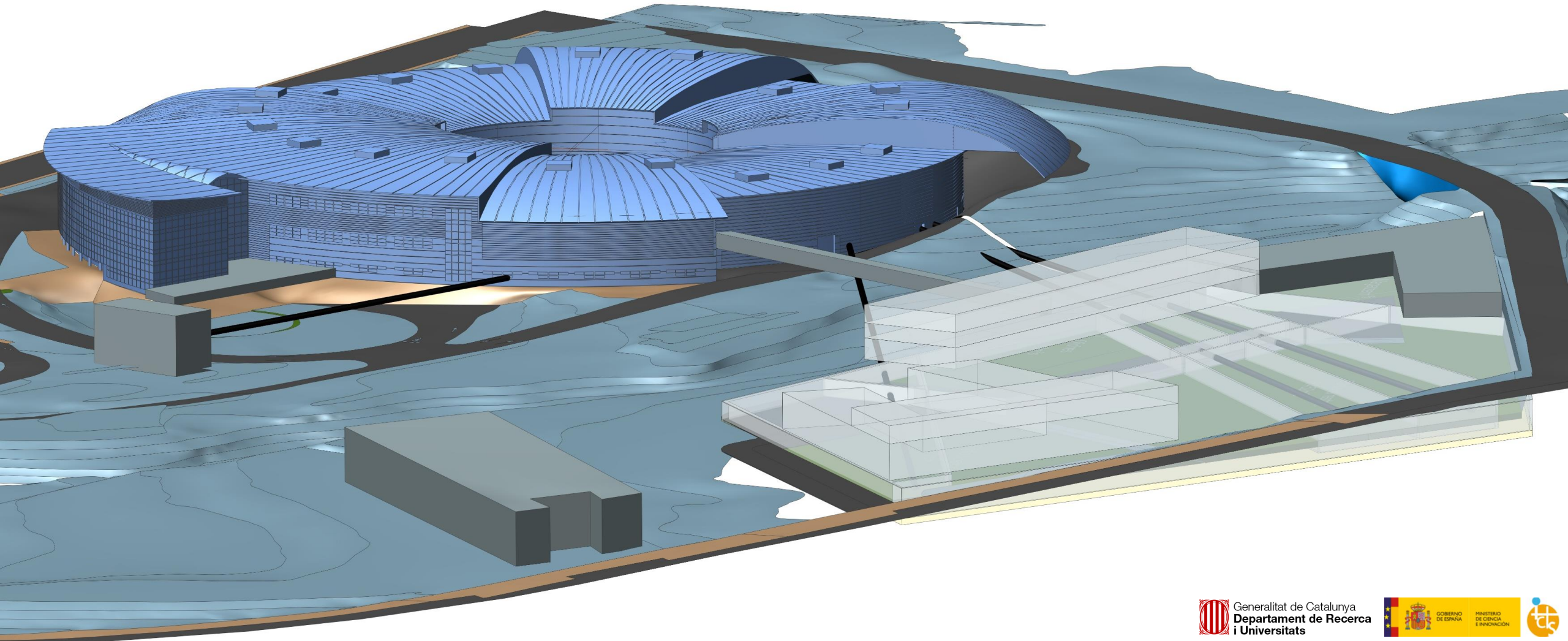


# ALBA and science for sustainability

*Caterina Biscari*  
15 December 2022



# Sustainable world

**From a model of exploiting earth resources as if they were unlimited to the awareness of their finitude and of the need to change exploitation habits**

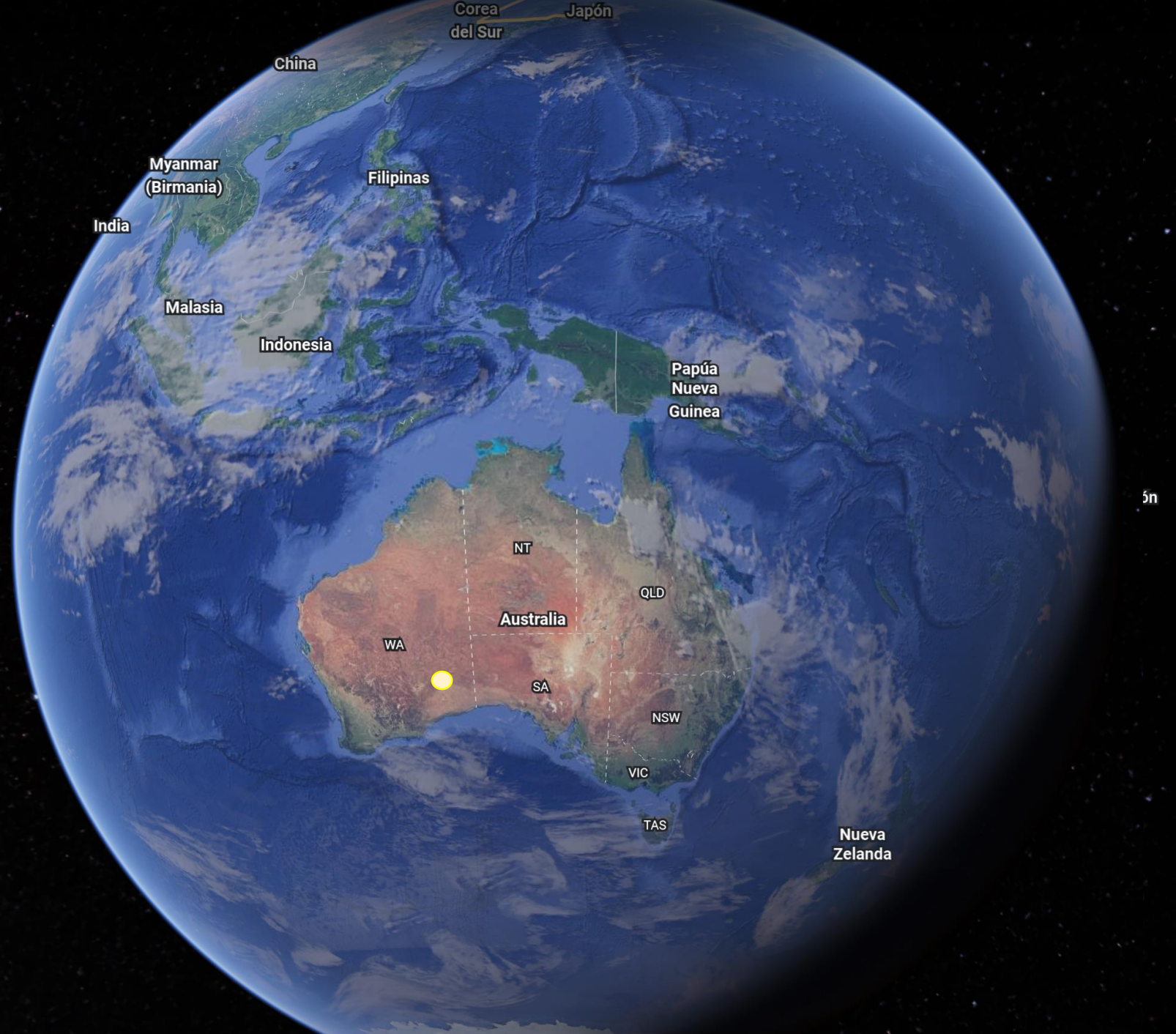


# Sustainable world

What can and must  
scientists do?

Synchrotrons in the world,  
aligning their capacities to  
be part of the solution

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# LEAPS is the largest consortium of analytical facilities world-wide and further expanding its service to an interdisciplinary European user community

**19 facilities - 16 institutions - 10 countries**

**> 300** operating End Stations

**➤ 1.000.000** h beamtime /year  
Excellence-driven access free of charge

**> 5.000** publications/year

**> 15** spin off companies

**> 35.000** users from all EU & beyond  
researchers from all research area



# To be prepared for future urgent challenges **ESAPS 2022**



## Enhancing collaboration among facilities and countries as a European assess

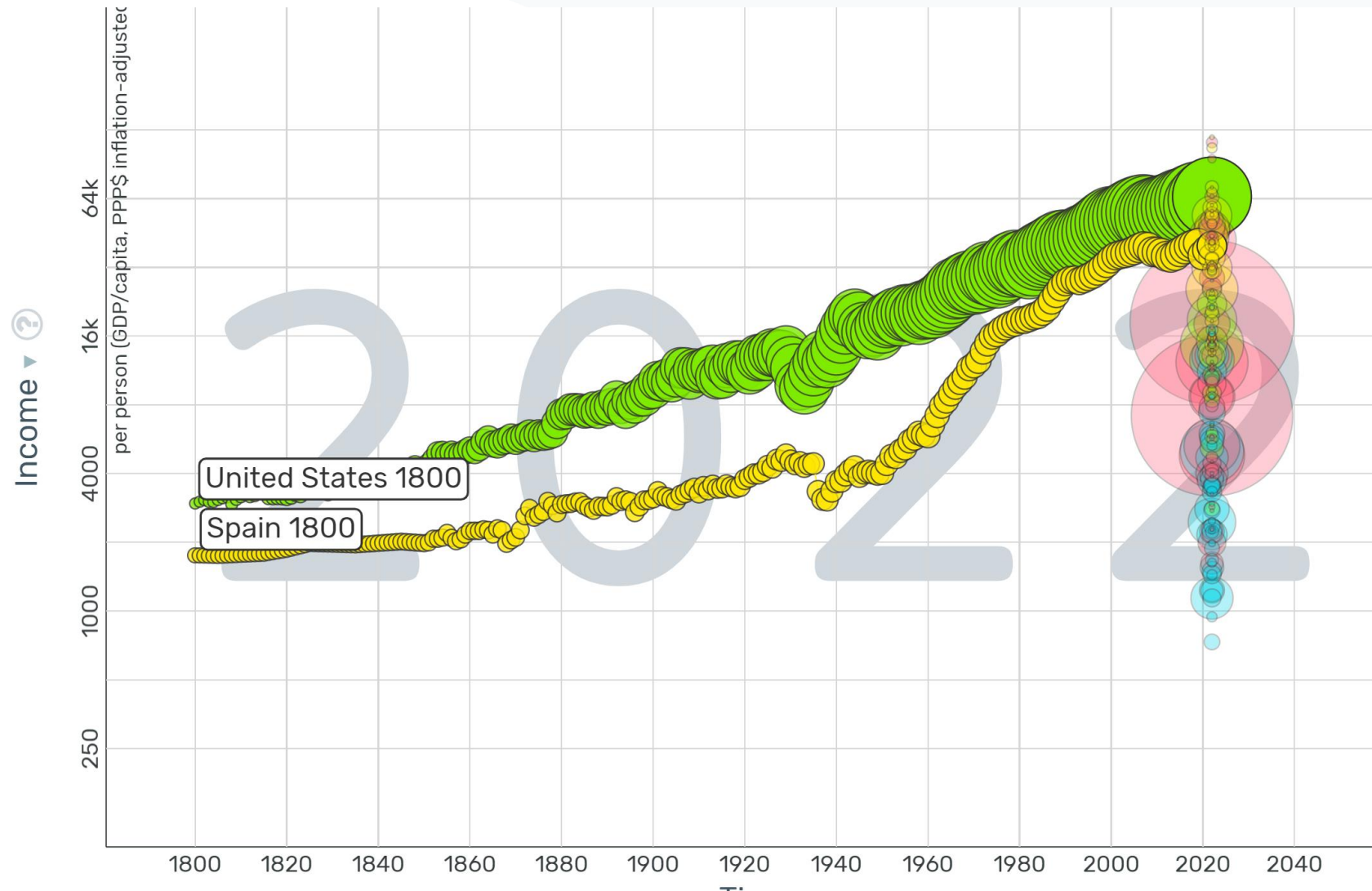
Aiming at European funding for **targeted challenge-driven access**  
to support tailored operando technologies at LEAPS facilities and specific operation costs

- supports **high quality research** in Europe,
- contributes to develop the skills of the **next generation of scientists and engineers** in Europe,
- subscribes to **diversity, gender balance, anti-discrimination** (“LEAPS-IDEA”),
- devises particle accelerators and associated **technologies of tomorrow** for a wide range of use in manufacturing and service industries in health, materials design, energy and security,
- supports European industry in **new product development** and market and by accelerating product design and development,
- devises **deeptech roadmaps** in close cooperation with European industries
- contributes to European **technology sovereignty**
- supports ERA Priority Actions.

**Spain**  
**47 M inhabitants**  
**GDP 45000\$**

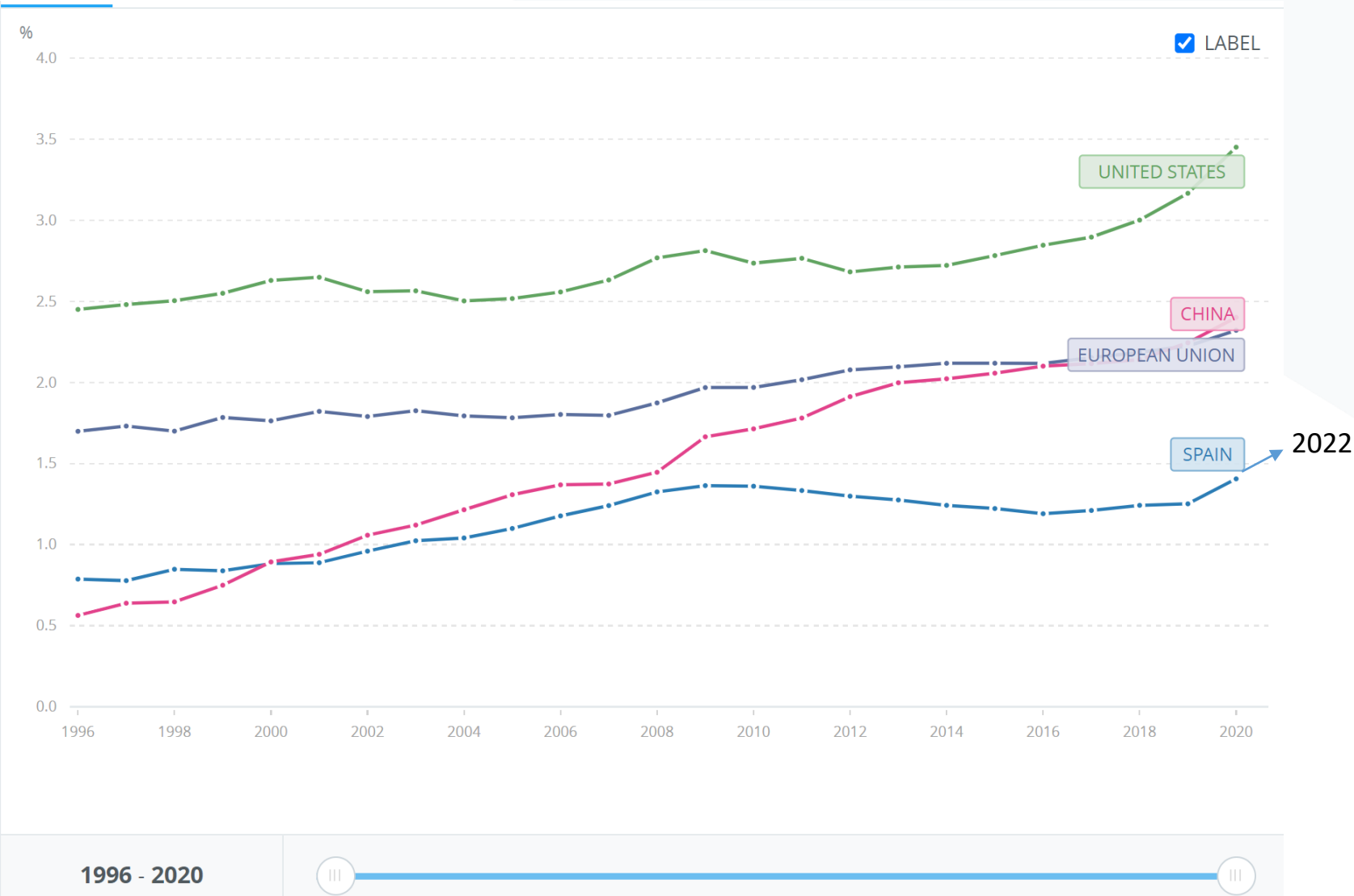


# GDP in Spain vs US (gapminder.org) – two centuries span

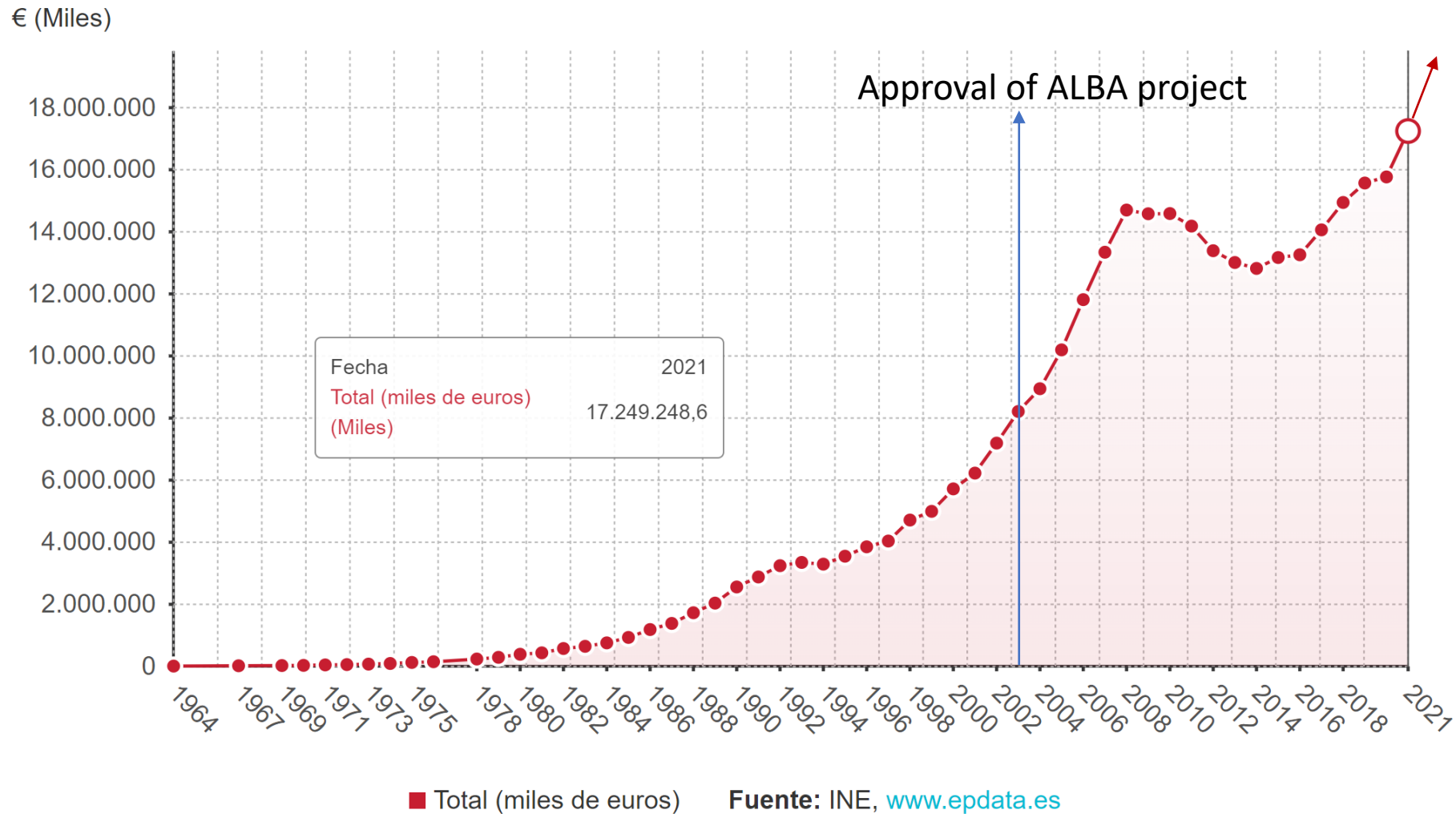


# Research and development expenditure (% of GDP) - Spain, United States, European Union, China

<https://data.worldbank.org/>



## Evolución del gasto en I+D interna en España



# ALBA, the Spanish Synchrotron

**National** public institution, funded  
50% national Government (Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación)  
50% regional GenCat (Departament de Recerca i Universitats)  
User facility open to **international** academic and industrial communities

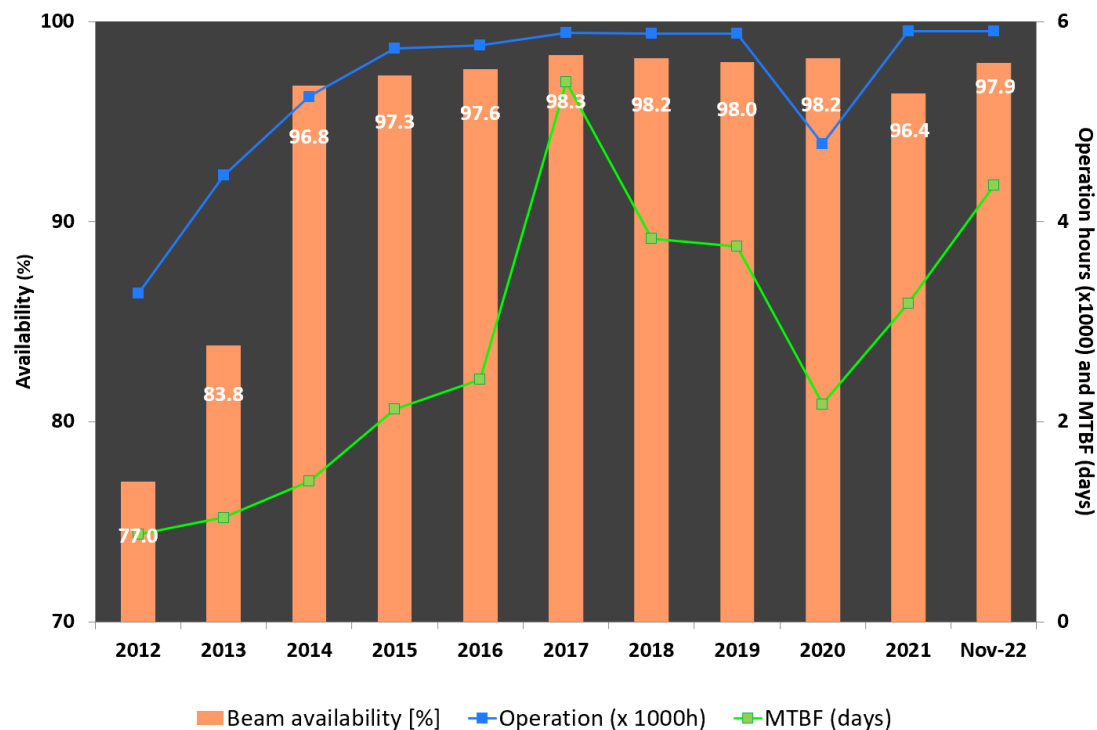


# The accelerator

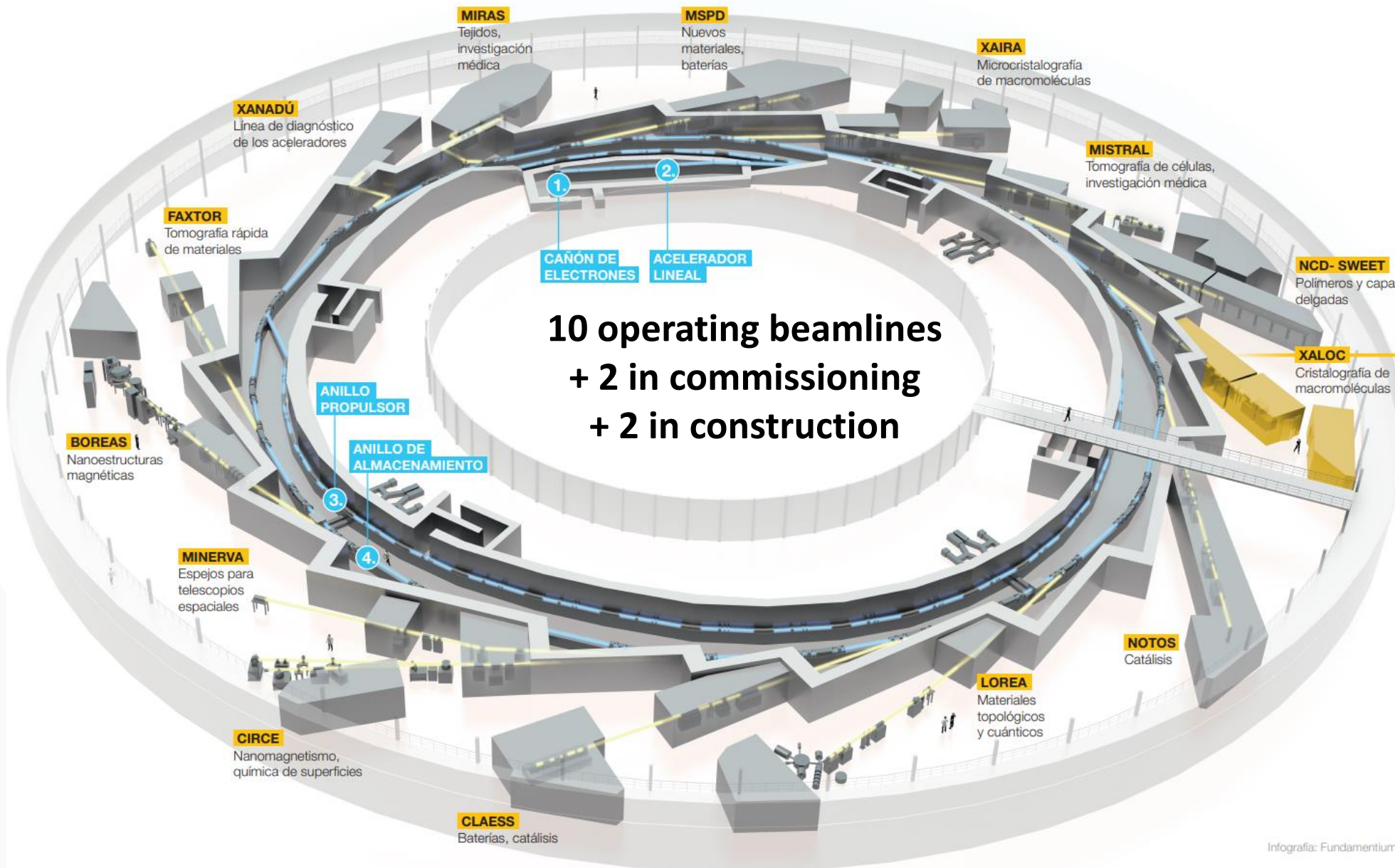


ALBA storage ring – 3<sup>rd</sup> generation light source  
3 GeV electrons - 270 m circumference

# Excellence in operation through one-decade



| SR Parameter    | Value      |
|-----------------|------------|
| Energy          | 3 GeV      |
| Circumference   | 269 m      |
| Emittance       | 4.4 n mrad |
| Current         | 250 mA     |
| Rf frequency    | 500 MHz    |
| # cavities      | 6          |
| Long straights  | 4 (8 m)    |
| Short straights | 12 (4 m)   |



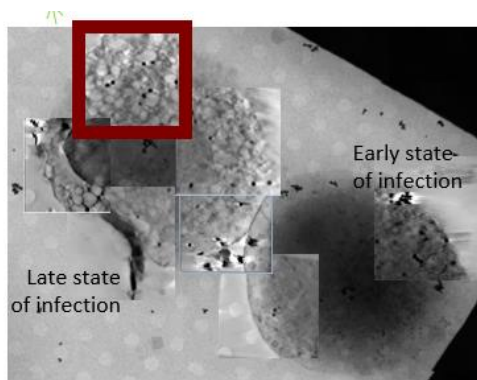
# ALBA Synchrotron Research Infrastructure



*Three Scientific Sections, three main research lines*

## Life Science

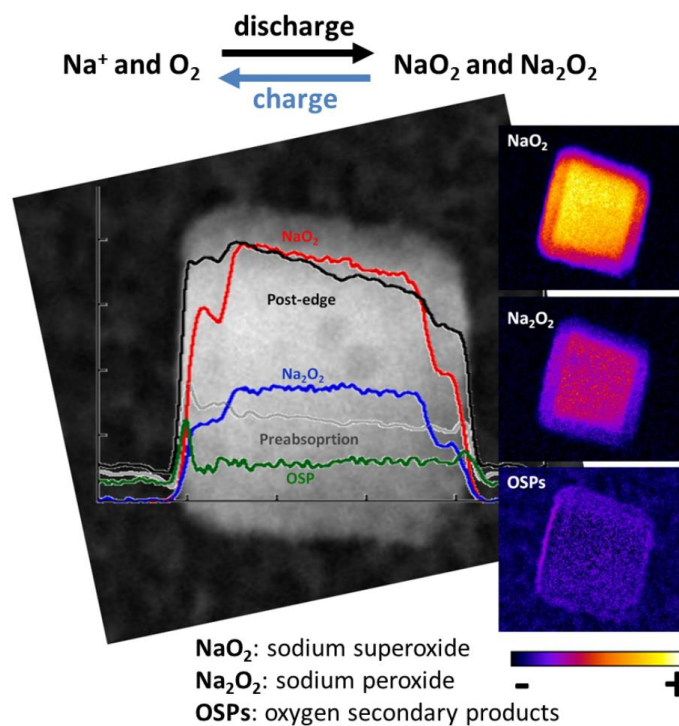
From the protein, to cell, to tissues



*Cell infected by covid-19*

## Chemistry and Material Science

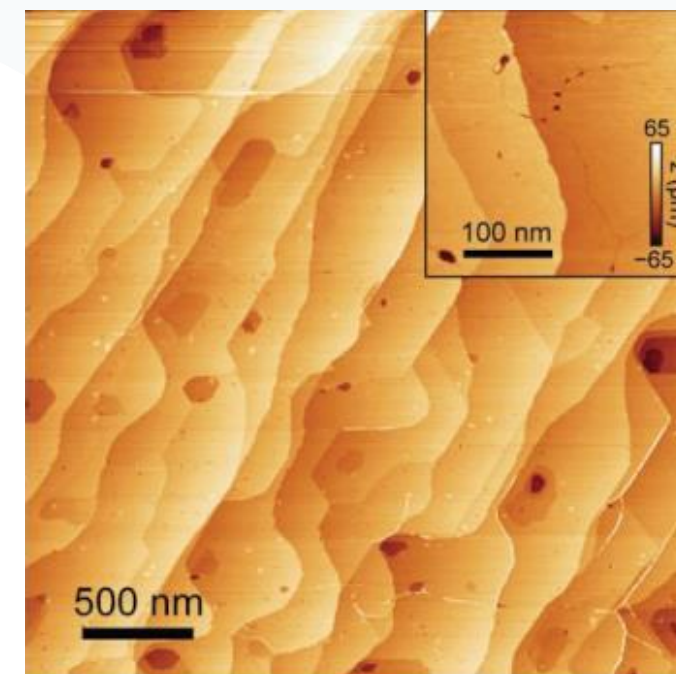
Energy material, catalysts, environment



*Battery developments*

## Electronic and Magnetic Structure of Matter

Advanced materials



*Nanomaterials for data storage*

## The BEAMLINES

Absorption and emission spectroscopy, soft X-ray tomography, IR microscopy, Small and Wide Angle Scattering, HR and HP Powder Diffraction, Crystalline Diffraction, Photoemission, NAPP, ARPES, Resonant absorption and scattering, *micro macromolecular crystalline diffraction, Metrology, hard X-ray tomography, Surface spectroscopy and ambient pressure photoemission*



230 staff

+ 2400 yearly  
user visits

+300 yearly  
experiments

3400 national  
users

+2600  
publications

# ALBA

## key numbers

*After 10 years of operation*

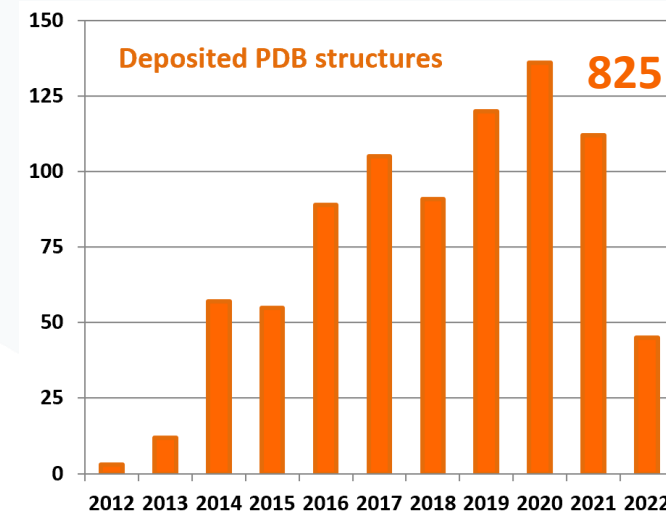
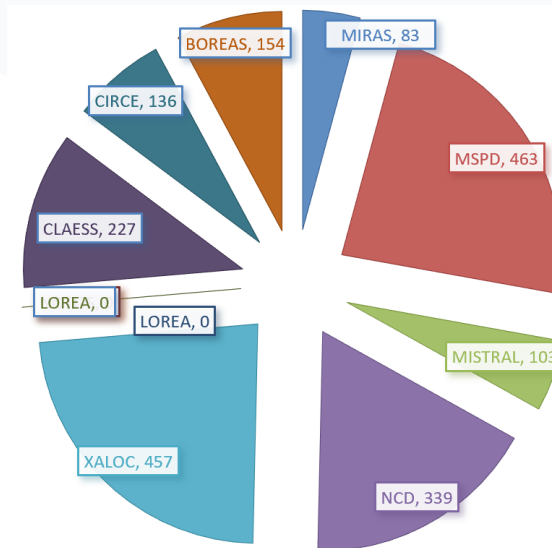
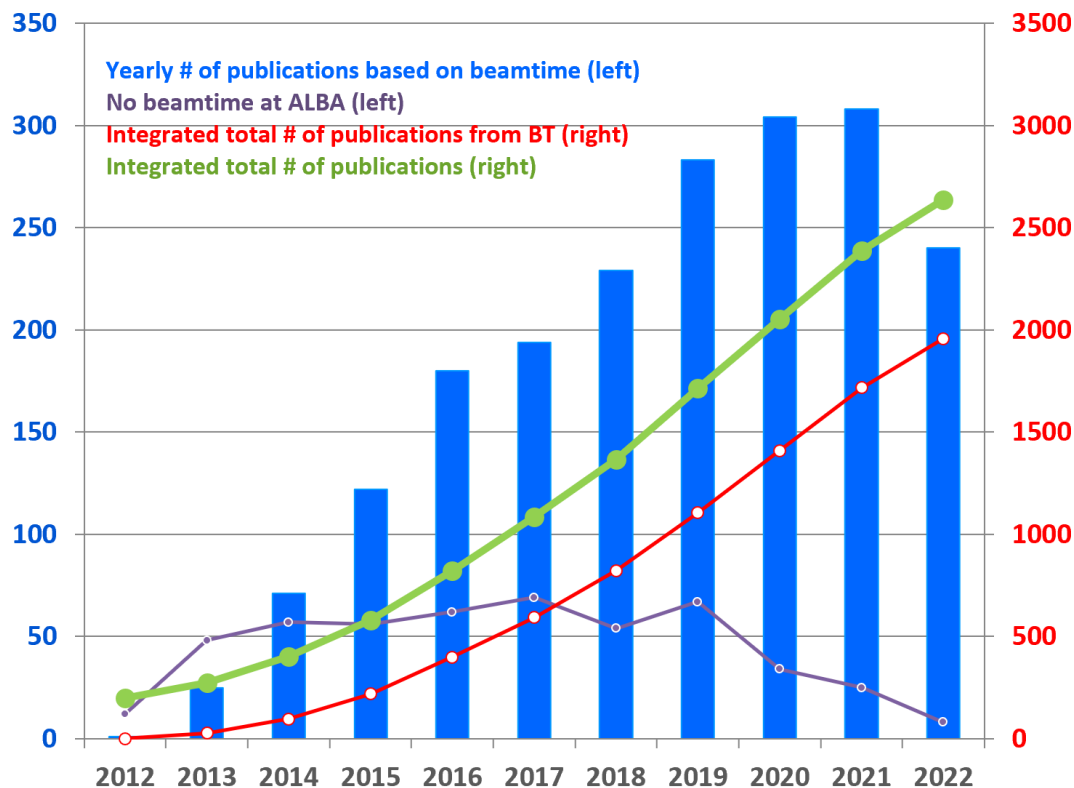
3200 international  
users

+7500 yearly  
public visits

+250 trained  
students

70 private user  
companies

# Scientific productivity

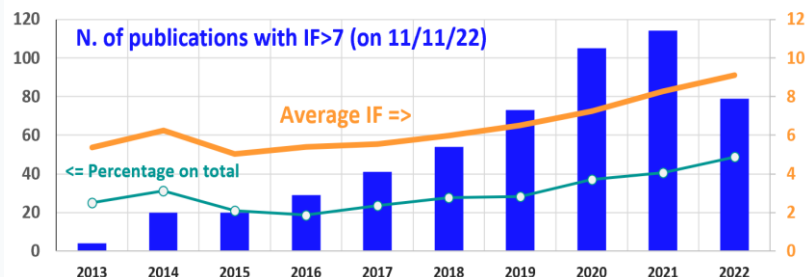


## Publications per BL

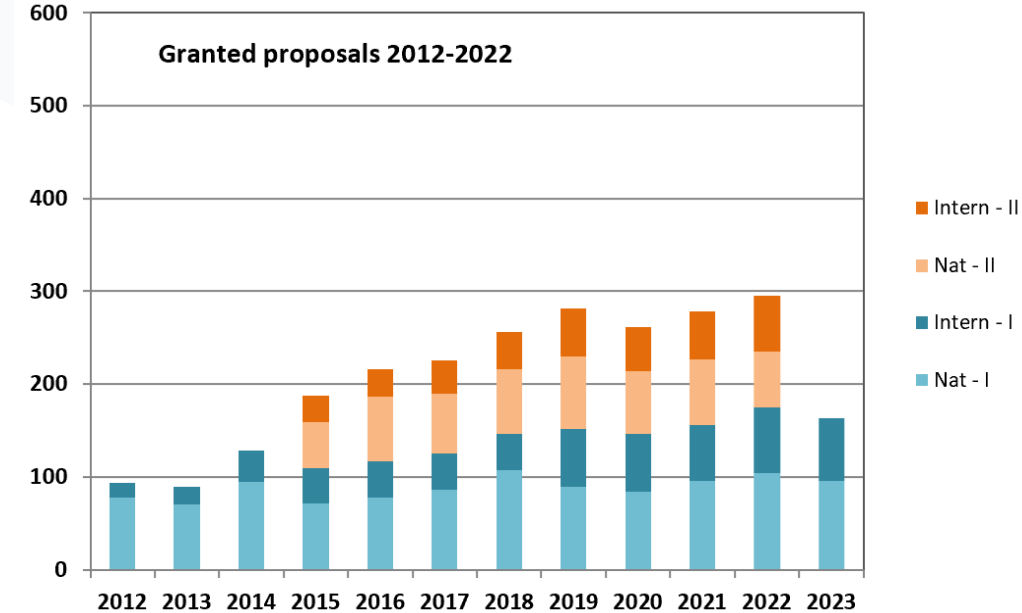
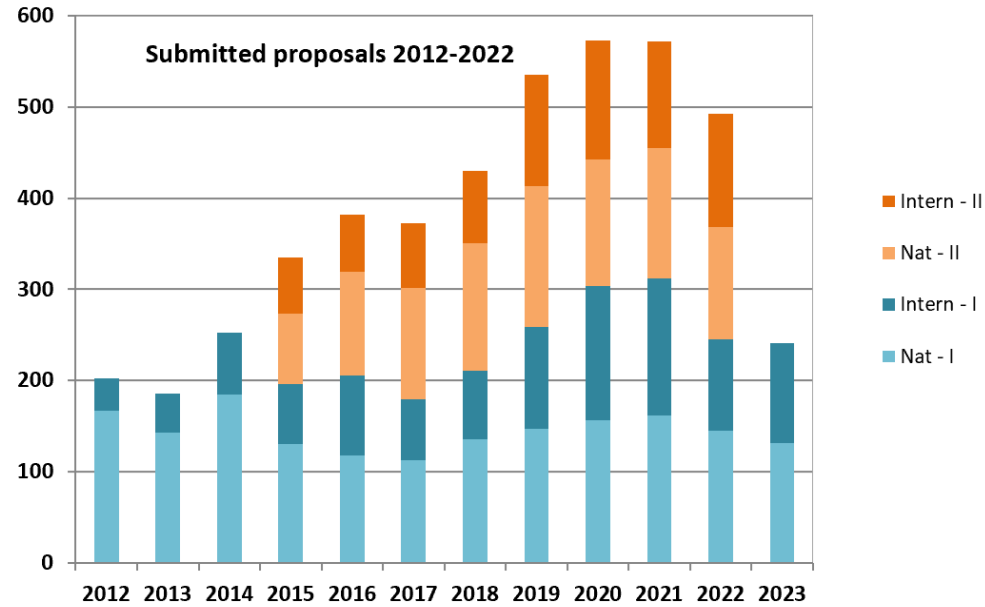
**2020/2021:** average # of publications per op. BL > 38

**2021:** <IF> = 8.3; 41% of publications with IF>7

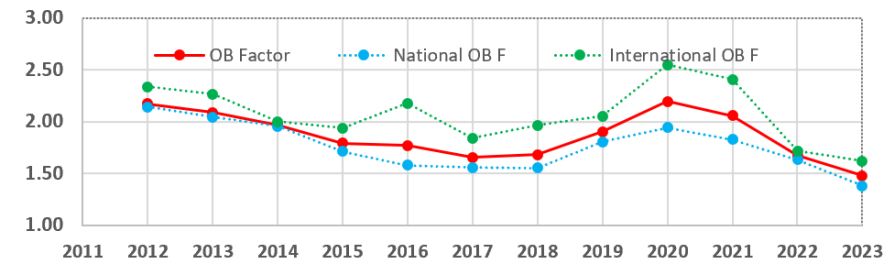
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# Academic and competitive user access



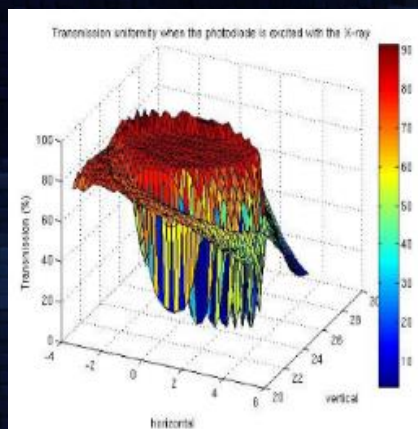
|               | Submitted | Granted | OF  |
|---------------|-----------|---------|-----|
| National      | 2742      | 1582    | 1.7 |
| International | 1831      | 890     | 2.1 |
| TOTAL         | 4573      | 2472    | 1.8 |



# Technological transfer

Industrial beamtime – 70 different companies

*Dedicated staff*  
**ALBA**  
**innovation**



**ALIBAVA SYSTEMS**  
Very Low Absorption  
Position & Intensity Monitors  
The photons you lose at least counts

Alibava Systems offers Silicon Transmission Photodiodes with very low absorption < 15% (8 keV) and very high efficiency.

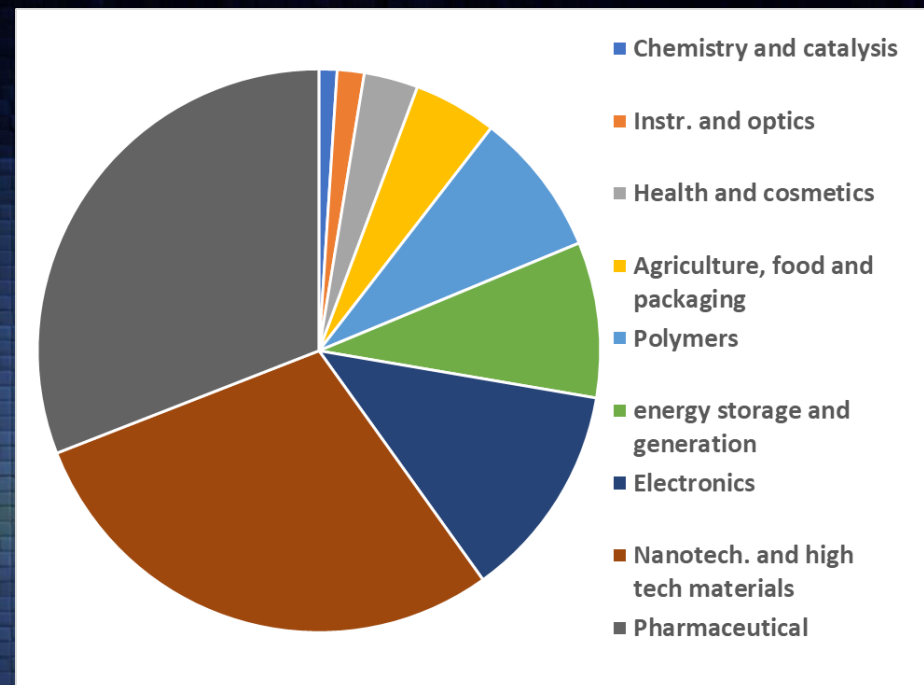
Single and 4 quadrants designs to perform intensity and position measurements.  
Different configurations:  
Vacuum (36 mm compact chamber, KF 40 terminations), Standard (opaque housing), both with individual coaxial Lemo connectors and Naked, for custom integration.

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**Vacuum configuration**  
**Standard configuration**

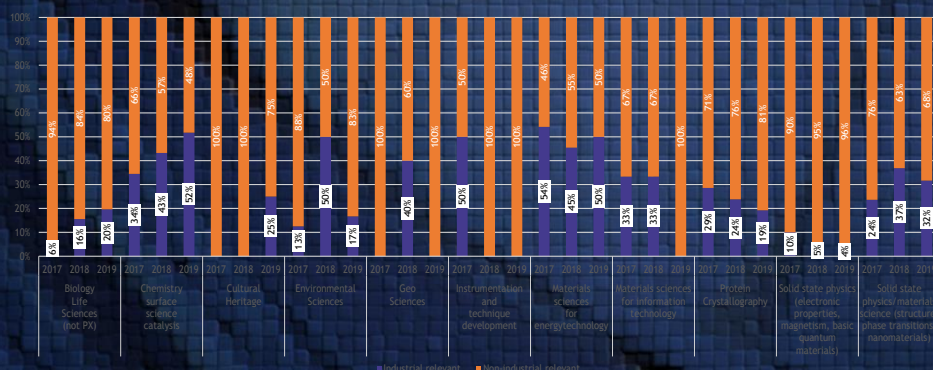
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**ALBA**  
Developed in collaboration with ALBA Synchrotron.

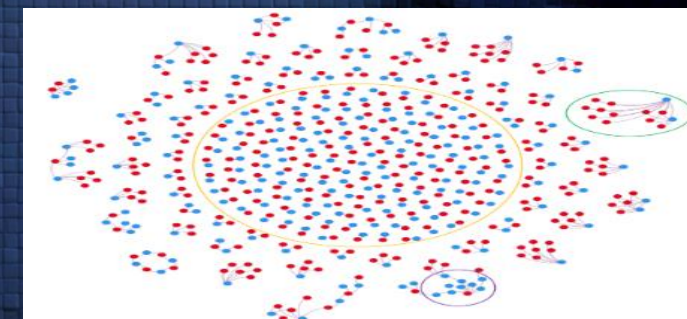


+ EU projects granting free access for SME

## Industrial relevance of academic experiments



Patents  
citing  
publications



243 ALBA P1 publications (blue dots) out of a total of 9974 are directly cited by 337 patents (red dots)

**H2020 pilot project (2018)**  
**15 patents + 337 citing ALBA**



### Partnerships:

- Joint Electron Microscope Center at ALBA (JEMCA)
- InCAEM – Planes Complementarios on Advanced Materials
- Battery and catalysis programs with CSIC

Minerva: BL in collaboration with ESA



Credit: ESO/M. Kornmesser & ACO Team

14 desembre 2022

# ALBA collaborations



Participation in  
European Commission  
programs

de ALBA a ALBA II

19 facilities - 16 institutions - 10 countries  
ALBA Chairing LEAPS on 2020  
and 2021, vice chair now



ARIE spokesperson  
for start-up the  
collaboration



# Joint Electron Microscope Center at ALBA (JEMCA)

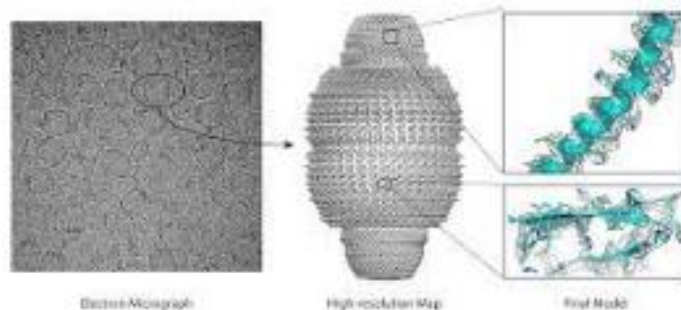
*50% Funded through Catalan ERDF and 50% co-funded by different partners*



## Life science

*Cryo-EM receiving users from partners*

- 200 kV Glacios cryo-TEM
- X-FEG optics
- Autoloader
- Equipped with the last generation of direct electron detector (Falcon 4)
- Falcon 4 server with 60 TB
- ALBA storage with 100 TB
- GPU allowing for on-the-fly processing



## Material Science

*TEM finishing commissioning*

*First call for external users in Spring 2023*

- 60-300 keV Spectra (S)TEM
- Double aberration correction
- Monochromatic beam
- Atomic scale spectroscopy by EELS and EDX
- ALBA storage with 100 TB
- Spatial resolution < 1 Å even at 60 kV  
(<50 pm at 300 kV)
- Energy resolution < 30 meV





+200 students trained

+7500  
outreach

230 staff

visits per year



Outreach projects  
for children

High-qualified  
job offers

## ALBA & society

Organization of scientific  
and industrial workshops  
for pharma, chemistry,...

Academic and  
Industrial PhDs



African School of Fundamental  
Physics and Applications



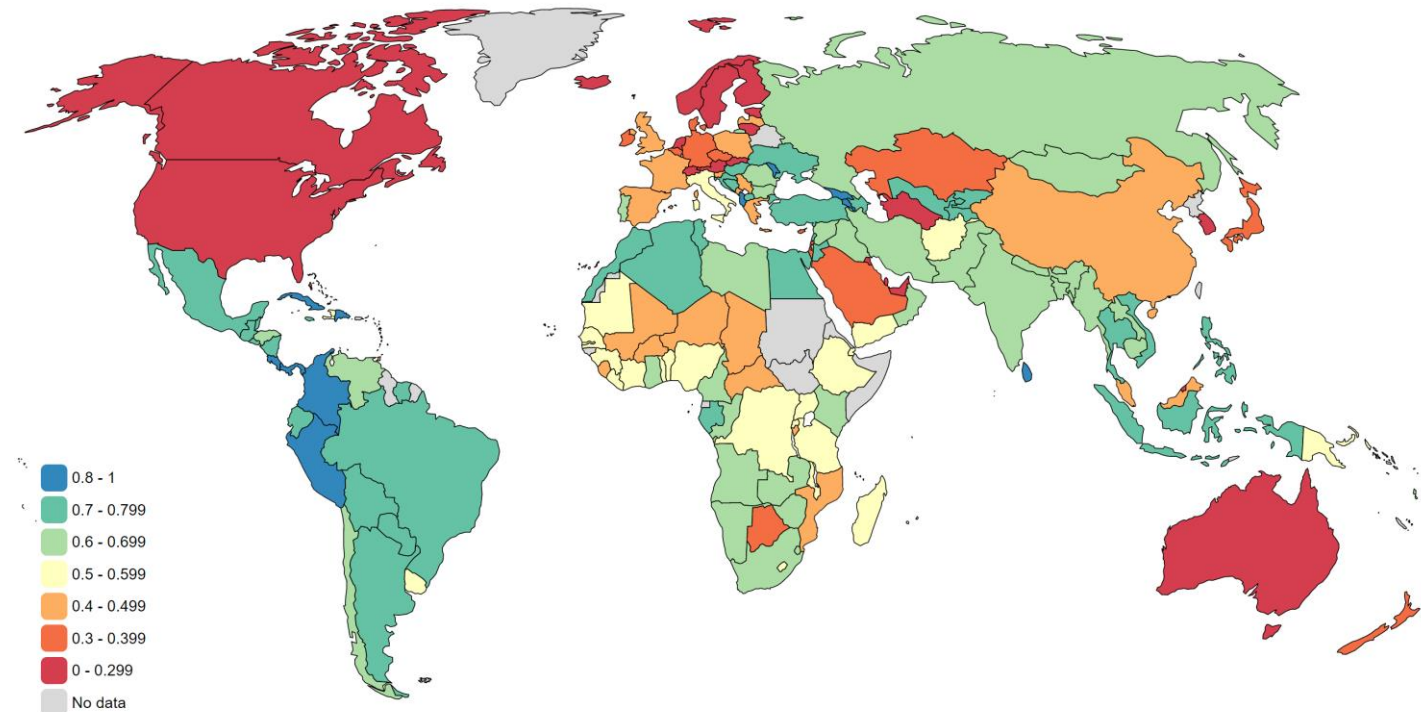
Involvement in  
educational programs  
from schools to  
universities in Spain and  
abroad

Contributing to  
health, clean energy, advanced  
technologies, climate change,  
environment, food, agriculture,  
transport & mobility, security, cultural  
heritage,...

# Sustainable Development Index

<https://www.sustainabledevelopmentindex.org/>

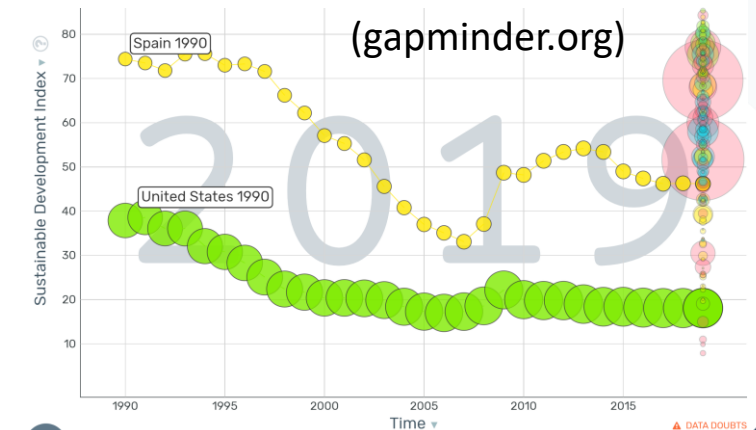
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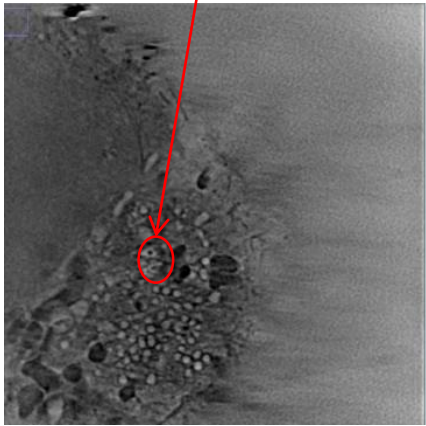
SDI gets higher if

**Increase: life expectancy, education and income**

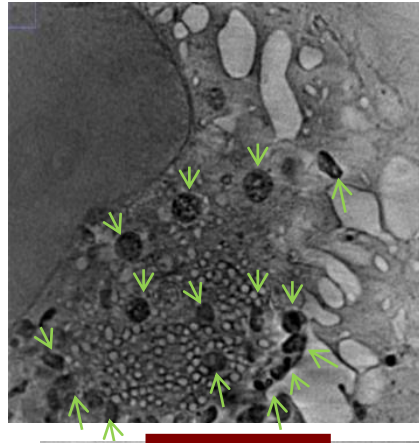
**Decrease: consumption-based CO2 emissions and material footprint**



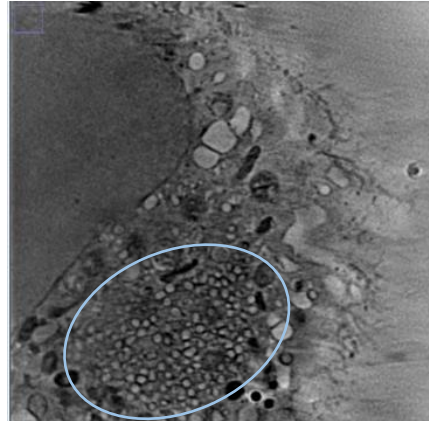
SARS-CoV-2 Intracellular viral particles



Morphological dysfunction with abnormal mitochondria



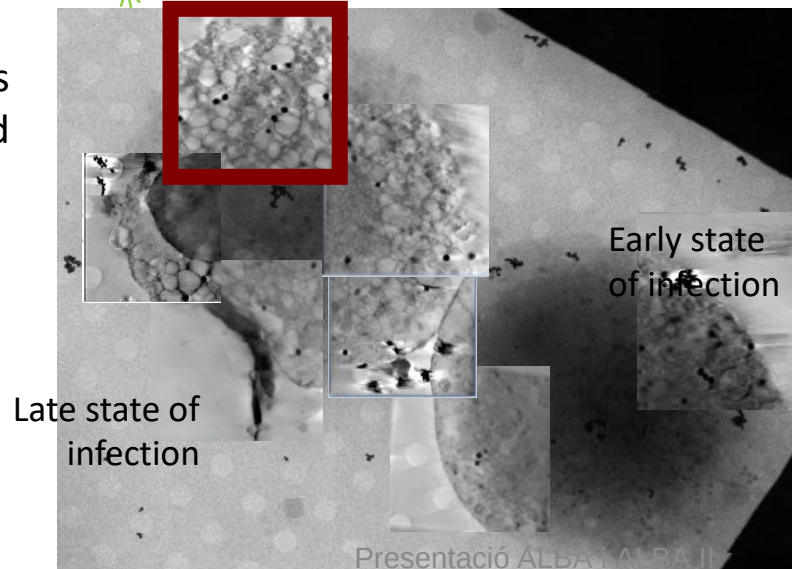
SARS-CoV-2 viral factory



## COVID research at BL09-MISTRAL

Morphology of adenocarcinomic human alveolar basal epithelial cell (A549) infected with SARS-CoV-2

Evolution of cells can be studied

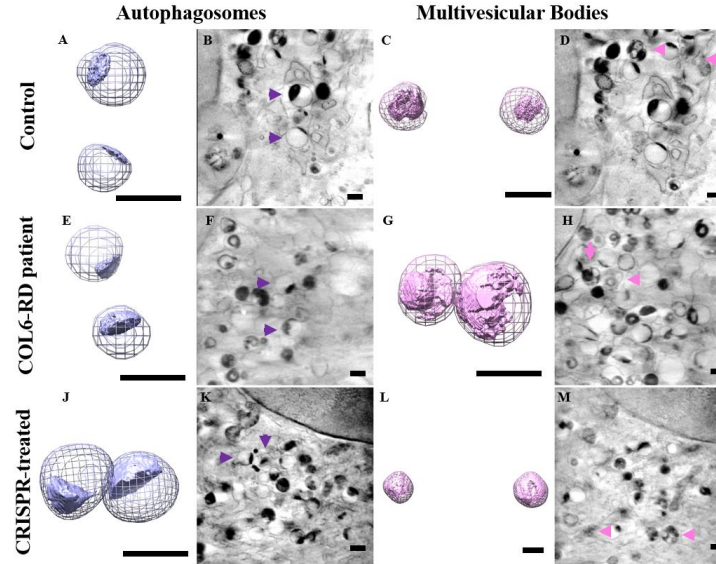
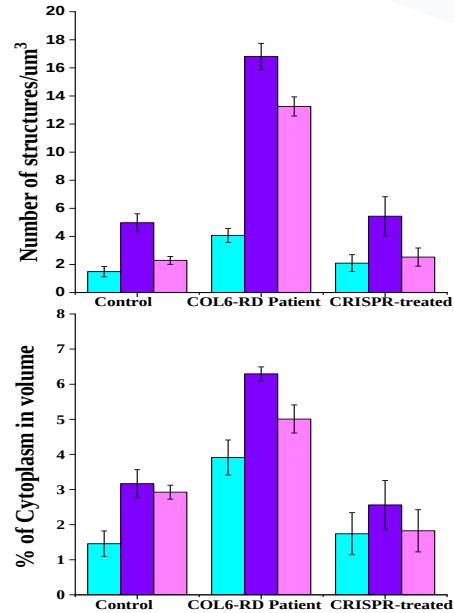


3D reconstruction:

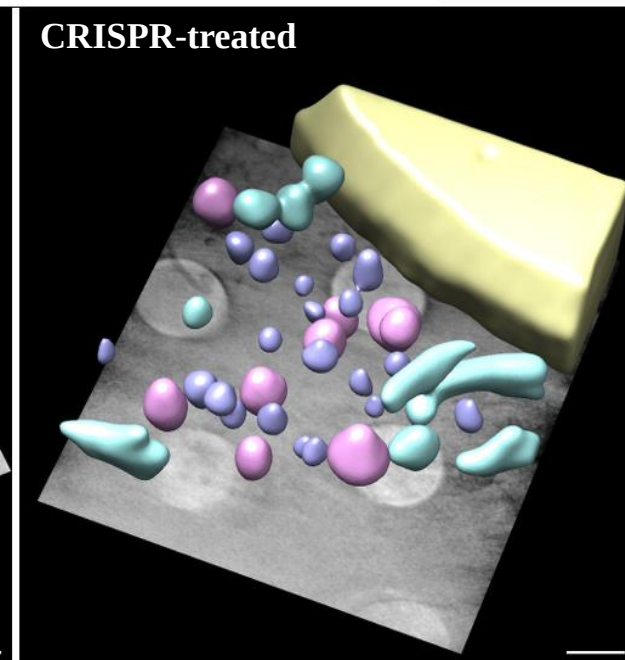
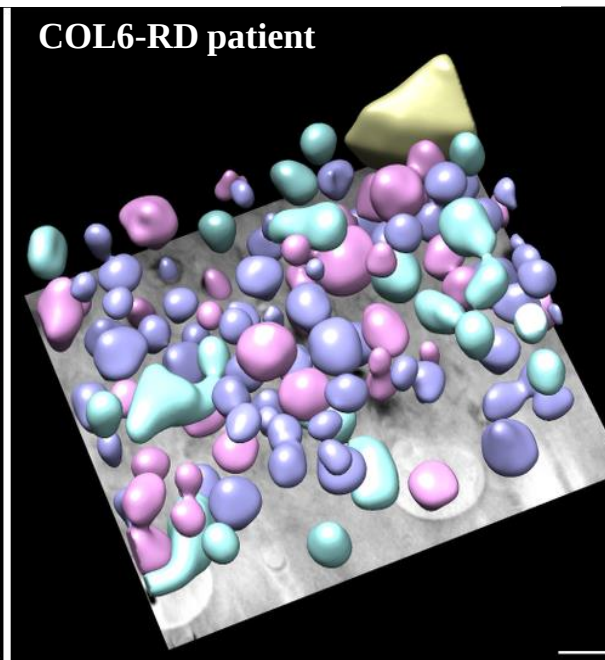
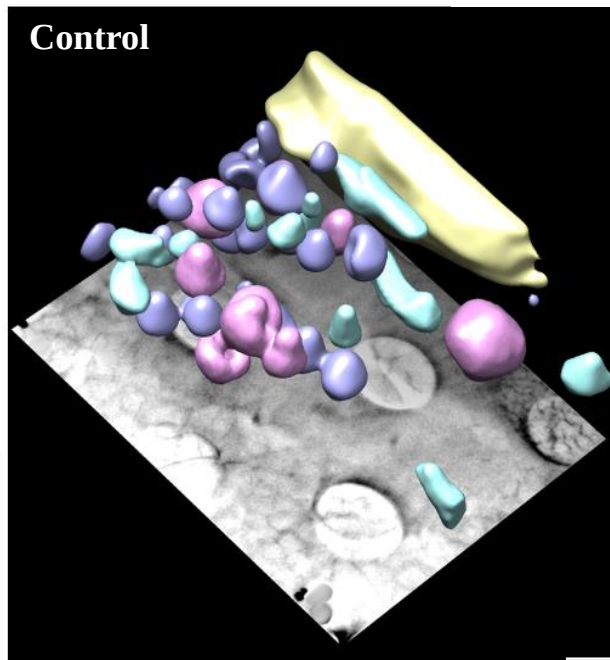
**Transparent volumes:** vesicles where the replicating complexes are formed.

**Blue volumes:** the SARS-CoV2 virus

# A New Tool to Proof Effectiveness of CRISPR/Cas9 Therapies: X-ray Tomography

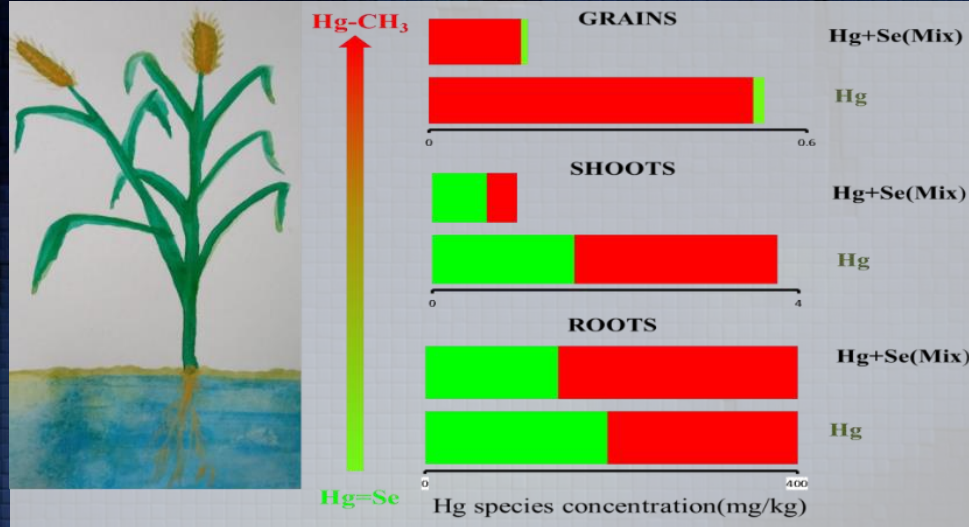


*Contribution of the X-Ray tomography in the cellular pathologies field: possibility to develop the proof of concept of **the success of gene therapy application** in the disease reversion of the cellular and biochemical phenotype of cells harbouring the cellular mutation triggering the disease by application of CRISPR/Cas9.*

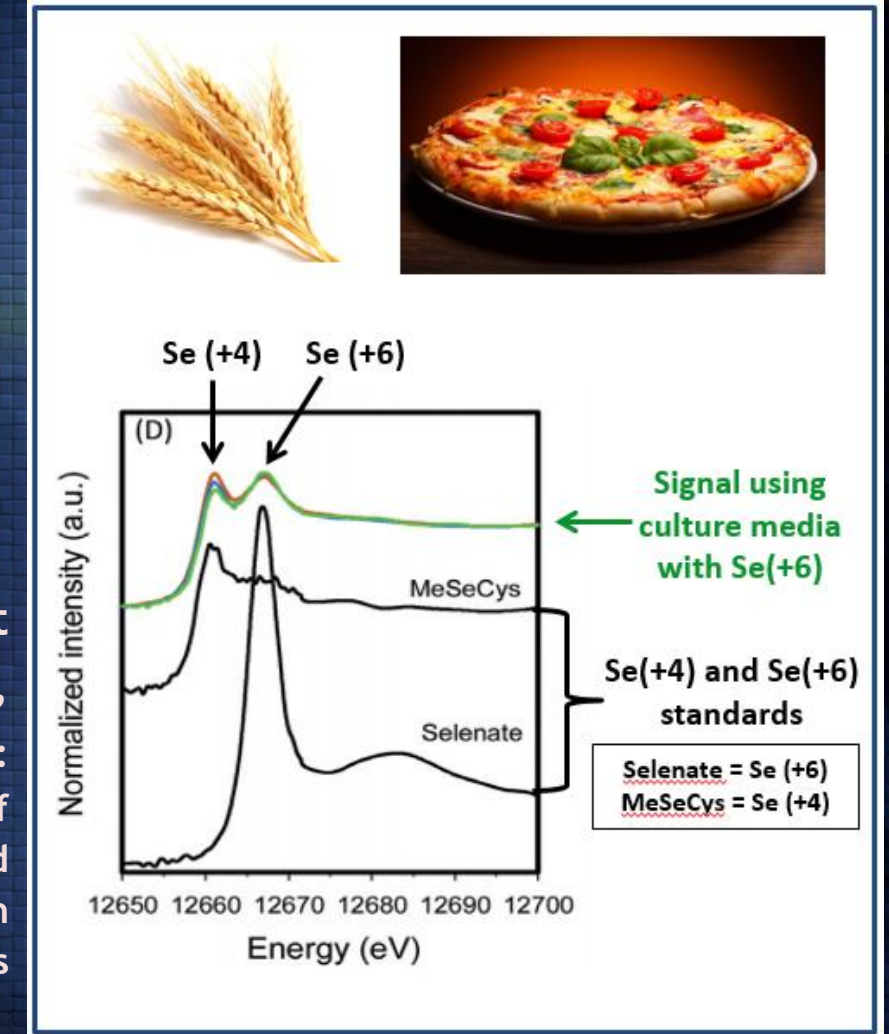


# We care for food, its production and conservation

## Monitoring contamination, developing environment-friendly packaging



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.

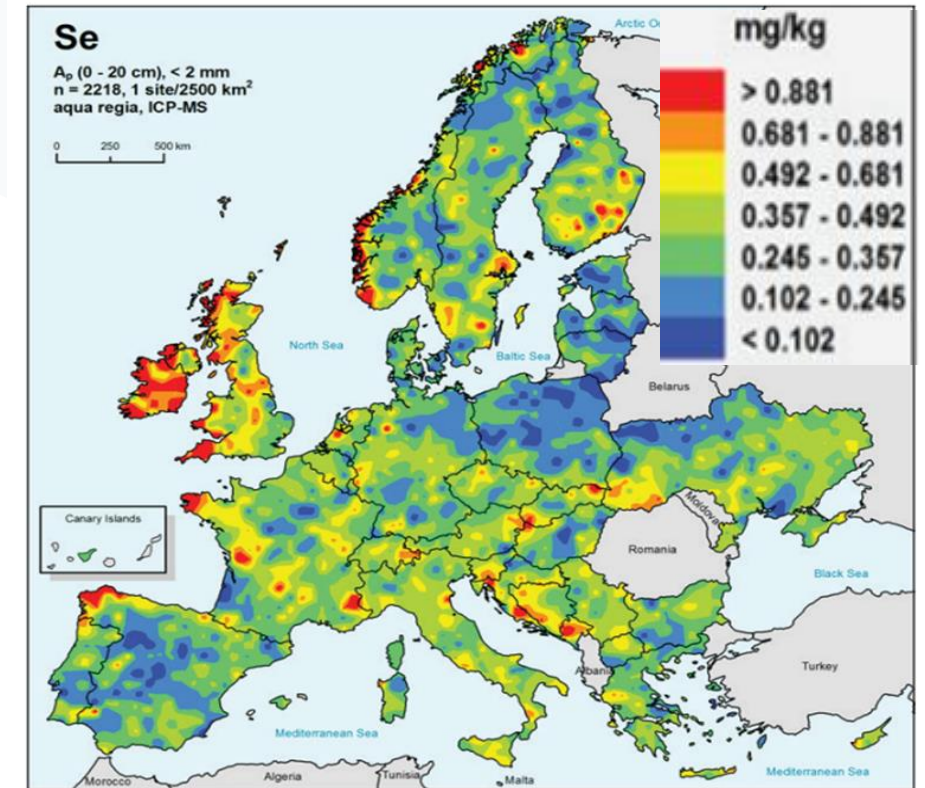


B. Guerrero, Tesis UAB, 2013; Wang et al. doi:10.1093/jxb/erv254

# Food science for a proper alimentation in all world regions



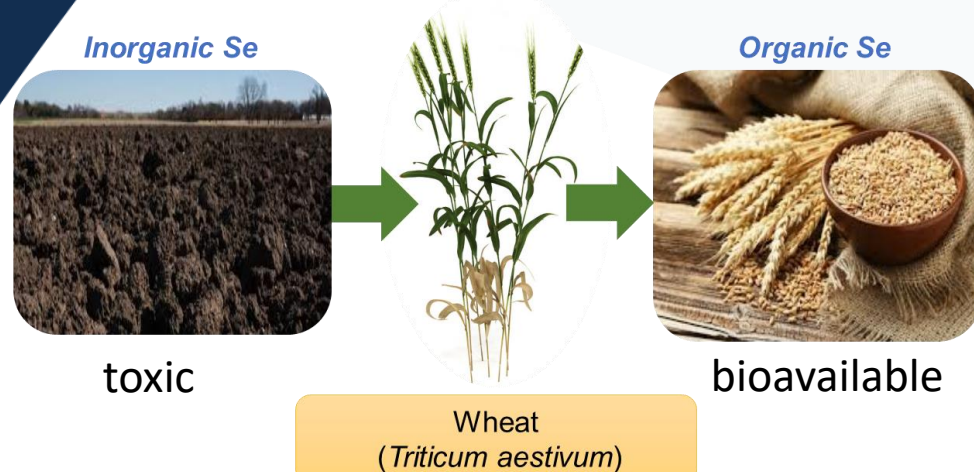
Se recommended: 50-70  $\mu\text{g}/\text{day}$   
Se tolerable upper limit: 400  $\mu\text{g}/\text{day}$



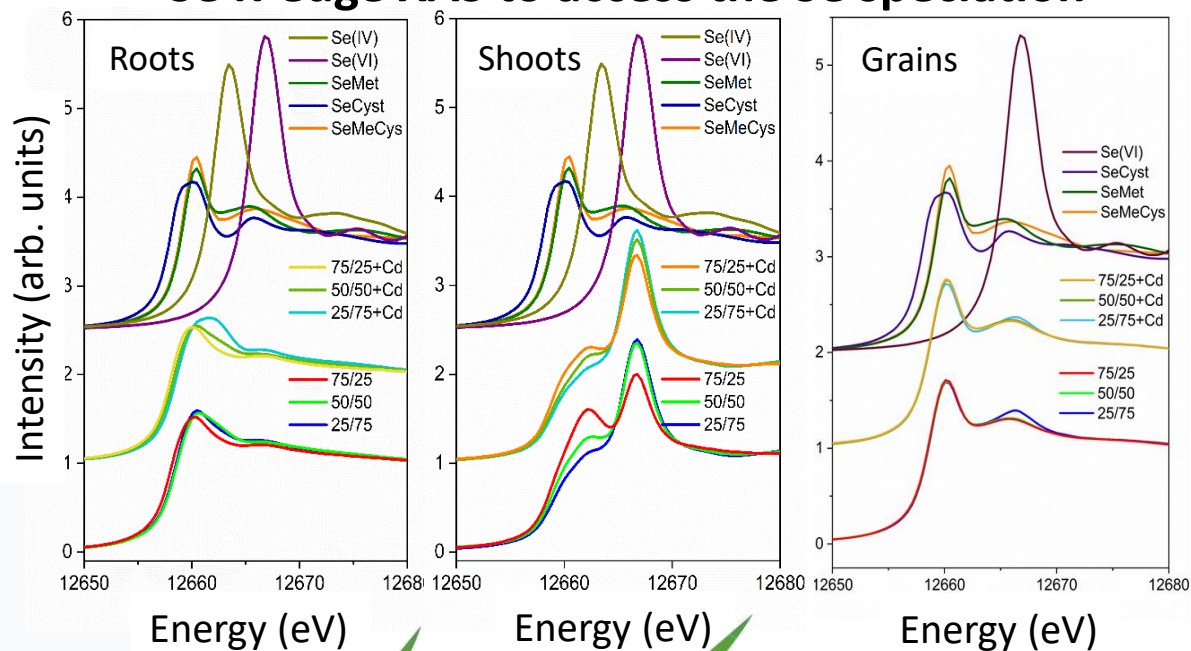
2018-2021 ALBA PhD thesis – DOCFAM project *“Study of Se-biofortified functional food: Interactions and competing mechanisms among different elements using synchrotron analytical techniques”*

2020-2024 Se4All MSCA RISE EU project *“Se-bioFORTified ALfaLfa for Se-enriched Dairy products”*

# Selenium biofortification in plants

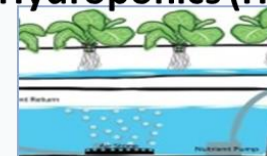


## Se K-edge XAS to access the Se speciation



## Application methods

### Hydroponics (HP)



Controlled parameters ☺

### Soil (SA)



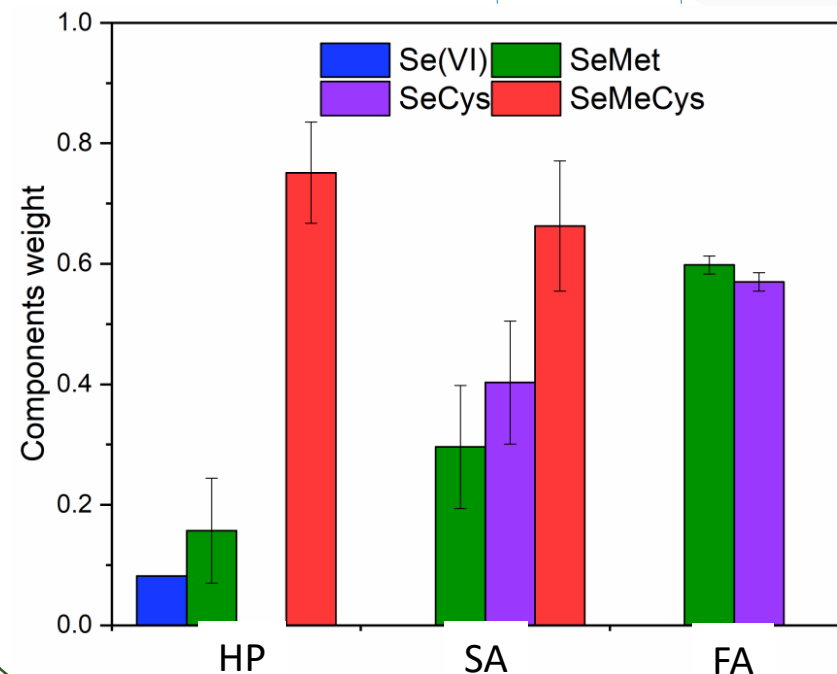
Soil interaction ☹  
Large scale application ☺

### Foliar (FA)

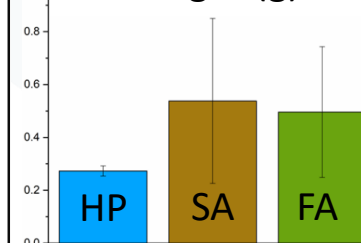


Applicable in both hydroponic and soil culture ☺  
No soil interaction ☺  
Large scale application ☺

## Bioavailable to humans



### Average grain weight (g)

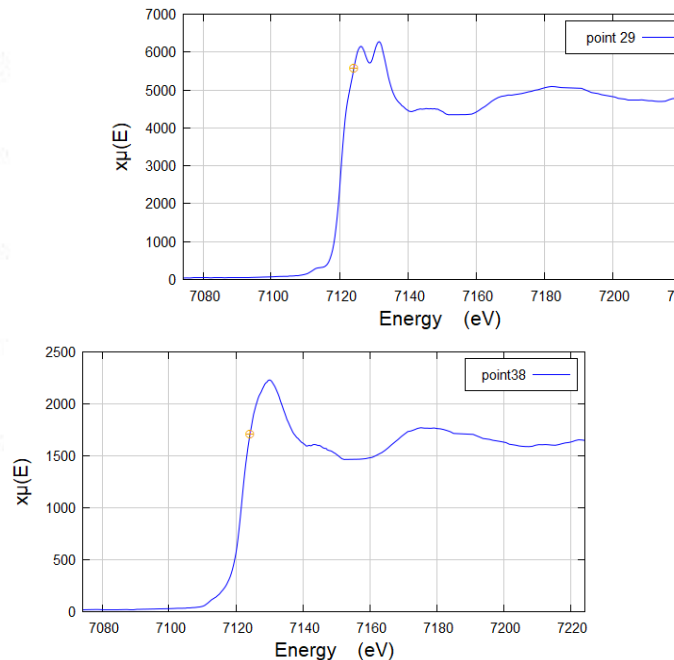
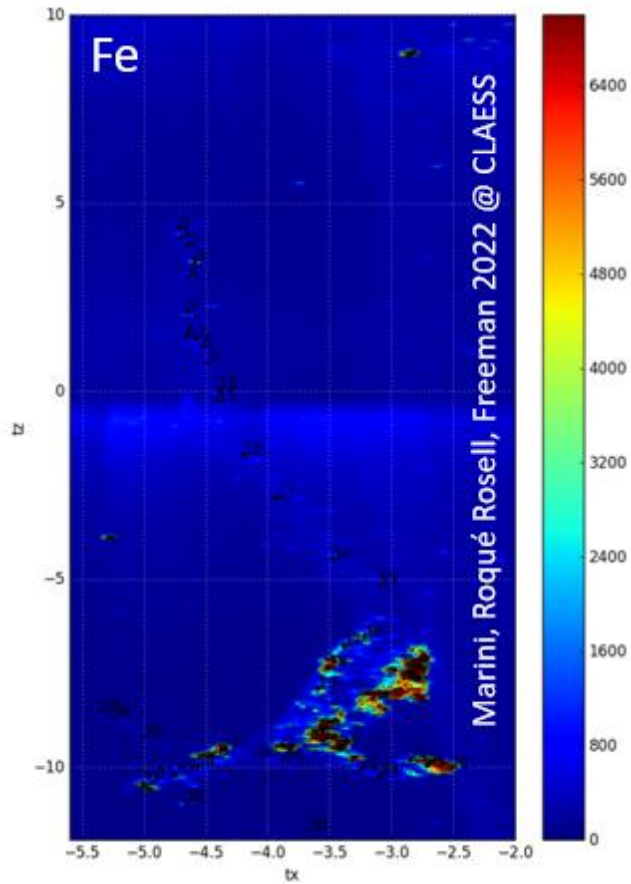


### Grains Se concentration (µg/g)



# Food science looking at the future plans of humankind

**NASA:** Which kind of plants are able to grow in the moon soil, to guarantee a continuous air depuration system in the space bases?



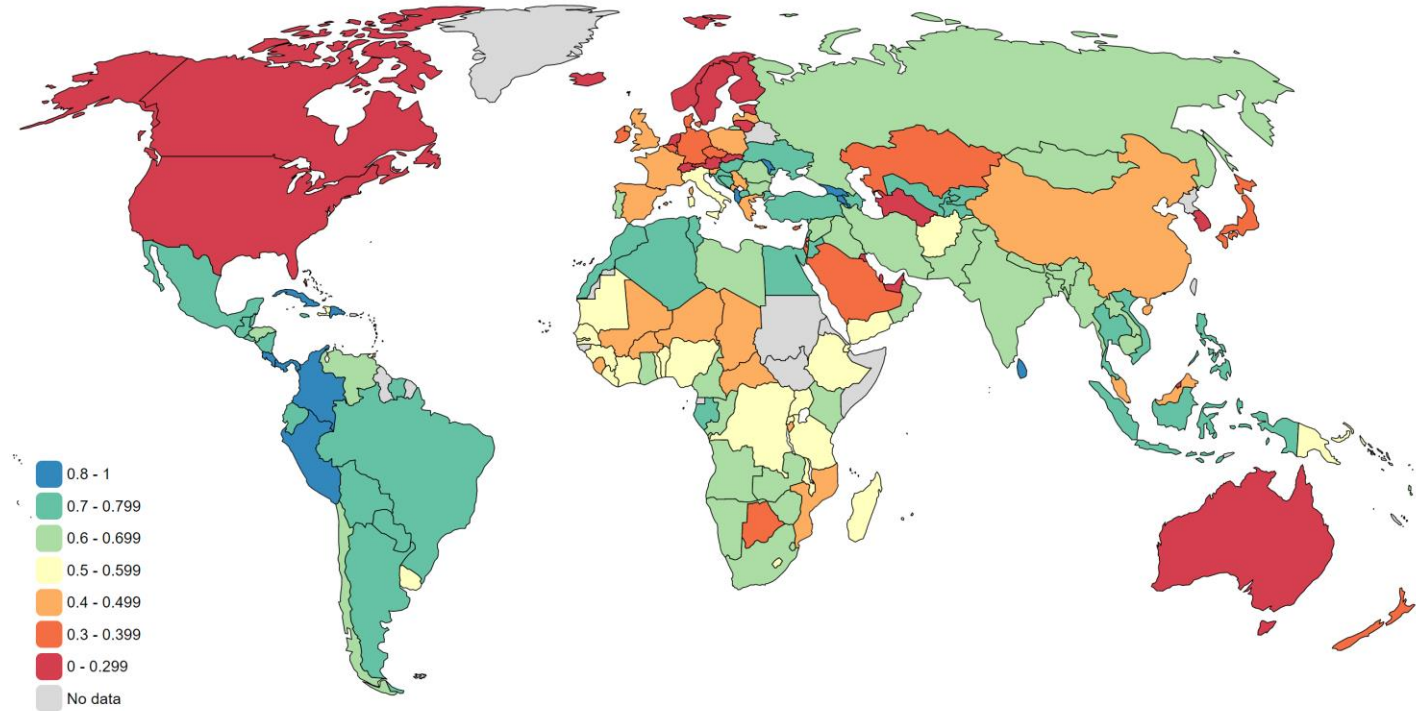
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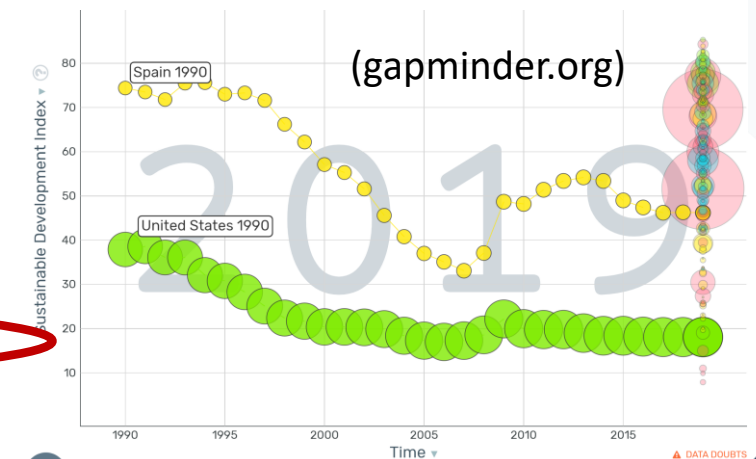
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# The Big Picture: alignment with EU Missions

## *Climate neutral and smart cities*



Flexible, self-optimized,  
interconnected processes  
for higher efficiency and  
adaptability

**Novel devices:**  
Sensors  
Transmitters  
Memories

Create  
Exchange  
Process  
Store  
Protect

information

**Novel approaches:**  
Quantum  
Neuromorphic  
Reservoir  
Stochastic  
AI

computing

### Some challenges for future devices:

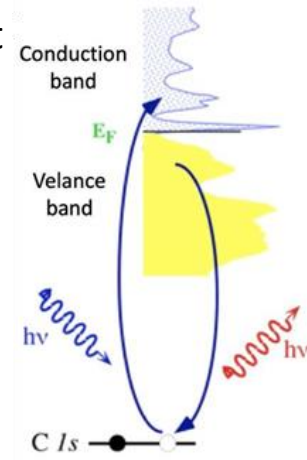
- Fast
- Portable
- Sustainable
  - Low/self-powered*
  - Long lifetime*
  - Based on abundant materials*
- Multifunctional

## Solar cell (Charge Transfer)

Fundamental understanding of the processes involving CT state is essential for an optimization of the performances.

XAS,XES,RIXS as important characterization tools

*Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells* Volume 208, May 2020



**Energy production**

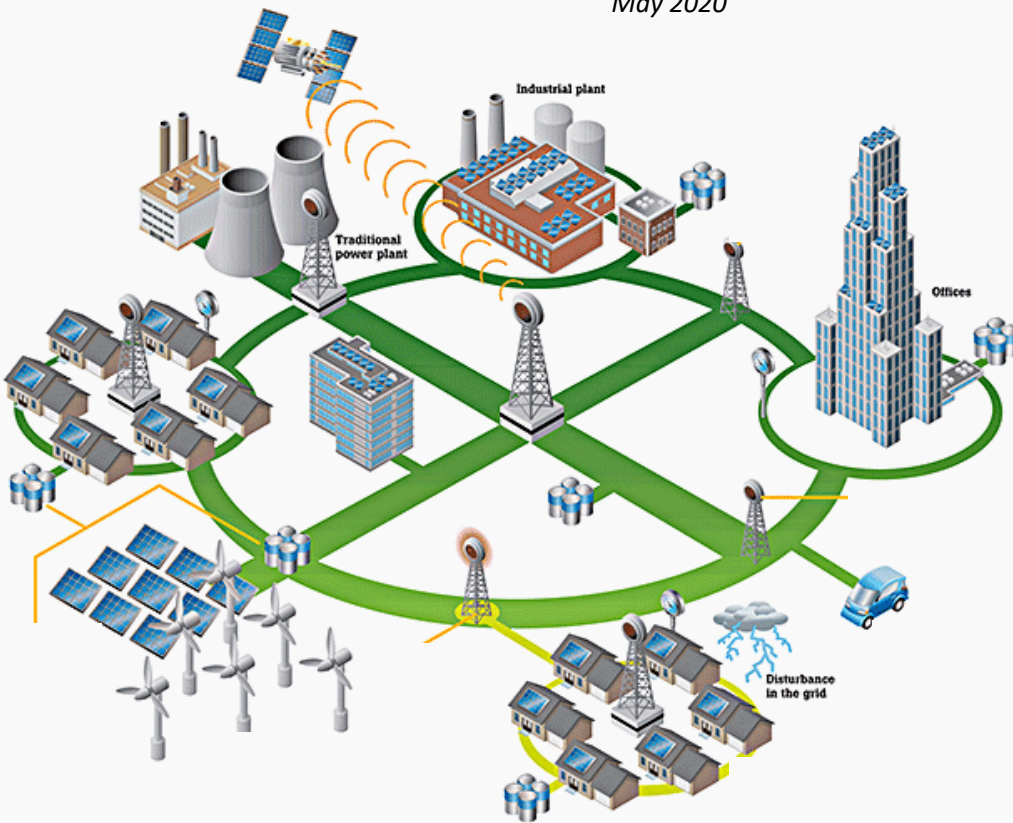
**Energy transportation**

**Energy exploitation**

## Challenges:

- **Safety**
- **Efficiency**
- **Performances**
- **Environmental impact:**
  - **Sustainability**
  - **Impact of production**
  - **Pollution and recycling**

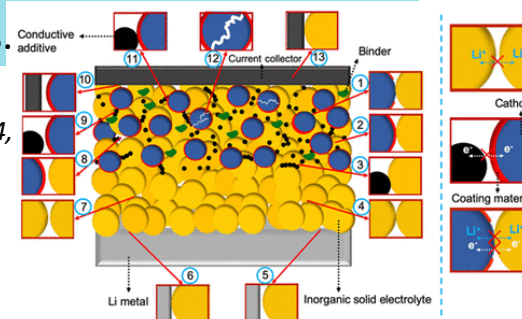
SMART GRID – dynamic network to tune at real time the electrical demand



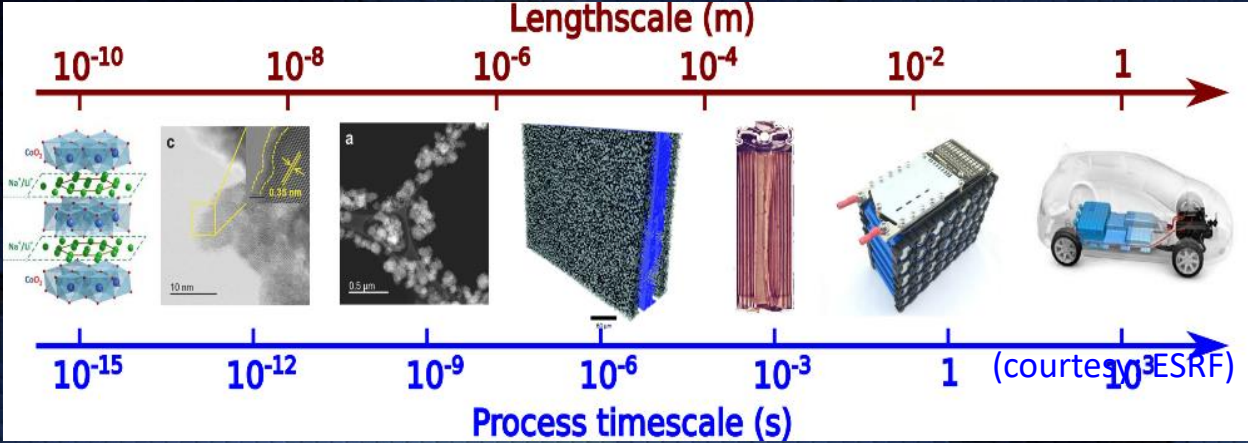
**Battery** (multiple scales approach)

Battery 2030+: Special attention must be paid to the complex reactions taking place at the many material interfaces within batteries.

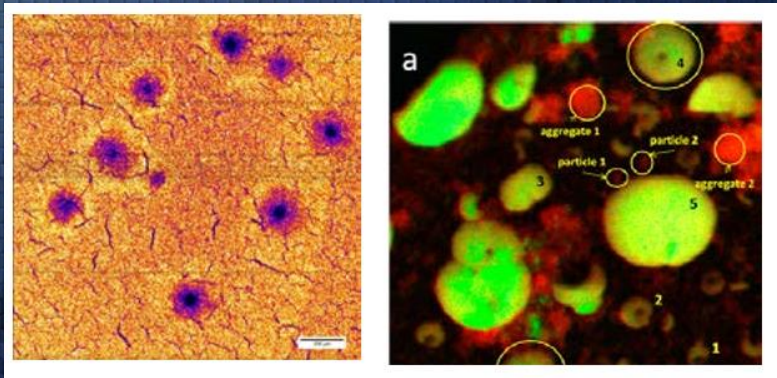
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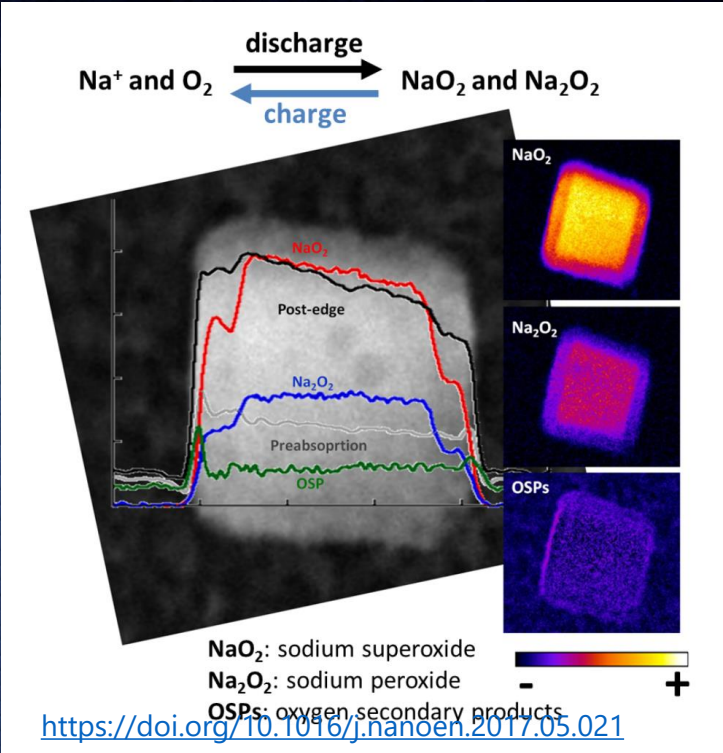
We develop new materials for efficient generation-, storage-, conversion-, and ultimately transport of **energy**



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

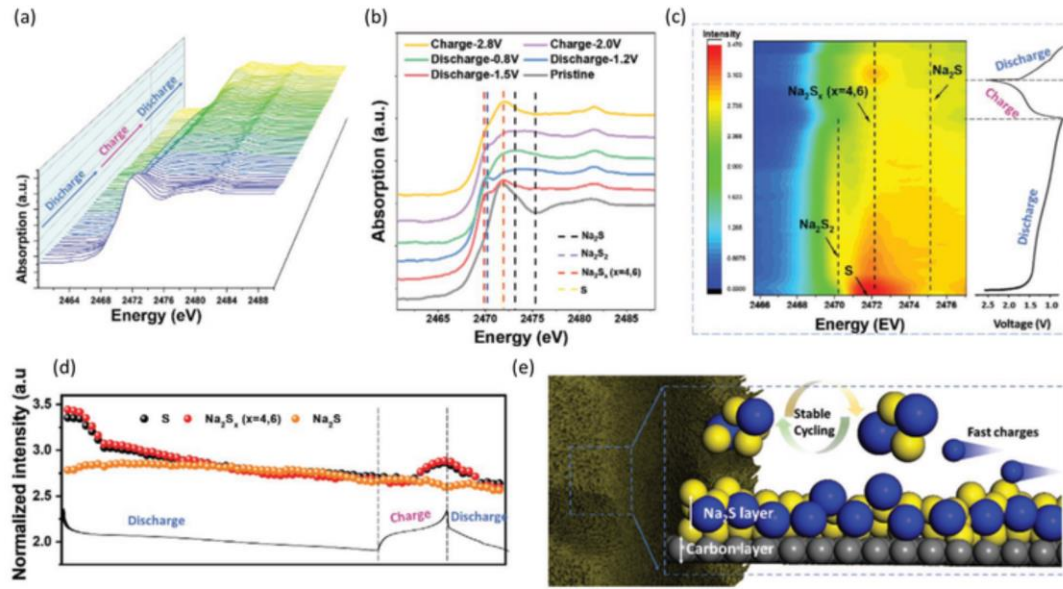


Synchrotron X-ray studies of Li battery materials (courtesy: ALBA)



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

# CARBON NANOSPHERES FOR IMPROVED SODIUM-SULFUR BATTERIES



(a) A series of XAS near-edge spectra for the S K-edge recorded from an MMPCS-800@S electrode during the first sodiation-desodiation cycle and the second sodiation cycle. (b) X-ray absorption spectra of S in various states during the first charge/discharge. (c) 2D XAS image of different initial S species, intermediates, and final products. (d) The intensity changes of S,  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_x$  ( $x = 4,6$ ), and  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$  from in situ XAS measurements corresponding to the charge/discharge curves. (e) Schematic illustration of the irreversible  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$  layer formed after the discharge process.

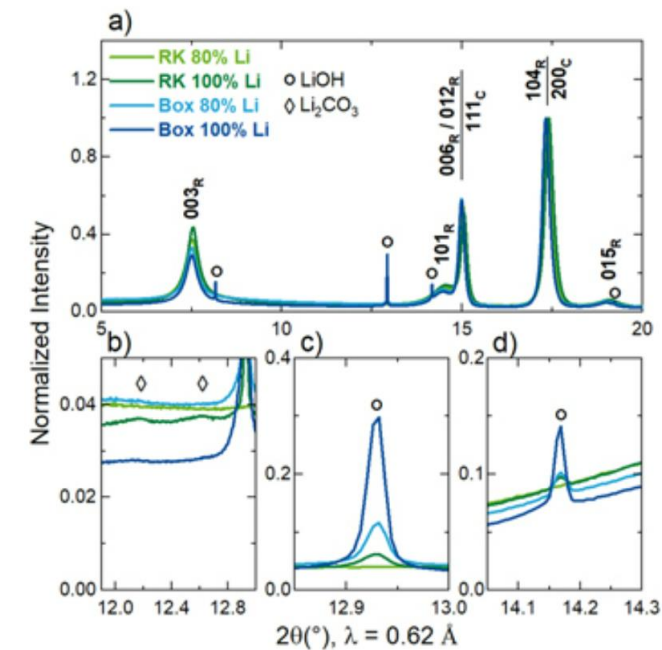


Sodium-sulfur batteries are promising electrical energy storage technologies that can serve as a key solution to intermittency problems and can be integrated with renewable forms of energy generation. An international research team has reported the synthesis of micro-mesoporous carbon nanospheres with continuous pore distribution as an efficient sulfur host for sodium-sulfur batteries. The work sheds new light on the progress of the sulfur cathode in sodium-sulfur batteries and provides a promising strategy for the viable design of other metal-sulfur batteries. Experiment at CLAES allowed determining the sulfur species during charge/discharge processes.

# BASF COLLABORATES WITH THE ALBA SYNCHROTRON IN IMPROVING THE PRODUCTION OF BATTERIES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES



A research lead by the company BASF has characterized a new methodology to produce nickel-rich cathode materials used in lithium-ion batteries that optimizes the conventional production process. The proposed model leads to an increase in throughput by a factor of three, representing a considerable increase in the efficiency of future cathode active materials production for battery electric vehicles. The contributions of the MSPD beamline at ALBA have been key in these findings.



Philipp Kurzthals, Felix Riewald, Matteo Bianchini, Shamail Ahmed, Andreas Michael Kern, Felix Walther, Heino Sommer, Kerstin Volz, and Jürgen Janek. **Deeper Understanding of the Lithiation Reaction during the Synthesis of  $\text{LiNiO}_2$  Towards an Increased Production Throughput.** *J. Electrochem. Soc* (2022). DOI: [10.1149/1945-7111/ac6c0b](https://doi.org/10.1149/1945-7111/ac6c0b)

Synchrotron powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns of the samples after a partial-lithiation step at 500 °C and a dwell time of one hour using either the rotary kiln setup (RK) or the box furnace (Box)

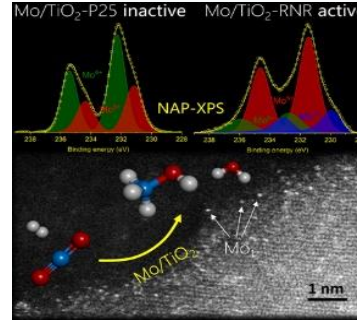
# The Challenge of Catalyst Development

- higher selectivity,
- better energy efficiency
- smaller raw material consumption
- Reduction of required H<sub>2</sub> pressure

## At ALBA

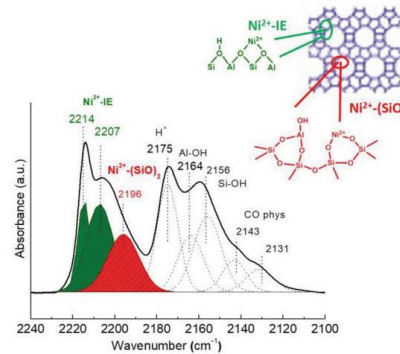
- Rational design of novel catalyst classes
- Optimizing existing catalyst classes using combinatorial approaches
- Understanding degradation effects
- Search for replacement of critical materials (especially for the H<sub>2</sub> production)

## Soft X-ray spectroscopy



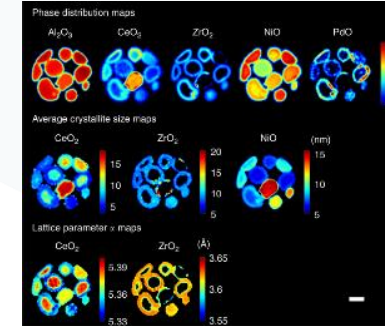
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## Far IR spectroscopy



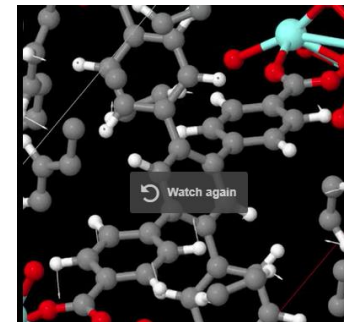
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## X-ray microscopy



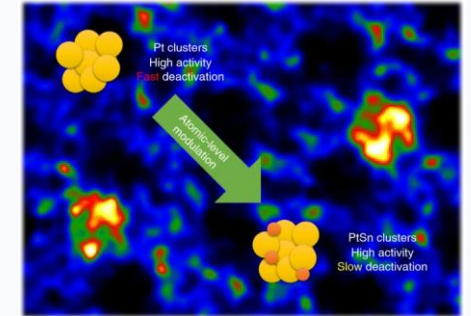
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## Powder diffraction (operando and high resolution)



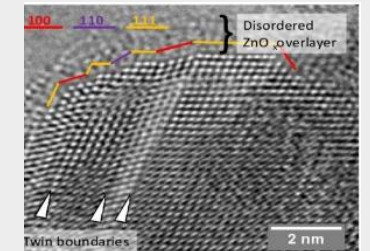
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## Hard X-ray spectroscopy



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## And high resolution TEM



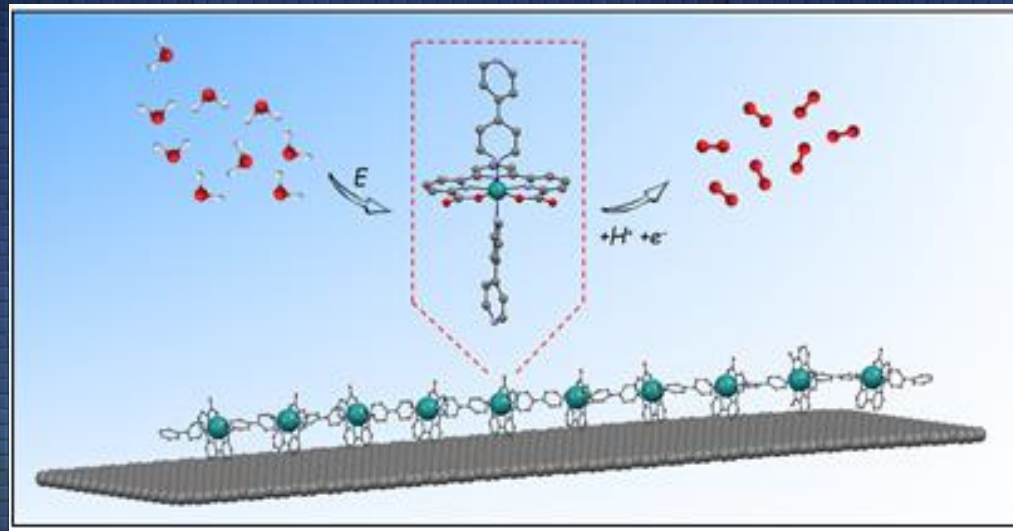
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# We care for environment

developing new catalysts for green fuels, cybor plants  
... or PET digesting bacteria



**Photocatalytic water splitting** is being investigated to produce **hydrogen**, a clean-burning fuel. Photocatalytic water splitting has the simplicity of using a catalyst and sunlight to produce hydrogen out of water.



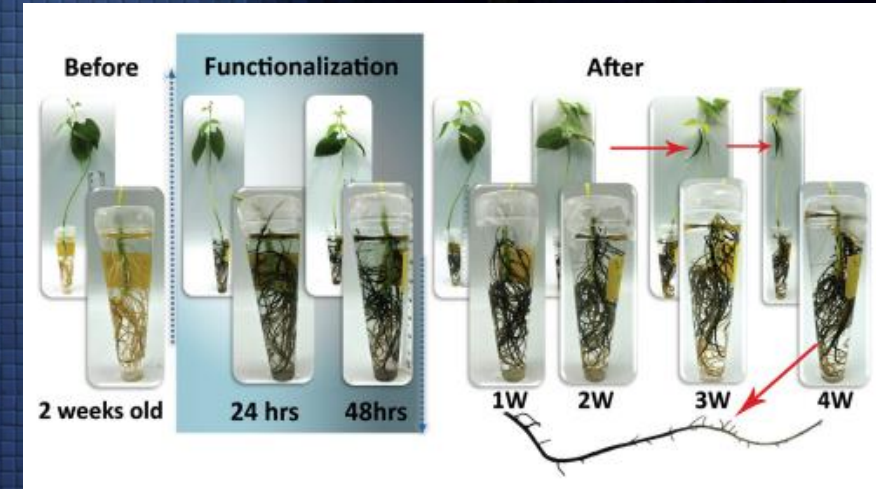
ENVIRONMENT

**NCD-SWEET: putting the basis for designing robust and efficient hybrid molecular electro-anode materials for the oxidation of water-based on Ru complexes**, that can be extended to other transition metals and other catalytic reactions. The team is already working on implementing the hybrid material on photoelectrochemical cells to test its applications in a water-splitting device

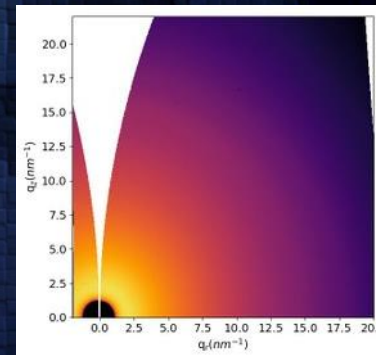
Water oxidation electrocatalysis using ruthenium coordination oligomers adsorbed on multiwalled carbon nanotubes Hoque, A et al *A. Nat. Chem.* **2020** (DOI: 10.1038/s41557-020-0548-7).

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ALBA and science for sustainability - C. Biscari



CYBORG PLANTS:  
ROOTS CAN  
STORAGE ENERGY



*Materials Horizons* (2021). DOI: 10.1039/d1mh01423d

# A CATALYST TO REMOVE EMISSIONS OF METHANE, A POWERFUL GREENHOUSE GAS

Researchers from the UPC, the University of Udine (Italy) and the ALBA Synchrotron have discovered a palladium and platinum catalyst, the first to eliminate methane emissions from transport and other human activities to reduce global warming.

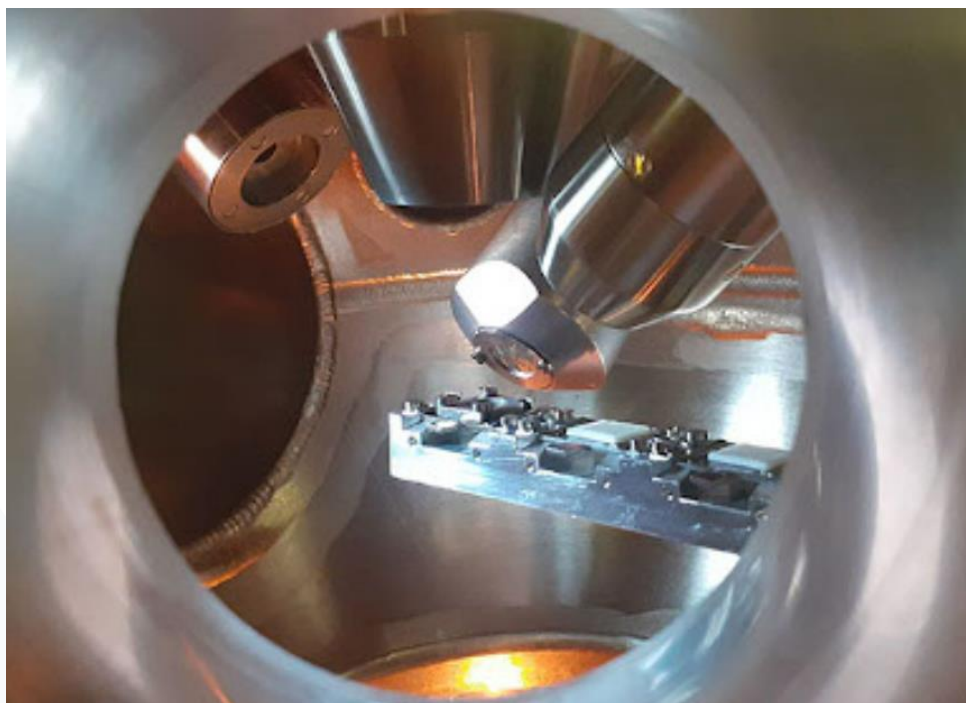
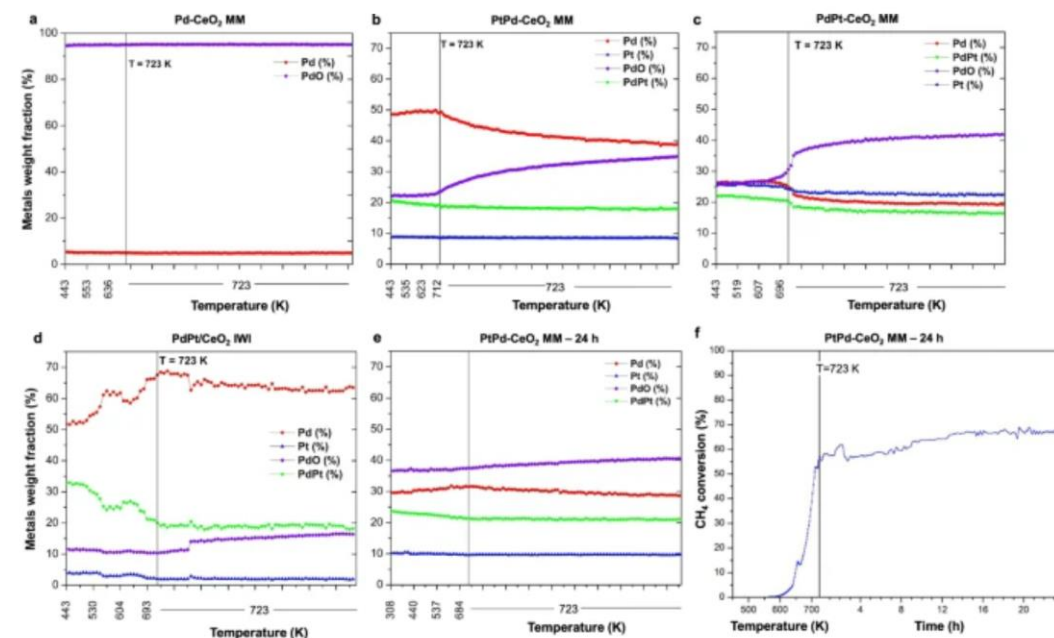
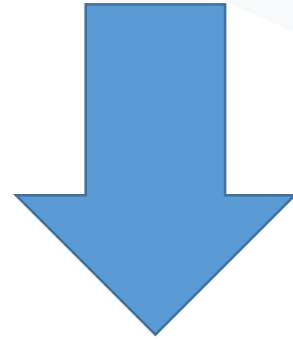


Fig. 2: Evolution of the normalized weight fraction of the phases obtained from the Rietveld refinement under wet lean methane oxidation conditions at different temperatures.



**a-e** For the indicated catalysts. **f** Methane conversion of PtPd-CeO<sub>2</sub> MM under time-on-stream at 723 K for 24 h under wet lean methane conditions (0.5% CH<sub>4</sub>, 2% O<sub>2</sub>, 10% H<sub>2</sub>O, balance He). MM mechanical milling, IWI incipient wetness impregnation.

1905: article by A. Einstein on photoelectric effect



41 years

Courtesy S. Ferrer

1946: Russell Ohl patented the modern junction semiconductor solar cell

Today: solar cells, LED, photocatalysis, photemission techniques,...

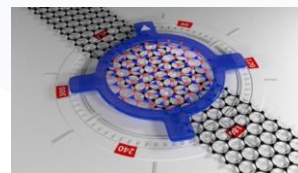
*Basic research leads to applications after several decades*

# Our goal at a glance: 2D-VdW materials

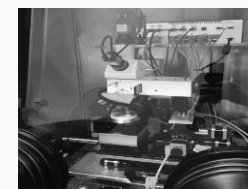
MBE, 2D Materials and VdW Foundry at MS Lab, offline bl equipment, as a complement & bridge to user facilities

Challenges addressed and advantages:

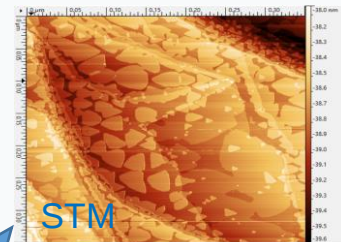
- air sensitive / short duration
- repeatability / efficiency / on-the-go experiment adjustments
- Deeper partnership (projects, shared PhDs, short and mid term stays related to experiments and projects)



twistronics



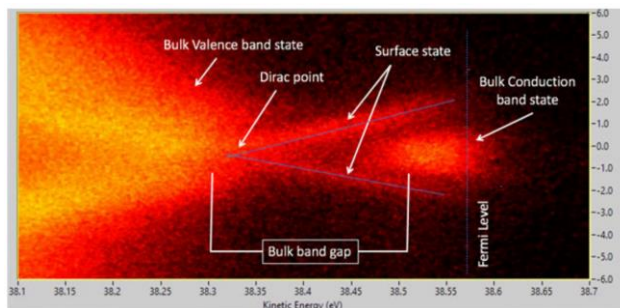
VdW transfer setup



STM

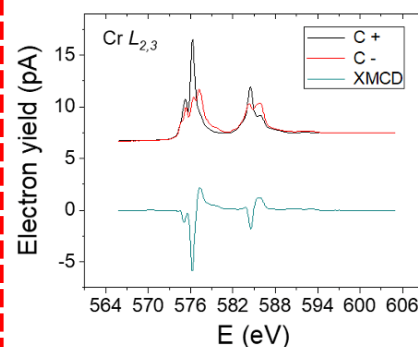
Microscale\* averaged electronic & magnetic properties

LOREA: ARPES



first ARPES image of LOREA, one can see the angular band dispersion of  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3$  in the angular range  $(-6^\circ, +6^\circ)$

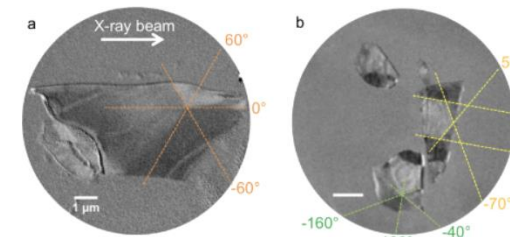
BOREAS - XMCD



Cr XMCD in  $\text{CrCl}_3$  sl, ArXiv 2020

Micro to nanoscale imaging

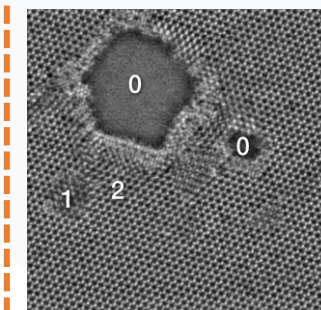
CIRCE, MISTRAL & BOREAS



PEEM, Multilayer flakes of  $\text{CrTe}_2$  VdW, ACS AMI 2020

Atomic imaging

HR-(S)TEM



Defects in a  $\text{MoS}_2$  imaged with high-resolution STEM Spectra, ThermoFischer

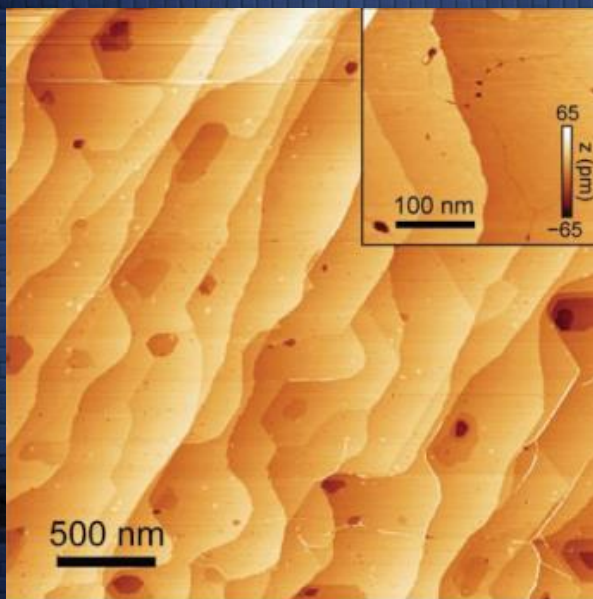
ALBA provide the X-ray & electron- tools, enhanced sample preparation capabilities enabling pre-experiment preparation, mid-term visitor /missions and stronger collaborations and partnerships

-Aiming at a multi-modal approach from meso to nanoscale, from surface to bulk-like

|                   | Resolution                | complementary x-ray + SPM, TEM imaging capabilities                         |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| XTM MISTRAL       | 20-30 nm                  | fast ; 2D imaging ; <b>3D tomo</b> ; bulk (only C+ BM)                      |
| PEEM CIRCE        | 20-30 nm (<10nm possible) | fast; 2D; part 3D (shadow tech.) ; <b>surface, mod. Field &amp; LN temp</b> |
| Coh. Imag. BOREAS | 25 nm (3-5 nm possible)   | slow (reconst. or scanning) 2D ; 3D possible; <b>LHe ; Hig field</b>        |

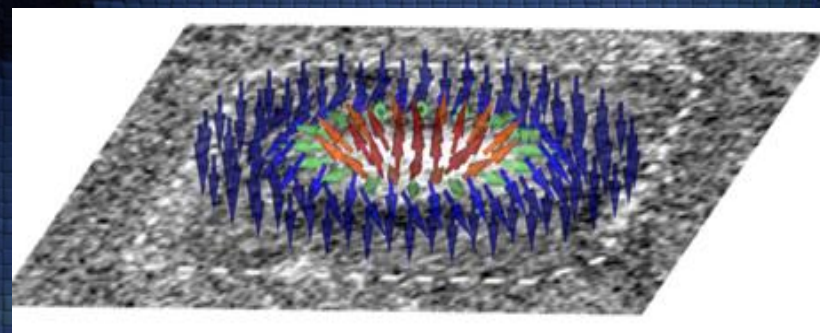
# We advance in complex materials and technologies developments

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



DISCOVERY OF NOVEL CLASS OF 2D MAGNETS: 2D-XY FERROMAGNETISM IN MONOLAYER  $\text{CrCl}_3$  **Science (2021)**. DOI: [10.1126/science.abd5146](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abd5146)

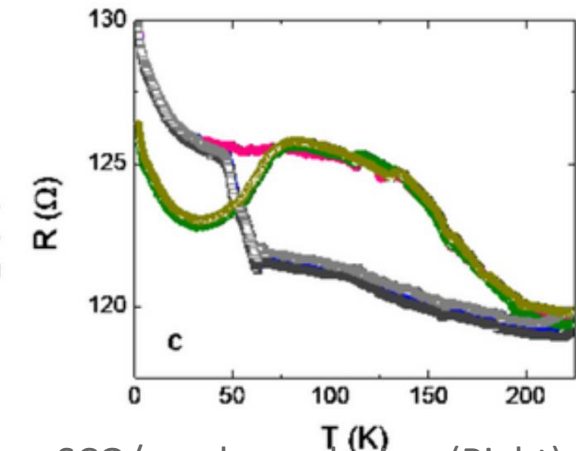
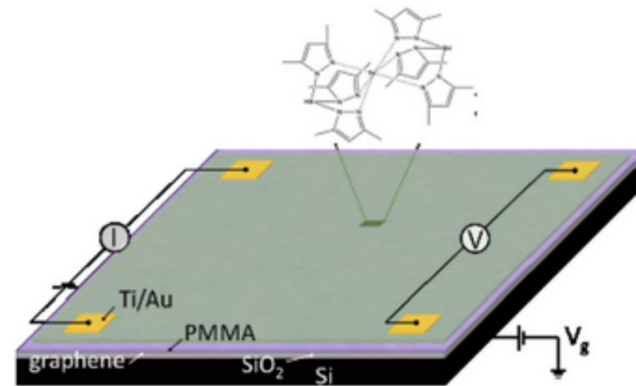
## Skyrmion schematic



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

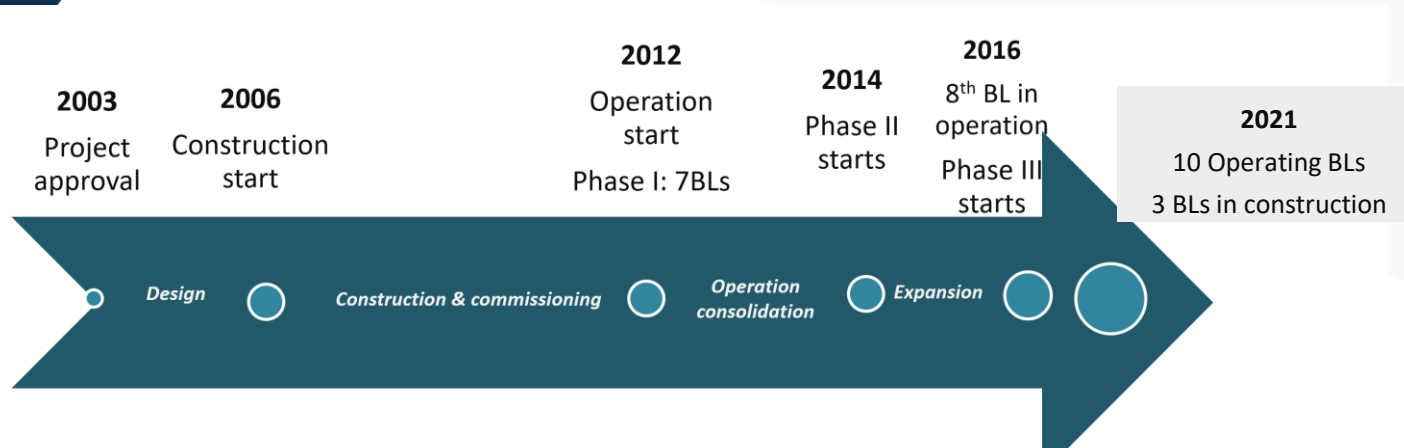
# DESIGN OF A LIGHT-INDUCED SPIN SWITCHING DEVICE WITH PROMISING APPLICATIONS IN SPINTRONICS

A research work led by the University of Valencia (Spain) has reported the fabrication of a novel device that allows the robust electrical detection of a fast and effective light-induced and thermally induced spin transition with an outstanding performance. It represents a tool with promising potential for generating new systems with applications in spintronics and straintronics. Experiments carried out at the BOREAS beamline have been crucial in this study



(Left) Scheme of the fabricated contactless SCO/graphene device. (Right) Temperature-dependent electrical measurements showing cycles without light irradiation (black, grey and blue lines: cooling process and pink line: heating process) and after light irradiation (two green lines: heating process by irradiating at 2 K with a laser for 5 minutes). Cooling cycles reveal an abrupt thermally induced spin transition at 60 K. Heating cycles without irradiation are indicative of a more progressive reversibility in the transition finishing at 180 K.

# ALBA History and Future



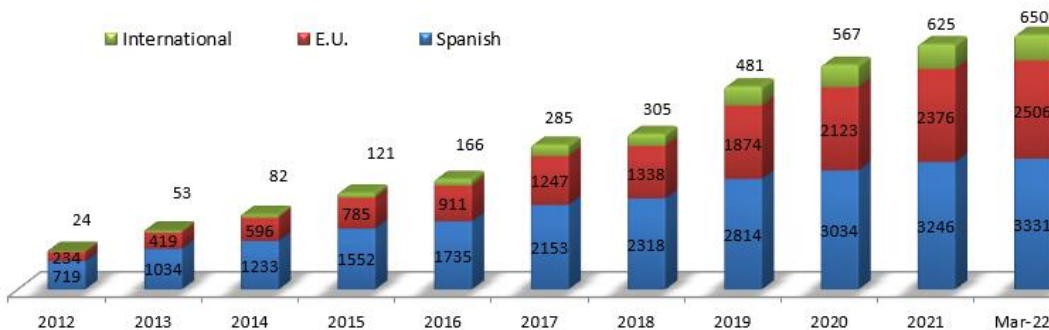
*First proposal for building a synchrotron in Spain: in the '90s*  
*10 Years for the approval - 10 Years for the operation*

**2022**  
**10 Operating BLs**  
**4 BLs in construction**

Next decade fully exploiting the initial infrastructure by increasing number of BLs and add additional platforms (as Advanced Microscope Center)

**2030**  
**ALBA II**

**Registered Users**



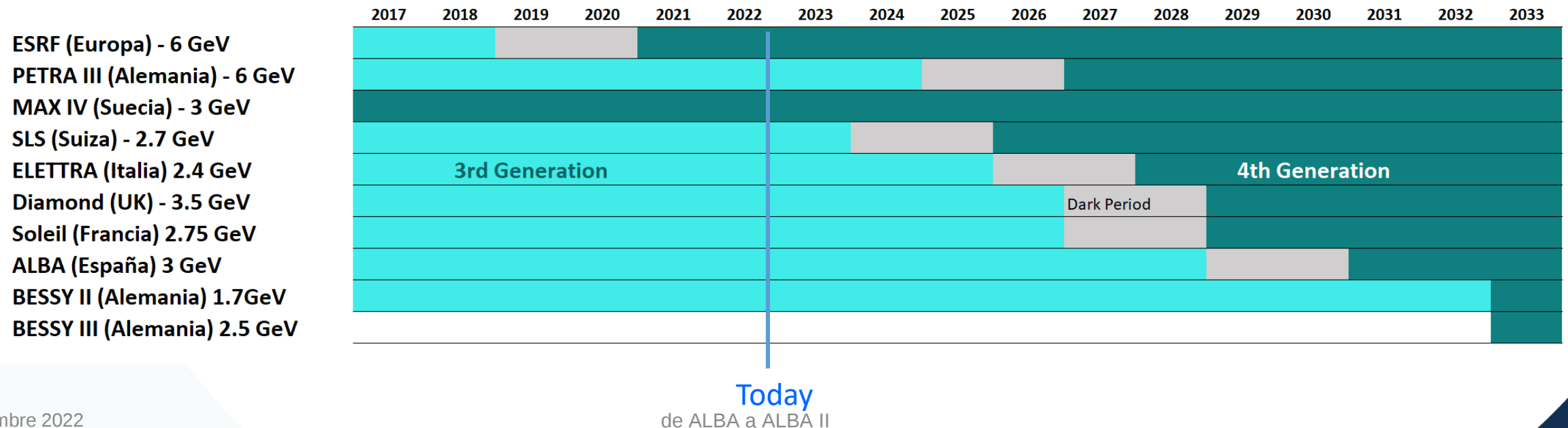
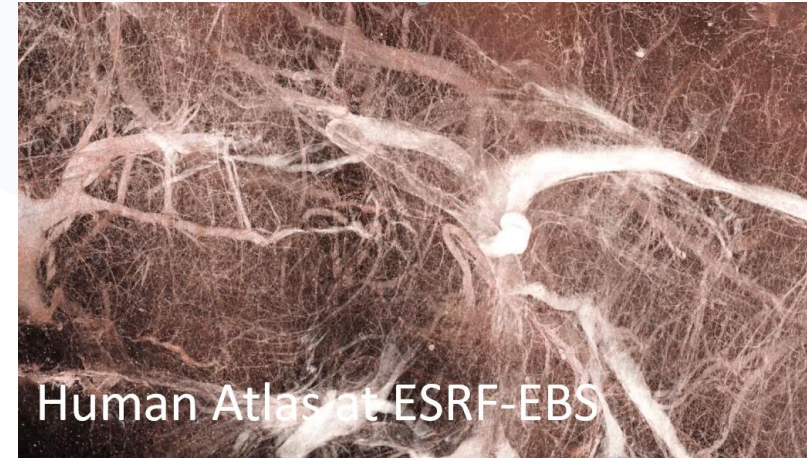
2017-2020 Strategy Plan  
 In progress

Upgrade to more  
 brilliant source

# Evolution from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> generation in Europe



All synchrotrons in Europe (and in America and Asia) are evolving towards the 4<sup>th</sup> generation



# From ALBA to ALBA II – the accelerator

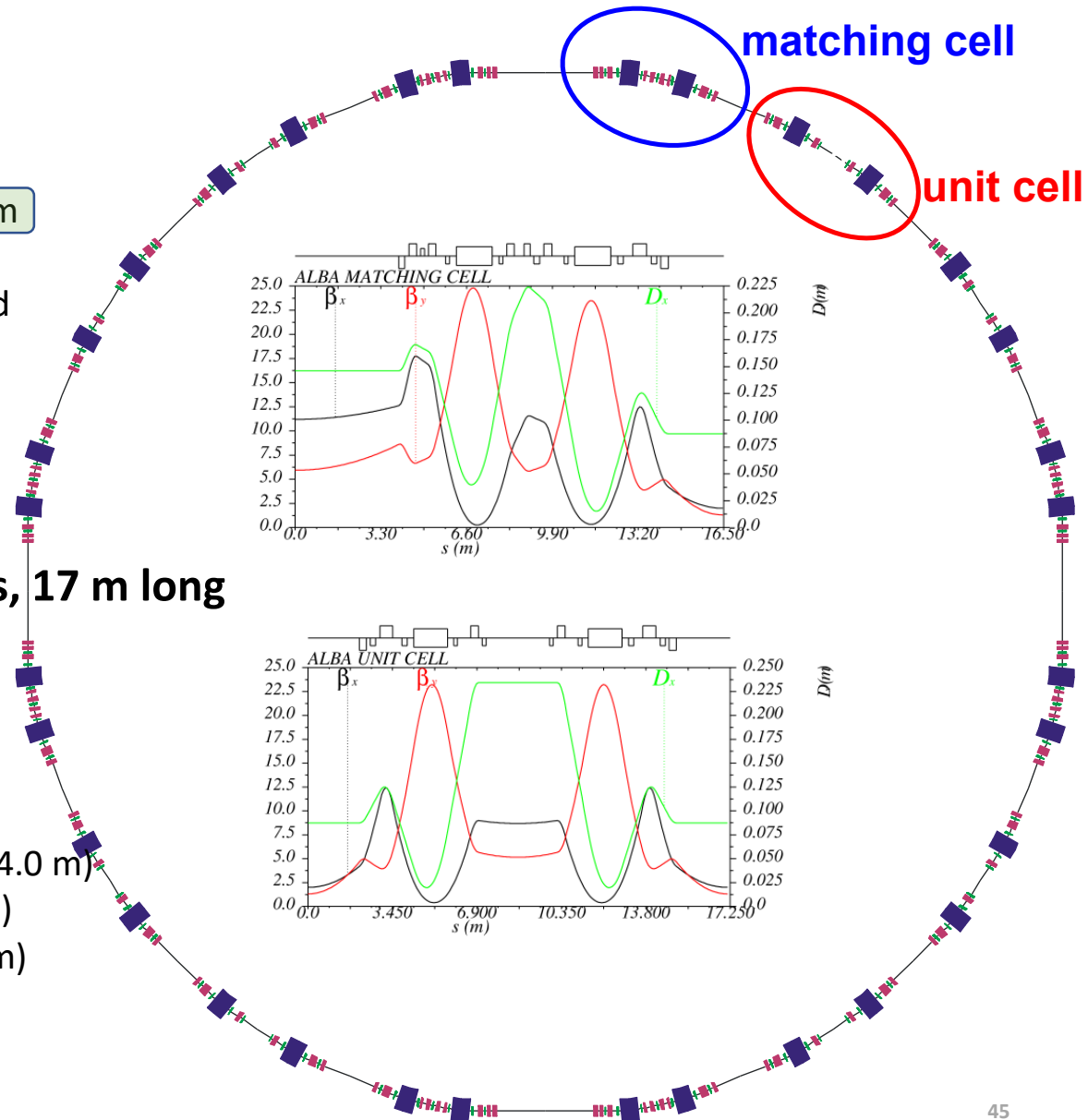
## Present lattice

- Energy = 3 GeV
- Circumference = 268 m
- Symmetry = 4 fold
- Emittance = 4.5 nmrad

- 8+8 DBA-like cells, 17 m long

Straight sections:

- 12 medium straights (4.0 m)
- 4 long straights (7.8 m)
- 8 short straights (2.3 m)



# ALBA II lattice

From 2x8 double-bend lattice  
to 16 multi-bend lattice (**6BA**)

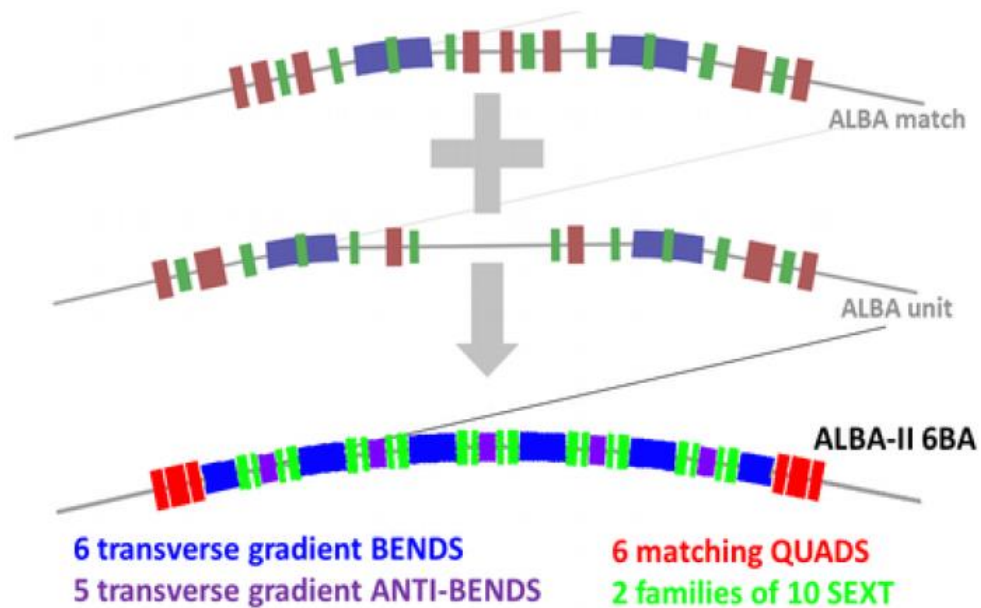
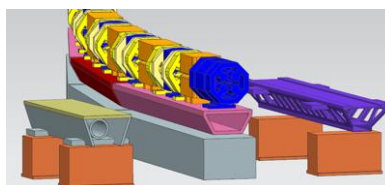
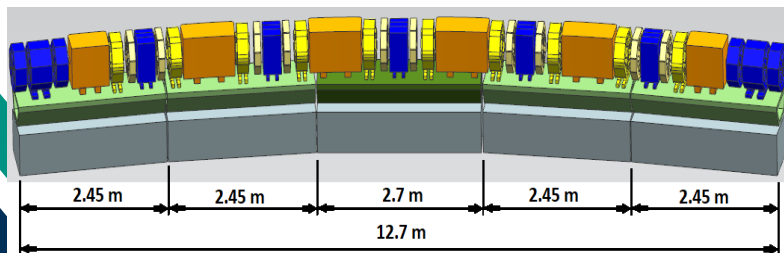
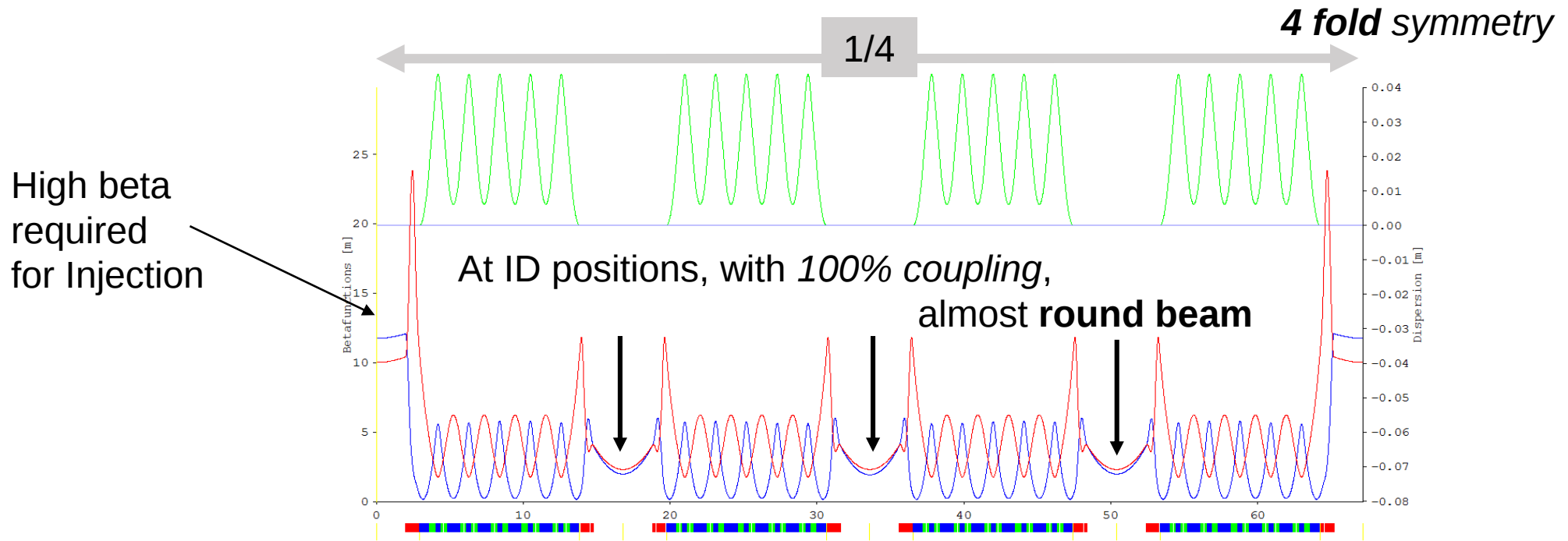


Figure 1: In ALBA-II, the two types of DBA cell (8 matching cells plus 8 unit cells) of the current lattice are replaced by 16 identical 6BA+anti-bend cells.



|                  | Current DBA         | 6BA                 |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Emittance        | 4.5 nm·rad          | 140 pm·rad          |
| Energy           | 3 GeV               | 3 GeV               |
| Circumference    | 268.8 m             | 268.8 m             |
| N.of cells       | 8+8                 | 16                  |
| N. of straights  | 4 / 12 / 8          | 16                  |
| Straight length  | 7.8 / 4 / 2.3 m     | 4.0 m               |
| Straight ratio   | 36%                 | 24%                 |
| Working point    | 18.15, 8.36         | 43.68, 11.67        |
| Chromaticity     | -39, -29            | -94, -51            |
| Mom.comp.fact.   | $8.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $0.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
| Energy spread    | $1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| Energy loss/turn | 1023 keV            | 843 keV             |
| Damping times    | 4 / 5 / 3 ms        | 3 / 6 / 6 ms        |

# The 6BA lattice



## Transversal beam size comparison:

At ID position, today:

$$\sigma_x = 127 \text{ } \mu\text{m} ; \sigma'_x = 47 \text{ } \mu\text{rad}$$

$$\sigma_y = 5.2 \text{ } \mu\text{m} ; \sigma'_y = 4.4 \text{ } \mu\text{rad}$$

At ALBA II ID position,  
with 100% coupling, almost round beam:

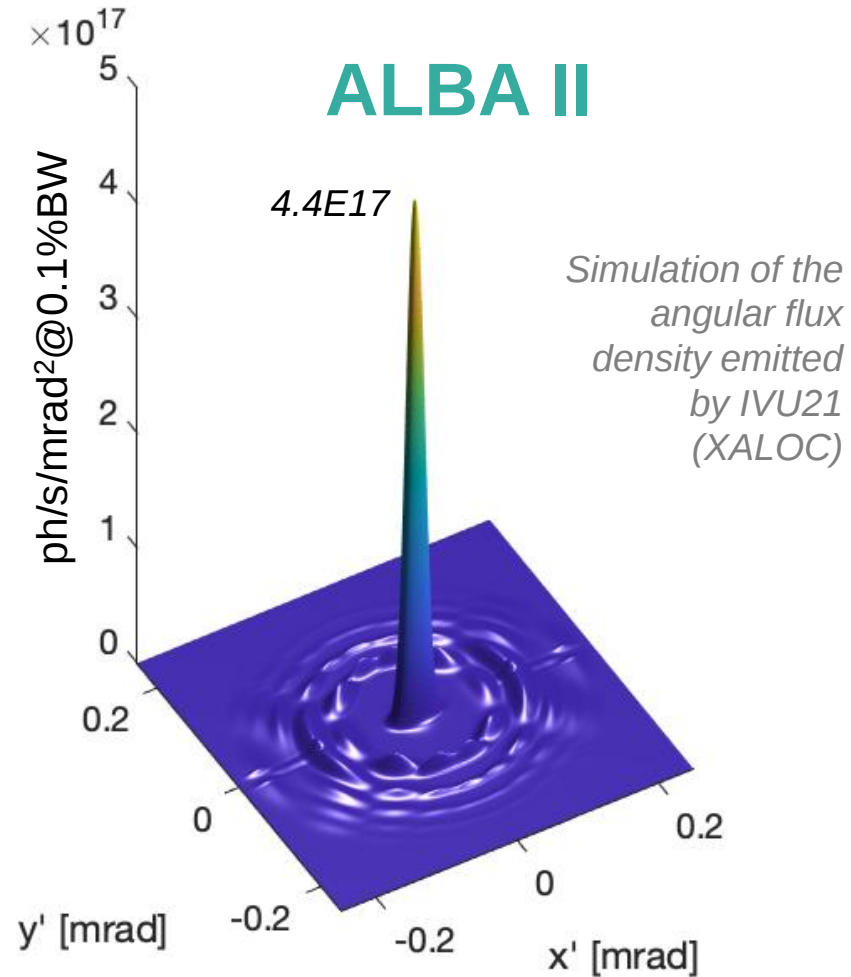
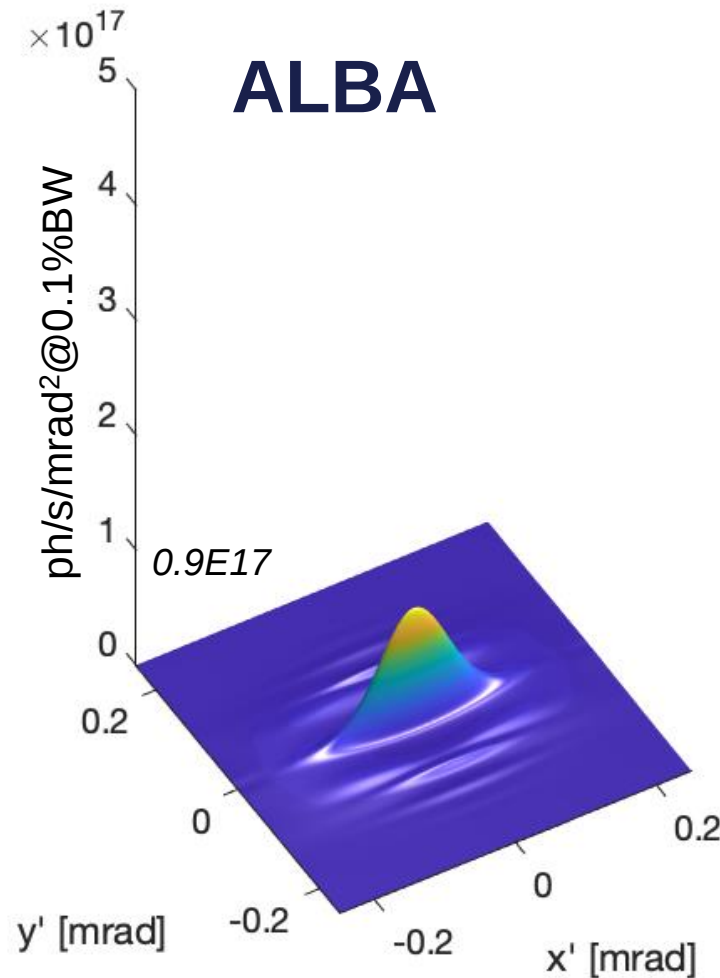
$$\sigma_x = 14.0 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad \sigma'_x = 7.1 \text{ } \mu\text{rad}$$

$$\sigma_y = 15.1 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad \sigma'_y = 6.6 \text{ } \mu\text{rad}$$

# Angular flux density (hard x-ray undulator)

Flux Distr. E=12654 eV

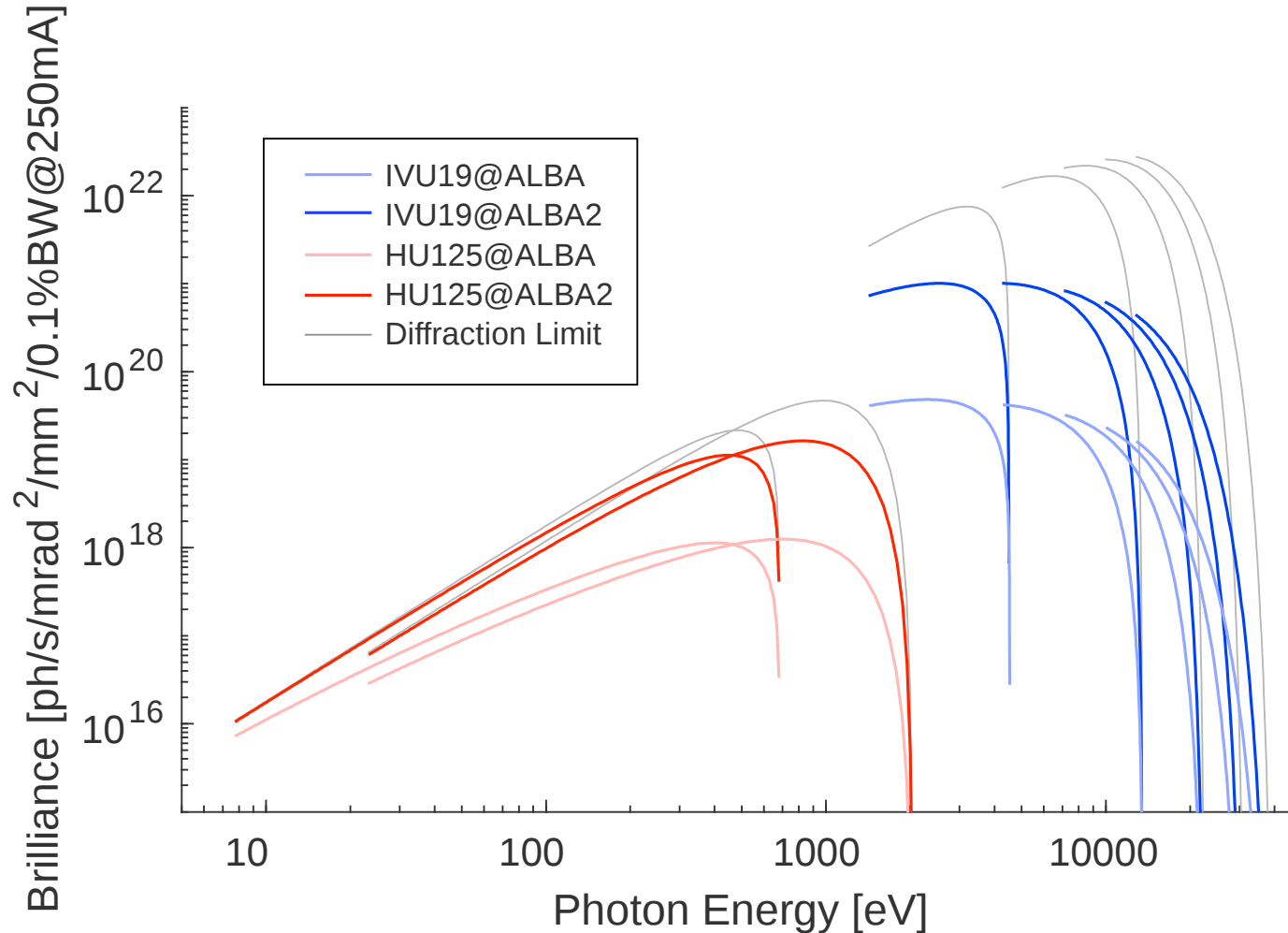
Flux Distr. E=12654 eV



*For hard x-Ray BLs the emission cone is dominated by the electron beam size, Although the integrated flux does not change, it is concentrated in a narrower cone.*

# Brilliance and coherence

Comparison of the brilliance emitted at ALBA, ALBA-II and the diffraction limit for a SXR and a HXR undulator



For soft x-rays brilliance does not improve very much, because it is already very **close to the diffraction limit**.

The coherent fraction is large.

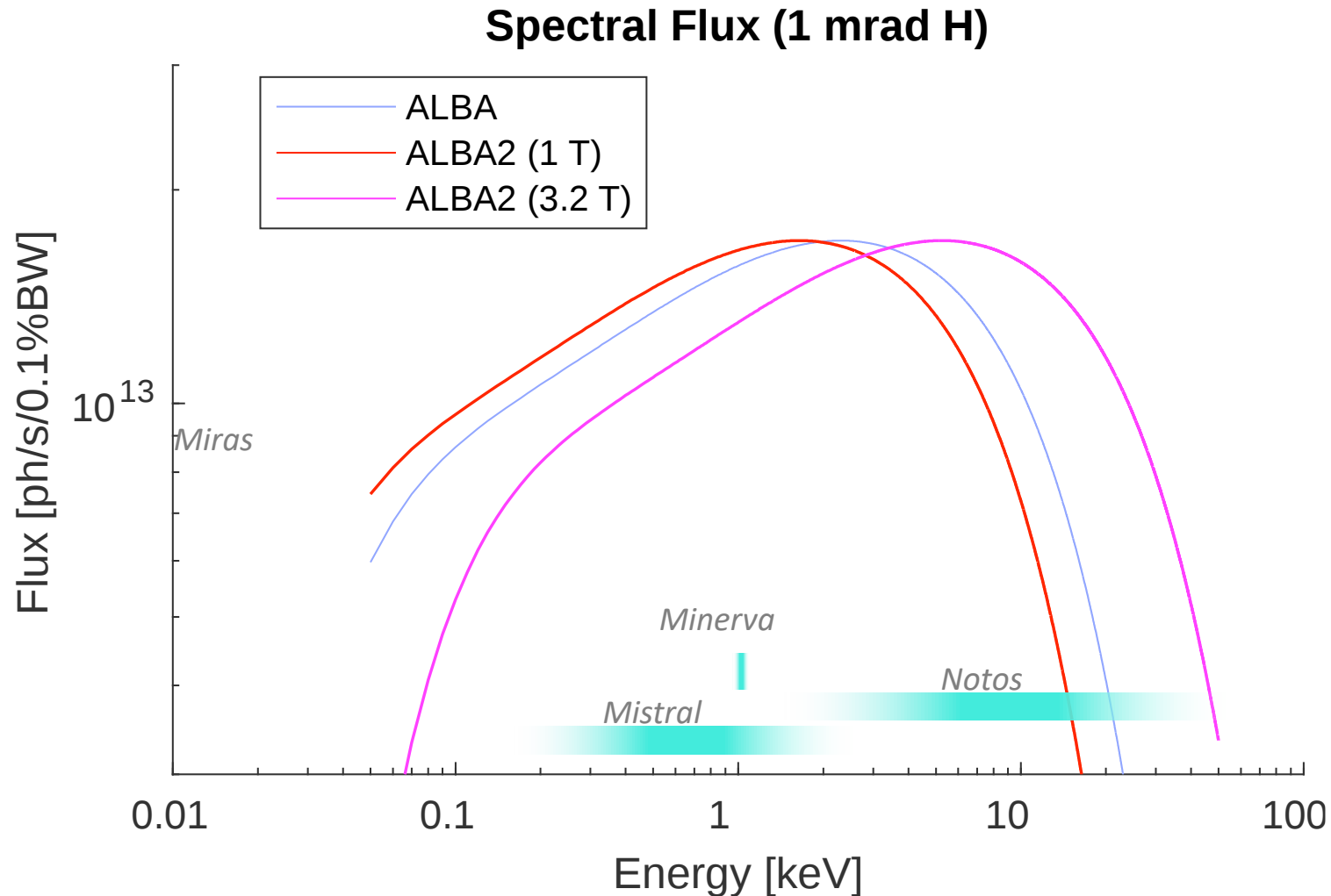
For hard x-rays **brilliance improves a lot**, but it is still far from the diffraction limit.

The coherent fraction is smaller.

**Long beamlines still allow for higher degree of coherence, but at the expense of flux.**

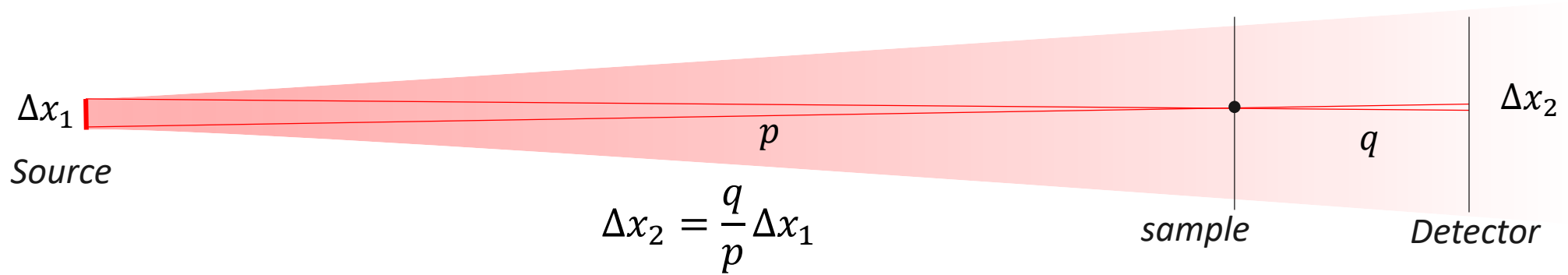
# Bend v superbend

*ALBA2 offers the option of having 3.2T superbends (in addition to 1T Dipoles)*



| Source        | Critical Energy |
|---------------|-----------------|
| ALBA BM       | 8.4 keV         |
| ALBA2 1.0T BM | 6.0 keV         |
| ALBA2 3.2T BM | 19 keV          |

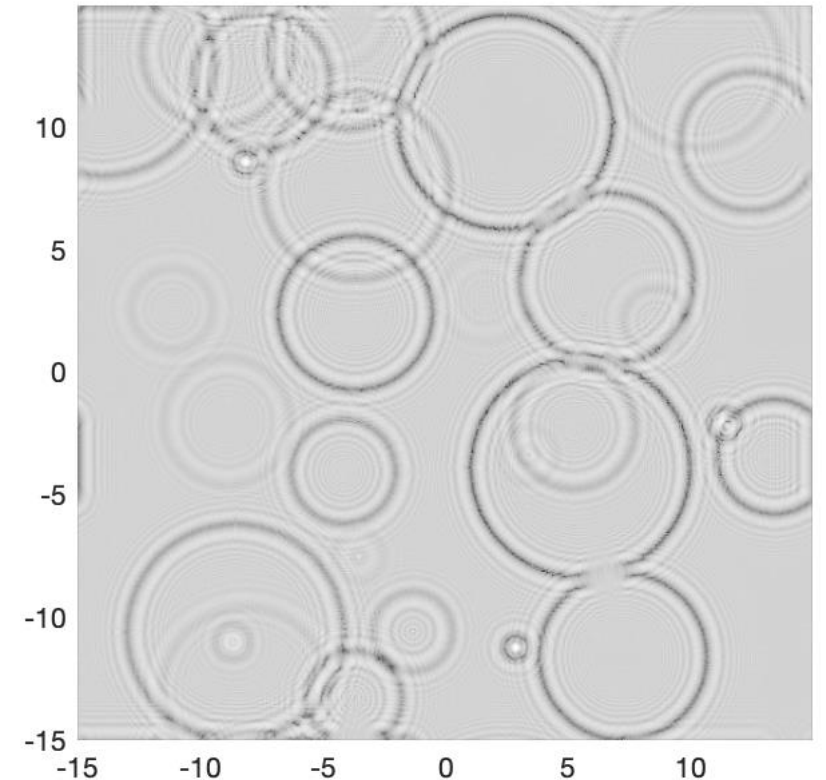
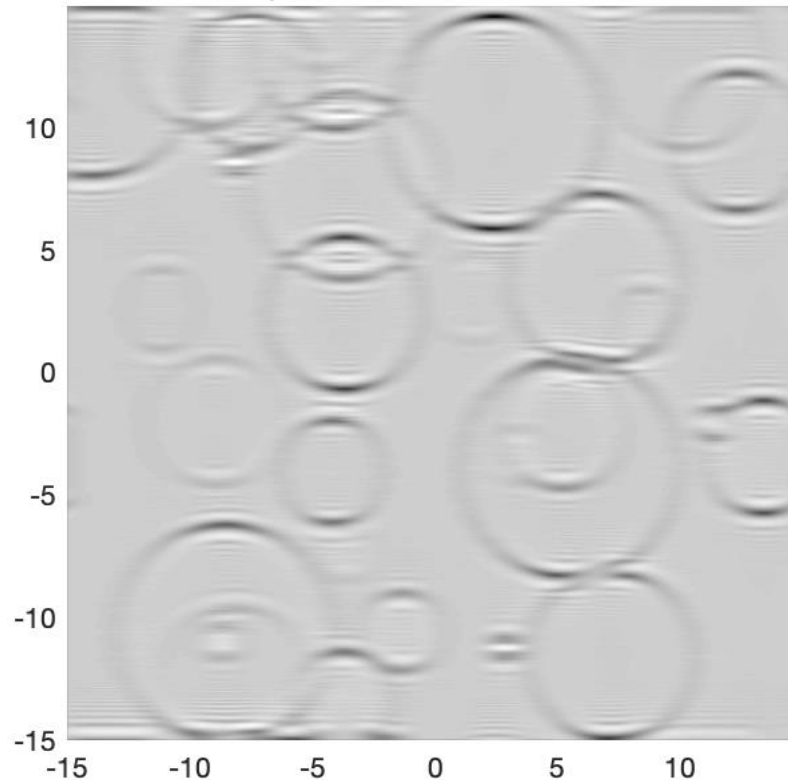
# 1) HXR tomography



Large source, short BL

Small source, long BL

- Resolution proportional to object distance.
- FOV proportional to distance to source.
- Coherence (phase contrast) depend on distance to source

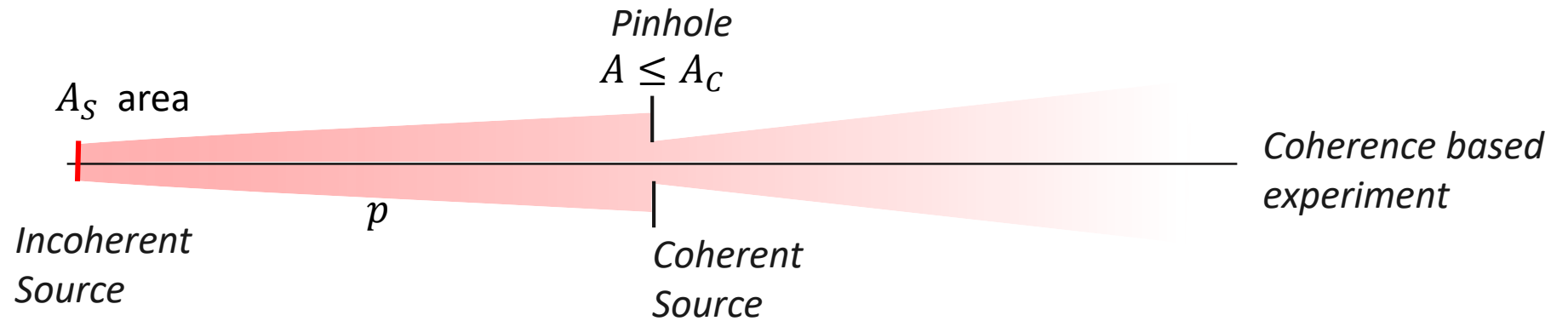


## 2) Enhanced coherence

Correlation length increases with distance

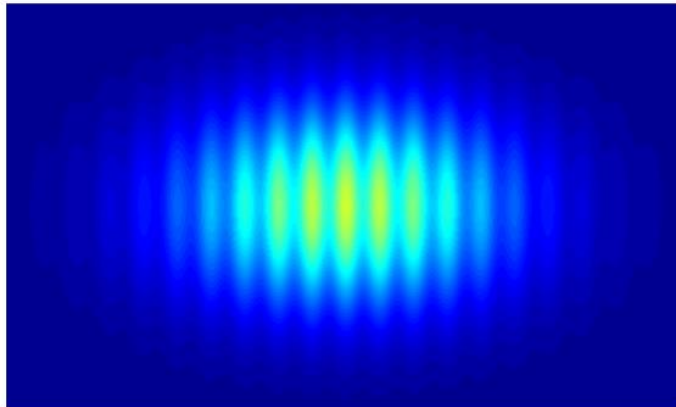
$$A_c(p) = \frac{(\lambda p)^2}{A_s}$$

*J. Goodman "statistical optics" Ch. 5*

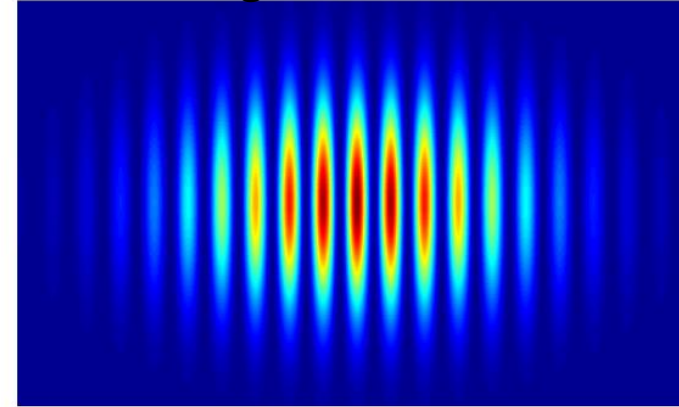


Most basic example: Young's Double slit interference

**Low coherence**

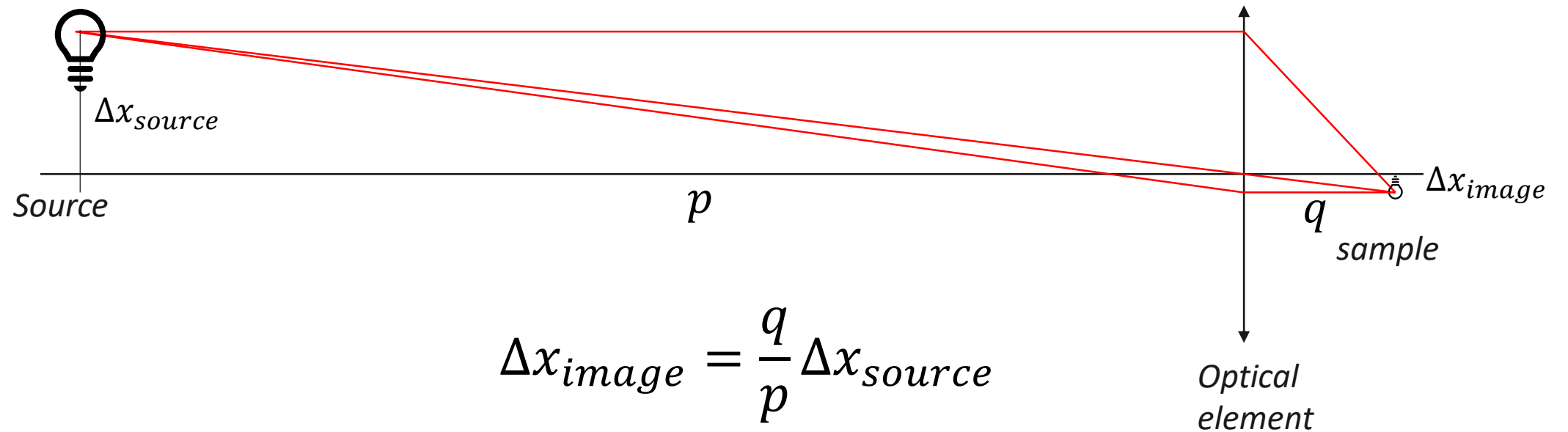


**High coherence**



### 3) Nano-probes

*Geometric optics resolution proportional to object distance ( $p$ )*

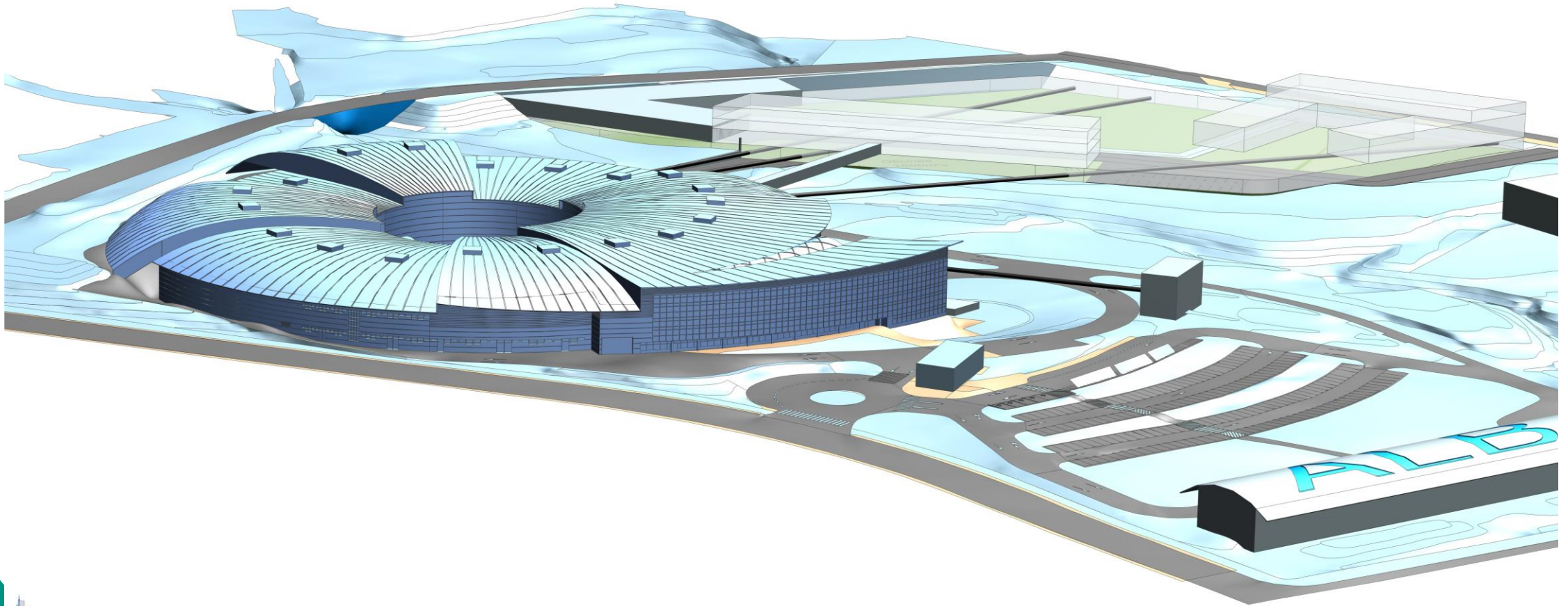


*Optical elements could be:*

*KB mirrors, capillaries (mirrors), Fresnel zone plates, CRLs, Kinoforms,*

# Long Beamlines increase resolution and coherence

New plots have been assigned to ALBA for building long BLs



# Preparing the future instruments: Call for proposals for ALBAII long BLs

<https://indico.cells.es/event/1230/>

Deadline: 16th December 2022

Successful workshop mid November with presentation of five preproposals by scientists from Spanish community



**ALBA II Long Beamlines Workshop**

14–15 Nov 2022  
ALBA Synchrotron  
Europe/Madrid timezone

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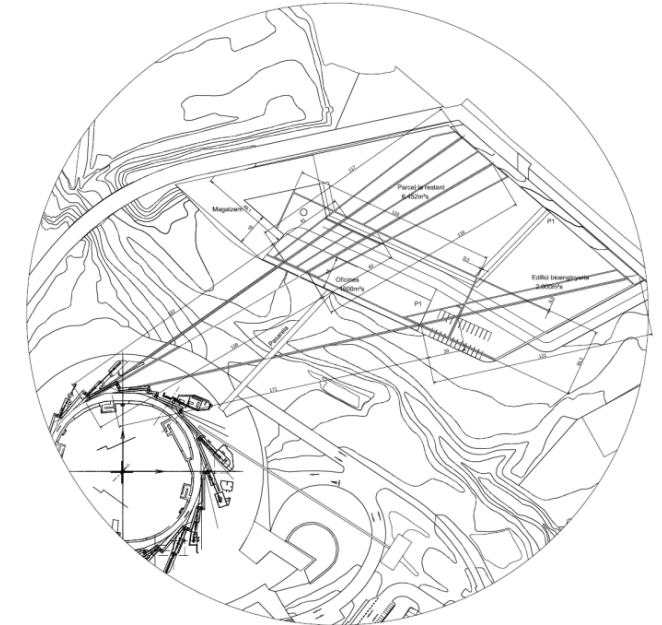
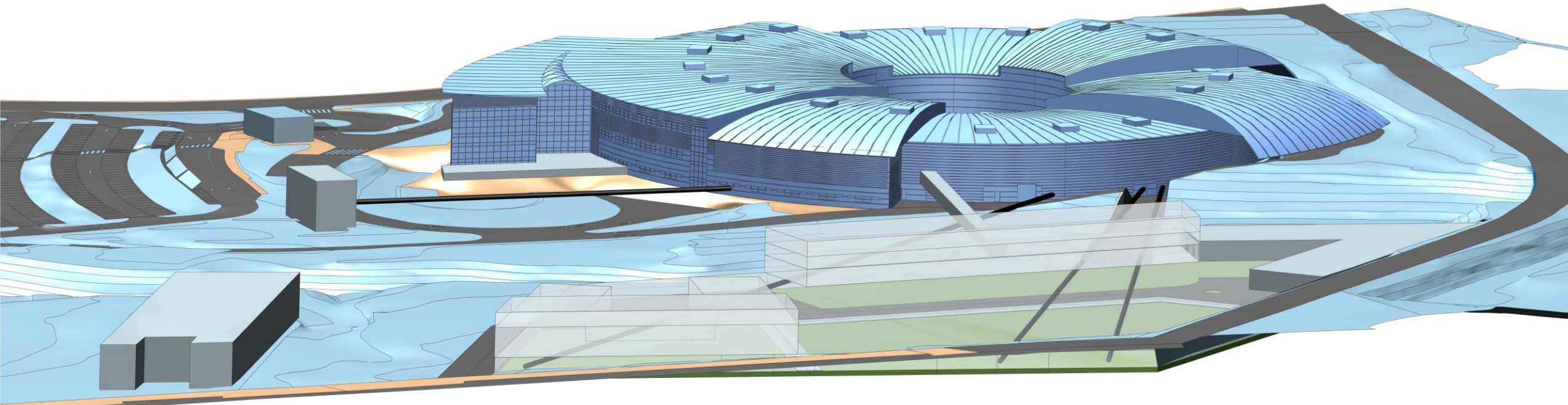
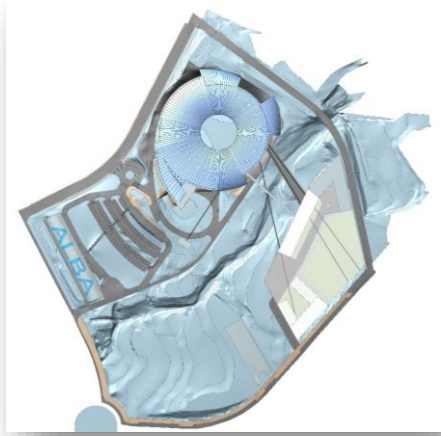


Figure 1-1 – Layout of the four long BLs

| Port                           | Unit   | Value      |                      |           |           | Note  |
|--------------------------------|--------|------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Electron energy                | GeV    | 3          |                      |           |           | 1)    |
| Current                        | mA     | 300        |                      |           |           | 1)    |
| Bunch length                   | ps rms | 6 to 15    |                      |           |           | 1)    |
| time between bunches           | ns     | 2          |                      |           |           | 1)    |
| Pulse current                  | nC     | 0.7 to 0.9 |                      |           |           | 1)    |
| Port                           |        | BL02       | BL03                 | BL04      | BL08      |       |
| Source type                    |        | Undulator  | Superbend            | Undulator | Undulator |       |
| Length available for ID        | m      | 2          | N.A.                 | 2         | 2         | 1) 2) |
| Source Size X                  | um rms | 14         | 7.7                  | 14        | 34        | 1) 3) |
| Source Size Y                  | um rms | 15.1       | 24.8                 | 15.1      | 31.4      | 1) 3) |
| Source Divergence X            | urad   | 7.1        | < 2000 <sup>7)</sup> | 7.1       | 2.9       | 1) 3) |
| Source Divergence Y            | urad   | 6.5        | < 310 <sup>8)</sup>  | 6.5       | 3.1       | 1) 3) |
| BL length within EH            | m      | 25-42      | 28-41                | 25-42     | 22-42     | 1) 4) |
| BL length at the Far Exp. Hall | m      | 134-249    | 141-255              | 173-292   | 85-125    | 1) 5) |
| Position stability             | %      | 10         | 10                   | 10        | 10        | 1) 6) |

# Preparing the Infrastructures

- Preliminary design started (number of buildings, position of each building, new limits for the parcels, size of the buildings, number of floors, roads, parkings, etc..), to be completed for an external team to produce the Executive Project (during 2023)
- Topography of the river A high accuracy topography of the river has been obtained (previous one was from air) to prepare a suitability report for the public administration (Agència Catalana de l'Aigua). The approval from this agency is mandatory to proceed with the construction licensing. The report will be prepared externally. As per today, no modification of the river would be needed.
- By March 2023 construction works related to the public zone (the river and the surroundings of the new plot of land), will start, carried out by "Consorti Parc de l'ALBA"
- Preparing CFT for the first building to be published by end 2023/beginning 2024



# What ALBA II will provide

**ALBA II is the next step of current ALBA user program to provide beyond user experiments a full infrastructure to tackle the grand challenges of our time to the Catalan, Spanish, European users**

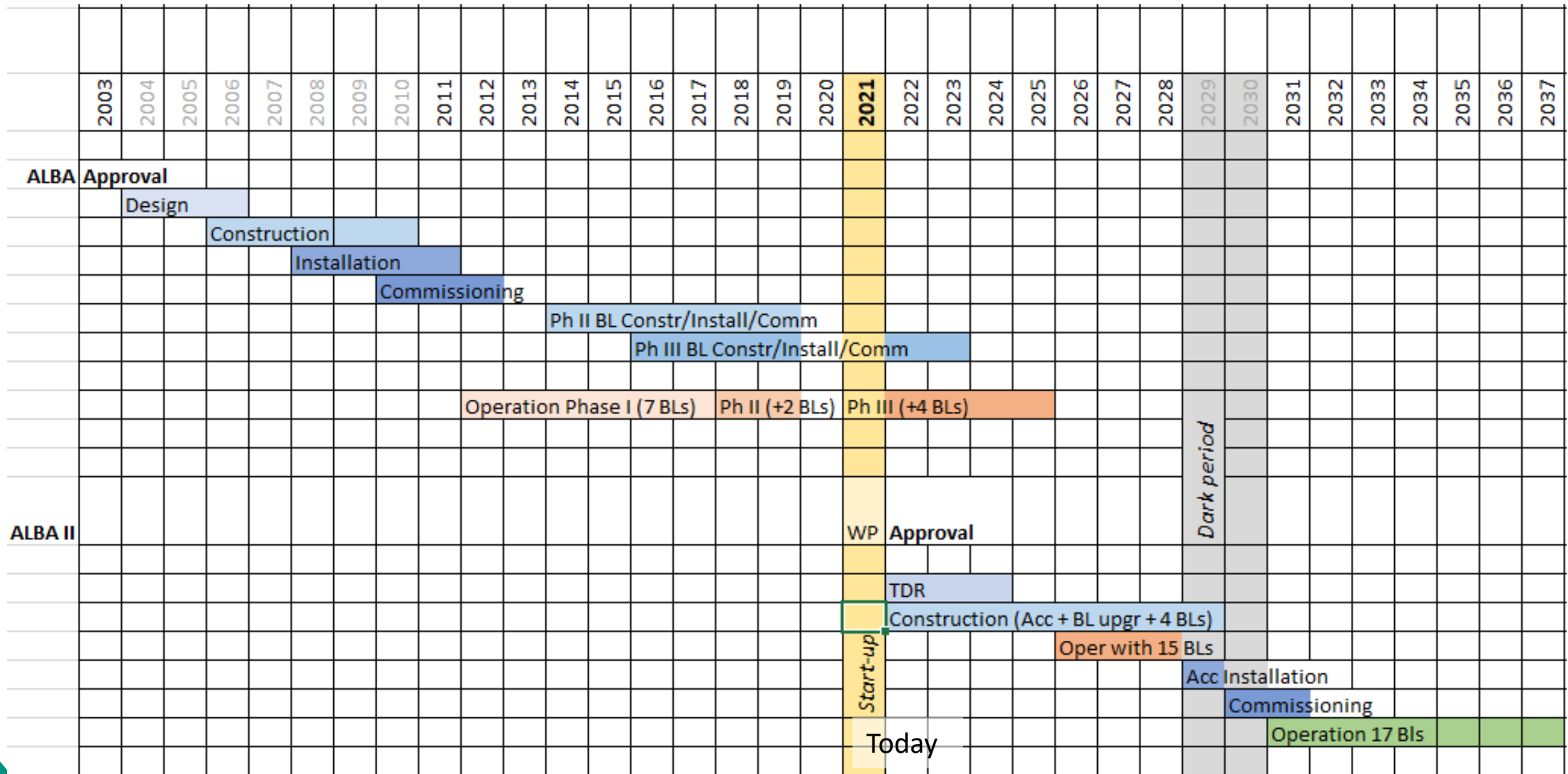
ALBA II will provide:

- Enhanced microscopy capabilities,
- Multimodal methodologies to address complex development tasks.
- High throughput capabilities and big-data connectivity for fast innovation,
- And optimized operando environments to optimize functional materials and devices.

**ALBA II combines the excellence and availability of the user program of ALBA with the development of full characterization suites for characterizing multi-lengthscale problems:**

- Provides full characterization suites for selected areas like advanced materials for Energy with fully integrated data pipelines and connectivity to the big data world.
- This includes multi-lengthscale correlative imaging (including TEM) and multimodal operando capabilities.
- Acts as a hub for additional characterization, sample preparation and exploitation facilities.

# Tentative ALBA II timeline



**Thank you for your attention**

