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## Preface

This document is to be a supplement to the existing AP 209 ed2 and AP 242 ed1 Recommended Practices documents, and is an update to Revision 2.0 Composite Material Recommended Practices document to reflect changes to ply orientation specification.

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# 1 Introduction

This Recommended Practices document has been prepared as a usage guide for industry. This document assumes that the reader has at least a rudimentary knowledge of both 10303 STEP and its associated AP 203 ed2 (10303-203), AP 209 ed2 (10303-209), and AP242 (10303-242) application domains. The figures in this document are intended to provide a navigational view of portions of the AP with boxes representing entities, lines being relationships, and arrow heads indicating the pointer direction. This document is to be a supplement to the existing AP 203ed2 Recommended Practices document, and is an excerpt and superset from the existing AP 209ed2 Recommended Practices document.

This document will provide pre- and post-processor recommendations where attributes from the conceptual STEP data models may not actually have values in the AP 203 ed2, AP 209 ed2, and AP242 application domains. The terms pre-processor and post-processor refer to the applications that write and read the application data respectively. In these recommendations, the term 'no standard mapping' means there is no mapping defined in the AP's ARM-to-AIM mapping table for the data.

## 2 Using AP 203 ed2, AP209 ed2, and AP242 to represent Composite Material Shape and Structure

This section describes how AP 203ed2, AP 209ed2 and AP242 are intended to be used to represent structures made of composite materials. This section will establish examples and limits on some of the data constructs that are not constrained in the Application Interpreted Model (AIM) of the Application Protocols (AP).

### 2.1 Composite Part and Constituent Representations

A composite part is made of constituents that are laminated in layers to create the part. AP 203 ed2, AP209 ed2 and AP 242 provide specialized product definitions to represent the structural makeup and properties of composite parts in SUBTYPEs of Laminate\_tables. The ARM EXPRESS-G for Laminate\_table is shown in Figure 1, and the MIM EXPRESS-G in Figure 2.

NOTE: The names of the SUBTYPEs in the MIM of the original AP209 ed1 were different. These names were changed in the interests of clarity for implementers. Table 1 summarizes these changes.

New SUBTYPE Name	Old SUBTYPE Name
ply_laminate_table	ply_laminate_definition
composite_assembly_table	composite_assembly_definition
thickness_laminate_table	thickness_laminate_definition
percentage_laminate_table	percentage_laminte_definition
UNCHANGED	smearred_laminate_definition

**Table 1: Changes in SUBTYPEs from AP209 ed1 to Current STEP Composites**

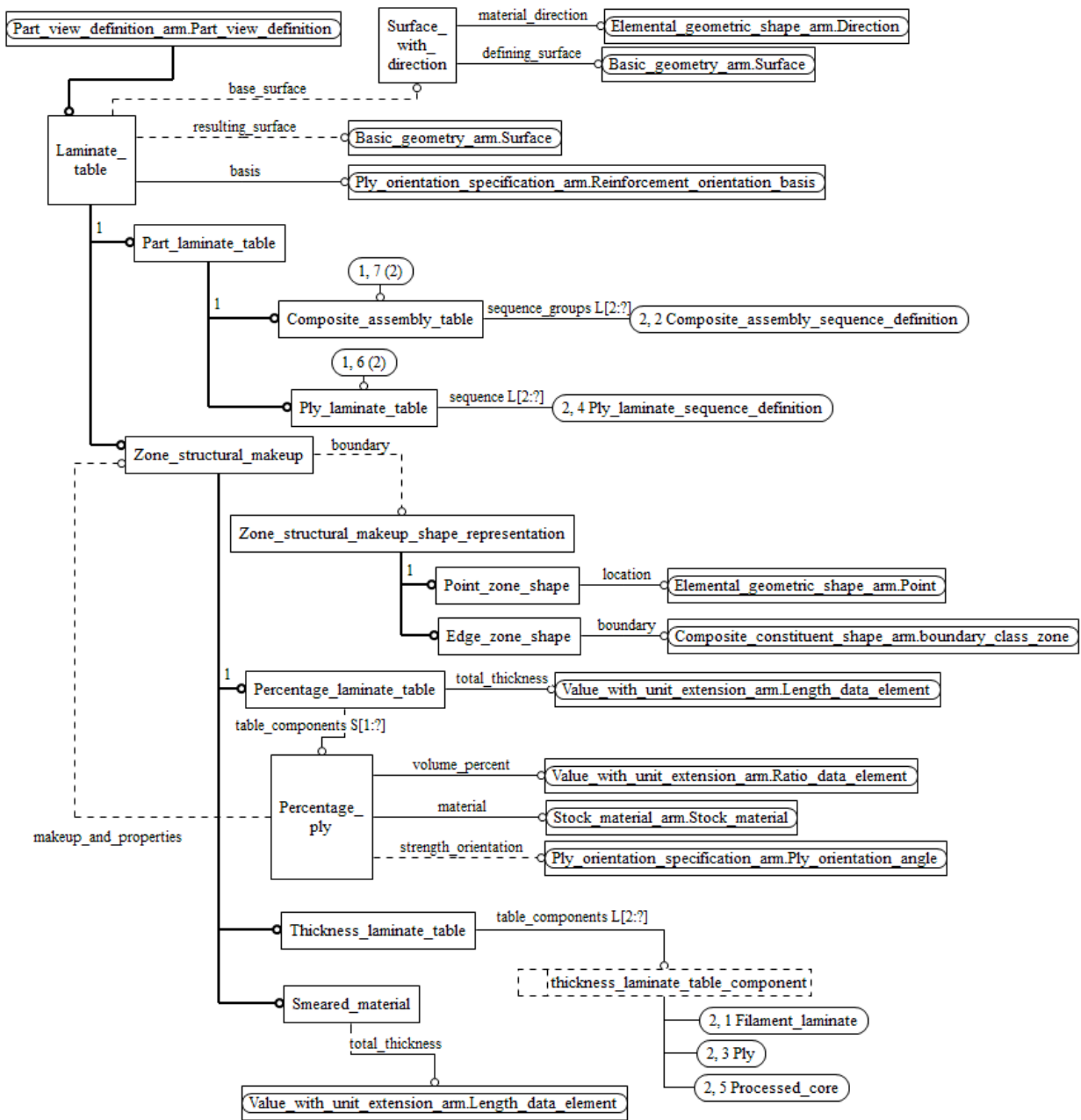
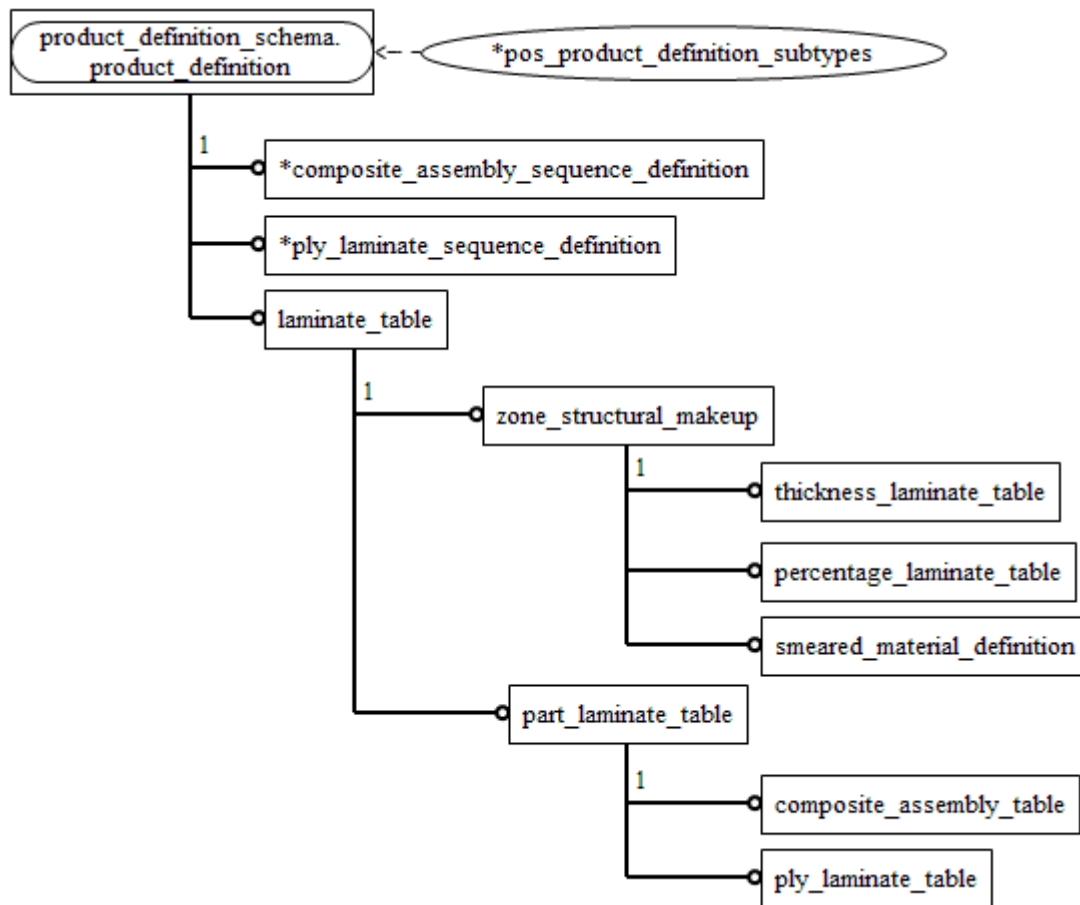


Figure 1: Composite Laminate Table ARM Subtypes



**Figure 2: Composite Laminate Table MIM Subtypes**

Ply, processed\_core, and filament\_laminate are the basic constituents in composite parts. A ply laminate is a composite part is composed of layers or sequences of plies. A composite\_assembly is also constructed in layers, except that a composite assembly may have sequences of constituents other than plies, such as processed core, and may contain ply laminates and other composite assemblies as constituents. The ARM diagram illustrating the composite constituents is shown in Figure 3.

Note that there are no specific MIM entities for the composite constituents. The instantiation rules are set in the mapping table of ISO 10303-1770 Part and zone laminate tables. Specific implementation examples are illustrated in 2.1.2.

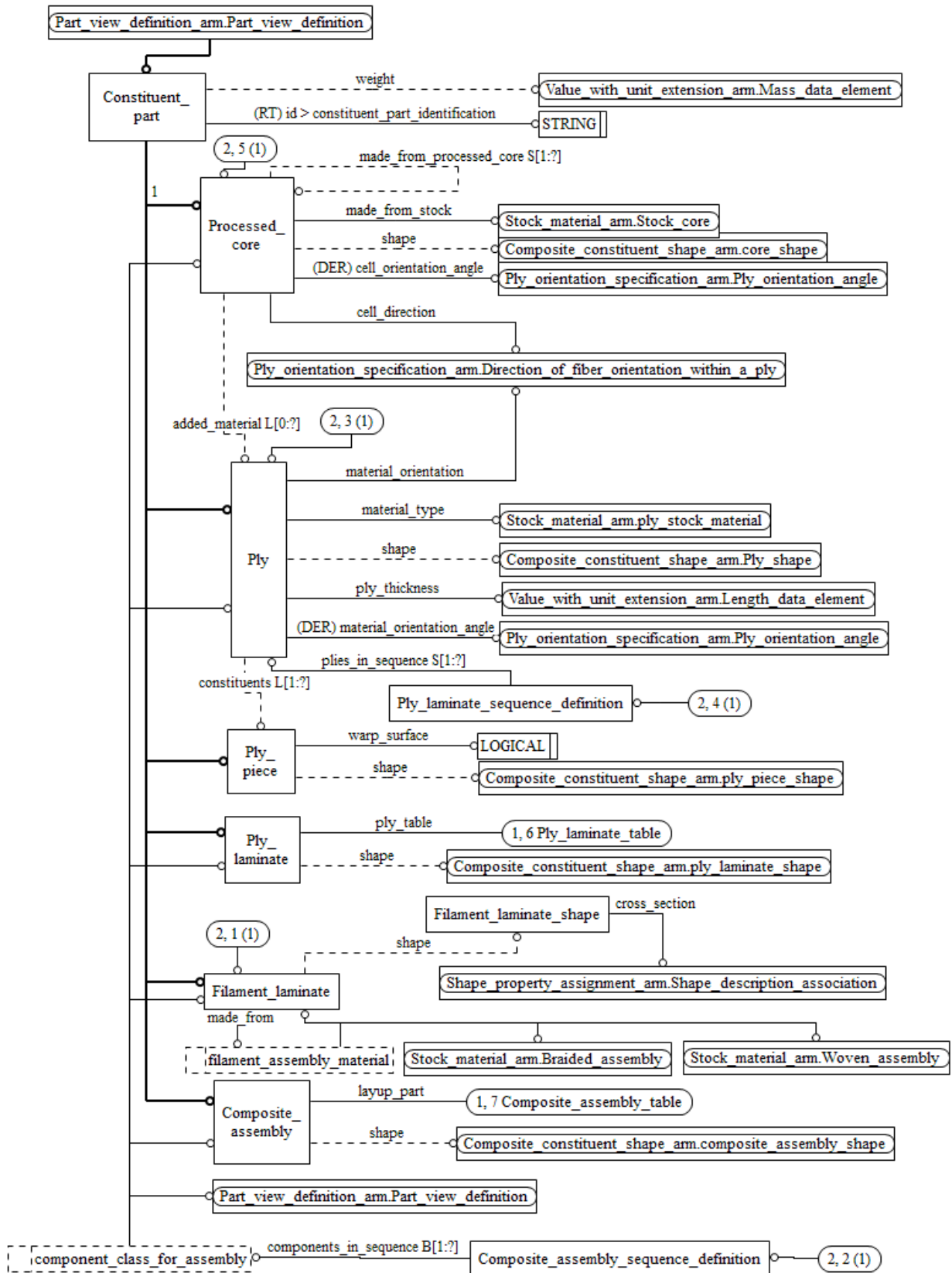


Figure 3: ARM Composite Constituents



## 2.1.1 Composite Part Structural Representation

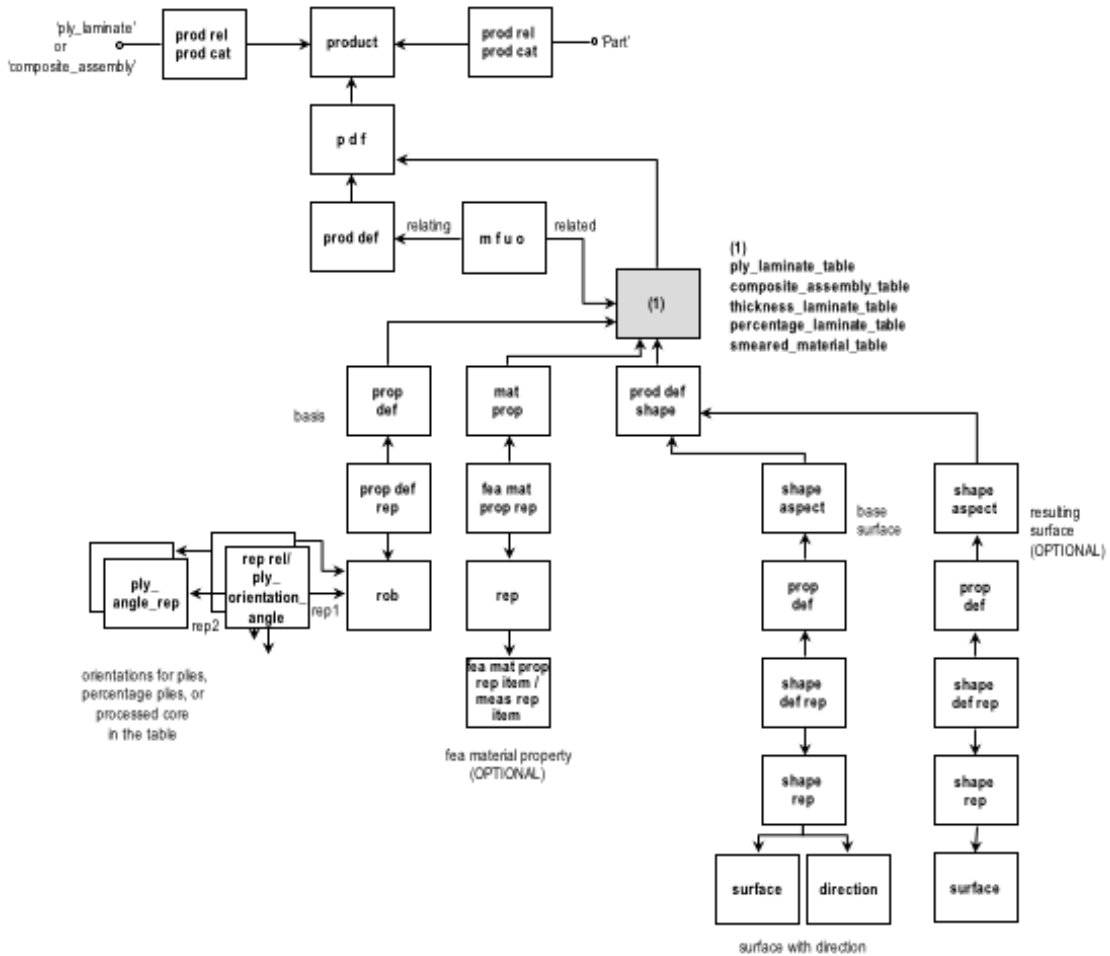
The structural makeup of a composite part is described by a laminate table. The laminate table exists as one of its two subtypes: part laminate table and zone structural makeup. The part laminate table describes allocation of the physical constituents for the overall laminate, while the zone structural makeup is used to describe the physical constituents for a particular zone, area, or point on the part. The part laminate table and zone structural makeup in turn exist as one of their respective subtypes. The part laminate table is called the ply laminate table for a ply laminate part, and the composite assembly table for a composite assembly part. The zone structural makeup may be a thickness laminate table or percentage laminate table that provides allocation of the composite constituents by thickness or percentage, respectively. A smeared material definition is a special case of zone structural makeup representation, where all the composite constituents across the thickness are lumped together.

Associated with each laminate table is a `shape_representation` for the base surface of the composite part, which includes in its set of items a surface and a direction that specifies the material side. The surface and direction geometric `representation_items` shall be the first and second `representation_items` respectively in the items of this `shape_representation`. The name attribute of the surface `representation_item` is set to 'base\_surface'. A second `shape_representation` may be used to represent the opposing surface that results from the build-up of material on the base surface, with the name attribute of the surface `representation_item` is set to 'resulting\_surface'. Both surfaces are represented as shape aspects for the laminate table (Figure 4).

**NOTE 1** Figure 4 applies to ply laminate table, composite assembly table, thickness laminate table, percentage laminate table, and smeared material as follows: Ply laminate table and composite assembly table are subtypes of part laminate table, which is in turn a subtype of laminate table. Hence, ply laminate table and composite assembly table inherit all of the attributes of laminate table and part laminate table. Likewise, thickness laminate table, percentage laminate table, and smeared material are subtypes of zone structural makeup, which is in turn a subtype of laminate table. Hence, thickness laminate table, percentage laminate table, and smeared material inherit all of the attributes of laminate table and zone structural makeup. The mapping for these entities are as follows:

laminate table	<code>product_definition</code>
part laminate table	<code>product_definition</code>
zone structural makeup	<code>product_definition</code>
ply laminate table	<code>ply_laminate_table &lt;= product_definition</code>
composite assembly table	<code>composite_assembly_table &lt;= product_definition</code>
thickness laminate table	<code>thickness_laminate_table &lt;= product_definition</code>
percentage laminate table	<code>percentage_laminate_table &lt;= product_definition</code>
smeared material	<code>smeared_material_definition &lt;= product_definition</code>

**Table 2: Laminate Table Mappings**



**Figure 4: Laminite Table**

**NOTE 2:** Figure 4 also shows a reference to a `product_related_product_category` with a string of 'Part'. This is quite important as it documents the fact that the `laminate_table` Part is ALSO the Part that is a member of the product structure.

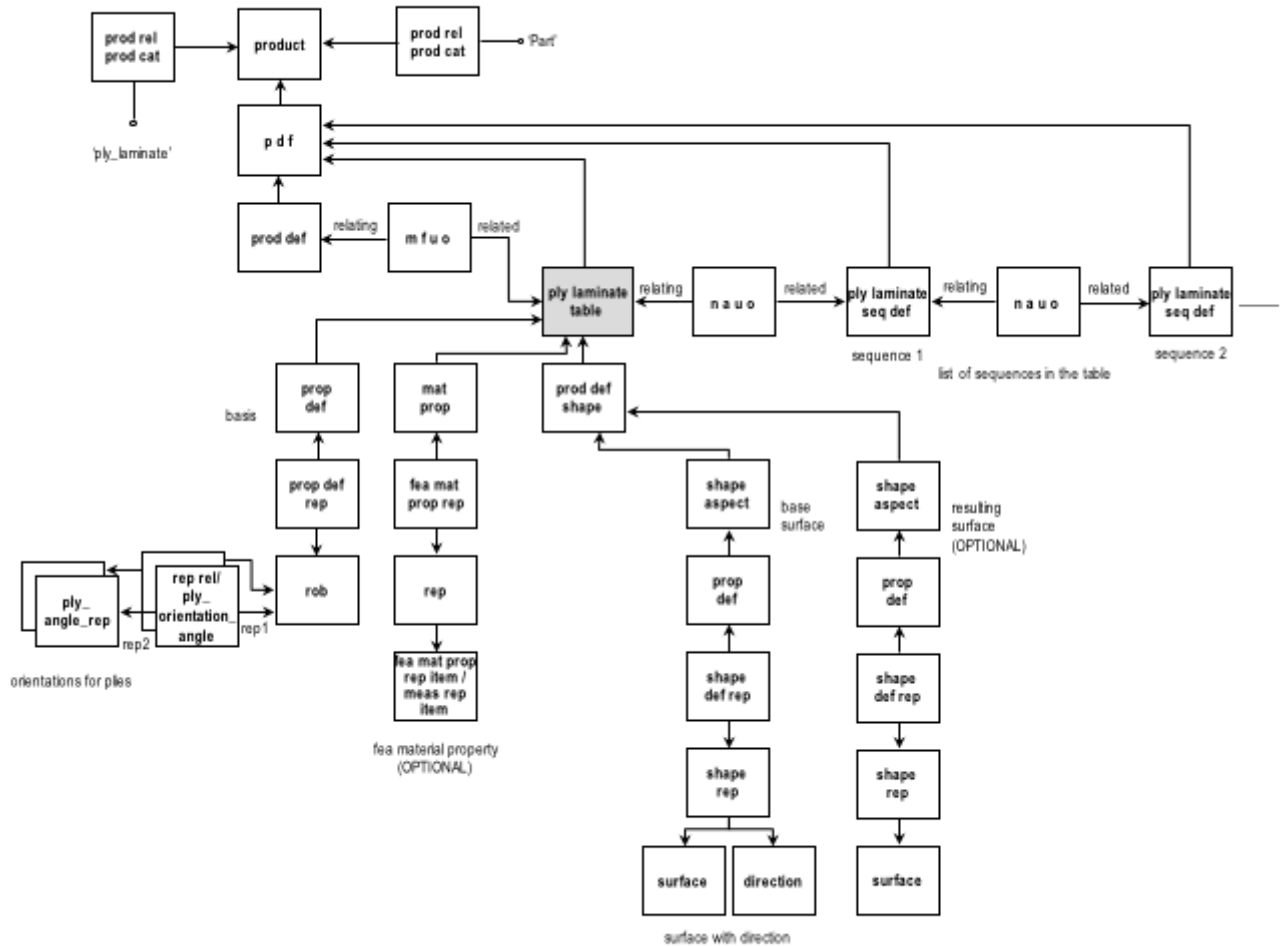
A laminate table is also characterized by a reinforcement orientation basis (rosette). See 2.1.2.2 for a complete discussion on laminate and ply orientation specification.

The material properties to be used in the finite element analysis of a composite part may be specified by associating the overall properties to the laminate table. To this end, the `fea_material_property_representation` entity is used to relate the material property representation to the `product_definition` for the laminate table.

### 2.1.1.1 Ply Laminite Table

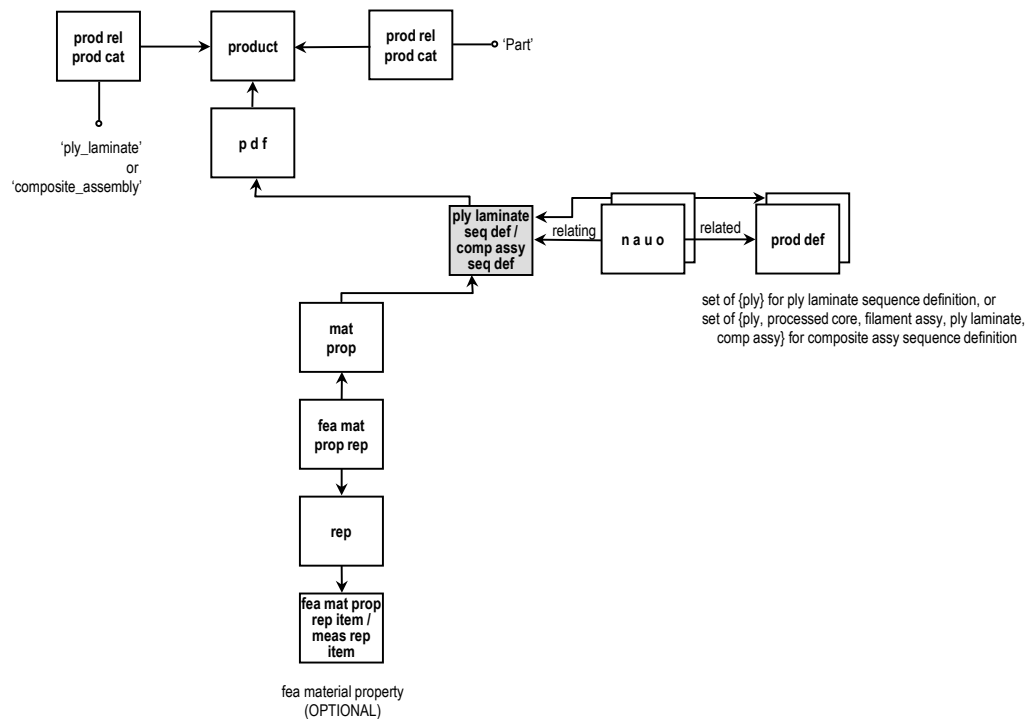
The ply laminate table that describes the sequencing of ply layers for a ply laminate is represented by a `ply_laminate_table` in AP 203 ed2, AP 209ed2, and AP242. The `product_definition` for a ply laminate part or constituent is related to the ply laminate table by a `make_from_usage_option`. Each layer in the laminate is represented by a `ply_laminate_sequence_definition`. The first `ply_laminate_sequence_definition` in the table is related to the `ply_laminate_table` by a `next_assembly_usage_occurrence` entity. The `ply_laminate_table` is the `relating_product_definition`, and the

ply\_laminate\_sequence\_definition is the related\_product\_definition in this relationship. Subsequent layers in the ply laminate are likewise related to the preceding layer through next\_assembly\_usage\_occurrences, thus forming a chain of ply\_laminate\_sequence\_definitions (Figure 5). The ply\_laminate\_table and the associated ply\_laminate\_sequence\_definitions all point to the product\_definition\_formation for the ply laminate part.



**Figure 5: Ply Laminate Table**

A layer in a ply laminate may contain one or more plies. Each of the ply product\_definitions in a sequence are related to the ply\_laminate\_sequence\_definition by a next\_assembly\_usage\_occurrence entity, forming a tree of ply product\_definitions (Figure 6).

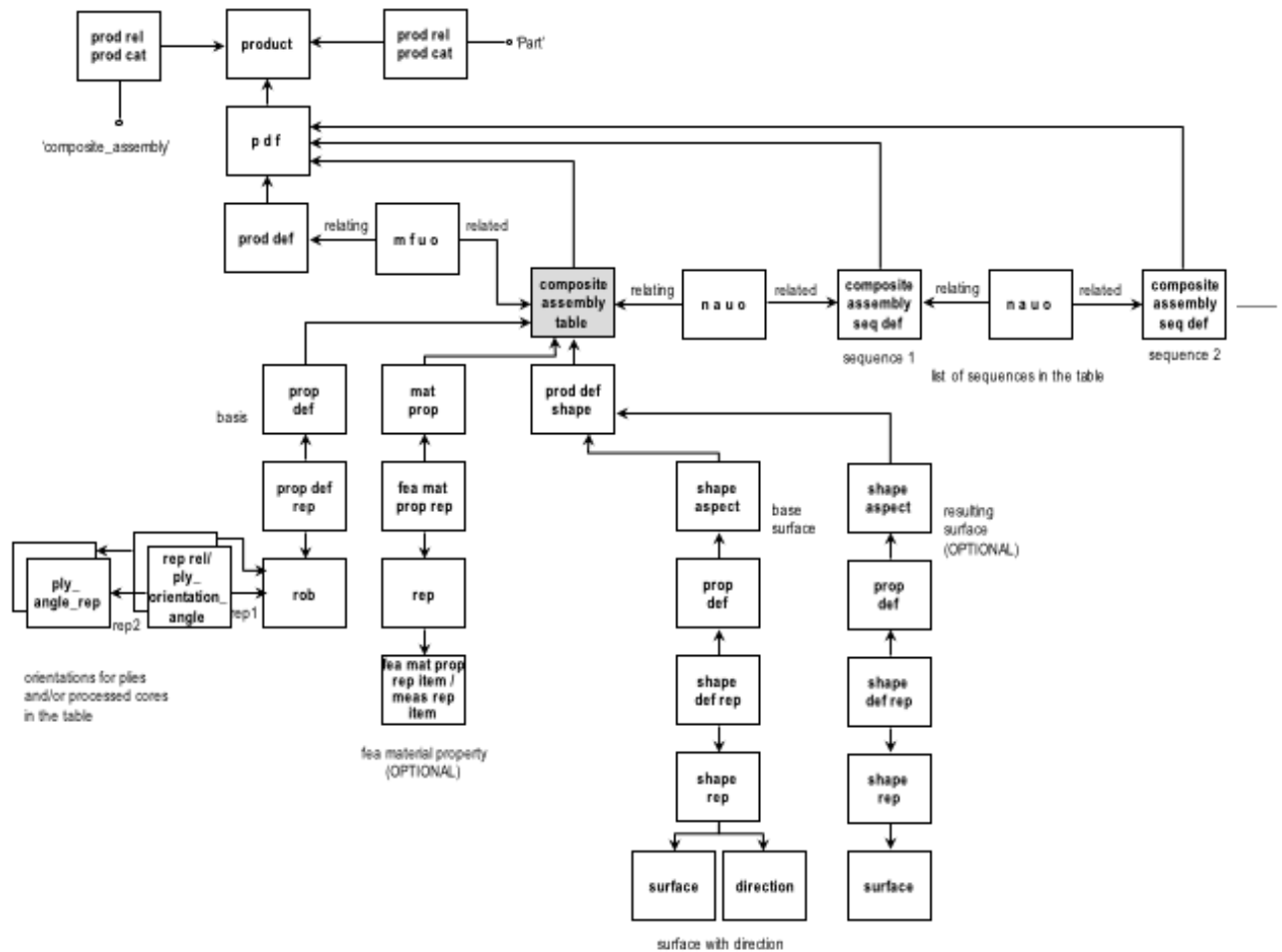


**Figure 6: Part Laminate Table Sequence Definitions**

The material properties to be used in the finite element analysis of a ply laminate part may be specified by associating the overall properties to the laminate table as discussed above (see 2.1.1.1), or by associating the properties to each sequence in the `ply_laminate_table`. The `fea_material_property_representation` entity is used to relate the material property representation to a `ply_laminate_sequence_definition`.

### 2.1.1.2 Composite Assembly Table

A composite assembly is similar in structure to a ply laminate, except that a composite assembly may have sequences of constituents other than plies, such as processed core, and may include other assemblies. A composite assembly structure is thus represented by a chain of `composite_assembly_sequence_definitions` headed by a `composite_assembly_table` (Figure 6). The `composite_assembly_table` and the associated `composite_assembly_sequence_definitions` all point to the `product_definition_formation` for the composite assembly part.



**Figure 7: Composite Assembly Table**

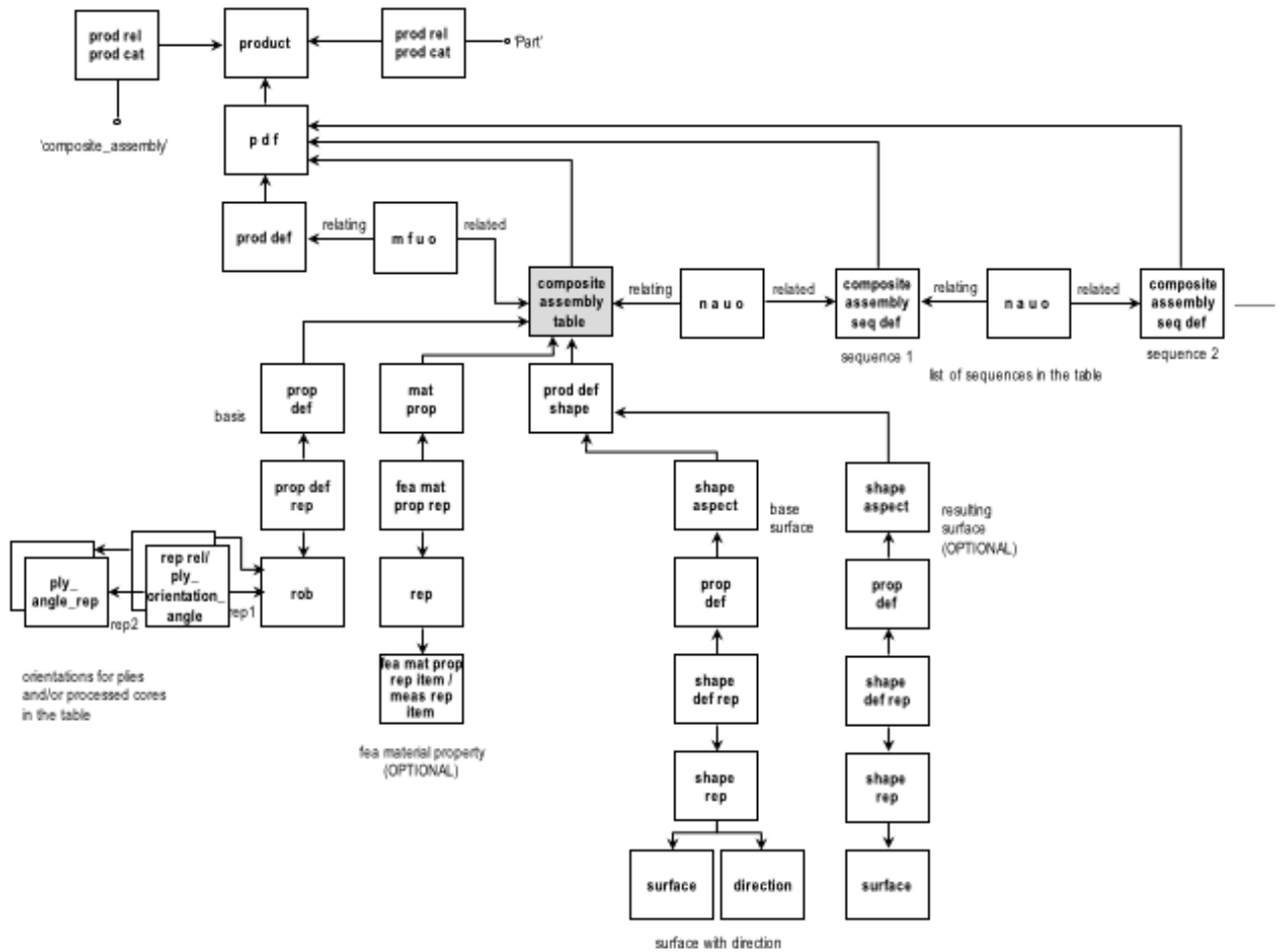
Like the `ply_laminate_sequence_definition`, the `composite_assembly_sequence_definition` is linked to its composite constituent `product_definitions` through branches of `next_assembly_usage_occurrences` (Figure 6).

The material properties to be used in the finite element analysis of a composite assembly part may be specified by associating the overall properties to the laminate table as discussed above (see 2.1.1.1), or by associating the properties to each sequence in the `composite_assembly_table`. The `fea_material_property_representation` entity is used to relate the material property representation to a `composite_assembly_sequence_definition`.

### 2.1.1.3 Thickness Laminate Table

A thickness laminate table, represented by a `thickness_laminate_table`, is used to specify composite constituents that make up a zone of a composite part. A `thickness_laminate_table` is structured similar to a `composite_assembly_table` as can be seen in Figure 8. Since each layer or sequence is local, the corresponding 'sequence' definition contains a single composite constituent that is either a `ply`, `processed_core`, or a `filament_laminate`. The `next_assembly_usage_occurrence.relating_product_definition` identifies the `thickness_laminate_table` and the `next_assembly_usage_occurrence.related_product_definition` identifies the first product in the sequence. Subsequent products are ordered in the same manner using `next_assembly_usage_`

occurrence entities. In addition to the base surface and the optional resulting surface, the zone edge shape may be specified for a thickness laminate table using a `shape_representation`.



**Figure 8: Thickness Laminate Table**

When multiple thickness laminate tables intersect, that is, share constituent parts, it may be necessary to distinguish the chain of `next_assembly_usage_occurrence` entities belonging to a `thickness_laminate` table from that belonging to another. This can be accomplished by using the same description for all the `next_assembly_usage_occurrence` entities in a chain that is consistent with the description for the `thickness_laminate_table` at the top of the chain. This is illustrated in Figure







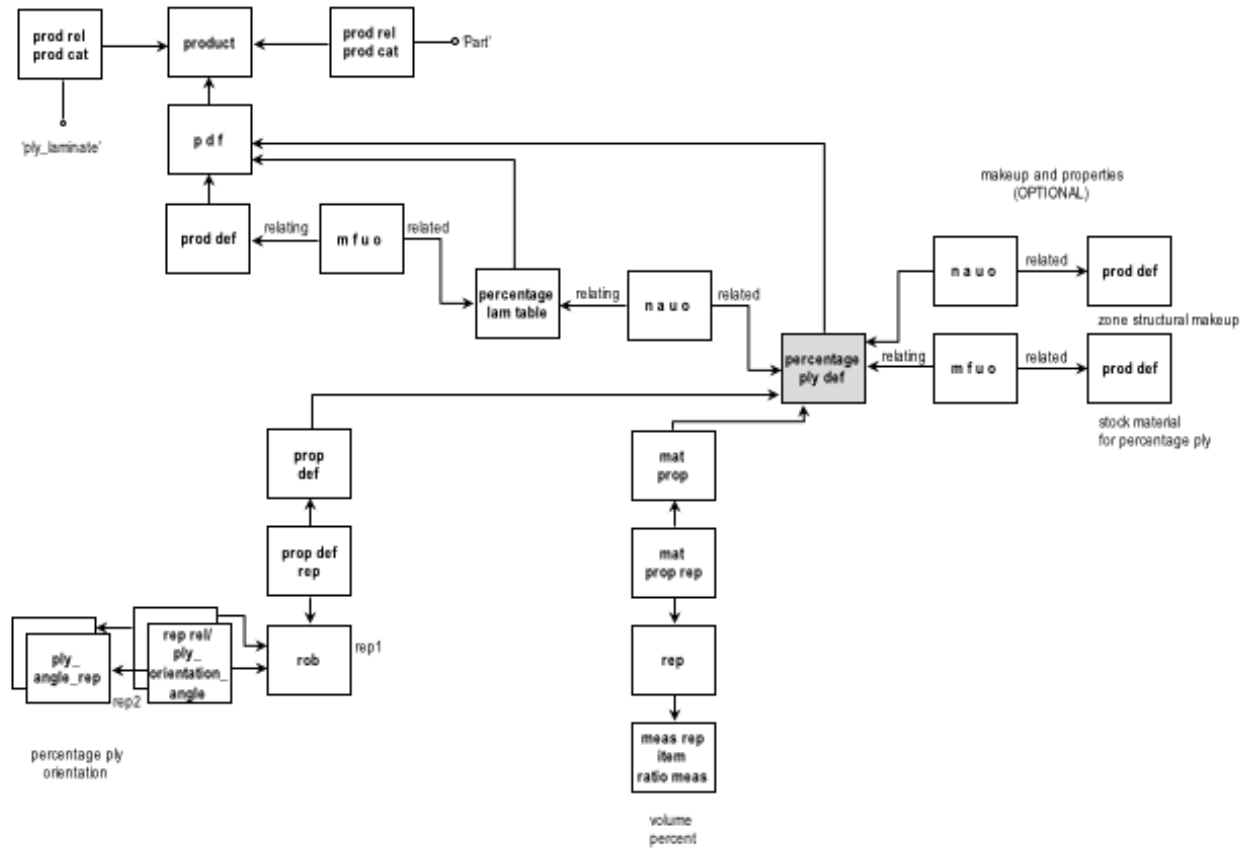


Figure 11: Percentage Ply

### 2.1.1.6 Smeared Material

A `smeared_material_definition` is an alternate definition that lumps all the composite constituents together (Figure 12). A `shape_representation` may be used to represent the zone shape for the `smeared_material_definition`. A `representation` is used to specify the total thickness. If the smeared material definition is used together with a percentage laminate table or a thickness laminate table, the thickness specified for the `smeared_material_definition` shall be consistent with that for the `percentage_laminate_table`, or with the sum of thicknesses of the composite constituents in the `thickness_laminate_table`.

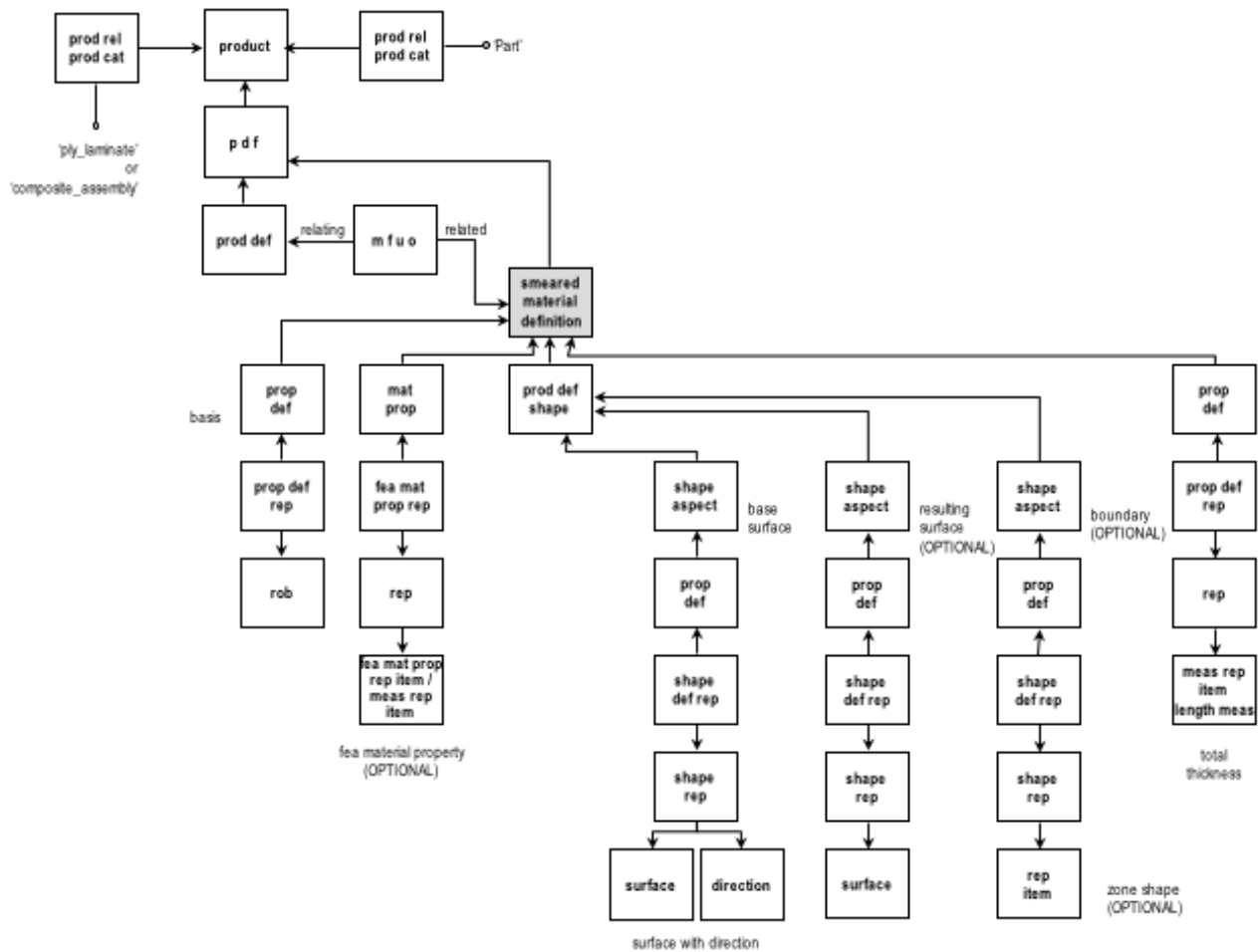


Figure 12: Smeared Material

### 2.1.1.7 Use of Point\_zone\_shape to represent “Core Samples”

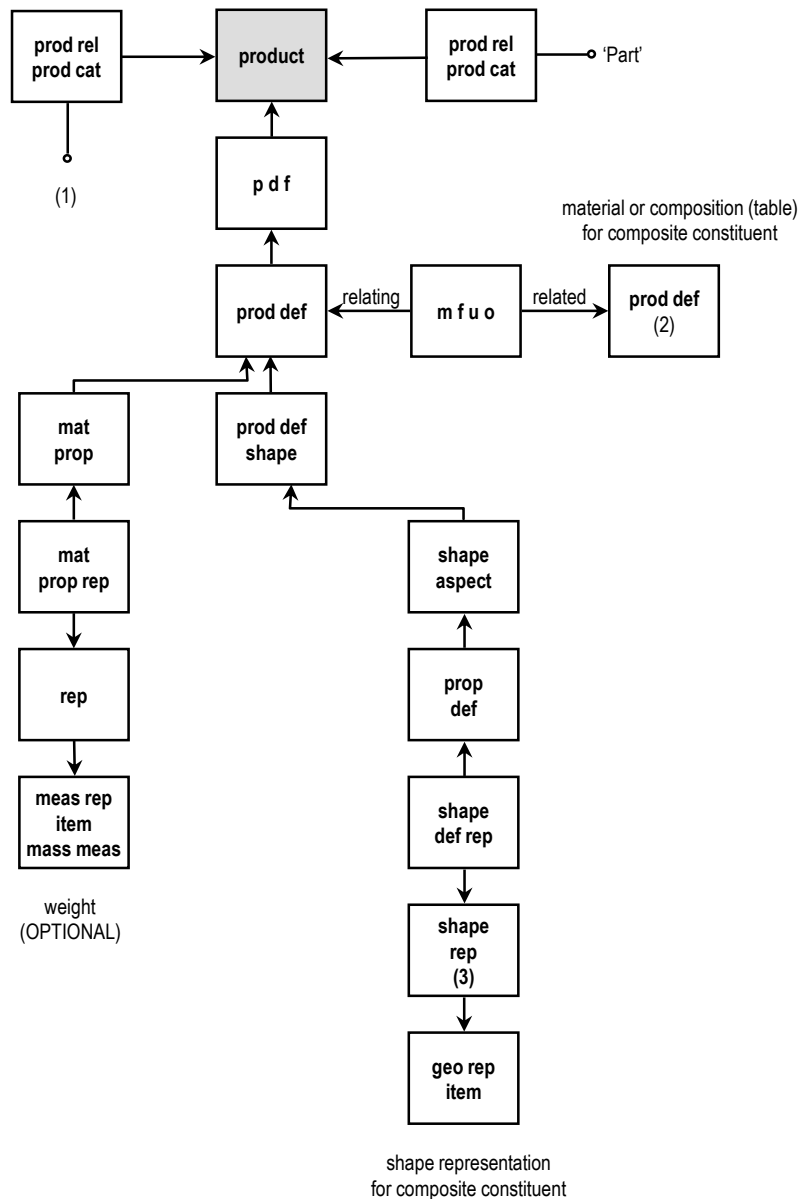
All subtypes of ARM concept Zone\_structural\_makeup (Percentage\_laminate\_table, Thickness\_laminate\_table, and Smeared\_material) may be of type Point\_zone\_shape or Edge\_zone\_shape. It is the Point\_zone\_shape SUBTYPE that is to be used to represent “Core Samples” – i.e. the laminate table stacking sequence at a point. See 2.1.1.3, 2.1.1.4, and 2.1.1.6 for the details of how to specify a Point\_zone\_shape.

## 2.1.2 Composite Constituent and Shape Representations

In AP 203 ed2, AP 209 ed2, and AP242 ply, processed core, and filament laminate are the basic composite constituents that are layered to form ply laminates or composite assemblies. Ply laminates and composite assemblies can also be used as composite constituents in a composite assembly.

A composite constituent exists as one of its five subtypes: ply, processed core, filament laminate, ply laminate, and composite assembly. This is indicated by associating the product for the composite constituent with a product\_related\_product\_category that has the corresponding name attribute of ‘ply’, ‘processed core’, ‘filament laminate’, ‘ply laminate’, or ‘composite assembly’. The material for a composite constituent is specified by a make\_from\_usage\_option. The con-

stituent product\_definition is the relating\_product\_definition, and the material product\_definition is the related\_product\_definition in this relationship (Figure 13).

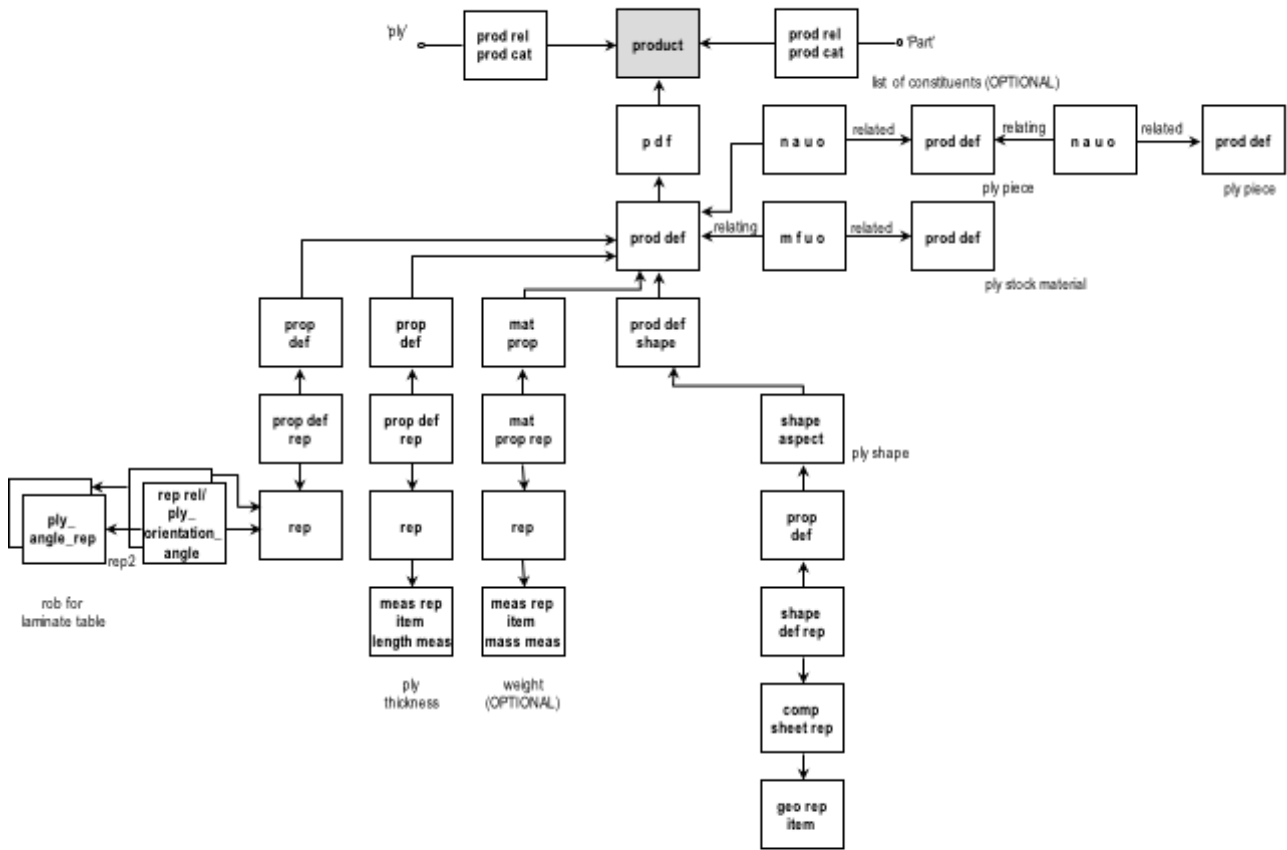


**Figure 13: Composite Constituents**

A composite constituent may have a representation to denote the weight of the constituent. A material\_property\_representation entity is used to link this representation with the property\_definition subtype material\_property. The representation shall have a measure\_representation\_item that is a mass\_measure\_with\_unit in its set of items.

### 2.1.2.1 Ply

A ply product is associated with a product\_related\_product\_category with a name of 'ply' (Figure 14). The ply product\_definition is related by a make\_from\_usage\_option to its stock material product\_definition, which is associated with a product in a product\_related\_product\_category with a name of 'filament\_assembly', 'discontinuous\_fiber\_assembly', or 'isotropic\_material'.



**Figure 14: Ply**

If two or more ply pieces are combined together in a single layer to make up the ply, then the list of the ply pieces shall be given by a chain of `next_assembly_usage_occurrence` entities. The first `next_assembly_usage_occurrence` in the chain shall have the `product_definition` for the ply as the `relating_product_definition`, and the `product_definition` for the first ply piece in the list as the `related_product_definition`. The second `next_assembly_usage_occurrence` in the chain shall likewise link the `product_definitions` for the first and second ply pieces in the list, and so on.

A ply has a representation to denote its thickness. The representation shall have a `measure_representation_item` that is a `length_measure_with_unit` in its set of items.

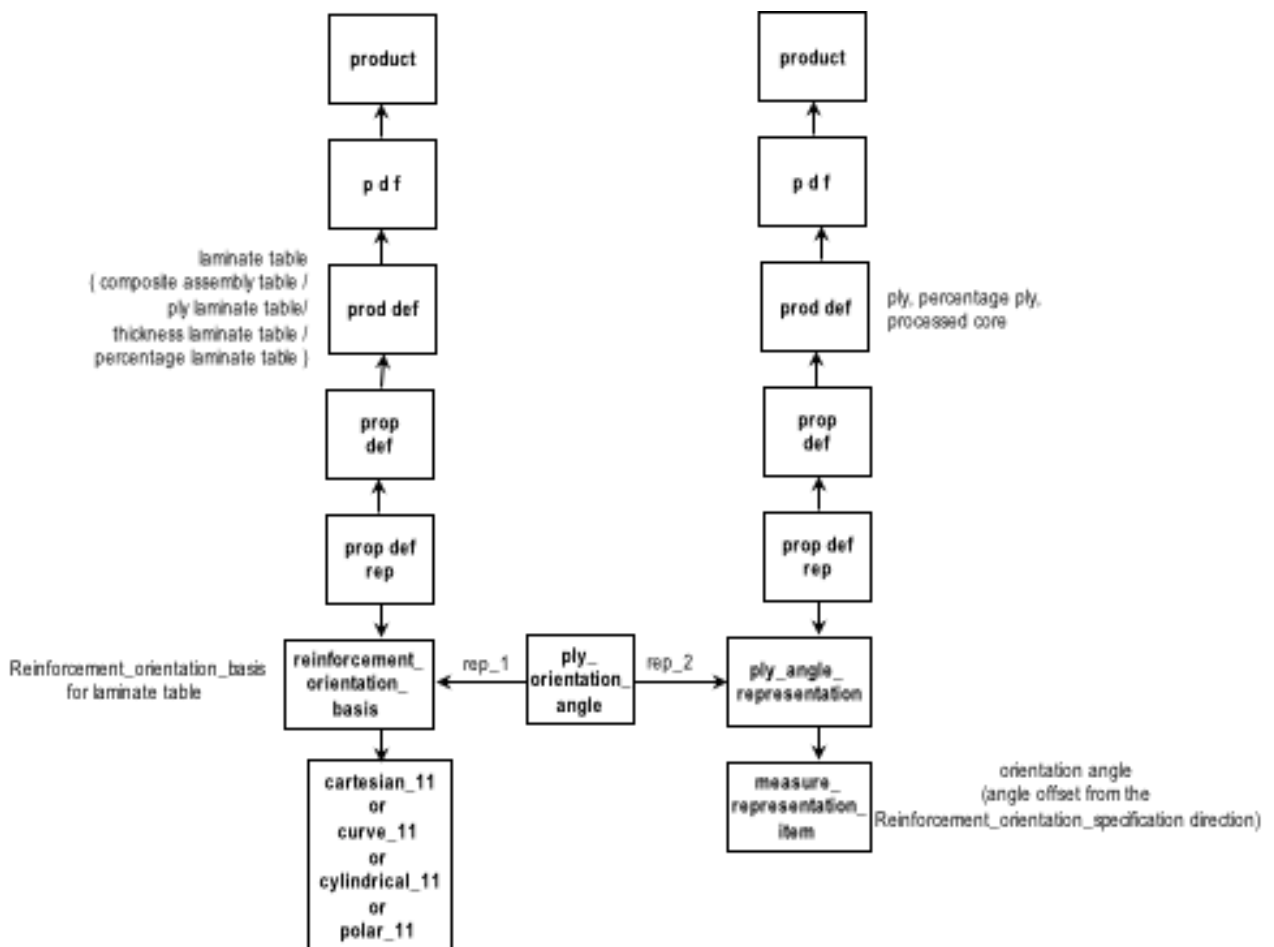
### 2.1.2.2 Ply Orientation

A ply has a representation to denote its fiber 11 orientation, commonly called a Rosette. The 11 direction is specified by the combination of a `reinforcement_orientation_basis` that provides the reference (or basis) direction for the ply angle, and an angle that is specified with respect to that basis direction in the plane tangent to the `base_surface` of the `laminate_table`. There are several ways to represent basis of the ply fiber orientation (see

Figure 15):

- A `cartesian_11` Rosette specifies that the basis 11 is the 11 direction of an `axis2_placement_3d` entity whose 33 direction is the upward (towards the topmost ply in the table) normal to the `base_surface` of the `laminate_table`;

- A `curve_11` Rosette specifies that the basis 11 direction is the tangent to the specified curve at any point along the curve where the 11 direction is to be evaluated. The `ply_orientation_angle` is right hand positive around the 33 direction normal to the plane, where the plane shall be tangent to the `base_surface` of the `laminate_table`. The 11 direction has an additional angle offset that is added to the `ply_orientation_angle` with an associated `measure_representation_item`;
- A `cylindrical_11` Rosette specifies that the basis 11 direction is a tangent to the curve at any point evaluated along a curve on the surface of the cylinder where the curve is created by the intersection of the cylinder surface with a plane through the centerline of the cylinder. The `ply_orientation_angle` is specified by right hand rule about the 33 direction of the outward facing normal to the plane tangent to the cylindrical `base_surface` of the `laminate_table` at the evaluated point;
- A `polar_11` Rosette specifies that the basis 11 direction is always in the radial direction from the center of the part. A Radial Rosette shall be placed in the exact center of the part, for example at the apex of a spherical cap. When the Rosette mapping takes place the direction of the 0° orientation is pointing outward in a radial direction. No guide curve is required. The `ply_orientation_angle` is with respect to the plane tangent to the `base_surface` of the `laminate_table` with the 33 direction parallel to the outward normal of the `base_surface`.



**Figure 15: Ply Orientation Angle by Cartesian Placement, Curve, Cylindrical, or Polar 11 Basis Direction**

**NOTE:** The full description of these ply orientation options is specified in Clause 4 of ISO 10303-1772 Ply orientation specification.

If the ply orientation is specified by a `point_array`, the major and minor directions of the `point_and_vector` entities in the point path will be associated with the axis direction of the `axis2_placement_3d`. A point array is represented in AP 203 ed2, AP 209 ed2 and AP 242 by a chain of `point_and_vector` entities, headed by a `point_array`. The `point_array` and `point_and_vector` are both subtypes of `shape_representation`. A `point_and_vector` represents a point and the associated vector pairs on a point path. The first `representation_item` in the items of a `point_and_vector` shall be a `point` entity, the second a `direction` entity representing the major direction, and the third a `direction` entity representing the minor direction) (see Figure 16: Ply Orientation by Point Array).

Note: The ply 11 and 22 directions are known only at the points of the `point_array`. If the ply orientations need to be known in-between them a suitable interpolation scheme, such as spline surfaces, should be used.

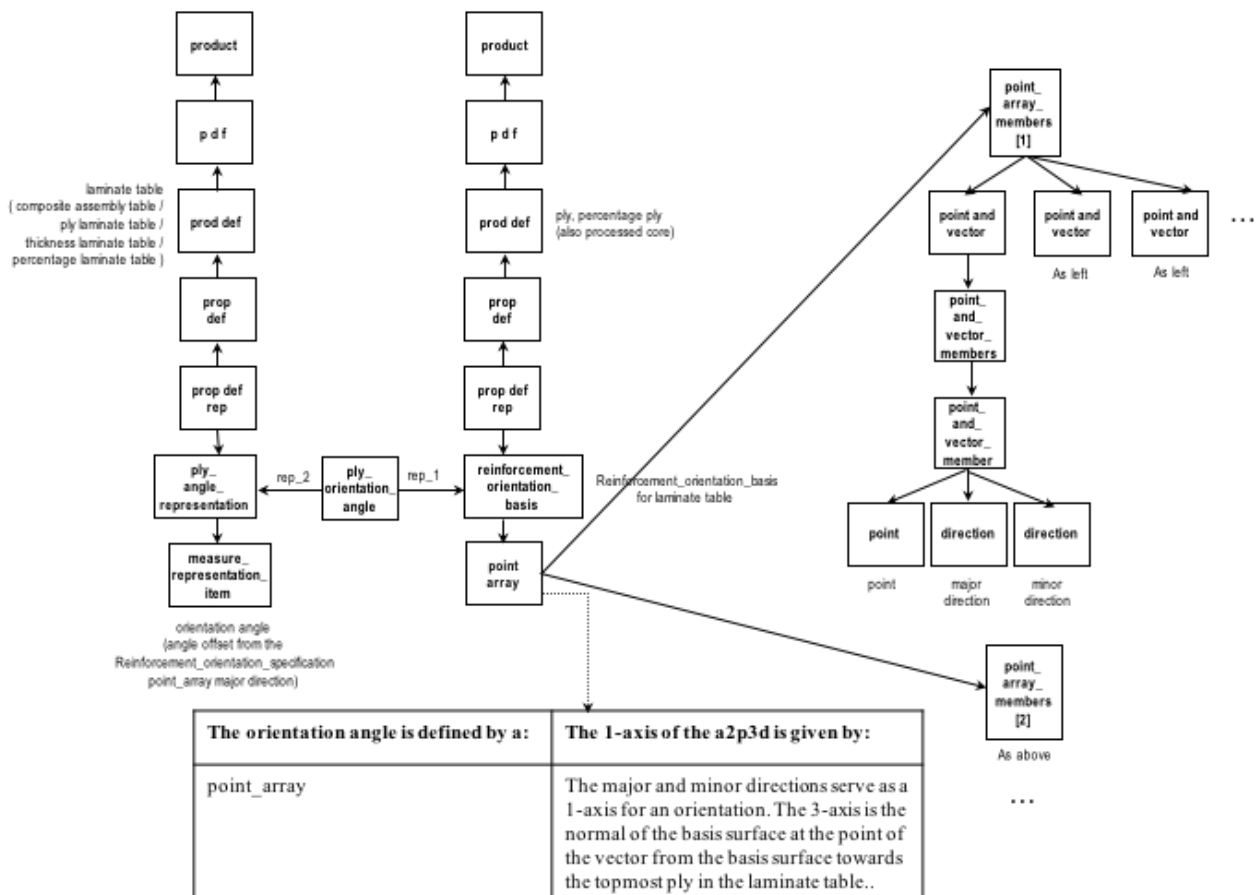
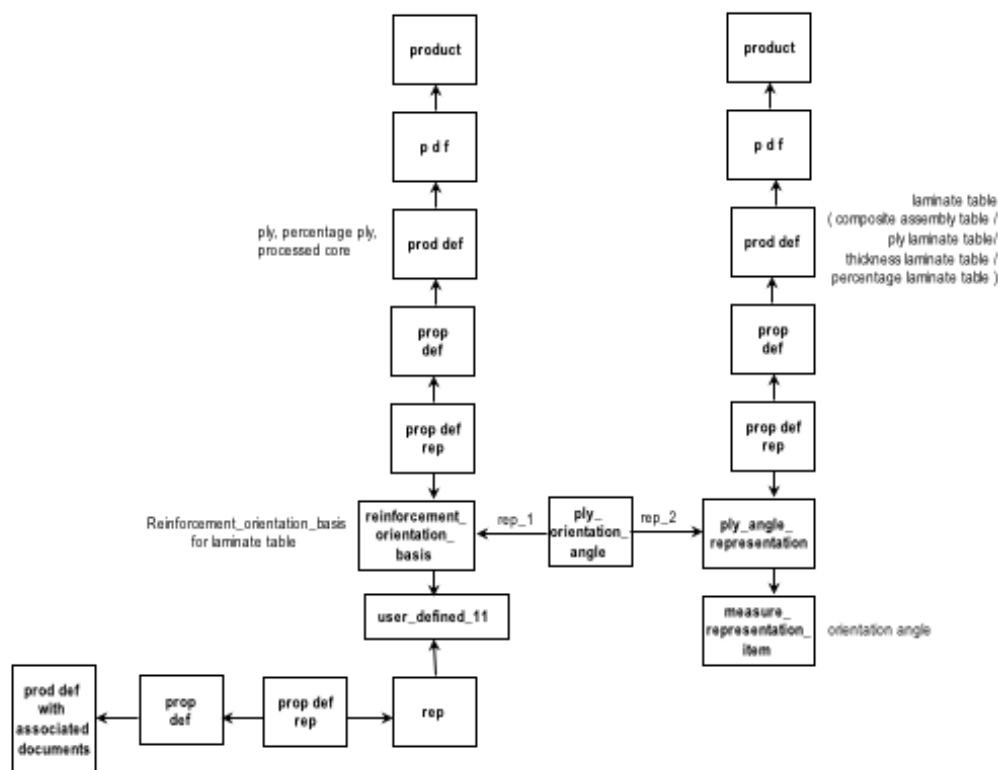


Figure 16: Ply Orientation by Point Array

Some composite structural modeling tools allow and/or require that a ply orientation angle be named. In this case the inherited `.name` attribute of the `cartesian_11`, `curve_11`, `cylindrical_11` or `polar_11` entity shall be used for the name.

Alternately, the ply orientation may be specified implicitly through a user defined specification. This method allows a proprietary method to be specified (see Figure 17).



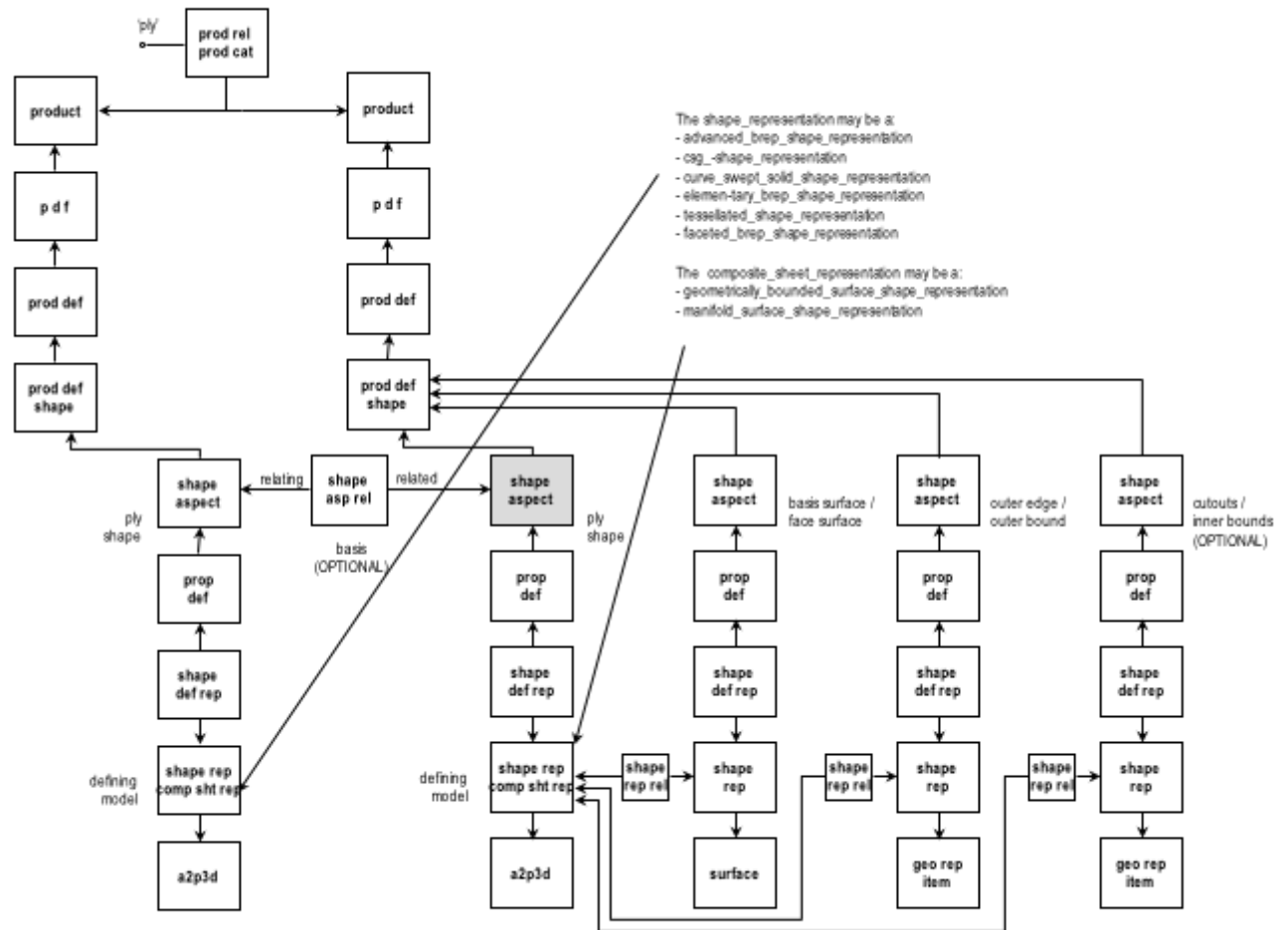
**Figure 17: Ply Orientation by User Defined Specification**

### 2.1.2.3 Ply Shape

The shape of a ply is represented by a `product_definition_shape` entity. `Shape_aspects` that represent various features of the ply shape point to this `product_definition_shape`. The `name` attribute of the `shape_aspect` shall describe the feature that is being represented, such as 'laid\_ply\_shape', 'basis\_surface', and 'outer\_edge'.

The defining model for a ply shape is given by a `shape_representation` that is a `composite_sheet_representation`, an `advanced_brep_shape_representation`, a `csg_shape_representation`, a `curve_swept_solid_shape_representation`, an `elementary_brep_shape_representation`, a `tessellated_shape_representation`, or a

faceted\_brep\_shape\_representation. The composite\_sheet\_representation shall be either a geometrically\_bounded\_surface\_shape\_representation or a manifold\_surface\_shape\_representation (Figure 18).



**Figure 18: Ply Shape**

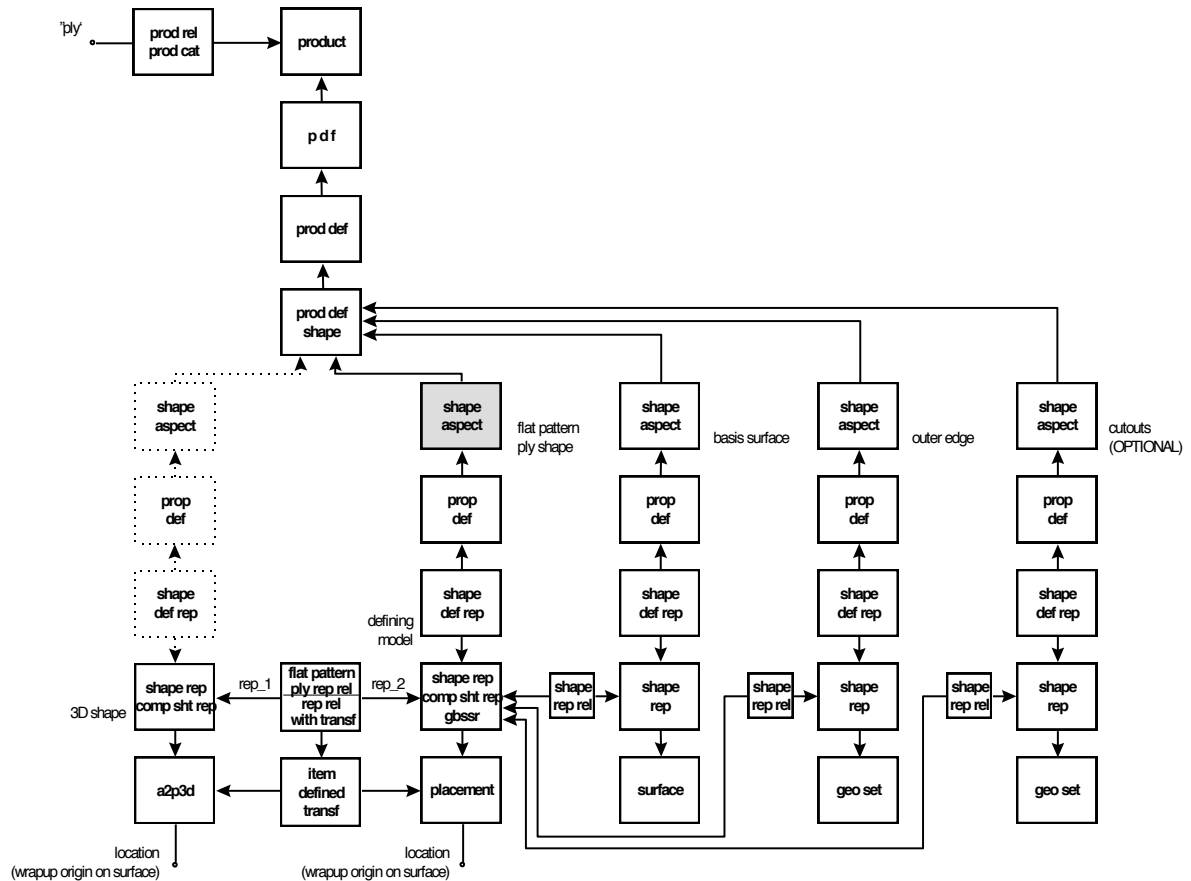
Associated with the defining model shape\_representation are the shape\_representations for: a) the basis or face surface of the ply with a corresponding shape\_aspect.name of 'basis\_surface' or 'face\_surface'; b) outer edge or bound of the ply with a corresponding shape\_aspect.name of 'outer\_edge' or 'outer\_bound'; and, optionally, c) the cutouts or inner bounds for the ply with a corresponding shape\_aspect.name of 'cutouts' or 'inner\_bounds'. Each of these shape\_representations is related to the defining model shape\_representation by a shape\_representation\_relationship.

If the shape of a ply is based on or derived from another ply shape, then this relationship is represented by a shape\_aspect\_relationship between the shape\_aspects for the defining model shape\_representations of the two plies. The name attribute of the shape\_aspect\_relationship is set to 'basis'.

A ply shape may be one of: laid ply shape, flat pattern ply shape, or projected ply shape. For a laid ply shape, the name of the shape\_aspect for the defining model is set to 'laid\_ply\_shape'. For a flat\_pattern\_ply\_shape, the name of the shape\_aspect for the defining model is set to 'flat\_pattern\_ply\_shape' (see Figure 19). The wrapup origin on the flat pattern is represented by the location attribute of the placement\_representation\_item in the items of the flat pattern

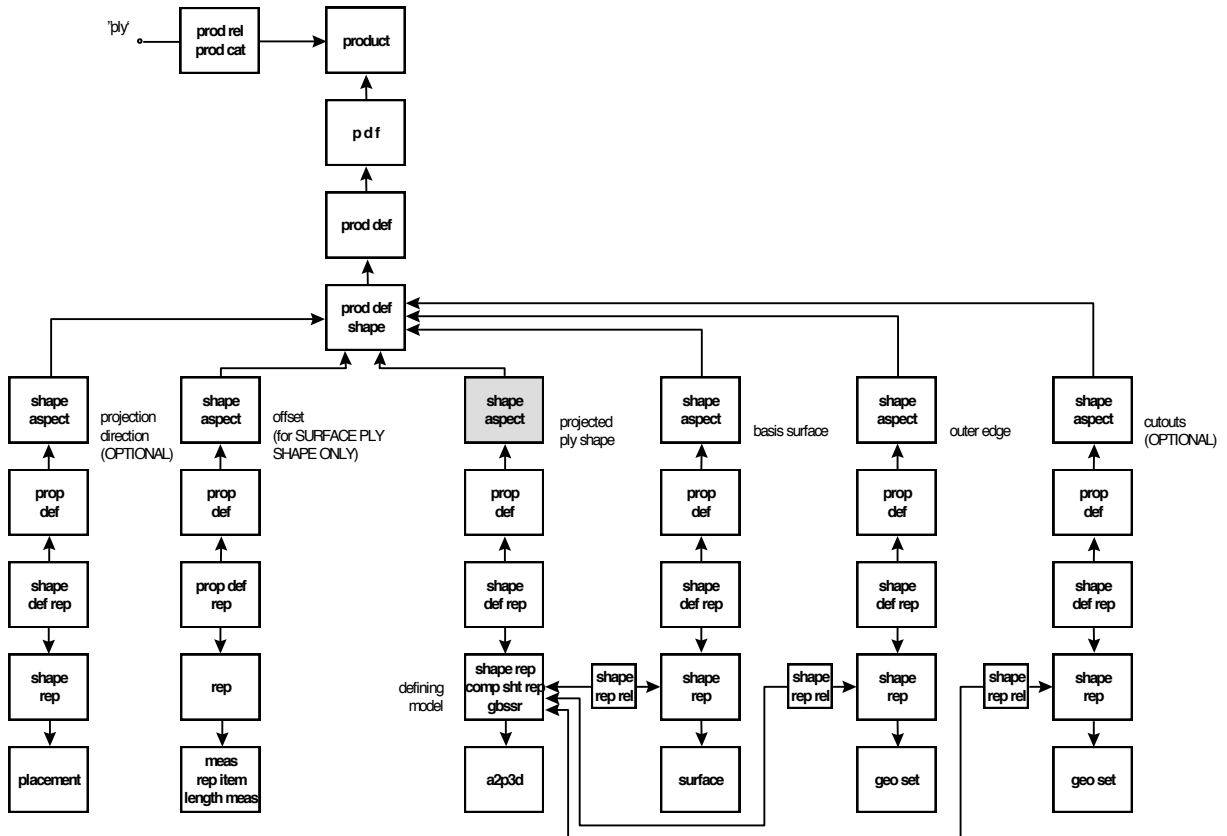


shape\_representation. The wrapup origin on the flat pattern is represented by the location attribute of the placement representation\_item in the items of the 3D shape\_representation from which the flat pattern is derived. The shape\_representations are linked together by a complex entity that is a flat\_pattern\_ply\_representation\_relationship and a representation\_relationship\_with\_transformation. The rep\_1 attribute of the representation\_relationship\_with\_transformation represents the 3D shape representation and the rep\_2 attribute is the flat pattern shape\_representation. The transformation\_operator attribute points to the item\_defined\_transformation entity that serves to match the origin points on the flat pattern and surface.



**Figure 19: Flat Pattern Ply Shape**

In the case of a projected ply shape, the ply shape may be a surface ply shape or a view ply shape depending on whether the ply shape is projected on a surface or a plane. The name of the shape\_aspect for the defining model is set to: 'reference\_direction\_projected\_surface\_ply\_shape', 'surface\_normal\_projected\_surface\_ply\_shape', 'reference\_direction\_projected\_view\_ply\_shape', or 'surface\_normal\_projected\_view\_ply\_shape' based on the projection method. If a direction other than the surface normal is used, a shape\_aspect representing the projection direction is associated with the product\_definition\_shape, and a placement entity referencing the projection direction is included in the set of items of the corresponding shape\_representation (see Figure 20).



**Figure 20: Projected Ply Shape (Surface Ply Shape or View Ply Shape)**

For a surface ply shape, the context of the surface is indicated by the description attribute of the `shape_aspect` for the defining model. It is recommended that the description be set to: 'layup\_surface', 'outer\_mold\_line', or 'inner\_mold\_line'. The offset distance from the layup surface is represented by a separate `shape_aspect`. The corresponding representation shall have a `measure_representation_item` that is a `length_measure_with_unit` in its set of items.

#### 2.1.2.4 Processed Core

A processed core product is associated with a `product_related_product_category` with a name of 'processed\_core' (Figure 21, Figure 22).

The processed core `product_definition` is related by a `make_from_usage_option` entity to its stock material `product_definition`, which will be associated with a product in a `product_related_product_category` with a name of 'stock\_core'.

Processed core may have one of two different types of shape representations. The first type of shape representation is a beveled sheet representation (Figure 21) that is a sheet with thickness and beveled edges. The second type of shape representation is a solid model (Figure 22) where the core shape is a type of solid model. See ISO/TS 10303-1767:2014-02(E) Composite constituent shape clause 4.3 for more details on the types of processed core shape representations.

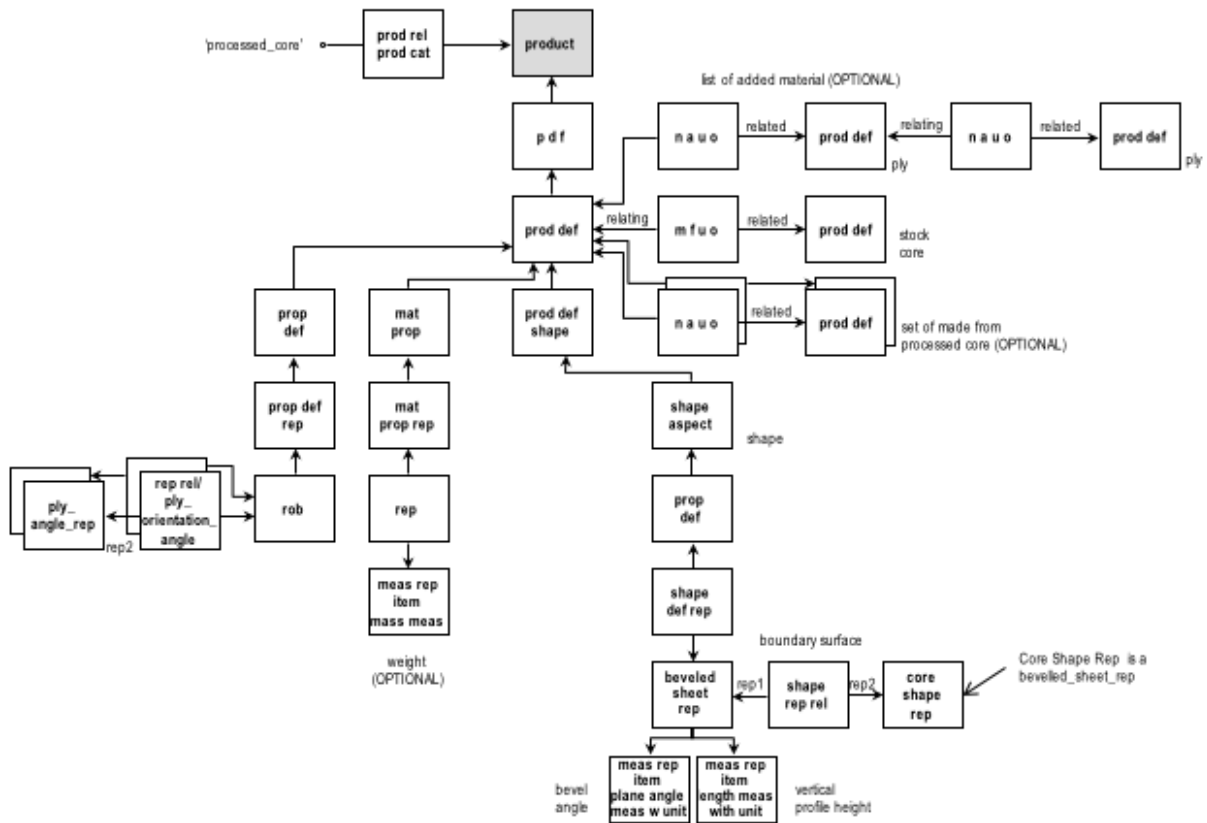
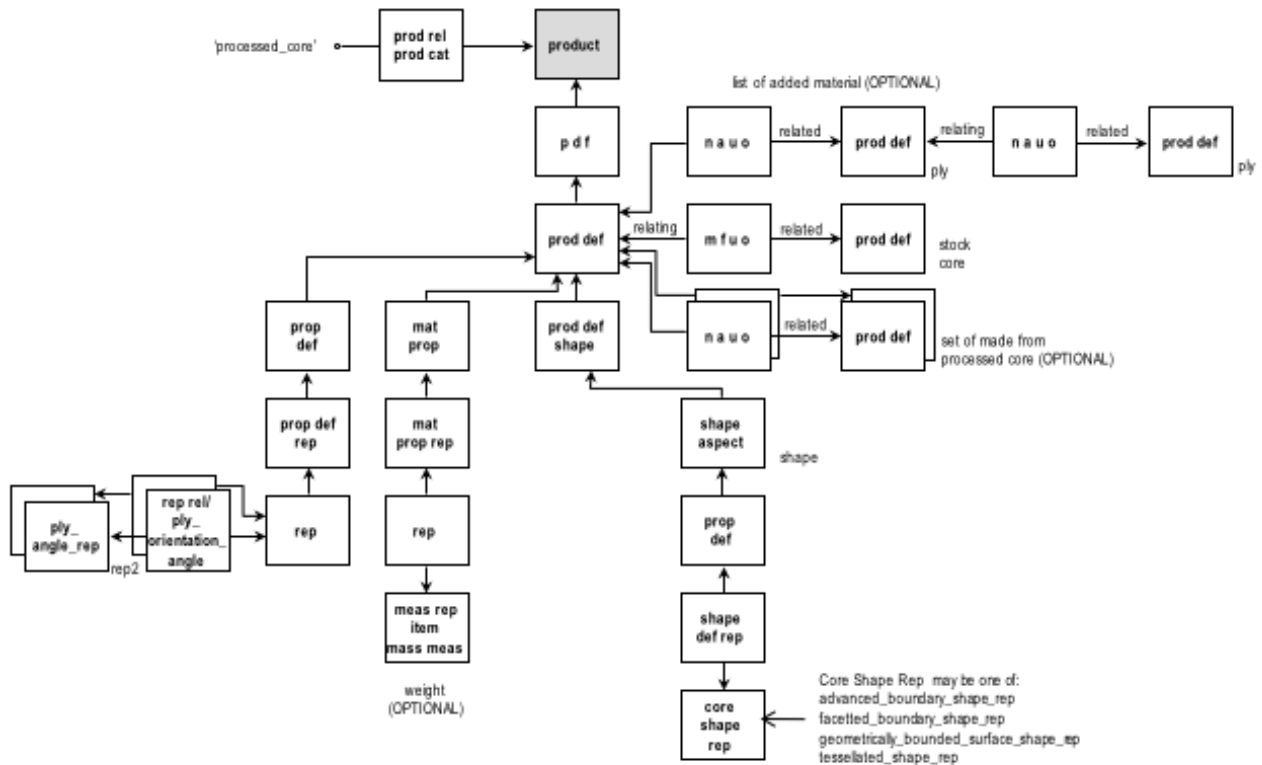


Figure 21: Processed Core – Beveled Sheet Representation Case



**Figure 22: Processed Core – Solid Shape Representation Case**

The list of any added material such as stabilizer, adhesive, and potting compound shall be given by a chain of `next_assembly_usage_occurrence` entities. The first `next_assembly_usage_occurrence` in the chain shall have the `product_definition` for the processed core as the `relating_product_definition`; the `product_definition` for the ply where the first added material in the list is applied shall be the `related_product_definition`. The successive `next_assembly_usage_occurrences` in the chain shall likewise link the `product_definitions` for the plies where subsequent added material in the list are applied.

If the processed core is made from one or more processed cores, then the `product_definitions` for the latter shall be related to that for the former by a set of `next_assembly_usage_occurrence` entities.

### 2.1.2.5 Core Orientation

A processed core has a cell orientation, i.e., the ribbon direction for the core. The orientation angle is derived in the manner described for a ply - see 2.1.2.2 for details.

### 2.1.2.6 Core Shape

The shape of a processed core may be represented by an `advanced_boundary_shape_representation`, `faceted_boundary_shape_representation`, `geometrically_bounded_surface_shape_representation`, a `tessellated_representation` or a `beveled-sheet_representation`. A

beveled\_sheet\_representation is a subtype of shape\_-representation whose base boundary surface is based on a composite\_sheet\_representation. Two measure\_representation\_items characterize a beveled\_sheet\_representation. The first measure\_representation\_item in its set of items is a plane\_angle\_measure\_with\_unit representing the angle between the surface normal of the base surface to the beveled surface. The second is a length\_measure\_with\_unit representing the height of the core measured vertically from the base surface.

### 2.1.2.7 Filament Laminate

A filament laminate product is associated with a product\_related\_product\_category with a name of 'filament\_laminate' (Figure 23). The filament laminate product\_definition is related by a make\_from\_usage\_option entity to its filament assembly product\_definition, which will be associated with a product in a product\_related\_product\_category with a name of 'filament\_assembly'.

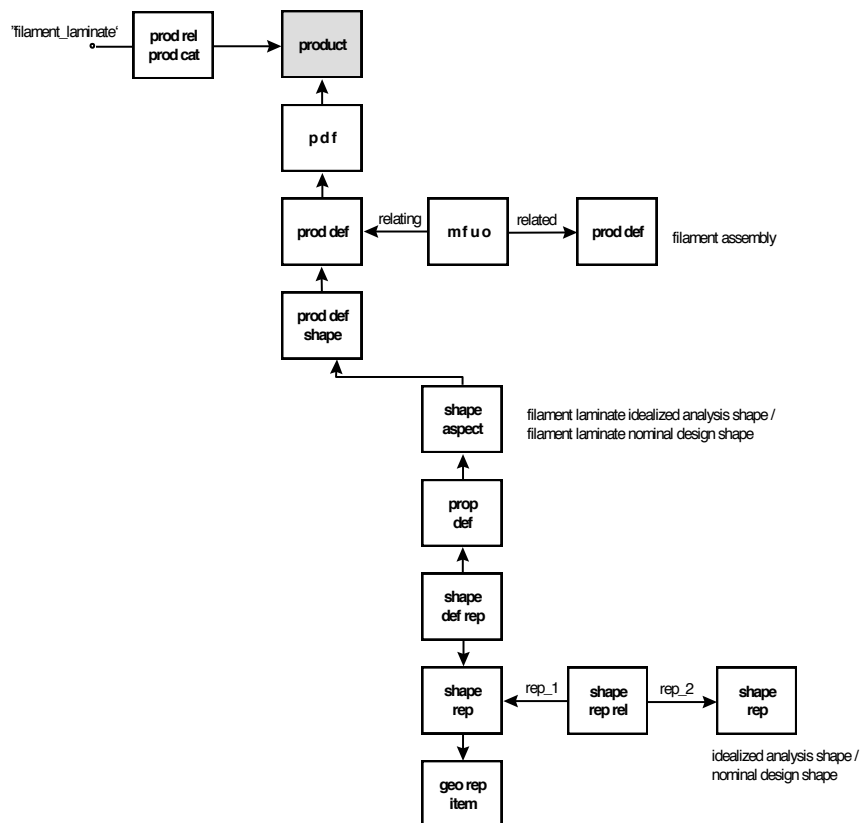
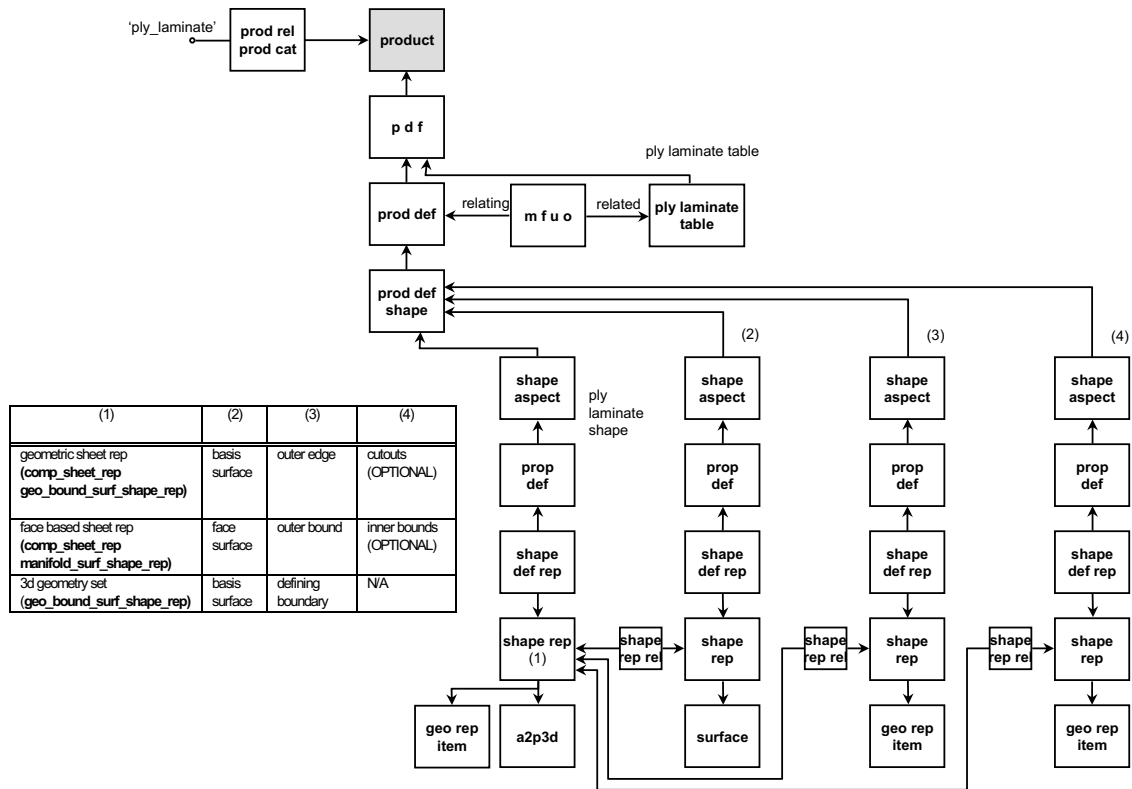


Figure 23: Filament Laminate

The shape of a filament laminate is given by a shape\_representation for its cross section. This shape\_representation is related to the nominal design or idealized analysis shape\_-representation through a shape\_representation\_relationship. The name of the shape\_aspect is set accordingly to 'filament\_laminate\_nominal\_design\_shape' or 'filament\_laminate\_idealized\_analysis\_shape'.

### 2.1.2.8 Ply Laminate

A ply laminate product is associated with a product\_related\_product\_category with a name of 'ply\_laminate' (Figure 24). The ply laminate product\_definition is related by a make\_from\_usage\_option to the product\_definition for the ply laminate table that is represented by a ply\_laminate\_table (see 2.1.1.1).



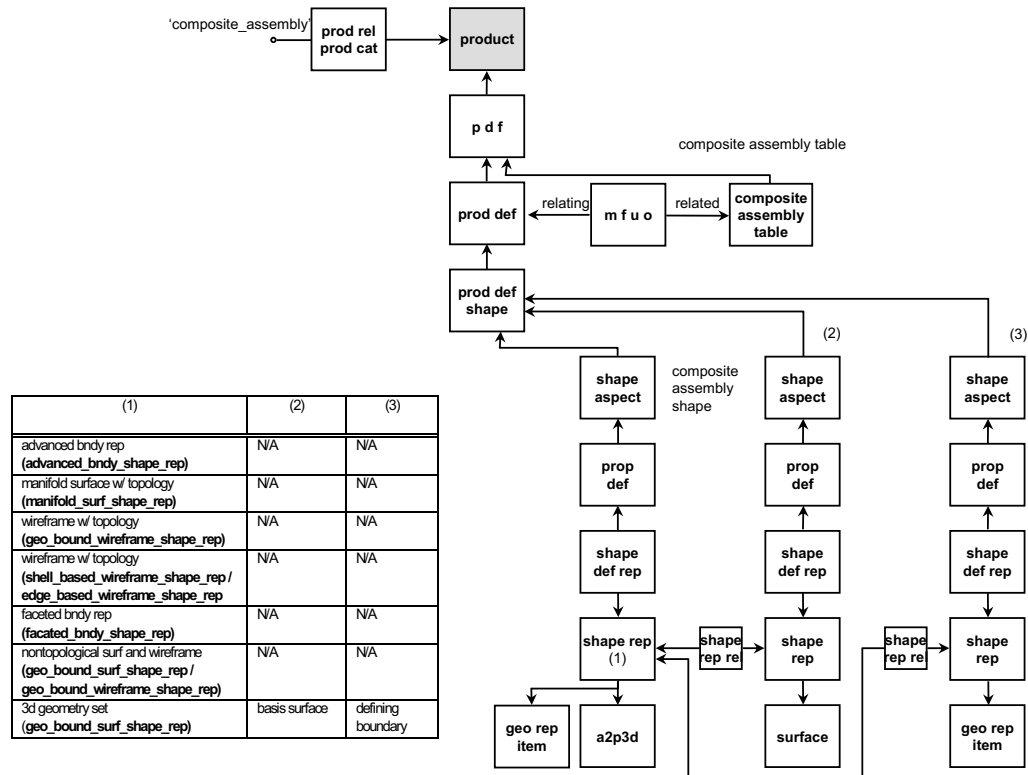
**Figure 24: Ply Laminate**

The shape of a ply laminate may be represented by a `composite_sheet_representation` or a 3D geometry set. The `composite_sheet_representation` shall be a `geometrically_bounded_surface_shape_representation` or a `manifold_surface_shape_representation`. Associated with the `composite_sheet_representation` are shape representations for the basis or face surface of the ply laminate, outer edge or bound of the ply laminate, and optionally the cutouts or inner bounds for the ply laminate (see 2.1.2.8 for the respective `shape_aspect.name` values). Each of these shape representations is related to the ply laminate shape representation by a `shape_representation_relationship`.

A 3D geometry set shape is represented by a `geometrically_bounded_surface_shape_representation` entity. Associated with this shape representation are shape representations for the basis surface of the ply laminate (`shape_aspect.name` of 'basis\_surface') and the defining boundary of the ply laminate (`shape_aspect.name` of 'defining\_boundary'). The context of the basis surface is indicated by setting the description attribute of the corresponding `shape_aspect` to 'layup\_surface', 'outer\_mold\_line', or 'inner\_mold\_line'.

### 2.1.2.9 Composite Assembly

A composite assembly product is associated with a `product_related_product_category` with a name of 'composite\_assembly' (Figure 25). The composite assembly product definition is related by a `make_from_usage_option` to the product definition for the composite assembly table, represented by a `composite_assembly_table` (see 2.1.1.2).



**Figure 25: Composite Assembly**

The shape of a composite assembly may be represented by one of the following shape representations: advanced or faceted boundary representation (advanced\_boundary\_shape\_representation or faceted\_boundary\_shape\_representation); manifold surface with topology (manifold\_surface\_shape\_representation); wireframe with topology (shell\_based\_wireframe\_shape\_representation or edge\_based\_wireframe\_shape\_representation); nontopological surface and wireframe (geometrically\_bounded\_surface\_shape\_representation or geometrically\_bounded\_wireframe\_shape\_representation); or a 3D geometry set (geometrically\_bounded\_surface\_shape\_representation).

### 2.1.3 Materials and Properties

Stock material is treated as a product in AP 203 ed2, AP 209 ed2 and AP242. A stock material product shall be among the products of a product\_related\_product\_category with a name of : 'isotropic\_material', 'anisotropic\_material', 'filament\_assembly', 'discontinuous\_fiber\_assembly', 'braided\_assembly', 'woven\_assembly', or 'stock\_core' (Figure 26). The stock\_material\_product\_definition may have an approval in AP 203 ed2, AP 209 ed2 and AP242.

Material properties, including finite element analysis material properties, are represented by the property\_definition subtype material\_property. The name attribute inherited from the property\_definition supertype is used to denote the particular property being qualified or quantified. The material\_property\_representation entity links a material\_property to a representation that may contain a measure\_representation\_item in its set of items to provide a quantitative value the property.

Conditions such as temperature and moisture content that relate to the material properties are grouped in a data\_environment that is referenced by the material\_property\_representation entities as their dependent\_environment. The representation for each condition is associated with the stock material through a property\_definition. The representation of

a material reference direction is likewise associated with the stock material through a `property_definition`.

### 2.1.3.1 Material Specifications

Material specifications that are applicable to a stock material are related to the stock material `product_definition` through an `applied_document_reference` entity. The stock material `product_definition` is contained in the items of the `applied_document_reference`. The `assigned_document` attribute inherited from the `document_reference` supertype of `applied_document_reference` points to the specification document (Figure 26).

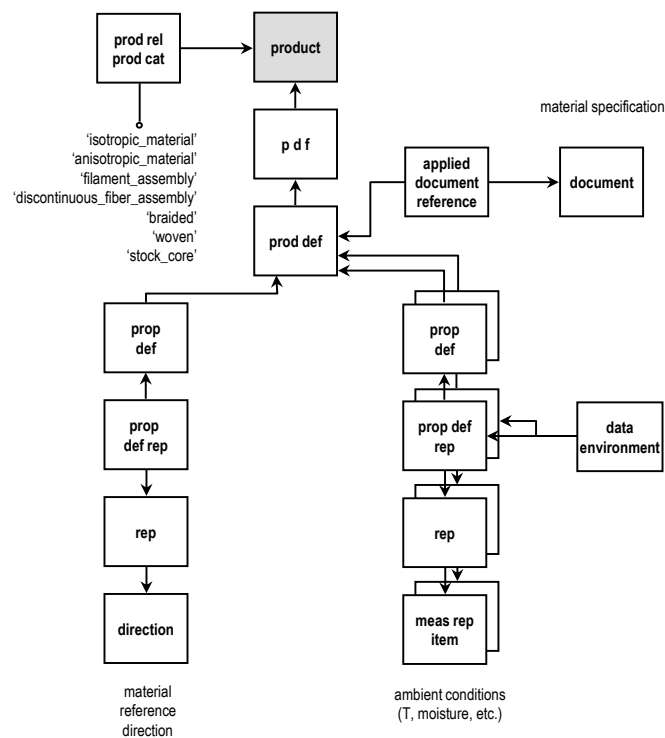


Figure 26: Stock Material

### 2.1.3.2 Material Callout

The designation of the material for a part is accomplished through a `make_from_usage_option` entity. The `make_from_usage_option.relatng_product_definition` shall be the 'design discipline' `product_definition` for the part. If the component part or the composite constituent is produced from a single material, then the `make_from_usage_option.related_product_definition` shall be the `product_definition` for the material (such as an 'isotropic material', 'anisotropic material', or 'filament assembly'). If the component part is a composite, the `make_from_usage_option.related_product_definition` shall be the `product_definition` for the laminate table representation (e.g., `ply_laminate_table`, `composite_assembly_table`, or `thickness_laminate_table`).



### 3 Geometric Founding of Composite Constituent Product Definitions

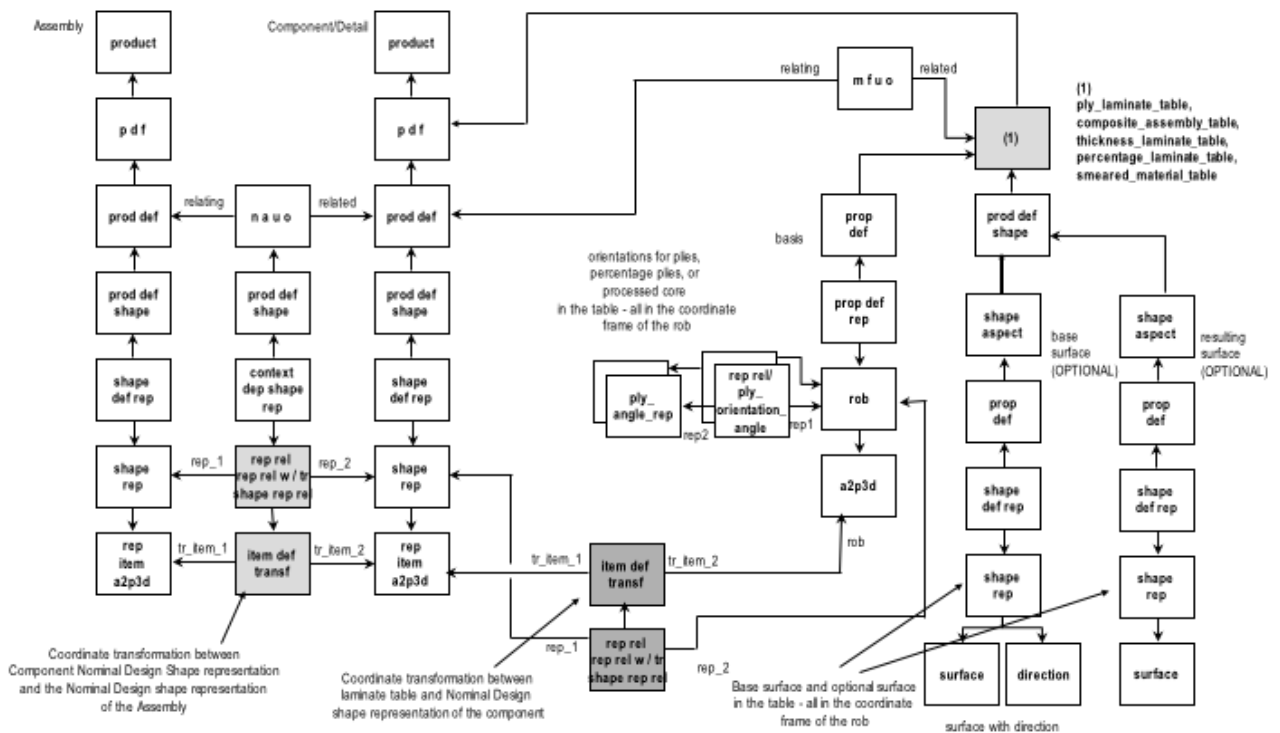
The simplest case for composite constituent product definitions is when all product definitions use the same `representation_context`. No transformations are required for the simplest case. This applies to a Laminate Table subtype and to any Ply or Composite Constituent shape representations.

This is by far the most frequently instantiated case.

#### 3.1 Referenced Shape in an Assembly with Additional Laminate Table Representation

Figure 27 represents the case where the laminate table subtype is founded with respect to the component/detail within an assembly. Note that it is not required for the component/detail be in an assembly, and that the laminate table subtype could also be related to the assembly.

This is the second most frequently instantiated case.



**Figure 27: Referenced Shape in an Assembly with Additional Laminate Table Representation - Most General Geometric Founding Case**

#### 3.2 Founding of Ply Subtypes and Composite Constituents with Respect to a Laminate Table subtype – the Most General Case

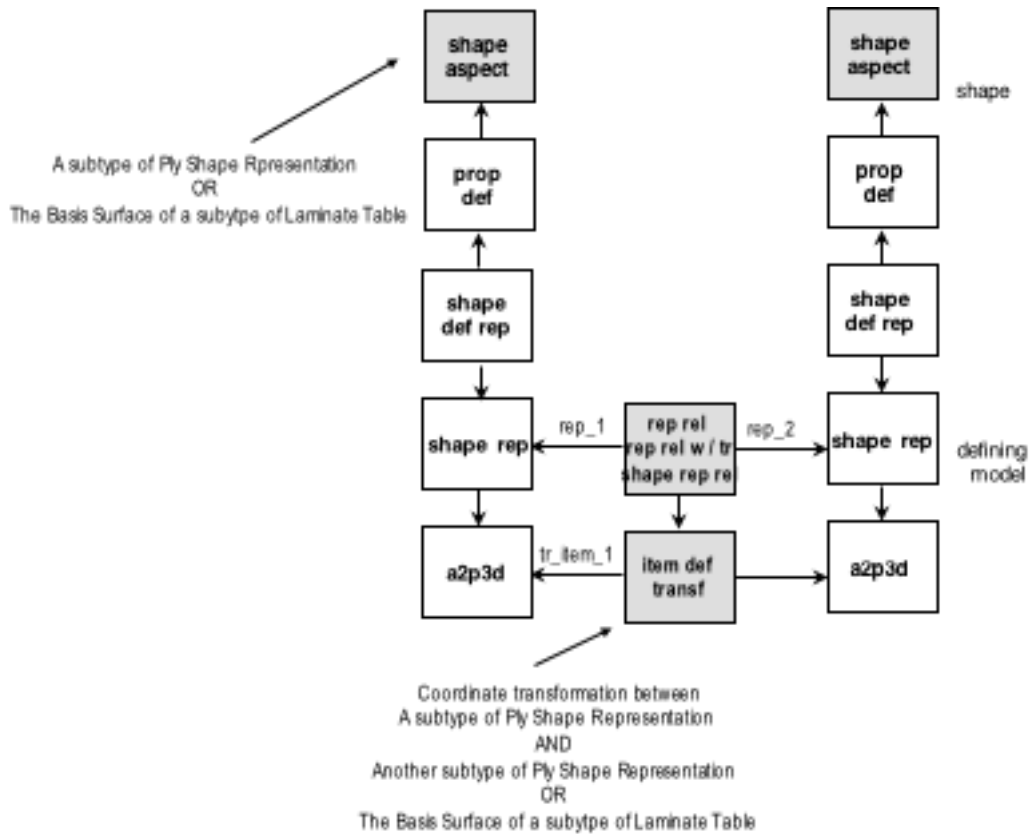
The Ply shape subtypes and Composite Constituent shapes listed in Table 3 represent the different types of shape indicated on the right – hand side of Figure 28. Any of these shapes may be

founded with respect to each other, or with respect to the Laminate Table subtype that they are a member of.

This is a rarely instantiated case included for completeness.

Laid Ply Shape
Flat Pattern Ply Shape
Projected Ply Shape – Surface Ply Shape
Projected Ply Shape – View Ply Shape
Processed Core Shape
Filament Laminate Shape
Ply Laminate Shape
Composite Assembly Shape

**Table 3: Ply Subtypes and Composite Constituents**



**Figure 28: Founding of Ply and Composite Constituent Shapes - Most General Case**