

Synchrotron Sources

Applications in Chemistry, Structural Biology, Medicine & Cultural Heritage

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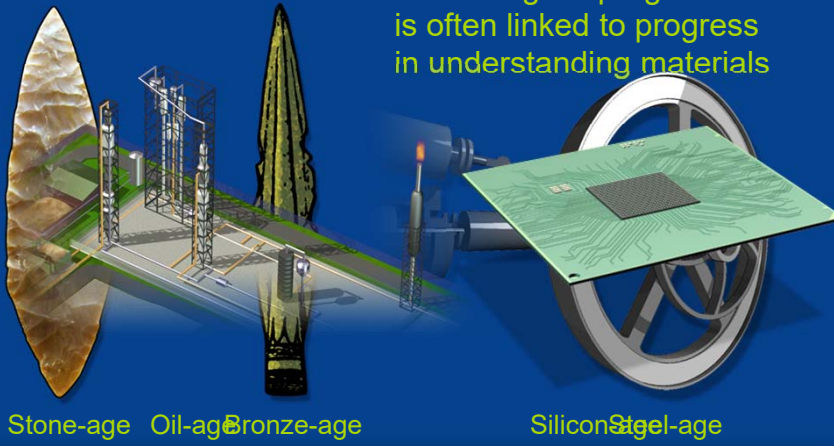
The Challenge for the Future of our Society

Identify models for sustainable development and
Improve quality of life with a “durable” approach

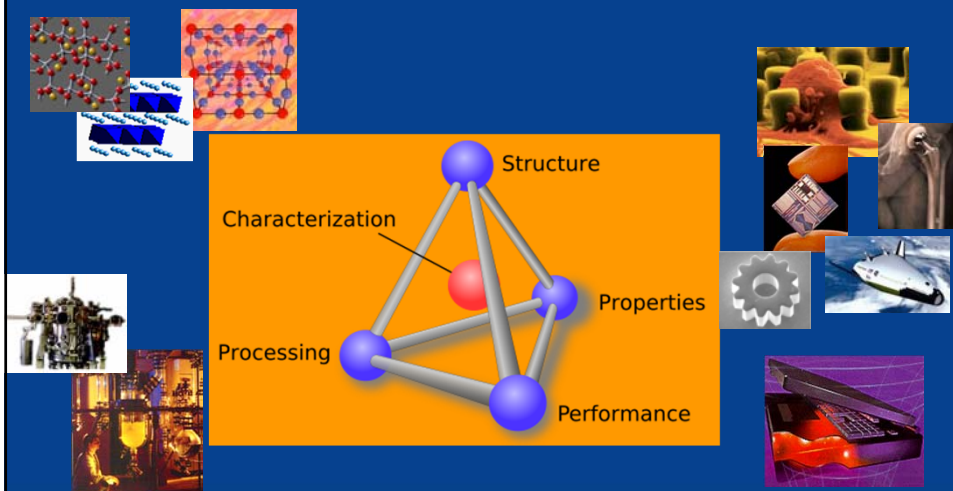
- Environment and Climate Changes Mitigation and Understanding
 - global warming
 - pollution: atmosphere, water supplies, soil
 - food supplies and environmentally friendly agriculture, ...
- Transport
 - energy sources alternative to oil: photovoltaic, wind, tides,
 - higher efficiency, limit waste,
- Health and Medicine
 - understand the mechanism of life from the molecular level
 - new drugs and treatments, ...

Investigating Materials

Technological progress is often linked to progress in understanding materials



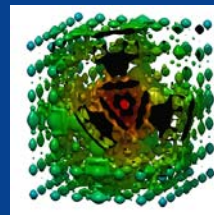
Knowledge-Based Design of Materials



Investigating Matter and Materials

Matter is made of atoms – electrons and nuclei.

Neutron & Synchrotron Sources provide tools to understand materials on the atomic length- and time-scales, answering the fundamental and applied questions on the matter surrounding us.



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Investigating Matter and Materials

Fields of application

Understanding matter links the many scientific disciplines :



Solid-state physics

- Magnetic / electronic properties
- Atomic structure



Nuclear & particle Physics

- Cosmology



Chemistry

- Structure / dynamics of new substances
- Structure of interfaces



Medicine

- Pharmaceutical molecules
- New therapy protocols

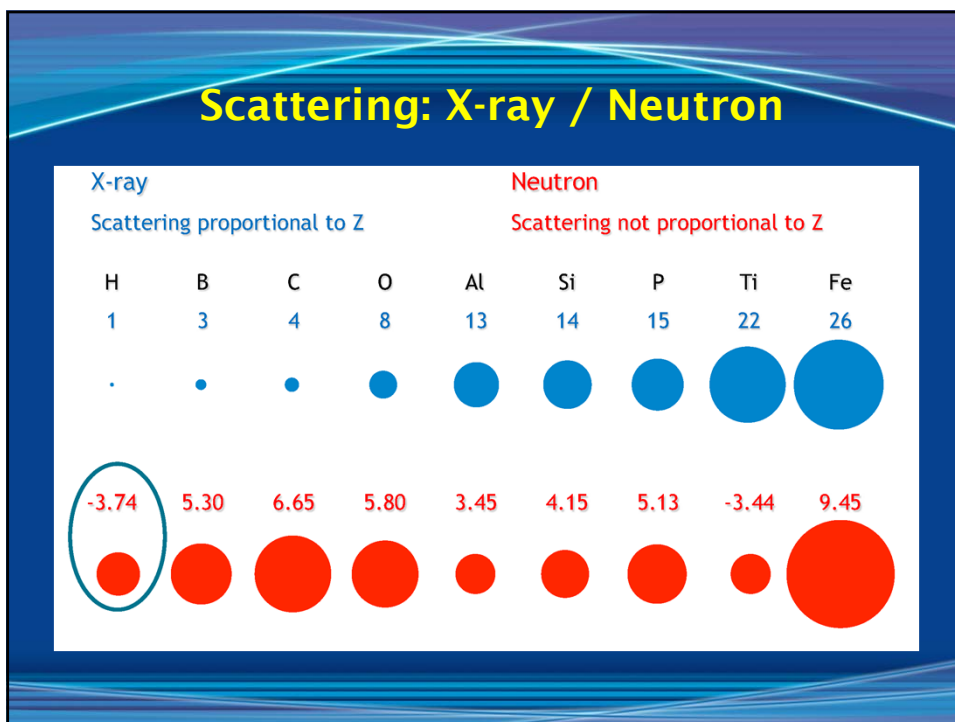


Life sciences

- Protein cristallography
- Protein dynamics

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Neutrons	Synchrotron Radiation
Particle beam (neutral subatomic particle)	Light beam (electromagnetic wave)
Interactions with the nuclei and the magnetic moment of unpaired electrons (in the sample)	Interactions with the electrons surrounding the nuclei (in the sample)
Scattered by all elements, also the light ones like the hydrogen isotopes	Mainly scattered by heavy elements
Deep penetration depth (bulk studies of samples)	Small penetration depth (surface studies of samples)
Less intense beam measuring larger samples	Very intense beam measuring small or ultra-dilute samples



Neutrons

Applications:

- Magnetic structures & excitations
- Organic structures using the H-D isotope effect
- Bulk studies (strains, excitations)
- Low-energy spectroscopy e.g. molecular vibrations

Synchrotron Radiation

Applications:

- Protein-crystal structures
- Fast chemical reactions
- Surface studies (defects, corrosion)
- High-energy spectroscopy e.g. measurements of electron energy-levels



Major Neutron Sources in the World



Neutron sources:
12 in Europe, 6 in North America, 5 in Asia and Oceania

ILL: The most powerful neutron source in the world



ESS: European Spallation Source to be built in Lund (Sweden)

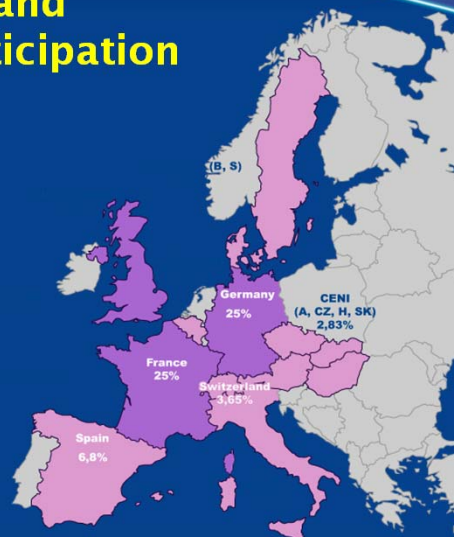
ILL Members and Their Financial Participation

Associates: 75 %

France	25 %
Germany	25 %
United Kingdom	25 %

Scientific members: 21 %

- Spain: 6.80 %
- Switzerland: 3.65 %
- Italy: 4.46 %
- CENI, the Central European Neutron Initiative (Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia) : 2.83 %
- BELSWENI, the Belgian-Swedish Neutron Initiative Consortium: 3.28 %
- Denmark: 0.24 %



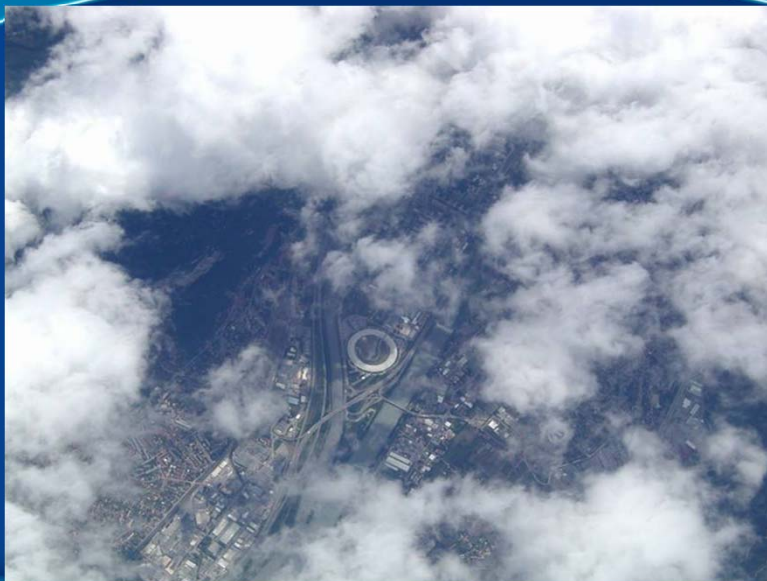
Contracts : 4 %

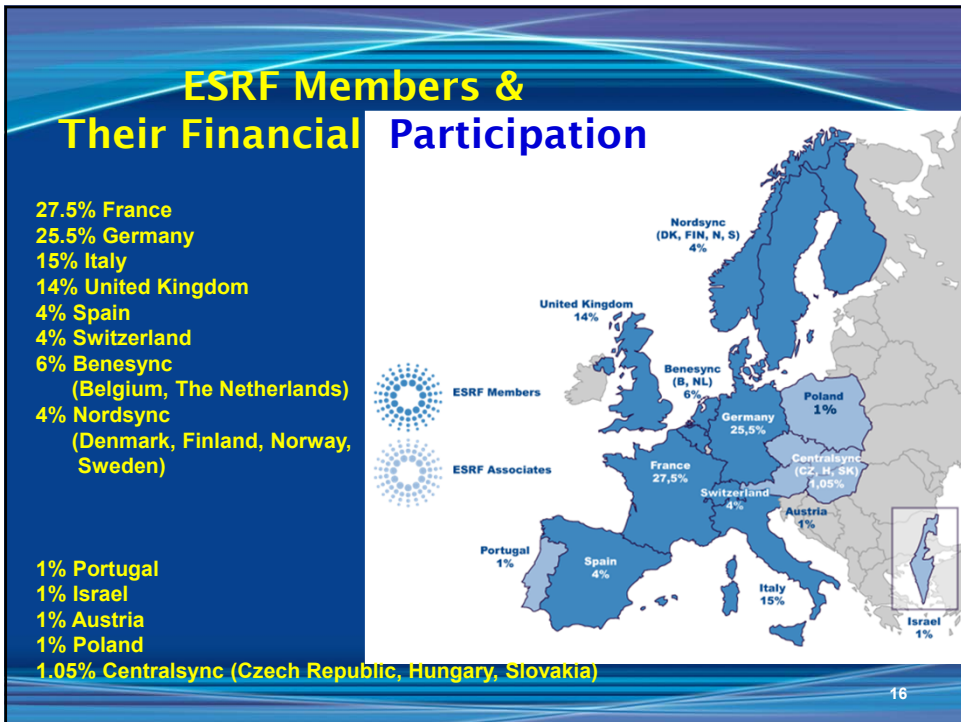
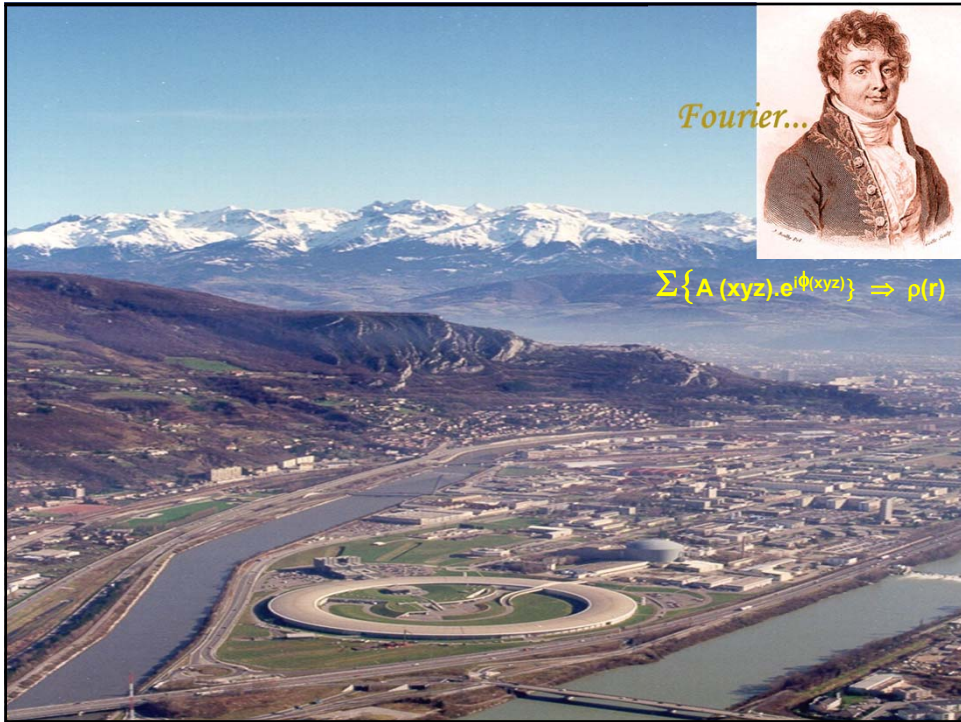
Major X-Ray Sources in the World

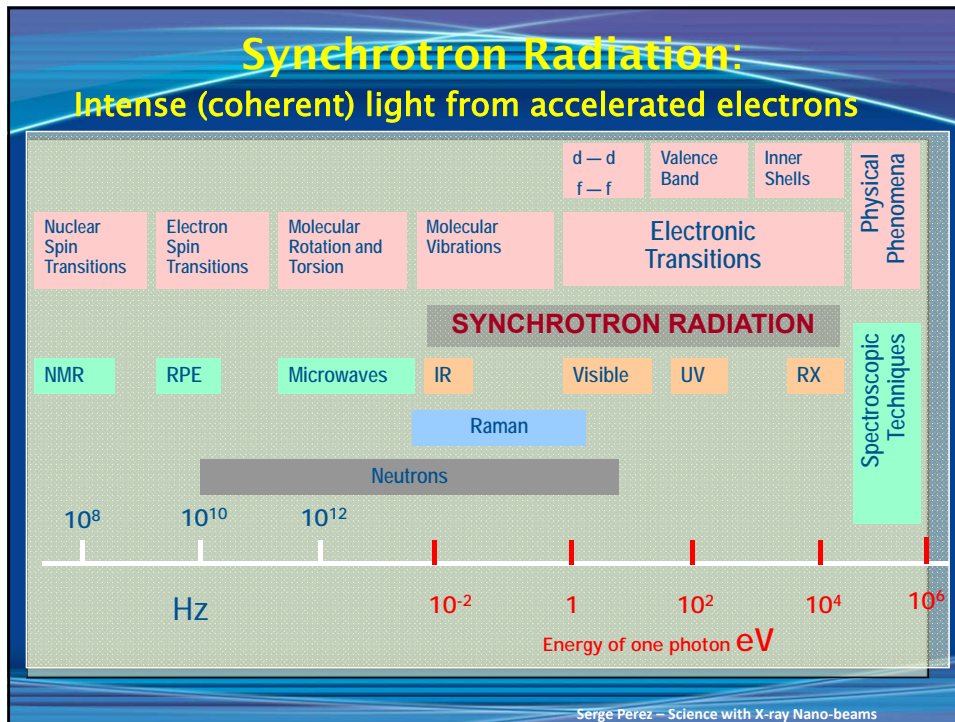


ESRF was the world's first 3rd generation hard X-ray source
Other hard X-ray sources: APS (USA) - SPring-8 (Japan) – Petra-III (D)

New national sources in Europe: Soleil (F) in 2006, Diamond (UK) in 2007, Petra-III (D), ALBA (E) in 2010, Lund







The Synchrotron Radiation

A synchrotron is an accelerator of electrons. The electrons are maintained in a circular ring by magnetic field and produce X-Rays tangentially to their trajectory.

Electrons emitted by an electron gun are first accelerated in a **linear accelerator** (linac)** and then transmitted to a **circular accelerator** (booster synchrotron)** where they are accelerated to reach a high energy level.

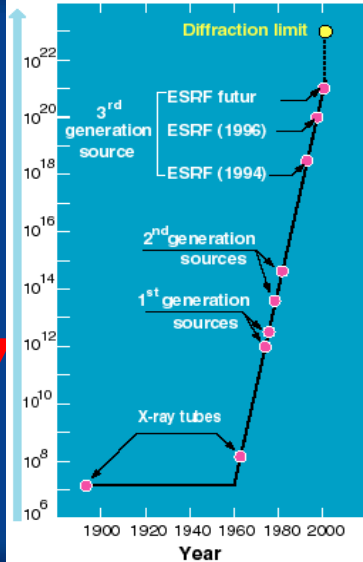
These high-energy electrons are then injected into a circular **storage ring**** where they circulate in a vacuum environment, at a constant energy, for many hours.

As they travel round the ring, the electron pass through different types of magnets, mainly bending magnets, undulators and focusing magnets.

Synchrotron radiation is a universal tool, a swiss army knife for studying materials

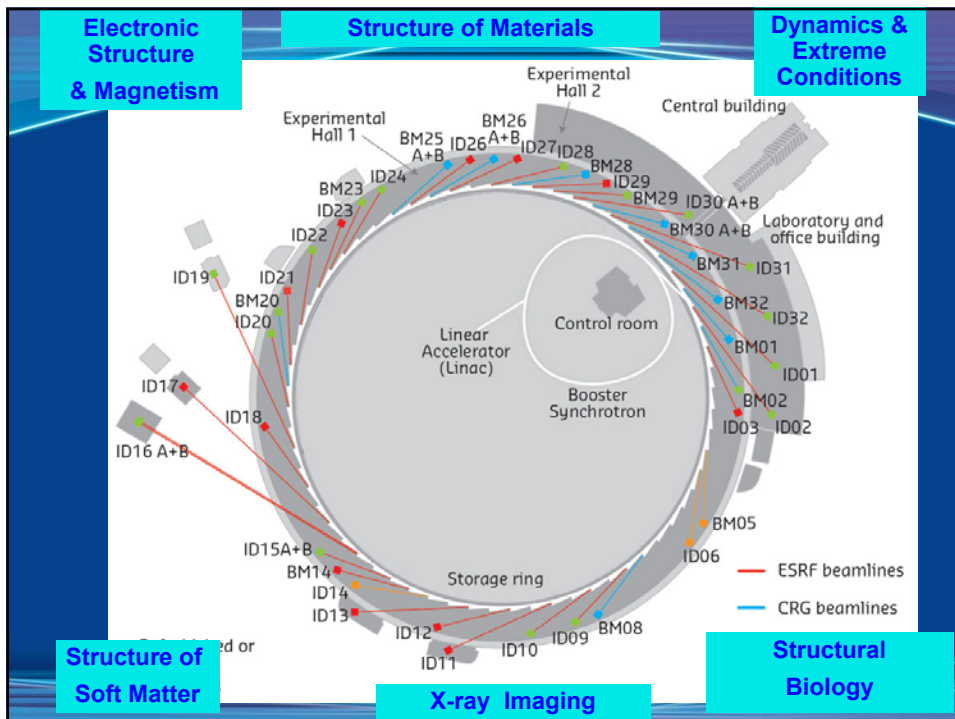
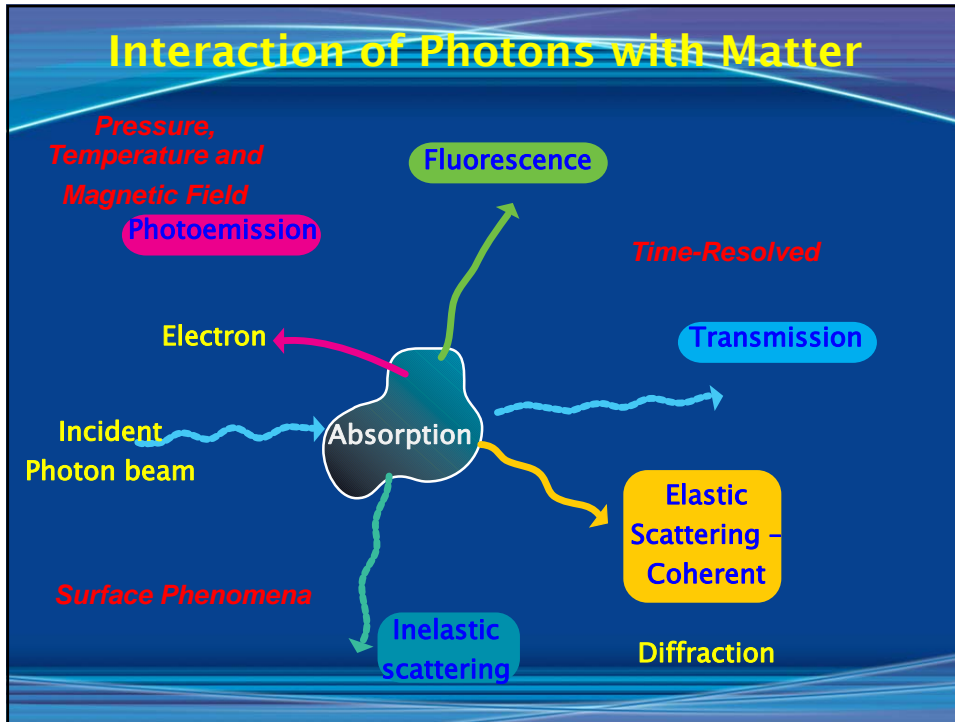
The tremendous success of the ESRF triggered the development of many 3rd generation synchrotron radiation sources in Europe

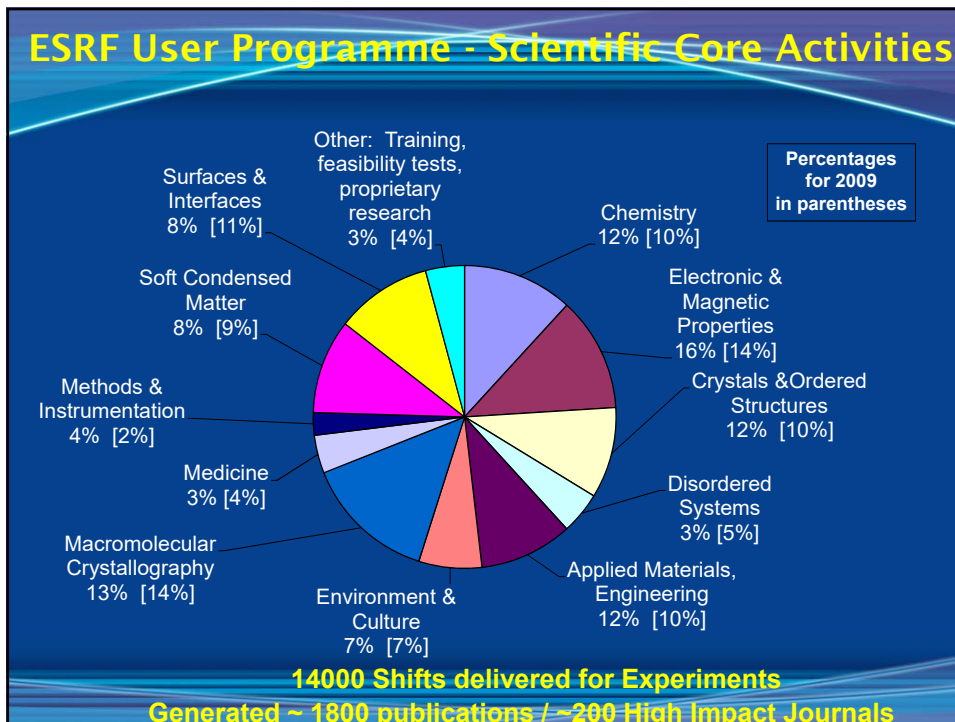
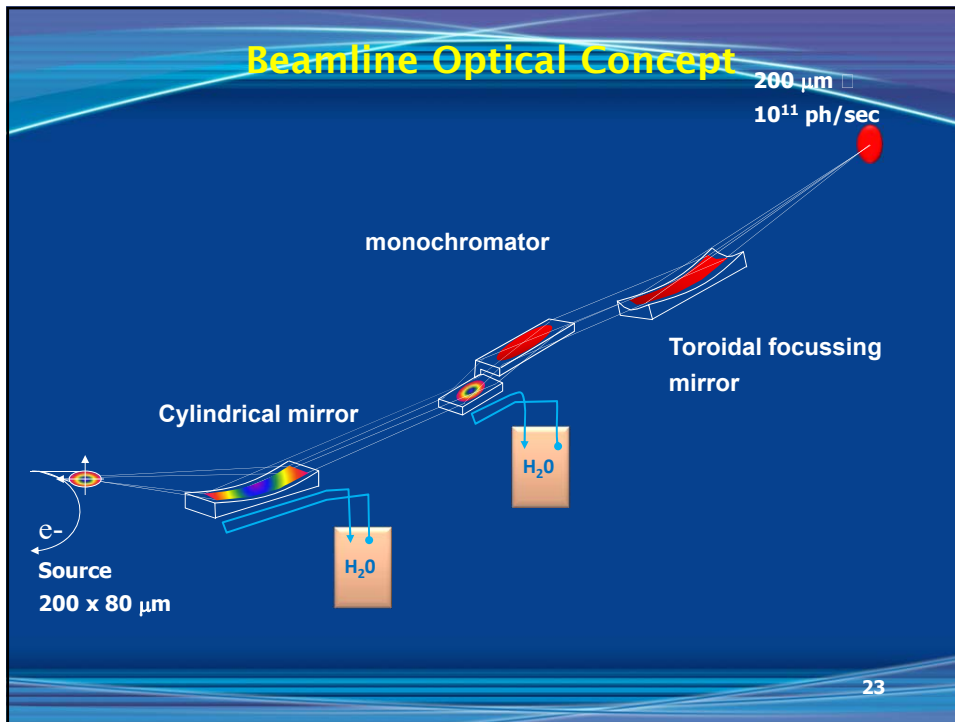
Brilliance of the X-ray beams
(photons / s / mm² / mrad² / 0.1% BW)



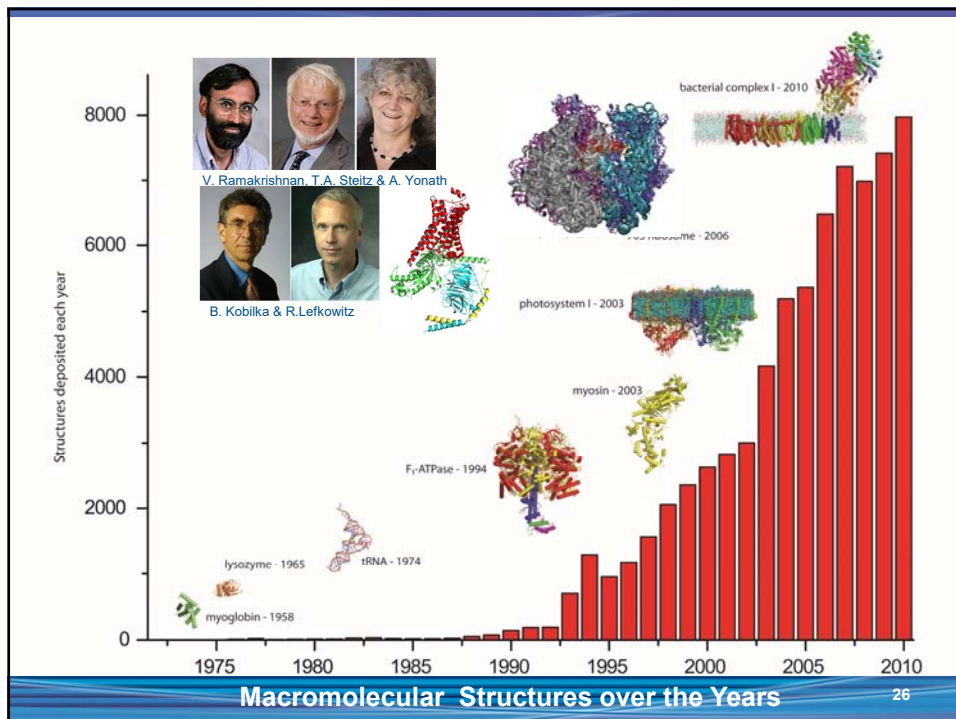
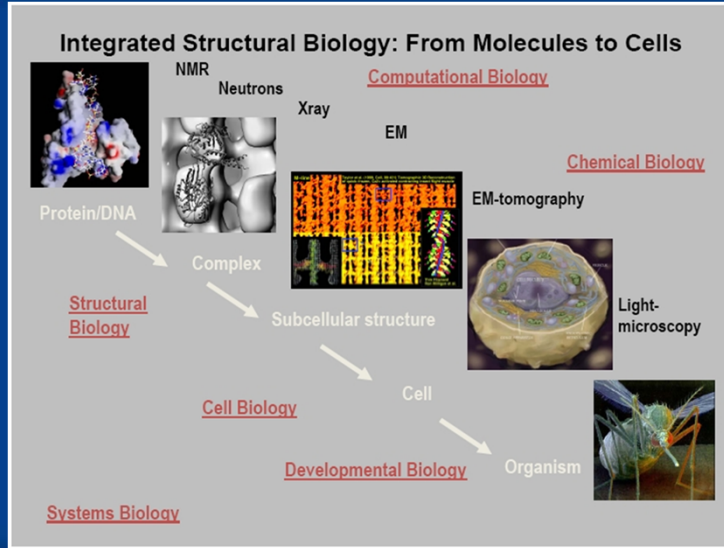
Vertical emittance : 3 pm
Horizontal emittance: 4 nm

Availability (%)	98.83
Mean time between failures (hrs)	178.7
Mean duration of a failure (hrs)	2.09



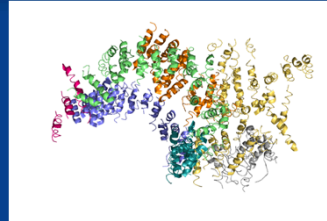
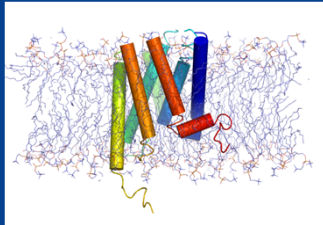


Connecting Scales of Biological Structures

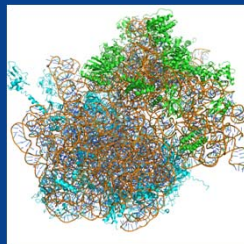


Crystals by Thousands...!

GPCR 1043 crystals

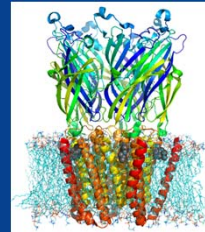


DNA depending Protein kinase > 2000



Ribosome

Thousands by thousands

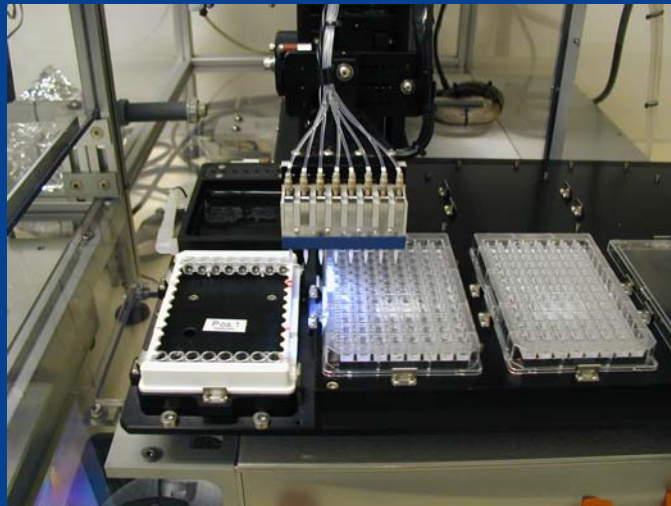


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Anaesthetics bound to a pentameric ligand-gated ion channel

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High Throughput Crystallisation




4°C
20°C

<https://embl.fr/hxlab>

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New Visions for Structural Biology



**crystal
evaluation
& sorting**
(including in-plate
screening, dehydration
experiments)

Building on unique ESRF know-how

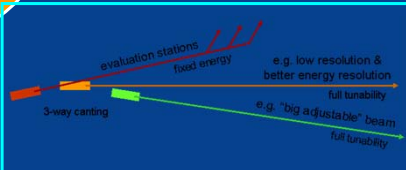
- ◆ “second generation” beamline automation
- ◆ sample management
- ◆ robotics
- ◆ phasing

Specialised beamlines for

- ◆ low resolution ($500 \text{ \AA} < d_{\text{min}} < 5 \text{ \AA}$)
- ◆ flexible beam size
- ◆ long wavelength
- ◆ microbeam MAD/SAD
- ◆ small anomalous signals
- ◆ large unit cells ($\sim 1000 \text{ \AA}$)

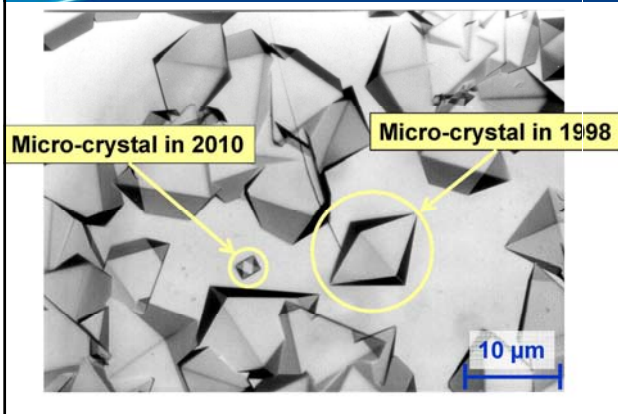
plus

- ◆ microspectrophotometry
- ◆ BioSAXS



- ◆ higher success rate for structure solution
- ◆ adaptability to specific data collection needs
- ◆ better beam time exploitation

Crystals Dimensions



Dimensions of micro-crystals have changed!

μ -focus beam lines:

ID23-2 ($\varnothing \sim 5 \times 7 \mu\text{m}$)

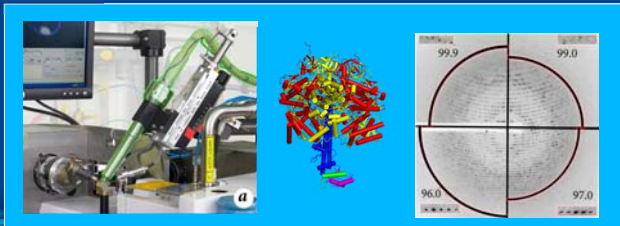
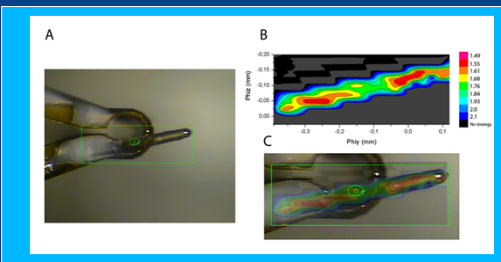
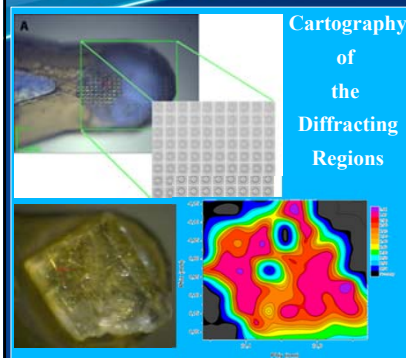
ID 13 ($70\text{nm} < \varnothing < 1 \mu\text{m}$)

Developing New Tools
Observation : AFM



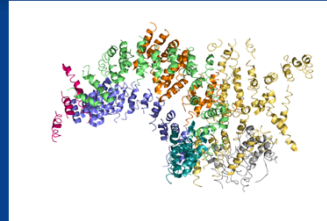
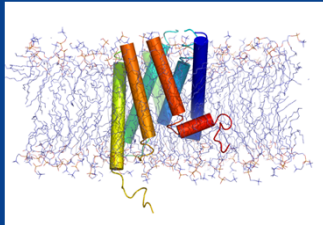
towards micro-fluidics
Optical tweezers

New Approches...

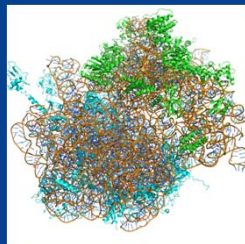


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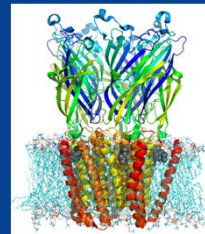


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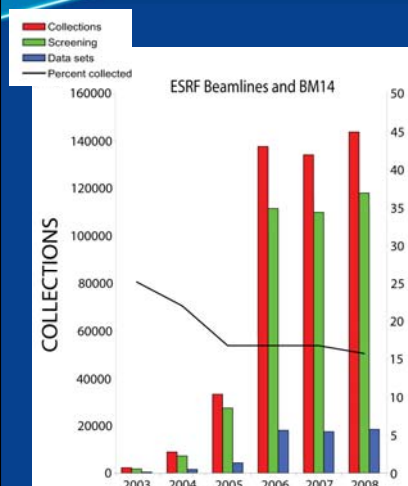


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Evaluating prior Measuring...



A set of samples – eg several 1000 –
Which one will answer the biological
question being asked ?

Collect 2 diffraction images at ($\phi = 0$ & 90°).

Characterise images – by eye or DNA –
EDNA) for diffraction quality .

Rank samples against each other.

Collect data on the best samples

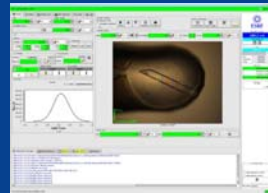
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From Experiments to Measurements

Developping Tools for Automation



Sample Changer
(ESRF/EMBL)



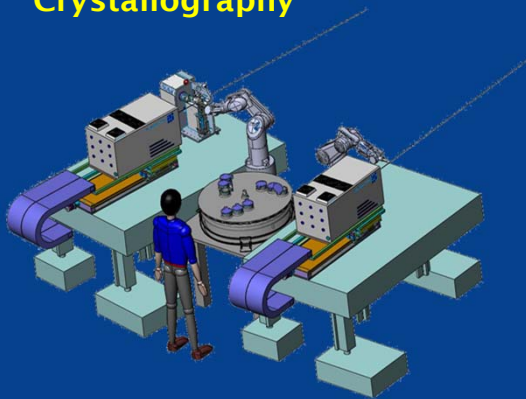
MXCuBE

DNA / EDNA



ISPyB

Massively Automated Sample Selection Integrated Facility for Macromolecular Crystallography

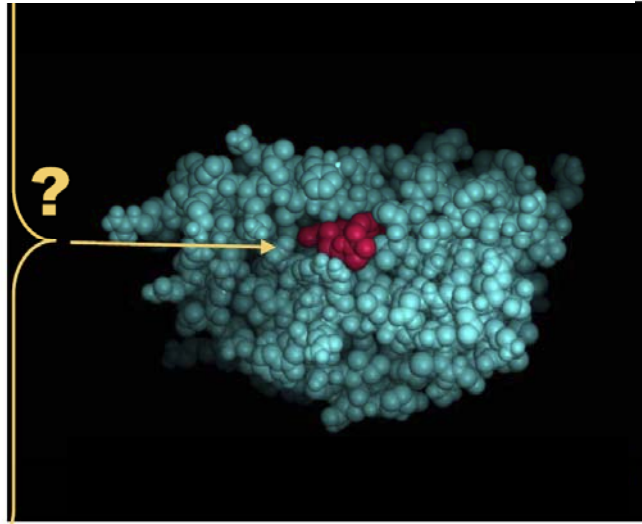
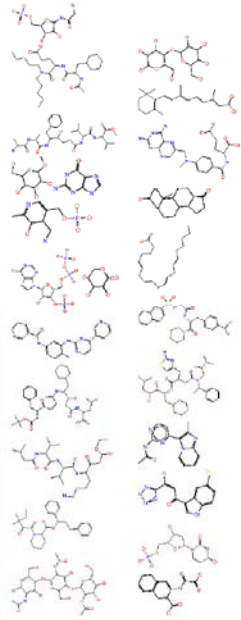


Capacity per Station: 1000 crystals per day
3 stations 600 000 crystals per year

Sphere of confusion < 20 μm

MASSIF (ESRF)

Screening Libraries.....



Methodology *in silico*-> *in cellulo*-> *in cubo*

Target

10^6

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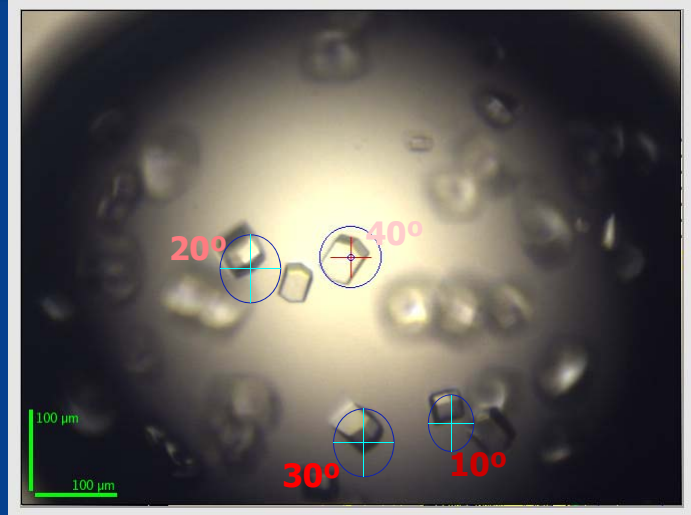
$\times 10^3$

In cellulo High Concentration Assay screening

$\times 10^2$

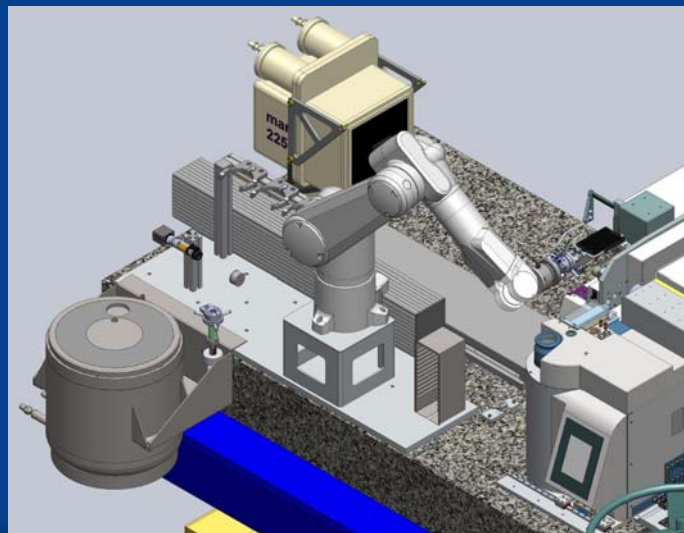
In cubo screening !!!

Finding the Crystals....



Excellent visualisation, 1 μm accuracy !

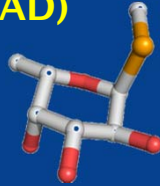
Employing Robotics for Drug Screenings



Seleno Methionine and Seleno Carbohydrate Multiple Wavelength Anomalous Dispersion

Anomalous diffraction is recorded at different wave lengths of coherent X-ray light at a synchrotron facility near the absorption edge of an element in a crystal.

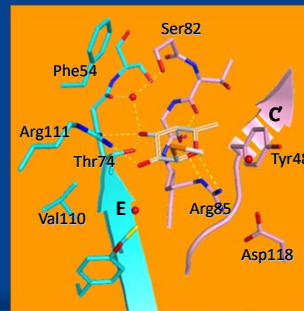
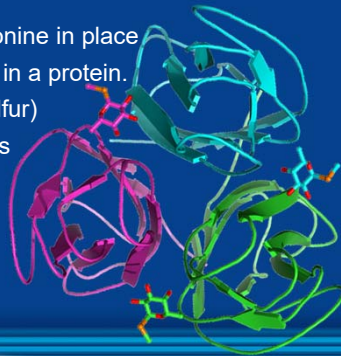
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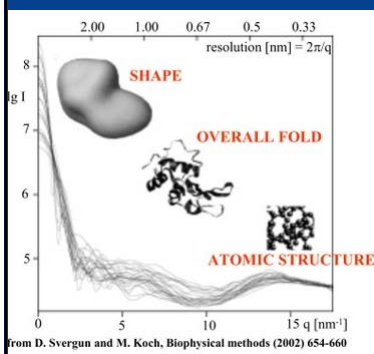
α -MeSe-L-Fuc



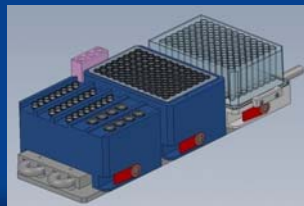
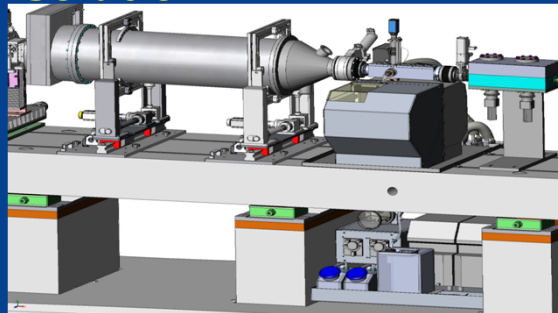
Introduce selenomethionine in place of methionine residues in a protein. Selenium (replaces Sulfur) has a strong anomalous signal at wavelengths obtained from synchrotron X-ray sources.



Conformation of Macromolecules In Solution



- Relative orientation of structural modules
- Comparison 3D structures: Solution/Crystal
- Ab initio* construction of macromolecular envelop



Concentration:

1-10mg/ml

Volume: 100 μ l

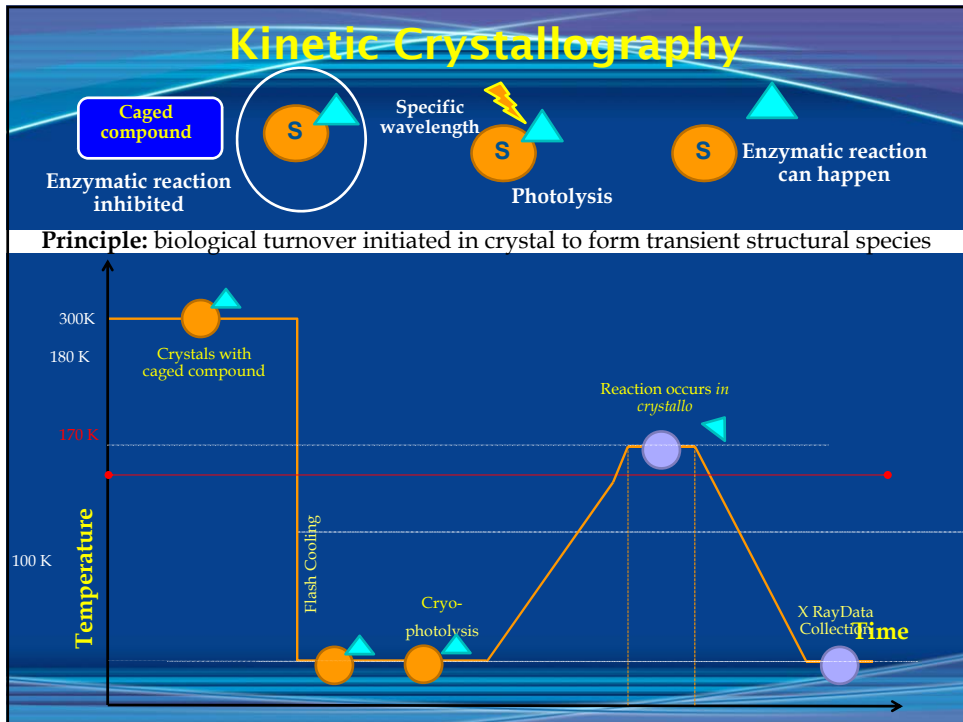
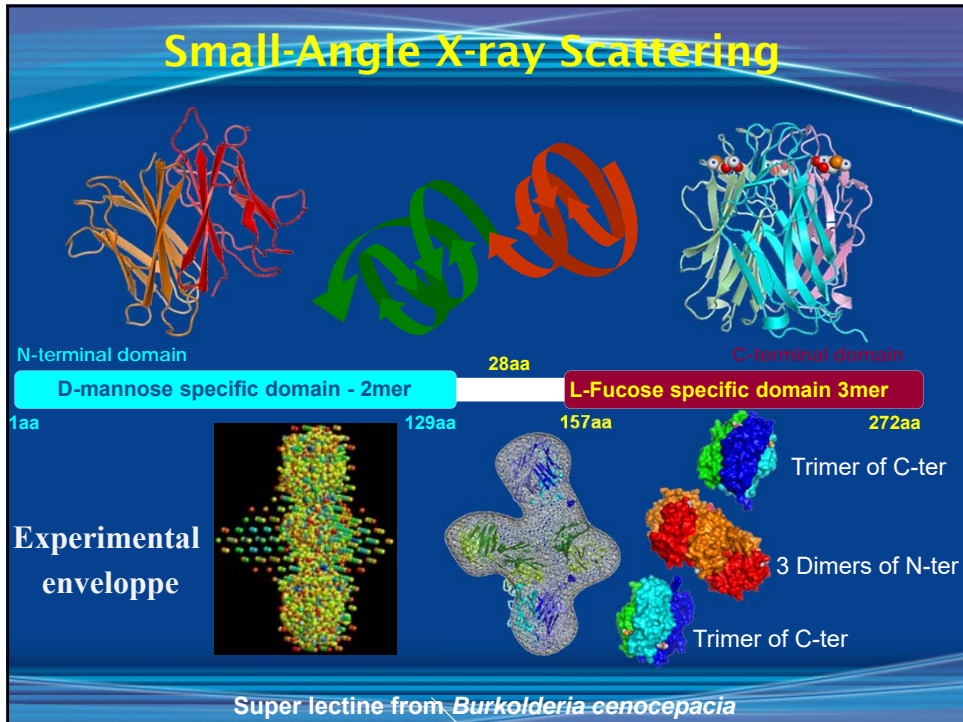
288 samples in the sample changer

Software for data

Management ISPyB

BioSASX (ESRF/EMBL)

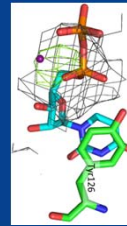
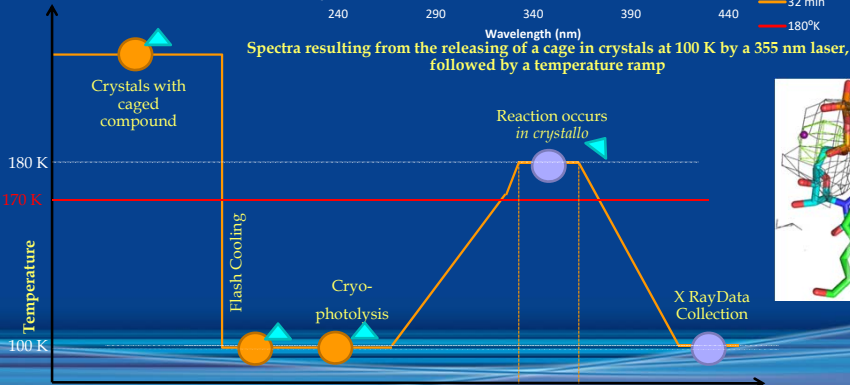
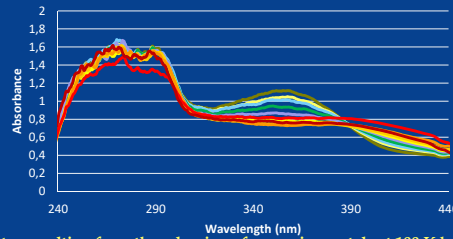
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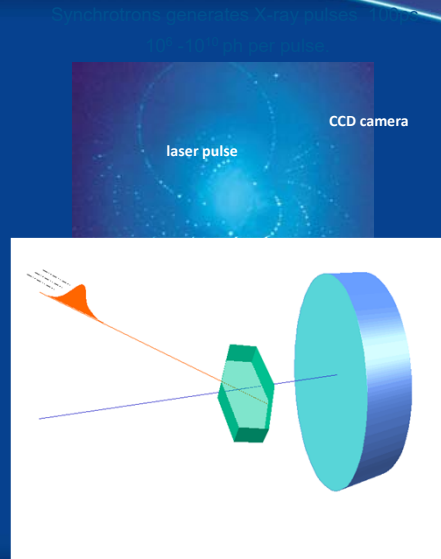
Kinetic Crystallography



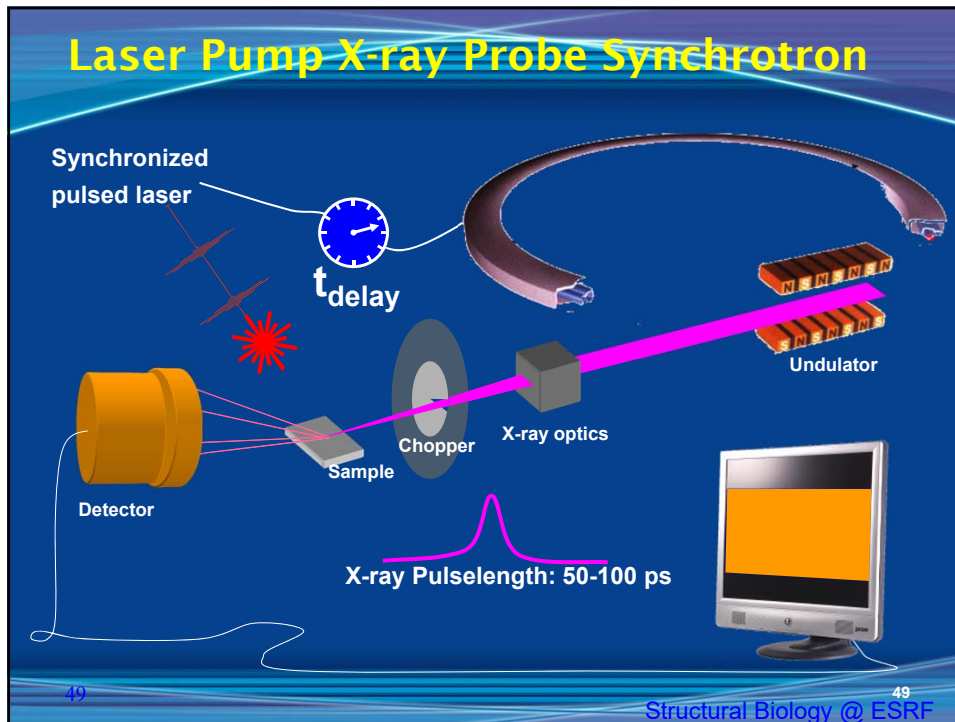
Fluorescence of crystals when excited by 355 nm laser



Laser Pump X-ray Probe Synchrotron



Laser Pump X-ray Probe Synchrotron



BioMedical Research at the ESRF

Monochromatic and parallel X-rays for high resolution ($\geq 5 \mu\text{m}$) medical imaging.

Monochromatic X-rays for brain tumor radiotherapy (SSRT)

Arrays of high energy microbeams for brain tumour treatment (MRT) and microsurgery.

Brain Tumours: Epidemiology

Malignant brain tumors: 100.000/year

~50 % are high grade tumors (in France: >3000 cases/year)

Morbidity: short life expectancy (2-36 months, median 11)

Children

Cancer of the Central nervous system is the second most common form of cancer, after leukemia

Sources: NIH 2004; J. Neuro-Onc., 2002 ; Childhood cancer information system

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Radiotherapy, Neurosurgery, Chemotherapy are Only Palliative for High Grade Tumor*

ESRF:

**Is *presently* the only SR source in the world for
radiotherapy clinical trials:**

- Dedicated biomedical BL
- Appropriated spectrum and fluency
- Strong connections with Hospital teams

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Ultimate Goal of Radiotherapy

Cessation of tumor growth

No radiotoxic side-effects

In practice: use of the highest doses tolerated by normal tissues in the vicinity of the tumor

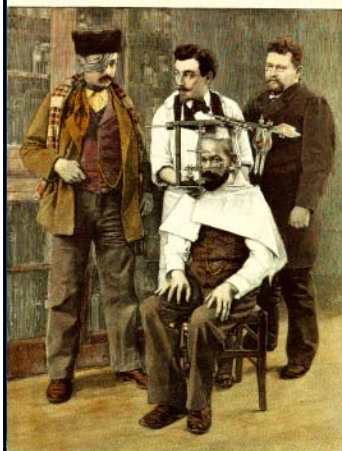
Keywords:

- Cure
- Tissue sparing

Stereotactic Synchrotron Radiation Therapy (SSRT)

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN
SUPPLEMENT

NEW YORK, DECEMBER 25, 1897



100 YEARS



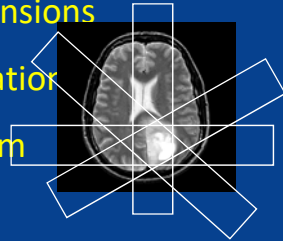
MEDICAL APPLICATIONS OF X-RAYS
FROM CROOKES TUBES TO
SYNCHROTRONS



APPARATUS FOR DETECTING WITH THE AID OF CROOKES TUBES.

Principles

- Tumor loaded with a high Z element
- (iodine, gadolinium) and/or chemotherapeutic drug
- (cis-platinum)--→ local dose enhancement.
- Beam size adjusted to the tumor dimensions
- Tumor positioned at the center of rotation
- Irradiation with kilo-Voltage X-ray beam



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Preclinical studies

- Tumor model: F98 glioma
- Animal model: Fisher Rat

.....iodine.....

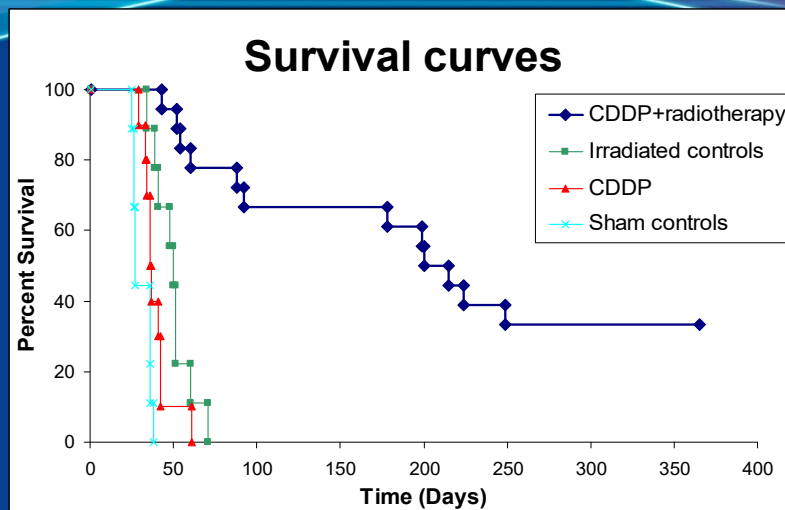
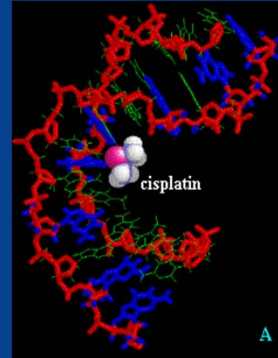
Tumor is irradiated (15 Gy) after infusion of iodine (2 ml, 350 mg/ml): bolus + continuous infusion

Increase of mean life span: +170 %

Chemotherapy + Radiation Therapy (bi-therapy) Inoculation of a Platinum compound

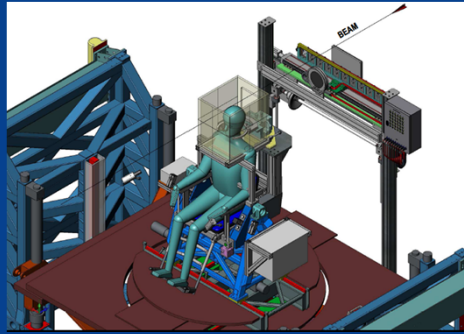
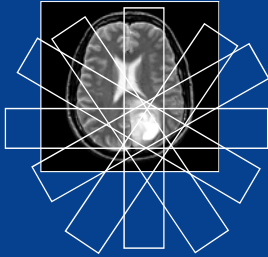
- Cis-DiammineDichloroPlatinum (CDDP)

- Chemotherapy agent
- CDDP binds to DNA
- Irradiation @78 keV
15 Gy @ tumor



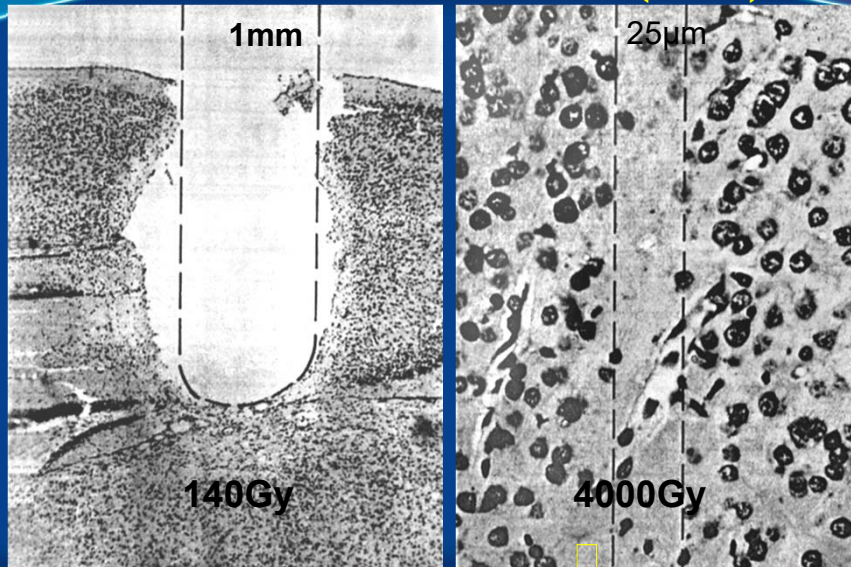
694 % Increase in life span relative to median survival time

Monochromatic X-Rays for Brain Tumor Radiotherapy (SSRT)



Phase I – Phase II Clinical Program

Arrays of High Energy Microbeams for Brain Tumour Treatment (MRT)



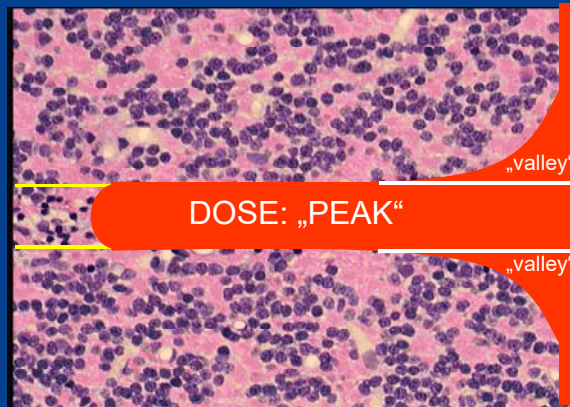
Mouse Brain, Visual Cortex

Rat Cerebellum after Micro-Radiation Therapy Irradiation

Entrance dose:
2000 Gy

25 μm -wide
microplane

12 h after
irradiation



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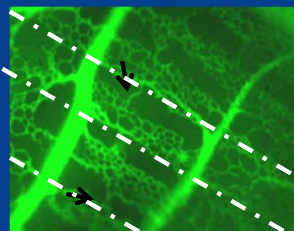
Microbeam Radiation Therapy

Tissue Sparing
Effect of MBs

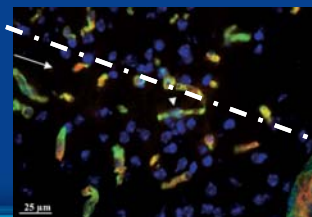


Piglet cerebellum (15 months later). The irradiation area was 15 x 15 mm² with 20–30 μm wide beams spaced of 210 μm intervals and entrance dose of 300 Gy.

Radio-Resistance of
Normal Vessels and
Capillaries



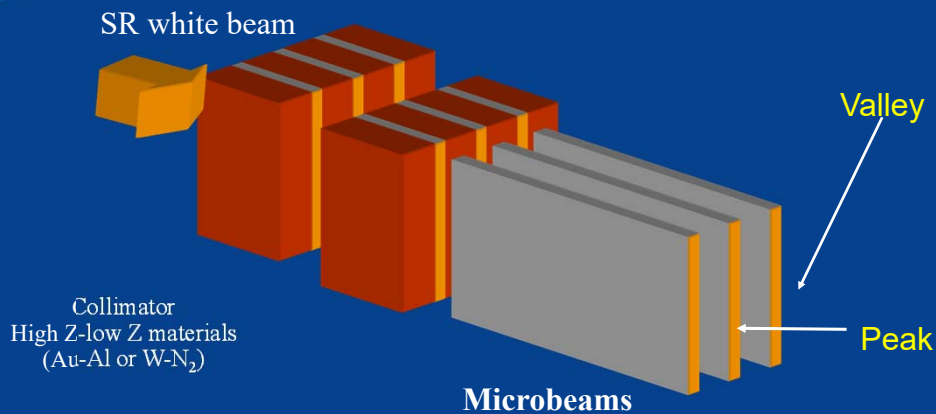
Chick chorioallantoic membrane (CAM). 24h after an irradiation exposure at 300 Gy. A model of an almost pure vascular system with immature vessels.



Parietal cortex mouse brain. Microbeams of 25 μm -wide, 211 μm center-to-center spacing, delivered at 1000 Gy; 3 months later.

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Arrays of High Energy Microbeams for Microsurgery



Microbeams: variable width (0-100 μm), 100-400 μm pitch
50-125 microbeam array to cover up to 5x5 cm^2

- **Spatial Fractionation of the Beam Delivered at High Doses**

Epilepsy: Epidemiology

- It is a neurodegenerative disorder that affects people of all ages.
- **Around 50 million people worldwide suffer from epilepsy.**
- Nearly 80% of the people with epilepsy are found in developing regions.
- **Symptoms of epilepsy are called seizures.**

Epilepsy: Treatment

Anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs)

Surgery

Resective:

Surgical removal of epileptogenic tissue

Non-resective (disconnective):

Multi subpial transections (MST)

Callosotomy

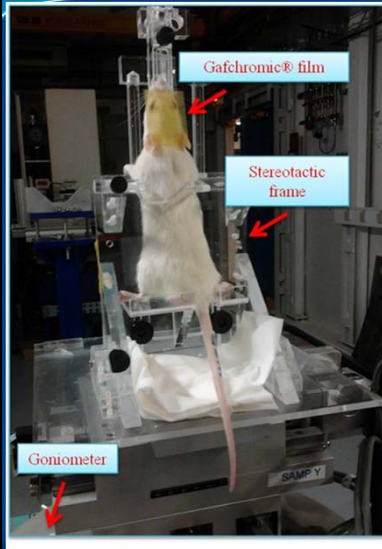
Implantation of neuromodulation devices

Vagus nerve stimulation (VNS)

Deep brain stimulation (DBS)

Stereotaxic radiosurgery (SRS)

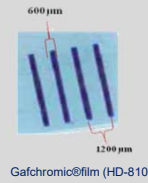
Parallel Micro-Beams Cortical Transections



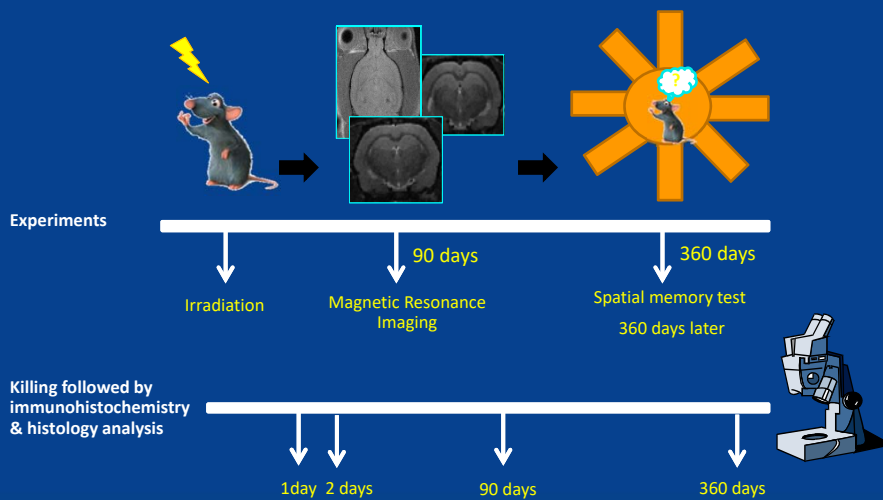
G1 7 microbeams
 100 μm -width
 400 μm c-t-c
 Peak dose = 360 Gy
 Valley dose = 5.3 Gy



G2 4 "thick" microbeams
 600 μm -width
 1200 μm c-t-c
 Peak dose = 150 Gy
 Valley dose = 4 Gy



Experimental Time-Line



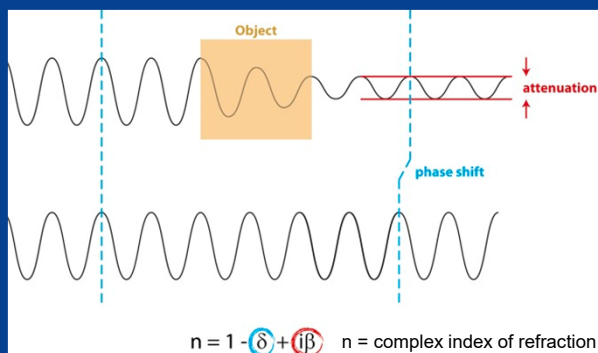
Preliminary Conclusions

- Micro-Beams delivered at different doses (from 150 to 600 Gy) are well tolerated by tissues and cell proliferation is partially affected.
- Micro-Beams towards the motor cortex do not cause paralysis in normal rat.
- Micro-Beams towards the dorsal hippocampus did not cause cognitive impairments after 1 year.

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X-Ray Phase Contrast Imaging



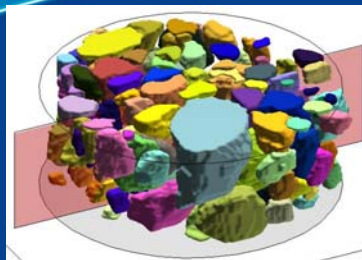
Monochromatic and parallel X-rays for high resolution ($\geq 5 \mu\text{m}$) medical imaging.



Brain vasculature
Holotomography

Technology provides enhanced soft tissue contrast and improved visualization of cancerous structures.

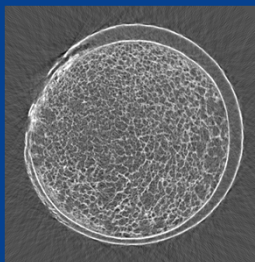
X-Ray Imaging at the ESRF



Diffraction contrast tomography: grains in a polycrystal



Phase contrast tomography of an insect in fossil amber

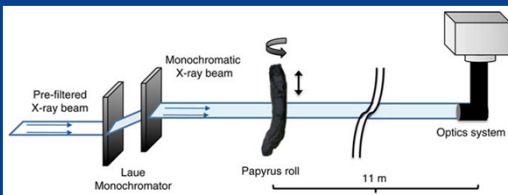


Bone, degraded cartilage

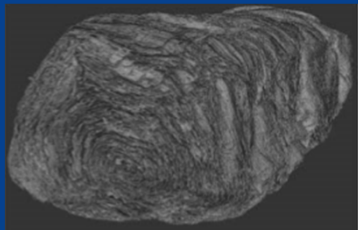




Revealing Letters in Rolled Herculaneum Papyri



A pre-filtered synchrotron X-ray wavefront is monochromatized by a double Laue-Laue monochromator. The papyrus sample is fixed to a sample stage and rotates over 360 degrees. Due to the aspect ratio of the beam (5 mm high \times 15 cm wide), the sample (16 cm in length) is moved after each scan by a distance equal to the height of the beam. After passing through the sample the X-ray beam is recorded by a FReLoN detector.

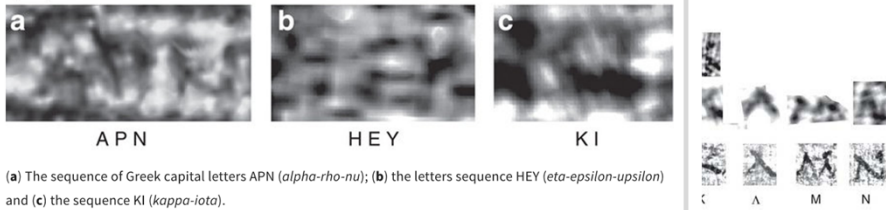


Volume rendition of the reconstructed papyrus showing the complexity inside the scroll where the papyrus convolutions were exposed to tremendous stress

Revealing Letters in Rolled Herculaneum Papyri

Figure 3: The letters discovered inside PHerc.Paris. 4.

1 mm



X-Ray Techniques

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- Infrared Microscopy
- Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (EXAFS)
- X-ray Micro/Nano Diffraction
- Nano Diffraction and Surface Diffraction
- Hard X-ray Spectroscopy
- X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy
- Tomography
- Powder Diffraction
- X-ray Diffraction Imaging
- Macro-Molecular Crystallography
- SAXS & WAXS techniques

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