

# **Novidades Sobre a Nanotecnologia do Concreto e sua Influência na Construção Civil do Futuro**



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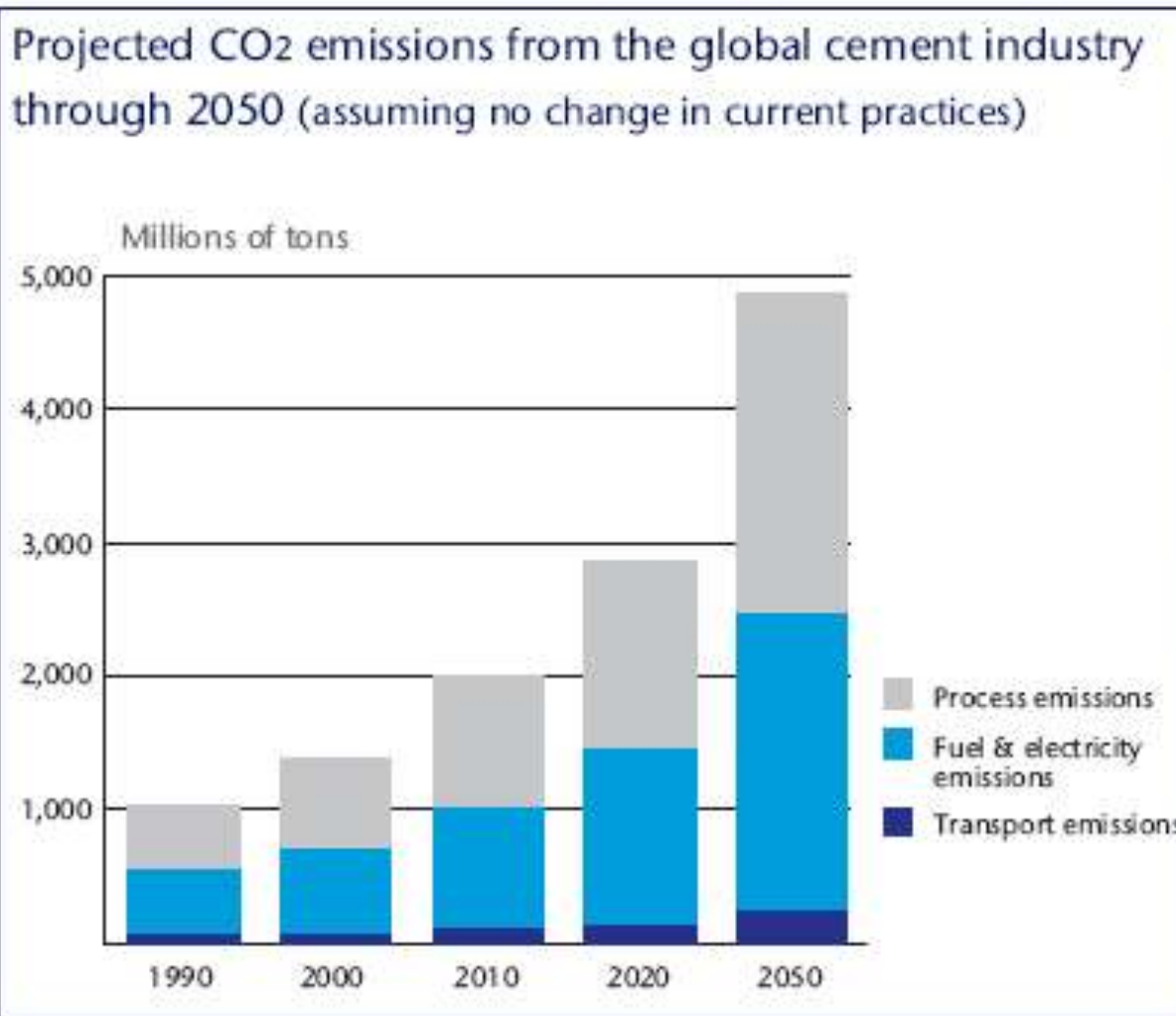


# Por que??

- **Somos engenheiros civis, e qual é a importancia da nanotecnologia para o concreto?**



# Condição insustentável



Source: Battelle Memorial Institute (In Agenda for Action, p. 21)



# Novas Alternativas

**Italcementi → cimento branco auto-limpável**

**Uso de nano-argilas para CSC**

**Geopolímeros**

**NanoCem**

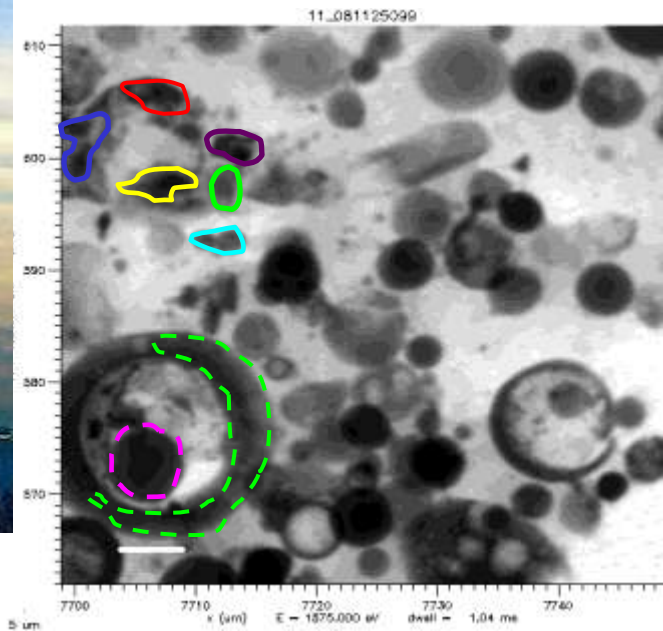
**Calera**



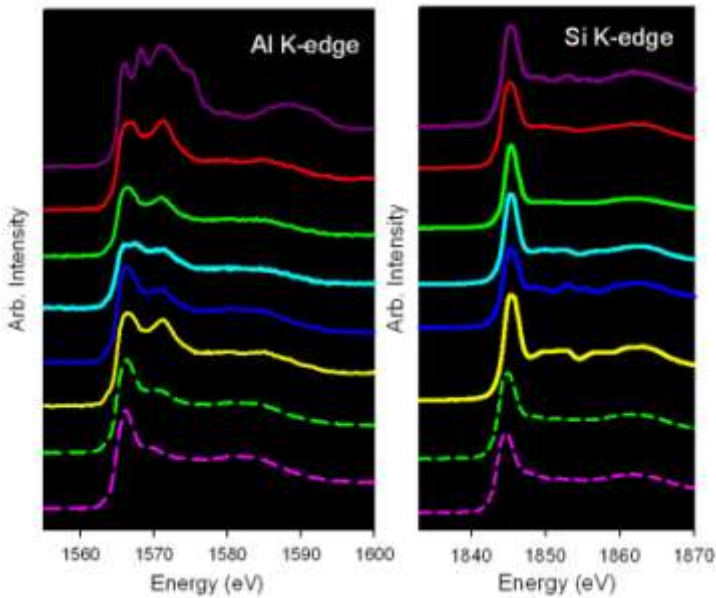
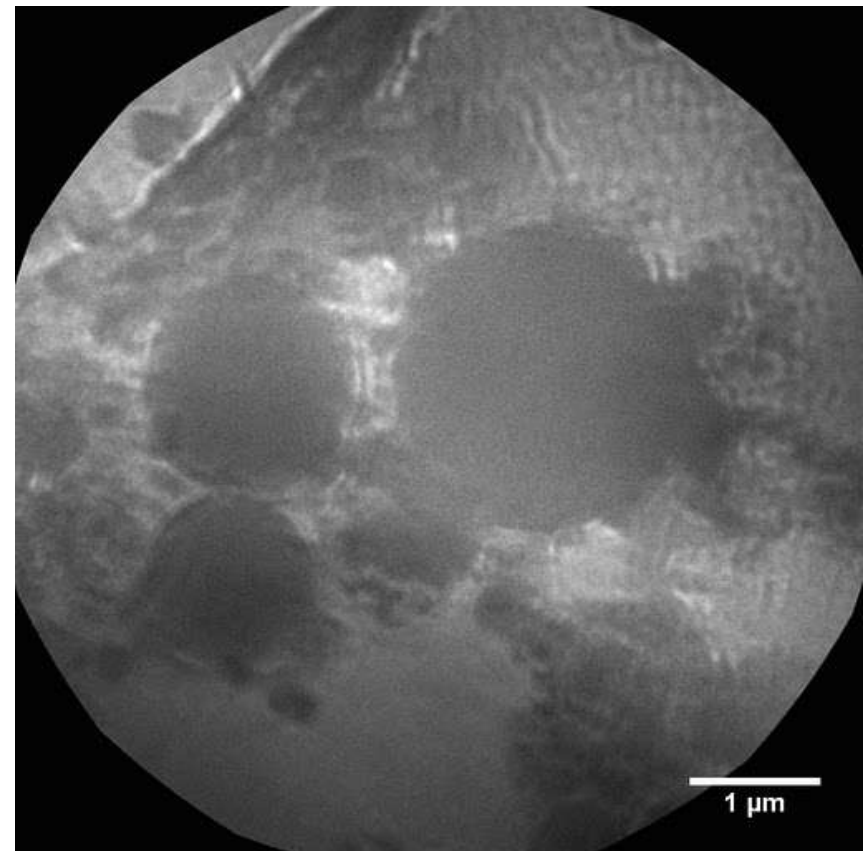
# Meta:

- **Como reduzir 120 anos de experiência com cimento portland em 3-5 anos para um novo cimento?**

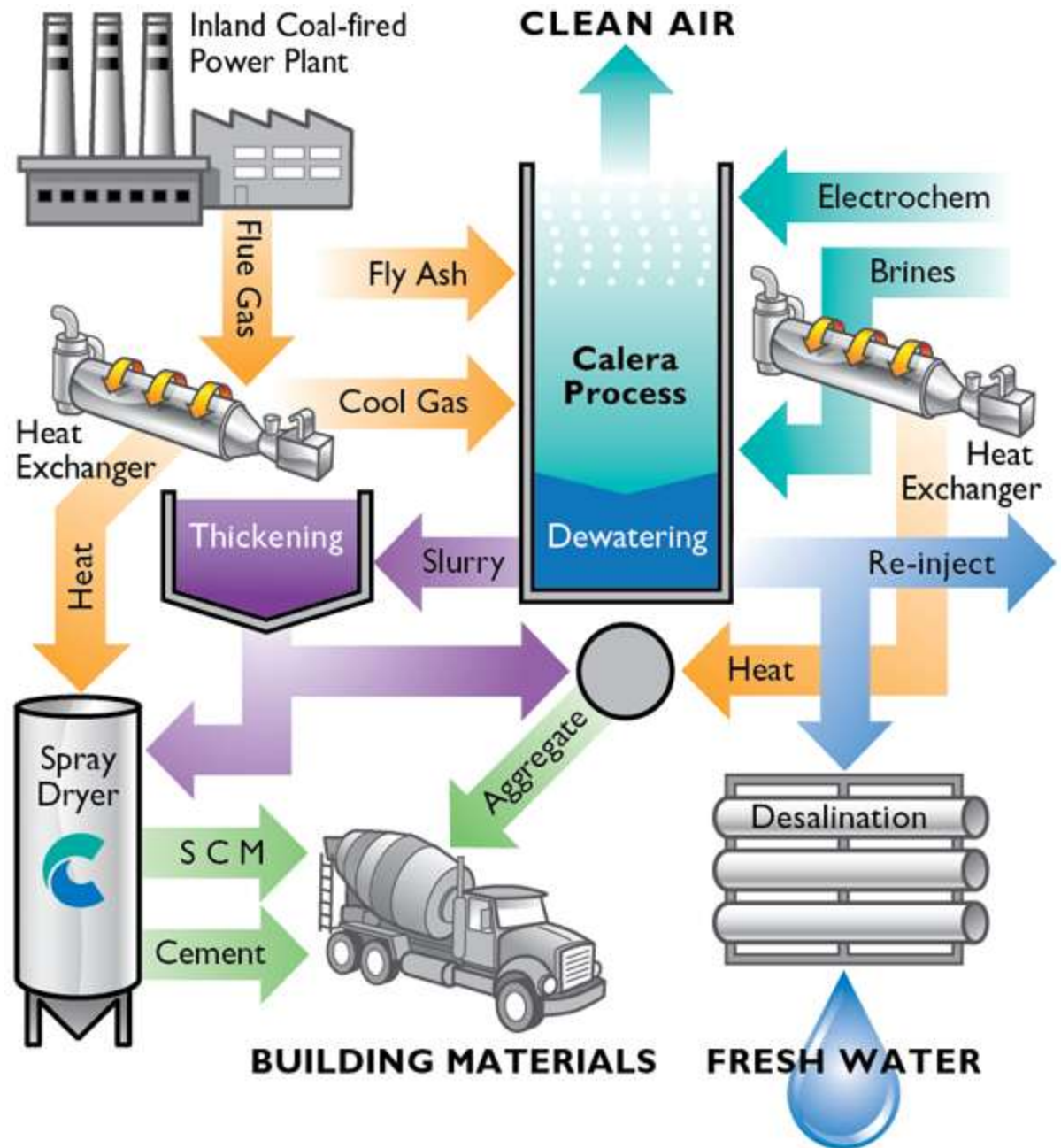
# Geopolimeros (sem cimento)



10 M NaOH solution



# Processo da Calera





# Pesquisa Integrada



## Advanced Light Source

**Soft x-rays microscopy**, Small Angle Scattering, High-Pressure, Microdiffraction, Microtomography, Ambient XPS.



## Advanced Photon Source

Total scattering methods (pdf), **Nanotomography**, Small Angle Scattering.



## BESSY

**Nanotomography**

... more at Los Alamos





# Tradição brasileira de excelência no concreto...

- **Vários recordes mundiais em pontes e barragens.**
- **Renome internacional em tecnologia do concreto e projeto estrutural.**



# O Brasil está em ótima fase

- **Economia em expansão.**
- **Construção em alta.**
- **Previsão de crescimento constante.**



# Um desafio e um apoio...

- **Por que não fazer do Brasil uma potência na área de nanotecnologia do concreto?**



# O mais difícil já tem em Campinas...





# Advanced Light Source

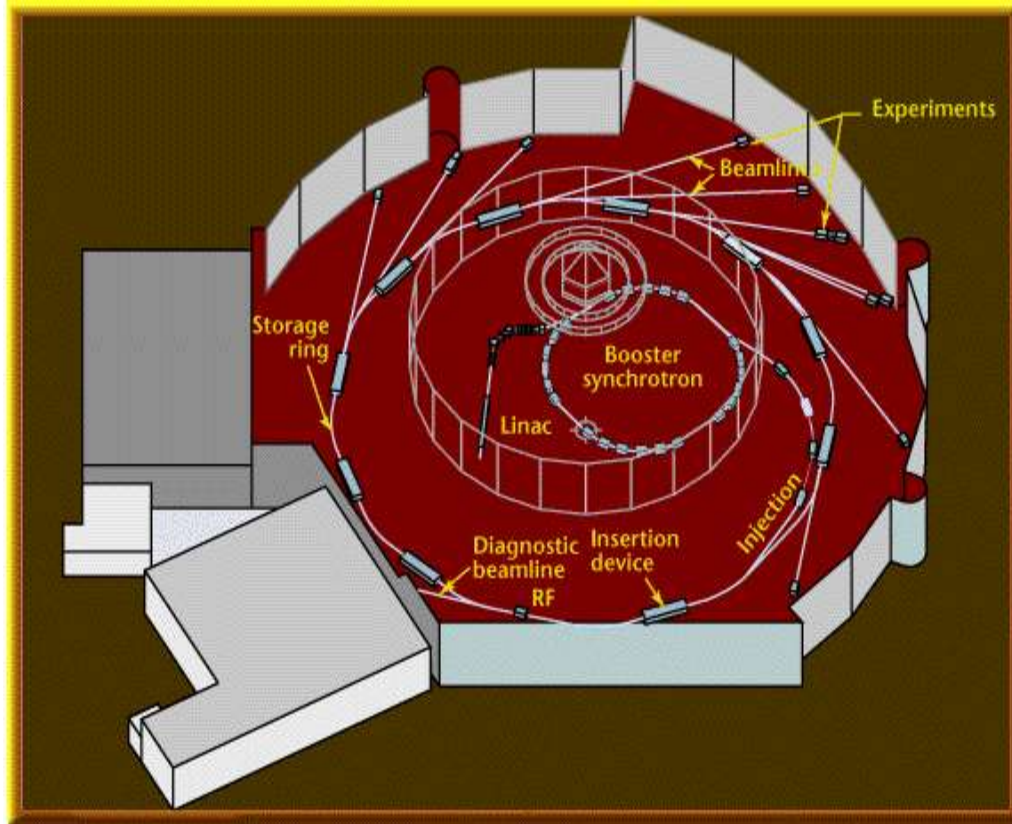
**the world's first  
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## Location



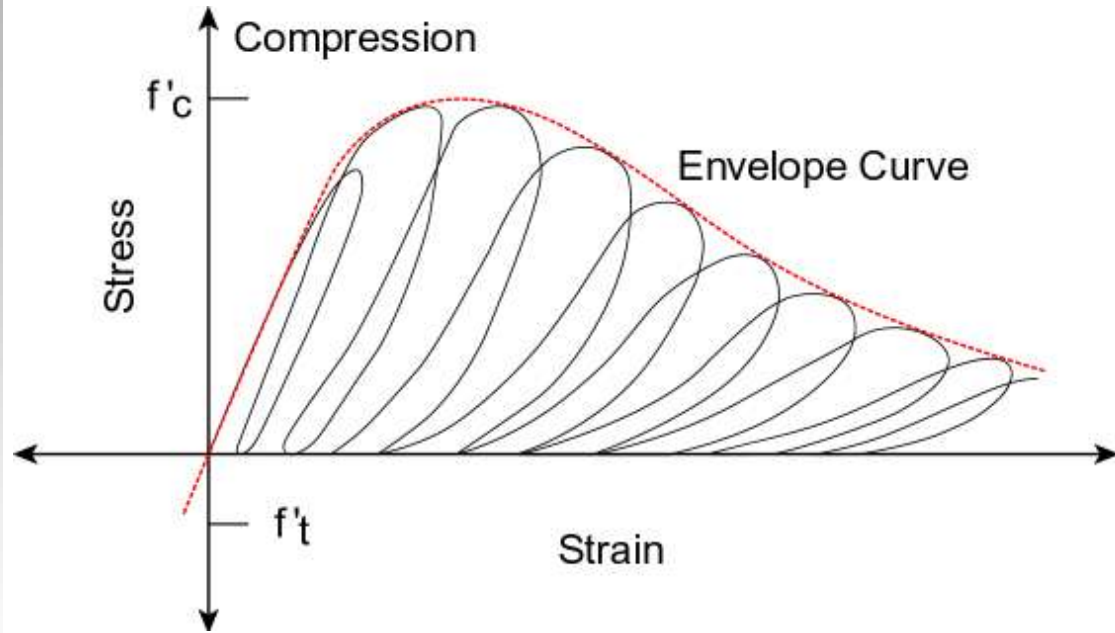


# Advanced Light Source at Berkeley





# Testes Mecânicos





# Pergunta:

- **Como medir a propriedades mecânicas dos cristais pequenos?**



# High Pressure Powder X-ray Diffraction

- **High pressure generating device:**
  - **Diamond Anvil Cell**
    - Strongest Material
    - $K_0 = \sim 440\text{GPa}$
    - Transparent to electromagnetic spectrum
  - Theoretically, possible over 500GPa, but usually  $\sim 50\text{GPa}$
  - Extremely small sample size
- **Hydrostatic pressure Medium**
  - 4:1 Methanol/Ethanol solution
  - Up to  $\sim 20\text{GPa}$ , nearly hydrostatic pressure
- **Ruby fluorescence technique**
  - Measurement of pressure inside of the cell

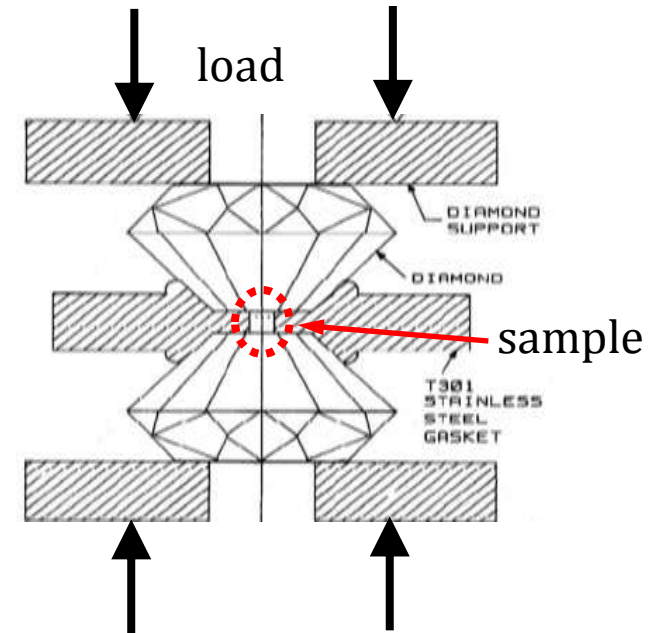
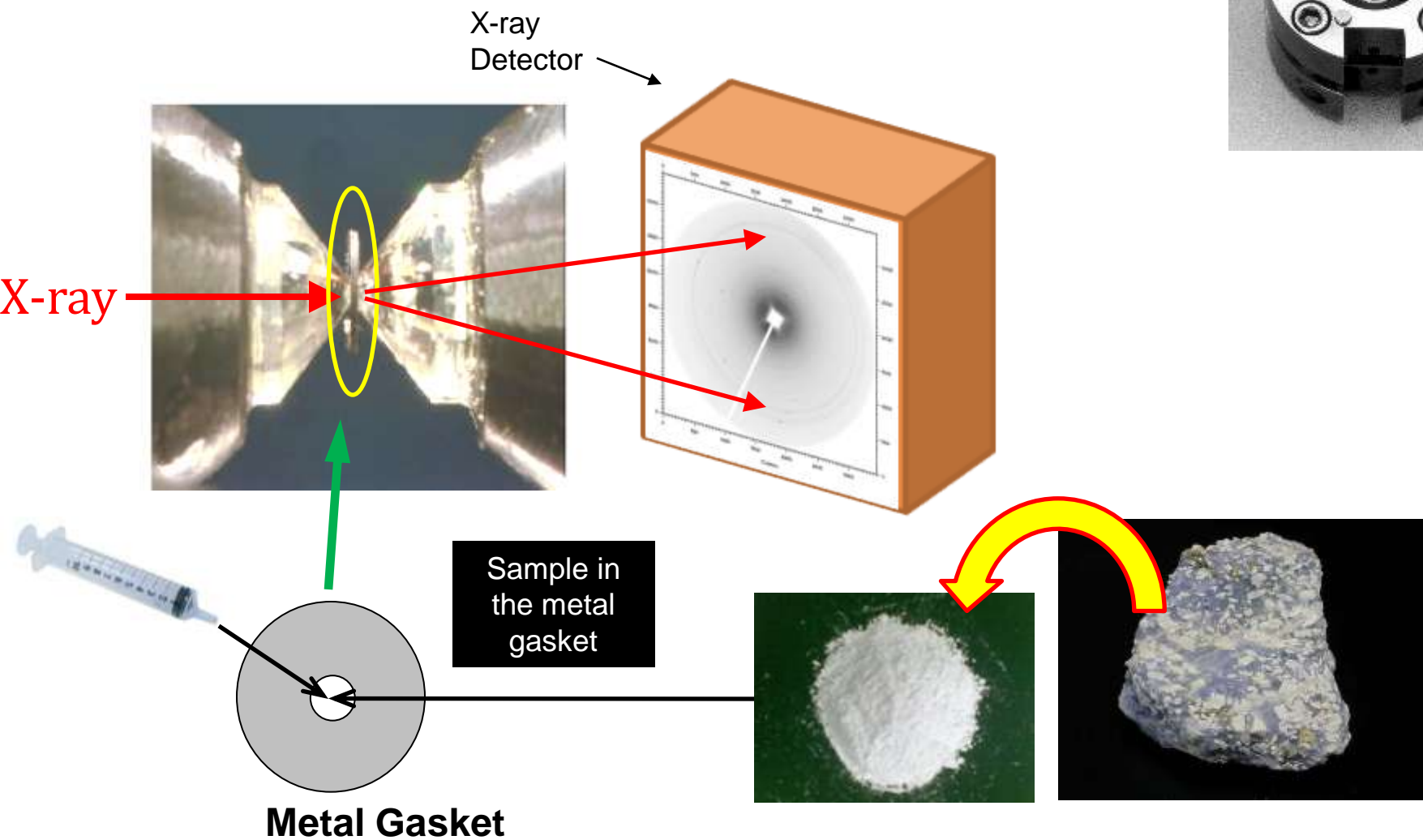


Figure. Schematic of Diamond Anvil Cell

# DAC (**D**iamond **A**nvil **C**ell)



# Procedimento experimental

- As the pressure increases, the unit cell shrinks.
- Unit cell dimensions ( $a, b, c, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ) at a certain pressure can be calculated from X-ray diffraction pattern
- $P(V/V_0)$  can be obtained

- Bulk modulus =  $K_T = -V \frac{dP}{dV}$

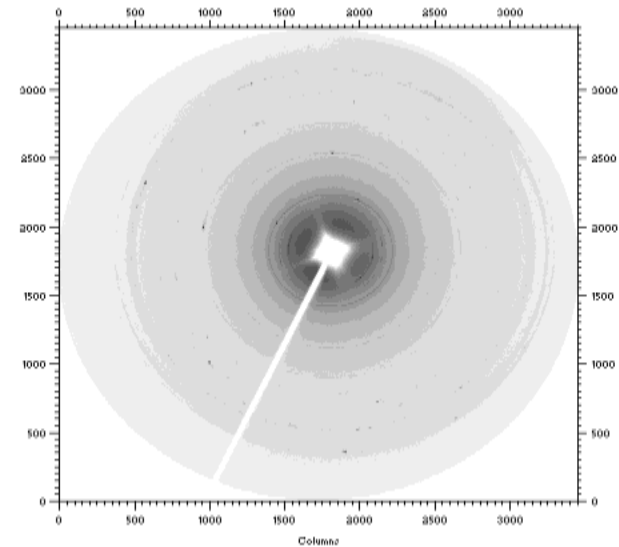
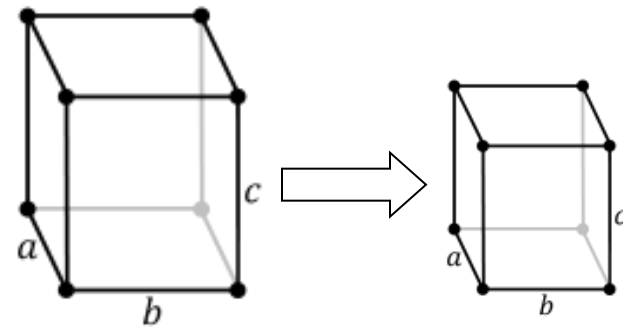


Figure. X-ray diffraction Pattern in beamline 12.2.2 (tobermorite)

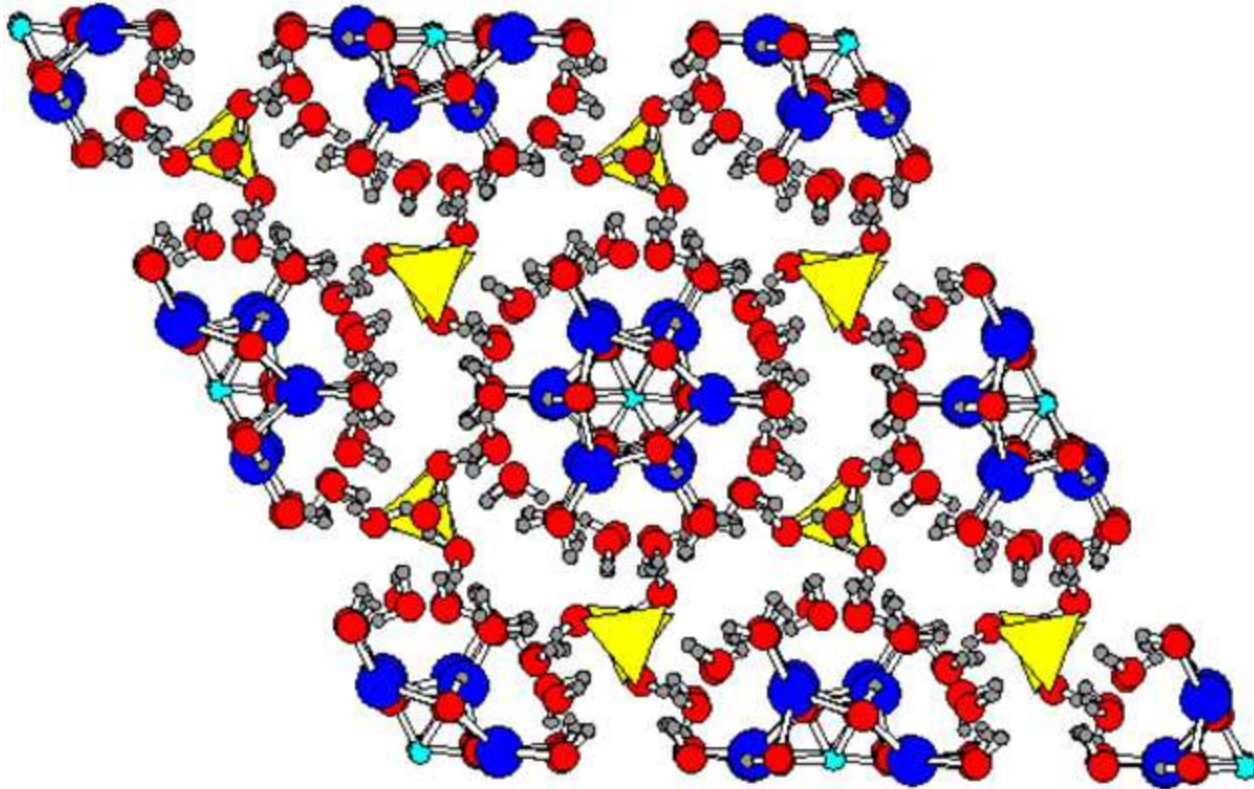


At low pressure

At high pressure



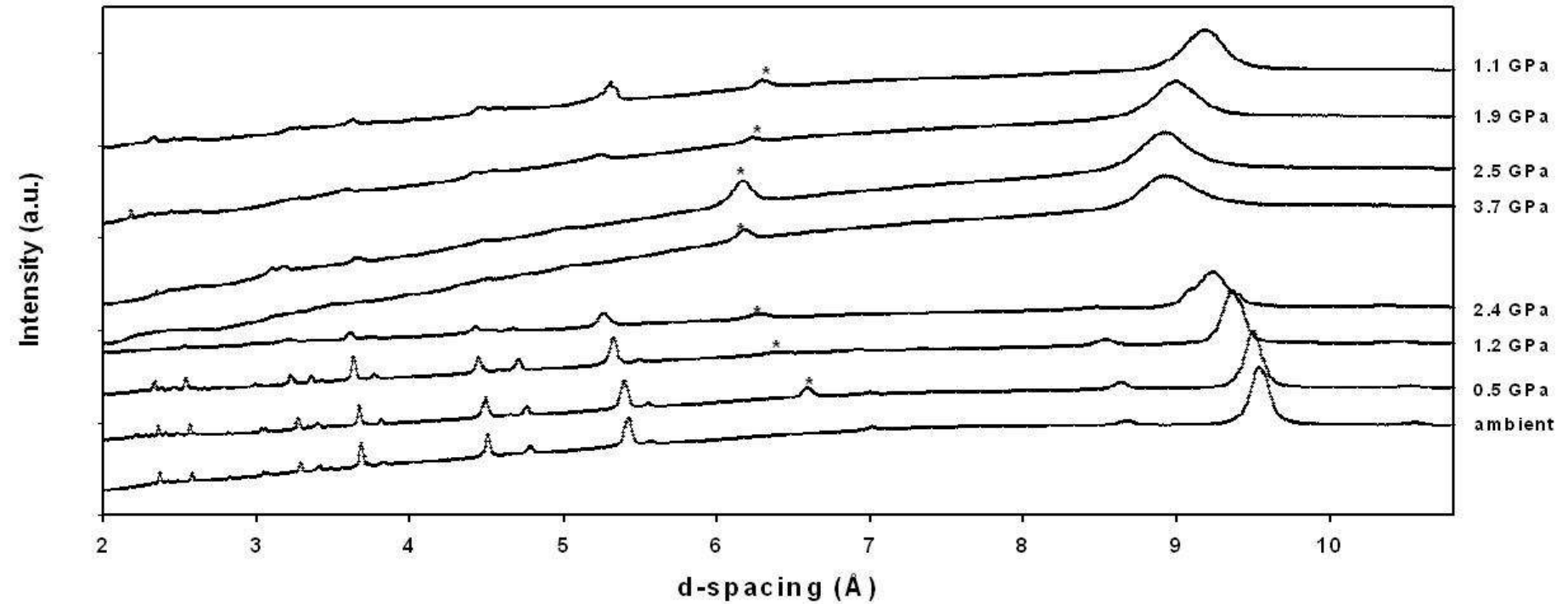
# Estrutura da etringita



Ca atoms are displayed as blue circles, oxygen atoms in red, aluminum atoms in light blue, sulfate tetrahedral in yellow and hydrogen atoms in grey.



# Resultado experimental



**Isothermal bulk modulus of ettringite: 27(7) GPa**

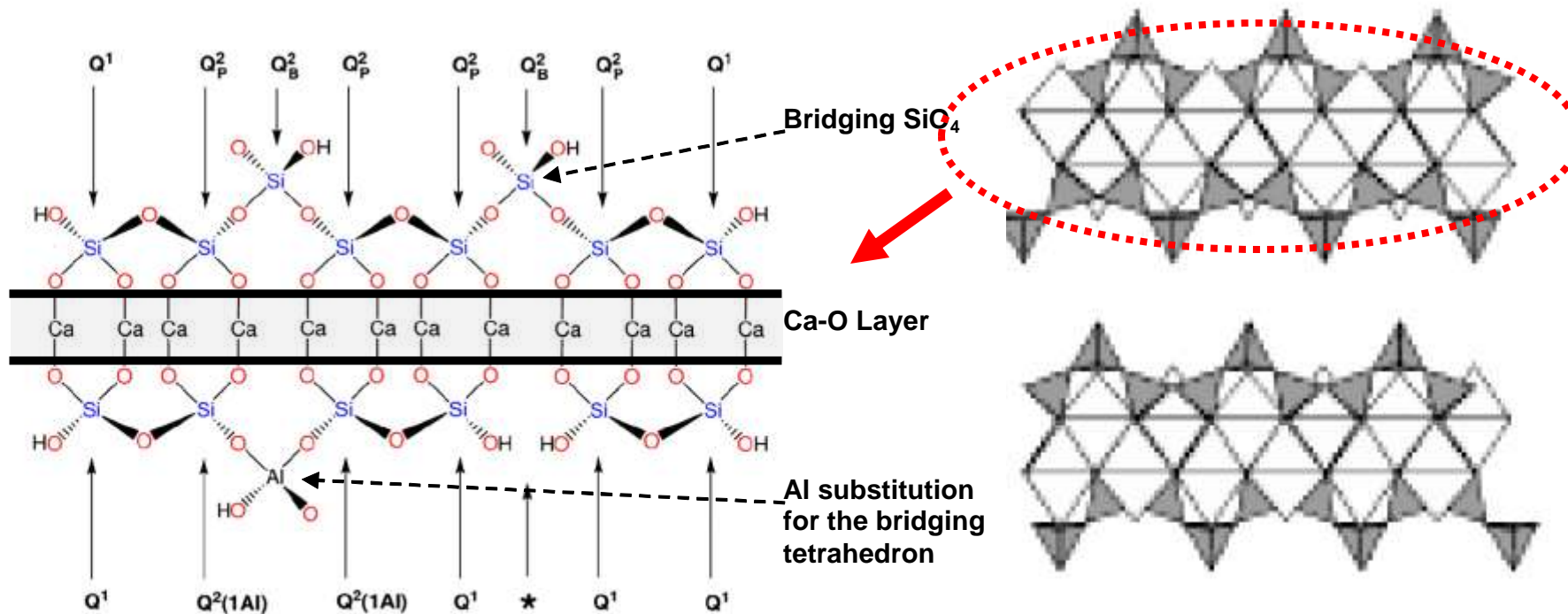
# **Nanopergunta:**

**O que acontece com as  
propriedades mecânicas  
quando o Si e' substituído por  
Al?**

# Qual é a diferença estrutural?

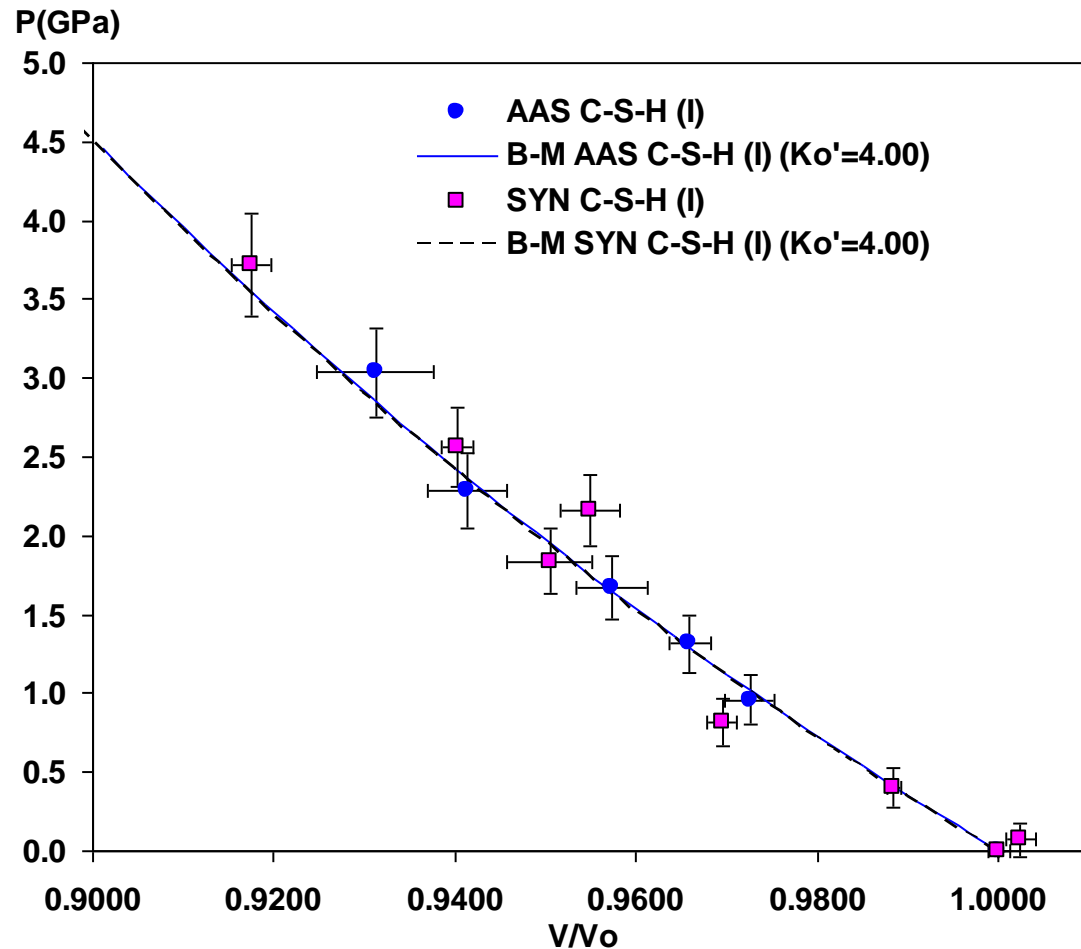
## ■ Al substitution:

- The synthetic C-S-H (I) does not contain Al in its structure
- The alkali-activated slag C-S-H (I) contains Al in its structure



# Resultado

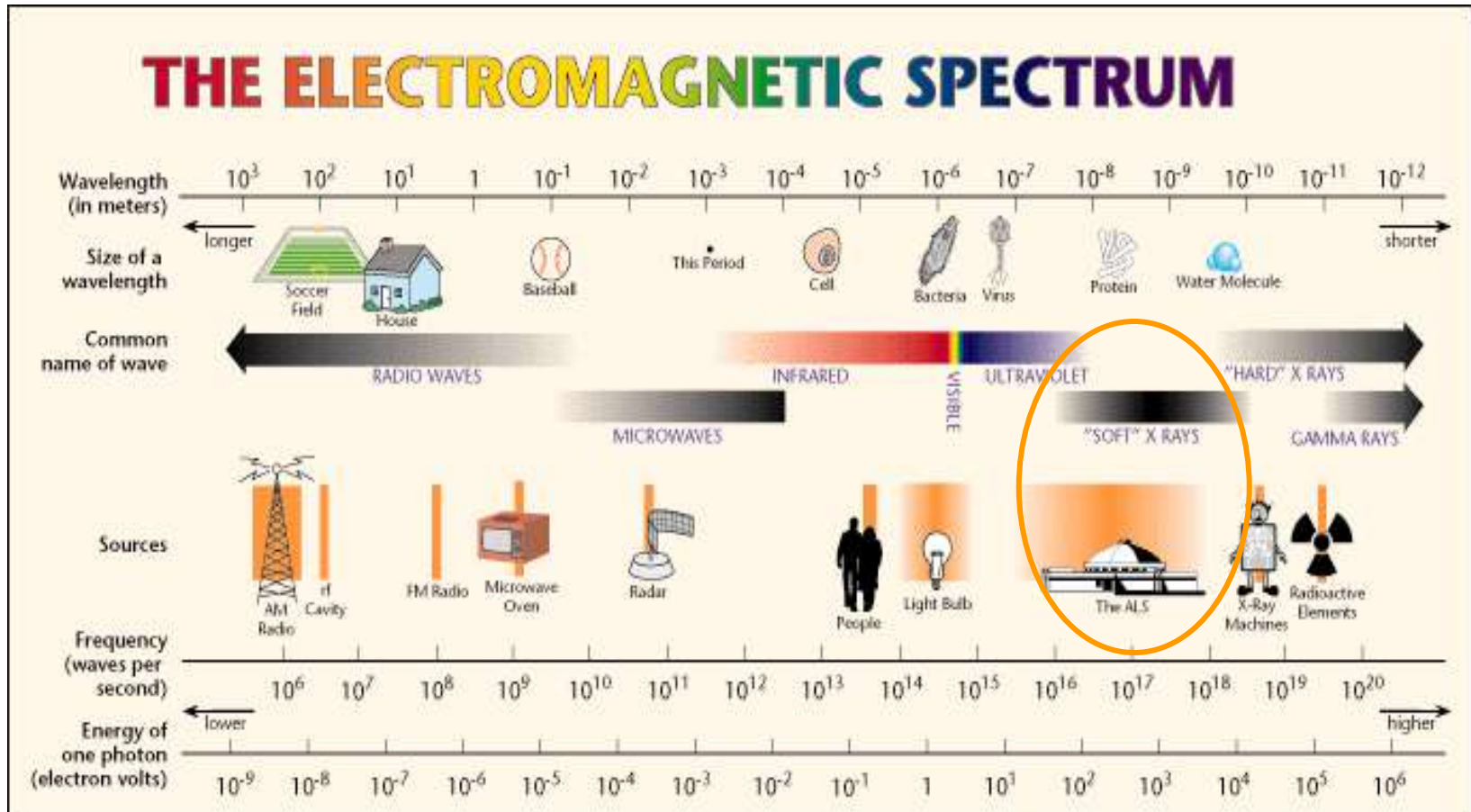
■ Não tem diferença nenhuma!





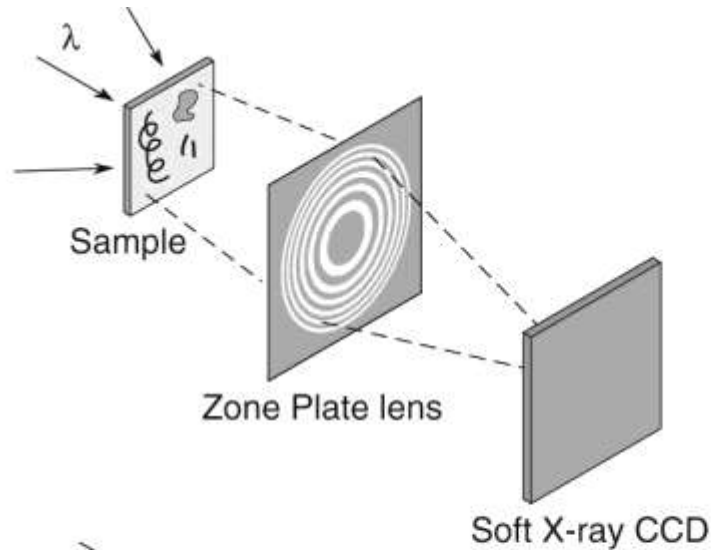


# Spectro electromagnético



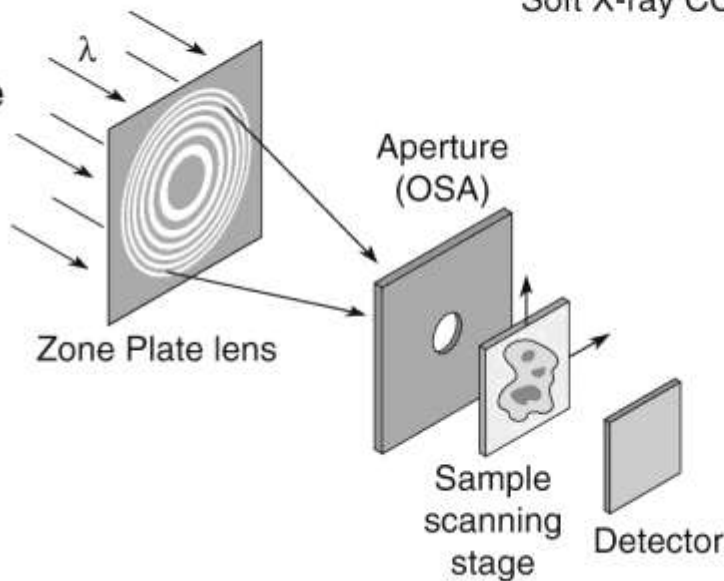
# Dois tipos de Microscópios

## Full-Field Microscope

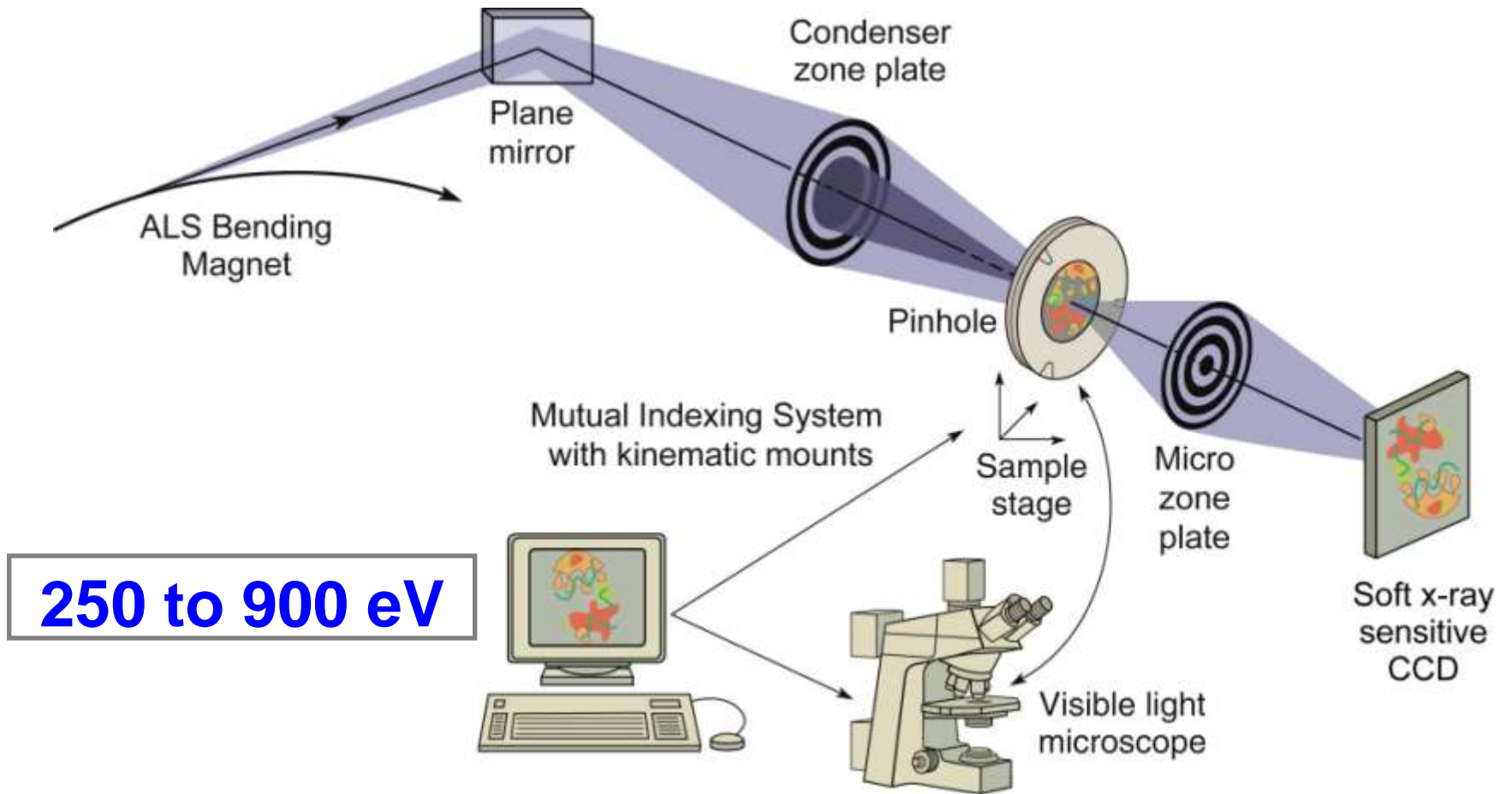


- Best spatial resolution
- Modest spectral resolution
- Shortest exposure time
- Bending magnet radiation
- Higher radiation dose
- Flexible sample environment (wet, cryo, labeled magnetic fields, electric fields, cement, ...)

## Scanning Microscope

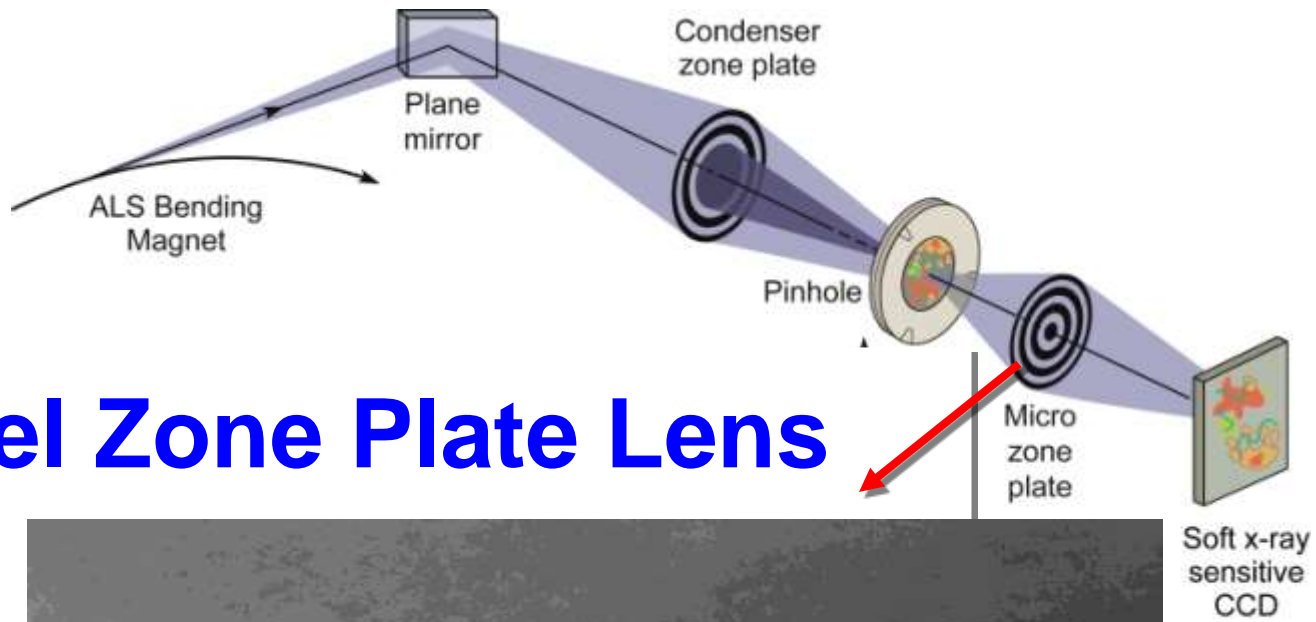


- Least radiation dose
- Good spatial resolution
- Best spectral resolution
- Requires spatially coherent radiation
- Long exposure time
- Flexible sample environment
- Photoemission (restricted magnetic fields), fluorescence imaging

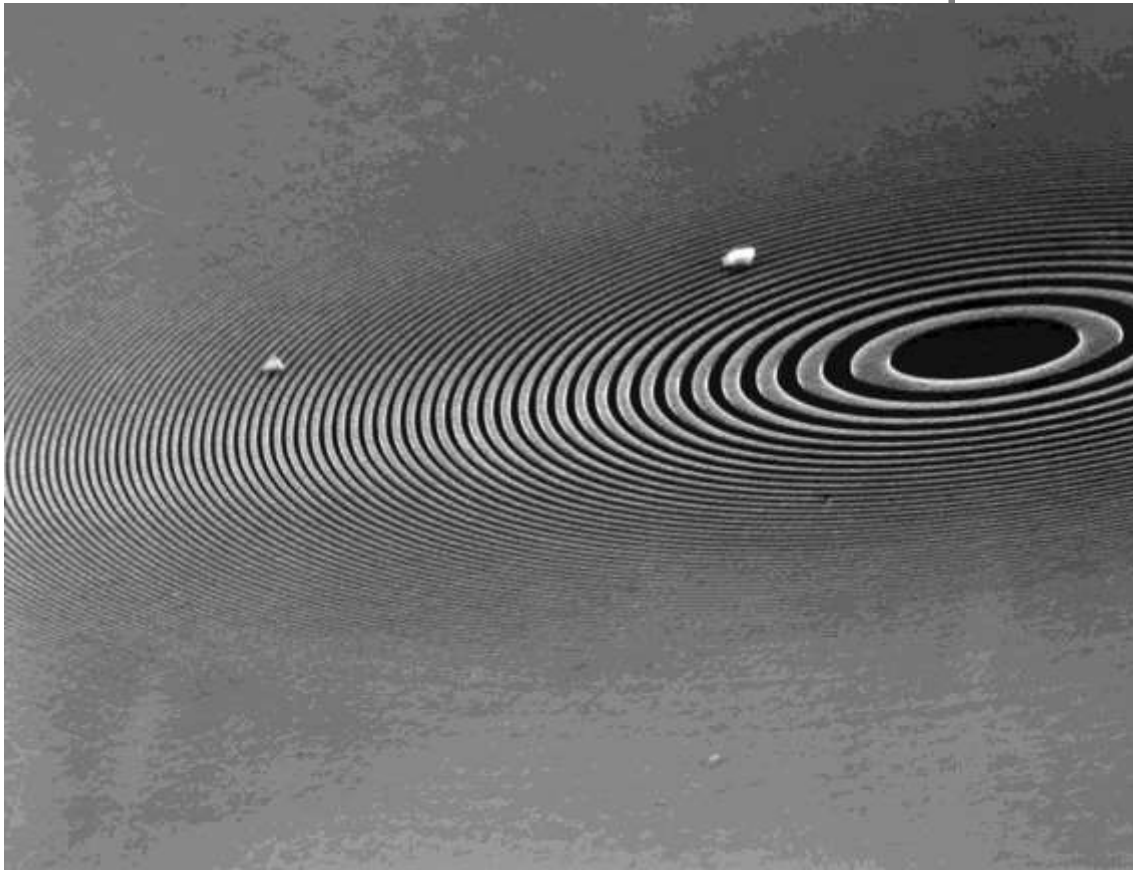


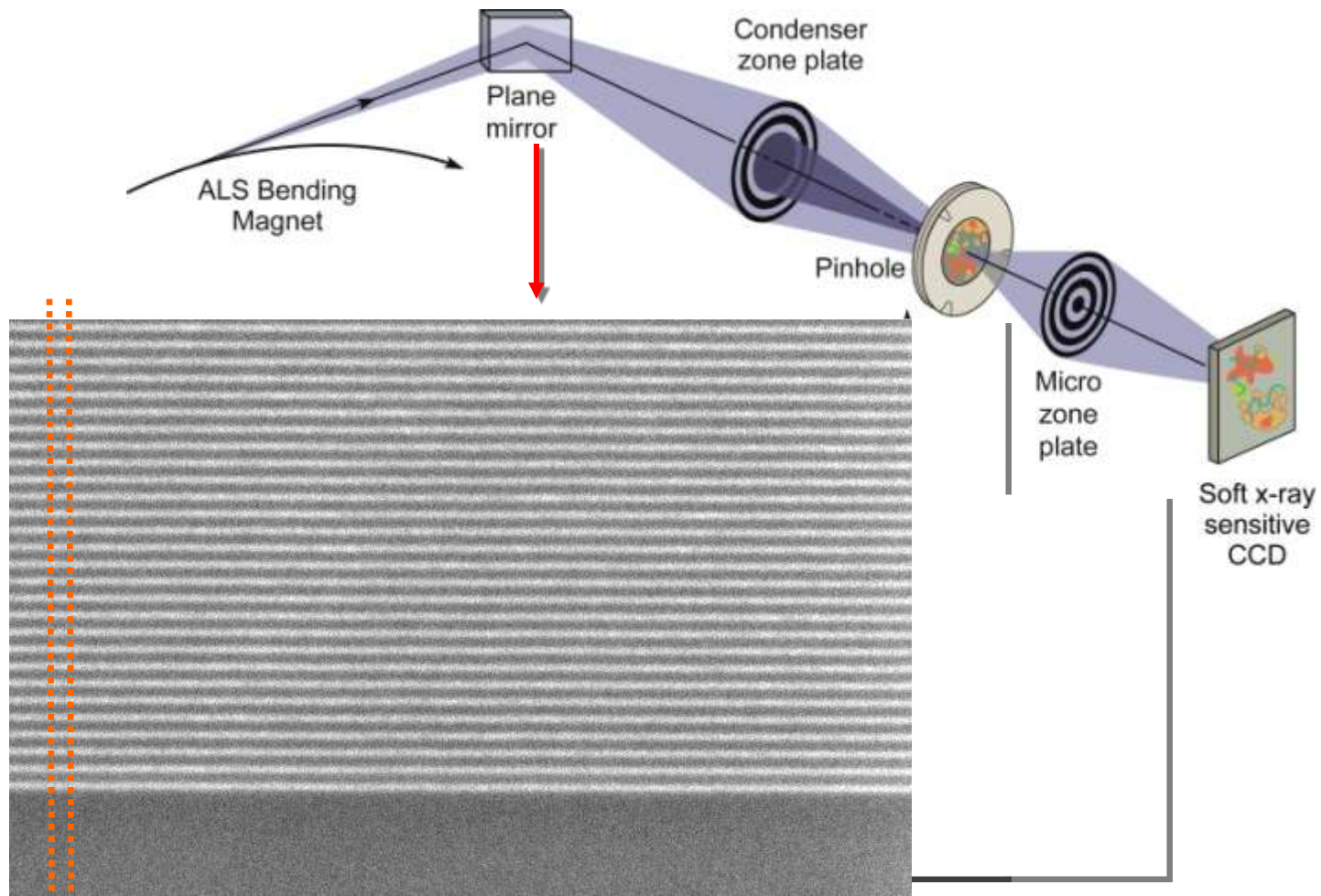
**Resolution: 25 nm**

**Magnification: 1600 to 2400 times**



# Fresnel Zone Plate Lens





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# Multilayer Mirror Coatings

# Preparação da Amostra

Restriction: sample thickness (less than  $10\ \mu\text{m}$ )



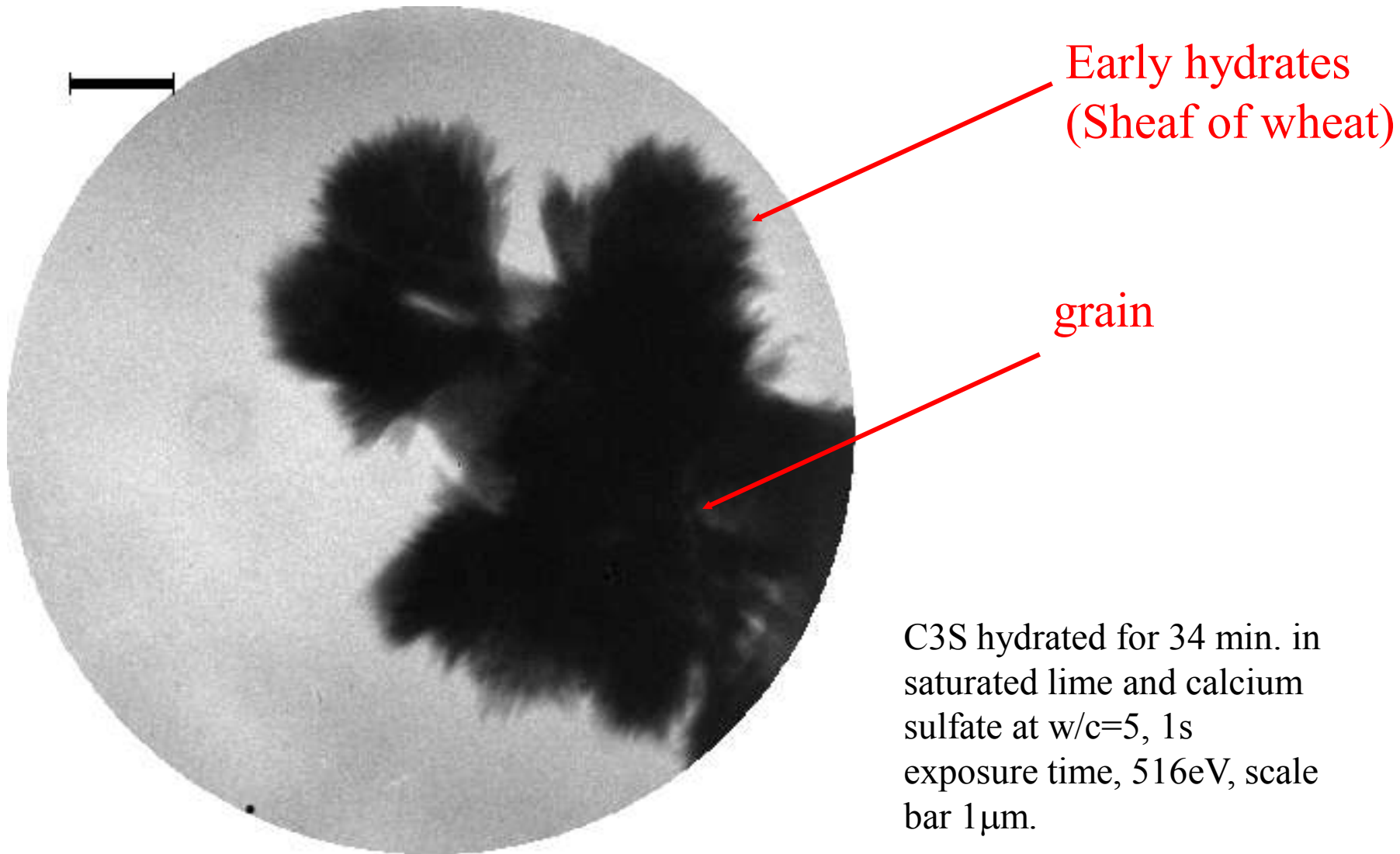
**Silicon nitride  
windows**

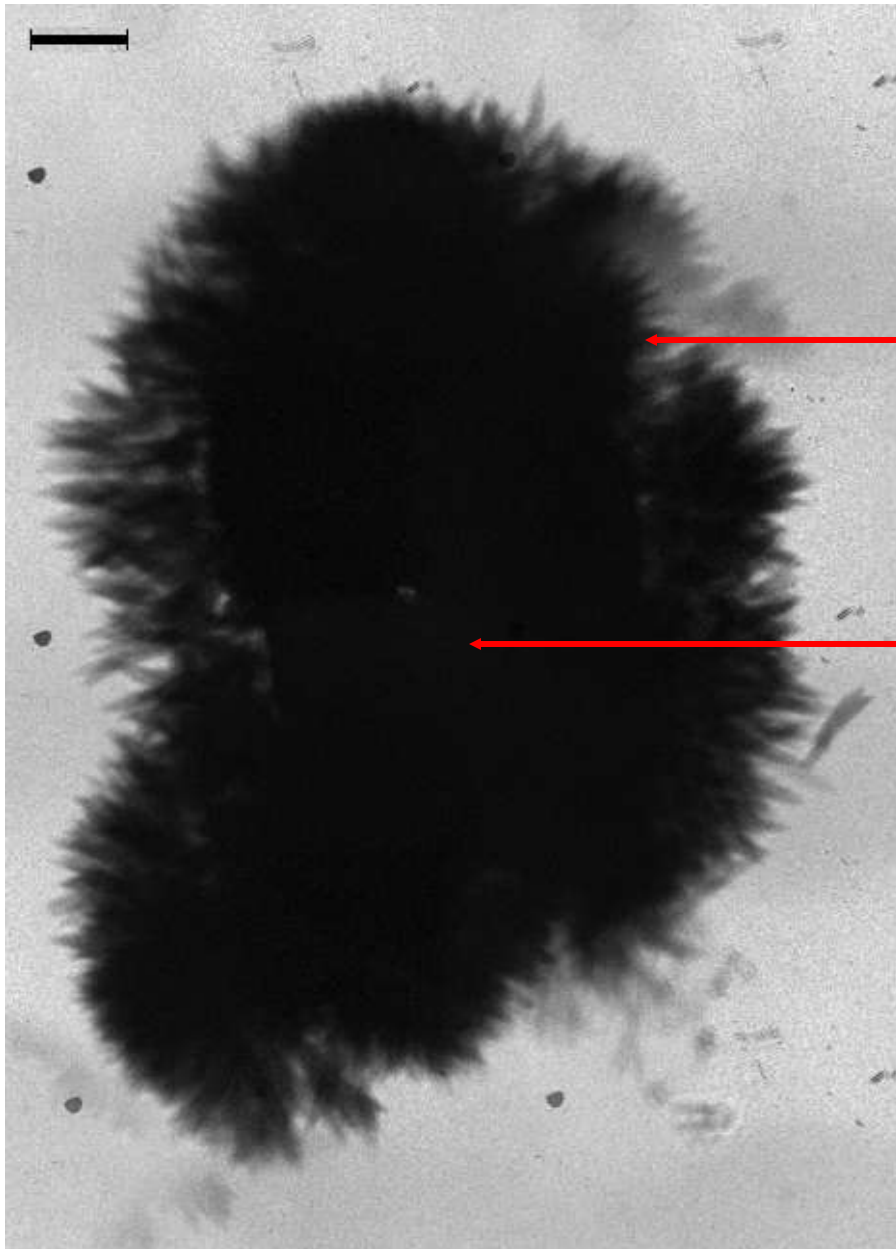
**Highly diluted samples  
(water/cement is 5 before  
centrifugation)**

**Imaging as soon as 6 minutes  
after mixing**



# Early hydrates forming during the pre-induction period





Early hydrates  
(Sheaf of wheat)

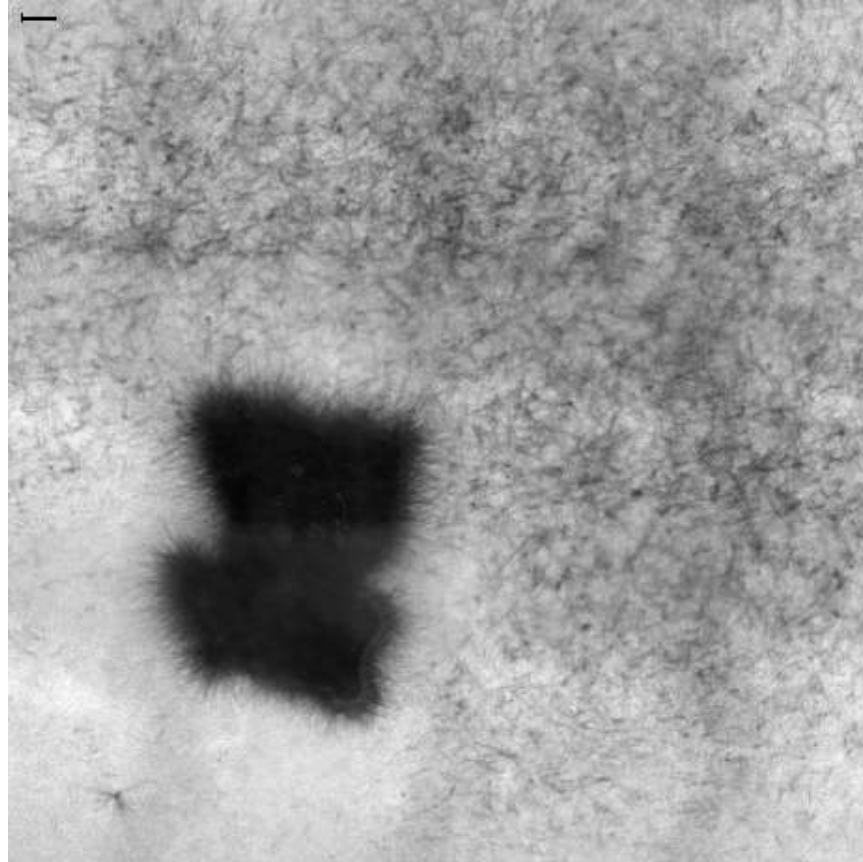
grain

C3S hydrated for 56 min. in saturated lime and calcium sulfate at  $w/c=5$ , 1s exposure time, 516eV, scale bar  $1\mu\text{m}$ .



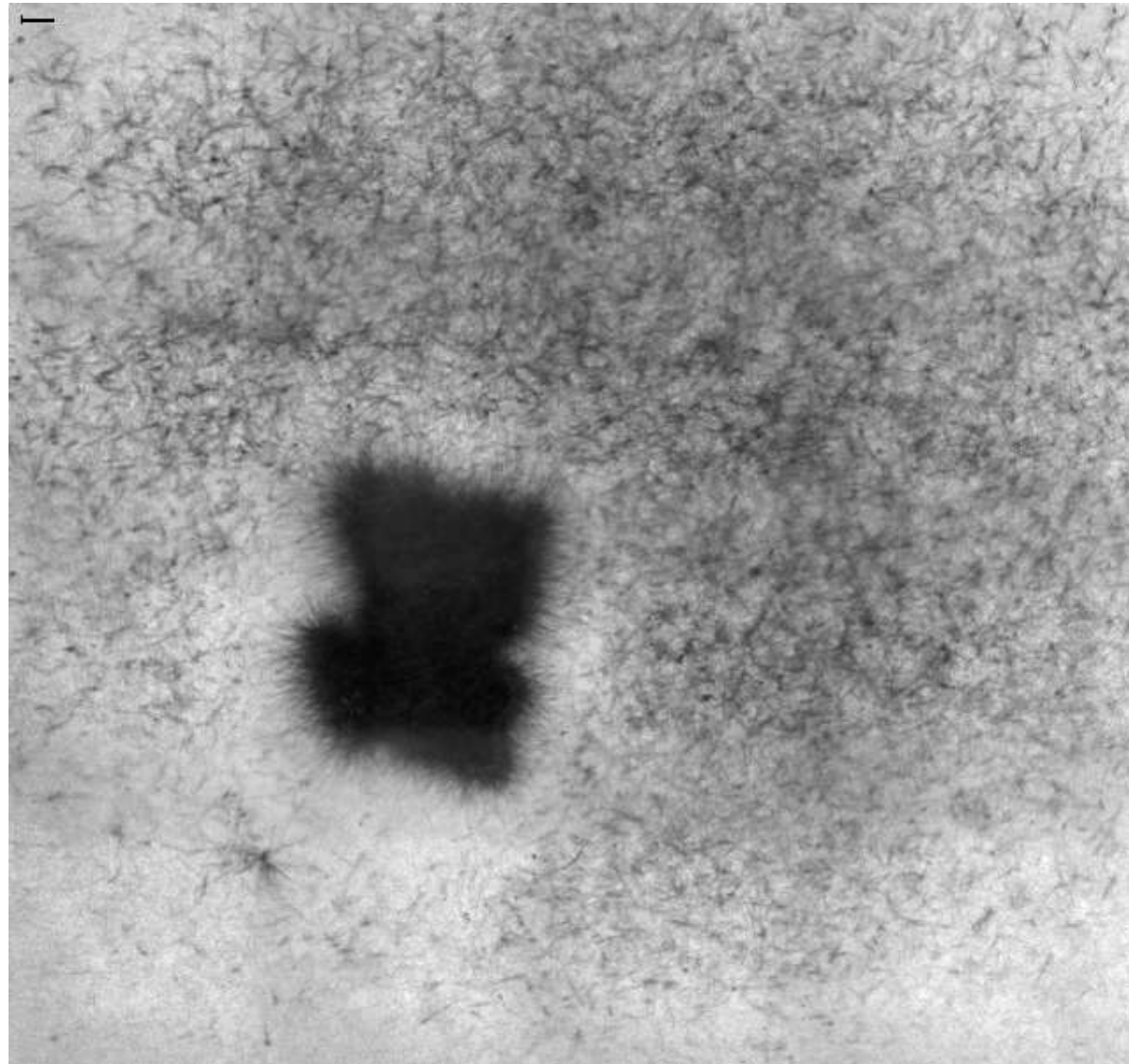
# In-situ Massive precipitation

8h 30min.

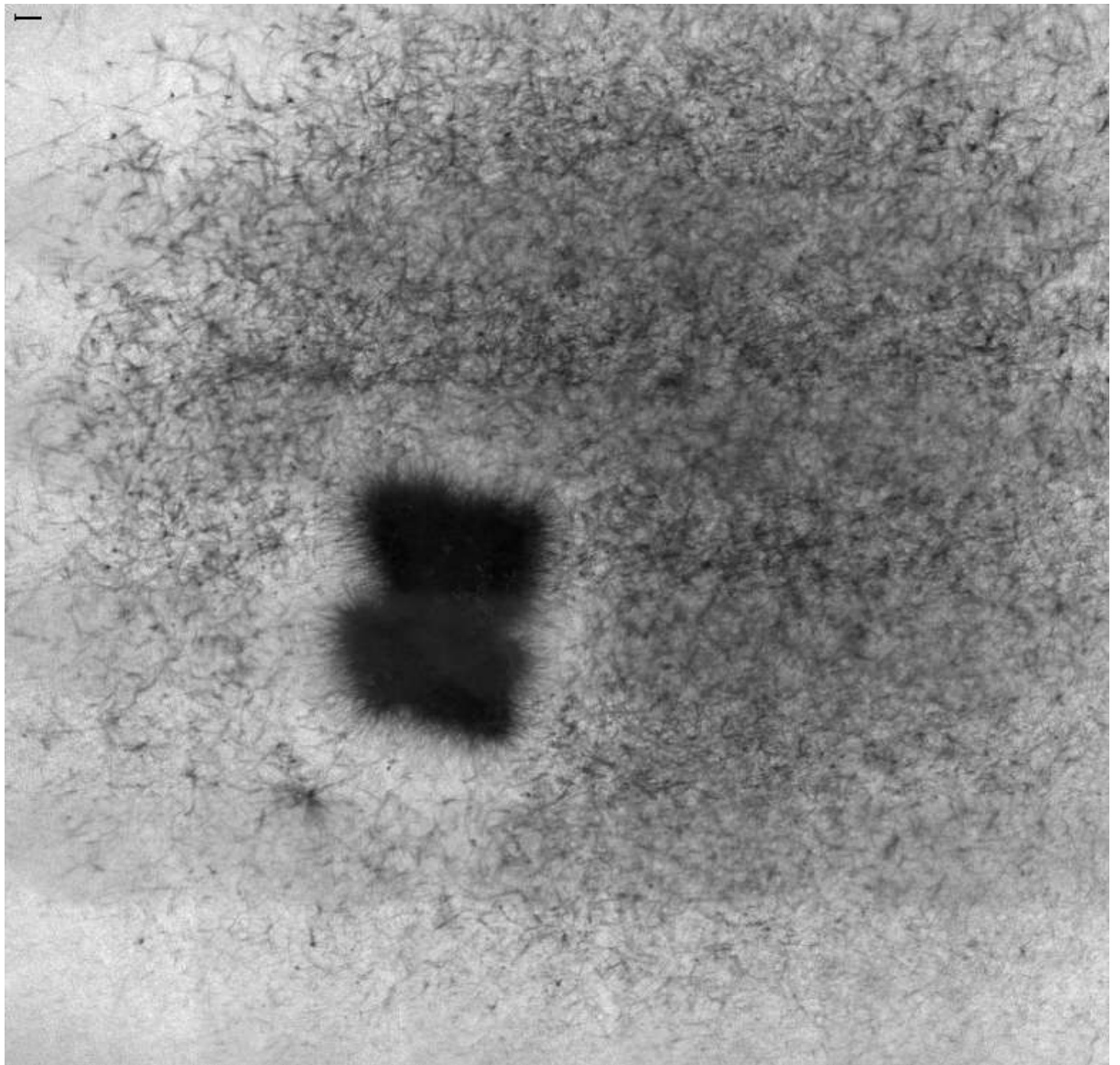


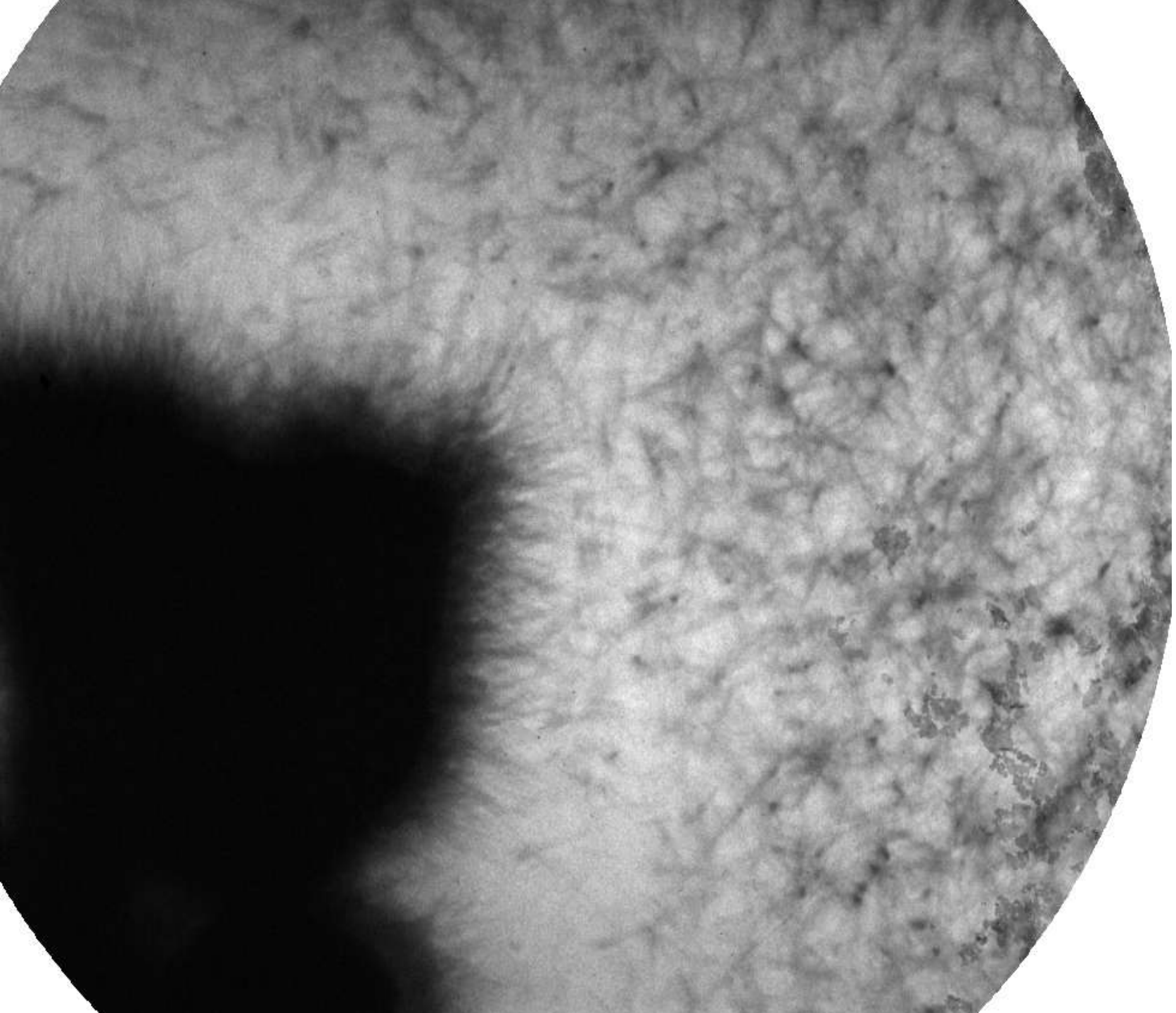
# In-situ Massive precipitation

8h 36min.



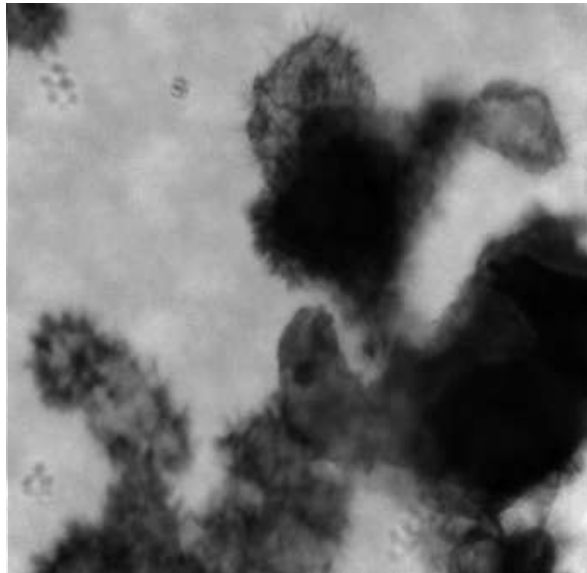
9h 16min.







# Adições Químicas





# Reação álcali-agregado



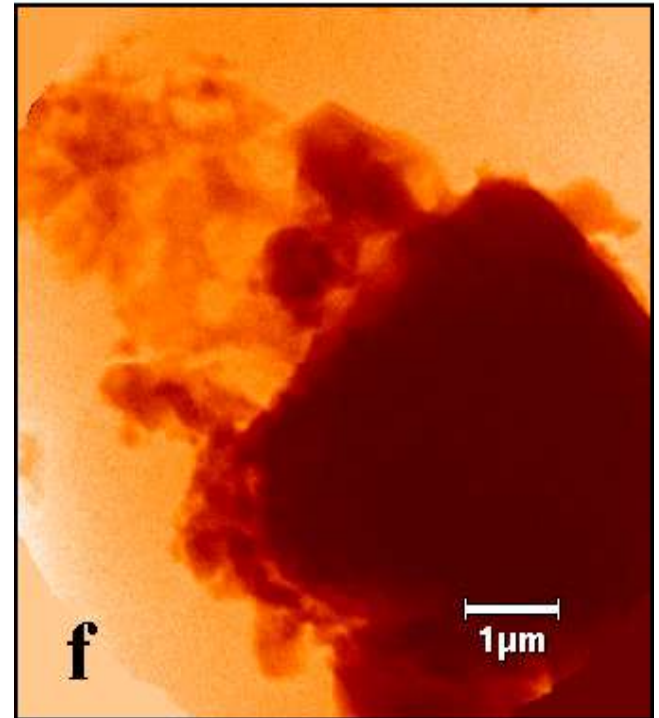
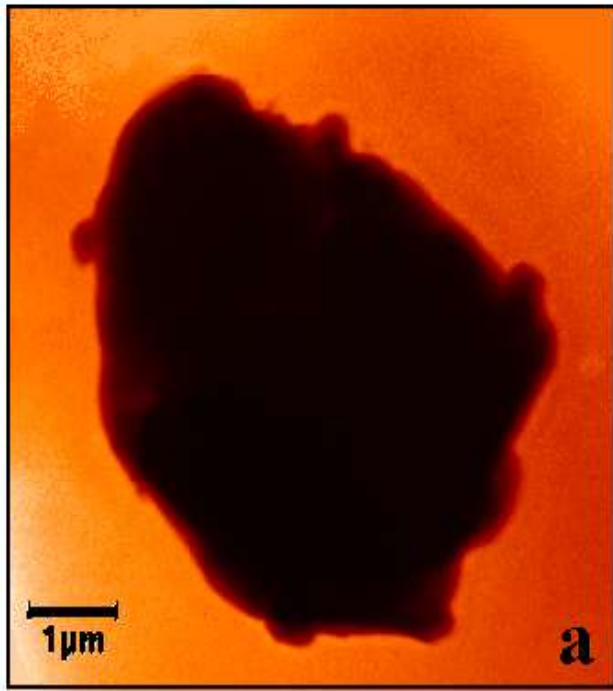
**Vertical cracks**



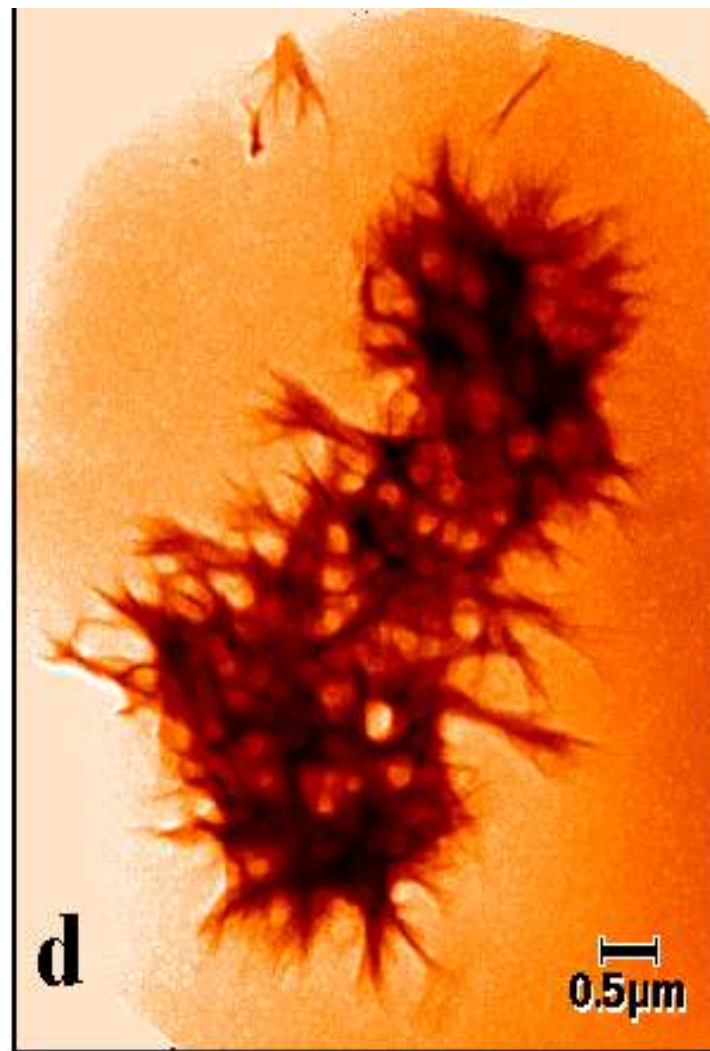
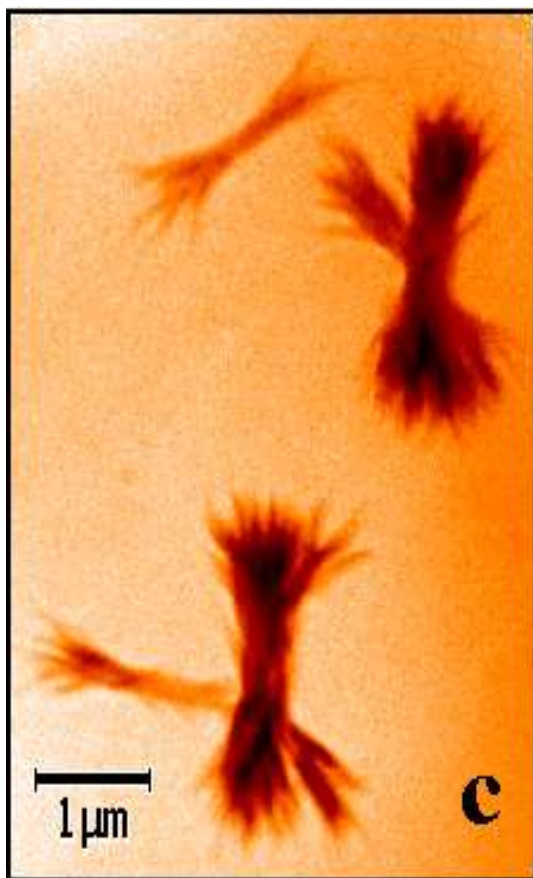
**California, 1936**

# Gel de Furnas

Dissolução em NaOH



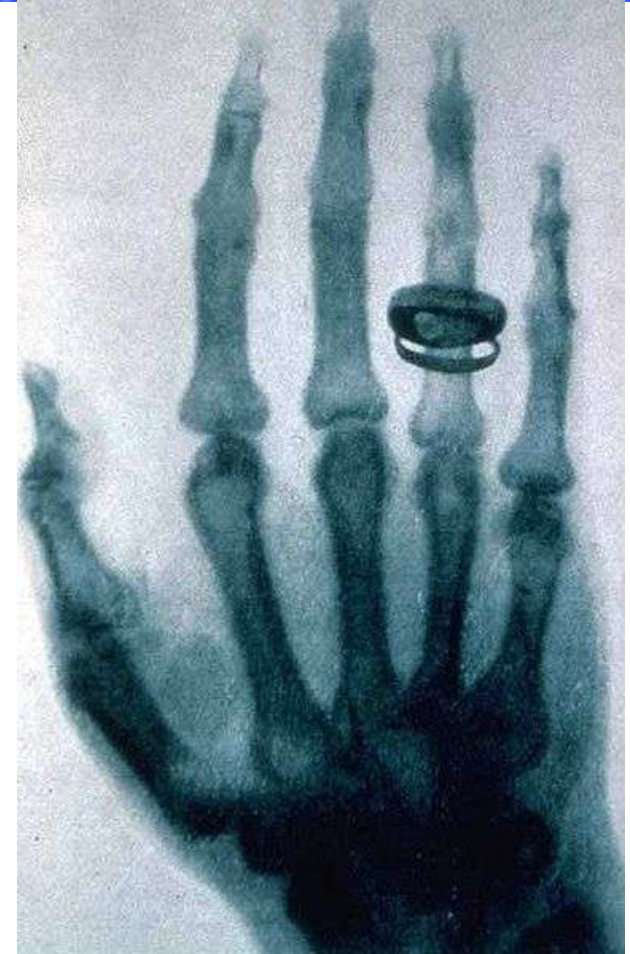
Na presença de  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$







# Uso de raios-x para imagens



**Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen**  
first Nobel prize in physics (1901)

# Compressão da terceira dimensão



# Desenvolvimento da tomografia



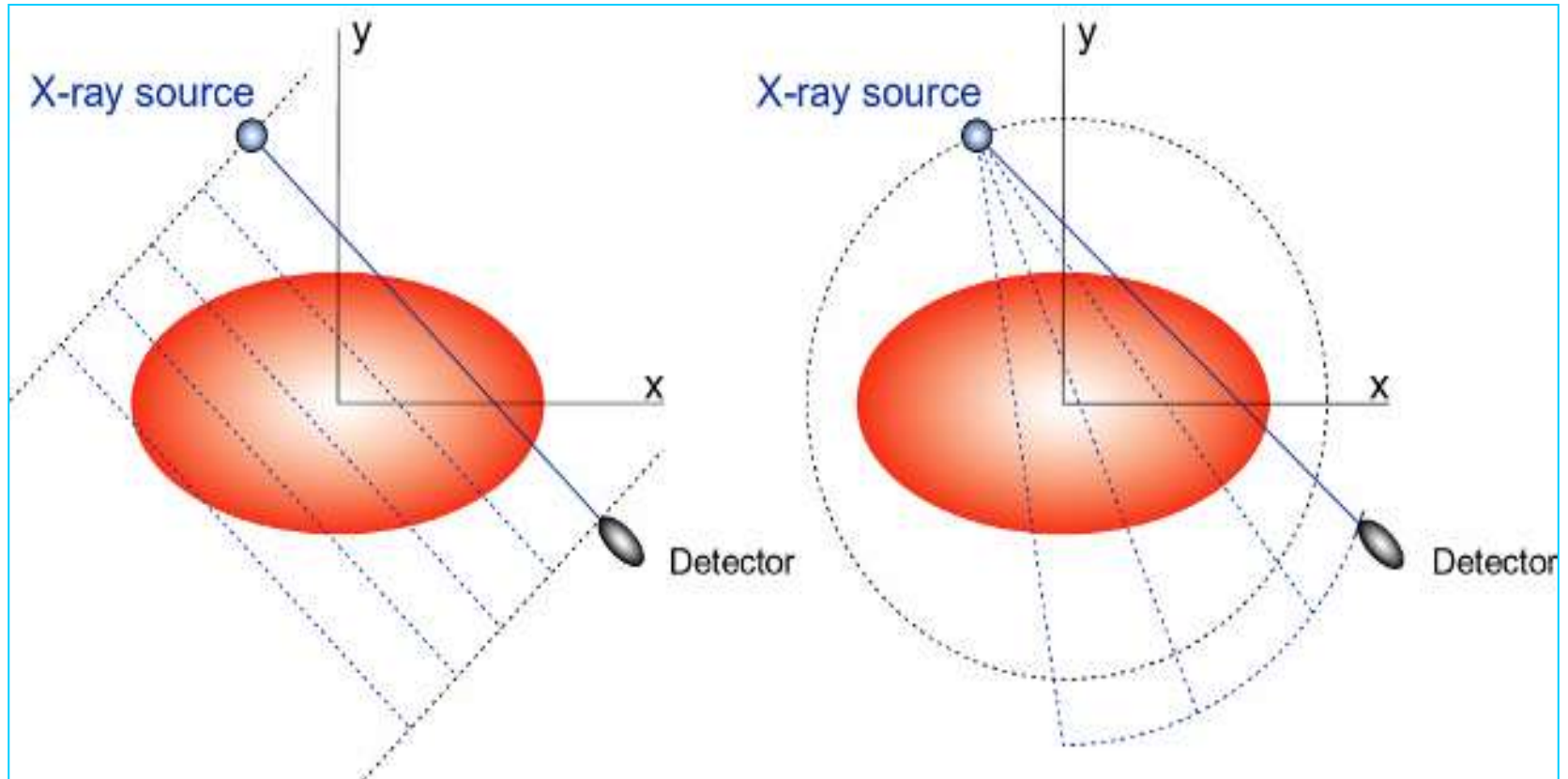
**Sir Godfrey N. Hounsfield**



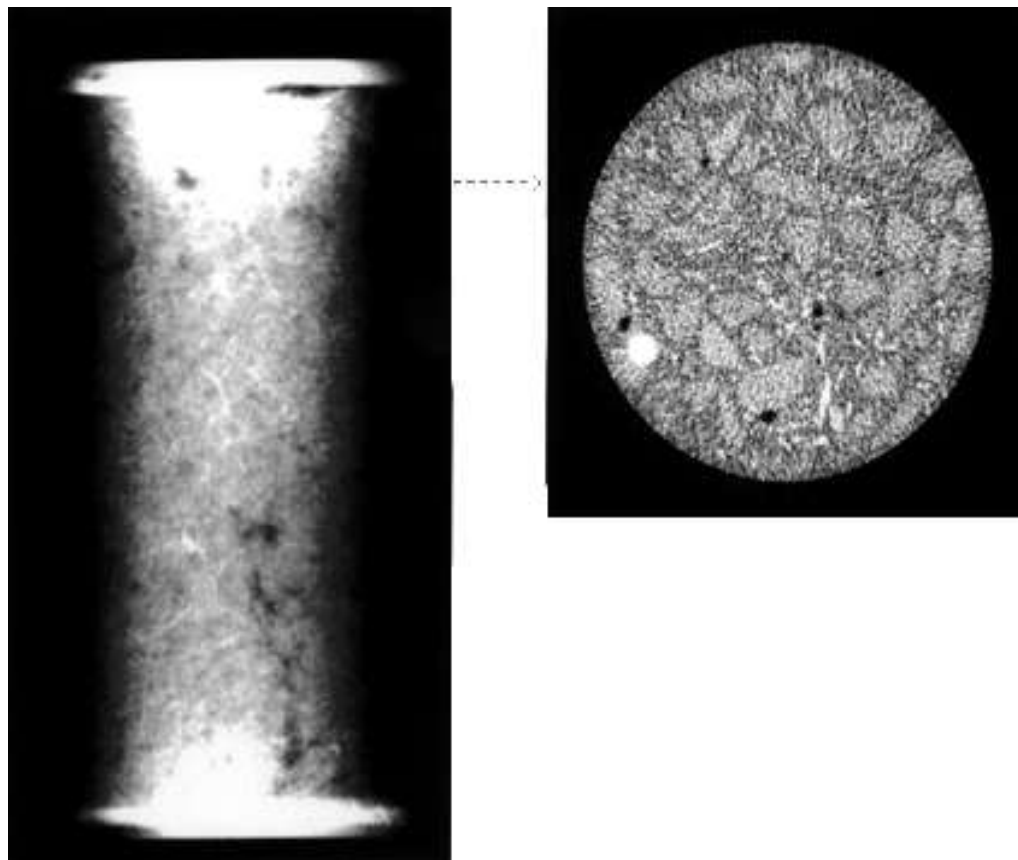
**Allan M. Cormack**

**Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1979**

# Tomografia: Configuração

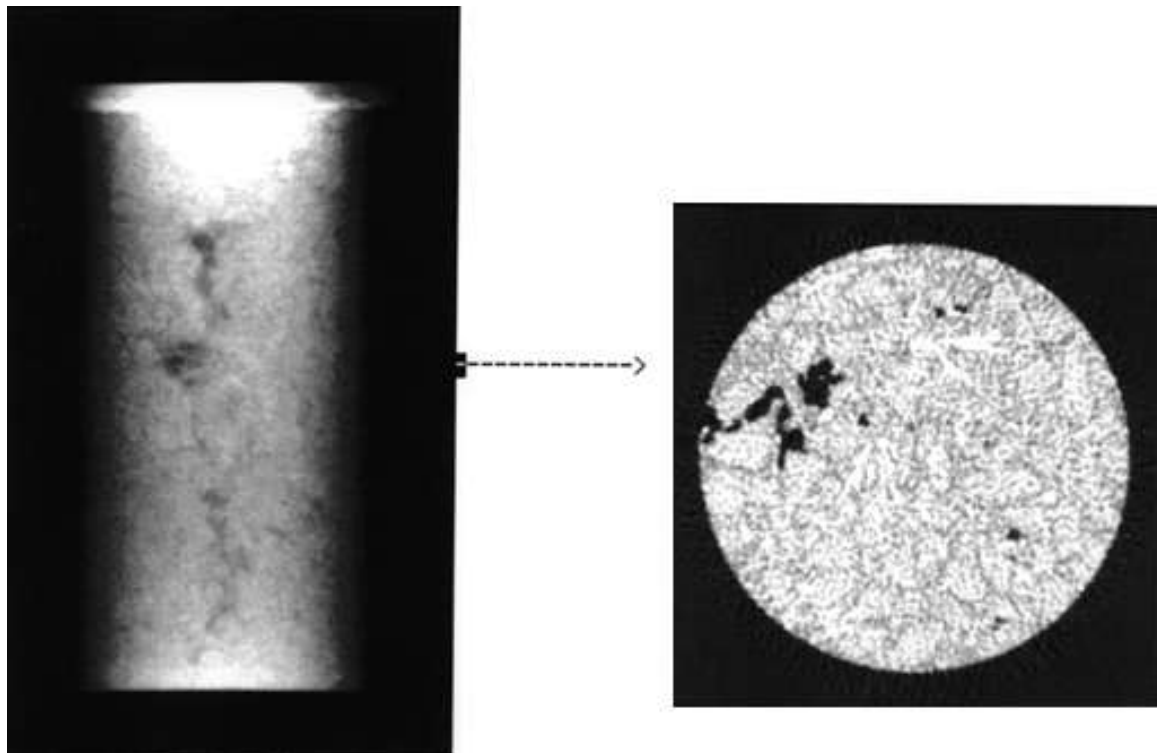


# Exemplos



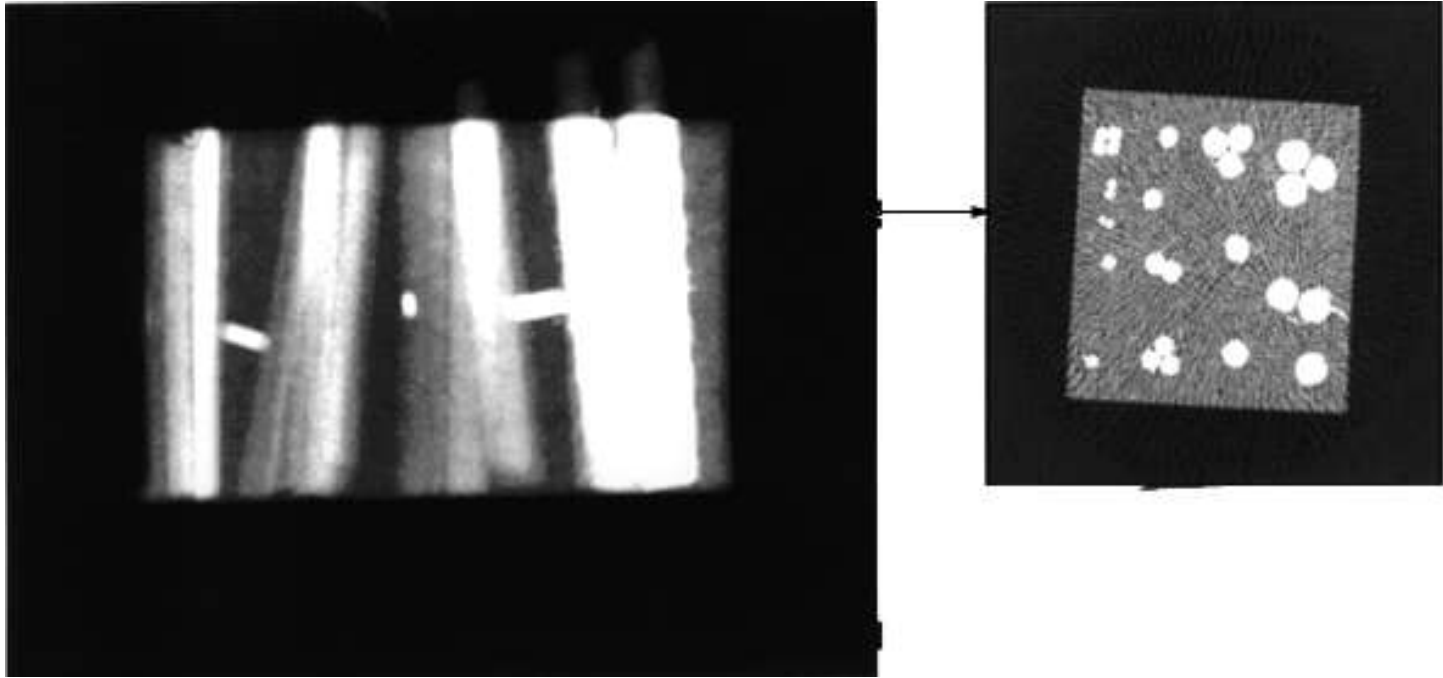
Radiografia (esquerda) and tomografia (direita) de cp de concreto com fibras

# Exemplos



Radiografia (esquerda) e tomografia (direita) de cilindros de concreto com fibras

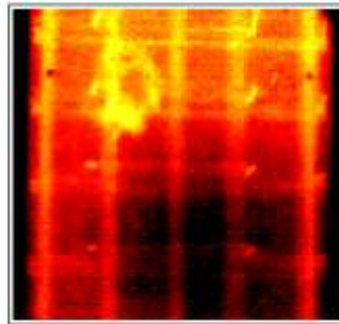
# Localização das barras



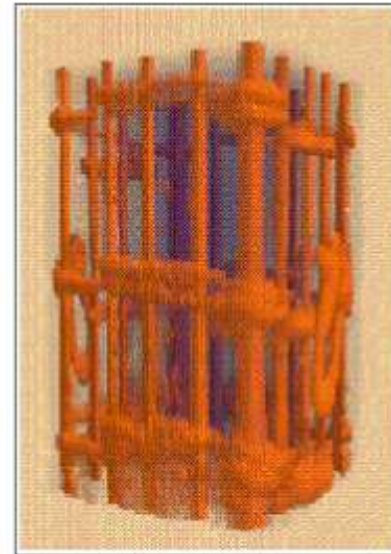
Radiografia (esquerda) and e tomografia (direita).

# Concreto armado

*reinforced concrete column*



*radiography*

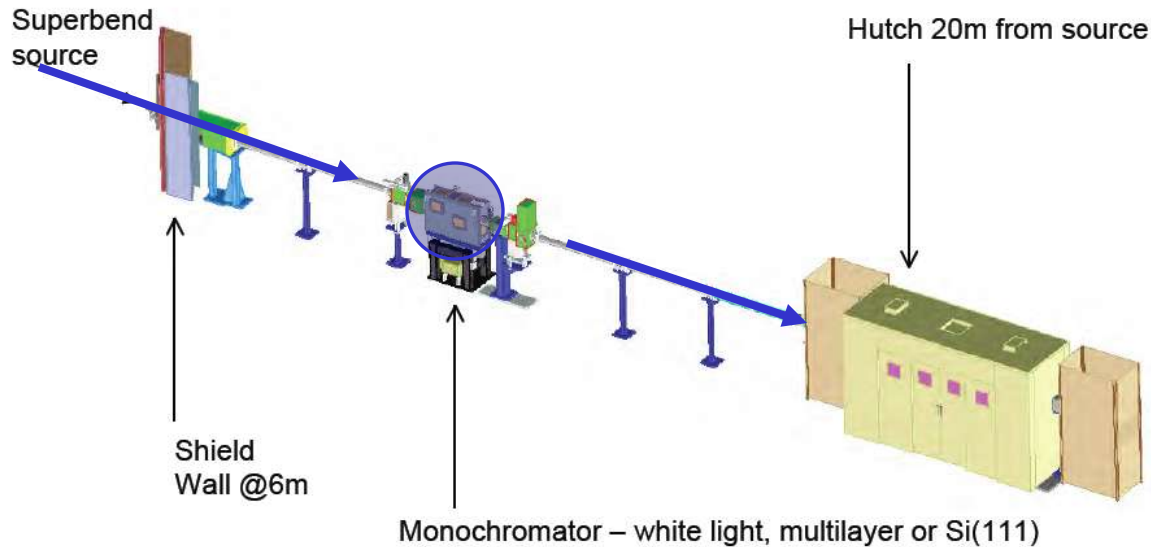


*3-D tomography*

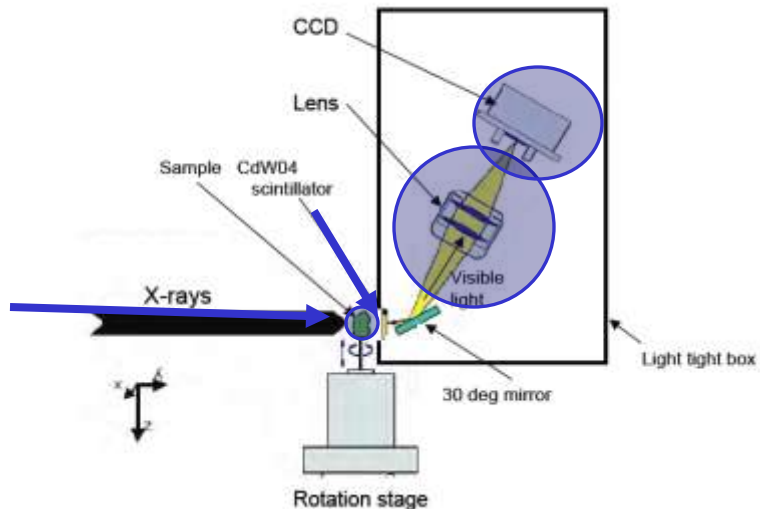


**Engenheiros preferem  
maiores resoluções**

# Synchrotron XMT



## XCMT



## XCMT 2D Detector

Image courtesy of A.Macdowell

1. Superbend Polychromatic beam from the storage ring

2. Monochromator: isolates, then sends off monochromatic beam

3. Monochromatic Beam

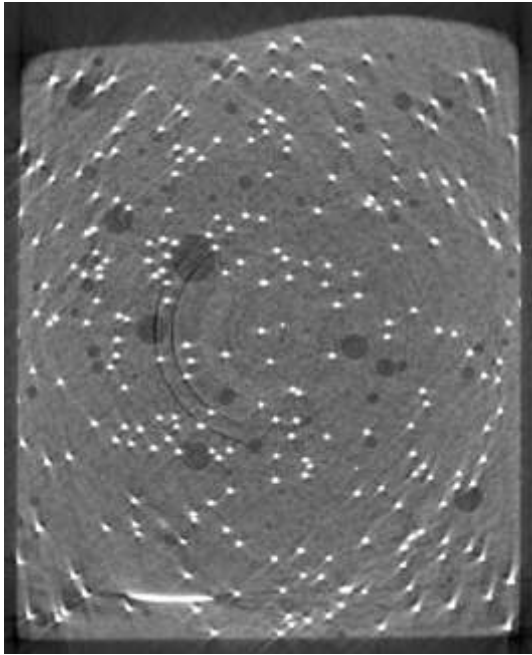
4. Sample on rotating stage, partial beam absorbance

5. Scintillator – converts X-rays to visible light

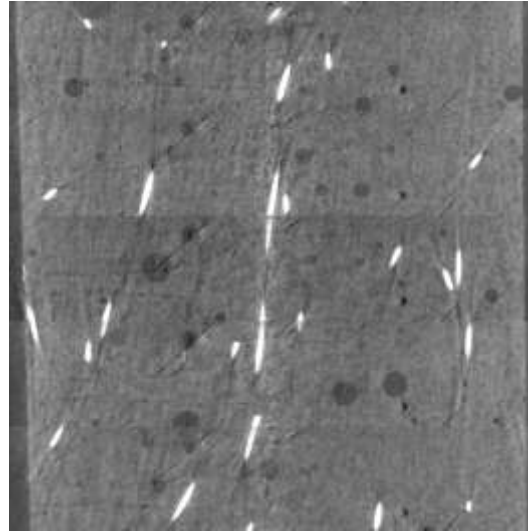
6. Visible light

7. A CCD captures the raw image, to be processed, reconstructed, and rendered on a PC

# Fibras



xy plane tomogram



yz plane

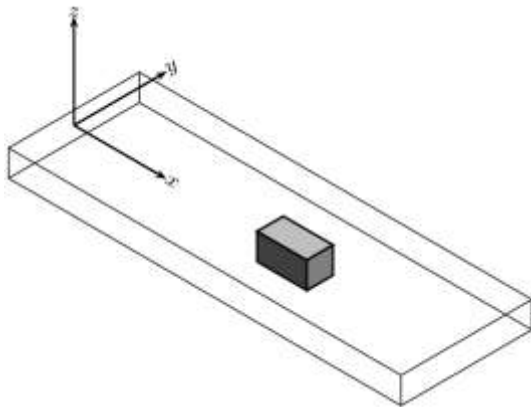
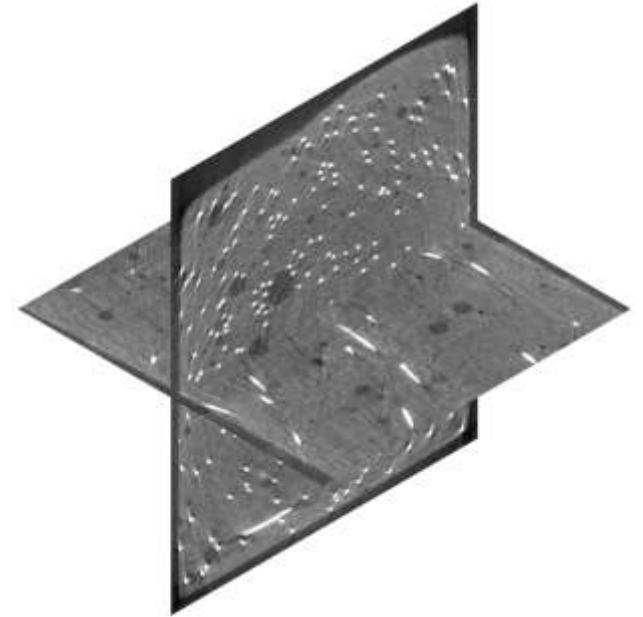
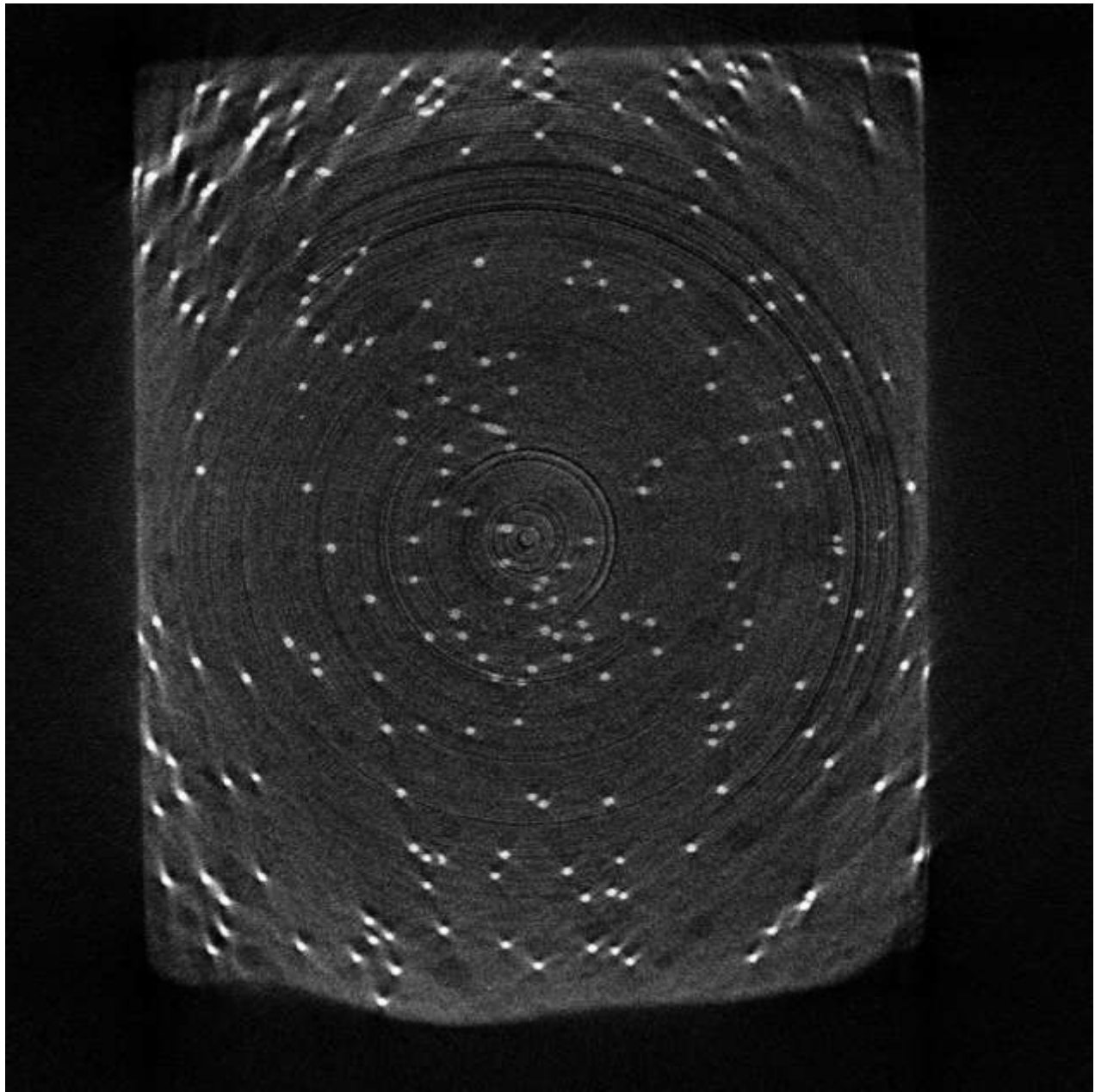


Image courtesy of S. Brisard

- **Smaller sample size used (20 mm x 20 mm)**
- **Scanned volume (approximately 20mm x 20mm x 25 mm)**
- **White light absorption mode with filtered x-rays ( $E > 30\text{keV}$ ) using metal filters**
- **$11.55 \times 2 = 23 \mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$  resolution**



# Fiber isolation

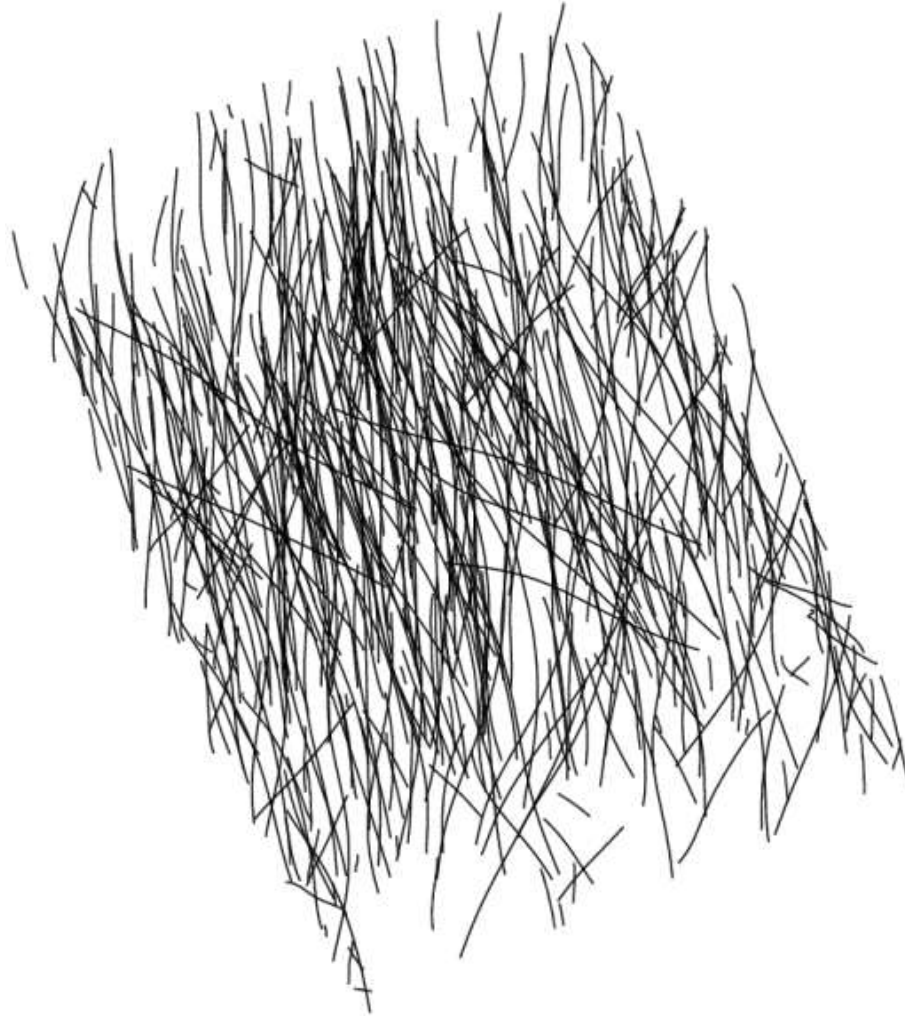


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# Nanotomografia

- **Objetivo: Obter imagens em 3-d com resolução superior a 20 nm**



# Centros de excelência

- **BESSY (soft x-rays)**
- **APS (hard x-rays)**
- **Stanford (hard x-rays)**
- **Berkeley (soft x-rays, under development with the KAUST project)**



# Desafios

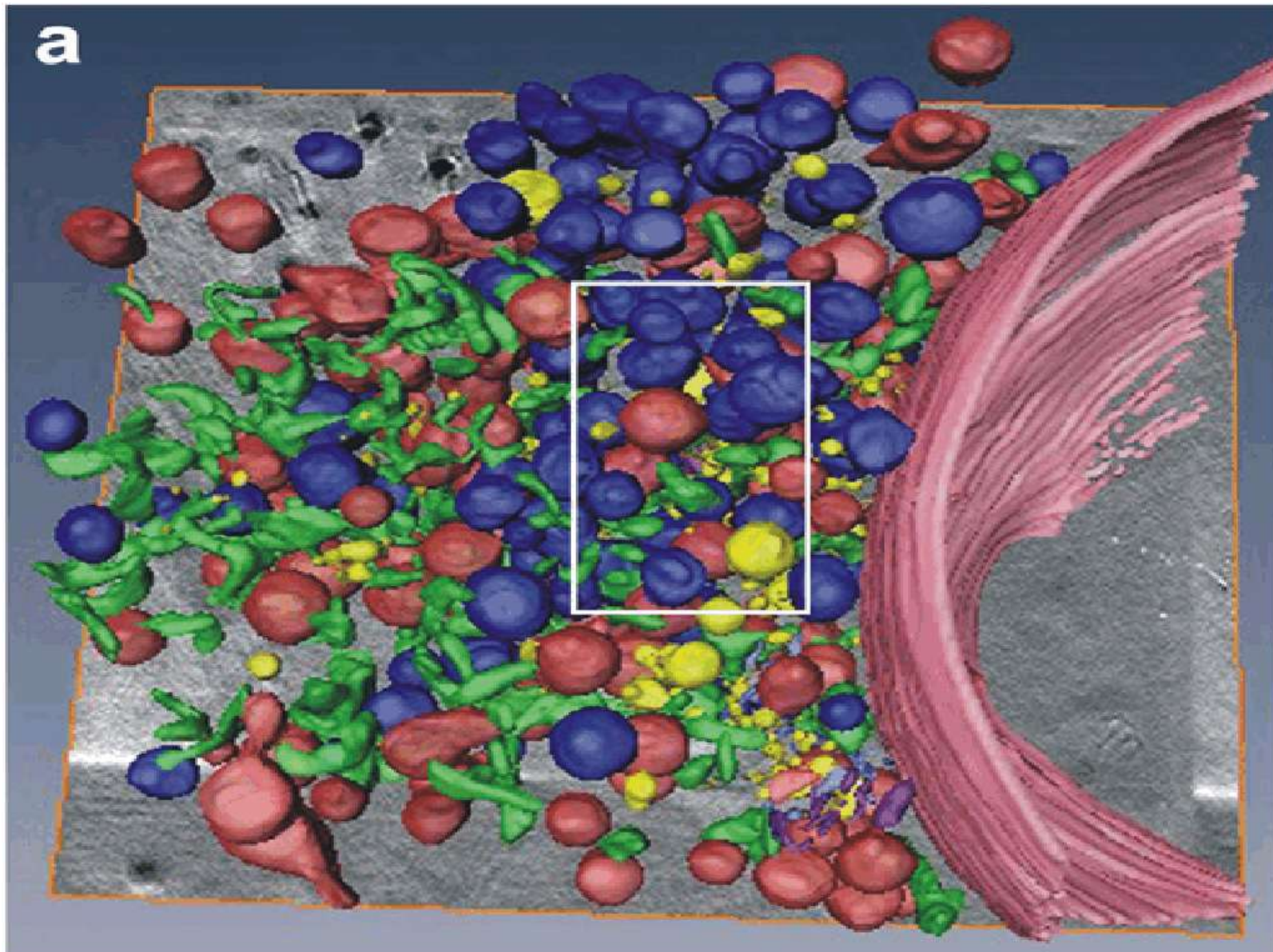
- **Alinhamento das imagens**
- **Estabilidade do sistema**
- **Tomografia com ângulo limitado**



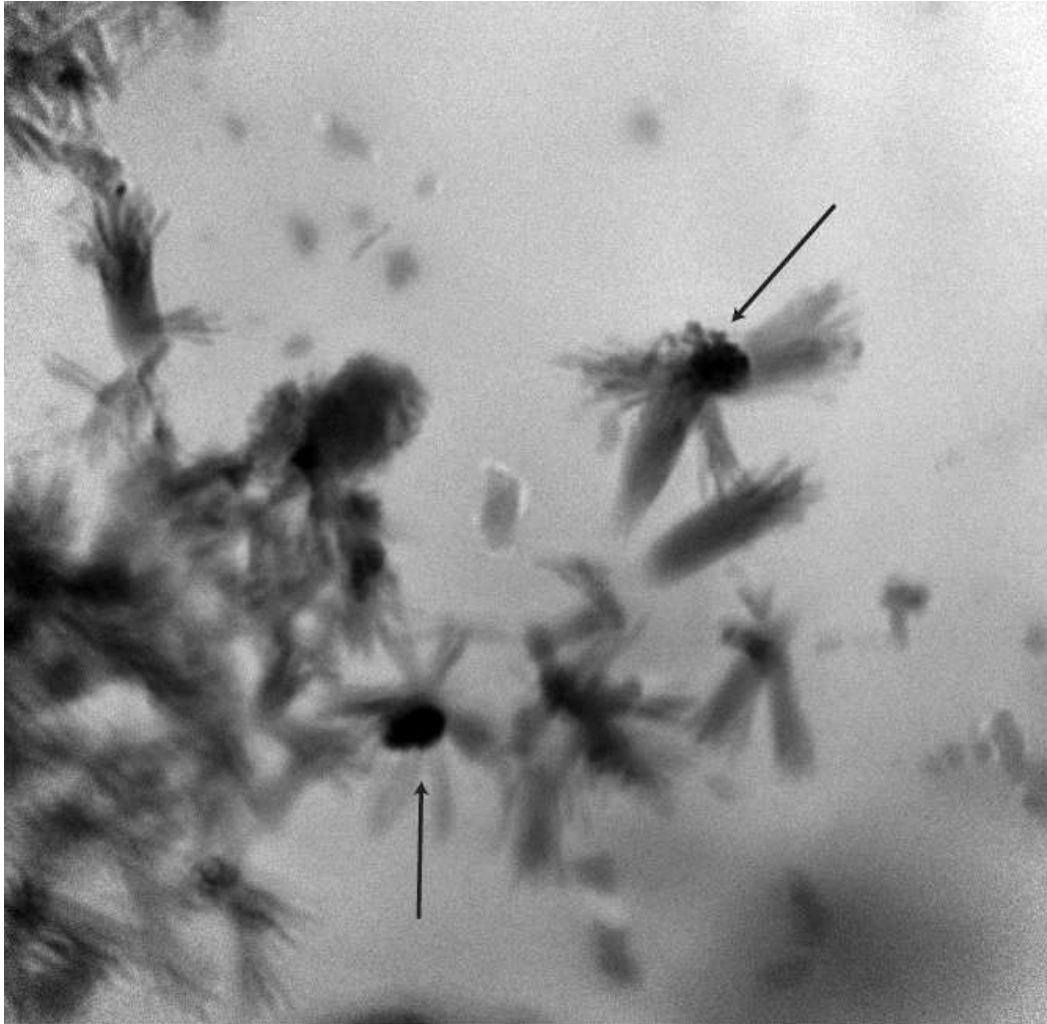
# BESSY x-ray



# 3D structure of mammalian cells



# Por que nanotomografia?



Em BESSY,  
Berlin

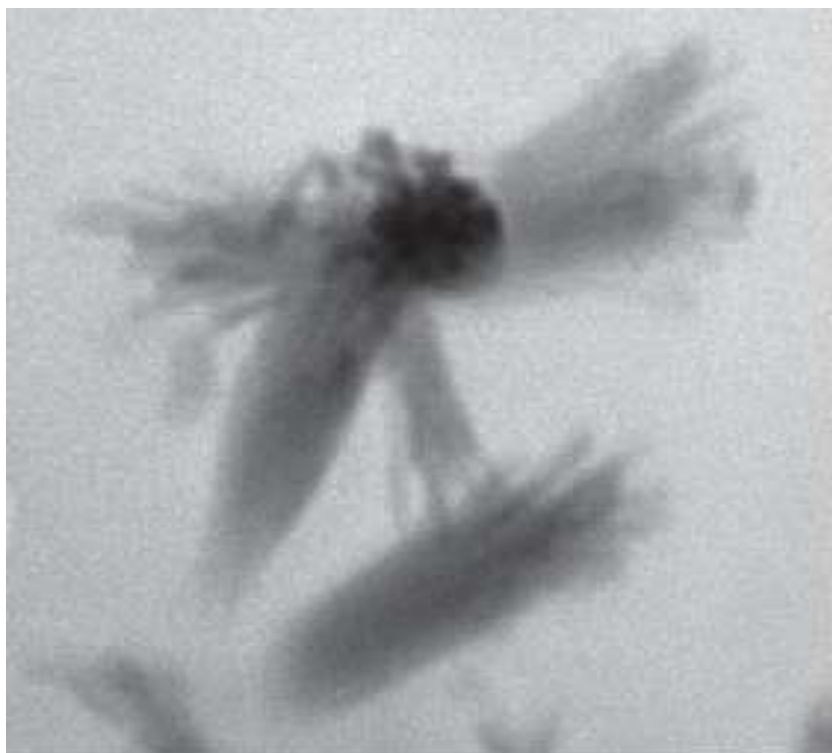
- **This transmission image seems to show that the “sheet of wheat” (or “stars”) have a core which acts as a nucleation point (see arrows)**

# Teoria incorreta!



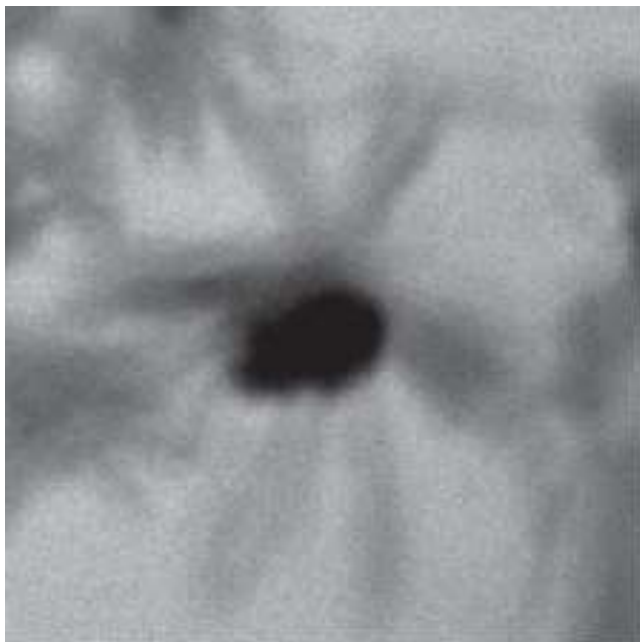


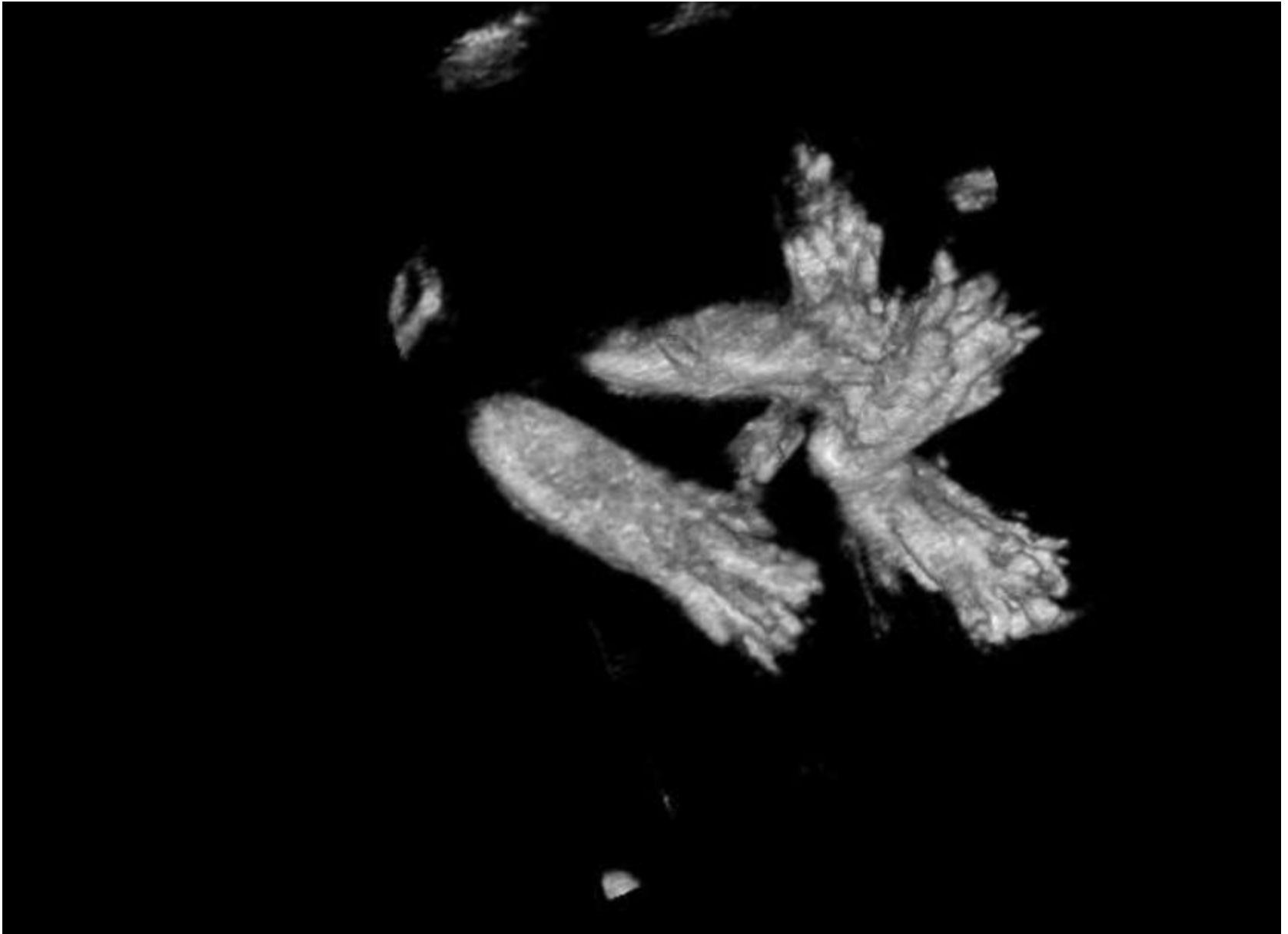
# Comparaçãõ





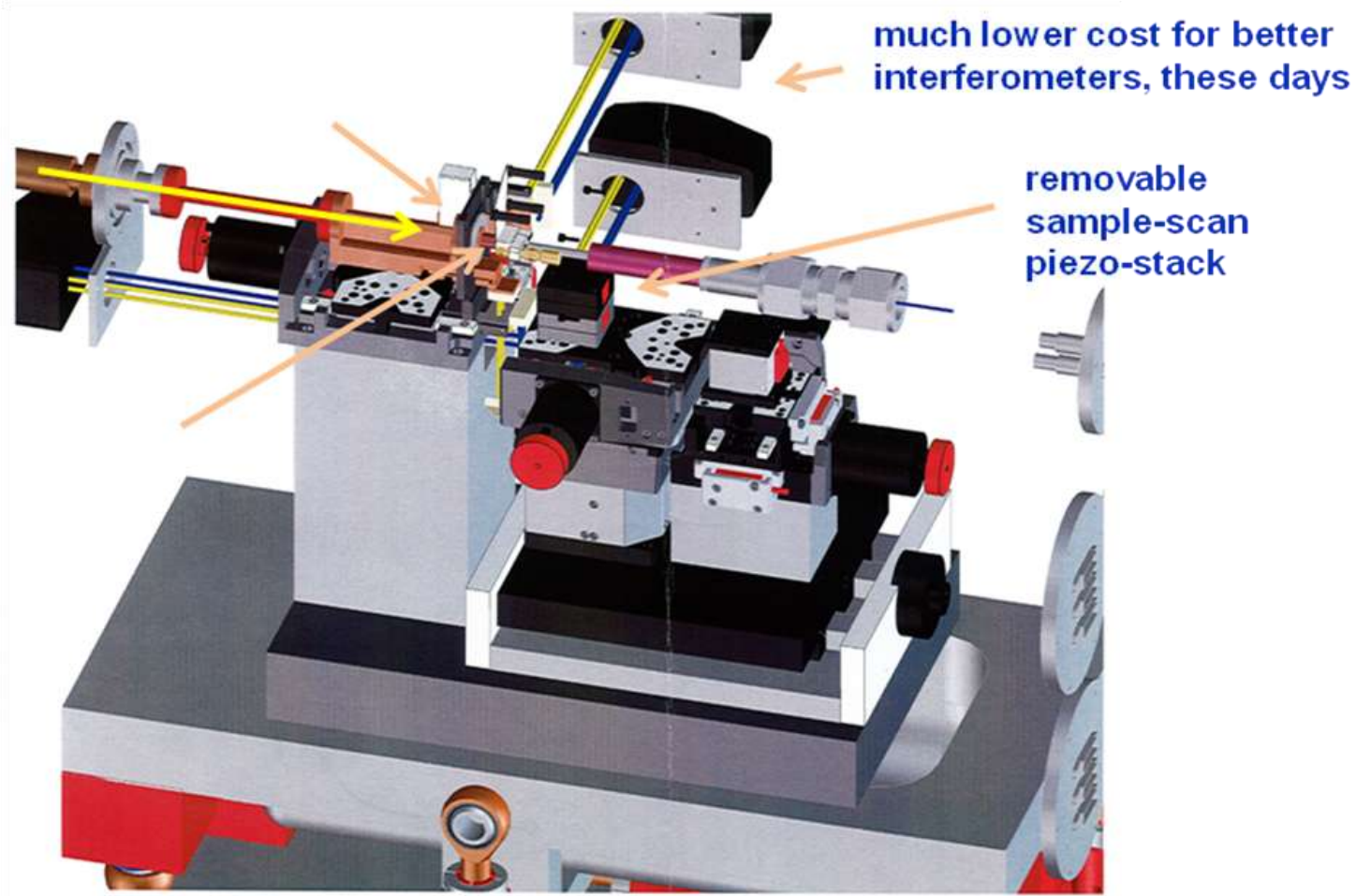
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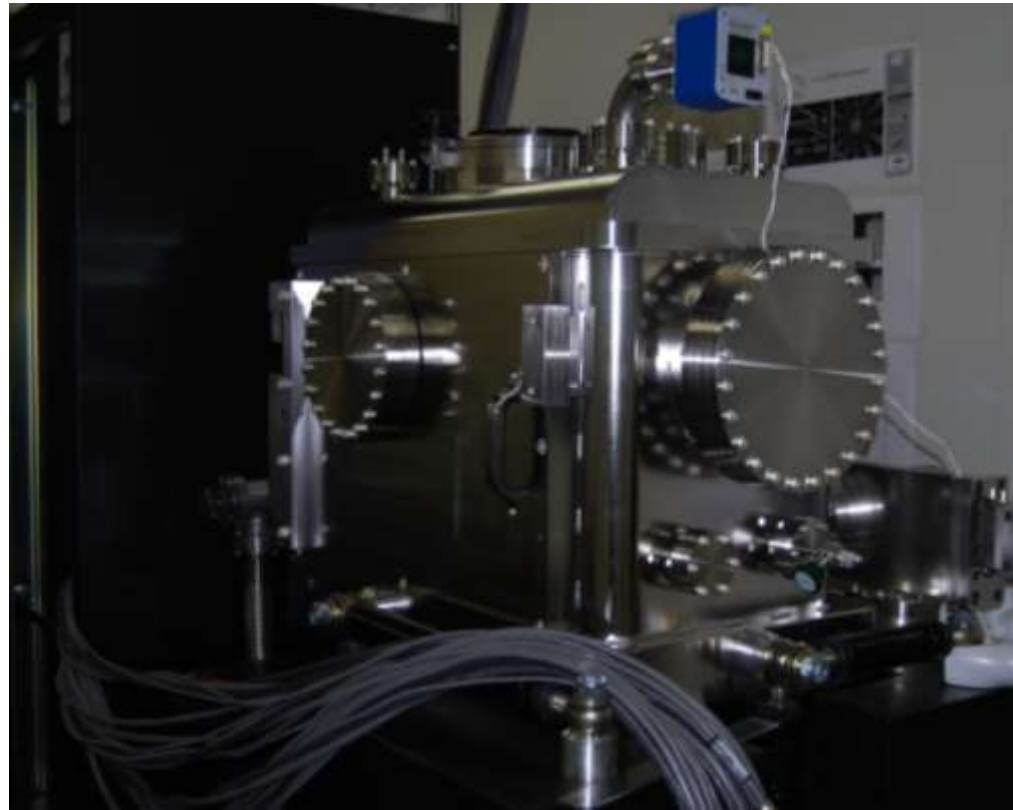
# *Novo Projeto*







**Quase  
pronto...**



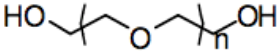
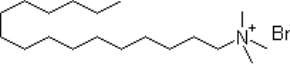
# Pesquisas possíveis

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- 1) Efeito de adições químicas nos produtos de hidratação:
  - Plastificantes e superplastificantes
  - Modificadores de viscosidade
- 2) Carbonatação do C-S-H
- 3) Interação do cloretos com etringita, C-S-H etc.
- 4) Incorporadores de ar
- 5) Localização dos sulfatos na DEF
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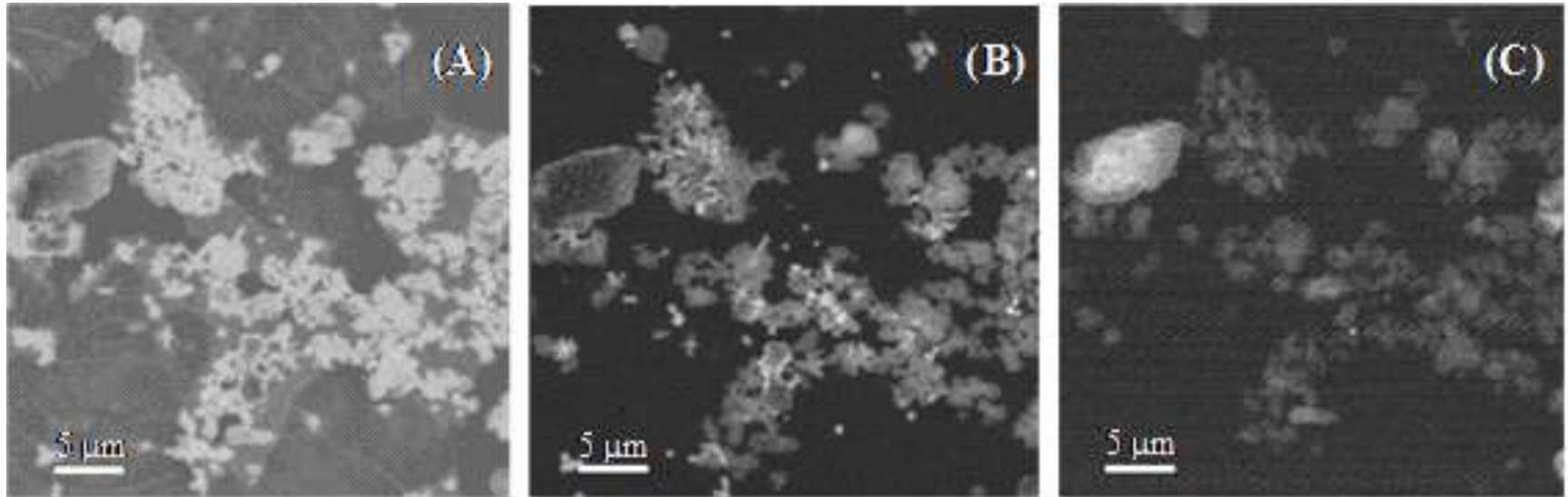
# Exemplo: Efeitos de Polímeros no CSH

- Hexadecyltrimethylammonium (HDTMA) and polyethylene glycol (PEG200).

Chemical Name	Chemical Formula	Molecular Weight (g/mol)	Structure
Polyethylene glycol (PEG)	$\text{H}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OH}$	200	
Hexadecyltrimethylammonium, bromide (HDTMA)	$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{42}\text{BrN}$	354.46	

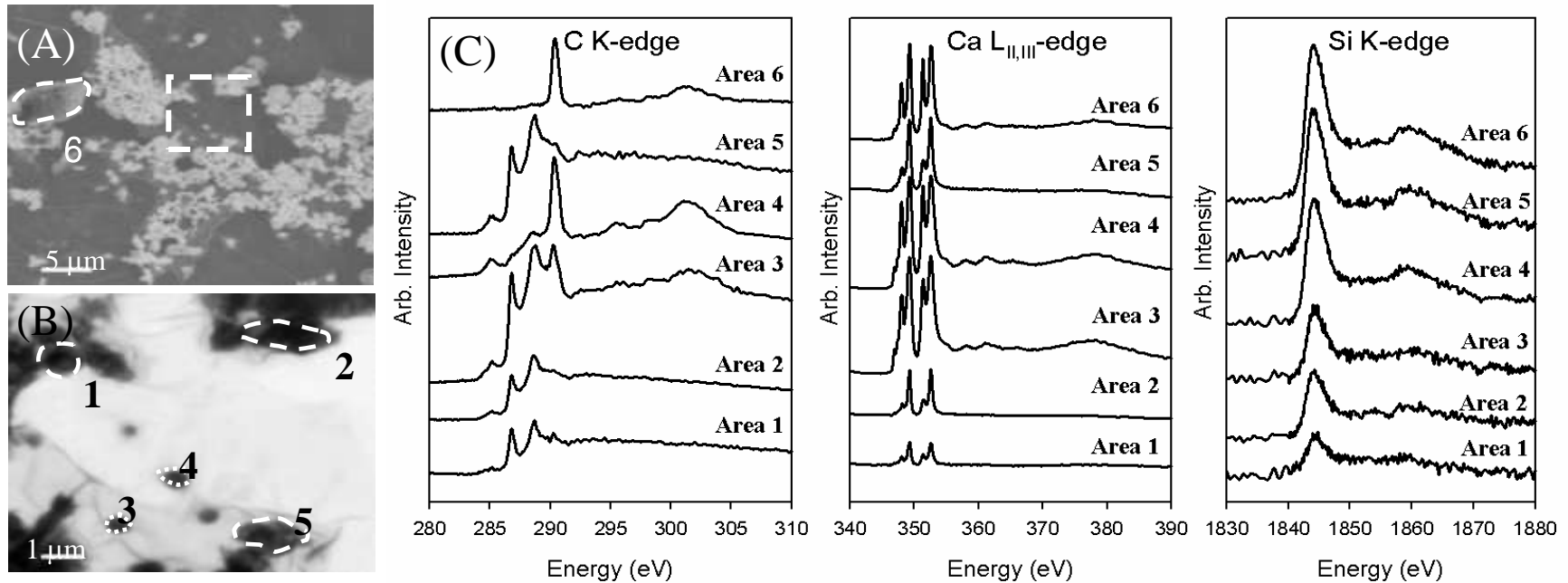
# Efeitos de Polimeros no CSH

- Resultados: HDTMA-CSH



- STXM images contrast (i.e., image map) of HDTMA-CSH sample taken at (A) C K-edge; (B) Ca LII,III-edge, and (C) Si K-edge.
- Strong spatial correlation observed for carbon and calcium, confirming HDTMA interaction with CSH
- HDTMA is likely to be adsorbed to the Ca but less likely to Si, suggesting that HDTMA is likely to be adsorbed to the edges or defect sites of the layer structure of CSH

# Results: HDTMA-CSH Samples



- (A) image taken at C K-edge; (B) image of smaller area outlined in (A) magnifying fine structures of HDTMA-CSH sample; and (C) NEXAFS spectra at C K-edge, Ca L<sub>II,III</sub>-edge, and Si K-edge. Numbers indicate the locations from where the spectra are taken as shown in (A) and (B).
- Difference in carbon and calcium NEXAFS spectra observed
- Spatial heterogeneity observed



# Conclusões

**As novas técnicas de Microscopia de raios-X, Microscopia a baixas temperaturas, Microtomografia e Nanotomografia permitem um novo entendimento da estrutura do concreto.**