

How Supply Chain Collaboration can accelerate the Adoption of Thermoplastic Composites in Aerospace

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Toray Group Snapshot

Materials can change our lives

- › Possibilities, turning seawater into drinking water, reinforcing genetic analysis for medical breakthroughs, furthering the evolution of eco-cars, producing plant-based functional clothing, extending the shelf life of food for reduced waste, and creating a world where everyone can achieve their personal best.
- › Materials have the power to do all of this and more, because materials make our modern world. The world is full of possibilities and our materials can change the world, which we will never stop believing.



TORAY
Innovation by Chemistry

Fibers & Textiles	Performance Chemicals	Carbon Fiber Composite Materials	Environment & Engineering	Life Science & Other Businesses
				

TenCate Advanced Composites Snapshot

A division of the Toray Group

- › Largest supplier of **ultra pure / low dielectric prepregs** for commercial aerospace SATCOM, military and shipboard **radome** structures.
- › Key supplier of **epoxy prepregs** to the **general aviation, launch vehicles, helicopter programs and UAV industries**
- › The leading supplier of **high modulus advanced composites** for satellite structures.
- › Primary supplier of **thermoplastic-based composites** for commercial aerospace structural and interior applications under the TenCate **Cetex®** brand.
- › Key provider of **composite tooling prepregs under TenCate AmberTool®** brand.
- › Provider of chopped fiber **compression molded parts** with internal tool design and part fabrication capabilities.
- › Supplier to **high end industrial applications** including F1, niche automotive, sport footwear and recreational.



Global Footprint

SOLUTIONS

- Thermoplastic composites
- Thermoplastic laminates

- Thermoset composites
- Carbon free manufacturing

- Parts manufacture
- Sales office

CERTIFICATIONS

- ISO 9001:2008
- AS9100:2015 Rev.D

Fairfield - California, United States

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Morgan Hill - California, United States

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Camarillo - California, United States

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Nottingham, United Kingdom

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Nijverdal, The Netherlands

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Toulouse, France

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Beijing, China

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Guangzhou, China

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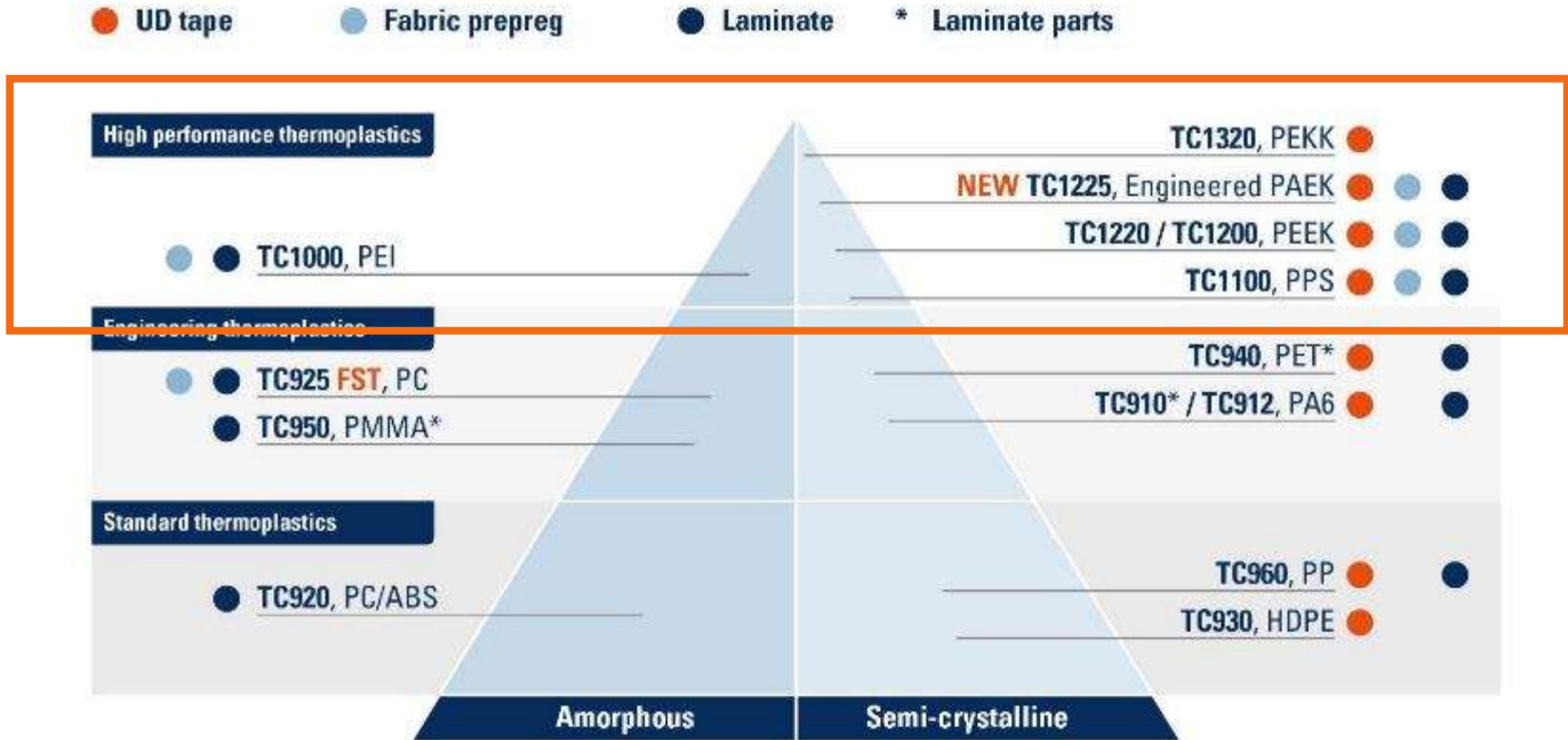
Taichung, Taiwan

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High Performance Thermoplastic Composites

TenCate product line depth along the performance pyramid

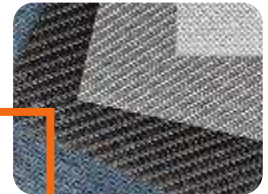


Cetex® Thermoplastic Composites

Aerospace grades

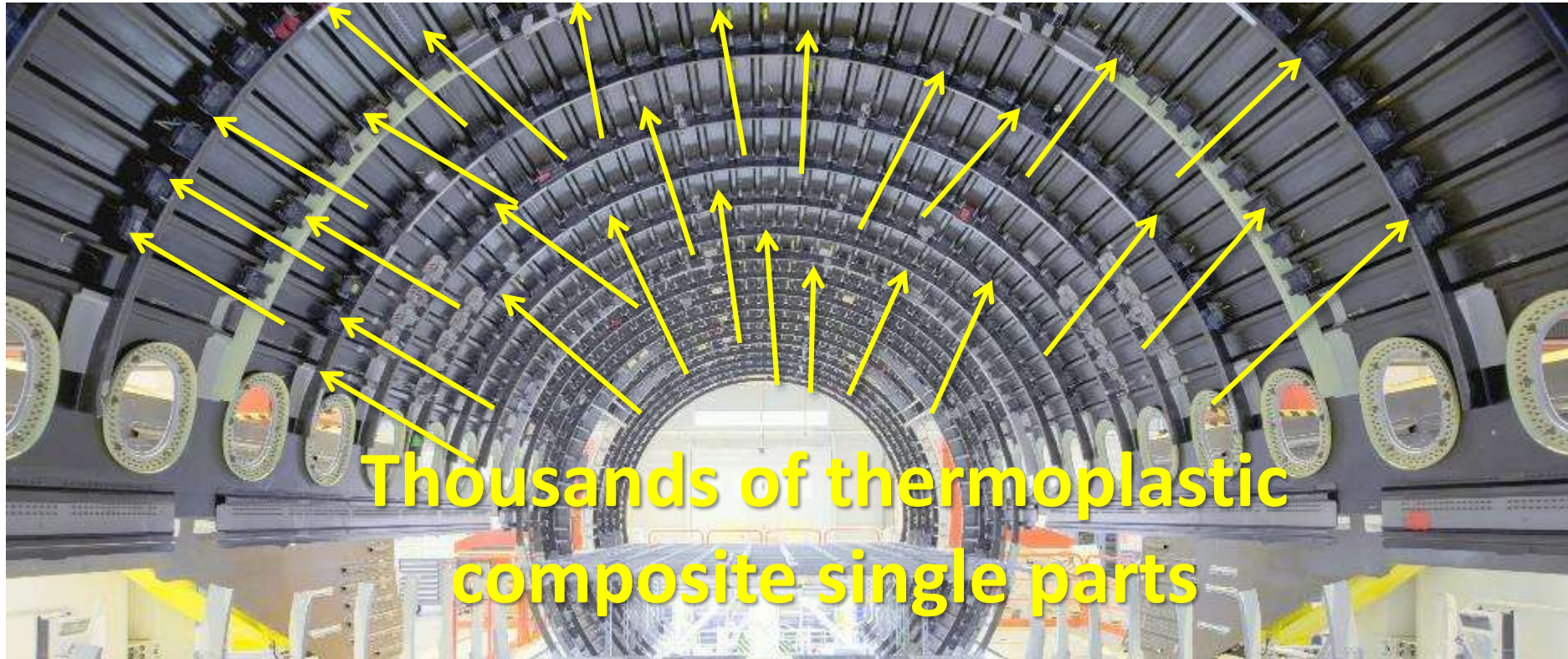


Product	Resin	Crystalline / amorphous	Toughness	Temperature	Comments
TC1000	PEI	Amorphous	Very high	Tg: 215°C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Excellent fire, smoke and toxicity properties › Good for interiors › Limited solvent resistance
TC1100	PPS	Semi-crystalline	Good	Tg: 90°C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Excellent solvent / moisture resistance › Excellent fire, smoke and toxicity performance
TC1200	PEEK	Semi-crystalline	High	Tg: 143°C Tm: 343°C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Very good moisture / solvent resistance › Excellent fire, smoke and toxicity performance
TC1320	PEKK	Semi-crystalline	High	Tg: 162°C Tm: 331°C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Very good moisture / solvent resistance › Excellent fire, smoke and toxicity performance
TC1225	LMPAEK	Semi-crystalline	High	Tg: 147°C Tm: 303°C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Very good moisture / solvent resistance › Lowest processing temperature compared to PEEK or PEKK › Similar to PPS processing temperature › Excellent for injection overmolding applications with PEEK



Examples

Airbus A350 fuselage clips – thermoformed C/PPS laminates



Courtesy: Airbus

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Examples

Airbus acoustic engine liner – slit, punched and welded C/PEI tapes



Courtesy: Airbus



Examples

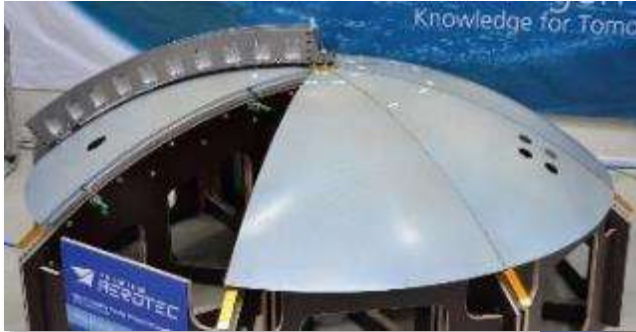
Gulfstream rudder/elevator – thermoformed C/PPS ribs welded in autoclaved skins



Courtesy: GKN Fokker

Examples

Airbus A320 rear pressure bulk head – thermoformed and welded C/PPS



Premium AEROTEC is the world's first company to successfully showcase the rising opportunities of thermoplastic carbon fibre composites (CFC). This full scale demonstrator of a rear pressure bulkhead for an aircraft of the A320 family is made from eight similar pieces which are connected to each other by the latest welding technology.

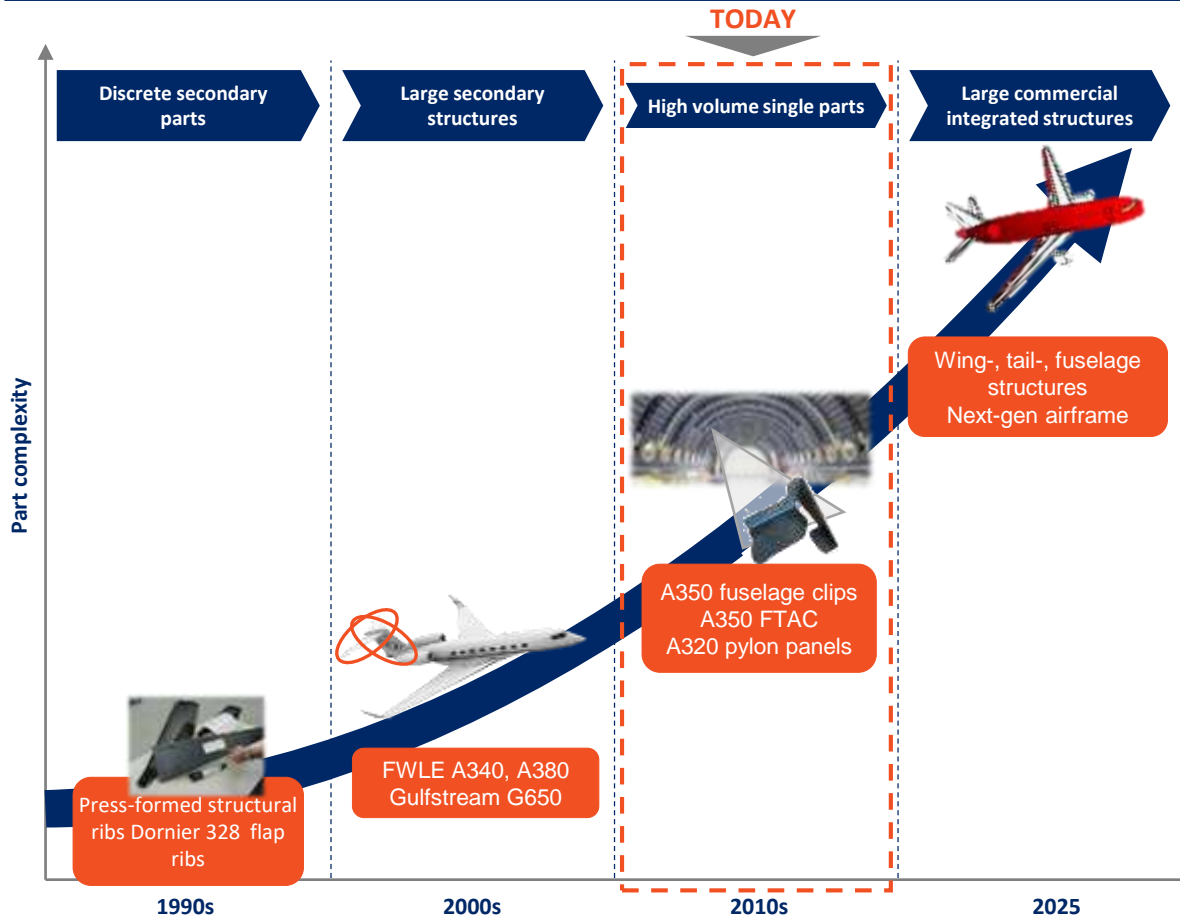
By proving the unique capability to develop and produce large aircraft components of thermoplastic materials, Premium AEROTEC paves the way for a quantum leap in composite technologies. We are pioneers in taking thermoplastic CFC beyond today's application within the aircraft fuselage.

With the support of a strong network consisting of partners such as the Institute for Composite Materials (IVW) in Kaiserslautern and DLR's Center for Lightweight Production Technology in Augsburg, Premium AEROTEC is underway to shape the future.

Courtesy: Premium Aerotec

Thermoplastic Composites are not new

Evolution of TP usage



Commentary

- ✓ Modern aircrafts already consist of more than 50% of composite materials
- ✓ Share of thermoplastic composites is expected to increase significantly in the next few years
- ✓ OEMs are conservative in material adoptions given long product life cycles, risks and regulations associated with commercial aviation
- ✓ Airbus and Boeing initially started to use thermoplastics on small pieces and secondary structures
- ✓ As OEMs and plane manufacturers become more familiar with thermoplastics, usage is moving into more complex parts, welded assemblies and primary structures

OEM's about Thermoplastic Composites

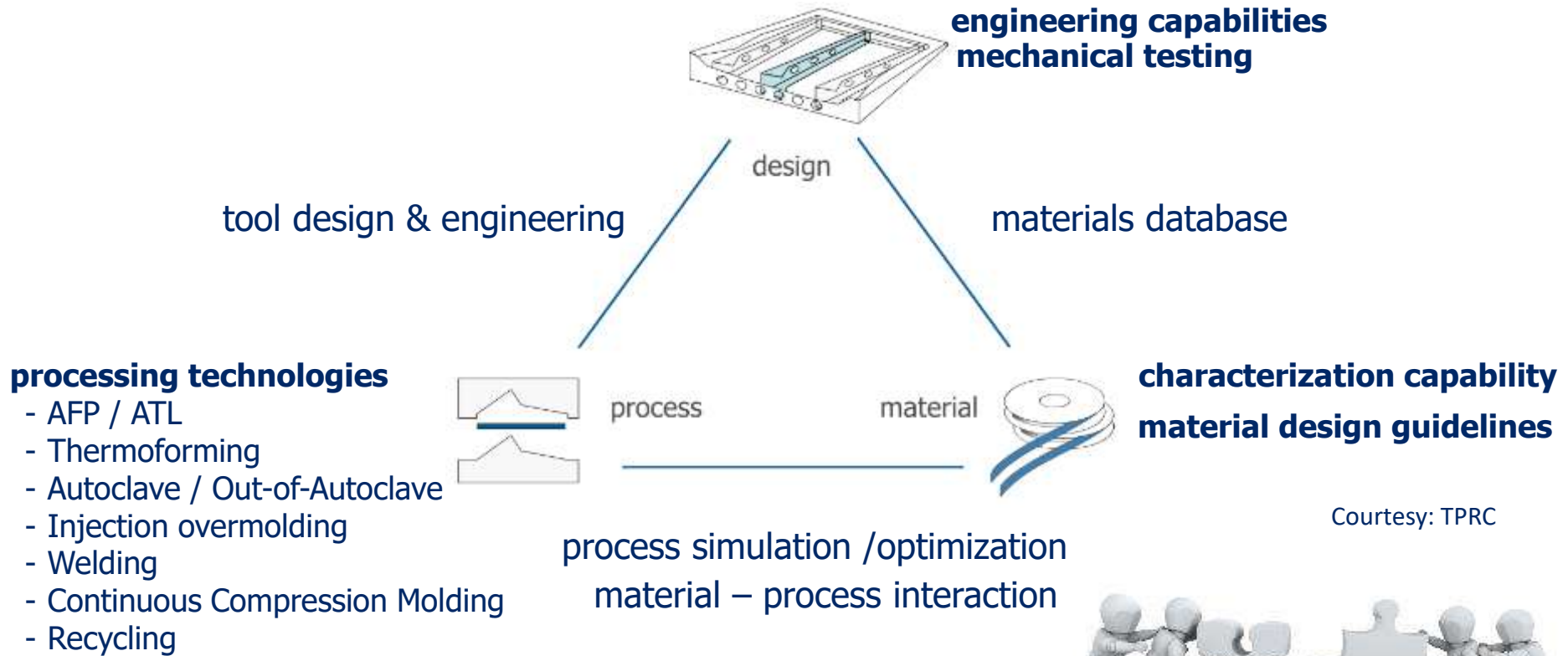
... recent quotes

- › Klaus Richter, Chief Procurement Officer Airbus, AviationWeek, Oct. 15-28
 - *“Long-sought silver bullet”*
 - *“Thermoplastics are super elegant”*

- › Tia Benson Tolle, Director of Advanced Materials, Product Development, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, ITHC2018 conference, Oct. 30-31
 - *“... need head, hands and heart to realize the potential of thermoplastic composites”*

- › the OEM's believe in the potential of thermoplastic composites but they are also aware that still much work has to be done to fully realize this potential in time for large scale applications on their next generation aircraft.

“Solving the Thermoplastic Composites Puzzle”



Need for Value Chain / Supply Chain Collaboration

- › Collaboration and alignment in the value chain (supply chain) is needed to accelerate the development and to realize sufficient critical intellectual mass to make thermoplastic composite technology a success.

- › Key Terms
 - Collaboration
 - Alignment
 - Acceleration
 - Critical Intellectual Mass (*.... people: engineers, researchers*)

- › Example Initiatives: **TPRC, TAPAS, SPIRIT**

TPRC

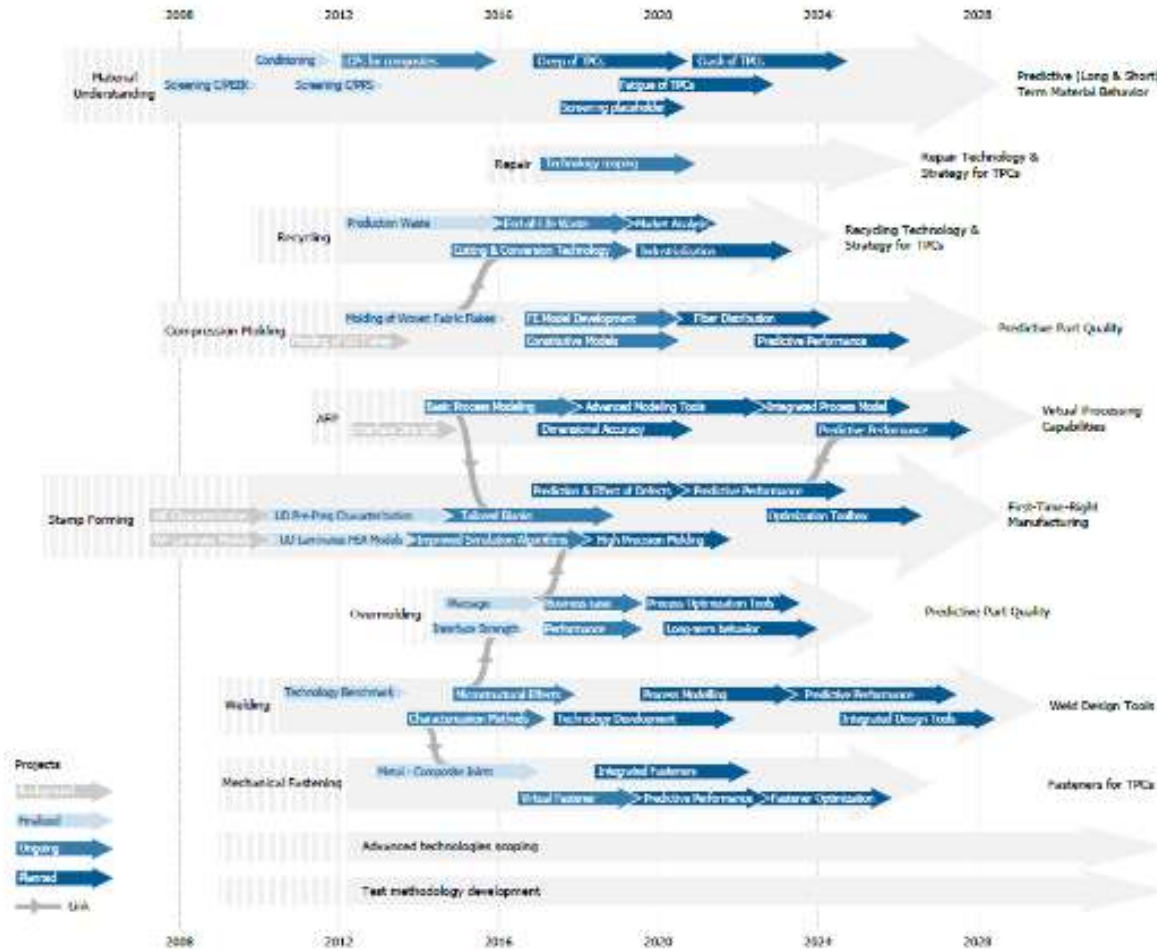
ThermoPlastic composites Research Center (2007....)



TPRC

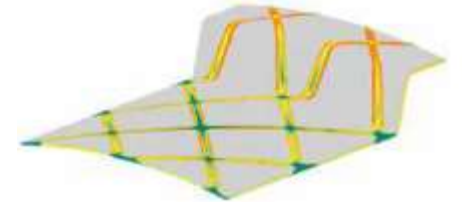
Joint Member Roadmap Projects

TPRC Technology Roadmap - Towards Predictive and Robust Manufacturing

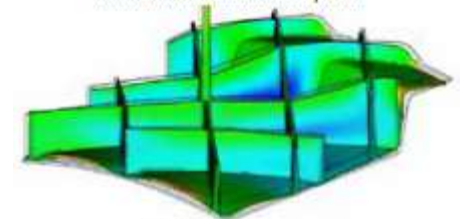


TPRC multilateral partner projects

Injection Overmolding: COMPeTE, COMPeTE2



Prediction of interface development



Simulation of warpage



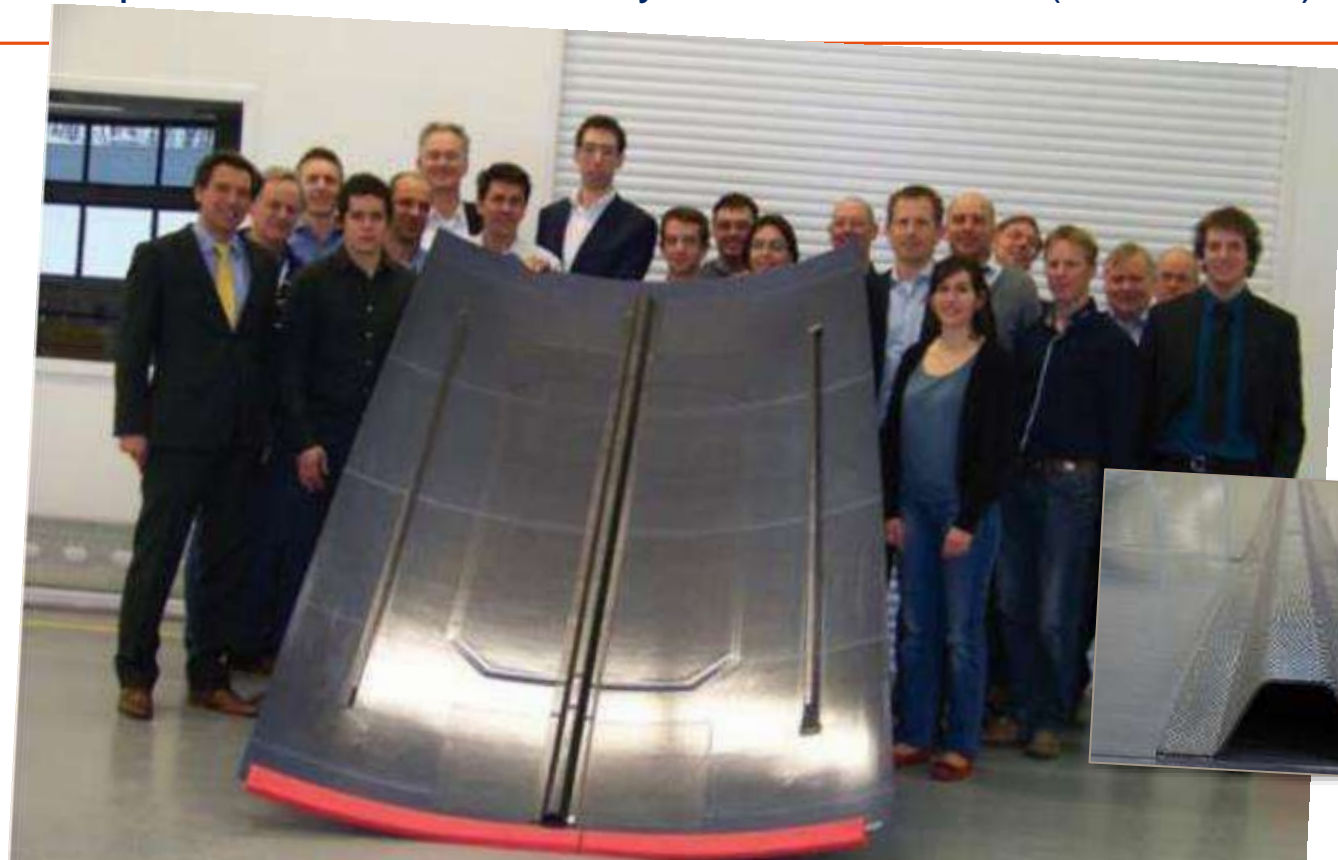
External partners

- Autodesk
- Harper Engineering Co.,
- KraussMaffei
- Safran S.A.
- Samvardhana Motherson Peguform (SMP)
- Magneti Marelli



TAPAS

Thermoplastic Affordable Primary Aircraft Structure (2009..2013)



TAPAS2

Successor to TAPAS (2014..2017)



- 6 x 0,5 m
- Thickness 28 mm
- 120 kg



SPIRIT

Sao Paulo Initiative on Research into Thermoplastic Composites (2018....)



SÃO PAULO INITIATIVE ON RESEARCH
INTO THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITES



- › To create a Brazilian Thermoplastic Composites ecosystem (Embraer, Alltec, ITA, UNESP, LEL IPT, IAE, Toray-TenCate) that collaborates to stimulate and accelerate thermoplastic composites innovation.
- › To prepare for future adaptation and application of thermoplastic composites on a larger scale on Embraer platforms (structures and interiors)
- › To build a local resource pool with in-depth knowledge and experience in thermoplastic composite materials, processes and design.
- › To connect this strong Brazilian TPC ecosystem to established international thermoplastic composites networks (e.g. TPRC)

SPIRIT Launch Event

August 21, 2018

LUCHTVAART
Brazilië en Nederland werken samen op gebied van lichtgewicht materialen

Amsterdam. Zeventien Braziliaanse en Nederlandse bedrijven en kennisinstellingen gaan gezamenlijk innovatieve samenwerkingsverbanden met kunststof composieten voor gebruik in de luchtvaart voorstellen. Dit jaar wordt zijn inauguratie bij het event Advancing Composites on the Brazilian Air Vistas bij de EMBRAER fabriek in Araraquara.

Het initiatief is geboren gepresenteerd tijdens een bezoek van de Nederlandse ambassadeur in Brazilië, Zaken Minister Kees van der Graaf, aan de Braziliaanse ambassade in Amsterdam.

De samenwerking richt zich op de ontwikkeling van innovatieve technologieën op het gebied van lichtgewicht materialen. Het luchtvaartproject is een samenwerking met de Braziliaanse kennisinstelling FAPESP (Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo) en de Nederlandse kennisinstelling TNO. Het project wordt geleid door de Braziliaanse kennisinstelling FAPESP en de Nederlandse kennisinstelling TNO.

Publicação de notícias e artigos científicos sobre o projeto SPIRIT.

WELKOM BIJ DE SPIRIT LAUNCH EVENT IN AMSTERDAM

De SPIRIT launch event werd gehouden op 21 augustus 2018 in de EMBRAER fabriek in Araraquara, Brazilië. Het event was een belangrijk moment in de geschiedenis van de SPIRIT samenwerking, waarbij de Nederlandse ambassadeur in Brazilië, Zaken Minister Kees van der Graaf, de Braziliaanse ambassadeur in Amsterdam, de Braziliaanse kennisinstelling FAPESP en de Nederlandse kennisinstelling TNO samenkwamen om de samenwerking te lanceren.

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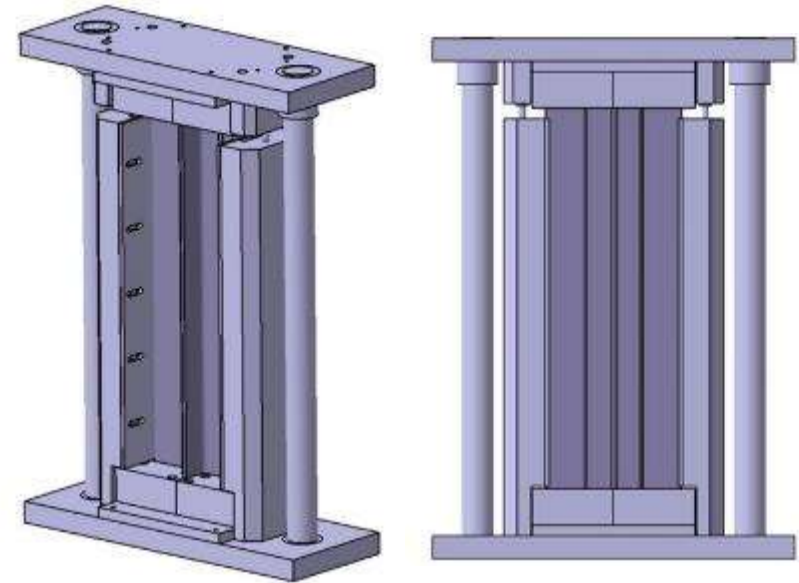
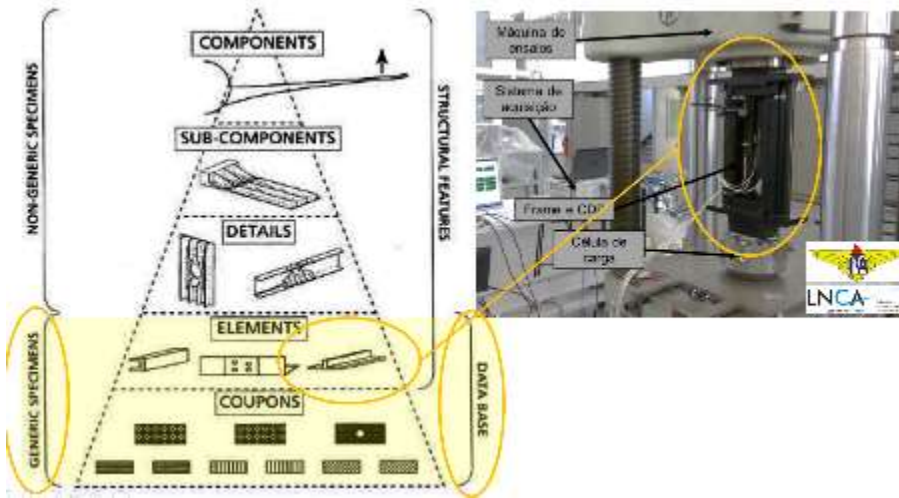
- › **Baseline: TC1225 carbon / LMPAEK**
 - Laminates
 - Semipreg
 - Unitape

- › **Mechanical characterization**
 - Tensile, flexural, (open hole) compression (after impact), interlaminar / in-plane shear, Glc, ..

- › **Processing**
 - Consolidation
 - Thermoforming
 - Welding
 - Coating
 - Non-Destructive Inspection

Activities

Phase 2 : Element manufacturing and testing



- › Manufacturing of components
 - Thermoforming
 - (Out-of-Autoclave consolidation)
- › Assembly of stiffened element
 - Welding (resistance, induction, US, ...)
- › Testing

Activities

Phase 3 : Demonstrator component - “*The SPIRIT of Flying*”

- › Application for EUREKA GlobalStars Grant
- › Project planning: 2019..2021

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