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ReThink: "CFRP – Recycling and Sustainability" Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction?



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Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction? Famous predictions

- "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." *Thomas Watson, president of IBM*, 1943.^[1]
- "Television won't be able to hold on to any market it captures after the first six months. People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night." Darryl Zanuck, executive at 20th Century Fox, 1946.^[1]
- "Nuclear-powered vacuum cleaners will probably be a reality within ten years." *Alex Lewyt, president of Lewyt vacuum company,* 1955.^[1]
- "Everything that can be invented has been invented." Charles H. Duell, Commissioner of US patent office, 1899.^[2]



Image: http://www.old-computers.com



Image: http://www.pcworld.com







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Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction? But we know, what happened next

Sustainability!



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Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction? Sustainability as a watershed?

"Ecological aspects – if these are demanded by lawmakers or not economically disadvantageous – are likely to assume greater relative importance than pure business considerations."^[1]

> A change in boundary conditions may have huge influence!



Chance

The CFRP-situation is good as it is. The success of the material is enough proof that there is no need to change anything



Growth rate may continue for companies that are able to adapt their business models





But

Restriction

Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction? OK – but what is this "Sustainability" that everbody keeps talking about?





Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction? No, seriously: what IS sustainability?

One example:

Forest science: Sustainability means that no more wood is cut than the amount that can grow in the same time.





But:

Sustainability

- ☑ We know the meaning of the word
- Understanding the importance
- Knowledge how to realise it

8th of August is "Earth overshoot day": By this date we have consumed all ressources that the environment is capable of regenerating within 1 year ^[1].





http://www.n-tv.de/wissen/Ressourcen-fuer-2016-sind-aufgebraucht-article18349891.html

Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction? Sustainability in the context of CFRP

Production

Production of fibers

- Ressource efficiency
- Alternative ressources
- Production of CFRP-structures
- Near-net-shape
- Biobased / degradeable plastics
- Energy efficient technology
- Renewable Energy

mage: http://www.manager-magazin.de

Lightweight

- Fuel efficiency
- Energy consumption
 Maintenance

Utilization

- Design for recycling
- Repairability
- Disassembly possibilities

Image: http://www.augsburger-allgem

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End of Life

Recycling

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- Disassembly possibilities
- Fast, cost efficient sorting technologies (Labelling)

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 No downcycling, conservation of relevant properties

Image: https://www.welt.



Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction? Where have all the fibers gone?



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^[1] CCeV Marktbericht

^[2] Sueddeutsche Zeitung: http://www.sueddeutsche.de/wissen/recycling-von-karbonfasernneue-faser-alte-faser-1.2524134

Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction? Why are we here today?

A lot of the CFRP parts that are produced in Europe will never be disposed or recycled in Europe. The end of life-waste will appear somewhere else.

It is our **responsibility** to help adress the problem not only in Europe, but everywhere, where it occurs and leads to problems

- ⇒ Provide knowledge
- ⇒ Develop processes to treat the waste streams
- Transformation into costefficient business model

Enable decisions

- ⇒ Is sustainability a possible threat for your products? Need for Actions?
- ⇒ Are there allready exisiting commercial solutions that can help you?
- ⇒ Are the topics that concern you adressed by research activities?
- ⇒ Do you identify any fields of collaboration (scientific or industrial)?



Mission

Motivation

Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction? Who are the actors?





Recycling of CFRP – Chance or Restriction? When is the best time for action?

The Collingridge-Dilemma





The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft Application-oriented research for the benefit of the economy and society





The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft Fields of research





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Qualifying for the future Passing know-how to expert and executive staff | training



Possibilities for cooperation How to cooperate with us?



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- Cooperation of partners from research and industry
- Medium and long-term research projects

Industrial joint ventures



- Joint development of solutions in a lowcompetition environment
- Long-term projects

Contact us for more information about different funding possibilities/models of cooperation!



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at falls from the sky and hits you unprepared!

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