

The Asia-Oceania Forum For Synchrotron Radiation Research

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The Australian Synchrotron has been operational since 2007 and is one of the most significant investments in research infrastructure made in the nation's history. Continued funding support for the facility is a sign of the strong performance of the facility over the last decade. In particular, the move of the facility into one of Australia's premier research agencies - the Australian National Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) - has signalled a new era of stability and expanded operations.

Other presentations at this conference will describe recent developments at the Australian Synchrotron, including the BRIGHT program that is building new beamlines. The environment in every country is different when it comes to securing support for major infrastructure whether that support is for operations or for new developments. However, there are some common elements that are likely to be significant no matter what the particular circumstances or the scale of the support that is required. Accordingly, in this talk I will review some of the factors that were important in generating recent funding support for ongoing operations and for new beamlines at the Australian Synchrotron.