

Research Complex

As a center of excellence, SPring-8 forms a research complex for synchrotron radiation science and technology, being composed of JASRI, the RIKEN Harima Institute, and the JAEA Synchrotron Radiation Research Center together with various

universities and institutes, as illustrated in Fig. 10. The two major bodies of the COE are JASRI and the RIKEN Harima Institute, the organization charts of which are shown in Fig. 11 and Fig. 12, respectively.

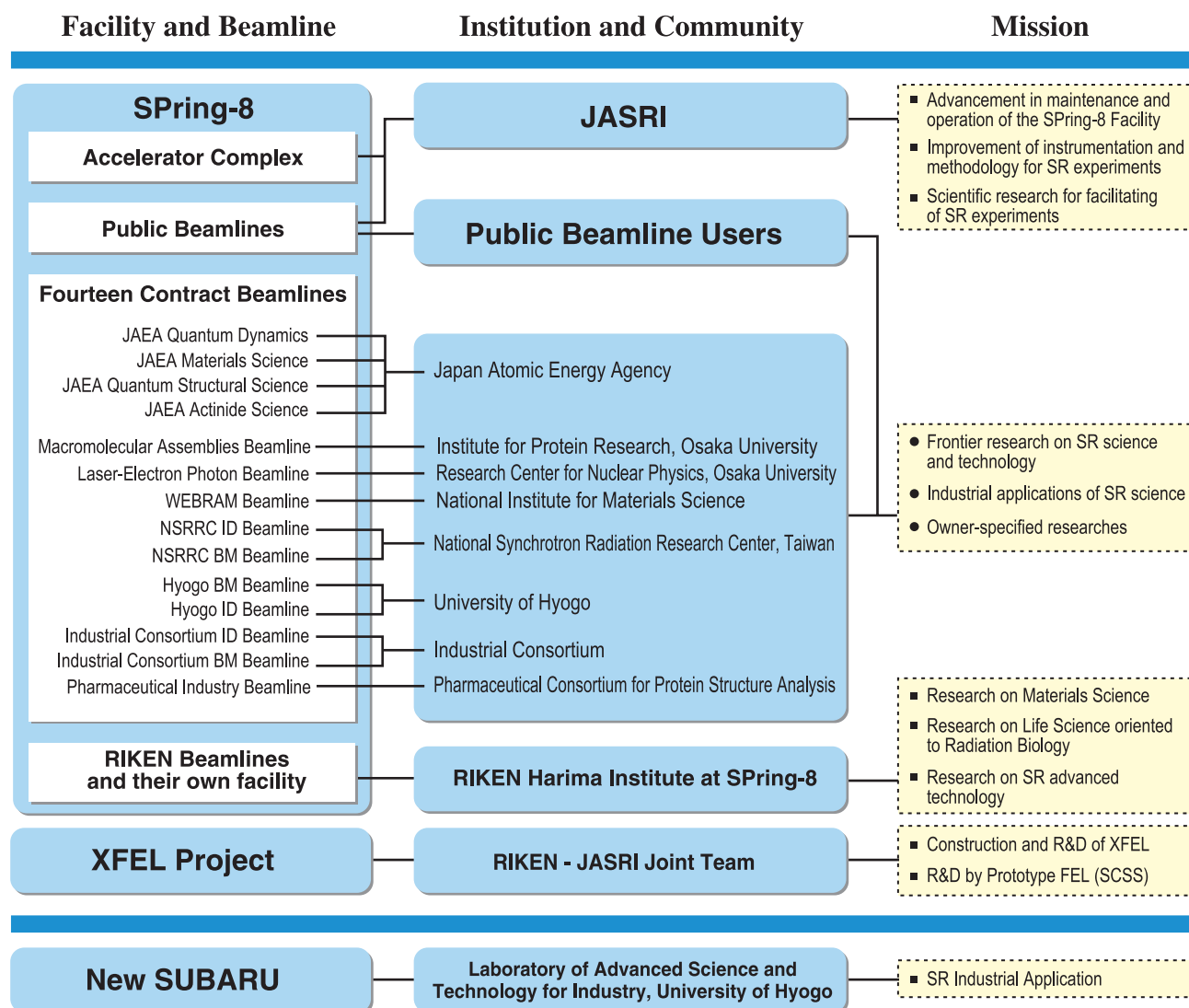


Fig. 10. SPring-8 Research Complex.

Japan Synchrotron Radiation Research Institute (JASRI)

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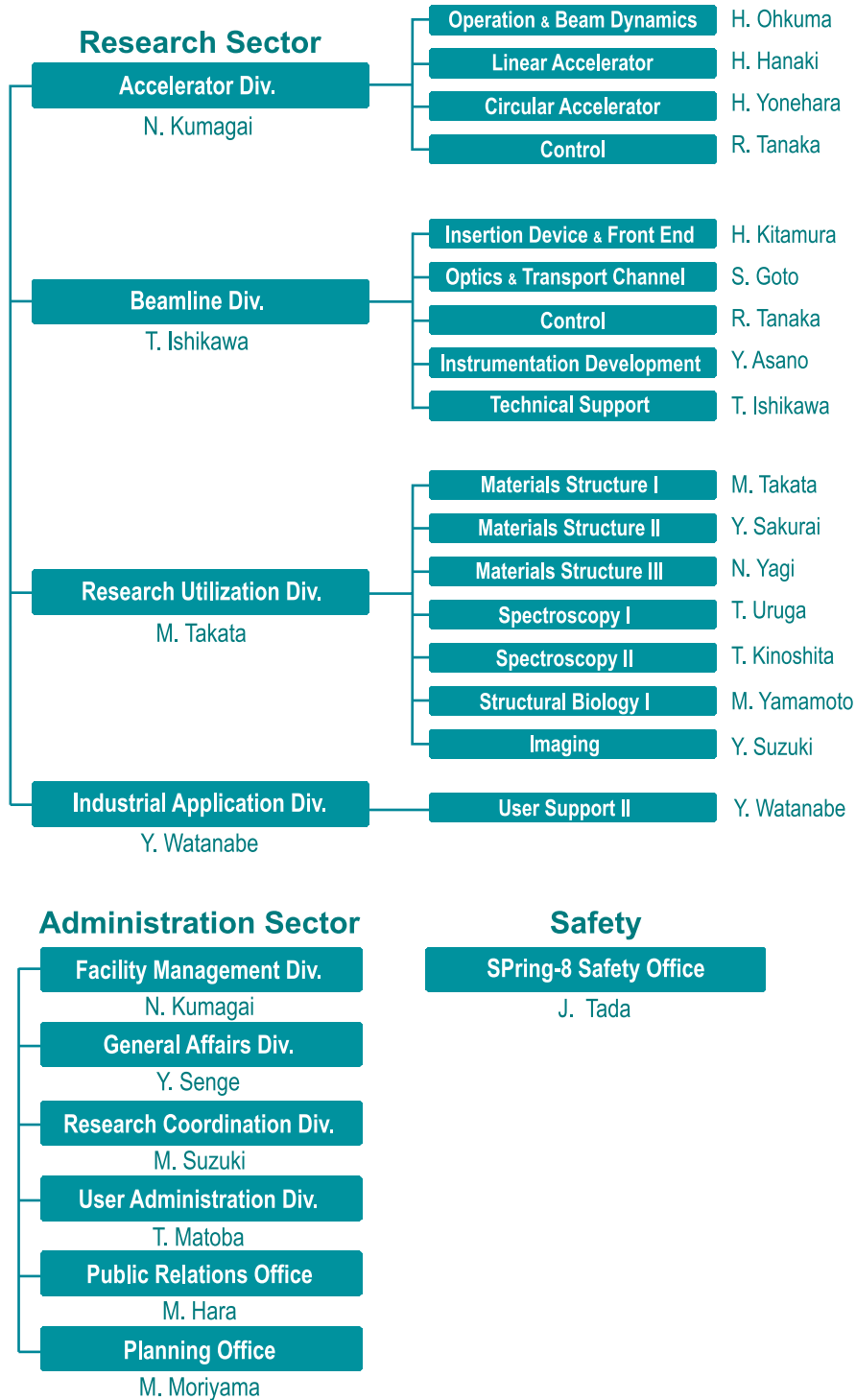


Figure 11

RIKEN RIKEN Harima Institute

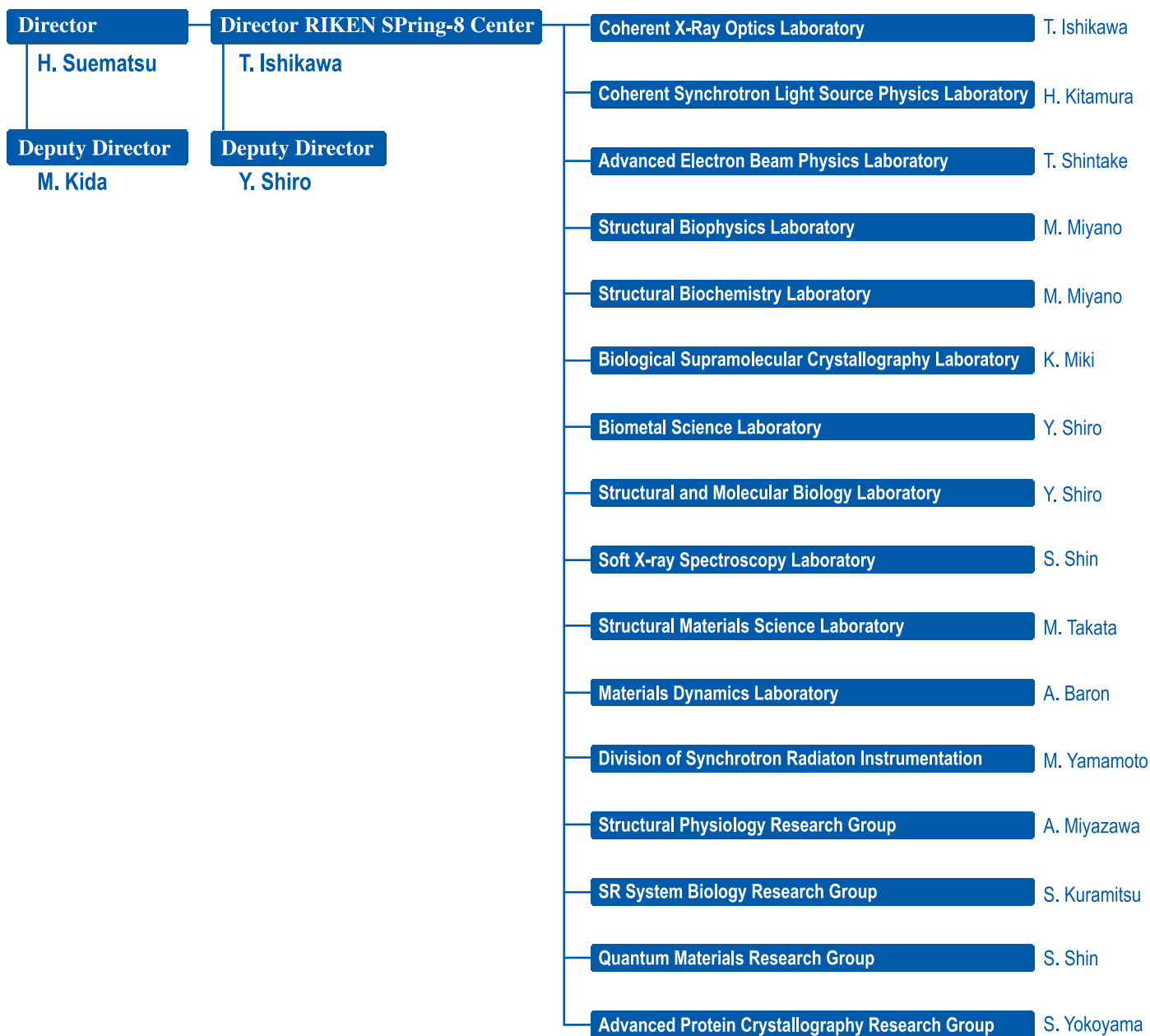


Figure 12

SPring-8 User Societies

In order to advance the research activities of users at SPring-8, the **SPring-8 Users Society** was established in May 1993 in such a way that the users can cooperate in the upgrading, facilitation and promotion of SPring-8 utilization, and can communicate and exchange information with each other and with the facility. At present, 34 working groups are actively making scientific contributions to develop SPring-8 activities. The number of the members in the Society reached 1500 as of April 2007.

To promote utilization by the industrial users of SPring-8, the **SPring-8 Industrial User Society** was established in September 1990, and has been investigating and deliberating the feasibility of making improvement on the SPring-8 utilization system and on SPring-8 utilization by the industry and making recommendations. Eight workshops have been organized on various utilization topics, such as practical catalysis and stress analysis. The activities of this Society have played important roles in promoting communication between industrial uses and JASRI and/or MEXT. The number of companies and corporations joining the Society reached 70 as of April 2007.

Users Meeting

The meetings for users jointly organized by JASRI and the SPring-8 User Society, and the SPring-8 Industrial User Society are listed below.

- The 10th SPring-8 Symposium
November 1-2, 2006.
- Symposium on the Industrial Applications
September 5-6, 2006.

International Conferences and Workshops

The International Conferences and Workshops organized/sponsored by SPring-8 (JASRI and RIKEN) in 2006 are listed below.

- SRI2006 (Ninth International Conference on Synchrotron Radiation Instrumentation)
May 28 - June 2, 2006 – Daegu, Korea
- MEDSI2006 (International Workshop on Mechanical Engineering Design of Synchrotron Radiation Equipment and Instrumentation)
May 24-26, 2006 – SPring-8, Japan
- Synchrotron Radiation in Polymer Science III
July 6-8, 2006 – SPring-8, Japan
- The 5th International Conference on LEEM/PEEM
October 15-19, 2006 – Egret, Himeji, Japan
- The 1st Asian/Oceanic Forum for Synchrotron Radiation Research
November 24-25, 2006 – KEK, Tsukuba, Japan