Ecoshell : Bio-materials for structural use in car application

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The CITI-zen Concept

An Eco-friendly Light Electrical Urban car



Weight: 400Kg Speed : 110 Km/h Range : 120 Km Passive security : Front & side Crashes Pedestrian shock



Ecoshell objectives

Environmentally friendly

- Bio-materials
- Less energy to product
- Lower fuel consumption of the car

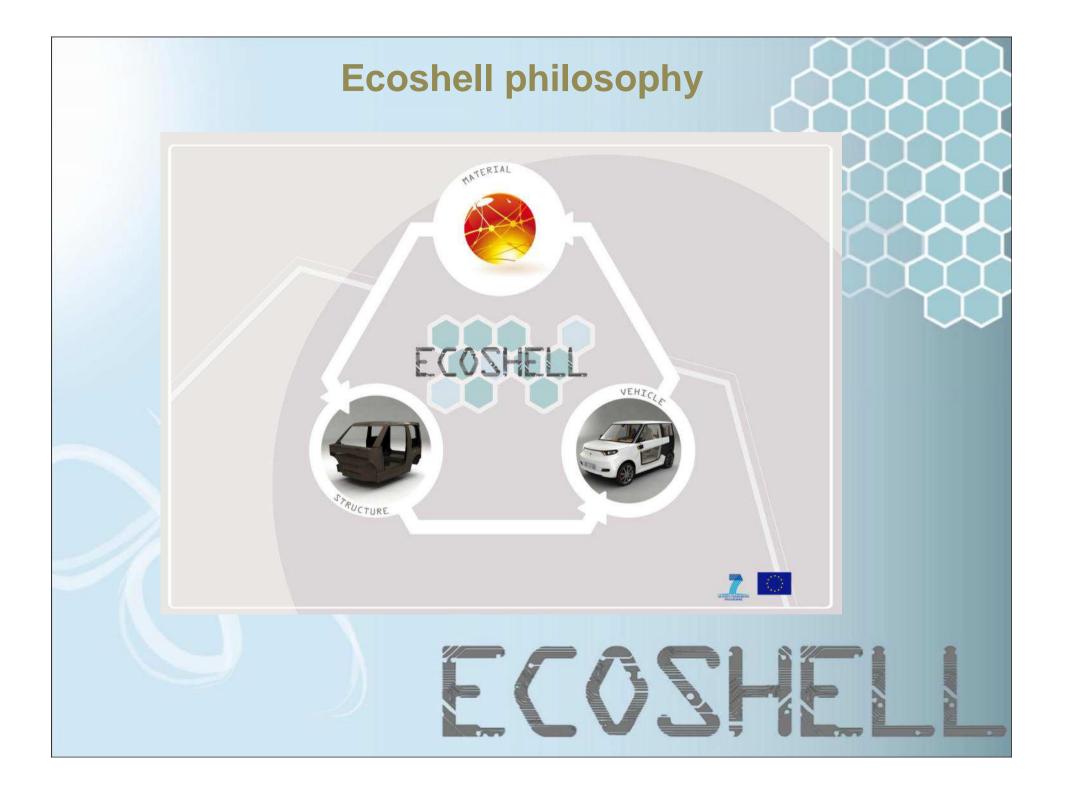
Improved mechanical performance

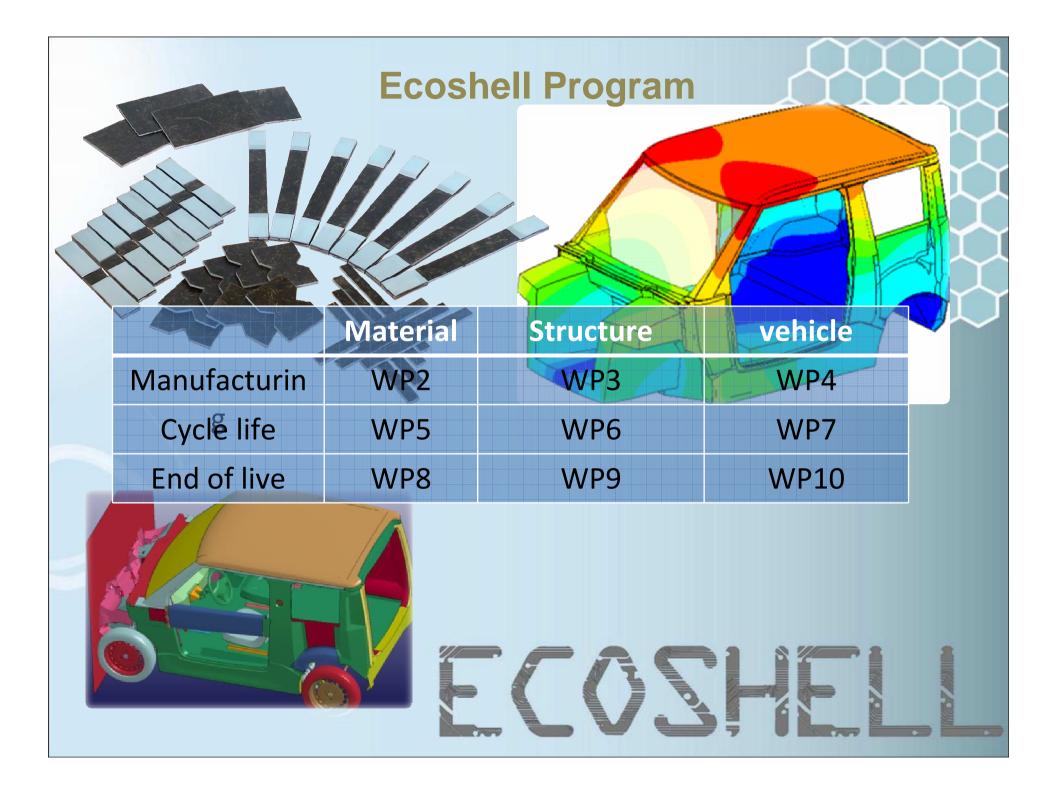
- -Weight optimization
- -Constraints/materials topological optimization
- -Improved global architecture

Costs reduction

- Manufacturing process re-engineering
- Decrease time cycle using new materials







Material results

Material production

Live cycle

In the market solution : Flax /Bio-Epoxy samples produced and tested

New material investigation: Flax/Tannin based resin samples production and improvement for RTM and SMS process

New material investigation : foam and glue bio-sourced established with tannin Characterisation and numerical simulation of the mechanical behaviour Considered as reference

Improvement of the mechanical properties Fibbers treatment Formula and protocol optimisation to get better properties

First samples of foam and glue, available for evaluation.

Research on the management of the and of life for Epoxy flax composite

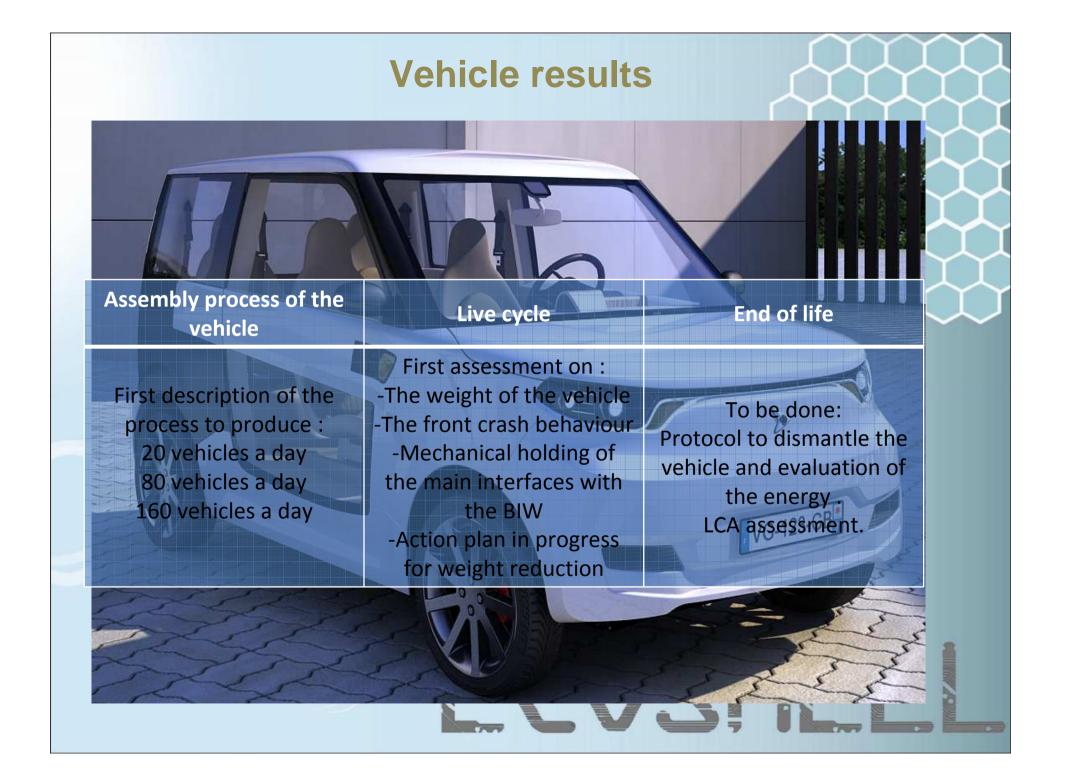
End of life

Investigation on the properties regarding the burning behaviour, composting behaviour and possible re-use

Similar family of material than previous one .

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Structure results		
Parts feasibility and assembly process	Live cycle	End of life
Feasibility of a BIW made with 7 RTM Parts for low rate of production	First weight assessment : 100 Kg First assessment on the behaviour of the BIW regarding : bending and twist constraints	In progress : process to remove the metallic insert and evaluation of the energy to reduce the BIW in powder
Feasibility of a BIW made with 18 SMC parts for high rate of production.	First weight assessment : 100 Kg First assessment on the behaviour of the BIW regarding : bending and twist constraints	In progress : process to remove the metallic insert and evaluation of the energy to reduce the BIW in powder
Feasibility of an Evolutionary process from less than 20 parts a day to about 300 parts a day mixing the two technologies.	Mixed solution to be define for evaluation	To be done: process to remove the metallic insert and evaluation of the energy to reduce the BIW in powder



Further potential researches to be perform

Energy: One vehicle to evaluate different energies



Hydrogen/ bio-gasoline/ electric+range extender/ gas



Further potential researches to be perform Material: One vehicle to evaluate different materials

Adapted materials to different countries



Thank you for attention

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