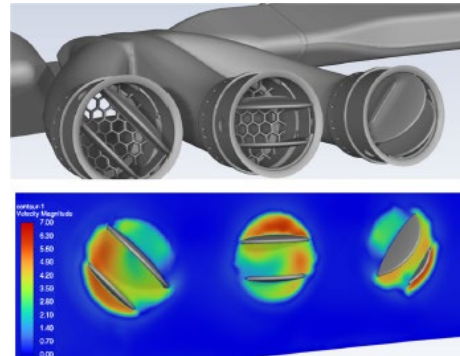
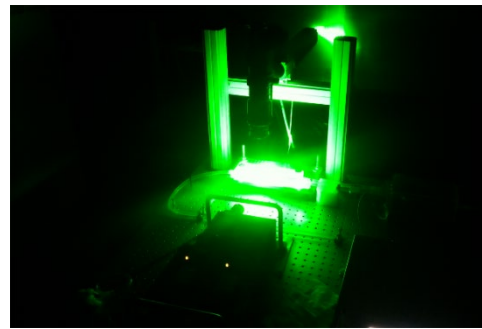


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Areas of expertise

Ventilation / Personalized ventilation -Thermal comfort, Pollution Reduction, Indoor Air Quality (AIQ) – CFD studies
Smoke and Hot Gases Evacuation in Fires - CFD studies, Expertise in evaluation of smoke extraction systems
Biomedical Engineering - Flows through Bypass Grafts and Mechanical Heart Valves - numerical (CFD) and experimental investigations (PIV)
Heat and Mass Transfer -Free and Impinging Jets with application in Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning; Heat Transfer; Combustion: reactive and non-reactive flows – numerical (CFD), experimental investigations
Fluid Flow Control Systems - Design and manufacture of controllers for fluid systems; Sensorics; Analyse and signal processing.

Team

Senior researchers: **Prof. Dr. Eng. Florin Bode**, Prof. Dr. Eng. Victor Hodor, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eng. Corina Giurgea, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eng. Lucian Nascutiu, Lecturer. Dr. Eng. Daniel Banyai, Dr. Med. Octavian Ioan Budiu,
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Representative projects

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- INSIDE**, “Innovative strategies of HVAC systems for high indoor environmental quality in vehicles”, PN-II-PT-PCCA, Responsible: Florin Bode, <http://cambi.ro/inside/> (2014-2017)
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Significant solutions:

High accuracy mapping of the flow fields by using PIV and CFD investigations with possible future applications for: the graft geometry optimization (flow through a femoral artery bypass) respectively the nozzle design optimization (in Personalized Ventilation). **Water Management:** Developing strategies for efficient water use and wastewater management to mitigate the environmental footprint. **Enhanced Heating and Cooling Systems:** Utilization of phase-changing materials within solar collectors and cooling systems for microprocessors. **Ventilation Solutions for Confined Spaces:** Tailored ventilation strategies for the International Space Station and aircraft cabins focus on improving air quality and comfort through the reduction of CO2 levels and personalized airflow, **Fire Safety in Building Materials:** Advanced research into the fire resistance of external thermal insulation composite systems enhances the safety of building exteriors, offering critical insights into materials science for construction.

Products and technologies:

Technology for manufacturing optically transparent models suited to PIV investigations. The models consist of idealized bifurcations or axisymmetric channels machined in blocks of Plexiglass with a high degree of transparency and refractive index that could be matched with that of certain working fluids (Technology developed in cooperation with colleagues from the Department of Machine Building of the UTCN). **An experimental setup** integrating a flow circuit reproducing the flow through a femoral artery bypass and a 2D PIV system that would allow the investigation by the PIV method of pulsating flows similar to those in a segment of the human circulatory system. **Seat Heating System for Electric Vehicles:** An innovative approach to vehicle interior design, this technology enhances passenger comfort while optimizing energy use, contributing to the overall range and efficiency of electric vehicles. **Personalized Ventilation Systems:** Designed for use in confined spaces, these systems offer customizable air quality improvements. **Others:** Creation of a laboratory that provides appropriate conditions (darkroom, flat surfaces, optical table and devices, 2D PIV system, experimental setups) for flow investigations through optical methods

The offer addressed to the economic environment

Research & development	<p>Providing support (expertise and facilities) for research in connected fields like: hemodynamics, biomedical flows, thermo-gas-dynamics/combustion by the complementary use of CFD and PIV methods. Developing/upgrading the experimental setup used to investigate the pulsed flows similar to that through a bypass with a view toward potential use in testing vascular prostheses</p> <p>Designing and machining customized optically transparent models of axisymmetric channels and bifurcations appropriate for PIV investigations</p> <p>Developing solutions for PV (Personalized Ventilation) and HVAC (Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning) based on CFD numerical simulations</p> <p>Measuring viscosities for a wide range of fluids, including non-Newtonian fluids, and low viscosity fluids (e.g. possible beneficiaries in cosmetics or pharma industries)</p> <p>Measuring parameters for monitoring the indoor air quality (temperature, humidity, air velocity, CO2)</p> <p>CFD studies for Fires, Smoke and Hot Gases Evacuation in Fires</p> <p>Ventilation and Thermal Comfort in various spaces</p>
Consulting	<p>Consulting and technical support for designing and evaluation of thermal and combustion equipment. Technical and judicial expertise in the area of: using thermal equipment and combustion</p> <p>Smoke and Hot Gases Evacuation in Fires; Ventilation and Thermal Comfort in various spaces</p>
Training	<p>Courses for providing surgeons with a new approach to reconstructive bypass surgery from the engineering perspective.</p> <p>Introductory course in numerical simulation of fluid flow and heat transfer for undergraduate students and students at the MSc, doctoral and postdoc level (2018-2024: 42 Undergraduate St. + 12MSc.St. + 6 PhD St +2 postdoc.)</p> <p>Initial training in in PIV optical measurement techniques for students at the M.Sc. and doctoral level.</p>

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