



SAPIENZA  
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA



DIMA

DIPARTIMENTO DI INGEGNERIA  
MECCANICA E AEROSPAZIALE

# MISSION

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- Empower students to achieve their goals through the highest quality education and research
- Advance research and innovation technologies to tackle society challenges
- Contribute to the strategic goals of La Sapienza University as a prominent player for research and education in the national and international context

# VISION

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- Build a multi-disciplinary network sharing ideas and knowledge to look at excellence and innovation
- Promote and develop the major areas of scientific knowledge and competencies to foster international collaborations and partnerships along major strategic research lines
- Support our greatest asset: Students, Faculty and Staff to improve community cooperation

# VALUES

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Autonomy

Ambition

Integrity

Excellence

Teamworking

Transparency



# STRATEGIC LINES

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*Computational Mechanics*

*Structural Dynamics*

*Energy*

*Green Engineering*

*Space Science*

*Space Propulsion*

*Aerospace Technologies*

*Advanced Composite structures*

*Additive Manufacturing*

*Automotive*

*Engineering for Cultural Heritage*

*Advanced Design & Production Processes*

*Engineering for Health*

# DIMA OVERVIEW

**58**  
Faculty  
Members

**36**  
Research  
Associate

**22**  
Staff

**3000+**  
Students

**1**  
Main Site

**3**  
Complementary  
Sites

**12**  
Labs

**2**  
Bachelor  
Degrees

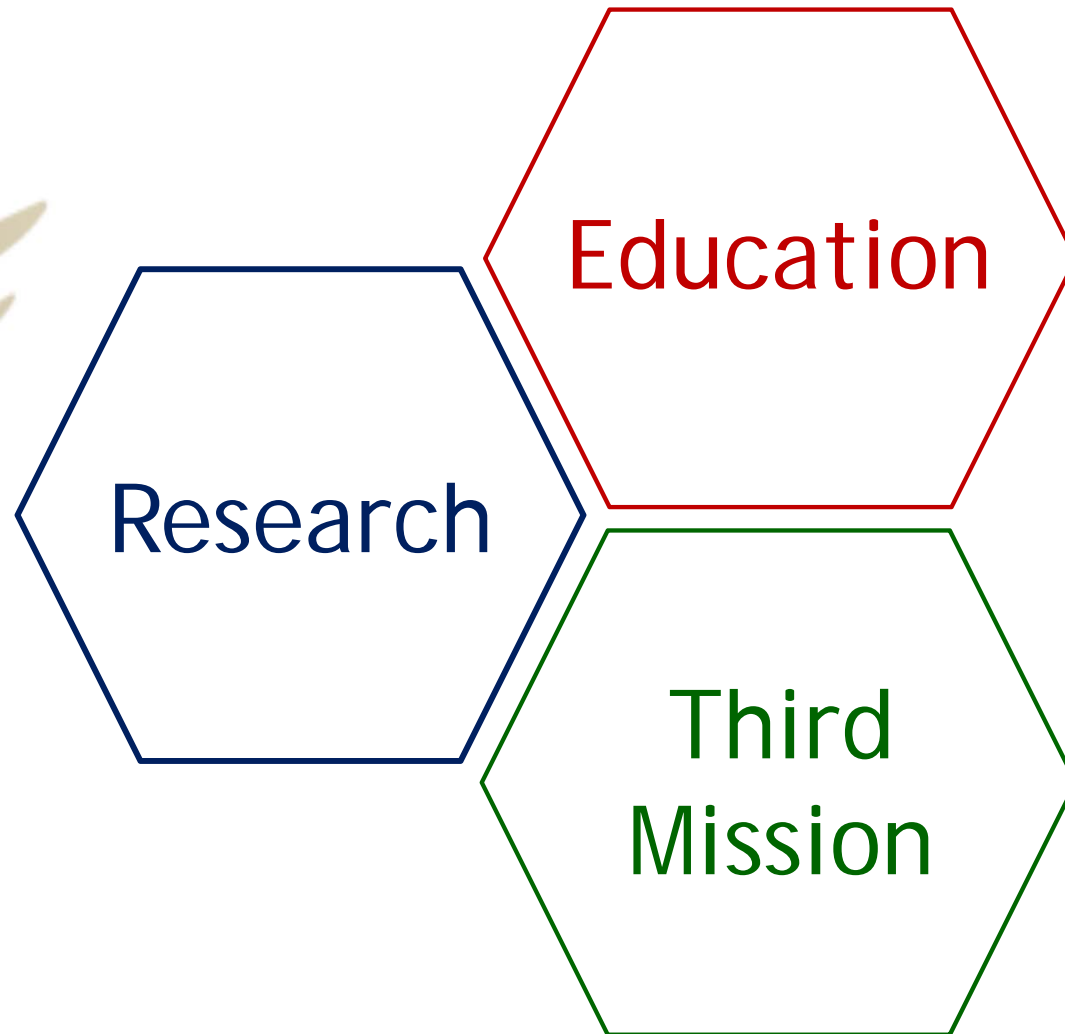
**3**  
Master  
Degrees

**3**  
PhD  
Programs

**5**  
Professional  
Master  
Programs

# OBJECTIVES

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# EDUCATION



# ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS



# BACHELOR AND MASTER OF SCIENCE

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DIMA offers two Bachelor of Science and three Master of Science courses lasting three and two years respectively. Undergraduate application requires an admission test.

## Bachelor of Science

- Aerospace Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

## Master of Science

- Aeronautical Engineering
- Space and Astronautical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

# Ph.D.

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PhD programs aim at training the skills needed to carry out high quality research activities in the aerospace, industrial and mechanic field.

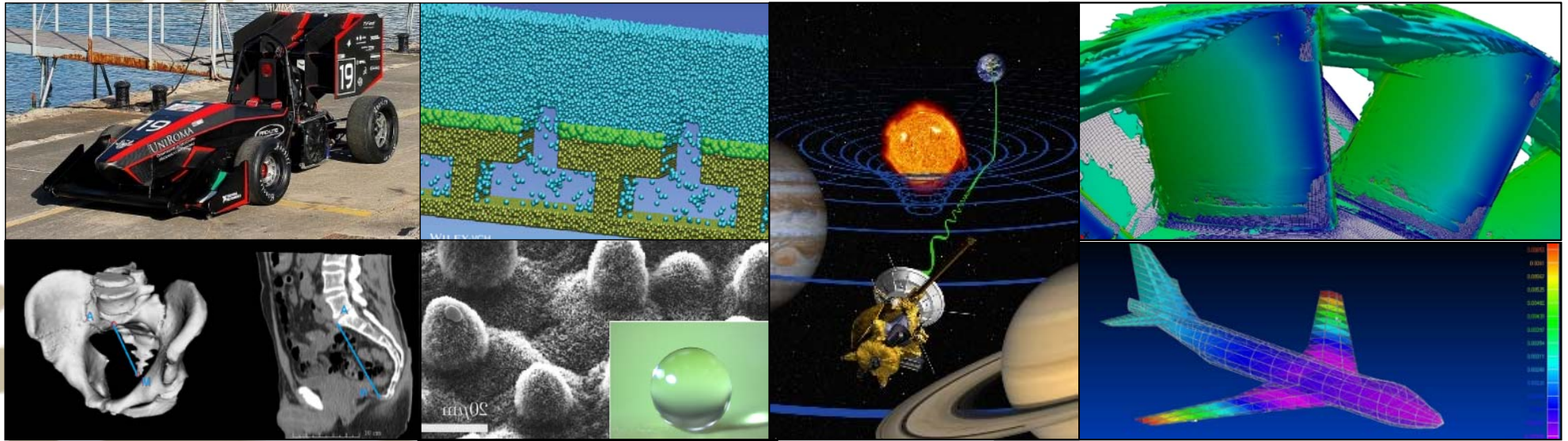
- Aeronautics and Space Engineering
- Theoretical and Applied Mechanics
- Industrial and Management Engineering

# PROFESSIONAL MASTER PROGRAMS

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These post-graduated programs last one years and admission requires MSc degree.

- Satellite Systems and Services
- Space Transportation Systems
- Civil Aviation Management
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources
- Inventive Engineering



# RESEARCH



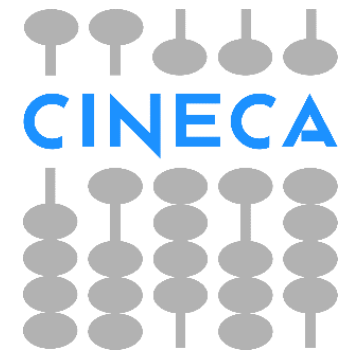
# FUNDING AND GOVERNAMENTAL AGENCIES



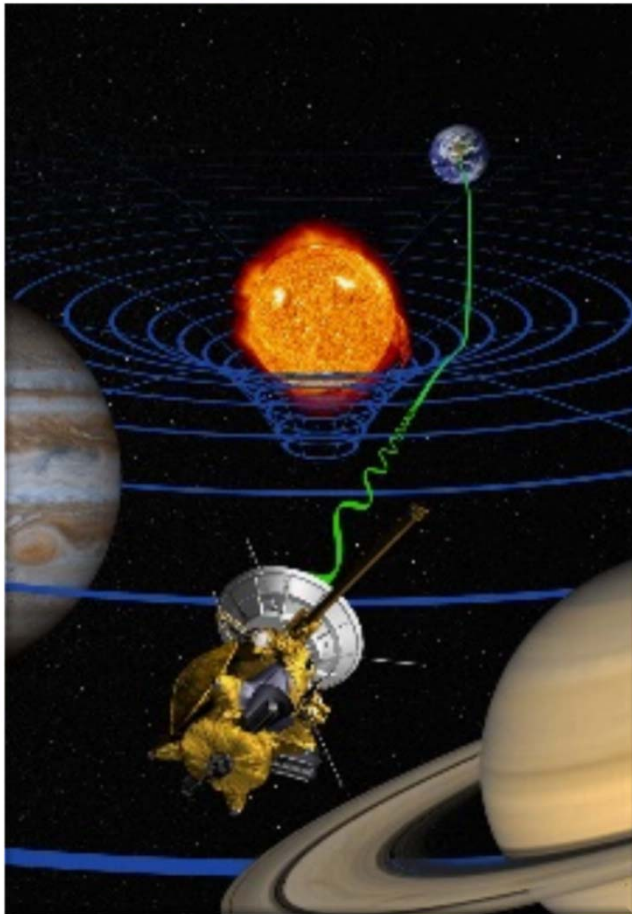
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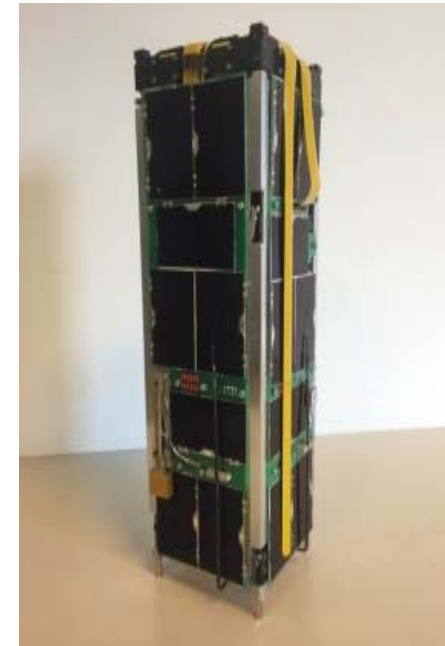
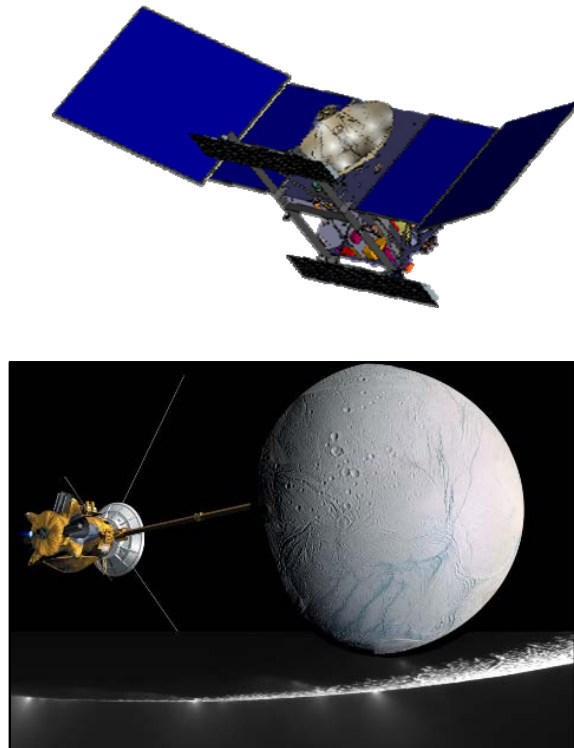
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# SPACE SCIENCE



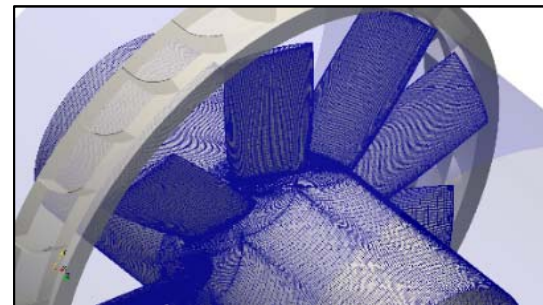
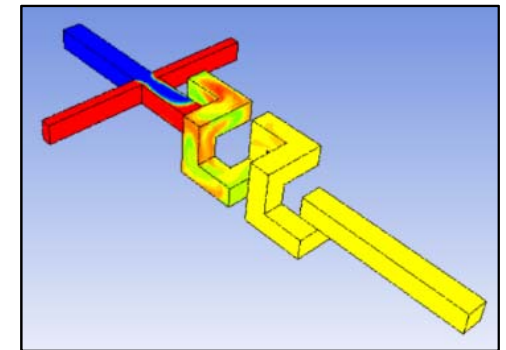
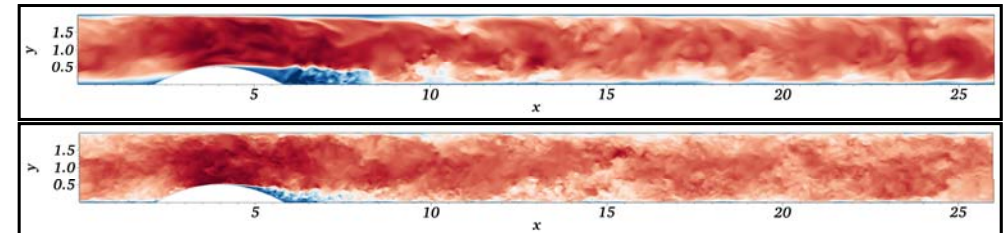
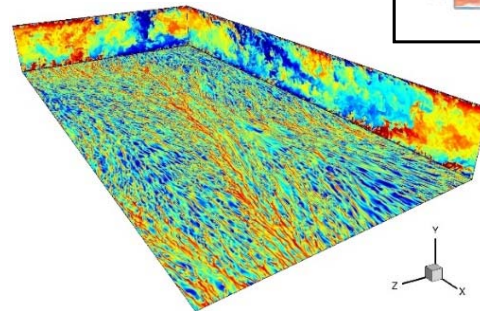
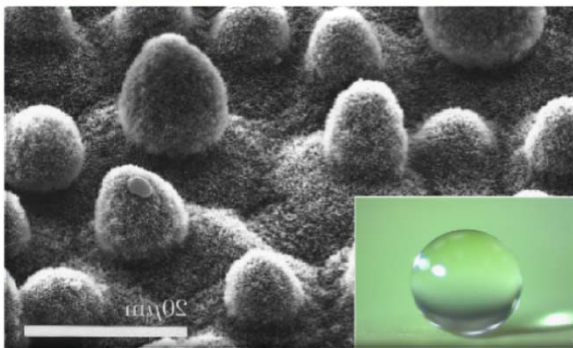
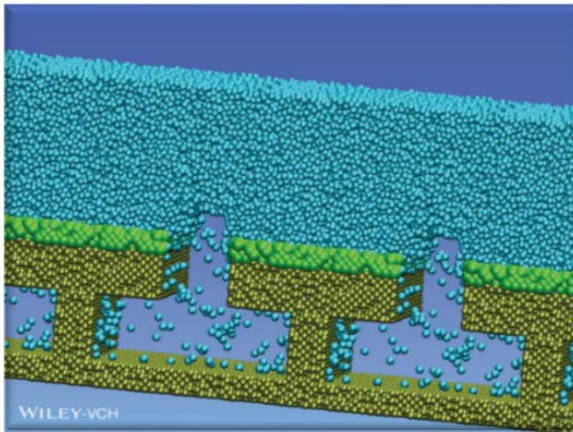
Bertotti B., Iess L. and Tortora P., 'A test of general relativity using radio links with the Cassini spacecraft' *Nature*, 425, 374, (2003)



- Participation in deep space missions: Cassini (Saturn) - Juno (Jupiter) - BepiColombo (Mercury)
- Tests of relativistic gravity
- Determination of planetary mass distribution
- Space Surveillance and tracking
- Development of satellites systems



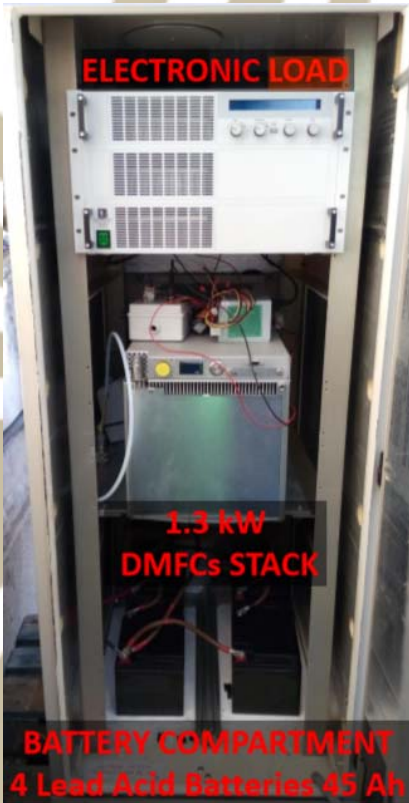
# COMPUTATIONAL MECHANICS



Amabili M., Giacomello A., Meloni S. and Casciola C.M. 'Unraveling the Salvinia paradox: design principles for submerged superhydrophobicity' *Advanced Materials Interfaces*, Vol. 2, (2015)

- Numerical simulations of nanoscale wetting and cavitation
- Cavitation at the mesoscale and multiphase flow physics
- Transport of bubbles and particles in turbulent flows
- Large scale DNS of high-Reynolds-number turbulent flows
- Supercritical Combustion in LRE Chambers

# ENERGY AND TURBOMACHINERY



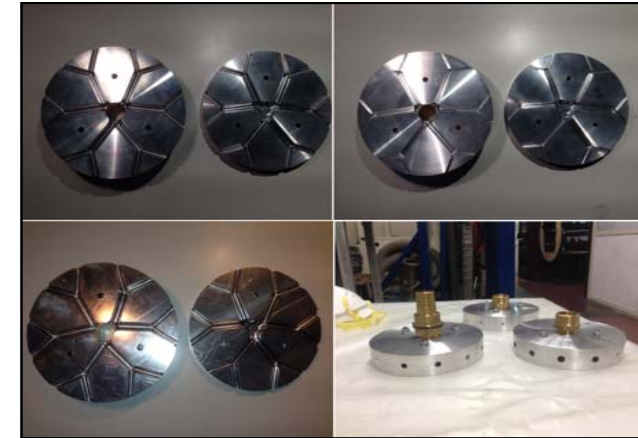
DMFC7. Test rig for a 1.5 kW Direct Methanol Fuel Cell system for 800 h of permanent degradation test



Wells Turbines for open sea applications



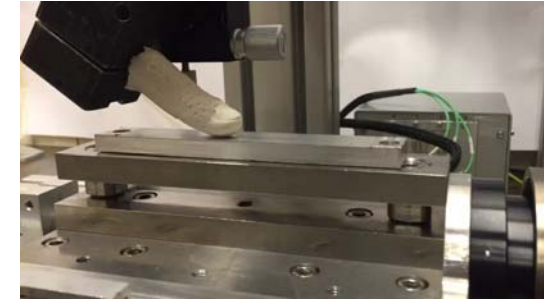
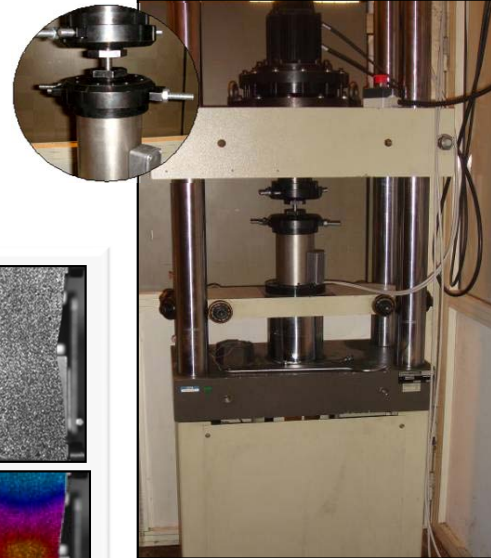
Vegetable oils fuelled common-rail engine installed at DIMA Lab



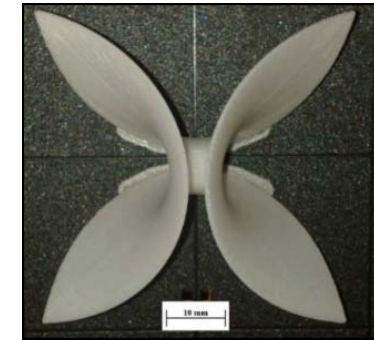
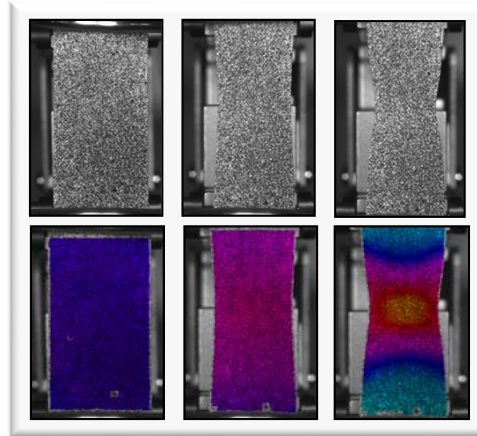
- Internal and film cooling in gas turbine blades
- Analysis of impact deposit and erosion in turbomachines
- Design of innovative fans and compressors
- Large unstructured data sets analysis and optimization
- Simulation and optimization of energy systems and micro grids
- Fuel cells and storage
- Biomasses and biofuels



# MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGIES AND MANUFACTURING



EOS M 290 for manufacturing of high-quality metal serial components

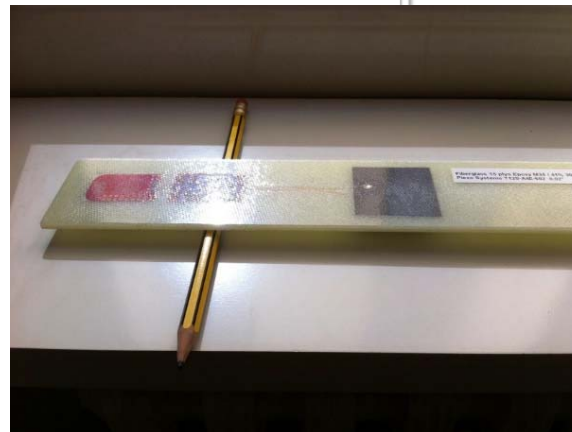
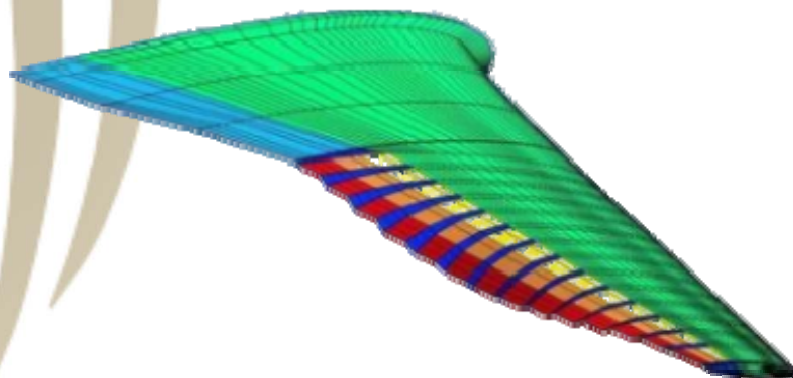


- Additive manufacturing
- Foam fabrication and powder characterization
- Laser processes of materials
- Advanced testing of materials
- Digital image correlation (DIC) measurements
- Design and topological optimization
- Virtual prototyping and process design
- Tactile perception experiments

# ADVANCED MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES



Composite material component with embedded self-powered wireless sensor device for structural monitoring  
Patent RM2013A000584  
P. Gaudenzi L. Lampani



- Wireless smart composite structures
- Damage detection on sensorized composite structures
- Composite structures manufacturing lab
- Nonlinear aeroelastic modeling for flexible airfoils



# AUTOMOTIVE

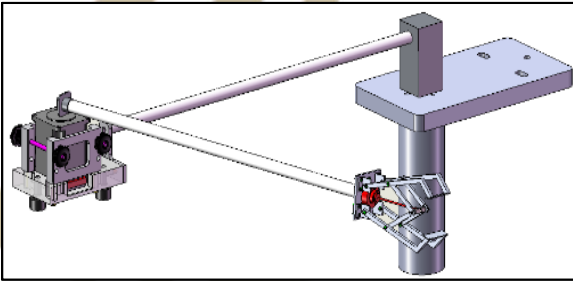


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A Multisensing Setup for the Intelligent Tire  
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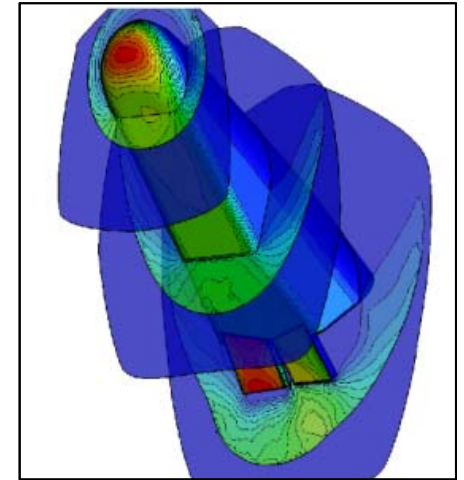
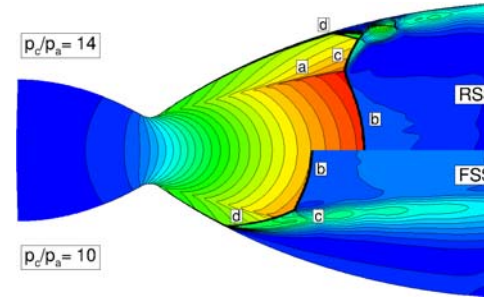
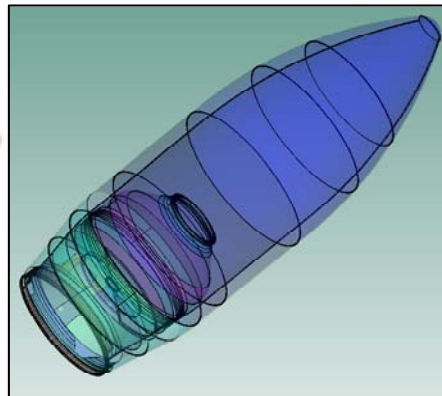


- Robust IP protection
- Vibration and acoustics prediction
- Smart suspension and tyre control
- Damping Control and Energy Harvesting
- Signal analysis on board
- Structural design of vehicle and its parts
- Analysis of aerodynamics and materials
- Vehicle dynamics
- Composite structure testing for racing car design
- Innovative drivetrain devising for racing car design

# AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGIES



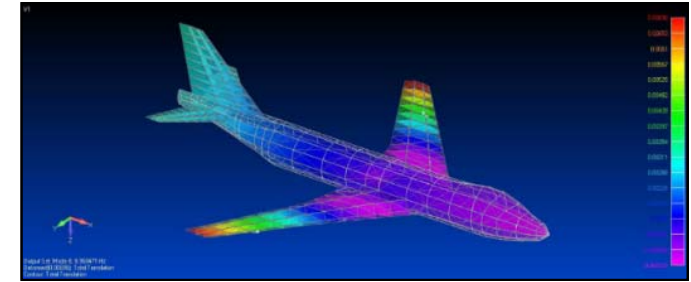
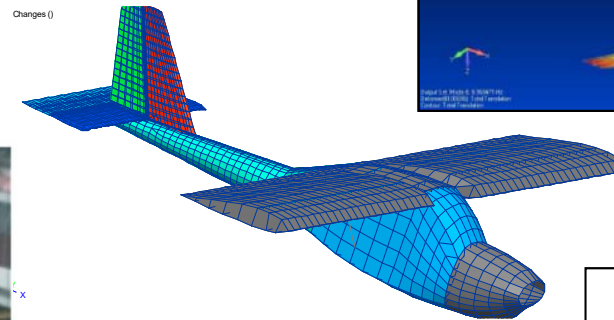
Vega space launcher



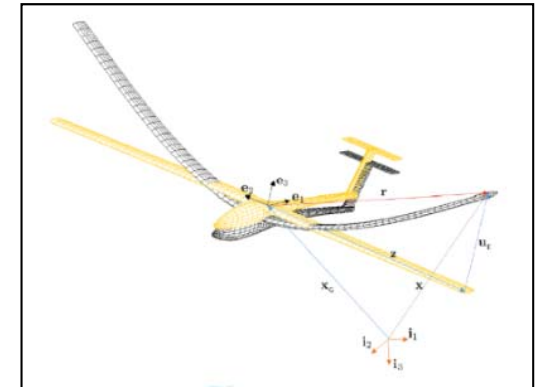
- Analysis of liquid and solid rocket engine performance
- Space launchers vibroacoustics (Vega)
- Wall heat flux estimation in thrust chambers
- Multibody dynamics for space applications
- Transonic nozzles and shock/turbulence interaction
- Numerical Simulations of Hybrid Rockets
- Nozzle design and operations
- Wall heat flux estimation in thrust chambers
- Combustion study with different approaches (Turbulent combustion closure - ignition transient in CC - supercritical combustion in LRE chambers...)



# AERONAUTICS

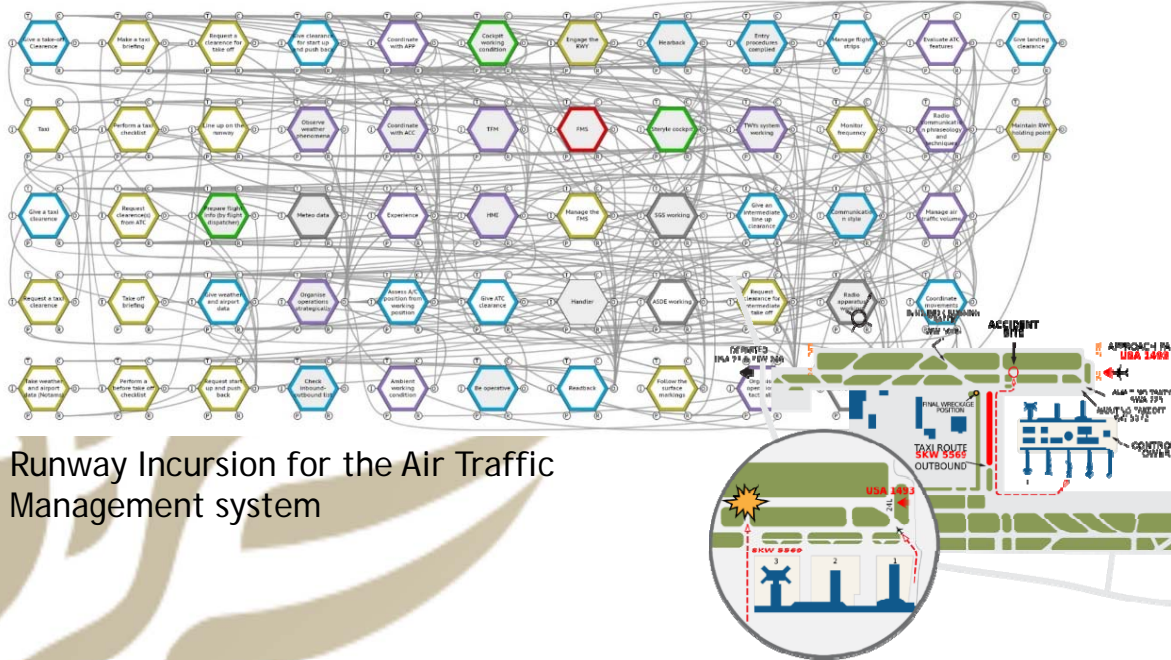


Facility for flight simulations  
(Flight Dynamics Lab)



- Small vehicle design and FCS developments
- Flight dynamics of flexible aircraft
- Aeroelastic modelling
- Blade vortex interaction noise control
- FE model structural updating

# INDUSTRIAL MECHANICAL SYSTEMS ENG.



Runway Incursion for the Air Traffic Management system

Tele-Maintenance and predictive Safety Intelligent System

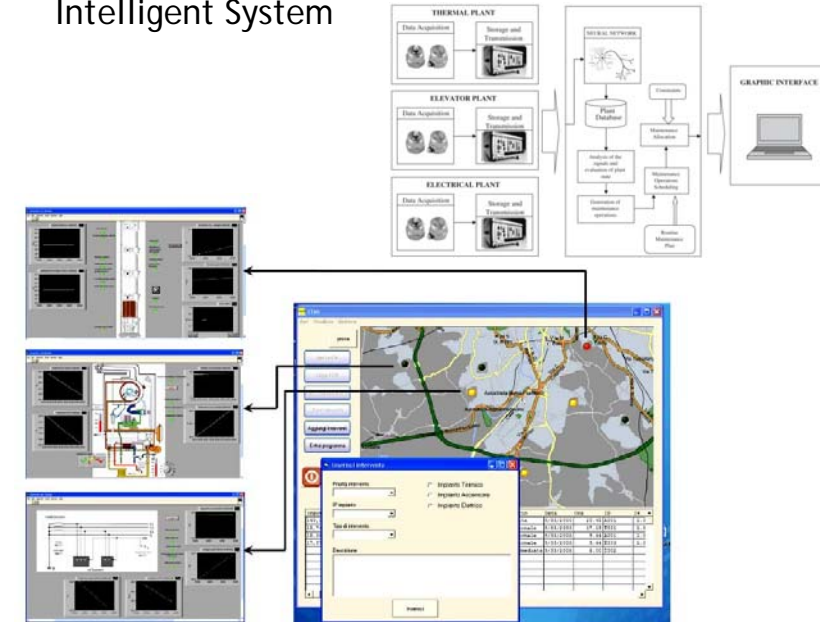
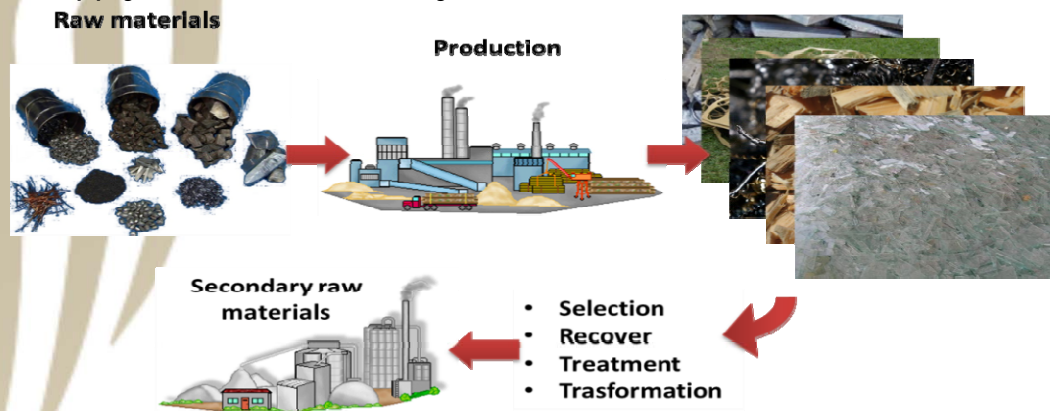


Fig. 10. A view of the software management tool.

Supply chain for secondary raw materials



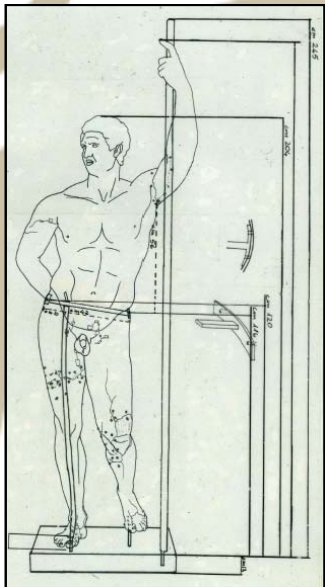
- Rating model for Health and Safety
- Spare parts management for complex systems
- Quality monitoring for airport ground handlers
- Industry 4.0
- Resilience Engineering for complex systems
- Supply Chain rating model



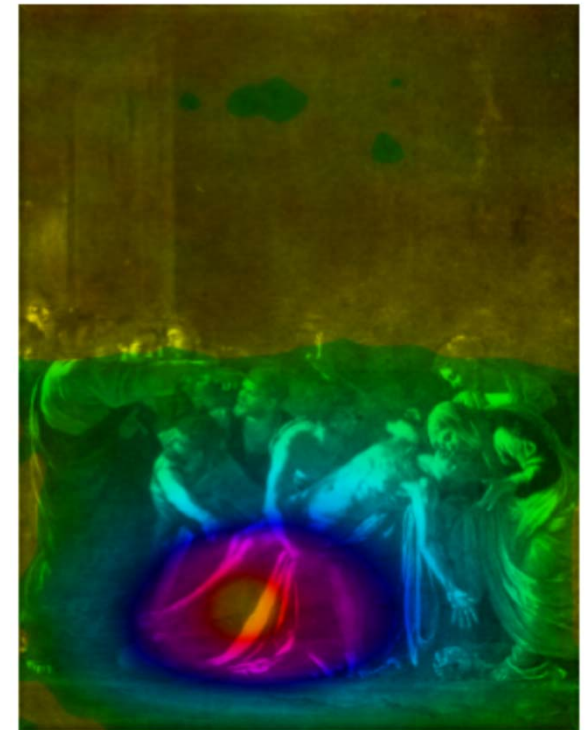
# CULTURAL HERITAGE



“Il principe ellenistico”



“Il Cartone per la scuola di Atene”  
Raffaello

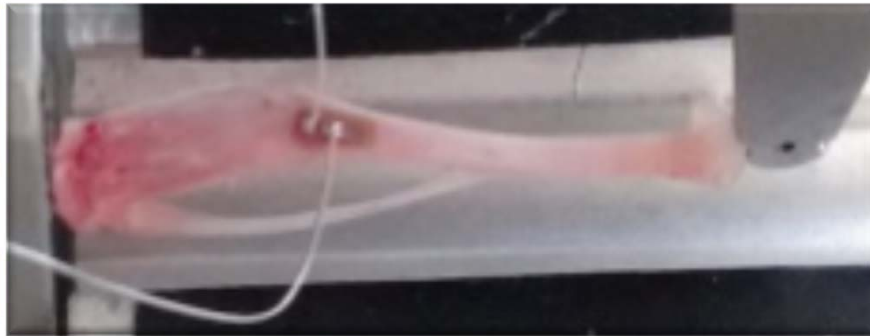


“La resurrezione di Lazzaro”  
Caravaggio

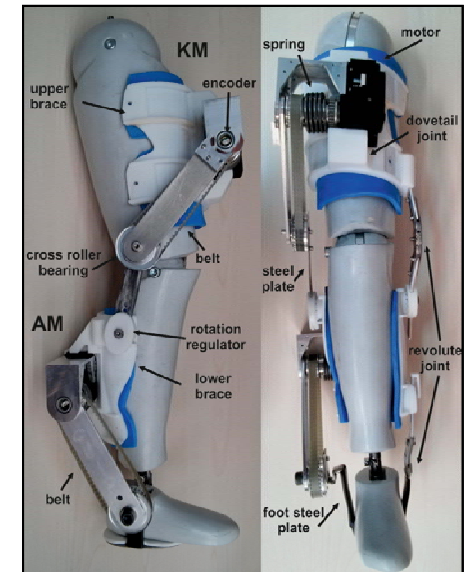
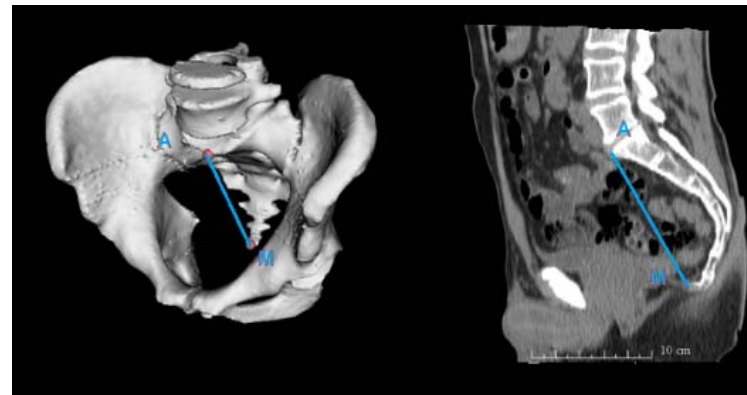
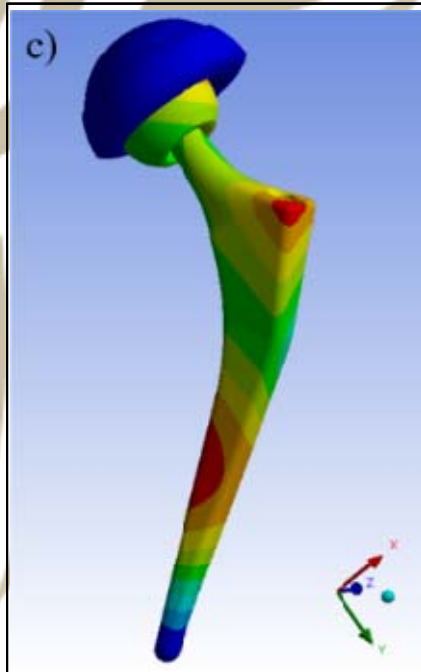
- Experimental-numerical techniques applied to the restoration of cultural heritage
  - Phase-shift measurement technique
  - White light speckle DIC
- Reverse engineering + FE analysis



# ENGINEERING FOR HEALTH



Characterization of mouse tibia mechanical properties through the Digital Image Correlation System



- Measurements for tissue engineering
- Motion Analysis
- Robot Mediated Therapy
- Medical Imaging
- Wearable monitoring systems for medical and sport applications





Spin-off Companies  
promoted by  
DIMA members

# THIRD MISSION



# INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIPS





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