

Imaging life with bright X-rays

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Outline

- I. Introduction to MAX IV I. Source and beamlines
- II. Currently available techniques I. Nano probe and scattering
- III. Selected Science cases (future capabilities at MAX IV) I. In vivo small animals, various fixed tissues









The MAX IV Accelerators

Ring (528 m circumf)

Experimental stations

Ring (96 m circumf)

Linear accelerator (ca 250 m)

Electron source

Properties: Wide band High intensity/Brilliance Polarization Time structure

Pictures and animation by S.Werin

MAX IV magnettic design

- 528 m circumference, 500 mA with top-up, 20 achromats
- 19 long straights (4.6 m) for users, 1 for injection
- 40 short straights (1.3 m) for RF & diagnostics
- 7-bend achromat: 5 unit cells (3°) & 2 matching cells (1.5° LGB)
- 328 pm rad bare lattice emittance (ε_v adjusted to 2-8 pm rad)



The 7 bend achromat

Each achromat consists of 5 unit cells plus 2 matching cells

MAX IV magnets

M1

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U1

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U2

U3

U4

U5

M2

- Each cell is realized as one mechanical unit containing all magnet elements.
- Each unit consists of a bottom and a top yoke half, machined out of one solid iron block, 2.3-3.4 m long.





MAX IV storage ring

• 528 m circumference, 500 mA with top-up, 20 achromats









Scattering



MAX IV LIFE Biology at different length and time scales





SoftiMAX

Soft X-rays (in construction -> 2018)

DanMAX

Imaging & diffraction (in construction -> 2018)

NanoMAX

The nanofocus beamline (users in 2017)

2016

11

2018

2017

ax IV imaging beamlines

2019-20

MedMAX

The biomedical imaging beamline (preparing CDR)

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Current Opinion in Structural Biology



Nanoimaging, Fluorescence spectroscopy





Mokso, Cloetens et al., APL 2007

Ortega., Mol. Neurobiol. 2016



NanoMAX: first users





Human nerve cells – diabetes type 2



Scan map





XRF imaging of human nerve cells of diabetes type 2 person. Samples stained with Osmium. Left image 25x20 um².

Courtesy of Lars Dahlin & Martin Bech, BMC Lund University.



Human peripheral nerves



Human peripheral nerves (diabetes)



MedMAX : sub-micrometer resolution 3D histology



= regenerative clusters

Lars Dahlin and Martin Bech, Medical Faculty, Lund University





Figure 24. X-ray fluorescence tomography of an air-dried single-celled freshwater diatom *Cyclotella meneghiniana*. The silicacious frustule has been removed to show inner detail. Adapted with permission from ref 76. Copyright 2010 National Academy of Sciences.



SoftiMAX: Soft X-ray scanning microscopy



Currently finalizing the design of the scanning transmission microscopy endstation

A grain's anatomy by chemical contrast: different forms of carbon



protein polysaccharide lipid •5 µm





Imaging cells with hard X-rays still a big challenge. While it is almost a routine with soft X-rays

spatial resolution ~ 30 nm

Soft X-ray microscopy



Larabell & Nugent, Current Opinion in Structural Biology (2010)

Soft X-ray tomography of rapidly frozen Saccharomyces cerevisiae cells imaged at each phase of cell cycle – G1, S, M, and G2. Organelles are color- coded as follows: blue, nucleus; orange, nucleolus; gray, mitochondria; ivory, vacuoles; green, lipid bodies.



Cryo soft X-ray microscopy of cells





DanMAX: tomography and diffraction for materials



- study real materials at real conditions at real timescales.
- Combining powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) and full field imaging



DanMAX: 1/2 tomographic microscopy





Exploiting oil from the rock

Seeing the dynamics of matter in 3D at the micrometer scale



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Current Opinion in Structural Ficiog

Tomographic microscopy at synchrotron







Medical imaging: CT

Resolution: 0.5 mm

- Speed: seconds
- + high resolution
- Radiation dose



Radiation dose per CT scan ~ 3-5 mGy





Probing matter with X-rays



X-rays
$$\sigma_{abs} \propto Z^4 \cdot (\hbar \omega)^{-3}$$

Oldest terrestrial fossil plant from Rhynie (Scotland)

100 µm

Tafforeau P., Kaminskyj S.

Holotomographic reconstruction



Absorption and scattering



Phase contrast in free space propagation



Phase tomography



phase map

Phase tomography

absorption & edge

Phase contrast tomography

Mokso et al., J. Phys. D, 2013

Outline

- I. Existing and soon available instruments I. NanoMAX, SoftiMAX, DanMAX
- II. Biomedical tomographic microscopy I. The MedMAX project
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- III. Examples
 - I. In vivo small animals, various fixed tissues











High-throughput imaging: from sample alignment to QTL analysis



Femur samples automatically aligned using goniometer and moved to region of interest using projections and image processing scripts

K. Mader, PhD Thesis 2013 and K. Mader et al., BMC Genomics 2015



Alzheimer plaques

X-ray DPC scan, $(7.4\mu m)^3$ voxel size



2-photon fluorescence, 2x2x4µm³ voxel size





Alzheimer plaques

X-ray DPC scan, (7.4 µm)³ voxel size







MedMAX : sub-micrometer resolution 3D histology



Alzheimer plaques







- •Full 3D structural analysis is possible:
 - Size distribution
 - Plaque load (volumetric density)
 - Nearest neighbour distance (and much more)

In-vivo lung imaging



exposure time= 1.1 ms projections= 500 total scan time= 0.57 s voxel size= 11 um E= 20 keV

Medium resolution time resolved lung imaging

Three-dimensional representation of the total lung tissue displacement at the end-inspiration for a single displacement (μm) time point (end-inspiration) of the four-dimensional dataset for mouse M1. 500

Stephen Dubsky et al. J. R. Soc. Interface 2012;9:2213-2224

Distribution of air flow through an airway tree in rabbit lungs



Stephen Dubsky et al. J. R. Soc. Interface 2012;9:2213-2224



Dynamic imaging of lungs at the micrometer scale: motivation

Ventilator-induced lung injury (VILI)

- Overextension of lung tissue in certain lung regions (mechanical damage, biotrauma)
- Still unclear how ventilation induces its deleterious effect [4]
- Hypothesis: local strains in the alveolar wall cause hotspots (overstretching regions)



[4] Rausch, S. M. K., Haberthür, D., Stampanoni et al., Ann Biomed Eng 39 (11), 2835 (2011).



Lung tissue quantification

Challenges in lung tissue analysis

- How to detect non-linear and regional changes in the lung?
- How to quantify them?



 $\Delta p = 5 \,\mathrm{cmH_2O}$

G. Lovric , PhD thesis



G. Lovric et al., J. Appl. Cryst. 46 (4) 2013

2.9 µm pixel-size optics

901 projections





361 projections

Scan time	
0.24 s	0.17 s
CNR	
2.3	1.5
Entrance dose	
12 Gy	9 Gy

The first insight into alveoli microstructure

Collaboration between Anders Larsson from Uppsala Uni. Hospital, SLS and ESRF.



Lovric et al. Sci. Rep. 2017

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Alveoli dynamics quantification

A detailed insight into the lung

• Apply *quantification* and *labeling* tools, previously used for foam and bone data [14] and dendritic microstructures [15]



G. Lovric , PhD thesis, Lovric et al. PLOS On2017e



Image-based quantitative information retrieval



MAXIV

High throughput quantitative imaging





Curtesy of Kevin Mader







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Ortega., Mol. Neurobiol. 2016



Holographic nanotomography of human cerebellum

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Hard X-Ray Nanoholotomography: Large-Scale, DVANCED 3D Neuroimaging beyond Optical Limit

Anna Khimeriefike, Christos Bikis, Alexandra Pacureanu, Simone E. Hieber, Peter Thalmann, Hans Deyhle, Gabriel Schweighauser, Jürgen Hench, Stephan Frank, Magdalena Müller-Gerbl, Georg Schulz, Peter Cloetens, and Bert Müller*



Figure 5. A 3D rendering of (sub)cellular structures within a Purkinje cell, measured with an effective pixel size of 100 nm. Region-growing segmentation allows for the extraction of cell soma (green), nuclear envelope (blue), nuclear content (pink), and nucleolus (violet). Intensity thresholding (red) enables the discrimination of granule cell nuclei. Average diameter of Purkinje cell soma: 54 µm; average diameter of Purkinje cell nucleolus 3.5 µm.



Bone nanostructure (Small Angle X-ray scattering)



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vertebra drawing Paloma Ayala

Bone nanostructure (SAXS tensor tomography)

CoSAX : in operation 2019 ForMAX: project phase 2017-2021

Liebi et al. Nature 2016

Hierarchical imaging of tissues

Microbeam radiation therapy

Microbeam irradiated normal CNS of weaned piglets (1.5cm x 1.5cm ~28 mmwide beams ~210 mm on center, 625 Gy). The histological sections look normal, except for "stripes" due to the dropout of neuronal/astroglial nuclei. This sharp spatial fractionation is preserved throughout the cerebellum. No tissue necrosis, hemorrhage or demyelination was observed.

E. Bräuer-Krisch, et al. New irradiation geometry for microbeam radiation therapy, Phys Med Biol 50 (2005) 3103-3111.

Thank you