



# Neutron imaging @ESS, principles and applications.

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# Agenda



1. Why neutrons?
2. Applications of neutron imaging
3. What is ESS (in brief)
4. ODIN @ESS
5. Advanced Neutron Imaging (just a taste)

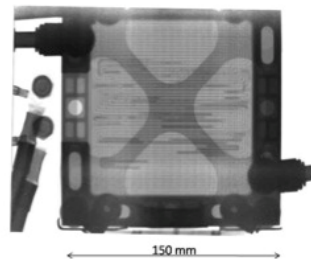


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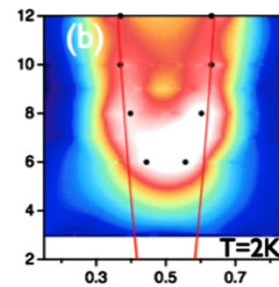
Neutrons have special properties ...

Charge neutral  
**Deeply penetrating**



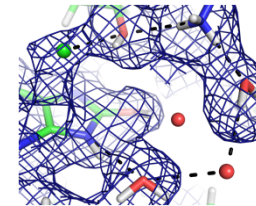
Hydrogen and water  
distribution in fuel cells

Magnetic moment (spin)  
**Probe of magnetism**



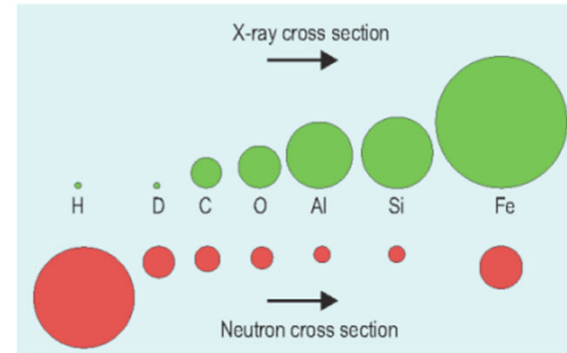
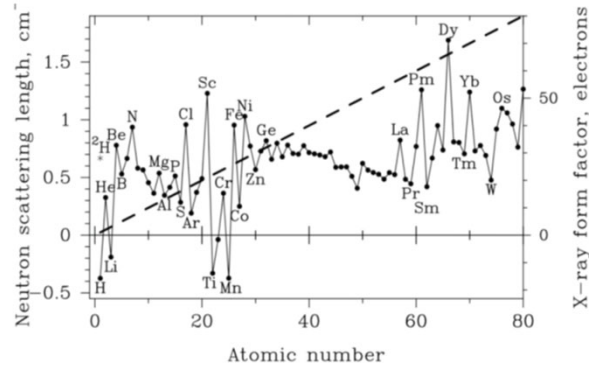
Understanding  
superconductors

Nuclear scattering  
**Sensitive to light  
elements and isotopes**



Understanding drug  
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action

# X-Rays and Neutrons



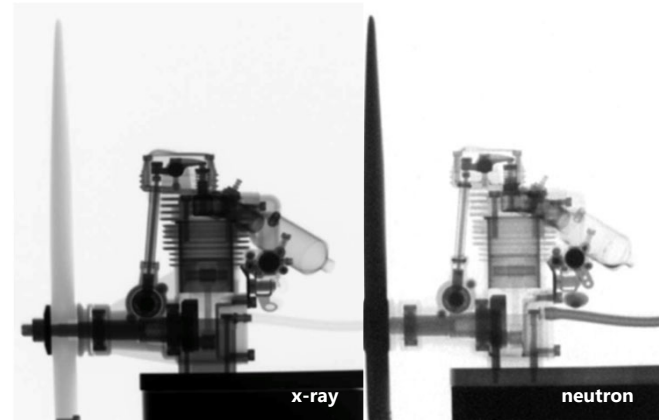
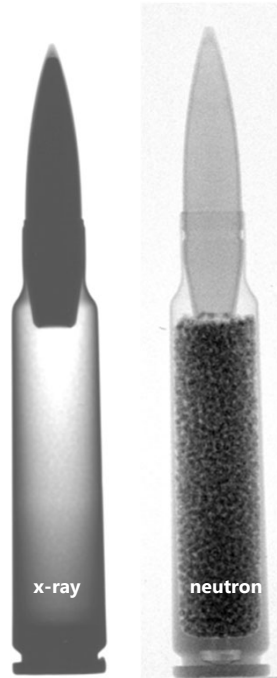
	X-Ray	Neutron
Mass	None	$1.674928 \times 10^{-27}$ kg (1839 electrons)
Speed	Fixed	Energy dependent
Spin	1	1/2
Magnetic Moment	None	$-1.9130427 \mu_n$
Energy	10 eV – 100 keV	0.1 meV – 0.5 eV
Wavelength	0.01 nm to 100 nm	0.01 nm to 3 nm
Source brightness	$10^6 - 10^{20}$ (photons/mm <sup>2</sup> /s/mrad/0.1% bandwidth)	$10^{10} - 10^{14}$ (neutrons/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/sr/Å)
Type of radiation	Ionizing	Non (directly) ionizing
Source	“point-like”	Macroscopic

# X-Rays and Neutrons

Different views of the same thing



Courtesy of the NIAG group, PSI, Switzerland.



Due to the different interaction and cross sections, neutrons and x-rays provide complementary information

# X-Rays and Neutrons



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ANTARES beamline at  
TUM

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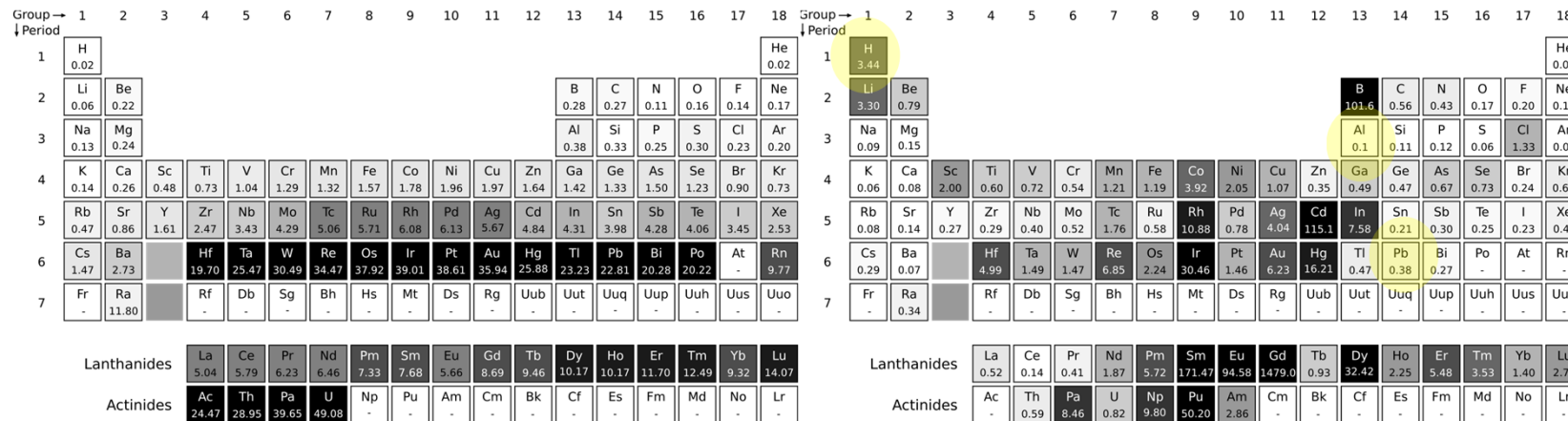
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Already this creates a clear domain for neutron imaging!

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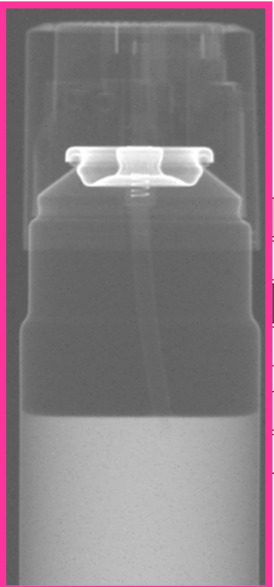
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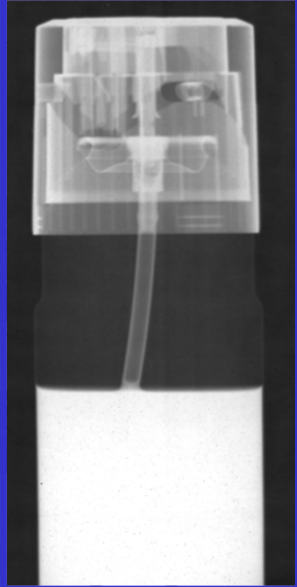
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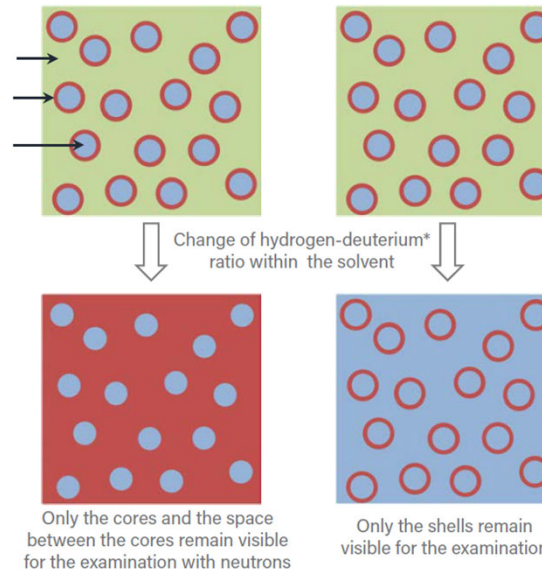
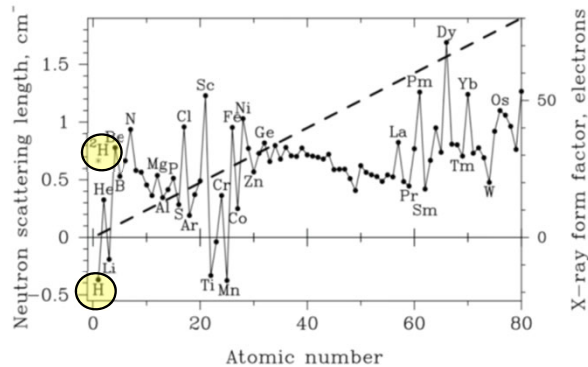
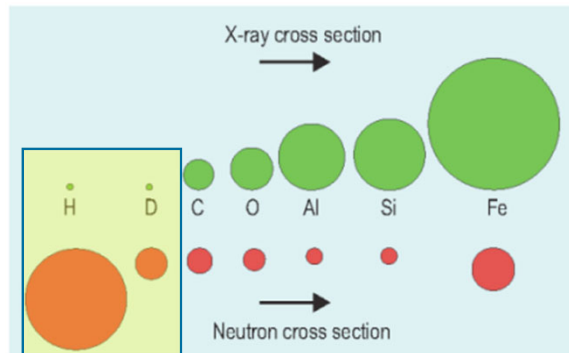






Already creates a clear neutron image

# Contrast Variation



The most valuable contrast variation mechanism makes use of H vs D contrast – primarily  $H_2O$  vs  $D_2O$  and mixtures.

Selective deuteration in combination with neutrons lets us investigate selected parts of complex assemblies.

Combining X-Ray and Neutron measurements provides more information

I. Grillo, ILL

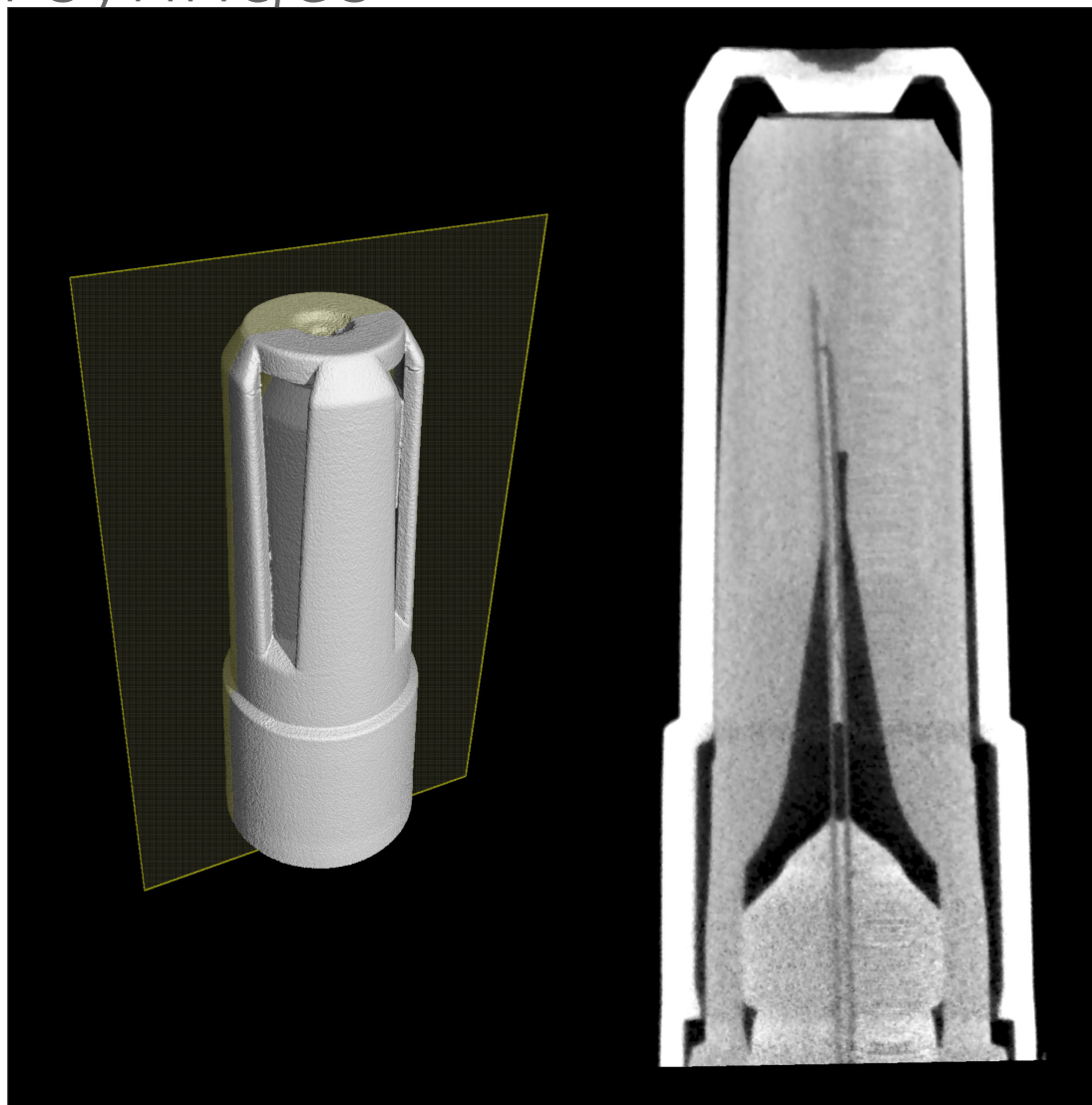


# Applications of Neutron Imaging

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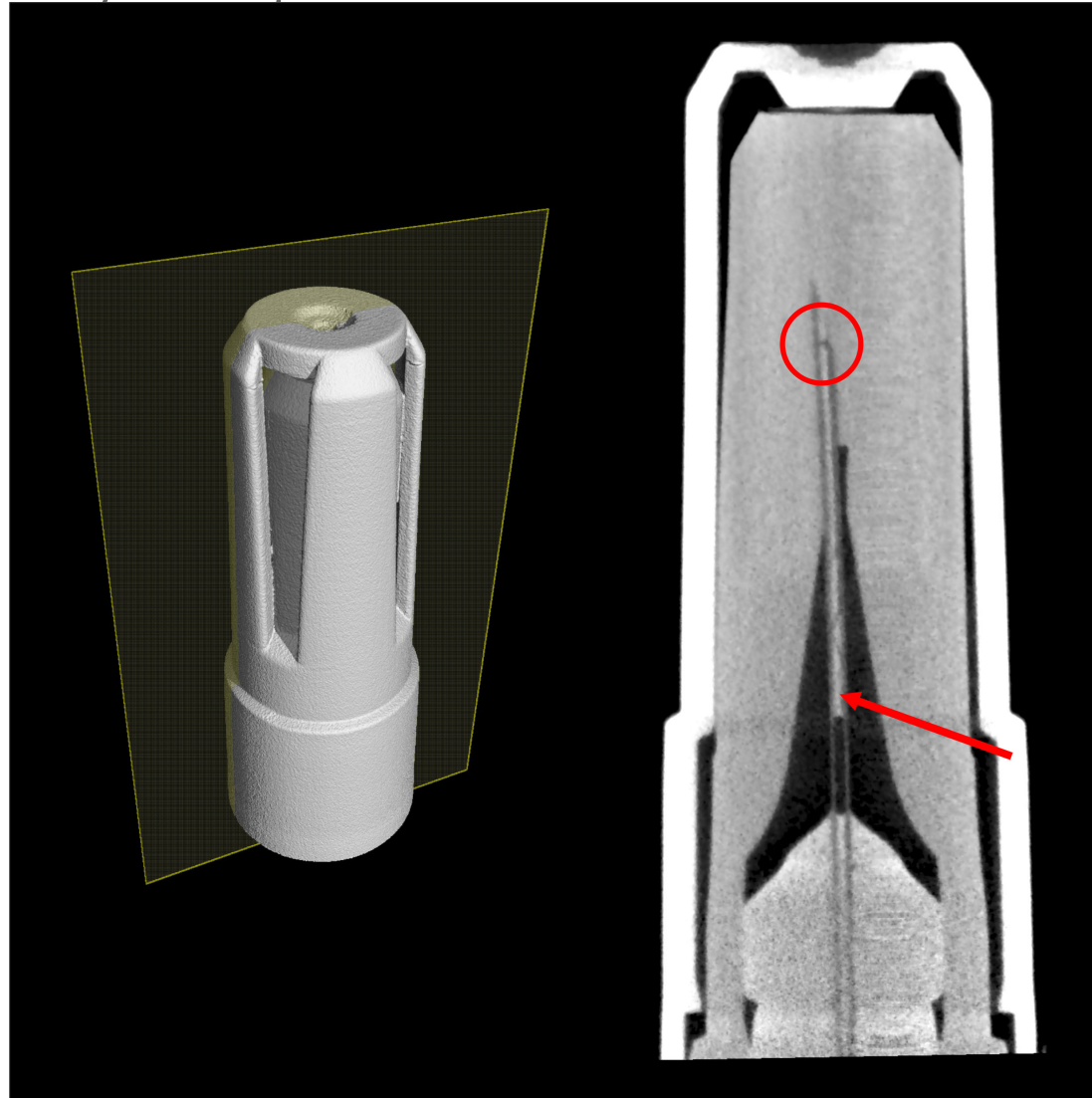


# Drugs in syringes

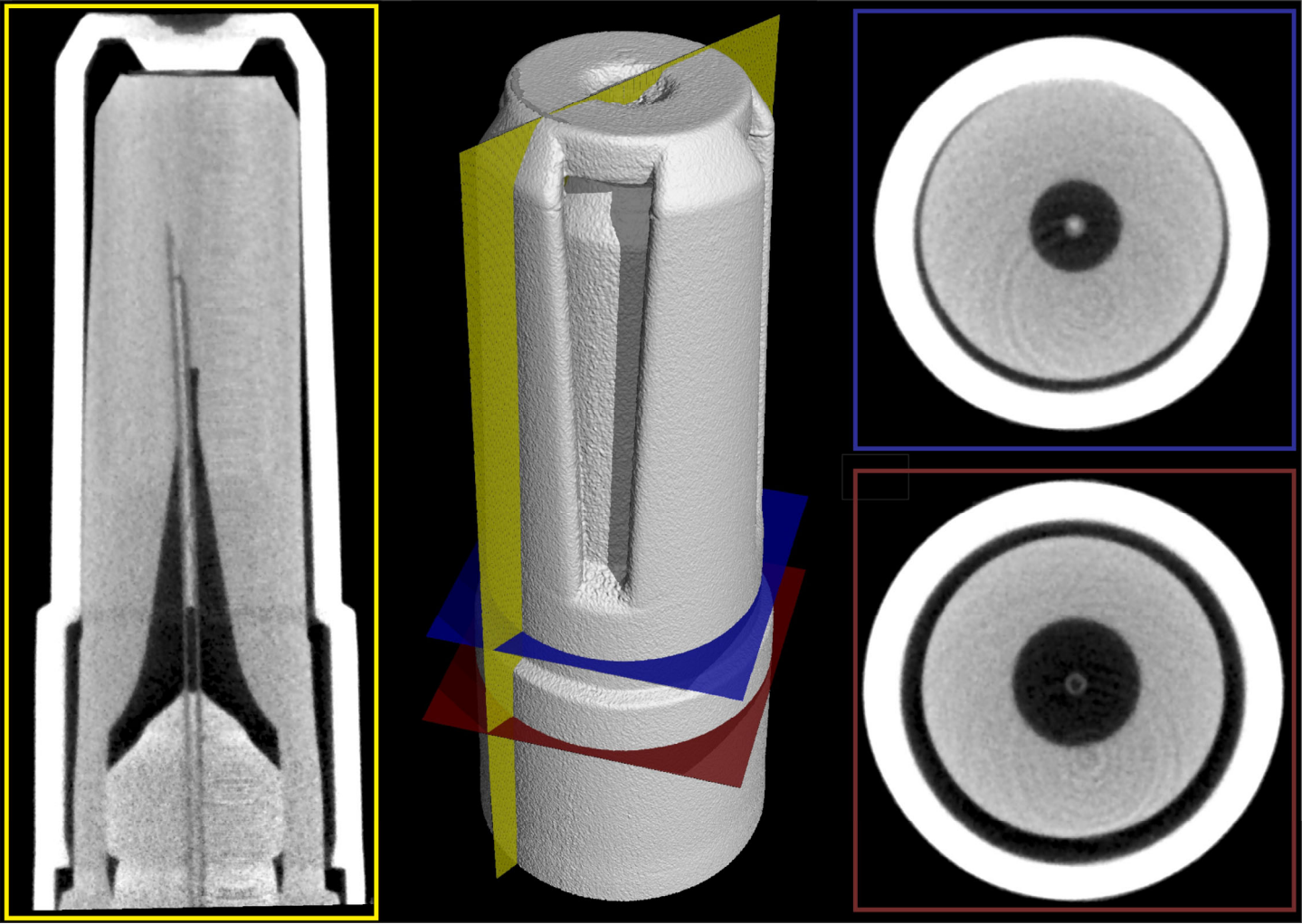




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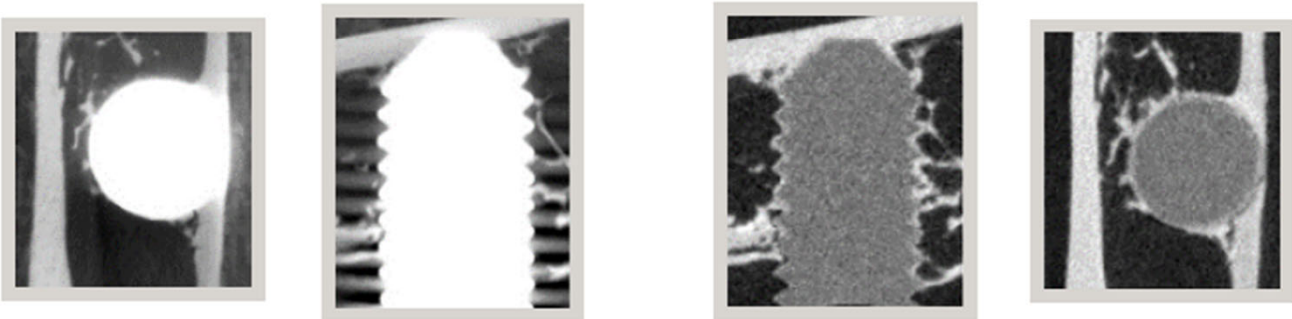
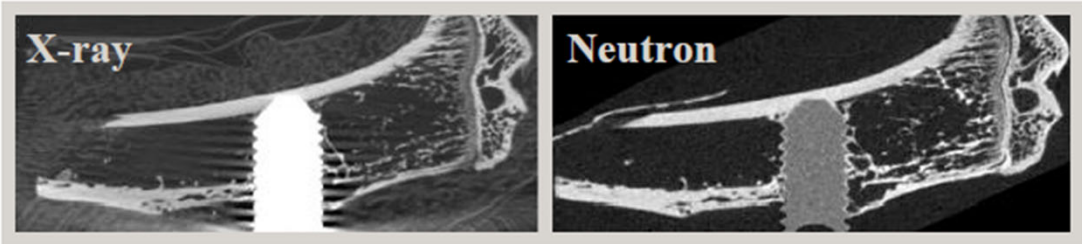
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# Examples: dual mode imaging

From: Elin TÖRNQUIST, Biomedical Engineering, Lund University

## Study III – Dual-modality tomography



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H. Isaksson et al. (2017) Bone

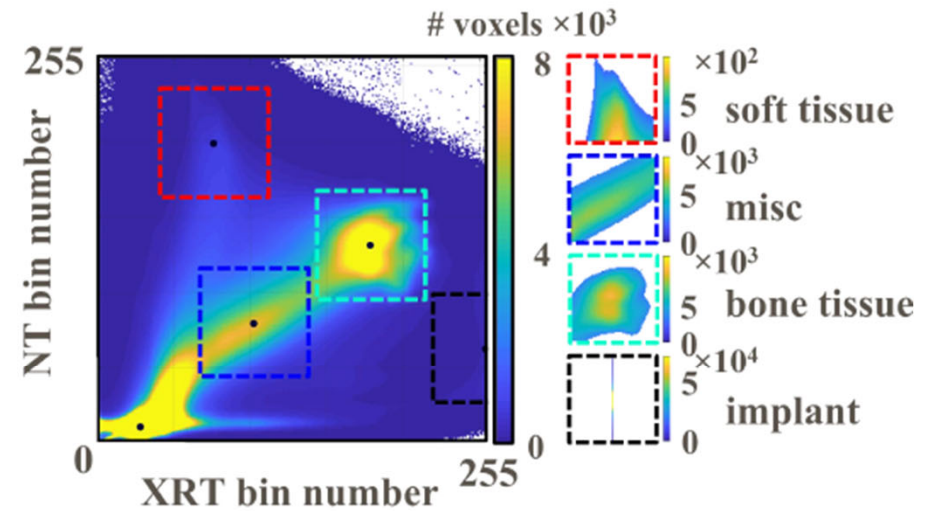
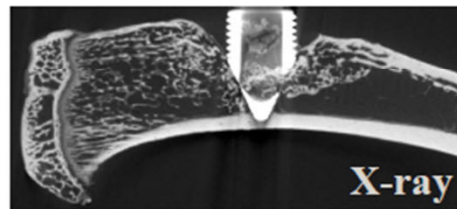
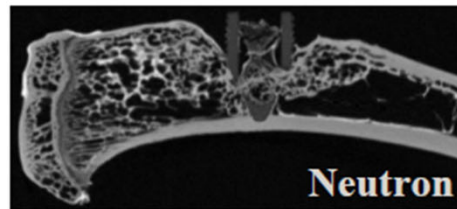
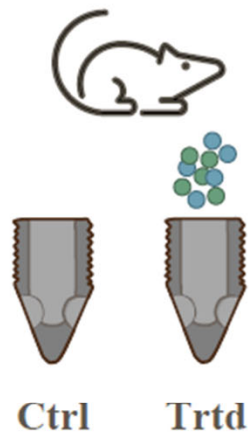
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NT – neutron tomography

XRT – x-ray tomography

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D. B. Raina et al. (2019) Acta Biomater

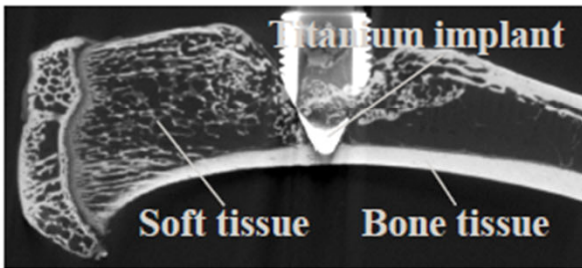
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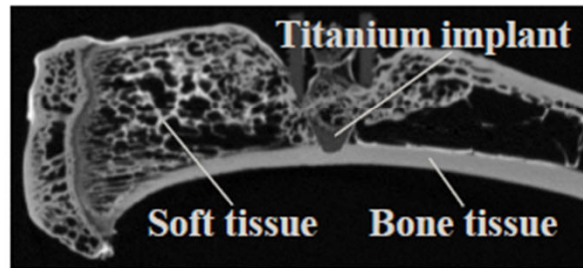
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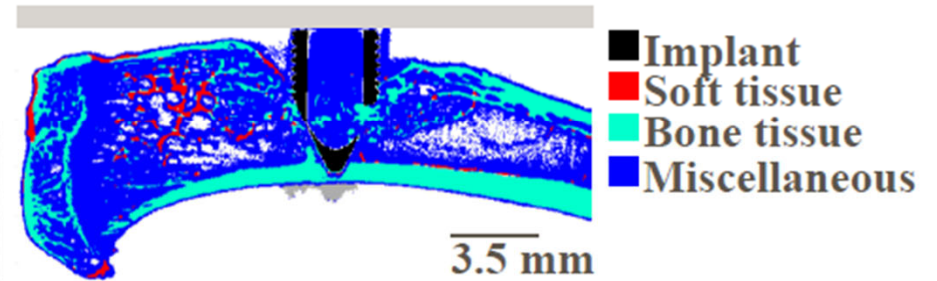
**X-ray tomography**



**Neutron tomography**



**Phase segmentation**

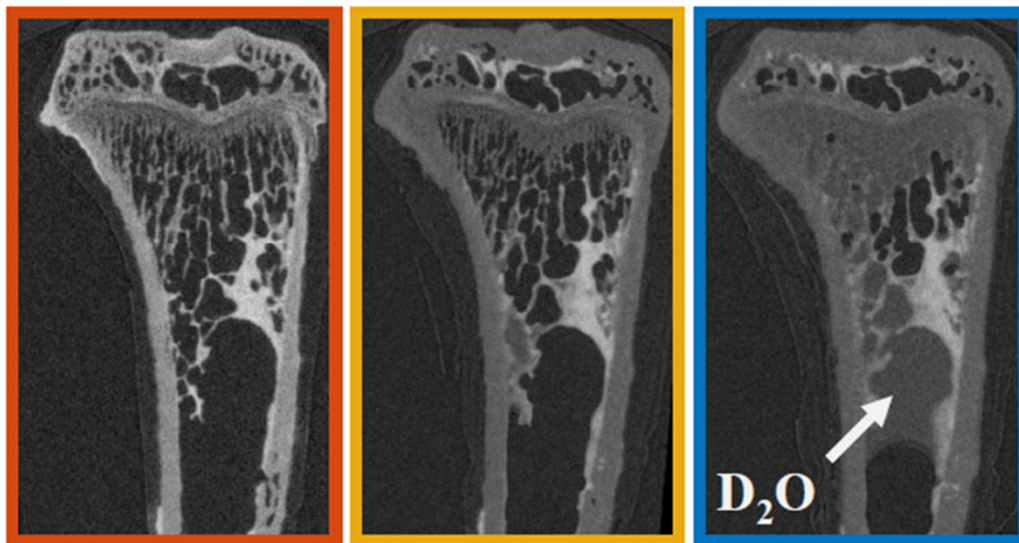
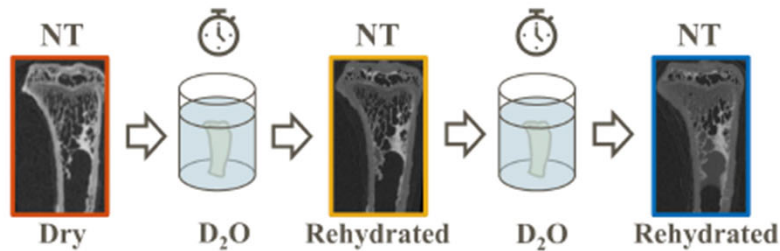


# Examples: contrast matching

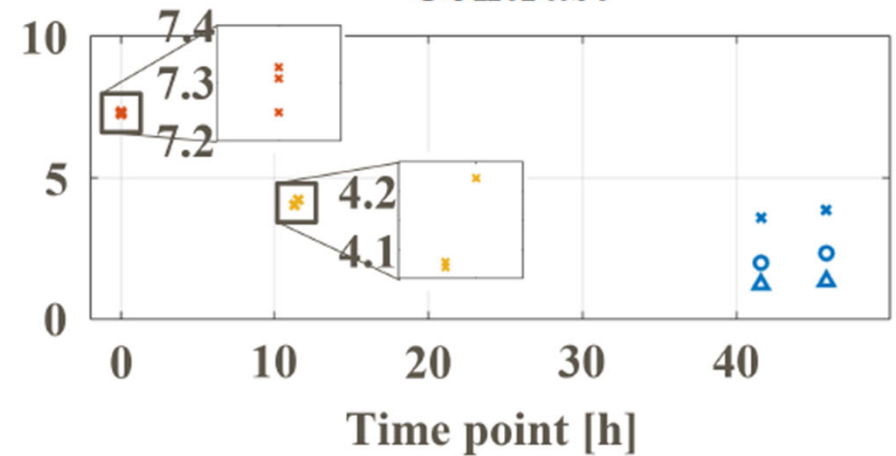
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## Study IV – Effects of hydration state



## Contrast

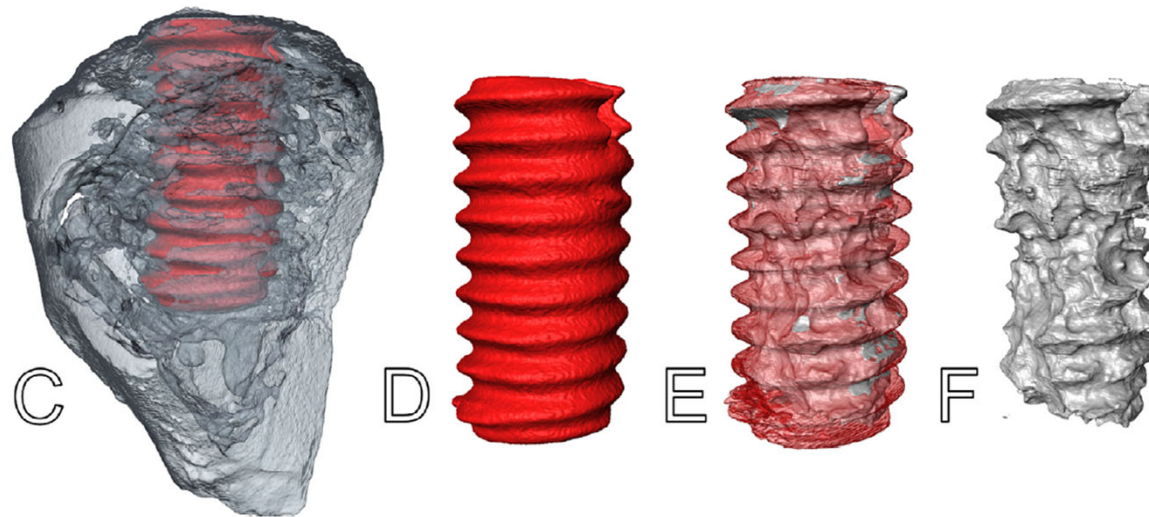
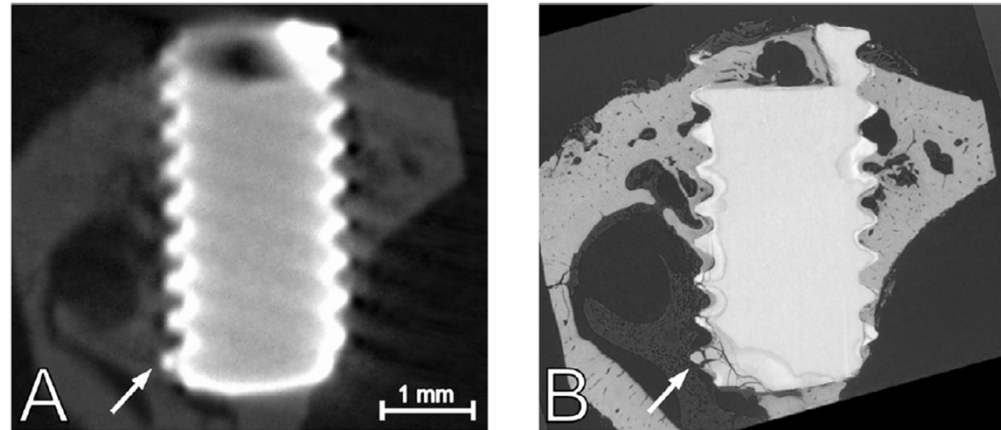


- \* Bone/Background
- $D_2O$ /Background
- △  $D_2O$  /Bone

# Examples: Mg-Gd screw corrosion

N. Peruzzi, S. Galli, H. Helmholtz et al.

Acta Biomaterialia 136 (2021) 582–591



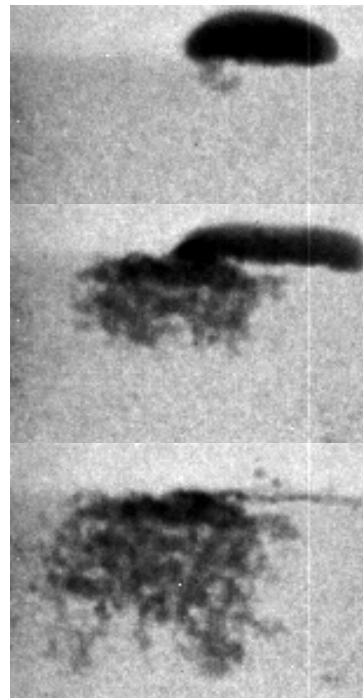
# Neutron imaging investigations

Neutron imaging offers different types of investigations:

- Radiography → 2D
- Tomography → 3D
- Dynamic neutron imaging
- Realtime

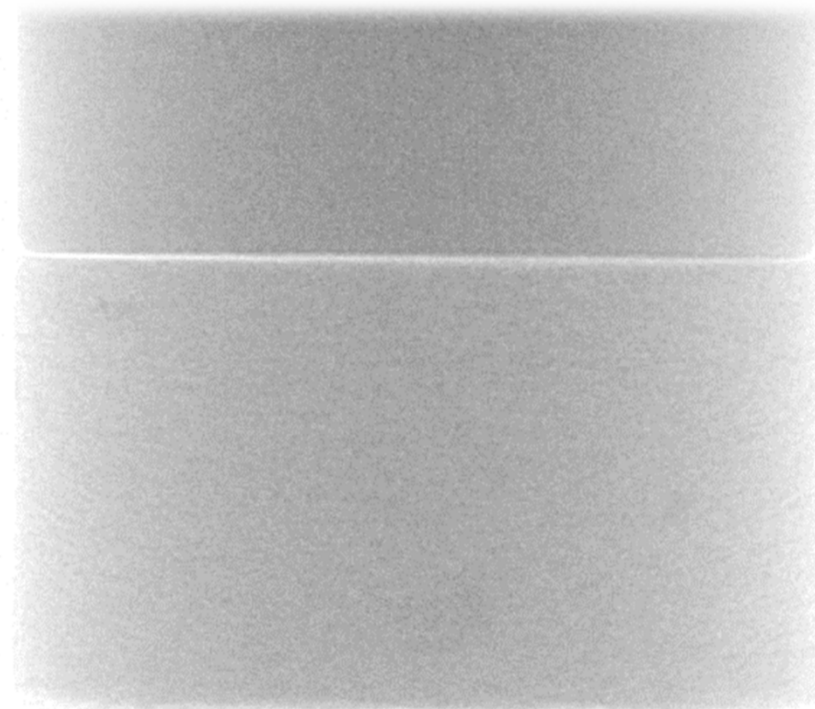
## Soil science

Water droplet on sand;  
sequence taken with 4  
fps;  
time difference  
between first and last  
image 2.75s



Slide courtesy of D. Mannes

- in-situ neutron imaging of metal hydride composites swelling upon hydrogenation







## What is ESS (in brief)

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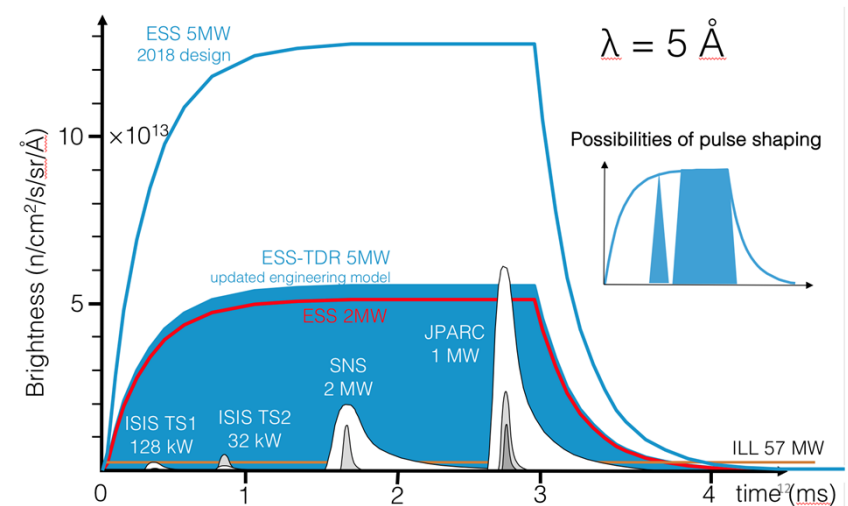
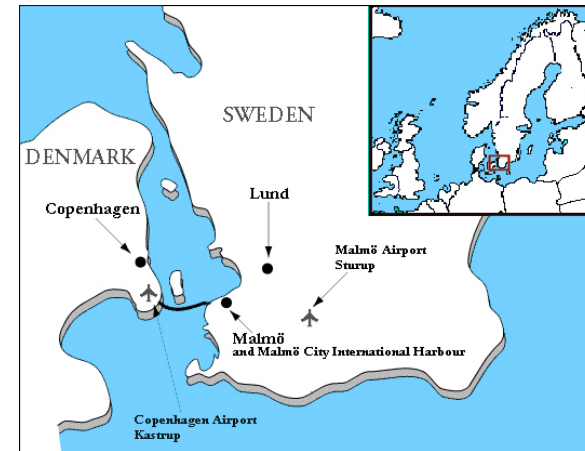
ESS will be the next generation spallation source

Located in Lund (Sweden)

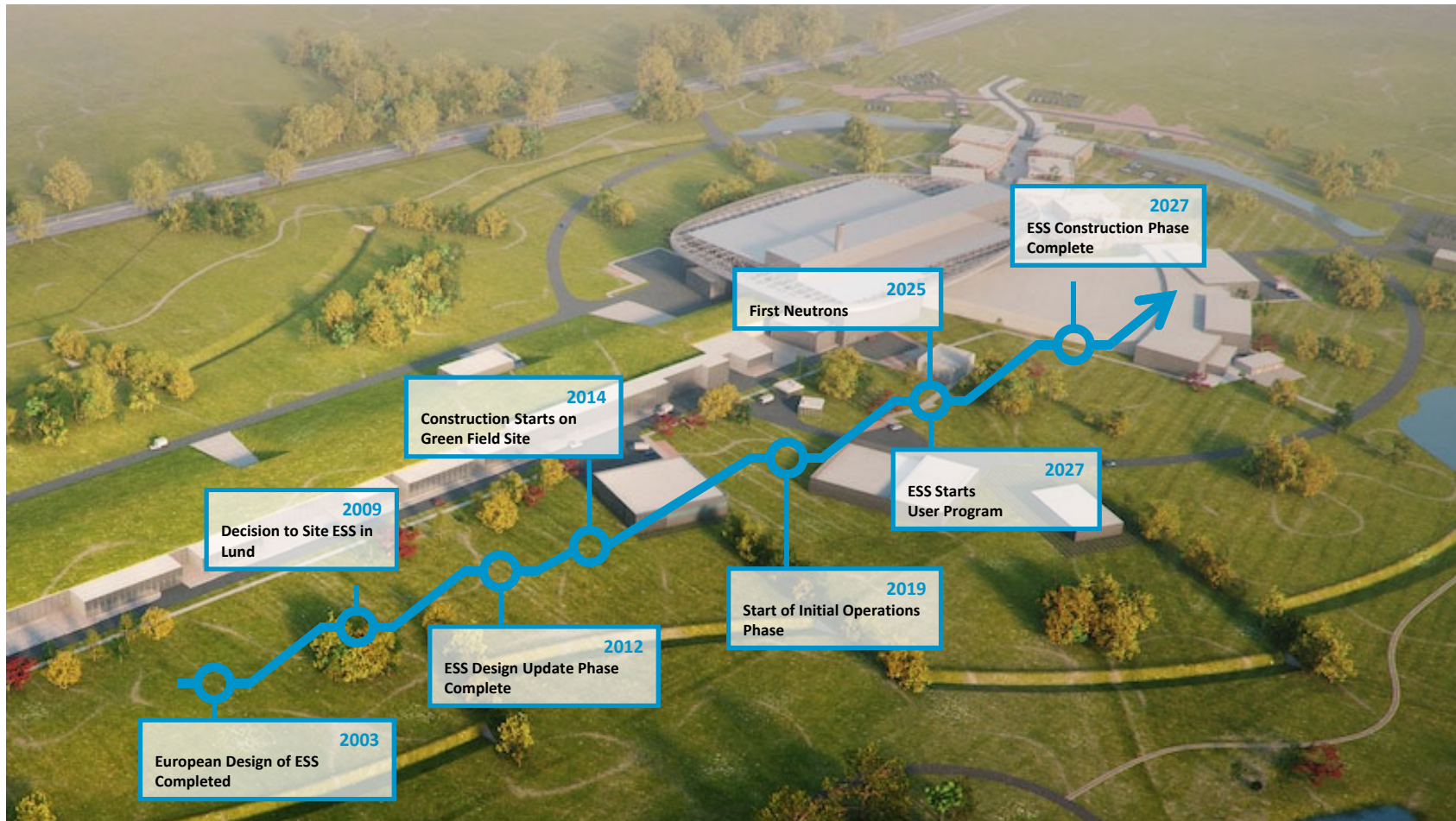
~2.5 B€ total budget

2 GeV linear proton accelerator, up to 5 MW power

14 Hz repetition rate with 2.86 ms pulse duration (~4% duty cycle)



# The Road to ESS

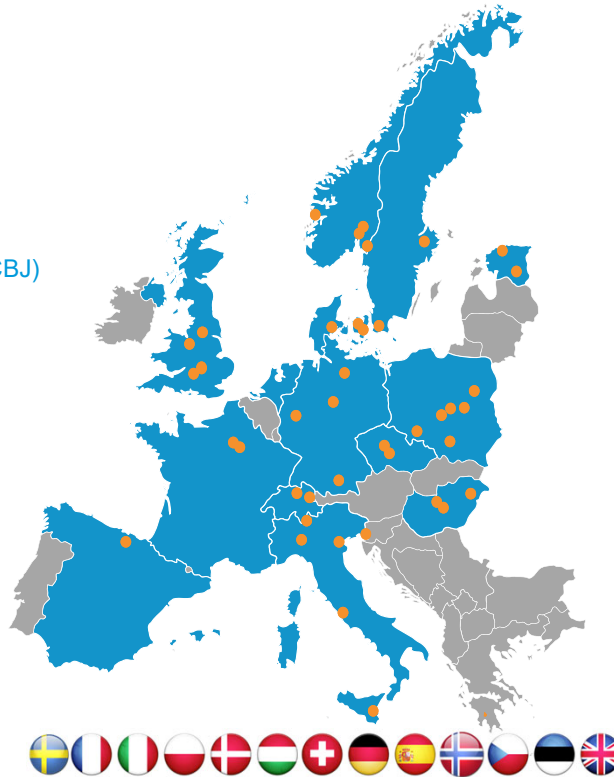




# A European Project ...

... built by teams across Europe

Aarhus University  
Atomki - Institute for Nuclear Research  
Bergen University  
CEA Saclay, Paris  
Centre for Energy Research, Budapest  
Centre for Nuclear Research, Poland, (NCBJ)  
CNR, Rome  
CNRS Orsay, Paris  
Cockcroft Institute, Daresbury  
Elettra – Sincrotrone Trieste  
ESS Bilbao  
Forschungszentrum Jülich  
Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht  
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INFN, Catania  
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INFN, Milan  
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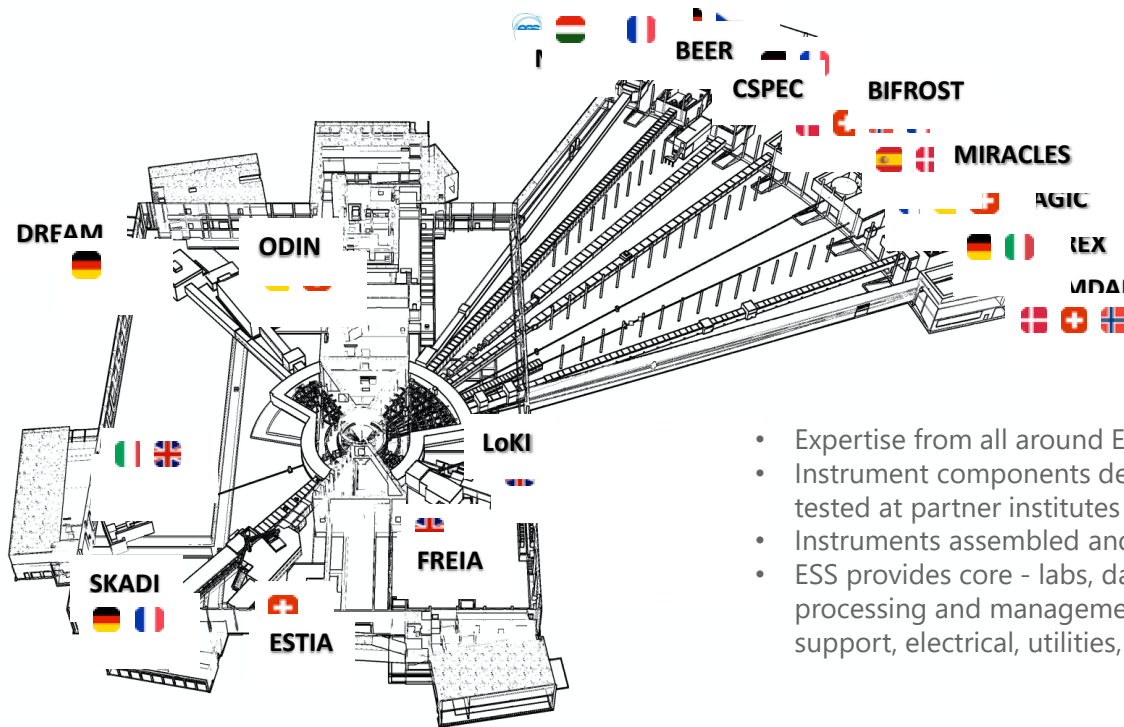
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# Neutron Science Instruments at ESS



1 Imaging, 2 SANS, 2 Reflectometers, 5 Spectrometers, 5 Diffractometers, 1 Test Beamline



- Expertise from all around Europe
- Instrument components designed, built, and tested at partner institutes
- Instruments assembled and integrated at ESS
- ESS provides core - labs, data acquisition, processing and management, engineering support, electrical, utilities, safety systems,



ODIN @ESS

# ODIN beamline in brief

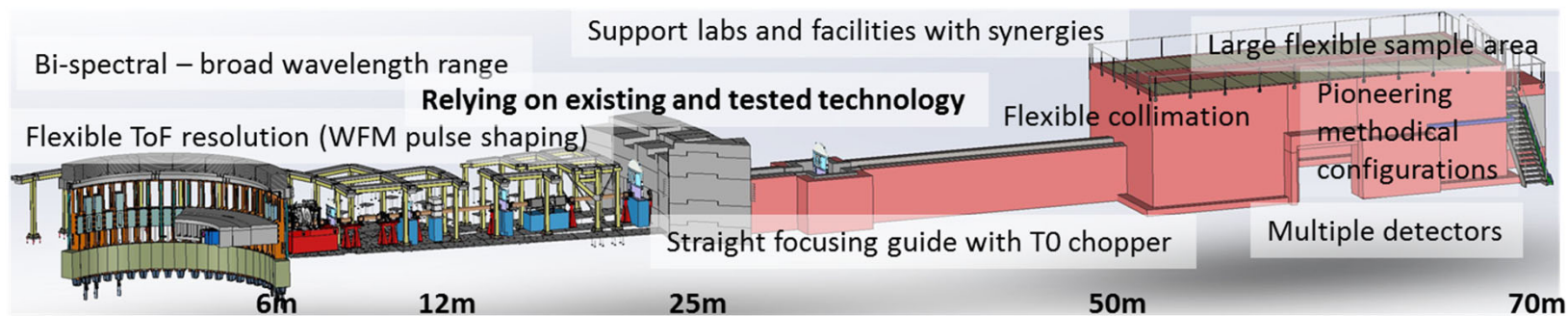
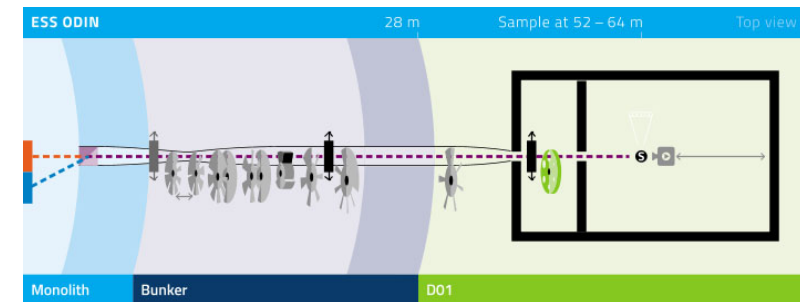
ODIN will be the only imaging instrument installed at ESS initially

Planned to receive first neutrons in 2025 (day-1 instrument)

**O**ptical and **D**iffraction **I**maging with **N**eutrons: ToF imaging with variable wavelength resolution

Joint project between TUM (A. Tartaglione and E. Calzada, ~65%) and PSI (M. Strobl and M. Morgano, ~35%)

Budget of 11.6M€.





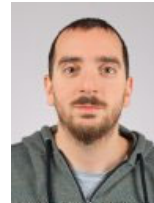
# ODIN team

## ODIN construction core team

Aureliano Tartaglione  
*ODIN Scientist*



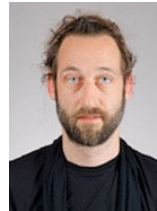
Manuel Morgano  
*ODIN Scientist*



Elbio Calzada  
*ODIN Lead Engineer*



Markus Strobl  
*Head of Imaging group*



Virginia Martinez Monge  
*ODIN Installation Engineer*



Jan Hovind  
*Technician of Imaging Group*



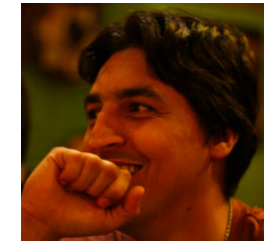
Michael Schulz  
*Head of Imaging group*



Robin Woracek  
*Instrument Class Coordinator*

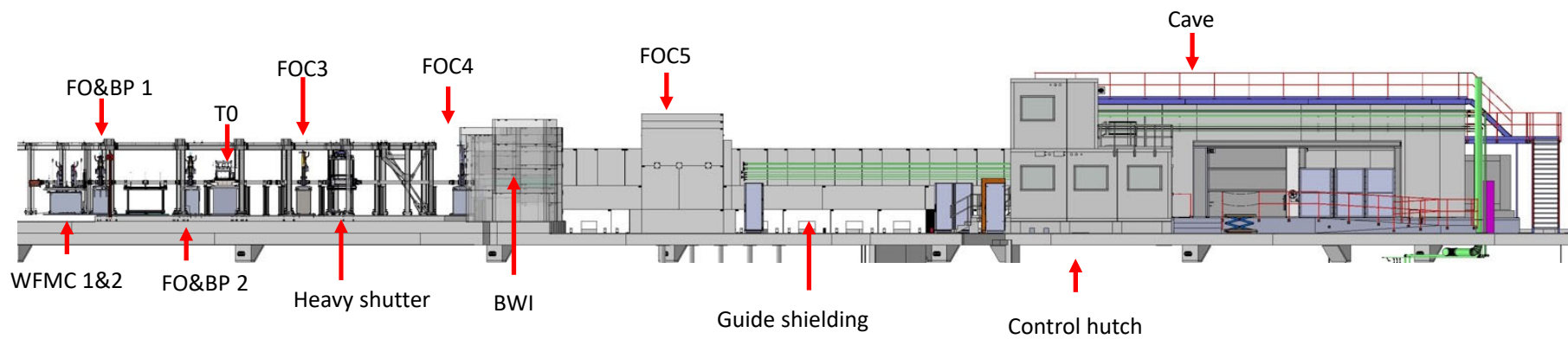
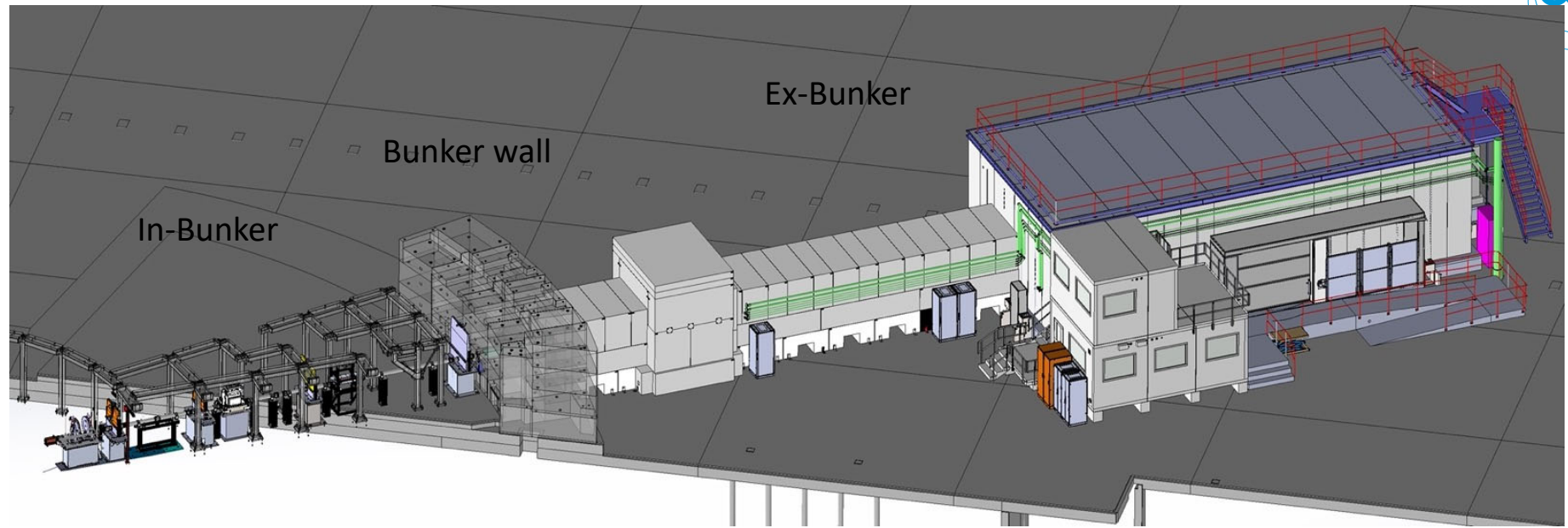


Søren Schmidt  
*Instrument Data Scientist for ODIN, BEER & TBL*

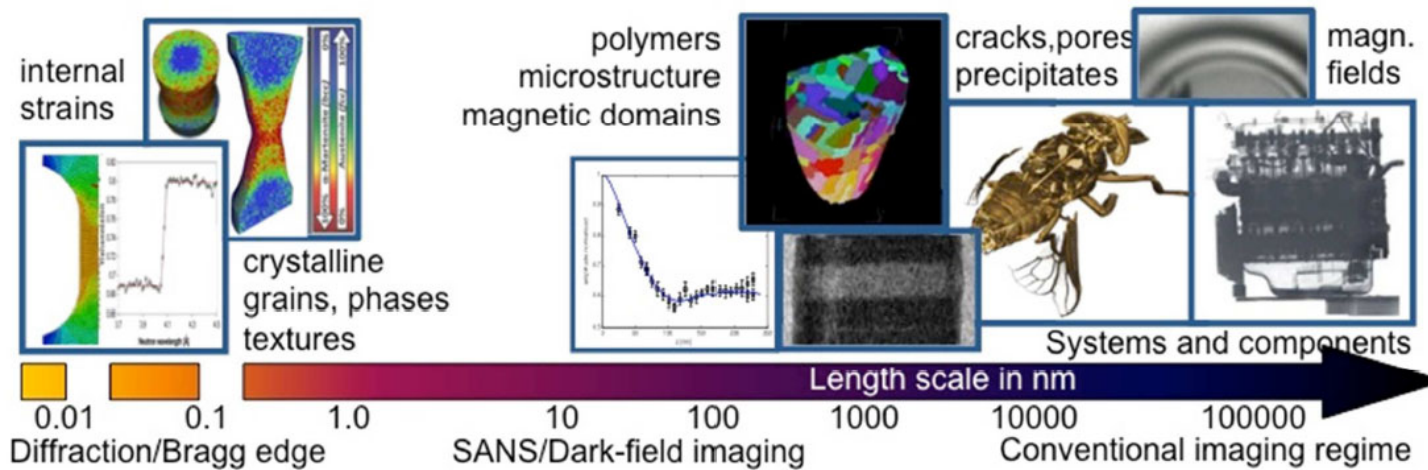


Alexandre Gonçalves Gerk  
*MCA Engineer for ODIN*

# ODIN overview

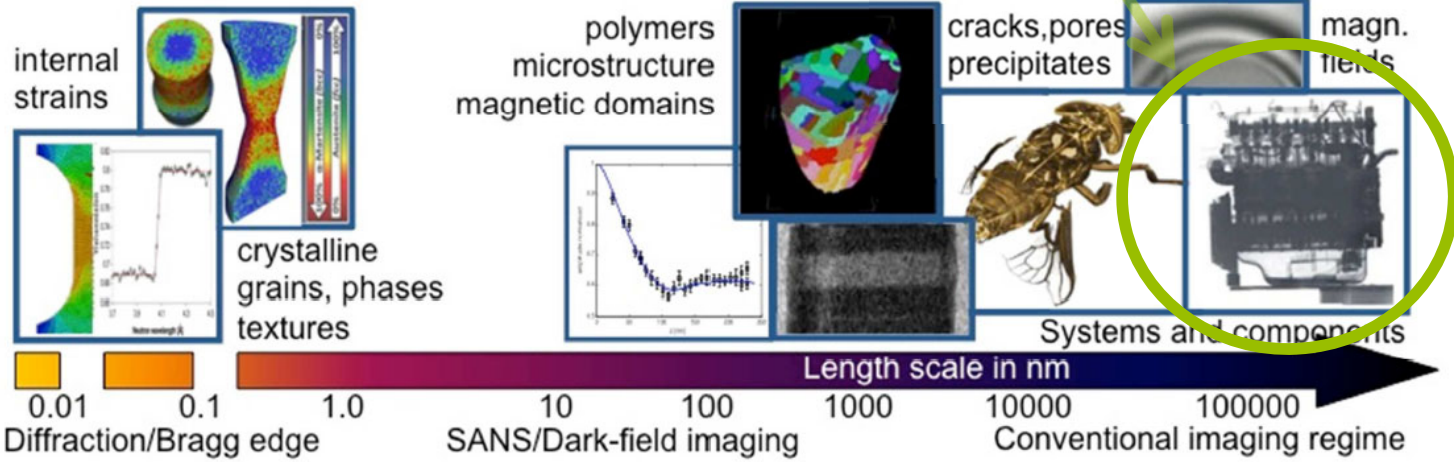


# Full scope of ODIN



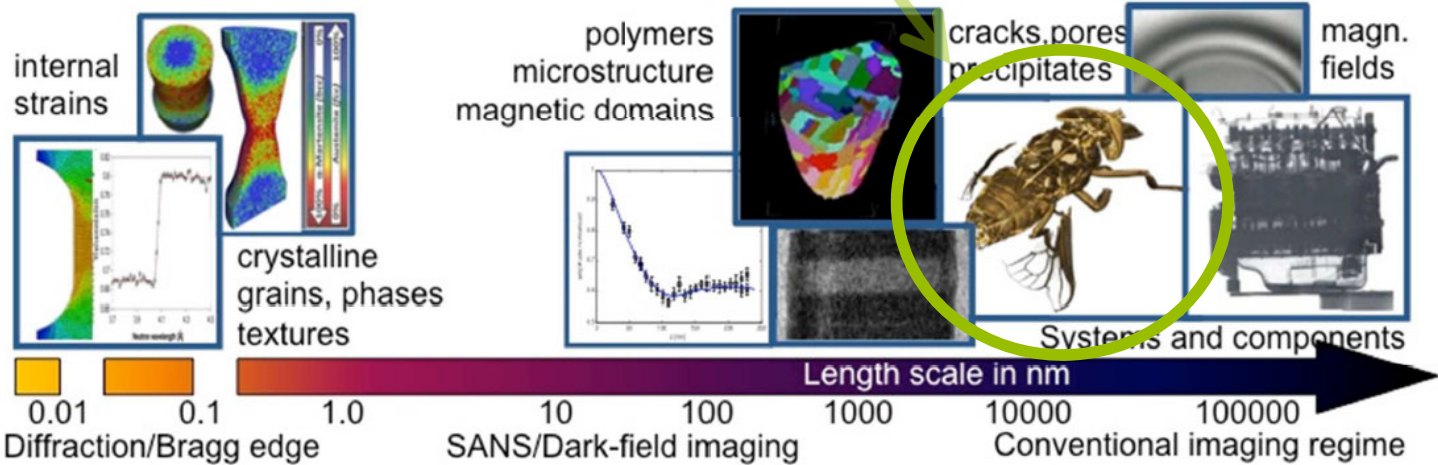
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- White beam imaging with best spatial resolution and variable FoV:
  - Of big objects thanks to the 25 x 25 cm<sup>2</sup> FoV and thermal spectrum...



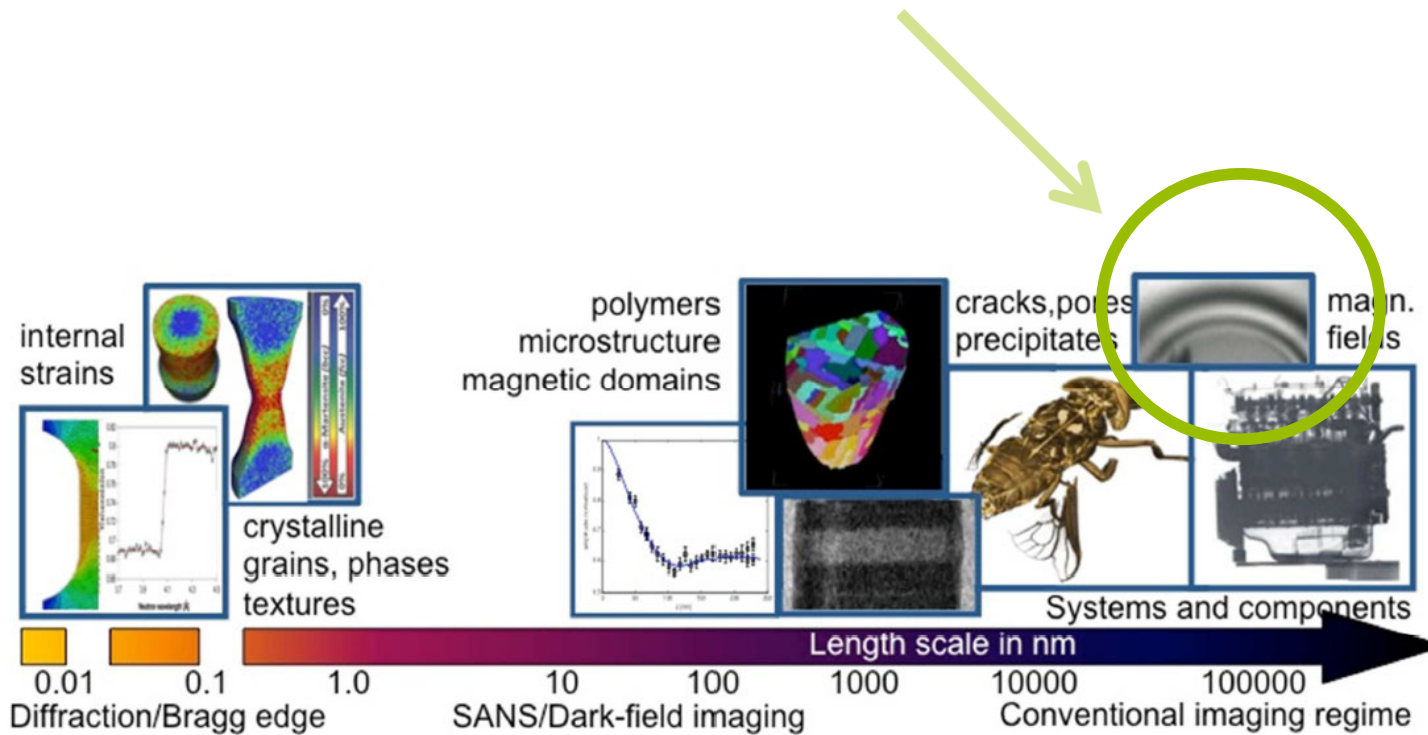
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- White beam imaging with best spatial resolution and variable FoV:
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  - And small objects thanks to the high flux and cold spectrum



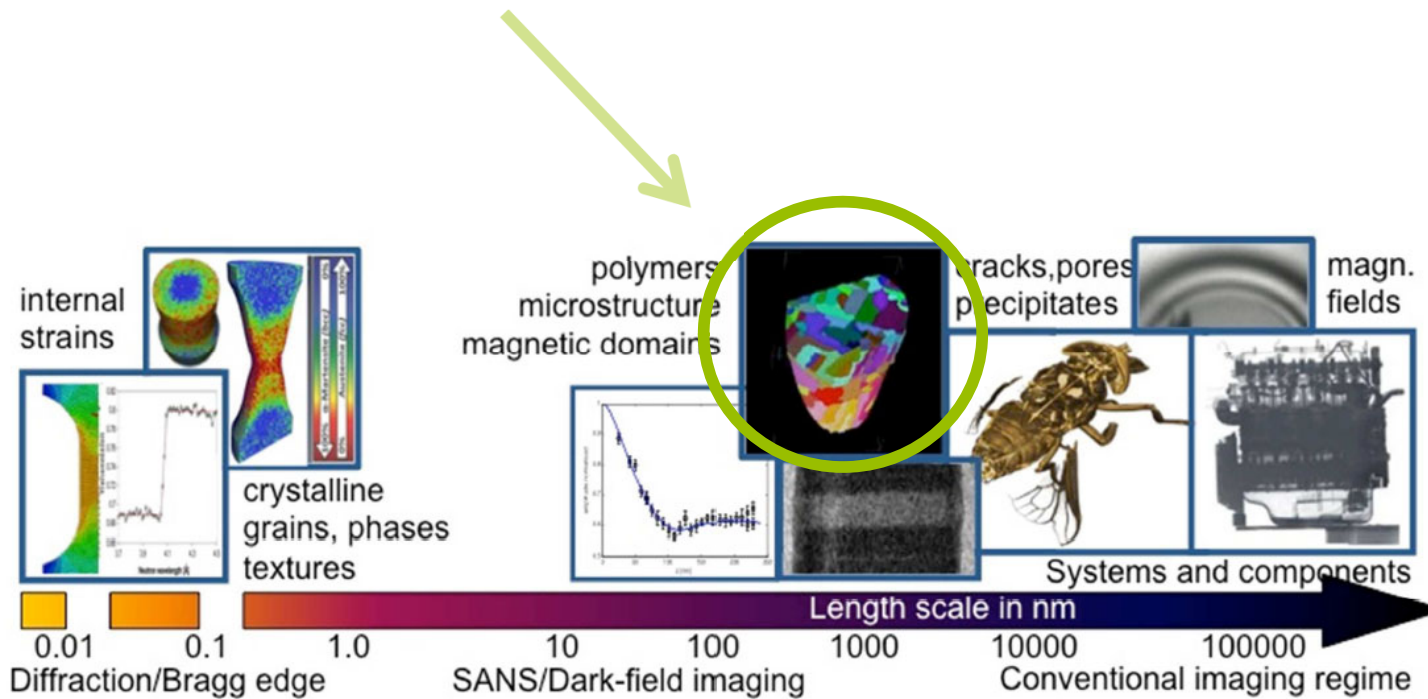
# Full scope of ODIN

- White beam imaging with best spatial resolution and variable FoV
- Polarized neutron imaging
  - To visualize (and quantify thanks to ToF information) magnetization in bulk samples and magnetic field outside



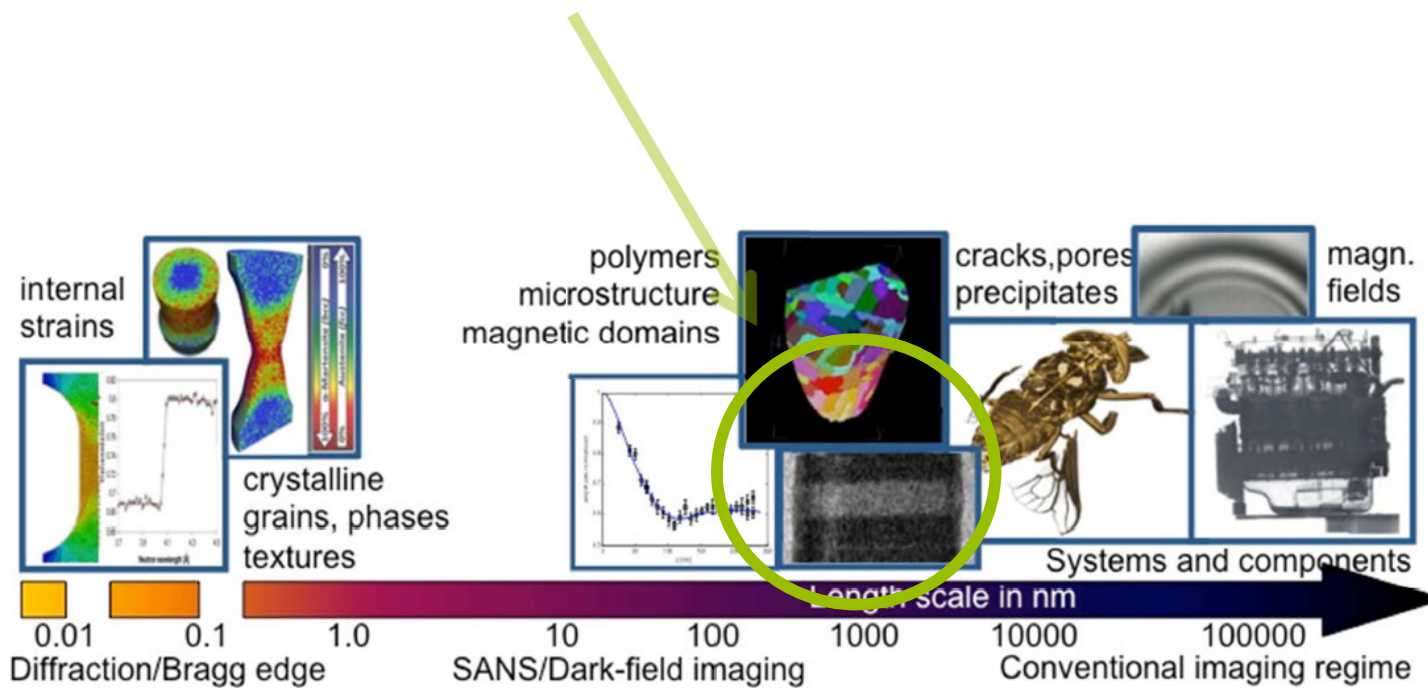
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- Dark field imaging
  - To visualize magnetic domains



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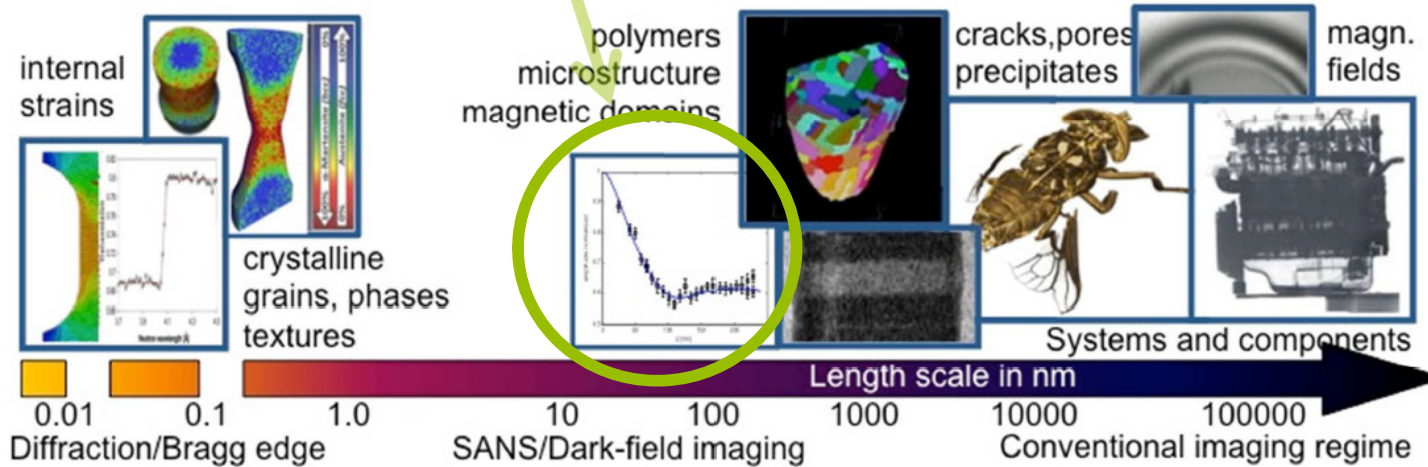
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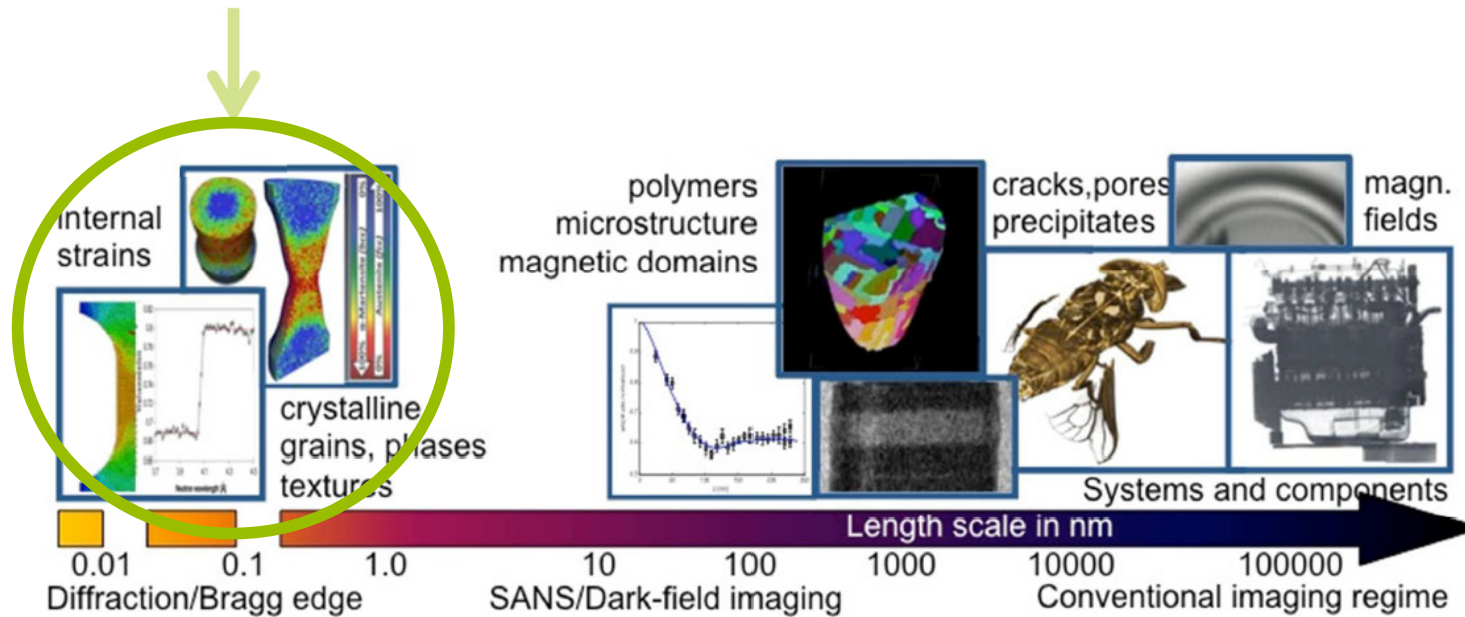
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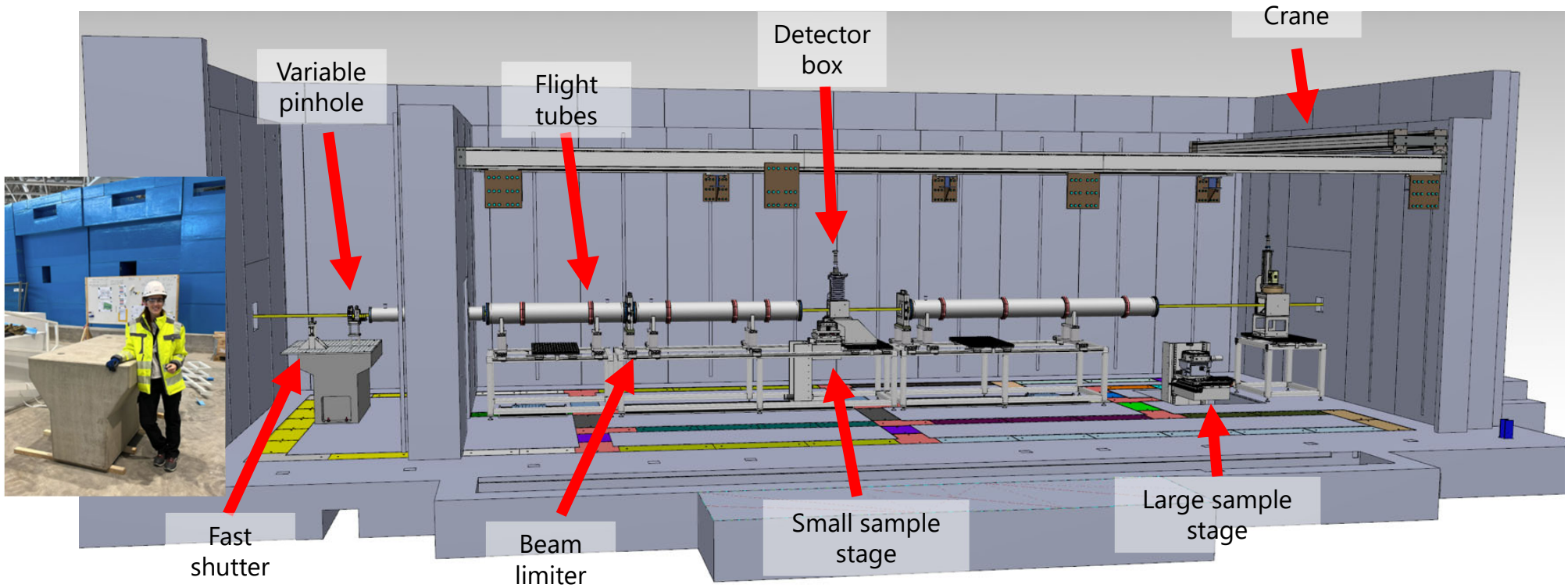


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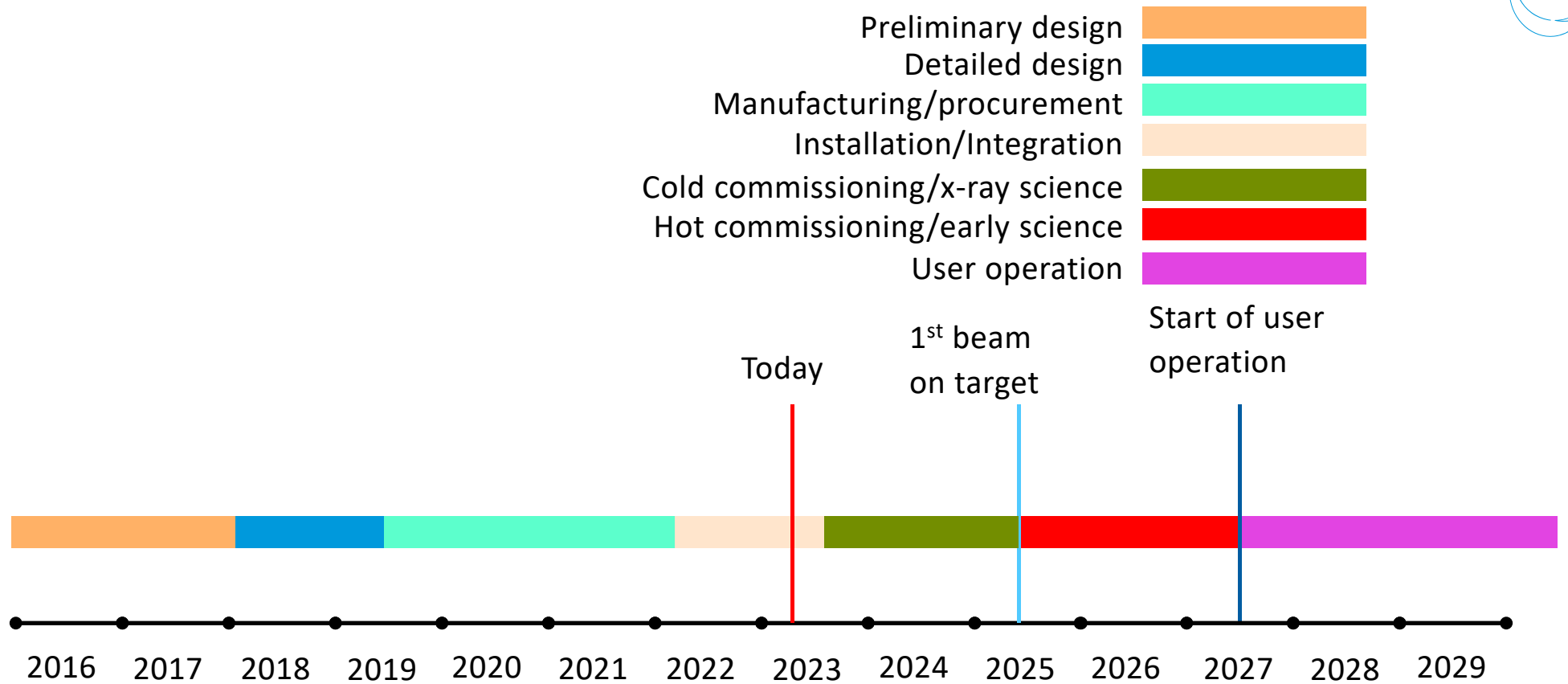
- White beam imaging with best spatial resolution and variable FoV
- Polarized neutron imaging
- Dark field imaging
- Wavelength resolved Bragg edge imaging
  - To visualize grains, phases, strains and texture



# Cave interior



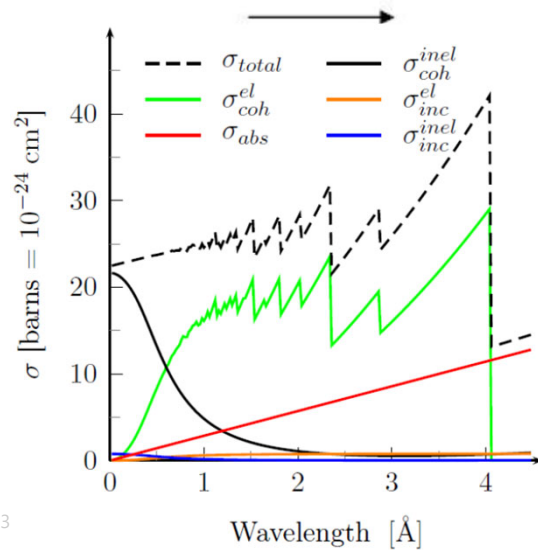
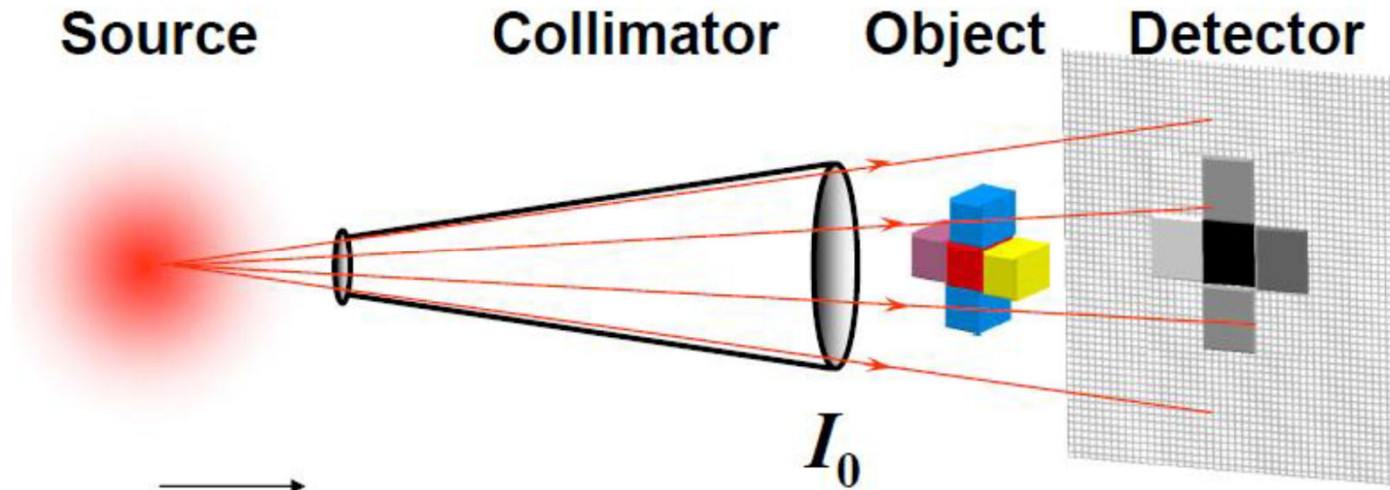
# ODIN Timeline





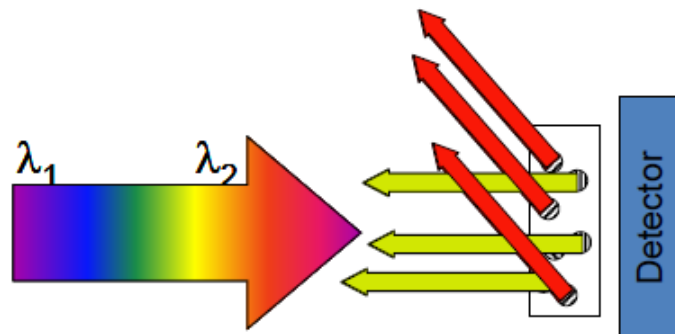
# Advanced Neutron Imaging (just a taste)

# Neutron imaging with energy resolution



$$\sigma_{total} = \sigma_{coh}^{inel} + \sigma_{incoh}^{inel} + \sigma_{coh}^{el} + \sigma_{incoh}^{el} + \sigma_{abs}$$

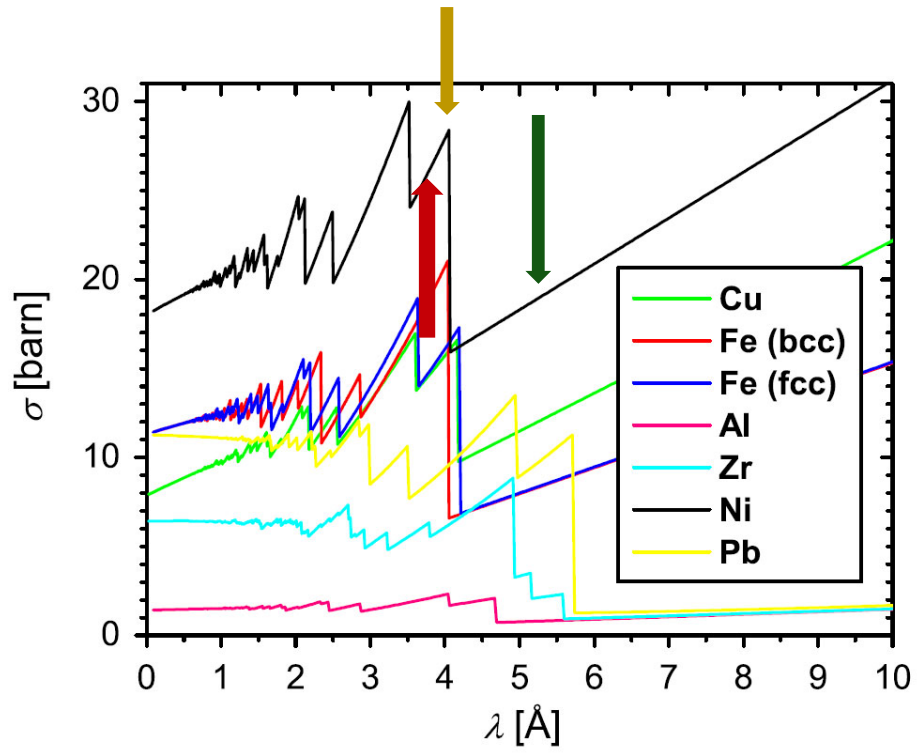
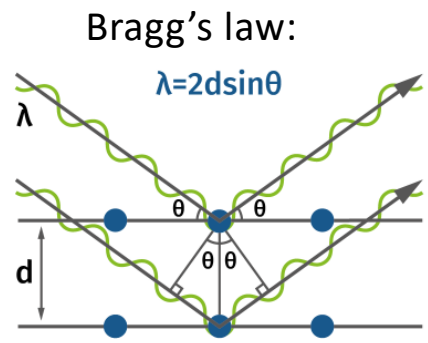
# Bragg Edges



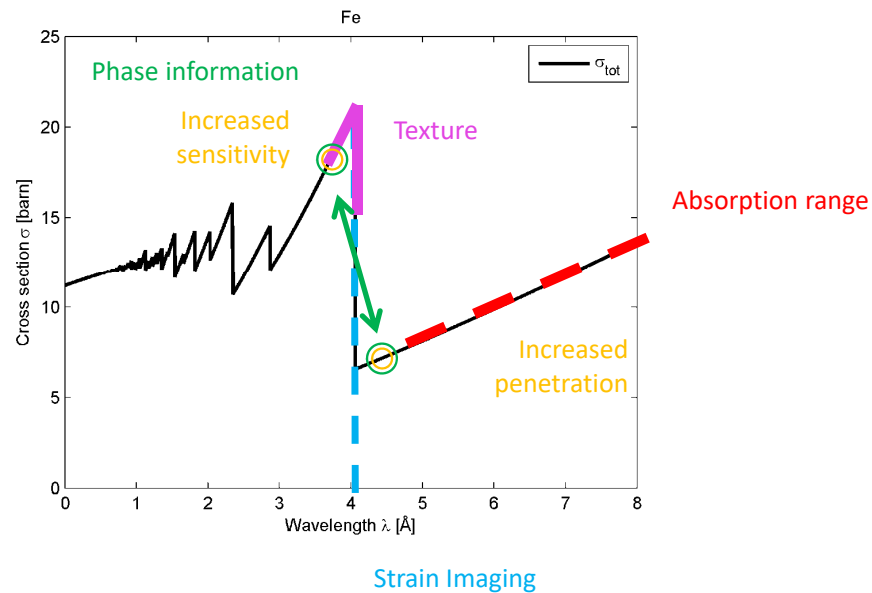
$$2d_{hkl} \sin \theta = \lambda$$

$$2d_{hkl} \sin 90^\circ = \lambda$$

$$2d_{hkl} \sin \theta < \lambda$$

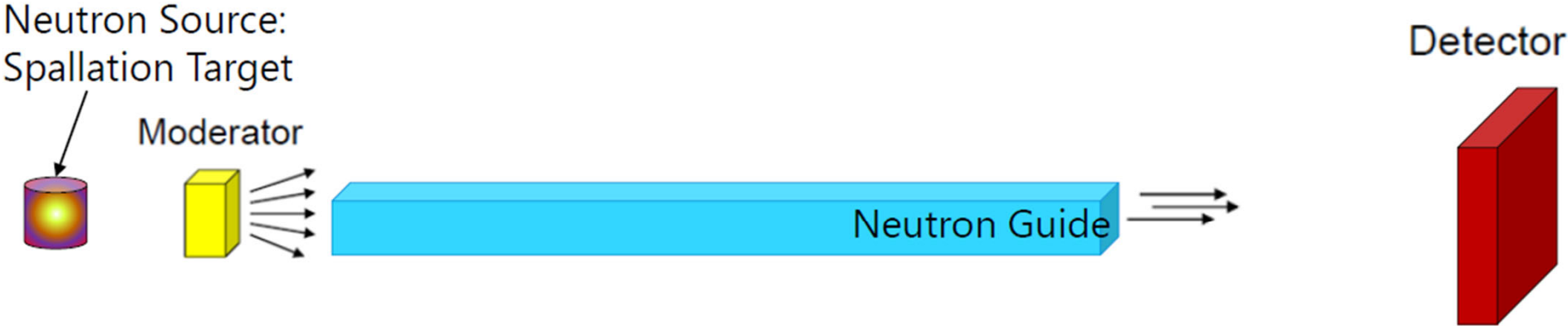


# Neutron imaging to map phases: principles of Bragg Edge imaging





# Concept of ToF imaging (in brief)

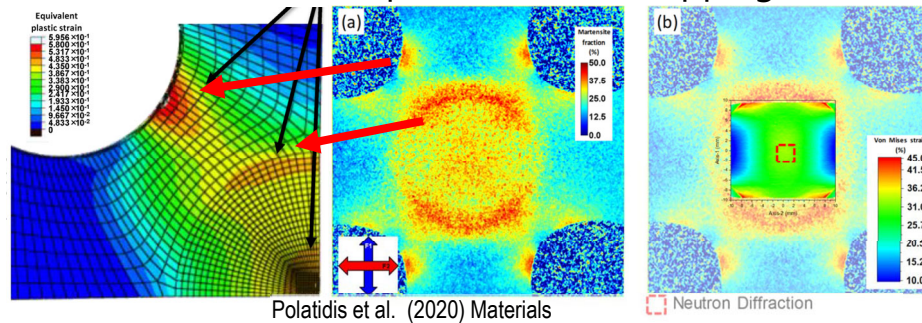


Wavelength	Speed (m/s)	ToF @10 m (ms)
1 Å	3956	2.5
2 Å	1978	5.1
5 Å	791	12.6
10 Å	395	25.3

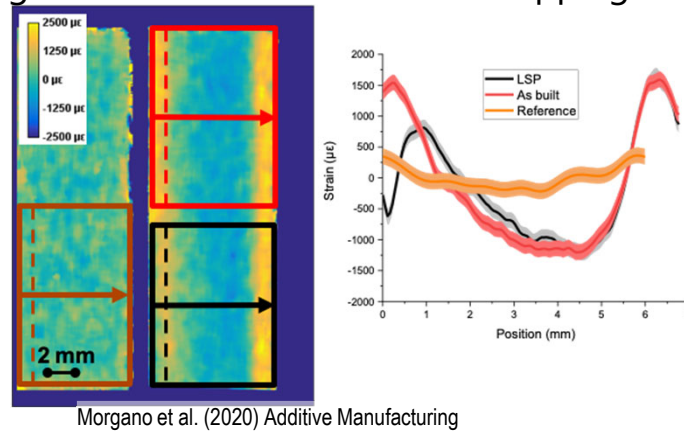
# Use of ToF neutron imaging: an example



## Medium resolution: phase fraction mapping of steel



## High resolution: residual strain mapping in AM steel





**Thanks for your attention!**