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“If people do not believe that mathematics is simple, it is only because they do not realize how complicated life is”

—von Neumann, 1947

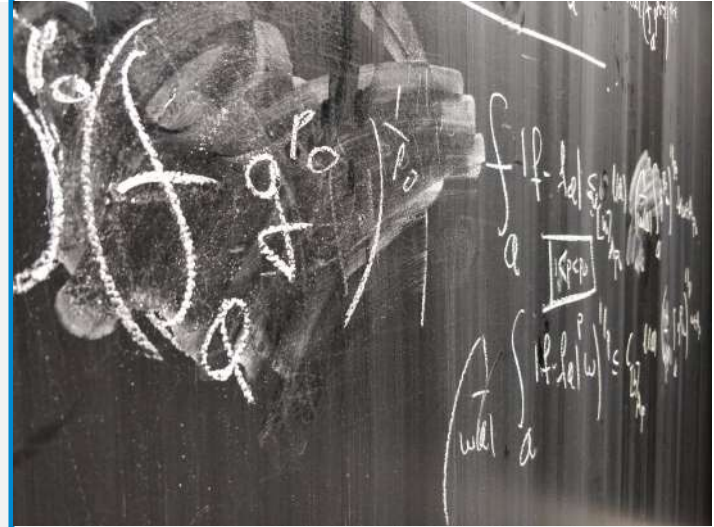
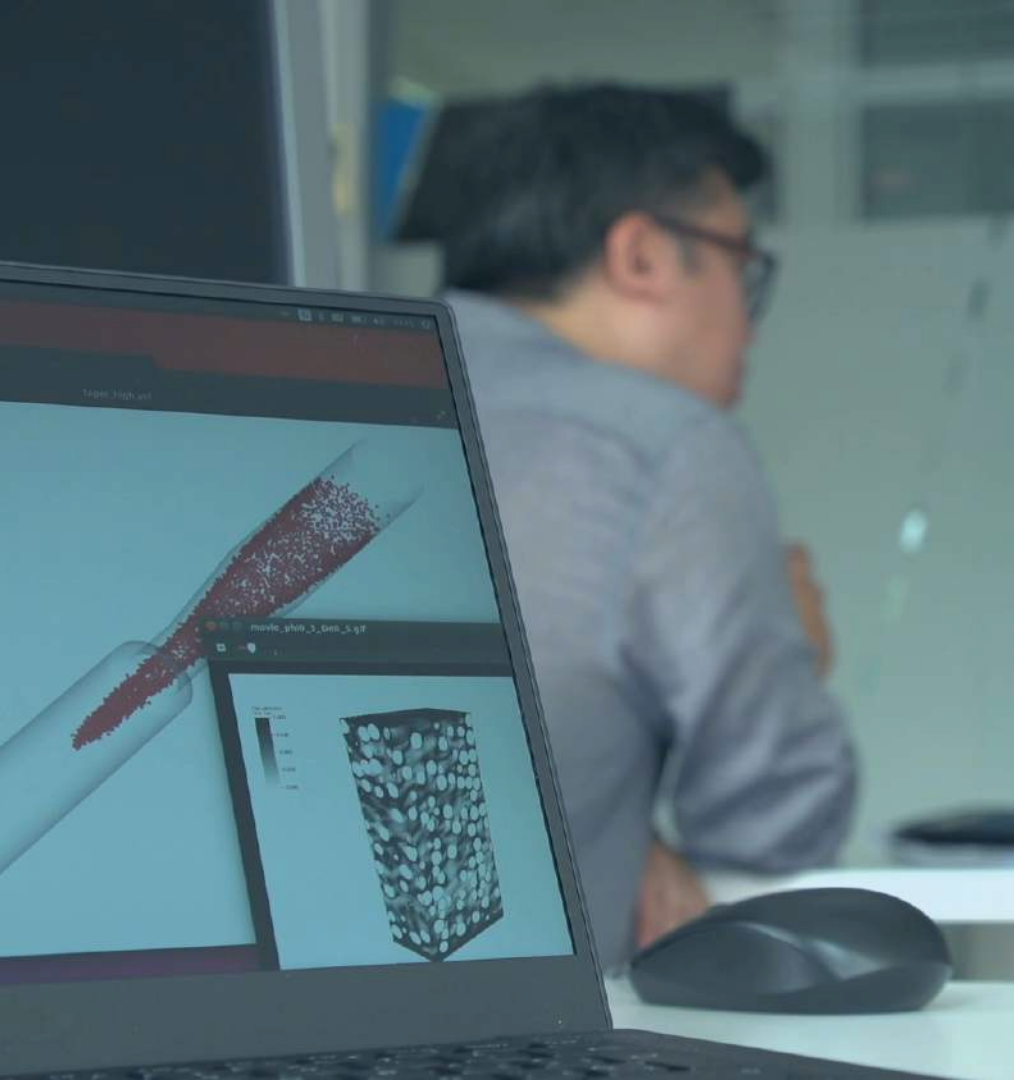


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RESEARCH AREAS

- **Objective:** To develop new mathematical methods, robust numerical schemes and software to solve complex and large-scale challenging real-life problems on massively parallel computers.
- **Description:** A strong mathematical framework is key to obtain reliable algorithms and simulations. We analyse modern numerical methods such as advanced Finite Element (AFE) or Discontinuous Petrov-Galerkin (DPG) and Finite Volume methods applied to stationary and time dependent problems. We also simulate open industrial problems, working on two platforms: BBIPED and FEniCS (CFD and multi-physics)
- **Applications:** Characterisation of the Earth's subsurface composition for CO₂-sequestration and oil or gas extraction; CFD applied to biomedicine, meteorology, oceanography, aeronautics, naval architecture, acoustics and turbomachinery.



Mathematical modelling with multidisciplinary applications

- **Objective:** Development of novel theoretical and computational tools for efficient and detailed simulation of multi- scale complex systems describing real life problems in biology, medicine, public health and society.
- **Description:** Improved algorithms, efficient sampling techniques, advanced models combined with observational data ensure a full exploitation of the capabilities of modern HPC in tackling the mathematical challenge of strong coupling across scales, adaptive and emergent dynamics. Pushing the boundaries of mathematics and interdisciplinary knowledge helps to reveal hidden structures of the complex systems.
- **Applications:** Patient-specific simulation (cardiovascular, brain, cancer), neurodegenerative diseases, drug design, self-assembly in bio-chemical processes, energy materials modelling and uncertainty quantification. Targeted at biologists, clinicians and industries.



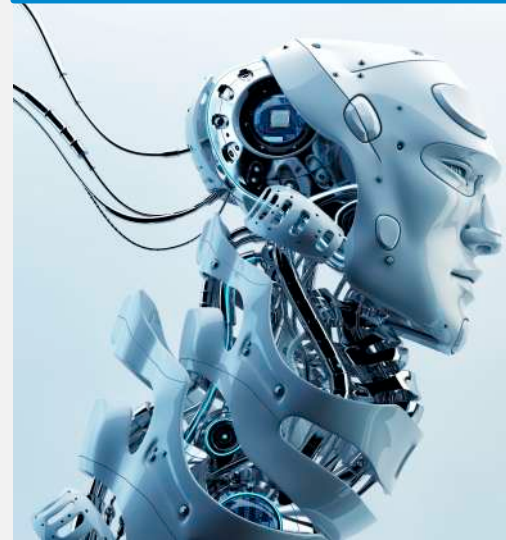
- **Objective:** At the interface between Mathematics and Physics is the so-called Mathematical Physics that at BCAM is represented by the research lines in Quantum Mechanics, Statistical Physics and Singularity Theory & Algebraic Geometry.
- **Description:** We study several questions of classical physics that although long known, are still not understood from the mathematical perspective, microscopic origin of macroscopic laws (like in electricity) and natural phenomena of front motion embedded into random environments. More theoretically, we study the geometry of Singularities appearing in Algebraic Geometry.
- **Applications:** Our methods could apply to, future applications of quantum technologies or forecast of wildland fire propagation to preserve natural heritage, cryptography and string theory.



- **Objective:** We explore and exploit the deep connections between Partial Differential Equations, Harmonic Analysis, and Applied Mathematics so as to describe the most diverse phenomena.
- **Description:** The attempt to efficiently describe real-life phenomena leads to mathematical models, often expressed in terms of PDEs, capturing the essential features of the phenomena. Solving these equations implies the use and development of sophisticated techniques of analysis together with the realisation of numerical simulations to eventually determine the validity of the models.
- **Applications:** The understanding of the fundamental principles that control relevant phenomena in physics and biology could eventually become of use for scientists working on those fields. We also expect to apply the efficient algorithms developed by our numerical simulations in real life problems.



- **Objective:** The increase in data generation (Big data) and problem sizes has made indispensable the development of new statistical and machine learning methods and algorithms for knowledge extraction and optimization.
- **Description:** In the applied statistics field, the main topics of our research are semi-parametric regression, multidimensional smoothing, (Bayesian) hierarchical models, computational statistics... Regarding Machine learning, we work on supervised and unsupervised classification of massive data, probabilistic graphical models, time series, Bayesian optimisation, etc. In optimisation we pursue the developments of efficient metaheuristics methods.
- **Applications:** Massive data and optimisation problems from financial to social media, marketing, medical domains (diagnosis and prognosis), genetics, environmental modelling, demography and biostatistics, logistics, scheduling and planning.



PEOPLE

02



116
people

+21 more
than in
2015



1
Scientific
Director

23
Research line
leaders and BCAM
researchers



46
Postdoctoral
fellows



7
Administration
Staff Members



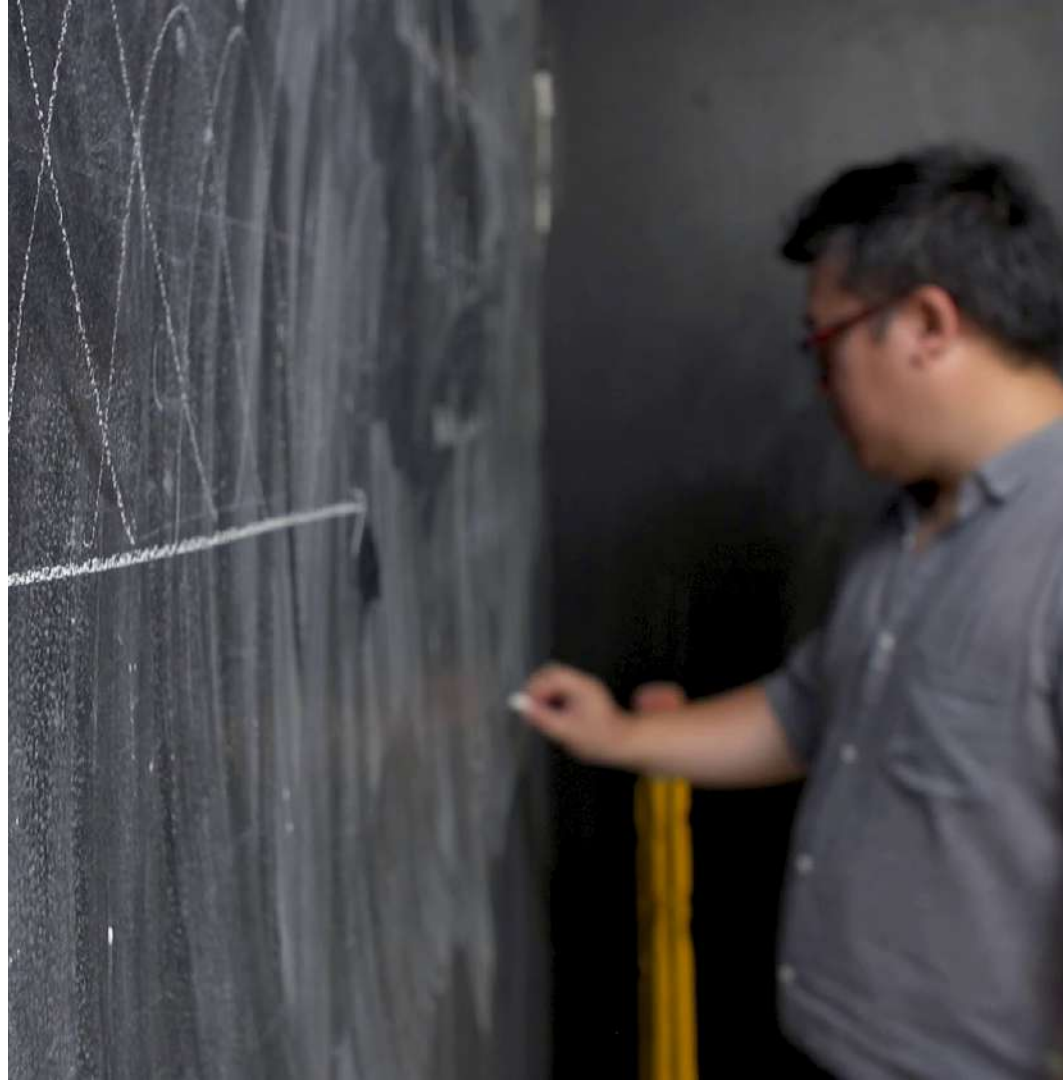
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IT Members

37
PhD
Students



SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT

03

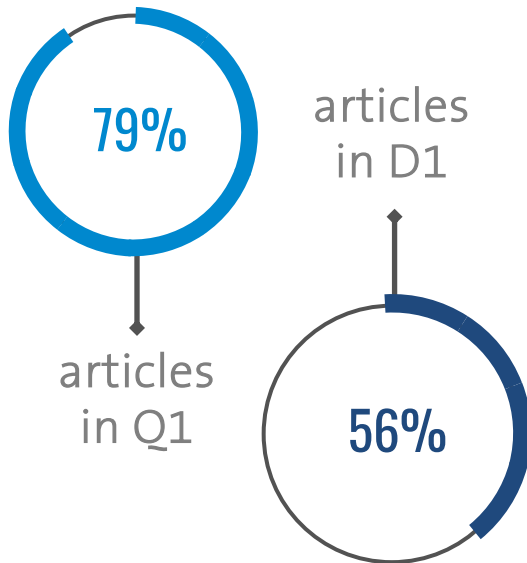


SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS



83

PUBLICATIONS
INDEXED



BCAM H-INDEX

19



1st DECILE JOURNALS



- Annales Scientifiques de l'Ecole Normale Supérieure
- Chemical Reviews
- Coastal Engineering
- Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering
- Computers and Mathematics with Applications
- IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control
- IEEE Transactions on Robotics
- Journal of Differential Equations
- Journal of Statistical Mechanics: Theory and Experiment
- Mathematical Models and Methods in Applied Sciences
- Physical Review E - Statistical, Nonlinear, and Soft Matter Physics
- SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences
- SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing

MASTER & PHD THESIS

18

ONGOING PHD
STUDENTS IN 2016



THESIS DEFENDED
IN 2016

3



5

MASTER THESIS
DEFENDED
IN 2016

+9

NEW PHD STUDENTS



04

PROGRAMMES

PARTICIPANTS IN OUR PROGRAMMES

17 Visiting fellows

27 Interns

128 Visitors



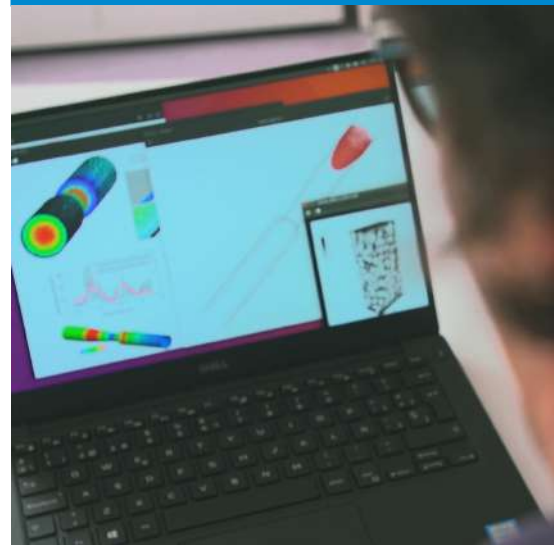
COLLABORATORS

05





COLLABORATORS IN
THE FRAMEWORK
OF THE BASQUE
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
& INNOVATION
NETWORK



NEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

CHARLES UNIVERSITY

POLITÉCNICO MILANO

UNIVERSITÀ DE BOLOGNA

HKH

SENIOR GROWTH





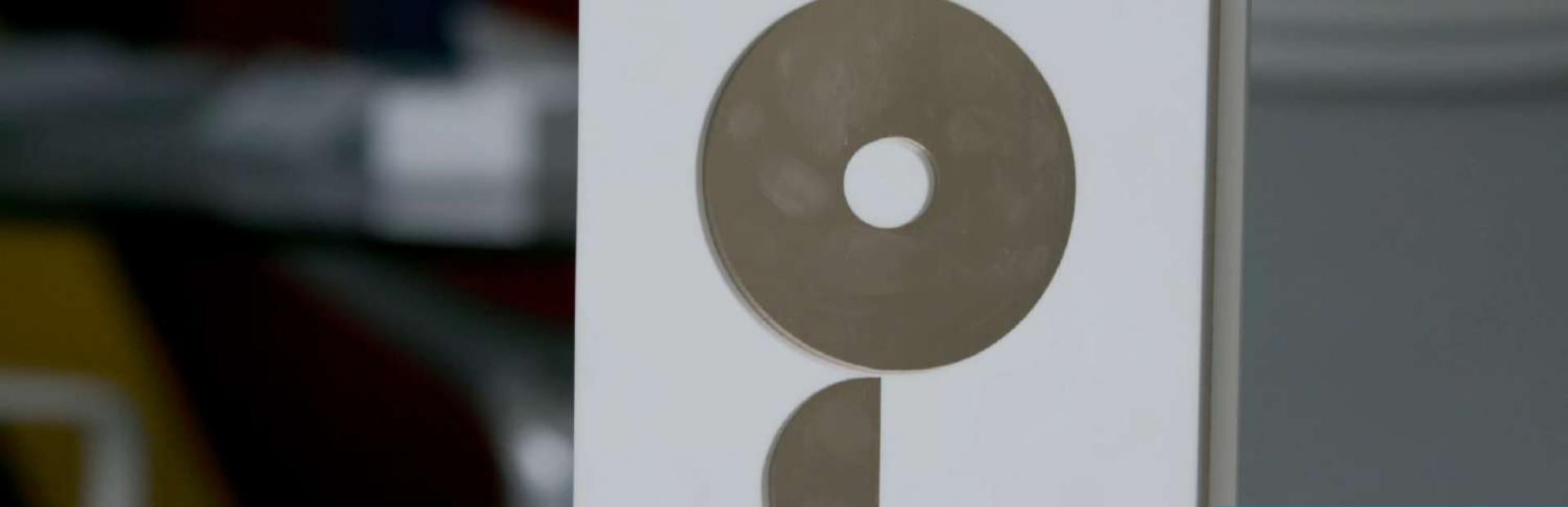
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FUNDING



PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS





PUBLIC & PRIVATE
FUNDING

DISSEMINATION

07



69 seminars

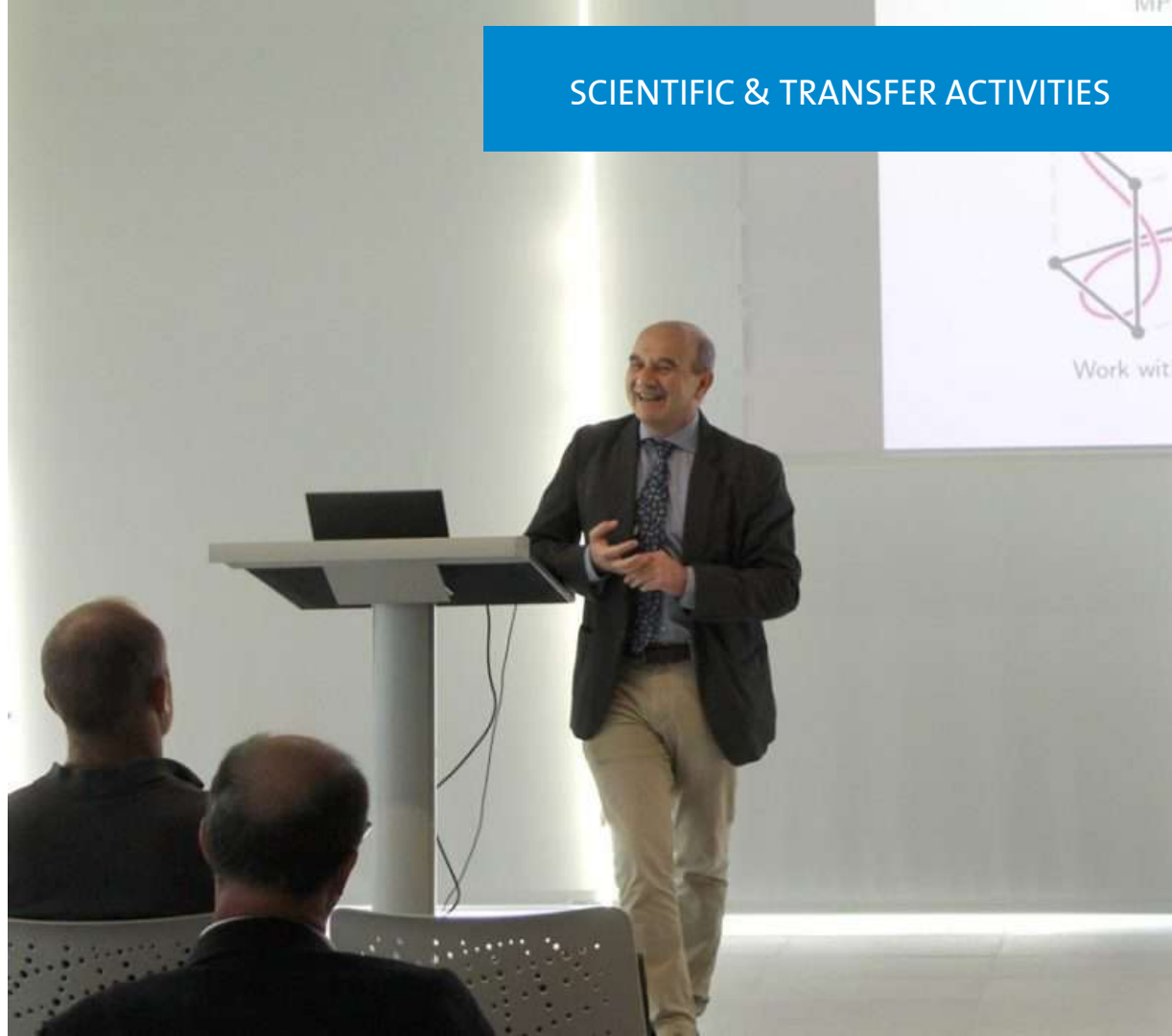
BCAM Scientific Seminars
& Working groups

15 workshops

QBIO, BIDAS, FCPNLO...

14 courses

UPV/EHU Joint courses
& BCAM Courses





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