



Advanced Production Engineering

Information for IEM master students

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Adv. Production Eng. (APE) research group



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Nanoporous materials for energy storage;

Laser materials processing (3D printing, ablation, welding, cladding);

Thin films & coatings;

in situ microscopy



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Strategic Dept. **Philips** Consumer Style

Digital fabrication;

Sheet forming;

Modeling

Smart factory



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Mechanical Eng.;

Tribology;

Ocean energy harvest; Region of Smart Factory

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Piezotronics;

Nano-energy devices;

Self-powered sensors

2 Technical staff

5 Post-doc researchers

11 PhD students

15 Master students per year

20 Bachelor students per year



APE: research areas & thrust

Main research areas:

- 1. Materials for sustainable energy
- 2. Piezotronics, sensors, nanofabrication
- 3. Laser materials processing
- 4. Thin films and coatings
- 5. Modeling contact and tribology
- 6. Energy harvest: Ocean Grazer

Thrust:

Unique combination of advanced processes and materials for the next generation products.

What can you achieve? New design, New process; New materials and product; Patent, Papers; Work experience with industry





















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Research projects

- Nanoporous graphene for next generation Li-S batteries; 1.
- Novel insight into tribology of carbon black soot particles in engine oils; 2.
- Antibacterial hydroxyapatite coatings for medical applications; 3.
- 4. Physical vapor deposited ZnMg-coatings for next generation steels;
- 5. 3D laser printing of stainless steel conformal cooling molds;
- Properties of 3D printed Glass and Quartz 6.
- 7. Biomimetic Nanosensors Inspired by Inner Ear Cilia
- 8. Self-Powered Nanofiber Sensors for Sensing in Biomedical Applications
- 9. Porous Graphene-Polymer Spongy Sensors
- 10. Modelling of thermally reversible interactions in polymeric systems;
- 11. Thin film lubrication modeling;
- 12. Smart Factories: Bonding strength of deforming metal-polymer interfaces;
- 13. Dynamical modeling and control design of the Ocean Grazer's floater blanket