

UNIDEMI – Research Unit in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

## Research interests

Research Team: MTA



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- Assistant Professor at DEMI;
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- \* Projects coordination: 3 (201 k€)
- \* Patents: 4
- \* Prototypes: 8
- \* ISI papers: 16

## Main research interests

### Non Destructive Testing (NDT):

- Design and production of dedicated Eddy Current probes;
- Development of NDT systems (probes, mechanical devices and software);
- Micro defects detection in microfabrication with bacterial cells.

Innovation in manufacturing processes:  
Friction Stir Welding (FSW);  
Friction Stir Processing (FSP).

Characterization of processed materials by electric conductivity

## Methodology

- Experimentation:  
Instrumentation and data acquisition in NDT and manufacturing processes;  
Development of automated mechanized scanning devices;
- Numerical simulation;
- Analytical models;
- CAD 3D, and prototyping;
- Materials characterization:  
Metallography, hardness, electric and magnetic properties...

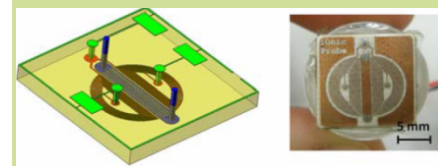
## Expected Results

### Technical and Scientific:

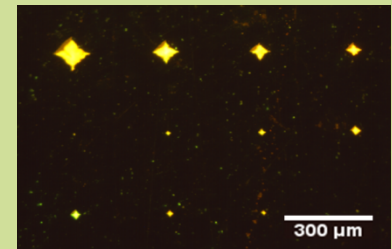
Establishing innovative NDT techniques and manufacturing processes;  
Increase NDT reliability in micro defects detection.

### Social:

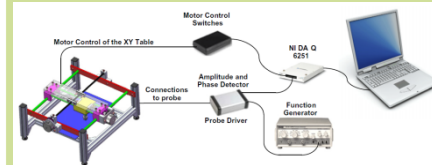
Improving quality of life by enhancing safety, cost-effectiveness and functionality of products.



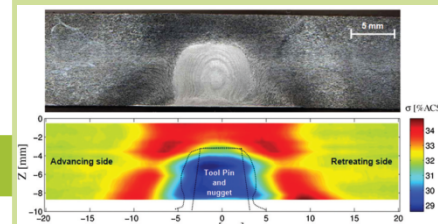
Original NDT Eddy Current probe



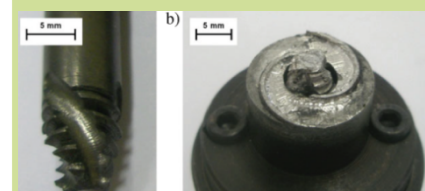
Detection of micro-defects with bacterial cells



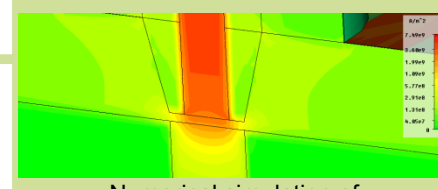
Integrated NDT systems



Characterization of processed materials by electric conductivity



Design and production of FSW tools



Numerical simulation of manufacturing processes

### Funding:

- AIRBUS Operations GmbH, *Dedicated NDT system to detect LOP root defects in FSW of AlMgSc (FSWELL)*;
- FCT-MCE, *Defects Detection in Microfabrication With Bacterial Cells (MicroBac)* - PTDC/EME-TME/118678/2010;
- QREN, *Desenvolvimento de equipamento e sondas de CI para a indústria aeronáutica (AEROINSPEC)*.