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Basque center for applied mathematics

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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

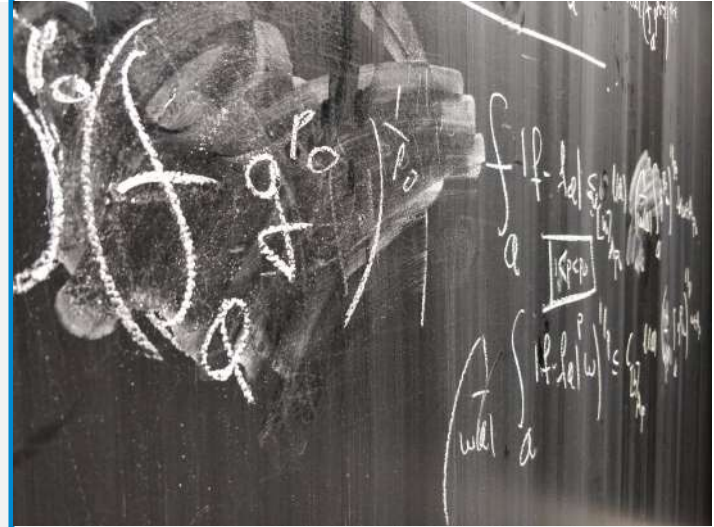
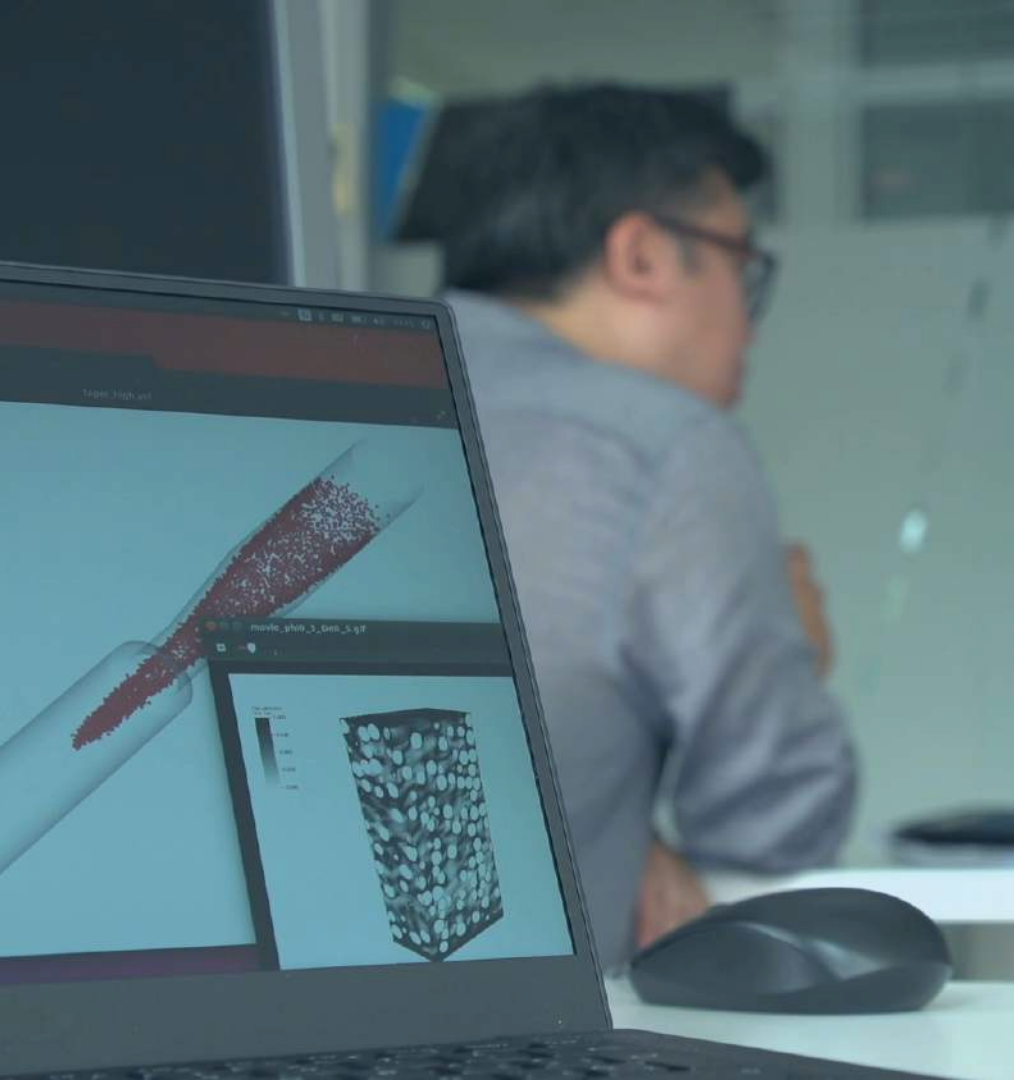


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RESEARCH AREAS

- **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).s.
- **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:** Efficient and detailed simulation of complex phenomena stemming from real life problems in biology, medicine, public health and society.
- **Description:** The challenge lies in developing novel algorithmic approaches, sampling techniques and improved computational models, in order to fully exploit the capabilities of modern HPC. We also couple numerical simulation with the applications specific observation data, e.g individual anatomies reconstructed from imaging, experimental data in controlled radical polymerization, recorded data on the reservoir's production.
- **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 Fluid Mechanics, Quantum Mechanics and Statistical Physics.
- **Description:** We study several questions of classical physics that although known long ago, are still not understood from the mathematical perspective, such as the dynamics of fluids, microscopic origin of macroscopic laws (like in electricity) and natural phenomena of front motion embedded into random environments..
- **Applications:** Our methods could apply to generate pseudo-random numbers, future applications of quantum technologies or forecast of wildland fire propagation to preserve natural heritage..



- **Objective:** We develop accurate adaptive numerical methods mimicking the evolution of solutions of PDEs to assist on control and design processes. We also study nonlinear partial differential and kinetic equations.
- **Description:** The challenge is to develop numerical methods for which the presence of possible high frequency numerical components does not destroy the true dynamics of continuous solutions and to identify those that eventually diverge because of the spurious numerical solutions..
- **Applications:** Shape design in aeronautics and aerospace, electrical and hydraulic networks and social behaviour and population dynamics, quantum gases and aerosols.



- **Objective:** The increase in data generation (Big data) has made indispensable the development of new statistical and machine learning methods and algorithms for knowledge extraction.
- **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 probabilistic graphical models (PGM), mainly focused on the automatic learning of PGMs from data.
- **Applications:** Massive data problems from particle physics to e-commerce, social media, financial, marketing, medical domains (diagnosis and prognosis), genetics , environmental modelling, demography and biostatistics..



PEOPLE

02



75
people

+20 more
than in
2014



1
Scientific
Director



11
Research line
leaders and BCAM
researchers



30
Postdoctoral
fellows



5
Administration
Staff Members



2
IT Members

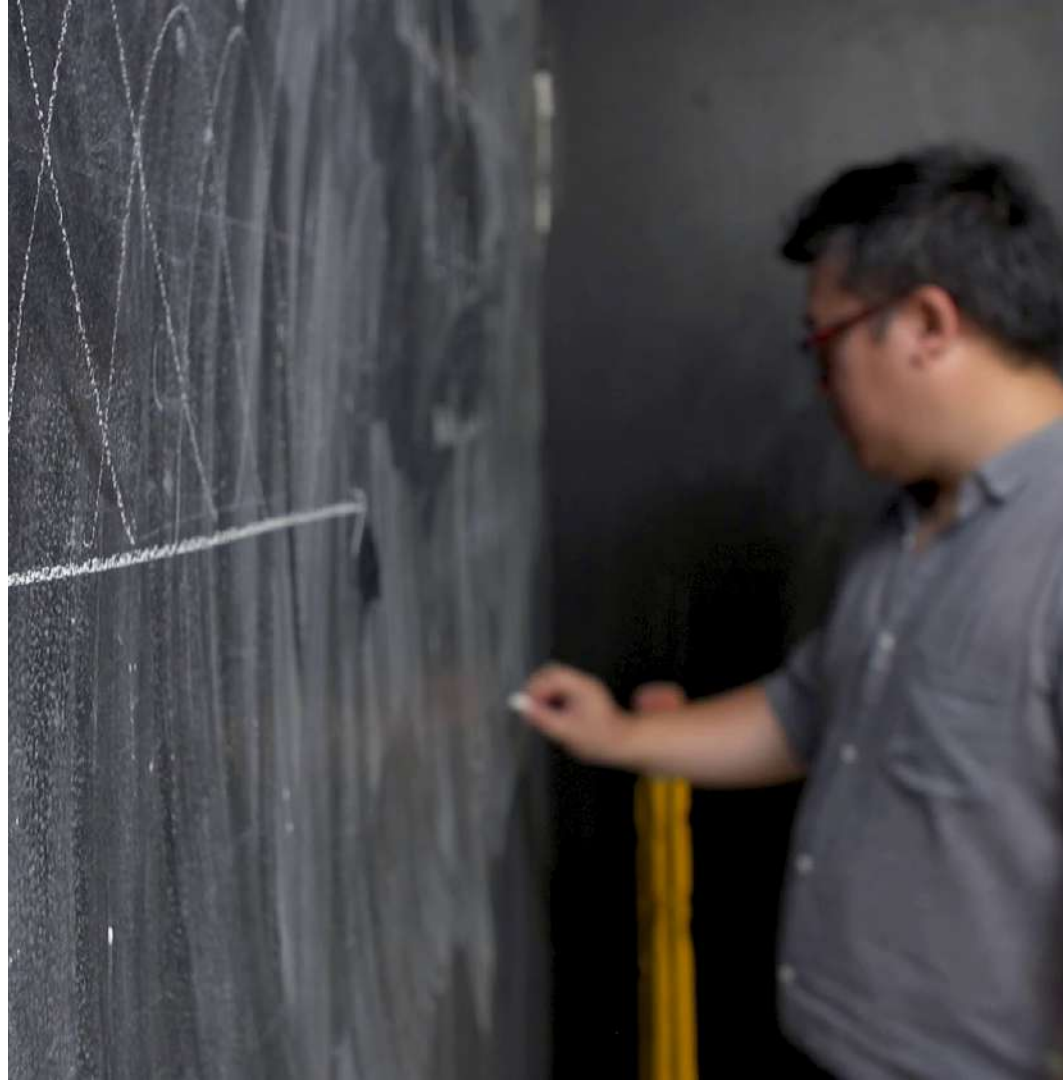


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PhD
Students



SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT

03

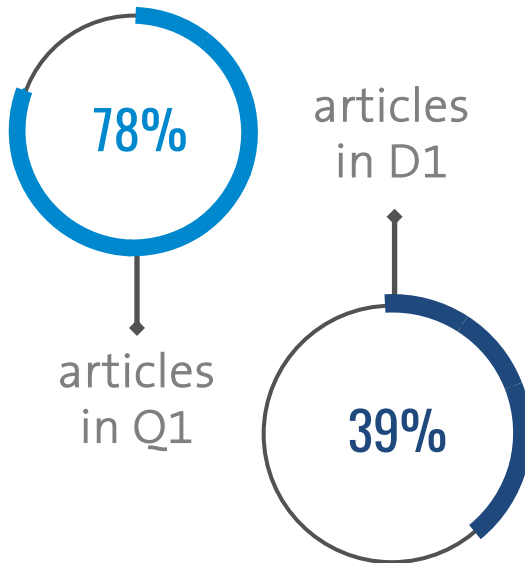


SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS



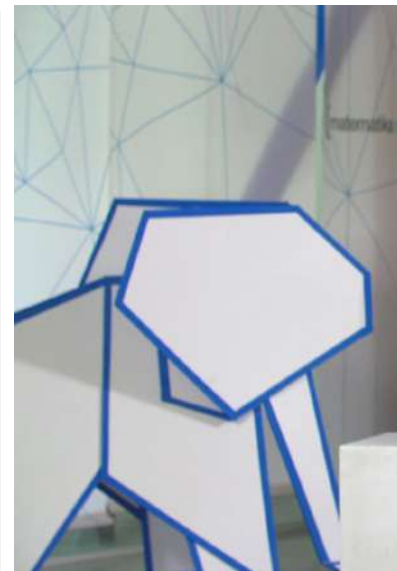
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PUBLICATIONS
INDEXED



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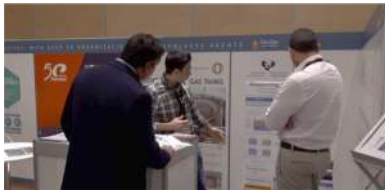


- Annales Scientifiques de l'Ecole Normale Supérieure
- Chemical Reviews
- Coastal Engineering
- Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering
- Computers and Mathematics with Applications
- IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control
- IEEE Transactions on Robotics
- Journal of Differential Equations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

MASTER & PHD THESIS

14

ONGOING PHD
STUDENTS IN 2015



THESIS DEFENDED
IN 2015

1



3

MASTER THESIS
DEFENDED
IN 2015

+12

NEW PHD STUDENTS



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PROGRAMMES

PARTICIPANTS IN OUR PROGRAMMES

13 Visiting fellows

27 Interns

116 Visitors



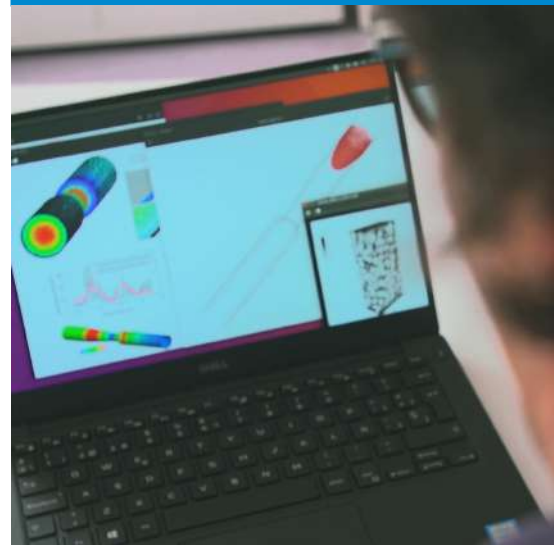
COLLABORATORS

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



NEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORIO

TECNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT
BRAUNSCHWEIG

NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY

UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB

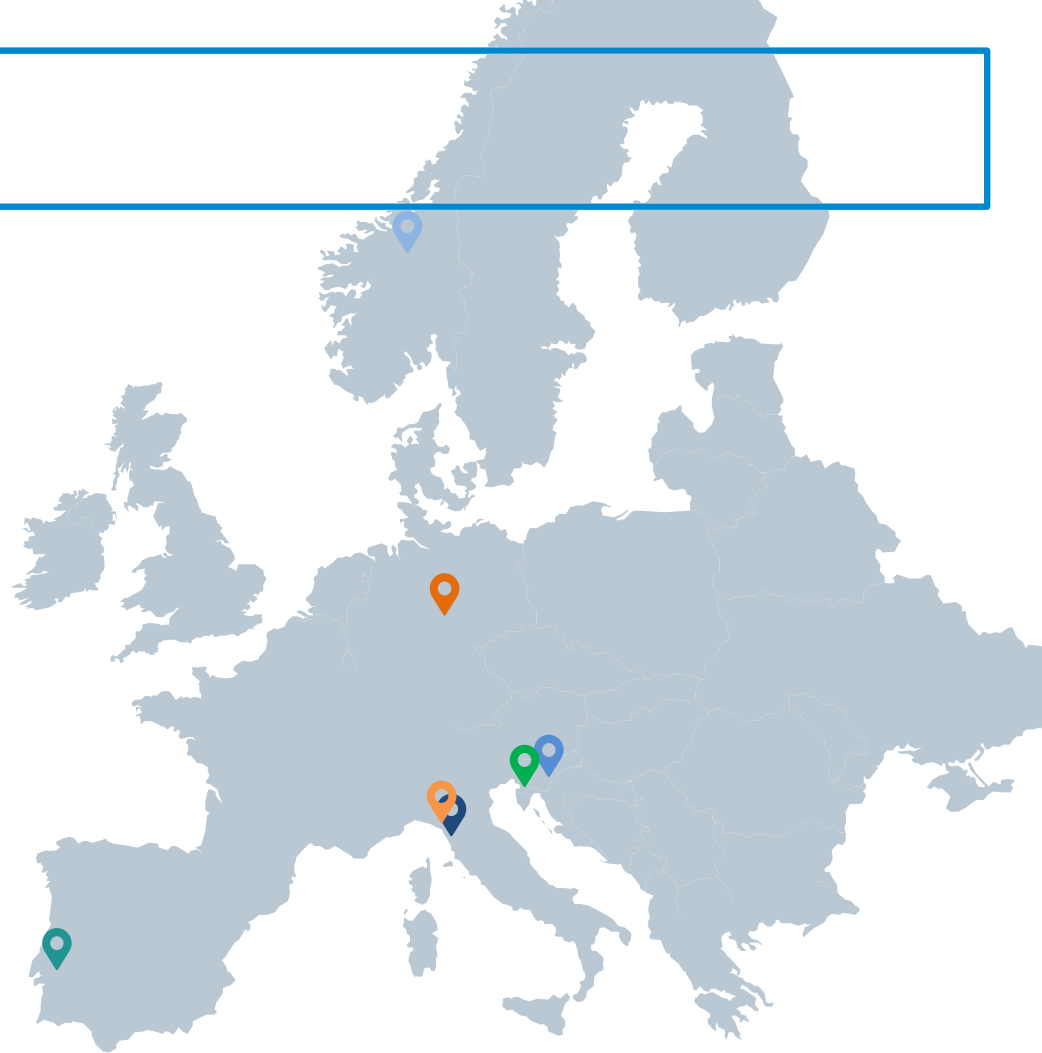
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E BIOLÓGICA

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY





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FUNDING



PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS





PUBLIC & PRIVATE FUNDING

DISSEMINATION

07



52 seminars

BCAM Scientific Seminars
& Working groups

14 workshops

QBIO, BIDAS, FCPNLO...

14 courses

UPV/EHU Joint courses
& BCAM Courses





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