



# PhD In Industrial Engineering

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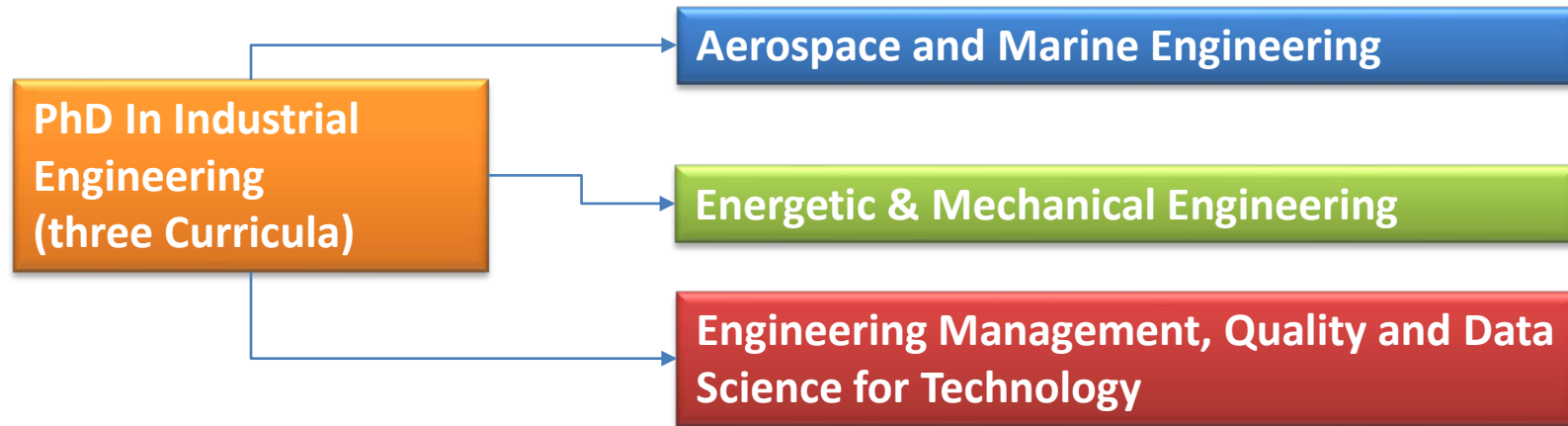
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## Department of Industrial Engineering

University of Naples Federico II



# 3-Year PhD Program



The PhD program aims at training highly qualified professionals for mechanical, marine, aerospace and management industry. It is organized as follows:

Training Activity	24-36 Credits for courses (with final evaluation) 6-14 Credits for seminars (no final evaluation)	<b>Enrolled PhD Students ~ 100</b>
Teaching Activity	Up to 15 Credits (about 40 hours per year)	
Research Activity	115-150 Credits	
Stages	4-6 months (in the average) at foreign research institutions and industries	

# Why Sign UP

- **Opportunity to acquire high-level skills in domains as Aerospace, Naval, Management, Energy and Mechanical Engineering**
- **Opportunity to combine specialized with interdisciplinary training**
- **Involvement in important international projects, in collaboration with prestigious universities and research centers**
- **Possibility to spend part of the PhD at prestigious University and research centers abroad.**
- **Involvement in projects in close cooperation with important national and international companies, giving students the opportunity to continue your professional career in a company with important positions.**



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**To access the PhD program in Industrial Engineering, a master's degree is required**

**Applicants must pass a selection process based on their academic qualifications and an oral interview**

**Call for applications: each year in May-June**



# Training Objectives

**Acquire knowledge of innovative design methodologies, technical-economic and energy-environmental analysis, management of industrial and manufacturing plants and related technologies**

**Keep up with technological developments in the relevant sector to incorporate new technologies into innovative design solutions**

**Create strong links with the industrial world: training paths and research objectives defined in strong synergy with national and international industrial realities, which also support scholarships**

**Acquire the ability to develop and manage independent research projects**



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Goal is training highly qualified professionals who:**

- **Can find employment in aerospace companies, agencies and research centers, energy production and conversion entities, plant engineering companies, automation and robotics industries, manufacturing companies, universities and public research institutions.**
- **Are capable of meeting the challenges posed by the objectives of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), concerning digitalization, innovation, green revolution, ecological transition, sustainable mobility, and competitiveness**





# Main research Areas

**Naval Architecture**

**Marine Engineering**

**Flight Mechanics**

**Aerospace Structures**

**Aerospace Systems**

**Fluid Dynamics**

**Aerospace Propulsion**

**Fluid Mechanics and Machinery**

**Systems for Energy and Environment**

**Industrial Applied Thermodynamics**

**Mechanical and Thermal Measurements**

**Applied Mechanics**

**Mechanical and Machine Design**

**Design and Methods of Industrial  
Engineering**

**Industrial Plants Engineering**

**Economics and Management Engineering**

**Operations Research**

**Statistics for experimental and  
technological research**

**Environmental Applied Thermodynamics**



## Main laboratories

**Towing Tank**

**Turbomachinery**

**Automotive Motor and Gear**

**Spray**

**Oleodynamic**

**Motorcycle**

**Servo-assisted Bicycle**

**Rotary Systems**

**Tyre Dynamics**

**Robotics**

**Thermofluid dynamics Measurements**

**Photometry and Lighting**

**Environmental Control**

**Virtual Reality**

**Materials and Structures**

**Aeronautical Structures and Acoustics**

**Aerospace Propulsion**

**Aerospace Systems & Guidance, Navigation and Control**

**Material Characterization and Degradation**

**Hypersonic Flow**

**Microgravity**

**Plasma Wind Tunnel**

**Subsonic Wind Tunnel**

**Drop Test and Dynamic Impact**

**Smart Structures and Health Monitoring**

**Particle Interferometry Velocity**

**a total of about 7700 square meters**





**135m x 9m x4m Towing Tank**



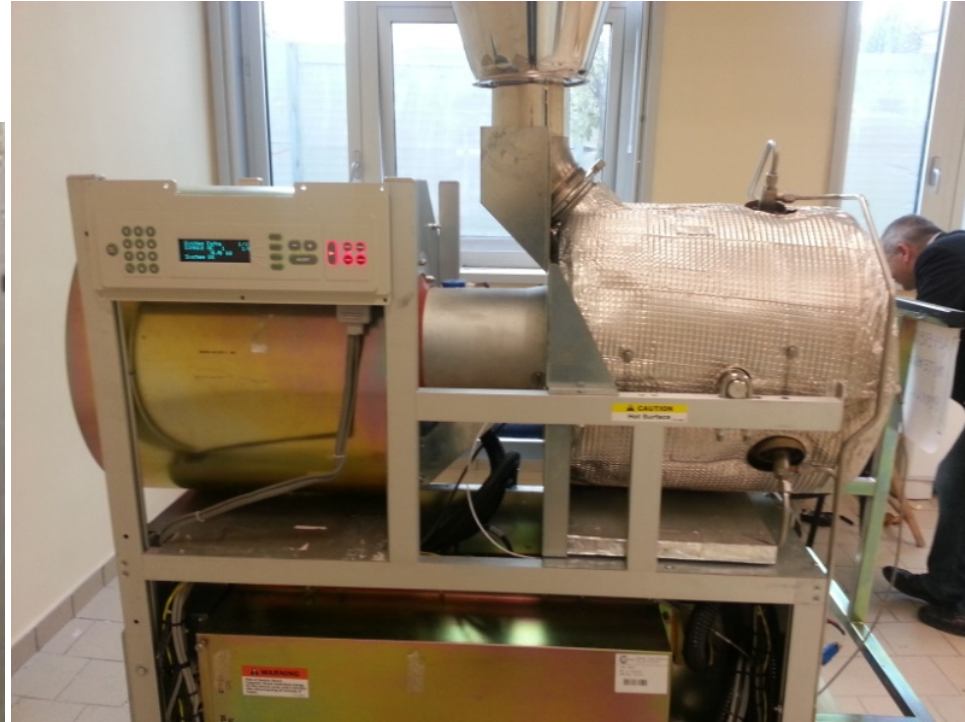
## Dynamics of marine vehicles



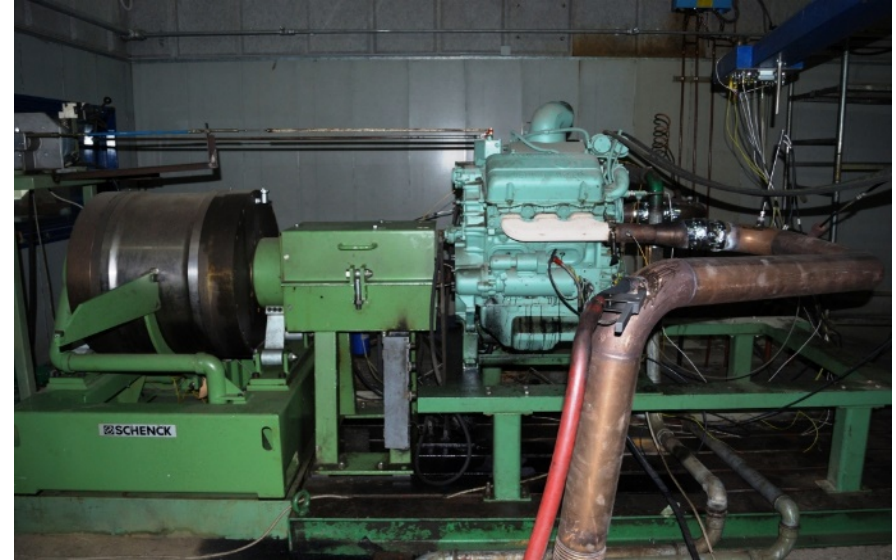
**Towing Tank  
Wave maker**



**Automotive Laboratory**  
**Inertia characterization of motor vehicles**



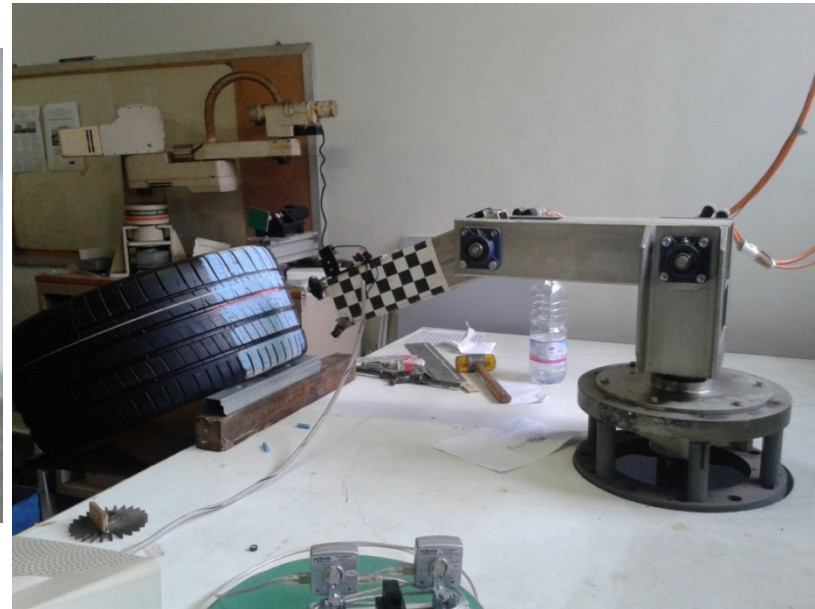
## Gas Microturbine Laboratory



**Diesel Engine Test Bench**



**Tyre laboratory**  
**GT and sport tyre dynamic**  
**performance under varying**  
**loads and working conditions**



**Tyre laboratory**  
**Interaction of vehicles with road surface**  
**Dynamics of racing cars**





**Materials and Structures Mechanics Laboratory**  
**Full-scale tests on components and structures/certification of industrial products**

**TSR – Static and Fatigue test on bogie frame (10.000.000 cycles)  
19 synchronous actuators**

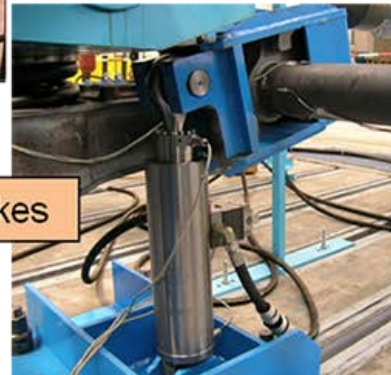


Anti-roll bar

Motor reducer



Brakes



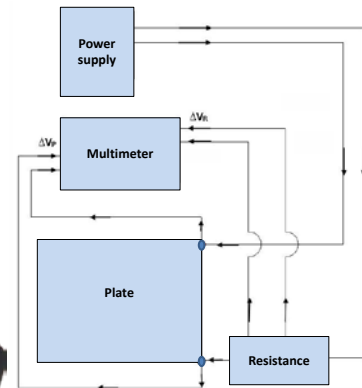
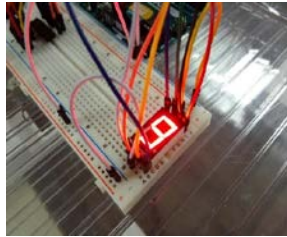
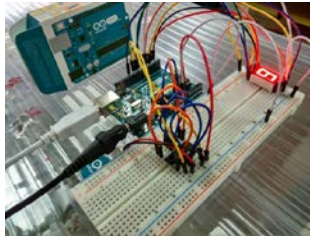
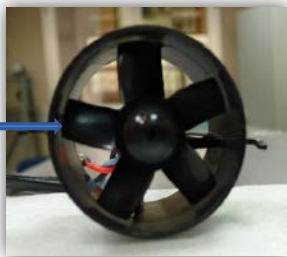
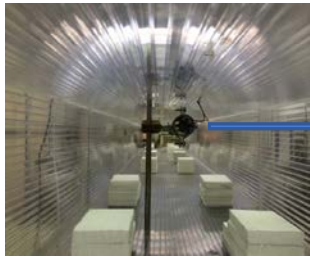


## Laboratory of Photometry and Lighting

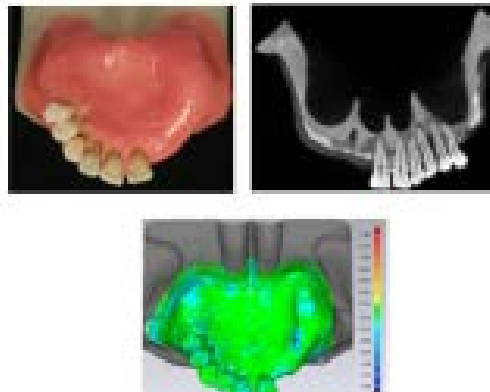
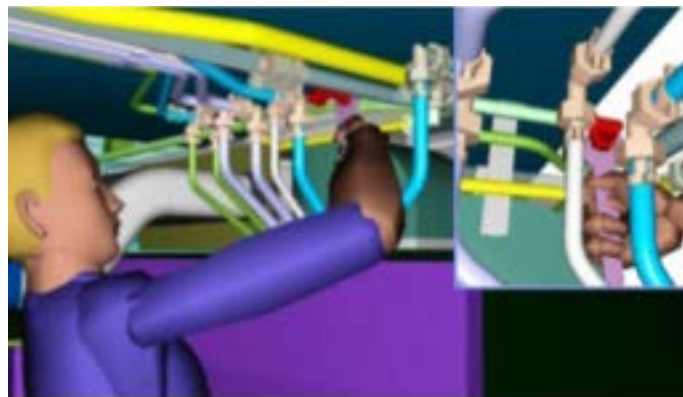
### Photometry for energy management and indoor applications



## Laboratory of Indoor Environmental Quality



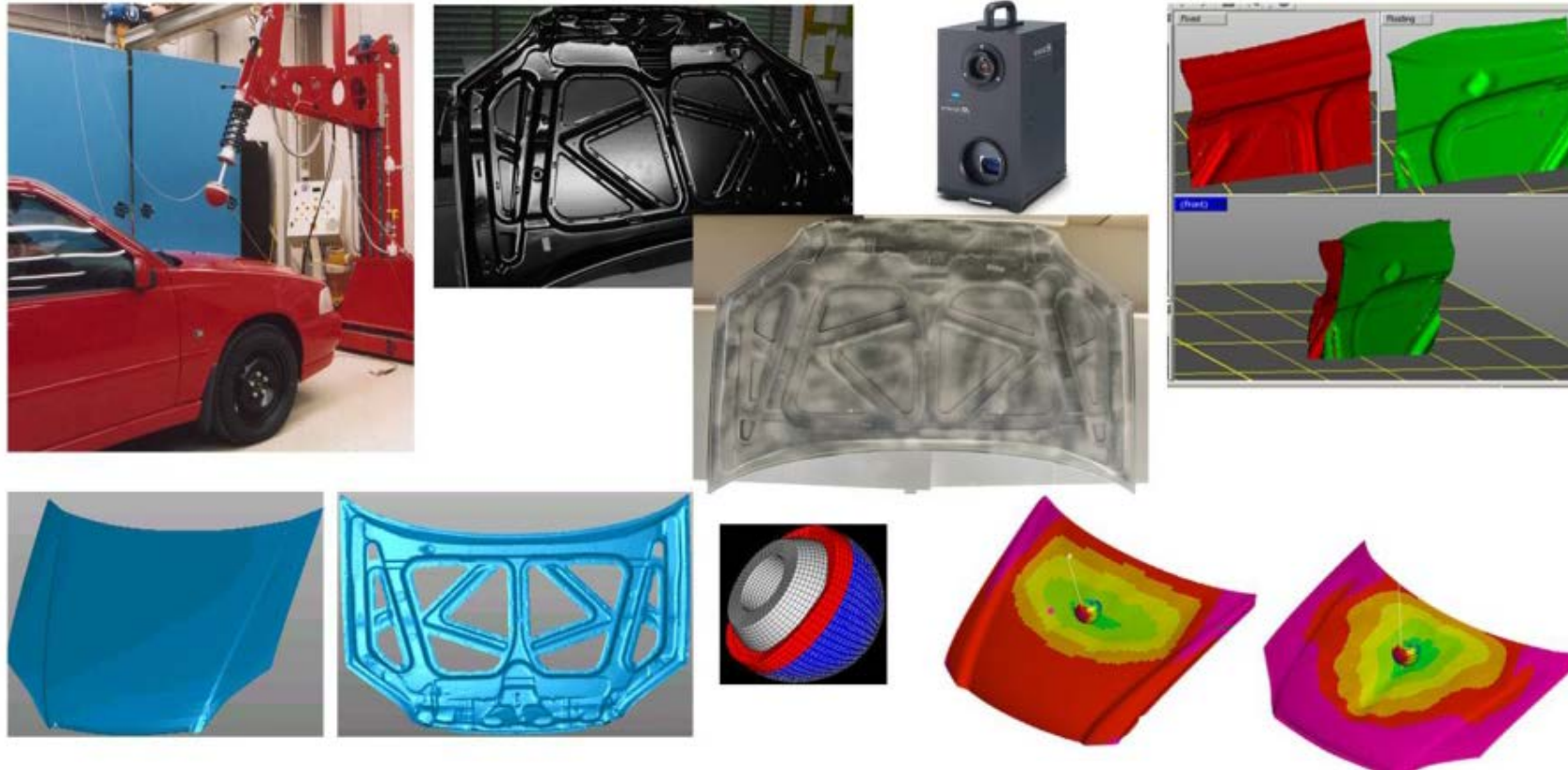
## Laboratory of Thermal-Fluid Dynamic Measurements



**Interactive Design and Simulation (IDEAS)**

**DII-UNINA-Fraunhofer Joint Lab**

**CAD Modeling and Virtual Prototyping – Medical Engineering- CAE**



## Interactive Design and Simulation (IDEAS)

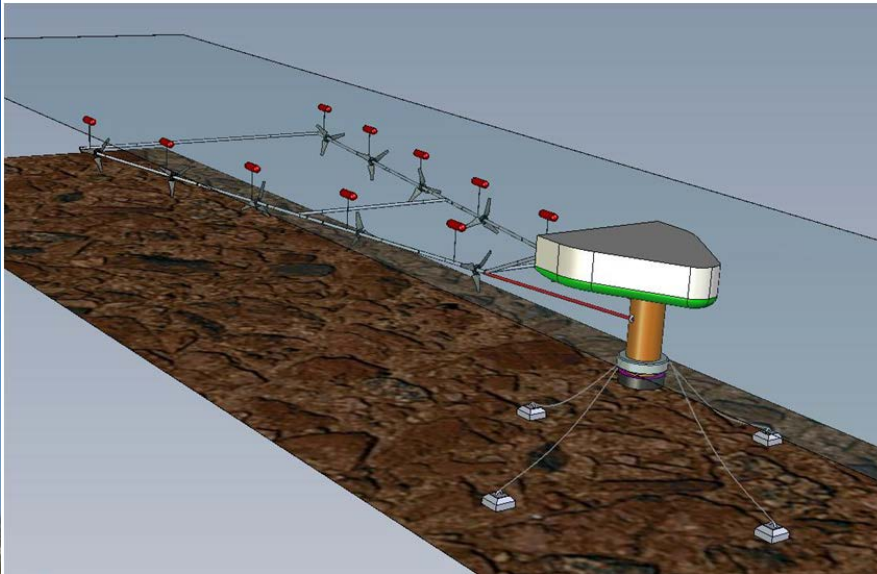
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Safety performance analysis in child head pedestrian impact through non-contact  
Reverse Engineering Techniques



**Subsonic wind tunnel**

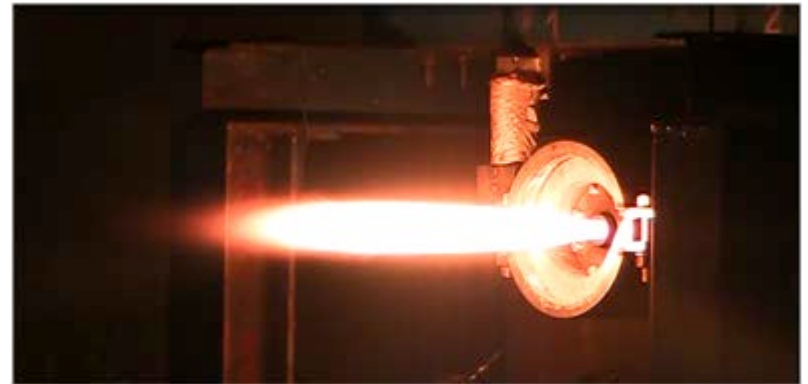
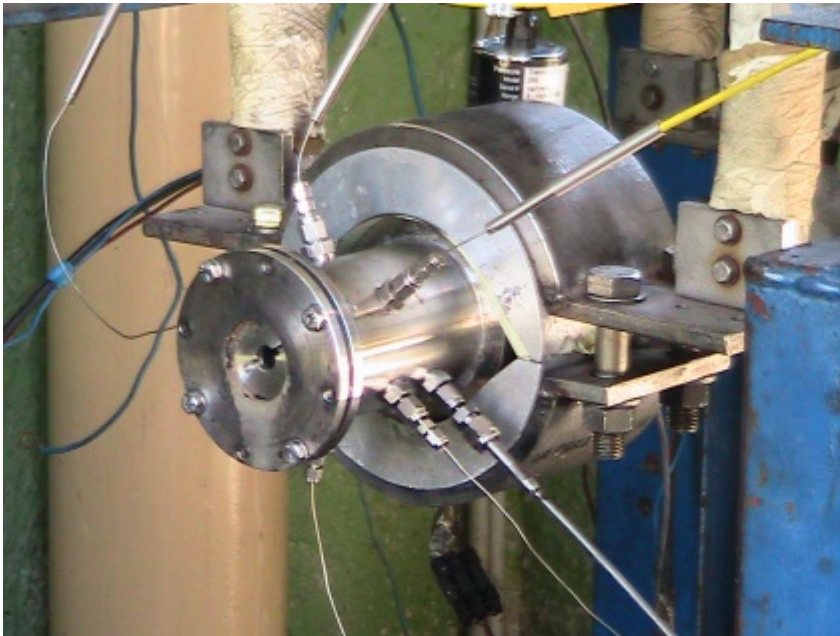




**Renewable energy**  
**Test of wind and marine turbines with horizontal and vertical axis**



**Laboratory for promoting experiences  
in aeronautical structures and acoustics**

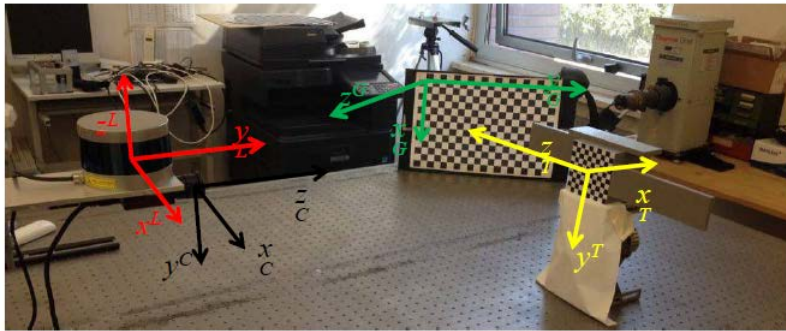


**Aerospace Propulsion Laboratory**  
**Test of rocket engines operated with hybrids propellants**

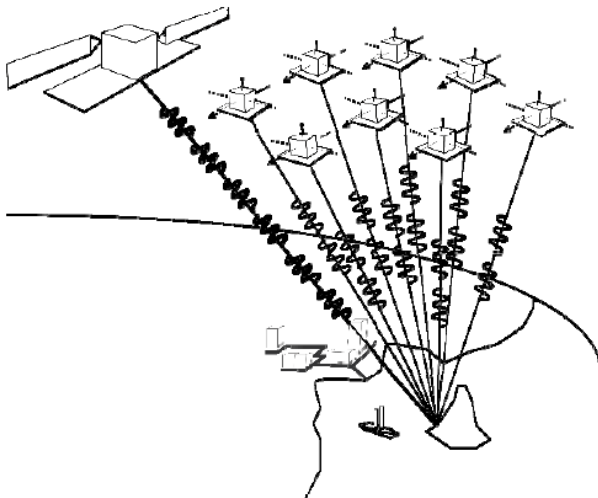


**Fluid dynamics in microgravity environment  
Laboratory and flight tests**

## Aerospace System Laboratory



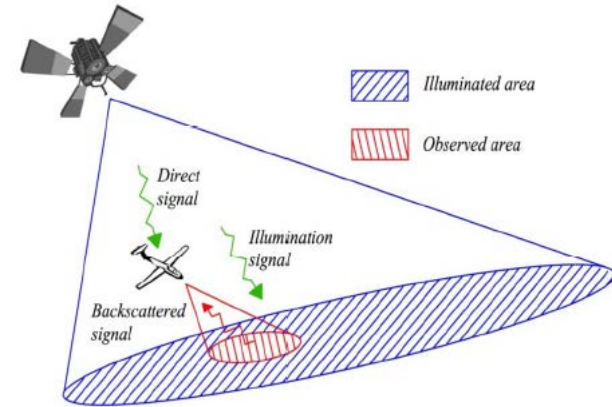
### FF Technologies



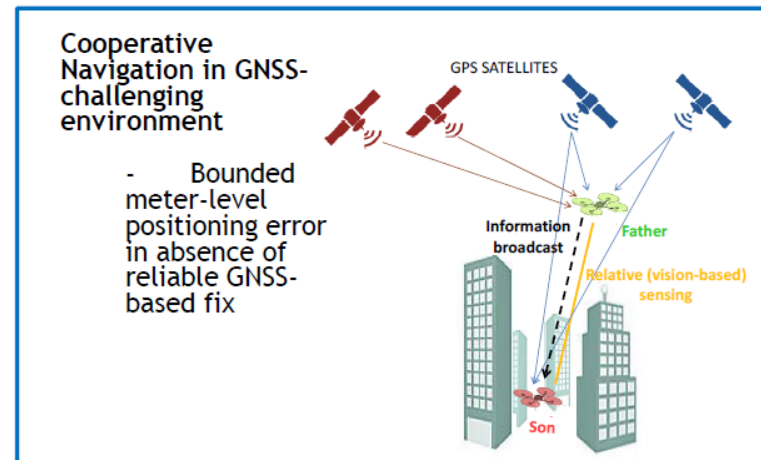
### Distributed SAR Systems



### Space Technology

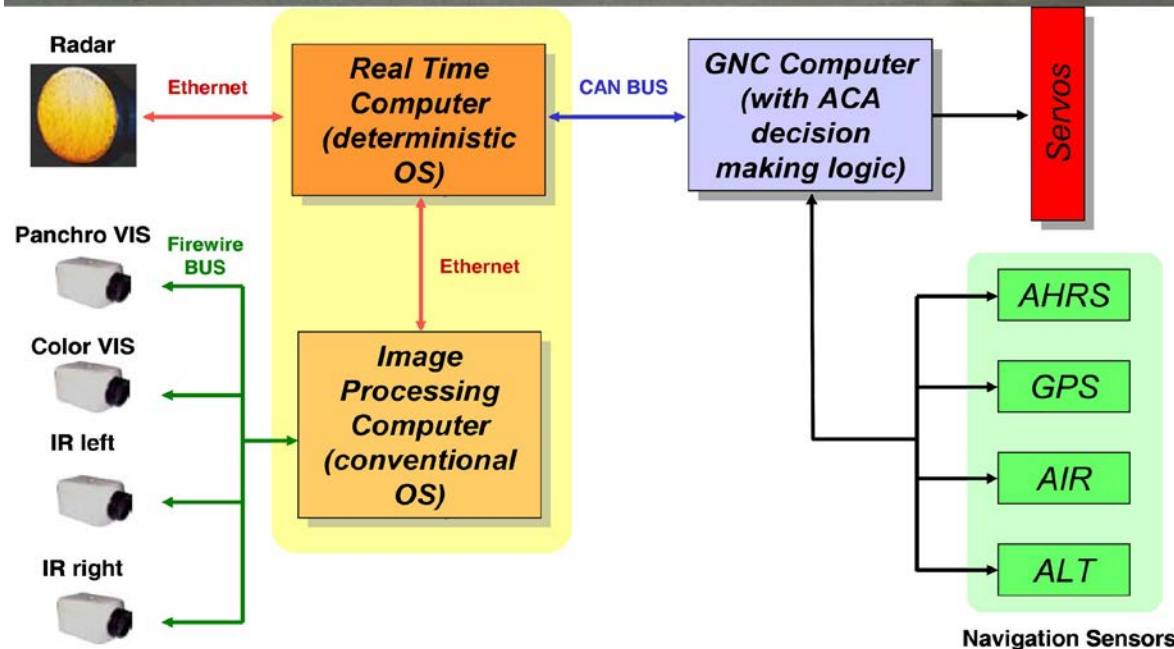


### Space-Aerial System Integrated Operation



### UAS Cooperation for surveillance applications

## Guidance, Navigation and Control Laboratory



Flight tests of  
Unmanned Aircraft  
Systems  
Radar-EO sensor  
fusion for Sense  
and Avoid  
capability

# Reduced order modelling and data-driven analysis for flow control

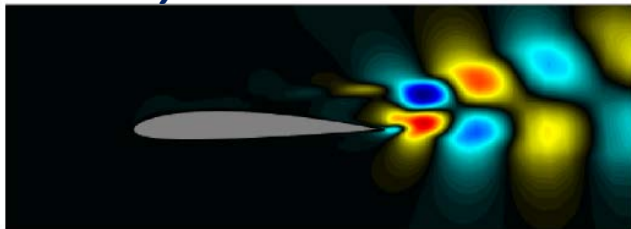
## Main activities:

- Modal analysis of two-phase fluid flows.
- Data-driven stability analysis.
- Robust spectral analysis.

## Collaboration with:

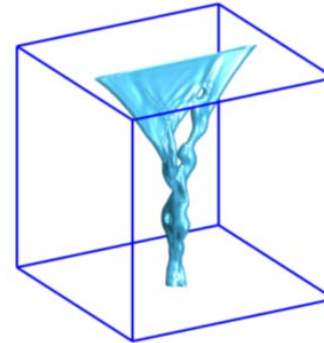
Prof. Oliver T. Schmidt, University of California  
San Diego, USA

## ***New methodologies for robust data-driven modal analysis***

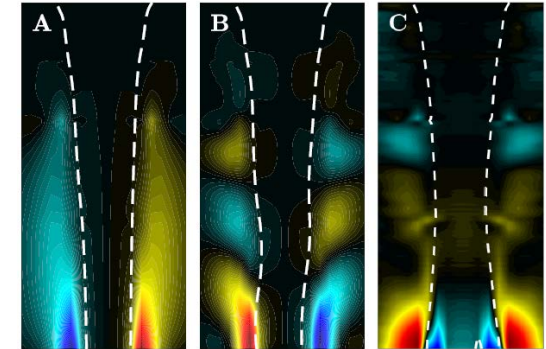


Leading axial velocity mode.

- Numerical simulations of piezo-driven synthetic jet actuators.
- Numerical simulations of Plasma Synthetic Actuators (PSJ).



Vertical liquid curtain.



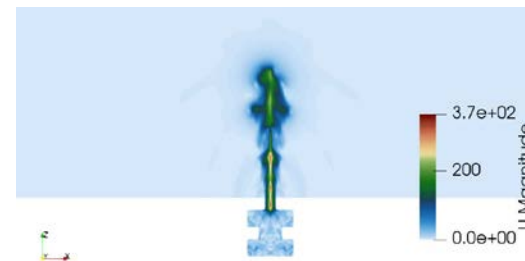
Less stable modes of vertical liquid curtain.

- Reduced Order Modelling of airfoil configurations.
- Cluster based Network Modelling (CNM).

## Collaboration with:

Prof. Bernd R. Noack, Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen,  
Peoples' Republic of China

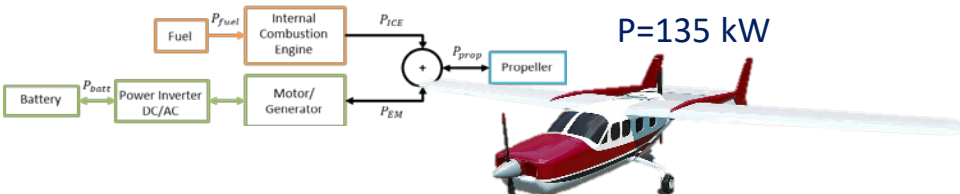
## ***New approaches for cluster-based machine learning for reduced order modelling and flow control***



PSJ flow field.

# Management Strategies for Hybrid Propulsion System

Parallel Hybrid Propulsion for Aircraft application



Parallel Hybrid Propulsion for Naval application

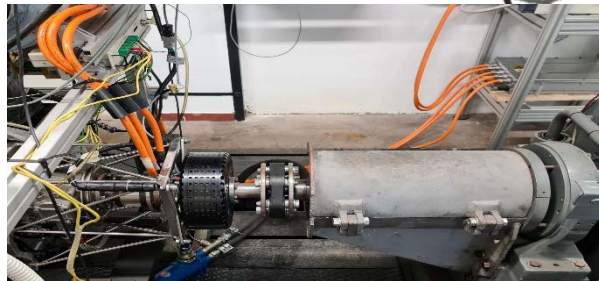


Fig.1: Experimental setup CMD22 + EMRAX 268 at Unina Test bench

**Thesis Objective:** Testing activities and formulation of an optimal energy management control, based on an Adaptive Equivalent Consumption Minimization Strategies (A-ECMS).



Fig.3: Experimental setup FNM 300HPE + 2 PARKER GVI at STEAMS Test bench

Minimization Problem based on HAMILTONIAN

$$H = P_{fuel}(t, u(t)) + s(t) \cdot P_{elec}(t, u(t))$$

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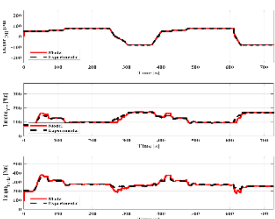


Fig.2: Matlab/Simulink Aircraft propulsion Model & Validation Results.

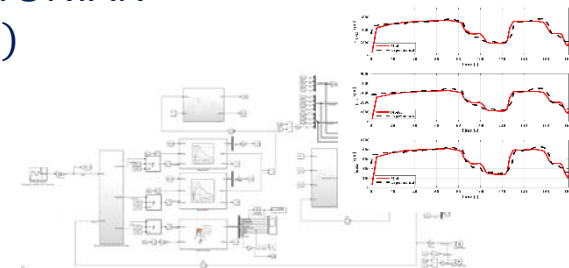
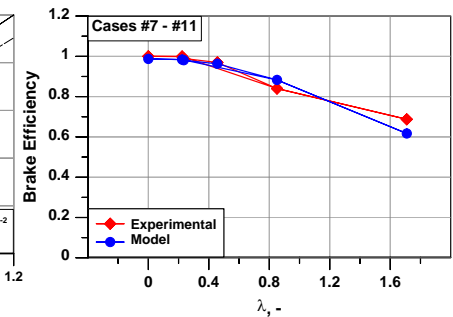
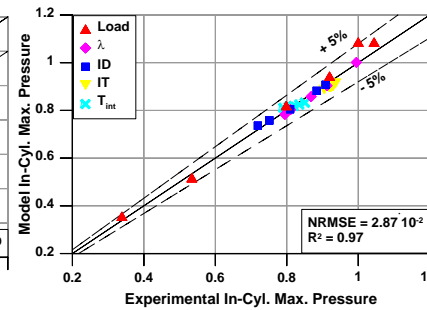
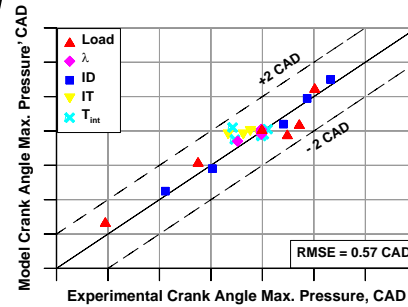
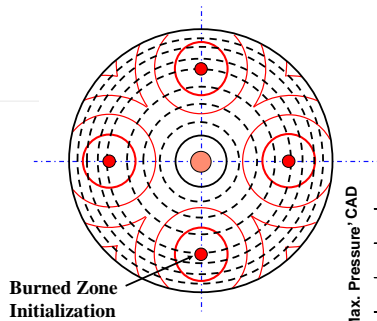
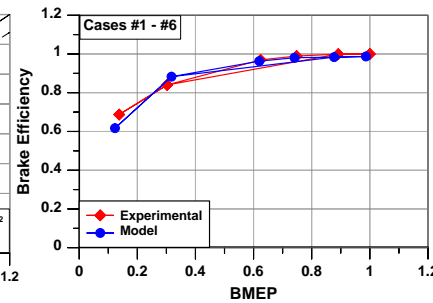
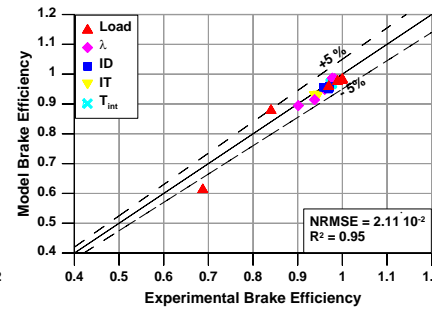
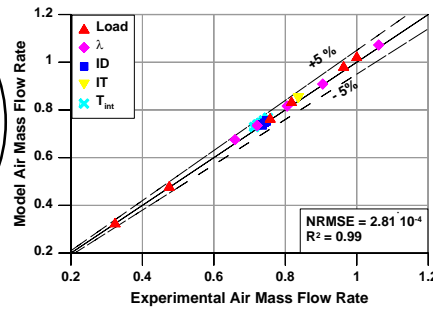
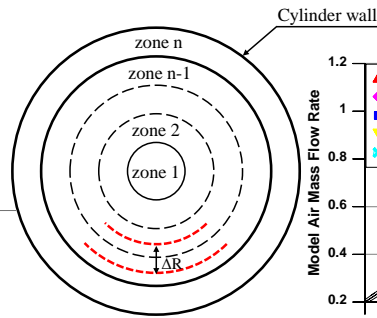
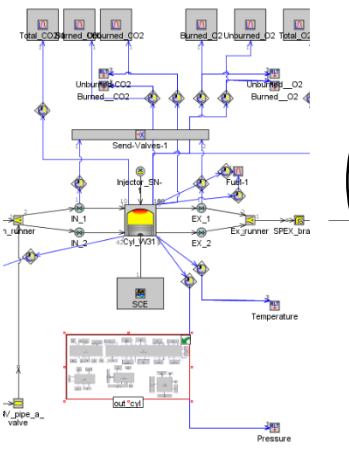


Fig.4: Matlab/Simulink Naval propulsion Model & Validation Results.

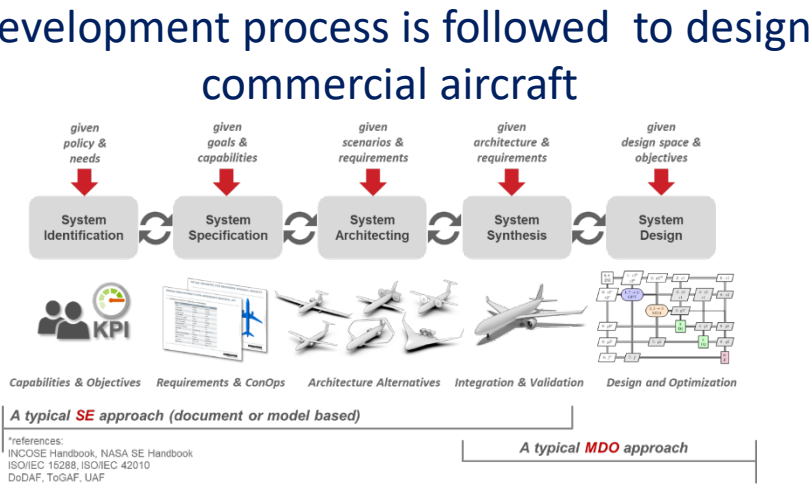


# Numerical study of LTC combustion in marine engines

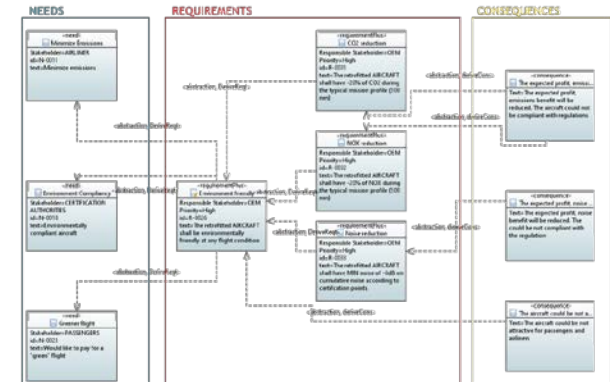
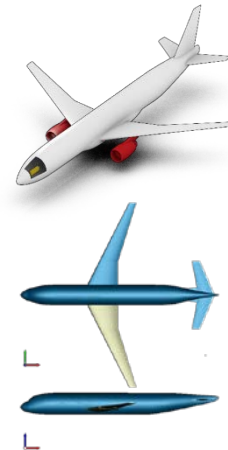


# Multidisciplinary Analysis and Optimization of commercial aircraft design driven by Model Based System Engineering

## 1) A Systems Engineering Product Development process is followed to design commercial aircraft

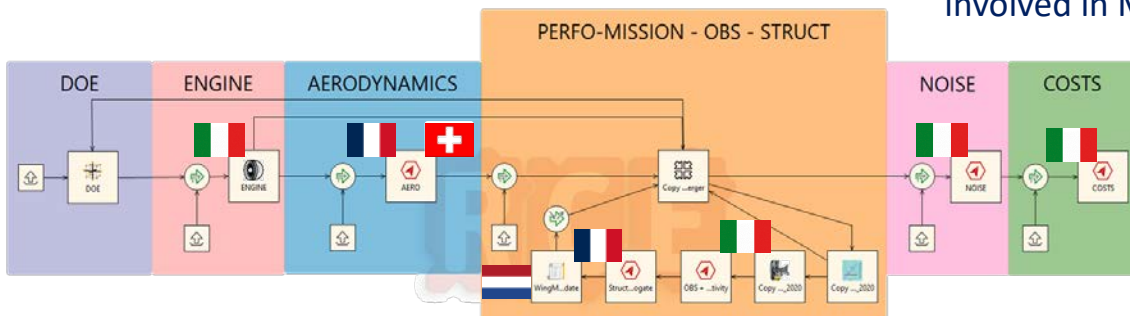


## 2) The process starts from Model Based System Engineering schema



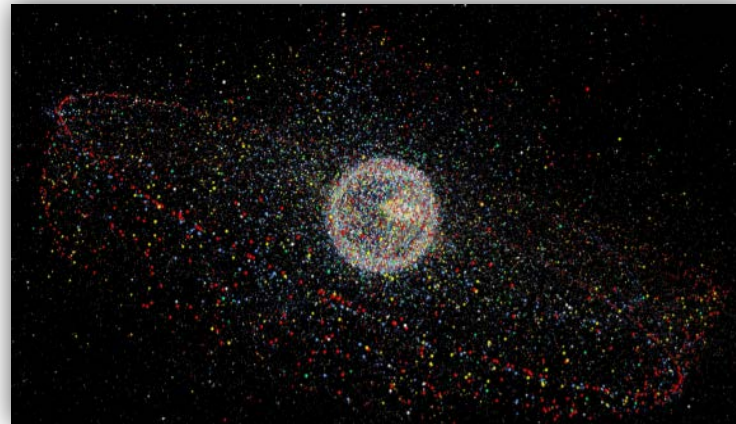
## 3) The result is a collaborative remote multidisciplinary optimization workflow

3 Companies, 3 Research Centers and 3 Universities are involved in Models formalization and Workflow execution.



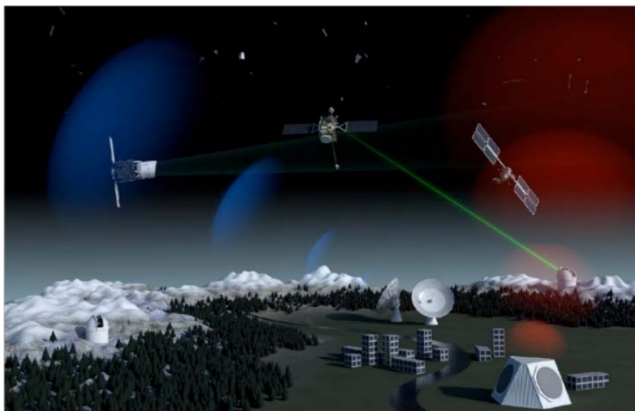
## Event, object and mission characterization for Space Domain Awareness

The rising number of space launches in the last few decades, determined a dramatic increase of **space debris**



Resident Space Objects characterization

Need of a **Space Situational Awareness**.  
Development of tools for **Space Surveillance and Tracking** activities



Recognised Space Picture

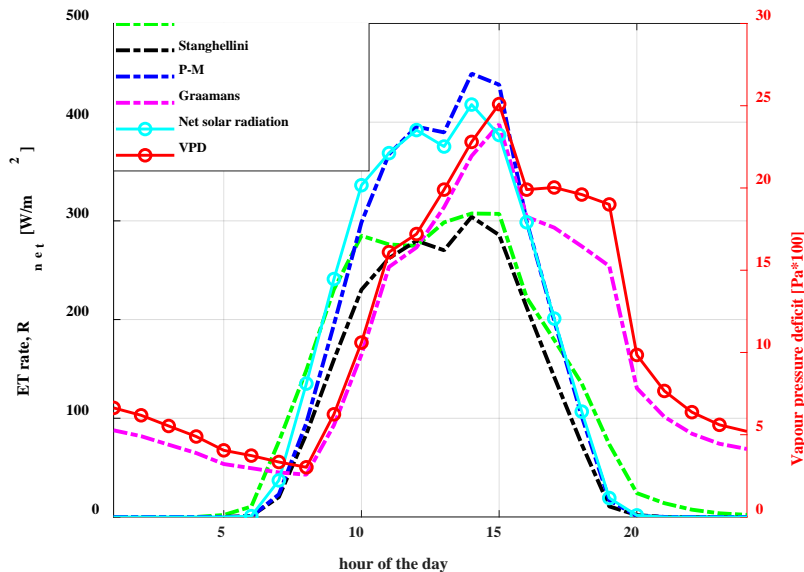
Collaborations with  
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Leonardo S.p.A.,  
Imperial College  
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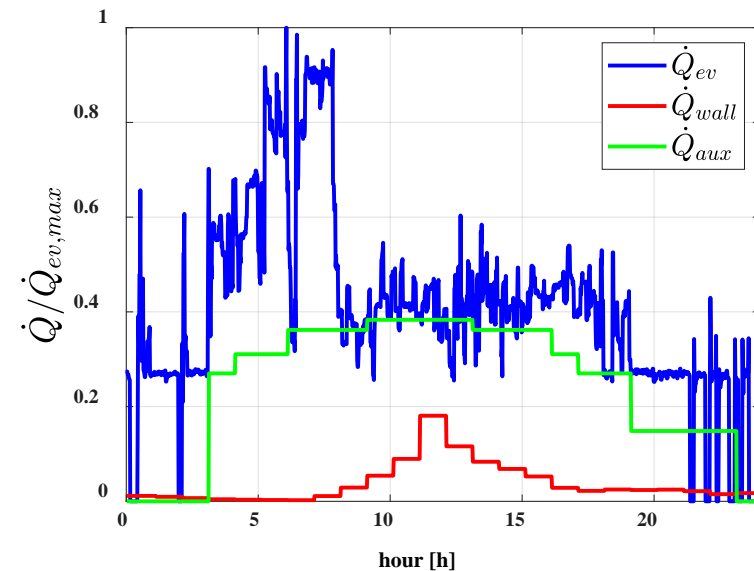
Breakup events modelling

## Thermo-economical characterization and simulation of innovative systems for the agrifood sector

- Assessment of the predictive methods

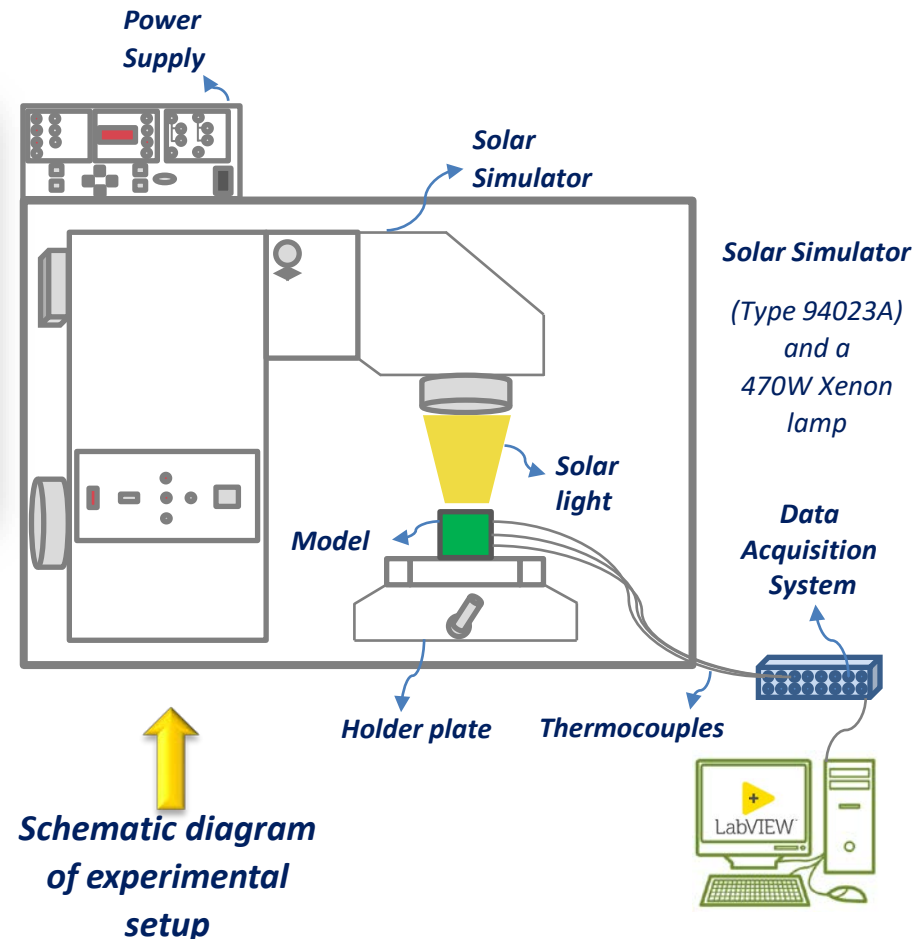
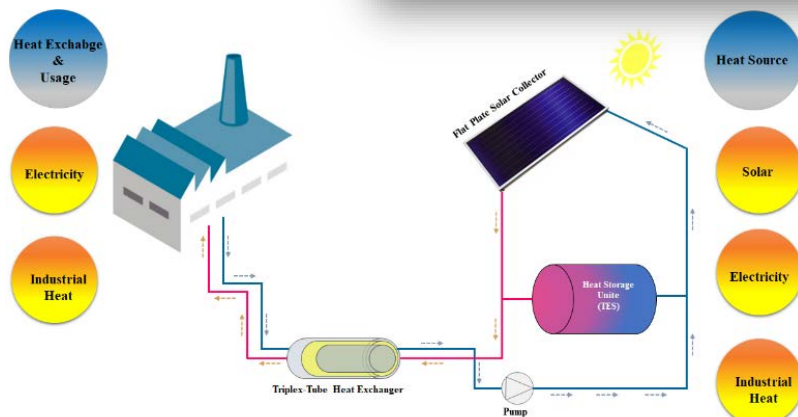
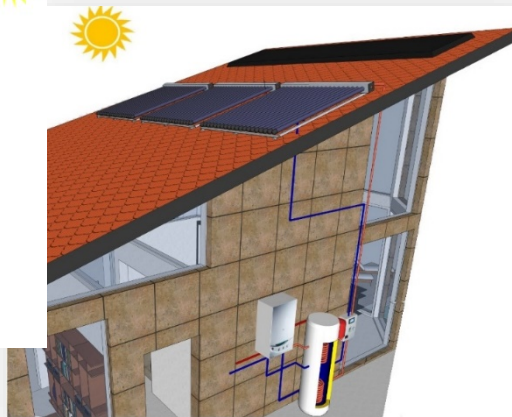
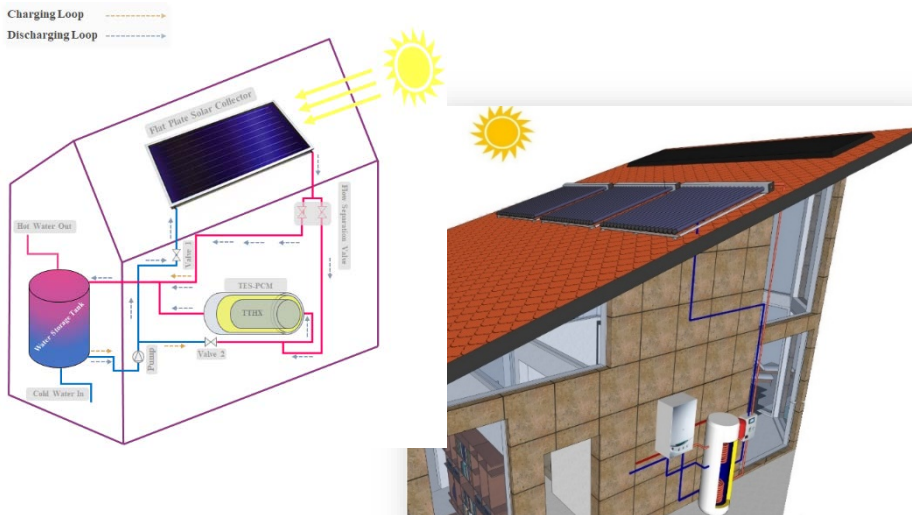


- Evaluation of the energy loads of the systems



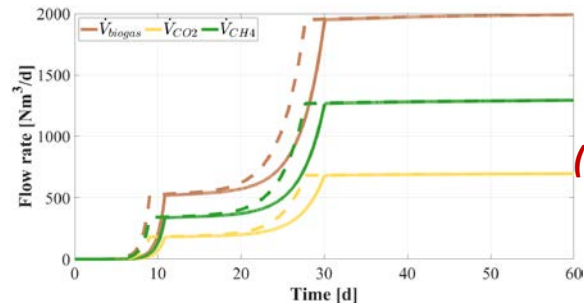
- This project is part of the Agritech research activities

# Experimental and numerical analysis of the thermal performance of PCM in a solar system with enhancement PCM thermal conductivity methods

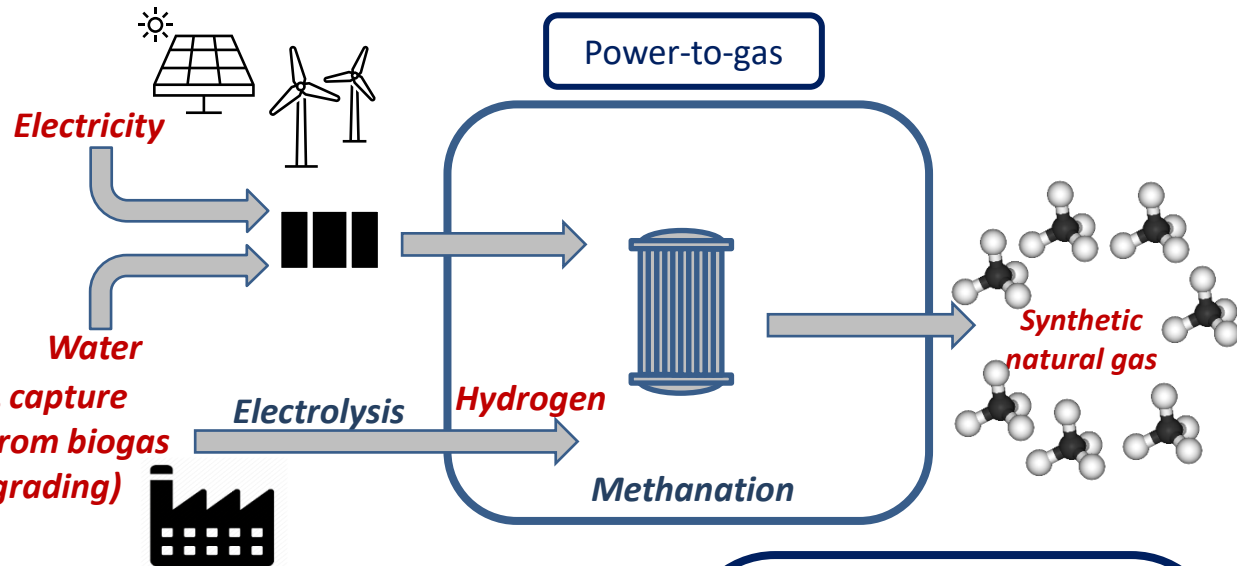
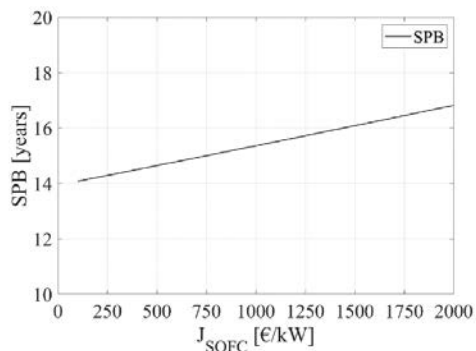


# Dynamic simulation and modeling of renewable polygeneration systems

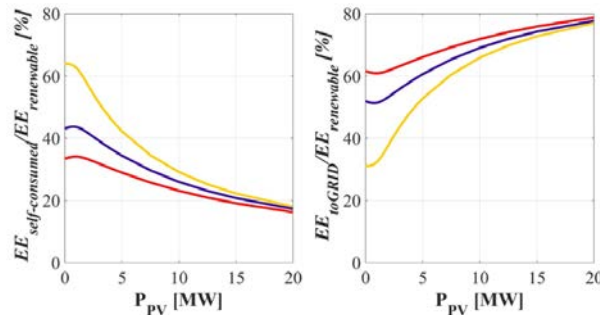
Anaerobic Digestion of biomass for biogas production



Electrolyzers and fuel cells are still too expensive



District heating and cooling coupled with renewable has great potential to reduce building energy consumption



Research activity in cooperation between the **Department of Industrial Engineering** of the **Federico II University** and the **Concordia University**

## Semi-active vibration control approaches

- Industrial doctorate ([www.livei.fr](http://www.livei.fr)), under Marie-Curie grant agreement No 860243.
- Recruiting University: UNINA, Italy
- Industry Partner: Adaptronica, Poland
- Academic collaborators: École Centrale de Lyon, Technical University of Darmstadt

### Research Objective

Reducing vehicle gearbox noise & vibration by designing a semi-active controller



- Metal cushion, actuator, power amplifier
- Data acquisition and control hardware
- Sensors (vibrometer, accelerometers, and force sensors)
- Software for data acquisition and control National instruments, Python, etc.
- Software for simulation: ANSYS

### Experimentation



Metal Cushion



Isolating bearing induced vibrations

Fiat gearbox component



Using Microcomputer to control the vibration isolator



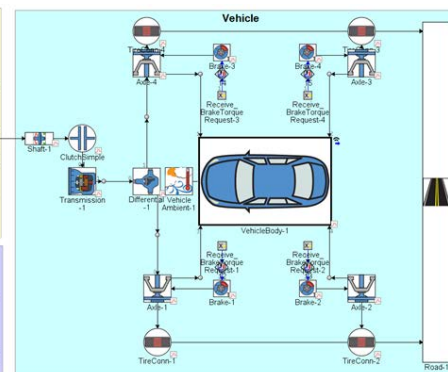
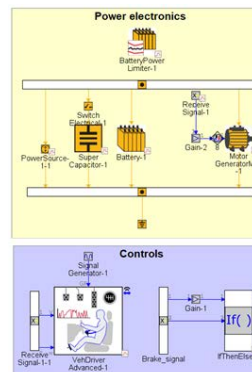
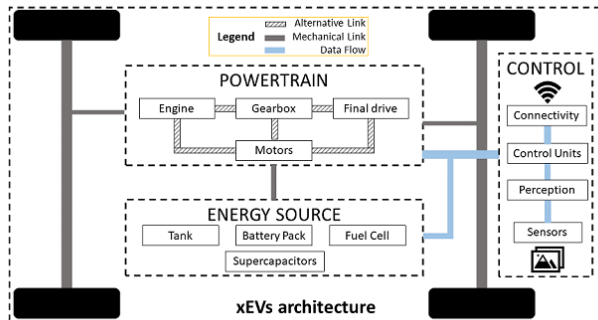
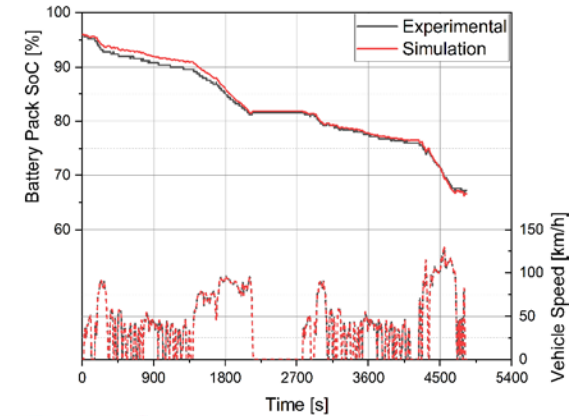
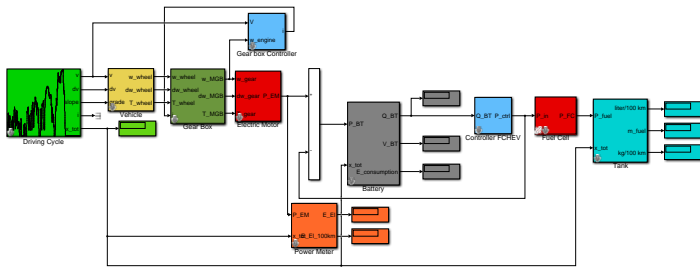
### Highlighted Results/advantages

- ✓ A vibration isolation rate of 55.17%
- ✓ Wide-band tuning
- ✓ Metal rubber as a Light-weight material

### Published Results



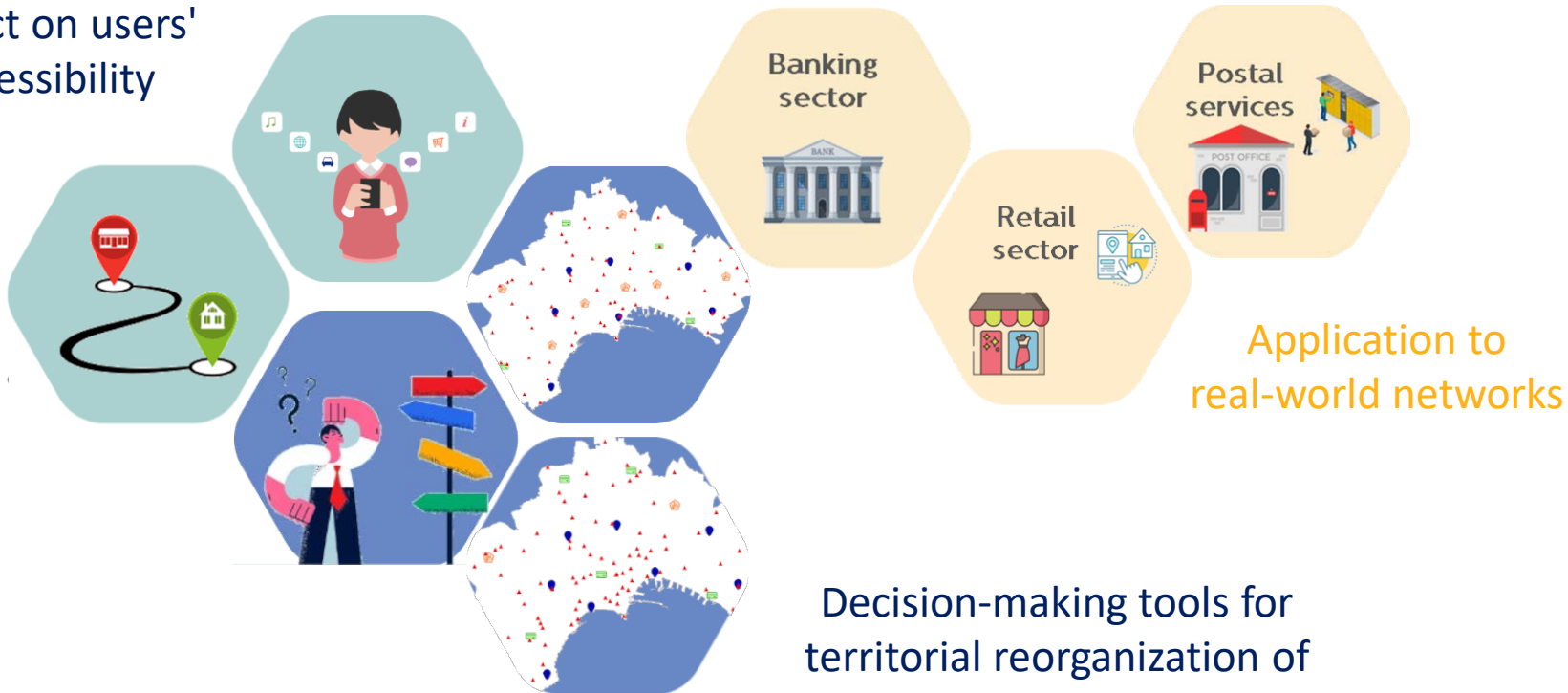
# The paths towards the decarbonisation of the transport sector: a multi-objective analysis approach of electrified vehicles





# Models and methods for redesigning service networks in the digital transformation era

Analysis of digitalisation  
impact on users'  
accessibility



Decision-making tools for  
territorial reorganization of  
facility networks

Collaboration with

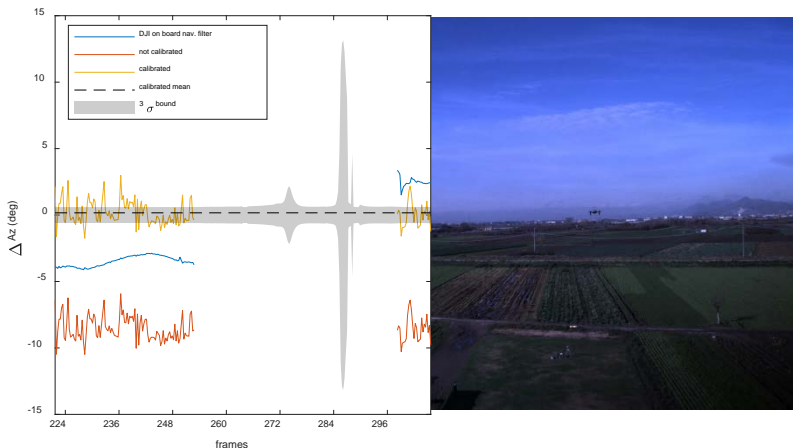
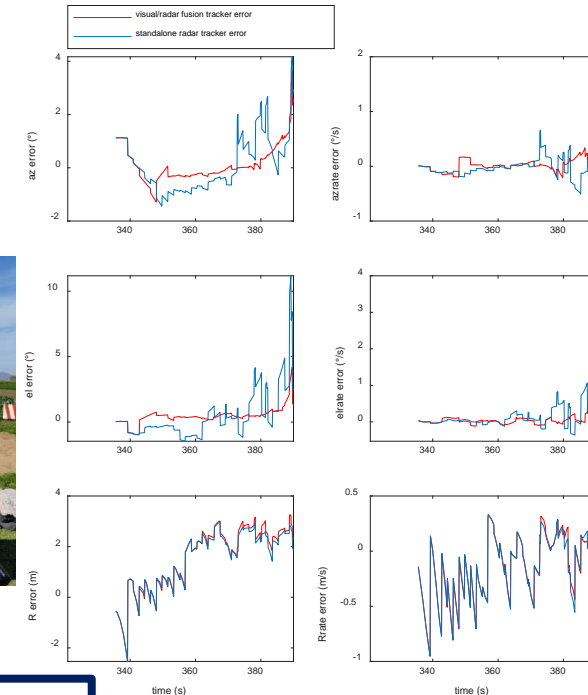


# Navigation and surveillance strategies enabling autonomous operations of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in low altitude conditions

## SENSE AND AVOID

Visual/radar fusion strategies for detection and tracking of intruders UAVs during experimental flight tests. **Improving** performance of standalone sensors.

Collaboration and joint flight tests activities with **NASA Langley Research Center** starting this year.



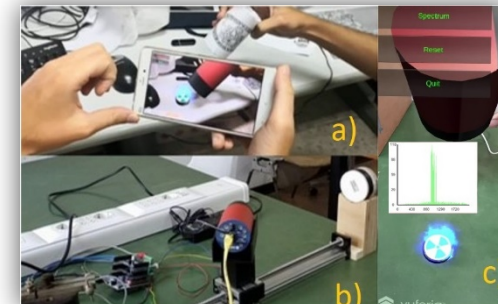
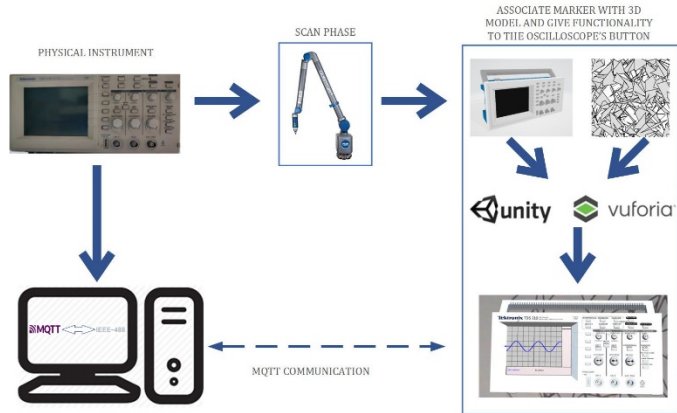
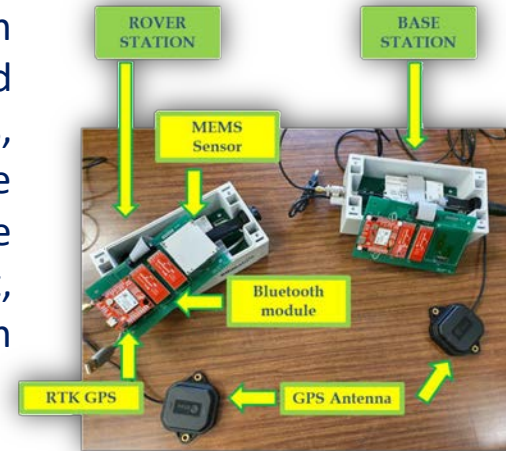
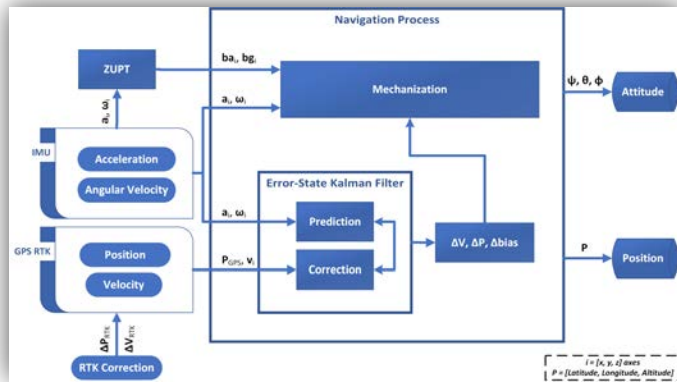
## COOPERATIVE STRATEGIES

Magnetometer calibration exploiting visual sensors and cooperation between chief and deputy platforms.

**Improving** chief heading angle estimates accuracy and flight autonomy.

# IoT-Based methods and solutions for monitoring and remote control

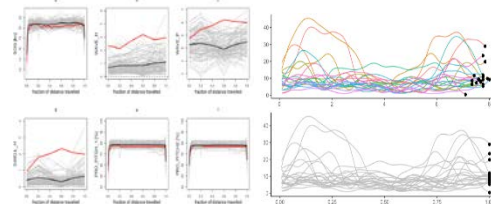
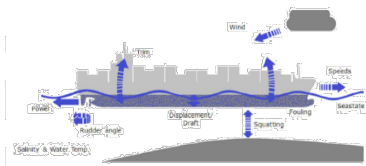
Definition, design and implementation of a systems for accurate attitude and position monitoring of large structures, such as bridges, tunnels, and offshore platforms, in collaboration with the Department of Management, Information and Production Engineering, University of Bergamo



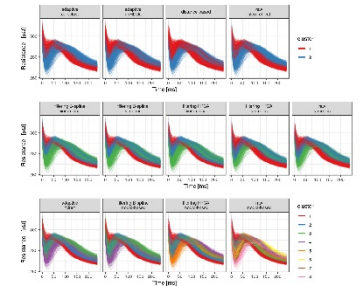
Implementation of a framework, based on augmented reality, to allow students to make dangerous experiments in safe conditions in collaboration with Caen SpA and of a remote laboratory to control measurement instruments for educational purposes

# Artificial Intelligence & Statistics for Quality Technology

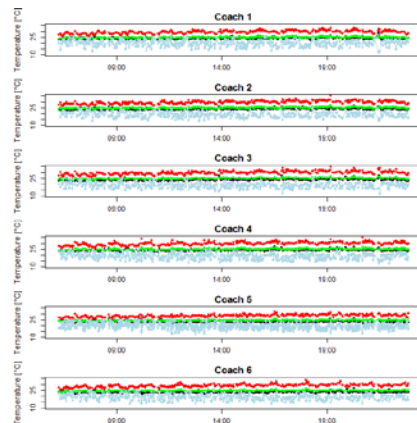
Monitoring of ship operating conditions and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



Monitoring a resistance spot welding process in the automotive industry



Monitoring of complex systems installed on-board modern trains



Collaborations with other universities and research centers



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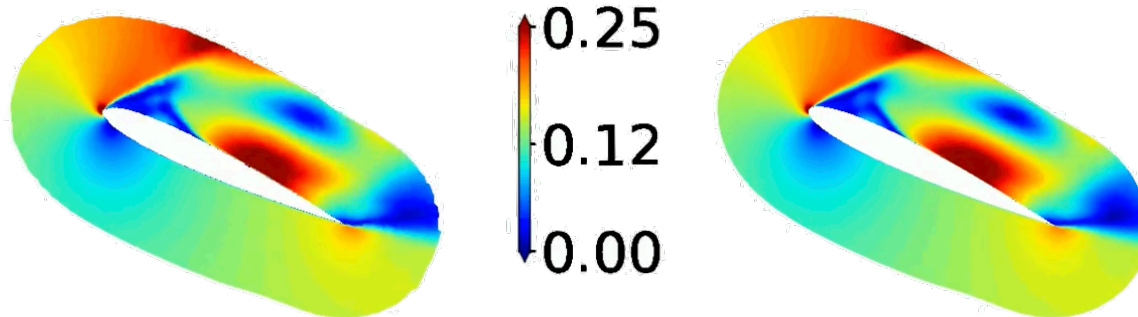
## Machine Learning and Fluid Dynamics



- **Activity:**

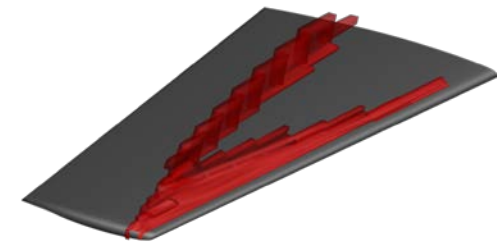
- In the frame of a cooperation between **University of Naples Federico II** and **Stanford University**.
- Use of **Artificial Intelligence** for understanding the Physics of flight.

*Mach number distribution in the flow around an airfoil*



*Flow generated by artificial intelligence*

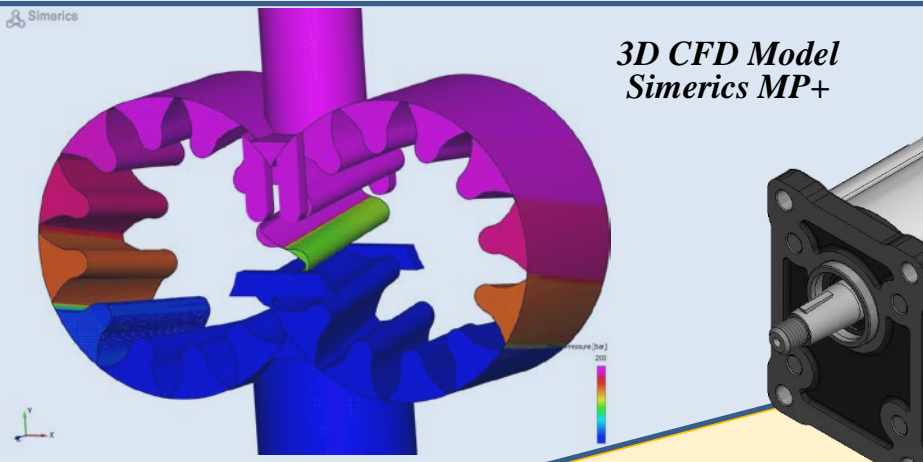
*Flow generated by conventional method  
(CFD)*



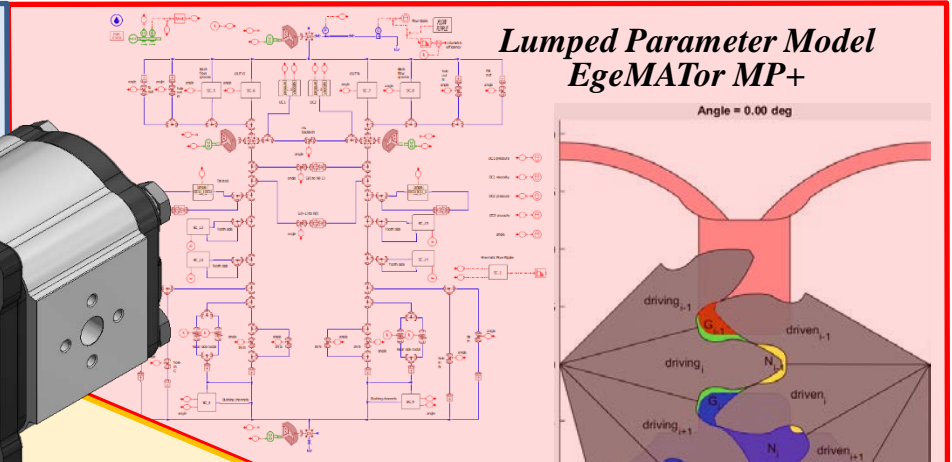
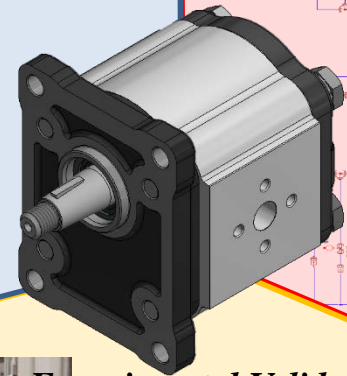
*Shock wave on the wing identified by  
Machine Learning algorithm*

- **Final goal:** “exact” aerodynamic performance of flying bodies in real-time.

# Efficiency improvements and noise reduction in external gear pumps through numerical modeling

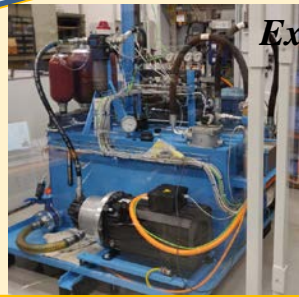


*3D CFD Model  
Simerics MP+*



*Lumped Parameter Model  
EgeMATor MP+*

*Duplomatic MS  
Test Bench*

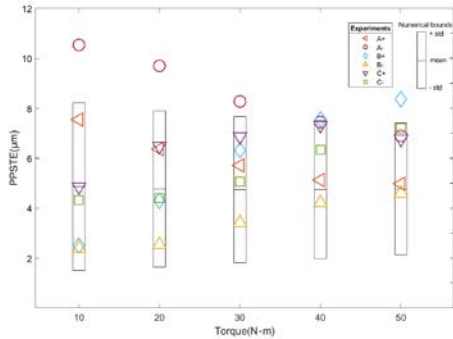


*Experimental Validation*

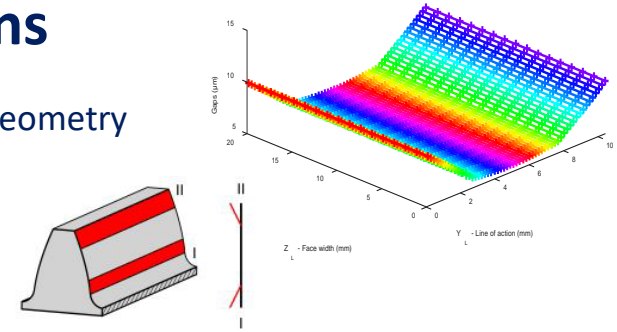


*STEMS - IMAMOTER  
Noise Test Bench*

# Manufacturing margins and robustness of NVH prediction for lightweight transmissions



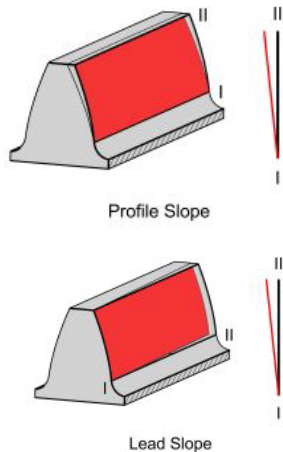
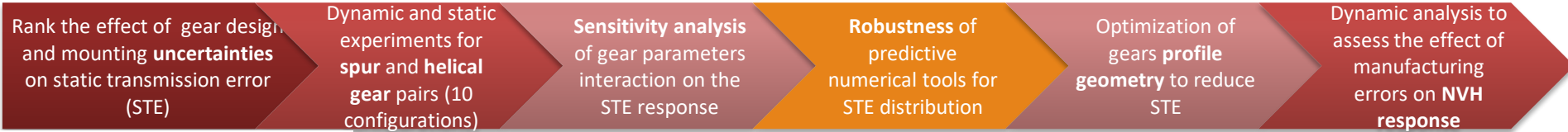
Tested gear pairs have the same macro geometry parameters with manufacturing errors;  
**A+, B+, C+ : clockwise rotation**  
**A-, B-, C- : counterclockwise rotation**



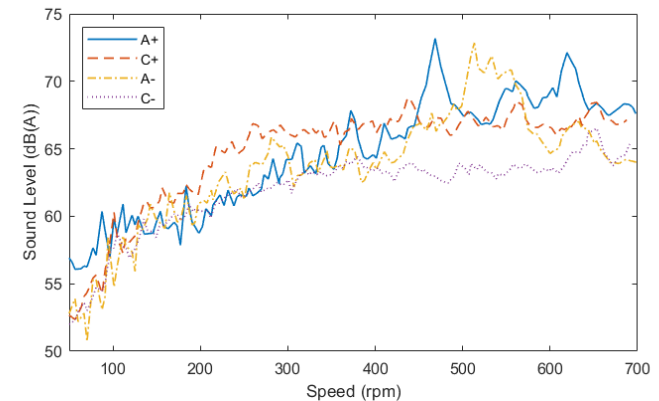
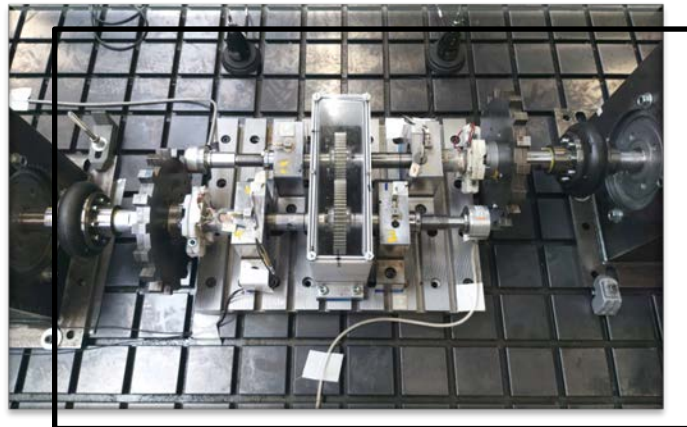
Tip and Root Relief

Optimized gear flanks using tip relief correction

Numerical vs. experimental distribution of peak-to-peak STE: (max STE – min STE)



Experimental Test Bench



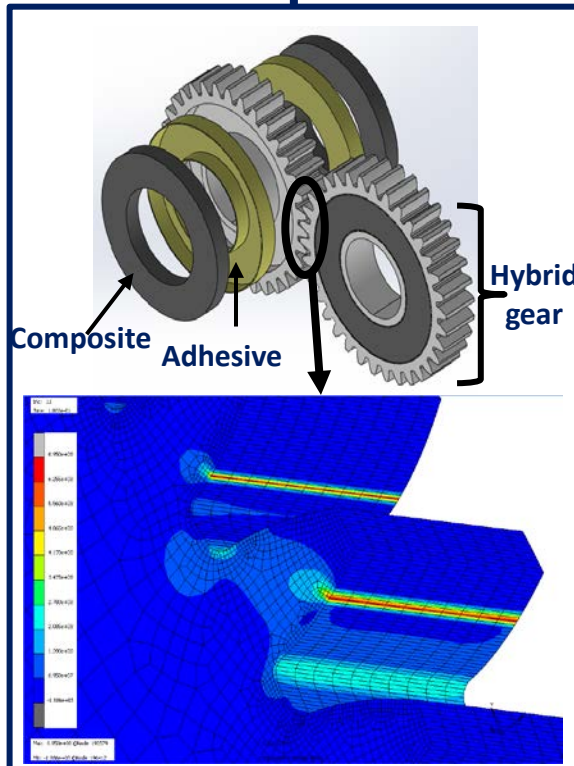
Evolution of Global Sound Level for gear pair configurations with different regimes

# Materials optimization of lightweight gear transmission components

Developing a flexible multibody approach to design hybrid gears that balances mass reduction with optimal NVH performance

Introducing hybrid Metal-Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic gears while assessing their impact on NVH performances

Manufacturing hybrid gears with 50% weight Reduction and conducting an experimental campaign for static and dynamic analysis



Results show that most of the Hybrid gear pairs configurations present lower Vibration levels compared to the standard steel ones.

