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# Pixelated detectors for present and future light sources at Elettra

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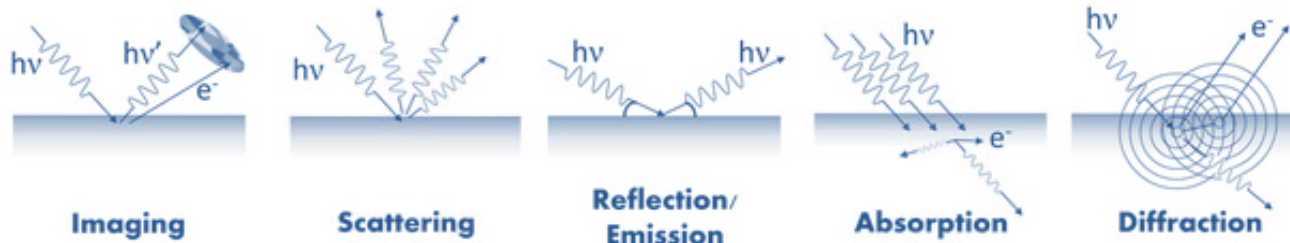
Elettra I 150 ps bunch, 2 ns spacing (Elettra II)

CNR IOM

Seeded Fermi FEL 50 Hz, 150 fs pulse



# What we need in accelerator based photon science with X-rays



If we can we buy detectors, we will do otherwise we have to develop

- Imaging detectors (Elettra / Fermi)
  - Low energy (30 eV – 2000 eV), frame rate  $\geq 50$  Hz, pixel size  $\geq 5 \mu\text{m} \times 5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $D \geq 16$  bit
  - mid to high energy (10 keV – 60 keV), frame rate  $\geq 1$  Hz,
    - Pixel size  $\leq 50 \mu\text{m} \times 50 \mu\text{m}$  (direct conversion), spectroscopic properties
    - Pixel size  $\leq 5 \mu\text{m} \times 5 \mu\text{m}$  (indirect conversion)
- High Z materials ( III – V group elements -> sufficient absorption for high photon energies )
- Ultra fast single photo counters ( $\tau \leq 100$  ps) (requires avalanche processes, high mobility)
- Low time jitter ( $\Delta\tau \leq 10$  ps)
- Scalable multi element Spectroscopic detectors (beamlines want collect more solid angle)

Valuable properties also in other fields (Astrophysics, HEP, medical imaging, etc)



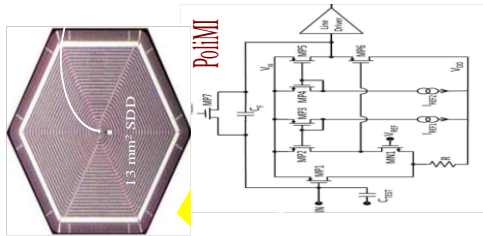


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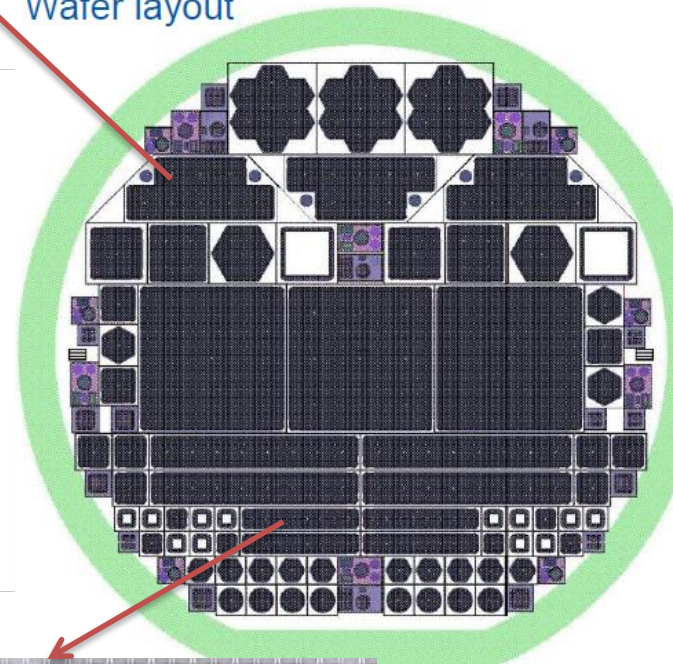
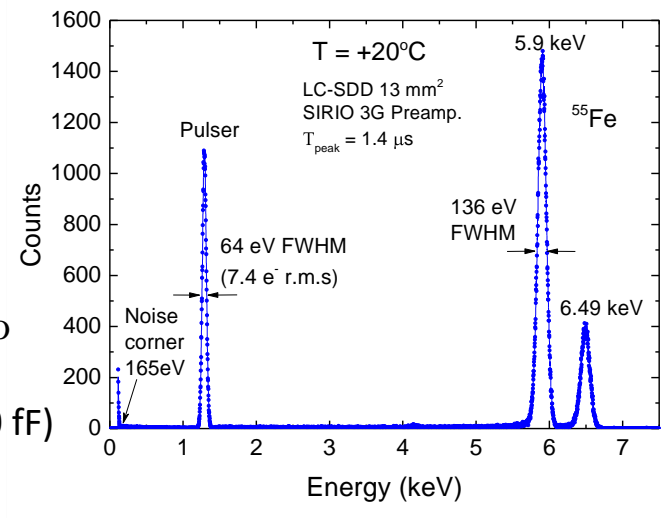
# SDD systems for Elettra I /II



## Trapezoidal SDDs for soft X-ray microscope TwinMic



Wafer layout



### Main properties:

- ❖ 450 μm Si thickness
- ❖ Thin entrance window
- ❖ Low leakage current (down to 20 pA/cm² @ 20°C)
- ❖ Low anode capacitance (~30 fF)
- ❖ Implants for temperature measurements

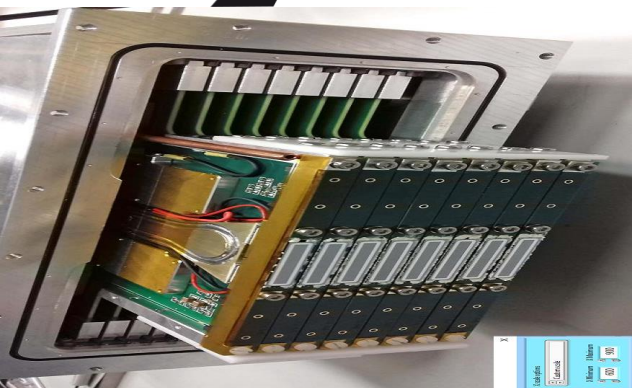


## SDDs for X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy (XAFS) beam line

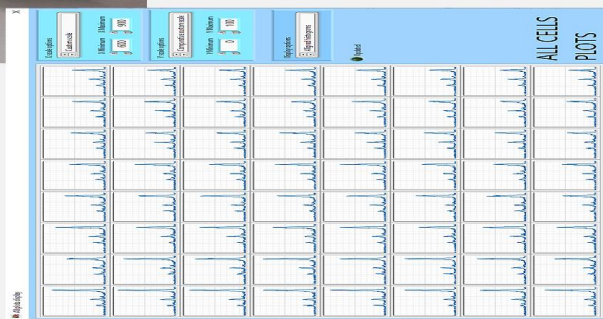




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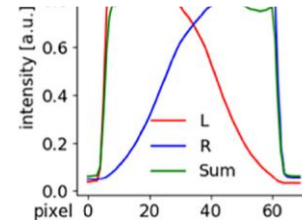
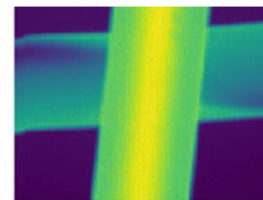


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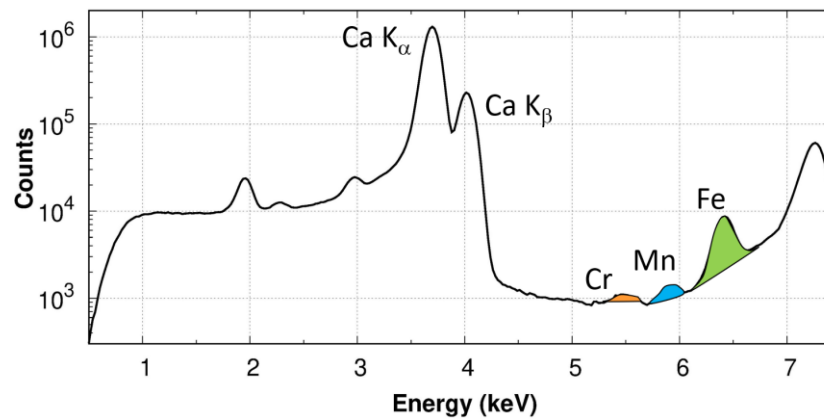
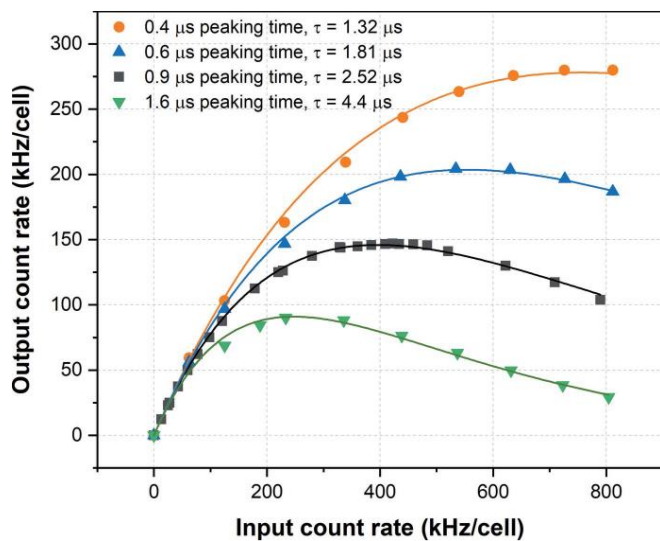
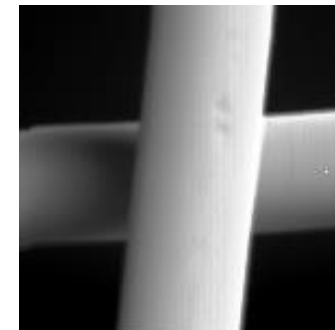
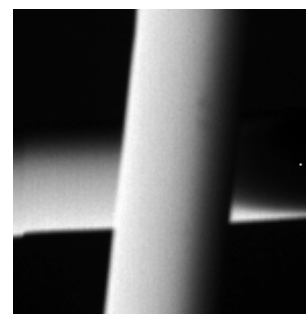


- 8 strips
- 64 channels
- 576 mm<sup>2</sup> active area

# EXAFS SDD



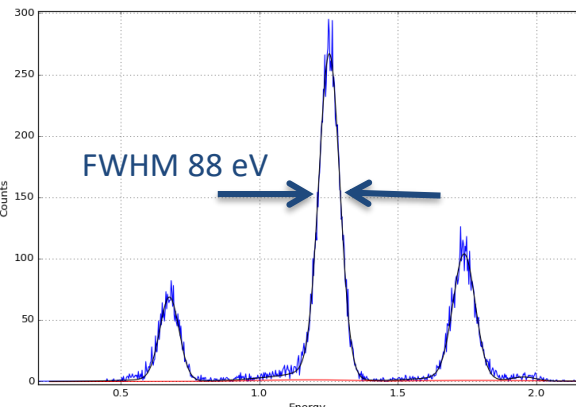
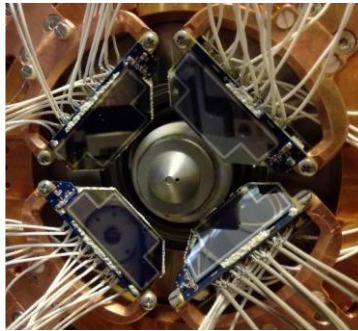
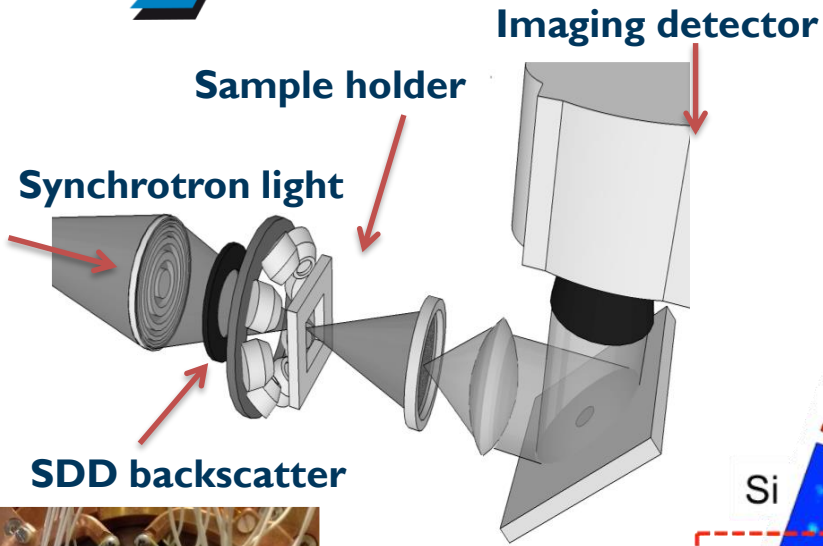
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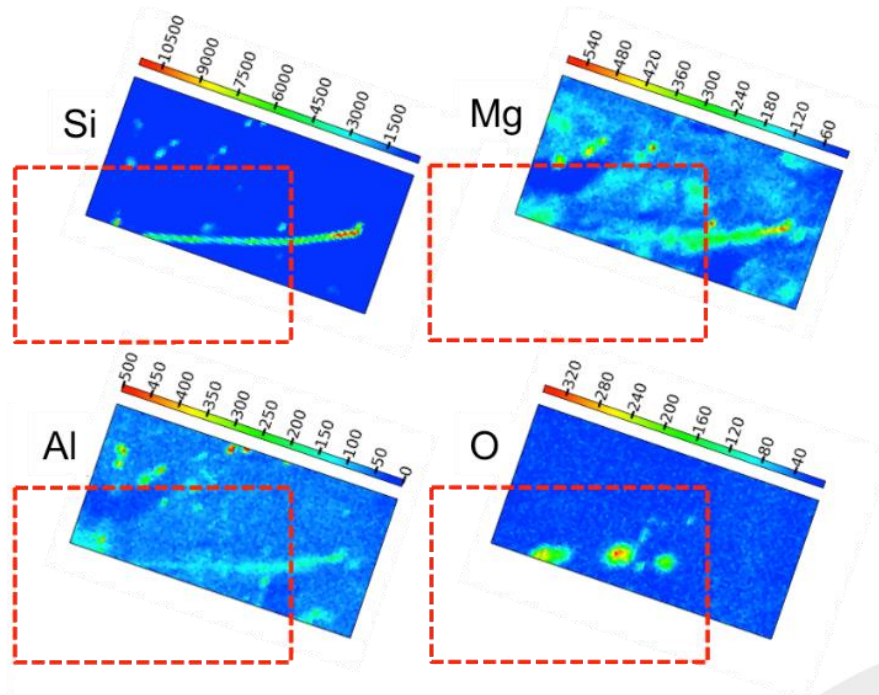
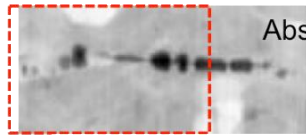
Diluted samples in Ca matrix



# Needs for new solutions: increase user throughput

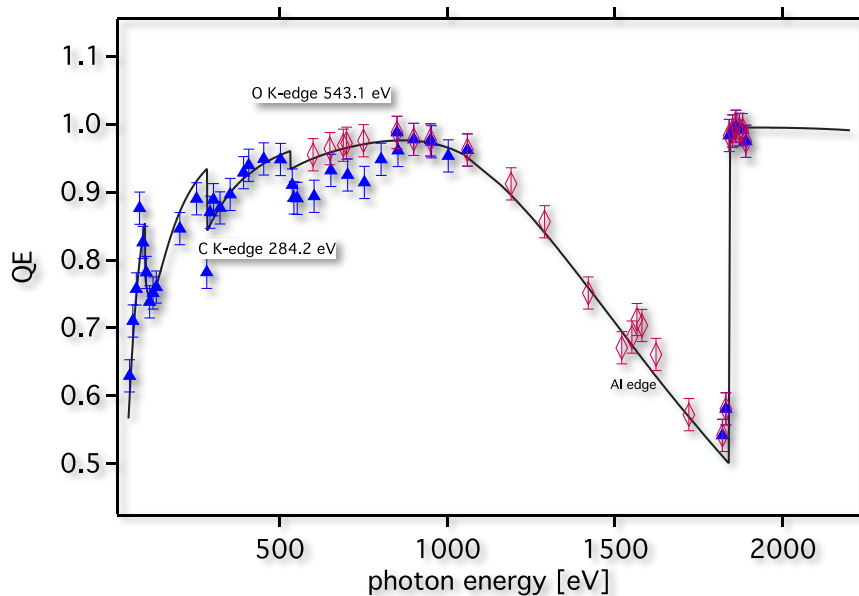
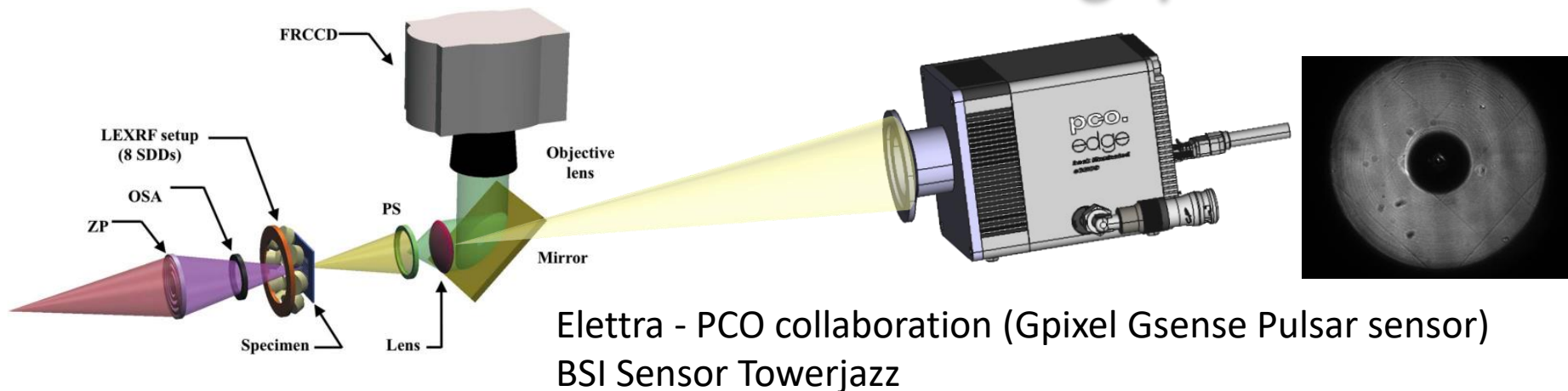


Asbestos fiber in lung tissue

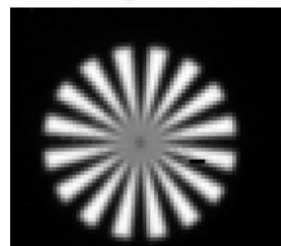


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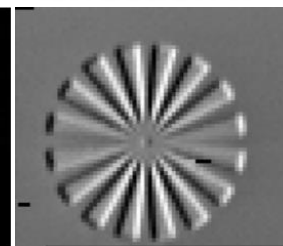
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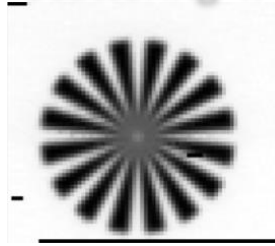
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Refraction x



Scattering x



Siemens Star pattern Virtual pixel size 300 nm

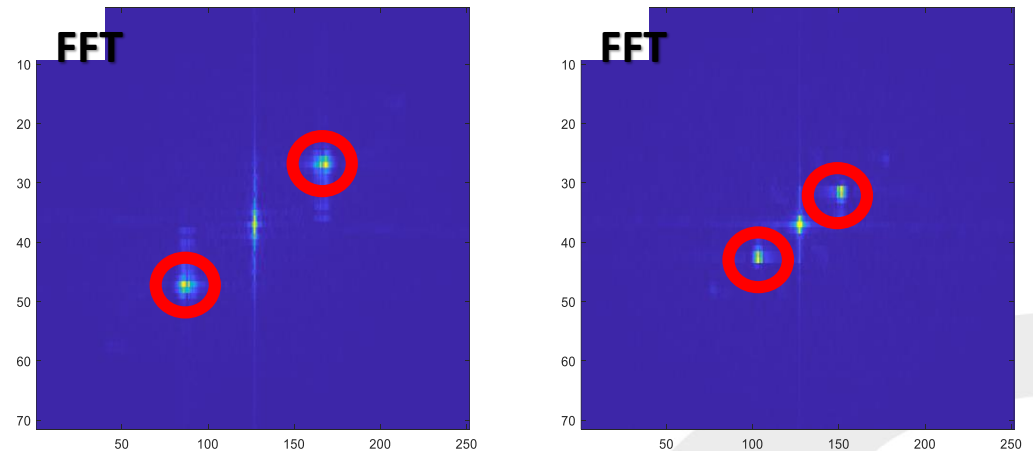
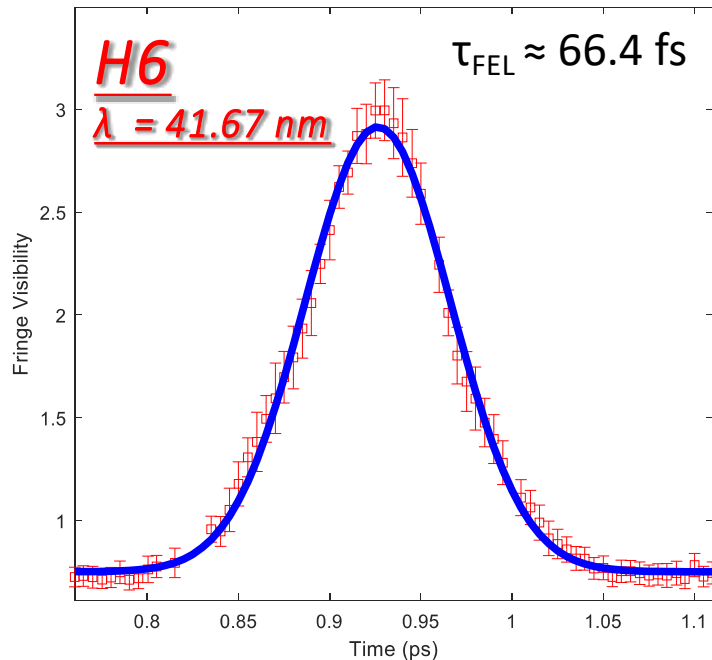
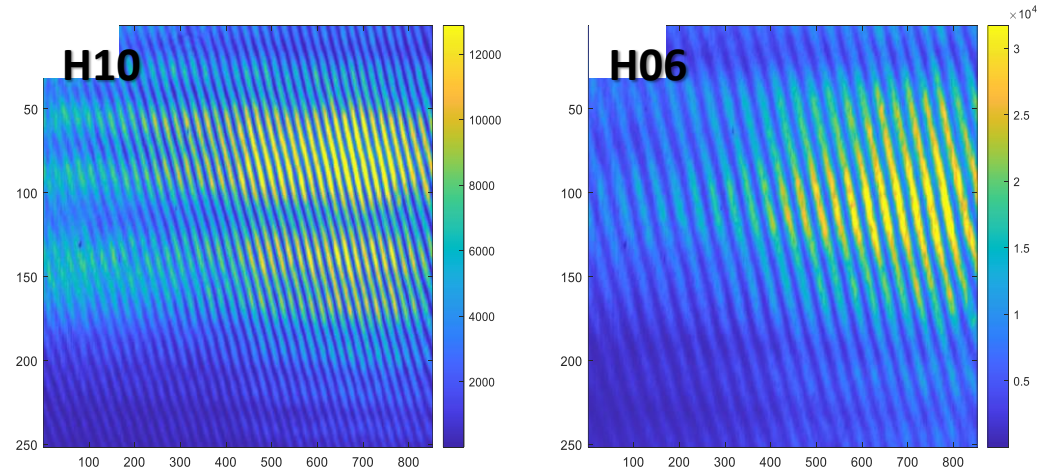
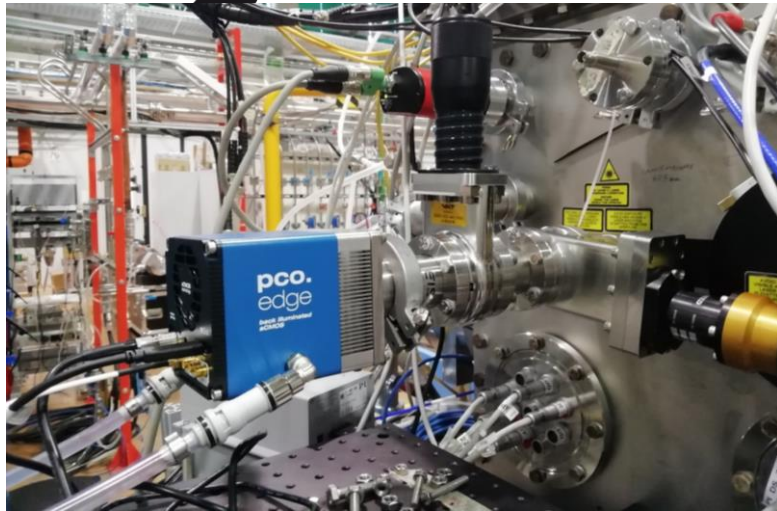
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# 50Hz Fermi FEL operation

Optical delay line to elucidate the coherent length for each bunch







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# PERCIVAL CMOS imager

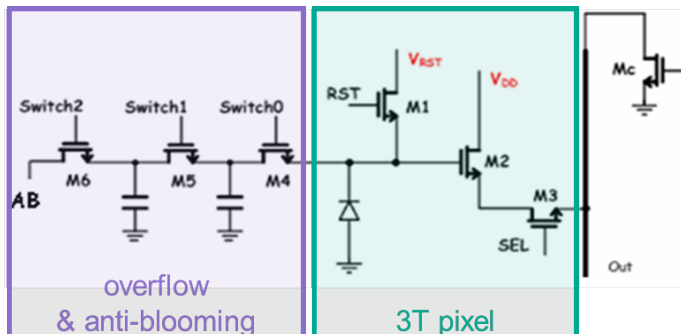
Higher framerate, higher dynamic

Percival 2M "P2M"  
sensor  
4 x 4 cm<sup>2</sup>  
27 x 27 mm<sup>2</sup> pixels  
1408x1484 pixels

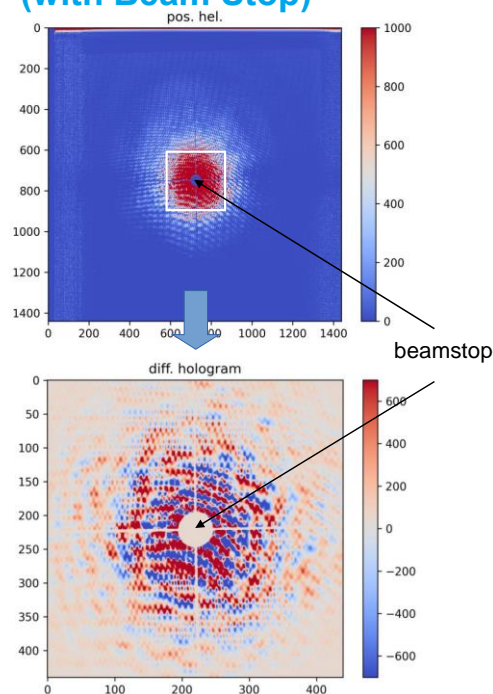
8 ADCs per column

Two flavors

- 1) BSI (low energy X-rays)
- 2) FSI (high energy X-rays (scintillators))



Holography  
(with Beam Stop)



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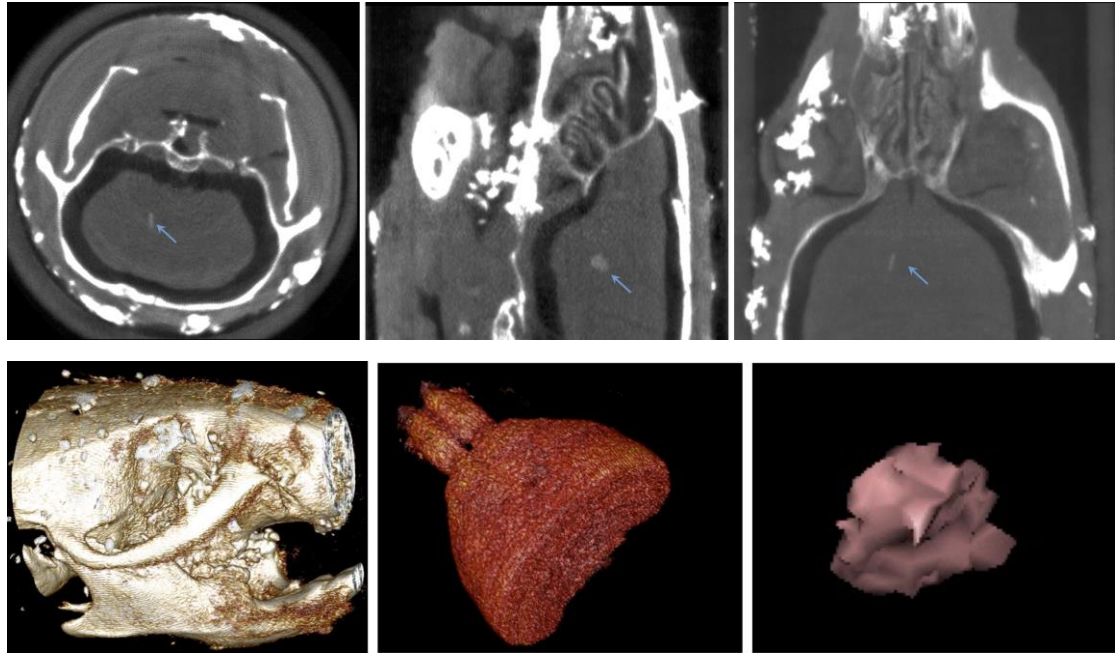
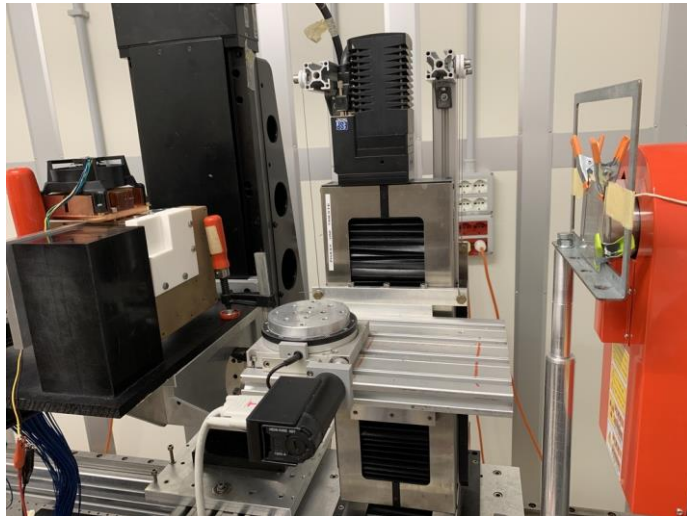
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# PERCIVAL CMOS imager

FSI + CsI scintillator

Gold nano particle loaded tumor cells implanted in a rat brain



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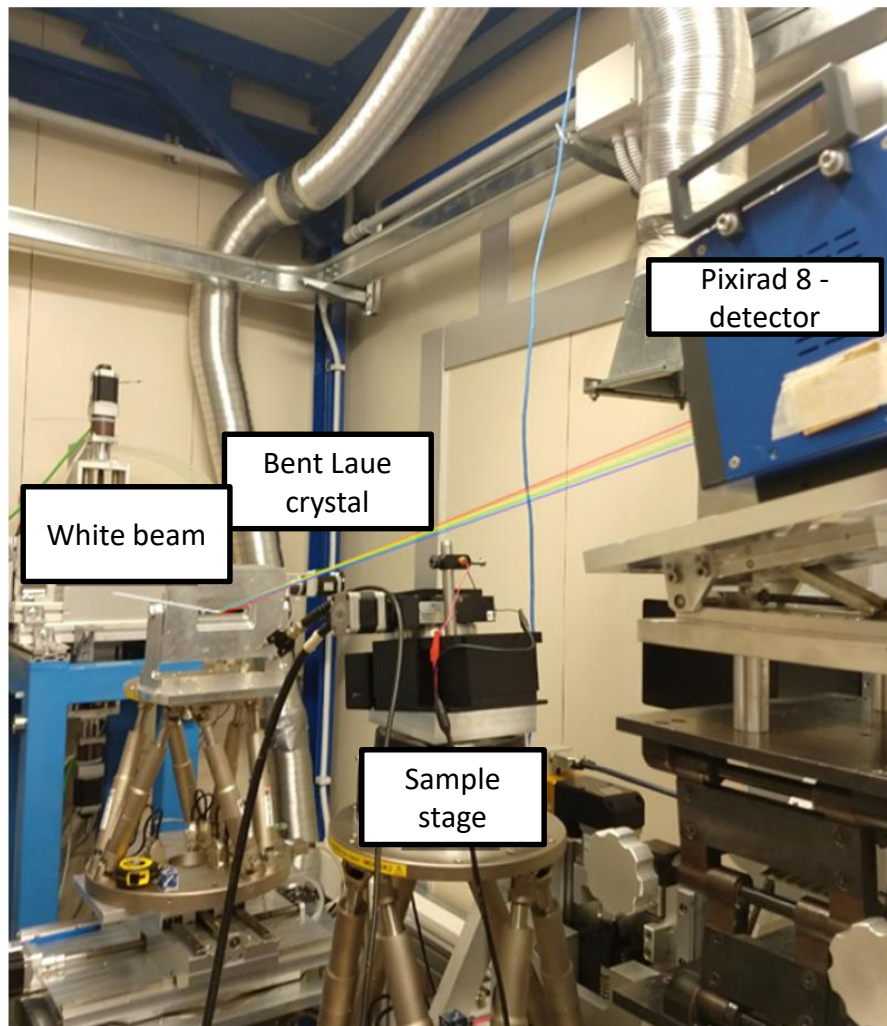


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# Spectral imaging (PIXIRAD CdTe)

## KISS

K-edge Imaging with Spectral  
Systems

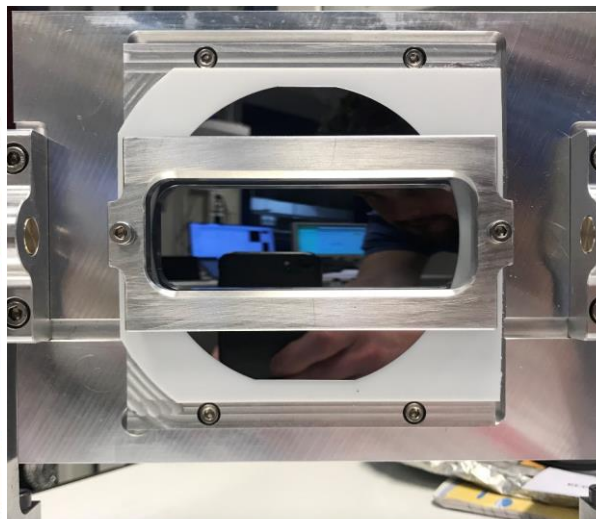


Pixirad 8 -  
detector

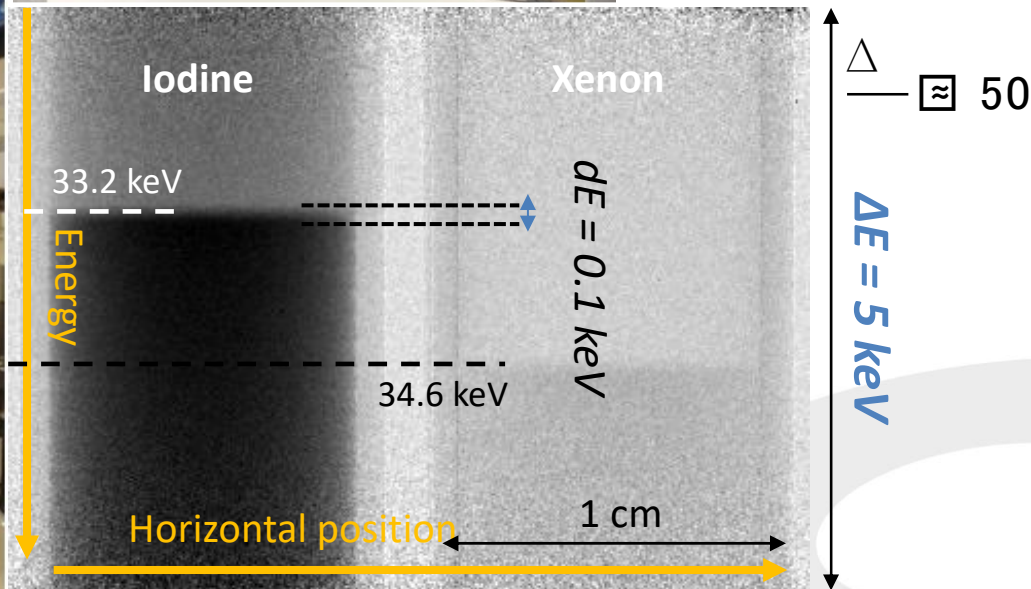
Bent Laue  
crystal

White beam

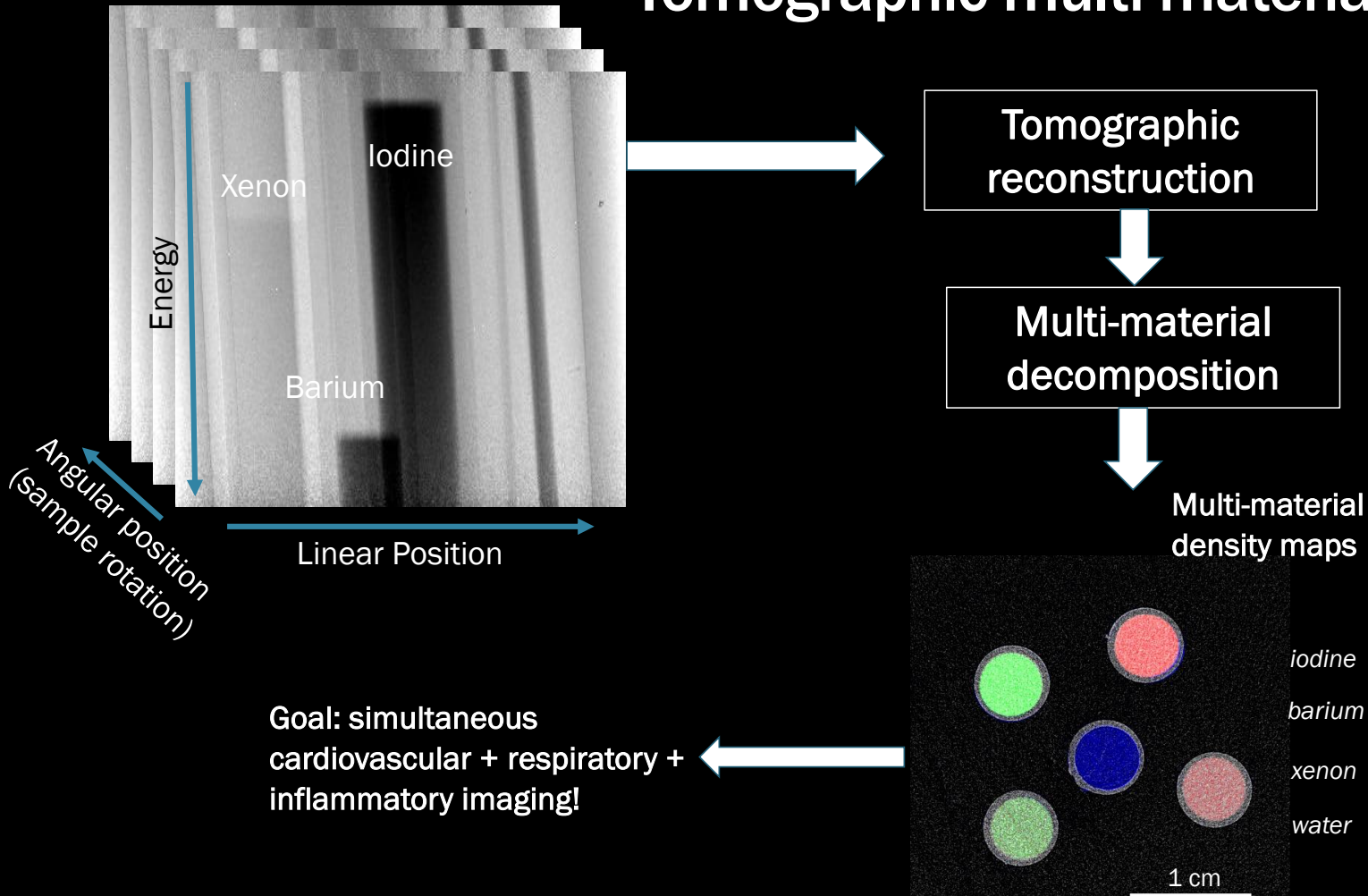
Sample  
stage



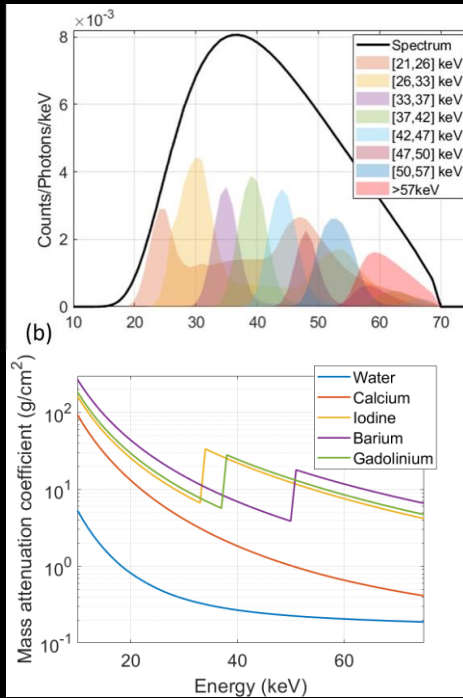
Fixed radius frames  
Radius = 0.5 m  
Focus ~ 0.25 m



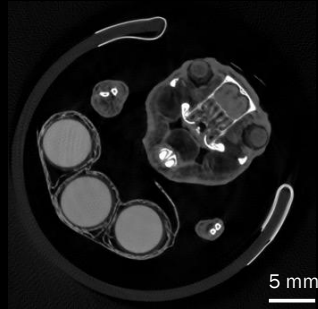
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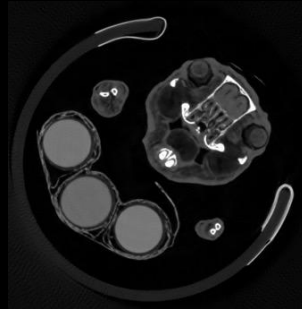




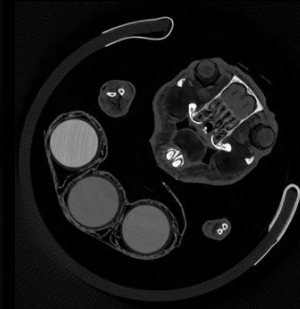
bin1 - [21, 26] keV



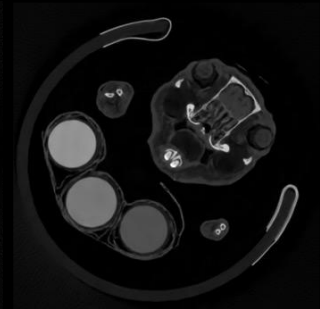
bin2 - [26, 33] keV



bin3 - [33, 37] keV



bin4 - [37, 42] keV



bin5 - [42, 47] keV



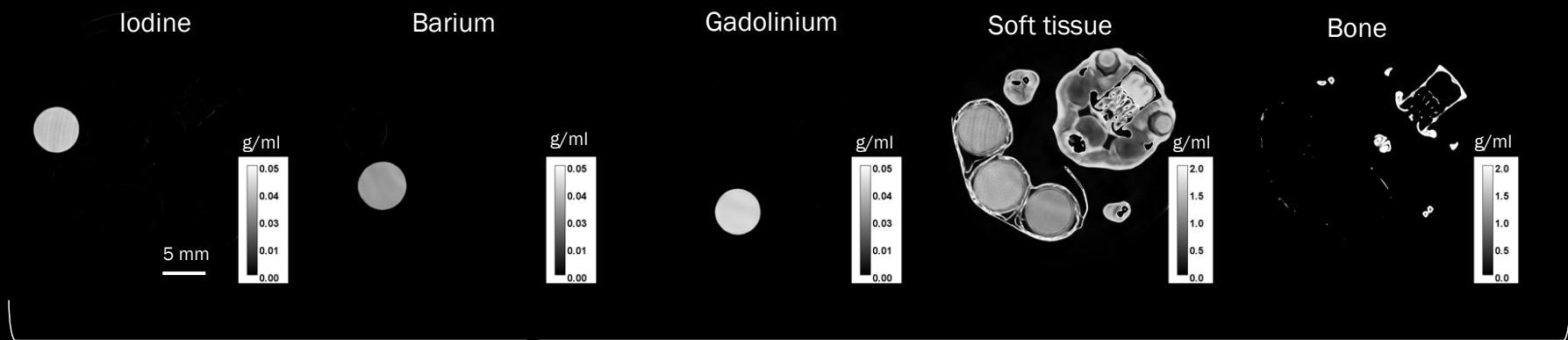
bin6 - [47, 50] keV



bin7 - [50, 57] keV

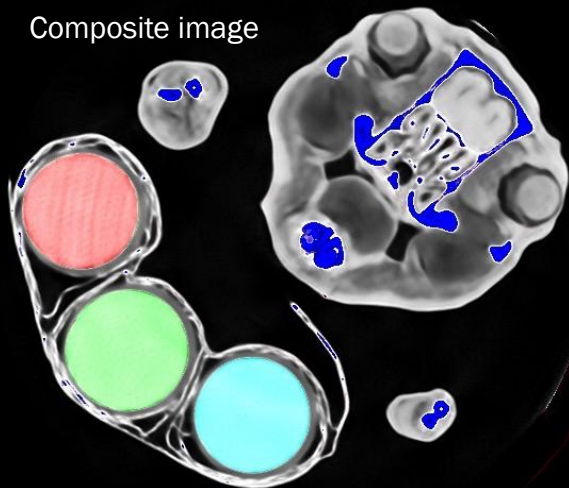
bin8 - [57,  $\infty$ ] keV

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Composite image

*iodine*  
*barium*  
*gadolinium*  
*bone*  
*soft tissue*



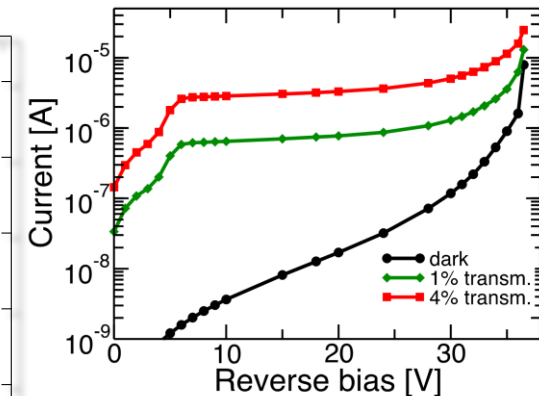
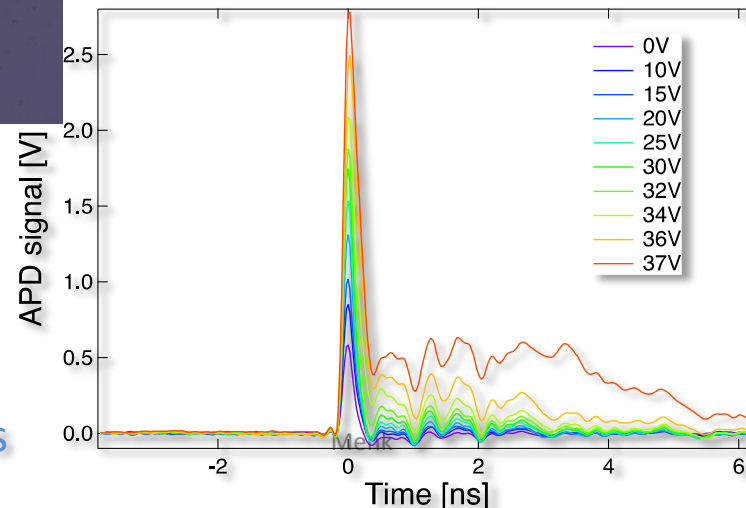
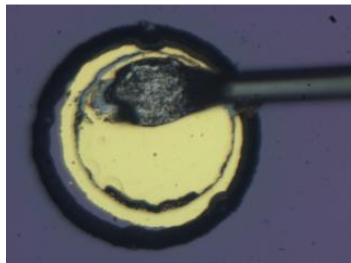
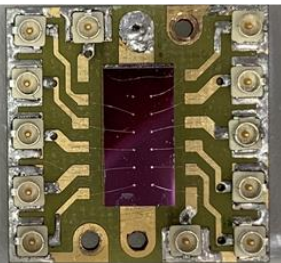
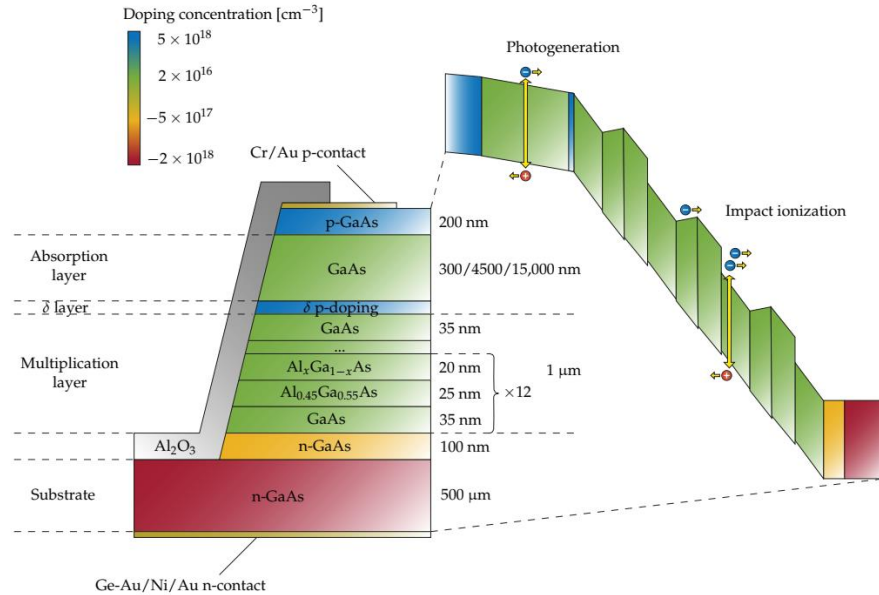
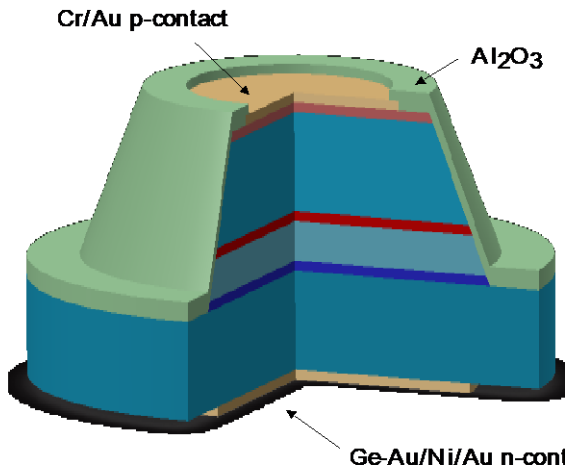
	Nominal [mg/ml]	Measured [mg/ml]
Iodine	40	37.6 ± 0.8
Barium	35	30.2 ± 0.5
Gadolinium	39	41.2 ± 0.4





# GaAs SAM-APD

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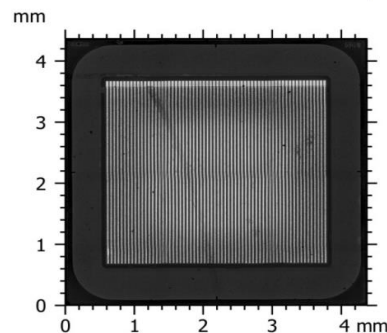
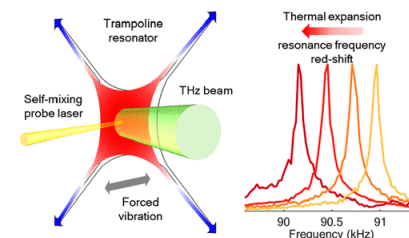
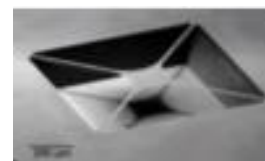


## Partners

- Uni Udine -> simulations
- Uni Trieste -> experiments
- CNR IOM -> MBE
- EST -> electronics and tests

# (Partial) status and future directions

- Spectroscopic XRF system is mature and being commercialized
- Twinmic system has still to be improved (less bulky)
- Spectral X-ray imaging for Elettra II life science beam line
  - Crystal based
  - Detector based
- Respin Percival (mitigating remaining shortcomings) -> choice for high end experiments
- PCO Gsense -> will become workhorses
- GaAs APD pixel arrays
- THz pixel detector (Attract II)
- SiC pixel detector (SAL, Austria)





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