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# ***A New FRP Solution for Reconstruction of Deteriorated Pipes and Culverts***

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- Tomorrow (12:30) presentation about FRP Wet-Layup
- A new type of fully-structural liner
  - Pre-manufactured pipe used in slip-lining
  - Applied directly on the host pipe

# Genesis of Invention

- Wet-Layup:
  - Carbon FRP applied for hoop strength
  - Usually 1-3 layers is enough
  - Costs about \$300/m<sup>2</sup>/layer >> \$300-\$900/m<sup>2</sup> of pipe surface
- Some clients are asking for fully structural liner
  - Buckling or ring stiffness controls the design
  - Increase thickness and moment of inertia of cross section
  - Adding many layers of carbon >> Cost prohibitive
- Develop a sandwich construction pipe



# Composite Sandwich Construction



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**Steel I-beam**



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**RELATIVE STIFFNESS**

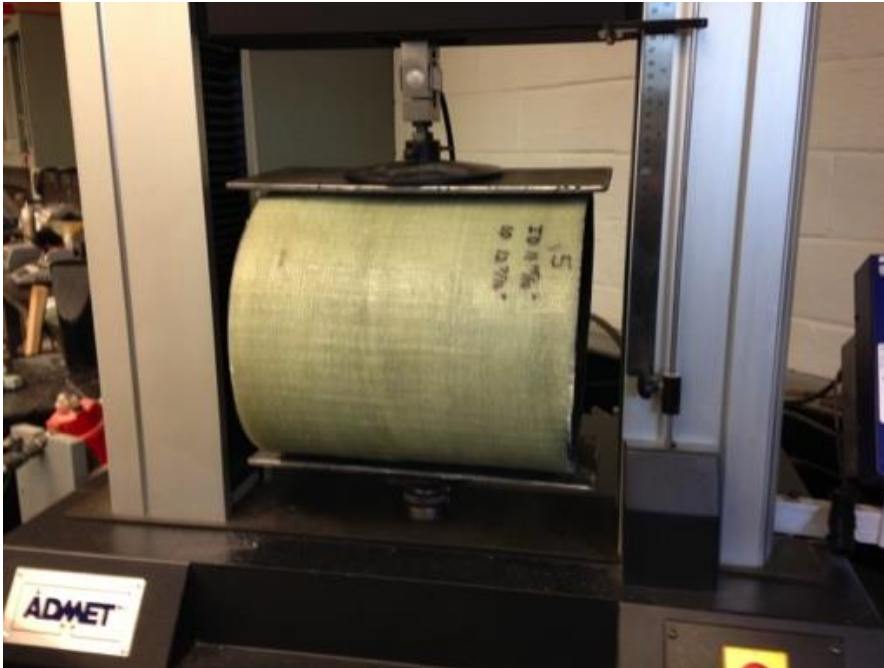
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**WEIGHT (Pounds/ft<sup>2</sup>)**

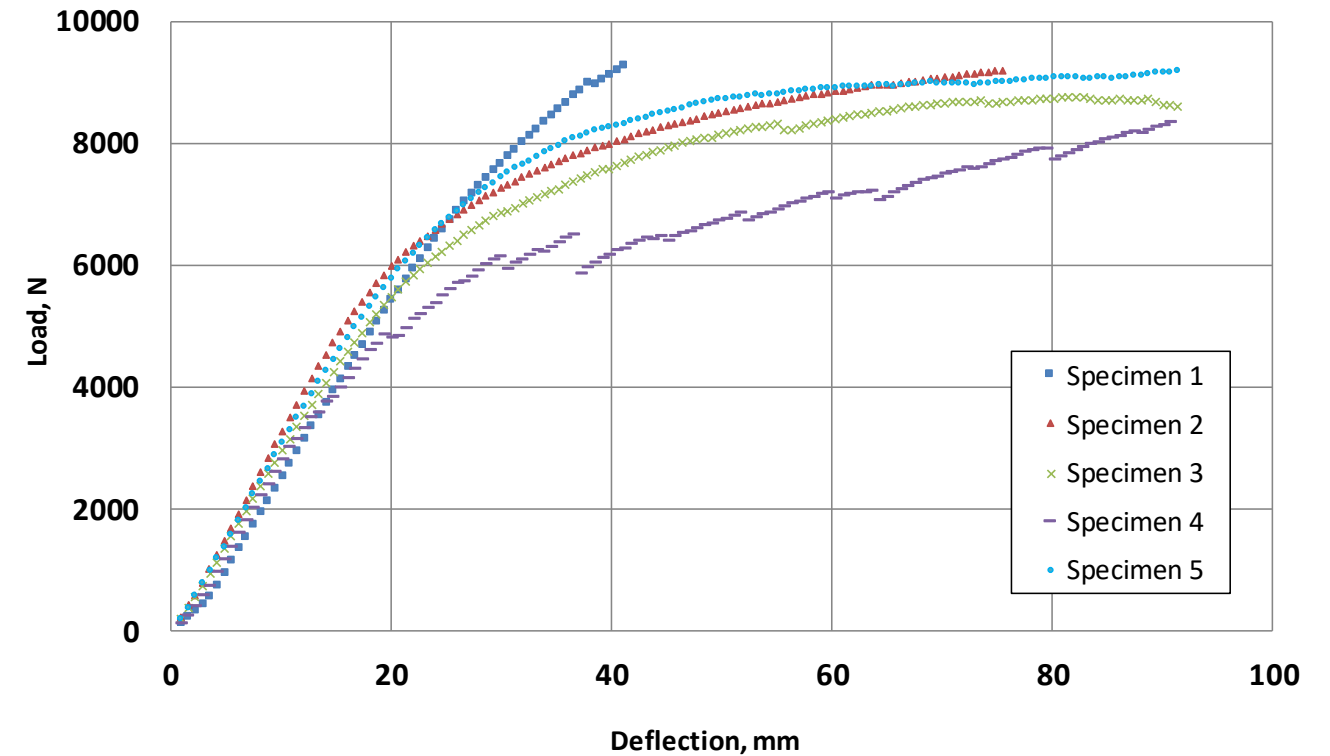
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# Ring Stiffness(*ASTM D2412*)



Load Vs Deflection



# Charpy Impact Test (*ASTM D2444*)



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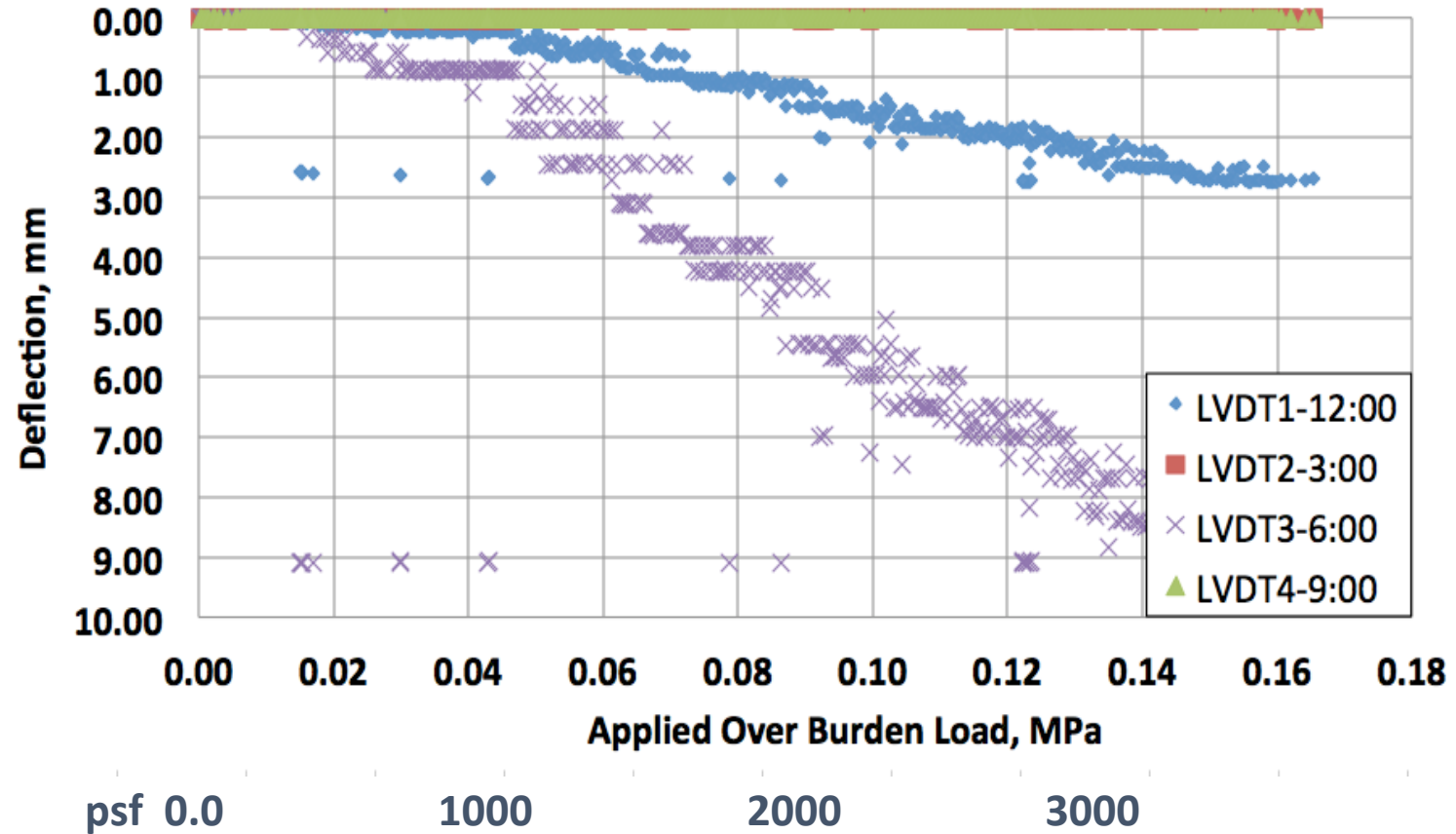
Avg. absorbed energy = 162 N-m  
(for annealed steel = 161.3 N-m)



# Over Burden Pressure Test



Deflection Vs Applied Over Burden Load





# Awards

## ASCE 2016 Innovation Award *American Society of Civil Engineers*





# StifPipe® Construction

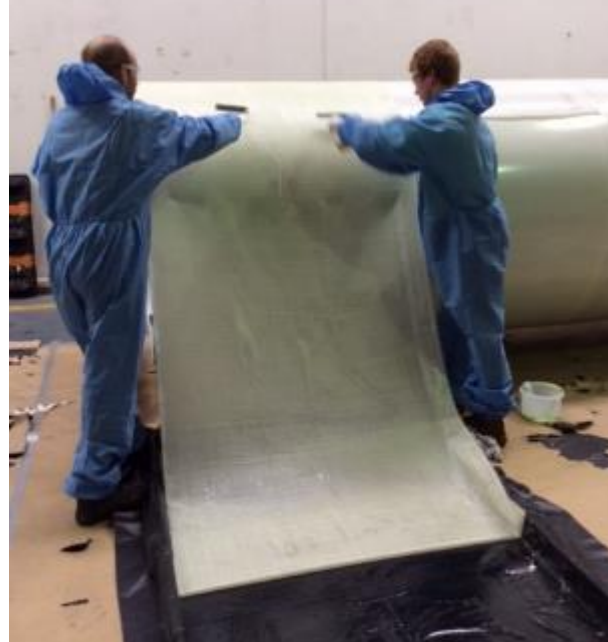


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- walls of this pipe are made with a lightweight honeycomb core that is sandwiched between carbon or glass fabric
- Internal fabric layers (usually carbon) are designed to take the internal pressure of pipe
- Honeycomb and outer glass fabric provide rigidity for pipe
- Can be easily made to any shape and size
- Used for:
  - slip-lining deteriorated pipes
  - As a wet layup system built directly on deteriorated pipes using the existing pipe as the mold

# Gillies Road Culvert

*Cairns, QLD*





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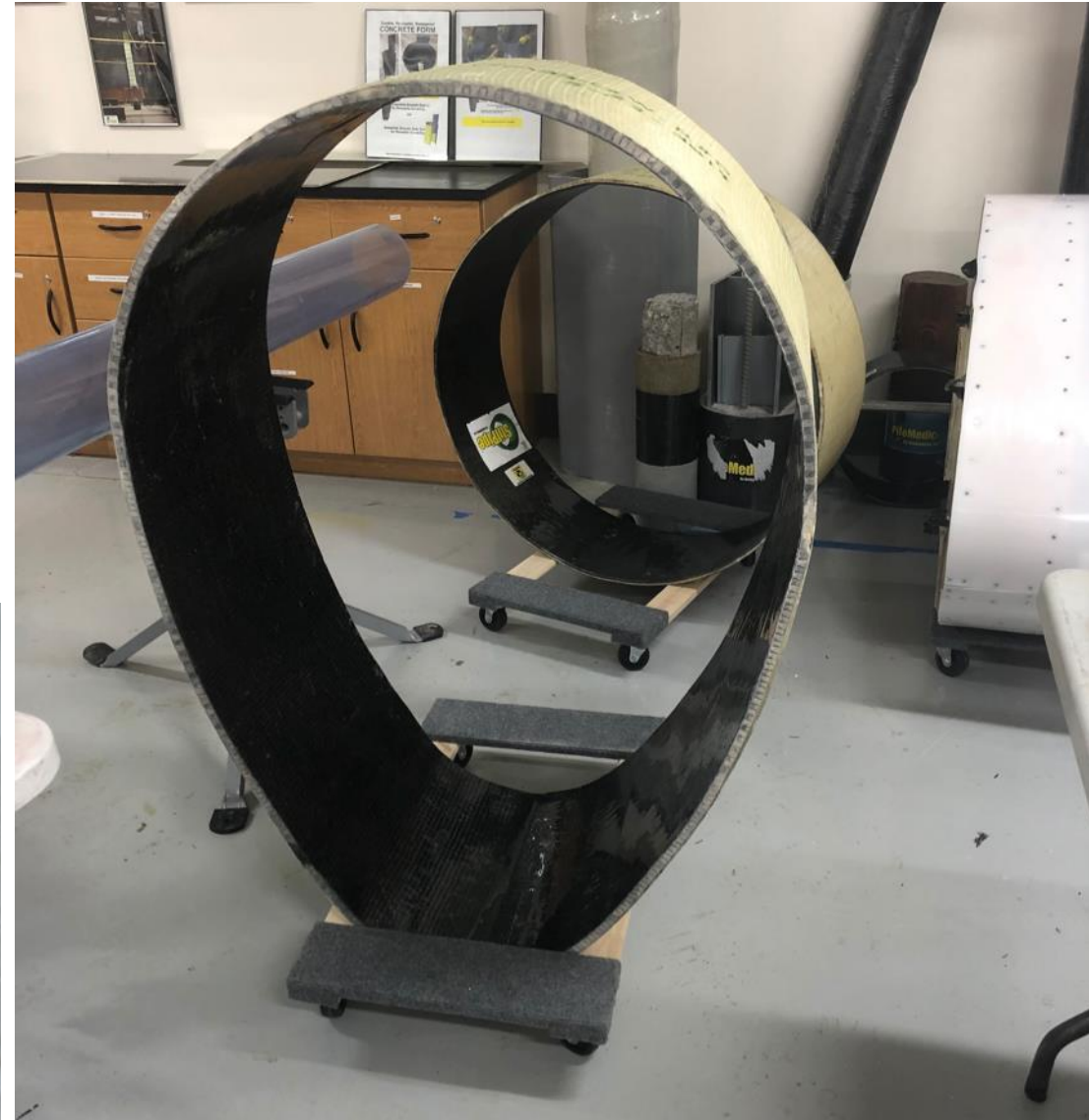
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# Non Circular Shapes

- Egg-Shaped
- Oval-Shaped
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# Aguirre Power Plant, PR

- Pipe network 24-60 in. (600-1500mm)
- Operating P= 150-200 psi (1-1.4 MPa)
- Pipe risers throughout
- 2015: One lid dislodged – 100-ft (30 m) away



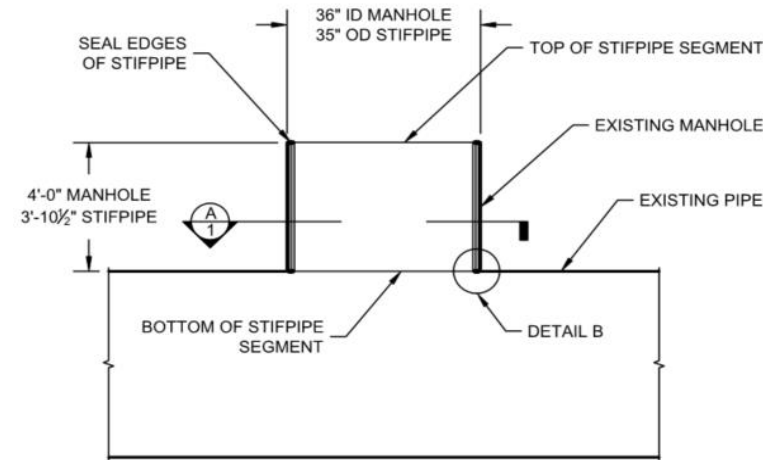


# Structural Design Criteria



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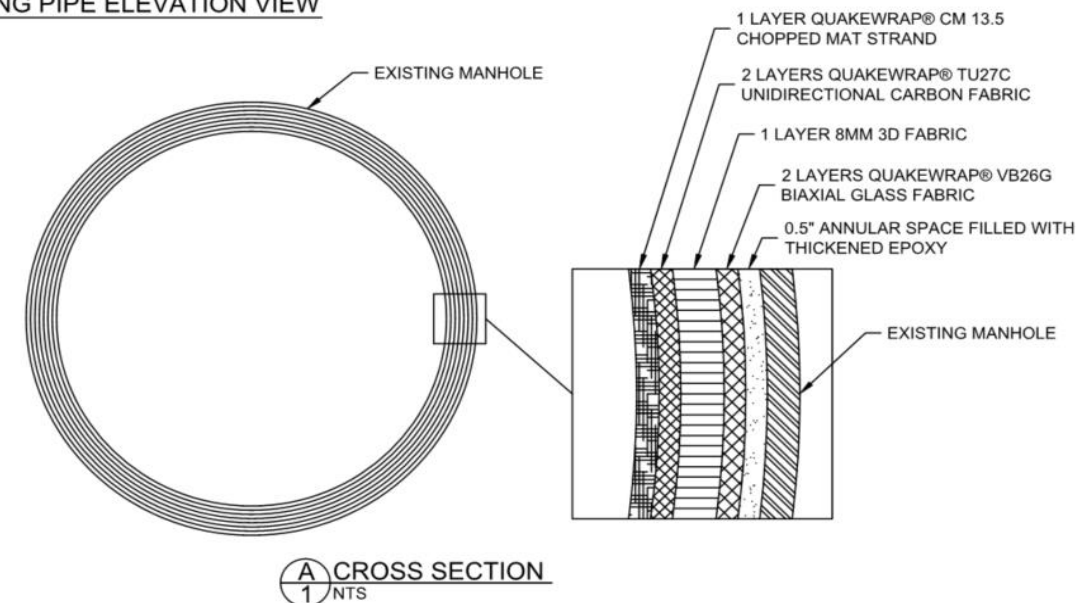
- Class IV Structural Liner
- External pressure from traffic & soil
- Internal design pressure of 400 psi (2.8 MPa)
- 35" OD pipes to fit into 36" ID host pipes
- 3'-10½" long to cover 4'-0" section
- 1 Layer of chopped strand mat
- 2 Layers of TU27C
- 1 0.31-inch spacer sheet
- 2 Layers of VB26G



EXISTING PIPE ELEVATION VIEW

#### INSTALLATION NOTES:

1. PLACE PREFABRICATED STIFFPIPE SEGMENT INSIDE OF EXISTING MANHOLE
2. SEAL BOTTOM EDGES BETWEEN STIFFPIPE SEGMENT AND EXISTING MANHOLE
3. INJECT THICKENED EPOXY CONSISTING OF QUAKEBOND™ 320LV LOW VISCOSITY RESIN MIXED WITH SAND INTO THE 0.5" ANNULAR SPACE BETWEEN THE STIFFPIPE AND THE EXISTING MANHOLE



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# Field-Applied StifPipe®



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Recent Project in Minneapolis:

- Tunnel Dia. 3.6 m ( 12-ft)
- Buried 46 m (150-ft)
- Access through shaft
- 1200 m (4000-ft) Distance
  - 2 layers of glass
  - 20mm core
  - 4 layers of CFRP



# Onsite-Manufactured InfnitPipe®



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## InfnitPipe®: On-Site Manufactured Pipe

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# *Grazie!*

## Questions?

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