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# Description of the Organization



UNIVERSITÀ DI PARMA



- UNIPR is a non-profit public higher-education institution located in the urban setting of the small city of Parma
- The Department of Engineering and Architecture (DIA) of UNIPR is involved in several research projects and collaborations with industrial partners

## Projects

**TresClean**



ADACORSA



..others

## Collaborations

**AIRBUS**



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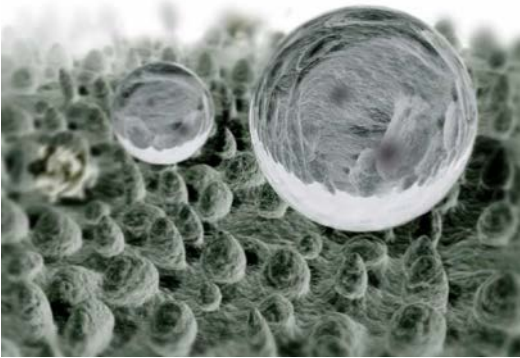
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# Green flexible and advanced manufacturing

HORIZON-CL4-2022-TWIN-TRANSITION-01-02: Products with complex functional surfaces

## Goal

- Development of surface topographies with fluid repellent and antibacterial properties over large areas (>500cm<sup>2</sup> for food industry, >5000cm<sup>2</sup> home appliance)



→ Lotus leaf effect



→ Adhesion of *Escherichia coli*

## Method

- **Ultrashort pulse (USP) laser texturing** to generate functionalized textures on stainless steel
- **Near-field interaction modeling** to evaluate the behavior of bacterial cells in close proximity to a texture

## Results

- High throughput processing technologies for functional surfaces with an overall **structuring rate of up to 2000 mm<sup>2</sup>/s**
- **99.8% Reduction of bacterial adhesion** for specific bacteria types on textured surfaces

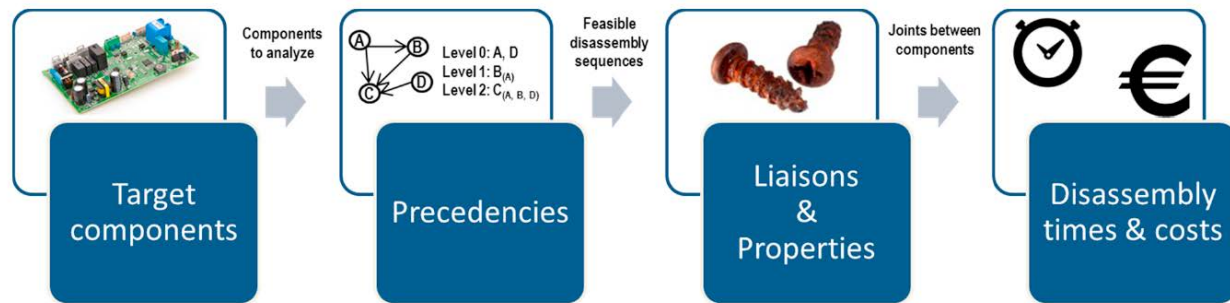


# Advanced digital technologies for manufacturing

HORIZON-CL4-2022-TWIN-TRANSITION-01-07: Digital tools to support the engineering of a Circular Economy  
(Made in Europe Partnership) (RIA)

## Goal

→ To provide a **CAD-based software tool able to predict disassembly time, optimized sequence and tool list** (including supply chain parameters)



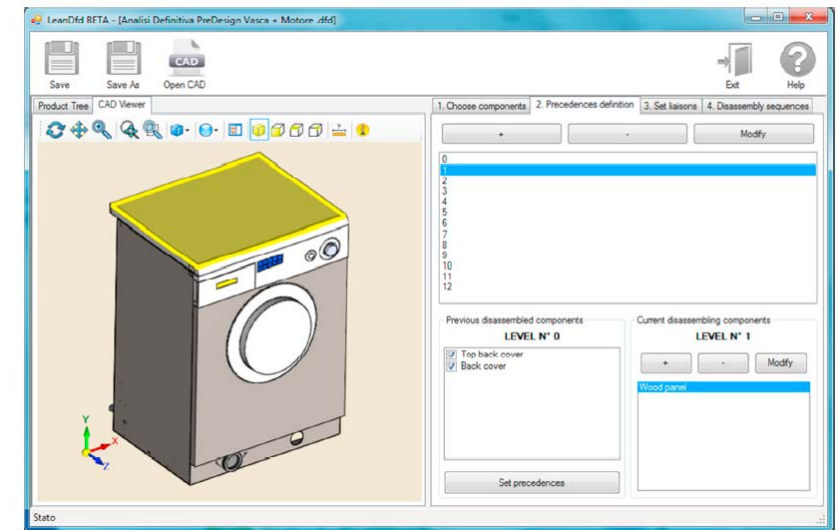
## Method

→ To perform a **new list of Circularity Indices** for the evaluation of circular economies scenarios (Reuse, Reman, Repair) for target components in products

→ To develop a **CAD-based software tool for DfD**

## Preliminary results

→ **LeanDfD tool** – It allows to analyse product disassembly and provide design feedback to engineers



→ **DfD DB** – It collects a list of item (liaisons) used to perform assembly task and related disassembly time

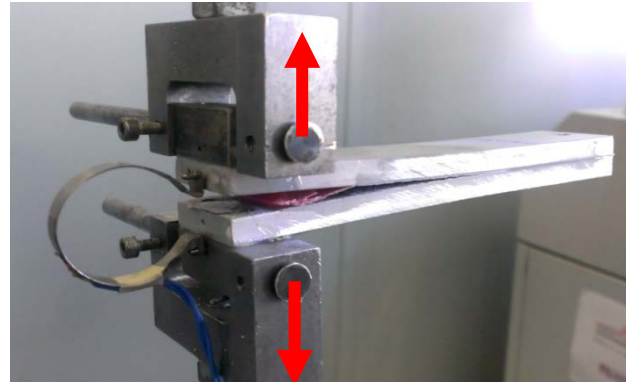
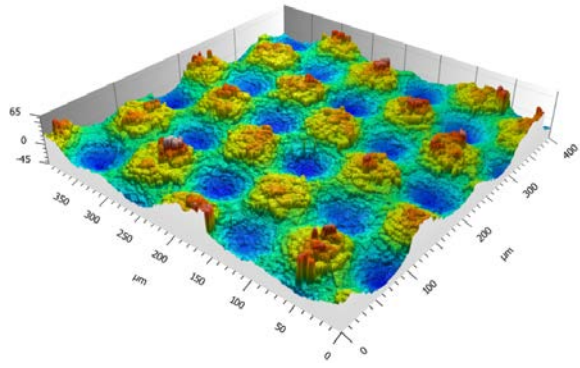
# Green and sustainable materials

HORIZON-CL4-2022-RESILIENCE-01-11: Advanced lightweight materials for energy efficient structures (RIA)

HORIZON-CL4-2022-RESILIENCE-01-12: Functional multi-material components and structures (RIA)

## Goal

→ Optimization of the laser surface treatment to promote the mechanical interlocking between adhesive and adherend in bonded joints



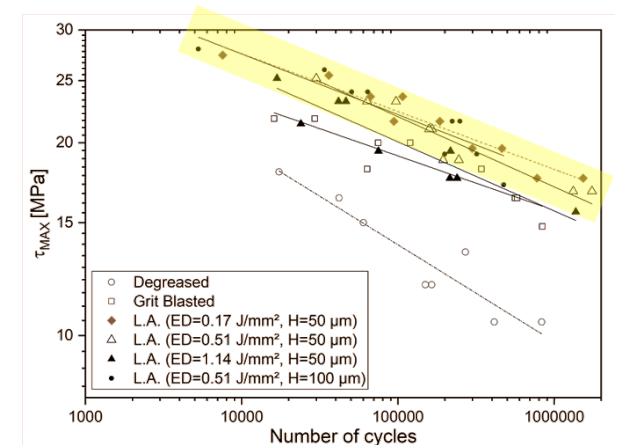
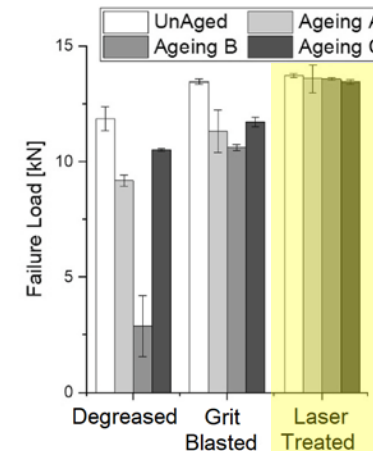
## Method

→ Characterization and prediction of surface morphology of laser treated surfaces

→ **Experimental test campaign** (static, fatigue and aged conditions)

## Results

- **Static test:** higher strength if compared to traditional surface pre-treatment
- **Fatigue Tests:** longer life of laser treated joints
- **Better ageing** resistance of laser treated joints





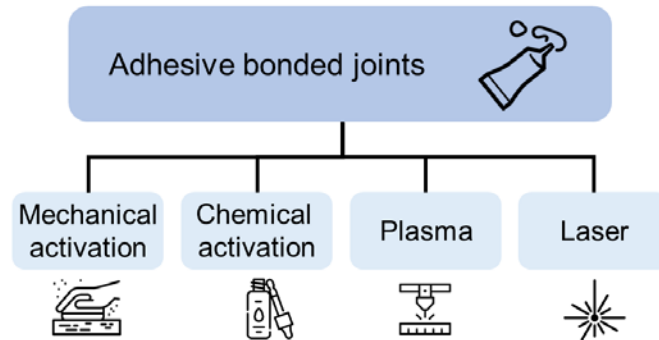
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HORIZON-CL4-2022-RESILIENCE-01-12: Functional multi-material components and structures (RIA)

## Goal

→ To analyze the **environmental performance of adhesive bonded processes** for material assembly with **different surface activation processes** (i.e., laser irradiation and plasma treatment)



## Method

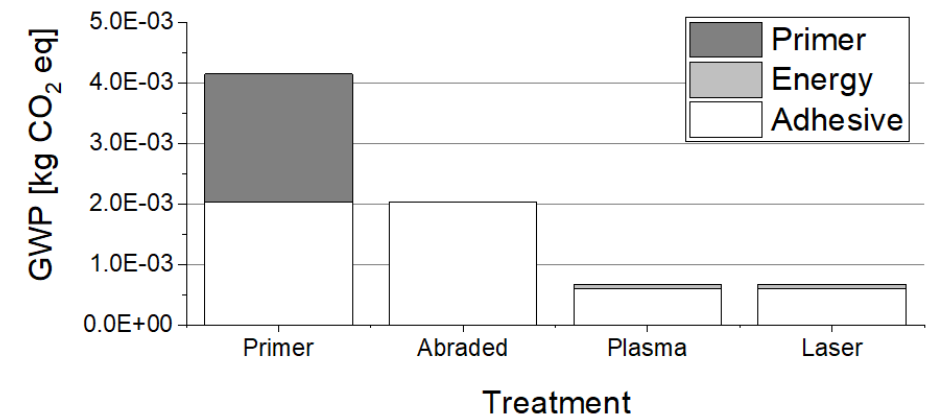
→ To perform an **experimental test campaign** (both static and dynamic)

→ To perform an **LCA analysis**

## Preliminary results

→ **Tensile test (static) + Fatigue test (dynamic) campaigns:** optimization of process parameter (i.e., laser) and mechanical characterization of joint performance (static strength and fatigue life)

→ **LCA: Plasma and Laser** exhibit approx. the same results (**lowest impact** compared with abraded and chemical activated joints)





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