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Perspektive „Composites“ in der Luft- und Raumfahrt

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Wissen für Morgen



DLR - Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt

Aufgaben

- Forschungseinrichtung
- Raumfahrt-Agentur
- Projektträger

Forschungsschwerpunkte und Querschnittsbereiche

- Luftfahrt
- Raumfahrtforschung und -technologie
- Energie
- Verkehr
- Sicherheit
- Digitalisierung (u.a. „Factory of the Future“, „Condition Monitoring“)

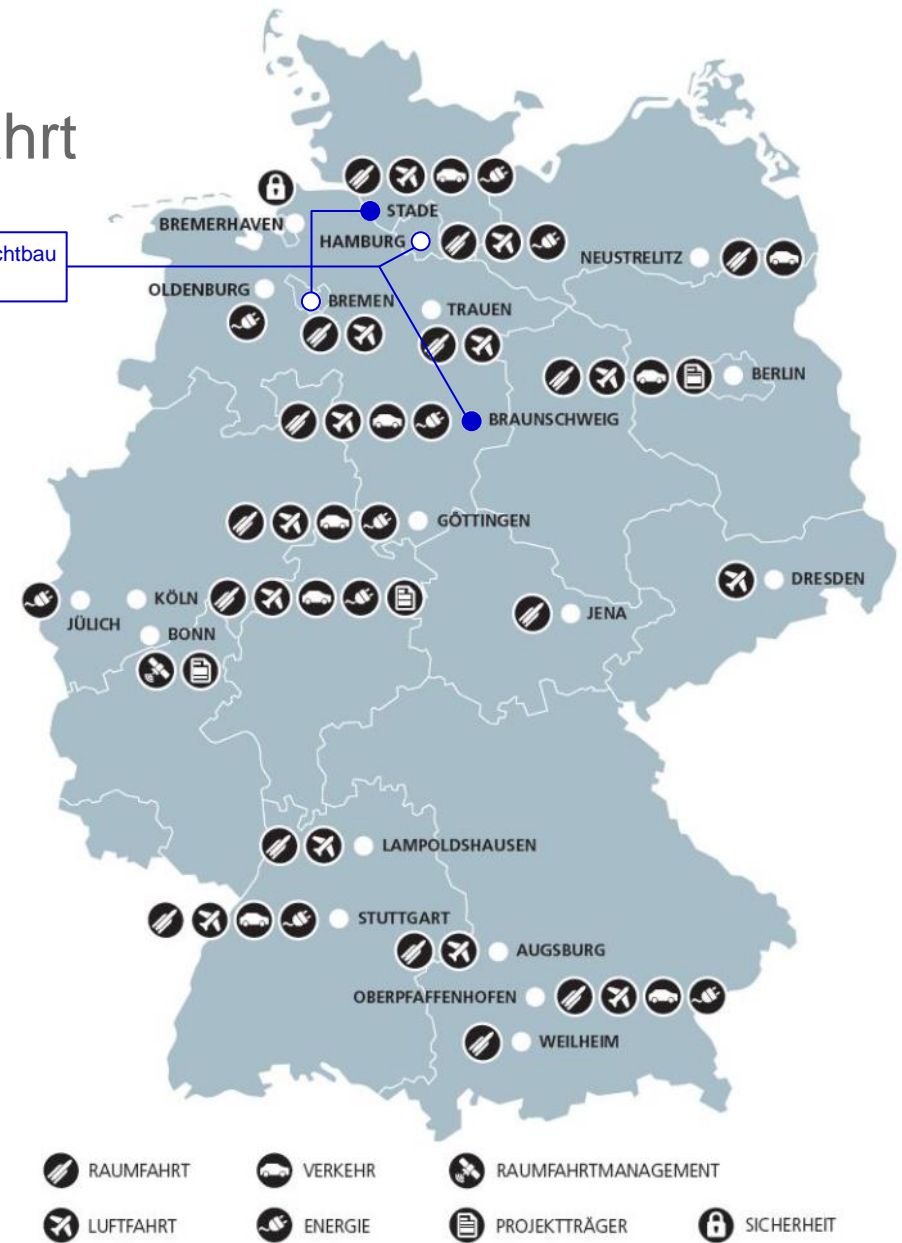


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Institut für Faserverbundleichtbau und Adaptronik



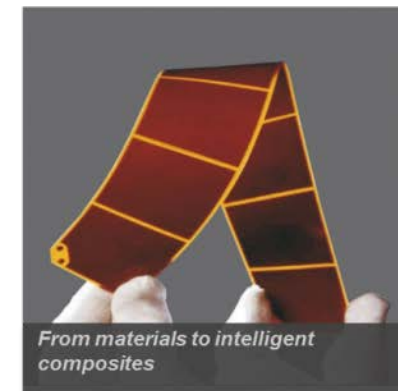
The Institute of Composite Structures and Adaptive Systems (DLR-FA)

Direktor: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Martin Wiedemann
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Multifunctional Materials

Prof. P. Wirach

We increase the ability of the materials!

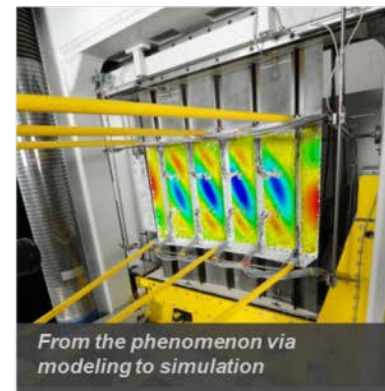


- Fiber- and nanocomposites
- Smart materials
- Structural health monitoring
- Material characterization

Structural Mechanics

Dr. T. Wille

With high fidelity to virtual reality for the entire life cycle!

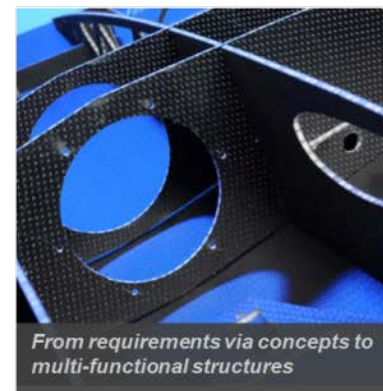


- Global design methods
- Stability and damage tolerance
- Structural dynamics
- Thermal analysis
- Multi-scale analysis
- Process simulation

Composite Design

Prof. C. Hühne

Our design for your structures!

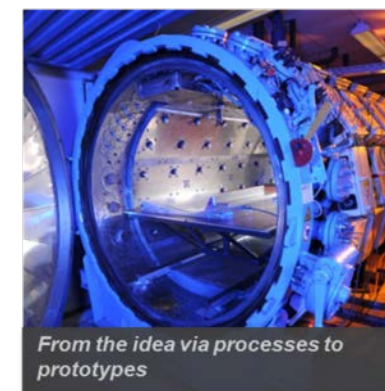


- Design and Sizing
- Structure concepts and assessment
- Multi-functional structures
- Shape-variable structures
- Hybrid structures

Composite Technology

Dr. M. Kleineberg

Tailored manufacturing concepts

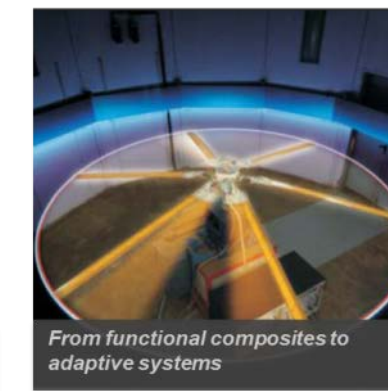


- Tolerance Management
- Process Simulation
- Functional Demonstrators
- Digital Production Network
- Online Process Assessment
- Design to Cost Modelling

Adaptronics

Prof. H. P. Monner

The adaptronics pioneers in Europe



- Simulation and demonstration of adaptive systems
- Active vibration control
- Active noise control
- Active shape control
- Autarkic systems

Composite Process Technology

Dr. J. Stüve

Research with industrial dimension



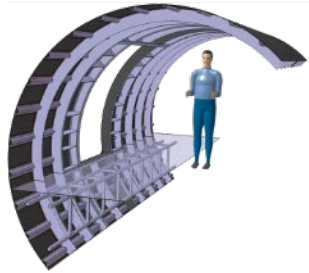
- Automated FP und TL
- Online QA within autoclaves
- Automated manufacturing for mass-production
- Simulation methods for maximum process reliability and process assessment



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Schwerpunkt Rumpftechnologien

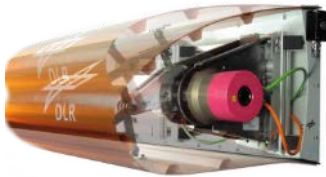
Dr. J. Kreikemeier



- Rumpfbauweisen
- Große Rumpfausschnitte
- Fertigungstechnologien

Schwerpunkt Steuerflächen und Leitwerke

Dr. M. Kintscher



- Flexible Flügelvorderkanten
- Morphing an Hochauftriebssystemen
- Strukturintegration aktiver Strömungskontrolle

Schwerpunkt Spezialstrukturen

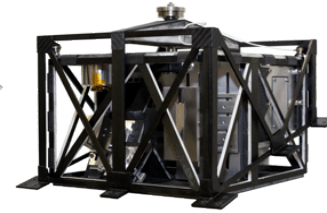
M. Hanke



- Sicherheitsrelevante Luftfahrtstrukturen und UAVs
- Multifunktionale Verbundstrukturen
- Bauweisen- und Technologie-demonstration

Schwerpunkt Weltraum

O. Mierheim



- Landerstrukturen
- Entfaltbare Raumfahrtstrukturen
- Oberstufe

Schwerpunkt Verkehr

I. Roese-Koerner



- Next Generation Train
- Neue Fahrzeugstrukturen

Schwerpunkt Windenergie

B. Wieland

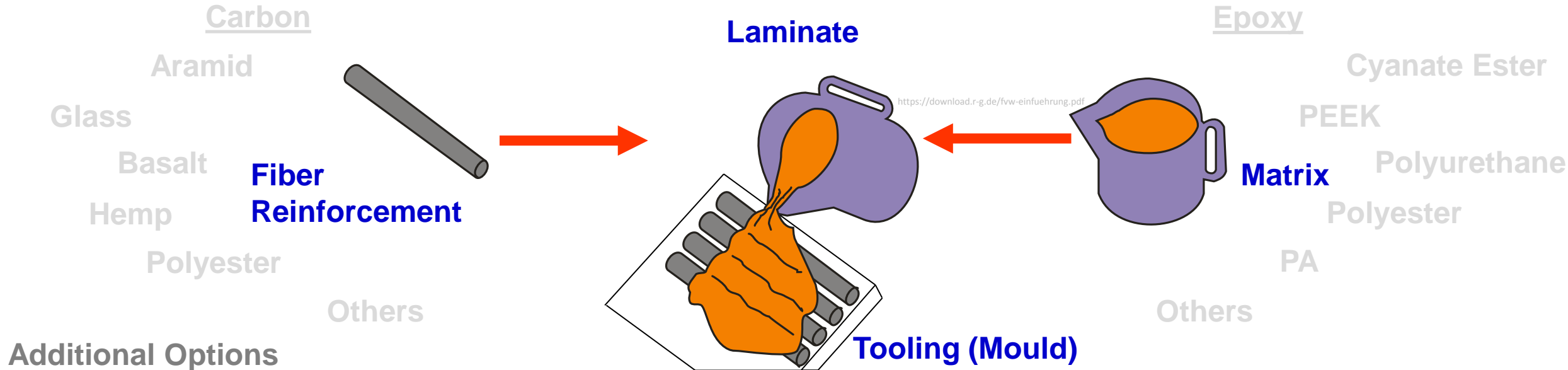


- Multidisziplinäre Auslegungskette
- Qualitätsgesicherte, toleranzgerechte Fertigung
- Passive und aktive Smart Blades
- (Teil-)Automatisierte Produktion
- SHM und Load Monitoring
- Radarabsorption



“Composite” Material Options

CERTIFICATION?



Additional Options

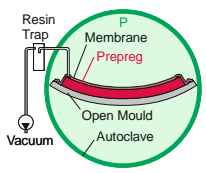
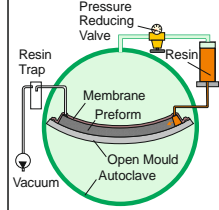
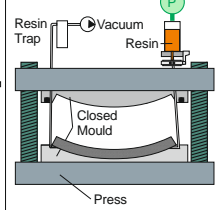
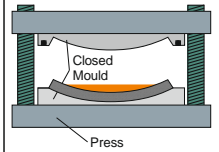
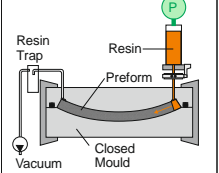
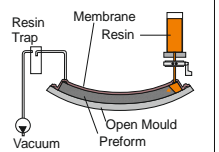
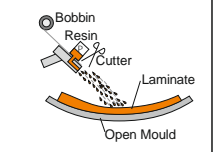
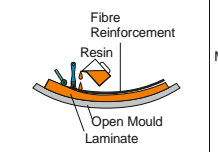
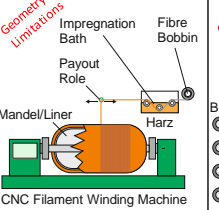
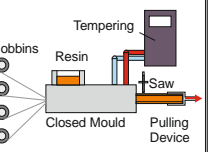
<p>Textile Manipulation</p> <p>Needling/Sewing Braiding Warp-Knitting Weaving</p> <p>Wikipedia</p>	<p>Binder, Toughener, etc.</p> <p>Toughener Binder Powder Binder Veil Carrier (EPO)</p>	<p>Integration of Cores</p> <p>Wood Foam Core Honeycomb Core Syntactic Foam</p>	<p>Hybridisation</p> <p>Prepreg/Infusion Thermoset/Thermoplast Thermoset/Elastomer Thermoset/Metal</p>	<p>Integration of Functions</p> <p>Hinges Solar Cells Antenna Flow Channels Lighting</p>
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“Composite” Manufacturing Options

rarely used
occasionally used
typical

RETURN OF INVEST?

Technology	Autoclave Prepreg	Autoclave Injection	Press RTM	Press Moulding	RTM	Resin Infusion	Fibre Spraying	Hand Laminating	Filament Winding	Pultrusion
Industrial Application										
Automotive (mass prod.)										
Aerospace										
Wind Energie										
Engineering										
Sport and Leisure										
Criteria										
Laminate Quality	++	+	+	0	+	0	-	-	+	+
Reproducibility	+	+	+	0	+	0	-	-	+	+
Cycle Time	0	0	++	++	0	0	+	0	0	+
Scrap Rate	0	0	0	-	0	0	++	-	++	++
Working Conditions	+	+	+	-	+	+	--	--	-	+
Invest	-	-	-	-	0	+	+	++	-	-
Investment										
Open Mould	x	x				x	x	x	x	
Closed Mould			x	x	x					x
Autoclave	x	x								
Press			x	x						
Oven						x		(x)		
Tempering Device			x	x	x				x	x
Special Machines							x		x	x
Vacuum	x	x	x		x	x				
Pressure	x	x	x		x					
CNC Cutter	x	x	x	x	x	x		(x)		
Hotforming Device	x									
Preforming Device		x	x	(x)	x	x				
Resin Mixer		x	x	x	x	x	x	(x)	x	x
Resin Injection Equipment		x	x		x					
Refrigerator	x									

Selection of “Composites” Applications

Aeronautics



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Space Structures



Anisogrid composite lattice structures - Development and aerospace applications; V.V. Vasilev, I. VA. Barinov, A.F. Razin

Transportation



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Energy Systems



DLR-FA (20m Rotor Blade)

Sports



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DLR-FA (CFRP Demonstrator)



DLR-FA (Cryo Tank)



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DLR-FA (Airframe)



DLR-FA (Philae Structure)



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DLR (Fly Wheel)



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Major Structural Components of an Airliner

Pressurized Fuselage

- Functionality driven
- Large Skin, small frame segments

Stabilizers and Rudders

- Cost / Aero driven

Pressurized Front Fuselage

- Functionality driven
- Complex

Engines and Cowlings

- Aero / Performance driven
- Mid size panels
- small complex engine elements

Wings and High Lift Devices

- Aero / Performance driven
- Large skins, small ribs

Non-Pressurized Rear Fuselage

- Cost driven
- Complex



Wing Structure Development

Material Options

Low Cost Metal (e.g. welded stiffeners)

Fibre Metal Laminate (e.g. GLARE)

Composite Thermoset (Epoxy/Carbon)

Composite Thermoplast (PEEK/Carbon)

Multi-Material Approach (Metallic Ribs, CFRP Skins)

Design Decisions

Structural Integration Concept and Interfaces

Panel Strategy (Semi-Monocoque, Sandwich,)

Spars (I,L,C), Ribs (I,L,C), Stiffeners (I,Omega, ...)

Assembly approach (Bolting, Welding, Bonding,...)

Design to Cost Balancing (short or long range, ...)

Within last 10 Years → Decision to develop Composite Wings

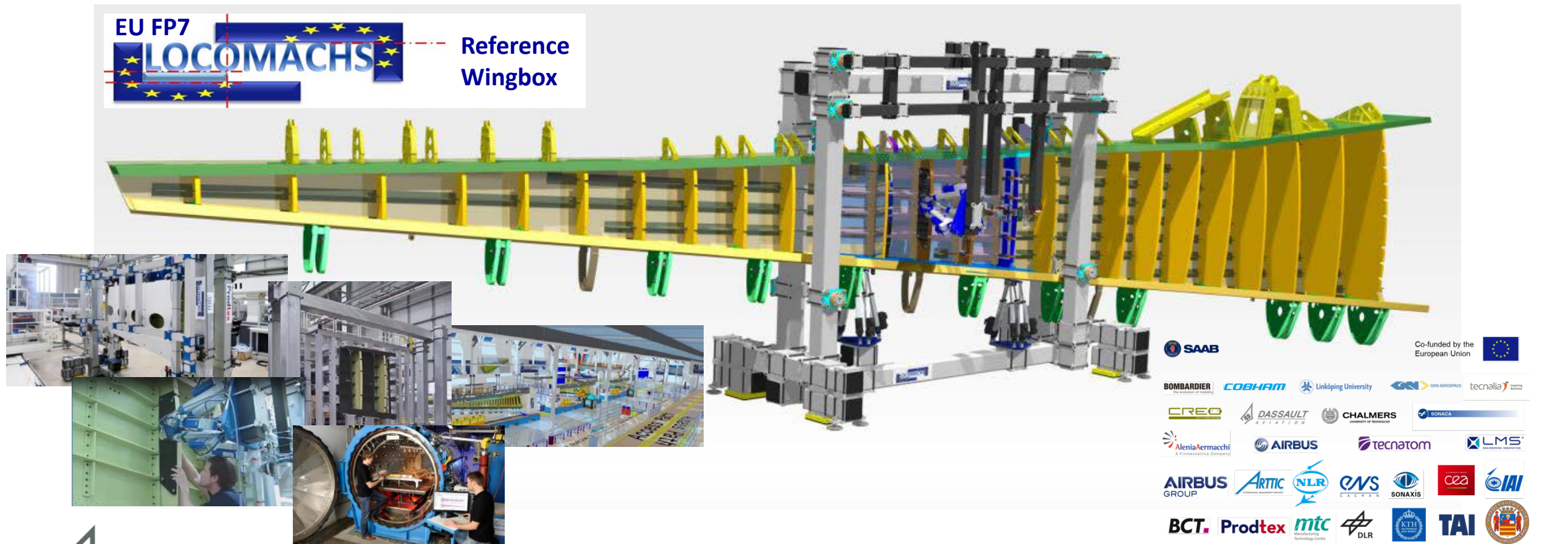


Wing Box Example

(120 Seater)

Major Components

- Large stringer stiffened lower and upper skin
- Long front and rear spar (locally stiffened)
- 25 box ribs of different size (partly stiffened)
- Several highly individual leading edge and trailing edge ribs

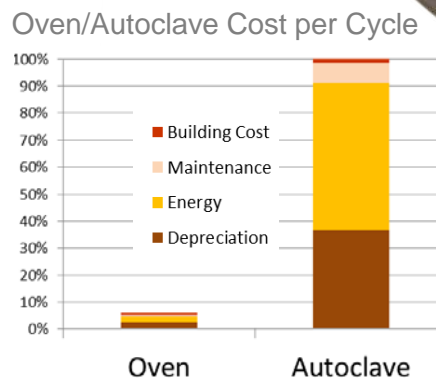
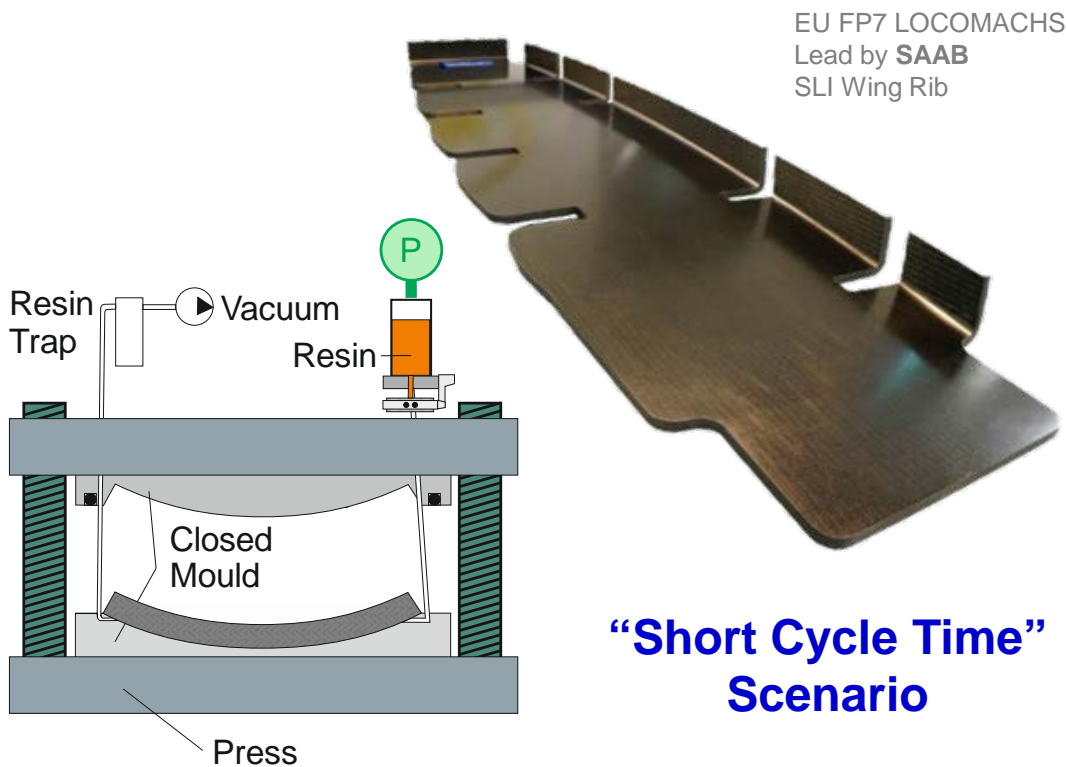


High Rate Composite Production

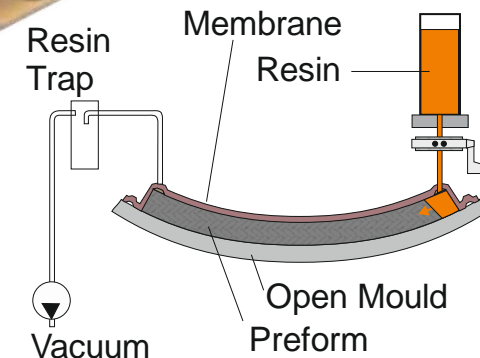
Target: Single Aisle (e.g. A320), Production Rate >70 Aircraft per Month

Wing Box Ribs → NCF Preforming + Press RTM
(0,75-2,5m length, app. >50.000 parts per year)

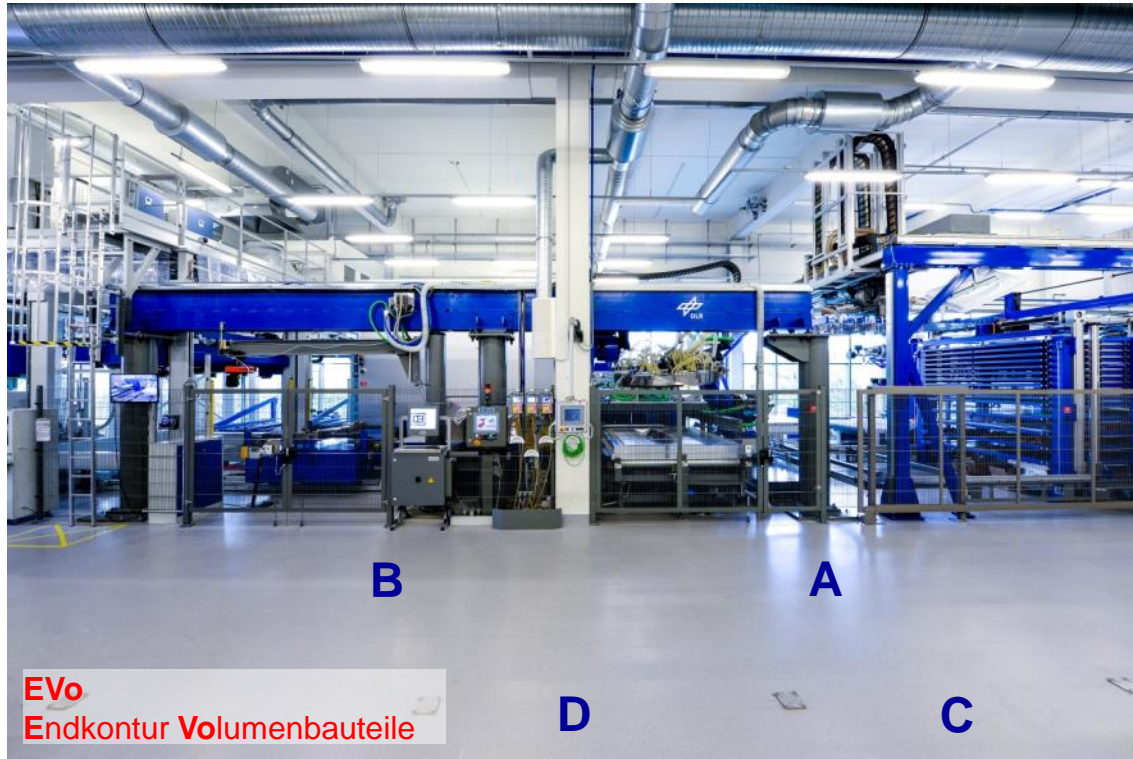
Wing Skin → Automated DFP + Resin Infusion
(>15m length, app. 750 parts per year)



“Large Part” Scenario



NCF Preforming + Press RTM



Research Perspective: Production Setup “Short Cycle Time”

- Automatic material selection, flat pattern cutting, flat pattern buffering (A)
- Automatic flat pattern selection, 3D Preforming, Positioning of preformed layer, binder activation (B)
- Manual selection of dedicated base mould and component specific mould inlays (C)
- Automatic net shape cutting of complete preform, positioning of preform in the mould (D)
- Automatic isothermal injection and cure up to glassy state and final free standing post cure in an oven
- Post cure process to establish final degree of cure



NCF Preforming + Press RTM



PIDiR
Process Induced Distorsion Replication

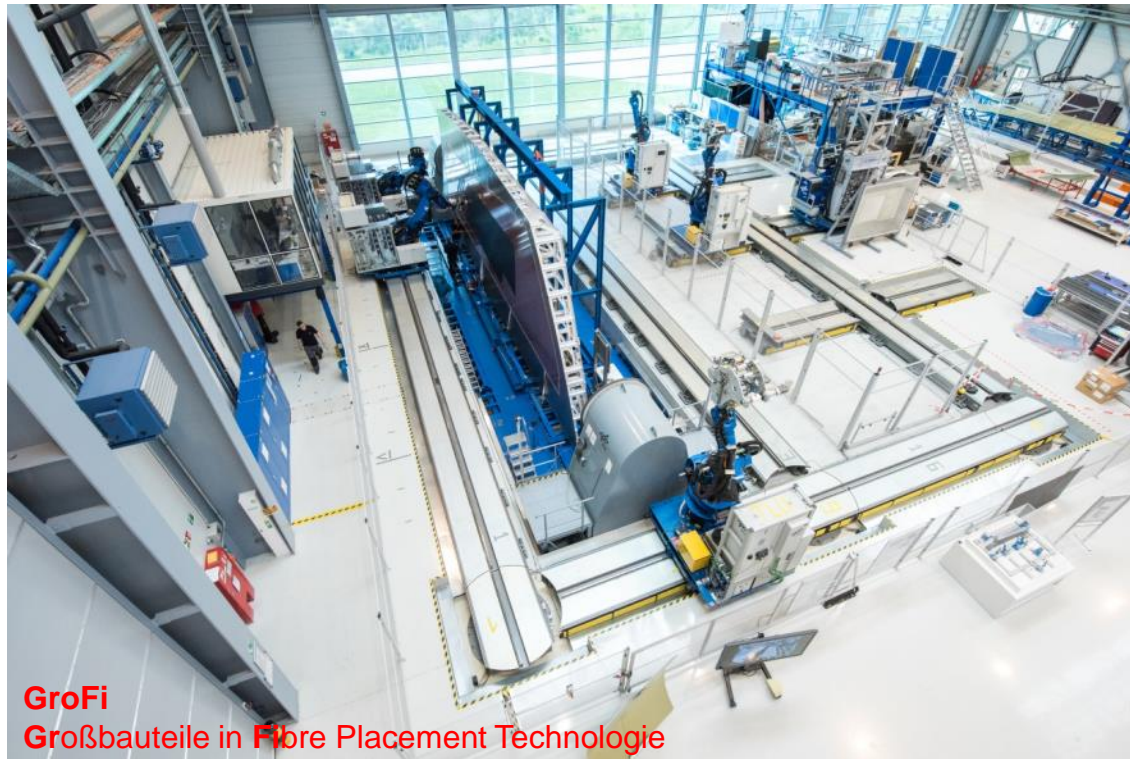


Research Perspective: Process Control “Short Cycle Time”

- ↪ Flow front detection
Injection line / vacuum port management ↪
- ↪ Fibre content / laminate thickness detection
Pressure adjustment ↪
- ↪ Crosslinking analyses (gelation, glass transition)
Temperature zone control / resin mixture adaption ↪
- ↪ Foam core deformation monitoring
Pressure / Temperature adaption ↪
- ↪ Moisture analyses
Drying cycle initiation ↪



Automated DFP + Resin Infusion

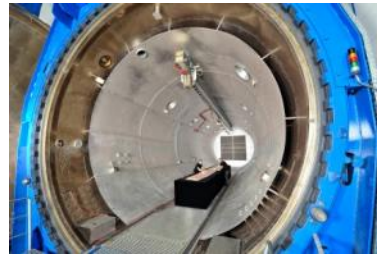
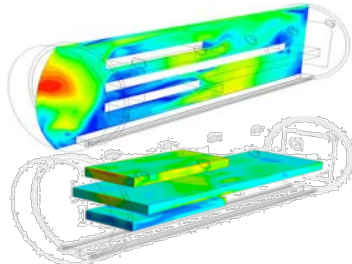


Research Perspective: Production Setup “Large Part”

- Coordinated rail bound standard robot units
- Multi-head lay-up
- Combination of various lay-up endeffectors
- Real-time lay-up quality monitoring
- Integrated robot maintenance and set-up area
- Integration of mould / mandrel rotation axis
- Offline programming and process tuning
- Reconfigurable robot platforms



Automated DFP + Resin Infusion



Research Perspective: Process Control “Large Part”

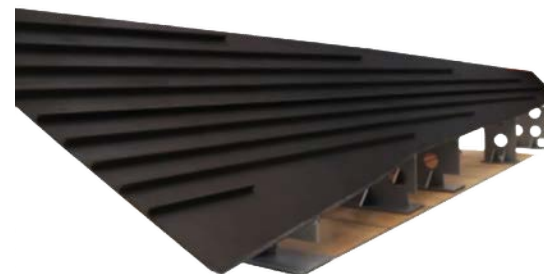
- ↪ Autoclave/Oven integrated optical sensors
Flow front manipulation ↪
- ↪ Autoclave/Oven integrated infrared sensors
Temperature management, leakage detection ↪
- ↪ Process monitoring (flow, thickness, cure)
Active tooling with switchable temperature zones ↪
- ↪ Predictive process analyses
Simulation based adaption of process parameters ↪
- ↪ Correlation of monitoring results
Definition of optimised sensor arrangement ↪



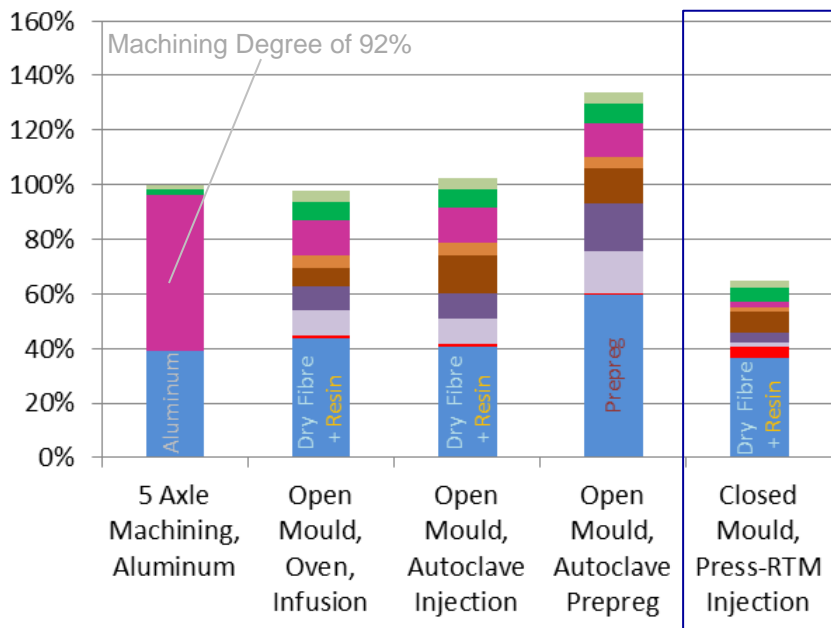
Assessment of Wing Box Rib and Wing Skin Production Approach



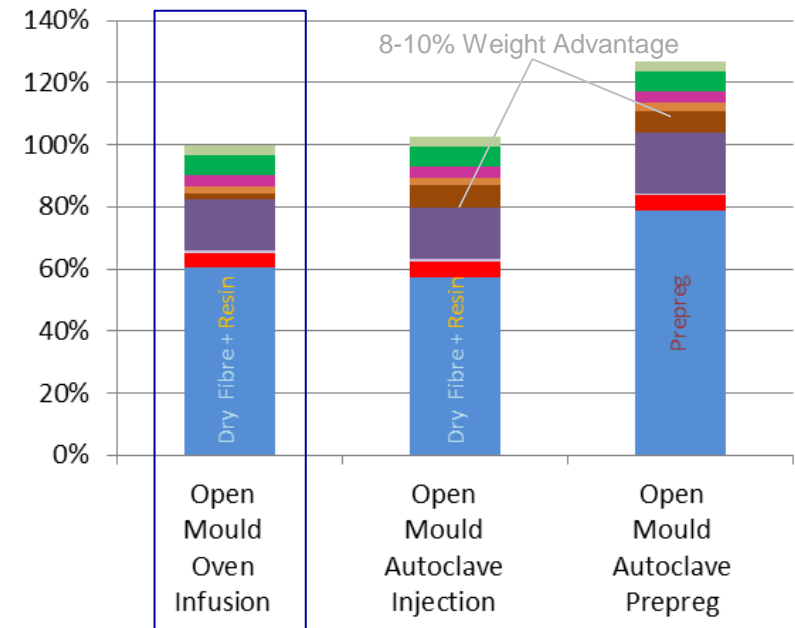
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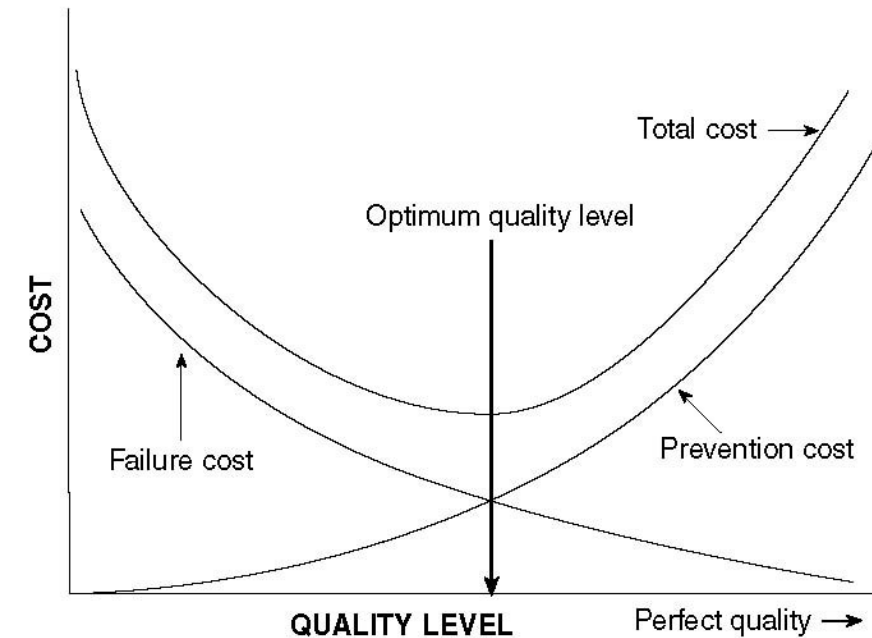


- Cleaning
- Non Destructive Testing
- Machining
- Demoulding
- Consolidating
- Forming
- Cutting
- Tooling Share
- Raw Material



Conclusion

- To introduce material based innovations current research is focusing on direct monitoring and control of all crucial process parameter in order to provide a solid bases for the **CERTIFICATION** approach.
- To maximise processing results for large structural components and high production rates flexible industrialisation strategies will be investigated in order to ensure maximum “Added Value” and **RETURN OF INVEST.**



Classical model of optimum quality costs. From *Jurans Quality Control Handbook, 4th edition*. J.M. Juran, editor. Copyright © 1988, McGraw-Hill.



Outlook: Joined Production and Assembly



Research Perspective: “Universal, Multi Scale Production Units”

- Demand actuated reconfiguration of available equipment (robot units) and workspace
- Fully autarkic standard robot platforms
- Combined coordinated and cooperative robot activities
- Integrated production and assembly activities
- Fully automated 24/7 production environment
- Safe “Mixed Reality” human-robot-interaction
- Non-specific factory work floor




Synergy Potential



DLR-FA Research

- High Rate Tooling Concept
- Fast Injection and Curing
- Sandwich Structure
- Structural Bonding
- System Integration
- Stringent Scrap Avoidance

DLR Project
Next Generation Car
(NGC)

Business Case

- Production Rate Driven
- 300.000 p/a
- Small, Complex
- Mainly Identical
- Short Lead Time
- Process Maturity


Target: High-Volume Cars
- Golf, Astra, Focus...
...



Business Case

- Performance Driven
- 750 p/a (e.g. Wing Skins) Large, Filigree, Vulnerable
- 50.000 p/a (e.g. Frames) Small, Complex, Variable
- Certification Aspects

Target: New Short Range
- Single Aisle Aircraft
...



DLR-FA Research

- Variable Automation
- Flexible Tooling Strategies
- System Integration
- Flexible Process Control
- Reconfigurable Workspace
- "As Build" Certification


DLR Projects
- High Lift
- CFK-Rumpf
- Fortschrittliche Flugzeug
Strukturen (FFS)
- Produktionstechnik
(ProTec NSR)
- Mephisto
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DLR-FA Research

- Low Cost Fibre Products
- Simple, Active Tooling
- Automated Handling and Referencing Strategies
- Modularity
- Bonding/Welding

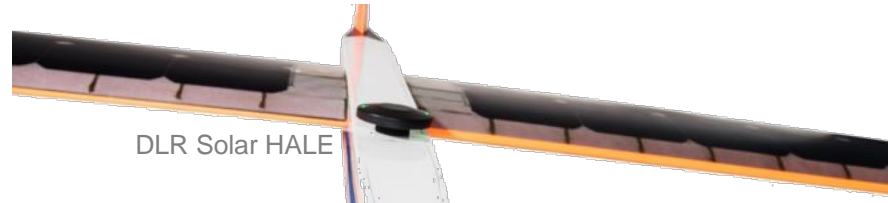
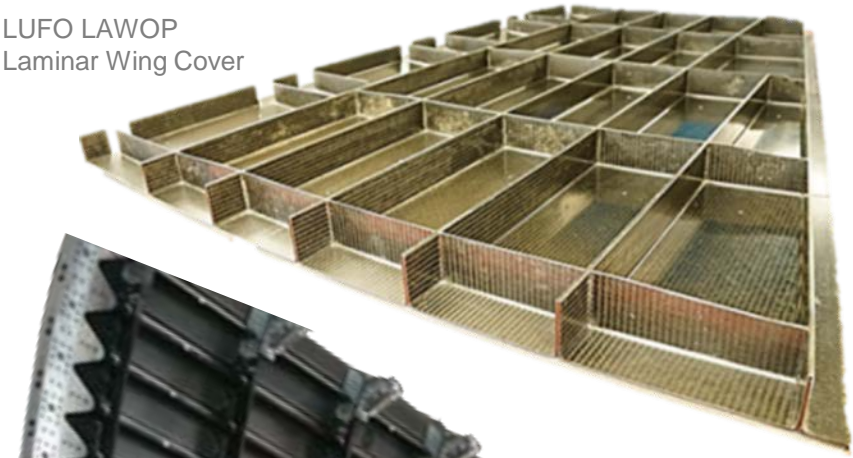
DLR Project
Next Generation Train
(NGT)

Business Case

- Invest Driven
- 150 p/a
- Large, Firm, Heavy
- Limited Complexity
- Robustness
- Fire/Smoke/Toxicity

Target: High Speed Train
- ICE
...



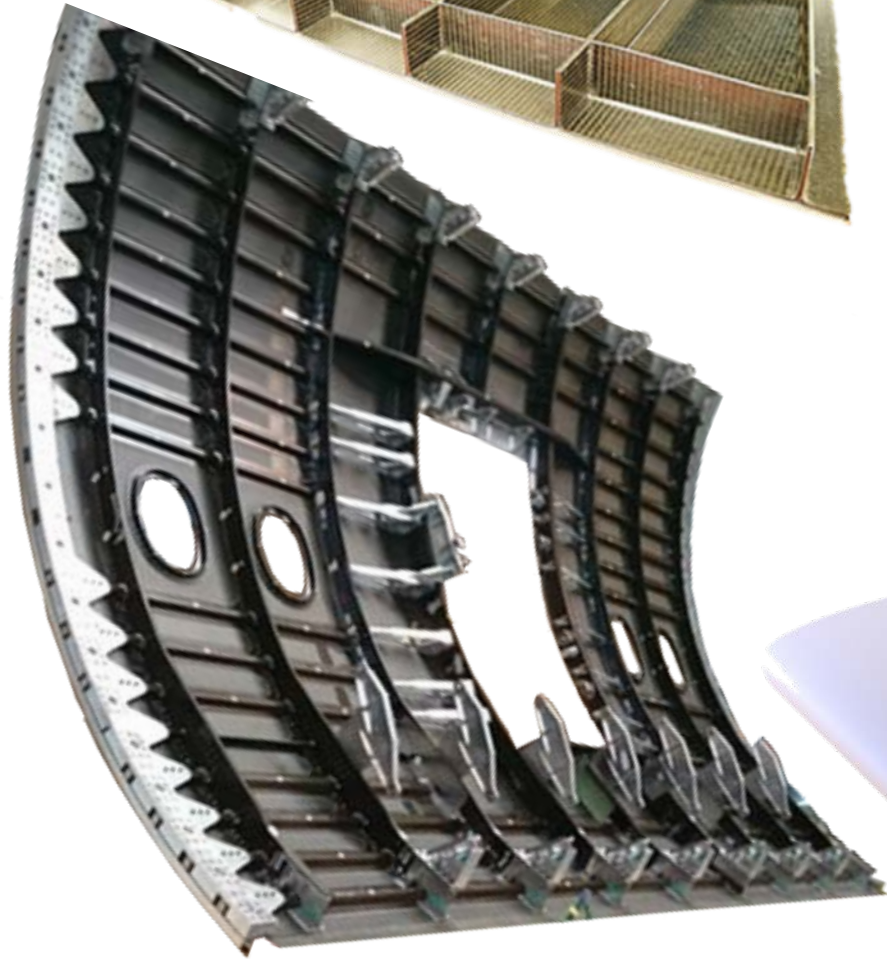
DLR Solar HALE



DLR MALE
Laminar Wing

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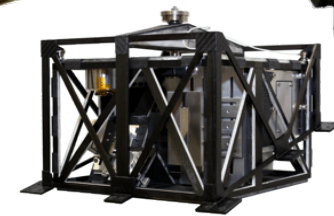
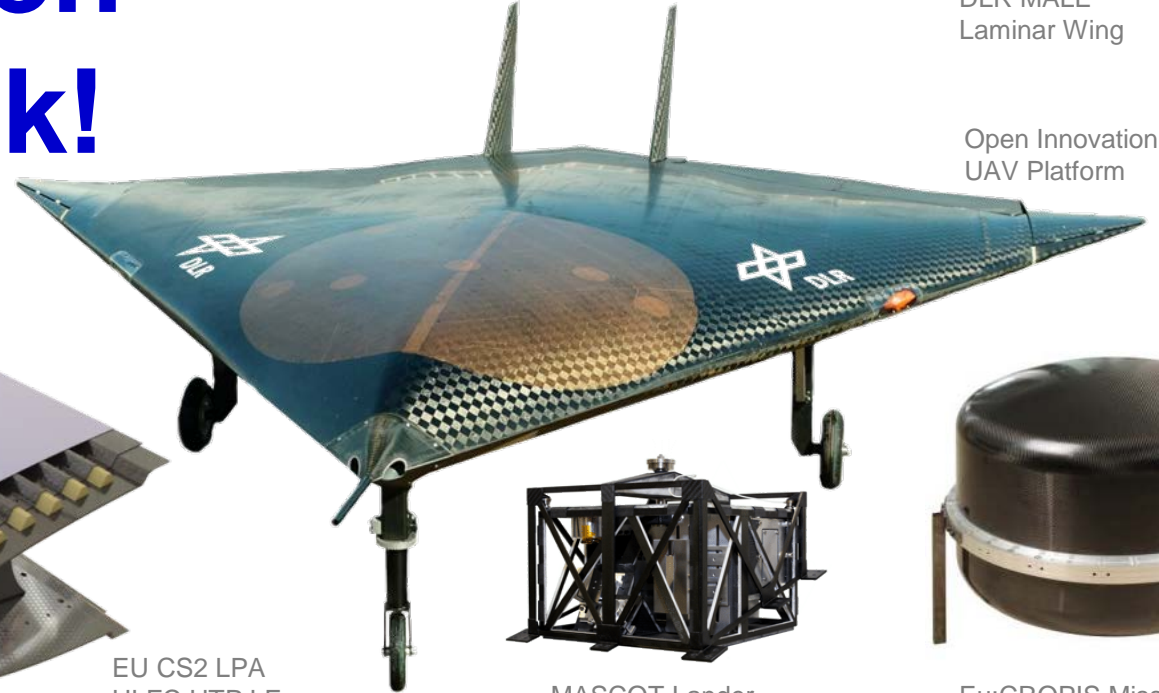
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Door Surround Structure



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HLFC HTP LE



MASCOT Lander



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