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OHB Italia is seeking for its **Satellites** Department in Milano for immediate start a **MASTER OF SCIENCE student (m/f) for the following master thesis work: Improvement of methodologies for thermo-elastic prediction and verification for an ESA earth observation satellite structure designed and developed by OHB ITALIA**

Background

Predictive capability of thermo-elastic analyses for distortion (stability) and strength is not satisfactory any more, especially for the most challenging space mission in terms of satellite pointing requirements.

The thermo-elastic behavior is not usually correlated by ground test, hence the performance verifications are limited to analyses and - for this reason- an unacceptable/unquantified levels of uncertainty remain. As a result, prediction and verification of thermo-elastic distortions of Spacecraft structures are two important sources of errors in meeting the performance objectives of Scientific, Earth Observation and Telecommunications missions.

The state of the art in this domain is not always adequate to provide reliable verification of typical spacecraft and instrument strength and alignment stability requirements. In particular, the adequacy of numerical models is often questionable. Improving the prediction and verification of these distortions are of primary importance for the success of such missions.

Your Tasks

- To learn from past experiences about predictive capability of thermo-elastic analyses and their possible validation by test.
- To identify, elaborate and implement methods which improve end-to-end prediction and verification, including analysis and test, of thermo-elastic behavior (strength and stability) of spacecraft structures.
- To demonstrate the performance and potential of the methods on an application case representative of the complexity and size of a typical spacecraft element
- Structural (FEM) and Thermal (ESATAN) modelling
- Technical reporting.

Your Qualifications

- M.Sc student in Aeronautical, Aerospace, Space and Mechanical engineering
- Good Knowledge of finite difference and finite element method of modelling
- Maximum of three exams to finish the M.Sc course
- Fluent English

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