

# Overview of SESAME and opportunities in cultural heritage

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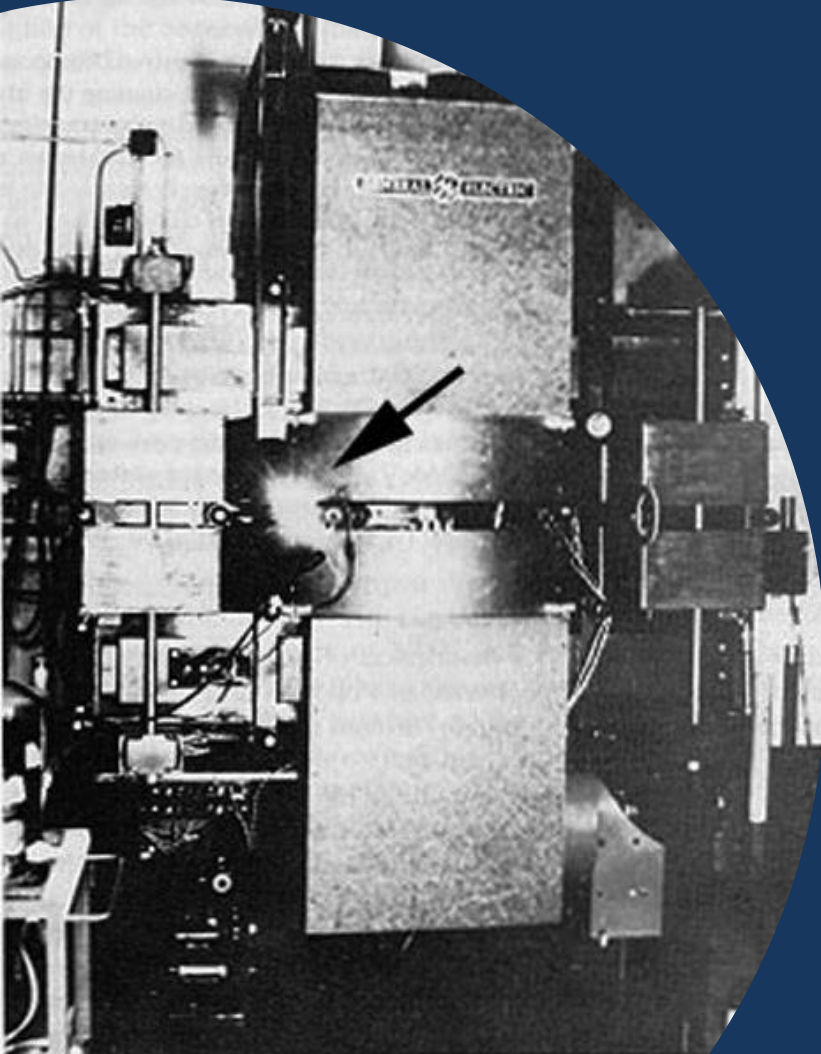


light but a short line with extension in the plane of the orbit.

The light emitted from the beam is polarized with the electric vector parallel to the plane of the electron orbit. It disappears as the observer rotates a piece of Polaroid before the eye through ninety degrees. An investigation of the spectral distribution of the energy is in progress and will be reported.

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## Radiation from Electrons in a Synchrotron

F. R. ELDER, A. M. GUREWITSCH, R. V. LANGMUIR,  
AND H. C. POLLOCK  
Research Laboratory, General Electric Company,  
Schenectady, New York  
May 7, 1947

HIGH energy electrons which are subjected to large accelerations normal to their velocity should radiate electromagnetic energy.<sup>1-4</sup> The radiation from electrons in a betatron or synchrotron should be emitted in a narrow cone tangent to the electron orbit, and its spectrum should extend into the visible region. This radiation has now been observed visually in the General Electric 70-Mev synchrotron.<sup>5</sup> This machine has an electron orbit radius of 29.3 cm and a peak magnetic field of 8100 gauss. The radiation appears as a small spot of brilliant white light by an observer looking into the vacuum tube tangent to the orbit at the point of the approaching electrons. The light is quite different from the x-ray output of the machine at 70 Mev. It is observed in daylight at outputs as low as

is obtained by turning off the x-ray output and waiting subsequent

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*Phys. Rev. 71, 829 – Published 1 June 1947*

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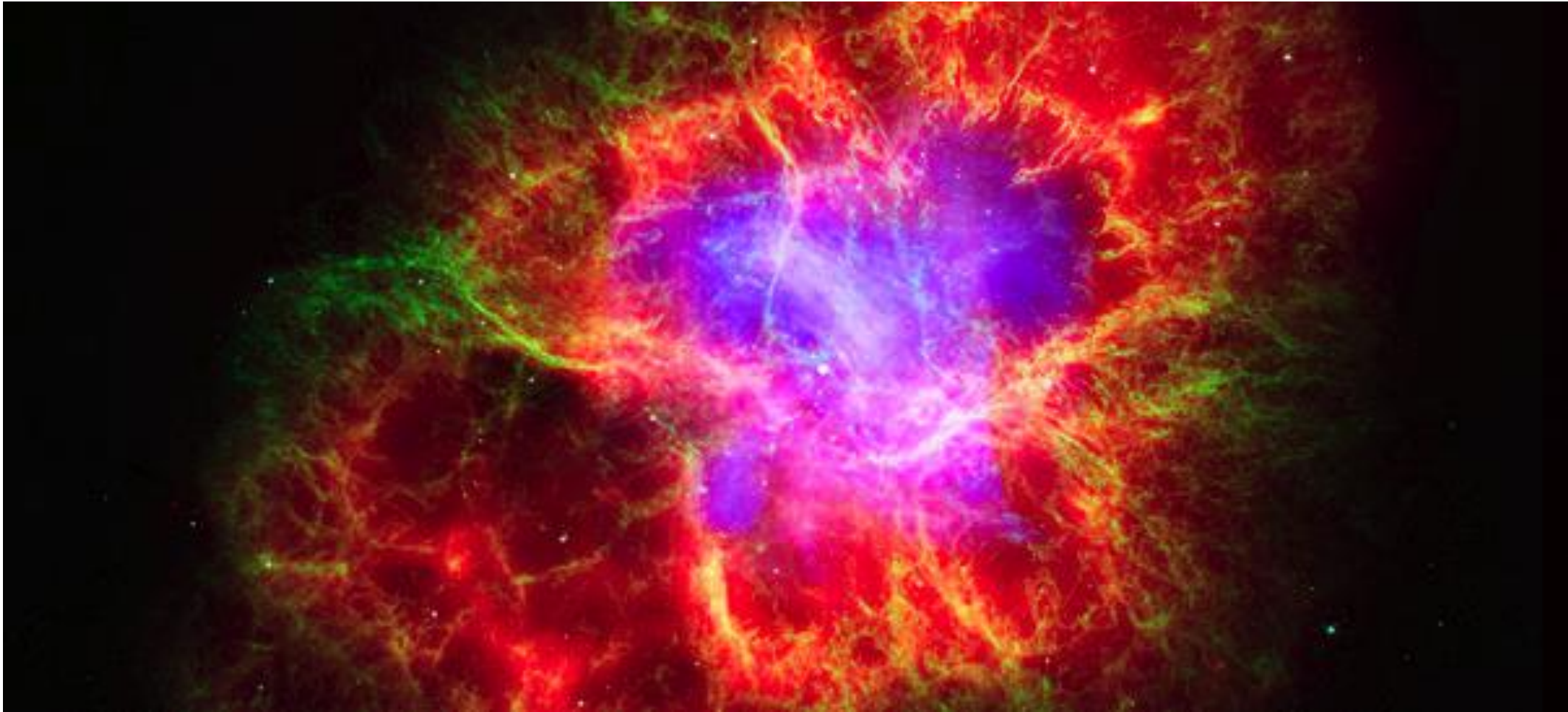
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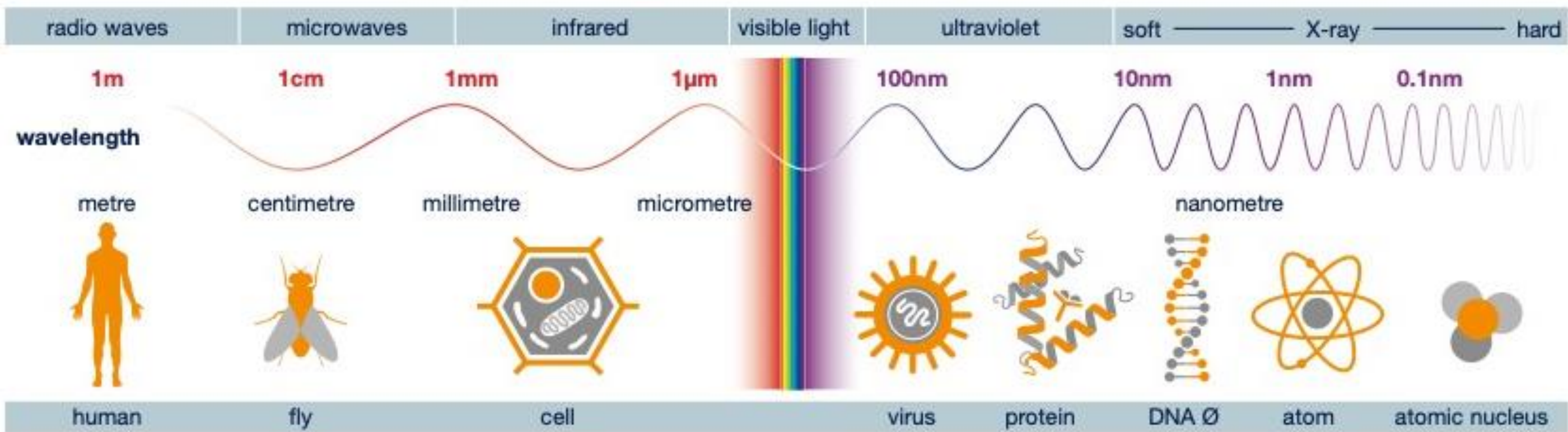
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# Synchrotron radiation from the Crab Nebula

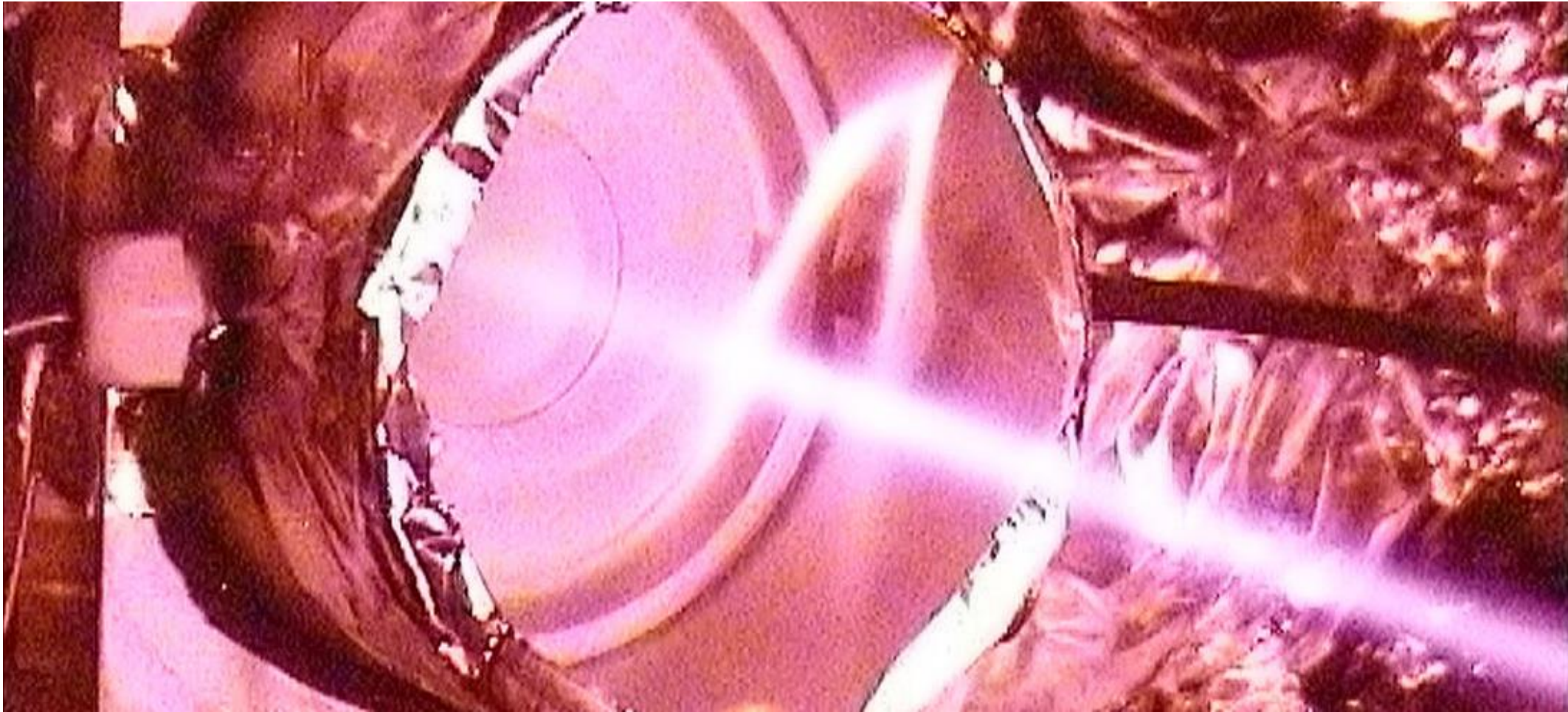
Composite image of the Crab Nebula obtained merging data from *Chandra* (X-ray, shown in blue), *Hubble* (visible, shown in green), and *Spitzer* (infrared, shown in red).





SR covers a very wide spectrum

Image courtesy xfel.eu



SR is extremely collimated

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# Scheme of a SR facility

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- SESAME is a cooperative venture by scientists and governments of the region set up on the model of CERN although it has very different scientific aims.



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

- It was established 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 (164<sup>th</sup> session, May 2002).

- SESAME is a User facility open to international academic and industrial communities.



## Vision

A world where European science is a catalyst for solving global challenges, a key driver for competitiveness and a compelling force for closer integration and peace through scientific collaboration.

## Mission

LEAPS will use the power of its combined voice to ensure that member light source facilities continue to be world-leading, to act as a powerful tool for the development and integration of skills with a view to address 21<sup>st</sup> century global challenges, and to consolidate Europe's leadership in the field.

› 5 Nobel Prizes directly linked to our research infrastructures

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the League of European  
Accelerator-based  
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In November 2018, SESAME  
become the 1<sup>st</sup>  
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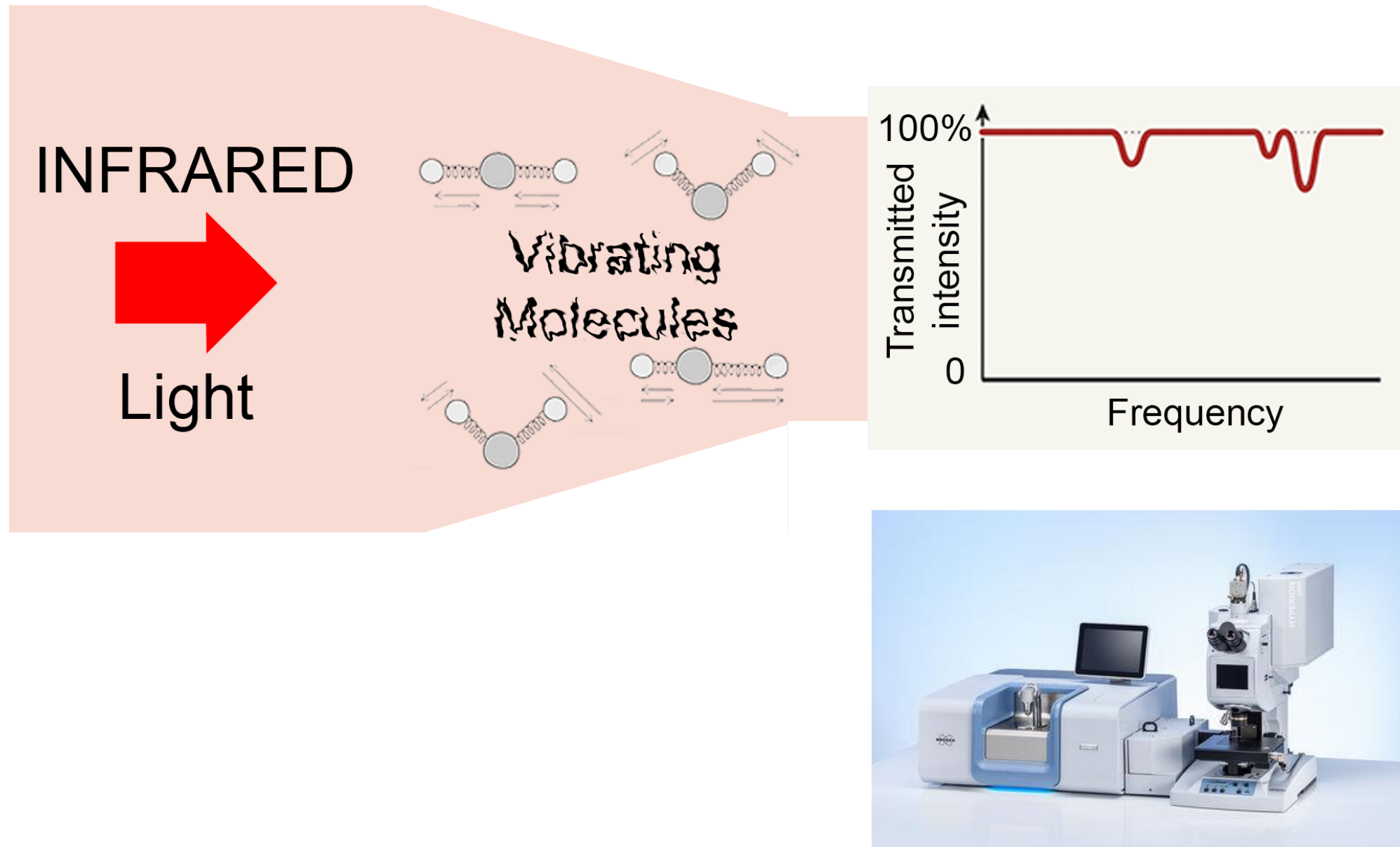




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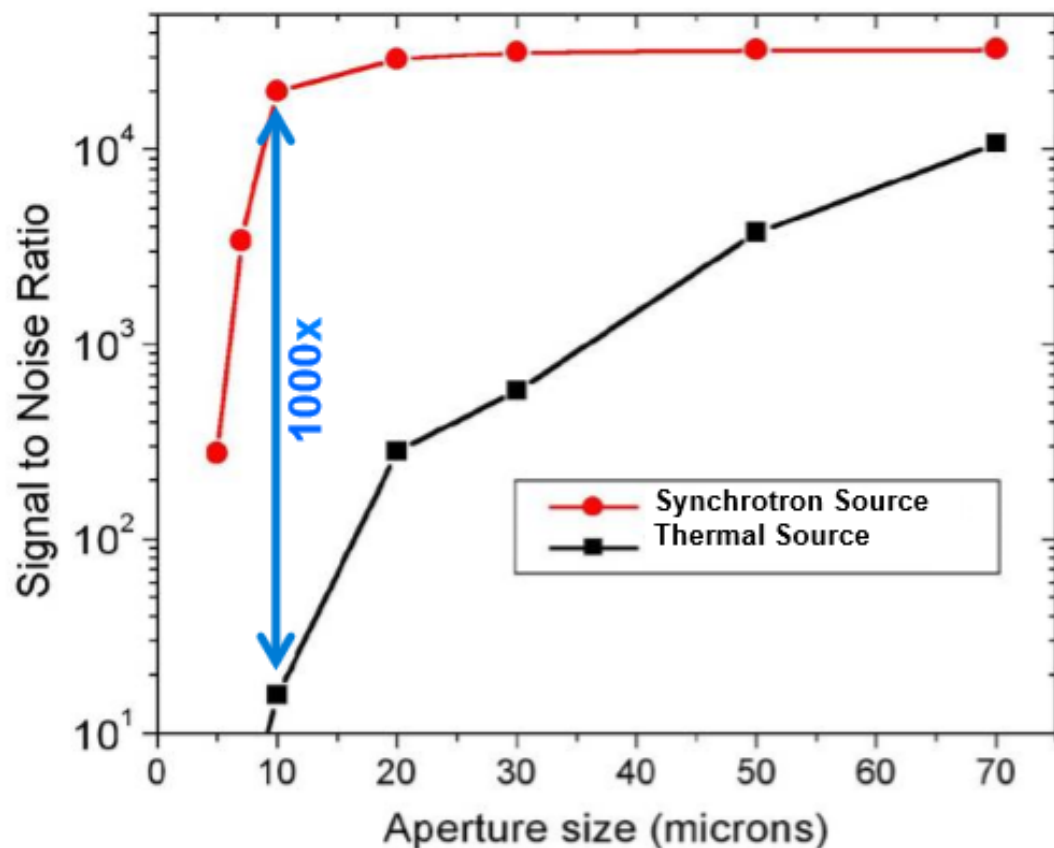
# Infrared Spectroscopy





# IR: SR Advantages over thermal sources

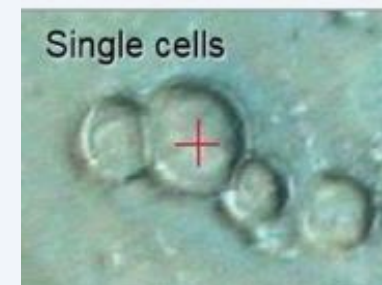
**Synchrotron IR is 1000x *brighter* than a conventional blackbody source**



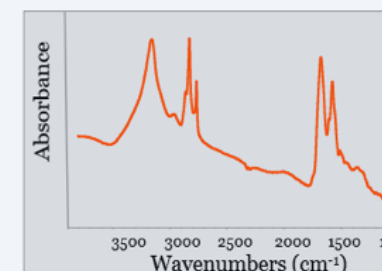
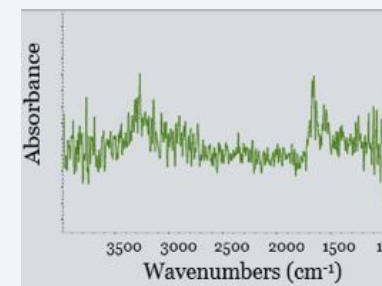
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## Advantages

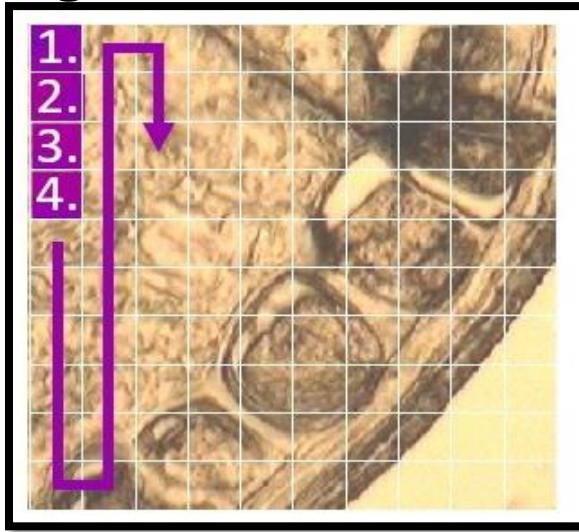
- Diffraction-limited spot sizes for microscopy (2-10  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Superior collimation for high spectral resolution
- Smaller samples
- Better signal to noise ratios
- Faster data acquisition



Courtesy  
Paul Dumas



## Single Point detector

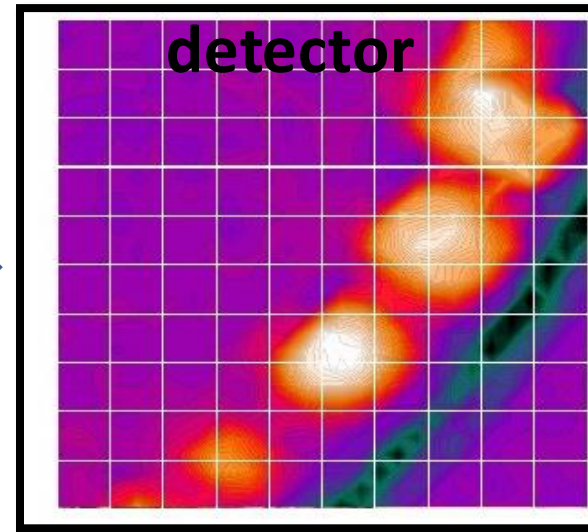


### *Consecutive*

- **Point-by-point detector,**
- **Long data acquisition.**

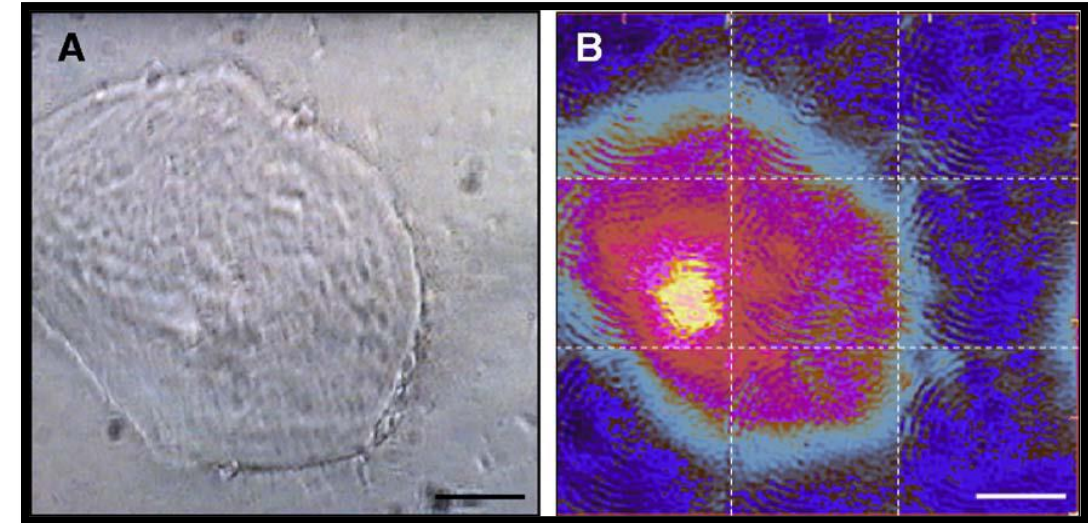
## FPA

### detector



### *All at once*

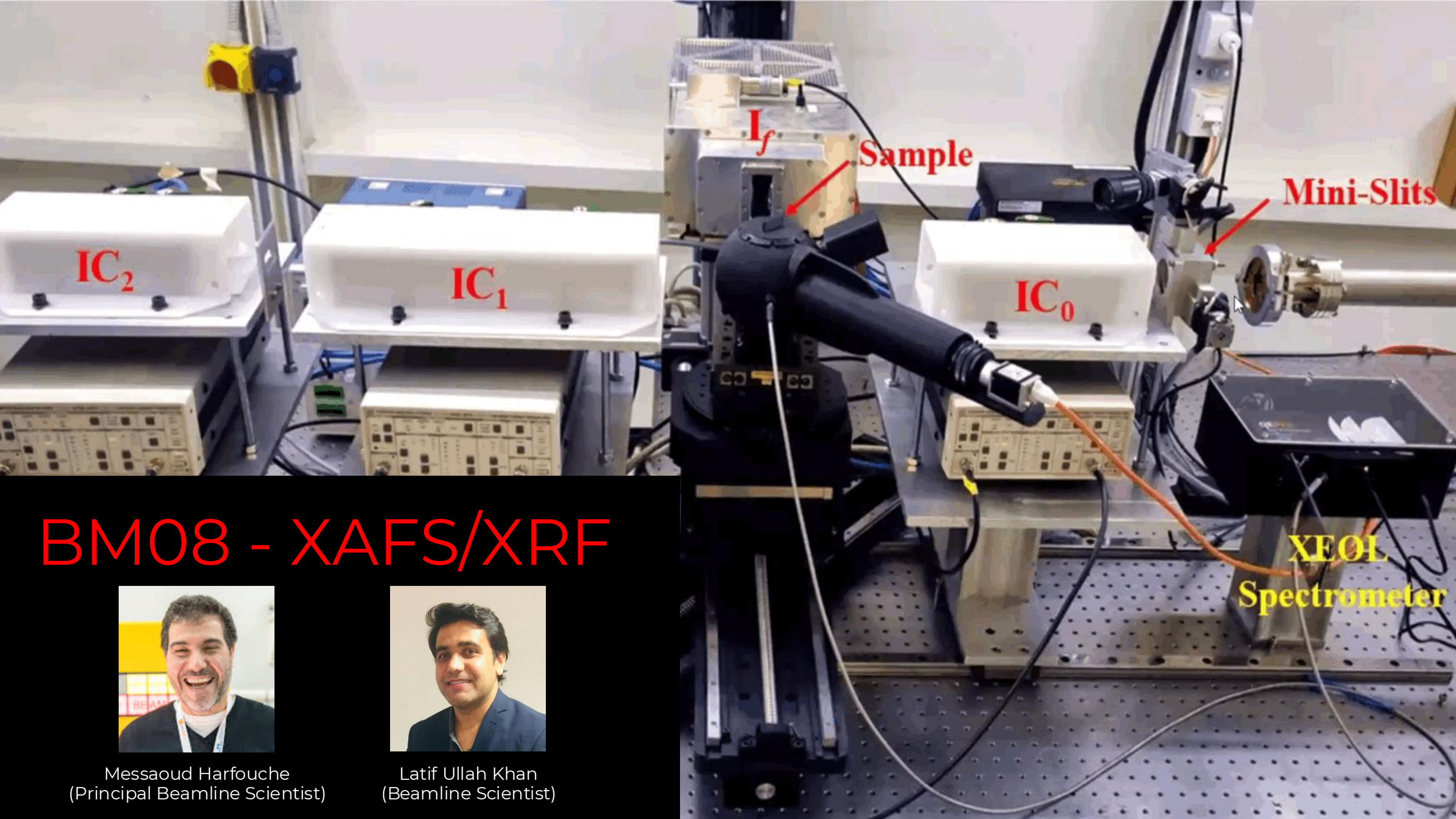
- **State-of-the-art detector** for FTIR imaging,
- **Parallel** acquisition,
- An array of IR detectors arranged in a square (**64 x 64 detectors**),
- **4K spectra captured in a single shot**, almost like a digital camera.



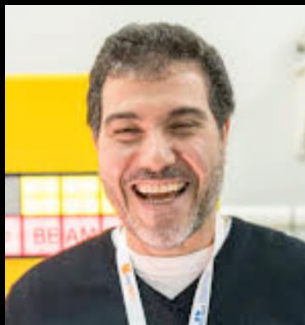
(A) Visible image of a human biological cell. (B) Synchrotron FPA (64x64 pixels) image of the protein (Amide I) absorbance in the cell.

L.M. Miller, P. Dumas / Biochimica et Biophysica Acta 1758 (2006)





# BM08 - XAFS/XRF



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# XAFS/XRF: SR Advantages over laboratory sources

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19 K 39.10	20 Ca 40.08	21 Sc 44.96	22 Ti 47.87	23 V 50.94	24 Cr 51.99	25 Mn 54.94	26 Fe 55.85	27 Co 58.93	28 Ni 58.69	29 Cu 63.55	30 Zn 65.38	31 Ga 69.72	32 Ge 72.63	33 As 74.92	34 Se 78.97	35 Br 79.90	36 Kr 83.80
37 Rb 85.47	38 Sr 87.62	39 Y 88.91	40 Zr 91.22	41 Nb 92.91	42 Mo 95.95	43 Tc 98.91	44 Ru 101.07	45 Rh 102.91	46 Pd 106.42	47 Ag 107.87	48 Cd 112.41	49 In 114.82	50 Sn 118.71	51 Sb 121.76	52 Te 127.6	53 I 126.90	54 Xe 131.29
55 Cs 132.91	56 Ba 137.33	57-71	72 Hf 178.49	73 Ta 180.95	74 W 183.84	75 Re 186.21	76 Os 190.23	77 Ir 192.22	78 Pt 195.09	79 Au 196.97	80 Hg 200.59	81 Tl 204.38	82 Pb 207.2	83 Bi 208.98	84 Po [208.98]	85 At 209.99	86 Rn 222.02
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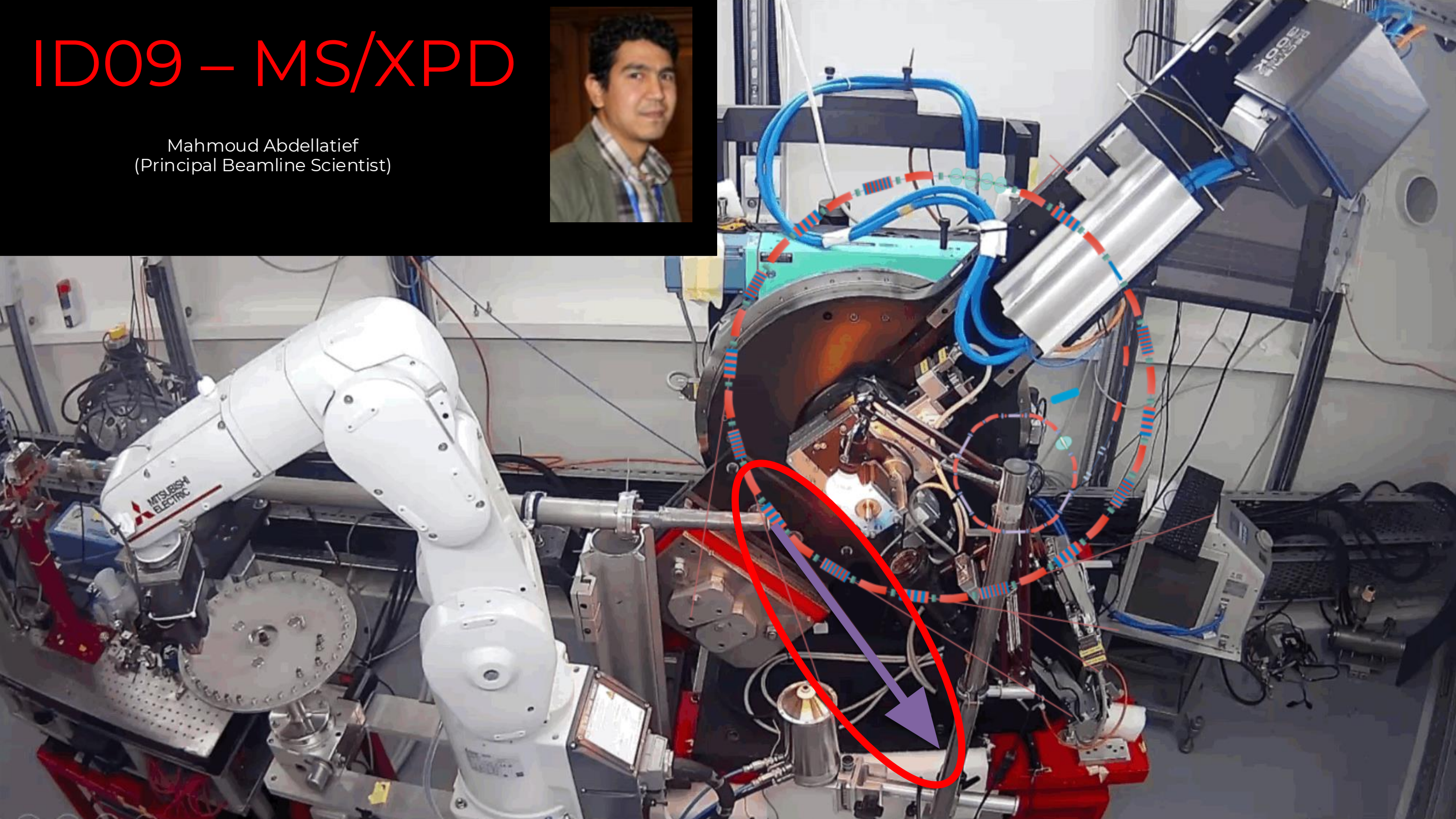
(Advanced X-ray Pixel  
DEtector)

64 cells detector, the  
system can handle more  
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within a linearity of 75%.



# ID09 – MS/XPD

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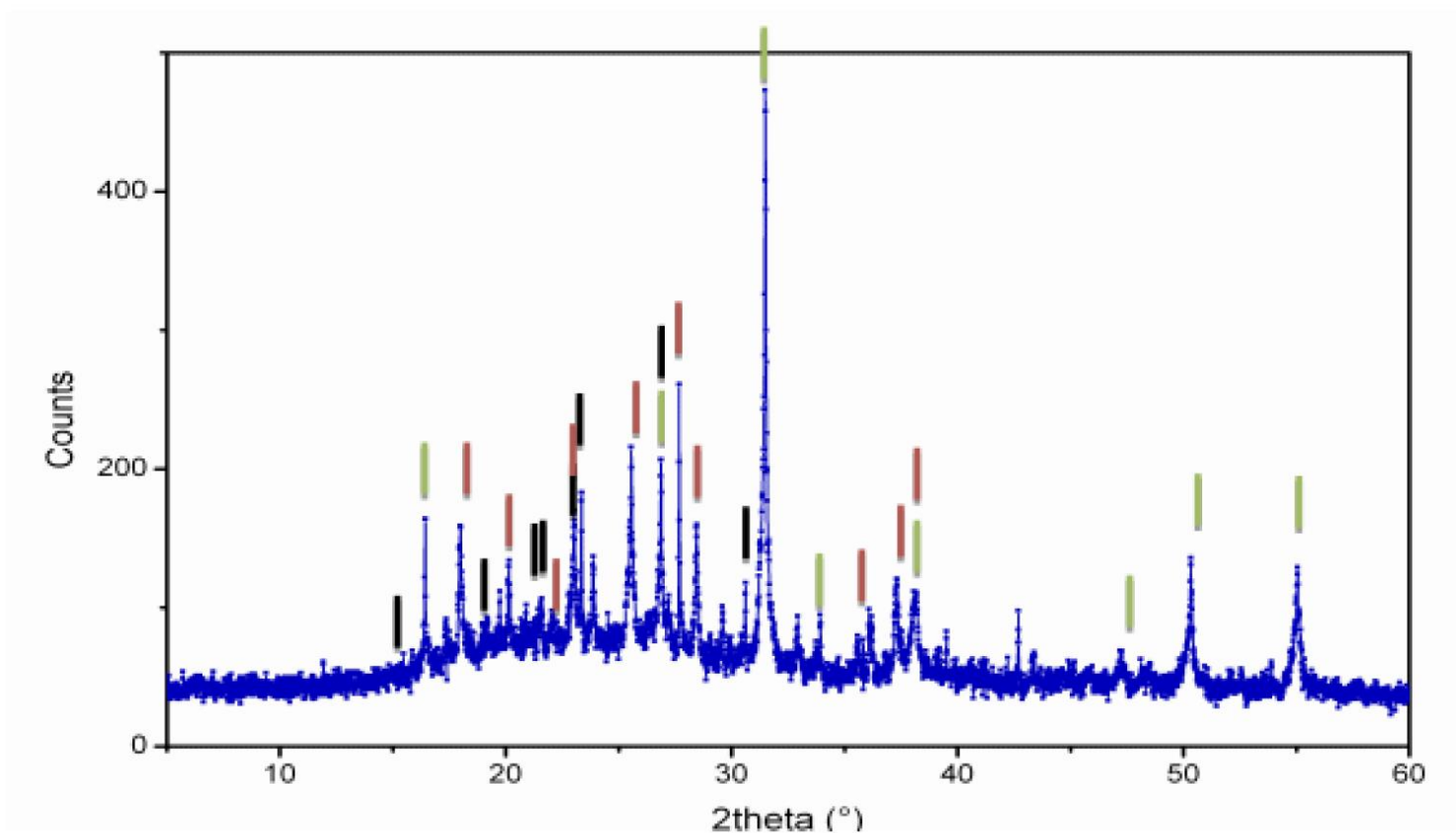
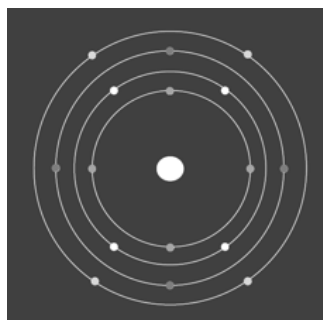
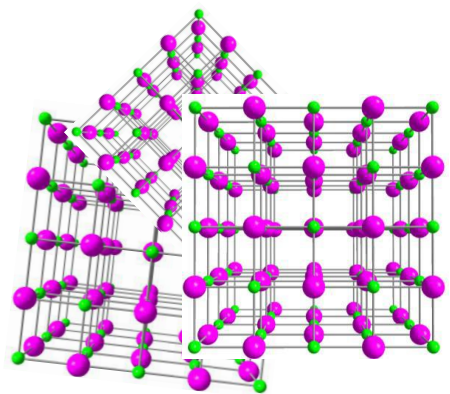
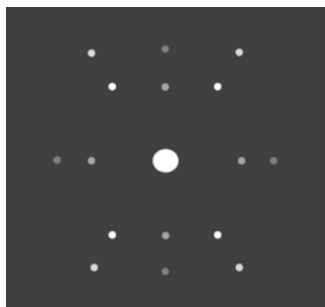
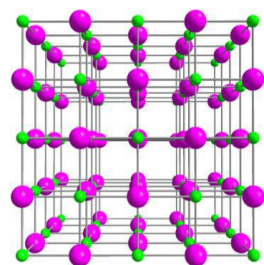
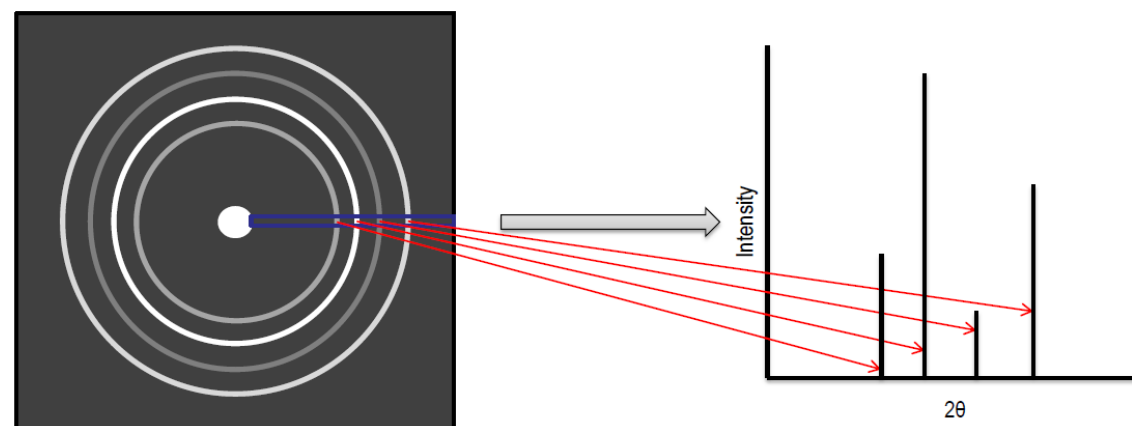
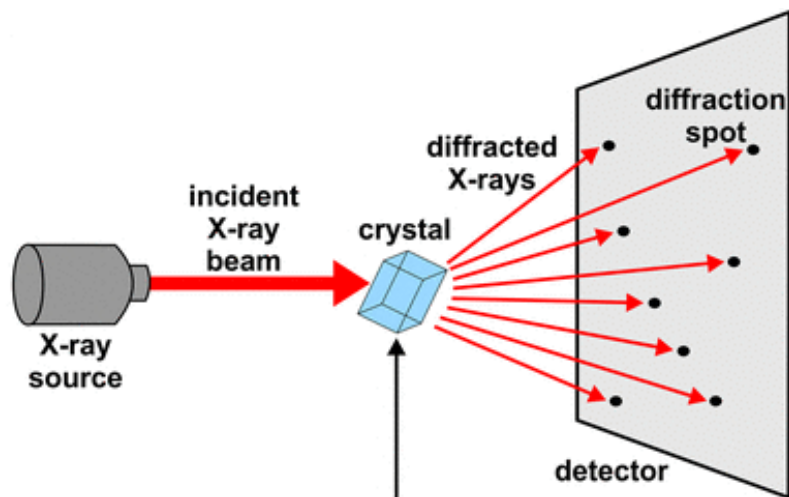






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# MS/XPD: SR Advantages over laboratory sources





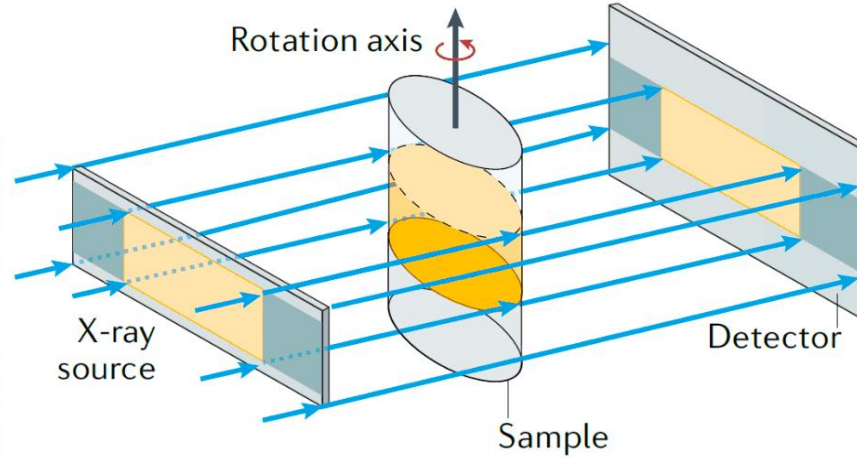
# ID10 – BEATS

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# SR XCT experimental setup



10x, 5x detector  
(Optique Peter)

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

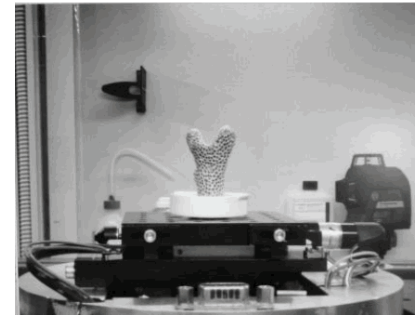


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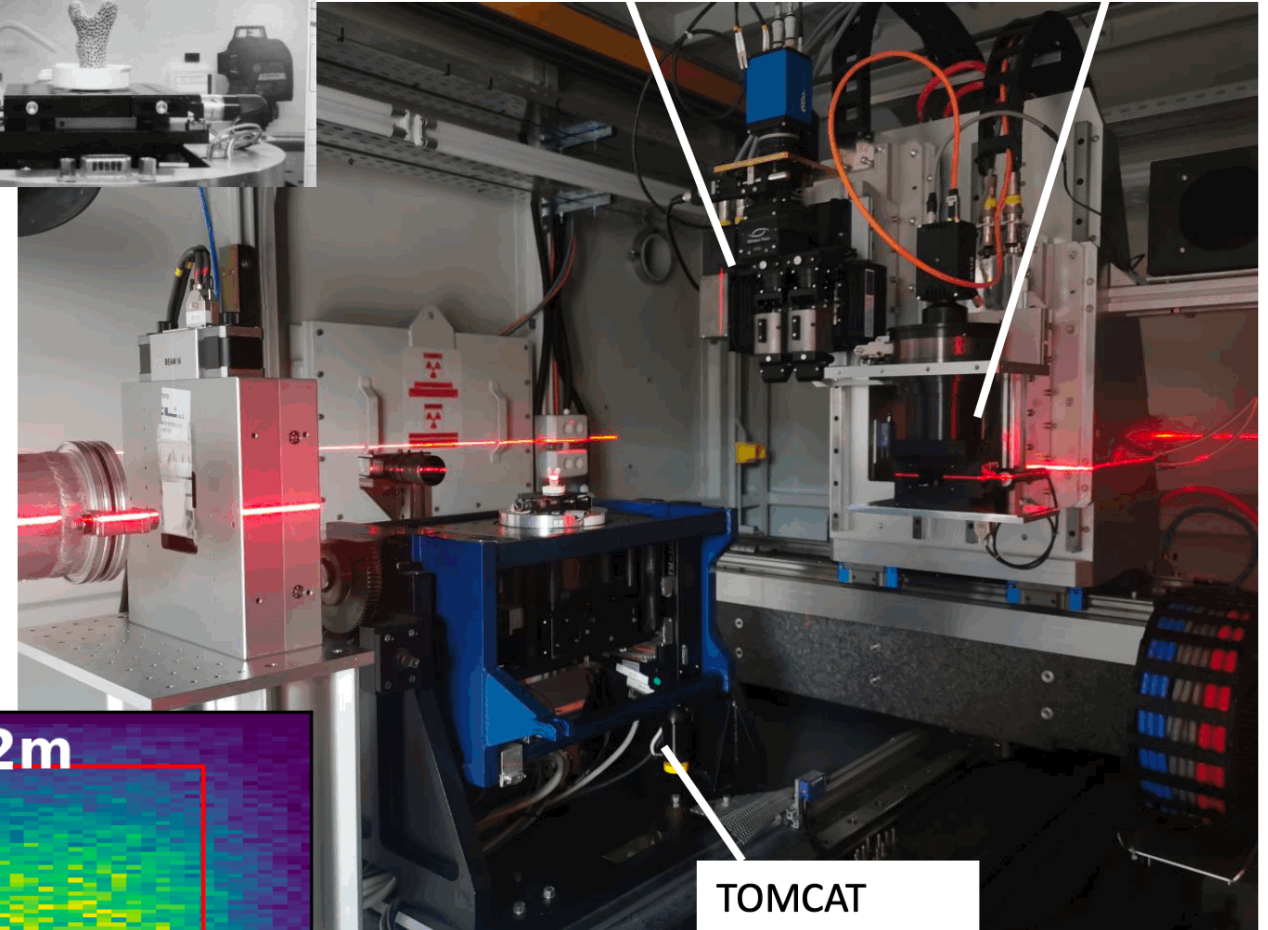
# BEATS: Experimental Station

Magnif.	Field of view	Pixel size
0.5x	$33.2 \times 28.0 \text{ mm}^2$	$13.0 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$
1x	$16.6 \times 14.0 \text{ mm}^2$	$6.5 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$
2x	$8.3 \times 7.0 \text{ mm}^2$	$3.25 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$
5x	$3.4 \times 2.8 \text{ mm}^2$	$1.3 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$
10x	$1.7 \times 1.4 \text{ mm}^2$	$0.65 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$



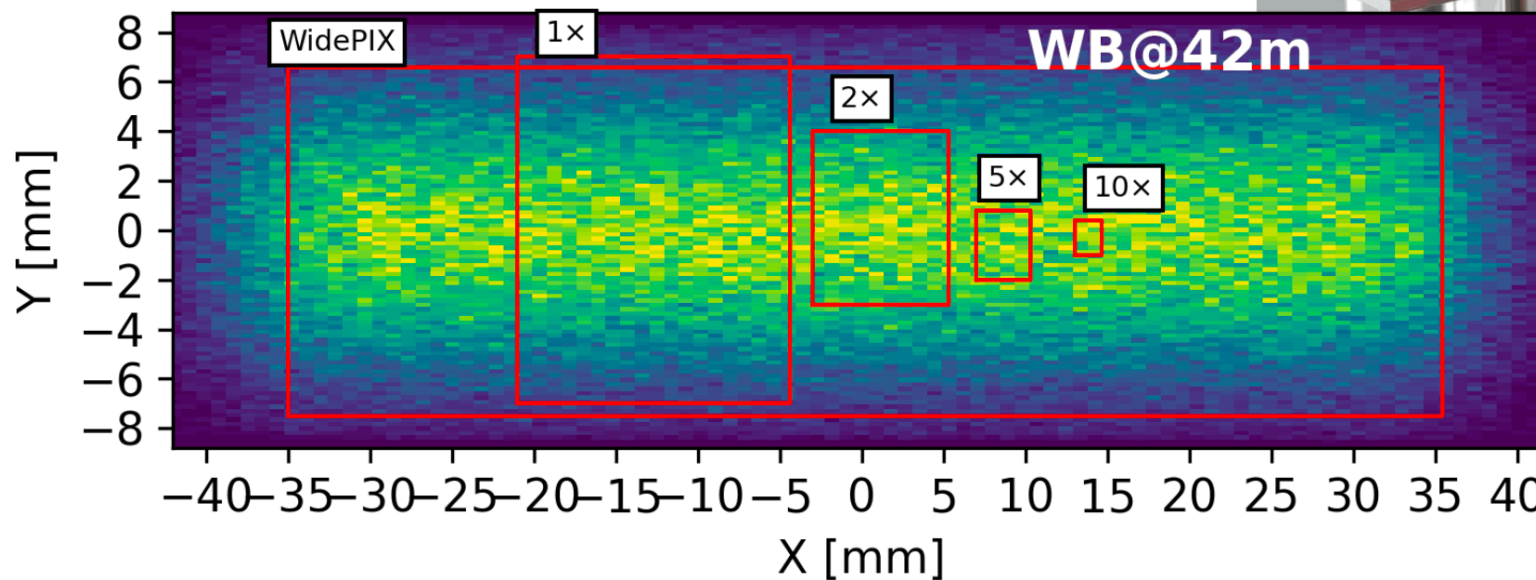
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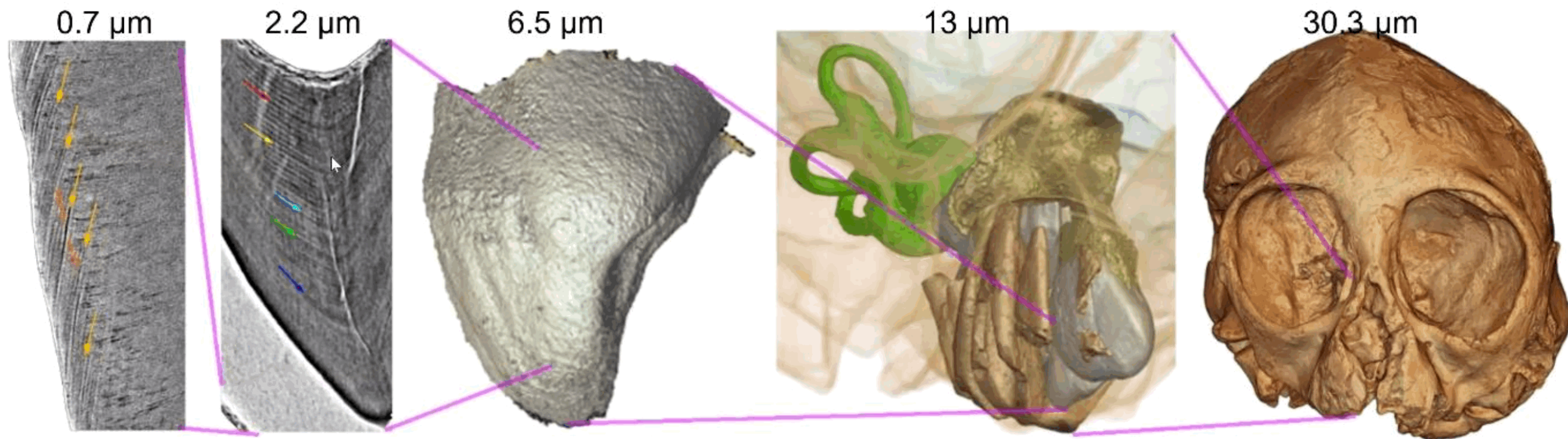
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## *Nyanzapithecus alesi*, fossil skull of an infant ape from Kenya aged of 13 My

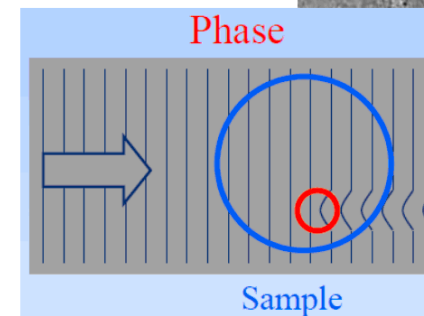
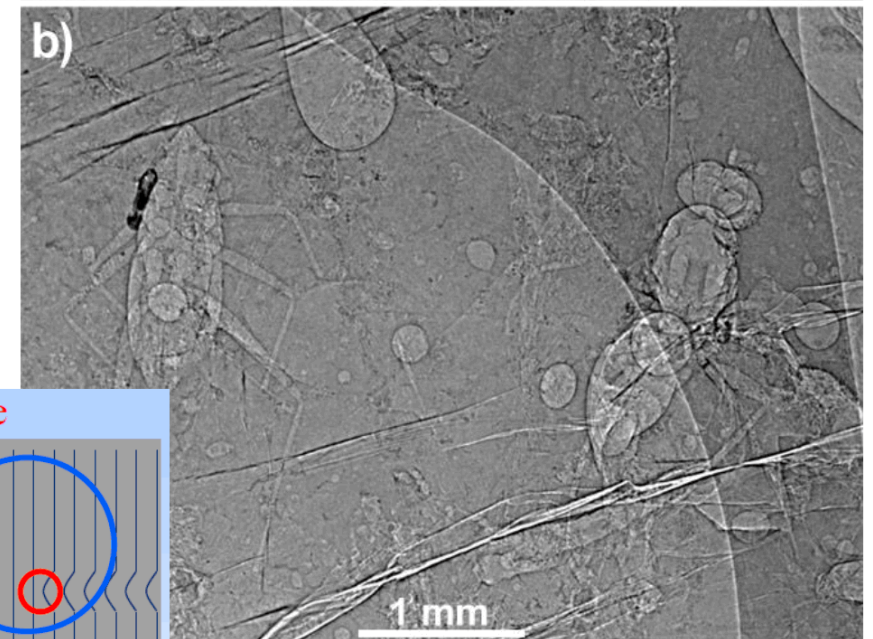
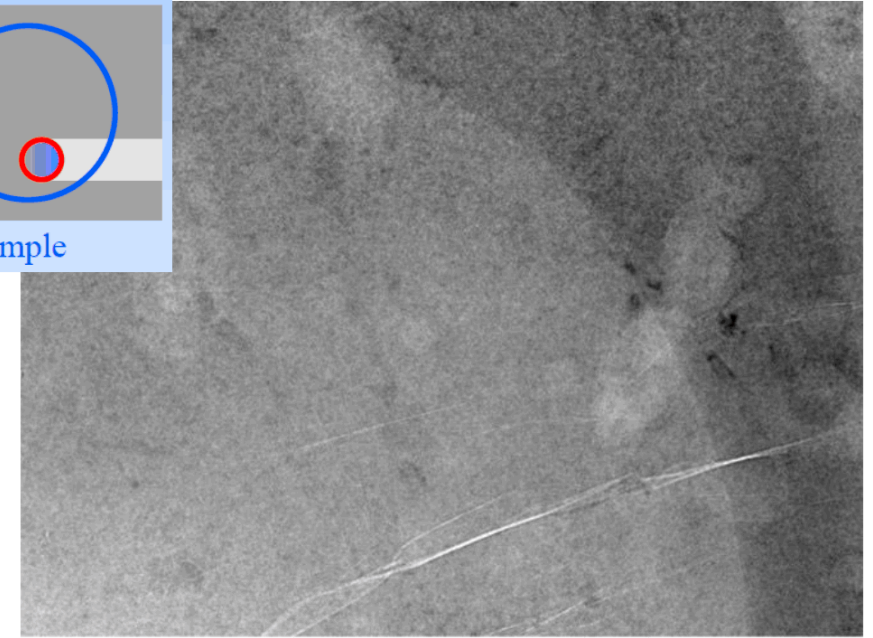
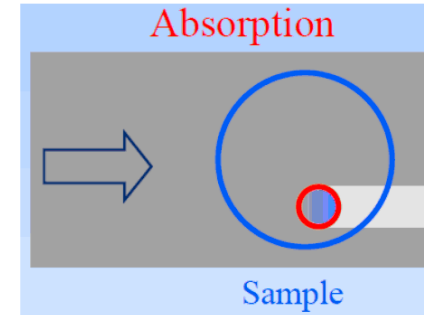
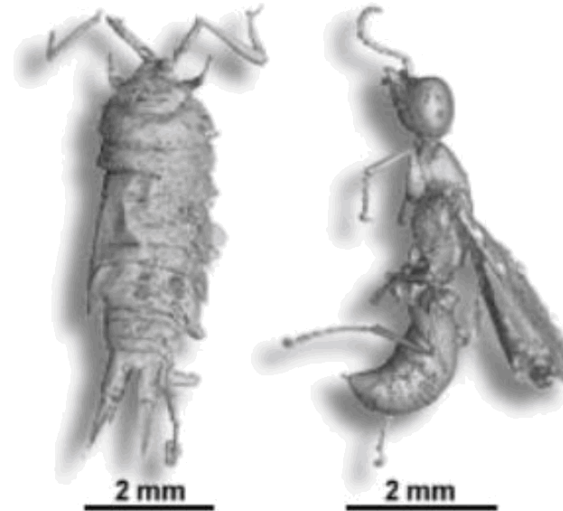
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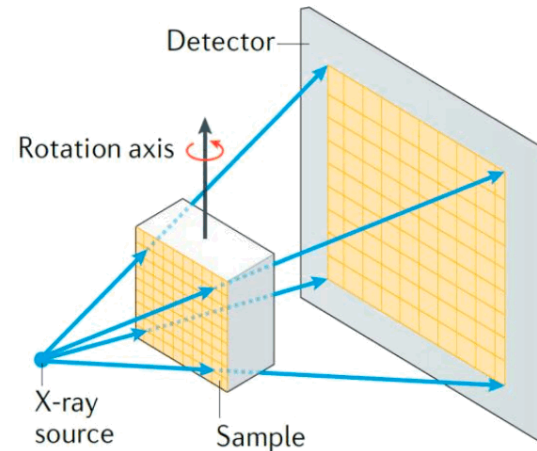
## Propagation-based phase contrast XCT

- Phase-contrast XCT make it possible for paleontologists to study opaque amber, previously inaccessible using classical microscopy techniques



## Laboratory XCT

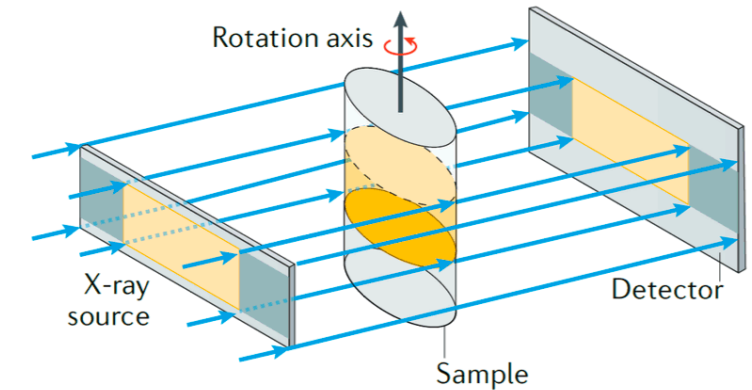
- Wide spectrum of (**polychromatic**) X-ray energies, with bright peaks characteristic of the source target material
- **Cone-beam geometry**



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

## Synchrotron XCT

- **Higher flux** by several orders of magnitude
- **Monochromatic X-ray beam possible:** improved sensitivity and limited artefacts
- **Parallel-beam geometry**



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



# ID11 left – HESEB

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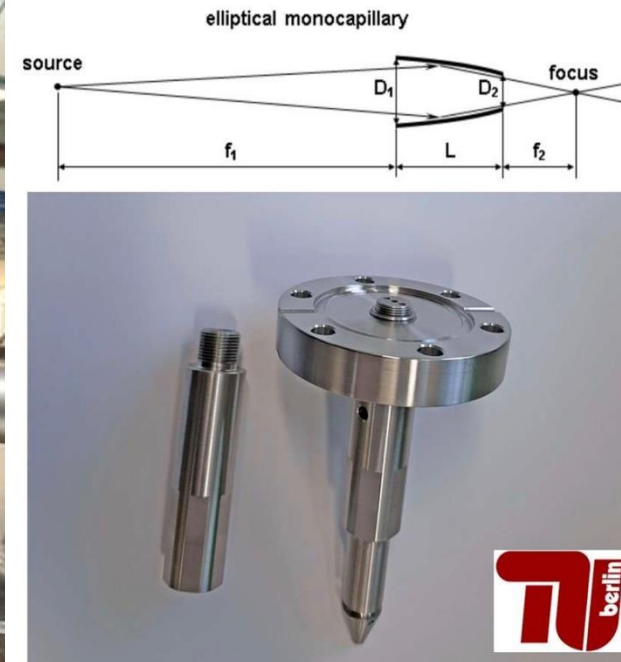
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# HESEB: soft X-ray spectroscopy beyond UHV



**Variable pressure experiment chamber: a unique distinguishing feature of HESEB.**

The sample manipulator allows for spatially resolved energy dependent x-ray absorption spectroscopy for obtaining the elemental and chemical composition of surfaces.

Combined with an elliptical focussing capillary that creates a focus of about 20  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter and acts as a differential pumping stage, HESEB allows studies of archeological samples at atmospheric pressure.





# SESAME Today

SESAME is an internationally well-connected facility producing world-class science

SESAME continues to increase its beamlines' portfolio and research opportunities

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