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Tomography Beam Line and Instrumentation The BEATS case

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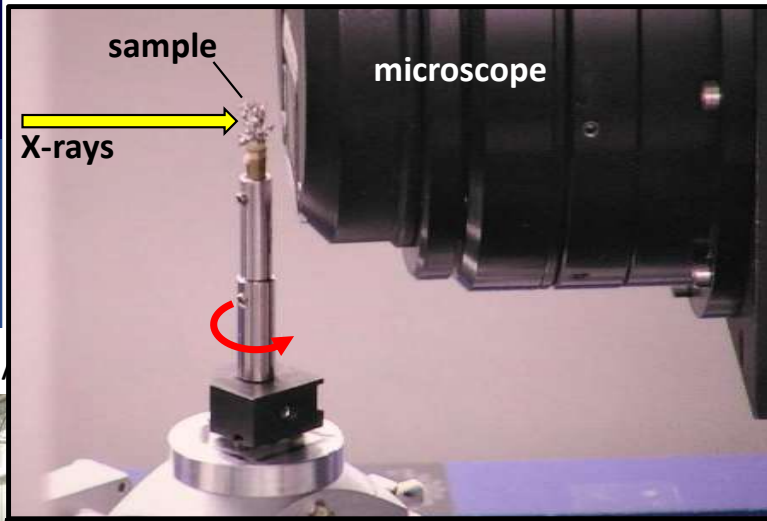
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X-ray computed tomography

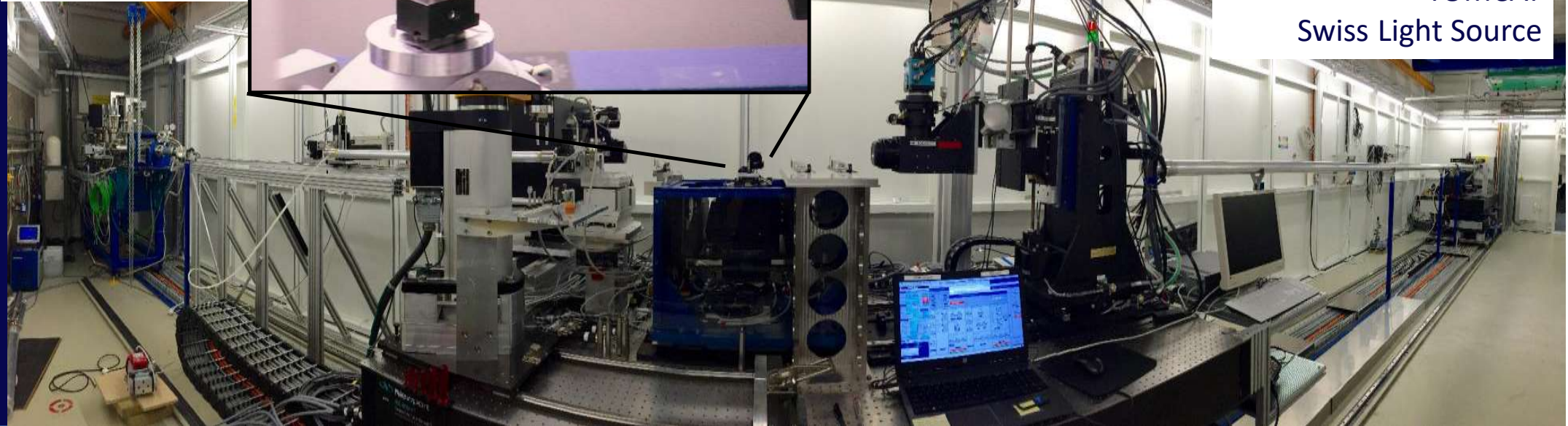
First Computed Tomography scan
EMI Scanner (1971)

Nobel prize for CT in 1979
Hounsfield & Cormack



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TOMCAT
Swiss Light Source



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Outlook

Part 1: Tomography Beam Line Instrumentation (40')

- BEATS Beam Line layout
- X-Ray source
- Front-end
- Optics (Double Multilayer Monochromator)
- Ray-tracing and numerical simulation
- Experimental station
 - Fast shutter design
 - Sample and detectors manipulation
 - Indirect X-ray imaging detectors
 - Sample environments
 - Induction Sample Furnace
 - Mechanical testing stage

BREAK (5')

Part 2: Tomography data acquisition (15')

- Visible light tomography setup and benchmarking @ BEATS: how does a CT scan work?
- Data acquisition architecture @ BEATS

Part 3: Scientific opportunities @ BEATS (20')

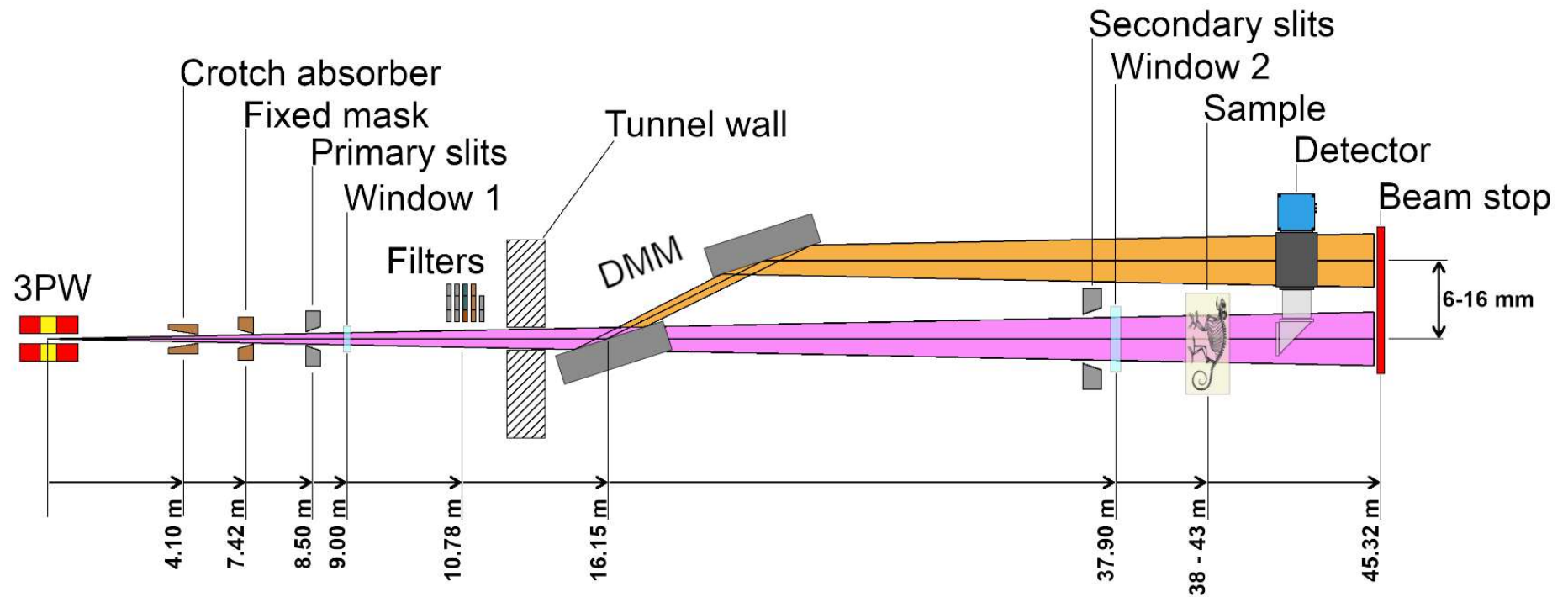
- Archaeology and cultural heritage
- Health and biology
- Agriculture and environment
- Material science and engineering

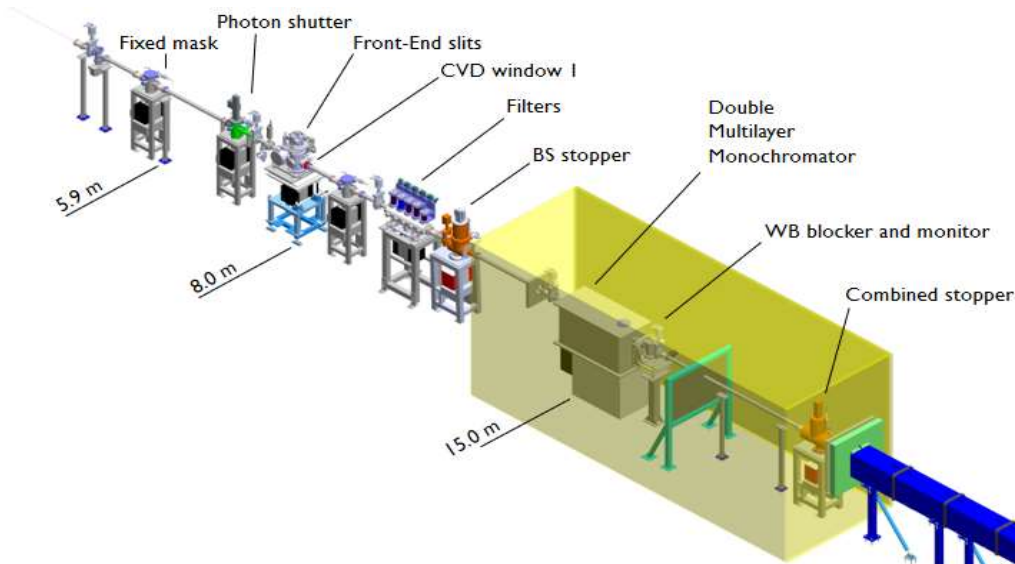


Part 1: Tomography Beam Line Instrumentation

BEATS layout

- **High-flux**; well above 20 keV to see through large, dense samples
- Filtered **white beam** VS **monochromatic beam** (with DMM)
- **High-flux** (primary slits open) VS **high-sensitivity** (primary slits acting as secondary coherent source)





The BEATS beamline at a glance

Photon source Wavelength shifter (3 T @ 11 mm gap; $E_c = 12.5$ keV)

Length 45 m

Energy range 8 – 50 keV

Divergence 1.8 mrad (H) × 0.4 mrad (V)

Double Multilayer Monochromator Stripe 1: [Ru/B₄C]₆₅; d = 4 nm; dE/E ≈ 3%

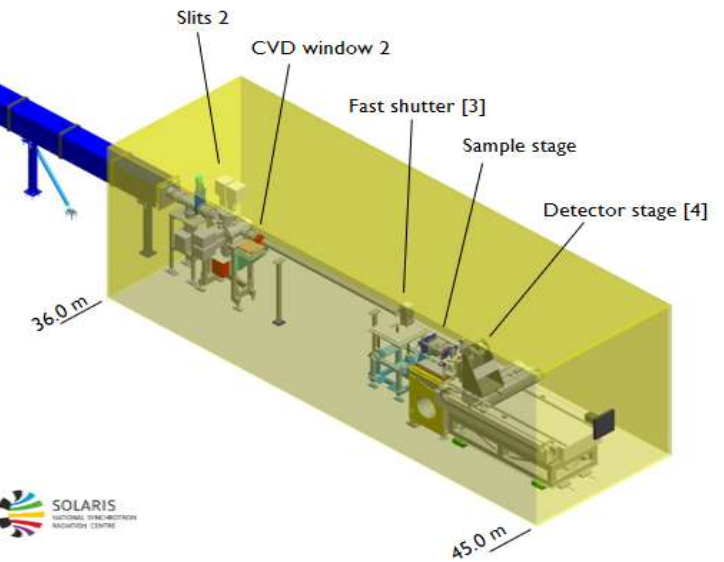
Stripe 2: [W/B₄C]₁₀₀; d = 3 nm; dE/E ≈ 3%

Detectors 1× – 10× optics; 2560 × 2160 sCMOS camera

Voxel size 6.5 – 0.65 μm

Modalities

- Filtered white beam
- Monochromatic (with DMM)



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BEATS X-Ray source

Concept

3 T 3-pole wiggler

- A 3-pole wiggler of 3 T magnetic field, operating in a SESAME short straight section.
- Very low multipolar effects on the SESAME storage ring optics.
- Reduce attractive forces between the magnetic structures -> minor mechanical constraints.

3 T superbend

- Replace an existing dipole of the SESAME storage ring
- 2 new quadrupoles; completely new vacuum chamber for the chosen section of the storage ring; modification (or new design) of the affected girder

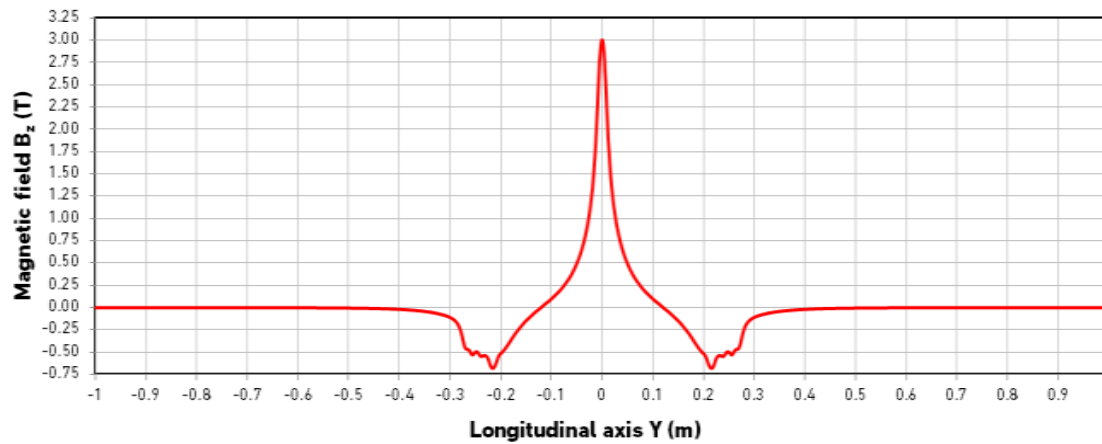
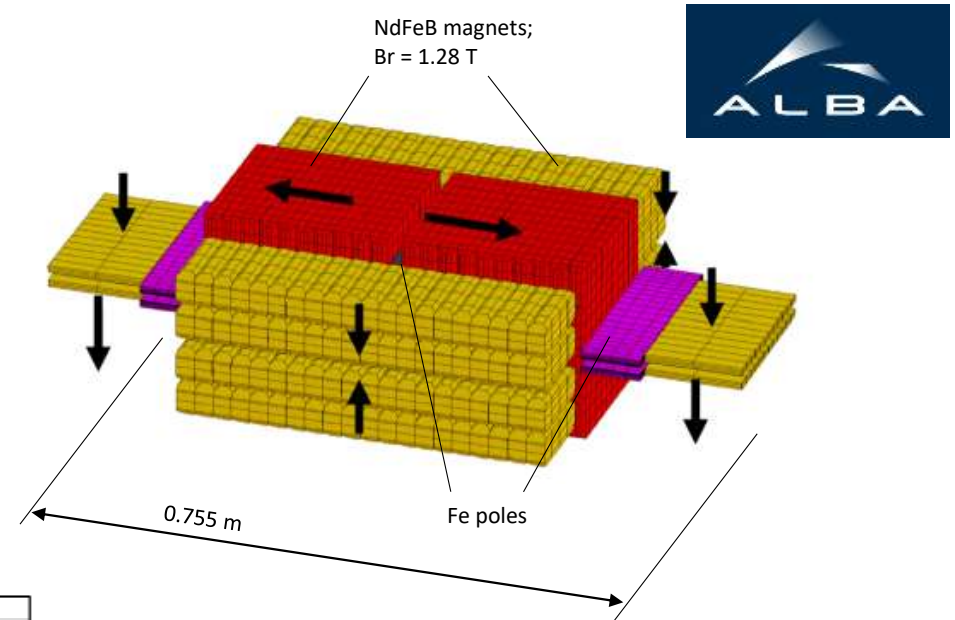


2.9 T superbend (TOMCAT, SLS)

BEATS X-Ray source

3-pole wiggler

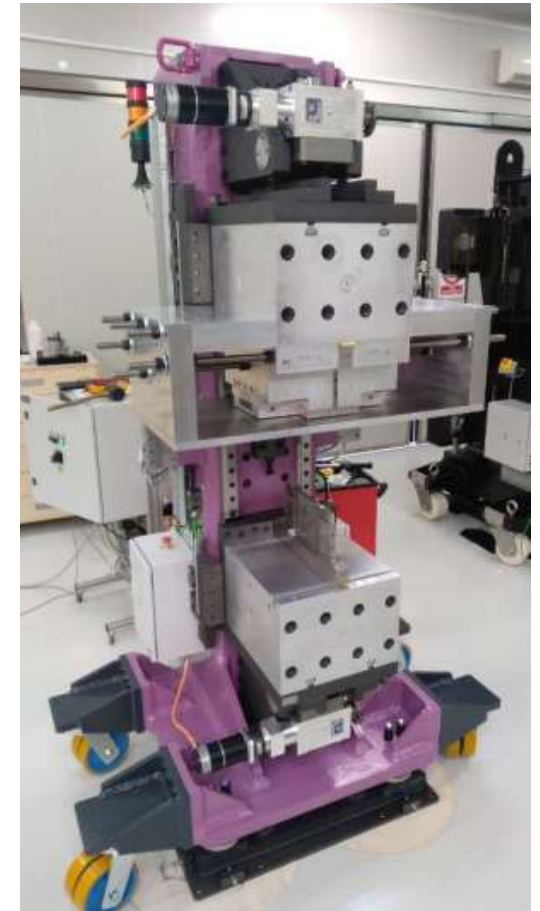
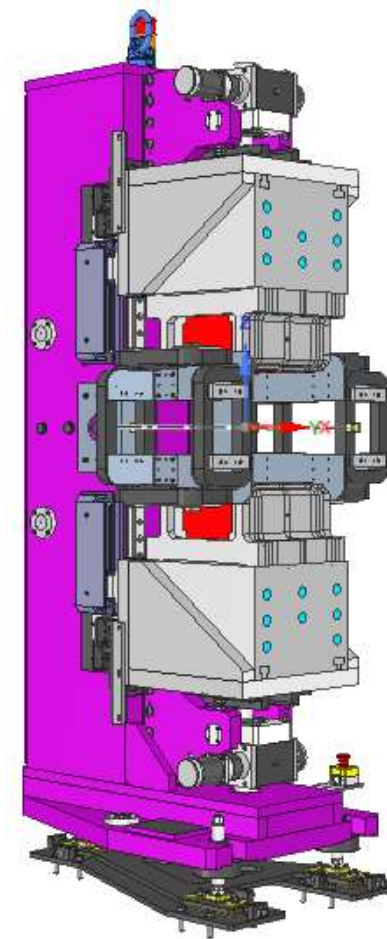
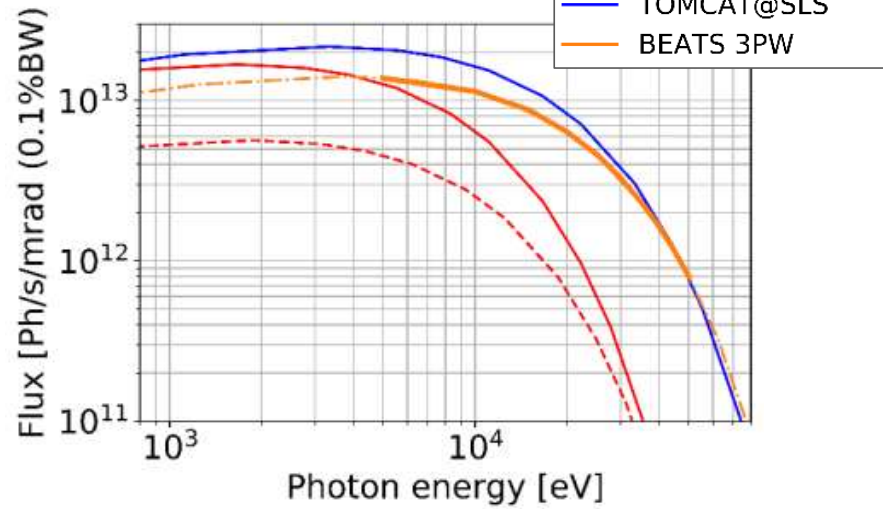
- Minimum gap: 11 mm
- Maximum field: ~3 T
- Magnetic length: < 1 m
- 20-50 keV spectral range



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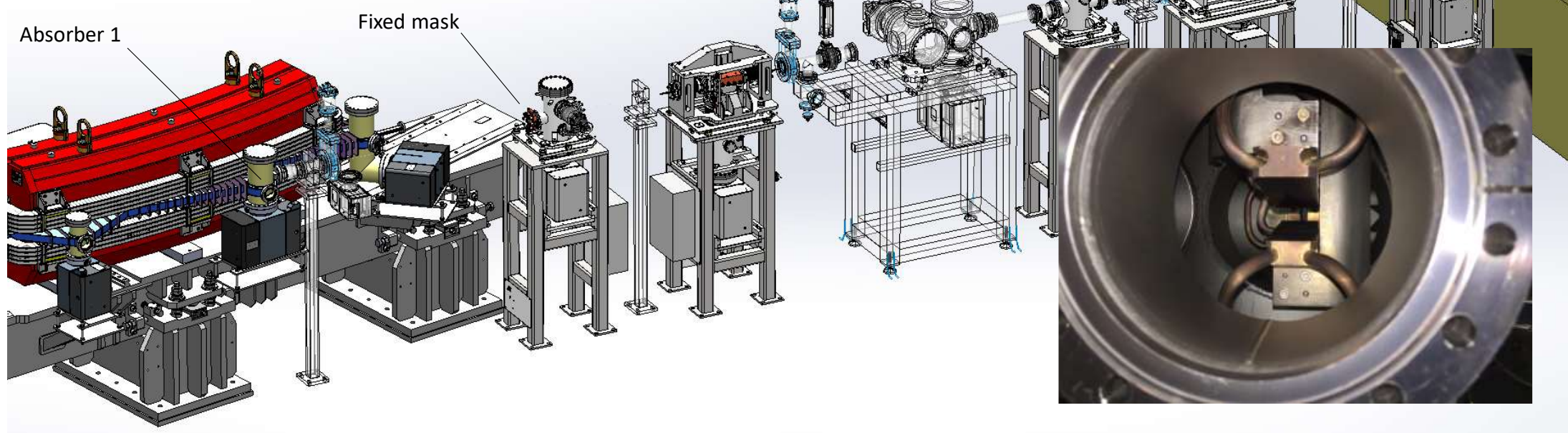
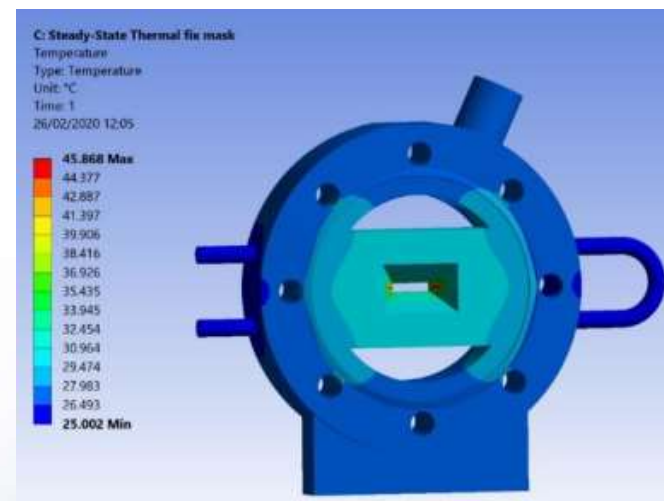
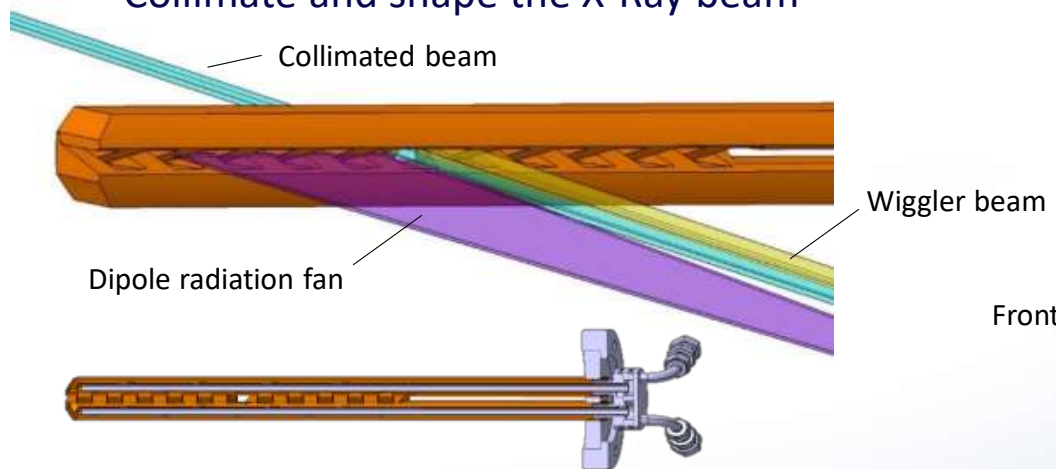
3-pole wiggler

- Minimum gap: 11 mm ✓
- Maximum field: 2.94 T ✓
- Magnetic length: 0.41 m ✓
- 20-50 keV spectral range ✓



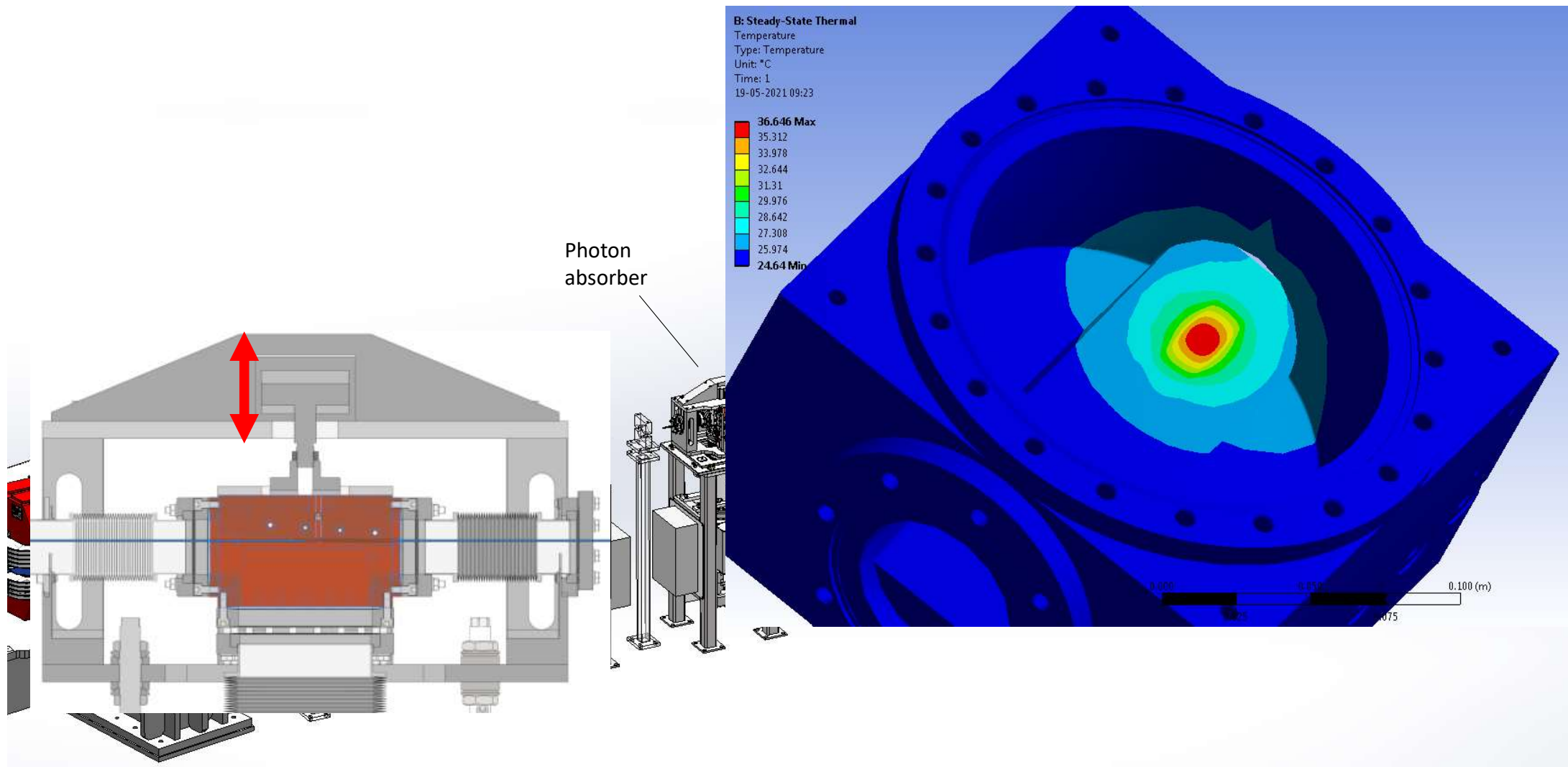
BEATS front-end

- Collimate and shape the X-Ray beam



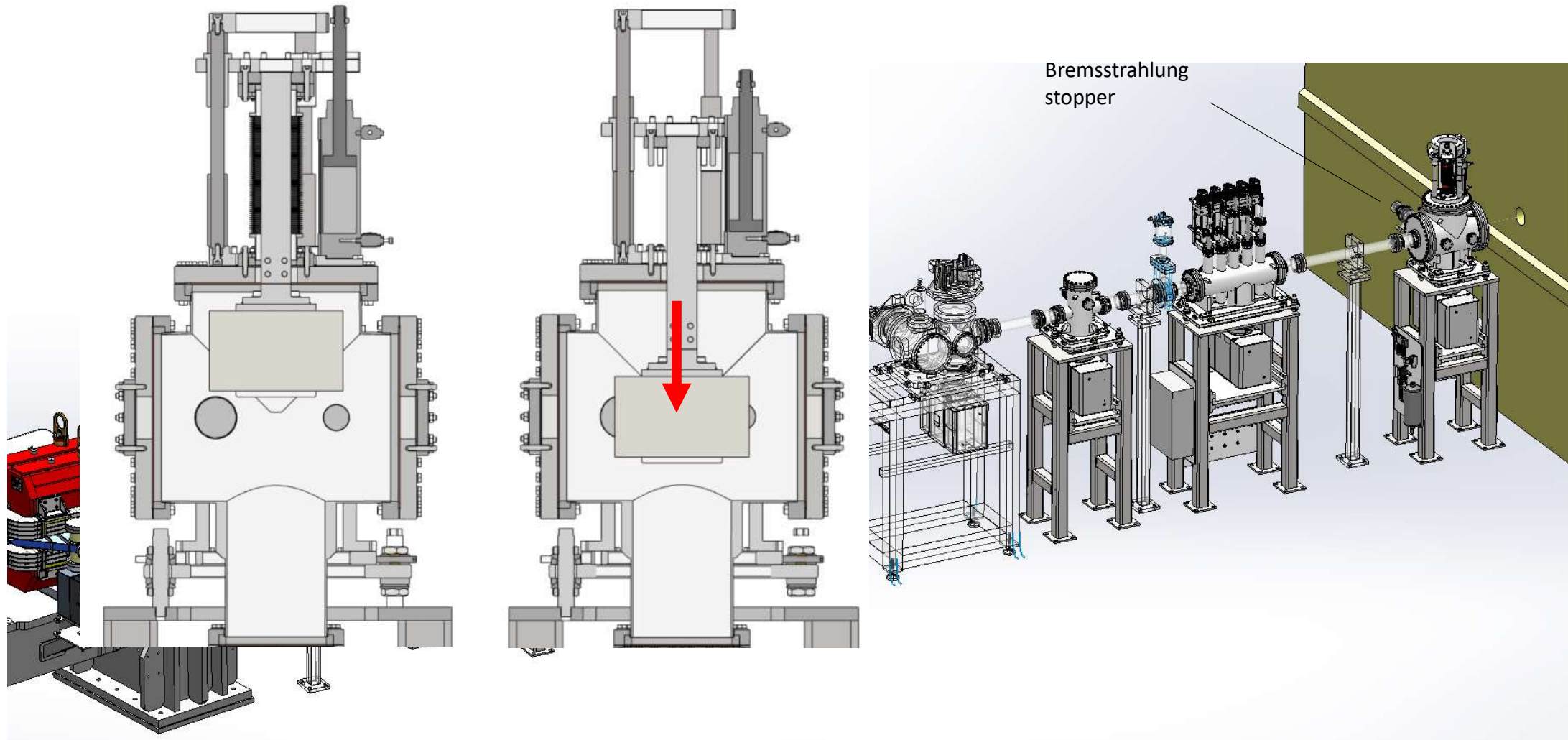
BEATS front-end

- Stop the beam: allow access to the downstream beamline components in full safety



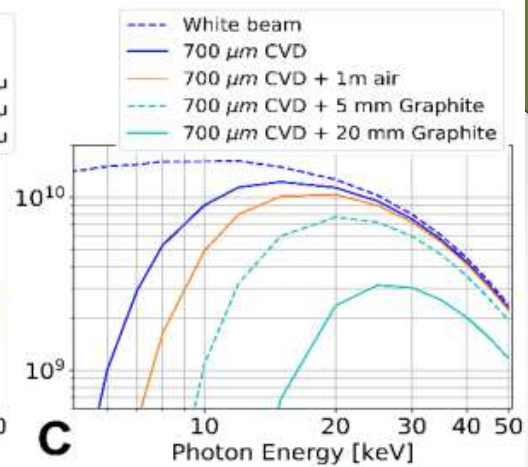
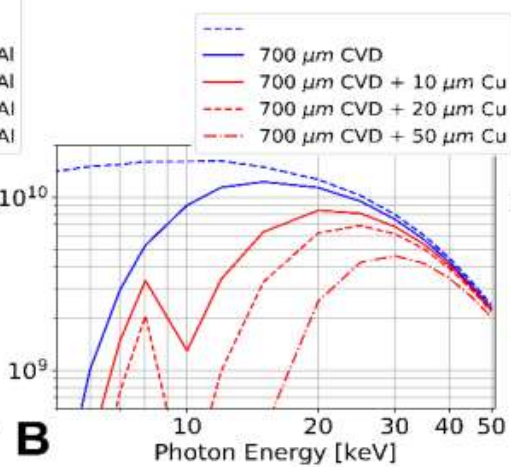
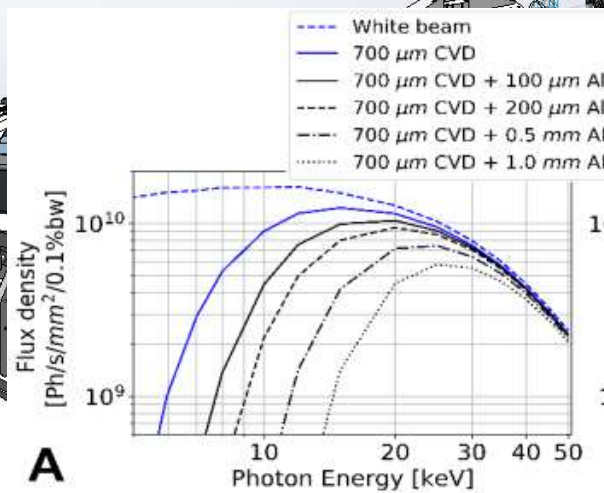
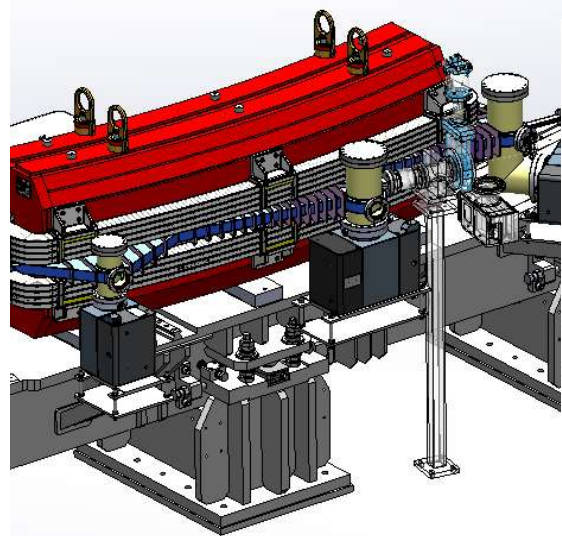
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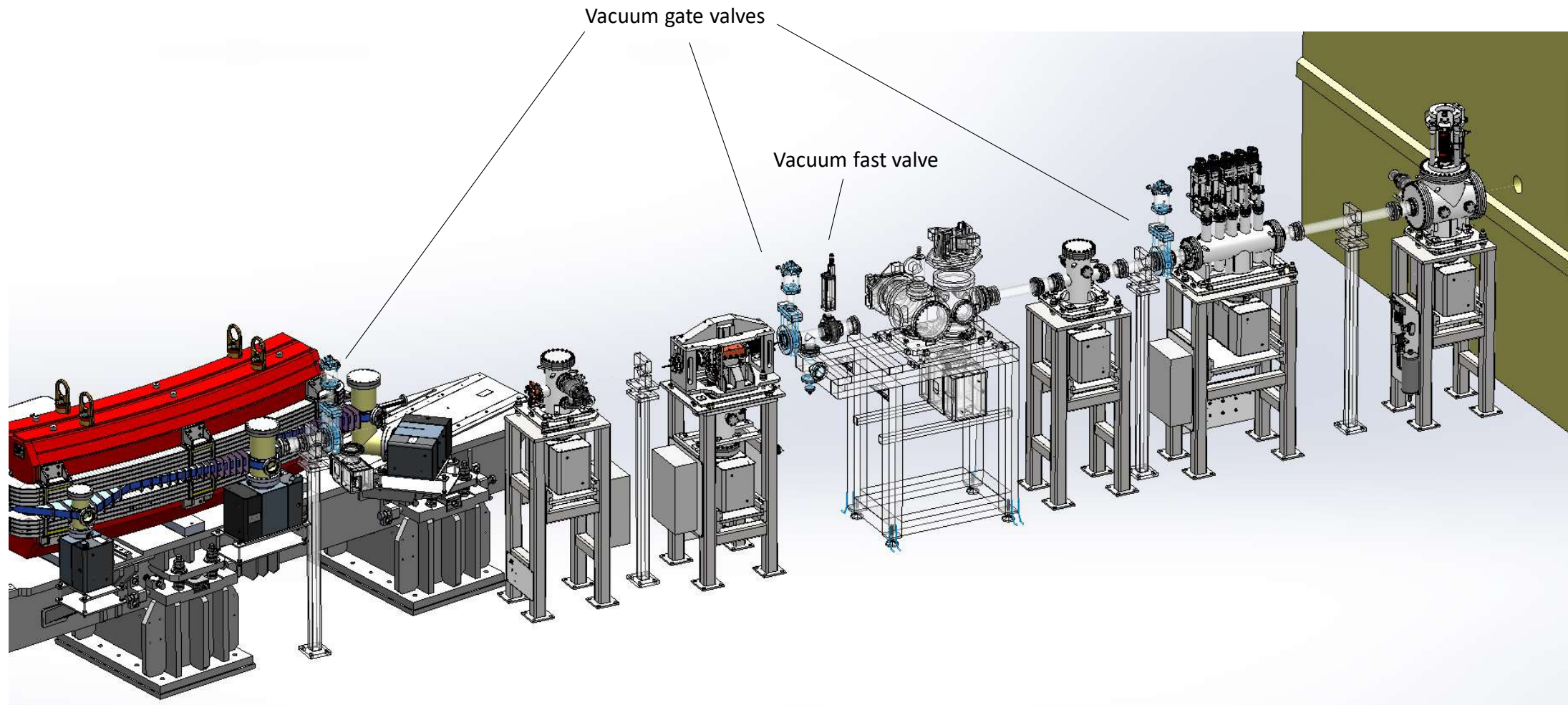
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- Tune the energy spectrum of the extracted beam through the use of filters



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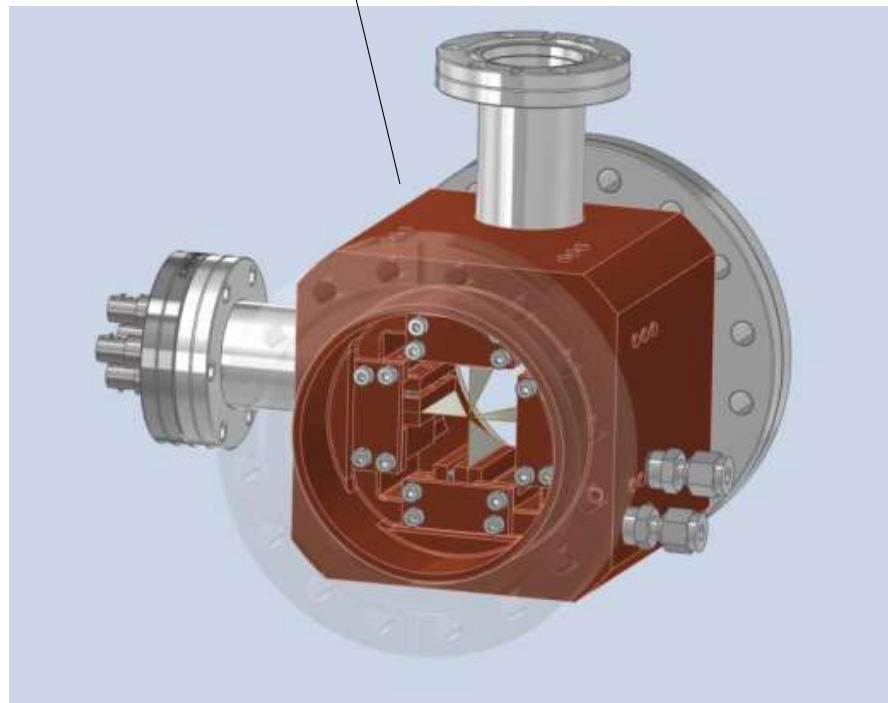
- Assures the integrity of the storage ring vacuum



BEATS front-end

- Provide diagnostic on the X-Ray beam position

X-Ray Beam Position Monitor

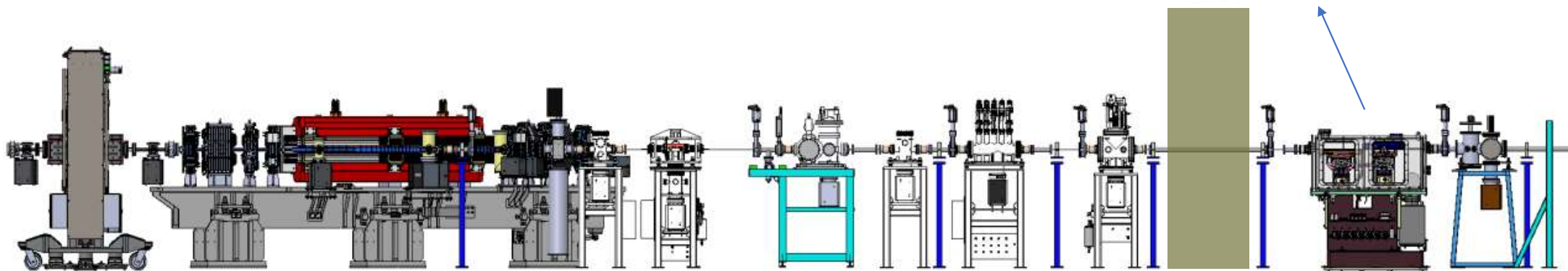
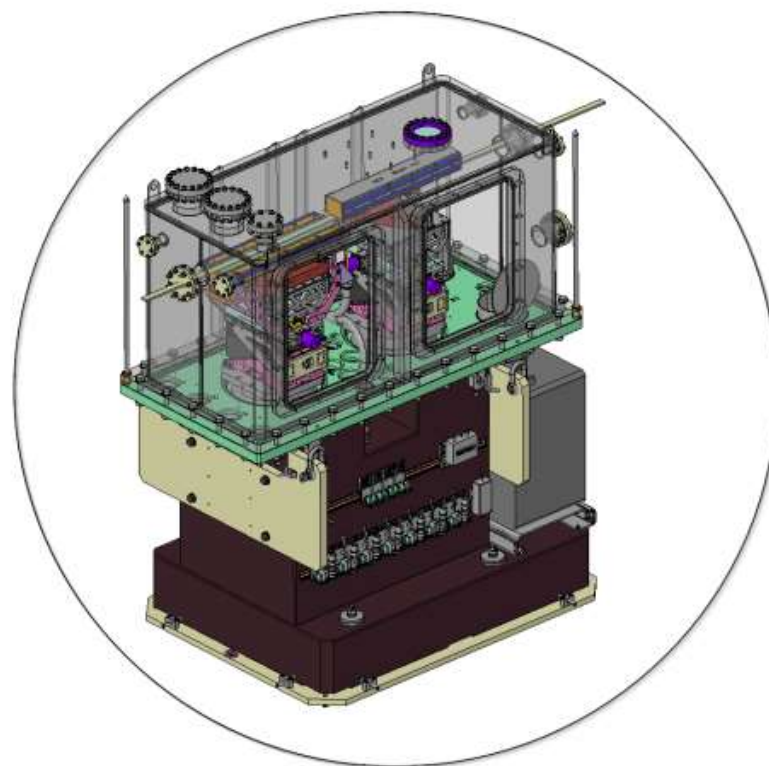
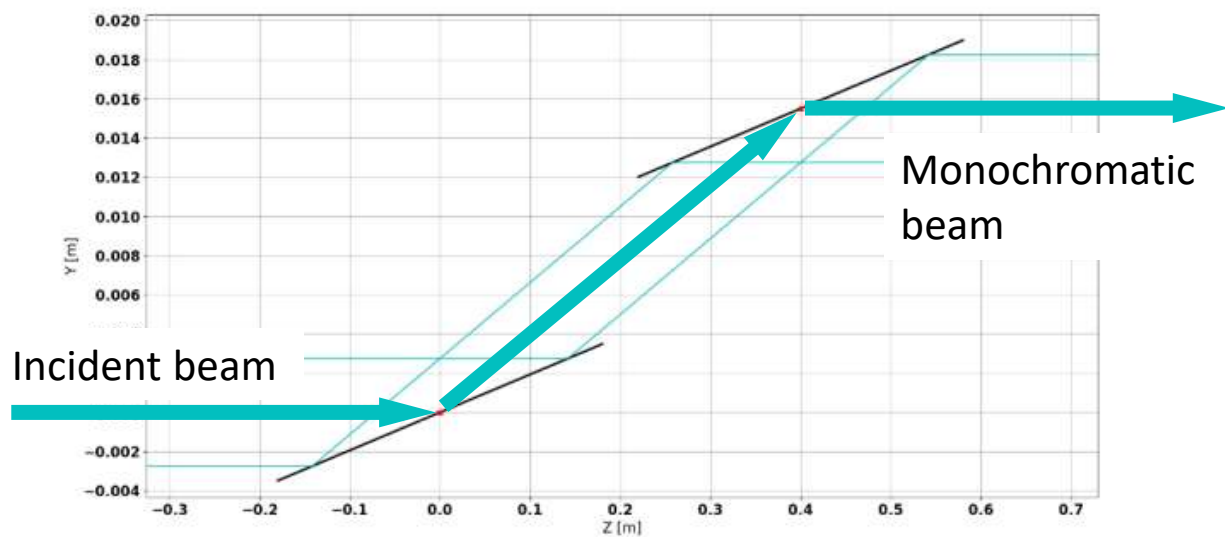


BEATS front-end

- Collimate and shape the X-Ray beam
- Stop the beam: allow access to the downstream beamline components in full safety
- Tune the energy spectrum of the extracted beam through the use of filters
- Assure the integrity of the storage ring vacuum
- Provide diagnostic on the X-Ray beam position

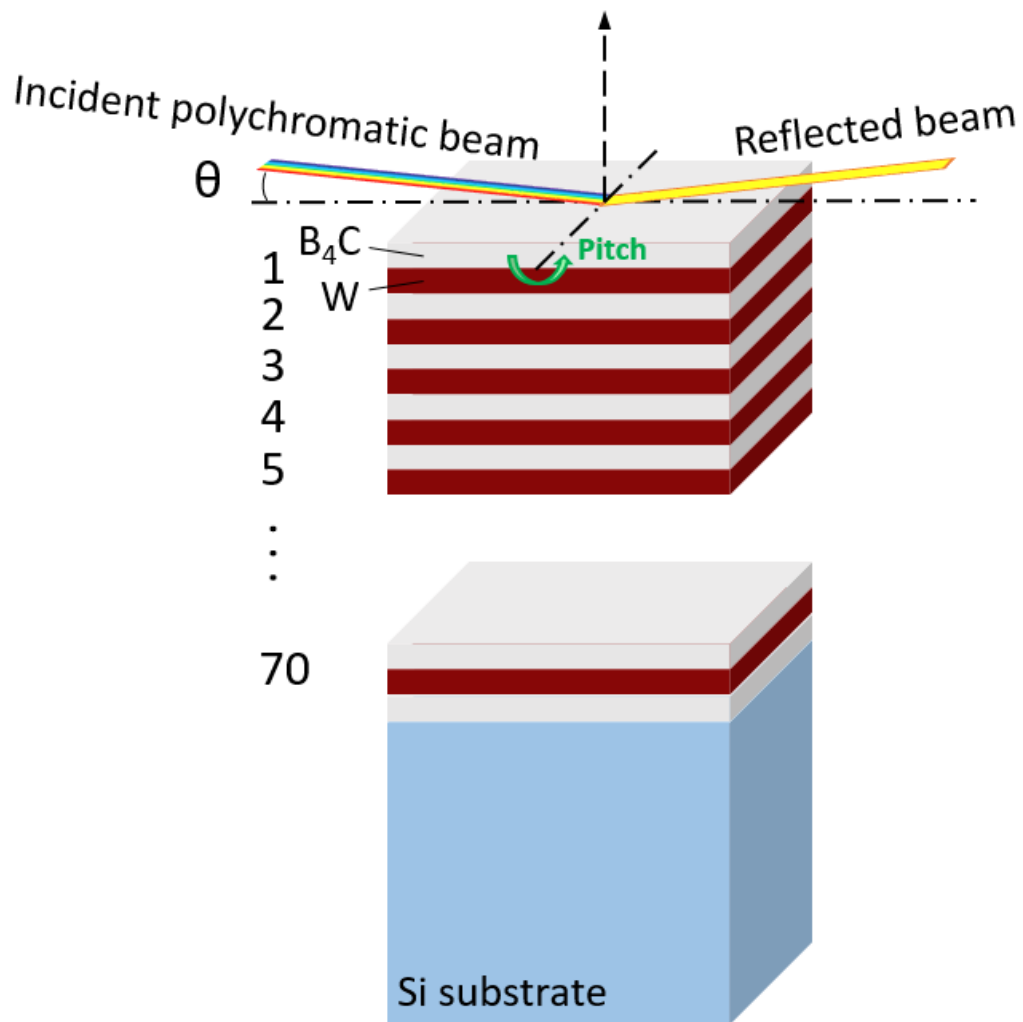


Beamline Optics: Double Multilayer Monochromator (DMM)



Double Multilayer Monochromator (DMM)

Multilayers



- Multilayers are produced by coating a Si substrate with periodic bi-layers of a high-Z and a low-Z material.
- The deposition process is called magnetron sputtering.
- Bragg's law for a multilayer:

$$\lambda = 2 d \sin(\vartheta)$$

Bi-layer thickness

Double Multilayer Monochromator (DMM)

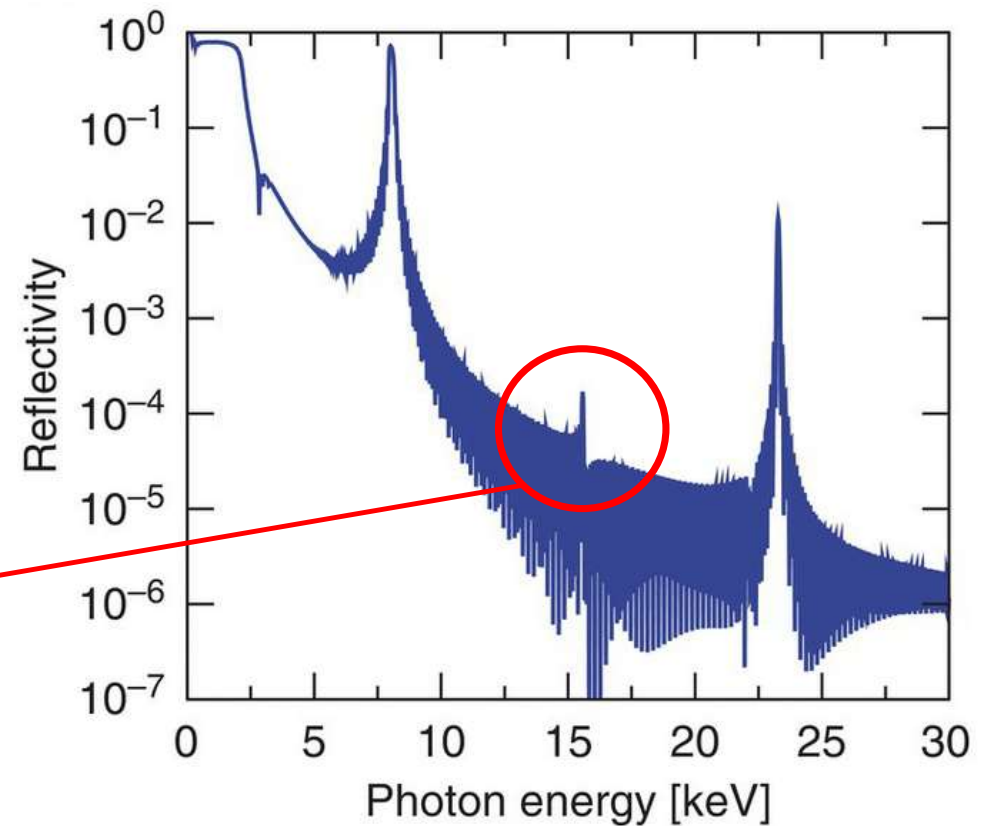
Multilayers

- Limited number of scattering planes: less degree of monochromaticity and larger bandwidth than DCMs

$\Delta E/E$	
DCM:	$10^{-4} \div 10^{-5}$
DMM:	10^{-2}

- Ru- and B_4C sublayers are equally thick: even harmonics suppressed

- Reflectivity as a function of photon energy for a Ru/ B_4C multilayer for $\theta = 1.15^\circ$ (BM5, ESRF)



Double Multilayer Monochromator (DMM)

Substrates (BEATS)

Dimensions	500 mm × 65 mm × 60 mm
Coatings area	480 mm × 25 mm (2 stripes)
Surface roughness (RMS)	< 0.10 nm
Meridional slope error (RMS)	< 0.2 μrad

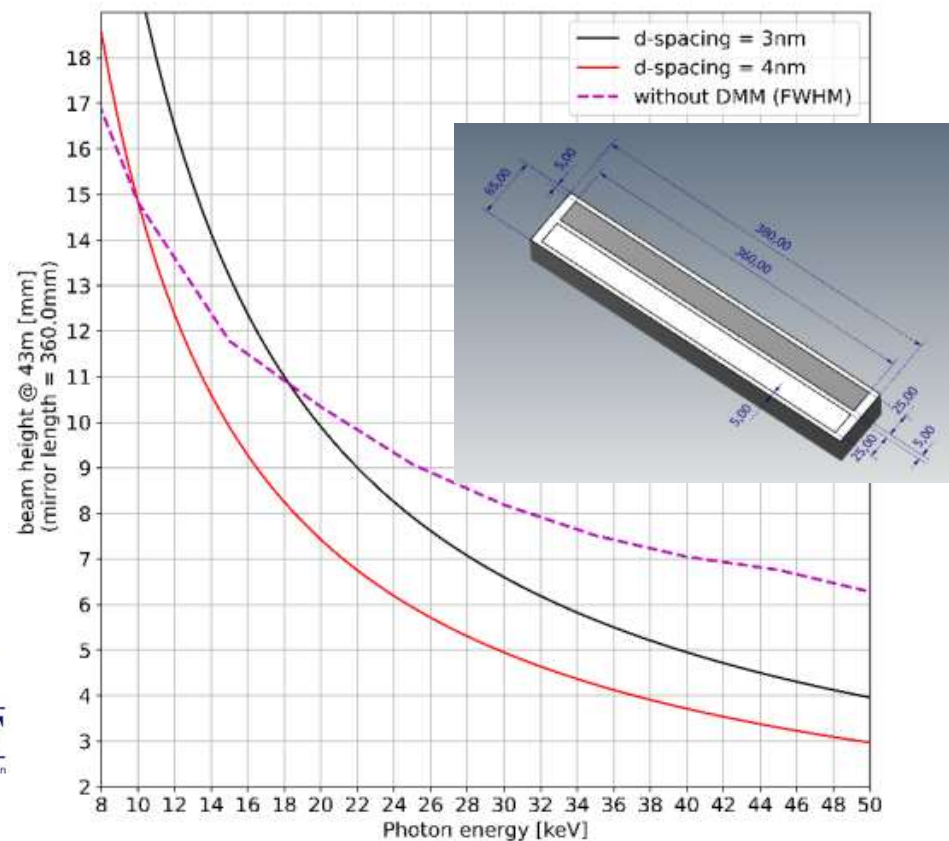
- Larger d implies smaller grazing angle and longer Si substrates than those of DCMs

Multilayers (BEATS)

	Stripe 1	Stripe 2
	[W/B₄C]₁₀₀	[Ru/B₄C]₆₅
Energies [keV]	20 – 50	8(10) – 22
d-spacing [nm]	3.0	4.0
Duty cycle γ	0.5	0.5
N. bilayers	100	65
dE/E [%]	~ 3.0	~ 3.1 %
Theta (Bragg angle) [deg]	0.22 – 0.75	0.40 – 1.10

Bi-layer thickness

$$\lambda = 2 d \sin(\vartheta)$$



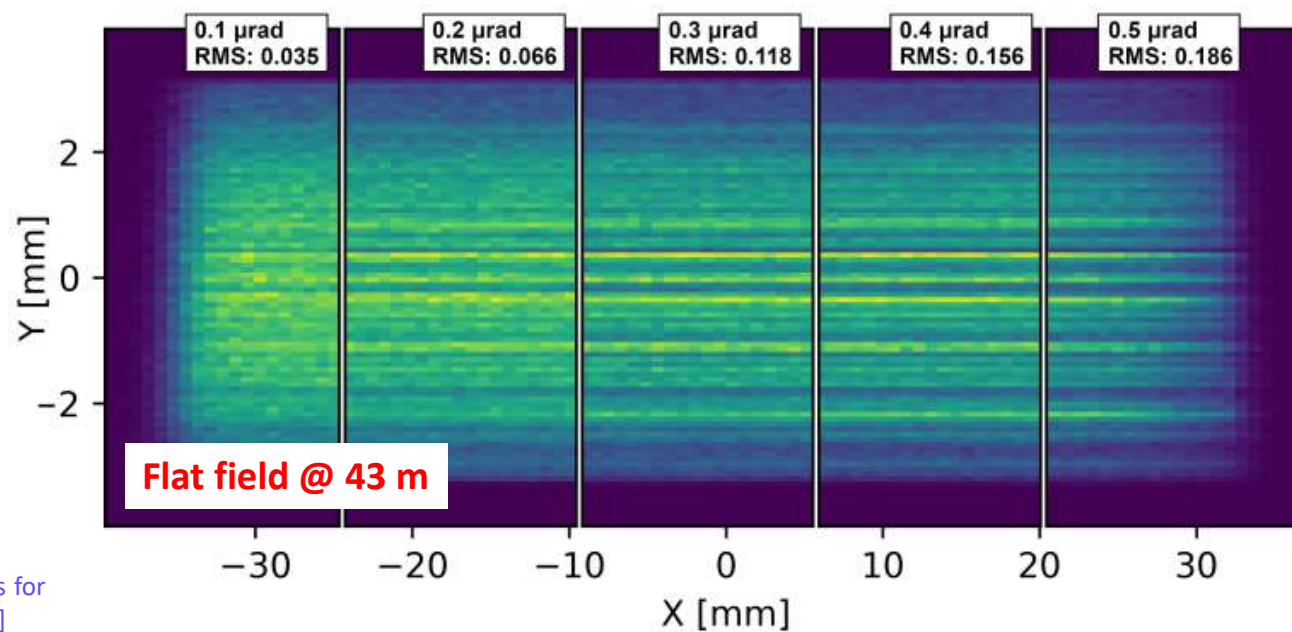
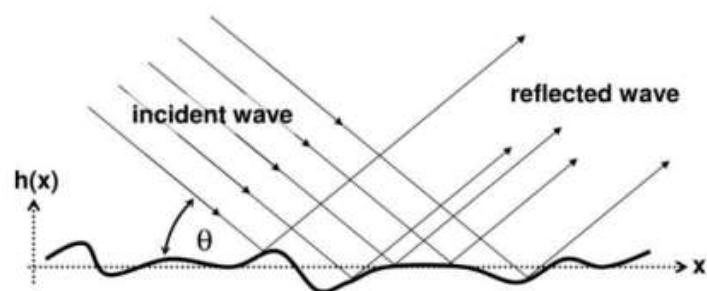
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- [W/B₄C]100 DMM stripe @ 45 keV
- Meridional slope error: 0.1 – 0.5 μ rad..

..The quality of the flat field deteriorates for mirror slope errors > 0.2 μ rad!

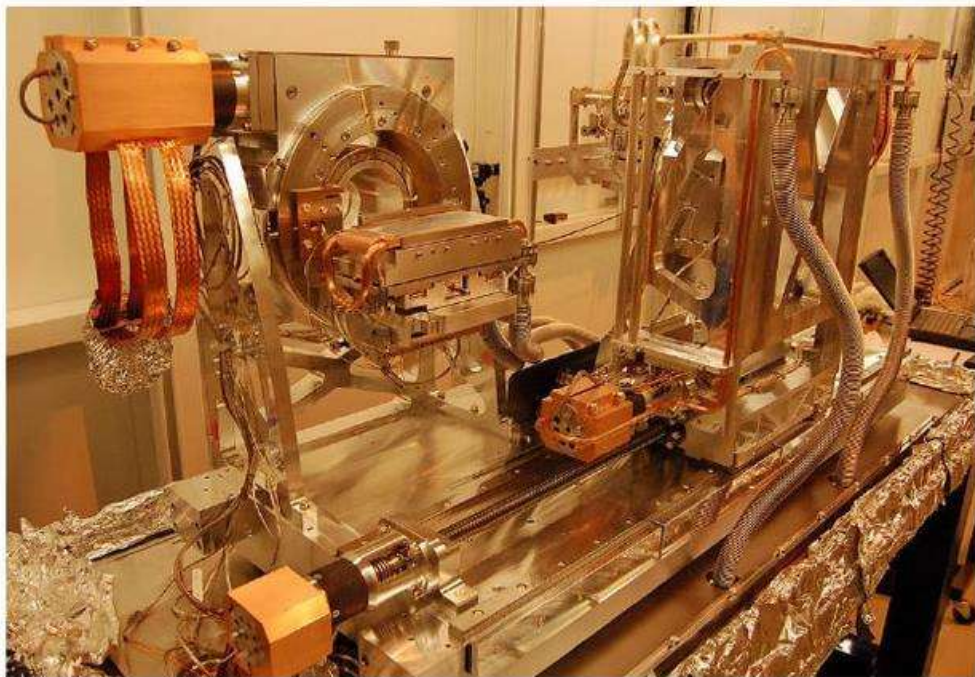


[A. Rack et al., "Comparative study of multilayers used in monochromators for synchrotron-based coherent hard X-ray imaging," J Synchrotron Rad. 2010]

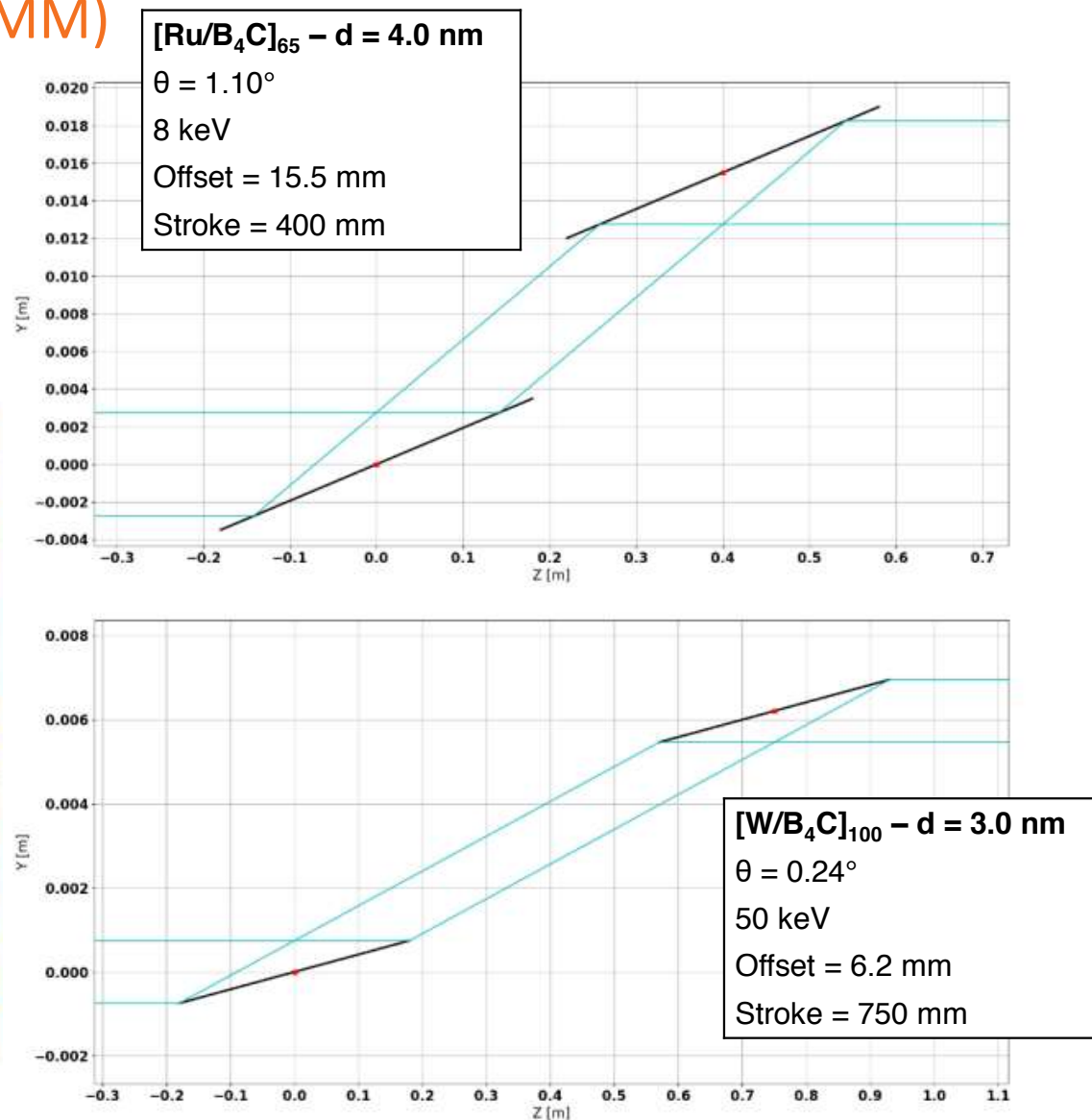
Double Multilayer Monochromator (DMM)

Mechanics

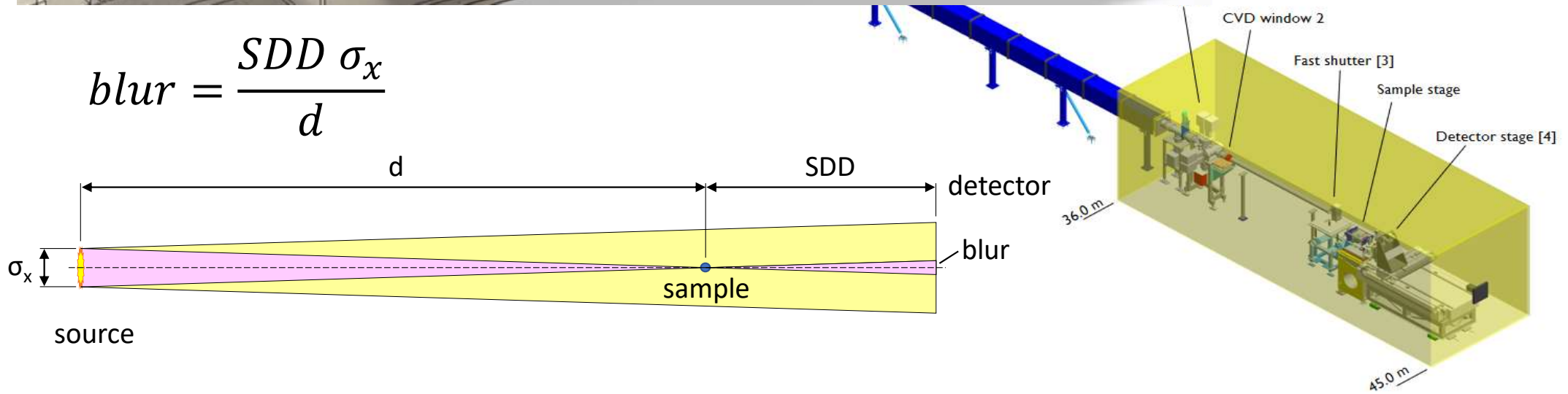
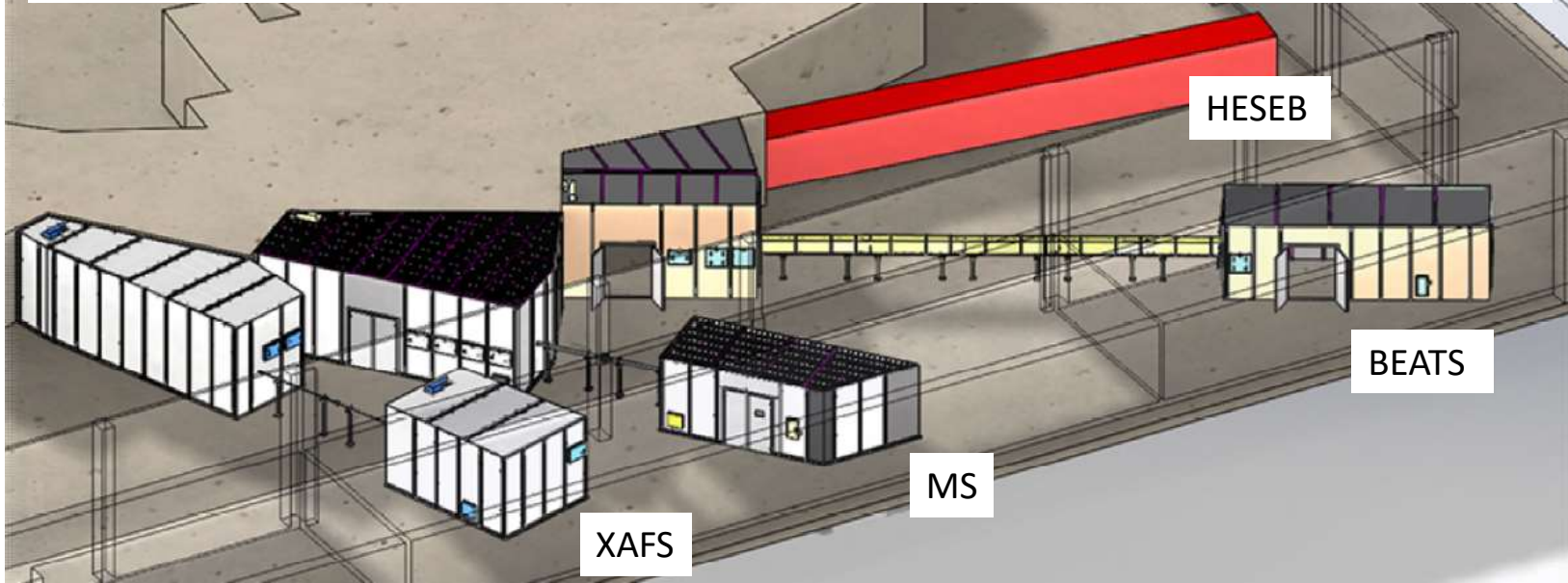
- **Independent ML towers**
 - Variable offset: 6.2 – 15.5 mm
 - Stroke 2nd multilayer: 400 – 750 mm



DMM @ TOMCAT, PSI; Cinel Scientific Instruments



Maximize beamline length to improve spatial coherence and decrease image blur!



Raytracing and numerical simulation

- Design and verification of beamline optics
- Heat load on critical components
- Beamline performance
- Multilayers design
- DMM operation

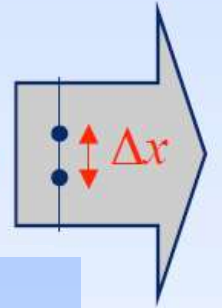
Raytracing and numerical simulation

- Coherence length and blur

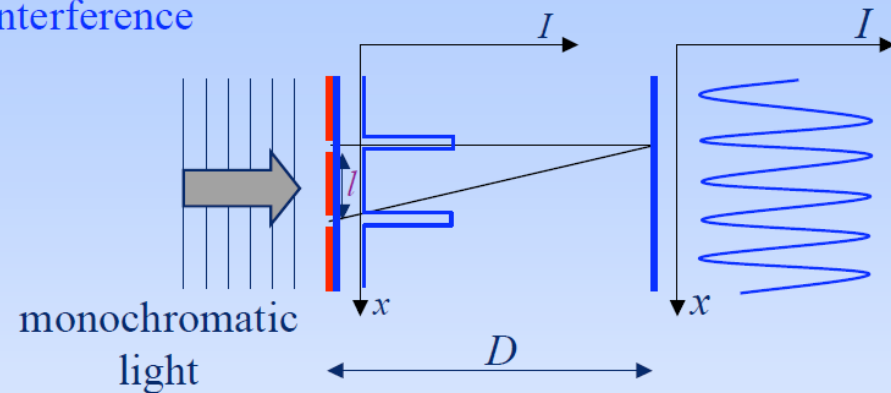
$$l_{coh} = \frac{2\lambda d}{\sigma_x}$$

Spatial Coherence
correlation in space

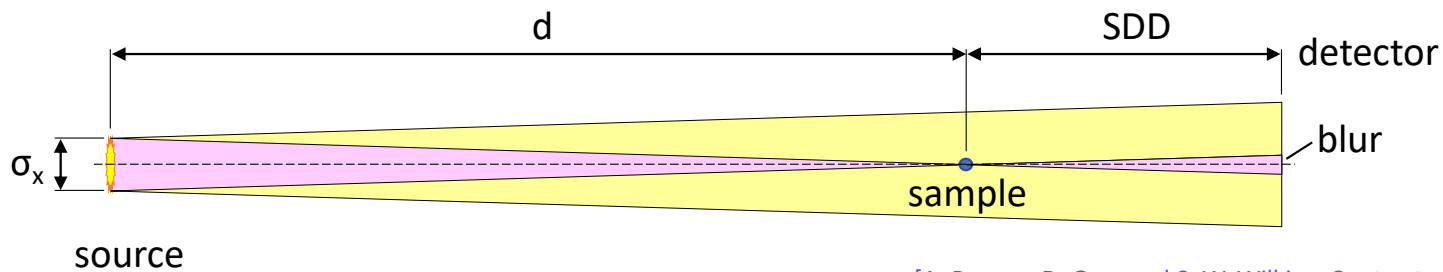
$$u(x) u(x+\Delta x)$$



- Interference



condition: l smaller than *transverse coherence length*



[A. Pogany, D. Gao, and S. W. Wilkins, Contrast and resolution in imaging with a microfocus x-ray source, 1997]
[P. Cloetens, Phase Contrast Imaging - Coherent Beams, School on X-ray Imaging Techniques at the ESRF, 2007]

Raytracing and numerical simulation

- Close Front-End slits (secondary source) for improved coherence

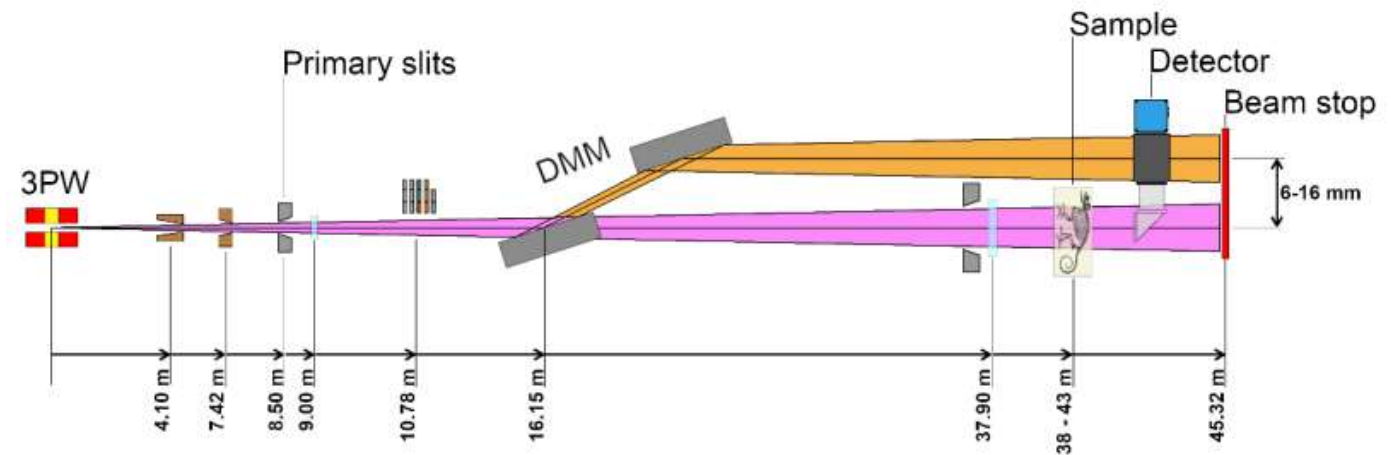


phase contrast

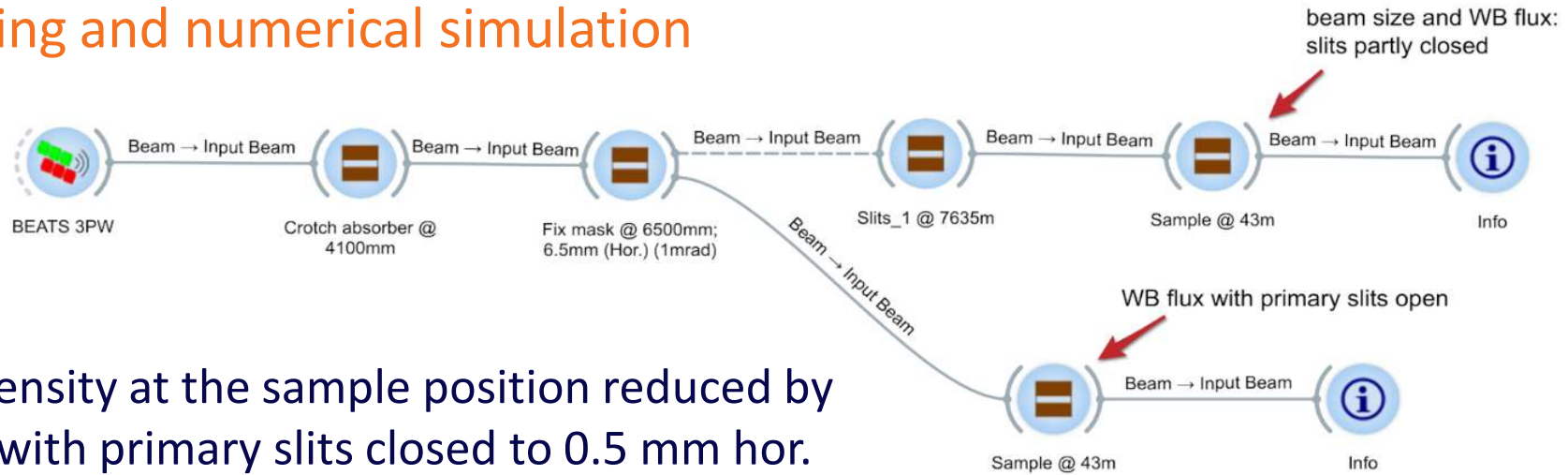
Beamline	d [m]	σ_x [μm]	Transverse coherence length [μm]
ID19@ESRF	145	25	720.1
TOMCAT@SLS	34	140	30.2
SYRMEP@Elettra	23	197	14.5
TopoTomo@ANKA	33	500	8.2
BEATS - Primary slits OPEN	43	1978	2.7
BEATS - Primary slits: 1 mm (H)	34.6	1000	4.3
BEATS - Primary slits: 0.5 mm (H)	34.6	500	8.6

Table 9: transverse coherence length at 20 keV. Comparison of BEATS with other tomography beamlines.

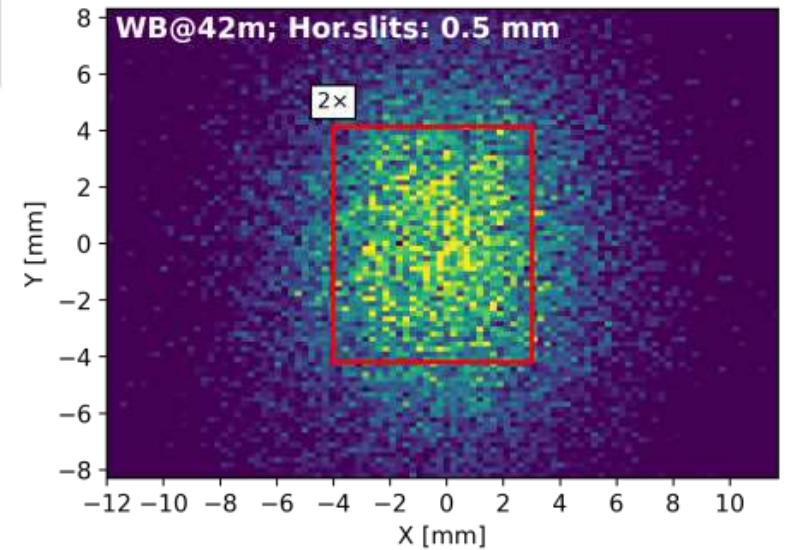
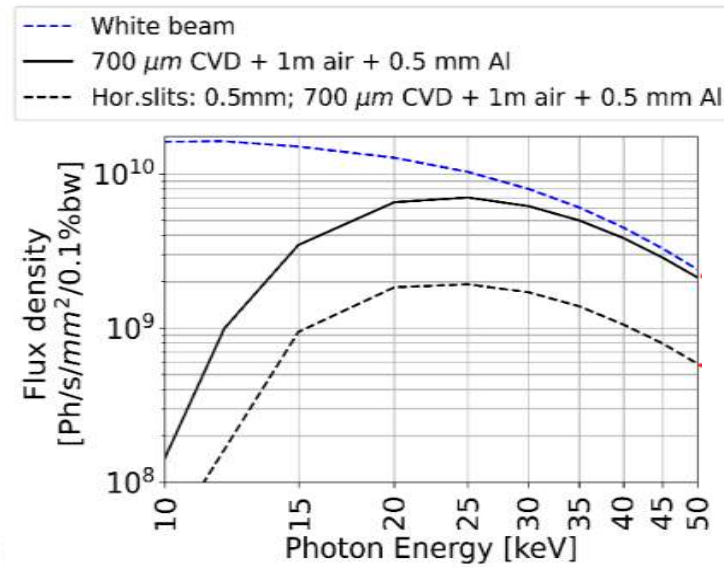
- This reduces available flux and beam size!



Raytracing and numerical simulation



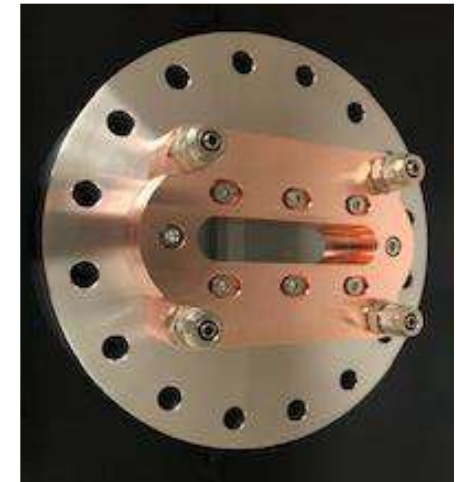
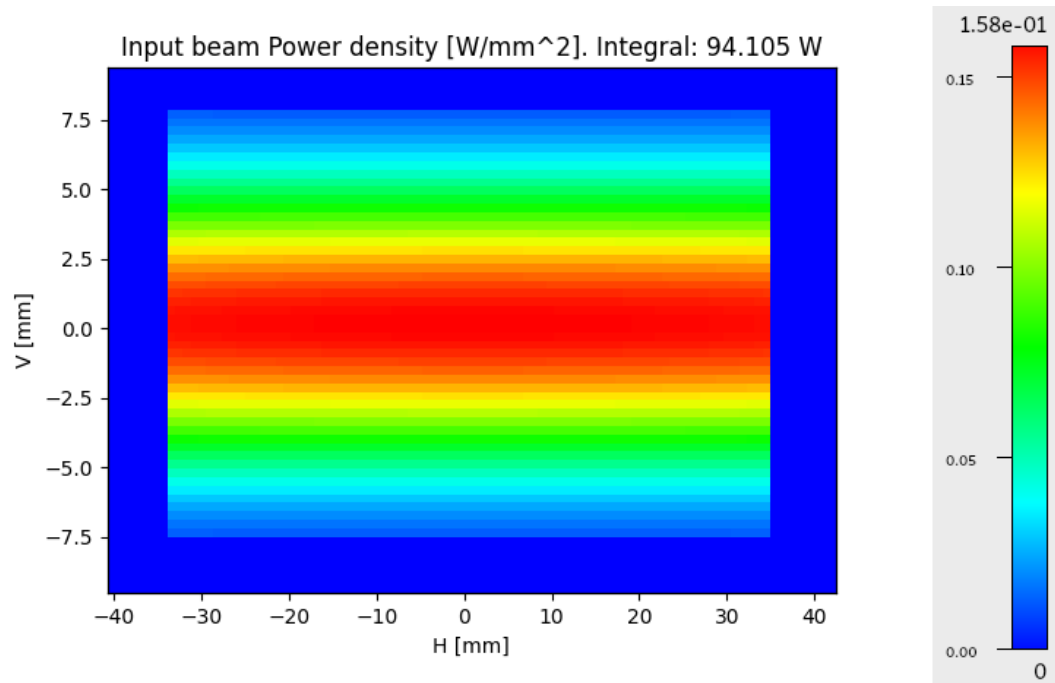
- Flux density at the sample position reduced by ~70% with primary slits closed to 0.5 mm hor.
- The beam size is OK



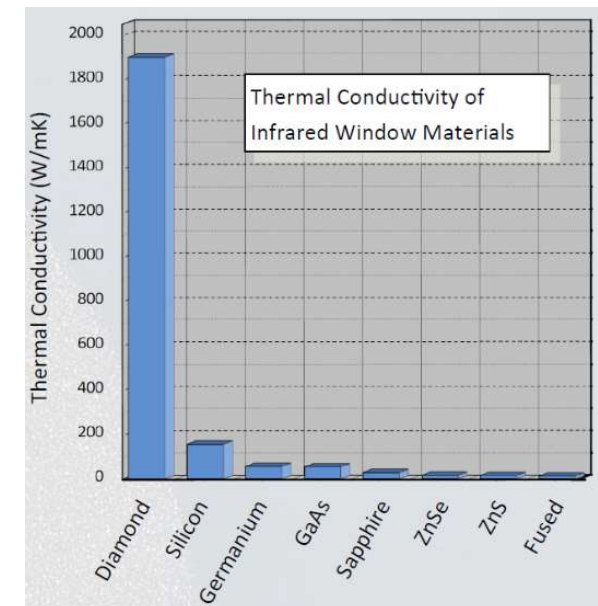
Thermal and mechanical verification

Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) diamond window

- Power density distribution simulated with XOP is used as input for ANSYS non-linear thermal-structural analysis
- The window must sustain the white beam heat load and $\Delta p = 1$ bar



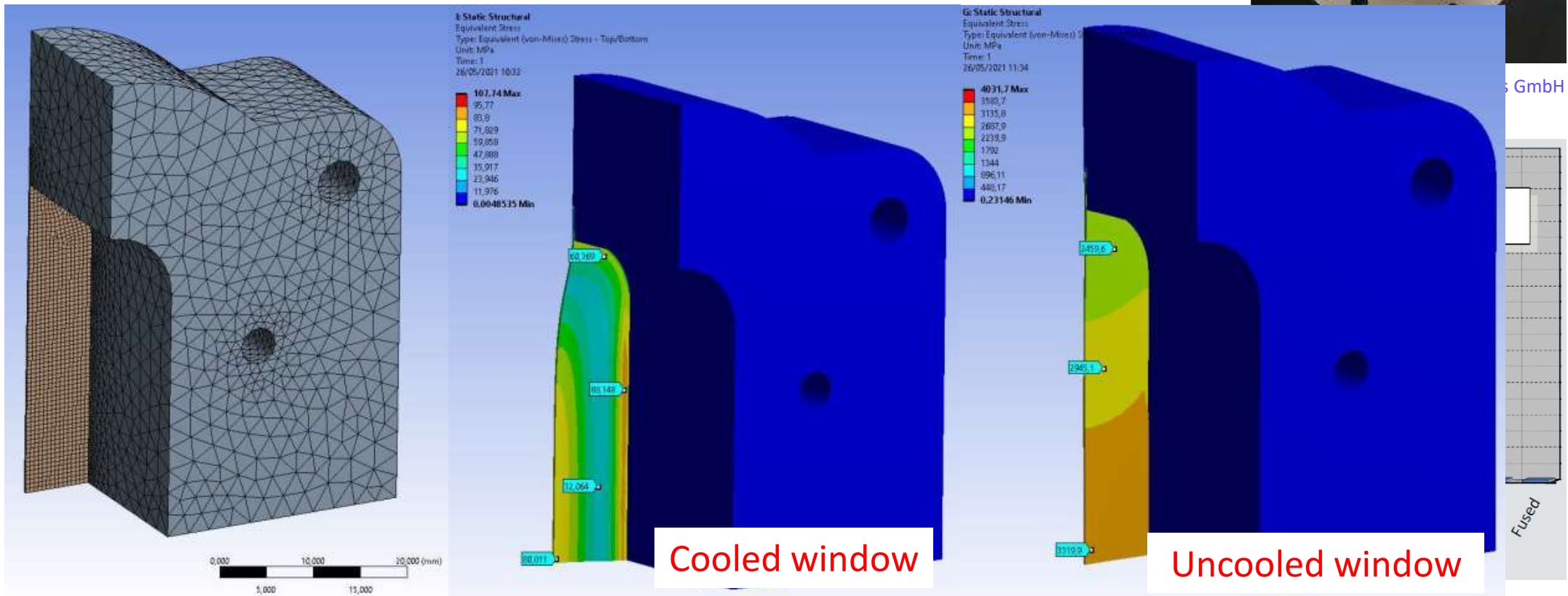
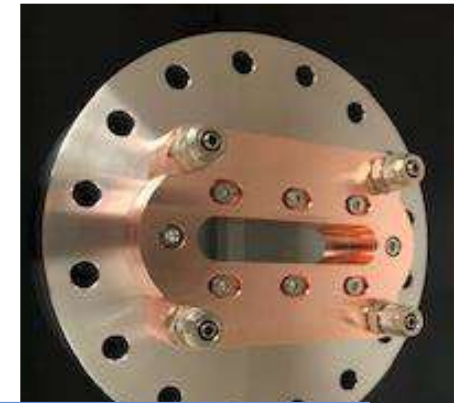
Diamond Materials GmbH



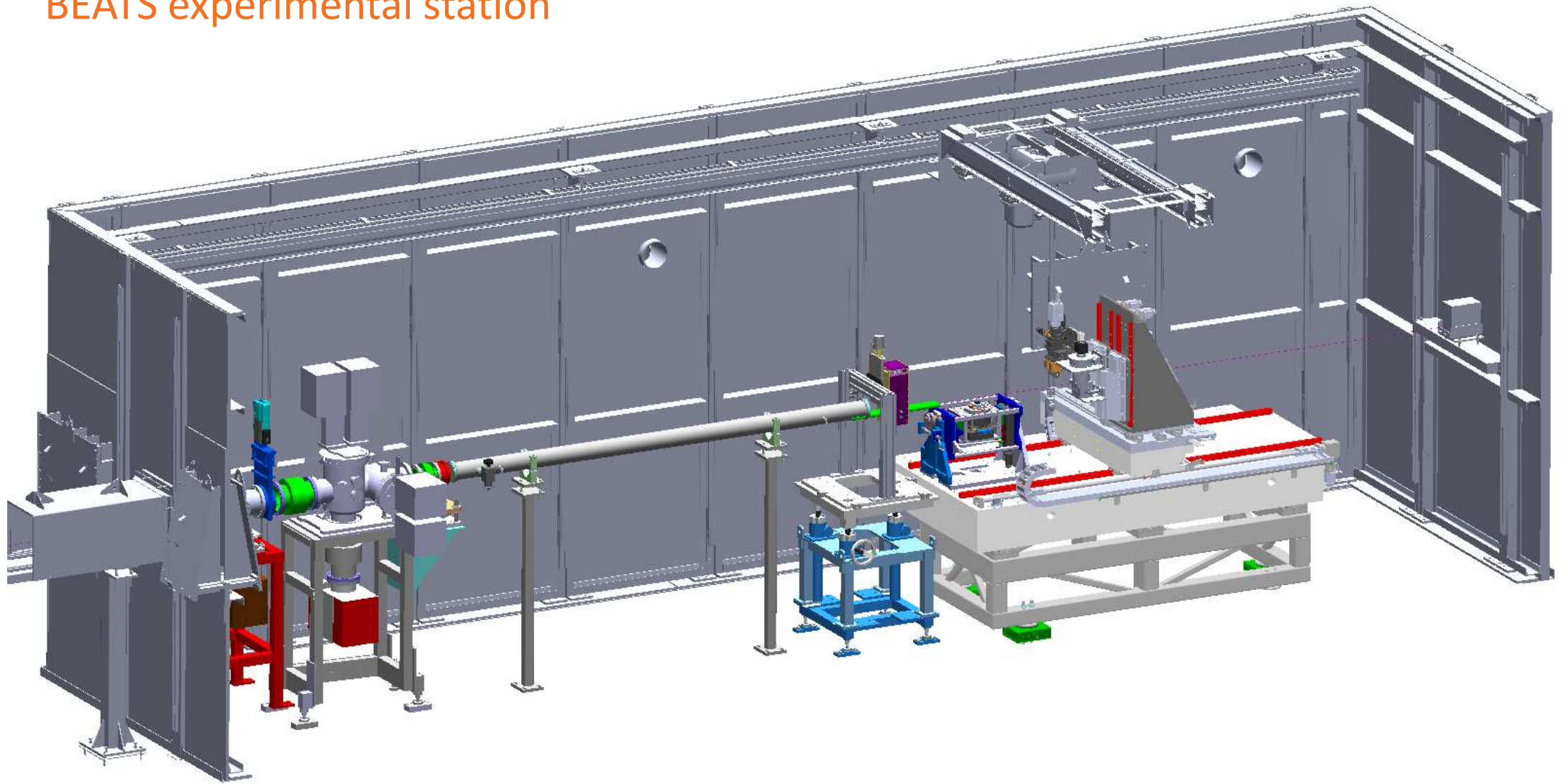
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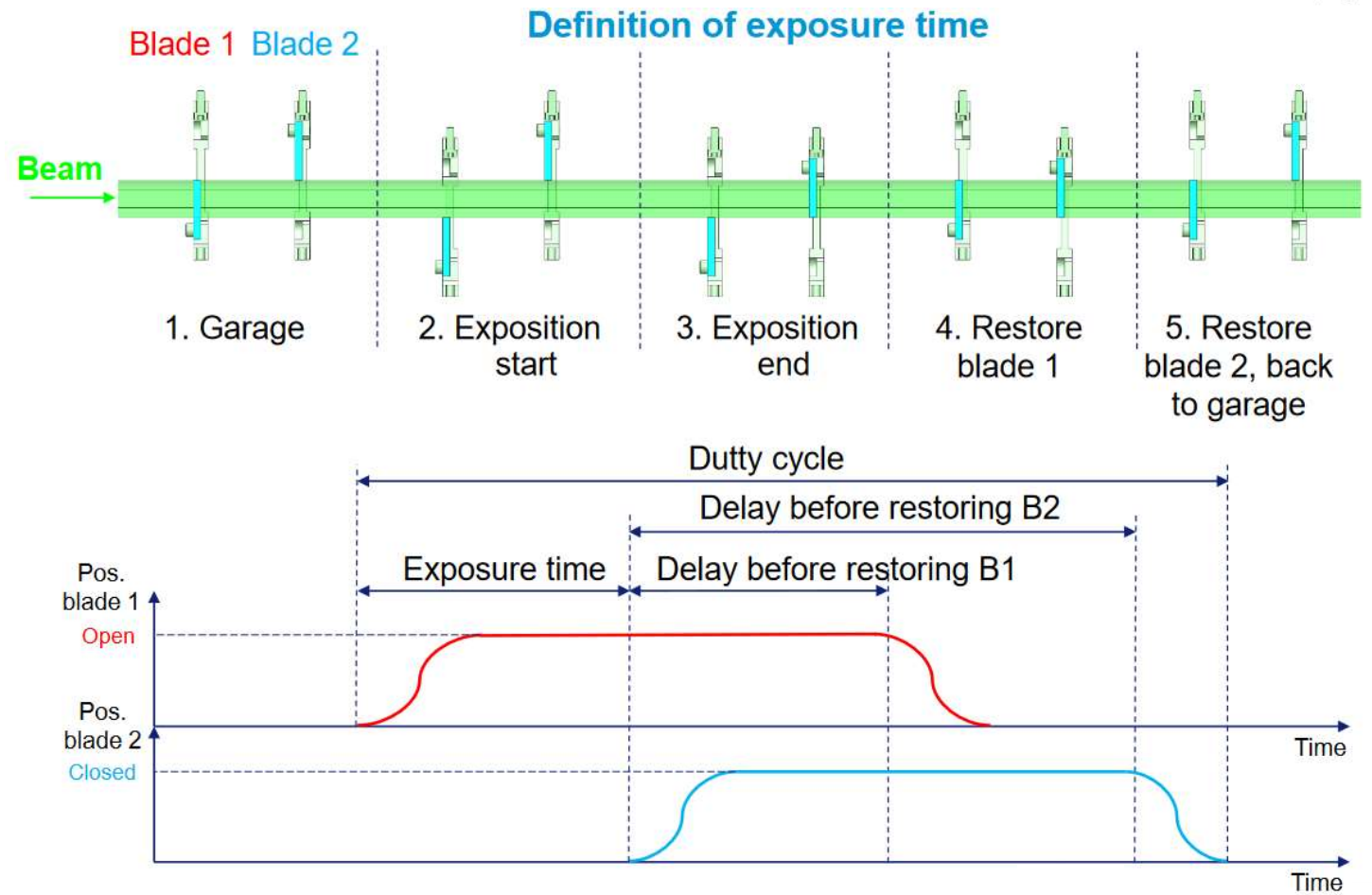
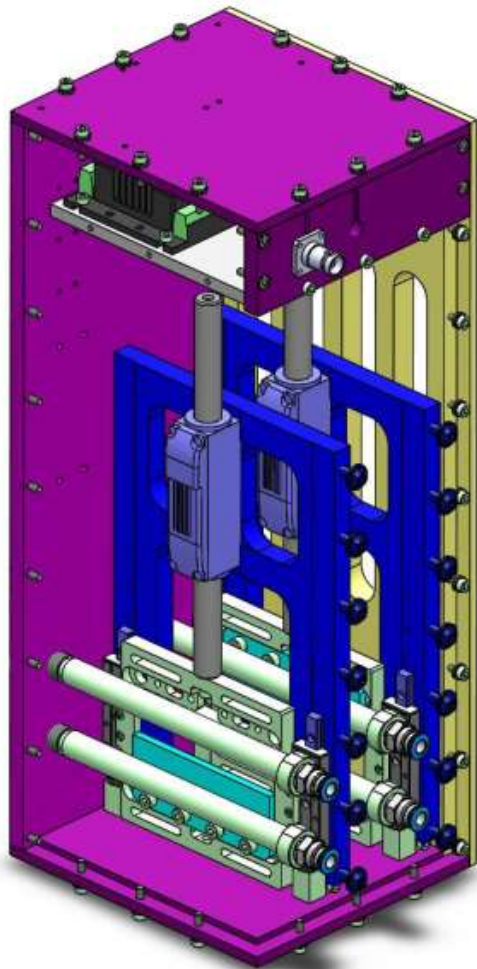


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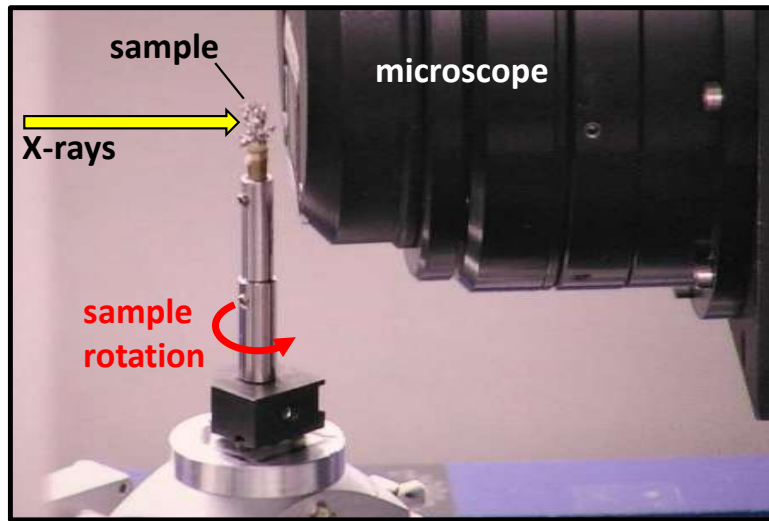
Fast shutter: protect samples and limit X-Ray exposure time



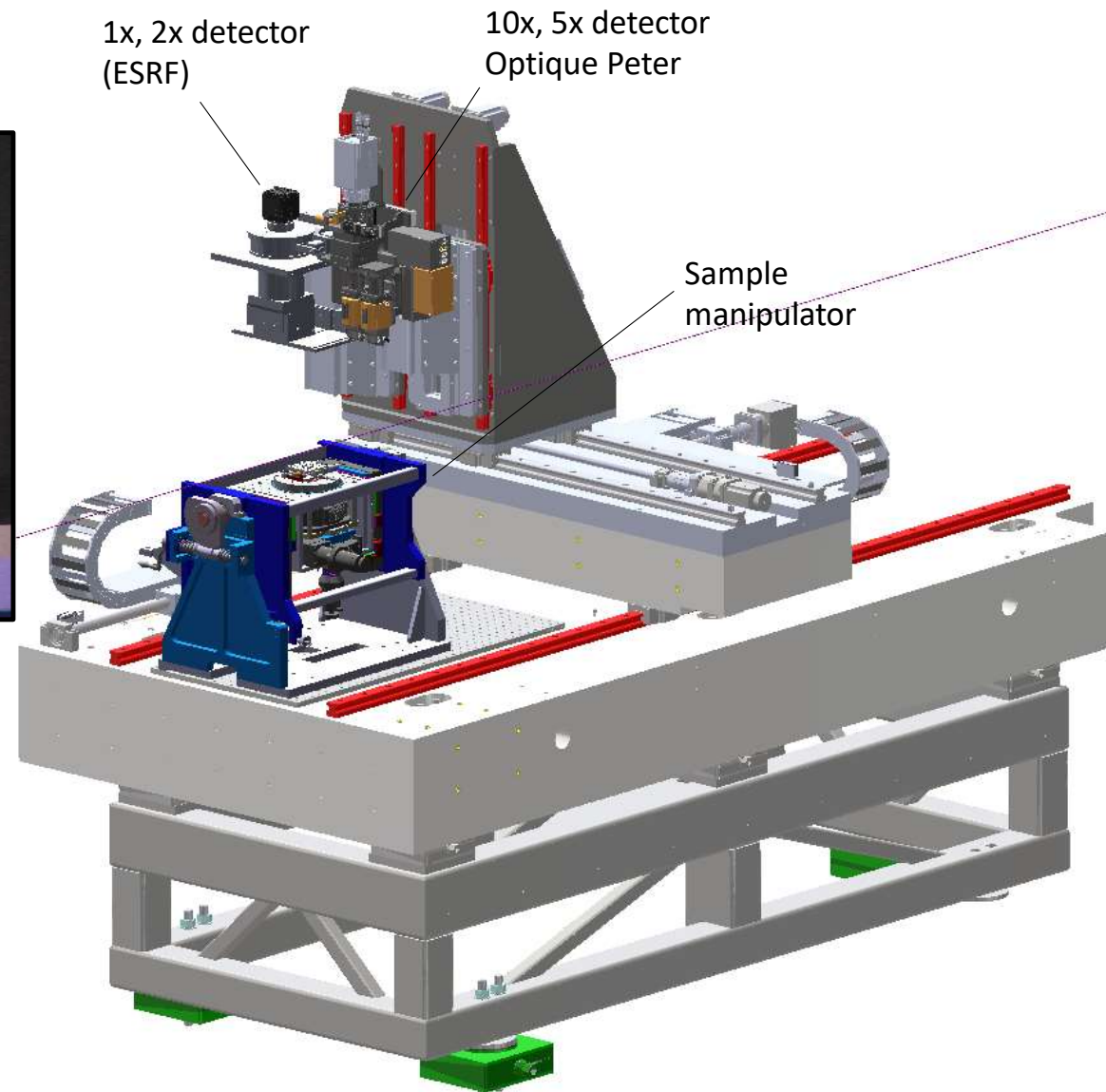
[C. Muñoz Pequeño et al., "Development of a Linear Fast Shutter for BM05 at ESRF and BEATS at SESAME", MEDSI'20]

BEATS experimental station

Sample and detectors stage



- Sample rotation
- Sample pitch
- X-Y rot. axis positioning
- Remove sample from Field Of View (for flat fields)
- Sample-detector propagation distance
- Scan Region Of Interest





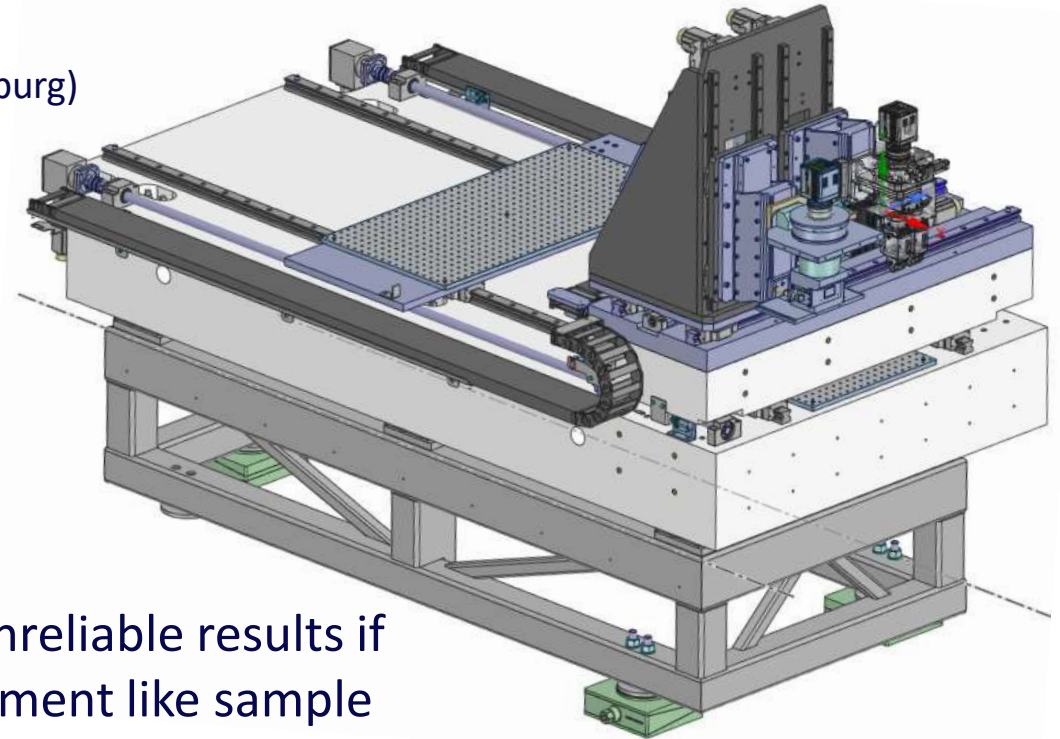
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Detector stage

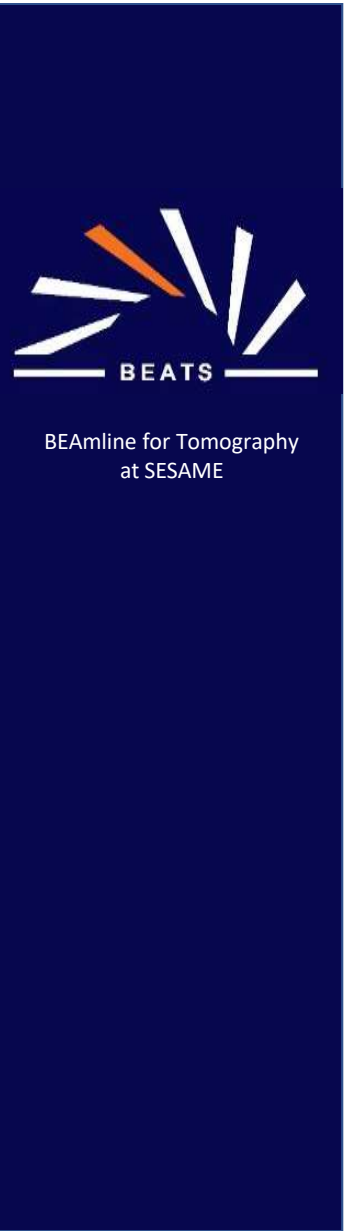
Fortune Mokoena (University of Johannesburg)
Pierre Van Vaerenbergh (ESRF)

- Synergy with ESRF BM5
- Support for 2 detectors



- Floor vibrations can lead to unreliable results if transmitted to sensible equipment like sample environment and detection systems.
- Characterize vibrational stability to minimize the effect of vibrations on the detectors.

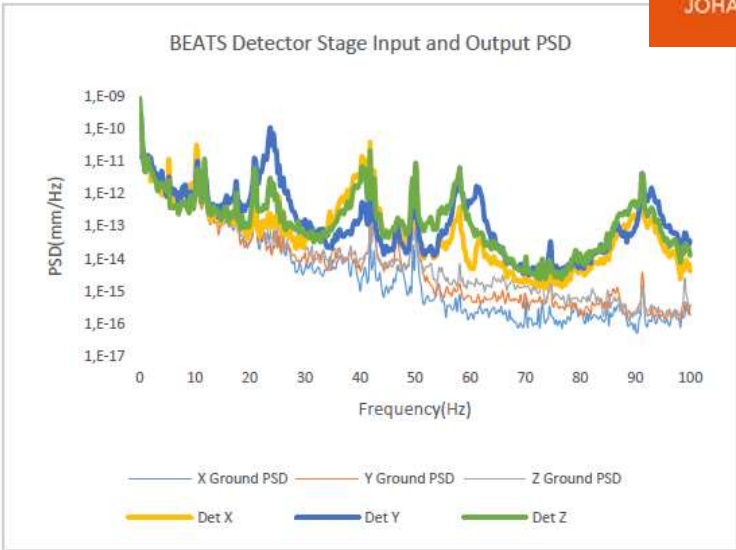
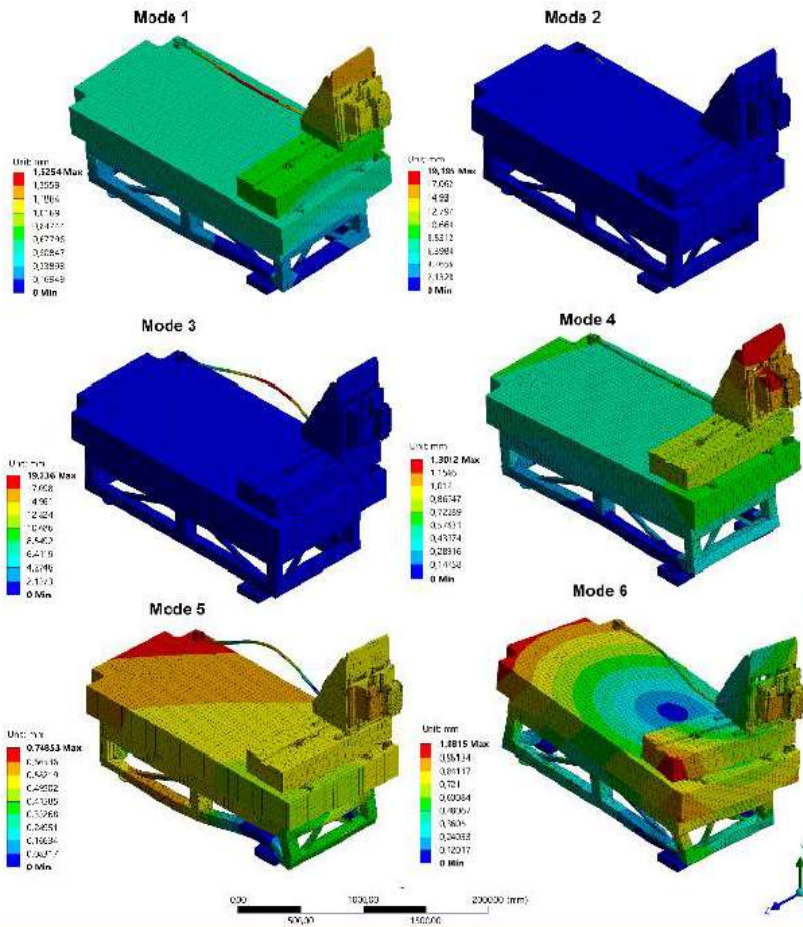




BEATS experimental station



BEATS Detector stage Random Vibration Analysis



Displacement RMS values

Direction	Ground [nm]	Detector [nm]
X(H)	8	10
Y(H)	12	17
Z(V)	14	15

Modal Frequencies

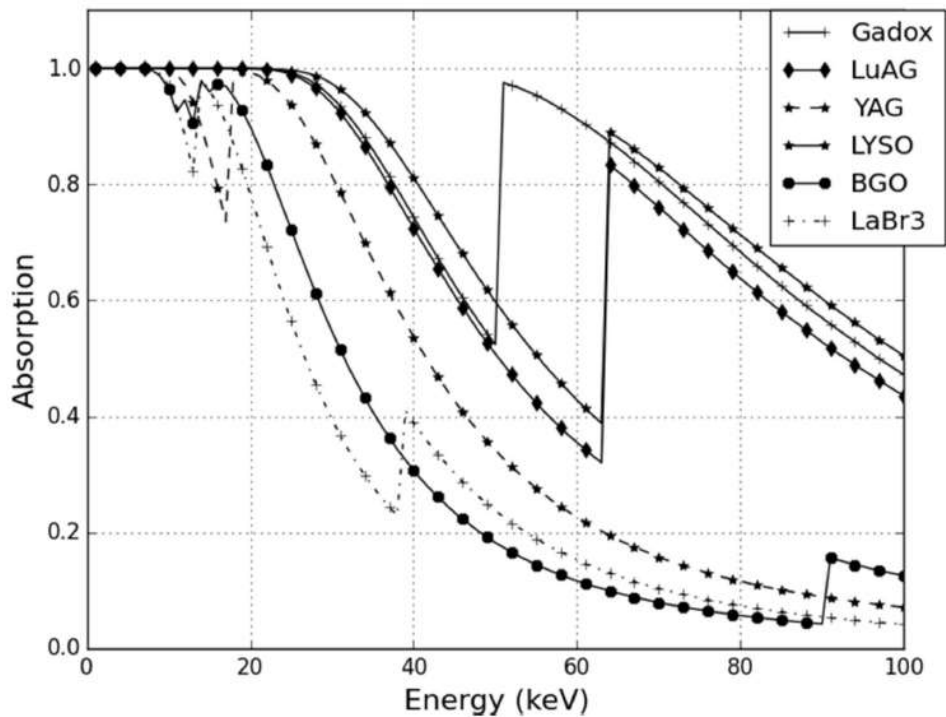
Mode	Frequency [Hz]
1	24
2	35
3	35
4	41
5	62

[F. Mokoena et al., "An FEA Investigation of the Vibration Response of the BEATS Detector Stage", MEDSI'20]

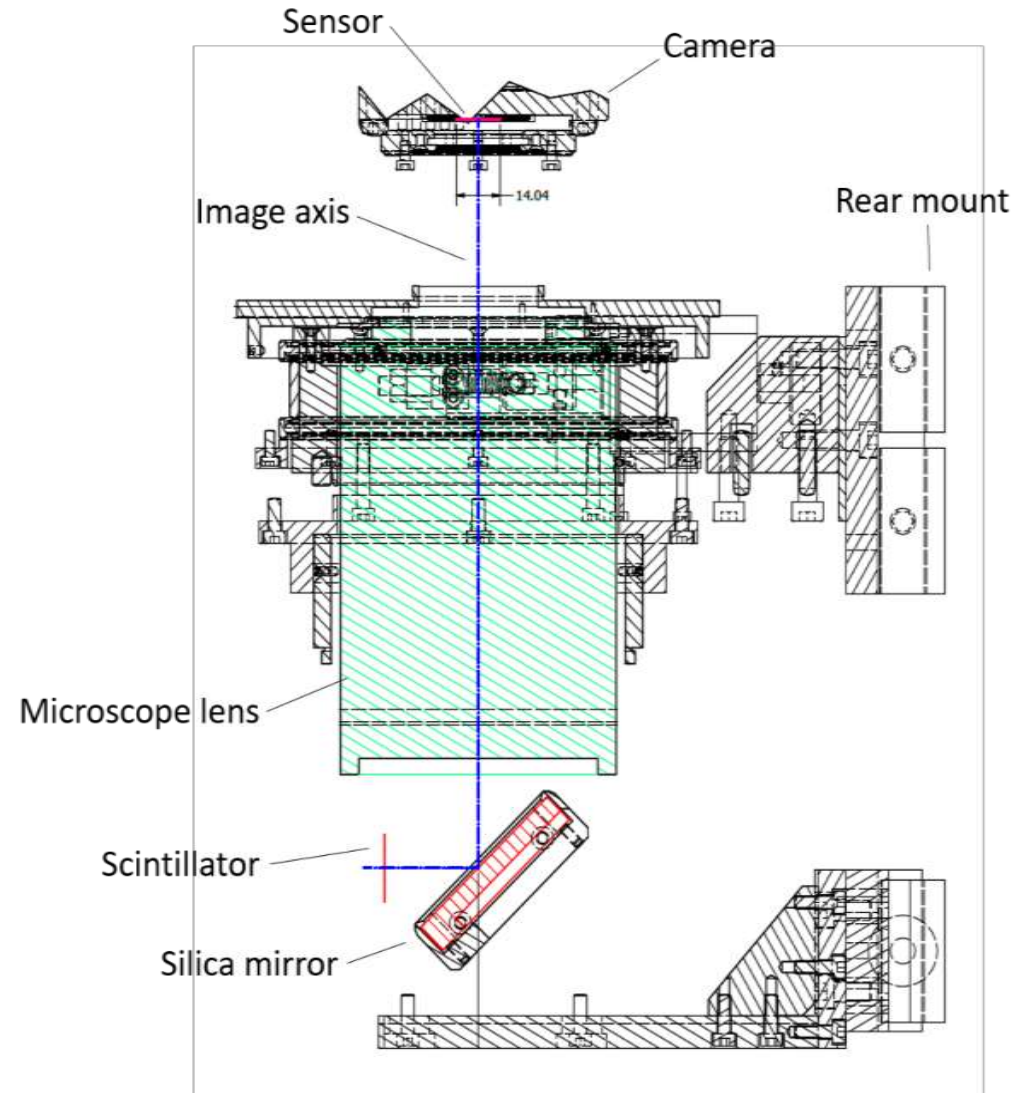
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X-Ray microscope

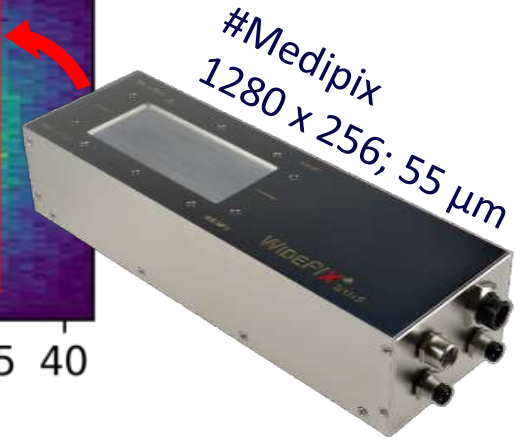
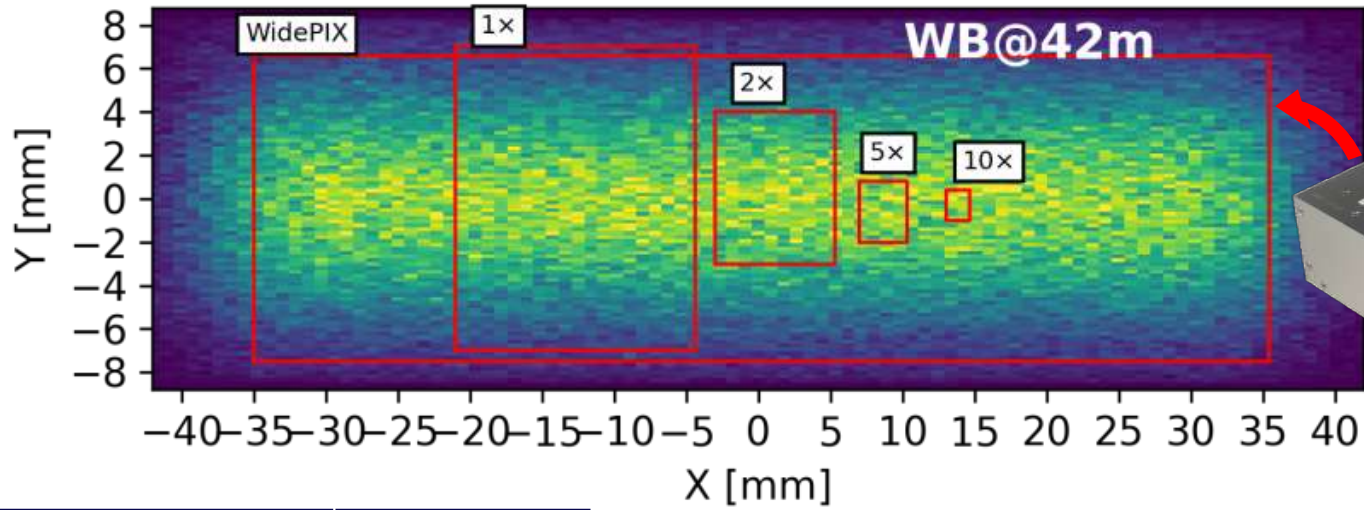
- Absorption efficiency of different scintillator screens of 350 μm thickness



[A. Mittone et al. Journal of Synchrotron Radiation, 2017]



White beam
@42m

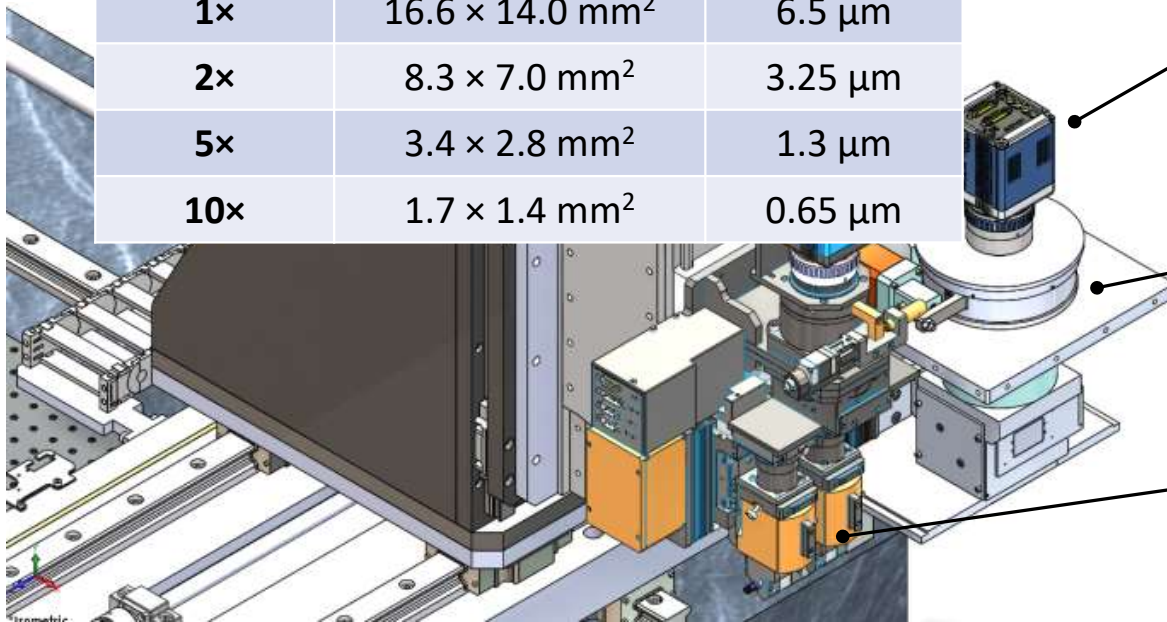


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1x	16.6 × 14.0 mm ²	6.5 μm
2x	8.3 × 7.0 mm ²	3.25 μm
5x	3.4 × 2.8 mm ²	1.3 μm
10x	1.7 × 1.4 mm ²	0.65 μm

PCO.edge 5.5; 6.5 μm pixel size

Low magnification detector (1x; 2x)
White beam compatible
Hasselblad lenses

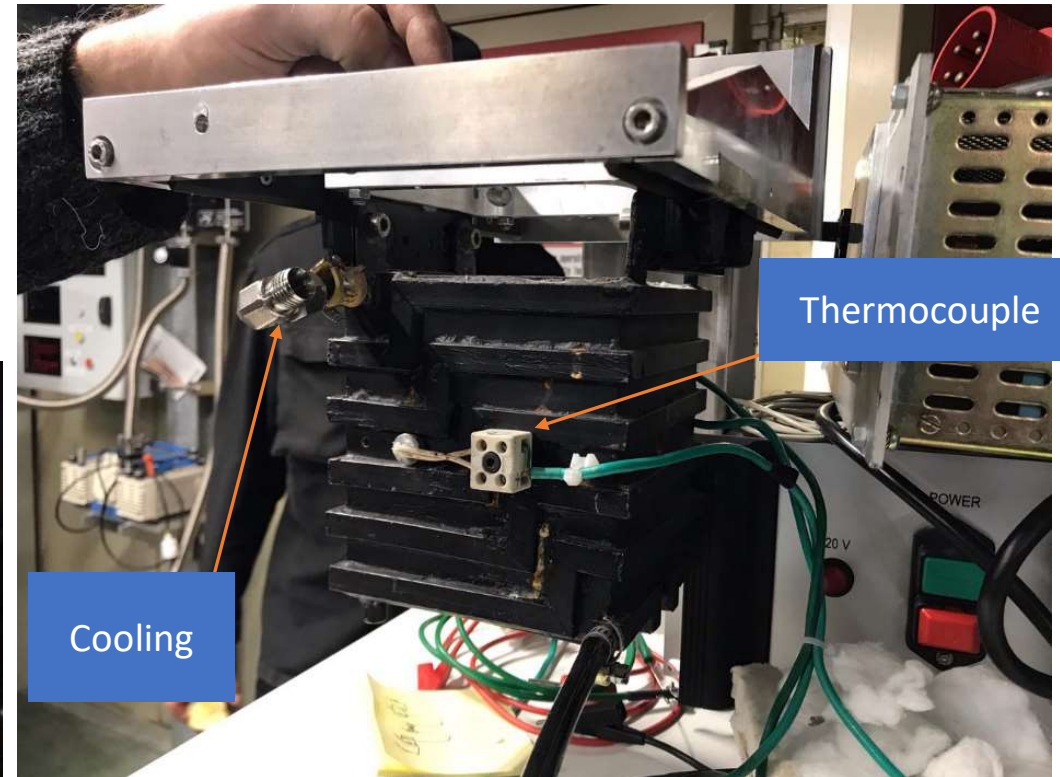
OP TwinMin (White beam compatible; 2x; 5x; 10x)



Sample environments for in-situ studies

Sample furnace

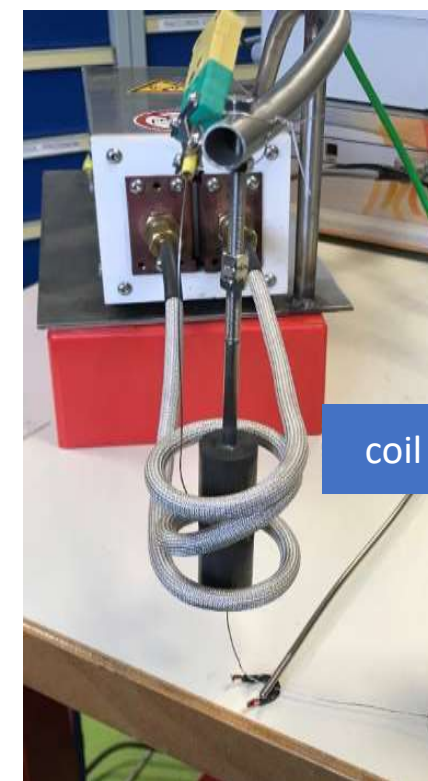
- Review of sample furnace implementations
- Resistive vs inductive heating



Sample environments for in-situ studies

Sample furnace – Induction heating

- Enables control of sample environment during heating
- Superior control of heating gradient up to 1800 C
- Requires slip ring for coolant and flushing with inert gas



[F. Mokoena, M.Sc. thesis]

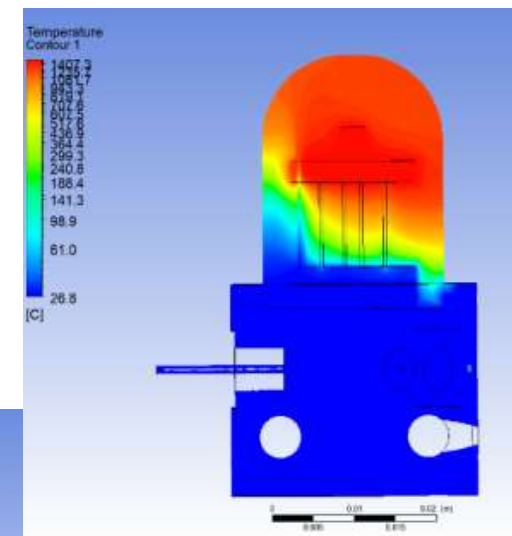
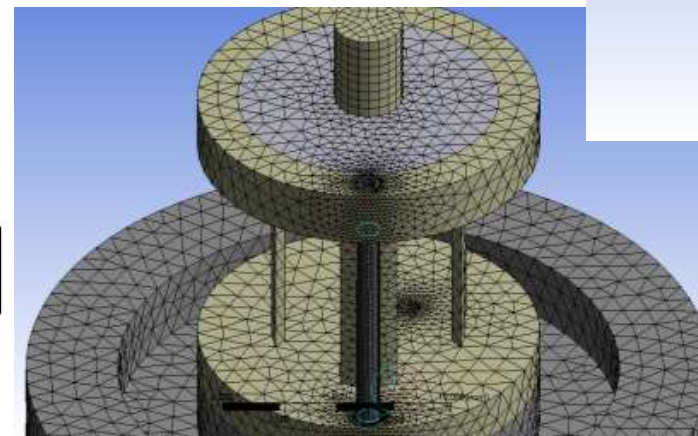
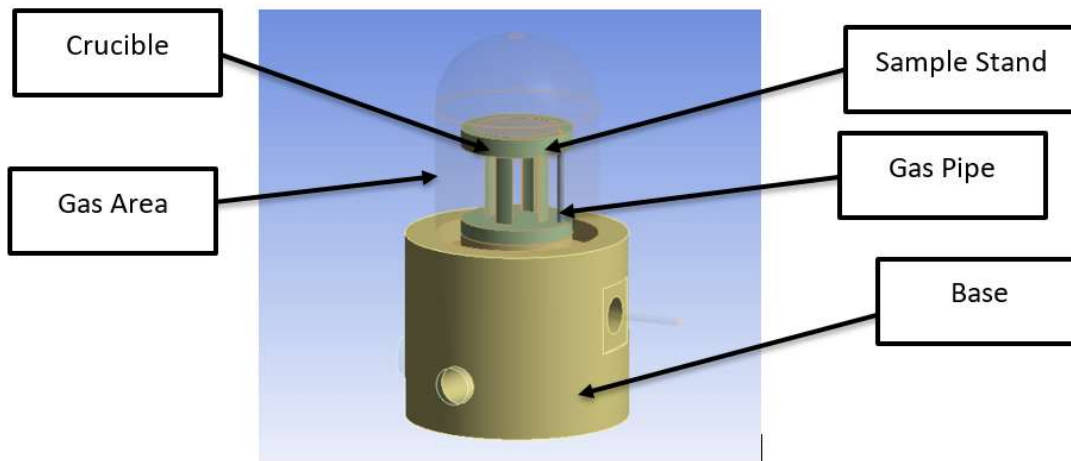
Sample environments for in-situ studies

Sample furnace – Induction heating

- Design optimization:
 - Crucible architecture
 - Temperature control and convection regime around sample
 - Isolation of slip ring and sensitive equipment
 - Simulate different sample materials and sizes
 - Predict cooling flow rate for experiments at the beamline



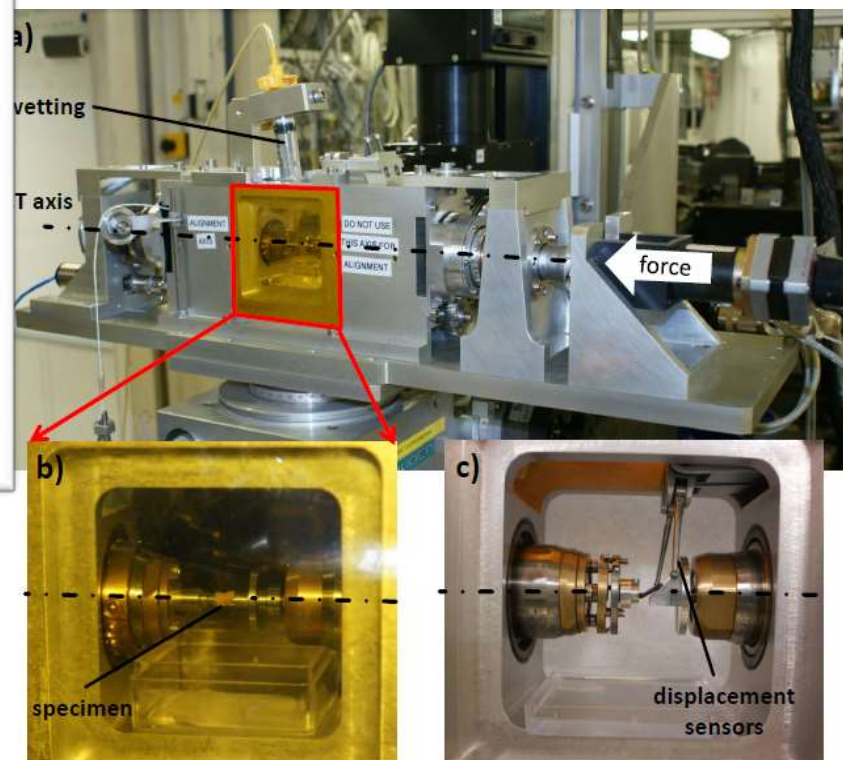
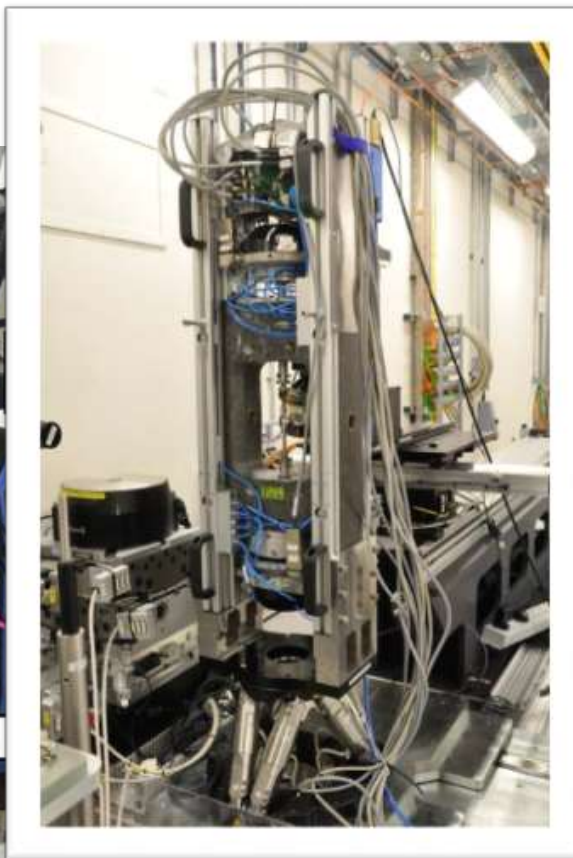
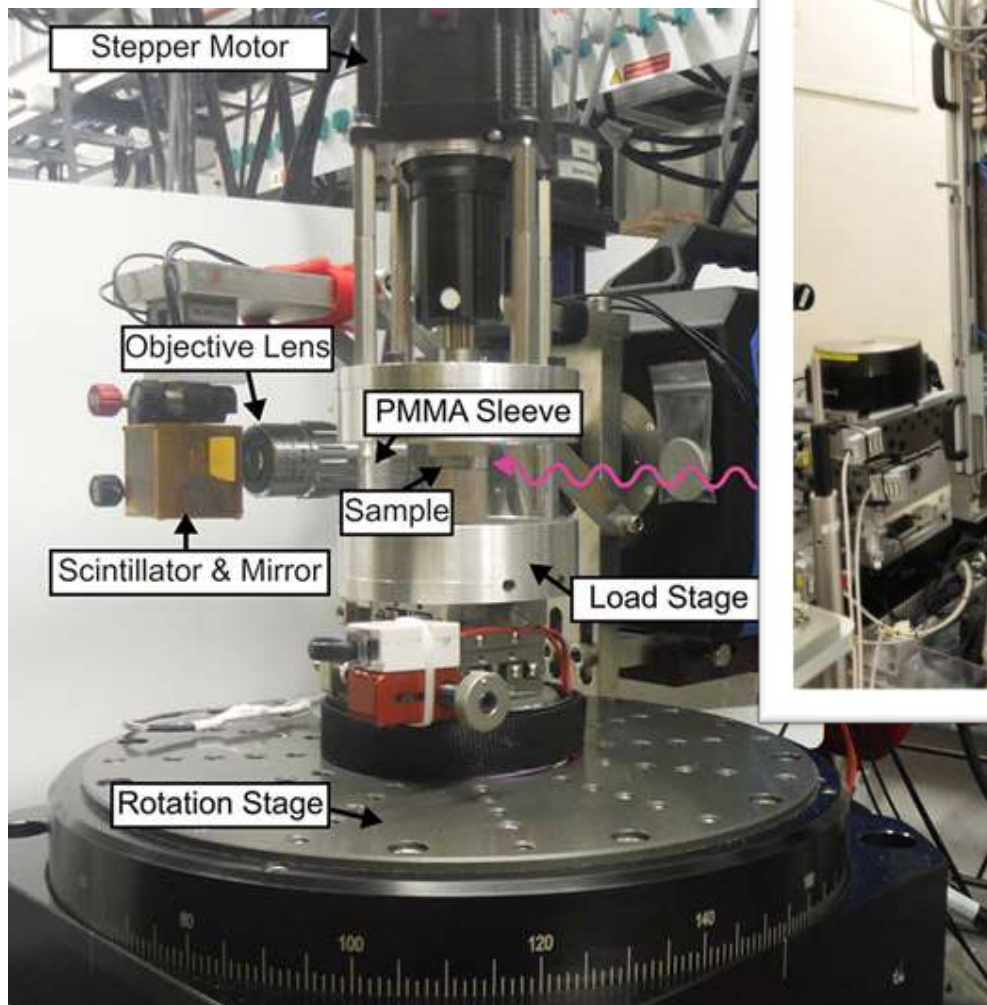
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Sample environments for in-situ studies

Mechanical testing stage



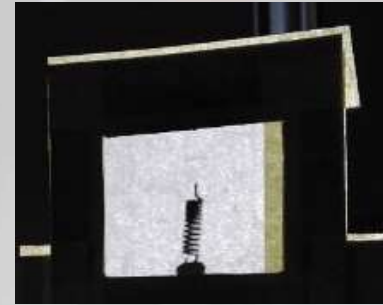
Part 2: Tomography Data Acquisition

Visible light benchmarking

16:00 **Virtual Tour of SESAME 1h0'**

Speaker: Andrea LAUSI (SESAME, Jordan)

Material:  Video

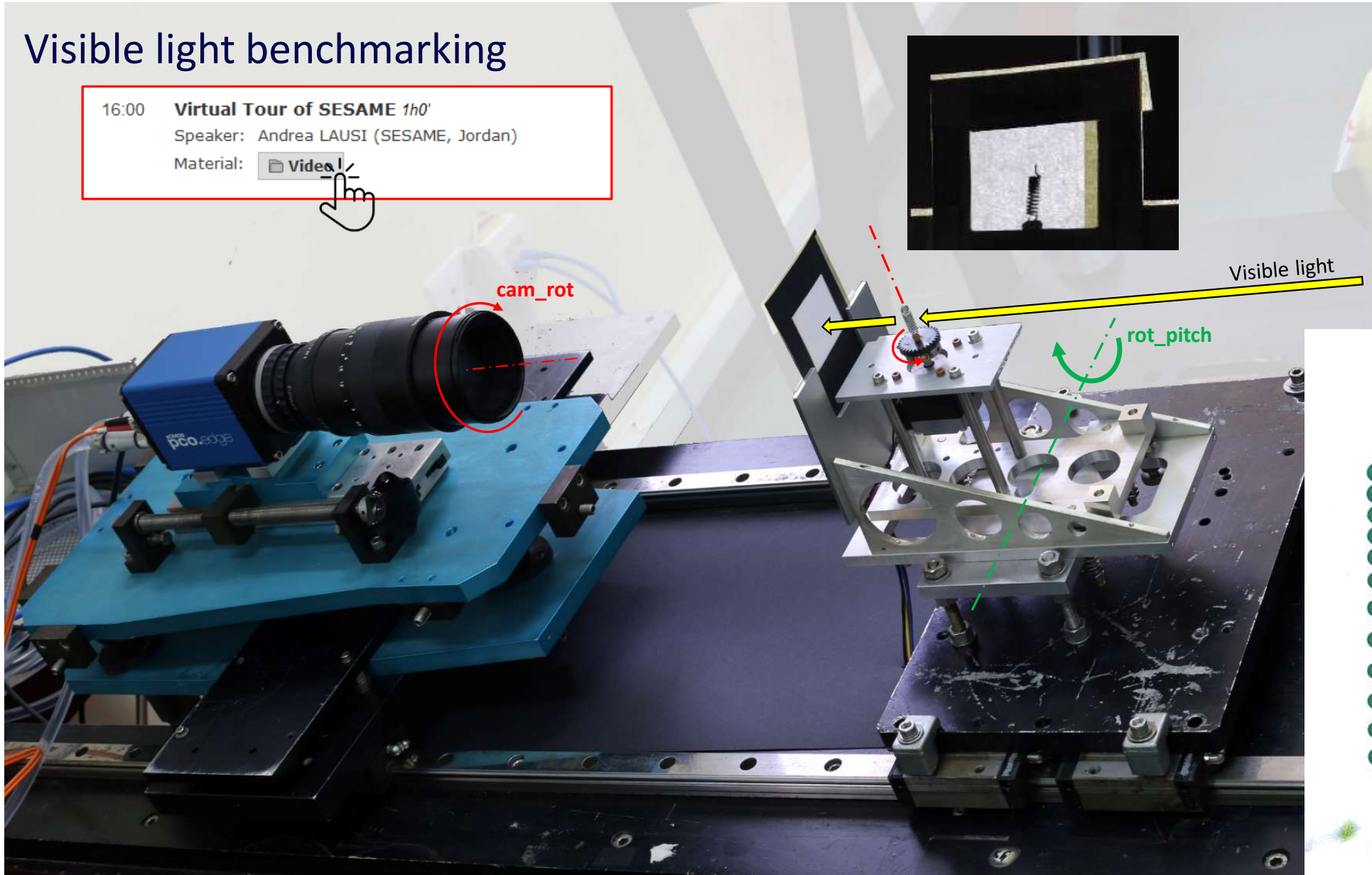
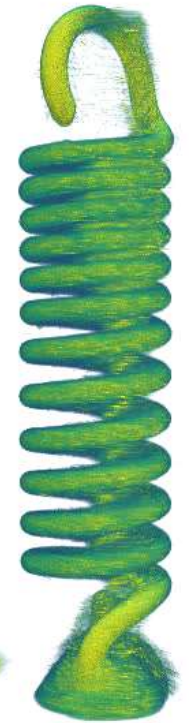


Visible light



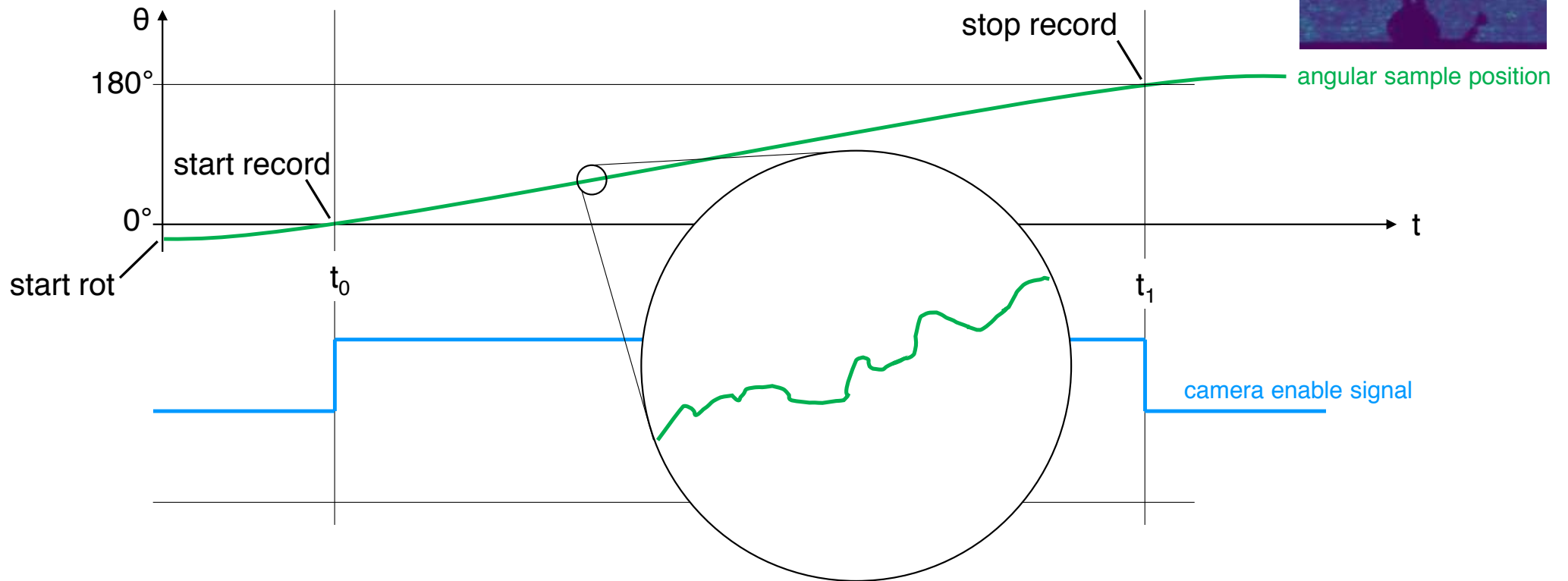
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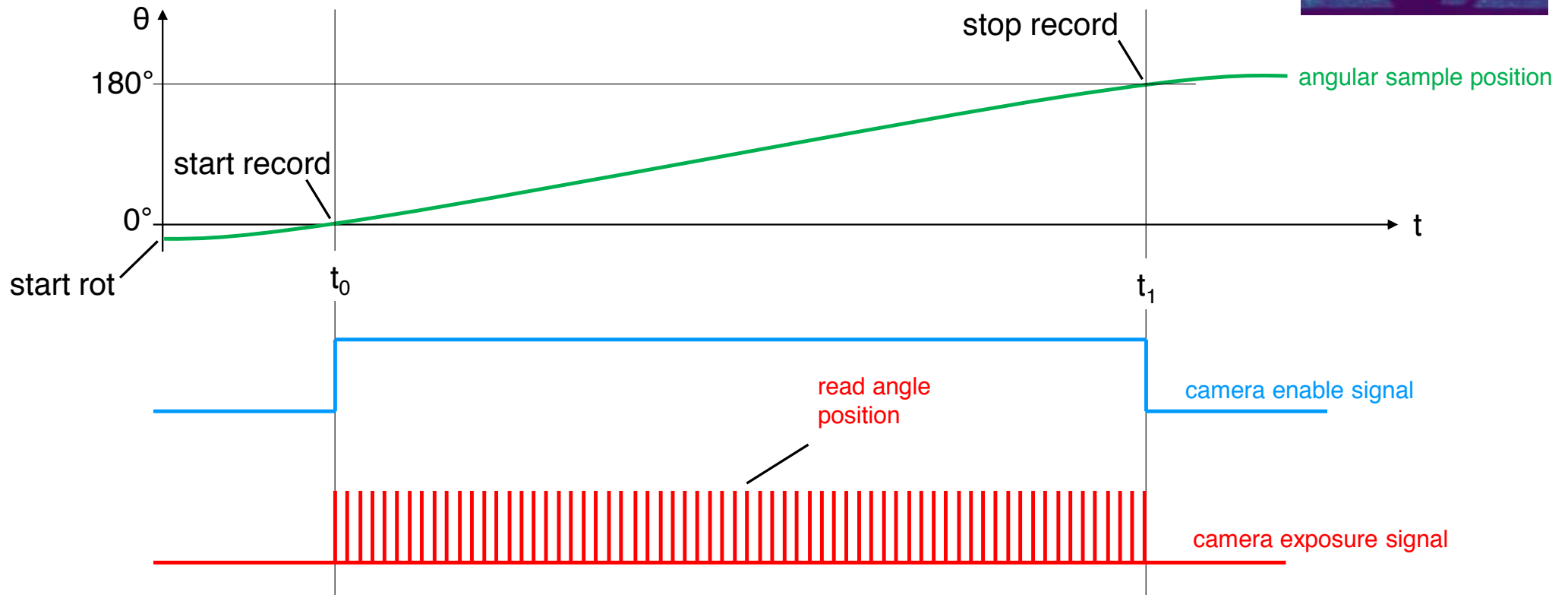
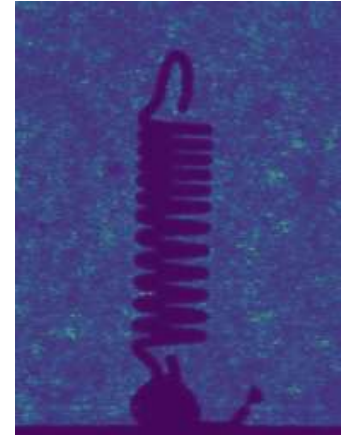
Tomographic data acquisition

1. set rot motor to constant speed; start rot
2. wait until rot speed is stable
3. start record of n projections
4. stop record; stop rotation

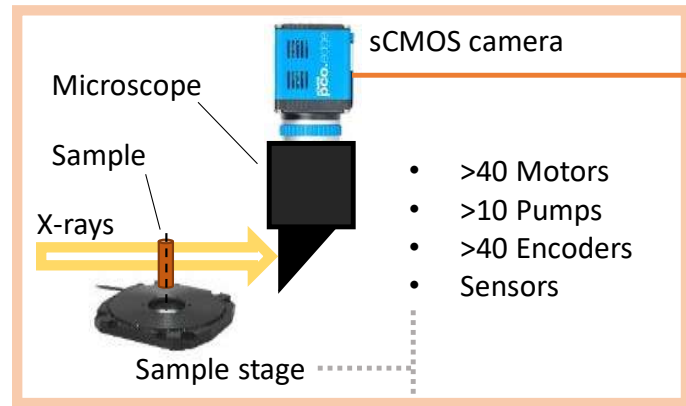


Tomographic data acquisition

1. set rot motor to constant speed; start rot
2. wait until rot speed is stable
3. start record of n projections; **read angle position**
4. stop record; stop rotation



Experimental Hutch



BEATS control Hutch

- EPICS TomoScan
- (Linux CentOS)
- Python DAQ scripts



Experimental Physics and Industrial Control System



DXfile

Scientific Data Exchange: guidelines for storing scientific data and metadata in a Hierarchical Data Format (HDF5) file

Name	Description	Type	Shape	Link
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defaults				
exchange				
measurement				
instrument				
attenuator				
attenuator_1				
camera_motor_stack				
detection_system				
detector				
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binning_x	[1]	int32	1	
binning_y	[1]	int32	1	
convert_pixel_format	["0"]	string	1	
dimension_x	[2560]	int32	1	
dimension_y	[2160]	int32	1	
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roi				
SDK_version	["Unknow..."]	string	1	
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instrument_name	["BEATS C..."]	string	1	

ADBBase.adl (on SVR-BEATS-PCOWinGUI01.SESAME.LOCAL)

Area Detector Control - TEST-PCO:cam1:

Shutter mode: None

Status: Det. **Closed** EPICS **Closed**

Open/Close: **Open** **Close**

Delay: Open Close

EPICS shutter setup:

Collect

Exposure time: 0.01100

Acquire period: 0.01100

Images: 10000

Images complete: 10000

Exp./image: 1

Image mode: Continuous

Trigger mode: Auto

Acquire:

Queued arrays: 0

Wait for plugins: Yes

Acquire busy: **Done**

Detector state: **Idle**

Status:

Time remaining: 0.000

Image counter: 109764

Image rate: 0.00

Array callbacks: Enable

Buffers

Buffers used: 1002

Buffers alloc/free: 1605 603

Memory max/used (MB): 0.0 16922.5

Buffer & memory polling: 1 second

Empty free list: Empty

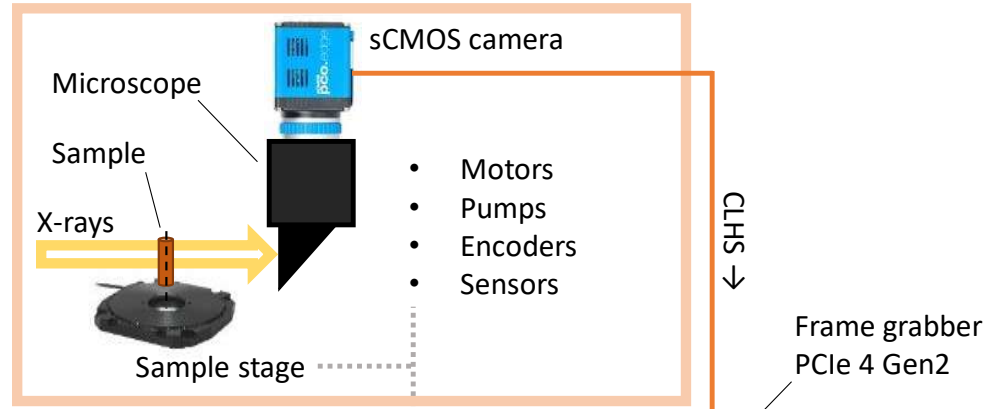
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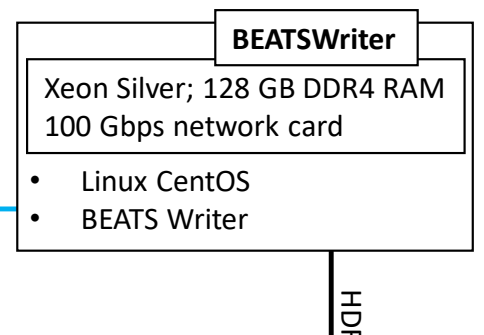
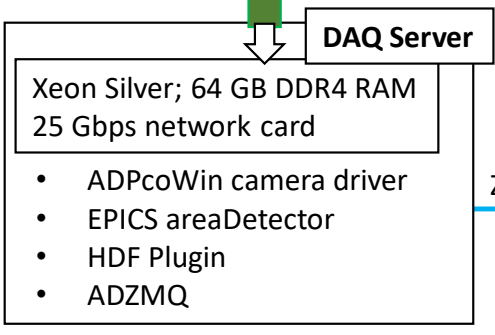
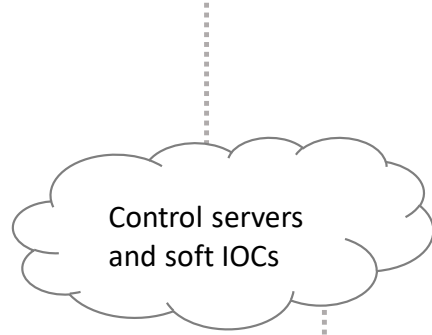
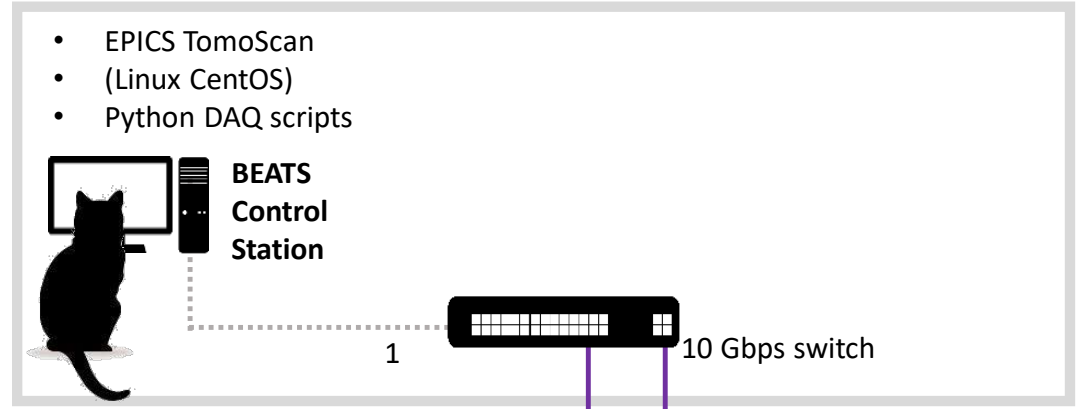
Macros:

Status: **Attributes file OK**

Experimental Hutch

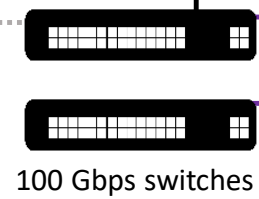


BEATS control Hutch



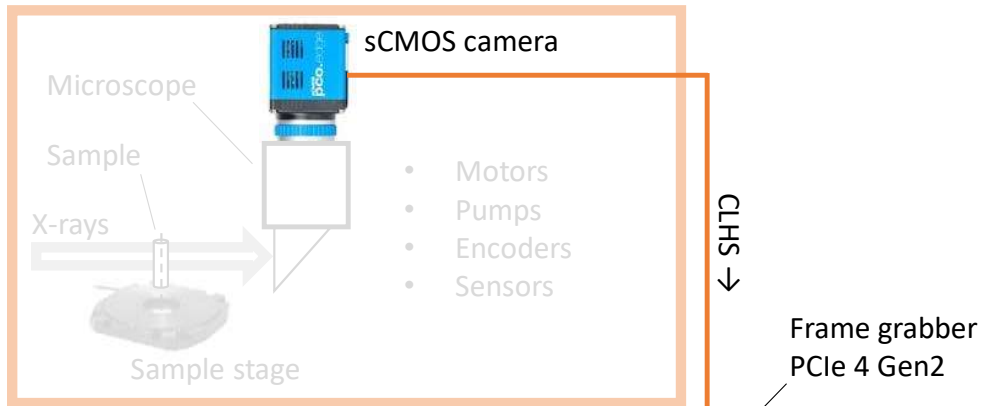
ZMQ stream →
25 | per-to-per

HDFS →
10



- CLHS
- 100 Gbps
- 40 Gbps
- 25 Gbps
- 10 Gbps
- ... 1 Gbps

Experimental Hutch



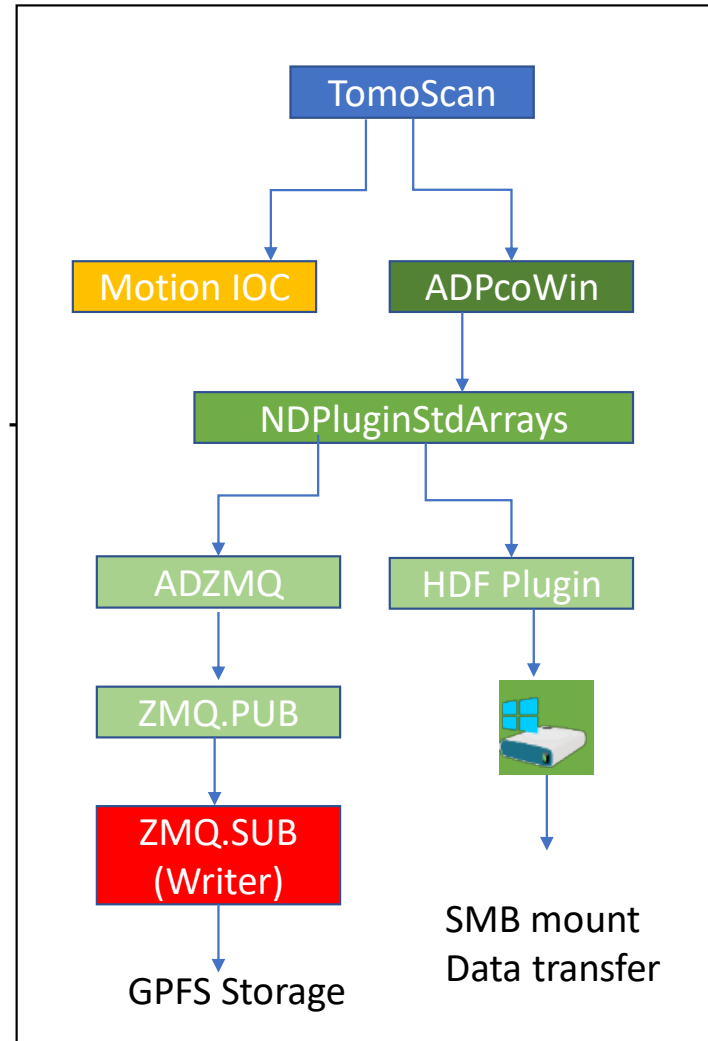
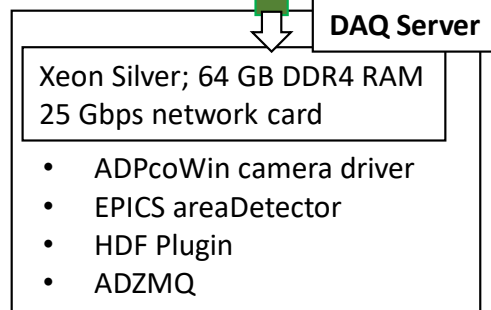
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ZeroMQ

An open-source universal messaging library

- a driver pulls data from a ZeroMQ server and generates NDArray
- a plugin publishes NDArray as ZeroMQ server.

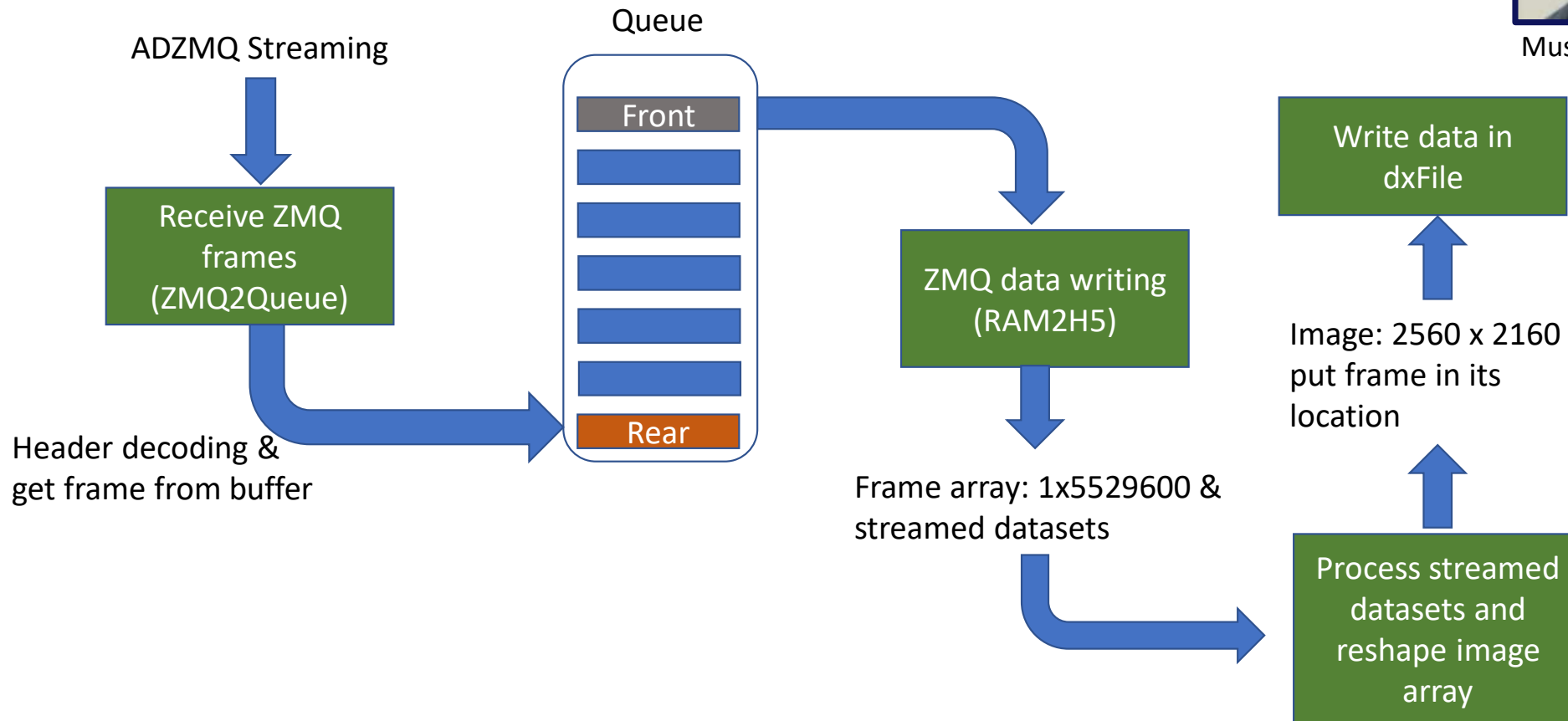


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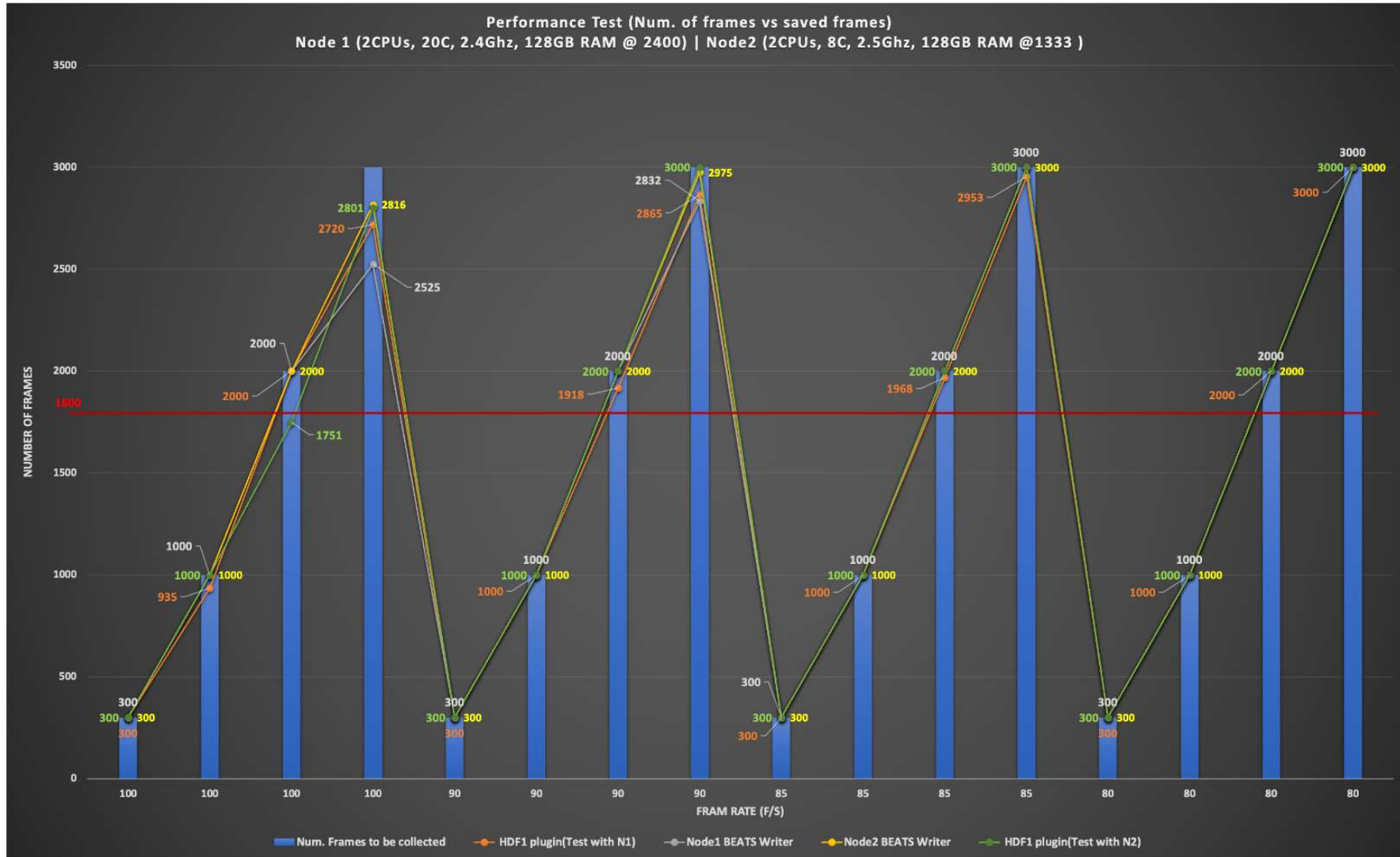
- **BEATSWriter** parallel processes: receiving ZMQ stream and writing of HDF5 files



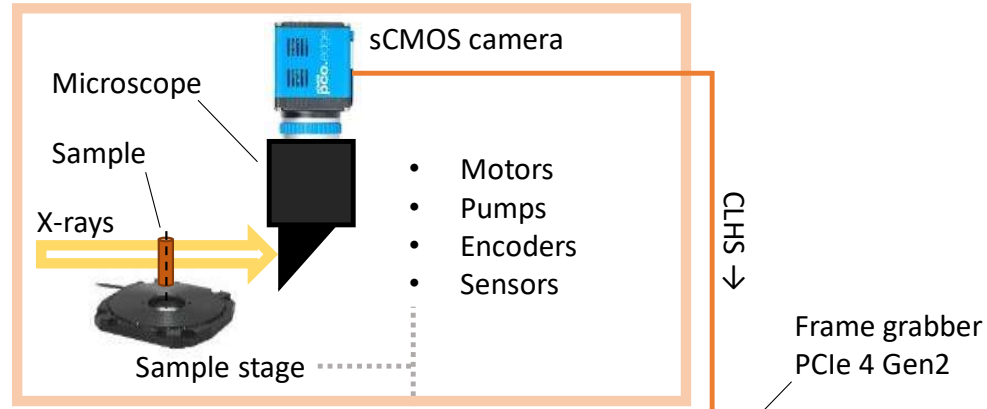


BEATS | Data Acquisition Performance Test

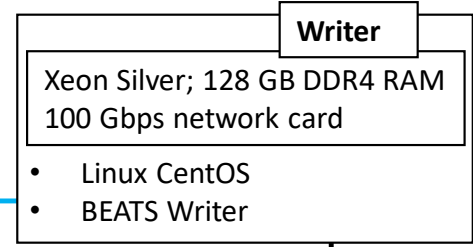
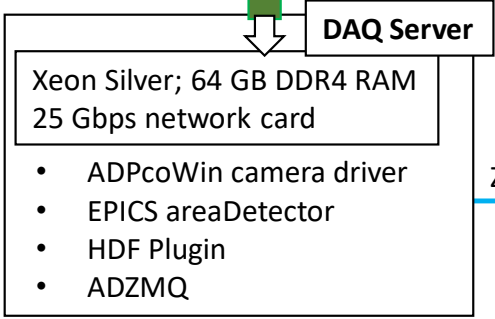
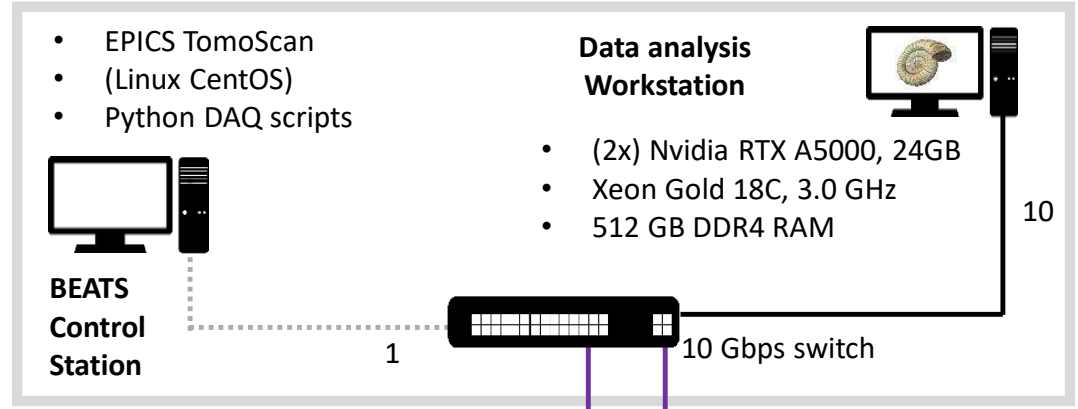
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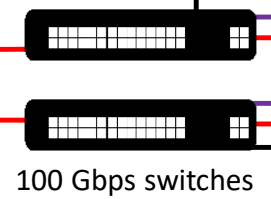
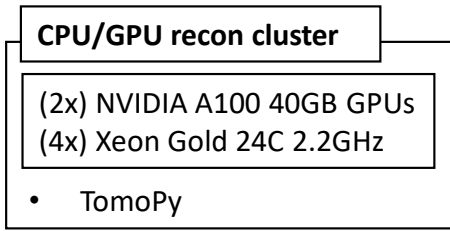
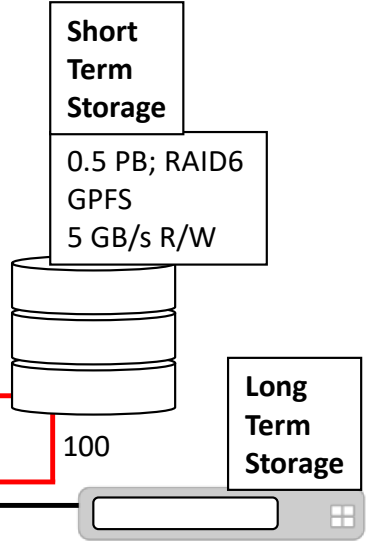
Experimental Hutch



BEATS control Hutch



SESAME server room



ZMQ stream →
25 | per-to-per

HDF5 →
10

40

100

<https://www.sesame.org.jo/sesames/jobs>
Experimental Data Engineer



Part 3: Scientific Opportunities at BEATS

Scientific Opportunities at BEATS



BEAmline for Tomography
at SESAME

Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

- Archaeological Materials
- Human bioarchaeology
- Plant remains
- Animal remains and artefacts

Health, Biology and Food

- Musculoskeletal research
- Bone and dental implants
- Soft tissue imaging
- Animal and plant characterization
- Food science

Agriculture and Environment

- Simulation of rock properties
- Soil characterization
- Sustainable agriculture

Synchrotron
Tomography
@ BEATS

Material science and Engineering

- Light materials and alloys
- Materials under mechanical stress
- Energy materials research

Services to Industry and Private sector



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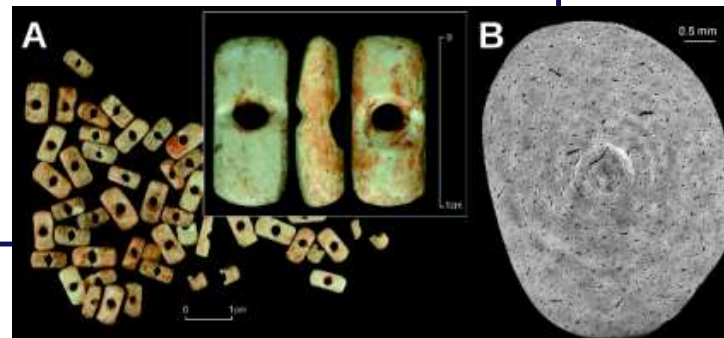
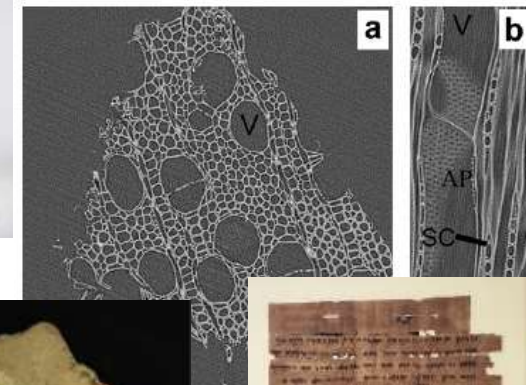
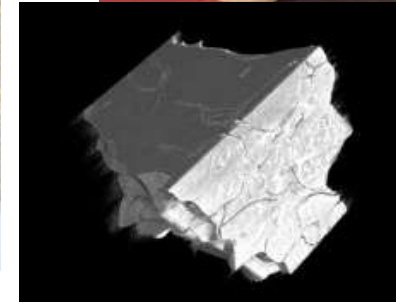


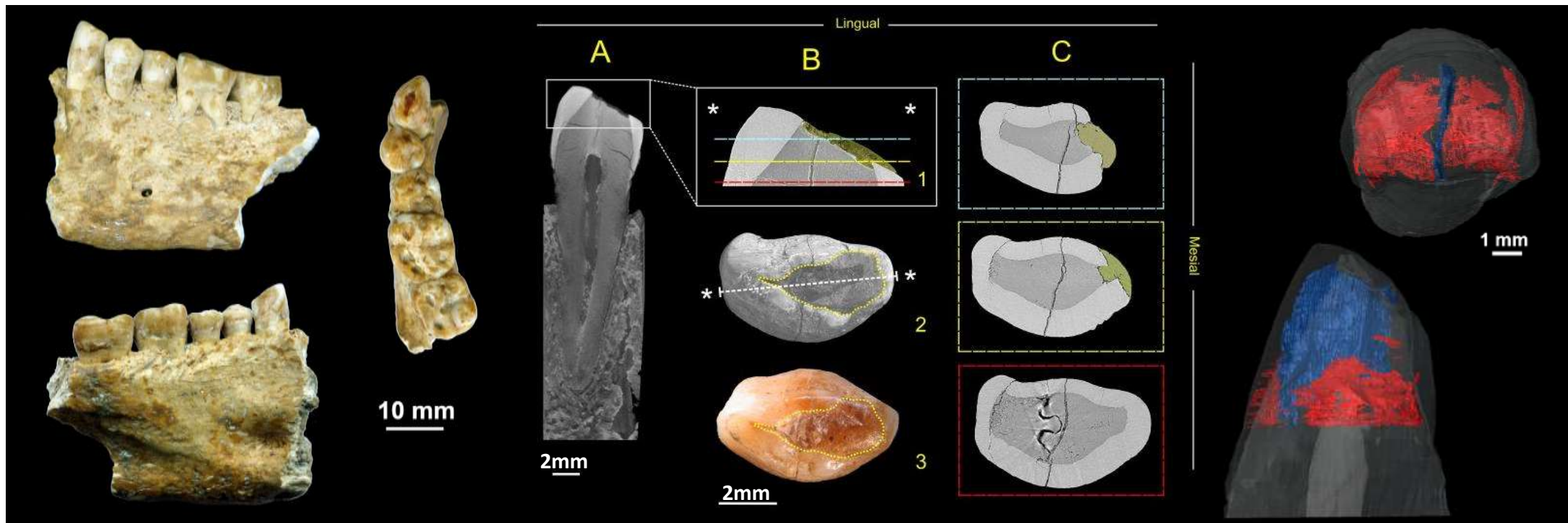
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Scientific Opportunities at BEATS

Archaeology and Cultural Heritage:

- Archaeological Materials
 - Pottery and Ceramics
 - Glass
 - Textile
 - Wood
 - Manuscripts
- Plant remains
- Animal remains
 - Bone
 - Antler
 - Teeth





Beeswax as Dental Filling on a Neolithic Human Tooth. Bernardini et al. 2012. PLoS ONE 7 (9).

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0044904>

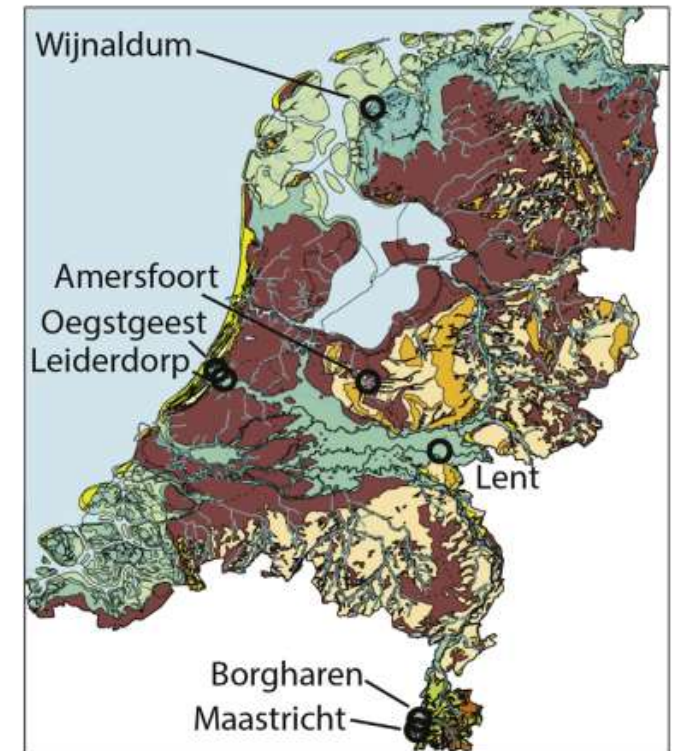
- The Lonche canine: lab XCT (resolution 18 μm) and phase-contrast SXCT (resolution 9 μm)
- Non-destructive 3D characterization of wear pattern and therapeutic-palliative dental filling

Over the rainbow? Micro-CT scanning to non-destructively study Roman and early medieval glass bead manufacture. Ngan-Tillard et al. 2018. *Journal of Archaeological Science*; 98:7–21.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jas.2018.07.007>

- Glass beads from Roman and Early Medieval burials (500 – 800 AD)
- XCT reveals manufacturing processes and tools used
- Technological level of glass bead production as social-anthropological hint

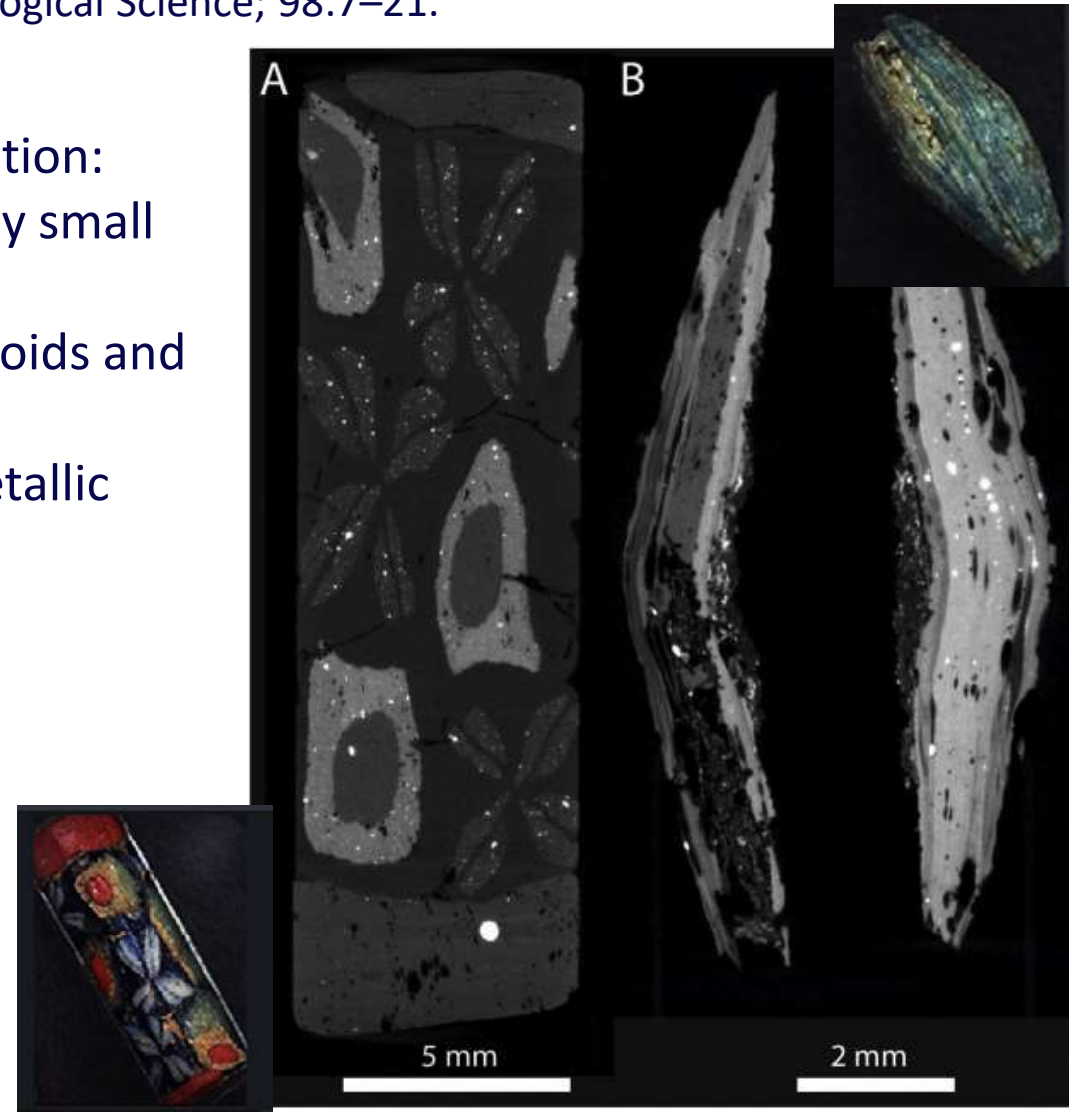


Lentseveld cemetery, the Netherlands

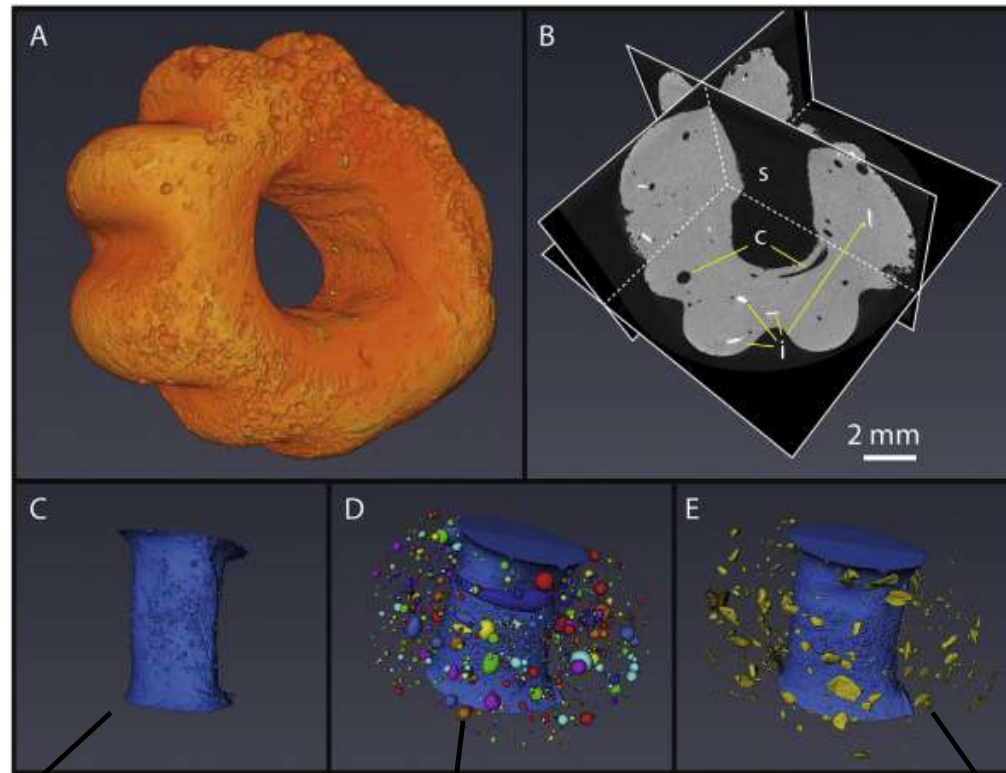


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- Different colours give different X-ray attenuation: yellow and white opaque glass contains many small highly attenuating inclusions.
- Heterogeneous glass composition, defects, voids and imperfections.
- White rounded inclusions are globules of metallic lead.



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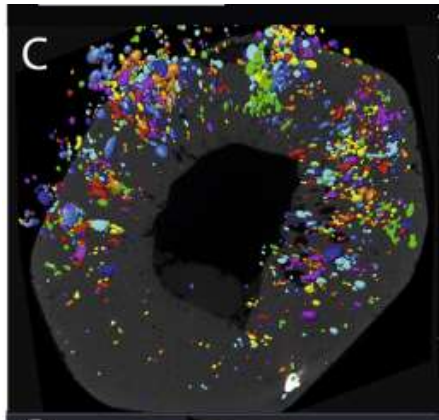
Taper size indicates
shape of tool used

Voids (air bubbles) formed during
winding and shaping

Mineral precipitations of opacifier

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- “Millefiori” beads: stacked patterned of polychrome glass blocks
- Polychrome blocks were compressed or drawn

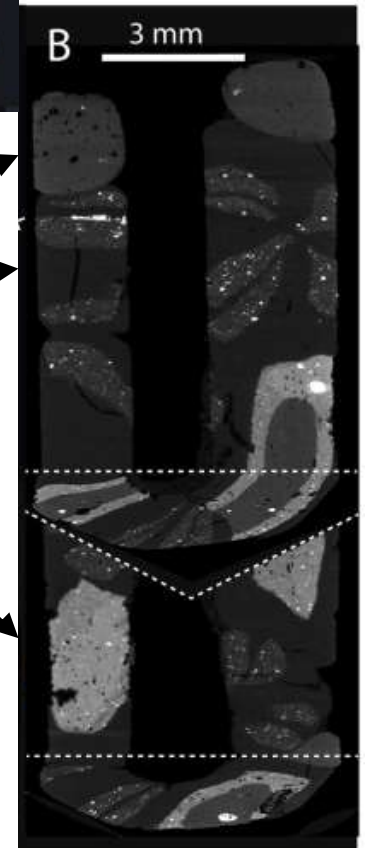


Shape distribution of Gas bubbles in millefiori bead: bubbles are flattened close to the shaft, but spherical near the surface.

Elongated gas bubbles indicate that the bead was drawn lengthwise.

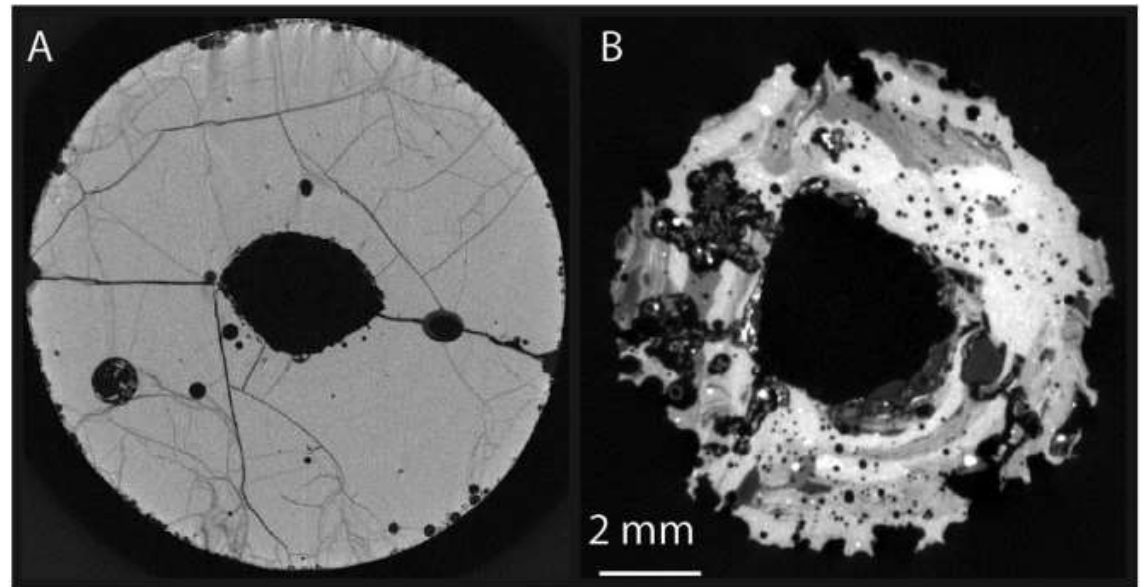


Beads were assembled from blocks of polychrome glass.



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- **Manufacturing tool:** shaft shape, radius and tapering angle
- **Forming / shaping method:** assembled, drawn, wound shaped..
- Polychrome **decorations** and technique
- Damage and **degradation** processes



(A) Pattern of fissures.

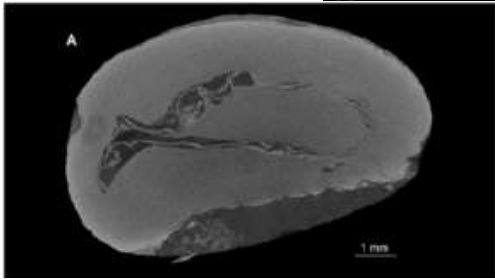
(B) Dissolution features: depressions at the surface and pores inside the glass indicate biologically promoted dissolution processes.



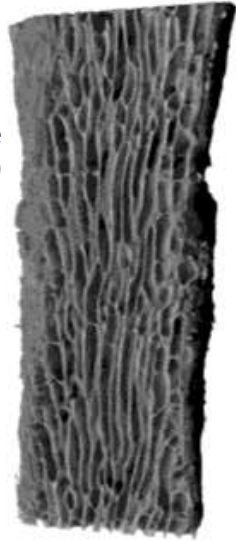
Coleoptera fossil



Green bean



Mineralized algae (red sea)



Scientific Opportunities at BEATS

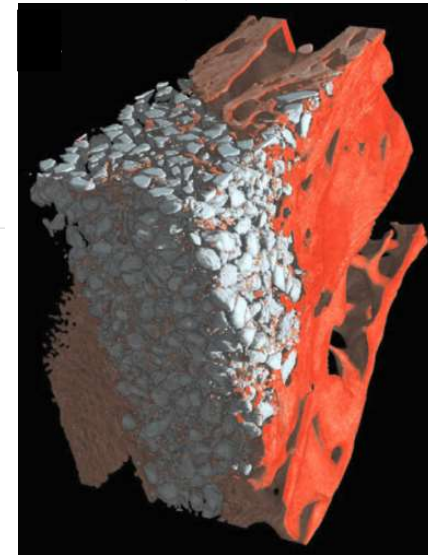
Health, Biology and Food:

- Musculoskeletal research
- Bone and dental implants
- Soft tissue imaging
- Animal and plant characterization
- Food science

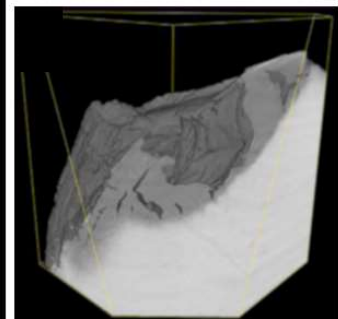
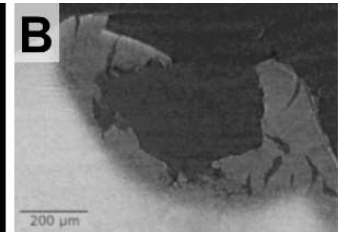
Bone implant



Dental implant



Caries

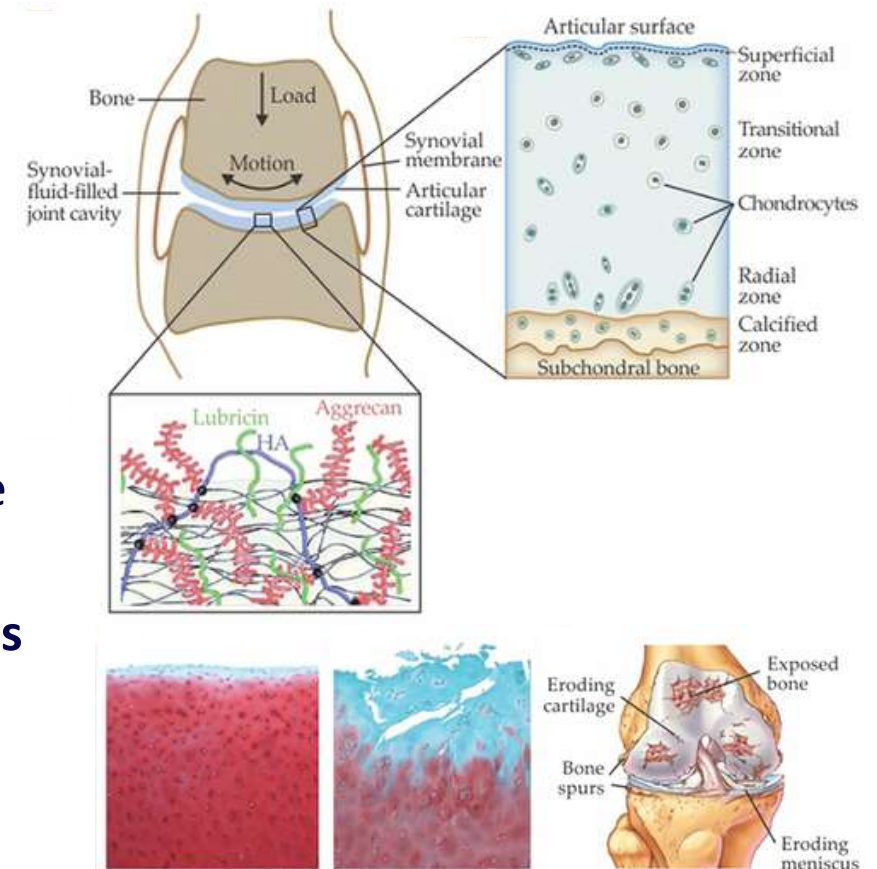


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Madi et al. 2020. Nature Biomedical Engineering 4 (3): 343–54.

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41551-019-0477-1>

- Cartilage layers covering the ends of bones are the most efficiently lubricated surfaces in nature.
- Breakdown of the cartilage–subchondral bone interface can lead to osteoarthritis.
- Understanding load transfer and tissue strains throughout healthy and diseased joints could provide insights into the pathogenesis of osteoarthritis.
- **Tests under physiologically representative conditions are lacking!**



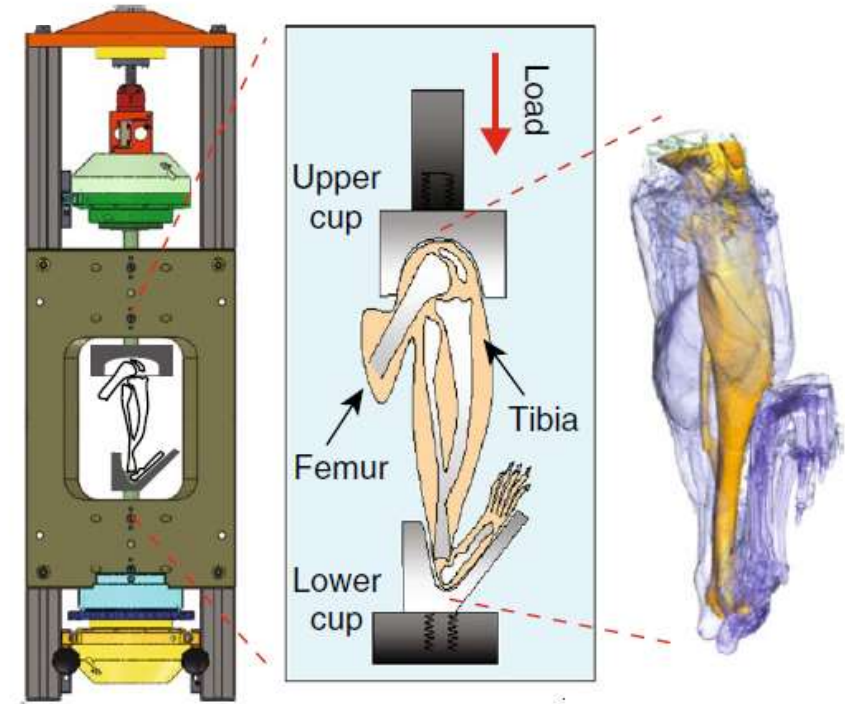
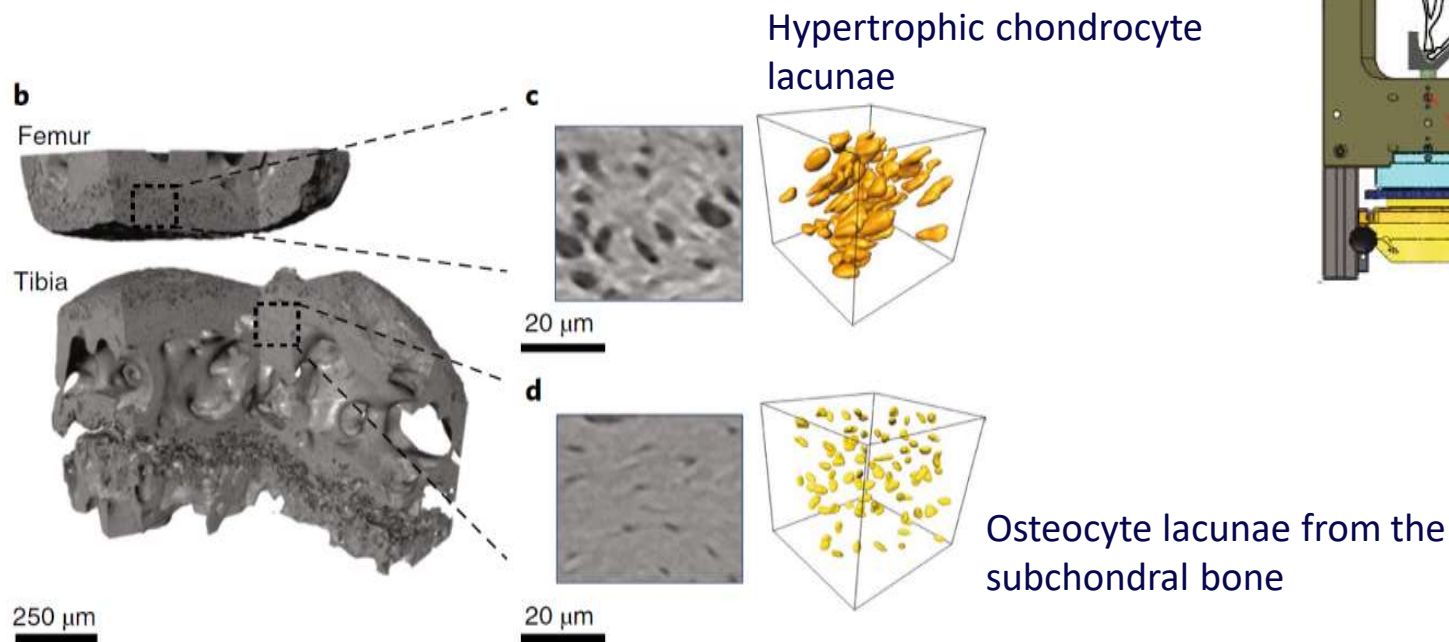
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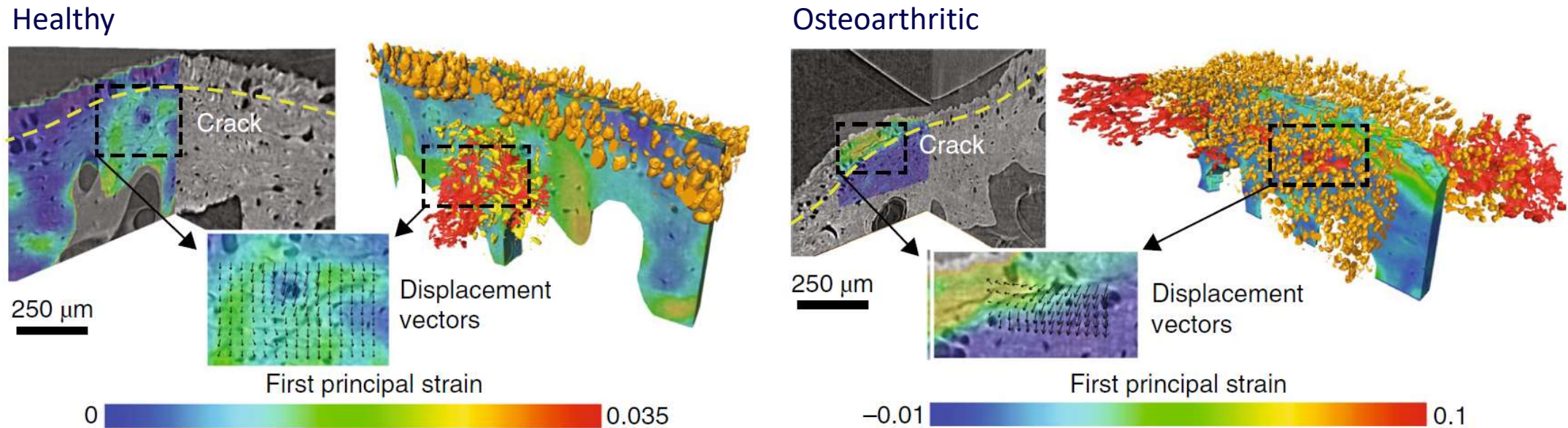
- **In situ mechanical testing** with nano-precision rig allows testing intact joints under realistic loading conditions
- **Combination with ultra-high-resolution, fast 4D SXCT**



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In healthy murine tissue, load-induced fracture was localized within the subchondral bone.

In osteoarthritic joints of older mice, the damage occurred in a calcified cartilage layer near the articulating cartilage. In younger mice with osteoarthritis, the fractures occurred throughout the calcified cartilage.



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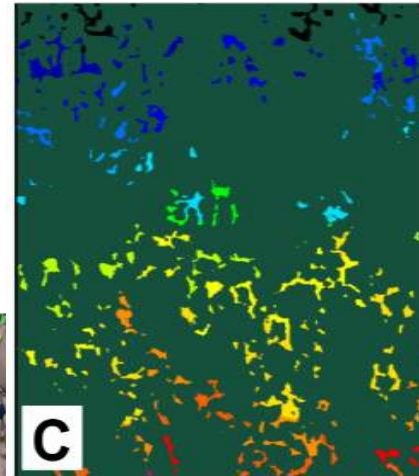
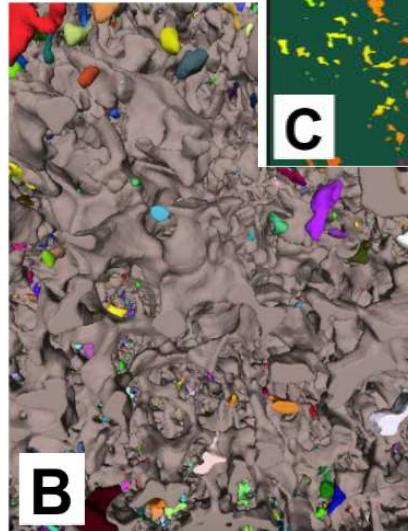
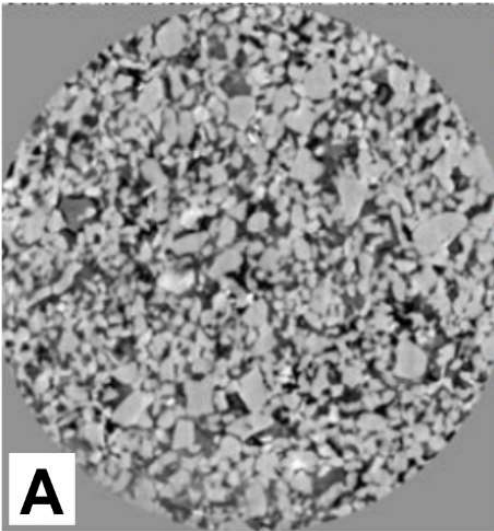
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Agriculture and Environment

- Simulation of rock properties
- Soil characterization
- Sustainable agriculture

Sandstone core

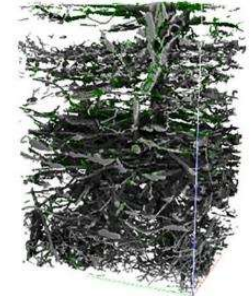


Quantification of
heterogeneous soils

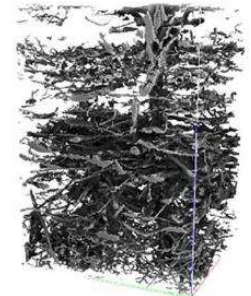
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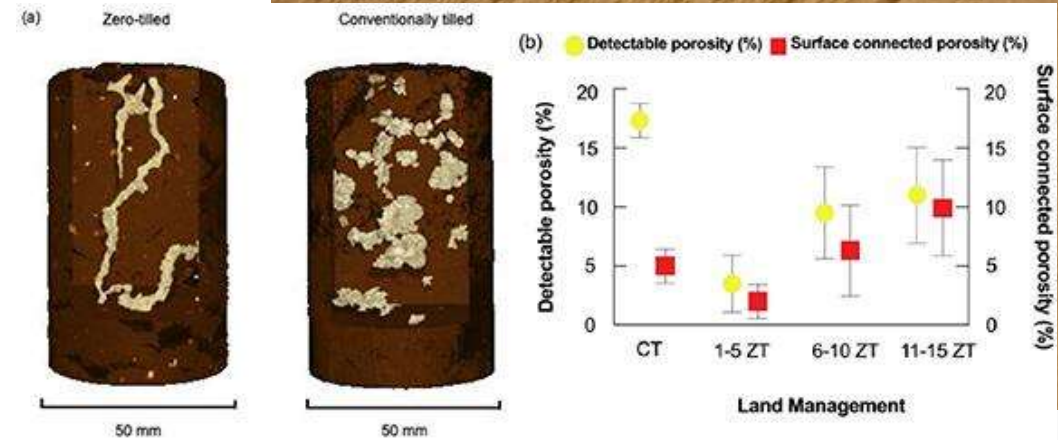
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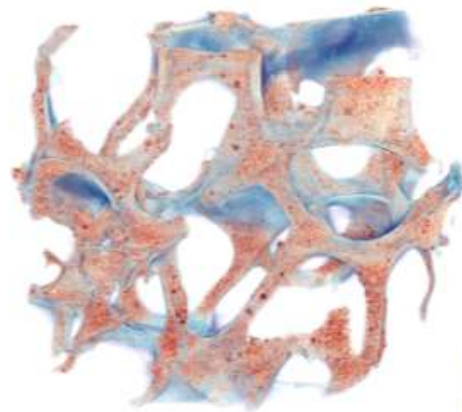
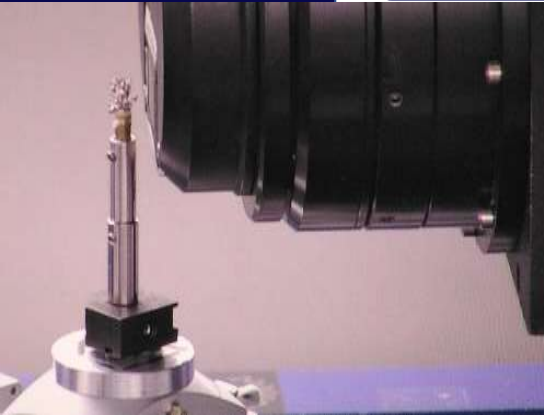
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- Soil microstructural changes gradually protect soil organic matter
- It has been proposed that zero-till systems could increase soil organic matter sequestration
- Quantification of soil porous architecture with (High-energy) lab XCT (resolution 50 μm)
- Determination of organic matter functional chemistry with FTIR spectroscopy

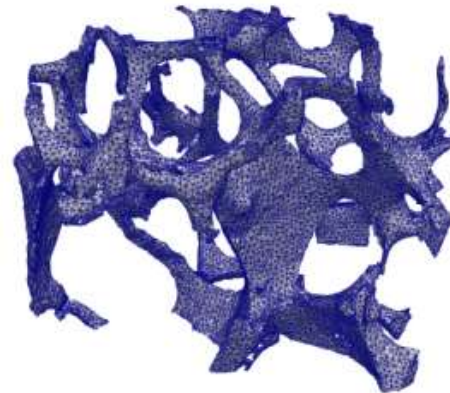
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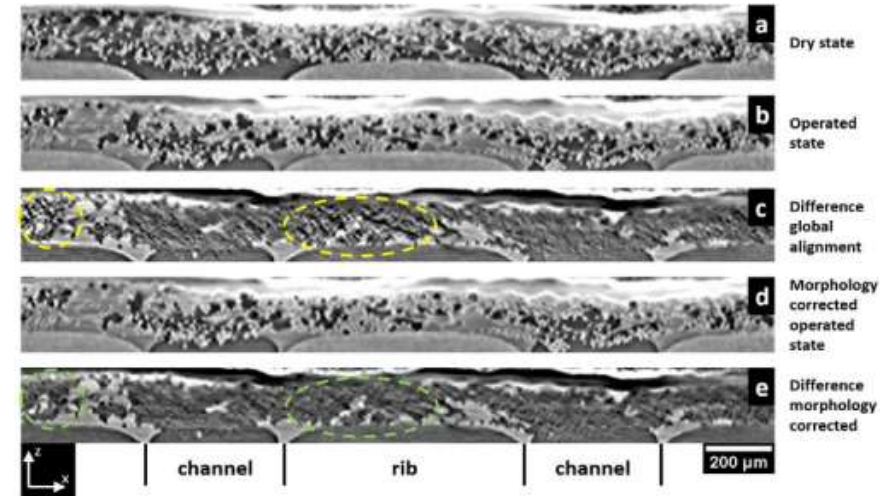
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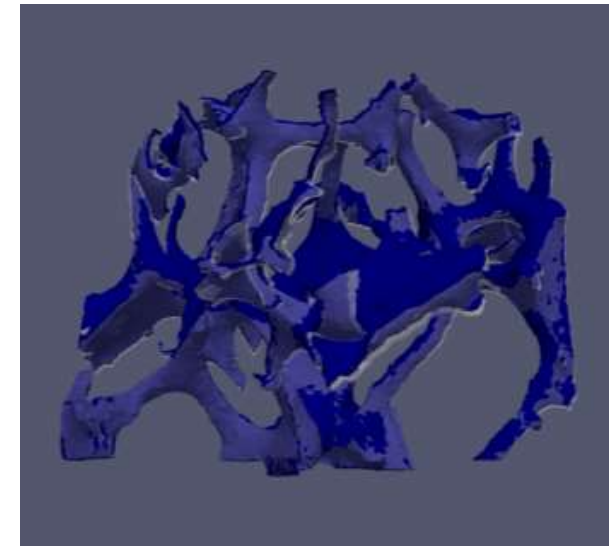
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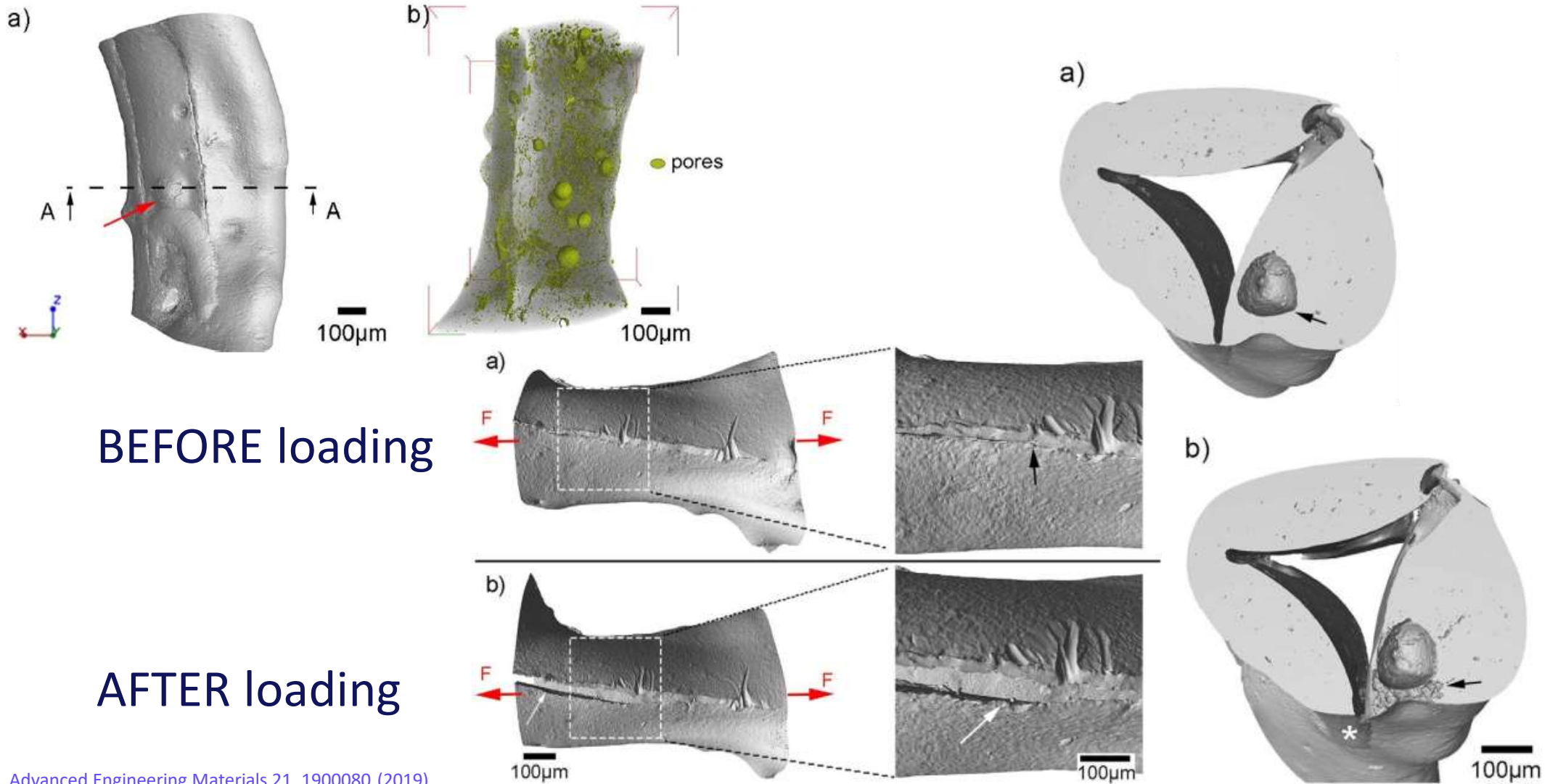


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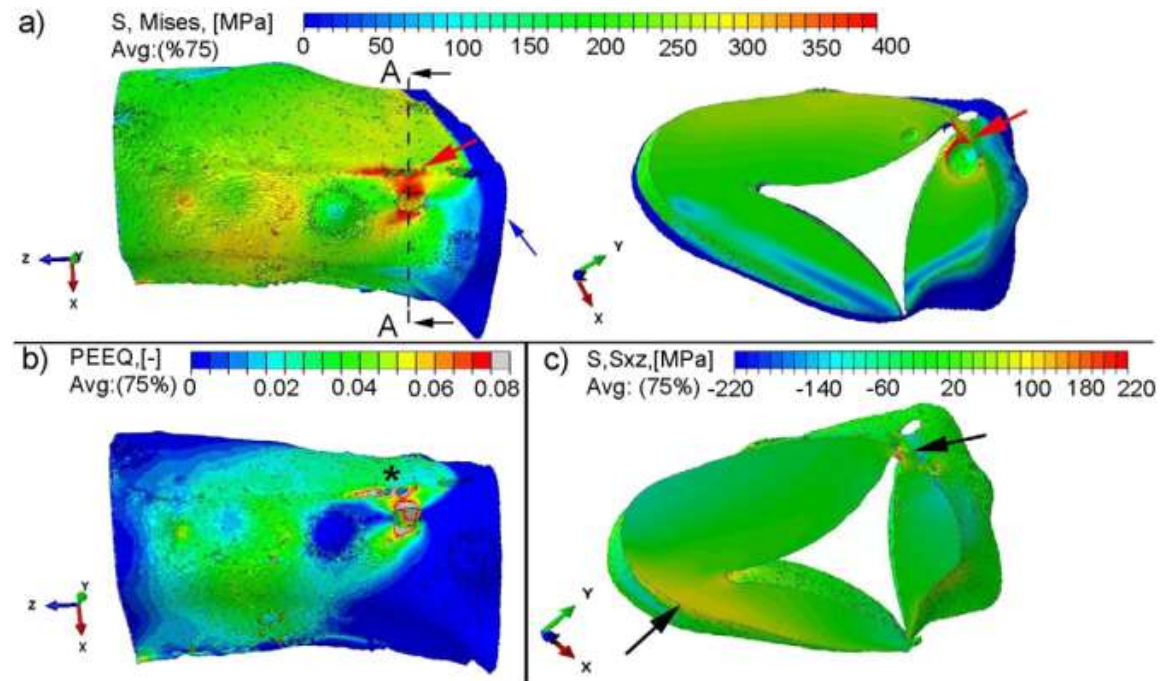
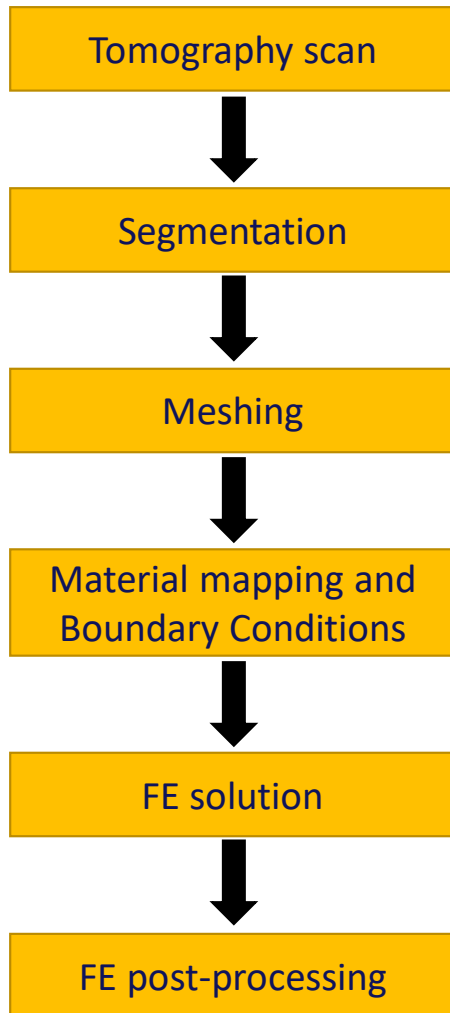


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Tomography 3D rendering of a non-uniform hollow strut and overlay of the observed embedded micro/macropores in green



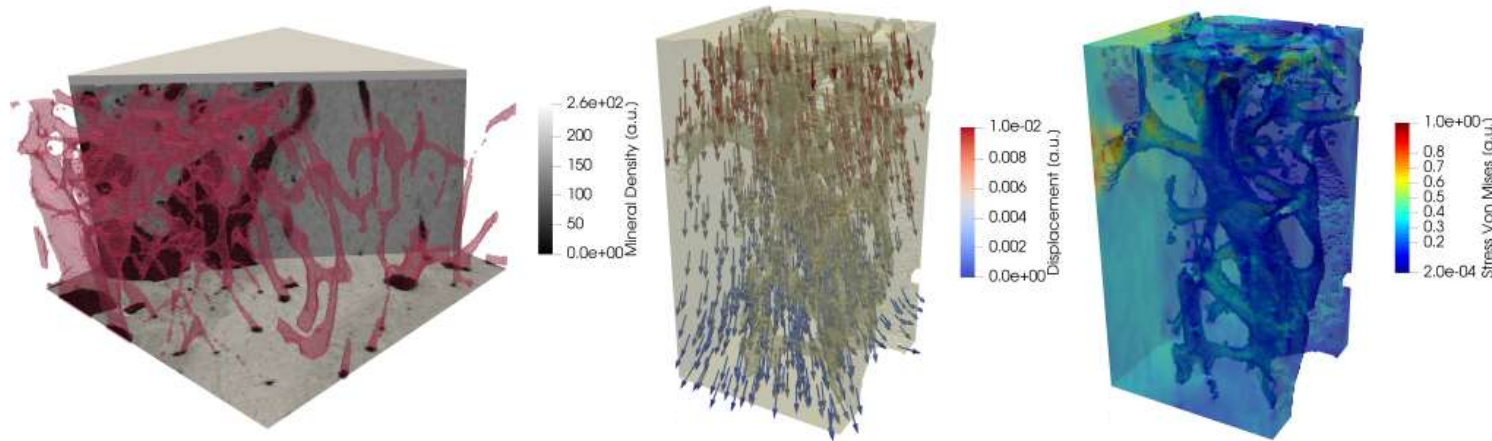
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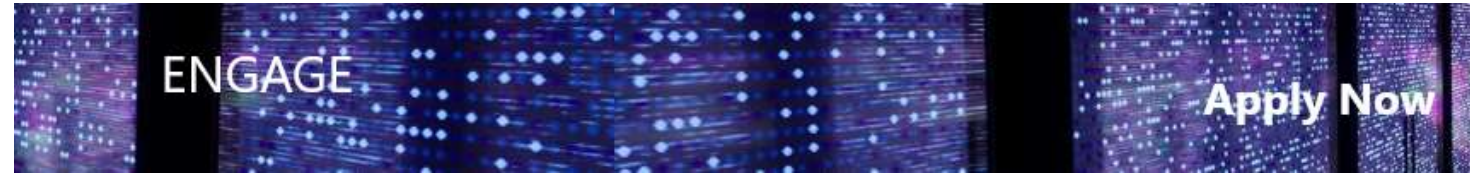
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