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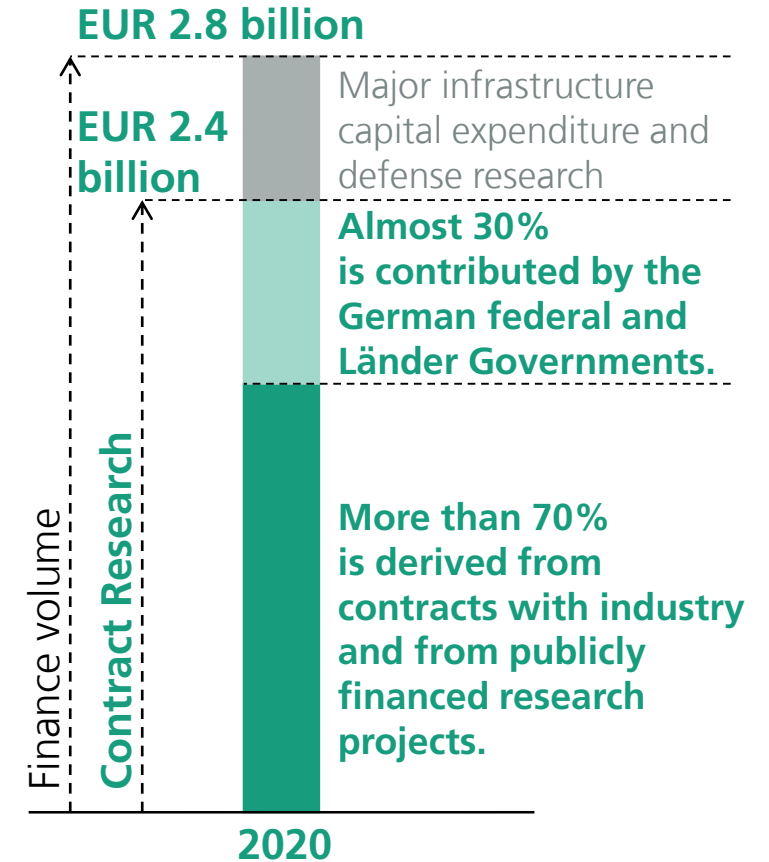
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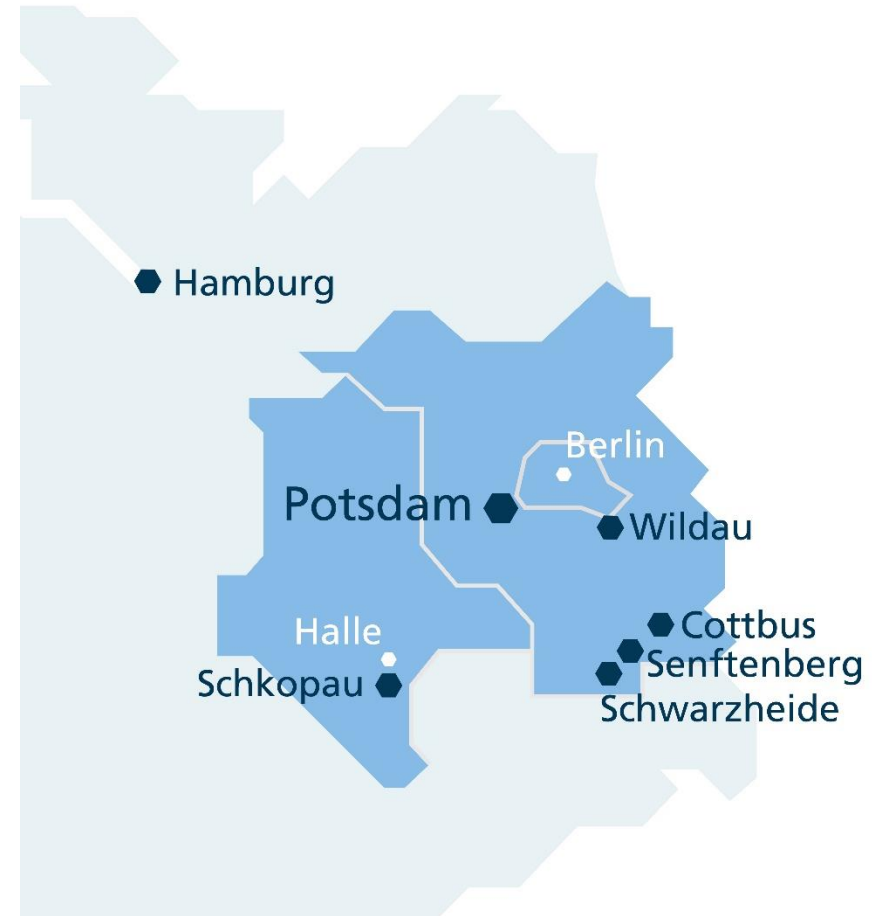


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Fraunhofer IAP

- 254 employees (Status 12 | 2020)
- 2020: EUR 25.0 million institute's budget
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Polymer Development

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- High performance polymers
- Recycling and repair
- Microelectronics, photonics
- Functional integration
- Nanocomposites
- Alternative curing methods (UV, microwave, IR)

Semi-finished Components

Dr. Sebastian Steffen

- SMC, BMC
- Bio-based thermosets
- Natural fiber-reinforced plastics
- Bio-functional surfaces (functional integration)
- Prepregs
- Fire retardant systems

Simulation & Design

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- Design (CAD)
- Structural- and process-simulation (FEM)
- Processing design
- AFP, additive manufacturing
- Injection molding, extrusion
- Tools and demonstrators

Structural Testing &

Analytics Dr. Mathias Köhler

- Analytics
- Thermomechanical characterization
- Mechanical testing
- Optical characterization
- Reliability
- Non-destructive testing
- Fire testing

Large Scale Additive Manufacturing (LSAM)

Direct granulate extrusion

- Filament not needed → low material costs
- High material output (10...300 kg/h)
- Second step: subtractive finishing process
 - surface quality
 - manufacturing tolerances
 - warpage



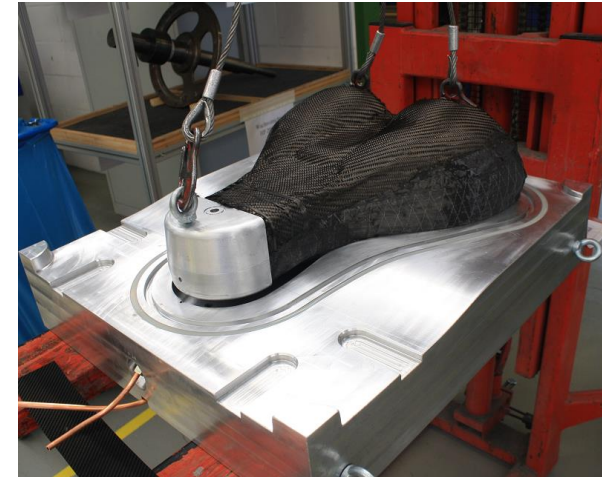
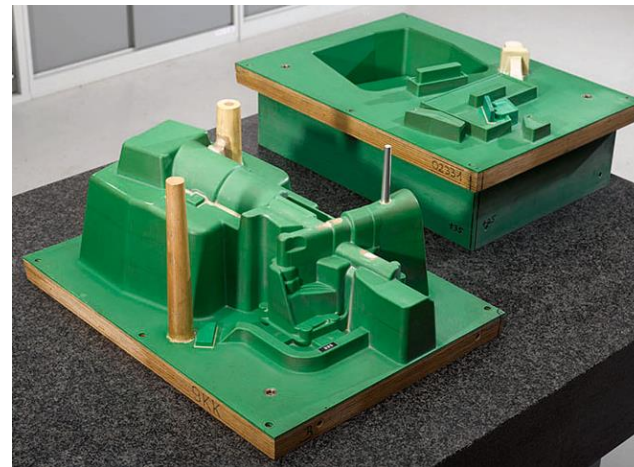
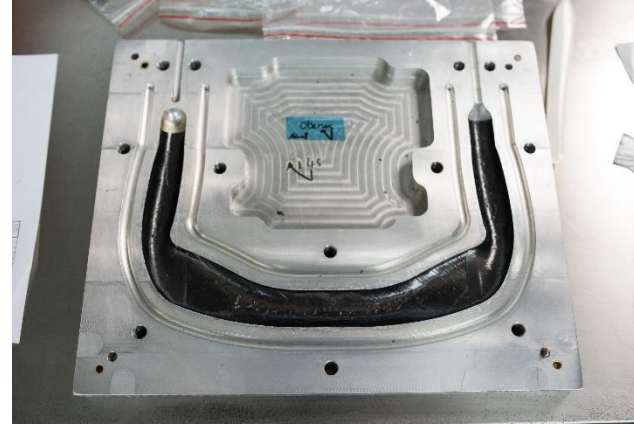
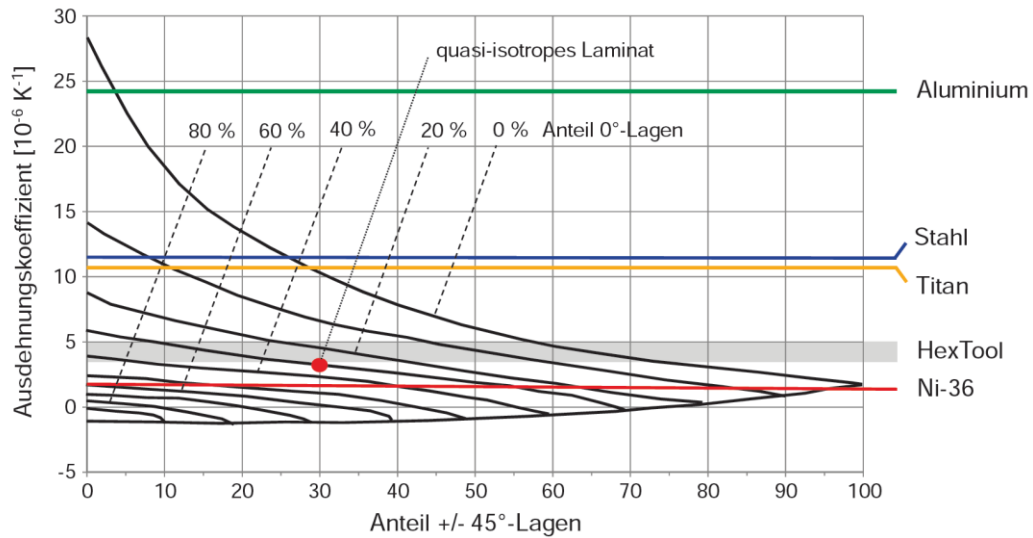
"In a project spanning two weeks worth of working days, and 30 hours 3D printer time, Indiana's Thermwood Corporation has completed a 3,000 lb (1,363 kg) pattern for the hull of a fiberglass motorboat."

Tooling

Costs: Effort and sustainability?

- Material prices
- Degrees of design freedom
- Wear and sustainability

Coefficient of thermal expansion (α) of metallic moulded materials in comparison with CFRP as a function of the laminate structure



- Steel (1.7131, 16 MnCr 5)
- Nickel-iron alloys (Ni36)
- Aluminium (EN AW 5083)
- Plastics (PUR)

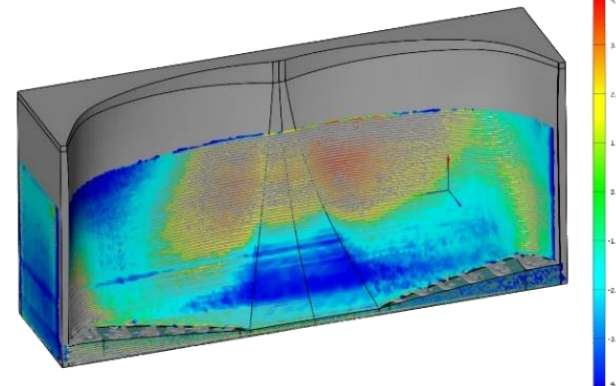
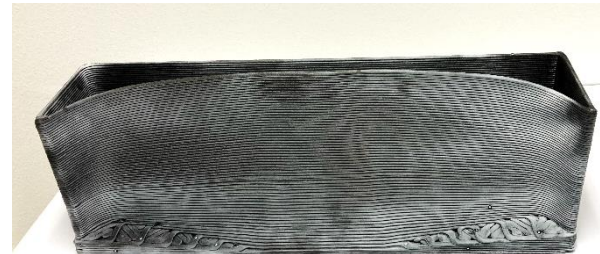
Procedure for process calibration: AM

Analysis of thermal distortion for process calibration

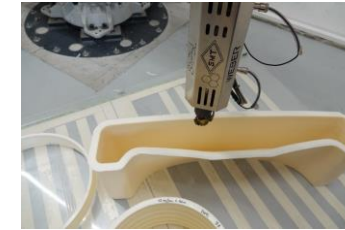
- Glass transition temperature
- Melting temperature (ISO 11357) and melt flow index (MVR)
- Heat distortion temperature (AVB)
- Anisotropic linear expansion (ISO11359)

Materials used

- ABS-PC Blend Maurer Plastics Technology
- PC ABS 35% Glass fibre Luvotec Eco
- PA HT with CF 20% 9743 Luvocom
- PET CF 20% 9780 Luvocom



Thermal distortion analysis



Stadler Regio-Shuttle RS 1, Erfurter Bahn

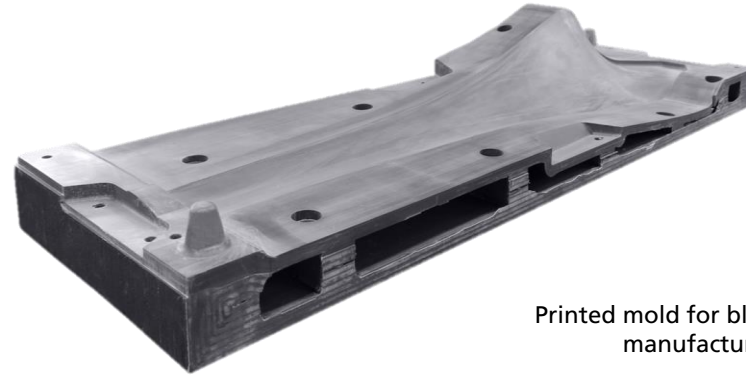


Function-integrative fibre composite designs using additive manufacturing technologies

Large Scale Additive Manufacturing (LSAM)



- Manufacturing of FRP-Molds and components
- Thermoplastic material extrusion, milling of surfaces ($\pm 0,05$ mm)
- Build volume: 1300 x 2500 x 1000 mm
- Cost reduction: direct pellet extrusion
- Printrate: 10...40 kg/h
- Nozzle diameter: 6...20 mm
- Min. Layer-Thickness: 0,5 mm
- T_{max} Nozzle: 450°C, T_{max} Printbed: 175°C



Printed mold for blade manufacturing

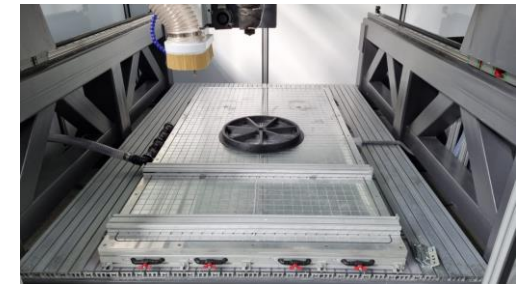
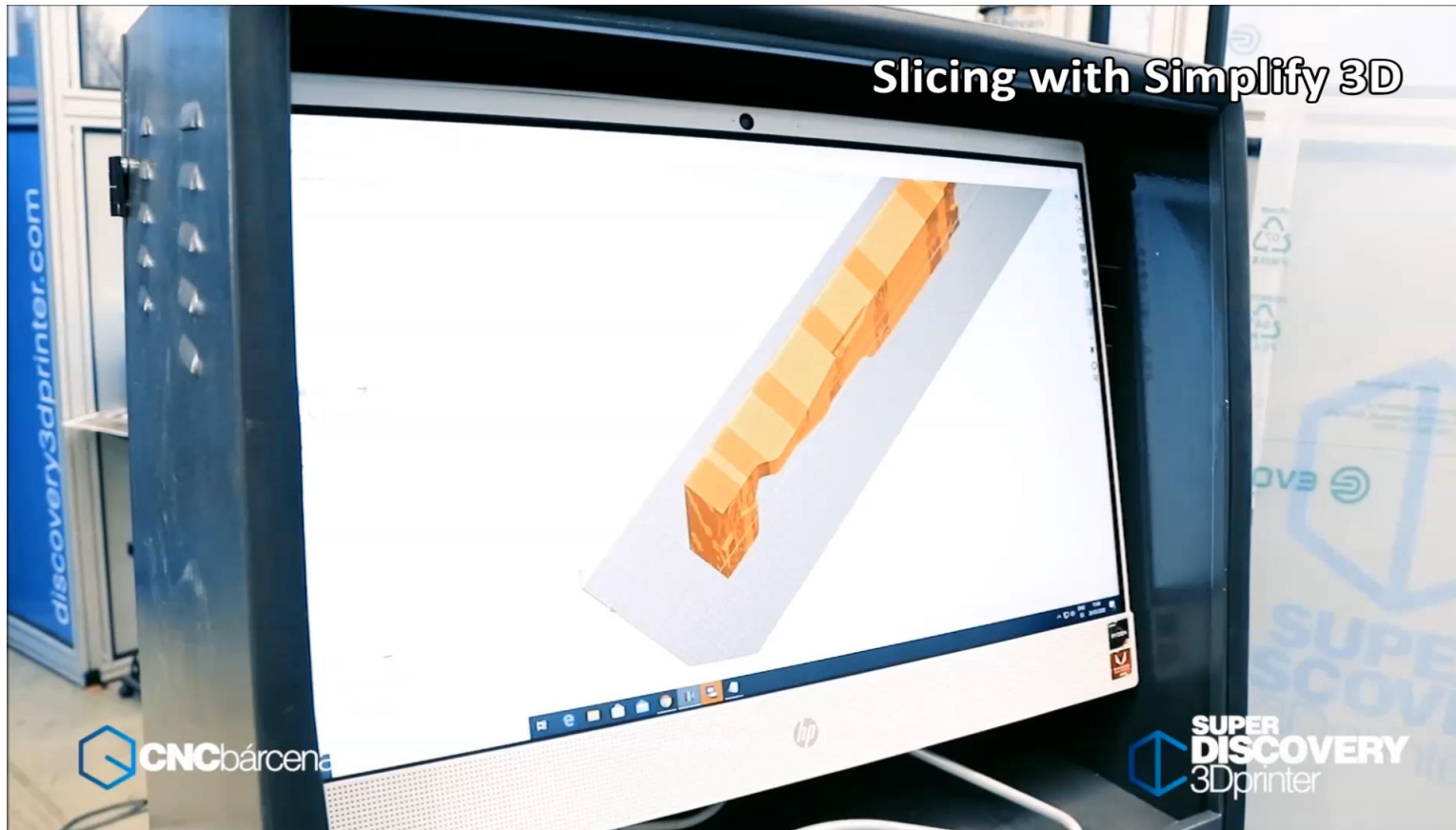


CNC bárcenas Discovery 3D printer



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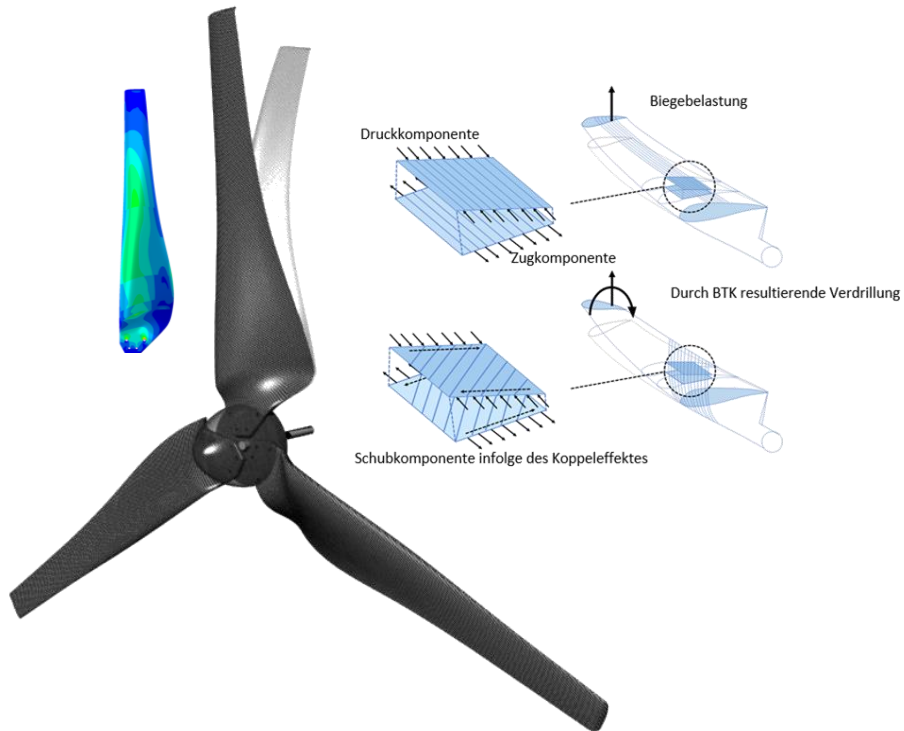
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Extrusion process

Final results

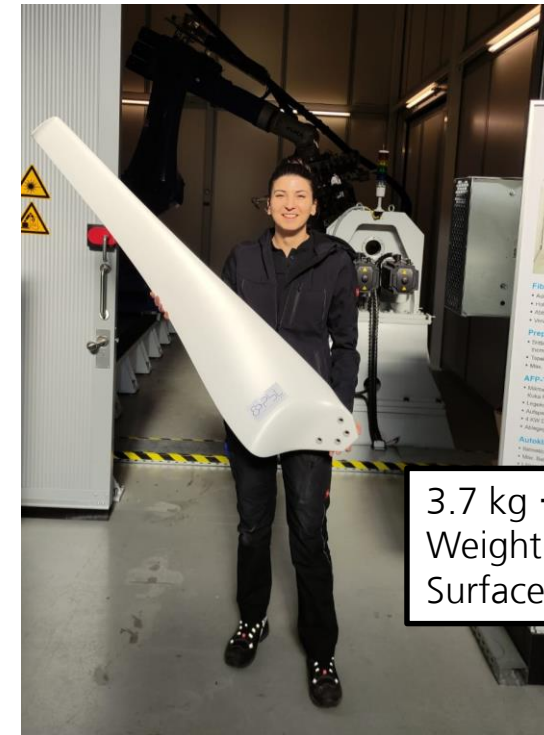
Adaptive lightweight rotor blade by means of bending-torsion coupling



EAB Gebäudetechnik
Luckau GmbH

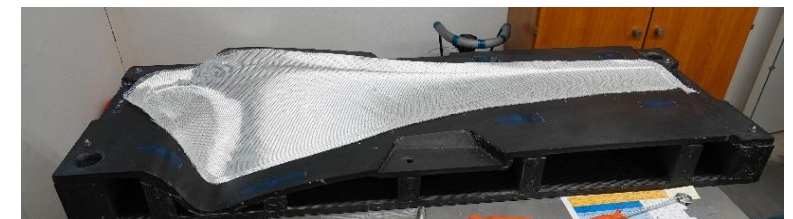


Installation of demonstrator blade on test plant



3.7 kg → 2.4 kg
Weight: -35 %
Surface area: +45 %

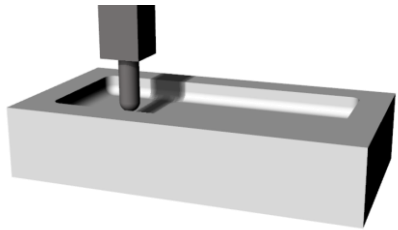
Smart blade demonstrator



Manufacturing of the blade demonstrator

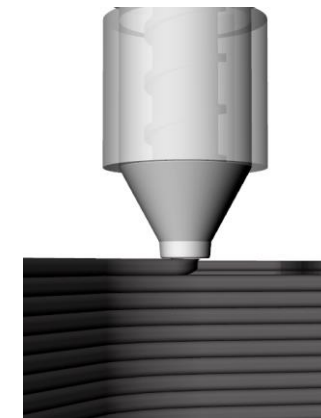
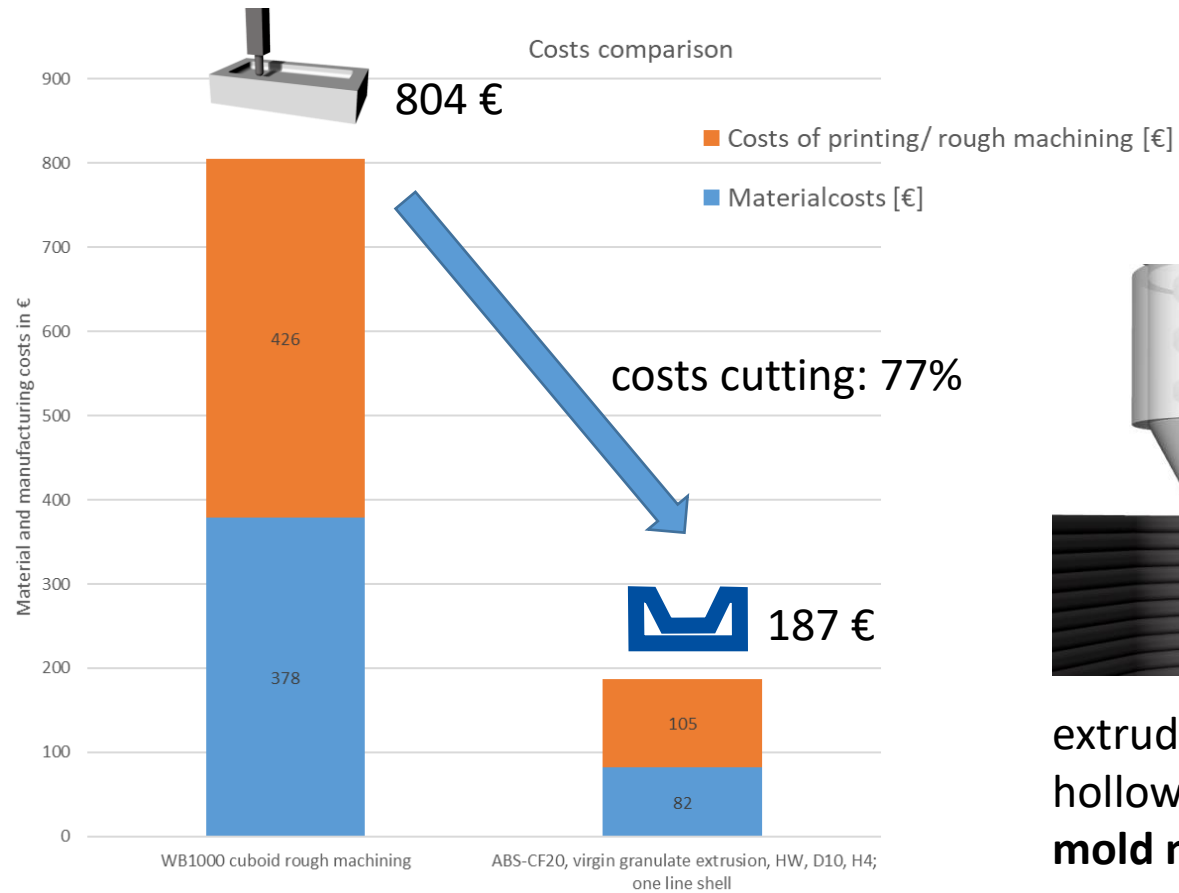
Comparison of subtractive and hybrid manufacturing of FRP molds

- Print strategy
- Nozzle diameter
- Extruder output
- Re-use of granulate



Standard milled PUR
Cuboid WB 1000

machined full cuboid material
mold mass = 37,2 Kg



extruded shell
hollow geometry
mold mass = 15,01 Kg

Comparison of subtractive and hybrid manufacturing of FRP molds

- Stone guard on the mountain bike
- Hybrid manufacturing for prototyping
 - Additive near-net-shape process (1h)
 - Fine finishing process (4h)
 - Coating (0,5h)
 - frp manufacturing (1h)
- Post-processing (0,5h)
- Polymer: PA HT CF
(3F PAHT CF 9743 BK, Lehmann und Voss)
- Granulate costs: 55 €
- Block material EN AW 5083 costs: 140 €



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Printed Electronics – Neotech AMT GmbH PJ15X printer

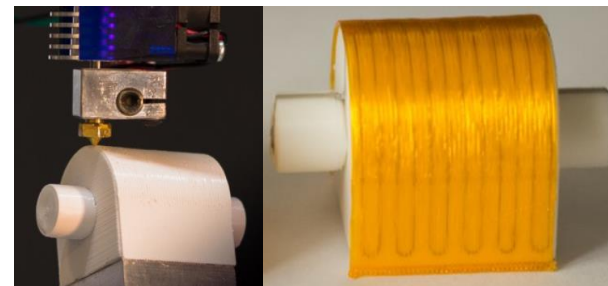
- Rapid Prototyping system for 3D Printed Electronics
- Combines multiple printing technology with 5-axis motion control enabling complex 3D printing
- Piezo-Jet print head
- Excentric screw dispenser
- FFF 3D-print-head
- SMD Pick & Place module
- Milling
- Infrared and UV curing
- Fiducial-camera and confocal sensor
- Build volume: 400 mm / 300 mm / 140 mm (X/Y/Z)
- Max. printing speed: 100 mm/s
- Repeat accuracy linear axis: $\pm 10 \mu\text{m}$
- Rotational axis repeatability: ± 0.017



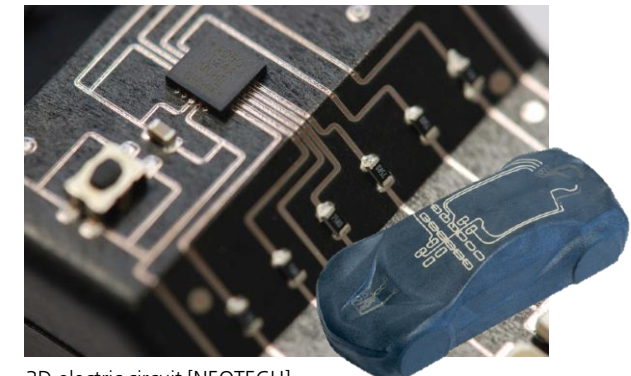
Internal electric circuit [NEOTECH]



PJ15 X printer [NEOTECH]



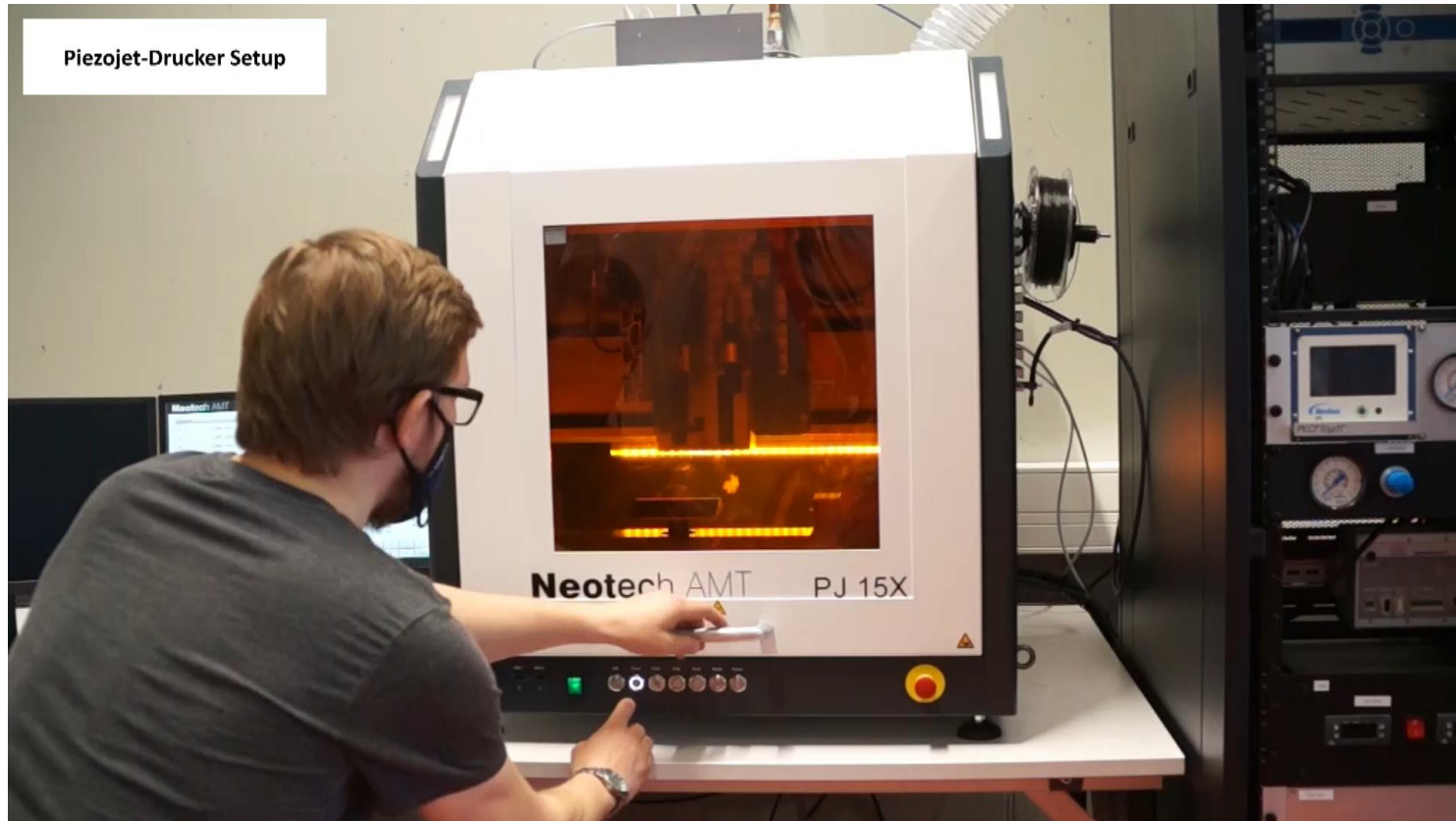
FDM incremental method head; heating element [NEOTECH]



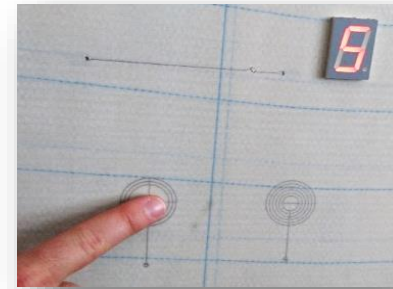
3D electric circuit [NEOTECH]

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Printed Electronics



interactive elements, sensors, strain gauges, etc.



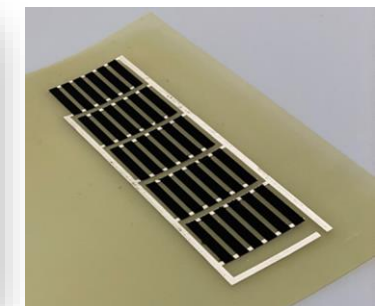
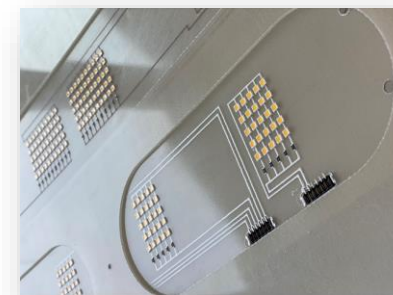
printed interconnections



printed illumination

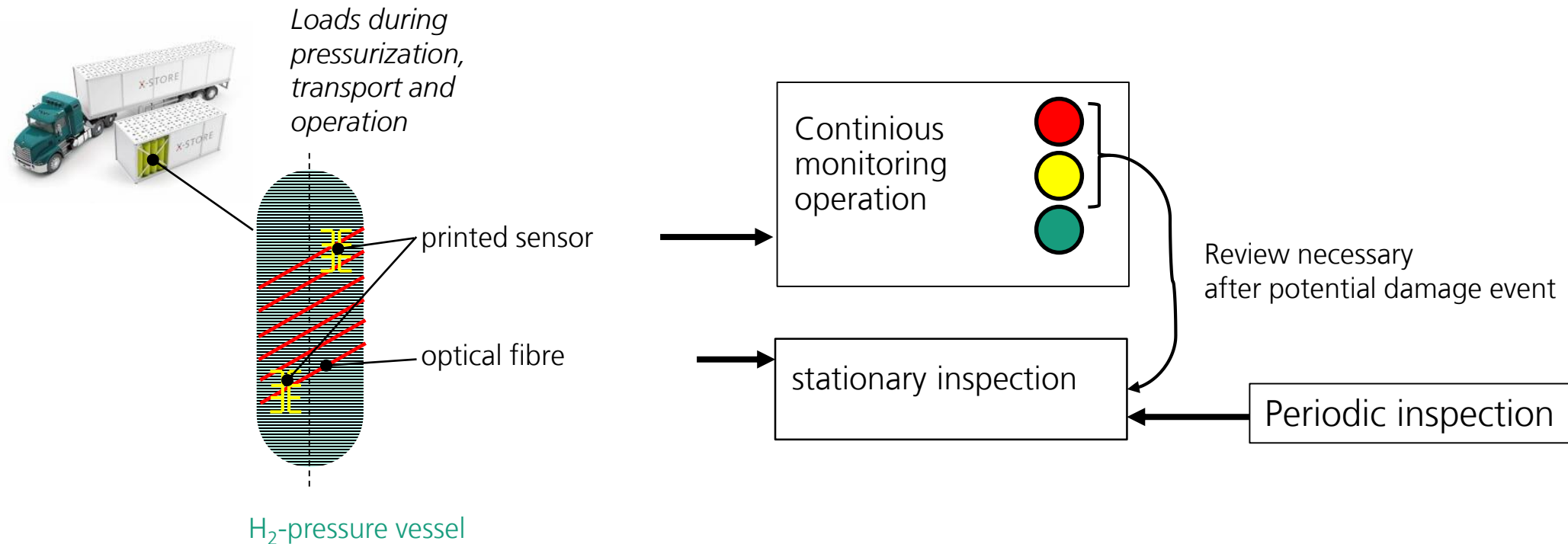


heating systems



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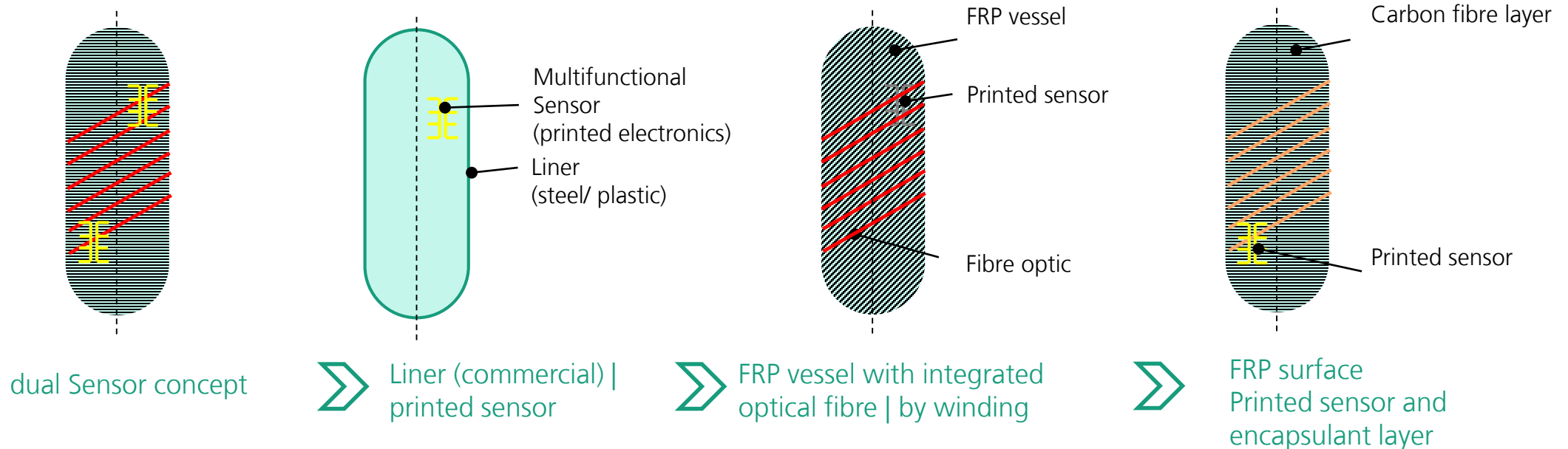
Printed Electronics - Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) for FRP hydrogen pressure vessels



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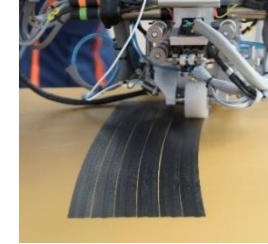
- Printed sensor: Detection and record of accelerations, impacts, temperature and pressures
- Optical fibre sensor: Analysis and detection of deformations and material failure



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Automated Fiber Placement Center by Mikrosam DOO

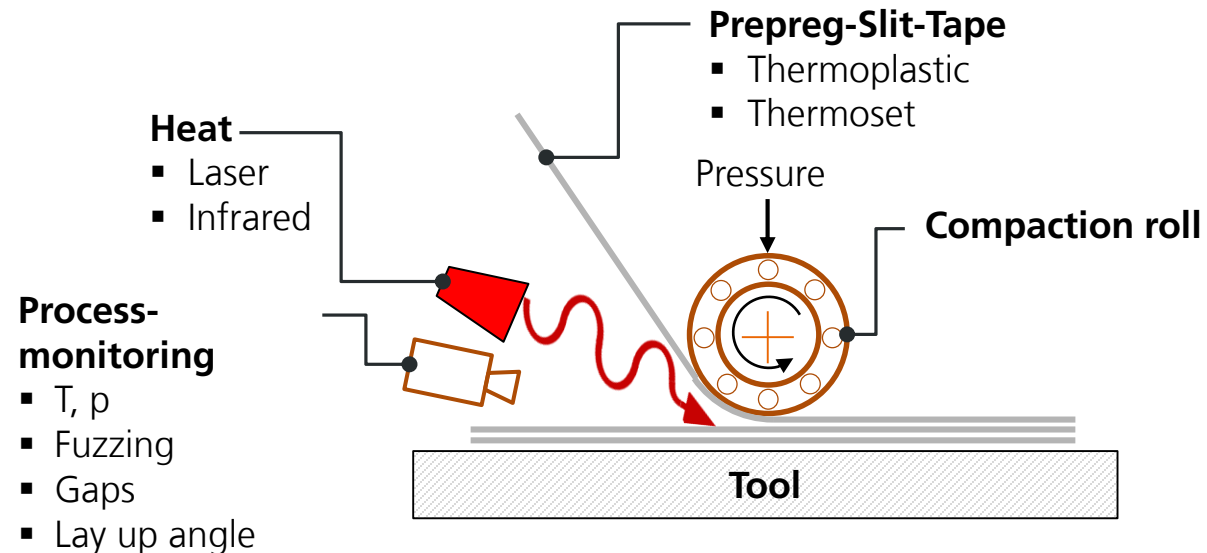
- Processing of slitted prepreg tapes (thermoset, thermoplastic, bindered rovings)
- Flexibility in manufacturing: fiber selection, complex geometries
- High process speed: up to 0,5m/s with diode laser
- High fiber volume fraction (> 60%)



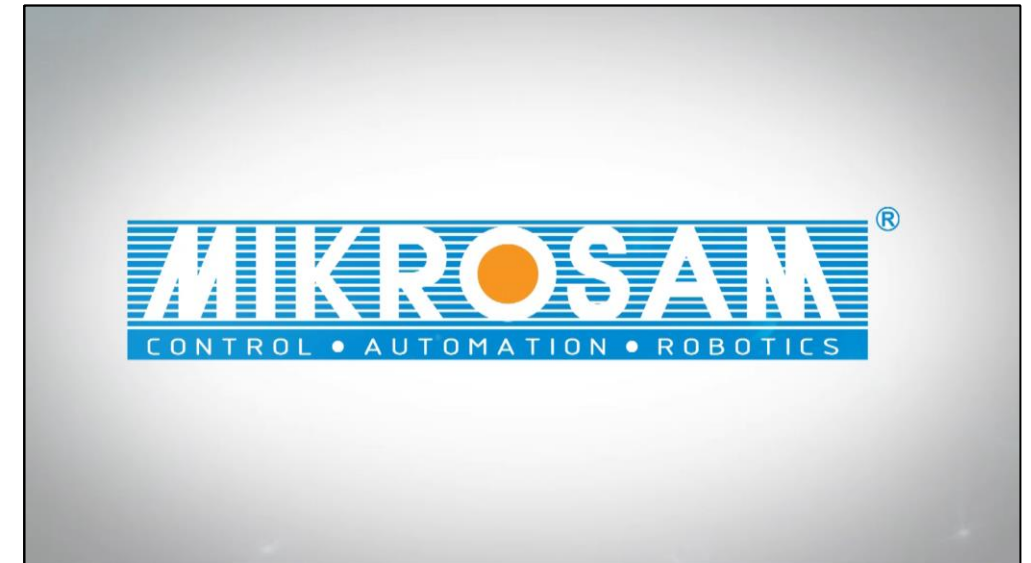
Load path adapted fiber design



Reduction of waste

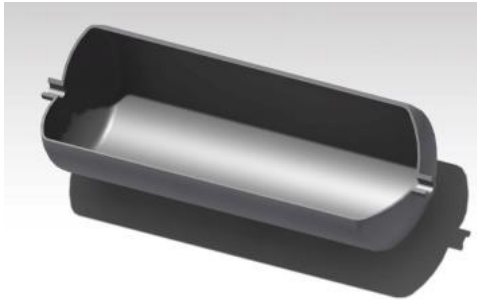


→ Load path adapted/near net shape solutions



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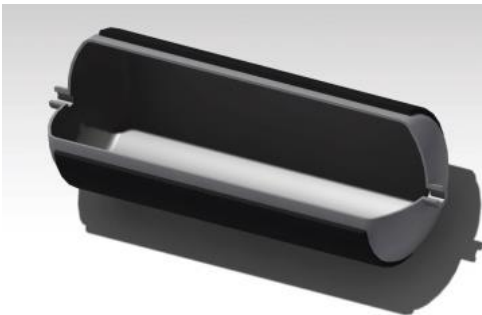
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Monolithic metal vessel

Type I: Monolithic metal vessel

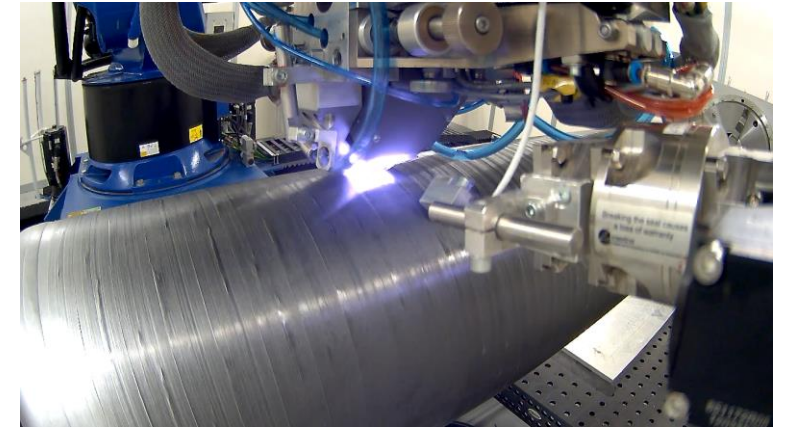
- Inner diameter: 270 mm
- Steel liner thickness: 2.75 mm
- Operating pressure: **11 bar**



Circumferential reinforced metal vessel

Type II: Circumferential reinforced metal vessel

- Steel liner thickness: 2.75 mm
- Inner diameter: 270 mm
- Composite: CETEX TC1200 PEEK AS-4
- Ply thickness: **0.25 mm**
- Angle ply composite lay-up: $[+\theta/-\theta]_{ns}$
- Investigated pressure load: **33 bar**



Manufacturing of Type II vessel using AFP

upcoming soon!



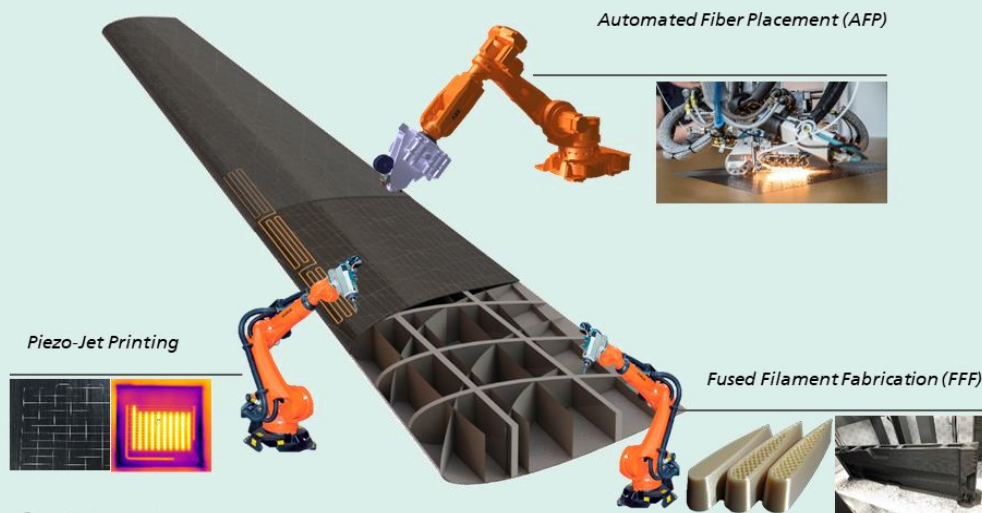
Mikrosam winding machine

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Integration of Printed Electronics and SHM-Systems

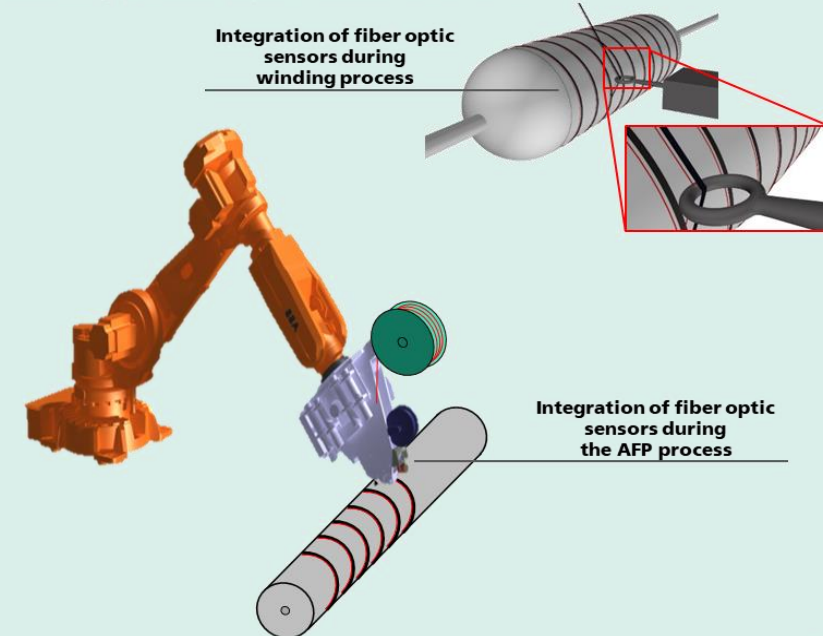
Fusion of additive technologies

- Printing core and sensors / heating cables with additive technologies and applying composite with AFP in one process
- An automatic process that enables the production of a finished hybrid element with a high level of additional functionalization



Automated integration of lightweight sensors during AFP process and SHM winding

- Modification of the head for applying optical fibers parallel to the reinforcing fibers
- Enabling process optimization and SHM



Thank you for your attention!

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