

### About this organisation

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At the Institute of Automotive Systems Technology (FAST) at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), lightweight construction is positioned as a cross-sectional topic and offers an interdisciplinary approach to reducing vehicle mass. The KIT combines the tasks of a university of the state of Baden-Württemberg and a major research institution of the Helmholtz Association with programme-oriented and application-oriented research, teaching and innovation.

The focus of application-oriented research at the Lightweight Construction (LB) department is on fibre composite lightweight construction in the context of a mixed construction method. Expertise from the fields of methods, materials and production is pooled and applied holistically (MWP research approach) to develop lightweight, high-performance fibre composite and hybrid components suitable for large-scale production. This engineering approach is pursued in close cooperation with the Fraunhofer Institute for Chemical Technology (ICT). The ICT focuses on production technologies for long fibre and continuous fibre composites. Against the background of process development and analyses at the ICT, the LB develops numerical methods and material models for process simulation and component simulation of fibre composite structures. In addition, virtual process chains (CAE chains) are developed, which enable production-related influences to be taken into account and holistically optimised.

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#### Organisation type

University or higher education institution

#### Sectors



#### Employees

10 up to 49

#### Turnover

€2m - €10m

#### Funding



[Projects in the funding catalogue](#)



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<b>Main areas covered</b>	Long and continuous fibre composites, Process and structural simulation, Process and structural optimisation, Material model development, CAE chains
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Virtual process chains, Material models, Workstations, Research licences, Access to large computer systems of the KIT
<b>Certifications</b>	
<b>Keywords</b>	Forming simulation, Mould filling simulation, curing, Warpage, structural simulation, RTM, wet pressing, tape laying, Prepreg, LFT, SMC, BMC
<b>Memberships</b>	

### Overview of lightweighting expertise

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	Research	Development	Manufacturing & Supply
<b>Offer</b>			
<b>Products</b> Parts and components, Software & databases	✓	✓	
<b>Services &amp; consulting</b> Training, Engineering, Simulation	✓	✓	

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	Research	Development	Manufacturing & Supply
<b>Field of technology</b>			
<b>Design &amp; layout</b> Lightweight manufacturing, Lightweight design, Hybrid structures, Lightweight construction concepts, Lightweight material construction	✓	✓	
<i>Functional integration</i>			
<i>Measuring and testing technology</i>			
<b>Modelling and simulation</b> Loads & stress, Optimisation, Processes, Structural mechanics, Materials, Reliability validation	✓	✓	
<i>Plant construction &amp; factory automation</i>			
<i>Recycling technologies</i>			

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	Research	Development	Manufacturing & Supply
<b>Manufacturing process</b>			
<i>Additive manufacturing</i>			
<i>Coating (surface engineering)</i>			
<b>Fibre composite technology</b>			
Resin infusion process, Resin transfer moulding, Pre-preg processing, Vacuum infusion	✓	✓	
<b>Forming</b>			
Impact extrusion, Fluid active media based forming, Others: null	✓	✓	
<i>Joining</i>			
<i>Material property alteration</i>			
<i>Primary forming</i>			
<i>Processing and separating</i>			
<i>Textile technology</i>			

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	Research	Development	Manufacturing & Supply
Material			
Biogenic materials			
Cellular materials (foam materials)			
Composites			
Fibres			
Functional materials			
Metals			
Plastics			
Structural ceramics			
(Technical) textiles			

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