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CAPABILITIES FOR AEROSPACE & DEFENCE

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# AIRWORKS

An engineering,  
manufacturing  
& testing  
service company



**Company Name:** AIRWORKS S.r.l.

**Activities:** Engineering, Manufacturing, R&D, Special Projects

**Locations:** Monfalcone (Eng), Udine (Manuf+Test), Roma (Eng)

**Staff:** 27 people

**Average export :** 75% (EU)

**Turnover 2023:** 3 Millions

**Years of activity:** 17

Customers



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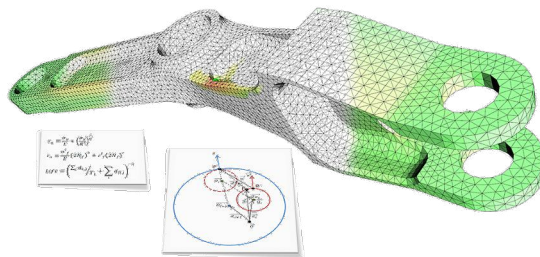
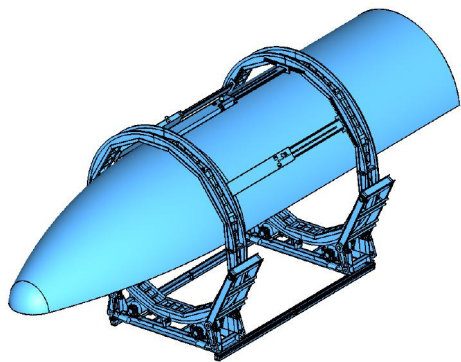


MAX-PLANCK-INSTITUT  
FÜR GRAVITATIONSPHYSIK  
(Albert-Einstein-Institut)





# SPECTRUM of SERVICES



## DESIGN

- Feasibility studies
- Structural and mechanical design
- Detailed CAD design (3D, 2D, BOM)
- Design of ultra-light structures
- Design in composites and ceramics
- Electro-mechanical design
- Opto-mechanical design

### Tools

- NX / Inventor / Solidworks / Catia

## ENGINEERING

- Software (IoT, Data analysis, AI)
- Thermal and thermo-mechanical analyses
- FEM structural analysis
- Vibration analysis
- Fatigue analysis
- Reliability Analysis (RAMS)
- Analysis of control systems

### Tools

- Hyperworks / Nastran / Ansys / ESATAN

## MANUFACTURING & TESTING

- Certified MIG/MAG/TIG welding
- Welding of aluminium, INOX, duplex, steel
- Certified non-destructive tests
- CNC machining (mill, lathe)
- Management of heat and surface treatments
- Assembly, testing and commissioning
- Mechanical and vibro-acoustic measurements

### Tools

- MAZAK / Fronius / Dewesoft / PCB

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# Engineering

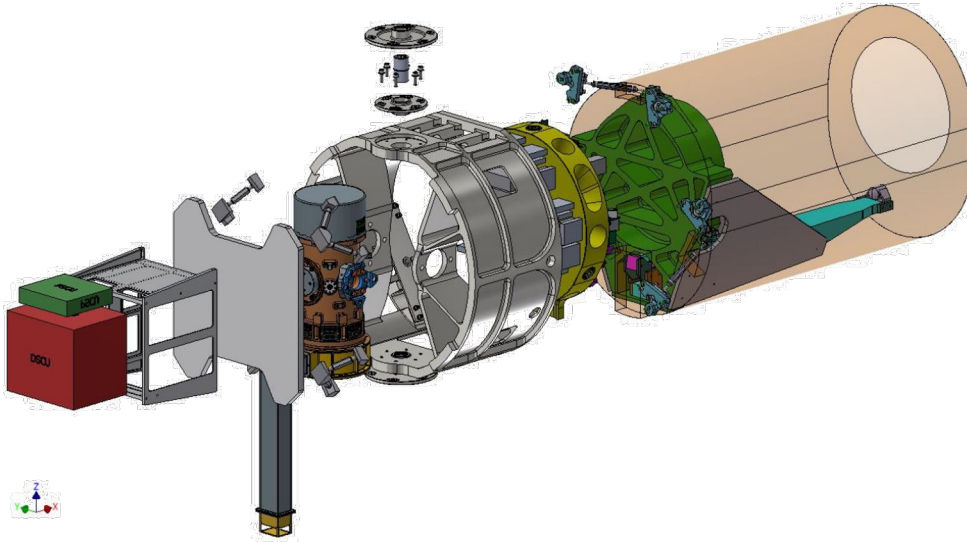


# LISA

Client: Albert Einstein Institute (ongoing)

ESA project LISA (Laser Interferometer Space Antenna) will be the first ever mission to study the entire Universe with Gravitational Waves

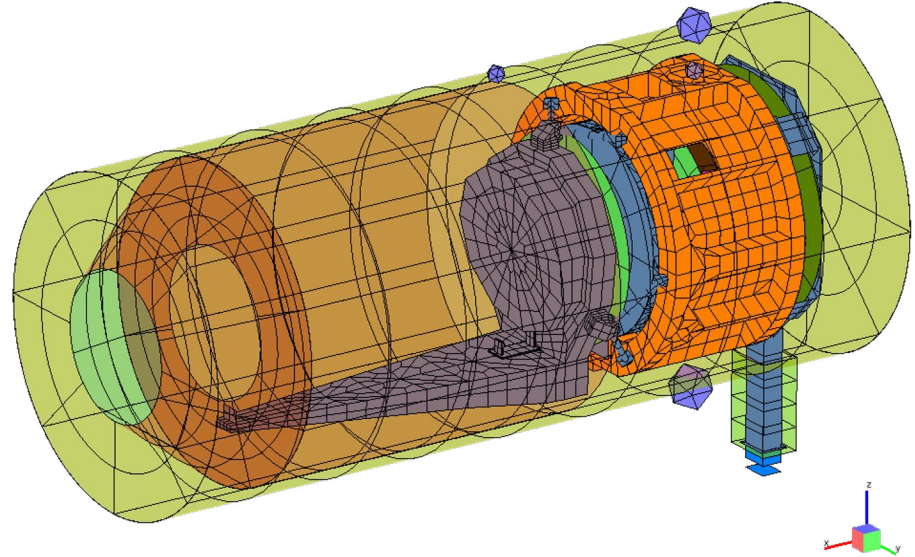
Airworks has been selected by AEI to support the LIG consortium in the development of the MOSA Instrument, IDS and Phasemeter from scratch to proof of feasibility, in perspective of mission adoption by ESA



# LISA

## Airworks Tasks

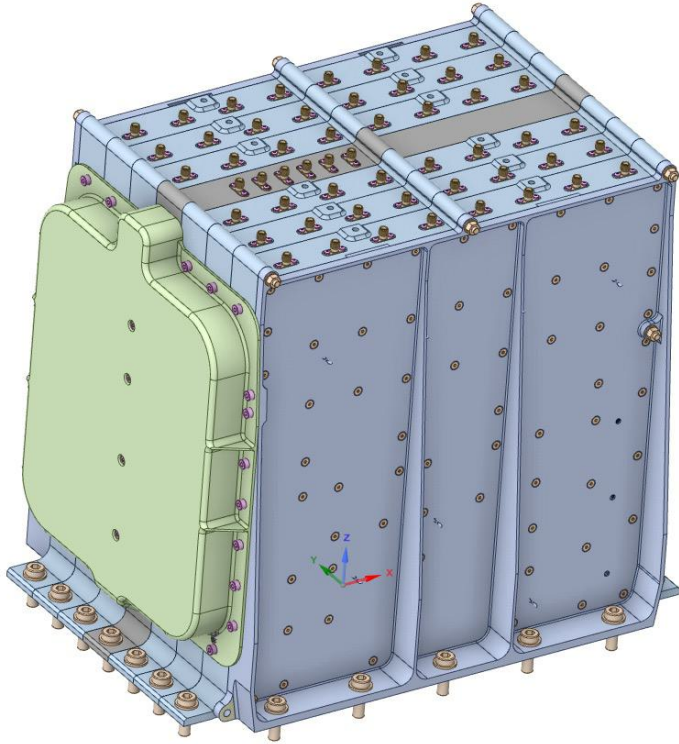
- Opto-mechanical design of the instrument
- Architectural trade studies (materials, layouts, subsystem accommodation)
- Thermal modeling & analysis (steady state, thermal stability computations) in ESATAN
- Structural modeling & analysis (quasi-static, thermo elastic, deformation, sine and random vibrations, shock)
- Magnetic & Gravitational modeling & analysis
- Instrument level performance analysis



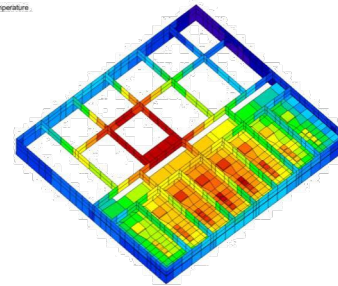
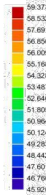
# LISA Phasemeter

Client: Albert Einstein Institute (2020- ongoing)

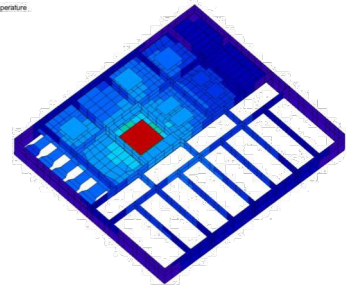
Airworks has been selected by AEI to support the development of the Phasemeter Electronic Box, by performing mechanical design, thermal analysis (ESATAN) and structural calculations



Thermal Node Attributes: Temperature



Thermal Node Attributes: Temperature



# ASTHROS

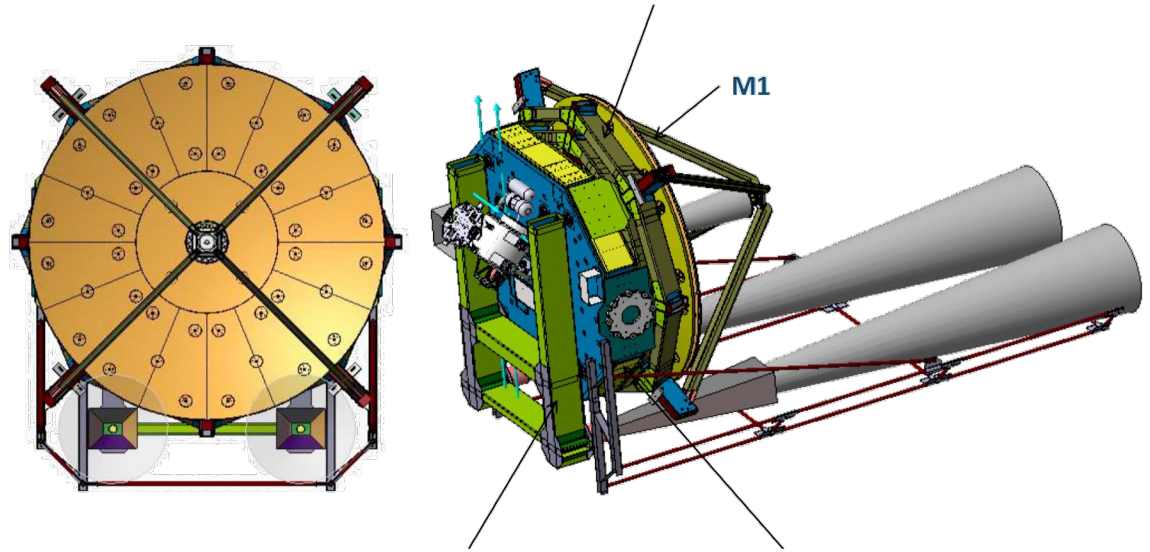
**Client: Media Lario & NASA JPL (2019-20)**

ASTHROS is a high-altitude balloon mission for studying astrophysical phenomena.

Airworks has been awarded a contract for the design and engineering of the far-infrared Antenna Unit

## Airworks Tasks

- Opto-mechanical design from scratch
- Structural design (CFRP)
- Thermal modeling and analysis
- Dynamic analysis
- Design of jigs and tools
- Manufacturing support
- Test preparation and support





# SENTINEL 4 OIMS

**Client:** OHB System

Subcontractor to OHB System for the structural analysis of the  
Optical Instrument Module Structure (phase B & C/D)

## Project Tasks

Evaluation of structural requirements

Establishment of detailed structural design

Optical Instrument FEM

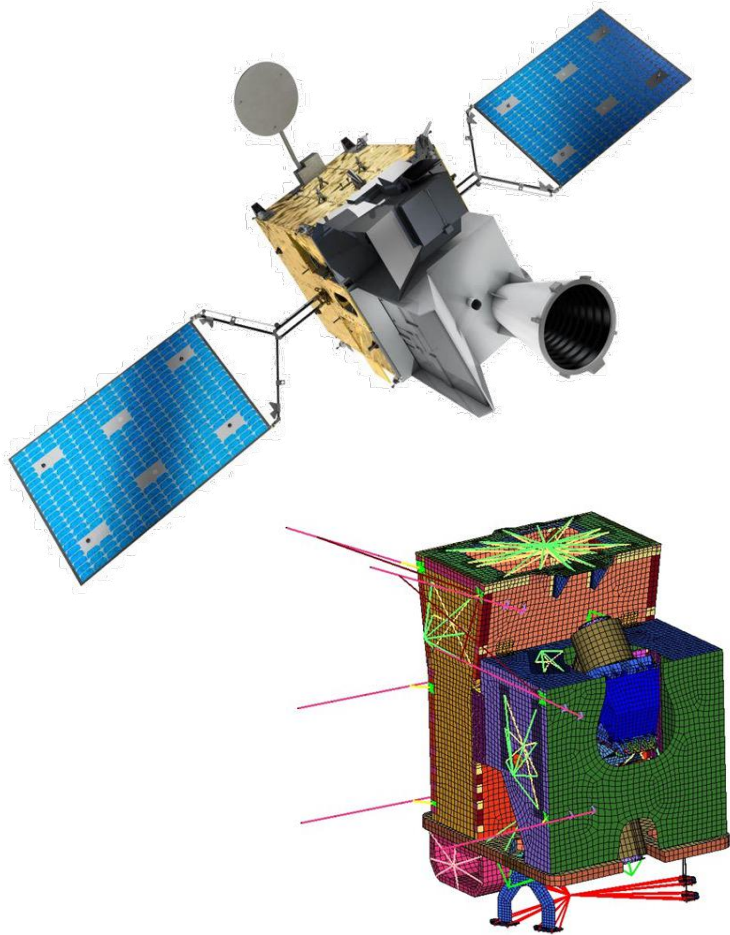
Trade studies, structural analysis, dynamics, stress analysis

Dimensional stability analysis, optimization

Support technical negotiations with OHB customers (Airbus and ESA)

Support OIM Structure test qualification

Participation to major milestone reviews





European  
Southern  
Observatory

# ELT Telescope

## Responsible For:

Dynamic analyses and micro-vibrations  
Reliability and safety engineering  
Cable wraps vibration contractual testing

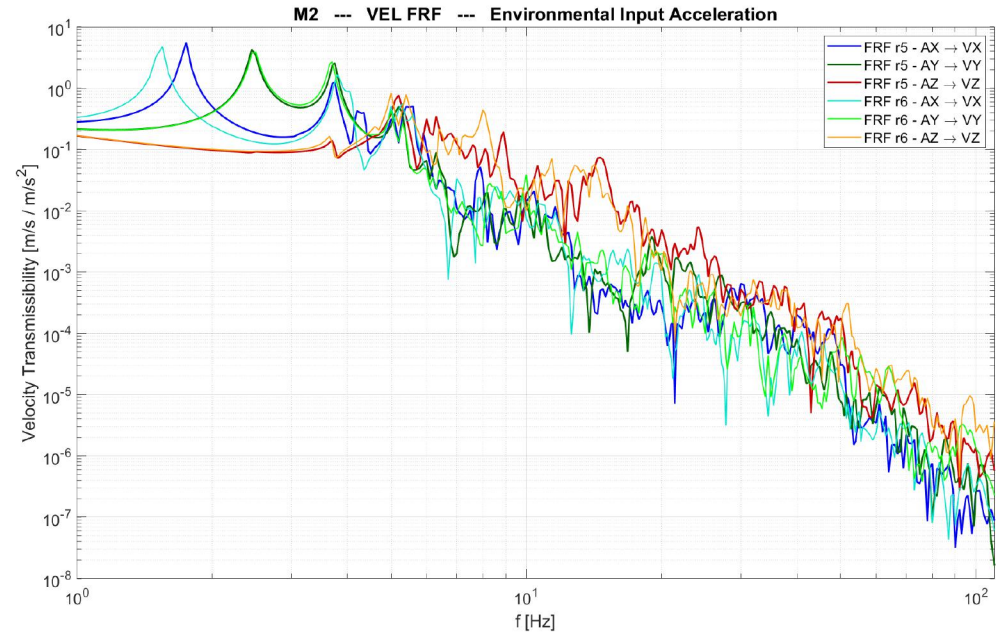
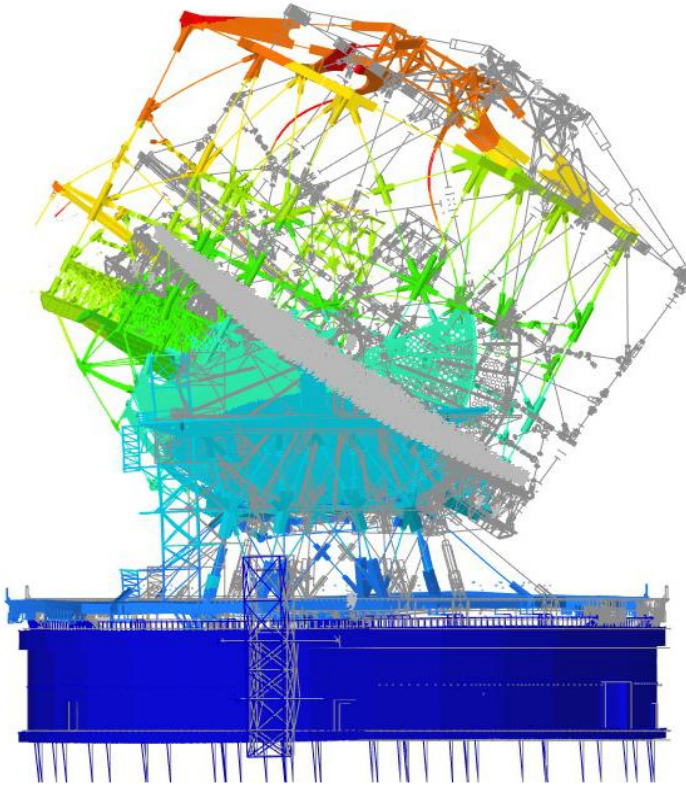
## In support of:

Telescope pointing system design  
Design of the dome mechanisms  
Design of cable wraps systems



# ELT Telescope

Identification and modeling of all vibration sources  
Calculation of frequency response functions at optics



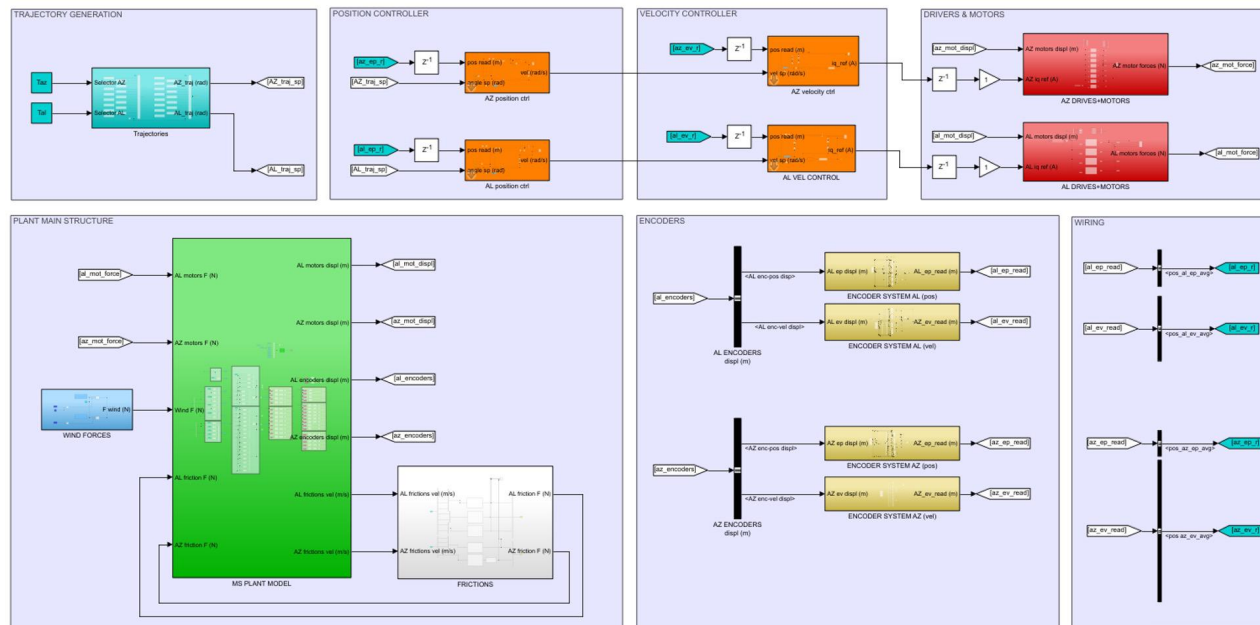
# ELT Telescope

Simulation and support to the design of the telescope pointing mechanism control system

Performance challenges

Telescope mass = 4,000 tons

Max allowed error w/o wind = 0.0004°



Activity breakdown

FEM analysis

State space representation of FE model

Control design

Discrete system modeling

Modeling of the perturbations

Analysis and simulations

Optimized vs load perturbations

Dynamic wind load

Motor drive cogging/ripple torque

Motor drive quantization & saturations

Encoder noise & quantization

Friction related effects (stick-slip)

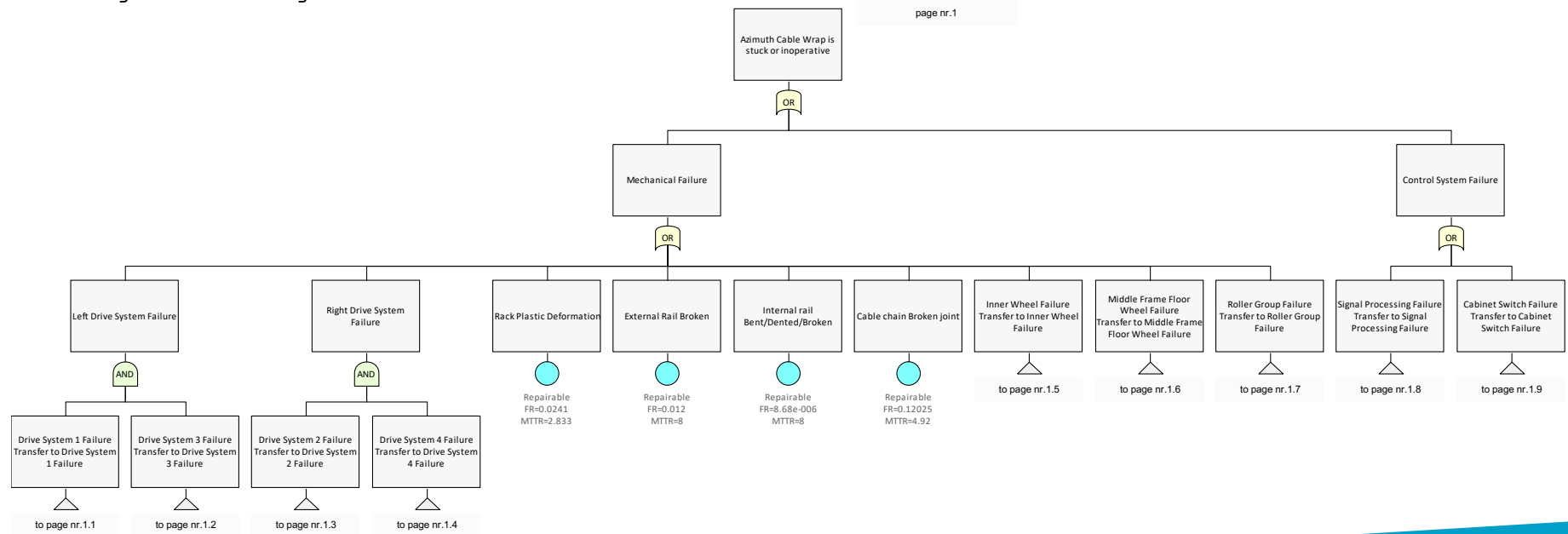
Servo loop sampling & loop latencies

Mechanism failures (motor, brake, etc)

Local modes of the drives

# Telescope ELT - RAMS

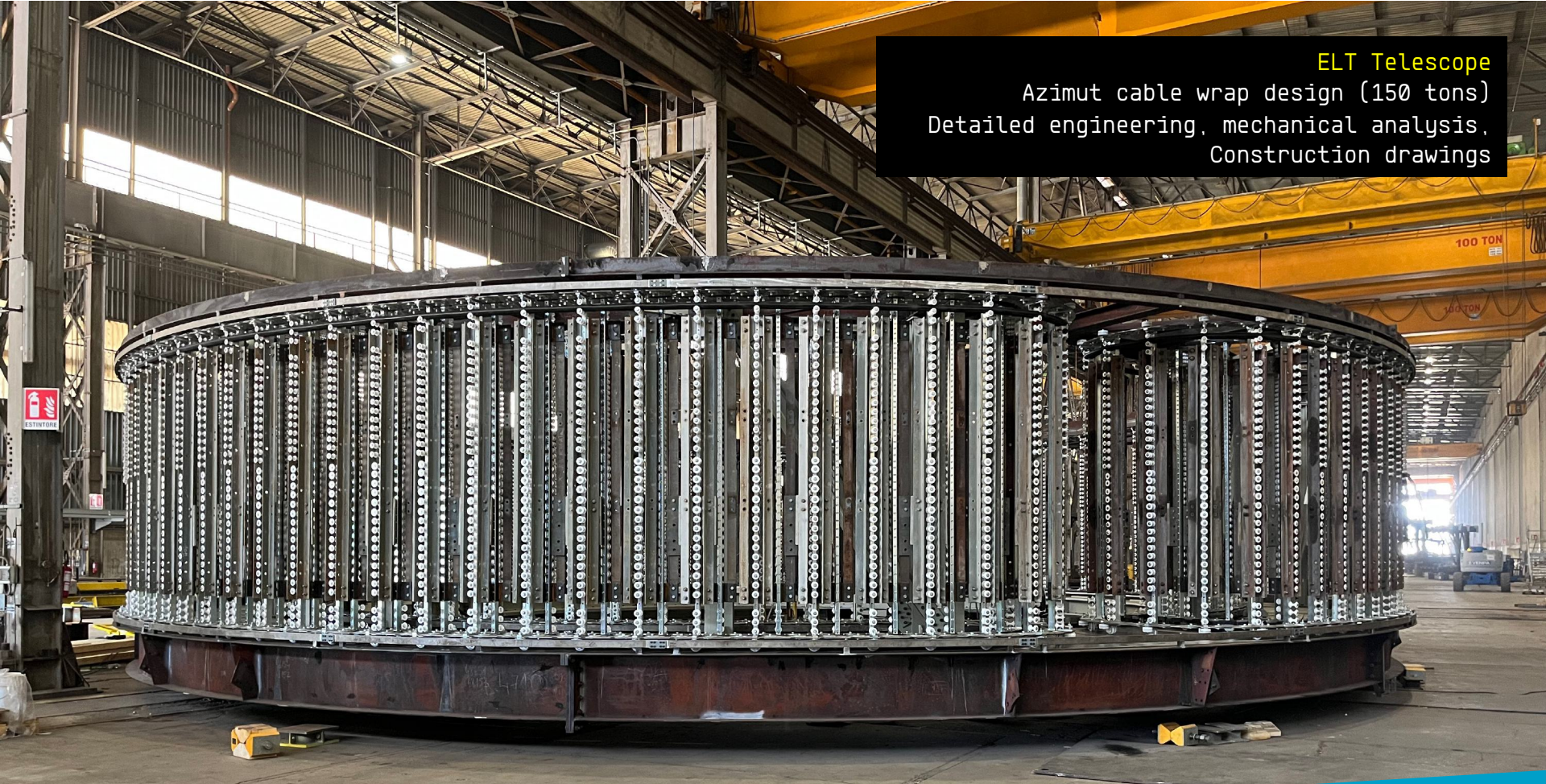
- Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) of the Dome and the Main Structure
- FMECA and Mean Time Between Failure computations (MTBF)
- Predictive & corrective maintenance analysis
- Mean Time Between Repair calculation (MTTR)
- Definition and optimization of the Spare Parts
- Safety & hazard analysis



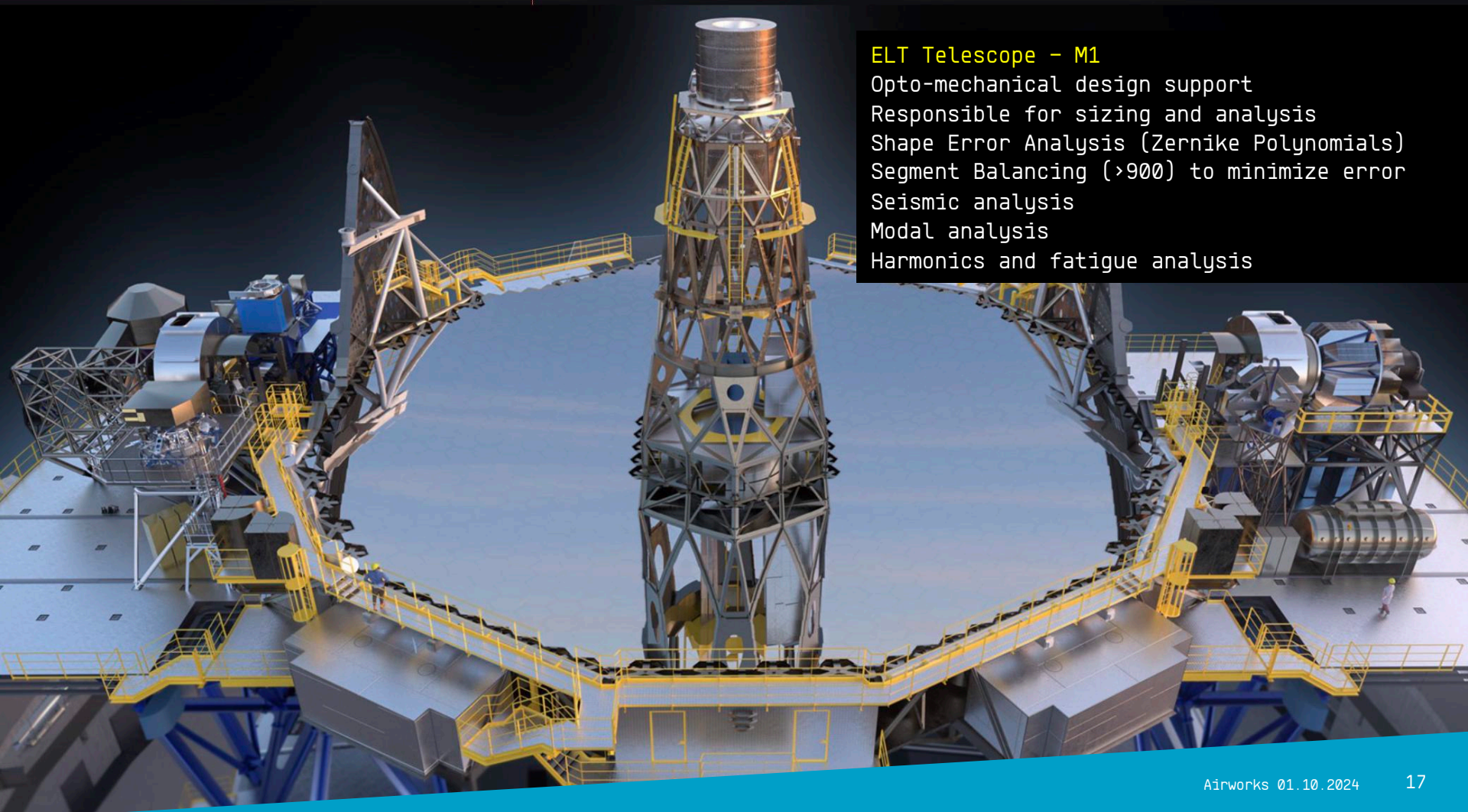


## ELT Telescope

Azimut cable wrap design (150 tons)  
Detailed engineering, mechanical analysis,  
Construction drawings







## ELT Telescope - M1

Opto-mechanical design support

Responsible for sizing and analysis

Shape Error Analysis (Zernike Polynomials)

Segment Balancing (>900) to minimize error

Seismic analysis

Modal analysis

Harmonics and fatigue analysis

# Leonardo Helicopters

AIRWORKS is currently involved in several programmes related rotary wing aircrafts, spanning from early definition studies to certification of the structures

## Airworks Tasks

- DFEMs and GFEMs management
- Metallic and composite airframe structures
- Sizings
- Static stress calculations
- Fatigue analysis
- Certification reports





LEONARDO Asio B  
Optimization of the Airframe



LEONARDO Spyball  
Optimization of the Airframe



LEONARDO CREX  
Optimization of the Airframe



SELEX ES Falco:  
Optimization of the Airframe with new materials  
Complete structural assessment ( FE models, Strength, Aeroelasticity)  
Structural certification documents



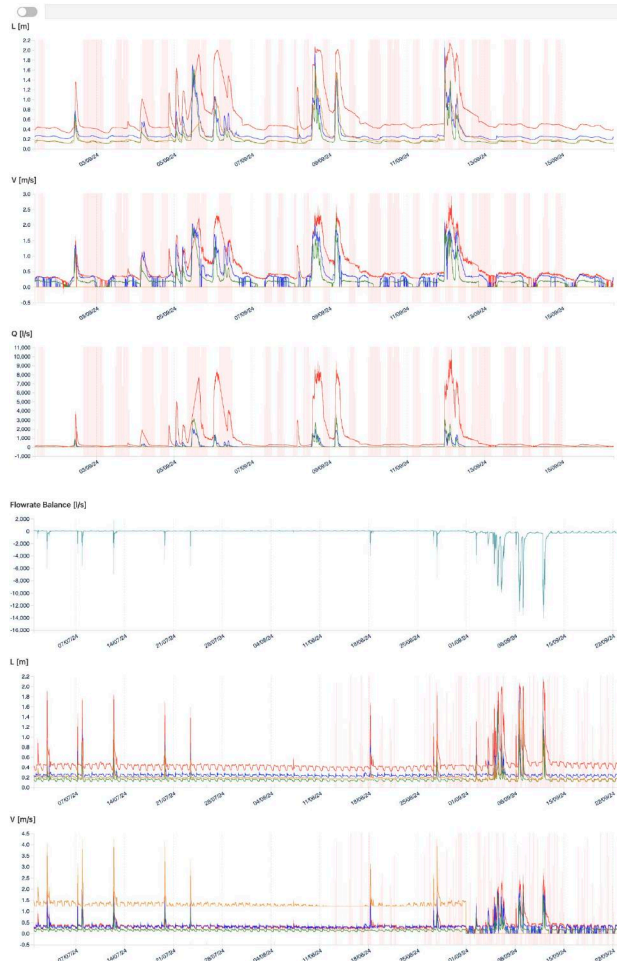
SELEX ES Falco EVO: Structural analysis & documentation

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Software







# IoT, Data Analysis & AI

- IoT:
  - Acquisition, sending & saving pipelines from devices to the server (HTTPS, MQTT)
  - Development of embedded software on devices (C++, Python)
- Data analysis on Web applications:
  - Data ingestion from different sources
  - Data modeling (resampling, reconstruction, etc) via manual or automatic pipelines
  - Data visualization (scalar quantities, time series, images or geolocalized data)
  - Data analysis via manual or automatic pipelines
  - Web applications for reporting and alarms (anomaly detection)
- Artificial Intelligence:
  - AI algorithms for process automation & scalability (machine learning, LLM)
- Tools:
  - Python, C++, Typescript, HTML/CSS, Matlab, Next.js, React, Node.js, Tailwind CSS, Django, Tensorflow, Keras, Scikit-learn, OpenAI, git, docker, AWS, kubernetes, etc

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# Testing





## NEOSTED Telescope

Experimental modal analysis (modal test)

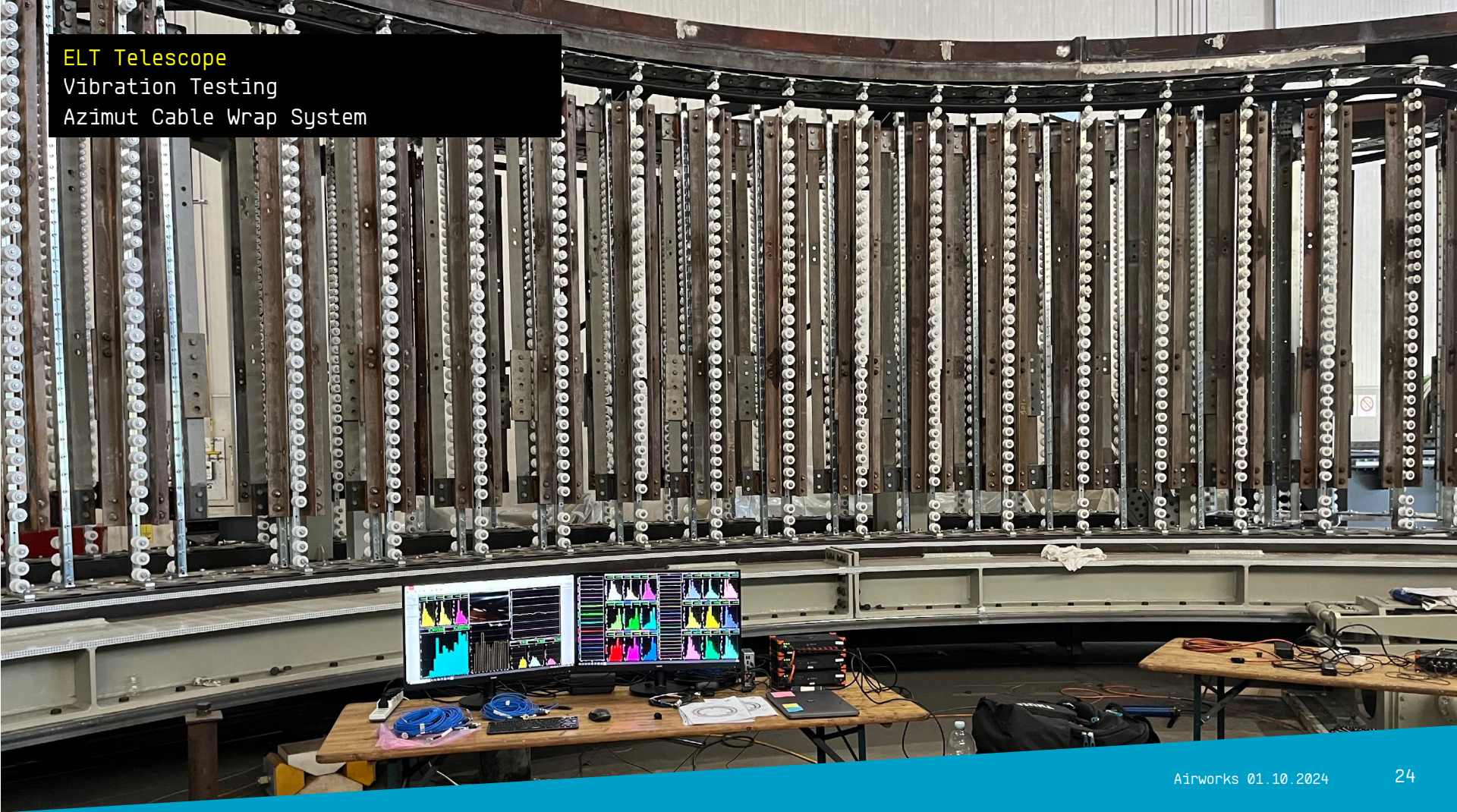
Multi-body modeling

SIMULINK modeling

Integrated dynamic simulation  
(mechanics, electromechanics, control system,  
disturbances)



ELT Telescope  
Vibration Testing  
Azimut Cable Wrap System




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# Manufacturing







Design, Development, Production and Testing of:  
Umbilical Pneumatic Plug Mechanism of P/L Bay A/C System  
Multifunctional jigs for launch vehicle assembly,  
handling and lifting

Detailed Engineering, Production and Testing of:  
HDRM mechanism of the missile from the launch pad

## SPECTRUM Launch Vehicle

Client: ISAR Aerospace GmbH

# Launch Vehicle HDRM

Client: ISAR Aerospace (2023-24)

Detailed engineering, manufacturing and qualification of the  
SPECTRUM Launch Vehicle Hold Down & Release Mechanism



# Pneumatic Umbilical Plug (PUP)

Client: ISAR Aerospace (2021-22)

Design, engineering, manufacturing and qualification of both the ground and flight side of the SPECTRUM Launch Vehicle Air Conditioning retractable interface mechanism







## EnMAP Precision Installation Tool

An ISO5 electro-mechanism to install space optics, equipped with vision system from remote (endoscope)

Accuracy better than 0,01 mm

Design, manufacturing, testing & commissioning

CHIME Turnover Tilting Trolley  
An ISO5 trolley to support instrument  
integration on IBF

Design, manufacturing, testing & commissioning





## EnMAP Integration Base Frame

### Design, manufacturing, testing & commissioning

- Multipurpose item supporting several assembly and testing operations
- Design compatible with vacuum and ISO 5 cleanliness grade. Polished stainless steel.
- Very high stiffness (displacement  $< 30 \mu\text{m}$  at the Instrument feet)
- Isostatic mount
- Legs accommodating  $\pm 12.5 \text{ mm}$  fine adjustment in all axes
- Mechanical interfaces to approximately 20 OGSE and MGSE items (high precision)



Design and build of 2 satellite  
transport containers for a 6 meter  
military spacecraft

Design and build of 2 multi-purpose  
trolley for the assembly and handling  
of the satellite in the clean room







Design and build of 2 multi-purpose  
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Vibration and thermal-vacuum test  
adaptor



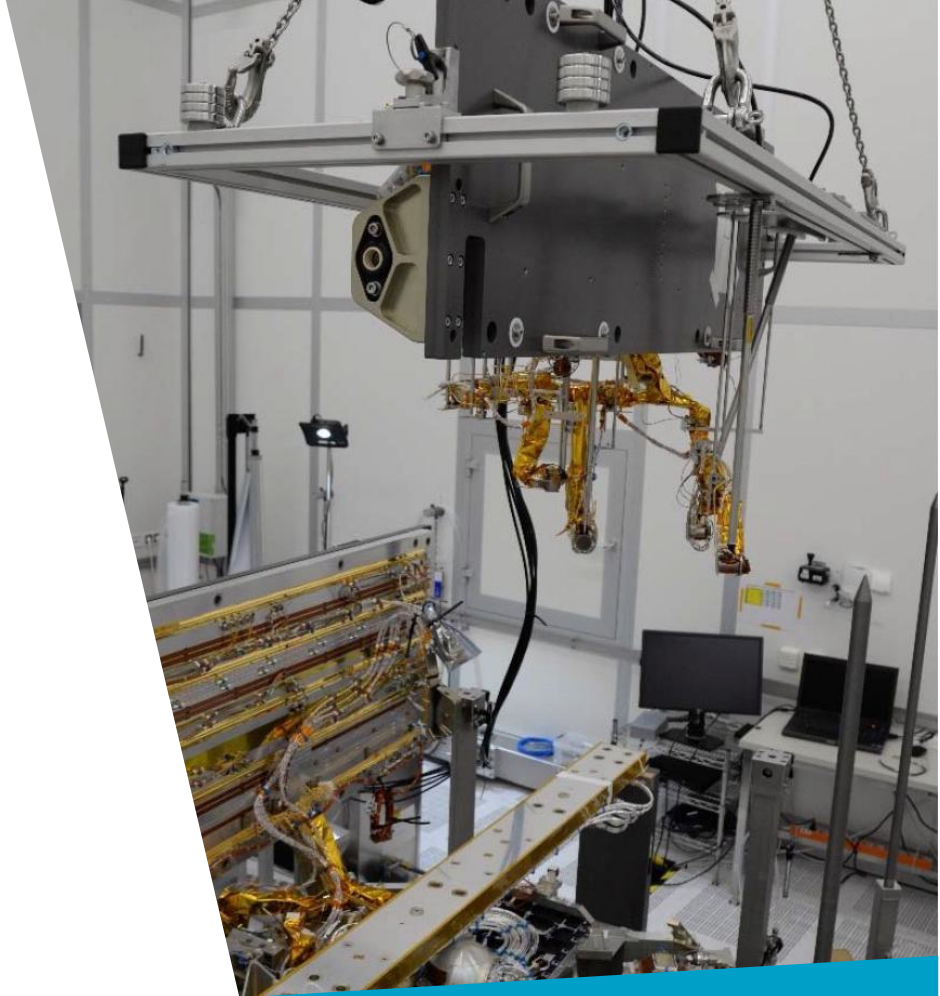
# EnMAP TCSS

## Lifting

## Device

Client: OHB System (2018-20)

Special ISO5 hoisting device that supports the integration of the EnMAP NH3 TCSS into the Instrument, by using a failsafe vacuum lifting design principle, with pumps and control electronics



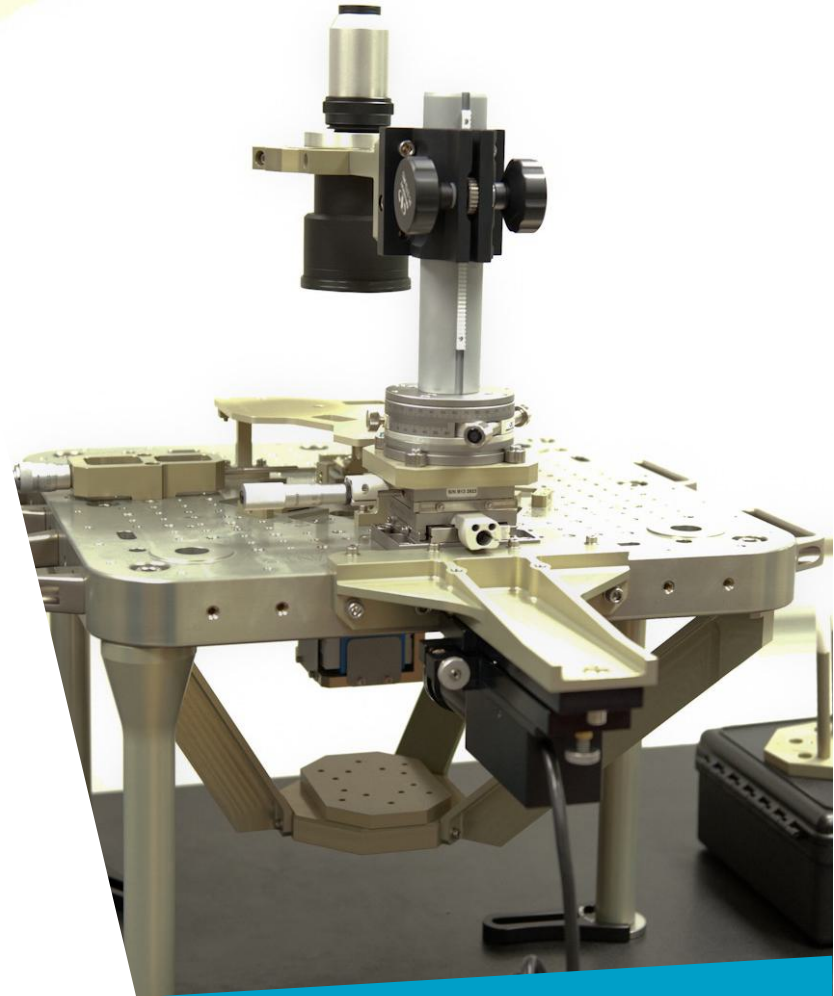
# EnMAP Bonding Jigs

Client: OHB System (2013-15)

The optical instruments of EnMAP spacecraft consists of several mirrors and prisms that require extremely precise bonding to the supports. Airworks was selected for the design and manufacture of the bonding jigs (13 items).

## MAIN CHALLENGES

- Ensure bonding in a stress-free state, by design
- Very accurate positioning of the optical elements (autocollimator, pentaprism, micrometers, etc)
- Monitor the stability of the optical elements pre, post and during curing using cameras
- Support the final metric and optical measurements of the optical assemblies
- Designed for ISO 5 cleanliness grade





# Manufacturing

Airworks workshop provides a highly flexible support to our customers:

- Manufacturing of mechanical parts (welded, machined), from small to large
- Manufacturing of assemblies, including very high precision mechanisms (mass range from a few kilos up to 10-20 tons)
- Design and build of custom electromechanical systems and structures
- Manufacturing of small to mid size series



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