

# DLR Virtual Product House (VPH)

## Virtual Integration and Test Center @ ECOMAT Bremen

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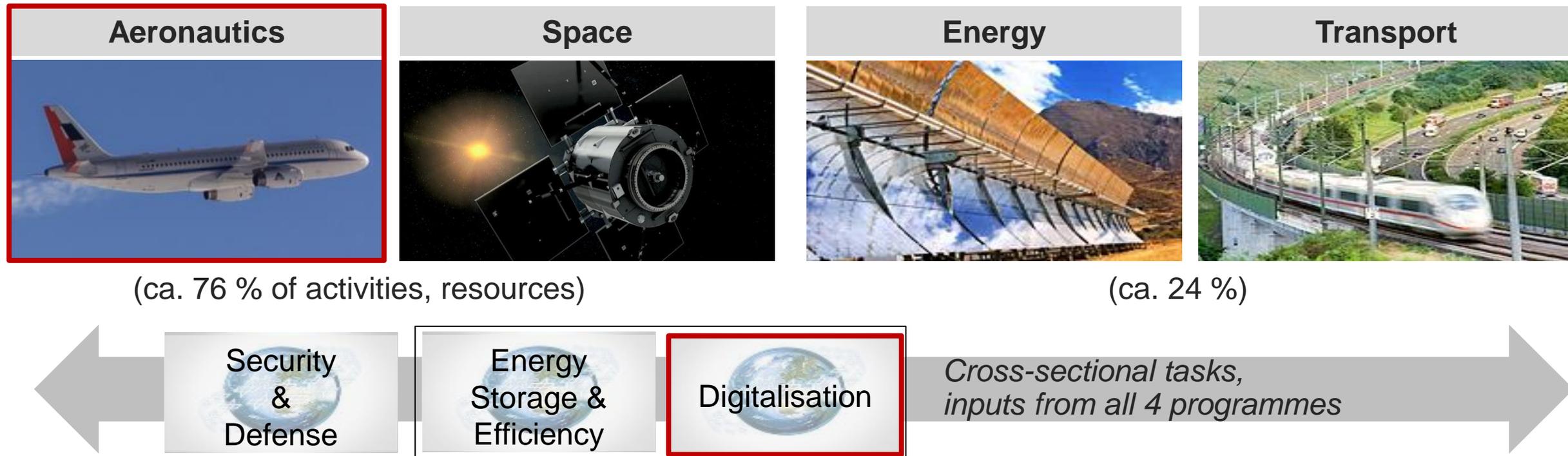
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# DLR Strategy on „Digitalisation of Aeronautics“

## DLR Research Programs & Cross-Sectional Tasks



### DLR key figures:

- **8.650 Employees** in 47 Institutes at 26 DLR sites
- Member of the **Helmholtz-Association HGF** (19 establishments)
- **Offices** in Paris, Brussels, Washington, Tokyo; stations in Inuvik & O’Higgins, solar research in Almeria



# DLR Strategy on „Digitalisation of Aeronautics“

## Future Topics within the DLR Aeronautics Program

### „Classic Aviation“

... remains our basis



PLUS

**Topics:** Continuous Improvement, Support of Industry, Academia, Society

**Plus:** 1g Wing, Cabin Design, MRO, ...

### Massive Digitalisation

**Topics:** Digital Twin / Digital Thread, Virtual Certification, ...

**New Partners, e.g. SAP**

### Unmanned Systems (Vehicle & UTM)

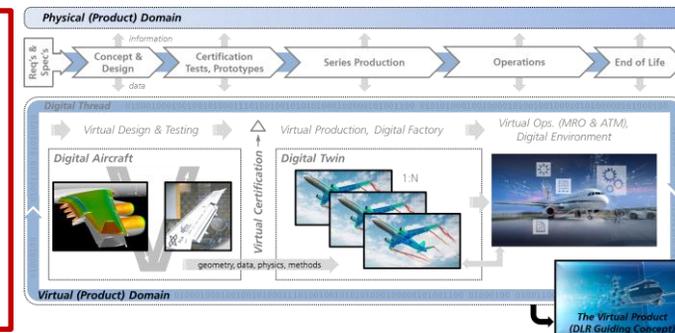
**Topics:** Certification, UAS Test Centre, Applications, Missions, Support of Startups

**New Partners, e.g. EASA, DHL**

### Electric Flight

**Topics:** Certification, Demonstration, Enabling Technologies, Design

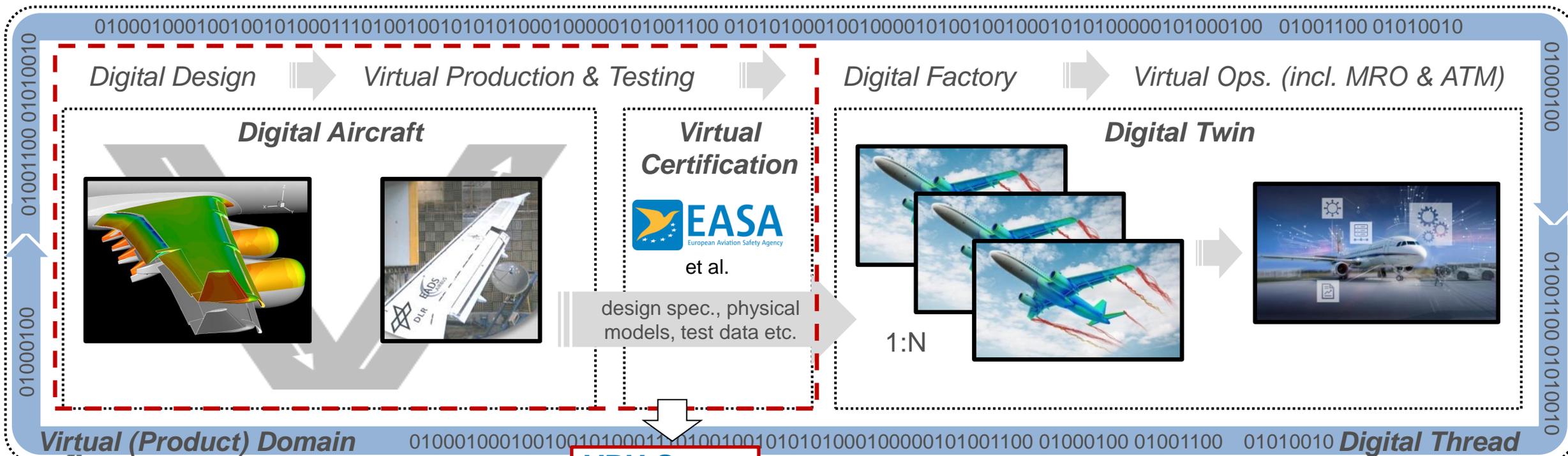
**New Partners, e.g. Siemens**



# DLR Strategy on „Digitalisation of Aeronautics“

## DLR Definitions and interconnection of roadmaps

### Physical (Product) Domain



# DLR Strategy on „Digitalisation of Aeronautics“

## Virtual (i.e. simulation-based) Certification

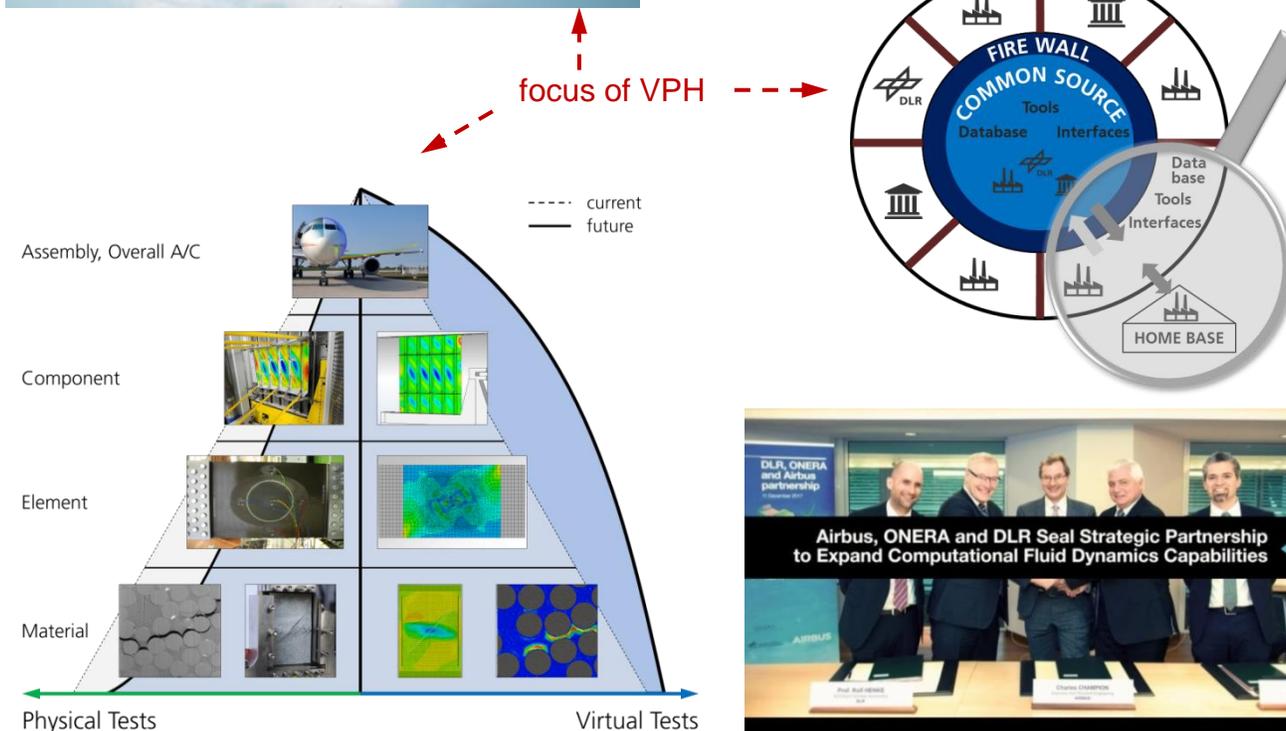
### “Virtual Certification” or

### Certification by Simulation/Analysis:

- Increased usage of simulation/virtual testing methods for certification-relevant tests
- Complementary/hybrid approach of physical testing and virtual (flight/ground/rig) testing
- Objective: time & cost savings, risk mitigation

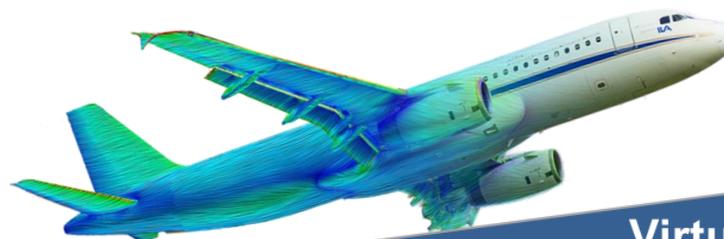
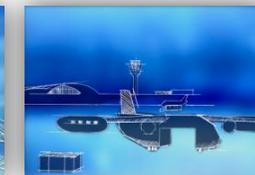
### DLR Activities on Virtual Certification:

- Virtual Product House (VPH)
- SimBaCon & further projects & activities
- Stronger cooperation with EASA: MoC, “liaison officer”, VPH advisory board
- DLR is active member in AIAA Community of Interest “Certification by Analysis”
- Stronger coop. with software industry (SAP)



# DLR Strategy on „Digitalisation of Aeronautics“

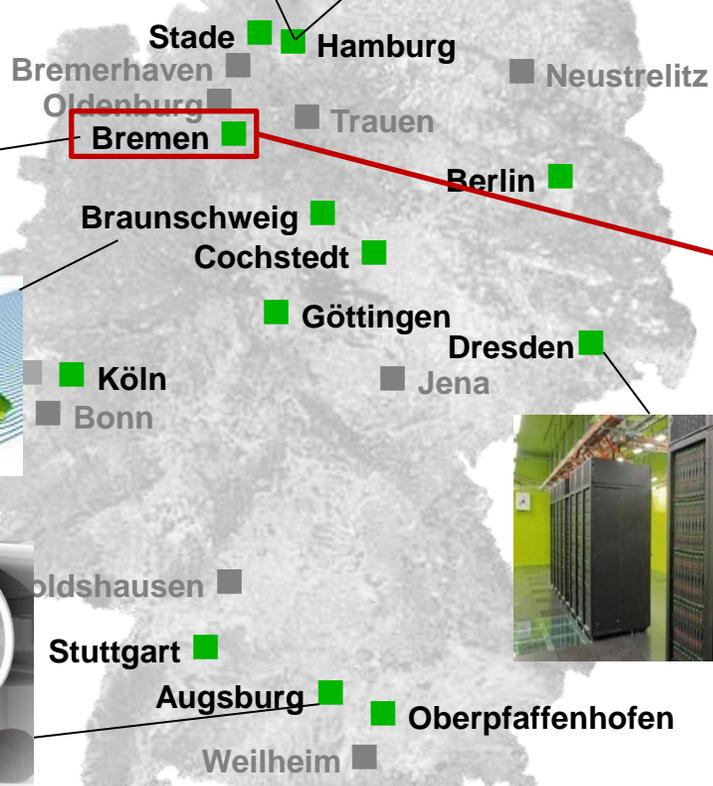
## New Institutes & Virtual Product House (VPH)



Guiding Concept 6:  
**The Virtual Product**

### Virtual Product

	Vehicle		Operations		
New Institutes	Airframe <b>Virtual Product House VPH (Project)</b>	Engine <b>Institute of Test and Simulation for Gas Turbines</b>	<b>Institute of System Architectures in Aeronautics</b> <b>Institute of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul</b>		
	Software und Hardware <b>Institute of Software Methods for Product Virtualisation</b>				
Existing Institutes	Instit. of Aerodynamics & Flow Technology	Institute of Materials Research	Institute of Propulsion Technology	Institute of Flight Systems	Institute of Air Transport and Airport Research
	Institute of Aeroelasticity	Institute of Structures and Design	Instit. of Combustion Technology	Institute of Flight Guidance	Air Transportation Systems
	Institute of Composite Structures & Adaptive Systems	Instit. of Engineering Thermodynamics	Simulation and Software Technology	Institute of Technical Physics	Flight Experiments
	Institute of System Dynamics and Control	Institute of Robotics and Mechatronics	Institute of System Dynamics and Control	Space Operations and Astronaut Training	Central Workshops



26 DLR Sites (12 Sites with Major Activities in Aeronautics)

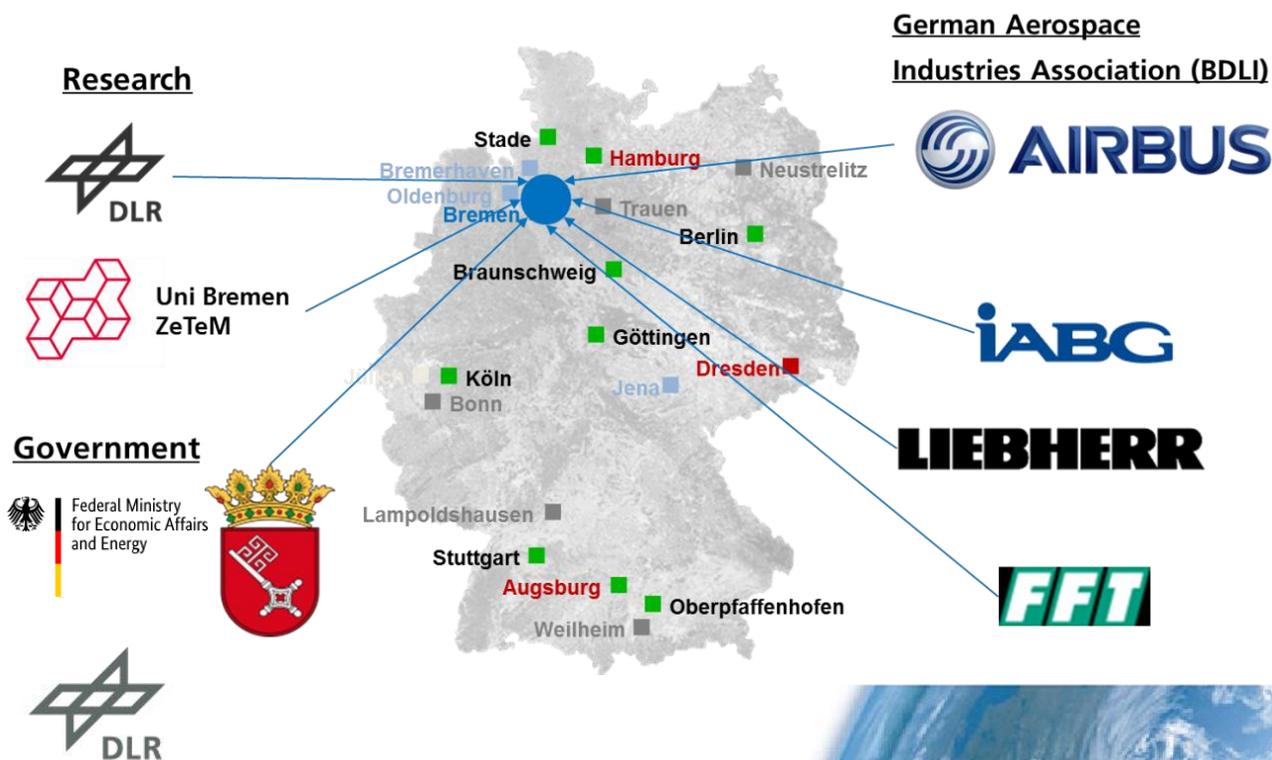


# The DLR Virtual Product House (VPH)

## Objectives and Scope of Start-up Project

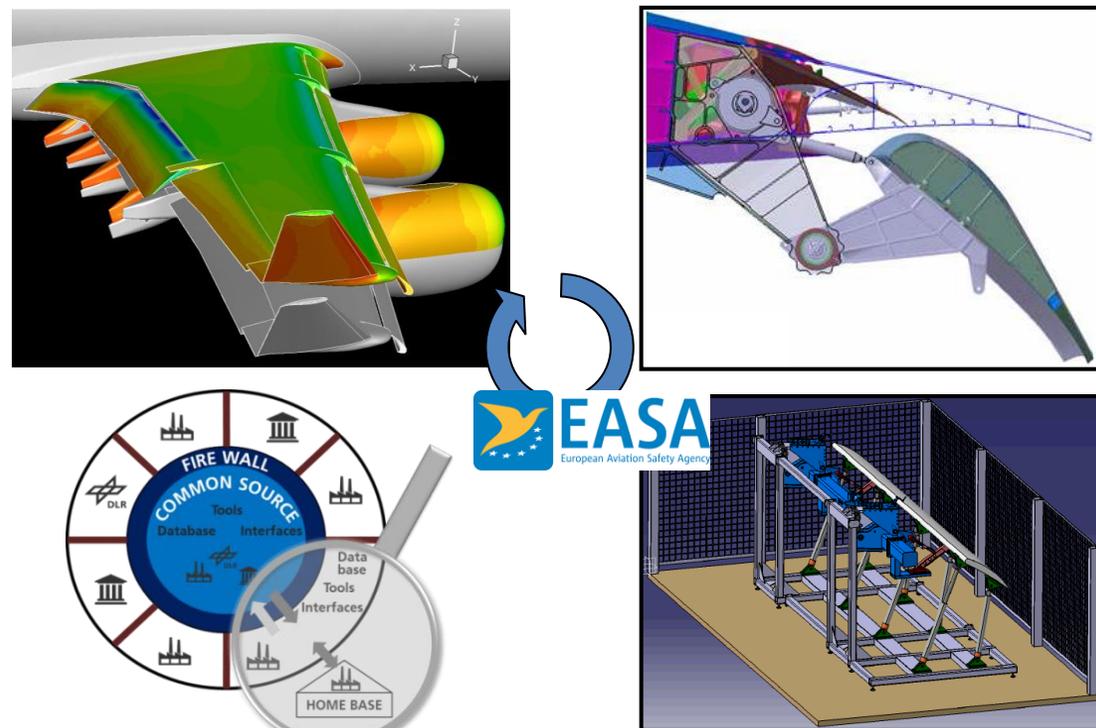
### VPH Overview

- **Main goal:** „Virtual Certification”
- Test & integration center and **plateau research**
- 7 contributing **DLR institutes** from 5 sites
- Cooperation with **industry, universities & authorities**
- 2019/06: **VPH opening ceremony** + entry into ECOMAT



### VPH Start-Up Project: Intelligent Wing & Movable

- Duration: **2018-2021**; funded via Bremen + EFRE
- **Partners:** DLR (lead), Airbus, Liebherr, IABG, FFT, Bremen Univ.; EASA & SAP to join, others invited !
- **Virtual Design** → Production → Testing → **Certification**

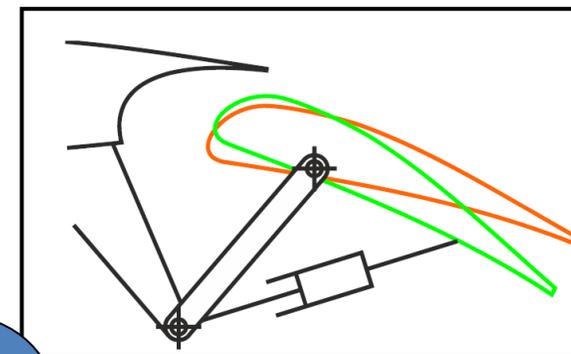
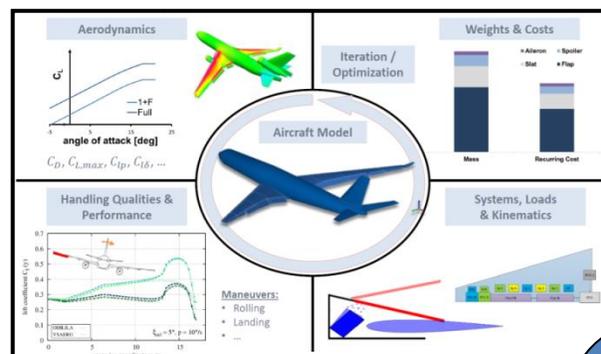


# The DLR Virtual Product House (VPH)

## Start-up Project „Multifunctional Movables“: Digital Design and Virtual Aircraft

### Content & objectives:

- Model-based, **integrated wing/movables design**
- **Link OAD methods +w. detailed component design + HiFi analysis capabilities** (across disciplines, aero, structures, systems etc.)

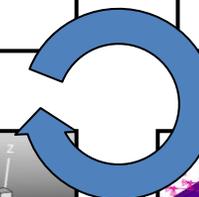
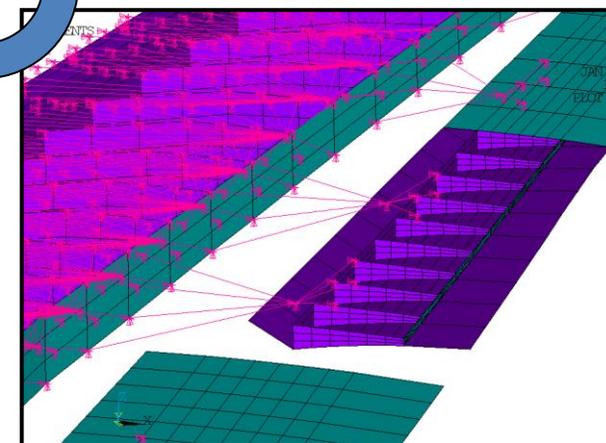
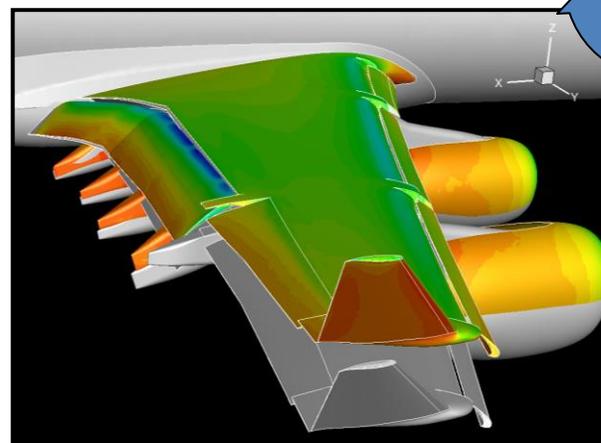


### Industrial benefit:

- Faster integration and **assessment of complex technologies** and new concepts
- **Optimization w.r.t. min fuel, COC, RC, etc.**

### Linked partner activities:

- DLR (e.g. Victoria, 1g wing) + LuFo projects etc.
- Airbus R&T, FPO, Eng. centers, DDMS, ...
- Liebherr component design



Virtual Design

Virtual Production

Virtual Testing

Virtual Certification



# The DLR Virtual Product House (VPH)

## Start-up Project „Multifunctional Movables“: Virtual Manufacturing & Production

### Content & objectives:

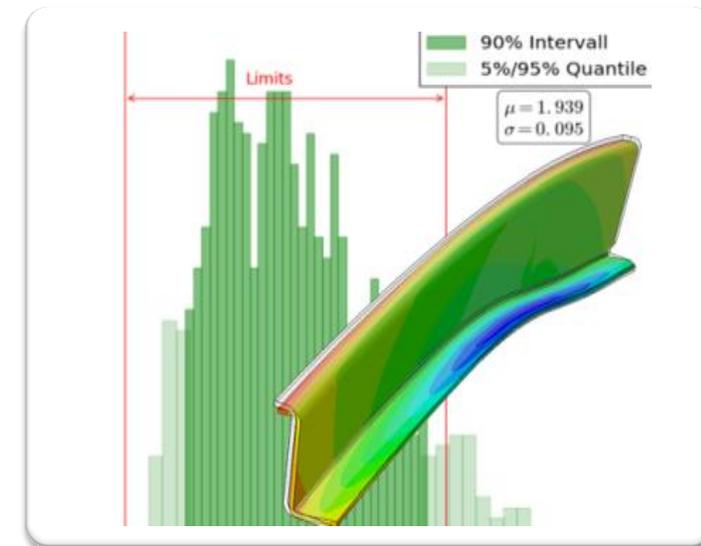
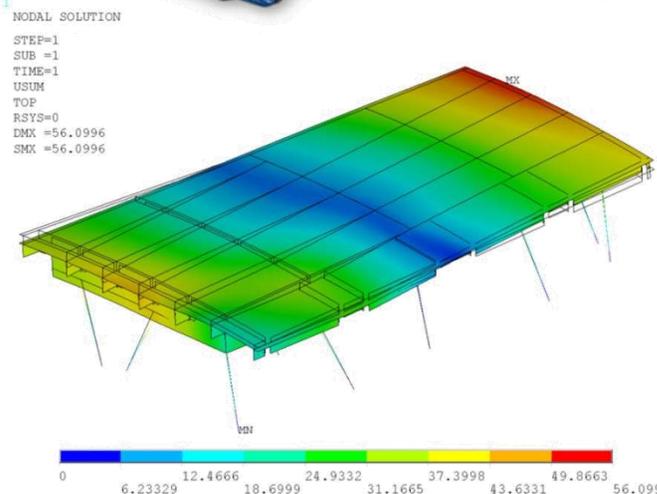
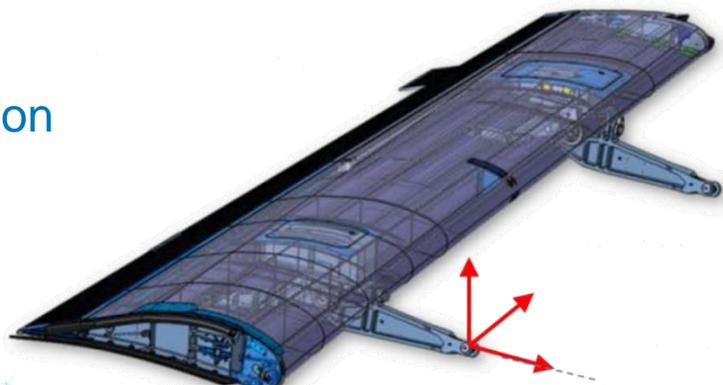
- Virtual manufacturing, assembly, production
- Link to virtual design and testing (WP1/2)

### Industrial benefit:

- Time and cost reduction via early production assembly planning
- Towards high production rate & low manufacturing costs

### Linked partner activities:

- HighDigitPro 4.0 (LuFo V-3 project)
- Airbus Factory of the Future

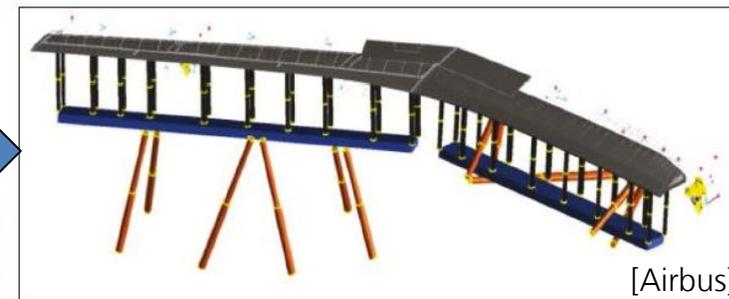
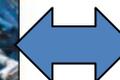


# The DLR Virtual Product House (VPH)

## Start-up Project „Multifunctional Moveables“: Virtual (Systems & Structural) Testing

### Contents & Goals:

- Virtual Systems/Structural Testing (e.g. actuator jam, skew detection, wing/moveable under aero load)
- Modularity, scalability (design → tests)

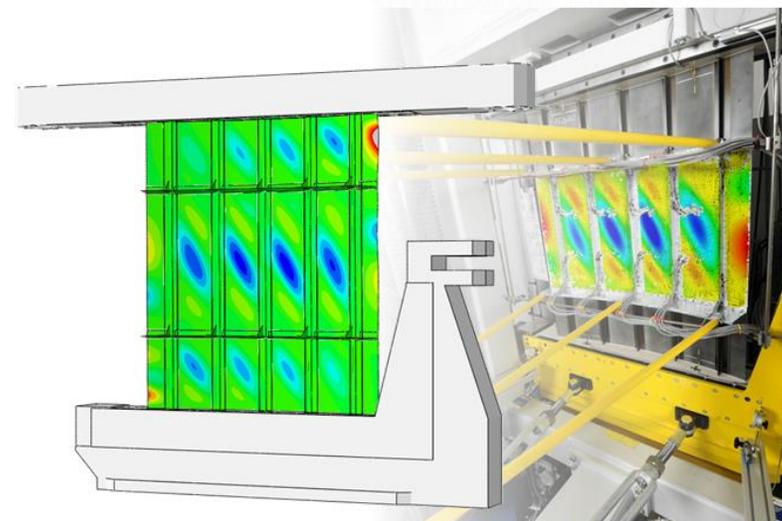
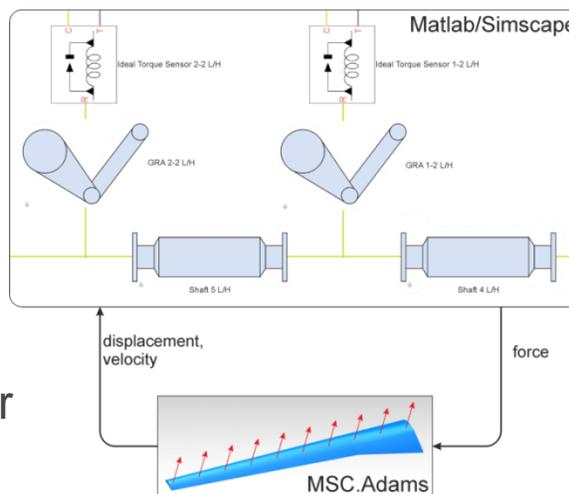


### Industrial Benefit:

- Reduced costs for rigs and tests

### Linked Partner Activities:

- Component design & testing @ Airbus
- Component design & testing @ Liebherr
- Systems testing @ FFT
- Structural testing @ IABG

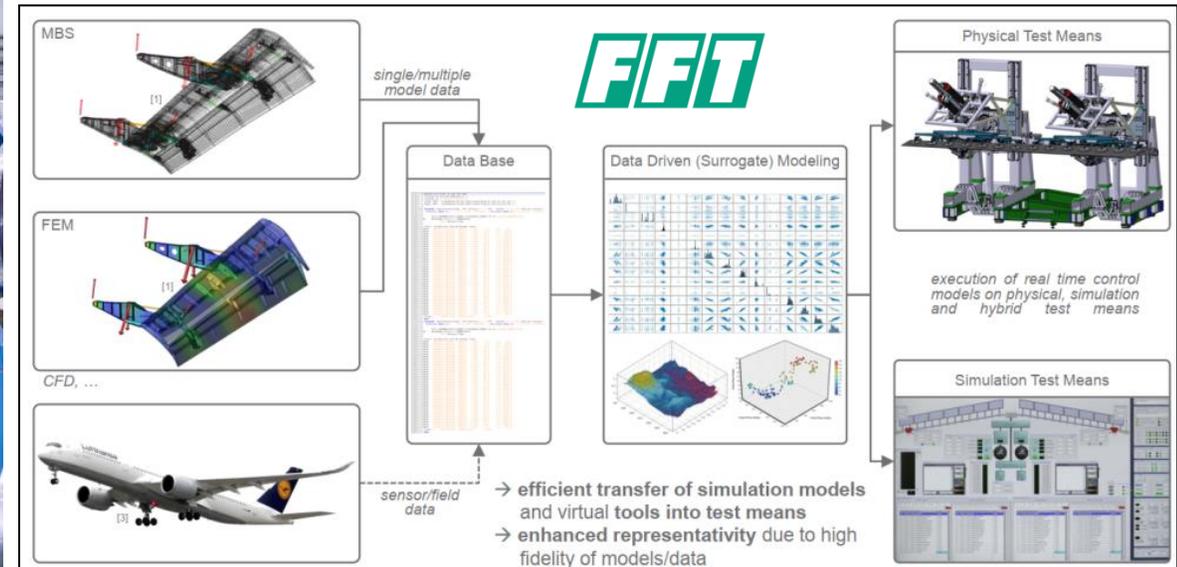


# The DLR Virtual Product House (VPH)

## Start-up Project „Multifunctional Moveables“: (Selected) Industrial Partner Activities on Virtual Testing



**AIRBUS**



Virtual Design

Virtual Production

Virtual Testing

Virtual Certification



# Thank you



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