



RISK Summer School 2024

MECHANICAL AND PROCESS ENGINEERING

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What's a LabEx?

Innovative scientific project with an international range, carried out by a group of research laboratories and financed by the French government as part of the « Investissements d'avenir » programme

14 LabEx on the campus of Grenoble

Tec 21 is the Laboratoire d'Excellence for mechanical and process engineering since 2012



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- 250 permanent researchers and technicians sharing tools, methods and research objects
- 9M€ budget over 13 years









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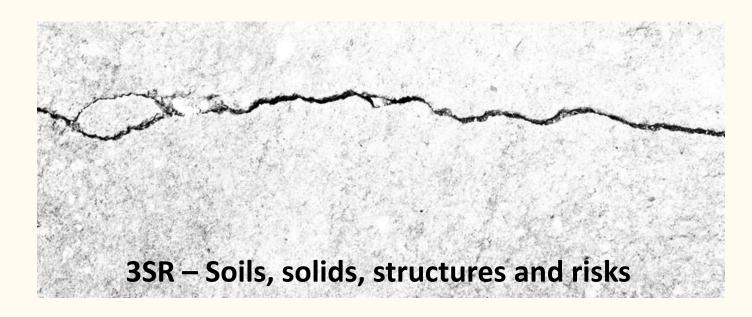
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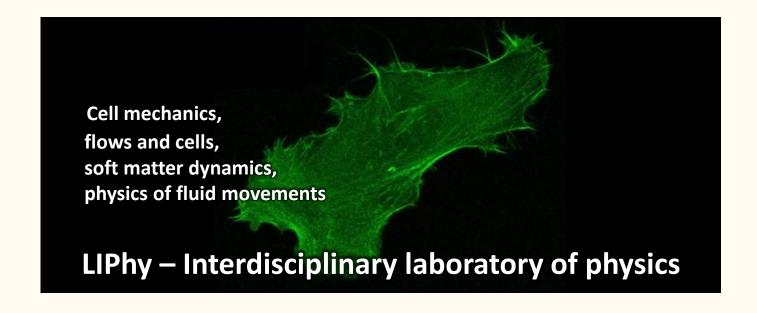
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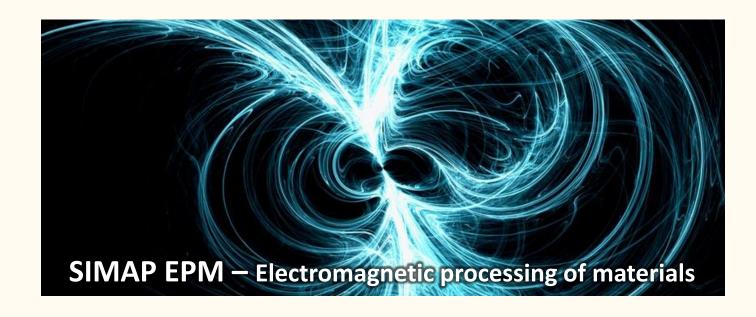
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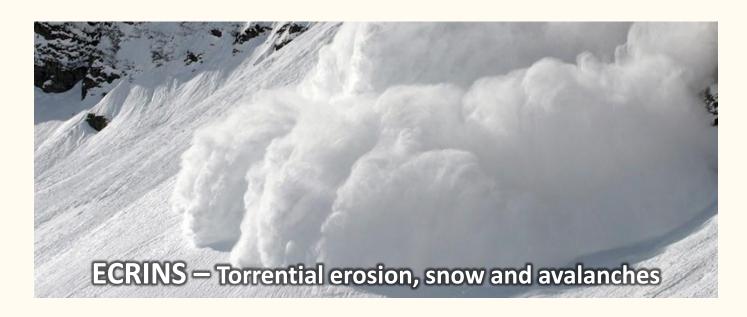
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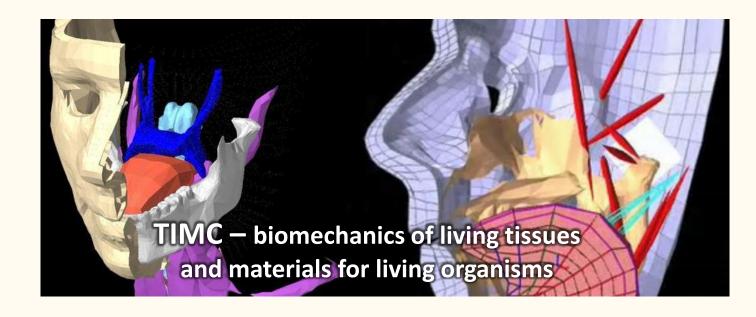
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OBJECTIVES



The objectives are three-fold:

- Develop our **research activities** encouraging interactions between our partner laboratories
- Reinforce research-driven **training programmes**
- Contribute to innovation through collaborations with industrial partners on the applications of our research results

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4 scientific work packages dealing with the complexity of systems and phenomena involving **strong couplings at different scales**

We develop **experimental** tools and methods as well as **numerical** models and simulations





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WP1: COUPLING FLUID AND SOLID MECHANICS

- 1. Solids in fluids (dense complex suspensions in non-Newtonian fluids, particle transport, erosion, deposition...)
- 2. Fluids in solids (highly confined flows, percolation in porous media...)
- 3. Solid-fluid transition and associated instabilities (shear-banding, liquefaction, dynamical phase transition, fluidisation in unsaturated soils or wet snow...)
- 4. Fracture and rupture (fracture propagation and fragmentation, micro damage...)
- 5. Flow-structure interactions (deformability of the matrix and interfaces in micro/nano porous systems, interactions between flow and highly deformable structures at larger scales, energy dissipation, impact forces...)





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WP2 : COUPLING FLUID MECHANICS WITH BIO-PHYSICAL PHENOMENA AT MICRO/NANO SCALES

- 1. Advanced fluid mechanics (structure and control of turbulence in single or two phase media...)
- 2. Interfacial dynamics and transfers (boundary conditions at the interface heat and mass transfer, phase change, chemical reactions... couplings with phenomena at the nano scale)
- 3. Flow of active micro objects (swimming of particles, biofilms, bacterial growth, assisted drug delivery with microcapsules...)





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WP3: MECHANICS OF AND FOR THE LIVING MATTER

- 1. Mechanics of the living matter (at the cell scale adhesion, interaction with the substrate, conversion of a mechanical stimulus into a physiological response... at the tissue scale mechanical behaviour under solicitation, rheological laws, deformation...)
- 2. Mechanics for the living matter (mechanics of biomaterials for prostheses, development of fibrous substitutes or matrices and substrates for cell growth...)



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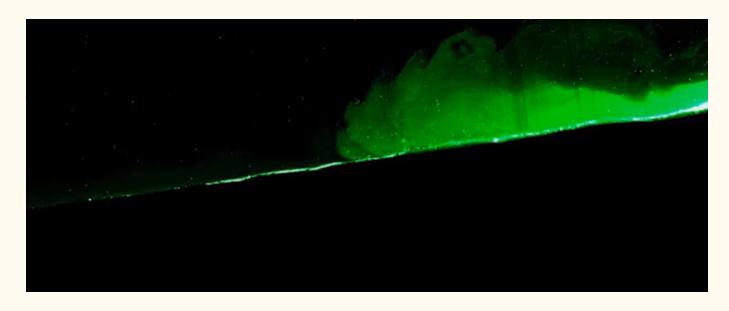
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WP4: ADVANCED NUMERICAL TOOLS AND EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

- 1. Advanced modelling and simulations (for multiscale and mutiphysical processes complex flows, deformable objects... homogenization approaches...)
- 2. Multiscale characterisation and field measurements (large scale dynamics, coupling of methods –Lagrangian/ Eulerian... 2D/3D fields displacement, strains, velocity...)
- 3. Coupling with artificial intelligence (development of specific, physically constrained AI methods, supervised learning for big data processing and interpretation, and simulating complex systems heterogeneous data, multiscale phenomena...)



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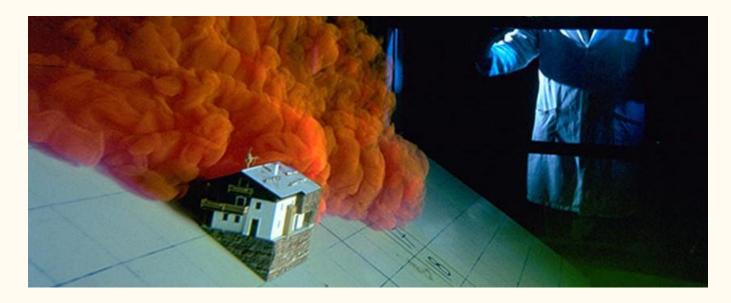
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CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Tec 21 finances research actions

- Yearly call for research proposals
- International peer review
- Fundamental research
- PhDs Post-docs Long term visitors Short term visitors –
 Outgoing grants / large equipment
- More than 100 research projects funded since 2012





FUNDED PROJECTS

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The role of turbulence cascade in wind energy applications

PhD / Long visitor Univ. Oldenburg / LEGI PI: Stéphane Barre



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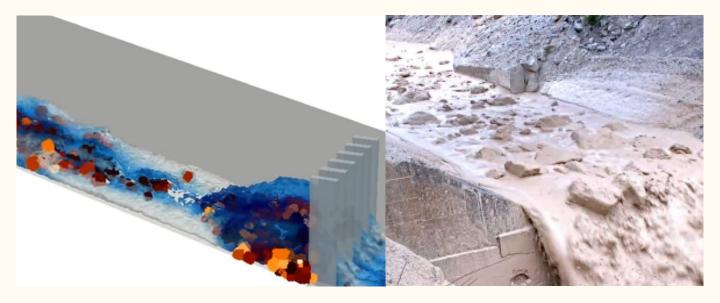
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Multiscale investigation of interactions between debris flows and obstacles through coupled DEM-SPH modelling

PhD 3SR / INRAE Grenoble PI: Guillaume Piton





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Creeping snow: modelling the forces induced on structures

Post-doc 3SR / INRAE Grenoble PI: Stéphane Lambert





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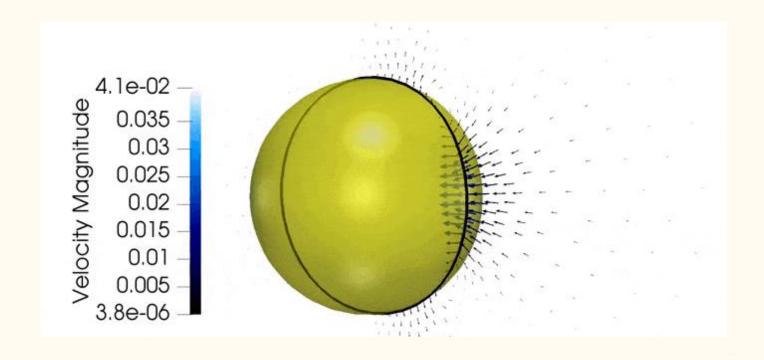
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Modeling of hysteretic paths in cyclic deflationinflation of spherical shells: application to the design of artificial microswimmers

Outgoing grant
LIPhy / College of Engineering (Boston University, USA)
PI: Gwennou Coupier



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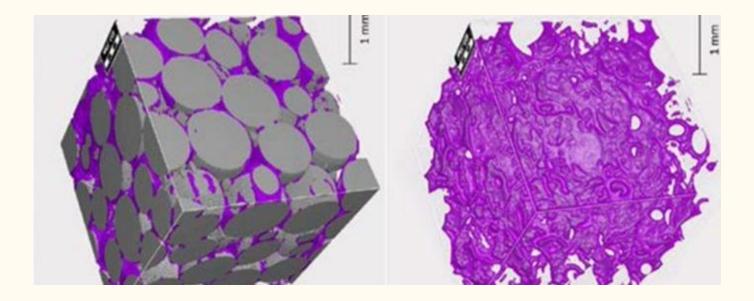
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3D visualisation and quantification of biofilm in porous media by using X-ray microtomography

Short-visitor
3SR / LEGI / Department of microbiology (Univ. Zagreb, Croatia)
PI: Tomislav Ivanković





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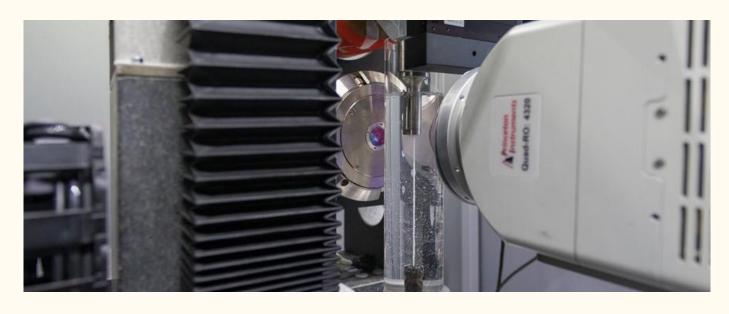
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X-ray nano tomograph

Equipment OSUG, CERMAV, Tec21, 3SR, SIMAP, PHITEM...



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Publications:

- Between 70-80 publications every year citing Tec21 as a funding institution
- Strengthening the interactions between our laboratories
- Developping new collaborations with foreign universities

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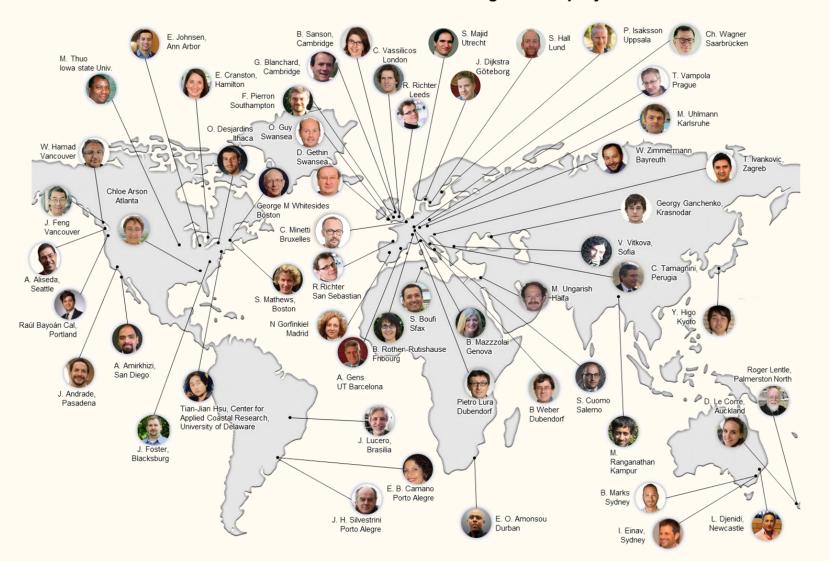
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International collaborations launched through Tec21 projects





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Tec 21 community is strongly involved in education from the first university years up to engineering degree and PhD level

Every year, more than 500 students graduate from the mechanical and process engineering education units:

- 200 technicians
- 30 master students
- 250 engineers
- 50 doctors



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SCHOLARSHIPS



Objective: attract brilliant students to prepare their second year of master in one of our education programmes

- Yearly call for applications
- Master II scholarships
- 8 000 € / year

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Tec 21 finances Master II scholarships (between 4 to 6 scholarships every year)

More than 20 Master students did a PhD after their master studies (12 of them in one of our partner laboratories)



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WINTER SCHOOL



Multiscale approaches and multiphysic couplings in fluid and solid mechanics (one week for connecting theory to experiment and numerical simulations):

- Day 1: Multiscale approaches in mechanics
- Day 2: Numerical and experimental tools and methods
- Day 3 Day 4: High-tech lab courses
- Day 5: Mechanics at the nanoscale (2022) Waves in fluids and solid (2020) – Instabilities in fluid and solid mechanics (2018) - Fluid / solid transition (2015)

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IN SHORT

The winter school is open to PhD students, Post-doctoral researchers, R&D engineers and all attendants with a background in mechanics wishing to broaden their scientific or technical knowledge about multiphysics or multiscale problems and discover some of the most up to date tools and methods developed in research.

Next edition: February 2025



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We have build up 10 demonstrators to give the participants the opportunity to manipulate the most advanced techniques that we use in research.

- Initiation to fluid turbulence
- Granular media: experimental and numerical analysis
- Red blood cells distribution in a model network
- Dense gravitational flows
- Fibrous material behaviour studied by x-ray tomography
- Wave turbulence
- Membrane ultrafiltration processes
- Propagation of viscoplastic surges over complex topography
- Bubble columns and diphasic flows



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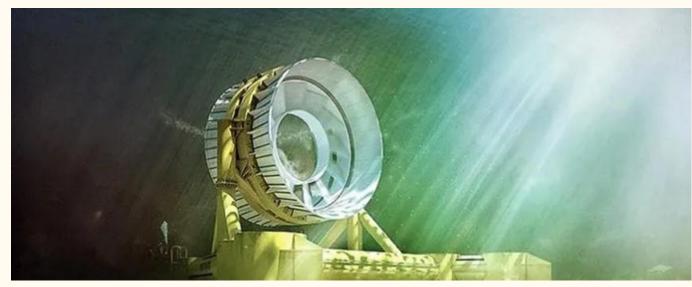
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7 applications areas are connected with our research:

Energy production and storage



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- Environmental management and risk assessment

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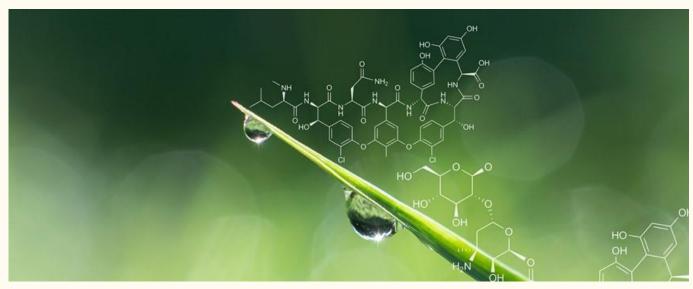
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- Engineering for human health



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Proof of concept and R&D internships

- Help our researchers take the first step into the valorisation of their research results
- Facilitate the connection with industrial partners on new topics

Among the 50 projects financed:

- 15 projects lead to a PhD on the topic
- 8 projects were supported by Linksium
- 6 patents were registered
- 3 startup companies created
- Return on investment for the laboratories = 3.350 M€ (investment Tec 21 = 126 k€)

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Tec 21 finances internships to encourage innovation and industrial collaboration within its partner laboratories



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Hydrodynamics of a pneumatic agitator for methanisation processes

R&D internship LRP / Arkolia

Outcome: PhD with co-funding by the company



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Rheology of rock glaciers under climate change

POC internship

3SR

Outcome: PhD funded by the French research ministery



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In situ characterisation of liquifiable soils: validation of a new testing device

R&D internship 3SR / Equaterre

Outcome: PhD financed by the company



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Hybrid bio-based materials: mechanical and functional properties of cellulosic substrate coated with ceramic by atomic layer deposition

POC internship SIMAP / LGP2

Outcome: Startup company created (Cilkoa – 2022 – 10 pers.)



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Collaborative research platform on clean processes and environmental issues (PEI: Processes, Environment, Industry)

• 1 400 m² managed by the Fed3G





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- Between 8 and 10 research projects in progress
- 6 startups companies installed developing their technologies in collaboration with our partner laboratories (around 50 people on site this year)

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Since 2015, the PEI platform hosts research projects, education activities and startups companies to boost the contribution of Tec 21 research community to innovation in mechanical and process engineering



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Ultrasound enhanced filtration processes

Research project LRP / Linksium





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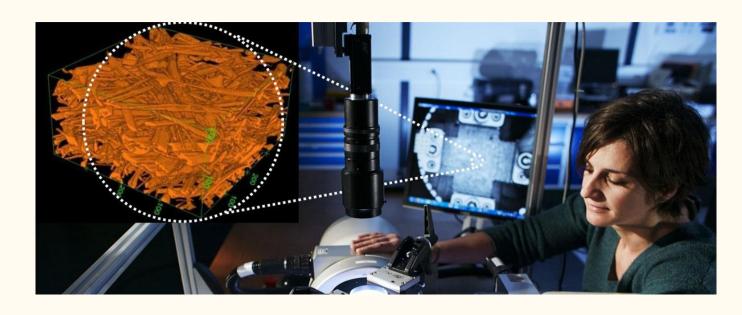
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Mechanics for biobased materials and bio inspired processes

Research project
3SR / many others including industrial partners



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FUNCELL (Functionalization for Cellulosic materials)

Startup company CERMAV – 15 people on site



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ROSI SOLAR (return of silicon)

Startup company SIMAP – 25 people on site RISK Summer School 2024



IN CONCLUSION

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Tec21 is multidisciplinary by nature (fluid mechanics, solid mechanics, soft matter physics, process engineering). Since 2012 we work to strengthen the interactions between our laboratories:

- Call for research proposals : at least two laboratories from Tec21 must be involved,
- Workshops organised to gather the community and build up the scientific road map on various topics involving **multidisciplinary approaches** (e.g. biorefinery, artificial intelligence...),
- Co-funding with other structures to encourage **research collaborations** with other disciplines (chemistry, informatics...)
- **Global communication**: all PhD defenses or seminars are announced to the whole perimeter
- Scientific days organised on multiphysic problems with speakers from various disciplines
- more than 100 fundamental research projects funded involving a collaboration btw our laboratories
- 600 articles+ published (more than 1/3 with co-authors from at least two laboratories from tec21)
- the Tec21 project was renewed twice since its creation
- 2 new laboratories / teams were integrated to Tec21 consortium





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