



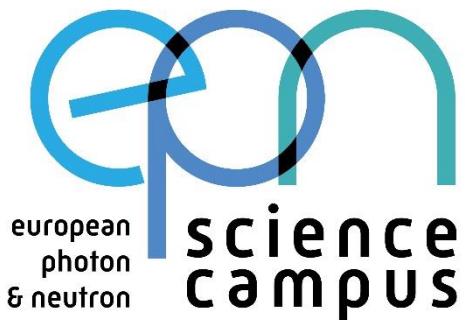


# ESRF

# The European

# Synchrotron

# A UNIQUE SITE FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



# AT THE HEART OF THE GLOBAL INNOVATION CAMPUS GIANT



1988 **Launch of the construction of the ESRF**

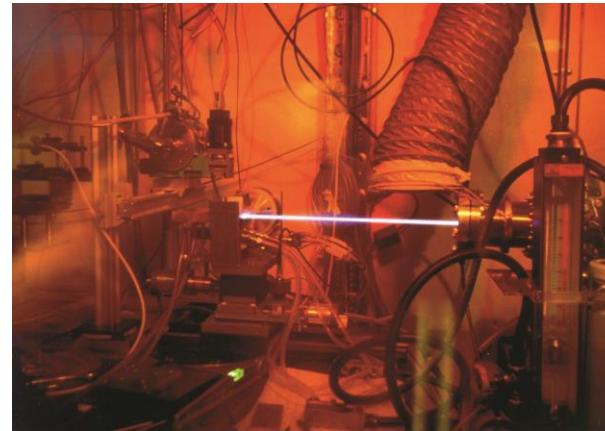


1992 **1<sup>st</sup> electron beam in the storage ring**

## **1994 The ESRF opens for the users**



## **1998 40 beamlines are in operation**



## X-ray beam and its air-ionization

# Today – The ESRF: 22 partner nations

## 13 Member states:

	Contribution to the budget in %
France	27.5 %
Germany	24 %
Italy	13.2 %
United Kingdom	10.5 %
Russia	6 %
Benesync (Belgium, The Netherlands)	5.8 %
Nordsync (Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden)	5 %
Spain	4 %
Switzerland	4 %

## 9 Associate countries:

Israel	1.75 %
Austria	1.75 %
Centralsync (Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia)	1.05 %
Poland	1 %
Portugal	1 %
India	0.66 %
South Africa	0.3 %

## 22 partner nations

Annual budget: 100 million euros

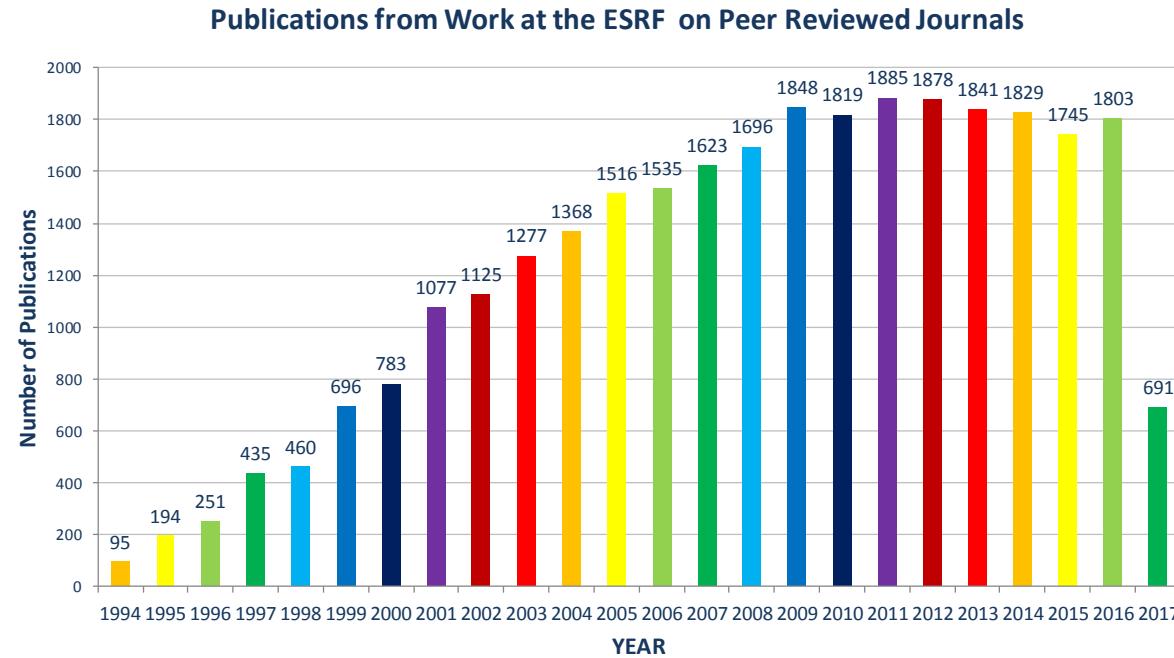
Staff: 650 people, 40 different nationalities

Legal status: French “société civile”



# Research at the ESRF: How does it work?

- Scientific committee selects the best proposals
- More than 6,000 scientific visits every year



- Public research and industry

# Research at the ESRF: How much does it cost?

	Member states	Other states
Public research	Free + All travel expenses are covered	Free
Proprietary research	450€/hour	540€/hour

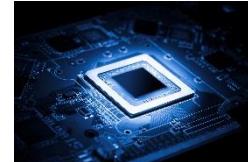
**Health,  
Biology**



**Earth sciences,  
Paleontology**



**Nanosciences,  
Information technology**



**Chemistry,  
Energy,  
Materials**



**Cultural heritage**



## Scientific example: Palaeontology

**Australopithecus Sediba**

1.9 million years



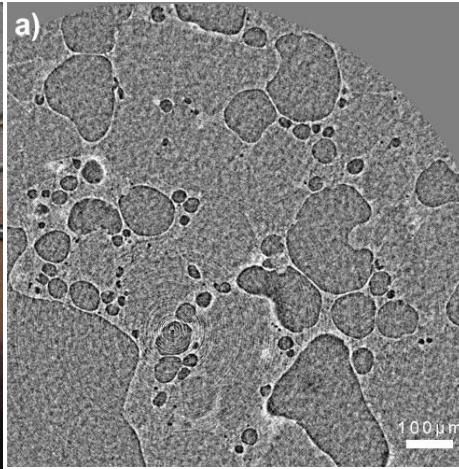
## Scientific example: Food

### Ice cream

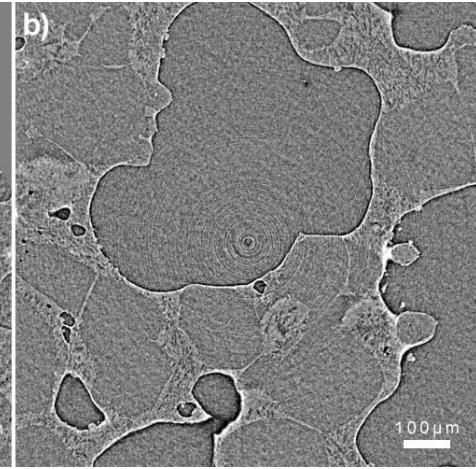
Microstructures characterization of ice cream



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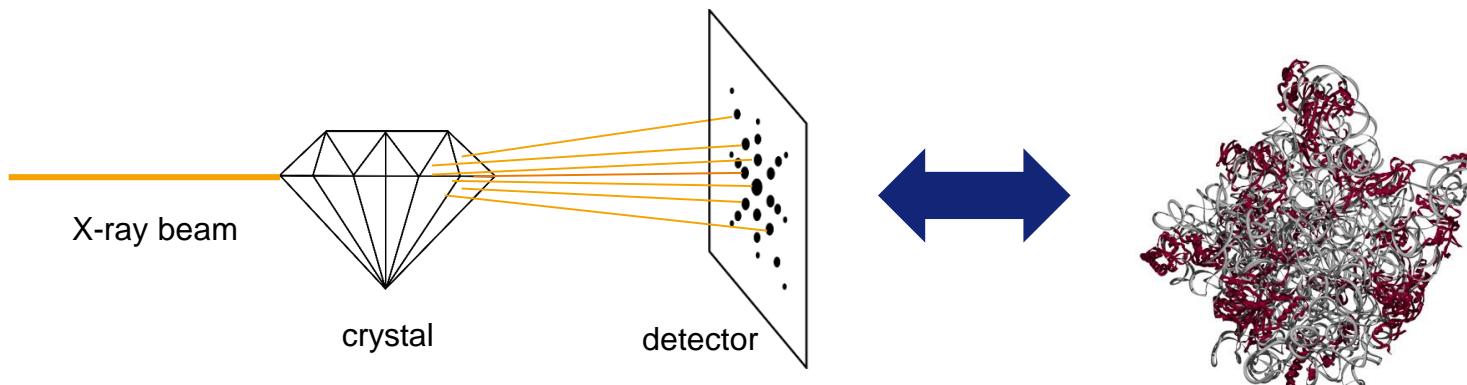
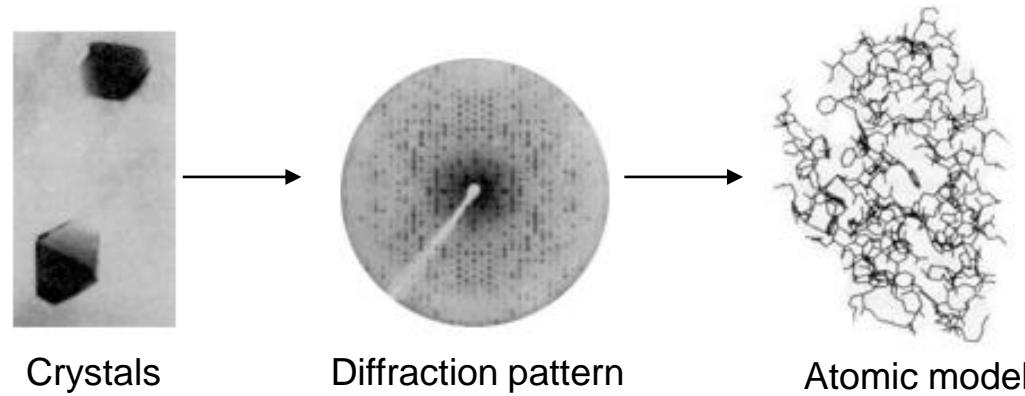


*Fresh ice-cream*



*"Temperature-abused" ice cream*

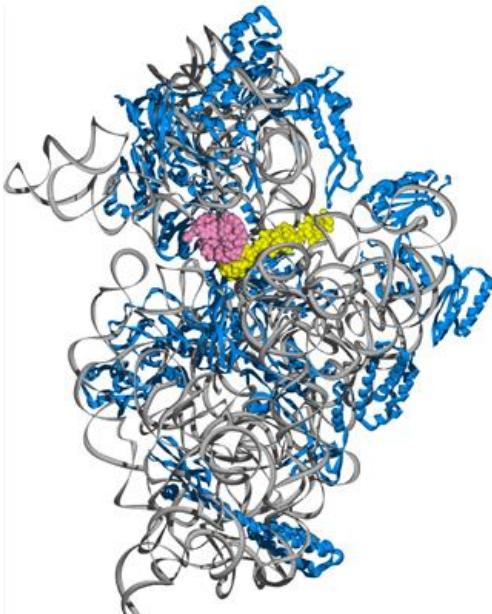
## Scientific example: Structural Biology



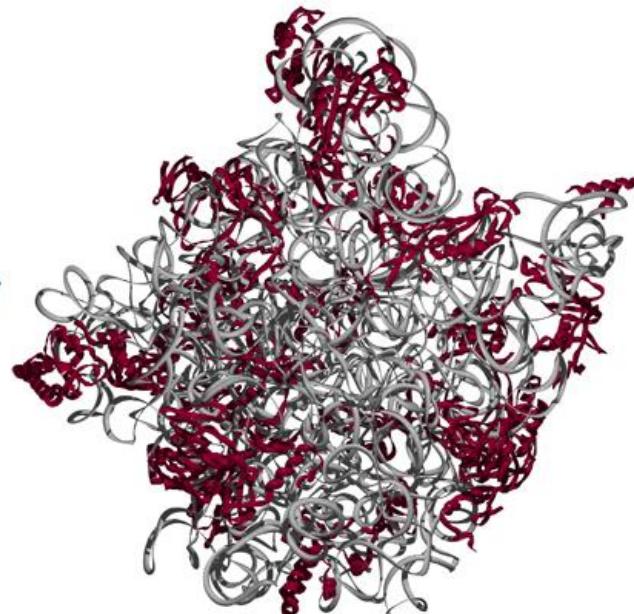
## Scientific example: Structural Biology

### Ribosome

Protein synthesis mechanism



SMALL RIBOSOMAL SUBUNIT



LARGE RIBOSOMAL SUBUNIT

Nobel prize in Chemistry 2009



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Ramakrishnan  
MRC Laboratory of  
Molecular, Cambridge,  
UK



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Yale University, New  
Haven, CT, USA

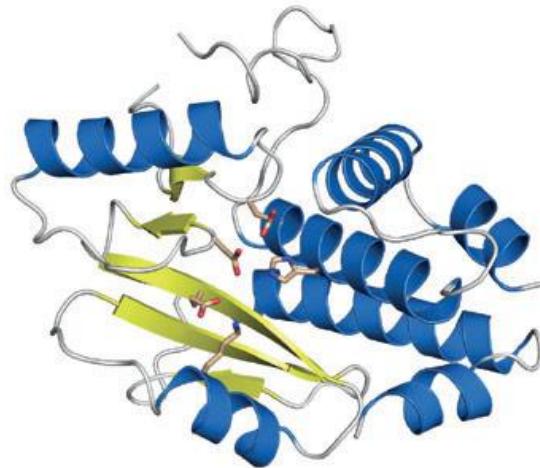


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## Scientific example: Health

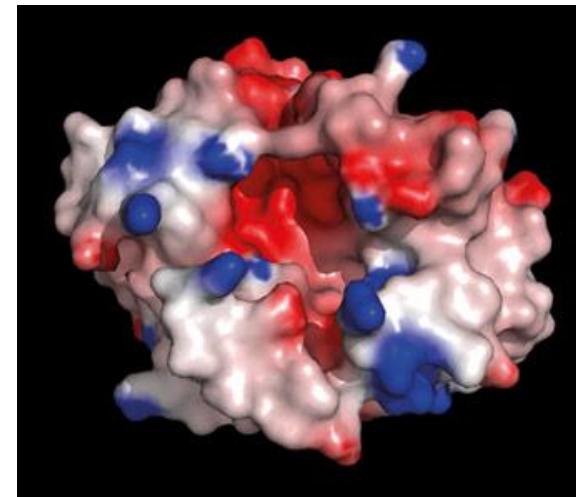
### Influenza virus

Understand how the influenza virus works



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*Key domain of flu virus polymerase*

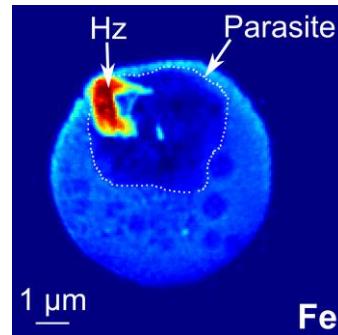
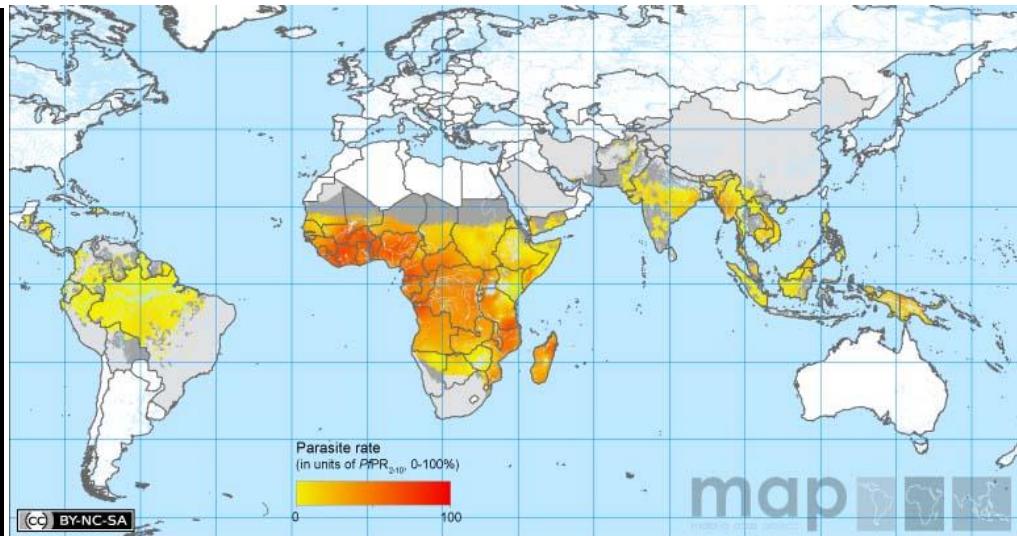


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*3D image of the “PA” protein domain*

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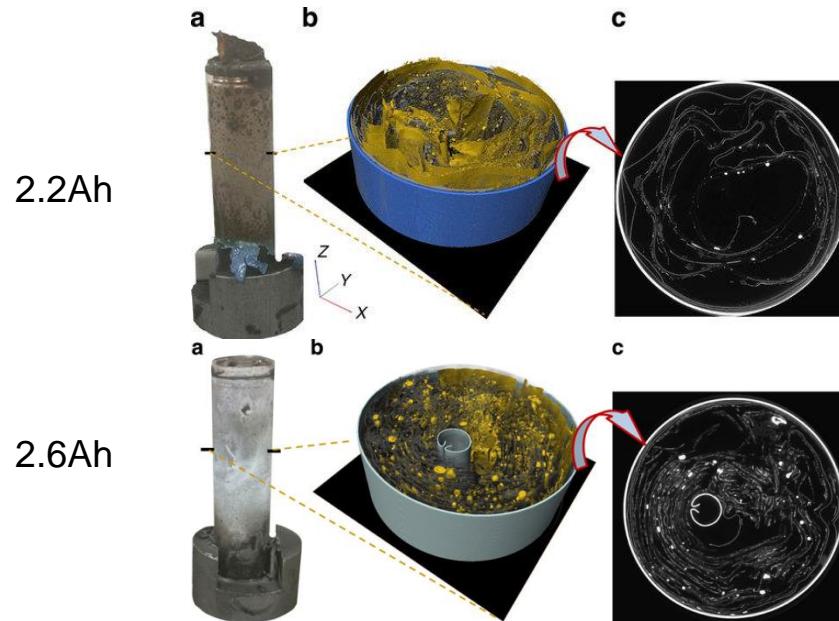
### Anti-malaria drugs



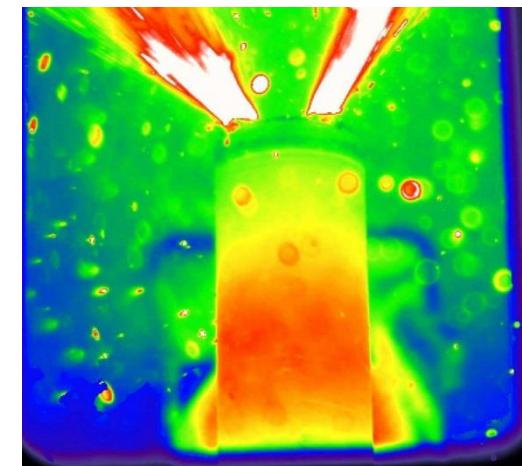
Fe fluorescence in  
malaria infected red blood cell

## Scientific example: Energy and environment

### Lithium-ion battery failure



*Post-mortem tomography of batteries after thermal runaway  
(yellow = copper)*



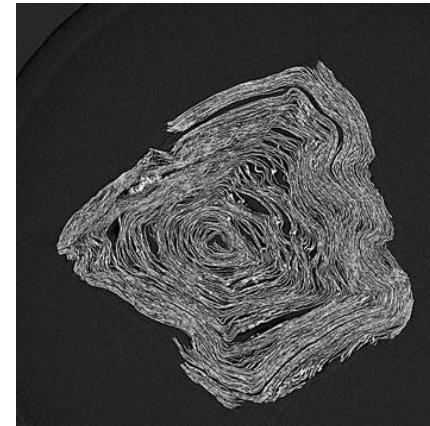
*Thermal imaging of a battery undergoing thermal runaway*

## Scientific example: Cultural heritage

### Reading carbonized papyrus scrolls



Herculaneum papyrus scroll



(a)



Section of the papyrus and  
reconstructed alphabet



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