

# Comparison of injection molded core layer and additive manufactured core layer for polymer sandwich panel

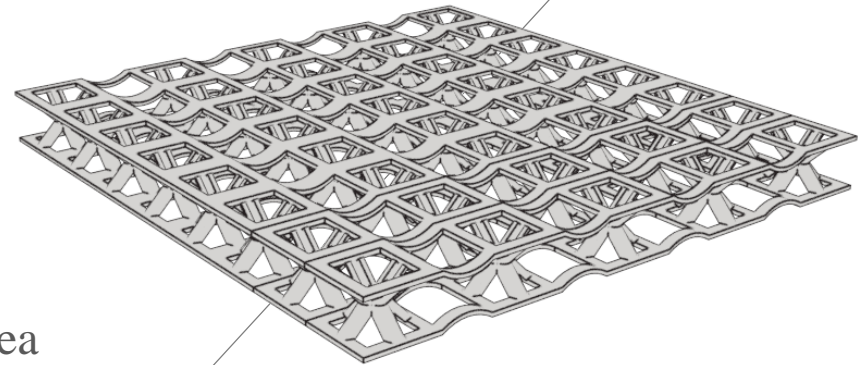
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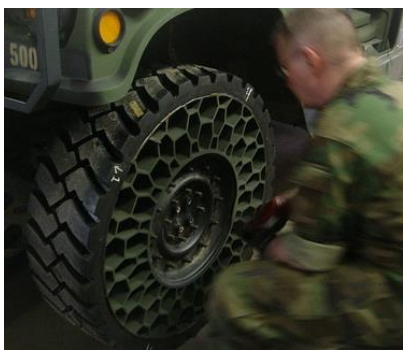
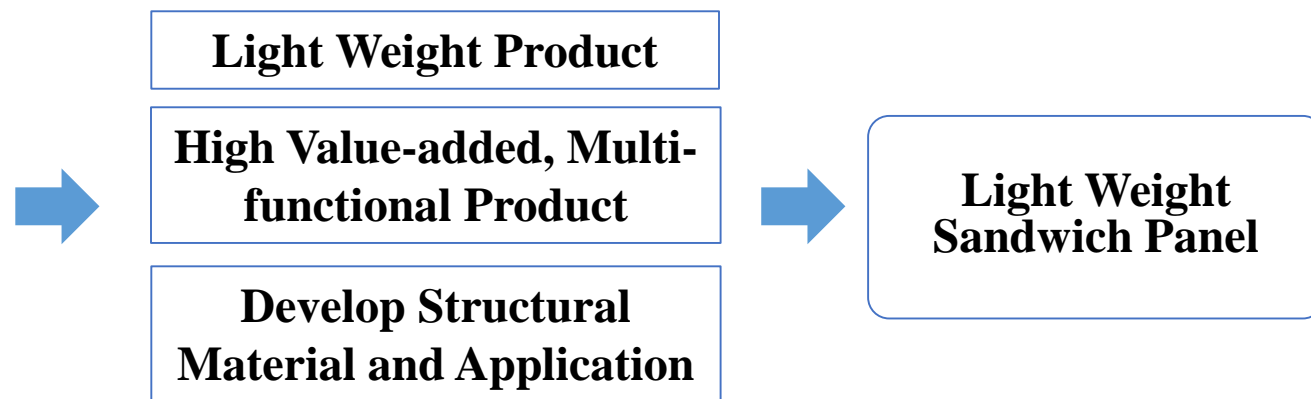


**Demand for eco-friendly/High efficient product**

**Appearance of new application area**

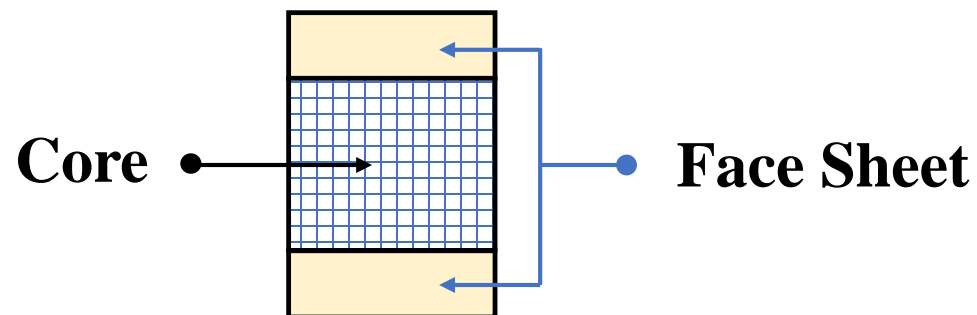
**Adaptation to new demand**

**Increase in demand for non-metallic material**



## Light Weight Sandwich Panel

**Sandwich Panel**



**Space between neutral plane of bending and outer surface gives rigidity**

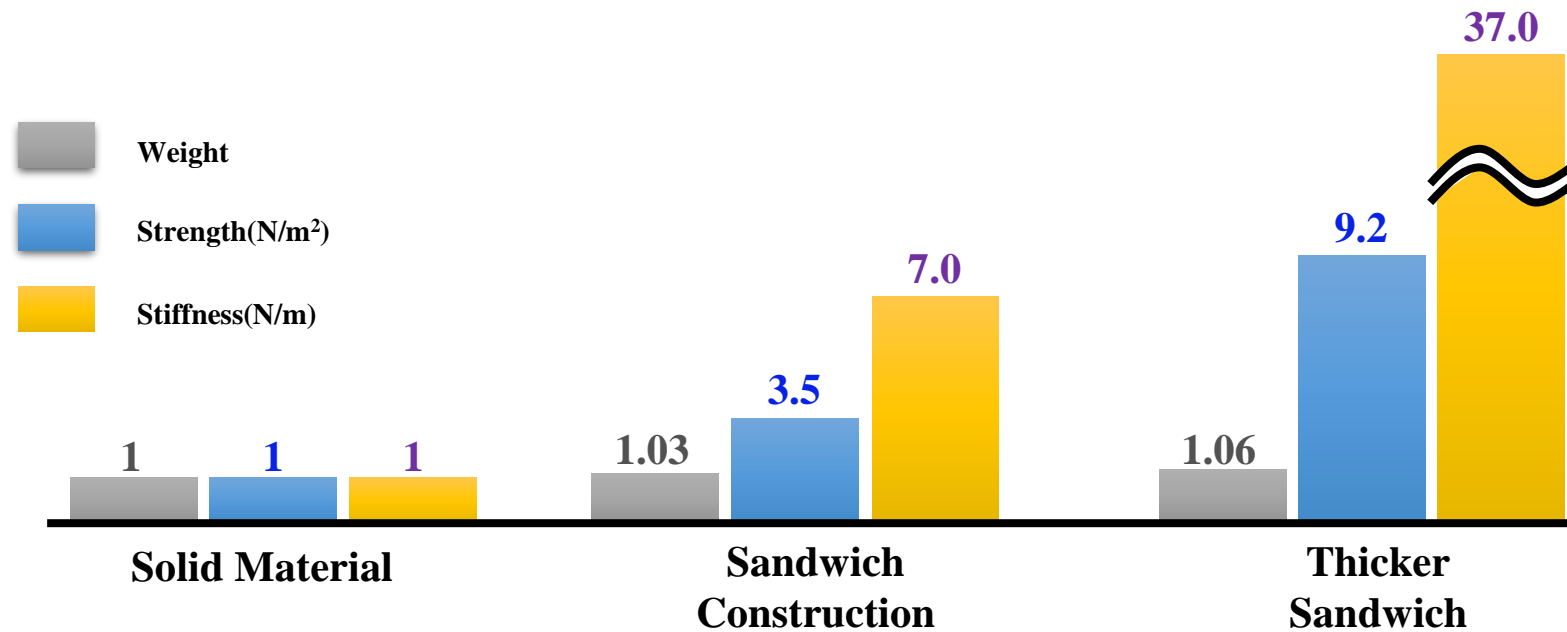
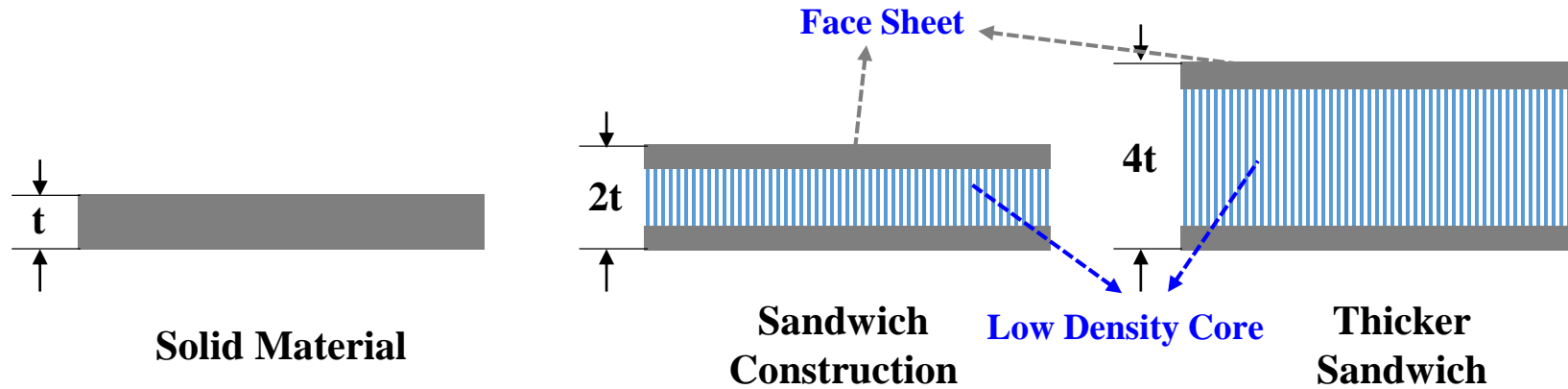
**Mechanically high light weight ratio material**

**Diverse materials for face sheet and core layer**

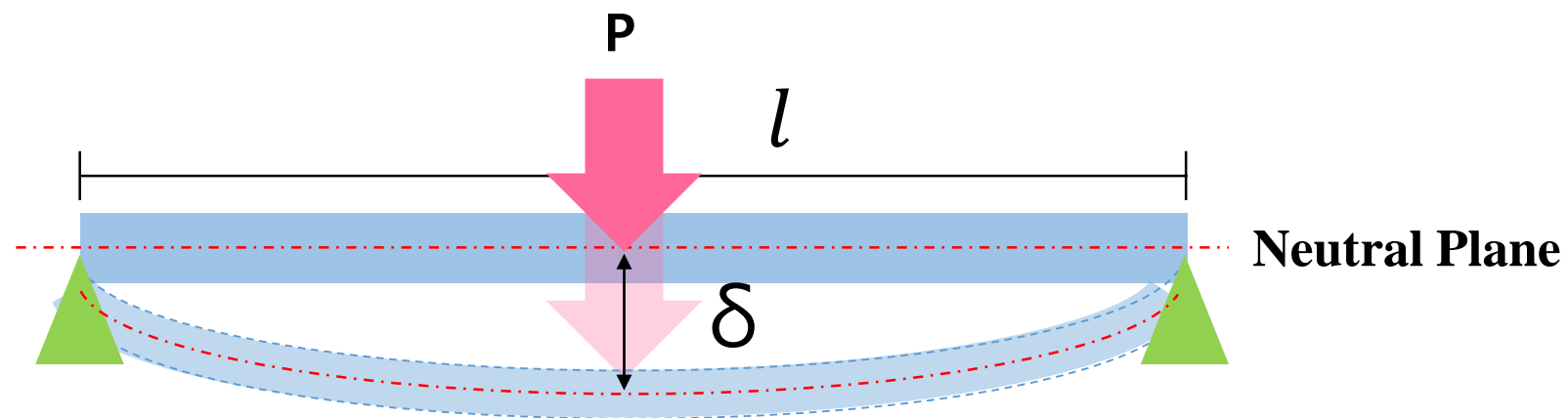
**Variety of application according to material**

**Various functions using filler in the core space**

# Efficiency of Sandwich Panel



# Moment of Inertia



$$I = \int_A r^2 dA$$

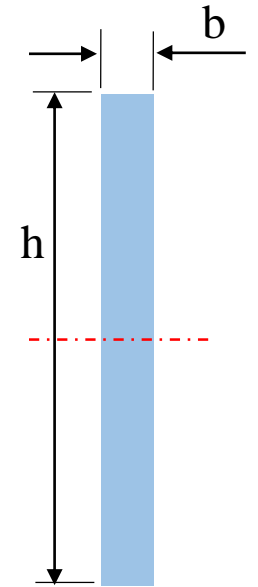
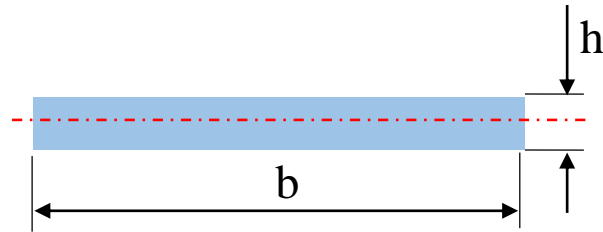
$$\delta_{max} = \frac{Pl^3}{48EI}$$

**E: Elastic Modulus**  
**I: Moment of Inertia**

## Moment of Inertia for Rectangular Bar



$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12}$$

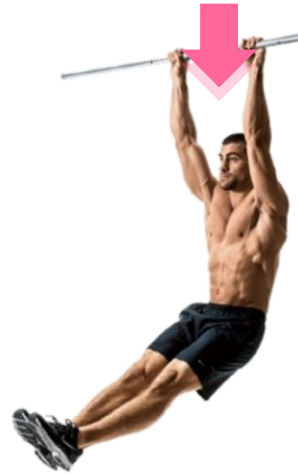




## Examples of High Moment of Inertia

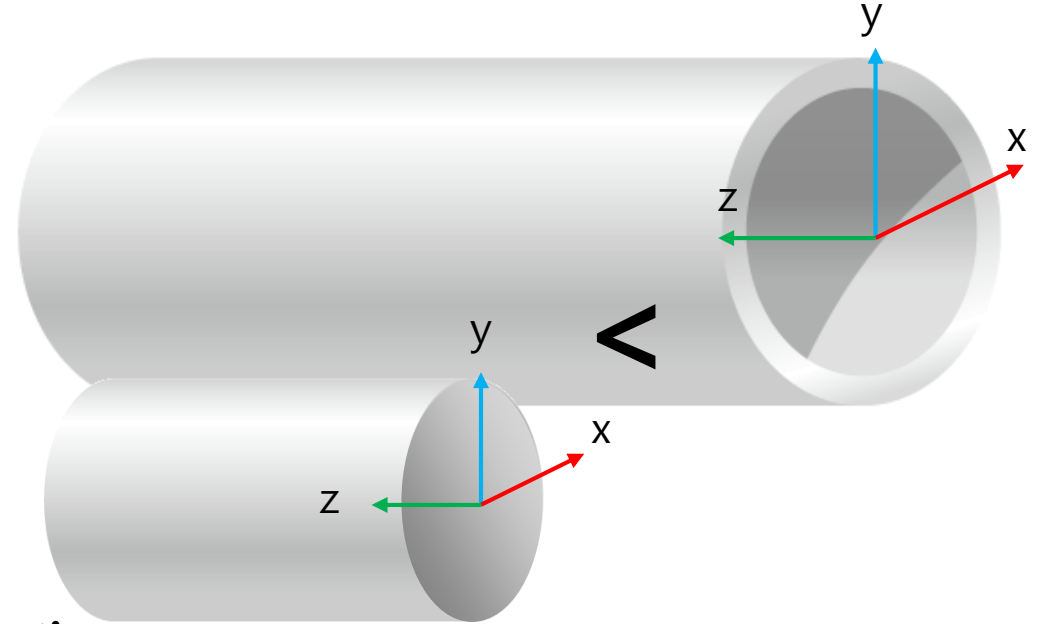


I Shaped Beam of Rail



Resistance to deflection

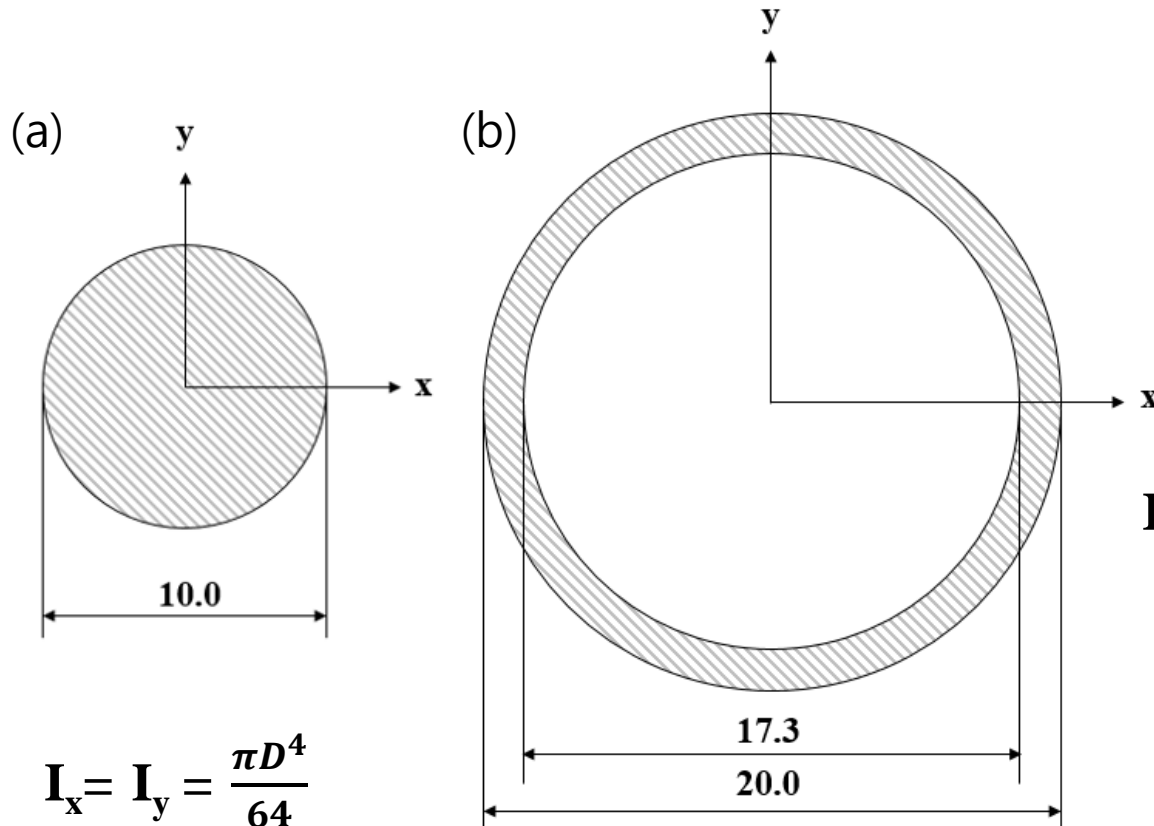
Cross-section of Horizontal Bar



Annular Cross-section gives higher moment of inertia



## Moment of Inertia for Circular Shape



$$x = \frac{D_1}{D_2}$$

$$I_x = I_y = \frac{\pi D_2^4}{64} (1 - x^2) = 1963.5$$

**Four times higher**

For same area,  
material located in far-off from  
neutral plane  
→ Increases Moment of Inertia  
→ Increases rigidity

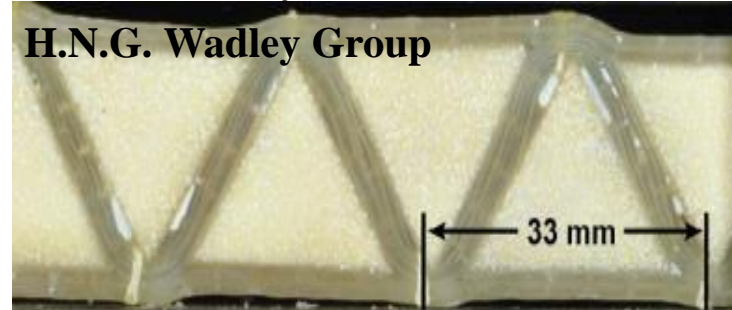
# Examples of Sandwich Structure

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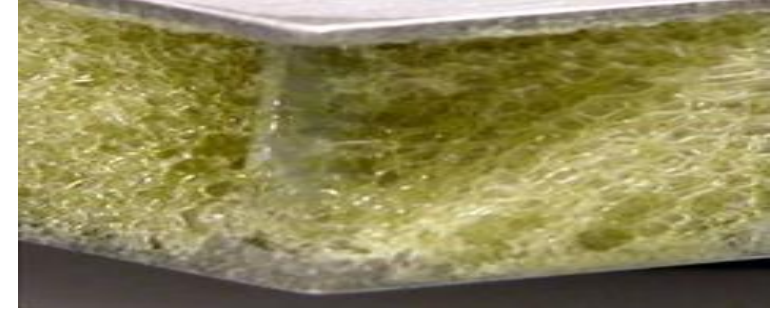


**GFRP & Divinycell Foam**

H.N.G. Wadley Group



**Pyramidal Structure and Foam Structure**

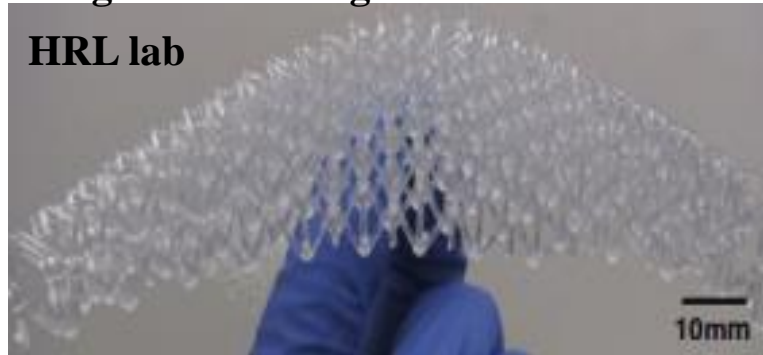


**Honeycomb(polypropylene) & GFRP**



**Using Photo Curing Resin**

HRL lab

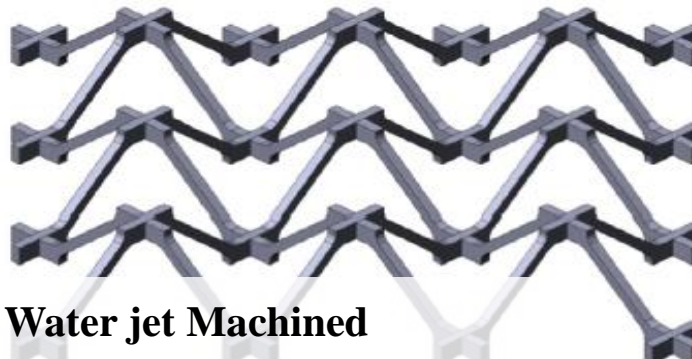


Need a research on the polymer truss structure and manufacturing

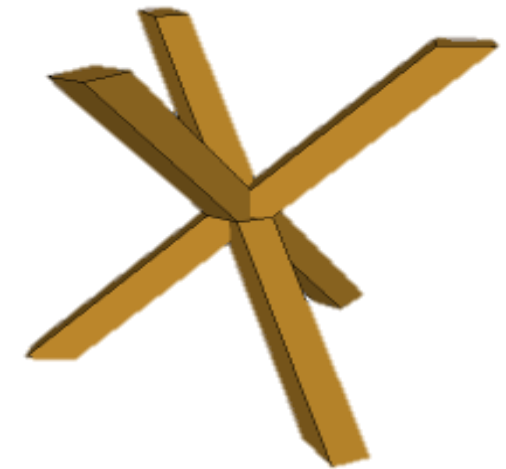
**Machined CFRP Truss (L. Wu Group)**



Laser Machined

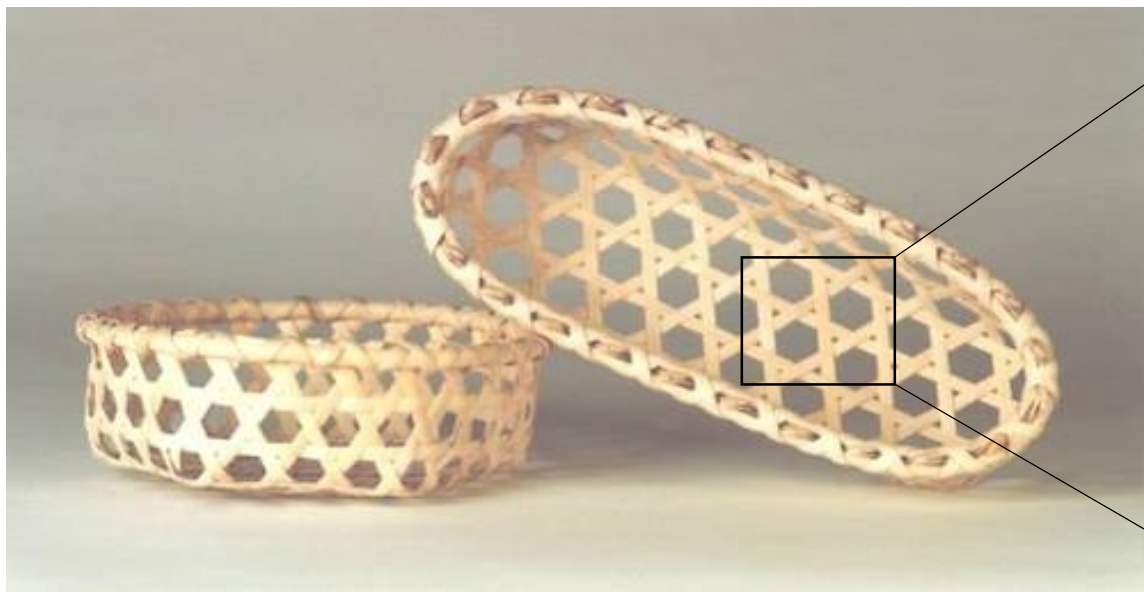


Water jet Machined



Develop sandwich panel using  
Kagome structure

**Kagome Lattice : Array of Woven Basket**



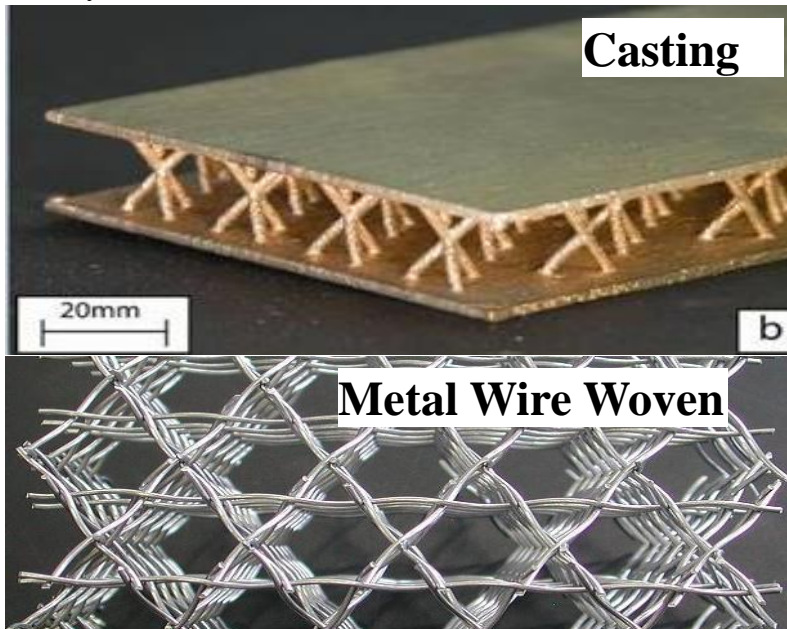


# High Specific Strength Using Core Design in Sandwich Panel

## Kagome Structure

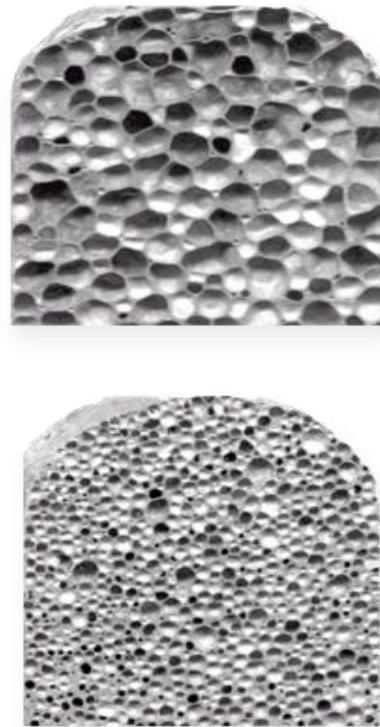
**7-10 times higher specific compression stiffness compare to porous material**

Wadley et al, Porous Materials 63 (2003)

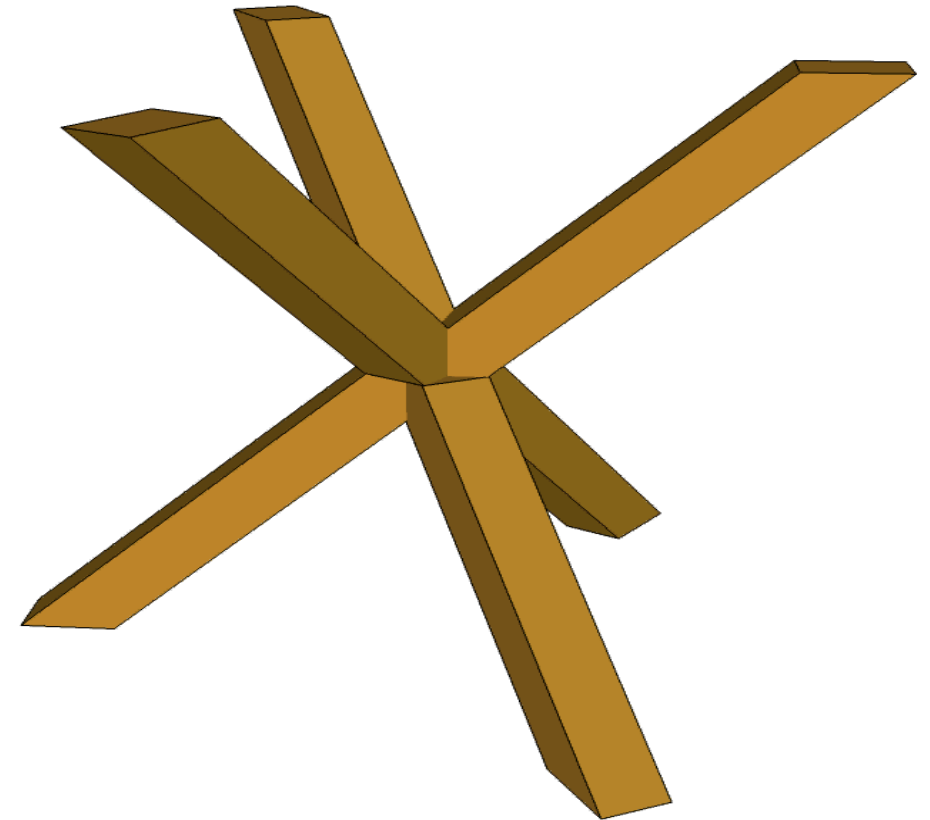


Lim, Kang, Int Jour of Solids and Structures 42 (2006)

## Porous



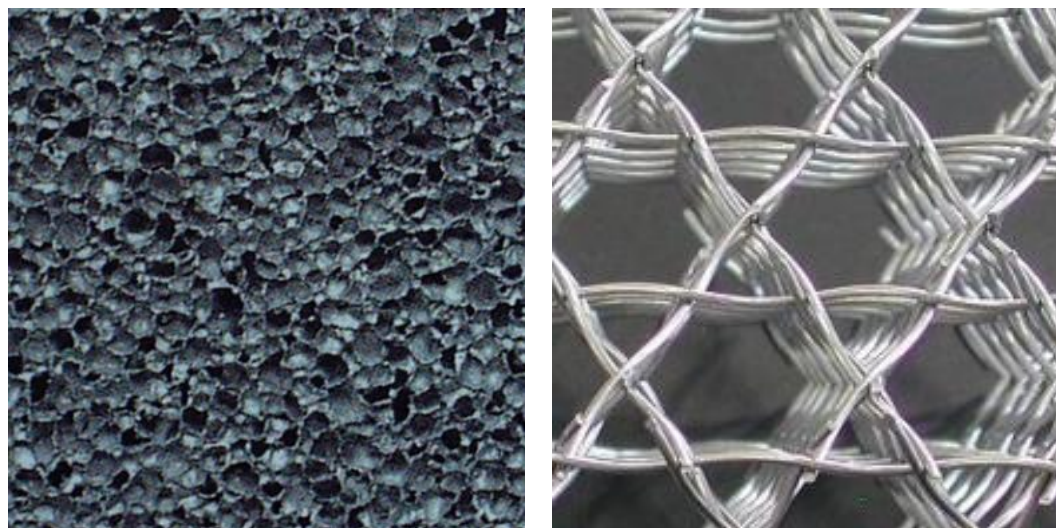
## Kagome Structure: Perspective View



**Rigidity of material depends on cross-sectional shape for same amount of material**  
**Need a cross-sectional shape design for high rigidity**

→ Increase moment of inertia

→ Material located far-off from neutral plane of bending

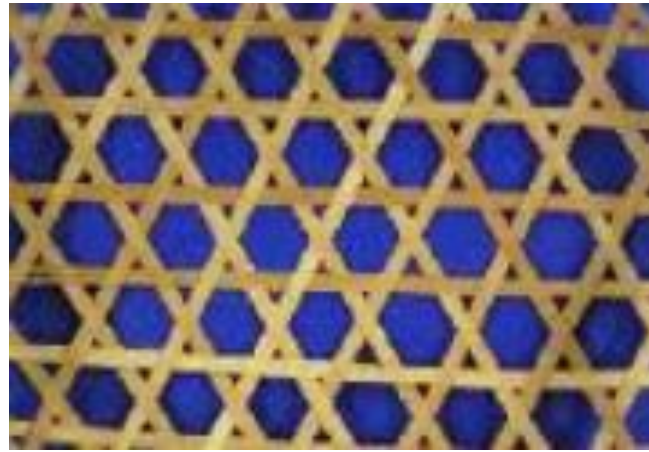


**Foam Structure → Most Effective Structure**

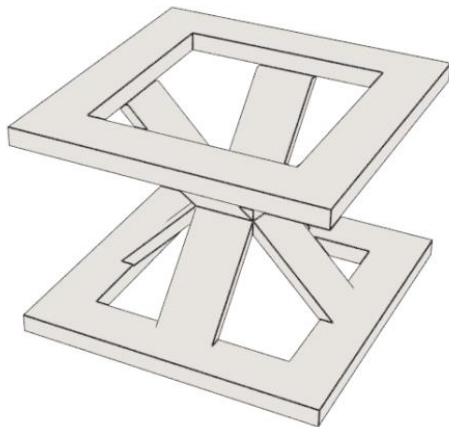
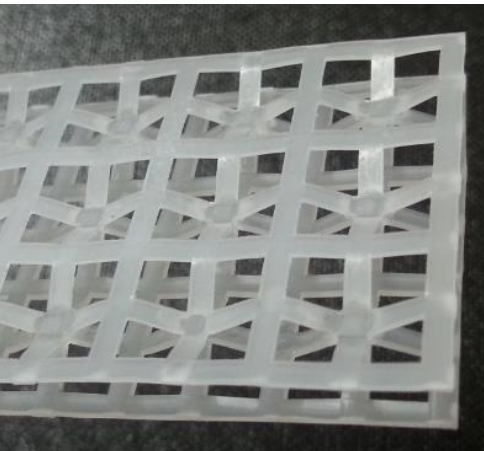
**How can we make material being located far-off from neutral plane of bending?**

**Shape of core in sandwich panel?**

## Suggestion of Kagome Structure in Plastic Sandwich Panel



- Kagome is a basket pattern
- Kagome structure is most stable



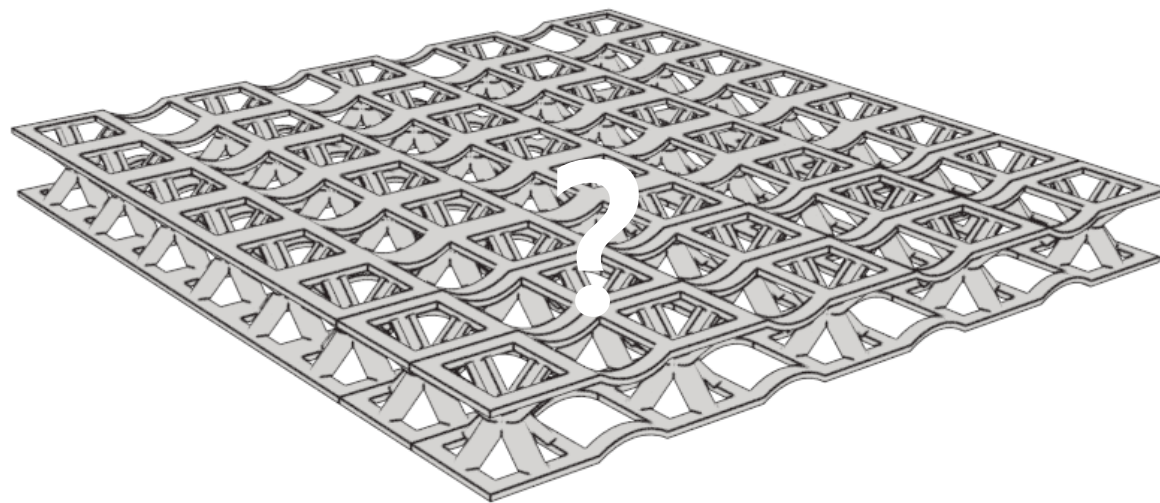
→ Suggested pyramidal kagome has a merit of kagome structure and easy fabrication

June-Sun Hwang, Tae-Gyun Choi, Dongyoung Lee, Min-Young Lyu, Dai Gil Lee, Dong Yol Yang, "Dynamic and Static Characteristics of Polypropylene Pyramidal kagome Structures", Composite Structures, Vol. 131, 17-24(2015)

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# INJECTION MOLDED PRODUCT Vs. ADDITIVE MANUFACTURED PRODUCT



**Injection Molded Product Vs. Additive Manufactured Product**



# Injection Molding and 3D Printing for Plastic Kagome Core Strip

## Injection Molding

**Material Grade : PP(J-560S, Lotte Chemical)**

**Injection Time: 10 Sec**

**Merit: Mass production with short cycle time/ Demerit: High cost of mold**



## **3D Printing**



**Model: Connex500**

**Manufacturer: Stratasys**

**Printing type: Polyjet Matrix**

**Resolution: X-axis: 600 dpi / Y-axis: 600 dpi / Z-axis: 1600 dpi**

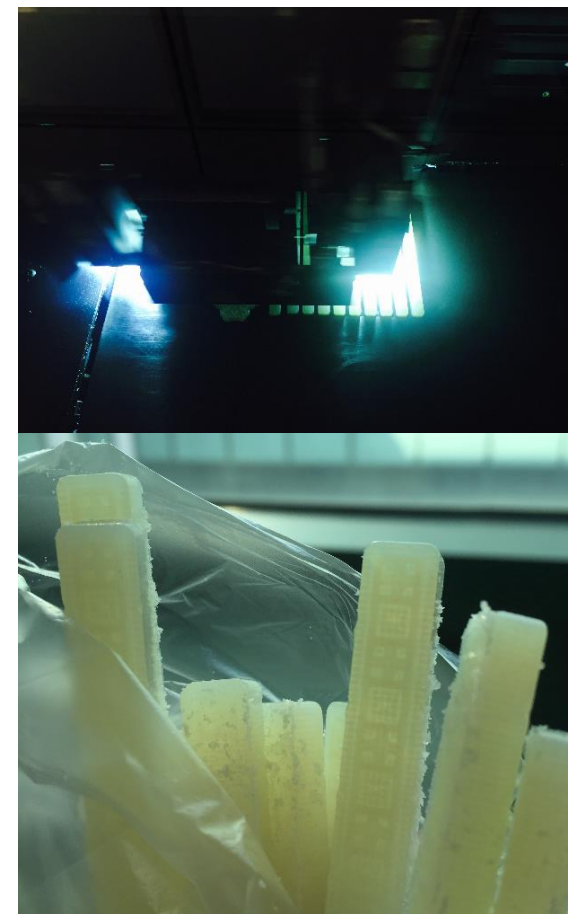
**Layer thickness: 16 microns (0.0006 inch)**

**Operation Temp.: 18°C to 22°C (64.5°F to 71.5°F)**

**Material Grade: VeroWhitePlus RGD835**

**Fabrication Time: 45 min. for 20**

**It can fabricate thin, small and complicated kagome structure**



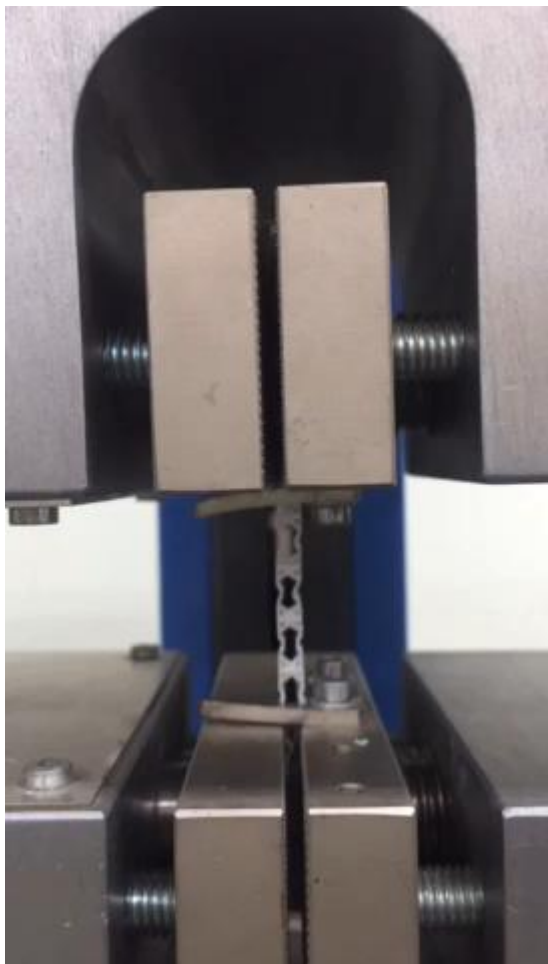
## Comparison of Kagome Core Strip



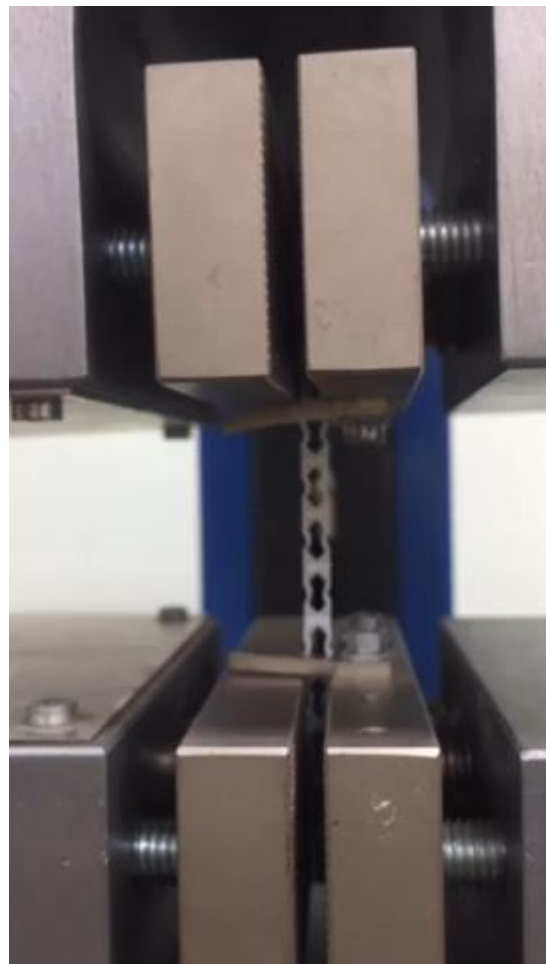
**Injection Molded Product**

**3D Printing Manufactured Product**

## Tensile Test of Kagome Core



**Injection Molded Product**



**3D Printing Manufactured**

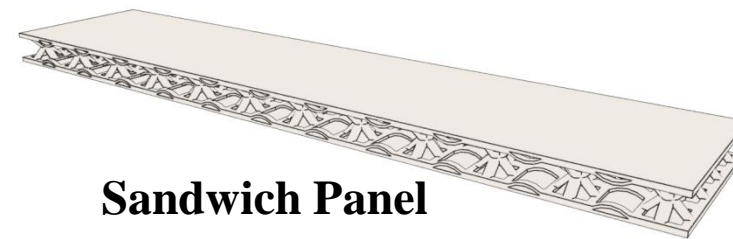
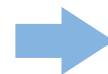
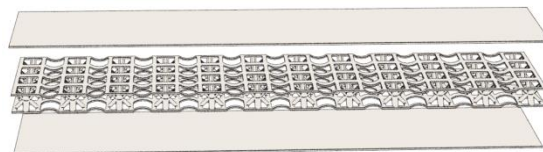
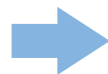
- **Equipment: EZ20,  
LLOYD INSTRUMENTS,  
England**
- **Tensile Speed : 1mm/min**



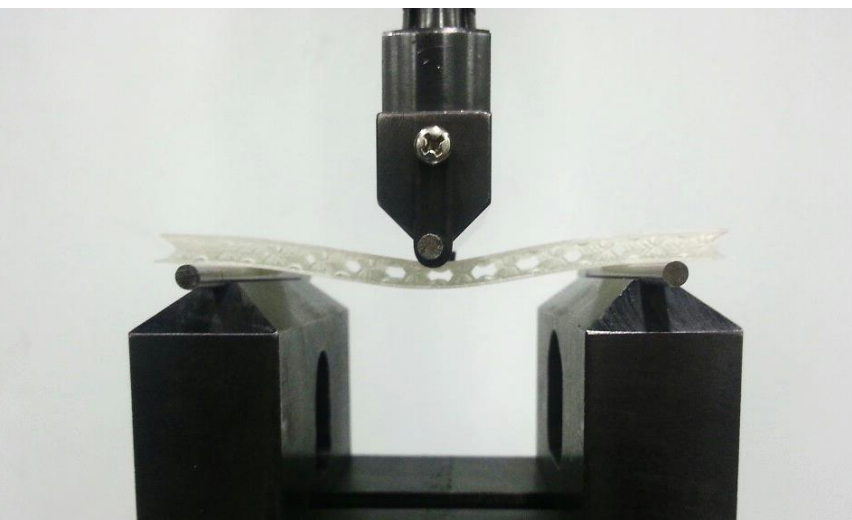
## Bending Test of Sandwich Panel



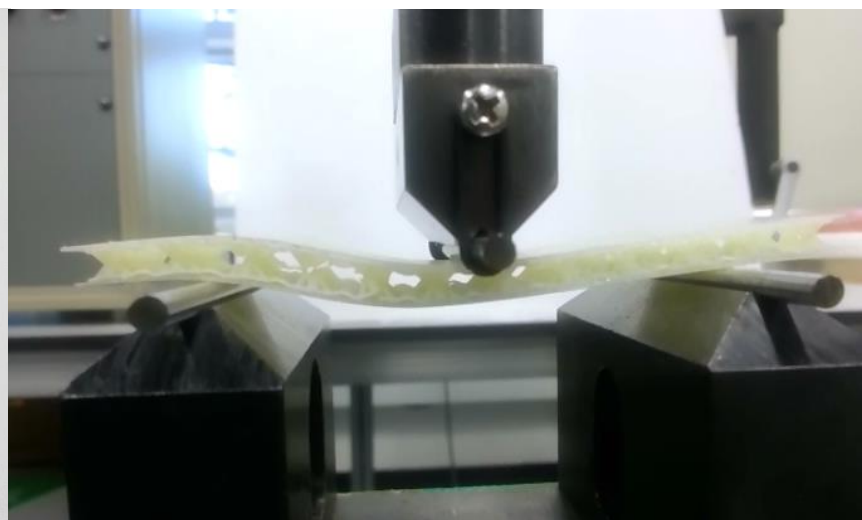
**4 Kagome Core Strips**



**Sandwich Panel**

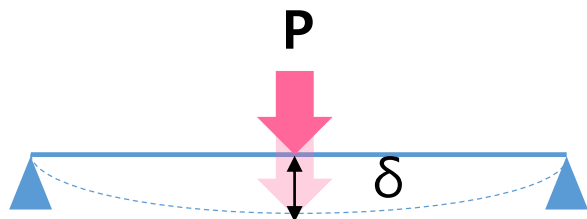


**Sandwich panel with  
kagome core made by  
injection molding**



**Sandwich panel with  
kagome core made by 3D  
printing**

- **Compression Speed:  
2mm/min**

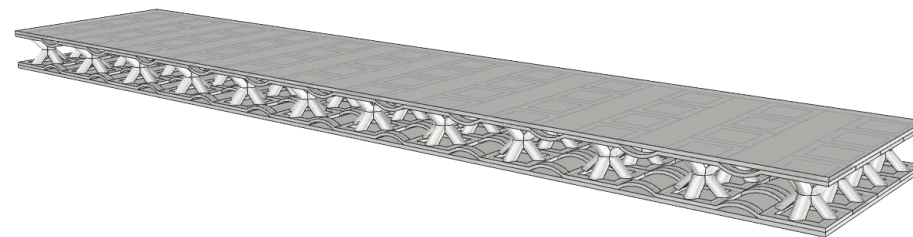


$$\delta_{max} = \frac{Pl^3}{48EI}$$

**Moment of Inertia  $\uparrow$**

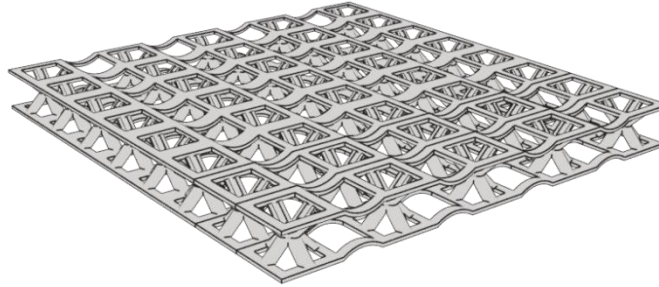
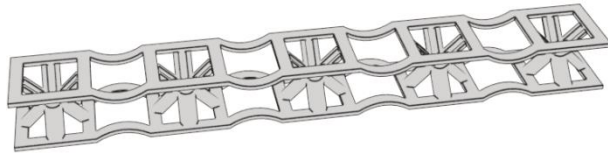
**$\rightarrow$  Stiffness  $\uparrow$**

**Need space between neutral  
plane of bending and outer  
surface**

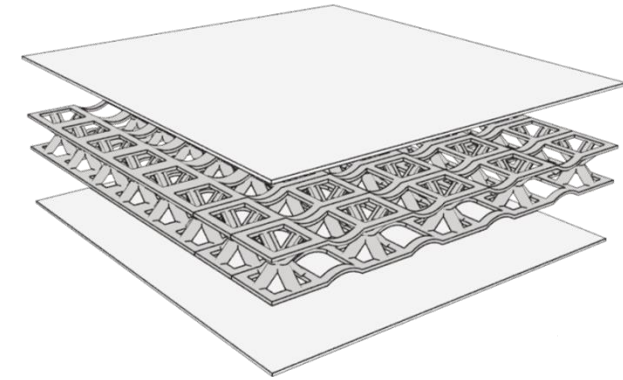


**Plastic Panel with Arrangement  
of Kagome Core Strip**

**Core Strip**

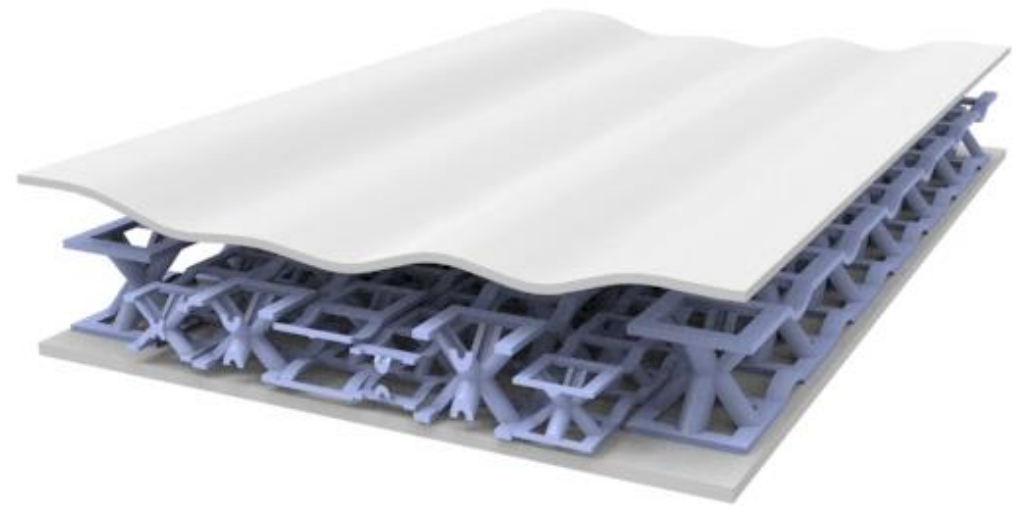
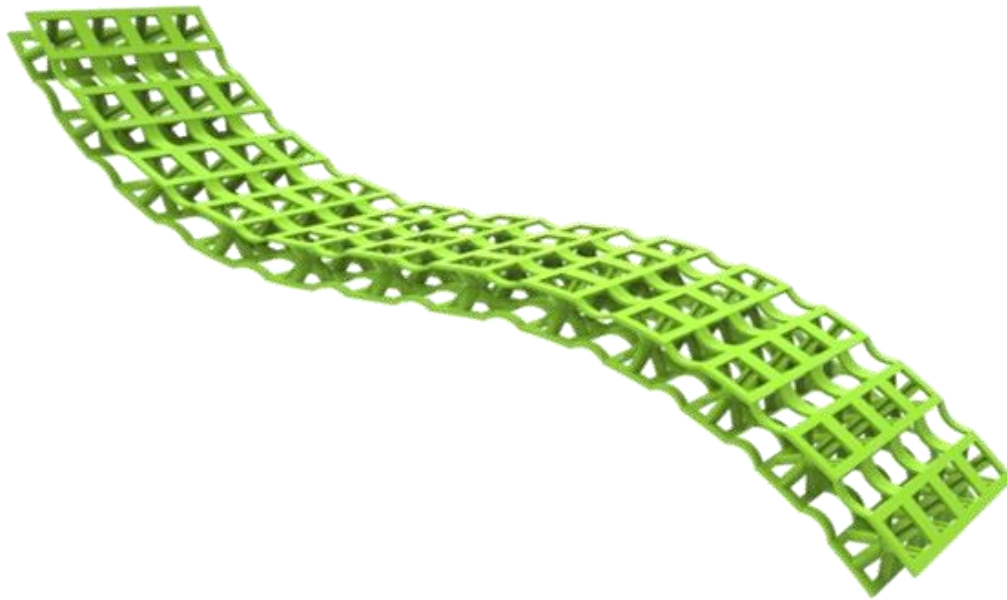


**With Face Sheet**



- **Most stable structure for core → Pyramidal kagome structure with semicircle truss**
- **Core layer → Kagome structure → Difficult to fabrication**
- **Additive manufactured core shows weak strength, however it can be a role for making space between face sheets**
- **Additive manufacturing has a high degree of freedom for fabrication for various three dimensional structures**





**Various and complicated 3D core structure can be fabricated using AM**