

# “Innovative Aluminum Lightweight Technologies for Aerospace Application”

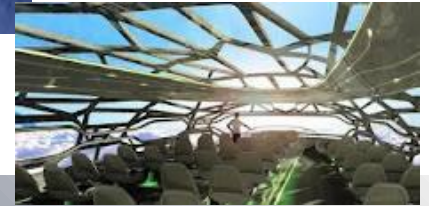
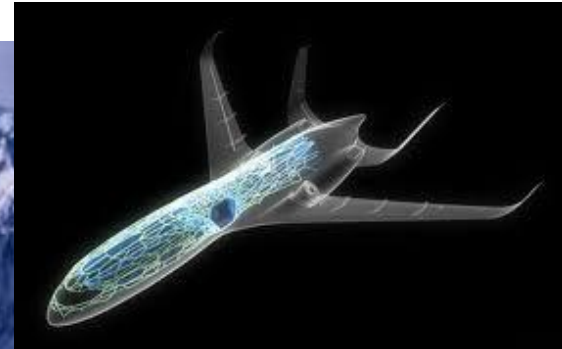
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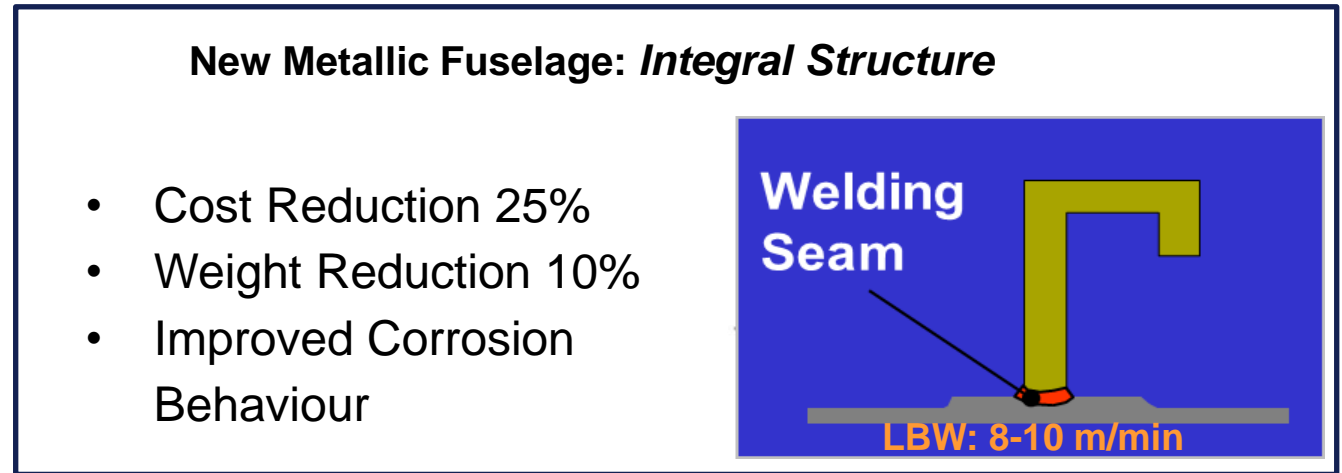
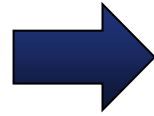
# The drivers for future structure

- Increased performance
- High quality and reliability
- Increased efficiency
- Reduction of weight
- Sustainability (eco-efficiency)
- Cost Reduction !

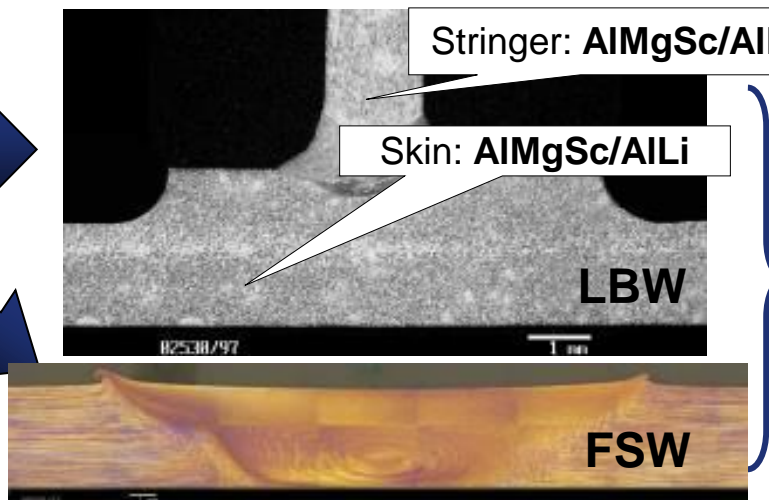
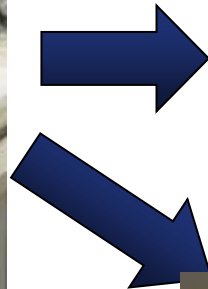


- ➔ Innovative design principles
- ➔ Advanced process
- ➔ New material concepts

# New advanced technologies & materials



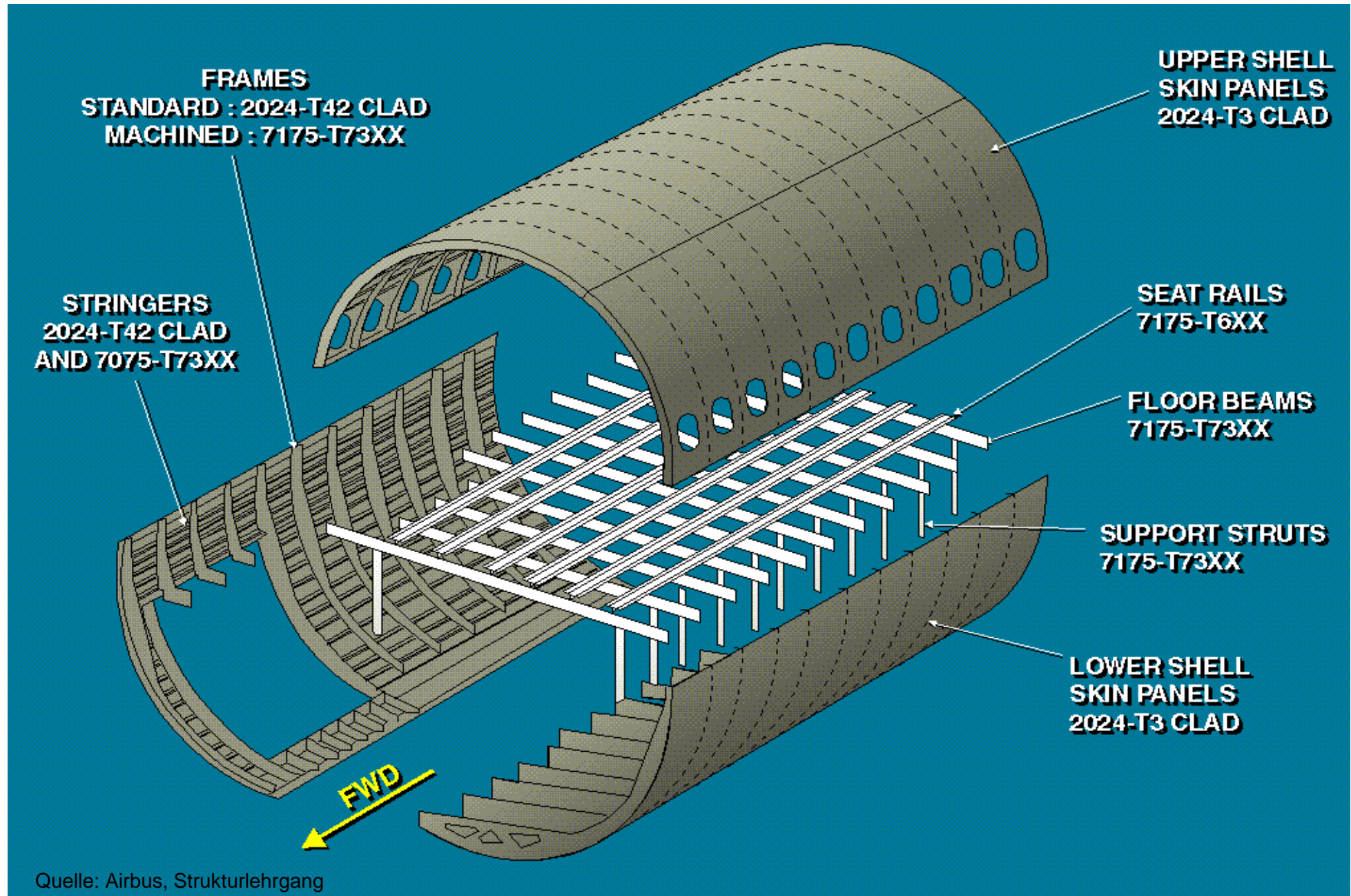
## New approach → Welding of Mono/Mixed Materials



**Target → New weldable alloys for HDT Al-Structures**



# Material and technology evolution: A320



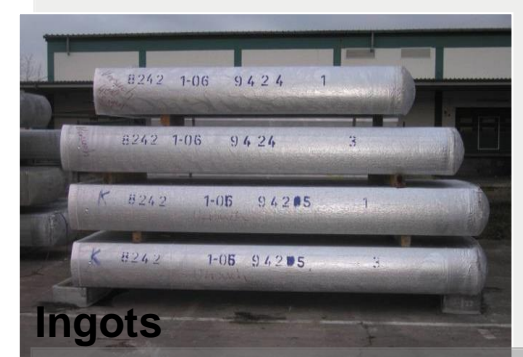
# Al-Mg-Sc alloy

## Status

- » Corus alloy (**Ko8242/5024**) → Developed in national funded BMBF-Project (1996-1999) under leadership AGI IW Munich

## Motivation

- » 5% lower density compared to AA2024/AA2524 and 2.5% lower than AA6013
- » Excellent corrosion resistance (no IGC, EXCO & SCC sensitivity)
- » Excellent fusion weldability (no hot crack sensitivity)
- » Excellent creep or relaxation formability at 300-350°C
- » During relaxation process increase of strength in LBW fusion zone up to base material level



Ingots



Hot rolling



Quelle: Aleris

**1996-1999 BMBF-Project with VILS → 1999 - 2011 industrialization Ko8242/ AA5024**  
**Today → Improved AA5028 (Aleris)**



# Al-Mg-Sc alloy

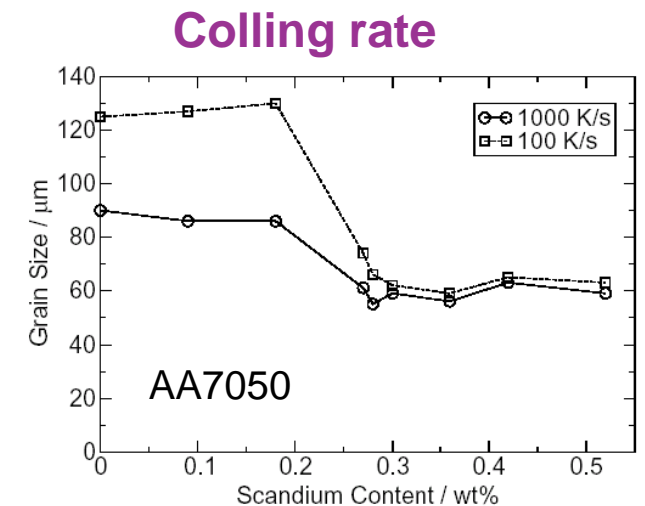
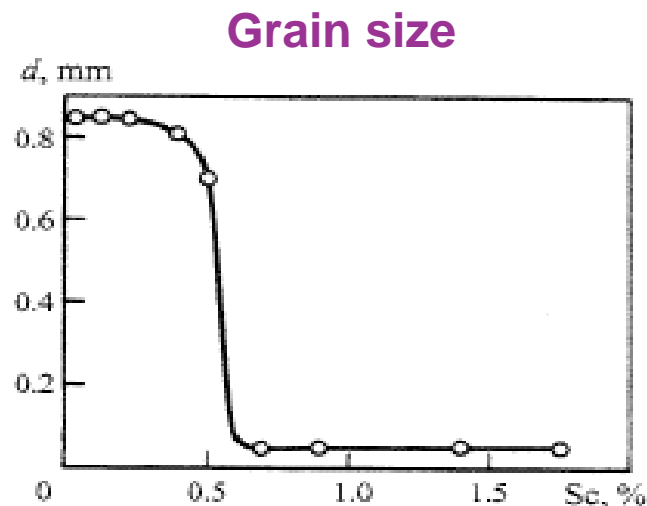
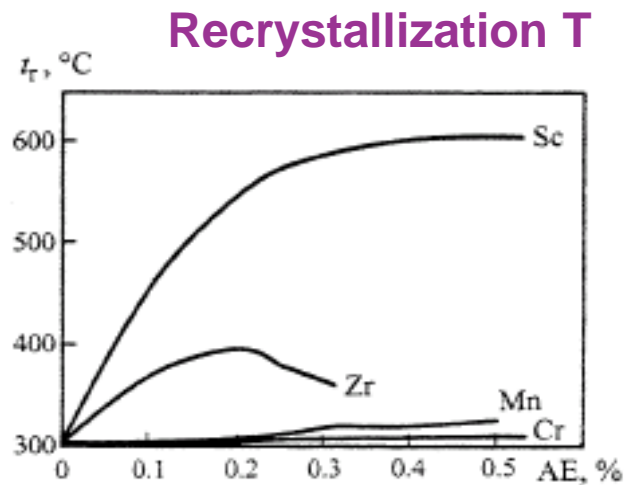
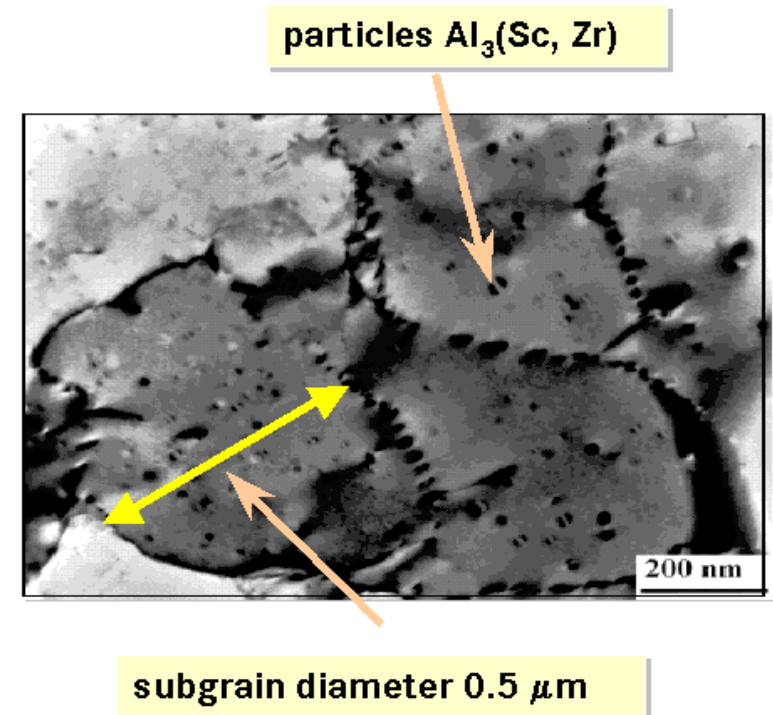
## Metallurgical principles of scandium addition

### I. Effects of Scandium $\text{Al}_3\text{Sc}$ :

- » Grain refinement (casting & welding)
- » Strengthening
- » Recrystallization inhibition

### II. Effect of Scandium & Zirconium $\text{Al}_3(\text{Sc},\text{Zr})$ :

- » Lower tendency to coagulate
- » Higher anti-recrystallisation and strengthening effect



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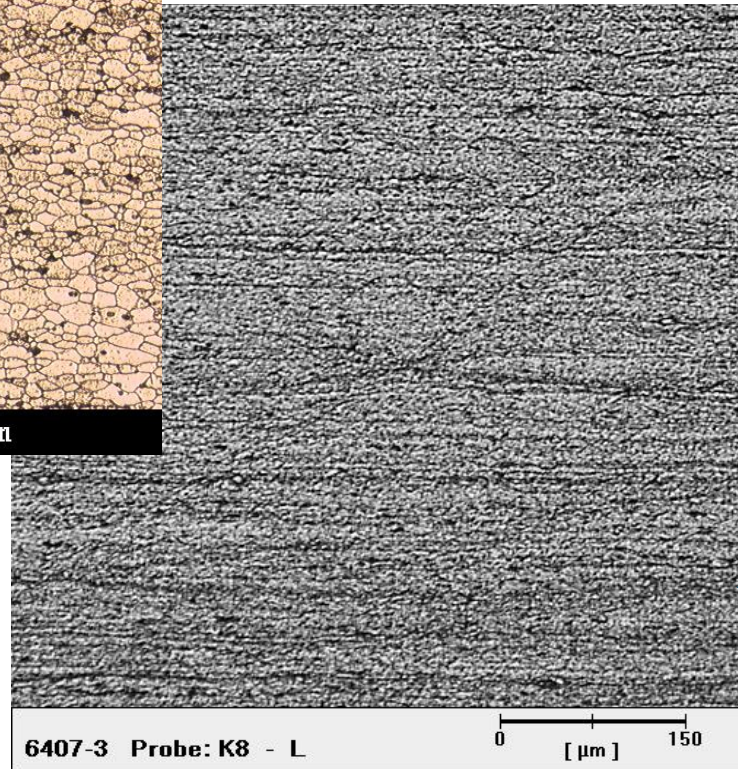
## Microstructure

6013-T651

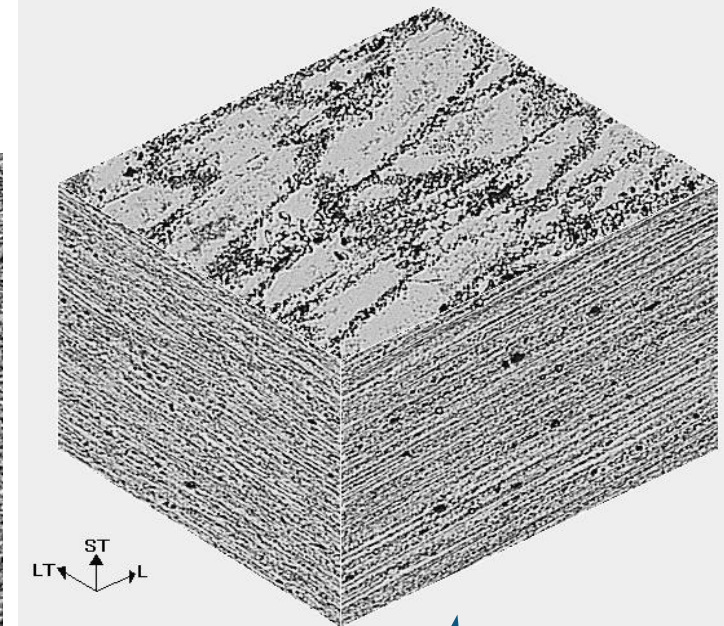


Recrystallized structure

5XXX+Sc-TX



1424-3TX



7045-46 Probe: 6 / Al 1424

0 150  $\mu\text{m}$

Non-recrystallized structure

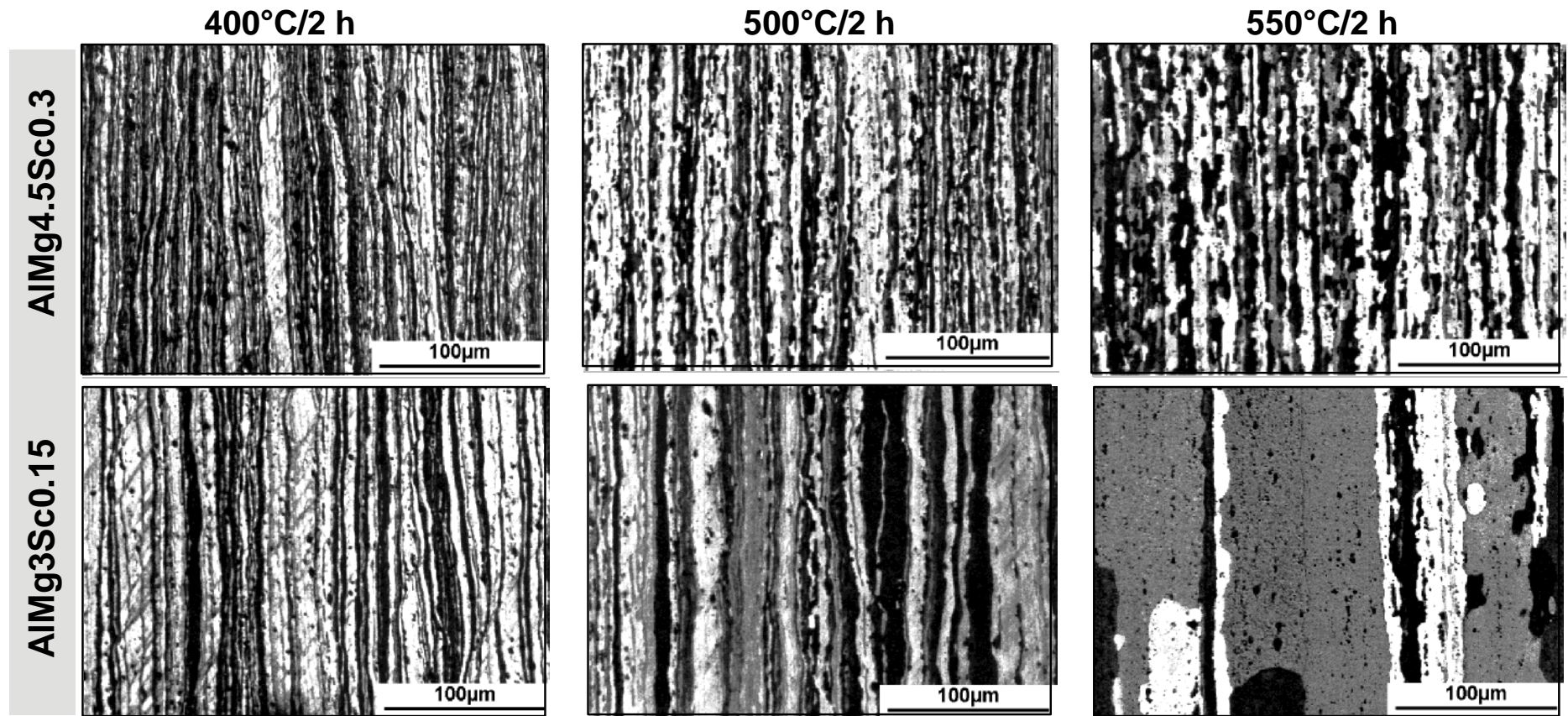


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Al-Mg-Sc microstructure evolution → Impact of temperature

Conventional casting

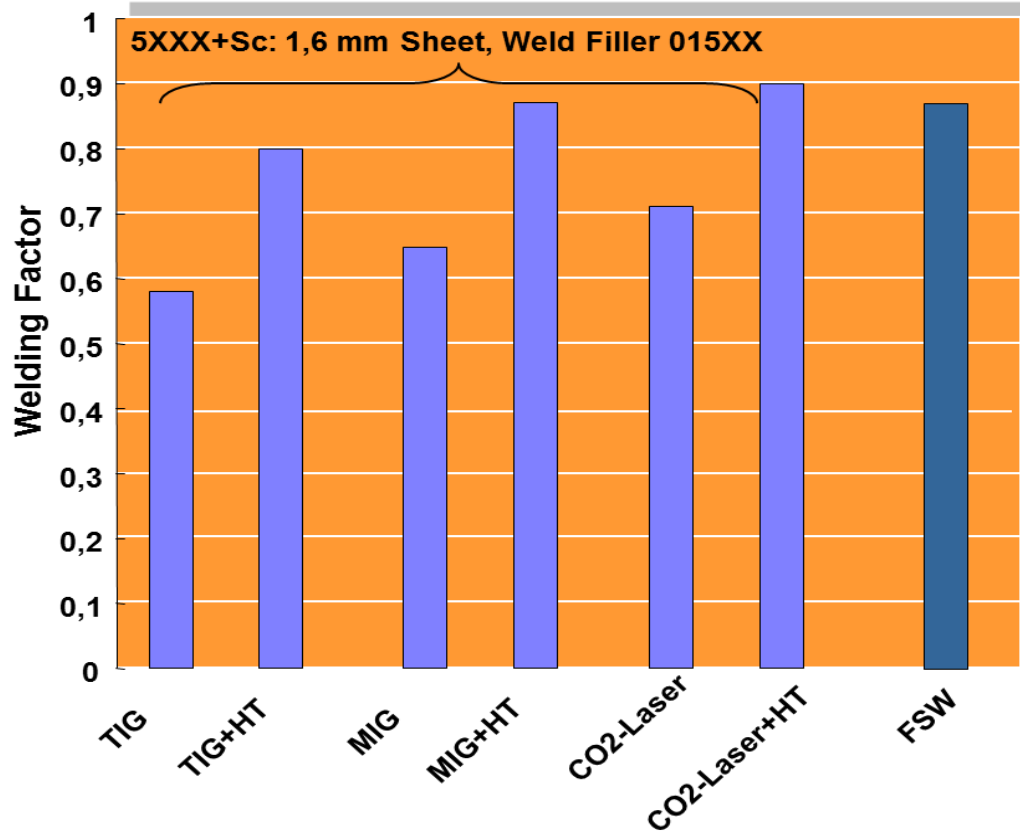
~10 -100 K/s



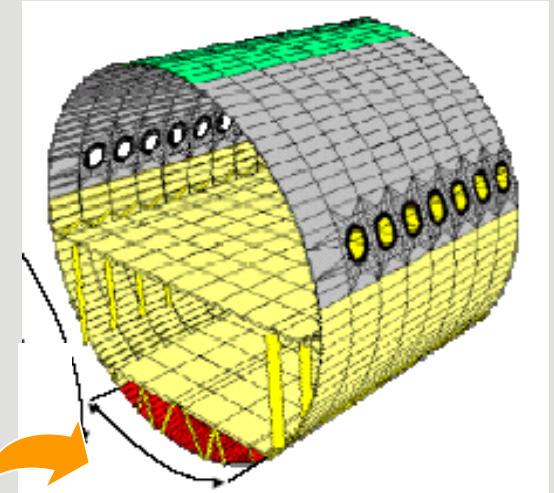


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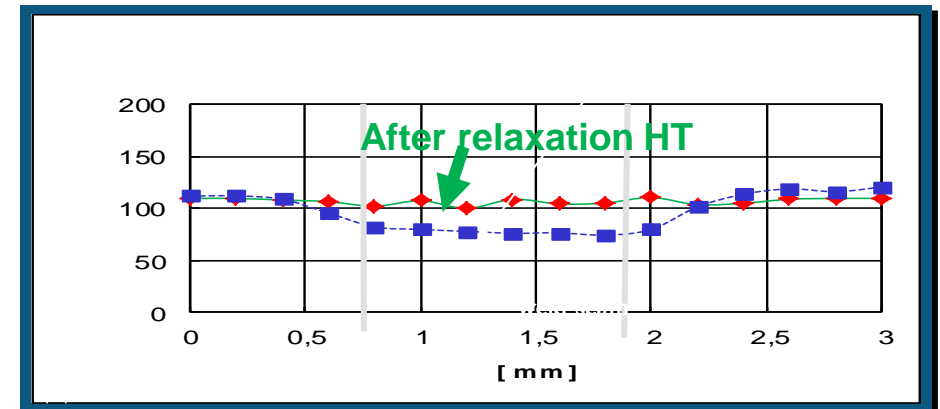
## Weldability



## Al-Mg-Sc shells in TANGO Barrel



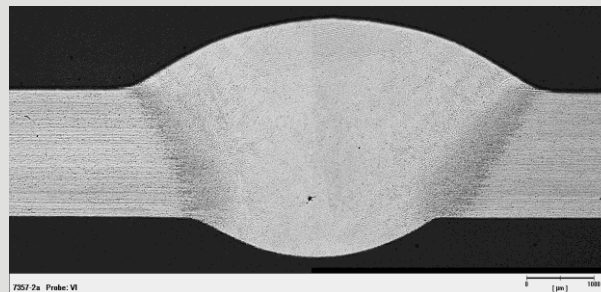
Al-Mg-Sc Skin (inc. FSW)  
Al-Mg-Sc LBW Stringer



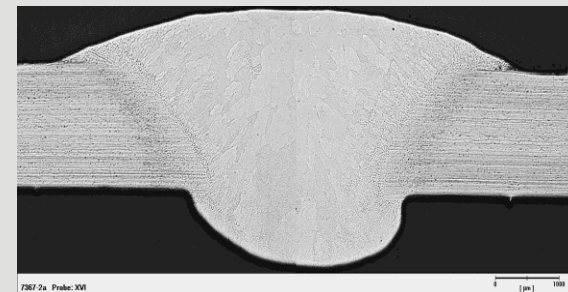
Excellent weldability!!!

Type of welding impacts  
the welding factor due  
to the cooling rate!!!

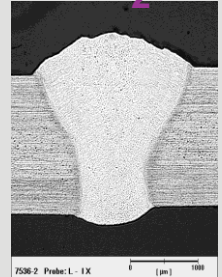
TIG



MIG



CO<sub>2</sub>



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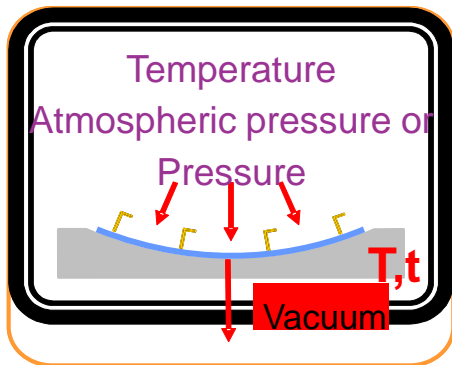
## New forming technologies: Creep Forming of welded parts



1. Stringer LBW



2. Fixing the panels in the form



3. Creep forming

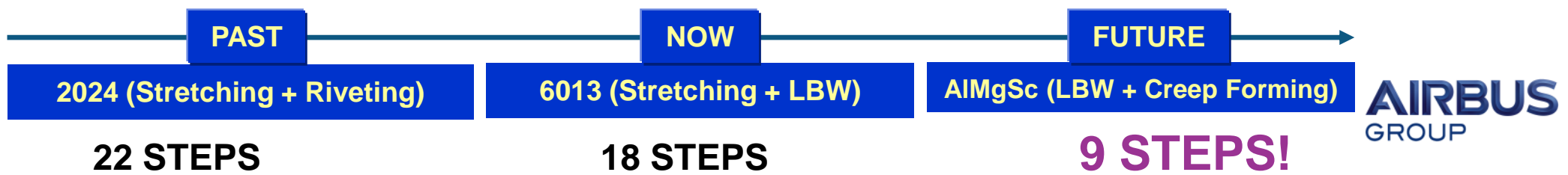


4. Ready

### Advantages:

- LBW on flat sheet
- No spring-back
- Hardening of joint & HAZ
- Relaxation of residual stresses and distortions

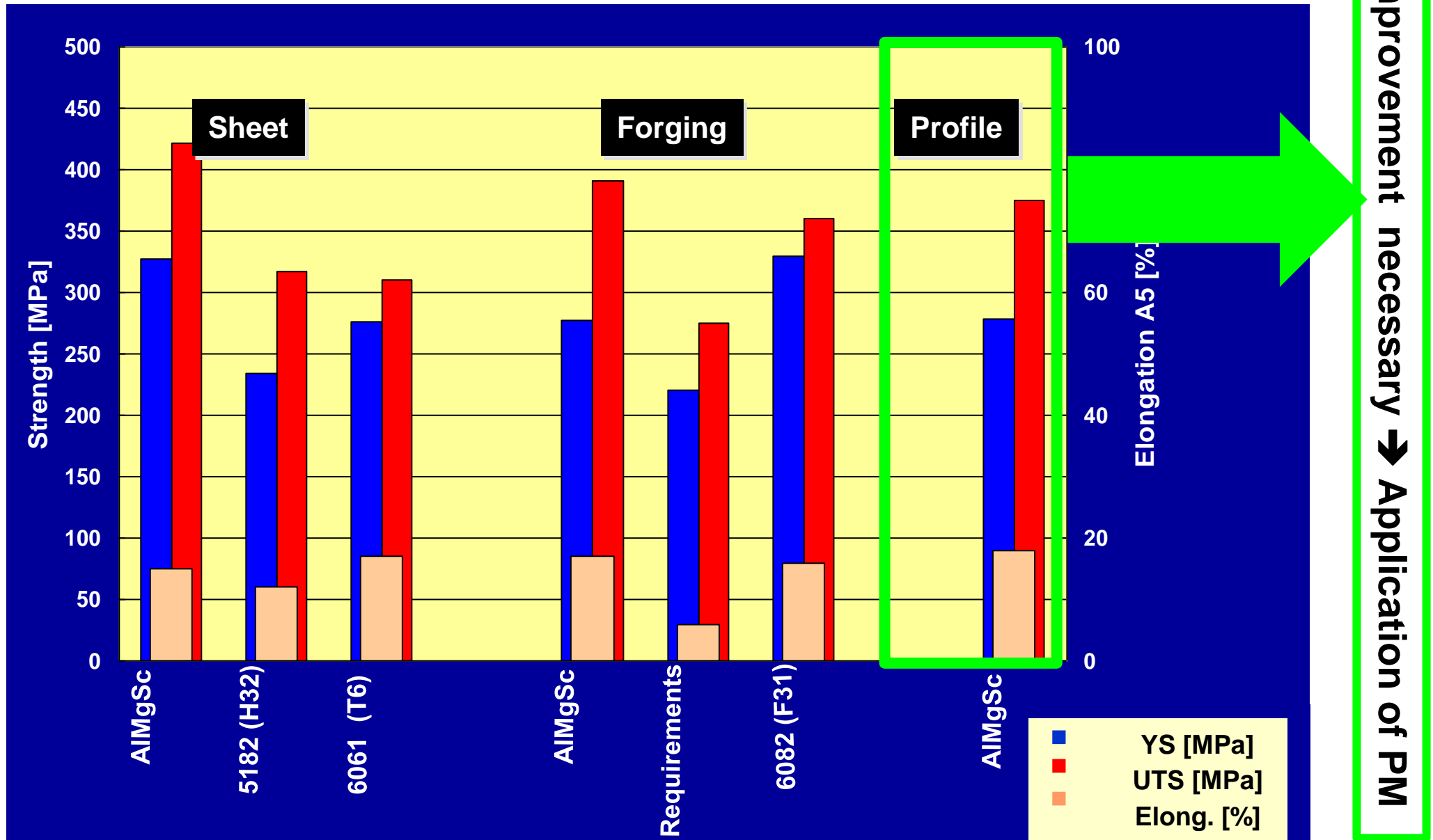
**Innovation** → Reduction of costs through reduction of manufacturing steps





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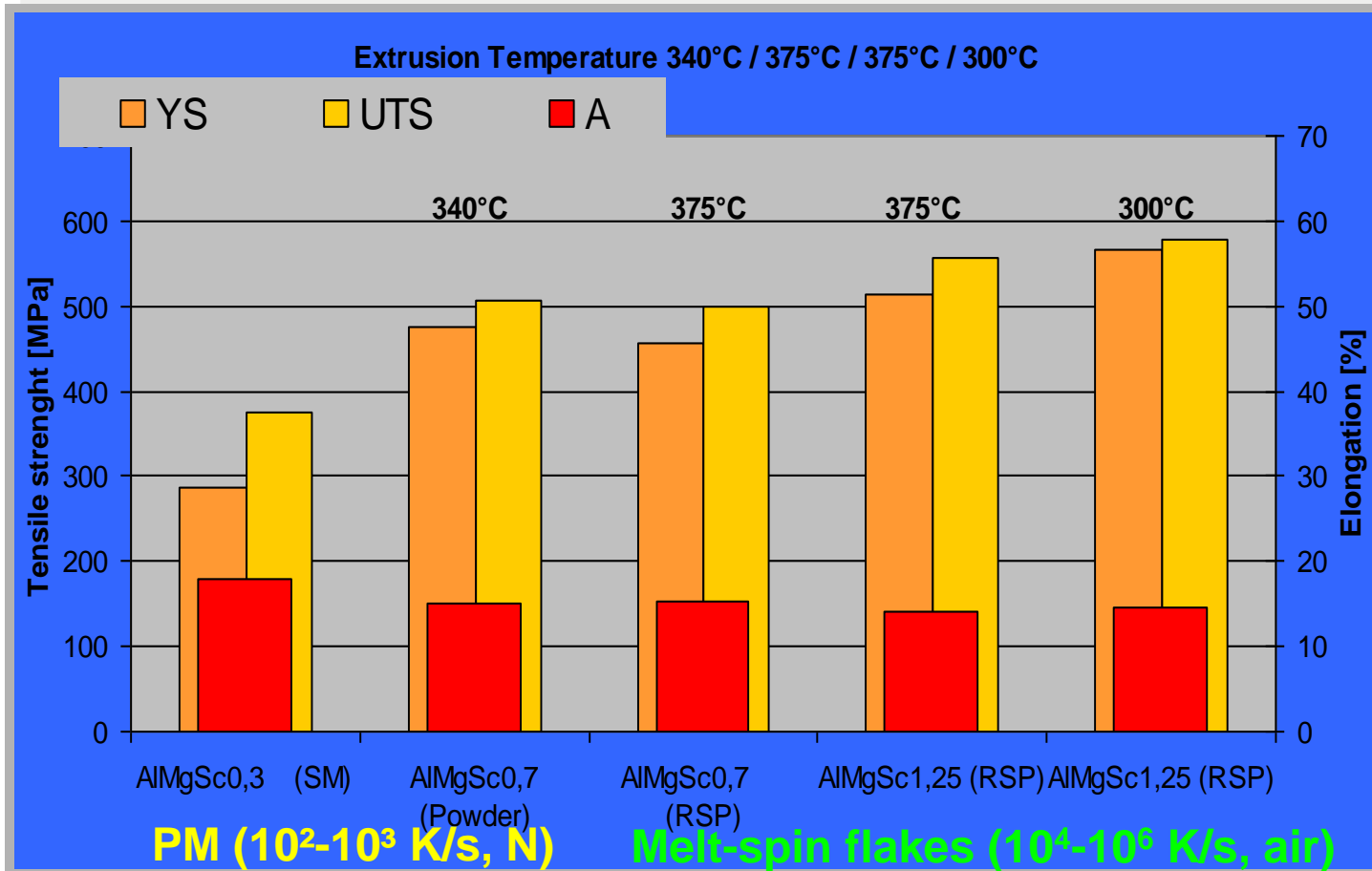
## Mechanical Properties of Different Al-Mg-Sc Semi-Finished Products



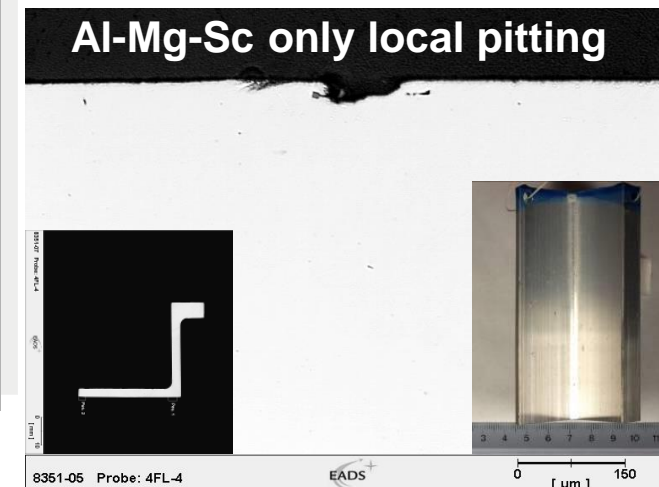
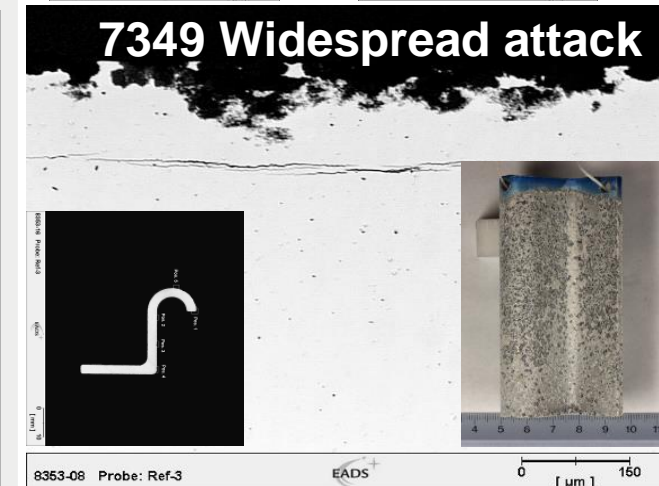
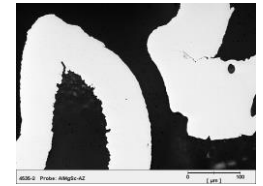
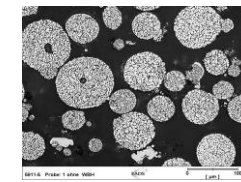
# Scalmalloy®: AGI' second-generation Al-Mg-Sc material

## Development of high strength PM Al-Mg-Sc material

### Mechanical properties & corrosion behaviour



- High performance material with low density
- Extremely high strength combined with exceptional good notch ductility
- Better corrosion behaviour than 7xxx and new 2xxx alloys
- Application for conventional/integral design

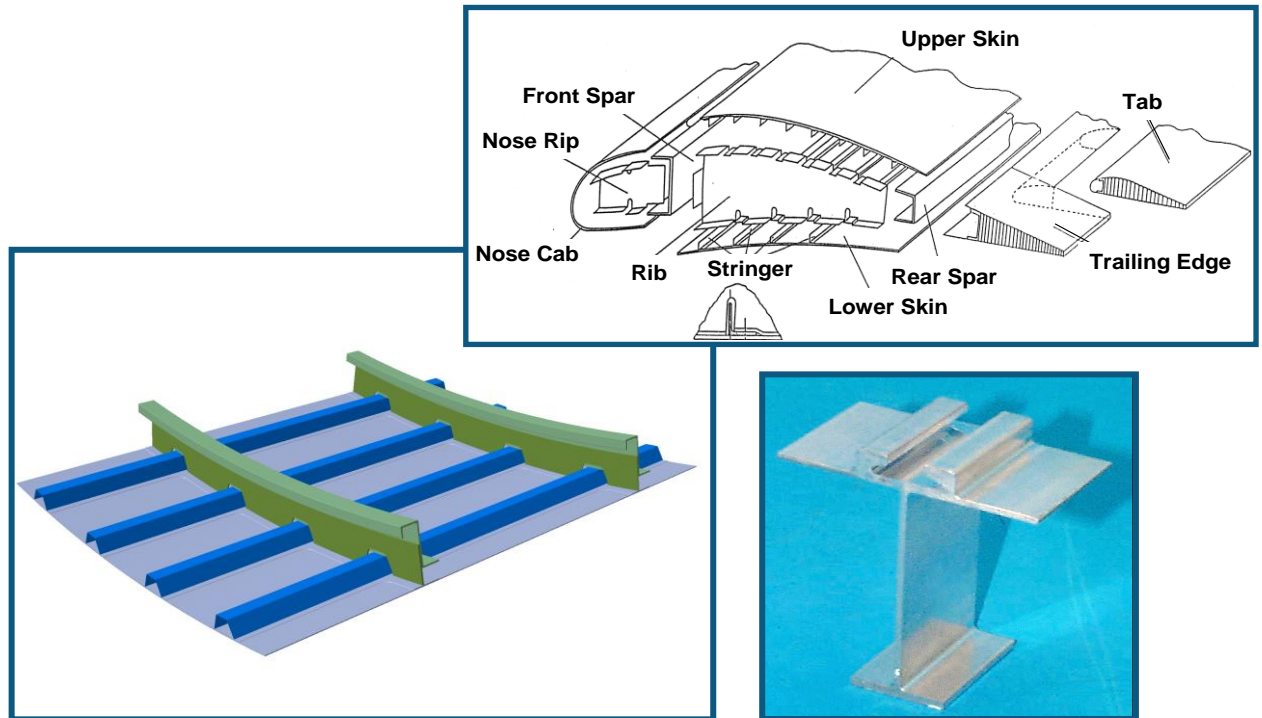




# Scalmalloy®: AGI' second-generation Al-Mg-Sc material

Highlight 2006 → Dr. Blanka Lenczowski / Frank Palm

- 4 year research activity results in a new class of high strength alloys with YS about 500 – 600 MPa.
- AlMgSc (*Scalmalloy*®) combines excellent strength and toughness with very high corrosion resistance




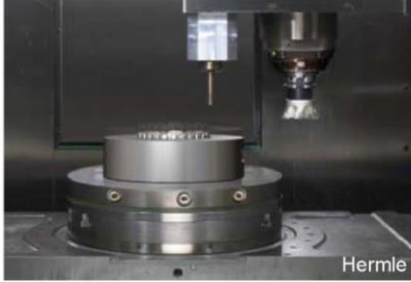


- Longer lasting profile solutions in highly corrosive environments (seat tracks, floor beams etc.)
- Welded lower shell fuselage panels with 20 – 30% higher load bearing capabilities
- Integrally designed high lift devices with improved in service behavior by lower manufacturing costs

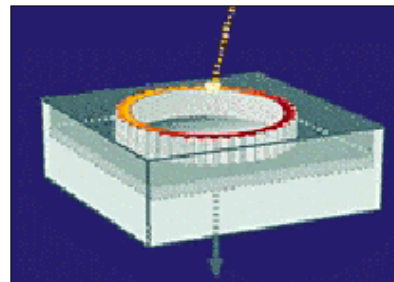
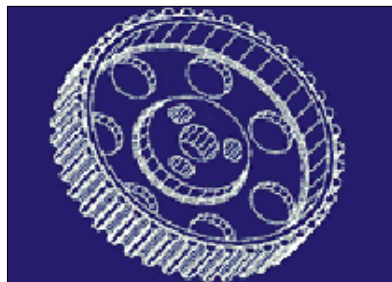
# Additive Layer Manufacturing (ALM) versus castings & more

## Development of loaded optimized parts by ALM

### Rapid Technologie für Metalle (ALM)

Powder bed	Powder feed	Wire feed	Others
 Trumpf	 Optomec	 Fraunhofer IPT	 Hermle
Laser beam based Electron beam based	Laser beam based	Laser beam based Electron beam based	e. g. Alchemy
Metals Ceramics Composites	Metals Composites Gradient materials	Metals Composites Gradient materials	Metals Composites Gradient materials

CAD-Model

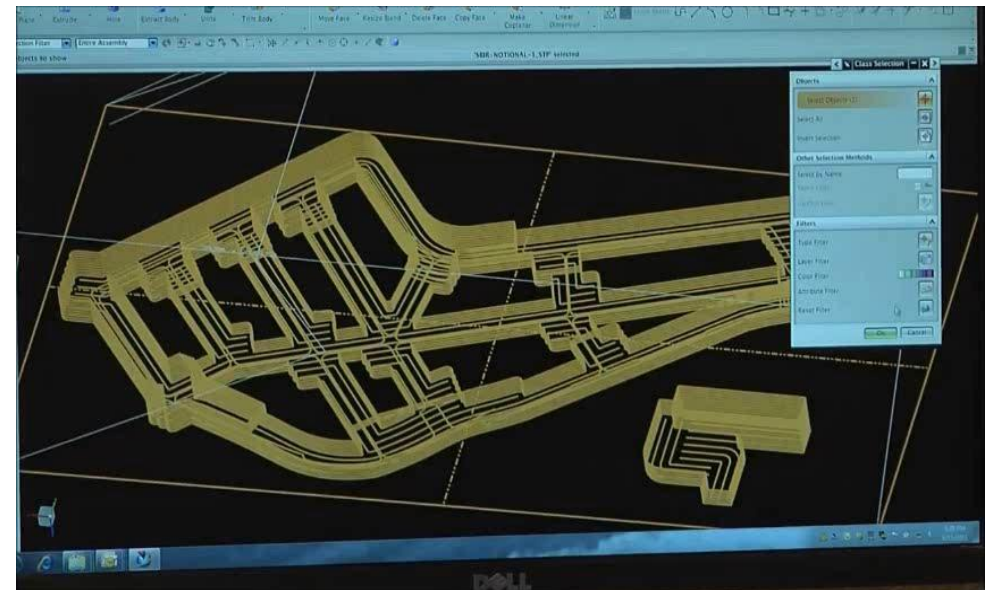
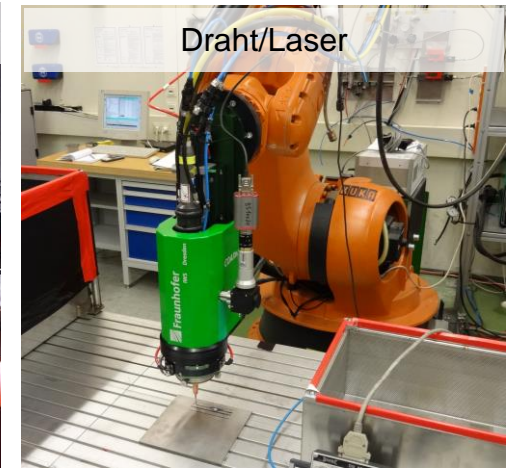
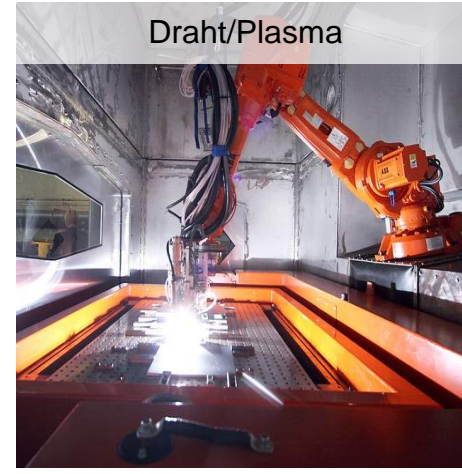


Final Part



# Al-Mg-Sc Material Technology

## Additive Layer Manufacturing (ALM)

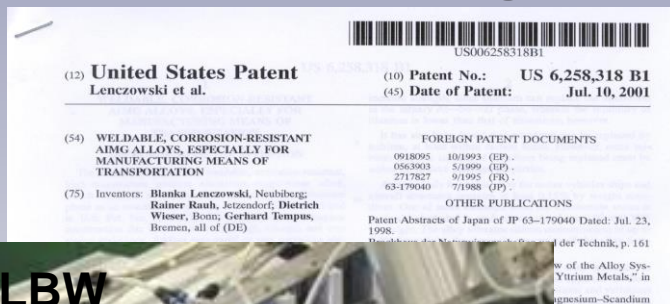


# Al-Mg-Sc Material Technology

## Technology Directions/Streams

### Alloy Patents (IM):

- ➔ 1x Alloy with medium Mg
- 2x Alloys with ↑ Mg
- ➔ ScalmalloySc® ➔ Strip Casting



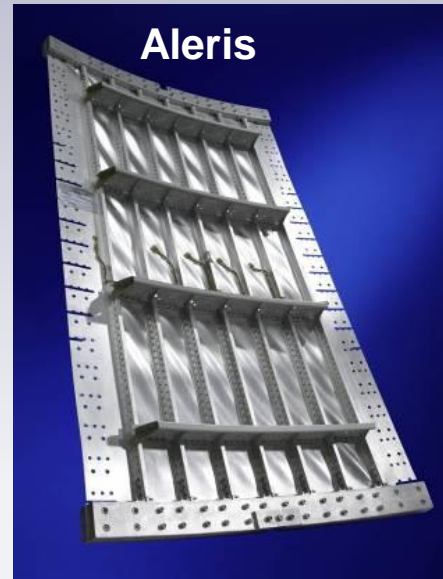
LBW

AIRBUS  
A30X

flightglobal.com/FlightBlogger

FSW

### Forming Patent: ➔ 1x Creep forming of Al-structures



### Alloy Process Know-How (PM)

- ➔ Scalmalloy® ➔ extrusion
- ➔ Scalmalloy RP for ALM

Powder bed



Laser beam based  
Electron beam based

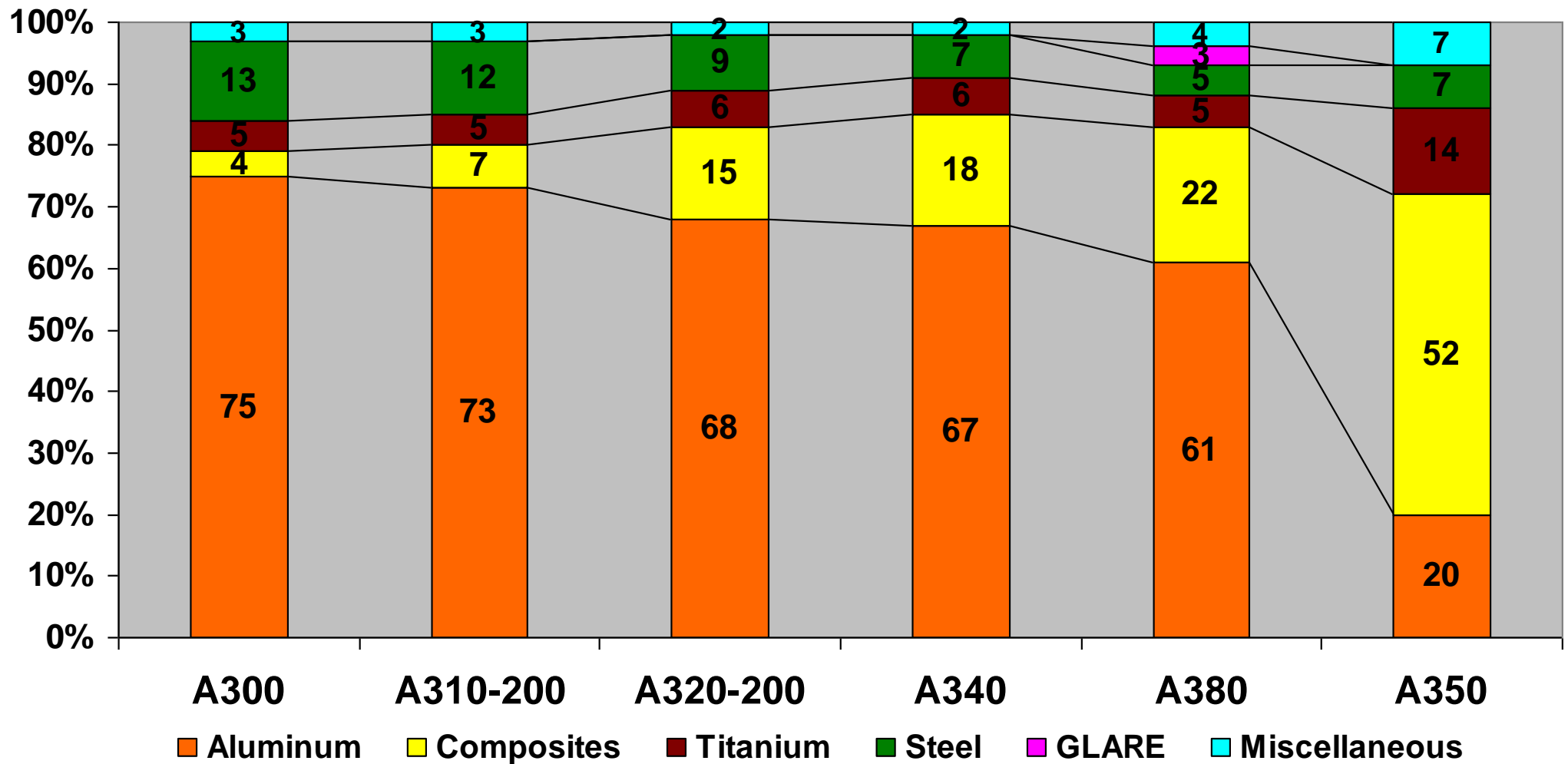
Leading Edge  
Rib Demonstrator

New materials for extended product life & to enhance competitiveness

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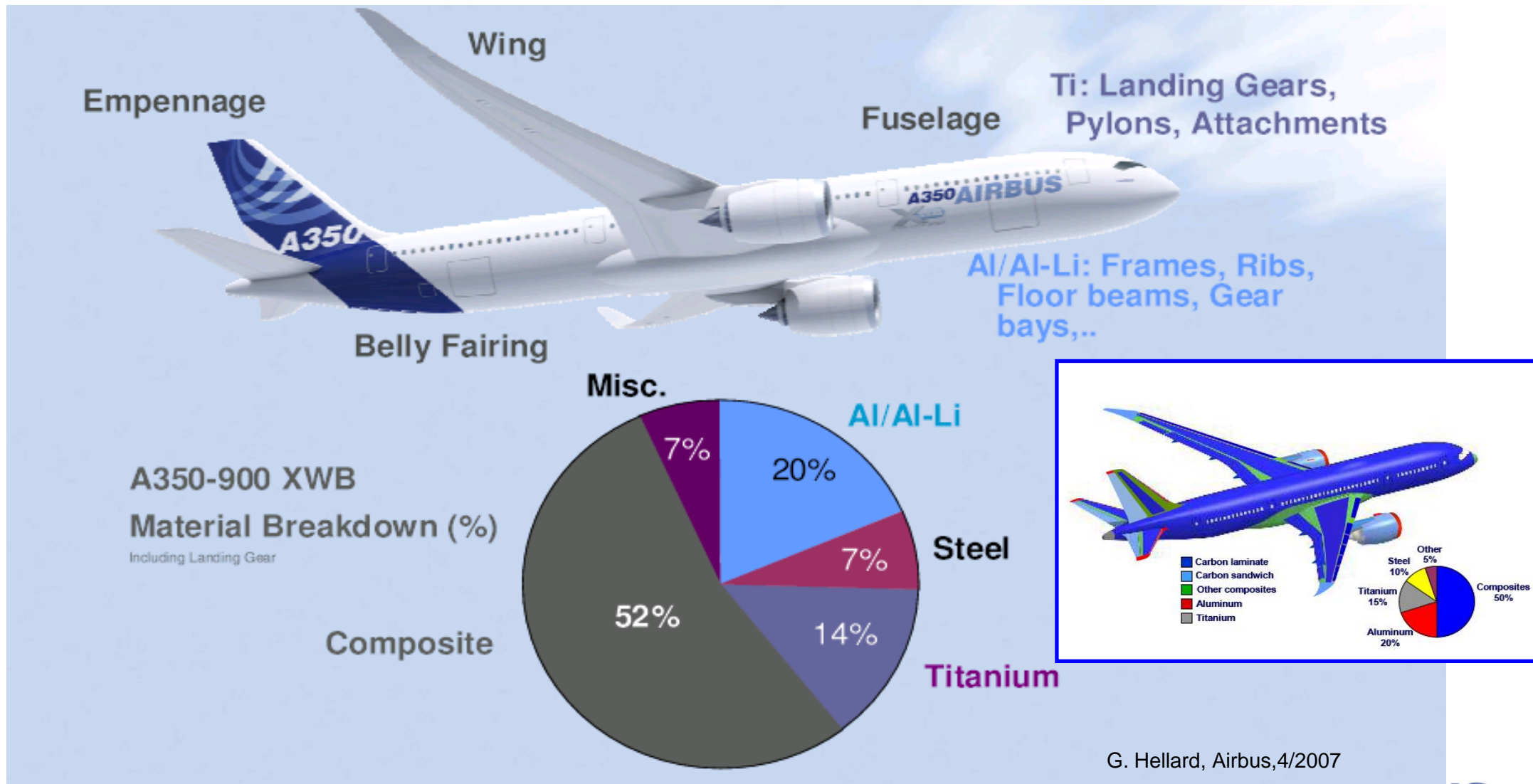


# Material Distribution in the Airbus family



# A350 XWB: Material Breakdown

**A350 XWB puts the right material in the right place!**



G. Hellard, Airbus, 4/2007

Thanks for your attention!

