

CORUS: a cryo nano bio-imaging beamline for ALBA-II

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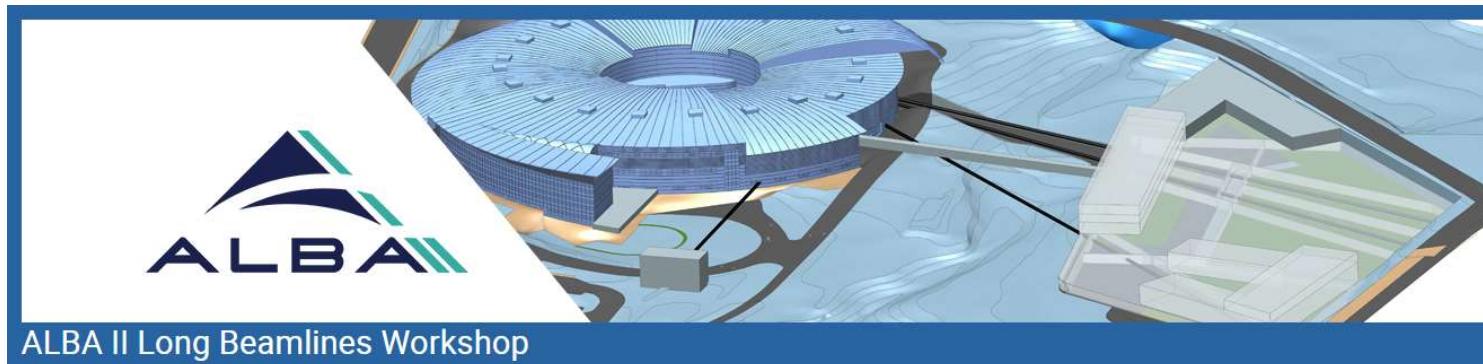
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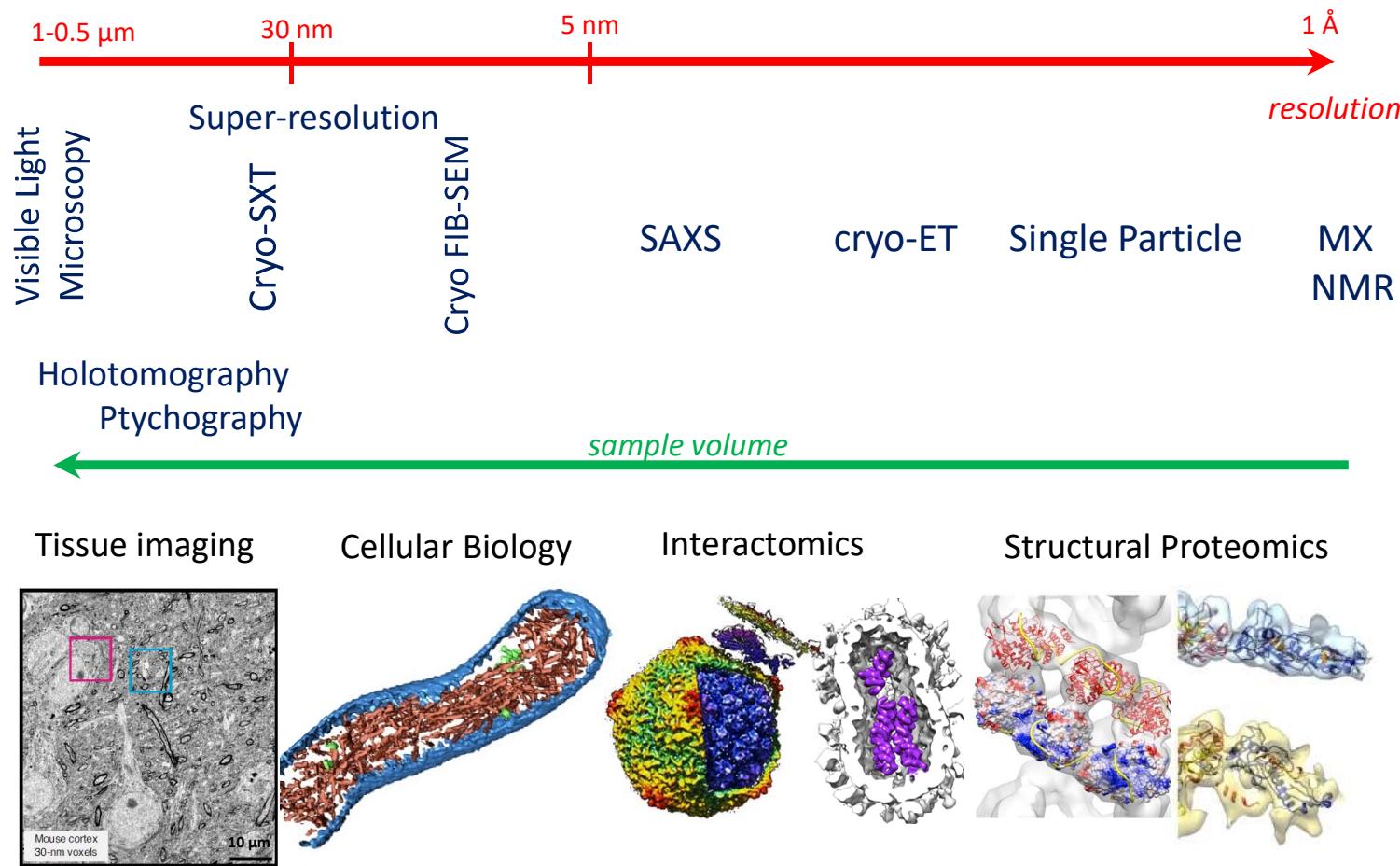
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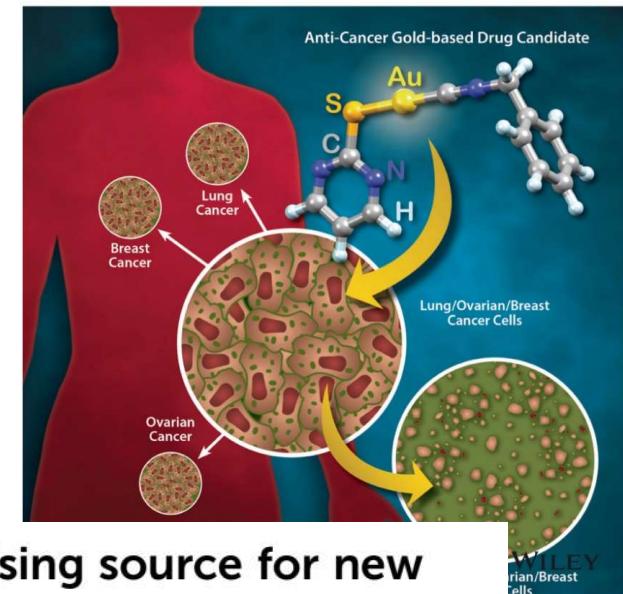
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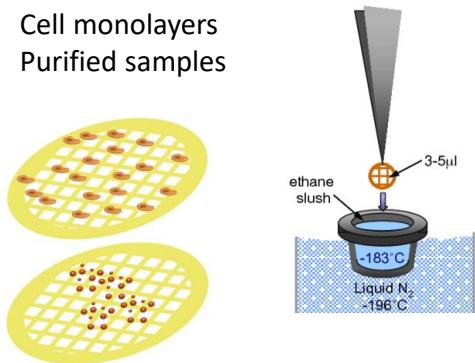
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Cryopreservation

PLUNGE FREEZING

Well established method already implemented at ALBA

Cell monolayers
Purified samples



HIGH PRESSURE FREEZING

Tissue

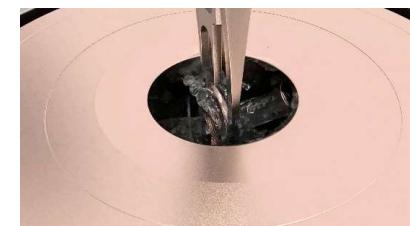


New approaches for cell vitrification under development:

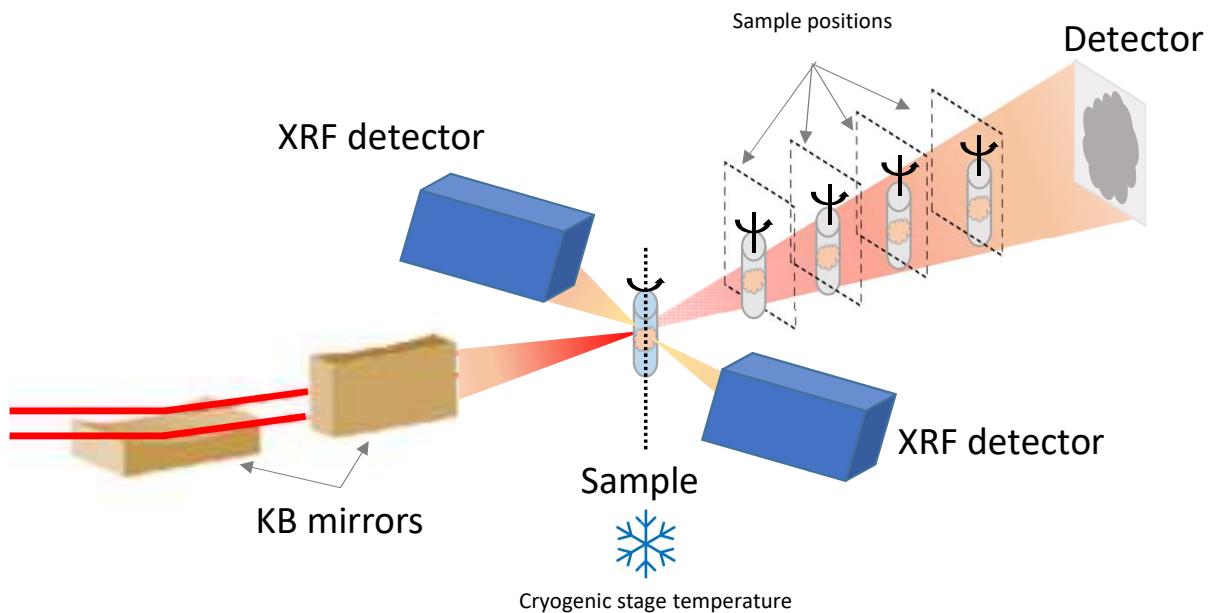
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Jet vitrification



CORUS: cryo nano bio-imaging



ES1: “nanolmag”

- 30 nm focus: spatial resolution < cell organelle size
- Cryogenic capabilities & **multiple sample loading: increase throughput**
- 3D cryo-nanoXRF: endo/exogenous **elements (ppm)** in whole cells, tissue sections
- 3D phase-contrast (holotomography & ptychography) in organoids, tissue samples

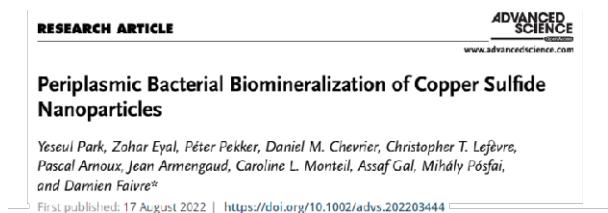
Energies:

- 10 keV → low Z (endogenous) elements
20 keV → Ptychography (due to flux) and holotomo
27 keV → high transmission and interesting exogenous elements

ES2: “nanoSpec”

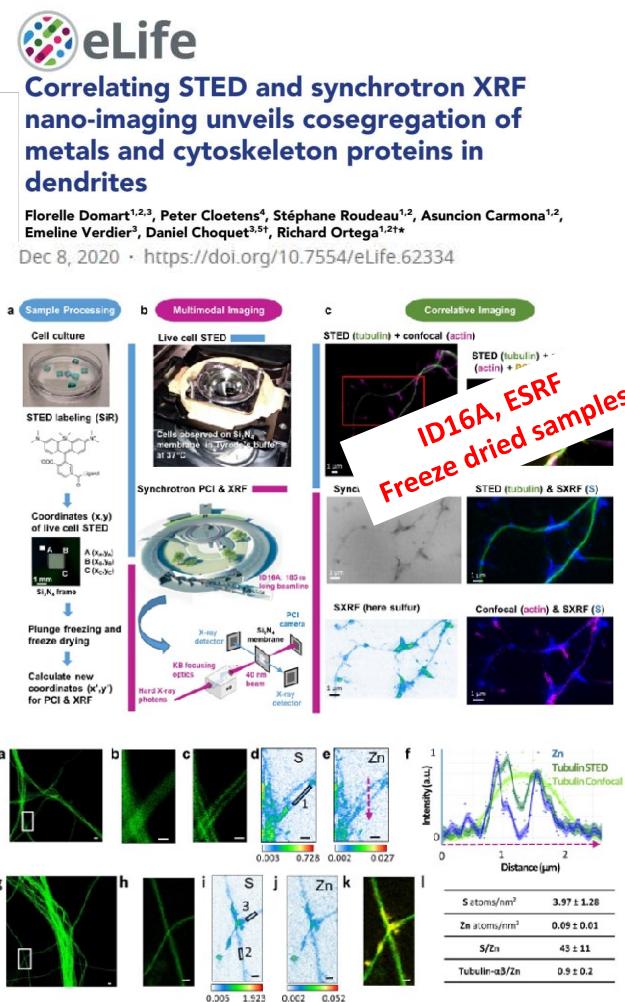
- 50-100 nm focus : spatial resolution < cell organelle size
- Cryogenic capabilities
- nanoXANES (4 to 25.5 keV, depending on the optics) → chemical state of elements in whole cells, organoids, tissue sections

nanoXANES: biological controlled mineralization



114, Diamond
Freeze dried samples

Hard X-ray Fluorescence (XRF): Chemical imaging in neurons



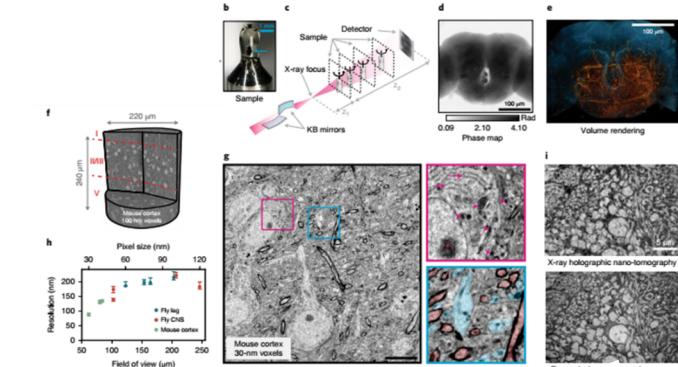
Phase Contrast Imaging, holotomography: Nervous system structure mapping



Dense neuronal reconstruction through X-ray holographic nano-tomography

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Correlation with other imaging techniques

- CORRELATION:
 - With infrastructure already at ALBA:
MIRAS (UV), FAXTOR (uCT), MISTRAL (cryoSXT), Visible Light Microscopy (3D-cryoSIM)
 - With other resources:
CryoET, cryoFIB-SEM, Visible light microscopy (cryoconfocal, live imaging)
- very important especially for XRF since it lacks for sensitivity for low Z elements (biological structures).

XRF and cryoSXT: Intracellular metal tracking

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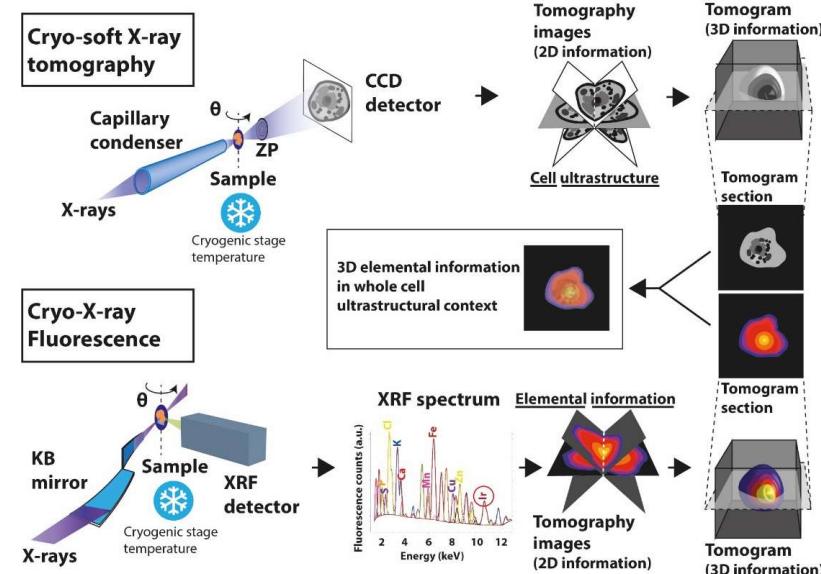


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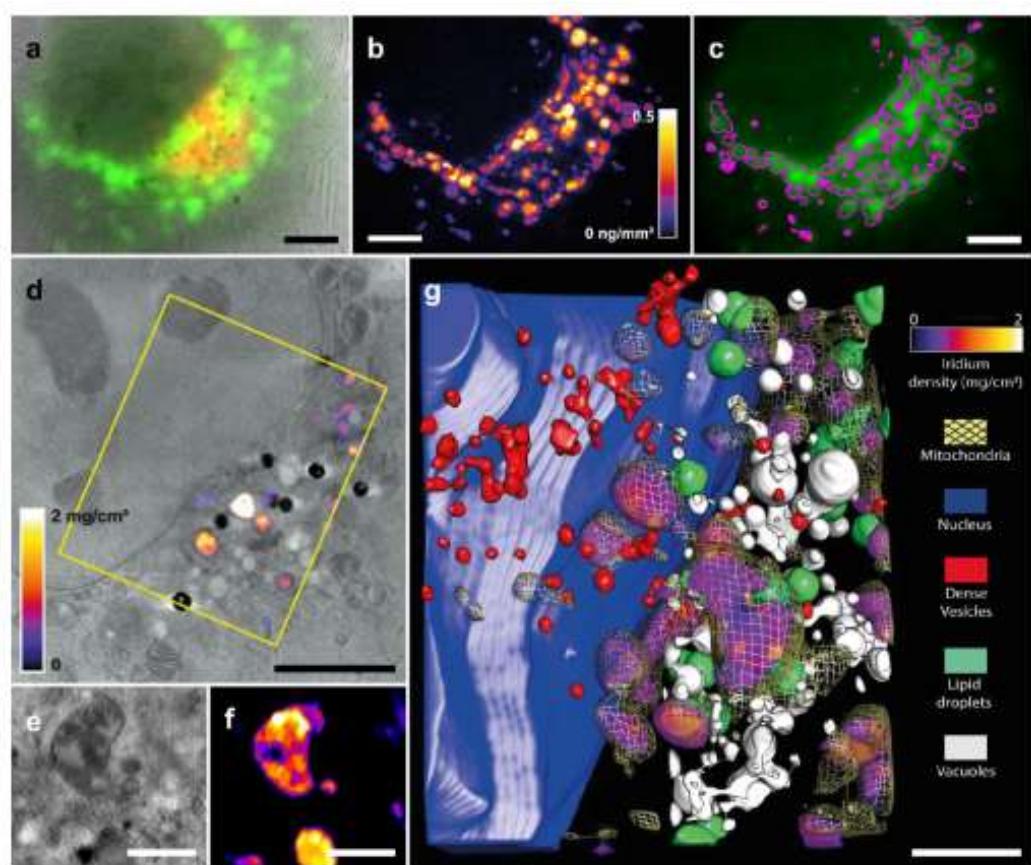
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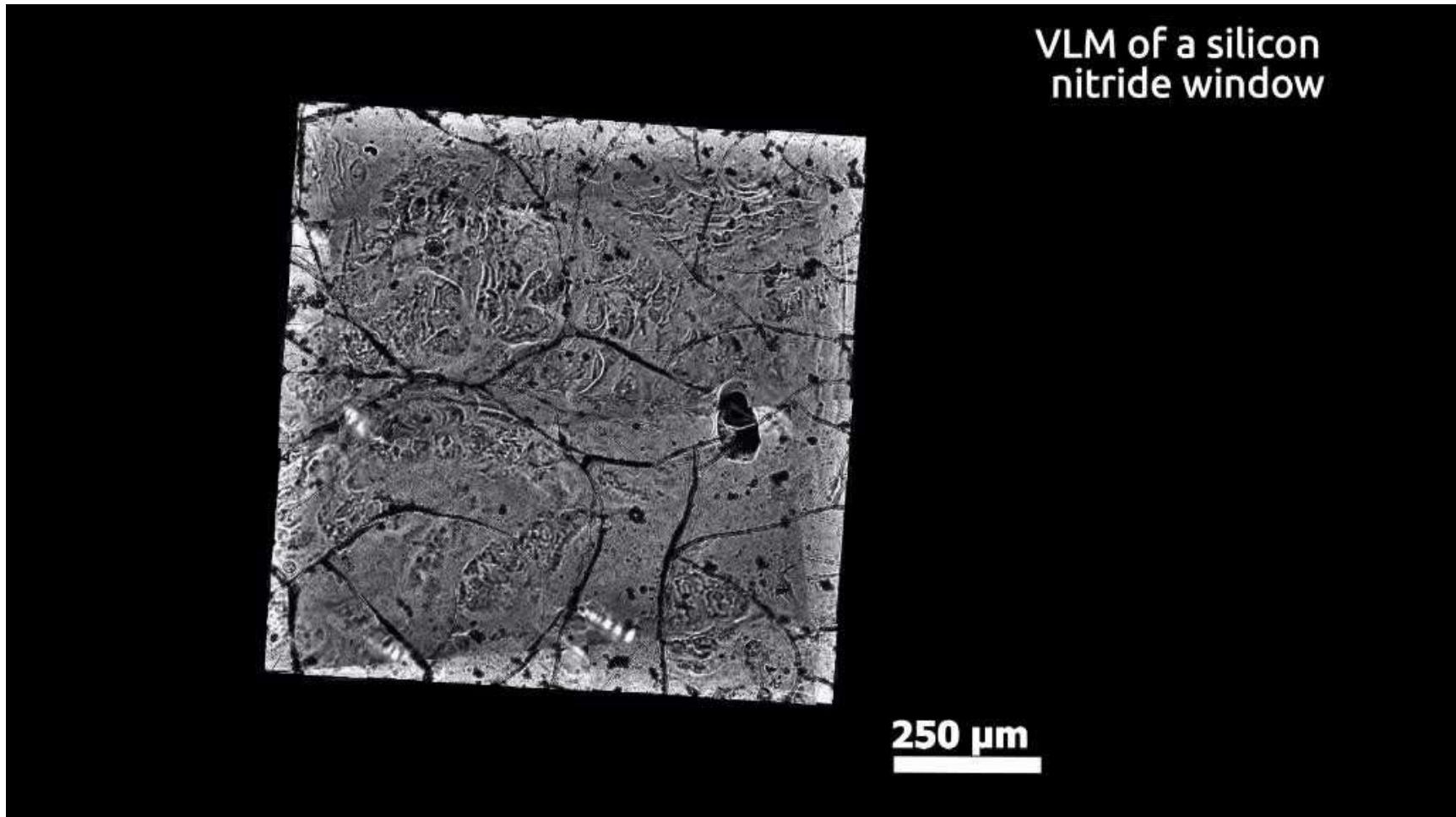
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XRF and cryoSXT: Intracellular metal tracking

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VLM of a silicon
nitride window



250 μm

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Summary

Unique (to the best of our knowledge):

- High flexibility energy selection (XRF endo/exogenous elements, transmission)
- Exploiting coherence of the new source at ALBA-II
- Multimodal cryo X-ray imaging (complementarity of both endstations)
- Multiple sample loading and exchange (**user friendly, increase throughput**)
- Cryogenic conditions, **including XANES**
- Correlation with other methods (including implemented facilities at ALBA)
- Oversubscription in EU related beamlines

Challenges

- Tight temperature control for nano focusing
- Data analysis developments at ALBA to optimize processing pipelines
- Beam stability for XANES at nanoSpec

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