

Synchrotron Radiation and its applications

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Synchrotron Radiation *Emitted in the vicinity of a black hole*



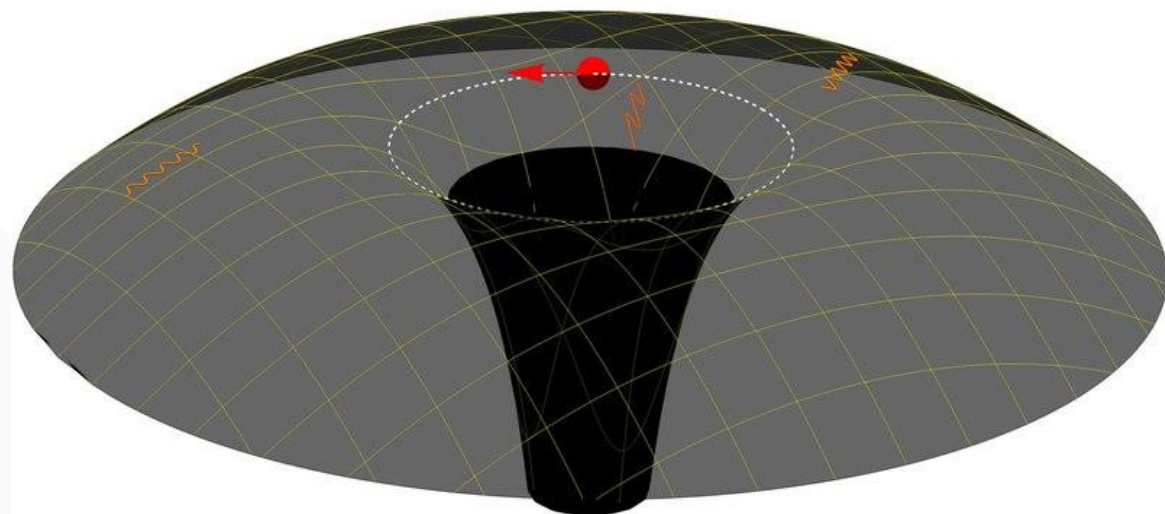
M87 black hole

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Synchrotron Radiation

In the universe

and in our particle accelerators



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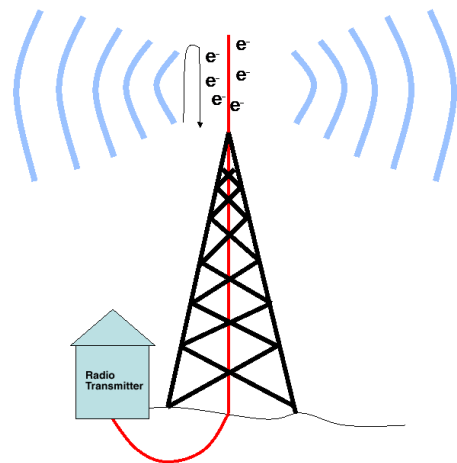
Black hole representation



ALBA Synchrotron

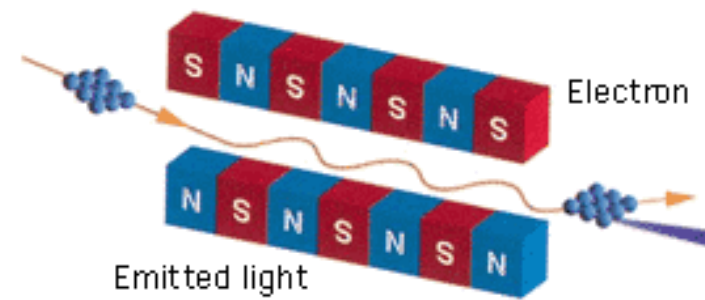
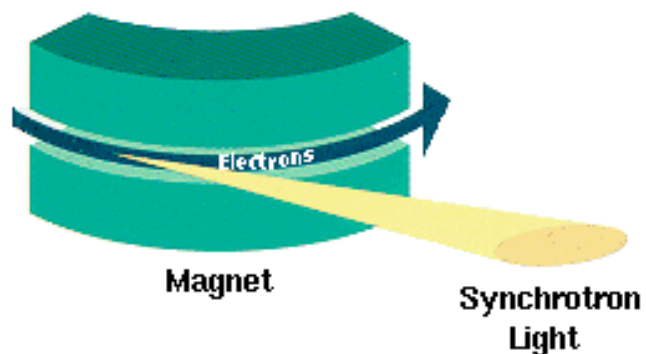
What is synchrotron radiation

Electromagnetic radiation is emitted by charged particles when accelerated

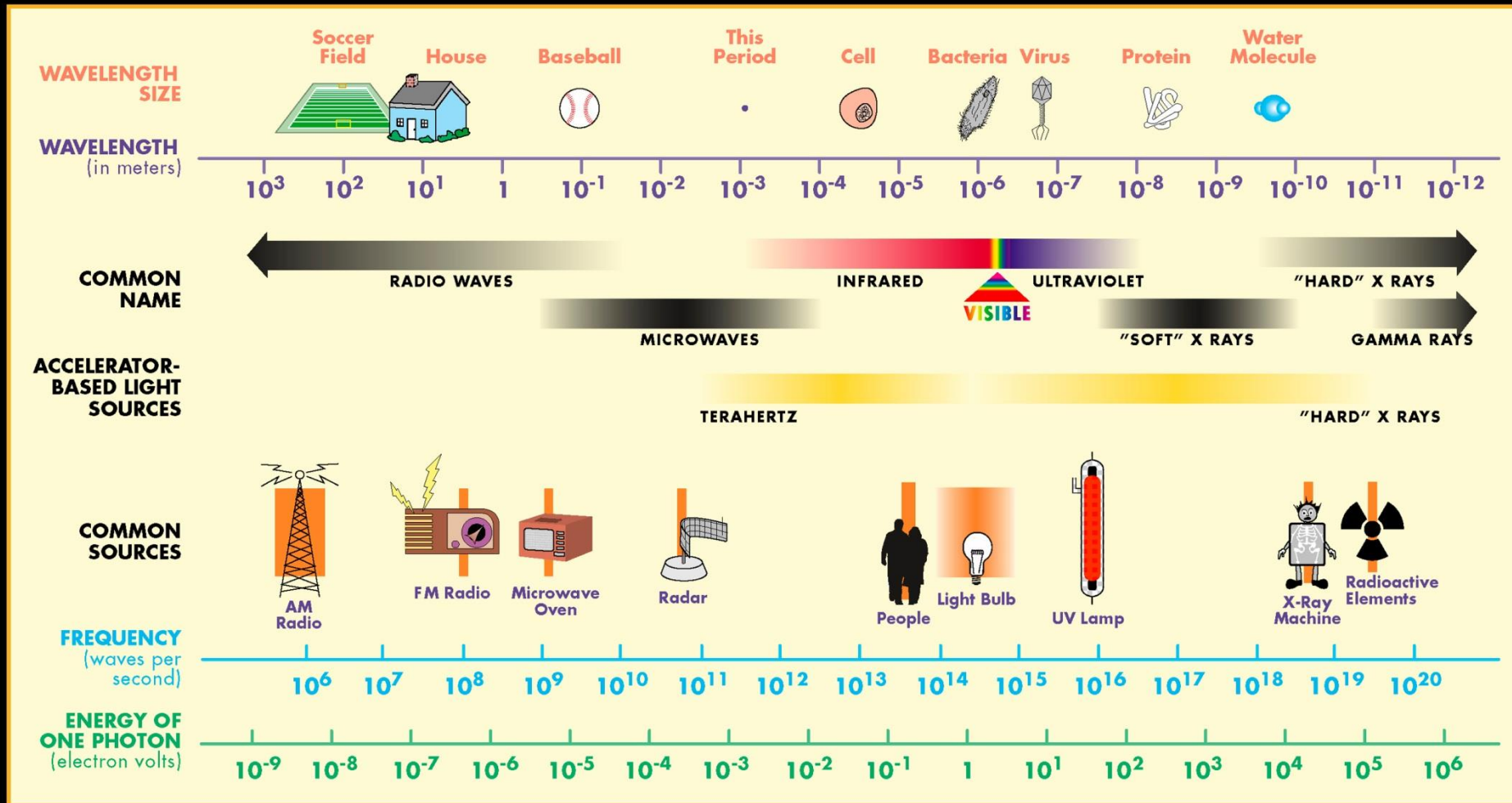


The electromagnetic radiation emitted when the charged particles are accelerated radially ($v \perp a$) is called **synchrotron radiation**

It is produced in the storage rings using bending magnets, undulators, and wigglers



THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM

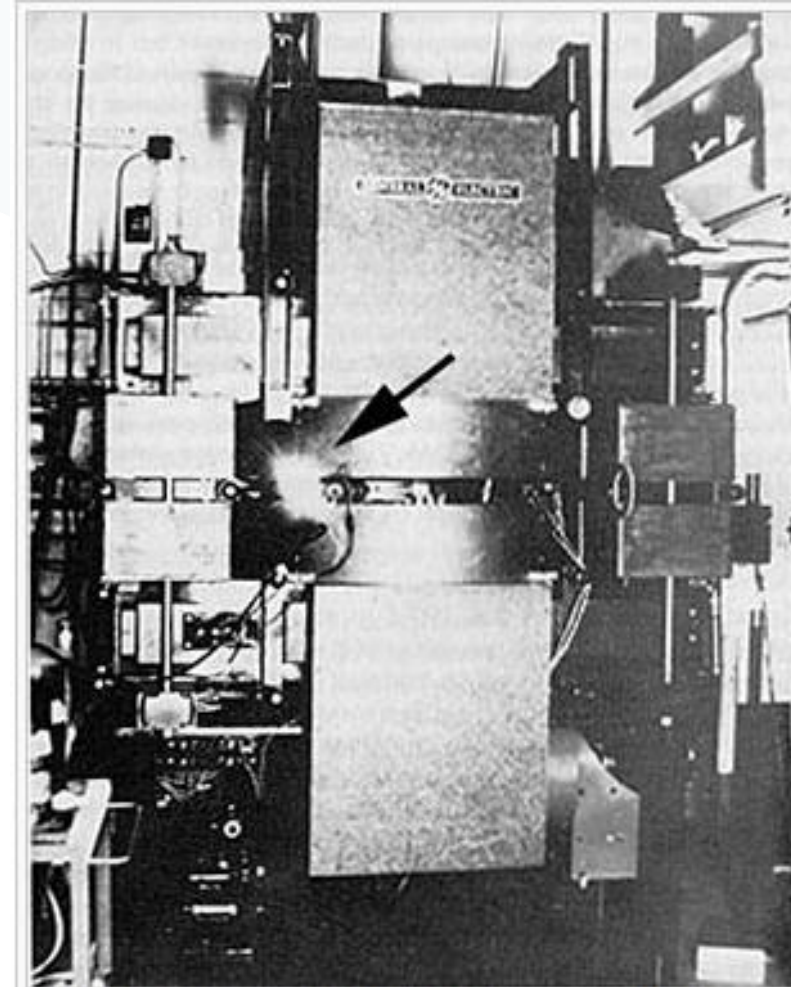


Sources on earth

Synchrotron Light Sources & Applications

Discovery of synchrotron radiation (1946)

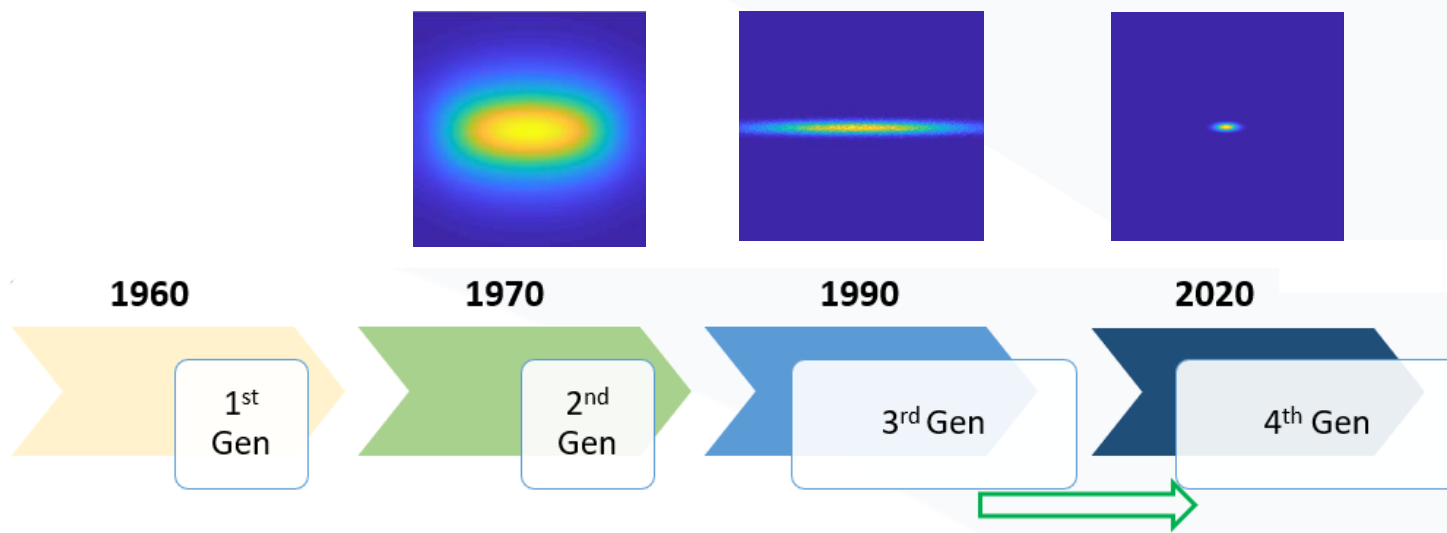
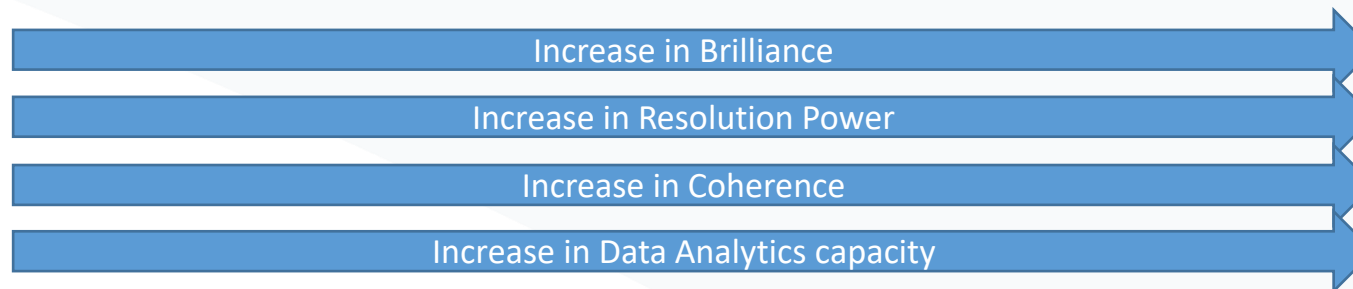
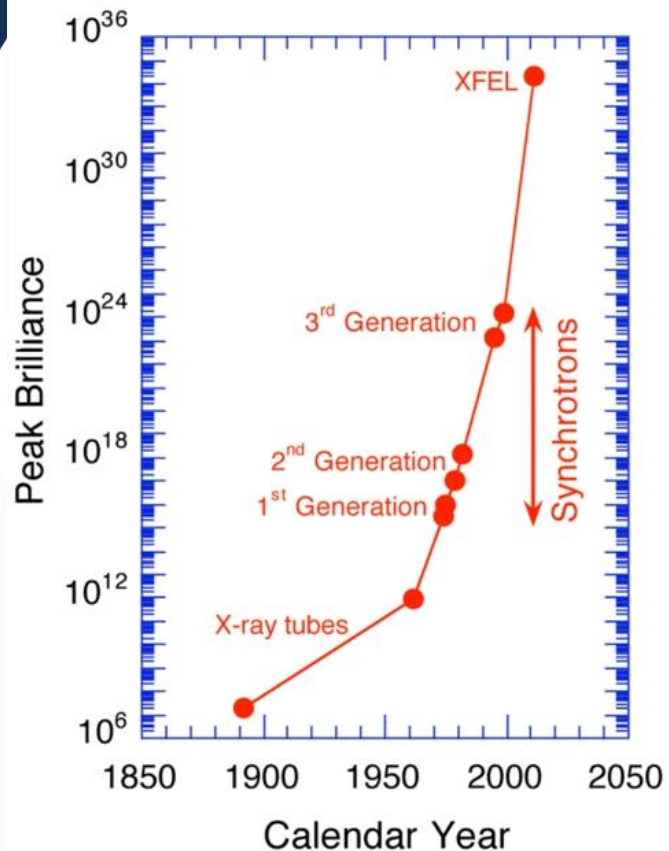
General Electric
Electron synchrotron accelerator - 300 MeV
2nd synchrotron ever built
Visible light through the glass vacuum
chamber
SR had been predicted, but its frequency
was not known



General Electric [synchrotron accelerator](#) built in 1946, the origin of the discovery of synchrotron radiation. The arrow indicates the evidence of radiation.

Evolution of Synchrotron Radiation Sources

Light source brilliance
 photons/s/mm²/mrad²/0.1%BW
 photons per time, space, energy definition



- 1 - Parasitic use of HEP accelerators
- 2 - Dedicated X-ray sources
- 3 - Radiation facilities with wigglers, undulators, high brilliance
- 4 - Ultimate Storage Rings (USR) – Diffraction limited

2000s: Free Electron Lasers driven by Linacs

Synchrotron Radiation Facilities

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- 4th Generation IN OPERATION
- 4th Generation *in construction*
- Upgrading or planning upgrade from 3rd to 4th generation
- 3rd generation

Approved upgrade projects in Europe:

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Outstanding characteristics of synchrotron radiation

High brilliance and flux (combined with high collimation)

Wavelength tunability (depending of source & optics)

Beam size tunability (depending of source & optics)

(Partially) coherent radiation

Polarization (linear, elliptical or circular)

Time structure

Synchrotron Light Sources key parameters

Photon beam property	Accelerator property
Photon energy range	Energy, magnetic field, insertion device parameters
Photon flux	Energy, current
Brightness	Energy, current, emittance
Polarization	Magnetic field orientation
Time structure	Rf frequency
Stability	Feedback, beam lifetime, injection system
Beamline capacity	Dipoles, insertion devices

Energy and power emitted in a ring



$$P_{SR} = \frac{2cr_e}{3(m_0c^2)^3} \frac{E^4}{\rho^2} = \frac{2r_em_0c^2}{3\rho^2} \gamma^4$$

Larmor formula:

Instantaneous power emitted by an electron travelling in a circle of radius ρ (by integrating the Poynting vector)

$$U_0 = \int_{finite \rho} P_{SR} dt = \frac{2}{3} r_e m_0 c^2 \beta^3 \gamma^4 \oint \frac{ds}{\rho^2} = C_\gamma \frac{E^4 (GeV^4)}{\rho(m)} \propto \gamma^4 I_2$$

$$C_\lambda = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{r_e}{(mc^2)^3} = 8.846 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{m}{GeV^3} \quad \text{for } e^-, e^+$$

Energy emitted per turn by every particle. Note the strong dependence on γ

Emitted power per turn by N_{tot} electrons (positrons) and protons (antiprotons)

$$P_e (kW) = \frac{e\gamma^4}{3\epsilon_0\rho} I_b = 88.46 \frac{E(GeV)^4 I(A)}{\rho(m)}$$

$$P_p (kW) = \frac{e\gamma^4}{3\epsilon_0\rho} I_b = 6.03 \frac{E(TeV)^4 I(A)}{\rho(m)}$$

$$I_2 = \oint \frac{ds}{\rho^2}$$

$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_0 c^2}$$

$$N_{tot} = \frac{I \cdot T_o}{e}$$

Energy and power emitted in a ring

$$P_{SR} \propto \frac{\gamma^4}{\rho^2}$$

$$U_o \propto \frac{\gamma^4}{\rho}$$

$$P_e(kW) = 88.5 \frac{E(GeV)^4 I(A)}{\rho(m)}$$

$$P_p(kW) = 6.0 \frac{E(TeV)^4 I(A)}{\rho(m)}$$

Emitted power per turn by electrons (positrons) and protons (antiprotons)

Electrons are the particles used for synchrotron light production

Critical energy

The photon energy at which the SR emitted power is higher is the critical energy, which is obtained from the critical frequency

$$\varepsilon_c = \hbar\omega_c = C_c \frac{E^3}{\rho} \quad C_c = \frac{3\hbar c}{2(mc^2)^3}$$

For electrons we can write

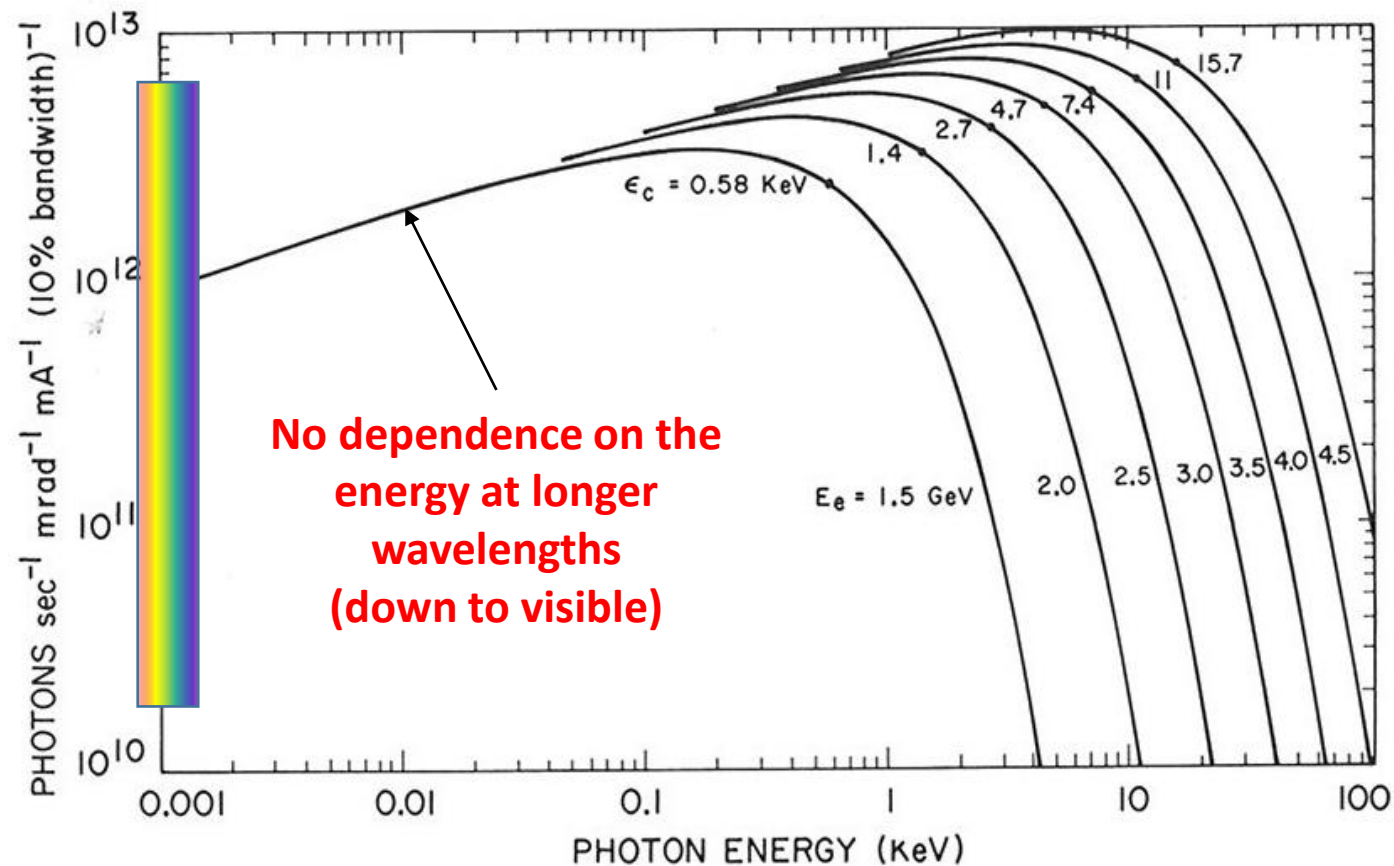
$$\varepsilon_c(\text{keV}) = 2.2183 \frac{E^3(\text{GeV}^3)}{\rho(\text{m})} = 0.665 E^2(\text{GeV}^2) B(\text{T})$$

The higher the bending field the higher the SR photon critical energy

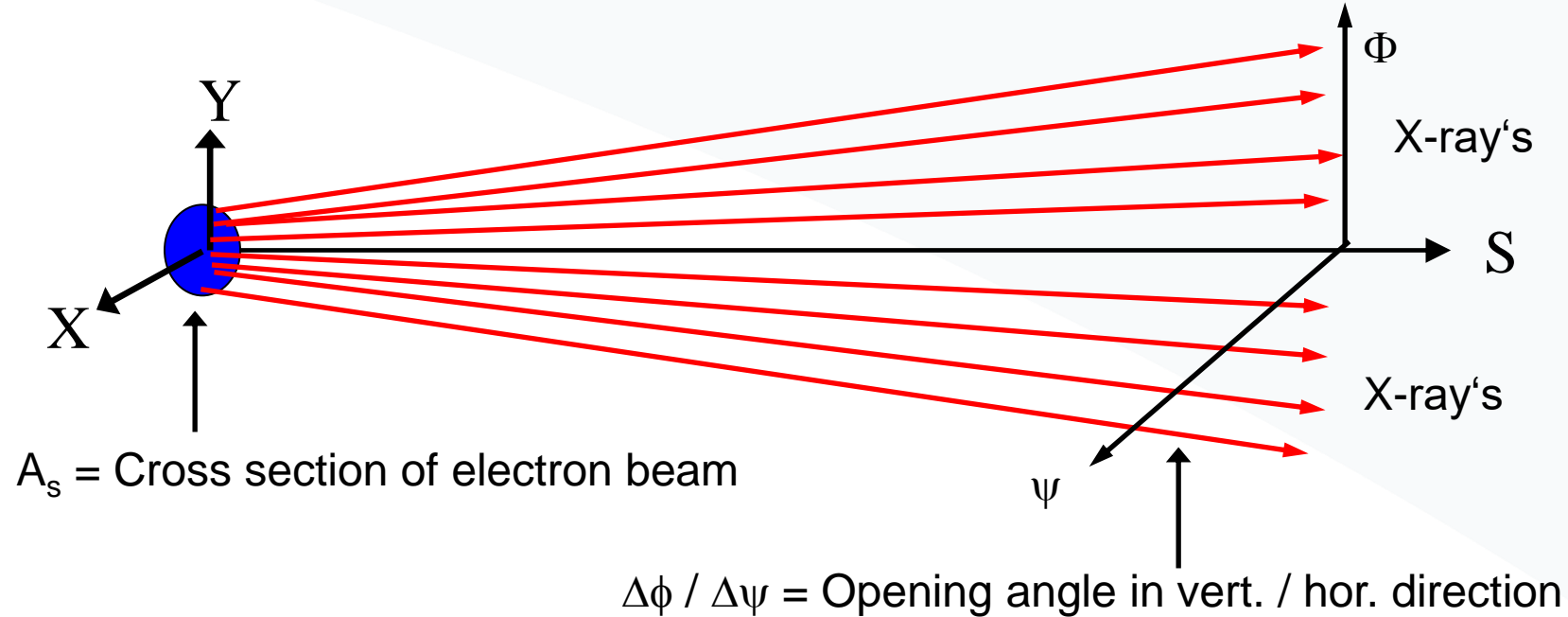
The SR spectrum in a circular accelerator is made up of harmonics of the particle revolution frequency up and beyond the critical frequency, not much separated and with beamline spread, so that the spectrum appears continuous.

Synchrotron radiation emission as a function of beam energy

Dependence of the frequency distribution of the energy radiated via synchrotron emission on the electron beam energy (same ρ)



Brilliance and emittance



Flux = Photons / (s • BW)

Brilliance = Flux / ($A_s \cdot \Delta\Phi \cdot \nabla\psi$) , [Photons / (s • mm² • mrad² • BW)]

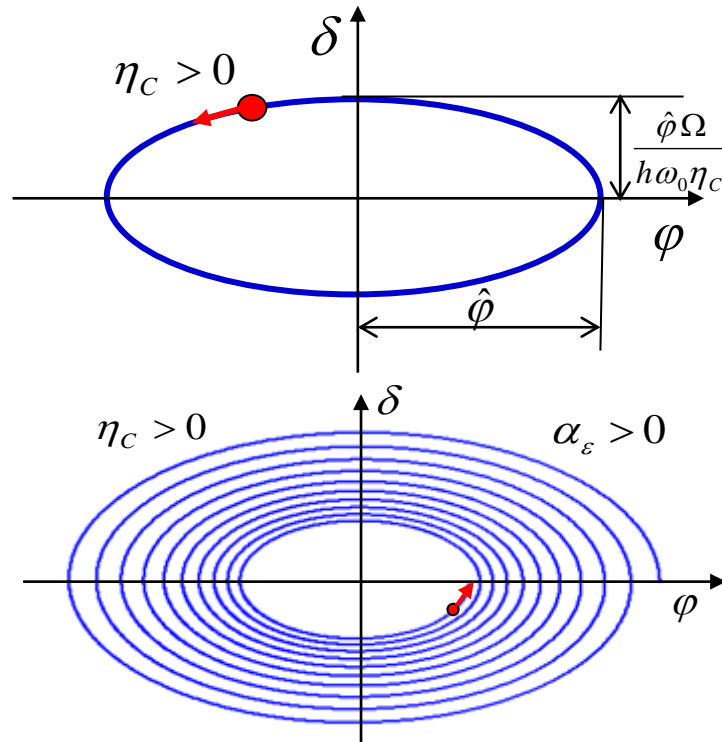
$$\text{brilliance} = \frac{\text{flux}}{4\pi^2 \Sigma_x \Sigma_{x'} \Sigma_y \Sigma_{y'}}$$

$$\Sigma_x = \sqrt{\sigma_{x,e}^2 + \sigma_{ph,e}^2} \quad \sigma_x = \sqrt{\varepsilon_x \beta_x + (D_x \sigma_\varepsilon)^2}$$

$$\Sigma_{x'} = \sqrt{\sigma_{x',e}^2 + \sigma_{ph,e}'^2} \quad \sigma_{x'} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_x \beta_x + (D'_x \sigma_\varepsilon)^2}$$

The brilliance represents the number of photons per second emitted in a given bandwidth that can be refocused by a perfect optics on the unit area at the sample.

Damping of betatron and synchrotron oscillations thanks to emission of synchrotron light



The equations of motion without synchrotron radiation emission are those of a harmonic oscillator, with varying amplitude (Hill's equation)

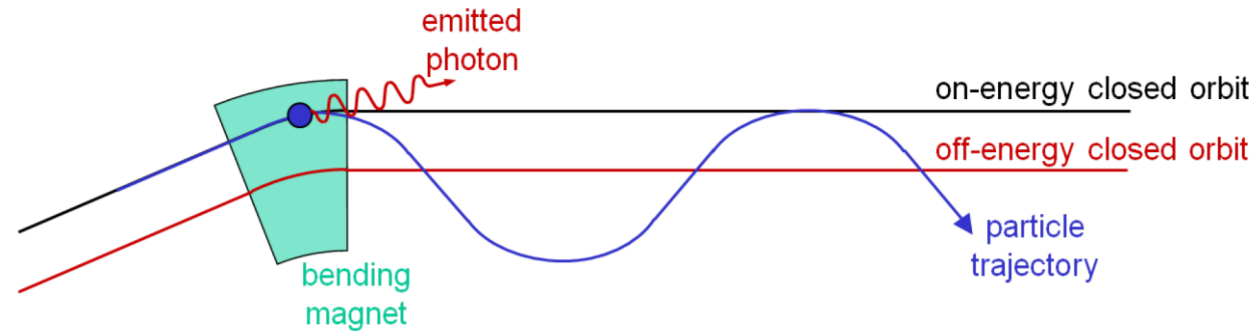
When adding the emission of photons, they become damped oscillations

This is true in the three phase spaces (horizontal, vertical, longitudinal)

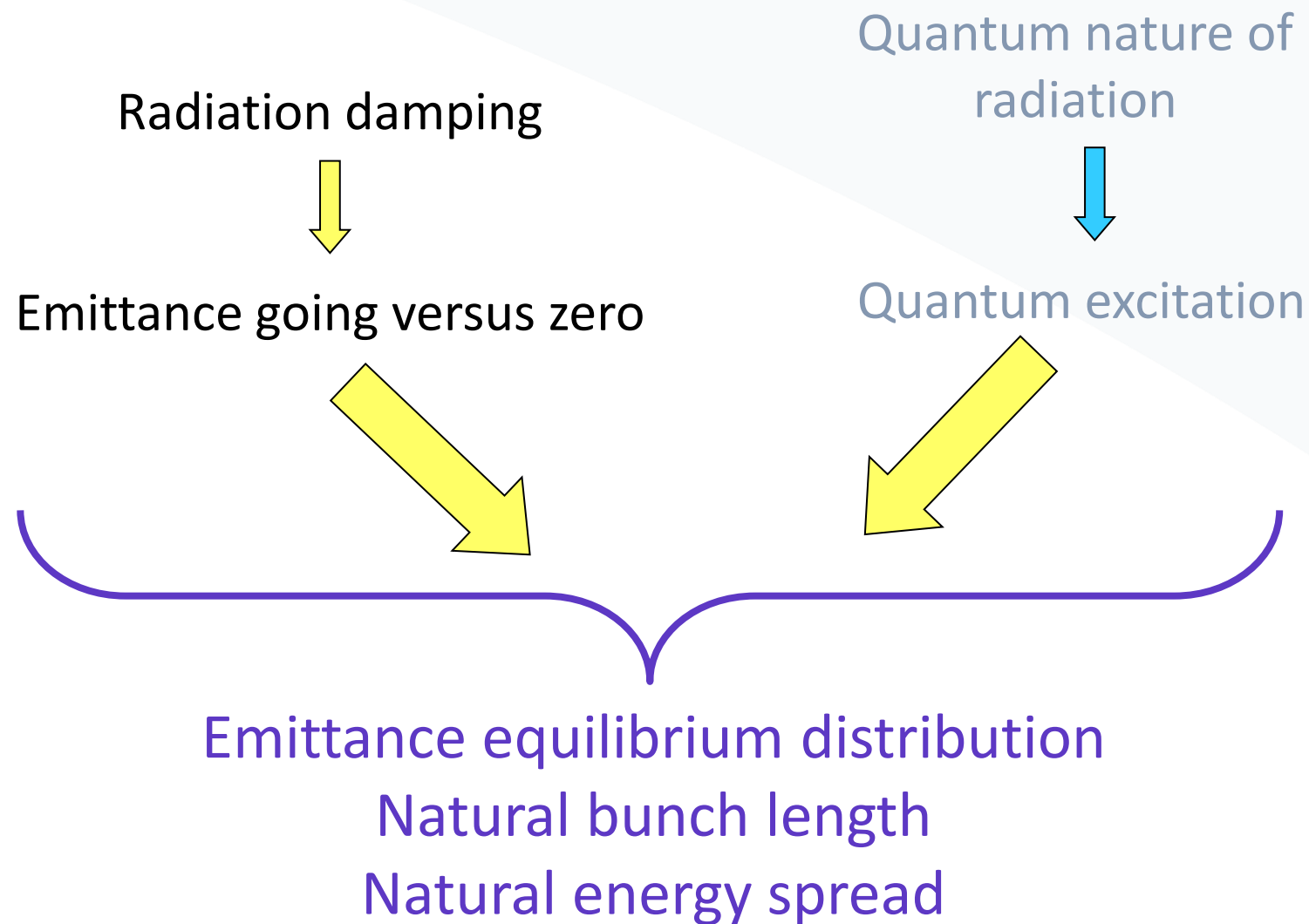
Emitted radiation – damping times

		E (GeV)	ρ (m)	Uo (GeV)	τ_x (# turns)
DAΦNE	$e^+ e^-$	0.51	1.4	$5 \cdot 10^{-06}$	200000
LEP	$e^+ e^-$	100	6086	1.5	130
LHC	p p	7000	2800	$7 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$2 \cdot 10^{09}$
ALBA	e^-	3.	7	$1. \cdot 10^{-03}$	3600

Excitation of the motion in the horizontal and in the longitudinal planes



- When particles emit photons, they change their energy, and start moving around a different trajectory, whose distance from the nominal one is proportional to the dispersion function and to the lost energy
- Also the invariant in the longitudinal plane is modified, increasing in a term which is proportional to the number of emitted photons and to their rms energy



Emittance in an e- storage ring

The emittance is determined by a balance between two competing processes: quantum excitation of betatron oscillations from photon emission and longitudinal re-acceleration within the RF cavities

The emittance (size x divergence) depends on the dispersion and on the betatron functions in the dipoles, and on the energy

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{55}{32\sqrt{3}} \frac{\hbar}{mc} \frac{\gamma^2 \langle H / \rho^3 \rangle}{J_x \langle 1 / \rho^2 \rangle}$$

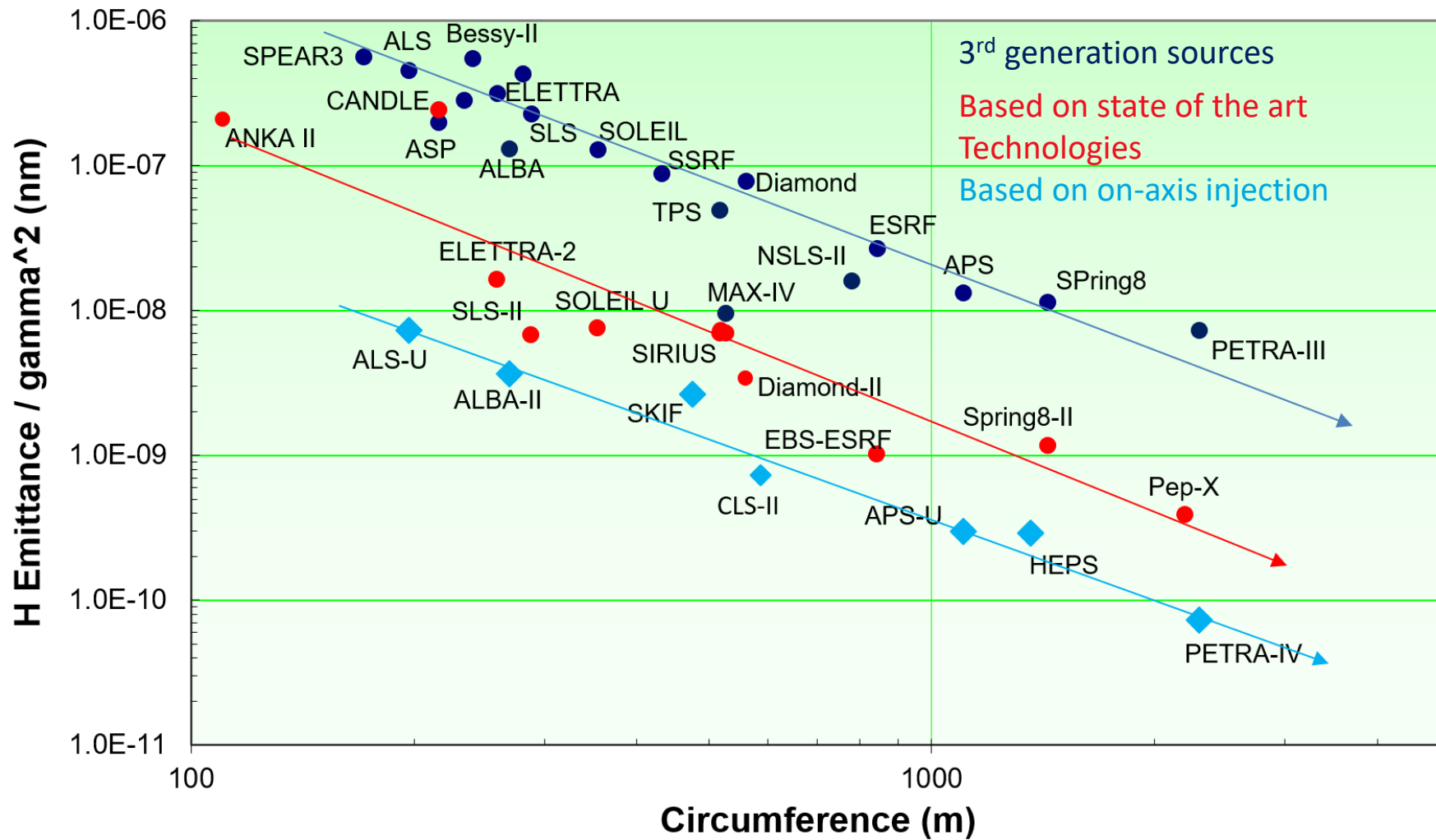
J_x is the Robinson partition number evaluated for the horizontal plane

The emission of photons is done in bendings, where there is dispersion. The electron amplitude oscillation afterwards is given by the dispersion, the original amplitude oscillation and energy loss

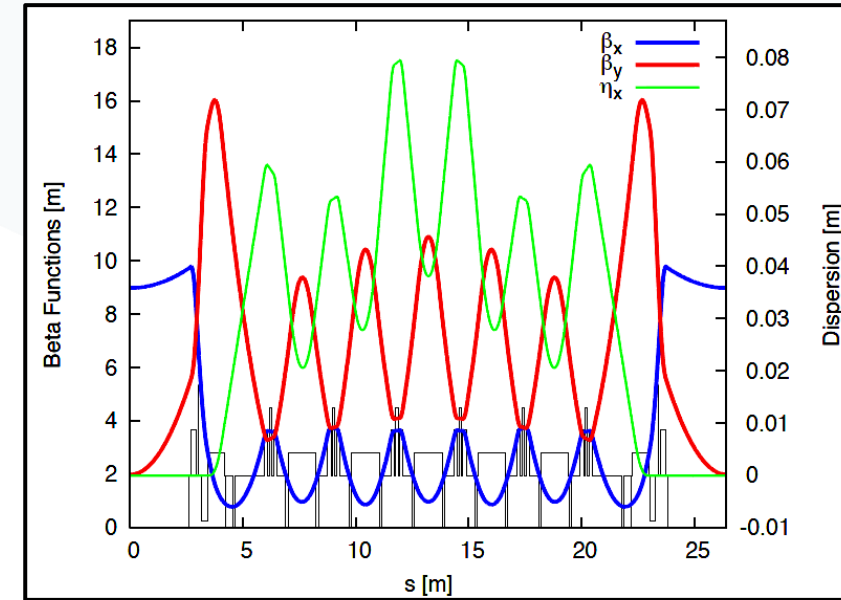
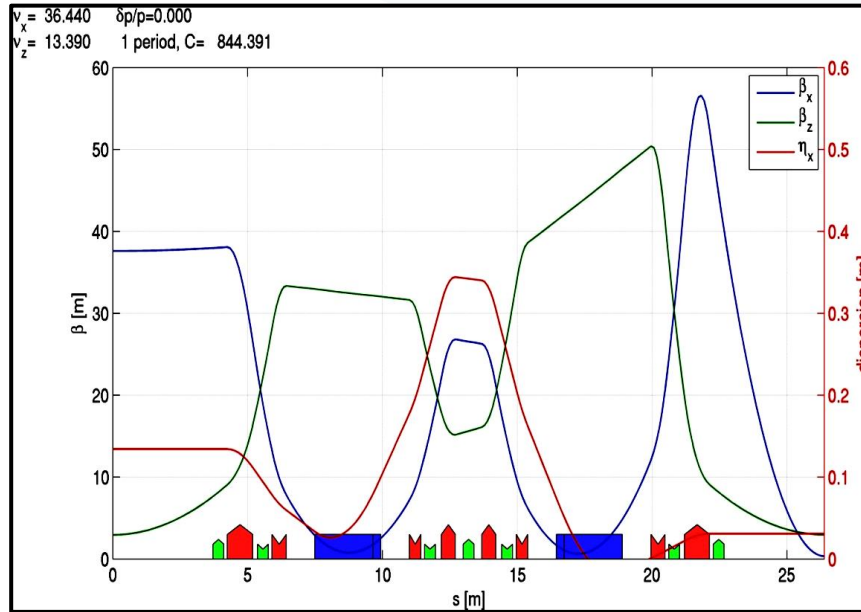
The smaller the dispersion the smaller the final equilibrium emittance:

increasing the n. of dipoles in a ring the dispersion decreases and so does the emittance

Low Emittance Rings Trend



The evolution to Multi-Bend Lattice



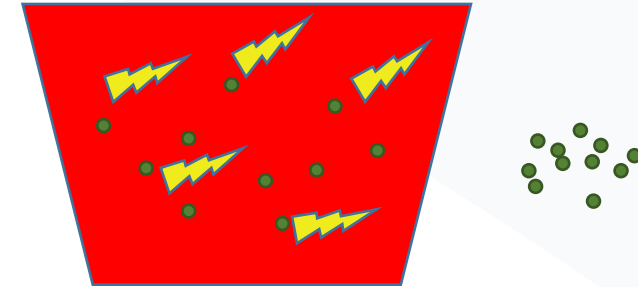
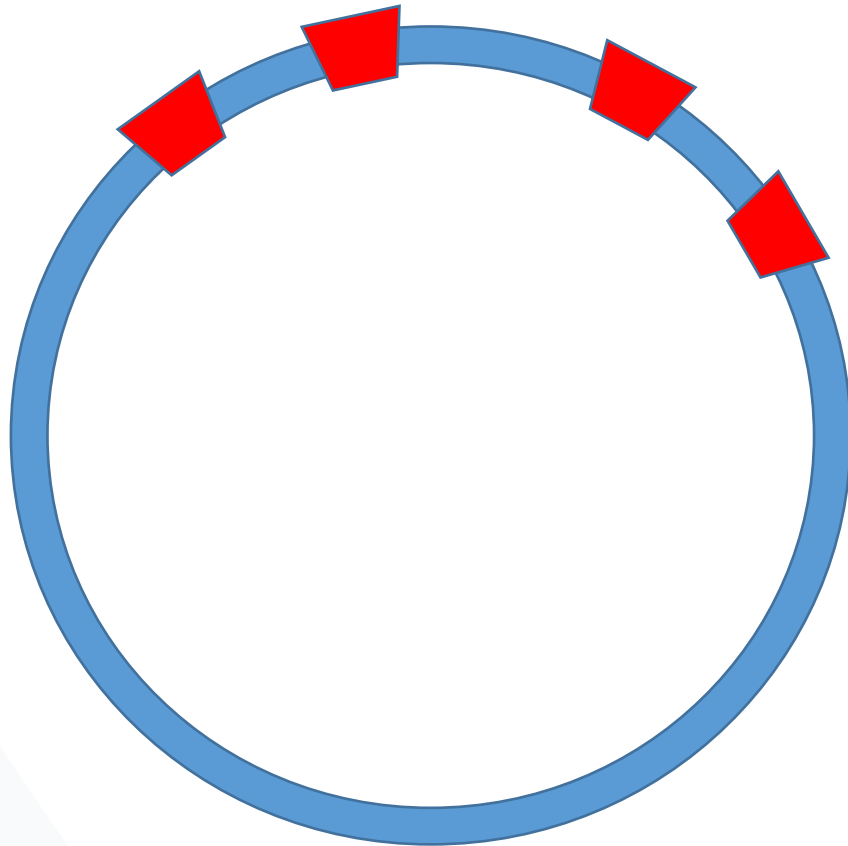
Double-Bend Achromat (DBA)

- Many 3rd gen. SR sources
- Local dispersion bump (originally closed) for chromaticity correction

Multi-Bend Achromat (MBA)

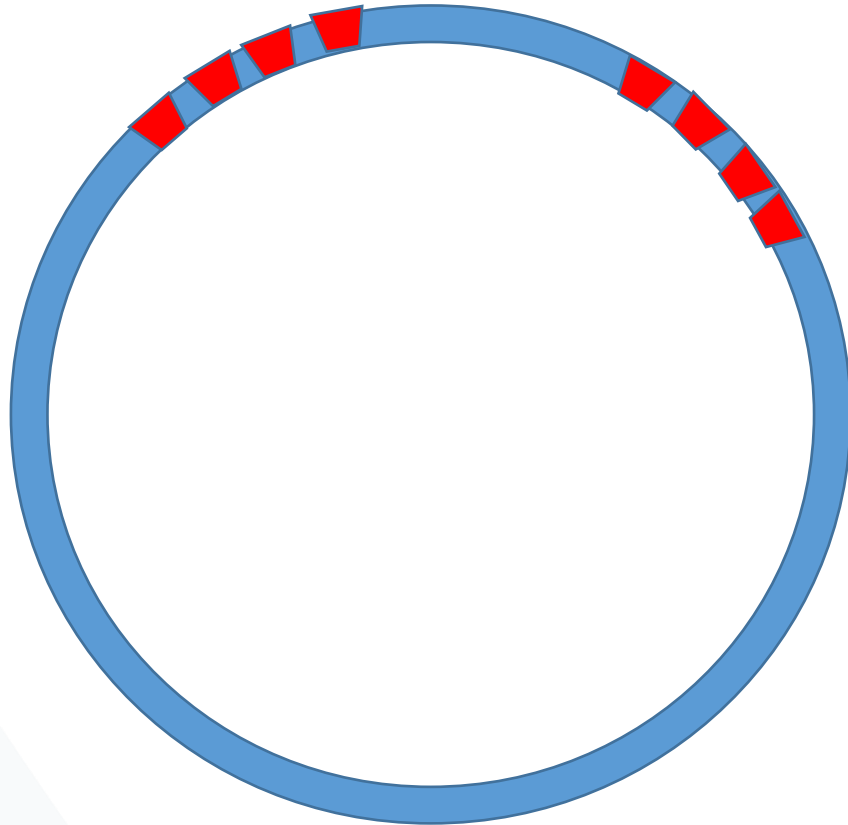
- MAX IV and other USRs
- No dispersion bump, its value is a trade-off between emittance and sextupoles (DA)

3rd generation light source



*The electron beam has an average size
of **~50 μm**
(Like one hair dimension)*

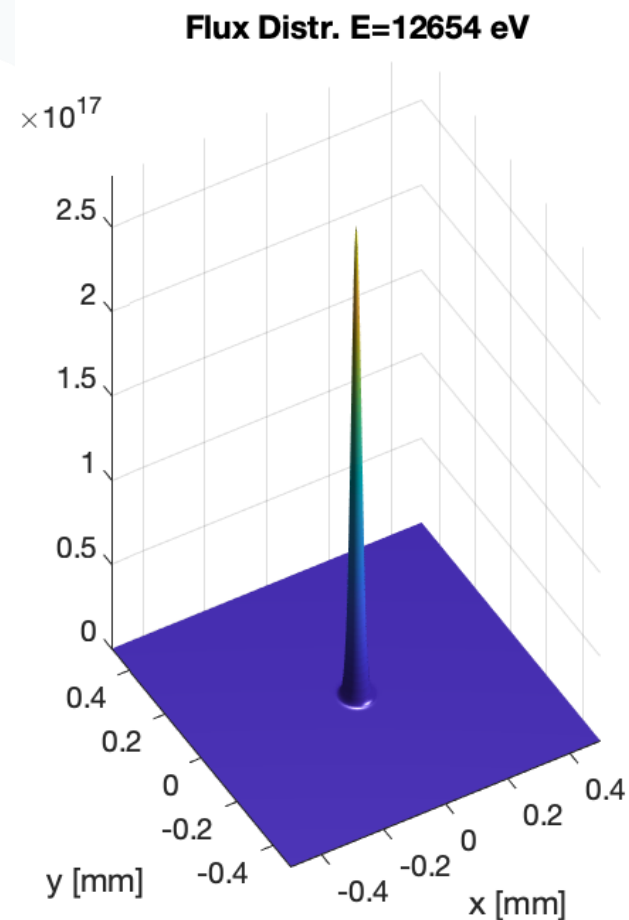
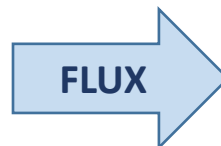
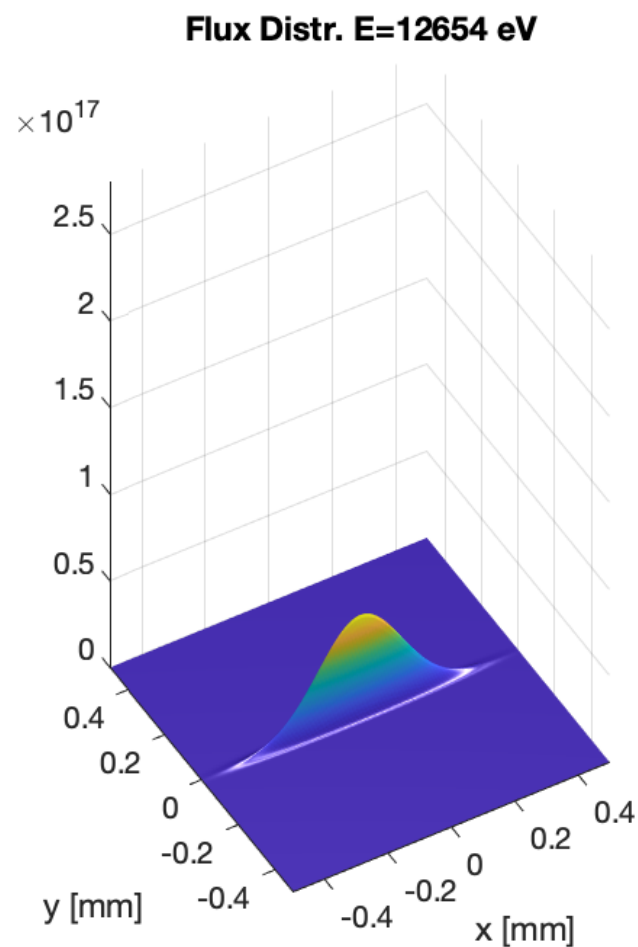
4th generation light source



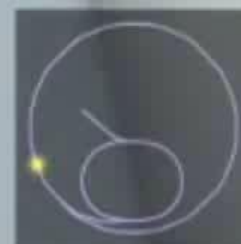
The electron beam has a horizontal dimension of $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$
The produced photon beam is much more intense and with a much higher resolution

Evolution from 3rd to 4th generation synchrotrons

*increase in Brilliance, flux, coherence of synchrotron light by orders of magnitude –
boosted by long photon paths*



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Photon sources: dipole fields

Dipoles determine:

- Property of SR from dipoles
- Natural energy spread and bunch length of beam
- Rf parameters
- Main energy loss per turn

Usually normal conducting dipoles are used

$$B_{\max} = 1.8 \text{ T}$$

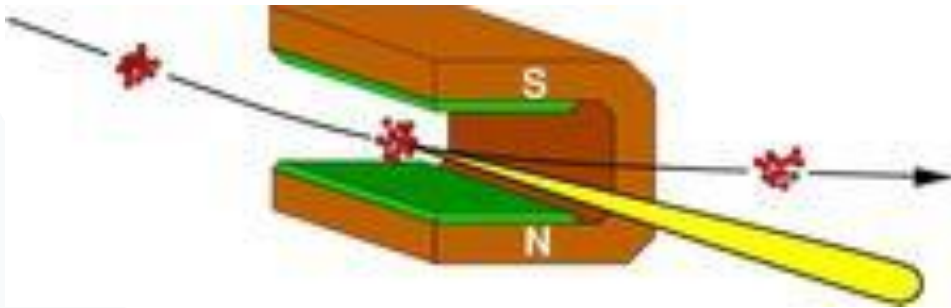
$$B_{\text{usual}} = 1\text{-}1.5 \text{ T}$$

$$E = 3 \text{ GeV}$$

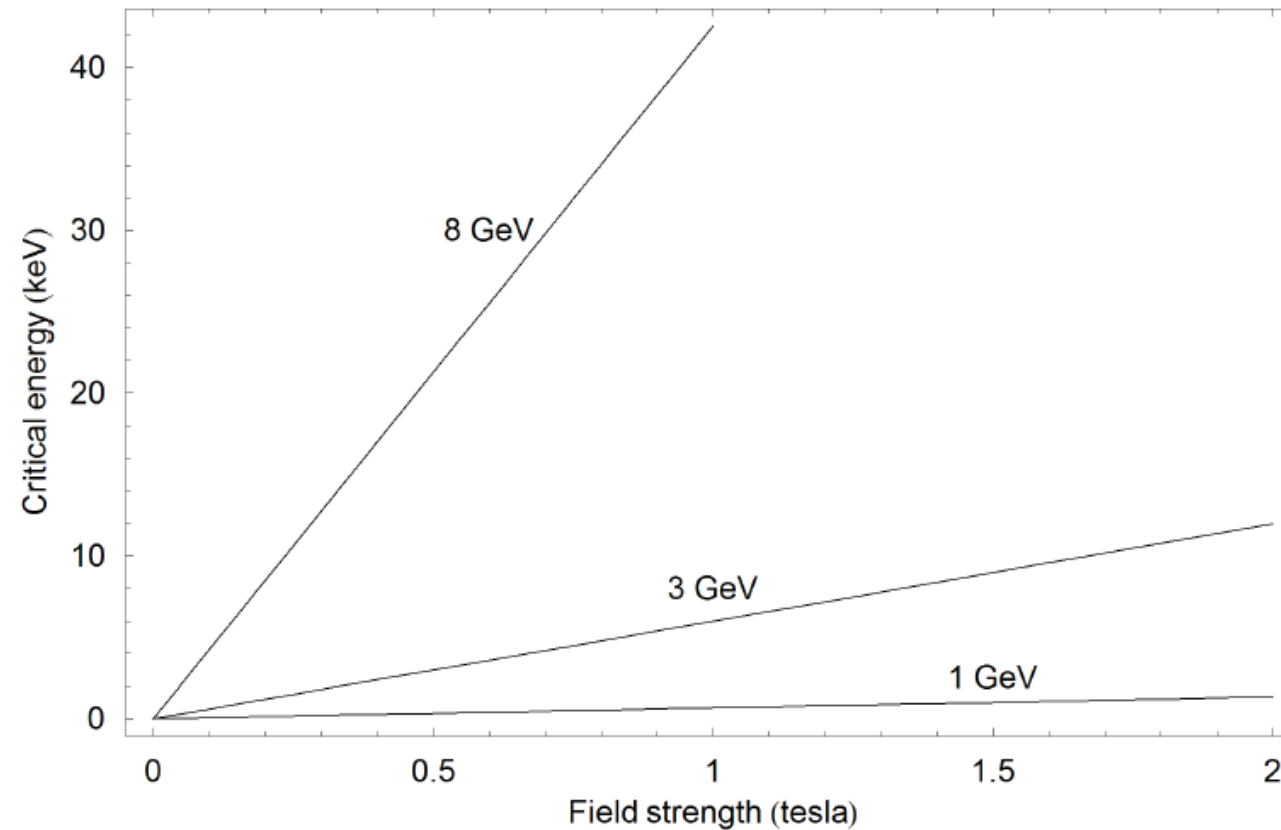
$$B\rho \sim 10 \text{ Tm} \Rightarrow \rho = 6\text{-}7 \text{ m}$$

Critical energy:

$$E_{cr} = \frac{3}{2} \hbar c \frac{\gamma^3}{\rho} \approx 8 - 10 \text{ keV}$$



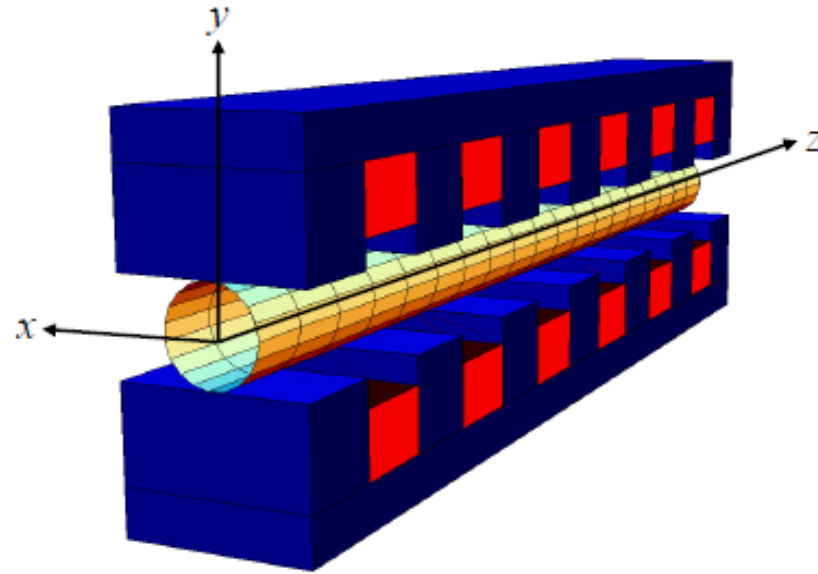
Critical energy and magnetic field



$$E_c = \frac{3 \hbar c}{2 \rho} \gamma^3$$

$$E_c [eV] = 665.0255 B [T] \cdot E [GeV]^2 = \frac{1239.842}{\lambda_c [nm]}$$

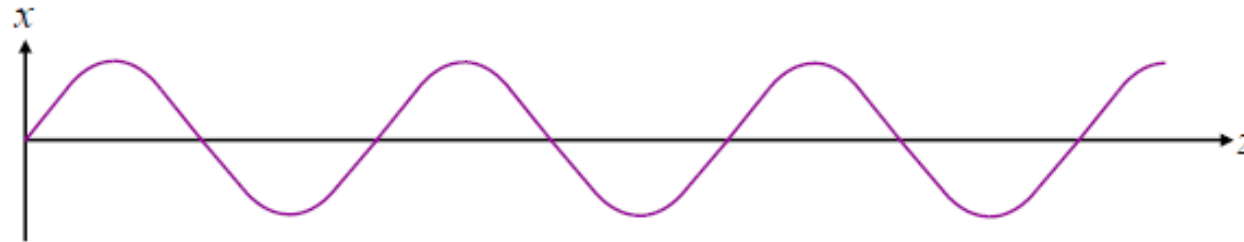
Insertion devices



$$B_y = B_w \sin(k_z z)$$

$$\text{Peak field} = B_w$$

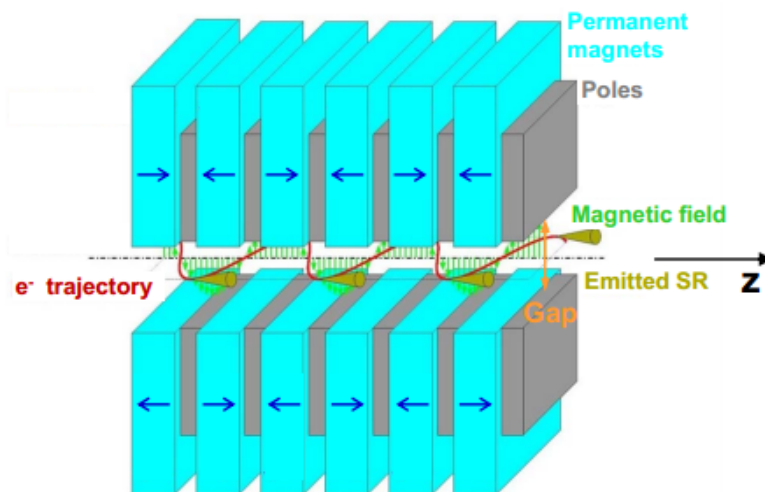
$$\text{Period} = \lambda_w = \frac{2\pi}{k_z}$$



Deflection parameter K :

$$K = \frac{e}{2\pi m_0 c} B_w \lambda_w = 0.934 B_w [T] \lambda_w [cm]$$

Wigglers



- Alternating magnetic field

$$B(z) = B_0 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_U} z\right)$$

Period length λ_U (typ. 10-30cm)
 Peak field B_0 (typ. >1.5T)
 Number of periods $N=L/\lambda_U$ (typ. 5-100)

- K-parameter: $K \gg 1$, typ. $K > 10$
 Opening angle of the emitted SR $\delta = \pm K/\gamma$
 → spatial power distribution (typ. ~mrad)

Intensities of all poles add up (incoherently)

$$\text{Flux}_{\text{Wiggler}} = 2 \cdot N \cdot \text{Flux}_{\text{Dipole}} \quad (\text{for equal } E_c)$$

- High intensities
- High photon energies

Critical energy:

$$E_c [\text{keV}] = 0.665 \cdot E_e^2 [\text{GeV}] \cdot B_0 [\text{T}]$$

Emitted total power of a wiggler or undulator with length $L=N \cdot \lambda_U$: (typ.: 50kW)

$$P_{\text{tot}} = 0.633 \cdot B_0^2 [\text{T}] \cdot L [\text{m}] \cdot E_e^2 [\text{GeV}] \cdot I_e [\text{A}]$$

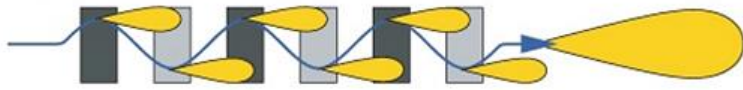
Polarisation of wiggler radiation:

linearly polarised in the orbit plane $\psi=0$,
 unpolarised out of plane

Undulators

Insertion devices with short periods, such that $K < 1$

(a) Wiggler



wiggler - incoherent superposition $K > 1$
Max. angle of trajectory $> 1/\gamma$

(b) Undulator



undulator - coherent interference $K < 1$
Max. angle of trajectory $< 1/\gamma$

$$\lambda_n = \frac{\lambda_u}{2n\gamma^2} \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} \right) \approx \frac{\lambda_u}{n\gamma^2}$$

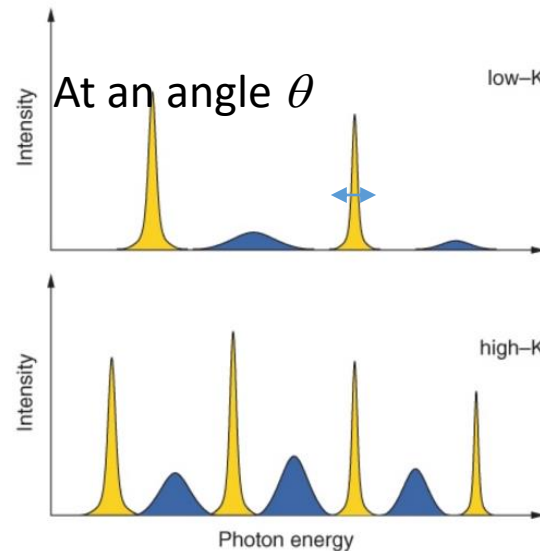
$n = \text{harmonic}$

$$\varepsilon_n \text{ (eV)} = 9.496 \frac{nE[\text{GeV}]^2}{\lambda_u[\text{m}] \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} \right)}$$

On axis

$$\varepsilon_n \text{ (eV)} = 9.496 \frac{nE^2[\text{GeV}]}{\lambda_u[\text{m}] \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} + \theta^2\gamma^2 \right)}$$

At an angle θ

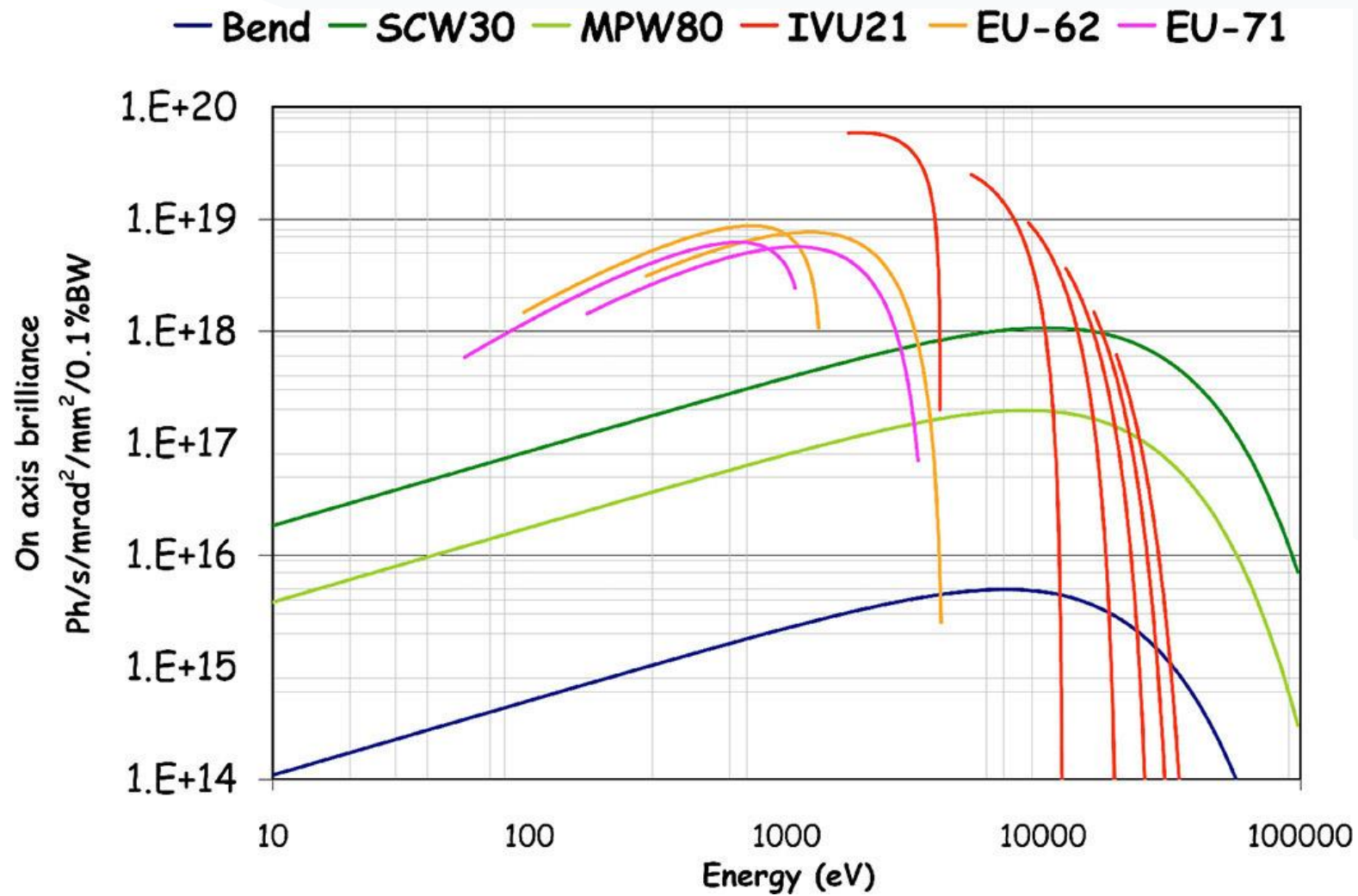


Quasi-monochromatic spectrum with peaks at lower energy than a wiggler

Bandwidth

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} = \frac{1}{nN_u}$$

ALBA photon spectra



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First 4th generation synchrotrons

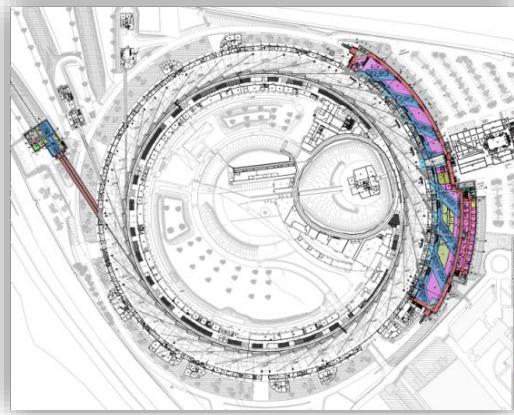
MAX IV in Lund, Sweden –
the pioneer



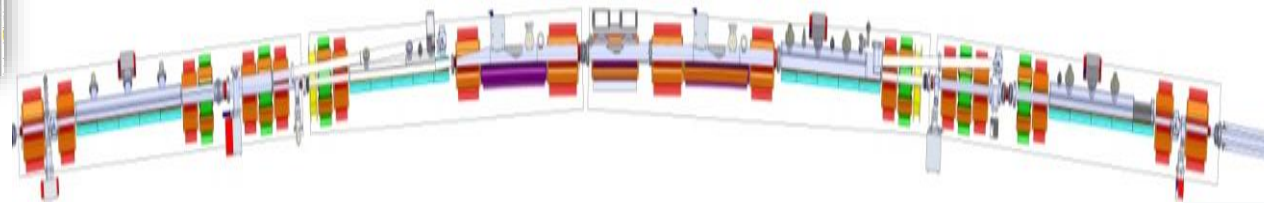
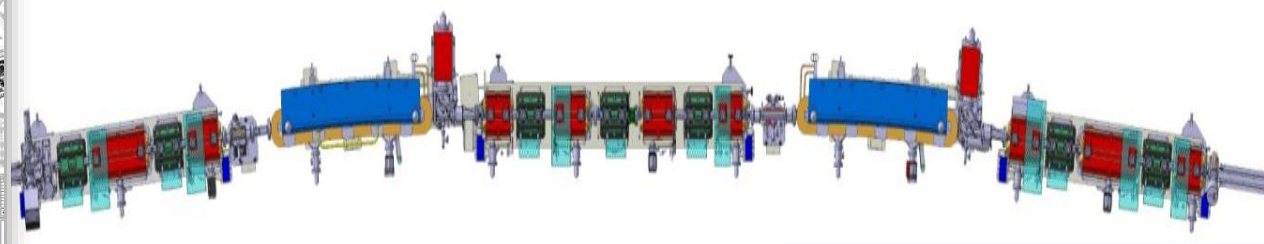
SIRIUS in Campinas, Brasil



ESRF-EBS, the first upgrade from 3rd to 4th generation



Old ESRF Arc Layout: $\epsilon_x=4\text{nm}$



New Low Emittance Layout: $\epsilon_x=0.135\text{nm}$

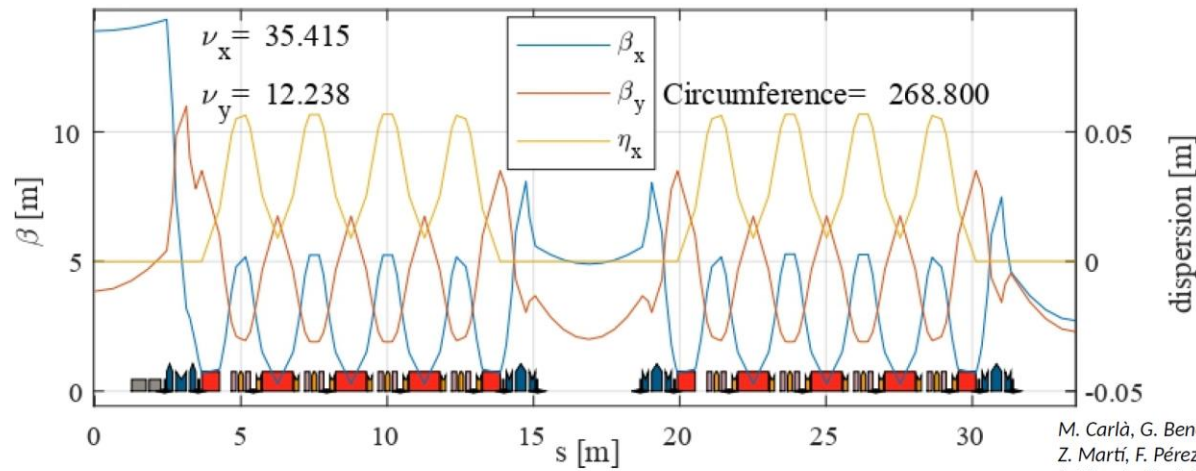
The 844m Accelerator ring consists of 32 identical Arcs.

Each Arc is composed by a well defined sequence of Magnets, Vacuum Components (vacuum vessel, vacuum pumps etc), sensors (diagnostic) etc.

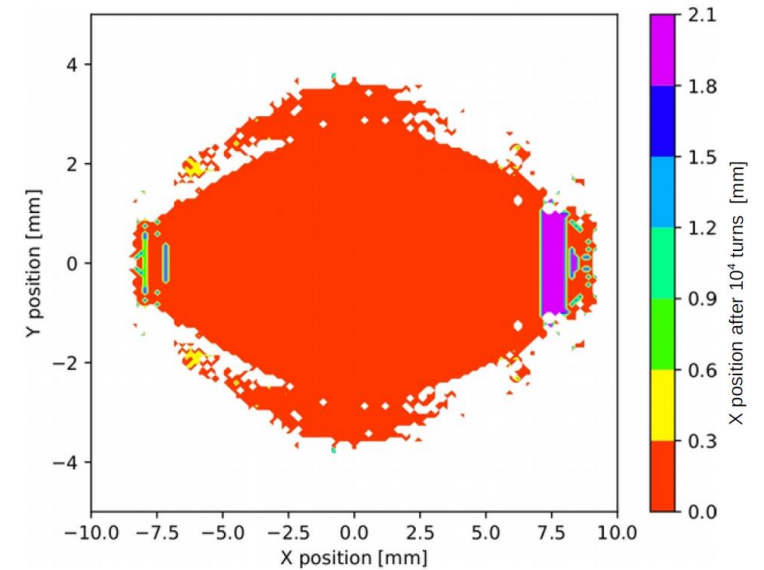
All the Arcs have been replaced with a completely new Layout

Design and simulations

5BA lattice A2L004a (May 2024)



M. Carlà, G. Benedetti, O. Blanco Garcia, Z. Martí, F. Pérez, "Status of the ALBA-II lattice studies", IPAC 2024

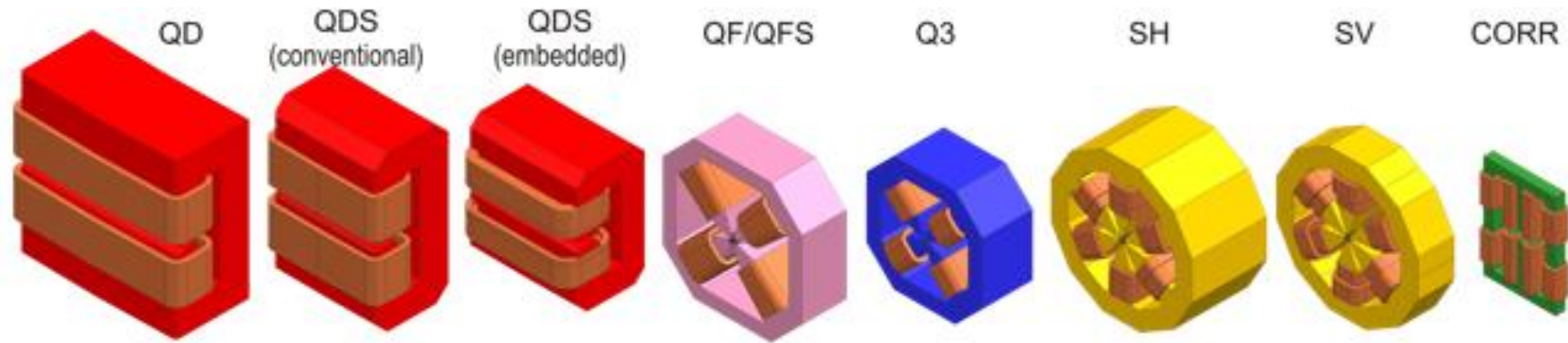


Dynamic aperture

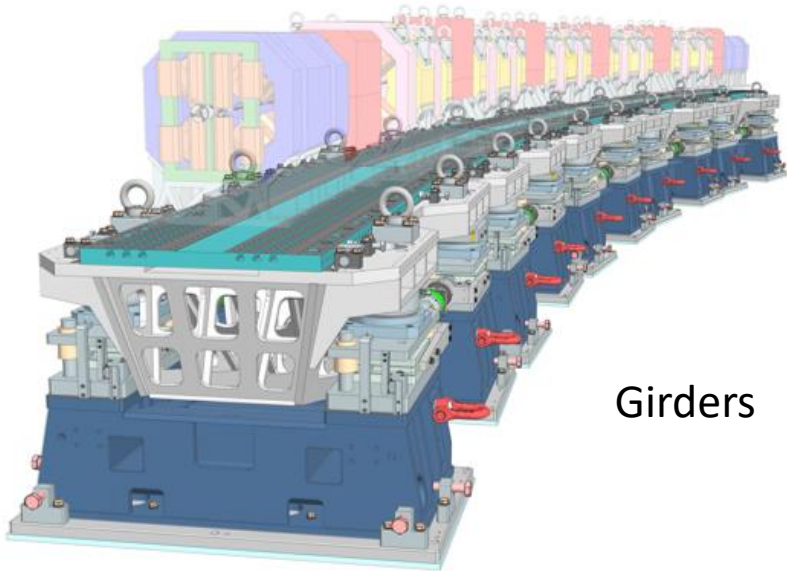
4-fold symmetry, SS length = 4.7m / 3.5m / 4.4m, 11 families of sextupoles (4 SH + 7 SV)

- **Emittance:** 240 pm·rad (170 pm·rad full coupling)
- **Mom. Compaction:** $1.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$
- **Energy loss:** 910 MeV/turn
- **$\beta_{x,y}$ at ID:** 14m / 4.9m / 2.7m / 3.8m / 2.0m / 2.3m
- **Tunes:** 35.41 / 12.24
- **Chromaticity:** -76 / -35

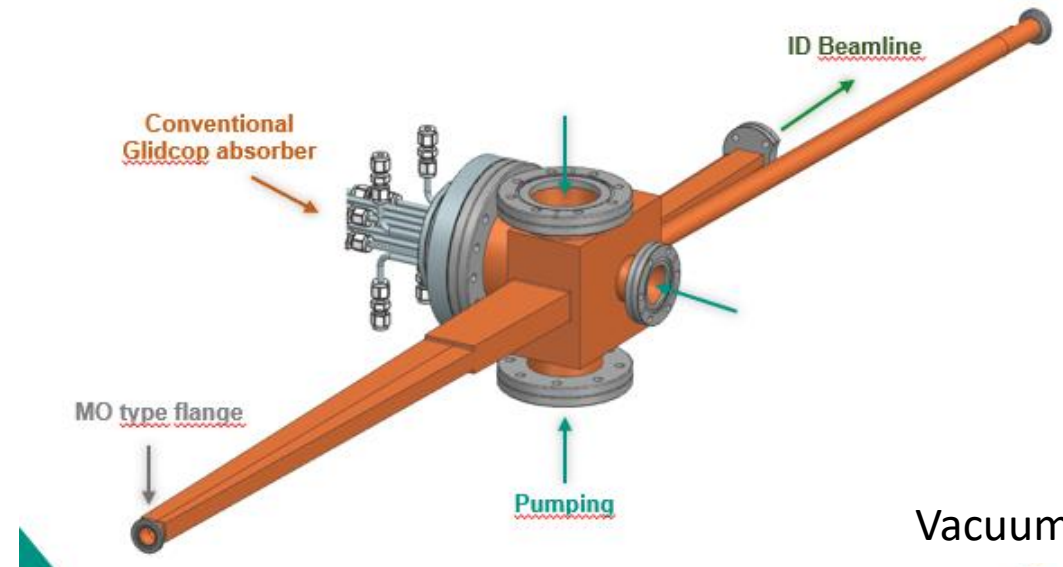
Prototyping all systems of the storage ring



Magnets



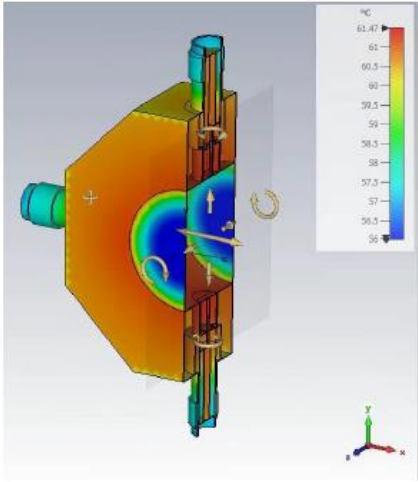
Girders



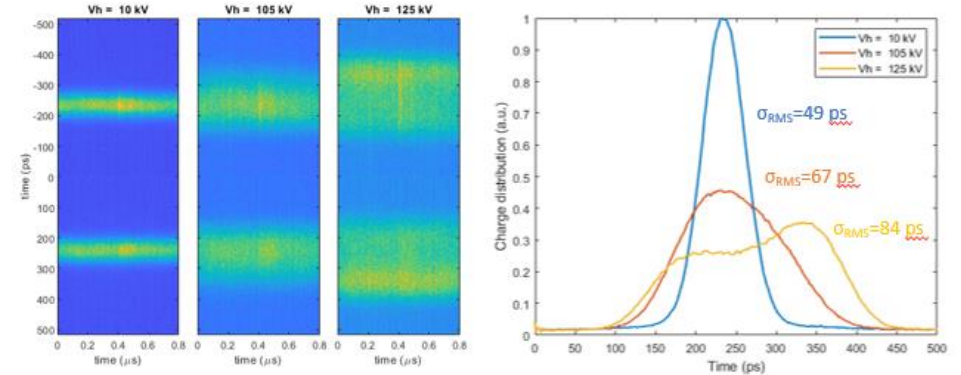
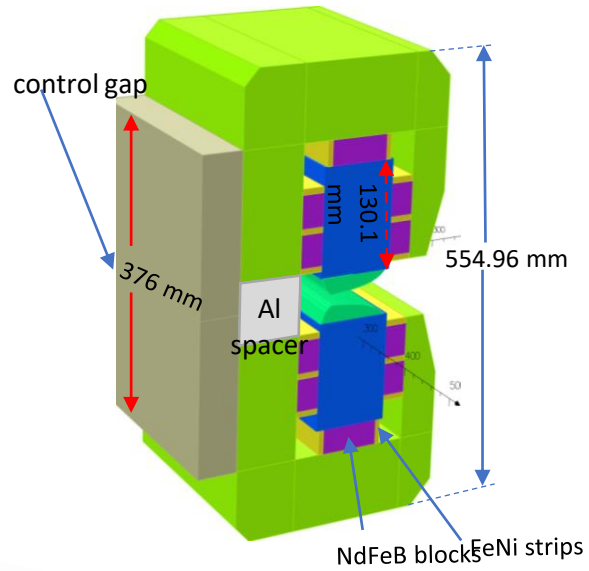
Vacuum

Prototyping all systems of the storage ring and testing 3rd HC at BESSY

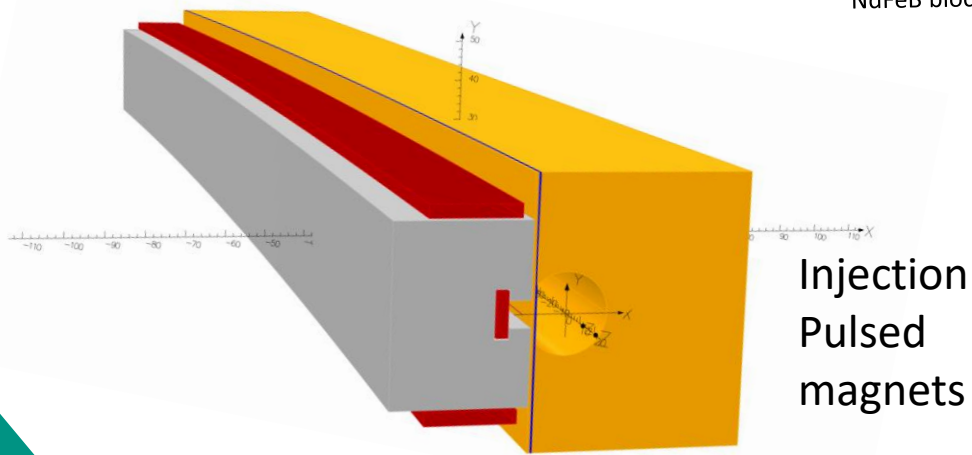
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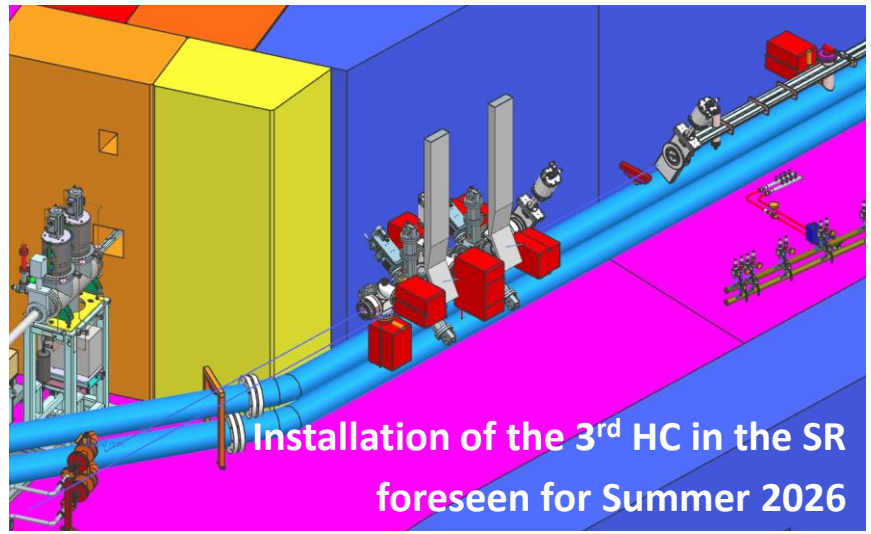
Super Bend



Streak camera images and profiles for 14 mA homogeneous filling pattern with 400 kV main RF at BESSY II

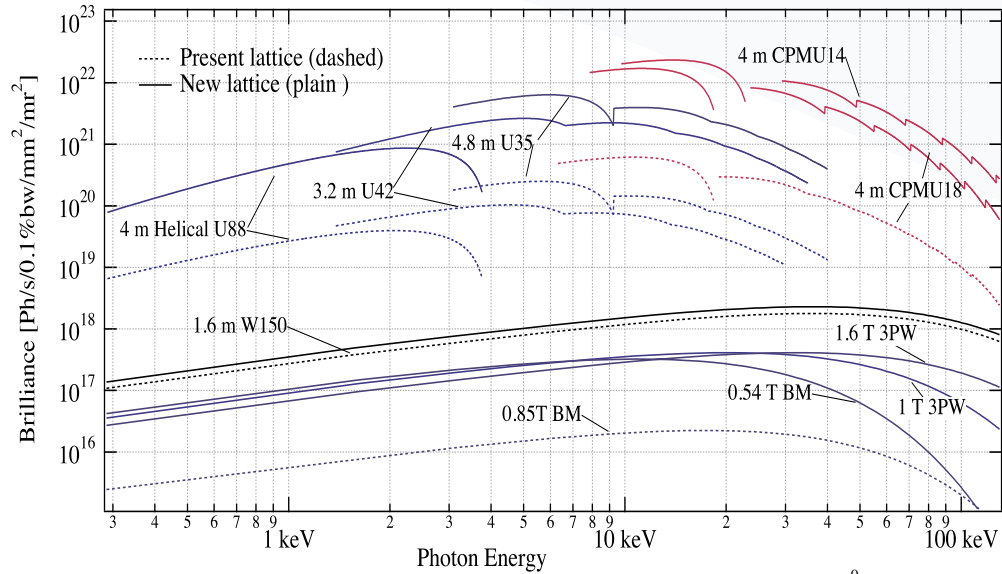


Injection Pulsed magnets



Installation of the 3rd HC in the SR foreseen for Summer 2026

BRILLIANCE AND COHERENCE INCREASE

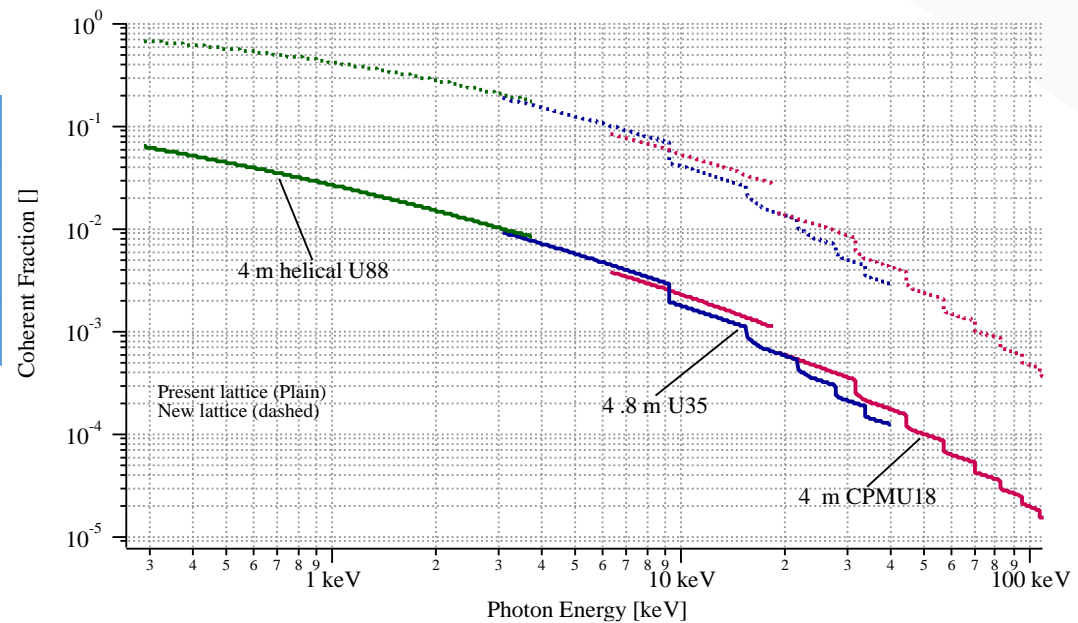


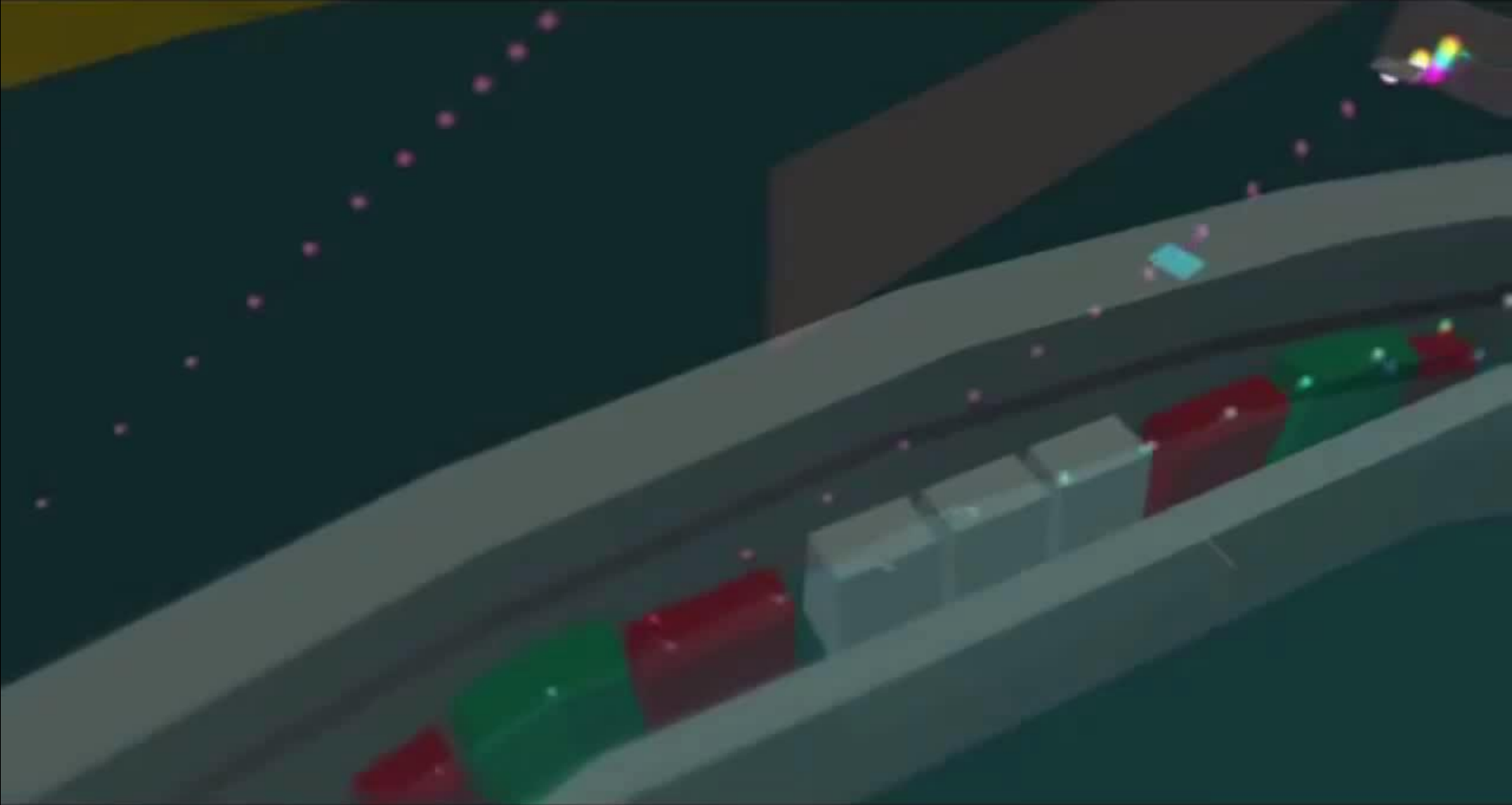
Brilliance

Source performances will improve by a factor 50 to 100

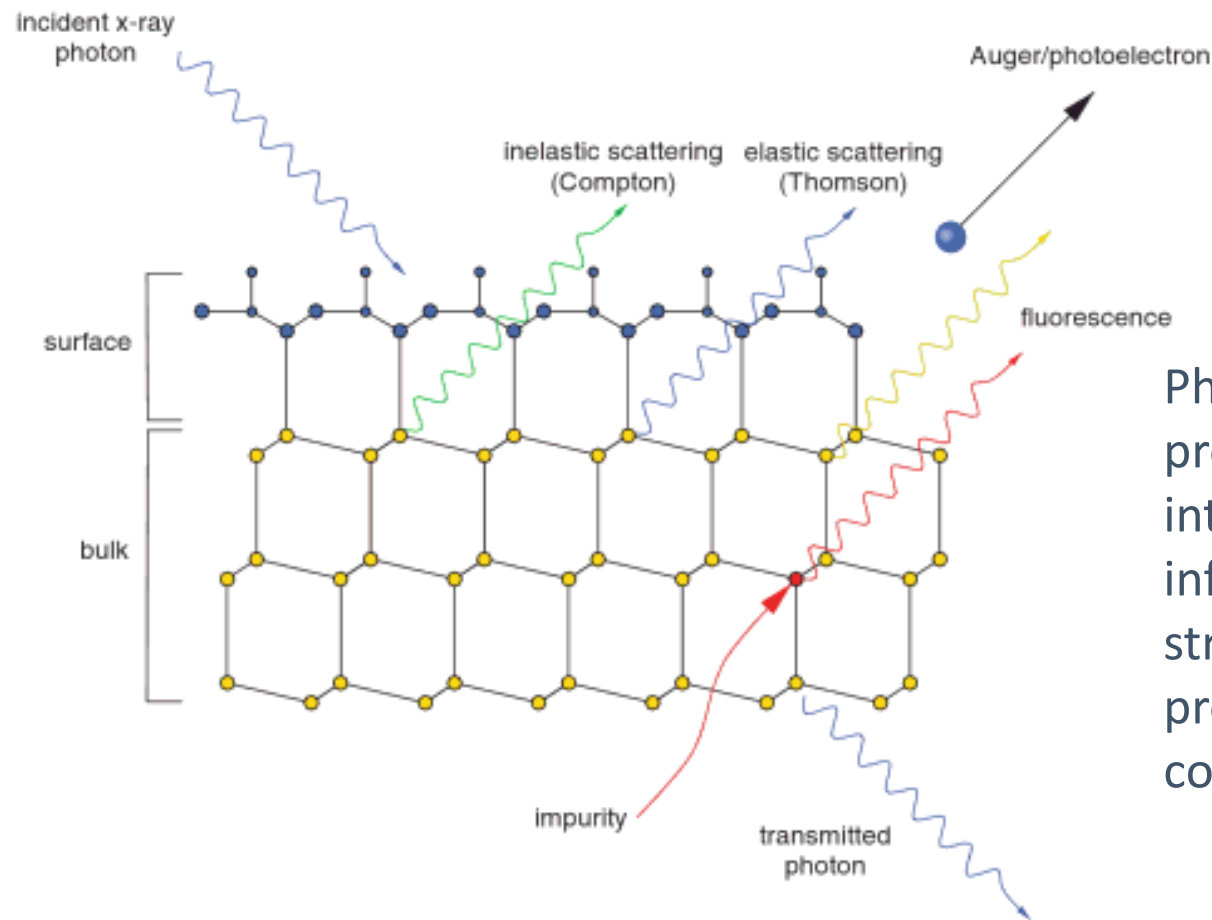
Hor. Emittance [nm]	4	0.15
Vert. Emittance [pm]	3	2
Energy spread [%]	0.1	0.09
β_x [m]/ β_z [m]	37/3	4.3/2.6

Coherence





Interaction between the light and the matter

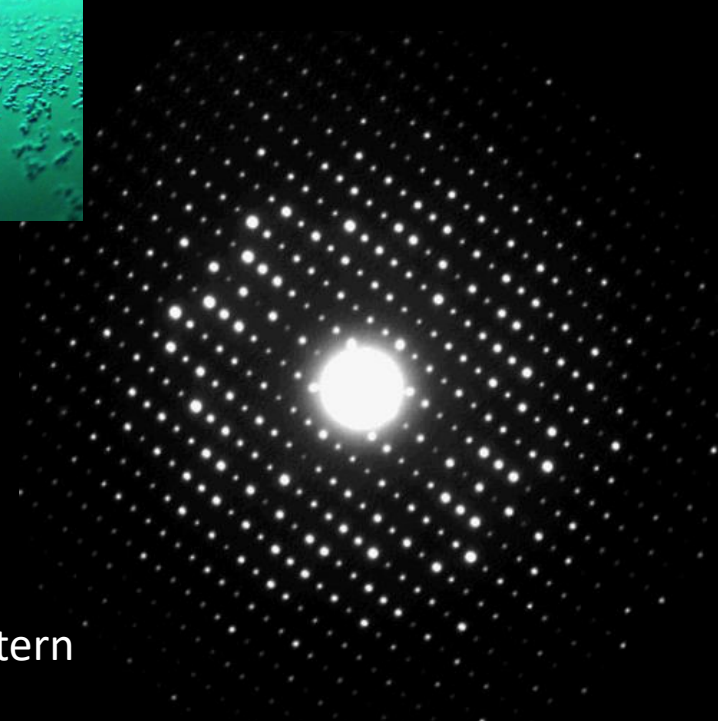
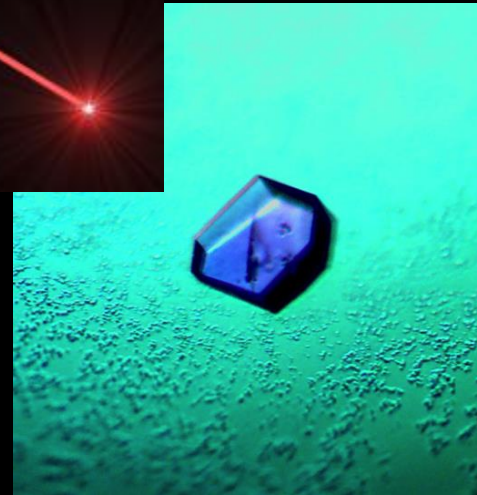


Photons and electrons produced during the interaction contain information on the structure of matter, its properties and composition

Figure 2.1 The interaction of x-rays with matter. Surface (and interface) regions of a solid or liquid material are characterized by physical properties and structures that may differ significantly from those of the bulk structure. The x-rays may be elastically or inelastically scattered, or absorbed, in which case electrons or lower-energy photons can be emitted. If none of the above occur, the photon is transmitted through the sample.

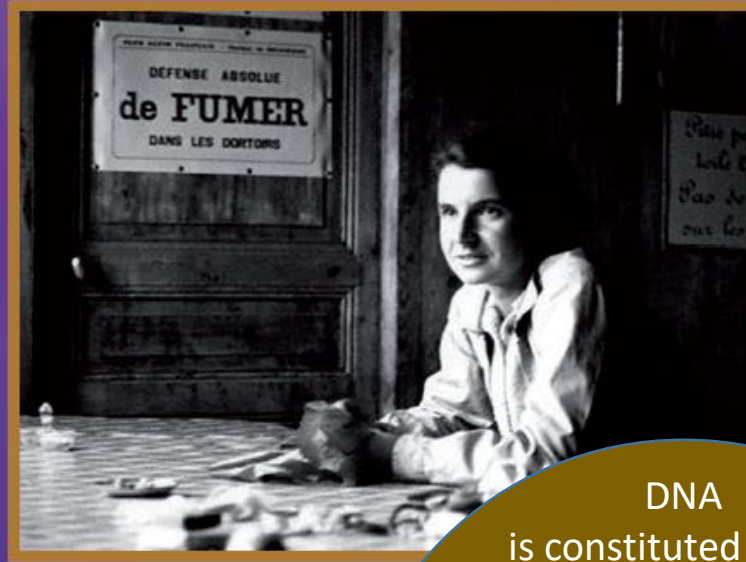
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Scattering - Diffraction



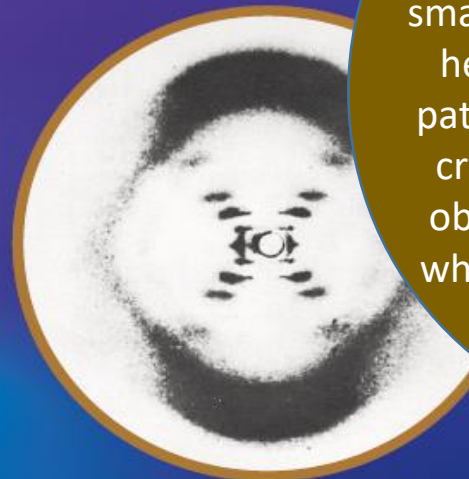
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Diffraction pattern



DNA and X Rays

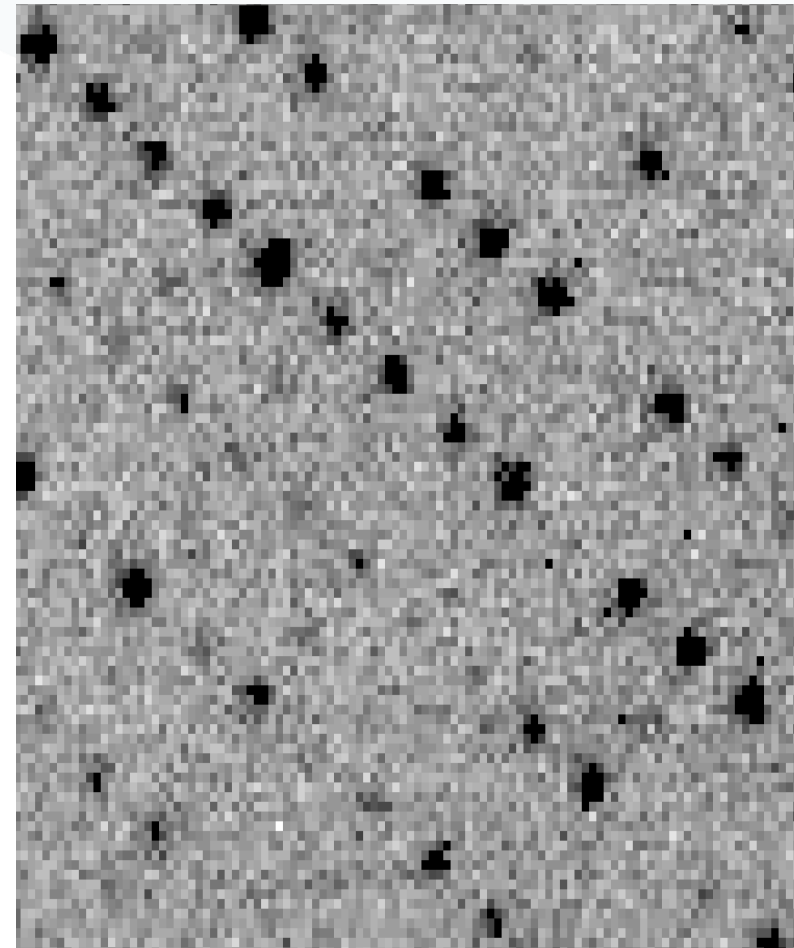
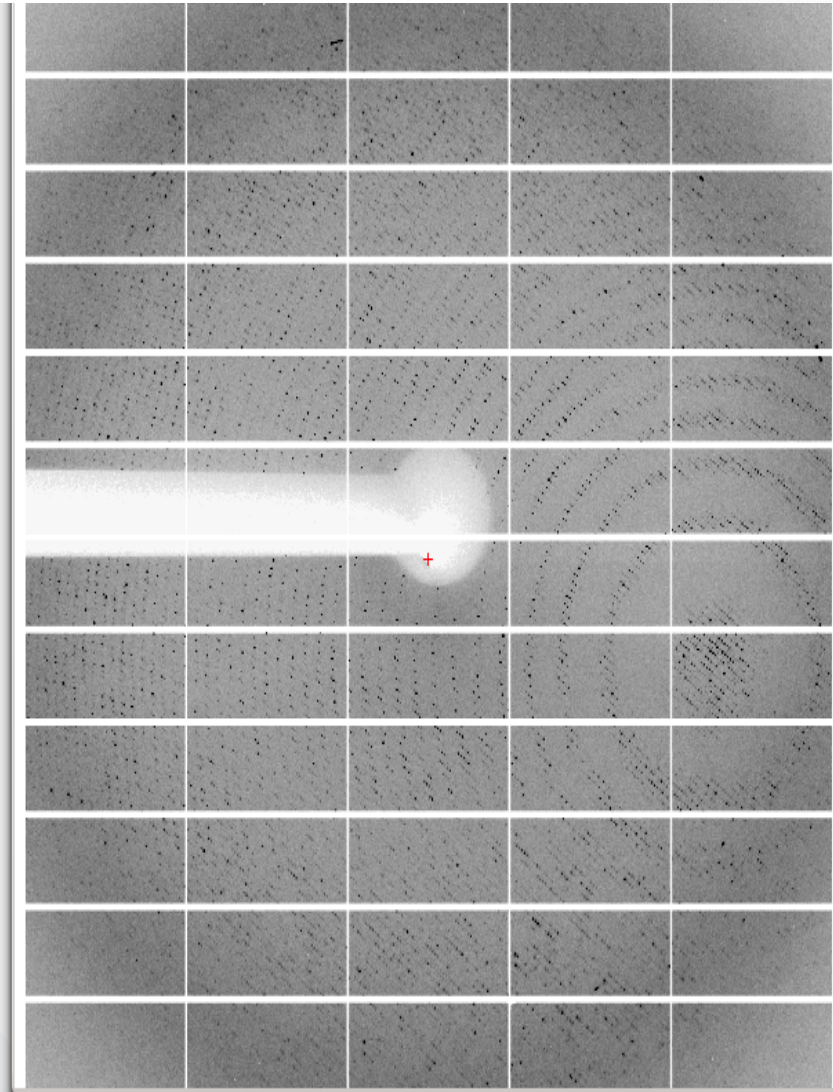
1952
Photo 51:
first image by X-ray
diffraction



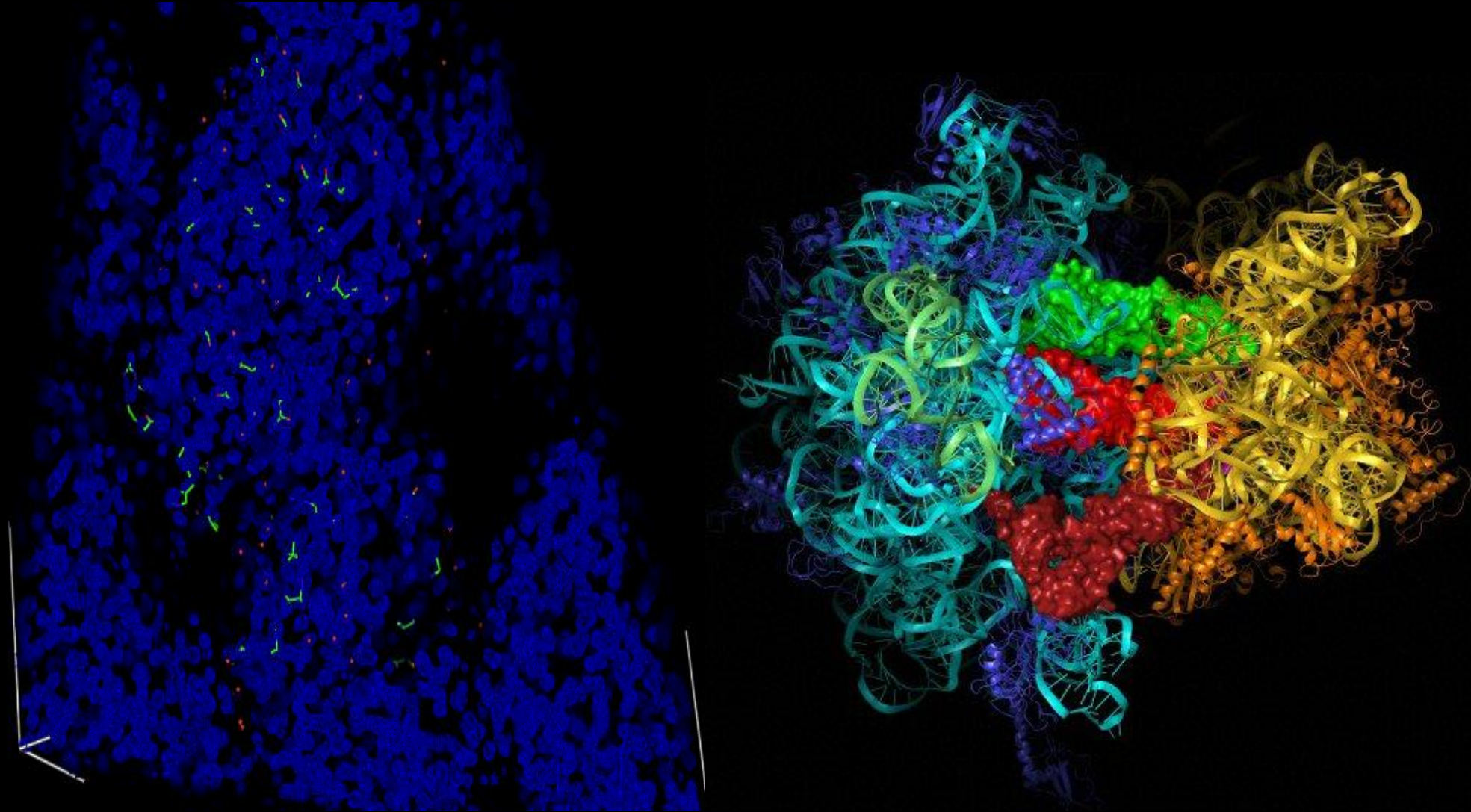
DNA is constituted by two complementary filaments formed by regular sequences of small molecules, forming double helixes. It was the diffraction pattern of X rays from a pseudo crystal formed by DNA fibers, obtained by Rosalind Franklin, which allowed determining the form of this molecules.

Diffraction pattern of a protein crystal.

From position and intensity of the spots the protein structure can be defined



Electronic density from which the 3D representation of the protein can be obtained down to atomic resolution



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry **2012** is awarded to Brian K. Kobilka and Robert J. Lefkowitz for studies of G-protein-coupled receptors

G-protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) form a remarkable modular system that allows transmission of a wide variety of signals over the cell membrane, between cells and over long distances in the body

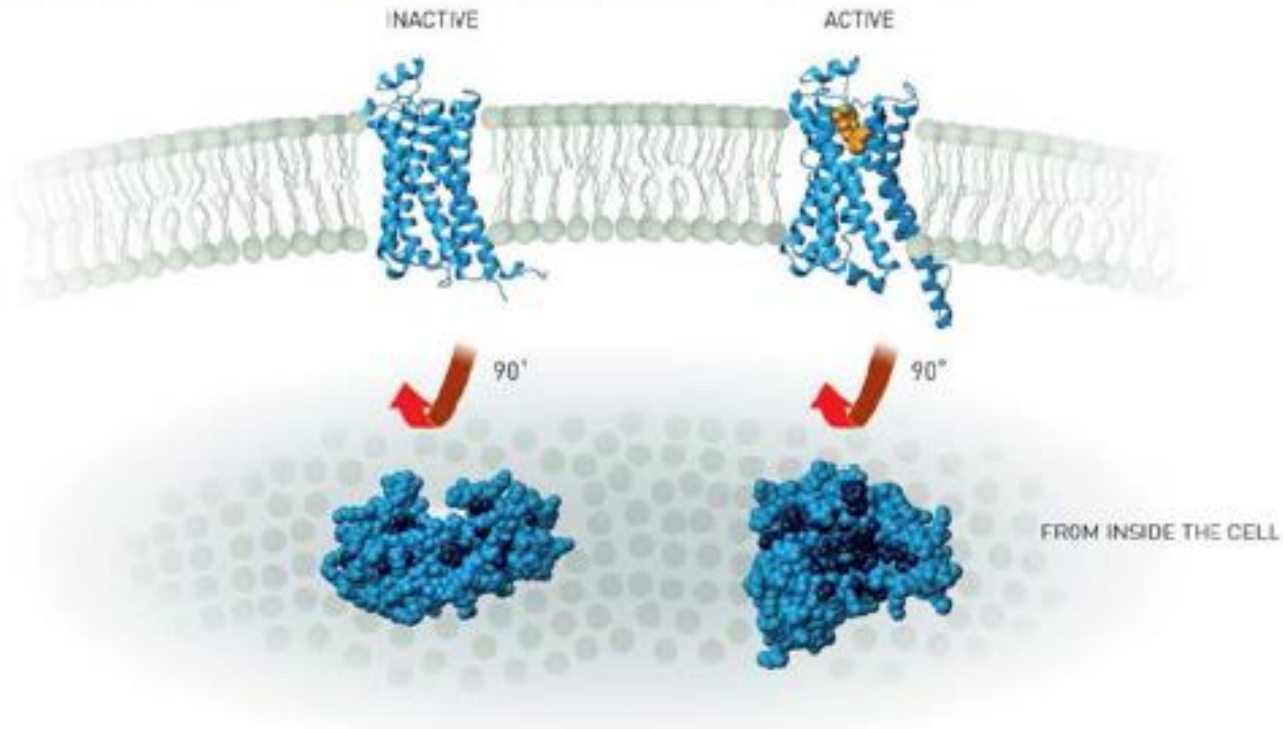
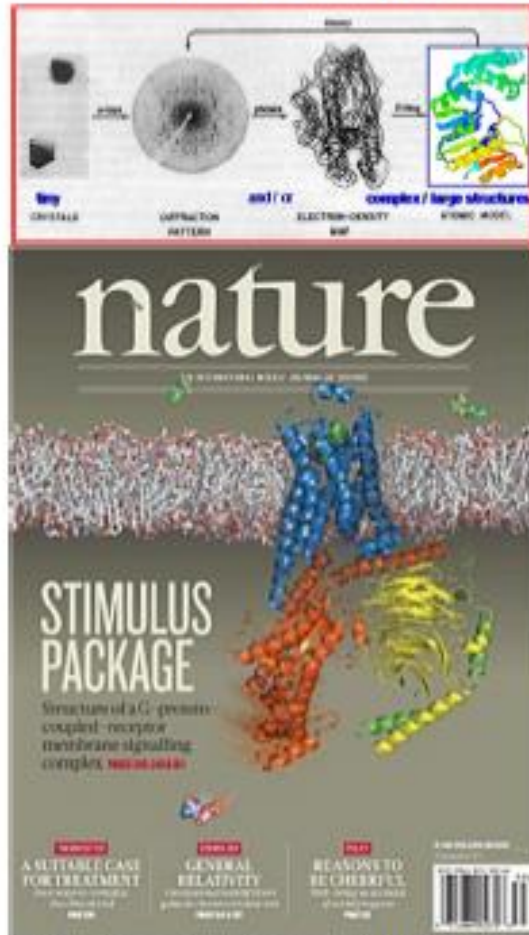


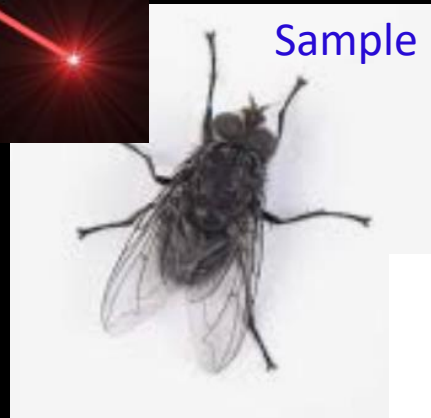
Figure 4. Structural basis of the GPCR signalling mechanism. Non-activated β AR (2bar.pdb) is shown to the left, and activated β AR bound to ligand and G-protein (3sn6.pdb) to the right. At the top, the receptor in the membrane is drawn with blue ribbon that traces the backbone. The bottom view is from the inside of the cell membrane, with the receptor shown using a space-filling model with hydrophobic side chains in dark blue.

Rasmussen SG; et al. (2011) Crystal structure of the human beta2 adrenergic receptor-Gs protein complex. *Nature* 477, 549-555

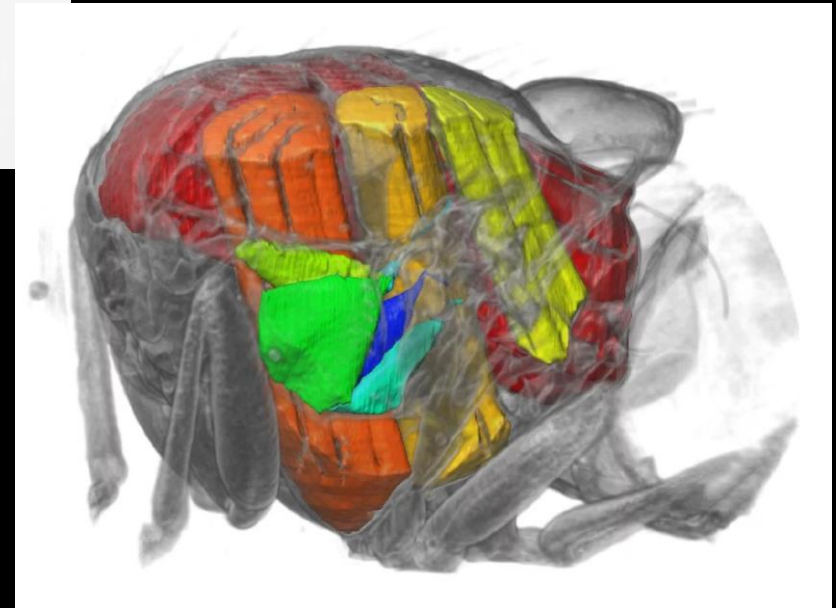
Imaging

Photon beam

Sample



Tomographs

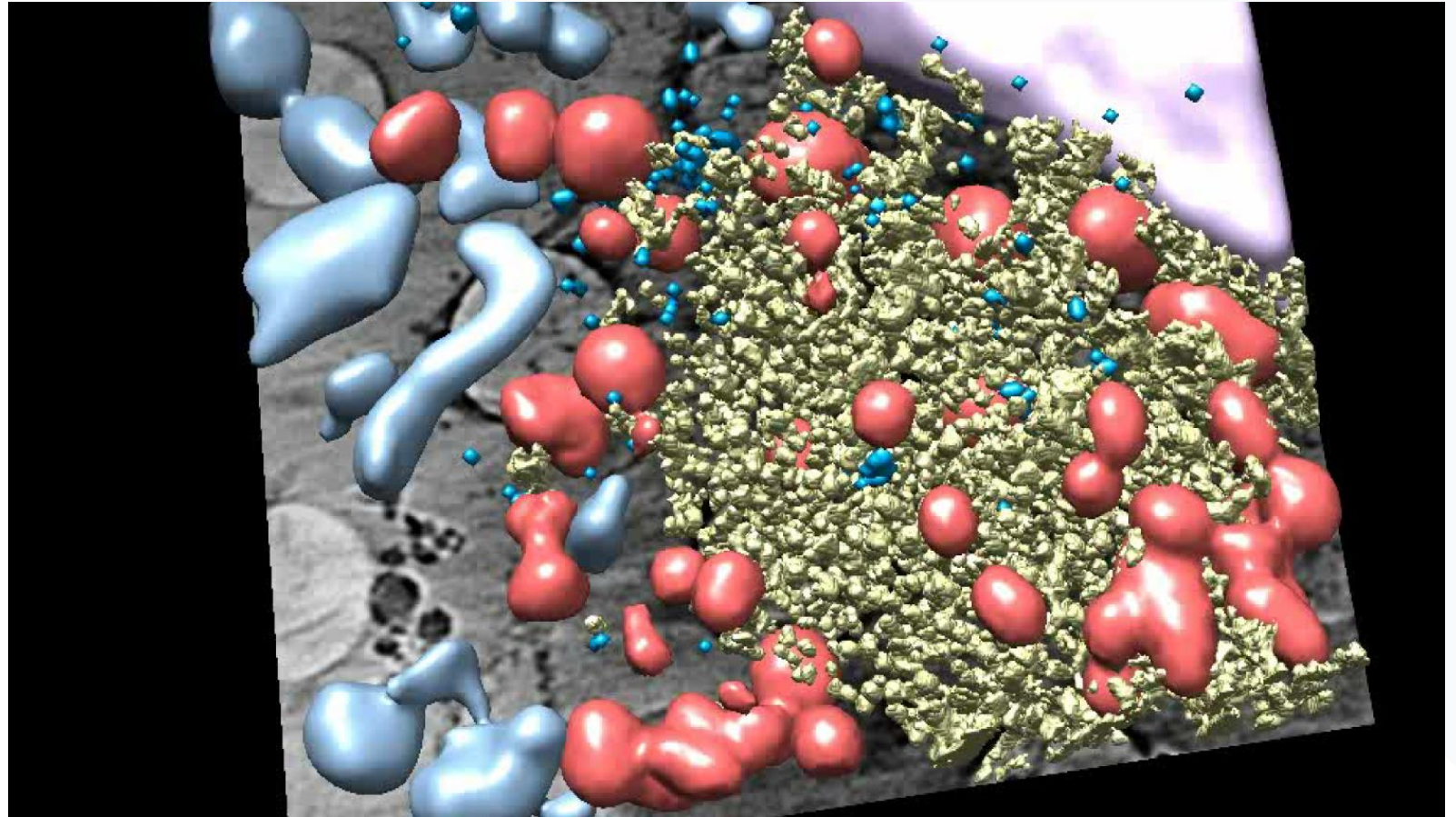


VISUALIZATION IN 3D HOW SARS-COV-2 REPLICATES IN CELLS

National Centre of Biotechnology (CNB-CSIC) and ALBA Synchrotron



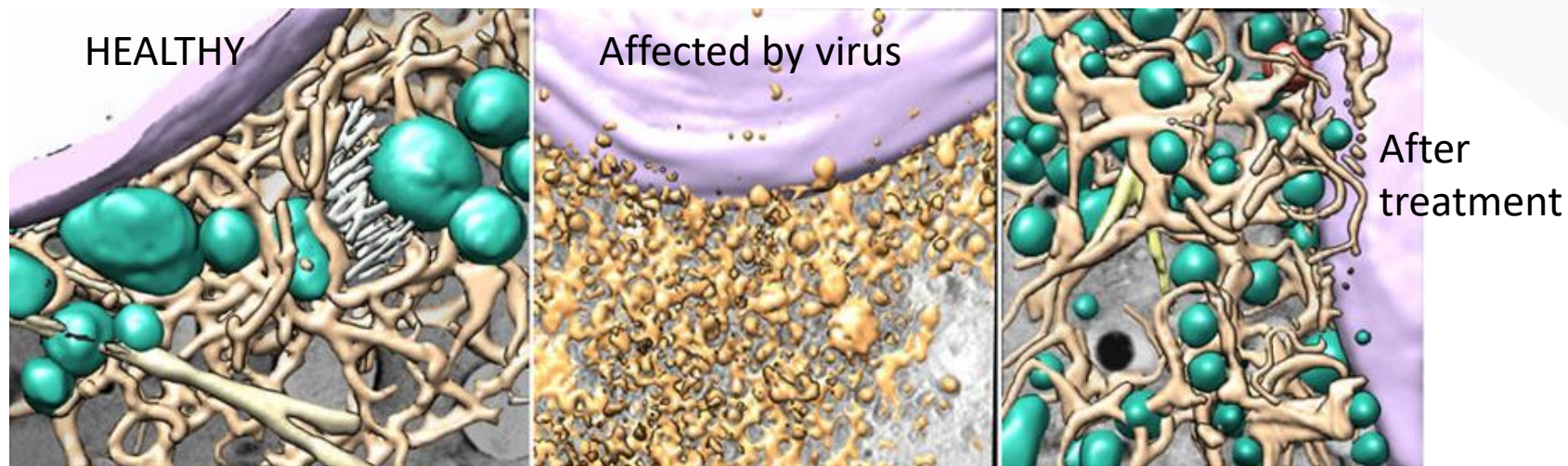
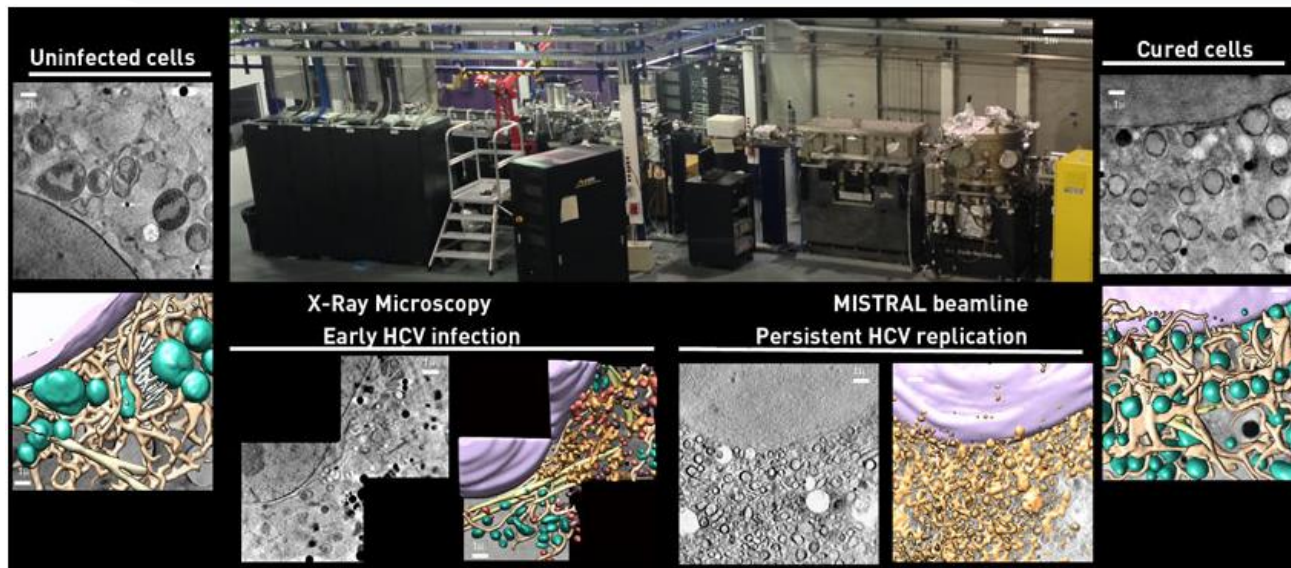
When **comparing an uninfected cell with an infected one**, we can see that the virus multiplication machinery forms vesicles and tubules as well as **remarkable signs of stress on cellular organelles** such as mitochondria and the endoplasmic reticulum."



A549 cell (adenocarcinomic human alveolar basal epithelial cells) infected with SARS-CoV-2

3-D Modeling of SARS-2 CoV2-Infected Cells Revealed by Cryogenic 3 Soft X-ray Tomography. *ACS Nano*. DOI: [10.1021/acsnano.3c07265](https://doi.org/10.1021/acsnano.3c07265)

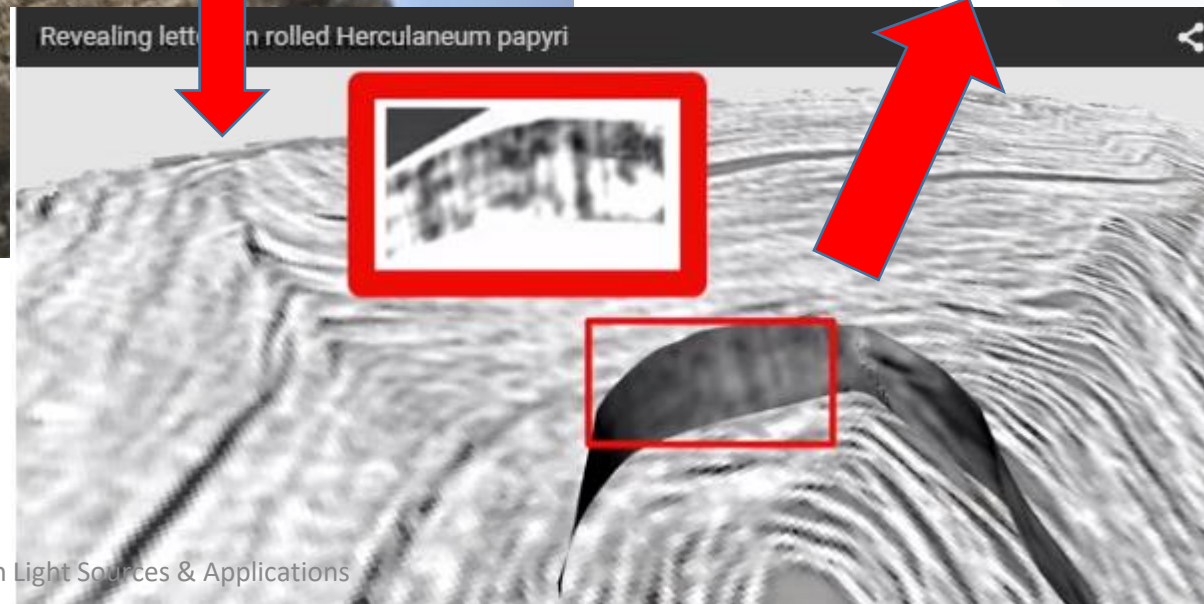
Hepatitis C Virus effect on a cell



Violet: cell nucleus, green: healthy mitochondria, beige: healthy endoplasmic reticulum, yellow: altered endoplasmic reticulum

Reference: [AJ Pérez-Berná, MJ Rodríguez, FJ Chichón, M Friederike Friesland, A Sorrentino, JL Carrascosa, E Pereiro, and P Gastaminza. Structural Changes In Cells Imaged by Soft X-Ray Cryo-Tomography During Hepatitis C Virus Infection. ACS Nano 2016 DOI: 10.1021/acsnano.6b01374](https://doi.org/10.1021/acsnano.6b01374)

Transmission microscopy



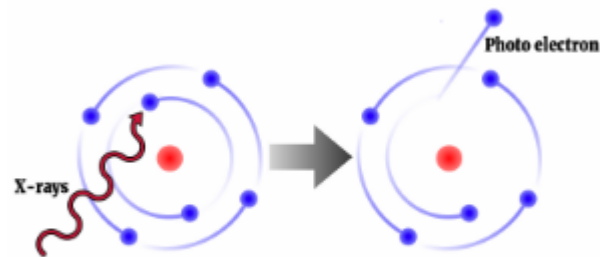
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Dependence on energy of incident photons of the absorption, emission or fluorescence

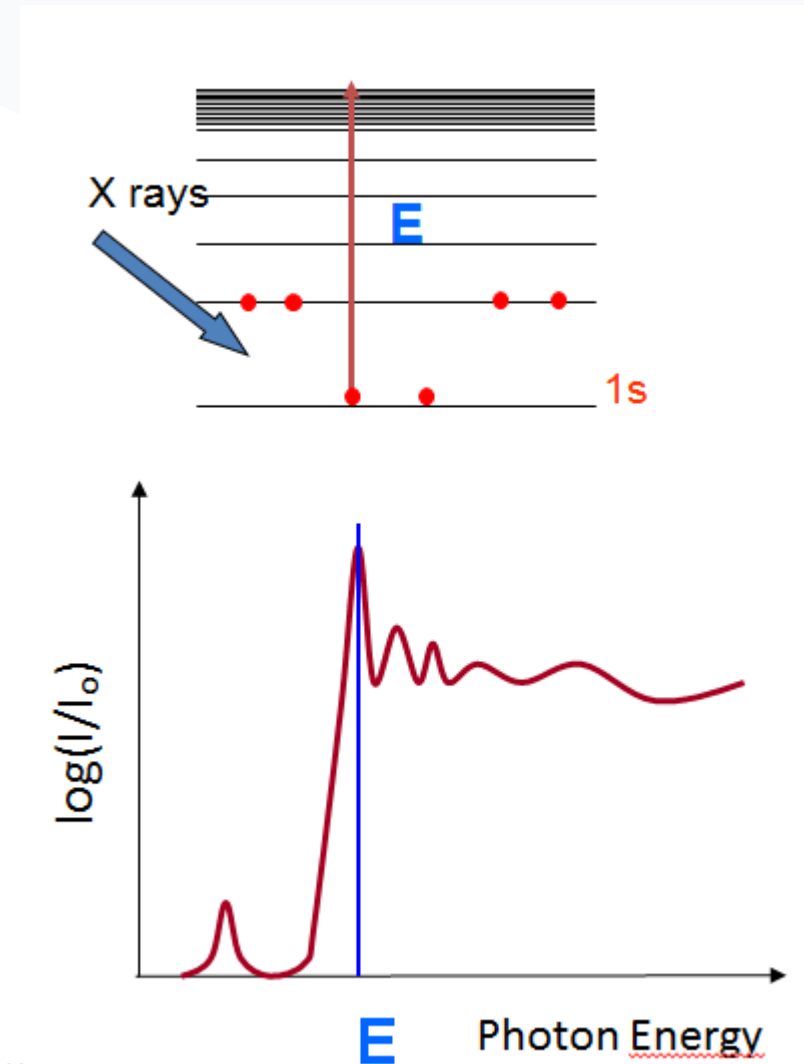
Deduction of composition, status, etc.

The absorption energy and the fine structure of the absorption spectra are sensitive to the valence state of the absorbing atom



Photoemission

Synchrotron Light Sources & Applications





BREAKTHROUGH TOWARDS CHEAP AND EFFICIENT SOLAR CELLS

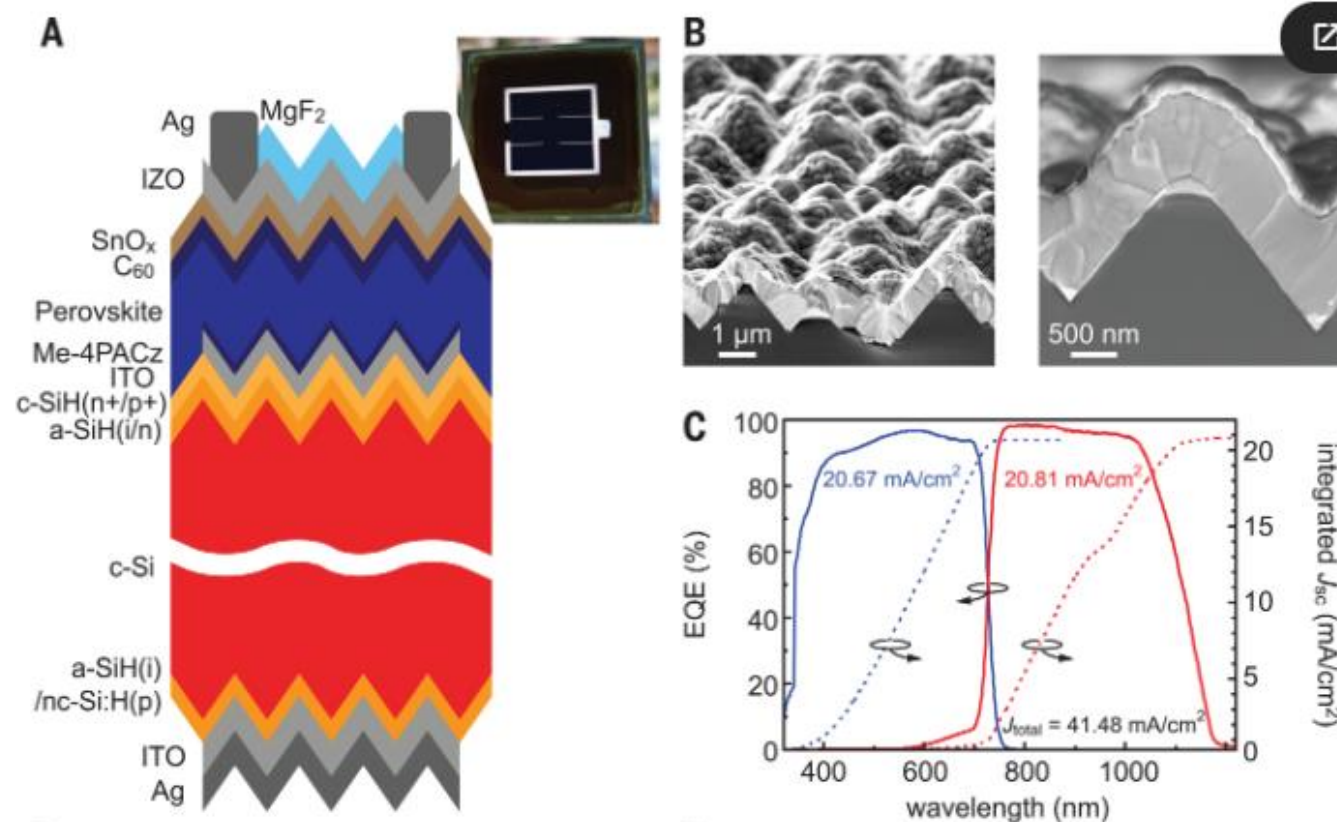


EPFL's PV-Lab and CSEM

An efficiency of 31.25% by stacking silicon and perovskite cells in a so-called tandem structure. This achievement marks the first time a low-cost technology has surpassed the 30% efficiency milestone (usual efficiency is ~24%.)

Analysis of the impact of the additive on the perovskite crystallization process, **grazing incidence wide-angle x-ray scattering (GIWAXS)** was performed at the NCD-SWEET BL.

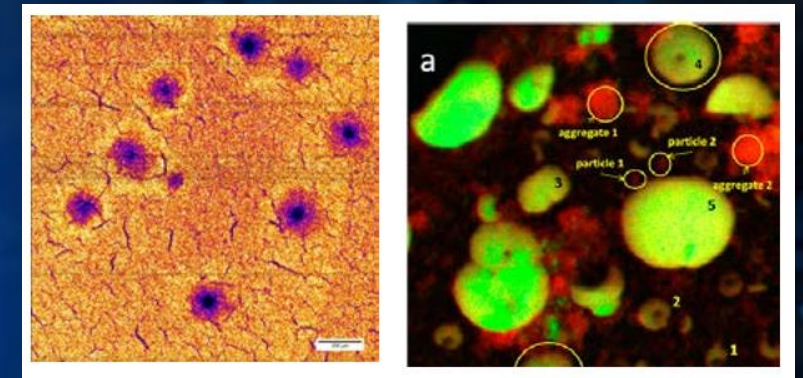
GIWAXS provides detailed information about the **crystallographic structure, orientation, and phase transitions** within the material



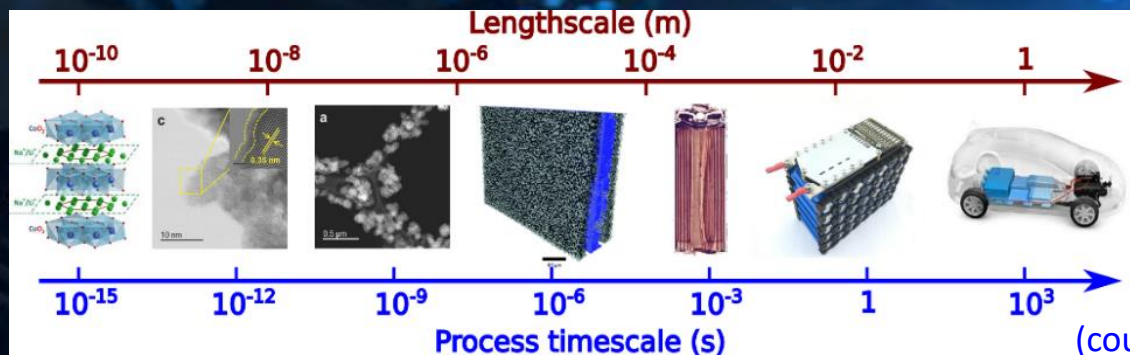
Interface passivation for 31.25%-efficient perovskite/silicon tandem solar cells. *Science* 381, 59-63 (2023). DOI: [10.1126/science.adg0091](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.adg0091)

Materials for sustainable generation of energy, its storing, transport and conversion

Research on batteries, also based in other materials, like sodium or calcium



Synchrotron X-ray studies of Li battery materials
MISTRAL BL, ALBA



(courtesy: ESRF)

Length scale challenge in battery research
Bridging spatial, temporal and chemical information

@ BOREAS

Materials for batteries

Spin-orbit fields mechanisms for in-plane current induced magnetization reversal of magnetic tunnel junctions, and their optimization

Fieldlike and antidamping spin-orbit torques in as-grown and annealed Ta/CoFeB/MgO layers

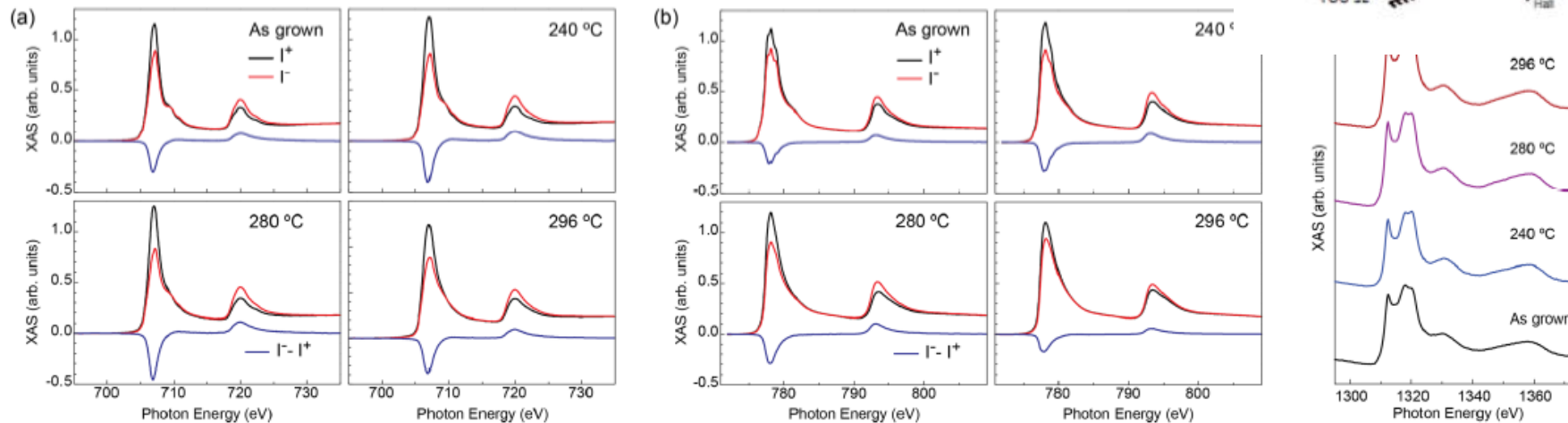
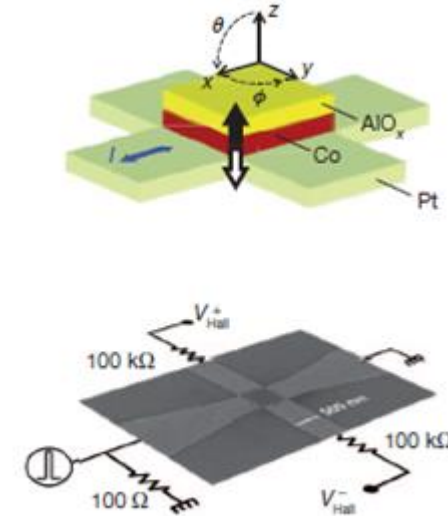
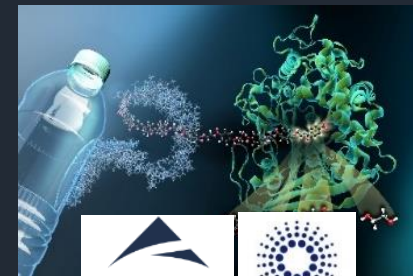


FIG. 4. (Color online) X-ray-absorption and magnetic circular dichroism spectra of as-grown and annealed Ta/CoFeB/MgO trilayers measured at the Fe $L_{2,3}$ edges (a), Co $L_{2,3}$ edges (b), and Mg K edge (c). The spectra were recorded at normal incidence at room temperature in a magnetic field of 1 T.

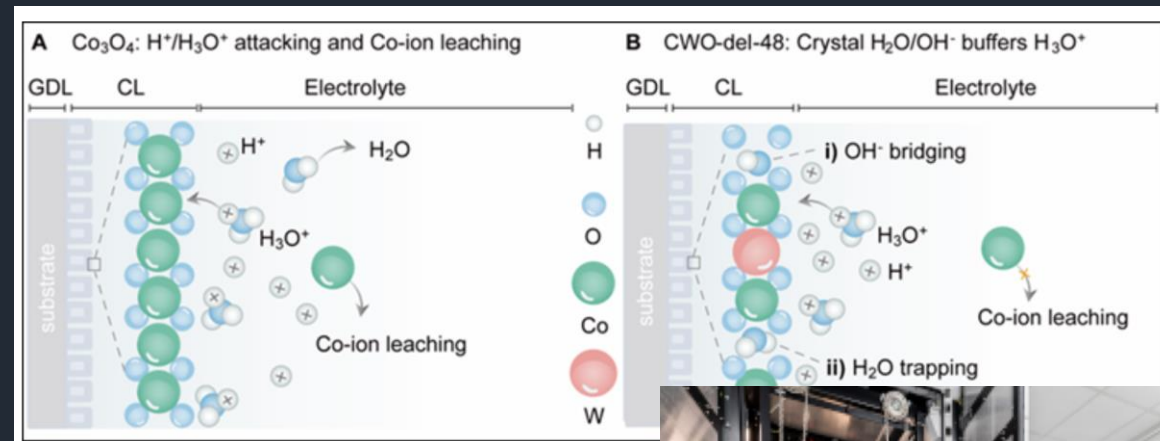
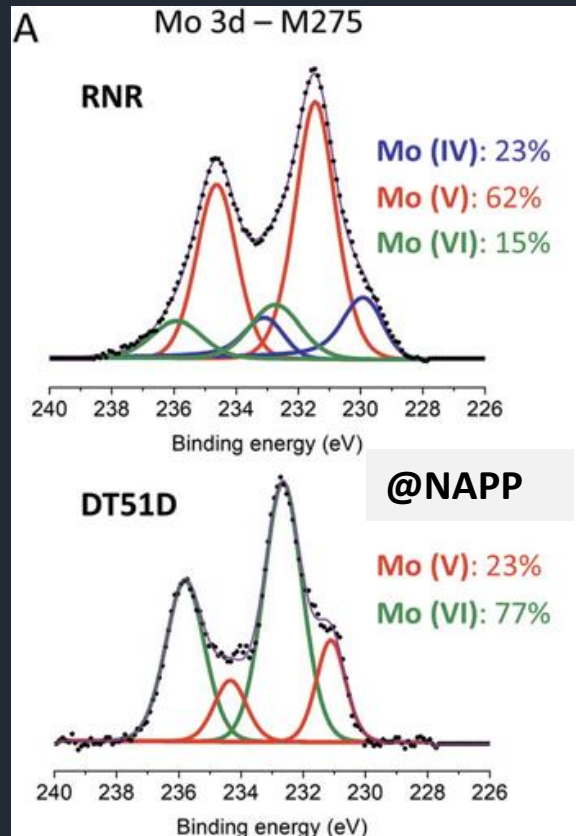
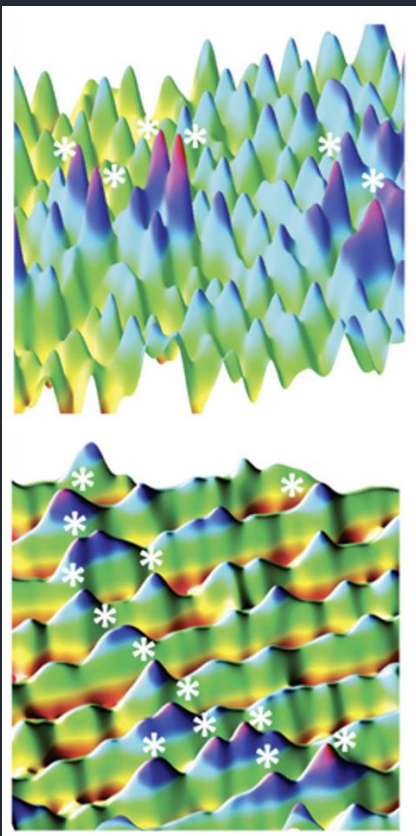
[Physical review B 89 214419 \(2014\)](#)

Developing new catalysts for green fuels, new polymers, PET digesting bacteria, also using TEMs



Low-Temperature Activation of CO₂ to Methane

ENVIRONMENT



Water-hydroxide trapping in cobalt tungstate for proton exchange membrane water electrolysis. *Science* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.adk9849>



Hydrothermal Synthesis of Ruthenium Nanoparticles with a Metallic Core and a Ruthenium Carbide Shell for Low-Temperature Activation of CO₂ to Methane, . *Am. Chem. Soc.* 2019, 141, 49, 19304–19311, A. Corma et al.

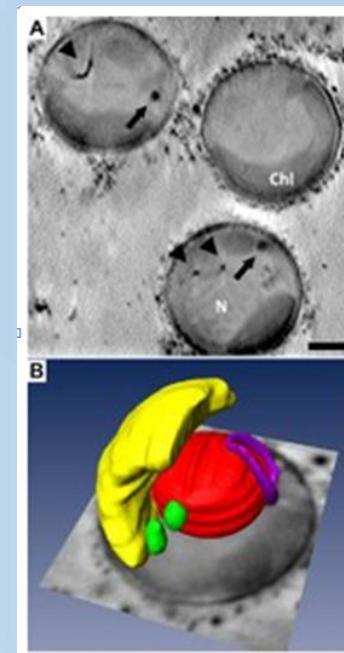
Environmental science – some example from ALBA



Speciation of selenium in wheat to know the Se level in comestibles plants



Analysis of Arsenicum in the soil of an old mine near Madrid for treating and recovering the contaminated soil



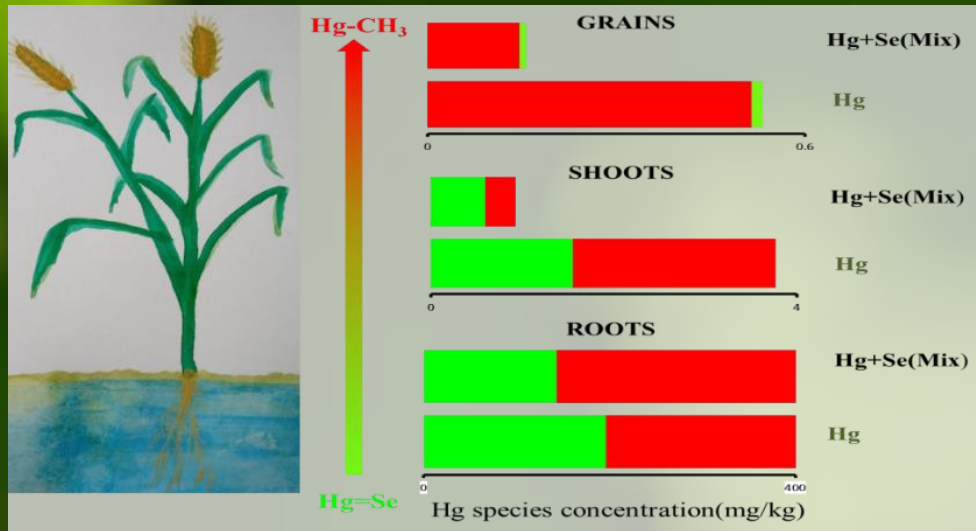
Study the spatial distribution of Calcium in marinae algae to understand effect of climate changes



Develop better catalists for industrial processes, electric cars, etc

Food science: understanding how to grow, enrich, make draught and contaminants resistant,...

Developing new materials for food packaging



Monitorizar la capacidad de las plantas de enriquecimiento con minerales (Selenio)

Characterization of wheat plants with Se: Se(+4), Se(+6), Se(organic). Selenium benefits: helps to prevent common forms of cancer, to fight off viruses, defend against heart disease, and to slow down symptoms correlated with other serious conditions like asthma.

Synchrotron Light Sources & Applications

15 July 2024 - ASP24

Wine production residues as biopesticides in agriculture

Biochar (2023) 5:30.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s42773-023-00228-8>

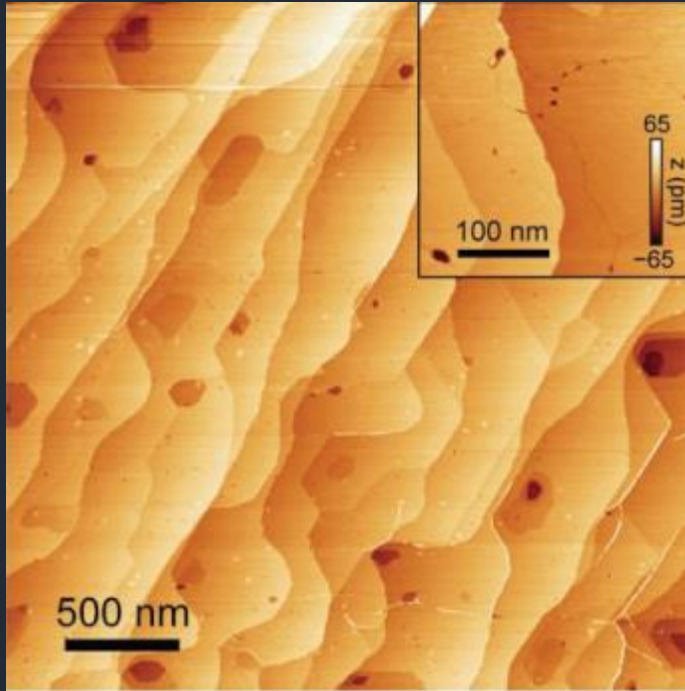
Helping to understand and preserve our cultural heritage

Ejemplo: retablos del MNAC

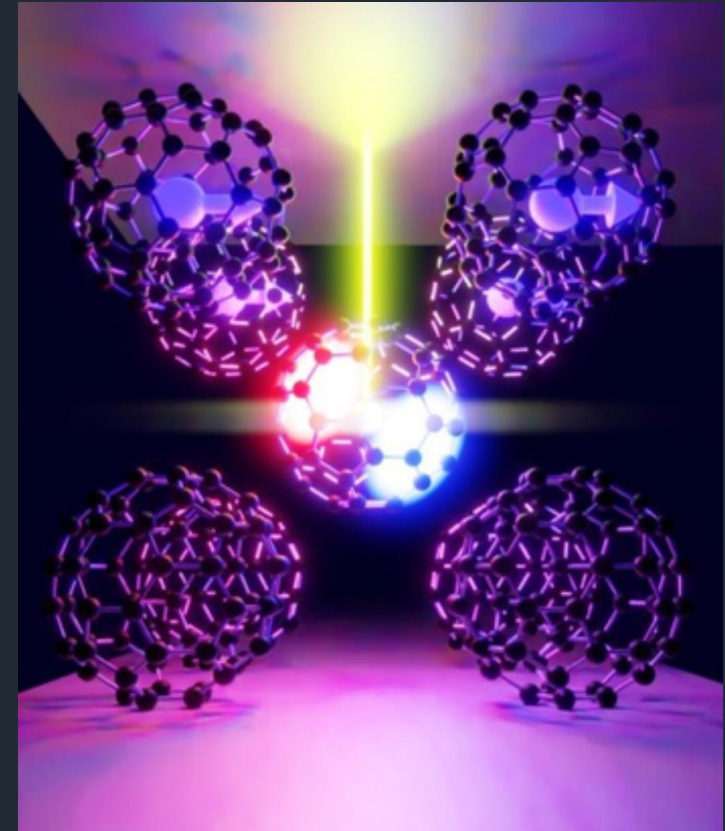


Complex materials for sustainable new technologies

Optimizing complex materials needs experimental tools including extreme conditions (T, P, magnetic fields) and real-time control (in-situ and operando) of relevant parameters and their functionality: quantum materials, superconductors, nanomagnetism are bricks of complex technologies



DISCOVERY OF NOVEL CLASS OF 2D MAGNETS: 2D-XY FERROMAGNETISM IN MONOLAYER CrCl₃ *Science* (2021). DOI: [10.1126/science.abd5146](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abd5146)



[Advanced Functional Materials 2023, 2212173.](#)

Storing magnetic information in picosecond timescales at a fullerene - oxide interface by using the photocurrent generated in the molecular layer. Great potential for the development of eco-friendly, ultra-fast hybrid information memories and magneto-optic sensors

ATHENA Mission (2037)

- Advanced Telescope for High-ENERgy Astrophysics
- Will study the high energy universe, including black holes



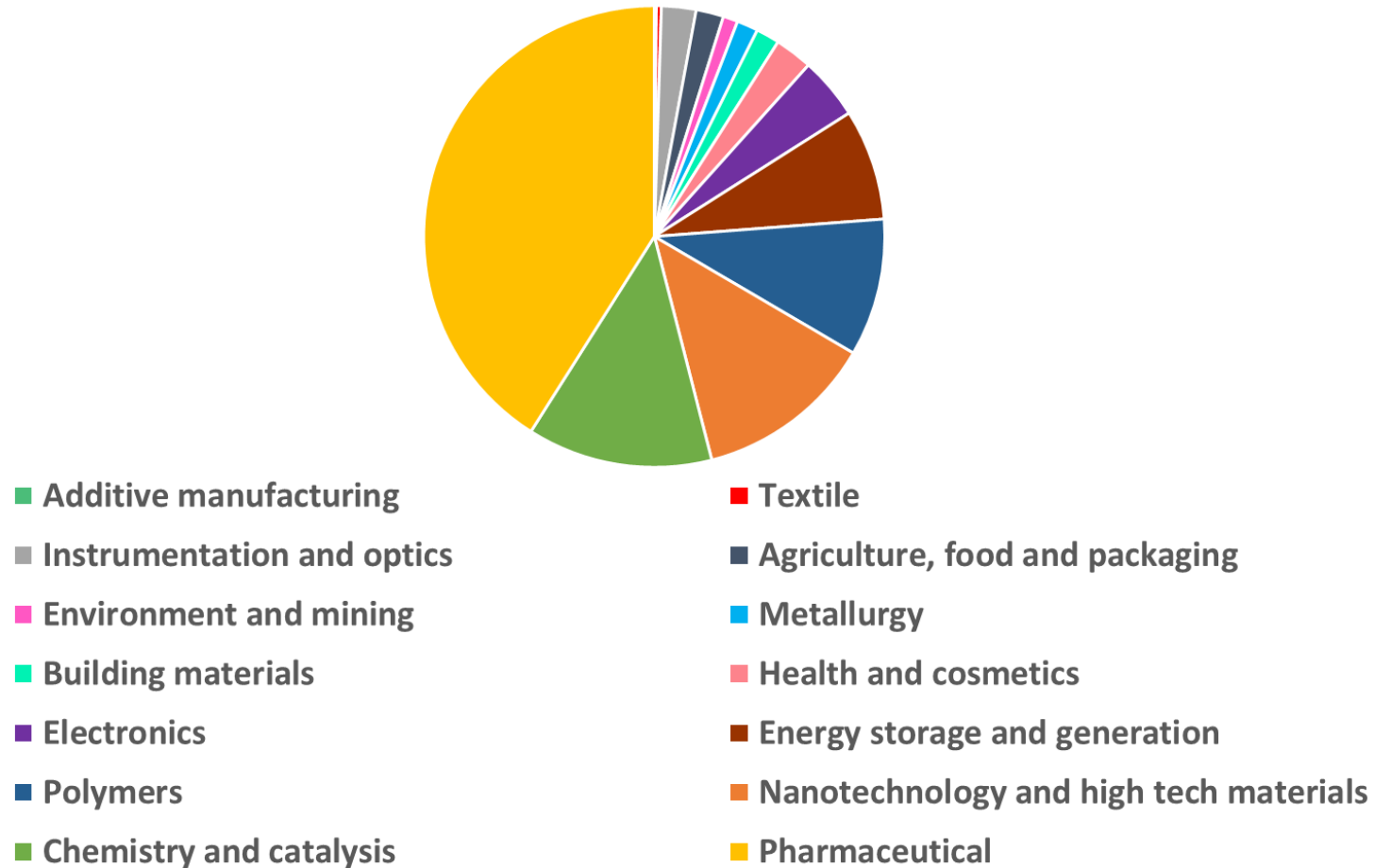
MINERVA: BL to test hundreds of mirrors to be mounted in ATHENA satellite

Industrial users – advancing in the innovation

More than 90 companies, 55% from Spain, 1/3 SME,
More than 600 experiments



Beamtime / Industrial sector



Examples:

Improved optics for nanoelectronics manufacturing, Battery with higher energy capacity, Battery recycling, Greener concrete, Robust adhesives, Efficient products for agriculture Nanotechnology for food packaging, Drug discovery, development and validation, New polymers for biomedical applications, Biochemical Efficacy of cosmetic

Pharma industry

- *Structural information of the interactions between a **drug and a therapeutic target** at the atomic level*
- ***Penetration of drugs and pharmaceutical formulations in biological tissues** such as the skin*

Environmental industry

- *Chemical characterization to improve nuclear and mining **waste management***
- *Identification of different **chemical species** in very low concentrations and their distribution **in plants, microorganisms, and animal tissues***
- ***Toxicological effects of chemicals, corrosion, pollution, etc.***

BASF IMPROVING THE PRODUCTION OF BATTERIES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

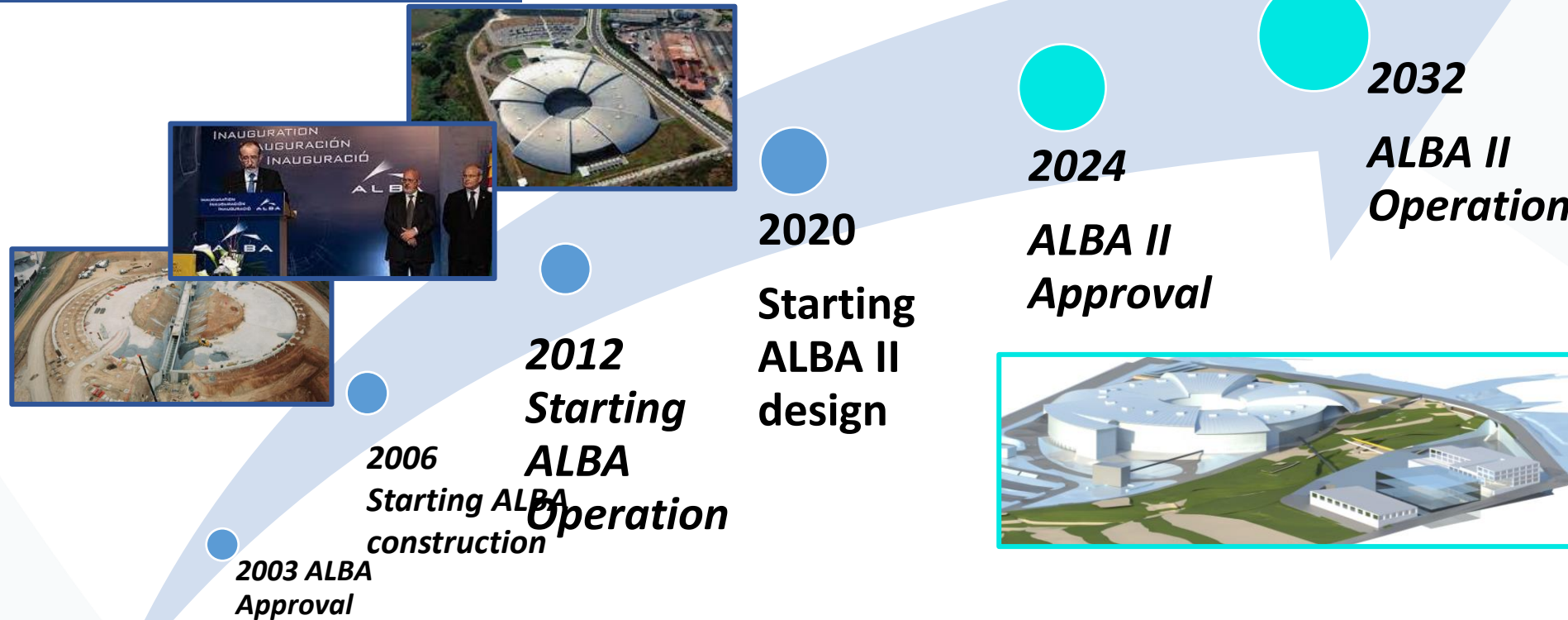


New methodology to produce nickel-rich cathode materials used in lithium-ion batteries that optimizes the conventional production process. Increase in throughput by a factor of three, increasing the efficiency of future cathode active materials production for battery electric vehicles

ALBA and ALBA II

2003 – Creation of CELLS Consortium
(Spanish Government and regional Catalan
Government), and agreement on facility
funding for the period 2003 to 2022
2023 – Addendum for 2023 funding

Now: negotiating agreement on facility
funding for the period 2024-2038



ALBA Synchrotron Radiation Facility



National public institution with 50% national + 50% regional **funding** (Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación) and GenCat (Department de Recerca i Universitats)

National and international (28%) staff

National and international (40%) users

National and international collaborations



+450 yearly experiments

+ 2400 yearly user visits

+ 4000 national and
+ 4000 international users

+3300 publications

$\langle IF \rangle_{2022} = 10$

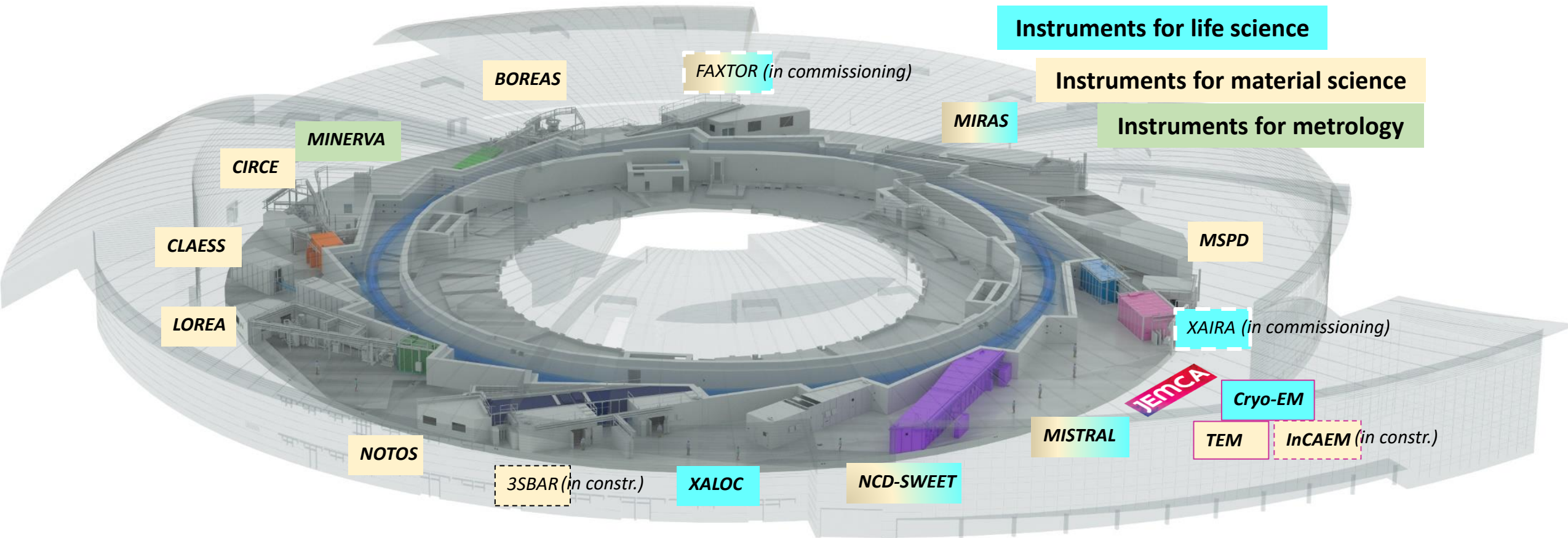
ALBA key numbers

+2600 public experiments

+1000 Proteins in PDB

+260 staff

+600 industrial experiments

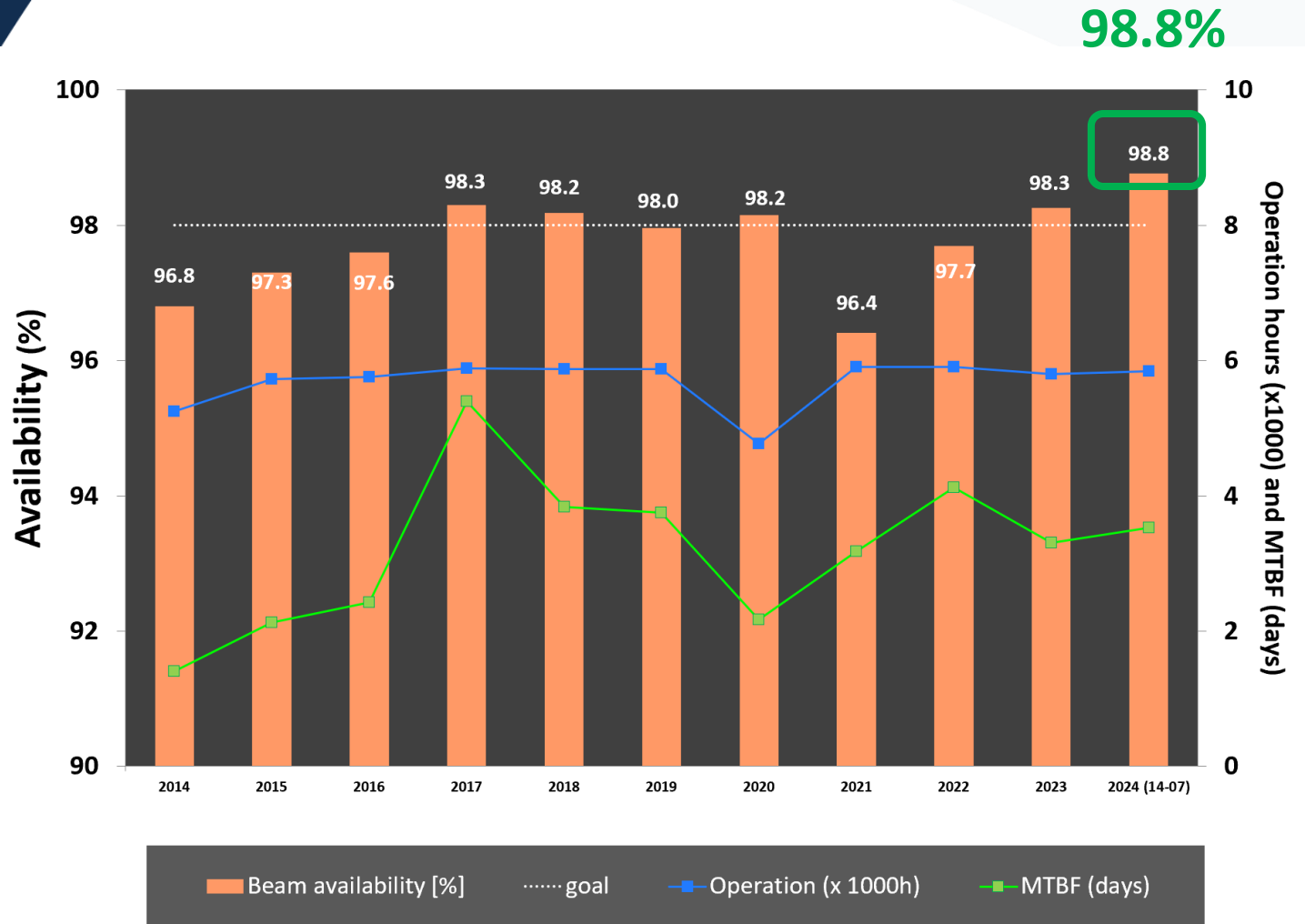


ALBA accelerator



ALBA storage ring – 3rd generation light source
3 GeV electrons - 270 m circumference

Operation – Spring 2024



98.8%

2023 Availability = 98.3 %

Even with mayor events like a fire in a transformer, which happened during a weekend, or the blow-up of the dipole power supply which happened in a start-up, plus a strike (16 h) as the longest down-time

2024 Availability = 98.8 %
Normal operation with minor events

Beamline techniques

Absorption and emission spectroscopy, soft X-ray tomography, IR microscopy, Small and Wide Angle Scattering, HR and HP Powder Diffraction, Crystalline Diffraction, Photoemission, NAPP, ARPES, Resonant absorption and scattering, *micro macromolecular crystalline diffraction, Metrology, hard X-ray tomography, Surface spectroscopy and ambient pressure photoemission*



Joint Electron Microscope Center at ALBA (JEMCA)

50% Funded through Catalan ERDF and 50% co-funded by different partners

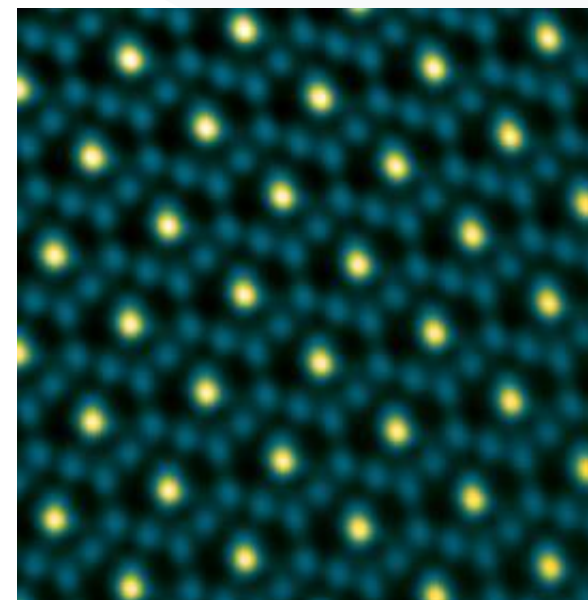


Life science - 200 kV Glacios cryo-TEM
Cryo-EM receiving users
Overbooking Factor >2

Material Science - 60-300 keV Spectra (S)TEM
TEM just finished commissioning
First users after Summer 2023



IS21 family transposase



Atomic resolution aberration corrected HAADF STEM images of one of the catalyst nanoparticles and a zoom out of the Co_2FeO_4 cubic spinel structure

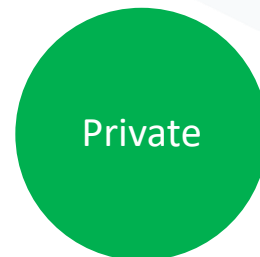
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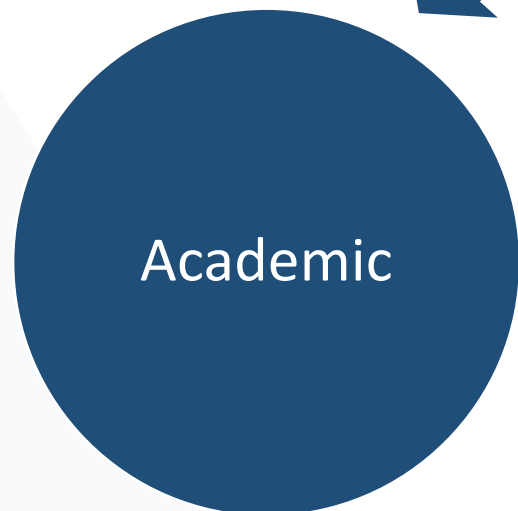
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Direct access covering operational costs
Results can be confidential



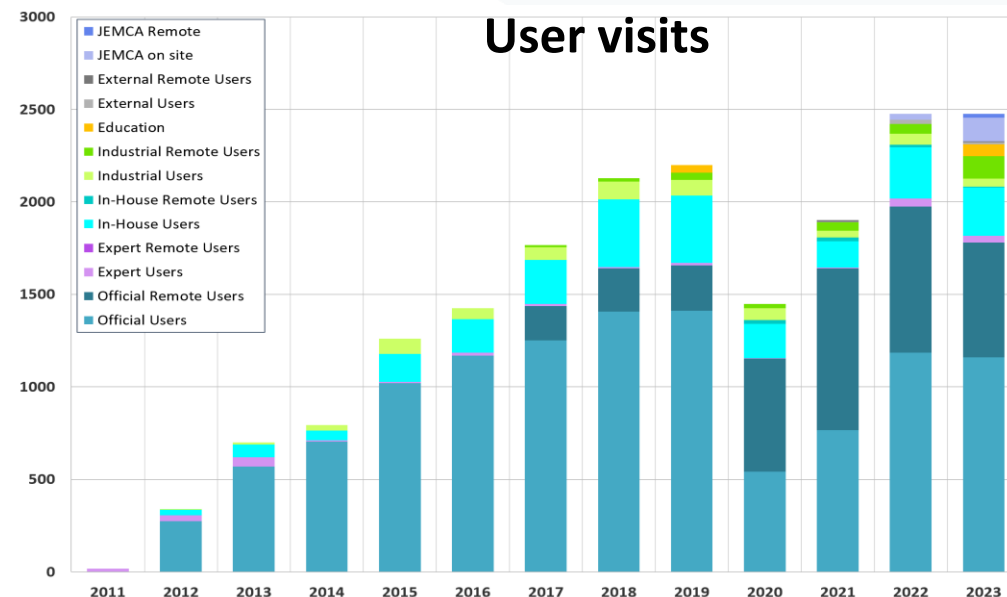
2/3 from Spain



Competitive and free access
Public results



2 calls per year
Average overbooking factor ~2

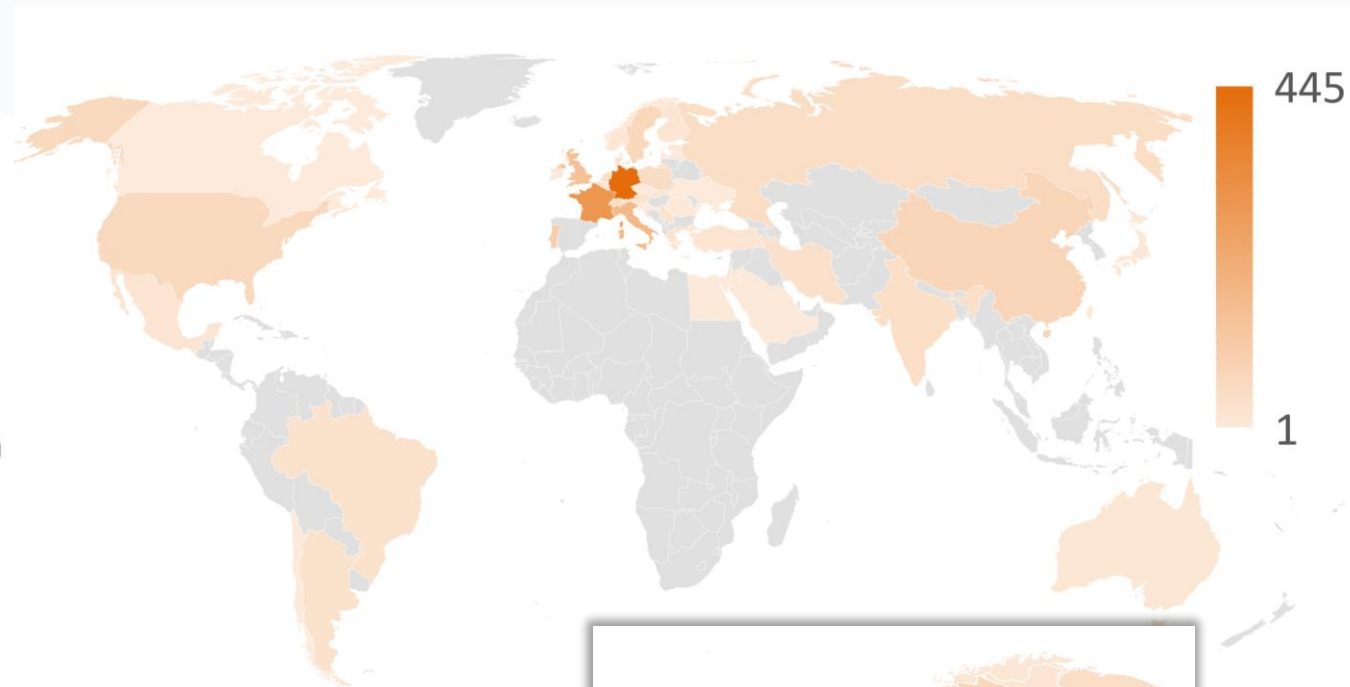


Academic Users

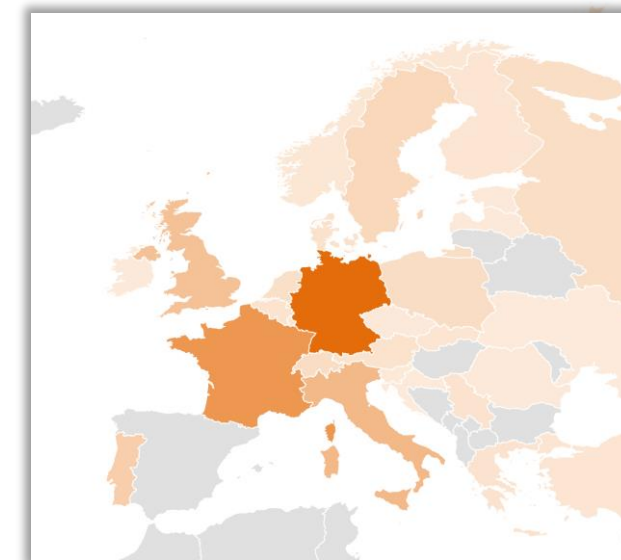
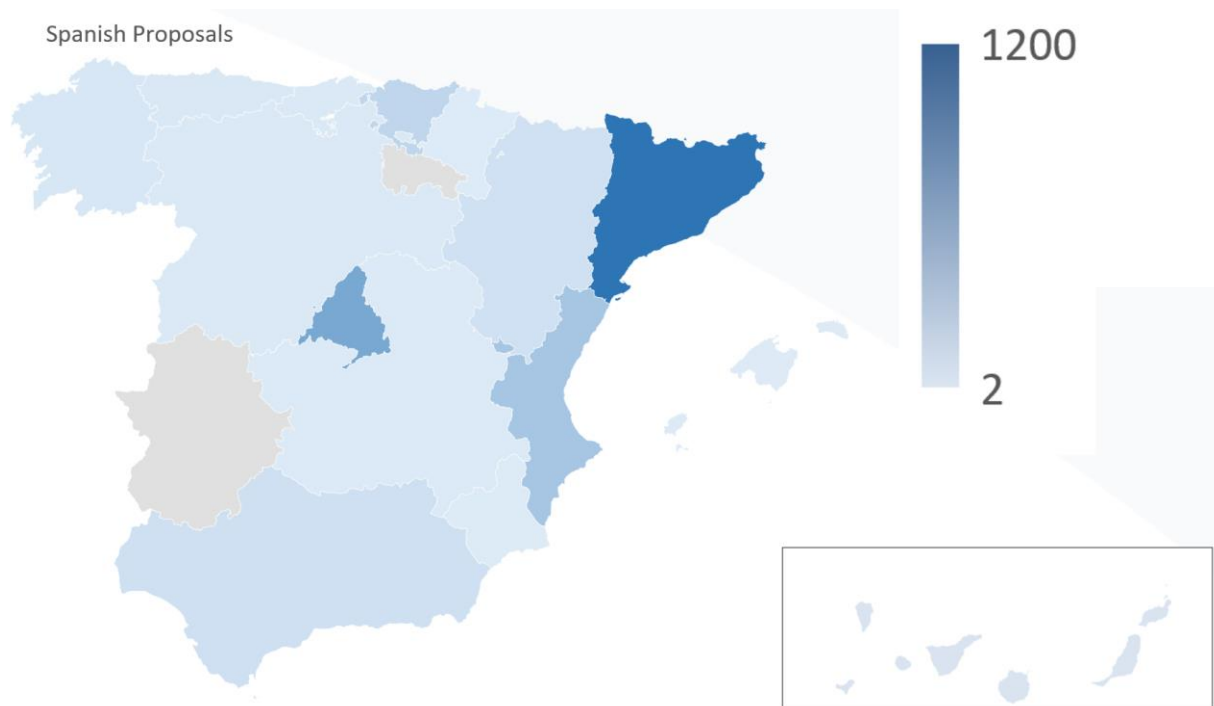
International proposals
(1063 granted over 2203)



Spanish proposals
(1865 granted over 3231)



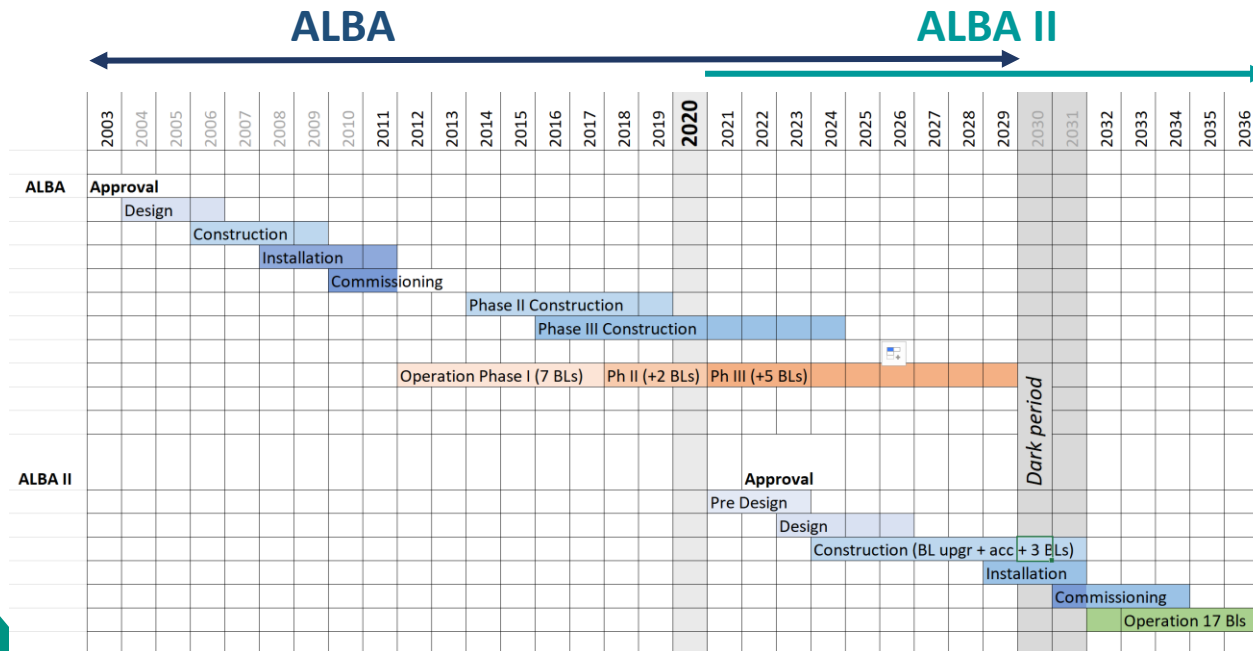
Spanish Proposals



ALBA II Project

- Renovation of storage ring providing a brighter photon beam
- **New beamlines**
- **Upgrade of existing beamlines**
- **Upgrade of data infrastructure and services**

ALBA II White paper



What ALBA II will provide

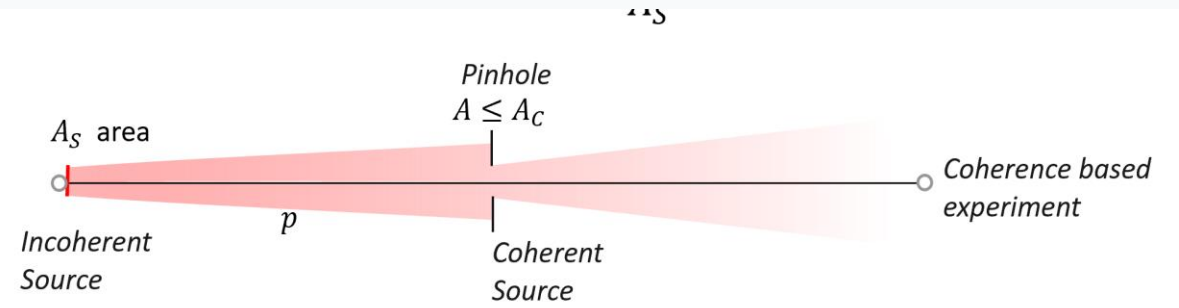
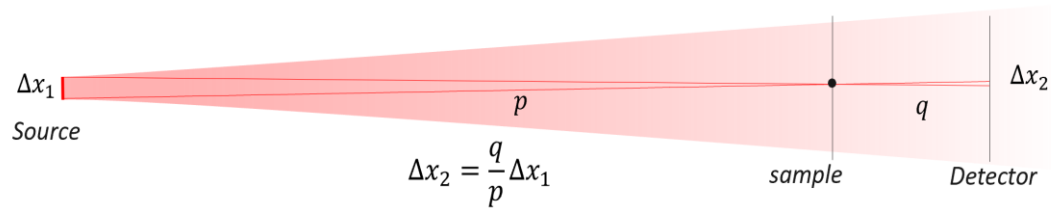
Full infrastructure to tackle the grand challenges of our time for the Spanish and European users

ALBA II combines the excellence and availability of the user program of ALBA with the development of full characterization suites for characterizing multi-lengthscale problems

- Enhanced **microscopy** capabilities
- **Multimodal methodologies** to address complex development tasks
- **High throughput capabilities** and big-data connectivity for fast innovation
- And **optimized operando** environments to optimize functional materials and devices

Synchrotron Light Sources & Applications

The longest the distance between the source and the sample, the higher the resolution and the coherence fraction

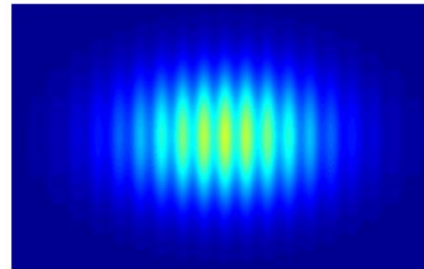


Most basic example: Young's Double slit interference

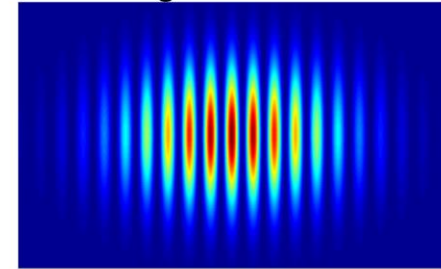
Beam spot size on sample

$$\Delta x_{Geom} = \frac{q}{p} \Delta x_{Source}$$

Low coherence



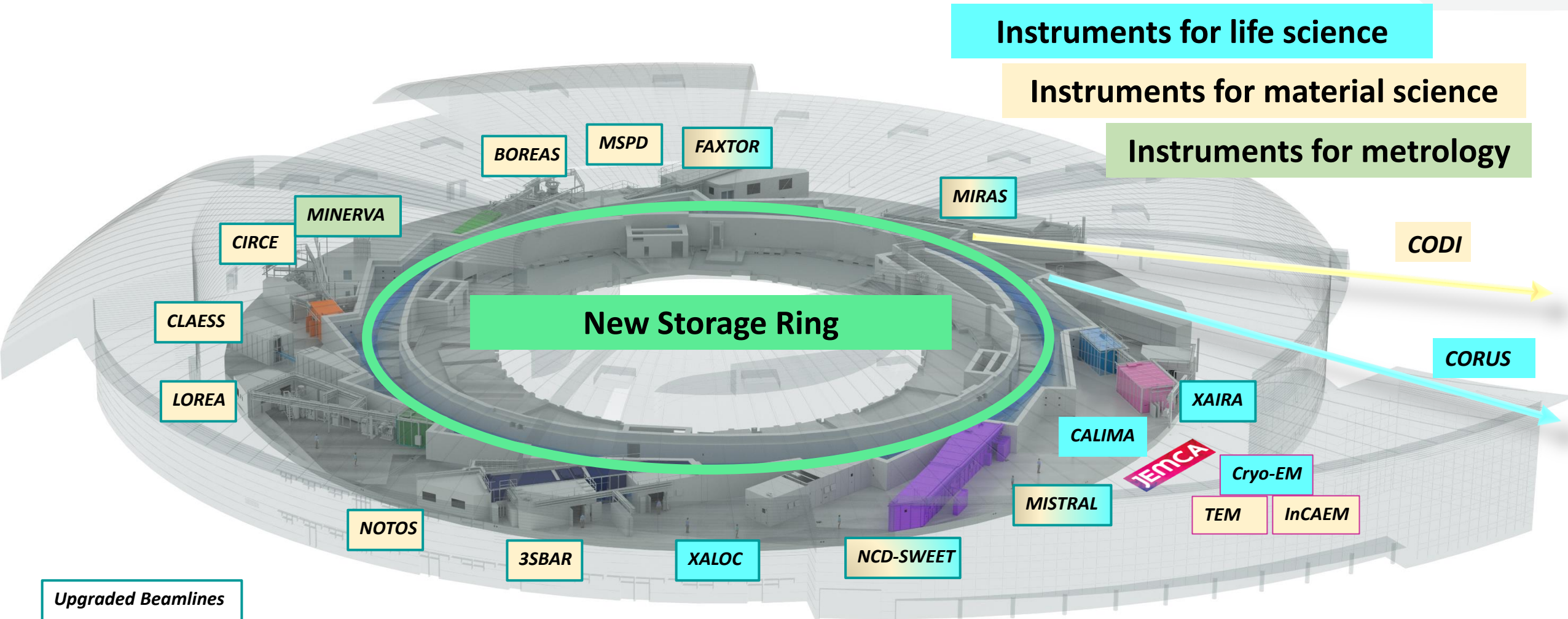
High coherence



Coherent fraction

$$A_C(p) = \frac{(\lambda p)^2}{A_S}$$

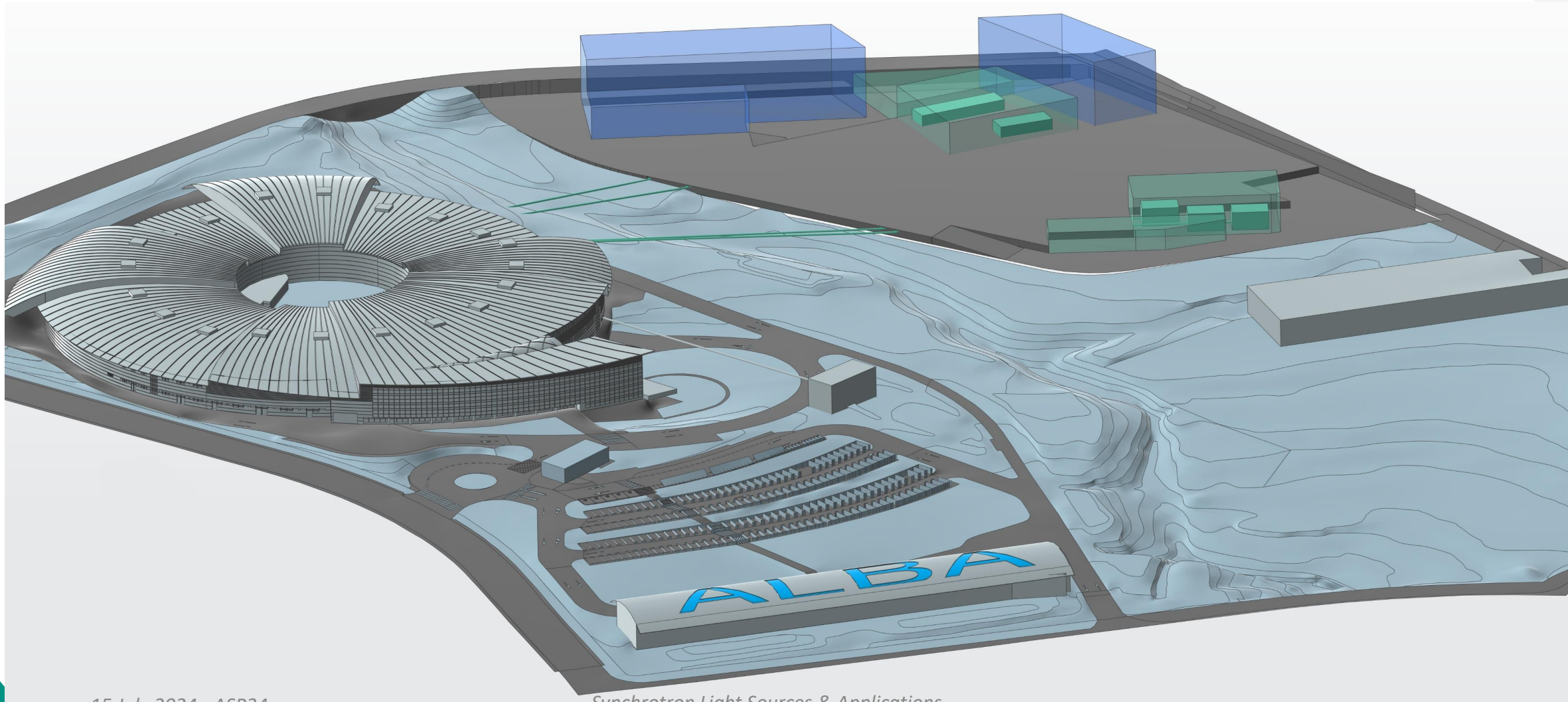
ALBA II - Day One



ALBA II – enlarging the infrastructure

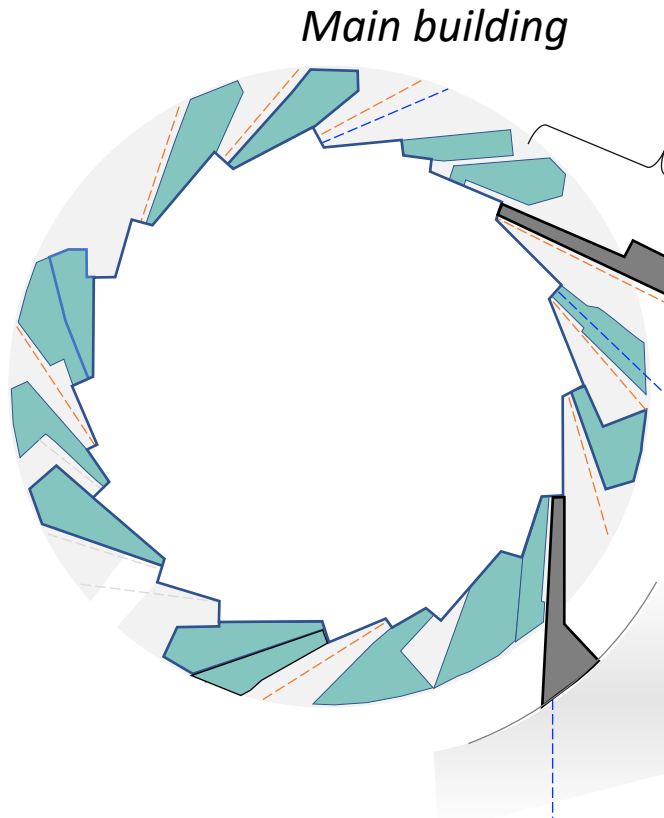
New plots have been assigned to ALBA for building long BLs

The longer the beamlines, the higher their resolution and coherent fraction



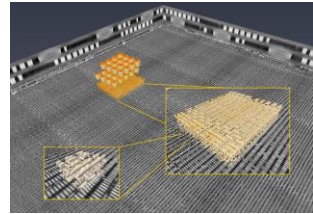
Long Beamlines

After a process open to the whole user community for proposals and a thoughtful evaluation
The two first long beamlines have been defined



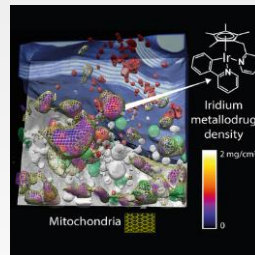
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Coherence Diffraction Imaging
CODI will be dedicated to material science



BL03 Superbend

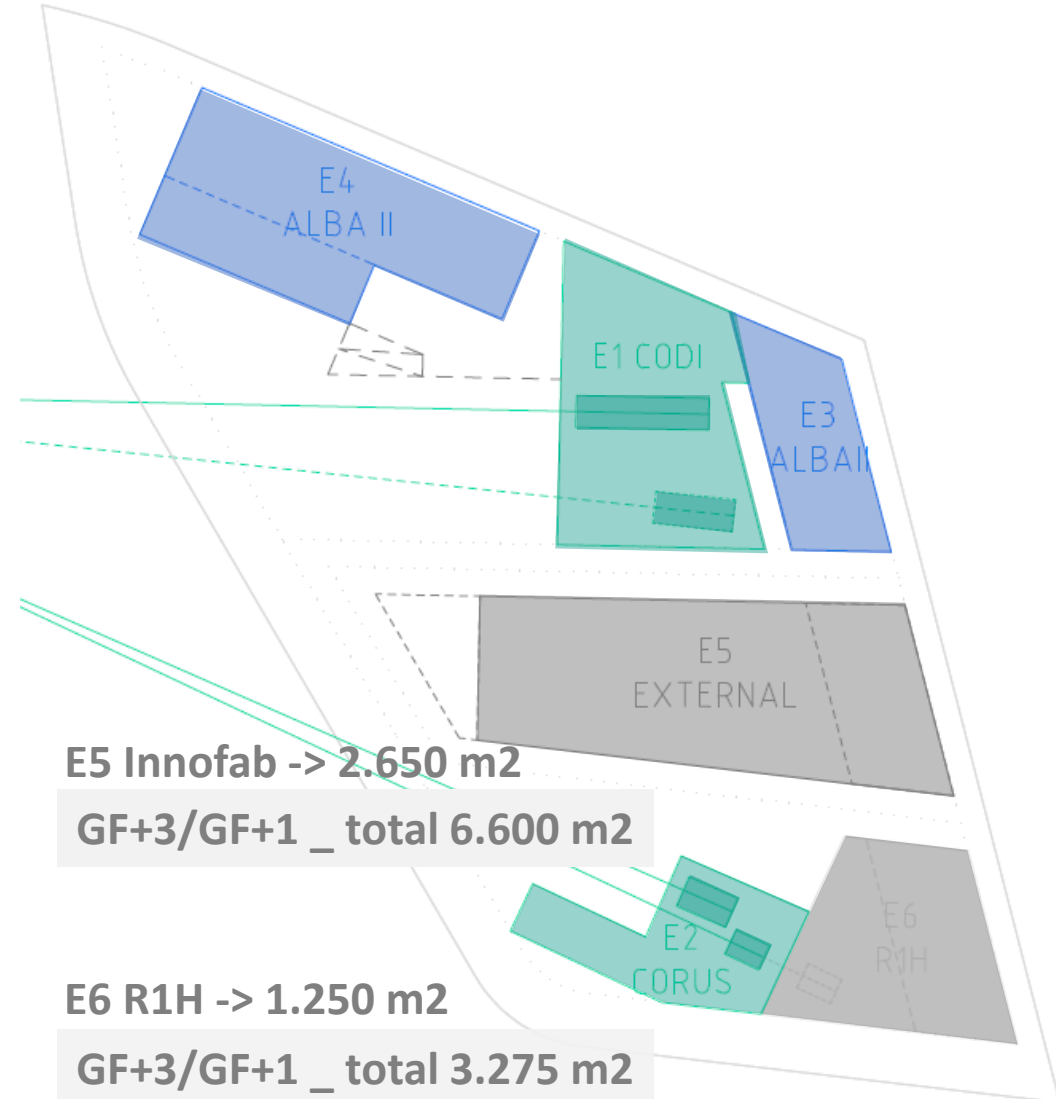
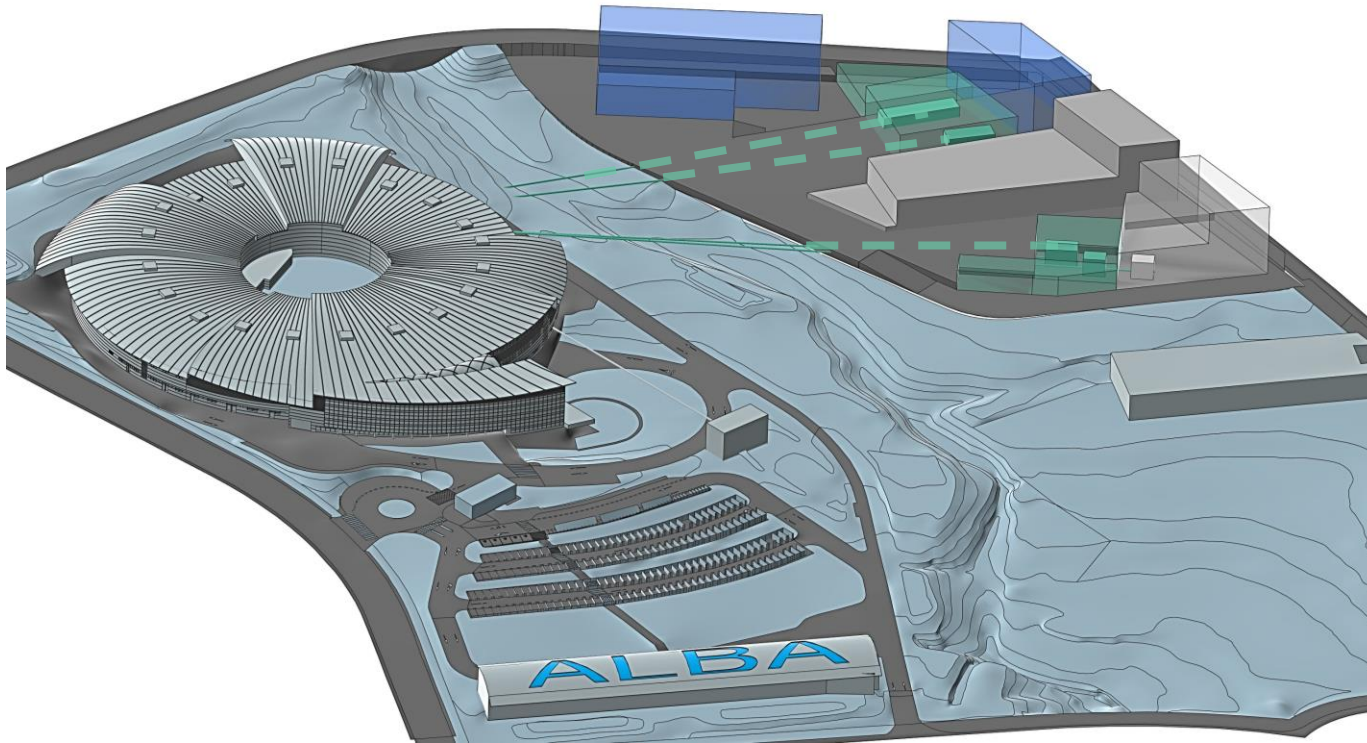
CORUS will be dedicated to life science



Infrastructures

New buildings and related Infrastructures being defined

External – Innofab & R1H



- 1) Buildings for CODI, CORUS and BL3
- 2) Building for offices and labs
- 3) Building for other services (auditorium, cafeteria..)
- 4) Buildings for INNOFAB and R²OH

Preparation of proposals on-going, together with negotiations with funding agencies

InnoFab

and

One Health (R²OH)

2.000 m² clean room infrastructure for development of semiconductors technologies, offering a solution to the current gap between research and commercial development of innovative prototypes:

- Research Lab
- Fab-in-Fab space for start-ups.
- An R&D Pilot Line equipped with 200 mm high-volume manufacturing equipment.
- A national network for long-term collaborative R&D programmes.
- Dedicated access to advanced characterization offered by a unique integration with ALBA Synchrotron – 360 ME investment

The center will respond to the multiple challenges raising from climate change for our *One Health*, as defined by WHO. In particular:

- Zoonotic diseases and environment surveillance,
- Neurodegenerative diseases and relation with environment,
- Impact of emergent climates and new pollutants in public health

Combining the strength of 3 national Irs with the power of one large university, R²OH will incorporate a unique infrastructure for one of a kind X-ray, cryo-EM and optical microscopy characterization suite within a bio safety level 3 as manipulation and infection facility for plants and animals – 120ME investment





LEAPS

League of European
Accelerator-based
Photon Sources

+35000 users
from all EU &
beyond

+25000
publications
In last 5 years

2 international facilities
17 national facilities

Funded by **national** governments

Offering free access to **ALL** public researchers, based on
competitive excellence

Offering advanced and cost effective instruments to **ALL**

industrial world

ASP24

+300
operating
End Stations

offering +
1Mh/year

Synchrotrons and FELs in Europe

19 facilities - 16 institutions - 10 countries



Associate: SESAME

Partners: ESUO, LENS, CLS

SUNSTONE is dedicated to reinforcing SESAME

WP4: Strengthen SESAME user services

Task 4.2.1: Enhancement of the SESAME beamline scientific services for user support
to hire **one postdoctoral fellow** for the infra-red spectromicroscopy beamline.
to hire **one postdoctoral fellow** for the X-ray spectroscopy beamline.

Task 4.2.2: Capabilities reinforcement of the SESAME beamlines with visits of expert European light source staff specialists to SESAME
four European specialist visits, two per beamline, to SESAME of one-week duration each.

Task 4.2.3: Engagement with wider user community via joint execution of targeted projects
to launch **two targeted projects** covering strategic and important aspects, either technical or scientific, identified previously by SESAME.



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Postdoctoral Fellowships

Postdoctoral fellow for the BM02-IR
beamline

Postdoctoral fellow for the ID11L-
HESEB beamline

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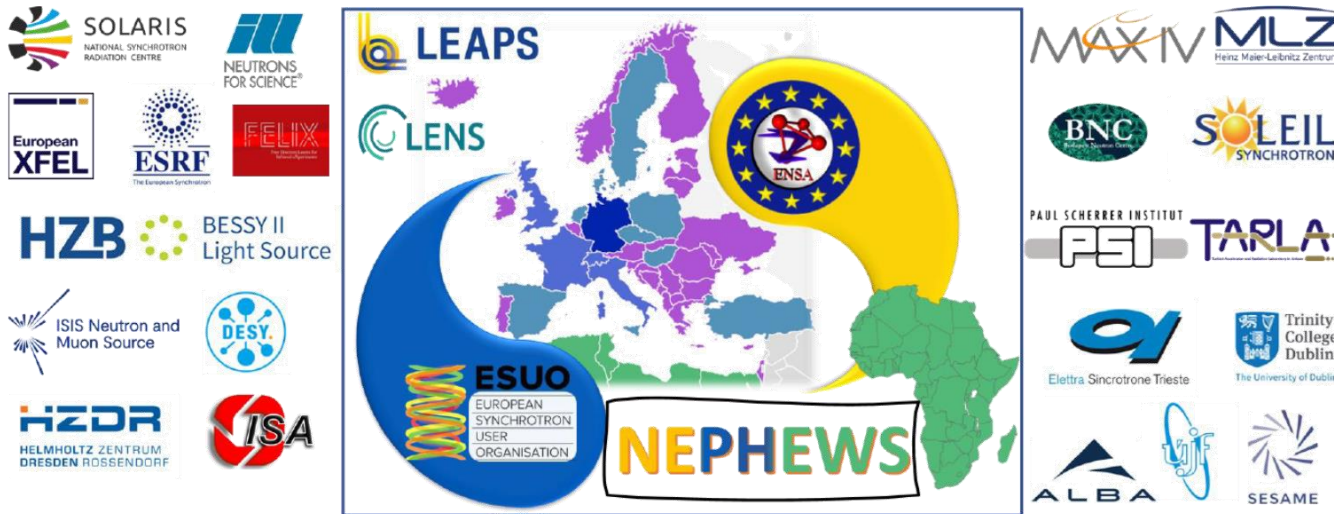
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Academic Access via NEPHEWS

Neutrons and Photons Elevating Worldwide Science

NEPHEWS brings together multiple European Synchrotrons, FELs and Neutron sources with the European User Organisations in a combined access program



MAIN GOAL:

Community Building by **lowering the geographic and financial barriers** for access for users from:

- Widening countries,
- Countries without RI,
- **Includes initiatives for Africa**

Synchrotrons nearest to you (so far)

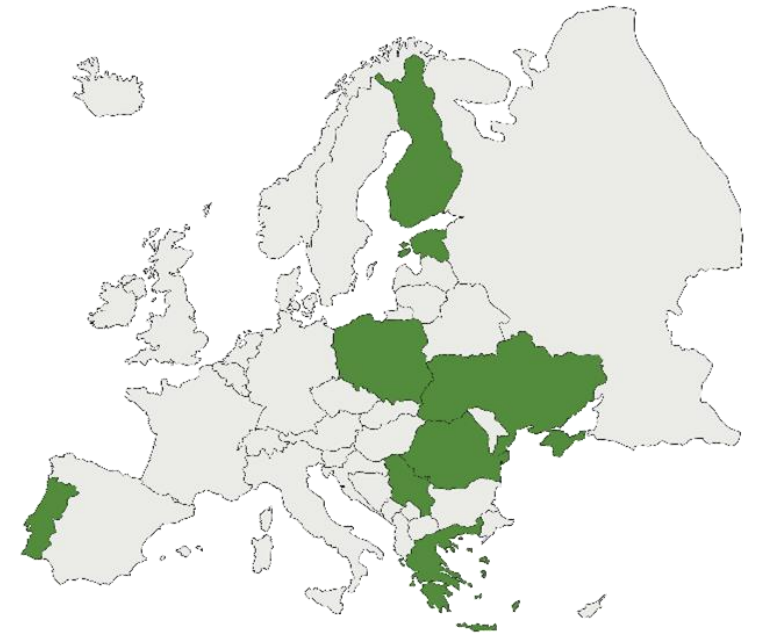


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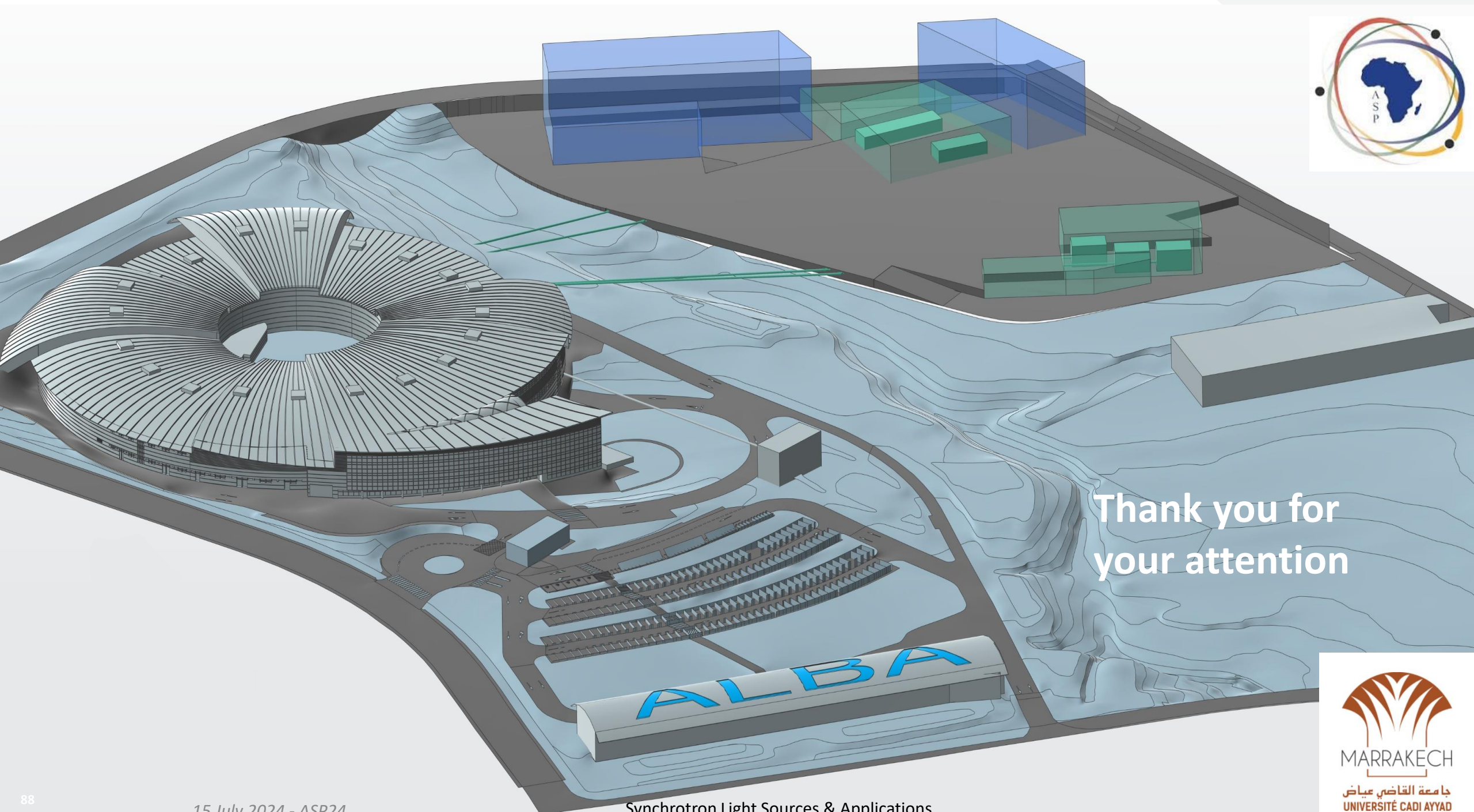
ALBA will offer under the NEPHEWS project from July 2024 to December 2026:

- 325 shifts (all beamlines included)
- 62 trips (travel&accommodation of 2 researchers per experiment)
- 4 twinning users (travel&accommodation)
- 1 ESR (travel&accommodation for a 1 week internship)
- **Target countries:** Estonia, Finland, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Ukraine
+ African Countries



Targeted countries of nephe^{ws}





Thank you for
your attention

