

Innovation Examples for Ecological Vehicles based on Aerospace Research

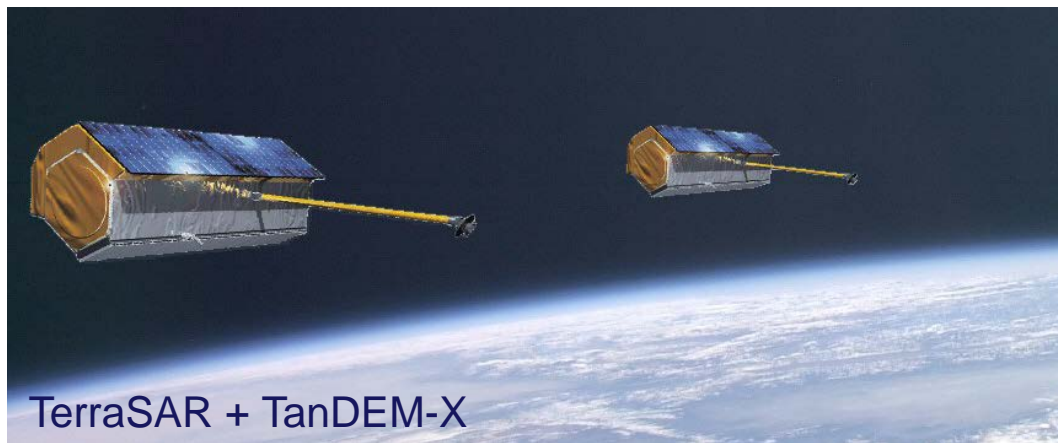
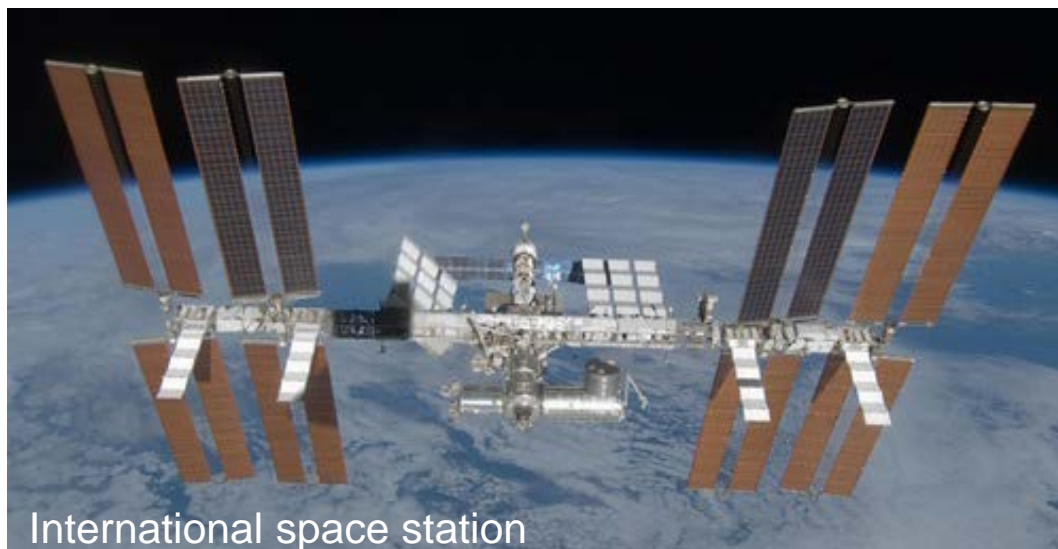
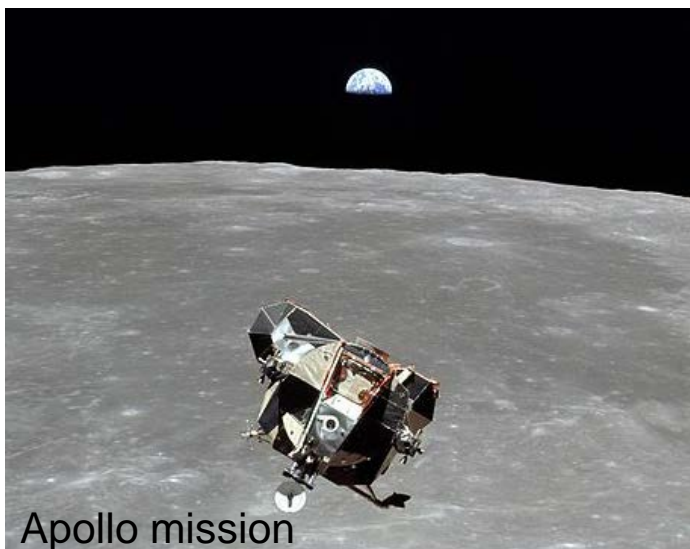
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Wissen für Morgen
Knowledge for Tomorrow



Remember 50 years of space research in our planetary system

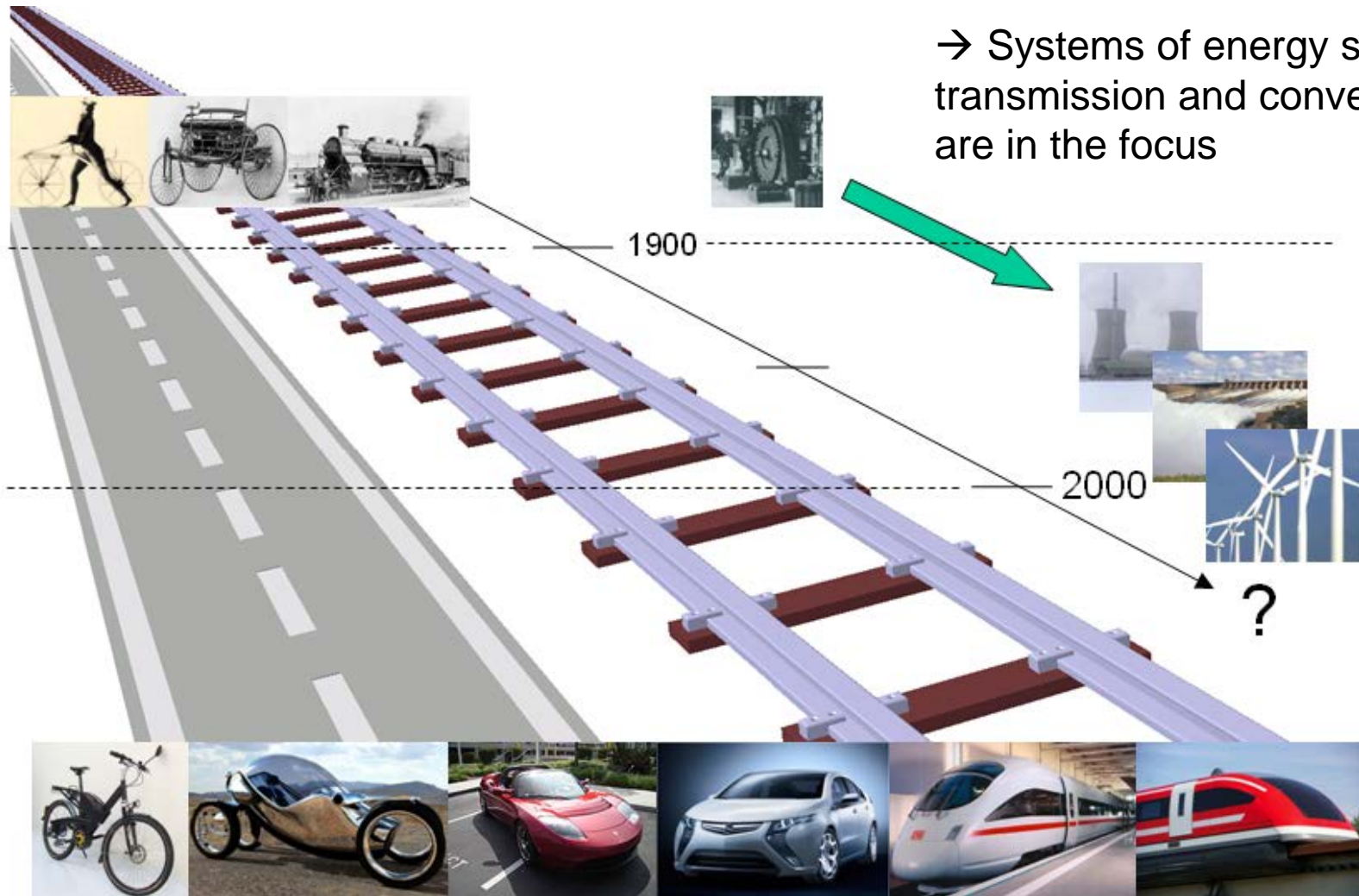


→ electric mobility on earth - how to design the trip to the future?



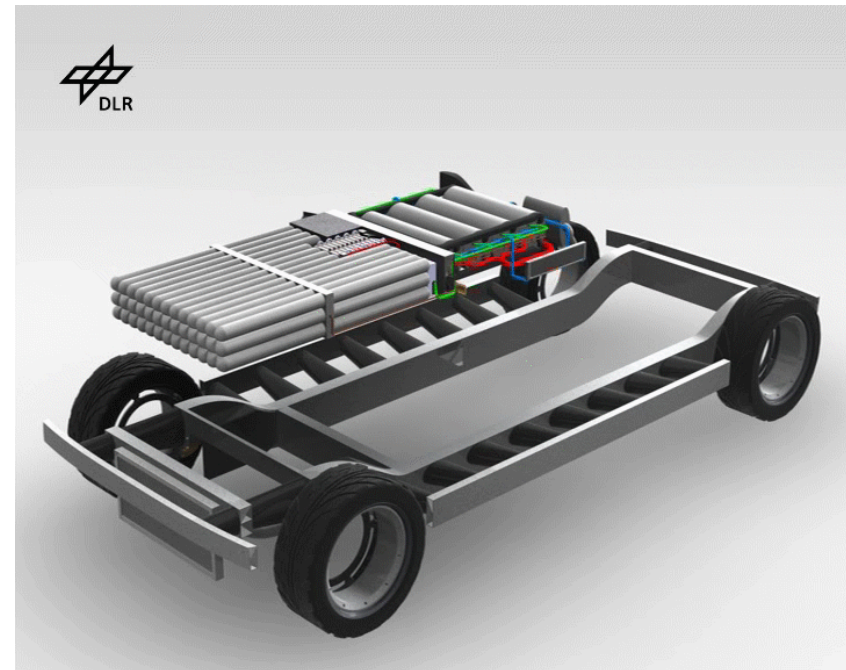
Electric mobility on earth – how to design the trip to the future?

→ Systems of energy supply, transmission and conversion are in the focus



Content

- Using synergies from the aerospace research
- Carbon fibre reinforced plastic rib construction
- Thermal management
- Fuel cell systems
- Free piston linear generator
- Micro gas turbine
- Thermoelectric energy conversion
- Wheel hub motors



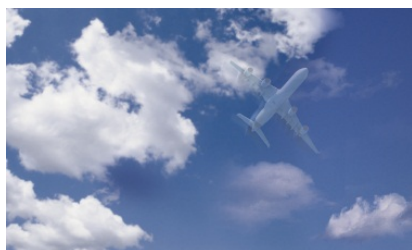
Using the Synergij Potential from the Research Infrastructure

- from space,

aviation,

energy,

traffic



- from research test benches:

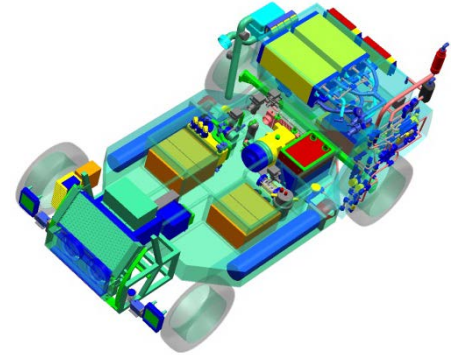


- from test vehicles:

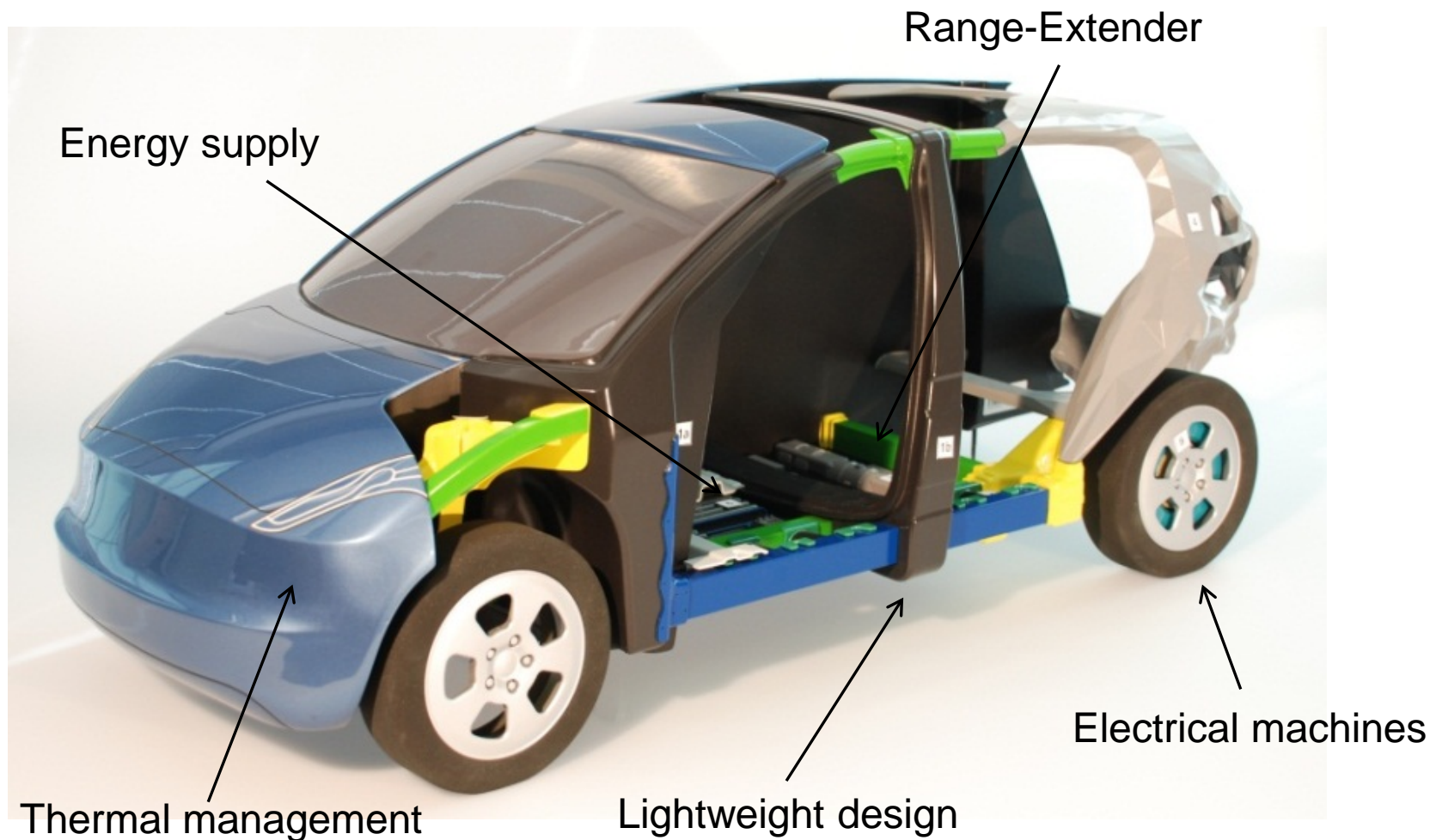


Optimization of Vehicle Energy Concepts

- Total system projection for road and rail vehicles of the future
- Increasing of efficiency by optimizing of operation strategies of hybrid- and electric vehicles
- Innovative drive concepts
- Utilisation of unused energy (waste heat)
- Improvement of special energy conversion processes
- Integration of new fuels and energy carriers like hydrogen or electric energy
- Systemic merging of technologies
- High integration of functions
- Decreasing of the driving resistances

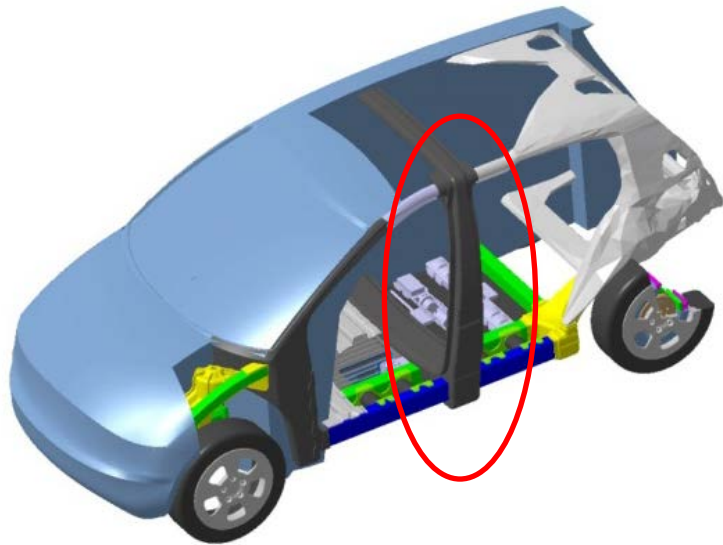


Examples to optimize Vehicle Energy Concepts



→ Reducing the driving resistances and increasing the efficiency





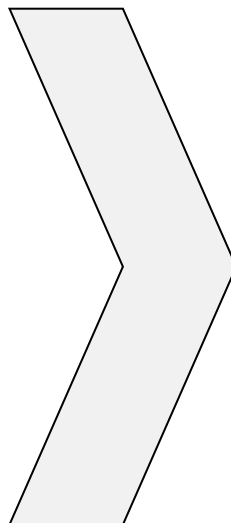
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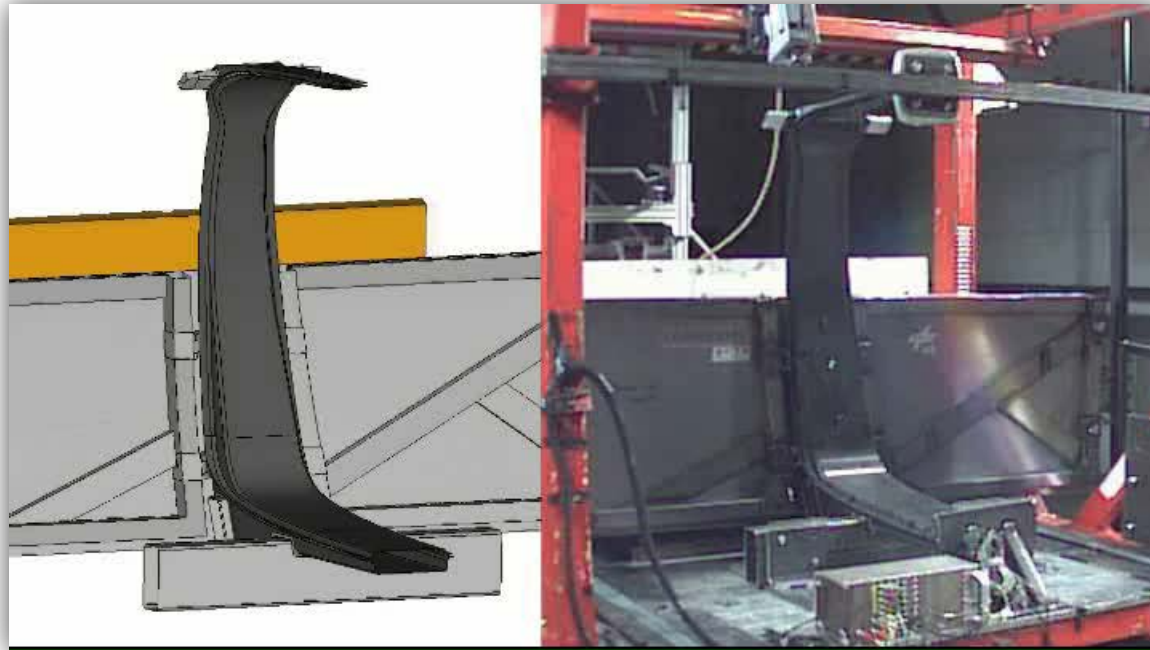
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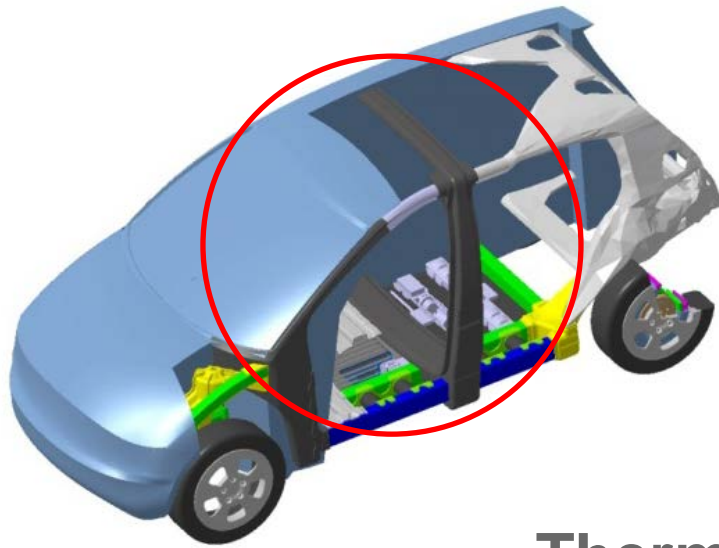


Carbon Fibre reinforced Plastic Rib Construction



Lightweight rib construction showing the side crash behavior to guaranty the safety of the passengers

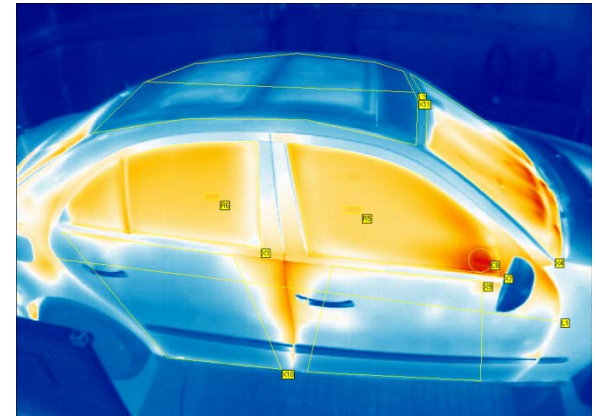
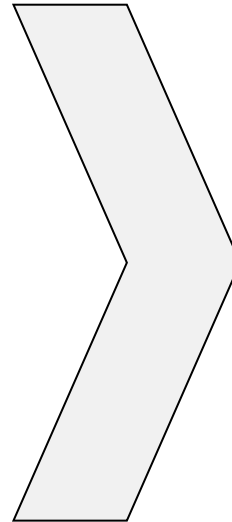




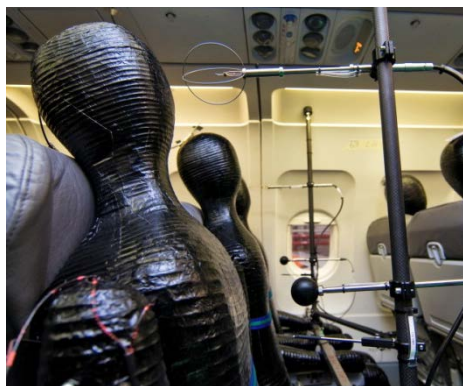
Thermal Management



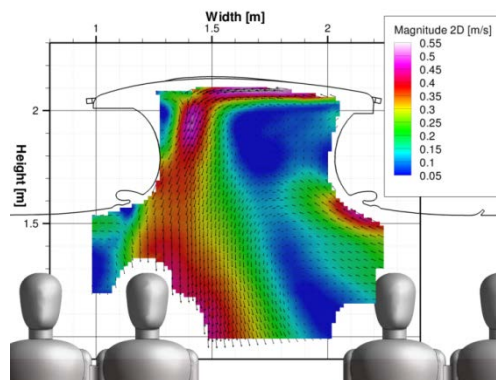
Cabin Thermal Management



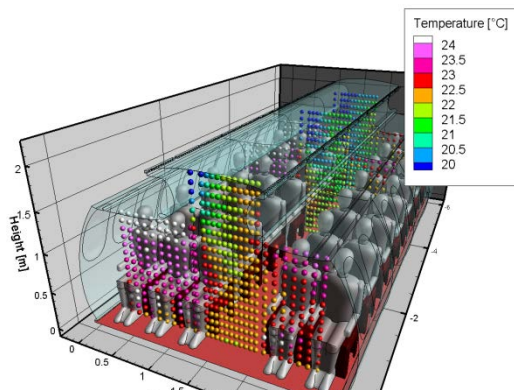
Cabin Simulation and Verification Synergies from the Aviation Sector



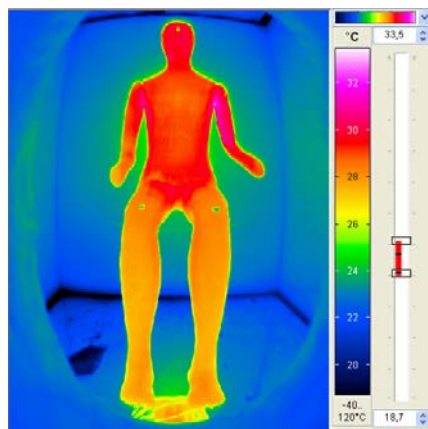
Passenger dummies



Particle Image Velocimetry



Simulation of cabin-aerodynamics with full-scale-models



Thermal passenger models



multi-colour laser-visualisation

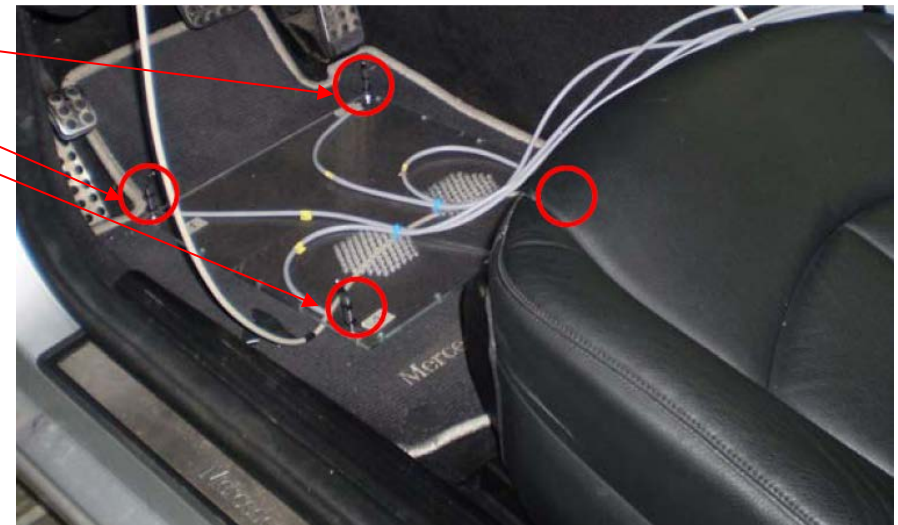
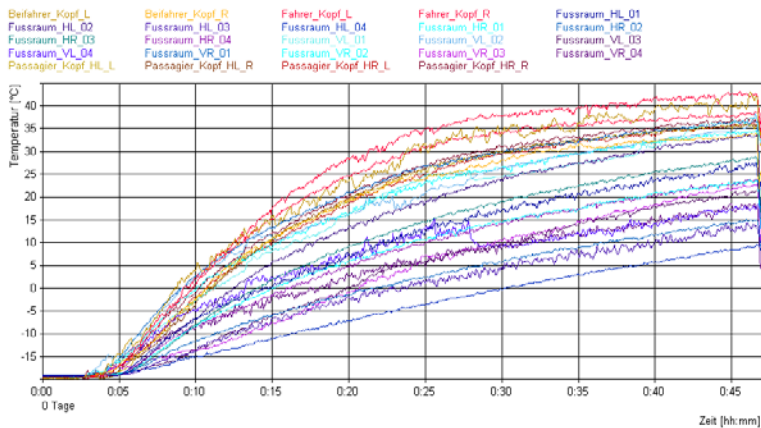


Cabin Simulation and Verification

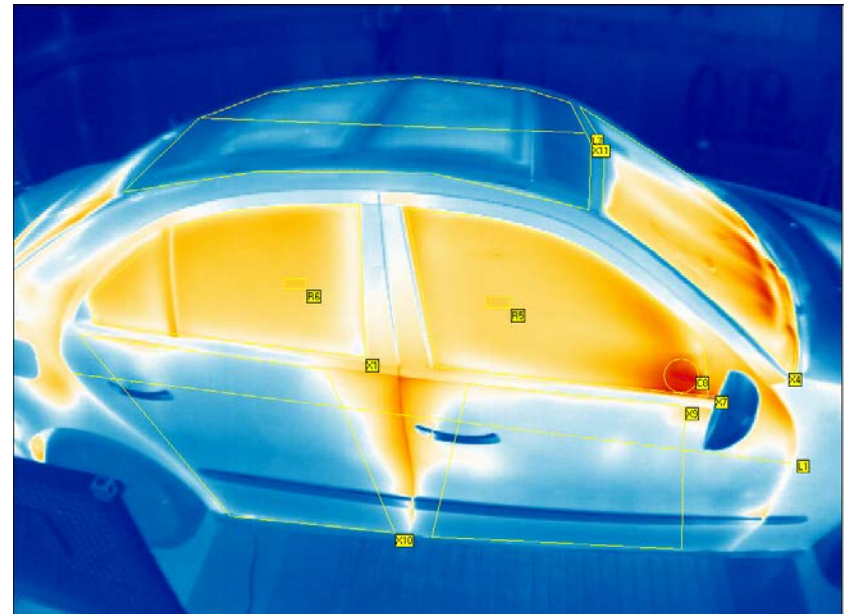
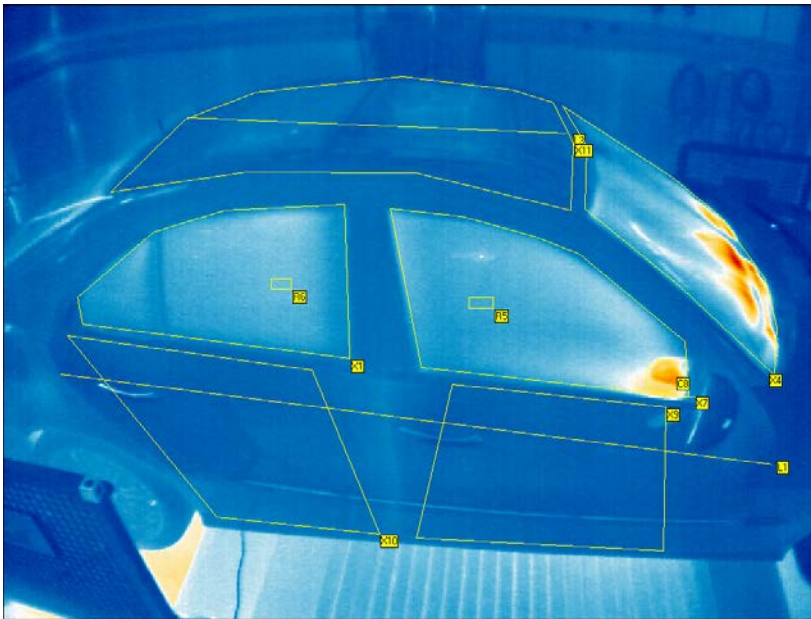


measuring the temperature while heating up the cabin

temperatur-sensoren

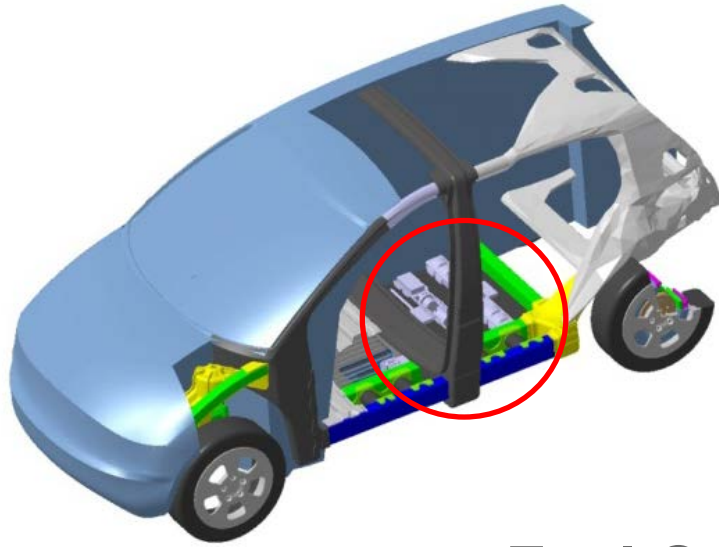


Cabin Simulation and Verification



verification of cabin simulation (gaps, isolation parts, thermal resistances)
on the roller test bench

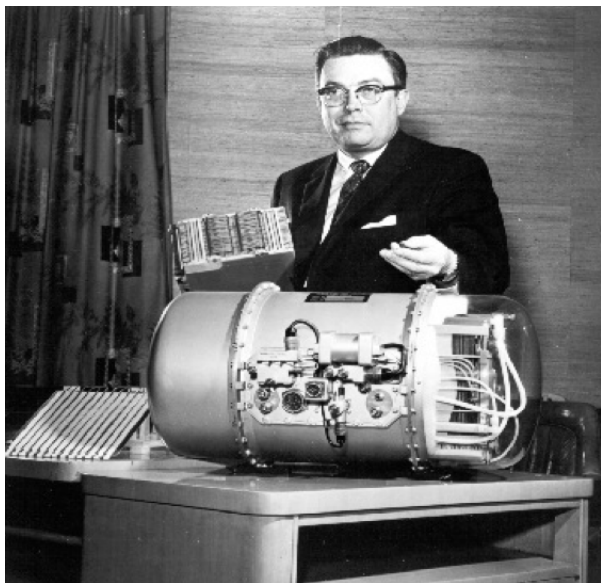




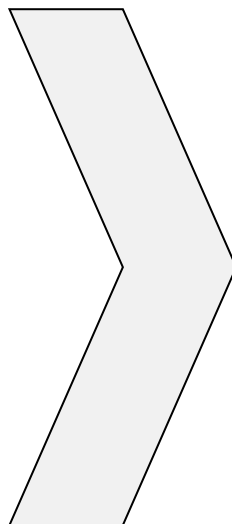
Fuel Cell Technology



Fuel Cell Systems



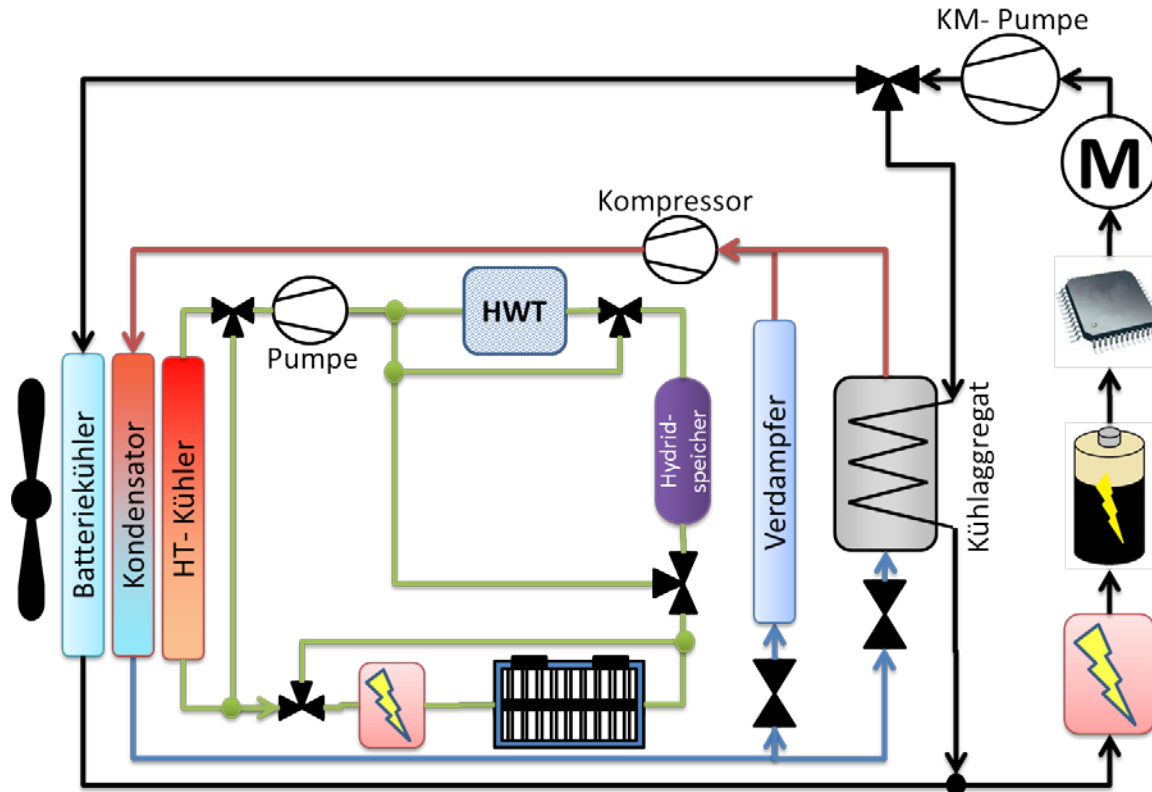
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Increasing of efficiency by optimizing of operation strategies of hybrid- and electric vehicles

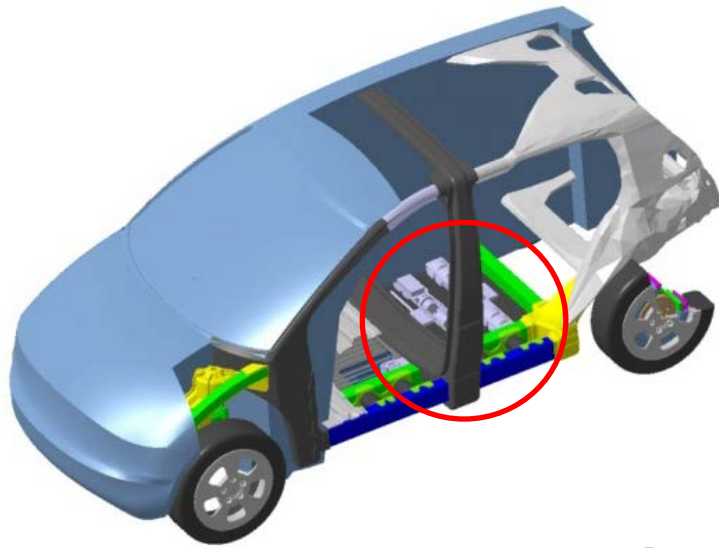


Fuel Cell Thermal Management



- Thermal management of the HVAC-circuit,
- the coupling of high temperature PEM-fuel cell and hydrogen storage and
- the components battery, inverter and motor





Free Piston Linear Generator

Improvement of special energy conversion processes

Systemic merging of technologies



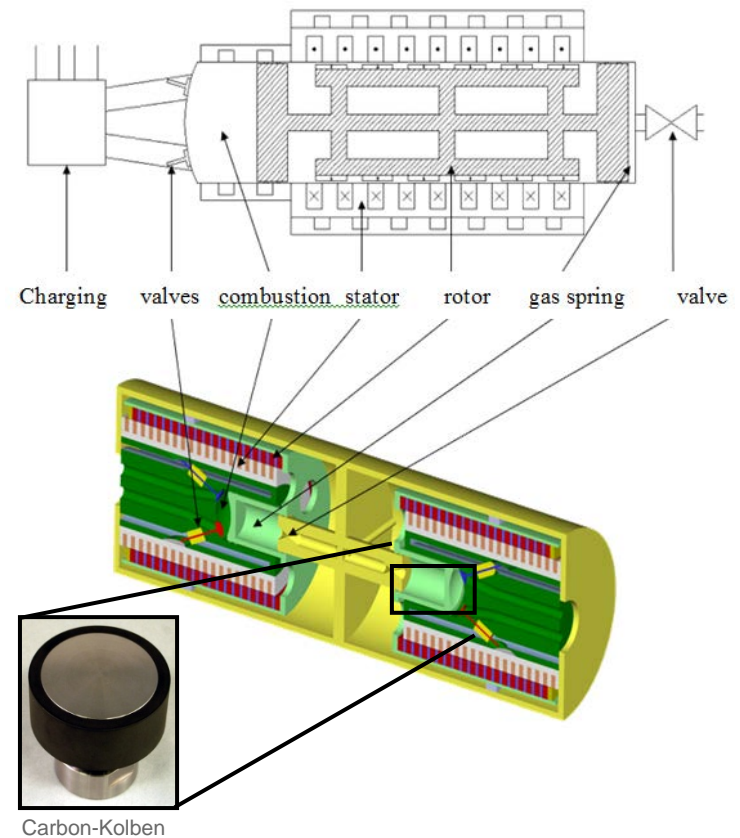
Electric Energy Supply with the Free Piston Linear Generator

Advantages:

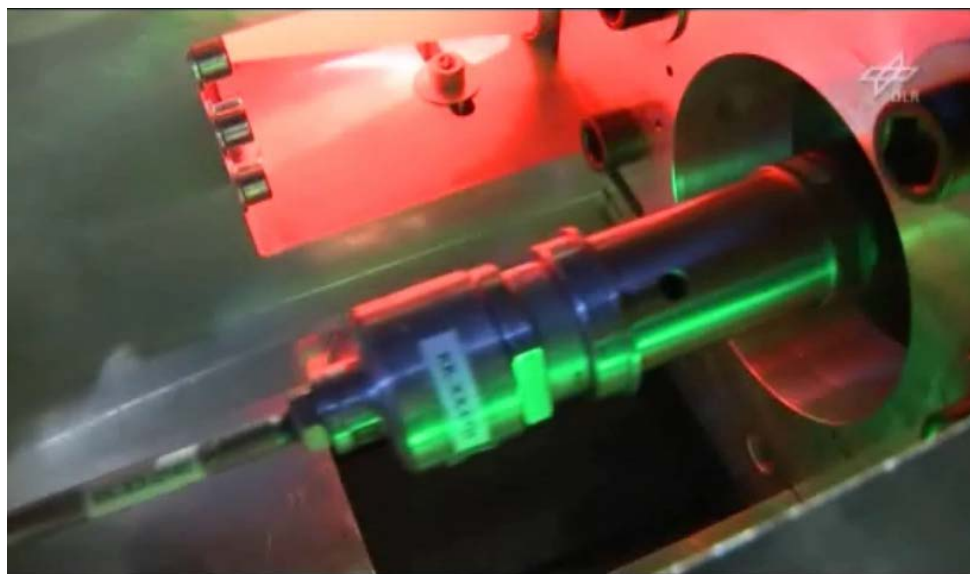
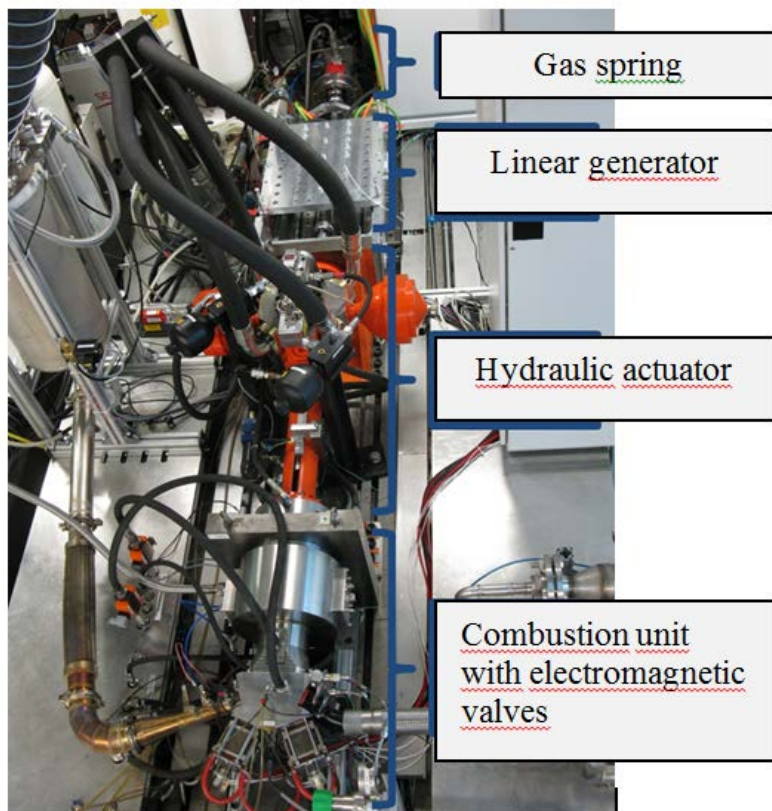
- Variable compression
- Variable piston distance
- No crank shaft, no cam shaft
- No throttling
- No side forces to the piston
- Packaging
- Online downsizing

Targets:

- Reduced fuel consumption
- Higher efficiency
- Piston made of carbon
- Reduced friction
- Able to operate with different fuels



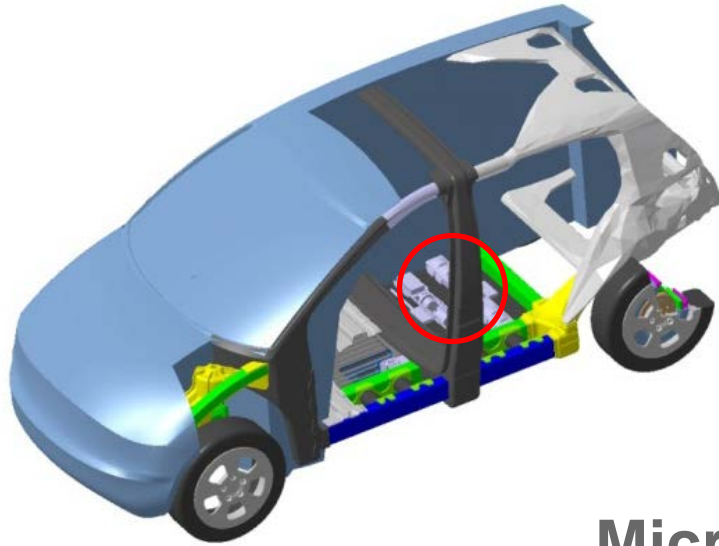
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In motion

Test bench

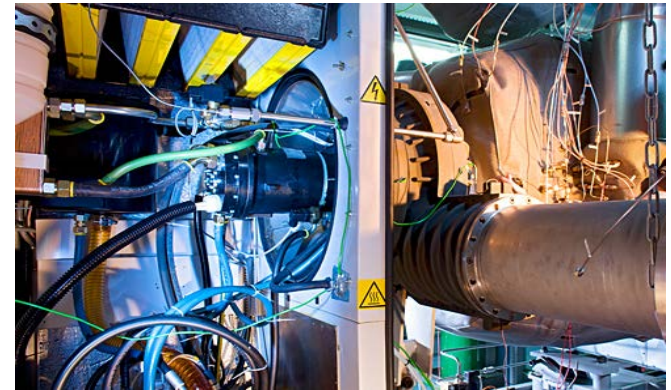
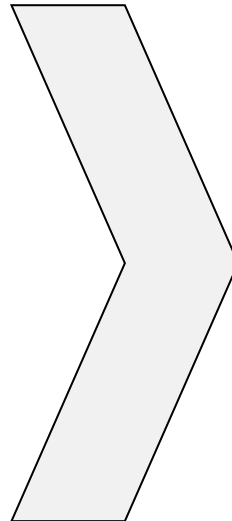




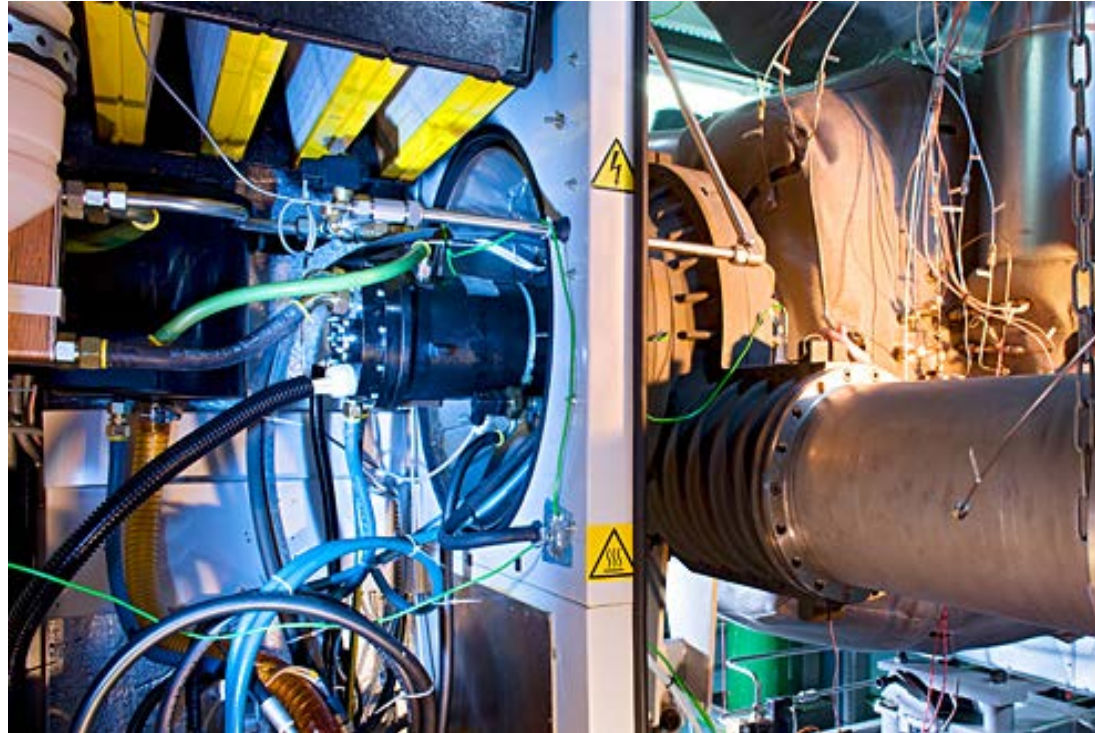
Micro Gas Turbine



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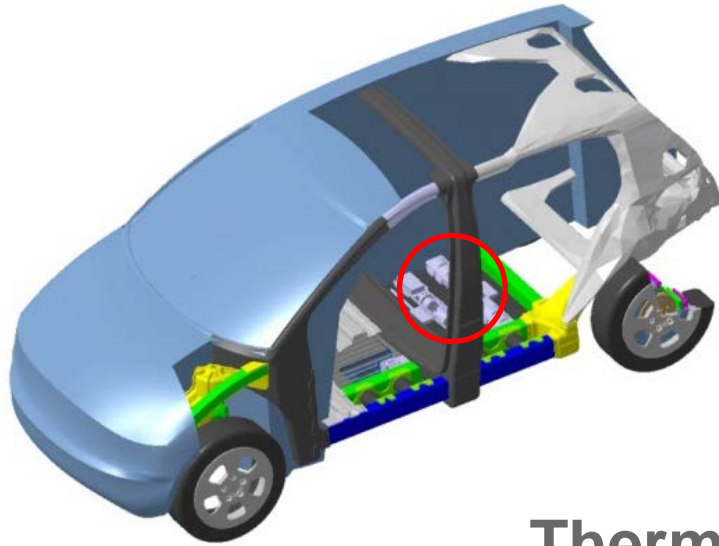


Micro Gas Turbine



- Increasing the efficiency by thermal or thermoelectric recuperators





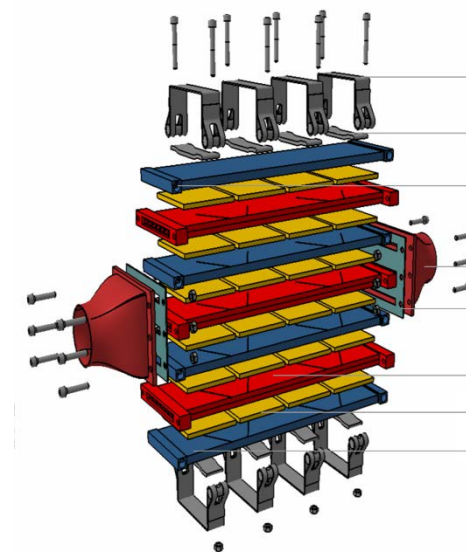
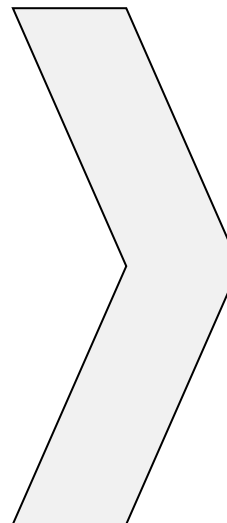
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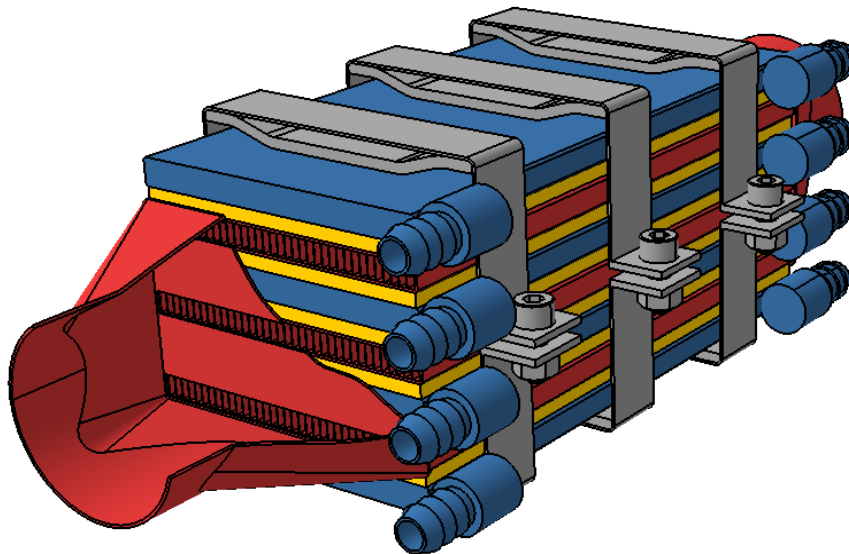
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Utilisation of unused energy (waste heat)

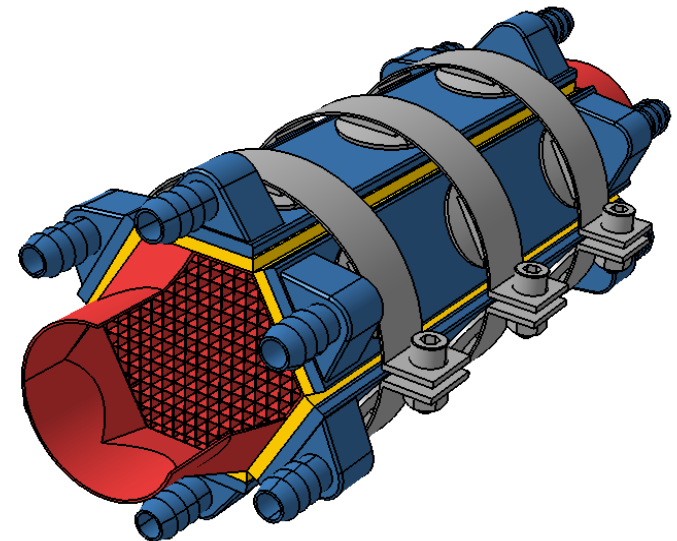


Detail Design of chosen TEG Variants



stack architecture

First hardware demonstration in a cooperation between BMW and DLR in 2007 ¹⁾



hexagon architecture

Inspired by a design of Hi-Z inc.²⁾ and later on a design of Toyota³⁾

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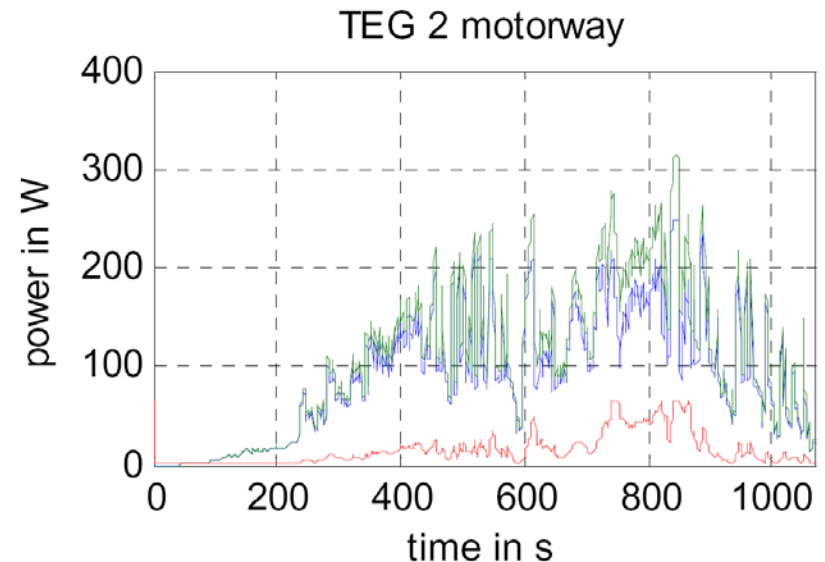
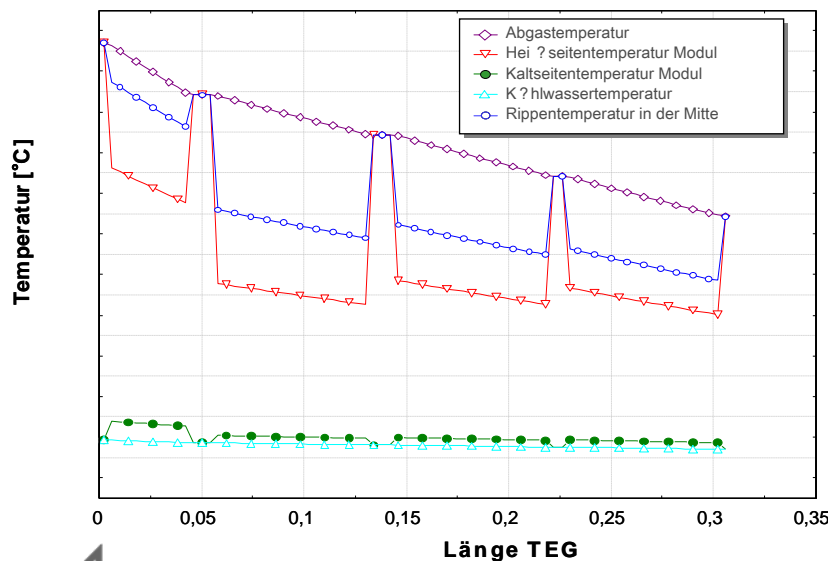
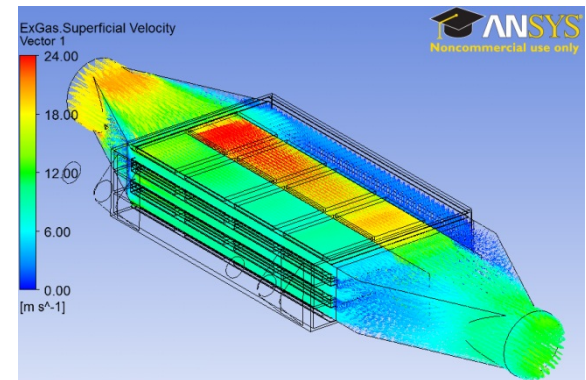
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Component Development

computer based development/simulation

- stationary TEG-modell in EES
- dynamic TEG-modell in MODELICA
- thermomechanic simulation in ANSYS
- flow simulation in ANSYS
- design and analysing of installation space with CATIA V5

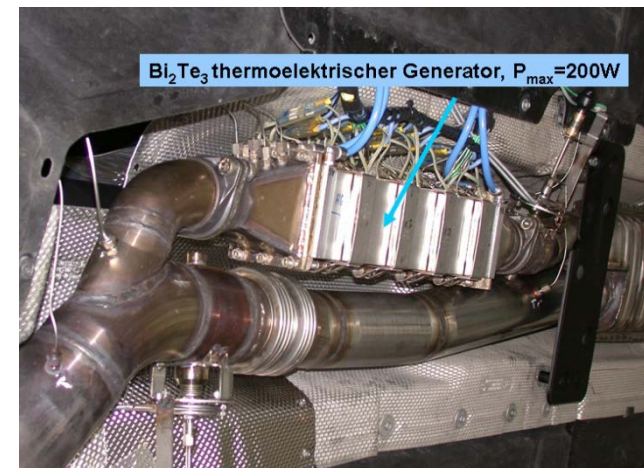
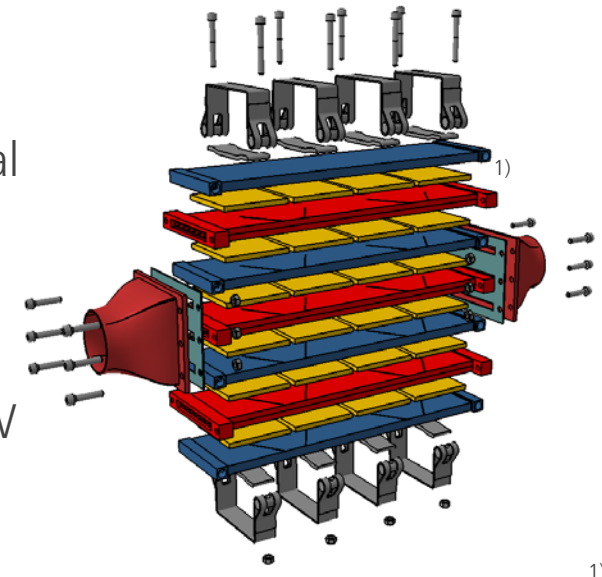


Component Development

- development, building and test of several prototypal TEG-generations in DLR-projects and industry-projects

example: TEG-development in cooperation with BMW

- Concept development
- Manufacturing of TEG-components in DLR-workshop (except modules)
- Assembly of TEG and initiation on hot gas test bench
- Integration in 535i US
- Test on DLR-roller dynamometer
- $P_{el} \sim 200W$, >15000 test kilometers without fails

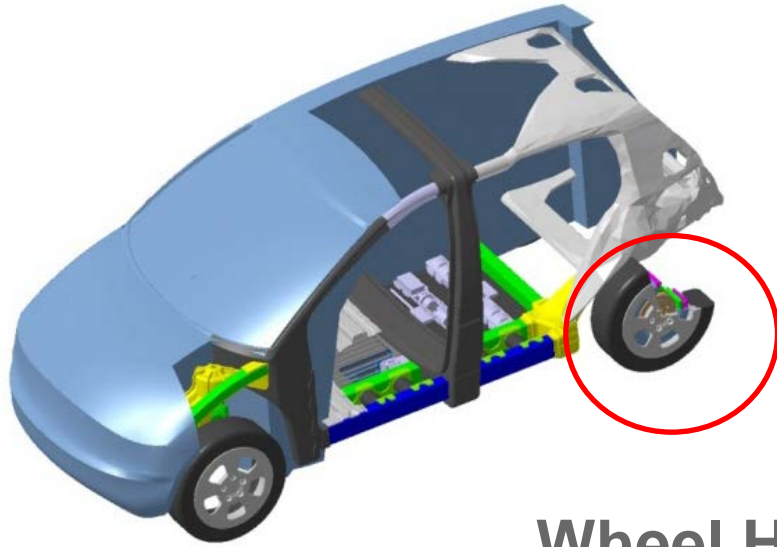


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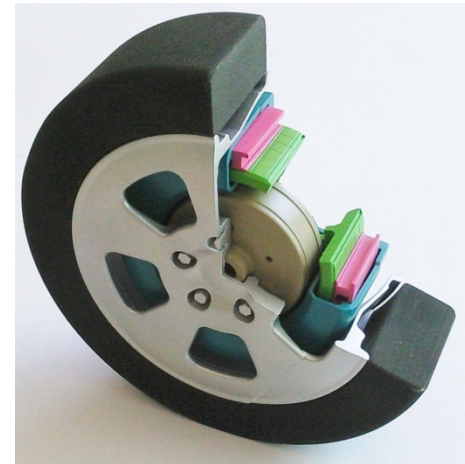
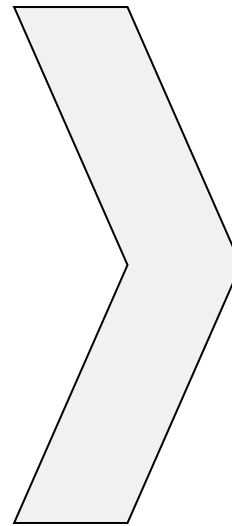




Wheel Hub Motors



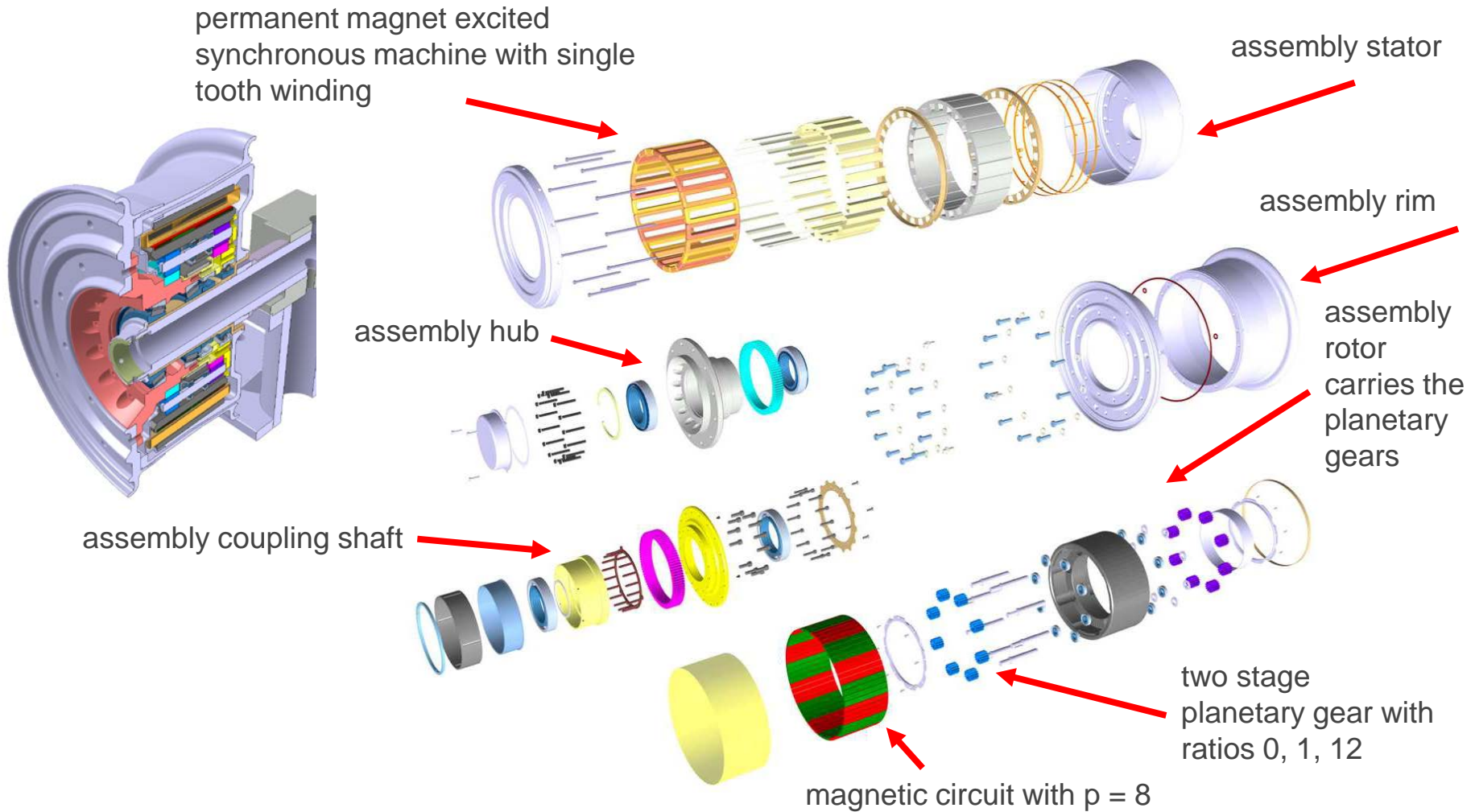
Example: Wheel Hub Motor with integrated Gear



High integration of functions



Detail Design of a Nose Wheel Drive



Wheel Hub Motors



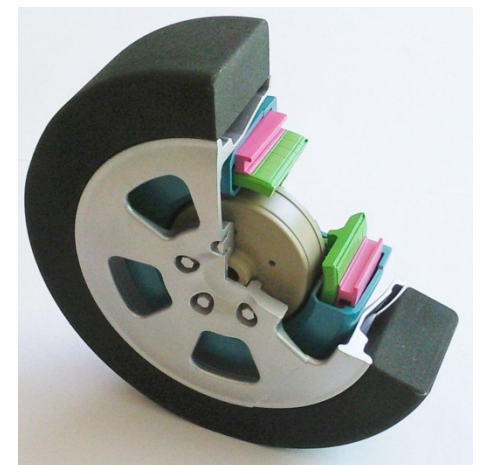
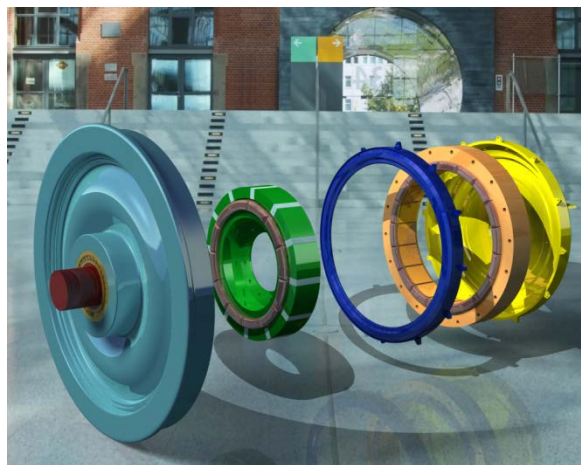
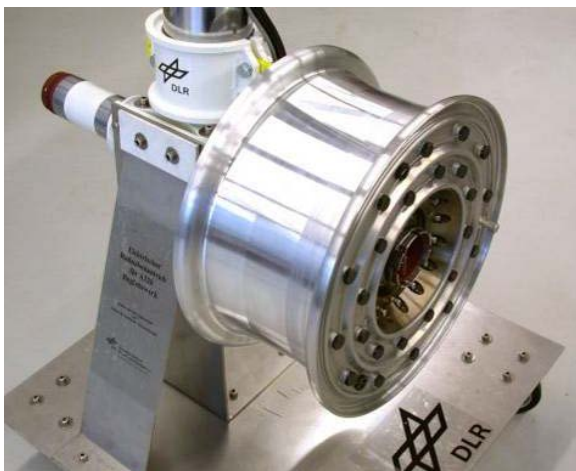
torque up to 11 kNm



speed up to 440 km/h



low cost, high quantities

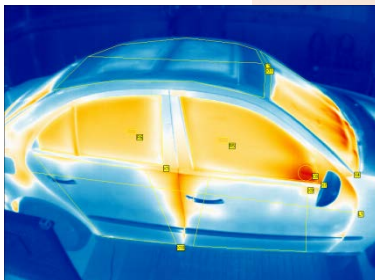
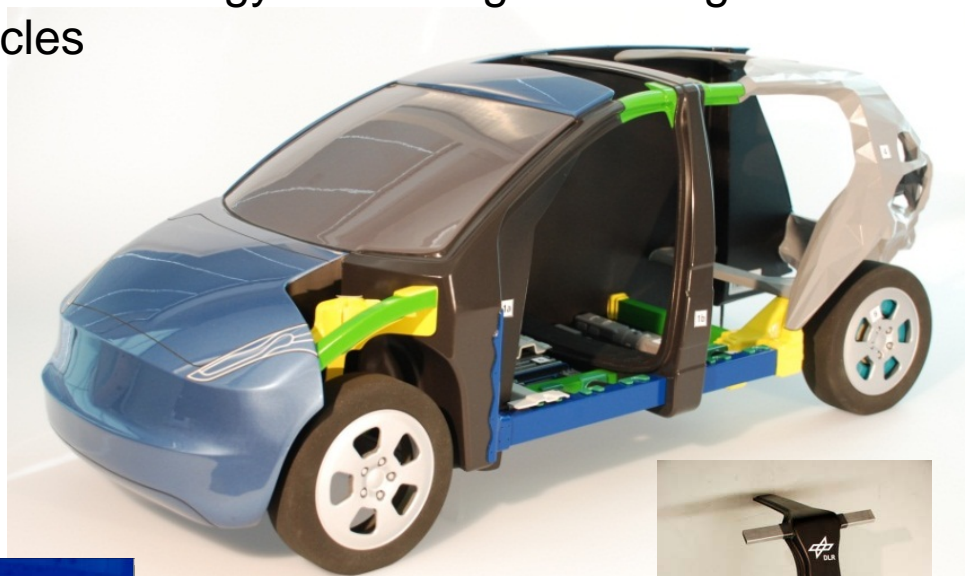


Wheel Hub Motor with integrated Gear



Conclusion

- Knowledge for tomorrow is also based on innovative technologies coming from aerospace research
- Special examples of energy converting technologies could be used for future ecological vehicles





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