Catalan Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

A Decade of Impact: Advancing Scientific Frontiers through Nanoscience

Institut Català de Nanociència i Nanotecnologia

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Who We Are

Why Nano Matters

ICN2 is a public research institute pushing the boundaries of nanoscience to enhance societal wellbeing. Conducting fundamental as well as applied research, ICN2 explores the limitless possibilities of the nanoscale and brings new nano solutions to the market. **A nanometre** is a billionth (10⁻⁹) of a metre. When we look at the world at this scale, materials behave differently – this is where new science and opportunities for new applications arise. ICN2 leverages this change in behaviour to develop new nanomaterials and nanodevices that have the potential to solve some of the world's most pressing challenges.

United by Nanoscience

ICN2 brings under the same roof researchers from a vast array of disciplines. From physics, chemistry, biology, engineering and beyond, our team is united by the focus on nano.

We pride ourselves on our broad approach to nanoscience, not restricting our focus to specific subject areas, but embracing the most promising of ideas, wherever they may come from. Our current work explores solutions in the fields of information and communication technologies, health, energy and the environment.



At ICN2 **diversity** is our added value



300+ staff



43% women



40+ nationalities



20 research groups



3 research support units



8 management and support service teams



Our Research Teams



Advanced Electron Nanoscopy ICREA Jordi Arbiol Advanced Electronic Materials and Devices ICREA Jose A. Garrido

Atomic Manipulation and Spectroscopy ICREA Aitor Mugarza Inorganic Nanoparticles ICREA Víctor F. Puntes



Magnetic Nanostructures ICREA Josep Nogués Nanobioelectronics and Biosensors ICREA Arben Merkoçi Nanobiosensors and Bioanalytical Applications CSIC Laura M. Lechuga Nanoelectrocatalysis and Sustainable Chemistry ICREA María Escudero Escribano



Nanomedicine ICREA Kostas Kostarelos



Nanostructured Functional Materials CSIC Daniel Ruiz-Molina



Nanostructured Materials for Photovoltaic Energy CSIC Mónica Lira-Cantú Novel Energy-Oriented Materials CSIC Pedro Gómez-Romero In 2023 the ICN2 gathered 20 research groups and 3 research support units that together covered much of the breadth of nano research.



Oxide Nanophysics **ICREA** Gustau Catalán

Phononic And Photonic Nanostructures **ICREA** Dr Clivia M. Sotomayor-Torres

Physics And Engineering Of Nanodevices ICREA Sergio O. Valenzuela

Supramolecular Nanochemistry and Materials **ICREA Daniel Maspoch**



Theoretical and Computational Nanoscience **ICREA Stephan Roche**

Theory and Simulation CSIC Pablo Ordejón

Thermal Properties of Nanoscale Materials UAB Javier Rodríguez-Viejo

Ultrafast Dynamics in

Nanoscale Systems Klaas-Jan Tielrooi



Electron Microscopy Unit CSIC **Belén Ballesteros**



Instrumentation Unit **Gustavo Ceballos**

Nanomaterials Growth Unit CSIC José Santiso

For over a decade, ICN2 has been committed to contributing to society through nanoscience. Here are some of our accomplishments, in numbers.

Our Work in Numbers

5 consecutive Severo Ochoa Centre of Excellence Awards (2014 - 2026) accrediting ICN2 as international leaders in its field **spin-off companies created** (2014 – 2023) translating our research into real-world solutions

active European projects

(2014 – 2023) under the Seventh Framework Programme, Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe funding programmes, including 12 European Research Council and 7 European Innovation Council grants

In 2023 alone, ICN2 published 178 articles in indexed journals and 104 publications directly contributed to advancing progress toward 7 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



A Message From Our Director Prof. Pablo Ordejón

As we celebrate a decade since ICN2's creation in 2013, we are proud of the significant scientific breakthroughs that we have achieved. Looking ahead, our strategic focus on **sustainability** is set to drive our efforts to new heights, benefiting society as a whole. By addressing global challenges in Medicine, Energy-efficient Information Processing and Sustainable Energy Technologies, we are transforming fundamental research into innovations with real-world impact. I invite you to explore our remarkable achievements, evidence of the collective brilliance and dedication of the ICN2 community.

Pablo Ordejón Director of ICN2

Read more about our achievements



At ICN2, we transform the smallest of technologies into the biggest of innovations.

Join us as we continue to push the boundaries of science and create a better world, one nanoparticle at a time.



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