# Effect of inhomogeneities on wave propagation

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## **Objectives of the second funding period**

- Manufacturing and design inhomogeneities in large FML constrain the design of an SHM system
- Proper and robust 2D and 3D numerical models reflect the physical phenomena when propagating waves interact with inhomogeneities
- A detailed analysis at the meso-scale allows for an efficient modelling at the component level
- Probabilistic modelling including multi-scale information necessary to predict the wave propagation and interaction with inhomogeneities correctly Structural inhomogeneities influence wave propagation • Functional conformity is achieved through the design of the inhomogeneity



## Methods

SP 3

- FEM (2D/3D) with regard to nonlinearities, uncertainties and layered inhomogeneous materials
- Random fields for spatial distributed material properties
- Multiscale approach (from interphase modelling to component level and vice versa)
- Experimental wave propagation measurements using Laser Scanning Vibrometry (LSV)
- State characterization with strain gages and FBGs
- Microsection analysis and ultrasonic scans

Experimental setup for the LSV measurements





Numerical model of the wave propagation



Interphase modelling under consideration of uncertainties

### **Expected results**

- Correlation between the wave propagation and the design of inhomogeneities
- Validated numerical modelling approach that is capable of predicting the wave propagation in components with varying complexity
- Numerical and experimental wave propagation data for various inhomogeneities as input for model free methods





Possible design of a local hybridization zone

## Added value for the research unit

- Physical CFRP-steel specimens with different state characteristics and inhomogeneities (SP1, SP2)
- Design guidelines for embedded sensor interphases (SP2)
- Numerical and experimental wave propagation data (SP1, SP2, SP4)





• With the gained knowledge over the entire duration of the research unit design guidelines for SHM systems are developed

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