

REALLY NONDESTRUCTIVE HIGH-RESOLUTION X-RAY COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY FOR ADVANCED PACKAGING APPLICATIONS

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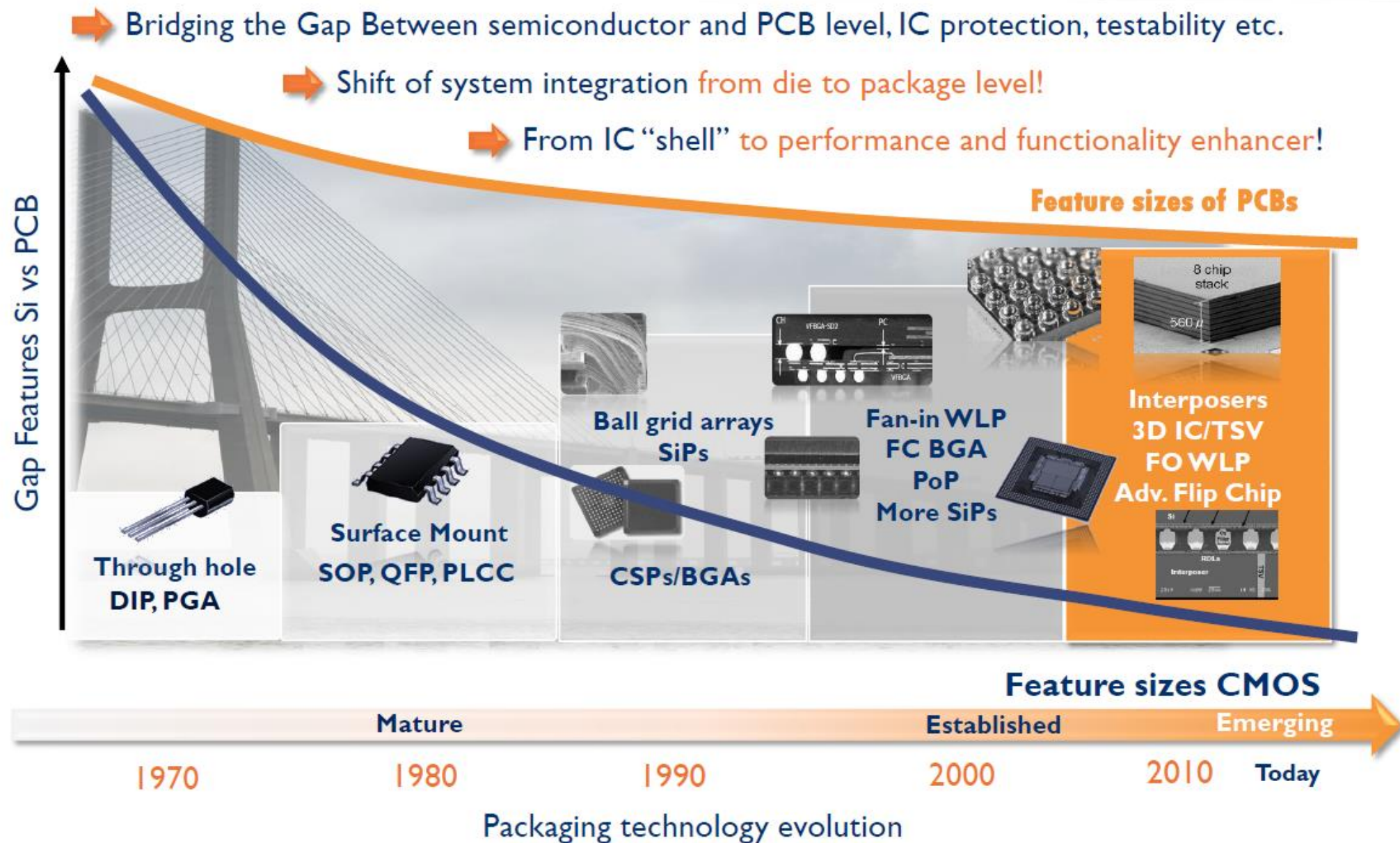
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MICROELECTRONIC PACKAGE EVOLUTION



Increase in
Packaging
Technology
Solutions

What is new in advanced packaging / 3D heterogeneous system integration ?

New design / architecture

- Bridging the gap between traditional Si ICs and PCBs
- Enhance system integration to package level
- Package is an (additional) booster for performance and functionality

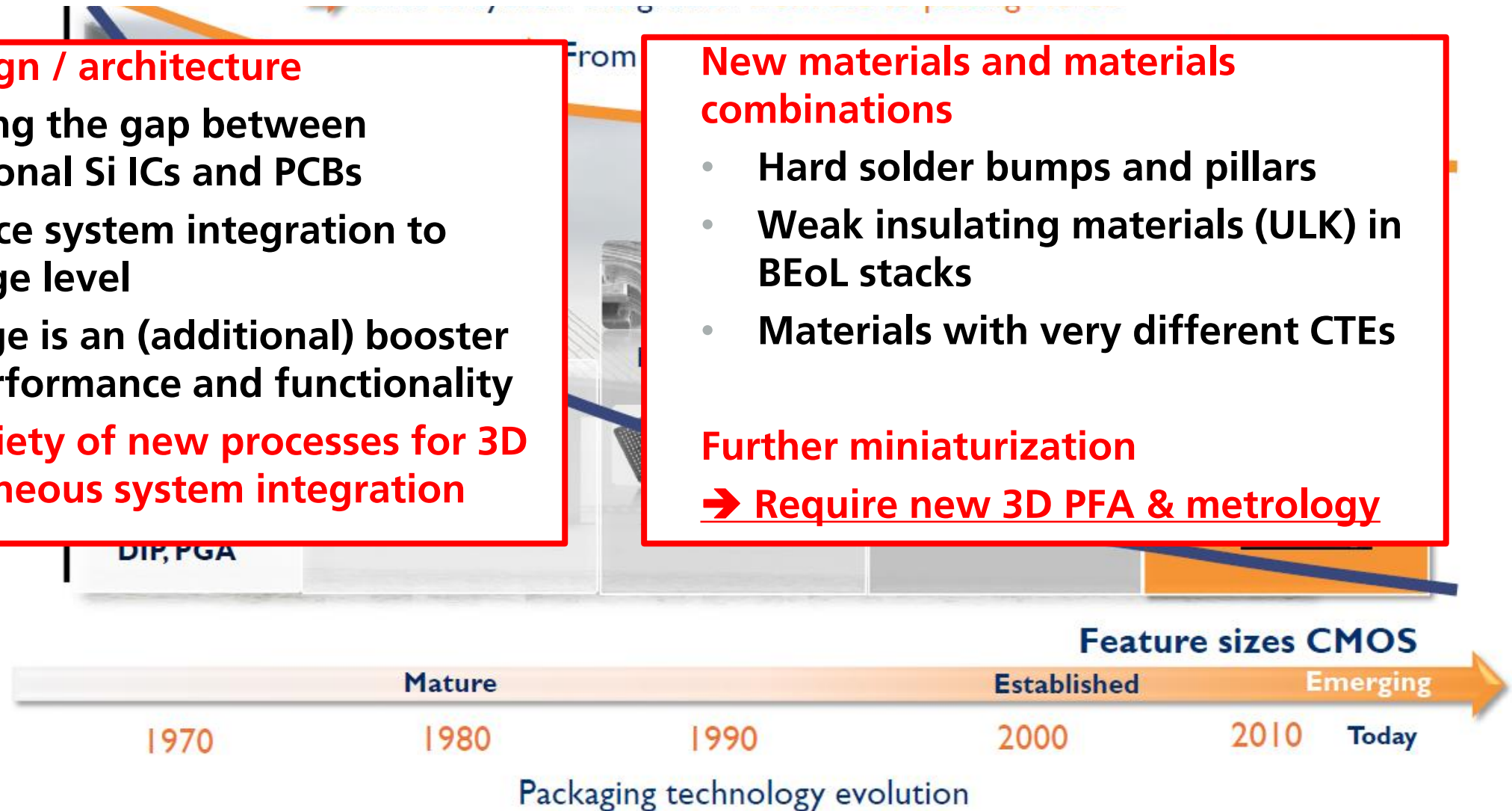
Large variety of new processes for 3D heterogeneous system integration

New materials and materials combinations

- Hard solder bumps and pillars
- Weak insulating materials (ULK) in BEoL stacks
- Materials with very different CTEs

Further miniaturization

→ Require new 3D PFA & metrology



Microbump evolution: Processes, materials stacks and dimensions

•Techniques available:

Electroplating = EP

Stencil Printing = SP

Solder ball placement = SBB

ENIG = Electroless Ni/Au.

Evaporation = EV

Standard FC bump

•EP

•ENIG + SP

•ENIG + SBB

FC fine-pitch bump

•EP

•ENIG + SBB

•C4NP

FC μ -bump

•EP

Cu pillar bump

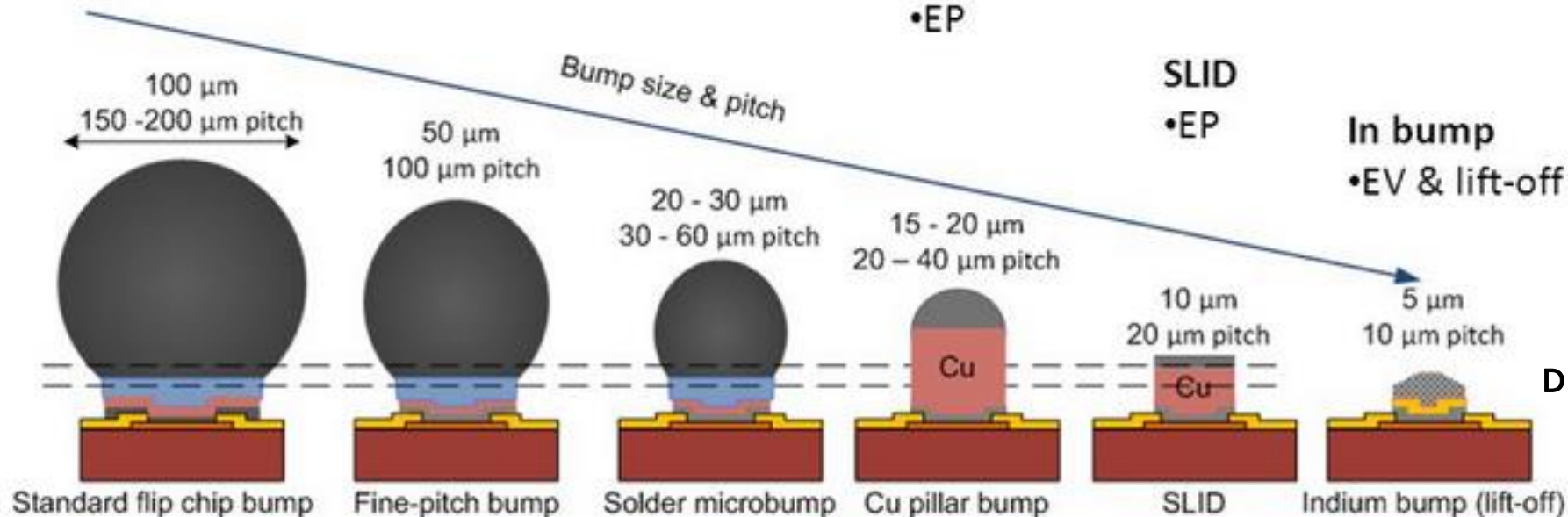
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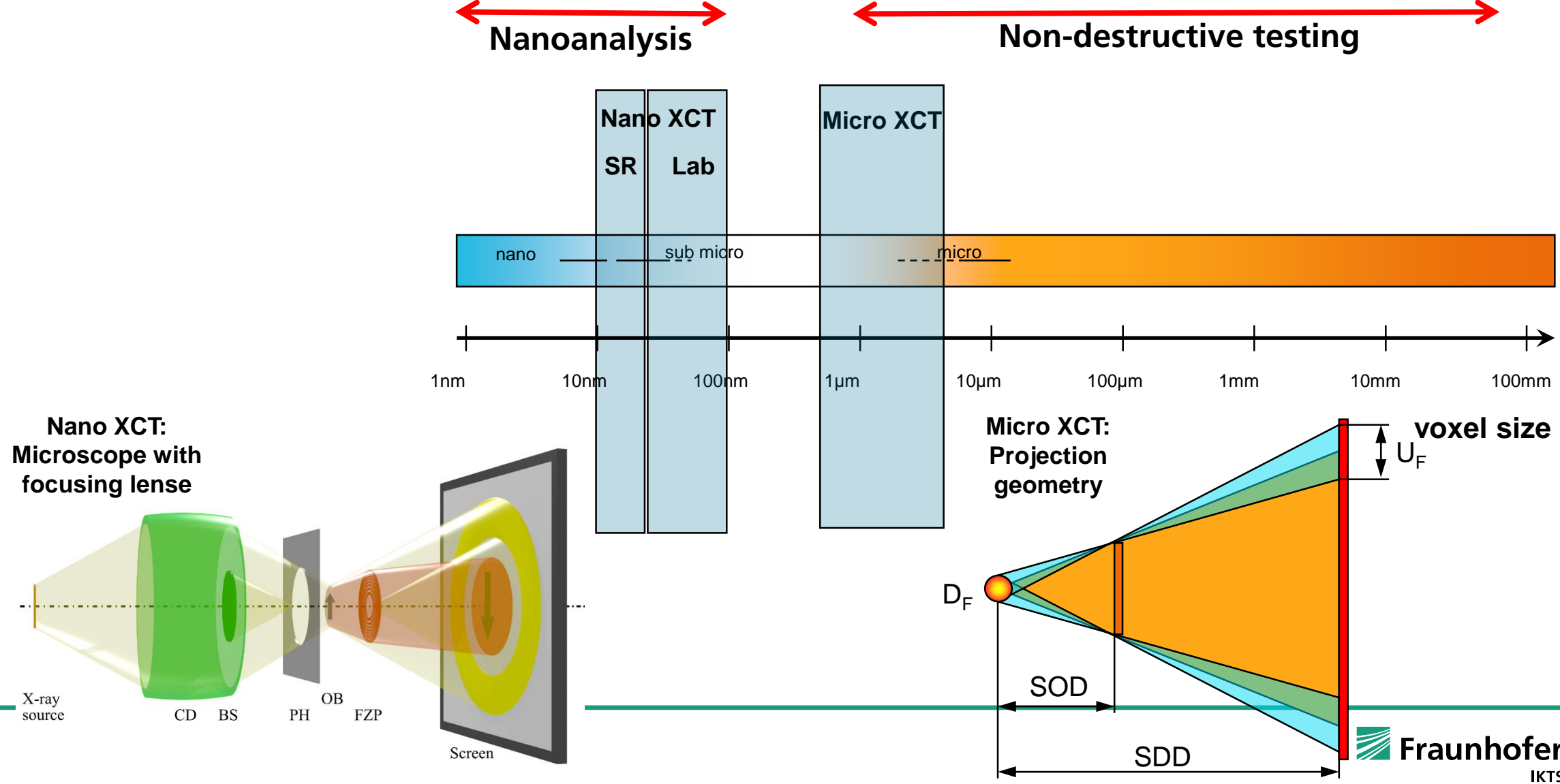
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•EV & lift-off

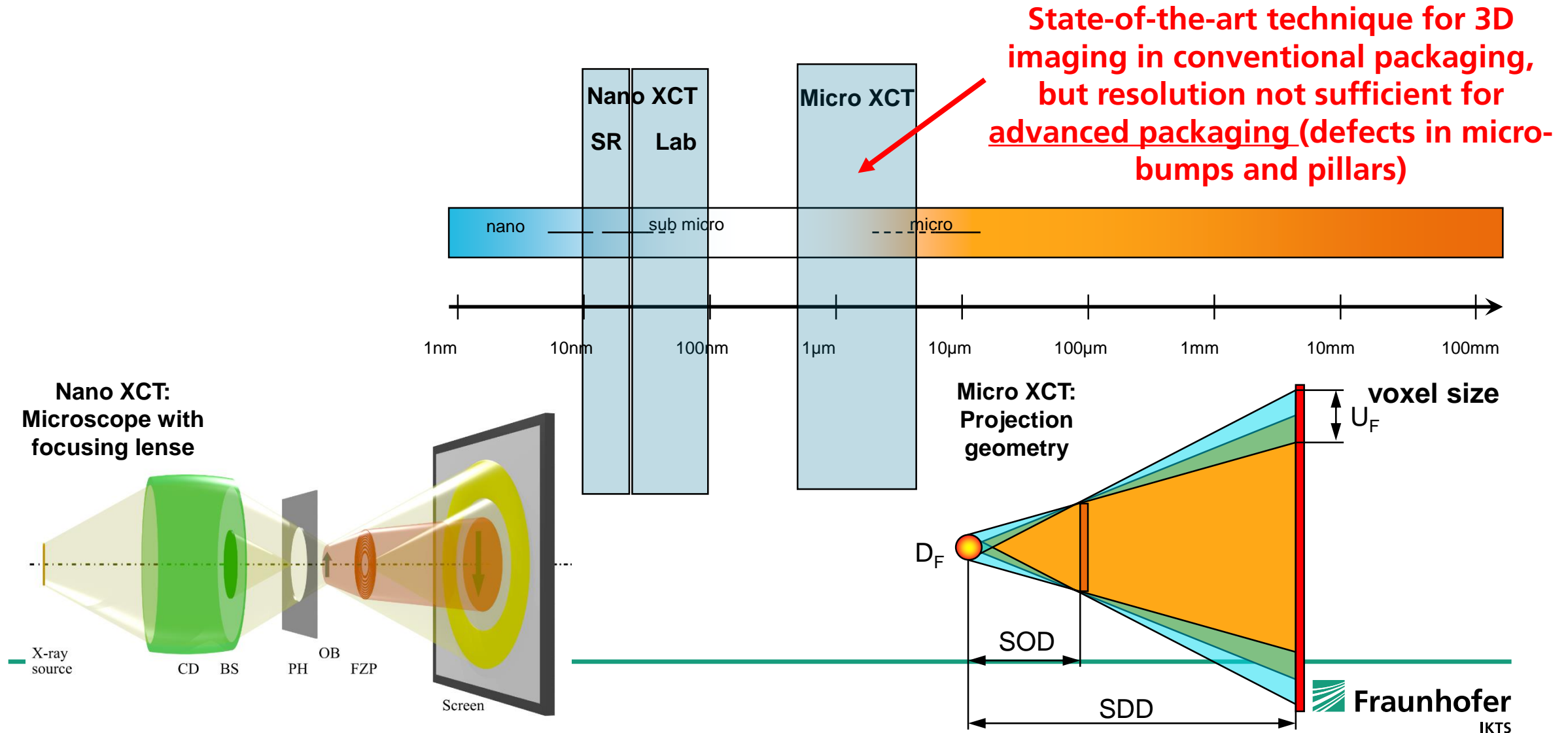


D. Dannheim et al., CERN 2018

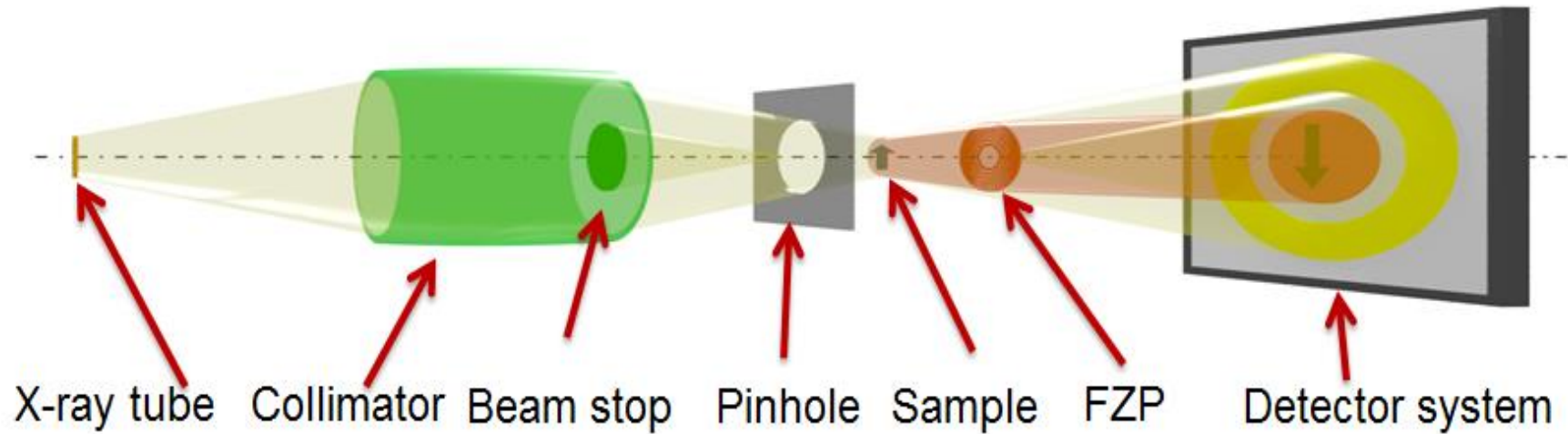
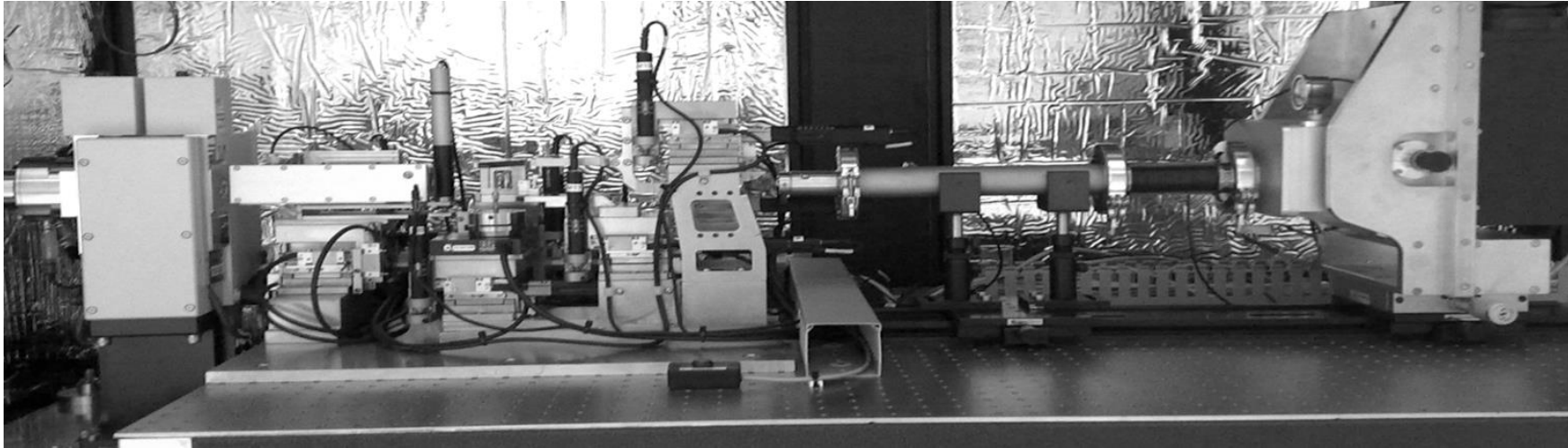
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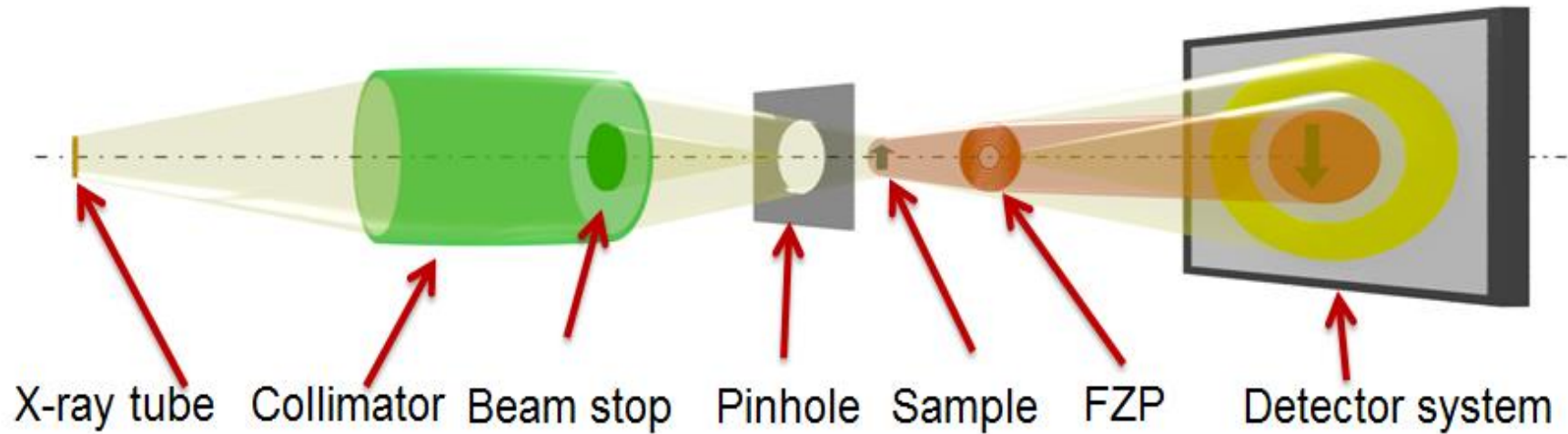
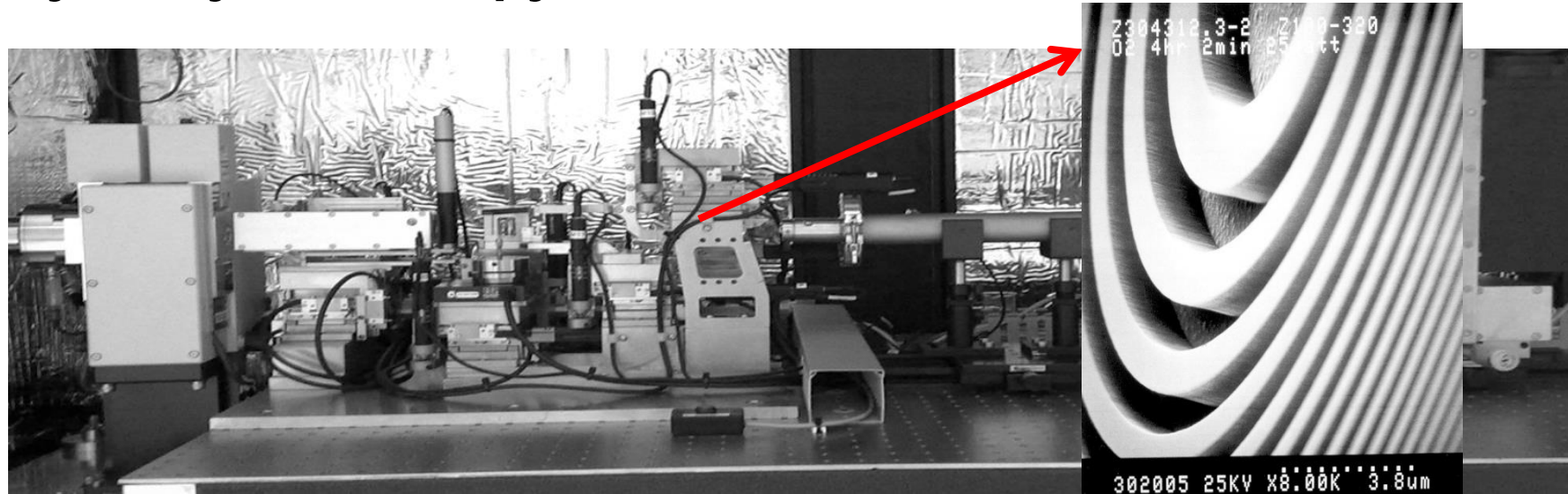
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Laboratory X-ray microscopy and nano XCT



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2D vs. 3D metrology and diagnostics in microelectronics

- **Product trends**
 - New device architectures: 2D → 3D (FinFET, trigate, FDSOI, NVM, ...)
 - 3D chip integration / advanced packaging
- **3D architectures require 3D metrology and diagnostics → “metrology gap”**
 - Fast metrology and diagnostics (time-to-data)
 - Nondestructive vs. destructive

for device (transistor), BEoL, advanced packaging !
- **Industrial needs / challenges:**
 - Challenges from new materials / smaller dimensions on wafer (new gate stacks, new NVM, BEoL stacks, ...)
 - Challenges from advanced packaging (e.g. micro-bumps, pillars, ...)

2D vs. 3D X-ray imaging

2D X-ray imaging is a matured and widely used analytical method for diagnostics/failure analysis in microelectronics

- Demonstrated capability for defect detection
- Real time nature
- Availability of automated defect detection routines

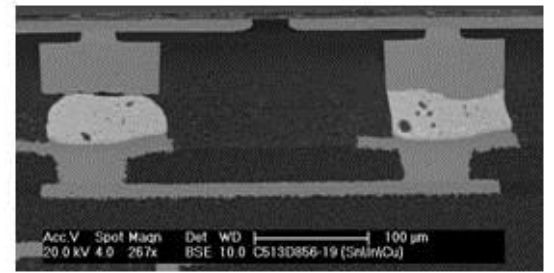
Technical challenges for 2D X-ray imaging are:

- Development of smaller / more complex packages
- Small defects with a lot of interfering features in the FOV
- Increasingly difficult and sometimes impossible to image certain defects in non-destructive fashion
- Samples often require preparation that may produce artifacts.

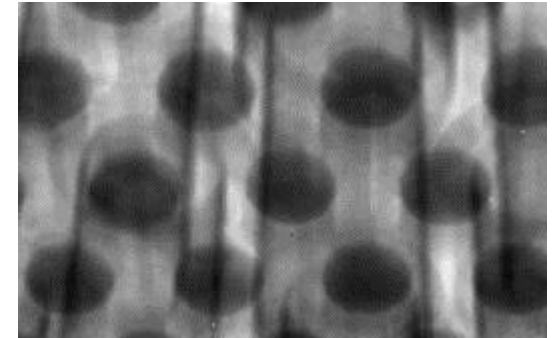
The fundamental limitations of 2D X-ray imaging are a common roadblock driving XCT for failure analysis in semiconductor industry.

→ conventional packaging: micro XCT

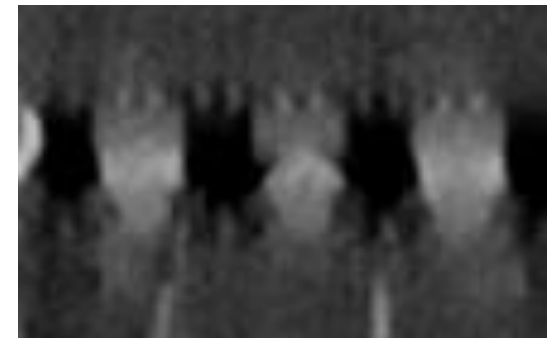
→ BEOl + advanced packaging: nano XCT



Physical X-section C4 bump



Best 2D radiography → defect not visible!



Virtual X-section based on 3D XCT

High-resolution 3D imaging needs for interconnects: Advanced packaging and BEoL

■ Phenomena in advanced package structures

- (Thermo)mechanical failures - Delamination / micro-cracks in interconnect systems
 - Micro-cracks in thinned silicon
 - *Failures in microbumps (micro-cracks)*
 - Delamination and cracks in 3D (TSV) / RDL structures

■ Enforcement of (known) phenomena in BEoL structures

- (Thermo)mechanical failures – Cracks in interconnect systems
 - *Failures in BEoL structures (micro-cracks)*
- Stress-enforced lifetime reduction / electrical effects
 - Electromigration
 - Stress-induced voiding
 - Time-dependent dielectric breakdown

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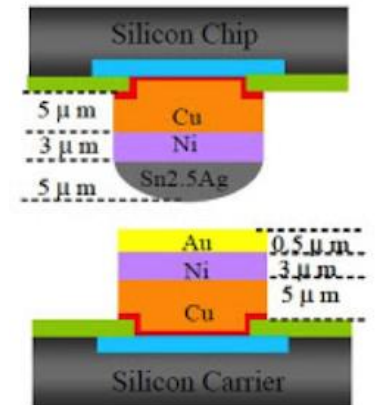
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3D imaging of geometry of and defects in micro bumps



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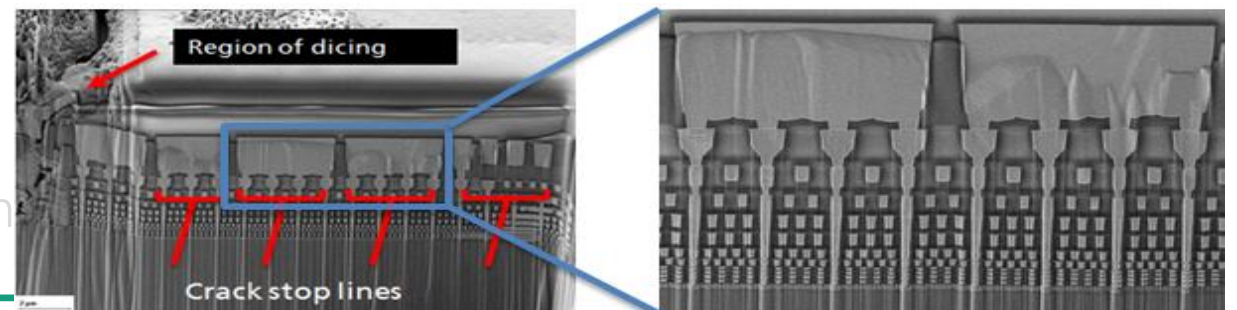
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3D imaging of stress-induced crack propagation in BEoL stacks (CPI)

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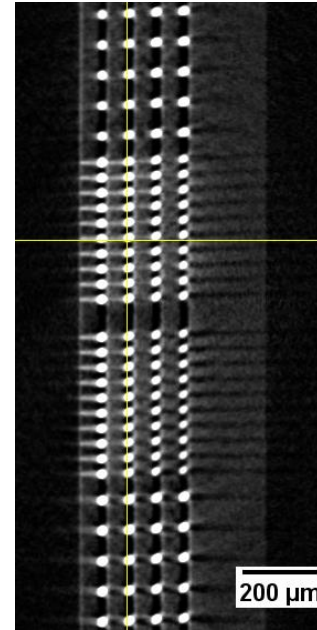
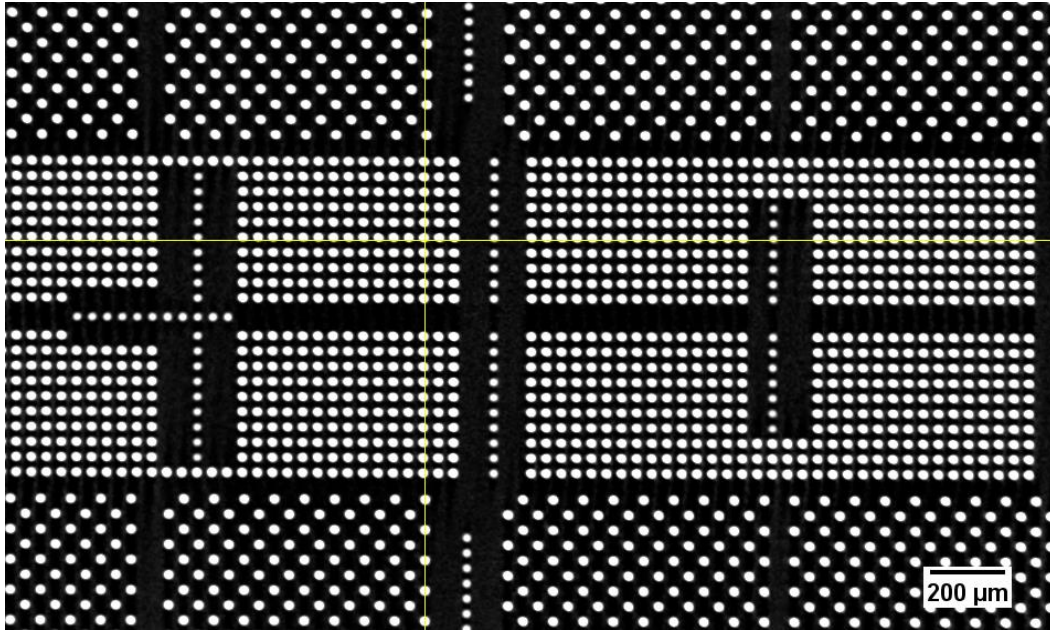
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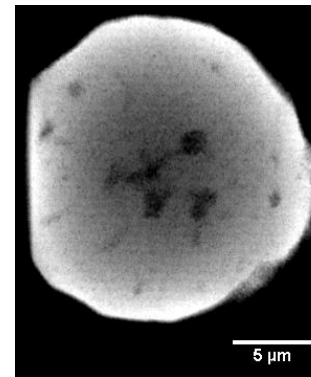
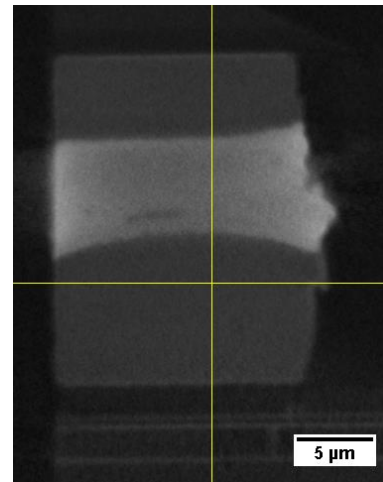
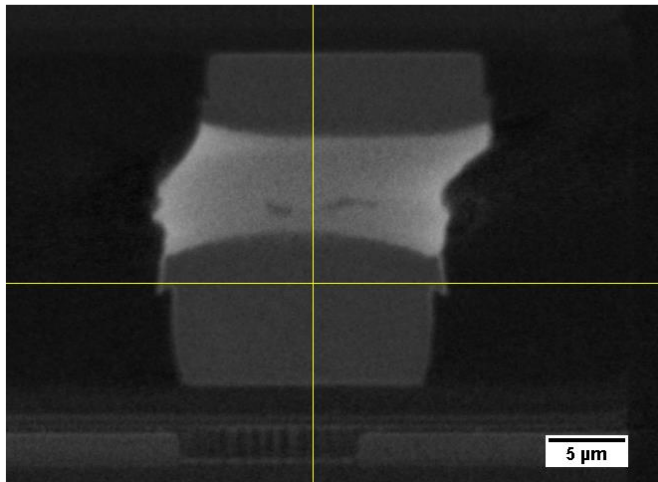
**Demonstration of XCT application for
metrology and diagnostics/failure analysis**

Example: Micro-bumps in 3D IC stacks – HBM



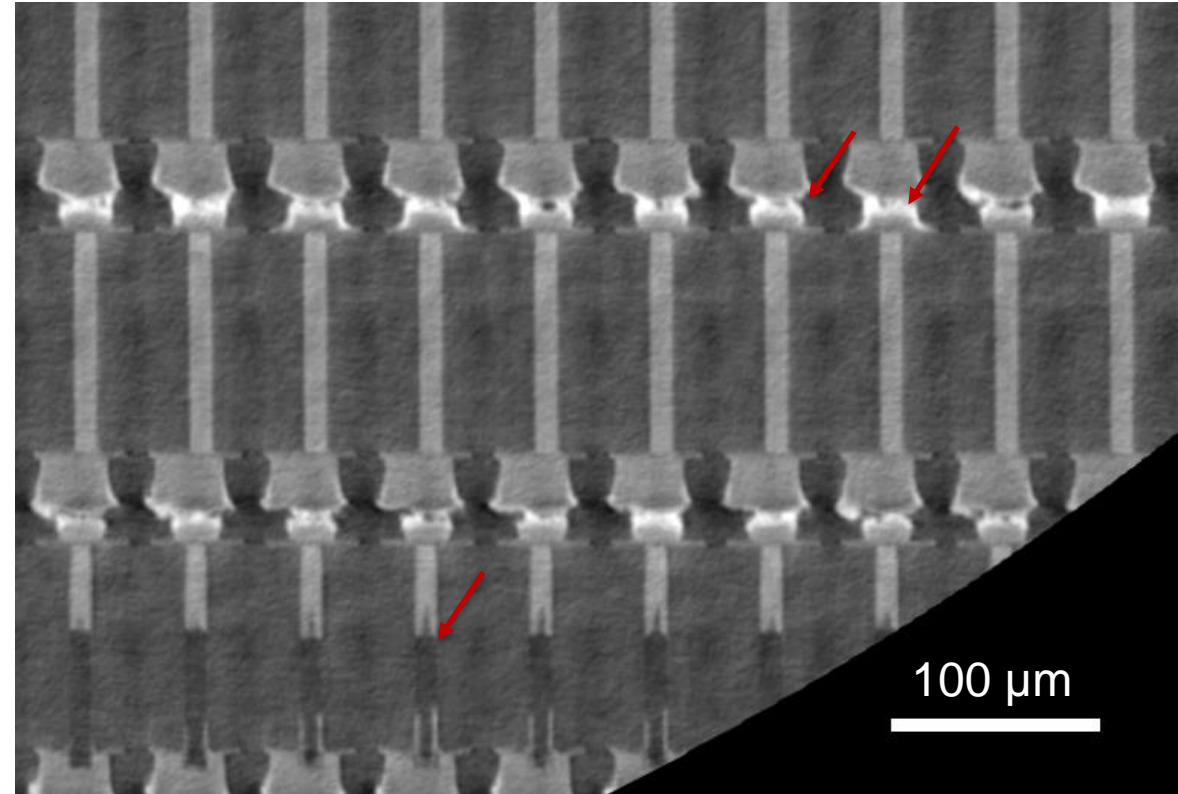
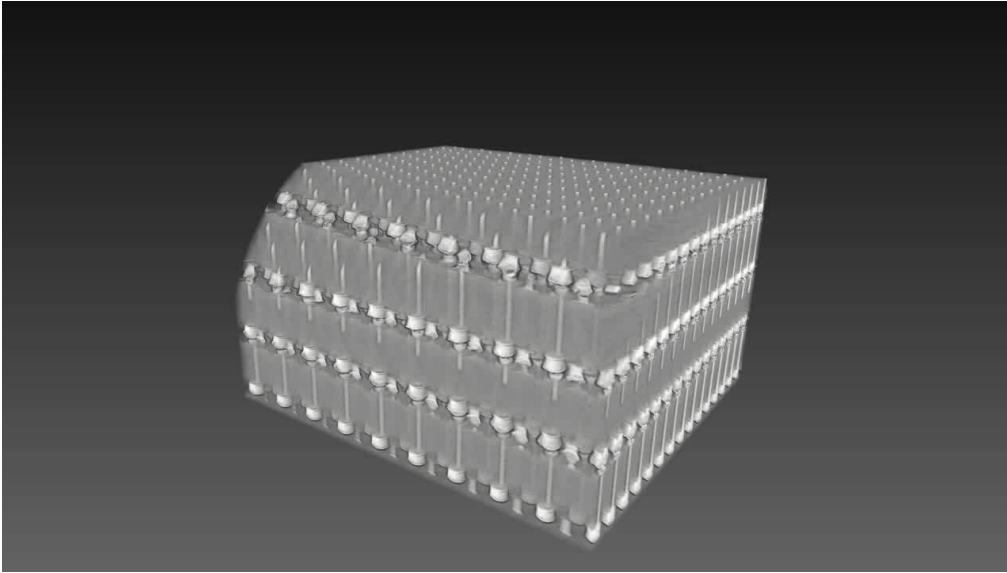
High bandwidth memory (HBM) stack:

Two virtual 2D images (planar view and cross-section view), based on a 3D data set from *micro XCT*.
Nondestructive imaging.



Three virtual 2D images (two perpendicular cross-section views and one planar view), based on a 3D data set from *nano XCT*. Imaging of a small extracted sample.

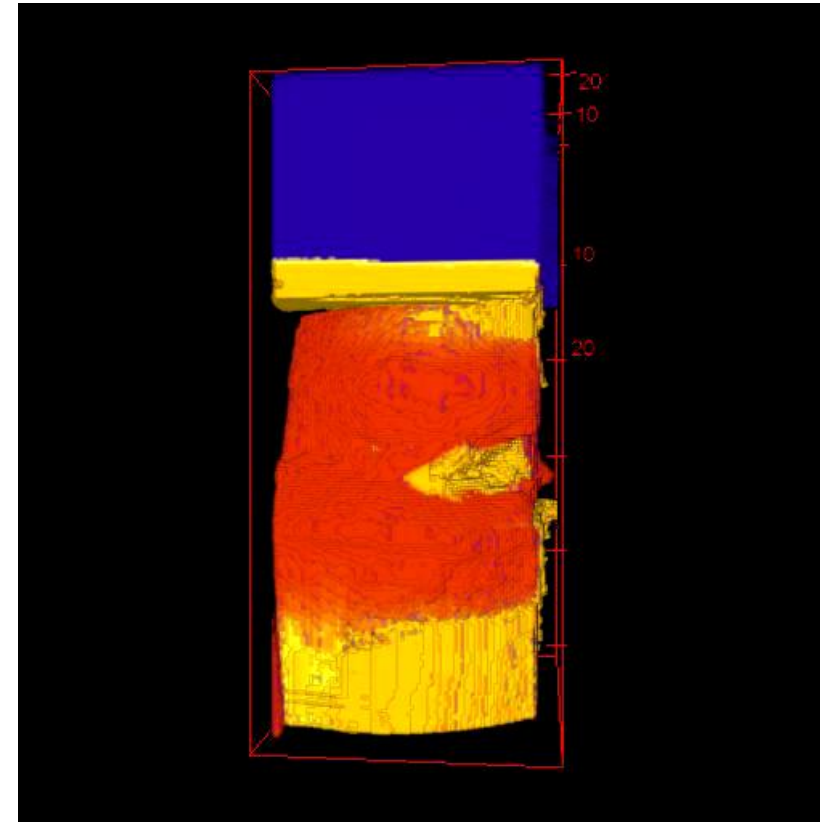
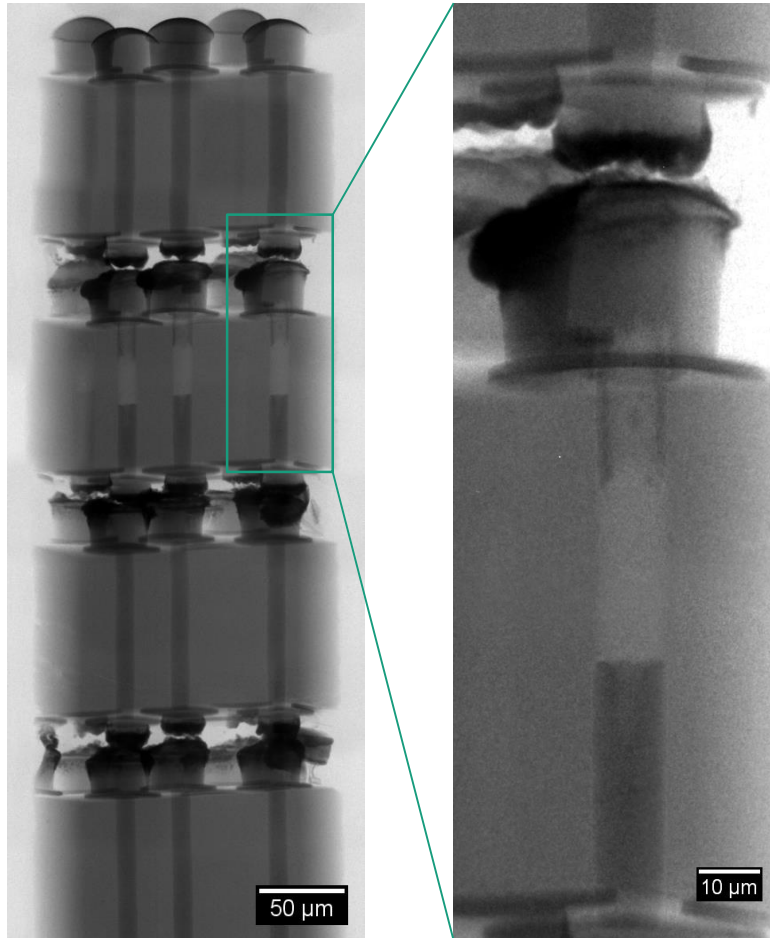
Multi-chip 3D TSV stack with micro bumps – *Micro XCT*



Incomplete Cu TSV filling, variation in solder flow (AgSn)

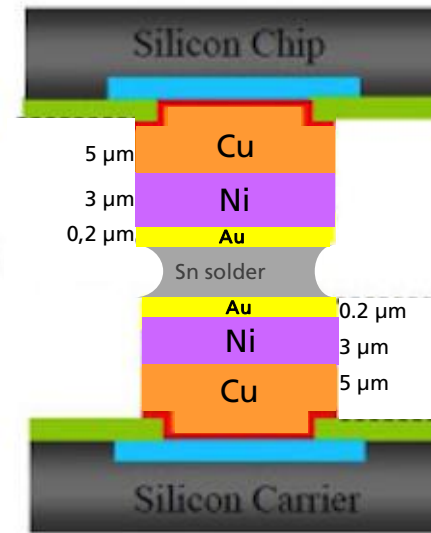
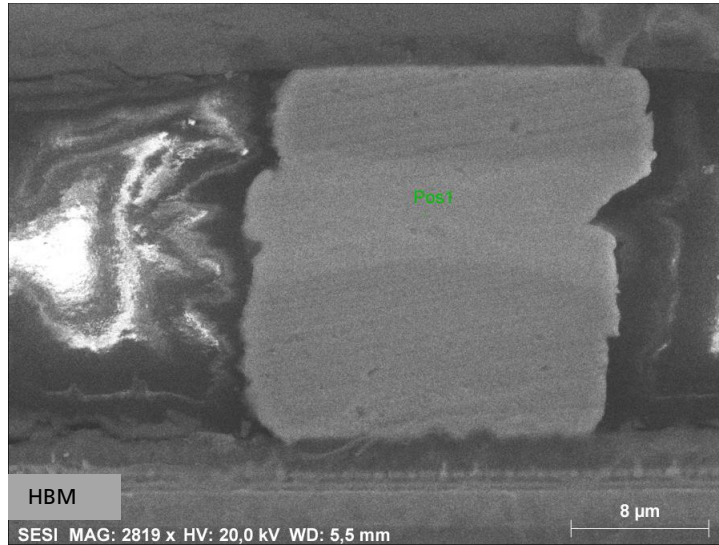
E. Zschech et al., PanPac 2015

Multi-chip 3D TSV stack: micro bumps – *Nano XCT*



Tomography of a AgSn microbump

XCT parameter determination and monitoring - Microbumps



Exemplary presentation,
thicknesses are representing
a possibility only

} ENIG
(Electroless Nickel
Immersion Gold)

- Geometry: Shape of the solder interconnect
- Metallurgy: Chemical composition, location of intermetallic phases
- Defects: Pores, micro-cracks (also in relation to intermetallic phases)

Advanced Packaging & Novel Material Combinations

→ Chip Package Interaction (CPI)

Mechanical properties of (ultra-)low-k materials in the BEoL stack are critical

(POR: CVD porous organosilicate glass (OSG) thin films)

→ adhesive and cohesive failure

Young's modulus and fracture toughness are needed

Tasks of reliability engineering:

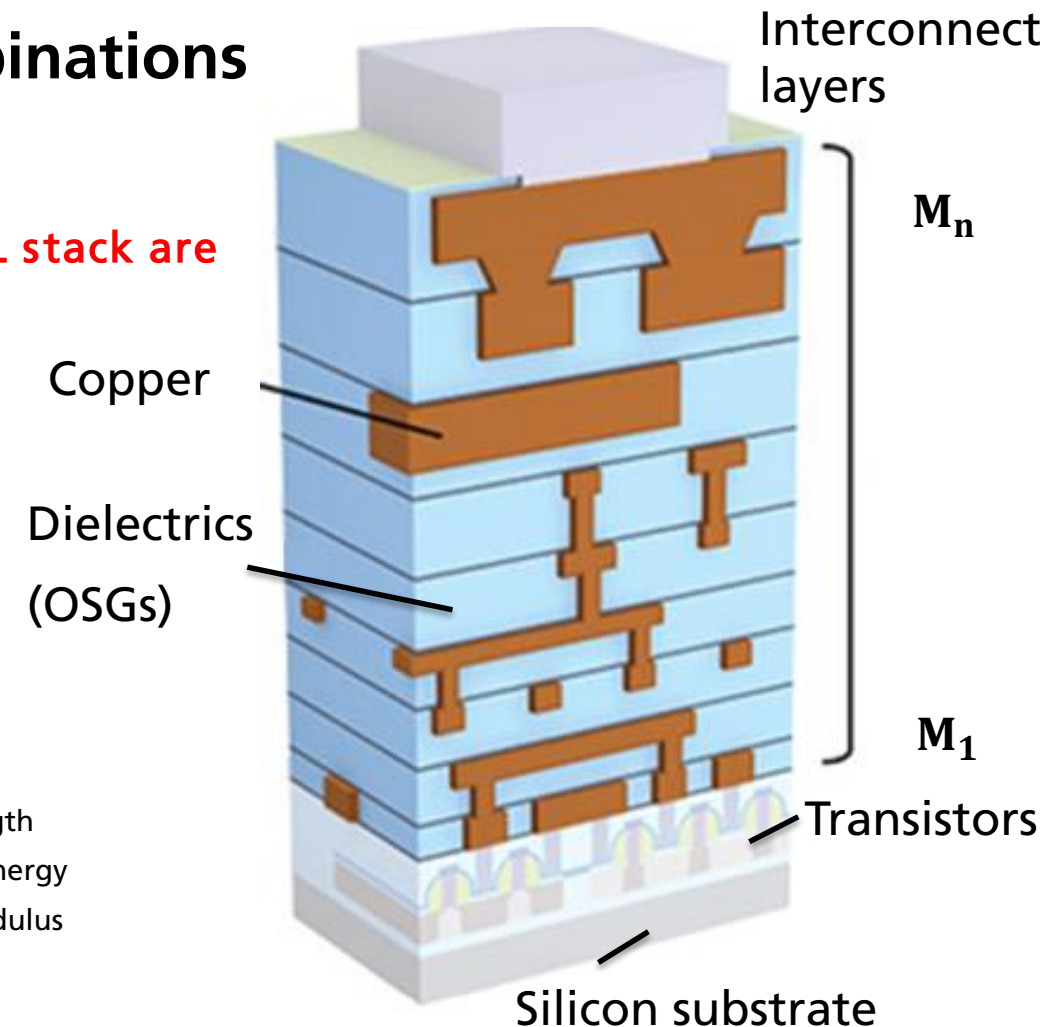
→ Understand degradation mechanisms

Criterion for crack propagation: $\frac{\pi \sigma^2 a}{E} \geq 2\gamma$ → Low E leads to enhanced crack propagation.

σ - stress
 a - crack length
 γ - surface energy
 E - elastic modulus

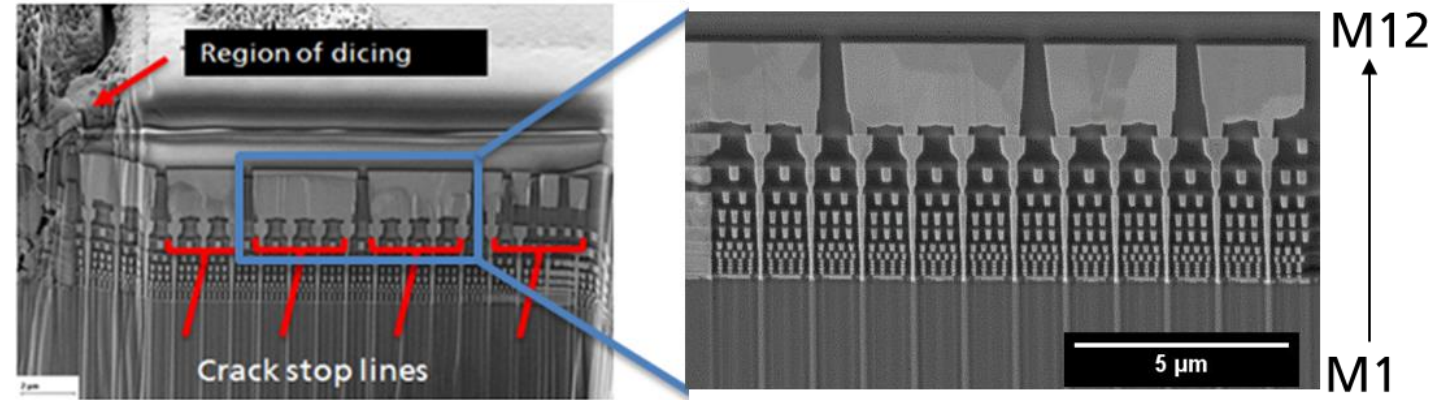
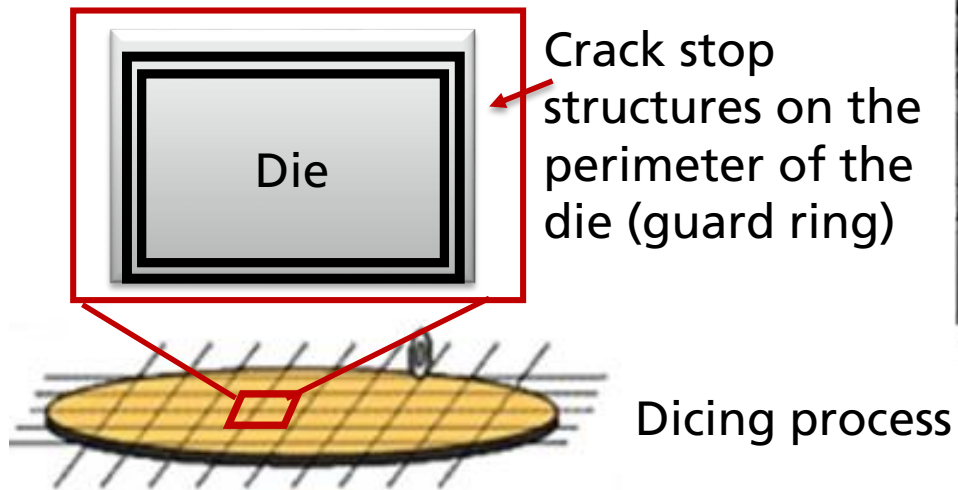
Chip-package interaction (CPI)

is one of the major reliability concerns in leading edge chips with low-k and/or ultra-low-k (ULK) insulating material in the on-chip interconnect stack, because of the low fracture toughness → increased risk of crack propagation



Microchip mechanical properties investigation: Combination of X-ray microscopy and in-situ micro-mechanical testing

- A crack stop structure is implemented to prevent chip damage originating from micro crack formation and propagation.



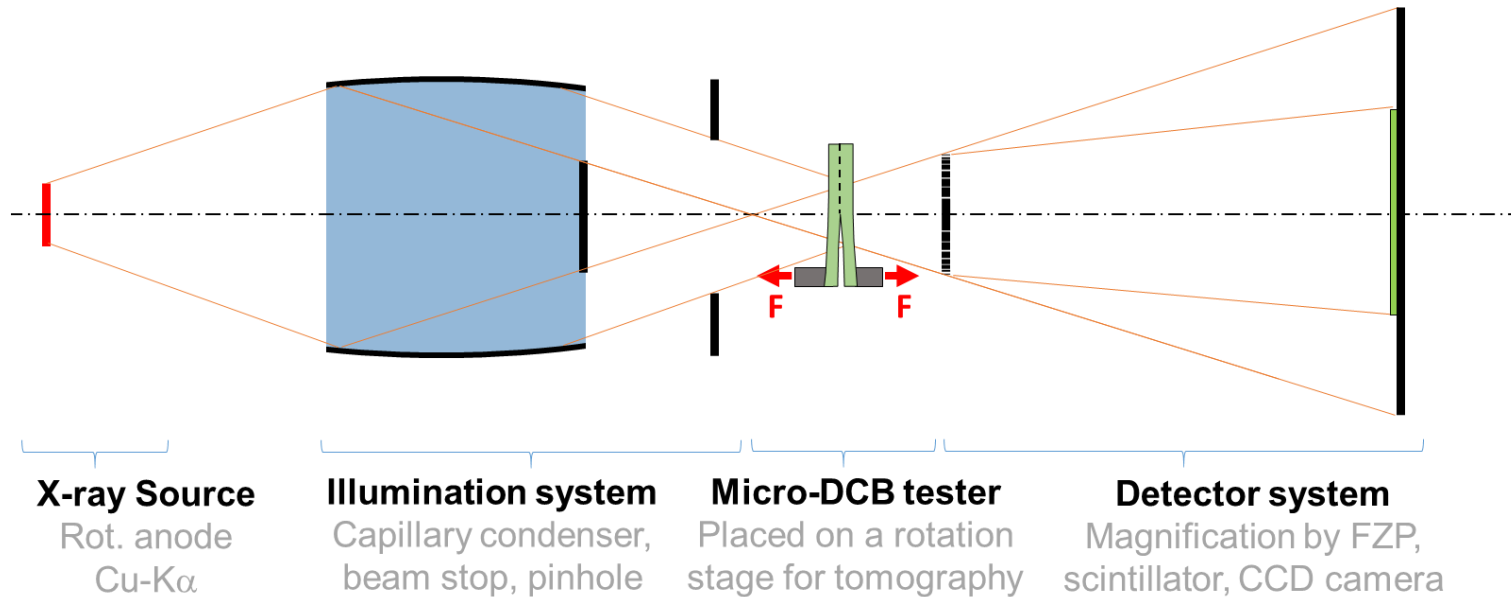
SEM images of a cross-section with crack stop structure of a microprocessor chip with 12 copper layers (M1 to M12)

Microchip reliability improvement approach:

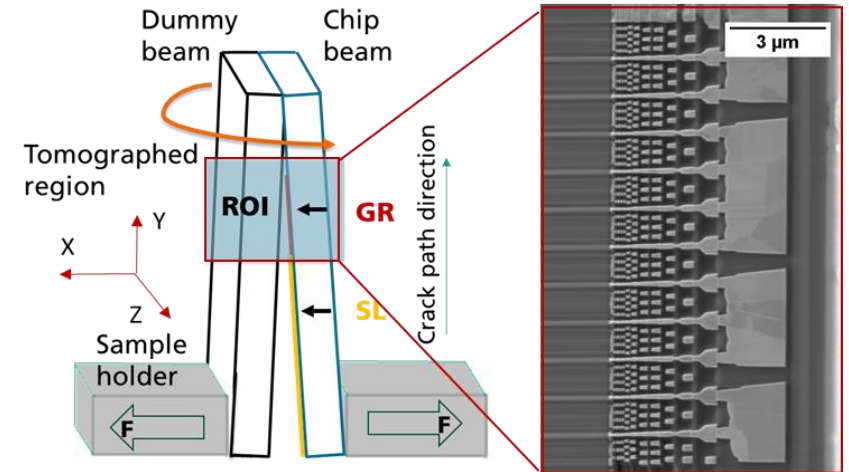
- Direct observation of crack propagation and particularly the guard ring efficiency – *in-situ high resolution imaging by X-ray microscopy*
- Material properties evaluation - *micro-mechanical study*

Micro-DCB
test

Micro Double Cantilever Beam test (micro DCB) in the X-ray microscope



Typical “sandwich” specimen (chip and dummy)
dimension: 50 μm \times 50 μm \times 1000 μm

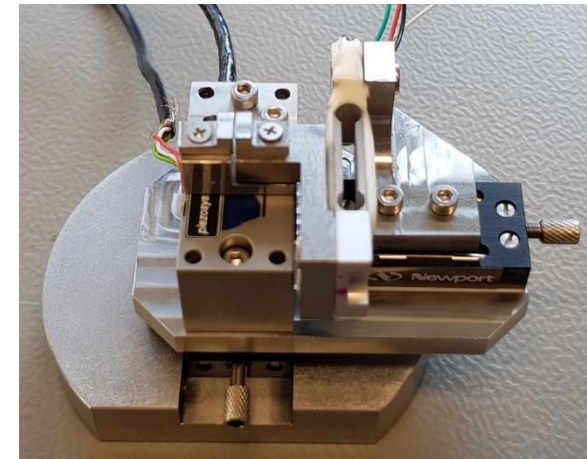
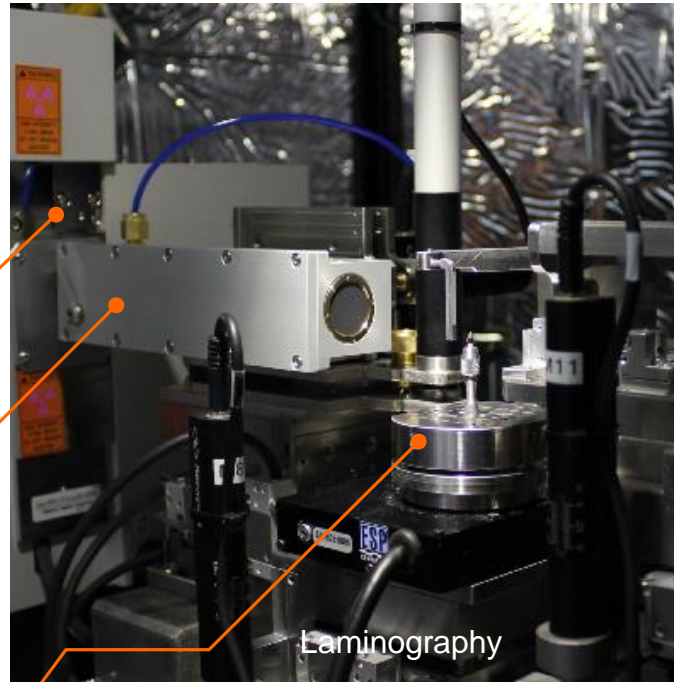
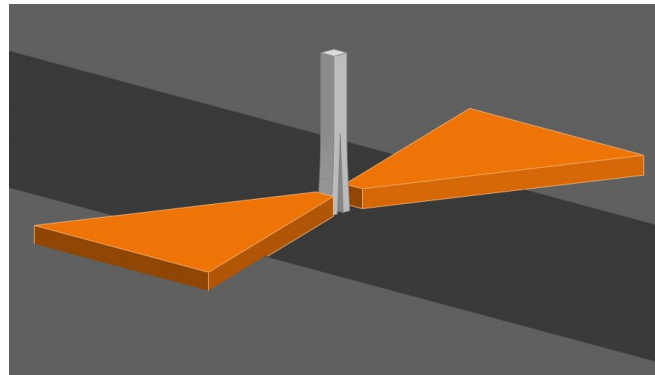


- X-ray source: Rotating anode, monochromatic radiation: Cu-K α (8 keV)
- X-ray optics: Capillary condenser and Fresnel zone plate
- Field of view width: 65 μm or 16 μm ; Resolution 100 nm or 50 nm, respectively
- In-situ crack evolution study: micro-DCB tester (study under load)

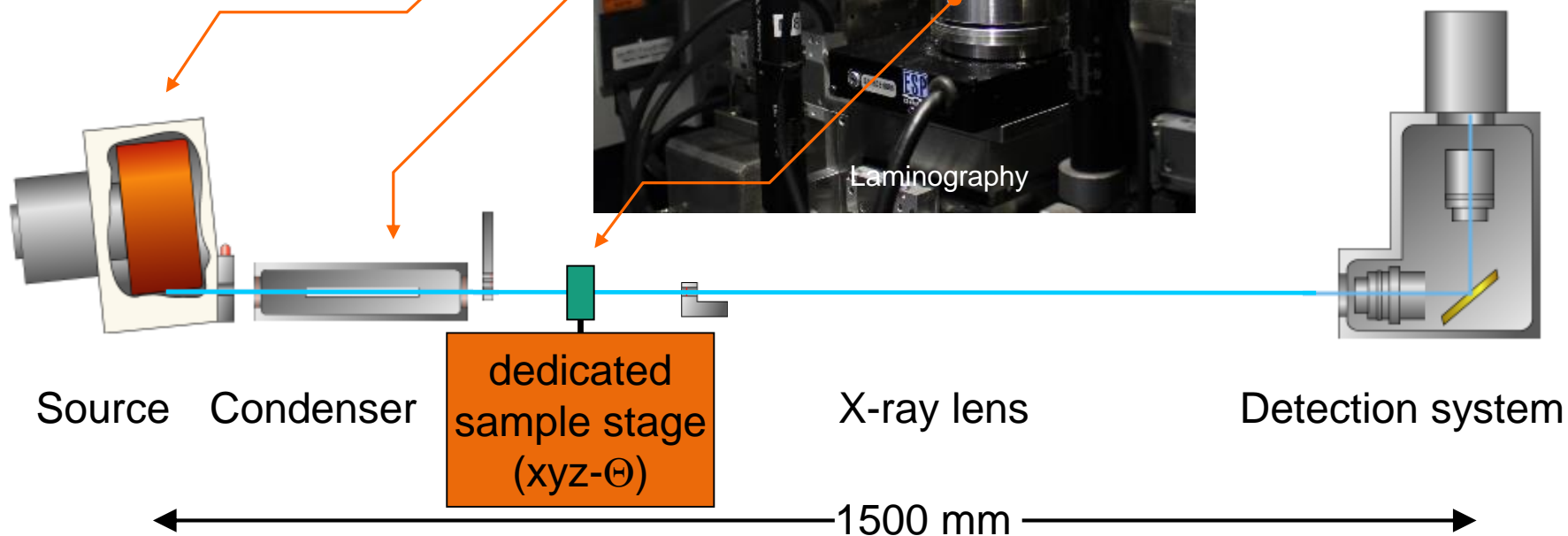
ROI **GR**: guard ring
structure M1 – M12

GR - guard ring
ROI - region of interest
SL- scribe line
M12 - metallization layer 12

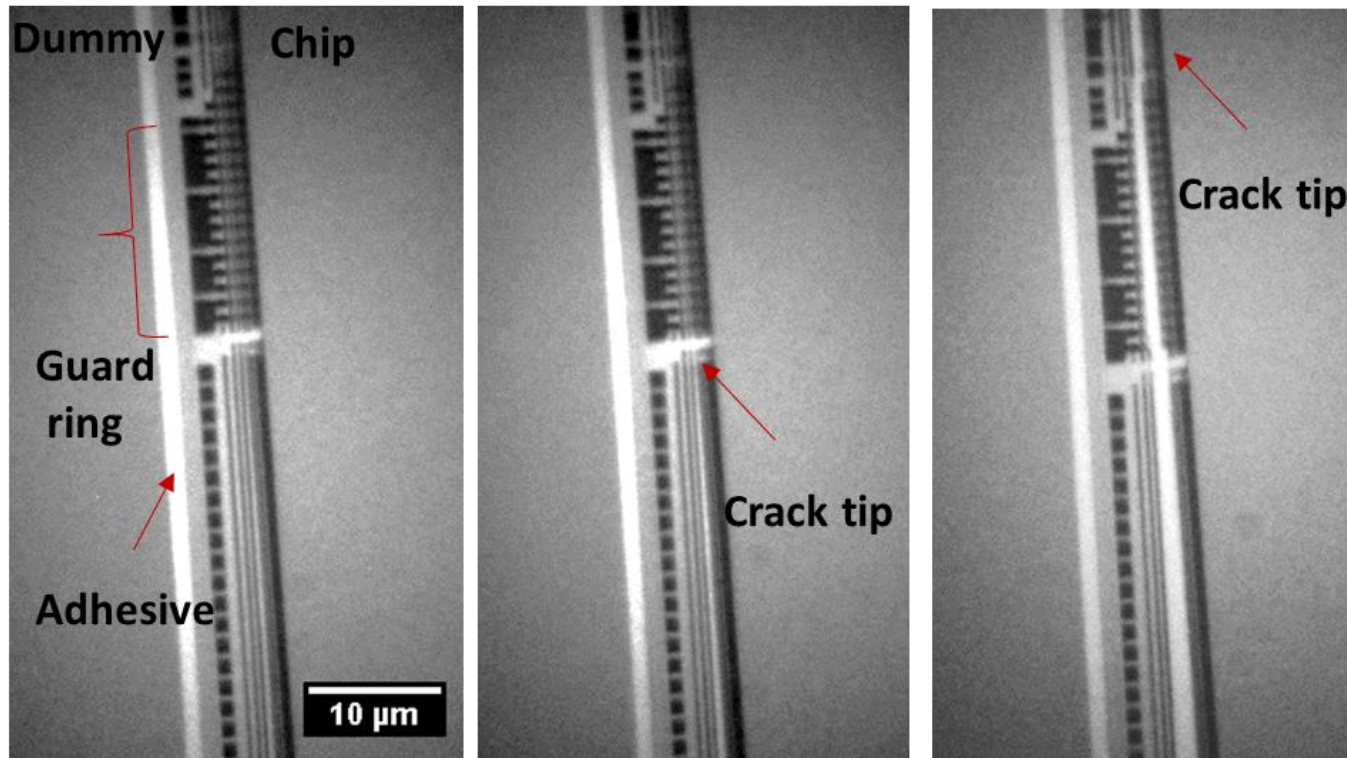
Micro Double Cantilever Beam test (micro-DCB) in the X-ray microscope



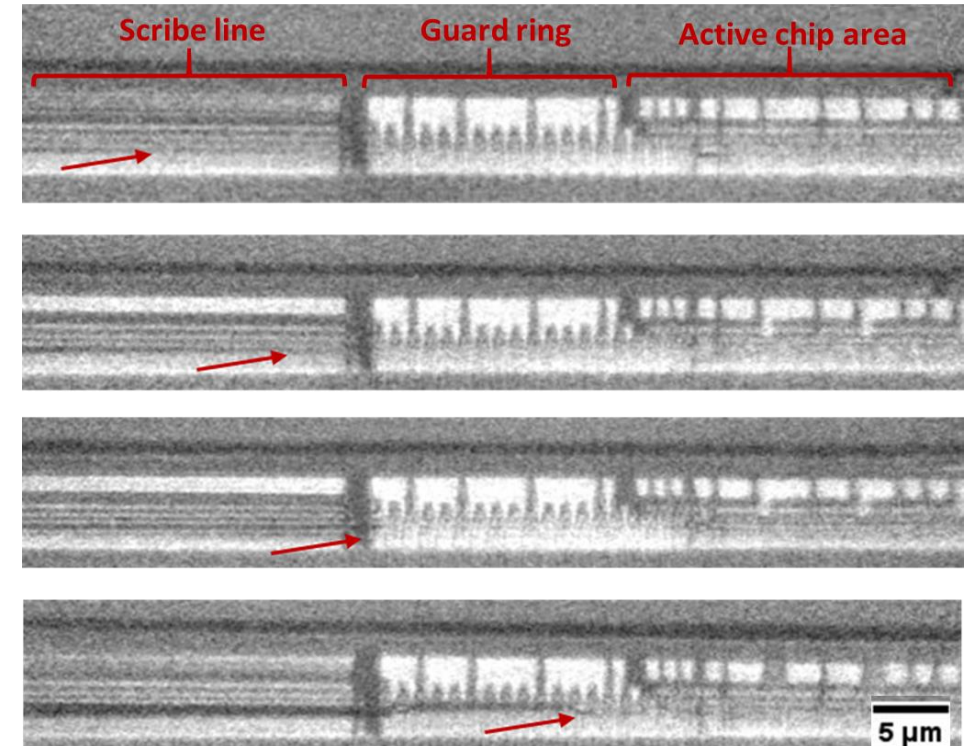
Micro-DCB tester with force sensor



In-situ micro-DCB test in the nano XCT tool



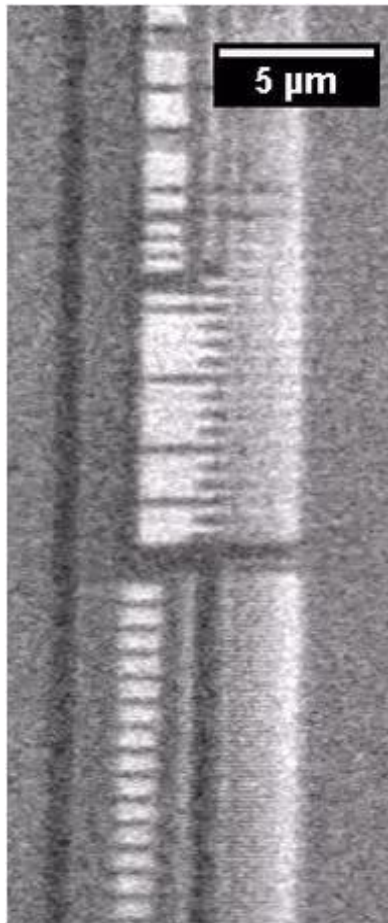
Radiographs series during micro-DCB experiment



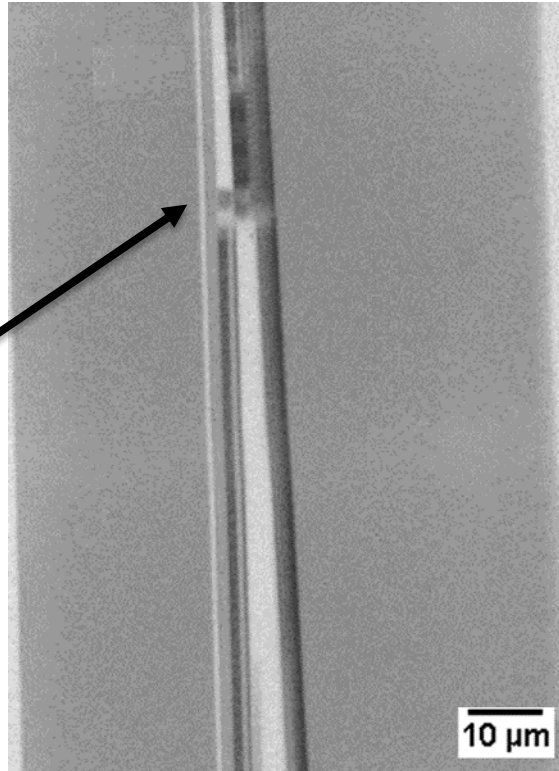
Series of the virtual cross-sections at several loading steps

The crack stops at the guard ring structure, it changes the direction of propagation (energy dissipation), and finally cracking is observed. Crack evolution depends on design, processes and materials, as well as stress (chip-package interaction).

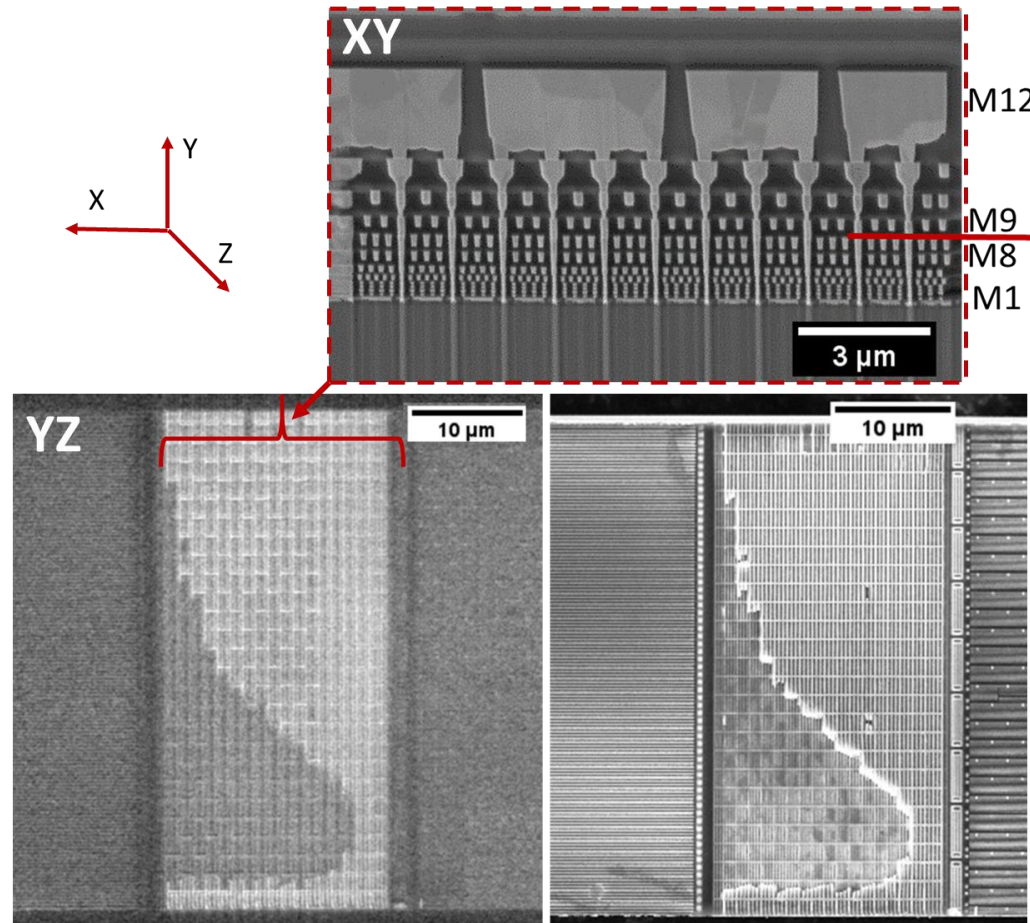
Nano XCT crack path study in BEoL stacks of microchips, Confirmation with SEM @ “post mortem” samples



Movie: Reconstruction data through the sample thickness



Stitched 2D radiograph



Virtual horizontal cross-section based on 3D data;
M8

SEM image

Metallization layers
(FIB cross-section)

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State-of-the-art laboratory X-ray microscopy and nano XCT - Solutions

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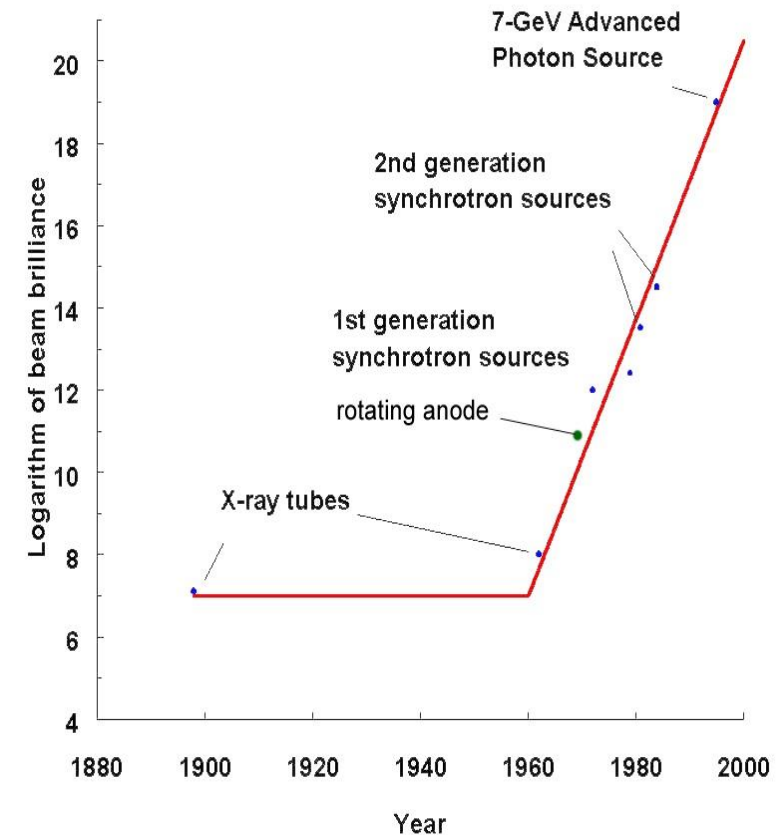
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- **Issue:** Photon flux \rightarrow Data acquisition time up to 12 hrs

Sample preparation efforts:

- **X-ray focusing lens:** Fresnel Zone Plate (FZP), manufactured in patterning process
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 \rightarrow Sample thickness ~ 50 μm @ 8 keV (depending on sample composition)

Resolution:

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Brightness of rotating anode (30 μm focus):
 $8 \cdot 10^9/\text{s}/\text{mm}^2/\text{mrad}^2$

Brightness of FFAST (1 μm focus, 10 W):
 $1 \cdot 10^{12}/\text{s}/\text{mm}^2/\text{mrad}^2$

FFAST source ($\sim 2^{\text{nd}}$ gen. SR) vs. rotating anode source

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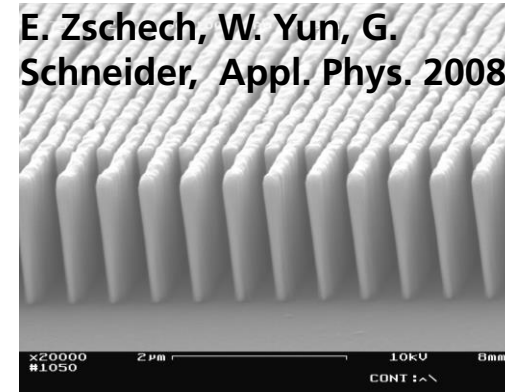
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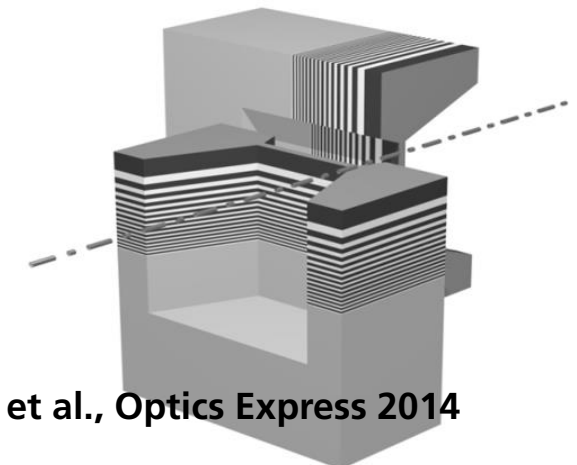
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Fresnel Zone Plate, manufactured using ebeam lithography + etching



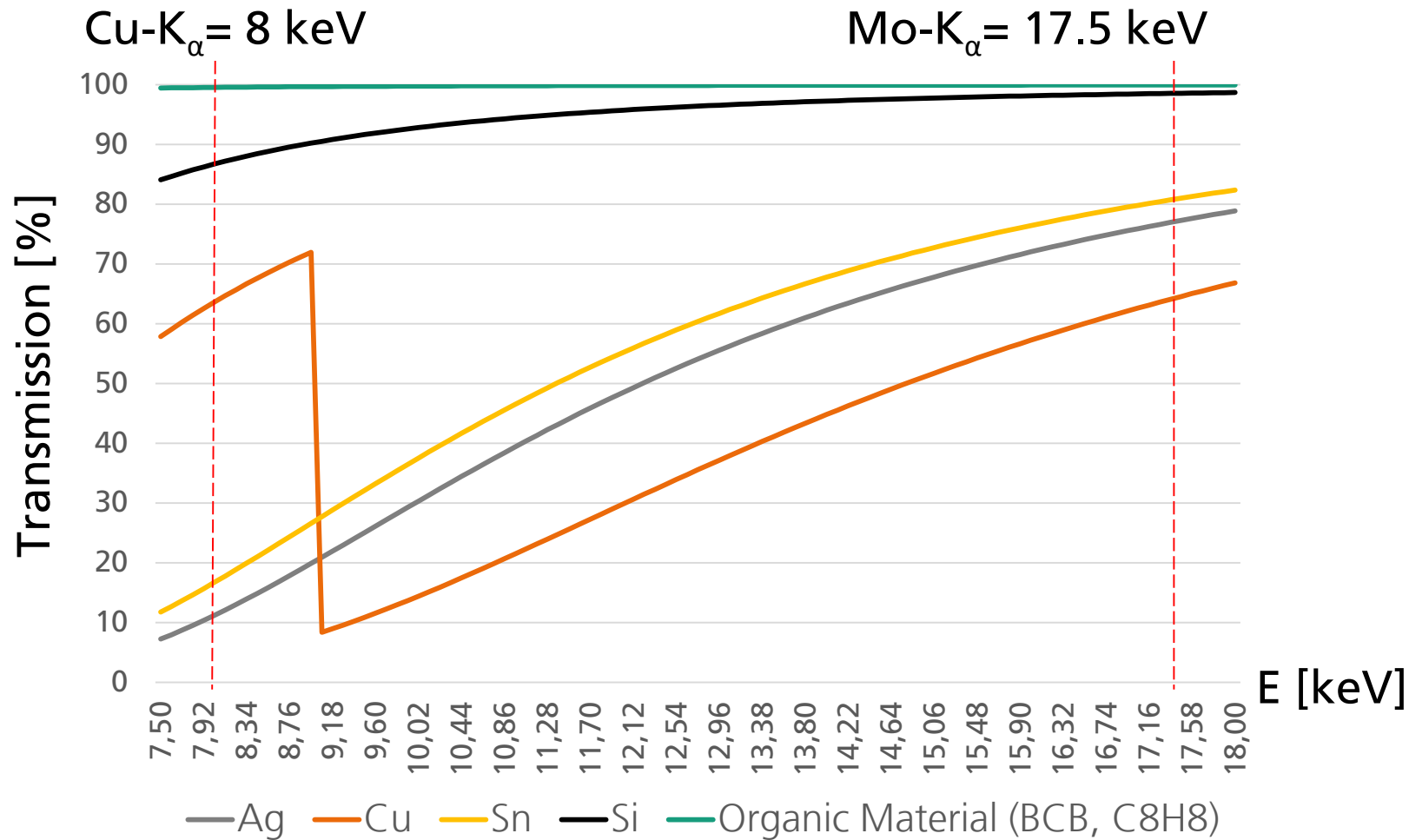
S. Niese et al., Optics Express 2014

Multilayer Laue Lens, manufactured using magnetron sputtering + assembly

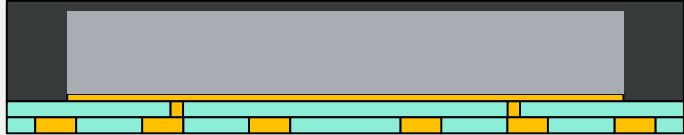
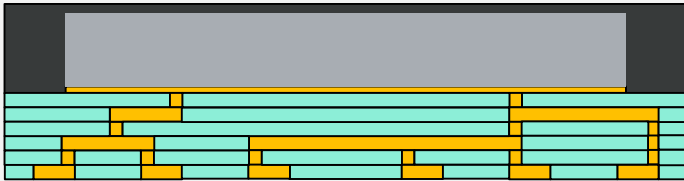
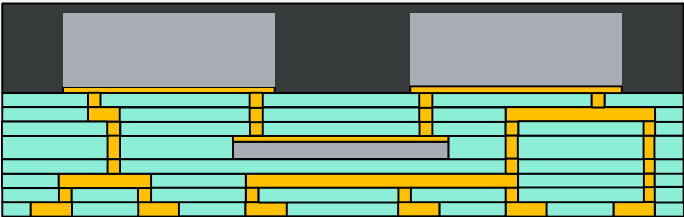

Deposited lens (< 10nm structures, high A/R) vs. patterned lens

X-ray transmission for several materials, as a function of photon energy

Materials' thickness 10 μm



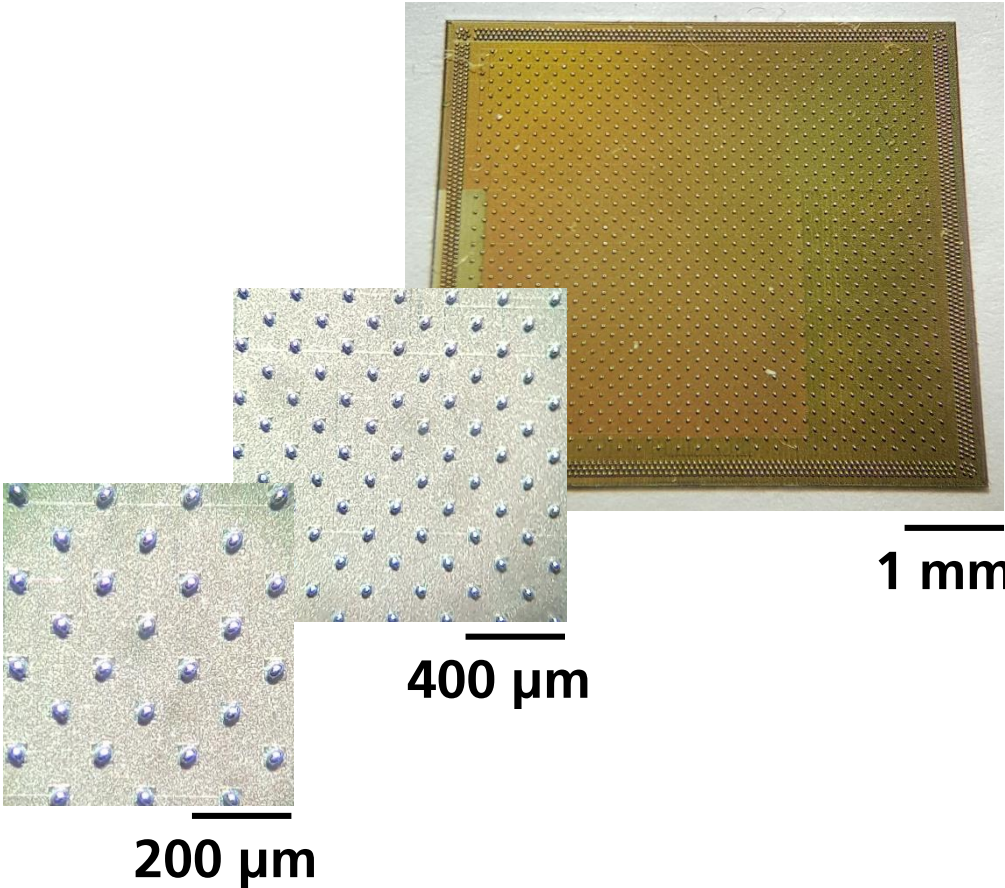
X-ray transmission for specific package samples


Schematic package cross-section	Type and manufacturer	Composition	Cu-K _α Transmission [%]	Mo-K _α Transmission [%]
 <p>eWLB: https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/5416412</p>	eWLB/FO-WLP Infineon/Amkor	150 μm Si bulk 4 μm BEoL 1x RDL - 3 μm Cu - 5 μm BCB	9	67
 <p>InFO: https://www.semiwiki.com/forum/content/5070-wafer-level-chip-scale-packaging-technology-challenges-solutions.html</p>	InFO TSMC	150 μm Si bulk 4 μm BEoL 3x RDL - 9 μm Cu - 15 μm BCB	6	46
 <p>EMIB: http://www.3dic.org/EMIB#Heterogeneous_Integration_using_EMIB</p>	EMIB Intel	150 μm Si bulk 4 μm BEoL 50 μm Si bridge 5x RDL - 15 μm Cu - 25 μm BCB	2	32
	22 nm FDX TV GLOBALFOUNDRIES	150 μm Si bulk 4 μm BEoL	11	80.5

Example: Specific characterization test chip

CPI test chip (GLOBALFOUNDRIES)

Technology	22 FDX
Chiplet size	10 x 10 mm ²
Bump configuration	Cu-Pillar (45 x 75 μm ²)
Die thickness	150 μm



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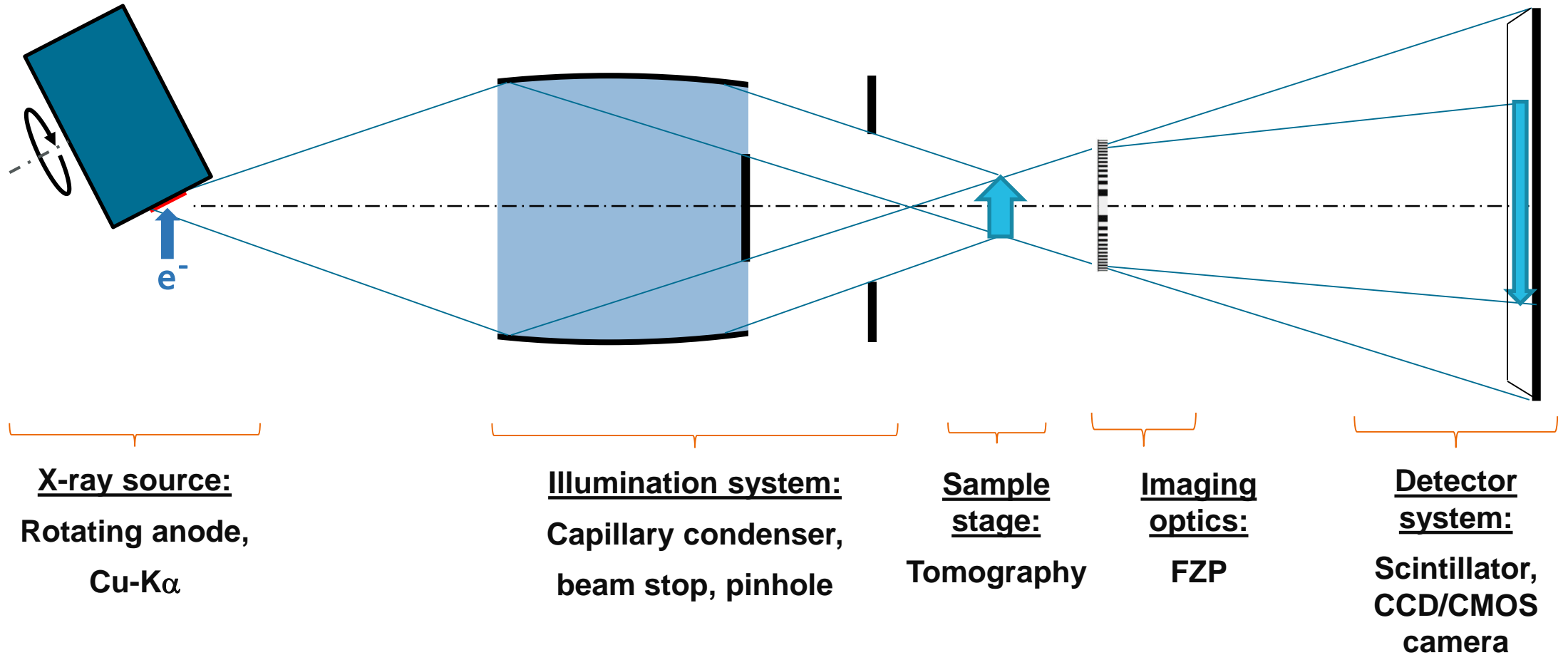
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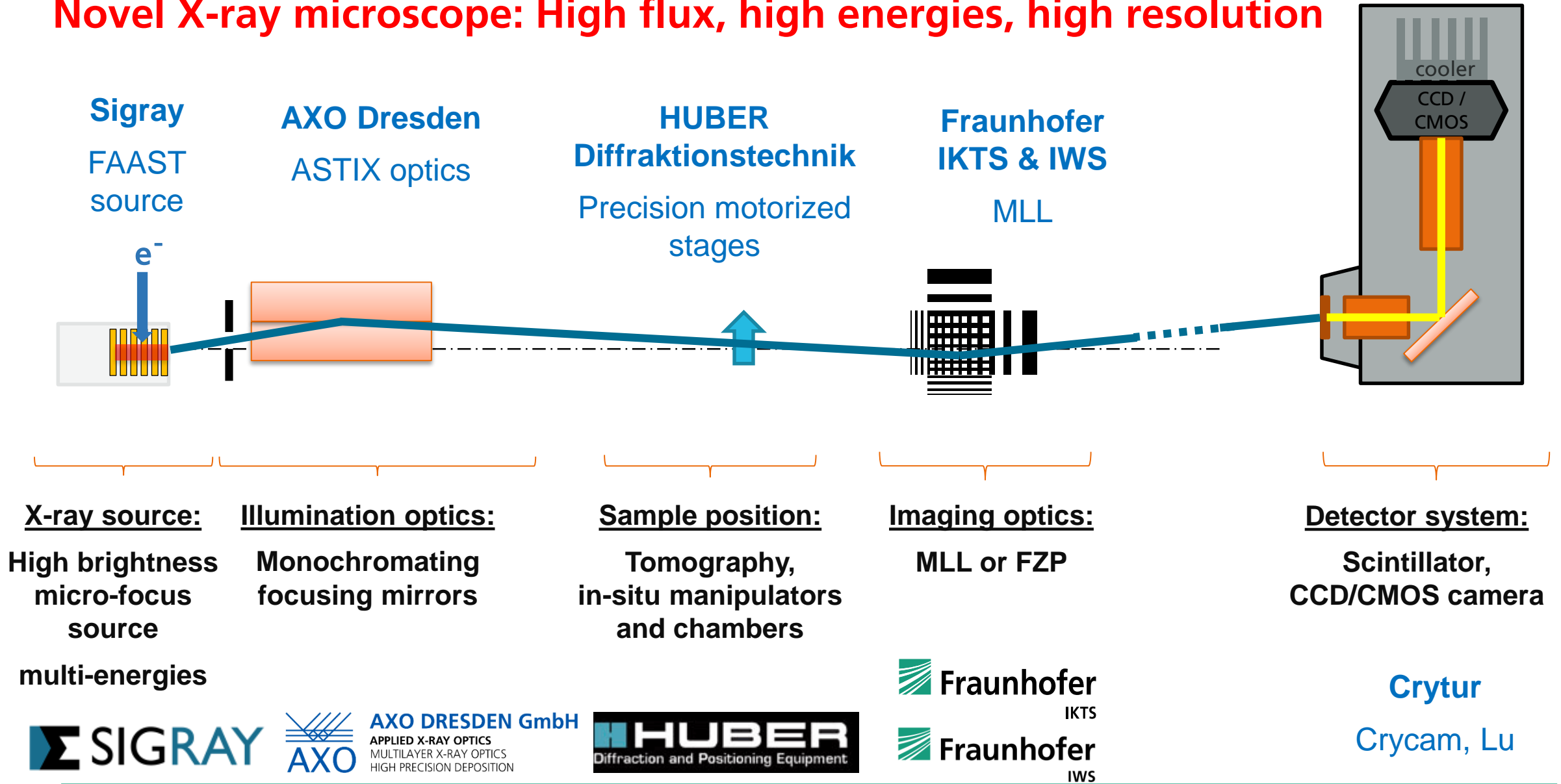
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State-of-the-art X-ray microscope

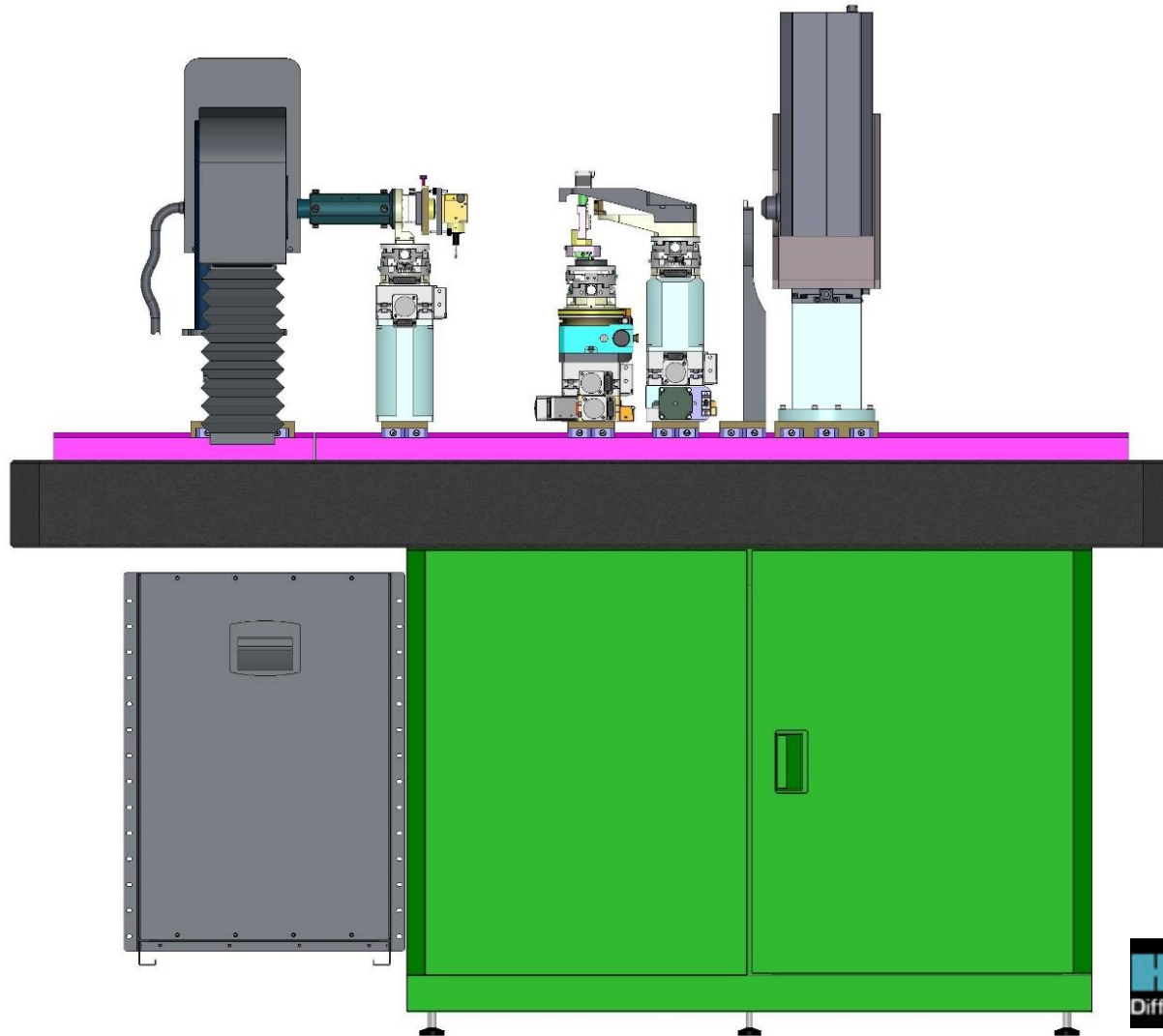
- Photon energy 8 keV (Cu target)
- Full field imaging using capillary condenser and Fresnel Zone Plate, 50 nm resolution
- Absorption contrast, Zernike phase contrast
- 1024 × 1024 pixel CCD camera



Novel X-ray microscope: High flux, high energies, high resolution



Flexible modular base system with precision stages for component adjustment and sample positioning: Huber Diffraktionstechnik



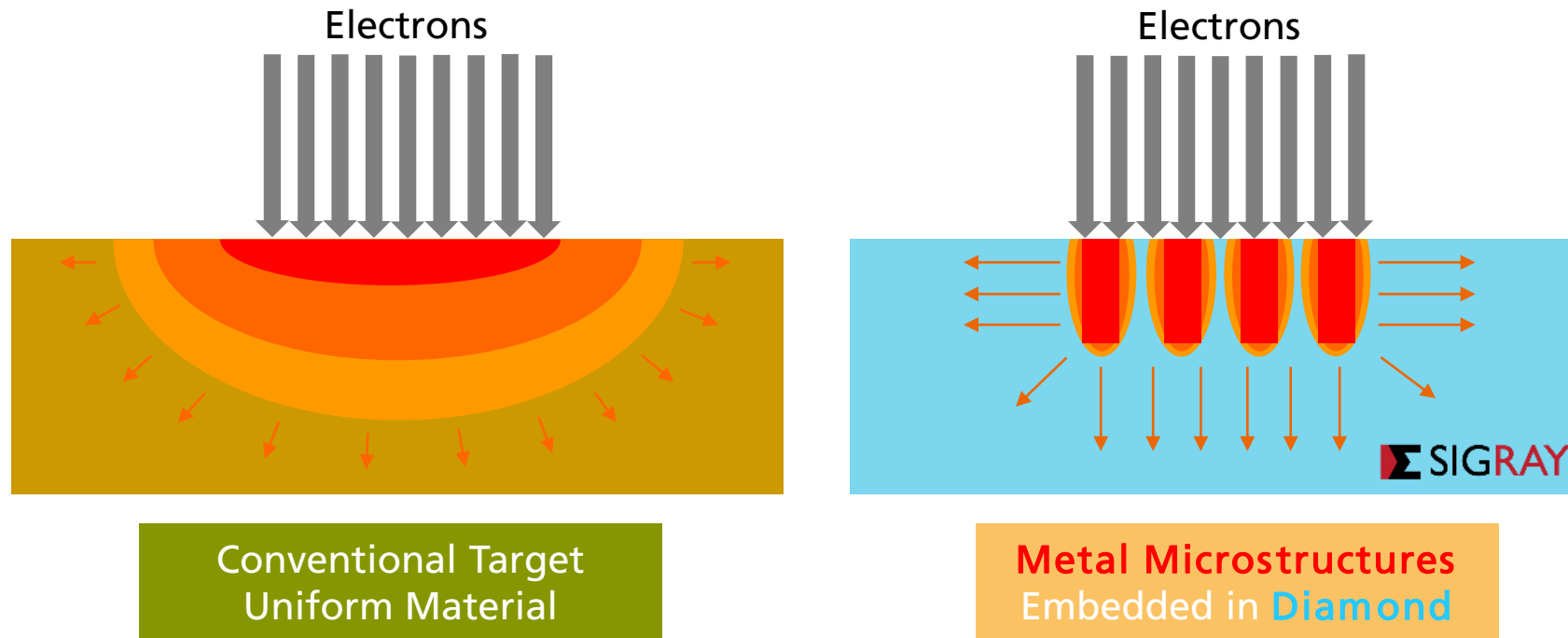
HUBER
Diffraction and Positioning Equipment



New source concept: Sigray

FAAST (Fine Anode Array Source Technology)

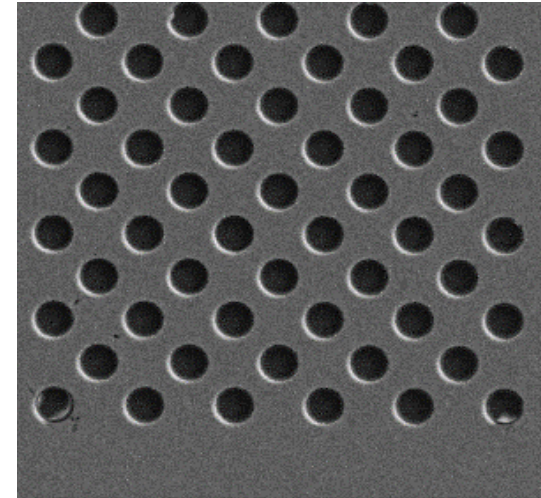
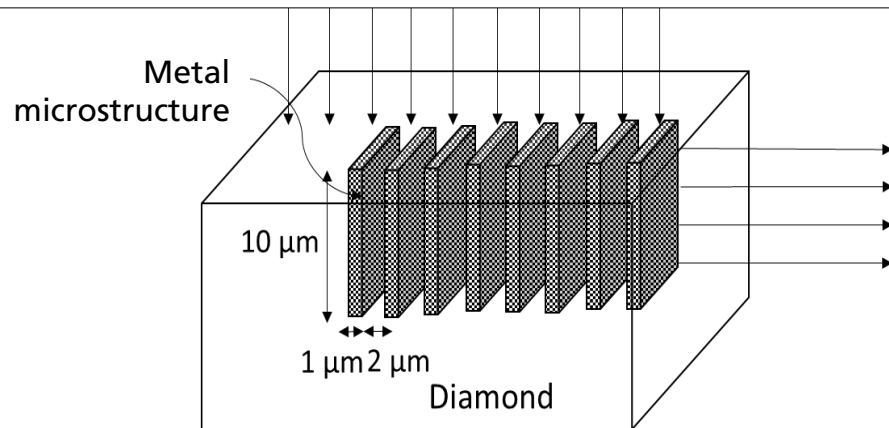
➔ Approach to high-throughput lab-based micro XCT and nano XCT



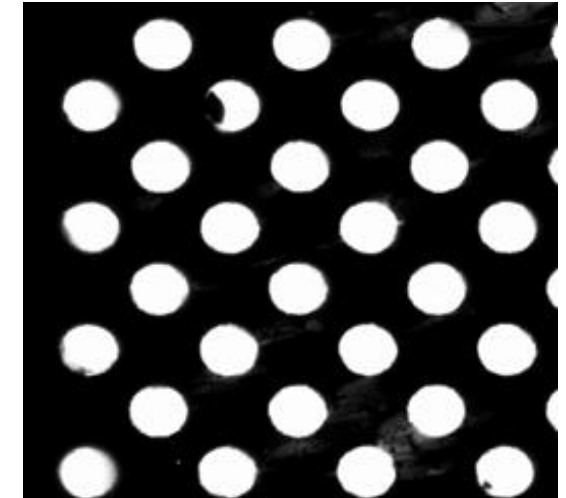
New source concept: Microstructured target

Advantages of FFAST (Fine Anode Array Source Technology)

- Target materials: Cr, Cu, Mo, Rh, W, Pt
- Photon energy 17.5 keV (Mo target)
- max. HV = 50 kV, max. I = 400 μ A \rightarrow max. P = 20 W
- Focus size (Mo) about 12 μ m (diameter)
- Power density ~ 0.15 W/ μ m²



EHT = 5.00 kV Signal A = SE2 Sample ID = D12-4 litho no ext
WD = 3.4 mm Stage at T = 0.0 ° Date : 7 Dec 2015



3 μ m Mag = 4.53 K X EHT = 30.00 kV Signal A = NTS BSD
WD = 4.2 mm Stage at T = 0.0 °

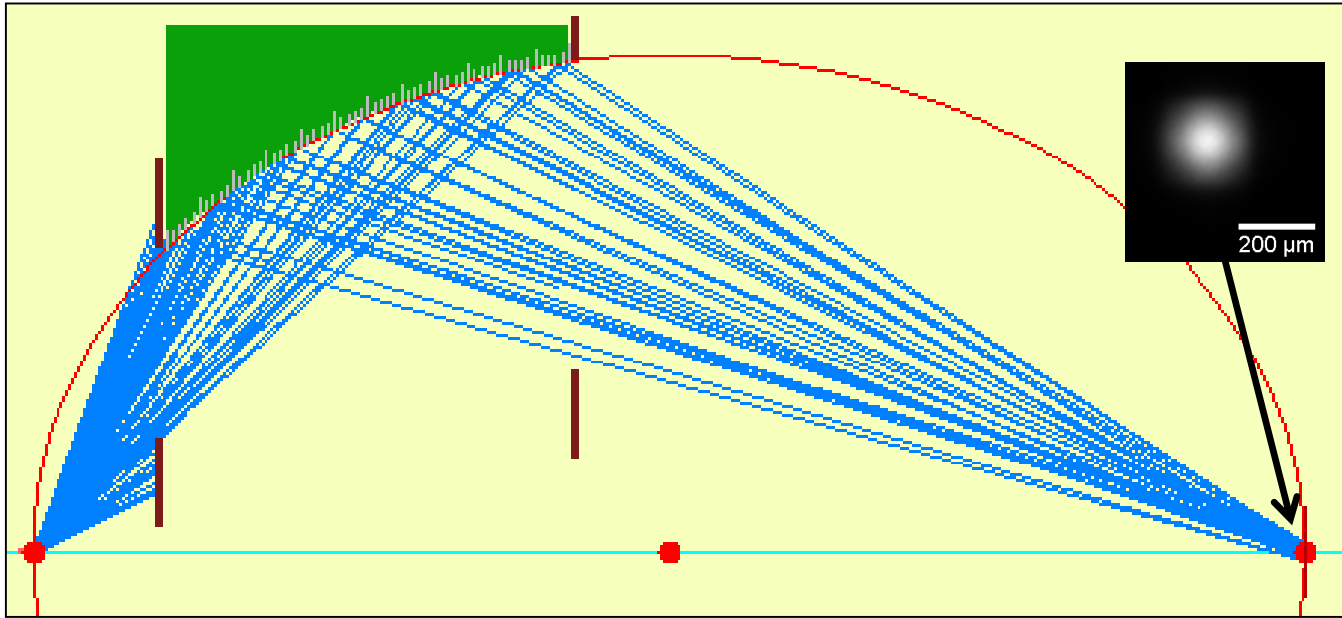
Left: Microstructured diamond
Right: Metal-filled microstructures

4x higher thermal loading than a solid copper target \rightarrow
up to 50x total brightness gain from optimal linear accumulation and better thermal property

Benefits: Better anode thermal property + optimal linear accumulation of X-rays

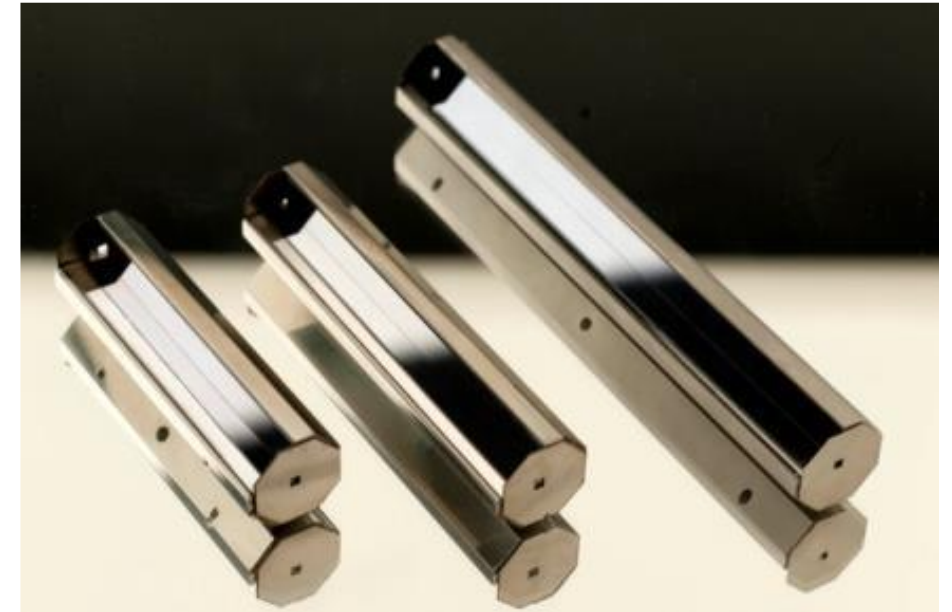
Results: Higher source brightness and choice of characteristic lines

Illumination optics - 2D focusing mirror: AXO Dresden



Multilayer simulation & mirror design

- Comprehensive ray-tracing simulation incl. X-ray source properties, multilayer reflectance and mirror aberrations
- Application-specific optimization of the mirror design



2D focusing mirror “ASTIX-f”

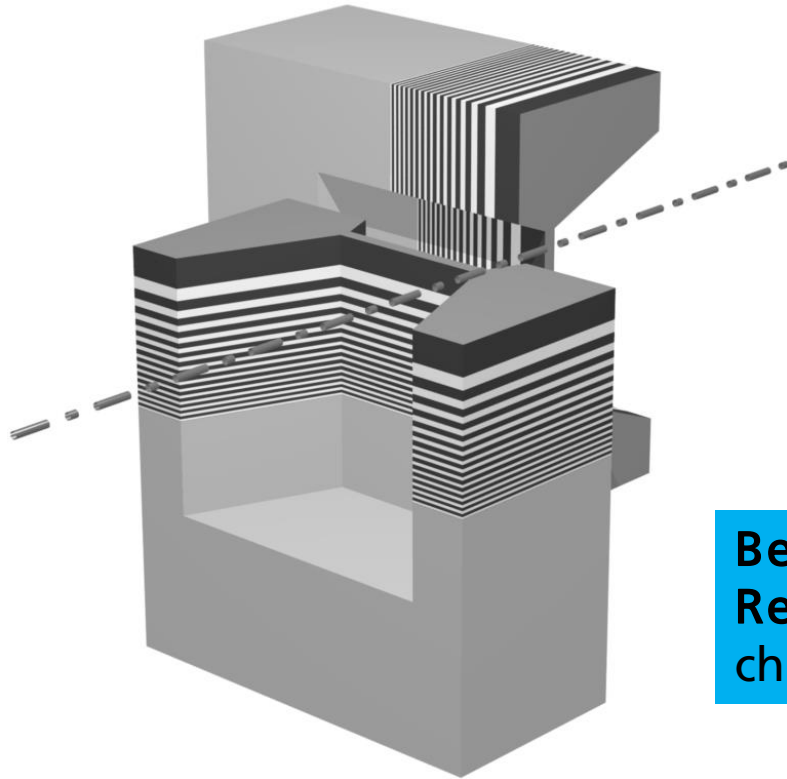
- Flexible optics fabrication
- Side-by-side optics yielding a quasi-monochromatic X-ray beam (e.g. $K\alpha_{1/2}$)

New lense concept: Fraunhofer IKTS + IWS Dresden

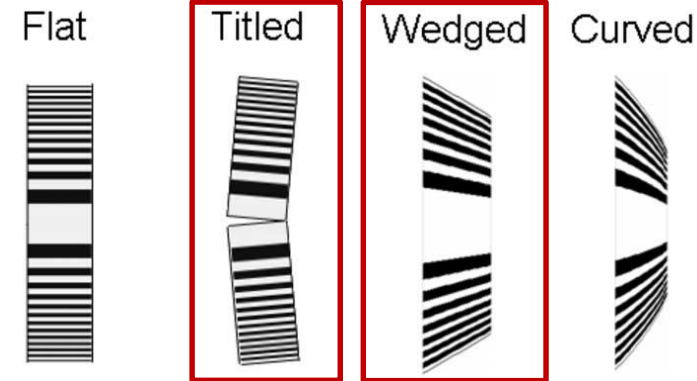
Multilayer Laue lense

➔ High resolution (... 10 nm), high photon energies (> 10 keV)

Crossed partial MLLs: two-dimensional focusing and imaging



MLL geometries

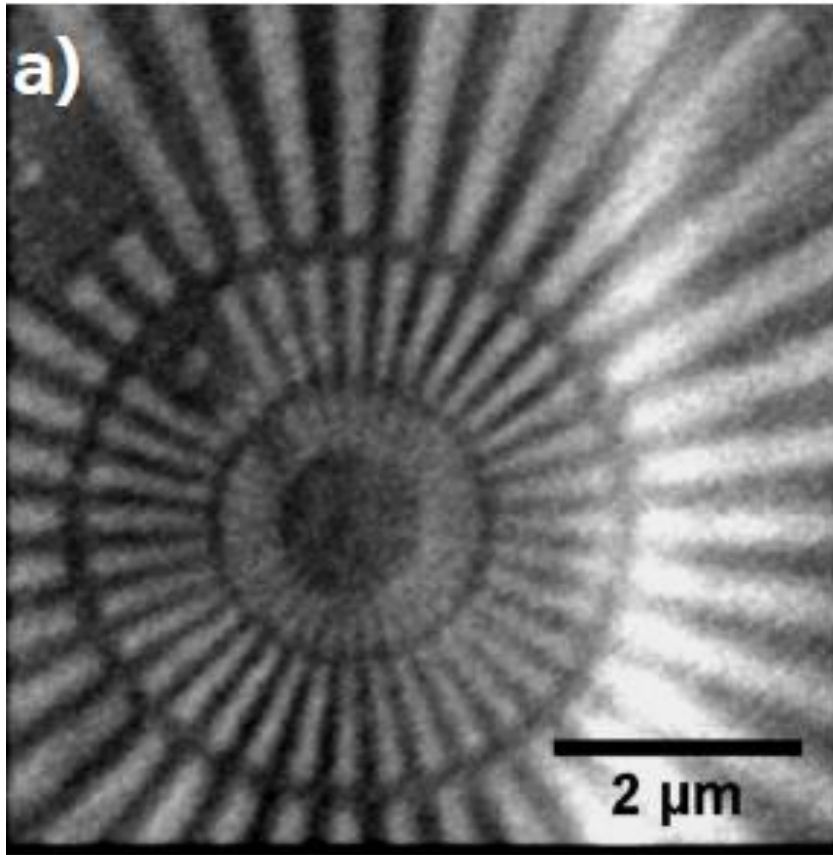


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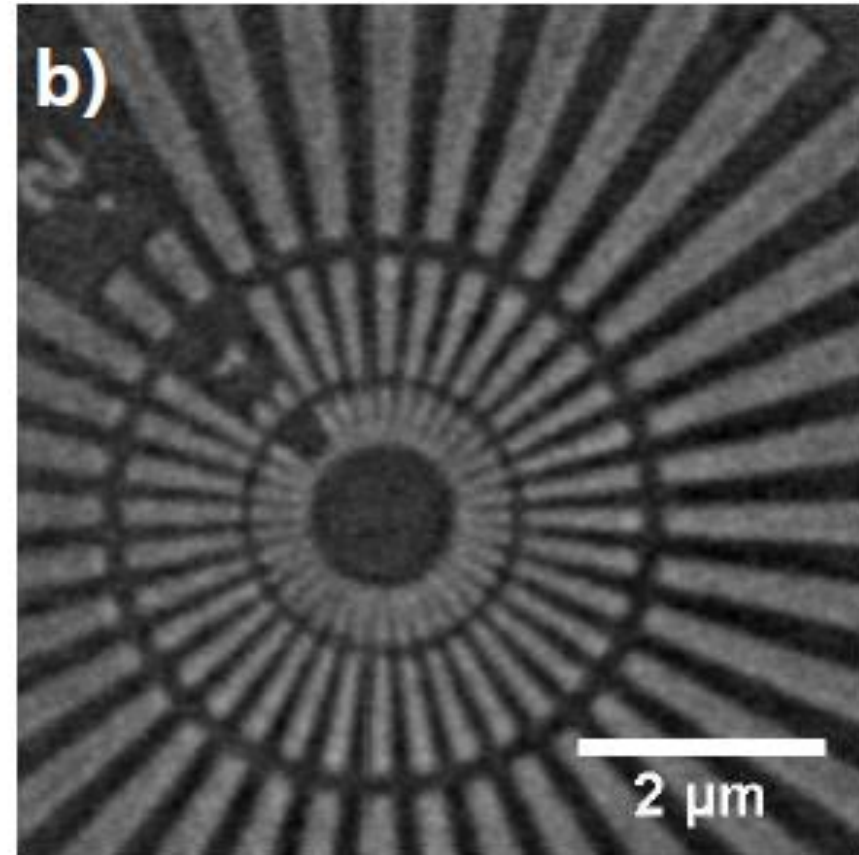
Tuning the optics: Tilting, wedging, curving

Benefits: Thinner films + higher A/R
Results: Higher resolution and efficiency,
choice of X-ray energies > 10 keV

Proof of concept: Multilayer Laue lense (MLL) vs. Fresnel zone plate (FZP)



Multi-Layer Laue lense



Fresnel zone plate

Lab-based X-ray microscopy: 2D image of „Siemens Star“: MLL (left), FZP (right)

Detection system

Crytur CryCam 3.2, watercooled

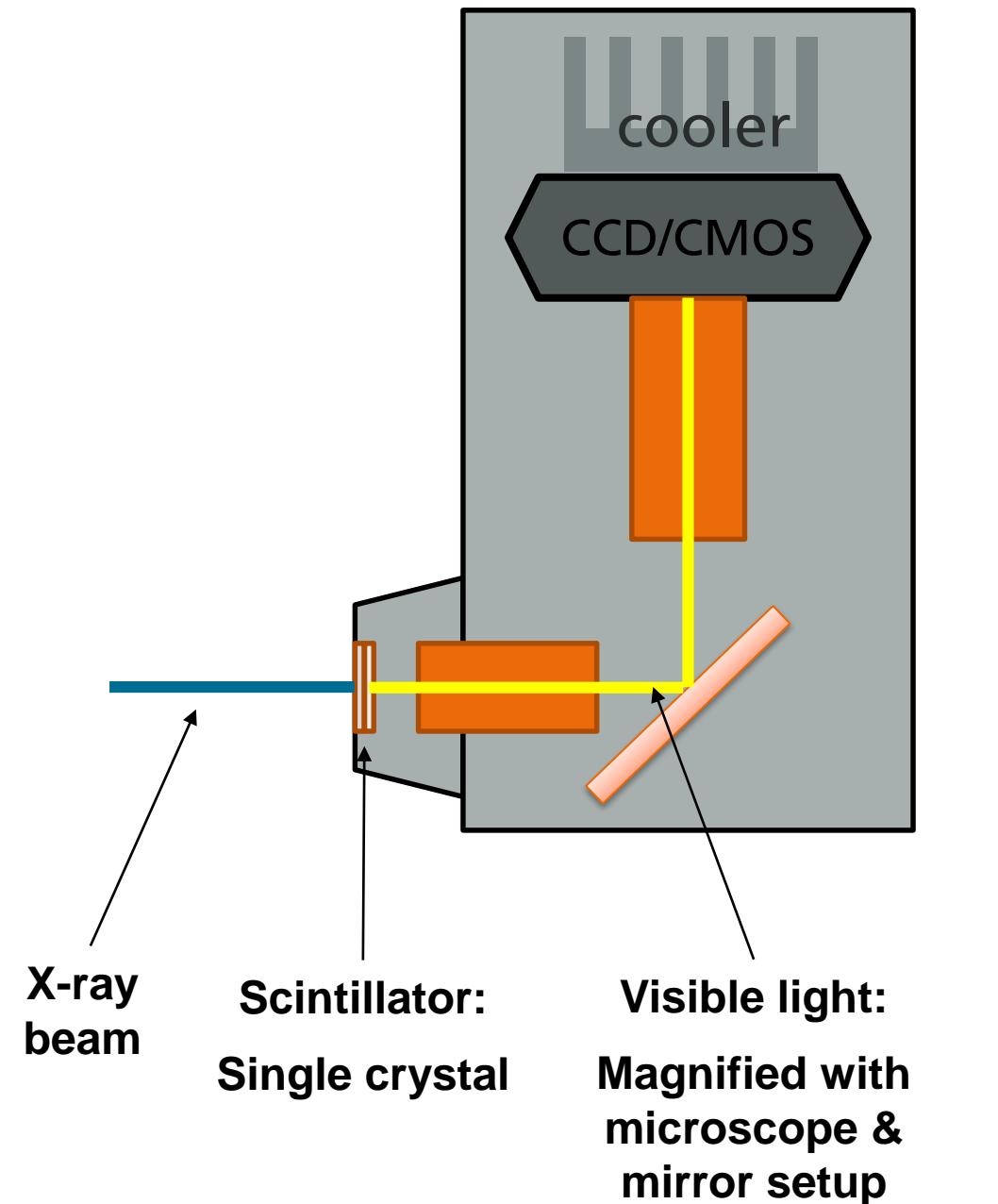
Scintillator:
single crystal LuAG:Ce with
frontside silver coating

Objectives:

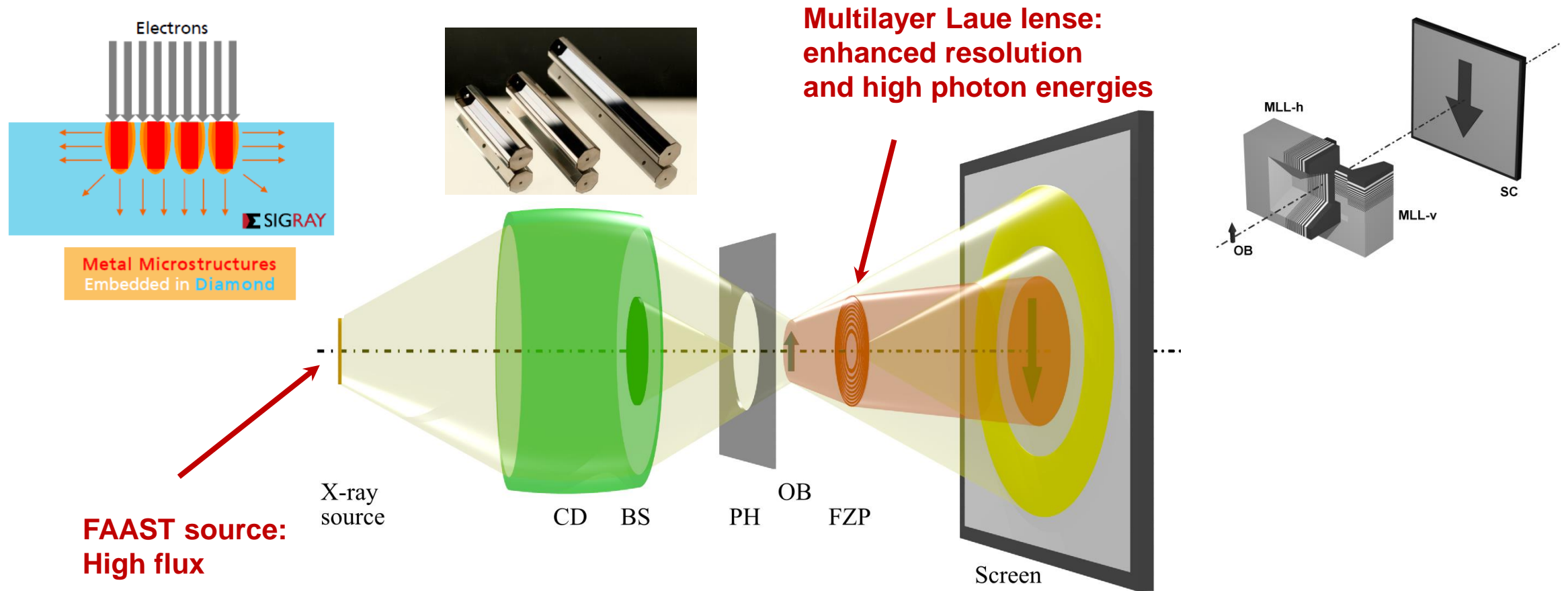
- 2x optical magnification with 100µm thick scintillator
- 10x optical magnification with 10µm thick scintillator

CCD matrix:

1024 x 1024 Pixels with $(24\mu\text{m})^2$
per Pixel (100% filling)



Laboratory X-ray microscopy/nano X-ray tomography @ > 10 keV



Laboratory X-ray microscopy/nano X-ray tomography @ > 10 keV

X-ray microscopy with novel sources (High-flux FFAST source)

Increased brightness

→ shorter measurement times (physical failure analysis in semiconductor industry, kinetic studies)

X-ray microscopy with novel optics (Multilayer Laue lense)

Resolution improvement to 10nm (... 1nm)

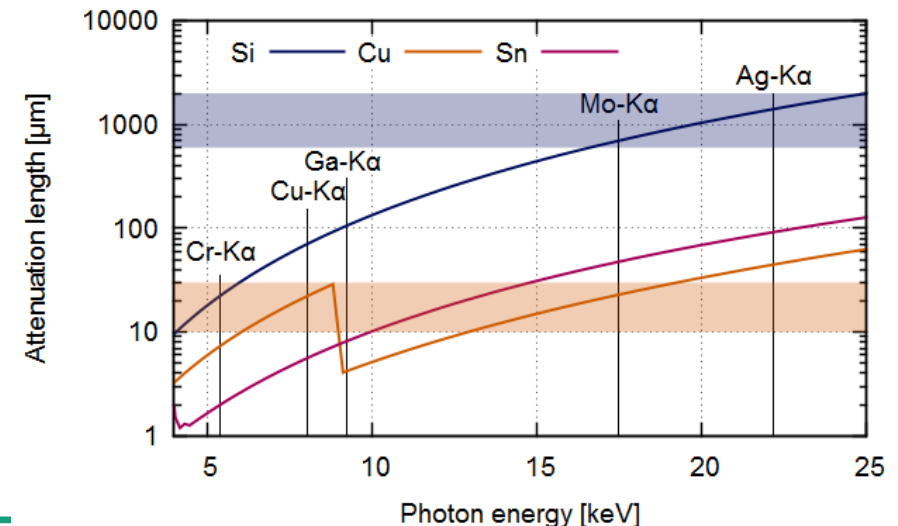
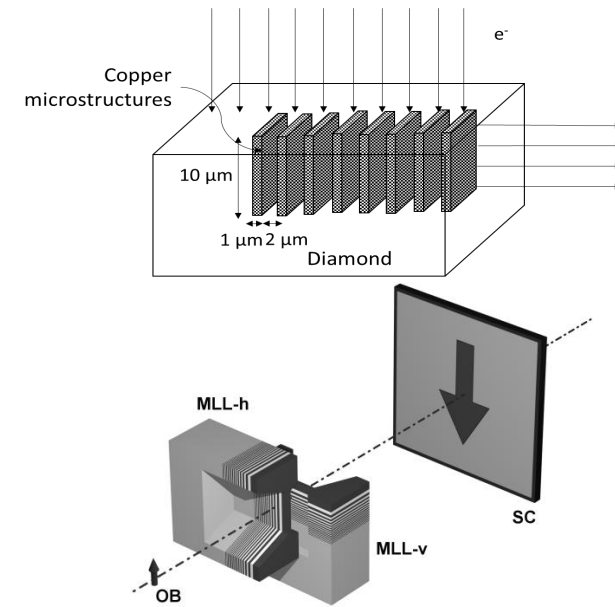
→ down-scaled device structures and defects in materials, ...

Larger working distance (~ 5 cm)

→ chambers (temperature, humidity, ...), mechanical tests (crack propagation)

Higher X-ray energies (e. g. Mo source)

→ penetration of whole wafers, wafer stacks





**X-ray microscope for photon energies > 10 keV for microelectronics:
Advanced packaging and BEoL physical failure analysis and metrology**



Outline

1. High-resolution XCT for 3D metrology and diagnostics

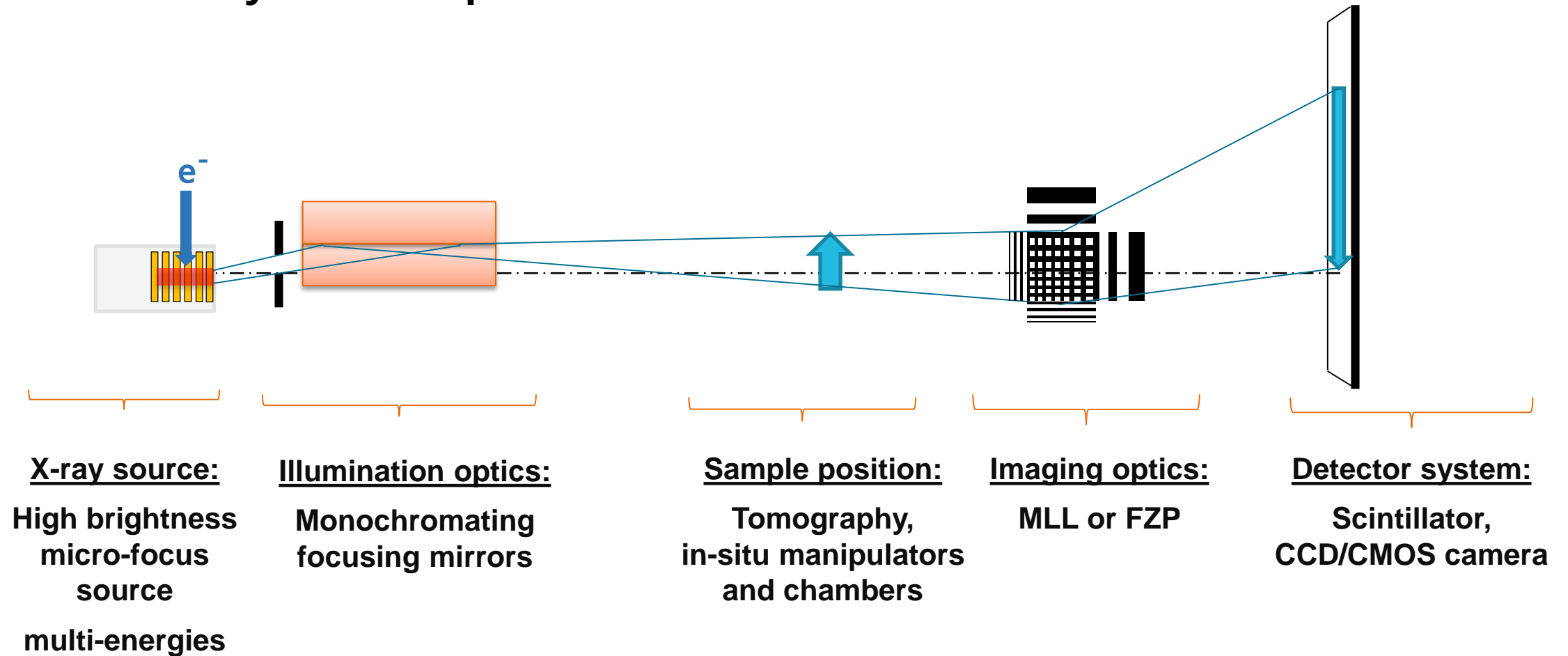
- Advanced packaging → Micro-bumps
- Chip-package interaction → BEoL

2. High-energy nano XCT: Needs and possibilities

3. New multi-energy XCT for nondestructive 3D advanced packaging imaging: Fast, high resolution, really nondestructive

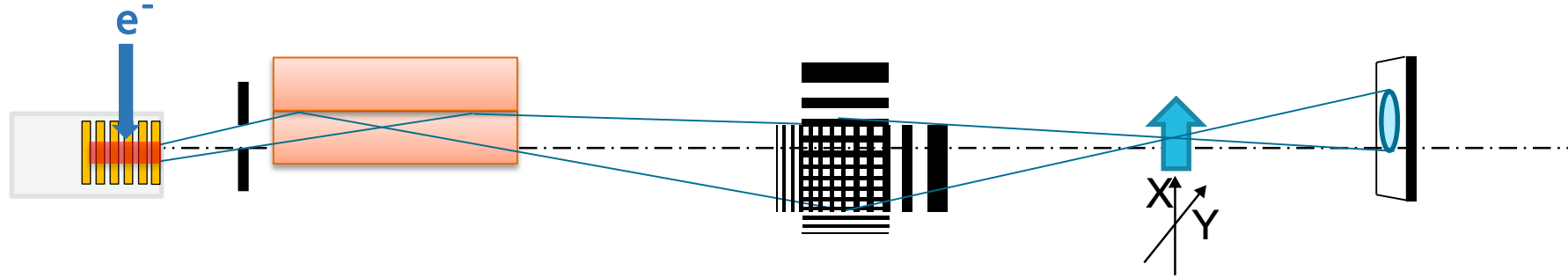
4. Future laboratory X-ray microscopy: Full-field vs. scanning X-ray microscopy

Full-field X-ray microscope



Scanning X-ray microscope

High flux source, multiple energies + dedicated optics



X-ray source:

High brightness
micro-focus
source
multi-energies

Illumination optics:

Monochromating
focusing mirrors

Focusing optics:

MLL or FZP

Sample position:





Tomography,
in-situ
manipulators
and chambers

Detector system:

Scintillator,
CCD/CMOS
camera

Focusing on sample and scanning → spectroscopy (XRF) and diffraction (XRD) with high resolution

Outlook: Laboratory nano XCT for advanced packaging/interconnect imaging: Nondestructive & 3D, higher resolution, higher throughput

Development Parameters	Status	Target
Resolution	50 nm 	10 nm
Energy range	< 10 keV 	> 10 keV
Acquisition time	2 min – 10 h 	40x faster
Sample preparation efforts	high 	low or no

Innovations:

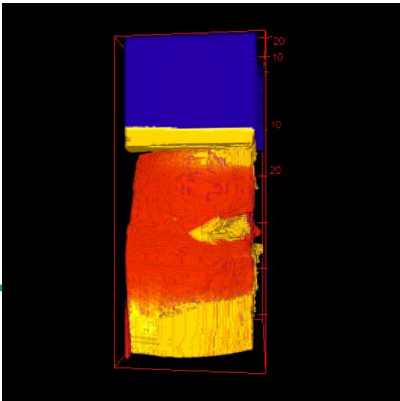
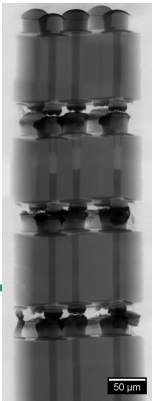
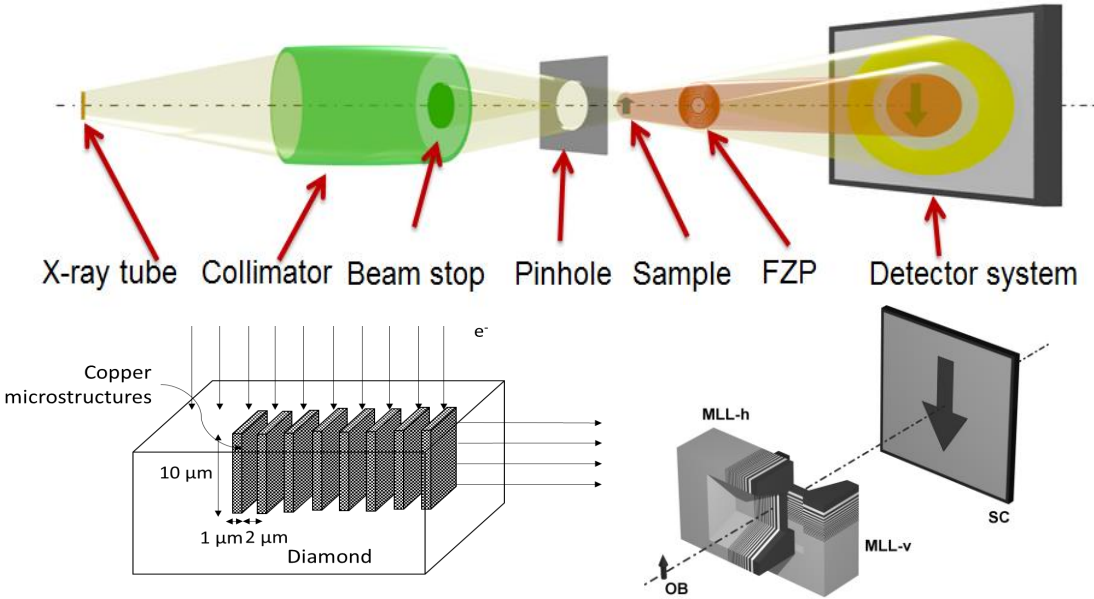
Novel nano X-ray tomography system with

- High-flux X-ray source (Sigray Inc., Concord/CA, USA)
- Novel multilayer Laue lens X-ray optics (Fraunhofer IKTS + IWS Dresden)

Solution/Application:

Novel metrology & PFA solution for advanced packaging and BEoL

- Really non-destructive
- High throughput: 3D data set in minutes
- Resolution down to 10 nm



3D stack w/ Cu TSVs
and AgSn microbumps

Thank you !

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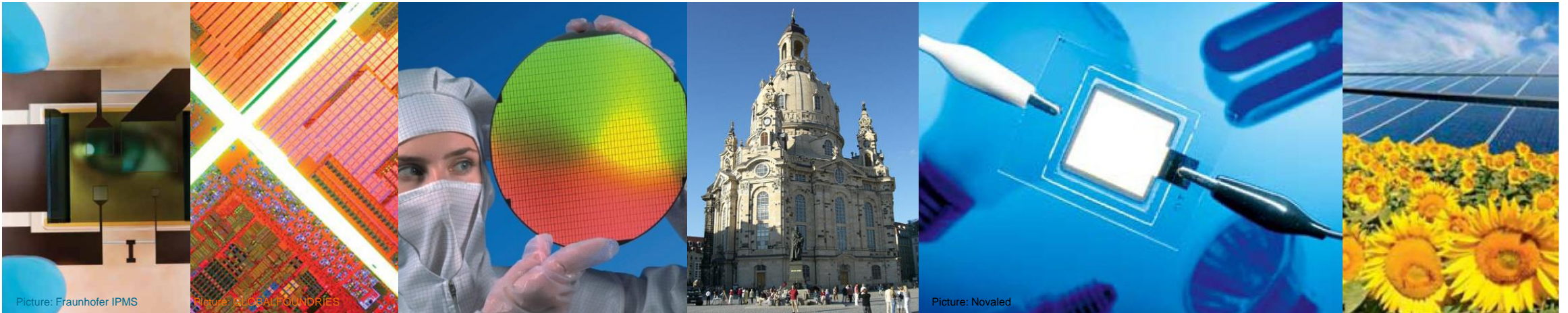
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