

Synchrotron / X-ray Applications Detectors Make the Big Difference

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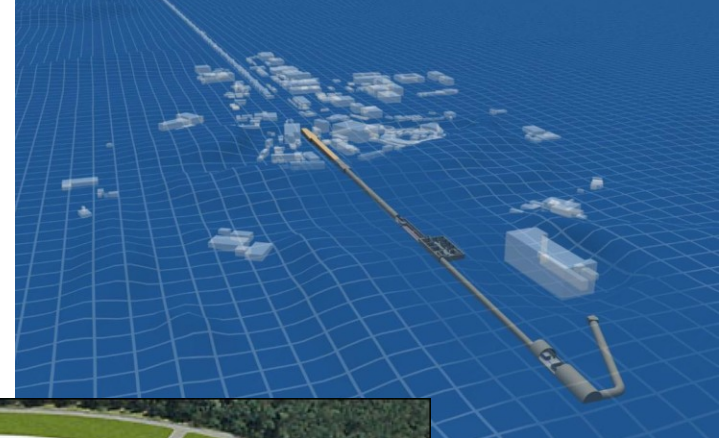
And many users of APS, companies

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Overview

- The synchrotron community and experiments
- Lessons learned from the past
 - The detection requirements
 - Existing Detection Systems which changed the game
 - Lessons to be learned
- The next big challenges
- Conclusions

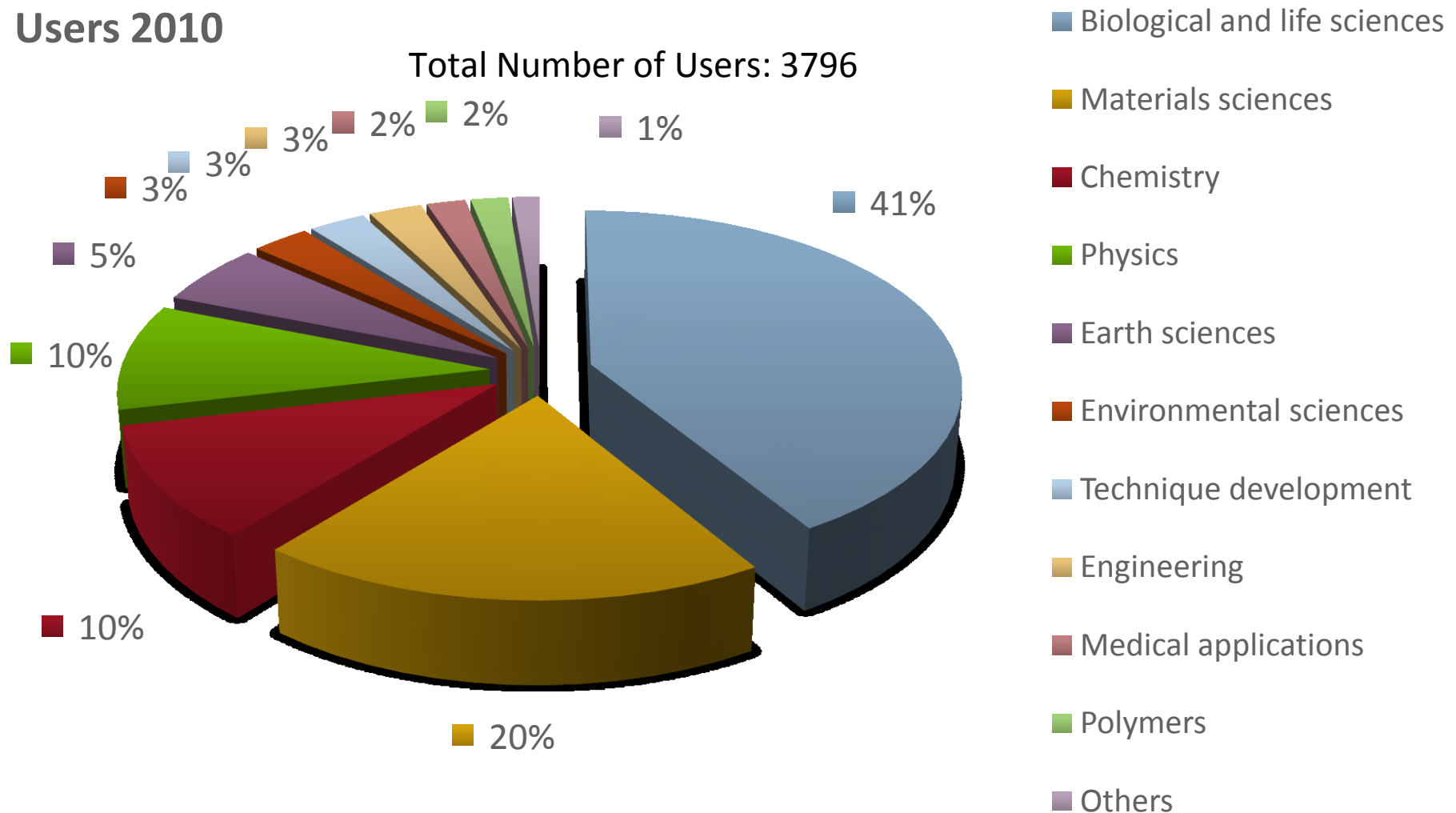


The Community

The Advanced Photon Source as Example

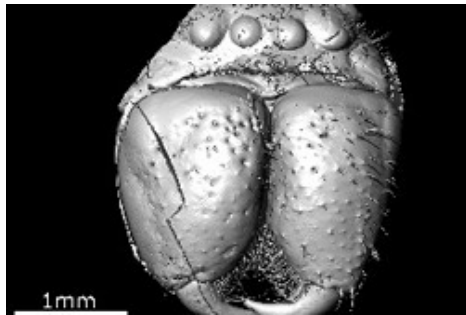
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Total Number of Users: 3796



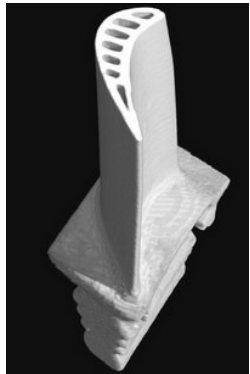
The Community Same Examples

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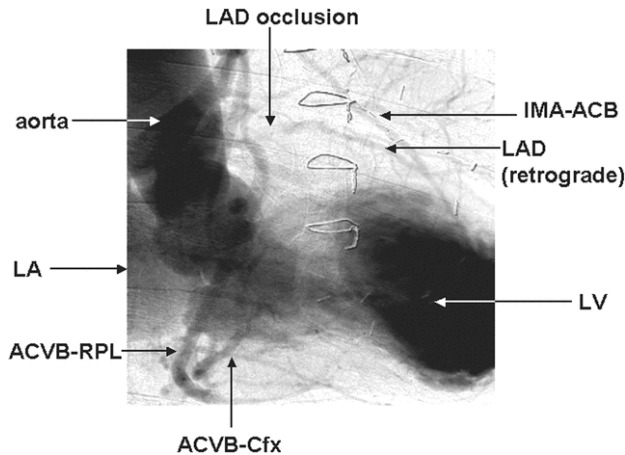
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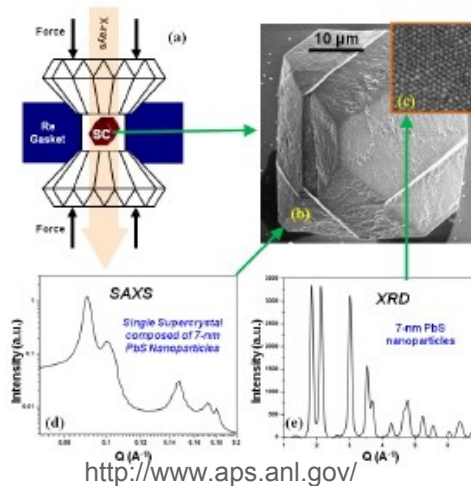
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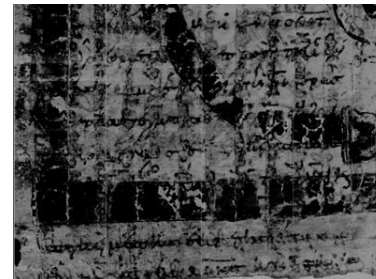


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Geo sciences



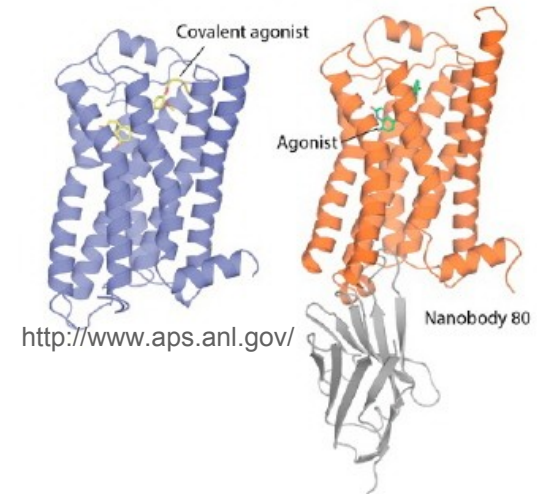
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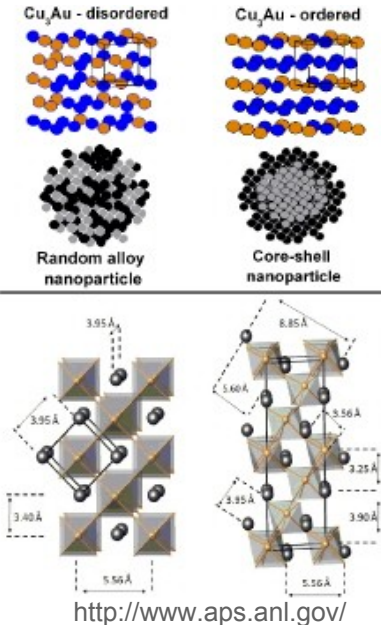
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Structural biology

β_2 Adrenergic Receptor

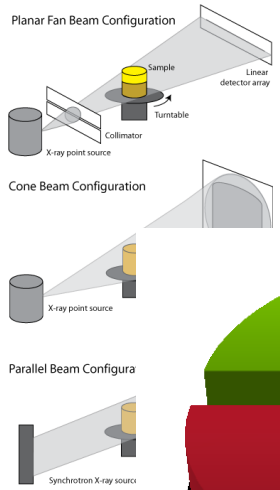
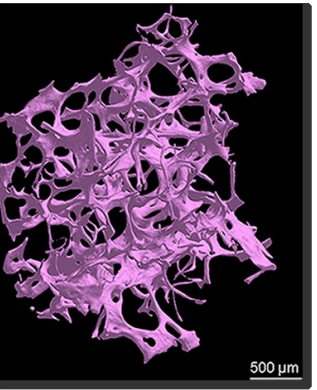


Nano sciences

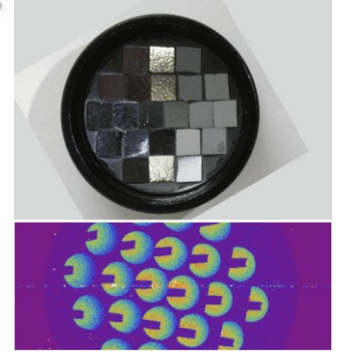
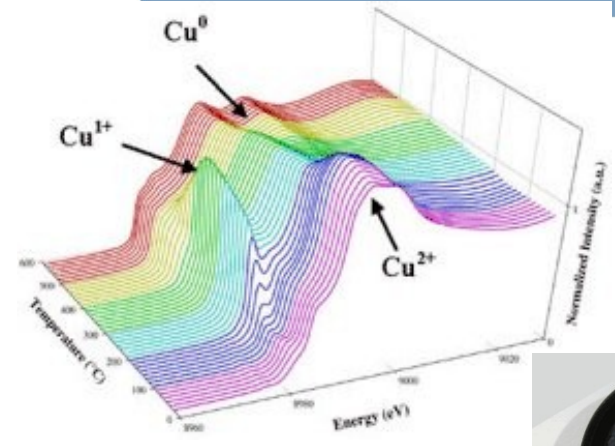


The Applied Techniques and Detection Requirements

3D-Imaging



X-ray Spectroscopy



2D-Imaging

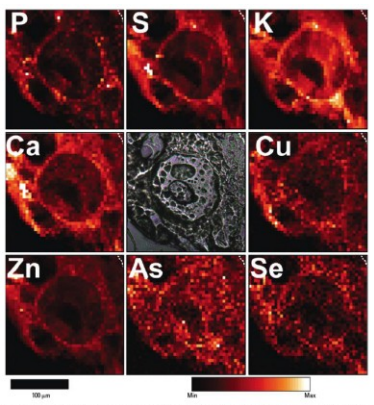
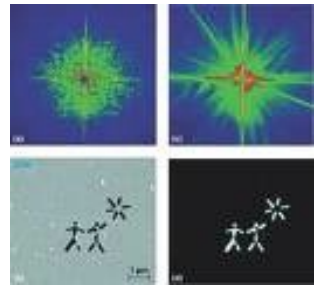
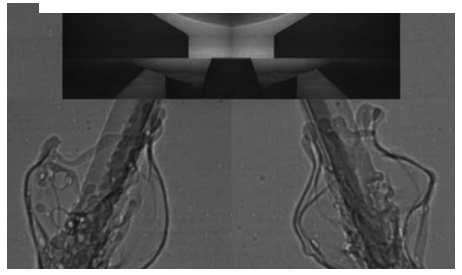
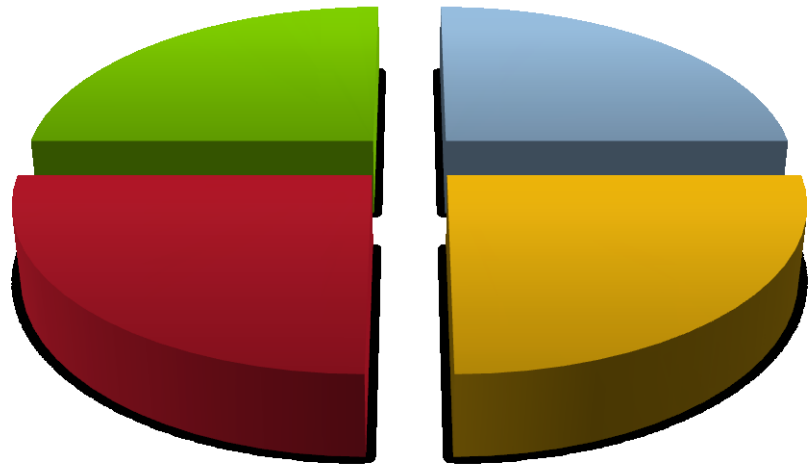
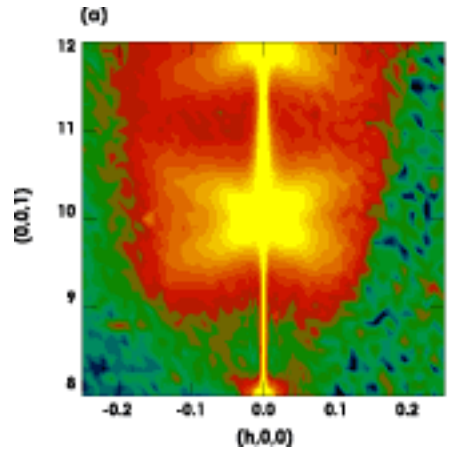


Figure 1. Micro-XRF element maps of hyperplastic epidermis taken from the skin of a mouse exposed to UVR and Afl(1) for 182 days. Dashed lines in upper right corner demarcate the boundary between epidermis and a tiny amount of dermis. Abbreviations: Max, maximum; Min, minimum. A phase-contrast image in the central panel shows a large, circular nucleus containing a large nucleolus. Other possible structures are artifacts of desiccation. The giant cell is a "typical" "sunburn" cell with a huge nucleus and a barely perceptible cytoplasm. The nucleolus, being mostly RNA, contains little, if any, of the sampled elements. Near the large cell are several normal-sized epidermal cells. The elements sulfur, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, copper, zinc, and Se are generally concentrated in the membrane regions at the peripheries of the cells.



X-ray Scattering



Typical Beam Conditions

- Primary beam

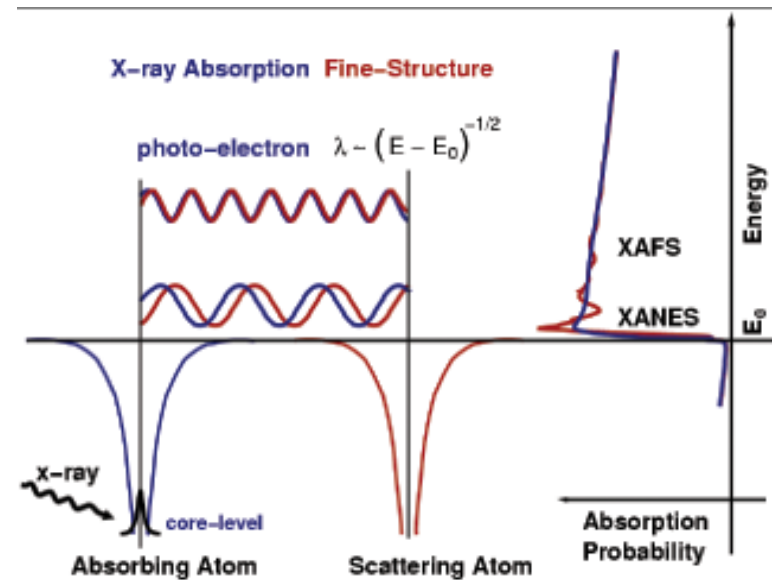
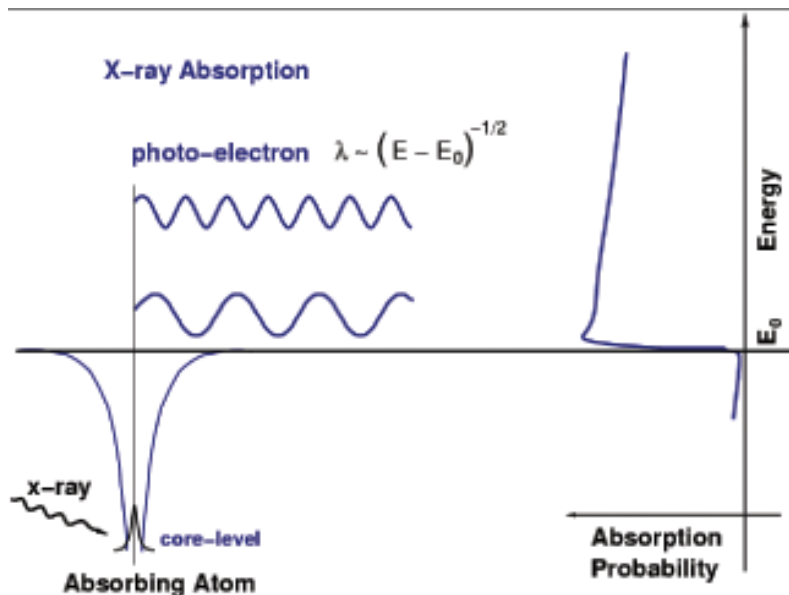
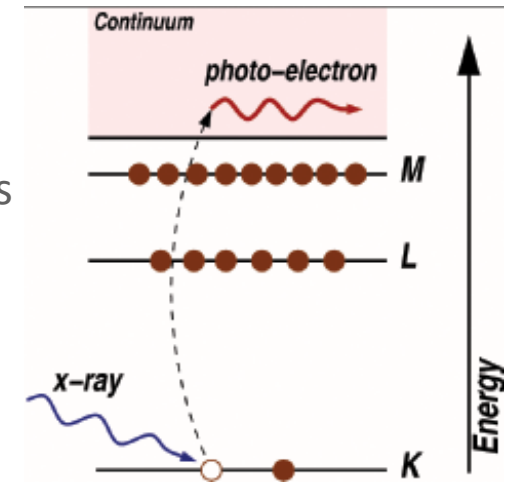
- Flux: $\sim 10^{10}$ - 10^{16} Photons/s
- Beam size: $\sim 1 \times 1 \text{mm}^2$ - $30 \times 30 \text{nm}^2$; typical: $100 \times 300 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Photon energy: 1 eV -150keV typical: $\sim 10 \text{keV}$
- Bandwidth: 10^{-4} (monochromatic), 10^{-2} (polychromatic)
- Time-structure:
 - High energy synchrotrons (4-5 world-wide): typically 5-10MHz rep-rate with 100ps pulse width (about 10^3 - 10^9 photons/pulse)
 - “Modern” 2-3GeV rings (large number): typically 100MHz-500MHz with 100ps-50ps pulse width (about 10^2 - 10^8 photons/pulse)

Spectroscopy: XAFS

What is X-ray Absorption?

- NEXAFS probes electronic states – EXAFS next neighbors
- “Principle” difference: photo-electron in bonded (NEXAFS) are non-bonded (EXAFS) state

Initial absorption process

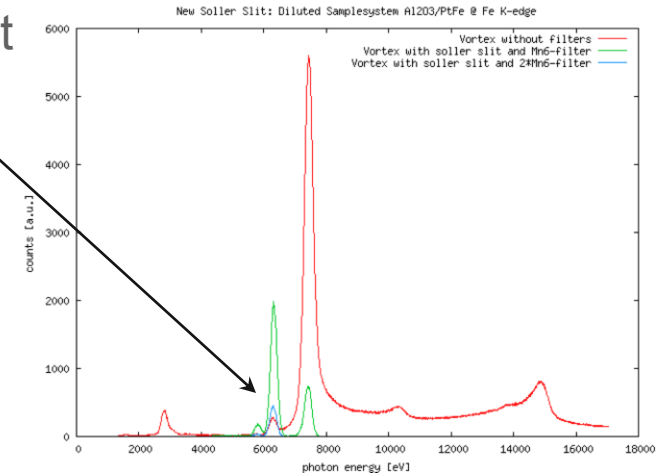


Spectroscopy

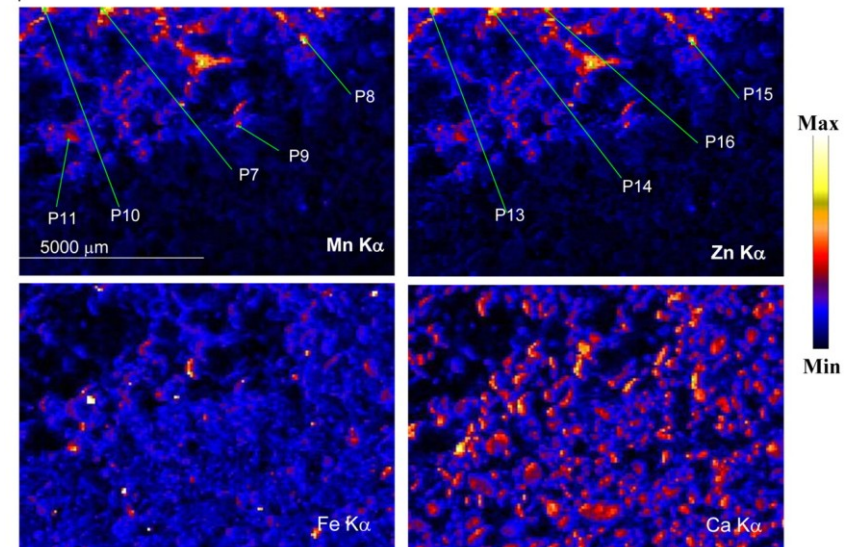
The Task

- Main detector properties:
 - Many “bad” photons and only few “good” ones
 - Signal to back-ground depends on the concentration and composition
 - Fluorescence emission is isotropic (emission in 4π)
 - Total number of photons up to 10^{10} Photons/s
- Two detector solutions:
 - Single photon detection & electronic energy resolution (pulse height distribution)
 - Current type detection system combined with energy filters:
 - Z-1-filters with soller slit system
 - Crystal optics (sometimes using spatially resolving detectors)

Line of interest



Point of application



Spectroscopy

Short History of XAFS Detectors

Physics

Catalysis
Material Sciences

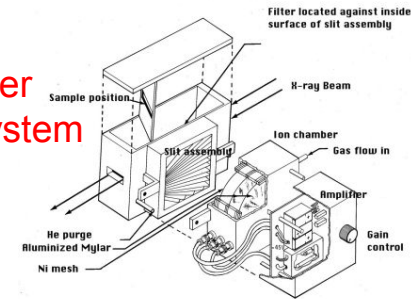
- Bio, Geo,
- Nuclear
Engineering
- Chemistry ...

Development of
combined
techniques
Microscopes

Real material
under real
conditions

- Lytle Detection system (mid 70's)
 - Enabler technology (allowed new field: catalysis)
 - Cheap (a few \$K) and easy to install
 - Diluted samples with dominating elastic background (~1mmol-samples)
- Ge-multi-element detector (mid 90's)
 - Records full emission energy spectrum
 - Maximal count rate per element typically: ~100-200Kcps. (about 10-30 elements)
 - Diluted samples down to (~1μmol-samples)
- Si-Drift diodes (starting ~2000)
 - Increased count rate and smaller fill-factor
 - Simple air cooling makes it easy to integrate
 - First "multi" element systems available
- Crystal optics (~ 2008-.....)
 - Unprecedented energy resolution allows new spectroscopy techniques
 - Typically very complex instruments

Ionization chamber
with filter & slit system



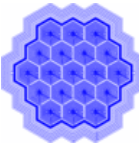
Multi-element
Ge-detector (LN2)



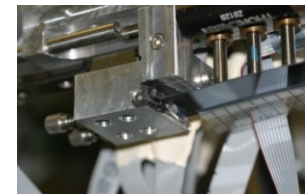
Single element
Silicon Drift Detector



Multi element
Silicon Drift Detector



Modern Crystal Optics
combined with area detectors



Spectroscopy

The Big Detector Challenges

■ Packaging

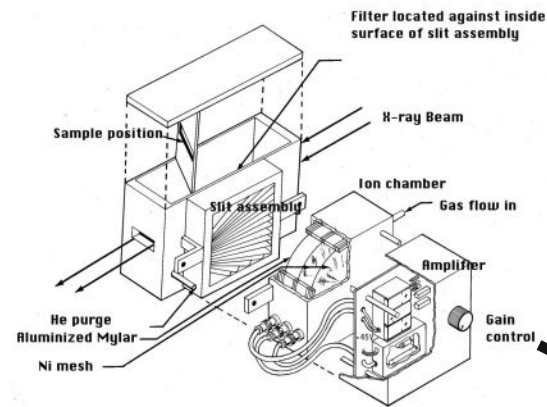
- Large solid angle at least 1π perhaps $2-3\pi$
- Small footprint
- Modular system?
- Modules must be compatible with harsh environment
 - Temperature
 - Pressure
 - Chemical environment (solvents, oxidizers, fuels...)

■ Detection capabilities (of system)

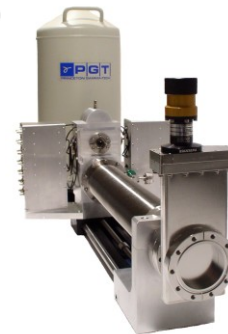
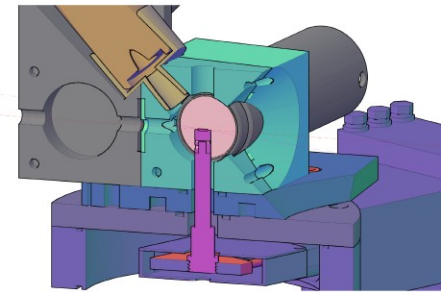
- 10^9-10^{10} cps (at 100-5MHz rep rate)
- Energy resolution 50-150eV at 10KeV
- High detection efficiency between 3KeV-30KeV
- Bunch to bunch resolution capability?

■ Economics:

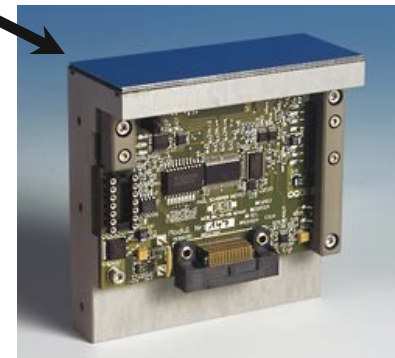
- Typical cost for spectroscopy systems \sim \$250K
- Moderate number of systems: \sim 20-40 per year (dependent on prize)



Modern
fabrication
technology



Integration and
monolithic

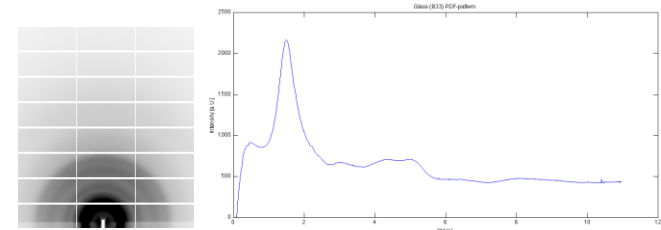


X-ray Scattering and Diffraction

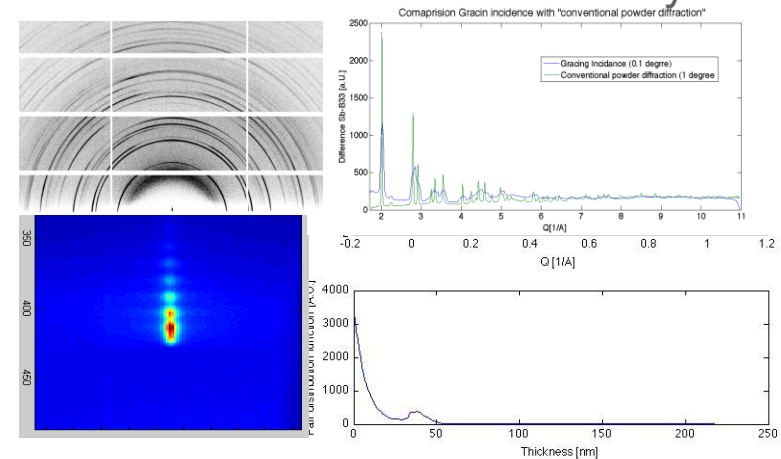
What is Scattering ?

- Small angle scattering probes:
 - Shape and Size of particles
- Wide angle scattering:
 - PDF: amorphous and systems with low ordering
 - Powder diffraction: small crystallites (orientation, size, strain)
 - Single crystal diffraction:
 - Protein crystallography
 - Diffuse Scattering
 - Crystal truncation rod (CTR)
- Grazing incidence experiments:
 - Reflectivity
 - Small and wide angle techniques

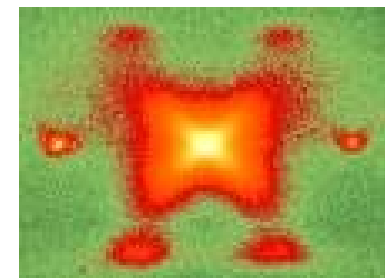
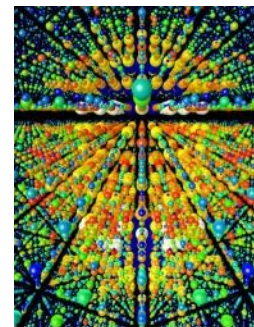
PDF (pair distribution function)



Powder Diffraction & Reflectivity



Single Crystal Techniques



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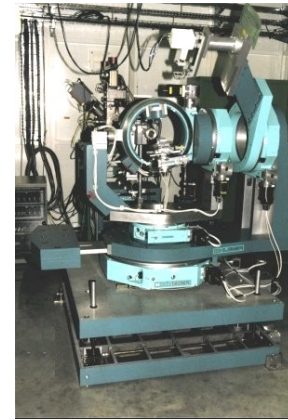
Short History of Scattering Detectors

Required Time*:

- Point detector & complex goniometer (70's)

1-2 weeks

- Technique development
- Fully detector limited: maximal count rate about 30Kcps
- Low back-ground



8 hours

- Image plate detectors (mid 90's)
- Integrating detector
- Relative good signal-to-background
- Much higher maximal count rate
- 2-D detection efficiency



1-30 minutes

- CCD with fiber or lens coupled phosphor (early 2000's)
- Much faster readout (~2s)
- Better fill factor
- Issues with low count rate applications



1 second

- PAD detectors (2008.....)
- Bunch-to-bunch gateable
- Excellent low count rate capability
- Relative low spatial resolution

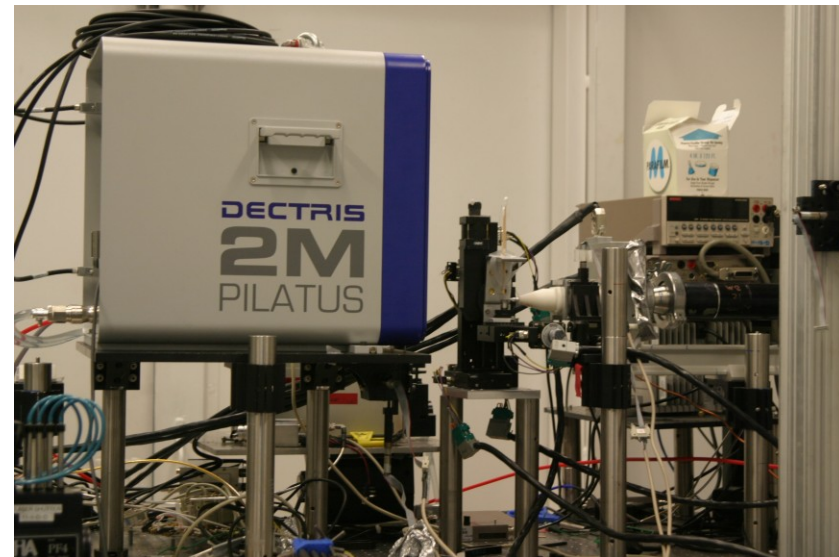


*: full Q-information

X-ray Scattering and Diffraction

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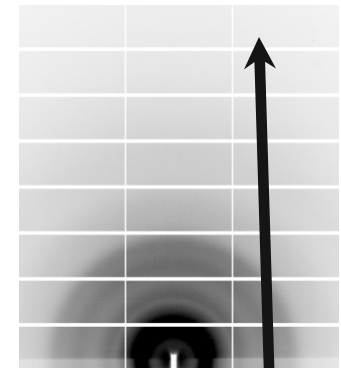
- Main detector properties:
 - Large detection area
 - Moderate energy resolution to suppress background (500eV @ 10KeV)
 - Good spatial resolution (10-50 μ m)
 - Large dynamic range (10^{-3} counts - 10^{10} counts)
 - Count rates
 - Up to: 10^4 Photons/(100 μ m² x bunch) (5MHz rep rate)
 - Typical maximal count rate: 10^{-2} Photons/(100 μ m² x bunch) (100MHz rep rate)
 - Energy range: 8-120KeV
- Two detector solutions:
 - Single photon detection & electronic energy resolution (pulse height distribution)
 - Integrating (bunch-bunch resolution)



X-ray Scattering and Diffraction

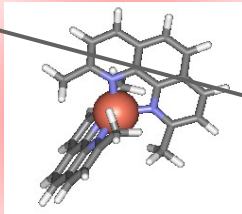
Some Remarks to Single Photon Counting

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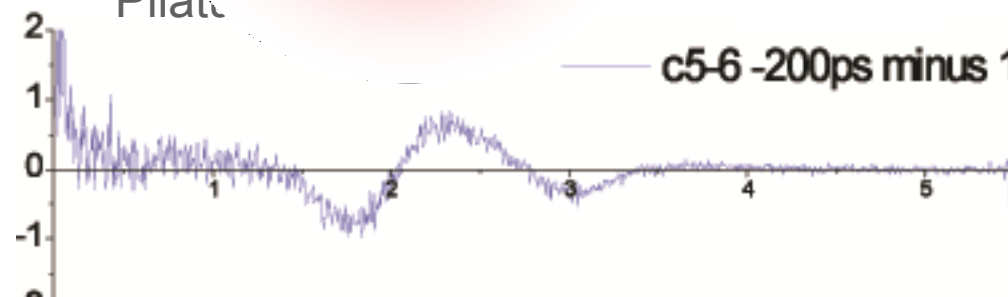


Time resolved liquid scattering:

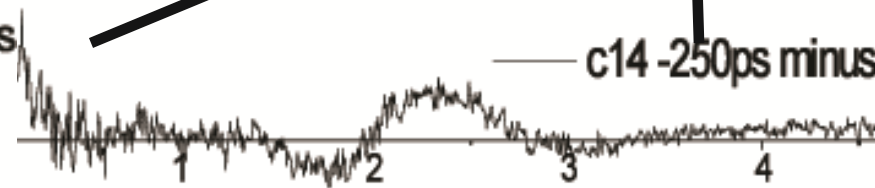
- 10^7 photons/Bunch at 12KeV
- gated signal: 1KHz rep rate
- about 4min total accumulation time
- 3mmol sample and 20mmol sample



Pilatus



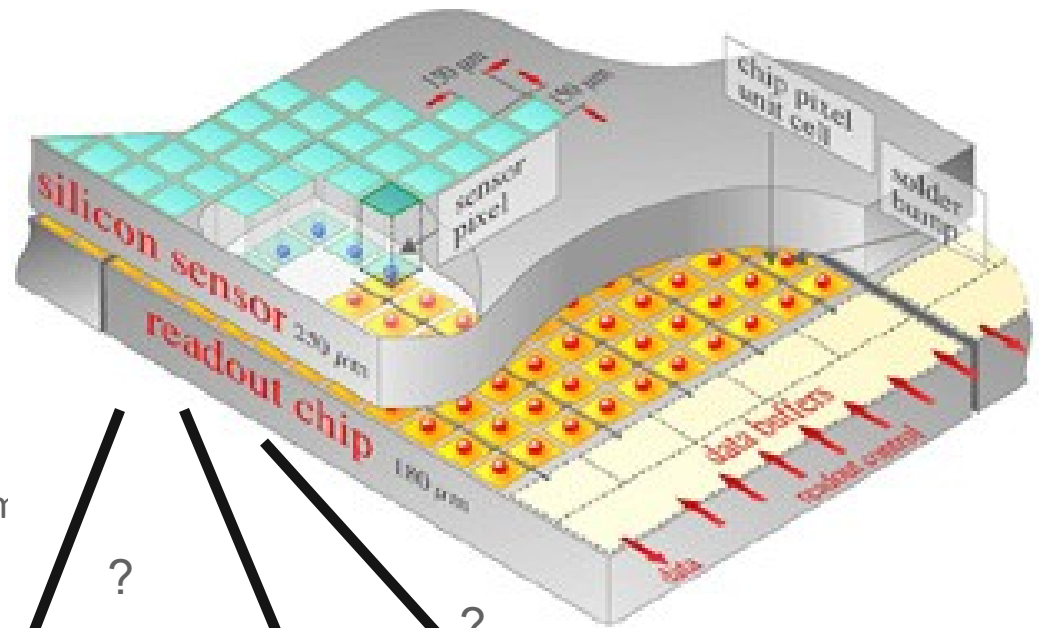
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- Single photon counting: Significant better in low count rate application!
- Current pixel size is too large!
- Single photon counting allows energy discrimination -> background!

X-ray Scattering and Diffraction

The Big Detector Challenges

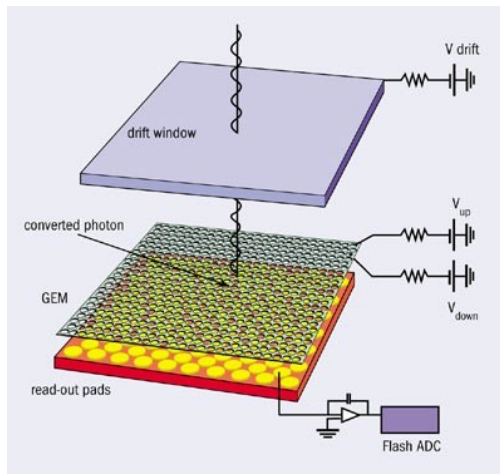
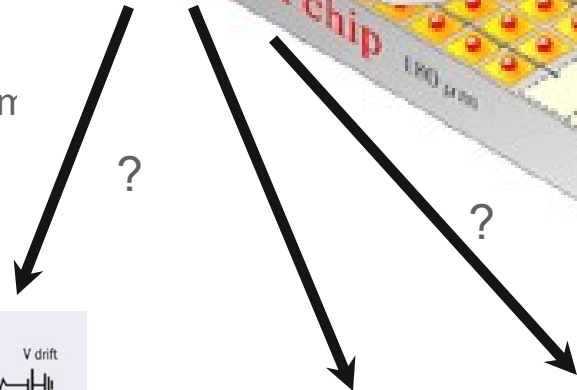


Main detector challenges:

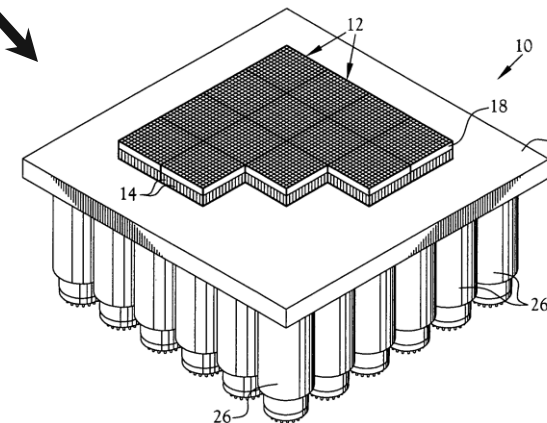
- Higher spatial resolution: $\sim 5\text{-}10\mu\text{m}$
- Large areas
- Price $< \$1\text{M}$?
- Storage of Multiple frames?
- Count rate up to: 10^4 Photons/(100 μm bunch)
- Energy range: 5KeV-120KeV

Detector solutions:

- ??????????



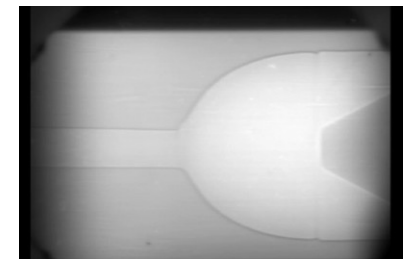
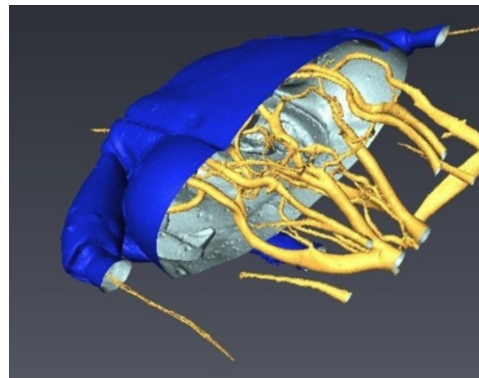
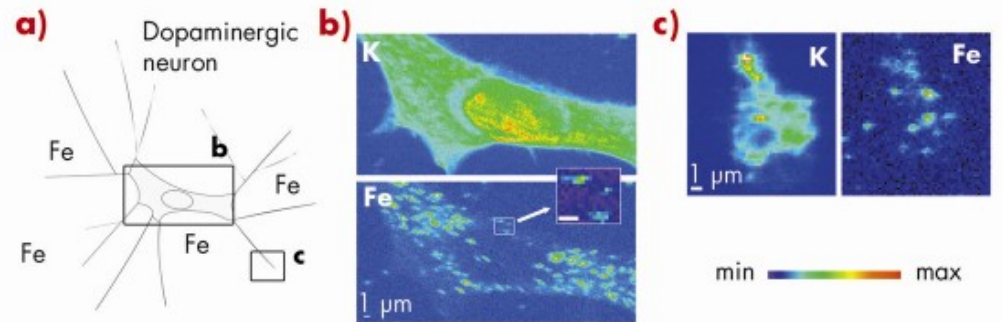
Si-PMT based?



Imaging

What is Imaging ?

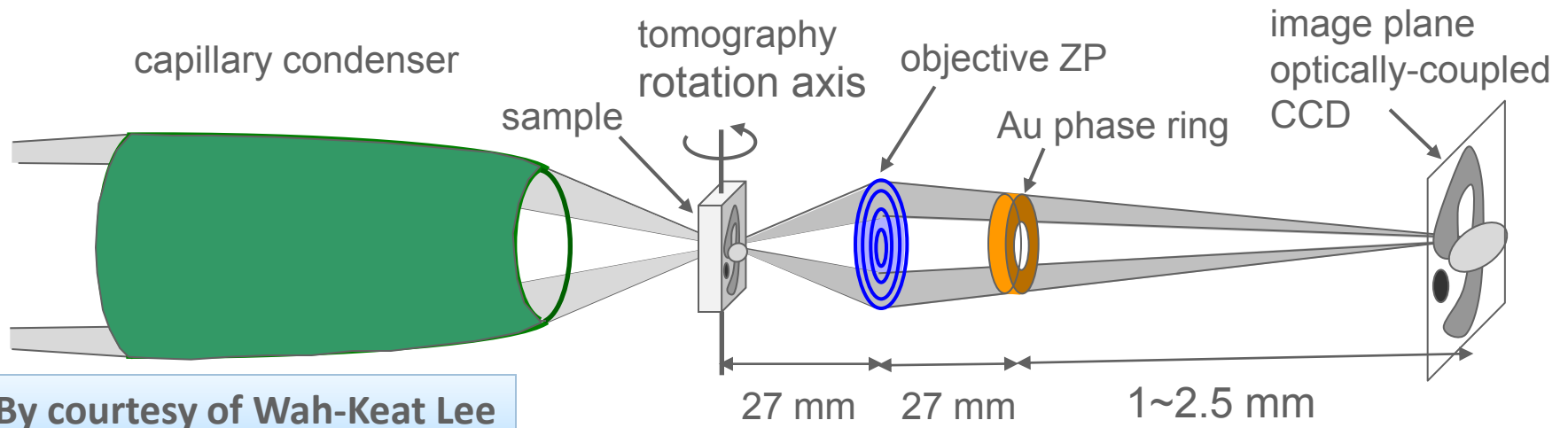
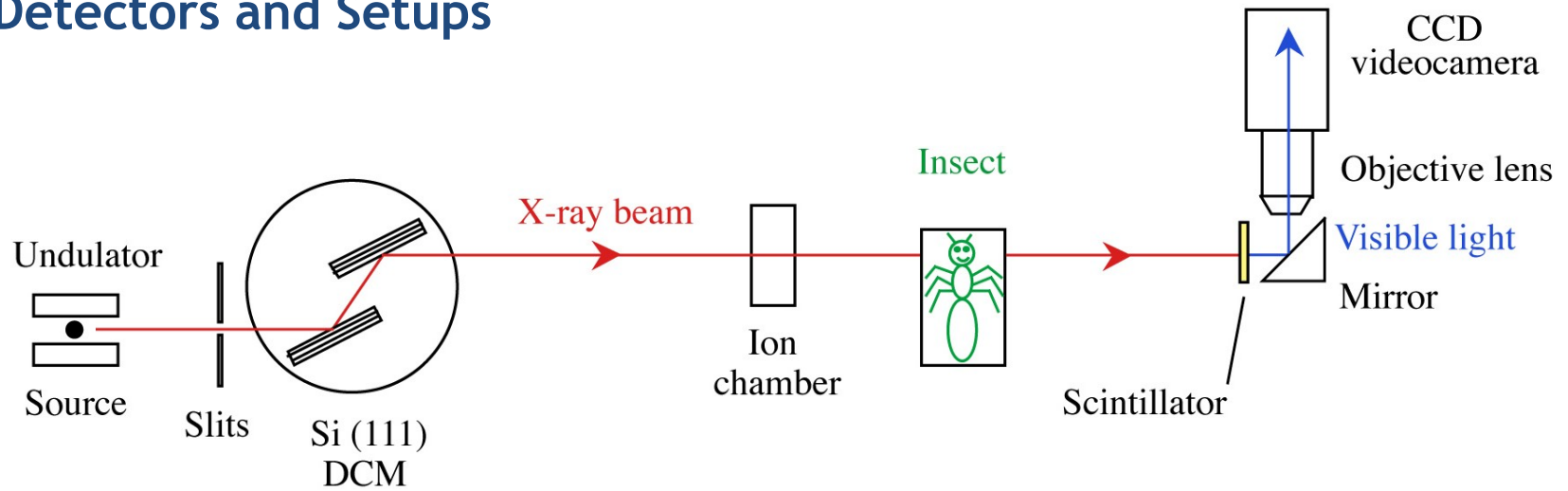
- Full field imaging
 - Phase contrast
 - Mainly for materials with low absorption contrast
 - Biological but also materials science problems
 - Time resolved
 - Slow resolution in millisecond range
 - High resolution down to ns-frame rate
- Scanning probe
 - Extreme high resolution (down to 10nm)
 - Elemental maps
- 3-D reconstruction (tomography)
 - Absorption
 - Phase-contrast
 - Diffraction contrast



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Imaging

Detectors and Setups

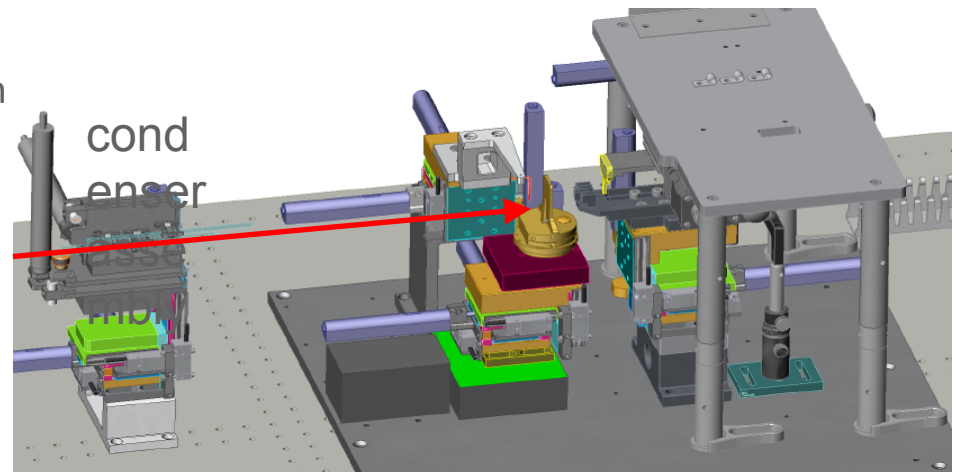


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Imaging

The Task

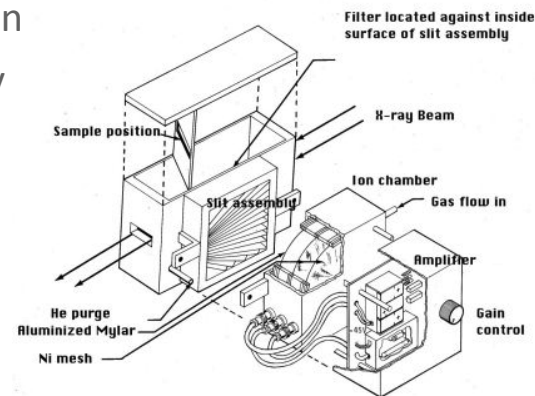
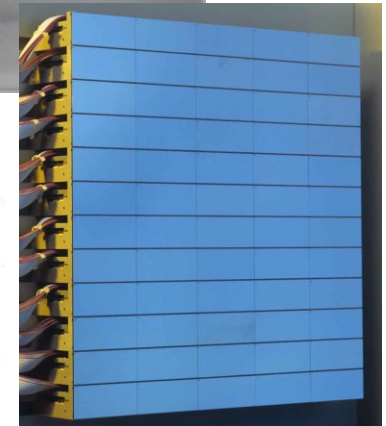
- Main detector properties:
 - Medium size detection area ($1\text{mm}^2\text{-}1\text{cm}^2$)
 - No energy resolution
 - Good spatial resolution ($100\text{nm}\text{-}5\mu\text{m}$)
 - Medium dynamic range ($10^{-1}\text{counts}\text{-}10^4\text{counts}$)
 - Count rates
 - Up to: 10^4 Photons/ $(100\mu\text{m}^2 \times \text{bunch})$ (5MHz rep rate)
 - Typical maximal count rate: 10^{-2} Photons/ $(100\mu\text{m}^2 \times \text{bunch})$ (100MHz rep rate)
 - Energy range: 8-30KeV
 - In some cases Bunch-to-Bunch resolution
 - Fast read-out: 100Hz-10KHz
- Two detector solutions:
 - Scintillator-PAD detector
 - Direct illuminated fast CCD
 - MCP-units?



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Lessons learned from the past

- Every detector which had large impact
 - Relative easy to handle
 - Was developed over multiple product generations
 - Comes as a complete system (detector, electronics, software, and implementation in beamline architecture)
 - Availability due to industrial production
 - Addresses a general detector property applicable to many experiments
- Examples for collaborations between HEP and synchrotron community
 - Ge-detectors
 - All current PAD-detectors: Pilatus, Eiger, Medipix
 - Si-Drift detectors



Where We are Now?

The Big Detector Challenges at Synchrotrons

Count-rate limitation
(pixelated detector)

- Either by charge integrating systems or by smaller pixel size

Limited spatial resolution
(pixelated detector)

- 50 μ m pixel size is next generation of pixelated x-ray detectors
- The challenge will be to create 1-10 μ m resolution (comparable to optical systems and following the trend for smaller beam sizes)

Fast readout to follow non
reversible processes

- Mainly driven by insitu-community (like battery-community)
- Currently integrating memory on pixel
- Alternative bunch-to-bunch analysis and flexible “intelligence”

Large solid angle
fluorescence/scattering
detection system for insitu-work

- Currently only little effort is done
- Utilizing optimized sample-environment and detection systems are possible (currently used in timing community)

Where We are Now?

State of the Art

Property	Charge Integrating Detectors	Single Photon Counting Detector	Fast Readout
Advantage	Large Dynamic range for high count-rate application	Large dynamic range for low count rates (maximal ~600Kcps)	Following fast changes in the micro-milli-second
Disadvantage	“bad” signal-to-background ratio for low count rates	maximal count-rate per pixel ~600Kcps	Requires relative sophisticated electronics
Current activities	Cornell BNL/KETEK/Fermi German collaboration	Pilatus/Eiger (50x50mum ²) Collaboration MEDIPix-collaboration	Eiger (10 KHz)
State-Of-The-Art	None existing device commercially available	172mumx172mum available	Next year commercially available (10KHz)
Next Big Challenge	? Demonstration of working system?	5-10mum pixel size	Bunch to bunch “read-out”

Conclusion

- Synchrotron community is highly diverse (scientific background and experimental approaches)
- Most impact can be achieved by providing “better” detectors (Detector developments had been THE enabler in the past)
- Development of industrial partners is essential (availability)
- HEP-synchrotron connection was very fruitful

Let's start to work together!