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The Executive Board (EB) is the central decision making committee of MAPEX and is composed of ten Principal Investigators (PI) and two Early Career Investigators (ECI), all of them have a mandate for the duration of two years.

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Affiliations
- Faculty of Biology/Chemistry
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- Center for Environmental Research and Sustainable Technology (UFT)
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Research Landscape

Research Focus: We study innovative nanostructured materials and aim at exploring their potential at heterogeneous catalysts. For that purpose we often combine experiments on catalysts at typical reaction conditions with studies on carefully chosen, well-defined model surfaces, either experimental in ultrahigh vacuum or by calculations within density functional theory.

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- Faculty of Physics/Electrical Engineering
- Chair: Photonic Microsystems
- Bremen Institute for Applied Beam Technology (BIAS), director of optical metrology and optoelectronic systems division

Research Landscape
Photonics, Materials Characterization

Research Focus: Optical and opto-electronic Systems: Optical metrology using geometrical and coherent optics, methods for optical non-destructive testing, micro- and nano optics, optic design, photonics for information processing.
Research Focus: The group works on mathematical models of chemical and mechanical processes in materials with complex microstructures (e.g., steel) as well as in the field of mathematical analyses of systems resulting from partial and ordinary differential equations. Furthermore, the derivation of averaged models via homogenization methods is a key investigation area.

Affiliations
- Faculty of Mathematics/Computer Science
- Chair: Modelling and Partial Differential Equations
- Center for Industrial Mathematics (ZeTeM)

Research Landscape
Process Modelling, Metals

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Research Focus: The focus of HMI group research lies on the atomic-level studies of interfaces between technological materials and biological macromolecules, with applications in the fields of biomedical implants, biosensors, pharmaceutical packaging, biocompatible adhesives, and many others. The activities of HMI comprise both experimental research into biomolecular adhesion and advanced theoretical modelling from the quantum to the classical level of precision.

Affiliations
- Faculty of Production Engineering
- Chair: Hybrid Materials Interfaces (HMI)
- Bremen Center for Computational Materials Science (BCCMS)
- Center for Environmental Research and Sustainable Technology (UFT)

Research Landscape
Hybrid Materials, Nanomaterials, Materials Modelling

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Research Focus: Molten metal single droplet processes, synthesis of defined microstructural states, modelling of solidification processes, droplet based and conventional 3D printing, high-throughput materials discovery.

Affiliations
- Faculty of Production Engineering
- Foundation Institute of Materials Science (IWT)
- Coordinator SFB 1232

Research Landscape
Process Engineering, Process Modelling, Metals

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Research Focus: Our research area covers the wide range from ocean sediment research to the systematics of crystal structures, crystal optics, crystal growth, and special aspects of the development of high performance materials with a focus on zeolites and mullite-type materials. This work is accompanied by comprehensive software development.

Affiliations
- Faculty of Geosciences
- Chair: Crystallography

Research Landscape
Nanomaterials, Porous Materials, Materials Synthesis, Materials Characterization

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Research Focus: The group works on mathematical models of chemical and mechanical processes in materials with complex microstructures (e.g., steel) as well as in the field of mathematical analyses of systems resulting from partial and ordinary differential equations. Furthermore, the derivation of averaged models via homogenization methods is a key investigation area.

Affiliations
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Research Landscape
Process Modelling, Metals
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- Chair: Solid State Chemical Crystallography  

**Research Landscape**  
Nanomaterials, Porous Materials, Materials Synthesis, Material Characterization

**Research Focus:** Our group is interested in temperature-dependent structure property relations of oxides, especially of compounds with activity lone electron pairs or small framework structures. Structural phase transitions, template-framework interaction, separation of thermal displacement and structural distortion or thermochromic behavior are as well of interest as photonic and (photo-)catalytic effects. Additionally we are dealing with the modeling of thermal expansion behavior and the corresponding model development on one hand and structure refinements and spectroscopic characterization from nano- to single crystals on the other hand.

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- Foundation Institute of Materials Science (IWT)  
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**Research Landscape**  
Manufacturing Engineering, Metals

**Research Focus:** The key areas of investigation are hard and fine machining (cutting & grinding), modeling and simulation of manufacturing processes, prevention of material damage during metal-cutting, distortion engineering during cutting and forming, strain hardening by grinding and deep rolling, as well as sensor integration for grinding tools with a special focus on the complex interaction of manufacturing process and material.

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**Affiliations**  
- Faculty of Production Engineering  
- Advanced Ceramics Group  

**Research Landscape**  
Porous Materials, Materials Engineering, Materials Characterization

**Research Focus:** Within the Advanced Ceramics Group the key areas are processing and characterization of functionalized porous ceramics for environmental, biotechnological and energy applications. Beside the controlled adjustment of pore sizes from nm to mm and the tailoring of porosites especially chemical functionalization approaches are used to alter the ceramic surface properties. Current research projects deal with functionalized ceramic membranes for bacteria and virus filtration, ceramic filters/adsorbents for gas separation and ceramic foams used as substrates for heterogeneous catalytic degradation of drug residues.
Research Focus: Our group investigates sensors on solid and flexible substrates. One goal is to integrate the sensor into materials in such a way that macroscopic properties, like for example the material stability, are not influenced. To reach this aim, smaller sensor elements and new material embedding techniques are necessary. Current projects cover the following material systems: metals (aluminum, steel), elastomers (sensors in gaskets) and fiber compound materials.

Research Focus: Spray processing for particulate materials and functional surfaces, particle science and engineering, particulate systems, reactive and non-reactive spray systems, aerosol manufacturing of materials, nanoparticle technology, air pollution, environmental health (“nanotox”).

Research Focus: Fundamental and application oriented research on heat treatment of metals, distortion engineering, surface technologies, characterization of microstructures and residual stresses, static and dynamic mechanical properties, optimization of material properties, lightweight materials, mechanical and corrosion testing, modelling & simulation, failure analysis.