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# MetAGEAR

Integrated framework for industrial gearbox design & manufacturing

A project within POR-FESR 2014-20



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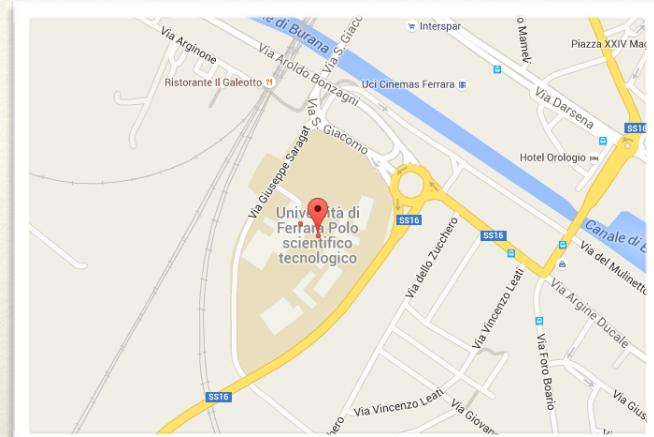
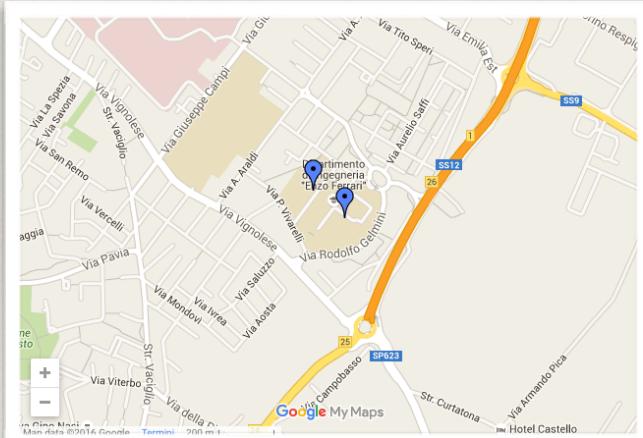


# A bit of history...

- ❖ 2005 Simech project: “UOR 1.2 Gear transmission”
- ❖ 2010 Intermech project: “UOR 1.2 Gearboxes optimization”
- ❖ 2016 **MetAGEAR project**: fully focused on gears (1M€)
  - ❖ 10 years research experience on gears
  - ❖ multidisciplinary approach (thanks to our colleagues in Modena and Ferrara)
  - ❖ experimental facilities are available (thanks to the previous projects)

# Who is involved?

- ❖ Intermech MO.RE.
  - ❖ Gear design & optimization - Prof. Francesco Pellicano
  - ❖ Archetypal design - Prof. Francesco Leali
  - ❖ Material science - Prof. Tiziano Manfredini
  - ❖ Manufacturing - Prof. Marcello Pellicciari
- ❖ MechLav
  - ❖ NVH optimization - Prof. Giorgio Dal Piaz
- ❖ Democenter
  - ❖ Dissemination



Industrial partners:



# MetAGEAR goals

- ❖ In Italy a large number of gear manufacturers is present, but there is not a large research center on gears (handicap with respect to Germany)
- ❖ MetAGEAR aims to **collect skills and facilities** shared by the two laboratories Intermech and Mechlav to create a large framework for performing **applied research on gears in Italy**
- ❖ In our vision, MetAGEAR will provide **new innovation opportunities and service** for Italian gear manufacturers

# OR1 - Gear design, simulation and testing

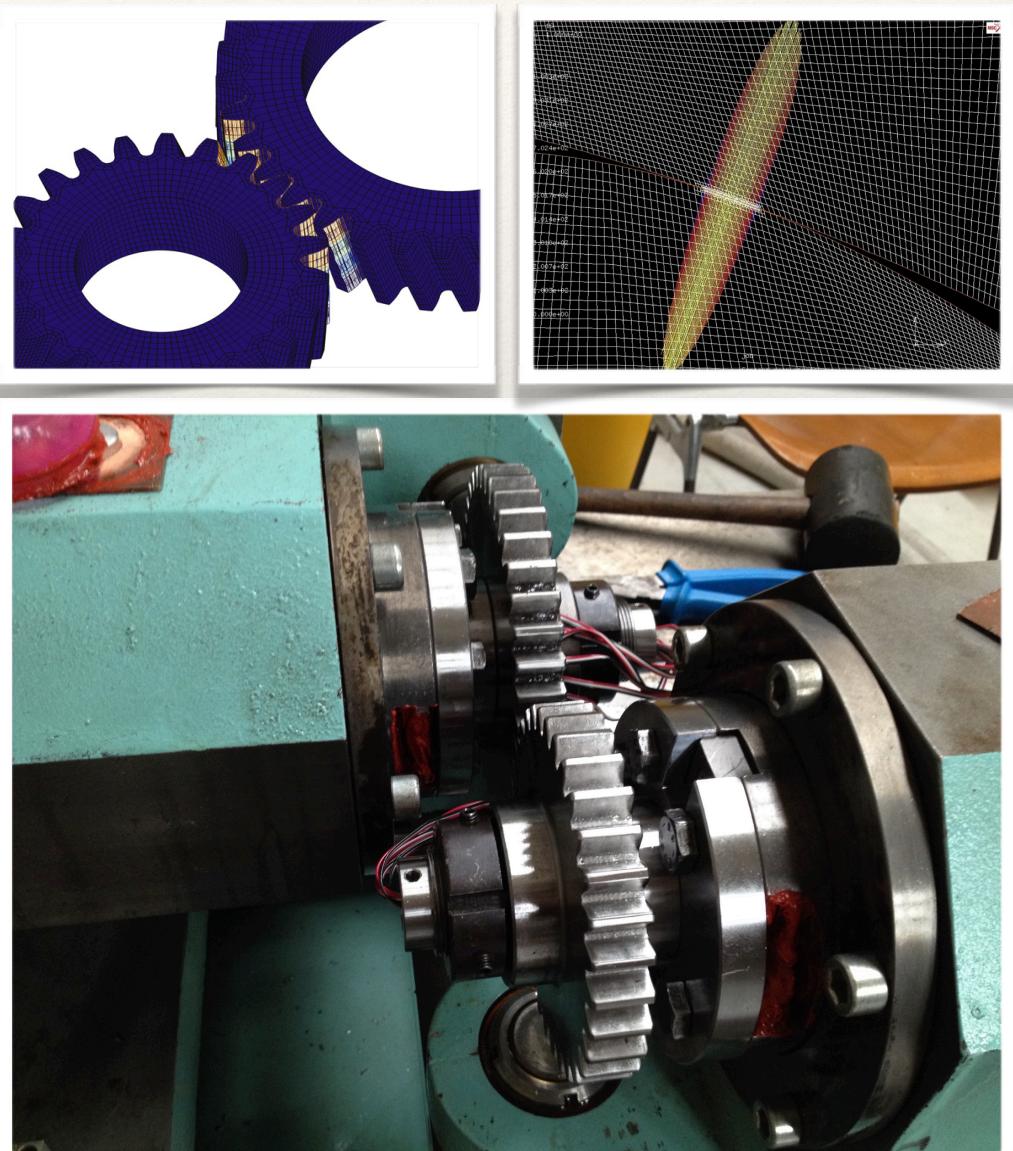
Prof. Francesco Pellicano

## OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Developing a **software for analysis and optimization** of gearboxes starting from design parameters and **material properties**
- ❖ Developing a **test rig** for experimental validation of models, and for assessment of optimal gear design solutions

## ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Modelling static and dynamic behavior of gearboxes taking into account for new materials and coatings
- ❖ Validations by experiments (with accelerometers / strain gauges)
- ❖ The new test rig will be highly flexible / reconfigurable for:
  - ❖ model validation;
  - ❖ checking the effectiveness of new solutions (e.g. new materials / coatings / treatments OR3);
  - ❖ testing for industrial partners (service)



# OR1 - Gear design, simulation and testing

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## OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Integrated method to consider geometrical product specification in a 3D environment.
- ❖ Dimensioning and tolerancing method directly applied to 3D CAD models
- ❖ Description of a FE based simulation method for machining
- ❖ Innovative design method for fixture systems

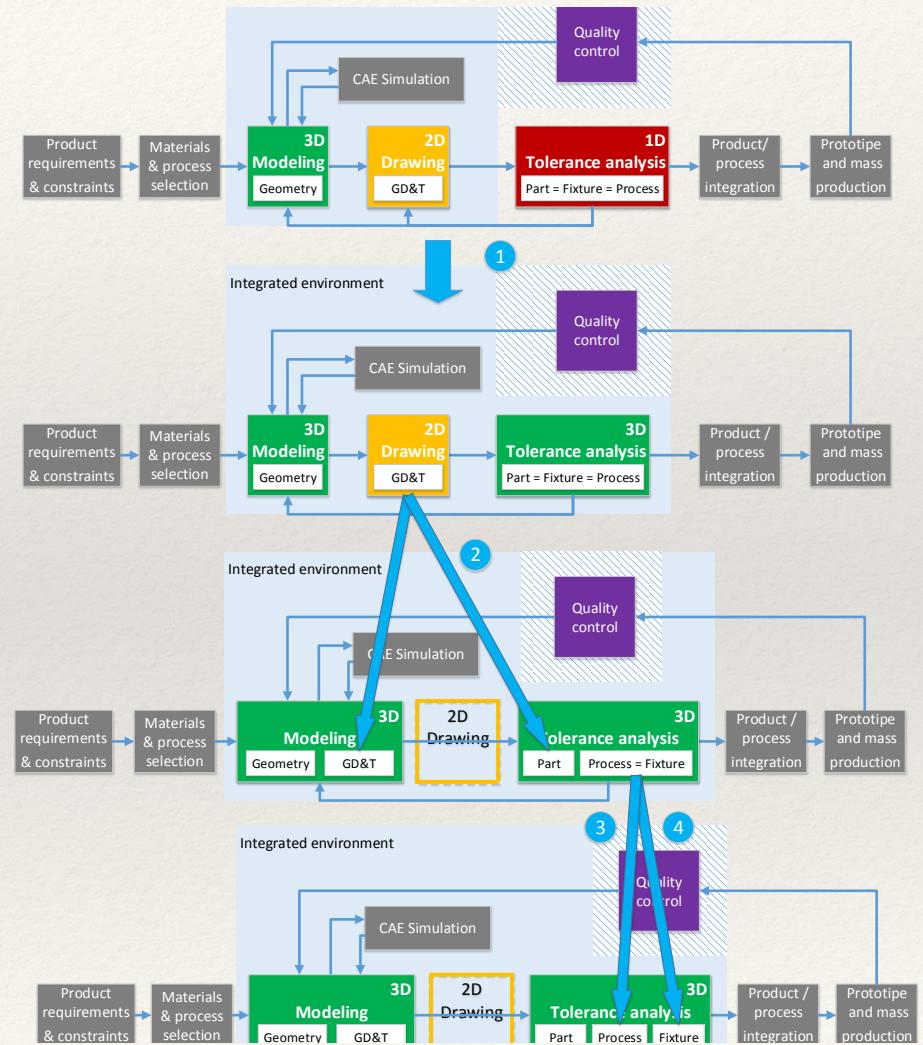
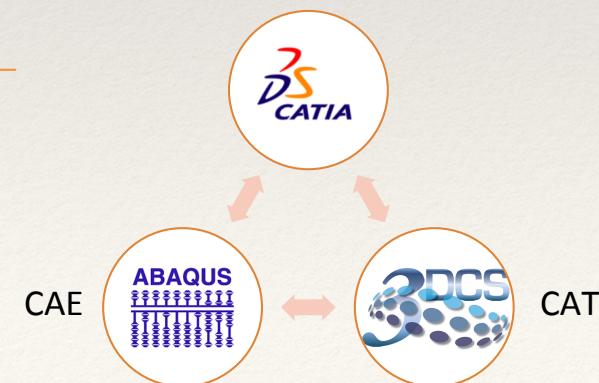
Actions

1 Analysis method

2 Part

3 Assembly process

4 Fixture system

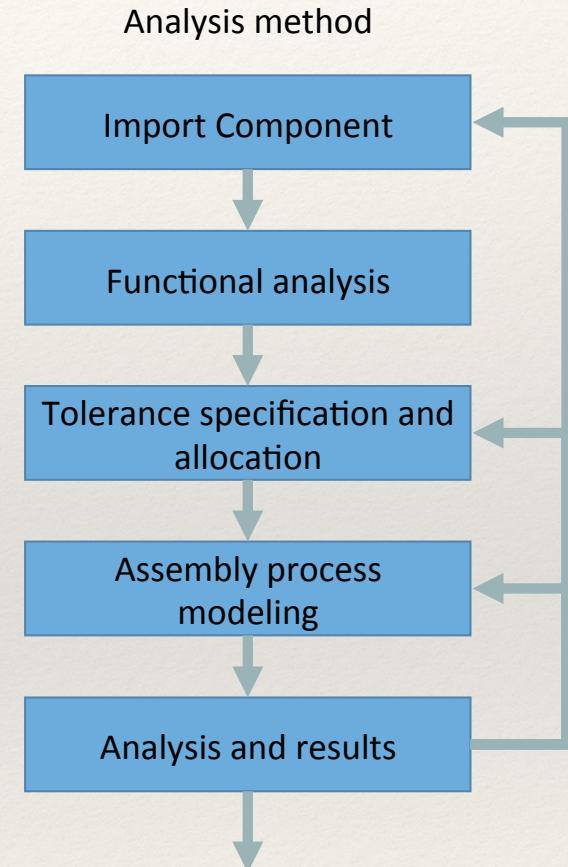
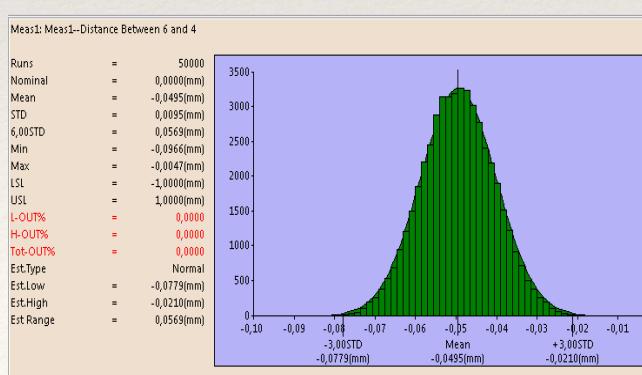
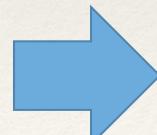


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- ❖ Tridimensional approach – Variational model
- ❖ Monte Carlo Analysis method
- ❖ Integrated on the design environment
- ❖ Implemented in the early design phases
- ❖ Identification of the contributors
- ❖ Simulation of assembly process point-based
- ❖ Fixture system modeling

Dettaglio catena tolleranza							
	Tol.	Range	Range2	Def.	G	U	Note
T1 Tolleranza attrezzatura (maschera elemento)	+ 0,05	0,20	0,04	G 0,04			
T2 Tolleranza posizione + ripetitività attrezzatura	+ 0,20	0,40	0,15	G 0,16			
T3 Tolleranza tassello fisso su elemento	+ 0,20	0,40	0,16	G 0,16			
T4 Tolleranza tassello mobile su elemento	+ 0,30	0,70	0,49	G 0,49			
T5 Tolleranza Gioco piano-forno nf. (da STD 0,12)	+ 0,15	0,30	0,09	G 0,09			
T6 Tolleranza SLD (Punti)	+ 0,20	0,40	0,16	G 0,16			
T7 Tolleranza di ELD (NG)	+ 0,40	0,8	0,64	G 0,64			
T8 Tolleranza di Chiodatura	+ 0,30	0,6	0,36	G 0,36			
T9 Tolleranza di Stampaaggio	+ 0,30	1,0	1,00	G 1,00			
T10 Tolleranza Attrezzatura (pomo mobile MP statico)	+ 0,30	0,6	0,36	G 0,36			Per Palle Modulo
T11 Tolleranza Attrezzatura (pomo fisso MP statico)	+ 0,15	0,3	0,09	G 0,09			Per Palle Fissi
T12 Tolleranza Perno MP Totale	+ 0,20	0,4	0,16	G 0,16			FORO Lavorato di maschera MP
T13 Tolleranza forature di macchina post-welding telai	+ 0,75	1,5	2,25	G 2,25			Variazione dimensione da 0,75 a 1,5 mm
T14 Svergolatura su Profilo Estremo (mm/M per largh. 50mm)	+ 0,50	3,0	9,00	G 9,00			Tab. UNI EN7559
T15 Tolleranza Convessità e Concavità (sp. 50mm Largh. Fino a 60mm)	+ 0,40	0,8	0,64	G 0,64			Tab. UNI EN7559
QUADRATIC EQUATION							15,60
RANGE							3,95
+ 1,97							
- 1,97							

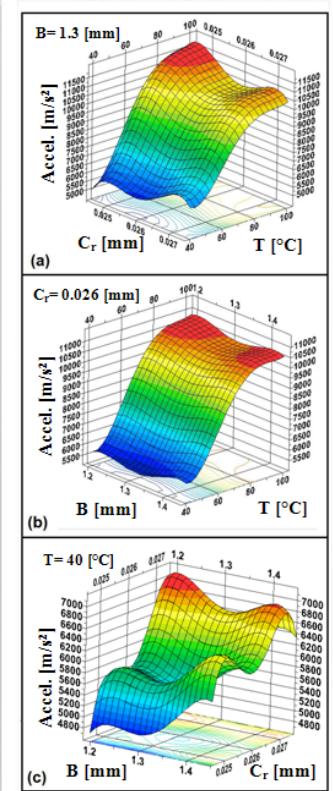
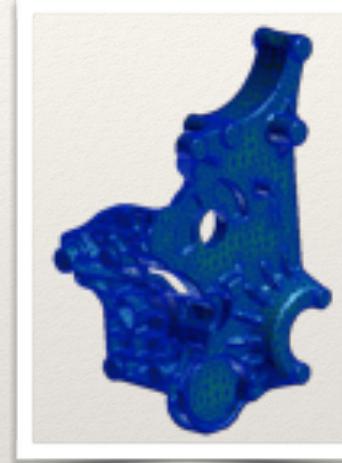


# OR2 - NVH optimization of gearboxes

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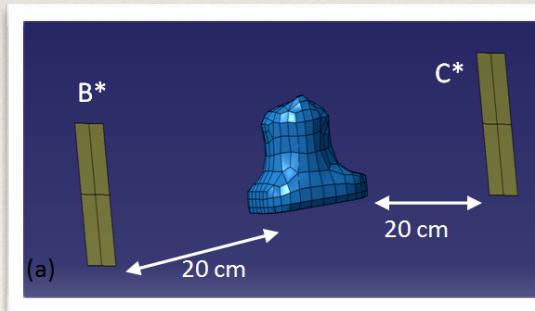
## OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Developing a software instrument for **optimizing NVH** (Noise Vibration and Harshness) behavior of gearboxes
- ❖ Useful framework for gear design
- ❖ Developing a **suite of virtual instruments** to assess vibration and noise level in operating conditions
- ❖ Integration of models:
  - ❖ Lumped parameters LP
  - ❖ Finite elements FE
  - ❖ Boundary elements BE
- ❖ **Psycho-acoustic** models and **sound quality** measurements
- ❖ Statistical **modelling of tolerances** and their effect on vibration and noise



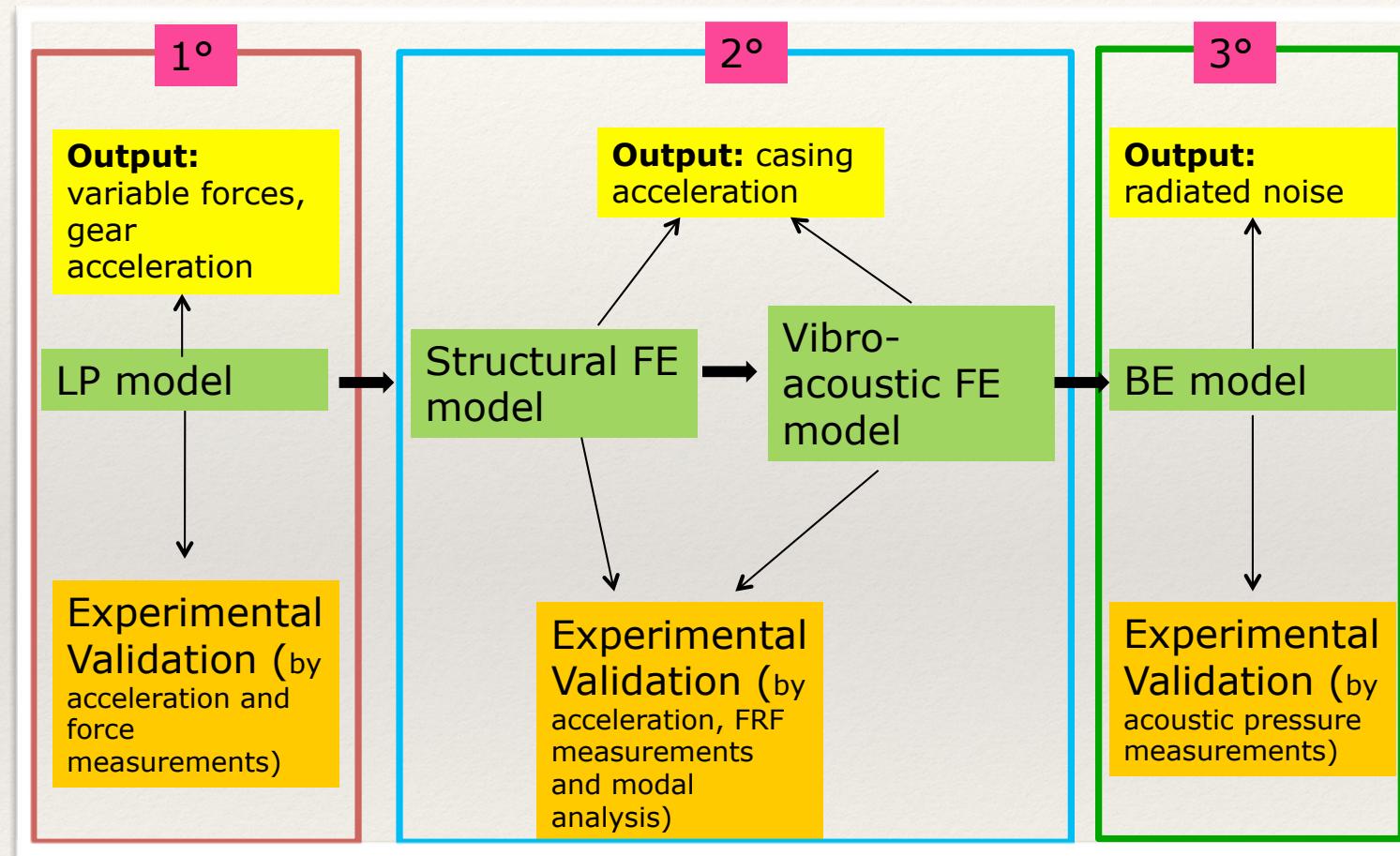
## EXPECTED RESULTS

- ❖ Tolerance estimate
- ❖ Reduced time to market
- ❖ Lower vibration and better sound quality



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## FACILITIES

- ❖ Anechoic and hemi-anechoic chamber (50 Hz cut-off frequency)
- ❖ Complete instrumentation for acoustic and vibration measurements and modal analysis
- ❖ Test bench for rotating components (gears, bearings, joints)
- ❖ 3-Axis Electro-Dynamic Vibration System
- ❖ Contactless sensors: Laser Doppler vibrometers, Microflown
- ❖ Software MB, FEM, BEM, psychoacoustic for simulation and optimization

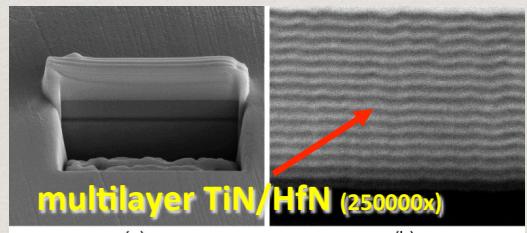


# OR3 - Surface coatings and treatments for gears

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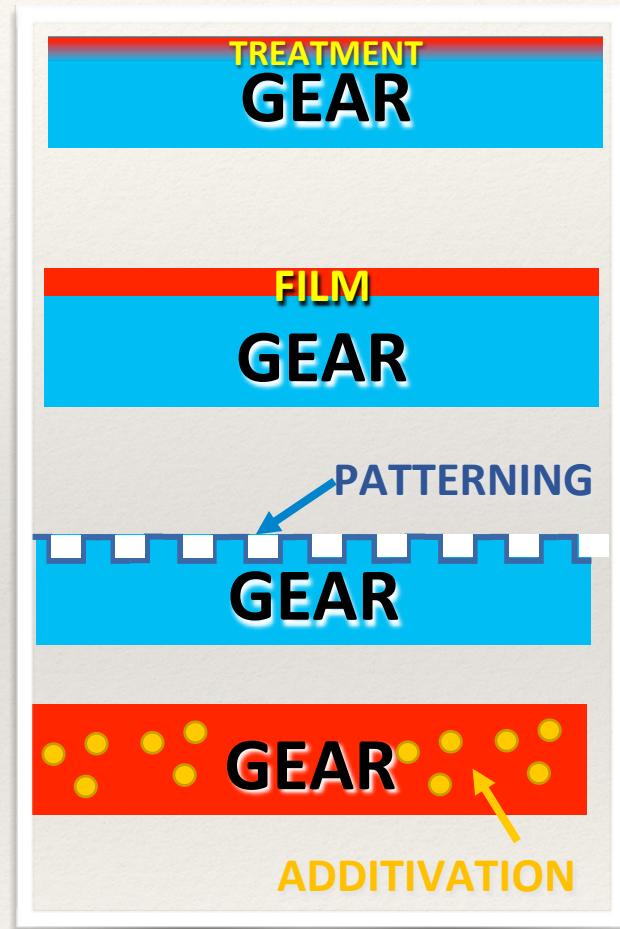
## OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Developing/optimizing thermochemical treatments and tempering for optimal tribological performance
- ❖ Developing/optimizing Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD) and Plasma Enhanced CVD films to increase wear resistance and to reduce friction



binary or ternary nitrides PVD coatings  
wear ↓↓

- ❖ Surface patterning to enhance tribological behavior
- ❖ Developing polymeric reinforced materials for optimal tribo-mechanical performance



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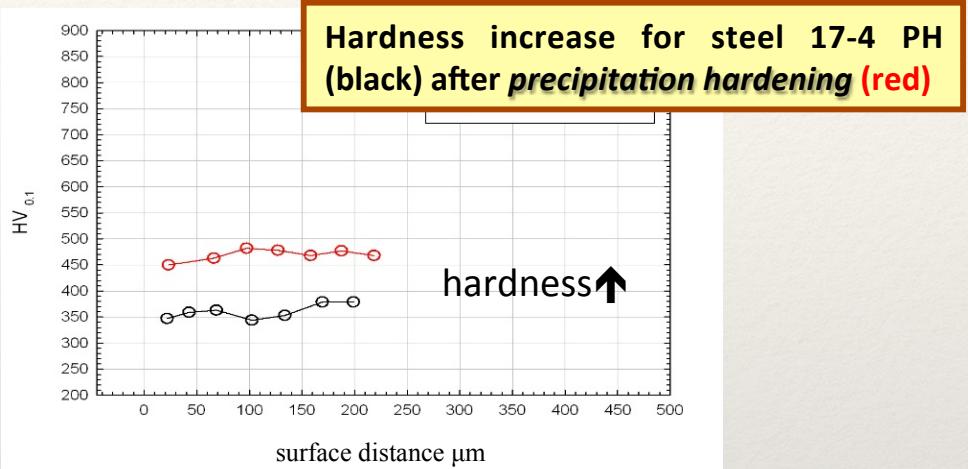
## ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Use of special steel “**precipitation hardening**” for gears: inox steel reinforced by means of precipitation hardening
- ❖ **Unconventional nitriding/carburizing / tempering** to increase surface hardness (without reducing oxidation protection)
- ❖ **Micro/nano reinforced polymers** for reducing mass, costs and vibrations

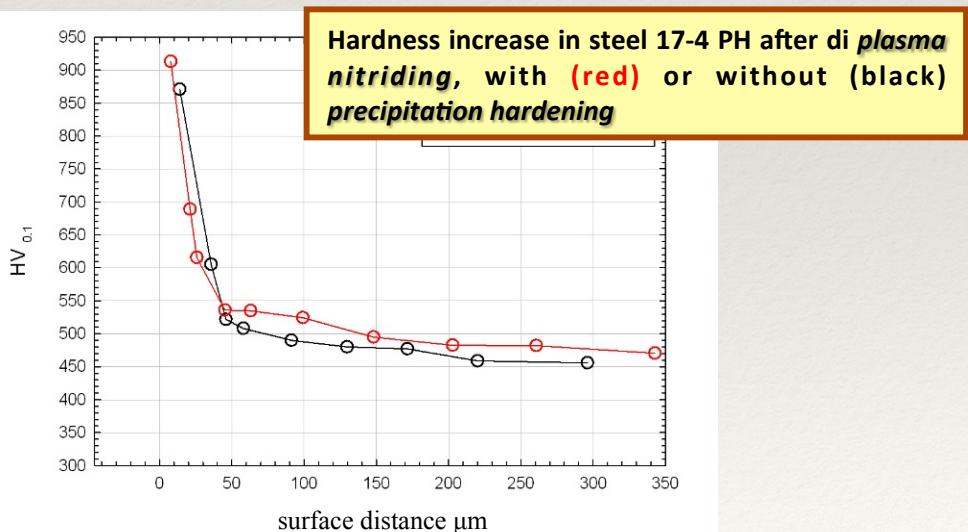


10%  
Portland cement  
(low cost reinforced  
polymeric material)

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Hardness increase for steel 17-4 PH (black) after **precipitation hardening** (red)



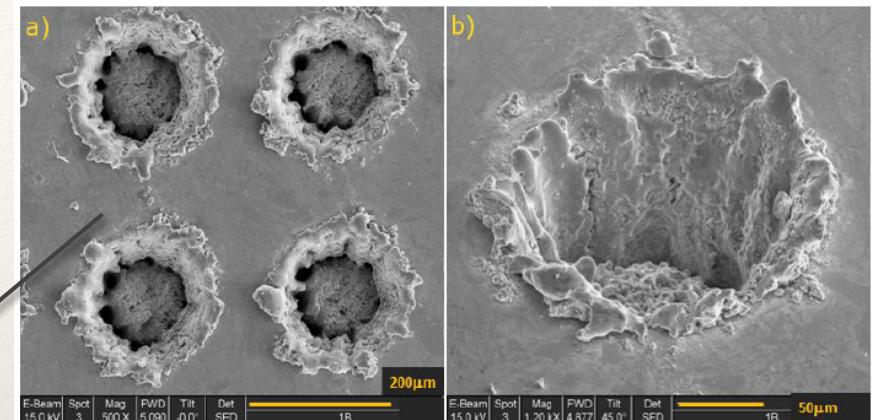
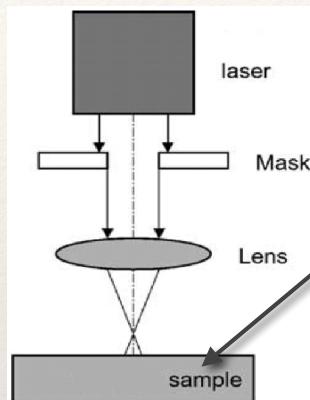
Hardness increase in steel 17-4 PH after **di plasma nitriding**, with (red) or without (black) **precipitation hardening**

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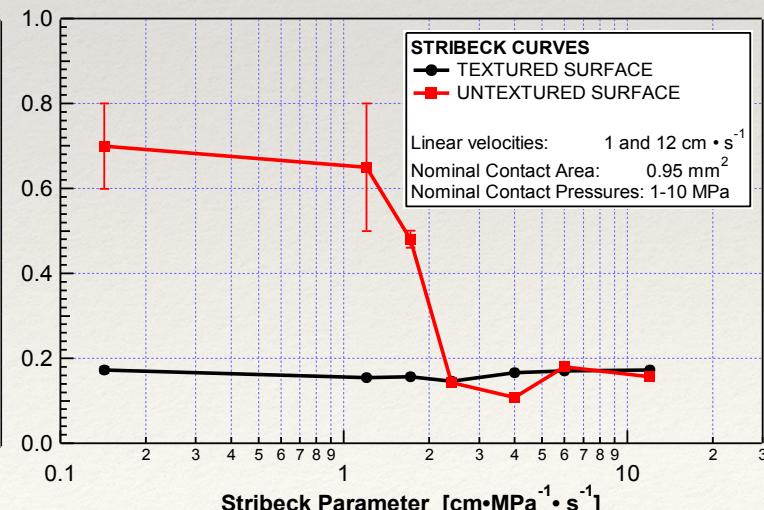
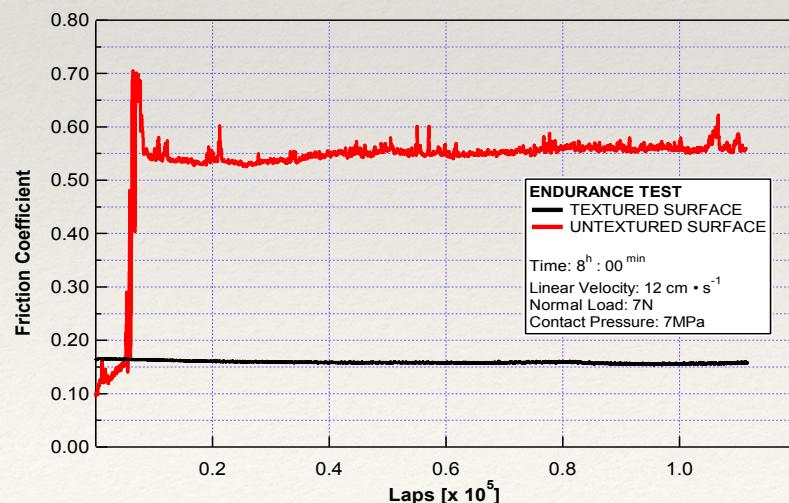
Prof. Sergio Valeri

## ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Surface patterning reduces the coefficient of friction 4 times when lubricant is present
- ❖ Friction coefficient is low even for low values of the Stribeck parameter



Laser patterning



# OR4 - Reconfigurable Manufacturing Systems for gearboxes

Prof. Marcello Pellicciari

## CHALLENGE

- ❖ Gearboxes demand for careful and precise assembly; assembly should be automated to ensure optimal process control and efficiency

## OBJECTIVES

- ❖ **Automated assembly** of gearboxes by means of force feedback
- ❖ Optimal process precision and quality (**customized** and flexible)

## PARTNERS

- ❖ Intermech Mo.Re.
- ❖ SIR S.p.A.
- ❖ Bonfiglioli S.p.A.



# OR4 - Reconfigurable Manufacturing Systems for gearboxes

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## ACTIVITIES

- ❖ “Zero-defect” automatic assembly by force feedback
- ❖ New generation of **robotic cells**, scalable and reconfigurable
- ❖ “One-piece-flow” production in a large product mix
- ❖ Process analysis and data management to monitor production quality (**smart factory**)



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