



# Triple-Master's degree in Civil Engineering "Mechanics of Sustainable Materials and Structures"



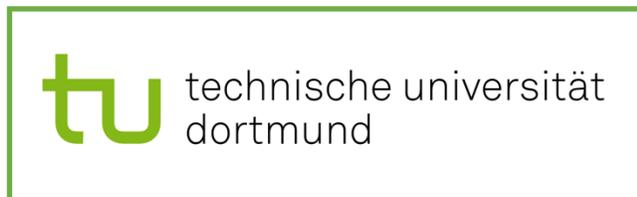
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## Why this program?

Building constructions and operations show a high environmental footprint, with 36% of global energy consumption and 39% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, superior to transportation (33%) and industrial activities (29%). The latest report of the United Nations Environment Program shows that a significant part of this intense exploitation of resources (28%) finds its roots in the use of materials and that the demand for buildings and floor area is growing and expected to double by 2060. Within this framework, innovative building technologies employing low-carbon materials and proposing novel low-impact structural solutions are of paramount importance in embodied carbon reduction, with the aim to reduce construction-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through:

- *improved design of buildings and structures*
- *lifetime extension and vulnerability reduction*
- *low-impact structural design*
- *building material optimization and waste reduction through reuse and recycling*
- *sustainable management of renewable energy resources*





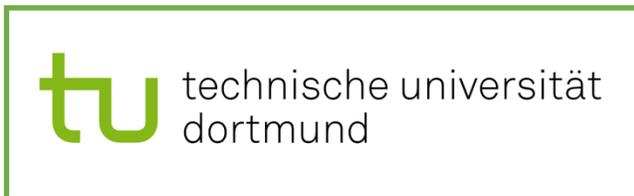
## Program's objectives

This program is designed to train a new generation of civil engineers as future leaders in the development of innovative solutions for sustainability and performance in the built environment by fostering creative and independent thinking and promoting low-impact oriented problem-solving. This is done by providing a solid background in fundamental mechanics, coupled with cutting-edge research in innovative materials and structures, and a research and development environment in the private sector.

This cocktail of solid fundamental skills, innovative research and link to the private sector is the perfect environment to train engineers capable to provide innovative solutions to the global today's challenges.

The program qualifies graduates for research-related and technical professional activities in the areas of

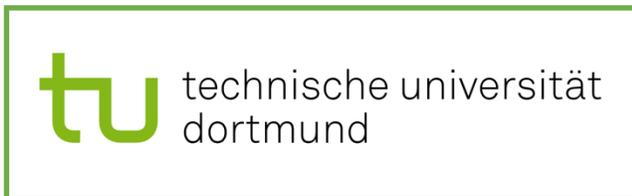
- » *Advanced Mechanics for Innovative Materials and Structures*
- » *Materials and Structures under Extreme Conditions*
- » *Materials and Structures in their Environment*



## Prospective students

The main target group are international students from EU and non-EU countries, with a high degree of mobility and a willingness to study in an intercultural dimension.

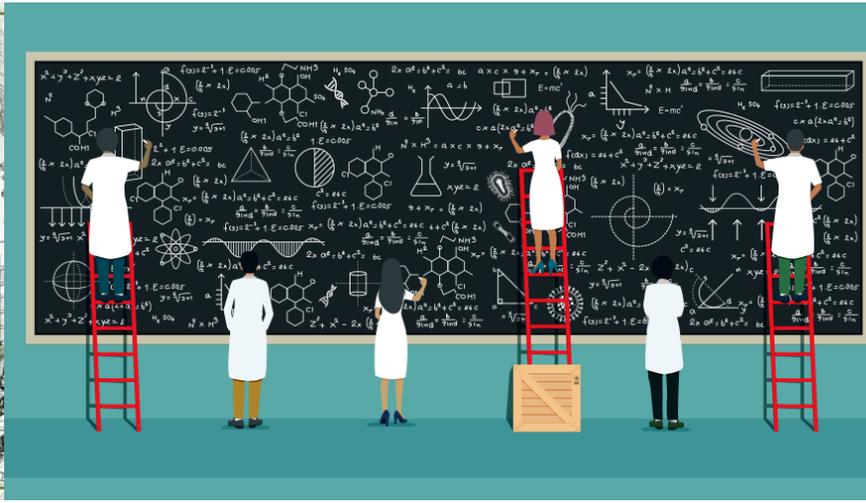
The main skills of the students trained under this program will be in the **mechanical modeling and simulation of materials and structures**.



# Mechanics of Sustainable Materials and Structures – MS<sup>2</sup>

The MS<sup>2</sup> graduate will be part of a new generation of engineers and civil engineers with a high level of expertise specialised, trained to achieve an open sensitivity towards sustainable solutions.

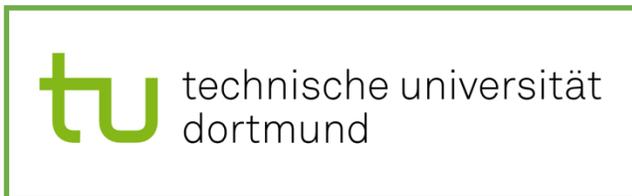
## Working perspectives



International contexts and in large frontier industrial realities pursuing new strategies of design and realisation of civil constructions

Small companies focused on specific and innovative applications, based on a deep understanding of mechanics

Enrolling to PhD courses in the Mechanics of Materials and Structures to pursue an academic career, as well as working in research centers





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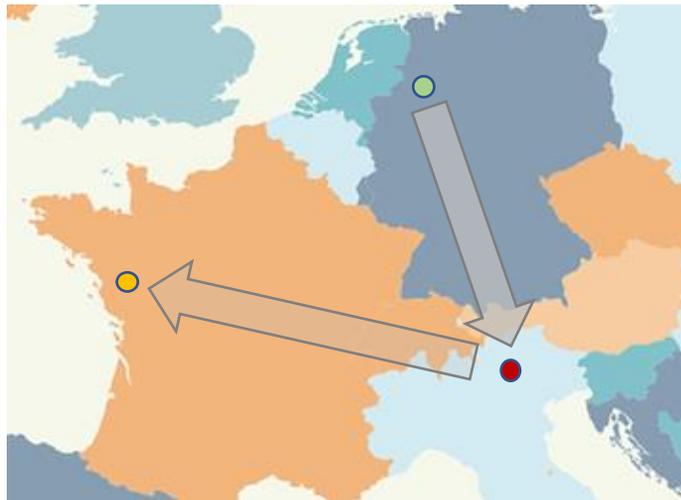


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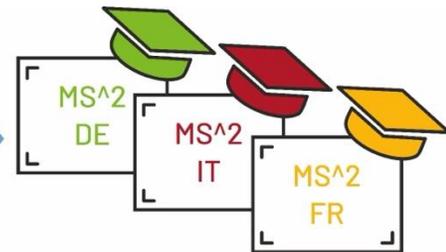
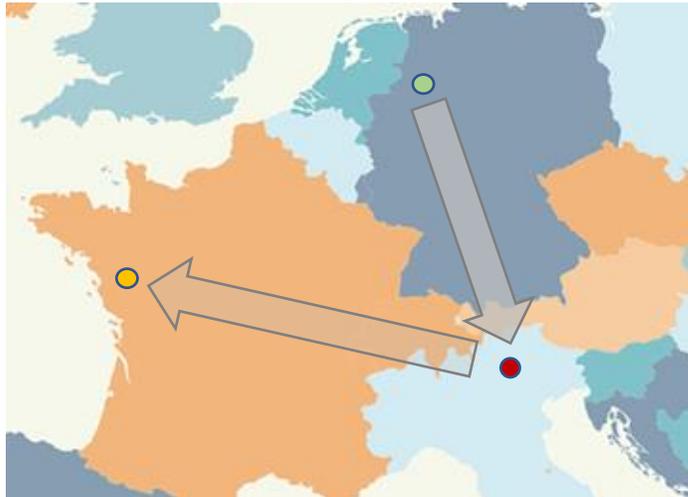
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### *Advanced Mechanics for Innovative Materials and Structures*

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Advanced continuum mechanics	8
Enriched continua and metamaterials	5
Nonlinear structural analysis	6

Elective Courses (2 among 4)	ECTS
Construction with trees in practice	3
«How sustainable can building materials be?»	3
Structural systems in engineering practice	3
Organic design and structures	3

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Modeling and simulation of structures	6
Mechanics of solids and structures under extreme conditions	6
Machine learning for wireless structural health monitoring	6

Elective Courses (1 among 2)	ECTS
Metastructures	6
Risk analysis and structural reliability	6

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### *Materials and Structures in their Environment*

Mandatory Courses (6)	ECTS
Mechanics of porous media	5
Homogenization methods for materials and structures	5
Coupled problems in mechanics: from mathematical formulation to numerical methods	6
Design and behavior of modern concrete	5
Modern language	2
Summer school	2

Elective Courses (1 among 2)	ECTS
Durability and Structural Maintenance	5
Earthquake engineering	5

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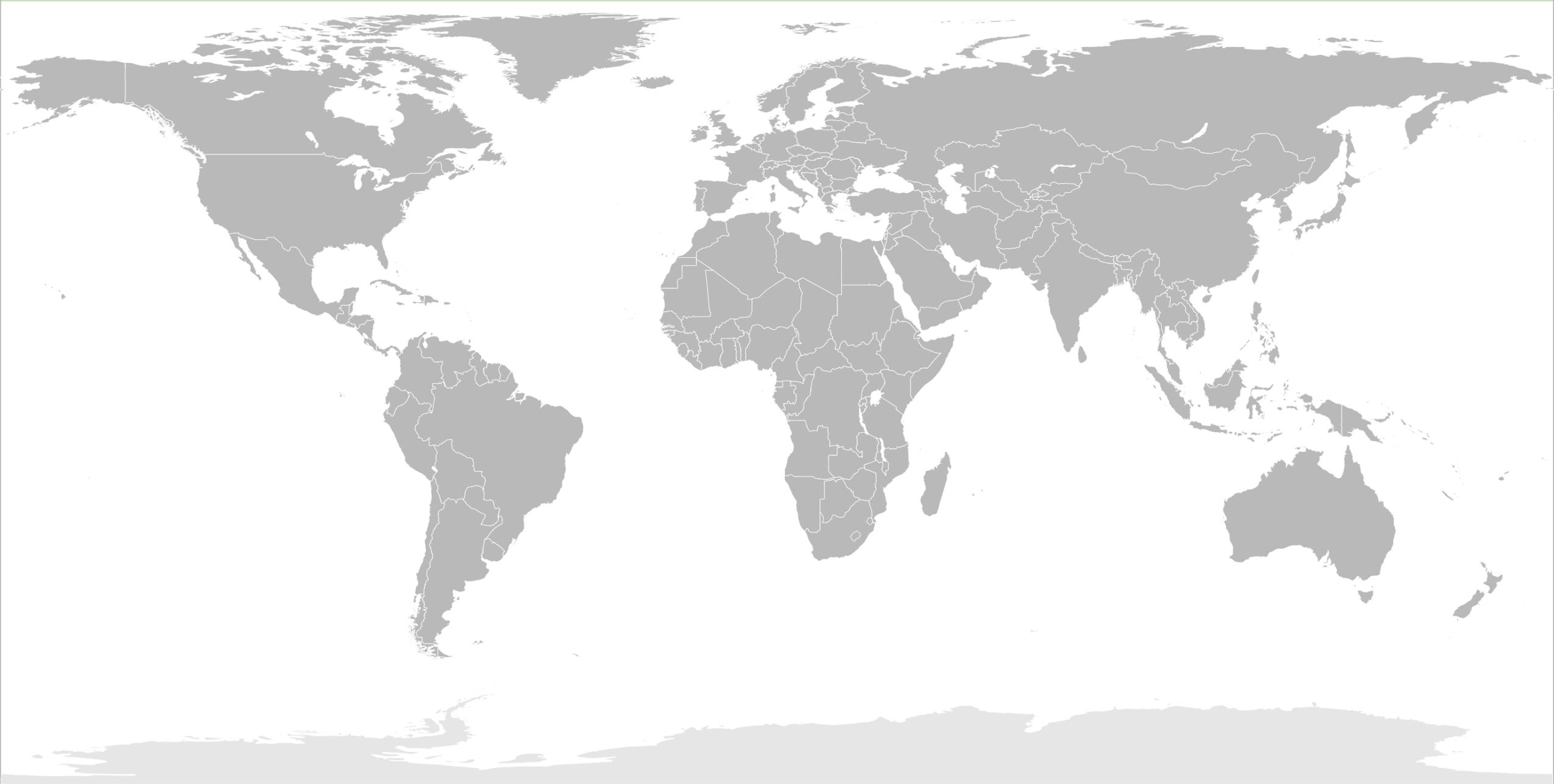


The Master's thesis can be completed at

- TU Dortmund University
- UniTrento
- EC Nantes

or at one among the MS<sup>2</sup> associate academic and industrial partners in the world...

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AND TECHNOLOGY

LIST



**ETH** zürich



NATIONAL  
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OF ATHENS



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UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

Associate Academic partners in Europe

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جامعة أبو بكر بلقايد  
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- Dortmund, the largest city in the Ruhr area
- 10 Million inhabitants in the surrounding Rhine-Ruhr Metropolitan Region

Distance	[km]
Essen	31
Düsseldorf	57
Köln	72
Frankfurt	175
Amsterdam	200
Berlin	422



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## TU Dortmund University

- Founded in 1968
- Over 30,000 students with over 5,350 international students
- Member of the UA Ruhr



- Free access to libraries
- Free public transport through the whole of Germany
- 230 different courses in 80 different sports, indoor and outdoor



## Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering

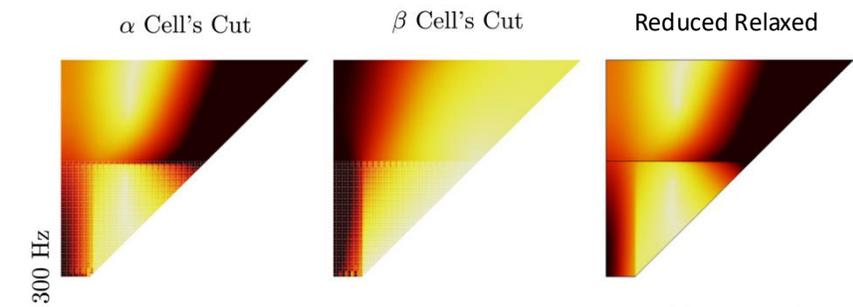
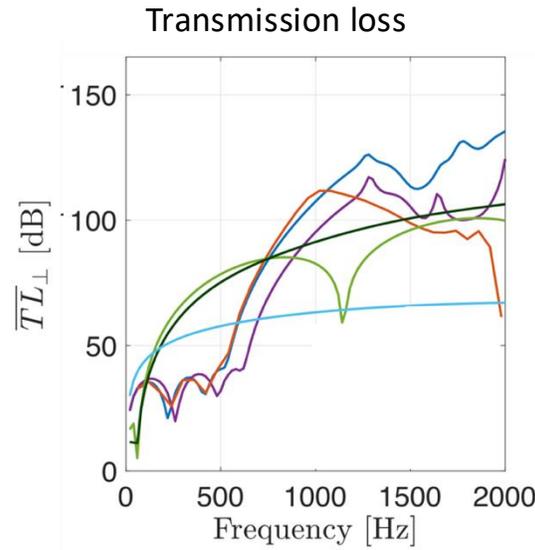
- Founded in 1974
- 1995 students enrolled in the faculty with over 100 teaching staff
- Architects and Civil Engineers are trained together in the Dortmunder Model

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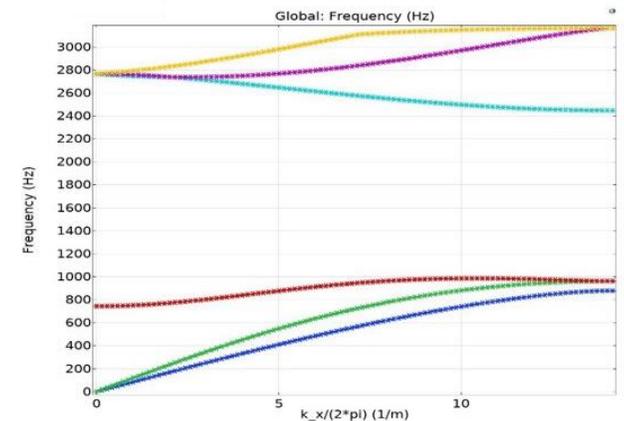
Institute of Structural Mechanics, Statics and Dynamics



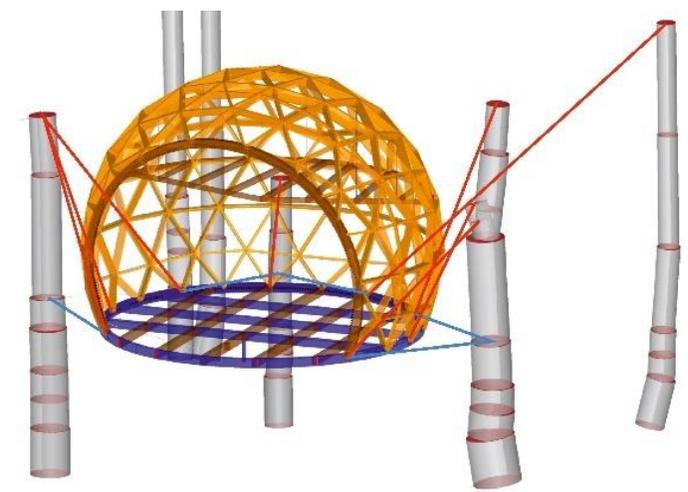
- META-LEGO ERC-Grant
- Finite-size metamaterial modeling



- Dispersion and Band-gap description through enriched continua
- Surface forces and non-coherent interfaces



- Sustainable Building with Trees



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Prof. F. Dal Corso

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Trento is a small city (121,000 inhabitants) located in Northern Italy and due to its position it is a natural meeting point between Italian and Central European culture.

Distances from Trento to:

- Verona 98 km
- Venice 157km
- Innsbruck (Austria) 173 km
- Milan 226 km
- Florence 319 km
- Rome 592 km



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Trento is a roman town, rich in art and history



Piazza Duomo



Buonconsiglio Castle



Garda Lake



Dolomites



Located in the river Adige valley, on the Brenner axis, it is surrounded by beautiful mountains, such as the Dolomites, and alpine lakes

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- Always among the top 3 medium-sized Italian universities (1<sup>st</sup> CENSIS 2023-24)
- High internationalization
- Favoured study environment thanks to its human-scale dimensions and high level of services
- Quality of life (1<sup>st</sup> according to ItaliaOggi 2022)



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**5** Libraries  
Monday to Saturday 8-24  
Sunday 14-21



Free circulation card  
annual subscription to the transport  
network of the province of Trento (€70)

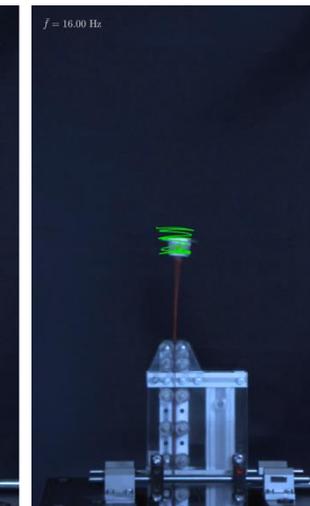
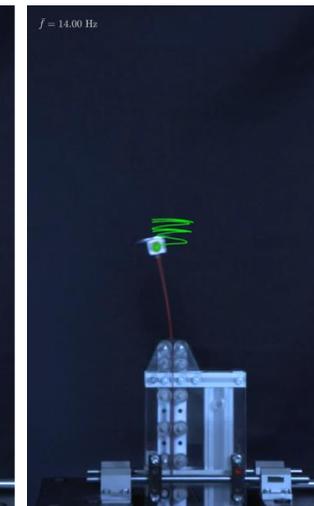
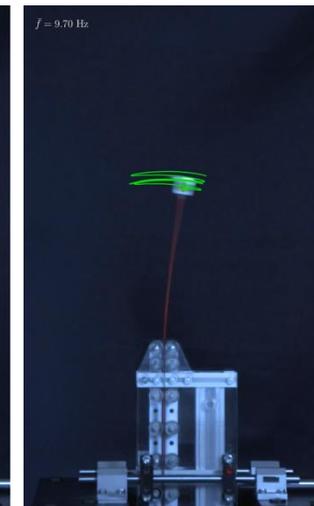
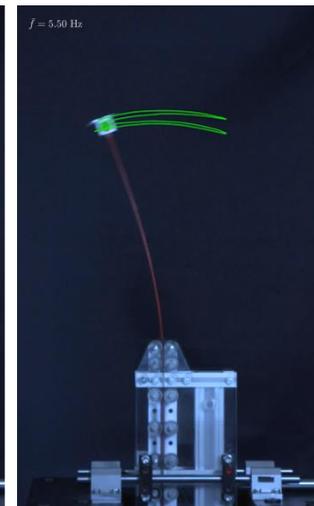
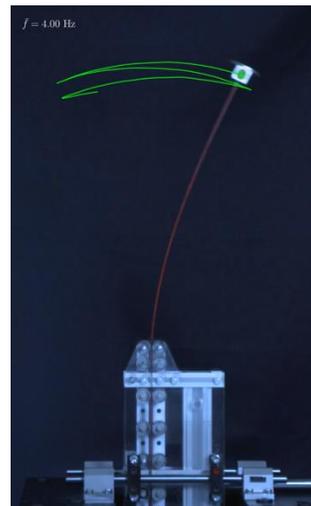


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- Excellent Italian Department of Civil Engineering



- Coordination of/participation in several of the world's most prestigious European projects (multiple ERC winners, FET, Marie Curie, etc.)
- High faculty to student ratio (200 faculty and staff: 2000 students)
- Europe's largest Materials and Structures Testing Laboratory



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## Stability of Structures

Proff. Francesco Dal Corso, Andrea Piccolroaz

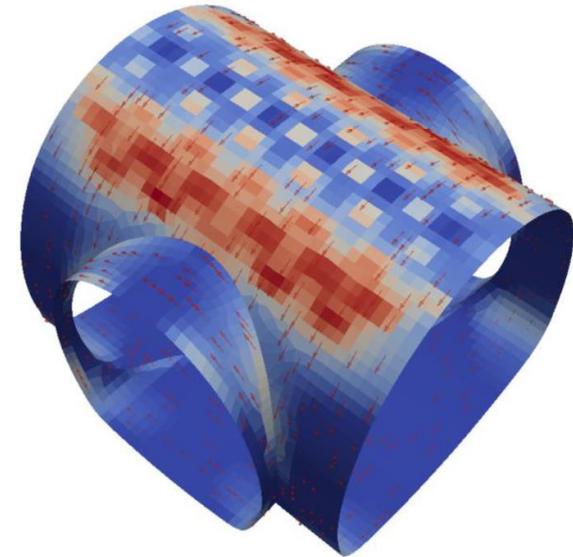
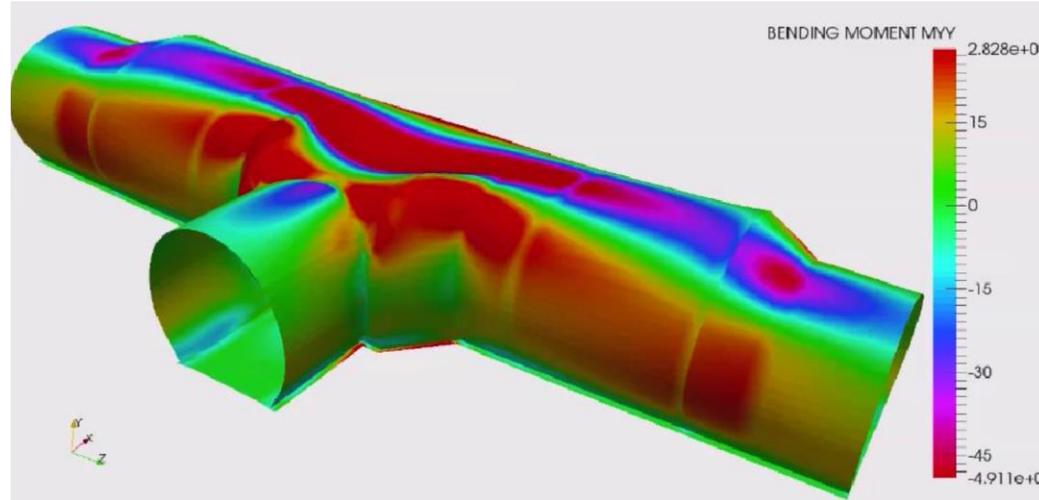
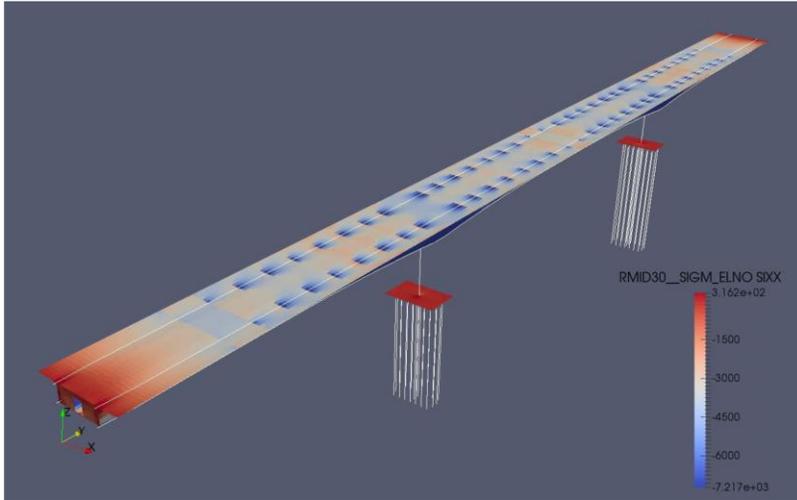
The course focuses on various instability phenomena that may involve both isolated structural elements and structures as a whole:

- Discrete and continuous conservative systems
- Non-conservative systems (flutter via follower loadings, parametric resonance for non-stationary loadings)
- Coupled flexural/torsional instability
- Lateral instability of beams
- Basics of the “elastica”
- Buckling collapse of frames
- Numerical methods



## Modeling and simulation of structure Prof. Andrea Piccolroaz

The course aims to provide students with the methodological basis and practical knowledge to deal with the numerical analysis of structural and field problems in the presence of linear and non-linear behaviors and with reference to complex structures and problems.



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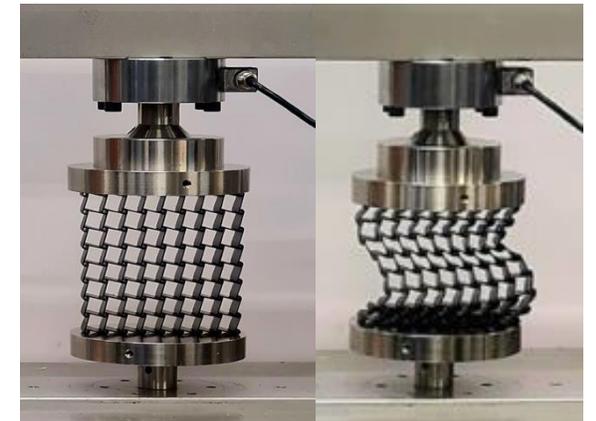
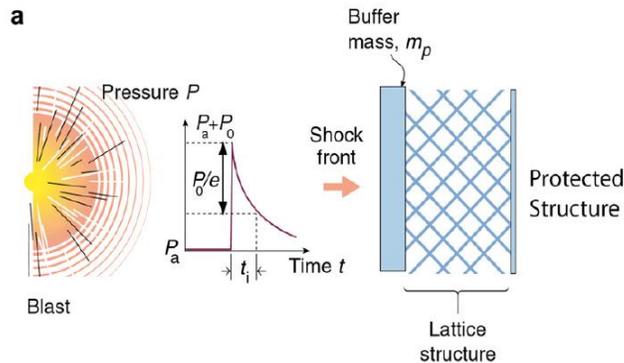
## Mechanics of Solids and Structures under Extreme Conditions

Prof. Luca Deseri



- The course focuses on the concept and design of novel cellular/metamaterials-based devices shielding solids and structures subject to extreme loading conditions:
- Mechanics of Cellular Materials for the Mitigation of Extreme Loads: Bio-inspired cellular solids obtained through 3D printing/additive manufacturing;
  - Mechanical Responses to small, medium, and extreme deformations;
  - Mechanics of Hexagonal Structures (honeycombs), foams, & "architected" materials;
  - Metamaterials for the Mitigation of the effects of Extreme Loads;
  - Fracture Mechanics of Cellular Solids;
  - Instability and Elastoplasticity of Cellular Structures for impact mitigation: impacts at medium and high deformation rates;
  - Protection against Blasts through Cellular Claddings: basic analysis & conceptual design

In-house 3D printed traditional, auxetic, and polar polymeric honeycombs



## Machine Learning for Wireless Structural Health Monitoring

Prof. Marco Salucci

### Objectives:

- Provide fundamental knowledge of **Machine Learning** (ML)
- Offer practical training through **software exercises**
- Introduce the application of ML to **wireless structural health monitoring** (SHM)

### Learning Outcomes:

- Acquire **basic knowledge** of ML algorithms for SHM
- Understand the **role of ML** in enhancing the management and safety of civil structures
- **Apply ML techniques** to solve problems in SHM

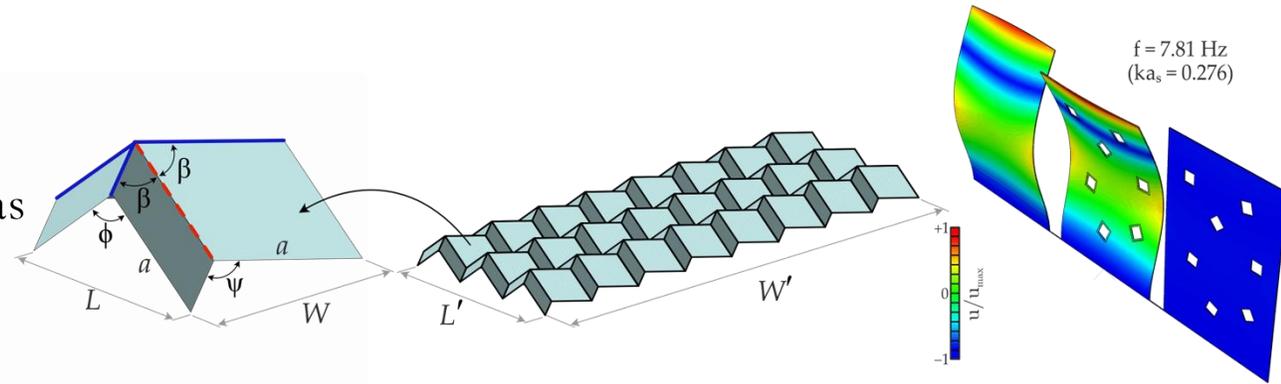


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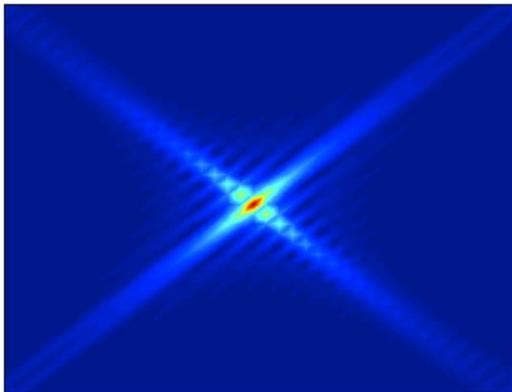
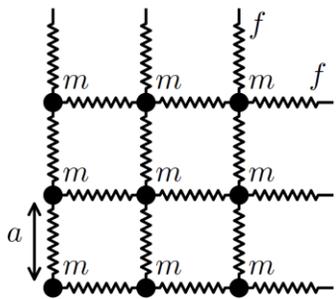
## Metastructures

Proff. Oreste S. Bursi, Diego Misseroni, Francesco Dal Corso, Giacomo Oliveri

1. Basic properties of mechanical and electromagnetic waves and design principles of metastructures.
2. Multifunctional properties of mechanical metamaterials, such as vibration attenuation, bandgap features and impact energy absorption.
3. Bloch waves in origami metamaterials and cloaking transformation in elastic plates, scattering reduction of flexural waves propagation
4. Passive control, linear and nonlinear metastructures
5. Life cycle assessment and sustainable metastructures



**M3 LABORATORY FOR MULTIFUNCTIONAL METAMATERIALS AND METASTRUCTURES**



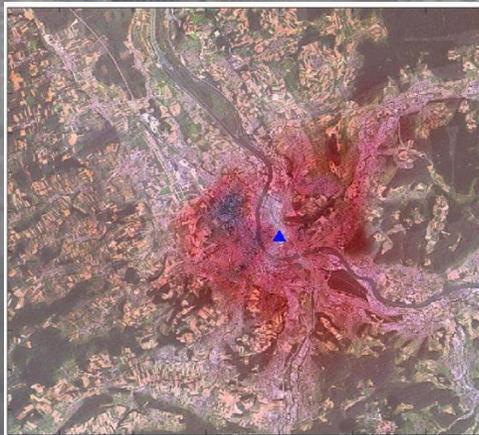
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## Risk Analysis & Structural Reliability

Prof. Marco Broccardo

### Learning Objectives

1. Understand the fundamental principles of **risk analysis** and **structural reliability**, which form the foundation for **Natural Hazard & Risk analysis** (specific emphasis is given on **seismic risk analysis**).
2. Develop proficiency in advanced methodologies such as **Monte Carlo Methods** for evaluating the safety and reliability of complex civil engineering systems.
3. Analyze sustainable solutions for the **management and maintenance of existing infrastructure** and the development of new infrastructure



### Learning Results

1. Demonstrated ability to assess and quantify the safety and reliability of both new and existing systems using advanced analytical techniques.
2. Practical application of risk analysis tools to evaluate and optimize infrastructure solutions for sustainability and long-term performance.
3. Enhanced capability to address challenges in aging infrastructure and increasing demands in the built environment through informed decision-making based on structural reliability analysis.



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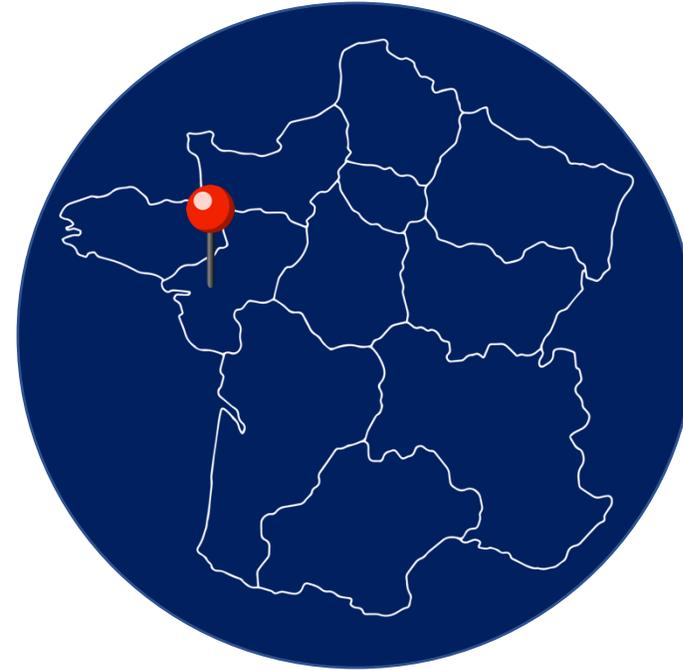


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## NANTES

- 2 hours away from Paris by train
- Easily **accessible** (airport, train, bus, tramway)
- +100 parks and gardens
- Nantes, historically an **industrial** pool
- City of **Arts, History** and Innovation
- European Capital of **innovation** (2019)



**6<sup>th</sup> largest city** in France  
Home to 65,000 students



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- Proximity with large industrial groups (Airbus, Naval Group, or STX Shipyard)
- European Green Capital in 2013
- Elected 3<sup>rd</sup> best city for students in 2020

## CENTRALE NANTES

- World-class engineering training in science and technology
- A major focus on **sustainable development, energy transition, factory of the future and engineering for health**
- Extensive collaboration with industrial partners
- International outreach (academic and research)
- Internationally recognized faculty
- A dynamic economic model that is unique in France (more than 50% of the budget comes from research income)



FACTORY OF  
the Future



ENERGY  
TRANSITION



ENGINEERING  
FOR HEALTH

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## LIFE ON CAMPUS



- Excellent sports facilities: artificial pitch, squash courts, dojo, gym
- Over 80 student clubs and associations on campus: jazz, chess, theatre, cinema, dance, sailing, rugby, football, basketball, martial arts, robotics, cooking, ....



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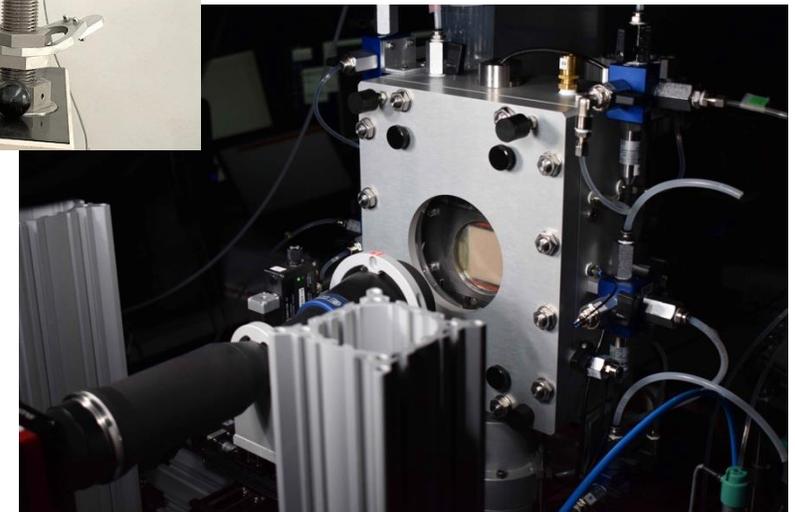
- Accommodation booking
- Airport / Train station Pick Up by our Welcome Team
- Welcome week
- Buddy programme
- Welcome support from the International office
- Help with administrative procedures such as health insurance, **visa renewal**...

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## Institut de recherche en Génie Civil et Mécanique GeM



Research at GeM is balanced between advanced and applied research. The research unit is characterised by its significant and differentiating testing resources, with several technological platforms. Projects are conducted in close collaboration with industry and companies specialising in mechanical and civil engineering, in the framework of French and European programmes and networks.



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- Admission requirements
- Tuition fees
- Funding opportunities
- Scholarships Selection Procedure
- Timeline



Dr. J. Voss



## Admission Requirements

### Academic Merit

- Bachelor's degree qualification in the field of Civil Engineering or equivalent
- Final Grade better or equal to
  - B according to ECTS grading (best 35%)
  - **2.8** on the German grading scale (from 1.0 to 4.0)
- English language with **official B2** proficiency certificate



The program's admission application is submitted in parallel to a possible scholarship opportunity via:

[uni-assists](#) (non-EU/EEA) or  
[TU Dortmund University](#) (EU/EEA)

### Enrolment

- With a letter of admission, you enroll at TU Dortmund first [link](#)
- Start of study: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026

- Applicants without EU/EEA citizenship with a foreign university degree obtained in a country outside the EU/EAA. [link](#)

**01.01.2026 to 15.05.2026**

- Applicants with EU/EEA citizenship or a university degree obtained in a country part of the EU/EAA. [link](#)

**01.01.2026 to 15.10.2026**

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**Tuition Fees**  
(possible slight changes before  
the application process opens)

## Consortium Scholarship

We will select **15** students per year based on merit who have their tuition fees partially waived

Applicants without EU/EEA citizenship	$3400\text{€ per semester} \times 4$ = 13600€ for entire program	$1900\text{€ per semester} \times 4$ = 7600€ for entire program
Applicants with EU/EEA citizenship or who have obtained their Bachelor's degree in EU/EEA	$1900\text{€ per semester} \times 4$ = 7600€ for entire program	$1150\text{€ per semester} \times 4$ = 4600€ for entire program

## Funding opportunities



### Mobility allowance

- Mobility bonus from Italy to France
- 2000 € / student
- About 5 students (per cohort)

### Scholarship

- 2 years of funding for selected students
- 1400 € / month / student
- About 15 students (per cohort)
- No tuition fees for scholarship holders

## Scholarships Selection Procedure



In **parallel** with the program's admission application

### Step 1:

- Application Form
- The same documents as the program's admission application

### Step 2:

- Online test (written) } **Check emails!**

### Step 3:

- Colloquium (online) } Interview

Scholarship can only be confirmed upon the completion of the program's admission application

The Selection is based on the following criteria:

- **Interview** (written test + oral colloquium): more details after submitting the scholarship application form → 50 points
- **Academic grades:** final bachelor's degree grade or, if the applicant still needs to graduate, the average mark → 25 points
- **Two reference letters:** we will ask for a letter of recommendation (in English/pdf) from your proposed referees, including letterheads of the author's Institution and a signature → 15 points
- **Motivation letter:** CV and a two-page letter that describes why you are the perfect candidate for the EMJM scholarship → 10 points

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## Content of entrance test

$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$ 
 $F = mg = ma = m \frac{d^2h}{dt^2}$ 
 $m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx$ 
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{dB}{dt} = \frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{dD}{dt} = (c)AB - (c)CD$ 
 $y = mx + b$ 
 $\frac{dx}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dy} = \frac{dy}{dx}$ 
 Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz  
 Maria Theresia Agnesi  
 $f(x) = x^2$   
 $(\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}$ 
 $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + c$   
 $\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + c$   
 $\int f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a)$   
 $m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx$   
 $x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$   
 $4x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0$   
 $\int f(x) dx$   
 $\frac{df(x)}{dz}$

# Calculus

$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$   
 $\Sigma F = ma$   
 $E = Mc^2$   
 $F_1 = \frac{h_1}{l_1}$   
 $F_2 = \frac{h_2}{l_2}$   
 $\theta = \frac{d}{r}$

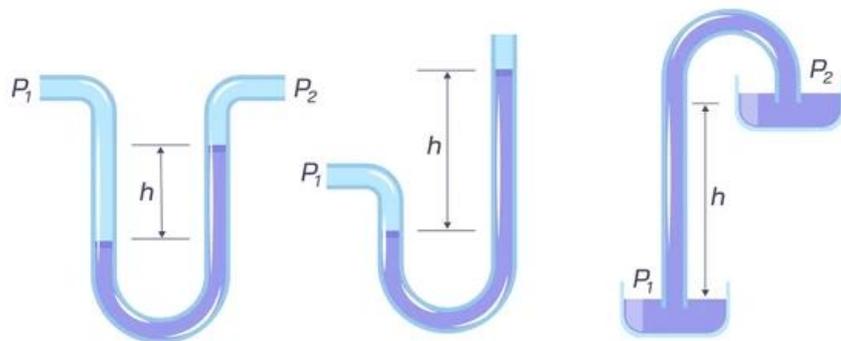
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## Linear Algebra

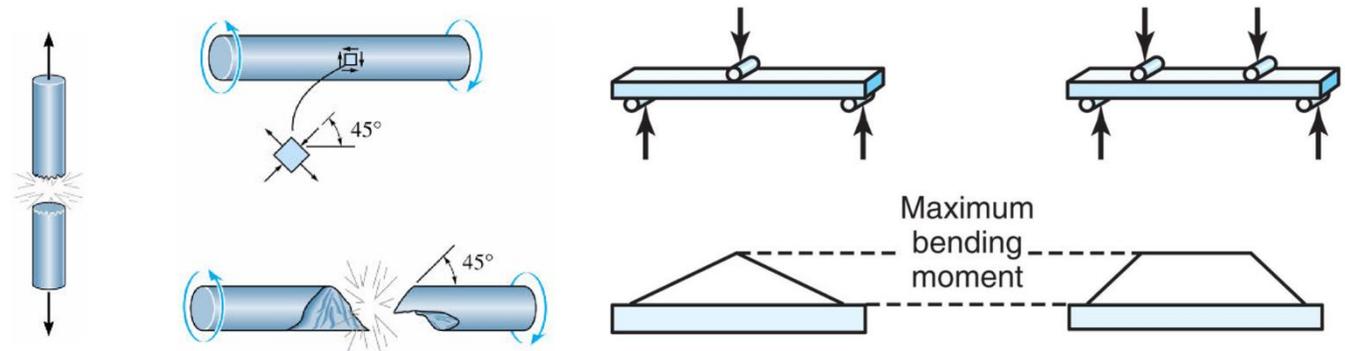
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$3n \times 3n$                        $3n \times n$                        $3n \times n$

## (a bit of) Fluid mechanics

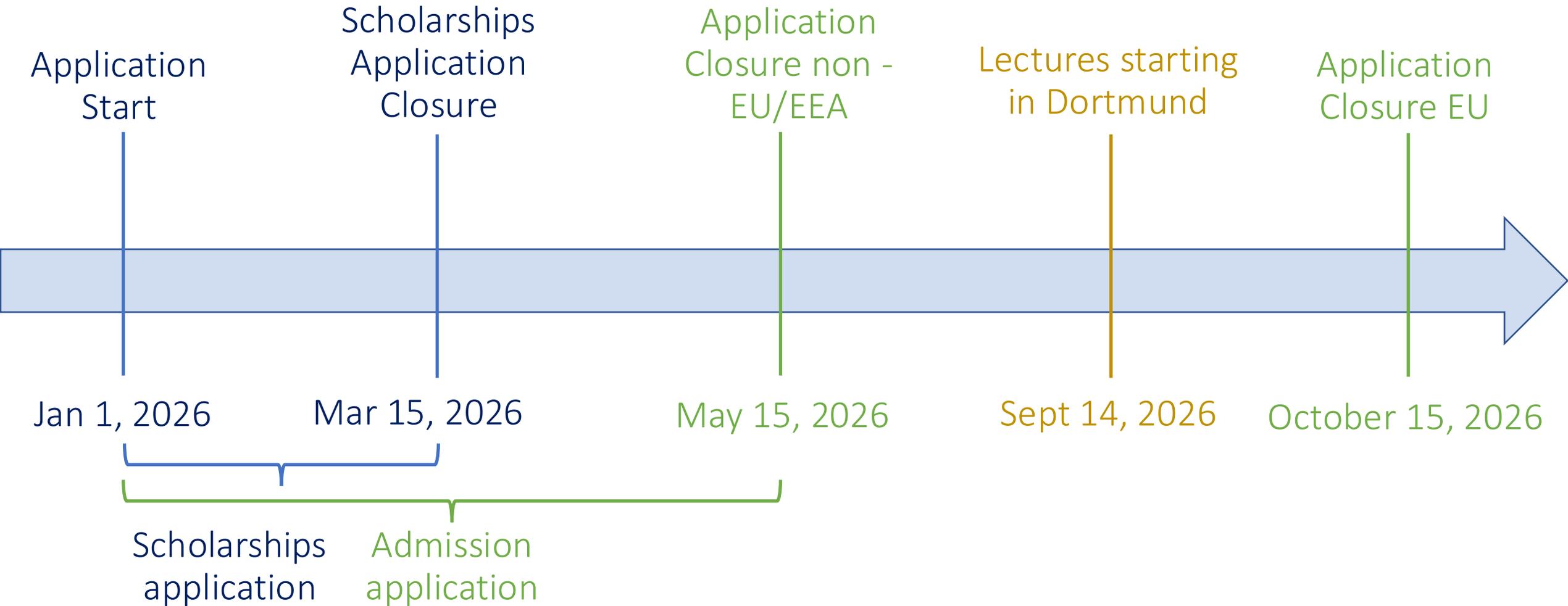


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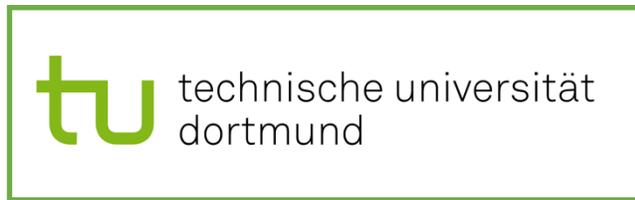
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## Timeline





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