



SESAME
A Source of Light in the Middle East

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Why Build a Synchrotron Facility?

- **International collaboration is an obvious way for countries with relatively small scientific communities and/or limited science budgets to build a synchrotron-light source.**
- **Broad programs make synchrotron-light sources ideal facilities for building scientific capacity.**
- **SESAME will be a user facility; scientists will typically go to SESAME two or three times a year for a week or two to carry out experiments, in collaboration with scientists from other institutions/countries.**





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SESAME as a Project

SESAME is a cooperative venture by scientists and governments of the region set up on the model of CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research), although it has very different scientific aims.

It was developed under the auspices of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) following the formal approval given for this by the Organization's Executive Board (164th session, May 2002).



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SESAME Members and Observers



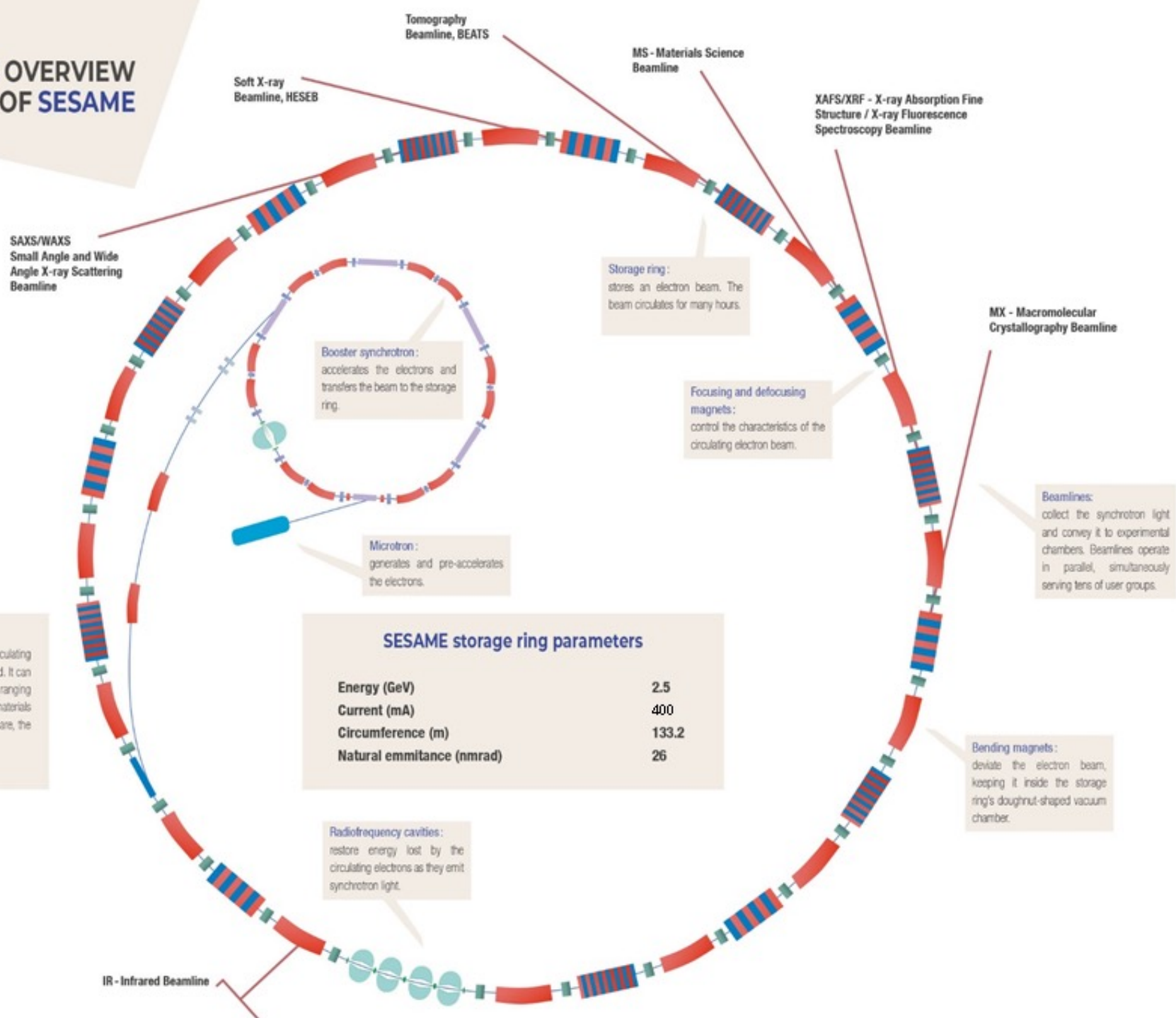
Members:

Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine, Turkey

Observers:

Brazil, Canada, CERN, China, EU, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE, UK and USA

SCHEMATIC OVERVIEW OF SESAME



Synchrotron light is emitted by the circulating electrons as their trajectories are deflected. It can be used to carry out research in fields ranging from medicine and biology, through materials science, physics and chemistry to healthcare, the environment and archaeology.

SESAME storage ring parameters

Energy (GeV)	2.5
Current (mA)	400
Circumference (m)	133.2
Natural emittance (nmrad)	26

Radiofrequency cavities: restore energy lost by the circulating electrons as they emit synchrotron light.

Storage ring: stores an electron beam. The beam circulates for many hours.

Focusing and defocusing magnets: control the characteristics of the circulating electron beam.

Booster synchrotron: accelerates the electrons and transfers the beam to the storage ring.

Microtron: generates and pre-accelerates the electrons.

Beamlines: collect the synchrotron light and convey it to experimental chambers. Beamlines operate in parallel, simultaneously serving tens of user groups.

Bending magnets: deviate the electron beam, keeping it inside the storage ring's doughnut-shaped vacuum chamber.



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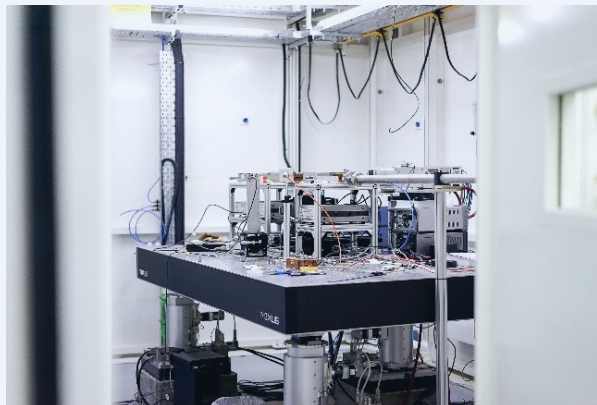


His Majesty King Abdullah II following the opening of SESAME, flanked by Heads of the delegations of the SESAME Members and Directors of International Organisations that have supported SESAME. To the King's left, HRH Princess Sumaya of Jordan, who headed the Jordanian delegation, and Fabiola Gianotti, Director General of CERN; to the right, Irena Bokova, Director General of UNESCO, and Carlos Moedas, European Research Commissioner, May 16, 2017.

Five Beamlines in Operation



**BM02 – IR
Infrared Spectromicroscopy**



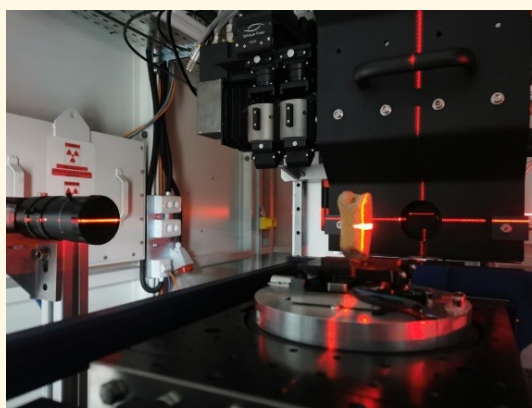
**BM08 – XAFS/XRF
X-ray Absorption Fine Structure
X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy**

**Two Bending Magnet
Beamlines**

**Three
Insertion Device
Beamlines**



**ID09 – MS/XPD Materials Science
X-ray Powder Diffraction**

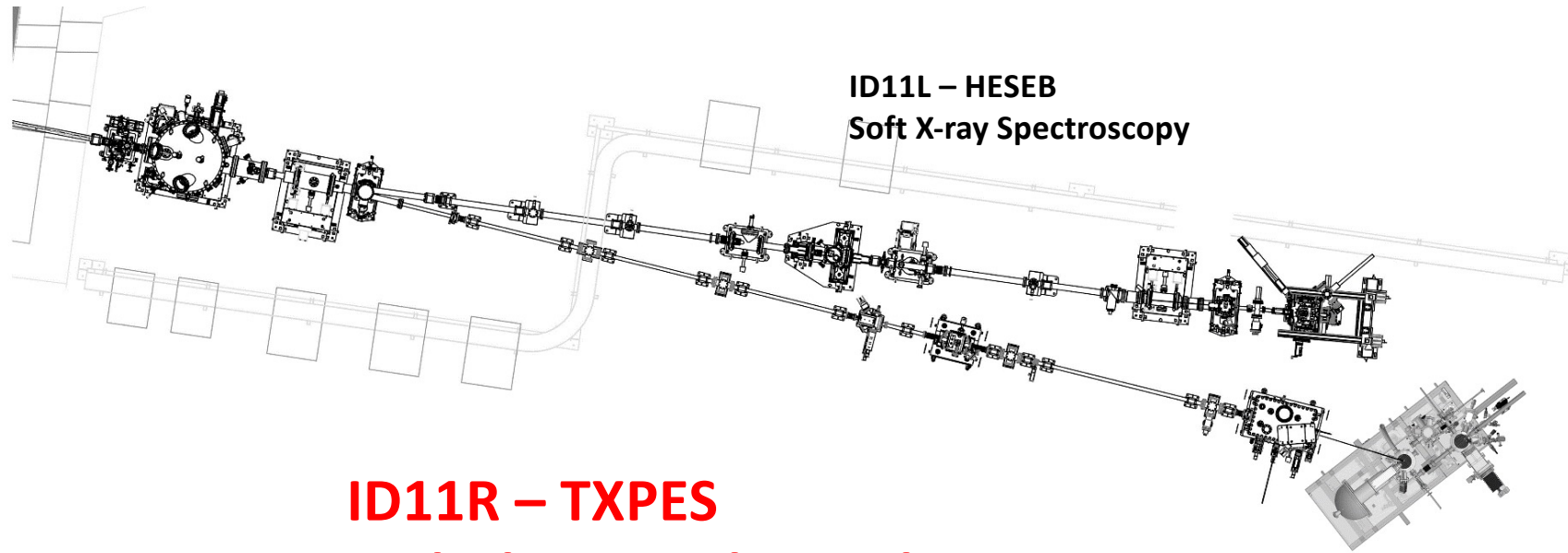


**ID10 – BEATS
X-ray Tomography**



**ID11L – HESEB
Soft X-ray Spectroscopy**

One Beamline under Construction



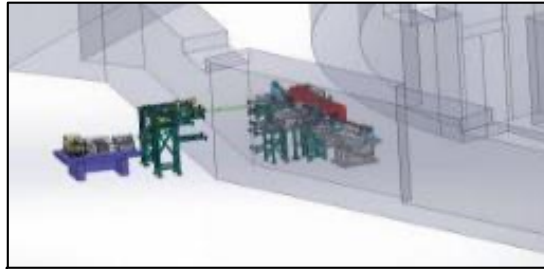
ID11L – HESEB
Soft X-ray Spectroscopy

ID11R – TXPES
Turkish X-ray Photo-Electron
Spectroscopy

1. BM02 - IR

SESAME's First Fully Designed Beamline

in collaboration with the French Synchrotron, SOLEIL



2016: Design Validation



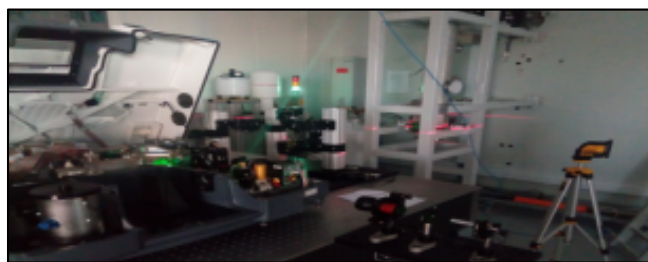
2017: Fabrication (France)



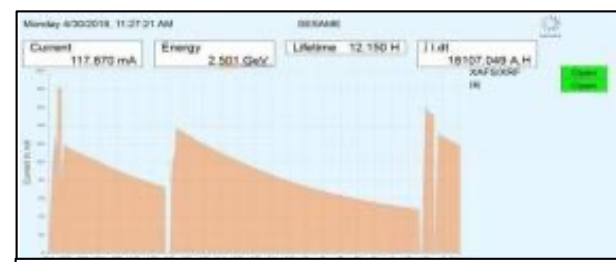
2018: Installation



2018: Experimental Hutch



2018: Optical Alignment

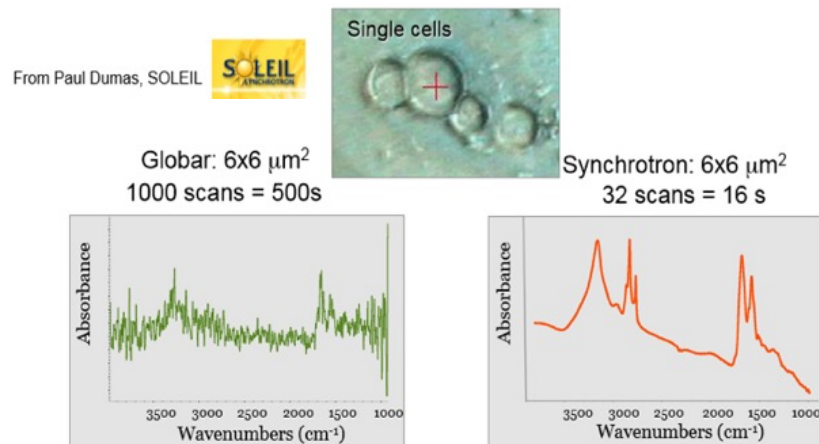


2018: SR-Commissioning

DAY-1 Beamline

**BEAMLINE SERVING SESAME USERS
SINCE NOVEMBER 2018**

FIRST RESULTS (April 2018)



1. BM02 - IR cont.



2022: New Microscope and Spectrometer installed in the Experimental Hutch as part of INFN-CHNet.



First Publication from the IR Beamline in February 2020

Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis 184 (2020) 113186



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Investigating the molecular structure of placenta and plasma in pre-eclampsia by infrared microspectroscopy



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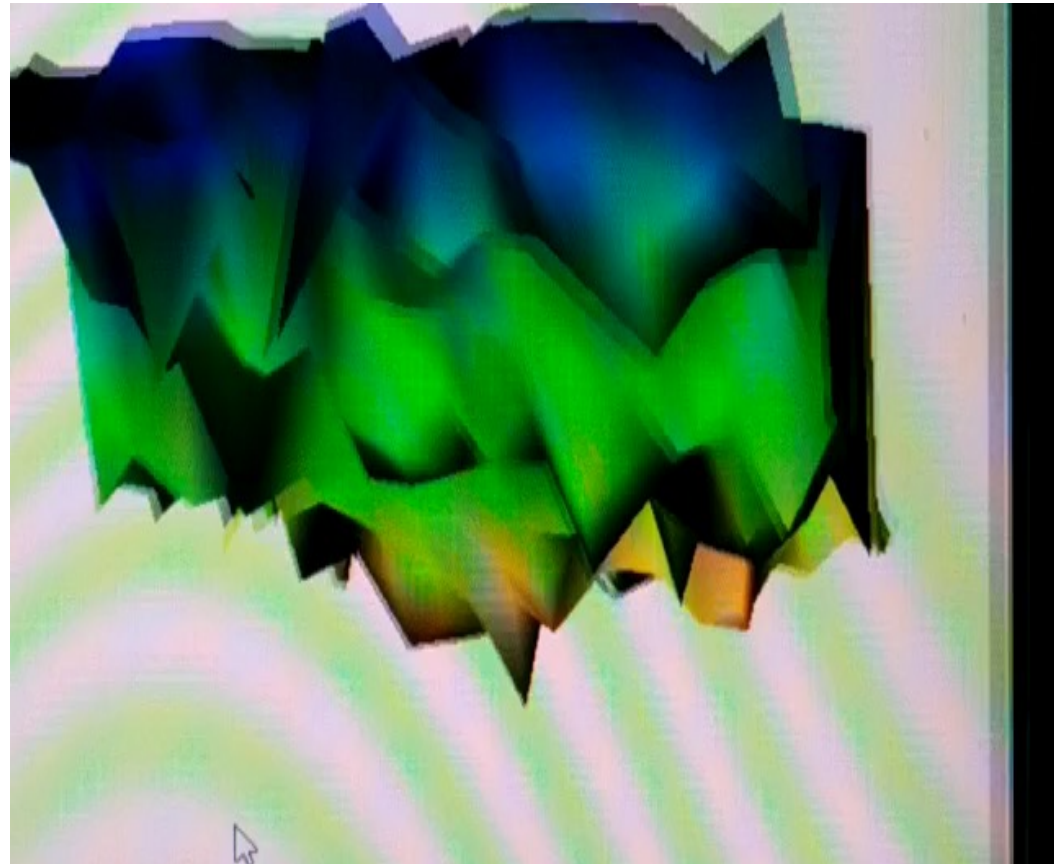
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“Analysis of Ancient Mummified Human Head Skin Using SR-IR Micro-spectroscopy”



Despina Moissidou (**Greece**), Hayley Derricott (**UK**), Barts and the London Medical School (**Malta**)





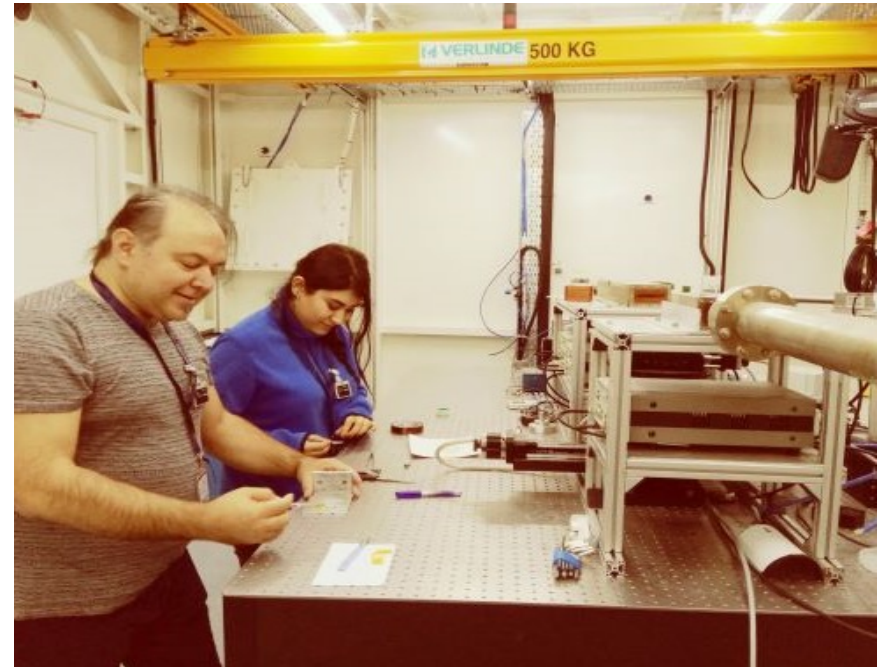
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2. BM08 - XAFS/XRF

The XAFS/XRF beamline is the first operational beamline at SESAME, and it has been open for **external users** since July 2018.



Ozensoy's team during a beamtime campaign (group of PhD students) from Bilkent University



Dr. Murat Osman Ozkendir and his MSc. student from Mersin University while changing samples



First Scientific Paper Published in June 2019 in a High Impact Factor Journal (11.6)

Applied Catalysis B: Environmental 256 (2019) 117808



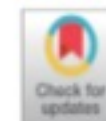
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Exceptionally active and stable catalysts for CO₂ reforming of glycerol to syngas



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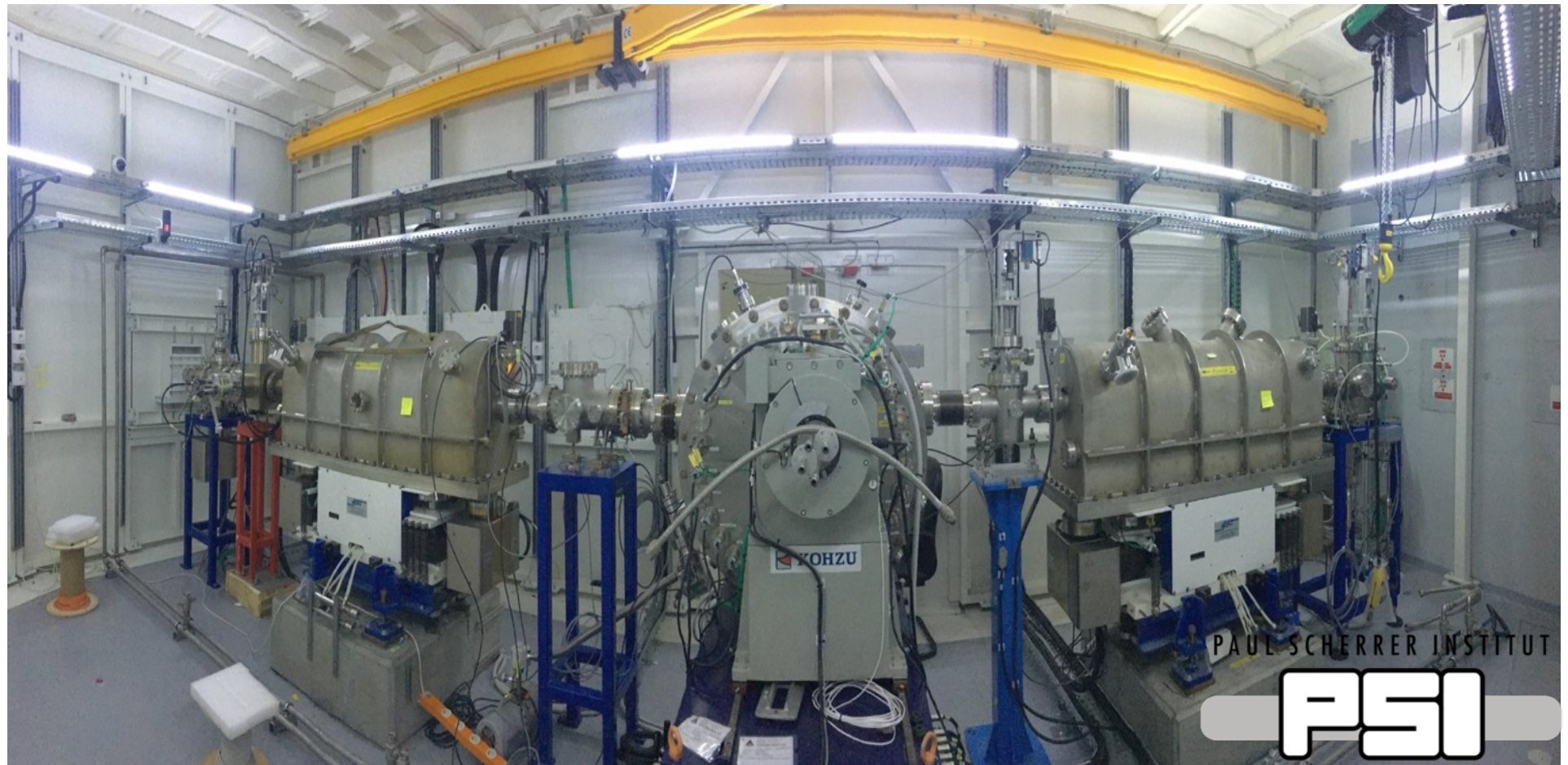
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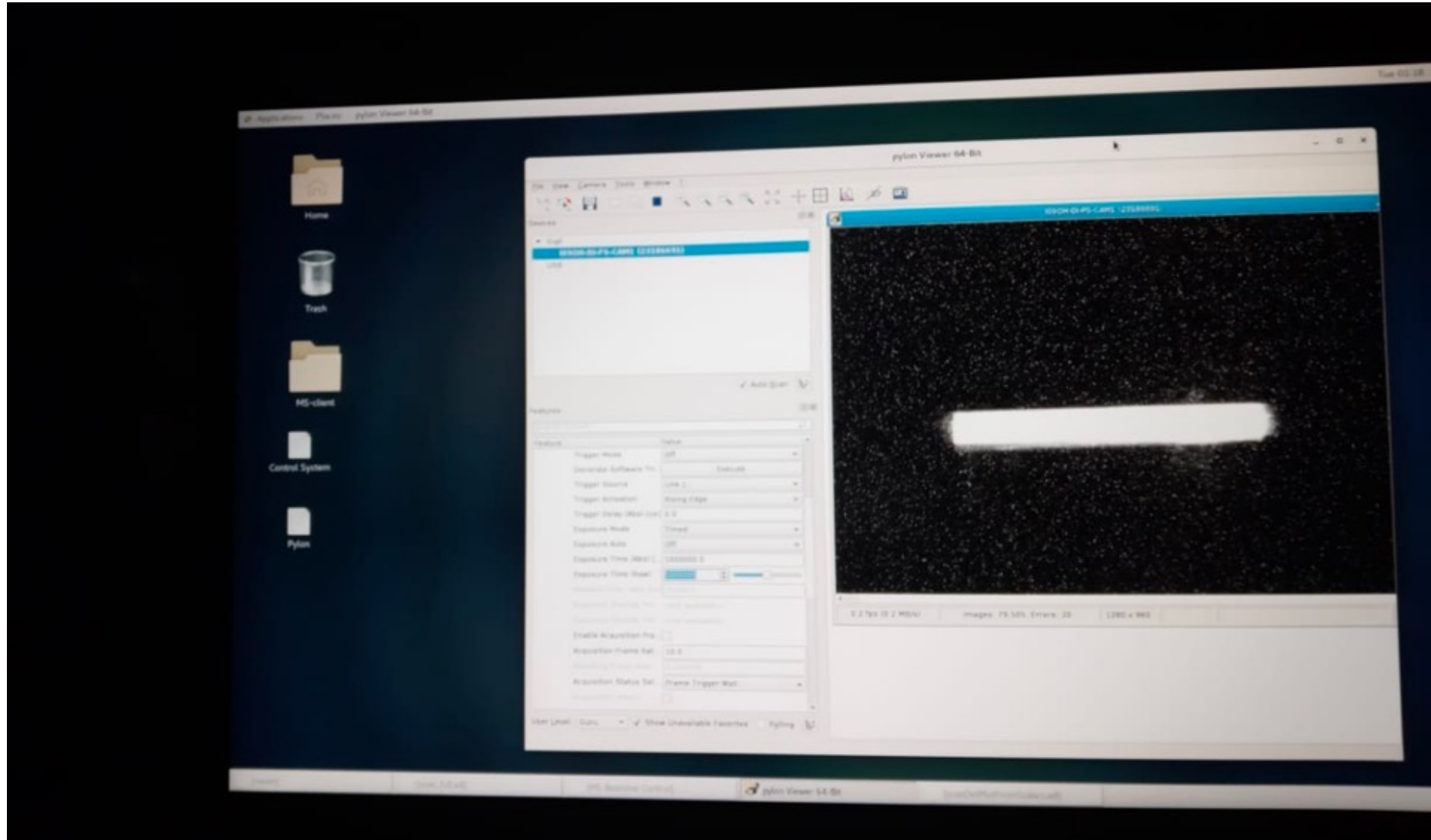
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3. ID09 - Materials Science X-ray Powder Diffraction





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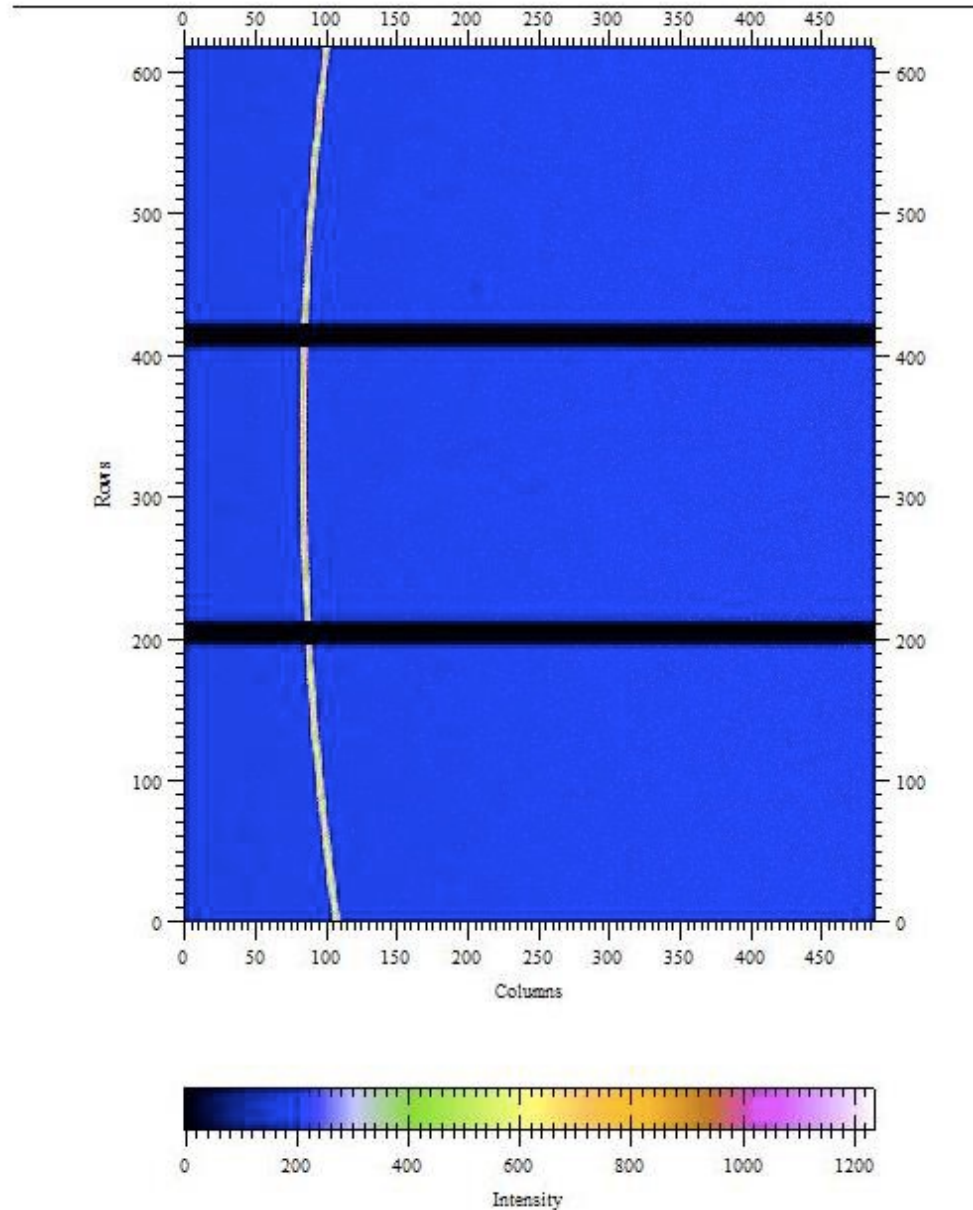


December 3, 2019: First monochromatic beam in experimental hutch



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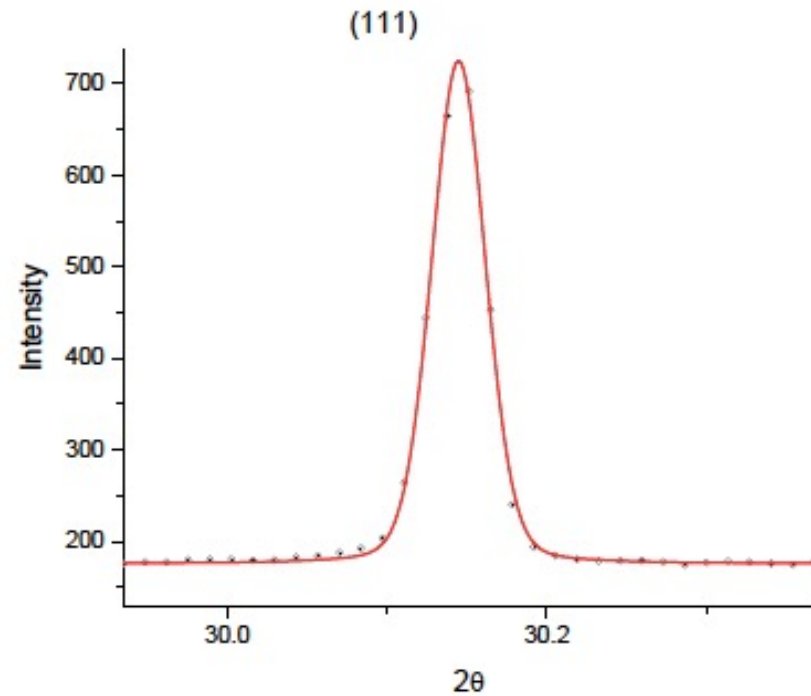
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Oct. 22, 2020

First diffraction pattern measured

Silicon standard @ 8 keV





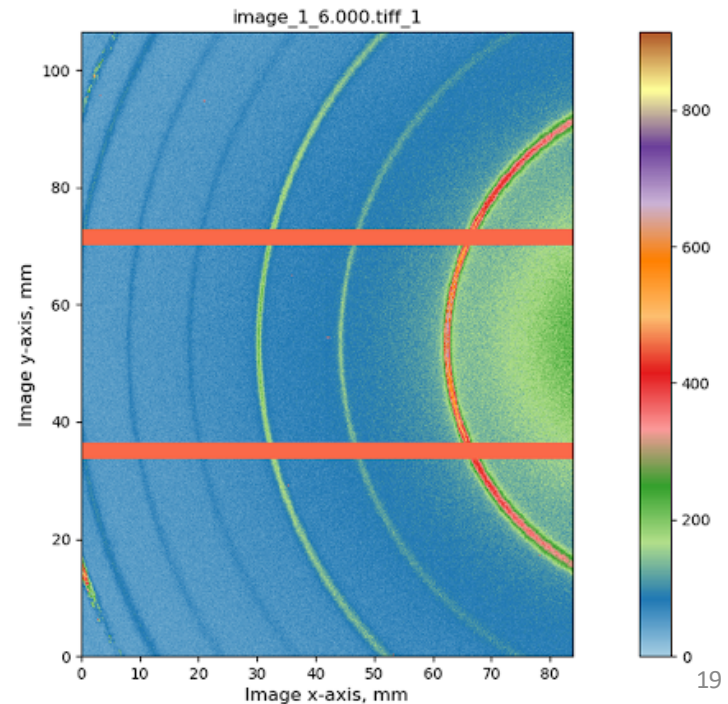
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Dec. 17, 2020: MS hosts its first users, a team from the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) for a research focused on the structural properties of novel highly-porous materials for use in mitigating the effects of climate change.



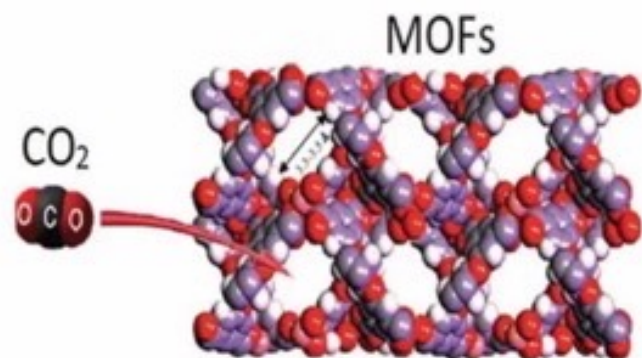
RSS research team (from left to right: Ala'a Al- Ghourani and Kyle Cordova) with Mahmoud Abdellatief from SESAME at the MS beamline control hutch.





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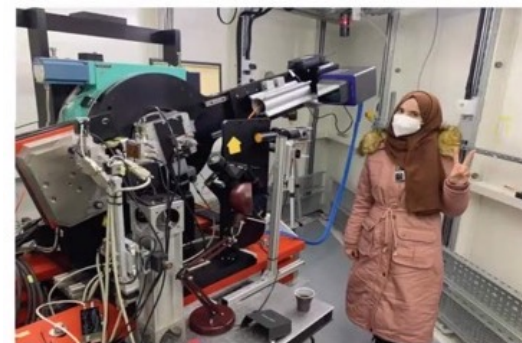
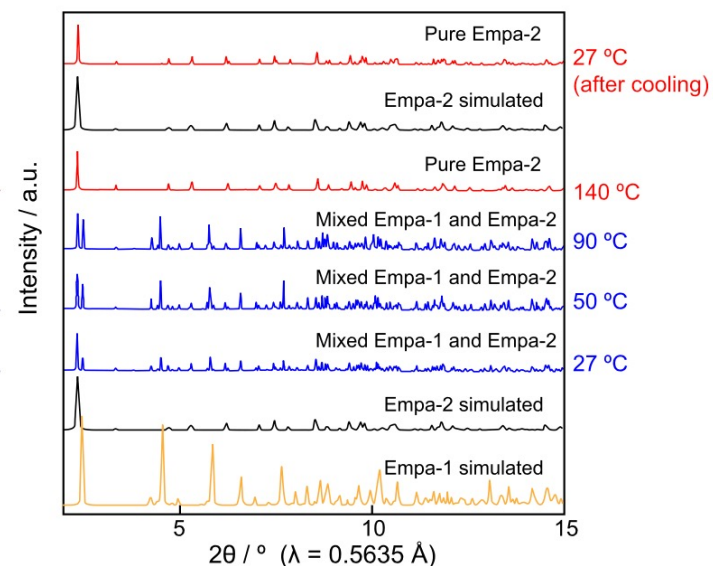


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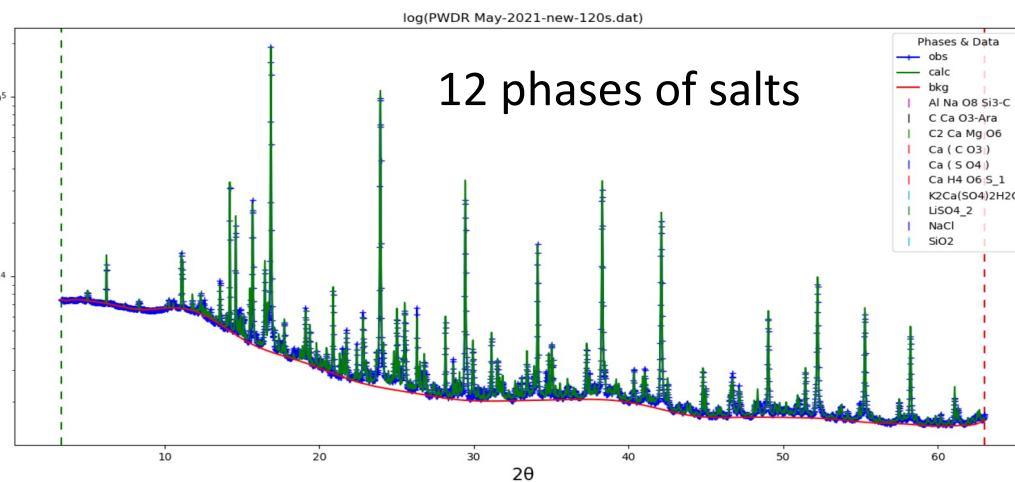
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Robust Barium Phosphonate Metal–Organic Frameworks Synthesized under Aqueous Conditions




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3. ID09 - Materials Science cont.



Harvesting of aerial humidity with natural hygroscopic salt excretions

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4. ID10 - **Beamline for Tomography at SESAME (BEATS)**

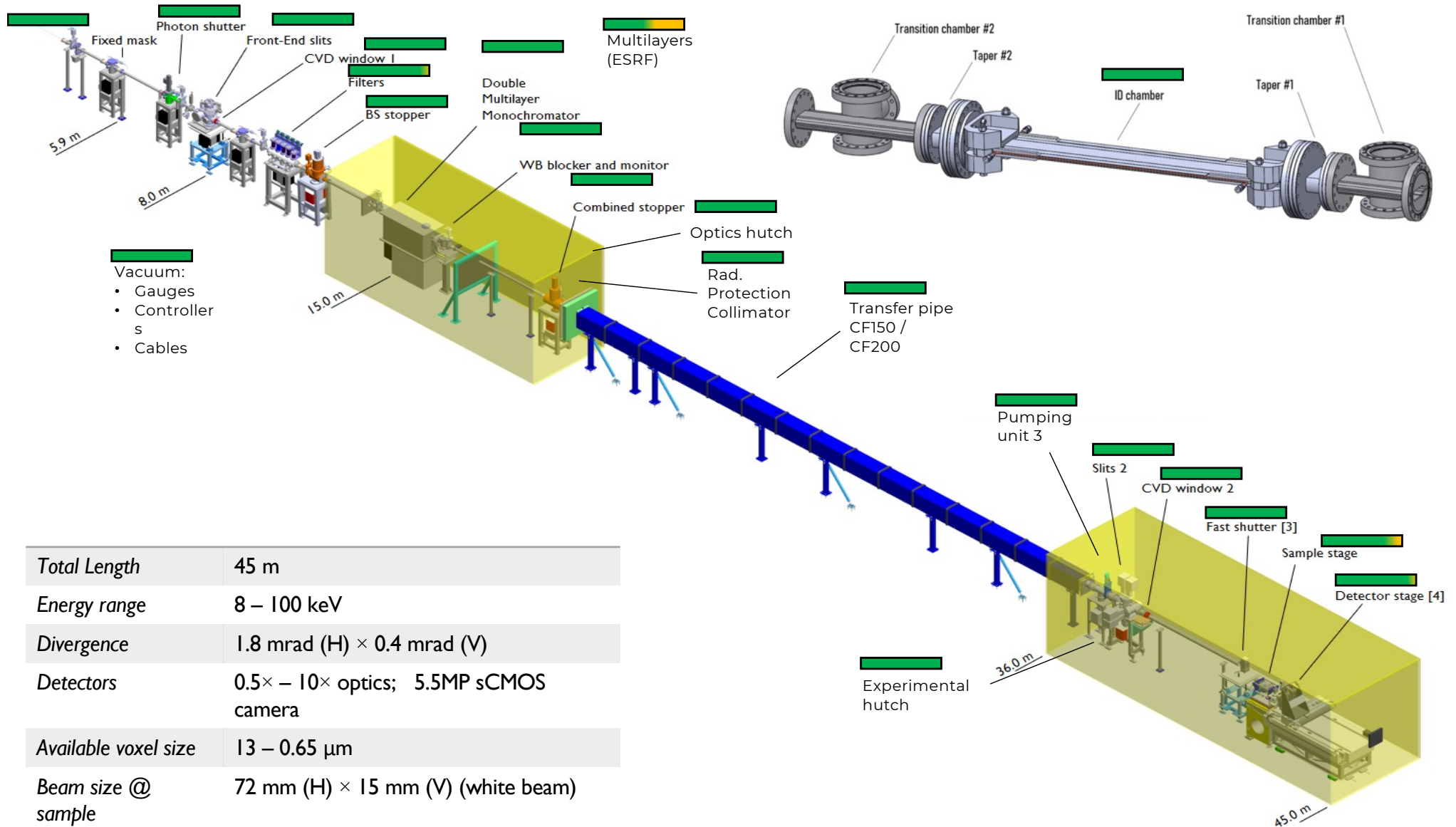
- The project is an H2020-EU funded project of **€6.0 million** to pave the way for an efficient and sustainable operation of SESAME.
- Led by the ESRF, the European synchrotron (France), BEATS involves leading research facilities in the Middle East (SESAME and the Cyprus Institute), and European synchrotron radiation facilities ALBA-CELLS (Spain), DESY (Germany), the ESRF (France), Elettra (Italy), INFN (Italy), PSI (Switzerland), SESAME (Jordan) and SOLARIS (Poland).
- Aims at serving user communities in the region, in particular the cultural heritage and archaeology communities. It is an obvious advantage for these communities to be able to access a state-of-the-art beamline close to the source of samples or remains to be analyzed.





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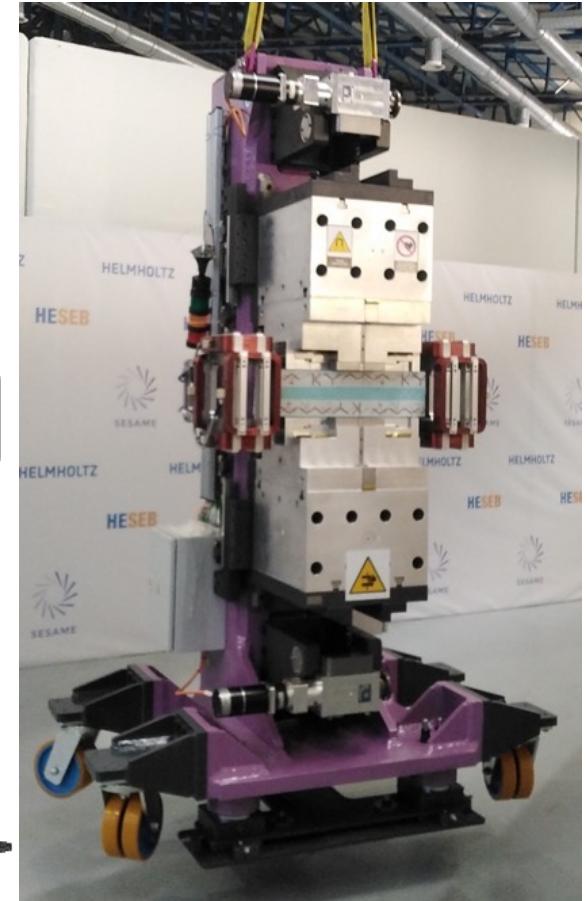
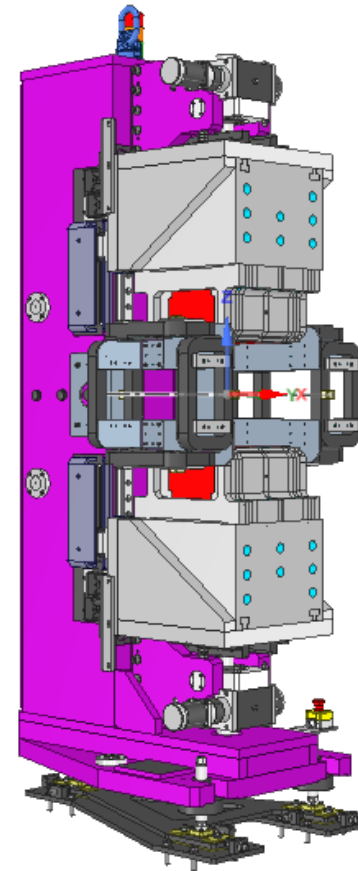
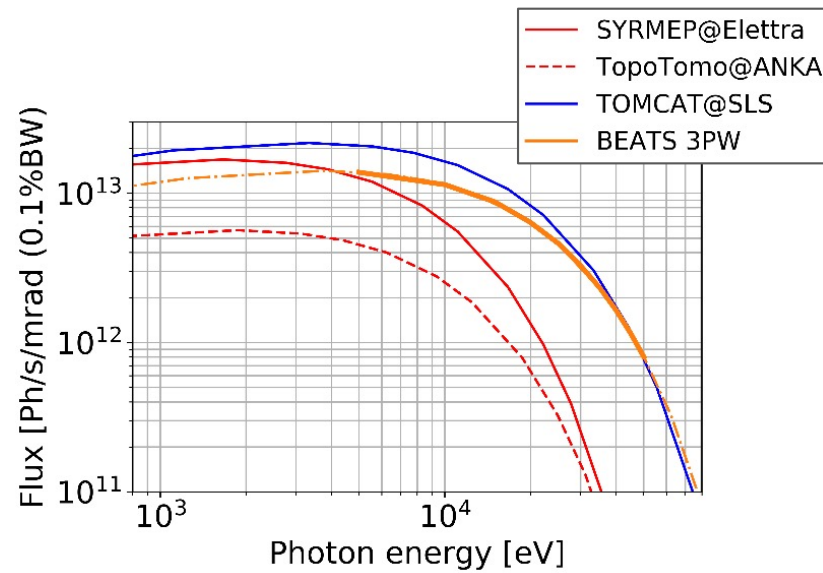


Total Length	45 m
Energy range	8 – 100 keV
Divergence	1.8 mrad (H) × 0.4 mrad (V)
Detectors	0.5× – 10× optics; 5.5MP sCMOS camera
Available voxel size	13 – 0.65 μm
Beam size @ sample	72 mm (H) × 15 mm (V) (white beam)
Modalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filtered white beam • Monochromatic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

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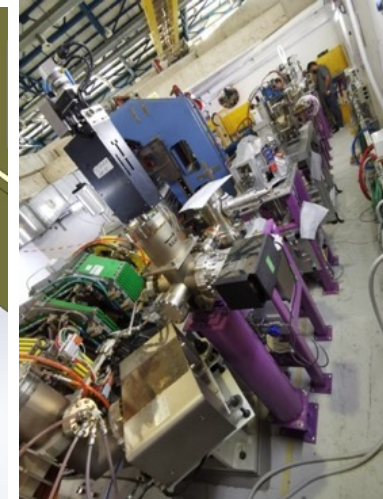
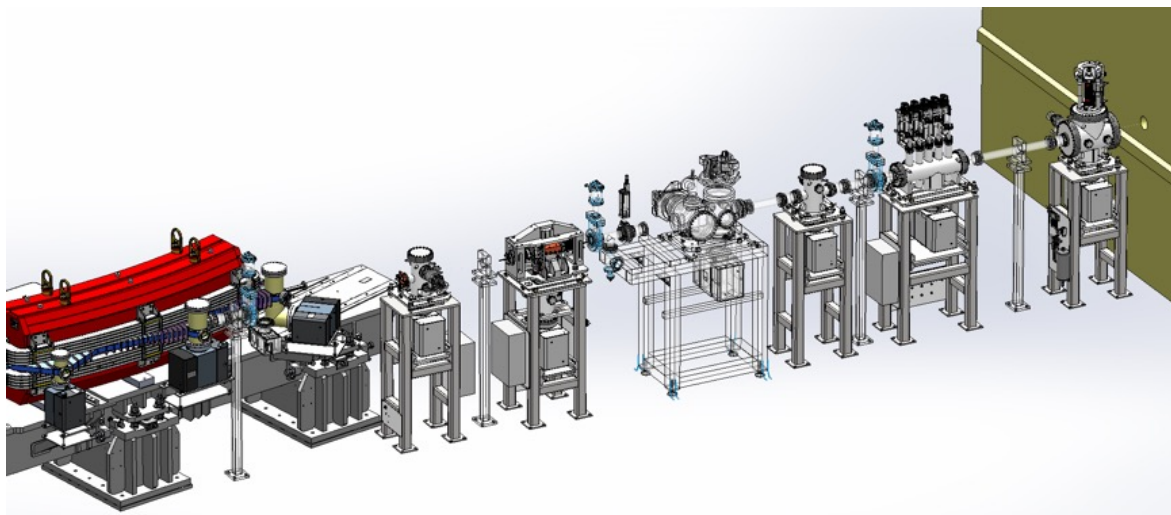
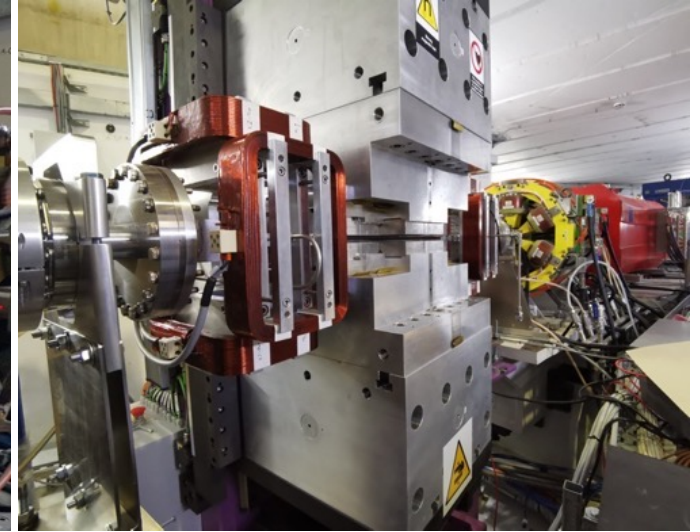
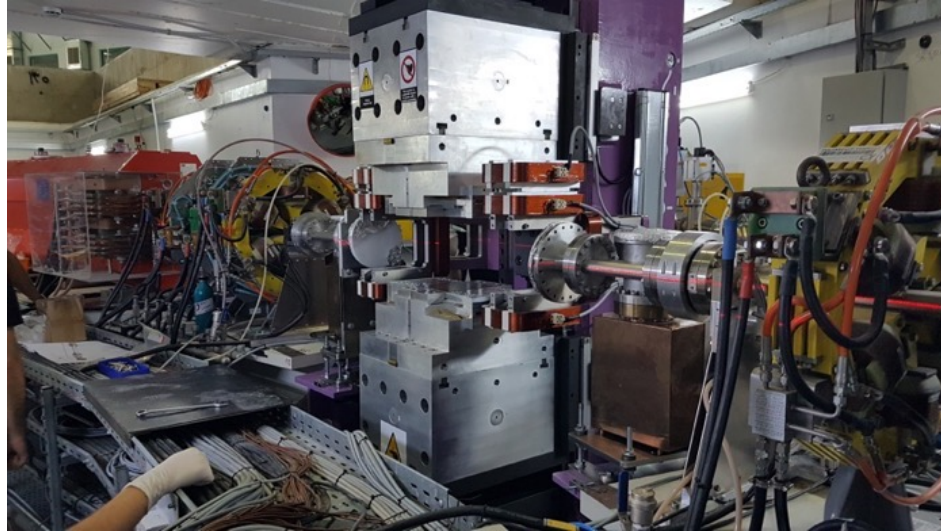
BEATS X-ray source 3-pole wiggler

- Minimum gap: 11 mm ✓
- Maximum field: 2.92 T ✓
- Magnetic length: 0.47 m ✓



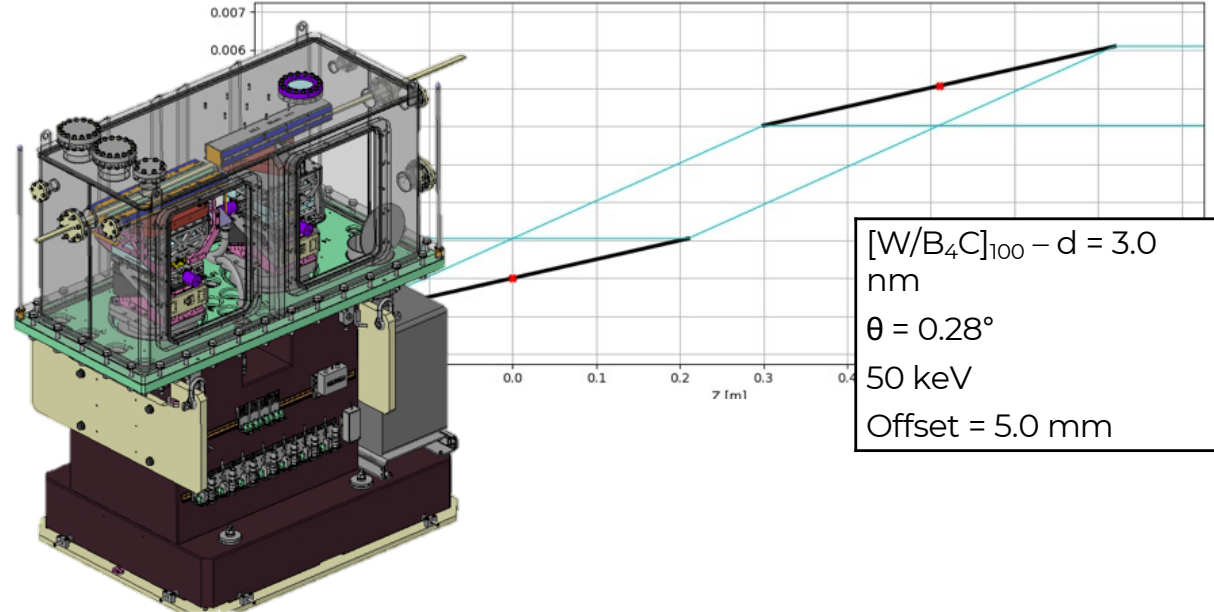
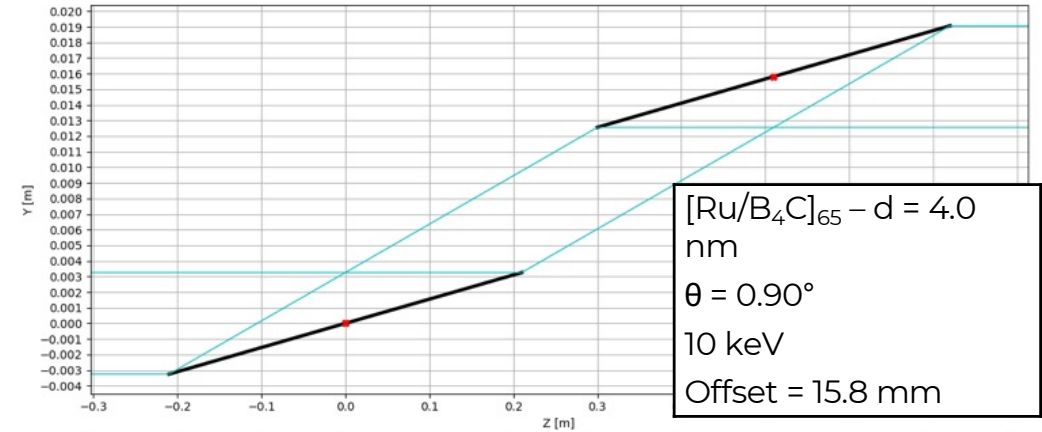


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AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2022 shutdown
ID and front-end installation

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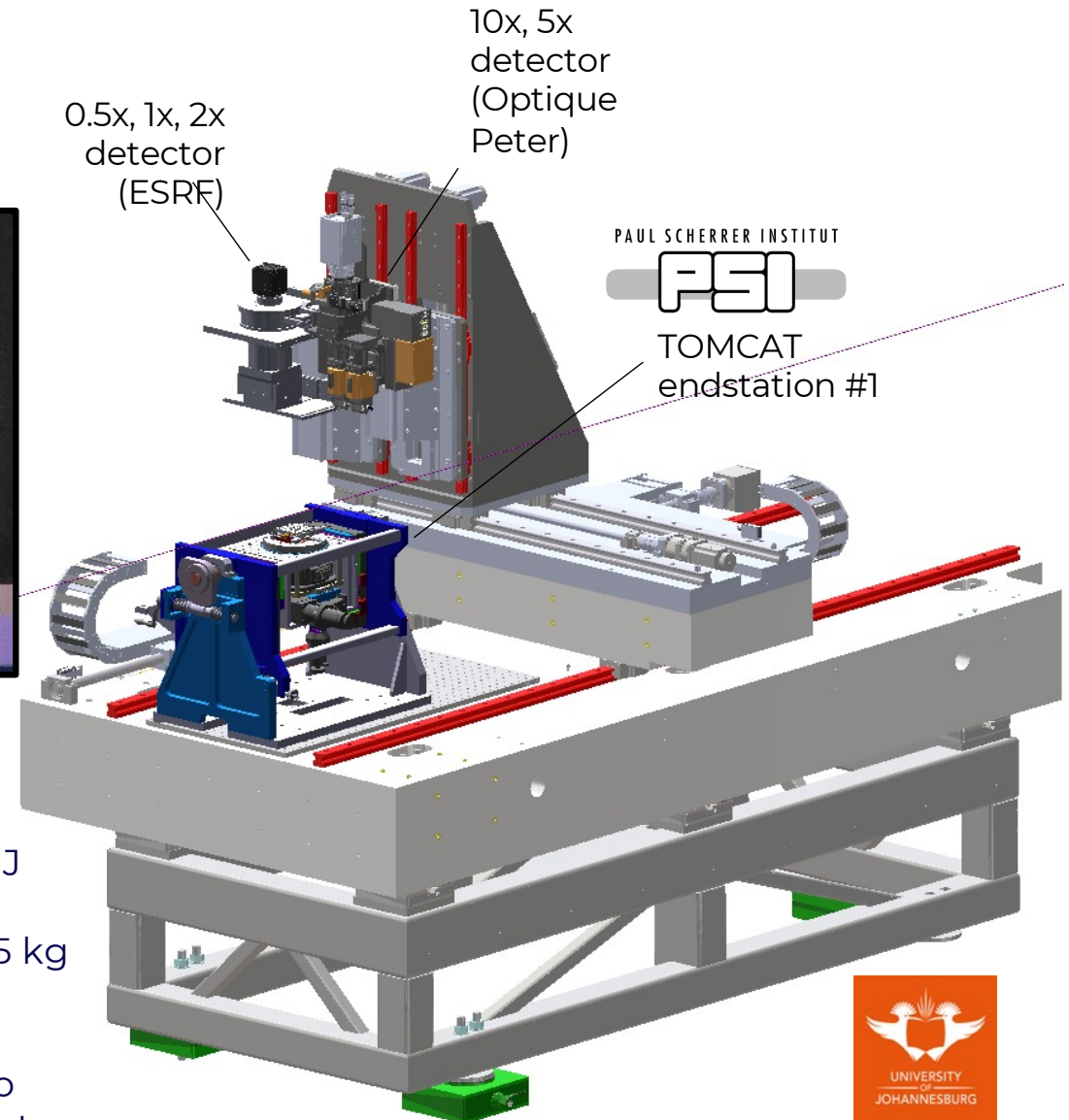
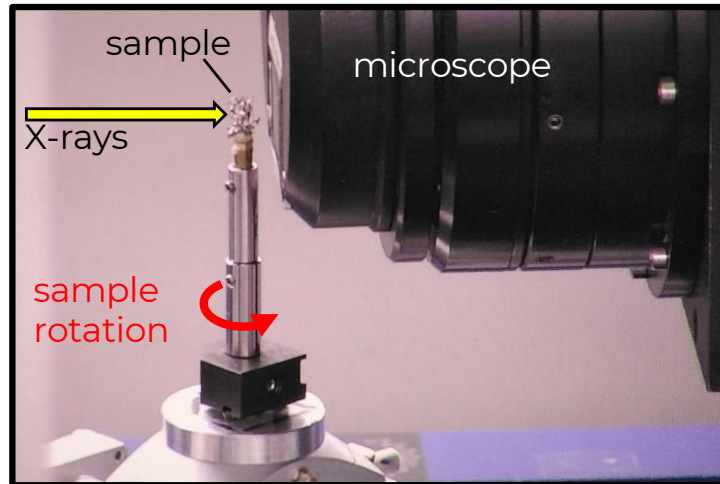


December 2022 / January 2023

Double Multilayer Monochromator (DMM) installed and under vacuum

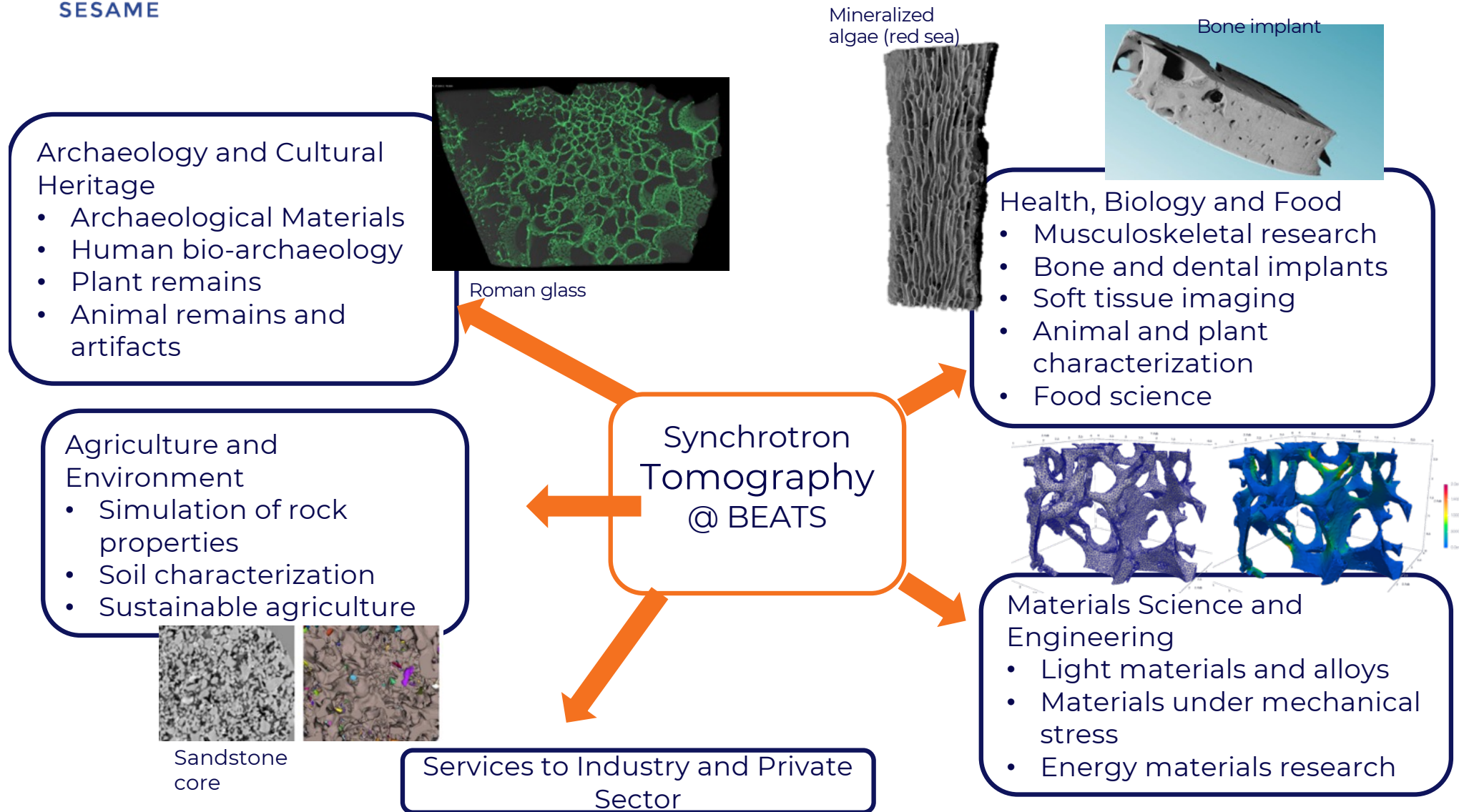
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BEATS experimental station Sample and detectors stage



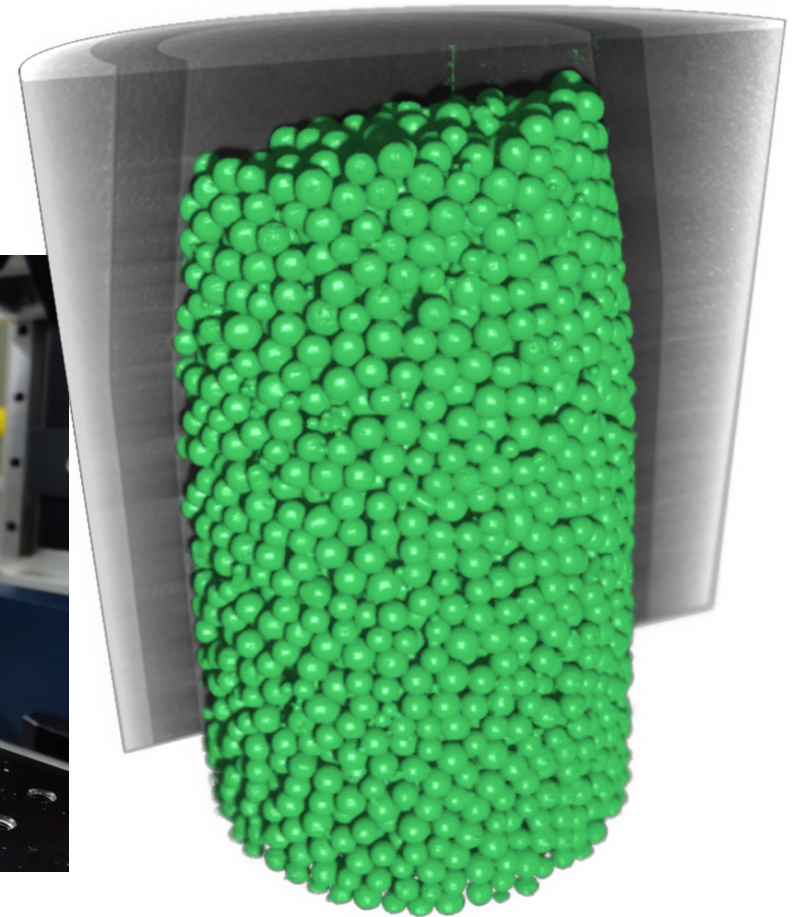
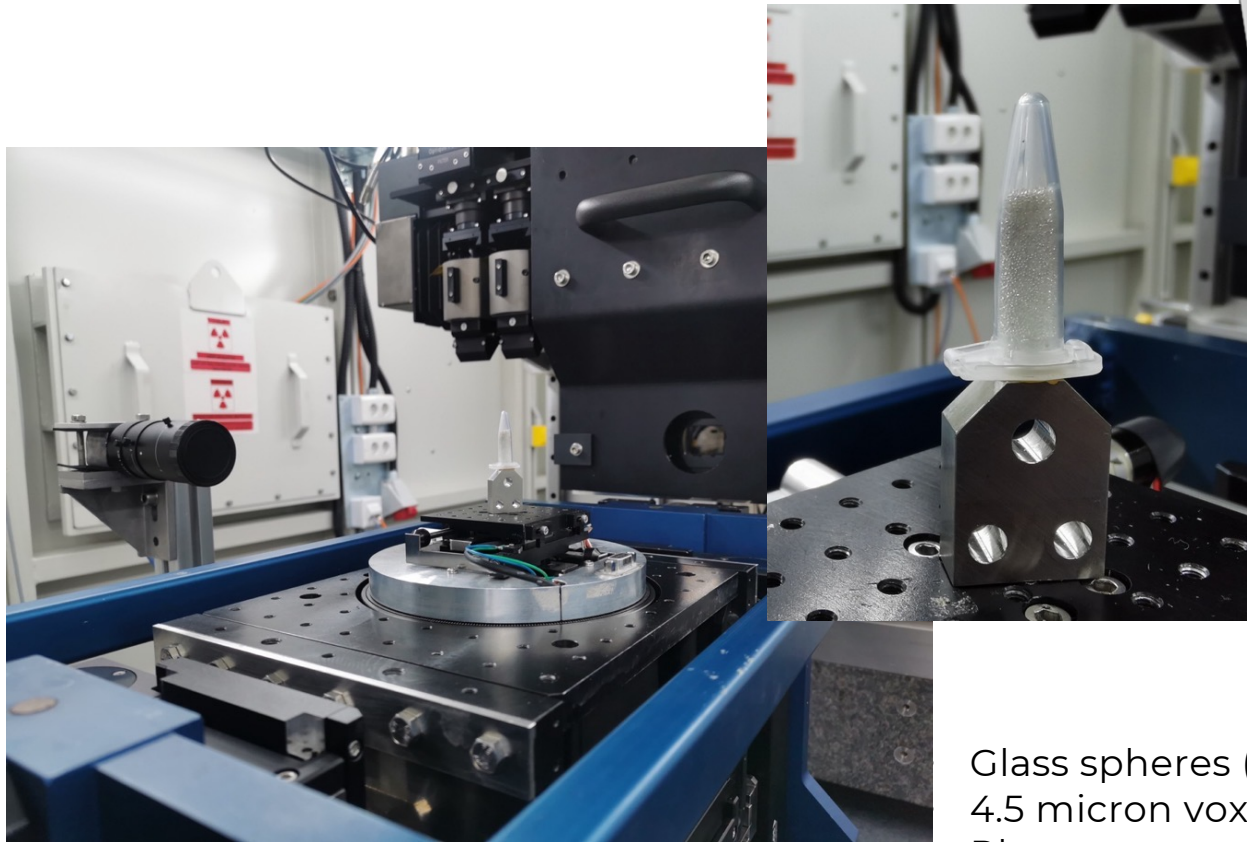
- Synergy with PSI TOMCAT, ESRF BM5 and UJ Johannesburg
- Micos air-bearing rotator for samples up to 5 kg
- Support for 2 detectors
- 1st eigenmode of granite stage maximized to minimize the effect of vibration on the detectors

4. ID10 - BEATS cont.



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11 May 2023 – First BEATS scan



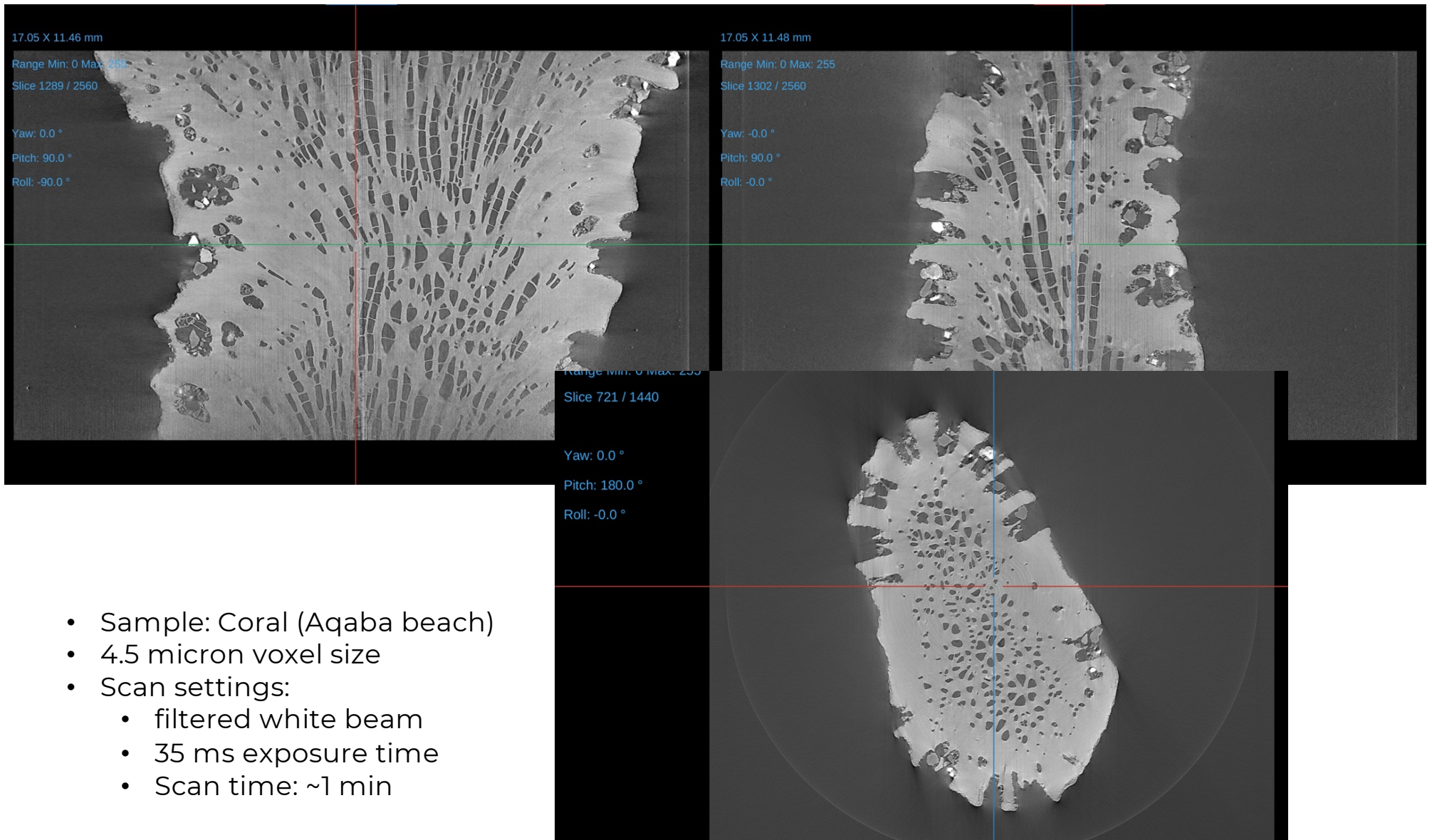
Glass spheres (diameter ~300 micron)
4.5 micron voxel size

- Phase contrast image obtained from 1000 radiographs; 180 degrees rotation
- Total scan time: 12 s



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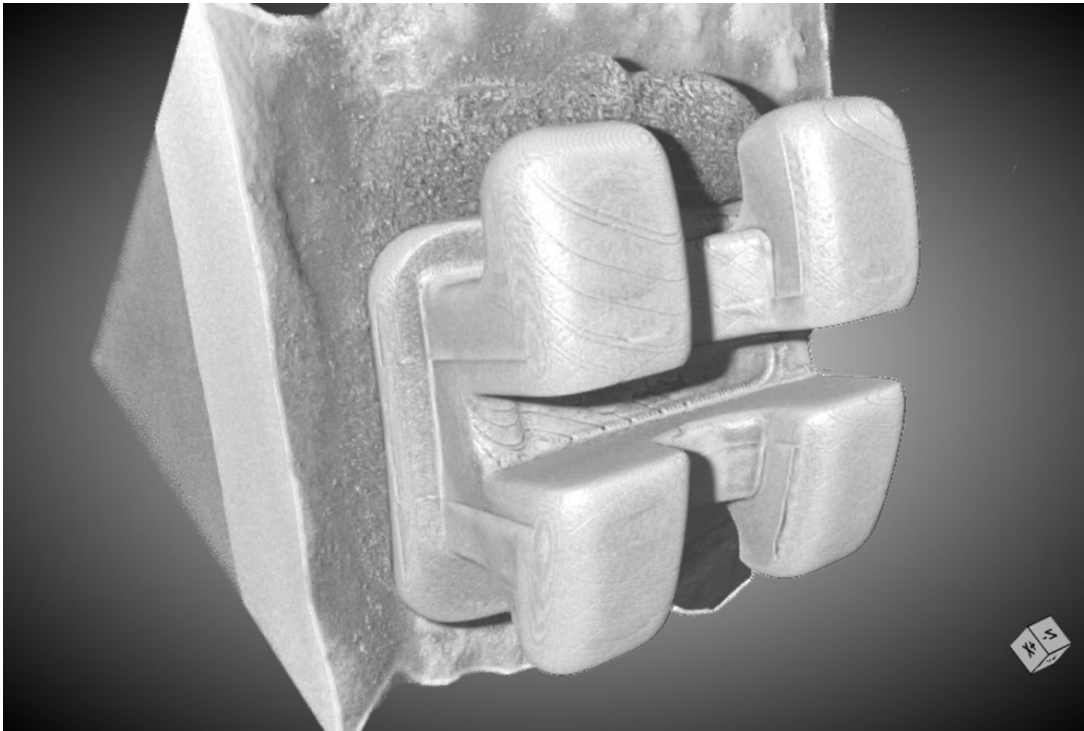




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4. ID10 - BEATS cont.

- Dental bracket
- Filtered white beam
- 6.5 micron voxel size
- Exp. time: 8 ms
- Scan time: 40 sec
- Courtesy P. Koch, P. Zaslansky

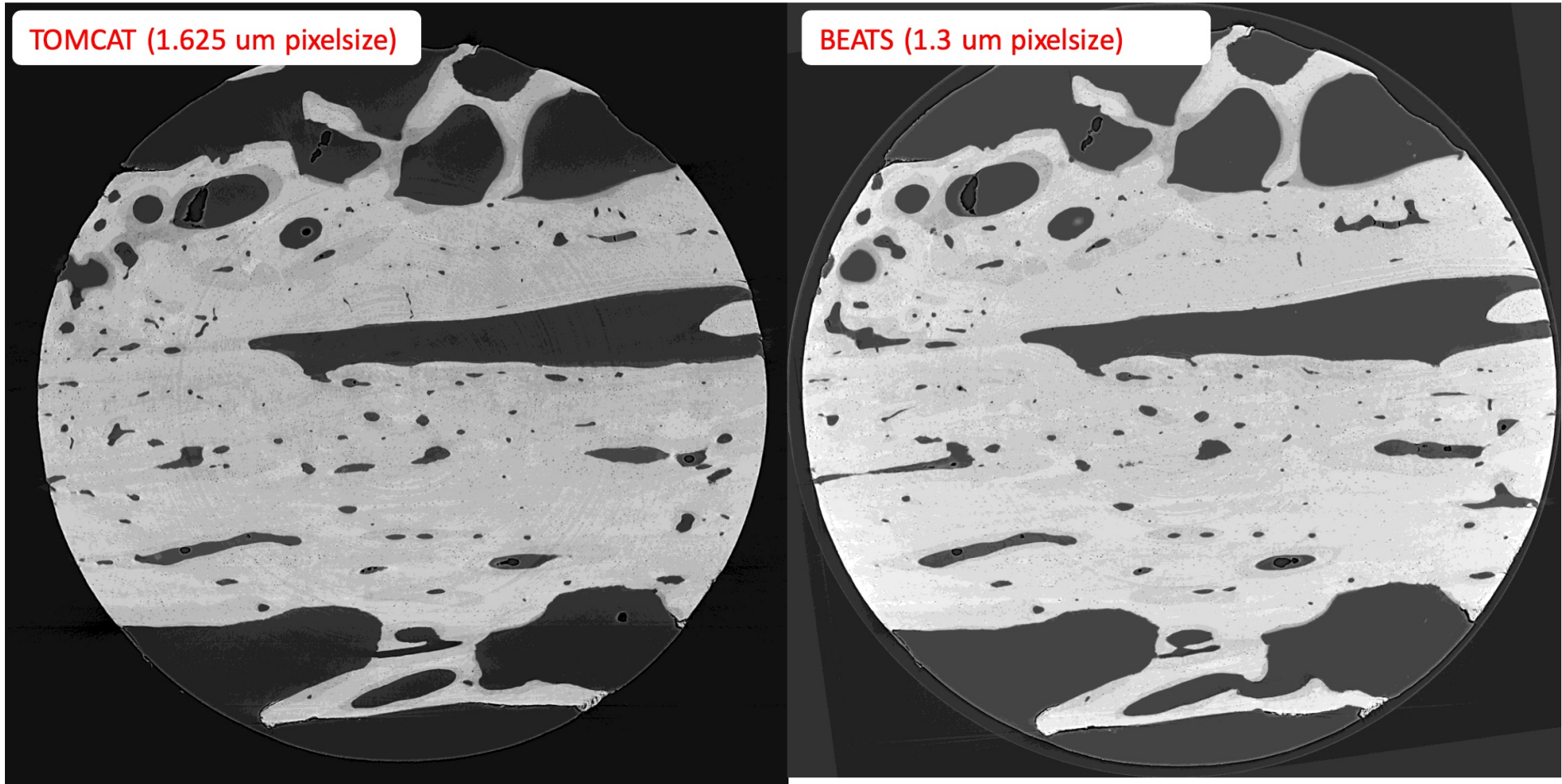




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4. ID10 - BEATS cont.

- Sample: human bone (implant);



BEATS: Comparison BEATS – PSI TOMCAT



4. ID10 - BEATS cont.





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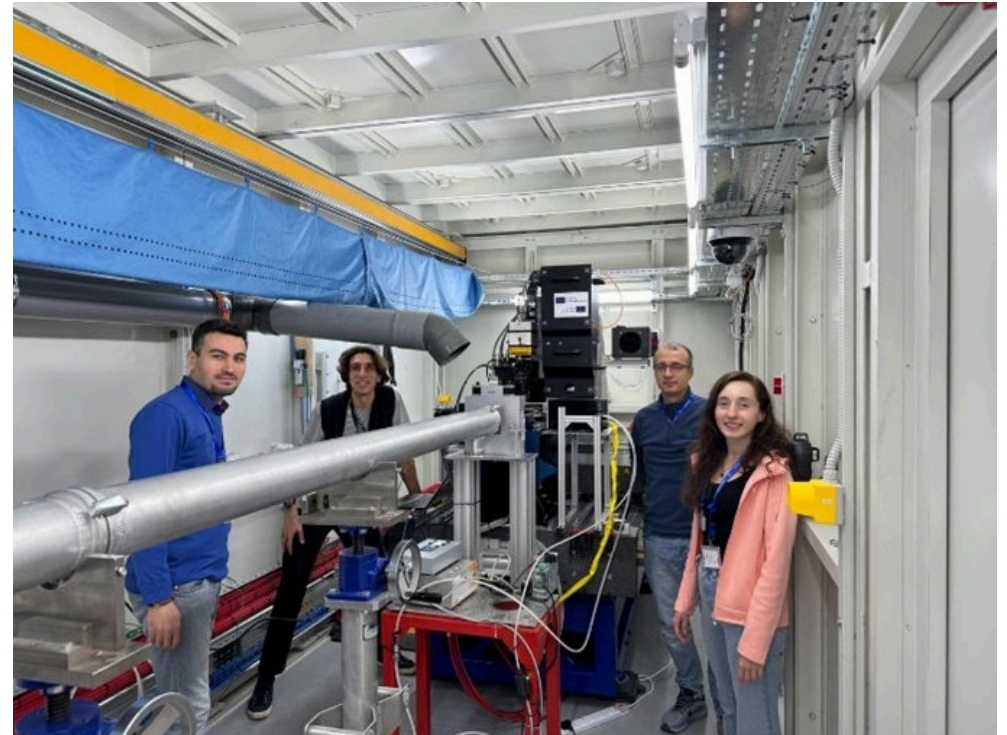
11 February 2023 – First users at BEATS

Bilkent University UNAM (National Nanotechnology Research Center), Ankara, Türkiye

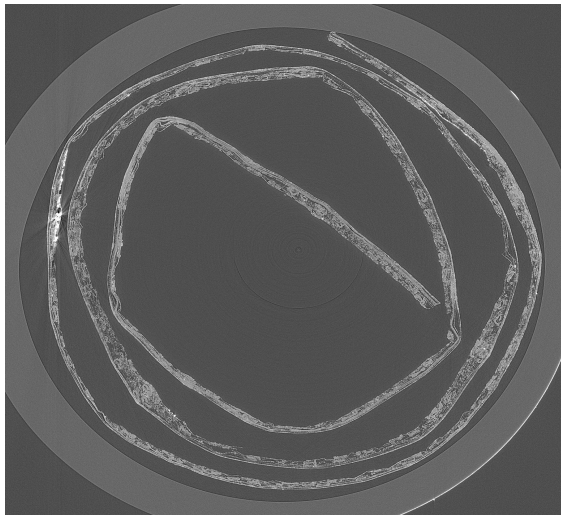
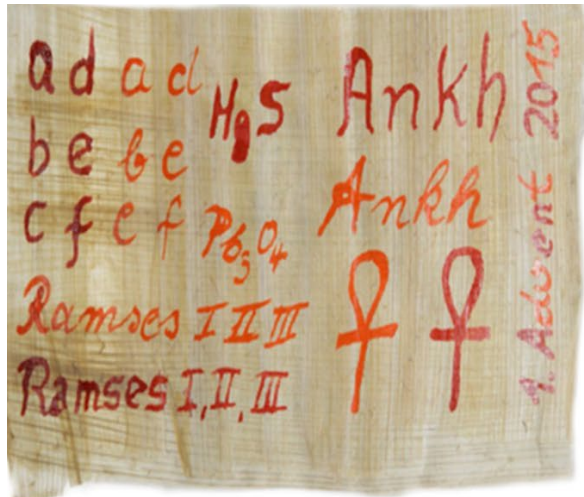
- Dr. Ali Karatutlu (Principal Investigator)
- Dr. Bülend Ortaç
- Ms. Zehra Gizem Mutlay (PhD Student)

Nanotechnology, fiber laser research

The measurements lasted three days, resulting in almost 500 Gigabytes of data, containing 3D pictures of different samples with a voxel size of 650 nanometers. These images provide insight into the manufacturing and applications of polarization-maintaining fiber glass products.



4. ID10 - BEATS cont.



Absorption edge sensitive tomography
 Pb_3O_4 and HgS

Proposal # 20235045 (Ägyptisches Museum und Papyrussammlung Berlin, HZB, FU) Heinz-Eberhard Mahnke et al., Gianluca Iori, Philipp Hans



5. ID11L - HESEB (Helmholtz-SESAME Beamline)

On October 25th 2018, SESAME hosted a delegation from the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers consisting of 43 persons. It was headed by Professor Otmar Wiestler, President of the Association.

During the visit, Otmar Wiestler informed SESAME that five research centers of the Helmholtz Association will be taking part in construction of a soft X-ray beamline for SESAME under the leadership of DESY (Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron). This is one of SESAME's Phase I beamlines.



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5. ID11L - HESEB cont.

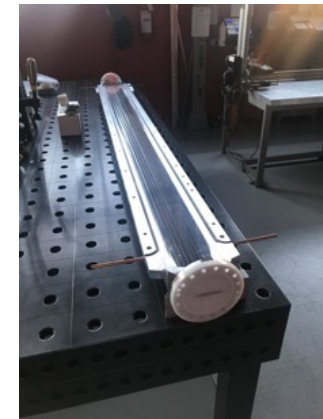
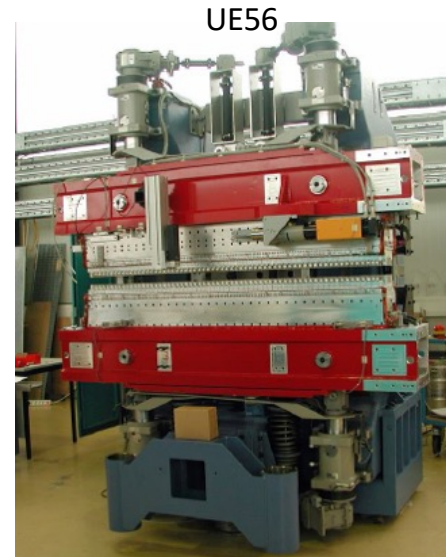
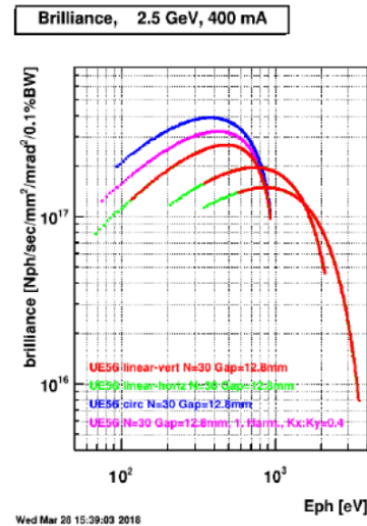
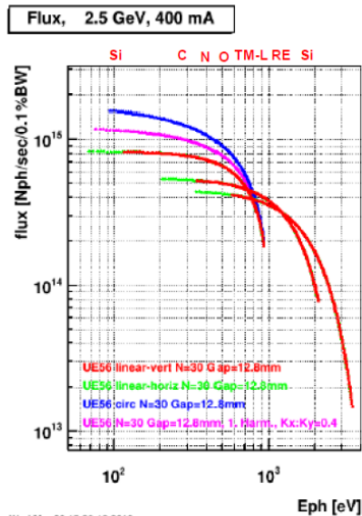
The five research centers are:

- **DESY (Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron)**
- **FZJ (Forschungszentrum Jülich)**
- **HZB (Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin)**
- **HZDR (Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf)**
- **KIT (Karlsruher Institut für Technologie)**

A complete undulator beamline with monochromator and refocusing optics and a small chamber to conduct absorption and fluorescence yield experiments.

The capital value of this beamline is €3.5 million

5. ID11L - HESEB cont.



ID-Chamber produced at SAES / IT now at SESAME

Meseck, Bahrtdt, Viefhaus, HZB Berlin

Covers the core edges:

- Si L-edge—**semiconductors**
- C-, N-, O- Kedge - **Organics catalysis**
- TM-L-edges **magnetics**
- RE 3d edges **magnetics**
- Al- K-edge, Si-K-edge

In a nutshell:

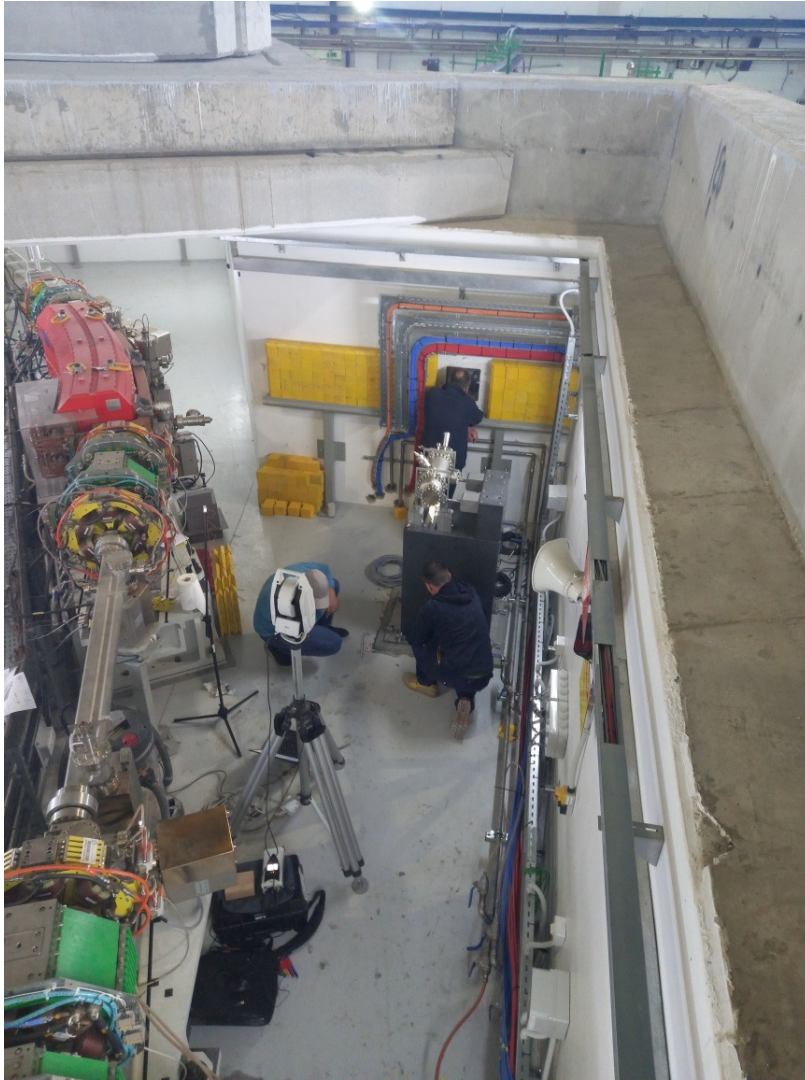
- ID chamber, tapered chambers
- Refurbishment of UE56 at HZB
- Training visit of 4 SESAME staff to HZB in August 2021
- **Installed at SESAME in April 2022**

Undulator UE56 (APPLE II) with variable polarization



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5. ID11L - HESEB cont.

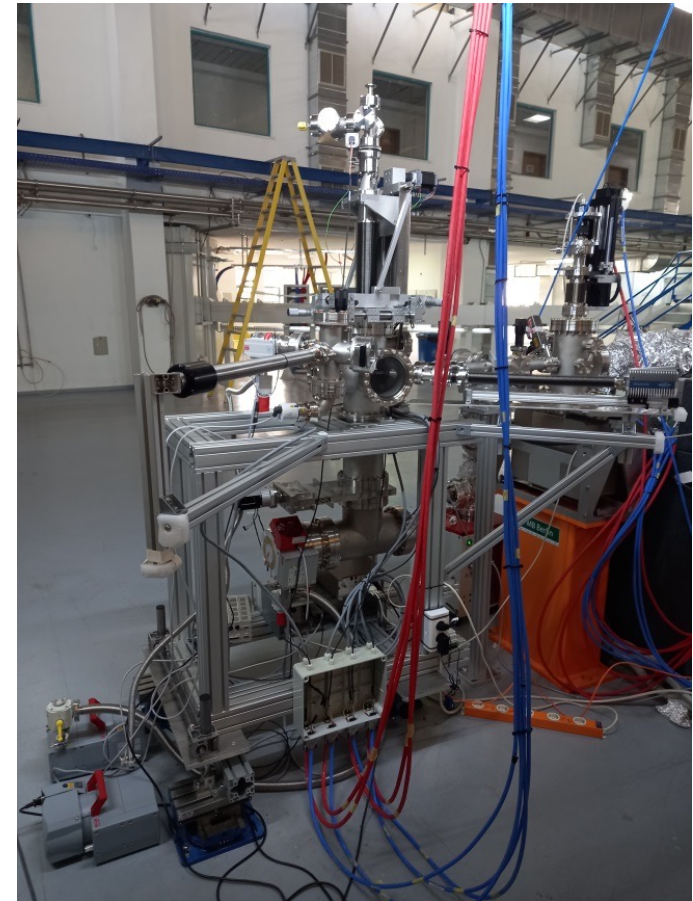


January 2022: Installation of the Beamline and the Front End



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5. ID11 - HESEB cont.

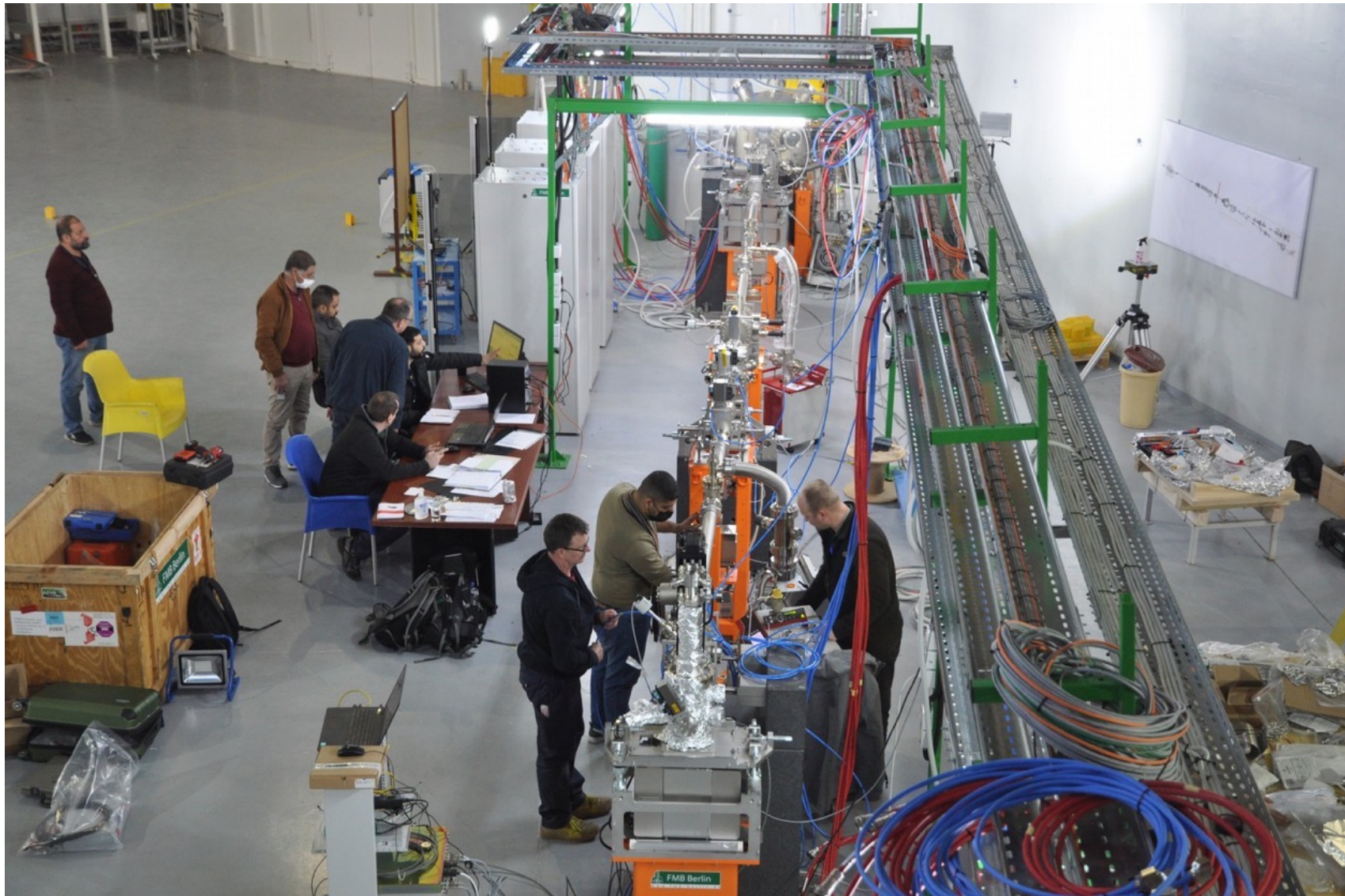


January 2022: Final Stage of Installation



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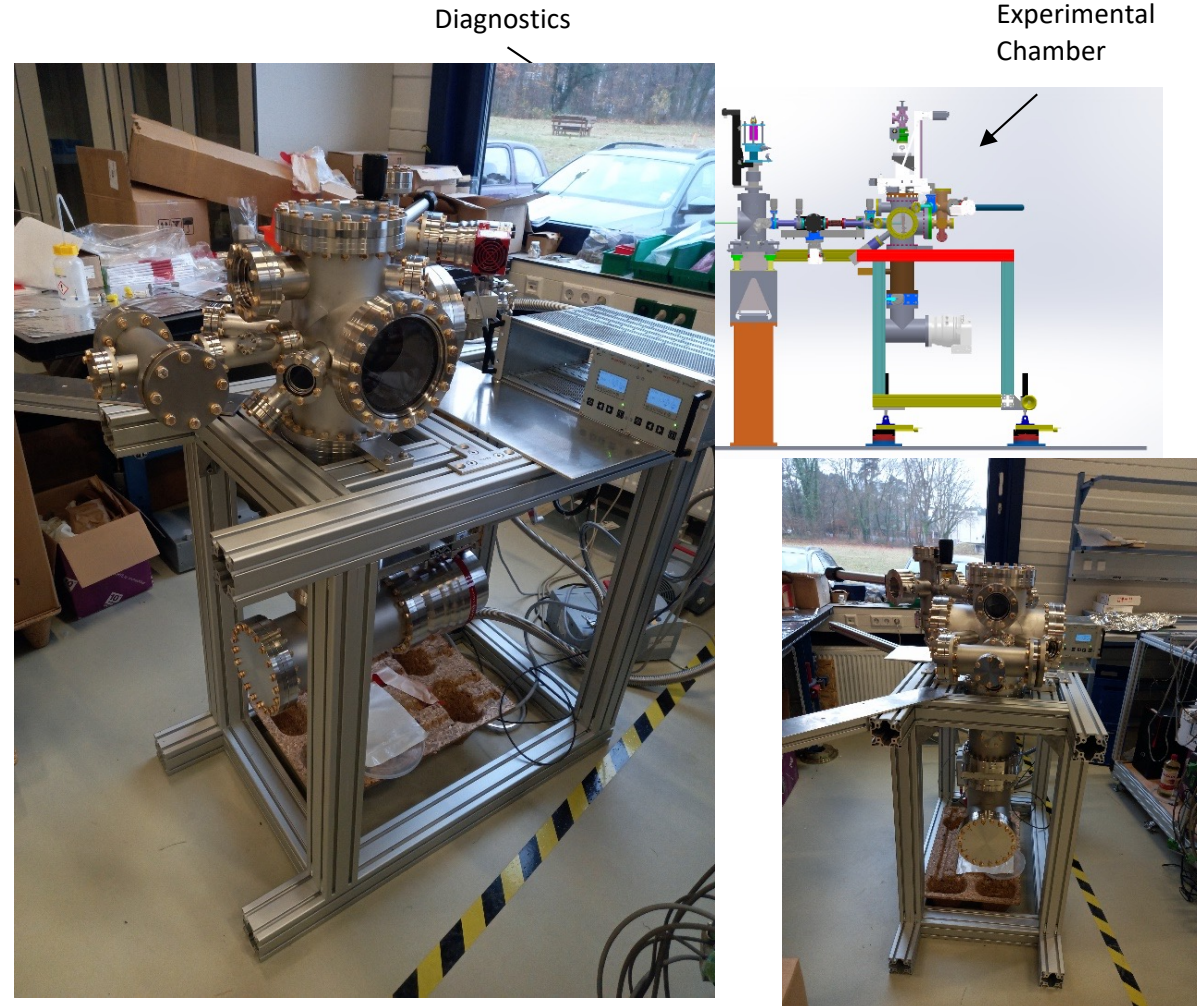
5. ID11 - HESEB cont.



January 2022: Beamline Leak Test + Controls Tuning

5. ID11 - HESEB cont.

- Design led by W. Eberhardt / M. Genisel
- Absorption, CMXD and fluorescence yield studies
- Manipulator arm with sample transfer, heating/cooling (FZ Jülich)
- Assembly for focussing capillary (TU-Berlin) has been designed and built
- 2D-mapping of surfaces with 20 μm spatial resolution UHV---up to pressures of 1 atmosphere (He)



HESEB Experimental Chamber



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5. ID11 - HESEB cont.



June 8, 2022: First Beam in HESEB Beamline



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5. ID11 - HESEB cont.

- H.E. Prof. Wajih Owais, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Jordan
- Professor Otmar Wiestler, President of the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres
- H.E. Mr. Bernhard Kampmann, Ambassador of Germany to Jordan



June 12, 2022: Official Inauguration



5. ID11 - HESEB cont.

HESEB User community building

- In the original proposal, we prepared/planned various teaming/twinning actions for 2020, incl. a major workshop in March 2020 in Turkey
- However, had to cancel all this due to SARS-CoV2
- In 2020/2021 several HESEB online seminars/ workshops were organized
- We also make use of synergies with BEATS, i.e. close coordination, joint events, such as discussions on a joint workshop on archaeology / cultural heritage and on a dedicated event to target Palestine

HESEB - Helmholtz-SESAME soft X-ray beamline



**First HESEB workshop on soft X-Rays
Istanbul, March 30th to April 1st, 2020**



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SESAME-PGSB Workshop

⇒ Online-Workshop on 16th November 2021 — 10⁰⁰ to 13⁰⁰ (EET) resp. 9⁰⁰ to 12⁰⁰ (CET)

5. ID11 - HESEB cont.



12 February 2023 – First users at HESEB

A collaboration among Jordanian Universities:

- Dr. Yusuf Selim Ocak (Institute of Nanotechnology, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Principal Investigator)
- Dr. Borhan Aldeen Albiss (Institute of Nanotechnology, Jordan University of Science and Technology)
- Dr. Bashar Aljawrneh (Al-Zaytoonah University)

Use the HESEB beamline to study the electronic structure of samples and investigate the effects of dopants on semiconductor thin films

Data collected during three days for 9 samples at the absorption edges of O, Co, Ni, and Cu



5. ID11 - HESEB cont.

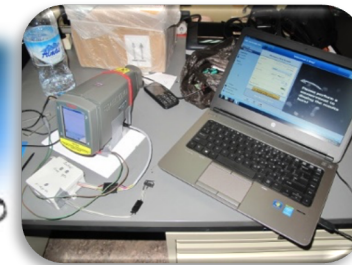
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Characterisation and Conservation of Paintings on Walls and Sculpture from Nabataean Petra
B. Kanngiesser and M. Naes



- Analytical Investigations of wall paintings and sculpture: in-situ and ex-situ; organic and inorganic, non-invasive & ND
- Development of experimental conservation material for gold: synthesis, characterisation, validation, evaluation





New Beamline Initiatives

6. TXPES

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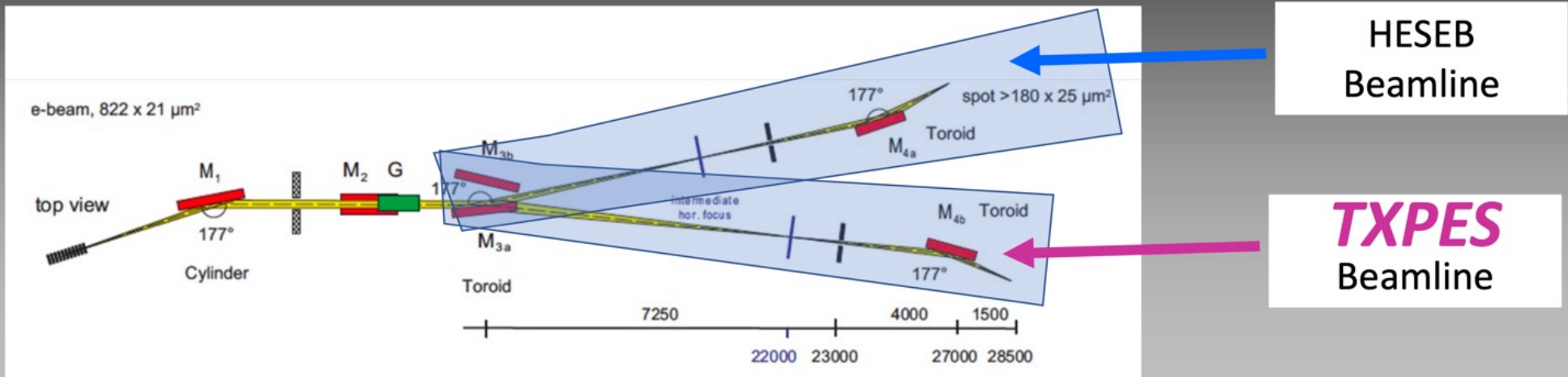


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Turkish Accelerator and Radiation Laboratory in Ankara



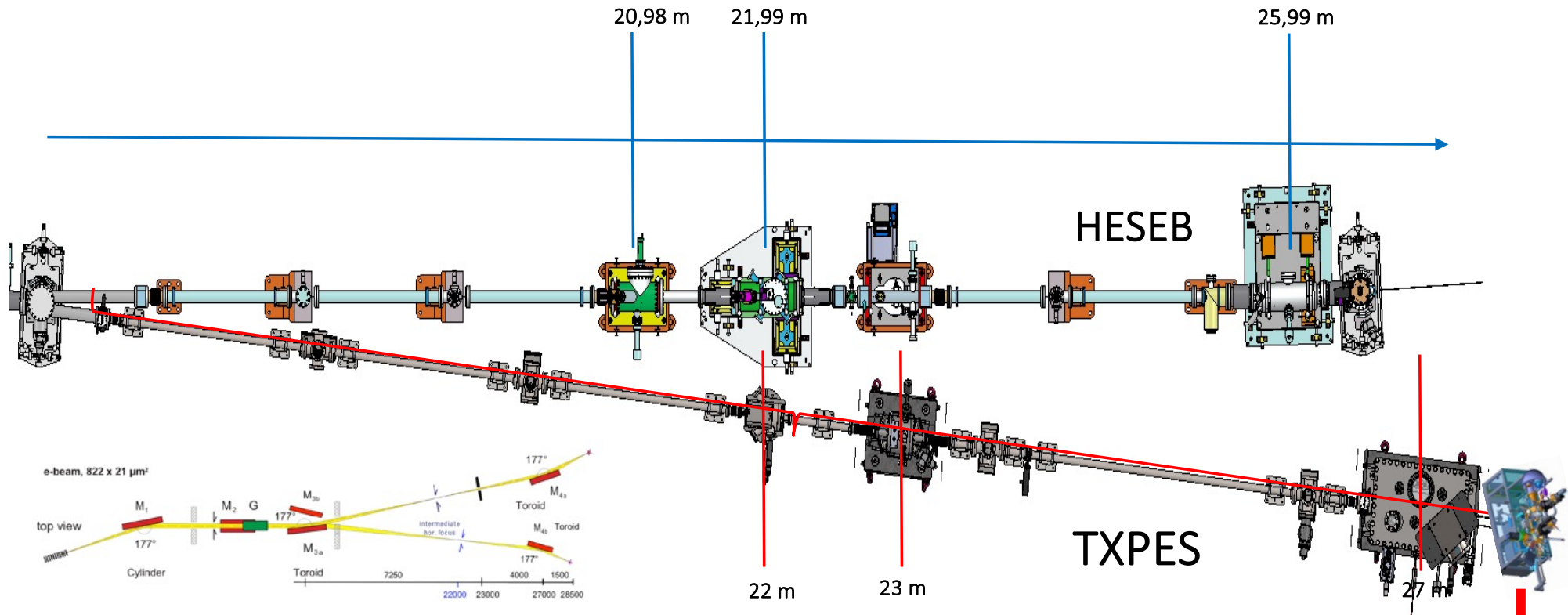
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Complementarity of TXPES & HESEB Beamlines





6. TXPES X-ray Optics Design



Courtesy of: Baris Yildirimdemir (TARLA) byildirimdemir@tarla.org.tr
Also thanks to HESEB team and Rolf Follath

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Emrah Ozensoy, Bilkent University
Chemistry Department, Ankara, Turkey

XPS
End Station



6. TXPES End Station Components: Chamber Modules

- PHOIBOS 150 CMOS XPS/LEIS Analyzer
- XR 50: Dual Anode X-ray Source
- UVS 10: UV Source (for UPS)
- Electron Flood Gun
- Rastering Ion Gun for LEIS/Depth Profiling
- 4-Axis Manipulator with LN₂ Cooling & Resistive Heating to 1200 K

Analysis Chamber

- Ion Gun for Sputtering
- RF-Plasma Source
- Hydrogen Cracker
- LEED
- QMS
- Metal/Metal Oxide Evaporators
- Gas Dosers
- 4-Axis Manipulator with LN₂ Cooling & Resistive Heating to 1200 K

Preparation Chamber

- HPC-20 High Pressure Cell for Reactive Sample Pretreatment

High-Pressure Chamber

Load Lock Chamber

- Sample Loading/Removal

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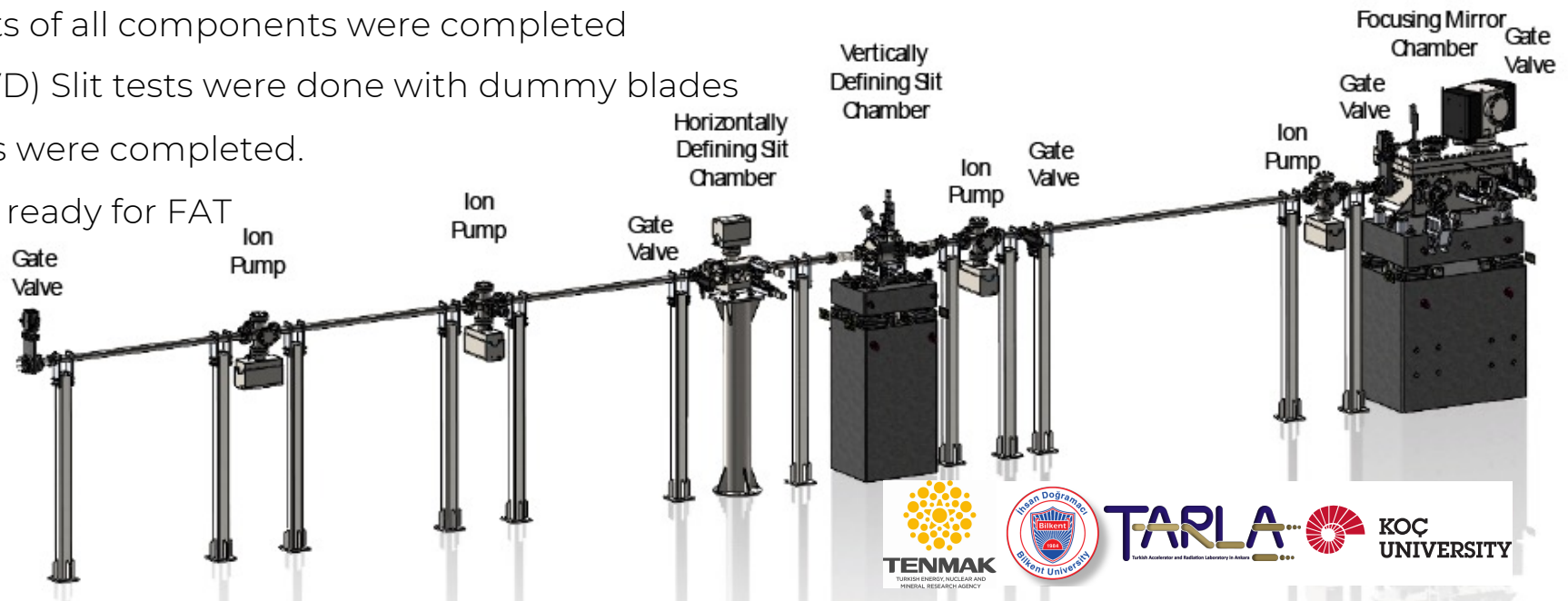
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ID11 right – TXPES General Status of TXPES Beam Transport

- Toroidal optics delivered, only missing component: Energy (VD) Slit blades

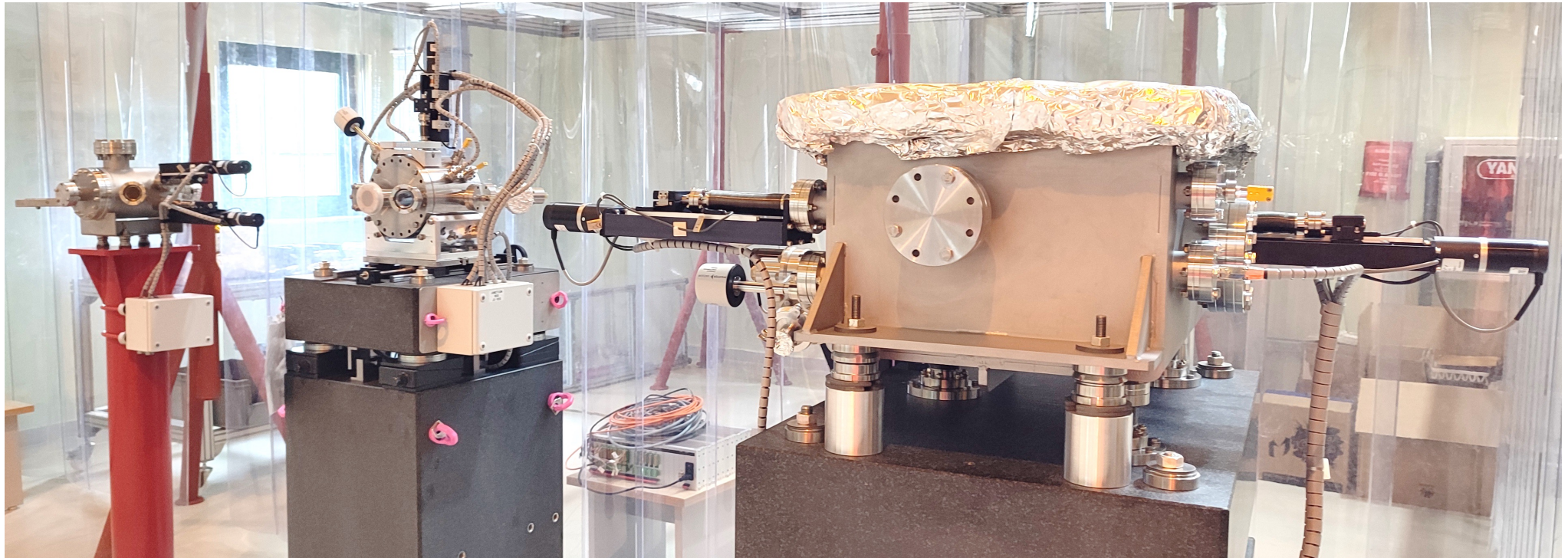
Shipping expected February 2025.

- Initial tests of all components were completed
- Energy (VD) Slit tests were done with dummy blades
- Leak tests were completed.
- System is ready for FAT





ID11 right – TXPES General Status of TXPES Beam Transport



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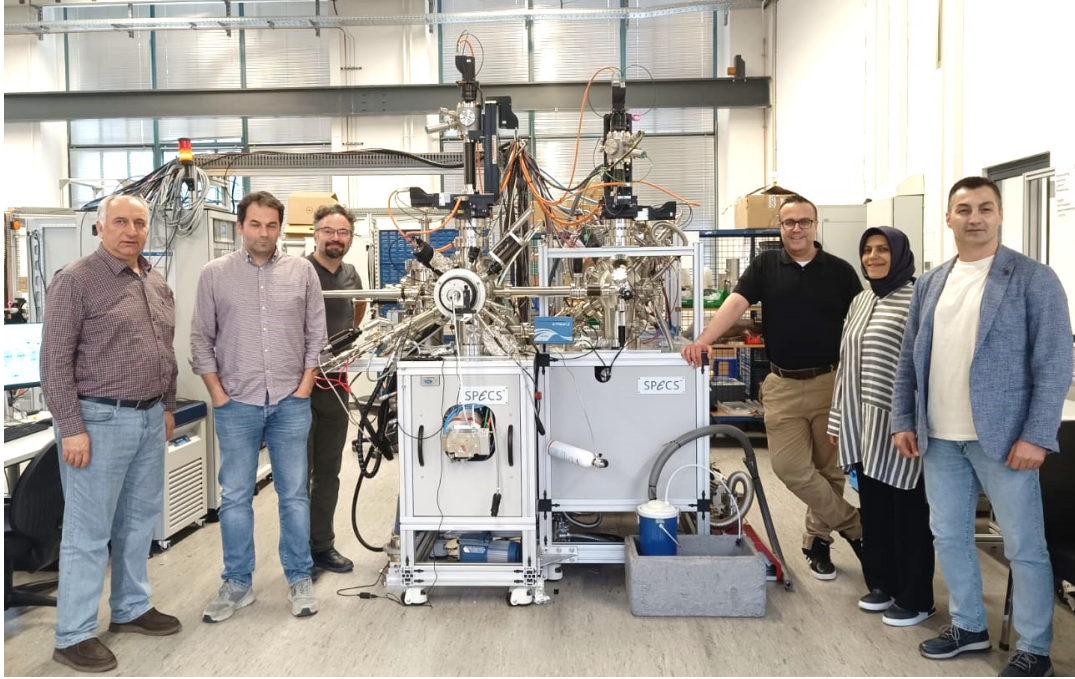


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ID11 right - TXPES Manufacturing & Installation of End Station



Factory Acceptance Tests (FAT)

- FAT of the XPS end station were completed between May 28-June 1, 2024 at the SPECS headquarters in Berlin, Germany.
- FAT tests were carried out along with:
 - Assoc. Prof. Sarp Kaya (Koc Univ., Istanbul)
 - Dr. Zeynep Ozturk (SESAME)
 - Dr. Mustafa Fatih Genisel (SESAME)
 - Dr. Omer Kantoglu (TENMAK)
 - Dr. Gencay Gundogdu (SESAME)
- After completion of FAT, end station was disassembled for shipment to SESAME.

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SPECS & TENMAK staff came to SESAME for installation on September 23, 2024

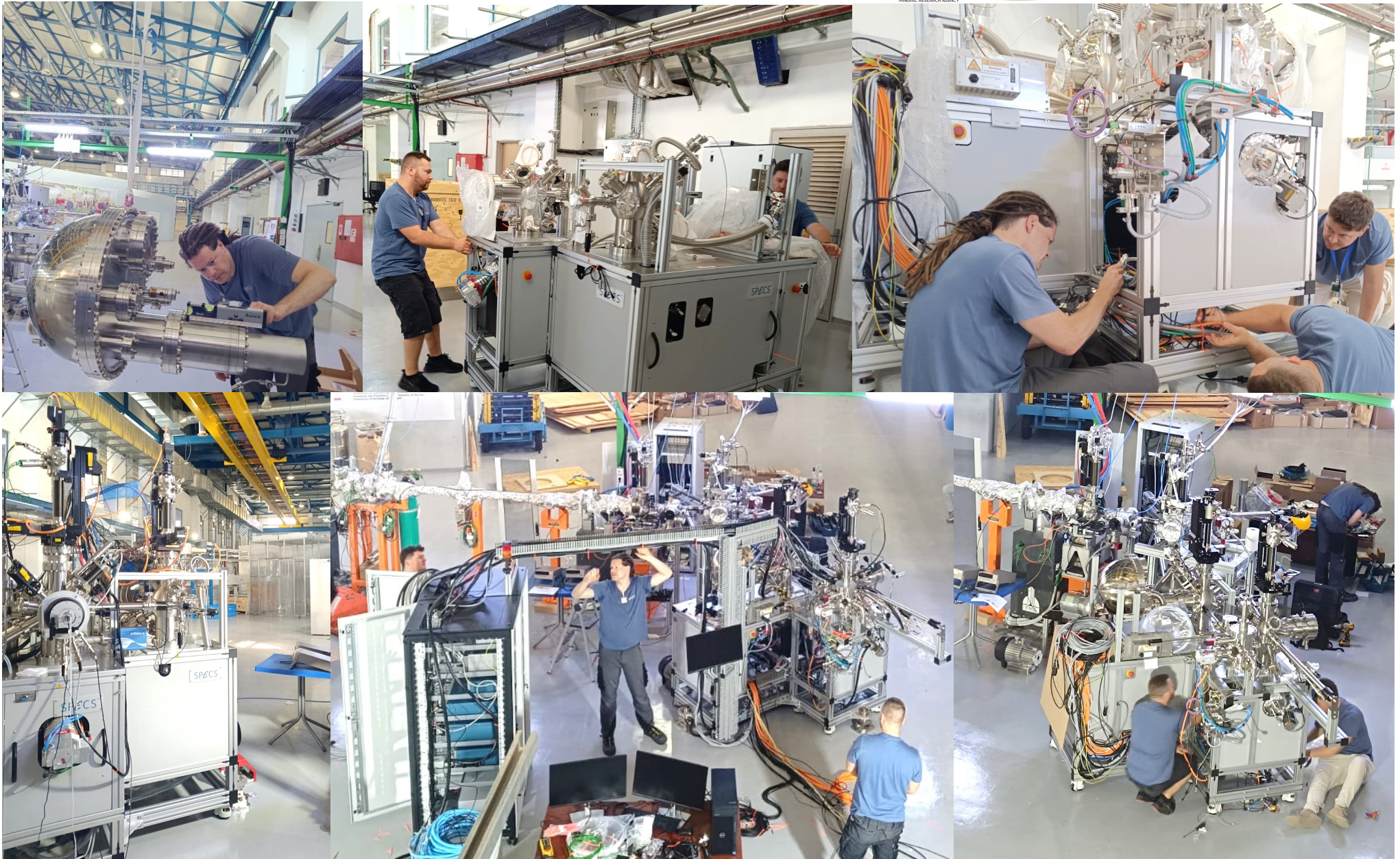




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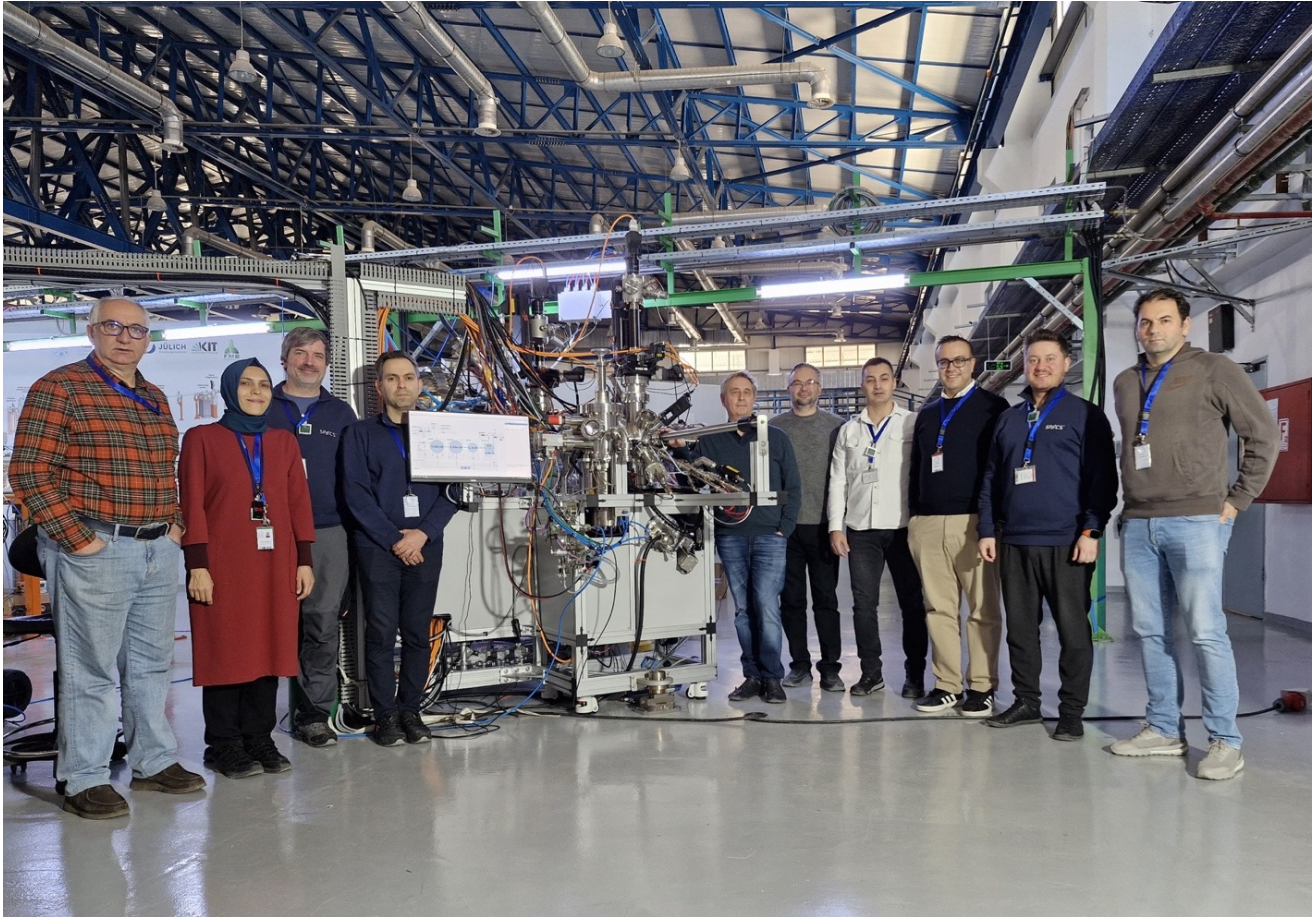
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ID11 right - TXPES End Station Site Acceptance Tests, December 2024



SPECS technical staff pose near the newly installed experimental chamber together with representatives of the TXPES project and SESAME staff.



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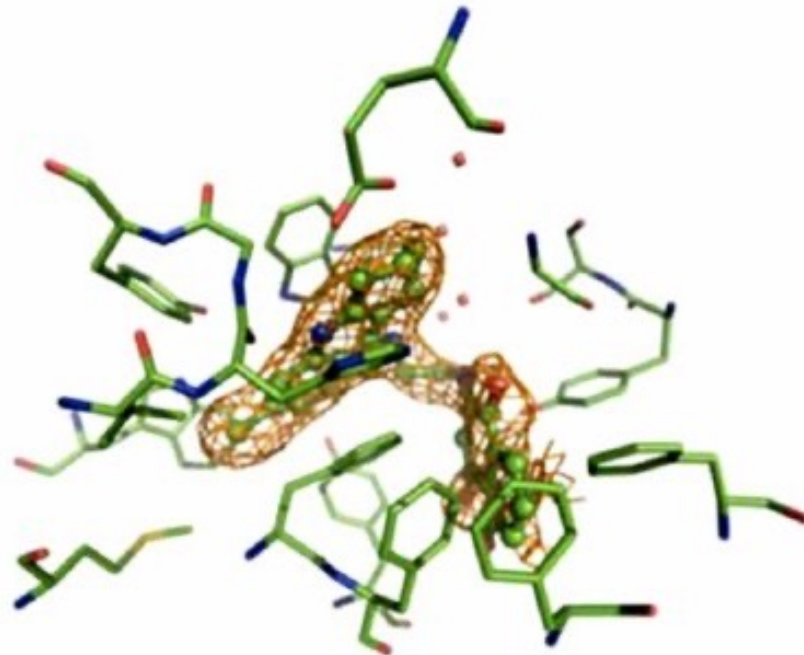
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New Beamline Initiatives

7. Macromolecular Crystallography

- The first macromolecular crystallography beamline in the Middle East to facilitate experiments in the medical and pharmaceutical fields in the region as well as in Asia-Pacific.
- Currently a proposal has been submitted to construct the beamline through IAEA/SESAME intergovernmental project based on cost sharing approach.





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Guest-House Inauguration on December 4, 2019



SESAME Guest-House was funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research through INFN (total of 1.75 M Euros). The Guest-House includes a canteen, large meeting room and 48 Guestrooms.



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Guest-House Rooms and Facilities



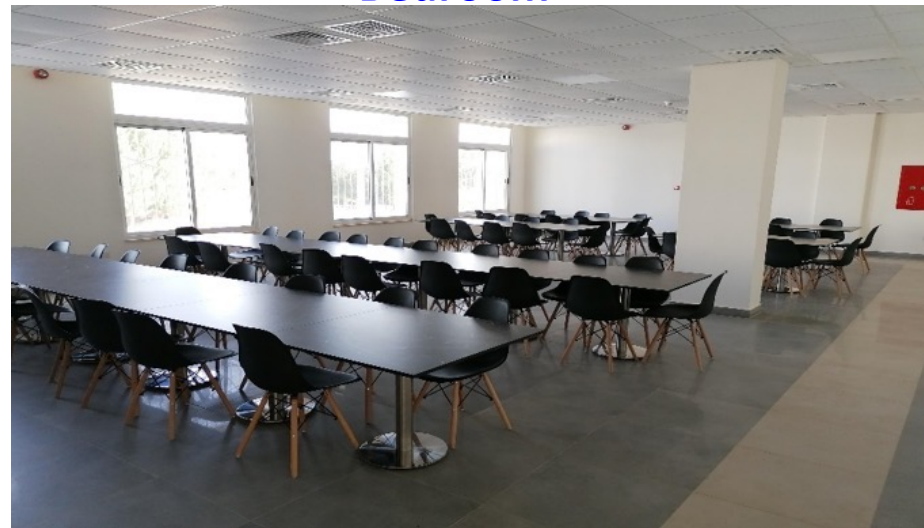
Bedroom



Bedroom



Kitchen



Dining Room

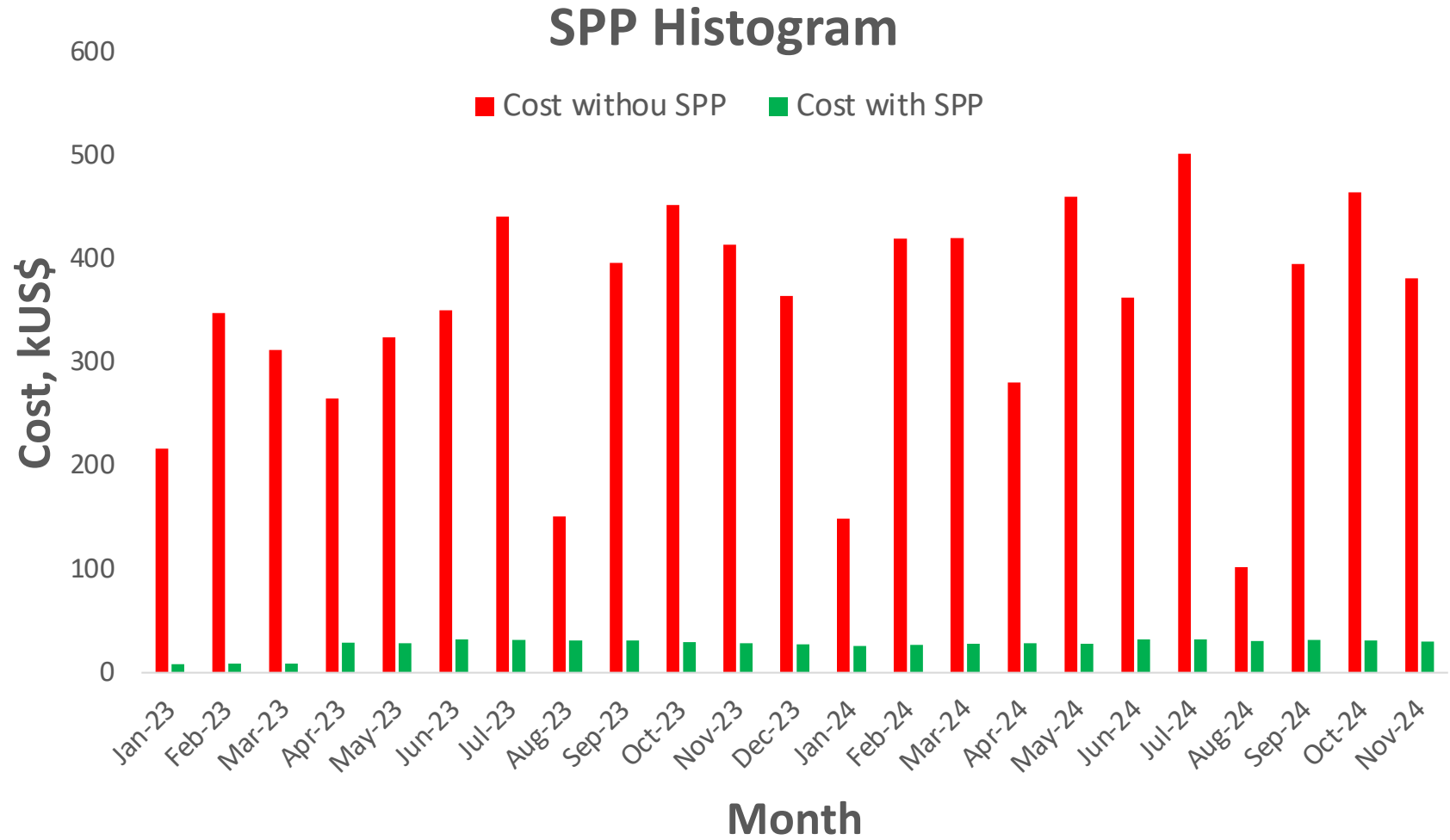


Solar Power Plant: Current Status





Comparison Chart for 2023-2024

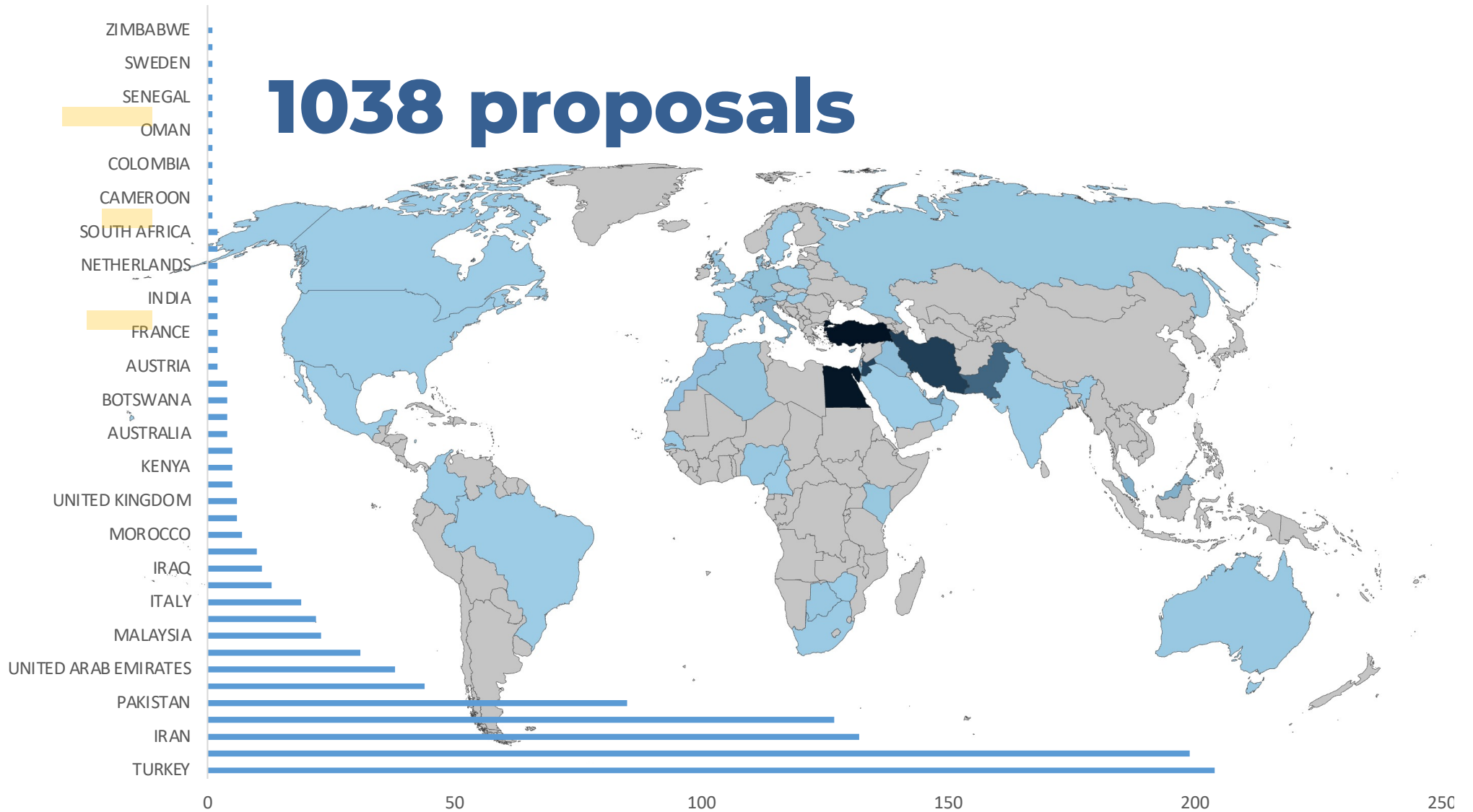




SPP Data 2019-2024

Year	Production, kWh	Consumption Power, kw	Cost, US\$		Savings, US\$	Saved CO ₂ , Ton
			With SPP	Without SPP		
2019	9,541,970	7,127,380	112,041	2,677,801	2,565,760	6,233
2020	9,318,793	5,676,520	108,182	2,132,704	2,024,522	6,087
2021	11,529,373	9,726,160	137,238	3,654,179	3,516,941	7,531
2022	10,812,209	8,318,220	127,778	3,125,207	2,997,429	7,062
2023	10,747,999	10,743,270	295,274	4,036,313	3,741,039	7,021
2024	10,205,147	10,485,280	325,618	3,939,385	3,613,767	6,666
Total	62,155,491	52,076,830	1,106,131	19,565,589	18,459,457	40,599

1038 proposals





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SESAME Proposals Review Committee

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Antonella GLISENTI	University of Padova, Italy
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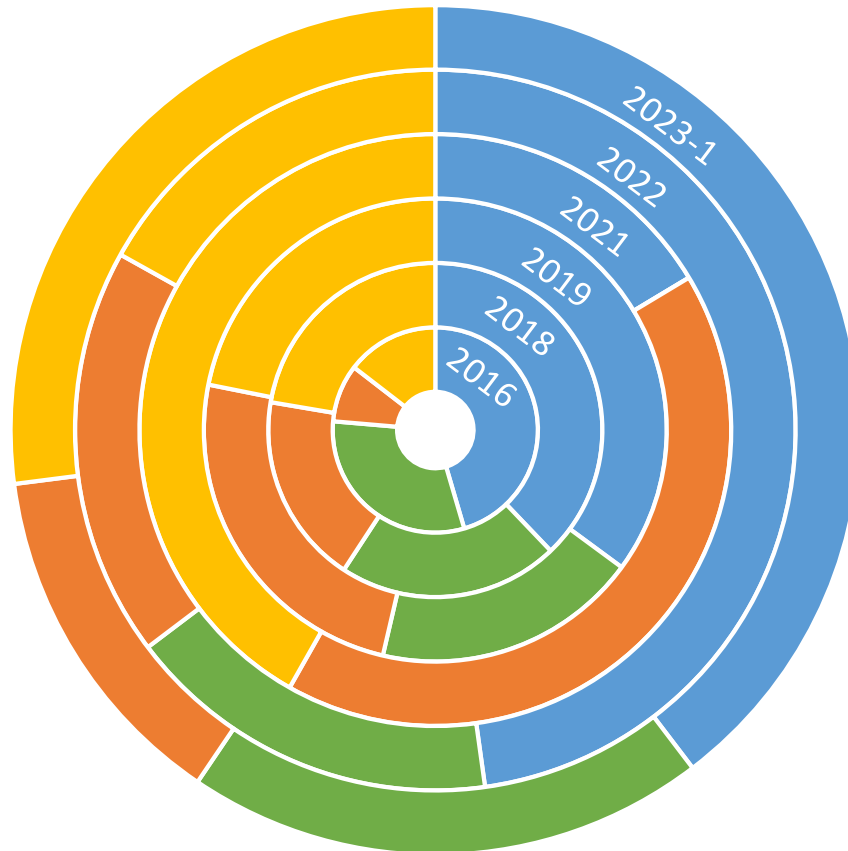
Life Sciences	
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Muhammad Javed AKHTAR	PINSTECH, Pakistan
Andrew FITCH (coordinator)	ESRF, France
Bruce RAVEL	NIST and NSLS II, USA
Brian ROSEN	Tel Aviv University, Israel



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NEXT call for proposals: deadline 29 February

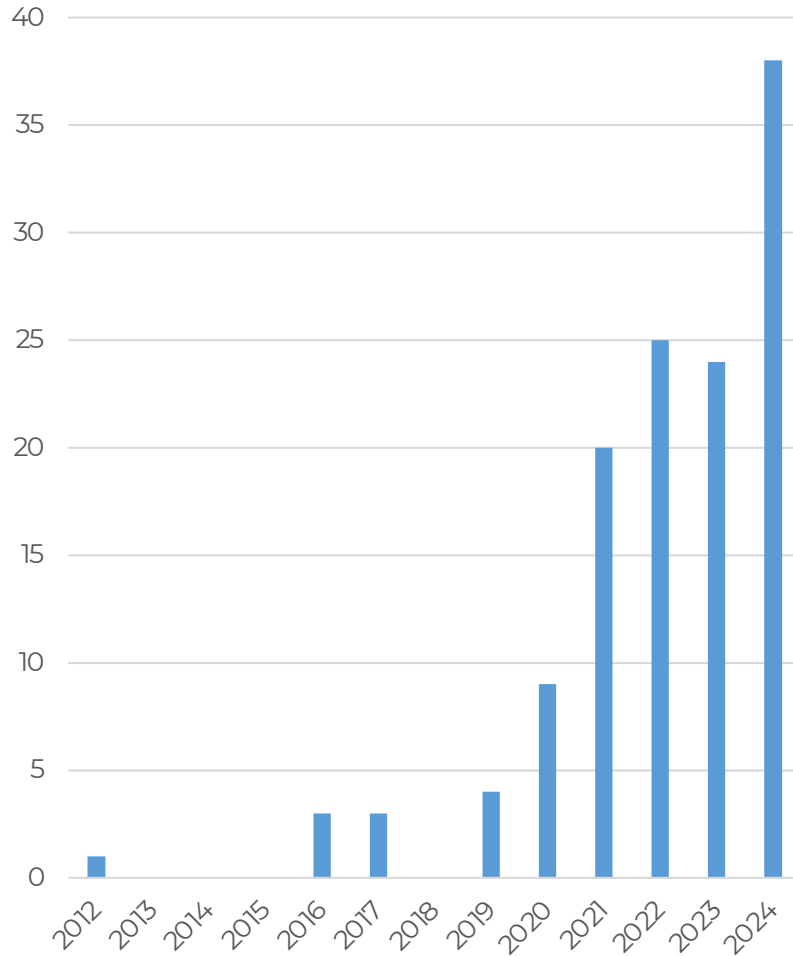


Proposals distribution by sub-committee

-  **Materials and Physical Sciences**
-  **Life Sciences**
-  **Archeological and Heritage Sciences**
-  **Chemical Sciences**



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Publications

127

peer-reviewed publications until
November 2024

- Average scientific impact factor > 5
- 20% of publications have IF > 7



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SESAME's Upgrading Network for
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into the Next Era

Coordinator: ESRF

Budget: 1.5M€ + funds from State Secretariat for Education,
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Project duration: 42 months

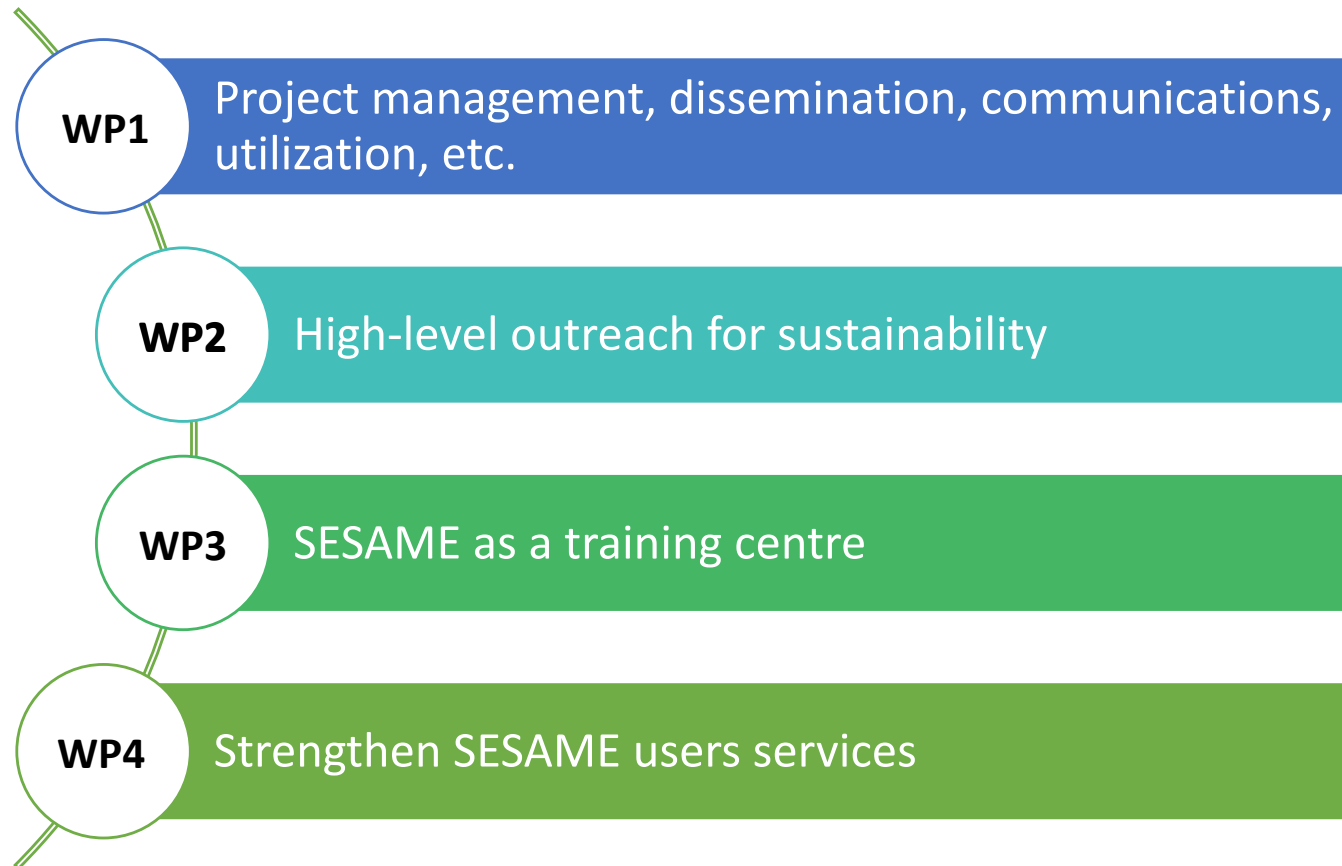
Beneficiaries: ALBA, CYI, DESY, ELETTRA, ESRF, INFN, SESAME
and SOLEIL; and PSI as Associate

Start: 01 June 2024





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Focus on Members, Potential Members, and Africa



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SESAME's Key Messages

- **SESAME is now operational and performing well**
- **SESAME is producing world class science**
- **SESAME is continuously growing by the day**



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