

Status of the tomography beamline **anatomix** at Synchrotron SOLEIL



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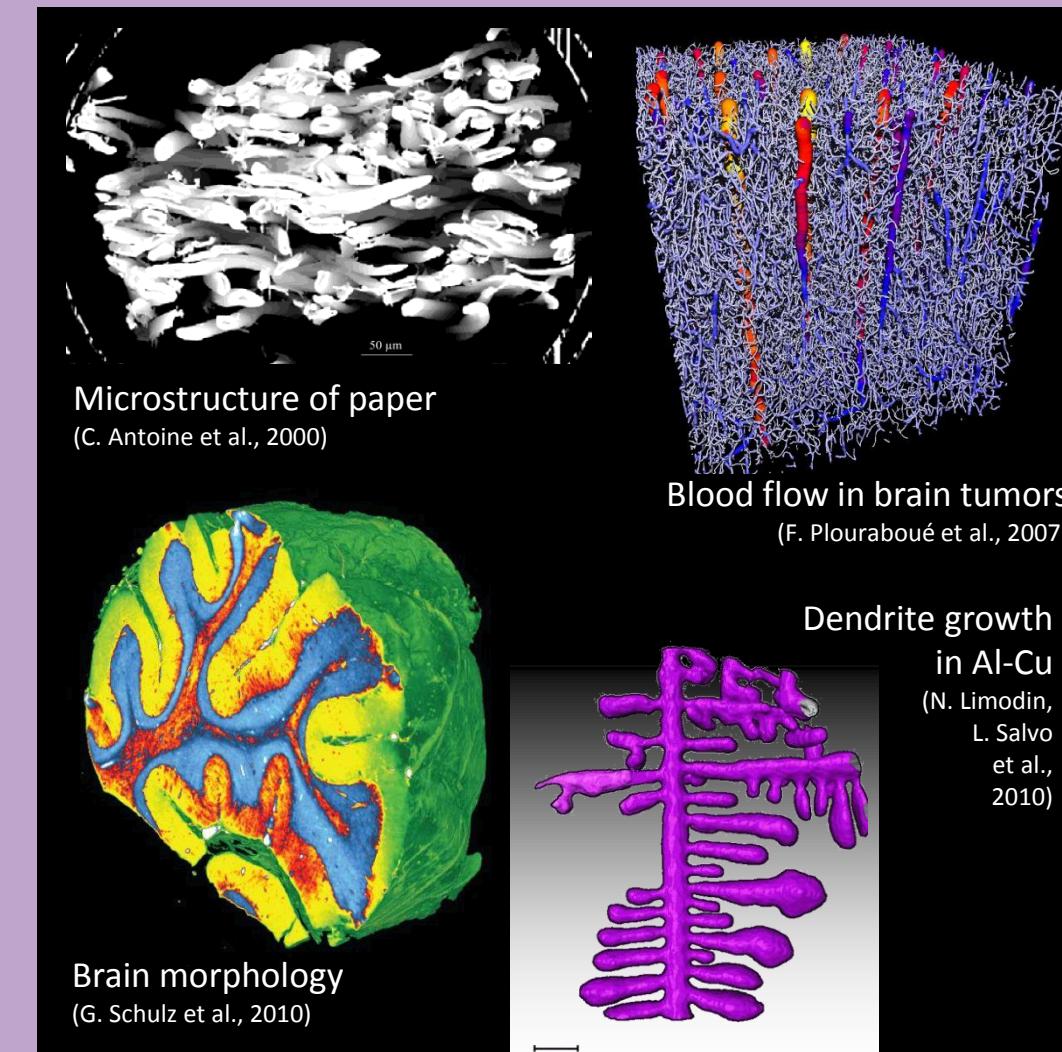
Synchrotron SOLEIL is currently building a long undulator beamline dedicated to hard X-ray full field imaging. With an accessible range of photon energies from 5 to 25 keV, a beam size up to 4 cm width, and two experimental stations covering length scales down to a resolution of 30 nm (pixel size), this beamline will give access to absorption and phase-contrast tomography of biological soft tissue up to several cm thickness, and to X-ray microscopy of biological samples and natural or advanced engineering materials.

Key facts and parameters

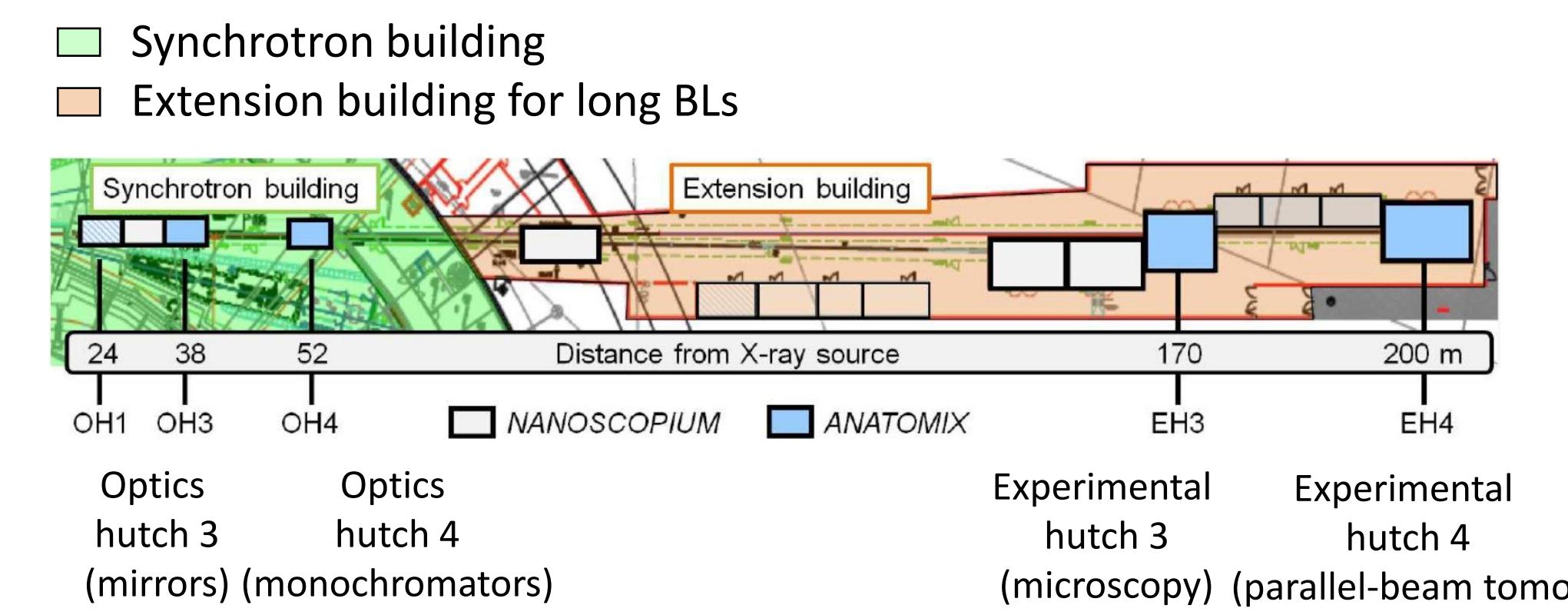
- Hard X-ray full-field imaging methods
- Undulator beamline on canted section (neighbor BL NANOSCOPIUM)
- Energy range: 5 – 25 keV; white beam, multilayer, crystal mono
- Absorption contrast and phase contrast
 - Very high sensitivity
- Spatial resolution:
 - Down to 1 μm (pixel size 200 nm) for parallel beam;
 - Down to 100 nm (px size 30 nm) for microscopy methods.
- Maximum usable beam size (field of view):
 - 4 cm (width) × 1 cm (height)
- Two experimental hutches
 - EH 1 (170 m): Hard X-ray microscopy
 - EH 2 (200 m): Parallel-beam X-ray tomography
- Funding through French State (EQUIPEX program NANOIMAGESX)
- Beamline scheduled to be operational in 2018.

Things to see in tomography

- Microstructure in 2D, 3D
- Hidden structures
- Pore networks (foams...)
- Fiber networks
- Subtle density differences
- Fluid mechanics in such media (e.g., blood flow)
- Growth processes
- Failure processes (cracks...)
- Specimens not accessible to sectioning



anatomix floor plan



More details can be found in:

T. Weitkamp et al. "The tomography beamline ANATOMIX at Synchrotron SOLEIL", Journal of Physics Conferences Series, 849: art.n° 012037. (2017). doi:10.1088/1742-6596/849/1/012037

Source

Optics Hutch 1

- Undulator U18
- Diaphragm
- V slit (0.1 – 0.3 mm)
- Primary slits

Optics Hutch 3

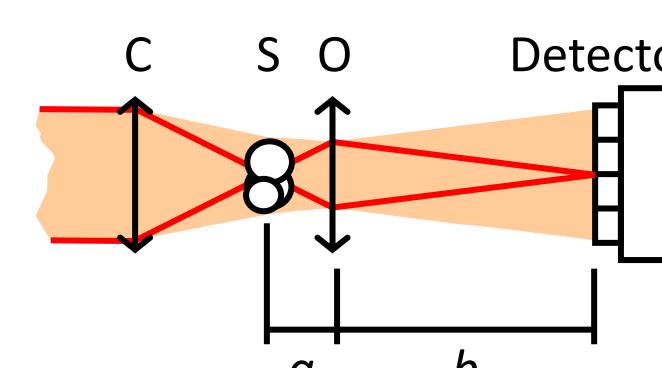
- Double mirror (removable)
- M1 bendable
- Compound refractive lenses ("transfocator")
- Horizontal source slit

Optics Hutch 4

- Secondary slits
- Double-multilayer monochromator (DMM), $d = 2.5$ nm
- Double-crystal monochromator (DCM), Si(111)

Experiments Hutch 3

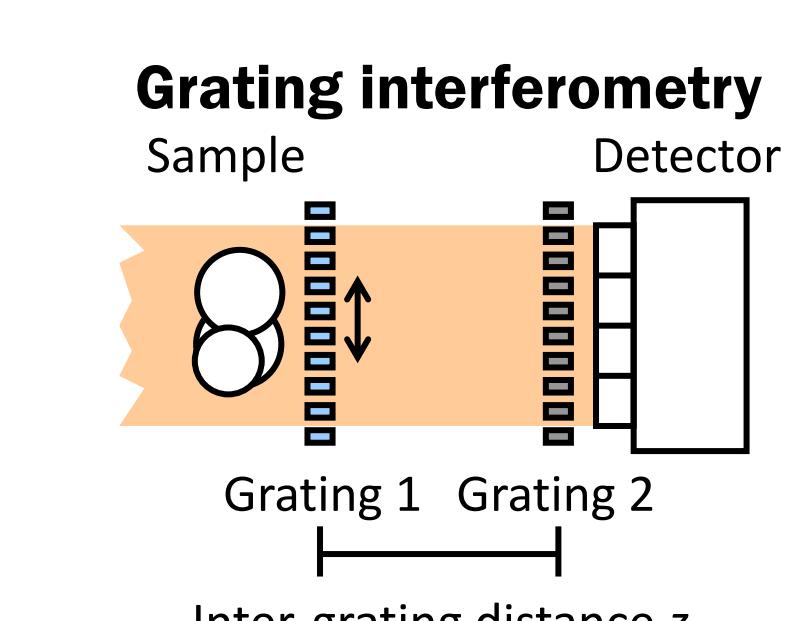
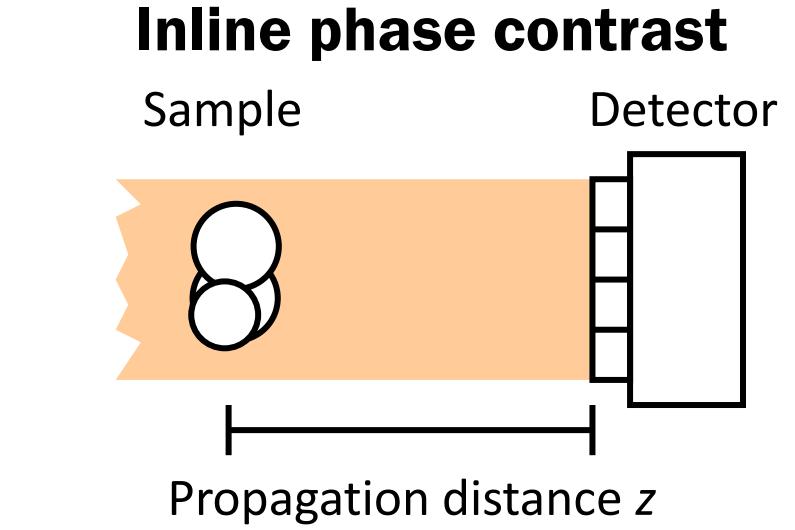
- Transmission X-ray microscopy
- Zernike phase contrast



- C: Condenser (zone plate or capillary)
- O: Objective zone plate
- S: Sample
- Magnification $M = b/a$

Experiments Hutch 4

- Parallel-beam microtomography
- Inline phase contrast



OH1

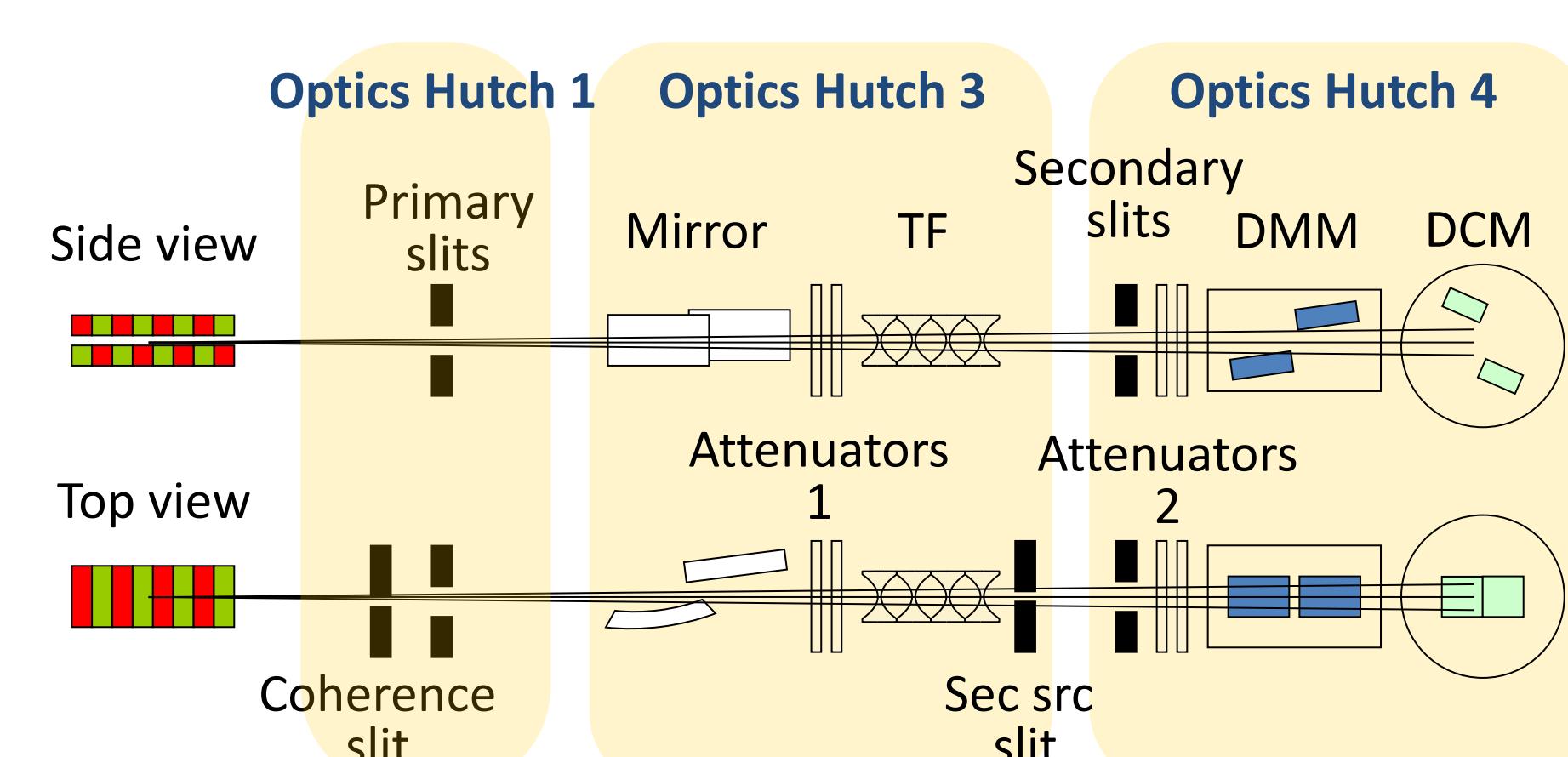
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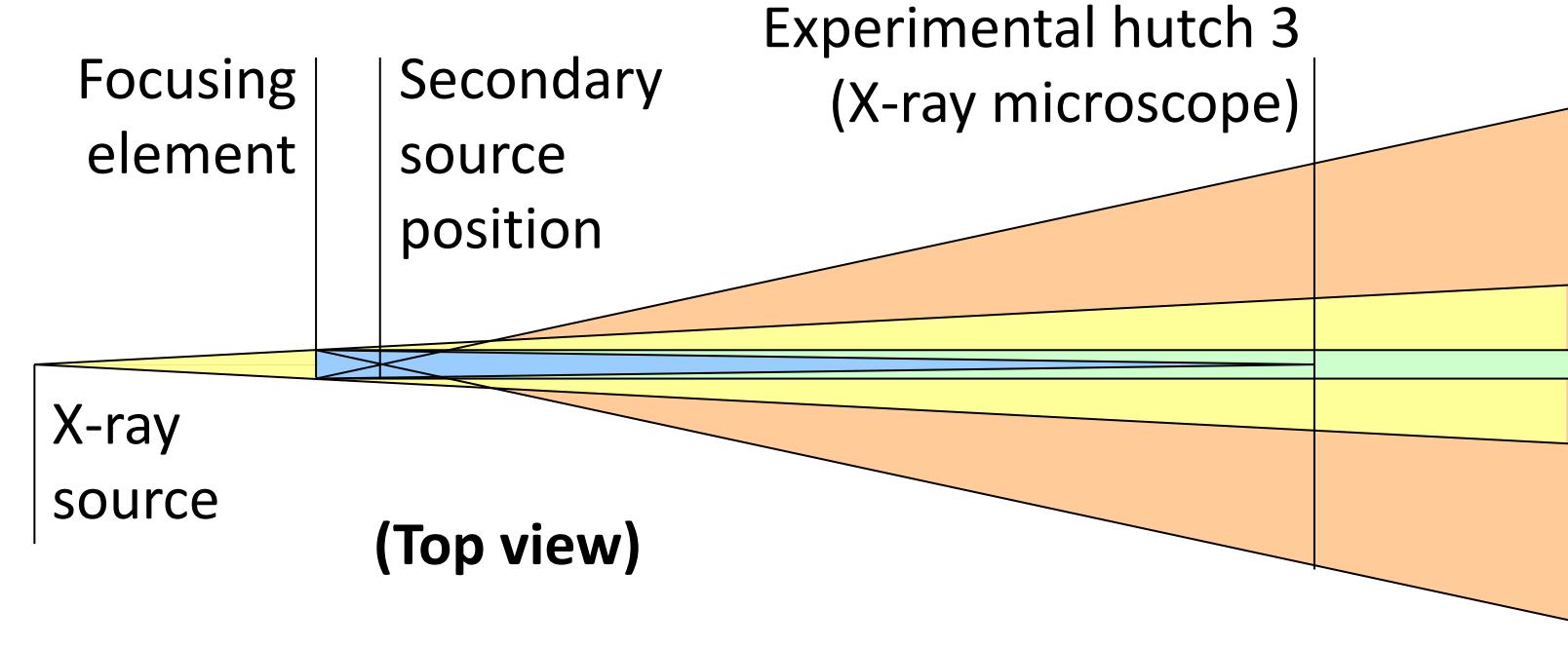
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Key optical elements

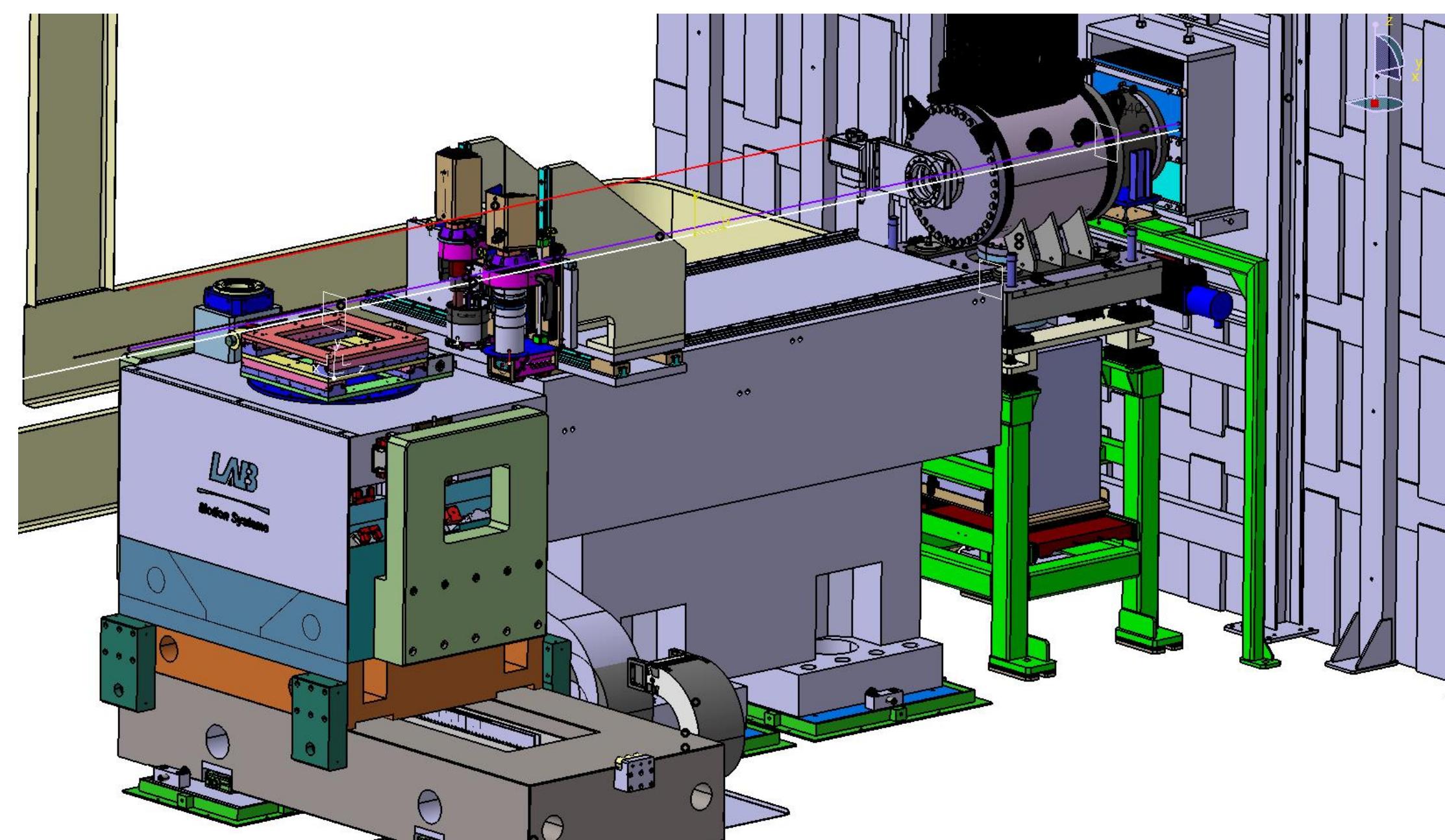


Beam steering modes

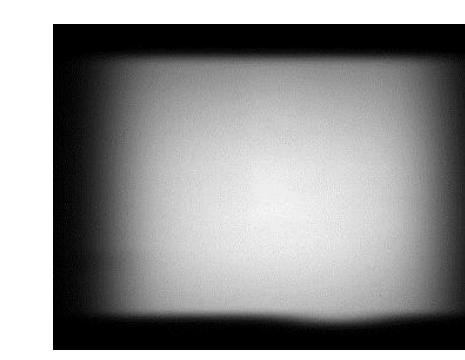


- Direct beam (i.e., unfocused, uncollimated)
- Wide beam: mirror creates secondary source (17-25 keV)
- Transfocator concentrates beam on microscope (5-18 keV)
- Transfocator collimates beam for tomo in EH2 (11-25 keV)

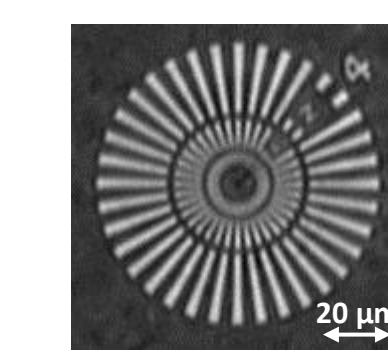
Equipment in the experimental hutches



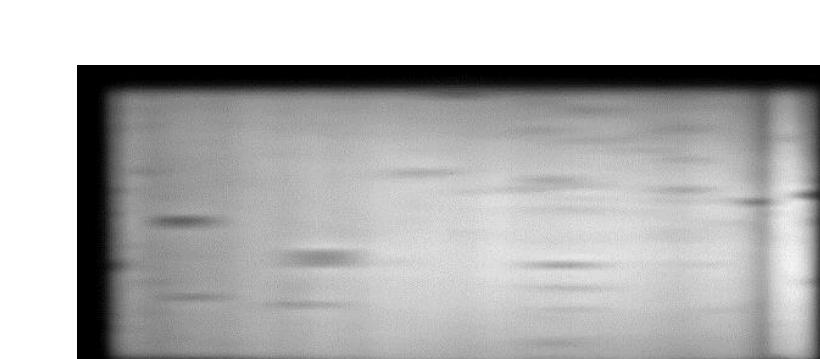
First beam in EH3



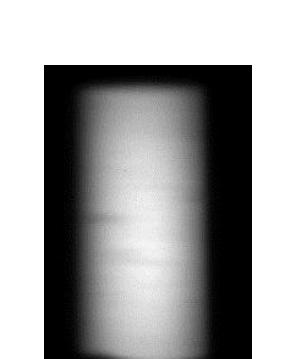
White beam
2 cm x 1.4 cm



Resolution test
(pixel size 0.65 μm)



Mirror white beam
4 cm x 1.4 cm



Mirror white beam
0.7 cm x 1.4 cm

Current status

- Optics Hutch 1:**
 - operational
- Optics Hutch 3:**
 - Mirror operational
 - Transfocator delivery 2018
- Optics Hutch 4:**
 - Monochromators delivery end 2017
- Experiments:**
 - Micro-tomograph delivery end 2017
 - TXM operational 2018
- Expected to be operational in 2018**