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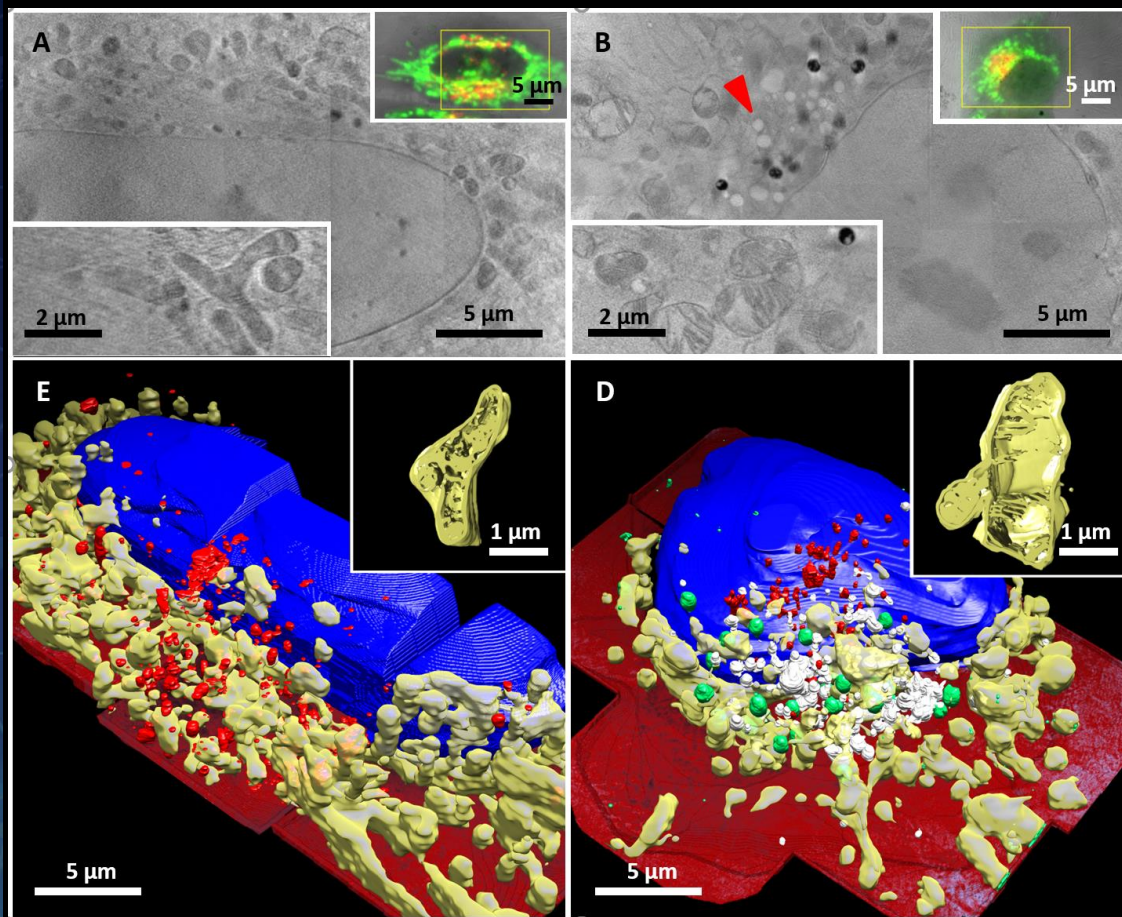
EU RIs as engines for science and innovation. The key to tackle societal challenges

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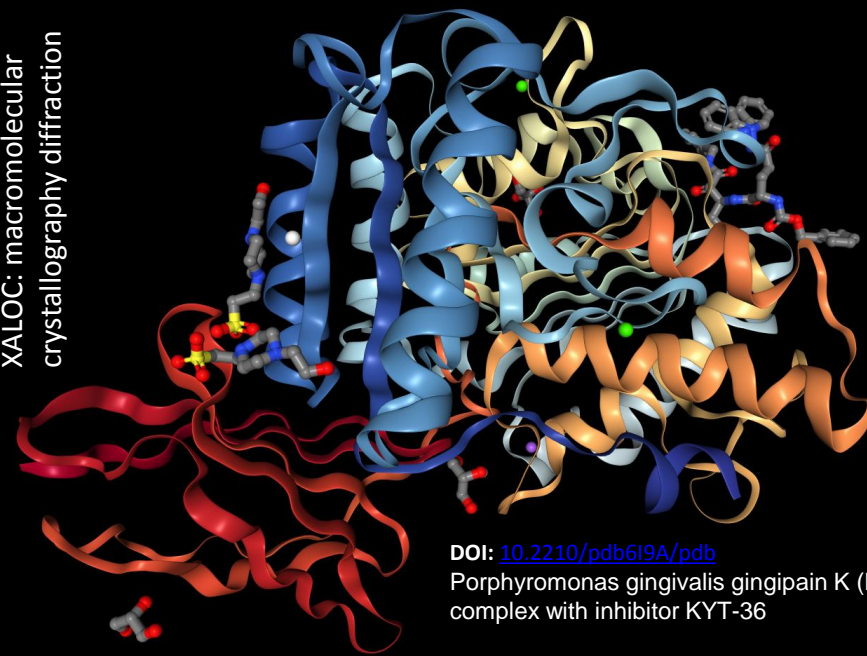
We look at cell's inner details



A combination of X ray tomography (ALBA) and fluorescence imaging (ESRF)

We resolve protein structures down to atomic resolution

XALOC: macromolecular
crystallography diffraction

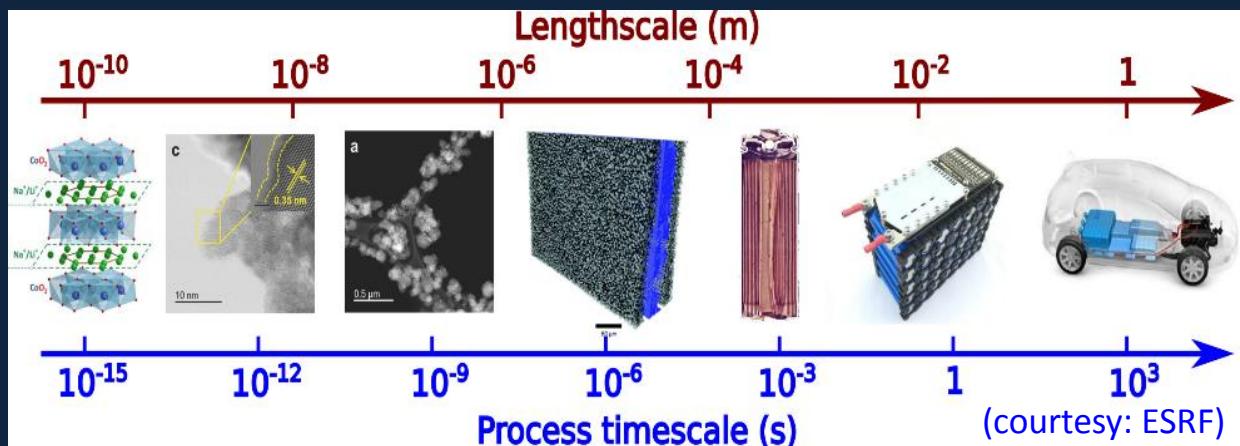


to understand diseases,
to design new treatments, drugs
and vaccines

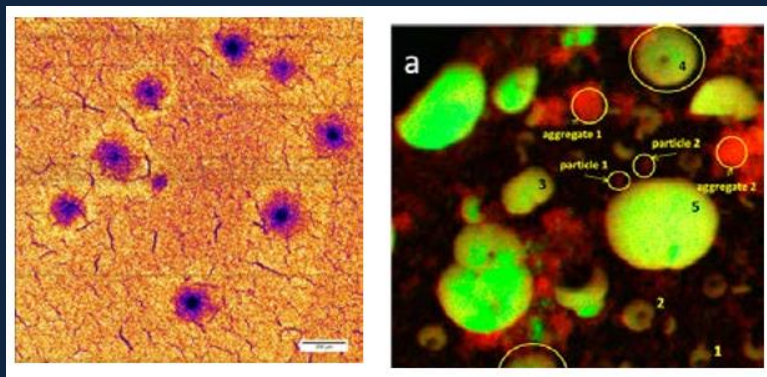
We develop new materials for efficient generation-, storage-, conversion-, and ultimately transport of **energy**

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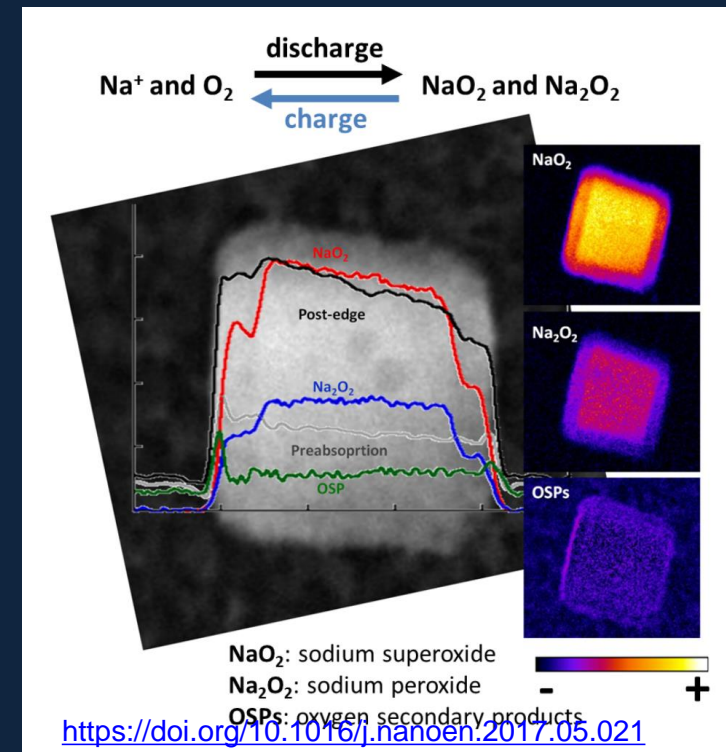
see K. Edström talk



Length scale challenge in battery research
Bridging spatial, temporal and chemical information



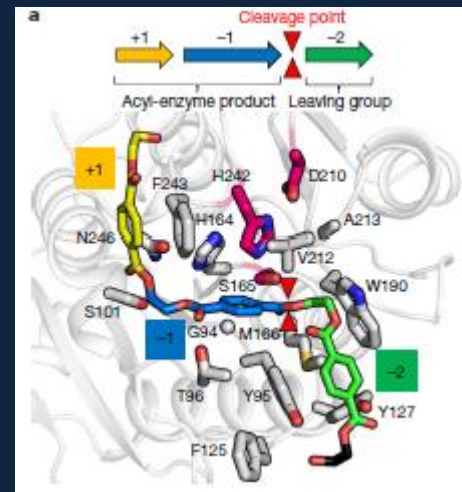
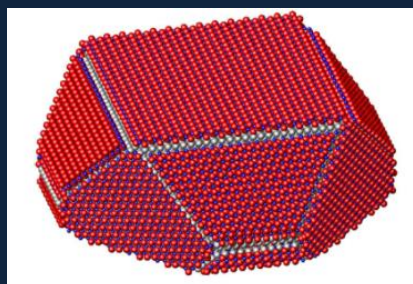
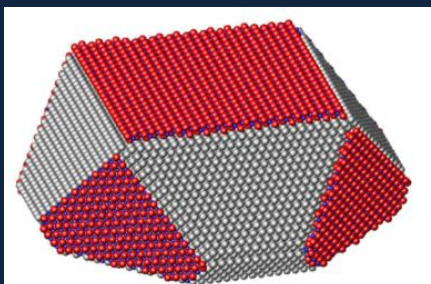
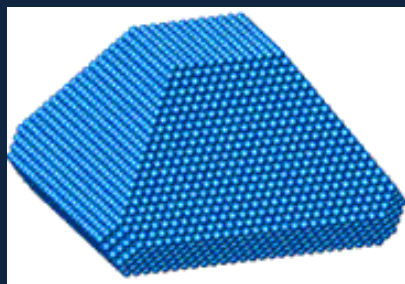
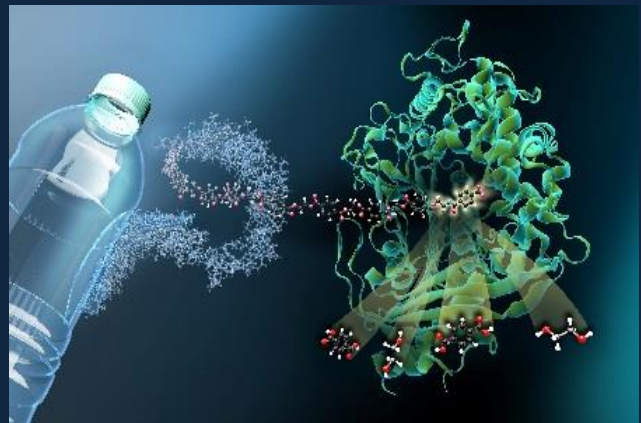
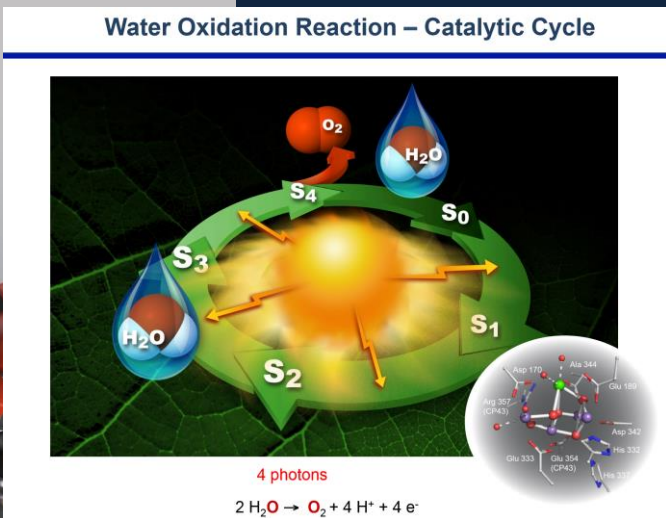
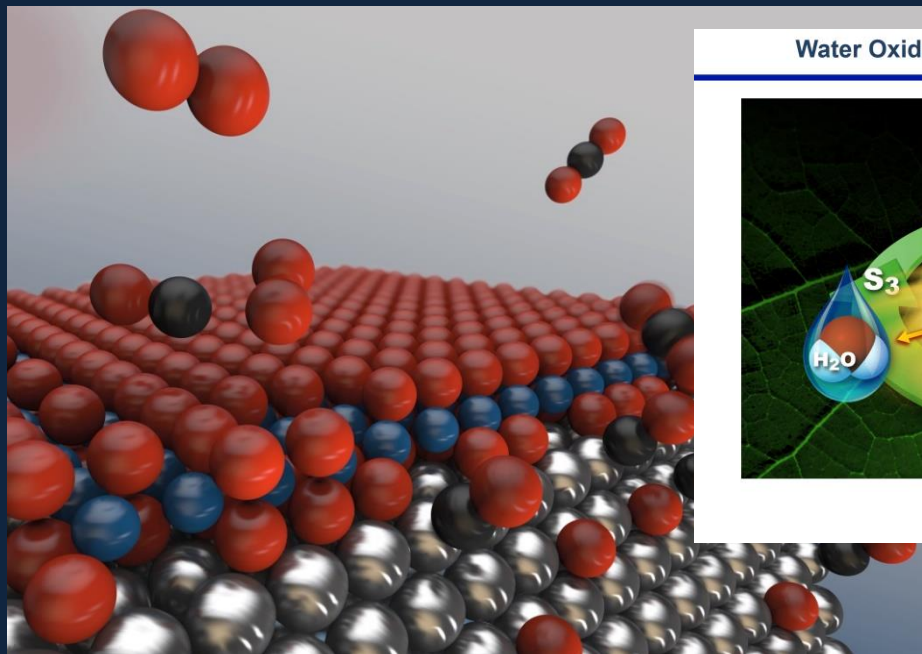
Synchrotron X-ray studies of Li battery materials (courtesy: ALBA)




Li is expensive and scarce. Research on batteries based on alternative electrodes are investigated in LEAPS facilities

Example: Na based batteries (Na, V, P, O and F) at ALBA –

We care for environment developing new catalysts ... or PET digesting bacteria

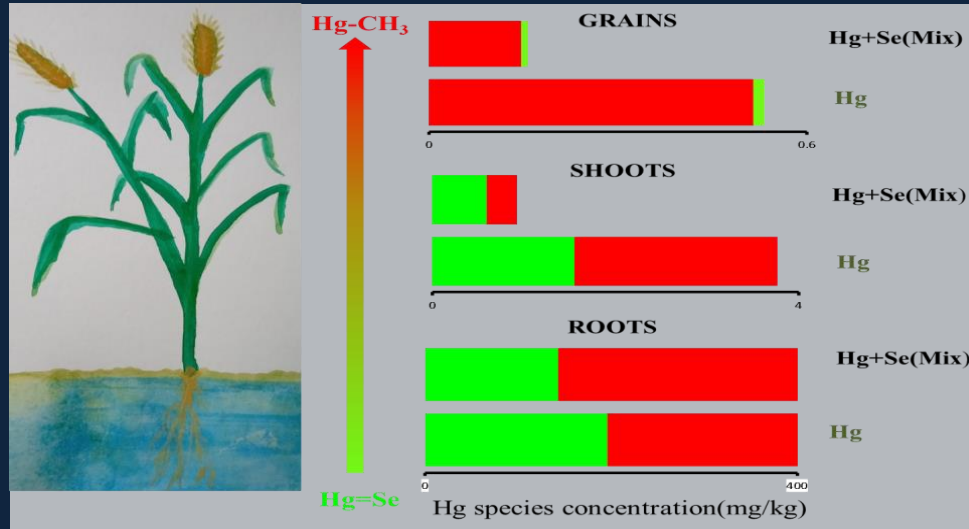


Identification of a catalytically highly active surface phase for CO oxidation over PtRh nanoparticles under operando reaction conditions; U. Hejral, ... S. Francoual, J. Stremper, and A. Stierle; Physical Review Letters (2018)

Tournier, V et al. *Nature* (2020), doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2149-4
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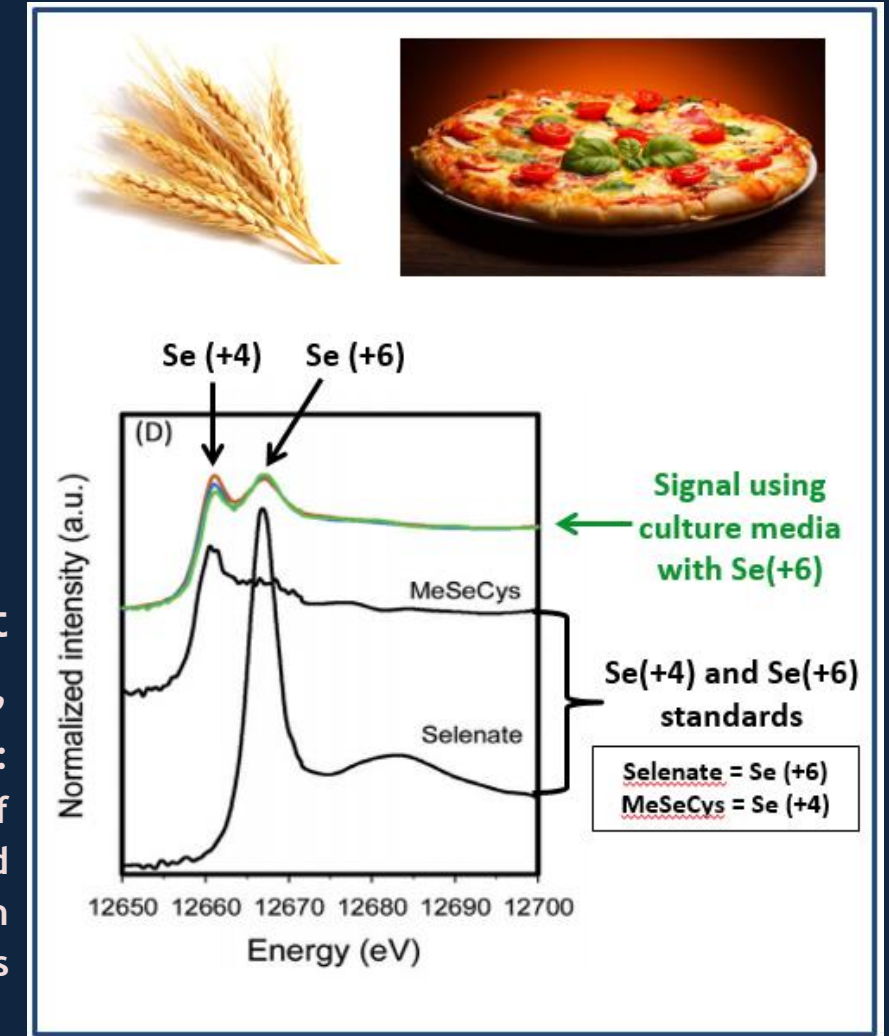
We care for food, its production and conservation

Monitoring contamination, developing environment-friendly packaging



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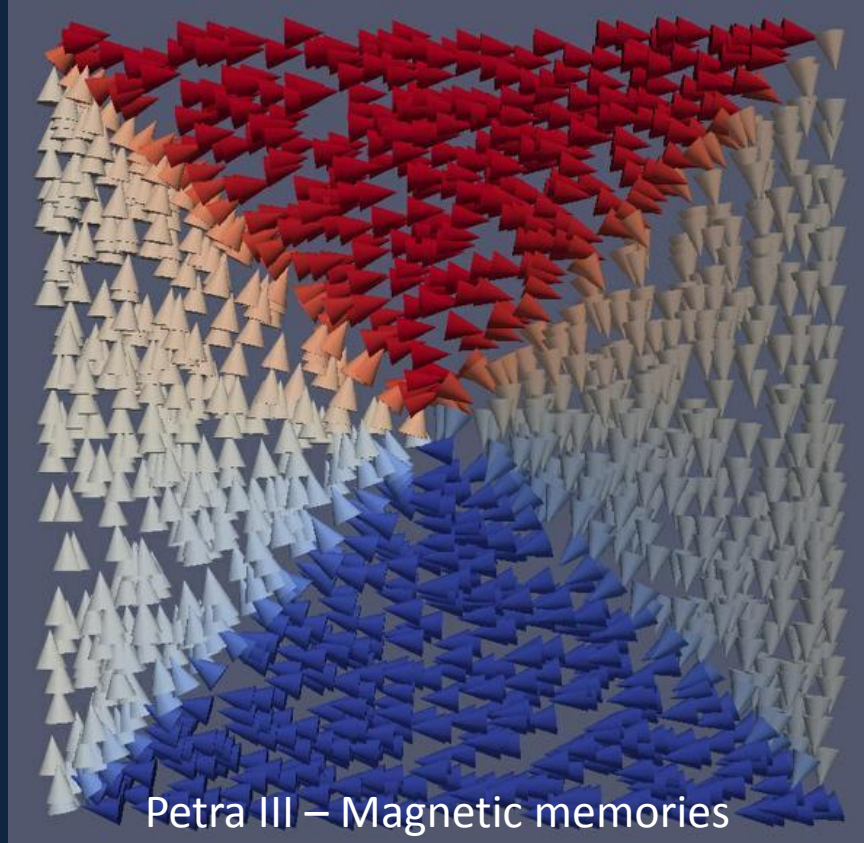
Characterization of wheat plants with Se: Se(+4), Se(+6), Se(organic). Selenium benefits: helps to prevent common forms of cancer, to fight off viruses, defend against heart disease, and to slow down symptoms correlated with other serious conditions like asthma.



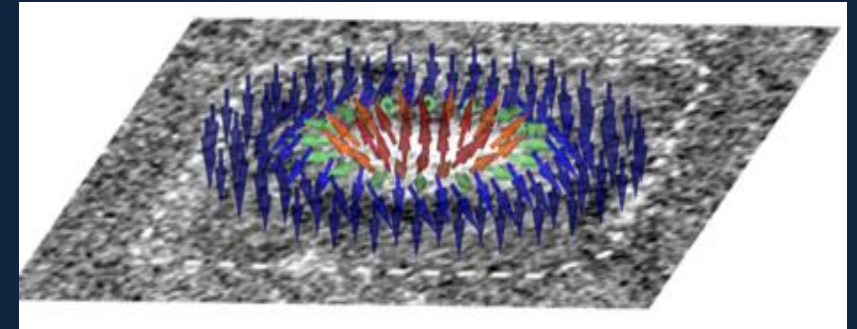
B. Guerrero, Tesis UAB, 2013; Wang et al. doi:10.1093/jxb/erv254

We advance in complex materials and technologies developments

Optimizing complex materials needs experimental tools including extreme conditions (T, P, magnetic fields) and real-time control (in-situ and operando) of relevant parameters and their functionality: quantum materials, superconductors, nanomagnetism are bricks of complex technologies

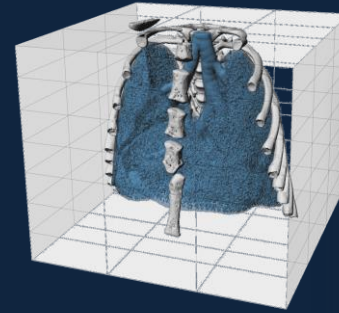
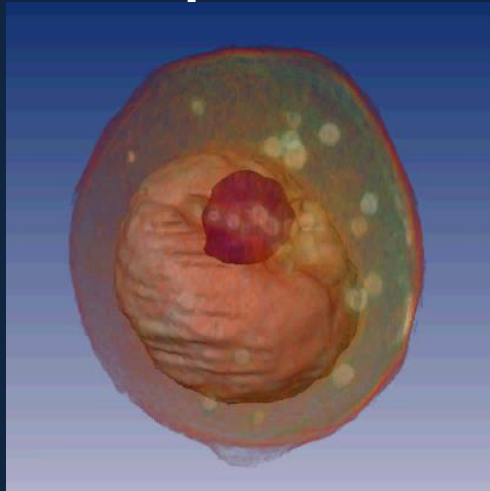


Skyrmion schematic



Nature Nanotechnology (2016) O. BulleL. Aballe, M. Foester, ...G. Gaudin , ALBA

We have the power to image from the nanometer details to extended systems, up to in-vivo specimens



Martin Kundrát (Uppsala University) / Paul Tafforeau (ESRF)



Walker et al., PloS Biology (2014) & Mokso et al., SciRep (2015) PSI



E. Borisova et al., Histochem Cell Biol (2020),
10.1007/s00418-020-01868-8 - PSI

We are Research Infrastructures



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+35000 users
from all EU &
beyond

+25000
publications
In last 5 years

+300
operating
End Stations

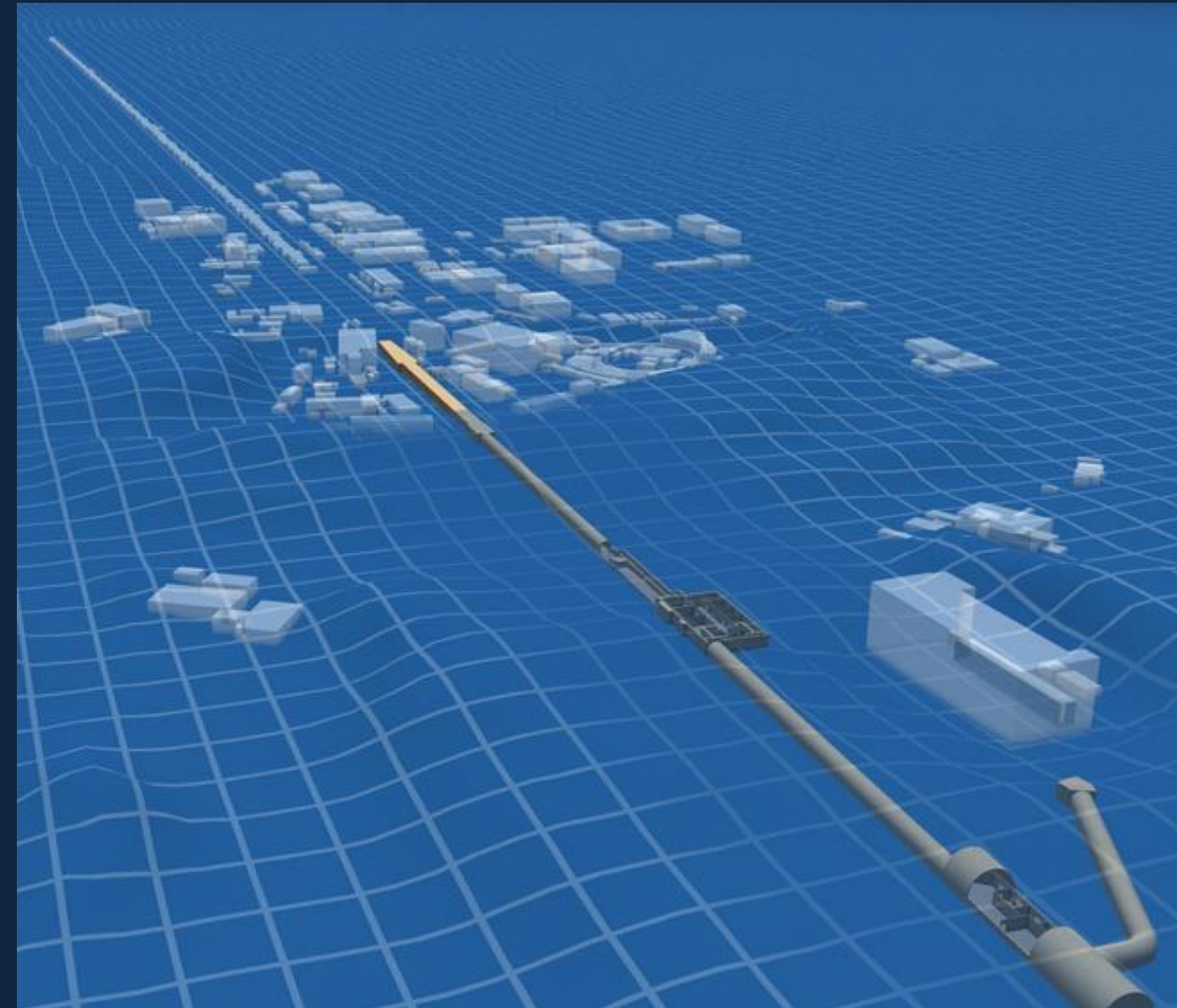
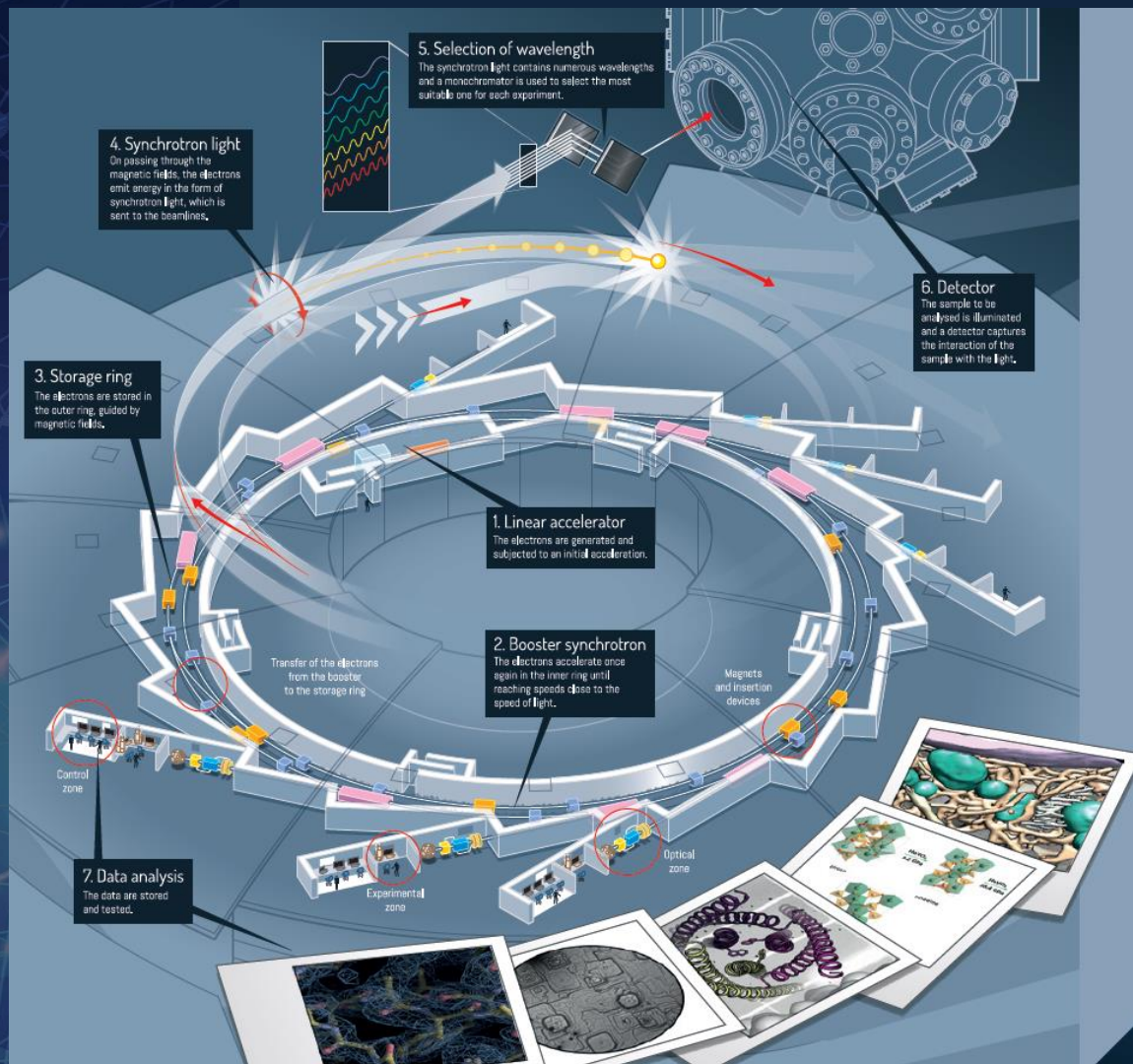
offering
+800000
h/year

Associate: SESAME (Jordan)
Partners: LENS, CLS

19 facilities - 16 institutions - 10 countries



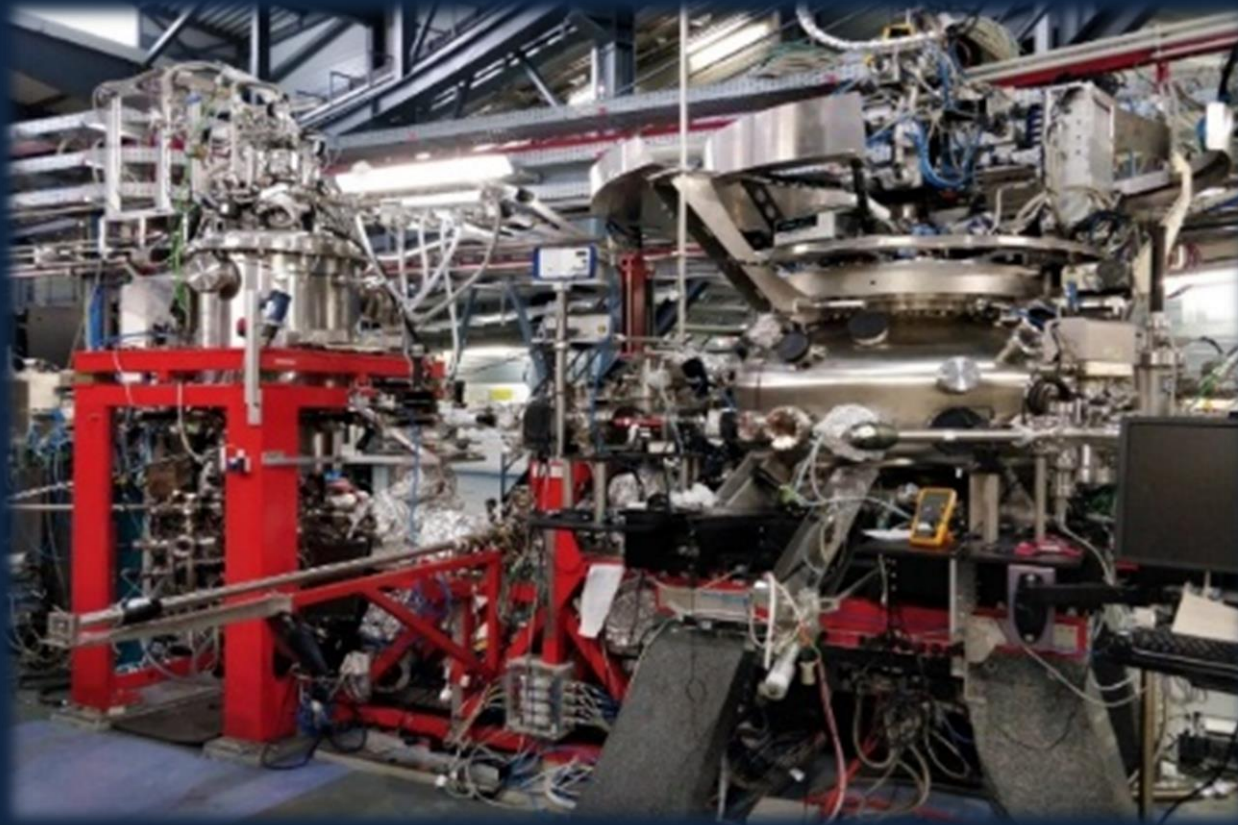
Synchrotrons and FELS – accelerating electrons to some GeV and producing the precious synchrotron and FEL radiation



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Exploited in the experimental stations, providing tools to users for unveiling matter properties, producing valuable data, to produce open science



BOREAS BL at ALBA



*Supercomputing Center at NCBJ in
Otwock-Świerk near Warsaw servin
also EuXFEL*



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2 international facilities
17 national facilities

Funded by **national** governments

Offering free access to **all** public
researchers, based on competitive
excellence

Offering advanced and cost
effective instruments to **all**
industrial world

Vision

A world where European science is a catalyst for solving global challenges, a key driver for competitiveness and a compelling force for closer integration and peace through scientific collaboration.

Mission

LEAPS use the power of its combined voice to ensure that member light source facilities continue to be world - leading, to act as a powerful tool for the development and integration of skills with a view to address 21st century global challenges, and to consolidate Europe's leadership in the field.

Leading world leap from 3rd to 4th generation synchrotrons

MaX IV, the first 4th gen Synchrotron

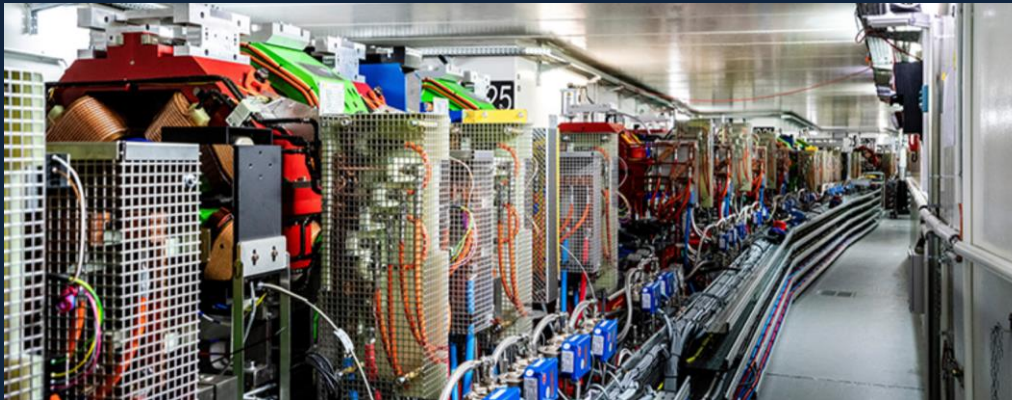


...and FEL technologies

EuXFEL the highest energy FEL

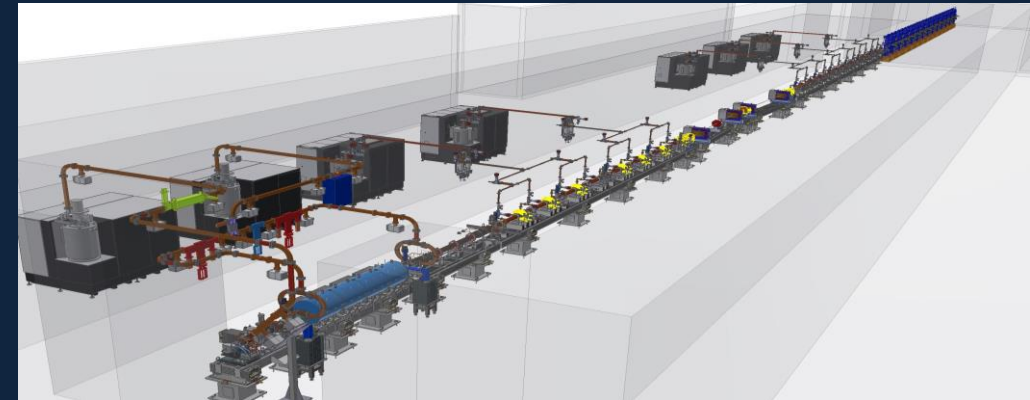


ESRF-EBS, the first upgraded from 3rd to 4th



Its example followed all over the world. @ LEAPS:
Alba, Diamond, Elettra, Petra III, Soleil, SLS

EuPRAXIA - in construction, LNF

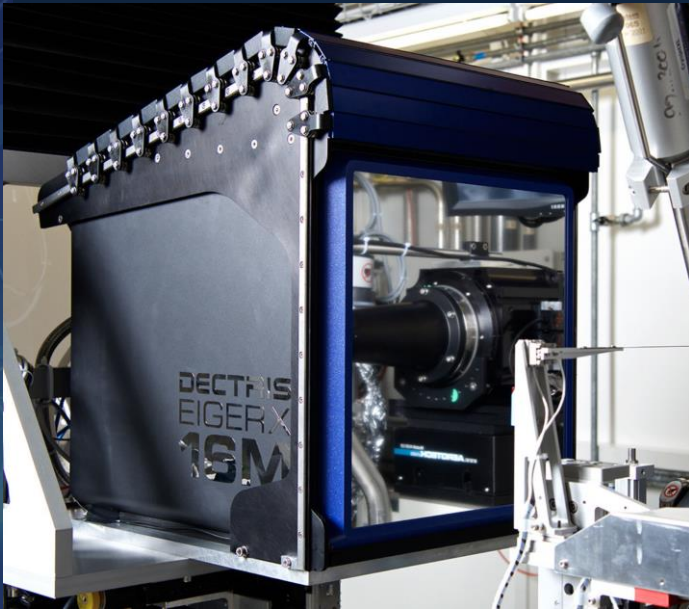


the 1st plasma acceleration based FEL facility, based
on H2020 EU design study

Innovation hubs

Industry as **provider**

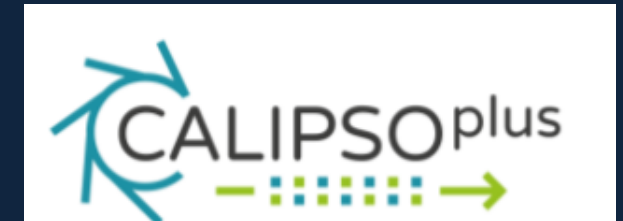
- Technology transfer through licensing, patents, spin-off
- Manufacturing



Examples: Dectris (PSI), KYMA (Elettra)

Industry as a **research** collaborator

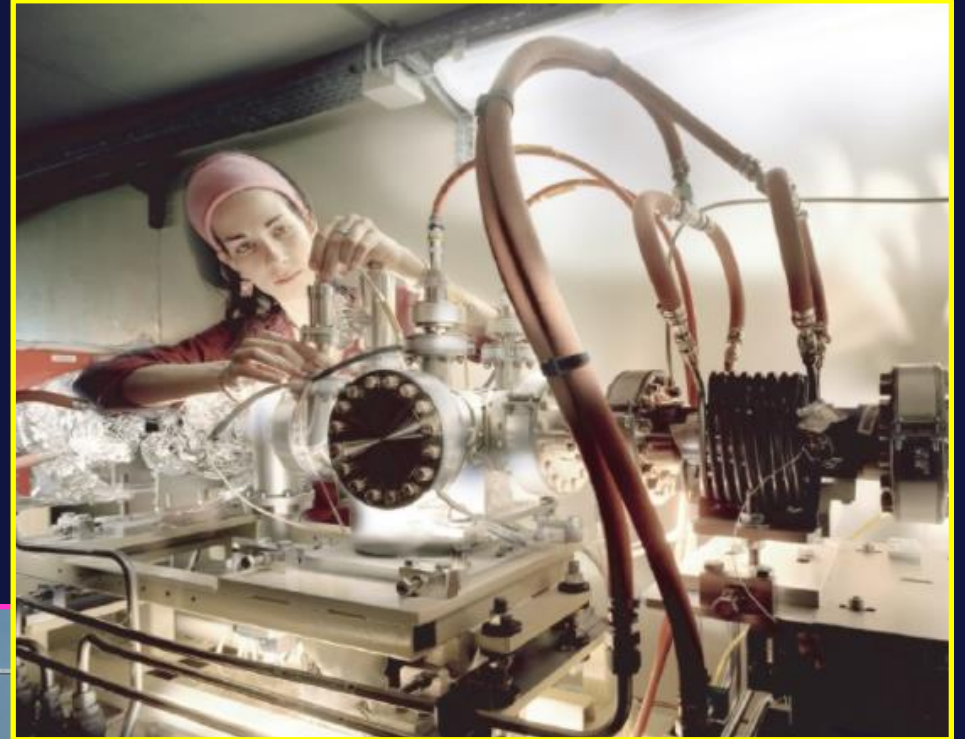
- Direct Industrial access to beamlines, facilities, and expertise
- + Academic access in collaboration with industries (around 30-40% of the total)
- + EU projects granting free access for SME



Training centers

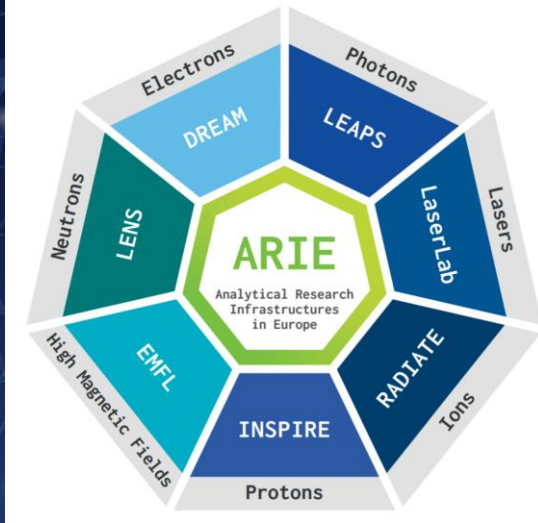
In **normal** and also in **exceptional** circumstances

- Training new generations of scientists, engineers, technicians, administrative officers, communication experts at different stages of
- PhD programs + PhD participation to user programs

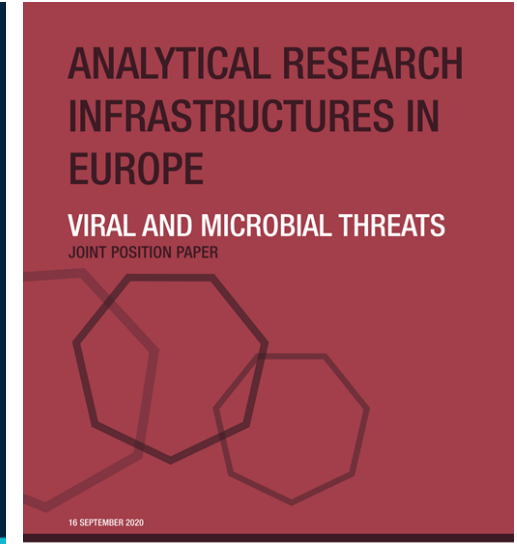


Outreaching to society

Cooperation with other European Analytical RIs: ARIE, a powerful tool for solving societal challenges



More than 120 European RIs



*The **ARIEs**, accessed by tens of thousands of researchers every year, also serve as interdisciplinary training platforms for students, future scientists, engineers and technicians, and are paradigms for European collaboration in large, high-tech projects*

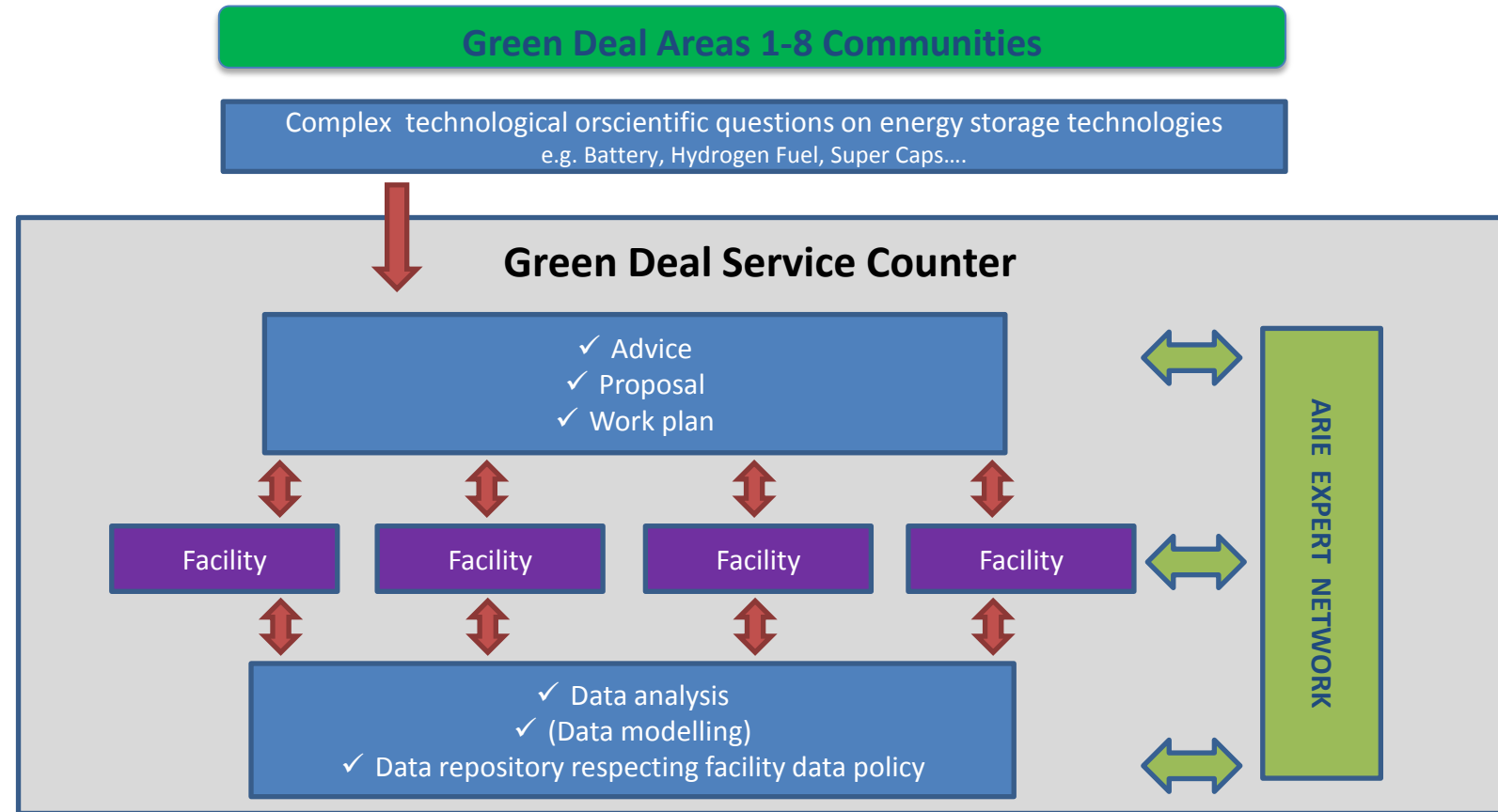
Complementary
Multi-scale
Multi-modal



Preparing the participation to H2020 Green Deal Call: ARIE Green Deal Advanced Service Platform

Distributed Research Infrastructures and Open Innovation Test Beds for scientific questions on **energy** technologies.

Full range of TRL and whole value chain of possible industrial applications.



OBJECTIVE 1: energy tech R&D (translation, experiment design & execution, data analysis and reporting)

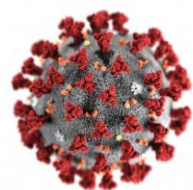
OBJECTIVE 2: ARIEs working together to achieve a comprehensive support in a time limited framework for specific and urgent challenges

OBJECTIVE 3: create a working governance and operational structure for ARIE transversal support platforms

**Green
Deal**

Answering to COVID-19 Pandemic

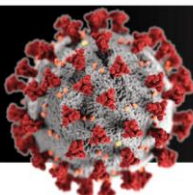
Dedicated **fast track access mode** on almost all LEAPS facilities, addressed to Academy and Industry from the very first moment, compatibly with each country pandemic conditions.



Research Infrastructures and
COVID-19 Research



ERF's Review of Working Practices of Analytical Facilities During the Pandemic



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We endorse the
**MANIFESTO FOR
EU COVID-19 RESEARCH**

**Maximising the
Accessibility of research
results in the fight
against COVID-19**

LEAPS Position Paper on
COVID-19 – May 2020

Research at
LEAPS facilities
fighting COVID-19

12 May 2020



Sharing experiences and solutions through webinars

- Operation during and after the pandemic
- Scientific contribution to fight the pandemic

Digital LEAPS

- **AI-assisted resilient** and **energy-saving** operation of LEAPS Research Infrastructures

Autonomous operation of complex accelerators

Remote operation

- **Digital user operation** modes

Remote user experiments

Real-time analysis of data and
real-time (exascale) simulations

- **Advanced digital communication**

Lessons Learnt: new digital forms of communication
between labs and between labs and users

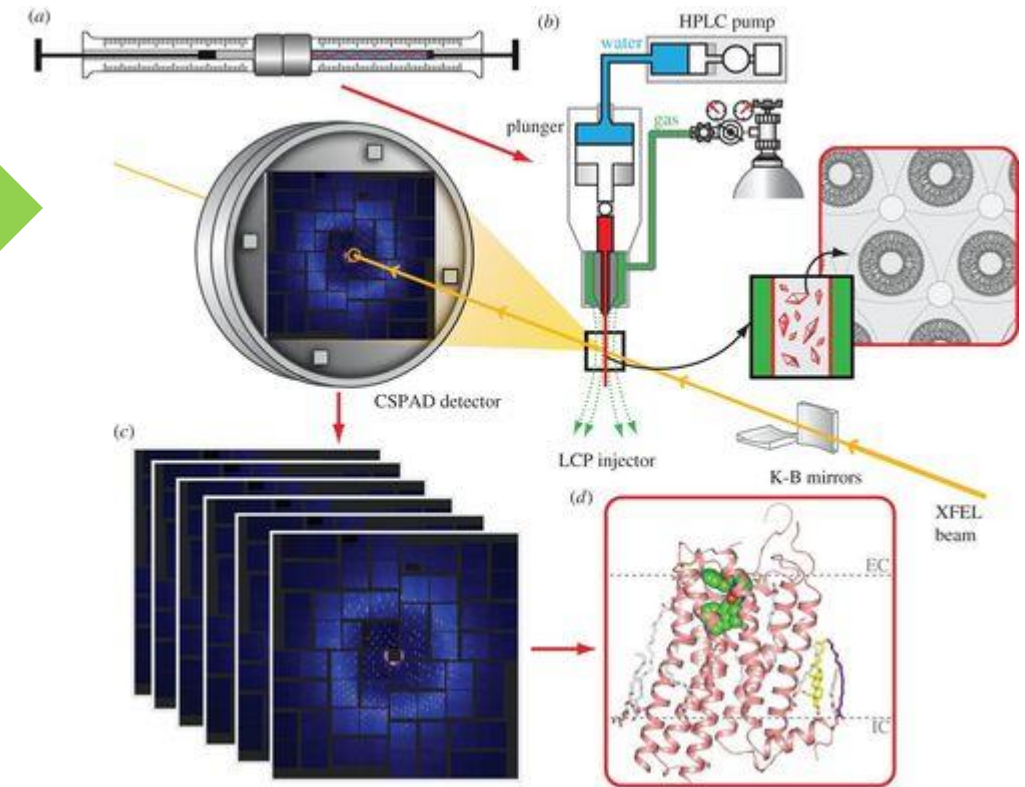
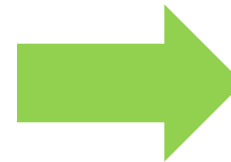
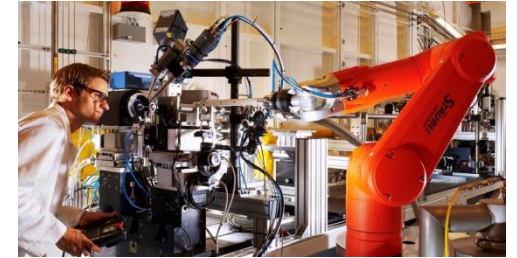
- **Digital training** concepts

New forms of training exploiting Virtual Reality
(from schools to universities)

- **AI-assisted** molecular infection fight

LEAPS facilities prepare for future infection fight
(*virus, bacteria, parasites*)

- **Advanced materials** for the **digital transformation**
and **circular economy**

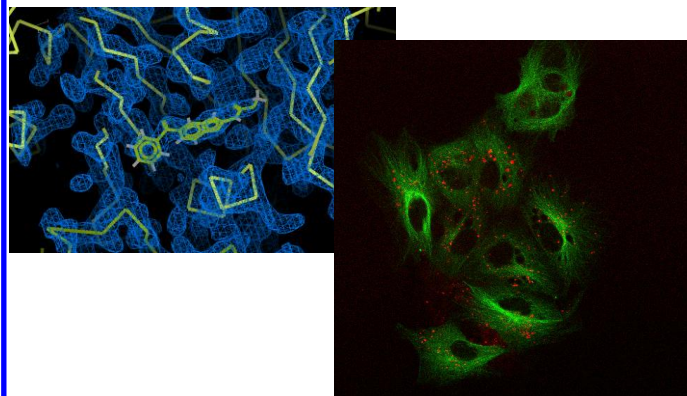


COVID-19 research

Not exhaustive list,
see M. Ackermann talk

COVID-19 related research at LEAPS

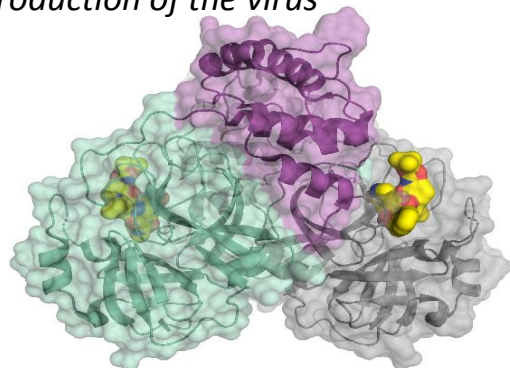
At ALBA (INIA) Investigating inhibition of viral replication with mebendazole, combining MX (ALBA) and fluorescence microscopy (CIB)



CIB Margarita Salas, INIA, ALBA

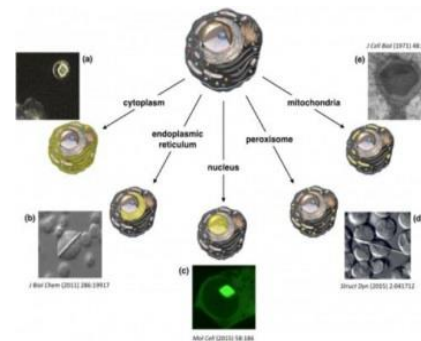
At BESSY II

Decoded the 3D architecture of the main protease of SARS-CoV-2, involved in the reproduction of the virus



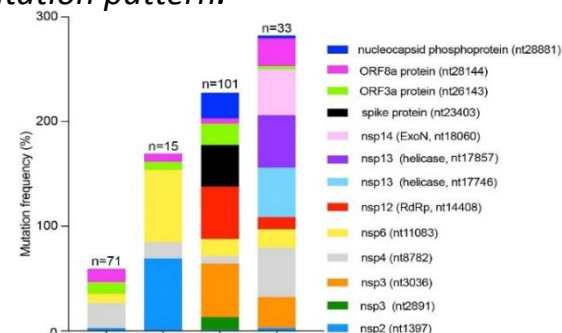
<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/368/6489/409> (doi: 10.1126/science.abb3405)

At SOLEIL (with INRAe and SANOFI) to express and crystallize in-vivo all SARS-CoV2 proteins and screen them against industrial fragment library



<https://www.synchrotron-soleil.fr/en/beamlines/proxima-1/acces-ge-covid-19>

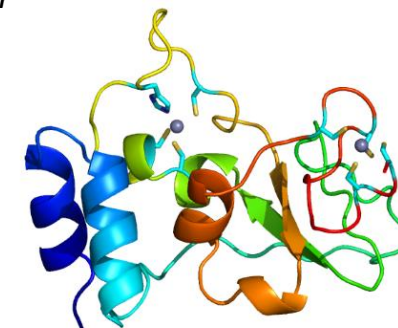
At Elettra - Studying how the virus is evolving revealing that EU, North American and Asian strains might coexist, each of them characterized by a different mutation pattern.



<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12967-020-02344-6>

At MaxIV

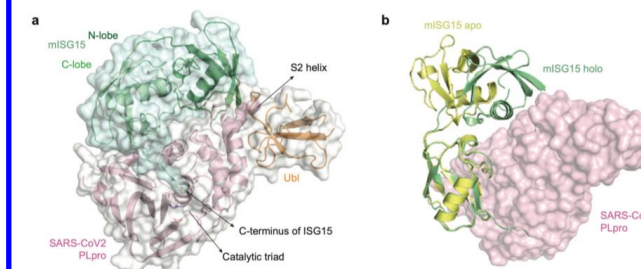
Structure of SARS-CoV-2 Nsp10, important roles in viral replication and transcription in its unbound form



doi: 10.3390/ijms21197375 PMID: 33036230

At SLS

studying how the inhibition of papain-like protease PLpro blocks SARS-CoV-2 spread and promotion of anti-viral immunity



<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2601-5>



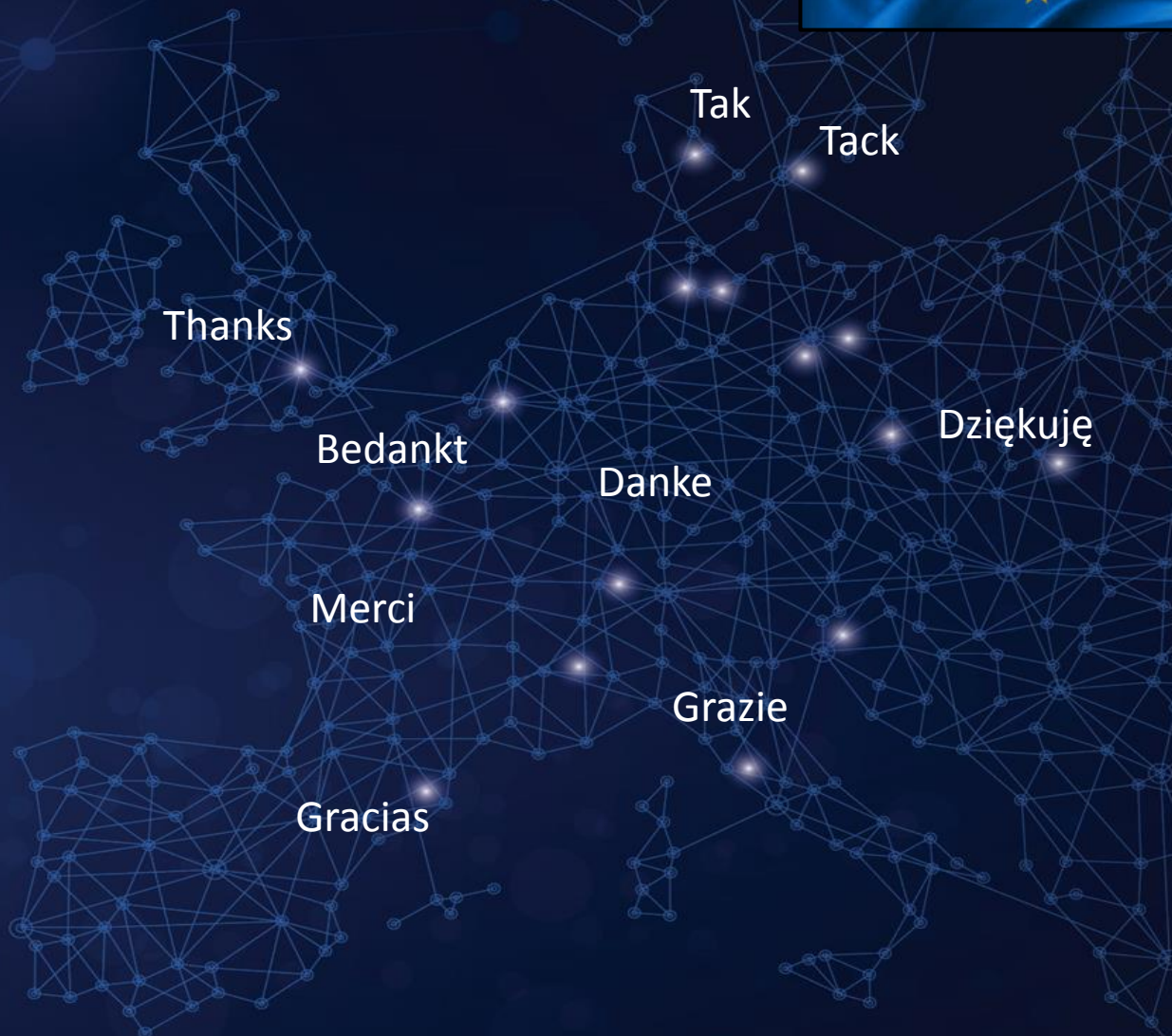
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“The strength of LEAPS lies in its staff and users, hailing from all European countries, beyond those which host the facilities.”

<https://leaps-initiative.eu>

Tool for
European
inclusiveness



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