EU-Ukraine : New Possibilities for Aeronautic FP7 Collaboration

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#### Ukraine is European country



#### Ukraine is aerospace country





# AN-225 is the largest cargo plane in the world

SEA-LAUNCH equipped with Ukrainian rocket Collaboration in aeronautics can be a WIN-WIN partnership

Current FP7 Project: AERO-UKRAINE (CSA) www.aero-ukraine.eu

Stimulating Ukraine – EU Aeronautics Research Co-operation

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#### **AERO-UKRAINE**

**Consortium Partners:** 

- Slot Consulting Ltd (HU), Coordinator
- Intelligentsia (UK)
- UPatras-LTSM (GR)
- ANTONOV (UA)
- PROGRESS (UA)
- IPMS-NASU (UA)
- KhAI (UA)
- Project duration: 2 years

#### **Project Objectives**

- Assessing and publicising the aeronautics collaboration potential between the EU and Ukraine
- Raising awareness and understanding of EU aeronautics collaborative research
- Supporting Ukraine participation in FP7 aeronautics research

#### We plan to attract from Ukraine:

- More than 50 key players
- Leading engineering Universities
- Research institutes Academy of Science
- Aircraft designers and manufacturers
- Manufacturing process researchers
- Private research groups

## Expected Impact (levels):

- Policy helping to address several EU policy objectives relating to Ukraine
- Socio-economic facilitating research cooperation between aeronautics actors from the EU and Ukraine
- Technology technological diversity
- National bridge to EU research area
- European influence future EU-Ukraine S&T policy cooperation



AERO-UKRAINE Ukrainian Consortium Members Presentation

#### **ANTONOV SE**

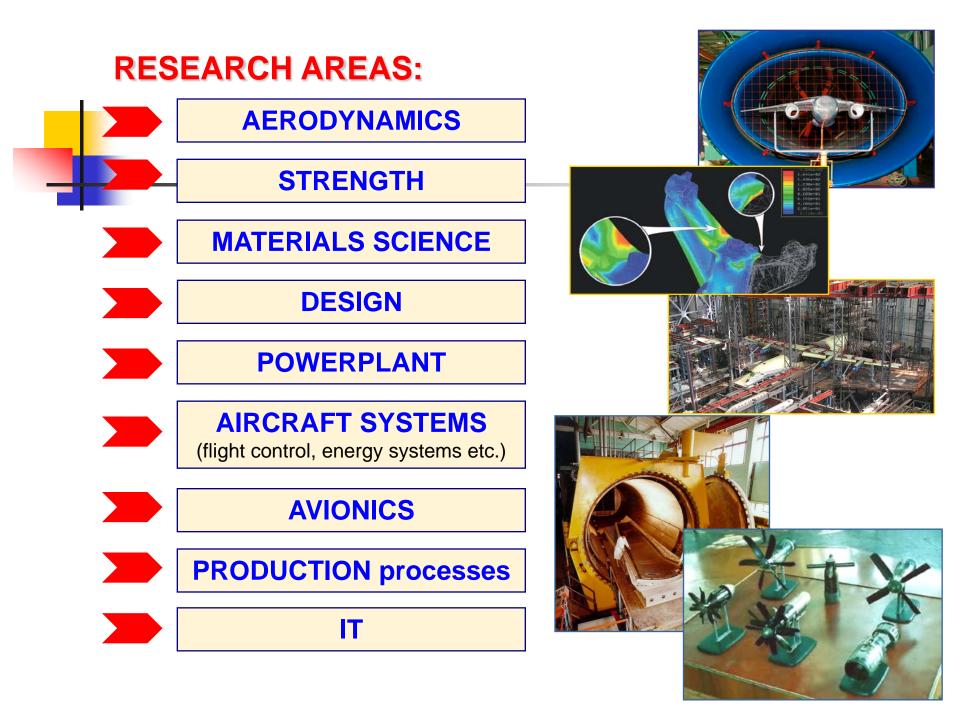
More than 60 years of activity More than 22000 aircraft More than 100 types and modifications 6043 aircraft into 76 countries





Production plant

Antonov Airlines

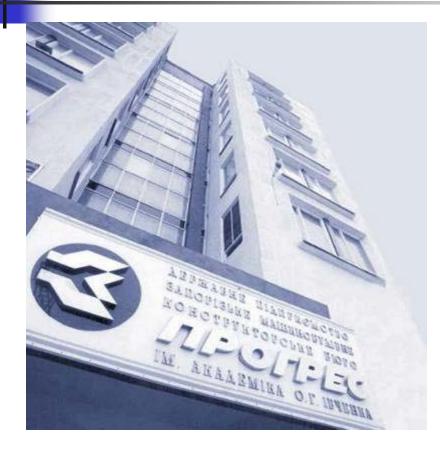


#### **ANTONOV** aircrafts



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#### **SE Ivchenko-Progress** Zaporozhye Machine-Building Design Bureau



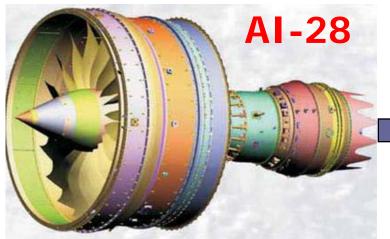
- 65 years history
- 57 types of engines designed
- 80 thousand engines manufactured
- Total operating time
   > 300 million hours

#### **Engines of the third Millennium**

#### **Advanced aeronautic engines** An, Tu, Be aircrafts

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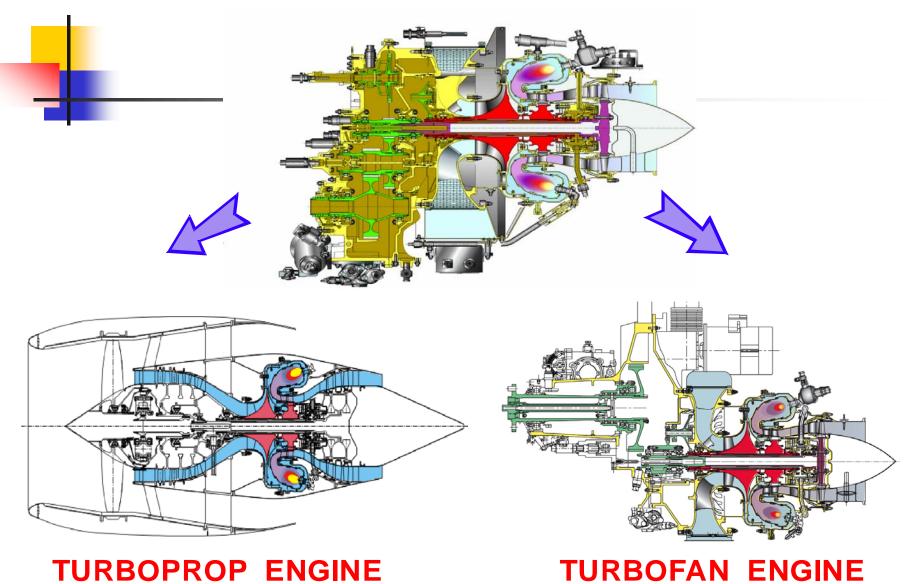




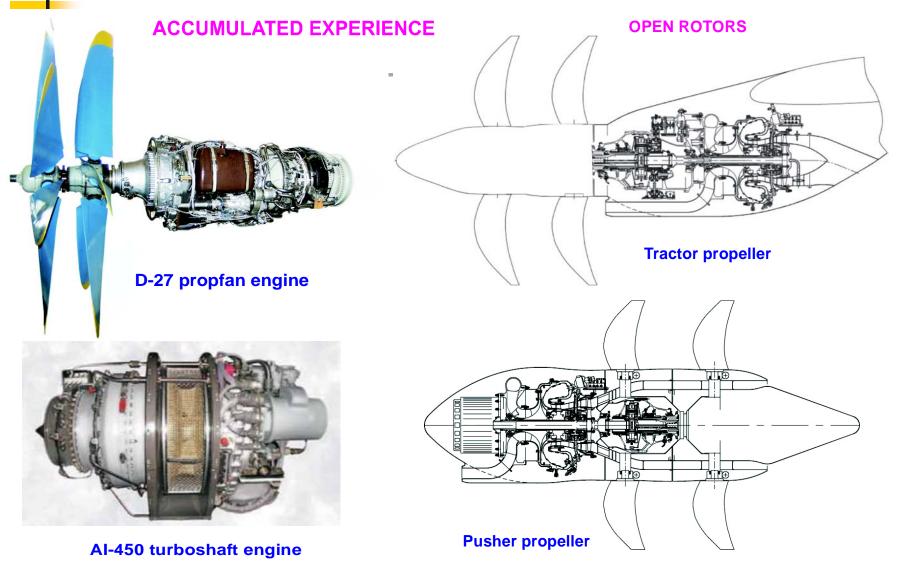


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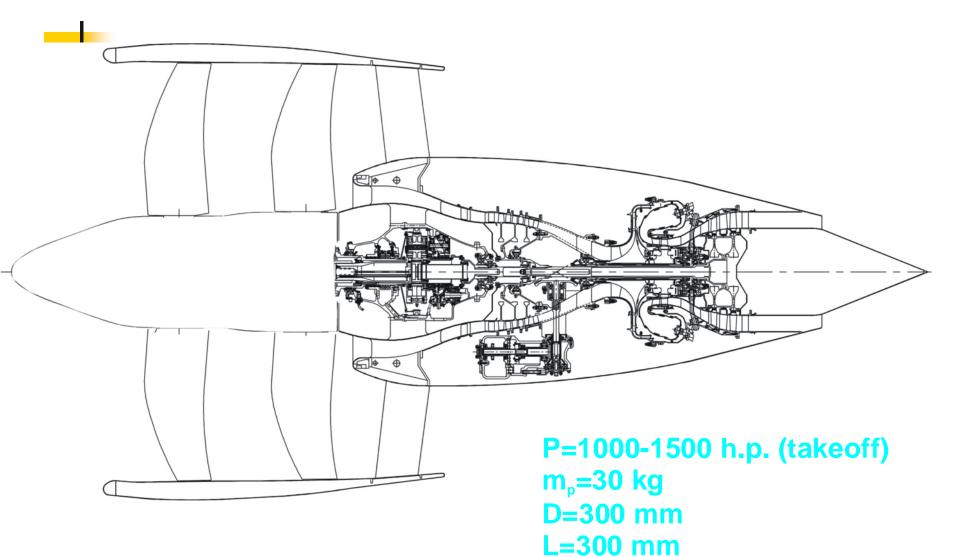
#### ADVANCED CORE



#### 400 – 1000 h.p ADVANCED ENGINE



#### THE GEARED ENGINE WITH BPR>10 FOR LIGHT EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT



**I=5...6** 

#### IPMS - Institute for Problems of Material Science (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)





- center
- More 800 researchers (285 Ph.D., 88 D.Sc.)

#### **Competencies:**

- Advanced Material Science
- Prospective energy-efficient and clean technologies
- Design of structures for aerospace, nuclear power engineering, transport, etc.

## **IPMS Research areas:**



Thermally expanded graphite samples

- High-temperature ceramic for aircraft engines
- Unique friction and antifriction wear-resistant materials
- Thermally extended graphite with steel or cooper nets reinforcement
- Sputtering techniques of wearcorrosion-resistance and heatresisting coatings

#### **IPMS Research areas:**

 Titanium alloys for aerostructures

 Aluminum alloys with unique mechanical properties (YS +160% and UTS +90% in comparison with 2024)



 Climatic tests of composite materials at different conditions

Titanium rotor turbo charger

#### **IPMS Research areas:**

« Noise and vibration »
The sound-proof materials on the basis of mesh materials

#### « Aerostructures »

Materials for composite aircraft lightning strike protection (knitted copper mesh with CNT)



## National Aerospace University "KhAI"

#### Who we are:

#### National Aerospace University «KhAI»

- 1930 Founded as Kharkiv Aviation Institute
- 1998 Aerospace University
- 2000 National Aerospace University





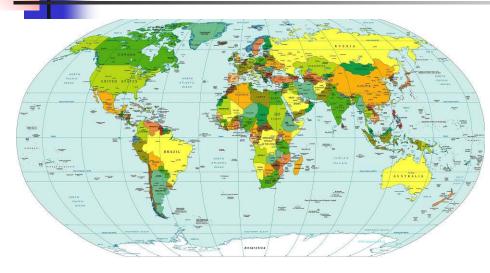
#### National Aerospace University «KhAI»:



- 12000 students
  - 160 postgraduates
- 700 teachers (400 Ph.D., 95 D.Sc.)
- 2000 employees
- 10 Faculties
- 27 Specialities
  - 45 departments
- terr. 25 hectars



## International Activity:



More than 1000 students from 60 countries

EASN associate member

PEGASUS associate partner Research Collaboration:

- United States
- United Kingdom
- Germany
- France
- Finland
- Mexico
- South Korea
- China
- Austria
- Sweden
- Australia

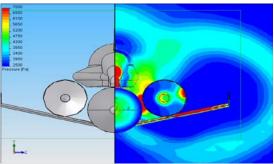
#### **OUR PARTNERS**



#### What we do?

# Subsonic and supersonic aerodynamics

#### Unique aerodynamic complex









## ✓ 6 wind tunnels✓ 1 to 4 Mach number range

#### **Structure strength:** Static and fatigue test facilities

- Aircraft structures full-scale testing
- Static and fatigue materials characterisation
- Structures fatigue life-time prediction

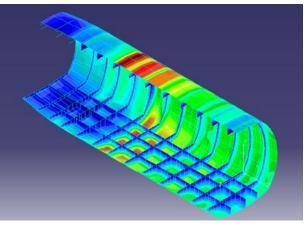


Certified:

 Aviation Regulations of Ukraine, part 23, sections C and D.

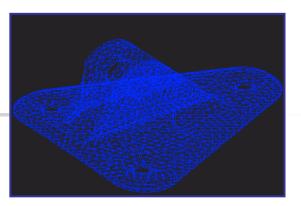
- Airworthiness Specifications JAR-VLA, sections C and D.



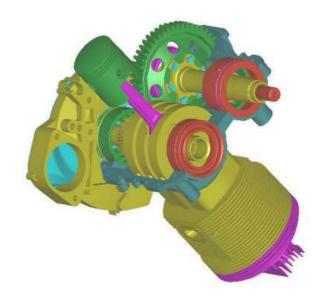


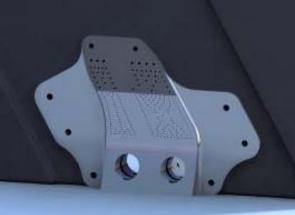
#### Design Centre: CAD/CAM/CAE

UNIGRAFIX, EUCLID, ANSYS, NASTRAN, COSMOS, SOLID WORKS, LS DYNA etc. Design, 3D models, FEM









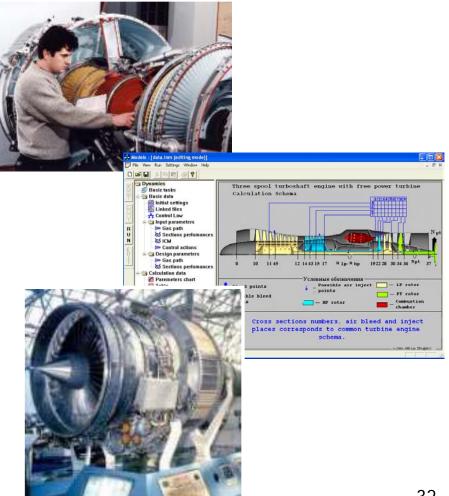
#### Aircraft engine research

Simulation and testing of gas-dynamic processes in gas-turbine engines.

Real-time diagnostics of gas-turbine engines.

Engine control simulation software

"Green turbine" research



#### **Material Science**

#### Advanced composites

- Design methodology
- Micro-level simulation
- Innovative joints design

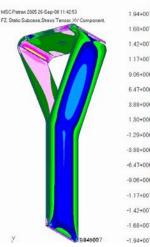
#### Multi-layer coatings

- Erosion-resistant
- TBC
- Hardening

#### Nano-science

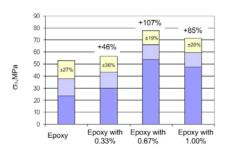
- Nano-particles production
- CFRP properties enhancement

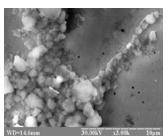












#### Various ICT applications:

UAV Auto-pilot system

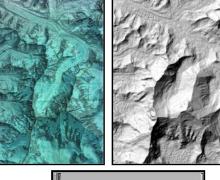
Fault-tolerant embedded control systems

Remote sensing & advanced signal processing





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## EU Research Projects:

- FP6 SENARIO (Advanced Sensors and Novel Concepts for Intelligent and Reliable Processing in Bonded Repairs)
- FP6 ALCAS (Advanced Low Cost Aircraft Structures)
- FP7 HPH.com (Helicon Plasma Hydrazine Combined Micro Engine)
- FP7 AERO-UKRAINE (Support actions for further cooperation EU/Ukraine aeronautic communities)
- FP7 WASIS (Composite Fuselage Section Wafer-design Approach for Safety Increasing in Worst-case Situations and Minimizing of Joints)

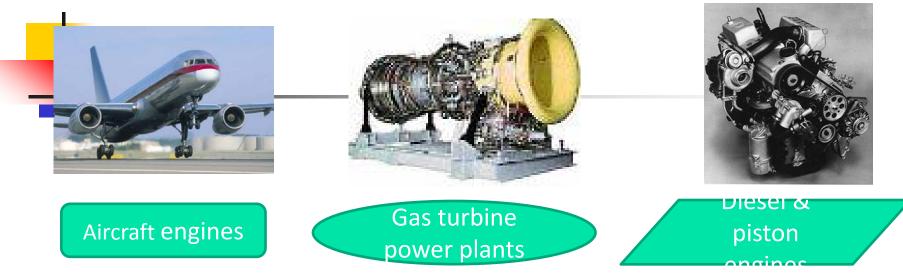
#### Next AAT Call Ideas

ACTIVITY 7.1.1. THE GREENING OF AIR TRANSPORT AREA 7.1.1.1. Green aircraft AAT.2012.1.1-3 Propulsion

#### **Project Idea:**

#### NONOX NOx elimination in gasturbine engines exhaust

#### **NOx emission sources**



## NOx negative effect:

- Environment pollution
- Power plant efficiency reduction
- Structure elements acidic destruction
- Life threat

# Current approach to NOx emission mitigation:

## Separated combustion zone

High hydrodynamic losses Low effective temperature Complicated design

#### Vapor injection

Addition consumables Inappropriate for aircraft Water recycling devices

#### Catalytic combustion chamber

Small flow rate Low effective temperature Expensive catalysts

#### **Depleted mixtures**

Low effective temperature Low efficiency Chamber size increasing

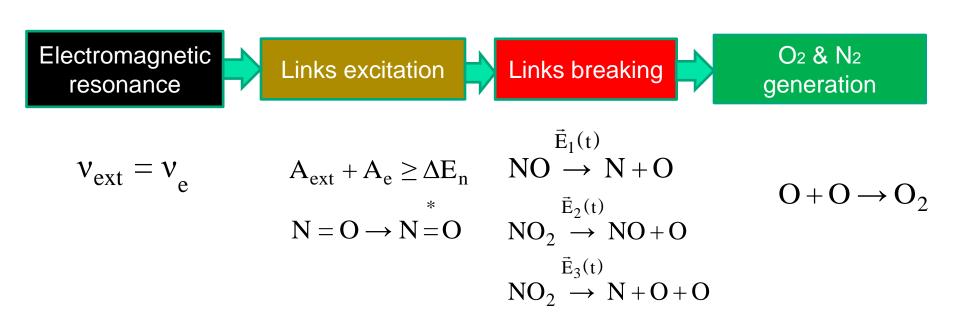
General approach – NOx generation restriction

- Existing NOx amount reduction impossible!
- Limited application

#### Our approach: NOx molecules decomposition with electro-magnetic resonance

- Application of high frequency transient electromagnetic fields in working parts of exhaust nozzles
- Electron links resonance excitation into NO<sub>x</sub> molecules up to dissociation
- NOx decomposition and recombination reactions
- Nitrogen and oxygen replace NO<sub>x</sub> in exhausting gas mixtures

## How it works



#### **Expected benefits:**

- 99,95% initial NOx eliminated
- Any type of power plant
- Unlimited flow rate, flow speed 3M
- Working temperature: 173 1400 K
- High pressure: up to 200 atm
- Initial NOx concentration: 10 10 000 ppm;
- Regardless of initial gas consistence
- No consumables

ACTIVITY 7.1.3. ENSURING CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND SAFETY

AREA 7.1.3.3. Aircraft safety AAT.2012.3.3-1 Aerostructures

### Project Idea: COALIS

#### Composite Aircraft Lightning-Strike Protection with Advanced Materials

## Motivation:

- Composite aircraft needs specific lightning strike protection measures
- Conductive coatings, foils,

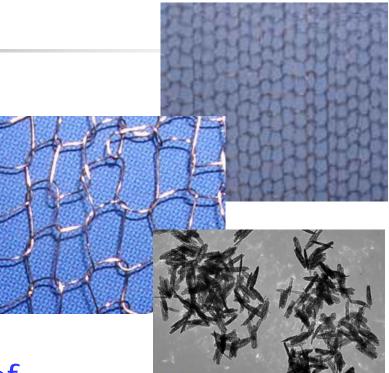
extended foils are used now

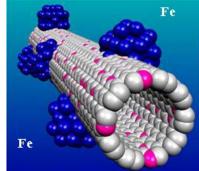


- Weight/Costs/Conductivity trade-off
- Advanced conductive materials is the scope

#### **Technical approach:**

- Knitted mesh made of 0.8 mm copper wires with controlled cell dimensions. (soldered or welded).
- Epoxy resin modified with carbon nano-tubes (CNT) with embedded molecules of iron (Fe). (CNT chains)
- Synergy effect gives increased conductivity





## Expected Impact:

- Twice more effective in lightning energy dissipation comparatively to the best examples of widely used extended foils
- ~50% less in weight (comp. Astrostrike)
- Can be also used for after-strike repair of composite airframe structures for upper layer conductivity restoration

# Following Work Packages assumed:

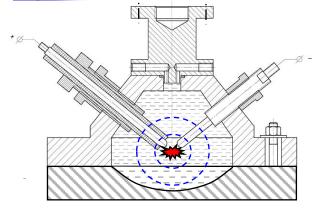
- Copper knitted mesh conductivity research and optimization, manufacturing process development
- 2. CNT-Fe epoxy resin curing process research and optimization for highest conductivity, manufacturing process development
- 3. Composite panels test samples manufacturing using several conventional and developed materials
- 4. On-ground comparative lightning strike testing of manufactured panels

ACTIVITY 7.1.4. IMPROVING COST EFFICIENCY AREA 7.1.4.1. Aircraft development cost AAT.2012.4.1-2 Aerostructures

> Project Idea: EHF-3D

Cost-effective Electro-Hydraulic Forming (EHF) technology for complex 3D aircraft/engine parts manufacturing

#### What is Electro-Hydraulic Forming (EHF)?





High-voltage discharge in a liquid .

Forming factors :

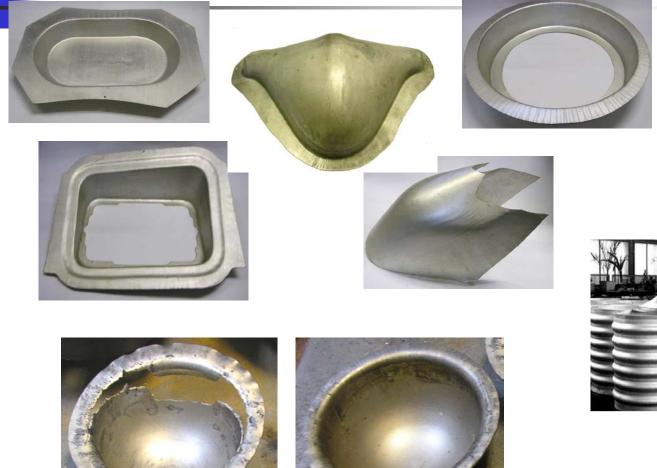
- high-intensity electric field
- high temperature
- high pulse pressure

#### JUST ELECTRICITY AND WATER !

## Motivation:

- Aircraft/engine parts has complex 3D geometry
- Conventional pressing technology is pretty expensive, post-production finishing is needed
- Electro Hydraulic Forming can sufficiently decrease pre-production and manufacturing costs
- Parts accuracy can also be increased (no postproduction)
- Heavy-deformed materials (Ti) can be easily formed (with heating)

#### Aircraft parts manufactured with EHF:





#### EHF advantages and benefits:

- Sufficient tooling cost decreasing (only one hard tool – die or punch)
- Pre-production time is very short (0.5-1 month)
- Tooling from cheap materials: carbon steel, aluminium, aluminium-zinc alloys, plywood, etc.
- Complex 3D geometry parts (better plasticity of metals)
- Highest accuracy of the formed parts
- Extremely cost effective (pilot, small-batch and middle-scale production)

#### Work Packages:

- 1. Software development for EHF process and tooling simulation
- 2. Non-metal dies manufacturing
- 3. Coating technology for forming tools development
- 4. Automated EHF control system development
- 5. Manufacturing process testing for different materials
- 6. Combined application of EHF and EMF

### We are seeking partnership for:

- FP7 Aeronautics Call participation (but not limited to!)
- Two-way exchange of ideas and demand
- Strategic partnership
- Joint R&D projects
- Patenting and licensing
- Commercialization
- Spin-off and joint ventures



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