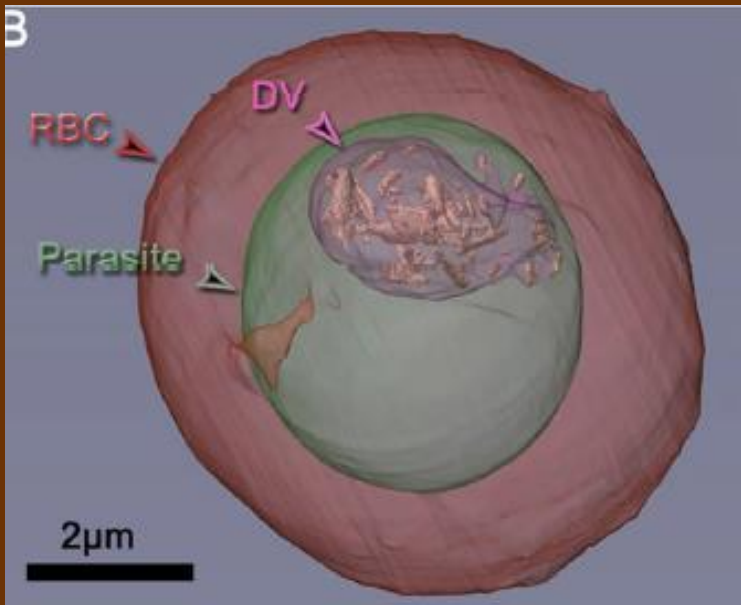




ALBA Synchrotron Light Source

C. Biscari



How does the malaria parasites infection works?

An international team has unraveled details never described before about how the malaria parasite acts after invading the red blood cells. This discovery has been possible thanks to two advanced microscope techniques combination: X-ray fluorescence microscopy (at ESRF) and soft X-rays tomography, this one conducted at ALBA MISTRAL BL. Infected red blood cells image analysis offer new information that could yield new drugs design against malaria, an illness that claims over 400.000 lives each year.

[Nature Scientific Reports \(2017\) 7, 802. DOI: 10.1038/s41598-017-00921-2.](#)

[Nature Scientific Reports \(2017\) 7, 7610. DOI: 10.1038/s41598-017-06650-w](#)

Other examples

- 3D Map of **Hepatitis C**-infected cells [ACS Nano \(2016\) 10 \(7\). DOI: 10.1021/acsnano.6b01374](#)
- Cholesterol crystals' formation to understand **atherosclerosis** [JAmChemSoc \(2016\) 138 \(45\). DOI: 10.1021/jacs.6b07584](#)
- **Alzheimer's** mechanisms [AnalyticalChemistry \(2018\) 90 \(4\). DOI: 10.1021/acs.analchem.7b04818](#)
- Solved a molecular recognition mechanism involved in protein recycling, involved in pathologies like **Alzheimer or Parkinson**. [Cell \(2016\) DOI: 10.1016/j.cell.2016.10.056](#)
- Proving tolcapone as a powerful inhibitor of **familial myloidosis** [Nature Communications \(2016\) 7, 10787. DOI: 10.1038/ncomms10787](#)
- Atomic resolution of enzyme MAT α 2, related to **colon and liver cancers** [PNAS \(2016\) 8. DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1510959113](#)
- 3D Structure of the fibre head of **turkey adenovirus 3** [PLOS One \(2015\) 29. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0139339](#)

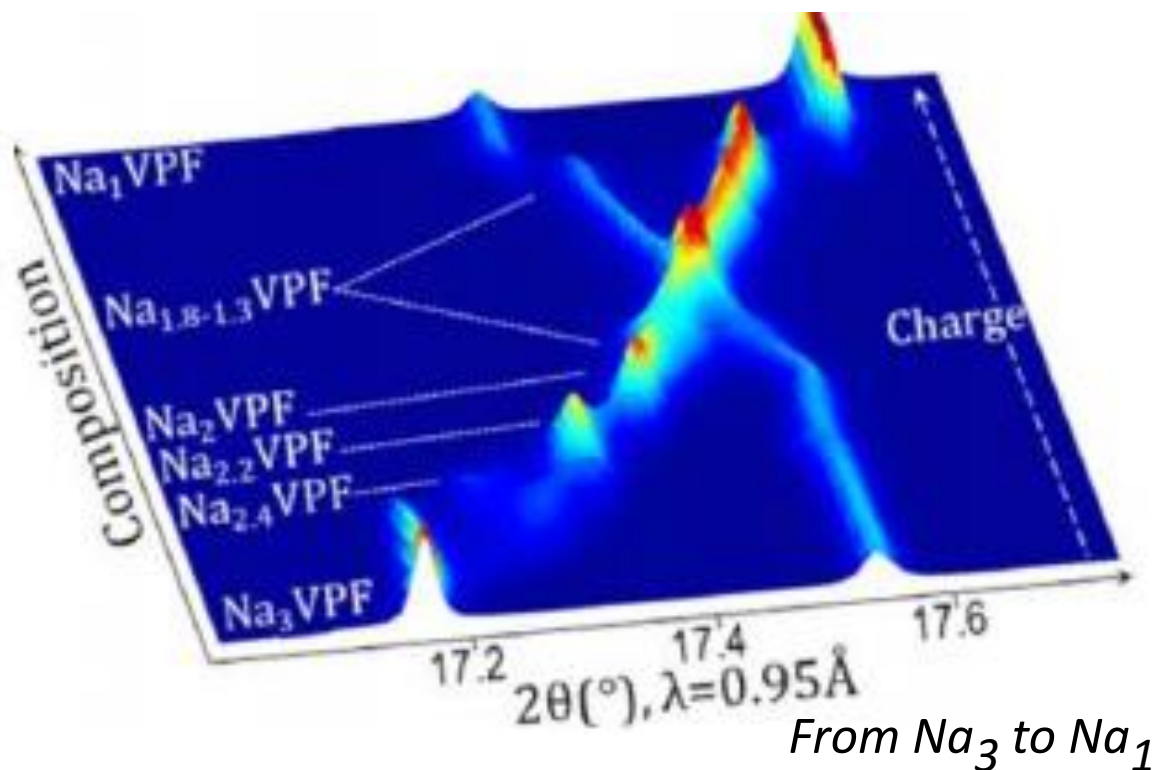
Cancer treatment: understanding the effect of metallic nanocomposites Javier Conesa et al, in preparation

- Organometallic molecules containing Ir are drugs for cancer treatment. Their localization inside the cancer cells was unknown.
- A combination of X ray tomography (Mistral) and fluorescence imaging (ESRF) has revealed that the metallic Ir is localized at the **mitochondria** which generate ATP (chemical energy source)

Other examples

- More stable and less toxic **nanoparticles for medical applications** [Chemical Communications \(2017\) 60](#). DOI: [10.1039/c7cc04945e](https://doi.org/10.1039/c7cc04945e)
- A new key target for **prostate cancer** treatment [Nature Communications \(2017\) 8, 14388](#). DOI: [10.1038/ncomms14388](https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms14388)
- Proven efficacy of a protein with potential to inhibit **HIV-1** [PNAS \(2014\) 111 \(51\)](#). DOI: [10.1073/pnas.1413592112](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1413592112)
- A new drug against **malaria** [Acta Crystallographica Section D 70](#). DOI: [10.1107/S139900471400697X](https://doi.org/10.1107/S139900471400697X)
- **Drugs for sleeping illness** [Nucleic Acids Research \(2017\) 45, 14](#). DOI: [10.1093/nar/gkx521](https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkx521)
- **Iron Oxide Nanoparticles** Stress the Cells [Nanotoxicology, 1-11](#)

Develop energy materials



Li is expensive and scarce. Research on **batteries** based on alternative electrodes are investigated at MSPD (diffraction) and CLAEISS (absorption) beamlines.

Example: **Na based batteries** (Na, V, P, O and F) – Studying the charging capacity by understanding the crystalline structure of the cathode and its changes during charging

CA rechargeable batteries viability demonstrated

Calcium can be used as electrode in rechargeable batteries according to a study from CSIC in collaboration with Toyota Motor Europe (TME) supported by the measurements performed at ALBA.



This work proves that oxidation-reduction of calcium occurs in a reversible way in electrolytes that can operate at high potential.

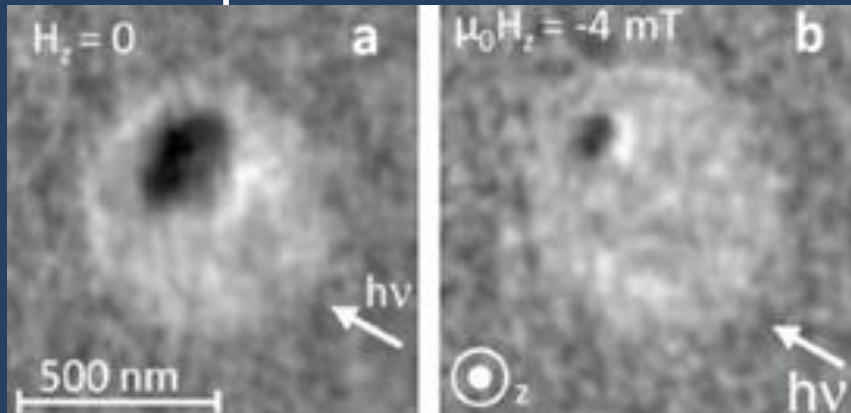
[Nature Materials \(2016\) 15. DOI: 10.1038/nmat4462](https://doi.org/10.1038/nmat4462)

Other examples:

- **Visualising discharge products in lithium-oxygen batteries.** [Nanoletters \(2015\) 15. DOI: 10.1021/acs.nanolett.5b02862](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.nanolett.5b02862)
- **Comparison of Electrospun and Conventional LiFePO₄/C composite Cathodes for Li-ion Batteries,** *Mater. Sci. Eng. B-Adv.* [10.1016/j.mseb.2016.04.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mseb.2016.04.006)

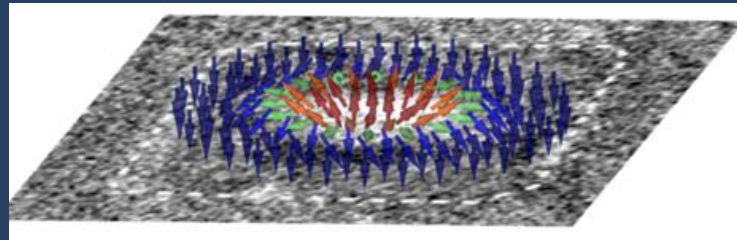
Advance in nanotechnology

- Future **computers** will use the electron charge and magnetic moment for information processing. The science behind is **nanomagnetism** on which Alba performs top level research.
- **Skymions** are structures that might be the future carriers of information. CIRCE, BOREAS and MISTRAL BLs are used to study their dynamical and structure



Images from CIRCE showing the contraction of the diameter from 230 to 50 nm under an applied field of 4 mT

Skymion schematic

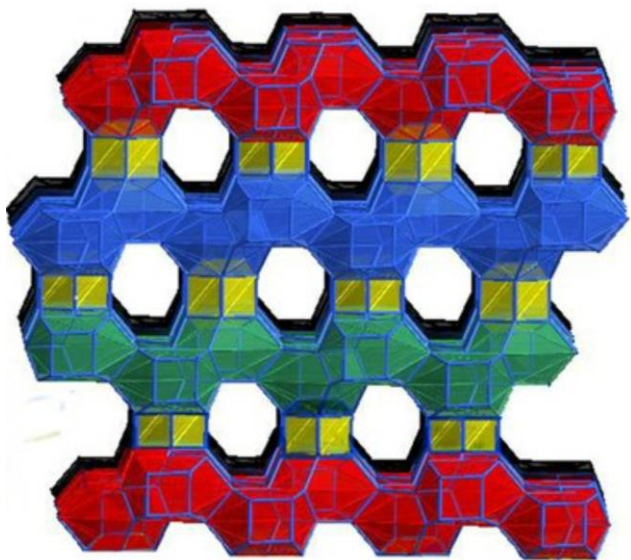


[Nature Nanotechnology \(2016\)](#) O. Bulle ...L. Aballe, M. Foester, ...G. Gaudin

Other examples

- Unravelling the water condensation on photoactive nanotubes [Langmuir \(2017\) 33 \(26\)](#). DOI: [10.1021/acs.langmuir.7b00156](#)
- Nanometric magnetite with full properties [Nanoscale \(2018\) 12](#). DOI: [10.1039/C7NR07143D](#)
- New method for fabricating high-quality ultrathin cobalt ferrite nanostructures [Advanced Materials \(2015\)](#). DOI: [10.1002/adma.201502799](#)
- How does cement hydration works? [Scientific Reports \(2018\) 8](#). DOI: [10.1038/s41598-018-26943-y](#)
- IMAGING HOW MAGNETISM GOES SURFING, [M. Foerster et al. Nature Communications 16-28724B](#)
- **New magnetic mechanism in high temperature superconductor cuprates, proving the coexistence of magnetism and superconductivity**, [Advanced Science](#). DOI: [10.1002/advs.201500295](#)

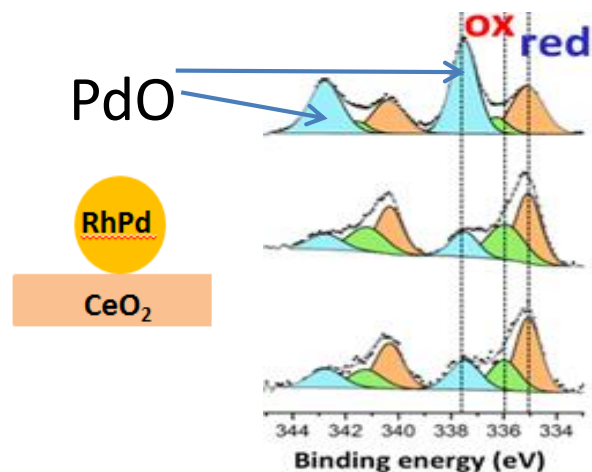
Improve catalysis processes



- **Catalysis:** key technology for XXI century. Societal challenges including **fertilizers, fuels from oil, air quality, pharmaceutical, agrochemical**...and more recently photo-catalysis and electro-catalysis for energy research. Improving catalysts requires sophisticated tools to monitor the catalysts in operation.
- Ambient pressure photoemission and absorption spectroscopies at CIRCE and CLAESS are steadily used

Example: Ethanol hydrogenation reaction. Catalyst: PdRh metallic nanoparticles on a CeO₂ support
Ambient photoemission reveals that the active catalyst is **oxidized Pd** and **not** metallic Pd

Núria J. Divins *et al.*
Science **346**, 620 (2014);
DOI: 10.1126/science.1258106



Other Examples:

- Metal organic framework-mediated synthesis of highly active and stable Fischer-Tropsch catalysts, [Nature Communications](#) **6**, 6451 (2015)
- Water affinity and surface charging at the Z-cut and Y-cut LiNbO₃ surfaces: An Ambient Pressure XPS Study, [The Journal of Physical Chemistry C](#), **120** (4): 24048-24055 (2016) doi: [10.1021/acs.jpcc.6b05465](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jpcc.6b05465)
- Strong Impact of the Oxygen Content in Na₃V₂(PO₄)₂F_{3-y}O_y (0 ≤ y ≤ 0.5) on their Structural and Electrochemical Properties, [Chemistry of Materials](#), **28** 7683-7692 (2016) doi: [10.1021/acs.chemmater.6b02659](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.chemmater.6b02659)
- First direct observation of the development of tailored mesoporosity within zeolites, [Chemistry of Materials](#), **28** (24):8971 – 8979, (2016) doi: [10.1021/acs.chemmater.6b03688](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.chemmater.6b03688)

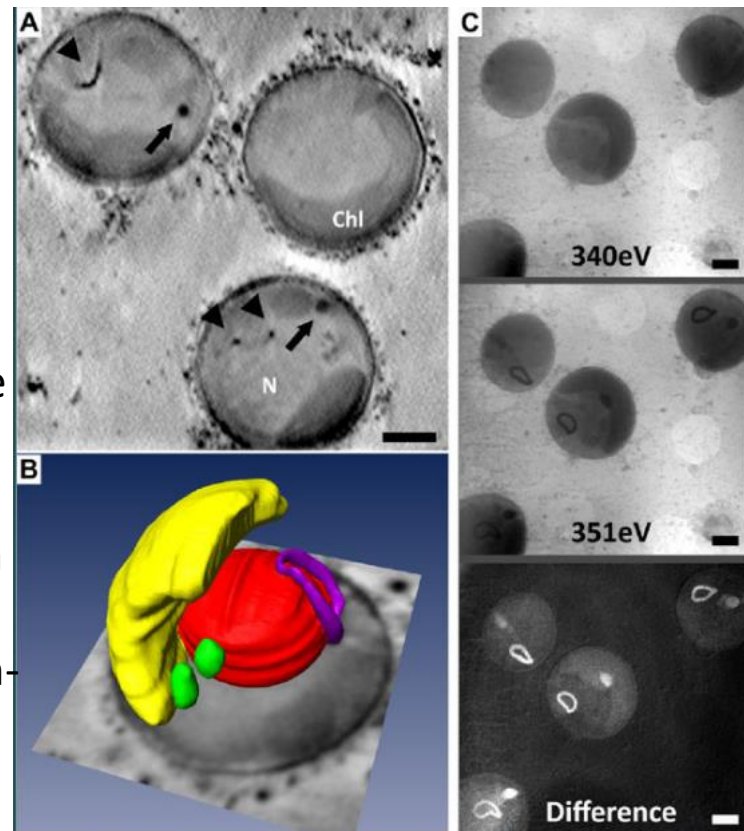
Spatial distribution of calcium in coccolithophores, widespread marine algae that may play an important role in the response of the oceanic ecosystem to predicted global climate change.

MISTRAL and [Max-Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology](#) scientists

have discovered **high amounts of calcium to be concentrated in membrane-bound compartments that are separate from the coccolith producing compartment**

Coccolithophores may play an important role in the response of the oceanic ecosystem to predicted global climate change, and similar changes in the past were recorded in the chemical composition of coccoliths that accumulated in ocean-floor sediments.

[Nature Communications \(2016\) 7, 11228. DOI: 10.1038/ncomms11228](#)



Other examples

- A molecular mechanism that controls plant growth and development. [Cell \(2014\) 156. DOI: 10.1016/j.cell.2013.12.027](#)
- THE INHIBITION OF RAP PHOSPHATASE BY SPECIFIC PHR PEPTIDES, [PLoS Biology 2013 11\(3\):e1001511](#)
- Polymorphic study of alimentary triacylglycerols by SAXS/WAXS simultaneous measurements: from pure components to end food products
- Distribution of Selenium speciation in Se-enriched wheat grain
- HOW DO PLANTS RESIST SOIL MERCURY?

... and others as

Help cultural heritage conservation and knowledge

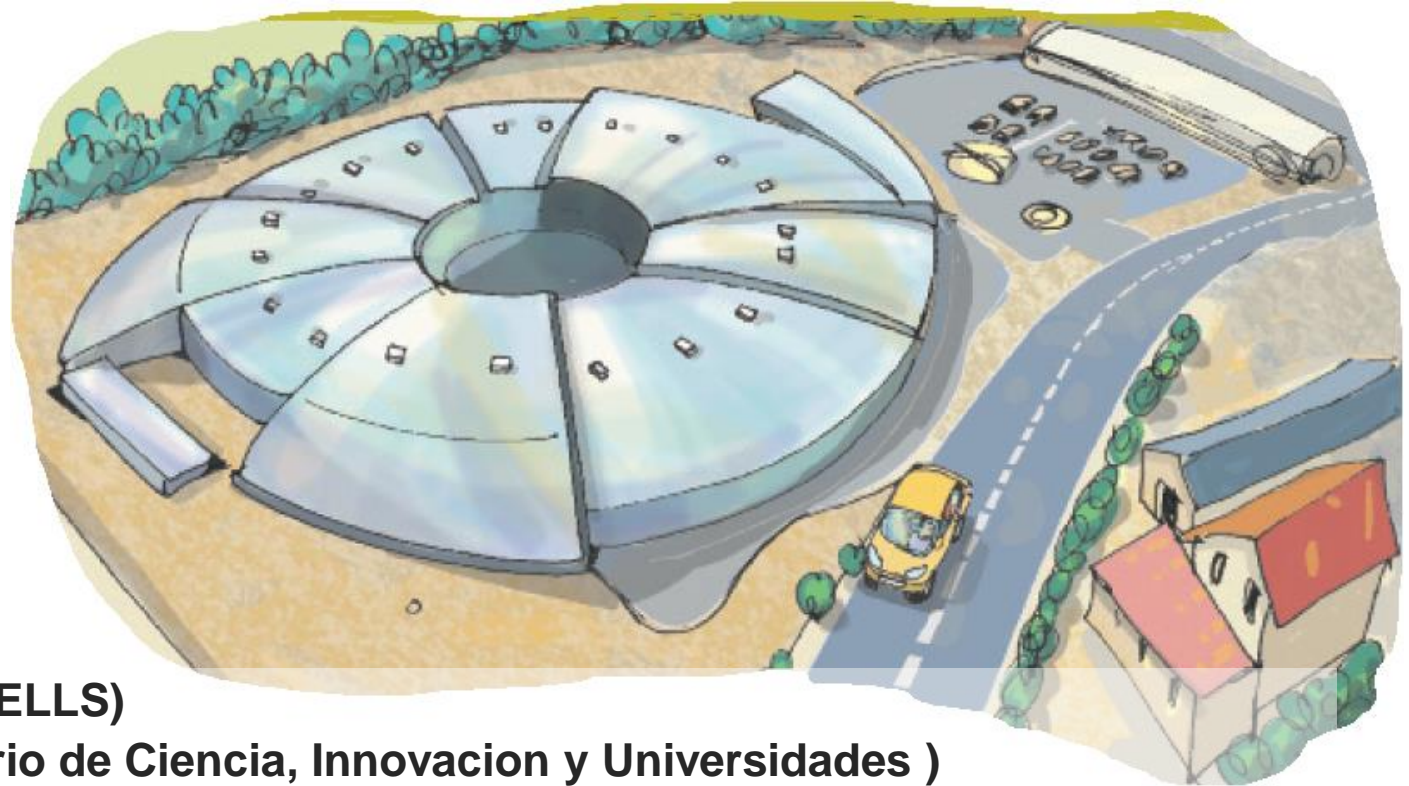


**Capilla de San Miguel del Monasterio de Pedralbes
Open to public after 10 years of restoration in 2016**



Fungi in the paintings detected with Synchrotron Light at ALBA

ALBA is a Research Infrastructure



National public consortium (CELLS)

50% national **funding** (Ministerio de Ciencia, Innovacion y Universidades)

50% regional **funding** (Departament d'Empresa i Coneixement)

National and **international** (21%) staff

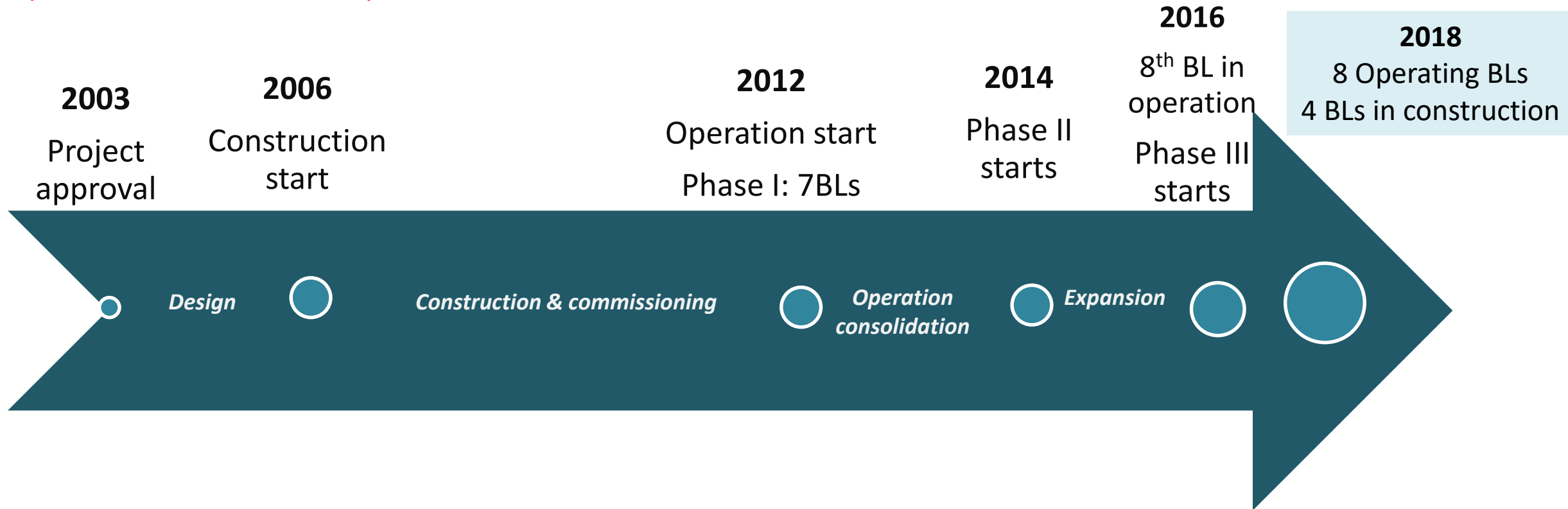
National and **international** (35%) users

National and **international** collaborations

Participation to projects plus services providing extra 7- 8% of income and 10% of staff

ALBA history

Prehistory linked to HEP community: a Tau-charm was the first proposal ('90s) for building a large research infrastructure in Spain, later on evolved into a synchrotron light source, well suited to Spanish scientific community needs

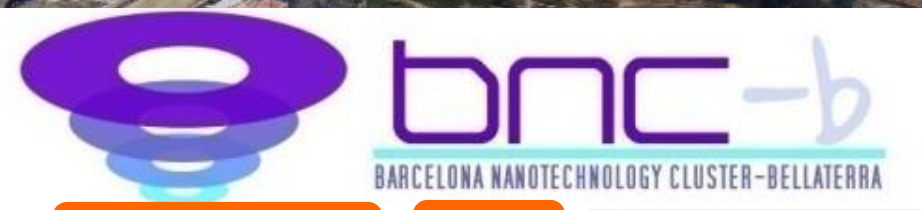




4 Centres of Excellence “Severo Ochoa” and the 2 Units of Excellence “María de Maeztu” are located in the UAB campus

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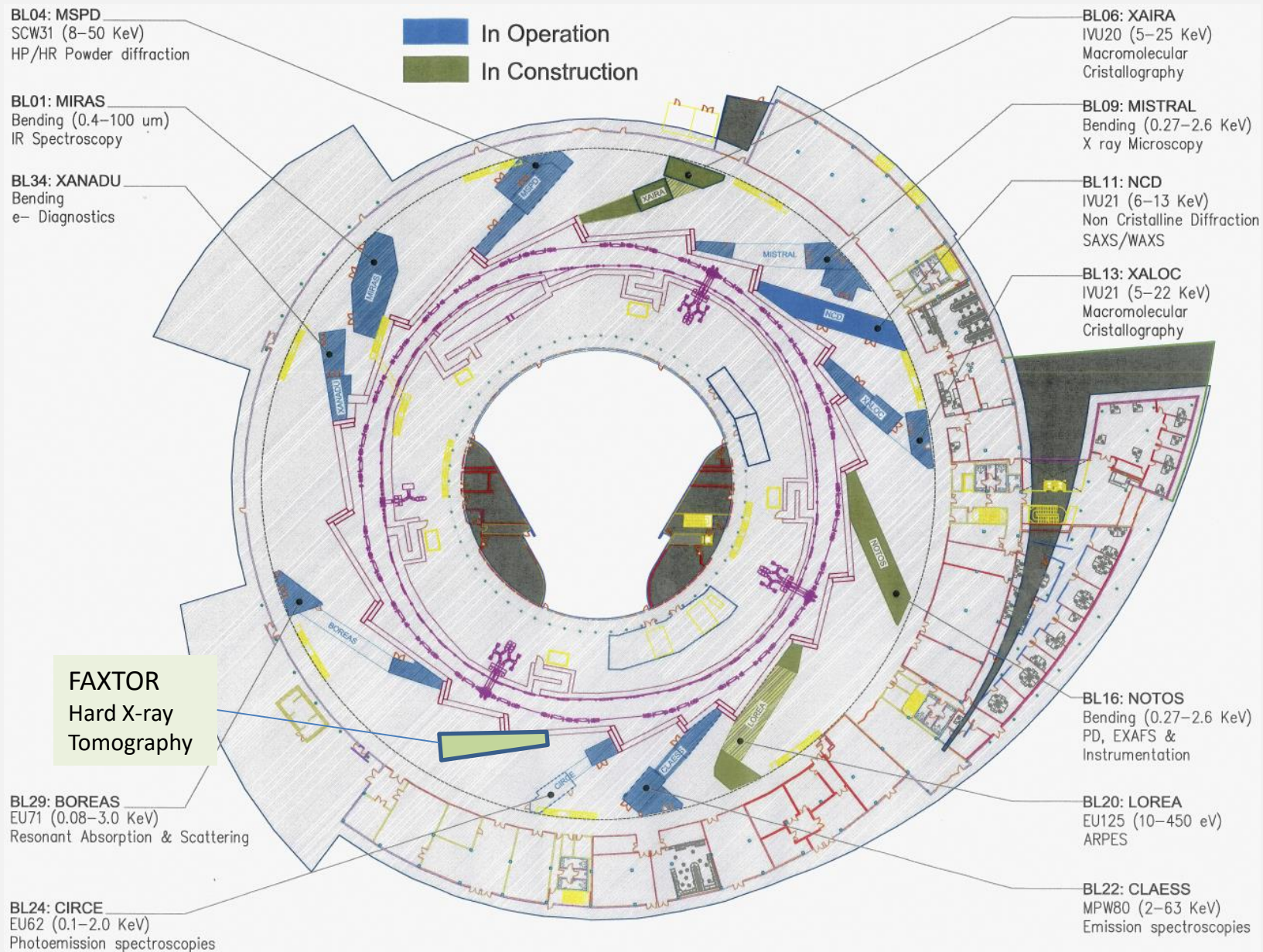
ALBA

MATGAS

National Center Microelectronics

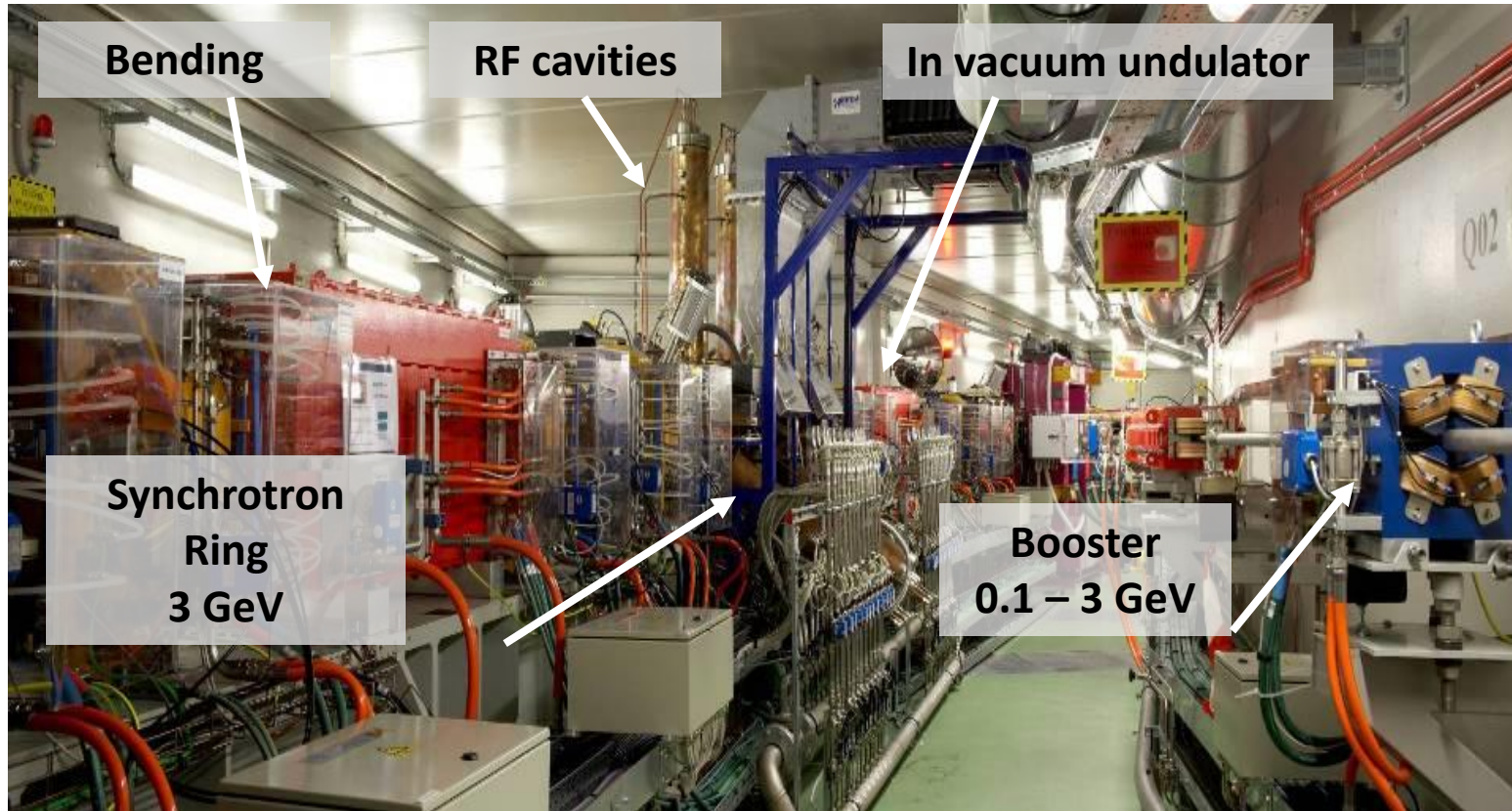
A cluster with nearly 750 scientists and technicians in the areas of Materials, Micro and Nanotechnologies

ALBA layout including accelerators and beamlines



Large infrastructure based on e- accelerator

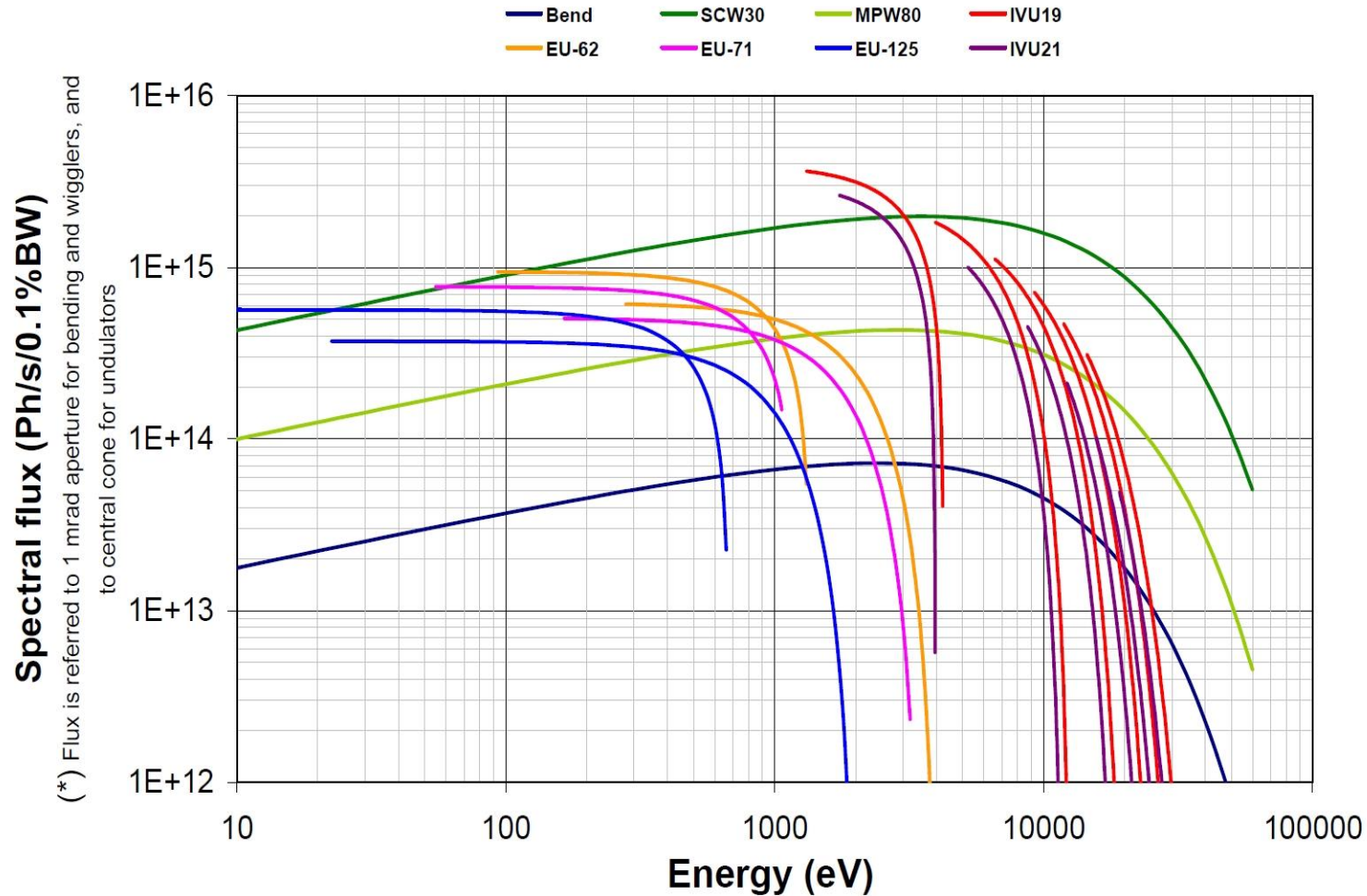
First (and up to now unique) large accelerator infrastructure in Spain



ALBA accelerator expertise in

- Accelerator design / construction / operation at highest international standards
- Magnet design / realization; magnetic measurement lab used also by other institutions and companies
- RF systems – cavities, IOTs, Klystrons, LLRF; RF lab used also by other institutions and companies
- Vacuum systems – vacuum chamber design and optimization; realization; maintenance; vacuum and diagnostic lab used also by other institutions and companies
- e- beam diagnostics and instrumentations systems – BPMs, current monitors, SR monitors, streak cameras
- Conventional infrastructure characteristics for high stability at mechanical and electromagnetic level

Photon sources: Insertion Devices and Bending Magnets



- Bends (critical energy 8.6 keV)
- 1 SCW (2.1 T)
- 1 Multipole wiggler
- Undulators
- 2 IV undulators
- 3 EU undulators

Covering from IR, through soft X-rays up to hard X-rays at 60 keV

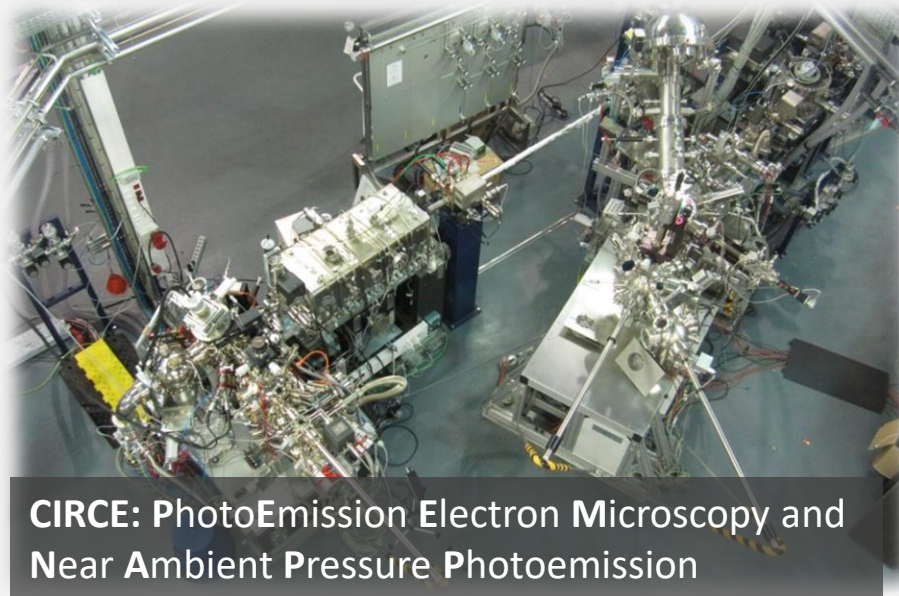
Four Beamlines mainly dedicated to Chemistry, Physics - Condensed Matter

Material science, Cultural heritage, 8 to 50 keV



Material science,
Catalysis, Cultural heritage, 6 to 64 keV

Nanomagnetism, Surface and materials science, Catalysis, 0.1 to 2 keV



Nanomagnetism, Surface science, 0.08 to 4 keV

Four beamlines mainly dedicated to Life Sciences

Biosciences, Polymers,
Materials science, 6,5 to
13 keV



Biosciences, Proteins,
drugs, 5 to 22 keV

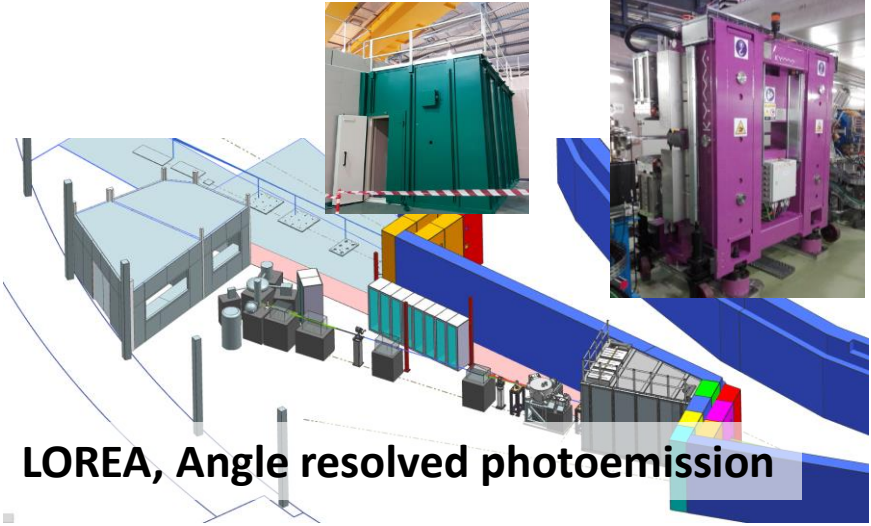
Bioscience,
Nanomagnetism, 0.27 to
1.2 keV



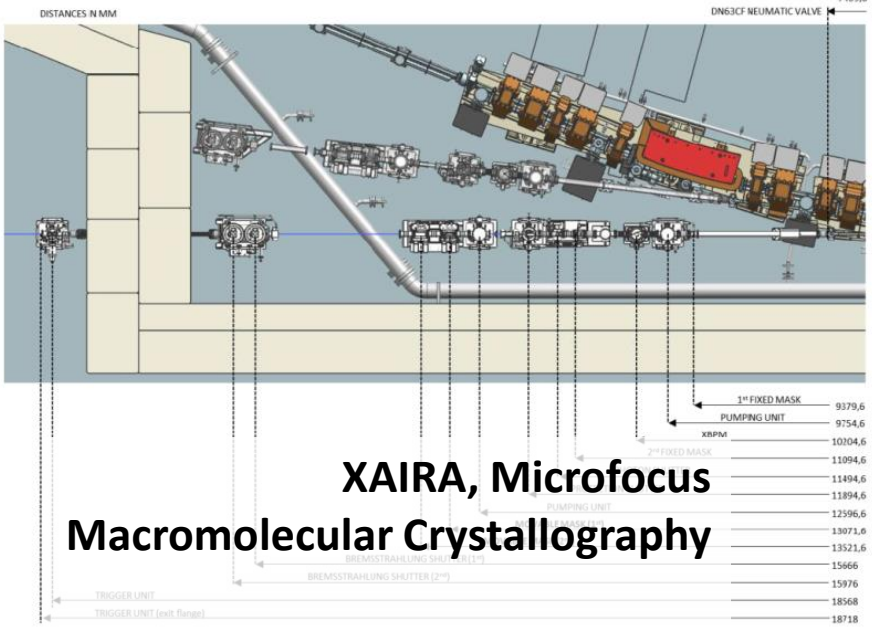
Bioscience, Material
Science, Cultural
Heritage, IR 10-100 um

Four beamlines in construction at different stages

Electronic structures,
Materials science,
0.01-1 keV



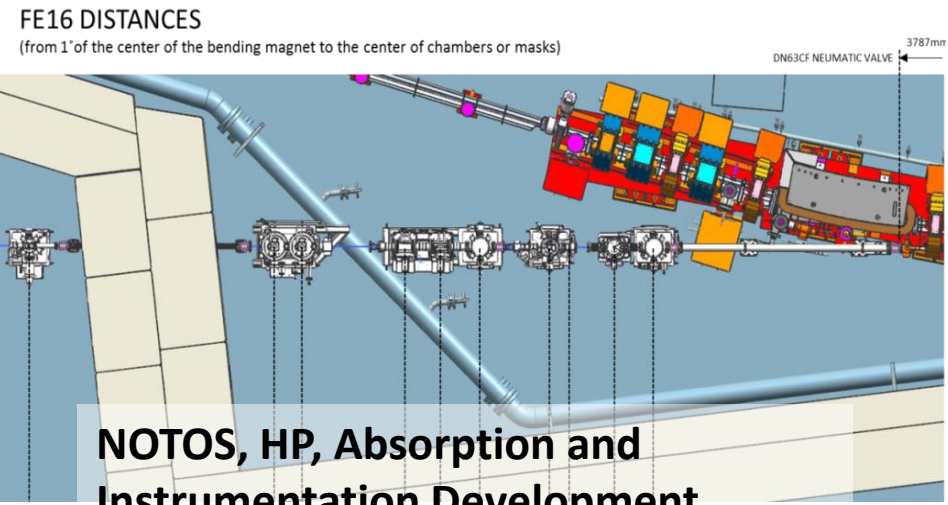
LOREA, Angle resolved photoemission



**XAIRA, Microfocus
Macromolecular Crystallography**

Biosciences, Proteins,
drugs, 4 to 22 keV

Material science, catalysis,
instrumentation,
metrology,, 4.8 to 30 keV



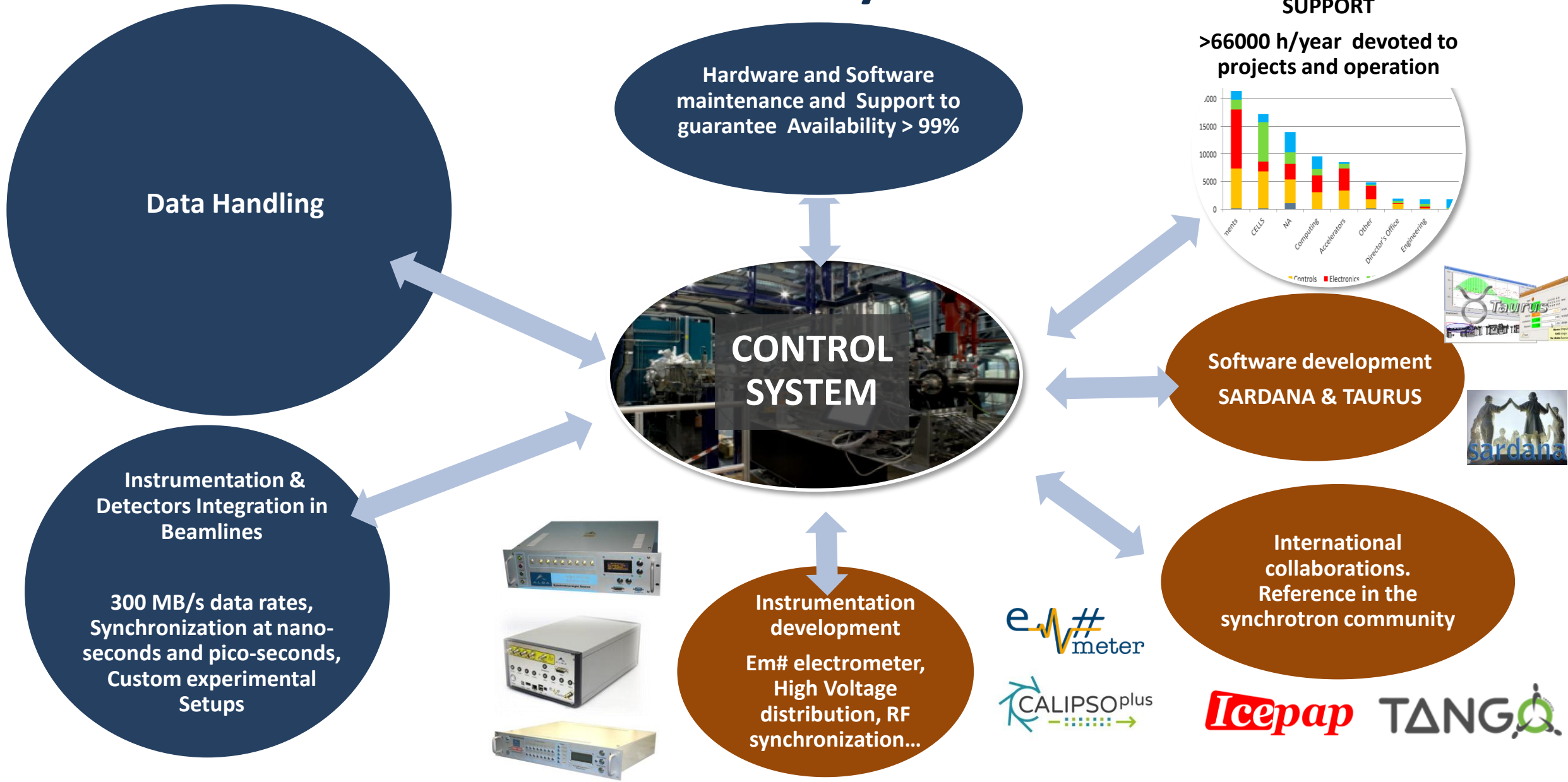
FE16 DISTANCES
(from 1' of the center of the bending magnet to the center of chambers or masks)

**NOTOS, HP, Absorption and
Instrumentation Development**



Fast X-ray radioscopy,
real time tomography
hard X-ray range

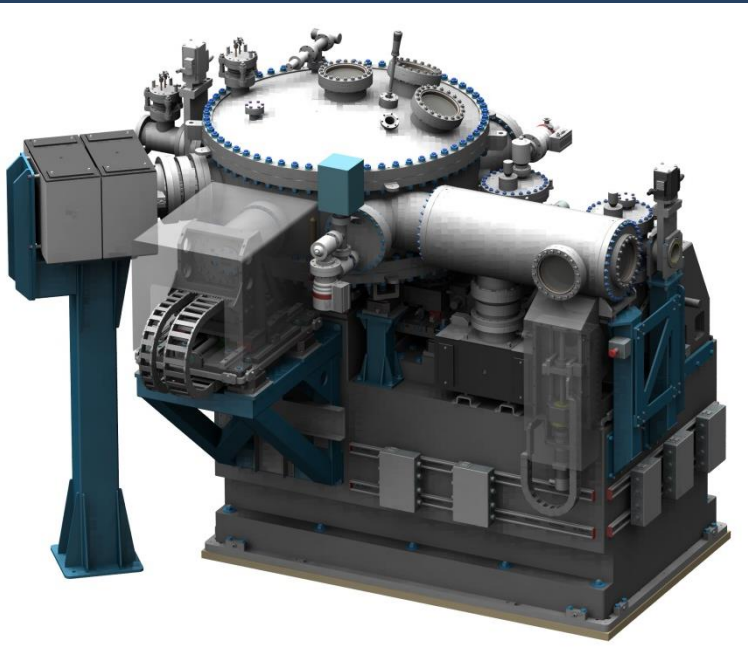
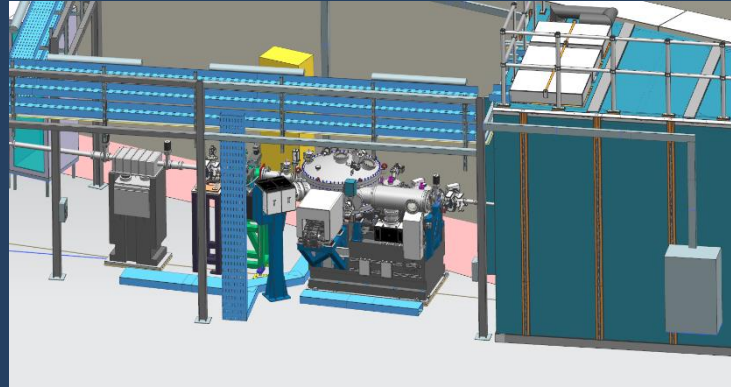
Control & IT Systems



Example: LOREA Monochromator new design

Novel grating cooling with thermoelectric modules. avoiding in-vacuum fittings, air guards and air encapsulations

Grating pitch mechanism with with 0.1 μ rad resolution



High stability

- First resonance at 65Hz
- The Fine mechanics and services are fully decoupled, structurally and with independent motorization
- Robust grating exchange mechanism
- Mirror movement with compact and rigid goniometers mechanics

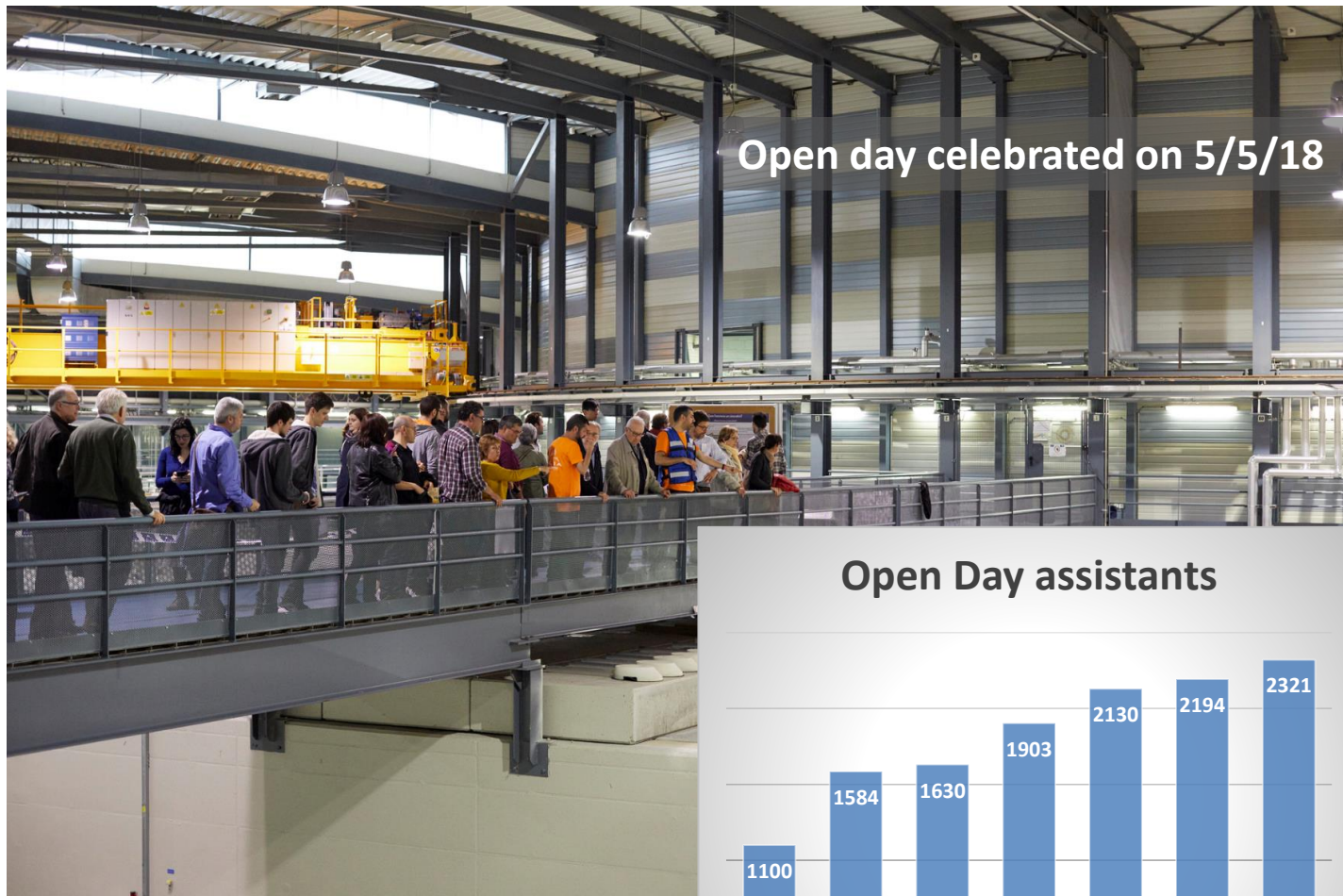
ALBA engineering expertise in

- Precision mechanics & mechatronics design of Synchrotron instrumentation.
- Survey & Alignment, and metrology & vibrations test and analysis.
- Vacuum systems design and operation (for third parties also).
- Cryogenics engineering design at system level, and support to operation.
- Workshop operation for high precision mechanical parts manufacturing and assembly.
- Conventional infrastructure design, operation and maintenance (de-ionized water cooling, compressed air, liquid Nitrogen, liquid Helium, electrical systems, HVAC, civil engineering, control of technical installations).
- Radiation protection hatches design following SPR's team specification.



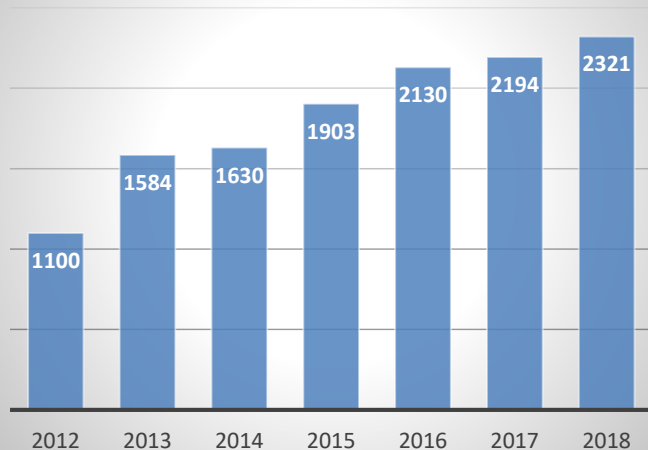
Each year
~ 15-20 PhD students (ER), all with partial or full external funding
~ 20 university students (degrees/master)
10-15 FP (Professional Training) students have joined different areas, from accelerators, engineering, computer & control, beamlines, communication

Outreach towards the society



Open day celebrated on 5/5/18

Open Day assistants



More than 5000 visits/year
 One yearly Open Day with high assistance
 Participation of scientist in conferences and debates open to public
 Mision ALBA: program to reach all Spanish schools

Experiencia educativa. A través de una web común, los alumnos siguen 4 etapas donde realizan experimentos en clase.

Dirigido a

- **Fomentar vocaciones científicas**
- Proporcionar a los **docentes recursos educativos**
- **Acercar** a la comunidad educativa la labor científica





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Mission

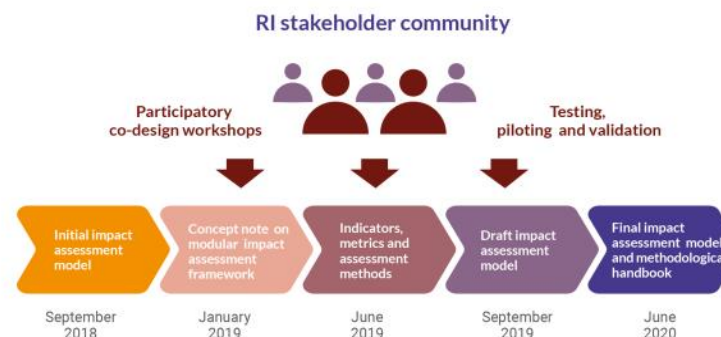
Give funders and managers of research infrastructures **the tools** to assess their impact on the economy and contribution to society.

Objectives

- + Take stock of the existing approaches for impact assessment of research infrastructures and identify future data needs
- + Design a modular impact assessment model that covers all main impact pathways of research infrastructures
- + Define a set of core indicators, provide guidance and pilot the impact assessment model with research infrastructures.

Highlights of the approach:

- + A model design reflects the specificities of research infrastructures taking into account their mission, type and phase of development
- + Work is carried out in a participatory manner engaging research infrastructures in a co-design of the impact assessment model
- + Project outcomes provide a practical impact assessment tool-box for policy makers and research infrastructure managers
- + Effort contributes towards a more common approach at international level



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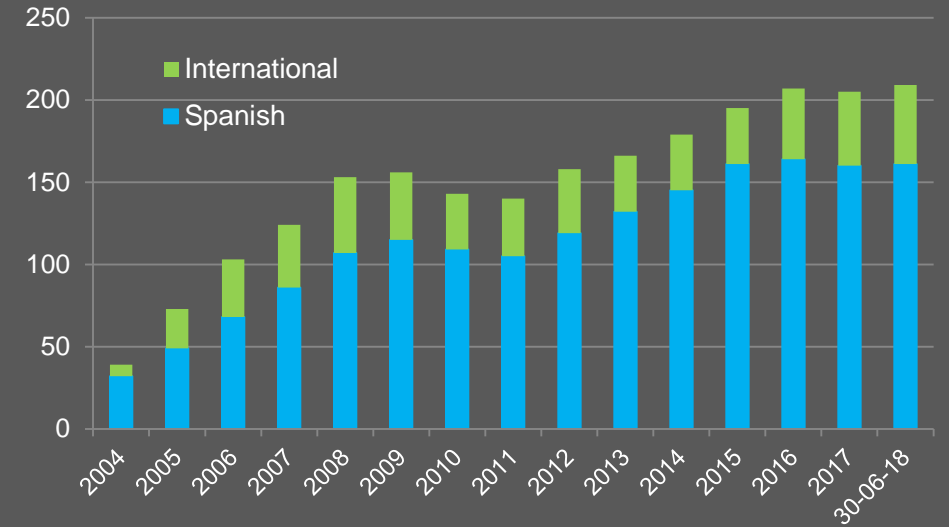
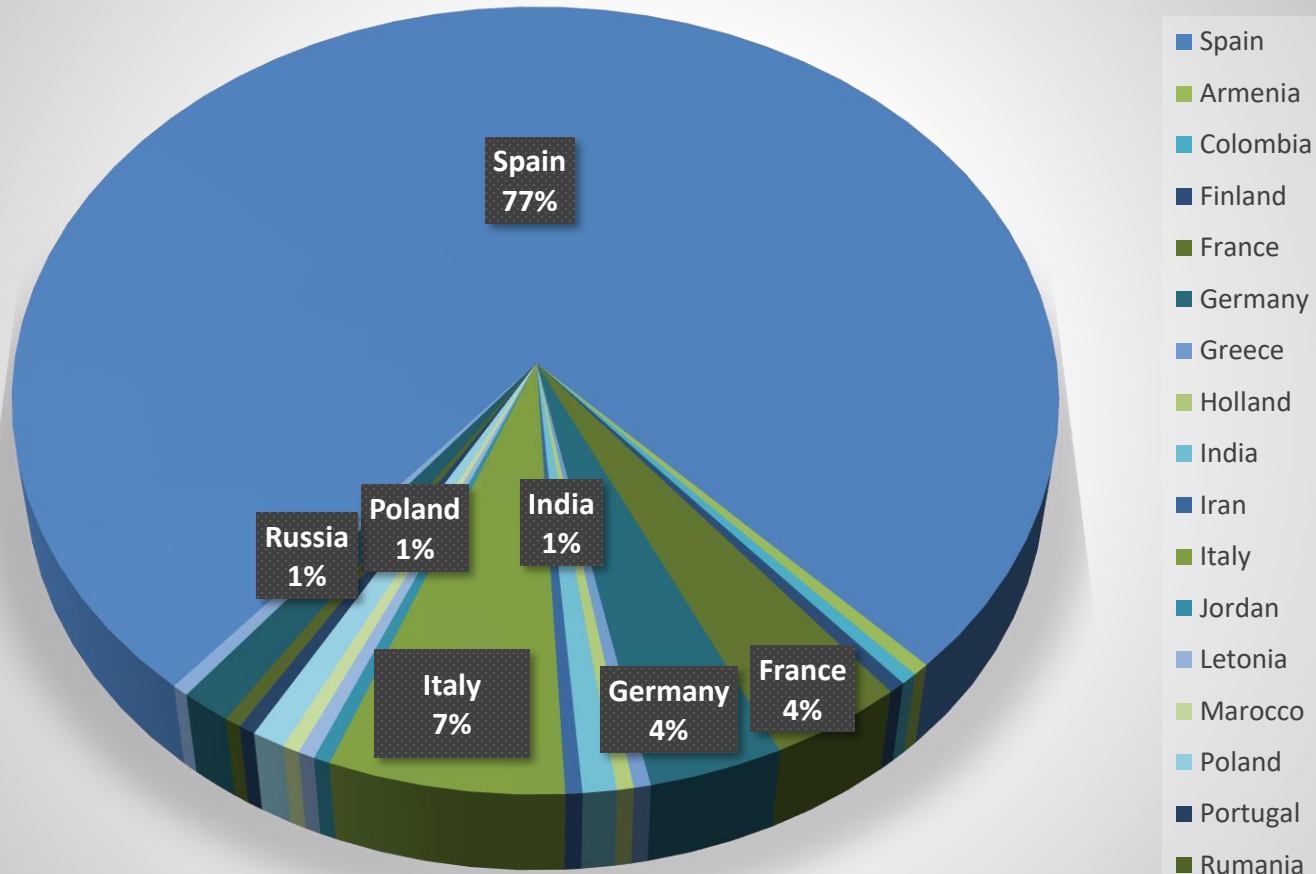


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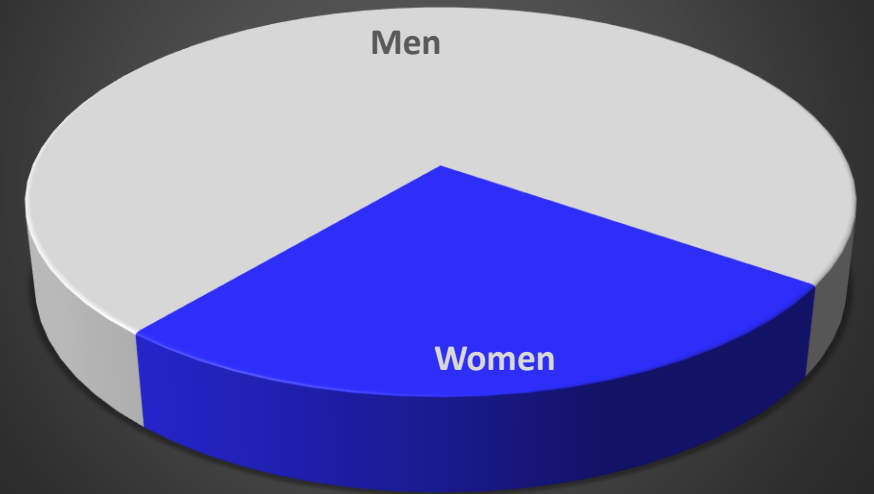
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Staff

Nationality Distribution (2018)



Gender distribution (2018)



Operation

ALBA Operations Calendar, January 2018-December 2018

BL operation	BL	BL users (external, friendly, in-house & commissioning)
bl operation	bl	BL/FE/ID Commissioning & Accelerator Optimization for BLs
Start-up	M	Start up of accelerators with beam & Accelerator's Studies
Warm-up	W	Warm: Linac & RF & magnets & sub-systems maintenance and optimisation
Shutdown	Off	Civil Engineering, Accelerators and BL maintenance with no beam, installations and upgrades
Public & CELLS holiday	Public	

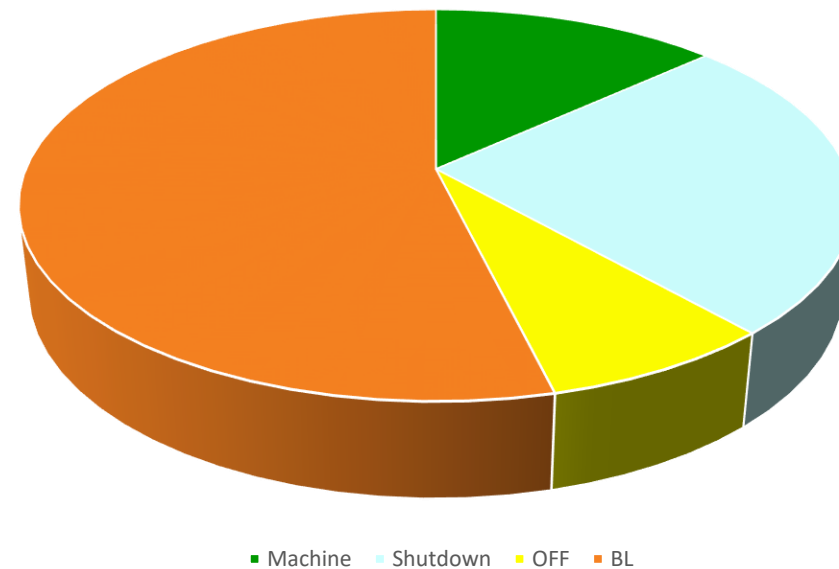
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2018 versio 8.0
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 MBM approved
 10 shut downs
 28 days off in August
 PSS days: From 20 to 23.5 PSS and BO_RF work together
 PSS days: From 23.5 to 29 SPR exclusively PSS verification

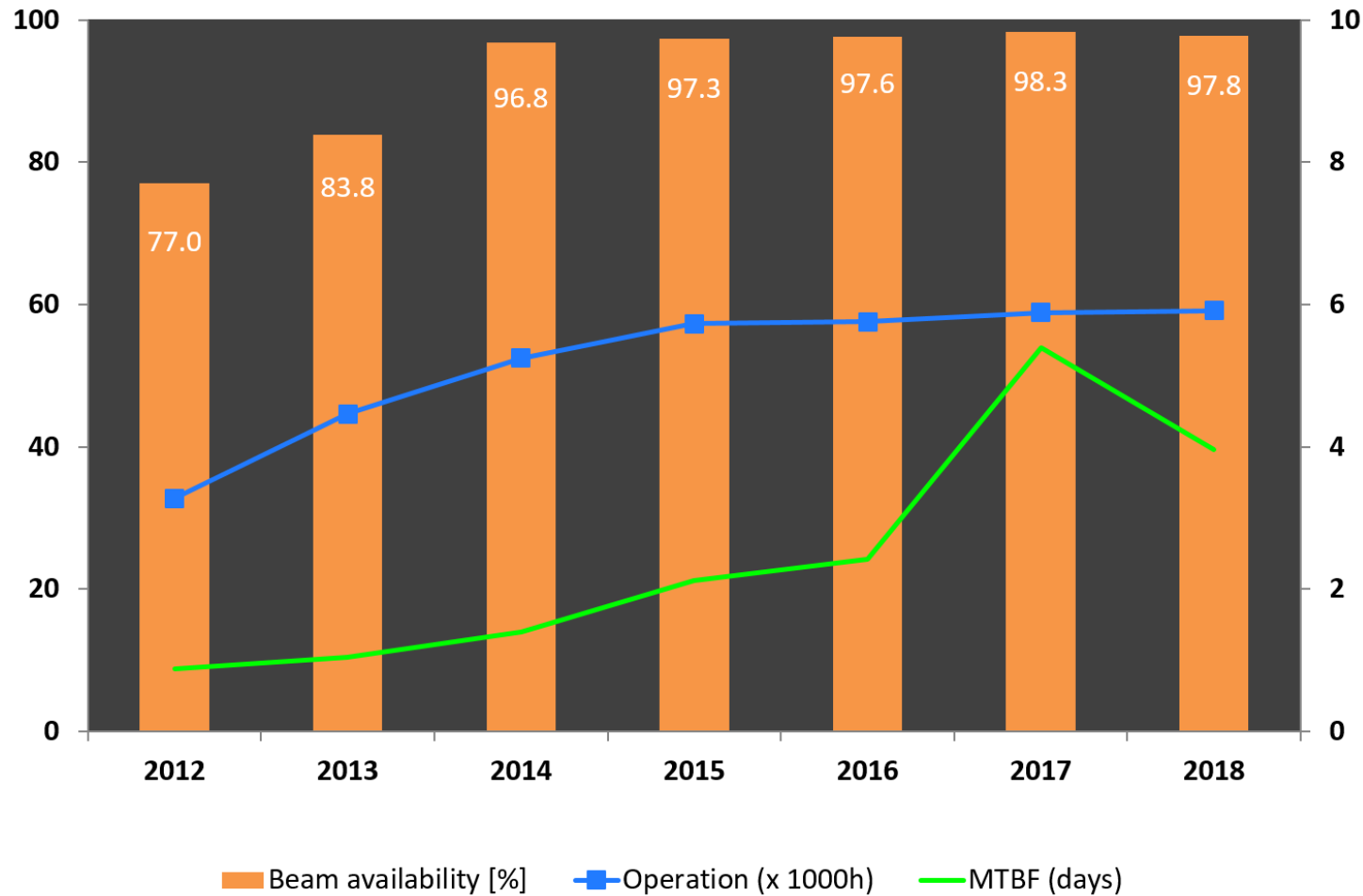
Status	Days
Shutdown (basic systems on)	91
Shutdown (all systems off)	64
Machine days	51
BEAMLINES operation	195

Time distribution during the year



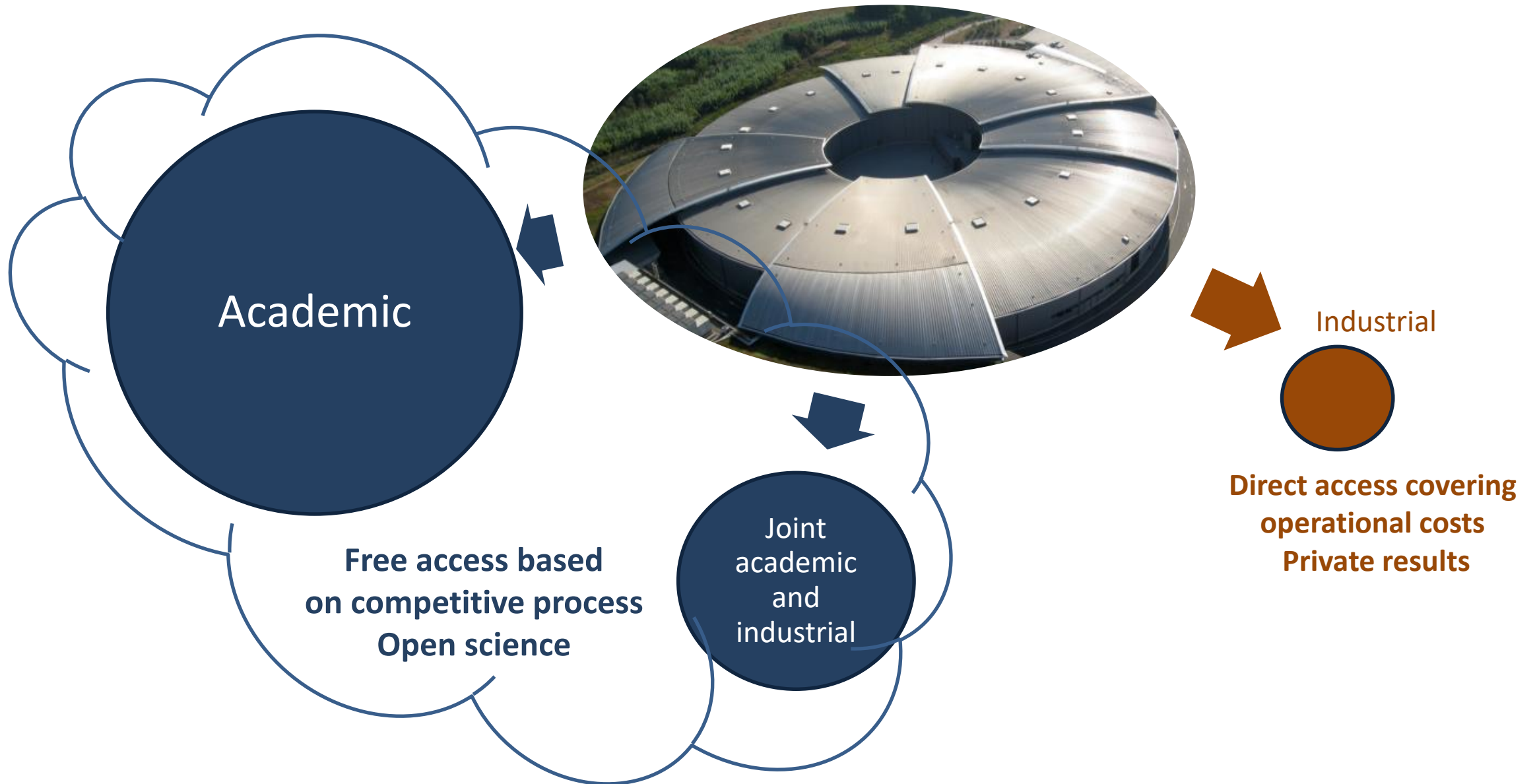
In a user facility, whose users have few days at their disposal (in average 3), it is essential to assure the maximum reliability

Availability since the start of the operation



Mean Time Between Failures above 4 days since 2017. Thanks to

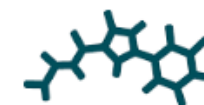
- Sound design and realization of the whole infrastructure and its systems, from the low-tech ones to the most advanced
- Usage of preventive maintenance
- Spare system availability optimized within budget constraints
- Availability of maintenance teams 24/24 for all technical systems with quick reaction capacity based also on on-call organization



Life and Material Science

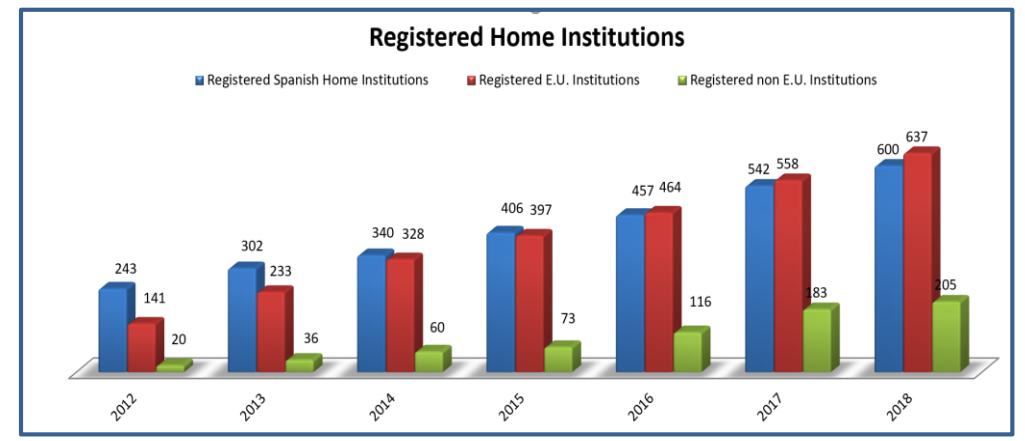
few examples of users from all Spain

(600 registered institutions in our user database)

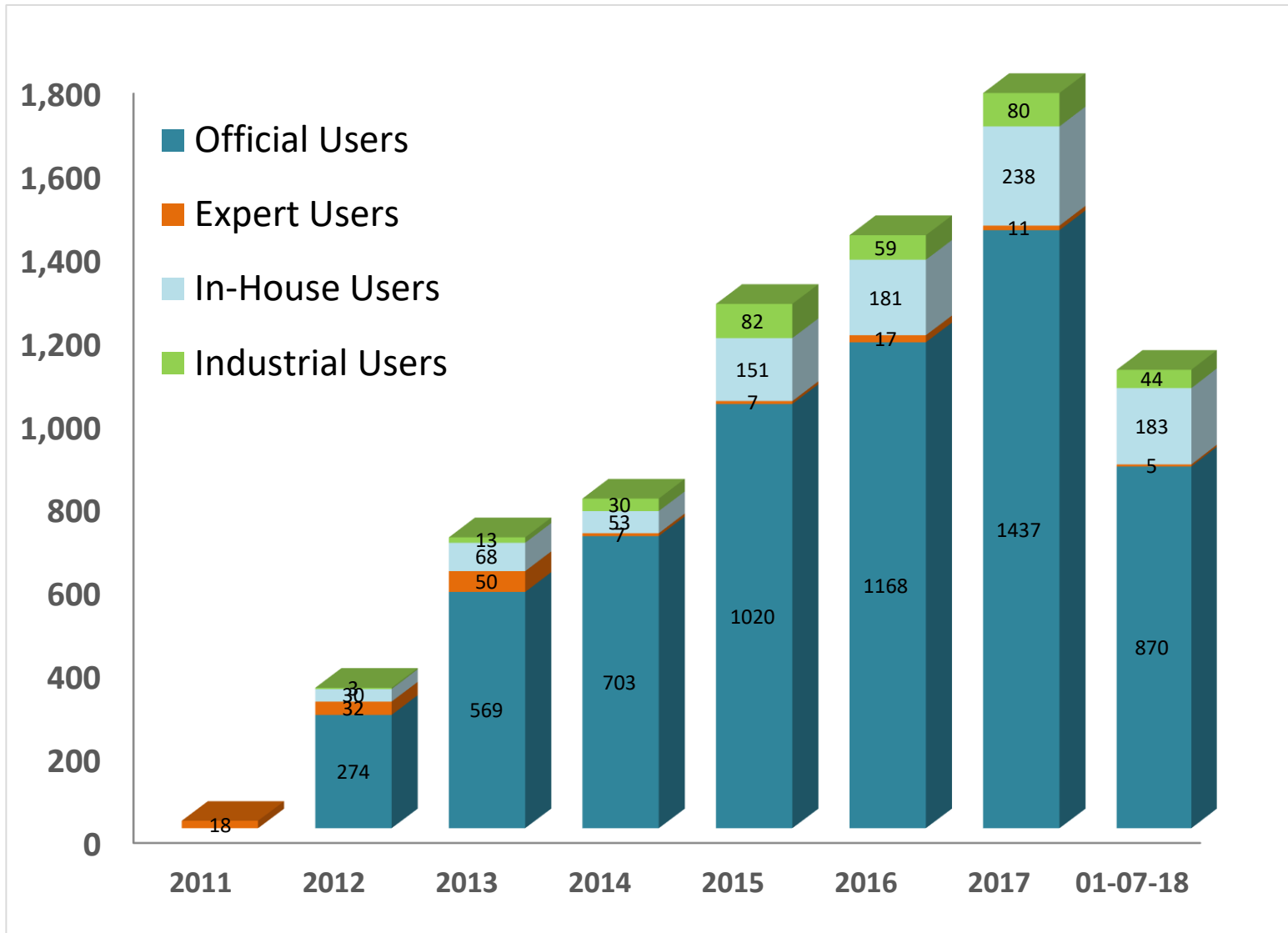


+ Universities

Few examples of users from the rest of the world (842 registered institutions in our user database)

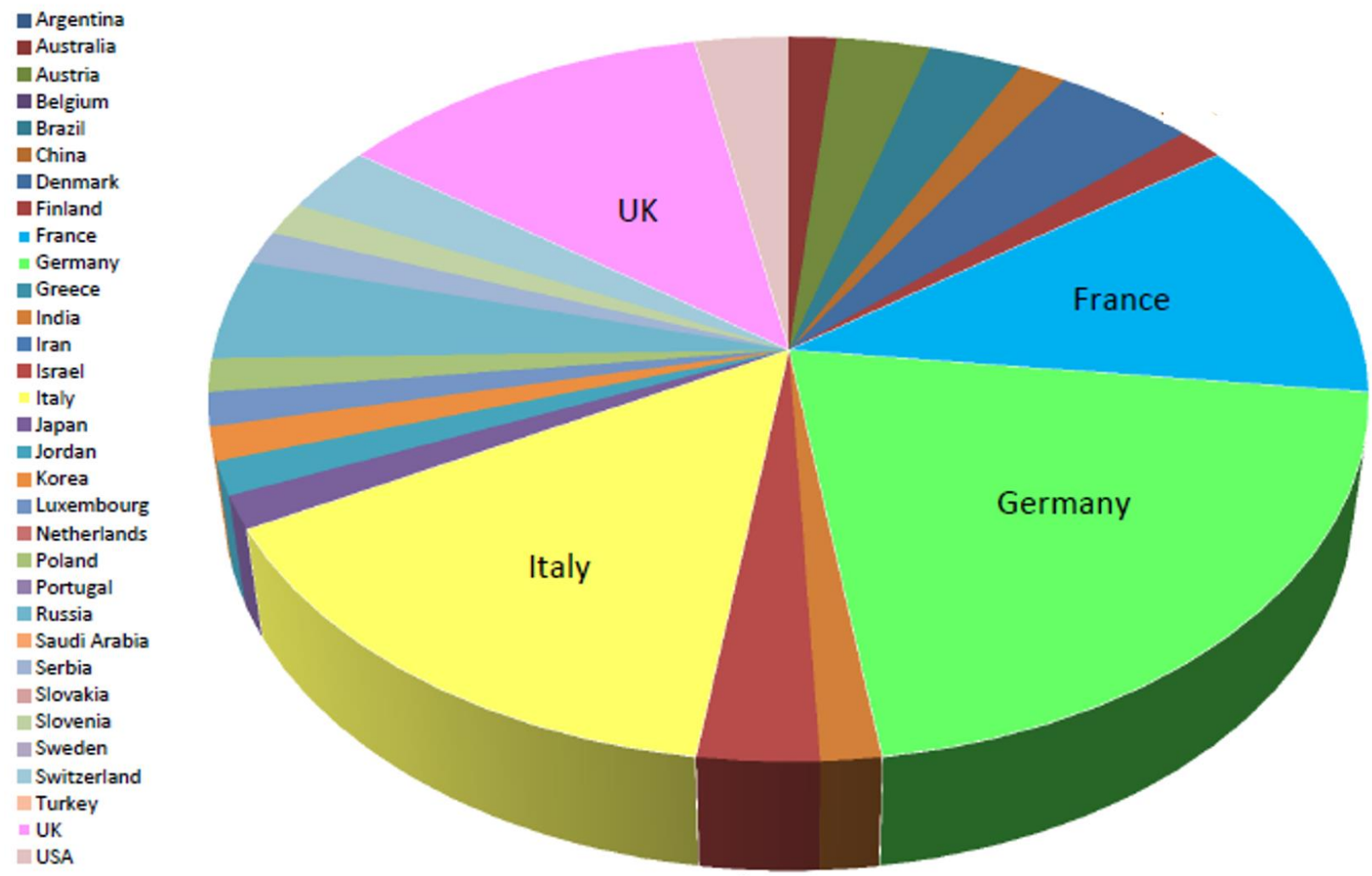


Users evolution



- 2012-2016: Seven Operating Beamlines and progressive increase of beamtime hours per BL
- 2016 fall-today: Eight Operating BLs – beamtime hours/BL at maximum; beamline optimization and evolution allow to carry on experiments using shorter times, and hosting more users

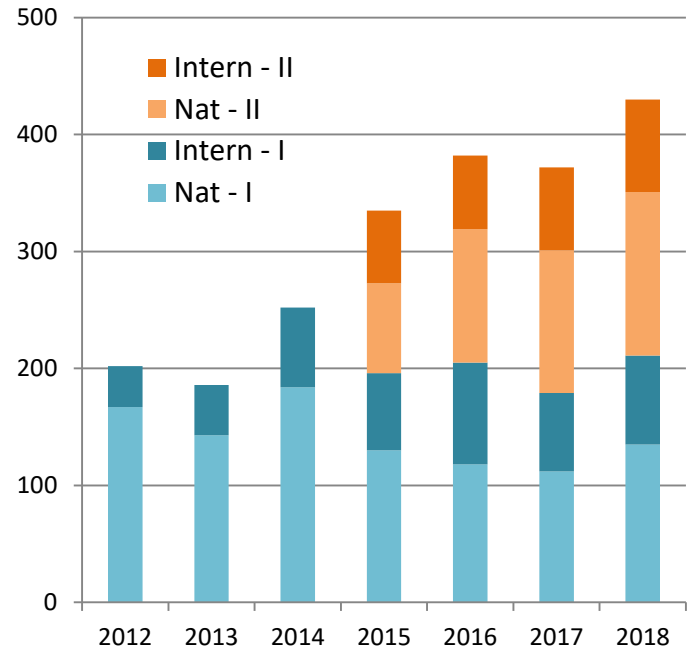
International User Distribution – example of latest call



Summing up all calls, about 40 different countries have participated to ALBA calls, about 30 countries have been granted beamtime

Academic proposals

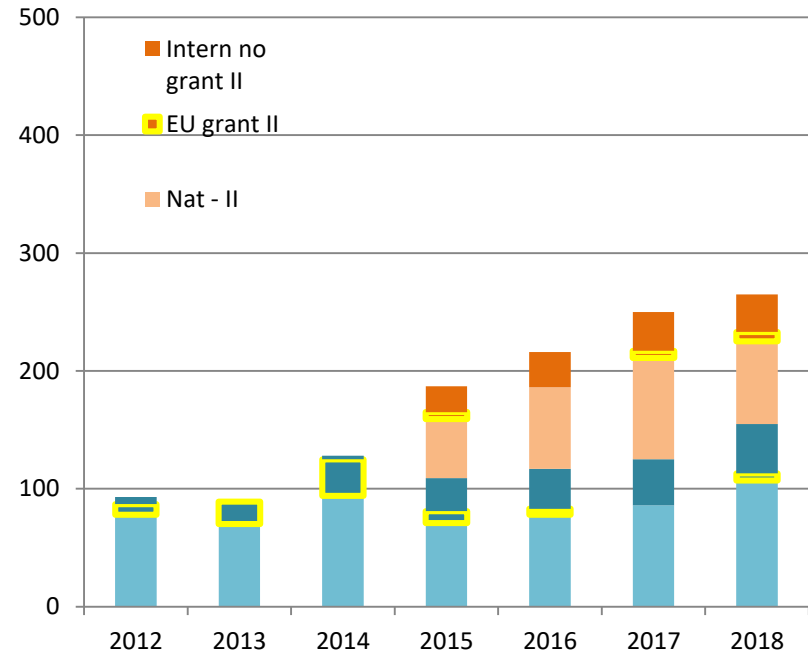
Submitted



7 BLs

8 BLs

Granted

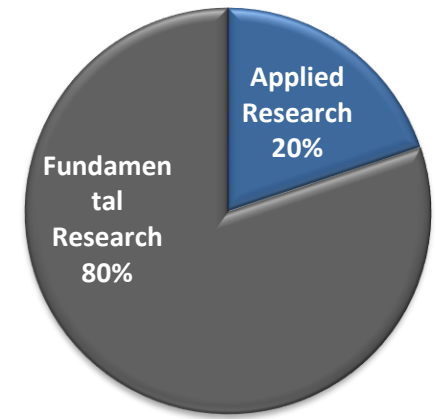


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8 BLs

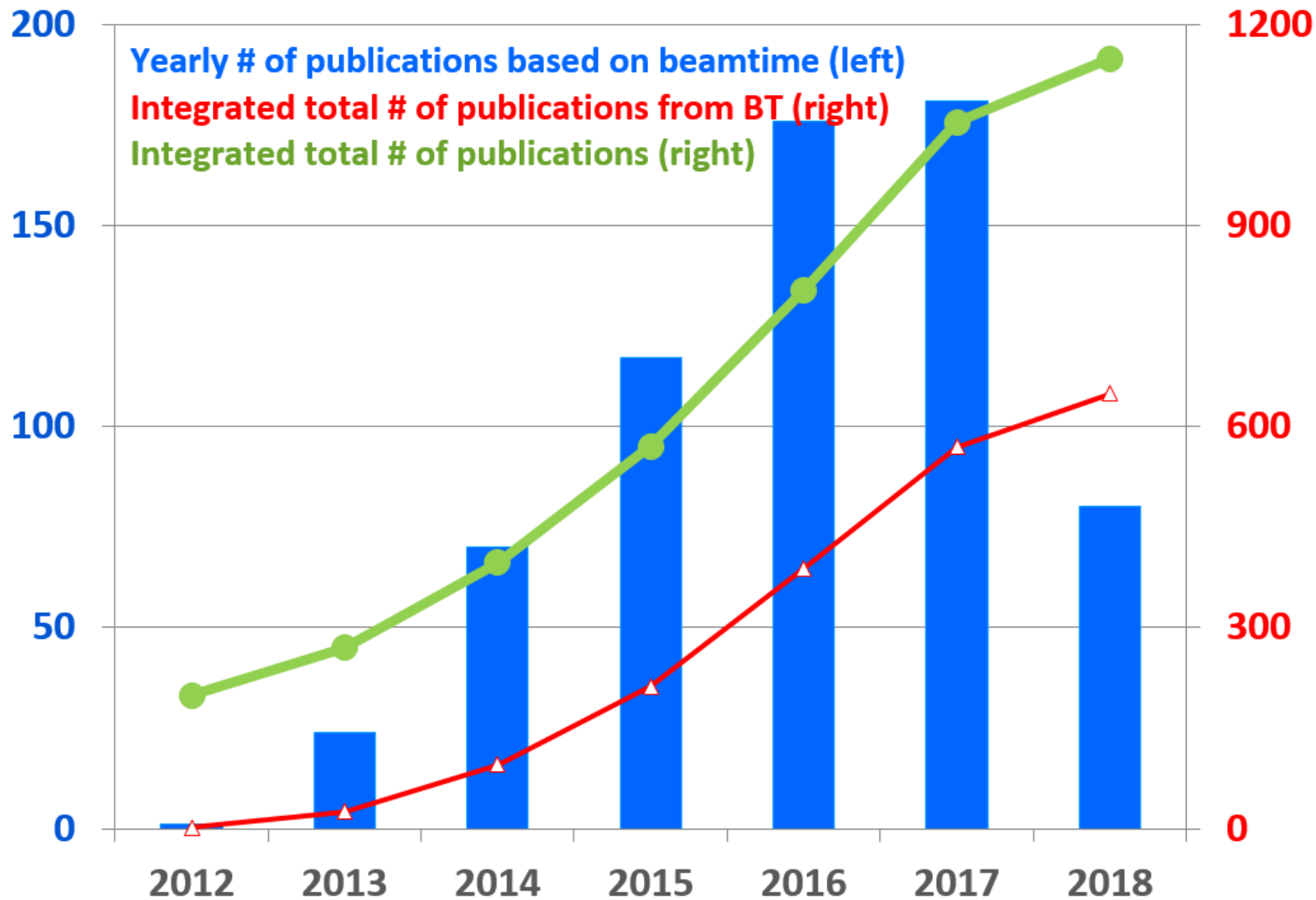
- One single user call in the first three years
- Two user calls since 2015
- In average the overbooking factor is a factor of 2.
- Number of proposal increase is kept on with more effective beamtime distribution and lower commissioning periods.

2018-I Granted proposals by Type of Science

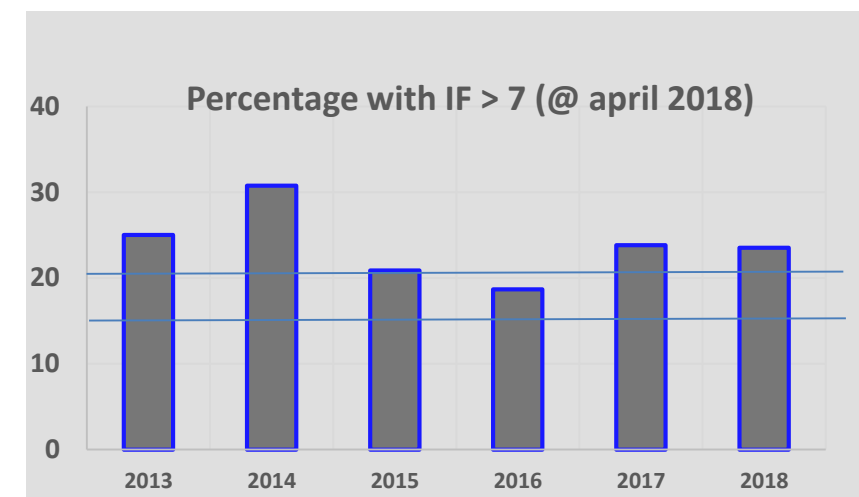


2159 submitted proposals, 1118 granted (859 national, 369 international of which 94 granted through EU programs)

Scientific productivity

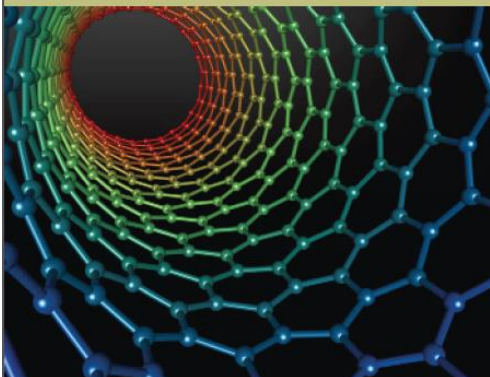


In synchrotron radiation community: a percentage of 15% publications based on beamtime usage with Impact Factor > 7 is considered good, over 20% is excellent

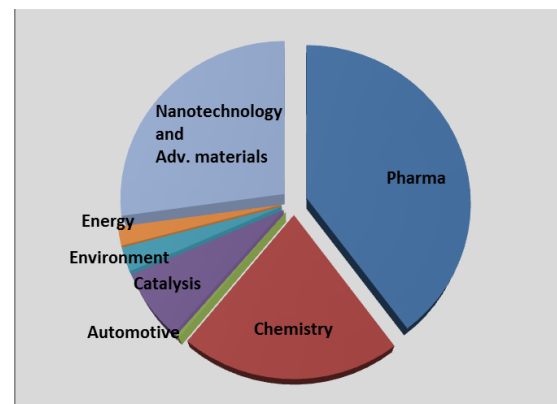


The services include mail-in, pre and post experiment support, data treatment, experimental reports, advice on synchrotron techniques, etc

ELECTRONIC AND MAGNETIC STRUCTURE OF MATTER



- **Magnetic (nano)materials**
Data storage
- **Energy**
Batteries, solar cells, combustion, fuel cells, oil and gas
- **Nanotechnology**
Nanoparticles, Nanoelectronics, Semiconductors
- **Advanced materials**
Magnetic, Superconductors, Multilayers



CHEMISTRY AND MATERIAL SCIENCE

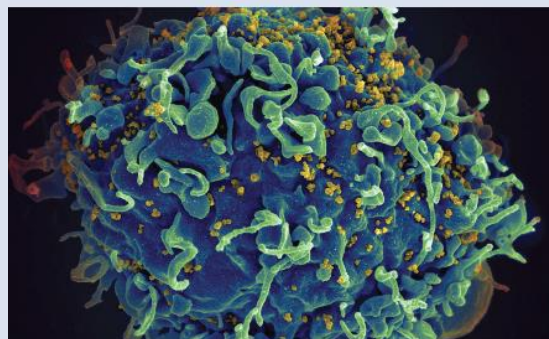


- **Health and Healthcare**
Cosmetics, Biotomography, Emulsions and Gels

- **Food and agriculture**
Food ingredients, Toxins, Plants

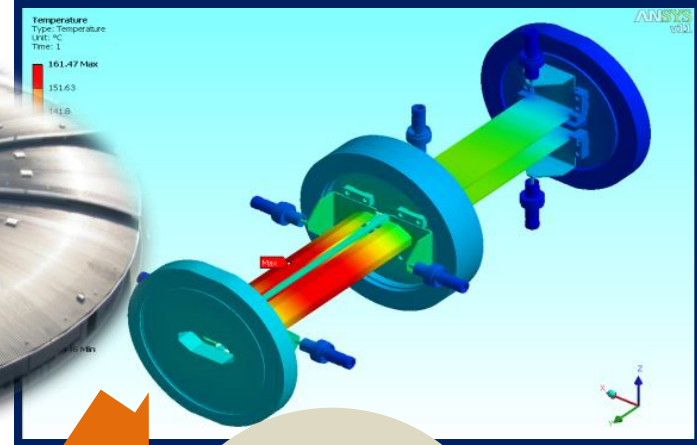
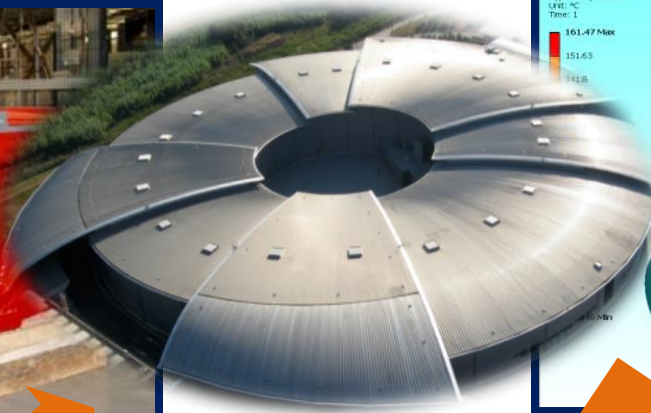
- **Pharmaceutical**
Structural Biology, Drug discovery, Excipient phase, Polymorphs, Drug characterization

LIFE SCIENCE AND SOFT CONDENSED MATTER



- **Chemistry**
Catalysis, Plastics, Polymers, Pigments, Adhesives, Textiles, Cements, Ceramics, Glasses
- **Environmental science**
Soils, Pollutants
- **Cultural heritage, Paleontology, Archeology**
Ancient materials, Painting, Pottery
- **Automotive and aerospace**
Coating, Motor oil, Corrosion, Plastics

Technology Transfer

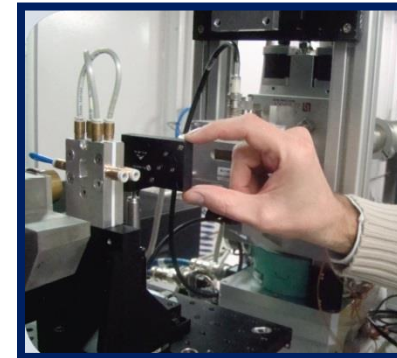
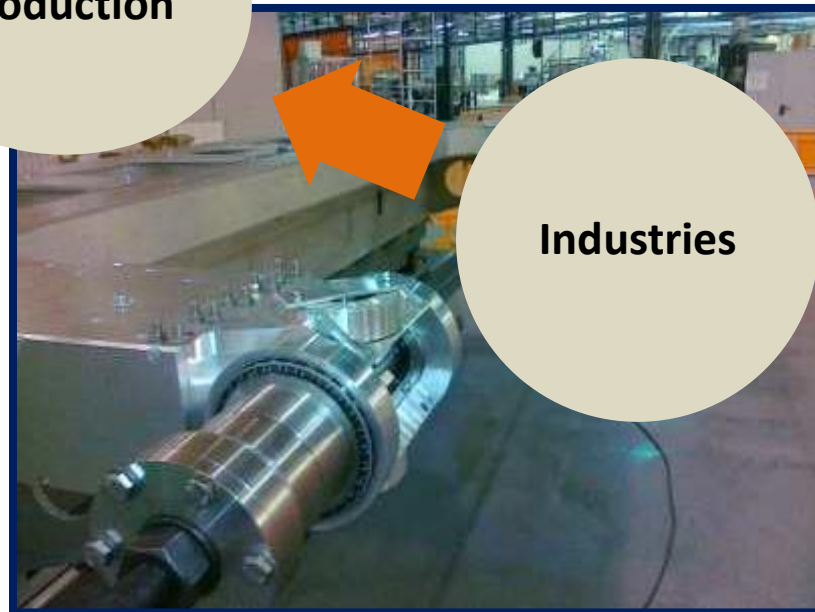


Production

Innovative Designs

Industries

Other scientific infrastructures, national and international



Examples of other activities

Collaboration with HEP community mainly on accelerator physics and technologies (see F. Perez talk on participation to FCC and CLIC studies)



ECFA
European Committee for Future Accelerators

102nd Plenary ECFA Meeting

19-20 July 2018
ALBA Synchrotron
Europe/Madrid timezone

Collaboration with **SESAME**

- CESSAMAG program, directly working with CERN for synchrotron ring dipole measurements
- OPEN SESAME program, ALBA work package leader for training



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A new consortium of excellence in Europe devising a transformative level of coordination and integration

13 European Synchrotron Radiation and **6** FEL Facilities are joining forces to master the challenges of the next decades



LEAPS STRATEGY 2030

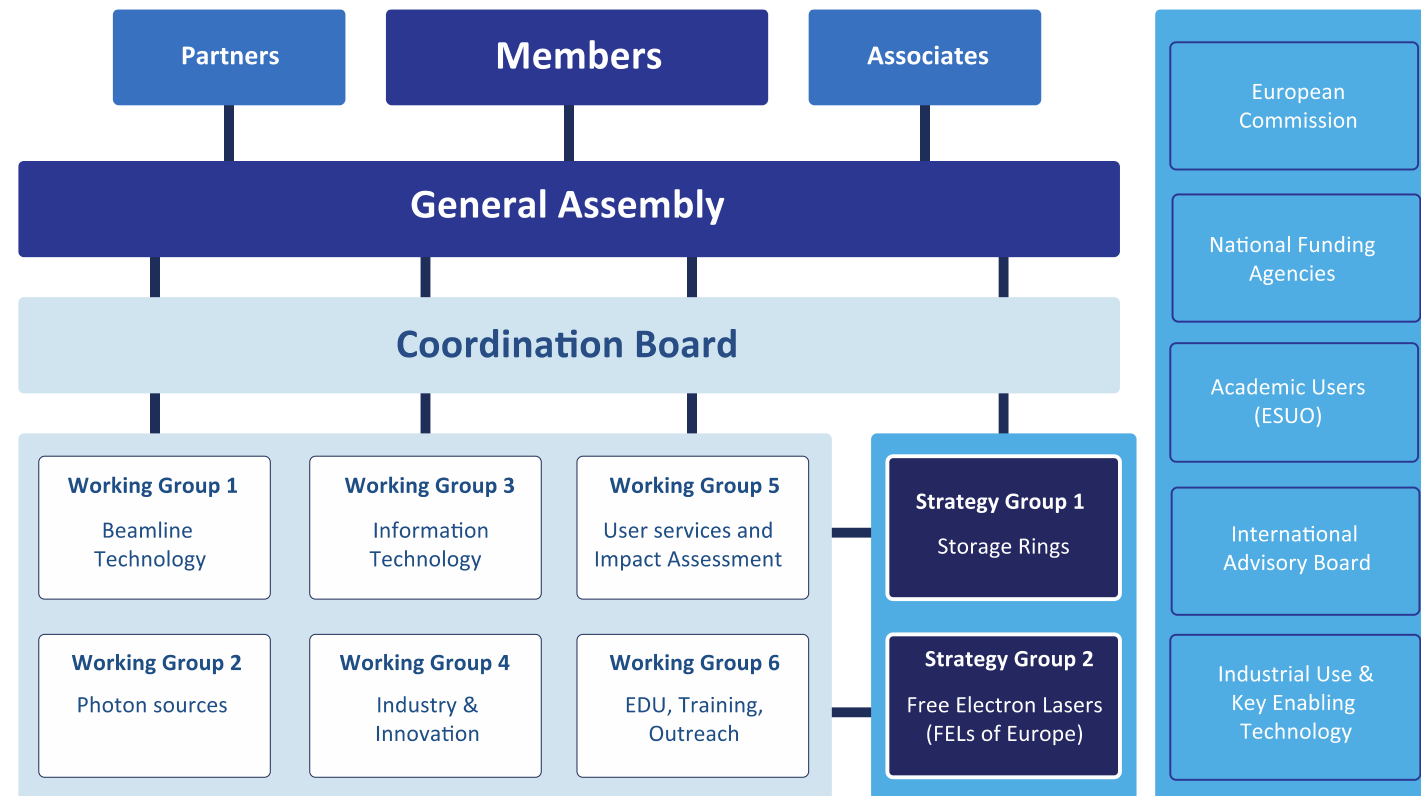
Proposal for a new research and innovation consortium in FP9 and beyond



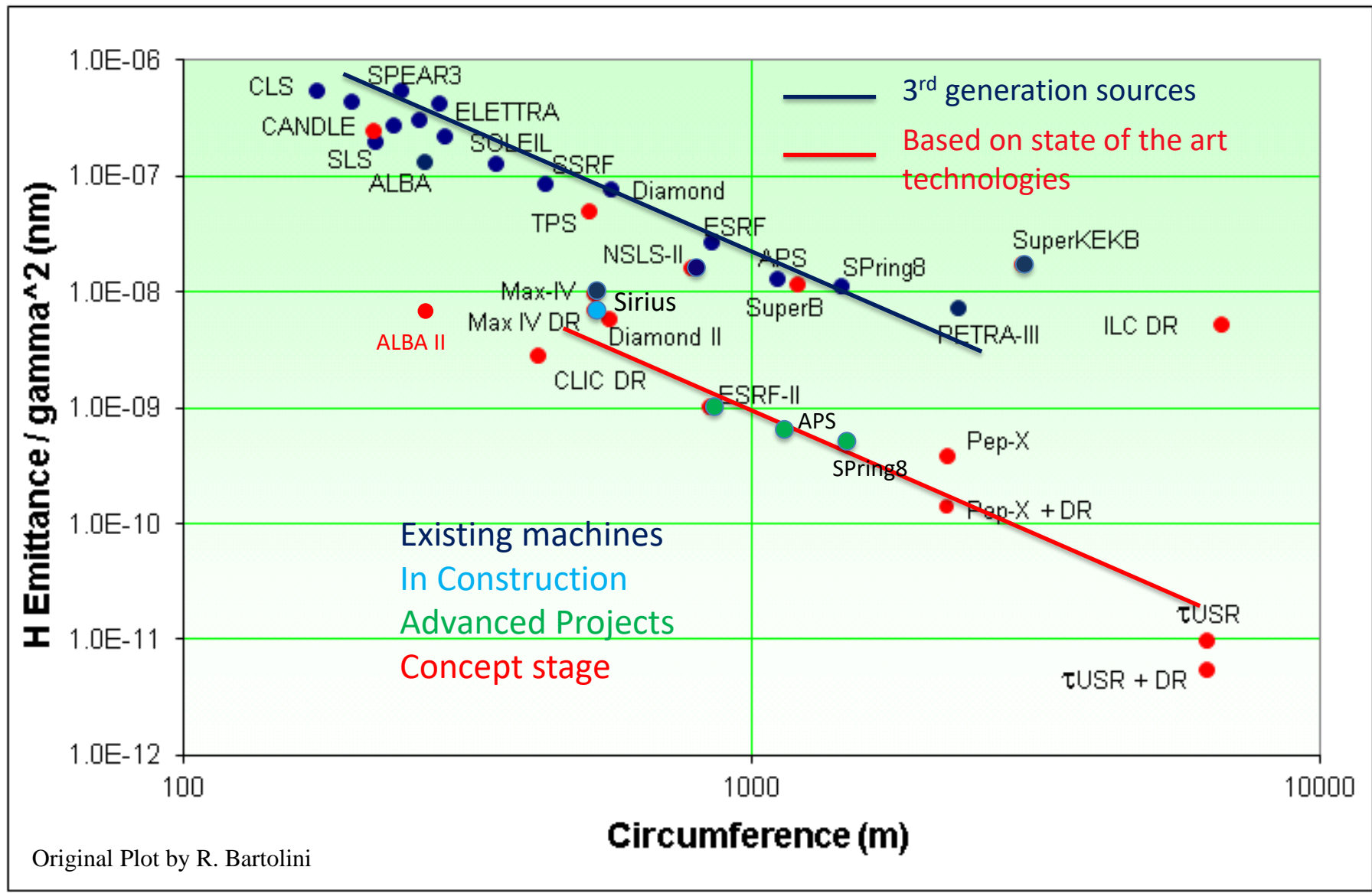
Available at https://www.leaps-initiative.eu/news/presentation_of_leaps_strategy_2030/

Pushing X-Ray Science in Europe to the next level optimizing RI resources from now towards Horizon Europe and beyond
 New Cooperation between European Facilities in close interaction with national authorities and the European Commission

- **Coordinated transformation** of Europe's facilities towards the next Gen facilities
- **Smart specialisation** strategy among LEAPS facilities
- **LEAPS roadmaps** for facility developments and new technologies
- Most **advanced technologies** to academia and industry
- New European **training platform** for nextGen scientists, industry and future managers
- Development of LEAPS as a contact point of the future **EOSC**
- **Integration** of emerging communities and strategic partners of Europe



Low Emittance Rings Trend



Increase brightness and coherence of photon beam by decreasing e-emittances - Most SR planning for upgrades

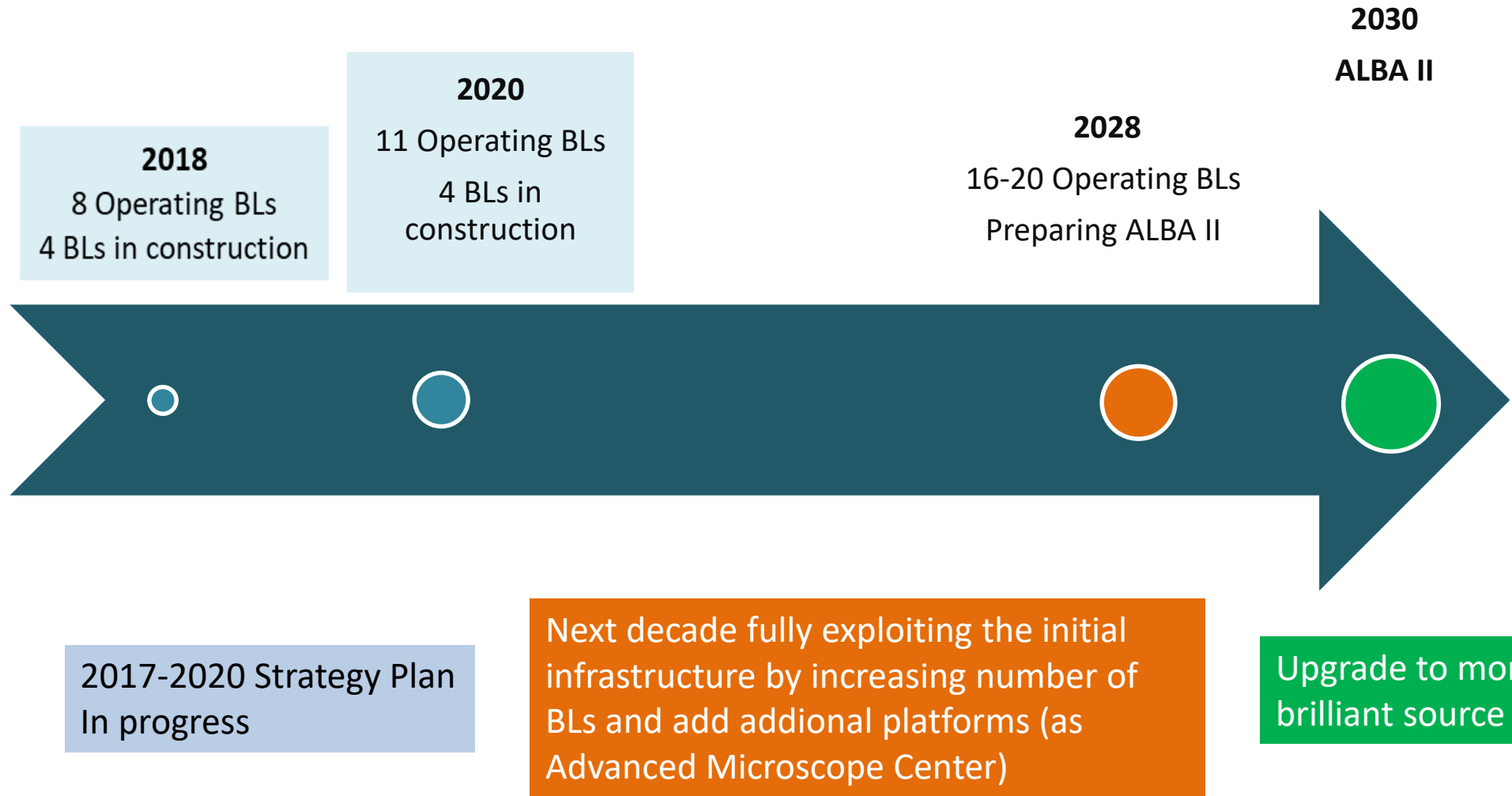
Low emittance e- rings in HEP and LEAPS community

- Damping rings for LC
- Ultimate Storage Rings

Multibend achromats:

- MAX IV (starting operation)
- ESRF-EBS upgrade (in construction)

ALBA future

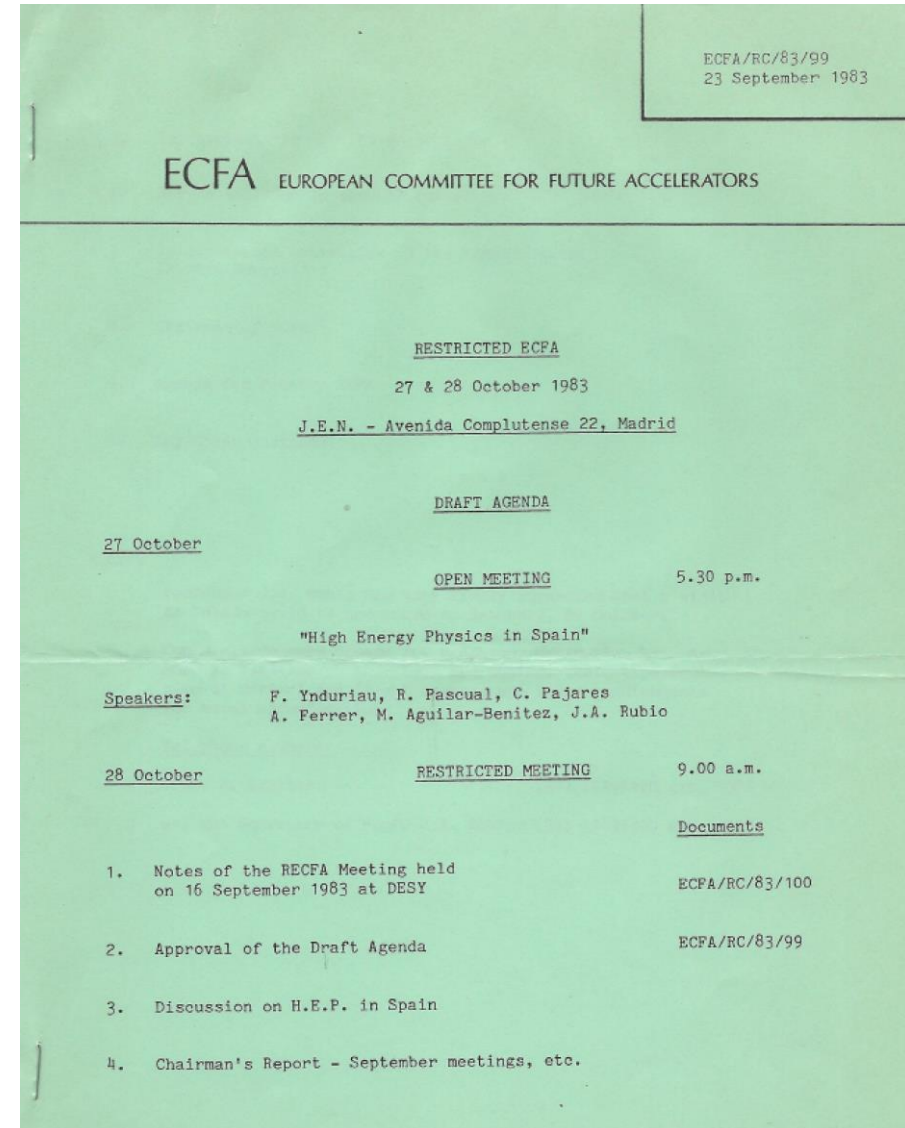


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Thank you for the attention

Glasses of a Romanic chapel studied at ALBA