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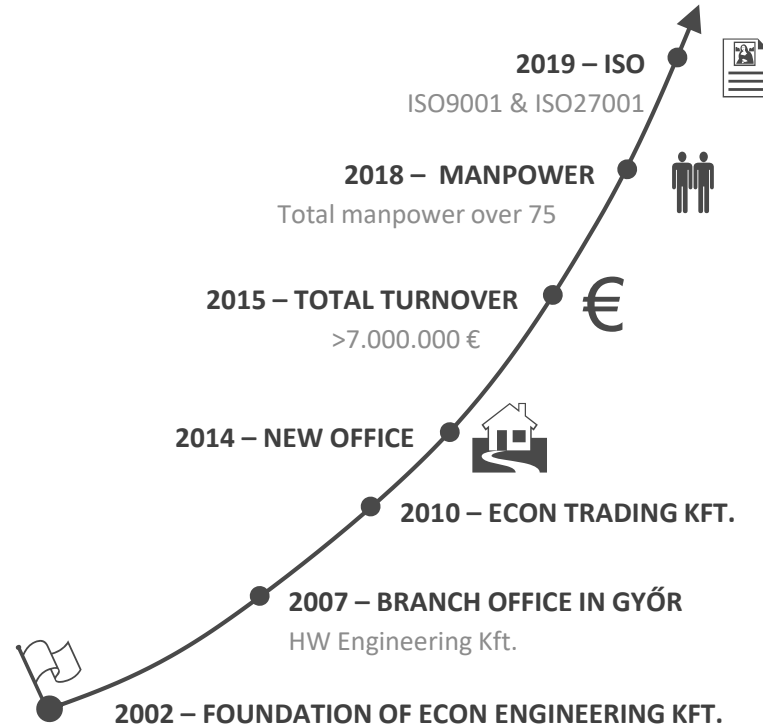
## Innovation Driven Composite FEM Solutions at eCon Engineering

eCon Engineering Ltd, Hungary



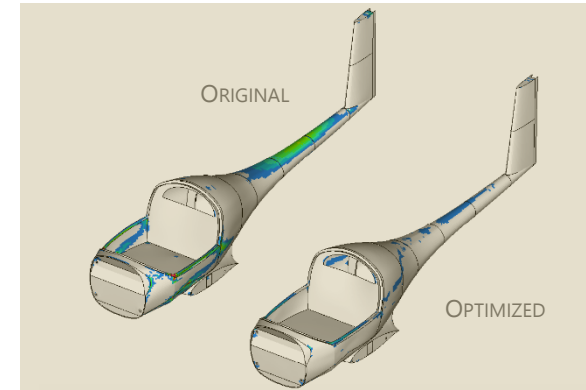
# About eCon Engineering

- Location
  - Budapest, Hungary
- Manpower
  - ~100 employee, 60+ engineer
- Departments
  - CAE
    - FEM, CFD, MBS, 1D System Simulations
  - Software distribution and support
    - Ansys channel partner
    - Moldex3D
    - Cast-Designer
  - Automation solution
    - Production technology
    - Automatization, robotization
    - Single-purpose machines
    - Robot cells and testers



# CAE R&D projects

- CAE solutions aided by AI
  - Effective preprocessing of large models
  - Probabilistic approach for inputs and failure criterion
  
- Improvement in fatigue life prediction
  - Based on thermodynamics
  - For metallic alloys, more materials to come
  
- Development of composite material simulation
  - Statistical based material cards
  - Manufacturing imperfections
  - Generic damage model
  - Automatic stiffness, strength and post critical evaluation
  - Composite fatigue in FEM
  
- Composite lay-up and topological optimization
  - Efficient multi-purpose approach
  - Optimal stiffness-mass-manufacturing costs trade-offs



# Composite FEM projects

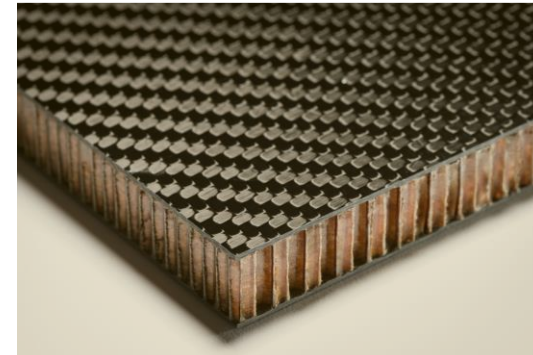
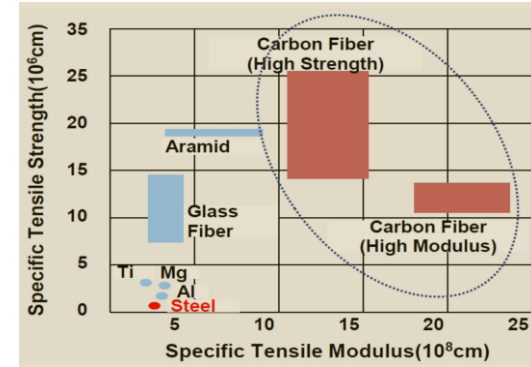
## Fiber Reinforced Composite Materials

### Advantages:

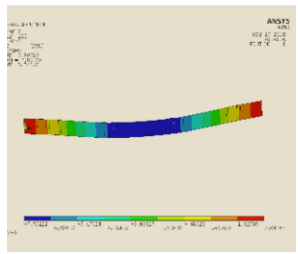
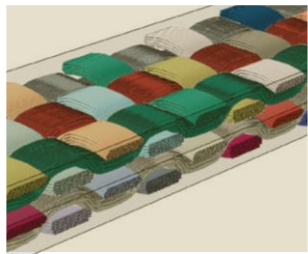
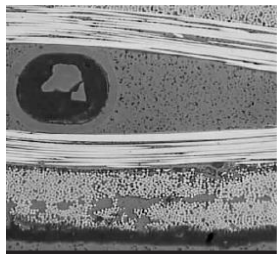
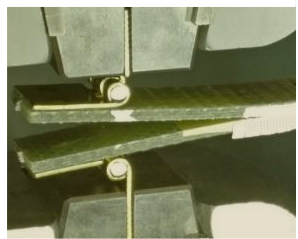
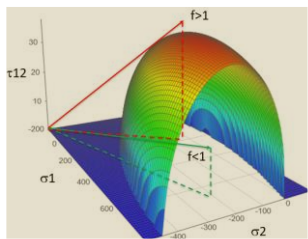
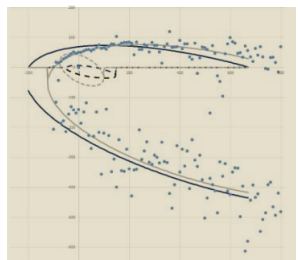
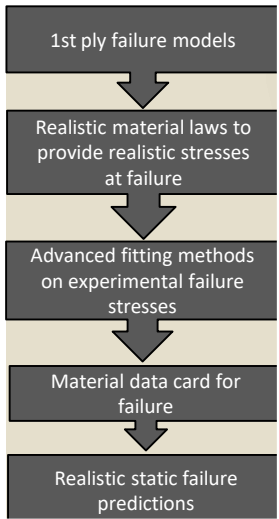
- Great specific strength
- Lightweight constructions
- Tailor-made mech. properties
- Fibre reinforcement placed in the loading directions

### Main issues:

- Orthotropic behaviour (direction dependent)
- Complex failure mechanism
- Fatigue life prediction not solved
- FEM solutions are limited

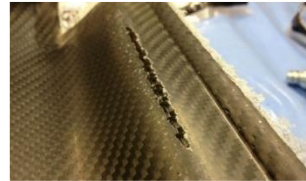
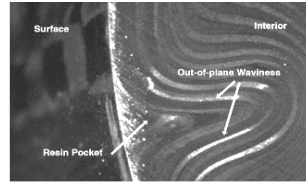
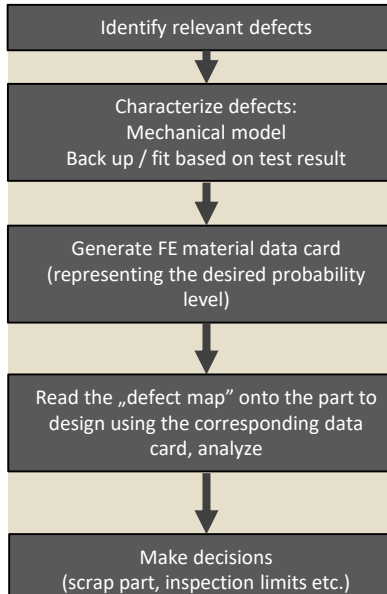


# Composite FEM projects



## Composite Failure – New Method

- Different moduli in tension and compression
- Material nonlinearity around failure
- User defined material model in FE
  
- Failure model parameter fitting
  - Advanced optimization methods
  - Probabilistic based objective function definition
  - Assessment of fitting quality
  - AI to find the most suitable model for actual test data



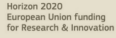


## Characterization of Manufacturing Imperfection – New Method

- Defects do exist in composite parts
- Affect structural performance
- Material properties used to derived from laboratory tests and represent „flawless“ material
- Generation and implementation of suitable mechanical models in FE environment Types of imperfections:
  - Waviness
  - Draping
  - Ply staggering
  - Resin Pocket
  - Dry fabric
  - Ply drops

# Composite FEM projects

## Horizon 2020 – QUIET – Composite lay-up optimization

### Project Objectives:

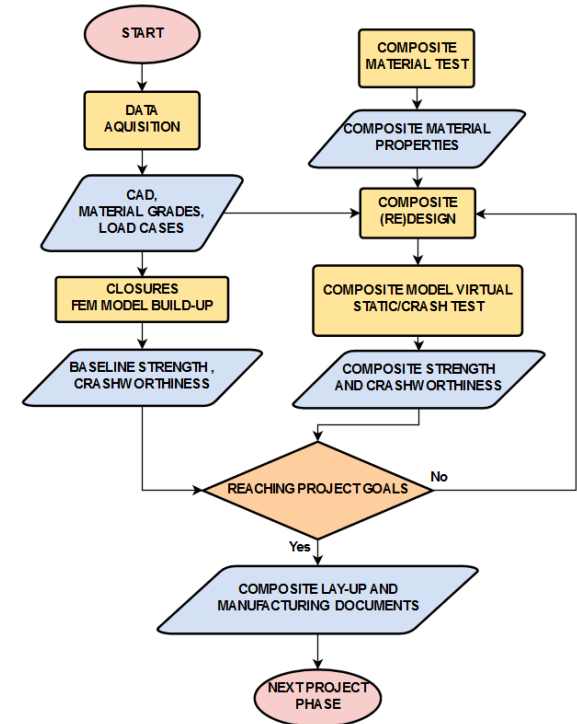


WP3: New lightweight components with improved thermal performance [M1-M29] (ECON)

### OBJECTIVES

- Developing suitable replacements of the earlier mentioned components which have enhanced thermal properties and lower mass compared to the original version
- Manufacturing **fully functional demonstration parts** (prototypes) that can be installed on the demonstration vehicle
- Measurement and simulation of the properties of the new parts
- Aimed results:
  - Weight reduction:
    - **Seats: -10 %** (from ~40 kg)
    - **Car glasses: -30 %** (from ~26 kg)
    - **Doors, trunk lid, engine hood: -20 %** (from ~80 kg)
  - Better **insulation: -20 % energy** needed to cool down or heat up the cabin
  - Lower **thermal inertia: -5 % energy** needed to cool down or heat up the cabin

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# Summary

## Innovative projects in house

- Effective pre and post processing
- Fatigue life prediction
- Composite tools

## Future plans

- Continuing R&D projects
- Increasing the cooperation in CAE solutions
- Entering new markets (Aerospace, Defence)



# Acknowledgment

## **QUIET – QUalifying and Implementing a user-centric designed and EfficienT electric vehicle**

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# Thank You For Your Attention!

