

RETROSPECTIVE

Building assets**December 2001.**

The land is subject to preventive archaeological excavations (Inrap) before a building permit application is made.

**March 2003.**

A board shows what's being built beyond the fence...

**November 2004.**

Setting up the first elements of the LINAC. This is operational for the first time in July 2005, followed by the booster in October 2005.

**March 2004.**

The walls of the LINAC and the booster.

**July 2004.**

Framework of the roof of the synchrotron building under construction.

**May 2006.**

View down into the DIFFABS optical hutch. In September 2006, DIFFABS is the first SOLEIL beamline to produce photons.

**March 2006,**

the DESIRS optical hutch in the experimental hall, still almost empty.

**March 2006.**

The ring is ready. The first electrons will circulate in May 2006.

10 years



June 2003.

After terracing of the land, the foundations of LINAC, the booster and the ring can be seen.



December 2003.

The ends of some of the 600 piles are visible that support the concrete slab on which SOLEIL's accelerators are built.



October 2005.

The tunnel of the storage ring gradually fills up.



March 2006.



September 2012.

Synchrotron building extension for Nanoscopium and ANATOMIX.



July 2012.

The building extension to house the Nanoscopium and ANATOMIX beamlines is visible at the top right of the photograph.