ABSTRACT:

This paper studies the complex thermal deformation of single-ply triaxial weave com- posites. This behaviour is studied experimentally, by testing ?at plates and narrow strips of TWF, and numerically, by carrying out ?nite-element simulations that capture the e?ects of the thermo-mechanical anisotropy of the individual tows that make up the composite. It is shown that the dominating e?ect is the development of a thermally-induced twist..