

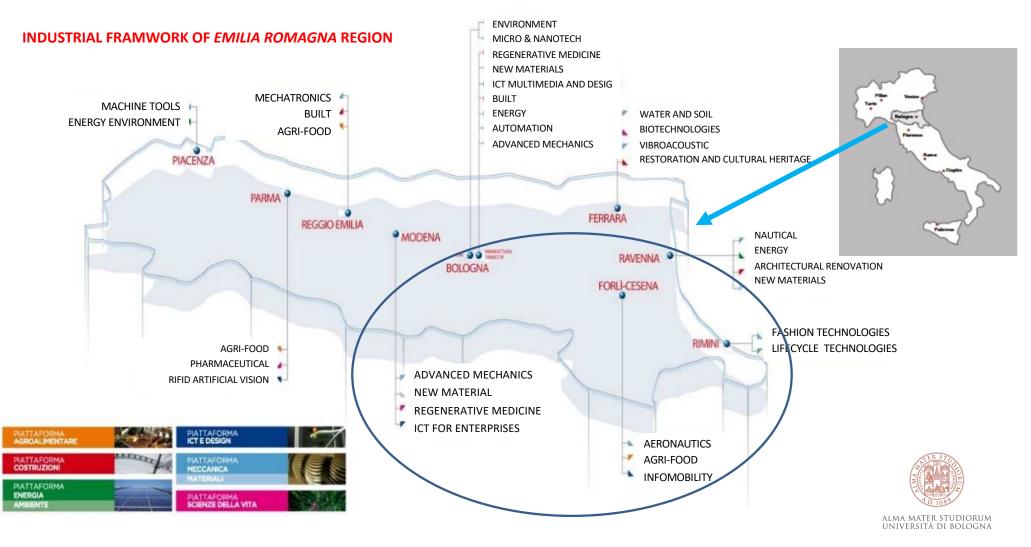
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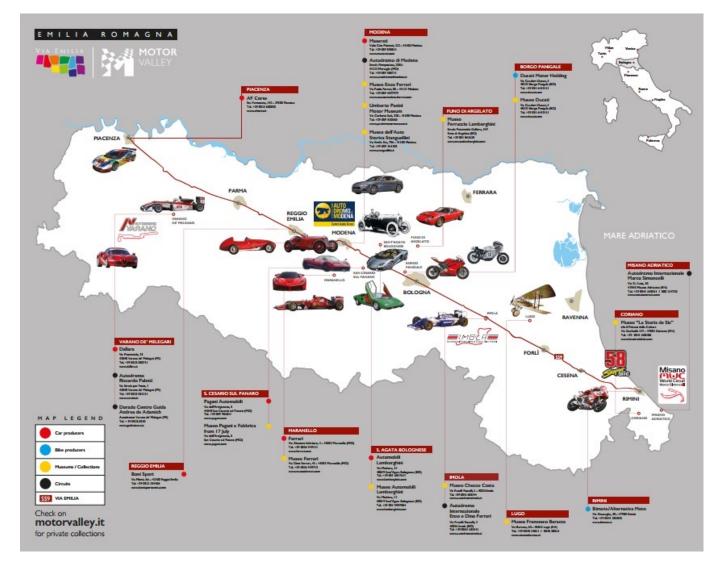
# **Good practices for University -Business Collaboration**

## The Interdepartmental Centres for Industrial Research at the University of Bologna

#### **Dario Croccolo**

Head of Interdepartmental Centre for Industrial Research in Advanced Mechanical Engineering Applications and Materials Technology







# MISSION

- Cooperate with the regional industrial system, mainly SMEs, through joint R&D projects, commissioned research and research assistance
- Share infrastructures through the establishment of Joint Labs
- Promote the enhancement of research results, through *licensing, spin* off, creation of new companies.



## **ADDED VALUES**

- Multidisciplinary and cooperation among 24 Departments involved
- Represent UNIBO in the "RER Technopolis System" and in the new regional Clust-ERs
- Preferential access to R&D funding PR FESR RER (Regional)
- Preeminent role in RER programming and enhancing the competitiveness of the territory
- Partnership with companies and potential greater competitiveness of UNIBO on national and international funds



CIRI	Acronym	Head
Aerospace	AERO	Paolo Tortora
Agri-Food	AGRO	Francesco Capozzi
Buildings & Construction	EC	Marco Savoia
Renewable Resources, Environment, Sea and Energy	FRAME	Francesco Melino
Information and Communications Technologies	ICT	Luca Foschini
Advanced Mechanical Engineering Applications and Materials Technology	MAM	Dario Croccolo
Health Sciences & Technologies	SDV	Monica Forni



CIRI	Researchers
AERO	51
AGRO	121
EC	113
FRAME	138
ICT	100
MAM	160
SDV	113
total	796



# **MISSION**

Promote the development of knowledge, expertise, and research

for companies and research institutions, both private and public,

operating in the sectors of aeronautics and space







# MISSION

Develop research projects through interdisciplinary Operating Units:

OU 1 - Aeronautics, Aerodynamics and Propulsion

OU 2 - Space Science and Technology

All activities are carried out for increasing research projects directly funded by companies or supported by public funds

#### Let's focus on industrial research !









# **OPERATIVE UNITS**



#### $\ensuremath{\bigcirc}\ensuremath{\cup}\ensuremath{1}$ Aeronautics, Aerodynamics and Propulsion

- Development of new materials
- Technological processes and manufacturing techniques for the aeronautical industry and high technology enterprises
- Modelling and development of innovative components and systems for the aeronautics industry
- Experimental and numerical study of the aerodynamic characteristics of industrial devices and propulsion systems
- Experimental and numerical study of the characteristics of turbulent streams
- Development of new ground, aeronautical and space propulsion systems and components
- New design and prototyping paradigms, for the aeronautics and high-tech industry

#### key words

Aerodynamics and Fluid dynamics, Plasmas, Thermo-fluid dynamics, Aerodynamic Plasma Control Propulsion, Virtual Reality and Simulation, Lightweight Structures and Composite Materials, Flight Mechanics

#### $\ensuremath{\mbox{OU}}\xspace$ Science and Technology

- Space exploration science, technologies, techniques and systems
- Planetary exploration missions design, implementation and data analysis
- Microsatellite and space microsystems design, implementation and In-Orbit-Validation (IOV)
- Space experiments design and implementation, with a focus on experiments on the Int'l Space Station (ISS)
- Ground control centers for in-orbit control of space mission, radio tracking from ground and precise orbit determination
- Development of advanced numerical techniques to analyze large amount of data (Big Data) from past, current and future space missions

#### key words

Astrophysics and Cosmology, Astrobiology Earth Observation, Microsatellites and Space Systems, Satellite Ground Station, Radio Science and Planetary Exploration

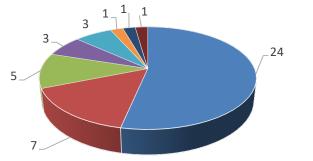




# WHO and WHERE



#### **Researchers and Departments**



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#### **Locations and Equipment**

Tunnels "Ex Caproni" in Predappio – Laboratory CICLoPE Technopole in Forlì – Laboratory of Aerospace Technologies



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# **COMPETITIVENESS**

Role of the Italian **AVIATION** industry:

- fixed wing aircrafts
- helicopters and tilt rotors
- remotely piloted or autonomous aircraft
- Air Traffic Management(ATM) and systems (eg. radar systems)
- aircraft engines with related sub-systems
- avionic systems and equipment



#### Focus of the national **SPACE** activities:

- production of high-tech space launchers mainly used for access to low orbits
- production of satellites equipped with optical and radar systems for
  - Earth observation and environmental analyses
- participation in international scientific programs of space missions and observation of the Universe







# HIGHLIGHTS

#### - Project ALMASat $\rightarrow$ ALMASpace $\rightarrow$ SITAEL

- R&D Academic project (ALMASat-1)
- Start-up of the spin-off ALMASpace
- Spin-off assignment and merger with SITAEL S.p.A. (main private capital Italian space agency)

#### - Project Helicopter CURTI S.p.A. $\rightarrow$ Spin-off ZEPHYR

- Steady skills on drones in the Flight Mechanics laboratory
- Agreement for «dronizing» of the Zefhir helicopter by CURTI S.p.A.
- Start-up of the spin-off ZEPHYR S.r.l.

#### – Project EU-HIT (CICLoPE tunnel)

- Laboratory for experimental researches on wall turbulence a unique in the world lab
- FP7 EU-HIT project for the creation of an infrastructural EU network
- «CERN style» model: international working groups stay at CICLOPE for a certain period of time (2-3 weeks), paying for its use then publishing the results jointly to the UNIBO researchers involved



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# CIRI AGRO PRIMARY PRODUCTION









Development of solar roofs that can be integrated with anti-hail nets

Self-driving electric rover for orchard work

Drones and sensors powered for data collection

Management of the orchard microenvironment











Regione Emilia-Romagna



#### **PRIMARY PRODUCTION**

Replacement of soy protein with more sustainable sources (e.g. insect meal, microalgae, cell culture, by-products)



Differentiation of the final product (e.g. reduction of antibiotic use, enrichment in essential nutrients for humans - PUFA, Se, Z#) Food strategies for improving the sustainability of production and the quality of poultry meat



Improvement of the technological characteristics of meat (e.g. increase in the antioxidant content of meat)



 Project EU NextGenProteins «Bioconversion of Underutilized Resources into Next Generation Proteins for Food and Feed»

https://nextgenproteins.eu



 Project EU INTAQT «INnovative Tools for Assessment and Authentication of chicken meat, beef and dairy products' QualiTies»

Improvement of the shelflife of products for the reduction of losses and waste



## INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION

Emerging non-thermal technologies: process optimization

#### **High level of innovation**



High homogenization pressures for the production of functional applebased SNACKs (Gea

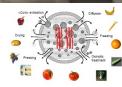


Technological tests the applied for treatment of food with high intensity ultrasound (US)

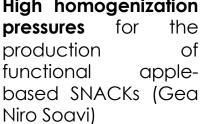




tests Technological applied the for treatment of foods with pulsed electric fields (PEF)

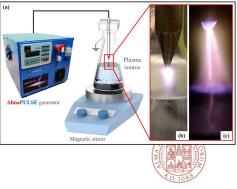








Technological tests applied for the stabilization of food and packaging with cold plasma gas and plasmaactivated water



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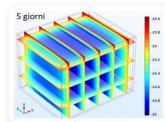


#### **INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION**

"Cold management in Agro-food Chains: solutions for process digitalization"

Prototype of an integrated system for the optimized management of the cold chain in a process of transformation of vegetable products and its validation in an industrial environment

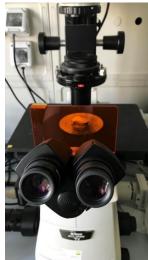
- Numerical models to evaluate the incidence of cell temperature fluctuation on the product;
- Determination of the different product states as the temperature varies

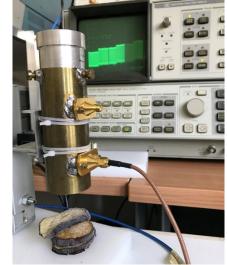














# CIRI AGROINDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATIONValorization of fish products and by-products

## Fishing wastes

- ✓ 8% of global fisheries are discarded at sea (FAO, 2016) (10 million tons/year)
- Objective: To sensitize processing companies and consumers to the reduction of waste, through the valorization of species not appreciated by the Italian market and the promotion of little-known products





#### PRIZEFISH

Piloting of eco-innovative fishery supply-chains to market added-value Adriatic fish products



Evaluation of the quality of mantis shrimp flesh in the freezing regime

 ✓ Valorization of Squilla mantis CRUSTACEAN
 Specie: Squilla mantis ; Family: Squillidae





Tools and Strategies for a Sustainable, Resilient and Innovative European Aquaculture

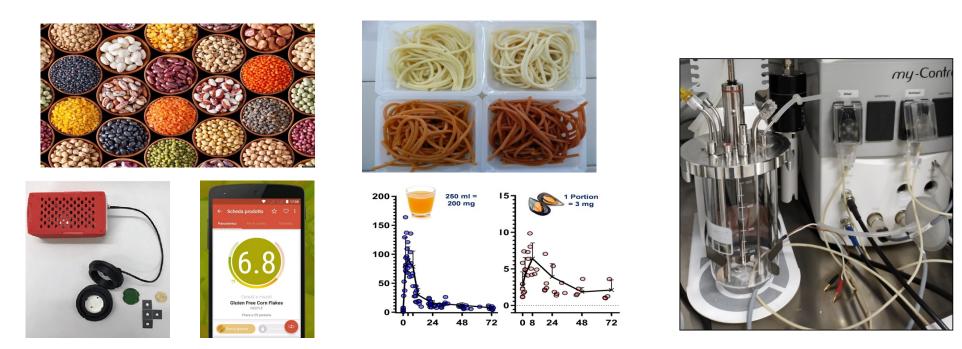
#### ✓Valorization of neglected species

(amberjack and meagre) Through the formulation of innovative products



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# FOOD & HEALTH Valorization of biodiversity in functional food products



Portable devices for self-assessment of healthiness and nutritional value. Selection of biomarkers to verify the intake of particular foods. Devices for in vitro evaluation of the bioavailability of nutrients



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#### **3 UNITS**

- Fluid dynamics applied to civil infrastructures, energy and environment
- Safety, sustainability and energy in buildings, civil constructions and environment
- New technologies applied to restoration, recovering and requalification of existing buildings (Ravenna)

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Research staff	103
Research fellowship	25
Consultants.	4

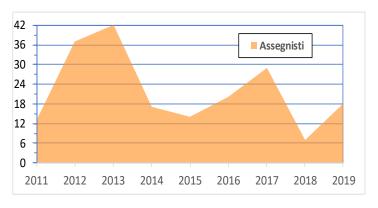
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#### Technical staff

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**Organization and Staff** 





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#### Location

#### Collocazione interna a UNIBO a BO e RA

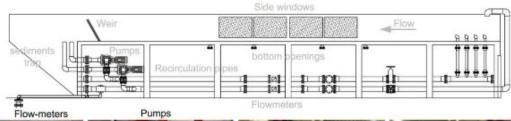
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Integrated management of safety

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#### **Facilities**





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## **Facilities**

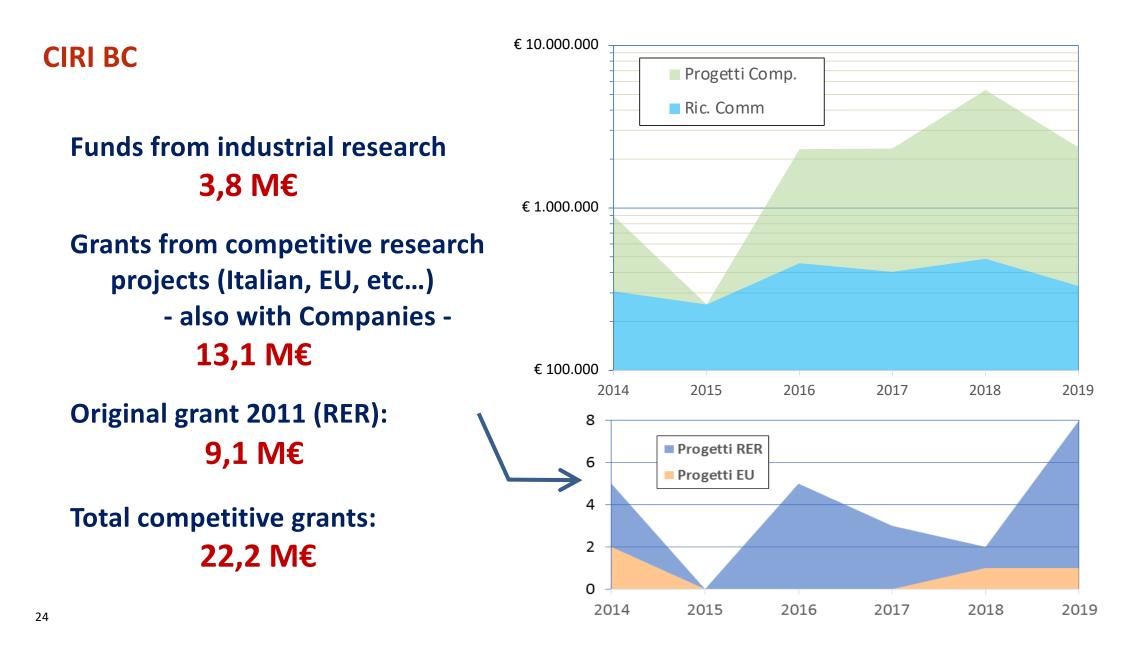












#### **Success stories**

#### Rothoblaas



- Multi-year collaboration
- Development of bolted connections for wood structures
- Improvement of acustic performances of woodden products

- Creation of 2 Joint Research Labs:
  - CMF Greentech
  - ALIVA facade





Kerakoll



- Multi-year collaboration
- Development of composite systems for structural strengthening
- Components validation
- Structural testing







#### **Success stories**

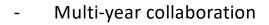
#### **FASSA SRL**



- Multi-year collaboration
- Development of innovative buildings strengthening materials (FRP, FRCM, CRM);
- Validation of building systems resistant to seismic stresses in plane and out of plane;



## **TERZER SRL**

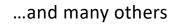


 Structural optimization of thermal insulation systems applied on rc slabs;

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- Validation of thermal insulation system applied on rc slabs of existing buildings;
- Analysis of seismic/cyclic behaviour of thermal insulation system applied on rc slabs.





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Mission

#### The mission of CIRI FRAME is to promote, coordinate and carry out



industrial research



promotion of research results



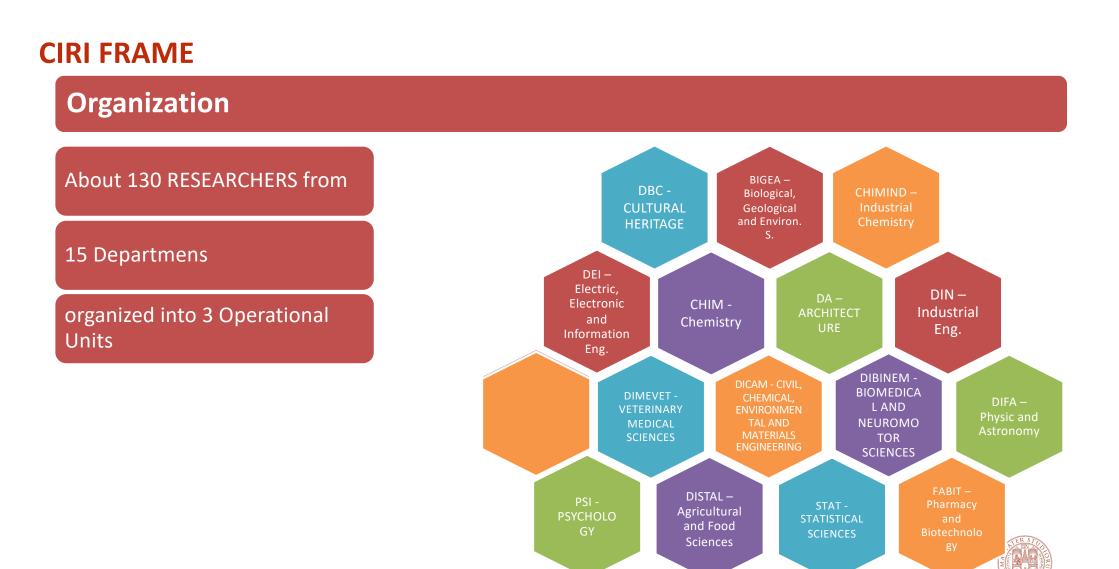
technology transfer

#### in the field of:

- renewable sources, raw materials and energy;
- study and protection of the **environment**;
- the study and use of the **sea** and coasts;
- sustainability in the production and rational use of **energy**;



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#### **Research Infrastructures**

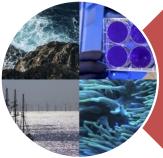


## **Operational Units**



#### Renewable Sources and Sustainability (Scientific manager: Prof. Daniele Fabbri)

- Biorefinery;
- Ecodesign, Ecoefficiency and Industrial Ecology;
- Life cycle of products and sustainable waste management, circular economy;
- Recovery of contaminated sites;
- Green Chemistry & Green Catalysis;



#### Marine Resources and Blue Growth (Scientific manager: Prof. Fausto Tinti)

- Study of the marine environment and the sustainable use of its resources;
- Technologies for the protection of the sea and coasts and for the mitigation of anthropogenic impacts and climate change;
- Technologies related to fishing, aquaculture and the preservation of the fish heritage;
- Oceanographic systems;
- Offshore platforms;
- Shipping systems; Cultural and environmental heritage of the sea; Marine tourism;



#### Technologies for Energy and the Environment (Scientific manager: Prof. Alessandro Tugnoli)

- Development and use of dedicated energy crops and residual biomass in agriculture;
- Biofuels, hydrogen, synthesis gas, net-zero-CO2 fuels;
- Low temperature fuel cells;
- Smart Grids;
- Energy Efficiency;

### **Recent Collaborations with Companies**



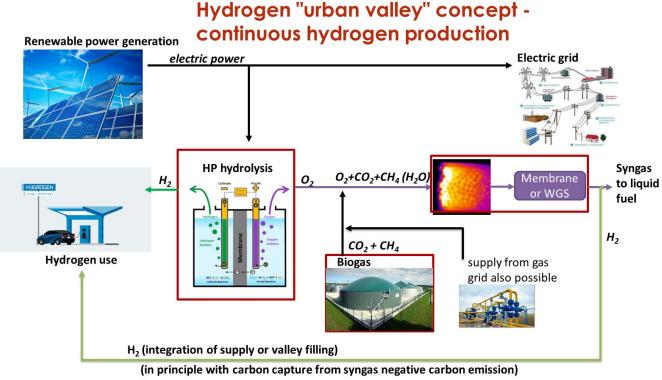
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**Recent Collaborations with Institutions** 



#### An example of success (1)

#### HC-hub-ER - Hydrogen and Carbon use through Energy from Renewables Joint LAB Eni – CIRI-FRAME, Università di Bologna



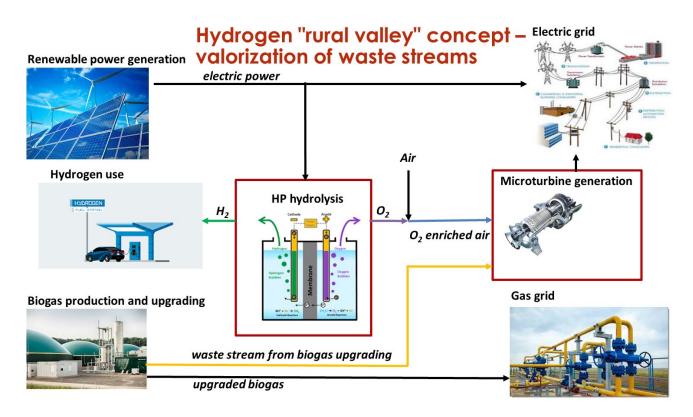
#### Main GOAL of the LAB

- Support and enhancement of industrial projects in the field of the production of green hydrogen and CO2 use;
- Collaboration between public and private sectors for the development of technologies related to the production of green hydrogen and the use of CO2;
- Applied research scouting for the development of prototypes and pilot plants;



#### An example of success (1)

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#### Projects in progress:

- ✓ Sustainable and Safe Production of H2
- ✓ Use of CO2 in synergy with the transformation of hydrogen
- Technologies with potentially negative CO2 emissions - CO2 mineralization in waste
- ✓ Development of membrane and hybrid systems for CO2 separation



## An example of success (2)

#### FIP-WE@UNIBO - Fraunhofer Innovation Platform on Waste Valorisation and Future Energy Supply Joint LAB Fraunhofer Gesellshaft – CIRI-FRAME, Università di Bologna



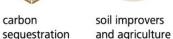






slow functional chemical release materials

carbon





municipal and industrial effluent treatments



soil and water (bio)remediation

#### Second Generation Carbons

Materials from residues: development of functional and low cost carbon-based materials from biogenic residues, waste and recycled fossil material for industrial scale applications.



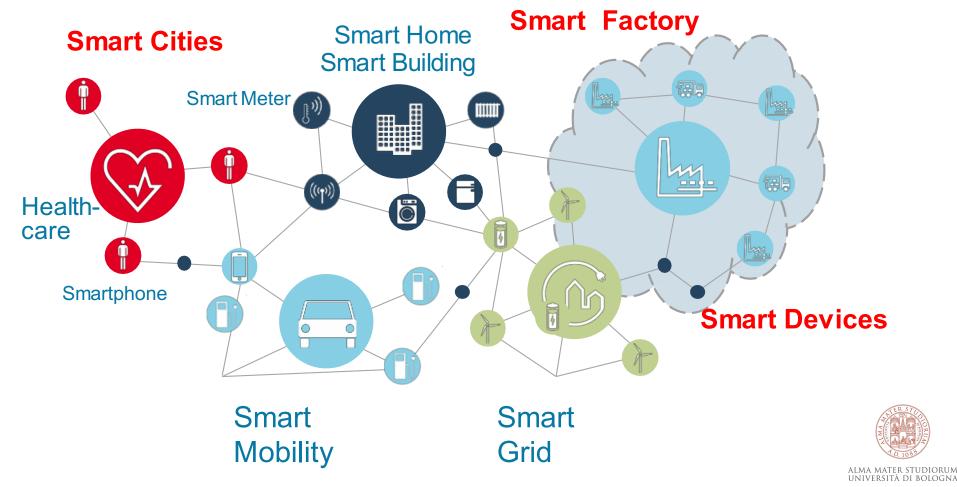
#### Hyperthermophilic Composting and Biochar-**Biomass Co-Composting**

- ✓ nutrients recover and agronomic improvement of soil
- $\checkmark$  waste reduction
- ✓ reduced costs through compost selfproduction
- ✓ economic opportunities through Carbon credits



## **CIRI ICT**

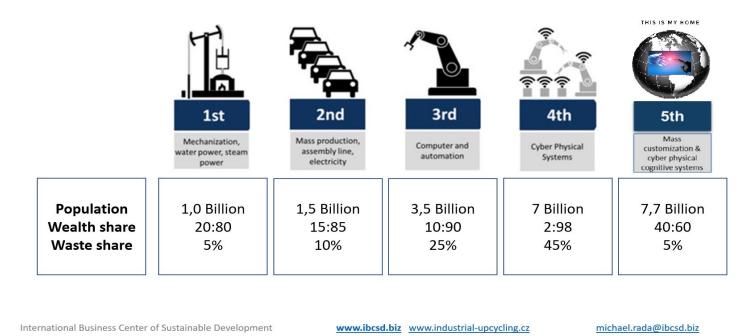
# **Digital transformation: smart everything vision**



## **CIRI ICT**

In Europe, new challenges: Industry 4.0, Industry 5.0 & Society 5.0

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT



Sustainable, humancentric and resilient The worker is not to be considered as a 'cost', but rather as an 'investment' position for the company  $\rightarrow$ centrality of human capital

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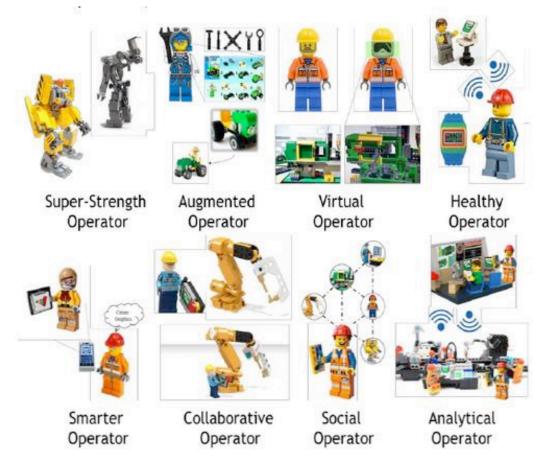
Skills, up-skilling and • re-skilling  $\rightarrow$ continuing education



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<sup>37</sup> Fonte EU: https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/industry-50\_en

## CIRI ICT Digital transformation: people at the center...



#### thanks to technology

- Big Data Analytics, Machine learning
- Cloud e edge computing
- Augmented e Virtual Reality
- Data Warehouse, Big Data e DBMS NoSQL
- Business Process Reengineering e Digital transformation
- Predictive maintenance



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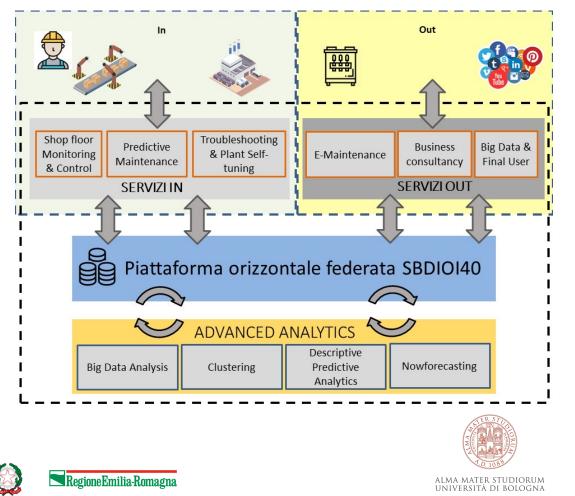
## CIRI ICT Success story (1)



#### SBDIOI40: Services Big Data In e Out for Industry 4.0

Assist and support local companies in the **transition from product economy to service economy** 





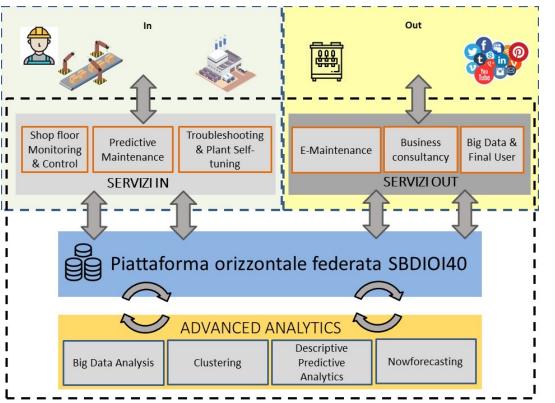
## CIRI ICT SBDIOI40: Goals

- Build a **federated cloud platform**
- Integrate Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning capabilities
- Facilitate the transition to big dataenabled management of the shop floor
- Creating **Out Services**: remote monitoring, after sales, ...
- SBDIOI40 Federated Demonstration Lab

#### Participating companies

Sacmi   Carpigiani   GEA	Imola Informatica   Italiana SW   Injenia   CINECA
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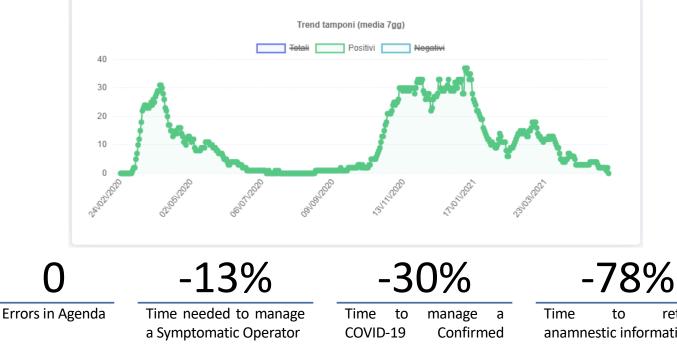


#### **Laboratories and Innovation Centres**



#### Success story (2) **CIRI ICT SWAPS: Support for Automatic Workflow of Health** SWAPS **Personnel Management**

Collaboration with the Operative Unit of Occupational Medicine of Prof. • Francesco Saverio Violante for the management of COVID+ cases



SWAPS offers different **views**: Big Data make it easy to read reality and current trends

For example, this chart shows the infection trend of COVID+ healthcare workers









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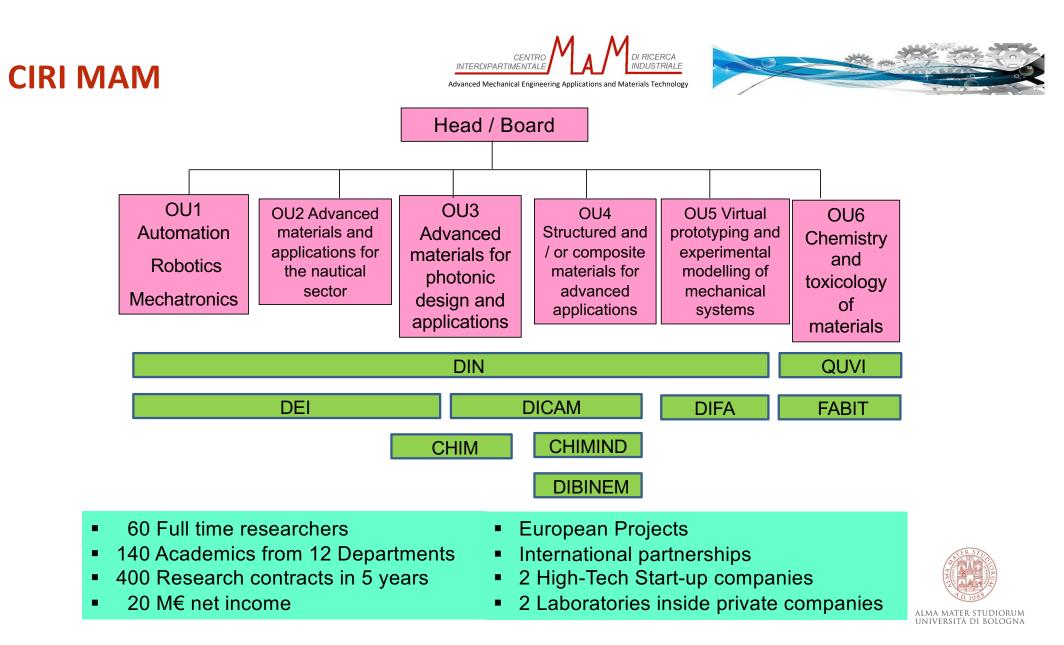
**Case Contact Operator** 

retrieve anamnestic information

## **CIRI ICT**

- Since its creation, CIRI-ICT researchers have been engaged in research projects
  - In the context of international, national and regional competitive calls
    - average funding 2011-18: 500 KEuro/year
    - funding 2019-20: 650KEuro, 2021: 740KEuro
  - In agreement with local companies
    - average funding 2011-21: 250 KEuro/year
  - In addition to the permanent staff, the research projects also employed about 200 of young temporary researchers





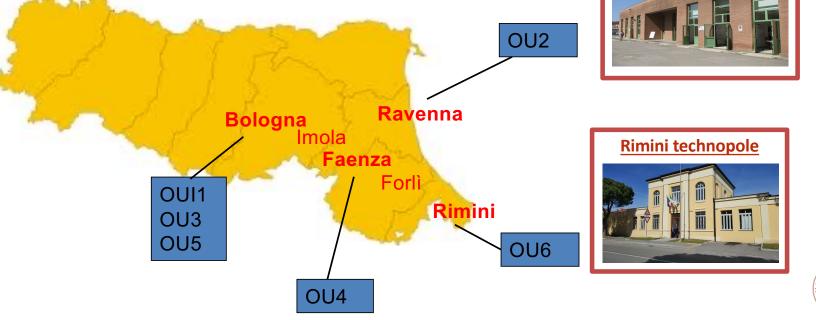






**Ravenna technopole** 

# CIRI MAM IN EMILIA ROMAGNA



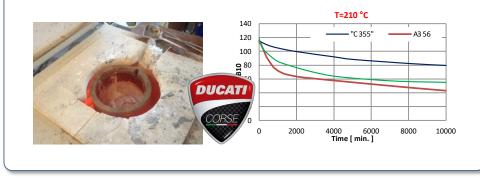
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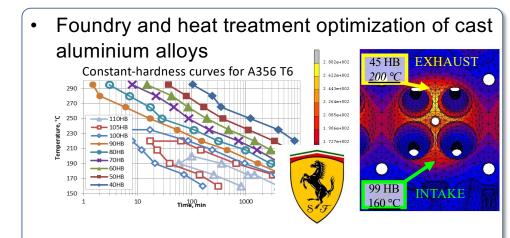
#### CIRI MAM Advanced Materials



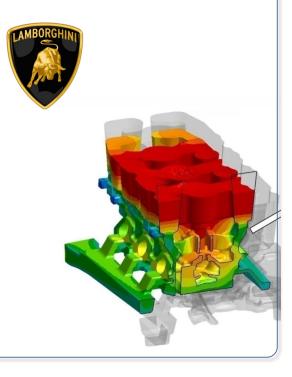


• Aluminium alloys for high temperature applications reinforced with nanodispersoids





- Hybrid
- Graphene Al alloy castings for high conductivity applications (FP7 NMP Project)











#### ADVANCED MANUFACTURING Laser Manufacturing

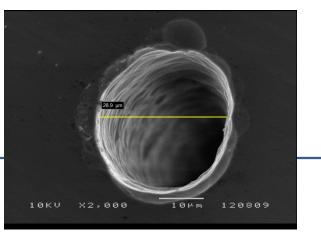
• A wide number of Laser processing technologies are developed in the high power, micro and nano size



Micromachining



Fine surface Sculpturing



Waveguides on glasses



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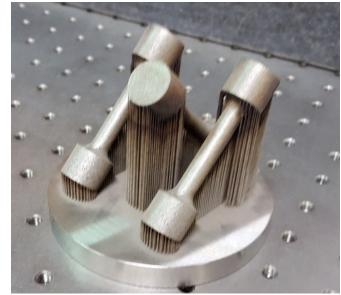




#### **ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING**

- MATERIALS: Metals, Alloys, MMC, Polymers, Composites
- TECHNOLOGIES: SLM, Cladding, FDM, SLA, Hybrid
- Development of process parameters for new materials and compositions
- Development of cladding technology for variable chemical composition within a component
- Manufacturing of hybrid components Metal-CFRP (Europe Vanguard Network)





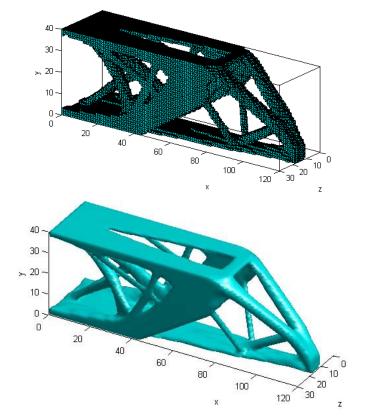


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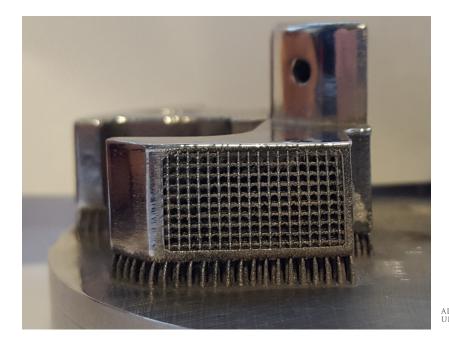


#### ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING



#### **Development of ultra-light components**

- by topology optimization
- by cellular structures









#### **Composites**

#### **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING**

- Lightweight component design and production procedures
- Crashworthiness and Impact Evaluation
- Adhesive joints
- Sandwich Structures: design, optimization, fabrication
- Hybrid Components (Ti-CFRP)
- High damping materials
- Embedding sensors and Bragg fibers for strain and damage evaluation
- Hydroelastic Slamming simulation



Carbon Fiber Spring for high cycles fatigue applications

Hybrid Component



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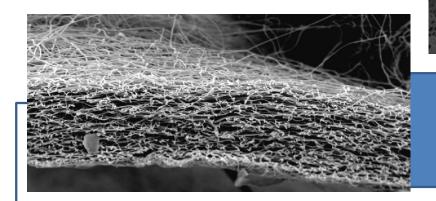


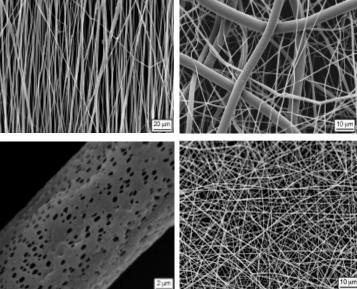
**ADVANCED MANUFACTURING** 



#### Electrospinning

- Development of Nano-structured Fibers
- Development of Applications
  - ✓ Scaffolds
  - $\checkmark$  High conductive materials
  - ✓ Energy storage
  - $\checkmark\,$  Aromas deposition
  - $\checkmark$  Air and water filtration
- Machine Design and Prototype construction
- Vascolarized and self-healing structures





Nanofibers of different shapes and materials are developed for different applications



## **CIRI MAM**





#### **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING**

#### Energy storage

#### **ONDA SOLARE PROJECT**

The 100% electrical solar car made in Italy

#### Partners:

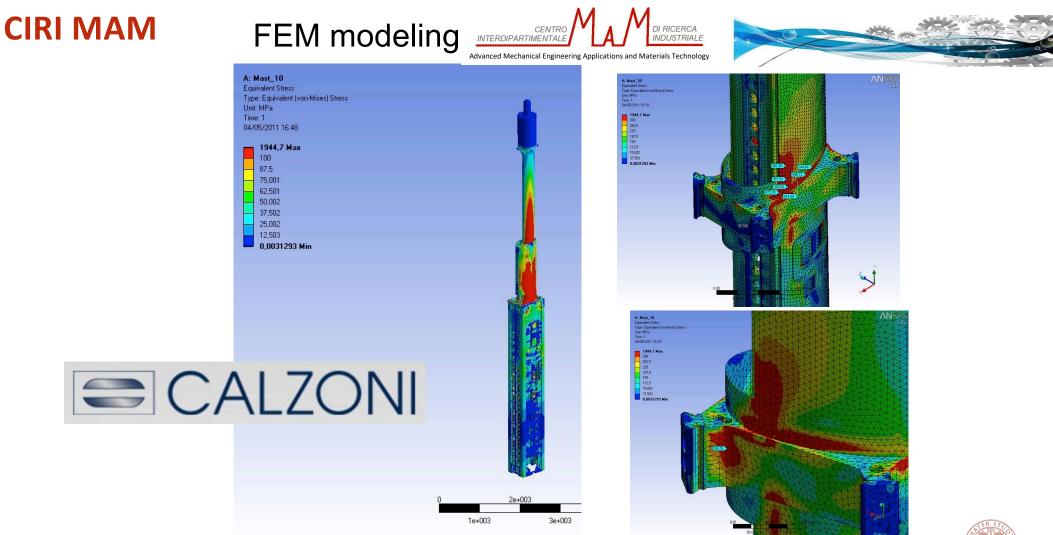
- University of Bologna (Mechanical and Electrical Department)
- GrafiteCompositi S.r.l. (Italy)
- TBE electronic and automation







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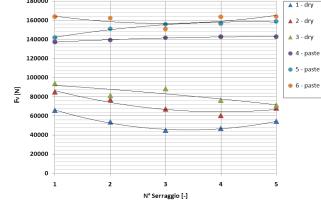












SLEEVE



### **CIRI MAM**





#### PACKAGING LABORATORY «LAB4PACK»

- Lab4Pack is alaboratory aimed at packaging processes development, established within a private company
- important
   Instruments(1M€)
- 4 full time researchers



- Microscopy
- + Reology and forming processes
- + Permeation Shelf life
- + Biology assessment



## **Industry & Context**

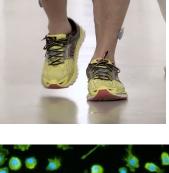
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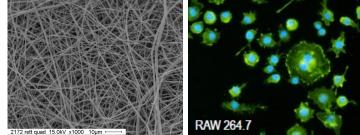
#### **Research & Development Center**

In Health Science and Tecnology wellness industry sector

Medical Devices	Translational Medicine
Diagnostics,	Technologies for health
Nanomedicine and	promotion and
Genomics	prevention











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#### **CIRI ICT**

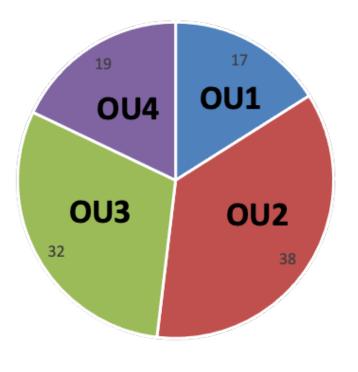
#### **Funding & Organization**

**Contracts Research from Industry** 2011 – 2020: **2,165,000 €** 

**Projects from Competitive Calls** 2011 – 2020: **4,400,000 €** 

Operative Units: 4 Affiliated Departments: 10 Researchers: 10 Industrial research labs: 13

Non-Tenure Track Researchers From 2011 - To 2021: 151





#### **CIRI SDV locations**

Operative locations: **4** (Bologna, Ozzano, Cesena, Ravenna) Laboratories: **13 plus the Joint Research Lab with the IRET** Foundation



Bologna





Emilia-Romagna



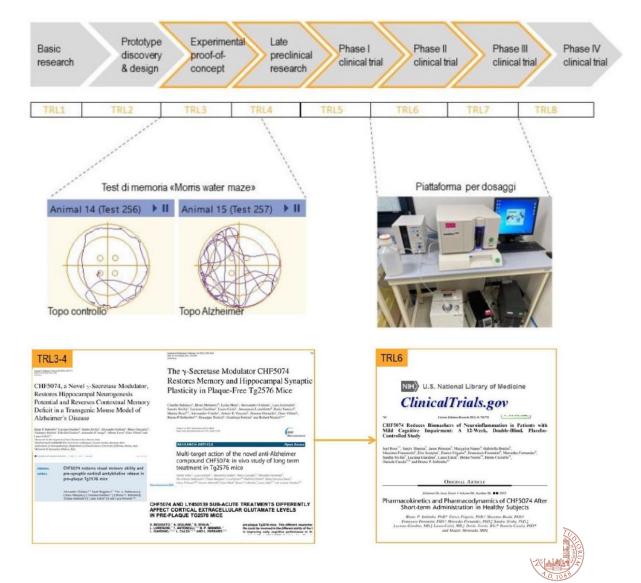


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# CIRI SDV Successful results

#### **CHF5074:** a novel anti-Alzheimer modulator able to restore neurogenesis potential

(Cerespir US startup for molecule development PHASE 3)



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#### Successful examples

# **Step-by-Step:** an integrated approach to the patient with acute neurological lesions

- prototypes of functionalized materials implantable for the controlled release of two drugs
- development and validation of a system capable of providing an evaluation of the evidence-based rehabilitation pathway



Innovative approach: multitherapy 'Multiple drugs-multiple targets-one disease'





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Successful examples

MySign

Technologies for remote monitoring applied to different settings and physiological systems, including but not limited to cardiovascular and respiratory systems through multiparameter wearable devices.

A new device is under development and currently is at TRL6.



#### Successful examples

#### Home & Environment:











Patents from 2018 to present: # 14

1. Electrospun fibers for a local release of an anti-inflammatory and a promyelinating drug Number: PCT/IT2018/000084 Deposited: 16/06/2018

## **EXAMPLES**

2. Hierarchical multiscale electrospun scaffold for the regeneration and/or replacement of tendinous/ligamentous tissue and a method for its production Number: PCT/IB2018/054153 Deposited: 08/06/2018

3. Apparatus, sensor and process for determining at least one parameter of blood circulating in an extracorporeal blood circuit Number: EP18162977.5 Deposited: 20/03/2018



#### **Company portfolios**

30+ large companies and SMEs



#### Spin-off









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