



# Objectives of the visit



- ▶ Give life to the collaboration agreement through presentation, exchanges and discussion
- ▶ Addendum for specific projects to define the resources (human, lab, and budget)
- ▶ Collaboration can be used for project proposals

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## FRAMEWORK COLLABORATION AGREEMENT REFERENCE KN 5999/EN (THE "AGREEMENT")

**BETWEEN:** THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH ("CERN"), an Intergovernmental Organization having its seat at Geneva, Switzerland, duly represented by Katy Foraz, Head of the Engineering Department,

**AND:** THE UNIVERSITY OF LIÈGE ("ULIÈGE"), a public higher-education and research institution of Wallonia having its seat at Liège, Belgium, duly represented by Anne-Sophie Nyssen, Rector of the University of Liège,

Hereinafter "Party" and collectively "Parties".

### CONSIDERING:

That CERN, an Intergovernmental Organization, is a leading global laboratory in particle physics, providing for collaboration of a pure scientific and fundamental character, with participation by scientific institutes from all over the world;

That ULiège is an international research university with a strong scientific expertise in many fields of fundamental science and related areas;

That the Parties wish to conclude this Agreement in order to provide for a foundation in various areas of scientific collaboration including, but not limited to collaboration in the fields of machine learning applied to physics and experimental design, advanced mechanical systems / precision mechatronics, optical testing, numerical modelling of electromagnetic fields, sustainable geological and civil engineering;

The mutual benefit that the Parties would derive from collaboration between them;

### AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1 Purpose

This Agreement establishes the framework for collaboration between the Parties in particle physics and fundamental research and related areas, including engineering, machine learning applied to physics and experimental design, advanced mechanical systems / precision mechatronics, optical testing, numerical modelling of electromagnetic fields, sustainable geological engineering, vacuum and cryogenics, and in any other area of mutual interest. The implementation of this Agreement by the Parties shall be subject to the availability of resources at the Parties. The Parties shall use the results of their collaboration for non-military purposes only.

#### Article 2 Project(s)

2.1 Each Party's contribution to a specific collaboration ("Project"), including, where applicable, the required resources, the duration of the activities and any deliverables, milestones, acceptance procedures and the management of the Project shall be set out in an Addendum to this Agreement. The Project shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement, varied, where applicable, through the provisions of the Addendum.

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## Article 12 Amendments

Any amendment to this Agreement shall be made in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of the Parties.

Signed on by the authorized representatives of:

The European Organization  
for Nuclear Research (CERN)

The University of Liège

DocuSigned by:  
Katy Foraz  
Katy Foraz

Head of the Engineering Department

Signed on: 16.04.....2024

DocuSigned by:  
Anne-Sophie Nyssen  
Anne-Sophie Nyssen

Rector of the University of Liège

Signed on: 15.05.....2024

3 cities  
4 campus



- Liege city center
- Liege Sart Tilman
- Gembloux
- Arlon

NETHERLANDS

GERMANY

LUXEMBOURG

FRANCE

Gembloux

Liege

Arlon

# 11 Faculties



## Human Sciences

- Philosophy and Letters
- Law, Political Science and Criminology
- Social Sciences
- HEC Management School - ULiège
- Architecture
- Psychology, Speech and Language Therapy and Education

## Sciences and Technology

- Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech
- School of Engineering
- Sciences

## Health Sciences

- Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine



# Research at ULiège

**3** sectors



human sciences



science and engineering



health sciences

**43**

research units



2722 women



3170 men

\*Profile R1, R2, R3 or R4  
(doctoral student, scientific and academic staff)



**1695**

current research agreements (2023)

**1493**

cumulative patents granted (2023)

**112**

spin-offs in activity (2023)

The University of Liège promotes excellent, multidisciplinary research. It is involved in fundamental research, in regional development programmes, in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation and in Europe. Take a look at the 43 research units within the institution.

# Key figures in Research



**226.5** MiO € annual research budget



**39%** of the budget comes from research agreements

**1685** current research agreements

**49%**  
Foreign nationality

**105**  
EC Projects\*

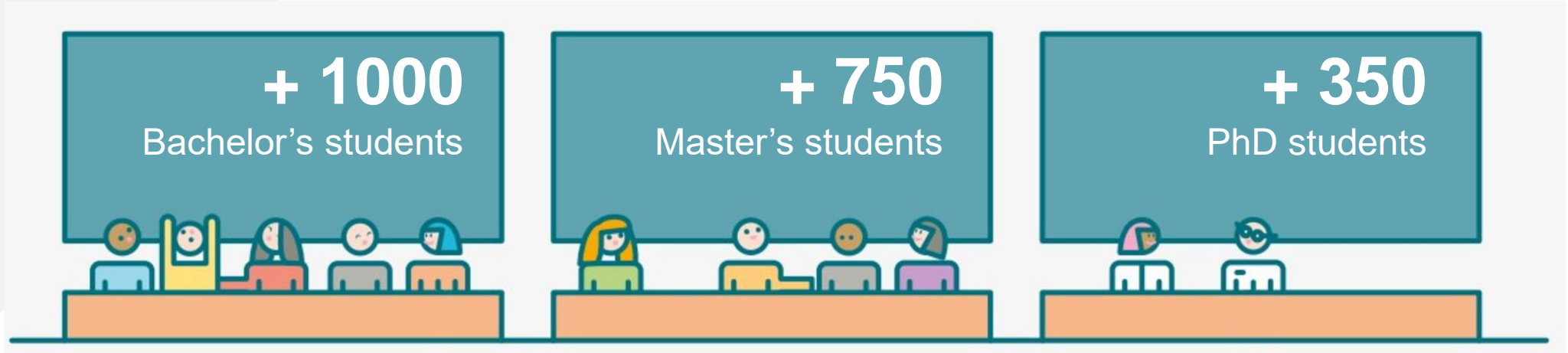
**15**  
ERC Projects  
financed

*\*Current EU-funded framework programs (FP7 - H2020 - Horizon Europe - Partnerships)*



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# Students & staff



**+ 100**  
Academics



**+ 100**  
Administrative staff  
and technicians



**+ 300**  
Research staff



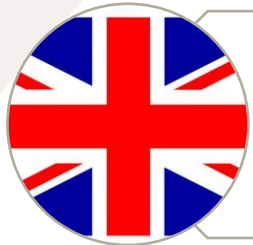
**+ 250**  
External cooperators  
and experts

# Education



**3 Undergraduate (BSc.) Programs** (180 credits – 3 years) :  
Engineering – Architectural Engineering - Computer Science

**14 Graduate (MSc.) Programs** (120 credits – 2 years) :



**Aerospace eng. - Biomedical eng. –  
Computer Science / and eng. - Data Science / and eng.  
Electrical eng. – Energy eng. - Eng. Physics**



**Architectural eng. - Chemical & Materials eng. –  
Civil eng. - Mechanical eng.  
Geology & Mining eng.**

**6 PhD Programs**





**+ 200** Active Erasmus partners in **20** countries

**3** International Erasmus Mundus Programs :

AMIR  
EMERALD  
EMSHIP +

Advanced materials and innovative recycling  
Georesources engineering  
Design of Ships and Offshore Structures

# A vibrant student life



## 4 Departments / Research Units



**Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering**



**Chemical Engineering**

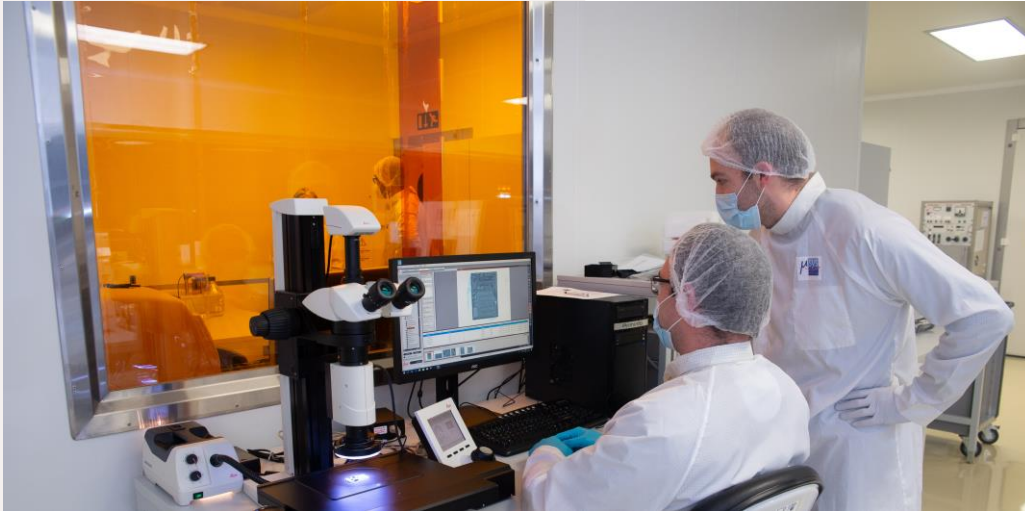


**Electrical Engineering and Computer Sc.**



**Urban & Environmental Engineering**

# Experimental facilities

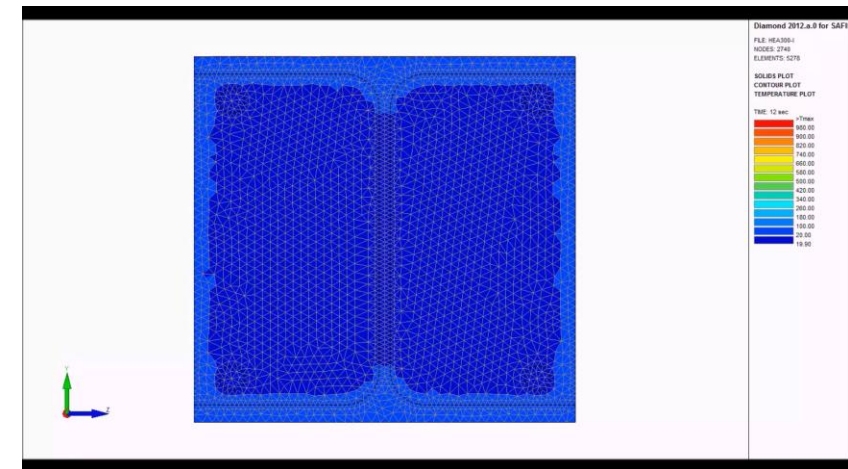


Clean room  
Neuromorphic engineering  
Electromagnetic compatibility  
Wind tunnel  
Hydraulics  
Fire testing  
Structural testing  
(...)



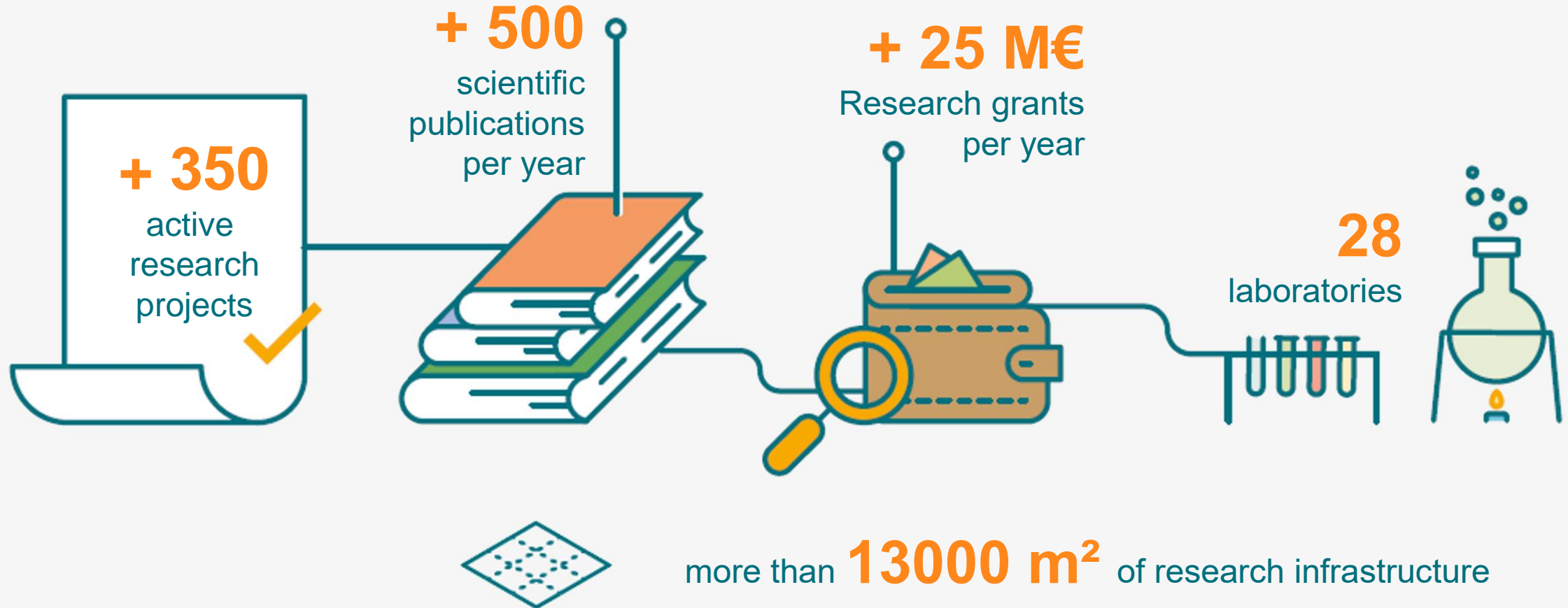
SAFIR Fire resistance  
Samcef Mechanical virtual prototyping  
Metafor Large deformation of solids  
Gmsh Mesh generator  
Onelab Finite Element Multiphysics  
WOLF River hydrology and flooding  
Cytomine Biomedical image analysis  
Scikit Machine learning

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**/software / applications**

# Research figures

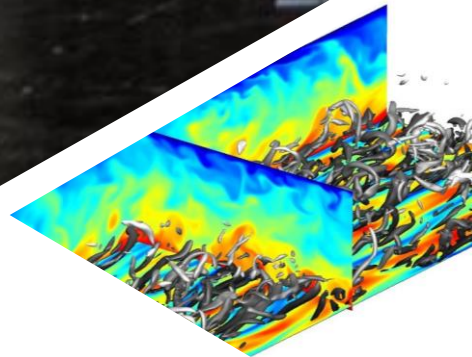
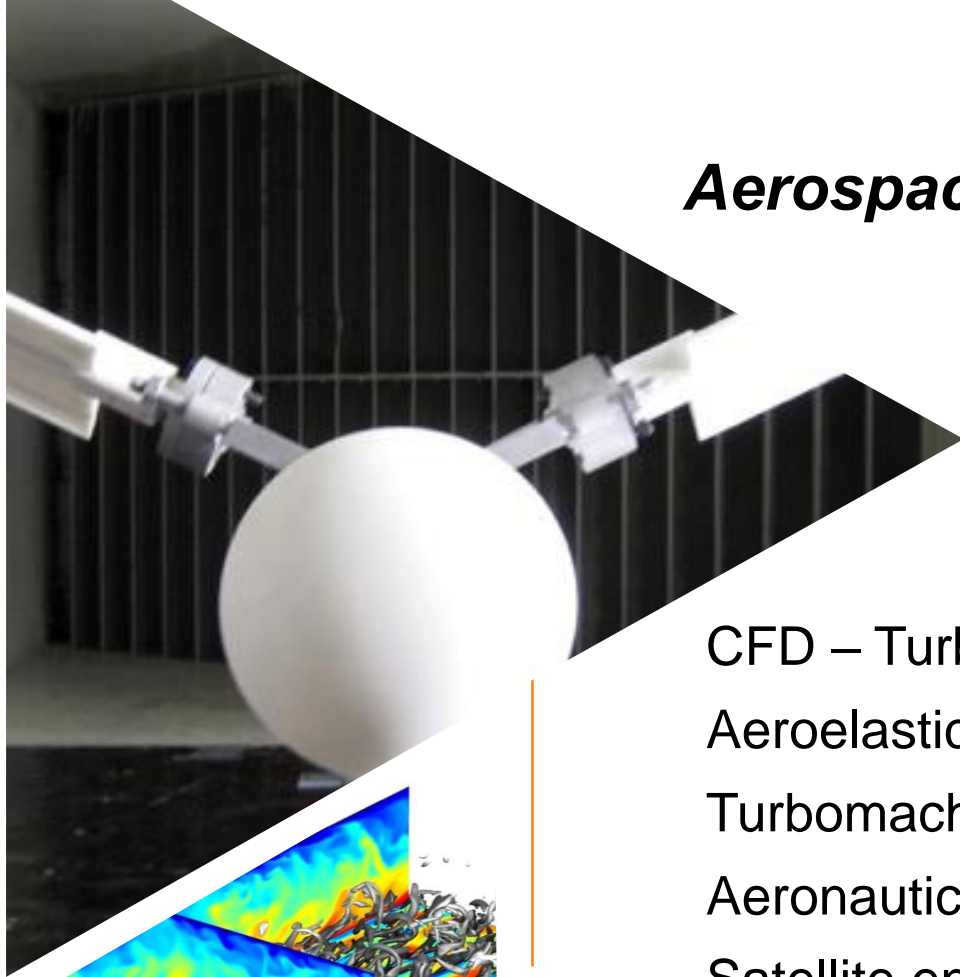
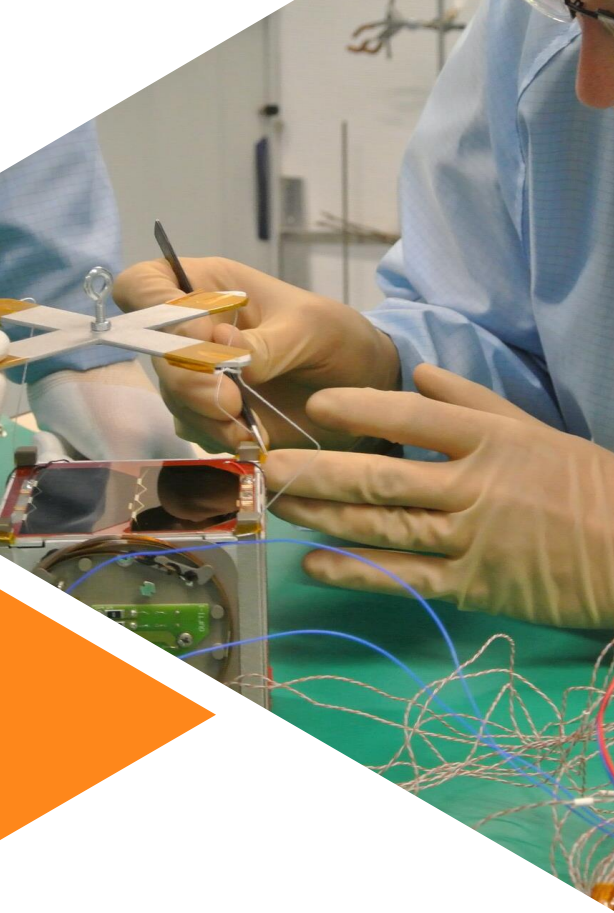


# A large network of industrial partners





## *Aerospace engineering*



CFD – Turbulent flows

Aeroelasticity

Turbomachinery

Aeronautical structures

Satellite engineering

Telecommunication

Space instrumentation

Gravitational Wave Detectors

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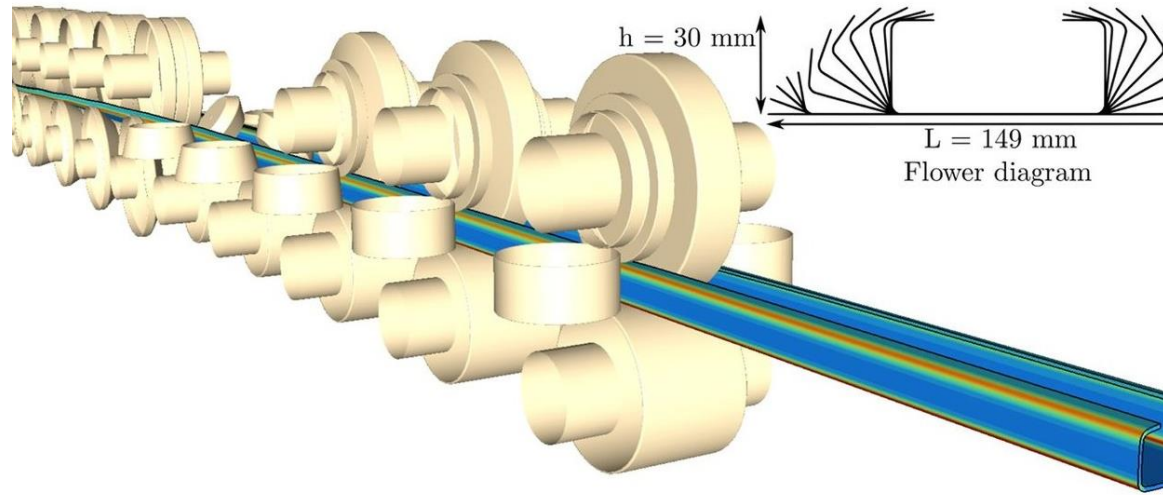


## *Digital technology and IT*



Digital twins  
Intelligent robotics  
Computer vision  
Big data - AI  
Software reliability  
Cybersecurity  
Computer Network  
Embedded systems





# Materials and manufacturing

Additive manufacturing

Material science

Nanostructured materials

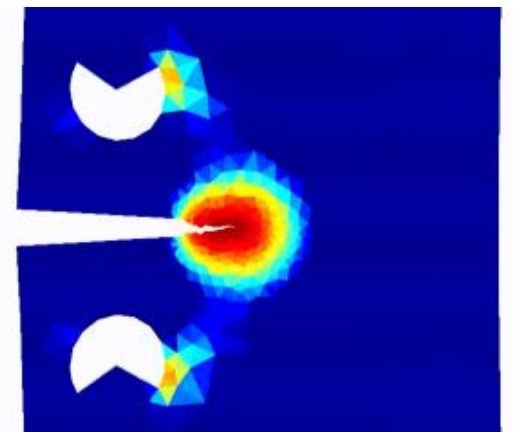
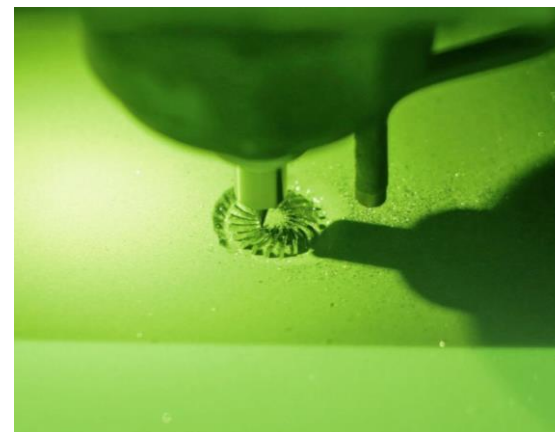
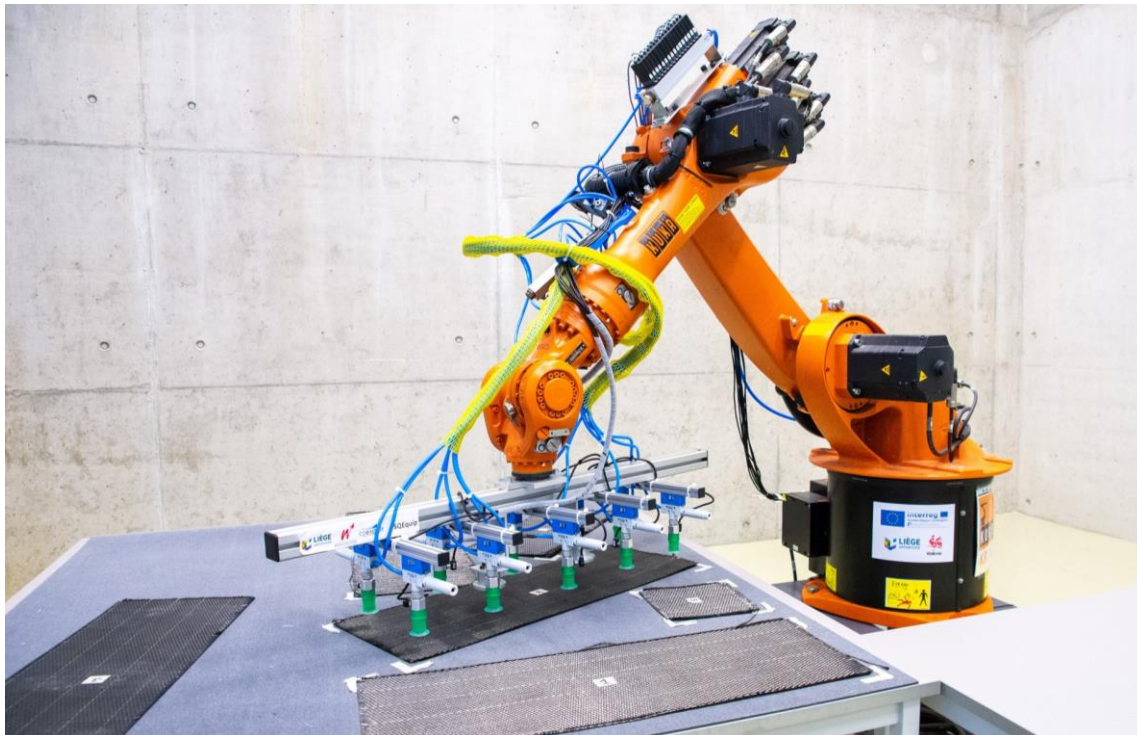
Life Cycle Analysis

Non-linear computational mechanics

Fracture mechanics

Robotics and automation...

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## *Urban and Environmental engineering*



Building and engineering structures  
Materials and resource efficiency  
Resilient city  
Risk and environmental engineering  
Water resources  
Fire engineering  
Urban planning  
Mobility

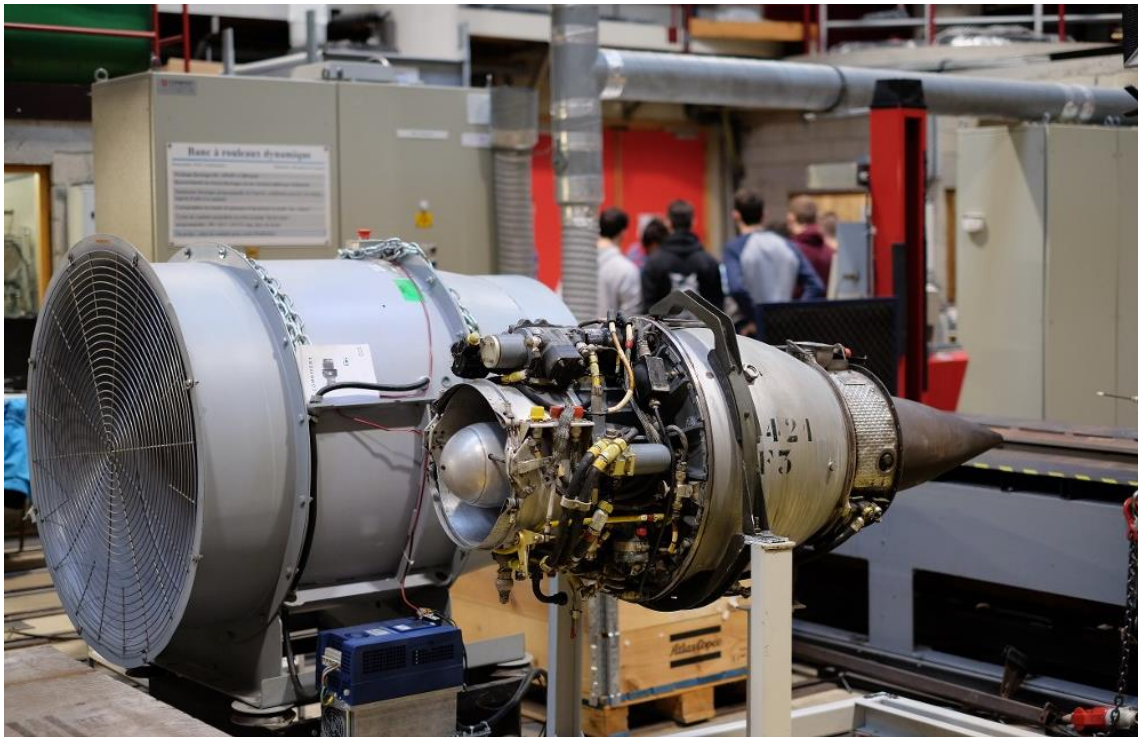
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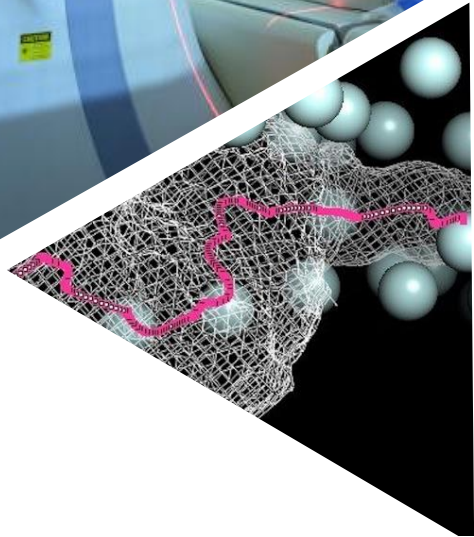
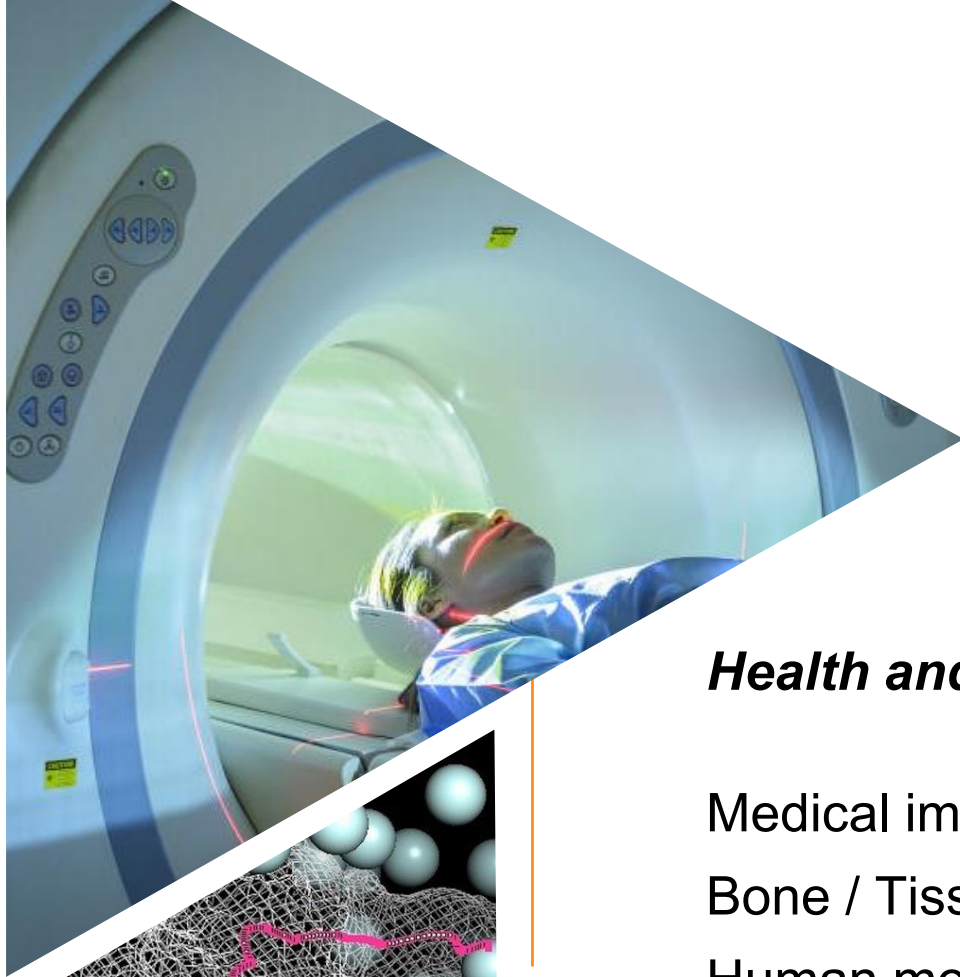


# *Energy*

- Power generation
- Electricity network
- Smart grids
- Wind energy
- Fuel cells
- Energy storage
- Carbon capture

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## ***Health and biomedical engineering***

Medical imaging

Bone / Tissue engineering

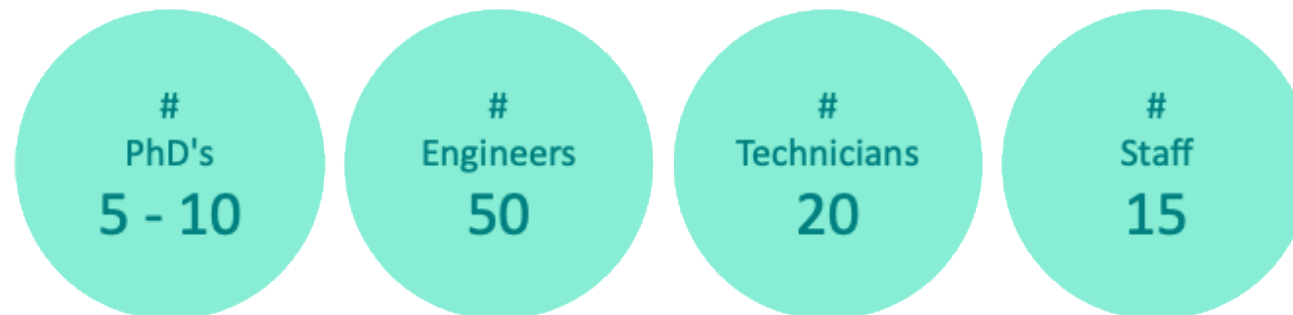
Human movement analysis

Neuroengineering

Sensors

Microfluidics

- **As a Center of Applied Research and Scientific Institute part of the Liege University, CSL is represented by 3 programs : Space Instrumentation, Technology Partnerships and Tests**
- **CSL main missions**
  - Design, development, integration of payload systems / subsystems
  - Calibration of instruments on the ground and in flight
  - Qualification and environmental testing mainly in the fields of vacuum (thermal and cryogenic), and vibratory
  - Technology partnership to enrich CSL domains of expertise (Microfabrication / sensors development / Additive Manufacturing based on surface engineering, ...)



- Organises, prepares and operates all tests at CSL
- **FOCAL: Facilities for Optical Calibration at Liège**
  - 6 chambers: equipped with primary and turbo pumping system + FOCAL 7
  - Cryogenic pumping available
  - Optical bench on seismic device allowing ground vibration decoupling

6 CHAMBERS



Focal 0.25



Focal 1.5



Focal 2



Focal 3

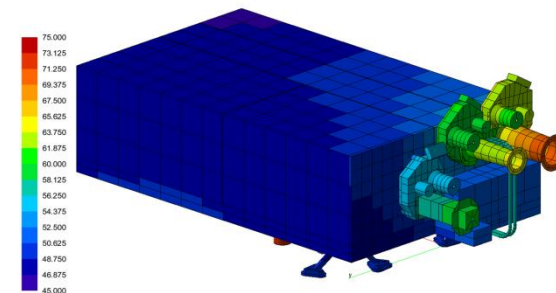


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Focal 6.5

- **Techniques mastered**
  - Thermal control
  - Optimization of thermal efficiency
  - Customized expertise for space condition simulation (from 5K to 400 K)
  - Cryogenics
    - Design of cryogenic instruments
    - Design of cryogenic set-ups for tests
    - Operation and maintenance of helium refrigeration systems
  - ESATAN-TMS and CSL in house software
  - Mechanical design
  - Mechanism design and development



# CSL Main Partners





**Thanks**  
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