



Date: 04 March 2024 Location: Hotel Pullman Paris Tour Eiffel\* Conference Room: SALON ORSAY, level -/- 1

### Programme

09.00 – 10.00	Registration
10.00	<b>Opening</b> Arnt Offringa SAMPE Summit Chair.
10.00 – 11.00	<b>BLOCK A – Composites at the Paris 2024 Olympics</b> Sessionleader Guy Larnac, Ariane Group, France. 2 presentations – Jörg Kaufmann, Yannick Willemin
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 - 13.00	<b>BLOCK B – Digitalization &amp; Artificial Intelligence (AI)</b> Sessionleader Prof. Frank Henning, Fraunhofer ICT & Karlsruher KIT, Germany. 3 presentations – Javad Fatemi, Paul van der Sypt, Clemens Zimmerling
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.30	BLOCK C – Transportation Sessionleader Arnt Offringa, GKN Aerospace   Fokker Aerostructures, Netherland 3 presentations – Andries Buitenhuis, Erwin van Maaren, Eduardo de la Guerra & Javier Arrabal
15.30 – 16.00	Tea Break
16.00 – 18.00	BLOCK D – Aerospace & Space Sessionleader Prof. Conchúr Ó'Bradaigh, Sheffield University, UK 4 presentations – Susana Carballo Cuesta, Wang Xueming, Ralf Herrmann, Gwenaëlle Aridon
18.00 – 19.00	Closure & Cocktail by Arnt Offringa, SAMPE Summit Chair
20.00 - 22.00	Network Dinner - Rooftop Restaurant 10th Floor Pullman Tour Eiffel Hotel Paris

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Monday 04 March 2024 – the day before the JEC World Paris opens its doors – SAMPE Europe will hold its Executive Summit. Location is the Pullman Paris Tour Eiffel Hotel, just aside the Eiffel Tower.

The Program of this Summit consists of a range of 12 high level lectures by invited speakers only. Topics are composite related innovations in Transport, Space & Aerospace, Advanced Materials, and Process Engineering, as well as Challenging Applications in other markets like Sports, Energy, Marine & more.



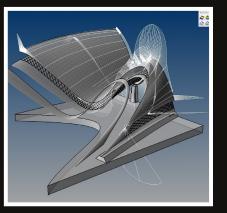
High ranked speakers are from China, USA and Europe. Attendees are managers of CEO and CTO level in leading companies, engineers, scientists, and professionals from throughout the advanced materials and processes industry and universities.

The conference day starts at 9 AM and ends with a networking

dinner in the Rooftop restaurant of the Pullman with a magnificent view on the sparkling lighted Eiffel Tower by night. It is an outstanding occasion for networking with interesting colleagues and meeting new contacts. Both members and non-members of SAMPE, as well as students, are invited to participate.

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## **Session Leaders**



# Arnt Offringa

SAMPE Summit Chair, GKN Aerospace / Fokker Aerostructures, Netherlands **Opening / Closure / Block C** 



## "Challenging composites at the Olympics 2024."

Jörg Kaufmann, Head of Composites, Chemnitz University of Technology / Founder and Managing Director Silbaerg, Germany

Competitive sport always requires high-quality sports equipment, which is why the composite industry and the Olympics are very closely linked. A lot of composite sports equipment is used in both

summer and winter sports. Examples of this range from racing bikes and mountain bikes to boats, bows and shoe soles through to the new discipline of kitesurfing. Selected examples are used to illustrate current development trends and approaches to the sustainable design of high-performance sports equipment, which must not have any performance disadvantages compared to conventional products.

Block A – Composites at the Paris 2024 Olympics



# *"Thermoplastic applications in Olympic cycling and more."*

### Yannick Willemin, 9T Labs, Switzerland

Thermoset composites currently dominate the landscape of highperformance bicycle components. This is particularly evident in larger parts such as frames, wheels, and handlebars. However, smaller and more intricate structural elements, including saddles,

suspension links, and crank arms, continue to be predominantly composed of metals.

Recent technological breakthroughs have ushered in a convergence of innovations in design software, thermoplastic composite materials, high-precision deposition machinery, and sophisticated consolidation systems. This abstract explores the transformative potential of these advancements through the lens of a specific application, such as a bicycle saddle or suspension link. The focus is on elucidating how one advanced processing solutions can enable thermoplastic composite parts to outperform their incumbent metal counterparts in structural applications. These thermoplastic components are not only lighter, stronger, and cleaner but also maintain cost competitiveness, presenting a compelling case for their widespread adoption in the competitive realm of high-performance cycling and beyond.



Guy Larnac President SAMPE Europe ArianeGroup, France Block A



Prof. Frank Henning Fraunhofer ICT & Karlsruher KIT, Germany Block B



Prof. Conchúr Ó Brádaigh Sheffield University, UK Block D

## Block B – Digitalization & Artificial Intelligence (AI)



# *"Towards Certification of Composite Aerospace Structures by Simulation."*

### Javad Fatemi, Systems Architect & Expert Composite Structures, Airbus Netherlands, The Netherlands

Today's very competitive aerospace market drives companies to significantly shorten time to market and lower product development cost, without compromising quality. Computational

Modelling and Simulation (M&S) can significantly contribute to reaching this goal. However, the credibility of M&S needs to be ensured if they are used for risk-informed decision making and qualification or certification of aerospace structures. A framework for building credible M&S of composite structures for the development and certification of composite aerospace structures is presented.

The approach is based on the simulation Verification and Validation, and Uncertainty Quantification (VVUQ) process. For the structure of interest (primary launcher structure), a validation hierarchy, where the structure is decomposed into sub-assemblies, parts and coupons is defined. Each of the structural elements of all levels of the hierarchy are considered a validation case that could be subjected to validation process to increase the credibility of simulation when moving up in the pyramid towards the simulation of the fullscale structure.

The ultimate goal is to achieve such credibility of the simulation that expensive full-scale qualification or certification testing can be replaced by simulation.



### "DIC and DIGITAL TWIN: methodologies toward new justification methods."

#### Paul van der Sypt, R&D Engineer, Ariane Group, France

ArianeGroup current mechanical justification approaches for composite structures requires significant experimental validation, at the various level of the Test Pyramid (experimental part particularly important for damage tolerance aspects). Moreover, theoretical

mechanical analysis is performed with the use of classical elastic approaches, combined with standard or in-house failure criteria which can be determined either with the use of elementary tests, or empirically on the basis of technological samples or industrial tests.

As soon as one ply reaches the failure criterion, the whole structure is considered as failed, which can be very conservative in some cases. In parallel, the experimental contribution to mechanical justification has not evolved for years. Even if new techniques as digital image correlation or optical fiber appear, the process is too manual, too long and not efficient to allow a fast model validation or to catch complex behavior during damage process for instance.

The current capabilities are not adapted to the new expectations. ArianeGroup is currently working on new justification methods: integrating uncertainty propagations to reduce sizing factors and develop advanced simulation. This last topic is addressed through development of deepened dialog between experiments and simulation. This presentation proposes an overview of the methodologies applied in the company.



### "AI and Simulation for efficient Composite Manufacturing Process Development."

# Dr. Chad Duty, Chief Executive Officer-Elect, IACMI – The Composites Institute, USA

Modern production systems require a careful optimisation of the involved manufacturing processes – an expensive task in practice. Physics-based process simulations can effectively support process

design, especially at early development stages. However, their considerable computation times are often a significant barrier. This presentation discusses how recent advances in Machine Learning (ML) can enhance simulation approaches to optimize composite processes more efficiently. An application example from textile preforming demonstrates the methods along with experimental trials.

## **Block C – Transportation**



# *"The Future of Supersonic Commercial Air Travel."*

#### Andries Buitenhuis, Boom Supersonic, USA

Thousands of people are crossing our oceans every day, but still at the same speed as the 707 offered 65 years ago. Decades later, and apart from Concorde, we have not been able to offer more speed and we are still enduring long travel experiences. The

technology, market, and demand for supersonic all exist and today, this can be done in an environmentally and economically sustainable way.

Boom Supersonic is leading a global collaboration that involves the world's leading airlines, suppliers, and partners to bring supersonic flight to millions of passengers worldwide. The presentation will briefly review earlier projects and demonstrate why the Mach 1.7, 64-80 passenger Overture aircraft will transform how we travel. Overture will meet today's subsonic noise levels in accordance with ICAO Chapter 14 landing and takeoff noise standards.

Overture's aerodynamically shaped composite structure components ensure optimal performance and efficiency at supersonic speeds. European structures suppliers Leonardo, Aernnova, and Aciturri are contributing their expertise to the program, playing an important role in Overture's development. Beyond this, Overture is designed to fly on up to 100% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), which Boom believes is the right way forward for this market segment for the foreseeable future.



### "Large Scale 3D Printing for moulds and 3D shapes for yacht building, renewables, automotive and more."

#### Erwin van Maaren, Nedcam, The Netherlands

By using 3D (XXL) printing technology, there are great opportunities to make process more sustainable. Here, Nedcam sees a transition from thermosets to (fibre-reinforced) thermoplastics.

The first step is to produce plugs and moulds for the composite process in a completely new, large- scale manner. Thereby new challenges, but also new opportunities, lie ahead.

Recycling is not just a goal; in the long run it will also offer us economic advantages. The combination of large-format additive manufacturing and CNC milling opens up many possibilities and lays the foundation for working towards a circular economy, also for other industrial applications.





## "Developments in manufacturing a composite high-speed train."

Eduardo de la Guerra, Product manager Innovation, Talgo, Spain and Javier Arrabal, Senior Design Engineer, Aernnova, Spain

The High-Speed demonstrator is a whole carbody of an intermediate coach of Talgo 350 up to TRL 6 1:1 scale with 13 metre-long. The carbody is divided into two major parts:

- CFRP tube, constitutes by roof, laterals and main frame. They are made with monolithic and sandwich laminates combining pre-preg CFPR layer and a PET core in the areas which requires higher inertia.
- Aluminium end walls. To close the tubes two end walls made in aluminium and fully compatible with the current interface of the train.

The carbody has been tested on the basis of typical homologation procedure of EN 12663-1 and it has shown that the use of the carbon fibre composites (CFRP) is feasible to use in primary structure of railway components with significant weight reduction (around 20%) maintain the strength and stiffness required, fulfilling the Fire-Smoke-Toxicity requirements of the EN 45545-2 and other railway requirements.

The project has been made in collaboration of aeronautic industry (Aernnova), research centres (Tecnalia and FIDAMC) and railway industry (Talgo) inside the Shift2Rail initiative (now Europe's Rail).

Discover the trends, the challenges and the opportunities!

# Block D – Aerospace & Space



# *"Airbus vision for aviation decarbonization by 2050."*

# Susana Carballo Cuesta, Director of Aerostructures, Airbus Operations, Spain

Susana Carballo is an Aeronautical Engineer. She is Director of Aerostructures in Airbus S.L., since February 2020, leading a transnational organization with teams in Germany and Spain. She

is responsible for the deliveries of the Design Office for all Airbus programs and for providing Engineering support to the different Airbus Production Plants in Getafe, Illescas and Puerto Real; as well as support to the Final Assembly Lines in Toulouse, Hamburg, Tianjin and Mobile. She is also a Sponsor and member of the Board of Director for the Airbus Beijing Engineering Center, located in China. She makes these tasks compatible with the Vice Presidency of the Airbus Women Network, and she is also an Ambassador of the "Balance for Business" in Airbus.

Susana will present Airbus's vision and ambition to lead the decarbonization of the aeronautical industry to reach Net Zero CO2 Emissions by 2050. As part of the vision, she will focus on the key pillars to reach the target: the aircraft fleet renewal, the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and the Airbus ZEROe Aircraft project based on liquid hydrogen propulsion. As part of this vision, Airbus is convinced that composite materials will be enablers to reach this ambition and overcome the challenges related with aviation decarbonization and ZEROe Aircraft. Finally, the question of composite circularity is being properly addressed by the value chain to demonstrate that composites are the materials of choice for the future.



### "Research on AI Testing Technology and Quantitative Testing Characterization Method for Composites during Manufacturing Process."

#### Wang Xueming, Director Testing Center AVIC Composite Corporation, China

Carbon fiber reinforced composites (CFRC) are increasingly used in the field of aerospace, wind power generation, public transportation,

and sports equipment. Various defects quite easily occur during the pre-preg manufacturing, laying and hot pressing processes. It seriously affects and reduces the performance of composites. In this presentation we show the results of a recent AVIC study.

This report mainly summarizes the defect types in the entire composites during the manufacturing process, analyzes the causes of defects and key control process parameters and summarizes the testing characterization methods for key control process parameters. It also conducts research on the application of AI detection technology and quantitative testing characterization methods in the quality inspection of composites. This report has important guiding significance for improving the quality of composites in manufacturing processes.



## "The Multifunctional Fuselage Demonstrator Technologies as Enabler for more sustainable Passenger Aircraft Fuselages."

Ralf Herrmann, Cleansky2 MFFD Leader, Airbus Operations, Bremen, Germany

The MultiFunctional Fuselage Demonstrator (MFFD) is a unique 8-metre-long fuselage barrel which serves as a platform for examining

the full potential of thermoplastic composites and to thereby help future European airliner production to become faster, greener, and more competitive.

A fuselage barrel made of thermoplastic composites weighs less than today's conventional fuselage sections because fasteners are either no longer needed, or are integrated.

Additionally, use of thermoplastic composite is environmentally advantageous, as at the end of its service life the material can be recycled.



# *"In-Orbit Manufacturing & Assembly, a new way to consider the Space Market."* Gwenaëlle Aridon, Advanced projects & Robotics, Airbus DS, France

At Airbus, we are pioneering sustainable aerospace for a safe and Over the past twenty years, the concept of In Space Manufacturing & Assembly has grown increasingly prominent. Considering that

the space business is limited by the access to space, numerous industrials, start-ups and agencies have embraced new ideas, capitalizing on in-space services, robotic assembly and manufacturing for forthcoming space missions. Many of these initiatives focus on constructing structures of significant scale (exceeding the dimensions of current launcher fairings), envisioning possibilities such as Space-born antennas or large infrastructures for climate change.

At Summit 24 the presentation will be focused on the needs and current capabilities of In-Space Manufacturing. Thermoplastics are good material candidates to comply with stringent requirements such as processing temperatures, automation, strength, thermo-elastic stability, compatibility with space environment and recyclability. As a matter of fact, recycling is not just a goal; this is the foundation of a new space ecosystem based on circular economy. Considering that each kilogram launched from Earth has a significant cost, the best material to use in space is the one that is already in situ.

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