

# Contact-free manipulation and probing of single biological and soft matter objects

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MicroSAXS/WAXS cameras

Contact free techniques: applications & challenges



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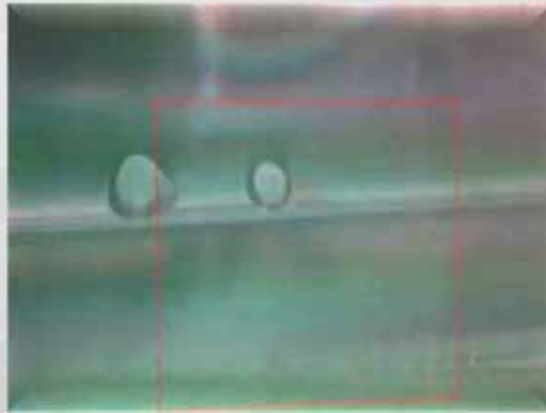
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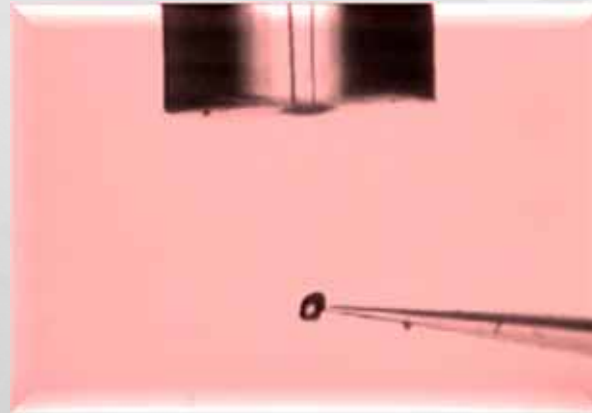
# Contact-free and quasi contact-free manipulation

Optical Tweezers



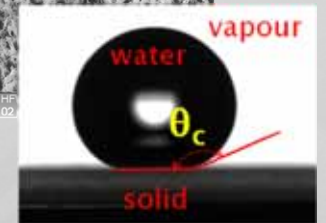
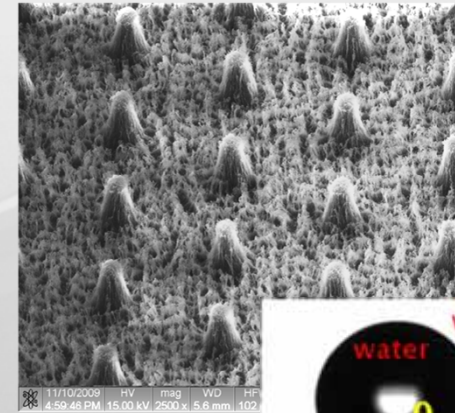
Particles in capillary

Inkjet

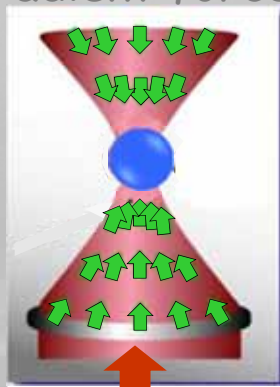


stroboscopic display

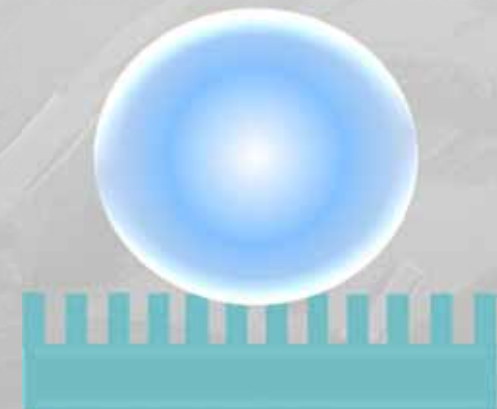
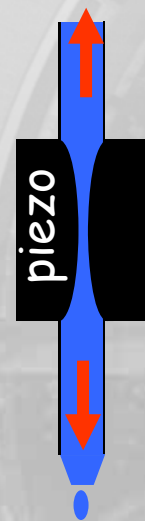
Superhydrophobic Surface



gradient force    scattering force

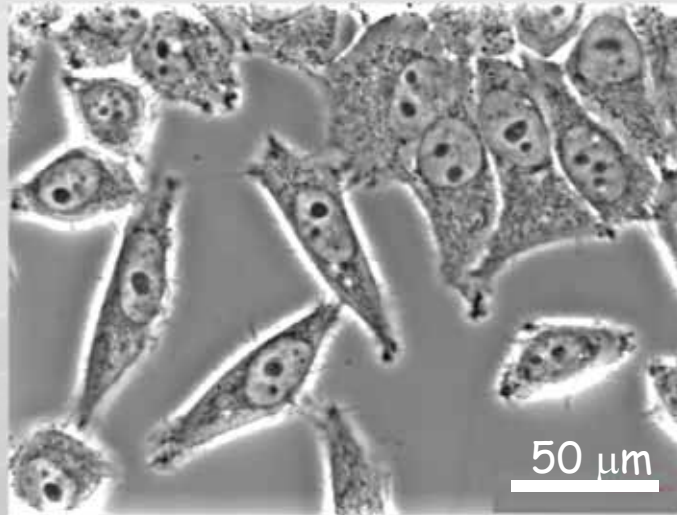


**focused laser beam**

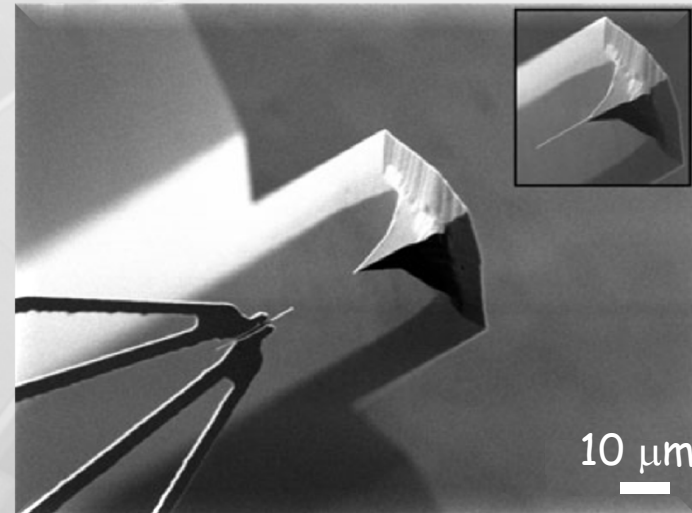


# Scope of applications

HeLa cells @ r.t.



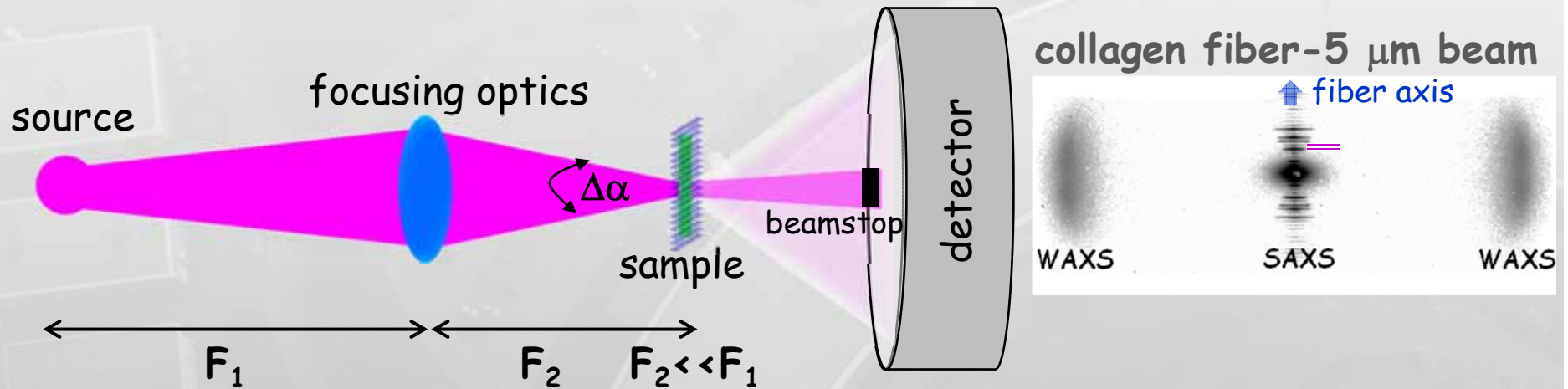
Nano-grippers (NanoHand project)



- **Single objects:** positioning, manipulation & assembly
- **Probing of objects in functional states,** often in aqueous environments
- **Raster probing:** heterogeneity & distribution of radiation damage
- **Avoid deformation** of "soft" objects by "contact" forces
- **Avoid surface induced processes and shearing effects by walls**
- **Reduce sample volumes!**

# Probing by microSAXS/WAXS pinhole camera

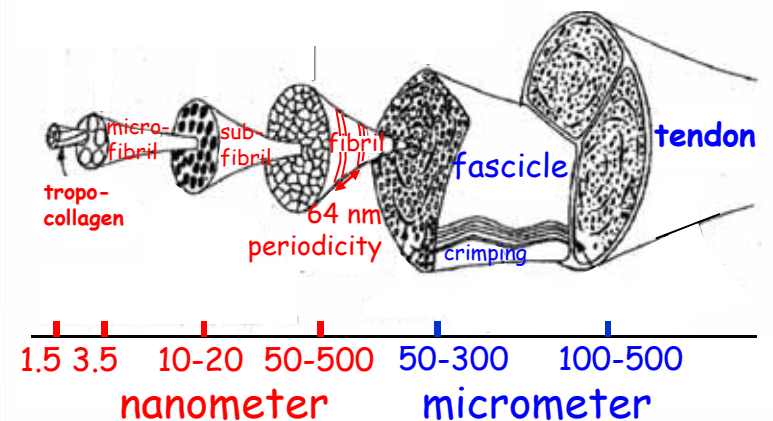
contrast: large scale density fluctuations, aggregation, shapes



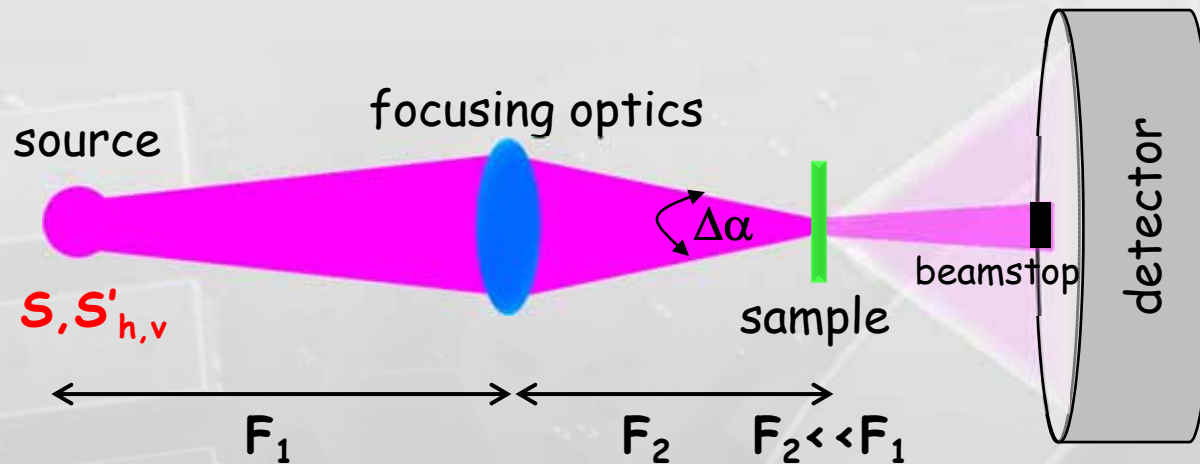
## Resolution

reciprocal space      order resolution ( $\Delta\alpha$ )  
 real space      raster-increment (focal spot)

## Hierarchical tendon structure



# MicroSAXS/WAXS pinhole camera



undulator source parameters

ESRF 6 GeV

low- $\beta$ : ID13 (microSAXS/WAXS)

$S_{h/v}$  ( $\mu\text{m}$ ; fwhm)



$S'_{h/v}$  ( $\mu\text{Rad}$ ; fwhm)

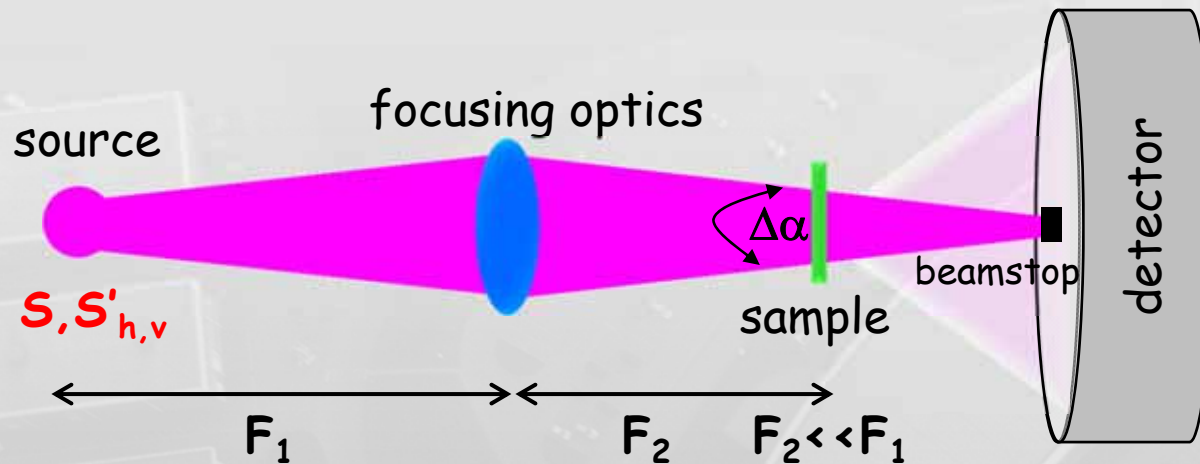


$\text{Br}_{13}$  keV

$\sim 2 \cdot 10^{21}$  (upgrade)

(Ph/s/mm<sup>2</sup>/mrad<sup>2</sup>/0.1%bw)

# SAXS/WAXS pinhole camera



undulator source parameters

ESRF 6 GeV

high- $\beta$ : IDO2 (high resolution SAXS)

$S_{h/v}$  ( $\mu\text{m}$ ; fwhm)

+

$S'_{h/v}$  ( $\mu\text{Rad}$ ; fwhm)

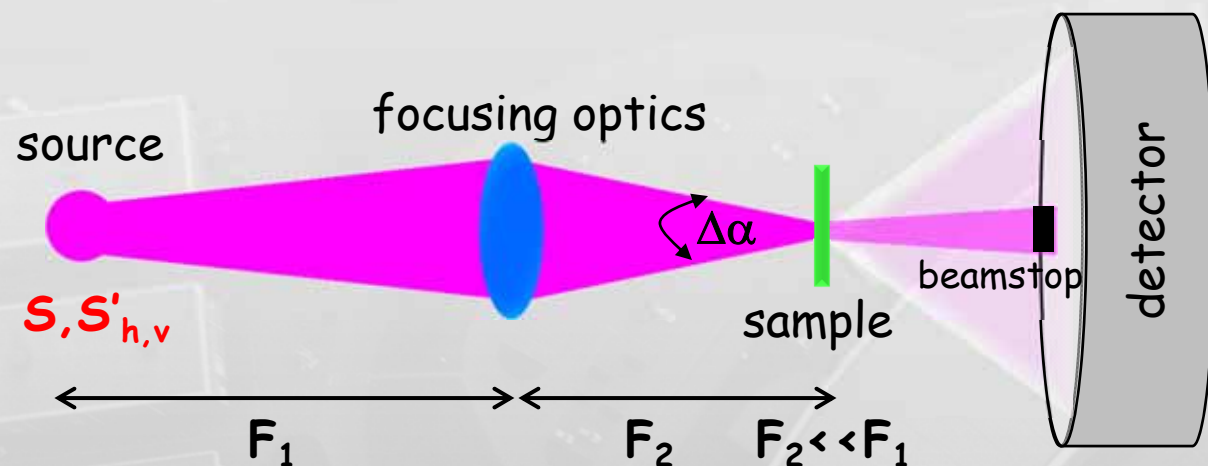
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$\text{Br}_{13}$  13 keV

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# MicroSAXS/WAXS pinhole camera



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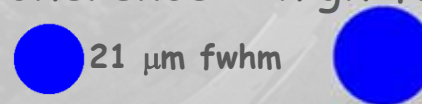
CHESS-ERL 5 GeV

high-coherence

high-flux

nanofocus

$21 \mu\text{m}$  fwhm



$5 \mu\text{Rad}$  fwhm



$\sim 9 \cdot 10^{22}$

Bilderback et al., *NJP* (2010) **12**, 035011



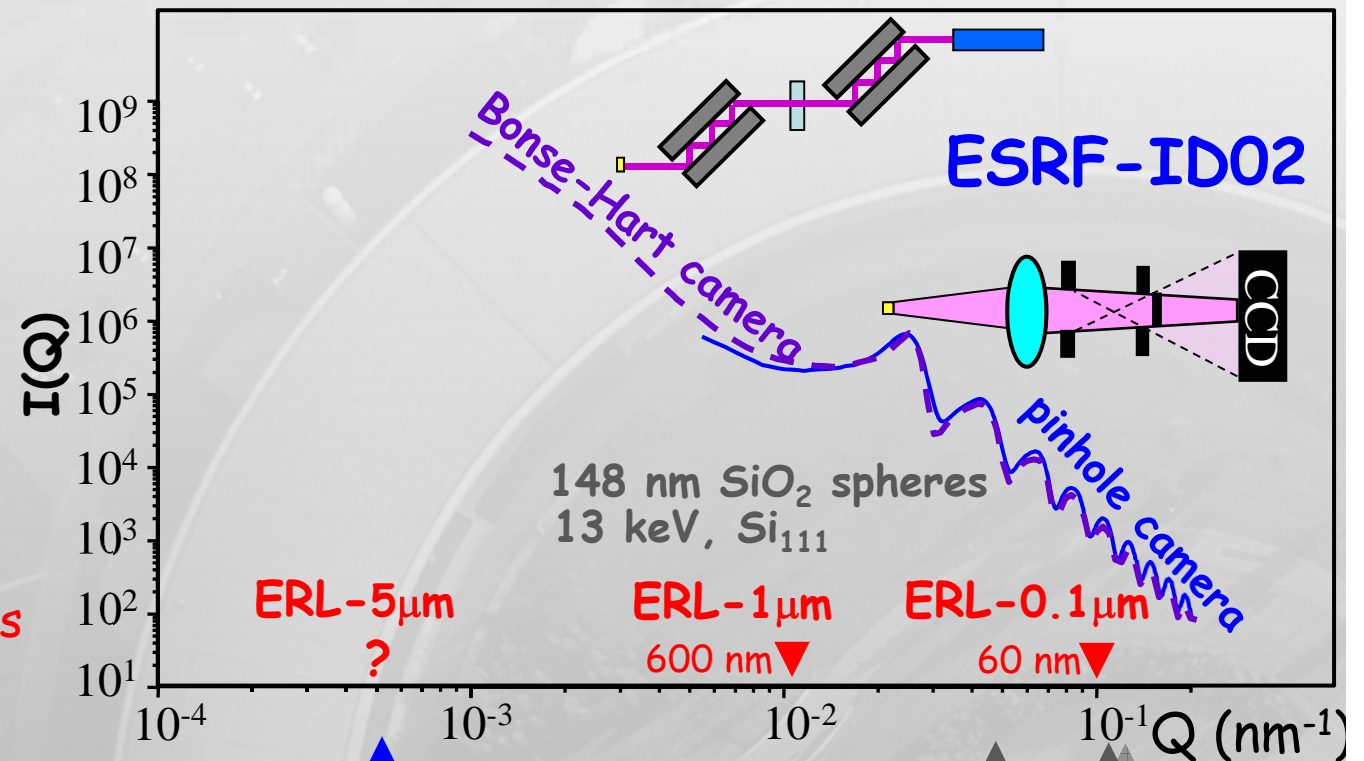
# Brilliance and SAXS pinhole camera

ESRF: **ID02** (high- $\beta$ )

ID13 (low- $\beta$ )

ERL **pinhole SAXS**

ERL SAXS camera for  
ultrasmall sample volumes



## COLLECTIVE PROPERTIES

- self assembly: actin...
- transient processes: flames...
- biomimetic systems: biomineralization...
- mesoscopic processes: active matter...

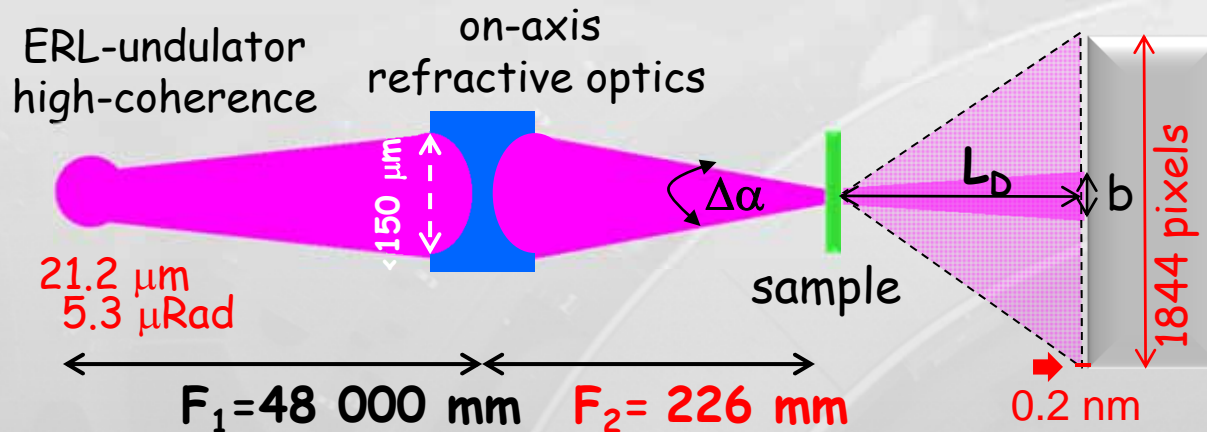
$\leq 800 \times 200 \mu\text{m}^2$   
**ID02** upgrade

$\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$   $1-0.1 \mu\text{m}$   
**ID13**

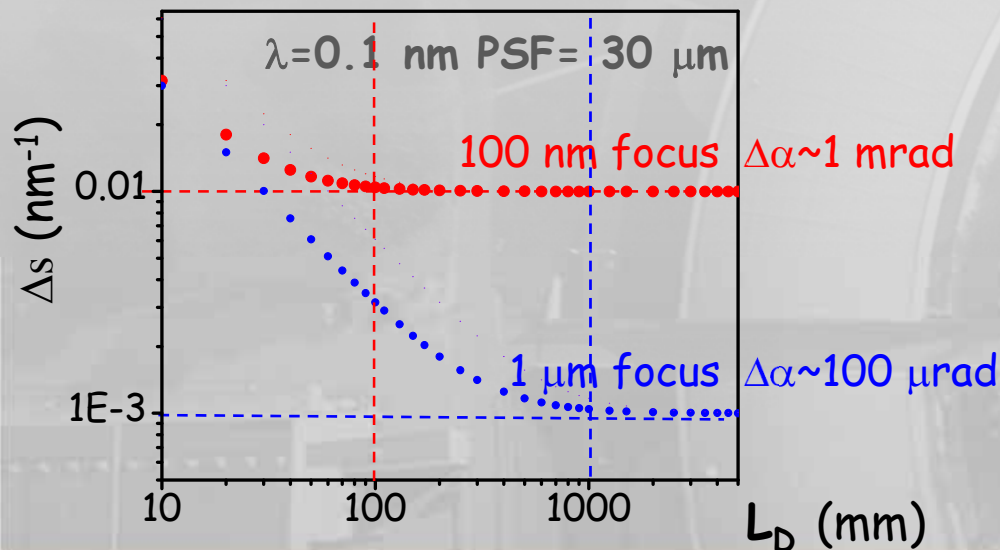
## INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

- single objects: cells, fibrils...
- local heterogeneity

# ERL microSAXS/WAXS pinhole camera



Order resolution -  $\Delta s$

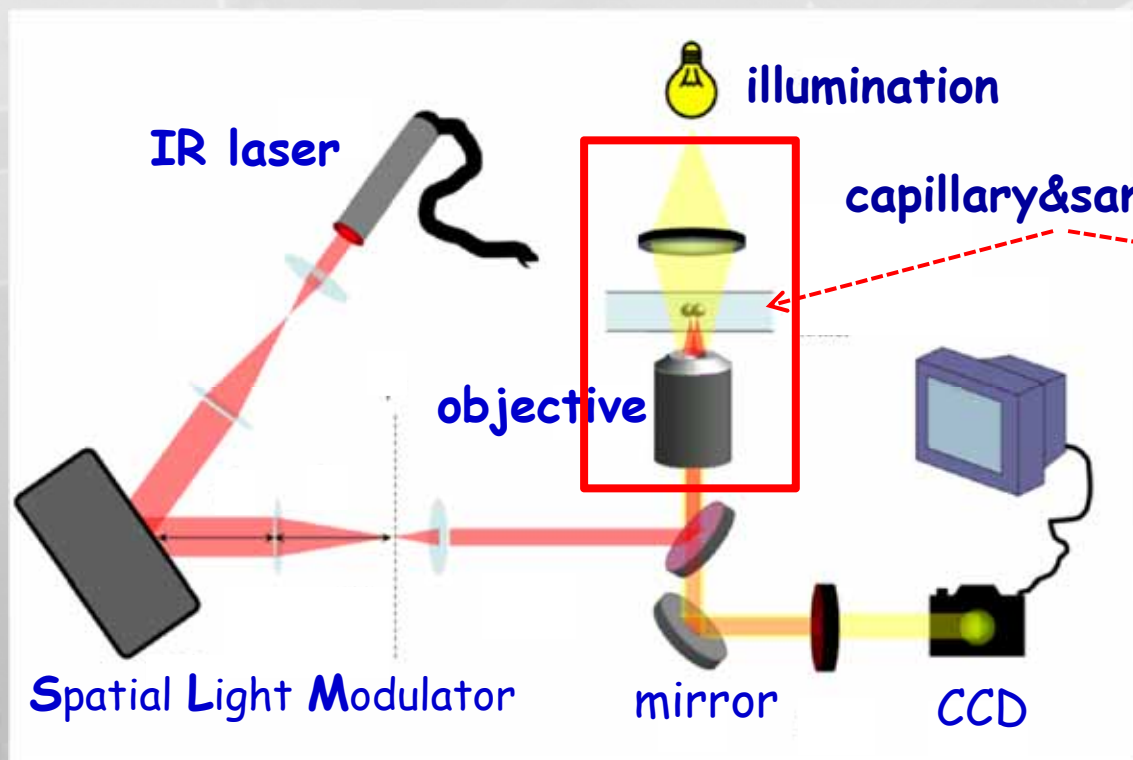


source & optics      detector

$$\Delta s = \sqrt{(\Delta\alpha / \lambda)^2 + (\Delta\alpha_d / \lambda)^2}$$

$$\Delta\alpha_d = \sqrt{(b^2 + \text{PSF}^2) / L_D^2}$$

# Optical tweezers: $10^{-10}$ - $10^{-13}$ N forces



Ashkin, *PRL* (1970) **24**, 156

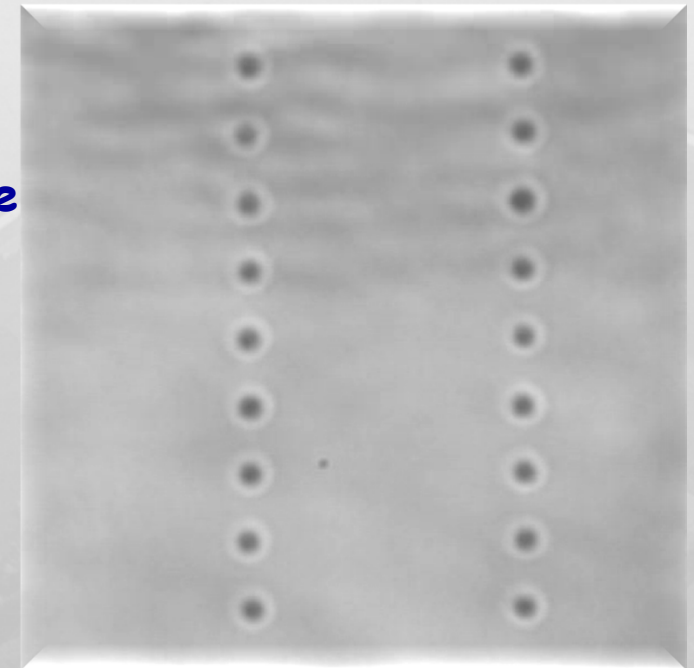
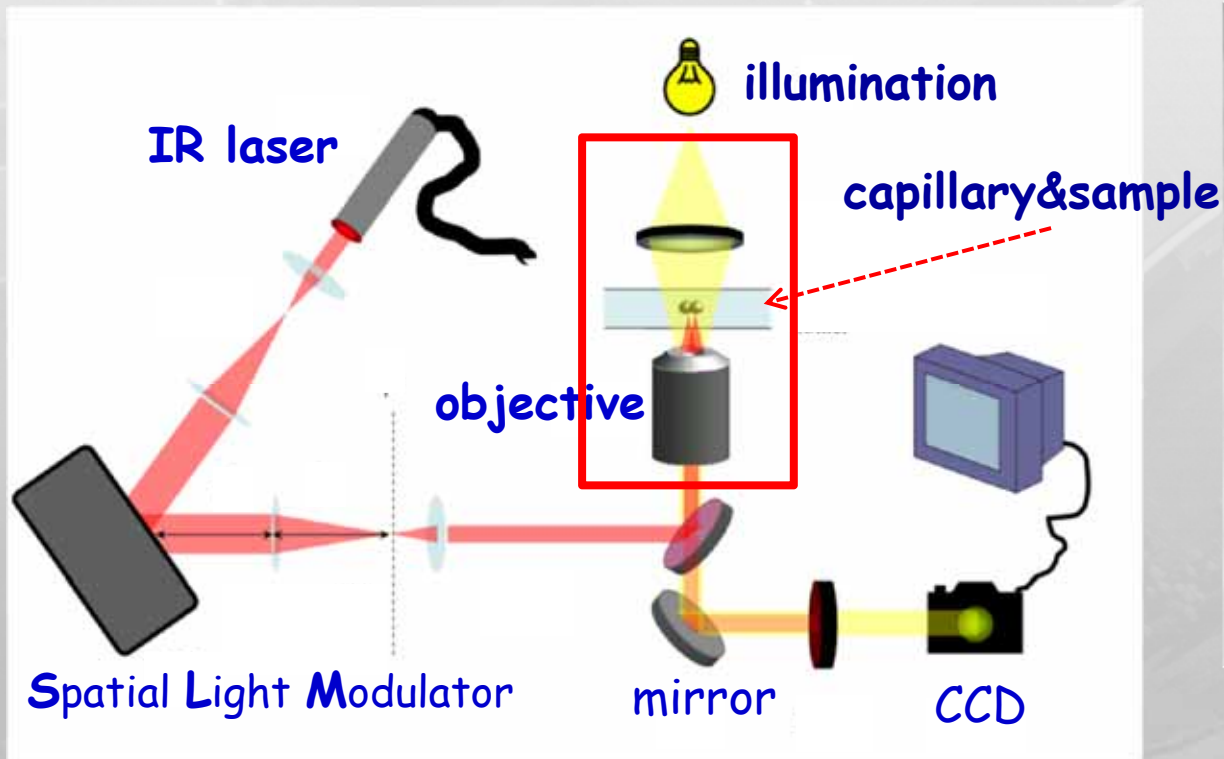
Ashkin et al., *Opt. Lett.* (1986) **11**, 288

**ESRF optical tweezers setup**

Santucci et al.,

*Anal. Chem.* (2011) **83**, 4863

# Optical tweezers: $10^{-10}$ - $10^{-13}$ N forces



SiO<sub>2</sub> microbeads

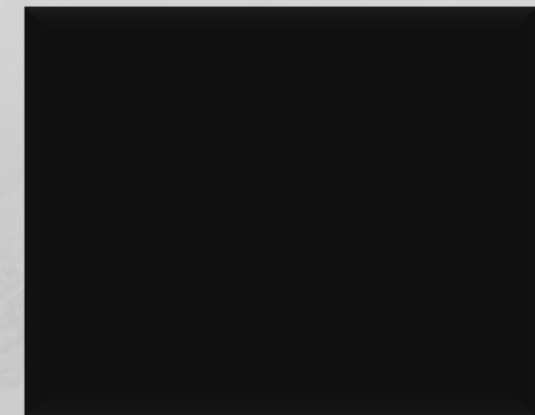
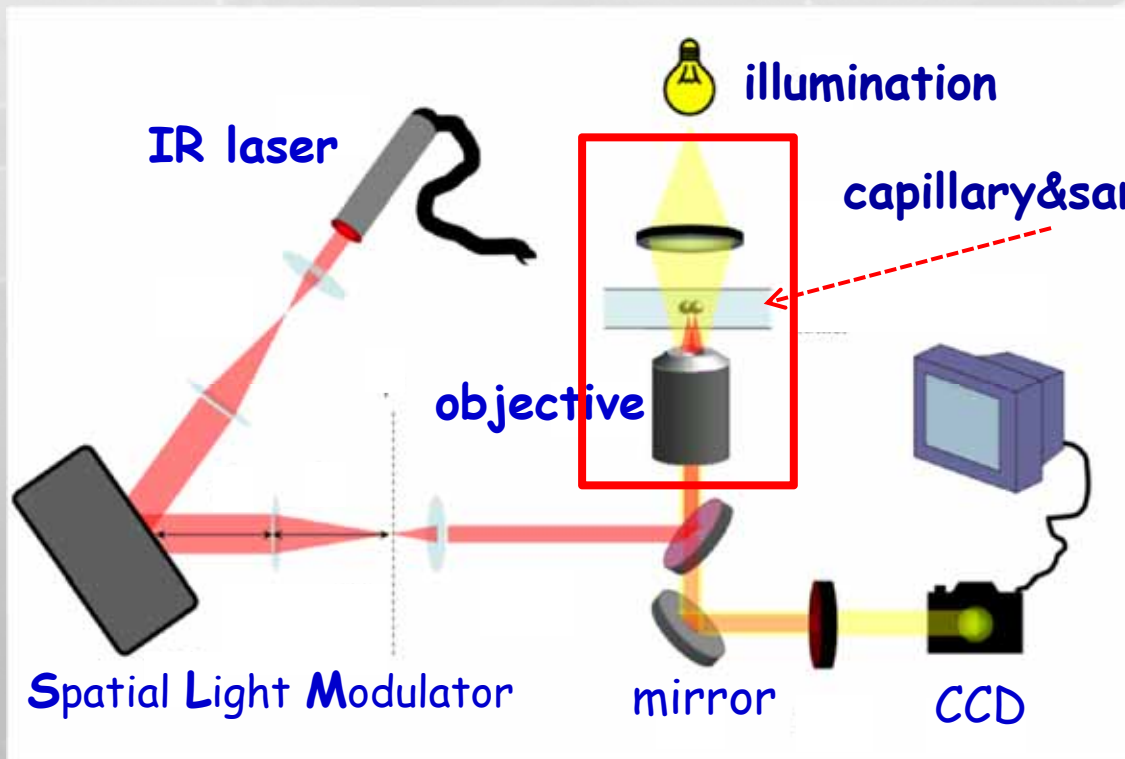
Padgett group

Univ. St. Andrews UK

Ashkin, *PRL* (1970) **24**, 156

Ashkin et al., *Opt. Lett.* (1986) **11**, 288

# Optical tweezers: $10^{-10}$ - $10^{-13}$ N forces



Room temperature  $\mu\text{PX}$   
radiation damage evolution?

Santucci et al.,  
*Anal. Chem.* (2011) **83**, 4863

Ashkin, *PRL* (1970) **24**, 156

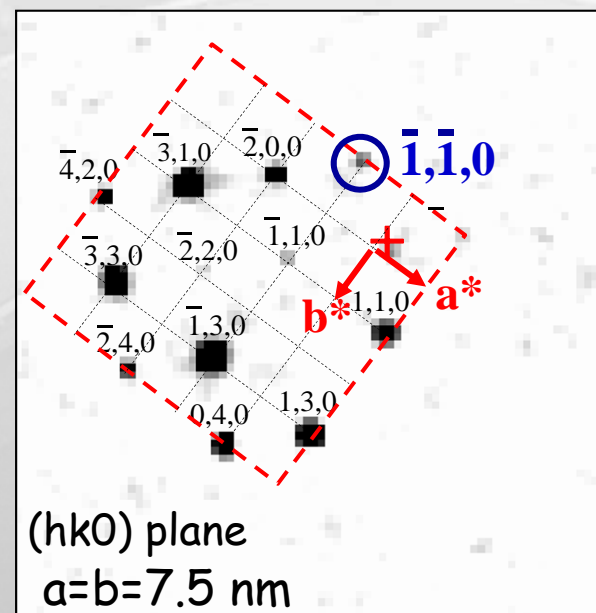
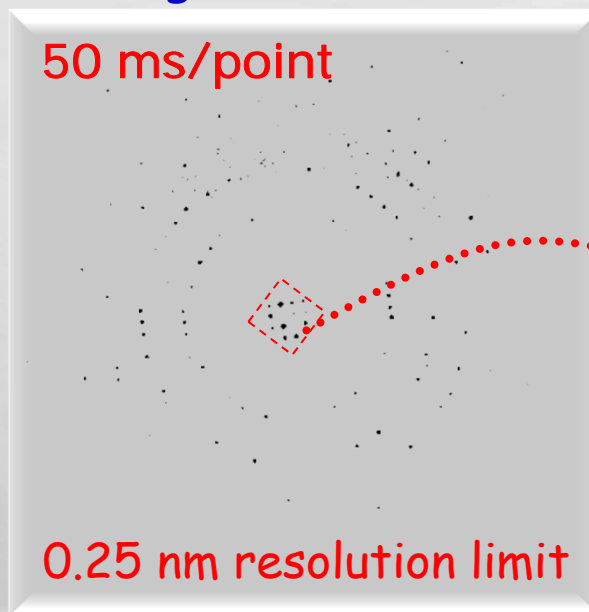
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# Optically trapped insulin crystal

Insulin crystal  
trapped in capillary

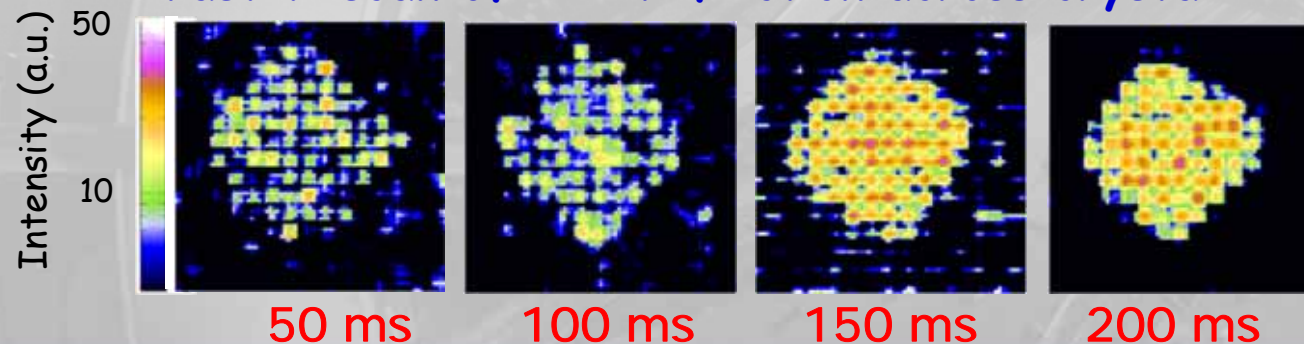


averaged raster-scan



Santucci et al.,  
*Anal. Chem.* (2011) **83**, 4863

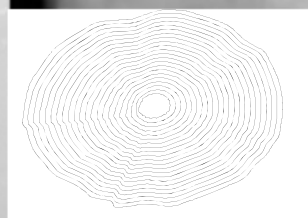
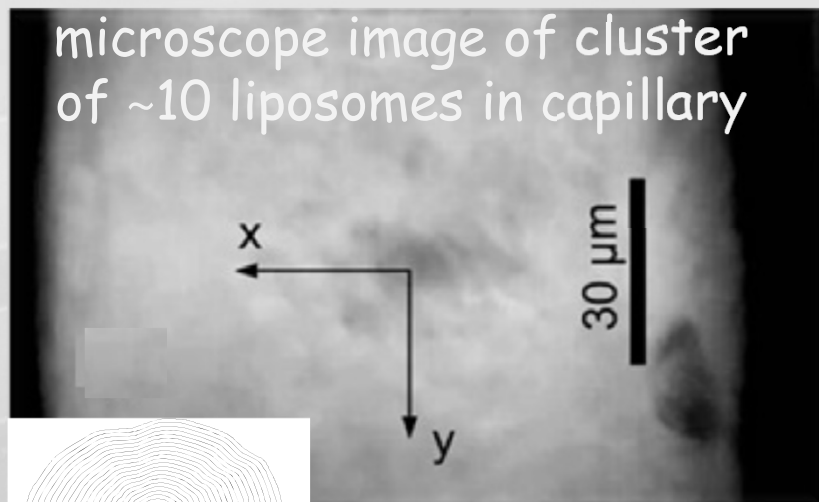
raster-scan of  $\bar{1}\bar{1}0$  reflection across crystal



# Optical tweezers challenges

- Protein microcrystals and serial crystallography
- Radiation damage studies
- Small soft and biological objects
- Aggregation, fusion, reaction...

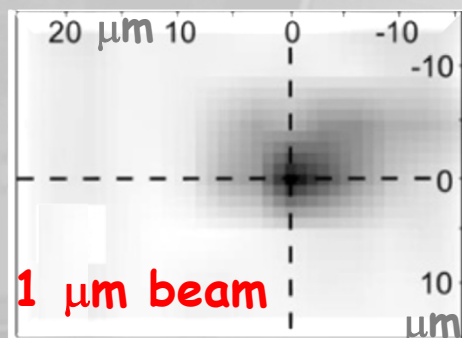
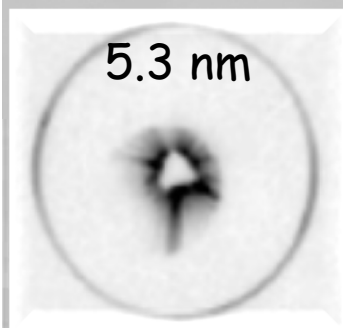
# Optically trapped liposomes



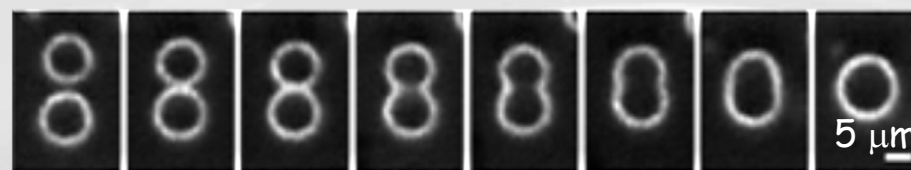
multiwalled liposome, phospholipid membranes

~1 μm

raster-diffraction image



Cojoc et al., *APL* (2007) **91**, 223107



0 (sec) 3.6 4.2 4.8 5.4 6.6 7.8 10.8

peptide induced liposome fusion

Nomura et al., *PNAS* (2004) **101**, 3420

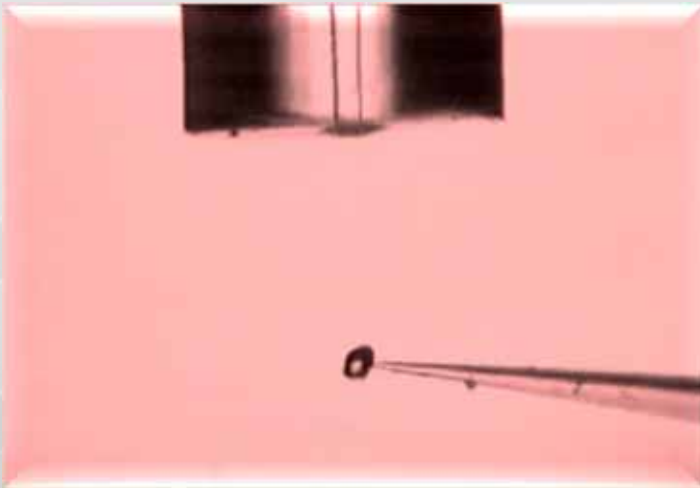


MD simulation (Stevens, Sandia Lab)

Challenge: probing of single liposome



# Inkjet systems generate wall-free reaction volumes



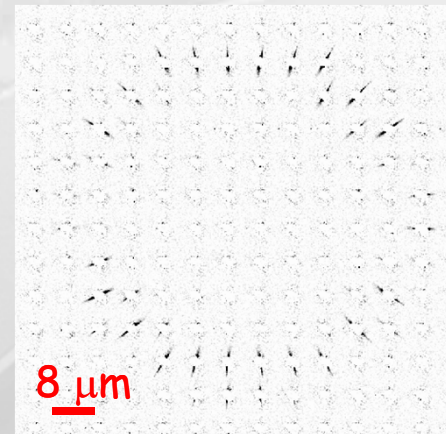
ballistic ( $\sim 2\text{m/s}$ ) water microdrops  
drop-on-demand inkjet system

**268 picoliters** -  $80\ \mu\text{m}\ \phi$

stroboscopic display

Graceffa et al., *APL* (2009) **94**, 62902

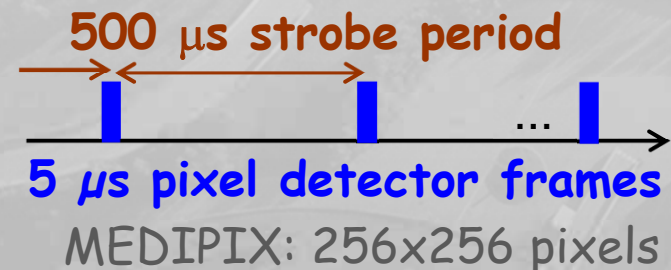
Rita Graceffa, *PhD thesis*, Grenoble (2010)



stroboscopic SAXS

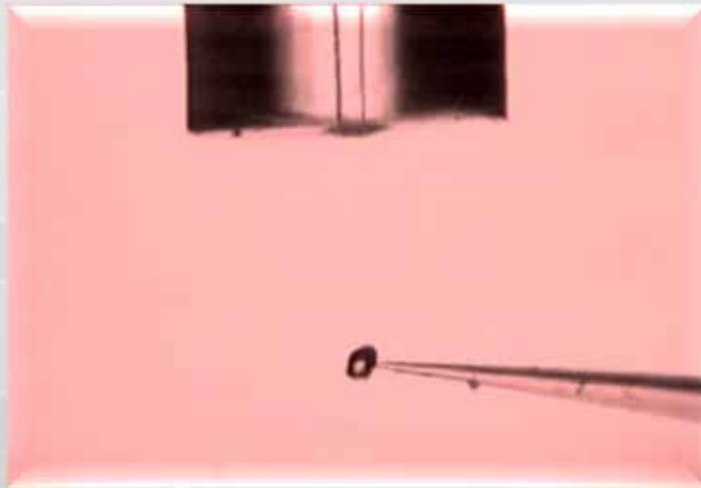
**1  $\mu\text{m}$  beam** -  $8\ \mu\text{m}$  raster

triggering sequence



**$10\ \text{s} \equiv 2 \cdot 10^4$  microdrops/point**

# Inkjet systems & BioSAXS



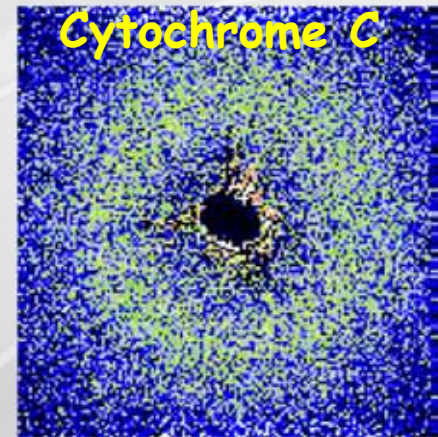
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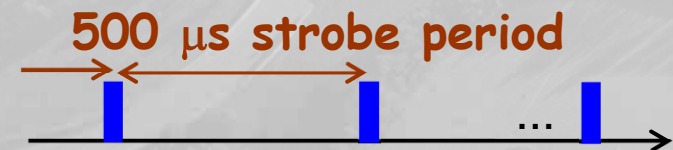
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stroboscopic BioSAXS

**1  $\mu\text{m}$  beam**-center drop

triggering sequence

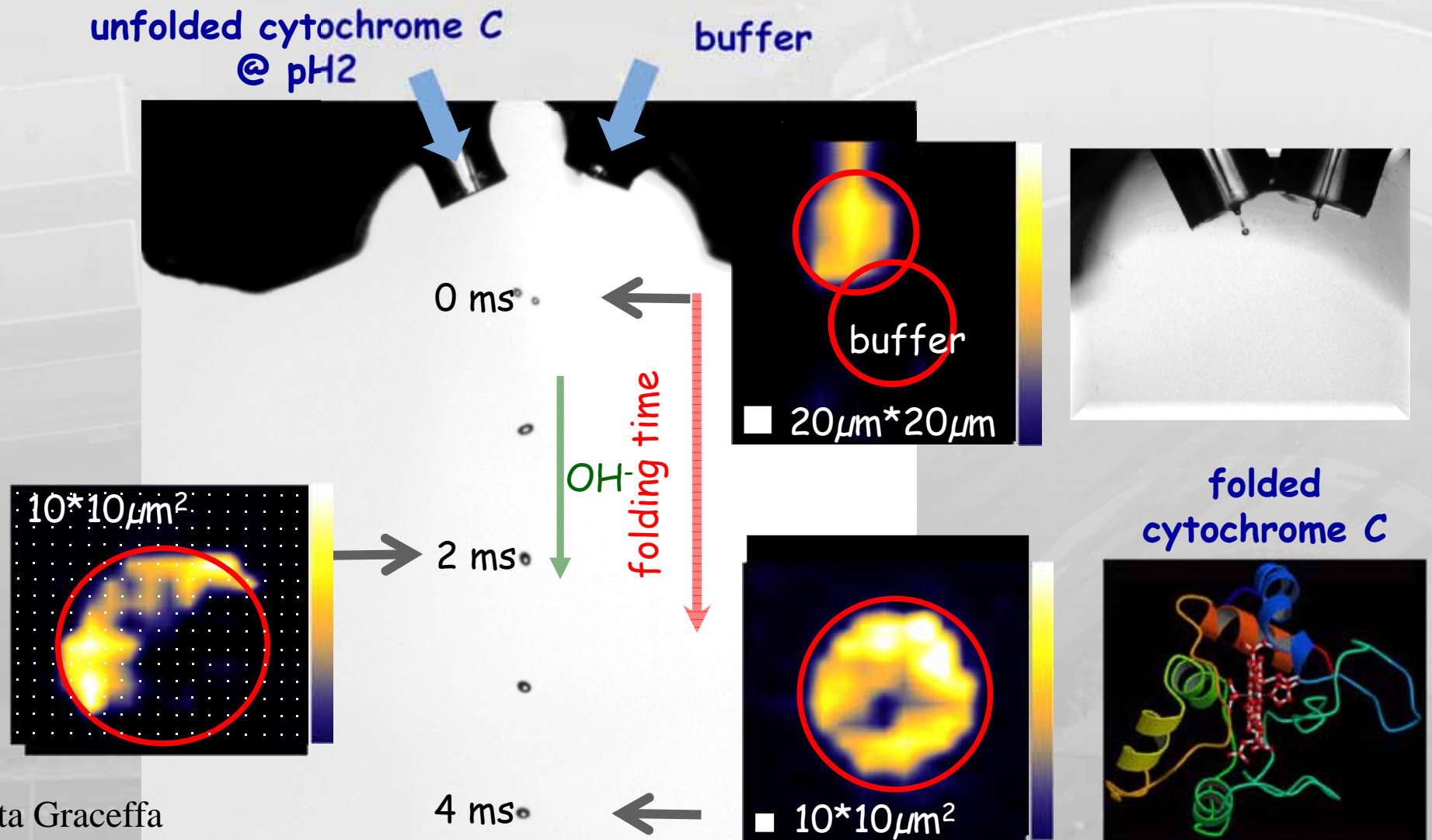


MEDIPIX:  $256 \times 256$  pixels



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# Inkjet systems & BioSAXS



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*PhD thesis, Grenoble (2010)*

# Inkjet challenges

## Microdrops

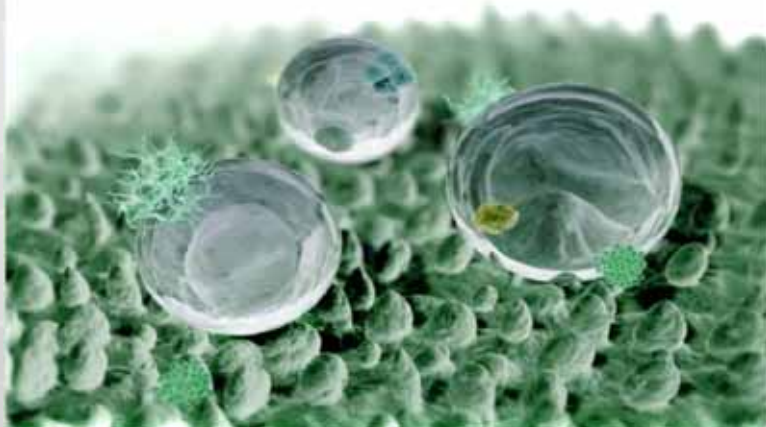
- **In flight** Fewer and smaller microdrops in stroboscopic sequence  
Single microdrop scattering at ERL?  
BioSAXS with  $<1$  nl overall solution consumption  
Microdrop coalescence: subms mixing time, no shearing
- **Deposition** **Protein chips**, microdrop spreading, 2D films,  
nanocrystals...



protein microarray by inkjet technology  
Laurell lab - Lund University

# Quasi contact-free superhydrophobic surfaces

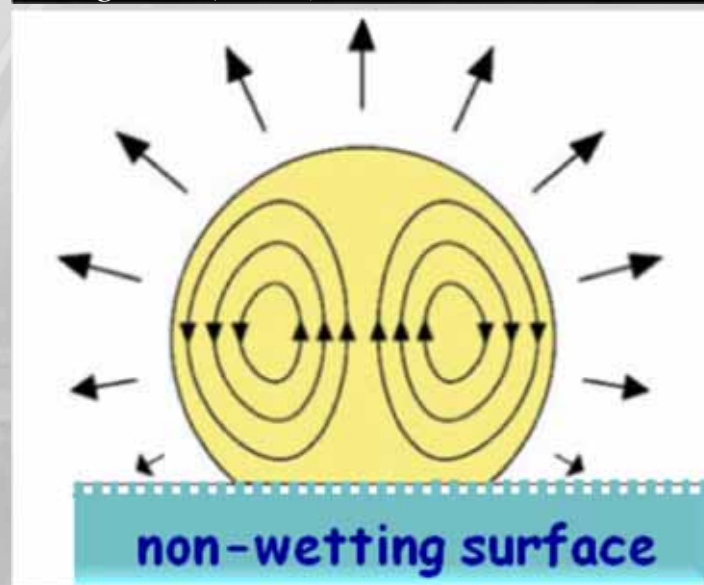
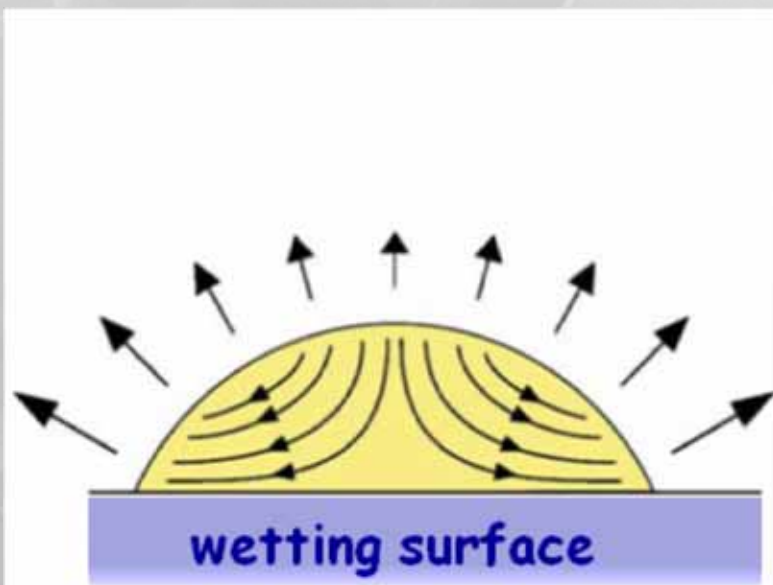
non-wetting plant leaf



artificial non-wetting surface  
(superhydrophobic)



Accardo et al.,  
*Langmuir* (2010) **26**, 15057

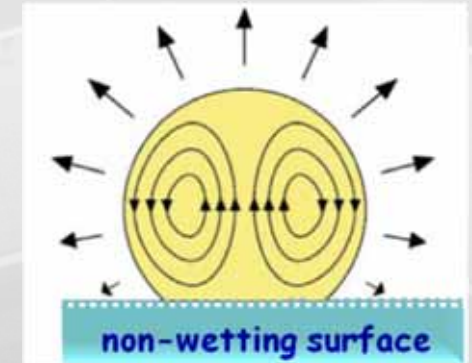
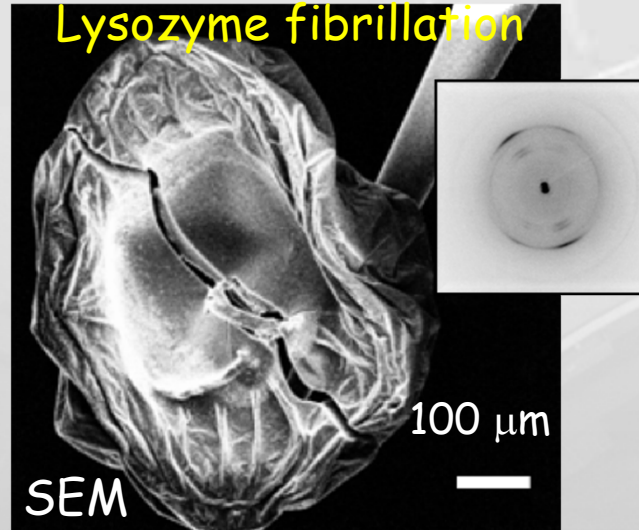


# Peptide and protein precipitation

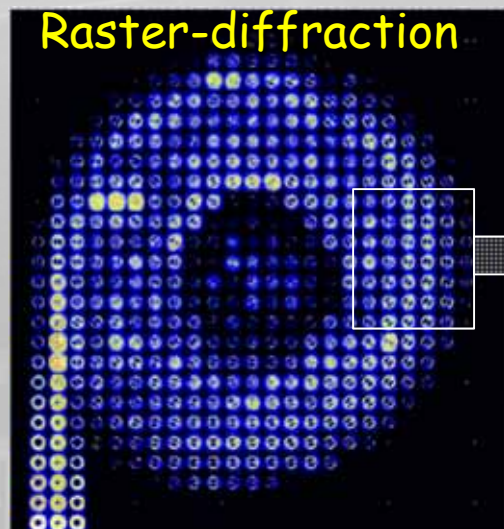
3-mer peptide residue



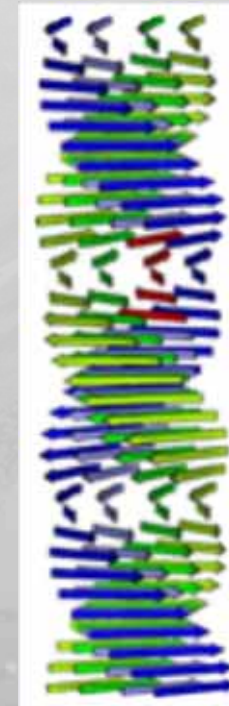
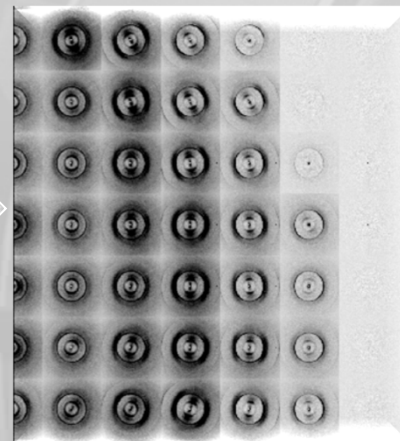
Lysozyme fibrillation



Raster-diffraction



Accardo et al., *Soft Matter*, ASAP, 13.6.2011



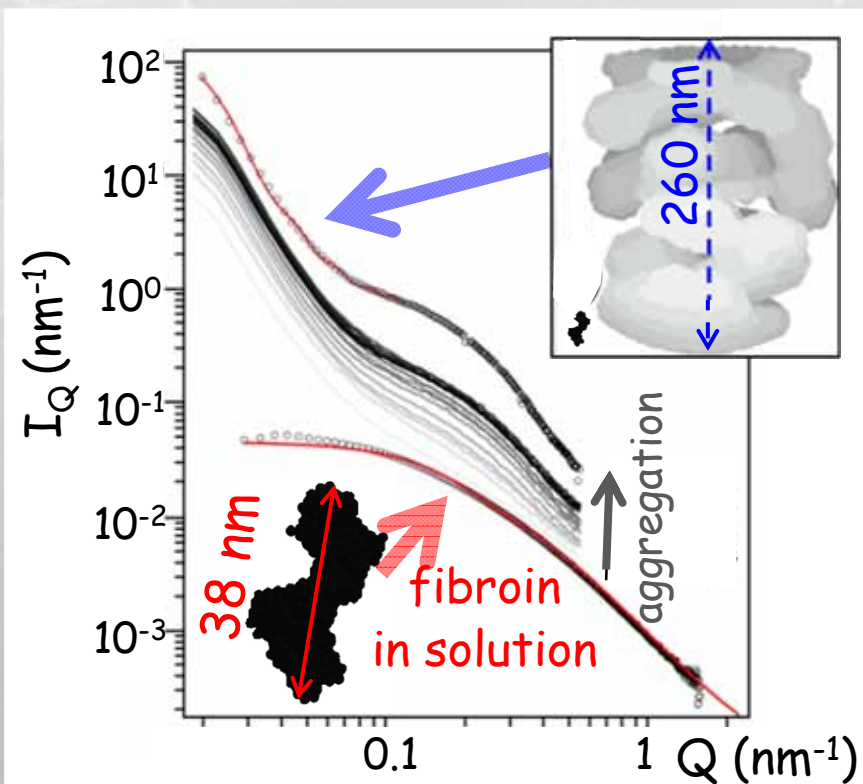
$\beta$ -sheet helix amyloid fibril

Hauser et al., *PNAS* (2011) **108**, 1361

Blake et al., *Structure* (1996) **4**, 989

# $\beta$ -sheet aggregation

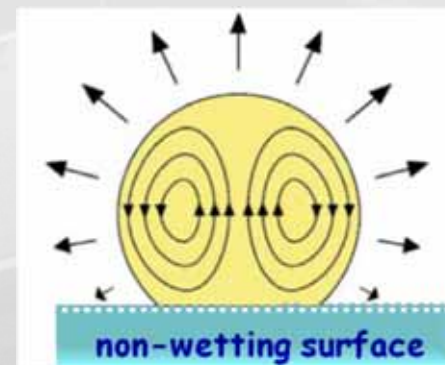
BioSAXS: silk fibroin aggregation



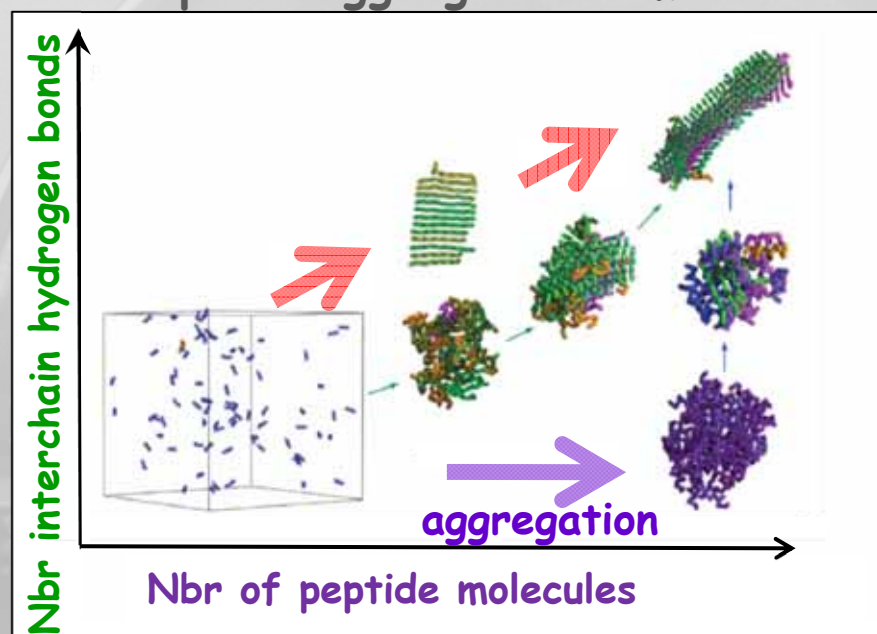
Microfluidic cell

ml-scale liquid consumption

Martel et al., *JACS* (2008), **130**, 17070



Peptide aggregation simulation



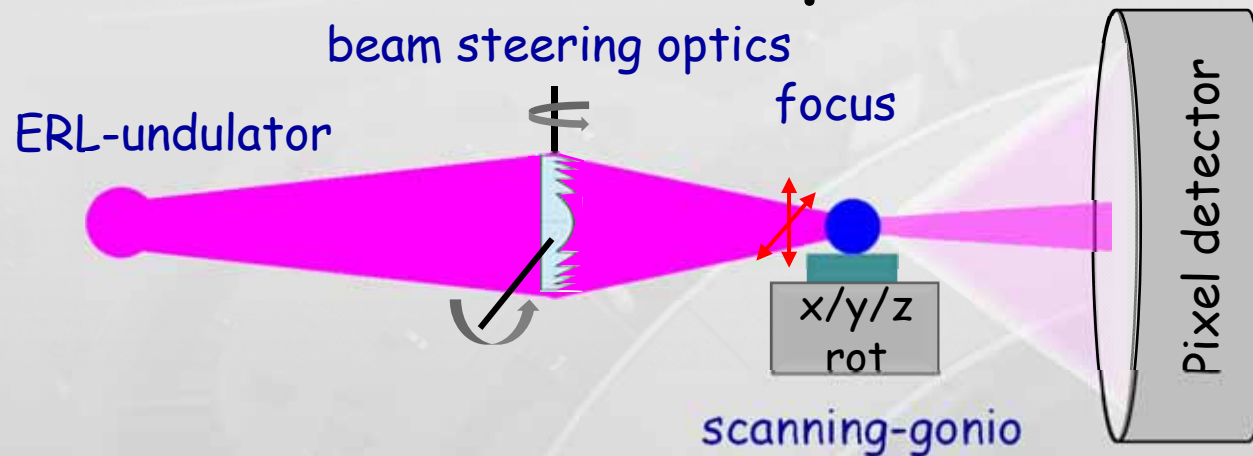
Auer et al., *HFSP Journal* (2007) **1**, 137

# Superhydrophobic surfaces challenges

- **BioSAXS** pL - nL drops,  $\mu\text{m}$  to sub $\mu\text{m}$  beams
- **Faster scans** continuous scan with subms patterns, kinetics
- **Coherent imaging** complementary approach, in situ processes...
- **Stability** **avoid sample movements during fast scans**



# Generic ERL micro/nanoprobe camera



Undulator source

5-25 keV range

Focusing optics

~50 nm to ~5  $\mu\text{m}$  focus; automated switching

Fresnel lens

**beam steering option for fast raster-scans**

Coherent beam

optimize BL for coherent imaging

Raster goniometer

continuous scan capability

Pixel detector

$\leq 50 \mu\text{m}$  pixels;  $< 10 \mu\text{s}$  readout/frame;  $\geq 2\text{K} \times 2\text{K}$  pixels

Other probes

optical microscopy, XRF, Raman...

Stability

temperature, noise-level, ventilation...

A large, faded aerial photograph of the ESRF facility, showing the circular synchrotron ring and various buildings, serving as a background for the central text.

Thank you