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# Aerospace and Automotive Manufacturing – Specific Differences and Trends

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# Launching Our 2nd Century

# A company and history like no other



### A century of innovation and human achievement

# Boeing: A Global Leader In Aerospace – and Innovation

- Products and services support to customers in more than 150 countries
  - Revenue in 2016: \$94.6 billion
  - 70 percent of commercial airplane revenue historically from customers outside the United States
- Manufacturing, service and technology partnerships with companies around the world
  - Contracts with more than 20,000 suppliers and partners globally
- Research, design and technology-development centers and programs in multiple countries
  - Maximizes leverage of our R&D investments
  - 2016 R&D investment: \$4.6 billion
- More than 150,000 Boeing employees across the United States and in more than 65 countries



### Partnering worldwide for mutual growth and prosperity

# Airlines will need ~40,000 new airplanes by 2035



### Airplane deliveries: 39,620



### New airplane deliveries by region

2016 - 2035

Region Airplanes 15,130 Asia North America 8,330 Europe 7,570 Middle East 3,310 Latin America 2,960 • C.I.S. 1,170 Africa 1,150 World Total 39,620



# **Beyond the 1st Century of Aerospace Manufacturing**



**Robotic Assembly** 

**Additive Manufacturing** 

# **Industry Realities**



At the perimeter of Toulouse-Blagnac airport are rows of airliners, their wheels covered and doors taped over. An empty space beneath their wings betrays the supply chain hitch that caused this stockpile of aircraft, valued at more than \$2b For some, the Airbus A320neo (new engine option) became a no-engine option. Should-cost review is becoming the tool of choice to improve affordability. And for good reason. SCR, when implemented systematically, can reduce total system costs by 5 to 15 percent and subsystems costs by up to 40 percent.

The demand for affordability in the U.S. Department of Defense is underscored by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. Dr. Ashton Carter, in a series of memos issued in 2010 and early 2011, stresses that a should-cost review (SCR) will serve as an important tool in attaining program affordability. He points out that should-cost targets are now required for all ACAT I, II and III programs and that progress toward these targets will be reviewed at major program milestones.

obs and investing in automation in a drive to trim costs as interim ns edge back and pension liabilities rise at the aerospace and imment supplier.

### Industry customers are demanding more for less

# **Market Challenges – What the Customers Want**

- Safe
- Affordable
- Reliable
- Upgradeable
- Flexible
- Performance
- Environmentally responsible
- Available



# **Challenges & Opportunities Ahead**

# **Design for Manufacturing –**

Aerospace needs to leverage broader industry



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# **Traveled Risk –** Concurrency adds risk of rework

Concurrent	Efforts		
Team	n1		
		Team 2	Rework
	Traveled Risk		∧ Need Date

# **Speed to Market –** More capability to customers – quicker



## **Modularity** – Enables Reuse & Customization



# Aerospace and Automotive Comparison





Source: Google Images



Source: bmw.com





# **Engineering – Digital Definition**



Source: Google Images



# **Manufacturing Analytics & Digital Threads**

### **Top Business Outcomes**

- Reduce Test & Evaluation / Rework 50%
- Affordable Manufacturing
- First Pass Quality
- Improved Factory Safety

### **Top Applications**

- Optimized Factory Flow
- Manufacturing Process Analytics
- Improved Automation Execution
- Robust Process & Material Specs

### Enablers

- Analytics
- Advanced Modeling & Simulation
- Industry Standards
- Integrated Digital Factory



### Integrated Digital Factory The Complete Picture

**Real-Time Predictive Analytics** 

**Process Automation** 





### **Computer Vision**



**Safety Analytics** 





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# **Advanced Materials**

### **Top Business Outcomes**

- Safe/Environmental/Ergonomic Processes
- Robust First Pass Quality
- High Rate Capability
- Reduced part count
- Optimized Weight <u>AND</u> Cost

### **Top Advanced Materials Applications**

- Metallic Alloys
- Composites
- Sealants/Paints
- Ceramics

### Enablers

- High rate processes
- Integrated materials modeling, fabrication processing and properties



CST Ablative Surface

### Computational Materials Models

### Reduced Part Count

### Robust Seal/Paint

Materials for Extreme Environments

### **Product Performance & Production System Efficiency**

# Expanding capability for unitized machined components



### Advanced modeling/machining technology critical

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# **Additive Innovation**

### **Top Business Outcomes**

- Speed to Market
- Enhance Performance
- Cost Reduction Buy-to-Fly
- Flexible Manufacturing

### **Top Additive Applications**

- Prototyping
- Tooling
- Functional Components
- Structural Components

### Enablers

- Certification
- In-Process Inspection
- Design for Additive



Tooling

Metals

**Polymers** 

### Since 2002 more than 50,000 flyaway parts!

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# **Titanium Additive/Subtractive Innovation**











### Complex to complex machining will continue to grow!

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Sustainability

Safety

# Aircraft CFRP components recycling

# **CFRP Recycling – growing importance**

- Each Boeing 787 carries approximately 18,144kg of salvageable carbon fiber
- Carbon fiber can be recycled at approximately 70% of the cost to produce virgin fibers (\$8-12/lb vs. \$15-30/lb), using less than 5% of the electricity required (1.3-4.5kWH/lb vs. 25-75kWH/lb)

Example of aircraft reclaimed carbon fiber through pyrolisis application:



Reclaimed carbon fiber from an F-18 fiber's stabilator



The preform, made from the F-18 recyclate



The finished part: A Chevrolet Corvette wheelhouse, made by Molded Fiber Glass Co Source: Materials Innovation Technologies





# **Automation Innovation**

### **Top Business Outcomes**

- Workplace Safety
- Product and Process Quality
- Flexibility / Factory Optimization
- Standardization / Replication

### **Top Automation Applications**

- Drill/Fill
- Paint & Seal
- Composite Fabrication
- Material Movement



777 Fuselage Flex Tracks



737/787 Heatshield Line



787 Aft Robotic Drill/Fill

### Innovative, Simple, Robust & Cost Effective

### Enablers

- Networked Enabled Manufacturing
- In-Process Inspection
- TRL <u>AND</u> MRL

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### Pre-forming Part-forming

# **Monumental Aerospace**



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# Automotive composite fabrication

# Highly automated process & transfer lines

# **Monumental structure**

- Equivalent to press lines
- Large energy usage
  - renewable



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Pre-forming Part-forming

Source: FILL 🚽





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# Automotive efficiency of scale



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Assembly & Automation

# Assembly & Automation

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	Everett	Leipzig
Area	399.480 m <sup>2</sup>	500.000 m <sup>2</sup>
Employees	15.000	6.000
Robots / machines	15+	500+



Sources: BMW





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Assembly & Automation

# Aerospace problems of scale



# Aerospace "right size machines"



Source: Electroimpact



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Assembly & **Automation** 

Source: M Torres

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# Standard Families of Aerospace Automation

# How can we create a standard family of automation for aerospace?

To get to low cost found in automotive

# What does it look like

- Light
- Modular
- Work with humans
- Mobile or transportable
- Useful payload / force
  - What is the right payload/force?



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Source: Alfred T. Palmer - October 1942 - Library of Congress

How did we get from this to this?



Format? Next steps?

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# Assembly & Automation

Source: Fraunhofer

Source: ABB

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Source: TU Muenchen



# Summary

- Market challenges and industry realities are driving changes in the way the aerospace industry designs and builds products
  - Cost
  - Speed to market
  - Performance
  - Environment



 Advances in materials, automation, additive/subtractive manufacturing, and data analytics are leading the changes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> century of the aerospace industry

