



# THE ECO-COMPASS PROJECT EU/CHINA COOPERATION: INTRODUCTION AND STATUS AFTER 18 MONTHS

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# Background



## Growing market for aviation [1]:

- Air traffic more than doubles in the next 20 years
- 4.5 % growth of passenger traffic p.a. until 2035
- 32.425 passenger aircraft required over the next 20 years

## Environmental challenges [2]:

- Climate change
- Loss of biosphere integrity (biodiversity loss and extinctions)
- Nitrogen and phosphorus flows to the biosphere and oceans
- Landsystem change
- ...

[1] Airbus Global Market Forecast 2016-2035

[2] Stockholm Resilience Institute: The nine planetary boundaries

# Measures with potential to reduce aviation's environmental impact

- Aircraft configuration
  - Propulsion / alternative fuels
  - Aerodynamics
  - Trajectory / flight path
  - Energy management
  - ...
  - **Lightweight design**
    - **Fibre Reinforced Composites**
      - CFRP, GFRP, GLARE, ...
- **All synthetic / man-made materials**
- Further reduction of ecological footprint by:
    - **Bio-based materials?**
    - **Recycled materials?**
    - **Function Integration?**



# Bio-Composites: Challenges

- ▶ Fulfillment of demanding requirements in aviation
  - Mechanical properties
  - Fire properties
    - Heat Release
    - Flammability
    - Smoke Density & Toxicity
    - Flame penetration resistance (Cargo)
- ▶ Variable fibre properties
- ▶ Durability (Resistance to climate, UV, cleaning agents)
- ▶ Modifications and their effects on environmental impacts
- ▶ Prediction of material behaviour by modelling and simulation



# Fibre properties



Fibre type		Density	Price	Young's modulus	Tensile Strength	Elongation	Length	Diameter	Moisture content	Cellulose content
		[g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	[USD/kg]	[GPa]	[MPa]	[%]	[mm]	[µm]	[wt-%]	[wt-%]
Synthetic	Carbon HS	1.7-1.8	66-110	200-250	3500-4900	1.4-2.1	-	5-10	-	-
	Carbon HM	1.9	200	350-550	2700-4400	0.7-1.2	-	5-10	-	-
	Carbon IM	1.8	100	250-350	5400-6300	1.9-2.2	-	5-10	-	-
	Aramid meta	1.38	15-33	12-20	700-850	15-30	-	10-20	< 8	-
	Aramid para	1.44	n/a	58-124	2500-4100	2.4-3.3	-	~12	< 8	-
	S/R-glass	2.46-2.49	20-37	85-87	3000-3600	4.0-5.0	-	9-11	-	-
	<b>E-glass</b>	<b>2.55-2.6</b>	<b>1.63-3.26</b>	<b>72-85</b>	<b>1900-2050</b>	<b>1.8-4.5</b>	-	<b>5-24</b>	-	-
Fruit	Coir	1.15-1.22	0.25-0.5	4-6	135-240	15-35	20-150	10-460	8	32-43.8
	Cotton	1.52-1.56	2.1-4.2	7-12	350-800	5-12	10-60	10-45	7.85-8.5	82.7-90
Bast	<b>Flax</b>	<b>1.42-1.52</b>	<b>2.1-4.2</b>	<b>75-90</b>	<b>750-940</b>	<b>1.2-1.8</b>	<b>5-900</b>	<b>12-600</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>62-72</b>
	Hemp	1.47-1.52	1.0-2.1	55-70	550-920	1.4-1.7	5-55	25-500	6.2-12	68-74.4
	Jute	1.44-1.52	0.35-1.5	35-60	400-860	1.7-2.0	1.5-120	20-200	12.5-13.7	59-71.5
	<b>Ramie</b>	<b>1.45-1.55</b>	<b>1.5-2.5</b>	<b>38-44</b>	<b>500-680</b>	<b>2.0-2.2</b>	<b>900-1200</b>	<b>20-80</b>	<b>7.5-17</b>	<b>68.6-85</b>
Leaf	Sisal	1.4-1.45	0.6-0.7	10-25	550-790	4.0-6.0	900	8-200	10-22	60-78
Grass	Bamboo	0.6-1.1	0.5	11-32	140-800	2.5-3.7	1.5-4	25-40	-	26-65

based on [Dicker et al. / Composites: Part A 56 (2014) 280-289]

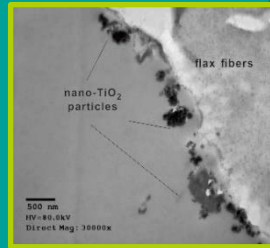
# ECO-COMPASS



## Ecological and Multifunctional Composites for Application in Aircraft Interior and Secondary Structures

- Cooperation of Chinese and European partners
- 04/2016 – 03/2019
- Identification of applications for eco- and multifunctional composites
- Development, characterization and simulation of eco-materials to give a broad overview of the possibilities in aviation with leverage to other transport sectors like automotive and railway.
- Application / Demonstrators
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

## Fibre modification



## Bio-Fibres



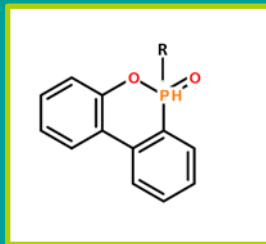
## Recycled Carbon Fibres



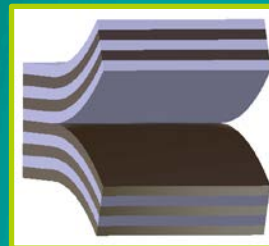
## Sandwich Core



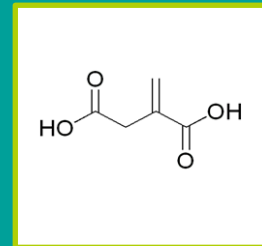
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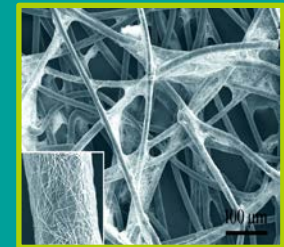
## Flame Retardants



## Hybrid Reinforcement



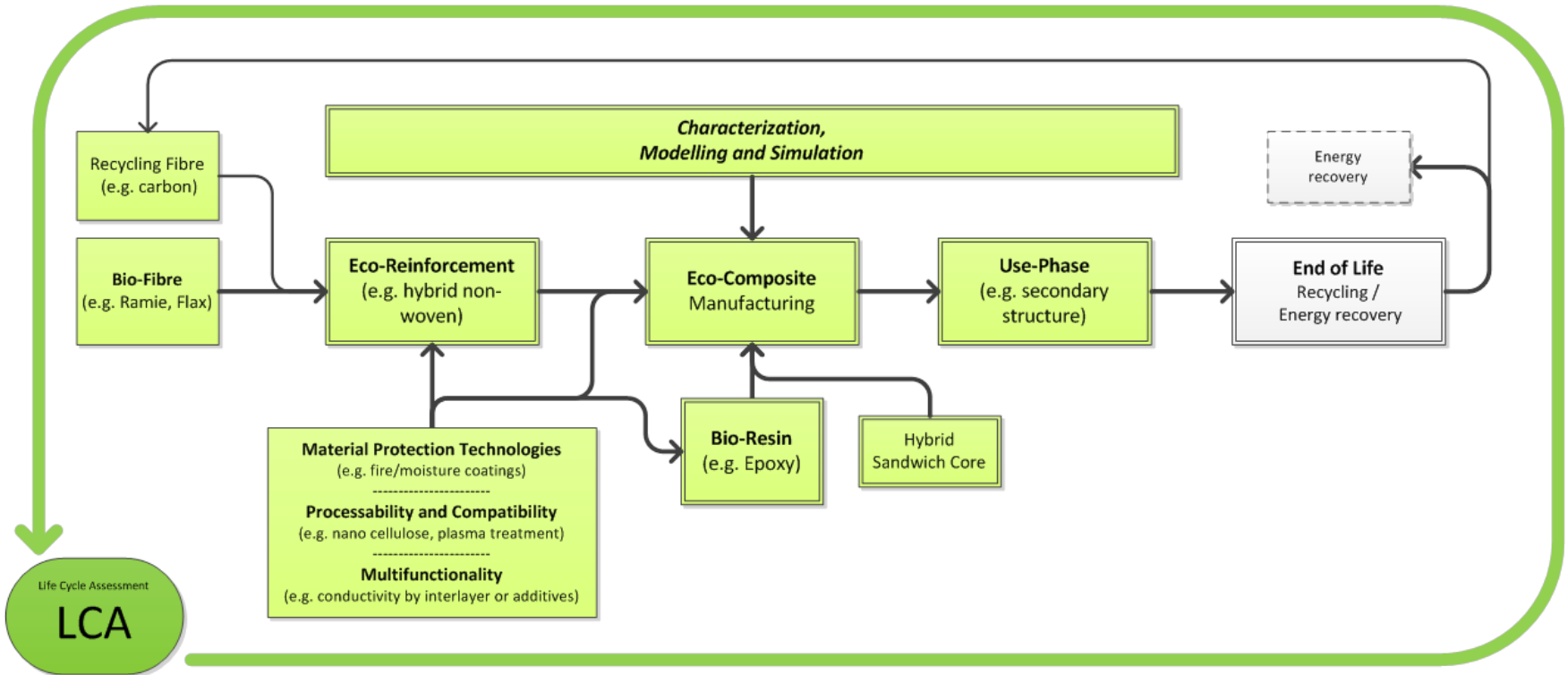
## Bio-based Resin



## Electrical Conductive Toughener



# Approach





# Consortium

**8**  
EUROPEAN PARTNERS  
FROM 6 COUNTRIES



**11**  
CHINESE PARTNERS



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# Summary & Outlook



- ▶ Interior and Secondary Structures are possible application scenarios for eco-composites, e.g. fairings and linings.
- ▶ Demanding safety requirements (e.g. FST) have to be fulfilled without adverse effects on mechanical properties and weight
- ▶ Bio-fibres (e.g. flax, ramie) offer promising specific properties. Modifications of fibres to enhance their properties will be investigated.
- ▶ Hybrid composites based on bio-fibres and recycled carbon fibres could increase the mechanical properties and application range of eco-composites
- ▶ Bio-resins to substitute petrol-based resins
- ▶ Multifunctional aspects of high-performance composites like CFRP could lead to a better ecological footprint.
- ▶ Modelling & simulation helps to predict the behaviour of eco-composites in demanding applications like aviation.
- ▶ Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) to calculate the environmental impact from cradle to grave is important to compare „eco-composites“ with state of the art materials



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