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High-frequency ELectro-Magnetic technologies

for advanced processing of ceramic

matrix composites and graphite expansion



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CONCEPT

HELM aims to investigate processing technologies based on Microwaves (MW) and Radiofrequencies (RF) for carbon ceramic materials (CCM).

CCM represent the latest and most promising solutions for high temperature applications in the manufacturing industry, in the transportation sectors and for new demanding electrotechnical applications.

Lightweight CCM are the **top priorities** of *EuMAT ETP Strategic Research Agenda* and a key issue of the *EC Research Roadmap on Materials* towards Horizon 2020.



CERAMIC MATRIX COMPOSITES (CMC)

Carbon (C) or silicon carbide (SiC) fibres reinforced CMC have high thermal conductivity, low thermal expansion, excellent thermal stress and creep resistance, high temperature microstructural stability.

EXPANDED GRAPHITE (EG)

Conductive fillers with best thermal and electrical conductivity (e.g. for next generation electro-chemical cells).

MAJOR IDENTIFIED GAPS

- 1. High costs
- 2. Materials performance and reliability
- 3. Process time and energy consumption
- 4. Environmental issues

