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Grundforskningsfond  
Danish National  
Research Foundation

# Danish National Research Foundation 20 Years of Excellent Research

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## Philosophy of DNRF: Focus on people

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Excellence  
Trust  
Transparency

If you let the best people grapple with the problems they are passionate about, we set the stage for real scientific breakthroughs

# The D NRF Activities

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## The D NRF's primary means to strengthen Danish research:

Centres of Excellence (CoE)

Over 80 % of funds, to 77 plus 11 centers  
More than 5.5 bio. DKK comitted

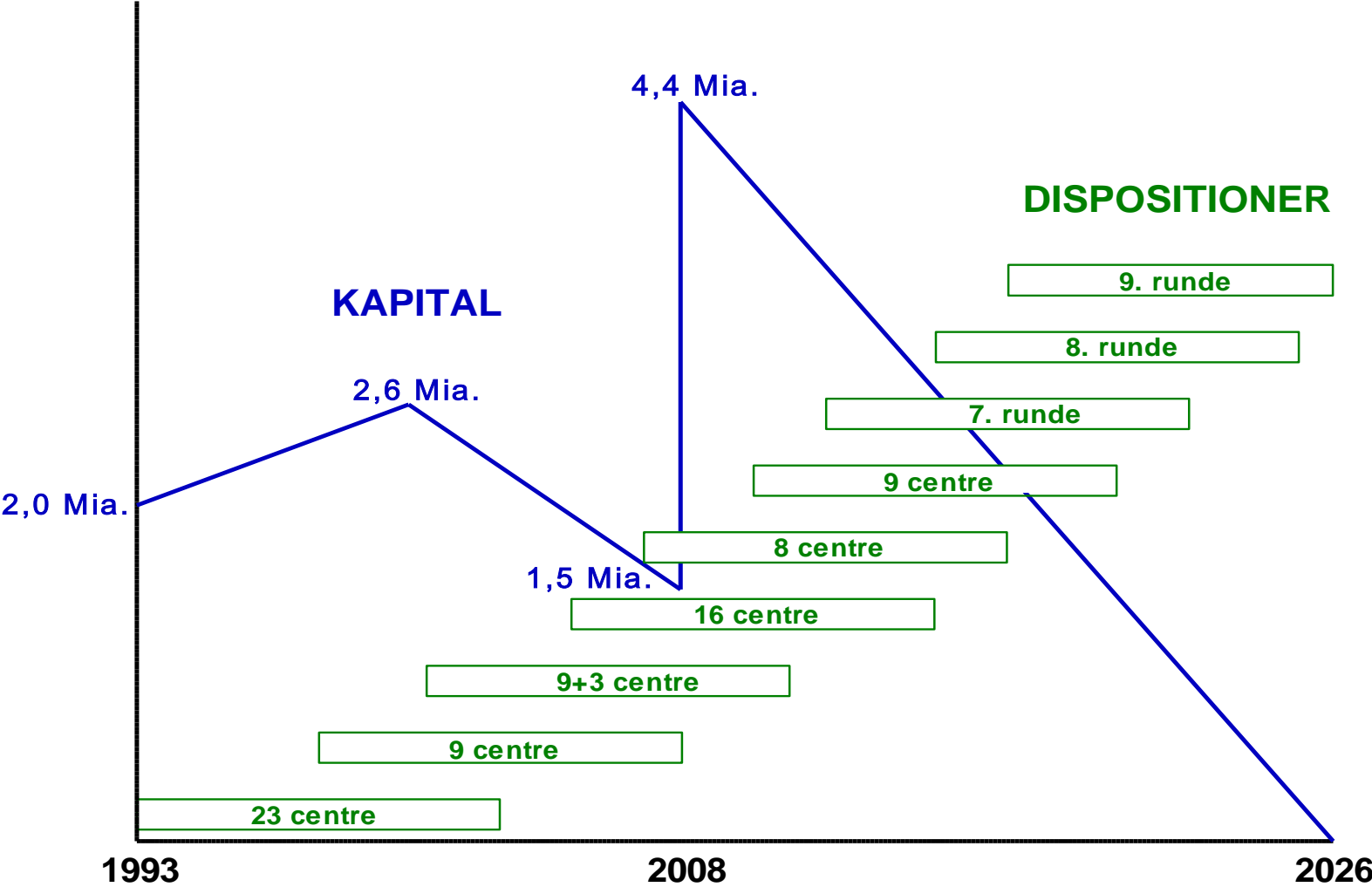
## Other DRNF activities:

Niels Bohr Visiting Professorships

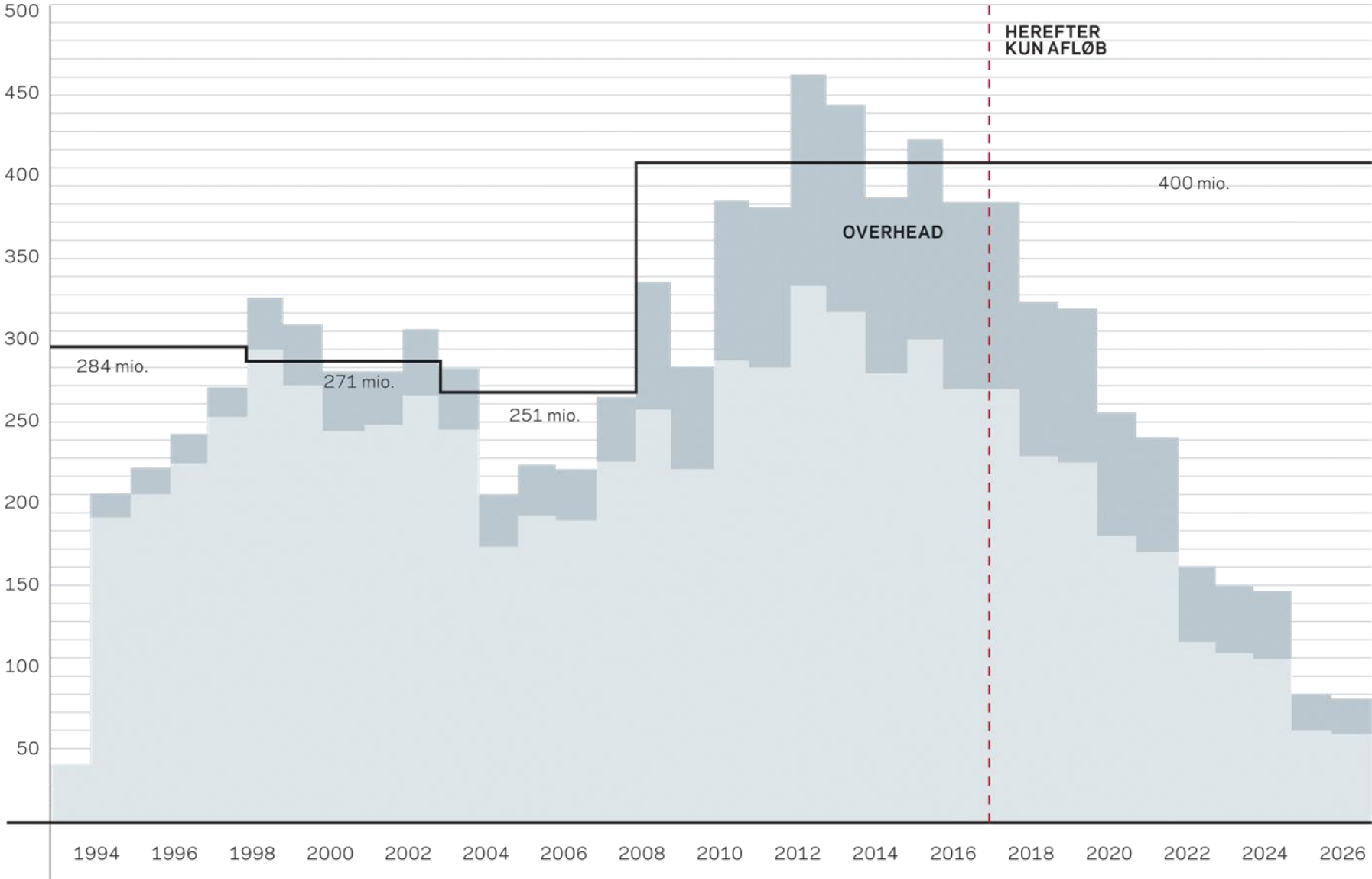
D NRF Professorships

International collaboration with  
Max Planck Society, NSFC, CNRS, NSF

# The DNRF Funding and Activities



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## Primary criteria: Scientific Excellence

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# Central Conditions for World-Class Research

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- Strong scientific personalities with international “track records” and with full responsibility
- Adequate and flexible funding with a long-term time frame
- Dynamic risk-taking research groups
- Team spirit and common ambitions
- Strong enthusiasm from all participants

# Leadership and Management of Centers

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## The Center Leader/Director

- Mandate and staff responsibilities delegated by host institutions
- Inspiring, ambitious and visionary researcher and leader
- Ability to engage and support younger researchers





# The DNRF Board

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***"People not projects"***

**Danish National Research Foundation**

***"Trust in people"***

**Morten Østeraard**