# The Connection Between Research and Industry in Germany – The Fraunhofer Model

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#### The German Research Landscape





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## The Fraunhofer Gesellschaft



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#### The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft



The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft undertakes applied research of direct utility to private and public enterprise and of wide benefit to society.

Our Customers:

- Industry
- Service sector
- Public administration



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#### Joseph von Fraunhofer

Discovery of "Fraunhofer Lines" in the sun spectrum

New methods of lens processing

Head of **Royal Glass Factory** 

**Entrepreneur** 

Researcher

Inventor



The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft

Research and development by order of industry and state

Music format MP3, white LED, highresolution infrared camera

Research Volume: ~ 1.66 billion euro per year

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# The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft in Germany

- 60 Institutes
- more than 20,000 employees
- Research Volume:
  - ~ 1.8 billion euro per year





#### Fraunhofer Worldwide





## **Financial Structure of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft** (2007-2011, in € million)



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#### **Contract Research**

(2007-2011, in € million)



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#### **Basic funding for the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft**



- 90:10 split between the German federal government and the Länder
- "Performance-based" annual negotiations between the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft (Executive Board) with sources of funding (Policy Committee of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft)
- The basic funding is provided first to the Executive Board. The distribution of these funds across the Fraunhofer Institutes is exclusively the province of the Executive Board (autonomy, no individual control from outside)
- Management principles are in effect



#### **Demands on a Fraunhofer Institute**



Scientific competence proved by the recognition of the scientific community



#### Well-balanced financial mix of different independent sources



Market success and entrepreneurial competence

proved by contracts with industry and government



**Professional networking** with other Fraunhofer Institutes and externals



#### **COOPERATION MODELS**

#### What are the different ways of working with Fraunhofer?

| ONE-OFF CONTRACTS   | LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS<br>WITH MULTIPLE<br>PARTNERS   | INTERNATIONAL<br>COOPERATION |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| <ul> <li>Solve the problem</li> <li>Launch the innovation in the business or the marketplace</li> </ul> | Cooperation between<br>multiple Fraunhofer<br>institutes, external<br>partners and<br>companies | Fraunhofer offices<br>abroad |
|   |   |                              |
| STRATEGIC<br>PARTNERSHIPS   | INNOVATION CLUSTERS   | SPIN-OFFS                    |

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#### THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF COOPERATION How does Fraunhofer help its customers?





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## Example



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#### The Fraunhofer IWU

Facts and figures:

- founded on July 1st, 1991
- about 500 employees
- 30 million euro budget
- Project group in Augsburg since Aachen St. Augu January 2009
- Project group in Zittau since October 2011
- Strategic Partnerships
  - Stellenbosch University 2006
  - University of Naples
     Federico II 2011





#### The Fraunhofer IWU Industry in Saxony





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#### **Autoland Saxony**

- 3 vehicle manufacturers (OEMs): Volkswagen (three production sites) as well as Porsche and BMW
- Approximately 750 suppliers, service providers and equipment providers
- Approximately 70,000 employees in the automotive supply industry









## Working in Networks

- Fraunhofer Networks
- Regional Networks
- International Networks
- Large Industrial Projects





## **Fraunhofer Networks**

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#### **Fraunhofer Alliances**



#### Adaptronics

Additive Manufacturing



AdvanCer



Ambient Assisted Living AAL



**Automobile Production** 



**Building Innovation** 



**Cleaning Technology** 



**Cloud Computing** 



**Digital Cinema** 





**Embedded Systems** 

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Energy



Food Chain Management



Nanotechnology



Optic Surfaces



Photocatalysis

Polymer Surfaces POLO

Simulation

Traffic and Transportation

🎽 Vision

Water Systems (SysWasser)



#### Fraunhofer-Alliance AutoMOBILproduktion Partner of the Automotive Industry Initiator: Fh-IWU Speaker: Prof. Neugebauer



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Demonstrator "Transparent Car"



Concentration of the competences of 18 Fh-Institutes for the process chain **"Automobile"** 





#### Innovation Cluster »Mechatronic Mechanical Engineering« of the Fraunhofer IWU

- Innovation-Push by adaptronic products
- Design tools
- Production technologies for adaptronic materials

Involved companies:





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## **Regional Networks**



#### **Initiatives in Saxony**





#### VEMAS – Verbundinitiative Maschinenbau Sachsen



#### Network of Machine Tool and Equipment Manufacturers in Saxony

Initiated:

Saxony State Ministry for Economic Affairs and Labour



Established: 2003

<u>Programme</u> <u>Management:</u> Fraunhofer Institute for Machine Tools and Forming Technology (IWU)



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#### **VEMAS** – Verbundinitiative Maschinenbau Sachsen



#### **VEMAS supports technology-driven collaborations**

to overcome the inhibitive structures of small and medium sized companies by cooperation  $\rightarrow$  improvement of market opportunities/chances



Initiation of networks



Strengthening of international cooperation



**Promotion of** innovations



**Keep qualified** employees in the region



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#### KMC – Kompetenzzentrum Maschinenbau Chemnitz Sachsen e.V.











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- Most important association of mechanical engineering companies in Saxony
- Founded in 1998
- Association of OEM's, suppliers, research organisations and service providers
- 30 members companies with more than 4000 employees
- Annual turnover > 500 Mio. €
- Research Cooperation



### **International Networks**

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#### **Cooperation with International Industrial Associations**





#### **Selected examples:**

Spain – CIC marGUNE

Cooperative Research Centre in High Performance Manufacturing

Italy – **UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE** è l'associazione dei costruttori italiani di macchine utensili, robot, automazione e di prodotti a questi ausiliari



#### Swiss – **SWISSMEM**

unites the Swiss engineering, electrical and metal industry and associated technologyoriented sectors



## **Large Industrial Projects**

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#### Innovation Alliance "Green Carbody Technologies"



- Objective: resource efficient optimization of the process chain "Lacquered Car Body"
  - Reduction of energy
  - Saving of resources
- Partners:
  - Volkswagen (leading OEM), AUDI, Daimler
  - 60 companies (automotive supplier of OEM and steel industry)
  - 3 Fraunhofer Institutes
- Duration: 3 years (2009 2012)
- Total project budget ~ 30 M€
- General Management by Fraunhofer IWU







#### Innovation Alliance "Green Carbody Technologies"



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#### "Research Plant Resource Efficient Production"

#### Fraunhofer IWU Strategy

- 1. Efficient production
- 2. Total energy management
- 3. Utilization of alternative energy sources



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#### "Research Plant Resource Efficient Production"



The vision of the **Concept "E<sup>3</sup> Plant"** is an energy-autarkic, emission-free and ergonomic production.

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#### Centre of Excellence Car Manufacturing within the "Research Plant Resource Efficient Production"

Scientists and engineers from Volkswagen AG, Audi AG and Fraunhofer IWU work closely together to increase resource and energy efficiency based on innovative efficiency technologies and production devices.

#### Focus process chains:

- Tool making
- Press shop
- Carbody production











#### VOLKSWAGEN **MOBILITY MADE IN GERMANY**

- Successful collaboration between Volkswagen and Fraunhofer in Saxony, including joint research projects.
- Common goal: To develop resource-efficient manufacturing solutions.
- Examples: Automotive Production Center of Excellence as an integral part of the "Research Factory for Resource-Efficient Production", "Green Carbody Technologies" innovation alliance.



"The Fraunhofer researchers' wealth of ideas and superb research skills will help us cope with the challenges that lie ahead – just as they have helped us jointly implement so many innovative processes and products in the past."

Prof. Dr. Jochem Heizmann, member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG











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#### Thank you very much for your attention!



