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BEAmline for Tomography
at SESAME

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BEATS: The Tomography Beam Line at SESAME

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BEAmline for Tomography at
SESAME Project

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Outlook

Part 1: The BEATS beamline of SESAME

- X-Ray Computed Tomography (CT) with a synchrotron source
- Laboratory VS synchrotron X-Ray CT
- Design and status of BEATS installation

Part 2: Scientific opportunities @ BEATS

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



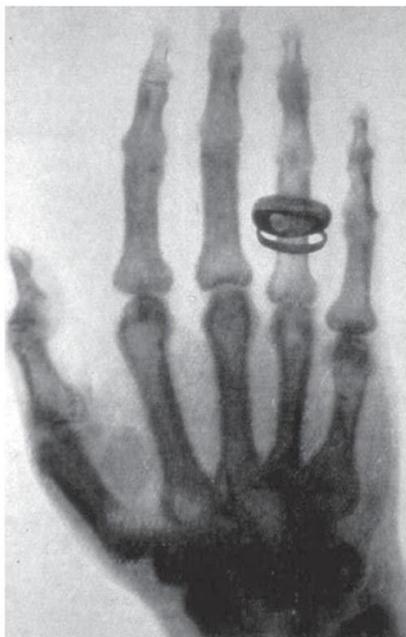
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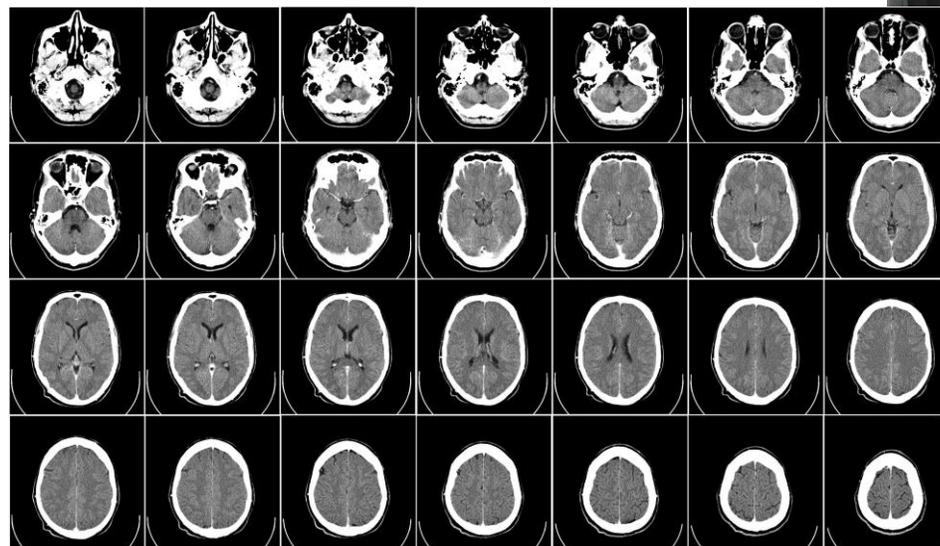
X-ray computed tomography



First Radiograph
(1895)

First Computed Tomography scan
EMI Scanner (1971)

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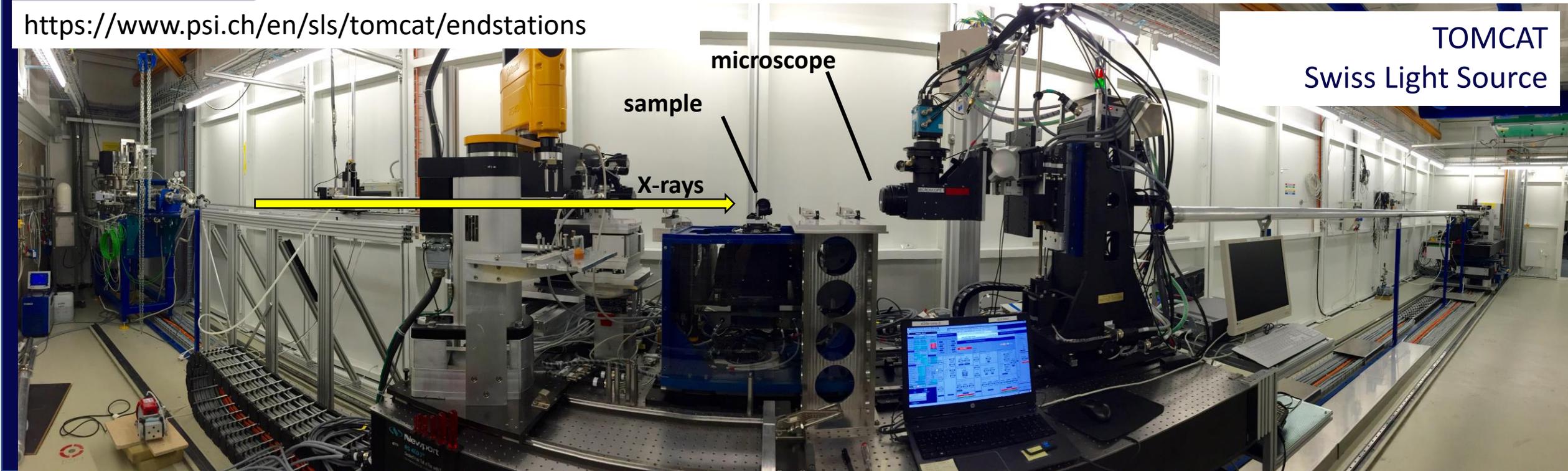
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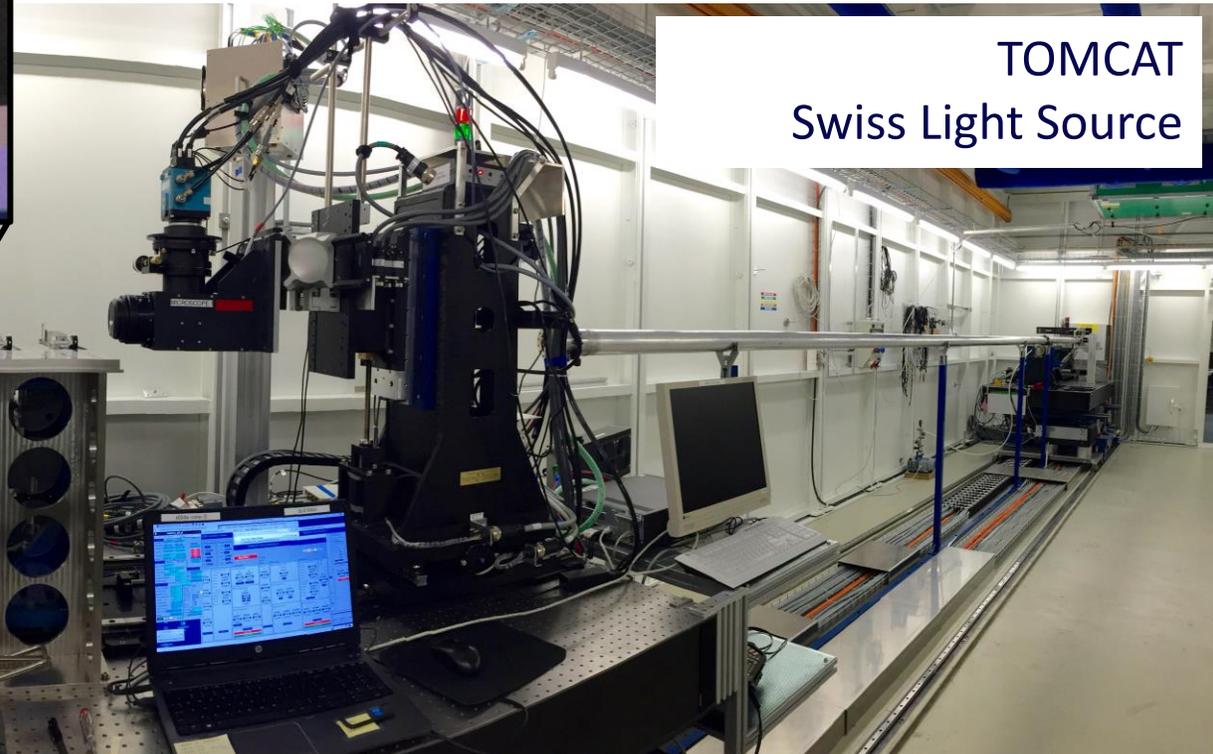
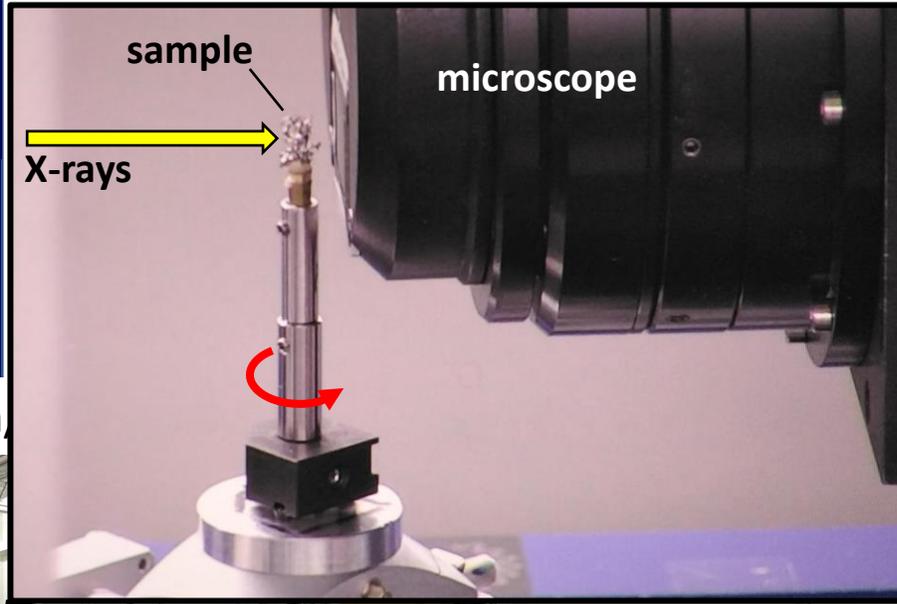


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Swiss Light Source

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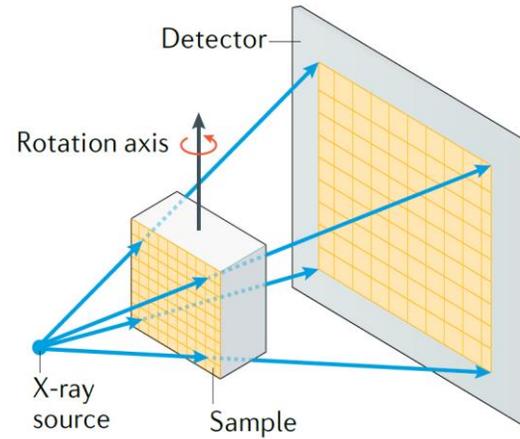
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Laboratory XCT

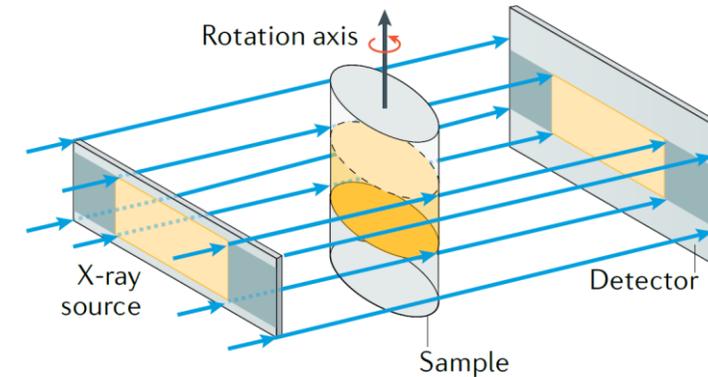
- Wide spectrum of (**polychromatic**) X-ray energies, with bright peaks characteristic of the source target material
- **Cone-beam geometry**



- Can illuminate **large objects** and exploit physical magnification
- **Typical scan times: hours to minutes**

Synchrotron XCT

- **Higher flux** by several orders of magnitude
- **Monochromatic X-ray beam possible:** improved sensitivity and limited artefacts
- High spatial coherence enables **phase contrast**
- **Parallel-beam geometry**



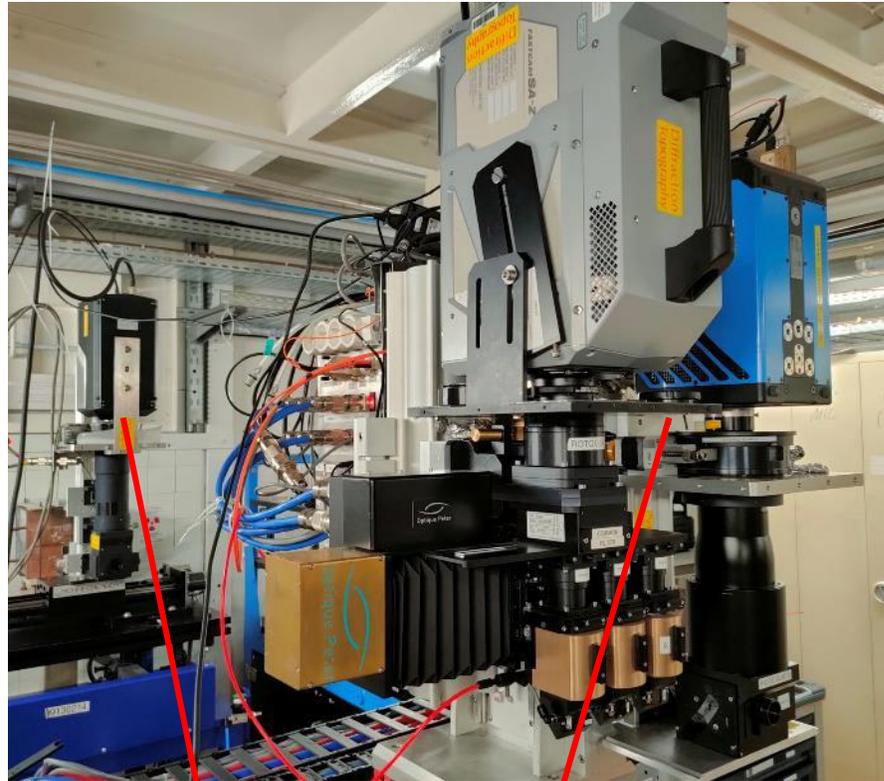
- (Generally) **higher resolution**
- (But) smaller field of view
- **Typical scan times: minutes to <seconds**
- **Time-resolved (4D) CT**

StructureOfMaterials

@SoM_esrf Follows you

The Structure of Materials Group [@esrfsynchrotron](#) provides world-class facilities for hard X-ray diffraction, scattering and microimaging experiments.

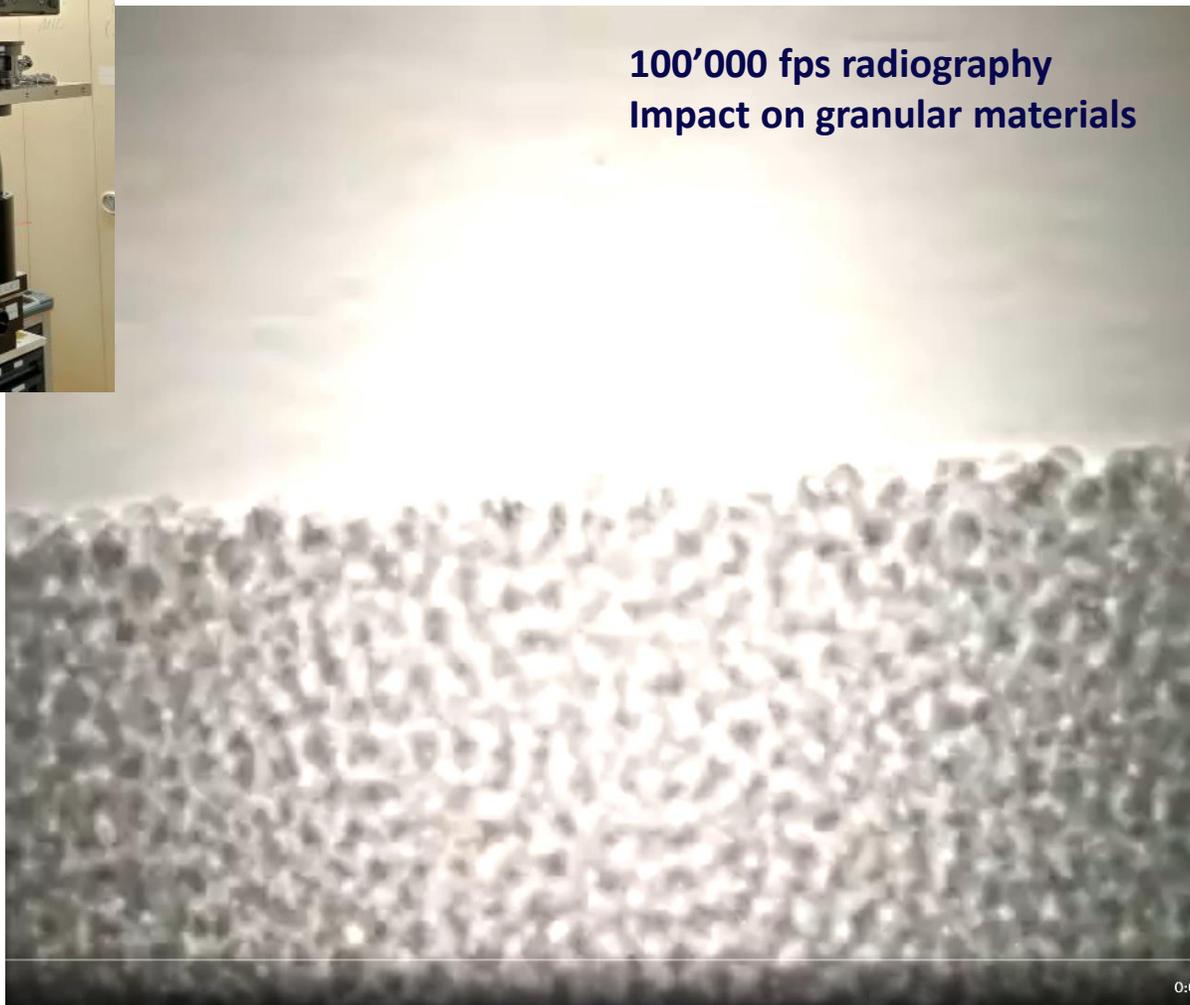
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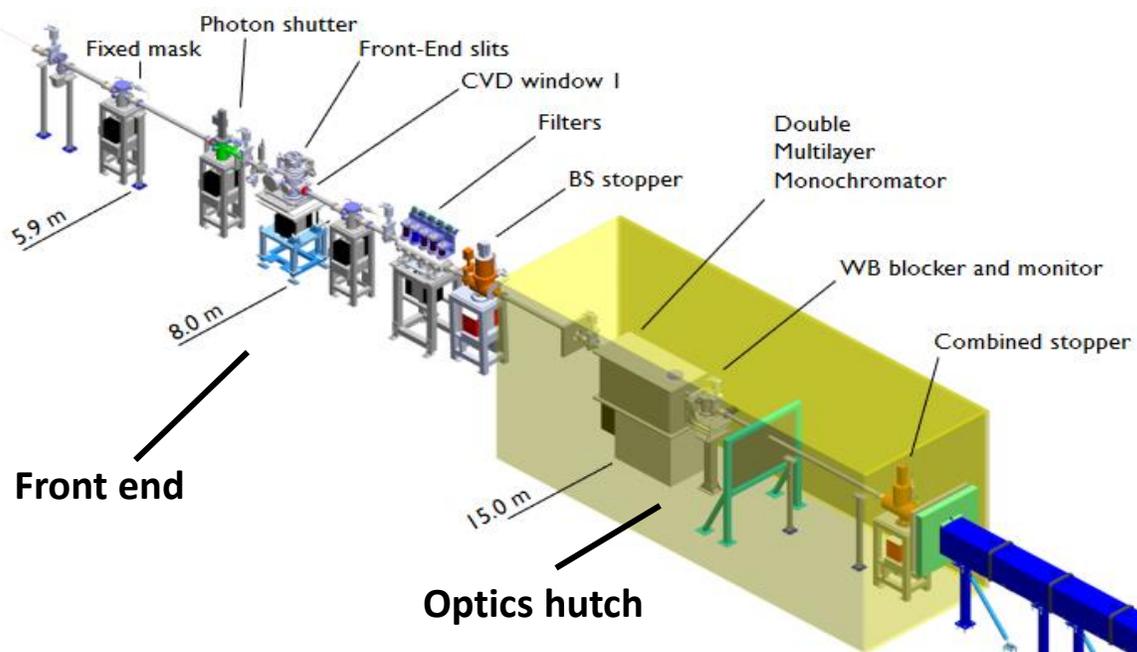
100 kHz

100'000 fps radiography
Impact on granular materials



In-situ mechanical testing





The BEATS beamline at a glance

<i>Total Length</i>	45 m
<i>Energy range</i>	8 – 100 keV
<i>Divergence</i>	1.8 mrad (H) × 0.4 mrad (V)
<i>Detectors</i>	0.5× – 10× optics; 5.5MP sCMOS camera
<i>Available voxel size</i>	13 – 0.65 μm
<i>Beam size @ sample</i>	72 mm (H) × 15 mm (V) (white beam)
<i>Modalities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filtered white beam • Monochromatic (with DMM)

START COMMISSIONING IN 2023

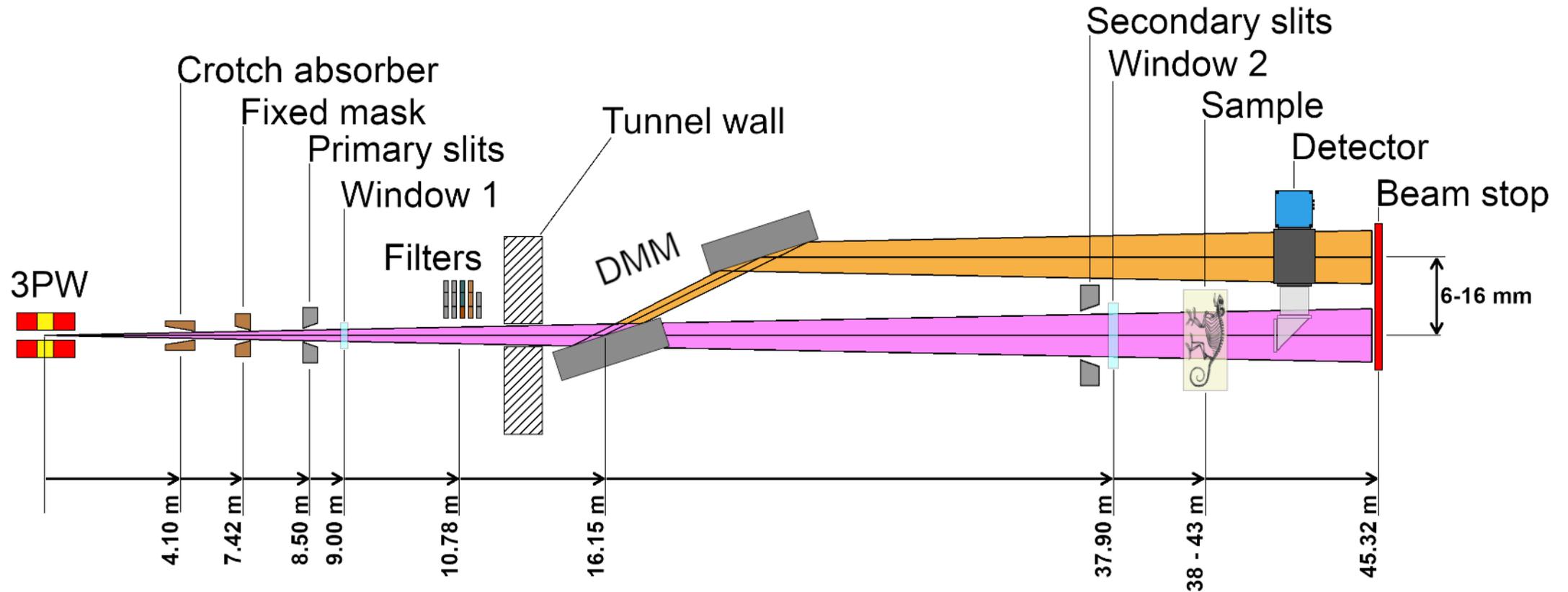
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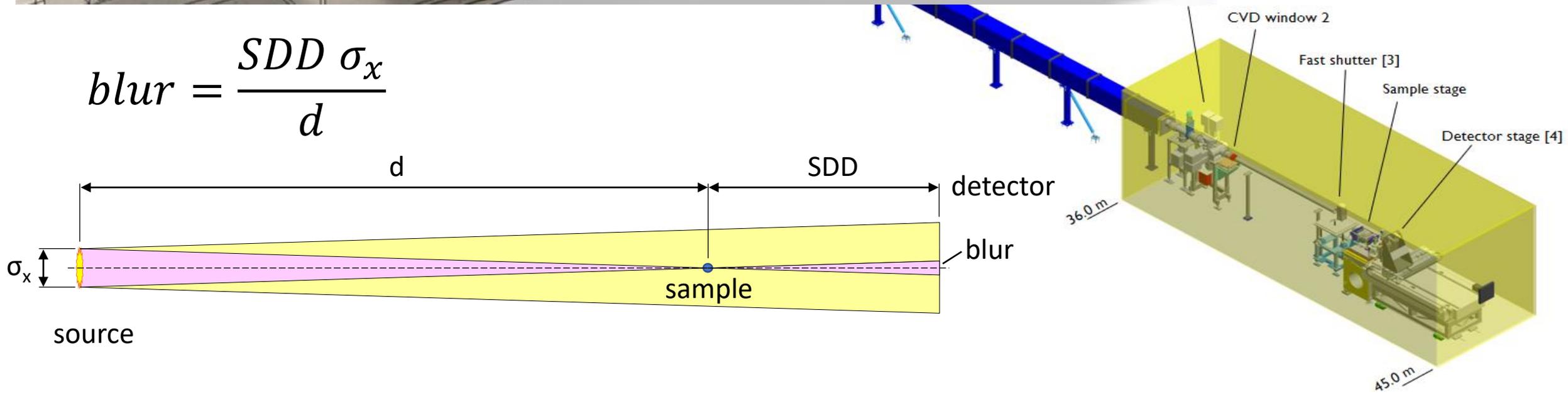
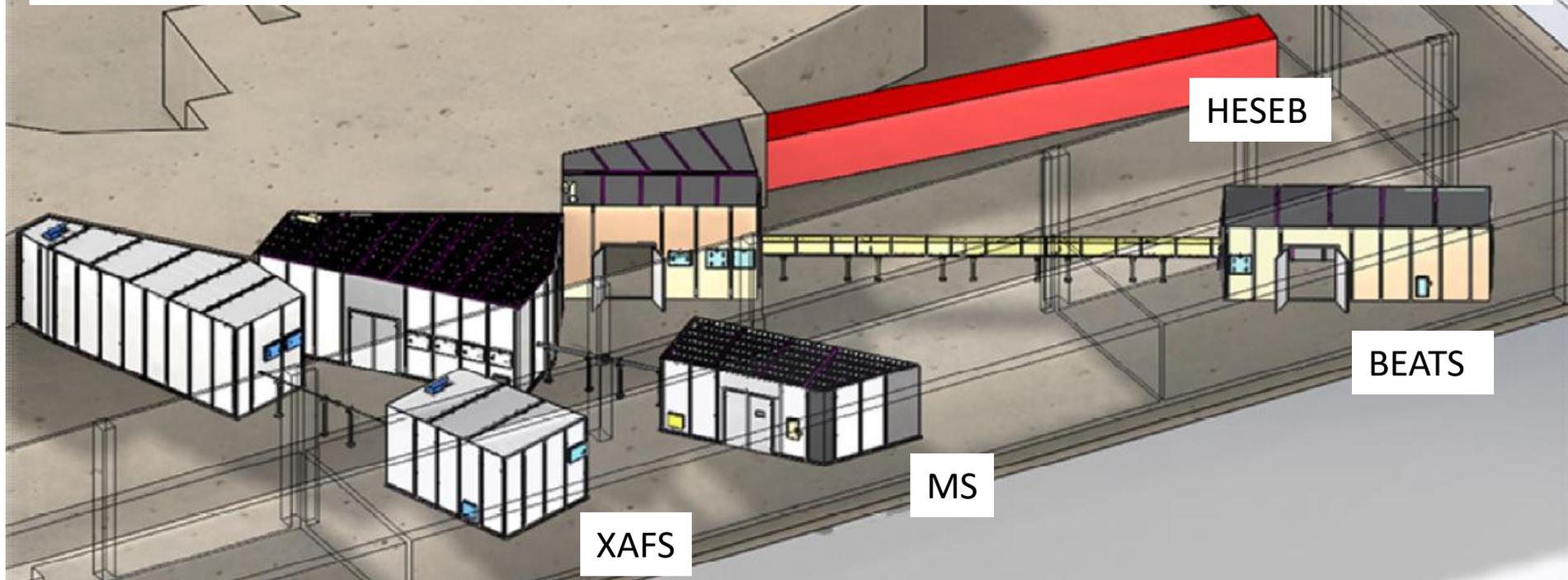


BEATS layout

- **High-flux**; well above 20 keV to see through large, dense samples
- Filtered **white beam (high-flux)** VS **monochromatic beam (high-sensitivity)** (with DMM)



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



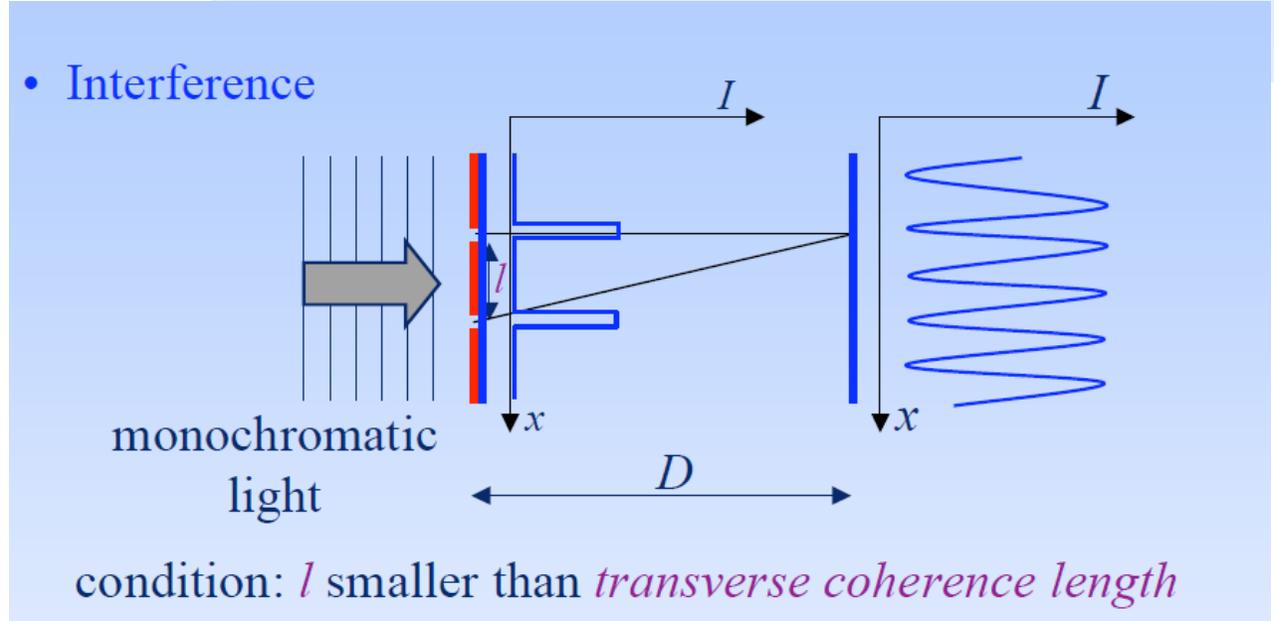
BEATS layout

- Coherence length and blur

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

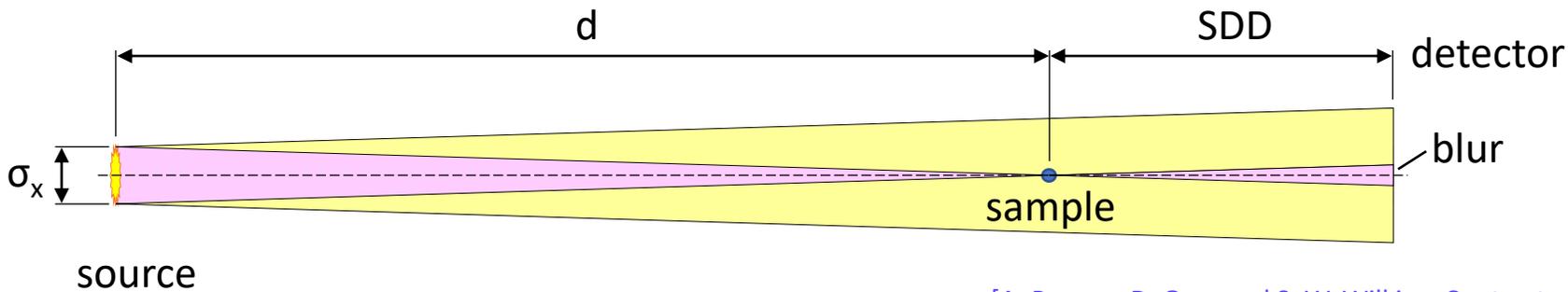
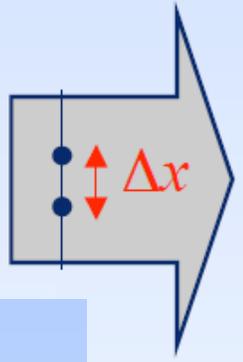
Distance from source

Source size



Spatial Coherence
correlation in space

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



BEATS layout

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



phase contrast

- This reduces available flux and beam size!

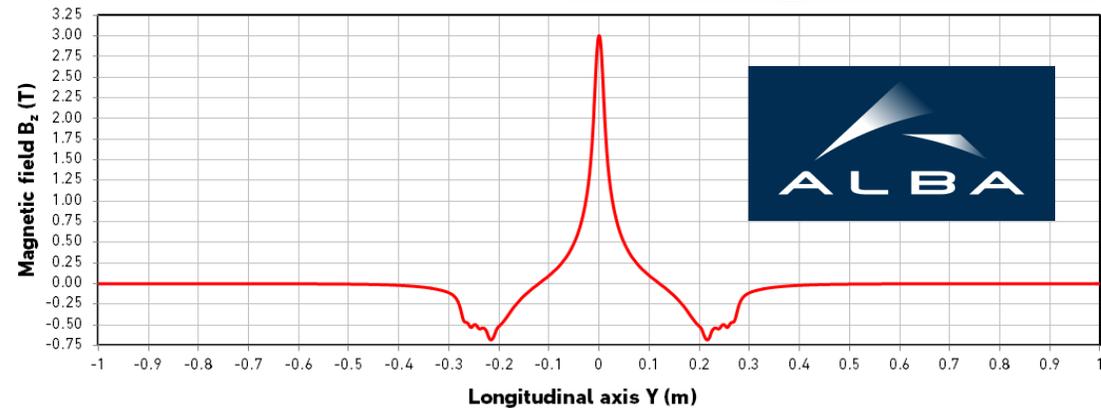
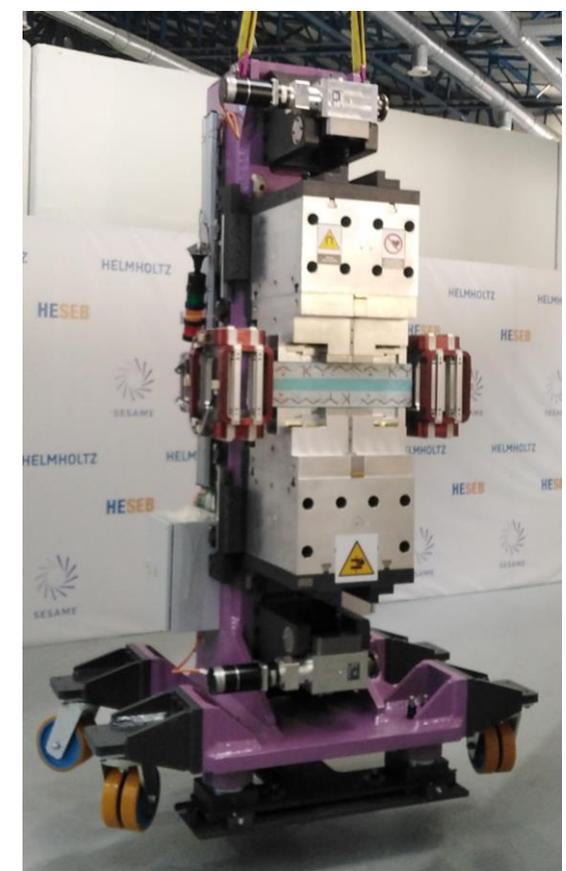
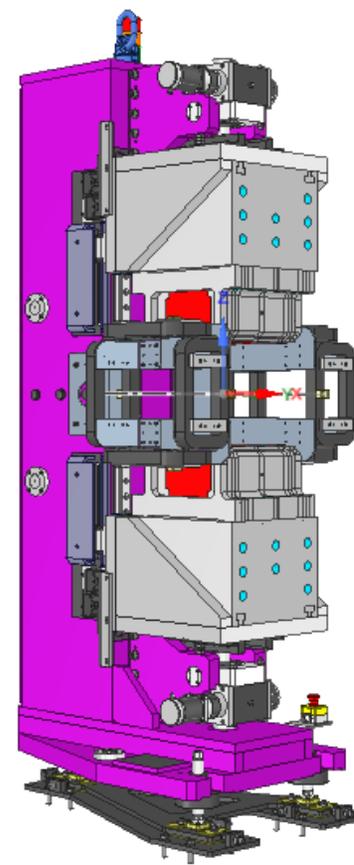
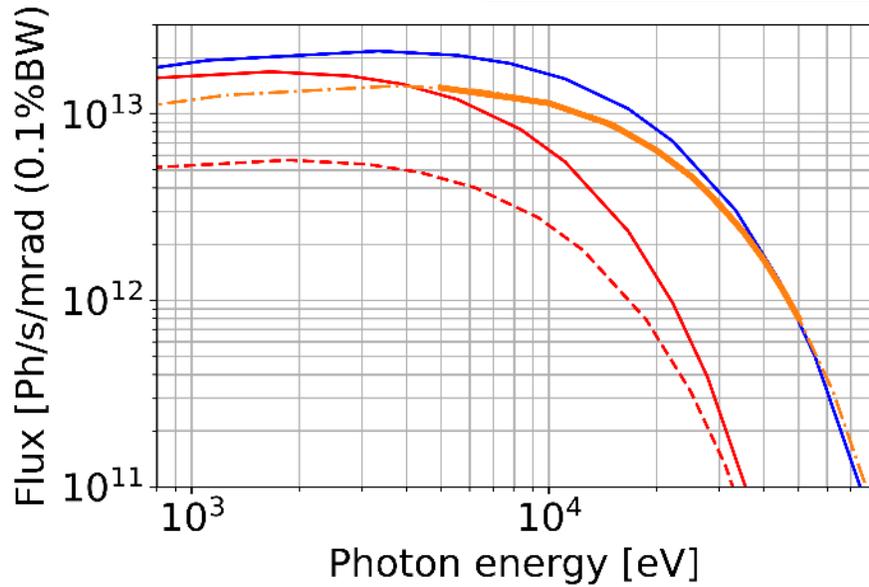
Beamline	d [m]	σ_x [μm]	Transverse coherence length [μm]
ID19@ESRF	145	25	720.1
TOMCAT@SLS	34	140	30.2
<u>SYRMEP@Elettra</u>	23	197	14.5
<u>TopoTomo@ANKA</u>	33	500	8.2
BEATS - Primary slits OPEN	43	1978	2.7
BEATS - Primary slits: 1 mm (H)	34.6	1000	4.3
BEATS - Primary slits: 0.5 mm (H)	34.6	500	8.6

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

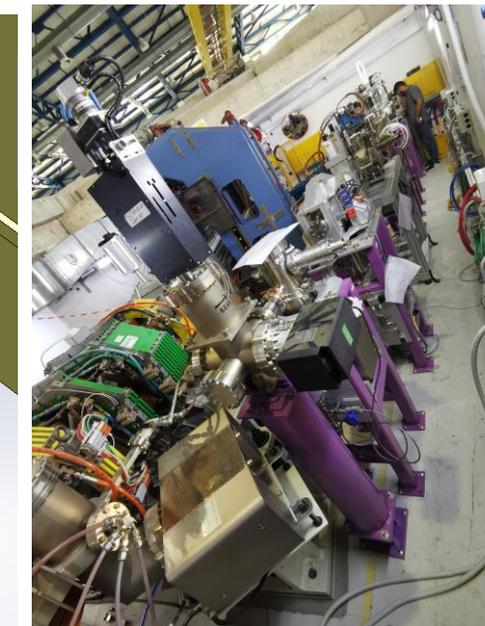
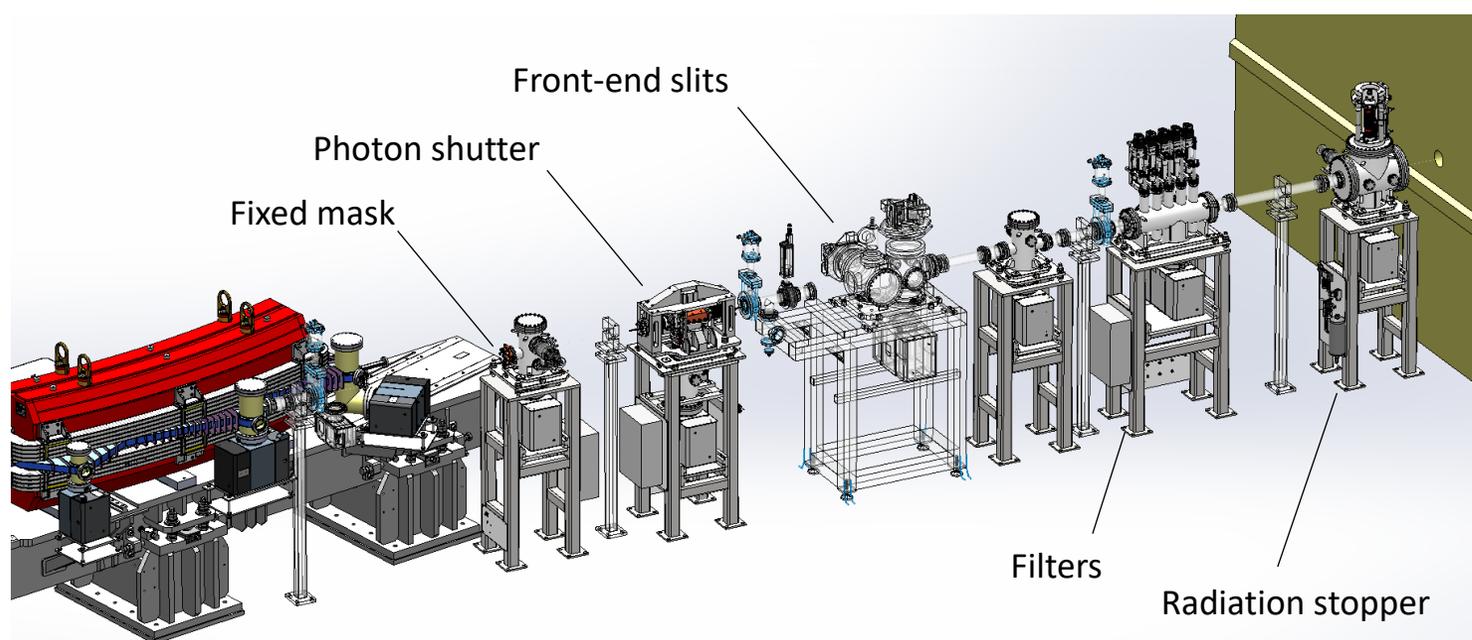
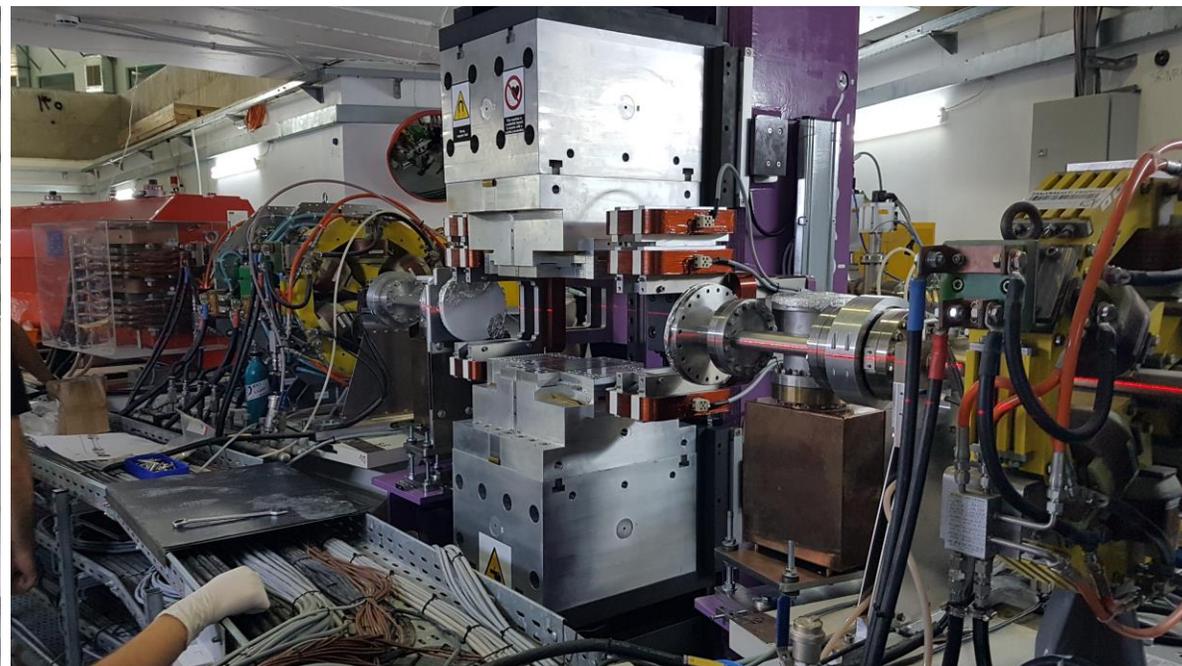
BEATS X-Ray source

Three-pole wiggler

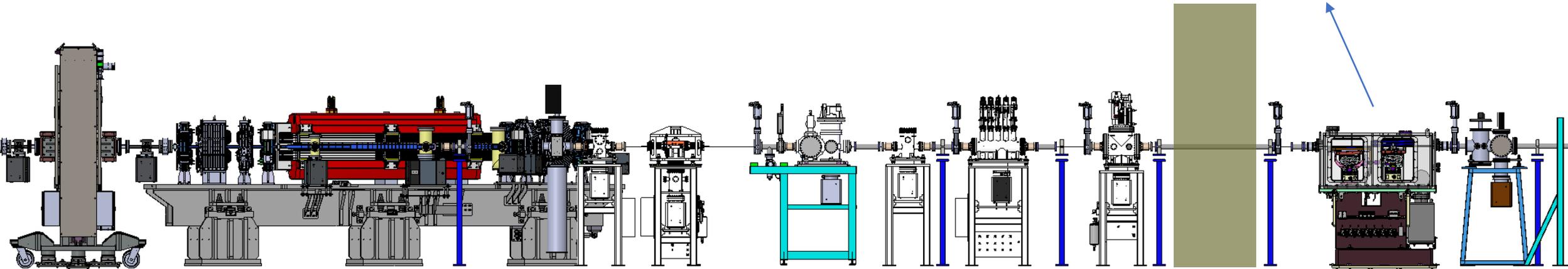
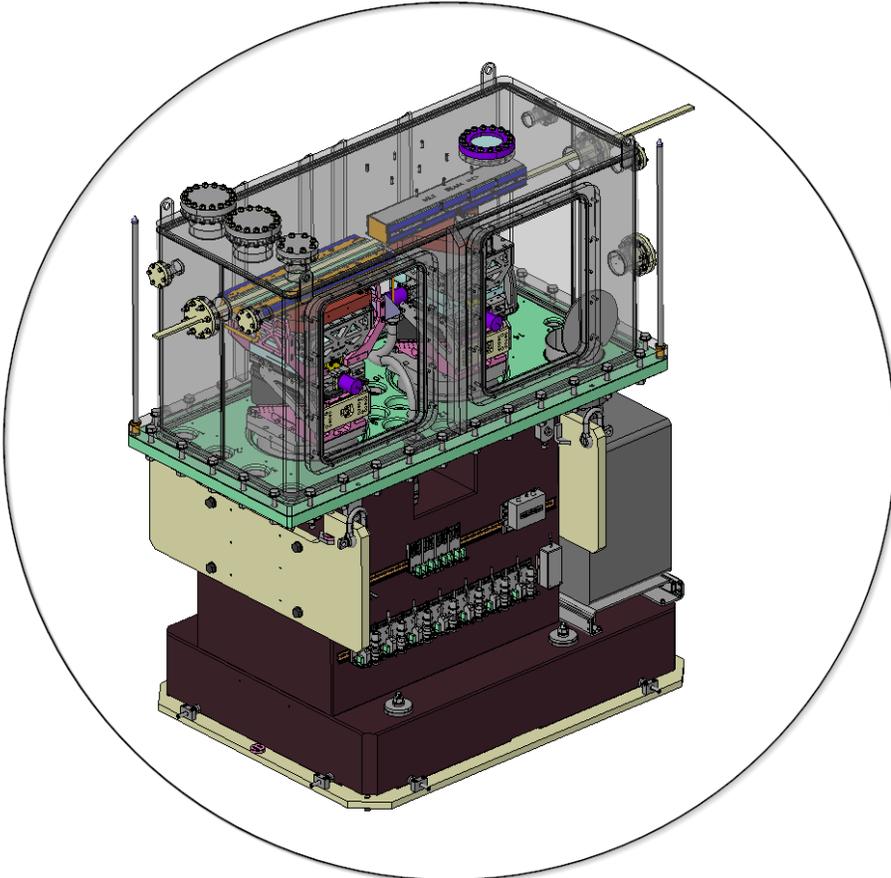
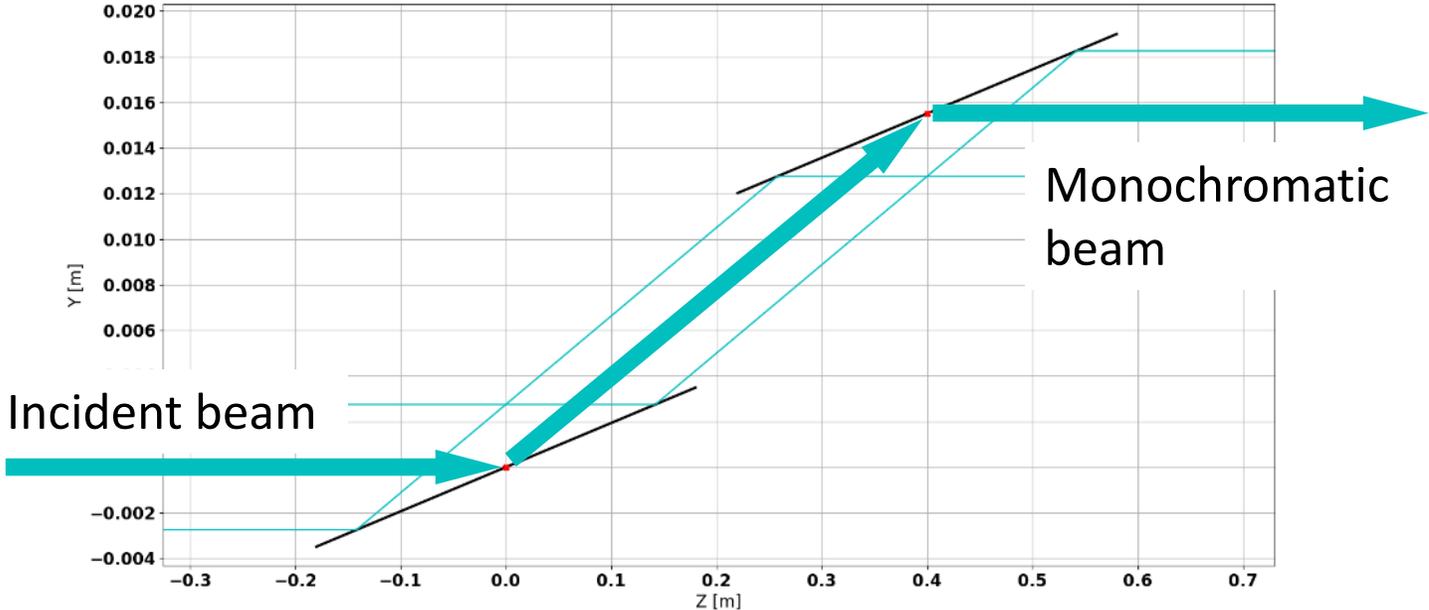
- Minimum gap: 11 mm
- Maximum field: 2.92 T
- Magnetic length: 0.41 m



AUGUST-SEPTEMBER shutdown – ID and front-end installation

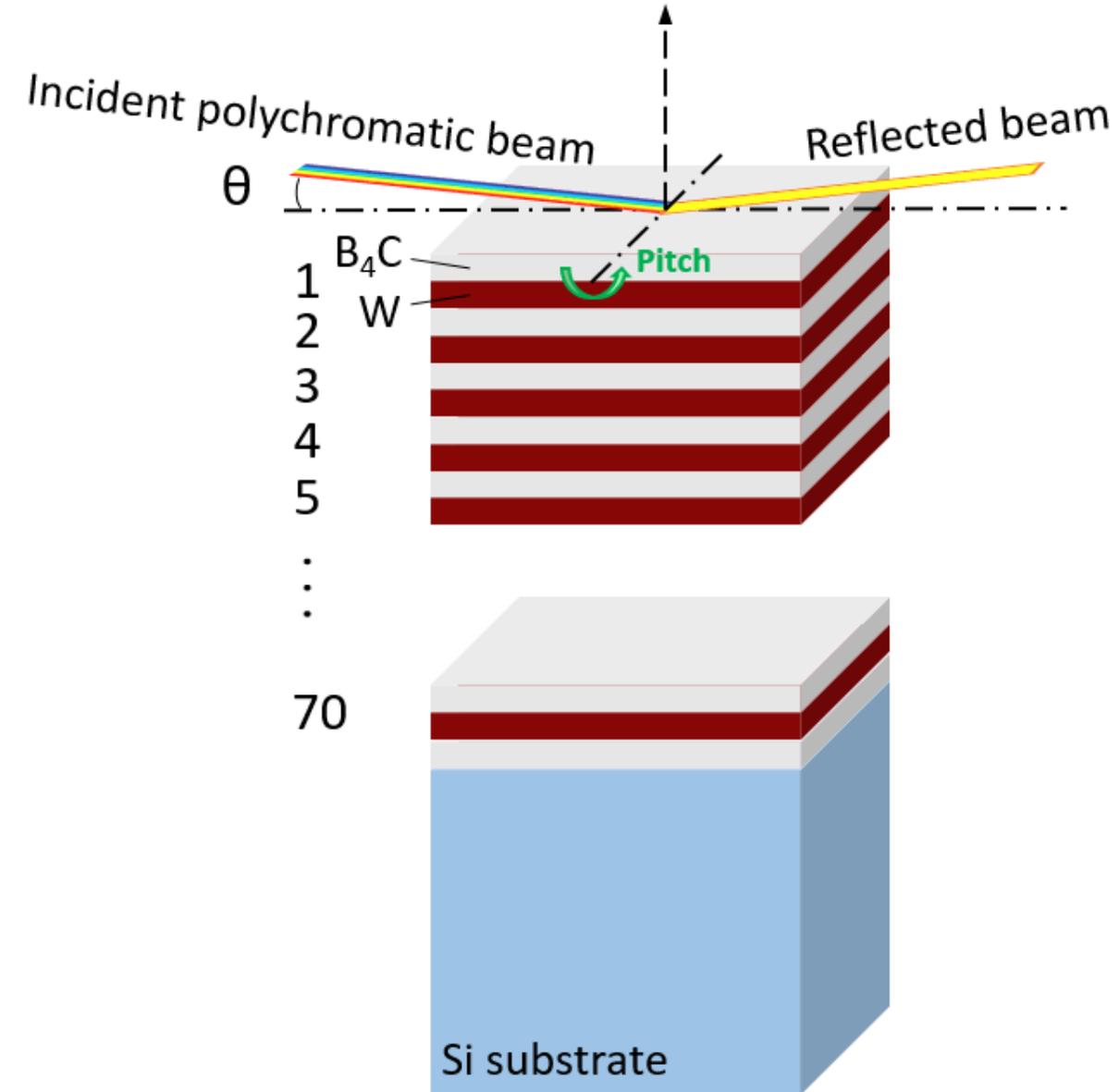


Beamline Optics: Double Multilayer Monochromator (DMM)



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)

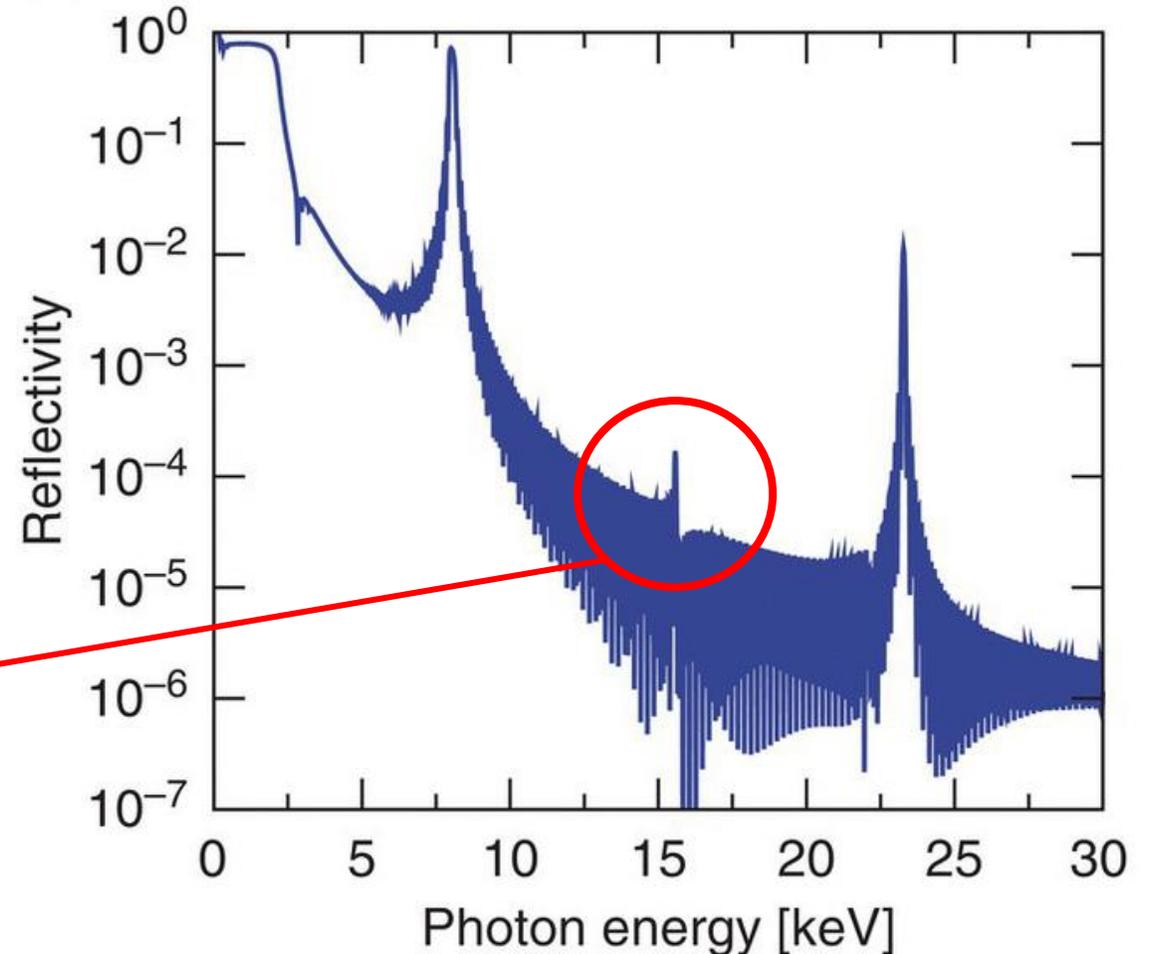
Multilayers

- 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

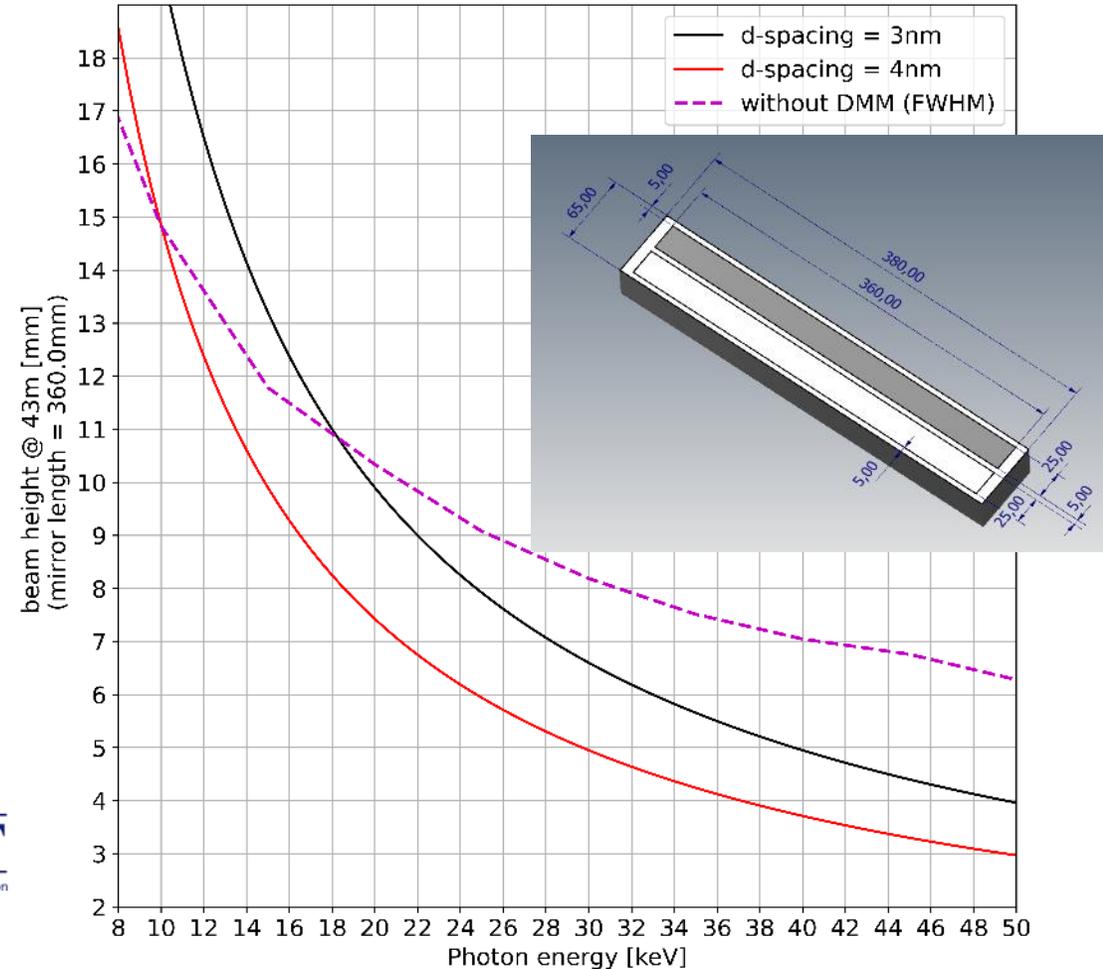
- Larger d implies smaller grazing angle and longer Si substrates than those of DCMs

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

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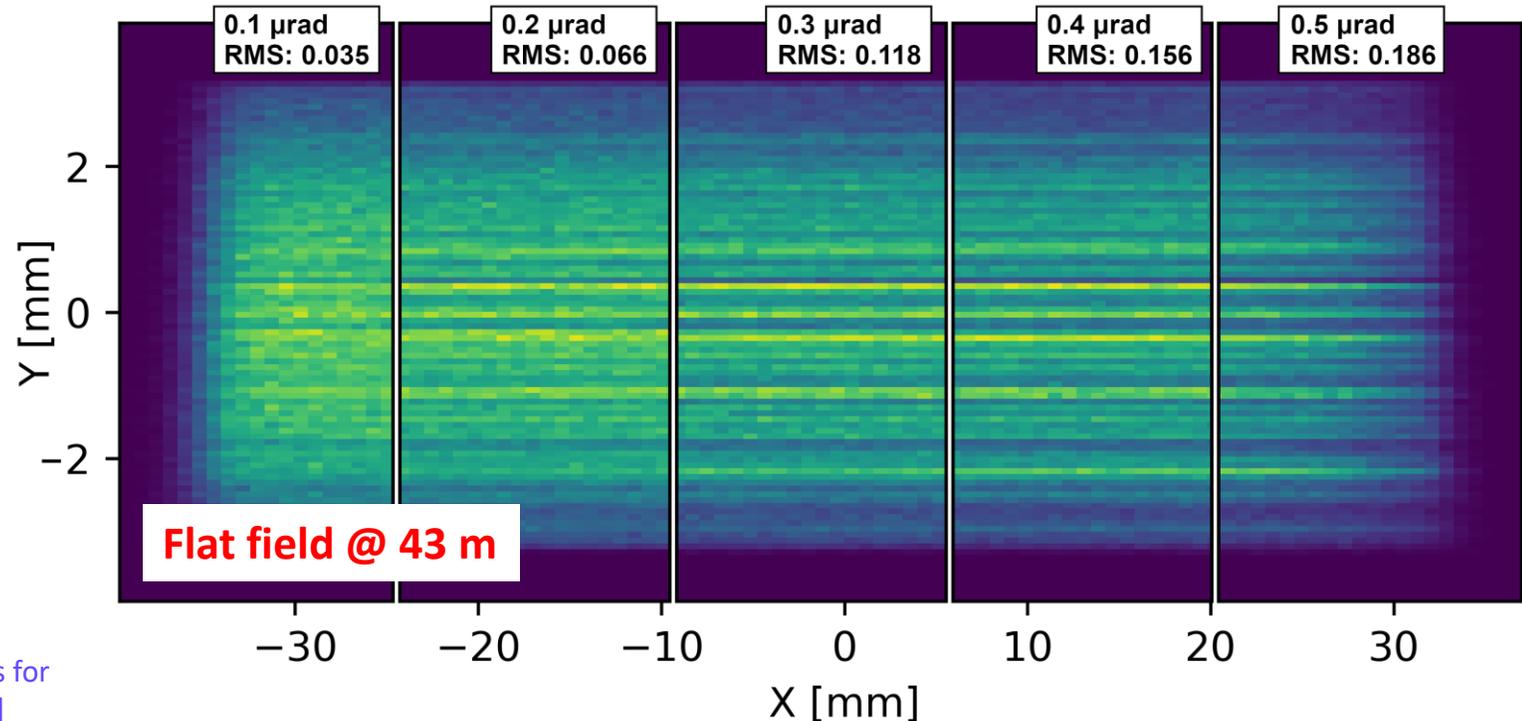
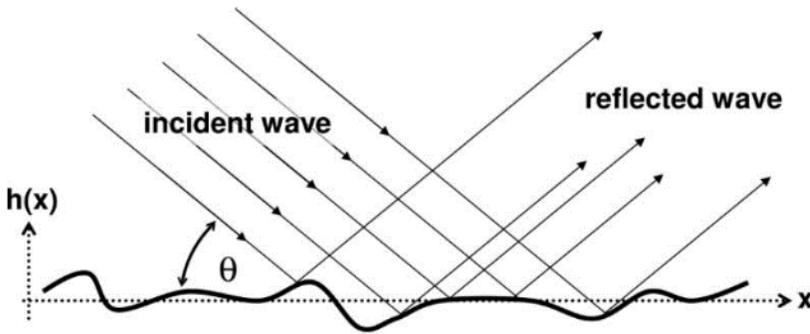
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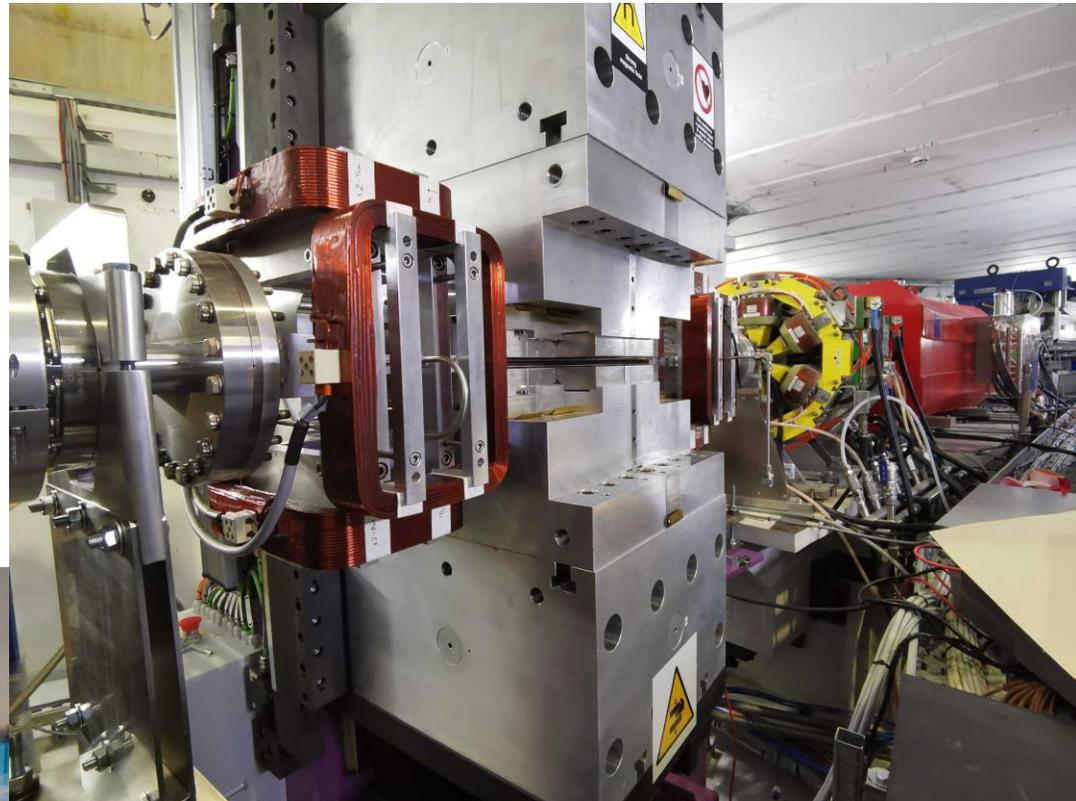
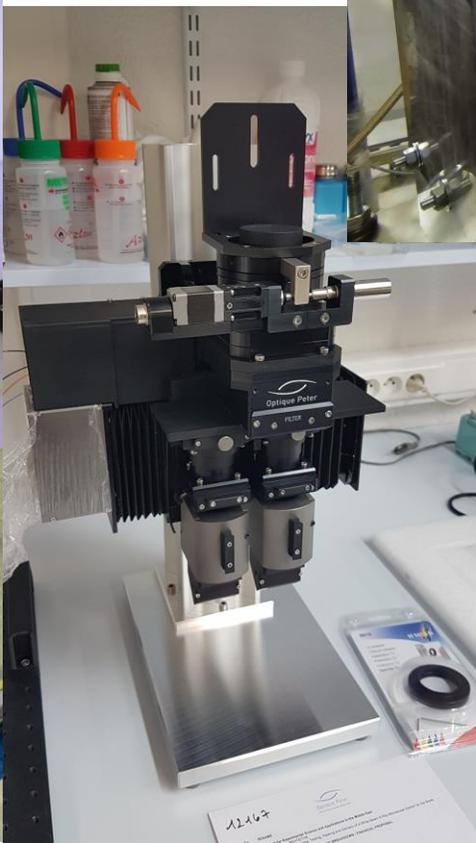
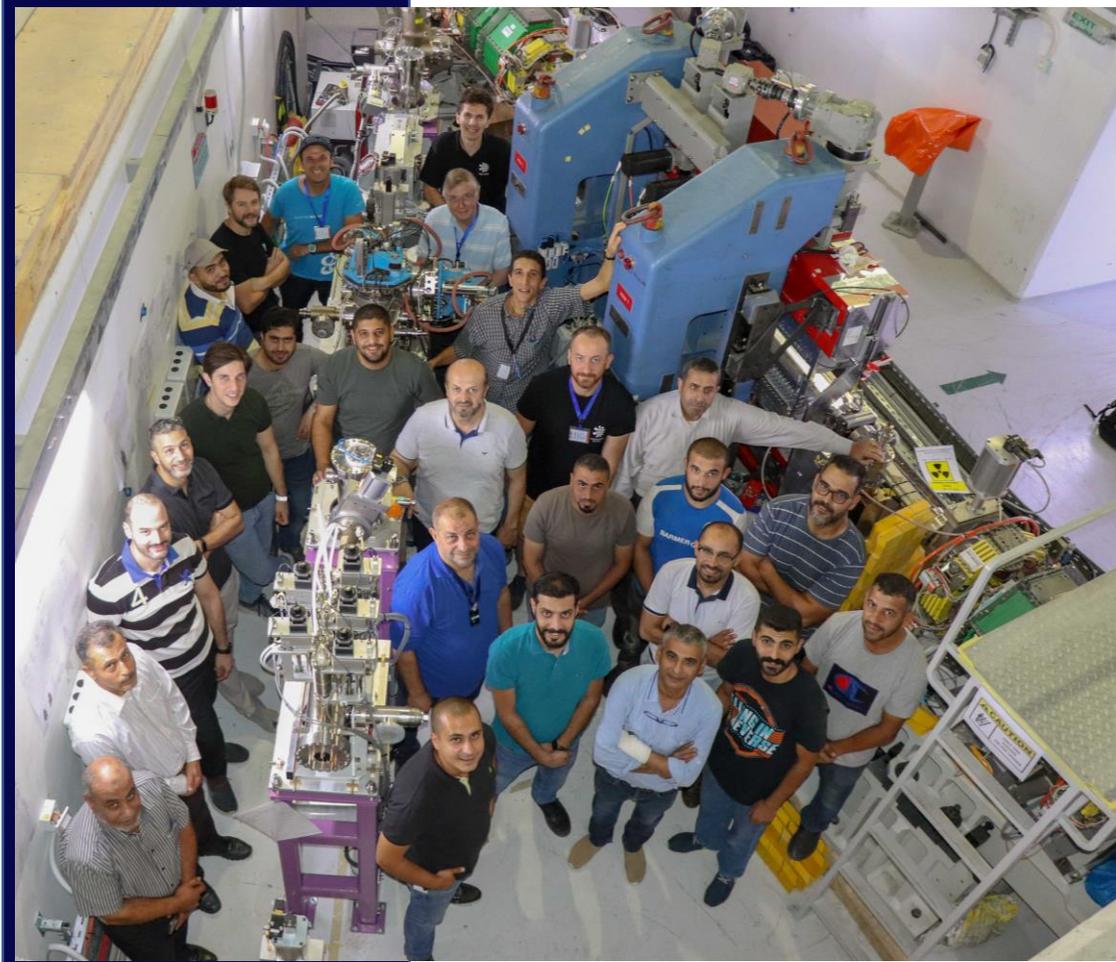
- [W/B₄C]100 DMM stripe @ 45 keV
- Meridional slope error: 0.1 – 0.5 μrad..

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



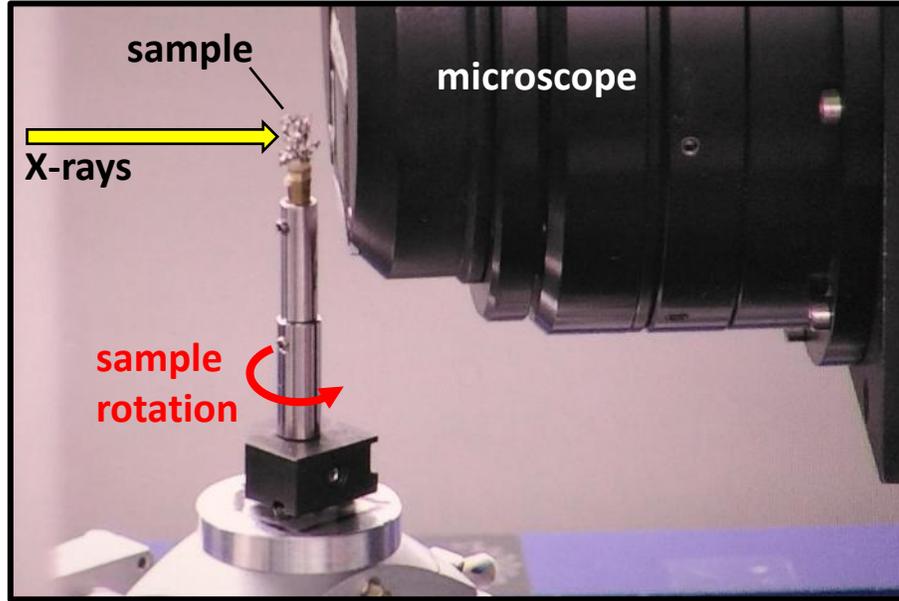
BEATS – Installation status

- Infrastructure and hutches ready
- X-Ray source installation completed
- Exp. station installation: February 2022
- Start commissioning: March 2023



BEATS experimental station

Sample and detectors stage



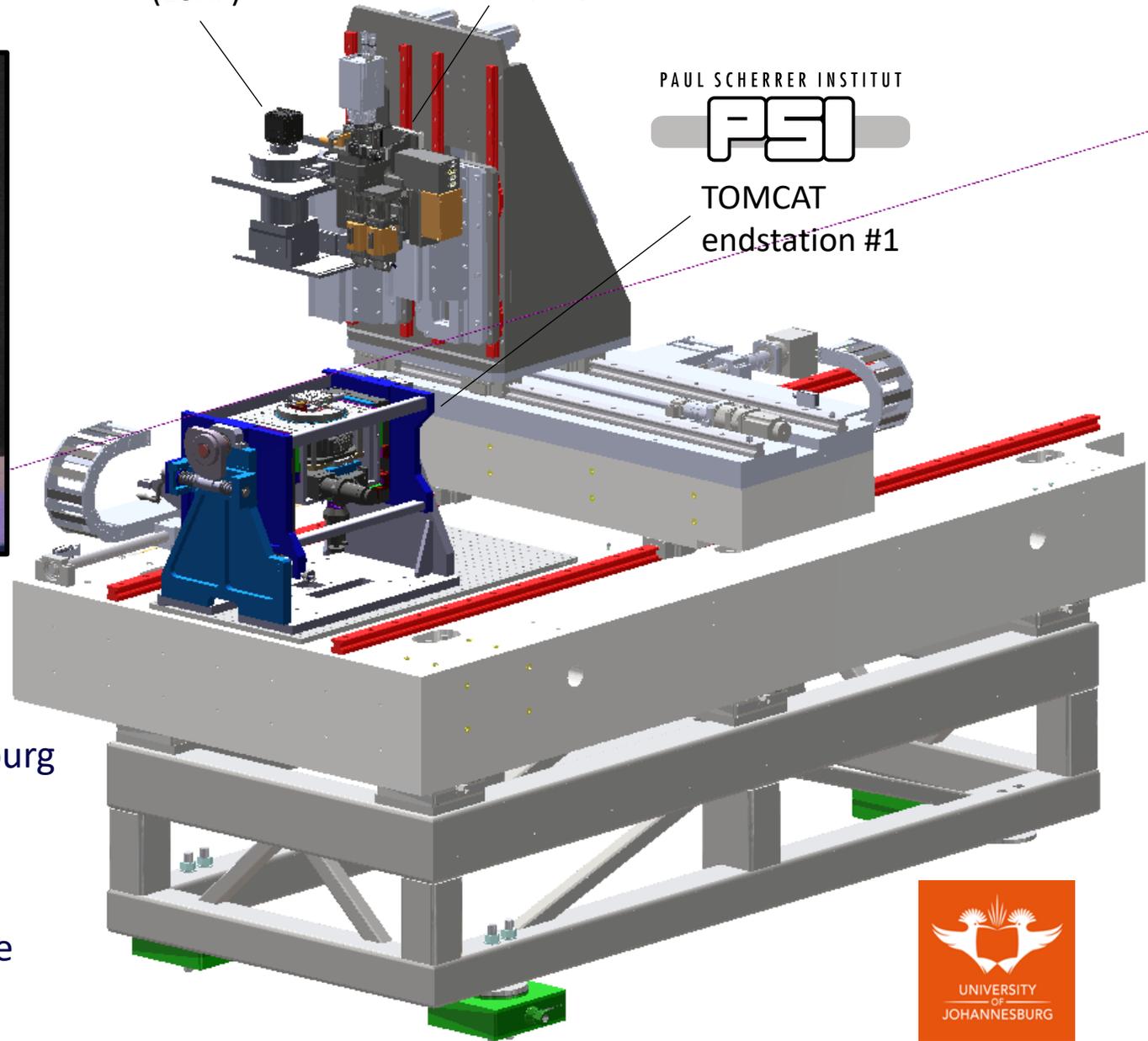
0.5x, 1x, 2x detector
(ESRF)

10x, 5x detector
(Optique Peter)

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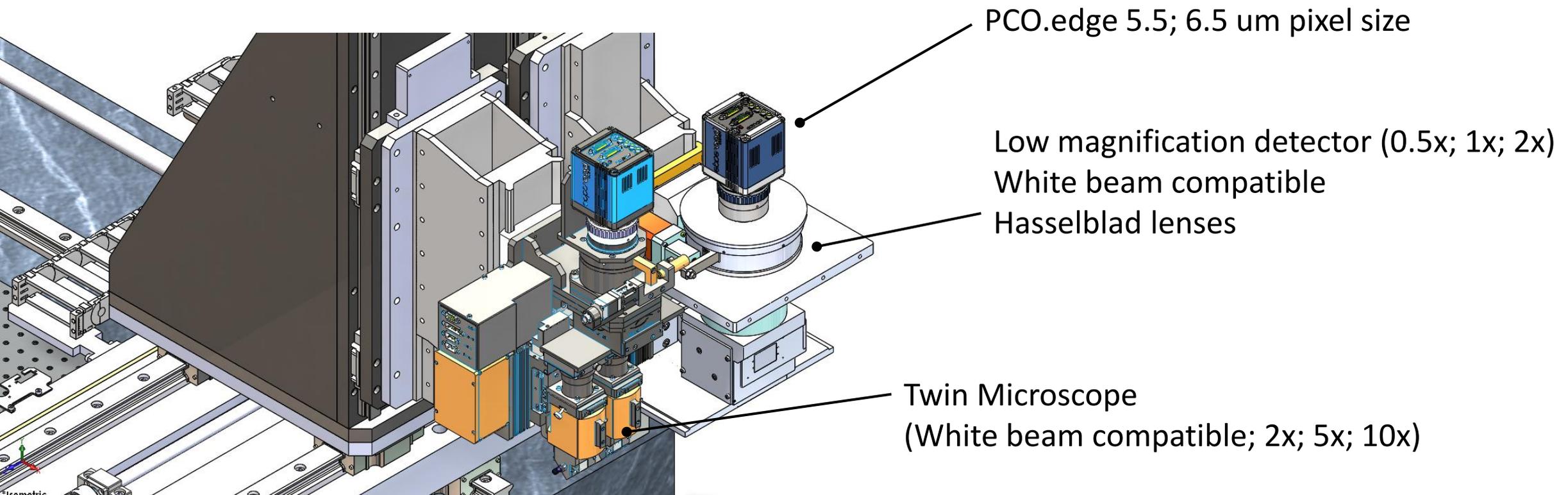
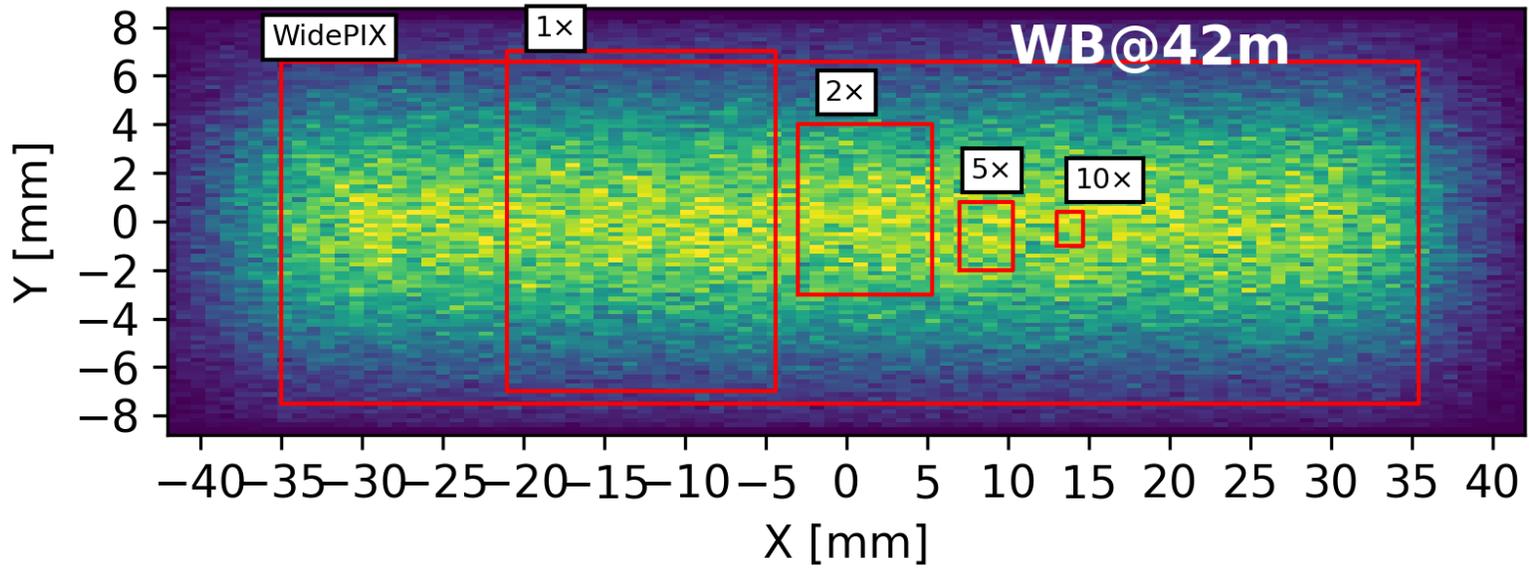
TOMCAT
endstation #1



- Synergy with PSI TOMCAT, ESRF BM5 and UJ Johannesburg
- Air-bearing rotator for samples up to 5 kg
- Support for 2 detectors

- 1st eigenmode of granite stage maximized to reduce the effect of vibrations on the detectors.

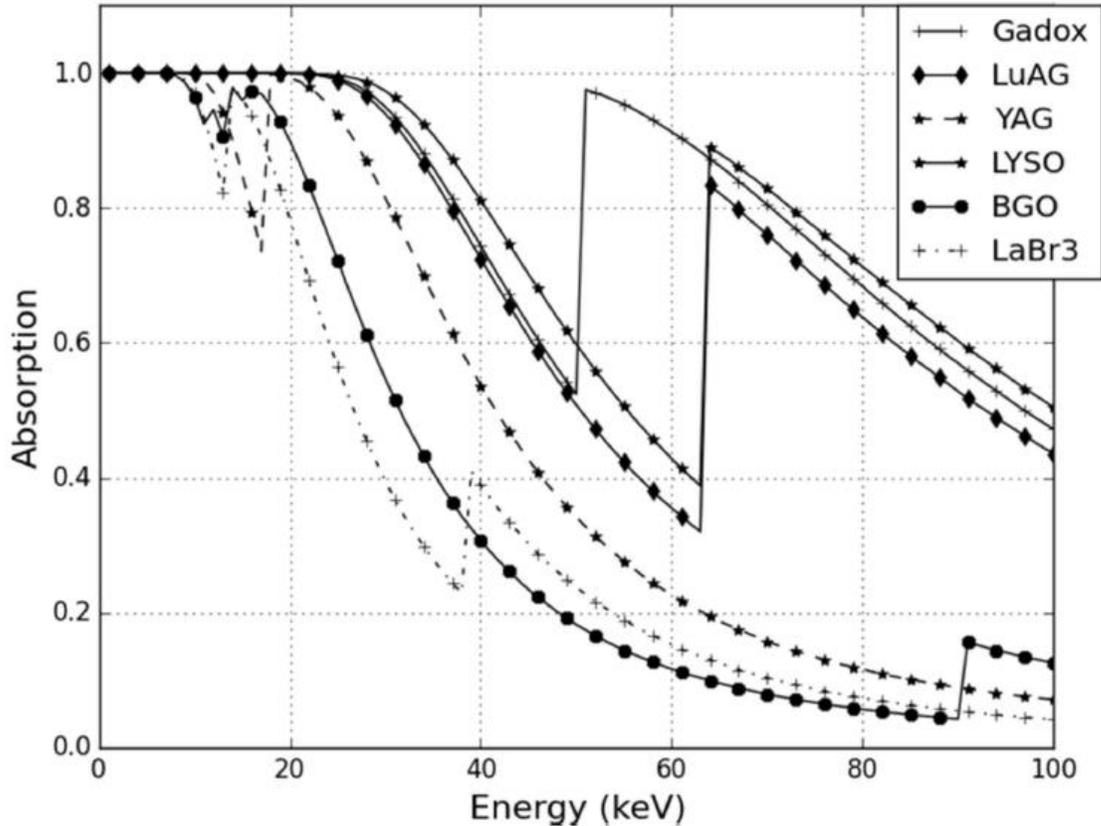
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0.5x	33.2 × 28.0 mm ²	13.0 μm
1x	16.6 × 14.0 mm ²	6.5 μm
2x	8.3 × 7.0 mm ²	3.25 μm
5x	3.4 × 2.8 mm ²	1.3 μm
10x	1.7 × 1.4 mm ²	0.65 μm



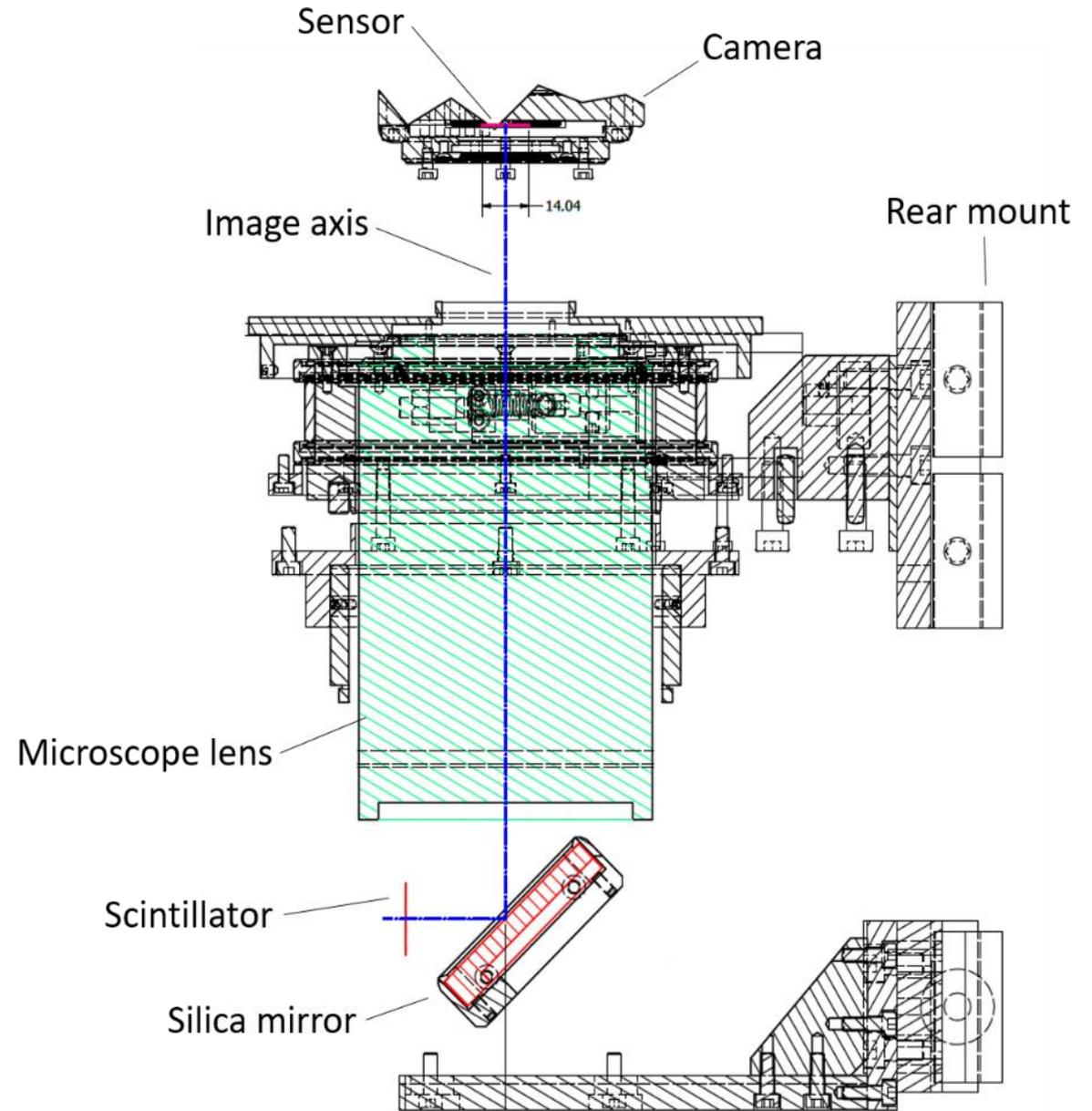
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X-Ray microscope

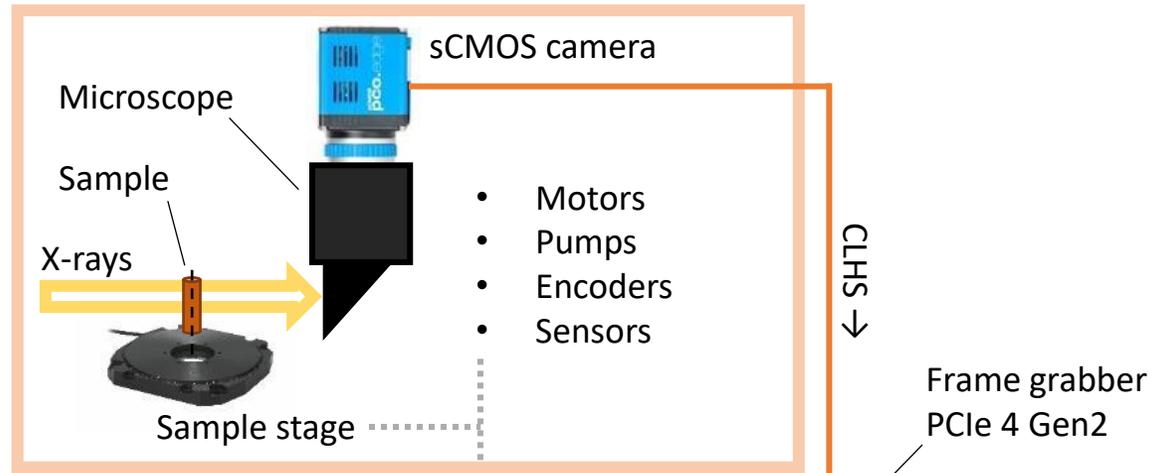
- Absorption efficiency of different scintillator screens of 350 μm thickness



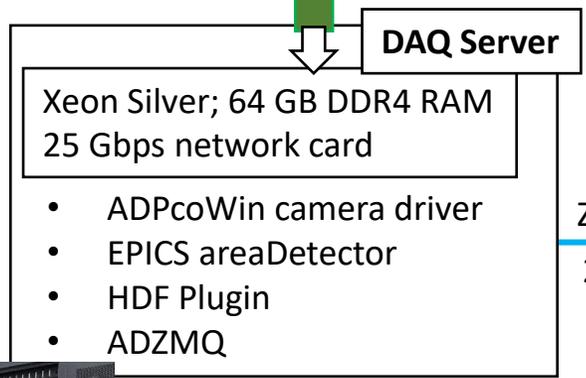
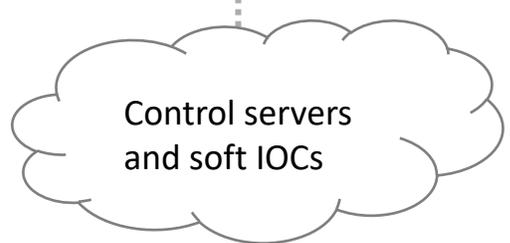
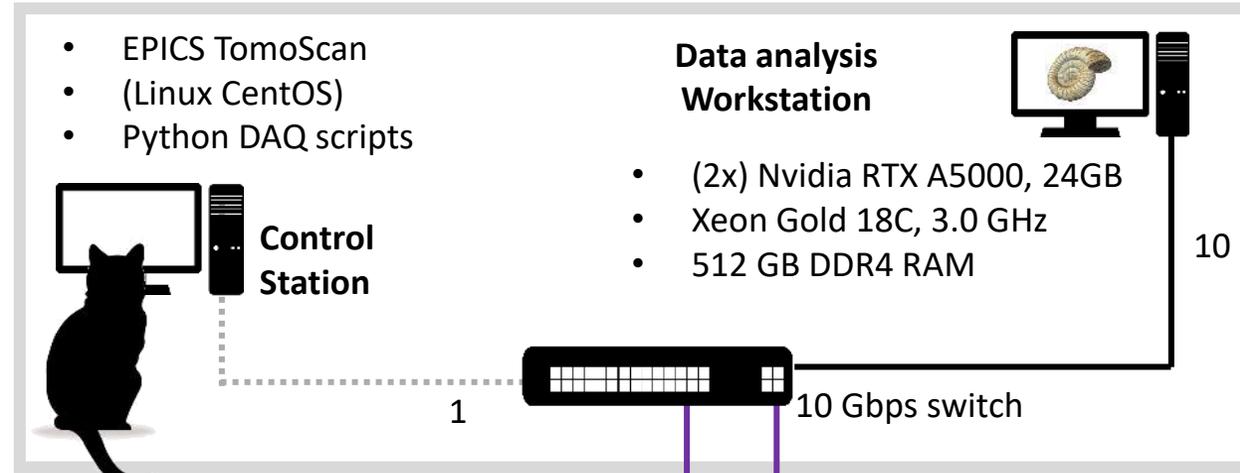
[A. Mittone et al. Journal of Synchrotron Radiation, 2017]



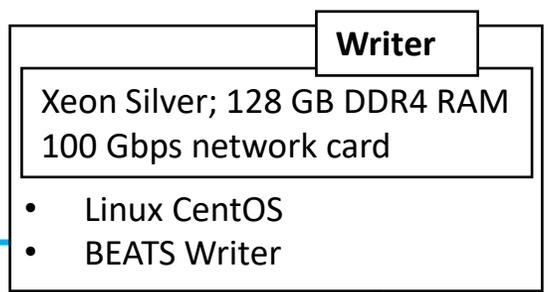
Experimental Hutch



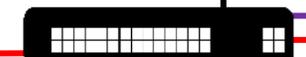
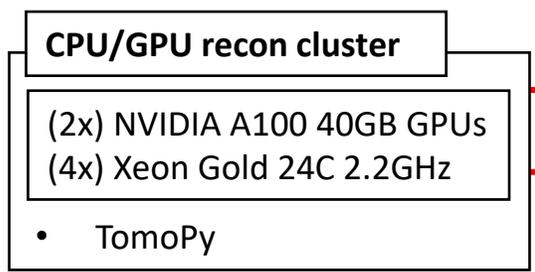
BEATS control Hutch



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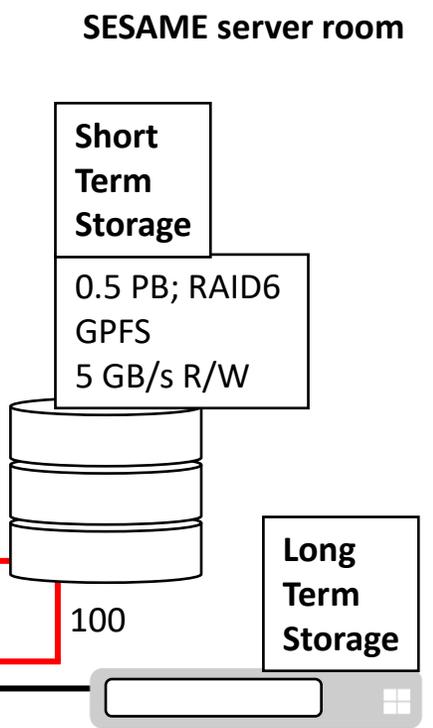
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100 Gbps switches



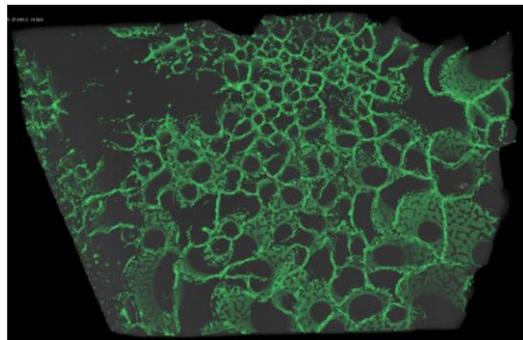
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Scientific Opportunities at BEATS

Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

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

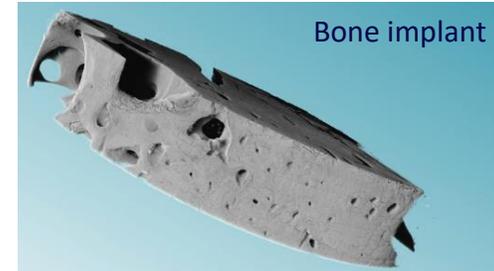


Roman glass

Mineralized algae
(red sea)



Bone implant

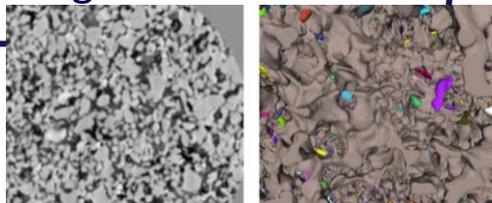


Health, Biology and Food

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

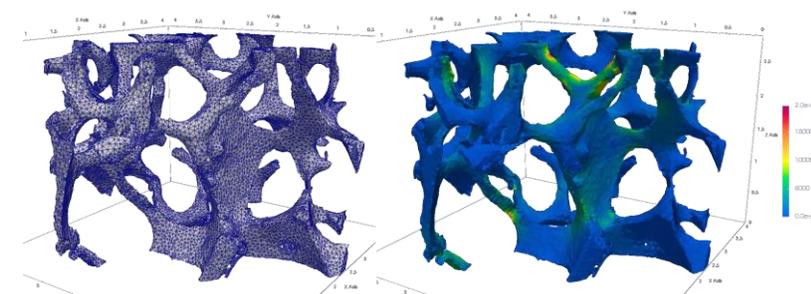
Agriculture and Environment

- Simulation of rock properties
- Soil characterization
- Sustainable agriculture



Sandstone core

Synchrotron Tomography @ BEATS



Material science and Engineering

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

Services to Industry and Private sector

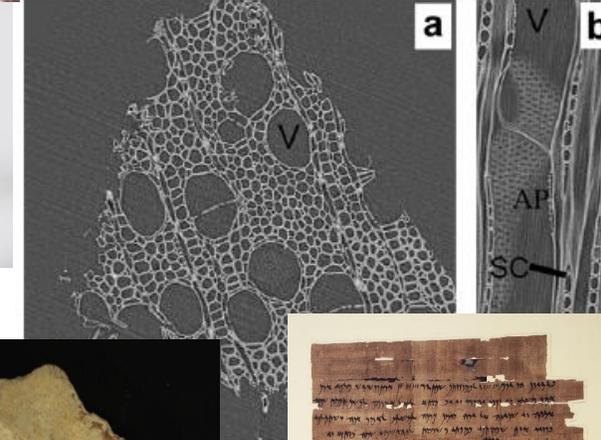
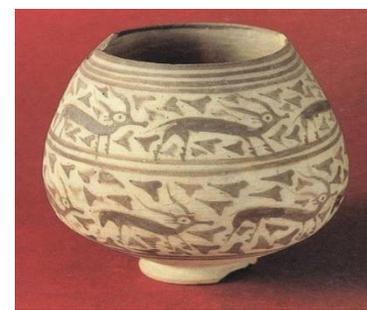


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Scientific Opportunities at BEATS

Archaeology and Cultural Heritage:

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



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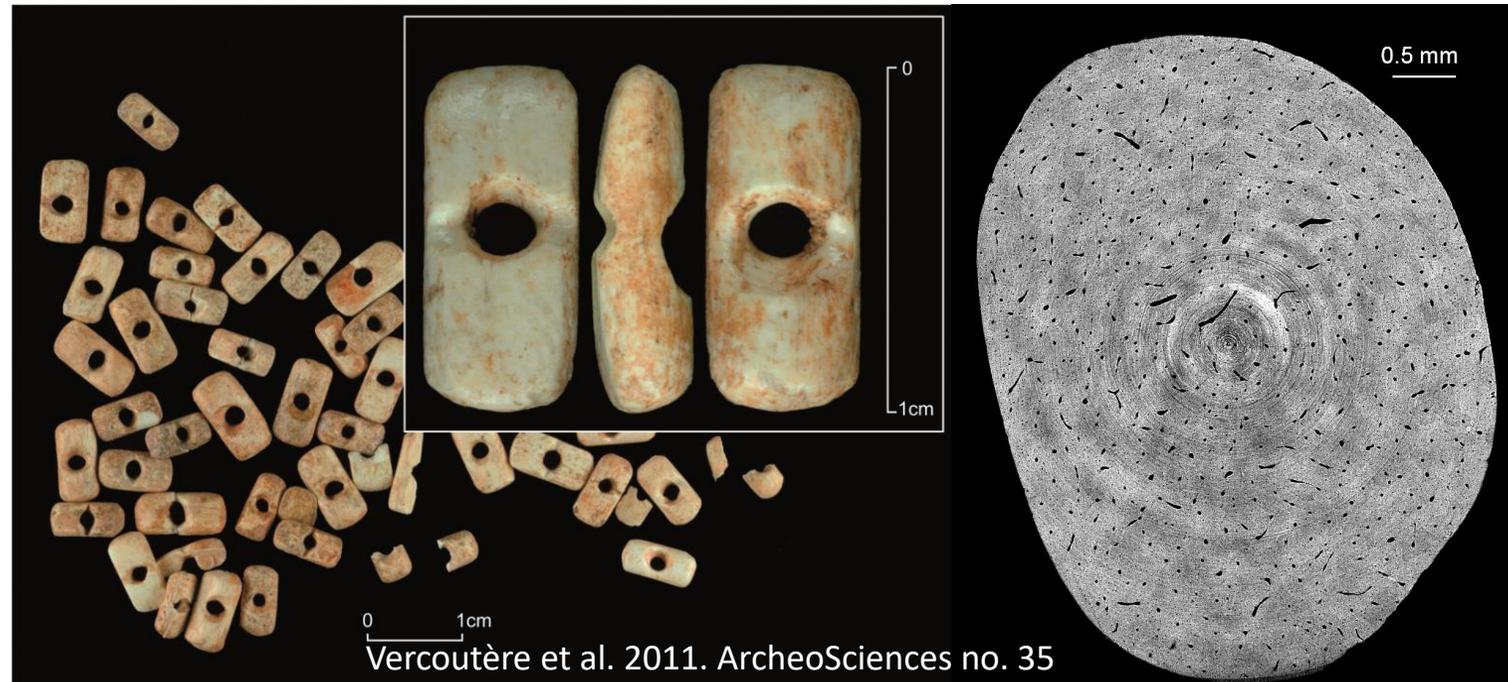


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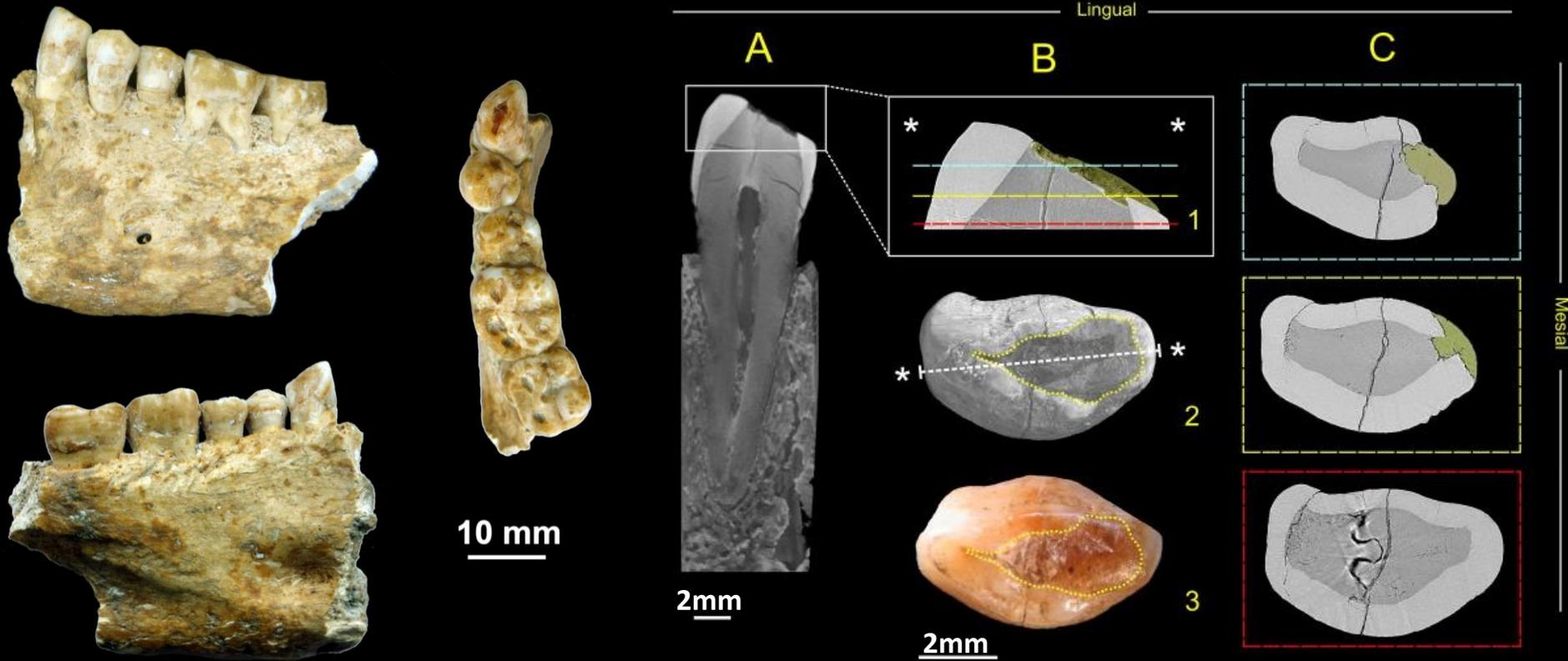
Scientific Opportunities at BEATS - Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

Rectangular Beads from the Abri Pataud:

Raw Material Identification and Archaeological Implications



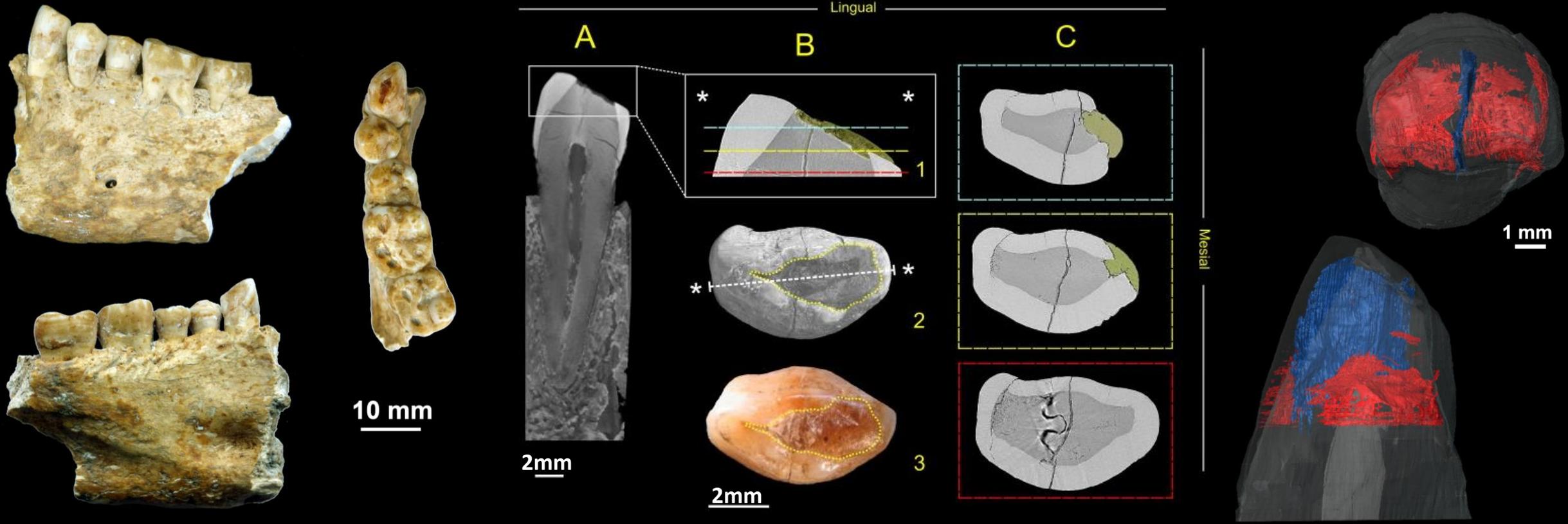
- BAMline@BESSY-II; absorption CT; 0.44 to 3.5 μm pixel size; 15 keV
- Mammoth ivory; upper paleolithic; abri Pataud, France
- Non-destructive material identification
- Applicable to ivory, bone, antler, faience, wood, and more..



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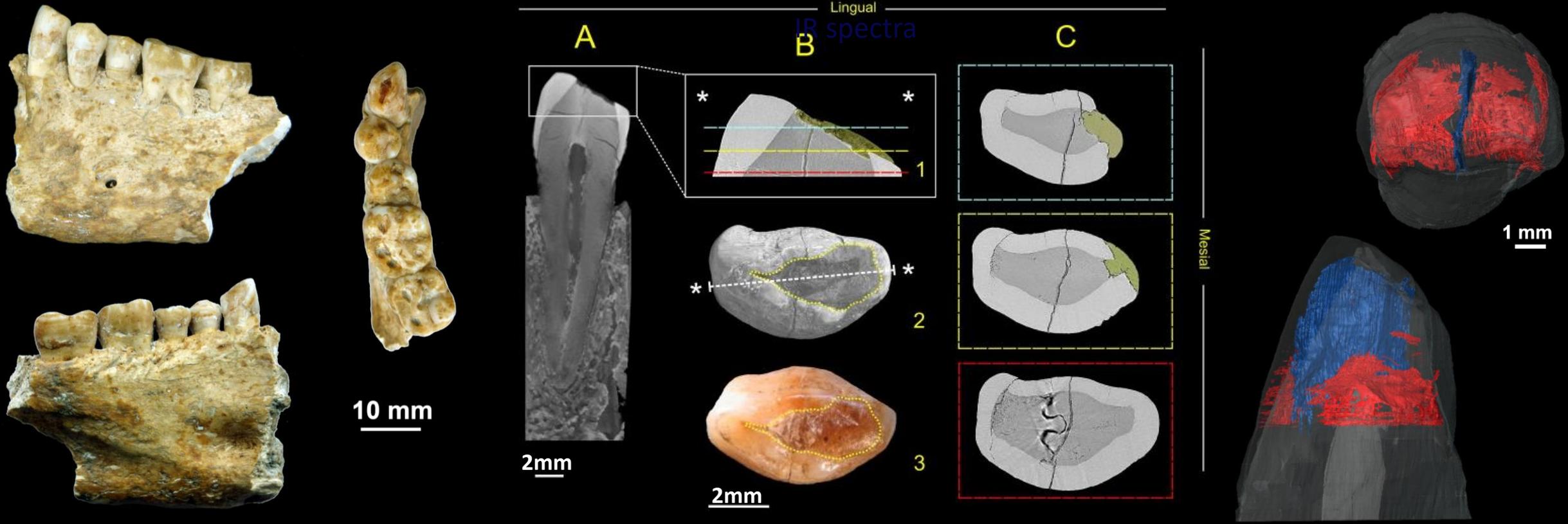
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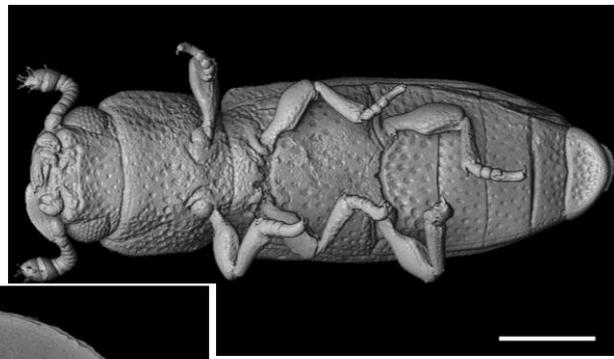
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Scientific Opportunities at BEATS

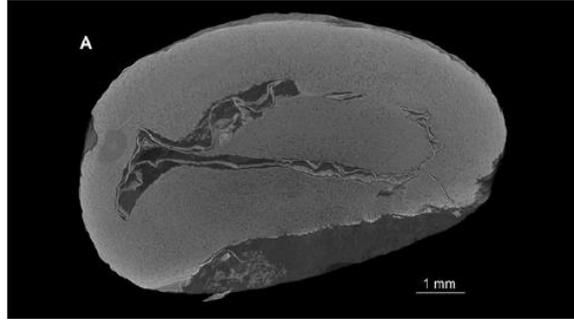
Health, Biology and Food:

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

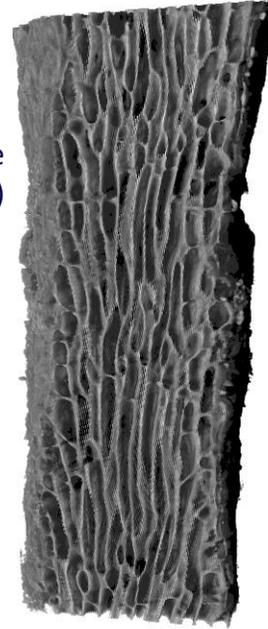
Coleoptera fossil



Green bean



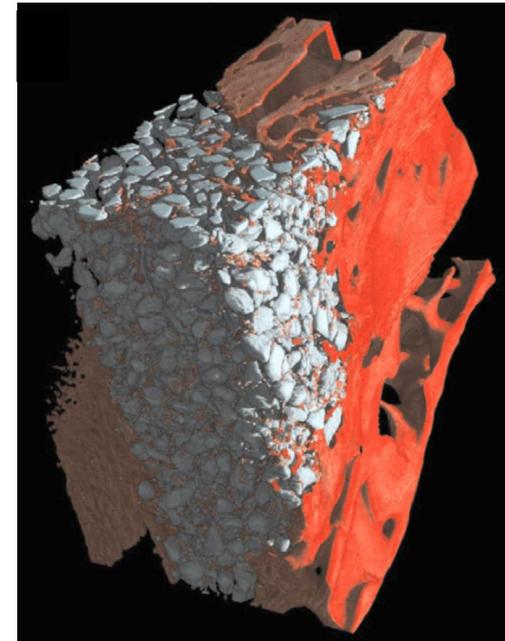
Mineralized algae
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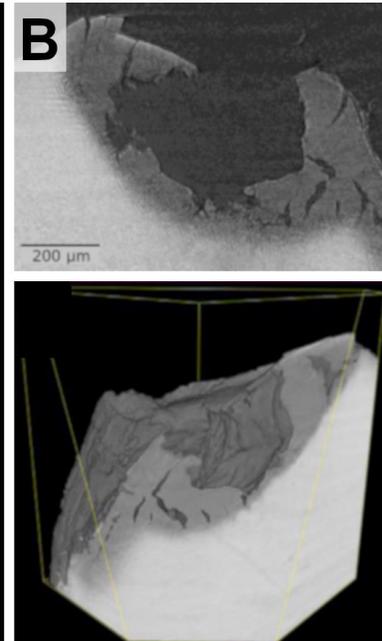
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Dental implant



Caries



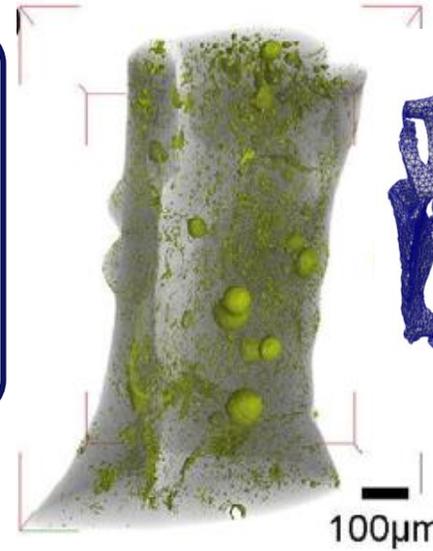
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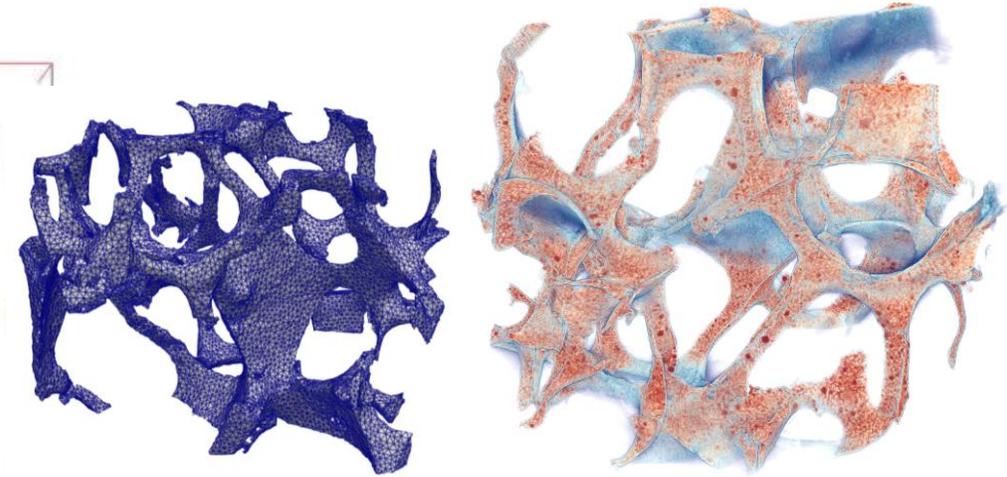
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Material science and Engineering:

- Energy materials research
- Concrete, fiber-composites, 3D printed materials
- Light materials and alloys
- Materials under mechanical stress
- From CT images to FE simulations



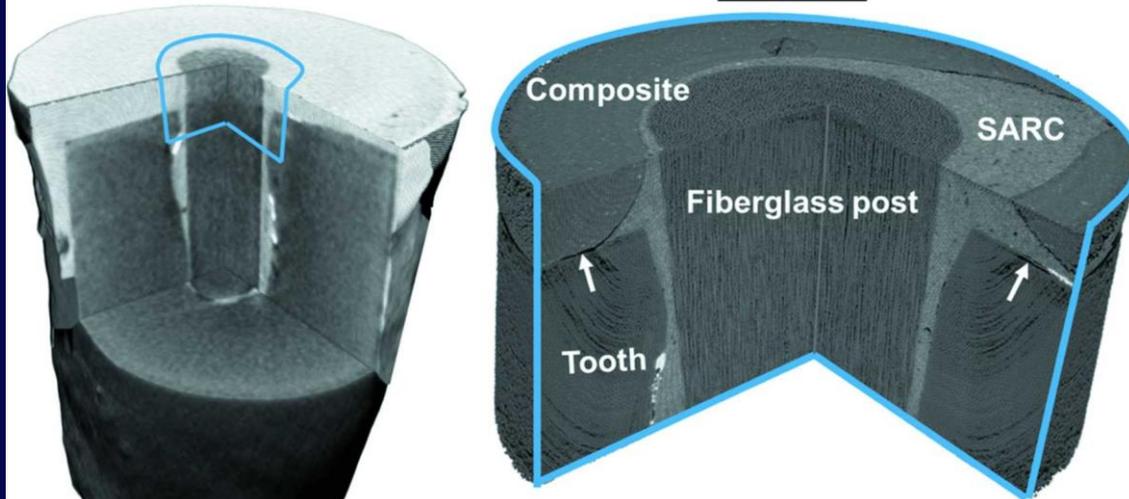
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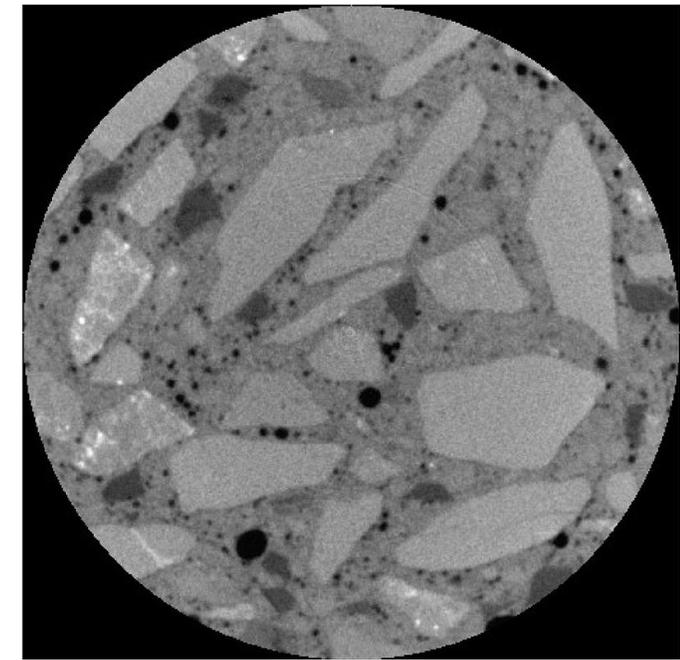
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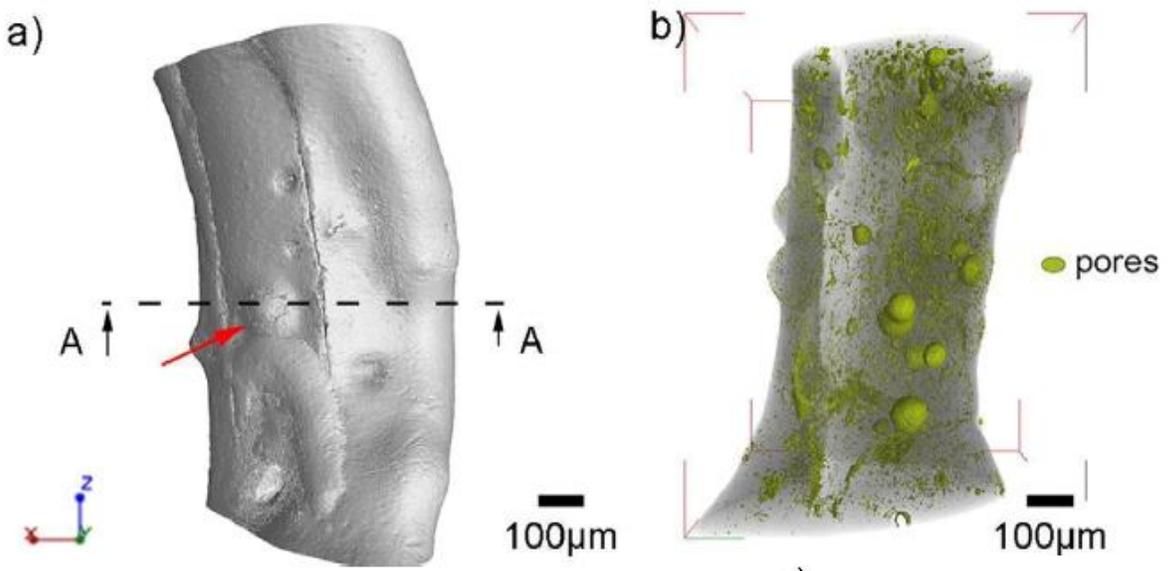
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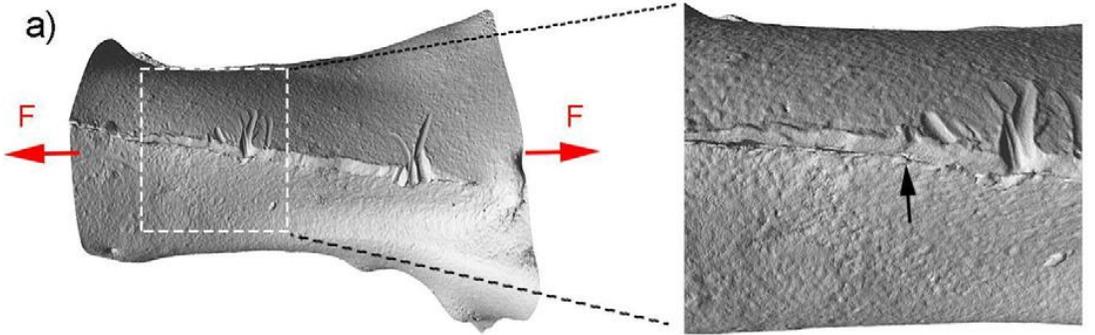
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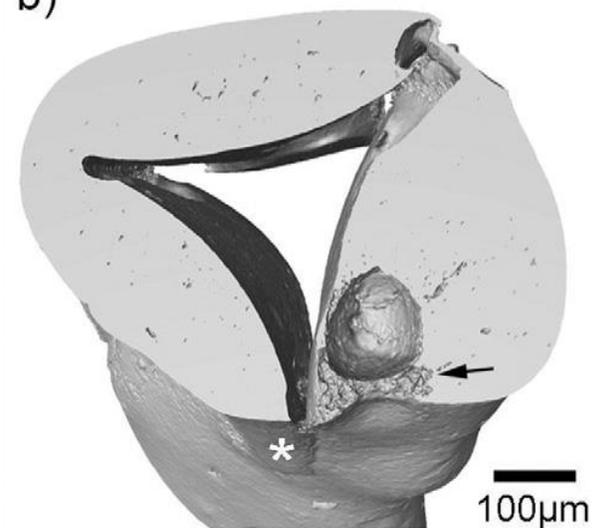
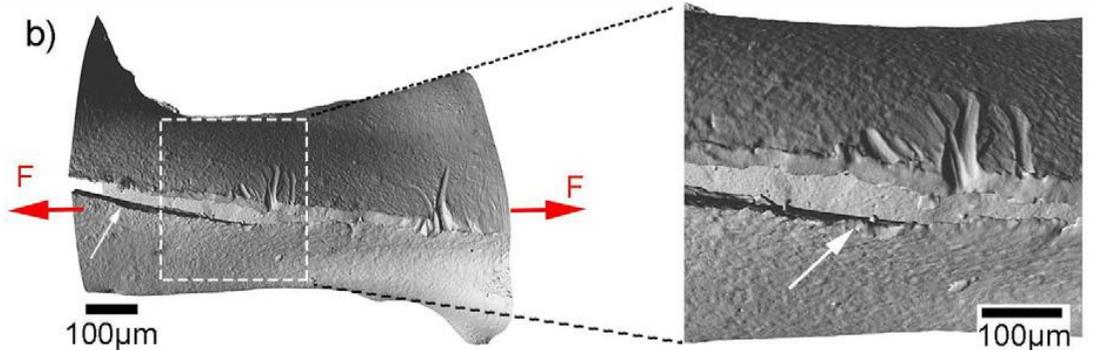


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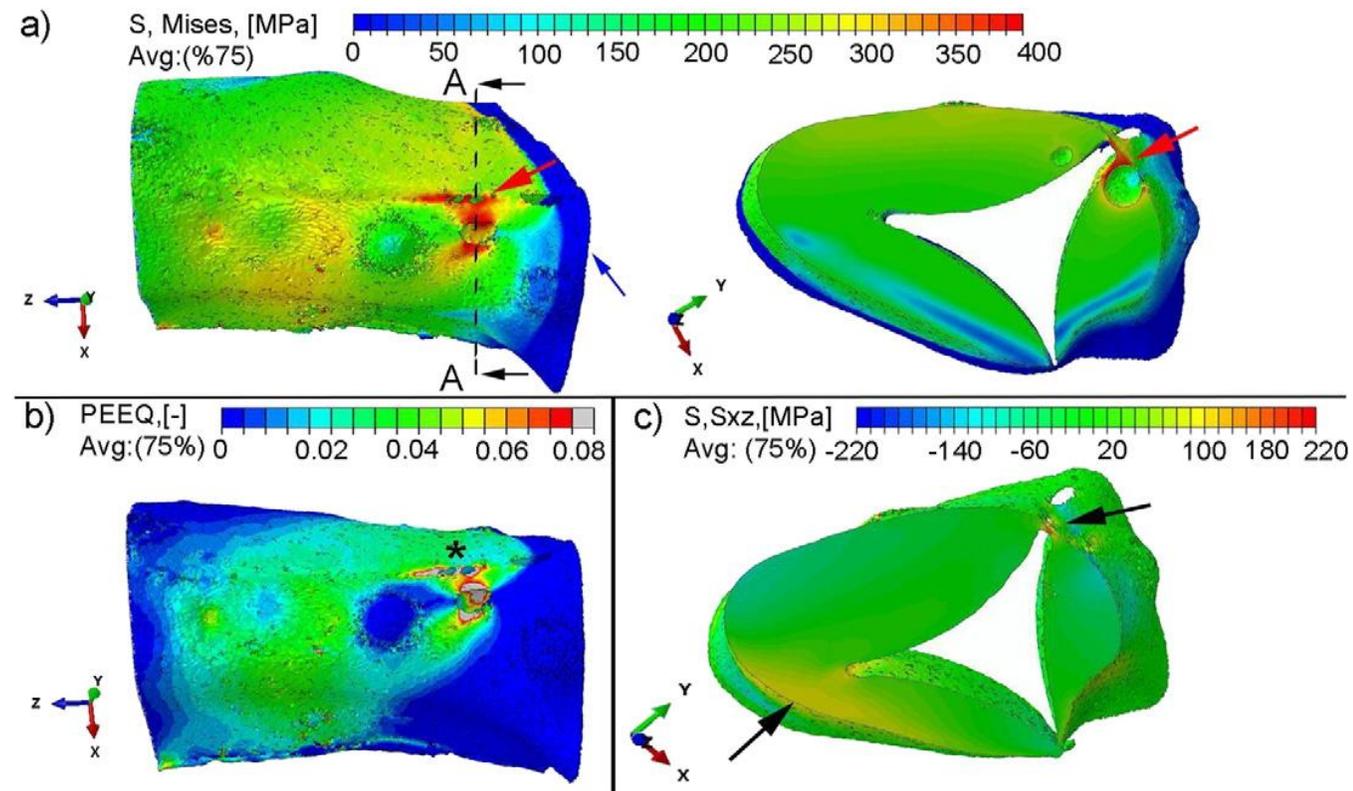
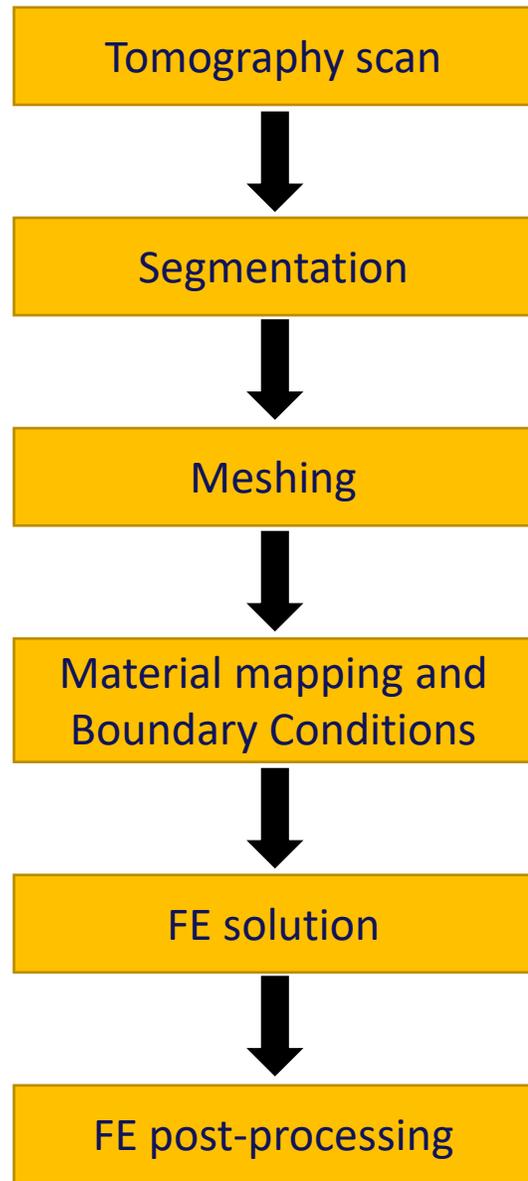


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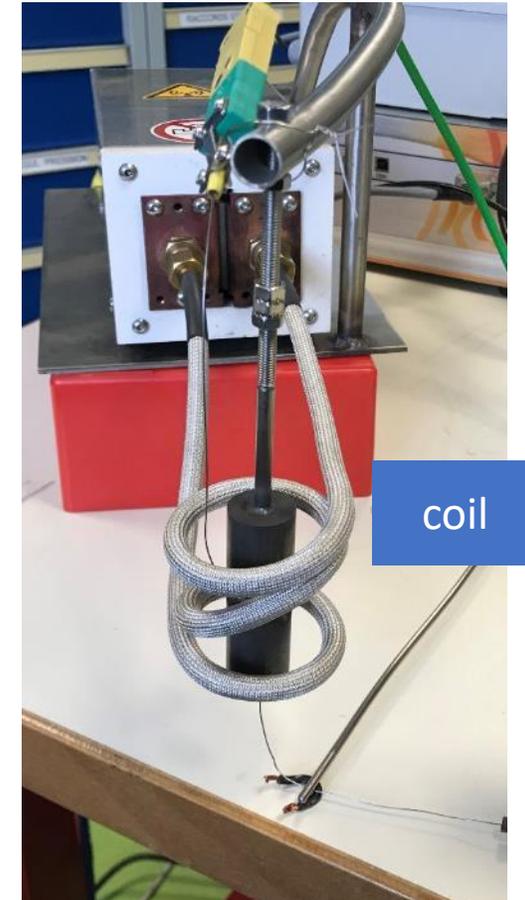
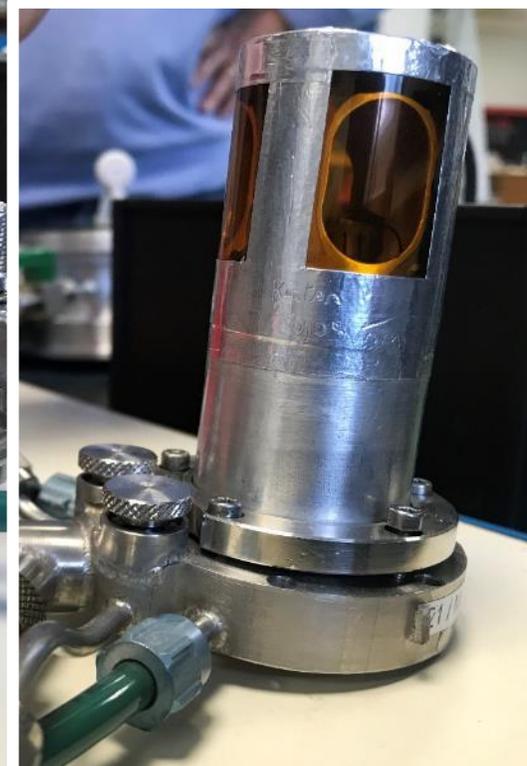
From synchrotron tomography data to FE models



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



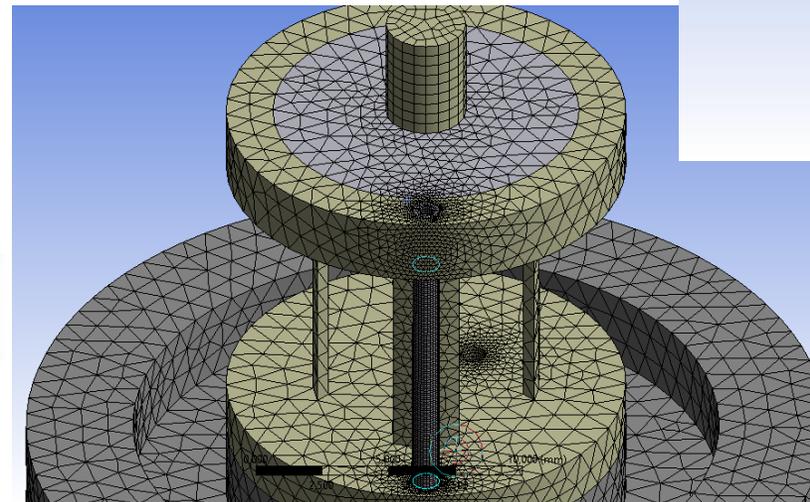
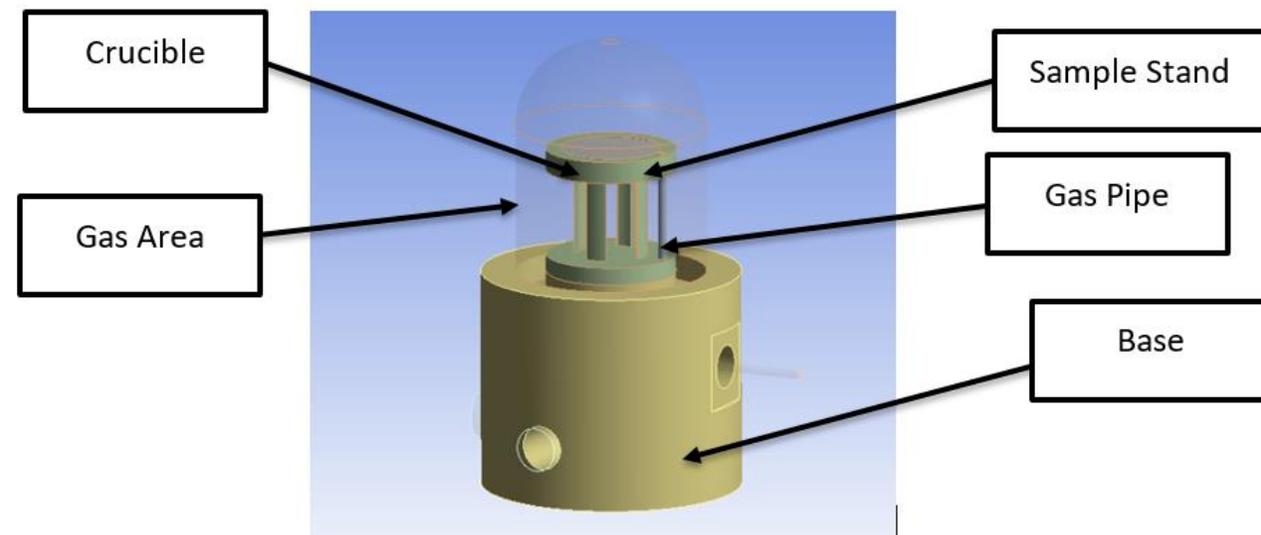
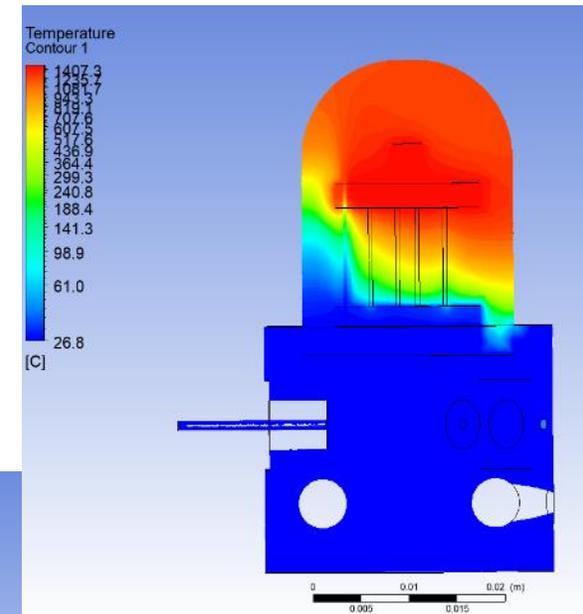
Sample environments for in-situ studies

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



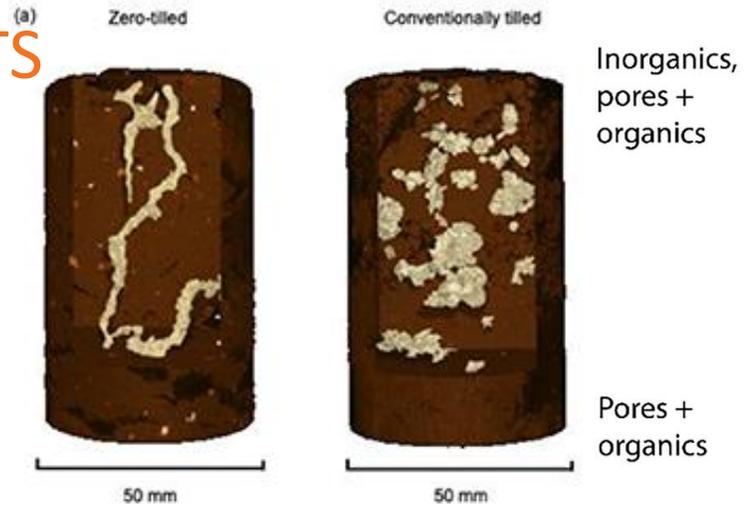
Fortune Mokoena



Scientific Opportunities at BEATS

Agriculture and Environment

- Quantification of rock properties
- Soil characterization
- Sustainable agriculture



Cooper, H V. et al. *Environ. Res. Letters* (2021).

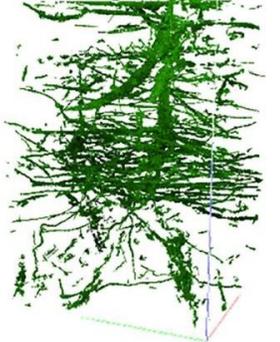
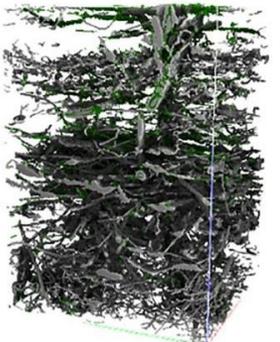
Excessive soil tillage associated with soil degradation processes: compaction, decrease in soil stability, increased soil erosion.

Pores

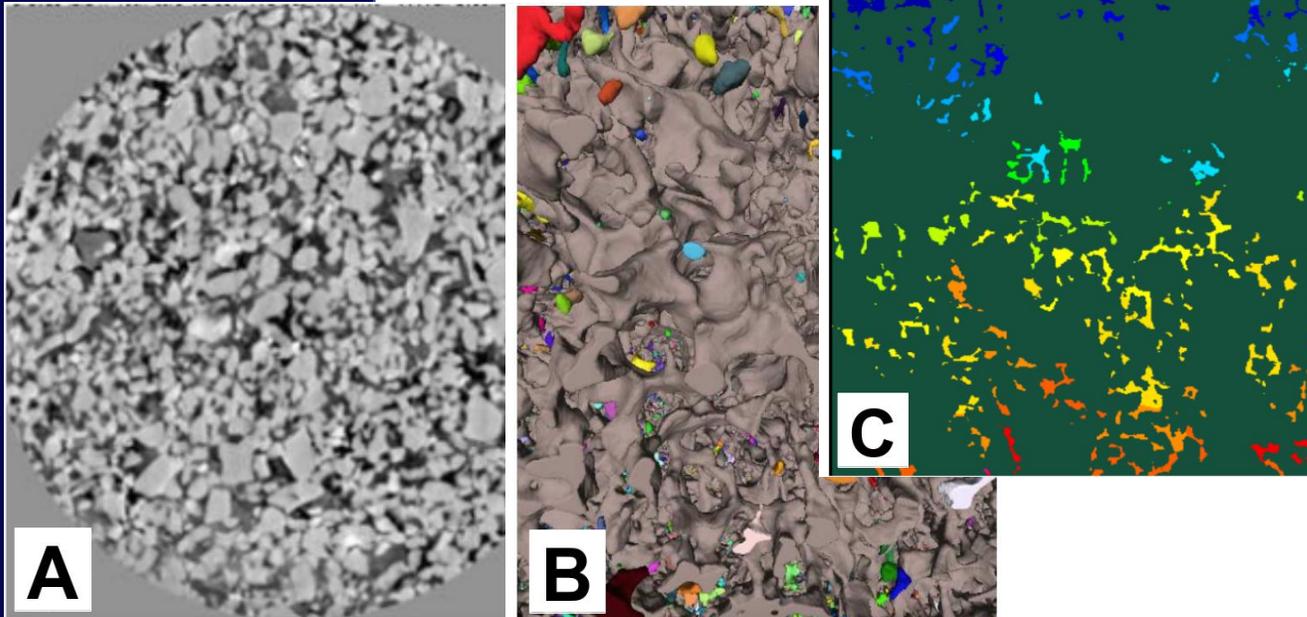
Organics

Chirol, C. et al. *Geoderma* (2021).

Pore, live root and inorganic quantification in complex heterogeneous wetland soils using XCT



Permeability of sandstone core



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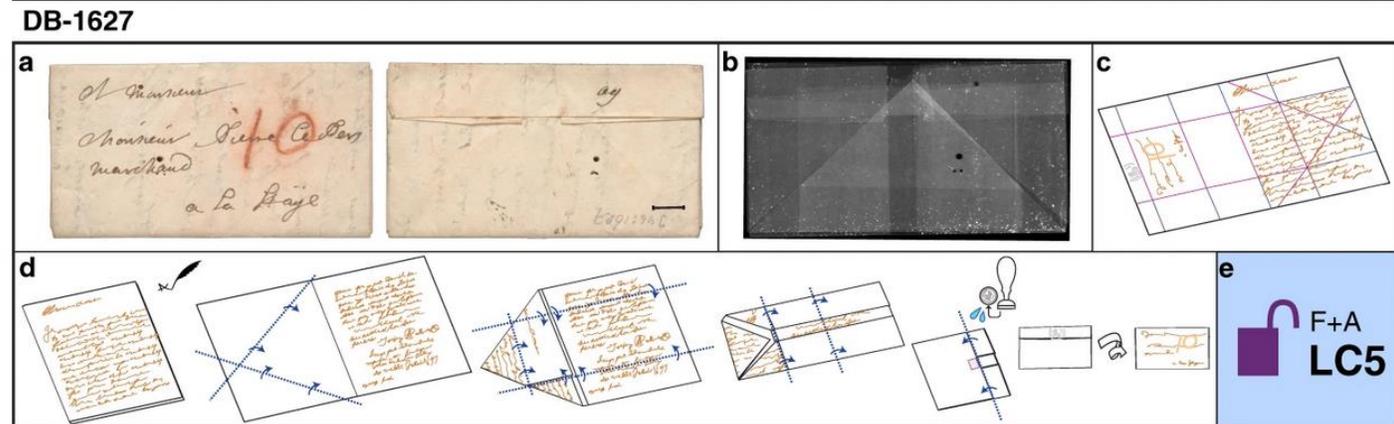
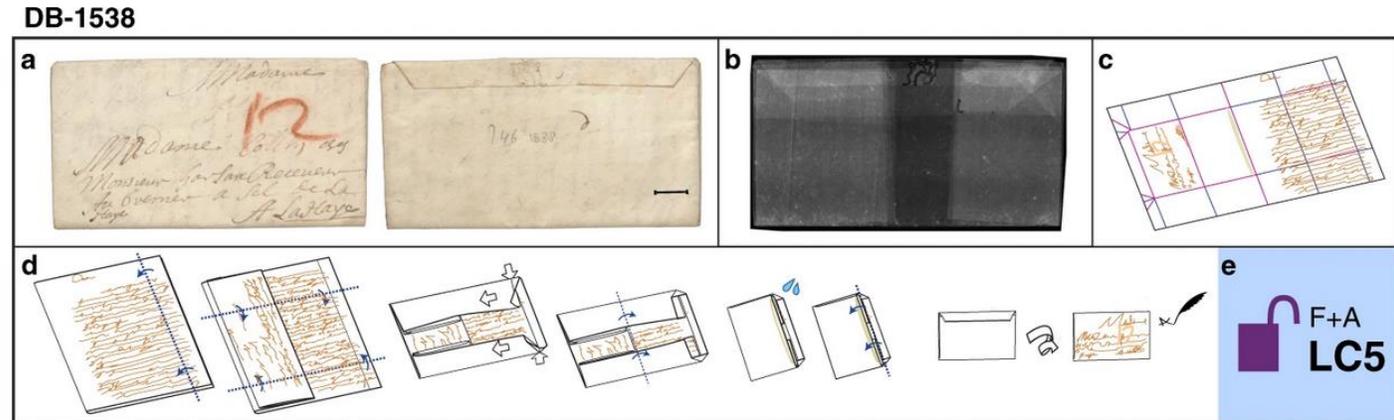
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- Before the proliferation of envelopes in the 1830s, most letters were sent via **letterlocking**, the process of folding and securing writing substrates to become their own envelopes.
- **Reverse-engineering historical letterpackets and letterlocking** can provide key datasets for the study of historical communications security methods.

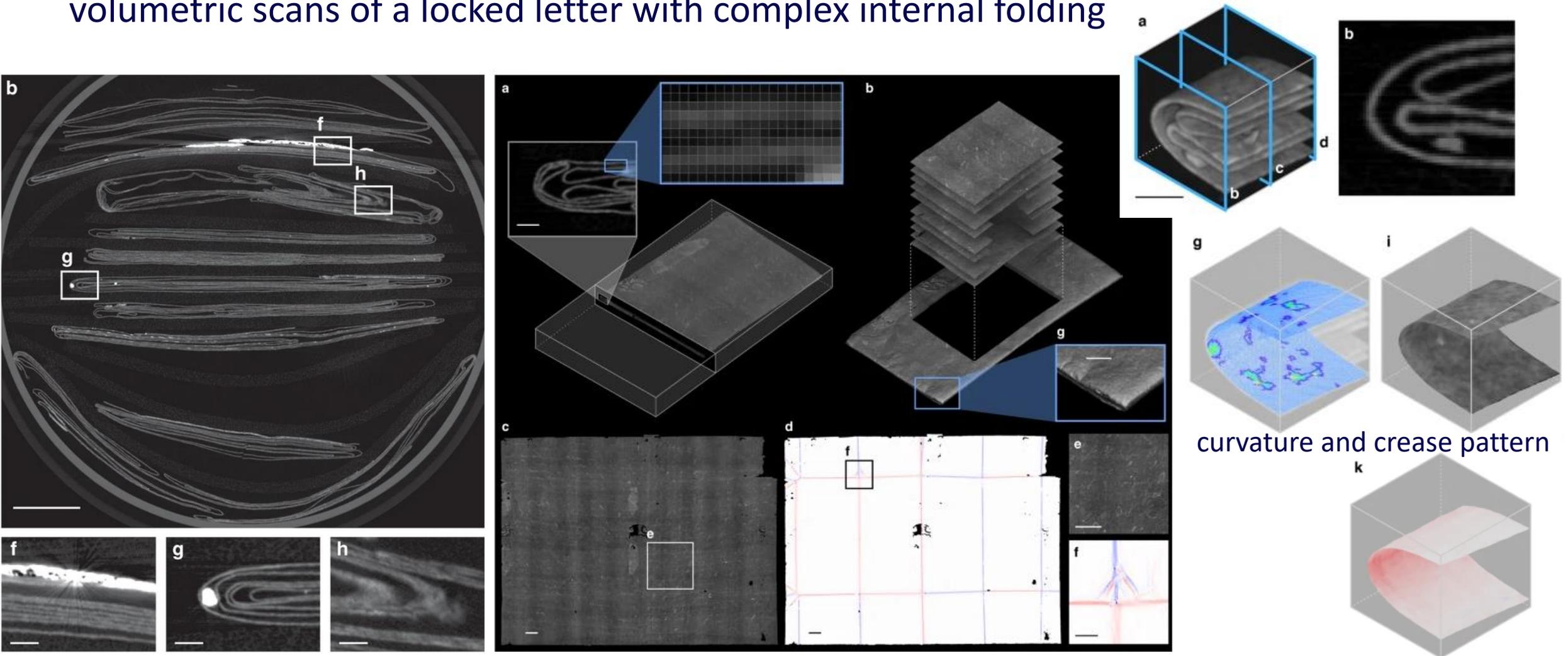


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- Fully automatic computational approach for reconstructing and virtually unfolding volumetric scans of a locked letter with complex internal folding





Thank you for your attention



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