# EXPERIMENTAL AND COMPUTATIONAL SOLID MECHANICS LABORATORY

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### Areas of expertise

**Mechanical Characterization of Materials:** -Determination of mechanical and thermo-mechanical characteristics of materials using standard testing and equipment for metals, plastics, thermo-plastics, composites, additive manufacturing materials etc.

**Experimental Stress and Deformation Analysis**: - Experimental determination of stress and deformation of structures using the Strain Gauge Technique and/or optical methods like 2D and 3D DIC (Digital Image Correlation), Moire, Photoelasticity and ESPI (Electronic Speckle Pattern Interferometry)

Thermo-Mechanical Simulation using Finite Element Analysis: -Stress-strain analysis and deformation determination using ANSYS Workbench finite element analysis software for parts and assemblies under mechanical and/or thermal loads

**3D Metrology**: -3D scanning with the GOM Atos Core stereo camera measuring system with Blue Light Technology; GD&T report generation in reference to CAD and/or technical drawings using the GOM Inspect software

#### Team

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# **Representative projects**

#### Coordinated projects

- Transilvania Digital Innovation Hub, project no. 1\_EDIH/23.11.2023, MySMIS: 161789, industrial partner Napochim SA, Cluj-Napoca, 2024-2025.
- Smart buildings adaptable to the effects of climate change (CIA\_CLIM), Complex Project carried out in RDI consortia (PCCDI30), coordinator UP Timişoara, 2018-2021/ P1 partner project management at UTC-N.
- Development of a special industrial machine for winding heavy-duty rotors, 2016-2017, Selenco Service SRL
- ✓ Thermoelectric actuation of structures specific to MEMS devices, 2024-2025, GNaC2023 ARUT.

#### Members of the research teams

- Research, design and development of environmentally friendly electric vehicles made of advanced composite materials, equipped with photovoltaic panels and construction of an assembly line in order to obtain the final product, 2021-2023, N-C-ST-202, National Technological Services Contract (N-C-ST) with Belco Avia
- ✓ New cement-based nanocomposite materials usable in 3D printing (CBN3D), PN-III-P4-4.1. ID-PCE 2021, 2021-2023,
- ✓ Advanced technologies for smart urban electric vehicles URBIVEL, ID P\_40\_333, MySMIS: 105565, project funded by the European Regional Development Fund through the Competitiveness Operational Programme, 2018–2021 / member of the research team under subsidiary contracts no. 5 with the title "Research on a new concept of light suburban electric train", between UTC-N and SC REMARUL 16 FEBRUARIE SA (industrial partner) and no.7 with the title "Design of the mechanical structure of a two-seater urban electric vehicle using advanced composite materials", between UTC-N and S.C. Belco Avia SRL.
- ✓ Optimization of fiber-reinforced polymer composite materials and manufacturing technology used in the construction of body elements for electric vehicles, Bridge Grant Project (Knowledge Transfer to the Economic

- Agent), PN-III-P2-2.1-BG-20160210, 2016-2018
- ✓ Optimization of 3D printing for customized dental applications (OpTi-DeP), Bridge Grant Project (Knowledge Transfer to the Economic Agent), 101BG/2016 (PN3/P2/108/01.11.2016), 2016-2018
- Development and testing of a new type of concrete with increased bending strength obtained by adding
- nanoparticles and organosilane, Experimental Demonstrative Project PN-III-P2-2.1-PED-125/ 2017-2018 ✓ Fabrication of a Robust Metal Contact MEMS Switch (RoMEC), Experimental Demonstrative Project PN-III-P2-2.1-PED-33/ 2017-2018

## Significant results

### Articles in ISI rated journals, in the past 5 years:

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- Platon, M. A., Nemeş, O., Tiuc, A. E., Vilău, C., Dudescu, C. M., & Pădureţu, S. (2022). The Influence of Process Parameters on the Mechanical Behavior of a Composite Material Made from Mixed Plastic Wastes. Archives of Metallurgy and Materials, 1235-1241. https://doi.org/10.24425/amm.2022.141047
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# The offer addressed to the economic environment

Research & development	<ul> <li>Mechanical characterization of materials – plastics and thermo-plastics, composites, additive manufacturing materials and structures, bacterial cellulose, dentistry fillers, adhesives and implants, coatings and micro-protective films for glass and lenses, foams for thermal insulation etc.</li> <li>Biomedical applications – implants, prostheses and equipment for rehabilitation, orthodontic wires</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>&amp; brackets, retention force measurement in facial paresis, suture strength etc.</li> <li>✓ Experimental Stress Determination, Structural Stress and Deformation Measurement and Design cooperation with Industrial Partners</li> </ul>	
Consulting and access to research infrastructure	<ul> <li>Consulting, design, and research in the field of experimental and computational mechanics of solids and finite element simulations.</li> <li>Access to test laboratories with equipment for mechanical characterization of materials and vario demonstrators of measuring systems based on different principles (both contact and optical)</li> <li>Static and dynamic testing equipment for mechanical characterization of materials – Young's Modulus, Poisson's Ratio, Yield and Ultimate Tensile Stress, Fatigue Testing, Impact Testing (Charpy), Micro-Hardness, Torsion.</li> <li>Equipment for 2D and 3D Digital Image Correlation, Fringe Projection, Photoelasticity, Electronic Speckle Pattern Interferometry, Stain Gauge Technique.</li> </ul>	
Training	<ul> <li>Basic design considerations for mechanical structures: yield and allowable stress, elasticity, load cases, geometrical characteristics of cross sections, optimization for efficient material usage, stability, rigidity and/or durability (cyclic loading).</li> <li>Using sensors and other experimental equipment for monitoring the mechanical behavior (stress level, deflection etc.) of structures and/or validating numerical models.</li> <li>Performing standalone static, dynamic, modal, buckling, thermal and/or coupled analysis on structures using the finite element method.</li> <li>Measurement and inspection of geometrical parameters and/or tolerances of parts and assemblies using fringe projection (3D Scanning)</li> </ul>	