

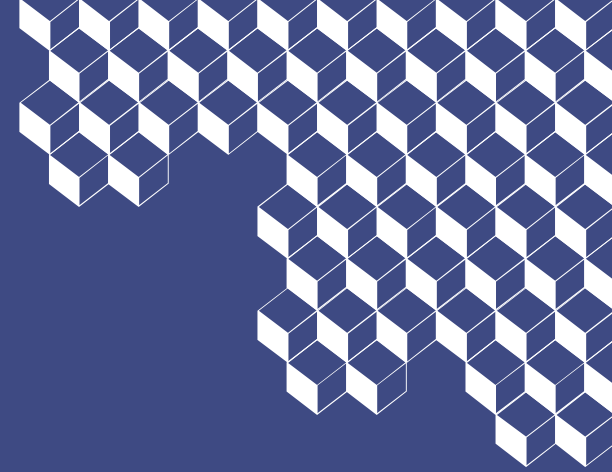


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How to make a good SAXS data treatment ? Yes we can !

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But why the local contact ask me that ?

A anonymous student

Recommendations for setting Up a SAXS Experiment and obtain high-quality and meaningful data



Experiment Objectives:

What do you want to learn about your sample? Is it particle size, shape, distribution, concentration, or other structural properties?

Instrument Selection:

Select the appropriate SAXS instrument based on your experimental objectives. (q - ranges wavelength), which affect the size of the structures you can probe.

Instrument Calibration:

Ensure that the SAXS instrument is properly calibrated.

Sample Preparation :

Sample Type: Sample preparation varies depending on the sample type.

Sample Concentration: The optimal sample concentration depends on the sample's scattering power and the sensitivity of the instrument. Too high a concentration can cause multiple scattering effects, while too low a concentration can result in a weak signal.

Sample Holder:** Choose a sample holder that is appropriate for your sample type and experimental conditions. Sample holders are available for capillaries, paste cells, solids, and powders.

Sample Thickness: Sample thickness should be optimized to minimize X-ray absorption while maximizing the scattering signal. The optimal thickness depends on the linear absorption coefficient of the sample and the X-ray wavelength.

Matrix/Solvent Preparation: If the sample is dispersed in a matrix or solvent : It is important to choose a solvent that:

- * Stably disperses the analyte
- * Has a scattering cross section that is significantly different from that of the analyte
- * Can suspend a sufficient concentration of the analyte
- * Is not too toxic or aggressive
- Does not absorb X-rays too much

Size Effects: : The intensity of the scattering signal is proportional to the sixth power of the particle size. Large particles dominate the signal and can obscure smaller particles.

Polydispersity : Size and form polydispersity complicate the saxs data treatment

Measurements and Data Analysis

Acquisition Time:

Choose an acquisition time long enough to obtain good counting statistics while minimizing potential damage to the sample. And optimizing the number of samples we can probe

Summary

- **SAXS/WAXS platform @CEA**
- **Safety**
- **Experiments Geometrical designs**
 - **Components**
 - **Measurement chain**
- **Data Treatment**
- **Images 2D**
- **IQ 1D Datas**
- **Metrology aspects**





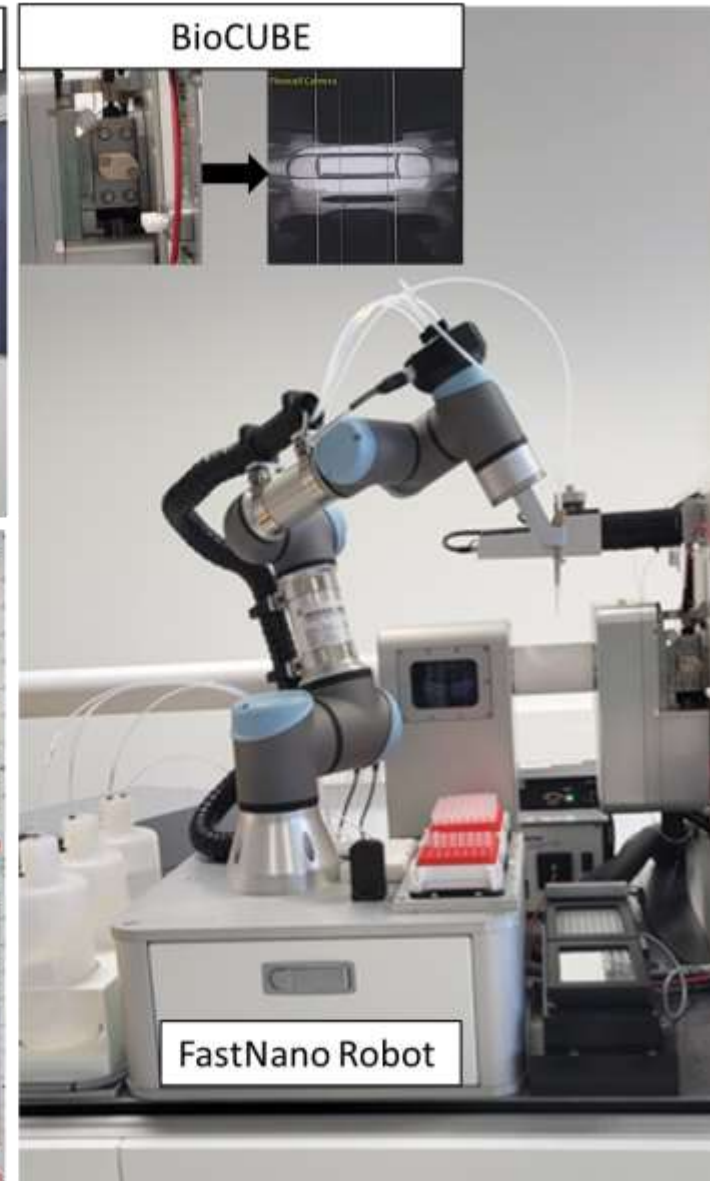
SAXS WAXS PLATFORM

- **2024 at CEA Saclay**

2024 SWAXSLab



SWAXS Lab
Saclay





DOSIMETRY

- **Safety procedures**

Safety procedures

Zone irradiante = zone rouge = zone infranchissable

Seules les personnes habilitées à effectuer les réglages peuvent utiliser les clés de dérogation permettant d'accéder en zone irradiante.

Pour des expériences de routine, le faisceau doit toujours être coupé lors des interventions autour des échantillons.

En cas de situation d'urgence, en référer au responsable ou utiliser les boutons d'arrêt d'urgence électrique.

En cas d'anomalie de fonctionnement ou sur les signalisations, en référer immédiatement au responsable de l'expérience.

Aucun étudiant ne peut utiliser les expériences en étant seul dans le laboratoire.

Notions de radioprotection

- pour le personnel classé B
 - limite légale de débit de dose pour les extrémités : 150 mS /an
 - limite légale de débit de dose pour l'organisme entier : 6 mS /an
- pour le personnel classé NE (non exposé)
 - limite légale de débit de dose pour les extrémités : 50 mS /an
 - limite légale de débit de dose pour l'organisme entier : 1 mS / an

50 mSv/an est la plus petite dose (de façon conservative) à partir de laquelle on ne peut prouver l'apparition de cancers (cette dose est aussi la radioactivité naturelle de plusieurs lieux sur Terre). Au delà de cette valeur, le nombre de cancers (mais pas de leur gravité) augmente avec la dose.

Dosimétrie

Mesuré : $8.3.10^{-8}$ mSv/photons de 8 keV

SAXS

Débit de dose max dans le faisceau : avec 10.10^7 ph/s -> 30 Sv/h soit 30 Gy/h (**faisceau 1x1 mm**)
(1Gy = 1Sv pour les rayons X)

Débit de dose à 10 cm en dehors du faisceau : 0.240 mSv/h

Débit de dose à l'extérieur de l'enceinte de protection : <1 μ Sv/h

Temps pour atteindre la limite légale dans le faisceau : 18 s

Temps pour atteindre la limite à 10 cm en dehors du faisceau : 300 h

XEUSS

Débit de dose max dans le faisceau : avec $2.5.10^7$ ph/s -> 7 Sv/h soit 7 Gy/h (**faisceau 1x1 mm**)
(1Gy = 1Sv pour les rayons X)

USAXS

Débit de dose max dans le faisceau : avec 4.10^6 ph/s -> 1.2 Sv/h soit 1.2 Gy/h (**faisceau 10x1 mm**)

Temps pour atteindre la limite légale dans le faisceau : 451 s

ESRF ou SWING (faisceau de 10^{13} ph/s à 8 keV) -> 830 Sv/s

MOMAC (17 keV) :

Flux de 10^8 photons/s

Avec $5.54.10^{-9}$ mSv/photons de 17keV → Débit de dose max dans le faisceau : 2Sv/h 2Gy/h

Temps pour atteindre la limite légale dans le faisceau : 15 min

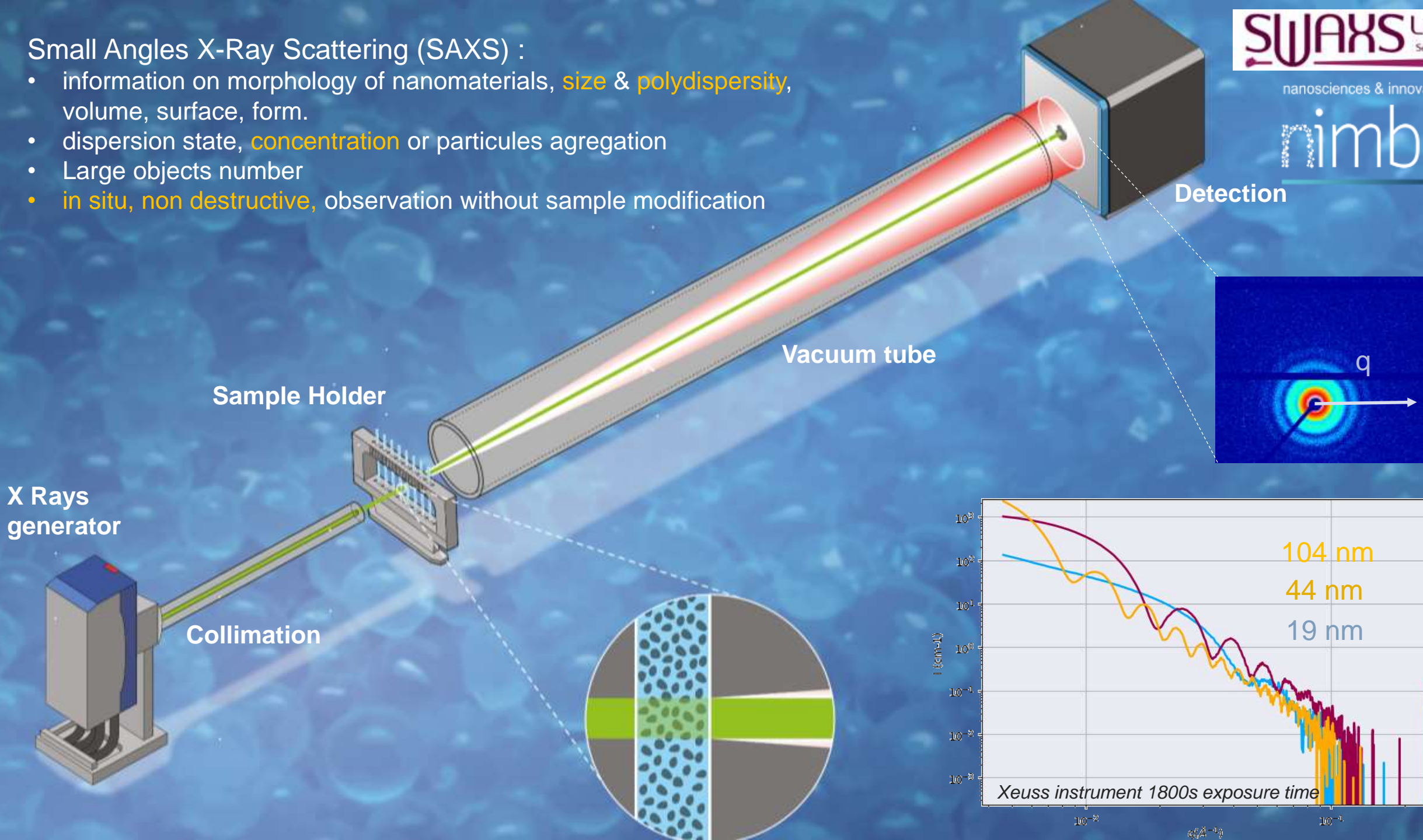


INSTRUMENTATION, Components of a SAXS instrument



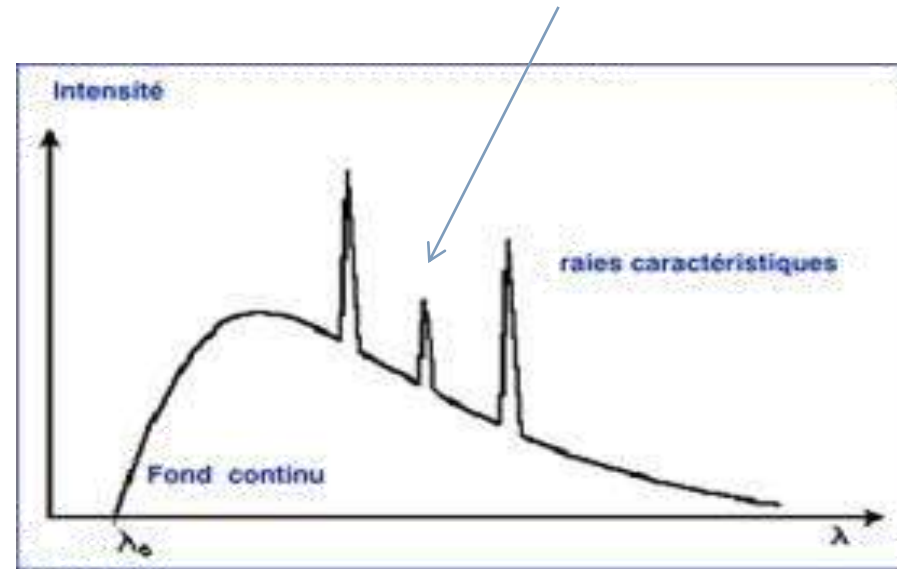
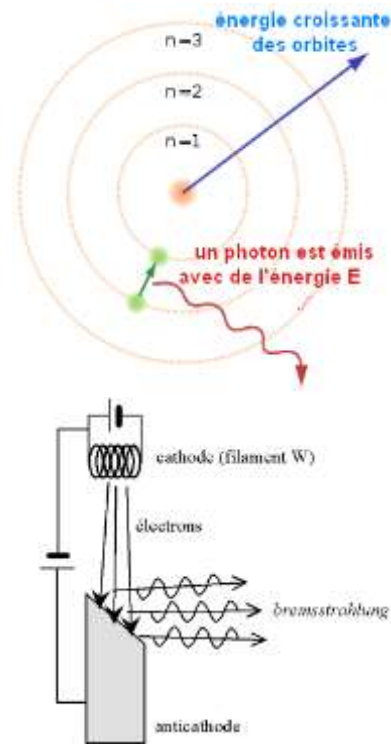
Small Angles X-Ray Scattering (SAXS) :

- information on morphology of nanomaterials, **size & polydispersity**, volume, surface, form.
- dispersion state, **concentration** or particules agregation
- Large objects number
- **in situ, non destructive**, observation without sample modification



X-Rays production

Laboratory source



Synchrotron



Laboratory X-Rays Sources

Tubes



Large line and spot focus

Micro sources



spot focus couplage avec optique

Rotating Anode



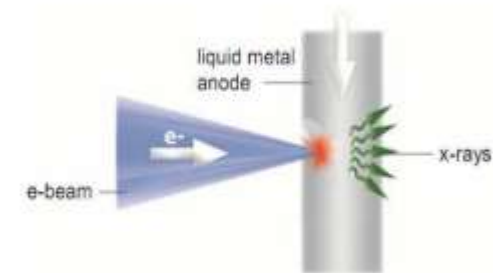
*Large line and spot focus High Flux
(7x Micro source) (to be examined)*

Metal Jet



*spot focus very High Flux
(3X rotating anode)*

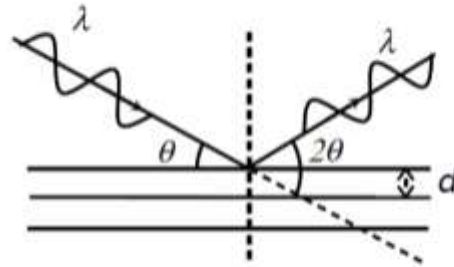
Gallium (9.2 keV)



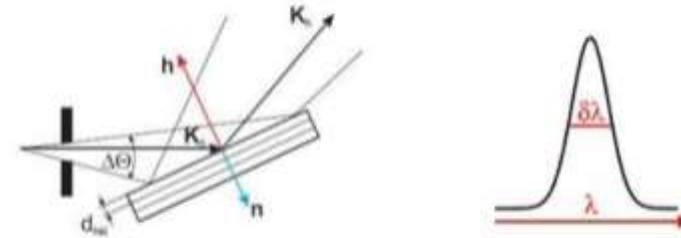
monochromators

Perfect monochromator

The Bragg's Law for diffraction



$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

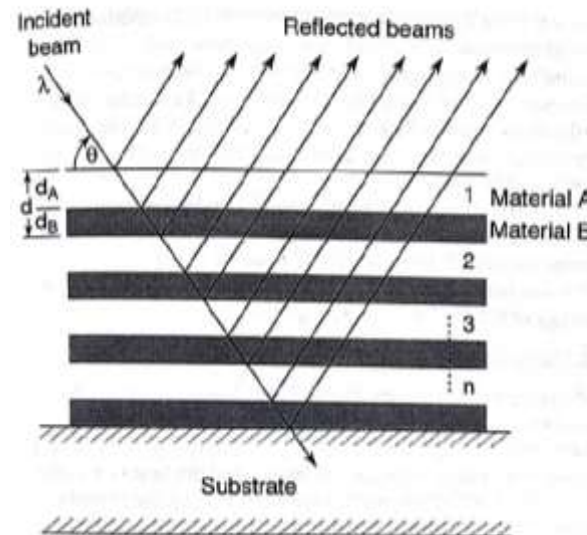


Effect of divergency in spectral purity

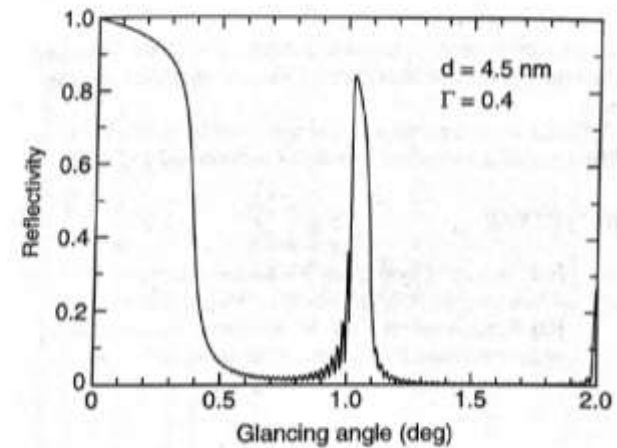
Monochromateur multicouche



Ellipsoid of revolution

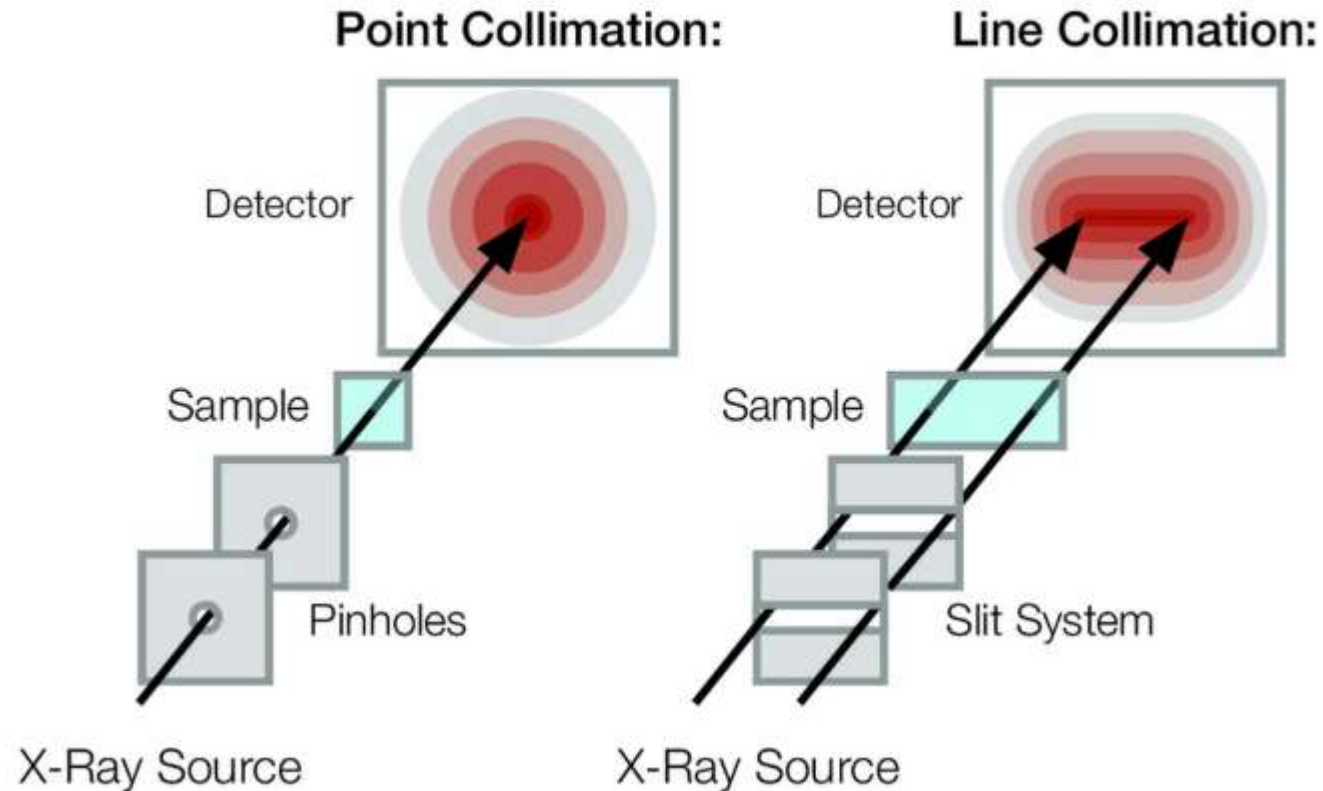


Very small reflection angle



Collimation

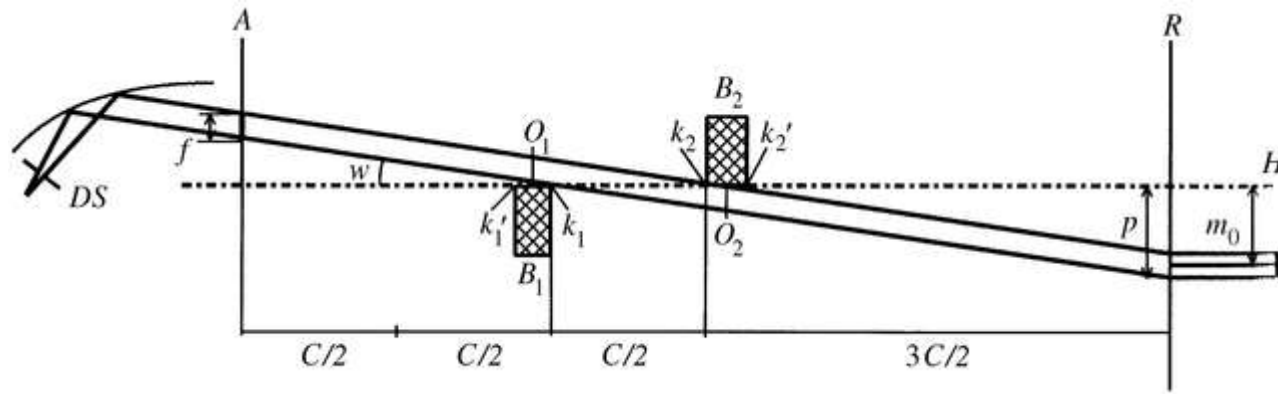
- Increase the beam size



- Smaller beam, lower flux
+ no signal deformation

+ Higher flux
- Signal deformation, lower resolution, deconvolution

Kratky camera



Rigaku



Anton Paar

Benefits:

- A compact system that delivers **high flux** on the sample
- Measure large q -space with a smaller, more affordable detector
- Truly parasitic scattering free, unlike pinhole systems that still retain some residual parasitic scattering
- Ideal for isotropic samples and GI SAXS
- **High q resolution**

From raw image to absolute intensity: Calibration of a Guinier-Mering camera with linear collimation

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SAXS team (1998) at CEA Saclay



Guinier-Mering instrument (1998)

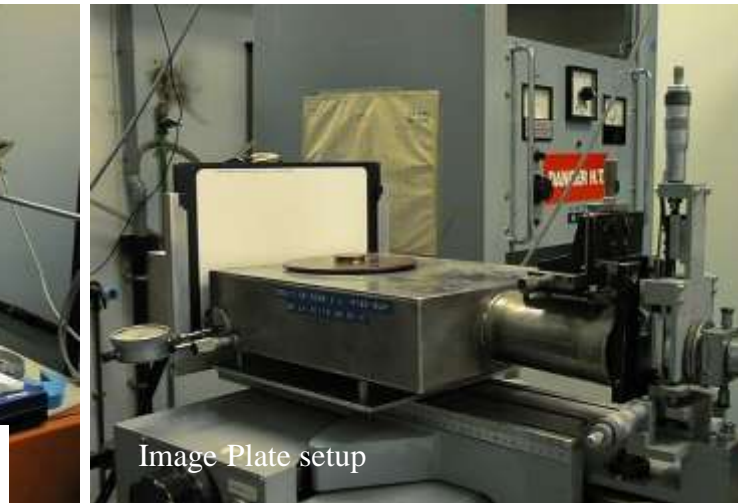
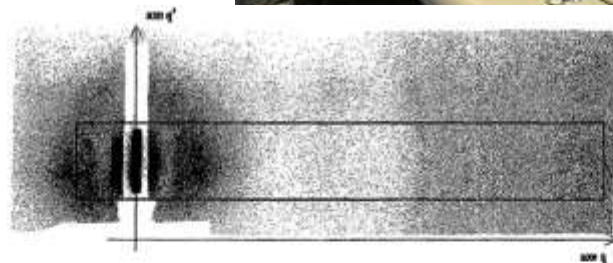
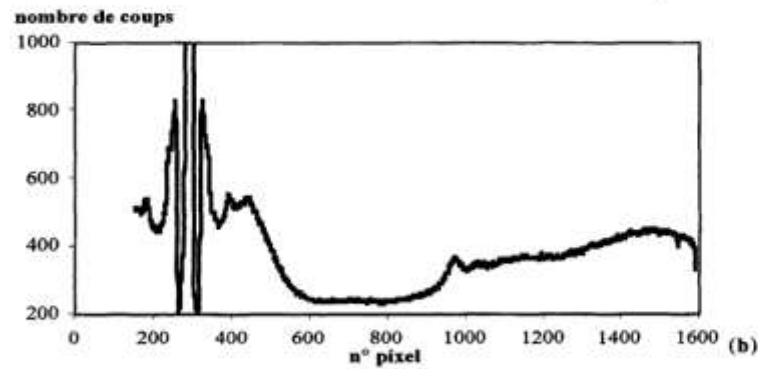


Image Plate setup



(a)



(b)

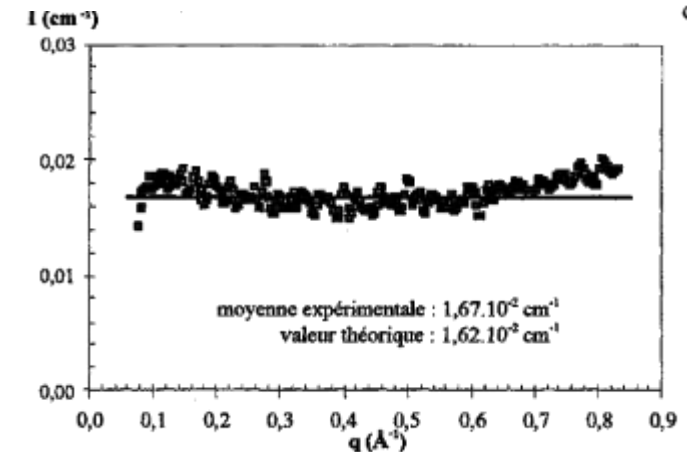
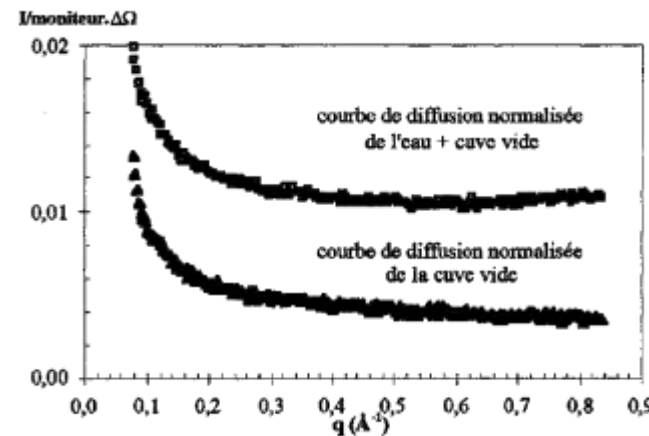
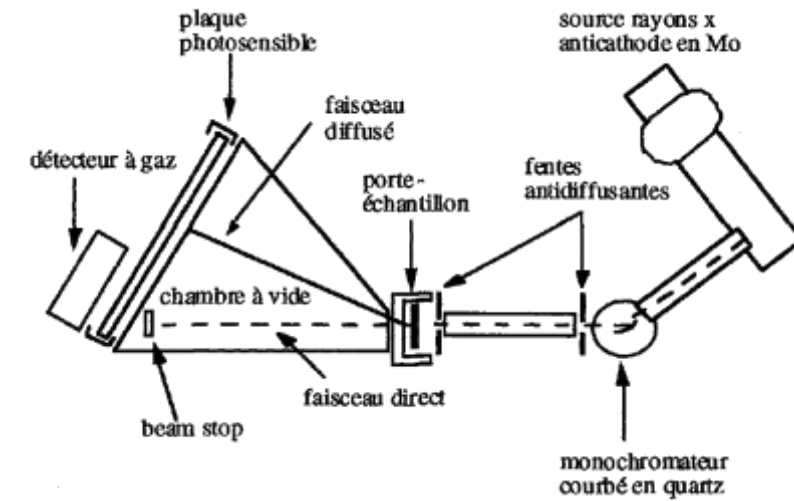
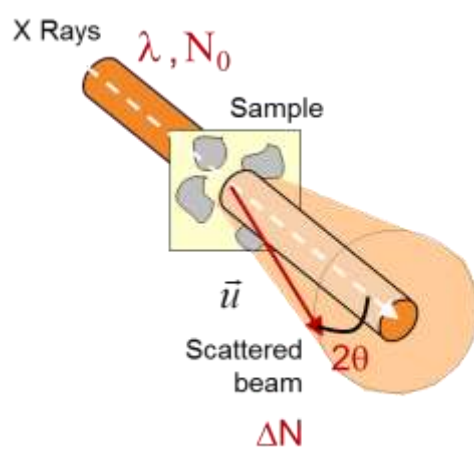


Figure 2 : (a) Image 2D d'un échantillon d'AOT, w=30% avec 1% de laponite, après une acquisition de 12 heures. (b) Le spectre brut (nombre de coups en fonction du n° du pixel) s'obtient par regroupement le long de l'axe q' , dans un rectangle de la largeur du faisceau incident.

Figure 2 : (a) 2D scattering pattern from a lamellar sample of AOT (w=30%), with 1% of laponite clay particles after 12 hours exposure. (b) Raw spectrum (number of photons plotted against the pixel number) obtained by radial averaging the 2D picture along the q' axis, in a rectangle of the width of the direct beam.

SAXS advantage at Mo (17 keV)



$$\Delta N = \underbrace{\Phi_0}_{\text{Incident Flux}} \underbrace{S}_{\text{Surface of the sample}} \underbrace{T}_{\text{Transmission}} \underbrace{p(\vec{u})}_{\text{Probability of being Scattered in the direction } u} \underbrace{\Delta\Omega}_{\text{Solid angle of the detector}}$$

Counts/s in the direction of the solid angle $\Delta\Omega$

Probability increases with thickness t

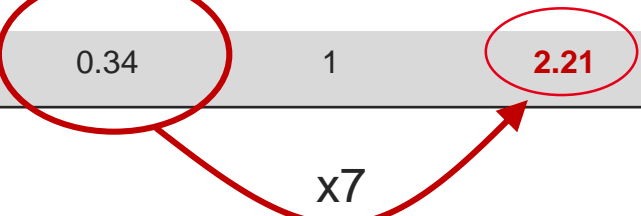
$\Delta N \sim t T$ is maximum for $t = 1/\mu$ and therefore $T=1/t=0.37$

$$p(\vec{u}) = t \cdot \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} \quad \text{Intensive property of the material}$$

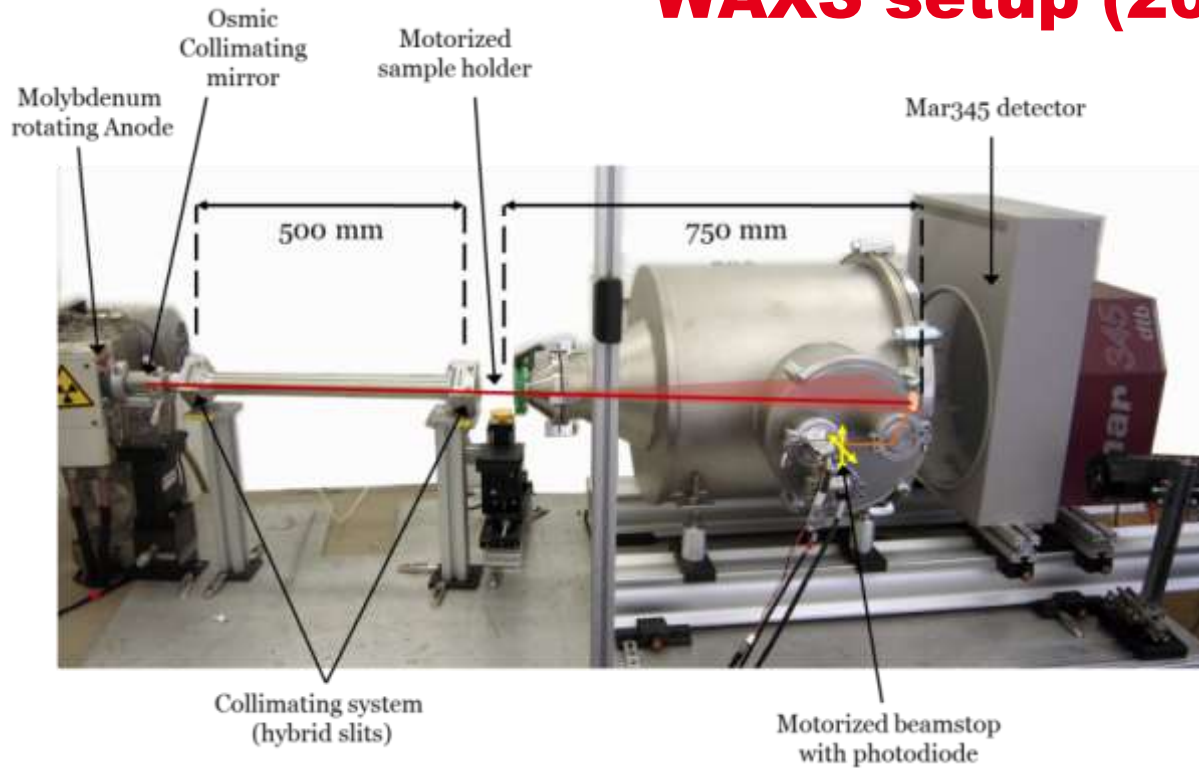
$$\Delta N = N_0 \cdot T \cdot t \cdot \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} \cdot \Delta\Omega$$

Need to be maximized, depends of the sample

	H ₂ O	Cu K _{a1} 8.047 keV	ID02 ESRF 11.9 keV	Mo K _{a1} 17.48 keV
t Optimal		1.02 mm	2.96 mm	10.7 mm 3 mm
Transmission		0.34	0.34	0.71
T.t		0.34	1	2.21



WAXS setup (2013 – 2023)



SAXS – WAXS (MOMAC)

q range : 4×10^{-2} to 4 \AA^{-1}

0.1 nm \leftrightarrow 10 nm

$\lambda = 0.07 \text{ nm}$ **E=17 keV**

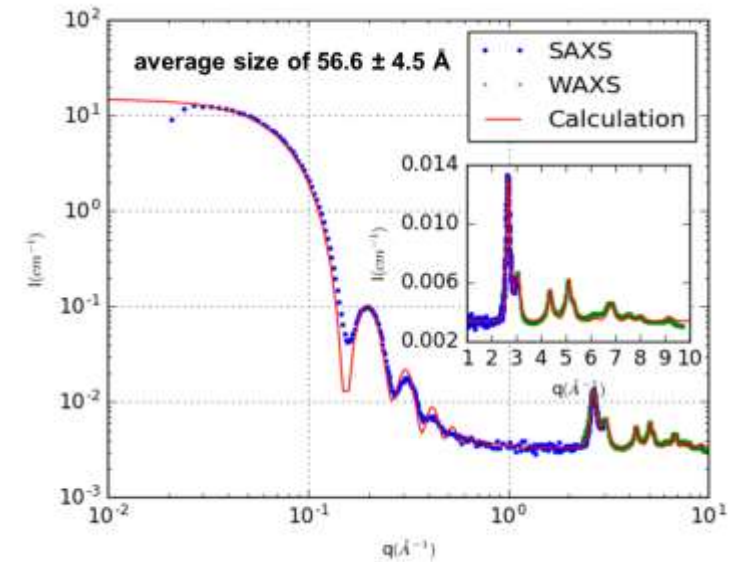
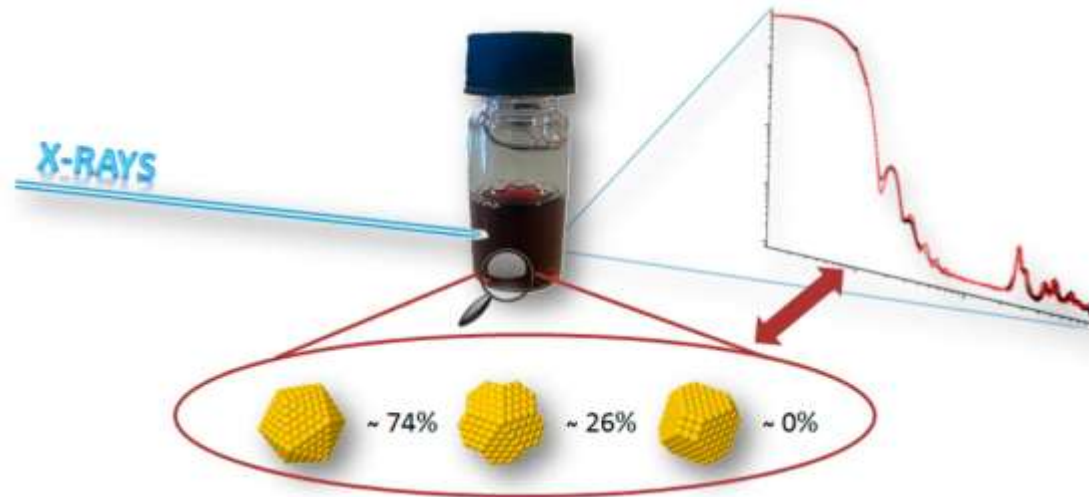
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Flux : $100 \times 10^6 \text{ ph/s}$

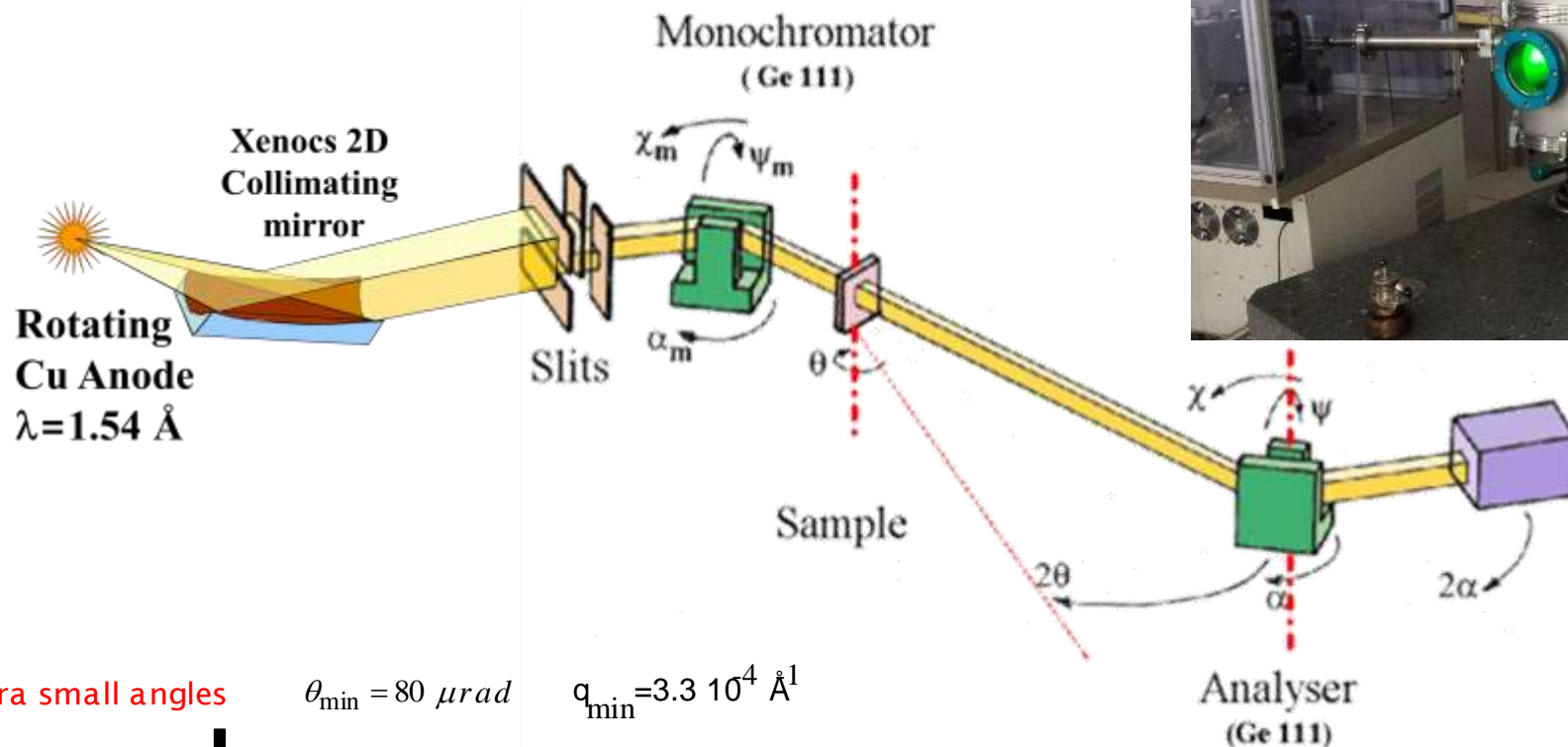
MOMAC: a SAXS/WAXS laboratory instrument dedicated to nanomaterials.

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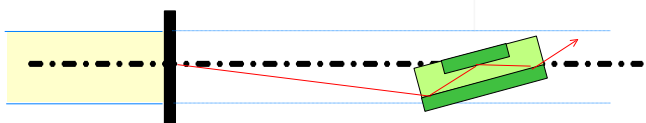
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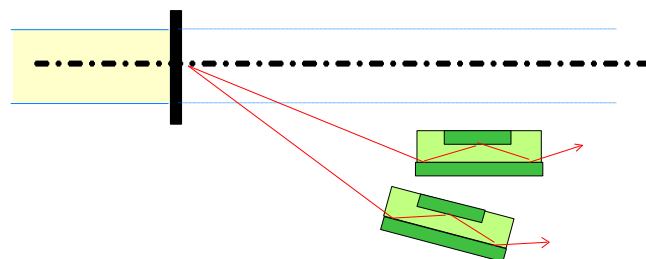
USAXS - BONSE&HART GEOMETRY



⇒ Ultra small angles $\theta_{\min} = 80 \mu\text{rad}$ $q_{\min} = 3.3 \cdot 10^4 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$



⇒ High resolution $\Delta\theta = 80 \mu\text{rad}$ $\Delta q = 3 \cdot 10^4 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$



Parameters and performances

λ	1.54 \AA
beam size on sample H x V	3x11 mm ²
Channel cut crystals	Ge 111
Δq (FWHM)	3,14 10^{-4} \AA^{-1}
q_{\min} at 10^{-3} from maximum	4x10 ⁻⁴ \AA^{-1}
q_{\min} at 10^{-5} from maximum	2x10 ⁻³ \AA^{-1}
Flux (with mirror)	7x10 ⁷ c/s
Divergence of incident beam H x V	80 μrad x 5mrad
Divergence of scattered beam H x V	80 μrad x 20mrad
q-range	2.10 ⁻⁴ < q < 0.4 \AA^{-1}
d-range	3 μm < d < 15 \AA

XEUSS 3 BH USAXS module

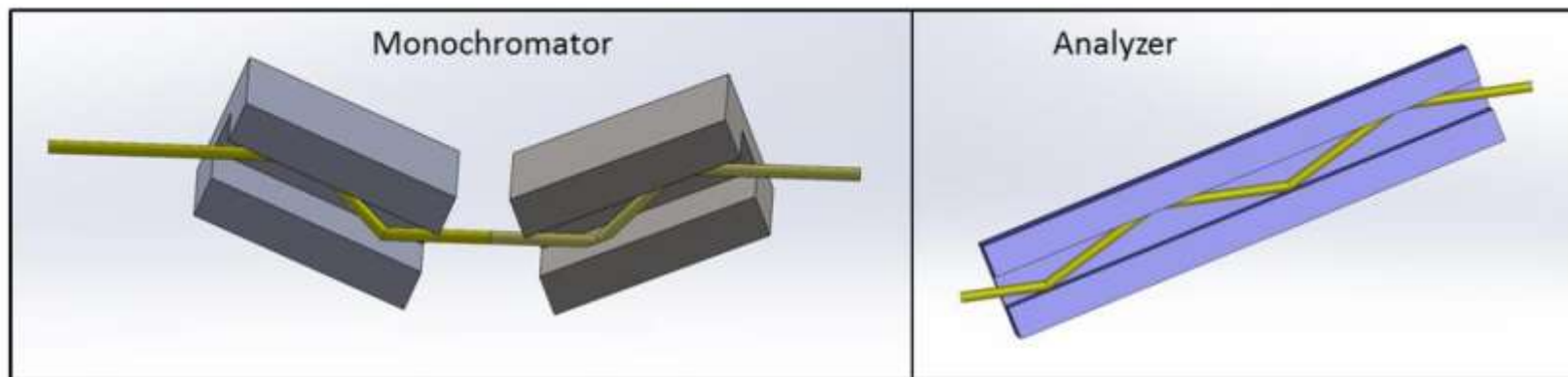
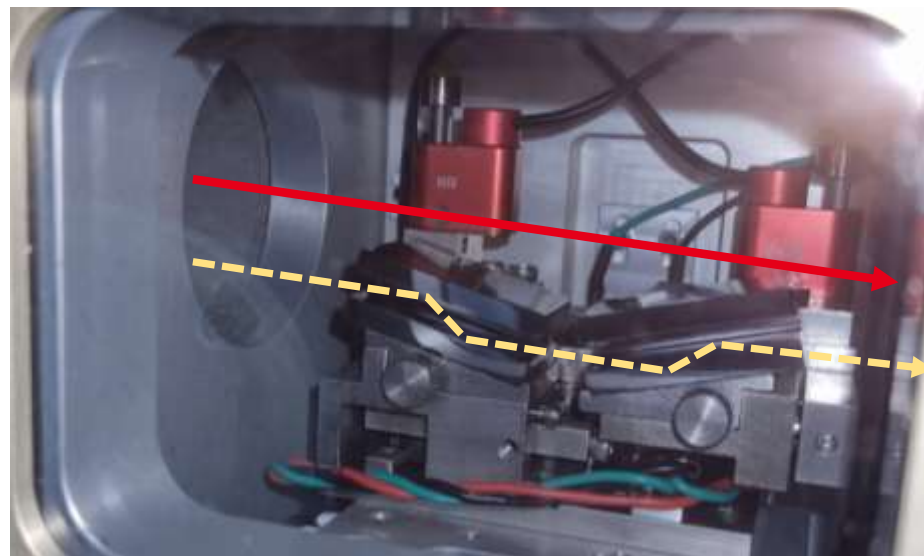
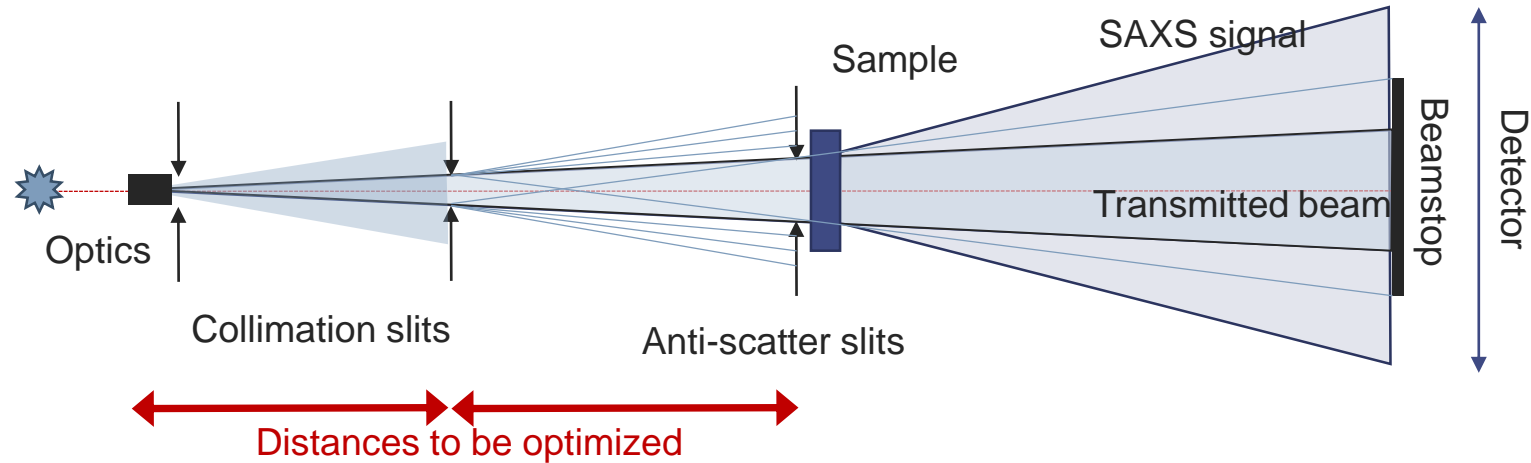


Figure 2 – Monochromator and analyzer schematics for the BH-USAXS. Multiple bounce (i.e channel-cut crystals) reduce the scattering “tail” background. Please note the geometry of the monochromator assembly, divided into two separated crystals with two bounces each. This geometry assures a fix-exit effect on beam height.



3 Pinholes geometry

➤ Increase beam size



90 % x-rays provided by the source are lost

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Improving sensitivity of a small angle x-ray scattering camera with pinhole collimation using separated optical elements

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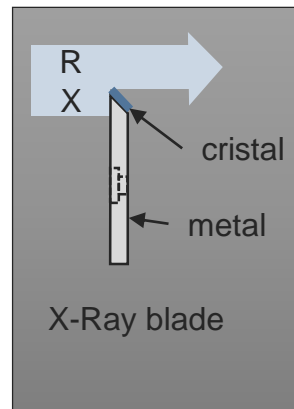
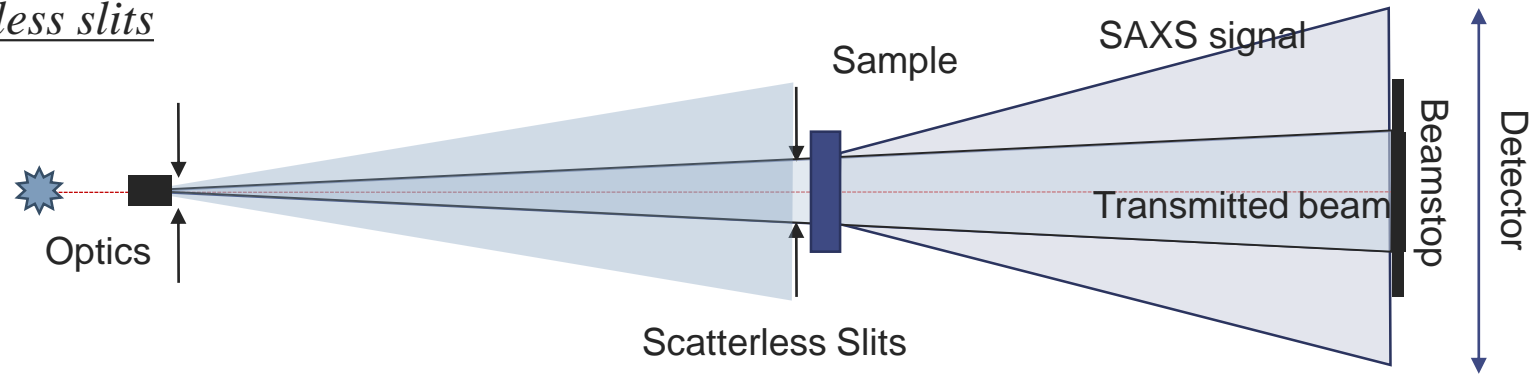
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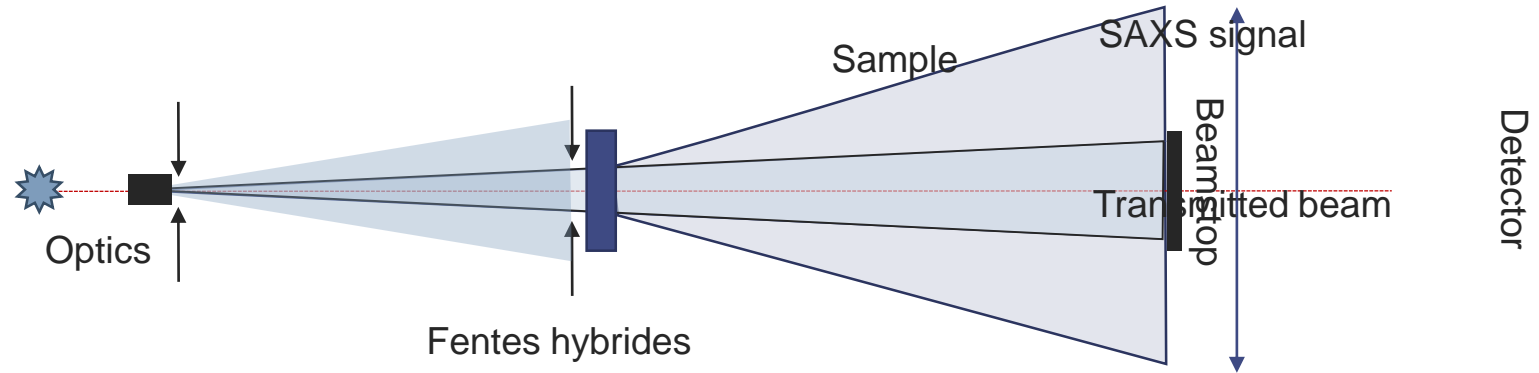
Scatterless slits

Hybrid scatterless slits



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*Scatterless hybrid metal-single-crystal slit for small angle X-ray scattering
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Scatterless slits : optimized setup



- Smaller beam on the sample
- Higher resolution
- Higher q_{min}
- More flux

Increasing by x5 the flux on the sample

Sur le Xeuss

S1



S2



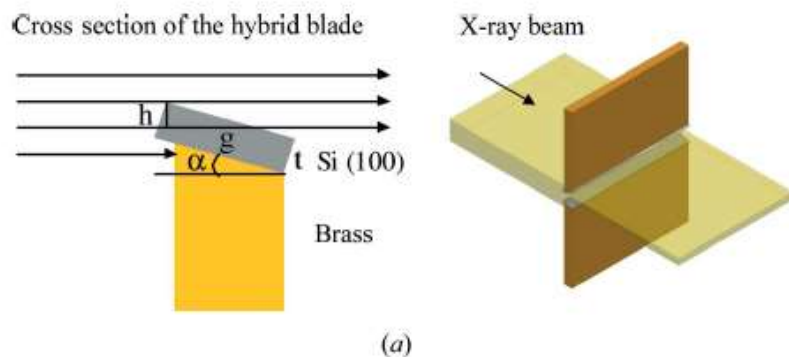
Pinholes: fix
Slits : adjustable

Scatterless hybrid metal–single-crystal slit for small-angle X-ray scattering and high-resolution X-ray diffraction

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A simple hybrid design has been developed to produce practical aperture slits for small-angle X-ray scattering and high-resolution diffraction. The hybrid slit consists of a rectangular single-crystal



2010-2011 : improved version of the scatterless « collimator »

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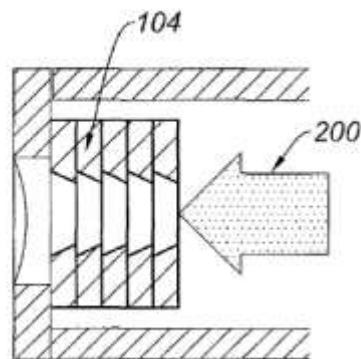
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(57) Abstract : The invention relates to a collimation device for an X-ray beam, to an optical device for analyzing a specimen (105) by the scattering of an X-ray beam, and a collimator for an X-ray beam. The collimation device comprises an enclosure (110) intended to be under a vacuum or a controlled atmosphere, the enclosure (110) having an inlet (120) and an outlet (121) for the beam and at least one plate (104) made of a material having a diffracting periodic structure, said plate (104) having two main faces (104a, 104b) and at least one flared aperture (104c) between said faces.

(57) Abrégé : L'invention concerne un dispositif de collimation pour un faisceau de rayons X, un dispositif optique pour analyser un échantillon (105) par diffusion d'un faisceau de rayons X et un collimateur pour un faisceau de rayons X. Le dispositif de collimation comprend une enceinte (110) destinée à être mise sous vide ou sous atmosphère contrôlée, l'enceinte (110) comportant une entrée (120) et une

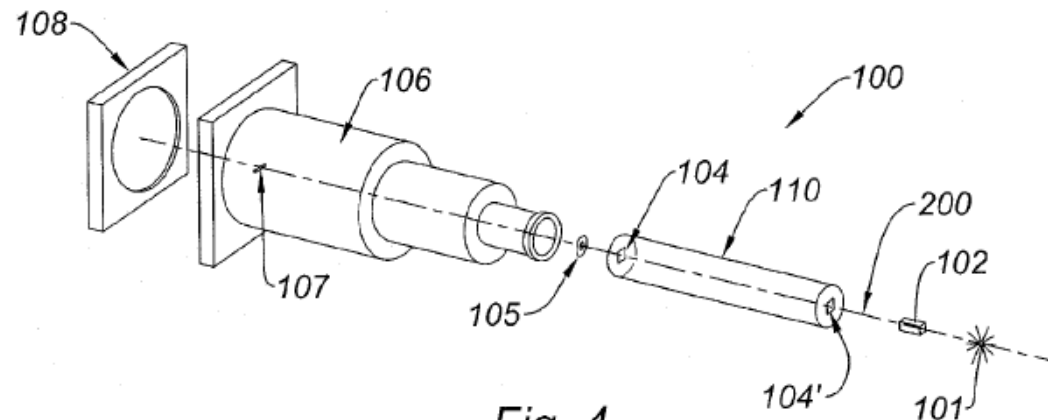


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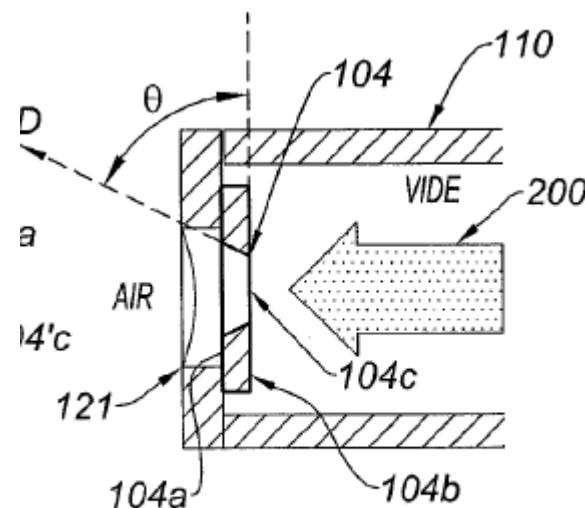
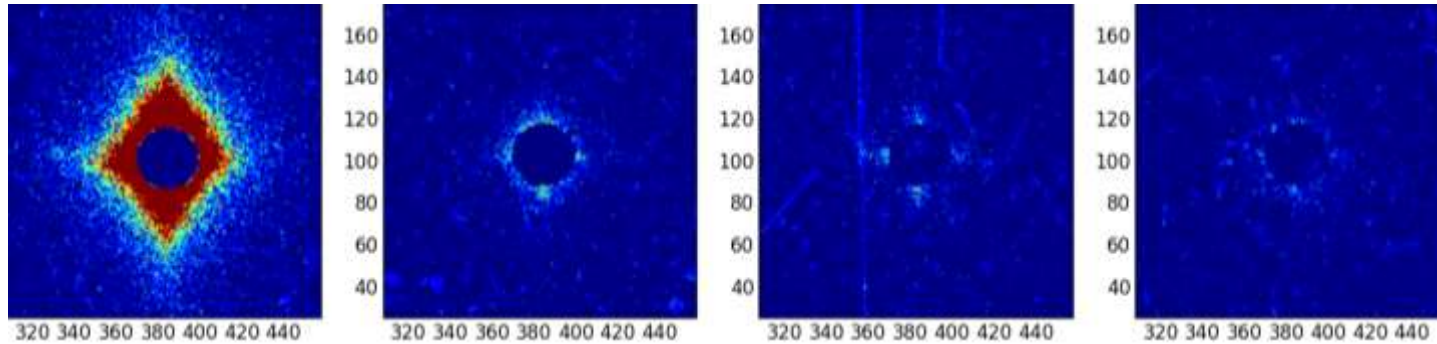


Fig. 6

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2012 Xenocs patent transfer

Comparative tests



Old system

V1

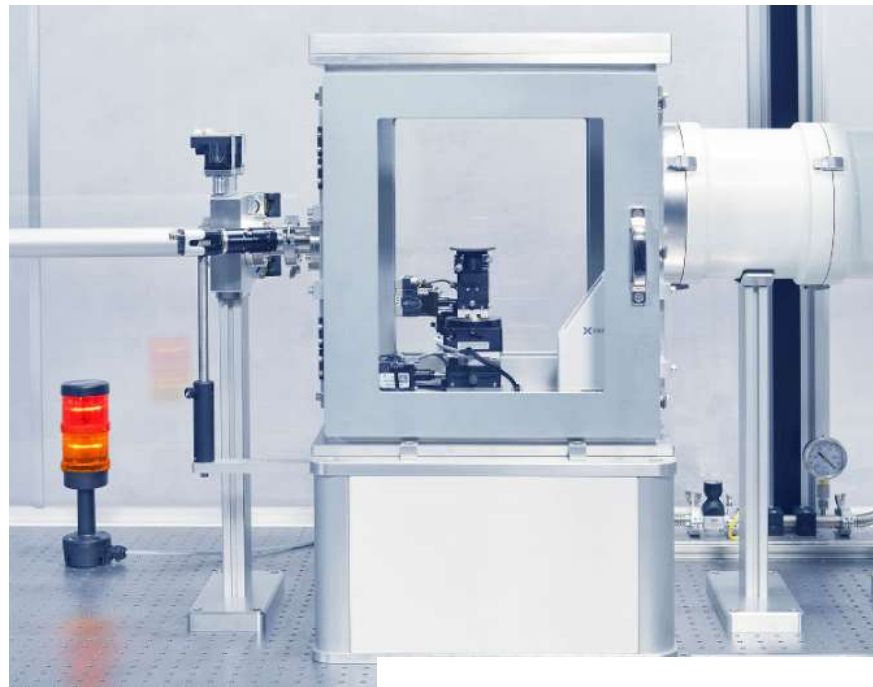
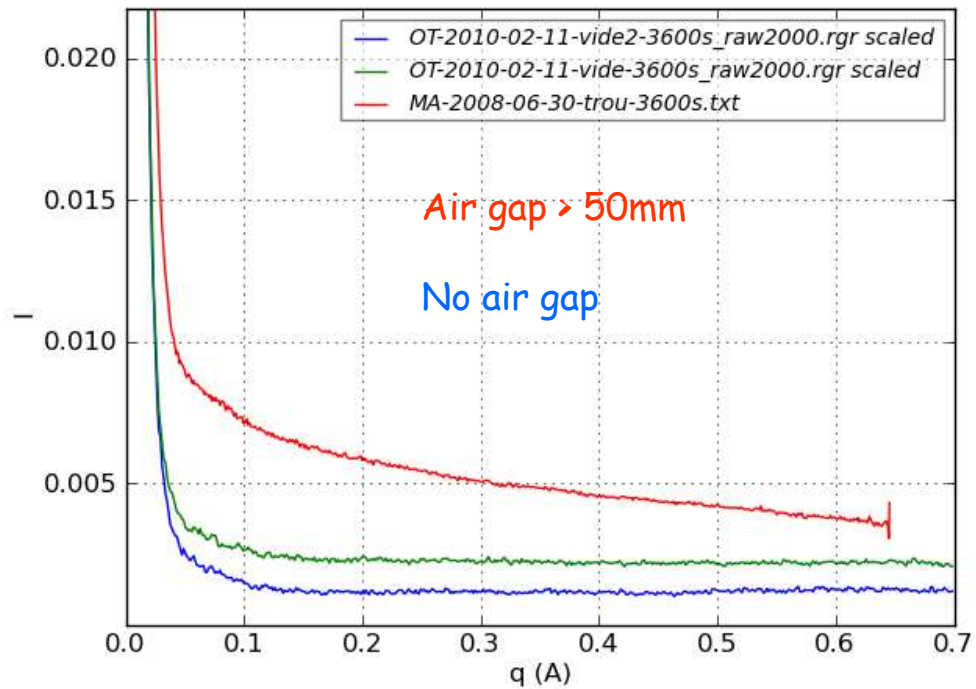
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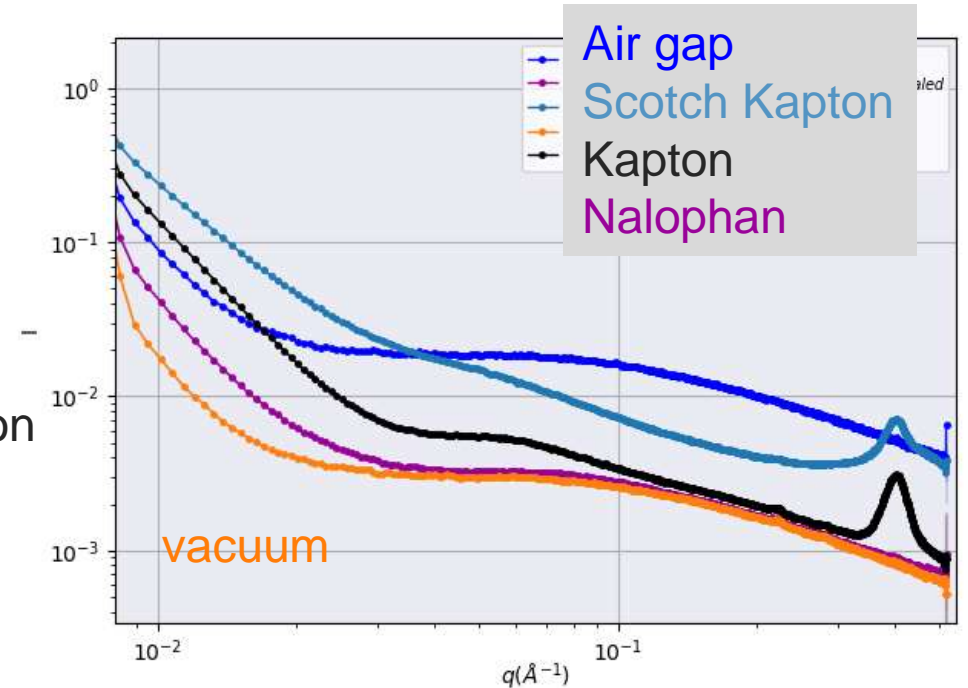


Parasitic Diffusion

Scattering signal of Air
Scattering signal of windows



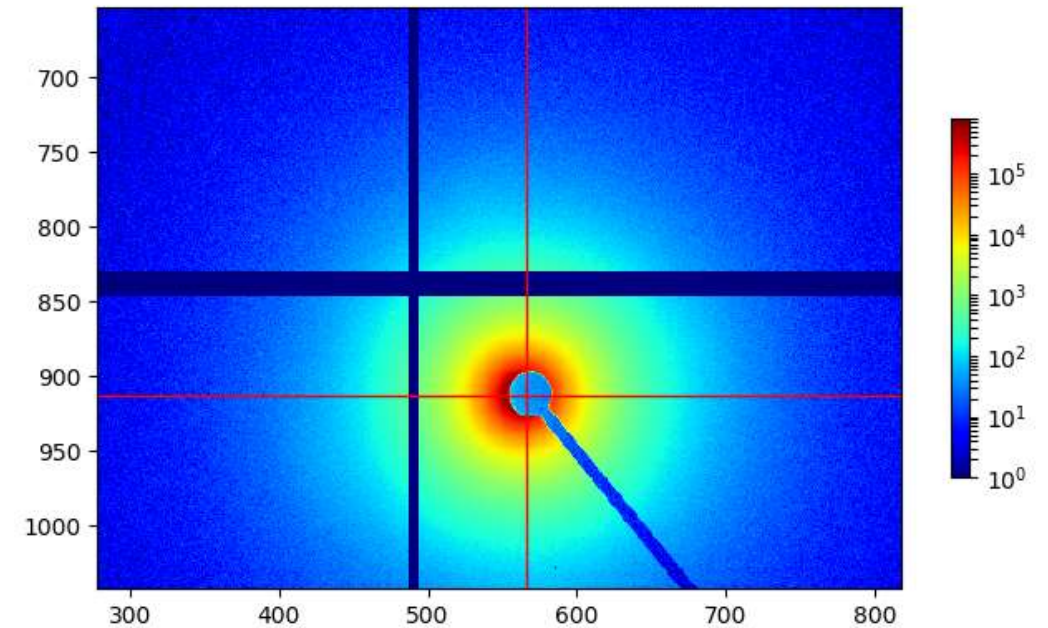
SAXS
windows on
XEUSS 2



BEAMSTOP

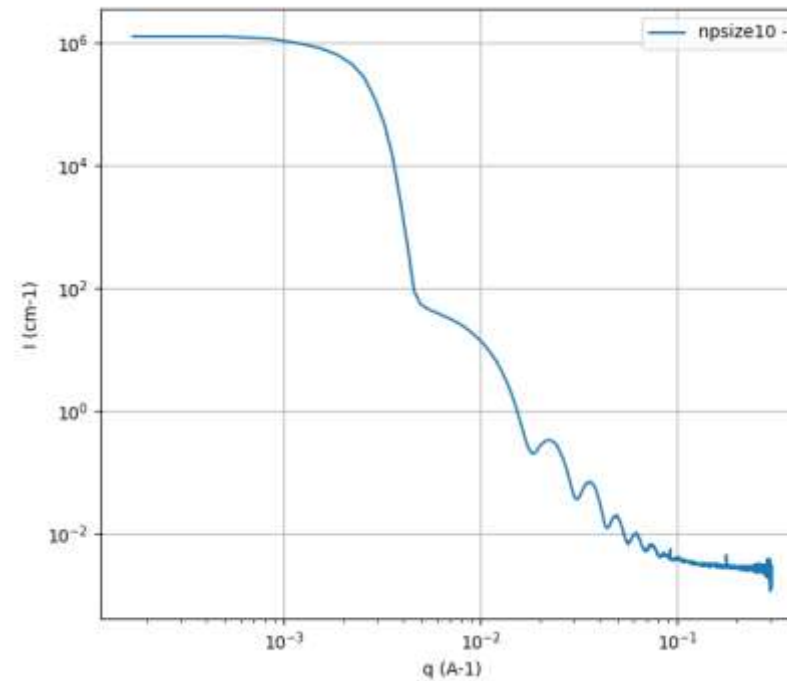
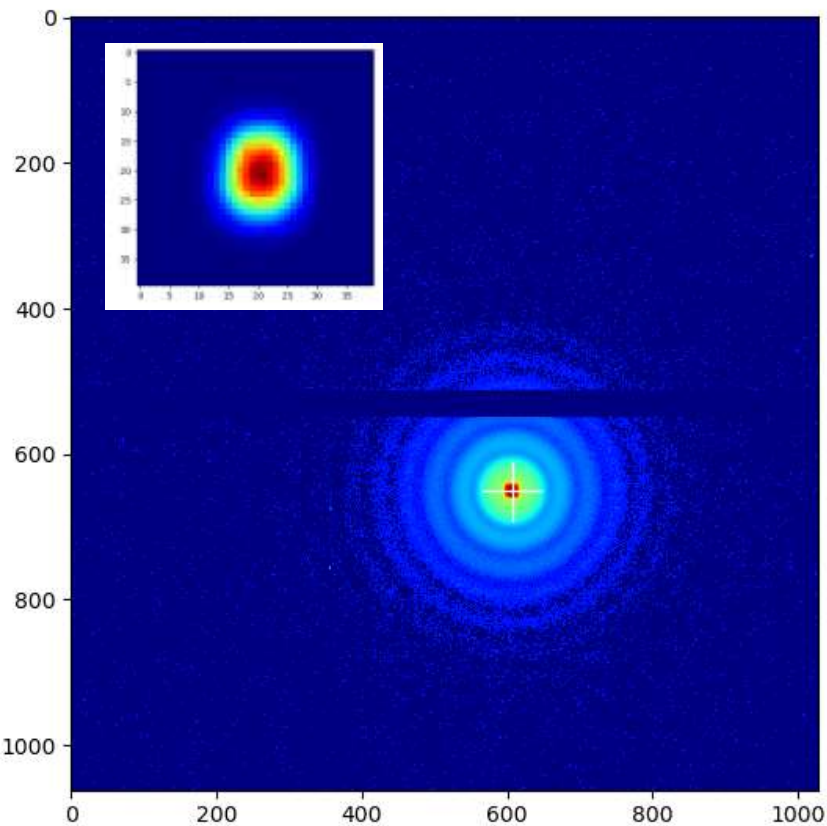
Stop the direct beam

- do not damage the detector
- avoid detector/chamber windows diffraction
- Must be inside the vacuum chamber
- coupled with a photodiode



Beamstop less configuration

- ANTON PAAR
- XENOCs



- Need of Eiger detector (frame rate)
- Image data treatment
- **Improve the absolute intensities**

Détection

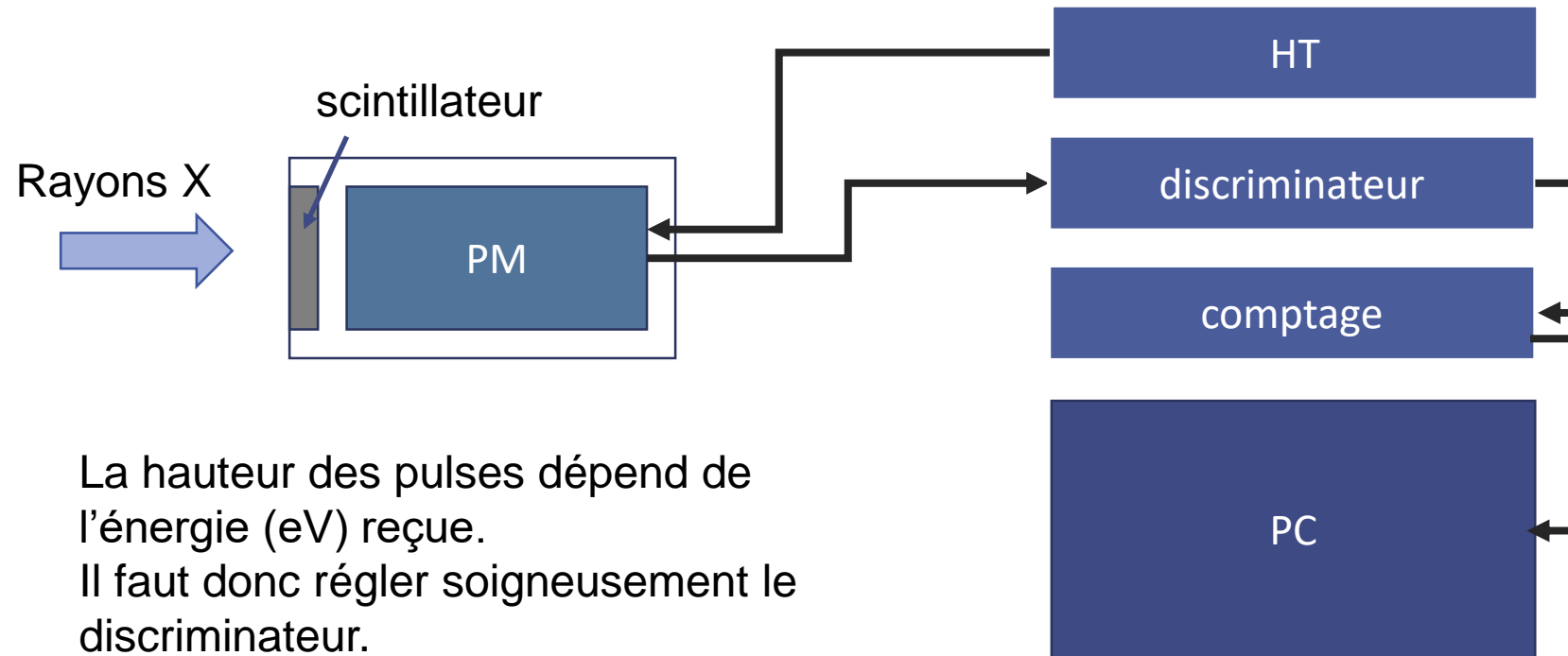
Instruments de réglage

- Scintillateurs
- Photodiode
- Camera vidéo

Caractéristiques requises pour l'imagerie en SAXS (laboratoire)

- Taille de détection >100 mm
- Sensibilité :
 - Bruit de fond faible
 - Temps de comptage long
- Résolution ? (taille du faisceau 1x1 mm)

Scintillateur



Bruit de fond élevé, Détecteur 1D

Photodiode



Calibrated photodiode
3.4 mm x 1.3 mm
Si Thickness 52 μm

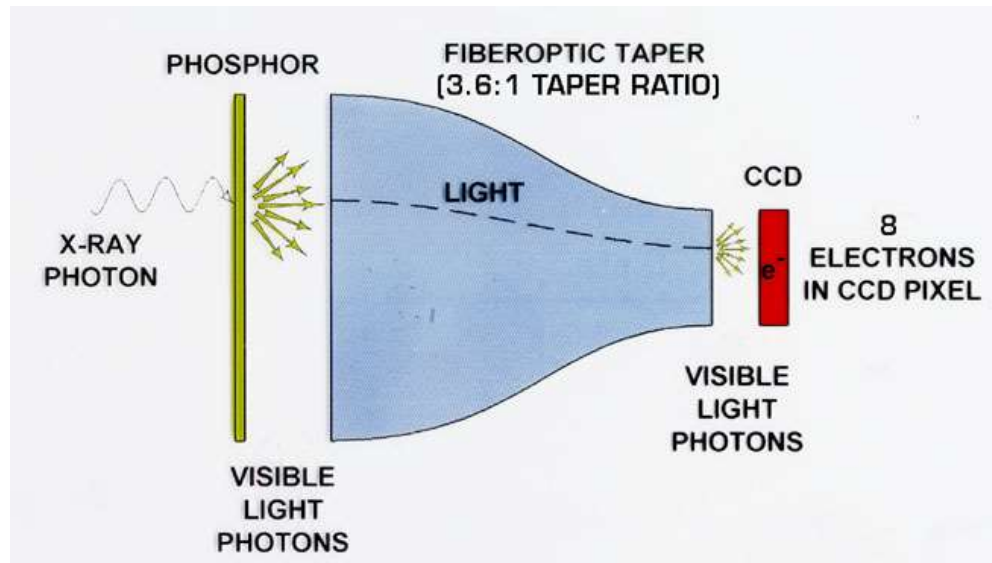
$$i = F_0 * A * \frac{E}{3,65 \text{ eV}} * q$$

- F_0 , incident flux (ph/s)
- A absorbance of 52 μm Si at 8 keV : 55%
- E energy (8keV)
- $Q = 1,6 * 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
- One signal electron in silicon requires 3.65 eV

1nA \rightarrow $5 \cdot 10^6$ ph/s

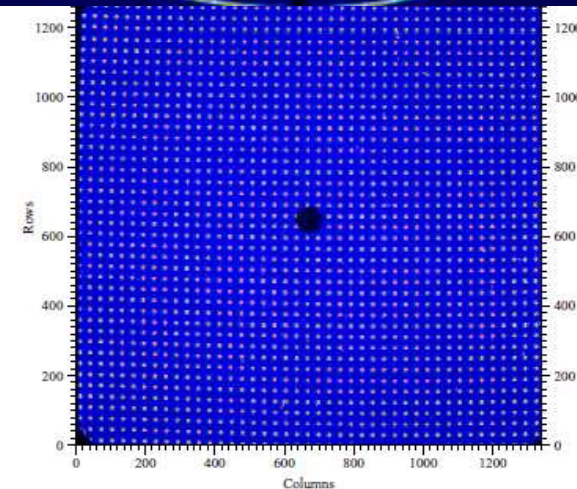
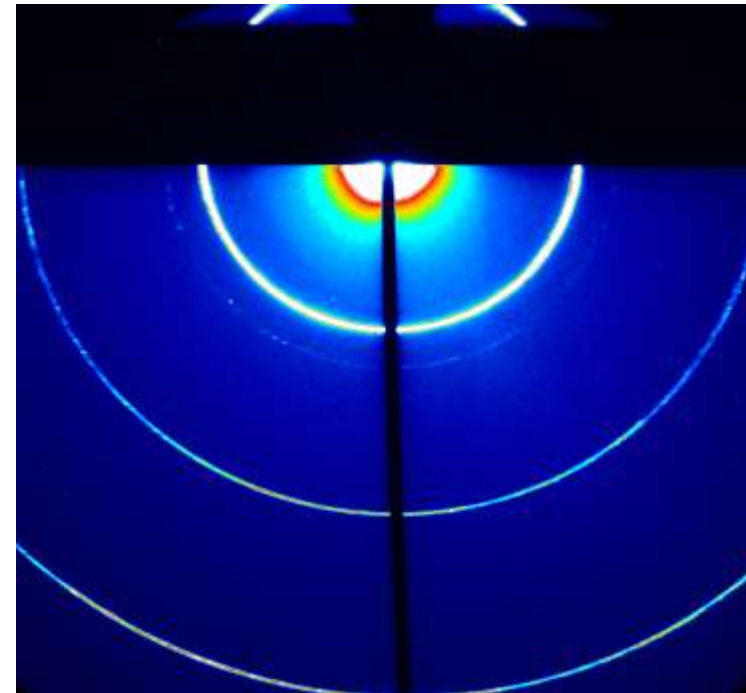
Bruit de fond élevé, Détecteur 1D

Détecteurs 2D : Camera CCD



Caractéristiques

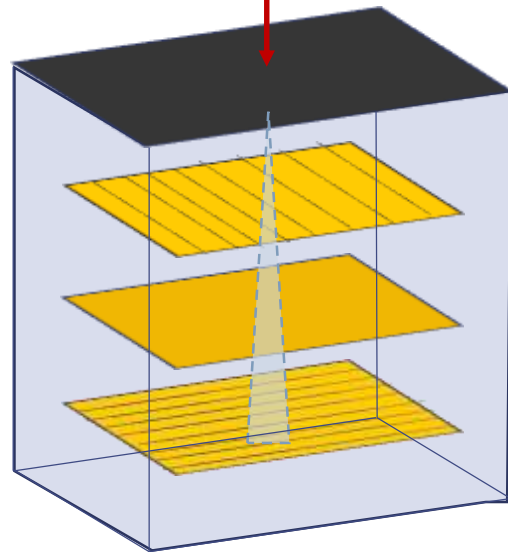
- + taille des pixels (10 a 20 μm)
- + vitesse d'acquisition (<5s)
- bruit de lecture + bruit électronique
- Prix / Taille,
- Cosmiques,
- distorsion de l'image (selon capteur)



Détecteur à gaz

Principe de fonctionnement:

Rayons X

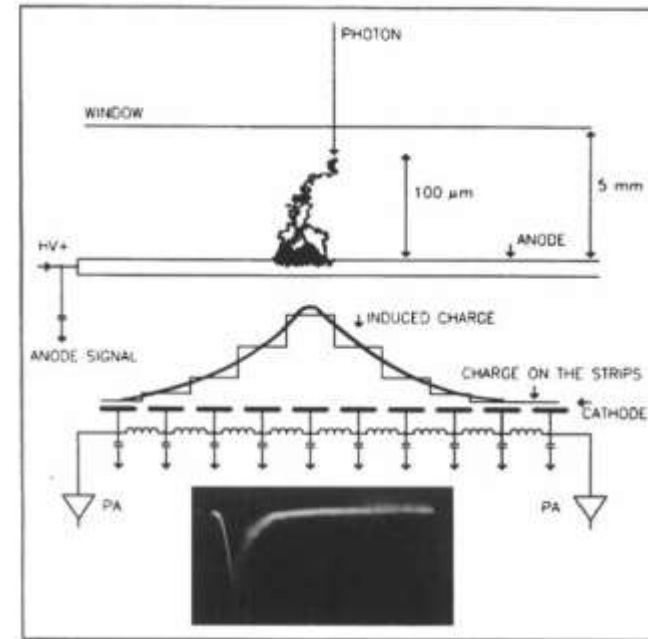


Fenêtre+drift

Grille X

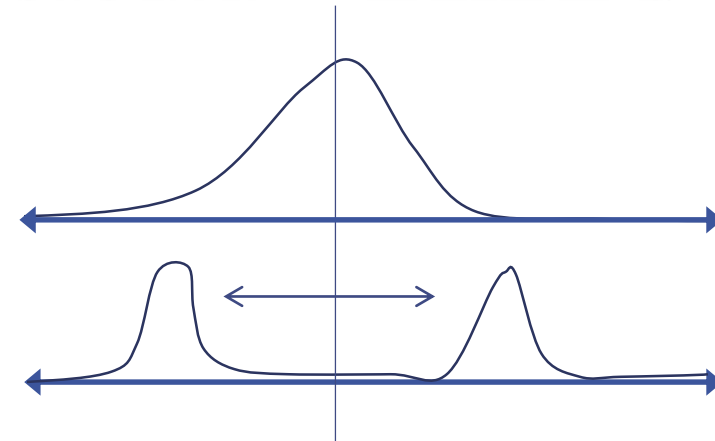
Anode (+) 6 μm

Grille Y 30 μm



Menhard Kocsis, “*The status of gas-filled detector developments at a third generation synchrotron source (ESRF)*”, Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 471 (2001) 103–108

Petrascu, A. -M. , Koch, M. H. J. and Gabriel, A’A *beginners' guide to gas-filled proportional detectors with delay line readout*’, Journal of Macromolecular Science, Part B, 37: 4, .(1998) 463 — 483



Détecteur à gaz

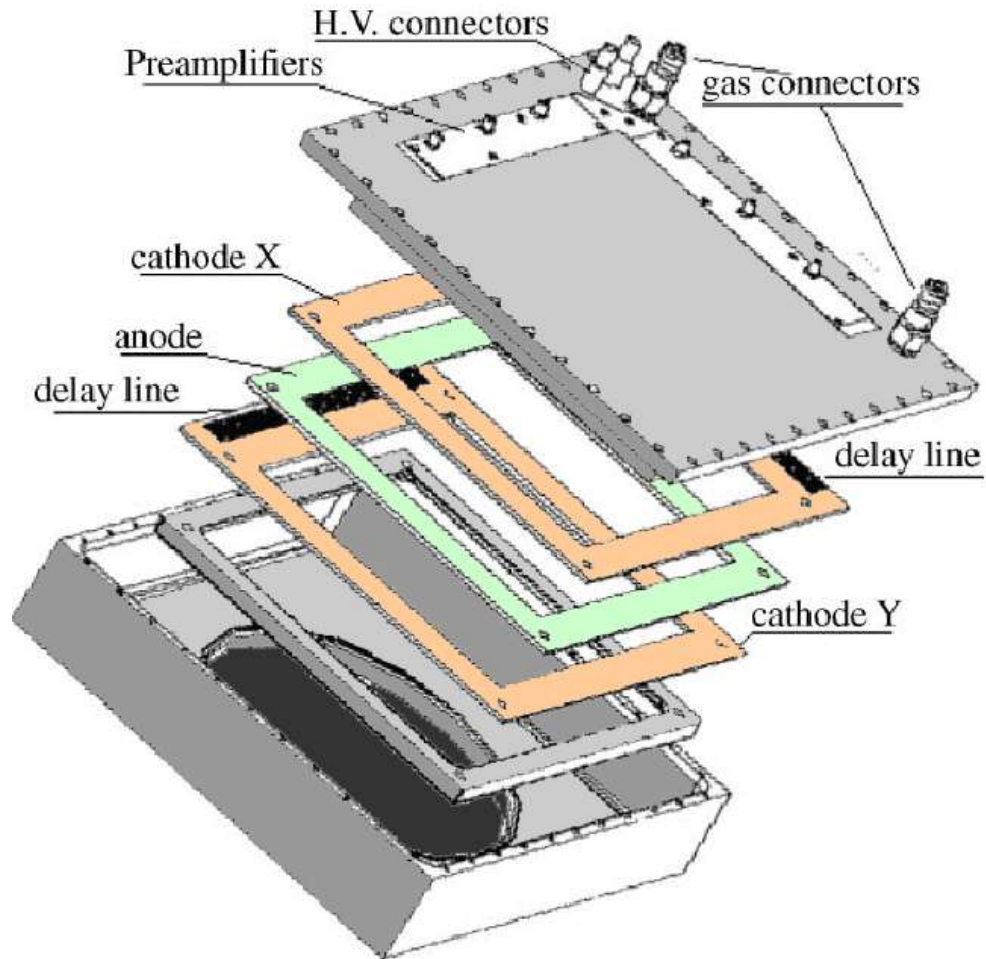


Fig. 1. Exploded view of the delay line based detector.

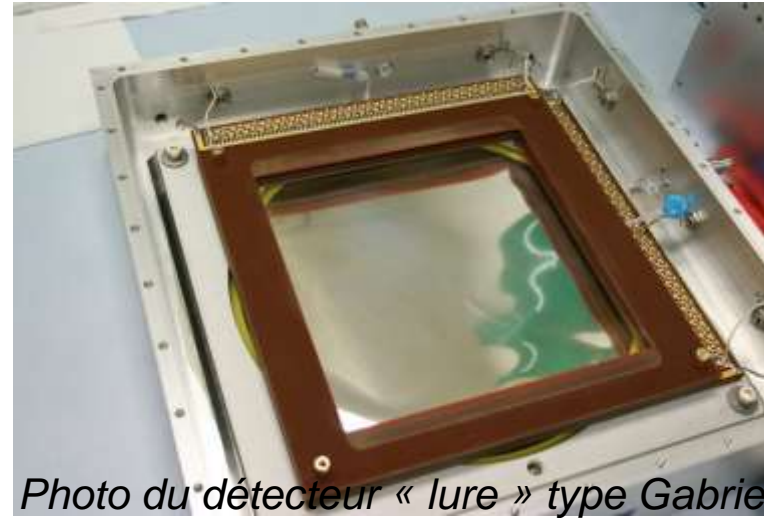


Photo du détecteur « lure » type Gabriel



Plan de fils de la grille d'anode

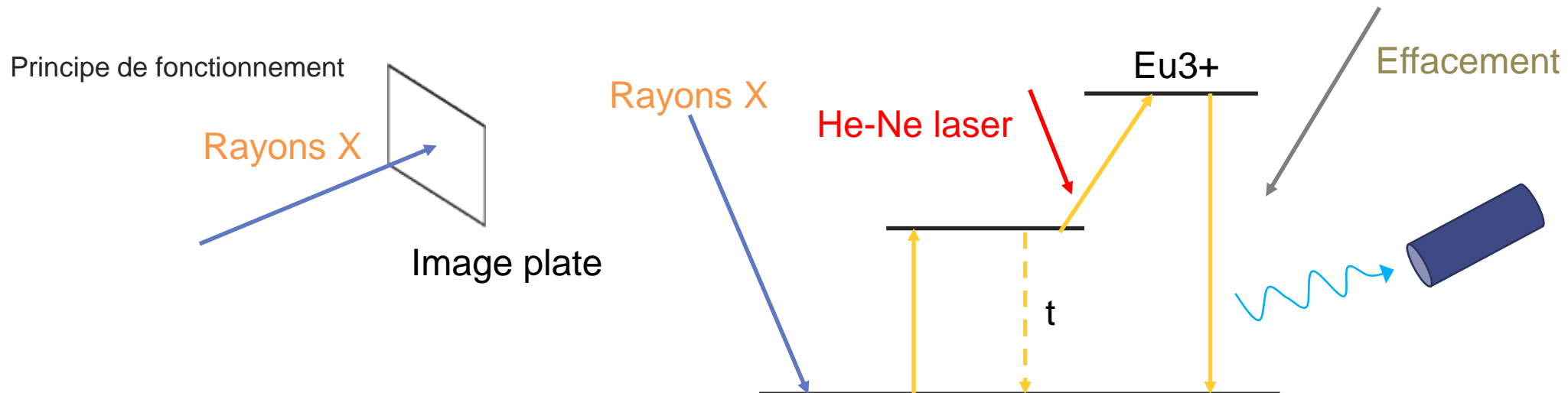
Caractéristiques :

- + Bruit de fond très bas (typiquement 100 cps/s sur tout le détecteur)
- + grille de 512x512
- + Résolution à 8 keV de 500 μm

- + 4-20 keV
- + lecture en continu
- + Gaz : Ar CO₂ pour 8 keV

- Moins de 10⁶ photons/s
- Très fragile
- Distorsion si grille réparée
- réparation

Détecteurs 2D : Image Plate Mar

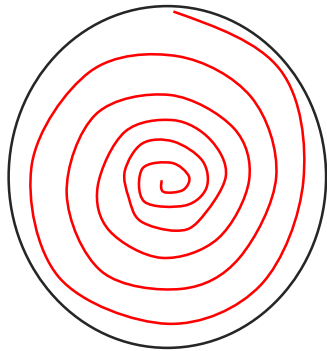


Caractéristiques

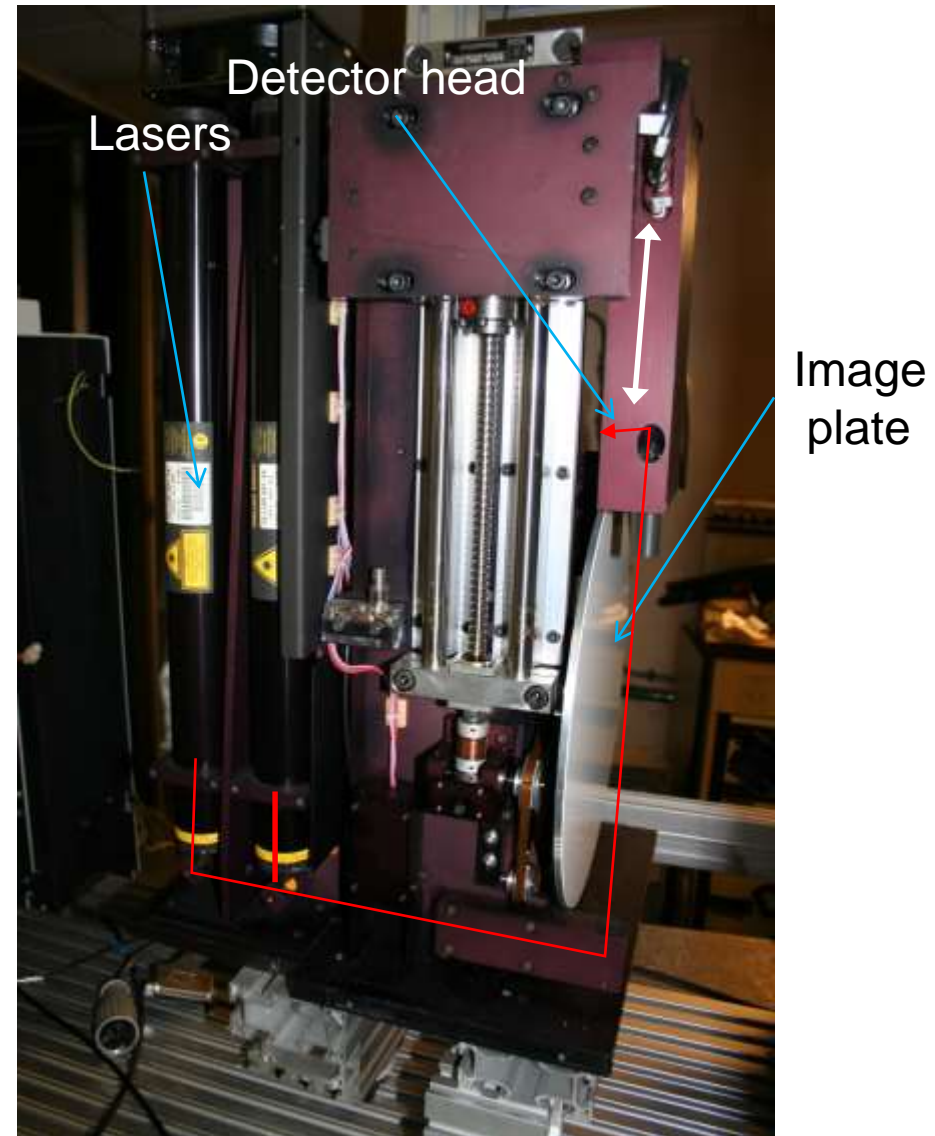
- +Taille (jusqu'à 345 mm)
- +Prix /taille
- +Pas de distorsion
- + Efficacité (90%)**
- + Temps de lecture (2 min)**
- + Lecture automatique**
- Bruit de fond
- Encombrement
- Système fermé (pas pour LIONS)

Détecteur 2D : Mar

Image plate circulaire avec scanner

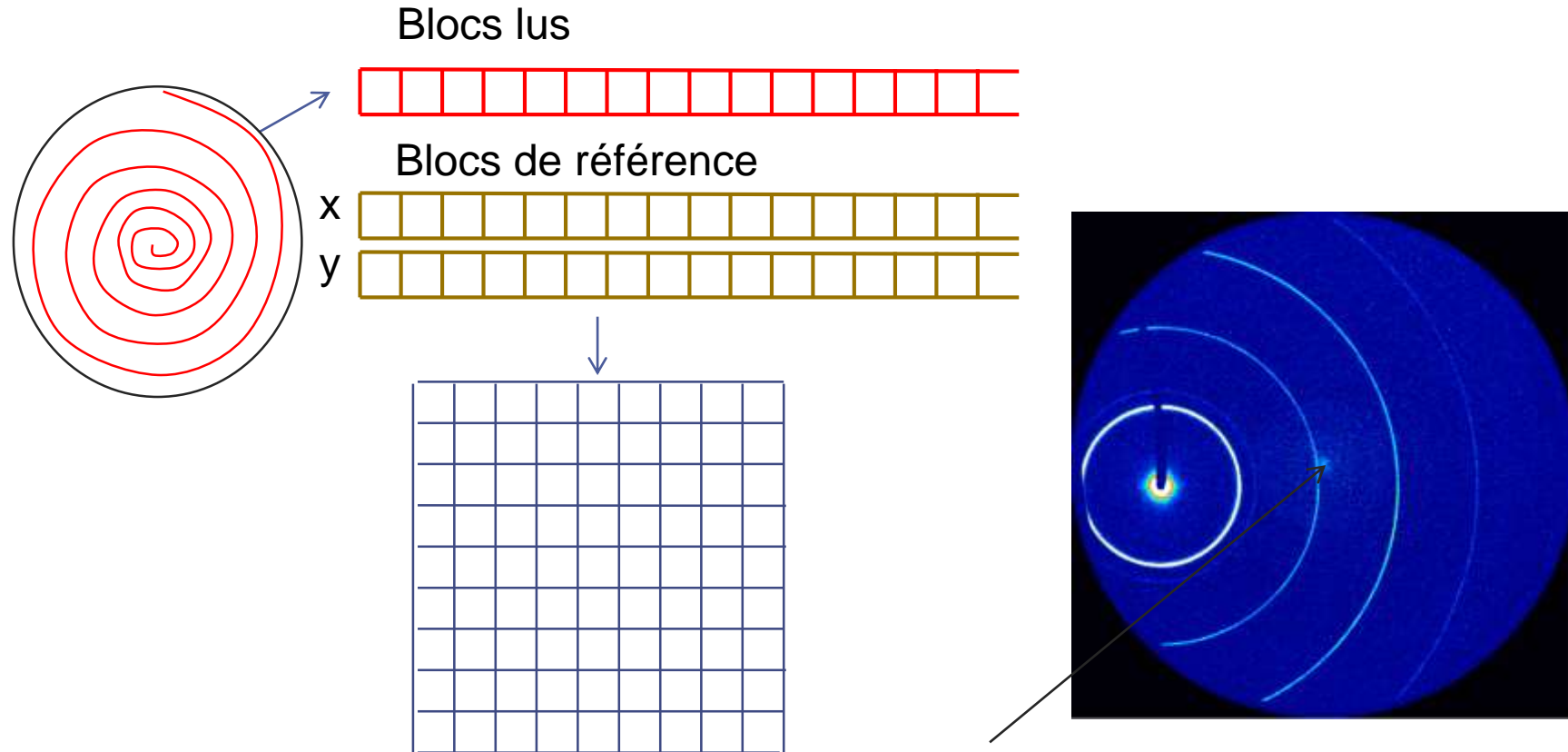


- Effacement automatique



Détecteur 2D : Mar

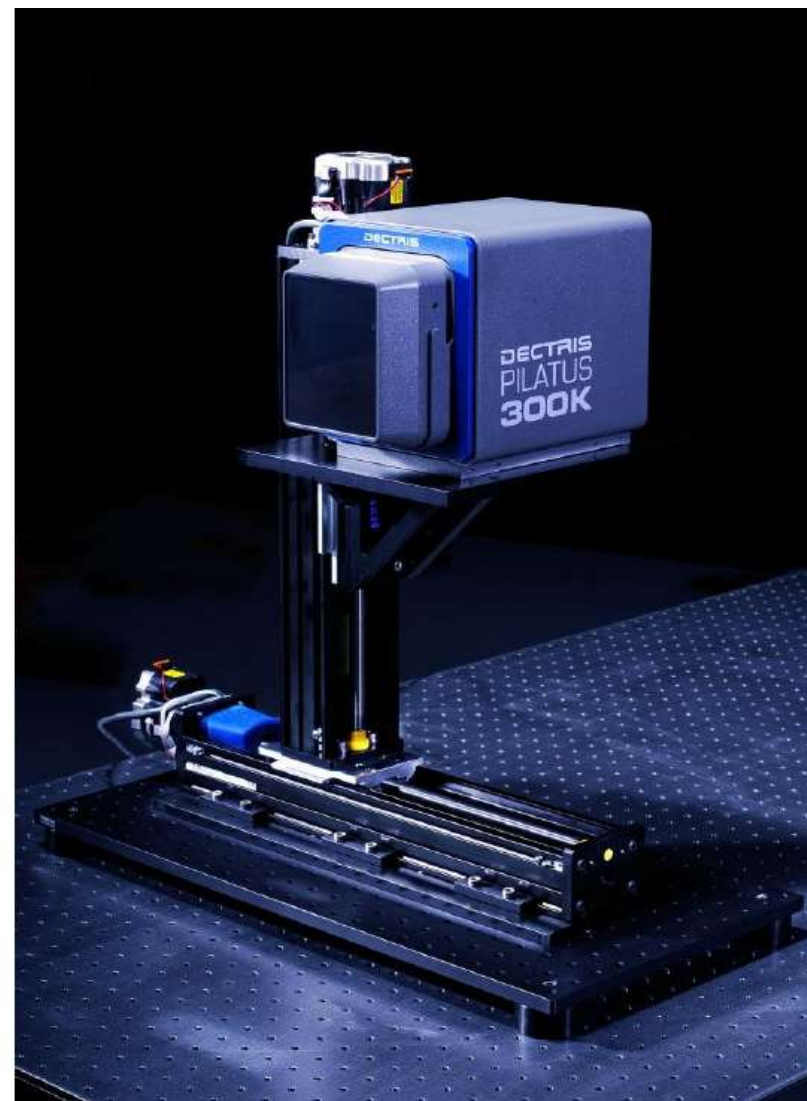
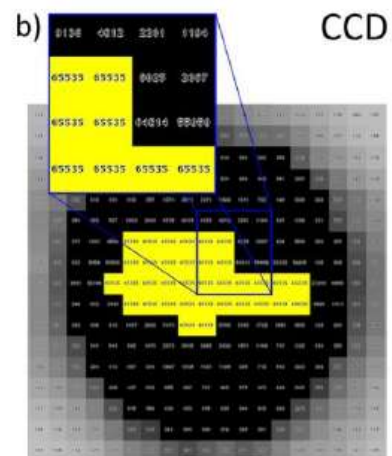
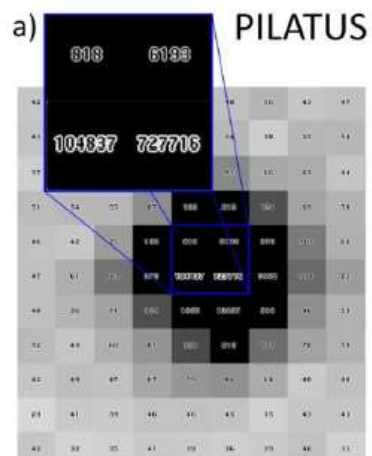
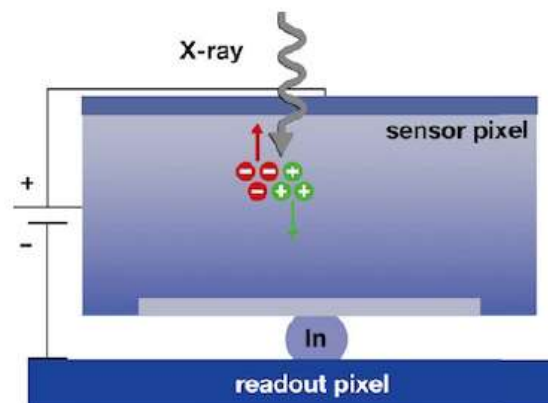
Pour garder un écartement identique (100 μ m),
la vitesse de rotation augmente quand le rayon diminue



Problème de reconstruction d'image au
centre (surestimation de la valeur des
pixels)

PILATUS : DETECTEUR hybride A PIXEL

Combinaison technologie détecteur à gaz et électronique



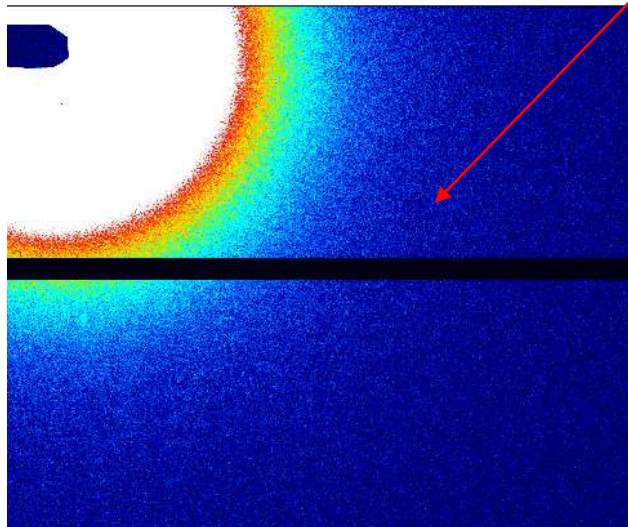
FONCTIONNEMENT DU PILATUS

Maximum count rate [phts/s/pixel] $1 \cdot 10^7$
Counter depth 20 bits (1,048,576 counts)

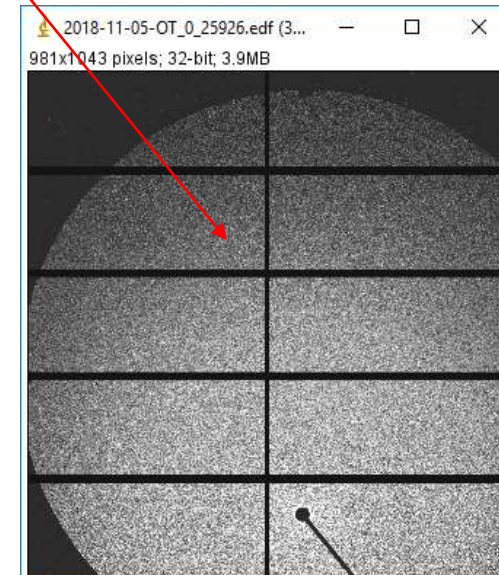


Number of detector modules
Sensitive area (width x height) [mm²]
Pixel size [μm²]
Total number of pixels

1 x 2
83.8 x 70.0
172 x 172
487 x 407 = 198,209



2 x 5
168.7 x 179.4
172 x 172
981 x 1043 = 1,023,183



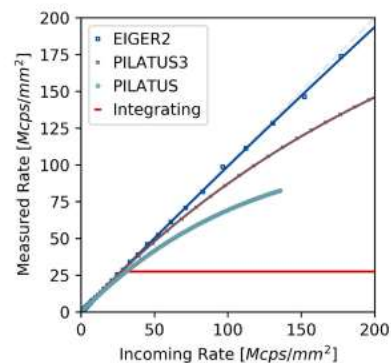
XEUSS 3 DECTRIS EIGER2 1M

- Under vacuum
- Fast read-out (enable beamstop less instrument)
- Lower dark current / background
- Taille détection ?



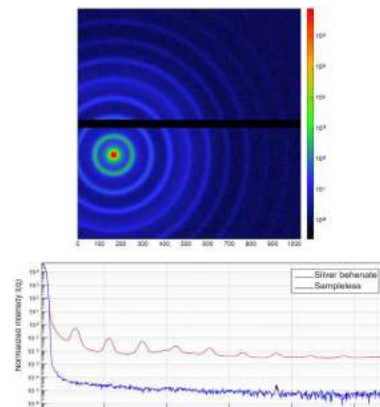
Superior count-rate performance

DECTRIS HPC detectors are designed to match the high count-rate requirements of synchrotron sources, but on the other hand, even the most advanced laboratory sources offer lower flux and brightness than a typical synchrotron beamline does. Therefore, EIGER2 R detectors far exceed the count-rate requirements of any laboratory set-up and experiment. At the same time, EIGER2 R overcomes the saturation issues and limited dynamic range that are typical of integrating detectors, even modern ones. Thanks to its superior count-rate performance, EIGER2 R is the best match for state-of-the-art laboratory sources. It provides high accuracy for strong intensities, without saturation issues, and even allows for measurement of a direct beam.



Highest dynamic range

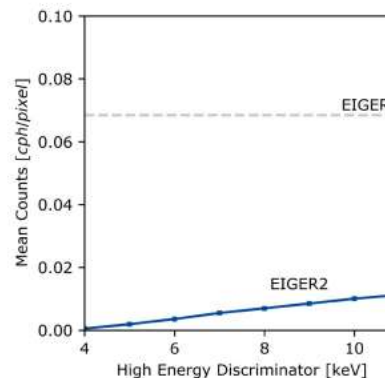
EIGER2 R's zero detector background, superior count rates, and simultaneous read/write provide the highest dynamic range. Determine the highest and lowest intensities accurately and in a single image, whether you are measuring strong and weak reflections or diffuse scattering, or facing a challenging SAXS/WAXS measurement.



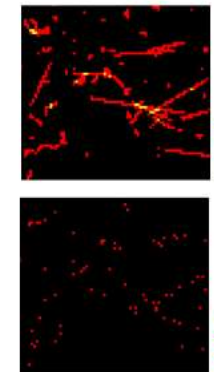
WAXS signal of Silver behenate (AgBH). Top: Raw data acquired with an EIGER2 R 1M in a Xeuss3.0 SAXS/WAXS instrument from Xenocs. Bottom: This dual plot of AgBH's signal and a negative control shows that the dynamic range of EIGER2 R detectors easily covers the more than ten orders of magnitude that are needed for weakly scattering samples.

Background suppression

The dual-energy discrimination of EIGER2 R enables suppression of both low- and high-energy background. A single energy-discriminating threshold, as implemented in any HPC detector, allows for the suppression of low-energy background. This is a tremendous advantage when dealing with X-ray fluorescence from the sample or low-energy contamination in the spectrum of the X-ray beam. However, with a second energy-discriminating threshold, as implemented in EIGER2, it is possible to suppress high-energy background as well. Cosmic radiation is a source of high-energy background that compromises data quality when measuring very weak signals with long exposure times. EIGER2 R achieves a fivefold reduction of high-energy background from cosmic radiation, which ensures better data quality. If there is high-energy contamination of the X-ray beam, such as higher-order harmonics, dual-energy discrimination becomes even more critical. Thanks to their lack of detector background and their extensive capabilities for suppression of experimental background with dual-energy discrimination, EIGER2 R detectors are your best choice for measuring weak intensities with high accuracy.



Background counts per pixel in 1 hour dark images. Grey dotted line: Dark counts for EIGER with a single energy discriminator set at 4 keV. Blue solid line: Dark counts for EIGER2 R with a low-energy discriminator at 4 keV as a function of a high-energy discriminator setting.



Identical regions obtained through a 1 hour dark exposure of an EIGER2 R detector. Top: Counts obtained with a low-energy discriminator at 4 keV. Bottom: The difference between the counts with a high-energy discriminator at 10 keV and the counts with a low-energy discriminator at 4 keV.

Comparaison Pilatus 1M Eiger 1M

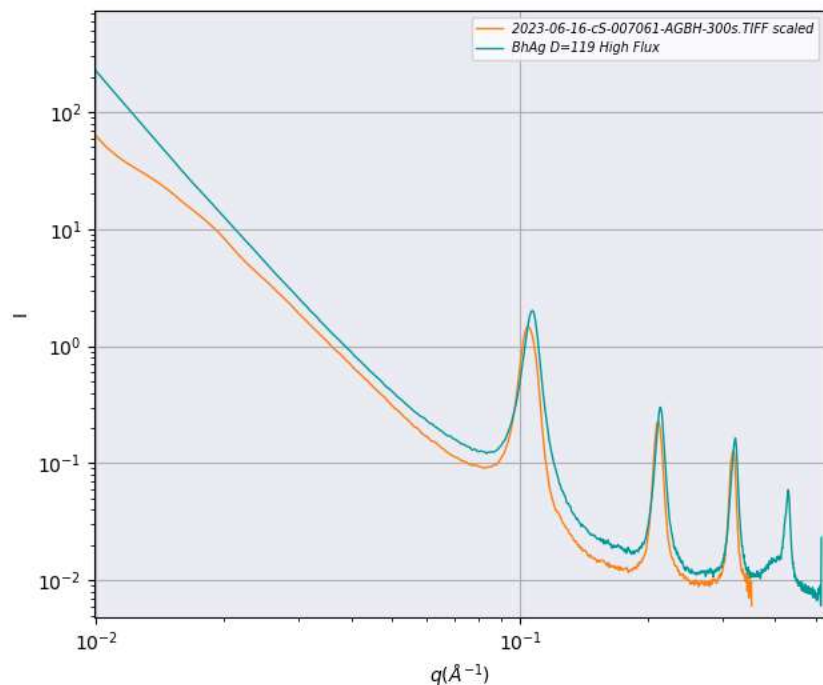
	PILATUS R 1M	PILATUS 300K	EIGER2 1M
Active area (W x H) (mm ²)	168.7 x 179.4	83.8 x 70.0	77.1 x 79.7
Pixel size (W x H) [μm ²]	172 x 172	172 x 172	75 x 75
Maximum count rate [cps/mm ²]	1.00E+08	1.00E+08	9.80E+08

Gain en gamme de q

Chemsaxs 120cm 0.01 à 0.35 Å⁻¹

Xeuss2 120 cm 0.01 à 0.5 Å⁻¹

Xeuss3 90 cm

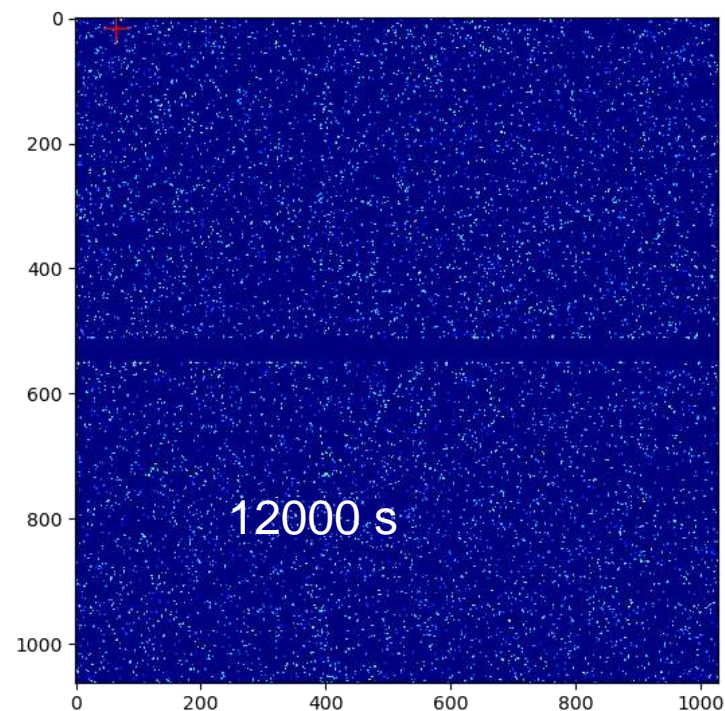
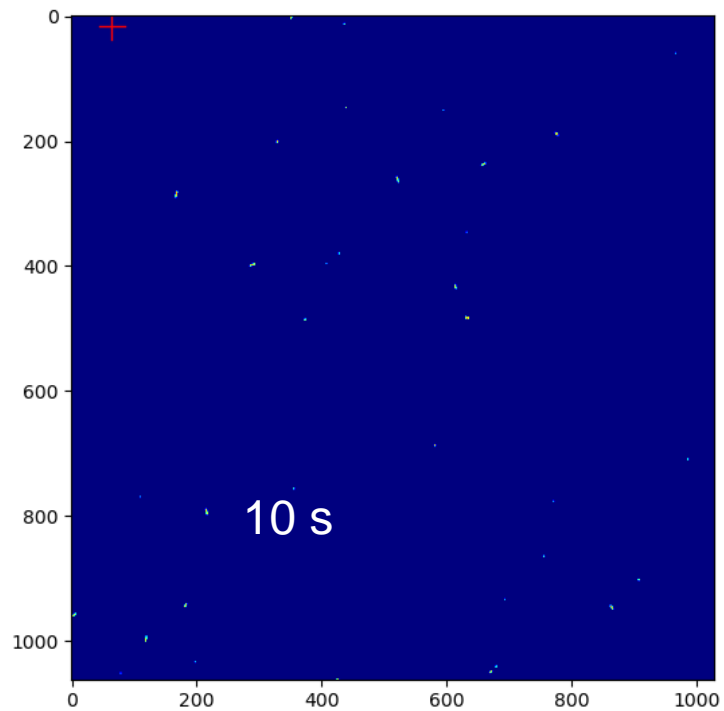
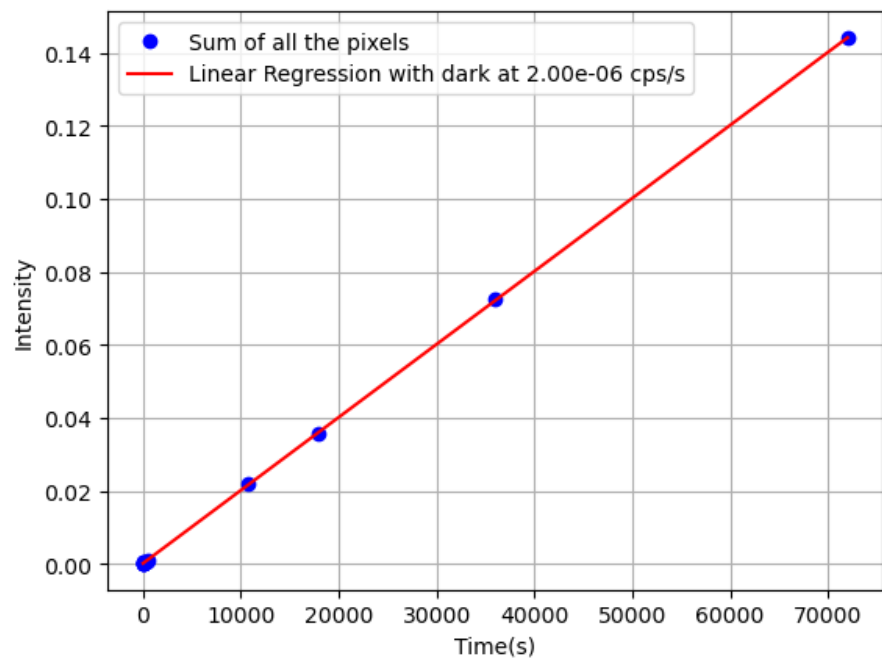


Pilatus 1M - Xeuss 2

EIGER 1M - Xeuss 3

Pilatus 300K
chemSAXS

Dark measurements

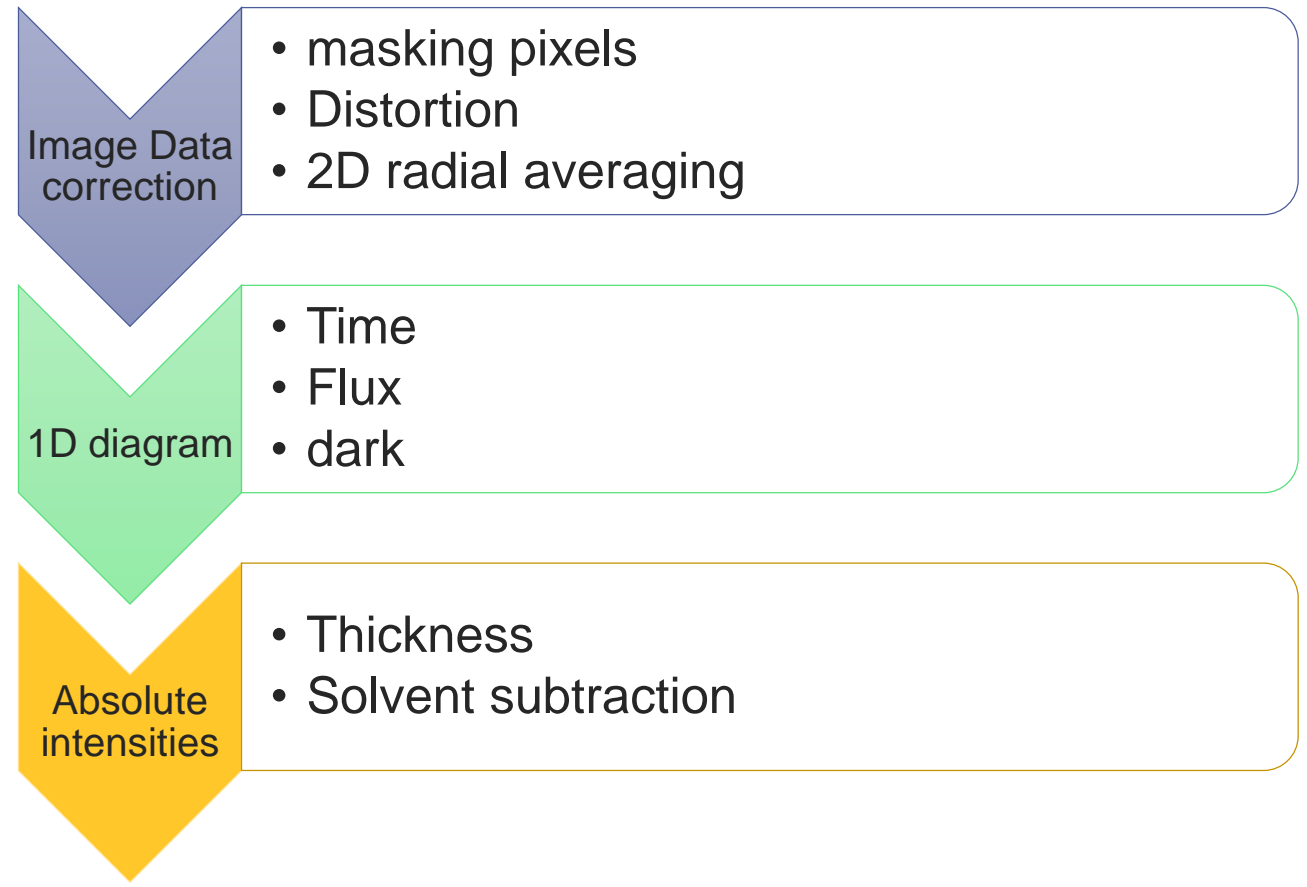
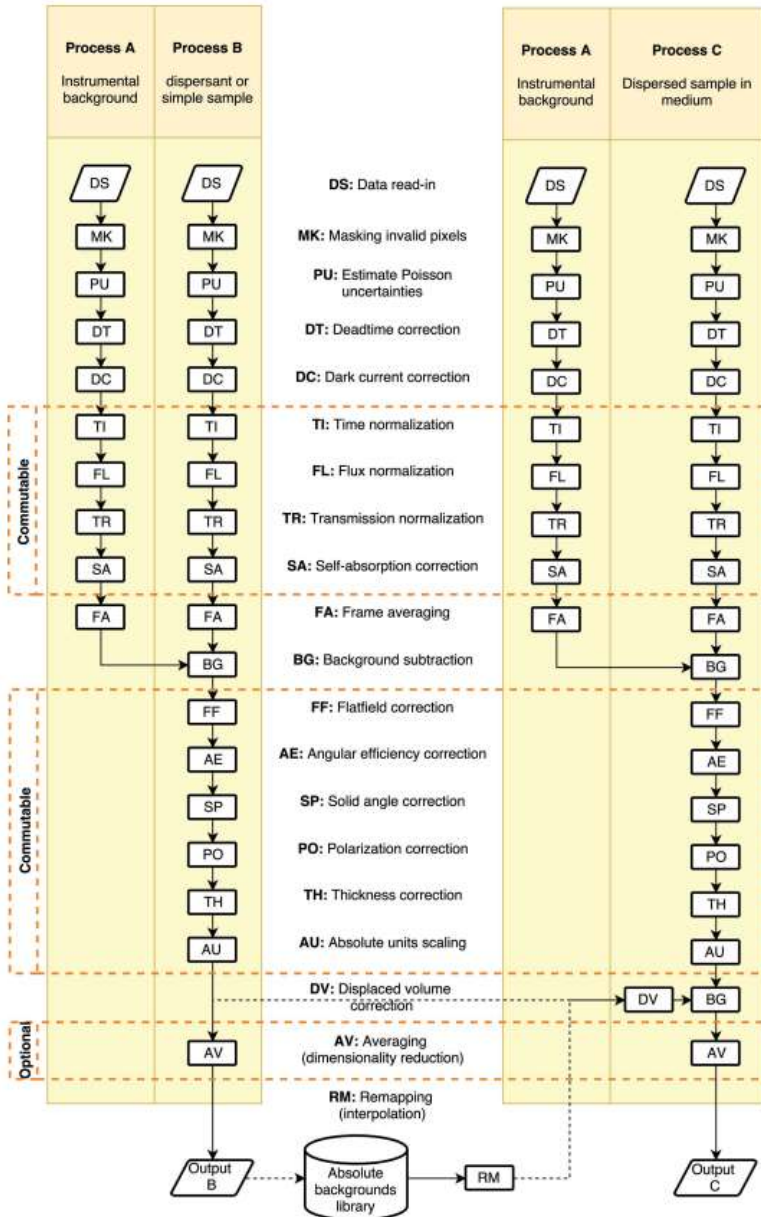


Xeuss 3 / Eiger 1M



■ DATA TREATMENT

SAXS Data Correction Sequence



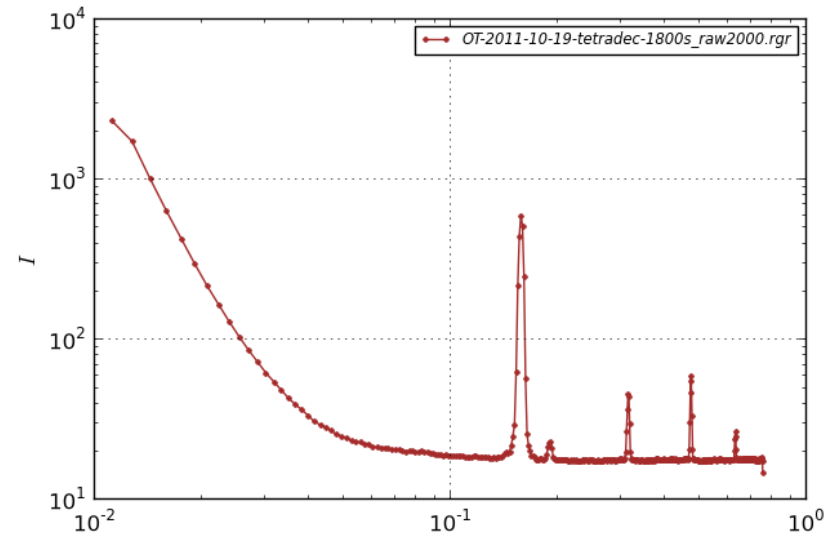
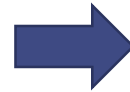
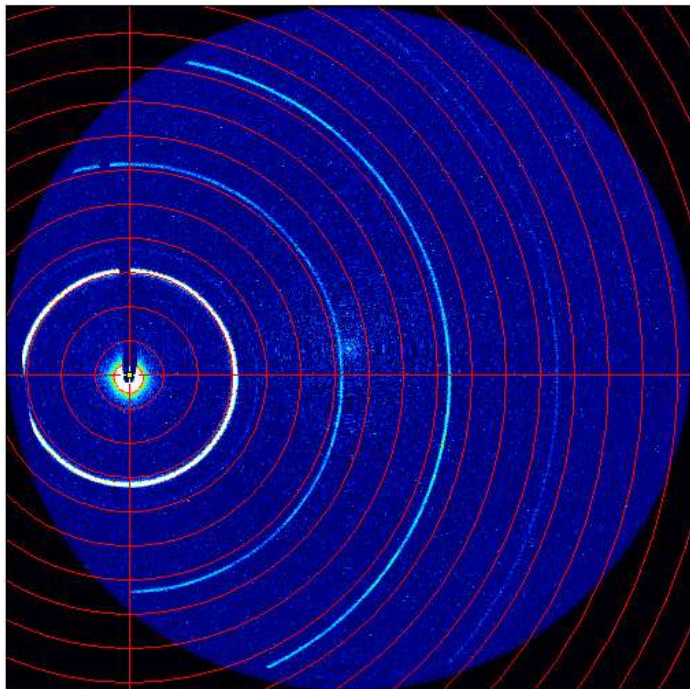


■ DATA TREATMENT

Image Data Correction

Image Data treatment : 2D radial averaging

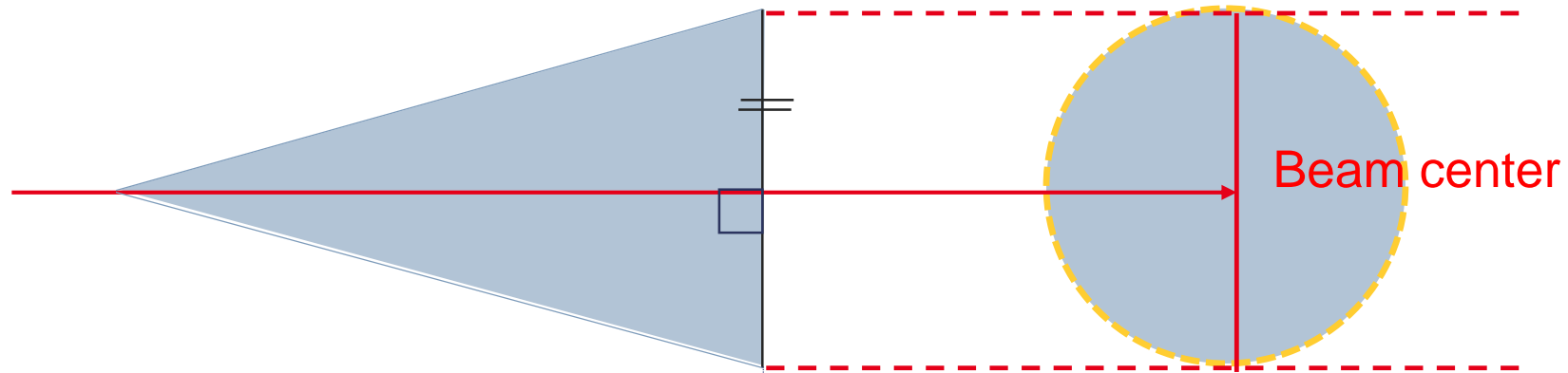
- ❑ Open the image
- ❑ Geometrical correction
- ❑ Radial averaging :
- ❑ Integration and statistics of all the pixels at the same distance from the beam center



- 1- define the center and the geometrical parameters of the experiment (center, rotation angles,...)
- 2- define the masks pixels (beamstop, dead pixels,...)
- 3- define the Region Of Interest

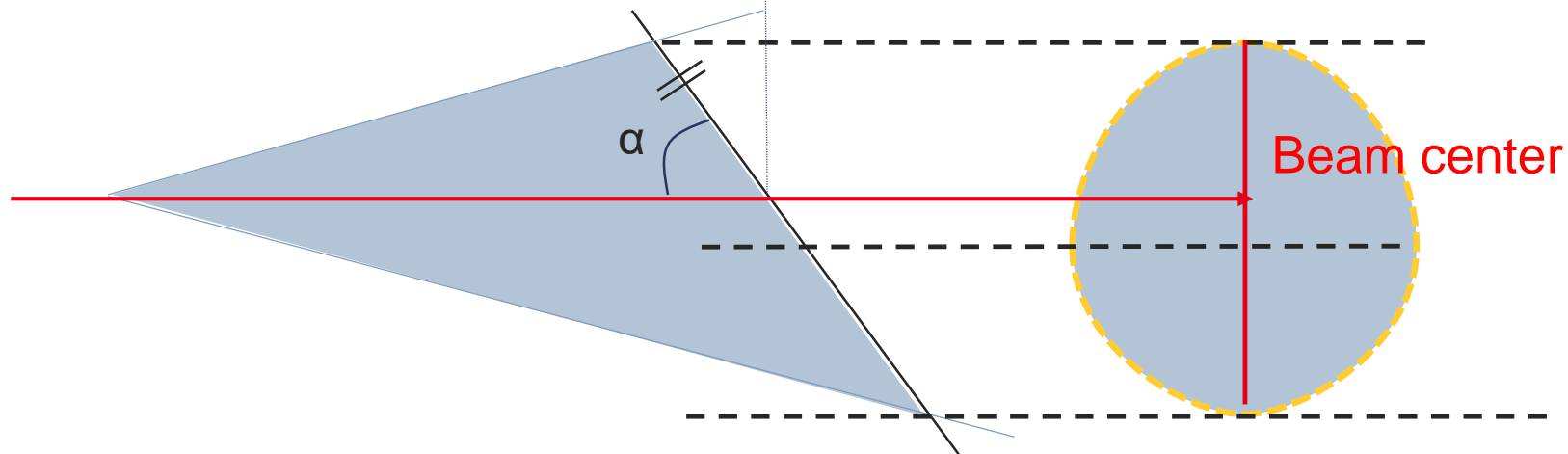
SAXS Image Data Treatment : geometrical correction

Detector perpendicular to the direct beam



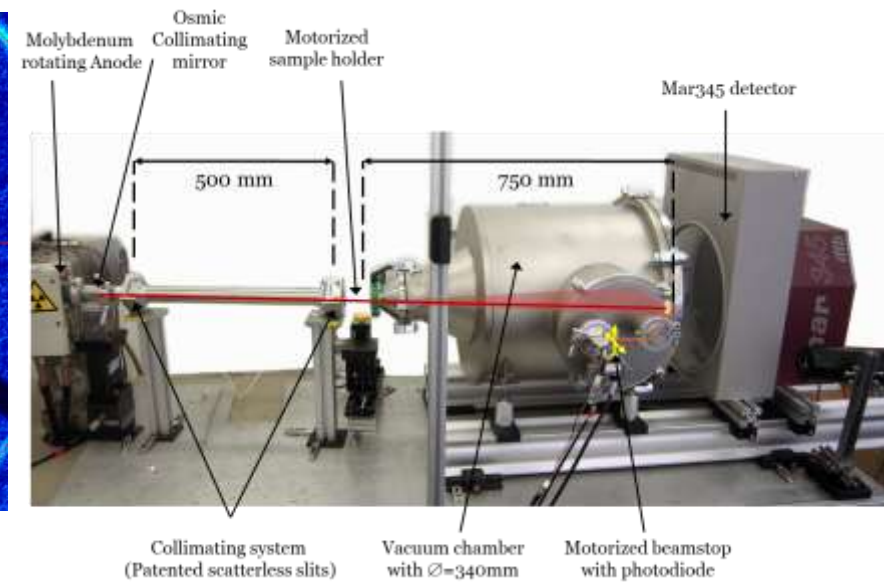
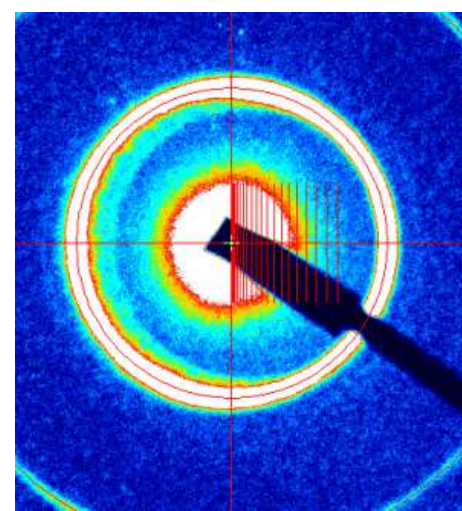
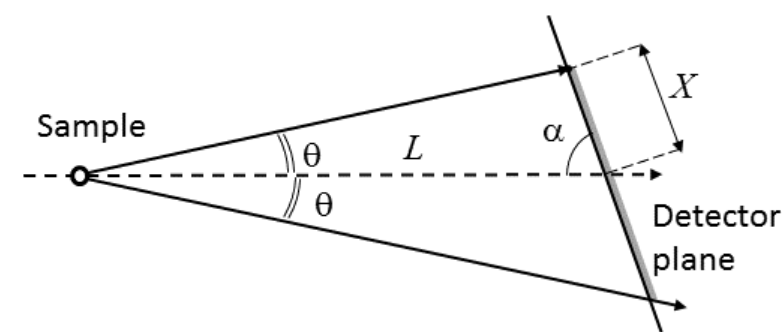
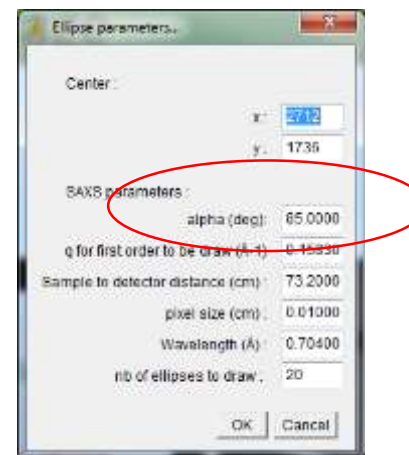
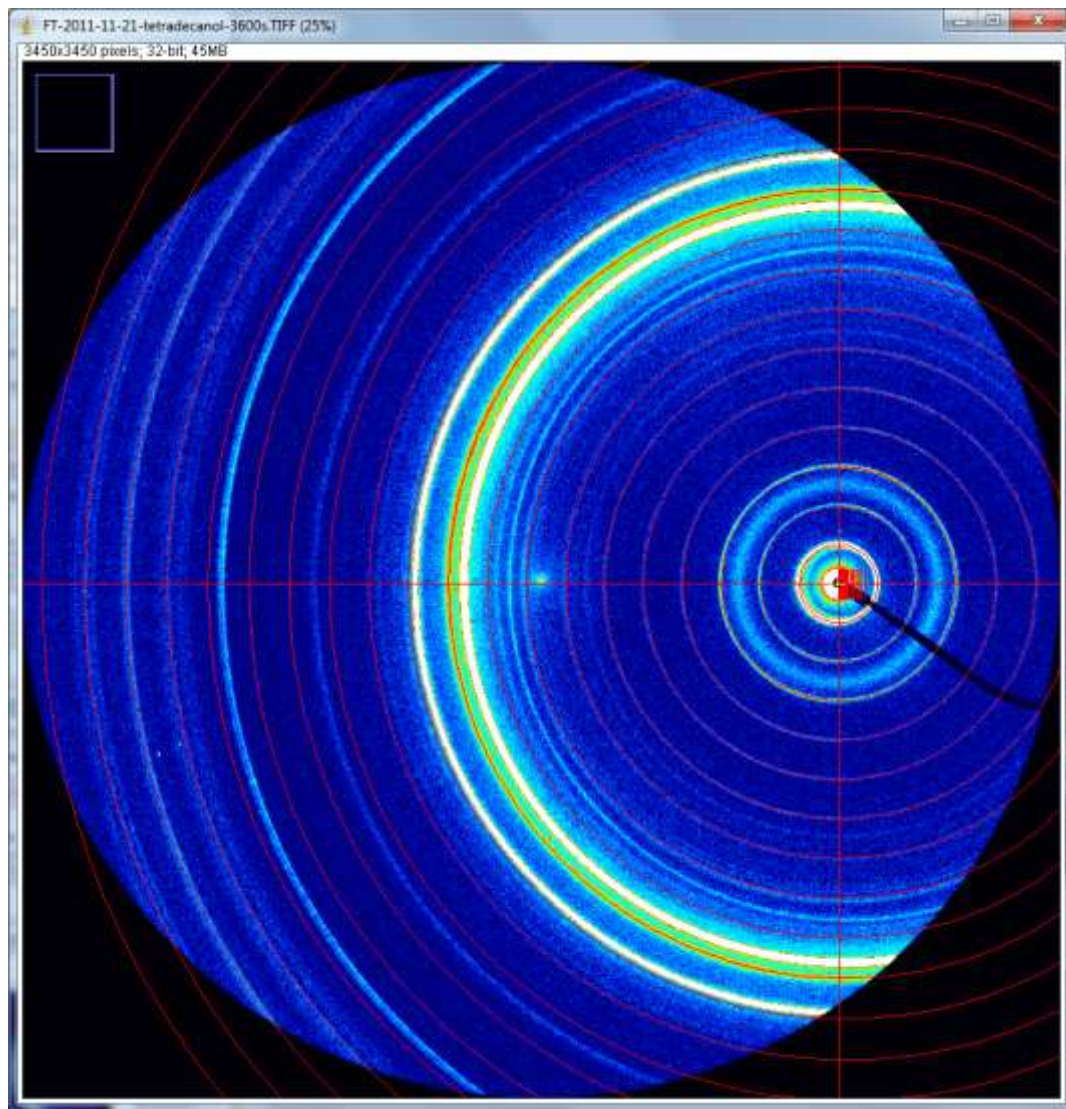
Circle

Detector is tilted



Centers of ellipses are different than the direct beam center

Image Data Treatment : geometrical correction (ImageJ)

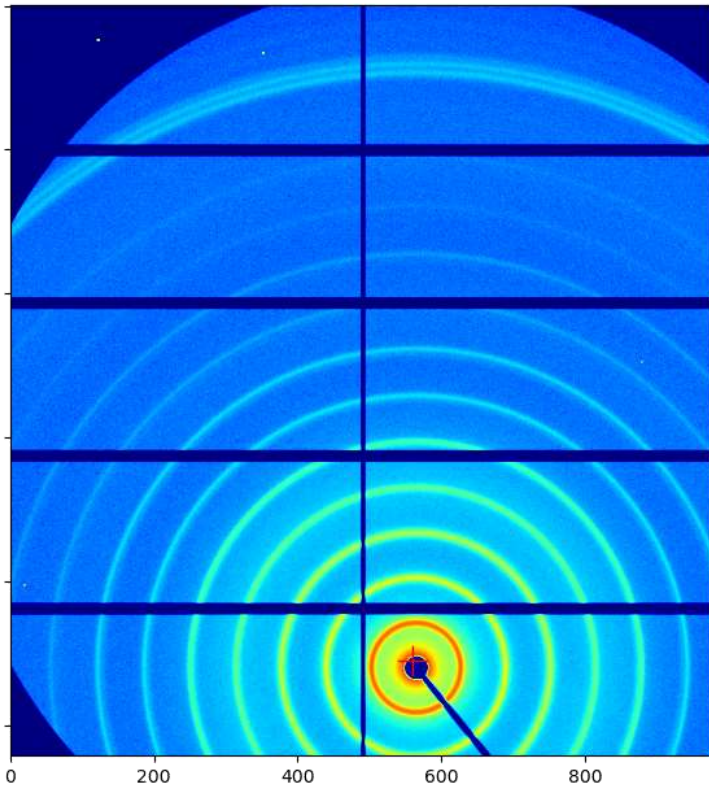


Ag Behenate / MOMAC



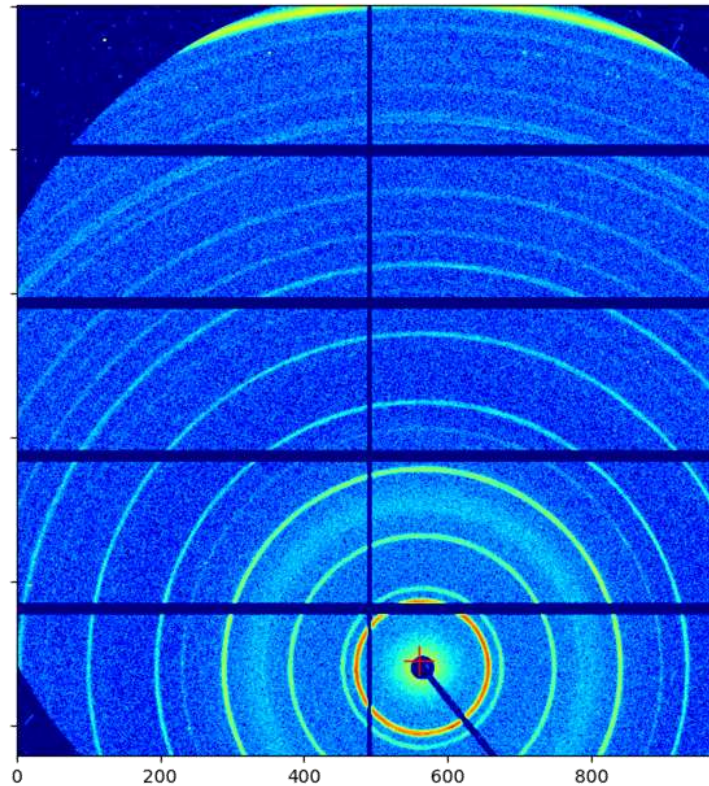
Calibrant samples

Ag Behenate

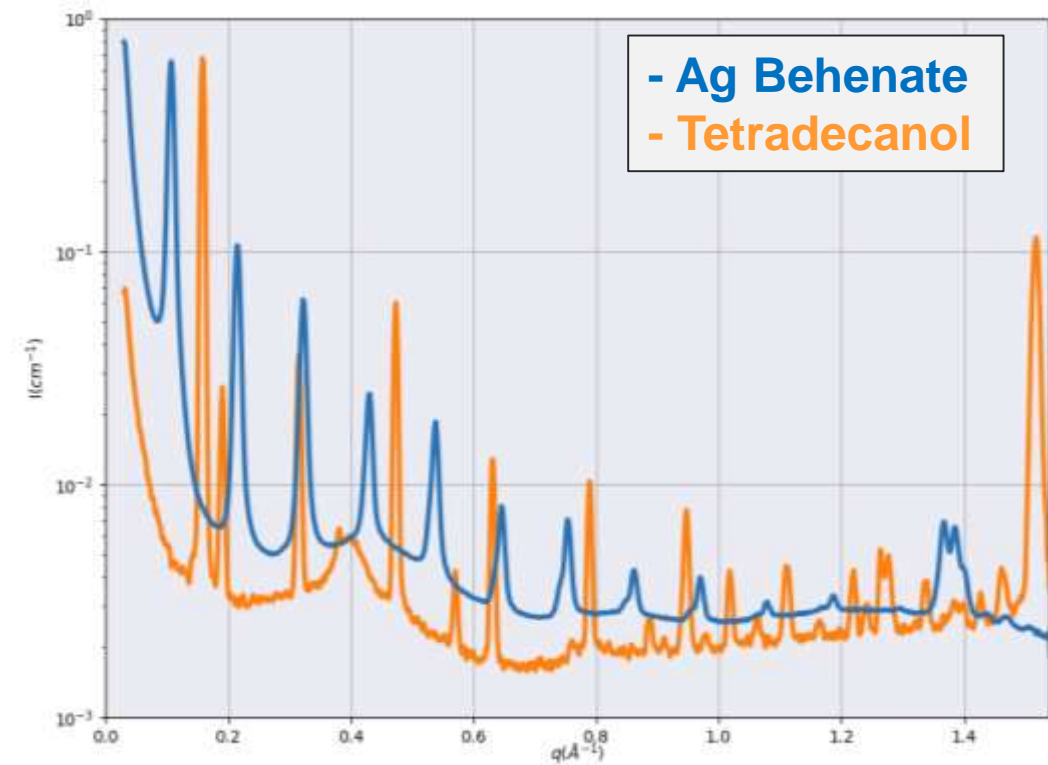


T=3600s
D=40cm

Tetradecanol



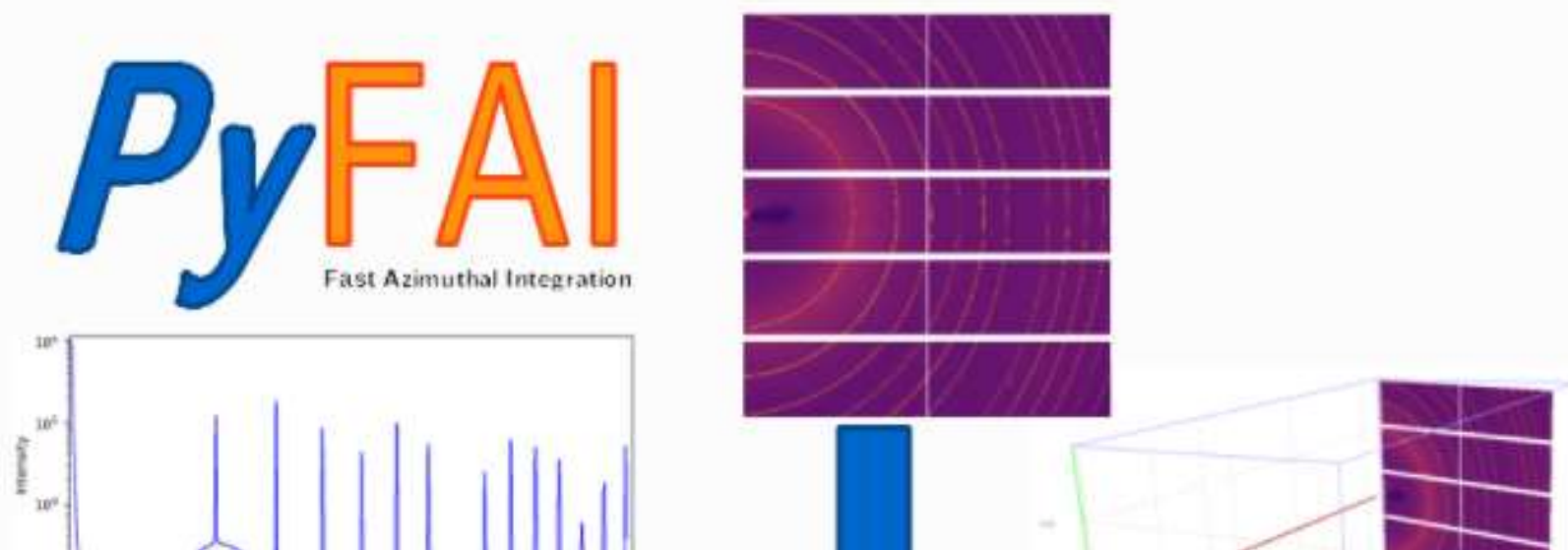
T=120s
D=40cm





Fast Azimuthal Integration using Python

PyFAI is a python library for azimuthal integration of X-ray/neutron/electron scattering data acquired with area detectors. For this, images needs to be re-binned in polar coordinate systems. Additional tools are provided to calibrate the experimental setup, i.e. define where the detector is positioned in space considering the sample and the incident beam.



Publications about pyFAI

- *PyFAI, a versatile library for azimuthal regrouping*, J Kieffer & D Karkoulis; **Journal of Physics: Conference Series** (2013) 425 (20), pp202012 Initial publication where the usage of GPU is envisaged to overcome the speed limitation of azimuthal integration.
- *PyFAI: a Python library for high performance azimuthal integration on GPU* J Kieffer & J.P. Wright; **Powder Diffraction** (2013) 28 (S2), pp339-350 Introduces the concept of look-up table to register the pixel distribution
- *PyFAI: a Python library for high performance azimuthal integration on GPU;*

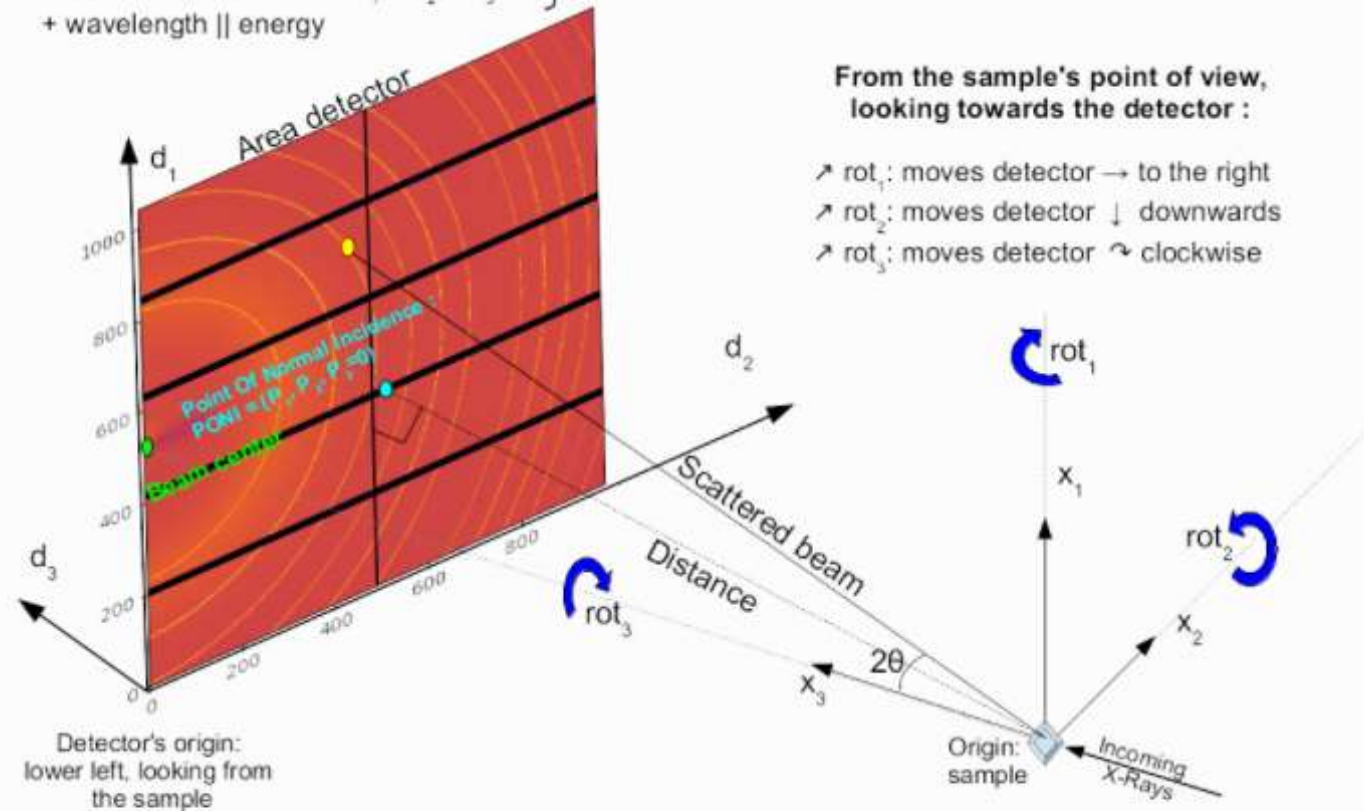
Jérôme Kieffer, Giannis Ashiotis **PROC. OF THE 7th EUR. CONF. ON PYTHON IN SCIENCE (EUROSCIPY 2014)** Presents the usage of sparse matrices to store the look-up table

Detector position

In pyFAI, the experiment geometry is defined by the position of the detector in space, the origin being located at the sample position, more precisely where the X-ray beam crosses the diffractometer main axis.

Parameters:

- * 3 distances in meters: dist , poni_1 , poni_2
 - * 3 rotations in radians: rot_1 , rot_2 , rot_3
 - + wavelength || energy
- } *PONI-file*



Demonstration

The image is a screenshot of a YouTube video player. At the top left is the YouTube logo with 'FR' next to it. A search bar contains the text 'npsize cea'. To the right of the search bar are icons for a close button, a search icon, a microphone, and a plus sign. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with icons and labels: 'Accueil', 'Shorts', 'Abonnements', and 'Bibliothèque'. The main video area shows a man in a dark suit sitting at a desk with multiple computer monitors. The video title is 'SAXS DATA TREATMENT (CEA Part 1)' and the subtitle is 'From Image to SAXS diagram using pyFAI and pySAXS'. The video duration is 21:22. To the right of the video, the channel name is '@npsize4186' with '44 abonnés'. Below that is a description: 'EMPIR npsize - Improved traceability chain of nanoparticle size measurement This project has received funding from the EMPIR...'. The video title is 'SAXS data treatment (Part 1) at CEA- Paris-Saclay' with '566 vues • il y a 2 ans'. The channel name 'nPSize' is shown below the video. Below the video, there is a list of related videos, with the first one titled 'Introduction | Principe | pyFAI Demonstration with Tetradecanol at 120 c...'.



■ DATA TREATMENT

INTENSITIES CALIBRATIONS

Calculation of the absolute X-ray scattering intensities

The absolute X-ray scattering intensity is a measure of the **probability** that a photon will be scattered as it passes through a sample.

This quantity is directly related to the structure of the sample and can be used to determine various physical properties : **molecular weight, particle number density, volume fraction, and specific surface area.**

Number of counts detected

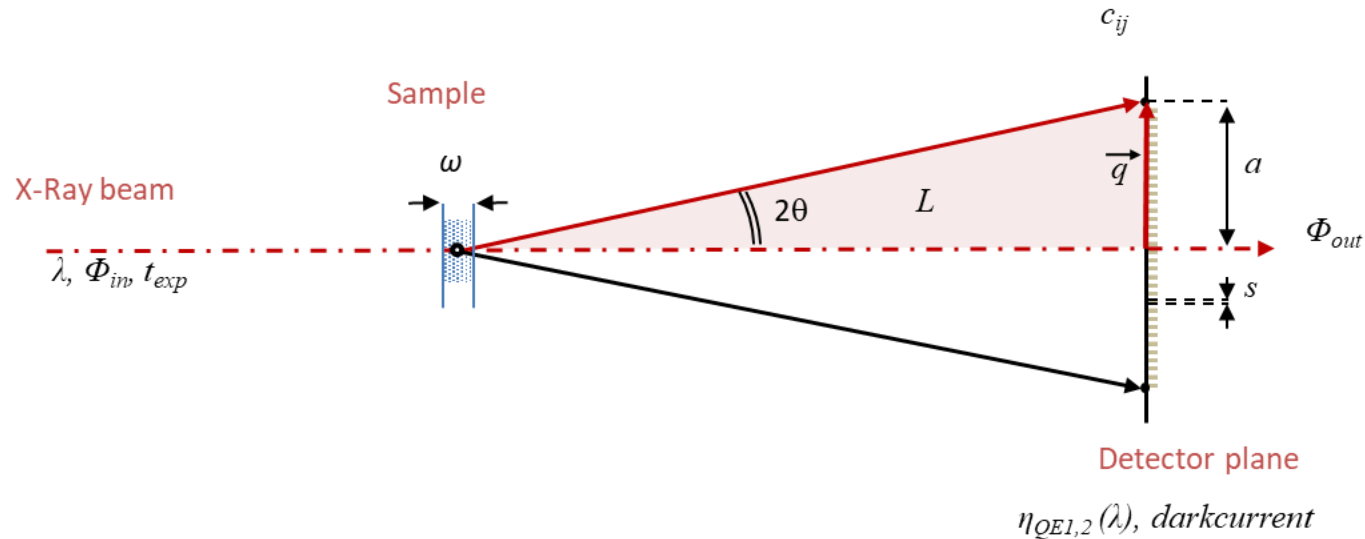
$$I(q) = \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega}(q) = \frac{\eta_{QE1}}{\eta_{QE2}} \cdot \frac{C_{ij} - \text{darkcurrent}}{\phi_{out}} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta\Omega \cdot t_{exp} \cdot \omega}$$

Efficiency detectors constants

Integrated Transmitted Flux

$$\Delta\Omega = \left(\frac{s}{L}\right)^2$$

Sample thickness



All SAXS experimental contributions are:

Contribution	DESCRIPTION	UNIT
C_{ij}	Measured intensities at pixel i, j	photons
λ	Main wavelength	m
Φ_{in}	Incident flux	photons
Φ_{out}	Transmitted flux	photons
t_{exp}	Experiment time	s
ω	Sample Thickness	mm
L	Sample to detector distance	mm
A	Distance from beam center to q	mm
S	Pixel size	mm
η_{qe1}	Detector efficiency for ϕ_{out}	
η_{qe2}	Detector efficiency for C_{ij}	
darkcurrent	Detector dark current	Photons/pixel
T	Transmission	

Calculation of the absolute X-ray scattering intensities

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Efficiency detectors constants \rightarrow $\frac{\eta_{QE1}}{\eta_{QE2}}$
 Integrated Transmitted Flux \rightarrow $C_{ij} - \text{darkcurrent}$
 $\Delta\Omega = \left(\frac{s}{L}\right)^2$ Sample thickness \rightarrow $\Delta\Omega$
 \rightarrow $t_{exp} \cdot \omega$

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Main uncertainties for q

CONTRIBUTION	LABORATORY EST. STANDARD DEV (SMALES PAPER)	SYNCHROTRON EST. STANDARD DEV (SHAVKAN PAPER)
λ Wavelength	0.25 %	0.01 %
L Sample to detector distance	0.5 %	0.2 %
S pixel size	0.2 %	0.2 %
TOTAL	1 %	0.5 %

The uncertainty in q can be less than 1% for laboratory instruments and less than 0.5% for Synchrotron instruments.

Main uncertainties for Intensities (q)

CONTRIBUTION	LABORATORY EST. STANDARD DEV (SMALES PAPER)	SYNCHROTRON EST. STANDARD DEV (SHAVKAN PAPER)
Incident flux ϕ_{in}	0.071 %	1 %
Transmission	0.23 %	1 %
Solid angle $\Delta\Omega$	1 %	0.2 %
Sample thickness ω	1 %	3 %
TOTAL	2.3 %	5.2 %

The biggest uncertainties are derived from the determination of the sample thickness ω .

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Efficiently
detectors
constants



Integrated
Transmitted
Flux



$$\Delta\Omega = \left(\frac{s}{L}\right)^2$$

Sample
thickness



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Direct method:

This method use the direct beam and the scattering intensities measured by the same detector. **Metrologically traceable**

On modern laboratory sources : stable flux, high detector dynamic, accurate detector distance

Standard calibration method: This method compares the scattering intensity of the sample a calibration standard


Several materials can be used as calibration standards for X-ray scattering:

Glassy carbon: Glassy carbon is a strong and stable scatterer, making it a convenient secondary standard. Its absolute intensity must be previously measured on a primary calibration instrument, such as a USAXS synchrotron instrument.

Other standards: Other materials, such as silica suspensions, **Lupolen**, and calibrated foils, have also been used as secondary standards.

Water: Water is a primary standard because its scattering cross section can be calculated theoretically. However, it scatters weakly and requires long measurement times, especially with low-flux laboratory X-ray sources.

Reference Materials

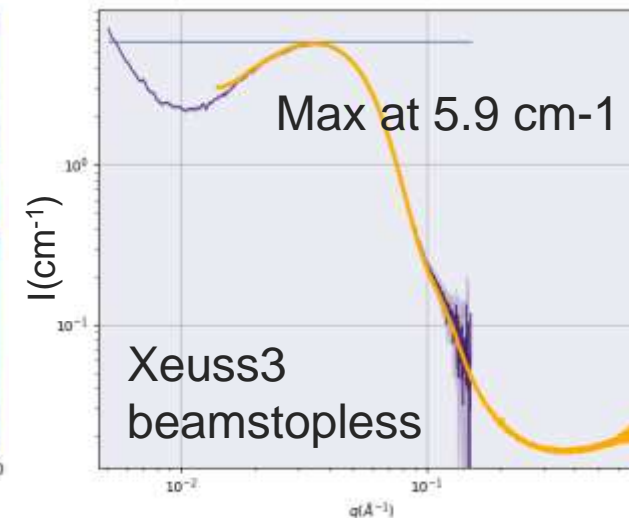
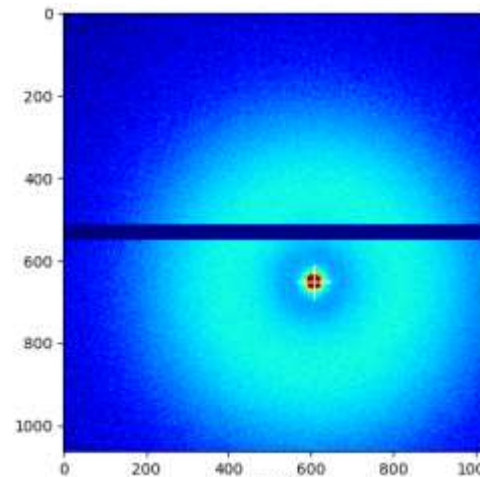
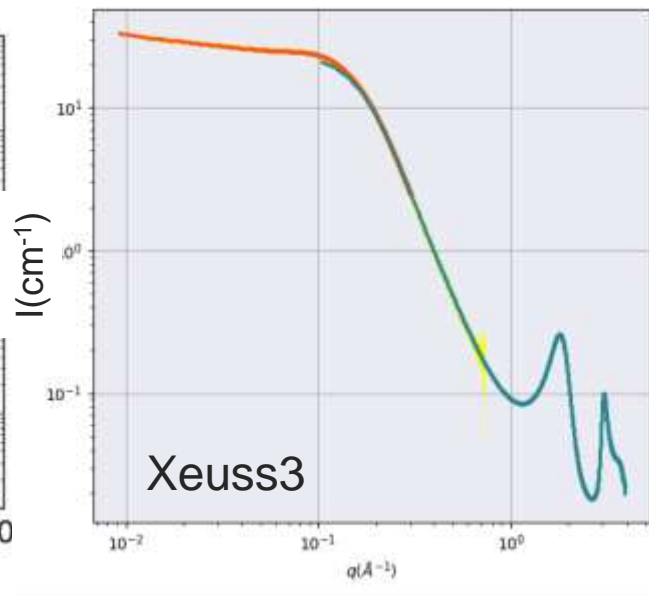
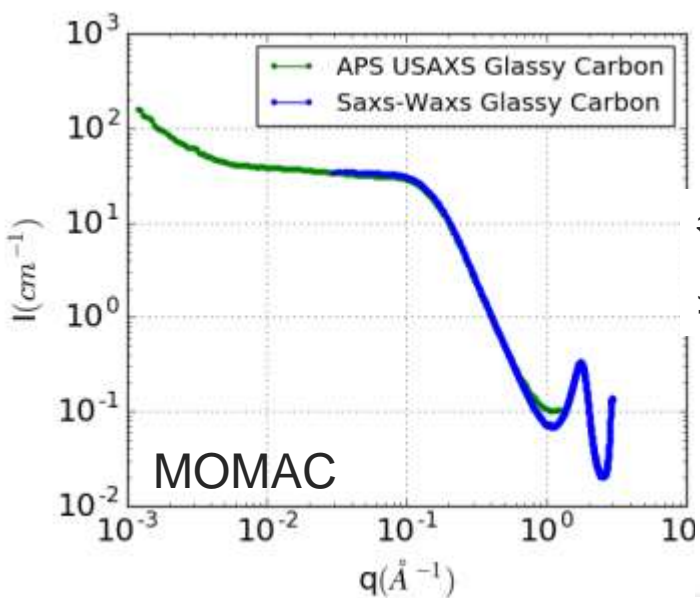

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MOMAC: a SAXS/WAXS laboratory instrument dedicated to nanomaterials


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NIST Glassy Carbon 1mm



Maximum at 5.9 cm⁻¹ certified by metrological beamline at PTB (2019)


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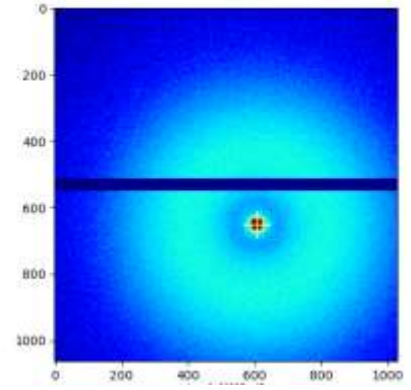
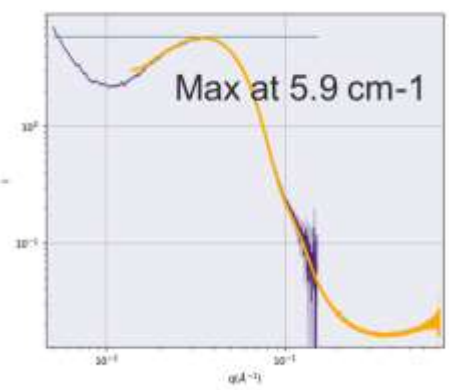
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This constant gives the ratio measured cp/s and measured ϕ_{out}

$Tr = \phi_{in} / \phi_{out}$ this method can determine ϕ_{in}

LUPOLEN



Absolute intensities

Absolute intensities

- For size measurements only angles need to be traceable
- For concentration **Intensity** also need to be traceable

Ne, F., I. Grillo, O. Tache, et T. Zemb. « From raw image to absolute intensity: Calibration of a Guinier-Mering camera with linear collimation ». *Journal De Physique Iv* 10, n° P10 (septembre 2000): 403-13.

Calibration samples:

- NIST glassy carbon
- Lupolen (polymer)

On modern laboratory instruments

- stable source
- scattered intensities and direct beam measured with the same detector
- Accurate distance estimation

Number of counts detected

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Efficiency detectors

Integrated Transmitted Flux
need to be measured

Sample thickness
~3mm

Internal background : coherent scattering

$$I = \rho b^2 S(0) \quad S(0) = \rho kT \chi_T$$

Number of molecules
per unit volume

Scattering length
of a molecule

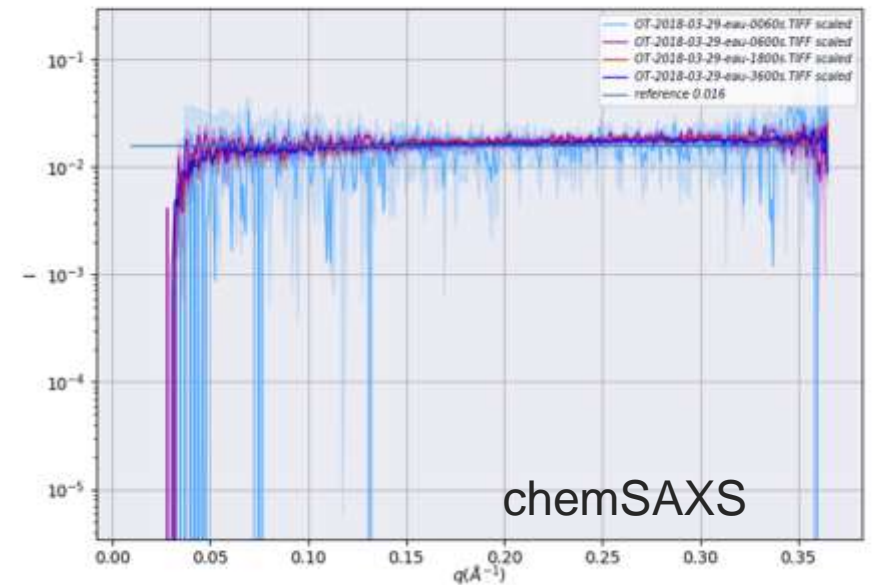
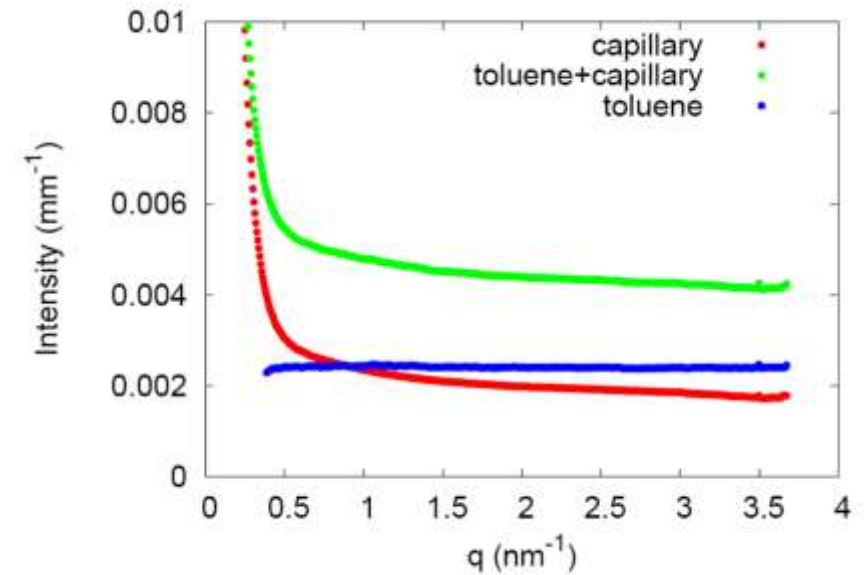
$$I = \rho^2 b^2 kT \chi_T$$

Solvent	ρ (molecules / cm ³)	b (cm)	χ_T (Pa ⁻¹)	I (cm ⁻¹)
water	3.3 10 ²²	2.82 10 ⁻¹²	4.57 10 ⁻¹⁰	0.0162 (25°C)

Hexane $I = 0.0287 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Toluene $I = 0.0236 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

ρ is the density of water.
 k_B is the Boltzmann constant.
 T is the temperature.
 χ_T is the isothermal compressibility.



Calculation of the absolute intensity : solvent subtraction

What is measured ? :

T : transmission

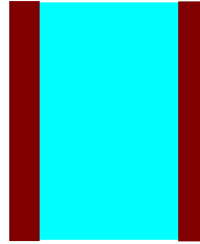
E : thickness

N : number of counts in the detector

I : absolute intensities

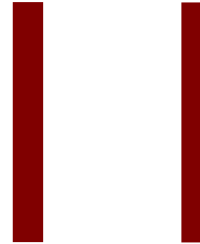
EB : Electronic background

Total
 $T = T_{EC} T_S$



$$\frac{\Delta N_{\text{Tot}}}{\Delta \Omega} = EB + T_{EC} \left(\frac{\Delta N_S}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right) + T_S \left(\frac{\Delta N_{EC}}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right)$$

Windows
 T_{EC}



$$\frac{\Delta N_{EC}}{\Delta \Omega} = EB + N_0 T_{EC} e_{EC} I_{EC}$$

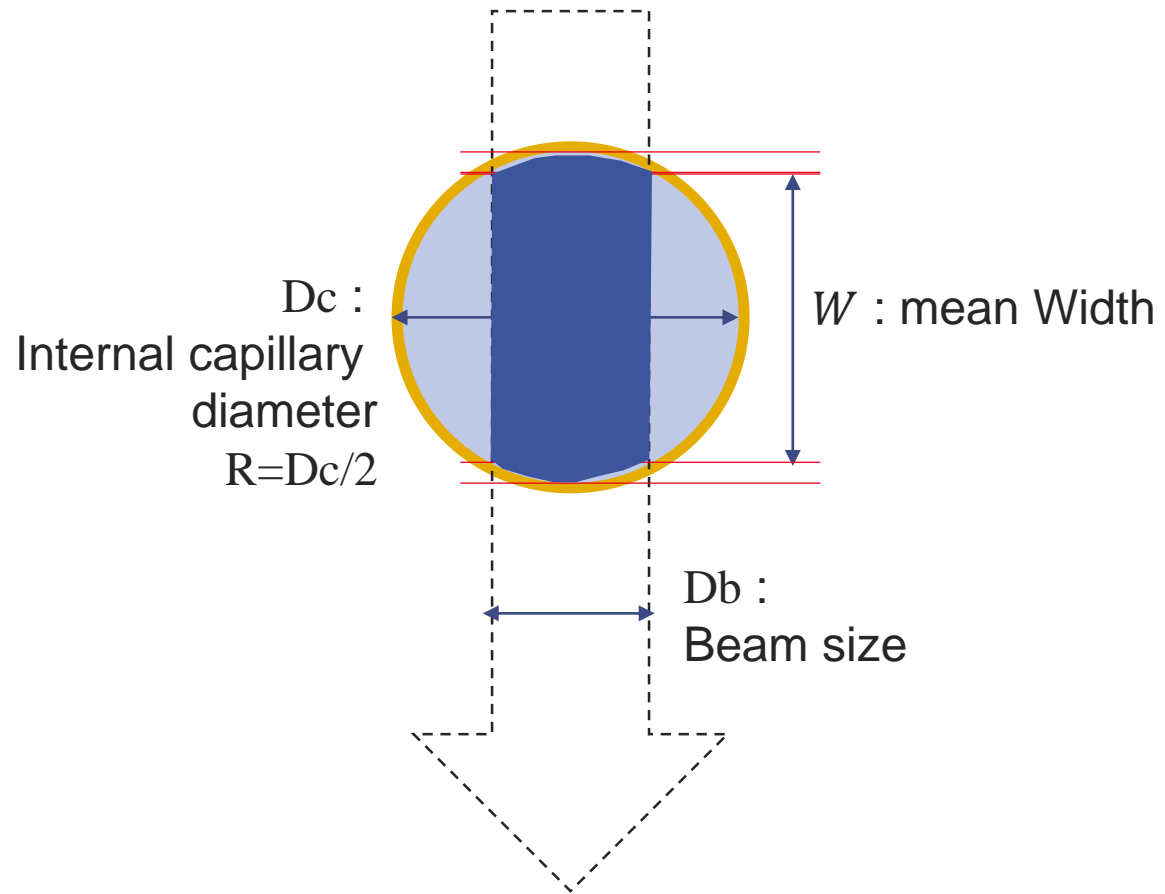
Sample
 $T_S e_S$



$$\frac{\Delta N_S}{\Delta \Omega} = EB + N_0 T_S e_S I_S$$

$$I_S = \frac{1}{N_0 e_S} \left[\frac{1}{T} \left(\frac{\Delta N_{\text{Tot}}}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right) - \frac{1}{T_{EC}} \left(\frac{\Delta N_{EC}}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right) \right]$$

Capillary thickness estimation



\bar{W}

If $D_c = 1.5$ mm and the beam size is $db = 0.8$ mm, the mean width at the center is $W = 1.43$ mm

Calculation of the absolute intensity : solvent subtraction

What is measured ? :

T : transmission

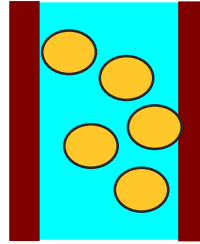
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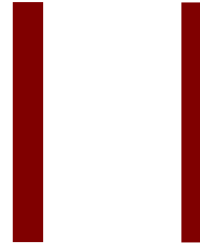
EB : Electronic background

Total
 $T = T_{EC} T_S$



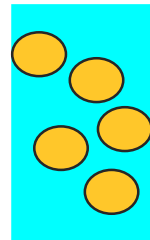
$$\frac{\Delta N_{Tot}}{\Delta \Omega} = EB + T_{EC} \left(\frac{\Delta N_S}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right) + T_S \left(\frac{\Delta N_{EC}}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right)$$

Windows
 T_{EC}



$$\frac{\Delta N_{EC}}{\Delta \Omega} = EB + N_0 T_{EC} e_{EC} I_{EC}$$

Sample
 $T_S e_S$

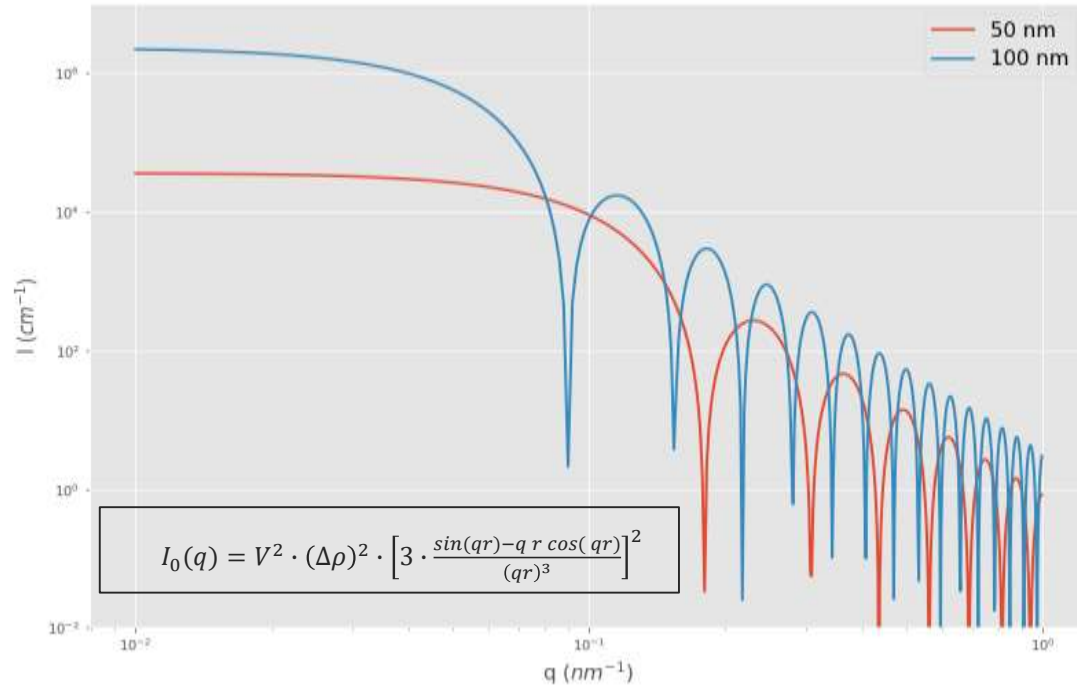


$$\frac{\Delta N_S}{\Delta \Omega} = EB + N_0 T_S e_S I_S$$

$$I_S = \frac{1}{N_0 e_S} \left[\frac{1}{T} \left(\frac{\Delta N_{Tot}}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right) - \frac{1}{T_{EC}} \left(\frac{\Delta N_{EC}}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right) \right]$$

$$I_{part} = I_{total} - (1 - \text{volumic fraction}) \times I_{solv}$$

SAXS experimental contribution and uncertainties for concentration



The second type of contributions comes from the nanoparticles suspension themselves. We can extract the main parameters from equation (6). The radius of the particle r can be estimated from the signal oscillations in q with a very high accuracy. ρ strictly depends on the density of the elements. The atomic composition used for the calculation of the Scattering Length Density is assumed to be known to a high degree of accuracy, though literature values shows a large span of range.

CONTRIBUTION	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	EST. STANDARD DEV	DETERMINED BY :
r	Radius of the particle	Å	1 %	Q uncertainties
ρ	Density of particles	g/cm ³	5 %	Known atomic composition (Smales paper)
TOTAL			6 %	

The total uncertainty contributions in intensity is in the range of 8% to 11% depending the sample thickness determination protocol and the density determination of the nanoparticles.

The scattering intensity $I(q)$ of a number n of spherical particles, equals of the sum of the intensities I_0 of same size single particles:

$$I(q) = n \cdot I_0$$

n is the concentration of sphere (number / cm⁻³)

Then, if $d\Sigma/d\Omega$ (usually scaling in 1/cm or 1/m) is known, the number concentration n of the suspended particle ensemble can be determined.

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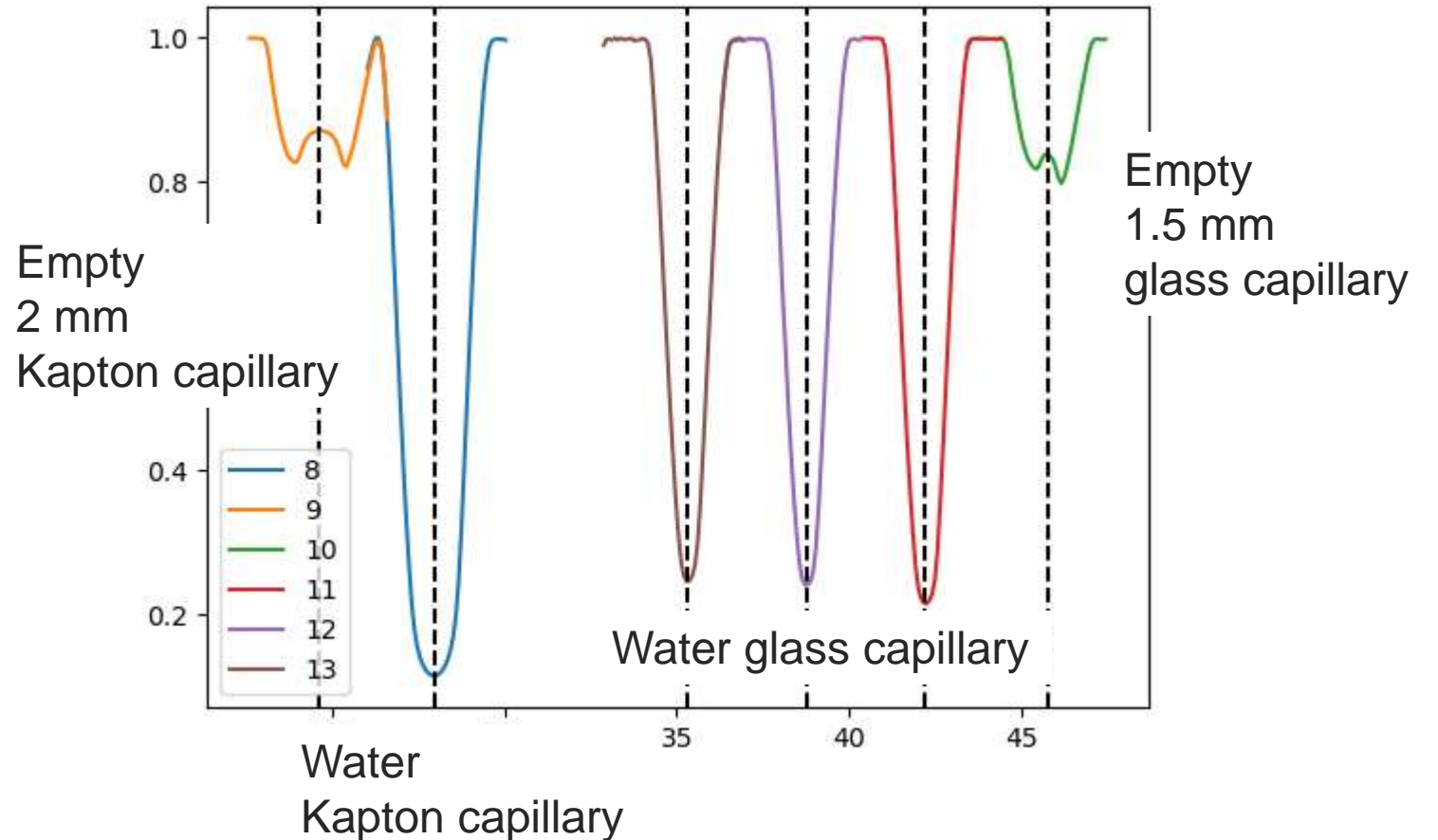
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Demonstration of absolute intensities scaling

[XEUSS 3](#) :

SAXS1 (detector to sample distance is 37 cm)

SAXS2 (detector to sample distance is 80 cm)



Why we developed a dedicated SAXS software ?
you need to manage different kind of saxs datas
manage the uncertainties



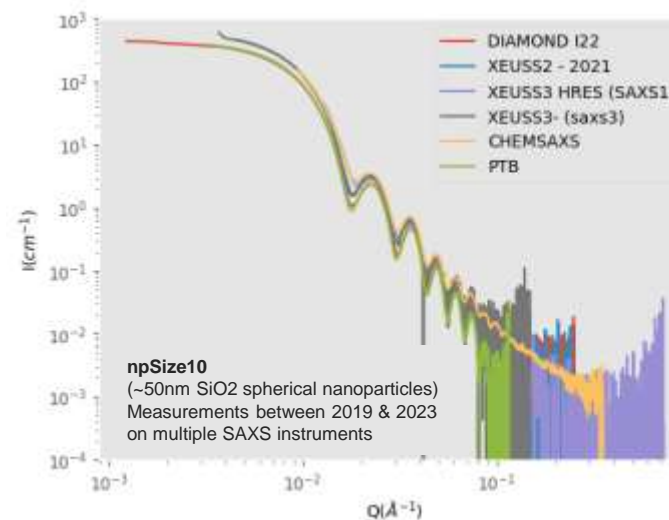
■ DATA TREATMENT

Conclusion

SAXS Reproducibility

Comparison of instruments

Same sample (NPSIZE10),
Same user (O. TACHE)
Sample reprepared
Different instruments (DIAMOND, PTB, XEUSS2, XEUSS3, chemSAXS)
Same software



Comparison of laboratories

Same sample,
Different users
Sample reprepared
Different instruments (28)
Same softwares

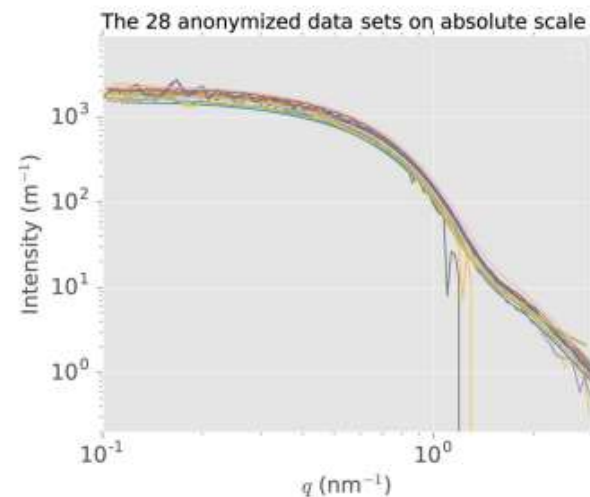


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Comparison of analysis process

Same sample,
One instrument (PTB)
Different softwares

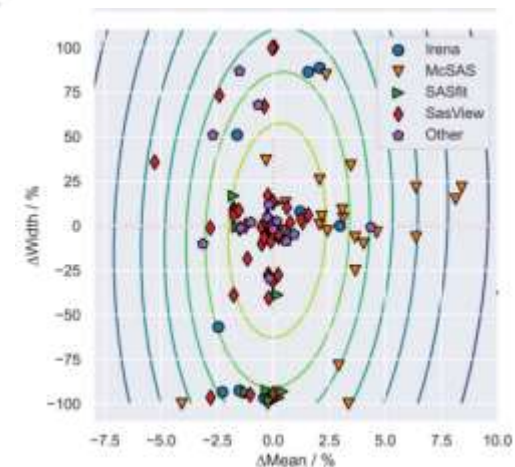
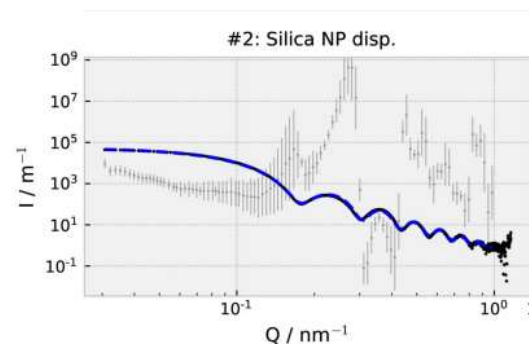


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