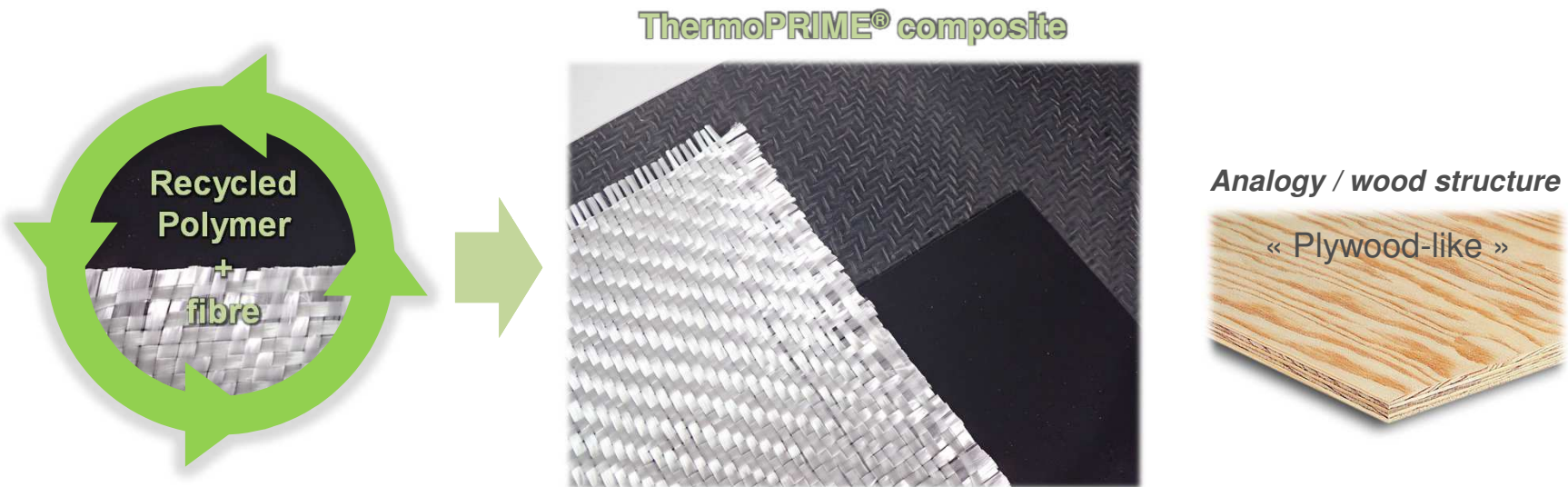
Production waste
Thermoplastic composite



Plastic parts
End of life waste



ThermoPRIME® : an upcycling approach for plastic waste



Upcycling of non-reinforced thermoplastic waste

- Recycled plastic materials associated with continuous or long fiber reinforcements \Rightarrow composite panel ThermoPRIME®
- Mechanical performance highly enhanced
- Cost effectiveness process, low environmental impact
- Convenient for any kind of recycled thermoplastic (rPP, rPA, rPPS...)

Thermosaïc® : new recycling approach for thermoplastic composite waste



High value recycling of thermoplastic composites

- Recovery of thermoplastic composite production waste
⇒ composite panel Thermosaïc®
- Keep the intrinsic value of the composite
- No separation between fibre and matrix
- Cost effectiveness process, low environmental impact
- Convenient for any kind of thermoplastic composite waste

ThermoPRIME® & Thermosaïc® : pilot line in Cetim Grand Est

Continuous thermo-mechanical process → recycled composite panels



Pilot line in Cetim Grand Est



Thermosaïc® composite panels

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dp4Z0VBwDmM>

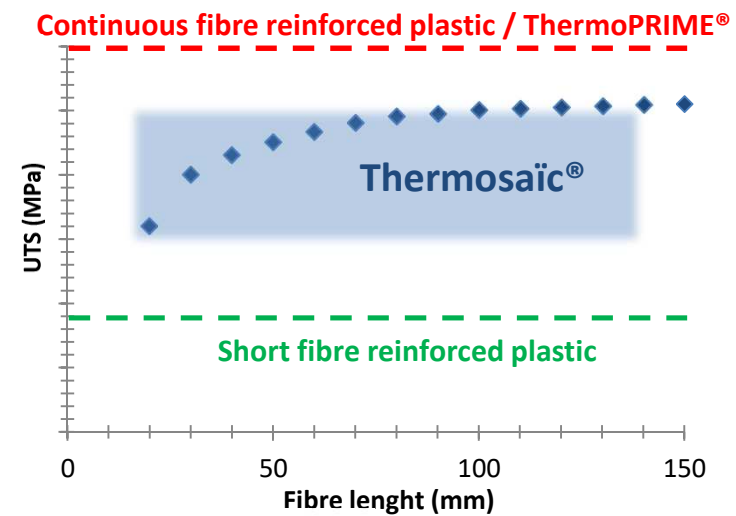
Thermosaïc® : details on this technology

Mechanical opportunities :

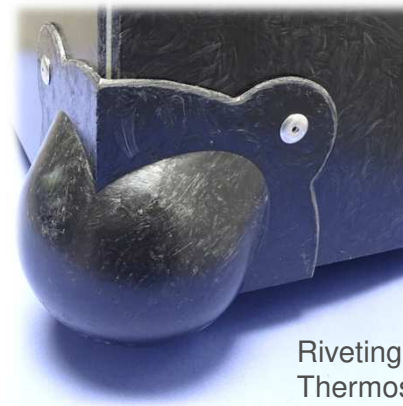
- Mechanical properties of recycled material mostly maintained
- Isotropic mechanical properties

Process opportunities :

- Cost effectiveness process
- High formability material
- Processable with traditional techniques :
 - ✓ cutting
 - ✓ folding
 - ✓ welding
 - ✓ machining
 - ✓ Thermoforming
 - ✓ Thermoforming...



Source : Global trends, from Kelly&Tison and Cox models (PP/GF)



Riveting, welding, stamping of Thermosaïc® composite panels (PP/GF)

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Thank you for your attention

Questions & Answers



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