

# Electromechanics & Power Electronics (EPE)

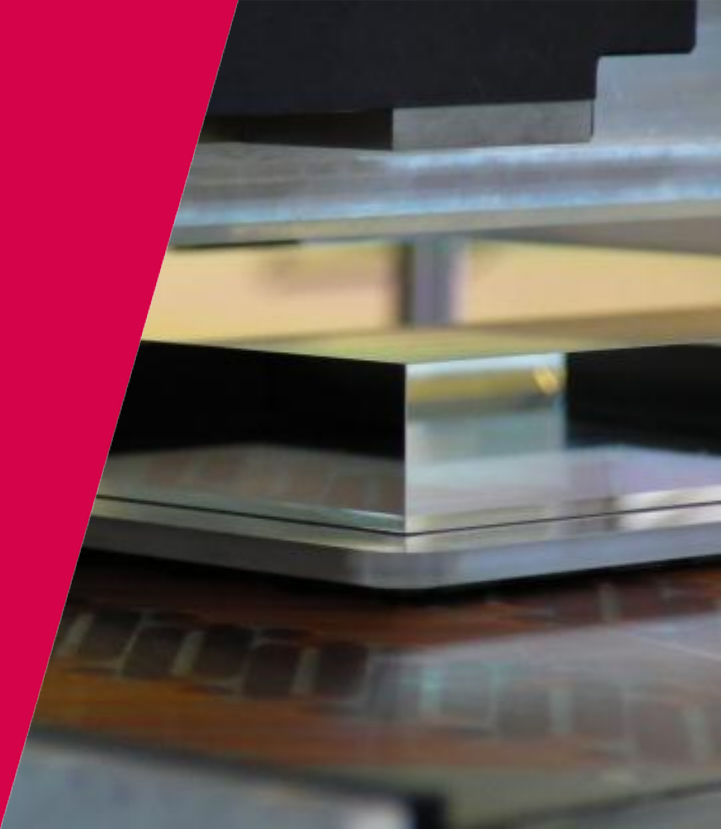
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**Where innovation starts**



- **High-tech systems**

- Linear and planar motors, magnetic levitation
- Ultra-high precision power amplifiers
- Field modeling, materials, parasitic effects

- **Health**

- High-speed motors
- Medical robotics
- Power amplifiers for MRI and X-ray

- **Smart mobility and smart grids**

- Distributed generation and net coupling
- Storage and energy management
- Active suspension
- Drive trains for electric vehicles



# Electromechanics and Power Electronics

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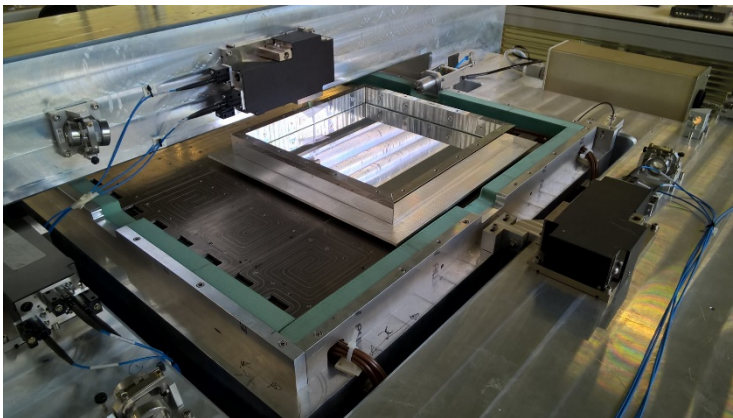
- **Big group with friendly atmosphere**
- **Fundamental and design oriented research**
- **Strong cooperation with industry**



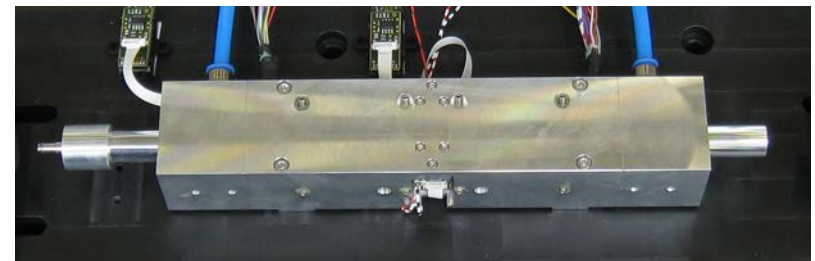
Facts and figures EPE	
Total personnel	53
Professors	1
Associate professors (full-time)	2
Lecturers (full-time)	4
Fellows from industry	10
PhD students	22
PDEng students	2



- **Linear and planar actuators**
- **Improved models**
  - Force and torque distribution
  - Deformations
  - Transient phenomena (eddy currents, thermal)
- **Integration of degrees-of-freedom**



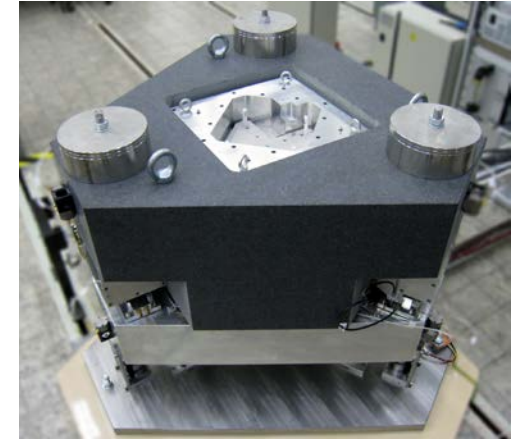
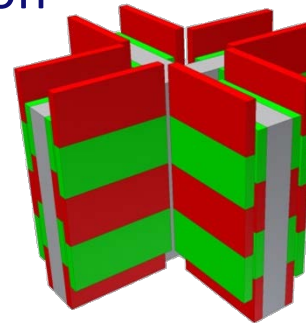
Magnetically levitated planar motor



Integrated linear and rotary actuator  
for pick-and-place ( $150 \text{ m/s}^2$ )

- **Mechanical: vibration isolation**

- PM based force vibration isolation for heavy loads (10 kN)
- 700 kg gravity compensator
- $P = 0.3 - 6 \text{ W}$

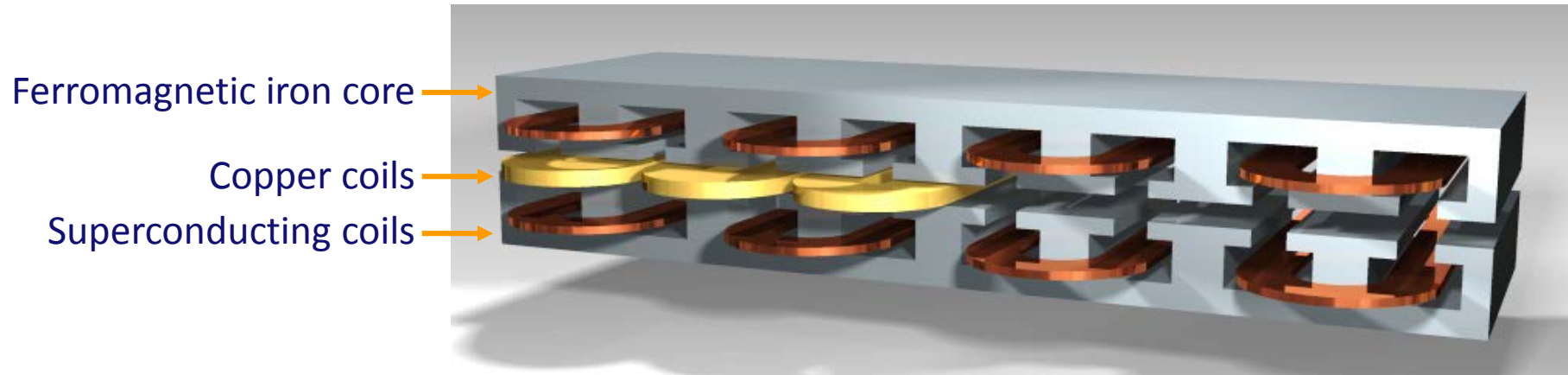


- **Electromagnetic:**

- Cross-talk between long stroke and short stroke stages
- Calculate cross-talk with magnetic shielding

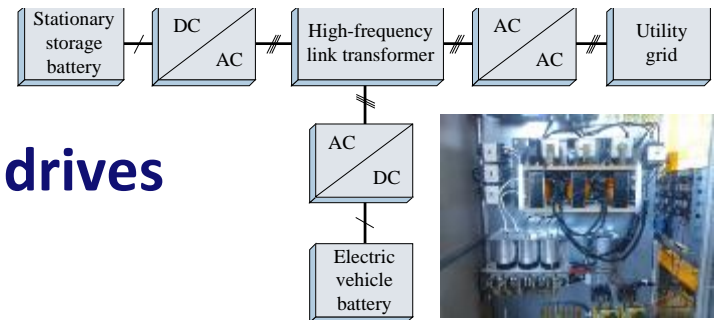


- **High-force density linear motor**



- **Superconducting coils achieve 4-5x current density of regular copper coils**
- **AC losses limit performance**
  - Result of highly non-linear behaviour of superconductor

- Drive-train systems
- Wide speed/torque range electrical drives
- Auxiliary automotive systems
- Power and battery management



Fast charging converter (50kW demonstrator)



Active car suspension (tested on road)



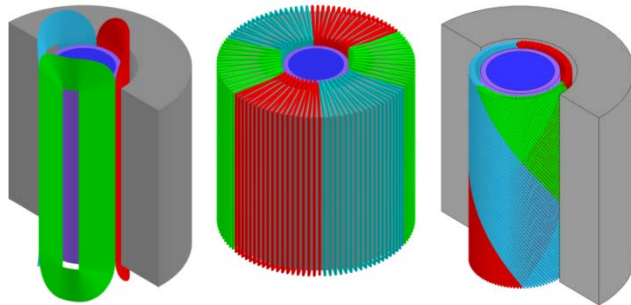
In-wheel drive-train system



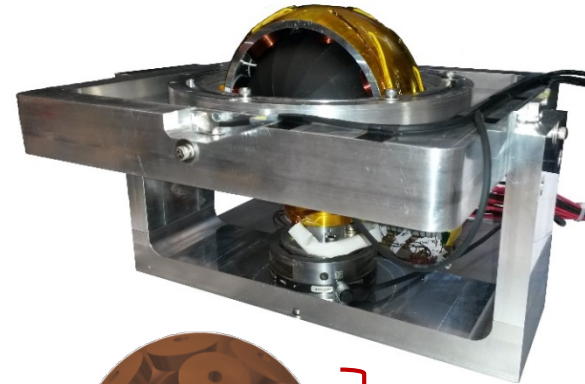
1-Phase bidirectional onboard charger with power density

# Actuators for medical application

- Medical robotics
- Limb rehabilitation
- Highly-dynamic drives



90000 rpm turbo compressor for medical ventilator



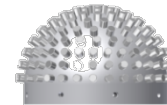
Spherical shoulder joint for active arm support system



Spherical actuator

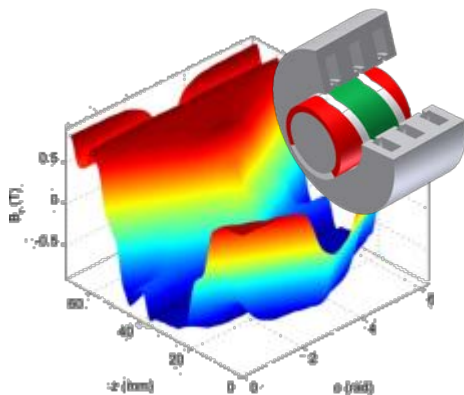


Gravity compensator

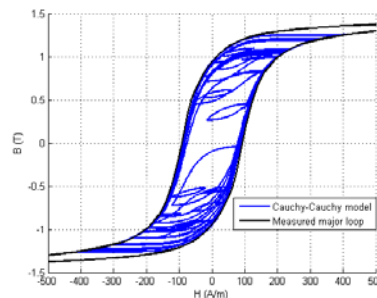




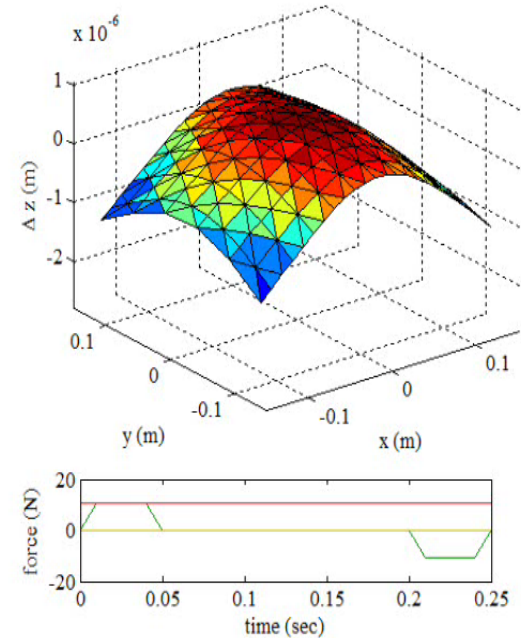
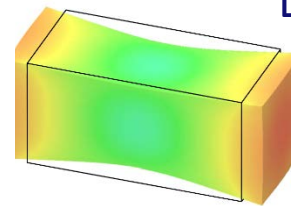
- Ultrafast simulation and design tools
- Coupled models: magnetic, mechanic, thermal and electric
- Modeling of magnetic materials: hysteresis and magnetostriction



Magnetic fields in 3D slotted structures

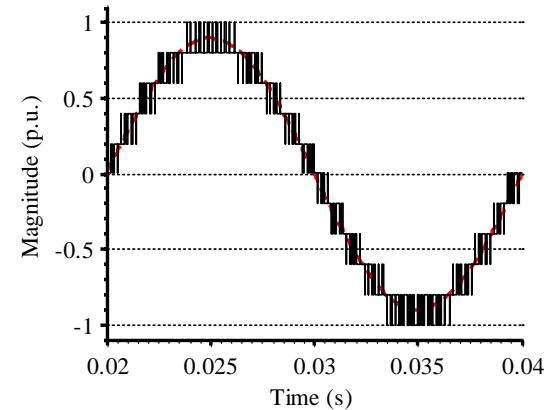


Material modeling and characterization

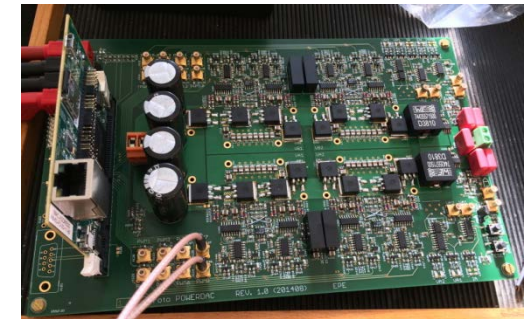
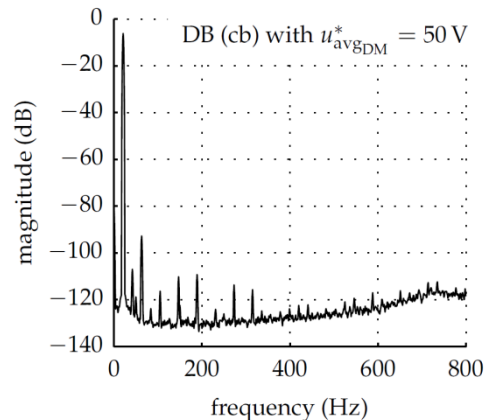


Deformation of planar motor during motion

- Topologies for high-precision power amplifiers
  - Elimination of zero-crossing distortion
  - Ultra-level converters:
    - Increased bandwidth and accuracy
    - Reduced size of passive components

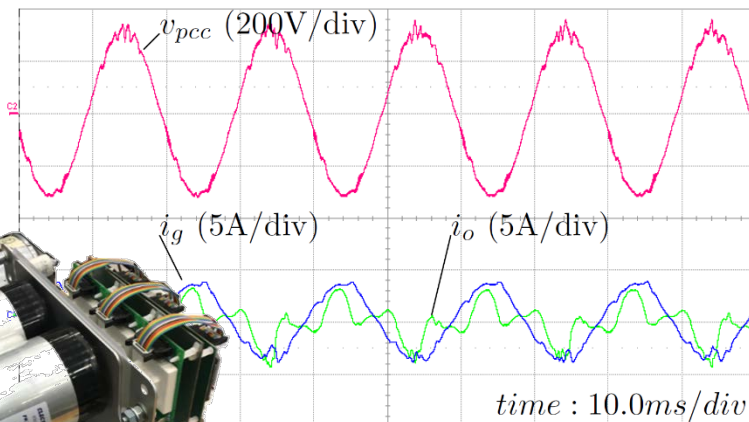


High precision switching amplifier with  
<-90dB zero crossing distortion

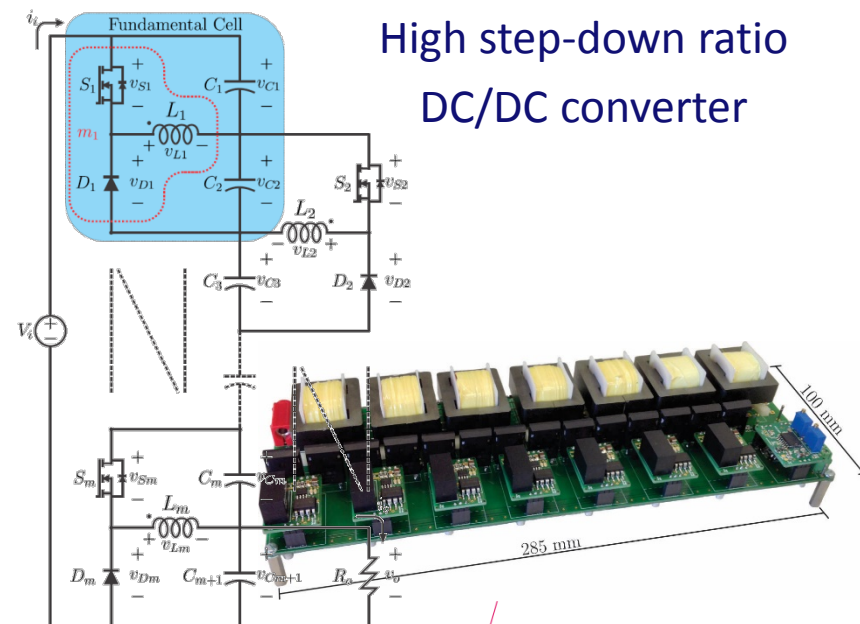


Power DAC for filterless high  
precision power conversion

- **Local power quality enhancement**
  - Compensate for disturbance due to loads
  - Control of injected power and voltage harmonics
- **Auxiliary supply for high voltage applications with high step-down ratio (3kV to 24V)**

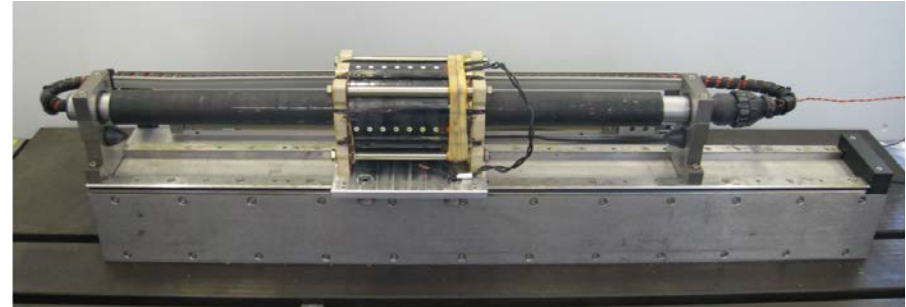


Local voltage quality enhancement



# Wireless energy transfer

- Inductive charging
- Acoustic energy transfer
- Energy to moving objects
- Integrated energy transfer



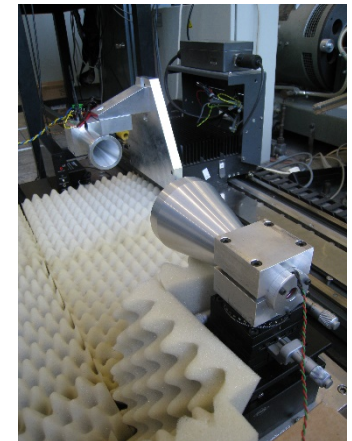
Wireless energy transfer integrated in tubular linear motor



Low-power domestic applications



Ceiling robot with integrated wireless energy transfer



Acoustic energy transfer



# Supported student projects



World Solar challenge (STE),  
1<sup>st</sup> place 2013 & 2015 in cruiser class



Robocup (TechUnited),  
World champion 2012, 2014, 2016  
EU 2016, Portugese open 2017



Formula student (URE)



InMotion



STORM



	Complex Analysis (2DME30)	Discrete Mathematics (2DME10)	Non-linear Optimization (2DME20)	Semiconductor physics and materials (5CCA0)	Fundamental aspects of random signals (5CRA0)	Classical and Modern Physics (5CHA0)	Numerical Methods for Electrical Engineers (5CPA0)	Modeling Dynamics (5CSA0)
CS	◆		◆		✓		✓	◆
ECO	◆			◆	◆	✓	✓	✓
PHI				◆	◆	✓		
EES	✓		✓	◆	◆	◆	✓	◆
EPE	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EM	▼		✓	▼		▼	▼	
ES		◆	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
MsM				◆	◆	✓	◆	✓
SPS	✓		◆		◆		✓	✓

- **Free choice (3x)**

- **Discrete mathematics not advised**

- **Example of a useful set of courses:**

- Complex analysis *or* Non-linear optimisation
- Semiconductor physics *or* Modelling dynamics
- Numerical methods for electrical engineers *or* Fundamental aspects of random signals

◆ = Important

✓ = Preferred

- **Two EPE specialisation tracks:**
  - **EPE-1:** High efficiency energy conversion
  - **EPE-2:** High performance motion

High efficiency  
energy conversion

**5SWA0**

Design of electrical  
machines

High performance  
motion

**5LWA0**

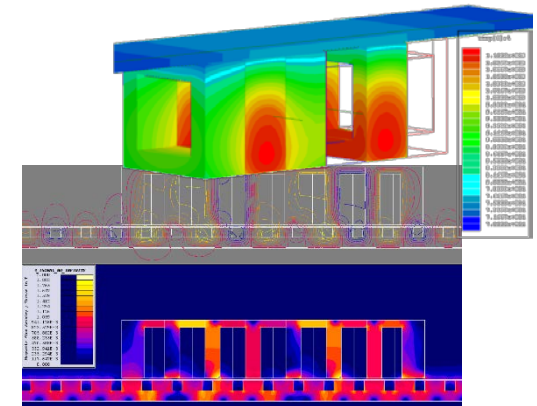
Design and application of  
industrial linear motors

**5SWB0**

Design and realization of  
power converters

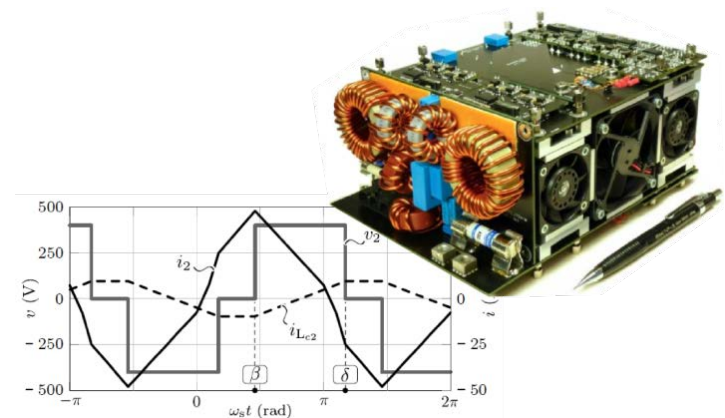
- **Electromechanics:**

- 5LWE0 Control of rotating field machines
- 5LWF0 FEM for electromagnetic devices
- 5LWC0 Advanced actuator design



- **Power electronics**

- 5LWD0 Low-power electronics
- 5LWG0 Power Electronics for high-precision applications



# Traineeships, graduation and job prospects

- Many options:
  - National / international
  - Industry / academia
- Excellent job prospects



# Is this your graduation project?

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Thank you



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