### **GENERAL PRESENTATION**



- ✓ **Complete denomination**: Belgian Ceramic Research Centre
- ✓ Location (city, country): Mons, Belgium
- ✓ **Director**: Dr. Francis CAMBIER
- ✓ Contact person in NEWGEN: Dr. Stéphane HOCQUET
- ✓ Working Group involvment: WG2

✓ **Staff**: 100 people (PhD, Engineers, Technicians, Admnistratives), including about 25 in R&D department, and 60 in testing, analysis, consultancy, expertises

✓ Research topics: <u>materials</u> (from synthesis to final product), <u>environment</u> (for a sustainable development) and <u>processing</u> (from lab to larger scale)

✓ Researchers expertises: traditional and advanced ceramics, refractory materials, castables, cement phases and glass



#### **BCRC**

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#### **BIOMATERIALS/NEWGEN TOPICS**

**Expertise:** 

Sintering-densification

Microstructure-properties correlations



#### Materials:

Dense (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and ZrO<sub>2</sub>) and porous (HAP,  $\beta$ -TCP) ceramics

#### **Process:**

Sintering of green parts with controlled internal structure and complex shape obtained with Optoform equipment – INTERREG IV project, in collaboration with SIRRIS



Scaffold with controlled porosity obtained from replica technique : 1-shaping with PMMA balls, 2-impregnation with ceramic suspension, 3-debinding/sintering (in collaboration with LMCPA-UVHC)



#### **Shaping by Freeze Casting**



Method using the oriented freezing of a ceramic suspension in order to obtain green parts with porous lamellae structure



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#### Shaping by SLM









#### **FACILITIES : Rapid manufacturing**







Selective Laser Sintering (Nd:YAG 200W)





Laser machining (Nd:YAG 100W)







Laser Cladding





#### **FACILITIES:** advanced equipements for densification







#### **Spark Plasma Sintering**

From 25mm up to 160mm

#### **Hot Isostatic Pressing**

(under inert atmosphere, or up to 20% O<sub>2</sub>)





#### **FACILITIES: characterizations**



#### Mechanical and thermal properties



Flexural and compressive strength (RT and HT)

Elastic properties by RFDA (RT and HT)

Micro- and nano-scratch testers

Wear resistance (Pion-disk)

(Micro-) hardness



COST Action MP1301

(Micro)structure Imaging: SEM, RX tomography





