



# CRYTUR – company profile

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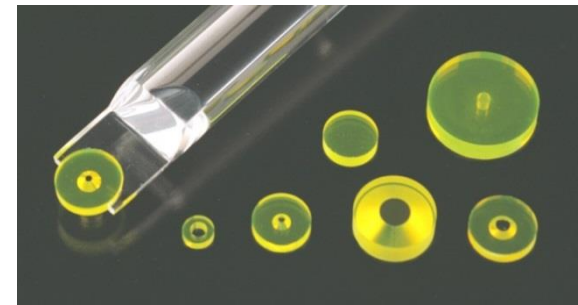
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# Profile



- Tradition in crystal growth back to 1943
- 142 employees
- ISO 9001:2009 certified

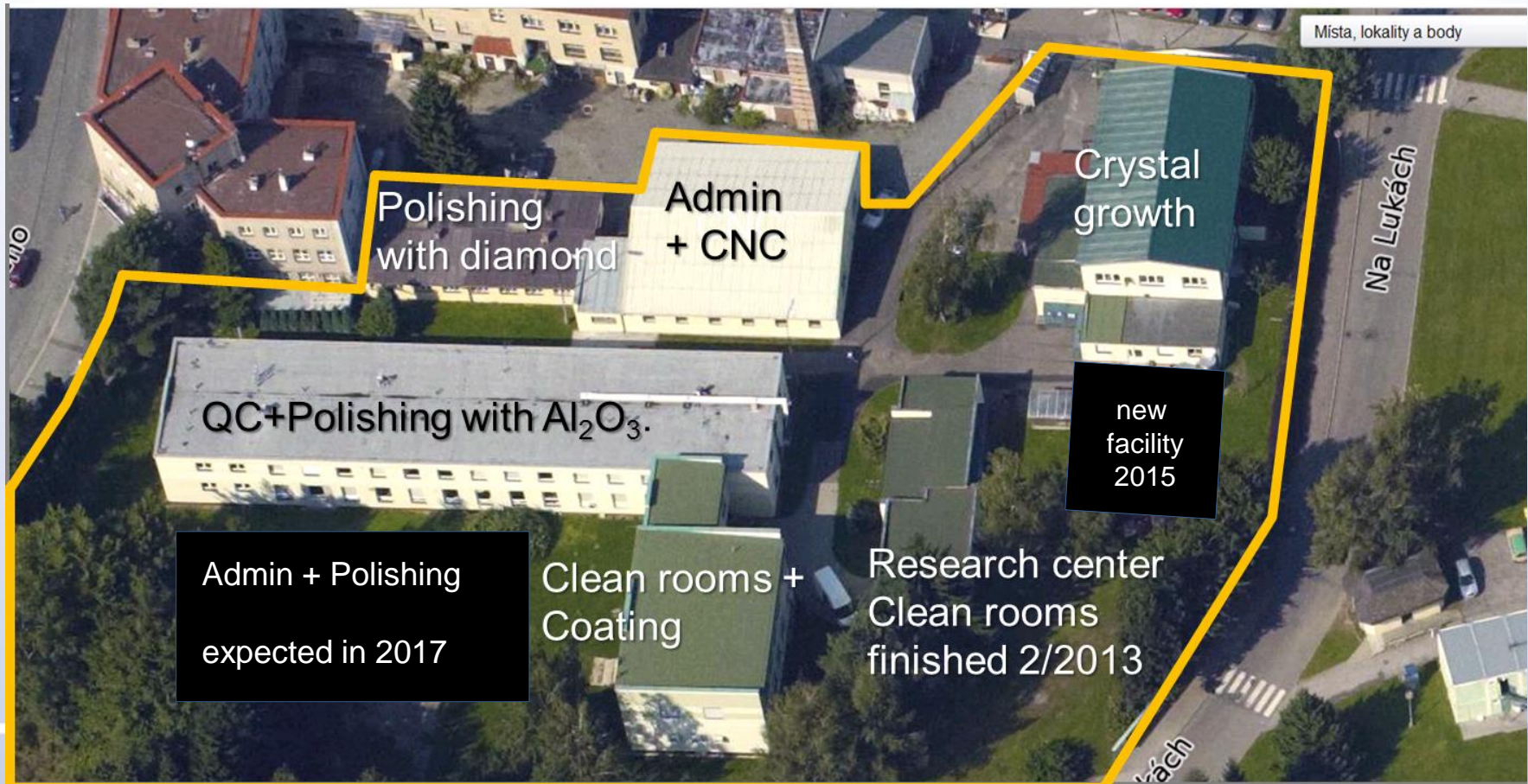


- Scintillators and detectors
- Electron microscopy
- Lasers
- Thin-film coating
- Sapphire profiles

# Facility



- Modern 4500sqm facility



# TECHNOLOGIES – Crystal Growth



## CRIG (Crystal Improved Growth)

- based on Czochralski method
- patent EP 2675944
- excellent quality
- Stable and flat growth front
- Optimal choice of growth conditions (according to grown material)



# TECHNOLOGIES

## – Crystal Growth



**„World largest YAG stress-free crystals“**

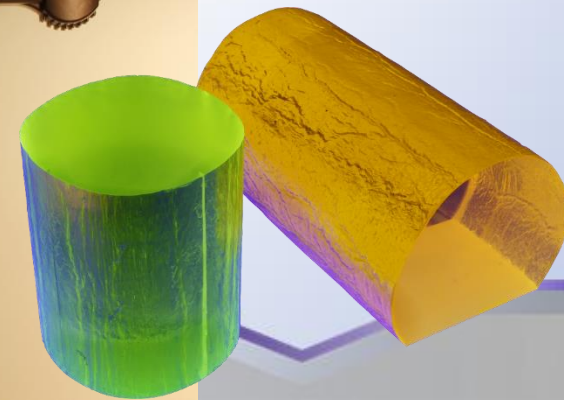
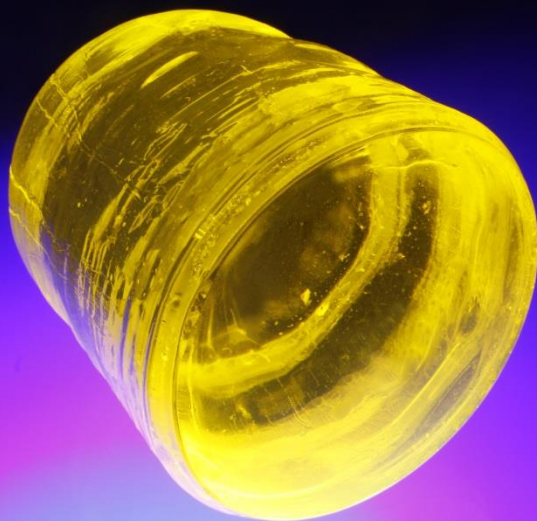
- Diameter up to 6 inch
- Weight up to 14 kg
- Stress-free core



# MATERIALS (grown as single-crystals)



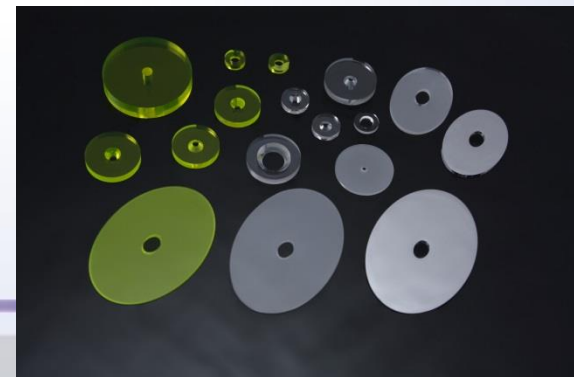
- Garnets YAG and LuAG
- Perovskites YAP
- Silicates, Tungstates (PWO)
- Dopants: Ce, Nd, Tm, V, Yb, Pr, Er, Cr



# Detection Units for Electron Microscopy



- Single crystals for BSE detection in electron microscopy – Crytur has a market majority globally
- Complete detection systems
- Clean-facilities

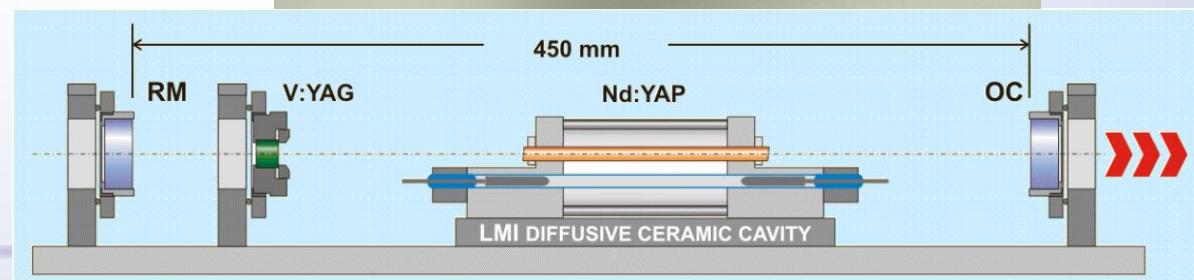
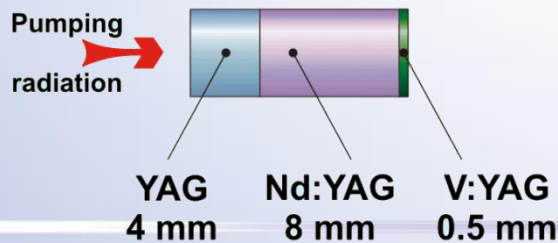
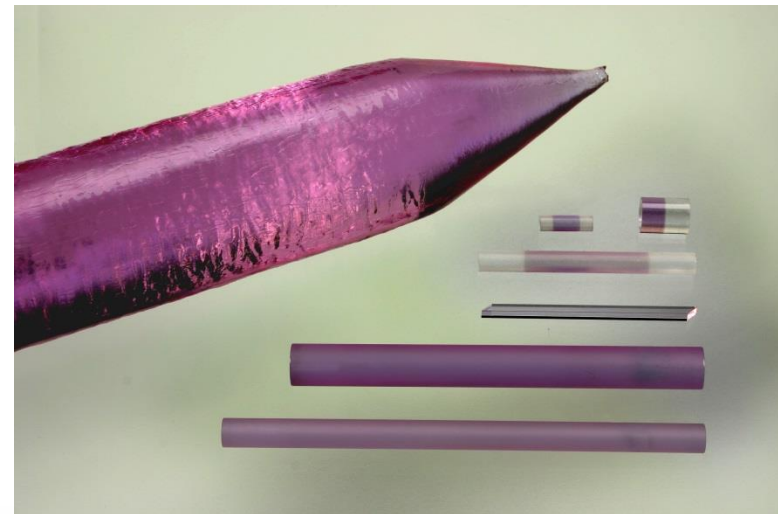
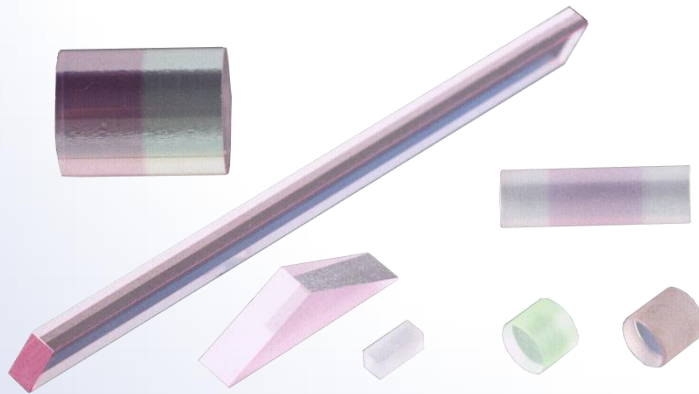




# Lasers



- Laser rods primarily for medical and defence industries
- Specialty materials – YAP, YAG, LuAG, BaWO<sub>4</sub>, etc.
- Bonding, angles, ...



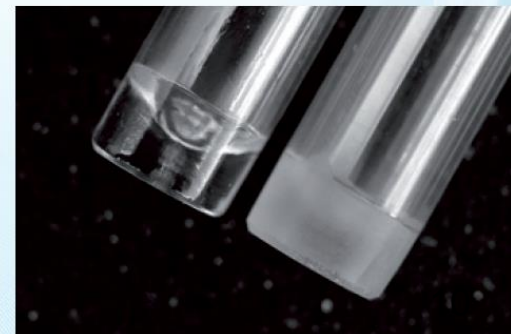
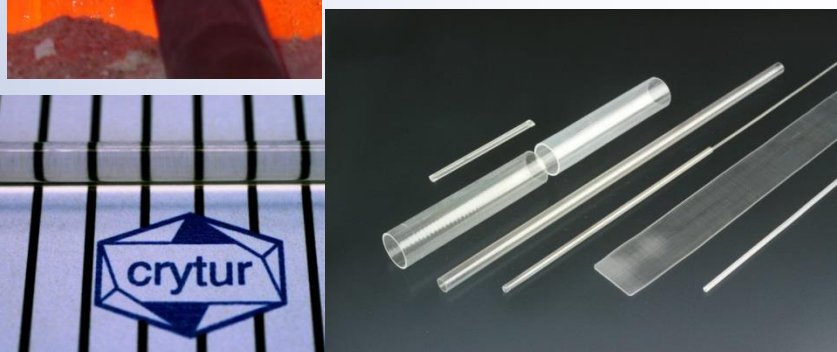
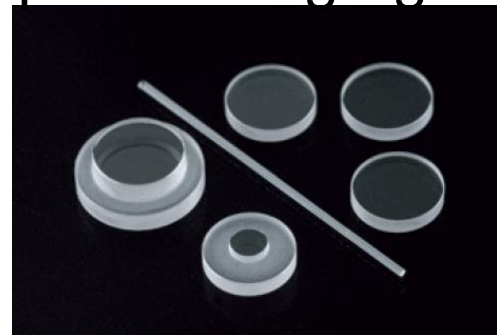
# Sapphire profiles



TUBES, RODS

Ø 0,5 mm to 45 mm, length up to 2 m

**Applications:** Temperature measurement probes, ultra-high pressure probes, high-temperature lightguides, ...

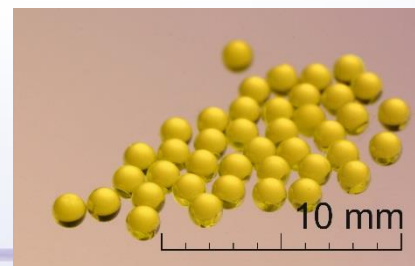
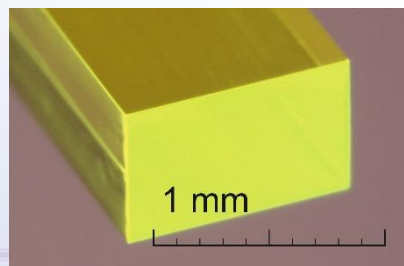
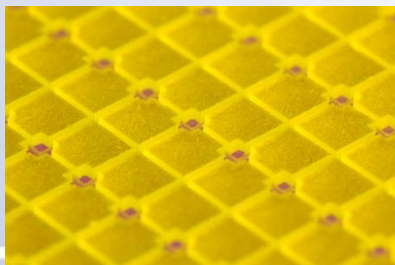
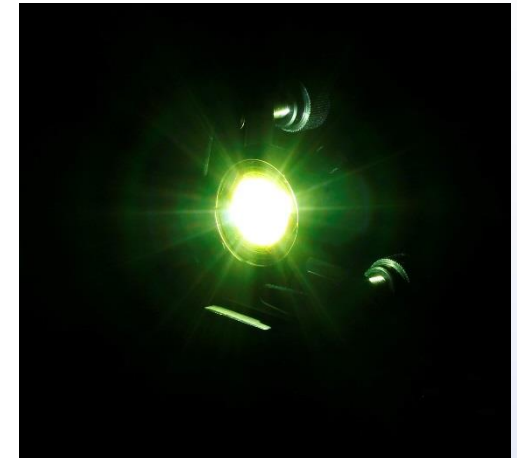


# PRODUCTS – LUMINOPHORES



Light conversion elements for LEDs  
and laser diodes

- White-LED conversion
- Full light conversion elements
- Optical elements
- Remote laser excitation

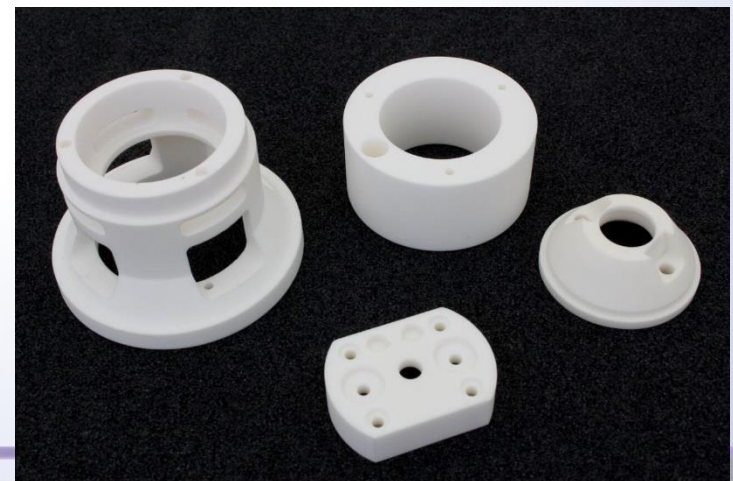
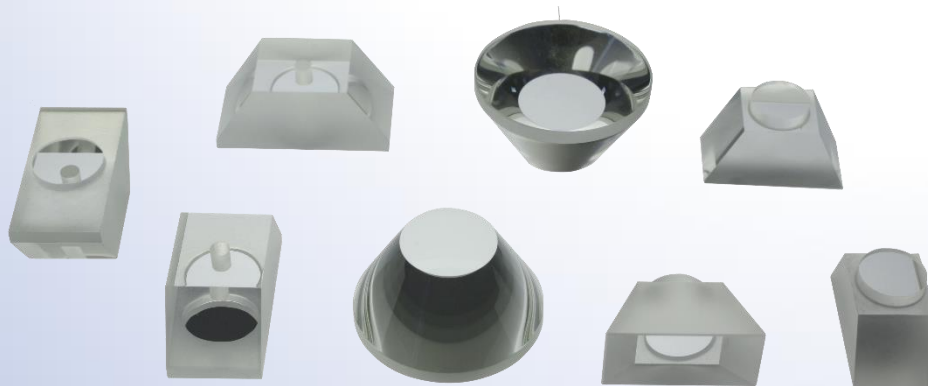


# PRODUCTS – PRECISION OPTICS



- High precision crystal optics (sapphire, garnet)
- High precision ceramics
- UV-light gemstone

Complex shapes, high precision,  
perfect surfaces



# Scintillators & Detectors



X-ray imaging



X-ray /  $\gamma$ -ray

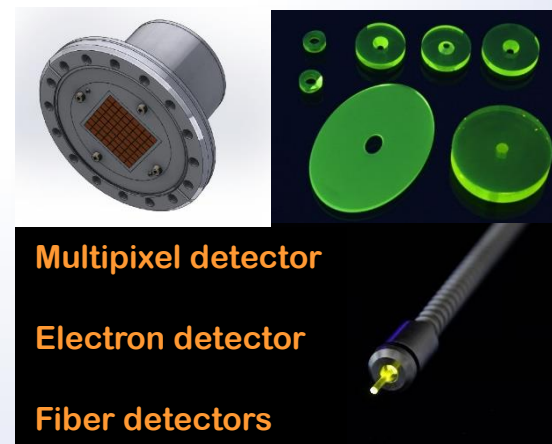


Single photon counting



neutron

Integrated solutions



Multipixel detector

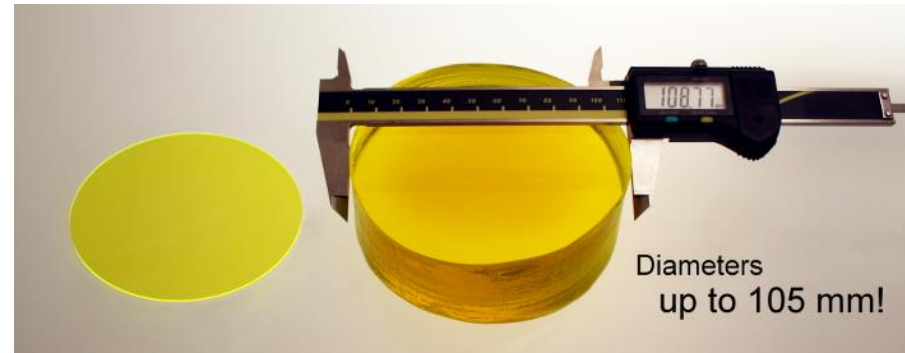
Electron detector

Fiber detectors

# Imaging screens



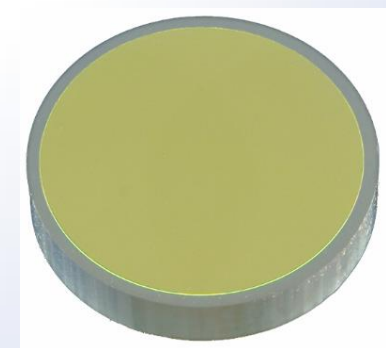
- Optical homogeneity <math>< 5\%</math>
- Optical quality (S/D 0/0)
- High light output
- Excellent Radiation Hardness\*
- Long life-time
- Chemical & Mechanical stability
- Coatings & lithography



Free-Standing



In Frames



On Substrates

# Imaging screens



Available types		Diameter	Thickness
Large imaging screens		up to 105 mm	down to 200 $\mu\text{m}$
Standard screens		typically up to 50 mm	typically 100-1000 $\mu\text{m}$
Very thin free-standing screens		up to 50 mm up to 10 mm	down to 50 $\mu\text{m}$ down to 20 $\mu\text{m}$
		up to 50 mm up to 10 mm	down to 100 $\mu\text{m}$ down to 50 $\mu\text{m}$
Very thin screens with ring support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; aluminium</li> <li>&gt; stainless steel</li> <li>&gt; ceramics (alumina)</li> </ul>		up to 10 mm up to 50 mm	down to 20 $\mu\text{m}$ down to 50 $\mu\text{m}$
Ultra-thin screens on substrate (down to 170 $\mu\text{m}$ ): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; fiber optics</li> <li>&gt; glass, quartz glass</li> <li>&gt; YAG, sapphire</li> </ul>		up to 40 mm up to 30 mm	<b>10 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></b> <b>5 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></b>

# Imaging screens



Scintillator	Emission wavelength [nm]	Density [g.cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	Cleavage/Hygroscopic	Photon Yield [ph/keV]	Decay [ns]
YAG:Ce	550	4.55	No/No	35	70
LuAG:Ce	535	6.73	No/No	25	70
LuAG:Pr	315	6.73	No/No	19	20
CRY19	420	7.1	Yes/No	32	41
YAP:Ce	370	5.37	No/No	25	25
CRY18	425	4.5	Yes/No	32	45
CsI:Tl	565	4.51	No/Yes	45	900
GOS:Tb	544	7.34	-/No	60	106
CWO	475	7.9	Yes/No	12-15	5000
BGO	480	7.13	No/No	8-10	300



# Single crystal vs powder

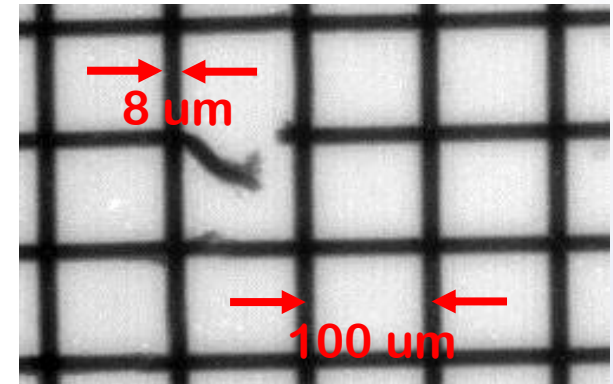
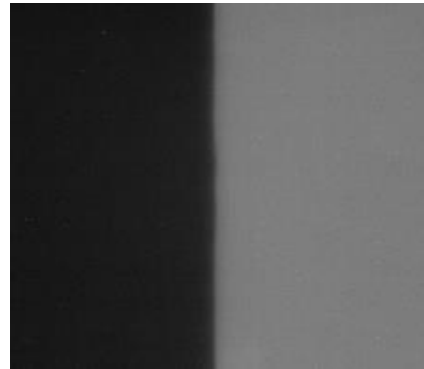


- Intrinsic resolution limited only by optical system!

## Single crystal



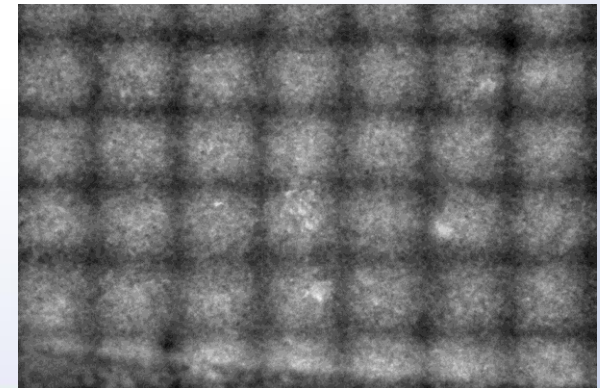
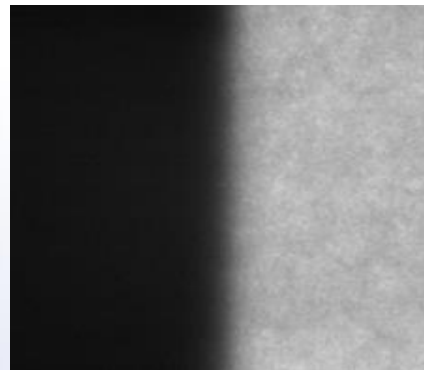
LuAG:Ce screen  
20  $\mu\text{m}$



## Powder screen



P43 (GOS)  
20  $\mu\text{m}$  (2  $\mu\text{m}$  grain)



# Imaging systems - CRYCAM



**Micro system example**

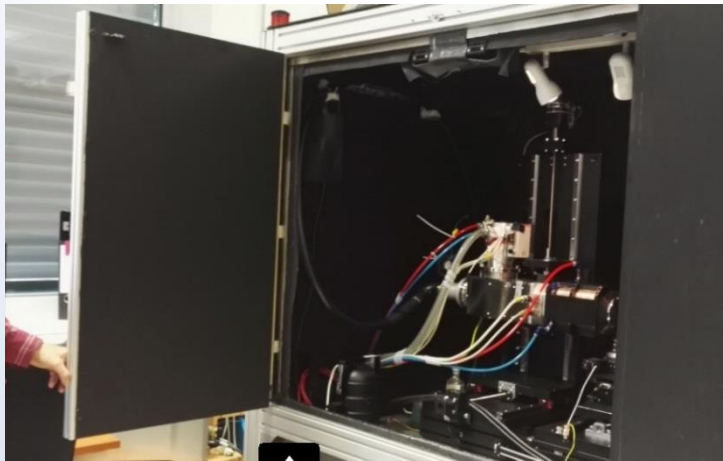
## Features

- Macro vs Micro system
- Perfect contrast (single crystal screens)
- Outstanding intrinsic resolution (1  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Highly customized (FOV up to 35 x 35 mm)
- Multiple imaging options
- OEM or end-user solution

## Application

- X-ray radiography
- X-ray tomography
- X-ray topography
- Beam viewer

# Our X-ray cabinet



**X-ray cabinet**

## Features

- Custom designed
- Microfocus X-ray source
- 160 Kp, 2W at high power
- Cu, W, Ag targets

## Workload

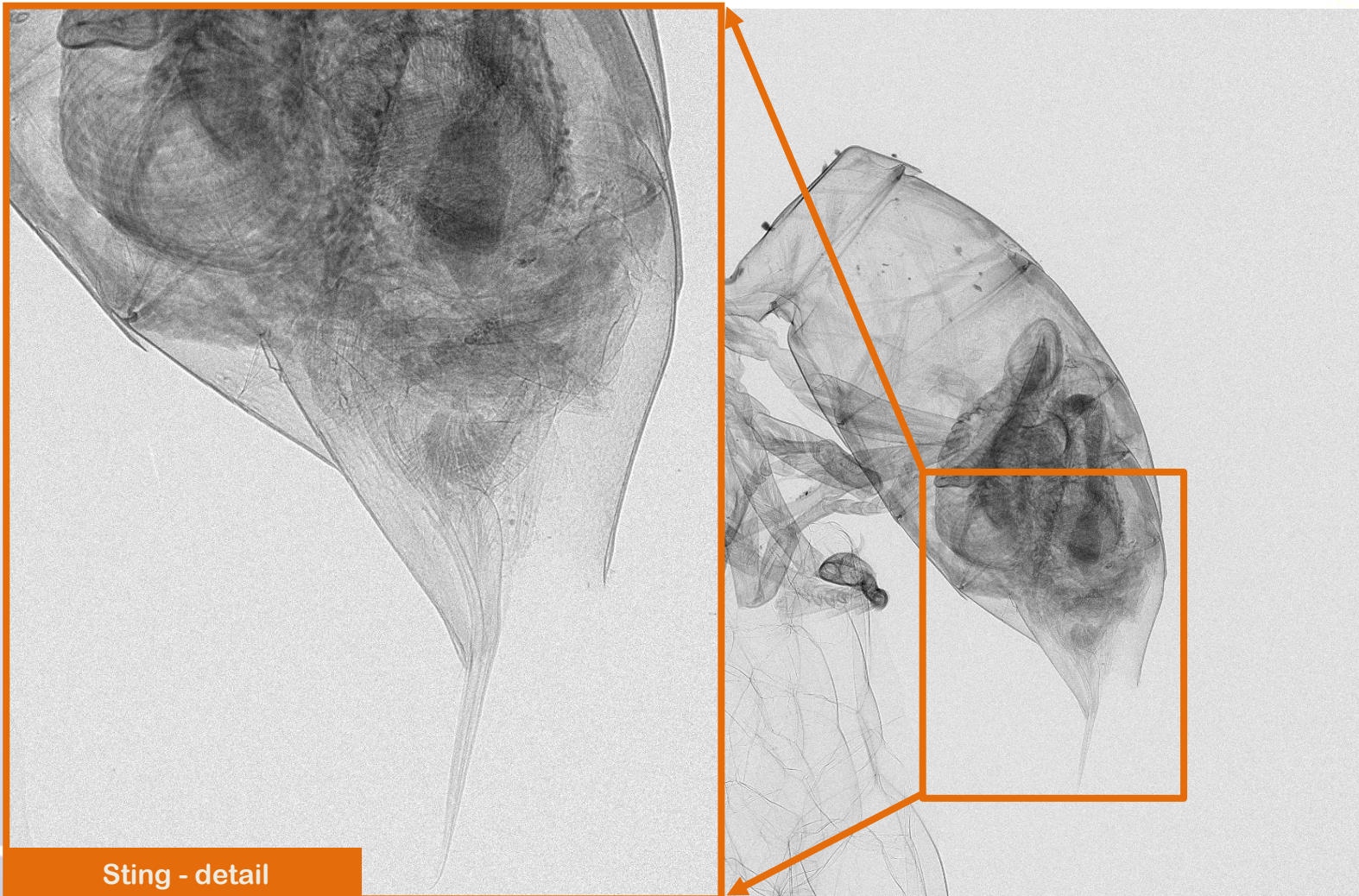
- X-ray test of our scintillator (optional)
- X-ray radiography measurements (on demand)
- R&D activities

# CRYCAM examples



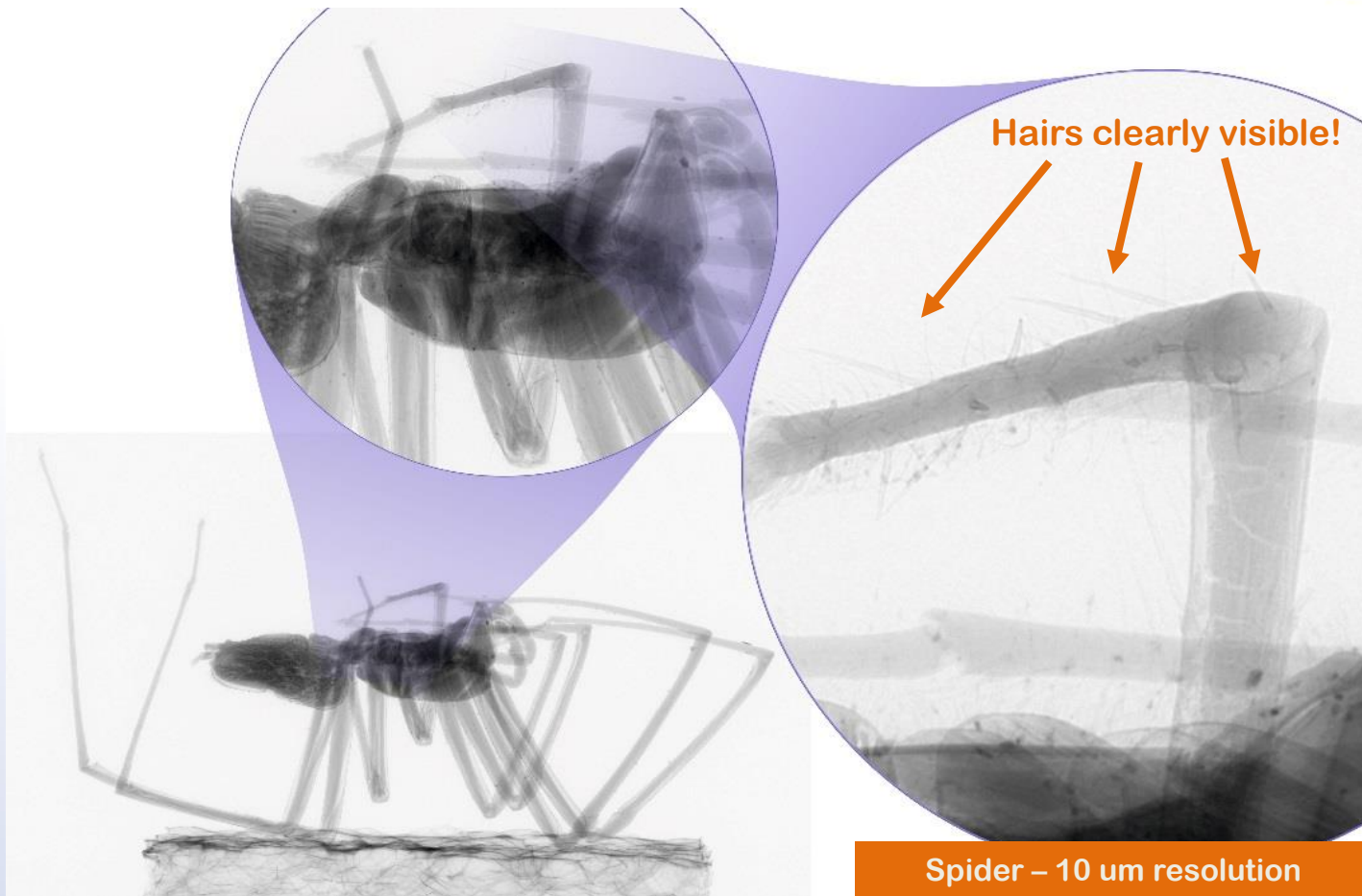
Wasp on foam pedestal

# CRYCAM examples



Sting - detail

# CRYCAM examples



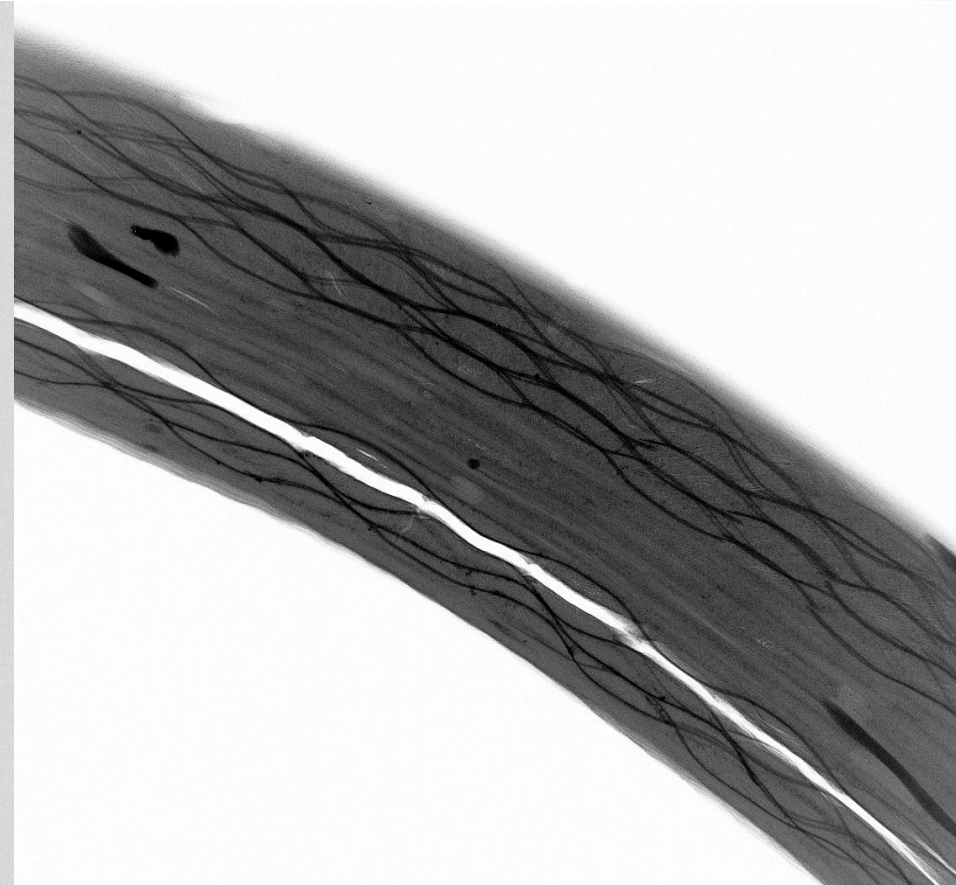
Hairs clearly visible!

Spider - 10 um resolution

# CRYCAM examples



Poppy head



Carbon fiber reinforced polymer

# CRYCAM examples



**Phase  
contrast!**

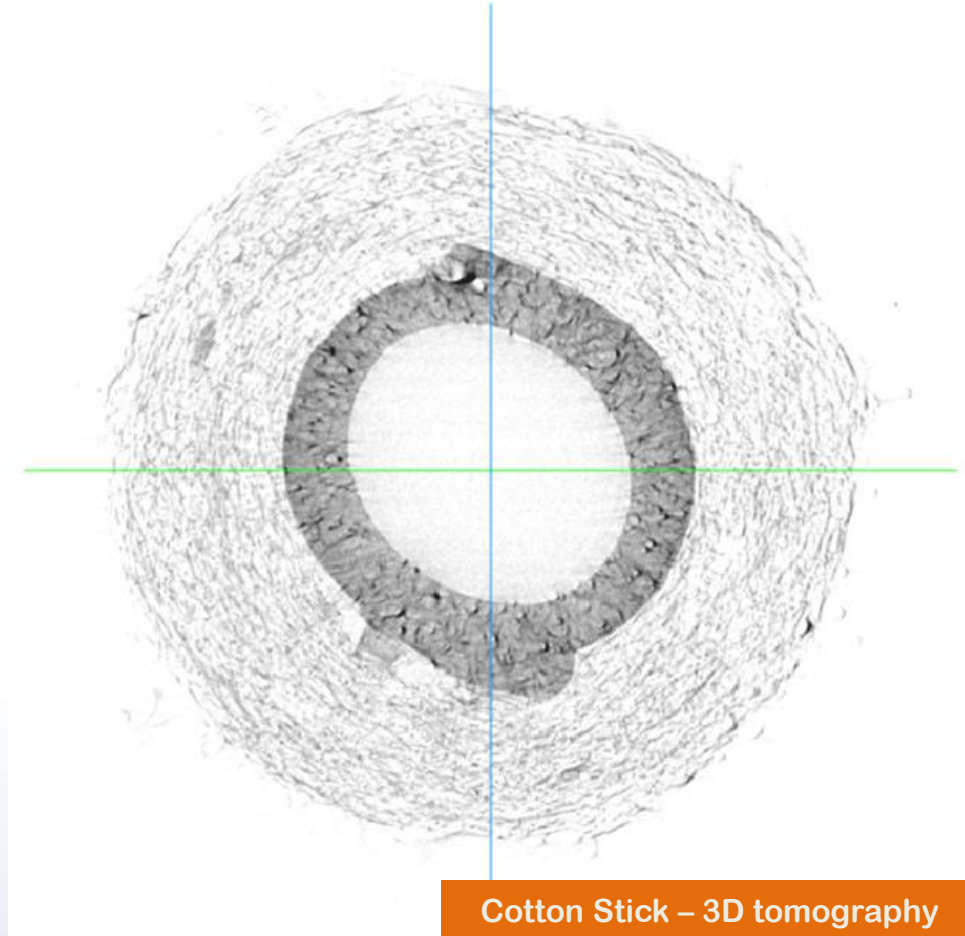
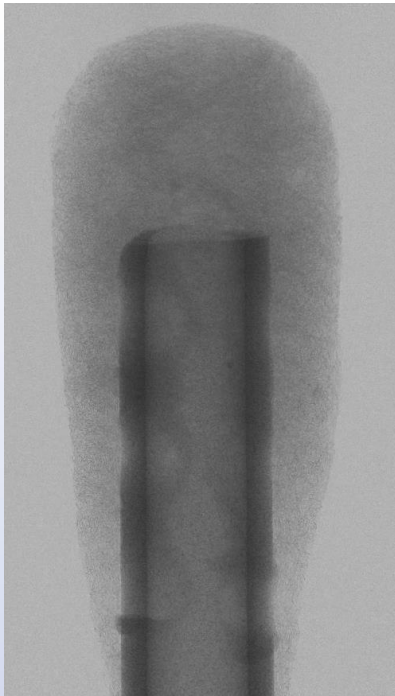
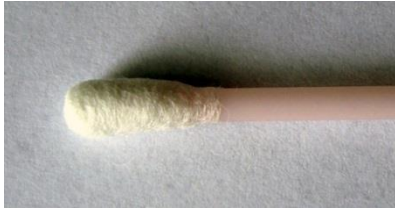
Carbon Fibers, 7  $\mu\text{m}$



- Microfocus X-ray source
- 1  $\mu\text{m}$  spot
- Small focus to object distance



# CRYCAM examples



Cotton Stick – 3D tomography

# New designs – FOP based cameras



**FOP based system example**

## Features

- Medium resolution down to 15-20  $\mu\text{m}$
- Improved collection efficiency
- High speed acquisition
- Perfect contrast (single crystal screens)
- FOV 32 x 28 mm or 16 x 14 mm
- Multiple scintillator accessories
- OEM or end-user solution

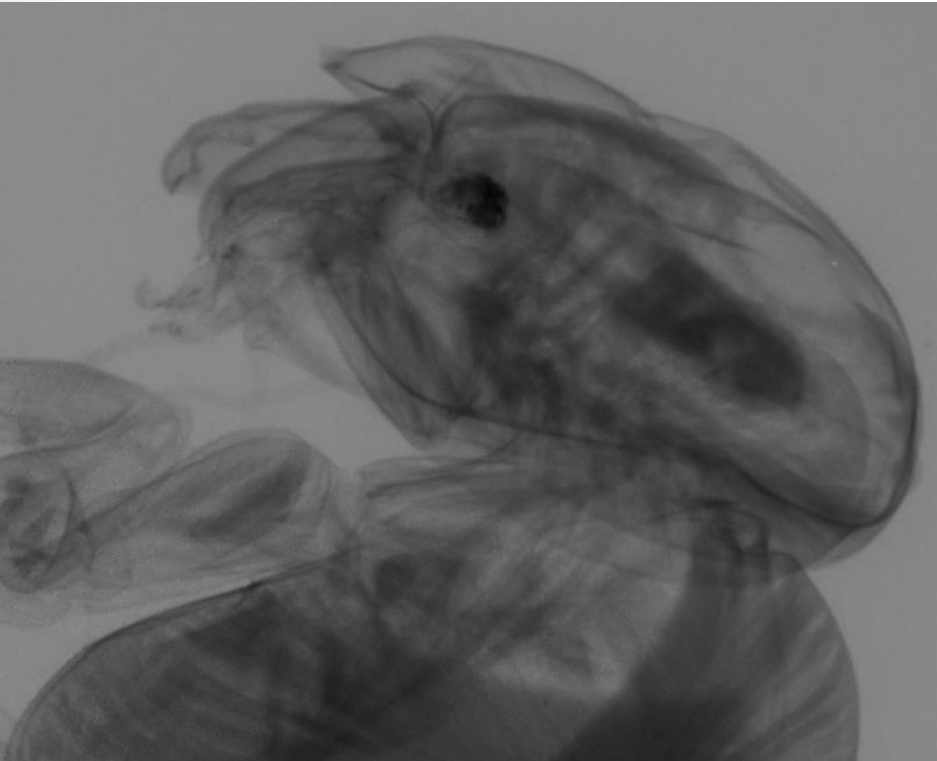
## Related services

- Bonding to CCD
- Custom design

# FOP based camera example



- Cu target, 40kV, 2 W



LuAG screen



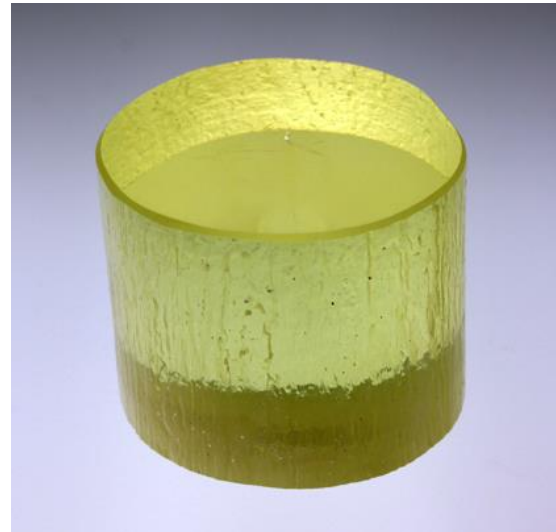
CsI:TI columnar -HR version

# New materials for screens



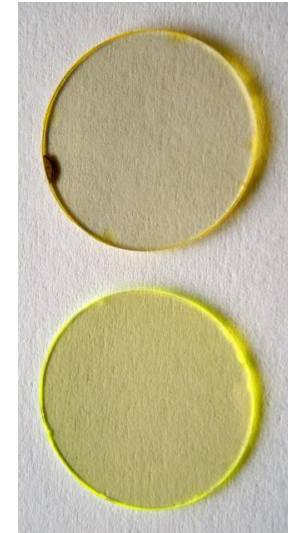
## Ruby & undoped YAG screens

- Alternative to OTR
- Low sensitivity



## LuAG:Pr

- Fast (20 ns)
- Heavy ( $6.7 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ )
- Emission 315 nm
- Photon yield 19 ph/keV



## LPE screens

- New development
- Update in Q3/2017

# X-ray / $\gamma$ -ray detector family



X-RAY  
DETECTION



**X-ray detector  
(counting / spectroscopy)**



$\gamma$   
DETECTION

**LGD –  $\gamma$ -ray detector**

$\gamma$   
DETECTION

175°C  
347°F  
RESISTANT



**HT – X-ray detector for  
high temperature environment**

# X-ray detector



## Features

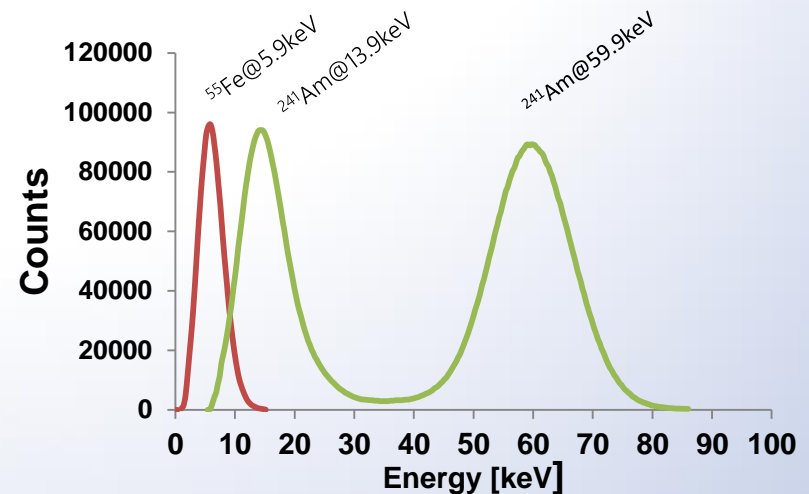
- Innovative YAP:Ce technology => **Non-toxic substances (e.g. Be)**
- Counting and spectroscopy

## Properties

- Energy range of **5 keV to 150 keV (50 % absorption)**
- High count rate up to **10<sup>6</sup> pulses/s**
- Detection area:  $\varnothing$  37 mm ( $\varnothing$  1.45 inch)
- Magnetic shielding: Mu-metal

## Application

- X-ray diffraction
- X-ray fluorescence
- DXA (double-energy X-ray analysis)



# LGD – $\gamma$ -ray detector



## Features

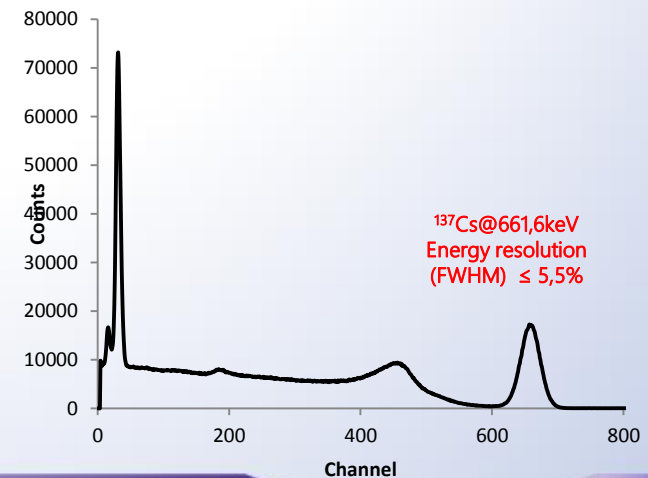
- Scintillation detector based on YAP:Ce scintillation crystal
- Energy resolution (FWHM)  $\leq 5.5\%$  ...  $^{137}\text{Cs}@662\text{ keV}$
- Energy resolution (FWHM)  $\leq 18\%$  ...  $^{241}\text{Am}@59.9\text{ keV}$
- **No intrinsic background**
- Fast detector for **high count rate** applications
- Minimal energy non-proportionality (max. 3 %)

## Properties

- Energy range of **20 keV to 800 keV (@ 50 % absorption)**
- Detection area:  $\varnothing 44\text{ mm}$  ( $\varnothing 1.45\text{ inch}$ )
- Typical voltage 700 V
- Magnetic shielding: Mu-metal

## Application

- Spectroscopy with high resolution



# X-ray detector for HT

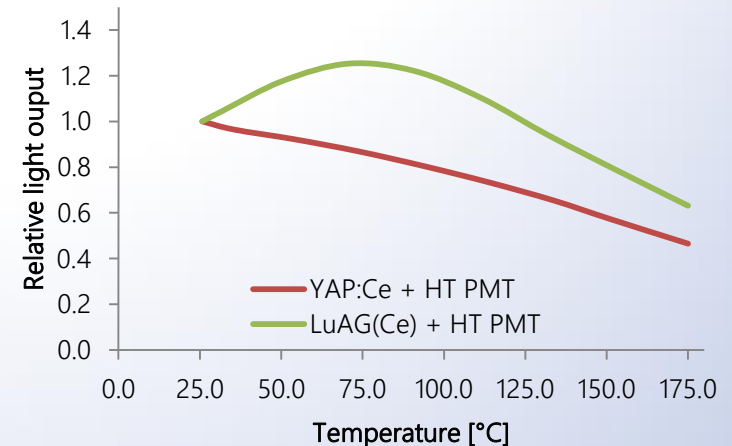


## Features

- High temperature resistivity up to 175 ° C
- Ruggedized detector for **harsh operating conditions**
- **Fast** response
- All parts of the unit adapted for HT

## Application

- Densitometry at high temperatures
- Geology
- Level gauges





# Single photon counting



*“Ionizing radiation and neutron imaging has never been easier”*

**CRYPIX**



Art, Archeology  
Biological research  
Forensic science, Geology  
Particle physics  
NDT

**RASPIX**



First alarm radiation monitor



# RasPIX



## Key features

- Precise radiation monitoring (2D)
- Stand-alone data acquisition
- Real-time data analysis
- Easy-to-use
- LAN or Wi-Fi connectivity
- Online web interface
- Implemented battery

## Typical application

- First alarm radiation monitor



RasPIX	
Sensor	Silicon
Pixel size	55 x 55 $\mu\text{m}$
Image resolution	256 x 256 pixels
Sensitive detection area	14.1 x 14.1 mm
Frame rate	15 / 2 fps
PC Interface	LAN/Ethernet
Software	Included

Note: RasPIX is not a certified dosimetric device. Radiation protection of people cannot be based on its measurements



## Motivation

- Radiation monitoring is crucial in different industries
- Can we also see and distinguish between particles (2D detection)?

## Main Requirements:

- Real-time monitoring
- Radiation recognition
- Count/Dose information
- Reliable operation 24/7
- Fast data access
- Compact Stand-alone version
- User friendly



**Warning notice**

# RasPIX – application

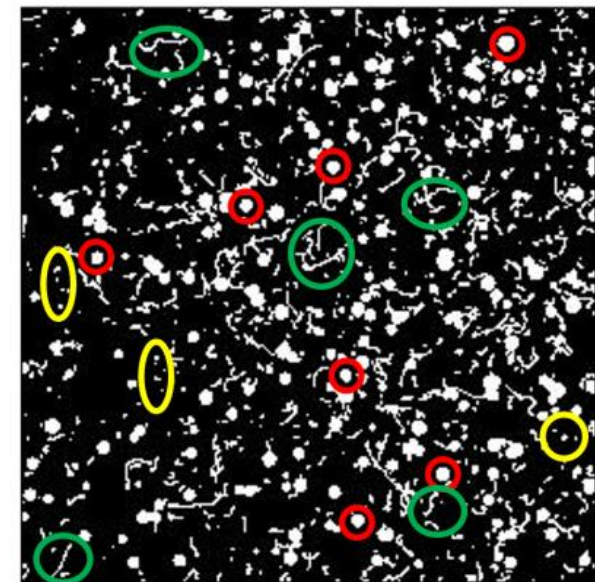


The screenshot shows the RasPIX application interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Overview, Acquisition, Radiation Composition, Spectra, Settings, and System and Detector. The main area is divided into several panels:

- Current Frame:** Displays a heatmap of radiation counts. A red box labeled "Image" points to this panel. A color scale on the right ranges from 0 to 4.
- Spectrum Plot:** A line graph showing counts versus energy. The y-axis is labeled "Counts" and ranges from 0 to 15000. The x-axis ranges from 0 to 50. A "Clear Spectrum" button is below the plot.
- Radiation Type Selection:** A list of radiation types with their respective count rates (c/s):
  - All: 1209.2 c/s
  - Photons: 573.6 c/s
  - HE Photons: 25.2 c/s
  - Electrons: 62.8 c/s
  - Alphas: 403.6 c/s
  - Ions: 144 c/s
- Radiation History:** A graph showing counts per second over time. The y-axis is labeled "Counts [cnt/sec]" and ranges from 0 to 600. The x-axis shows time from 07:50 to 08:00. A legend indicates "Photons" (blue) and "HE Photons" (red).

A red box labeled "Origin of radiation" points to the Radiation Type Selection panel.

-  **Alpha**
-  **Beta**
-  **Gamma**



# CRYPIX system



## Key features

- **Single particle counting in large area**
  - 14 x 14 mm (256 x 256 pixels)
  - 14 x 70 mm (1280 x 256 pixels)
- High contrast (unlimited dynamic range)
- **Silicon** or **CdTe** sensors
- Modular system (optional)
- X-ray, Alpha, Beta, Gamma detection, neutron (optional)

## Typical applications

- Art, Archeology
- Biological research
- Forensic science, Geology
- Particle physics
- Non-destructive testing

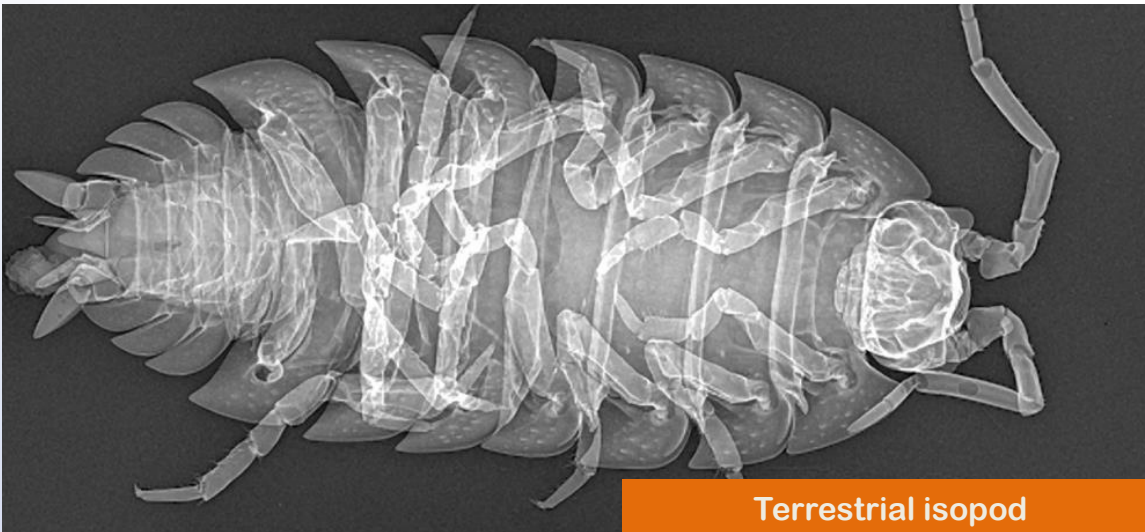


# Biological research

X-ray radiography

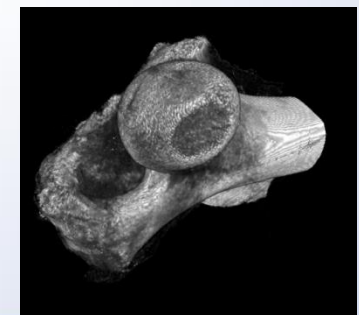


- **Live video: 1000 frames (20 ms each)**
- **Real-time video, 50 fps**



# Biological research

High resolution X-ray tomography

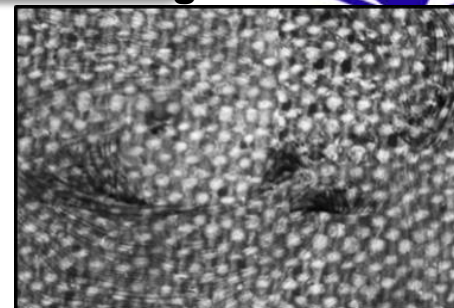


# Art, Archeology

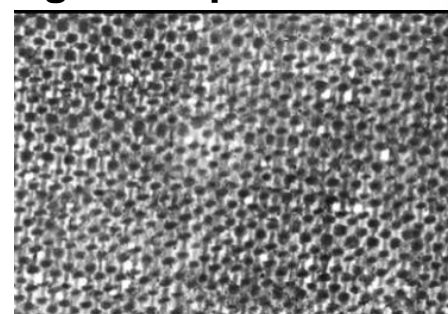
Multi energy X-ray radiography



Full image

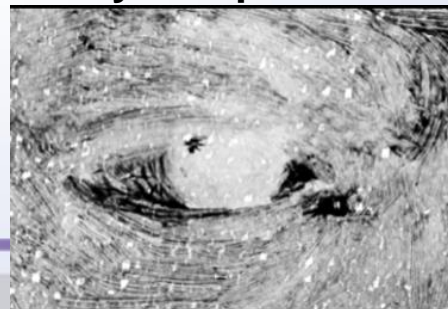


Light component

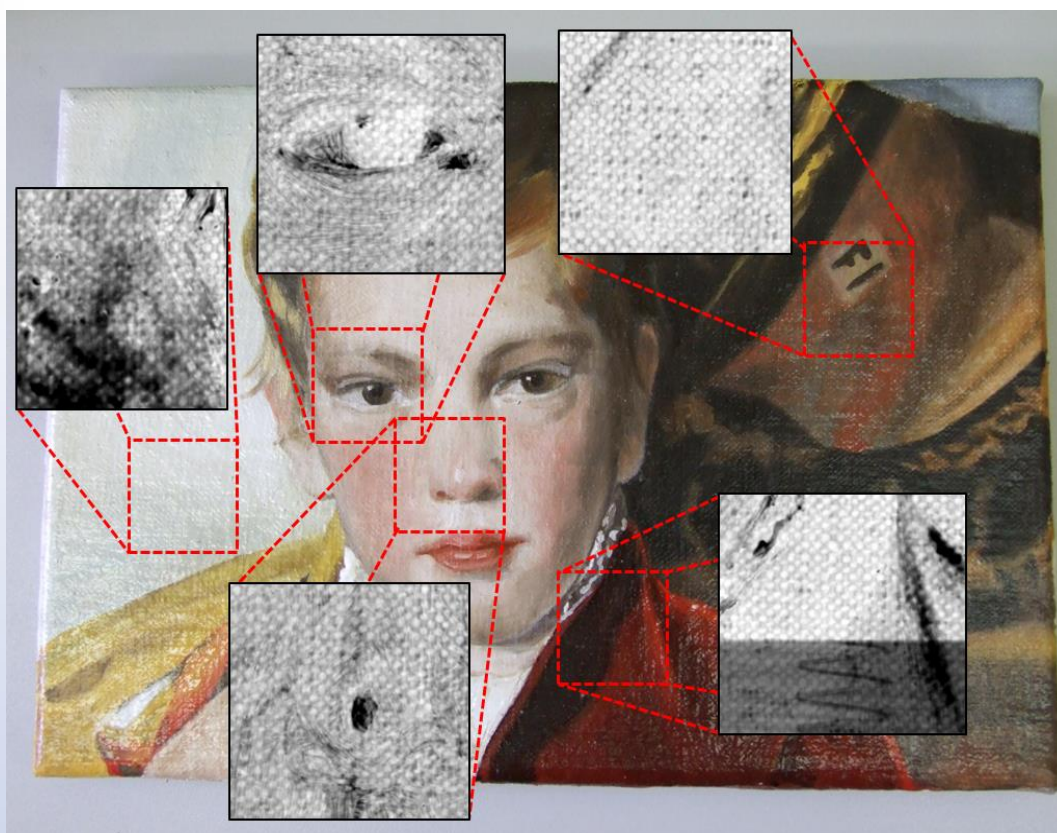


Canvas + putty

Heavy component



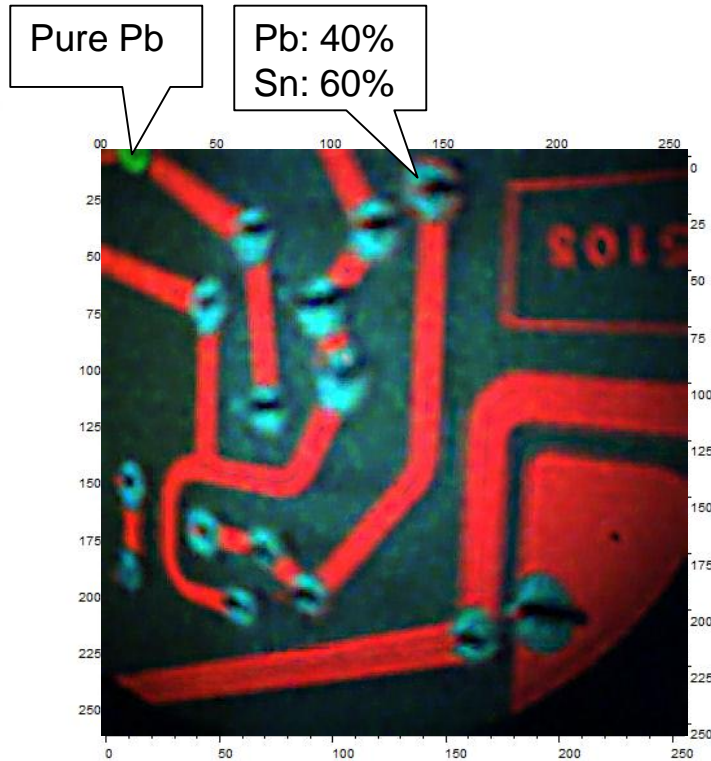
Mineral pigments





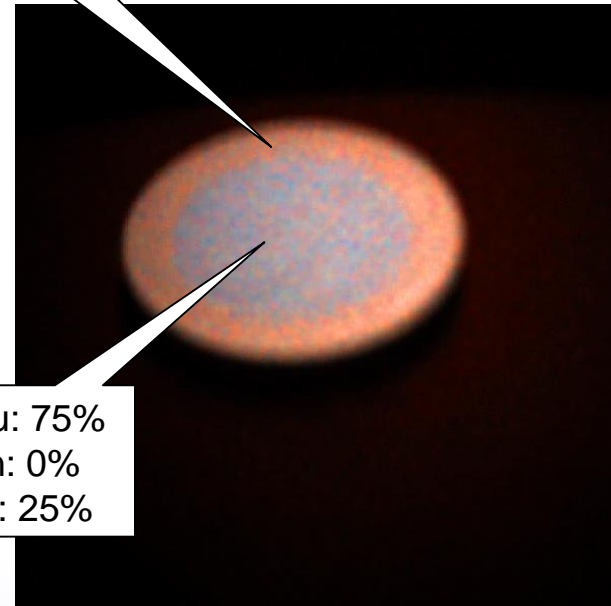
# Non-destructive composition investigation

X-ray fluorescence



Color coding:  
**Cu** = Red, **Pb** = Green, **Sn** = Blue

Cu: 75%  
Zn: 20%  
Ni: 5%



Color coding:  
Zn content in pink

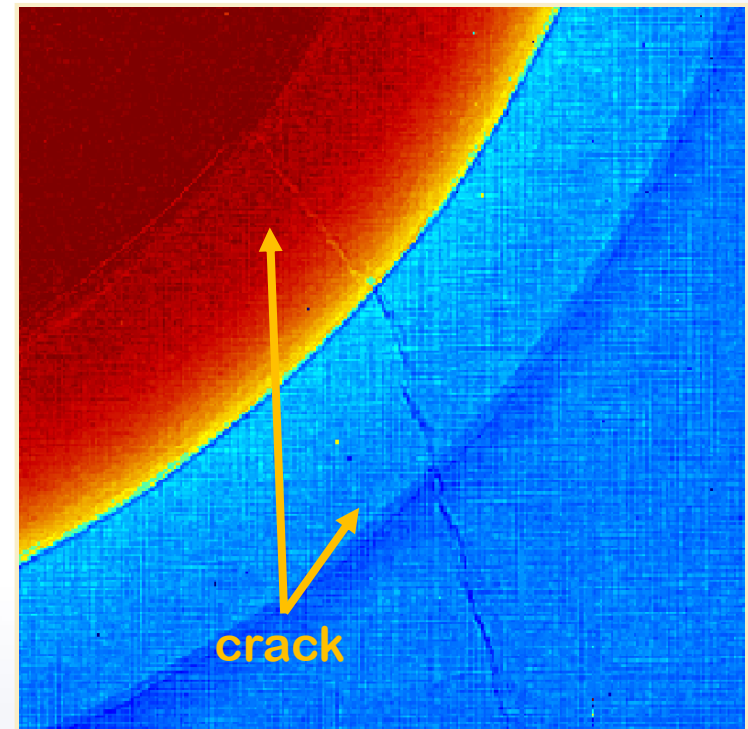
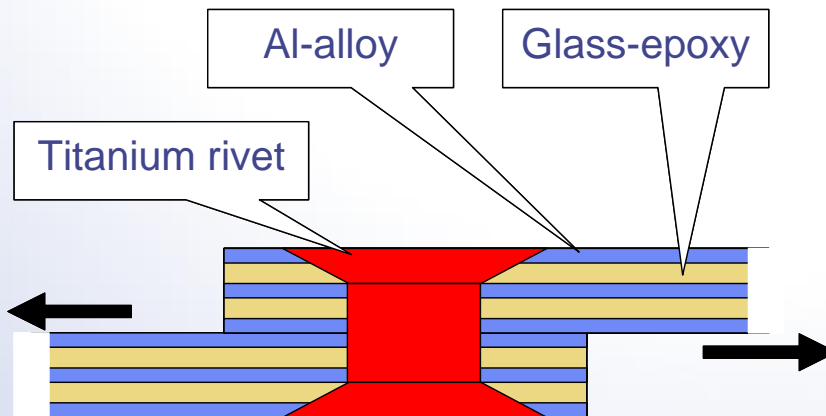
# Non-destructive testing

X-ray defectoscopy



## Inspection of fatigue internal crack in multilayer composites

- Crack shielded by rivet head
- Optical observation is impossible
- **High dynamic range => crack visible (virtually unlimited)**

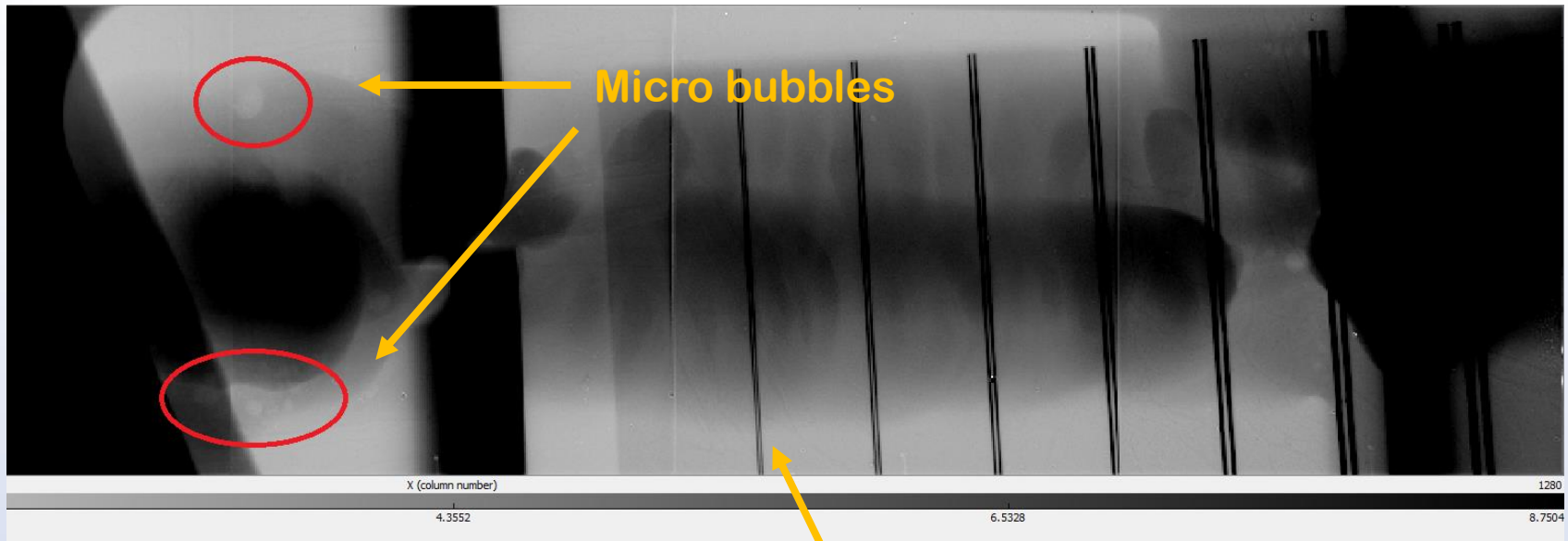


# Non-destructive testing

X-ray defectoscopy



## ■ Aluminium profile welding quality check



## Resolution

- Duplex IQI, 13D clearly resolved

# Summary



- Reliable partner in **scintillation crystals** and **integrated solution**
- Niche application with **single crystals, crystal growth** and **precise technologies**
- **Long-term collaboration** with international institutes
- **New opportunities welcome**

# Staff



## Absolventi MFF UK v CRYTUR

- **11** absolventů
- **5** ve vedoucích funkcích hlavních vývojových oddělení
- **1** specialista obchodu
- **5** vývojáři
  
- Hledáme další schopné členy týmu



# Thank you for your attention!

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