



Instituto Universitario de Investigación  
en Ingeniería de Aragón  
**Universidad** Zaragoza

**I3A: Aragon Institute for Engineering Research**  
Instituto de Investigación en Ingeniería de Aragón

# R&D at I3A of the University of Zaragoza



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# I3A of the University of Zaragoza



Universidad  
Zaragoza



Placed at Campus Río Ebro (Zaragoza) next to the Engineering and Architecture Faculty (EINA)

## OUR OBJECTIVES:

- The promotion of **scientific research** related to diverse fields of engineering.
- Contribute to economic development by **technology transfer** to the industrial sector.
- Support of high qualification **education**, at postgraduate and doctoral level.
- The **dissemination** of science and technology in society.

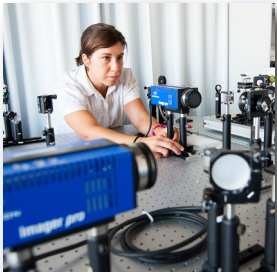
# I3A inside the University of Zaragoza



**University of Zaragoza: main institution**



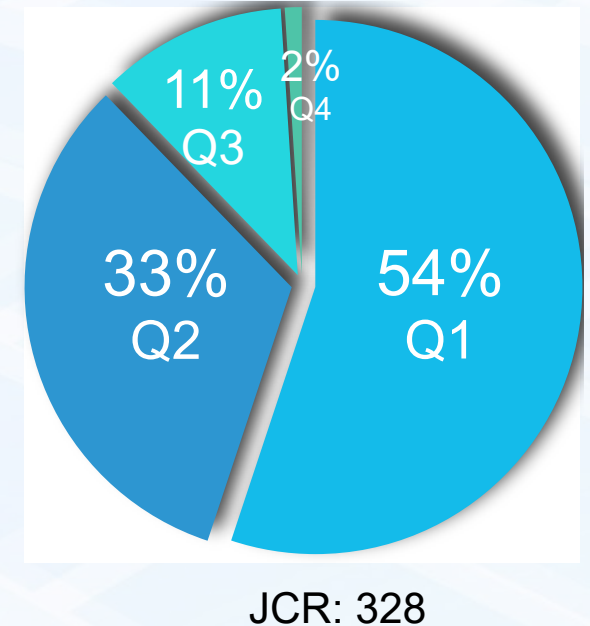
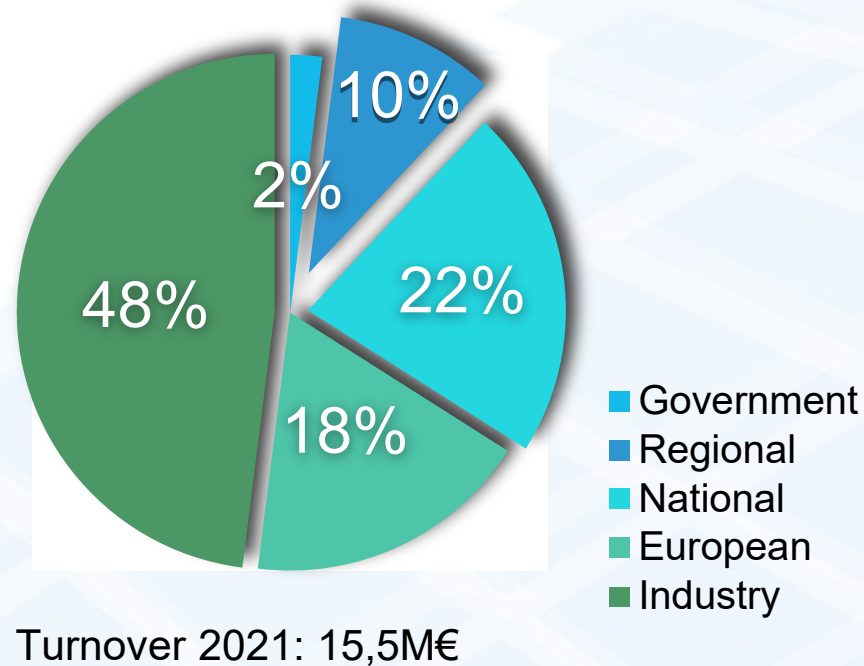
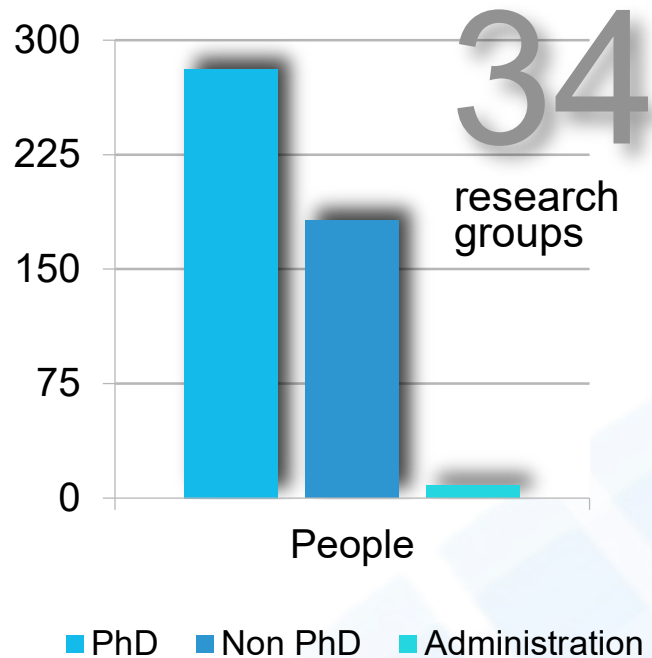
**I3A: research coordination & strategy, scientific policy, labs management, technical services**



**Research groups: knowledge**



# Some figures 2021



38  
New PhD thesis

130  
Oral conferences

17  
Invited talks

12  
new registered patents

8 Cutting-edge labs

# Research divisions

We structure our research lines into 4 strategic research divisions

## ICT Division

Technologies for the knowledge society

## Chemical Processes & Recycling Division

Engineering to improve the environment

## Industrial Technologies Division

Technologies for the factories of the future

## Biomedical Engineering Division

Engineering techniques for the improvement of health





## Information & Communication Technologies Division

### Technologies for the knowledge society

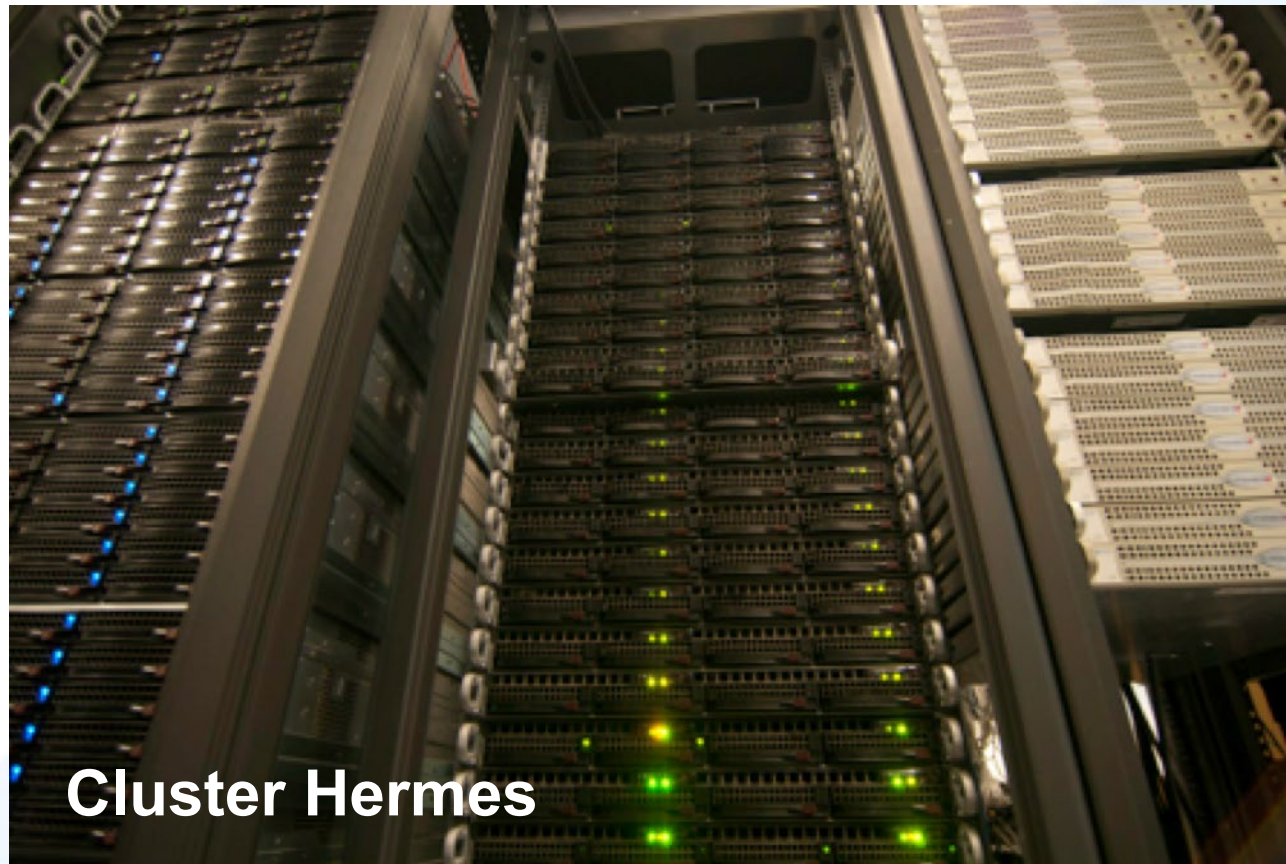
- ▶ Advanced computing technologies and smart embedded systems
- ▶ Infrastructures, technologies and services for communications
- ▶ ICT for digital content and creativity : audio-visual technologies and multimedia
- ▶ Advanced interfaces and robots
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence, Virtual and Augmented reality, Intelligent buildings



# Research laboratories



U27. ICTS NANBIOSIS - CIBERBBN



Cluster Hermes



Navigation robotics

# Processes & Recycling research areas



## Chemical Processes & Recycling Division

Engineering to improve the environment

- ▶ Energy and environment
- ▶ Hydrogen technologies
- ▶ Recycling and waste valorization
- ▶ Packaging, food quality and safety
- ▶ Agro-food technologies
- ▶ Circular Economy



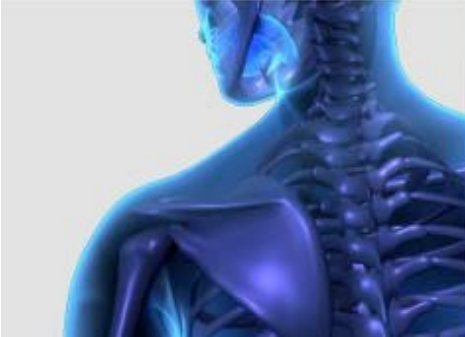
# Research laboratories



## Thermal engineering lab



# Biomedical engineering research areas



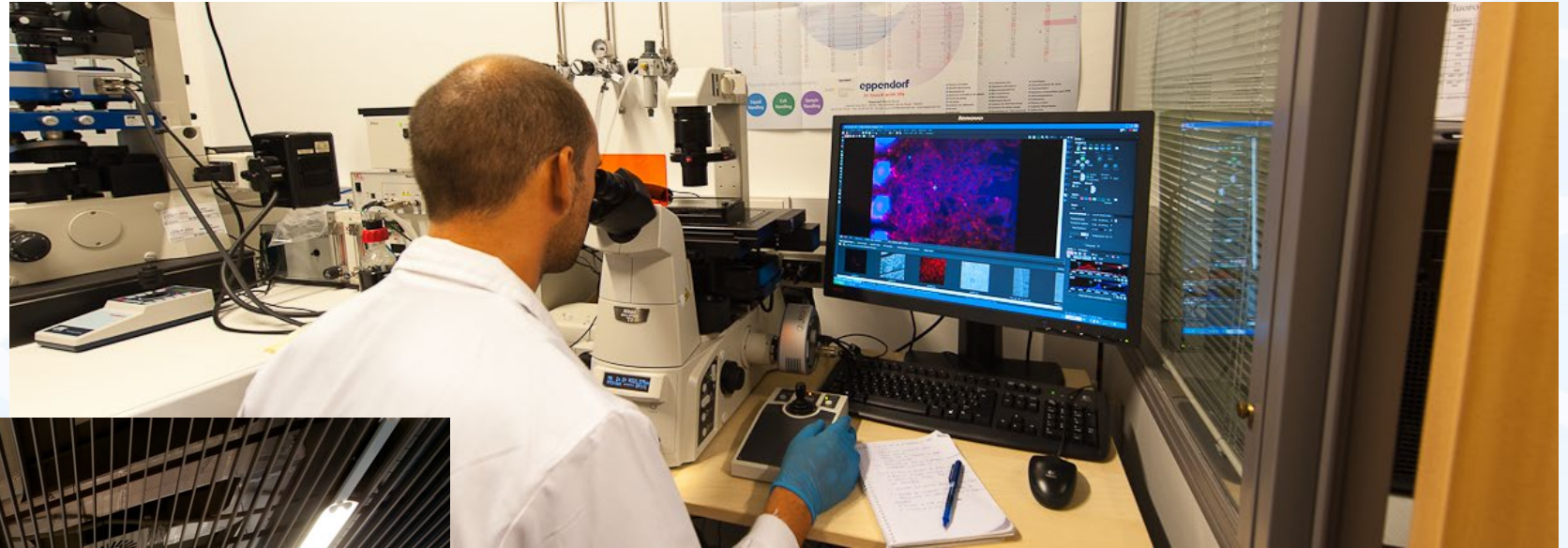
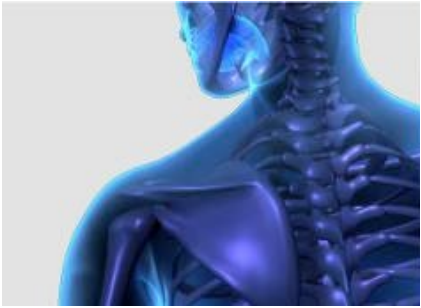
## Biomedical Engineering Division

Engineering techniques for the improvement of health

- ▶ Biomaterials and tissue engineering
- ▶ Biological and biomechanical modeling
- ▶ Biomedical instrumentation and signal processing
- ▶ Prevention and care technologies
- ▶ Personalized medicine, AI



# Research laboratories



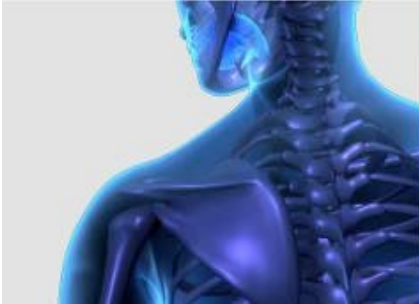
**Confocal  
Microscopy**



**Human Movement Laboratory**



# Research laboratories



**Tissue and scaffold  
characterization laboratory**

# Industrial Technologies research areas



## Industrial Technologies Division

### Technologies for SMART MANUFACTURING

- ▶ Electronics & photonics
- ▶ Metrology & advanced fabrication
- ▶ Automotive
- ▶ Logistics
- ▶ Advanced materials & structural design
- ▶ Industry 4.0, Fotonics, Home Appliances



# Research laboratories

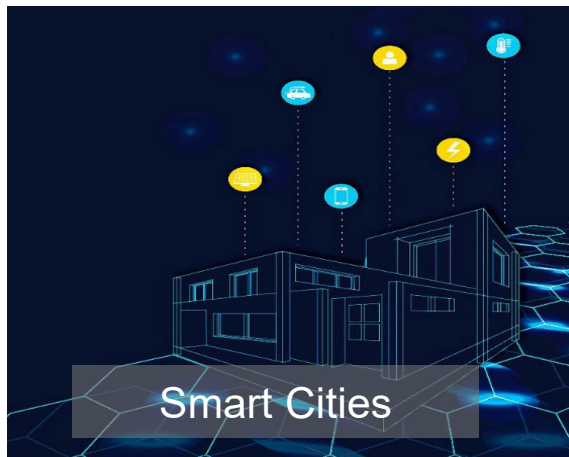


Impact Lab in TechnoPark



Multilayer deposition facility

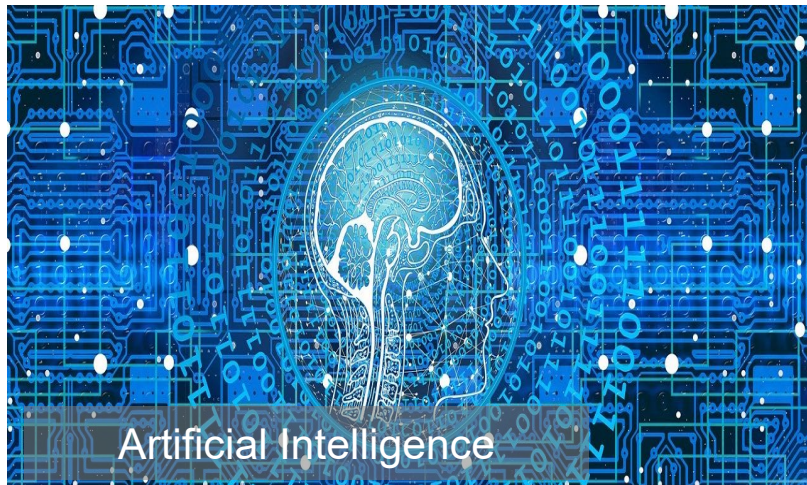




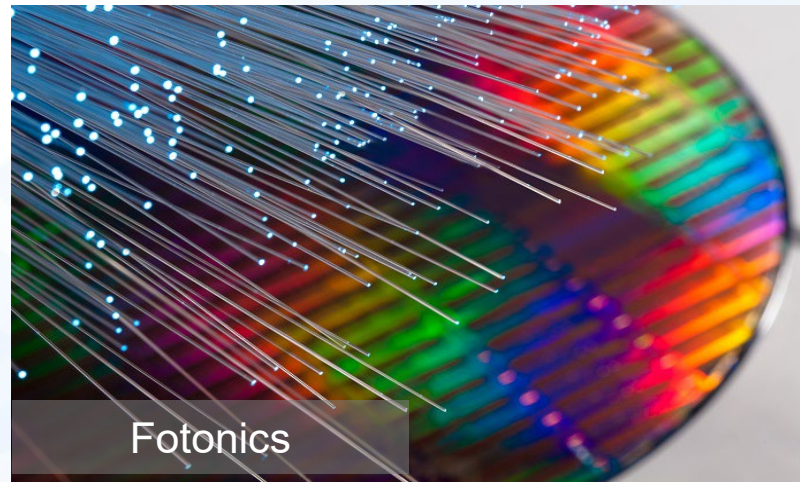
Smart Cities

# Cutting-edge Labs

We have recently created 8  
cutting-edge labs



Artificial Intelligence



Fotonics



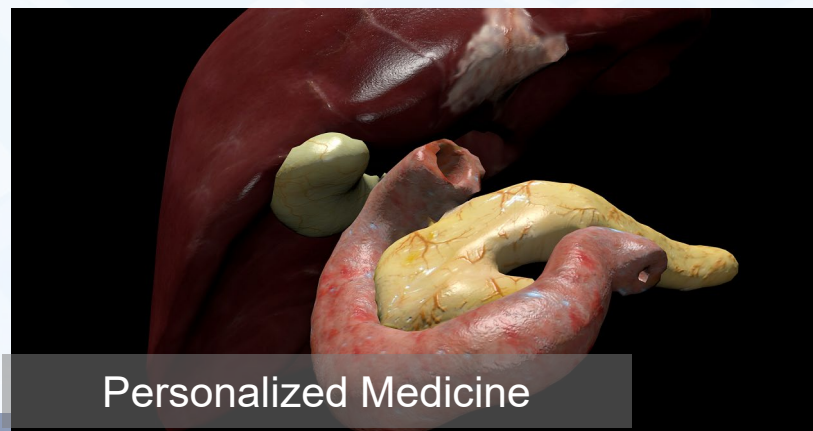
Home Appliance Technologies



Circular Economy



Industry 4.0



Personalized Medicine



Virtual & Augmented  
Reality



# Education and Skills

Biomedical Engineering  
Master & PhD program



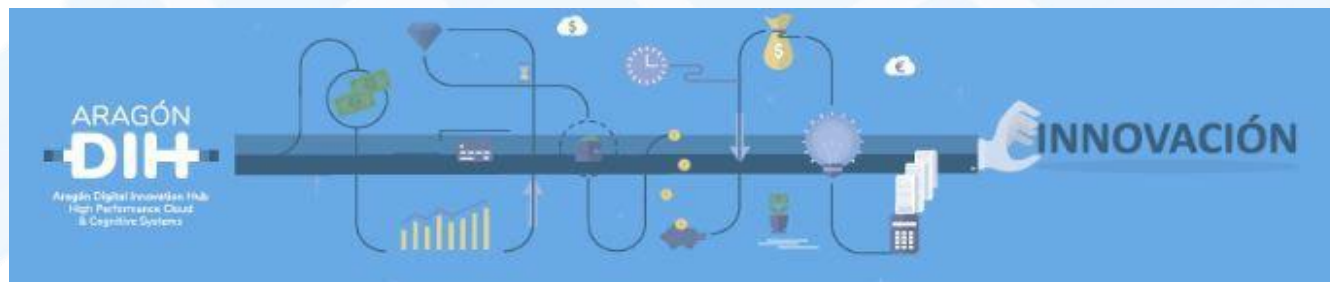
Expert on Digital Transformation & Smart  
Manufacturing Program



Young Researchers' Day



# Support to Digital Transformation





# Dissemination



Pint of Science



School Visits & Open days



Photonics Education



Exhibitions

tion  
ility



Our Institute holds 3 ERC grants in  
biomedical engineering and ICT

ERC grants

# Key Projects

INSILICO-CELL



José Manuel García Aznar

MODELAGE



Esther Pueyo

CHAMELEON



Diego Gutiérrez

Success case: technology transfer

# B/S/H



8 different groups from I3A work in collaboration with the company B/S/H

The University of Zaragoza is the world second institution in research related to home appliances according to the Thomson Reuters World Innovation Report 2017



Success case: social challenges

# Assistive Technologies



Several groups from I3A work in the development of new technologies applied to cognitive & physical disabled and elderly people



Why I3A can face complex  
challenges?



## FACT 1

We have Good Research Teams in many fields of engineering ranging from chemical engineering to software engineering.



## FACT 2

There are many evidences about the quality of the research teams. It can be difficult to find a Research Institution with a good level in the following large list of indicators: Publications, Research Projects, International visibility, financial support, patents, industrial impact.

## FACT 3

The added value of I3A is the **PLASTICITY**, understood as the ability to adapt this line of action to the stated **CHALLENGE**



## FACT 4

Small flexible groups can face these complex/big problems through a structure such as I3A





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