FRANCE – Stanford

Scientific impact of the program (2008-2018)

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GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

Creation : 2002

The purpose of this program is to develop excellence scientific and technological exchanges between the French and Stanford laboratories, by promoting new scientific collaborations and integrating in the projects young researchers and PhD students.

Total budget (France + Stanford) : around 68 000 € / year

>> including budget from the French part : around 53 000 € / year

>> including budget from the US part : around 77 000 € / year

Average budget per project (France + Stanford) : around 10 000 € / year

Number of new funded projects per year : around 9

From 2008-2018 :

244 applications submitted

91 projects funded

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DATA SOURCES

Data base (2008-2018)

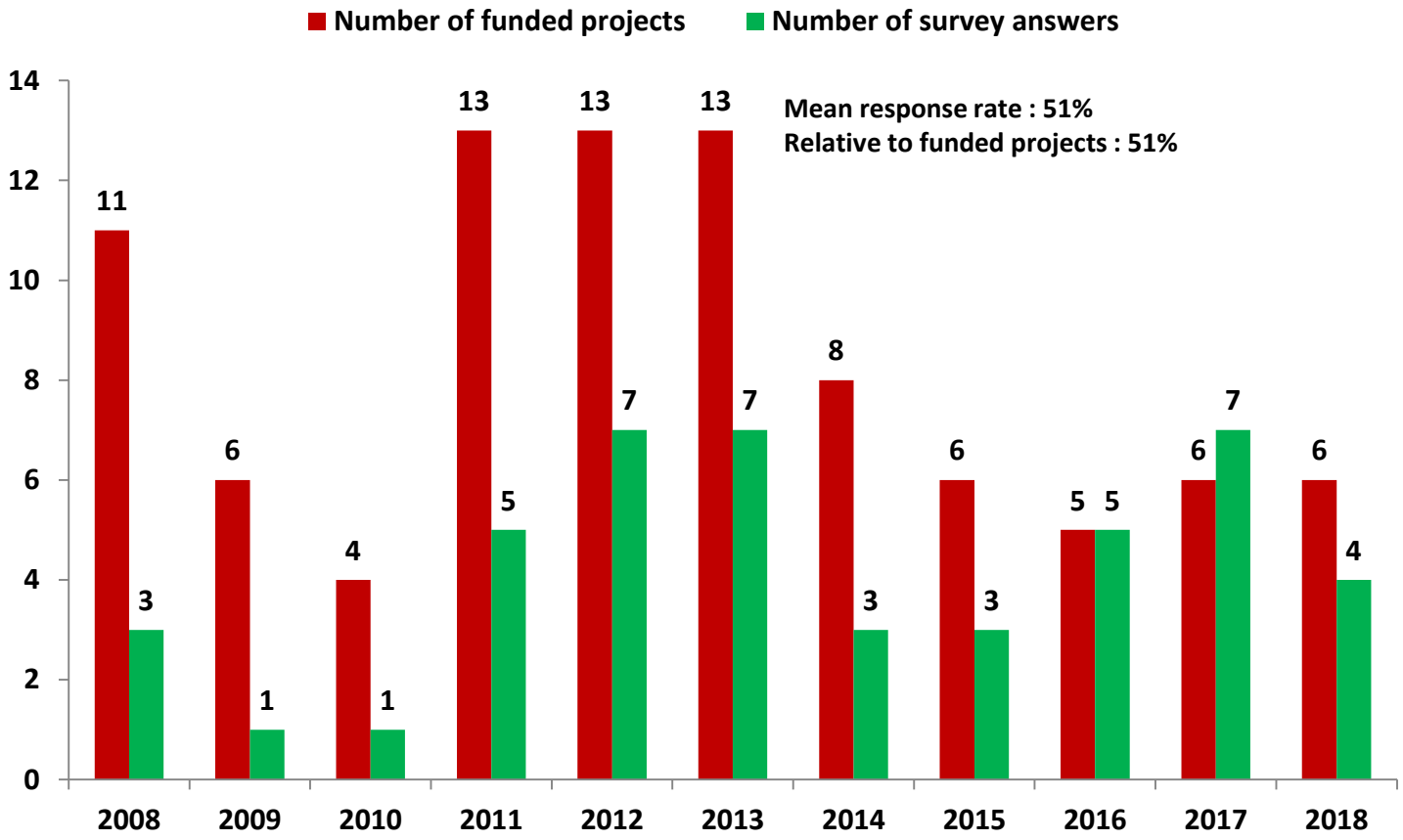
- Fonds France-Stanford statistics
- Number of projects received/funded per year, in total and per categories

Survey (2008-2018)

- Target : **French** Principal Investigators of the 91 funded projects between 2008 and 2018
- Survey duration : from February 11 to May 16, 2020
- ***51%*** *response rate (*46 respondents for 91 queries*)*

SURVEY RESPONSES

Average response rate to the survey : 51 % (46 answers)



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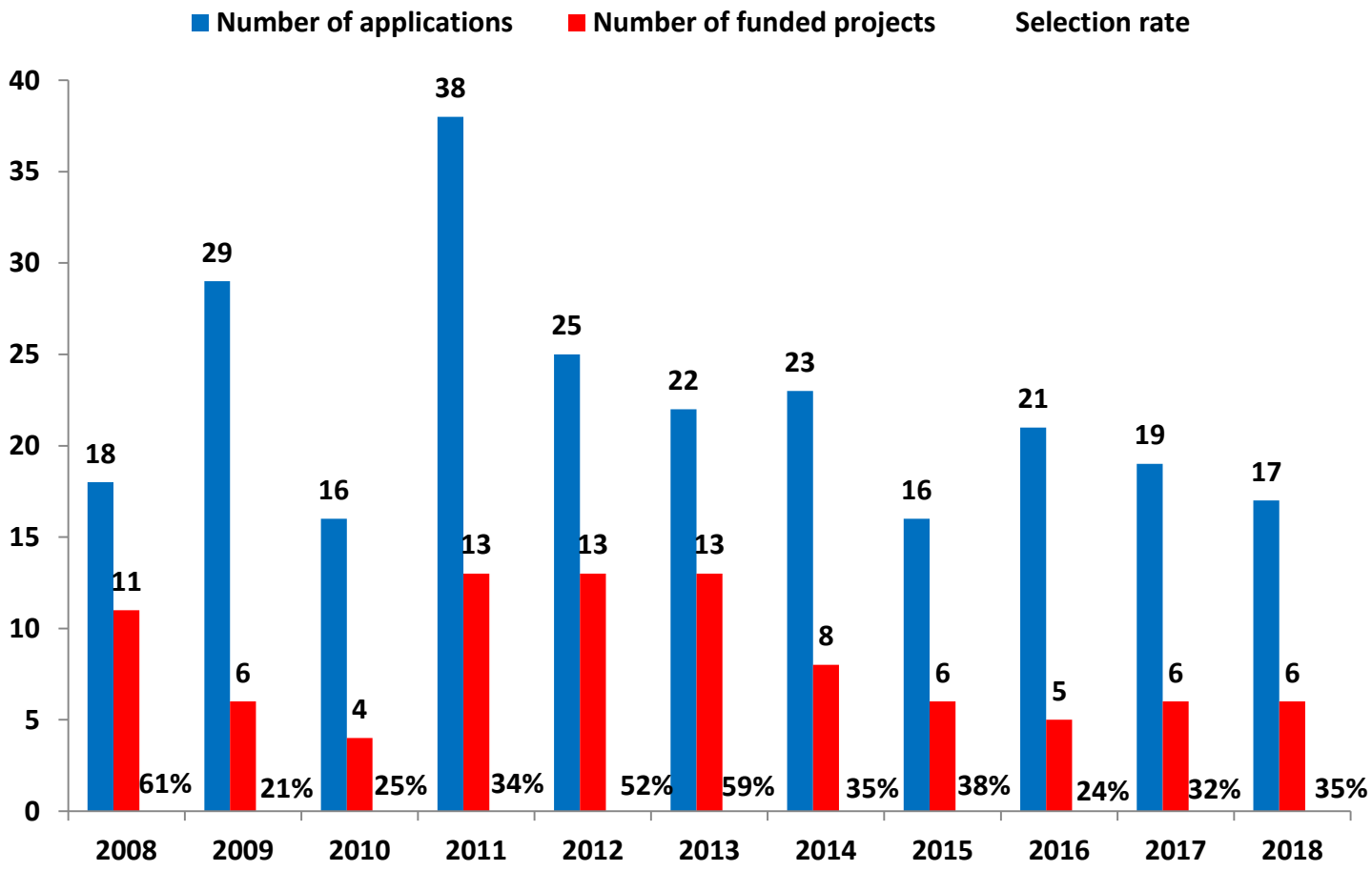
2008-2018
Key Points

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION RATE

Average selection rate from 2008-2018: 37%



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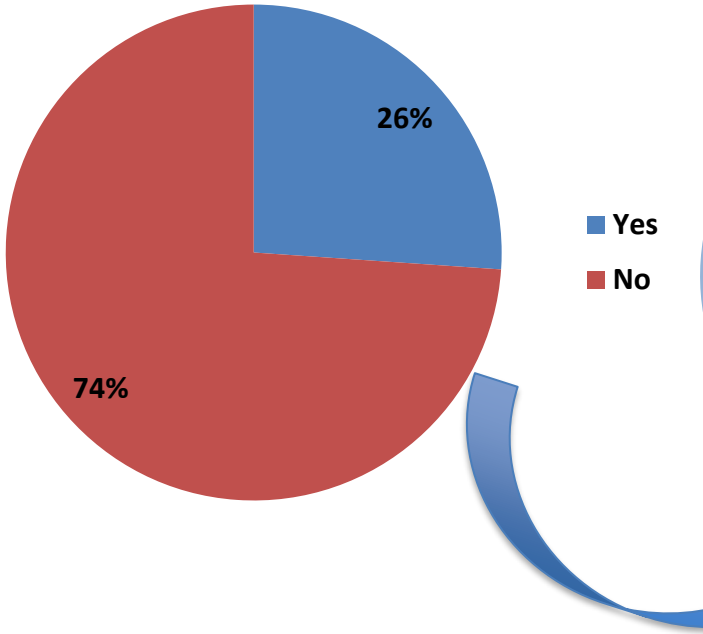
BEFORE JOINING THE FRANCE STANFORD PROJECT (1/2)

Did you already cooperate with USA in the past ?



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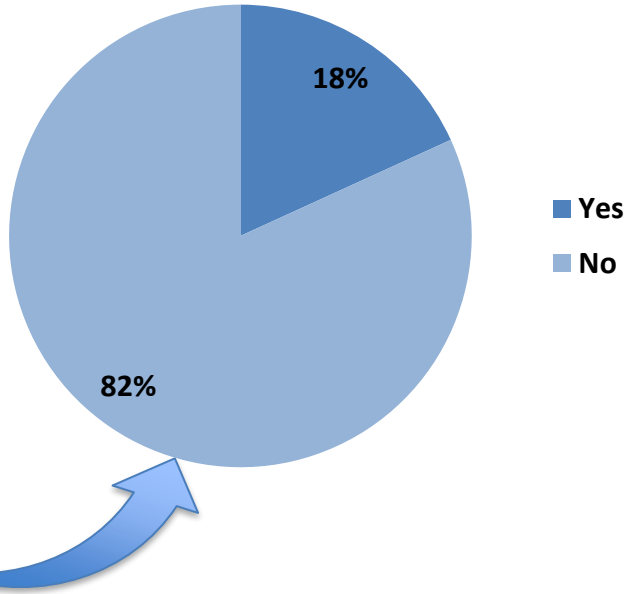
If yes, was it with the same partner?



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BEFORE JOINING THE FRANCE STANFORD PROJECT (2/2)

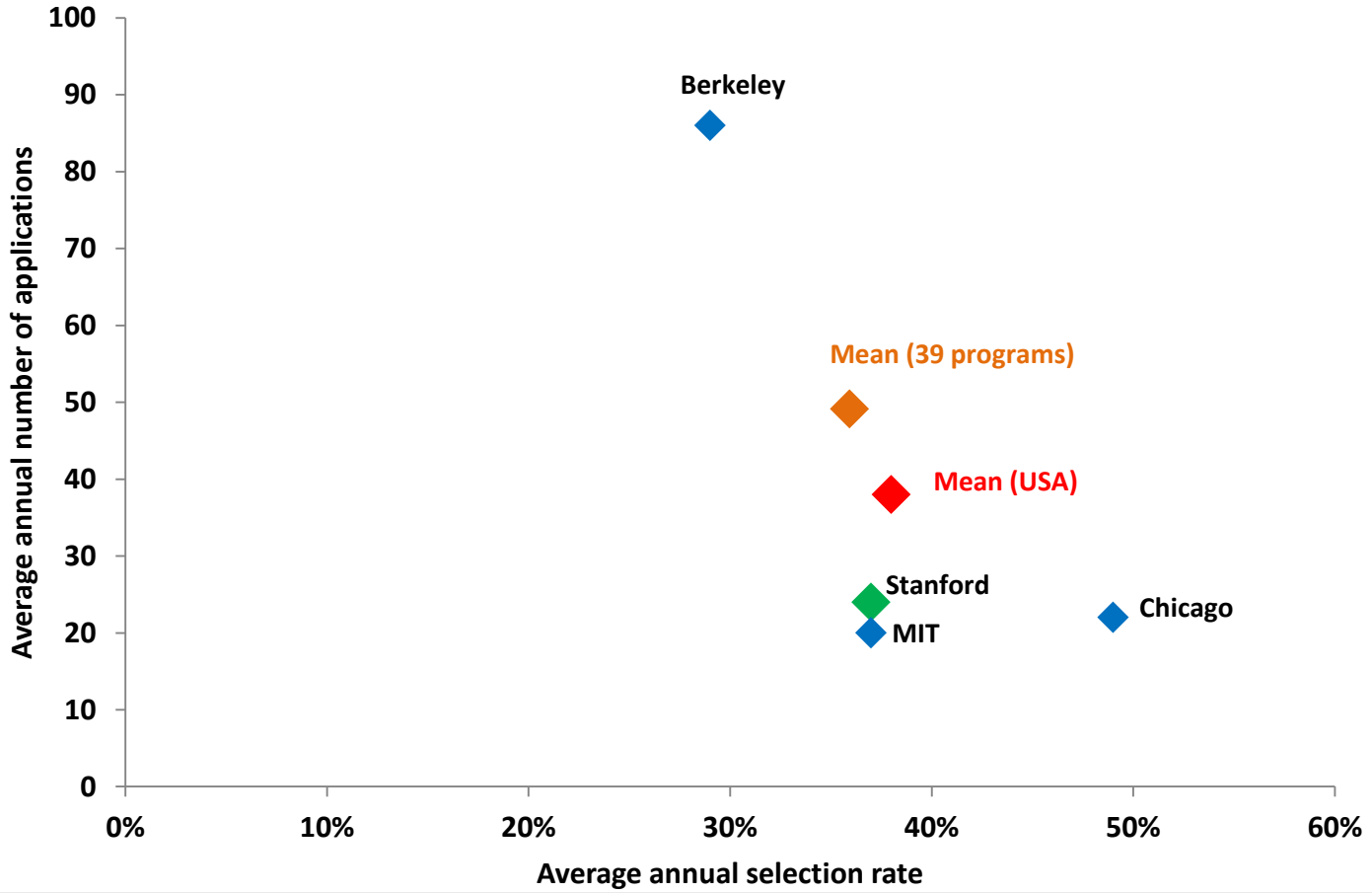
With which of scientific collaboration program ?	
Fulbright	23%
NSF	23%
France - Berkeley Funds	15%
France – Chicago Funds (FACCTS)	8%
France - MIT	8%
Other	23%

Others : PUF, NIH, BAEF (Belgian American fund)

Data from 12 responses

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS VS SELECTION RATE

(COMPARISON BETWEEN 39 DIFFERENT BILATERAL PROGRAMS)



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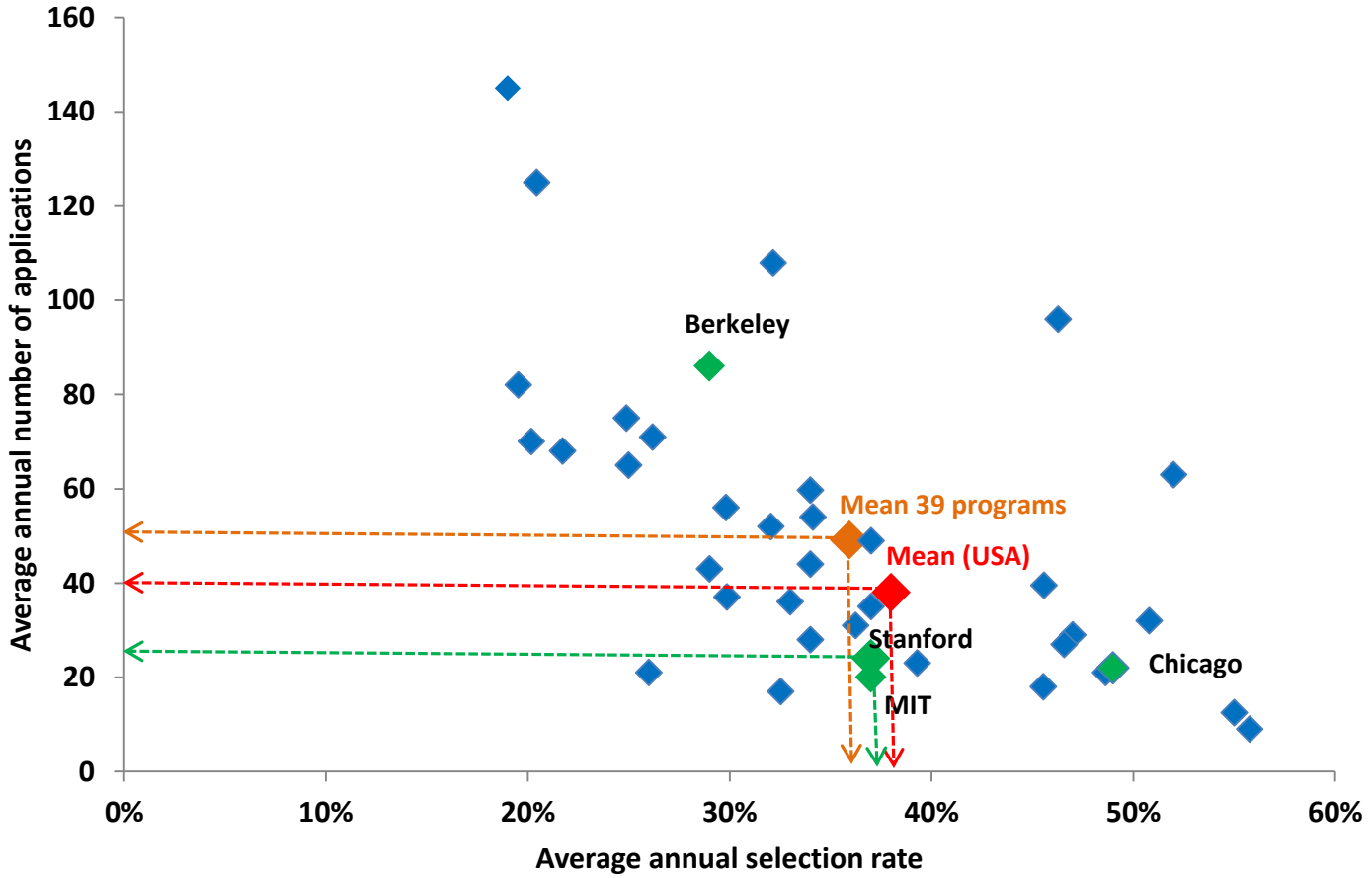

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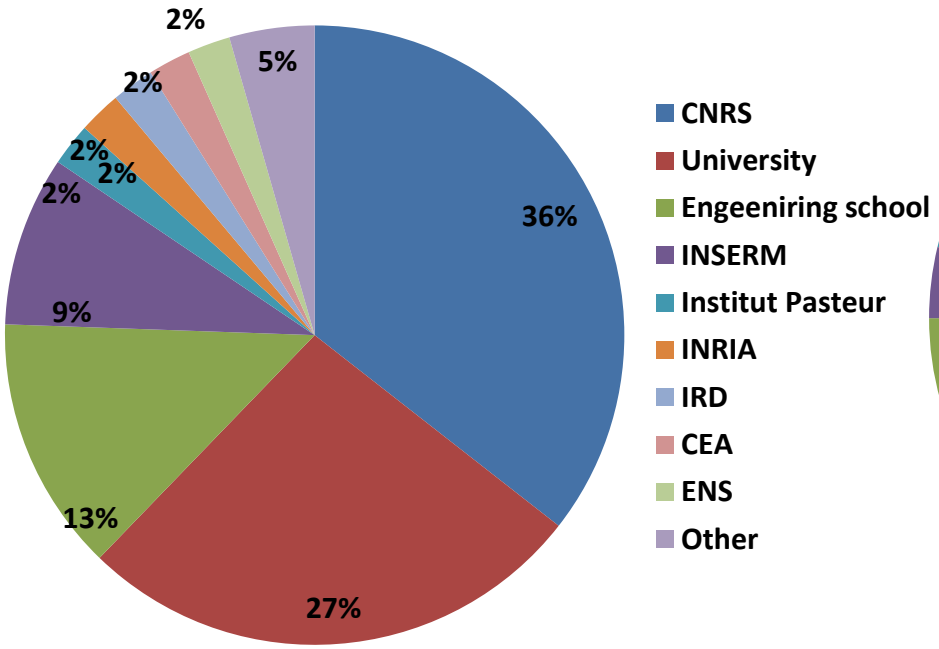
FRENCH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

PI's employers



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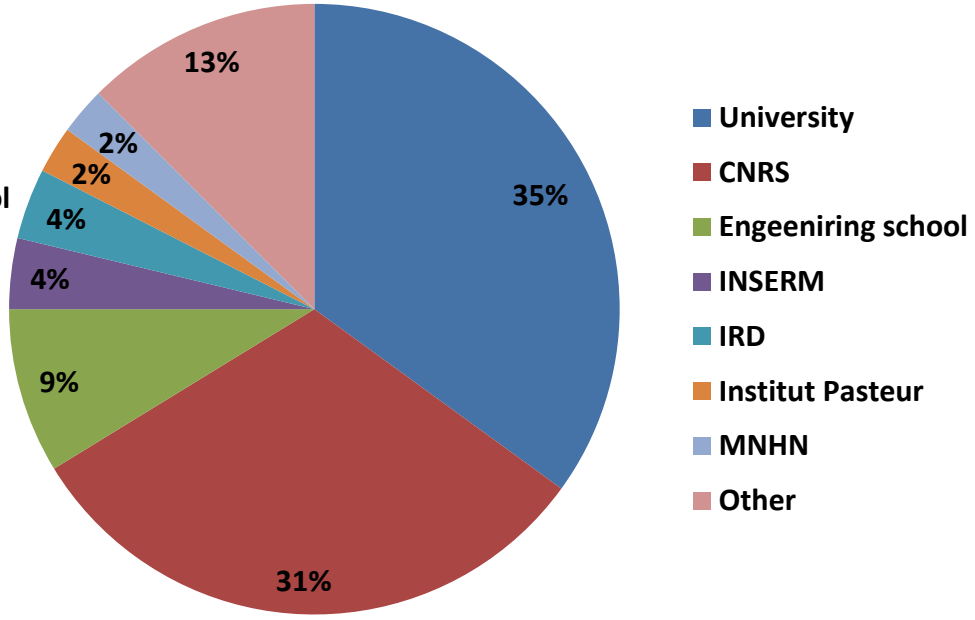

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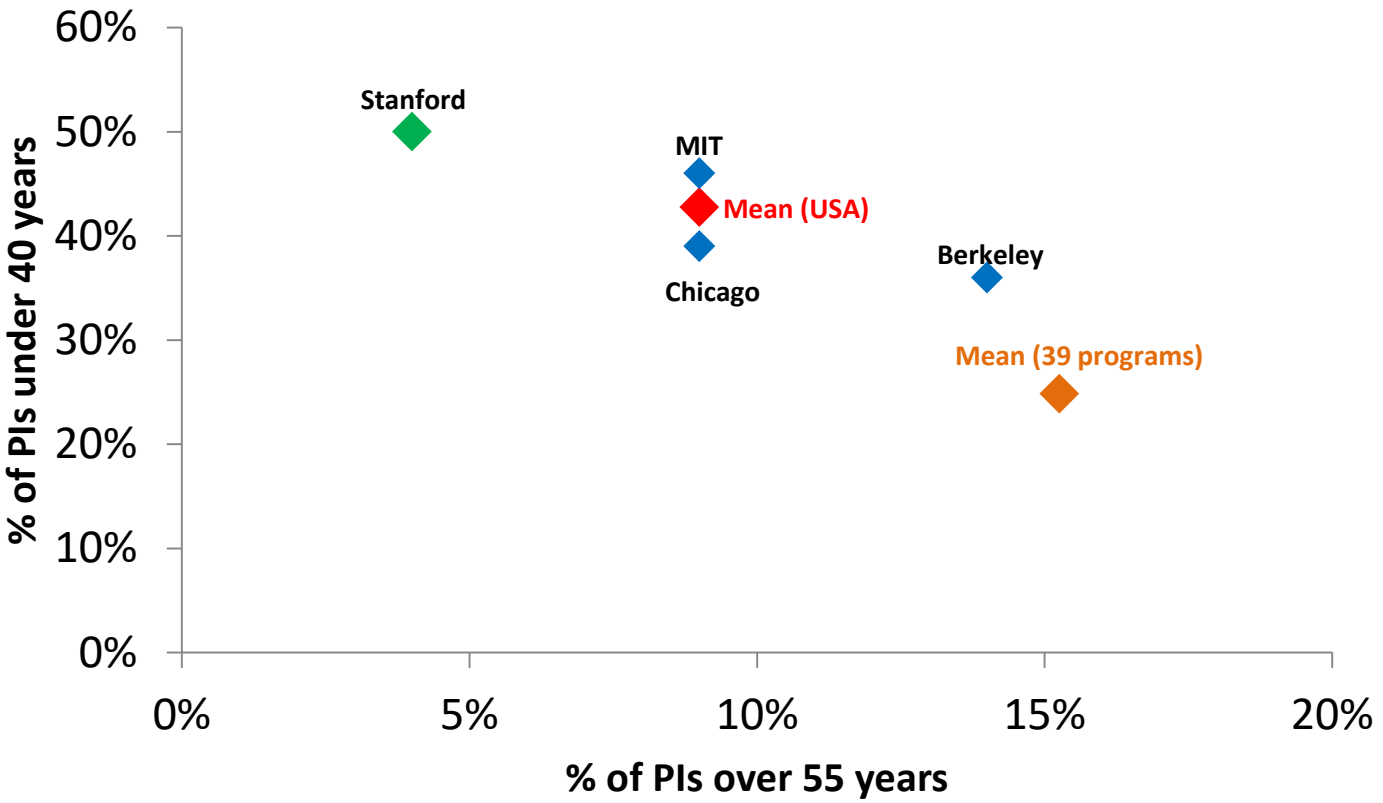

PIs under 40 years old : 50% vs 43% mean USA and 25% general mean
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46% of the PIs are between 40 and 55 years old

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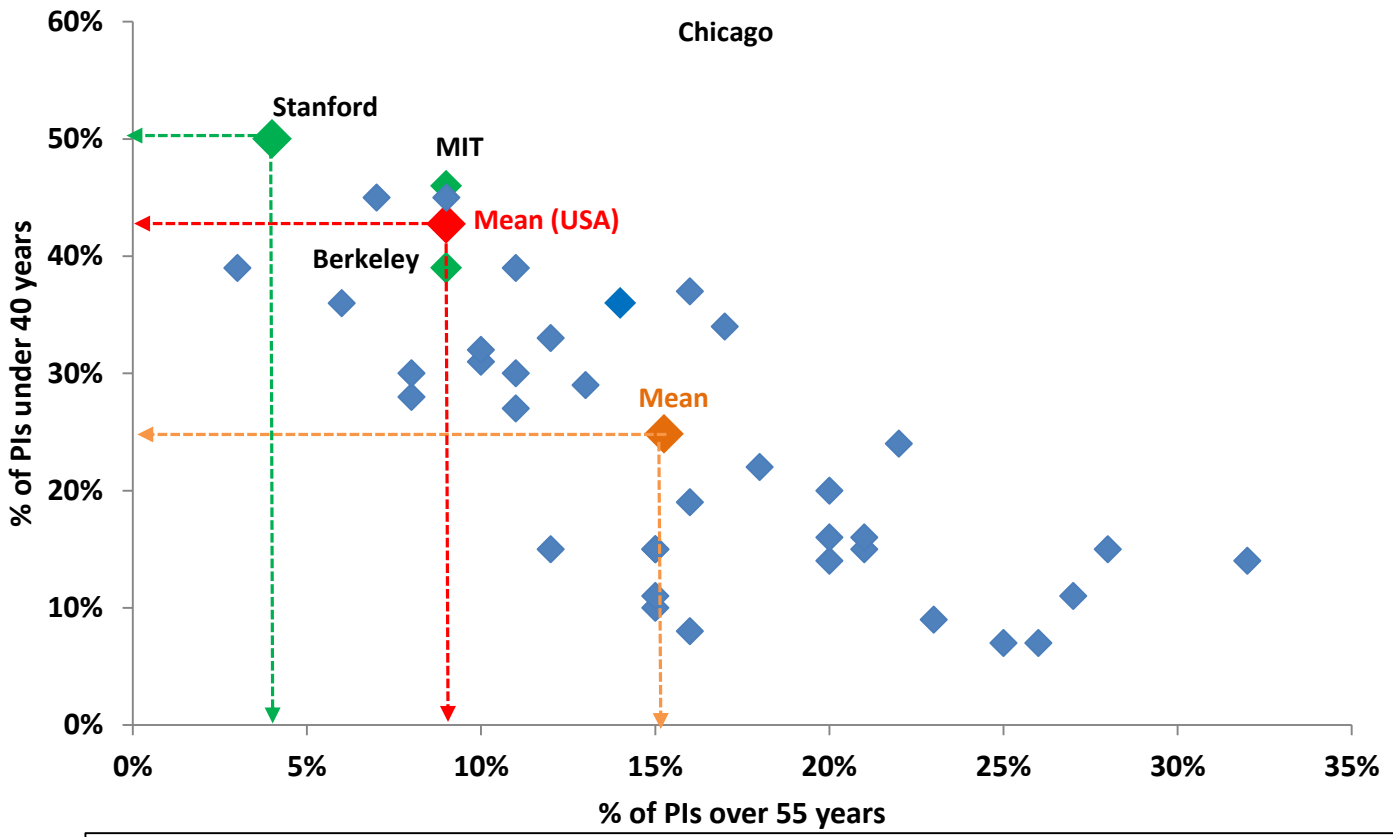

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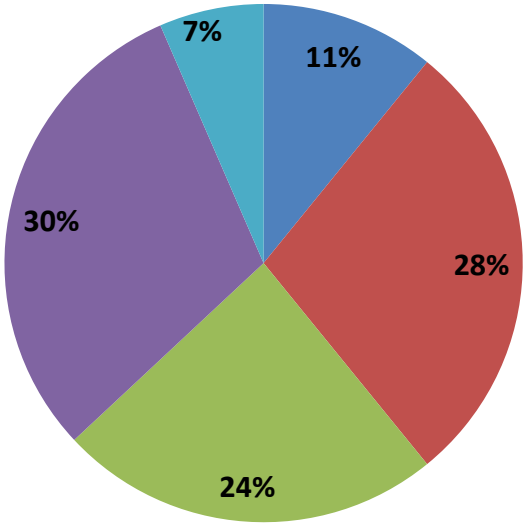
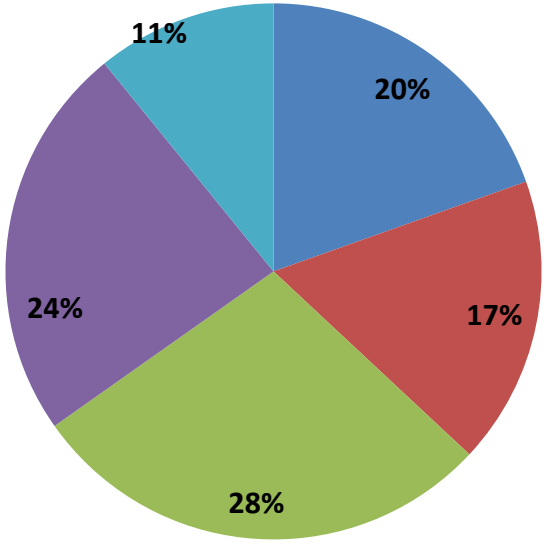
PROFESSIONAL FUNCTION OF FRENCH PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

Previous professional status (at the beginning of the project)



Current professional status



Full professor
Assistant professor
Senior researcher
Junior researcher
Other

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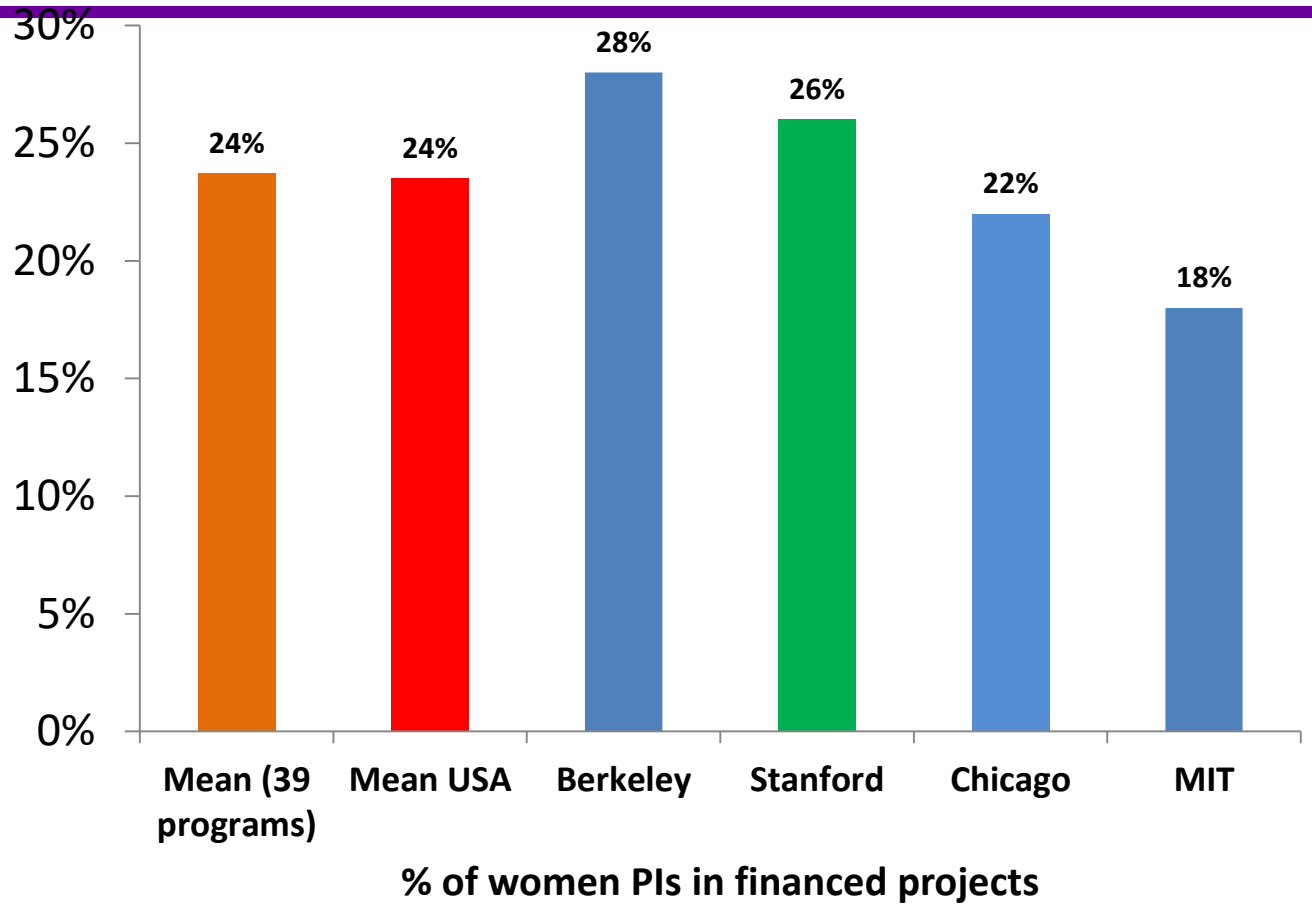
IMPLICATION OF WOMEN (FRANCE)

(COMPARISON BETWEEN 39 DIFFERENT BILATERAL PROGRAMS)

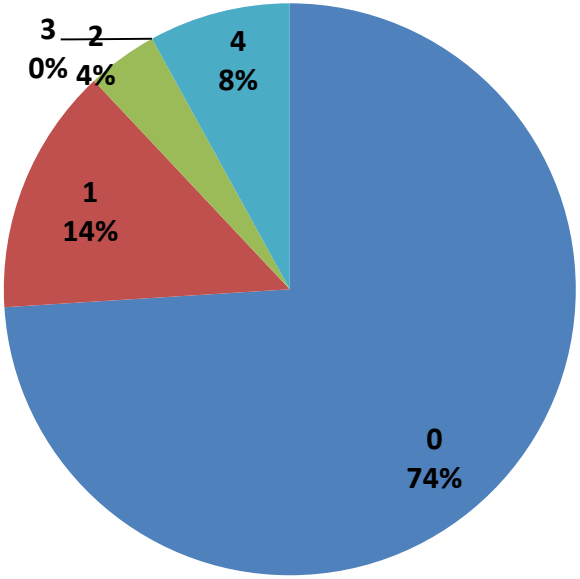


% of women PIs in the applications : NOT AVAILABLE

% of women PIs in the selected projects : 28% vs 24% mean USA and general mean

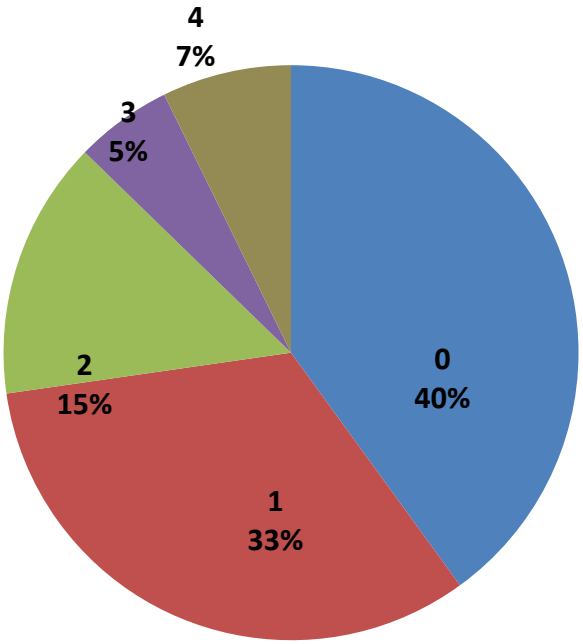
PARTICIPATION OF FRENCH YOUNG RESEARCHERS

Number of Masters



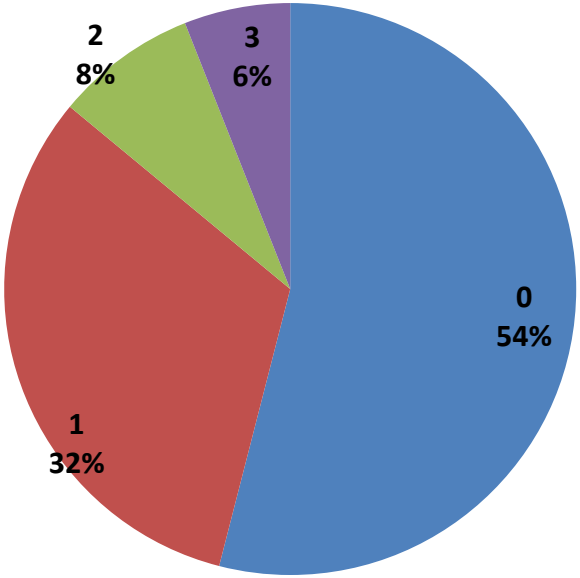
20% of projects involve at least one Master student

Number of PhDs



52% of projects involve at least one PhD student

Number of post-doctoral researchers



41% of projects involve at least one post-doctoral researcher

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IMPLICATION OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS
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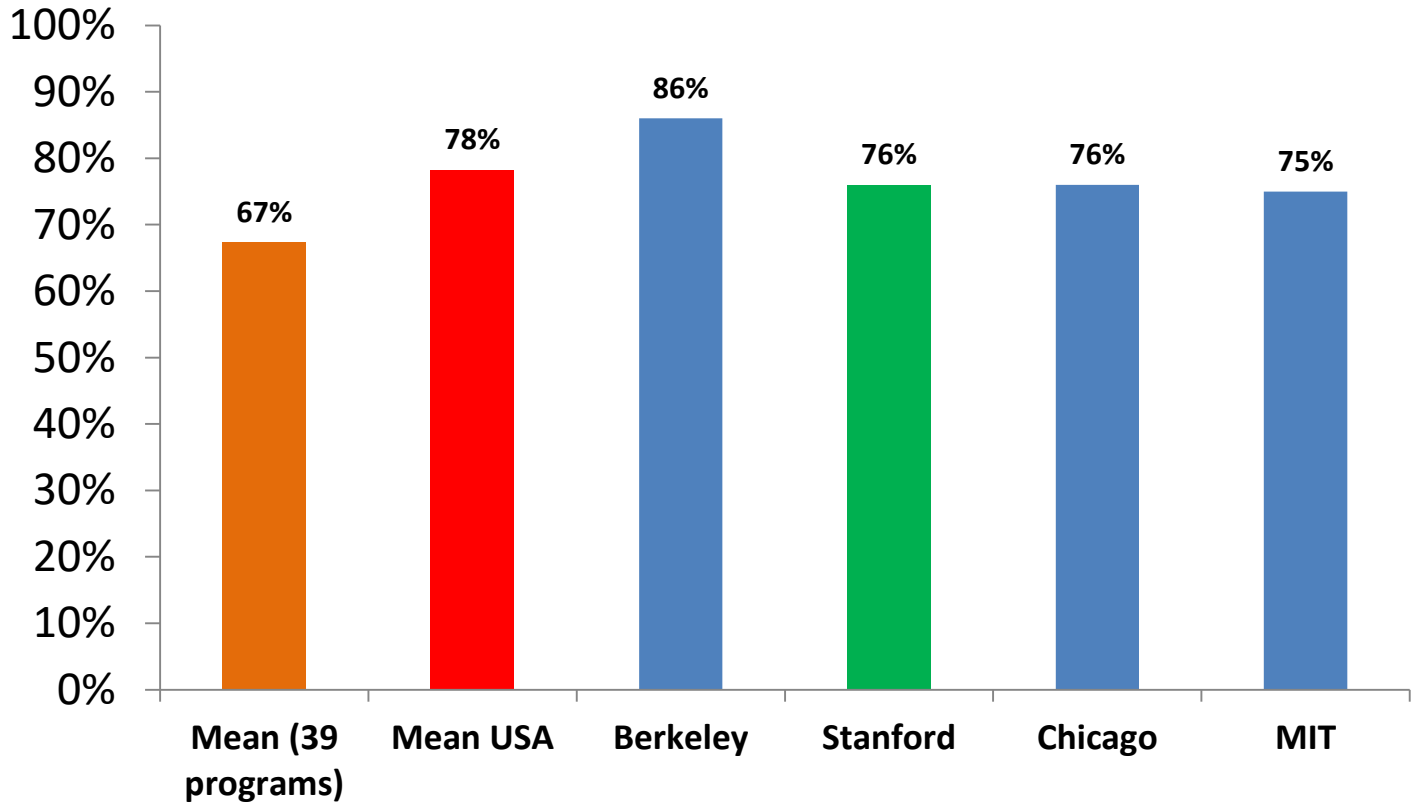

% of projects implying PhDs and postdocs

% of projects implying young researchers : 76% vs 78% mean USA and 67% general mean
% of PhD or postdoc implicated in the copublications : NOT AVAILABLE

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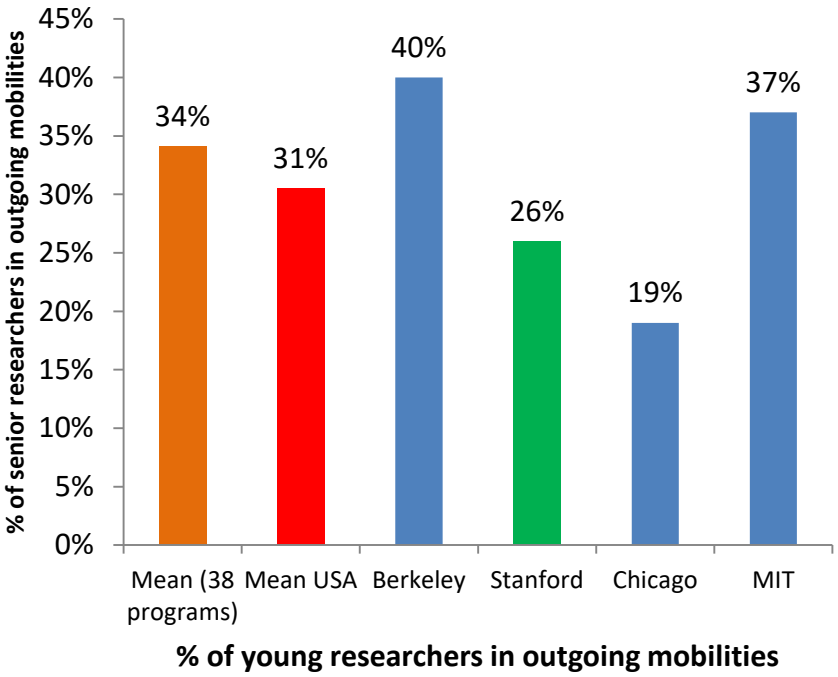
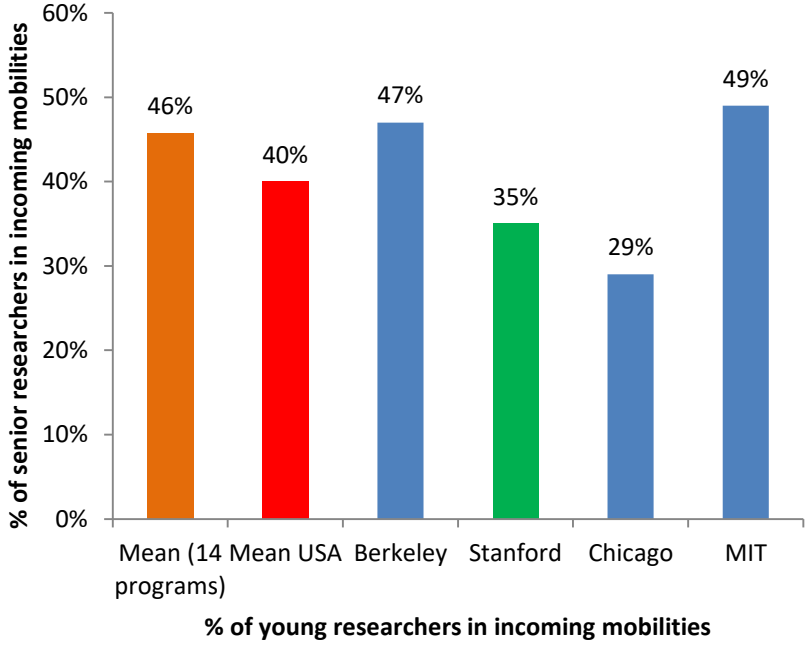
MOBILITY

YOUNG RESEARCHERS MOBILITY 2017-2019

France → USA
Comparison between 38 bilateral programs



USA → France
Comparison between 14 bilateral programs



% of french young researchers in outgoing mobilities : 26% vs 31% mean USA and 34% general mean
% of american young researchers in incoming mobilities : 35% vs 40% mean USA and 46% general mean

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Data received from 46 funded projects including mobilities

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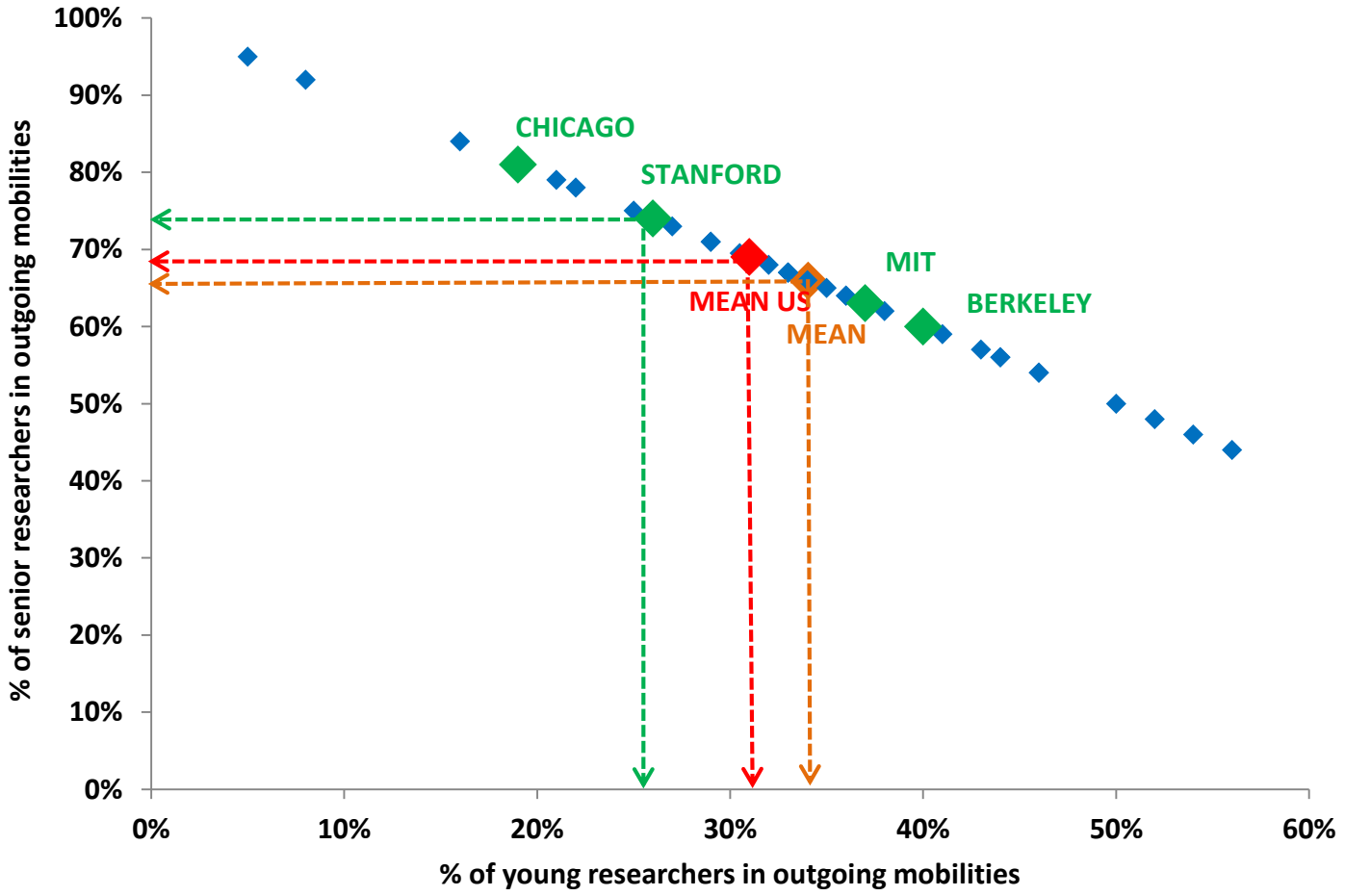

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AMERICAN YOUNG RESEARCHERS MOBILITY 2017-2019

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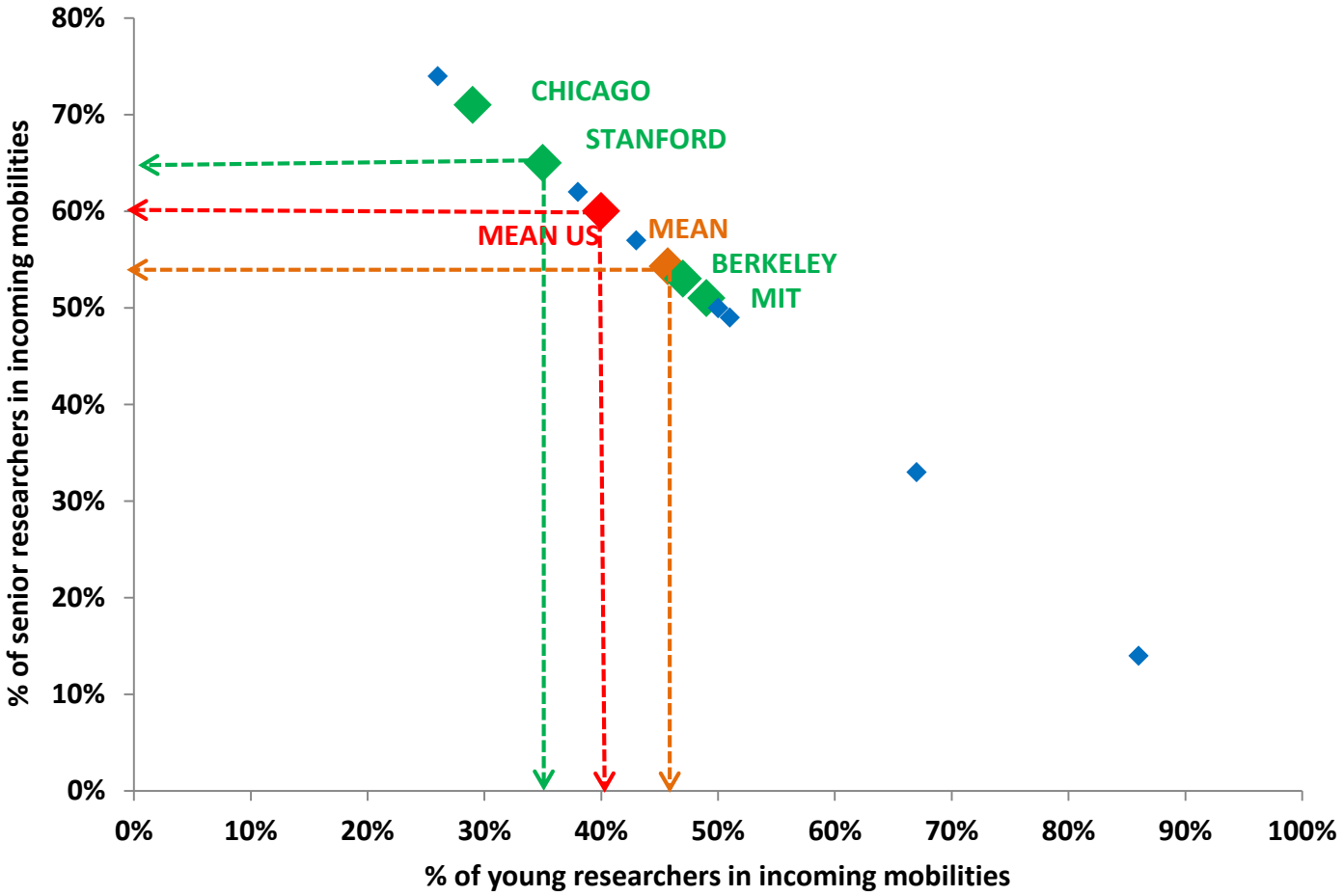

% of american young researchers in incoming mobilities : 35% vs 40% mean USA and 46% general mean

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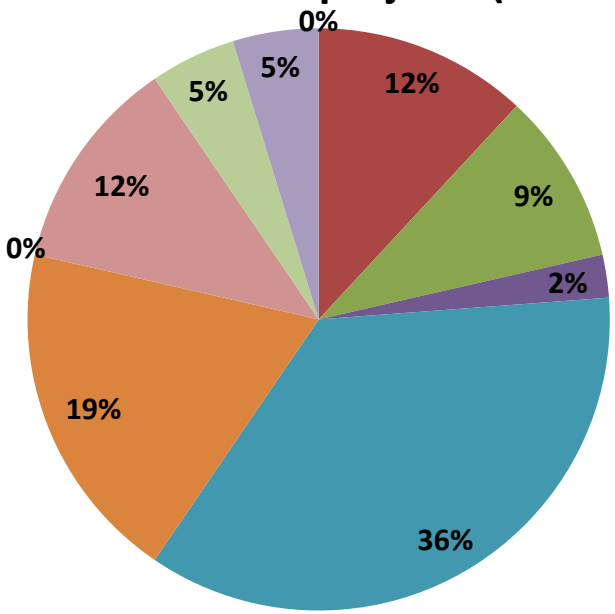
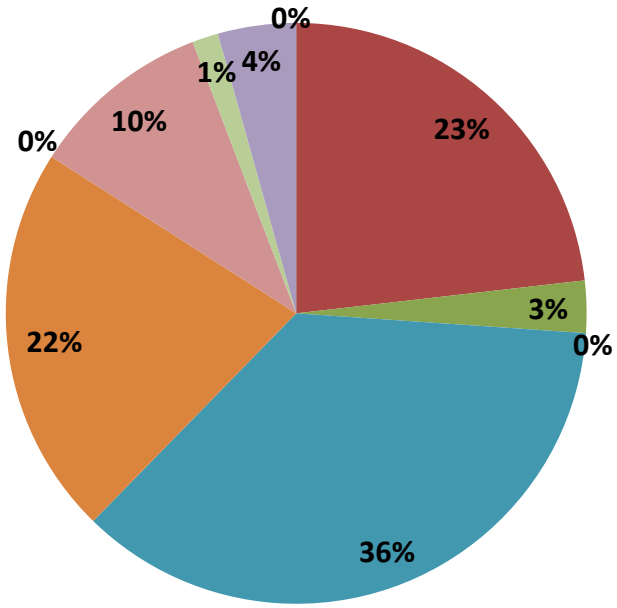
SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION (2008-2017)

SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT (1/2)

Number of funded projects (survey): 46



Percentage of co-publications



- Mathematics
- Physics
- Marine/Earth/Planet Sciences
- Chemistry
- Biology and Health
- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Engineering Sciences
- Information Technology
- Agronomy/Ecology

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SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT (2/2)

Data from 42 funded projects

	Number of financed projects in the survey	Average number of co-publications per project
Mathematics	0	-
Physics	5	3,2
Marine/Earth/Planet Sciences	4	0,5
Chemistry	1	0,0
Biology and Health	15	1,7
Humanities	8	1,9
Social Sciences	0	-
Engineering Sciences	5	1,4
Information Technology	2	0,5
Agronomy / Ecology	2	1,5
TOTAL	**42**	**1,3**

Overall average annual number of co-publication per project : 1,30 vs 0,90 general mean

56% of funded projects led to one co-publication at least

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER JOINING THE FRANCE-STANFORD PROGRAM?

CONTINUATION OF THE COLLABORATION (1/6)
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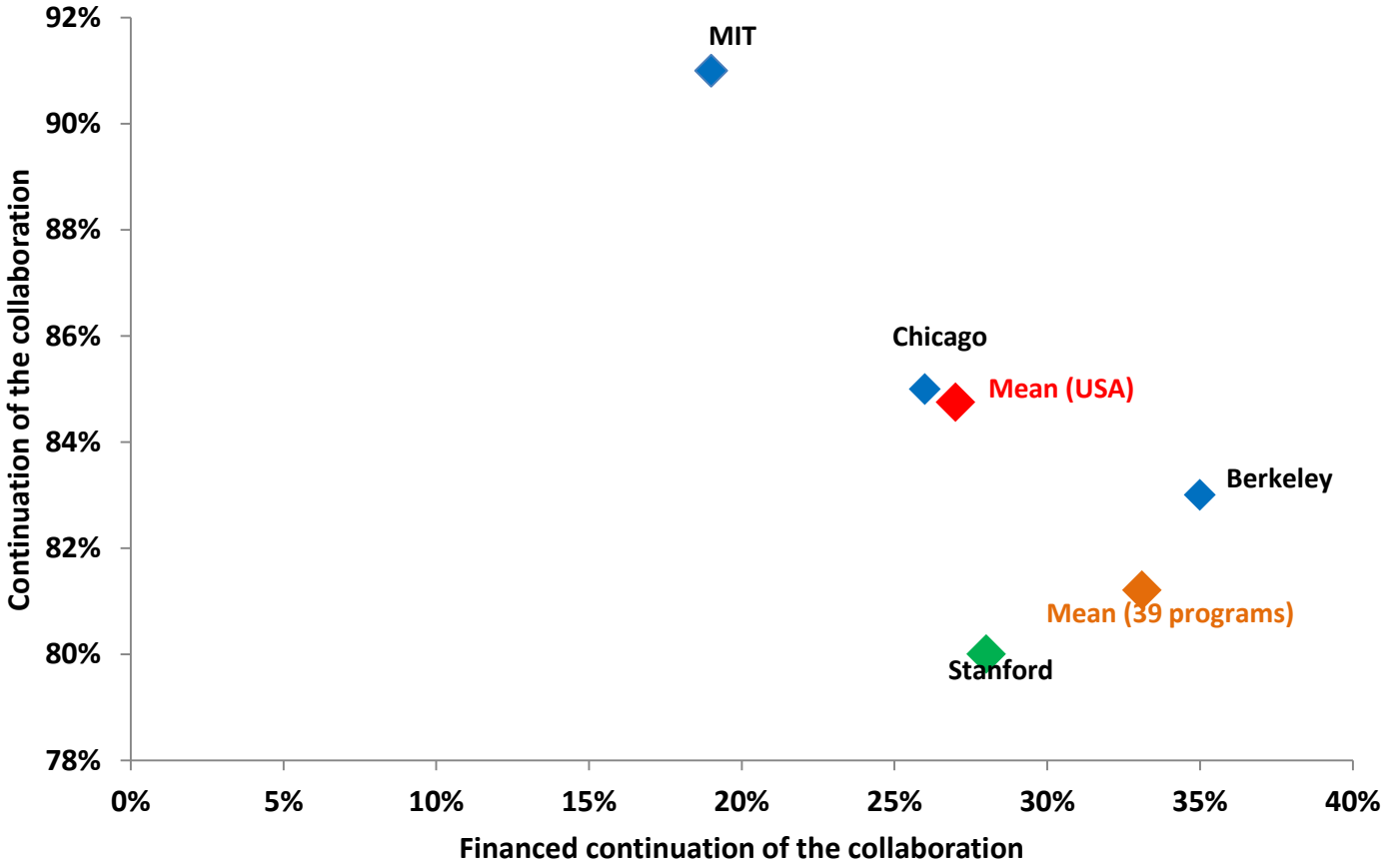

Continuation of the collaboration : 80% vs 85% mean USA and 81% general mean

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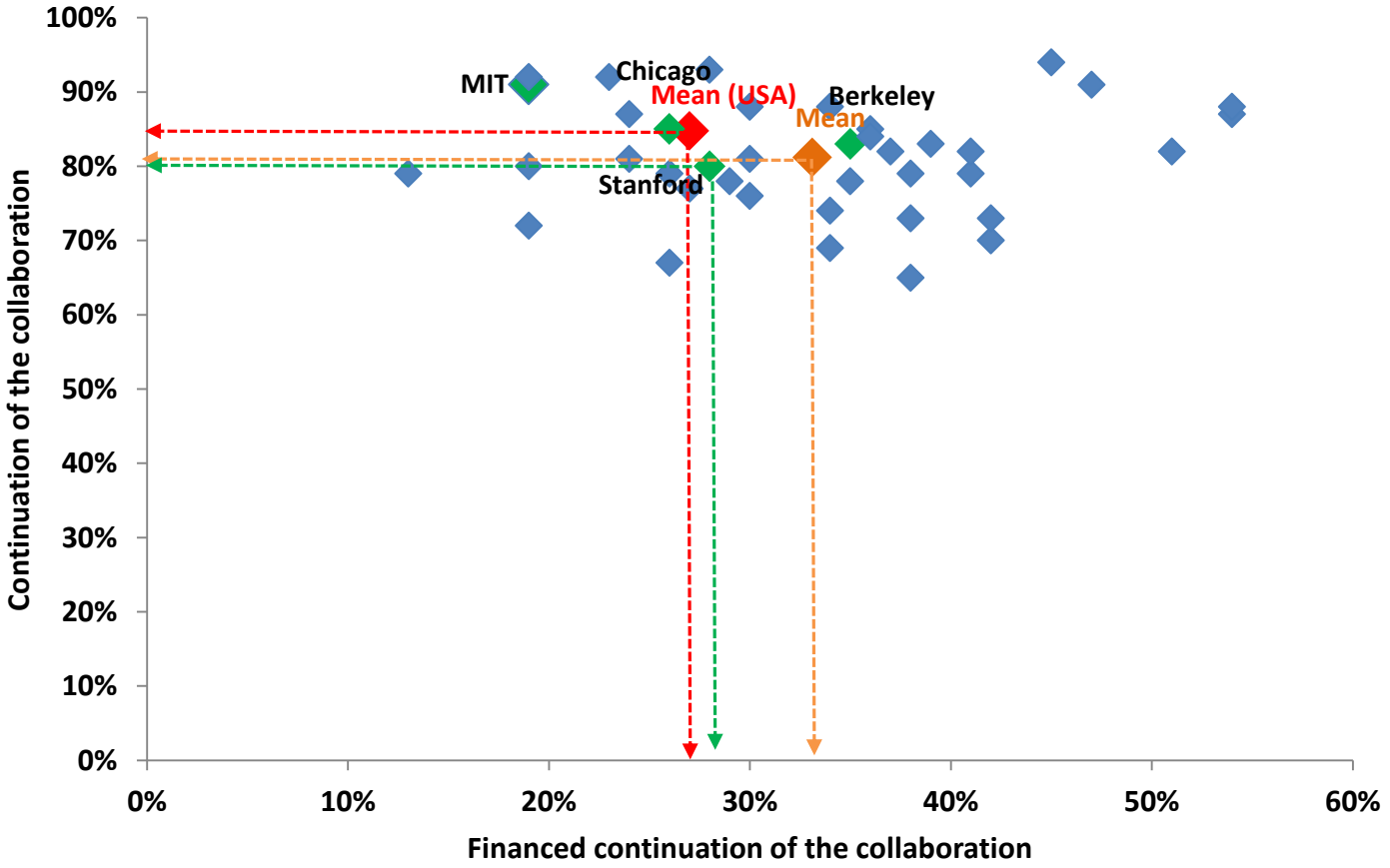

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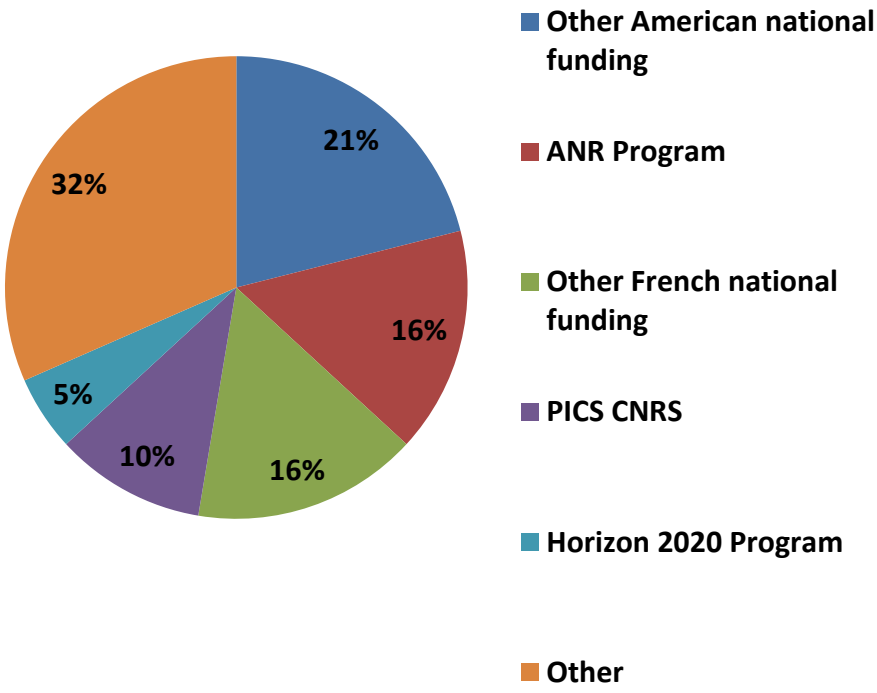
CONTINUATION OF THE COLLABORATION (3/6)

80% of the collaborations continued after the France-Stanford project

Which activities?	
Collaborative research	78%
Co-publications	43%
Mobility of researchers	38%
Joint participation in symposia or conferences	32%
Co-organisation of scientific events	30%
Mobility of PhD students	22%
Mobility of Master's students	3%
Co-directed PhDs	3%
Other	3%

CONTINUATION OF THE COLLABORATION (4/6)

What kind of funded collaborations after the France-Stanford project ?



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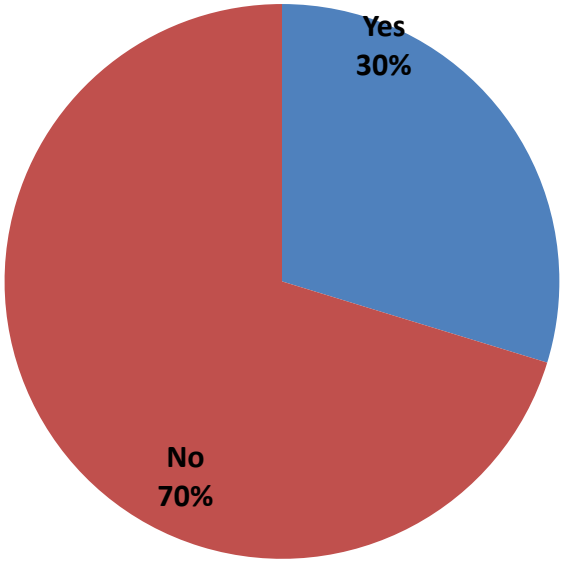
Data from 10 responses for a total of 19 different fundings

CONTINUATION OF THE COLLABORATION (6/6)

Has the French-US collaboration involved new partners?



For a total of 12 new partners from 5 different countries

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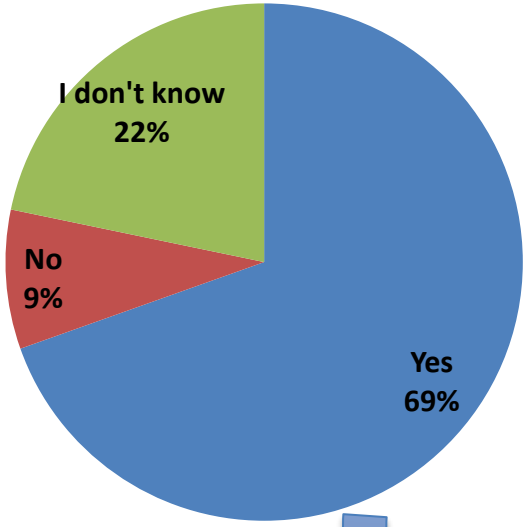
Data from 37 responses

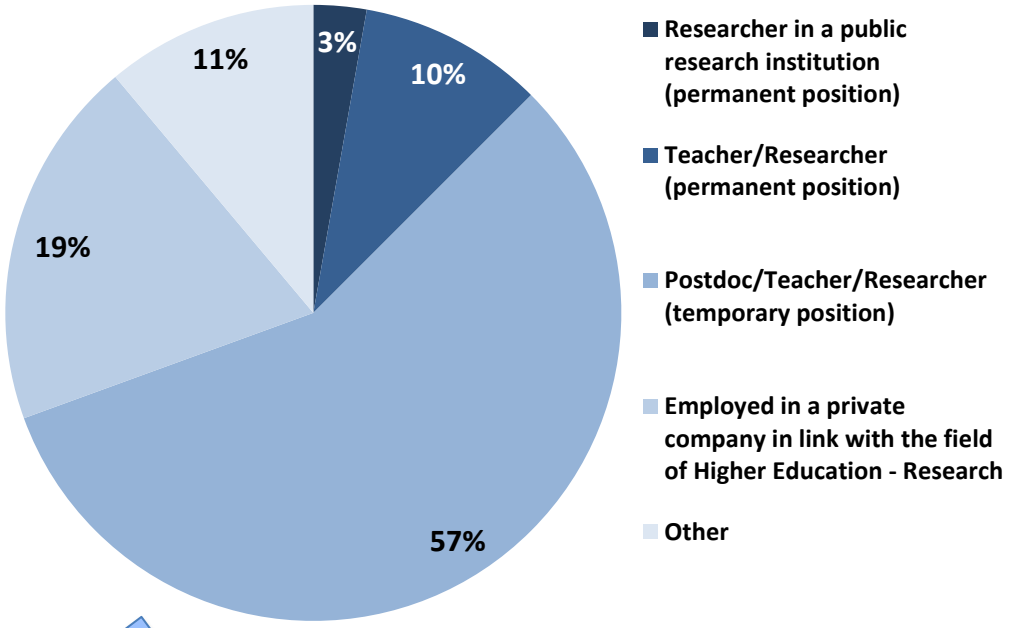
IMPACT ON YOUNG RESEARCHERS' CAREER (1/2)

Was young researchers' career impacted by the France-Stanford program ?



Data from 33 responses

Type of impacts



Data from 32 positive responses for a total of 72 young researchers

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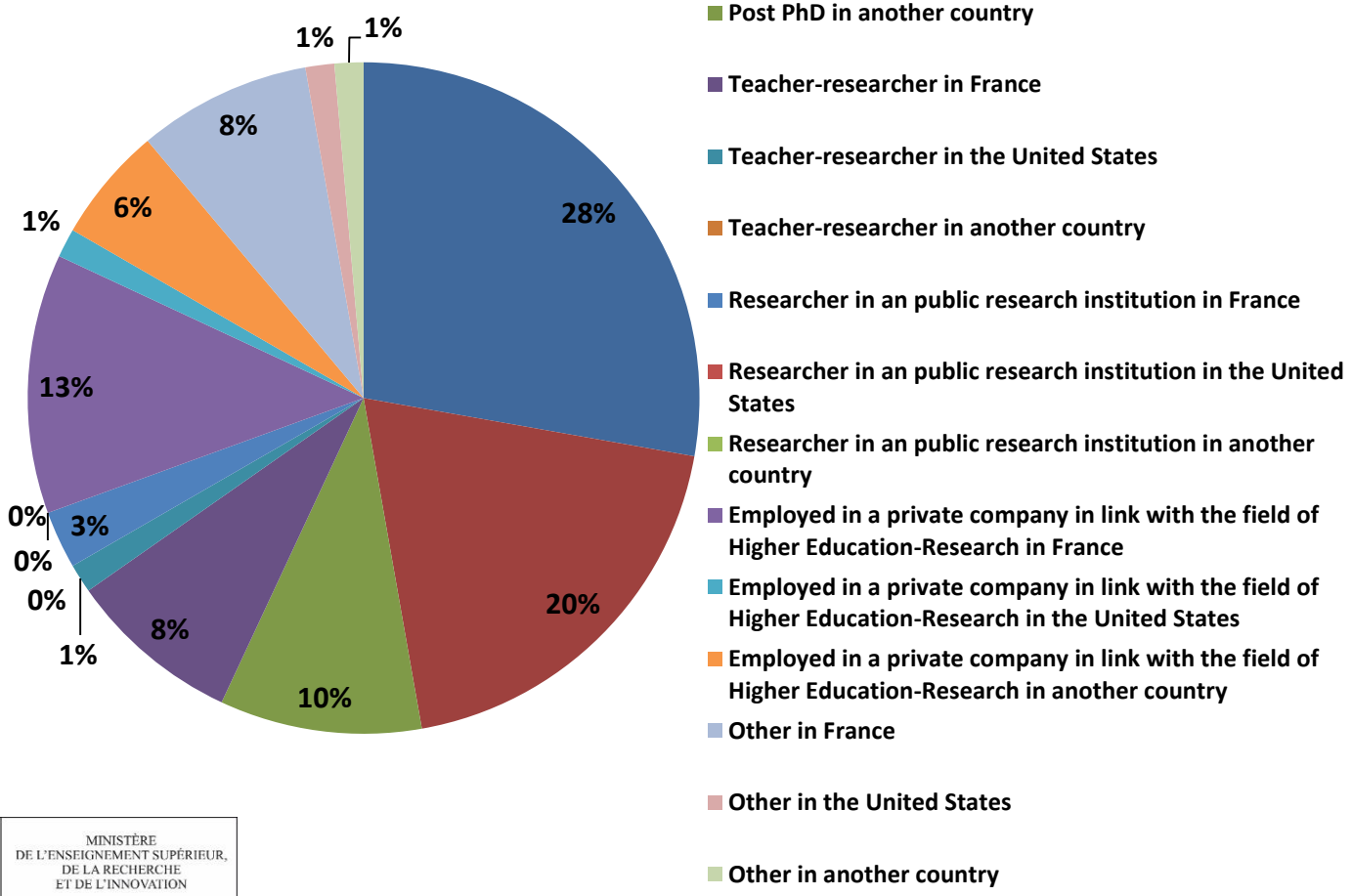
IMPACT ON YOUNG RESEARCHERS' CAREER (2/2)

Detailed types of impacts



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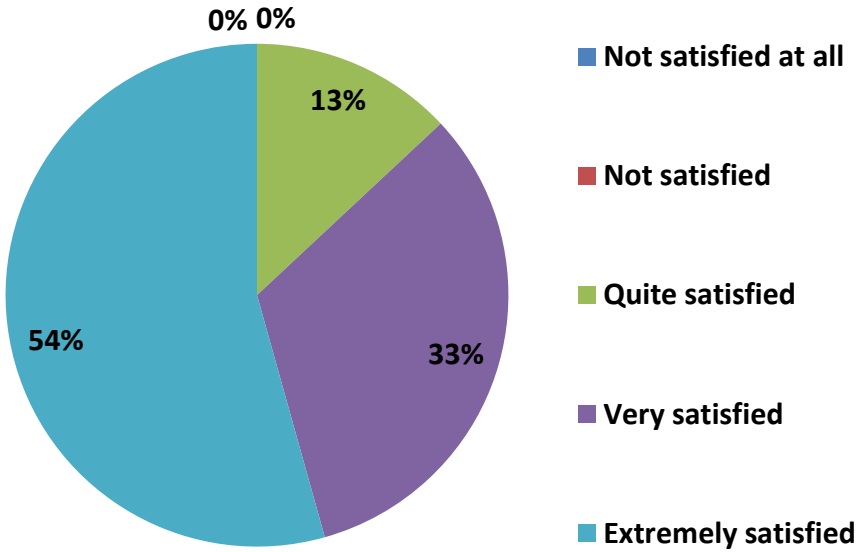
GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAM

100% of French principal investigators are satisfied



Data from 46 responses

GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAM (2/3) POSITIVE COMMENTS

SURVEY OF 46 FUNDED PROJECTS

Strengths of this program	Number of occurencies (out of 211)	% (out of 46)
Simplicity of the project application process	40	78%
Fostering an international research collaboration	31	67%
Fostering researchers' mobility	28	61%
Easy implementation (administrative flexibility)	27	59%
Fostering the training of the young researchers	23	50%
Fostering exchanges enabling scientific production	17	37%
Sufficient financial means for the mobility costs	10	22%
Good scientific-added value on financial investment	10	22%
Helpful to initiate other fundraising	10	22%
Helping to know the partner country	7	15%
Sufficient amount of mobility time given to collaborate	5	11%
Transparency of the selection process	3	7%
Sufficiently long duration of the projects	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total number of occurencies	*211*	

GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAM (3/3) NEGATIVE COMMENTS

SURVEY OF 46 FUNDED PROJECTS

Weaknesses of this program	Number of occurencies (out of 64)	% (out of 46)
Insufficient financial means to cover a project	23	51%
Too short duration of the projects	21	46%
Difficult to continue the collaboration	10	22%
Lack of transparency in the selection process	4	9%
Administrative heaviness of the missions management	1	2%
Financial means insufficient for the expenditure of mobility (transport)	0	0%
Financial means insufficient for the expenditure of mobility (per diem)	0	0%
Too short duration of mobilities	0	0%
Too low number of mobilities	0	0%
Insufficient communication on the evaluation's results	0	0%
Heaviness of the process of applications	0	0%
Other	5	11%
Total number of occurencies	*64*	

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

Preliminary conclusions suggest that the funding scheme has efficiently contributed to create (or to maintain) fruitful and long-term cooperation, despite the relatively low financial support, which is to be considered as "seed money".

France-Stanford program initiates 74% of new collaborations
Good percentage of young PIs in the selected projects (50%)
Correct implication of "young researchers" (Masters, PhDs, Postdoctorates) in the projects (76%)
Average scientific production better than the mean (1,30 vs 0,90)
Good percentage of continuation of the cooperation (80%)

Beware of the decrease in the number of applications
Low implication of PhDs in the projects (52% vs general mean : 67%)
Insufficient implication of young researchers in the mobilities (26% vs 34% general mean for outgoing mobilities and 35% vs 46% general mean for incoming mobilities)
38% of the funded projects producing no co-publications (data from the survey)
Capacity of involving new partners during continuation of the cooperation (only 30% of the projects)

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FRENCH PIS

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Find means to increase the number of applications**
- **Increase the participation of PhD students in the projects**
- **Foster the participation of young researchers to the mobilities**

French national ministries (MESR / MEAE) will provide a complete analysis of the survey. It will be sent to the recipients of the funding and participants in this symposium.

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