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# COATINGS WITH HYDROPHOBIC AND OMNIPHOBIC PROPERTIES AGAINST INSECT CONTAMINATION

## SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS REDUCING CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION

### The project

The insect sticking on the aircraft leading edges may cause a surface roughness disrupting the laminar flow with the consequent negative impact in safety and fuel consumption. In H2020 **CHOPIN** project, hydro- and omniphobic coatings are being developed in order to mitigate the insect contamination. Briefly, wet chemistry (**sol-gel**, **UV-varnish**, **Ionogel**) and dry (**Ion implantation** and **Dry-spray**) processing technologies are considered for these purposes. Additionally to their repellent ability to different fluids –i.e. including synthetic hemolymph as insect simulant–, the erosion resistance of the developed coatings and their resistance to aircraft liquids are being investigated. The project **CHOPIN** is coordinated by **Materia Nova** and participated by **CIDETEC**, **NORCE**, **VKI** and **ECO-TREAT** for **Airbus**.



### VALIDATION

CLEANABILITY

UV

IMPACT

EROSION

CHEMICAL

R E S I S T A N C E

TESTS IN WIND TUNNEL  
AND ON DRONES

DURABILITY

### COATINGS

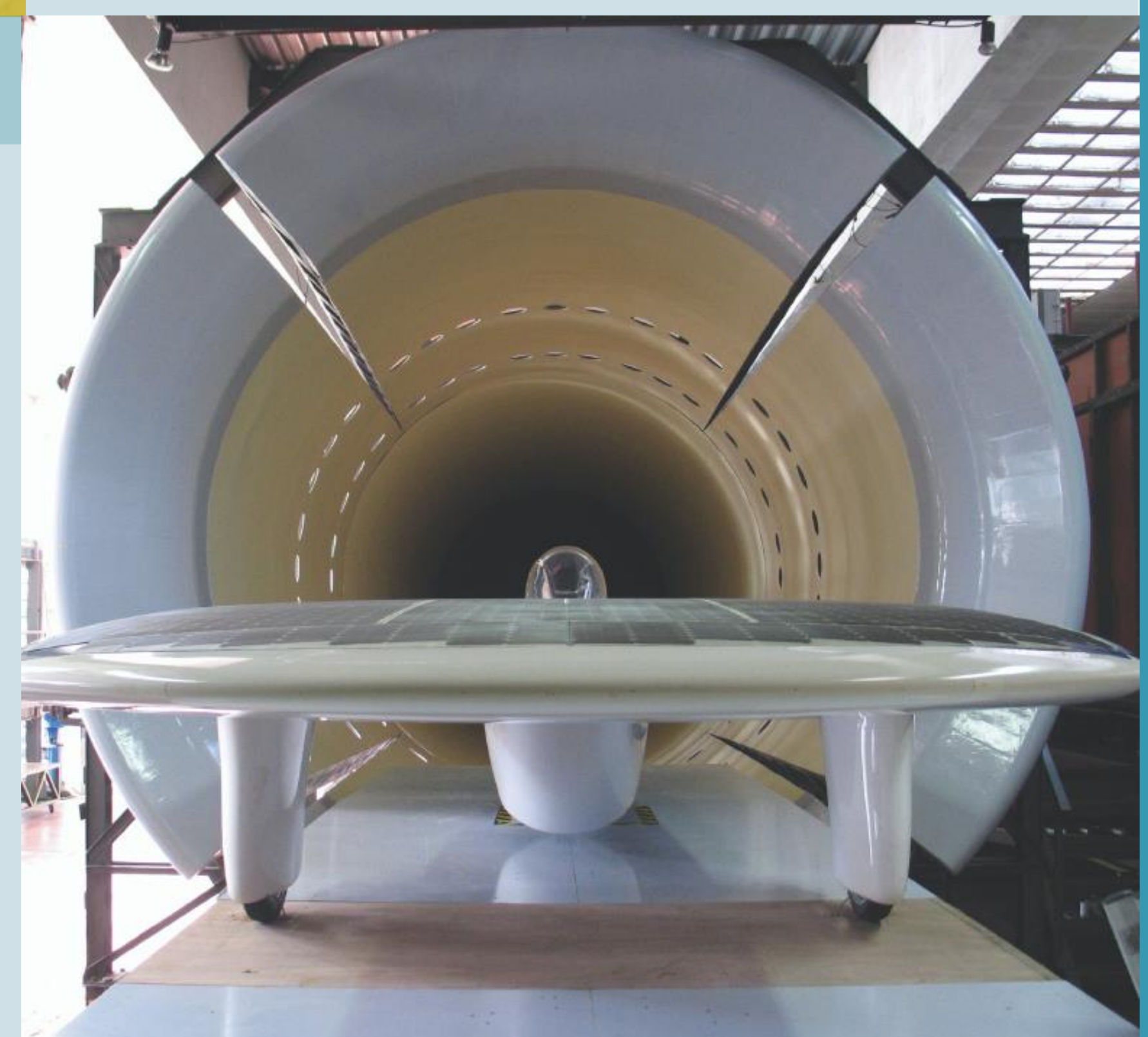
SOL-GEL

IONOGEL

UV-VARNISH

ION IMPLANTATION

DRY SPRAY



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