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FROM TRL 2 TO TAKE-OFF

THE A350 DOOR SURROUND STRUCTURE – A SUCCESS STORY





BASIC STUDIES

- Screening of different technologies to manufacture door-surround structures
- Implementing Coriolis Composites AFP machinery at Fraunhofer ICT-FIL, Augsburg
- First studies using prepreg and dry fiber placement
- Process parameter studies at 2D laminates
- Manufacturing of 2D laminates for characteristic coupon testing

TRANSFER TO COMPLEX 3D SHAPES

- Development of specific AFP programming strategies
- Proof of concept at TRL3 demonstrator parts
- Deducing design-to-fiber-placement principles from programming – real layup comparison and layup quality
- Positive decision for AFP based door surround structures
- Defining first staggering proposals

FROM LAB SCALE TO FULL SIZE

- Development of concepts for industrialization
- Increasing geometrical and composite plybook complexity as well as length to full size and final design equivalent doorframes
- Reproducibility analysis of different full scale configurations

DEVELOPING A SERIAL PROCESS

- Transfer of work and optimization of the process chain with focus on series compatibility
- Reducing cycle times
- Increasing process stability and reliability
- Meeting the requirements and tolerances for flying parts
- Pushing the technology to other applications

