# MATERIALS CHARACTERIZATION AND TESTING

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#### Subject areas:

The Competence Field of Materials Characterization and Testing deals with analyzing of mechanical properties, the structural composition of materials and coatings as well as their influence by modern manufacturing and processing procedures. A current major activity of our work is the development and design of novel materials, especially for additive manufacturing and coating technologies. We pursue the goal of increasing the durability of products, improving process efficiency, reducing energy and material consumption, and enabling the substitution of hazardous materials or materials that are difficult to recycle



- Laser cladding
- Laser powder bet fusion

Process

- Laser welding
- Grain structure (Grain size)
- Texture (EBSD)
- Phase analysis (EBSD/EDS)
- Hardness
  - Tensile, bending strength

Properties

- Fatigue strength
- Turbine componentsDissimilar metals' joints
- Coatings for high temperature applications

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## Possible tasks:

- Thermodynamic simulations: prediction of phase formation and stability at different temperatures
- Planning and conducting of experiments for characterization of material's microstructure and properties
- Further development of characterization techniques for accelerated alloy development and screening

## Facilities & techniques:

- ThermoCalc Software for thermodynamic calculations with MatLab-Toolbox for batch simulations
- Scanning electron microscopy with wide-ranging analytics: EBSD, EDS etc.
  Confocal laser scanning microscopy for surface characterization
  Diverse equipment for mechanical characterization: tensile and bending machines, hardness measurements
  And much more...

#### If you are interested in described topics, fill free to get in touch with us!

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