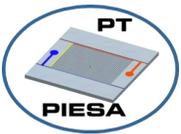


Technology Fusion in Series Production of Lightweight Structures



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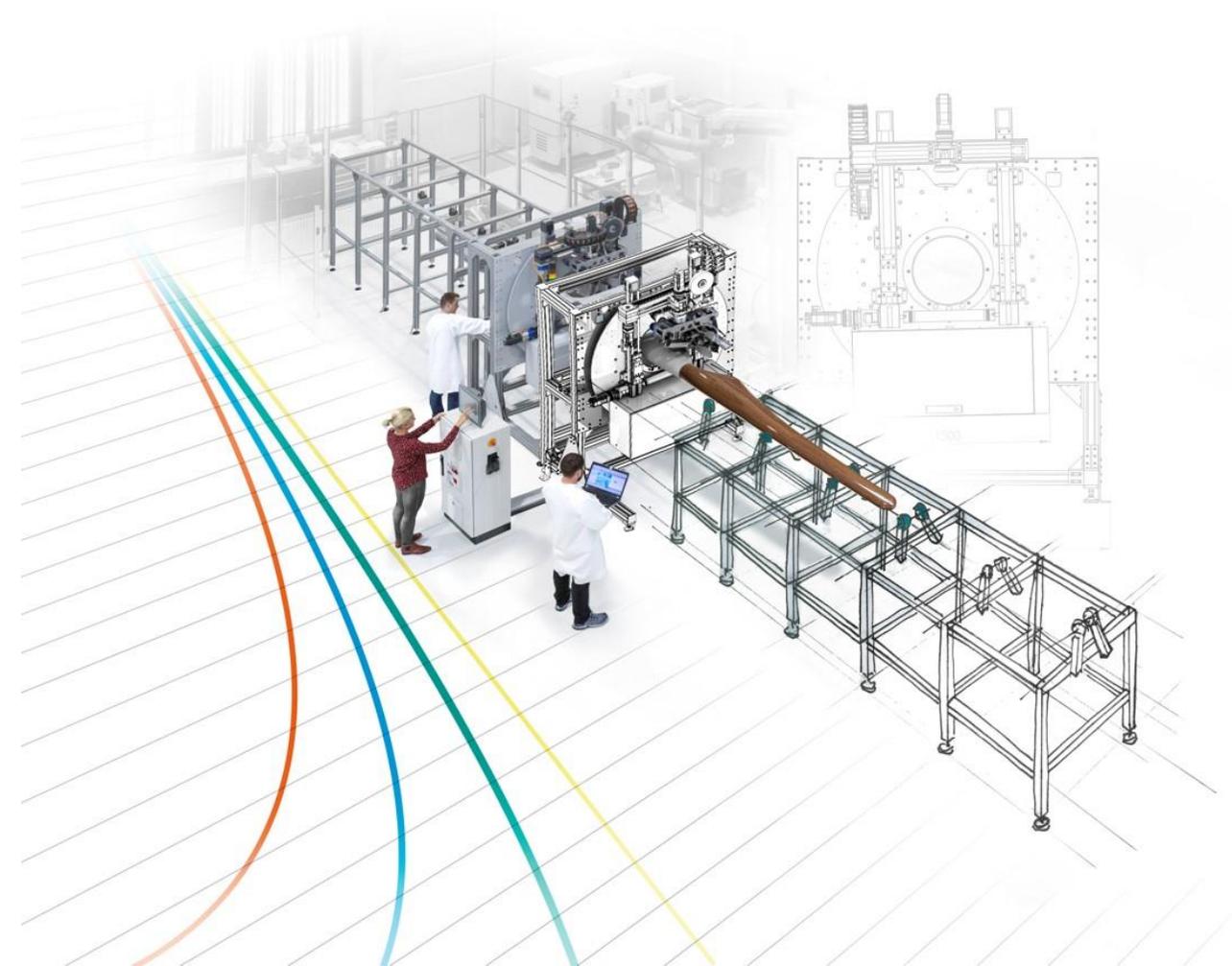
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Challenge of reducing fleet consumption and CO₂ emissions

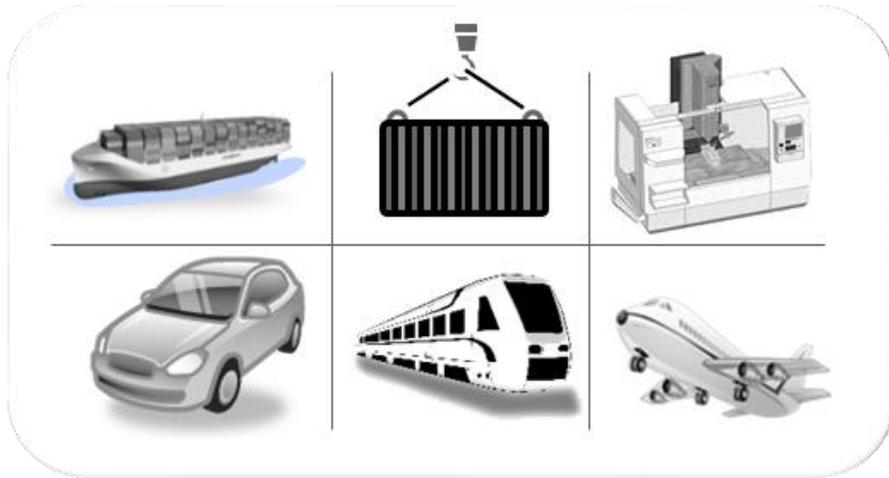


100 kg weight reduction → 8.5 g / km CO₂ reduction!



CO₂ reduction is a key task that affects all markets

Vision



Mobility, moved parts

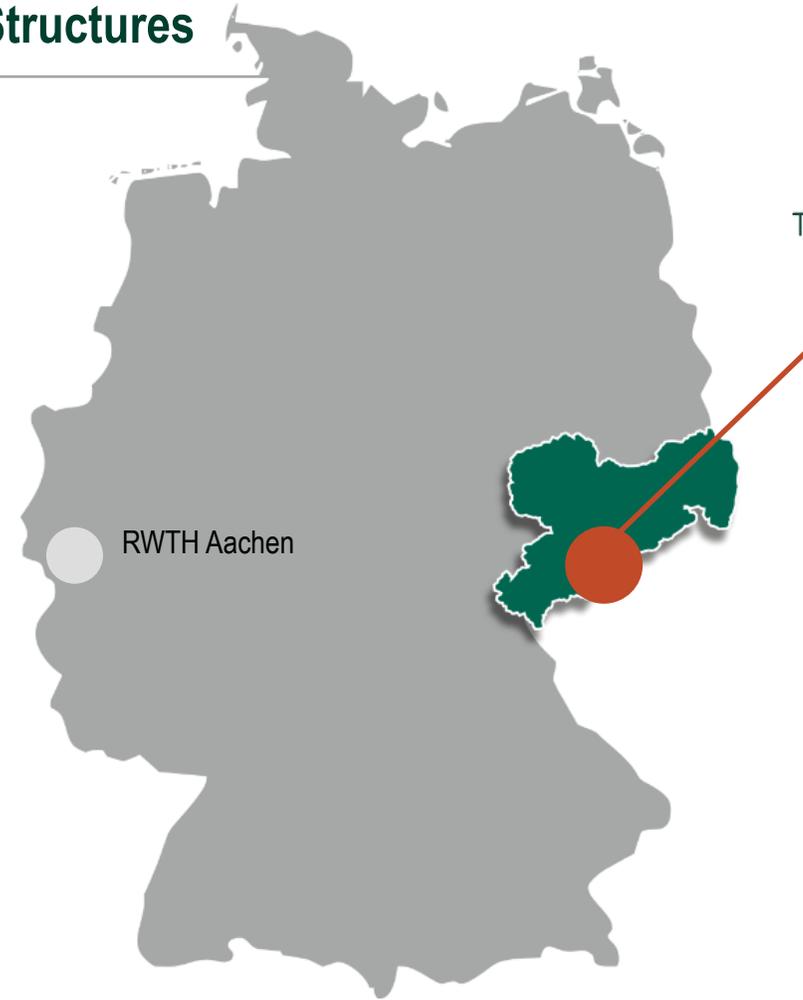


MERGE Technologies for Multifunctional Lightweight Structures

- › Research Cluster within the German Excellence Initiative
- › 2nd Call 2012-2018

Involved Research Institutes

- › 14 Institutes at Chemnitz University of Technology
- › 3 Institutes at Dresden University of Technology
- › 3 Affiliated Institutes at Chemnitz University of Technology
- › 2 Fraunhofer Institutes
- › 1 Leibniz Institute



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General Problems

- › Increasing prices of energy and raw materials
- › Climate change by greenhouse effect, global warming

Requirements

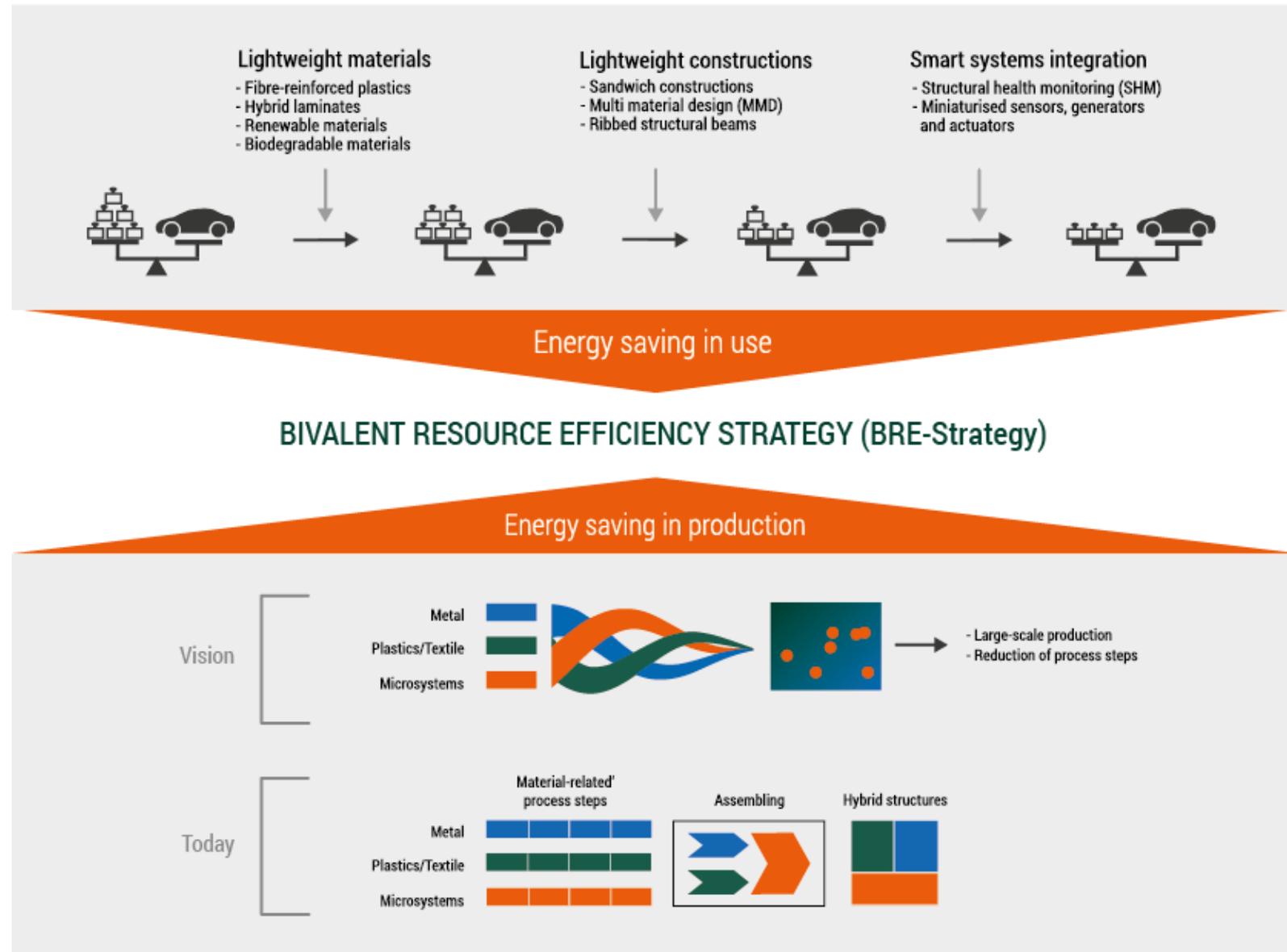
- › Energy savings
- › Mass reduction

Approach

- › Merge Technologies
- › Lightweight Structures

Strategy

- › Bivalent Resource Efficiency

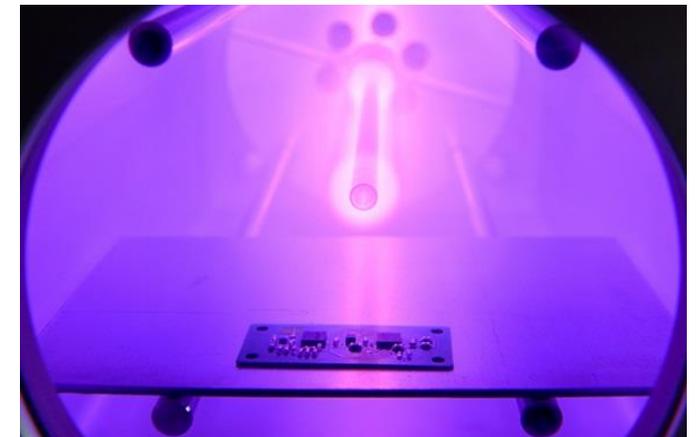
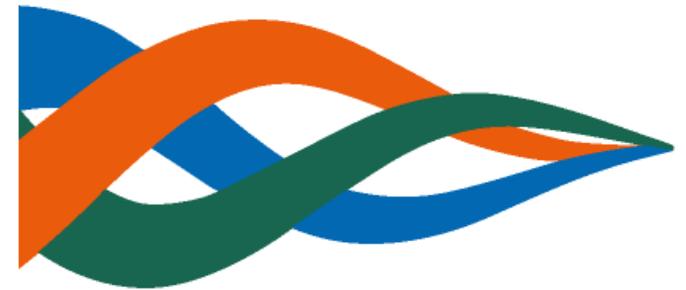


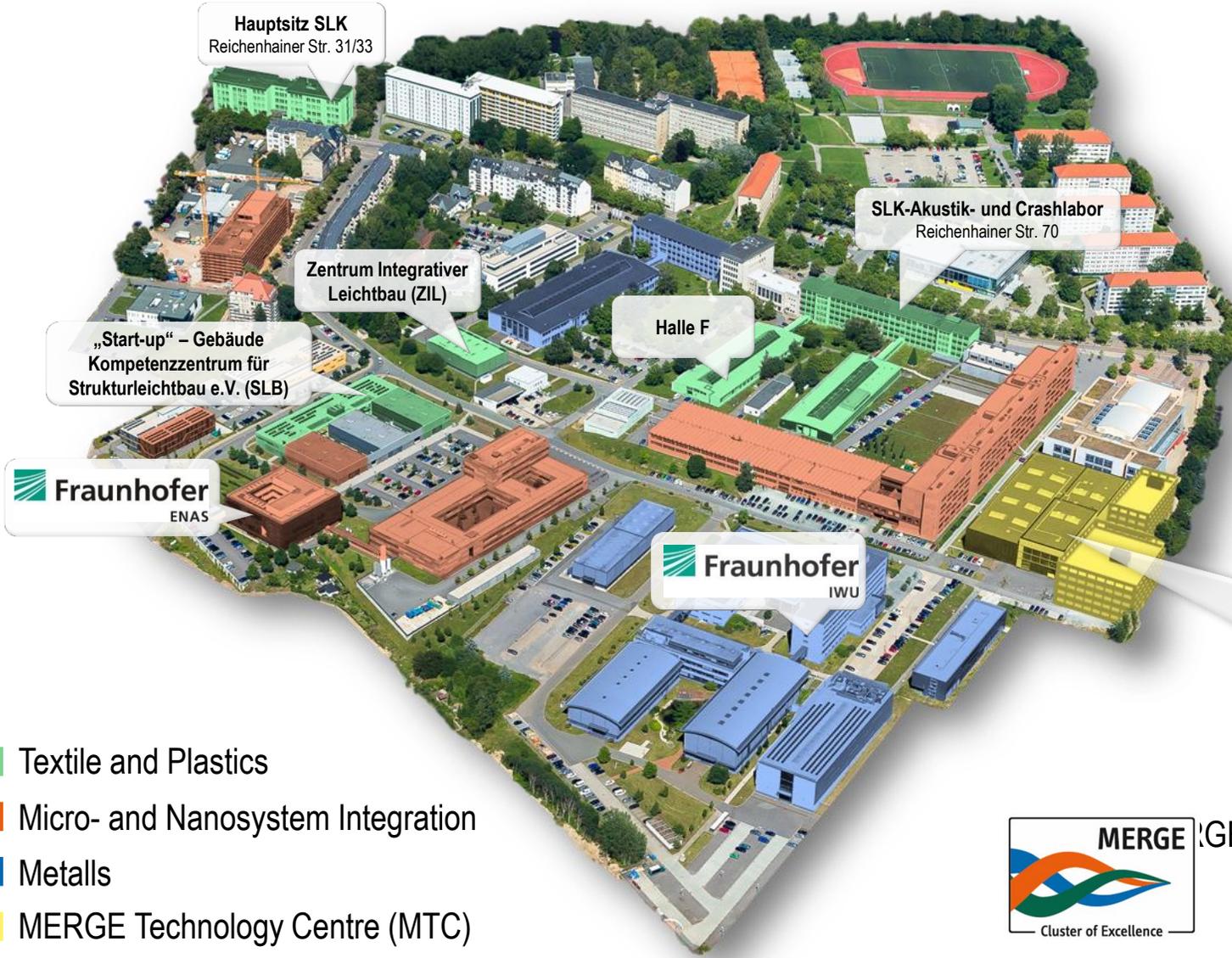
- › Merging of key enabling technologies, which are already technically mature
- › In-line and in-situ technologies predestined for large-scale production

› Metal-intensive technologies

› Textile-/Plastic-based technologies

› Micro- and Nanosystems Integration





- Textile and Plastics
- Micro- and Nanosystem Integration
- Metals
- MERGE Technology Centre (MTC)



Bionic inspired fibre reinforced structures

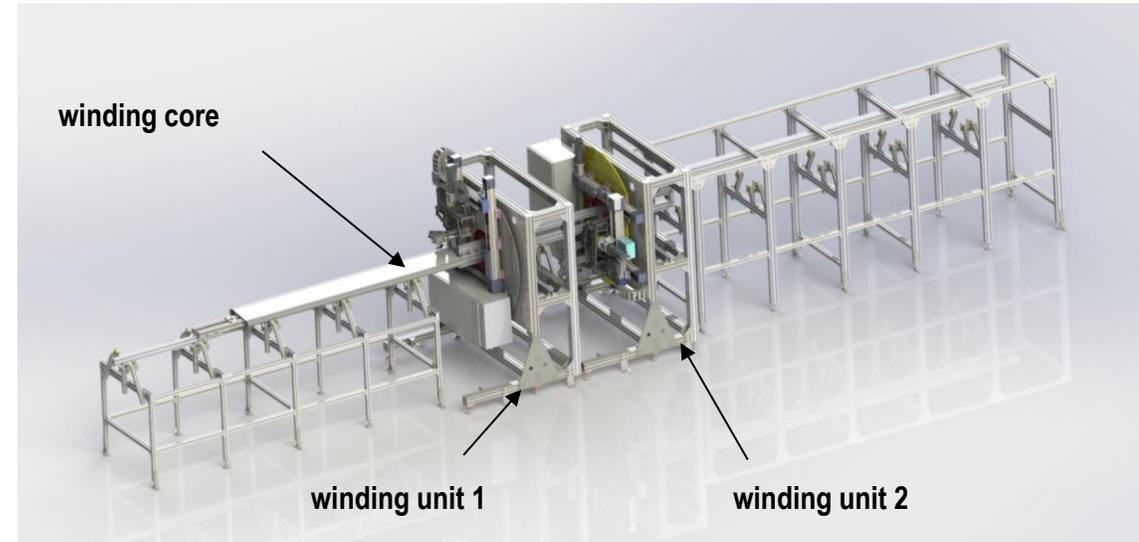
Continuous load path-adapted textile technologies for lightweight structures in mass production

- › Development of high-quality warp and weft offset (K/S-V) technology (based on multi-axial textiles)
- › Production of reduced-shrink and load path-adapted semi-finished textiles and preforms
- › High mechanical properties, high bonding strength, high drape and formability



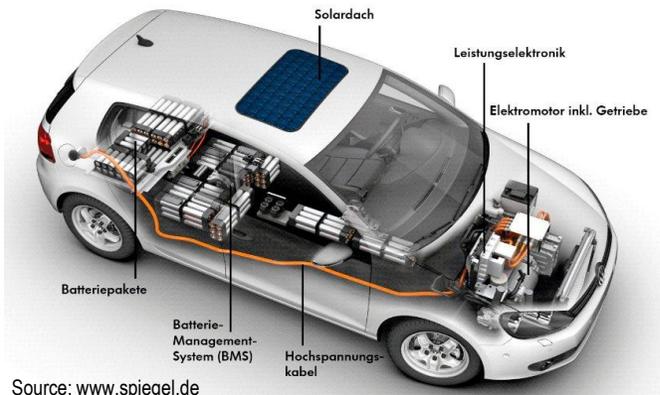
New process combination "hydroforming/injection molding" for hybrid systems

- › Continuous production of non-rotationally symmetrical profiles
- › Combined tape laying and wrapping process
- › Suitable for mass production
- › Application example: instrument panel carrier



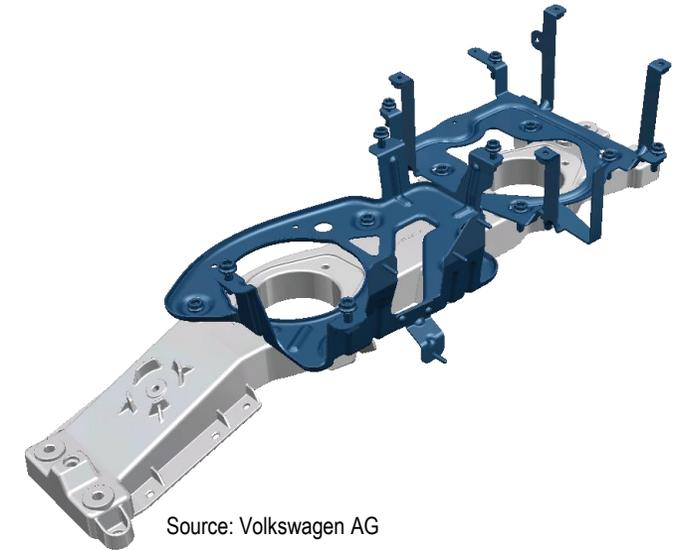
Engine carrier for Volkswagen E-Golf

- › Weight saving 2.3 kg compared to conventional metal design
- › Reduction of individual parts and the associated assembly steps
- › Reduction of the total price by 30% through component integration
- › Savings of 2 holding trays and 8 screwing points (M8)



Mass Aluminium/Steel:
7,8 kg

→ Assembly made of Al-carrier and St-holding tray



m = -30%

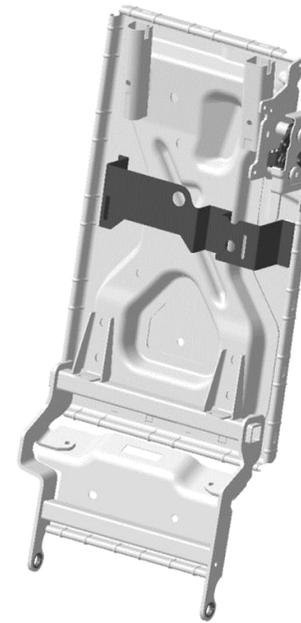
Mass by thermoPre:
5,5 kg

→ Integrated holding shells



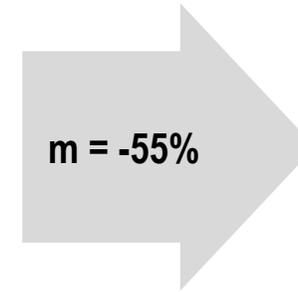
Load through device for Audi Q5

- › Weight savings 2.2 kg compared to conventional metal design
 - › Representation of a large-scale production process chain from material cutting to the removal of the finished component
- Series use in the Jaguar SUV F-Pace

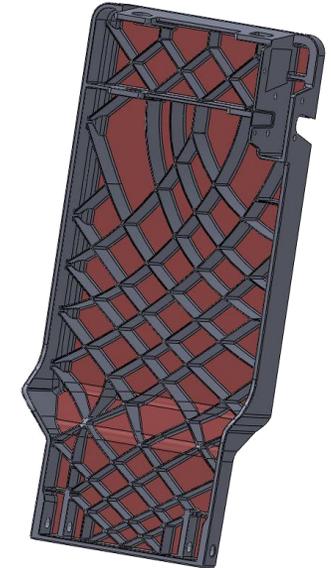


Mass Steel
3,8 kg

→ Welded assembly
made of sheet steel



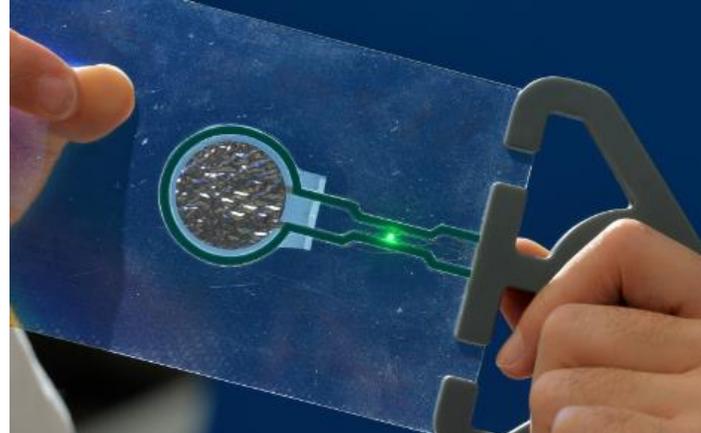
m = -55%



Mass Reinforced Plastic
1,6 kg

→ Organic sheet with
injection moulded
stiffening ribs

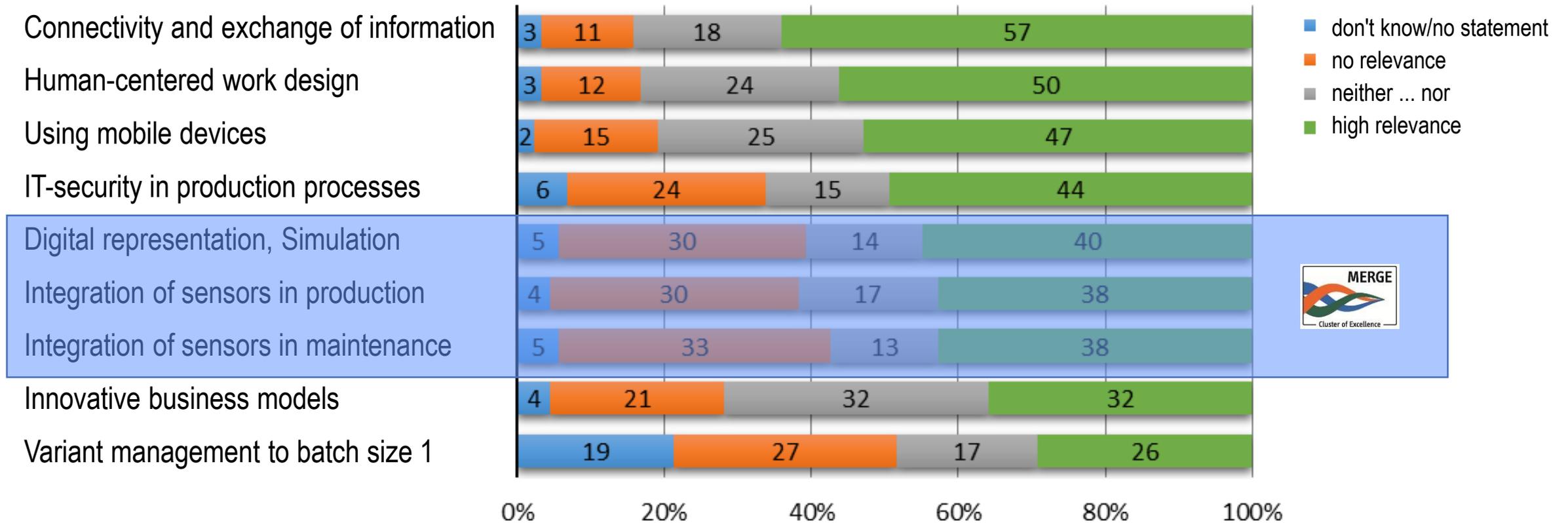
Potentials



- › The virtual IT world and the real world of production continue to grow together. [...] i.e. with the networking of (embedded) IT systems with each other and with the Internet, we are in the opinion of many experts and researchers at the beginning of the fourth industrial revolution.

Prof. Dr. Dr. Wolfgang Wahlster, Deutschen Forschungszentrums für künstliche Intelligenz (DFKI)

Industry 4.0 – Relevance of trends



Quelle: Bedarfsanalyse der Mittelstand 4.0-Agentur Prozesse „Digitalisierung im Mittelstand“, 2016

Data are “core“ and “resource“ of intelligent production

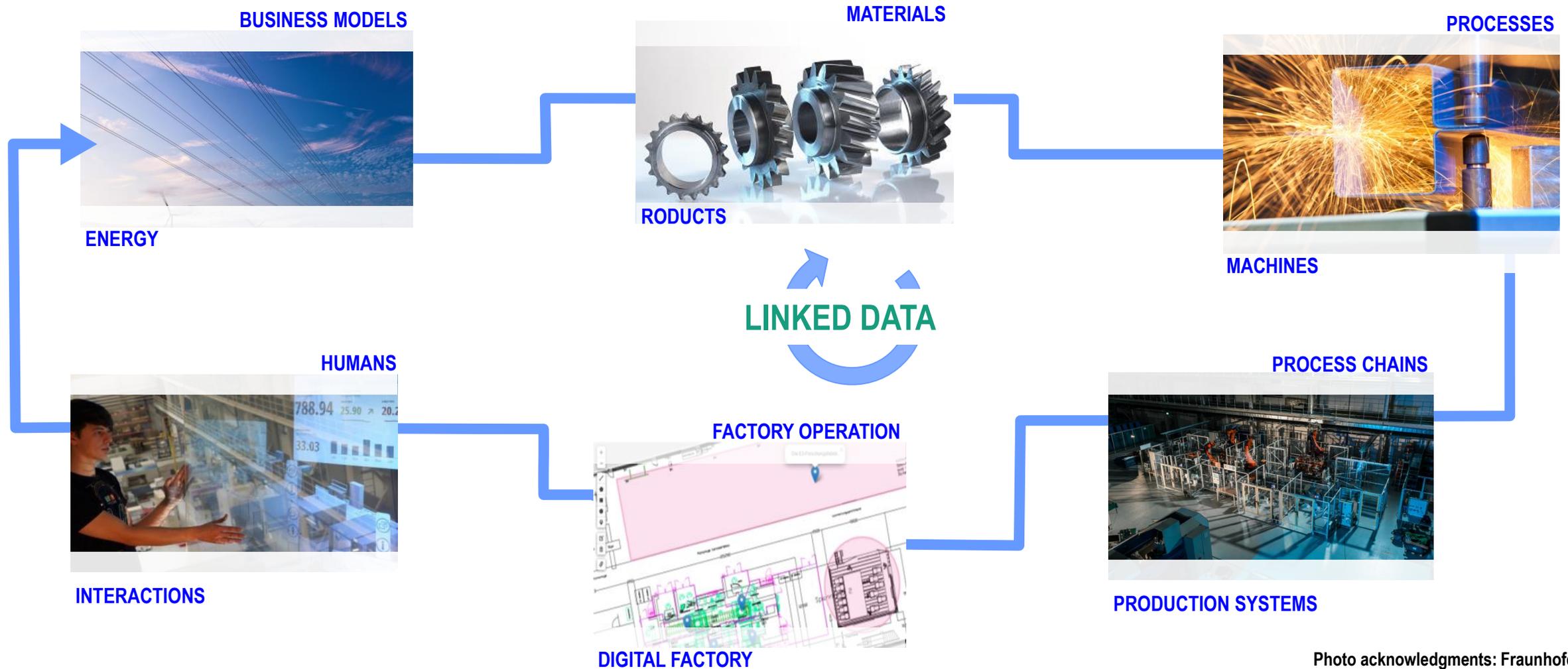
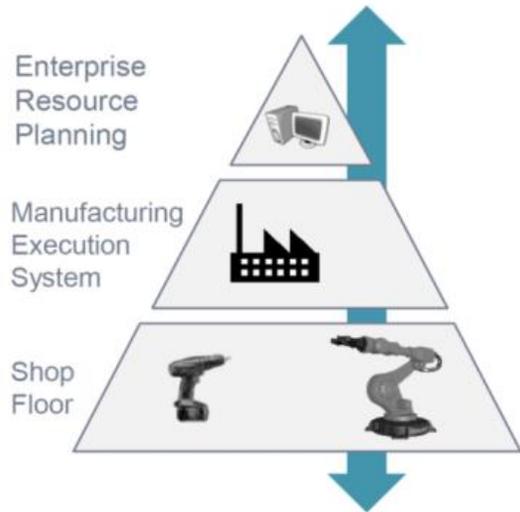


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Vertical Integration

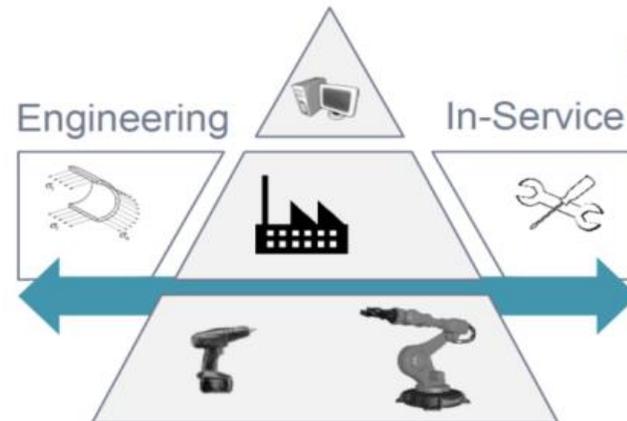
Real time production data available



2014-2017
Implementation started

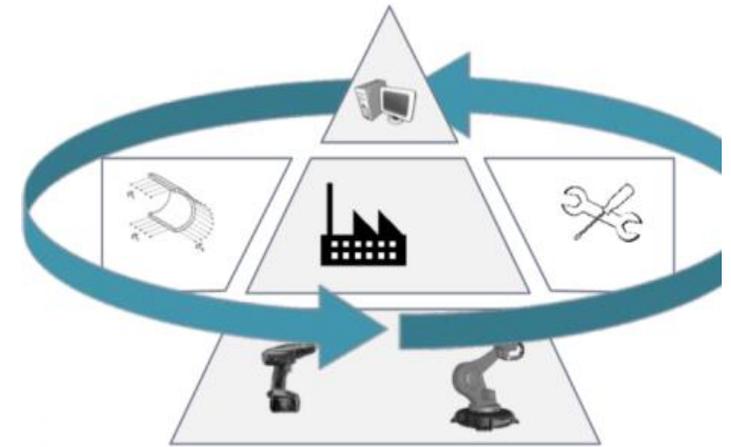
Horizontal Integration

Virtual product available



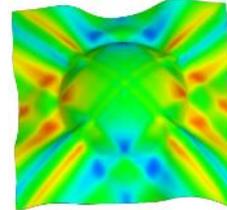
2016-2020

Full Integration



2030+

Infusion Process



Draping

- Simulation
- Drape Test (exp.)



Infusion

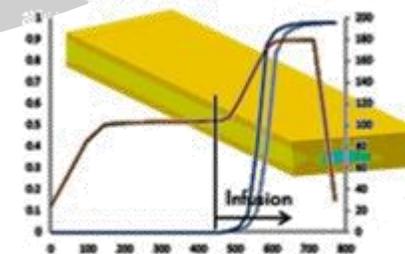
- Monitoring (sensors)
- Resin flow Sim.



Distortion/
Structural
analysis

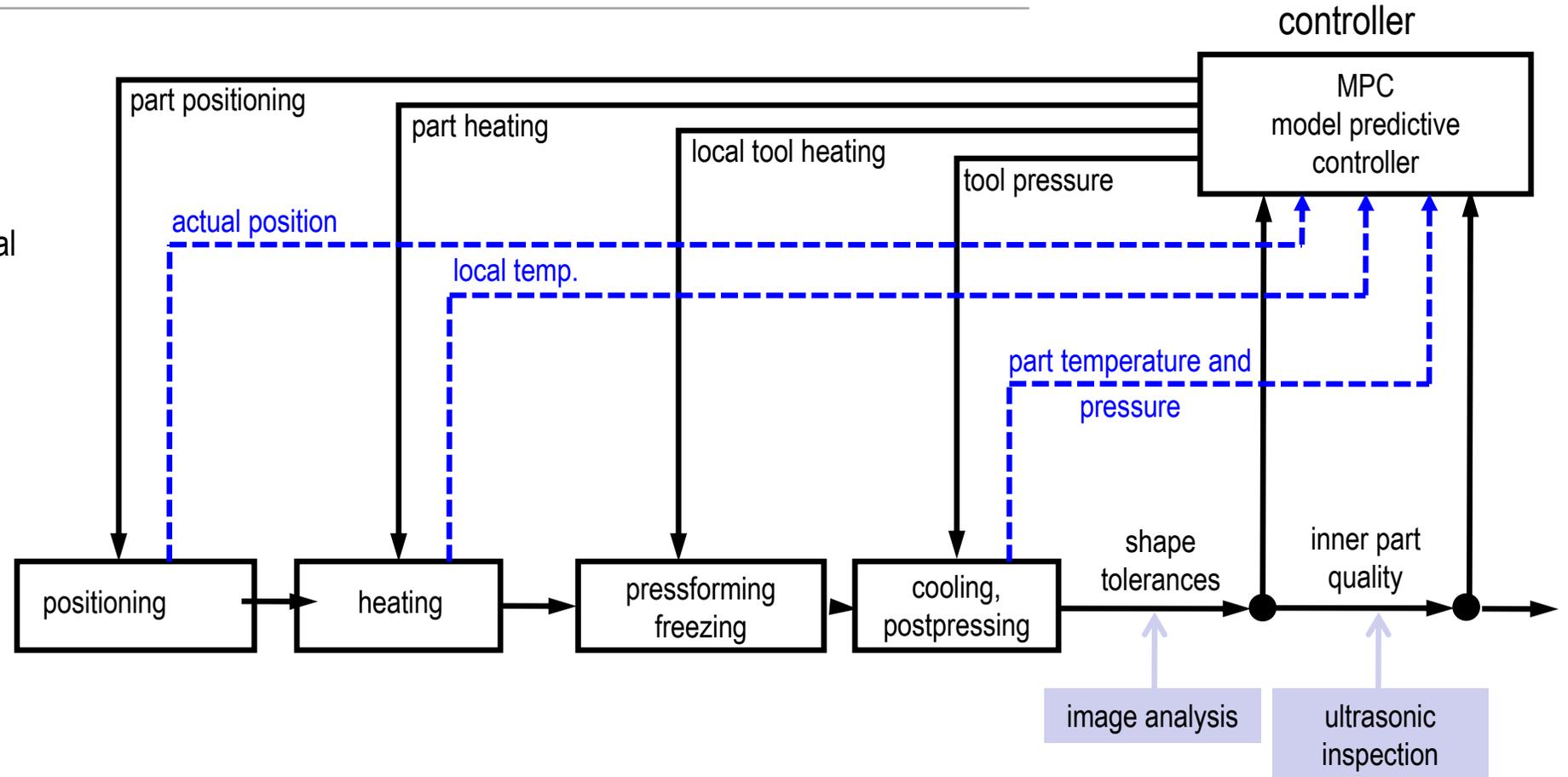
Curing

- Monitoring (sensors)
- Curing simulation

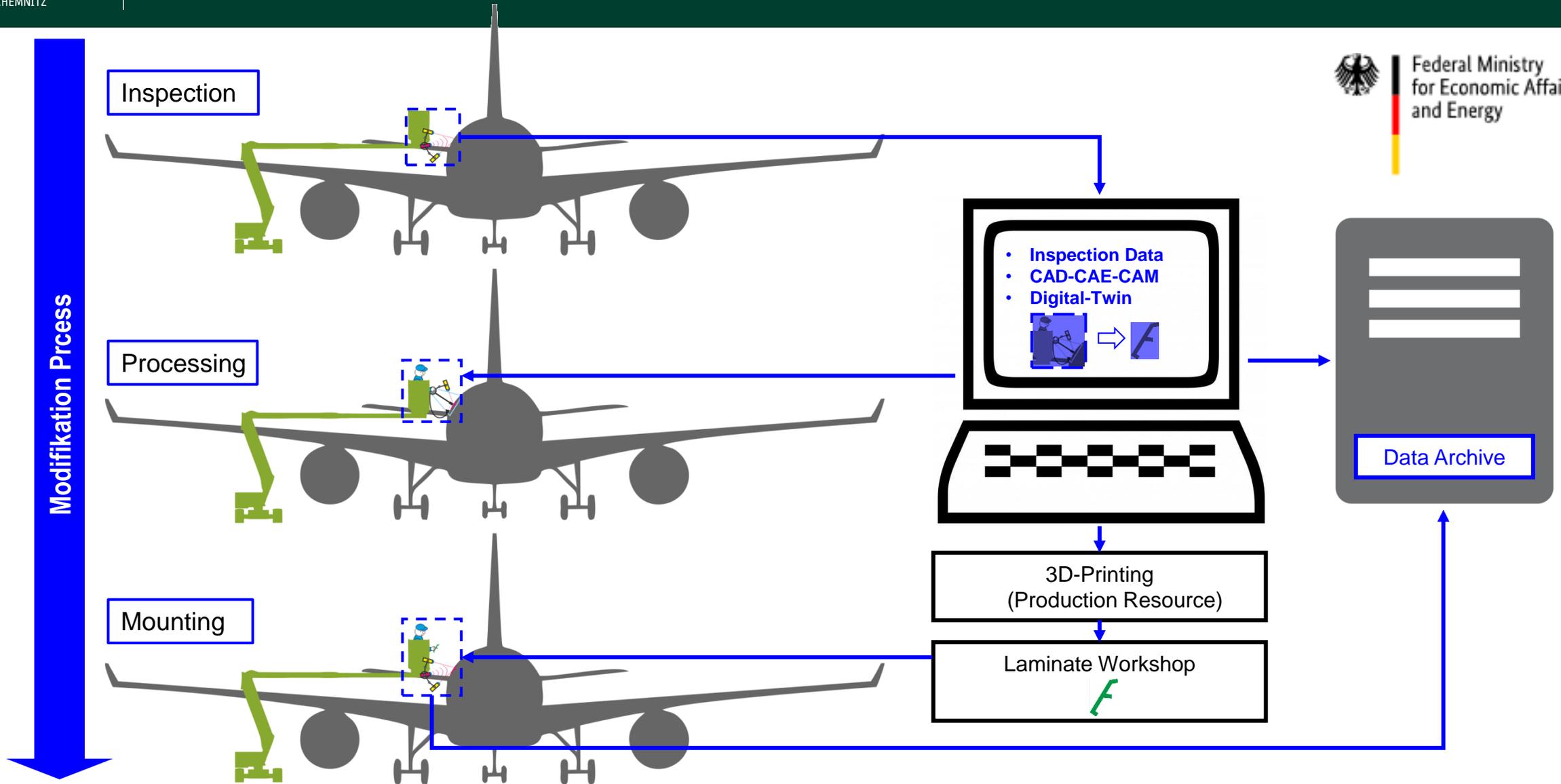


Process

- › zero defect production of composite structures
- › complex, product-individual assembly process

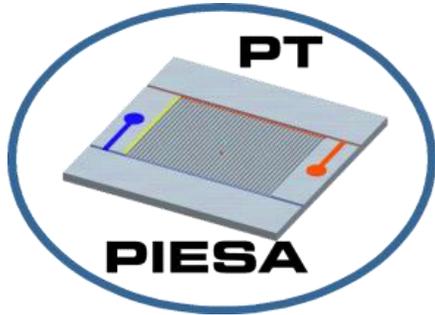


Flexible system solutions for 4.0 modifications on aircraft's CFRP main body section



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