



AIFIRA

Applications Interdisciplinaires des Faisceaux d'Ions en Région Aquitaine

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The AIFIRA facility

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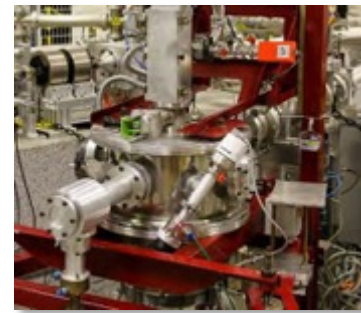
- Material analysis and irradiation using light ion beams (H^+ , $^2H^+$, He^+)
- Single stage electrostatic accelerator (3.5 MV Singletron™, HVEE)
- 5 beamlines
- CENBG research facility opened to the scientific community & companies



Beamlines

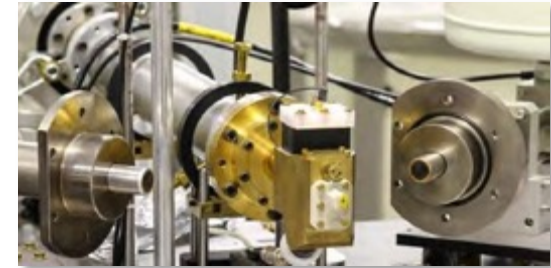
- **Macrobeam**

- Ion beam analysis at mm scale
- RBS; NRA; PIXE; PIGE



- **External beam**

- Ion beam analysis for cultural heritage
- PIXE; PIGE



- **Nuclear microprobe**

- Ion beam analysis at the μm scale
- RBS; NRA; PIXE; PIGE; ERDA
IBIC; STIM; SED



- **Micro-irradiation**

- Targeted irradiation of living cells with the μm precision



- **Physis beamline**

- Production of secondary fields (n or γ) for nuclear physics and detector characterization



Organization & staff

CENBG head:

- F. Piquemal (Director)
- L. Serani (Technical director)

AIFIRA team : 3 people (1.5 FTE)

- Philippe Barberet, MCF UB, scientific coordinator (0.2 FTE)
- Stéphanie Sorieul, IR CNRS, operation coordinator (0.8 FTE)
- Philippe Alfaut, IE CNRS, technical coordinator (0.5 FTE)

AIFIRA committee : beamtime reviewing and technological survey

- AIFIRA team
- Laurent Daudin, IE CNRS
- Guillaume Devès, IR CNRS
- Ludovic Mathieu, CR CNRS
- Stéphane Roudeau, IR CNRS
- Hervé Guégan, ARCANE

Operation & access

AIFIRA is a **research platform** (≈ 200 days of beamtime / year)

- Research projects of the CENBG teams
- Opened to external academic users
- Support to external teams using the facility



Services are provided by the **ARCANE** technology transfer unit (ADERA)

- Systematic measurements using well established techniques
- Contracts with industries
- Complete services
- 20 % of AIFIRA beamtime
- ~ 80 contracts / year



AIFIRA users

CNRS - IN2P3	CNRS - hors IN2P3	Autres
CENBG (UMR5797)	ICMCB (UPR9048/INC)	IRSN (LMDN)
LPC (UMR6533)	CRP2A (UMR5060/INSHS)	CEA (LIST/DSL)
IPHC (UMR7178)	CBM (UPR4301/INC)	IRSN (LE2M)
IPNL (UMR5822)	CELIA (UMR5106/INP)	
	PLACAMAT (UMS 3626/INC)	
	LCP (UMR8000/INC)	
	ECOLAB (UMR5245/INEE)	
	MFP (UMR5234/INSB)	
	INCA (UMR5287/INSB)	
	CIRIMAT (UMR5085/INC)	
	PACEA (UMR5199/INEE)	
	Institut Fresnel (UMR7249/INSIS)	
	LAB (UMR5804/INSU)	

Running costs & funding

- **Running costs = 90 k€ / year**
 - 60 k€ : running costs and maintenance of the accelerator and the 5 beamlines
 - 20 k€ : electricity and fluids
 - 10 k€ : cover accidental breakdown of big equipment + regulatory controls
- **Recurrent funding**
 - 15 k€ IN2P3
 - \approx 20 k€ University of Bordeaux (fluids)
 - 15 k€ ARCANÉ
 - Users fees : currently \approx 10 k€ / year average
- **Equipement on projects, e.g. in the last years :**
 - iRiBio group CENBG (MITI, Physicancer INSERM ...) : \approx 60 k€ (last 5 years)
 - Région Nouvelle Aquitaine : “Plateforme Mutualisée” : \approx 230 k€ (last 5 years)

Ion beam analysis (IBA)

Applications:

- Thin layers / materials
- Geology / geochemistry
- Archaeometry and cultural heritage
- Life science

Techniques : PIXE/PIGE, RBS, NRA, STIM, ERDA

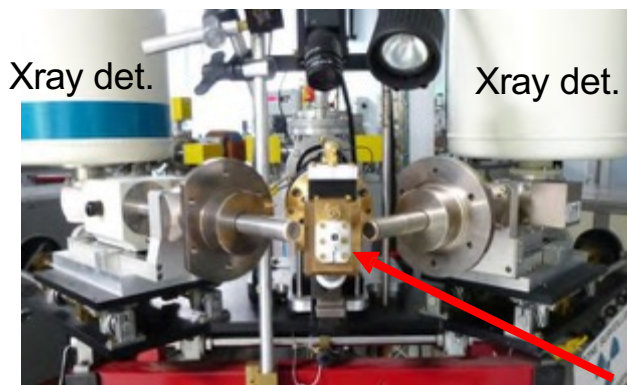
« Classical » IBA:

Quantification of light elements by RBS / NRA (e.g. Li)
Hydrogen mapping using ERDA



External beam: Non destructive measurements of the chemical composition of large and/or fragile samples

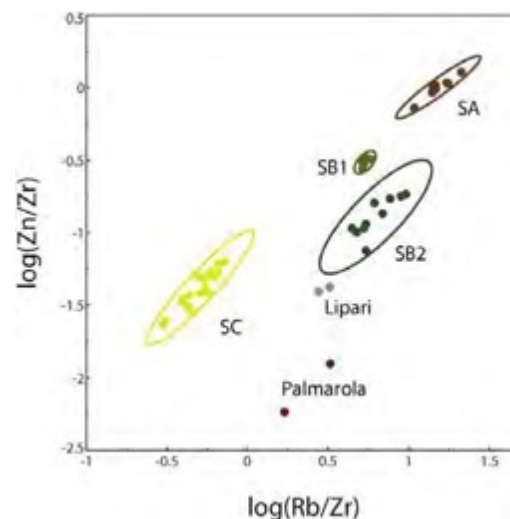
Collaboration CRP2A : Sourcing of obsidians from mediteranean basin



AIFIRA external beam



Beam extraction window



μ -IBA: Tissue & section analysis

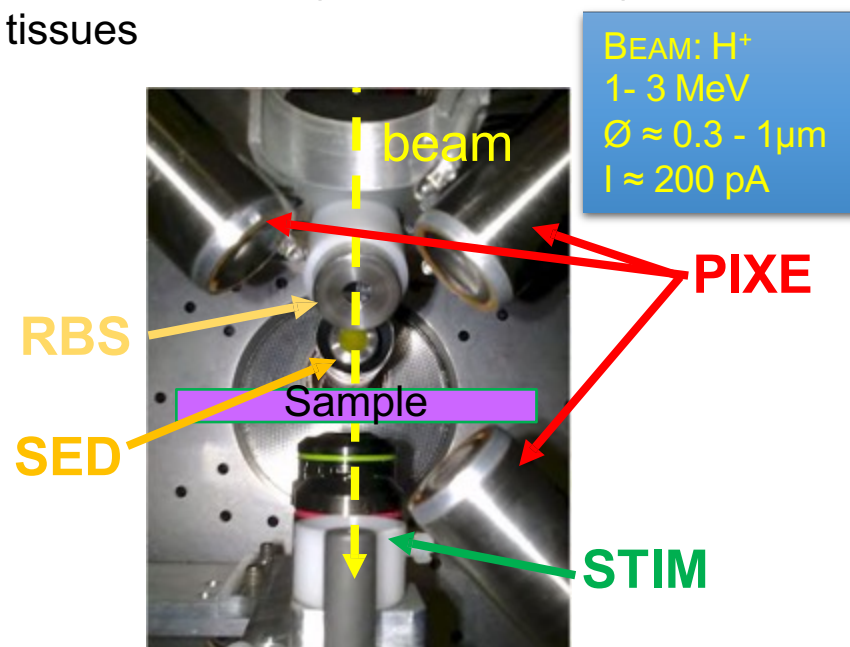
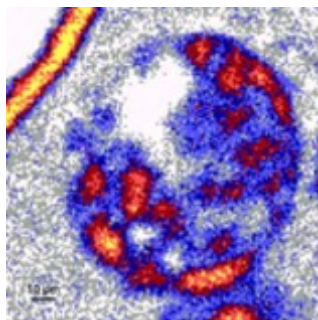
Analysis at the μm scale & elemental mapping

- Mainly used for life science application
- Main feature : quantitative measurement, $\mu\text{g/g}$ sensitivity, imaging

Development of bioactive materials used as bone substitutes (LPC Clermont)

Materials behaviour at the interface with living tissues

Release of trace elements in tissues



J. Lao et al. Surface and Interface Analysis, 46 (10-11): 702-706 (2014).

J. Lao et al. Journal of Materials Chemistry B, 4 (14): 2486-2497 (2016).

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Patents

J. Lao, J. Lacroix, X. Dieudonné, E. Jallot. 'Implant with controlled porosity made of a hybrid material.'

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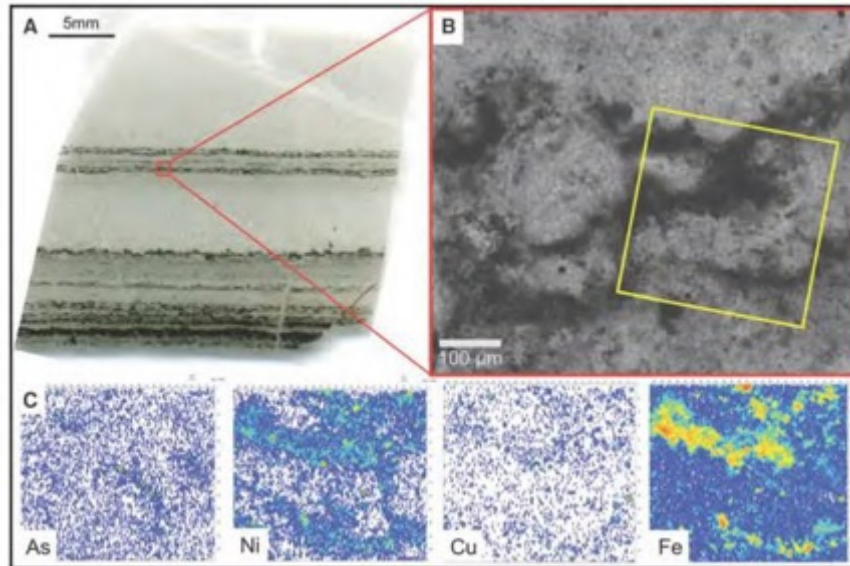
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μ -IBA: Tissue & section analysis

Analysis at the μm scale & elemental mapping

Quantify the presence of hydrothermally transported inorganic elements in analogous sediments

- physical and chemical conditions for prebiotic reactions?

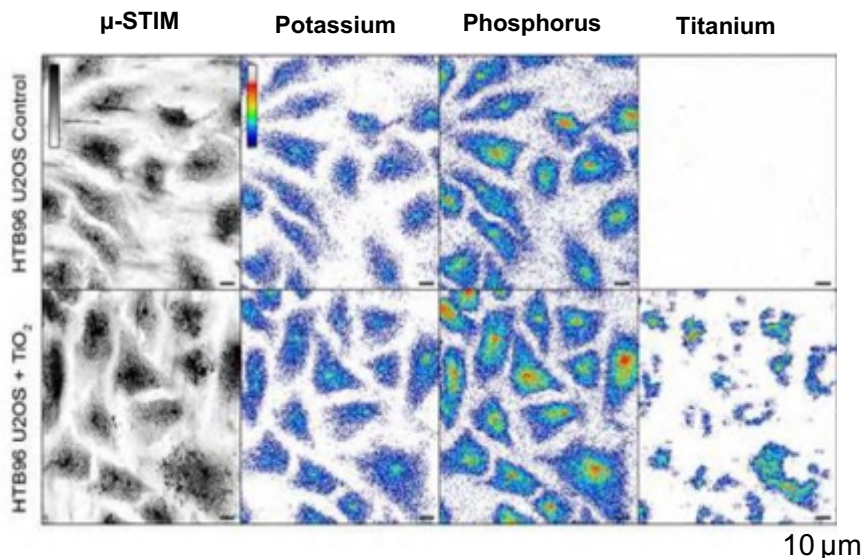


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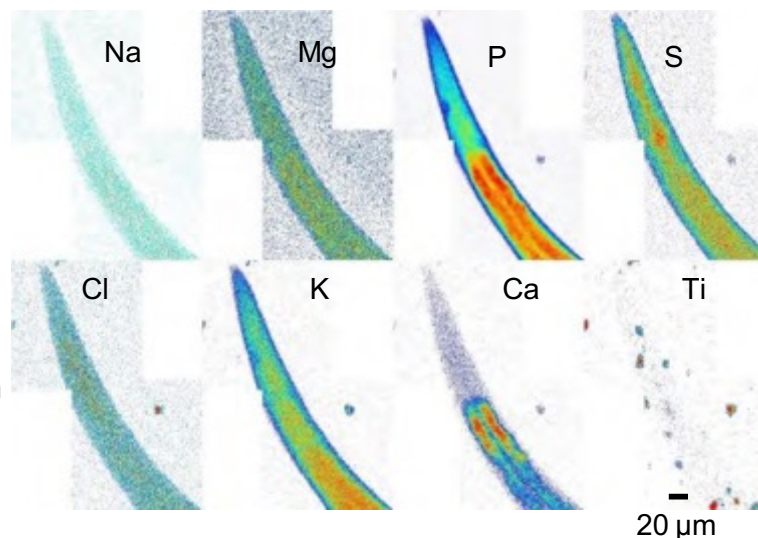
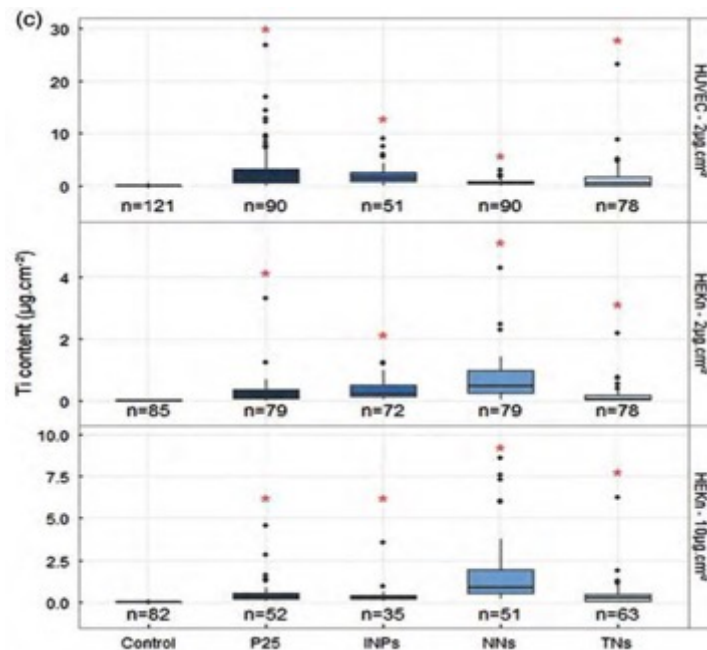
μ -IBA: single cells

Analysis at the single cell scale

- Exposure to exogenous compounds, metals and nanoparticles (NPs)
- Up to now mainly **toxicology studies**



10 publications in the last 5 years



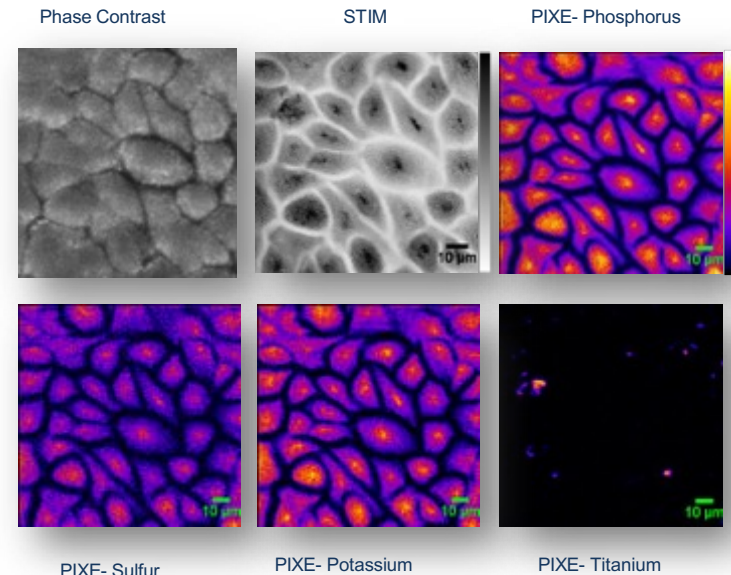
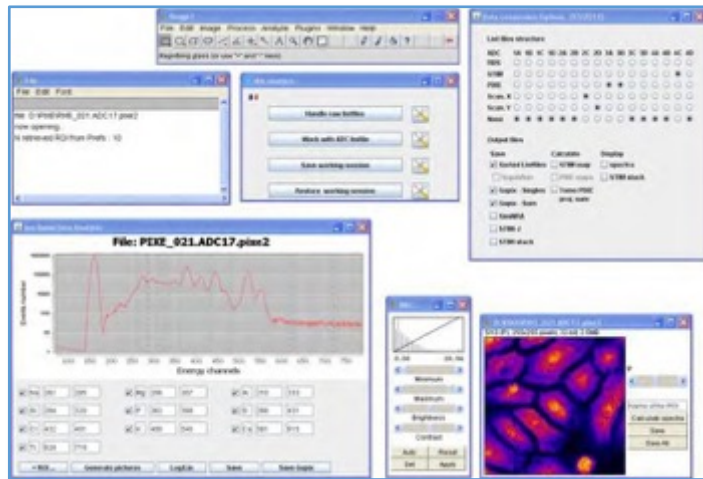
μ -IBA: starting projects

Internalization for treatment

- Metals, NPs or radio-isotopes designed to be internalized in cells

Ongoing work (iRiBio group @ CENBG):

- Standardizing the protocols
- Increasing the analysis throughput
- User-friendly data analysis



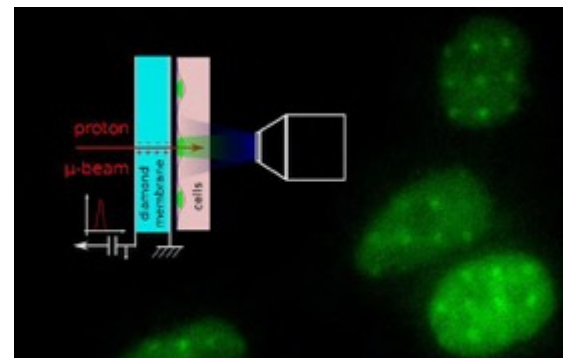
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- Automation → 50-100 cells/day
- Correlative imaging
- Data processing ...?

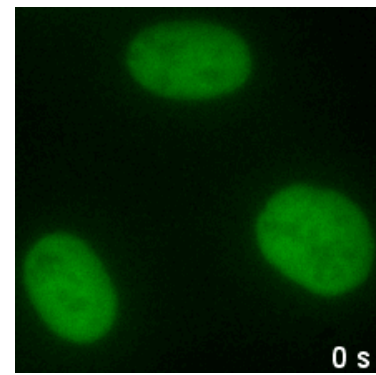
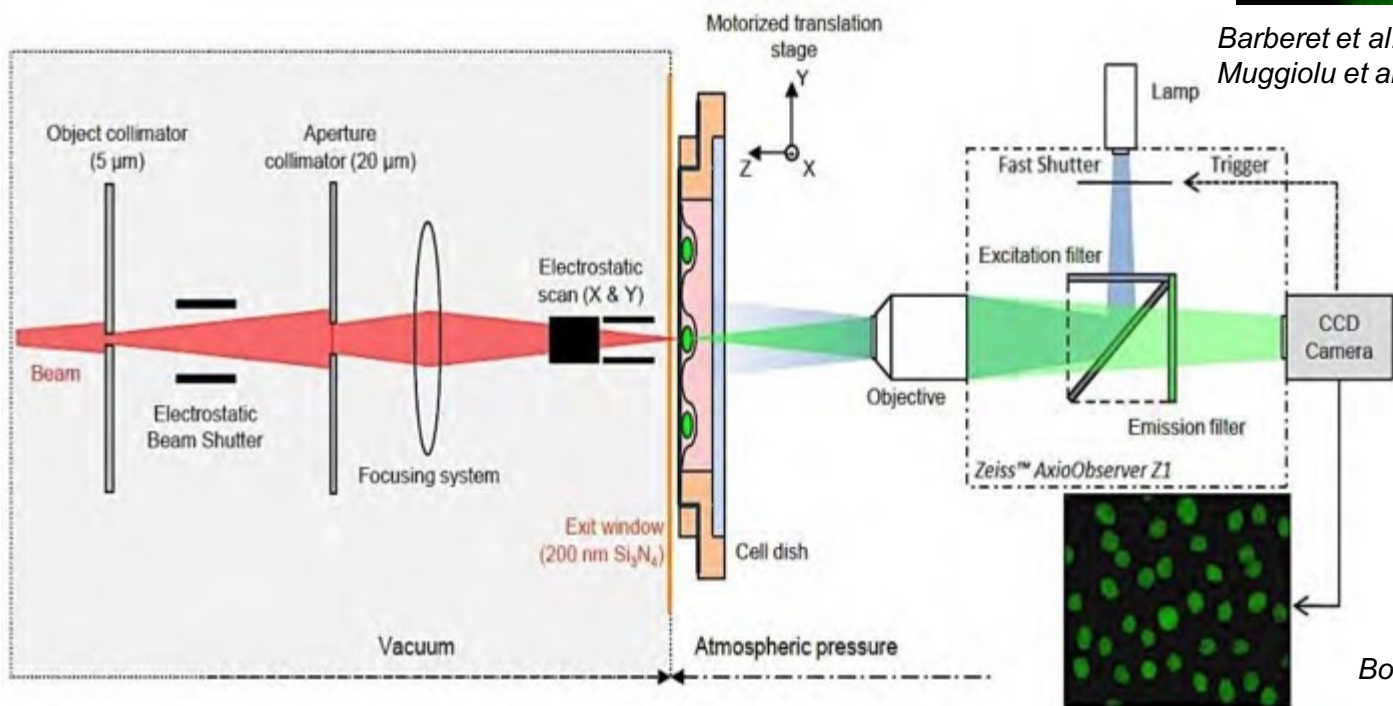
Targeted μ -irradiation

- 3 MeV protons / helium ions
- beam size $\sim 1.5 \mu\text{m}$ (FWHM)
- Beam extracted in air to irradiate living cells
- Dose control down to a single particle
- Electrostatic beam scanning
- Online fluorescence time-lapse imaging

Latest developments:
Thin diamond detectors

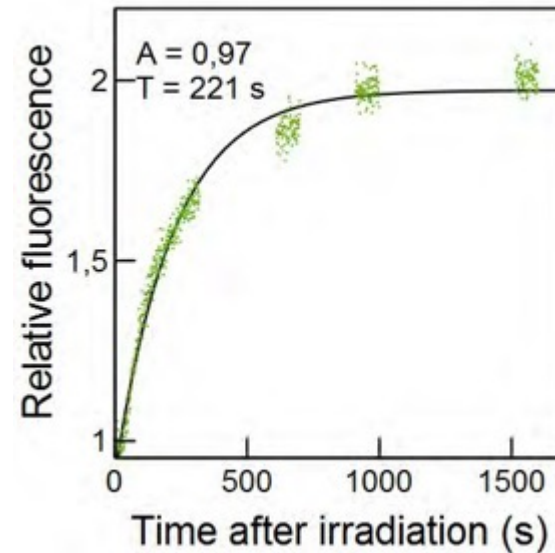
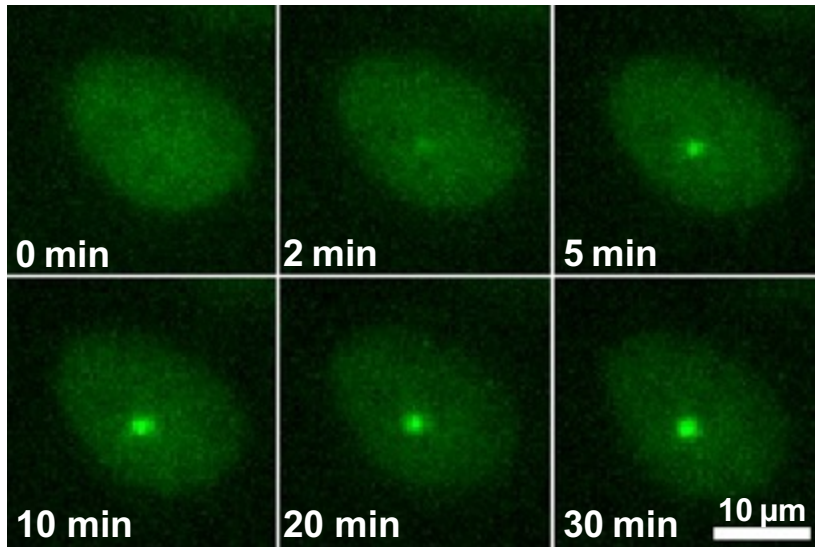


Barberet et al., *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **111**, 1–5 (2017)
Muggioli et al., *Scientific Reports* **7**, 41764 (2017)



Bourret et al., *NIMB* **325**(2014)

Single cell targeting & protein kinetics



$$I_t = 1 + A \left(1 - e^{-\frac{(t-t_0)}{T}} \right)$$

- Cell nucleus of a cell line with **GFP**-tagged protein involved in DNA damage repair
- Micro-irradiation with counted number of ions focused in a spot
- Fluorescence Spot: **Protein Accumulation** at the damage site

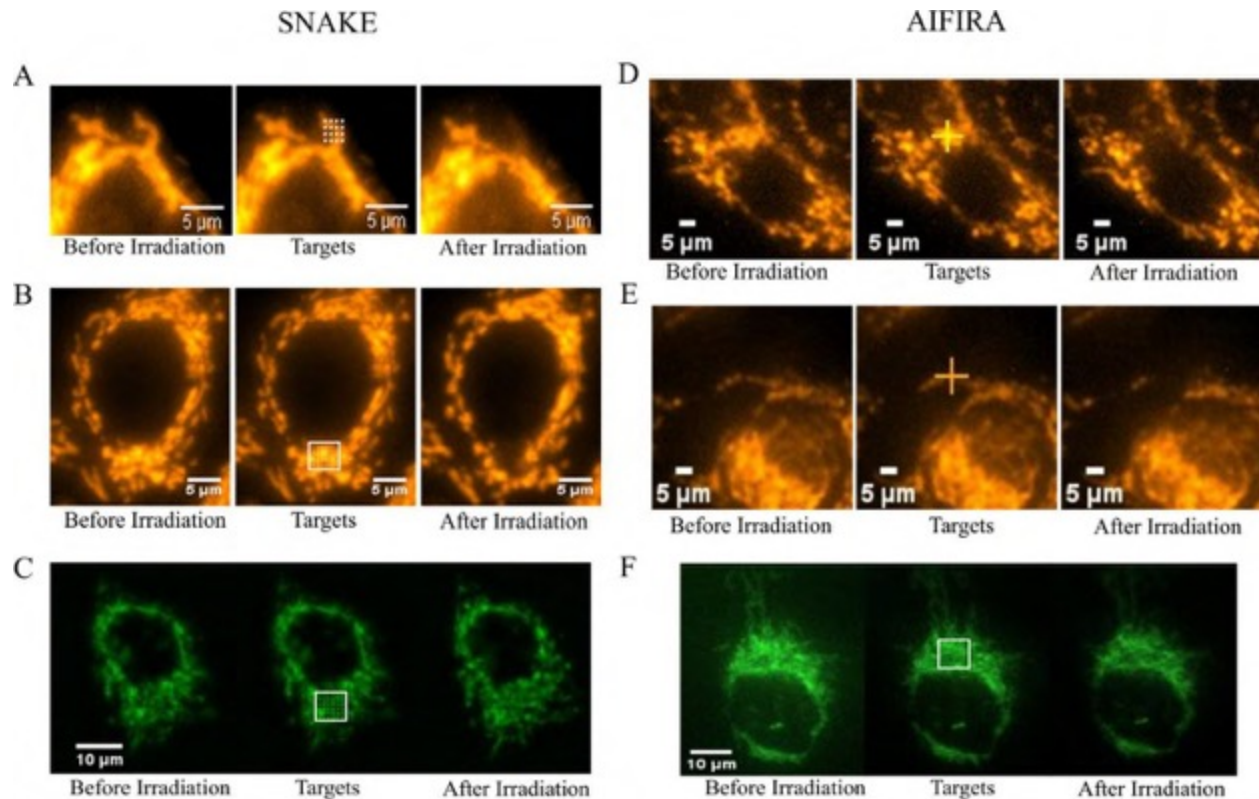
- Time-lapse acquisition after irradiation
- Real time measurement of **fluorescence intensity**
- **T** = recrutement time (s)
A = Max intensity value

Marie Curie RTN : SPRITE (2013-2016)

Thesis of Giovanna Muggioli, University of Bordeaux 2017

Muggioli et al., *Scientific Reports* 7, 41764 (2017)

Single cell targeting & mitochondria



TMRE
accumulates in
polarized mitochondria

Matrix-roGFP
test for mitochondrial
matrix integrity

55 MeV Carbons (SNAKE, Munich) and 3 MeV protons (AIFIRA, Bordeaux)

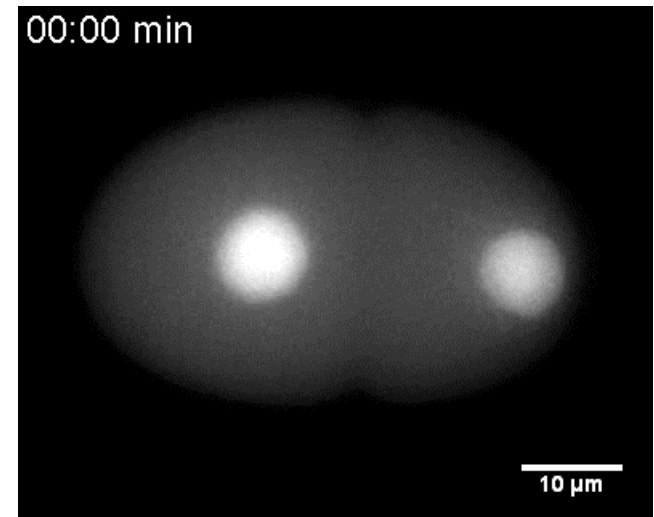
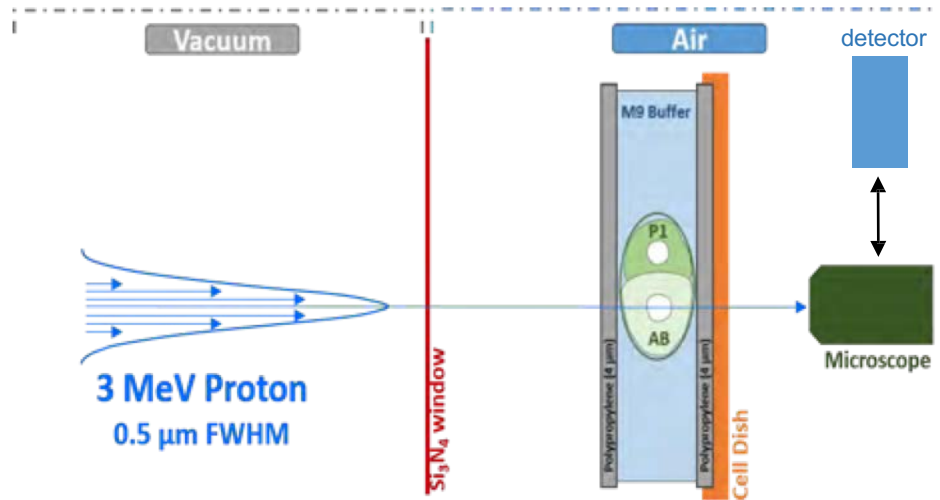
Radiation-induced change in mitochondrial membrane potential

Walsh et al., *Scientific Reports* 7,46684 (2017)

Towards multicellular models

Challenge: targeting a single cell in an organism

Scheme of the irradiation setup



Torfeh et al., Scientific Reports 9:10568(2019)

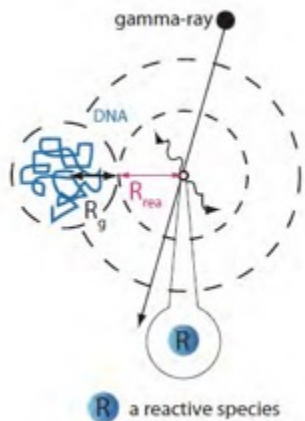
In progress & perspectives:

PRIME80: RADIANCE

"Etude des conséquences biologiques radio-induites sur le métabolismeARN chez *Caenorhabditis elegans*"

Biophysics – Study of DNA fragmentation

- INSIDE Project:
IN Situ DETection of DNA fragmentation induced by proton collision (MITI)



S.F.Shimobayashi et al., J.Chem.Phys. **138**, 174907 (2013)

Hyp:

If impact parameter $< R_{rea} + R_g$

□ probability p of DNA fragmentation



Towards DNA fragmentation vs impact parameter



Light intensity

« centre of mass »:

Giration radius:

$$I_{ADN}(t) = \int I(r, t) dr$$

$$\vec{R}_{CM}(t) = \frac{1}{I_{ADN}(t)} \int r I(r, t) dr$$

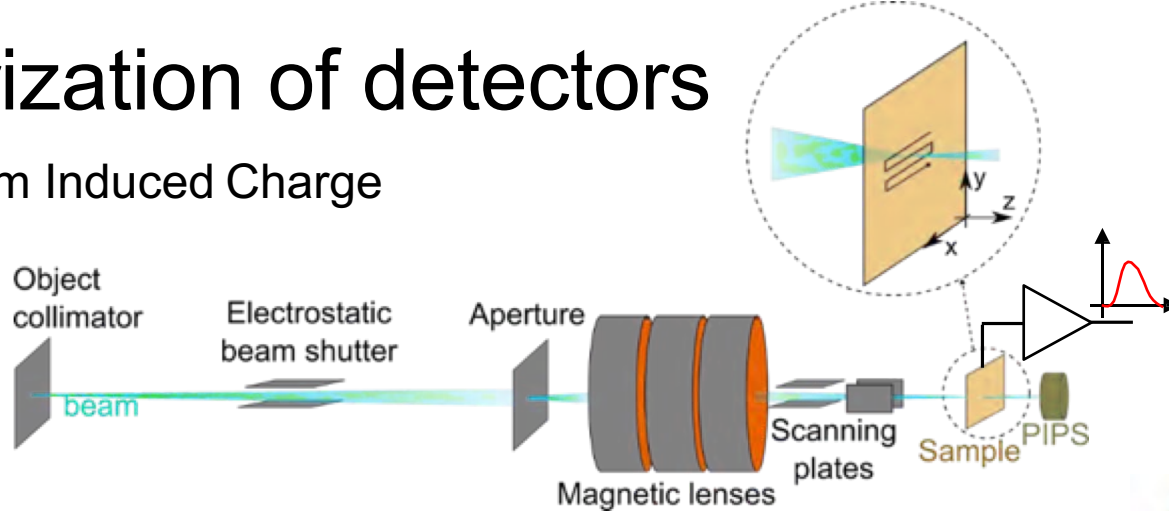
$$R_g^2(t) = \frac{1}{I_{ADN}(t)} \int |r - \vec{R}_{CM}|^2 I(r, t) dr$$

Tracking of phage T4 DNA at concentrations of 30 pg/ μL
Mean inter-DNA distance $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$

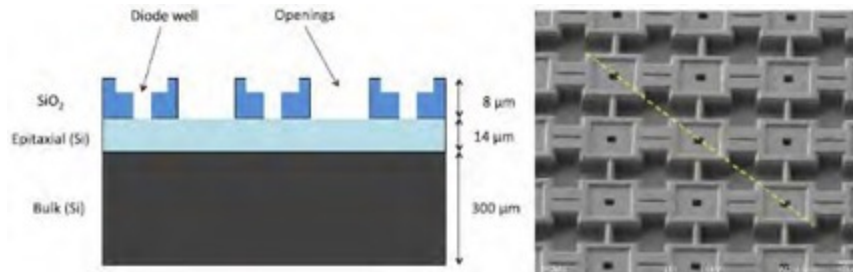
Observable providing the DNA topology or the fragmentation dynamics ?

Characterization of detectors

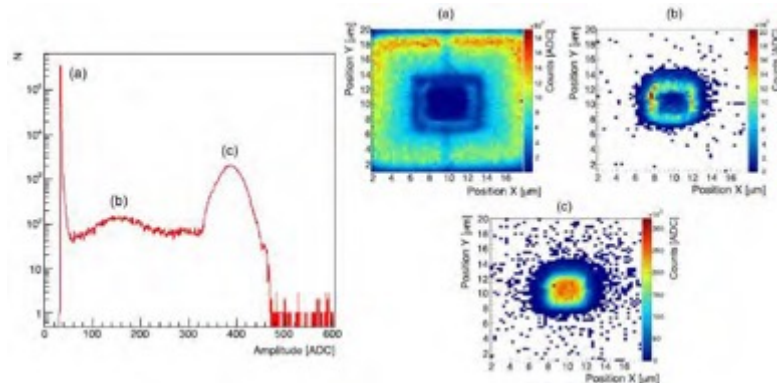
μ -IBIC : Ion Beam Induced Charge



Micro-scale characterization of a CMOS-based neutron detector



Context: Development of a neutron dosimeter in-phantom measurements in radiation therapy **AlphaRad Sensor**

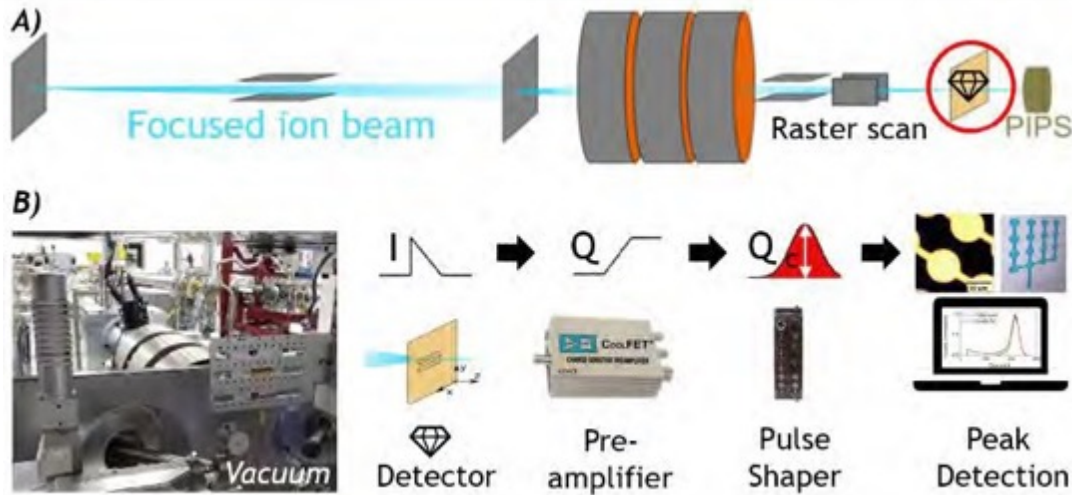


Aim:

- Precise calibration of the signal amplitude
- Charge collection in the different parts of the sensor ?

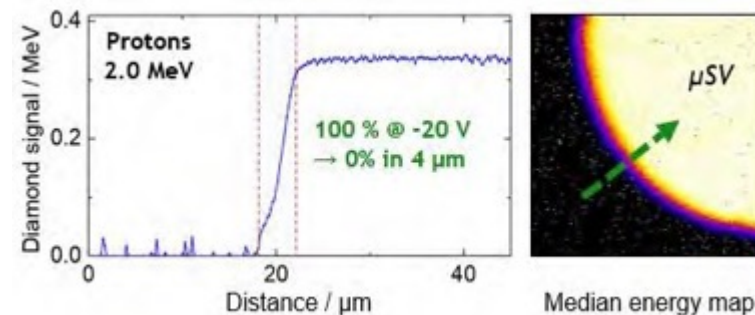
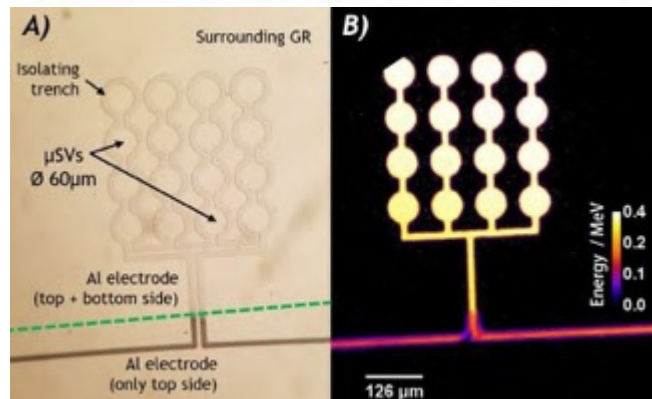
Characterization of detectors (2)

DIADEM Project: Diamond membrane based microdosimetric system for radiation quality assurance in hadron therapy



Aim:

- Charge collection efficiency vs biasing
- Mapping \square edge effects & bounding
- Radiation damage



Characterization of detectors (3)

Use of mono-energetic ion beams to calibrate detectors:

- Nuclear physics
- Ion acceleration using high power lasers

Characterization of a gaseous proton-recoil detector for neutron flux measurements

ACEN group @ CENBG

Marini *et al.* *NIM A.* **841**, 56–64 (2017).

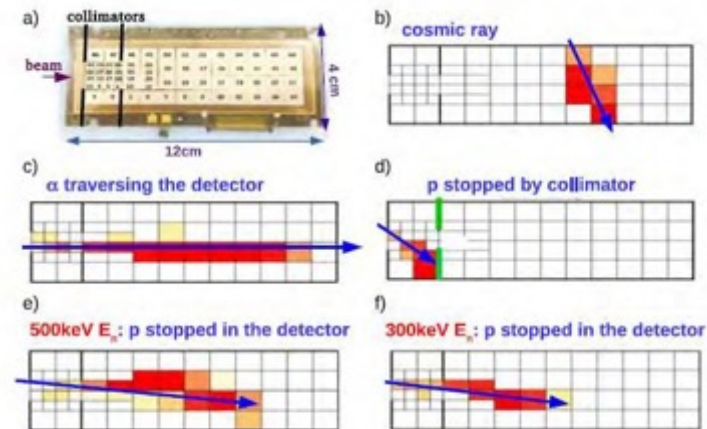
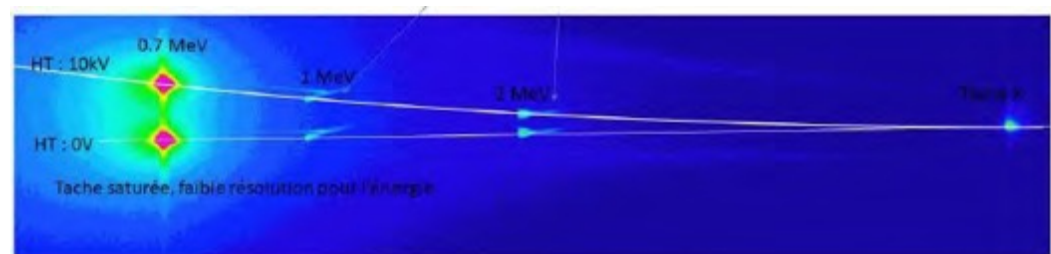


Figure 2. a) Detection plane segmentation b–f) examples of reconstructed trajectories.

Calibration of Thomson parabola for experiments @ high power lasers

ENL group @ CENBG

Puyuelo-Valdes *et al.* *Phys. Plasmas* **26**, (2019).



Publications & users (2015-2020)

40 interdisciplinary publications

Journals :

Nanotoxicology, Radiation Protection Dosimetry, NIM A, NIM B, Advanced Energy Materials, Journal of Chemical Biology, Molecular Neurobiology, Electrophoresis, Geology, Thin Solid Films, J. Mater. Chem. B, Physics in Medicine and Biology, Analytical Biochemistry, ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces, Scientific Reports, Journal of Archeological Science, ACS Chem. Neuroscience, Applied Physics Letters, Astrobiology, Journal of Anthropological Archaeology, Journal of Visualized experiments, Physica Status Solidi (A), Physics of plasma

≈ 20 laboratories :

- IRAMAT-CRP2A UMR5060
- CEA-DSM/LLAN
- ICMCB UPR9048
- IMS UMR5218
- IPNL UMR5822
- IRSN-LMDN
- ISTerre UMR5275
- ISTO UMR7327
- LPC UMR6533
- PACEA UMR5199
- CBM UPR4301
- CELIA UMR5106
- LCP UMR8000
- CEA-DSM/SRMA/LA25M
- Institut Fresnel UMR7249
- OASU-LAB
- INCIA UMR5287
- CEA-DST/LIST

Projects for master students (nuclear physics specialization):

- Measurements of cross sections for nuclear and atomic reactions
- 2 days of beamtime / year

Projects for students in master of engineering: instrumentation

- Instrumentation & automation
- Design of detection systems for IBA normalization
- Up to now 1 day of beamtime / year

Internships for Bachelor and master students

Evolutions

Renewing the «Physics beamline» (funding Région Aquitaine 2016-2019 - 80 k€)

- Commissioning => end 2020



Renewing the External beamline (funding Région Aquitaine 2019-2022 – 66 k€)

- Switching to SDD detectors



Upgrading microbeam line (DIADEM project – 30 k€)



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