

X-RAY IMAGING & X-RAY MICROSCOPY



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Planetary system

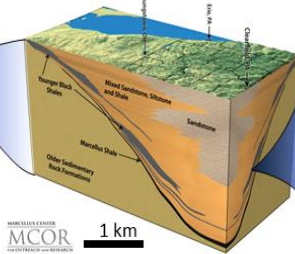
Geological formations

Mineral Matrix

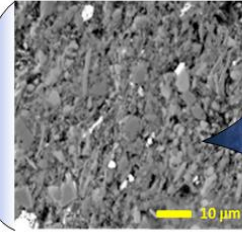
Molecular organization



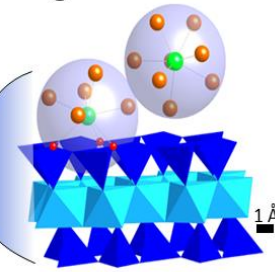
1,000 km



1 km



10 μm



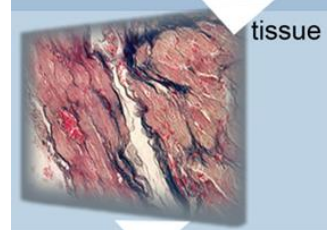
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organism



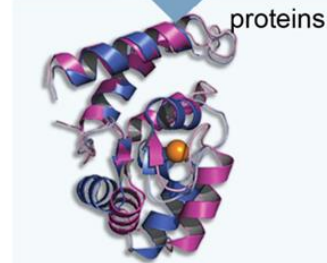
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tissue



organelles



proteins

HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS

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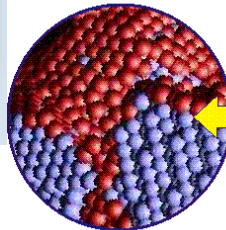
NEED TO VISUALIZE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION ON ALL RELEVANT LENGTHSCALES

LENGTH SCALE / TIME SCALE

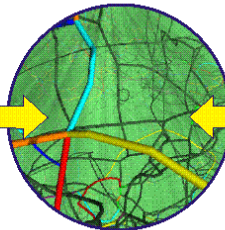
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μm, μs

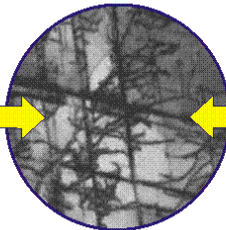
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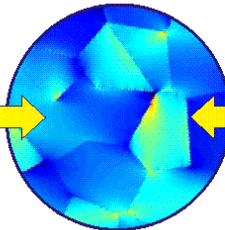
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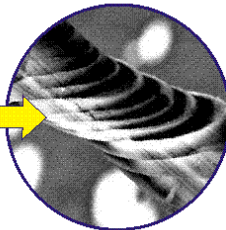
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subgrain structures



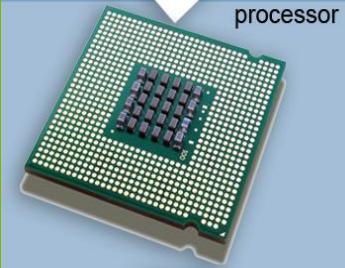
polycrystalline grain structure



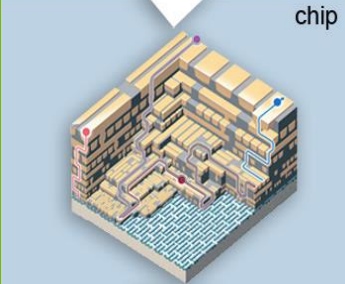
macroscopic material behavior



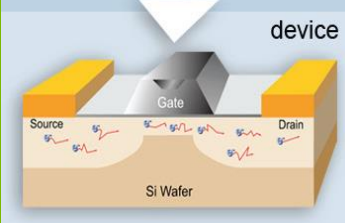
computer



processor



chip



device

X-RAY IMAGING

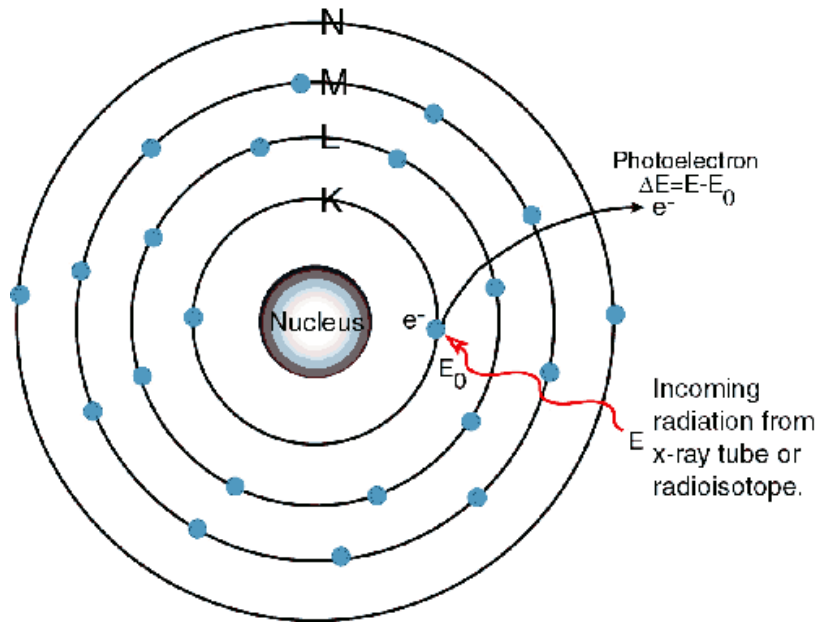


Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen:
discovered x-rays 1895
Nobel Prize in Physics

Anna Roentgen's hand
with wedding ring
Universität Würzburg
Dec. 1895

ABSORPTION OF X-RAYS

X-rays are absorbed by the *Photo-Electric Effect*



Albert Einstein

Nobel Prize in Physics
for Photo-Electric Effect

An x-ray has enough energy to kick out an electron bound to an atom

1. the x-ray is absorbed
2. the core electron leaves the atom and becomes a *photo-electron*
3. the atom is left without a core electron: in an *excited state*

X-RAY ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT

The x-ray absorption coefficient μ of a material depends *very strongly* on

1. the density
2. the atomic composition
3. the energy of the x-ray

$$\mu \sim \frac{\rho Z^4}{AE^3}$$

Where

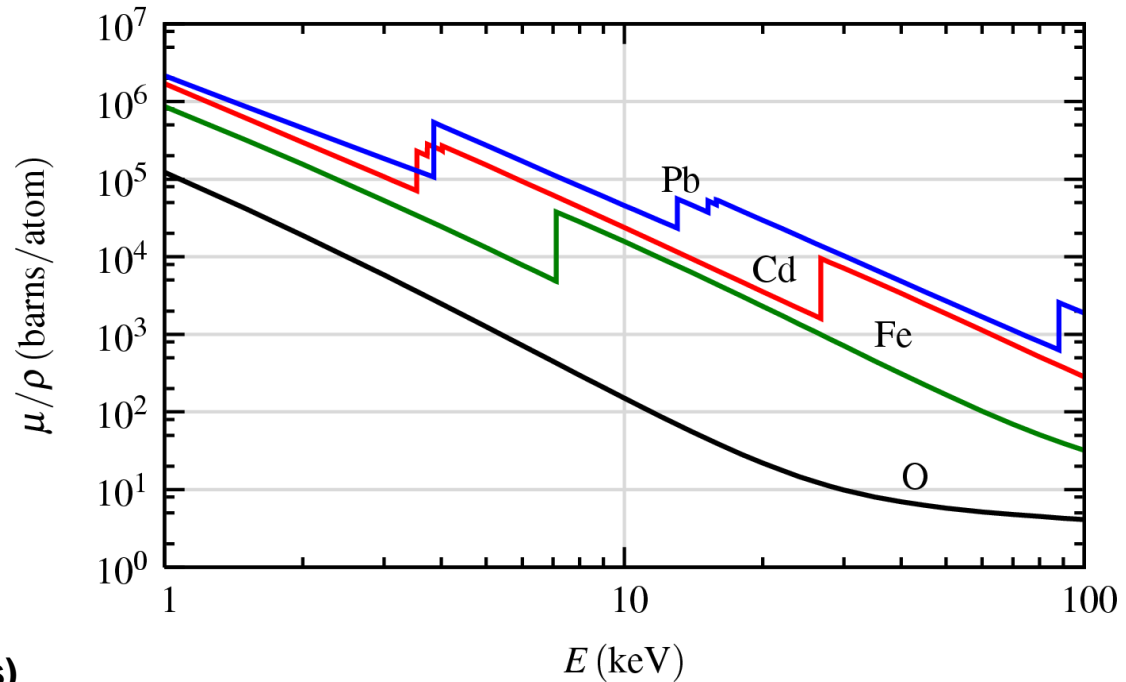
ρ = sample density

Z = atomic number (# of electrons)

A = atomic mass

E = energy

$$I = I_0 e^{-\mu t}$$



This is why x-rays are used in medical imaging:

water (H₂O) is almost transparent to x-rays

bone (CaCO₃) is much more absorbing

lead is a really good x-ray absorber!

X-RAY ABSORPTION EDGES

X-rays have energies comparable to *binding energies* of electrons in atoms

Notice the sharp jumps in Absorption:

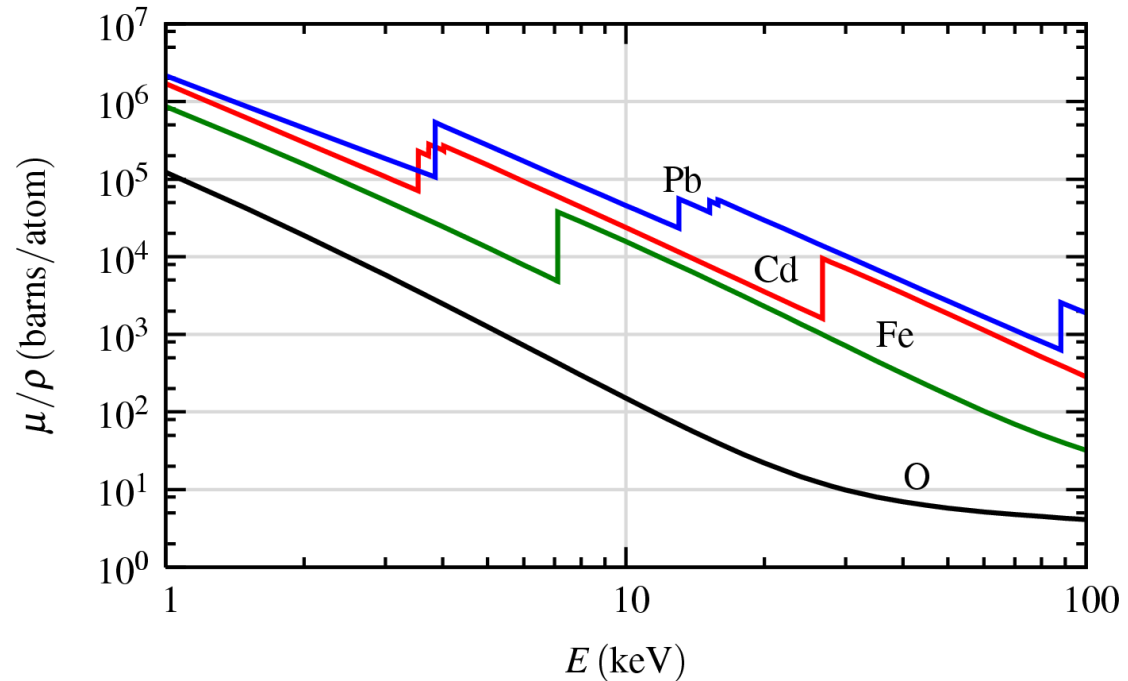
Absorption Edges

These jumps occur at binding energies of core electrons:

x-rays have enough energy to kick out another bound electron

Some Binding Energies (eV)

H 1s	13.6
O 1s	545
Fe 1s	7112
Pb 1s	88005
Pb 2p _{3/2}	13043

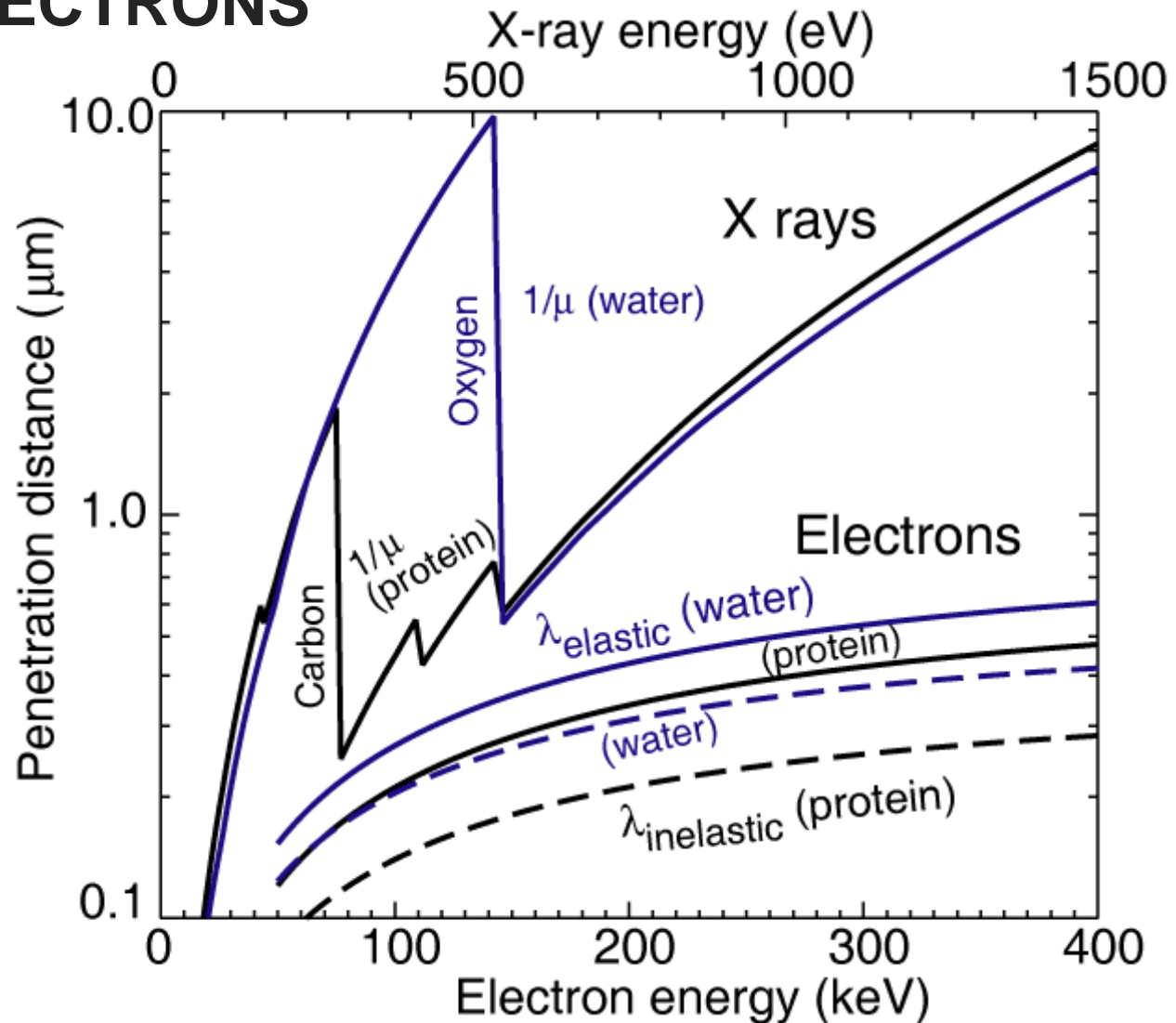


We can select energies to excite particular binding energy levels.

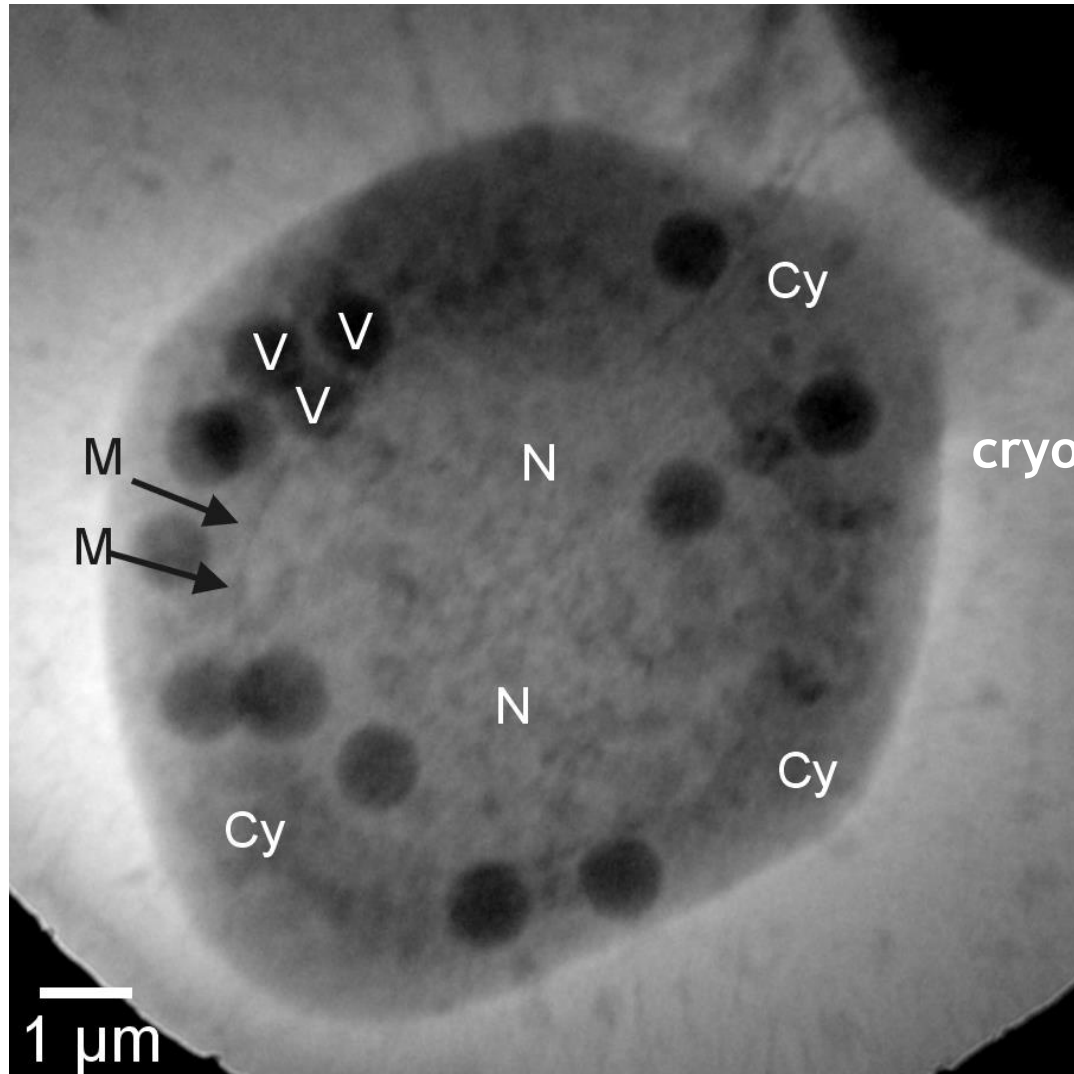
This lets us to adjust the contrast for detecting a particular element.

X RAYS AND ELECTRONS

Consider penetration distance: $1/e$ absorption length for x rays, scattering mean free paths for electrons



X-RAY ABSORPTION CONTRAST IN THE WATER WINDOW

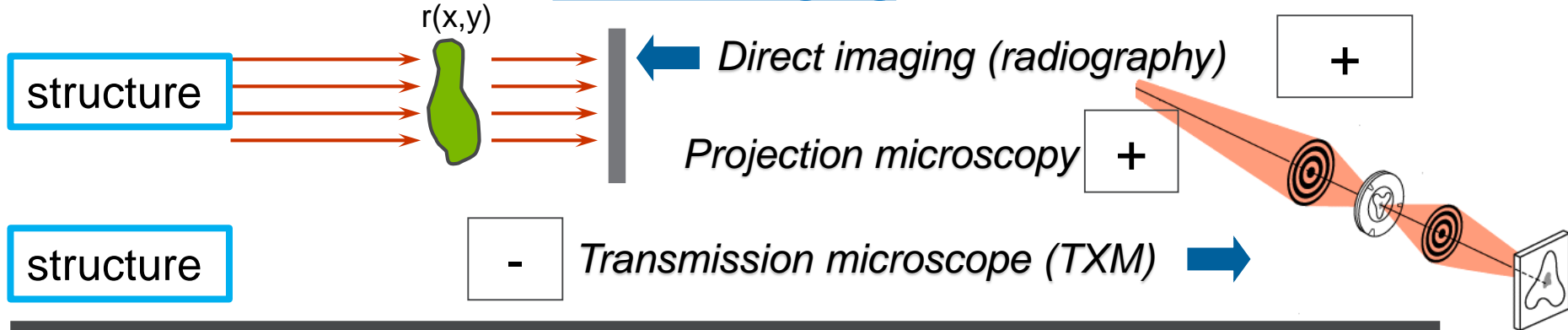


- *Drosophila melanogaster* cell, in vitrified ice, imaged @ 0.5 keV with the Goettingen TXM @ BESSY I. S. Vogt, *et al*

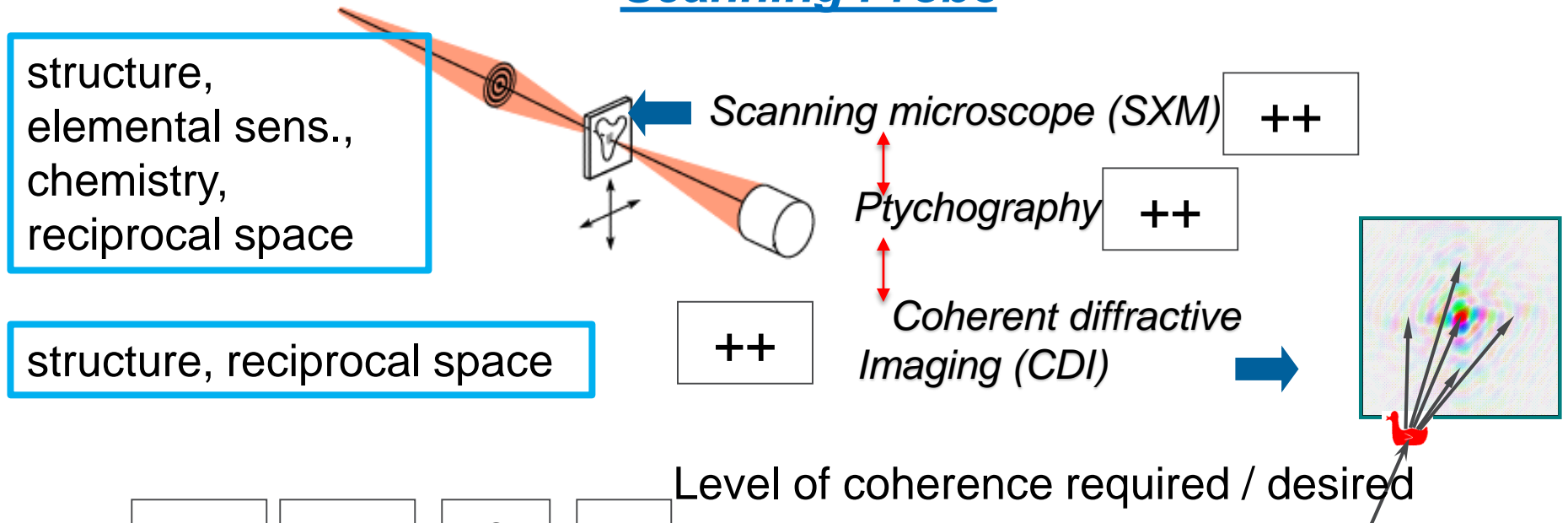
Cy: cytoplasm
V: vesicle
M: nuclear membrane
N: nucleus

DIRECT IMAGING VS SCANNING PROBE IMAGING

Direct Imaging



Scanning Probe



X-RAY SOURCE

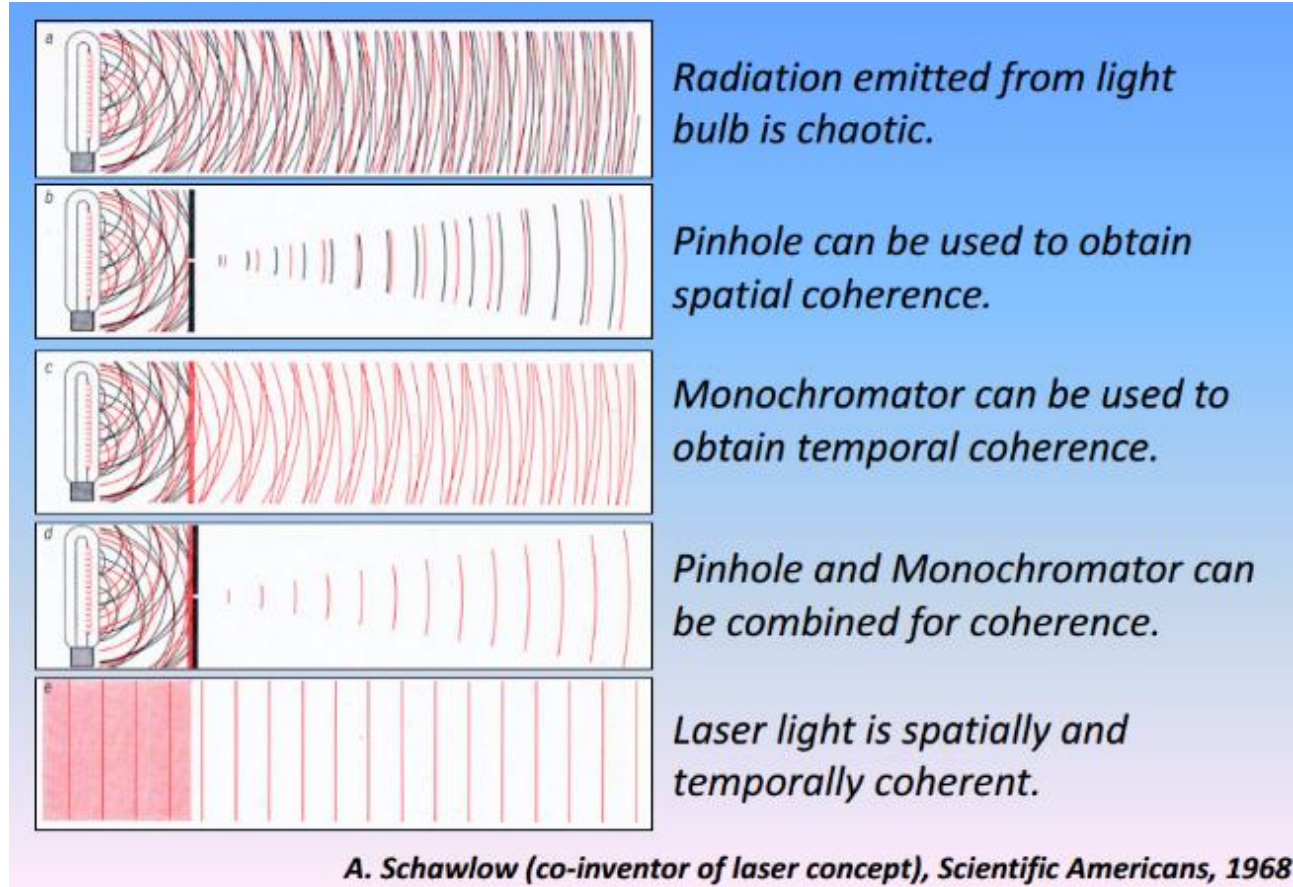
BRIGHTNESS (=BRILLIANCE) VS FLUX / INTENSITY, AND WHAT IS COHERENCE ?

100 W incandescent light bulb

(a lot of total flux / intensity, but goes into 4π steradian



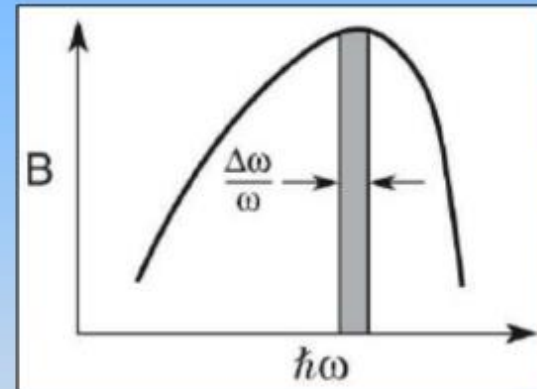
5mW laser pointer
Low total intensity, but
very bright!!!
All light goes forward.



- Coherent source: cannot distinguish the source from a point source
- You can make any source 'coherent' by putting it at infinity, or putting slits in front of it

=> For **microprobes**: need **coherent source** to achieve **diffraction limited spatial resolution**

Brightness



$$B = \frac{\text{Photons in unit spectral range in unit time}}{(\text{source size} \times \text{divergence})^2}$$

Peak

Average

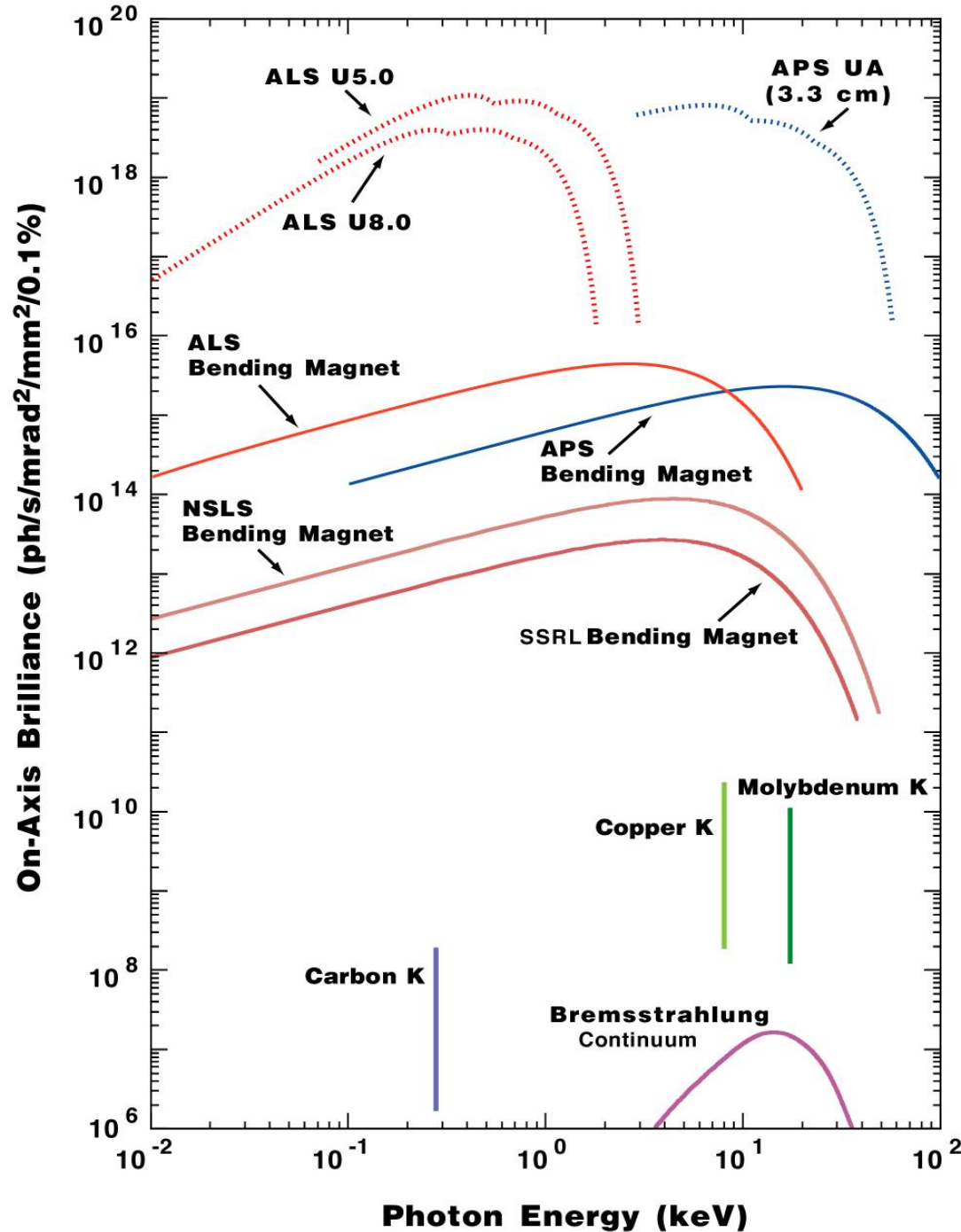
Units: photons/s/mm²/mrad²/0.1%BW

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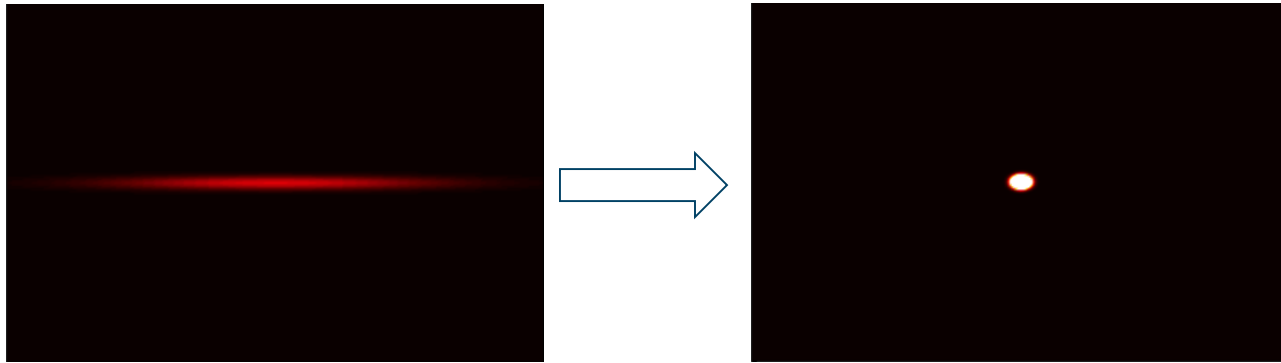
=> For microprobes: brightness of sources determines amount of focussed flux on sample

SR X-RAY SOURCES

- Typically, SR sources are large horizontally ($\sim 1\text{mm}$), small vertically ($\sim .05\text{mm}$)
- source is imaged (demagnified) into the specimen – to achieve diffraction limited spatial resolution, need to use (horizontal) slits to define a small ‘virtual’ source (spatially coherent source)
- High brightness sources optimal for microprobes
- NB: typically, X-rays are polarized in horizontal direction
 - \Rightarrow Scattering in plane at 90 degrees is minimized, optimum position for XRF detector is at 90 degrees to the side of the incident beam



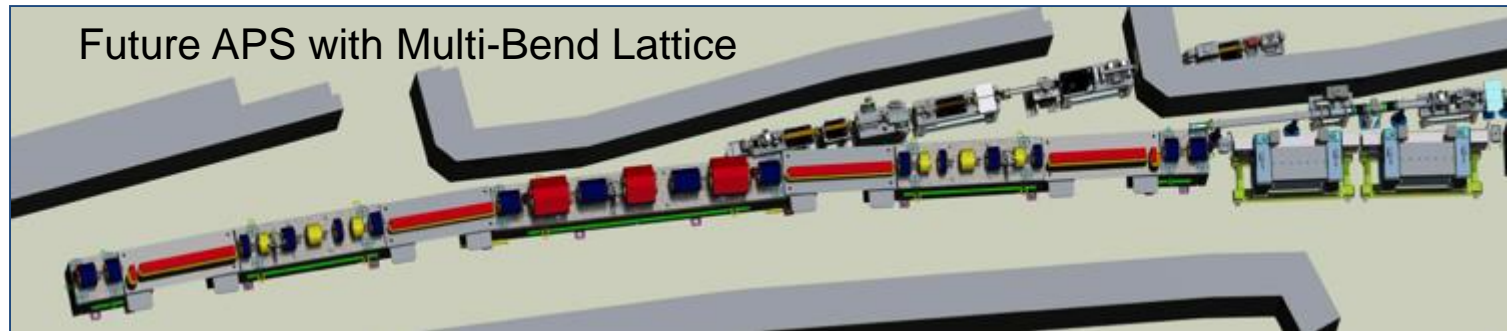
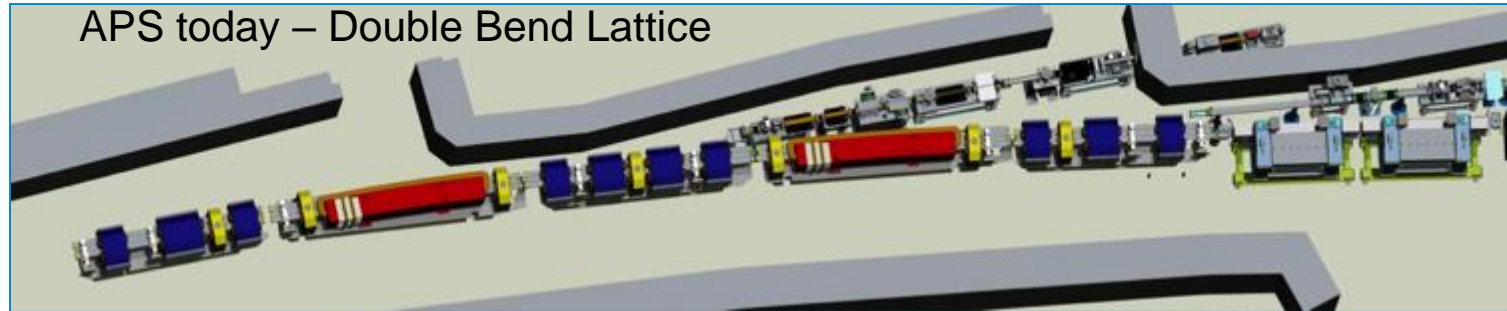
A REVOLUTION FOR SR SOURCES: MULTIBEND ACHROMATS



- Reduce Horizontal emittance to match vertical emittance (ie, round source)
- For example, can focus the full flux of APS into a ~250 nm spot!
- Can speed up u-XRF (and u-XRD) by factors of 100 - 1000x
- (Nearly) any technique can become a microscopic technique

APS Upgrade multi-bend achromat lattice concept

~50x
reduction in
horizontal
emittance

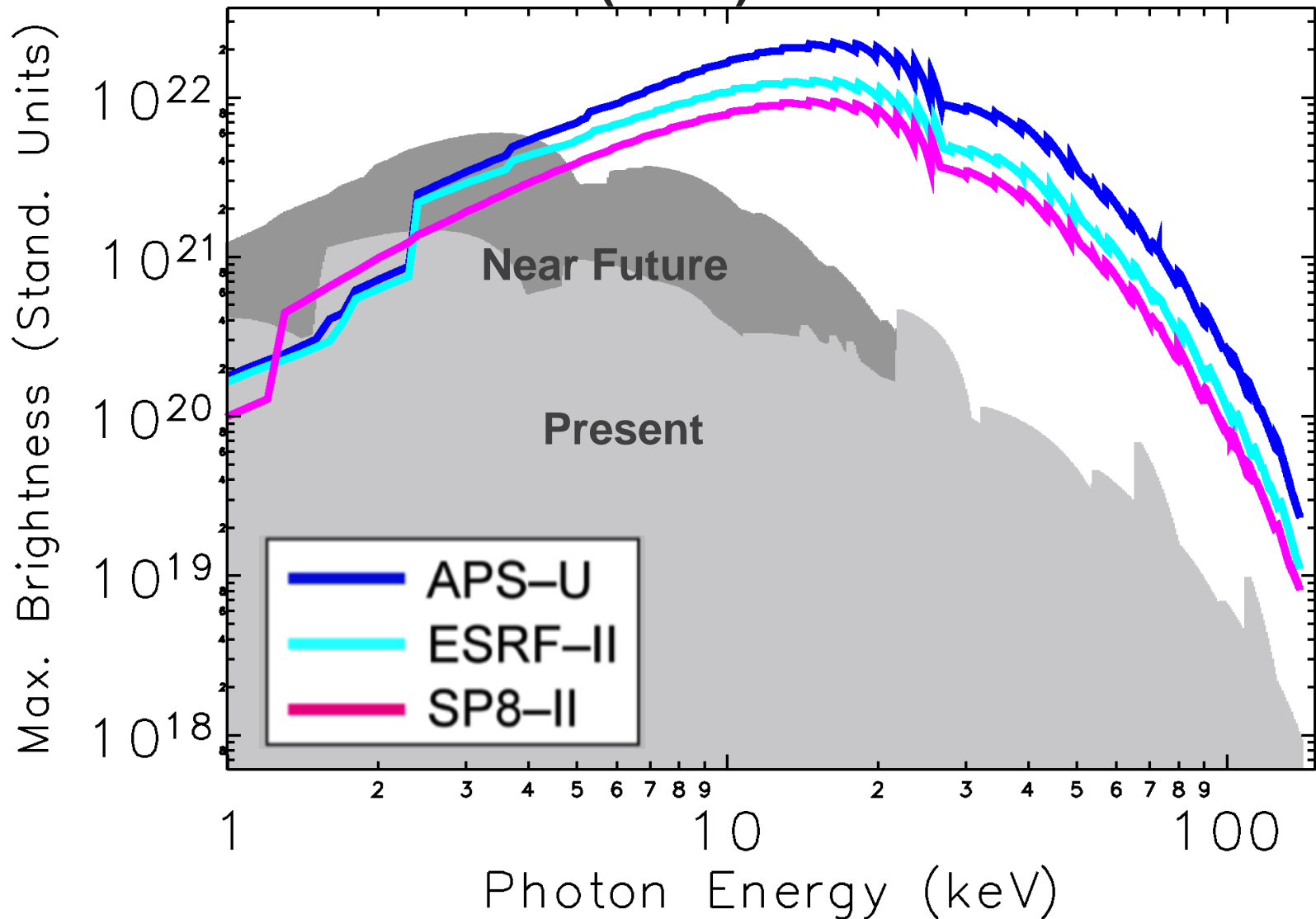


$$\varepsilon_x = C_L \frac{E^2}{N_D^3}$$

N_d = Number of dipoles per sector ($N_d = 7$ for APS MBA)
 E = Beam energy ($E = 6$ GeV for APS MBA)

- increase current by 2x, also use optimized insertion devices
- work continues to further increase gains

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS: MULTIBEND ACHROMATS (MBA)



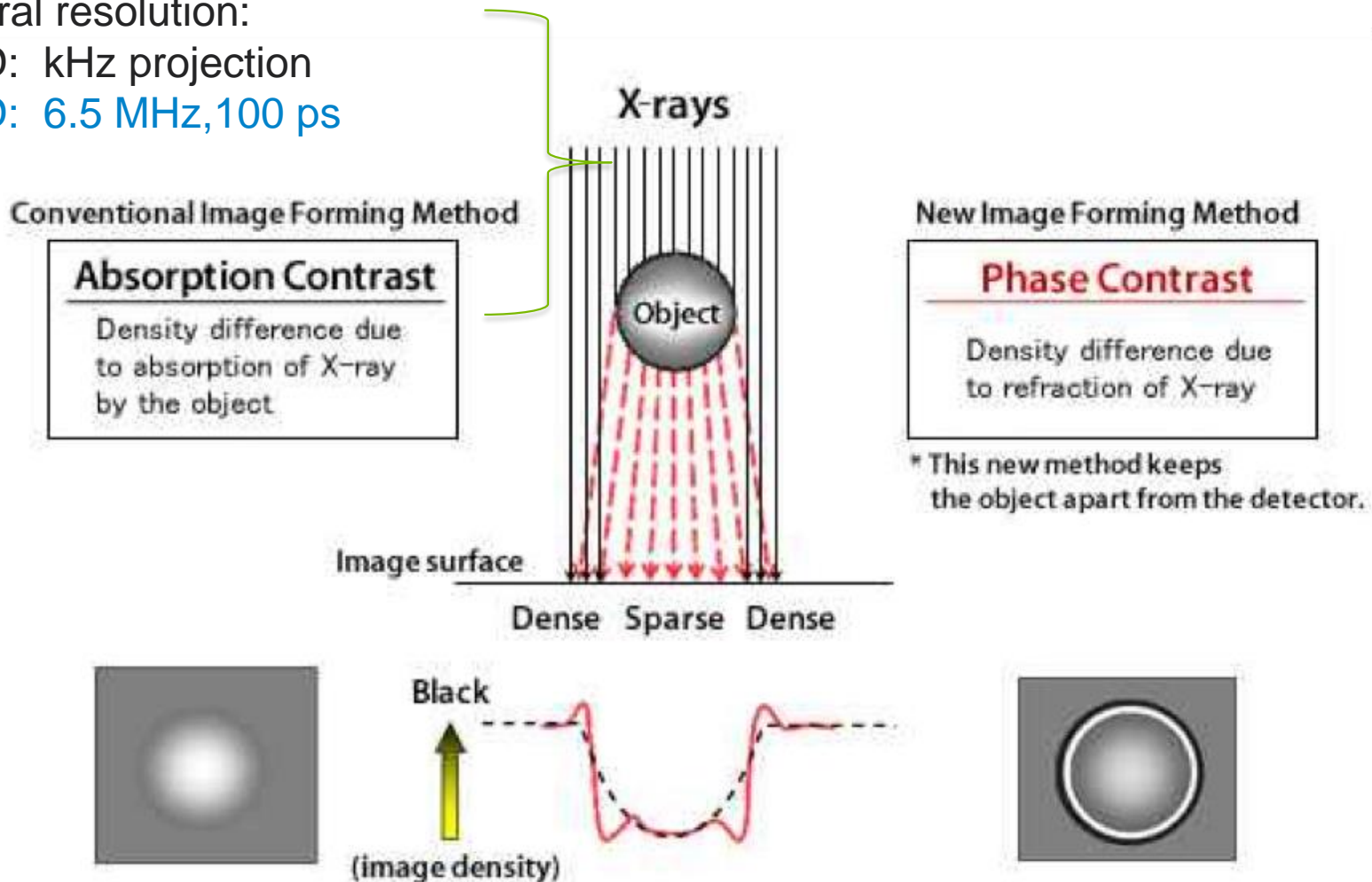
Curves for APS, ESRF and SP8 upgrades based on present designs, assuming identical undulators

FULL FIELD IMAGING

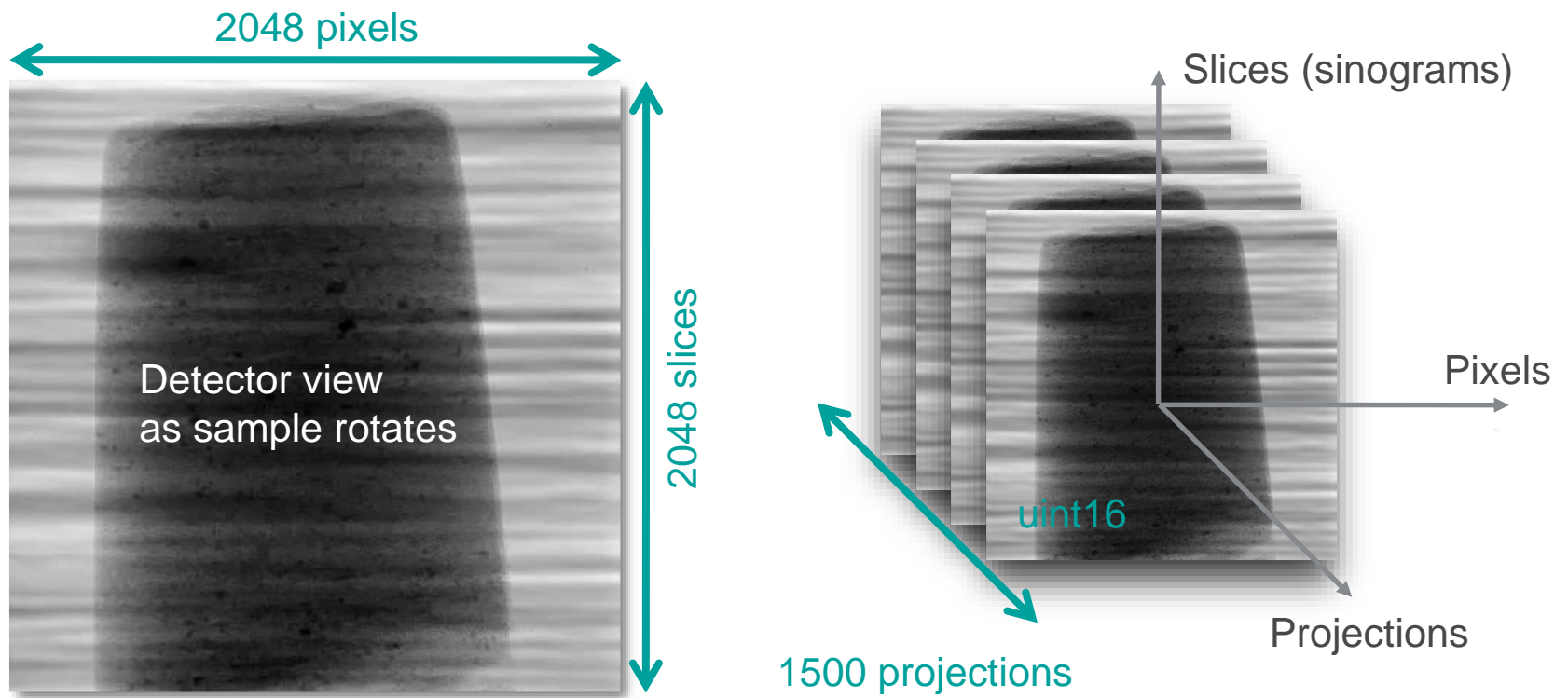
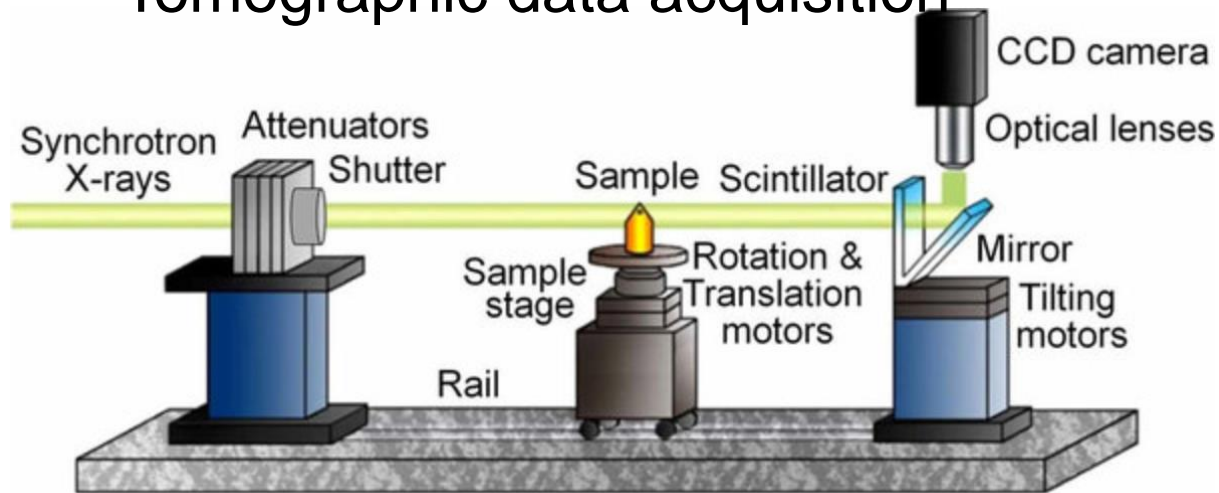
2D/3D/4D Imaging with the APS

Parallel Beam Imaging (PBI)

- Phase and absorption
- Spatial resolution: 1 μm
- Temporal resolution:
 - 3D: kHz projection
 - 2D: 6.5 MHz, 100 ps

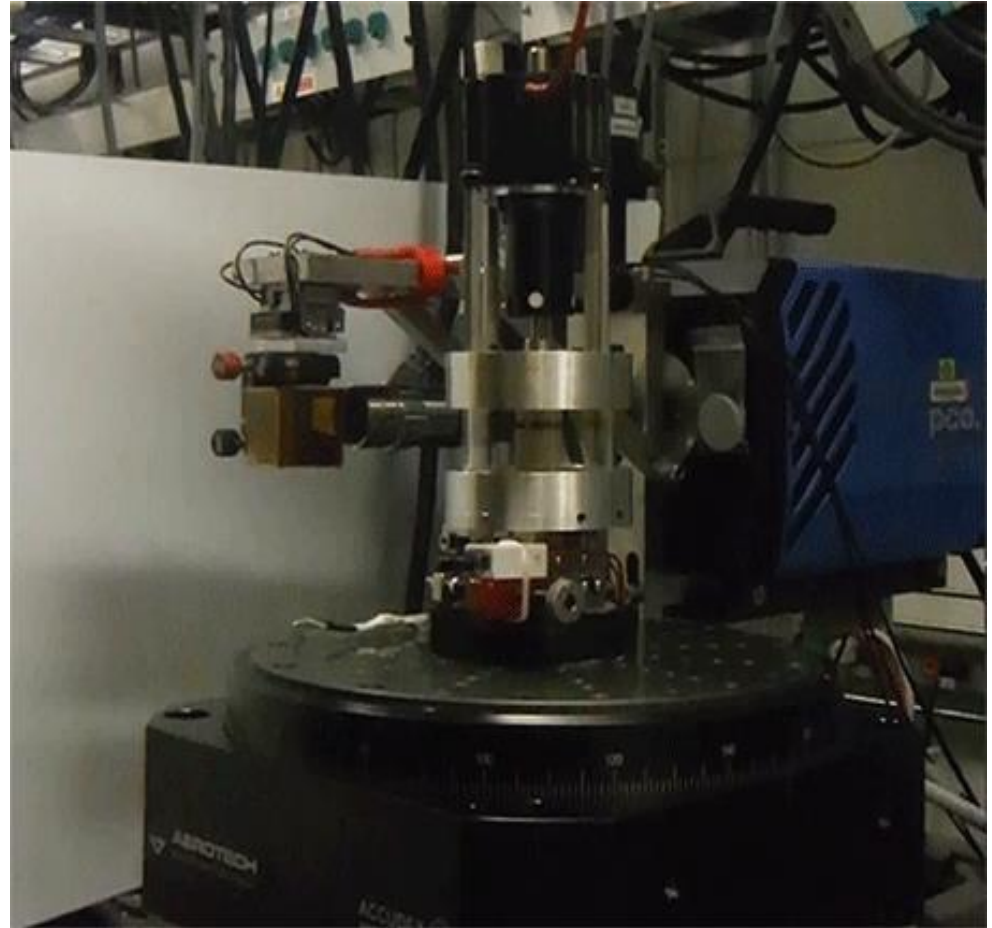
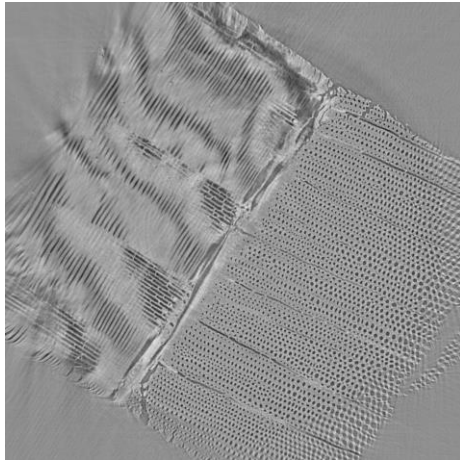
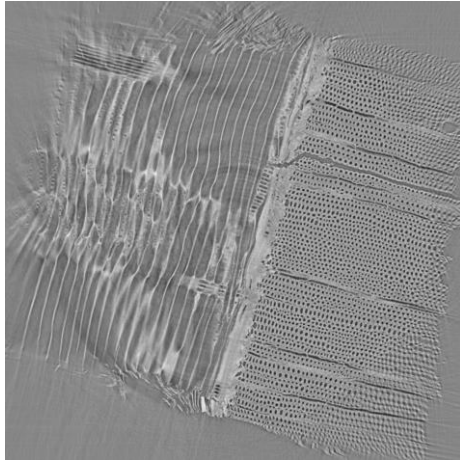


Tomographic data acquisition



DYNAMIC IMAGING

3D imaging of dynamic systems



Wood adhesive bondline swelling and shrinking
J. Jakes, USDA Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory,
Madison, WI

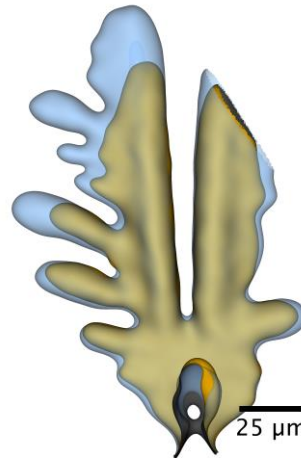
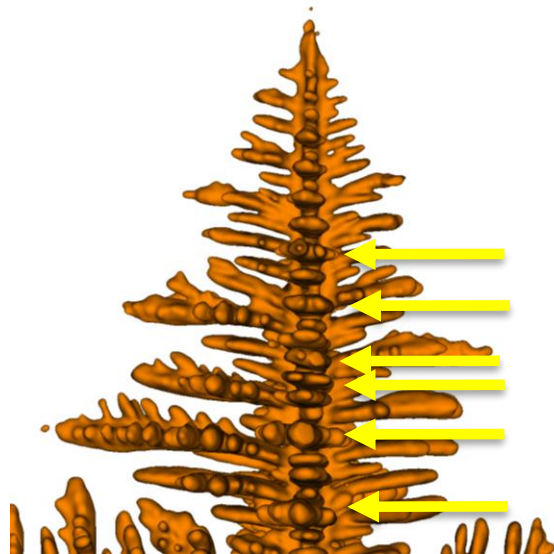
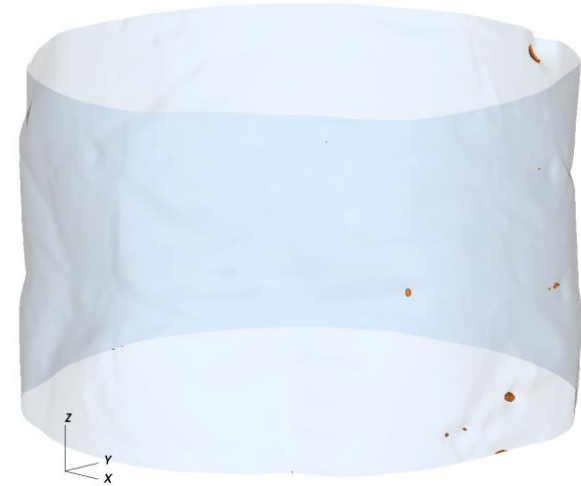
Xianghui Xiao, APS Imaging Group

DYNAMIC IMAGING

3D imaging of dynamic systems

- Parallel Beam Projection
 - Phase and absorption
 - Spatial resolution: $1\ \mu\text{m}$
 - Temporal resolution:
 - 3D: 1000 projection/s

Growth of Al-rich dendrite in Al-Cu alloy
Cooling rate 1K/min from 550 K
3D tomographic dataset in 1.6 s



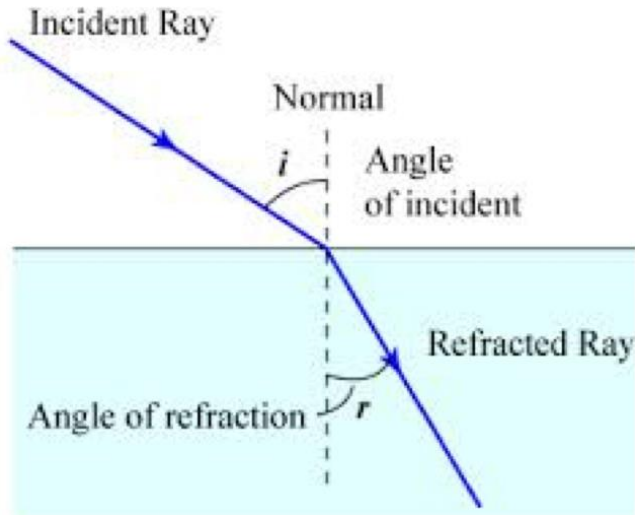
3.6 s

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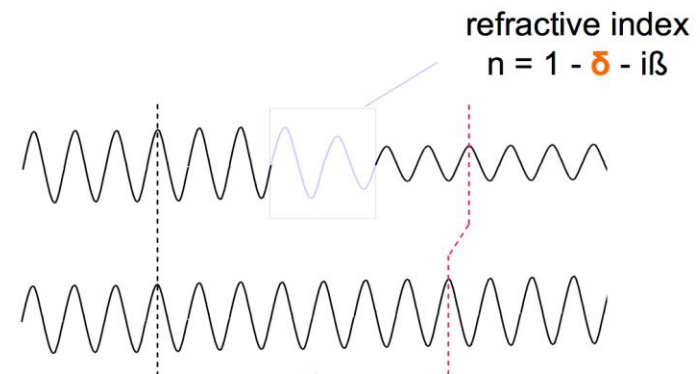
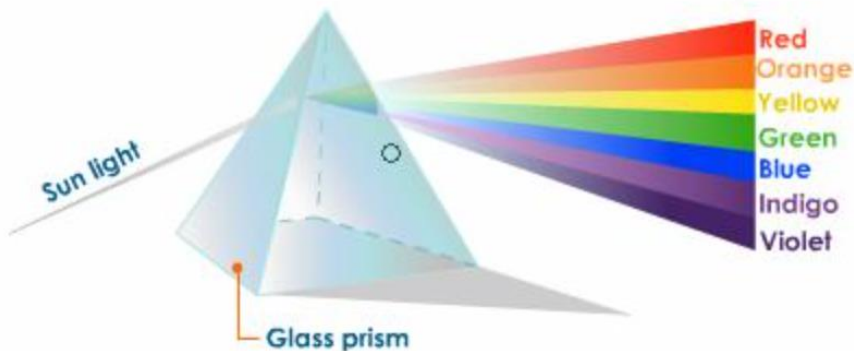
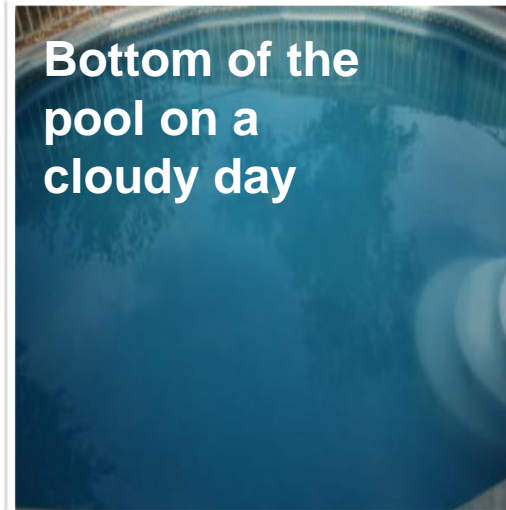
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Phase contrast imaging

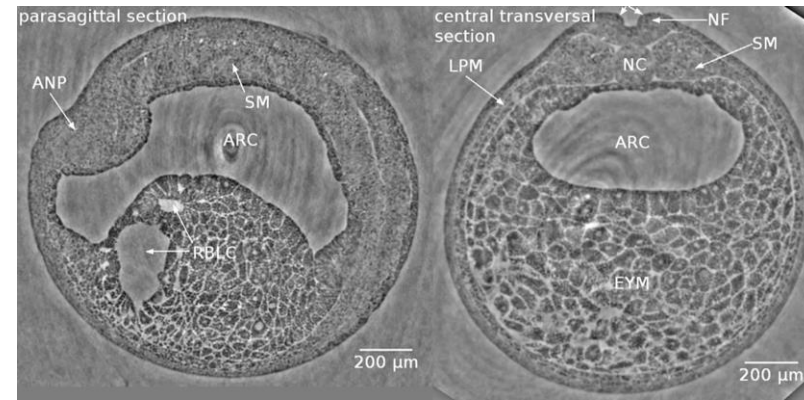
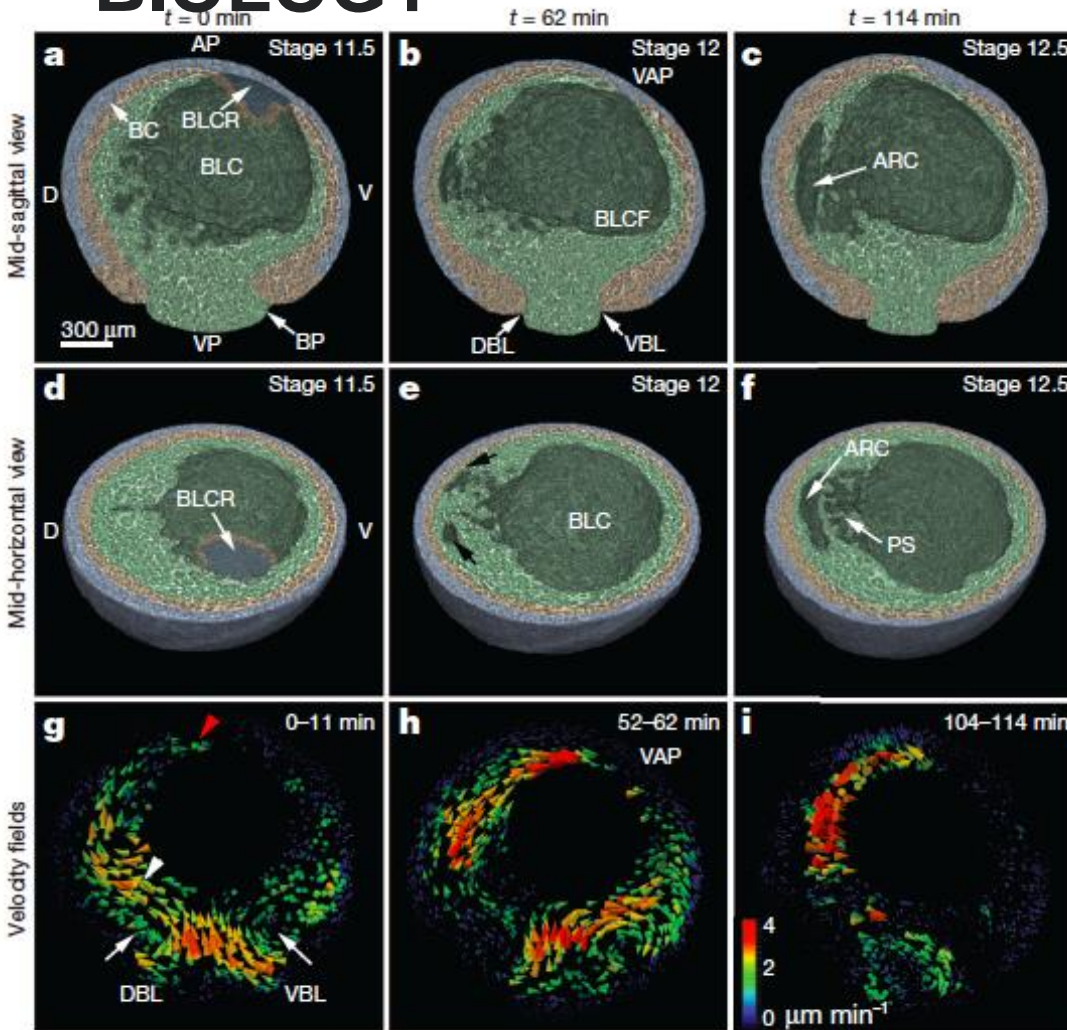
Refraction of waves:



partially coherent illumination (or dedicated optics)

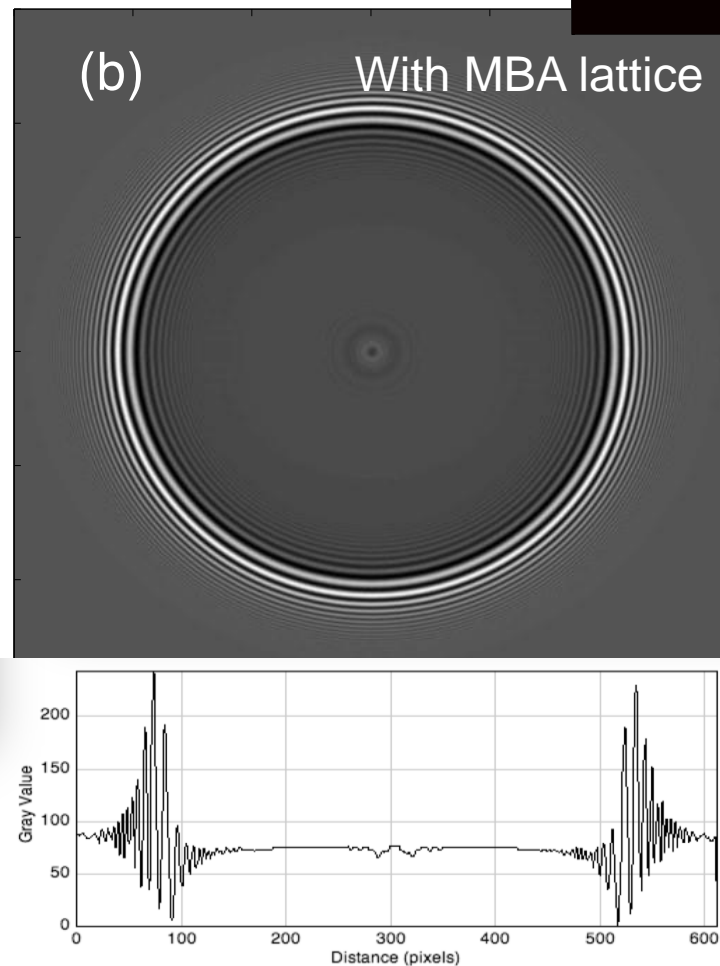
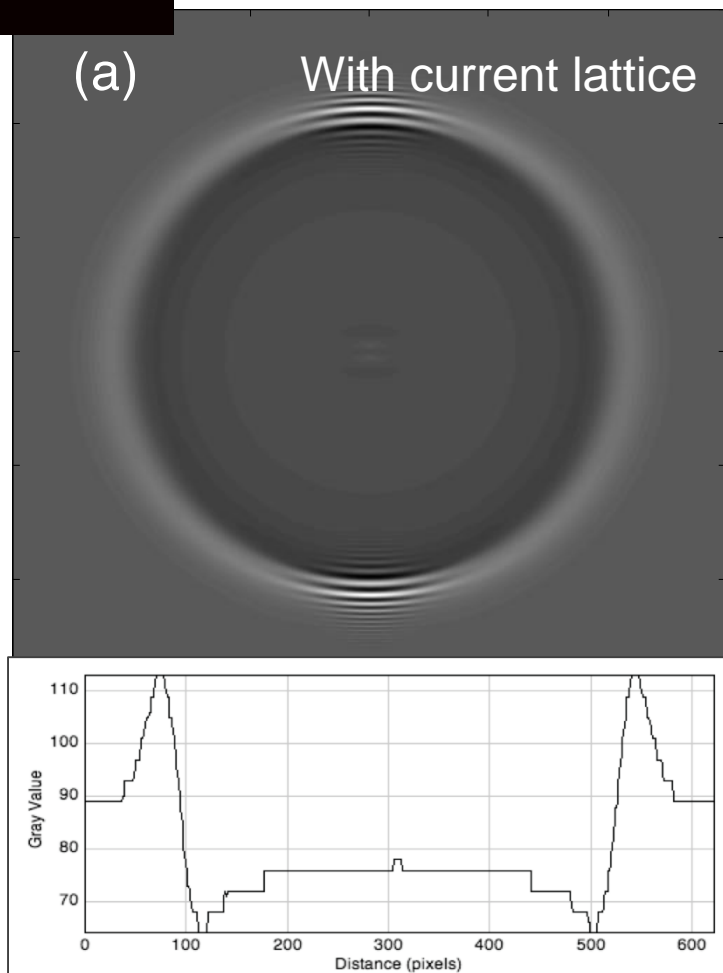


IN VIVO X-RAY PHASE-CONTRAST MICROTOMOGRAPHY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY



- During gastrulation: series of dramatic, coordinated cell movements drive reorganization of a simple ball or sheet of cells into a complex multi-layered organism.
- Use time resolved x-ray tomography to follow structural reorganization during embryonic development

PARALLEL BEAM PROJECTION IMAGING WITH APS-U



Simulated images of a water drop (0.4 mm diameter) with an air bubble inside (2 μm diameter) at 15 keV. (a) With current APS lattice, (b) with future MBA lattice.

Round source => Significantly improved contrast in the horizontal direction

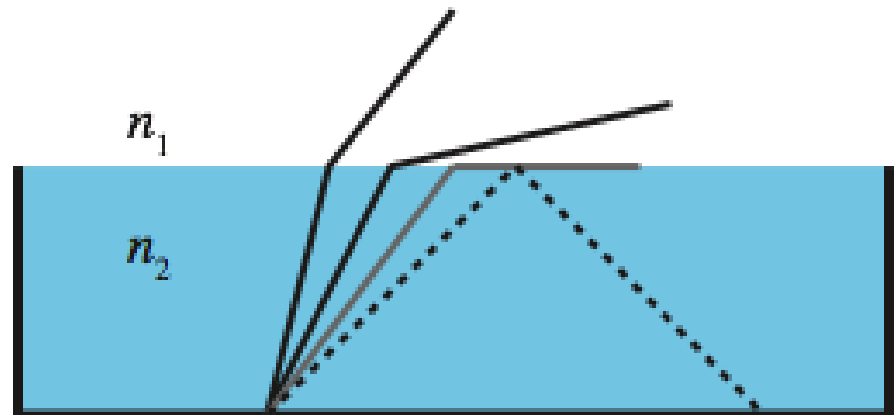
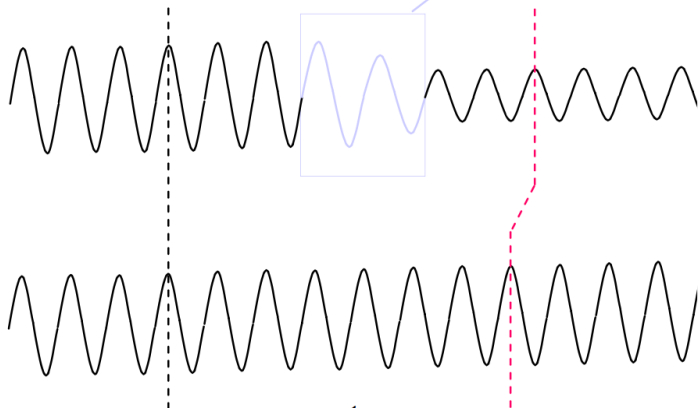
HOW TO FOCUS X-RAYS ?

INDEX OF REFRACTION FOR X-RAYS

- Because $n < 1$ (!) in media, total internal reflection in the visible is total *external* reflection for X rays.
- Because $(1-n)$ is small, grazing reflection angles only.



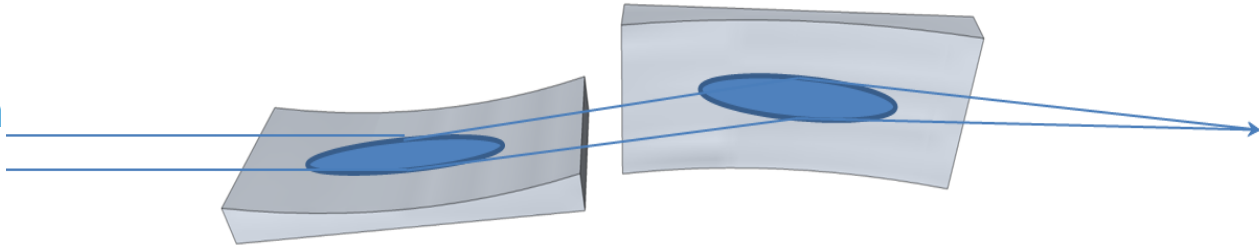
refractive index
 $n = 1 - \delta - i\beta$



FOCUSING FOR SYNCHROTRON X-RAY MICROSCOPY

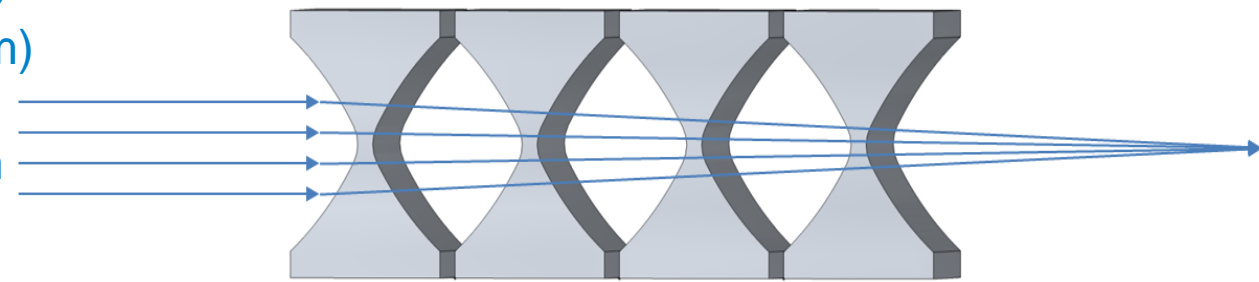
▪ Reflective optics

- Efficiency ~90%
- Achromatic focus
- Spots down to ~100nm (limited by figure error)
- Used for 5-20keV



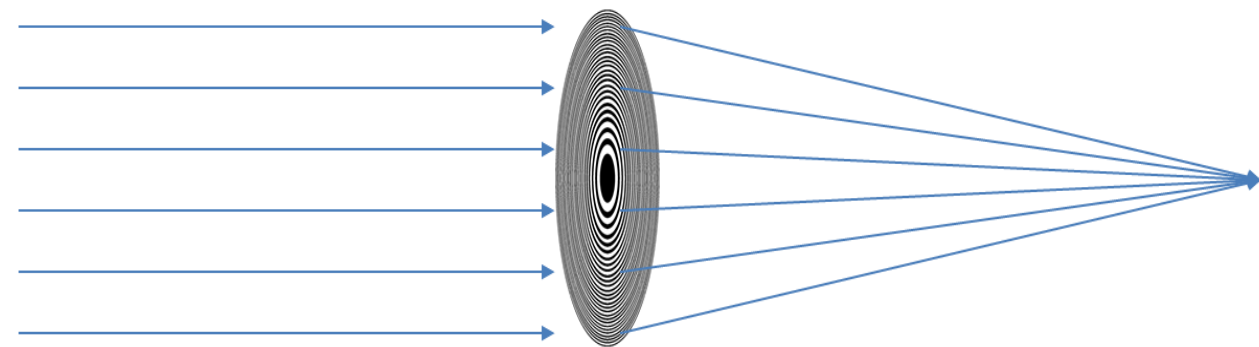
▪ Refractive optics

- Large working distance for microfocus (0.5-10m)
- Mechanically robust
- Spots down to ~100nm (limited by NA, absorption)
- Used for 5-200keV



▪ Diffractive optics

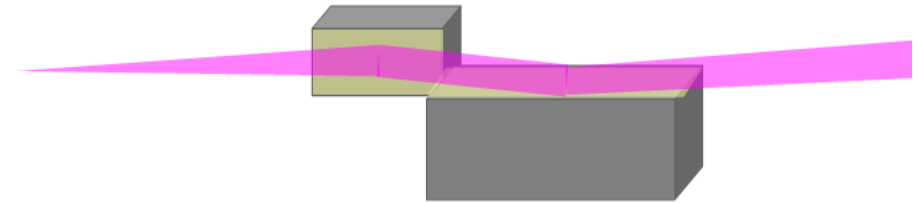
- Spots down to ~20nm limited by outer zone width ($\sim 1.22dr$)
- Compact optic
- Efficiency ~2-30%
- Chromatic focus
- Used for 0.2-30keV



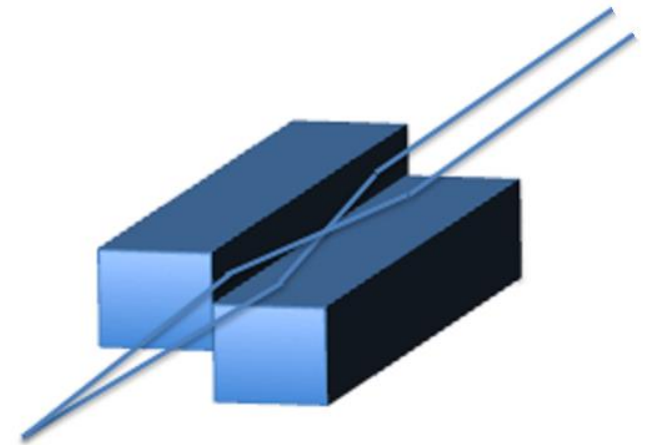
REFLECTIVE X-RAY OPTICS

➤ Mirror optics are inherently achromatic, ie, focus position is independent of incident energy

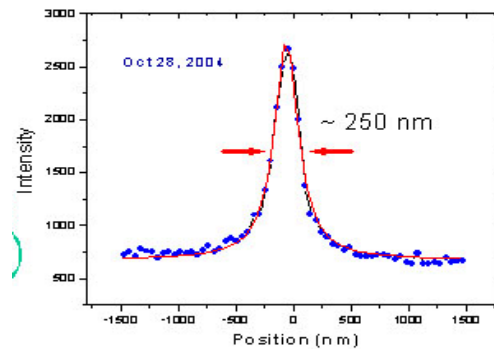
➤ High efficiency: gain of $\sim 10^5$ with high refl
Many efforts have been made in recent years to use achromatic K-B mirrors for hard x-ray sub-100 nm focusing.



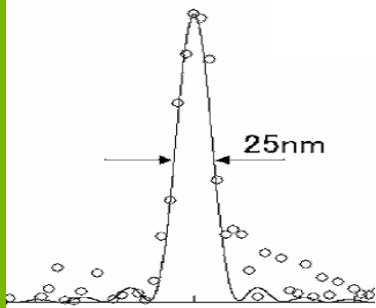
Traditional sequential K-B arrangement
(Kirkpatrick and Baez 1948)



Nested K-B (Montel) arrangement
(Marc Montel 1957)



white beam at 34-ID,
APS



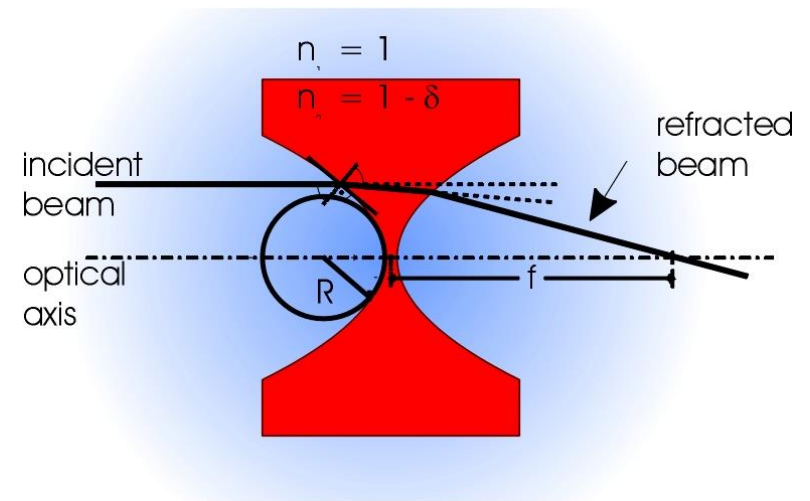
diffraction-limited, 1-km
beamline, Spring-8
(2009)

What is Montel (or nested K-B) mirror optics?

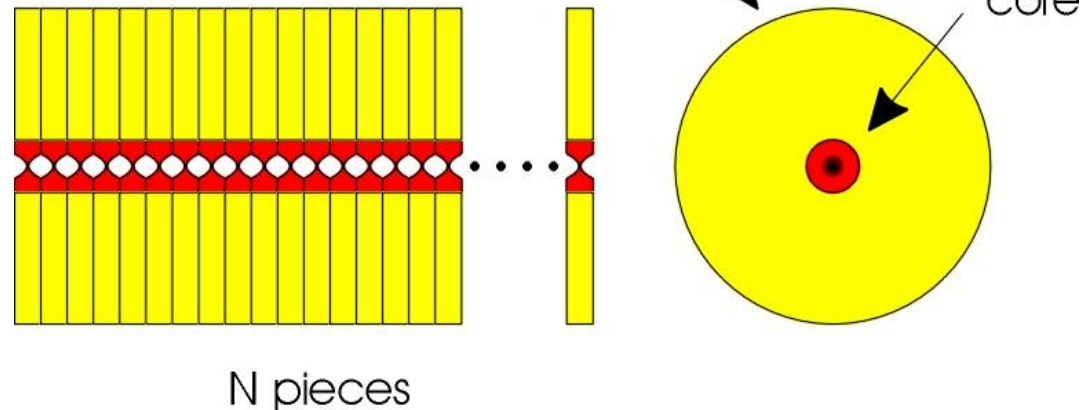
Two mirrors, mounted side-by-side and perpendicular to each other. Some rays strike one mirror first while others strike the other mirror first.

COMPOUND REFRACTIVE LENSES

- Röntgen tried to make lenses, but found no focusing.
- Focal length of one lens is long – so combine many lenses! Tomie; Snigirev *et al.*, *Nature* **384**, 49 (1996); Lengeler *et al.*, *J. Synch. Rad.* **9**, 119 (2002).
- Resolution approaching 100 nm at 5-10 keV with parabolic beryllium lenses



Compound refractive lenses at Universität Aachen



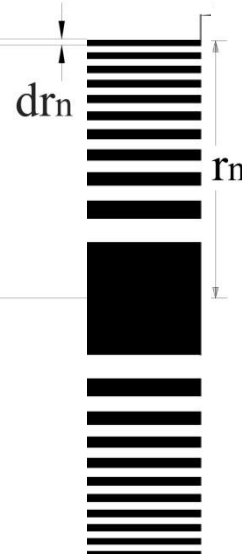
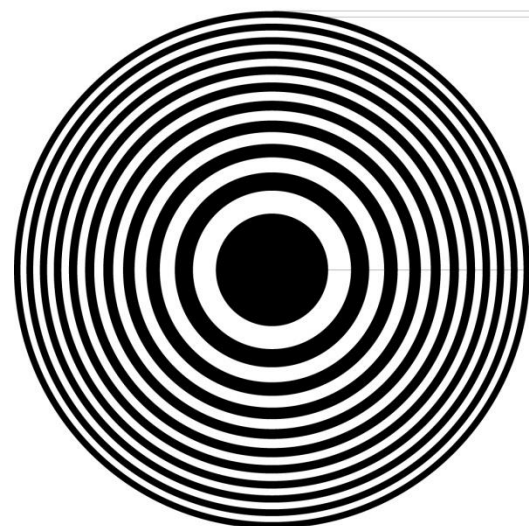
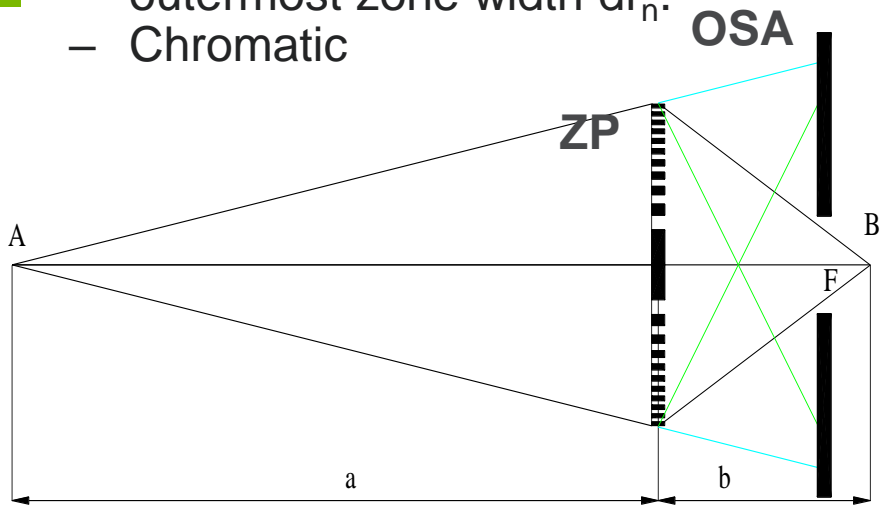
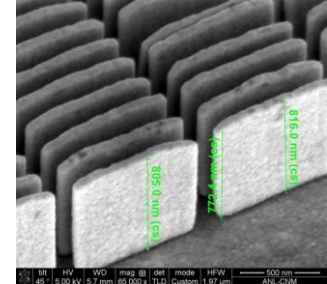
STANDARD DIFFRACTIVE OPTICS: FRESNEL ZONE PLATES

- Circular diffraction grating
 - Radially increasing line density
 - Numerical aperture related to outermost zone width dr_n .
 - Chromatic

Typical Parameters, $E = 10$ keV:

$dr_n = 100$ nm, $r_n = 160$ μ m
 $t = 1.6$ μ m, (Aspect ratio 16)

Resolution $\delta_m = 1.22 dr_n/m$



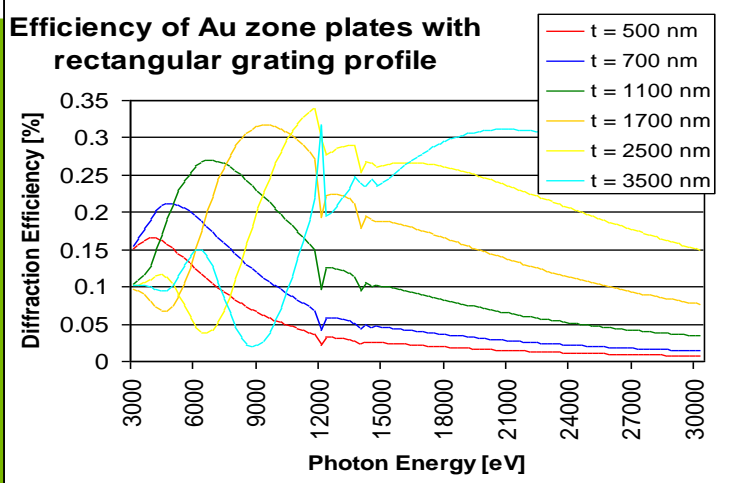
Top view

Side view

Outermost zone width determines spatial resolution, thickness determines efficiency (at a given energy)

$$NA = \frac{r_n}{f} = \frac{\lambda}{2dr_n}$$

$$\delta_R = 1.22 \lambda/NA = 1.22 \cdot dr_n$$



DOES IT WORK - FRESNEL ZONE PLATE IMAGES

- R. W. Wood (1898): zone plate figure drawn with a pen and a compass!
Photographically reduced

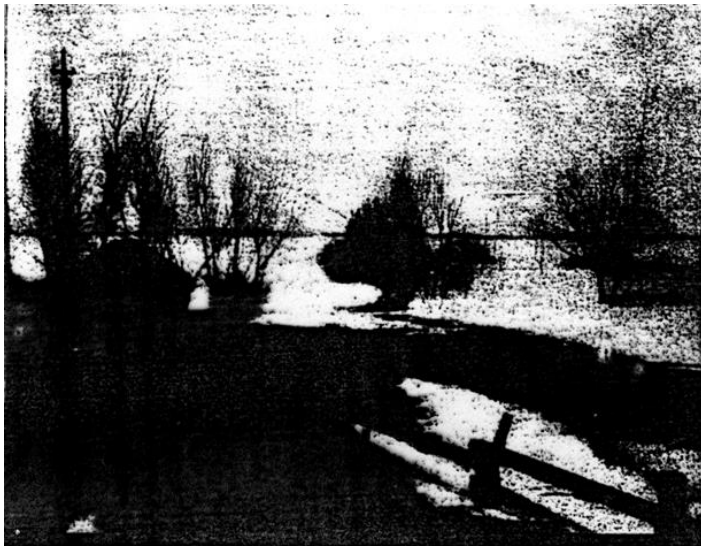
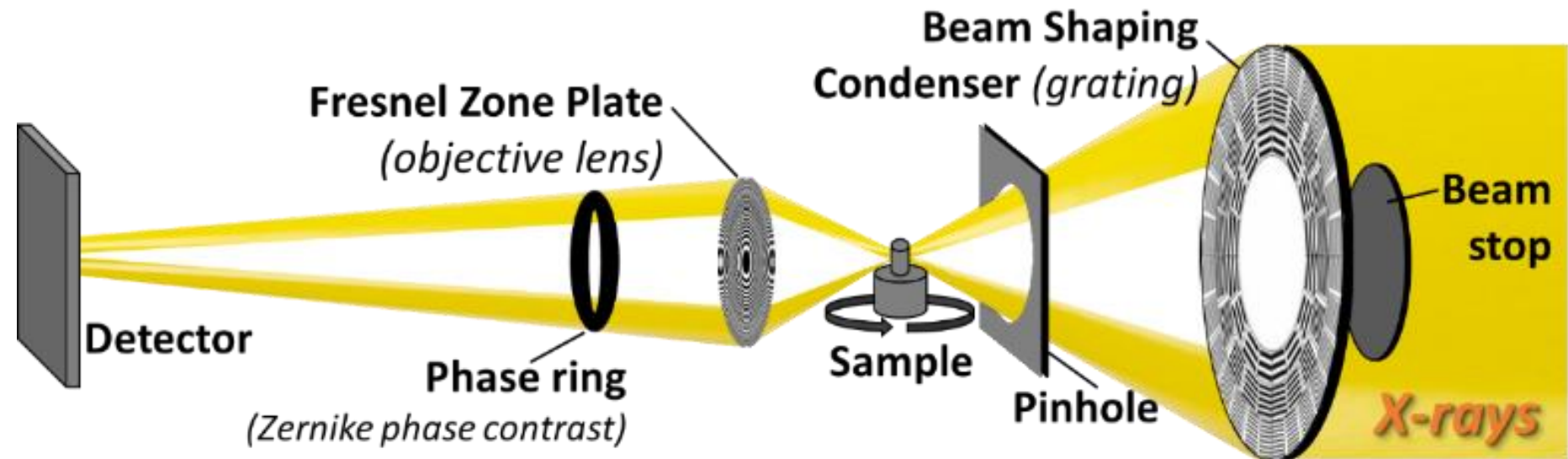


PLATE 2. ZONE-PLATE, FROM A DRAWING.

FULL FIELD NANO IMAGING

3D imaging at 20 nm

- Transmission X-ray Microscope (TXM)
- Resolution: typically 60 nm (30 nm voxels) down to 20 nm
- Energy range: 6 to 12 keV, $\Delta E/E = 10^{-4}$
- Multi-scale approach with an integrated μ -CT module
- In situ: compatible in a wide range of samples environments
(T = ambient to 1500 °C, P up to 100 GPa), chemical bath, etc.

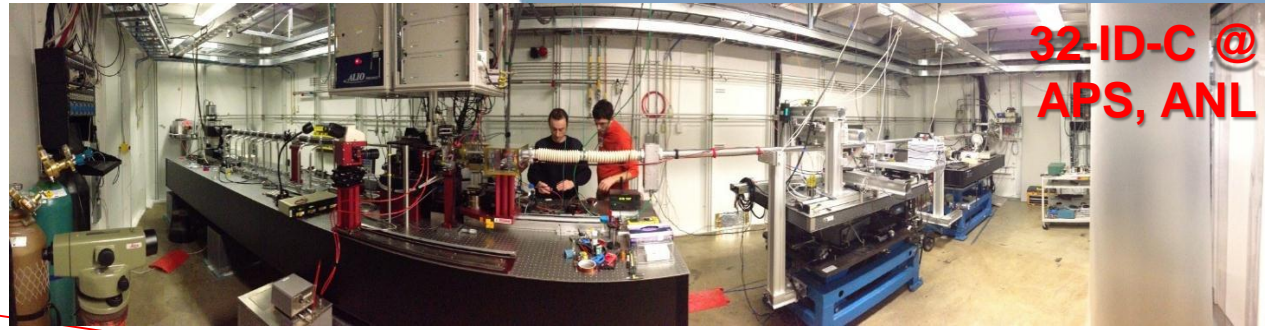


NANO IMAGING

3D imaging at 20 nm

Energy Science

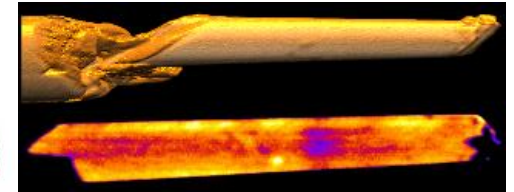
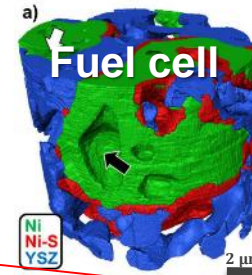
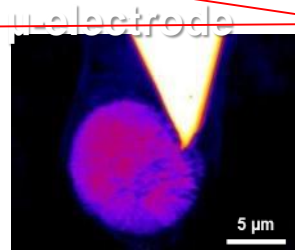
- Fuel cell
- Battery
- UMo nuclear fuel



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APS, ANL

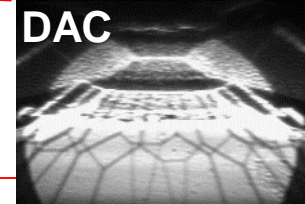
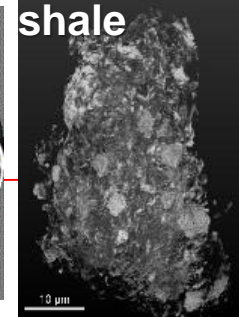
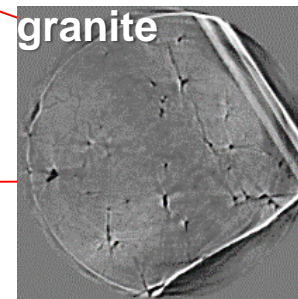
Earth and Environmental

- Melt formation
- Rock fracking
- High pressure experiments with DAC
- CO₂ storage
- Pollution / remediation



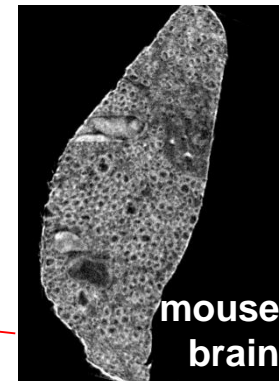
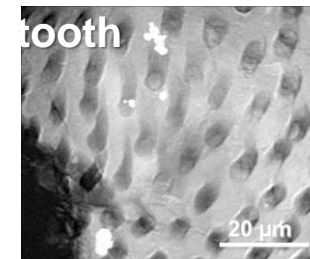
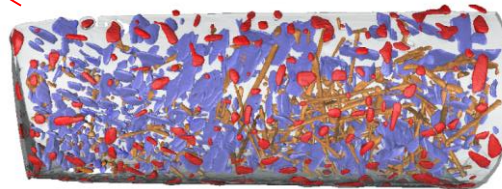
Material Science

- Metallurgy
- Photonics
- Electronic industry
- Supraconductors



Biology

- Biomaterials
- Wood preservation
- Biology (neurosciences)

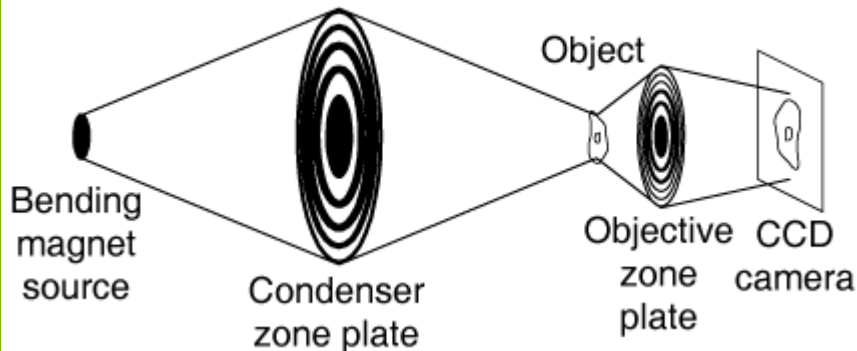


X-RAY MICROSCOPES

Transmission X-ray Microscope

- Full field
- Incoherent illumination; works well with a bending magnet (or lab source), with fast imaging
- More pixels (e.g., 2048^2)
- Moderate spectral resolution in most cases

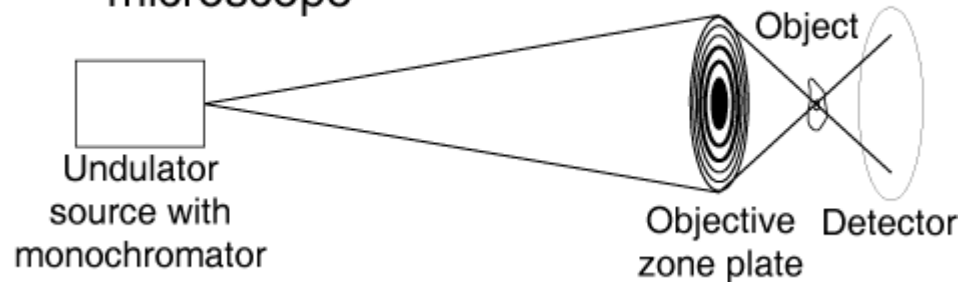
TXM: transmission x-ray microscope



Scanning X-ray Microscope

- Coherent illumination; works best with an undulator
- Less dose to sample ($\sim 10\%$ efficient ZP)
- Well suited for spectroscopy
- Microprobes: fluorescence etc.

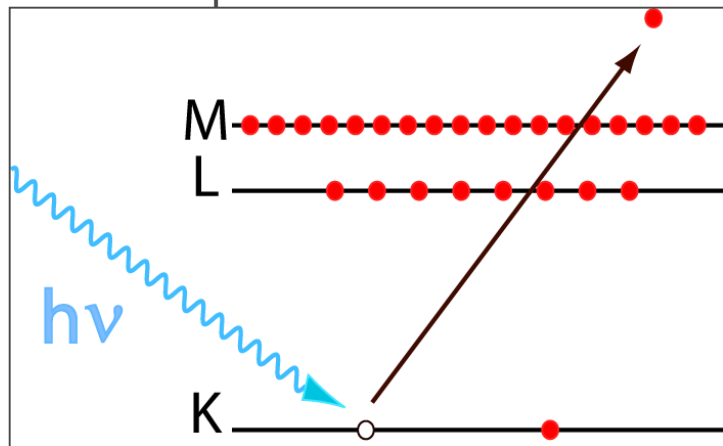
STXM: scanning transmission x-ray microscope



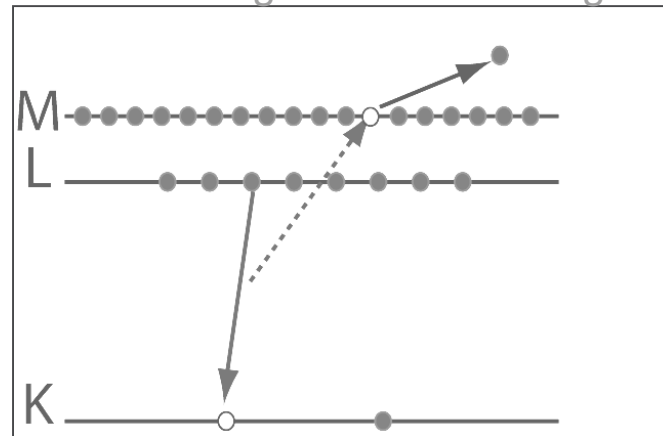
**MICROPROBES:
ADDING TRACE ELEMENTAL SENSITIVITY WITH
X-RAY FLUORESCENCE**

X-RAY INDUCED X-RAY FLUORESCENCE – A BRIEF REMINDER

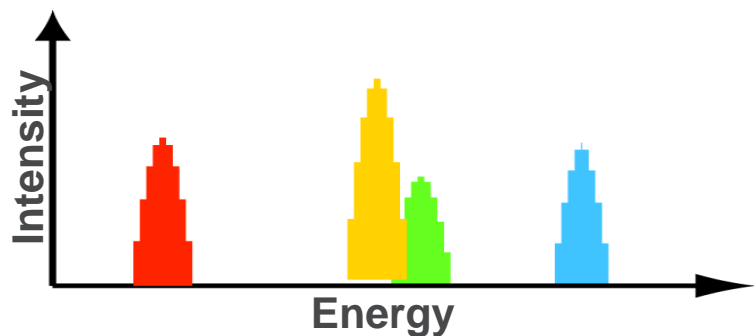
photo-electric absorption of incident hard X-ray
emission of photo-electron



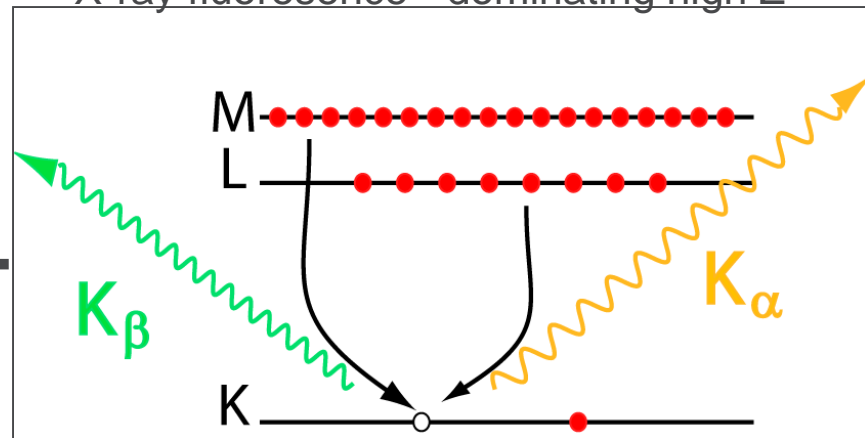
Emission of Auger e^- - dominating low Z



Detect XRF using energy dispersive detector



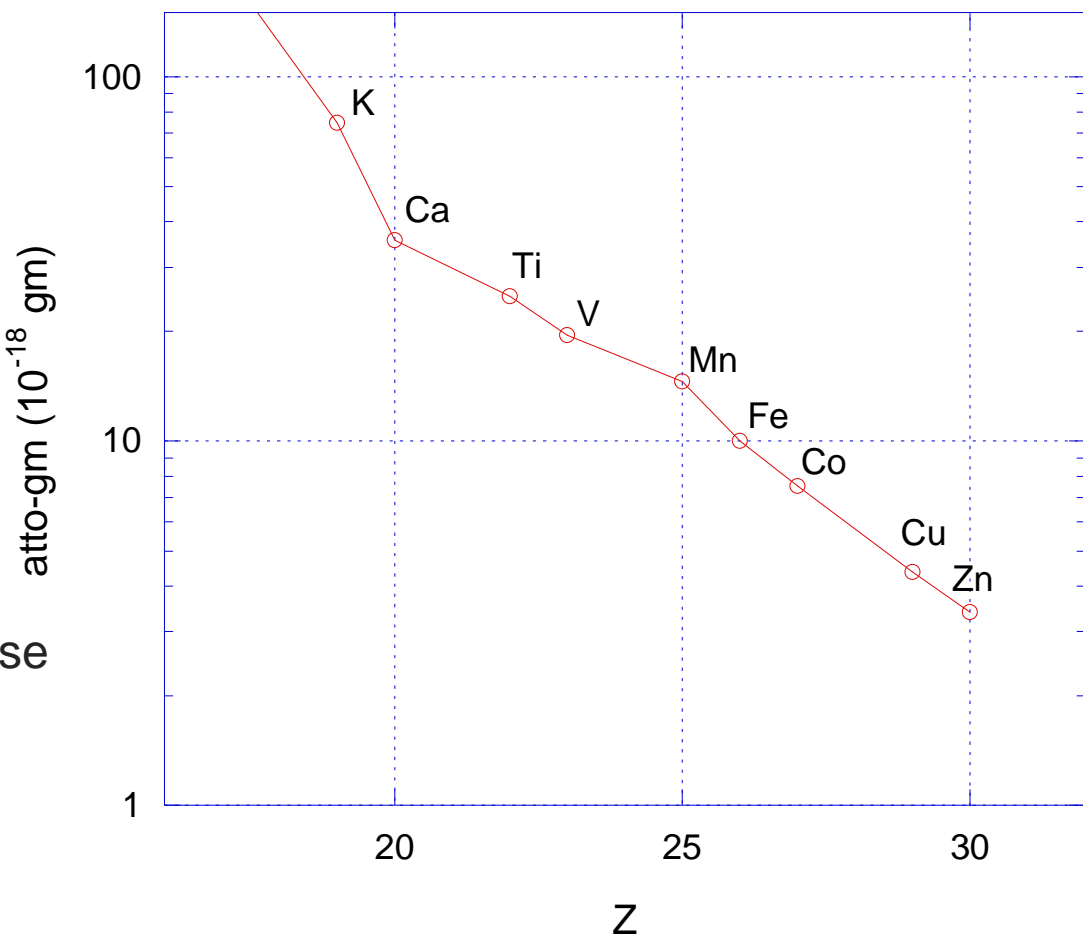
X-ray fluorescence - dominating high Z



- **Energy** of X-ray fluorescence photons is **characteristic** for each element
- XRF is **quantitative**, i.e., number of XRF photons is directly related to quantity of element
- Photo-electric absorption cross-section **straightforward** to calculate (monochromatic incident beam)

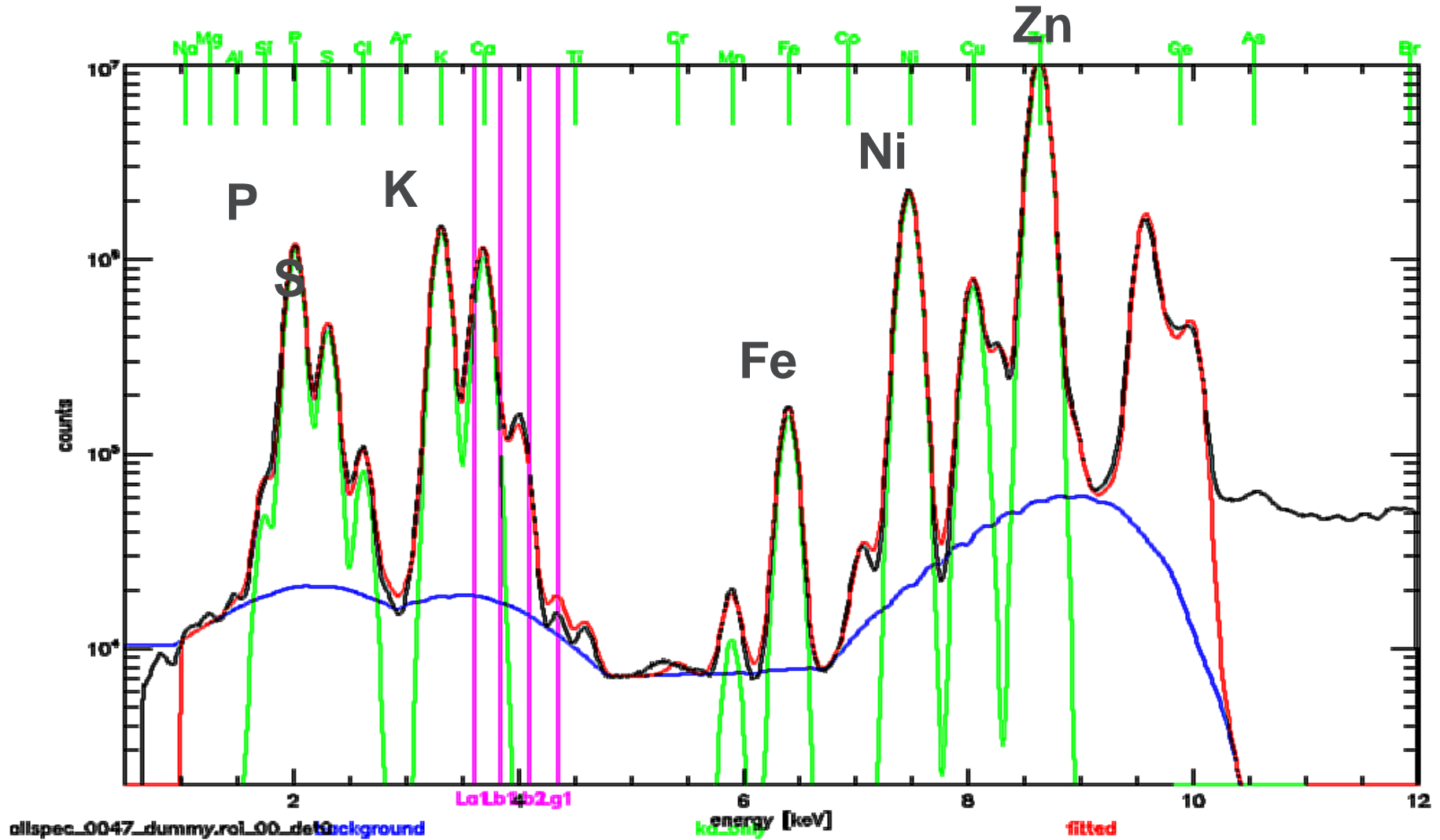
WHY USE X-RAY-INDUCED FLUORESCENCE TO STUDY TRACE METALS?

- Simultaneously map 10+ elements
- No dyes necessary
- High signal/background ratio
 - sub-ppm (part-per-million) sensitivity, increasing with Z
- Large penetration depth ($\sim > 100 \mu\text{m}$)
 - study whole cells, w/o sectioning
 - study ‘thick’ tissue sections
 - possibility to study hydrated “natural” samples using cryo
- monochromatic incident beam: choose at which Z to stop excitation (e.g., excite As but not Pb)
- straightforward quantification
- Microspectroscopy / Spectromicroscopy: Map chemical states by u-XANES
- Little radiation damage *



*Detection Limit for Transition Elements:
for 1 sec. acquisition time, $0.2 \times 0.2 \mu\text{m}^2$
spot, $E=10 \text{ keV}$*

A TYPICAL X-RAY FLUORESCENCE SPECTRUM



Periodic table highlighting X-ray fluorescence



K-line Fluorescence typically used



L-line Fluorescence typically used

Major/minor elements in Biological Systems

,Natural' Trace elements

Toxic / carcinogenic elements

Used in Imaging, Diagnosis, Therapy, ...

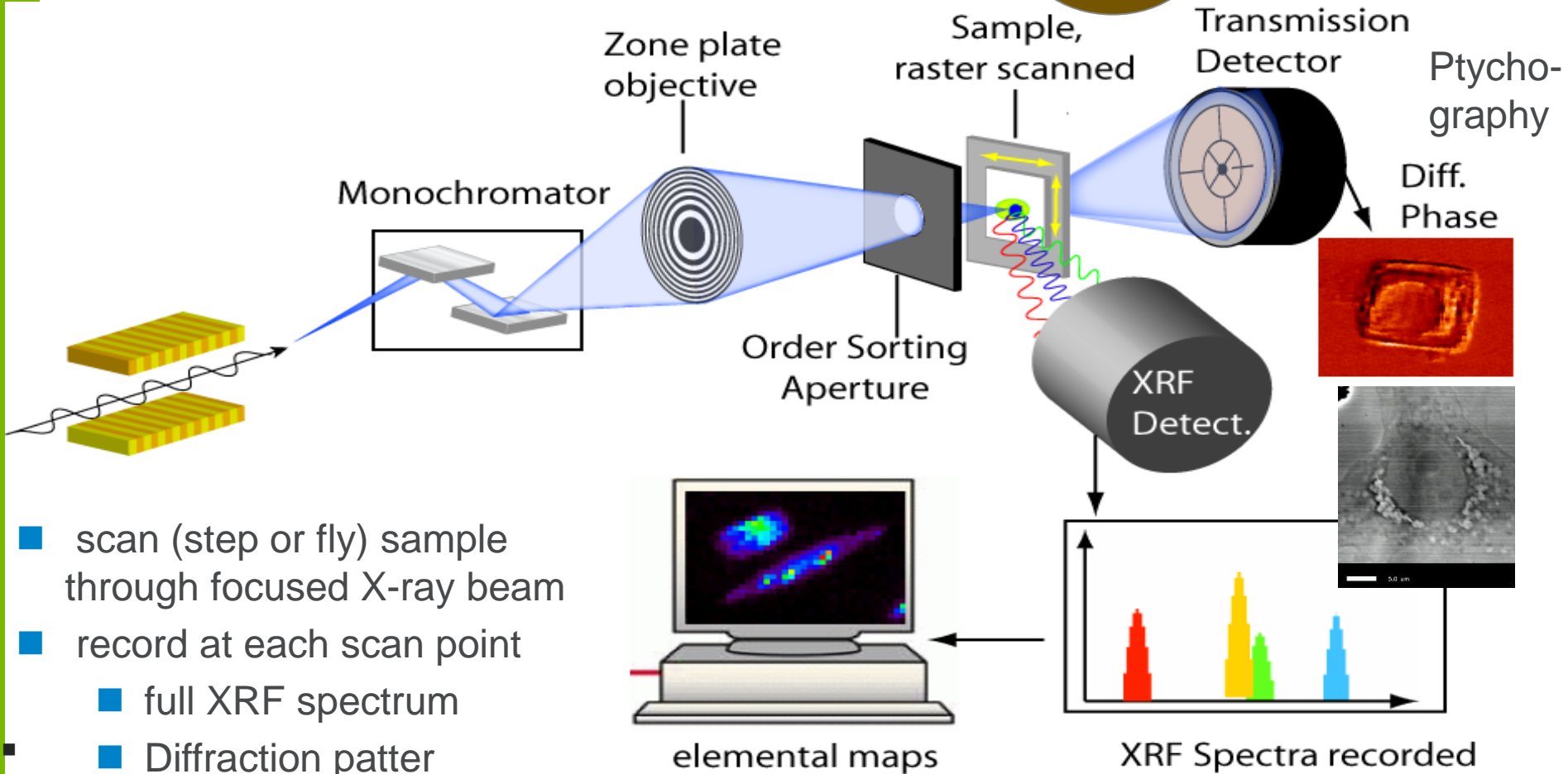
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SCHEMATIC OF A HARD X-RAY MICROPROBE

5 – 30 keV

$\delta = 150\text{-}500\text{ nm}$

$5 * 10^9\text{ ph/s}$



- scan (step or fly) sample through focused X-ray beam
- record at each scan point
 - full XRF spectrum
 - Diffraction pattern
 - Ptychography

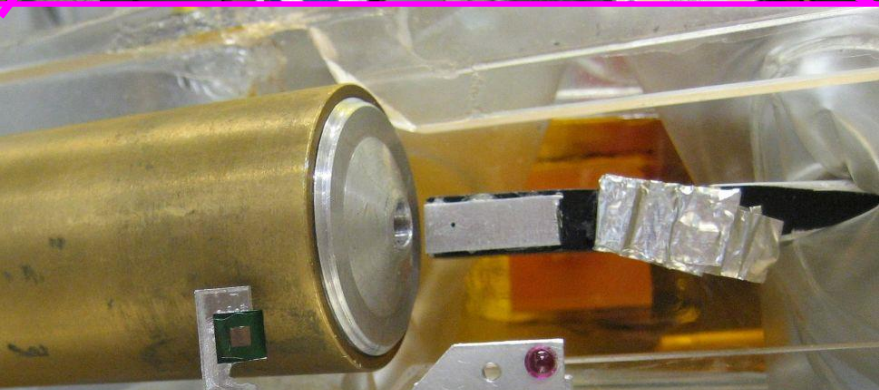
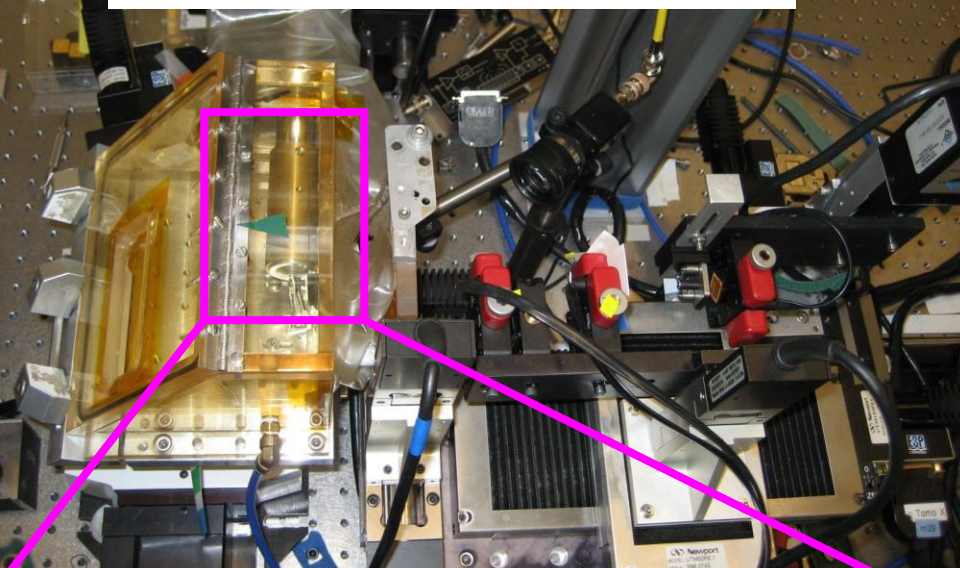
schematic NOT to scale !!

* B. Hornberger *et al*, *J Synchr. Radiat* **15**(Pt 4), 2008

* de Jonge *et al*, *Phys Rev Lett* **100**(16), 2008

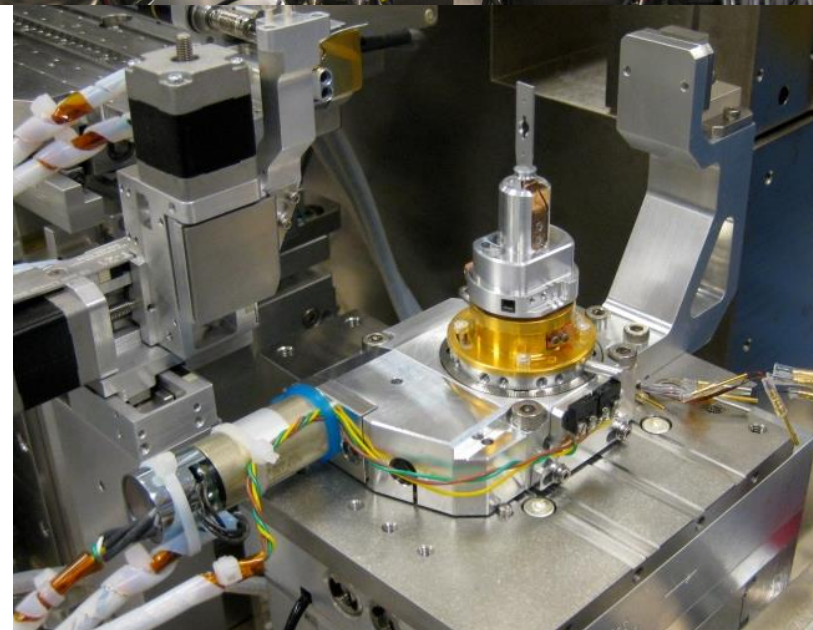
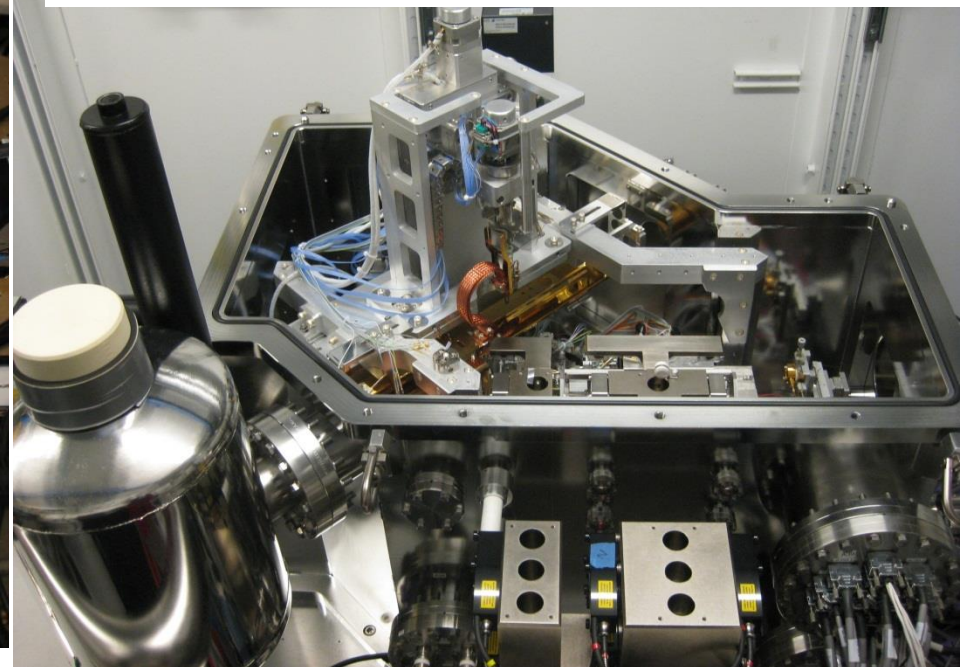
* Holzner *et al*, *Nature Physics* 2011

2-ID-E HARD X-RAY MICROPROBE - WORKHORSE



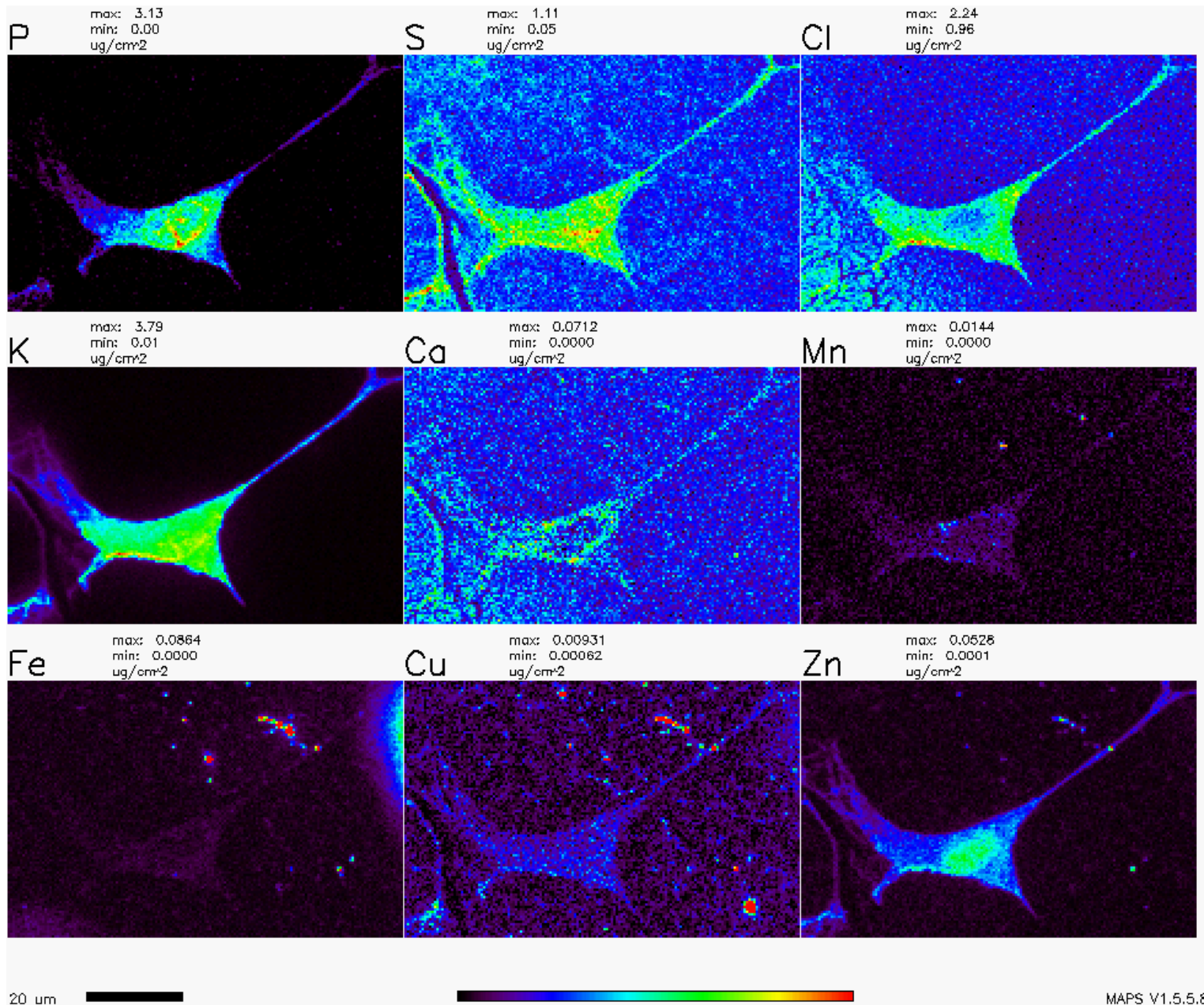
Sample in
sample
chamber,
purge with
He

Bionanoprobe (cryo instrument)



ELEMENTAL CONTENT OF AN HMVEC CELL

Overview Image of a full HMVEC cell (plunge frozen in liquid ethane, freeze dried), 2 hours after initiating angiogenesis. Cu is localised strongly to areas outside of the cell, comparison to other timepoints suggests the Cu is transported out of the cell, and after a few hours back into the cell.



See also: L. Finney et al, PNAS 104(7): 2247-52. (2007)

GREAT TOOL, BUT IS IT THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE JOB ?



**HARRY BELIEVED IN
HAVING THE RIGHT
TOOL FOR THE WRONG
JOB**

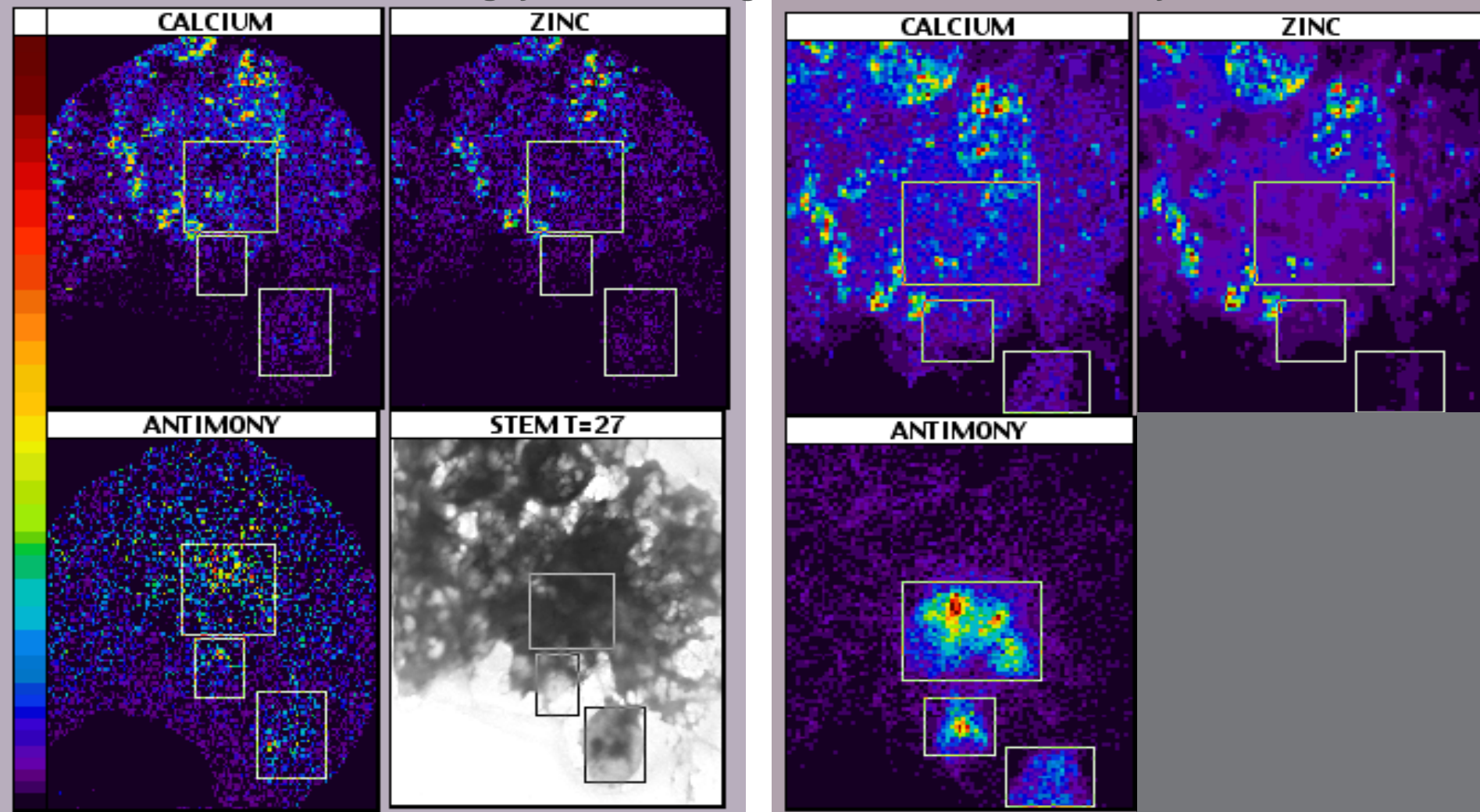
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COMPARISON OF **SOME OTHER TECHNIQUES FOR TRACE ELEMENT MAPPING:**

	Spatial Resol.	object thick.	Res. Limit.	Advantages/Disadvantages
Light-microsc.	200 nm	30 μm	Wave-length	+ changes in living cells can be monitored, but competition w. proteins +/- only see ions (in solution), and not total content - need dyes - quantification difficult
Hard X-ray-micropr.	200 nm-20nm	10 μm	Currently Optics	+ no dyes, visualize total elemental content + very high sensitivity, low background, selective excitation + simultaneously detect >10 elements + μ -XANES for chemical state mapping / - slow
Analytical Electron-micropr.	20 nm	0.1 μm	object thickn.	+ high spatial resolution + simultaneously detect >10 elements - thick samples very difficult, sectioning necessary - slow - radiation damage
EELS/ EFTEM	2 nm	0.005 - 0.05 μm	Rad. Damage	+ very high spatial resolution - require ultrathin sections - only some elements readily accessible (e.g., P, Fe) -co-registration can be difficult (EFTEM), slow (EELS)
Proton Micropr. (PIXE)	~1 μm	~50 μm	Rad. damage Flux limit	+ simultaneously detect >20 elements + high sensitivity - slow - radiation damage

analytical electron microscope *hard X-ray microscope*

Collaboration with Ann LeFurgey and Peter Ingram, VA & Duke University

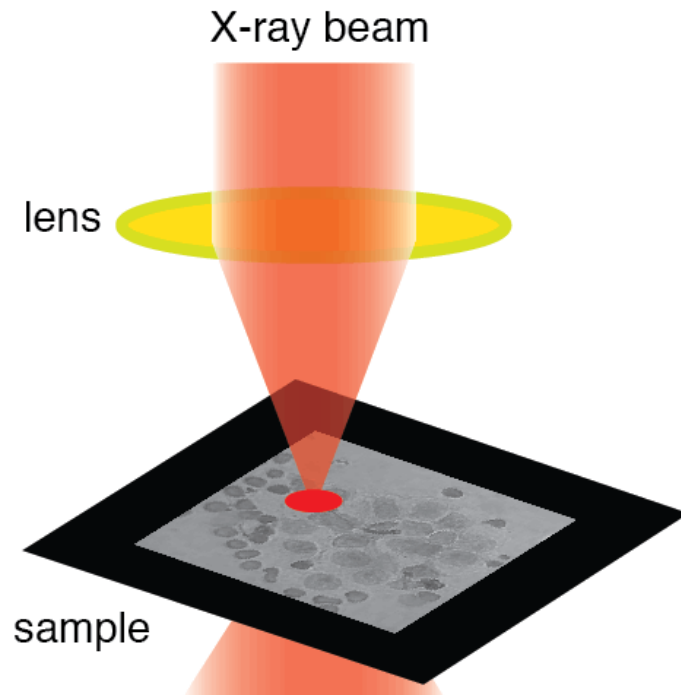


Elemental images of the same air-dried cells from several Sb-treated *Leishmania* amastigotes. Sb is much clearer visible in the x-ray microscope due to its greater sensitivity. Scan width: 10 μ m.

APPROACHES TOWARDS SCANNING

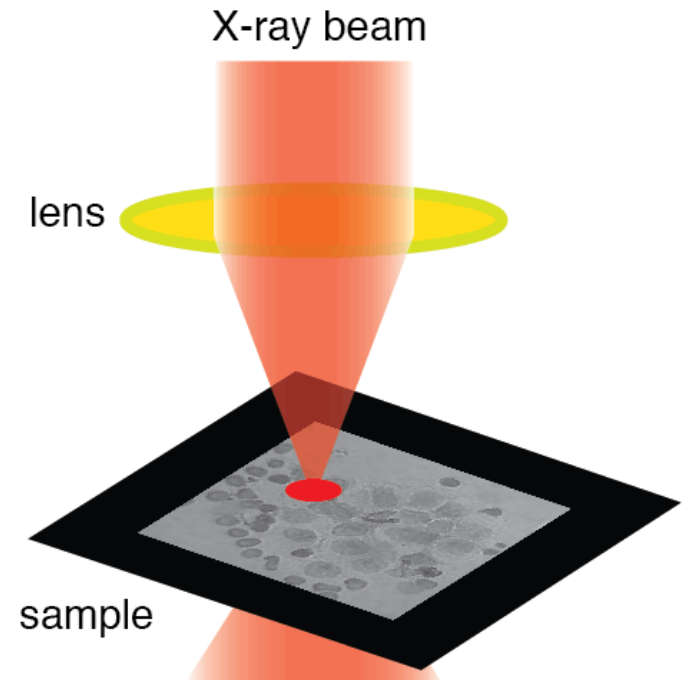
Step scans:

- Move to measurement point, settle, start detectors, read out detectors, go to next point.
- Typical overhead ~100 ms/pixel, 1 s/line
- Beam utilization ~80%
- Appropriate for long dwell times



Fly scans:

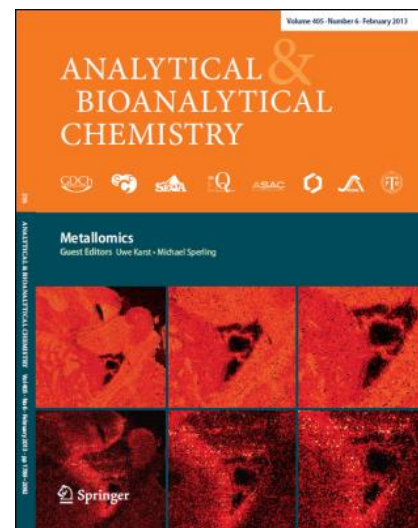
- Move sample continuously through focus, reading out detectors 'continuously', synchronization via hardware triggers.
- Typical overhead none/pixel, 1 s/line
- Beam utilization ~99%
- Permits tweaking spatial resolution vs sensitivity AFTER data acquisition, to optimize results



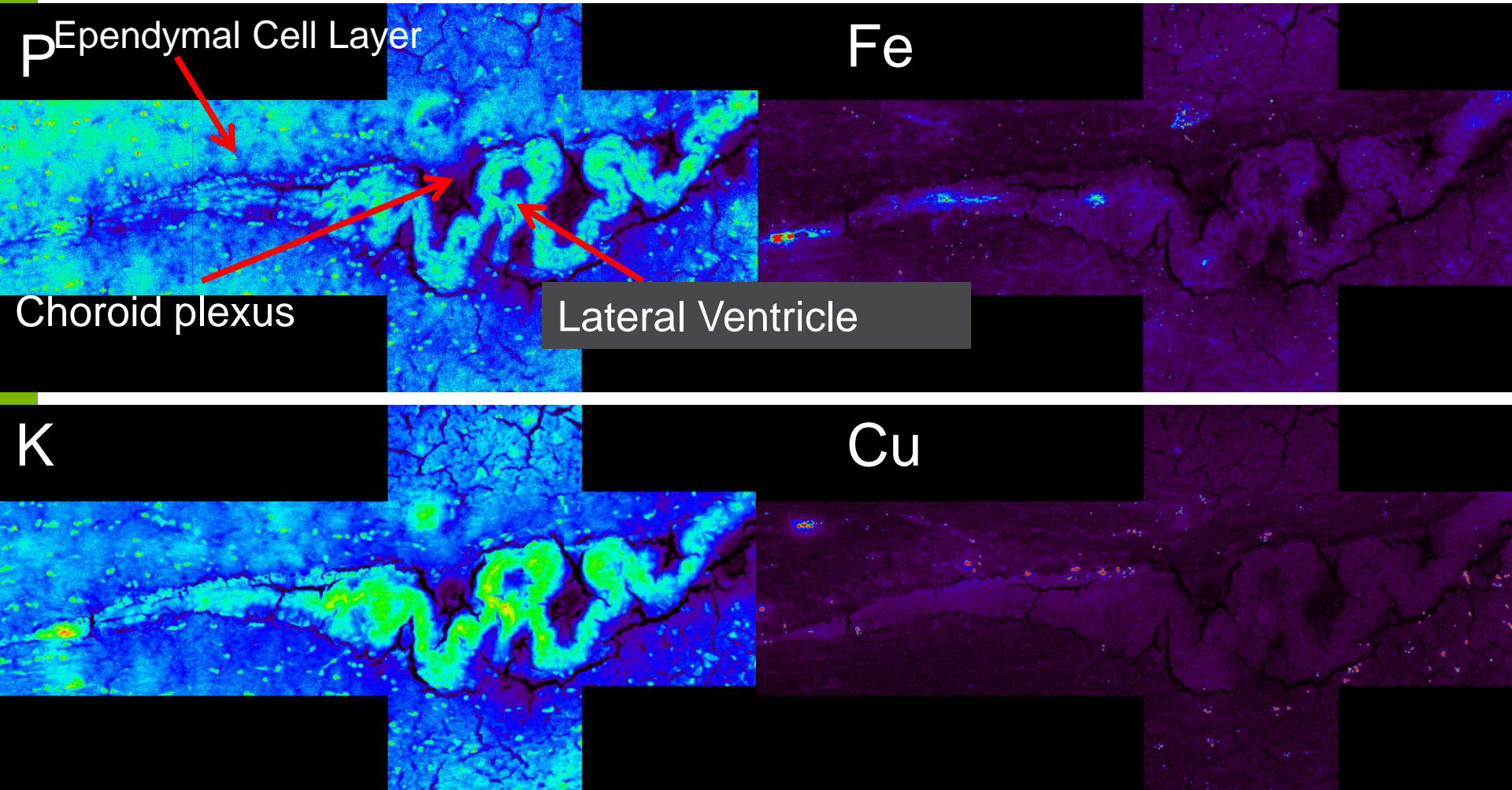
Fly scanning has been a game changers, uniquely enabled by detector developments:

- enable both high resolution and large field of view
- allow trading spatial resolution against signal to noise 'after' data acquisition
- Essential for X-ray fluorescence tomography with full spectral fidelity

Vogt S. & Ralle, M. (2013) Opportunities in multidimensional trace metal imaging: taking copper-associated disease research to the next level. Anal Bioanal Chem. 405(6):1809-1820.



YES, IT IS A GAME-CHANGER FOR NANOIMAGING!

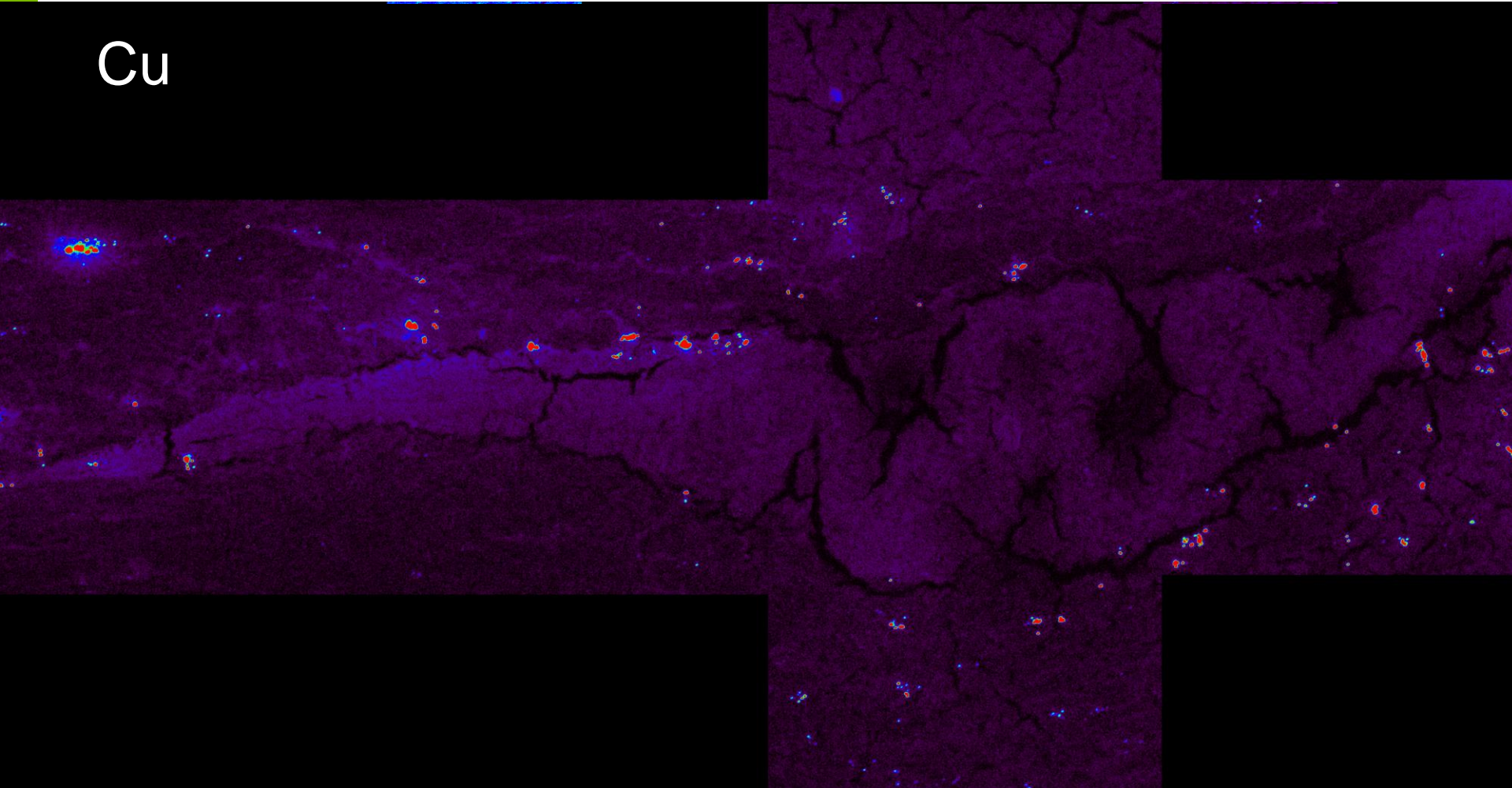


Scan of mouse brain section,
M Ralle, OHSU

780x400um, 3900x2000 pixel, 200 nm, 10 ms ->
20h

YES, IT IS A GAME-CHANGER FOR NANOIMAGING!

Cu



Highest resolution → 'Needle' 780x400um, 3900x2000 pixel, 200 nm, 10 ms ->

Large field of view → 'Haystack' 20h

- Finding the 'needle' in the 'haystack' requires both capabilities

APS-U enables full, contextual imaging with nanometer resolution

Just one example, applies for stitching nano-CT, ... -> leads to big data opportunities

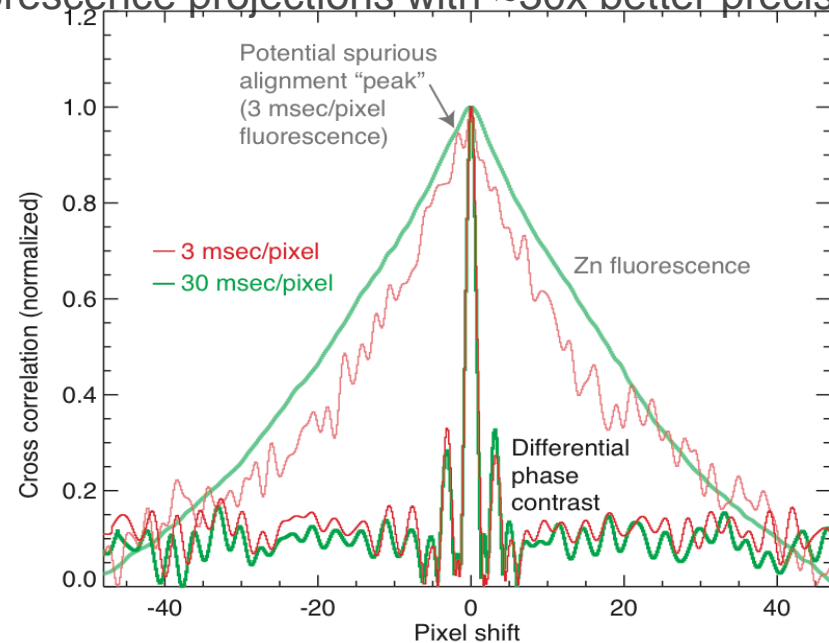
TOMOGRAPHY TO VISUALISE 3D STRUCTURE

- 3D resolution: $\delta = D\alpha$ D specimen size, α tilt angle interval (Crowther et al 1970)
 - For 10um thick sample, 20 nm desired resolution, need 1600 projections
 - > need automation, must use dose fractionation
 - Use diff. phase contrast for alignment, or fiducials



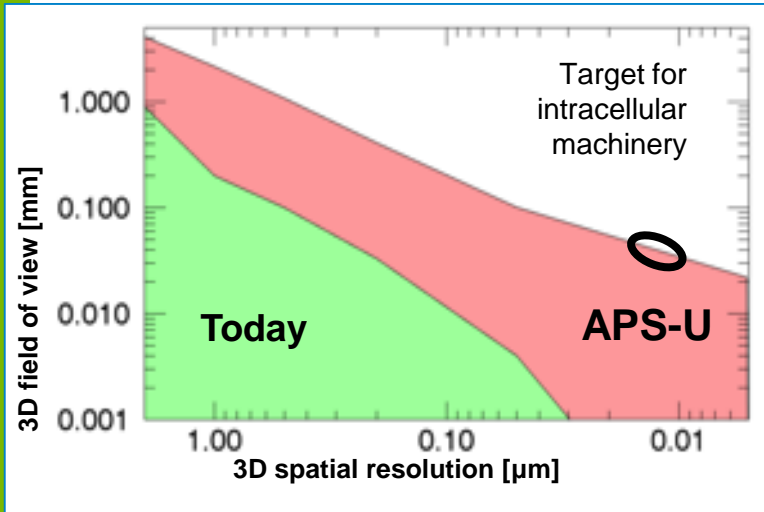
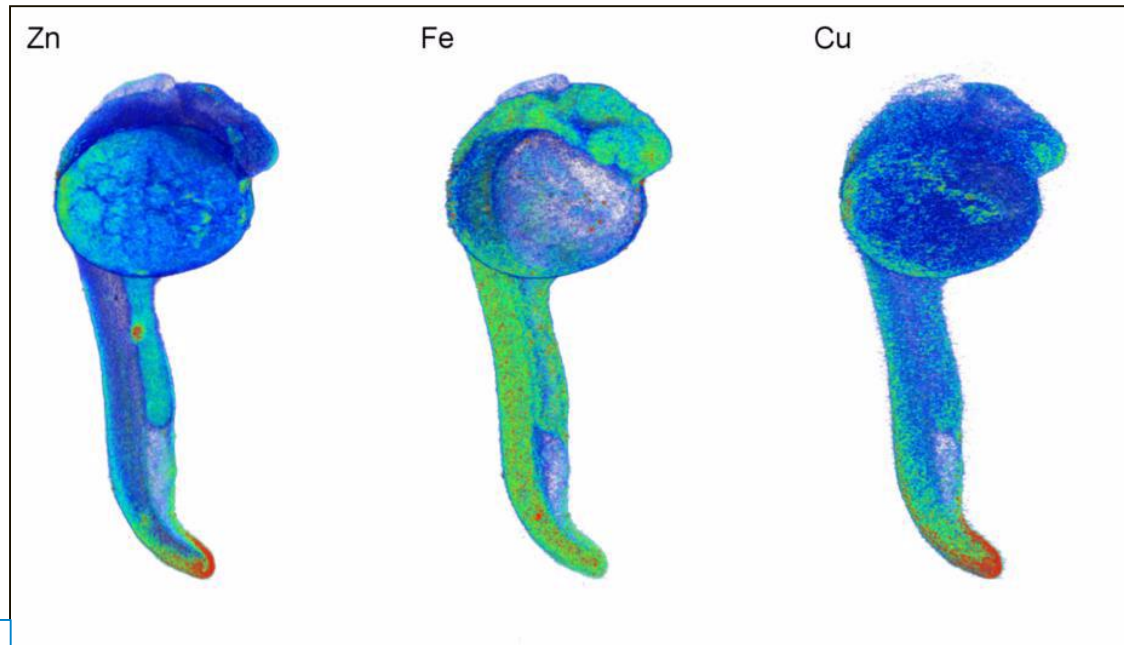
New tomography setup at 2-ID-E
Sophie-Charlotte Gleber, et al

- Dose fractionation [Hegerl and Hoppe, *Z. Natur.* **31**, 1717 (1976)] provides a way to do fluorescence tomography at higher speed and with lower dose: **divide the signal needed for a 2D view among all the 3D projections!**
- Differential phase contrast allows you to align low-dose fluorescence projections with $\sim 30x$ better precision.

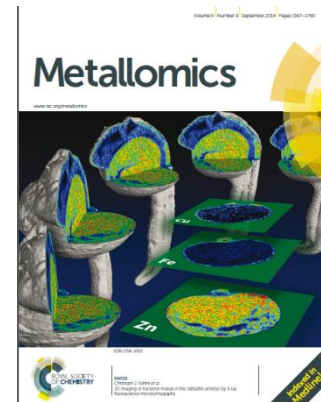
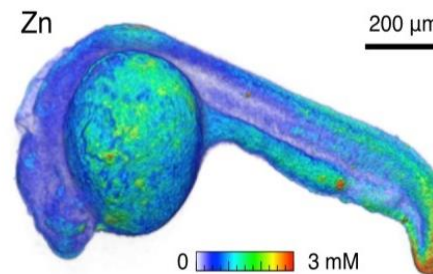


LOOKING AT TRACE METALS IN ZEBRAFISH DEVELOPMENT

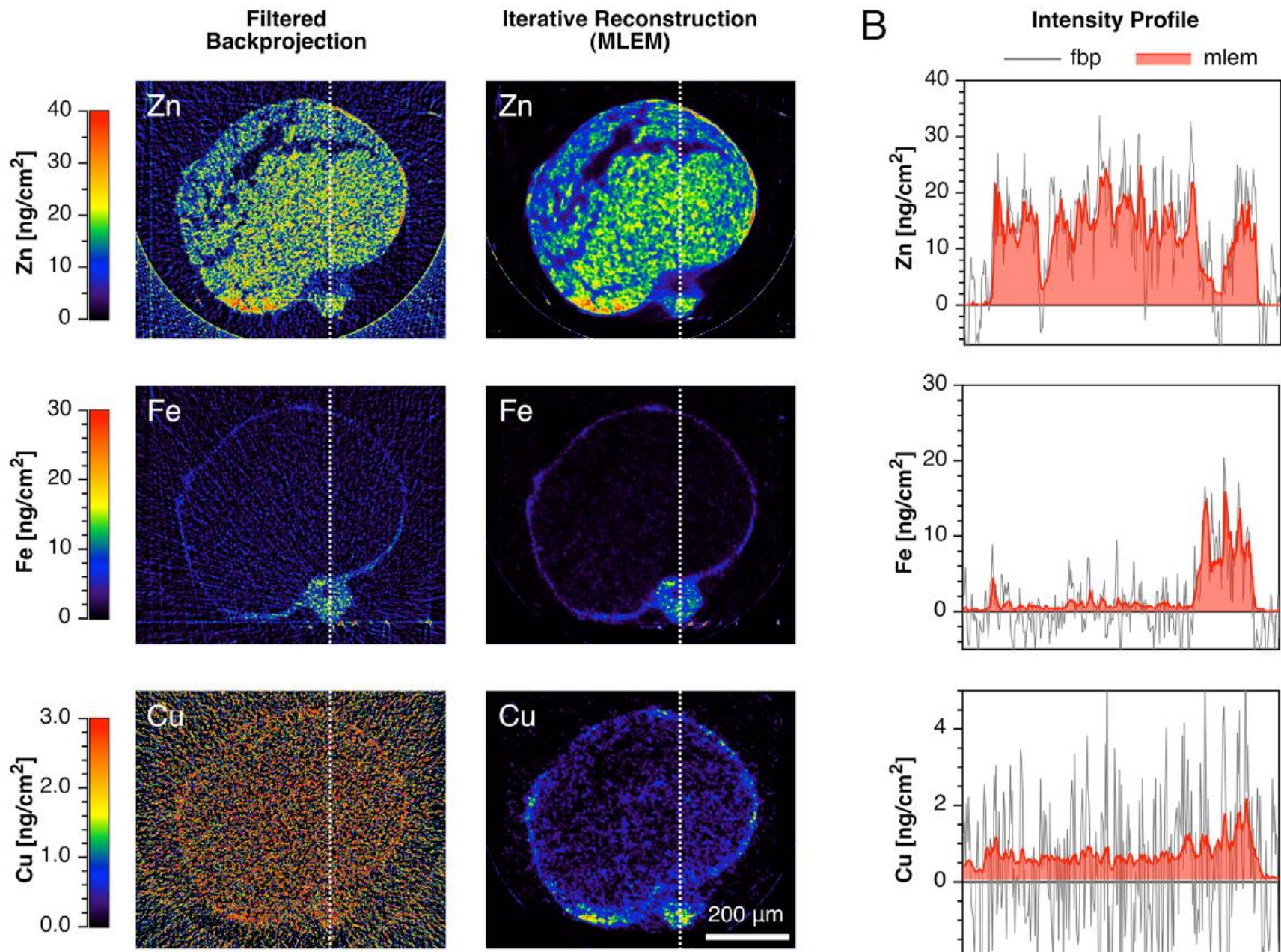
- XRF tomography becoming routine. Data acquisition fairly automated.
- Field of view ~800x1500um, 400x750 pixels, 60 projections, dwell:10 ms/pixel. Total data acquisition time: 3-4 days!
- Here resolution limited only by available flux (scan time).



Zebra-fish: metalloprotein cofactor metal distributions correlated with characteristic anatomical features of embryonic development
D. Bourassa et al, Metallomics, accepted

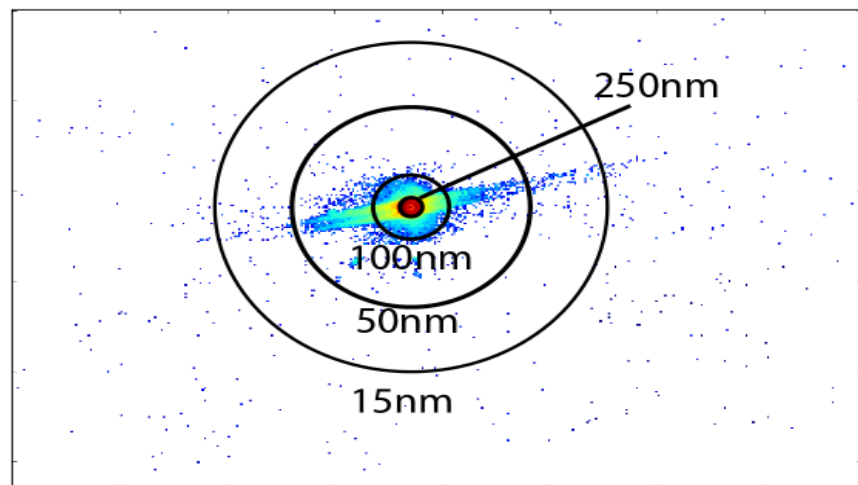
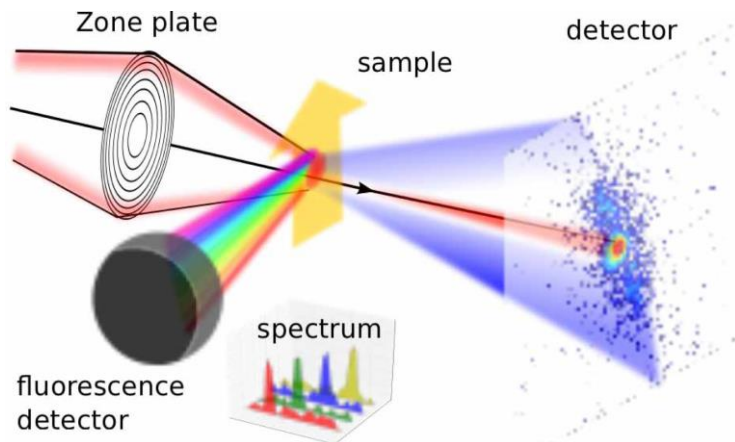


DATA ANALYSIS METHODS CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE: FILTERED BACKPROJECTION VS ITERATIVE RECONSTRUCTION



COMBINE LENSLESS IMAGING WITH SCANNING MICROSCOPY: PTYCHOGRAPHY

Detector plane:



- Scanning microscopy typically only utilises red area
- Additional information is then 'integrated over' and lost

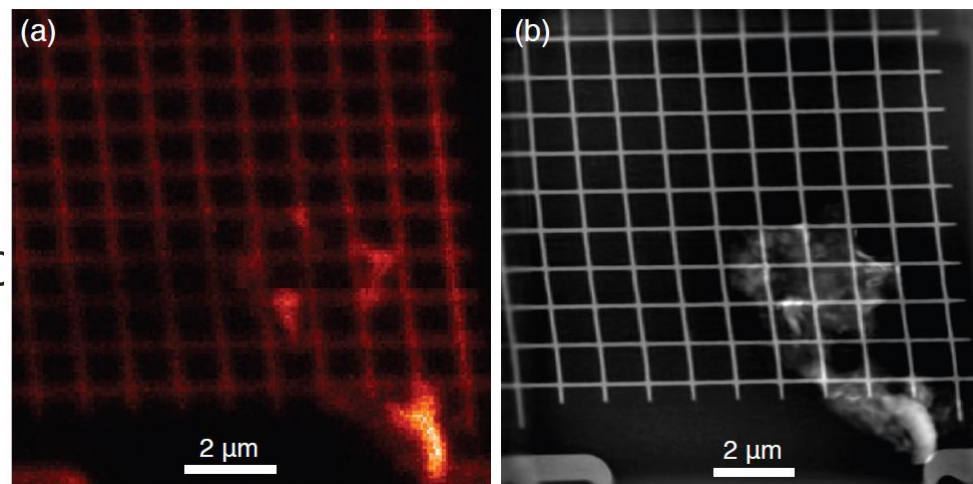
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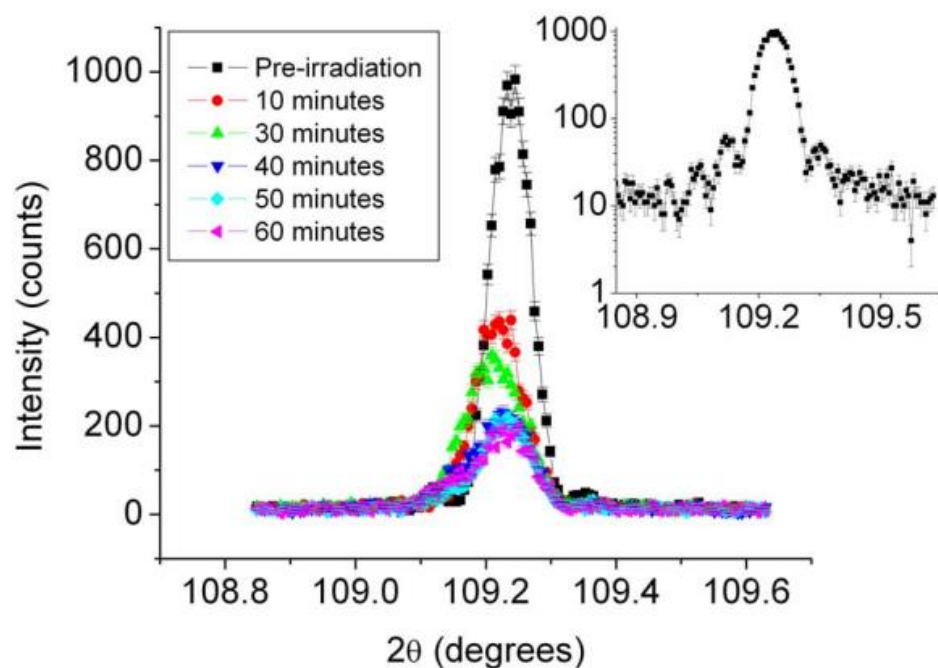
D. J. Vine, et al *Opt. Express* (2012);

**See presentation tomorrow,
Ross Harder**

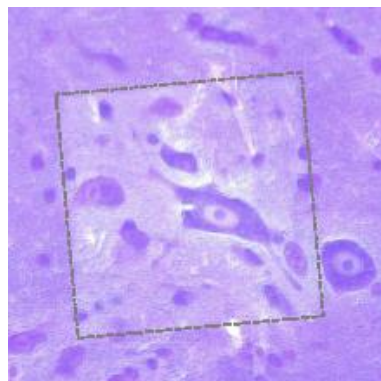


RADIATION DAMAGE:

- Exciting optics developments: <10 nm spatial resolution seems achievable, but what about radiation damage ?
- In particular with focused x-ray and sensitive samples, radiation damage can be an issue that needs to be taken into account



Fixed (p-formaldehyde), paraffin, scanned, rehydrated



Freeze dried (unfixed), scanned, rehydrated



With 200x higher brightness, 10x10 better focusing, can have 10,000 higher flux densities.

Fast scanning becomes an absolute must:

ms -> us becomes requirement and opportunity

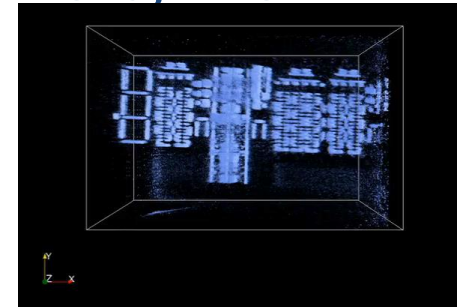
- Example for radiation damage in a SOI structure, Polvino et al, APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS 92, 224105 2008

APPLICATIONS

IMAGING WITH ELEMENTAL CONTRAST: AT HIGH SPATIAL RESOLUTION (TRACE) METALS IN ENERGY, MATERIAL SCIENCES, ETC

- Metals can be contaminants that can severely impact device performance

- in multi crystalline Solar cell materials (eg, Bertoni *et al.*, Energy Environ. Sci., 2011)
- in organic photovoltaics (Nikiforov *et al.*, Energy Environ. Sci., 2013)



- Metals play a significant role in the semiconductor industry (dopants, structures) (w. BAE systems)

- Metals are often the active component in catalysts their behaviour can improve design choices for materials.

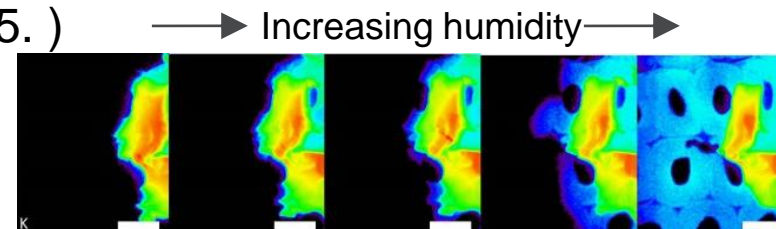
- ageing catalysts in the chemical industry

- Metals can be used as tracers, e.g., in Cultural Heritage (eg, Picasso paint: Casadio & Rose, Appl. Phys. A (2013))

- Facilitate R&D of construction materials

- Geopolymer Science, eg, leaching of heavy metal contaminants (Langmuir 25 (2009) 11897, Cem. Conc. Res. 42 (2012) 855.)

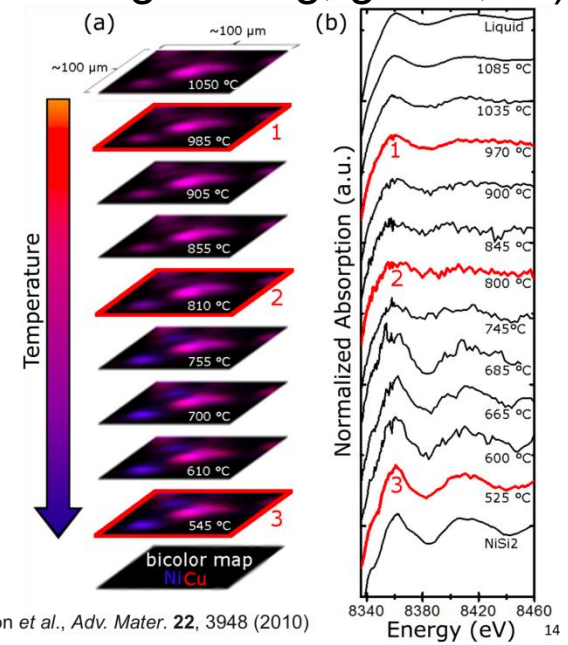
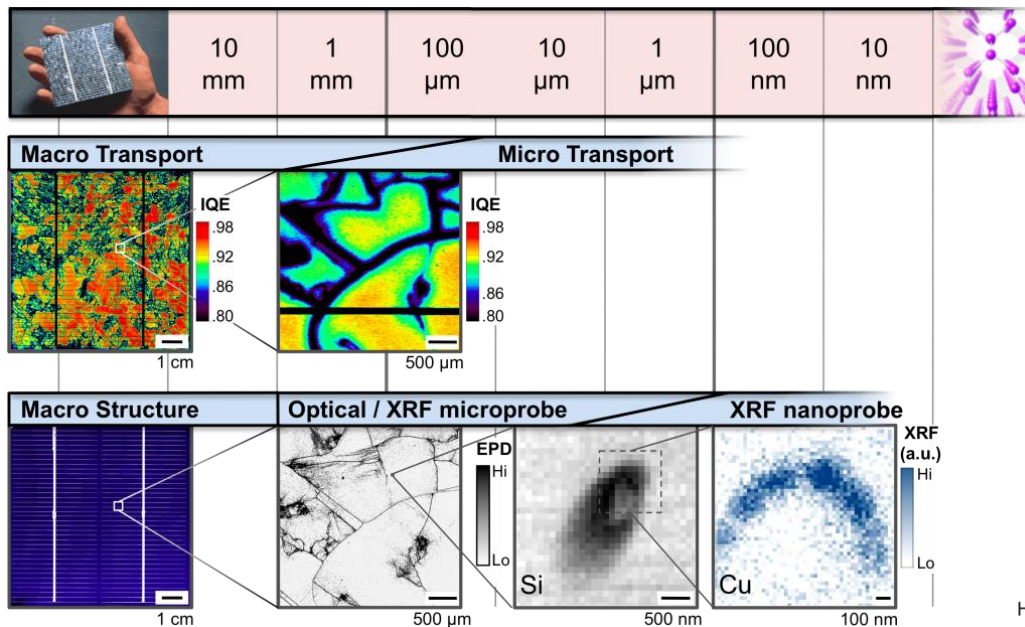
- Fastener corrosion and fungal decay in wood
Diffusion of ions through wood as a function of relative humidity (Zelinka *et al.*, Holzforschung, in review)



PHOTOVOLTAICS: NANODEFECT ENGINEERING FOR HIGHER EFFICIENCY MC-SI SOLAR CELLS



- Multicrystalline solar cells have significant potential for inexpensive energy harvesting
- Small quantities of inhomogeneously distributed precipitates, and contaminants affect overall system performance
- High spatial resolution (and sensitivity) to detect smallest quantities of metal contaminants
- High efficiency to survey large sample areas
- Working distance to support in situ environments (heating/cooling, gases, ...)



Hudelson et al., *Adv. Mater.* **22**, 3948 (2010)



IMAGING WITH ELEMENTAL CONTRAST AT HIGH SPATIAL RESOLUTION: TRACE METALS IN THE LIFE SCIENCES

Trace elements (metals) are **fundamental, intrinsic components** of biological Systems. estimated: 1/3 of all known proteins contain metalcofactors as integral, catalytic components, often with regulatory functions, e.g.,

Zn in Zinc finger proteins: transcription factors

Fe in Haemoglobin; and necessary in Chlorophyll synthesis

Metals are **linked to diseases**

Endogenous dysregulation, e.g., Alzheimer's, ALS, Wilson disease (Cu accumulation)

Exogenous uptake, e.g., Pb, As, Hg (or lack thereof) e.g., Se deficiency)

Bio-remediation

Metals in **therapeutic drugs** and **diagnostic agents**

Cis-platin in chemotherapy

Gd in Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

Novel bio-inorganic nanoparticles, in particular Nanomedicine: multifunctional nanovectors ideally combining targetting, therapy (e.g., Pt, TiO₂) and diagnosis



Zinc plays an unexpected role in oocyte maturation: Kim *et al.* Nat Chem Biol. 2010 **6**(9):674-81; Kim *et al.*, ACS Chem Biol, 2011. **6**(7): p. 716-23.

Recent reviews of **XFM applications**:

Imaging: T. Paunesku *et al.*, J Cell Biochem **99**(6), 2006

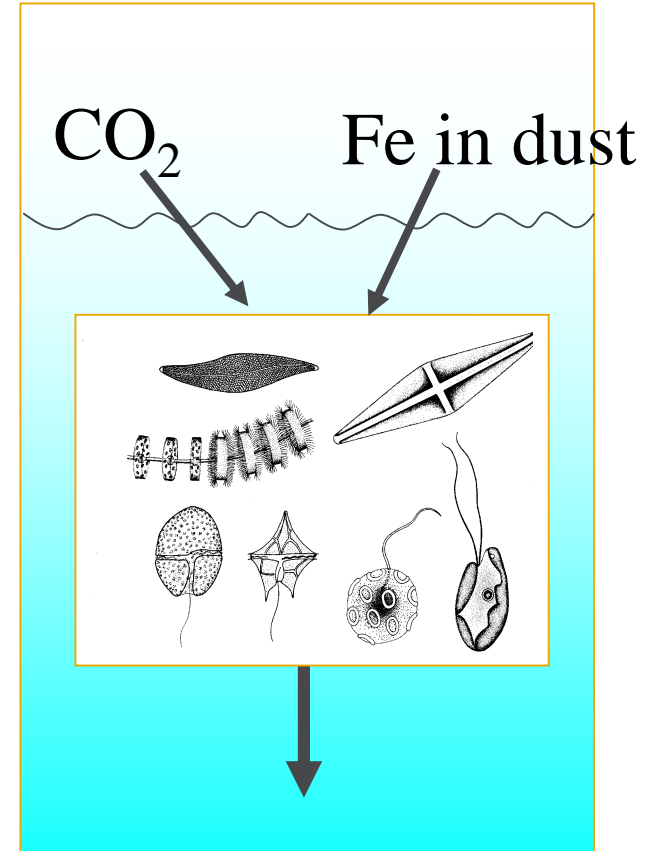
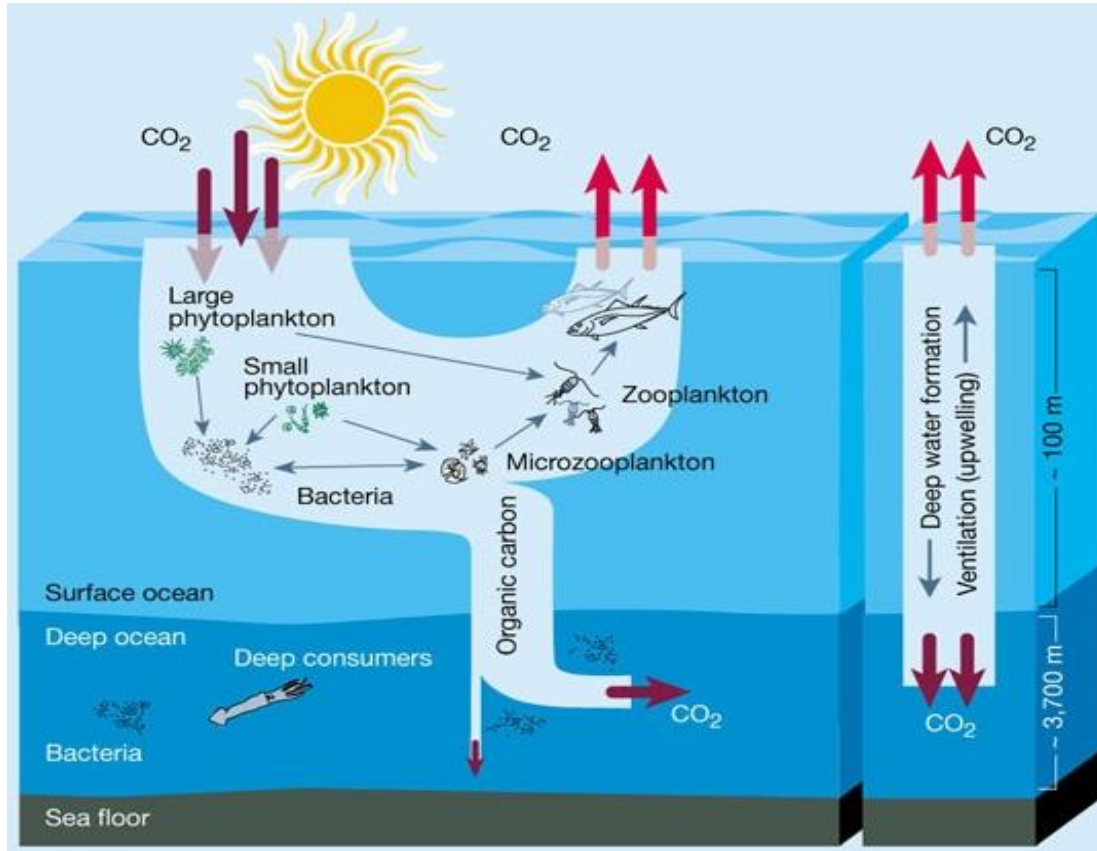
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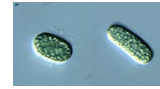
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GLOBAL CARBON BALANCE - THE BIOLOGICAL PUMP

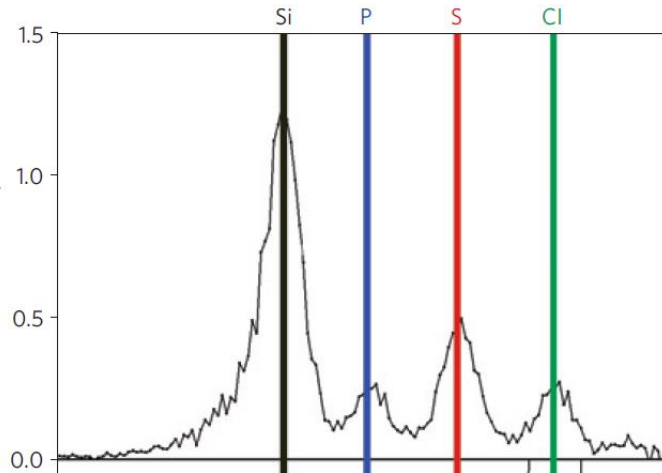
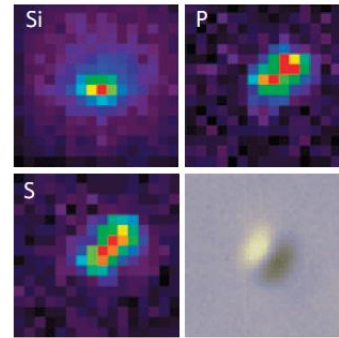


- Phytoplankton converts dissolved carbon into biomass.
- small fraction (~1%?) is exported from the surface waters into deep ocean (net loss for hundreds of years)
- Key limiting factors: micronutrients (Fe), but also Silicon ...

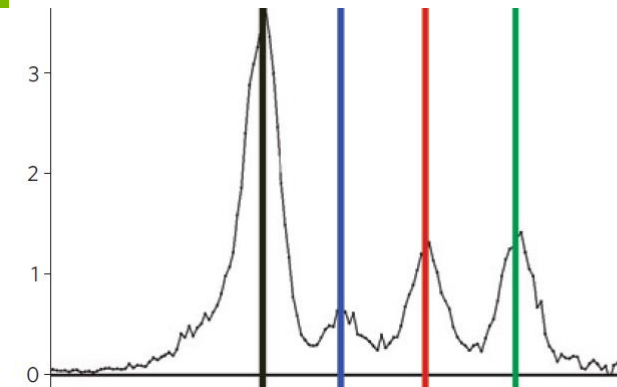
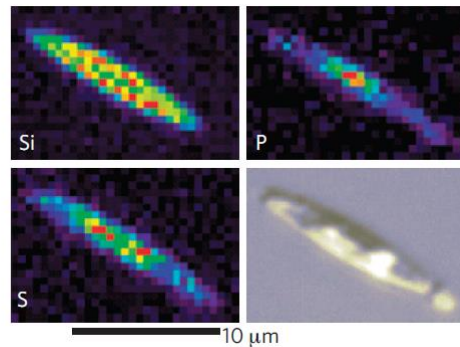
SURPRISING ROLE FOR PICOYANOBACTERIA



Low  High

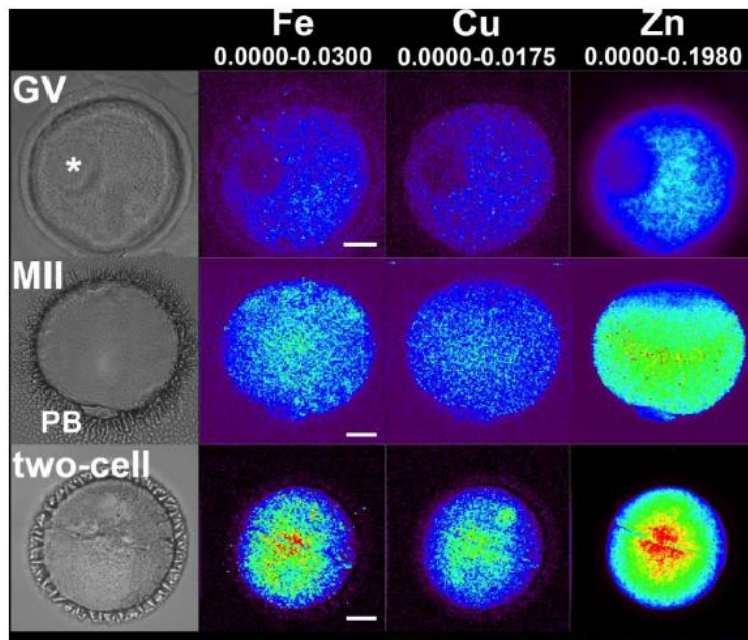
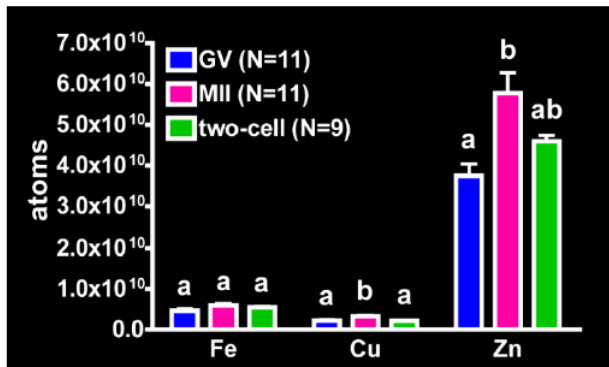
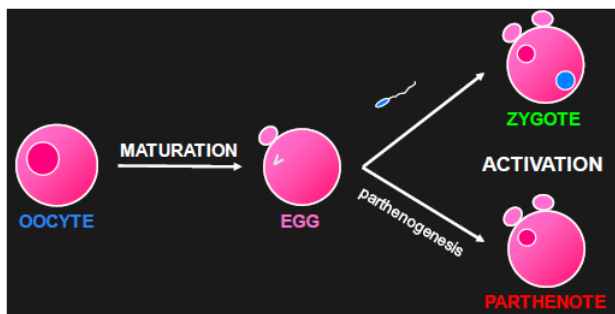


- Picocyanobacteria make up majority of organisms in ocean. 50+% (!) of O₂ generated by ocean.
- *Synechococcus* can show silicon ratios similar to diatoms
- significant, previously not know Si sink
- mechanism of Si accumulation is not yet known, in part because we cannot resolve the form and precise location of the Si associated with the cell.



WHAT MAKES A GOOD EGG AND HEALTHY EMBRYO?

- Zinc plays an unexpected role in oocyte maturation: Zn content is an order of magnitude higher in eggs than Fe and Cu.
- Zn level increases by 50% during maturation. Zn depletion arrests the maturation process.
- One of the first studies to implicate zinc as a possible signaling molecule in a biological system, not just a protein cofactor
- Bulk analysis cannot be applied to rare cells such as mammalian oocytes



In the XFM image a mature (MII) eggs retains Zn while polar body is Zn low. This asymmetry is required for correct oocyte maturation. Scale bar 20 μ m.



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APPLICATION: CHROMIUM CARCINOGENESIS

- Cr(III): common dietary supplement, supposed essential role in insulin action. Often claimed to have value as a weight loss or muscle building agent. Dietary supplement: not regulated by FDA
 - US \$100 million / year industry
- Cr(VI): has been designated as an established human carcinogen by the IARC.
 - Industrial carcinogen: lung cancer, sino-nasal cancer.
 - environmental exposure to Cr(VI), resulting from the poor disposal practices of Cr(VI) into unlined ponds
- Cr(V): Lab studies suggest Cr(VI) exerts its genotoxic effects via reduction into the reactive Cr(V) intermediate – more genotoxic than Cr(VI)?

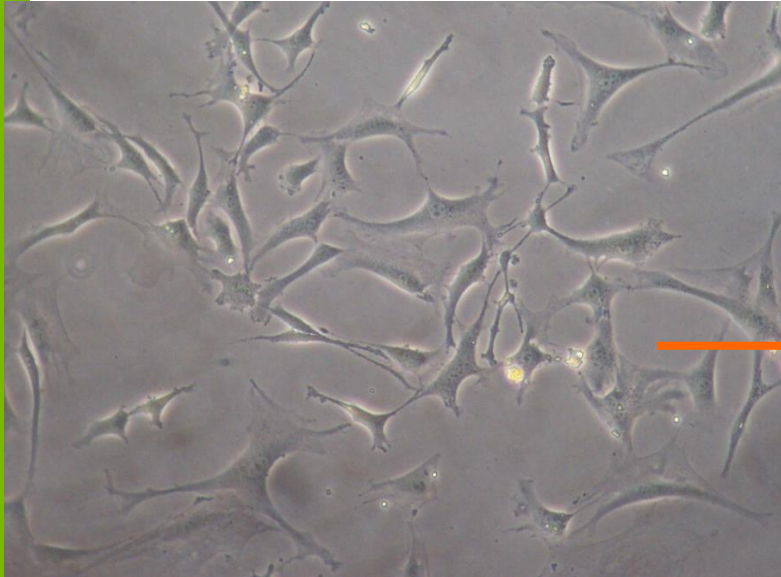
P. Lay *et al*, Univ Sydney

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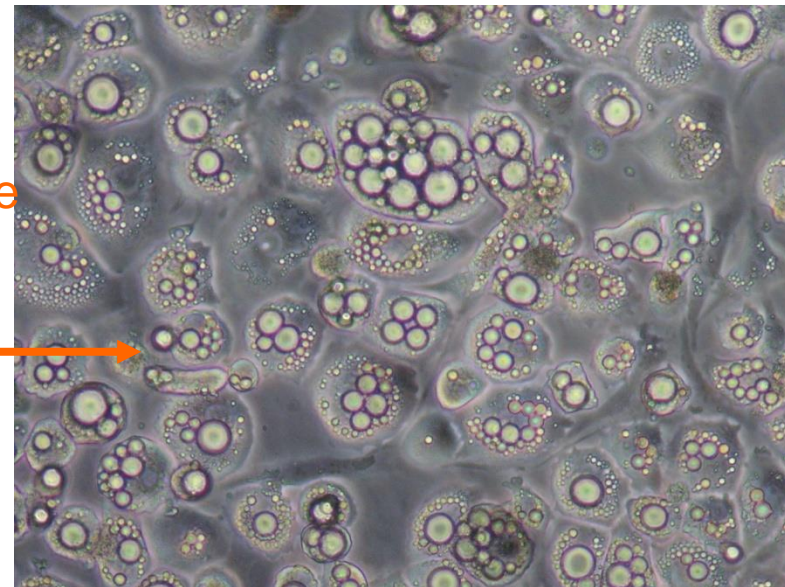


IN VITRO MODELLING OF CHROMIUM TREATMENT – 3T3-L1 ADIPOCYTES.

- 3T3-L1 adipocytes (fat cells) easily cultured.
- Do adipocytes take up Cr(III) ?
 - If so, does Cr(III) change its oxidation state ?



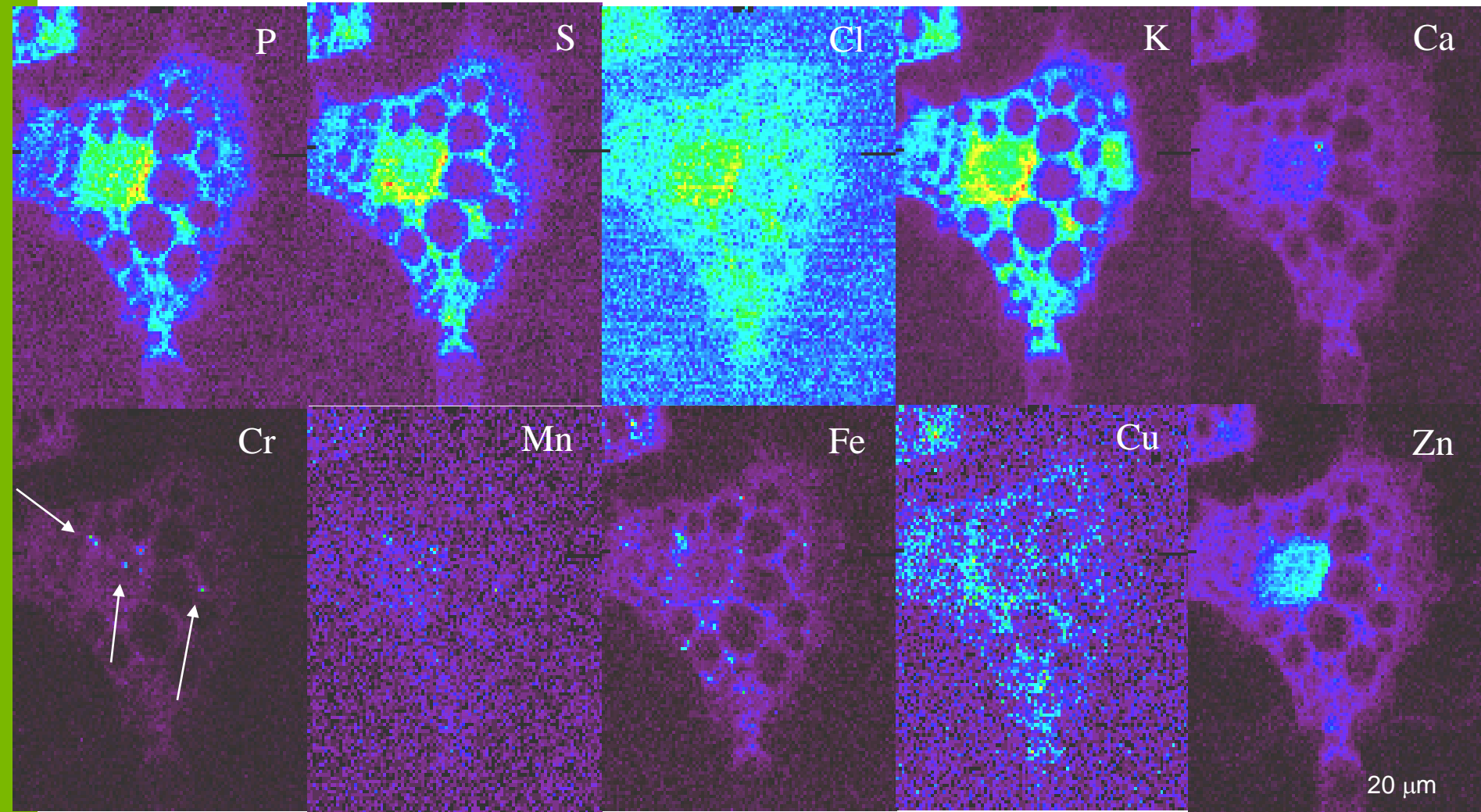
insulin
dexamethasone
biotin
IBMX



XRF ELEMENTAL IMAGING OF WHOLE

ADIPOCYTES

- What is the intracellular distribution of Cr in adipocytes treated with Cr?



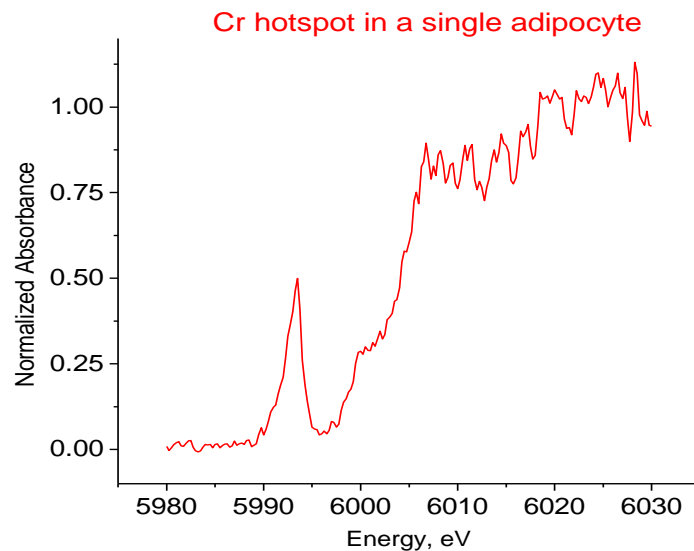
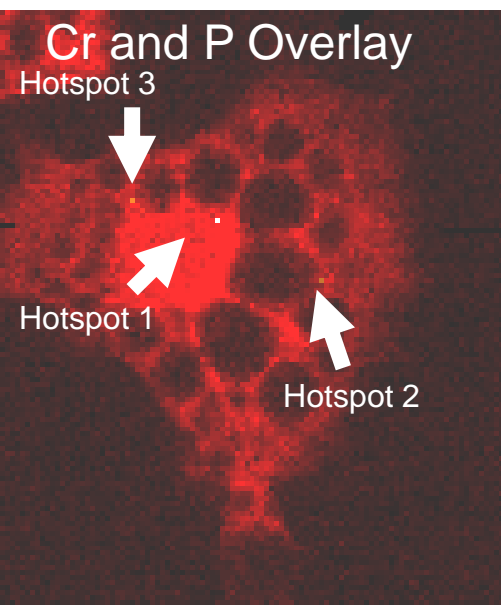
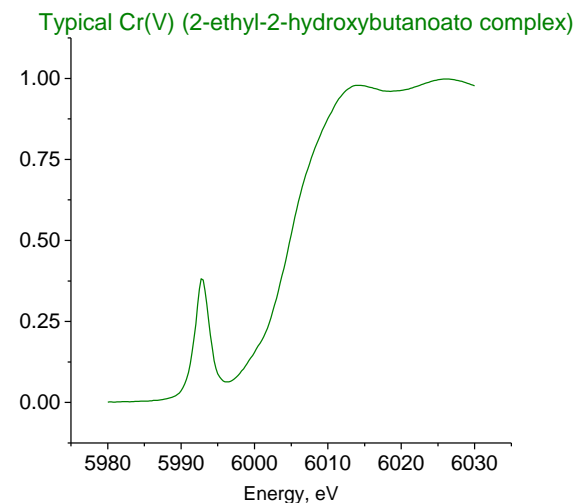
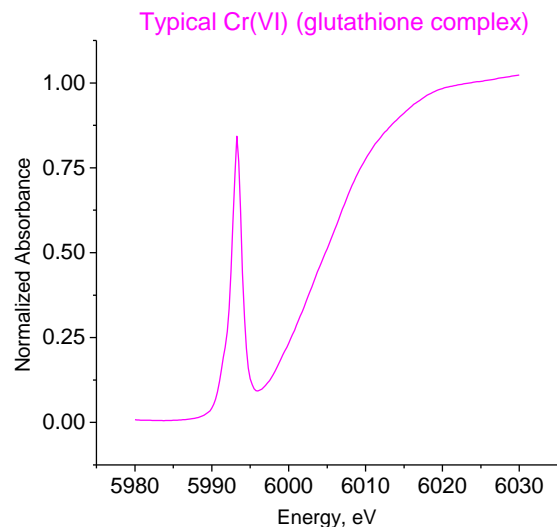
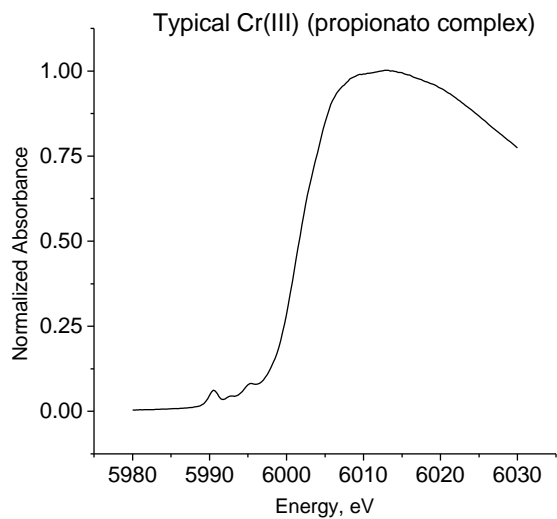
- Treated with 100 μM trinuclear Cr(III) propionate, 20 hours.
- Cells grown and fixed on silicon nitride windows

Cr

20 μm

~100 times more Cr than in control

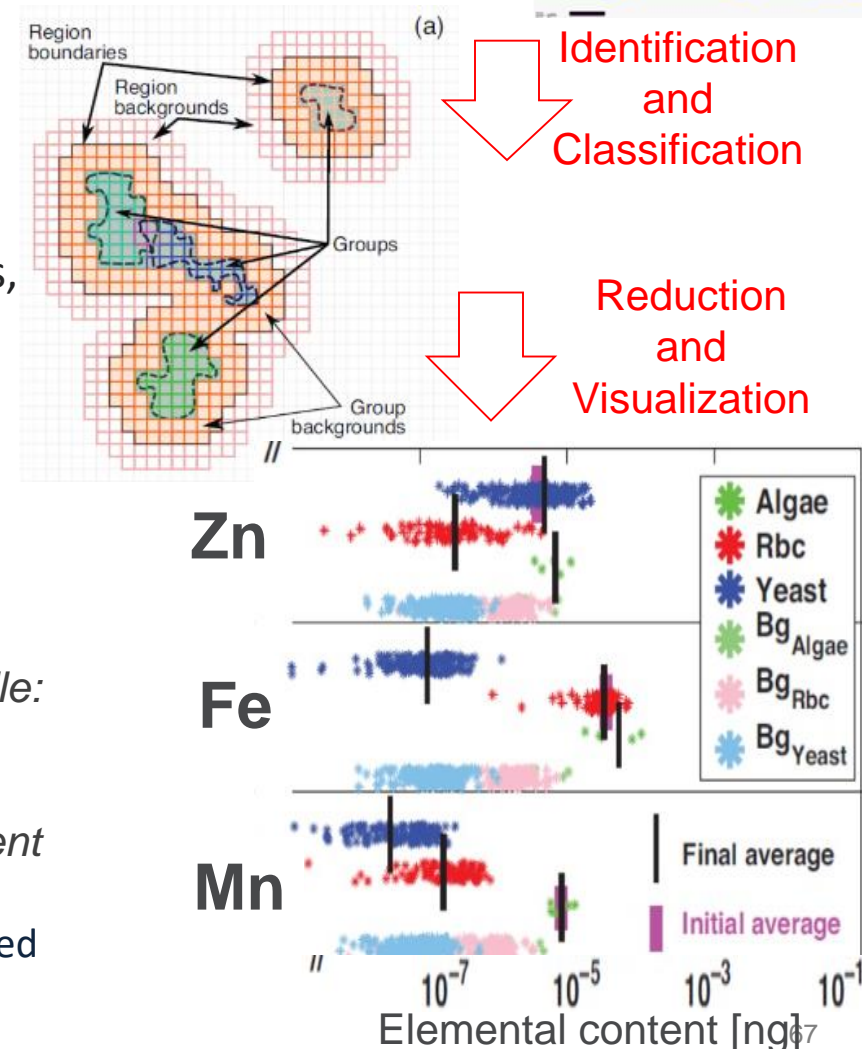
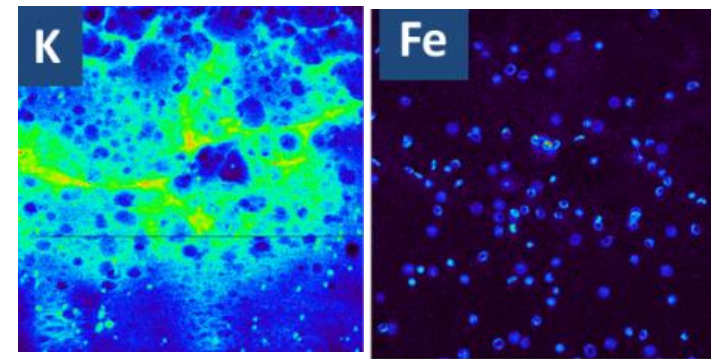
What sort of chromium is present? - Cr K-edge XANES



Up to 55% Cr(V)
Up to 36% Cr(VI)
(the carcinogenic form)

BIG DATA

- Today
 - Manually moving, analyzing data.
 - Ad hoc tools that do not scale to the next generation of instruments
 - algorithms can be “dangerous” if not used carefully
- Tomorrow
 - Extensive toolset of scalable algorithms (e.g., machine learning, statistical)
 - Scientific knowledge integrated with analysis, visualization and simulation
 - Automatic Integration of data from multiple sources, cataloging and transfer
 - Efficient data reduction strategies



Top: X-ray fluorescence maps of different cells. Middle: software automatically identifies and classifies 3 different cell types, enabling further analysis.

Comparison of the resulting average elemental content per individual cell.

S. Wang, et al, J Synchrotron Radiation, accepted

HOW CAN YOU MAKE USE OF THESE RESOURCES ?

- beamtime is available on most beamlines at most synchrotrons to outside users through a competitive proposal process.
- Proposal submission deadlines typically 2 or 3 times a year.
- Typically 80% of 'beamtime' on any beamline is distributed
- Some types of proposal:
 - General User Proposals
 - Open to anyone, just have to write a good proposal. Proposals get reviewed by committee, assigned based on scores. Proposals that don't quite make the score, 'age' so that they have a better chance next time.
 - Users typically come for experiments 3-4 days (9-12 shifts), carry out experiments with help of beamline scientist
 - No cost for beamtime, the expectation is that results will be published.
 - Proprietary Experiments
 - Are also possible. Proposals are rated differently, less detail needed. Results generally not published, but cost recovery of beamtime is required (APS, \$373/h at the moment)
- Most importantly: try to identify possible beamlines in advance, and **contact the beamline scientist** well **before writing the proposal**

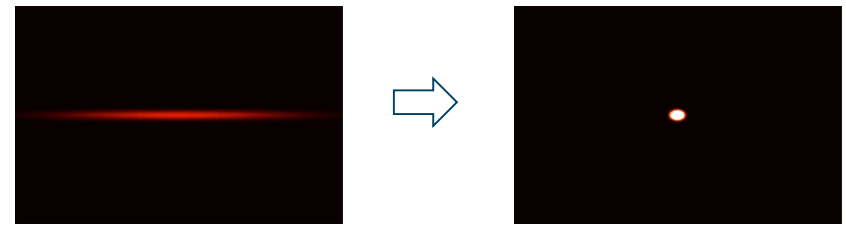
A general resource relating to synchrotron sources world wide:

<http://www.lightsources.org/>

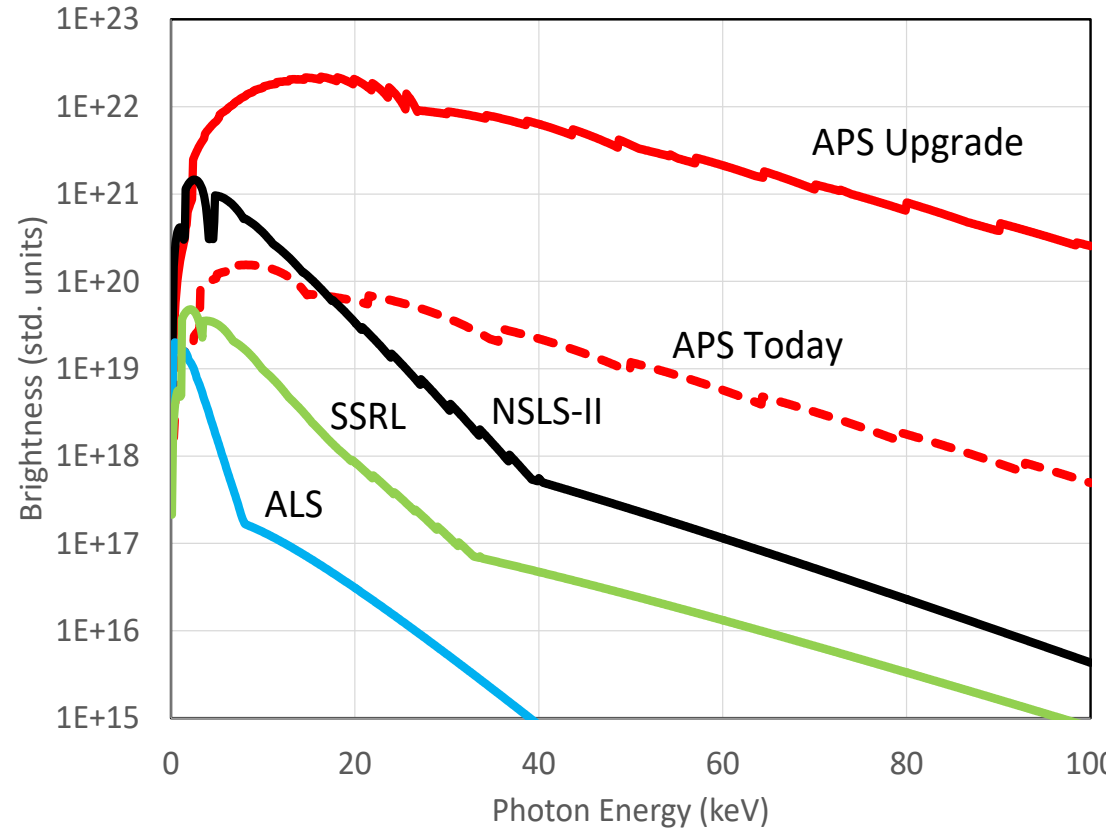
SUMMARY

- Full field imaging, often in combination with tomography
 - Parallel Beam Imaging (PBI): Phase and absorption, 1 μm spatial resolution, and temporal resolution kHz (3D) to 6.5 MHz, 100 ps (2D). No x-ray optics
 - Nanoimaging: spatial resolution limited by x-ray optics (typically zone plates, CRLs for higher energies), down to 60-20 nm. Time resolution ~Hz
- Scanning probe imaging
 - Resolution limited by x-ray optics (KBs: typically ~microns, can go down to 100 nm, ZPs typically 200 – 20 nm)
 - Typically slow (can only use coherent part of beam for high resolution, need to scan the sample)
 - Access to variety of contrast modes (absorption, phase, fluorescence, diffraction)
 - XRF for trace element detection
- Both can be combined with spectroscopy, but different sensitivities.

APS MBA UPGRADE: A BRIGHT FUTURE



- Brightness increases of 100x and more compared to what we have today
- Micro/nanoprobes directly brightness driven
 - ⇒ possible to get nearly 100% of APS flux into a 0.3x0.25 um spot !!!
 - ⇒ Upgrade: push for highest direct resolution ≤ 10 nm and augment with CDI/ Ptychography



This upgrade will revolutionize scanning microscopies and lensless imaging techniques !!!



Thanks!