

MetalJet

New Key Module for Enhanced Metrology Capabilities

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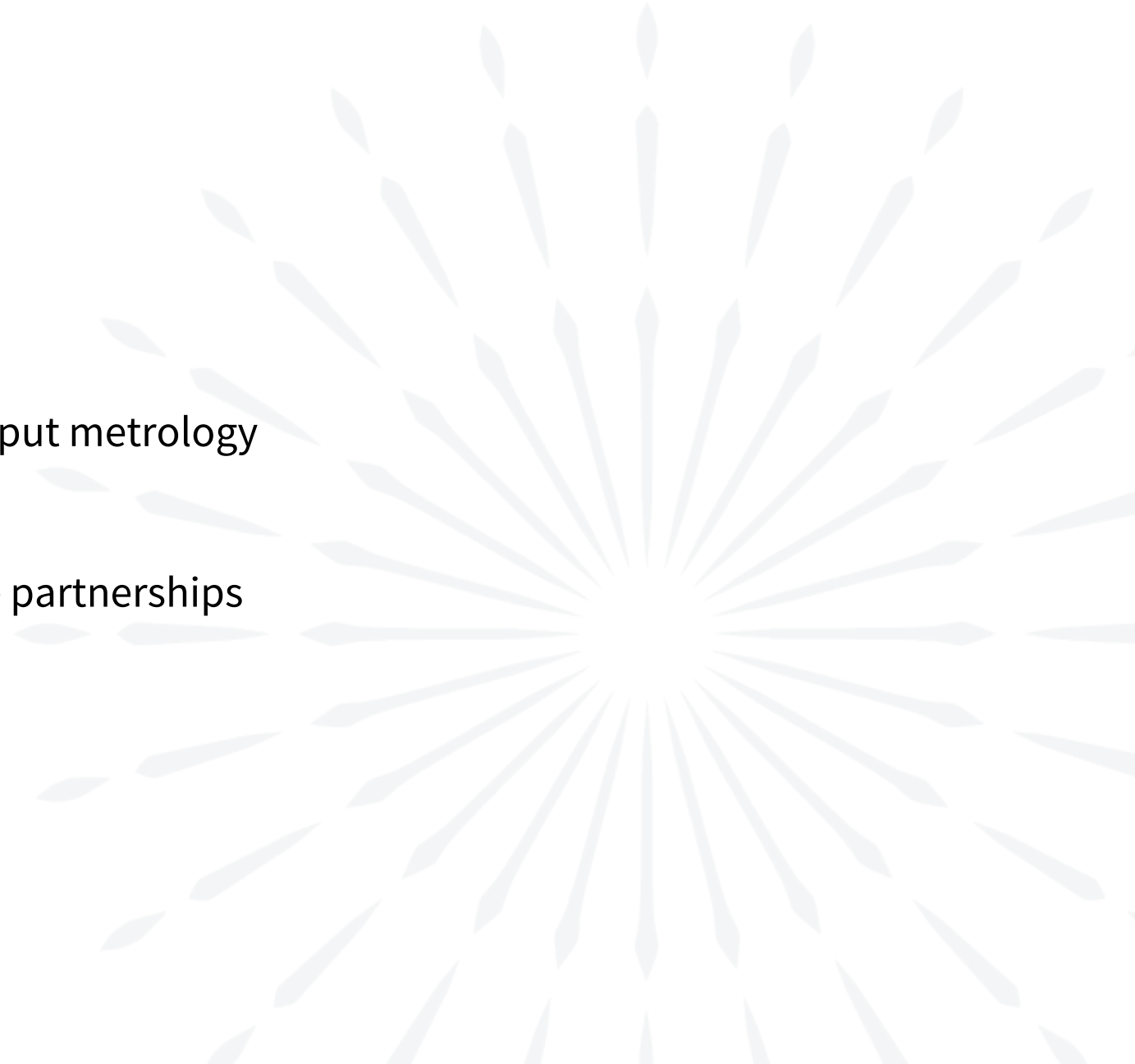
Excillum – The source for X-ray innovation



MADEin4 – MetalJet enabling high throughput metrology



Outlook – Success is built on collaborative partnerships



Excillum AB

Swedish SME based in Stockholm

- Headquarter, development and production
- Presence in USA, UK, Switzerland

Founded in 2007

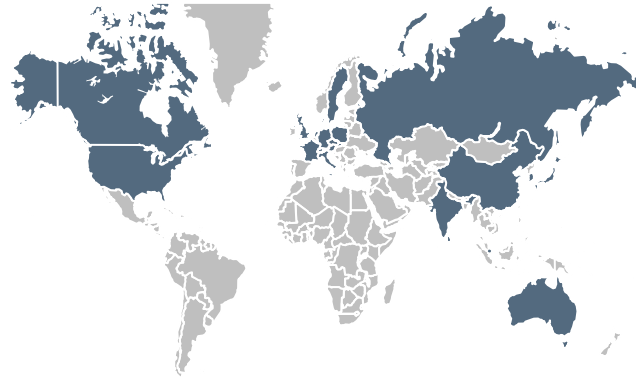
60+ employees: 50% in R&D

We make X-ray sources:

- Design, development and manufacturing

>100 X-ray sources
installed:

- 20+ countries
- 10+ partners



Member of AENEAS



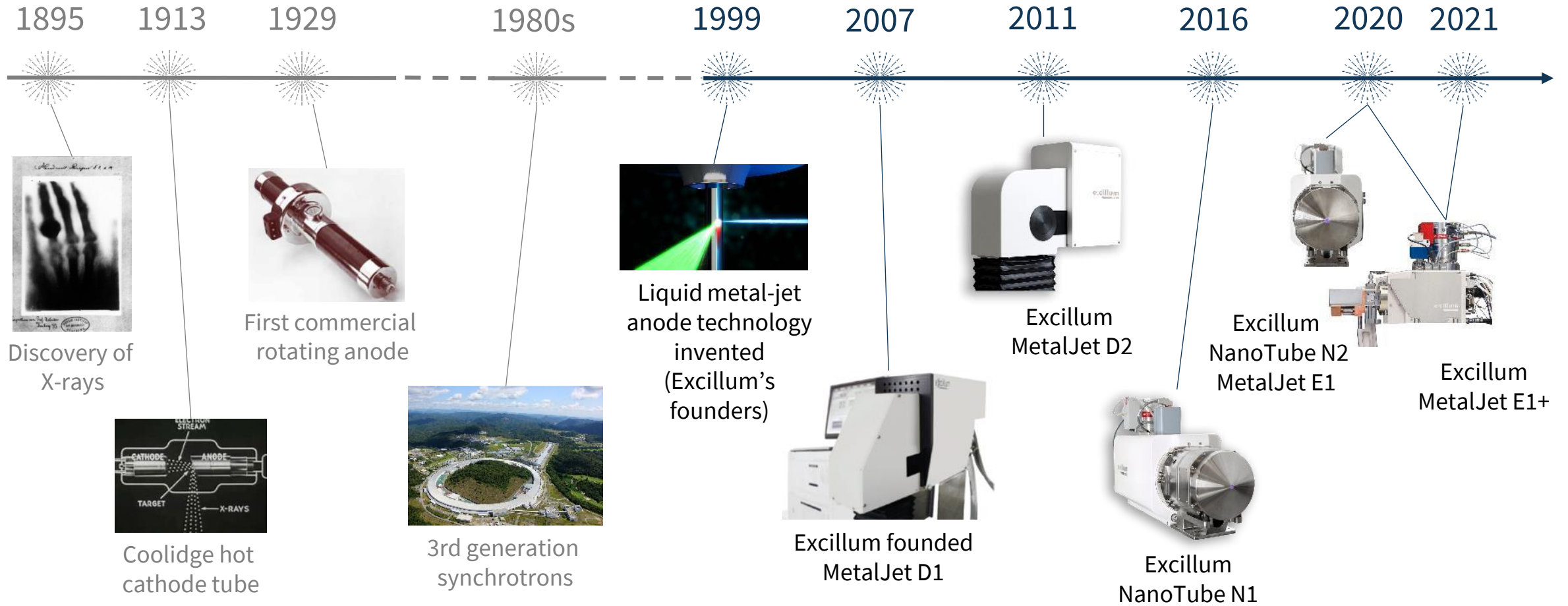
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Redefining the X-ray tube

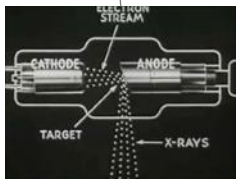


1895



Discovery of X-rays

1913



Coolidge hot cathode tube

1929



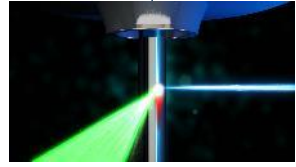
First commercial rotating anode

1980s



3rd generation synchrotrons

1999



Liquid metal-jet anode technology invented (Excillum's founders)

2007



Excillum founded MetalJet D1

2011



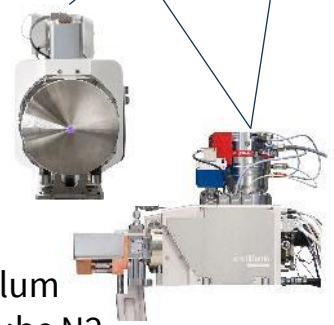
Excillum MetalJet D2

2016



Excillum NanoTube N1

2020



Excillum NanoTube N2 MetalJet E1

2021



Excillum MetalJet E1+

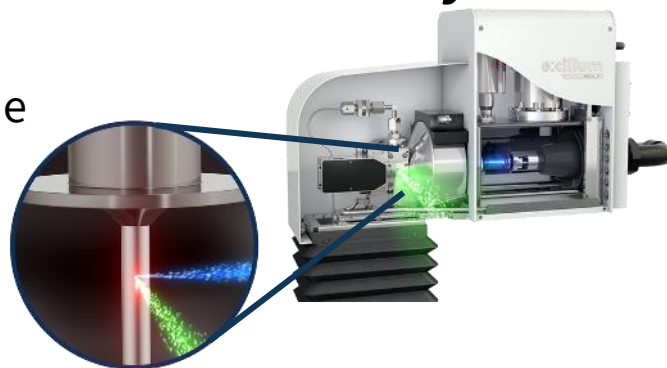
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Our technology and product lines

MetalJet

World's **brightest** microfocus X-ray source

Liquid metal-jet anode technology



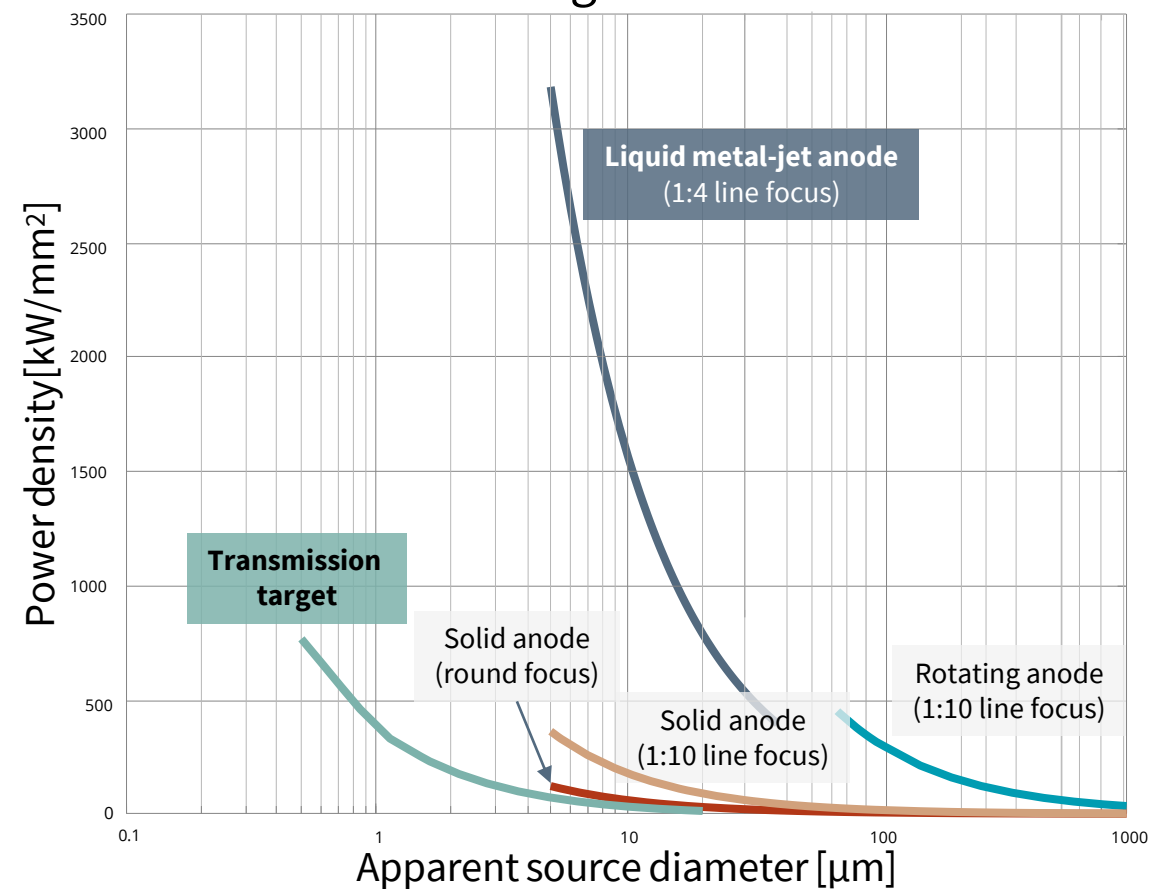
NanoTube

World's **smallest** X-ray nanospot

Advanced electron beam technology



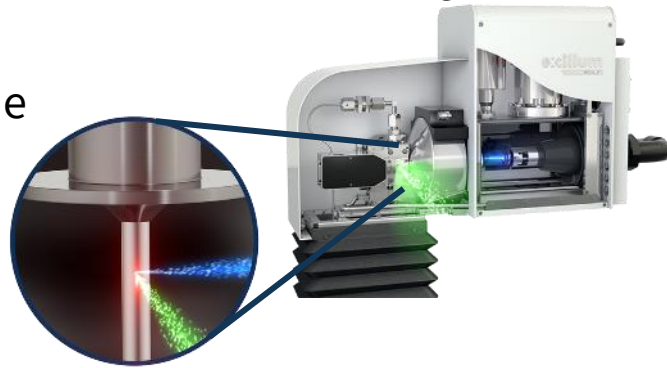
Brightness



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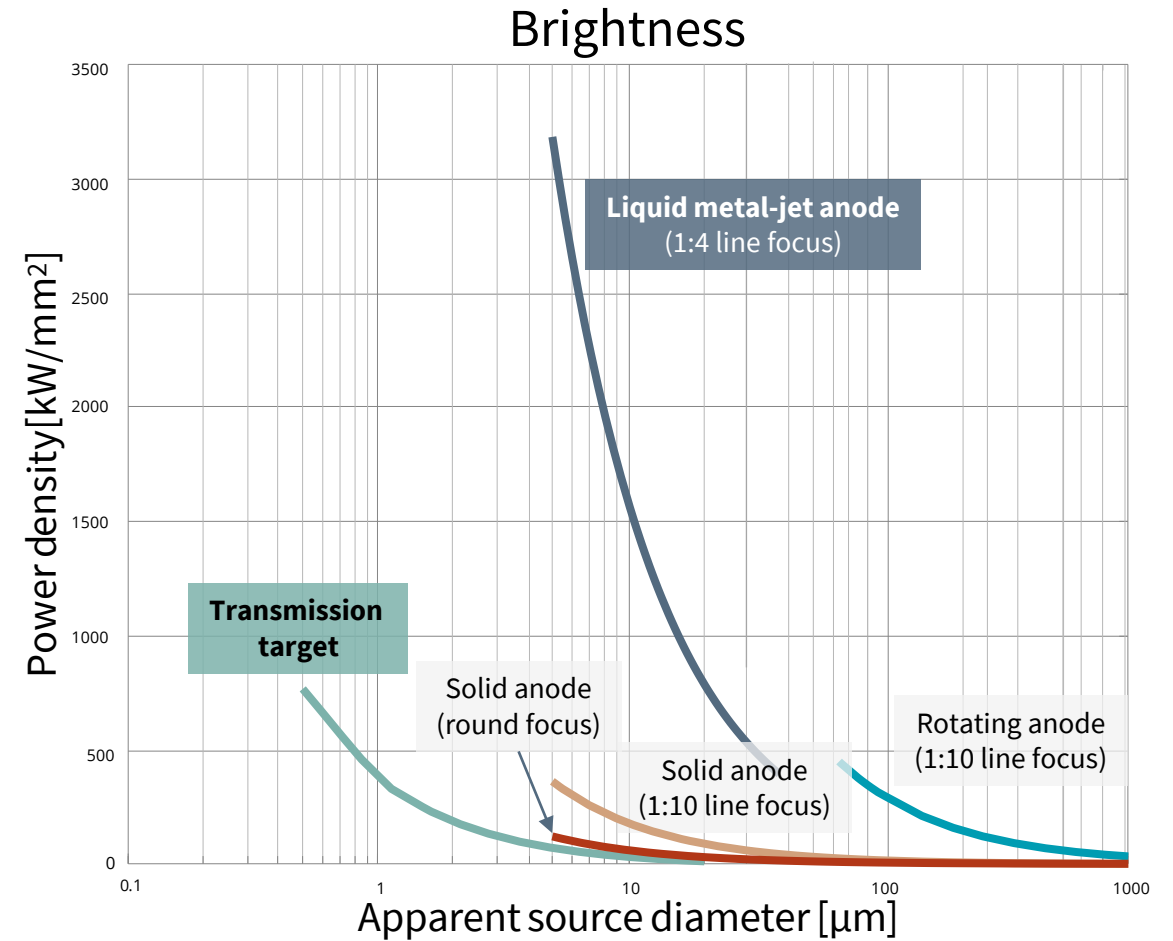
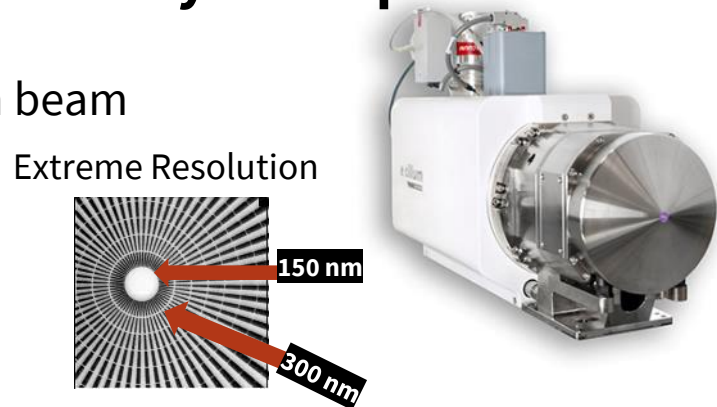
MetalJet → faster measurements
World's brightest microfocus X-ray source

Liquid metal-jet anode technology



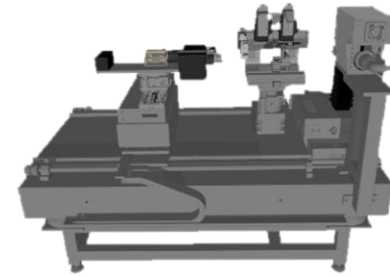
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X-ray techniques using Excillum's sources

- Imaging
 - Attenuation-contrast imaging
 - Phase-contrast imaging
 - X-ray microscopy
- Spectroscopy/fluorescence
 - Hard X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (HAXPES)
 - X-ray Emission Spectroscopy (XES)
 - X-ray fluorescence imaging (XRF)
- Scattering/diffraction
 - Small-Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS)
 - Small molecule crystallography
 - Protein crystallography
 - Powder X-ray Diffraction (pXRD)



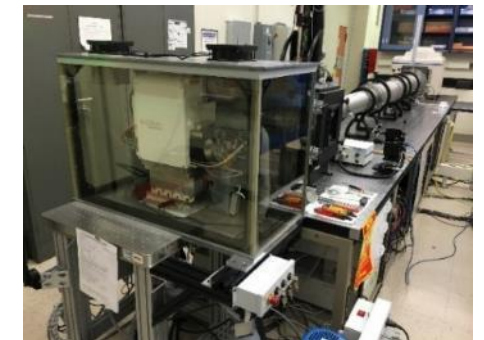
Multi-modal microscope
Würzburg University / Fraunhofer Institute
Germany



Phase-contrast imaging system
by Proto
Johns Hopkins university, USA



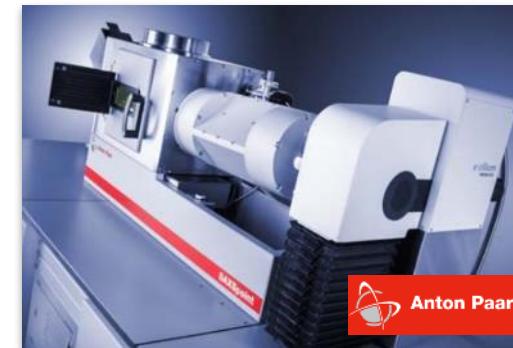
X-ray emission spectroscopy
system, Max Planck Institute,
Germany



SAXS system
National Institute of Standards
(NIST) USA

Analytical X-ray OEM partners - our main business since 2011

X-ray sources for our partners' state-of-the-art analytical systems typically using SCD, SAXS or HAXPES methods in biology, chemistry & material sciences, and high-tech manufacturing quality assurance.



X-ray imaging OEM partners - a growing business since 2020

X-ray sources for our partners' state-of-the art **computer tomography (CT) or phase-contrast imaging** systems for use in research and manufacturing quality assurance (e.g. electronics, batteries, additive).



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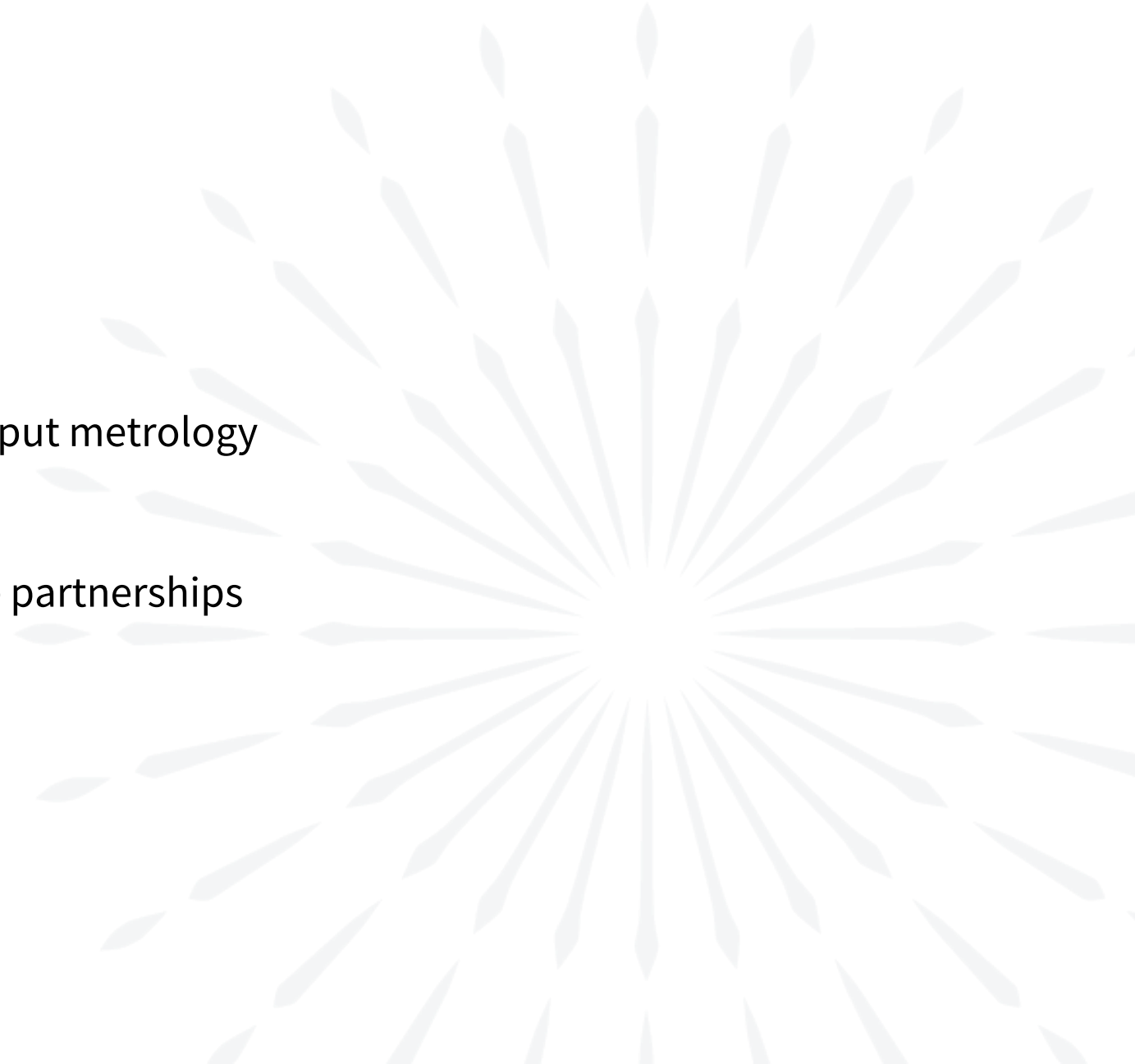
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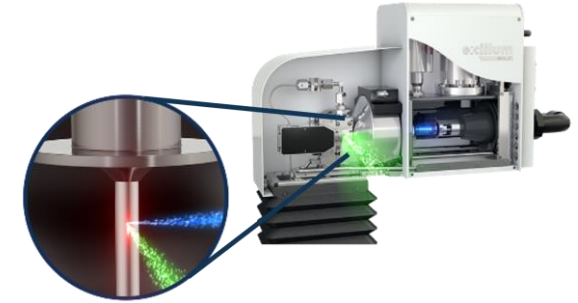
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WP3: Metrology platforms developments for **enhanced productivity**

Task 3.1.2: Metrology for front and back-end process characterization

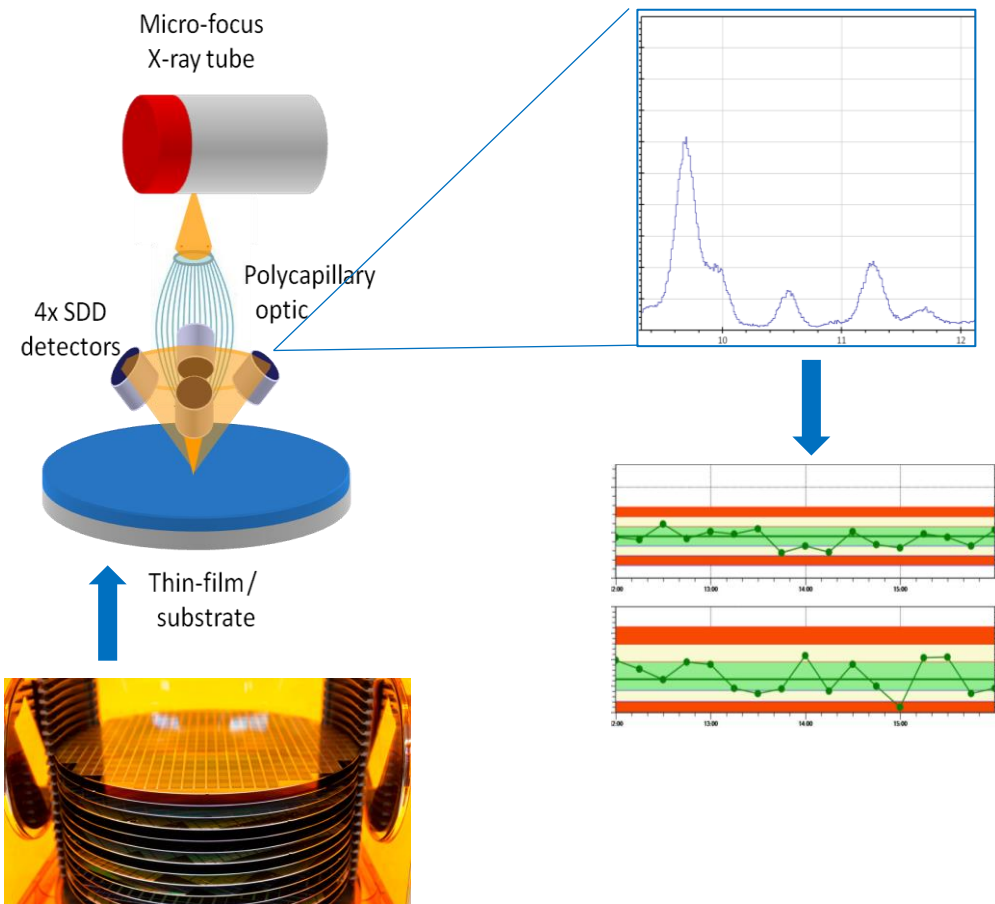


Why Excillum's MetalJet?

- The metrology need:
 - **X-ray methods for 5nm nodes and below**
- The fundamental problem of X-ray methods:
 - **the X-ray source is too weak** to enable enough throughput or precision for high volume manufacturing
- The solution:
 - **MetalJet** offers the possibility for **significantly higher power loading resulting in faster measurement**

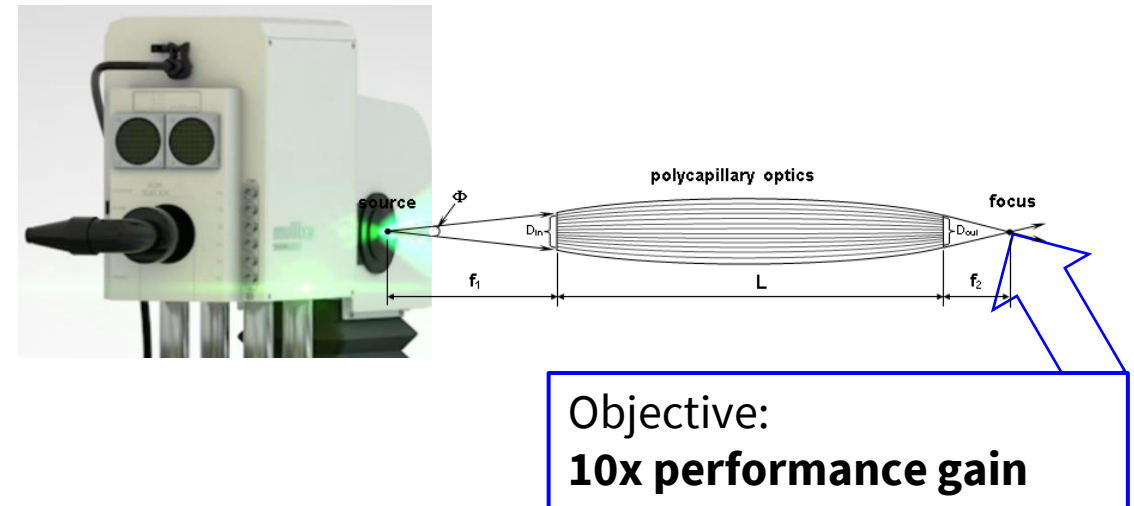
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Collaboration with Bruker: μ XRF metrology for inline process monitoring



To enhanced μ XRF capability:

- Increased brightness of source
- Improved (source + optics) efficiency

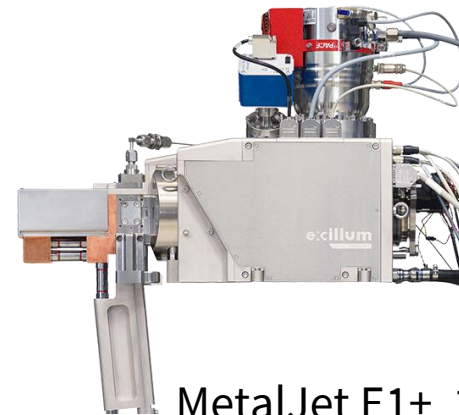


Developments enabling enhanced productivity

Increased macroscopic thermal capacity of MetalJet X-ray source



MetalJet D2+ 250 W



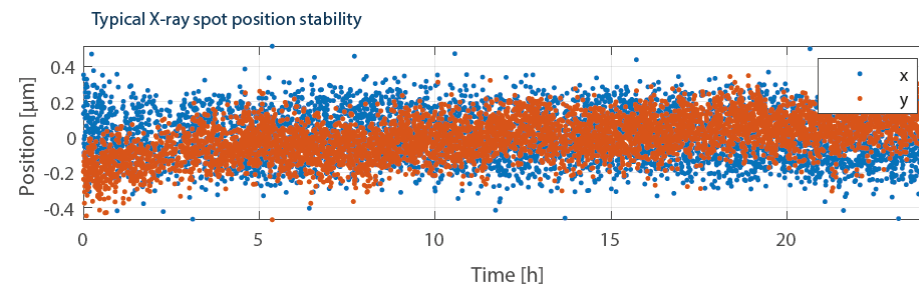
MetalJet E1+ 1000 W

250W → 1000W
Increased brightness

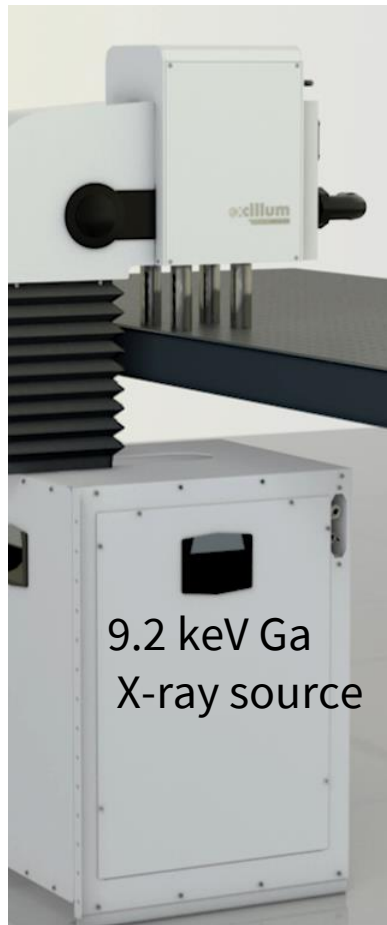
E-beam power [W]	Radiant flux [photons/(s mrad ²)]
1000	3.7E+07
700	3.1E+07
250	1.1E+07

Technical specifications	
Target material ¹	Ga or In rich metal alloy
Target type	Liquid jet
Voltage	21-160 kV
Power ²	0-250 W
Max current	4.3 mA

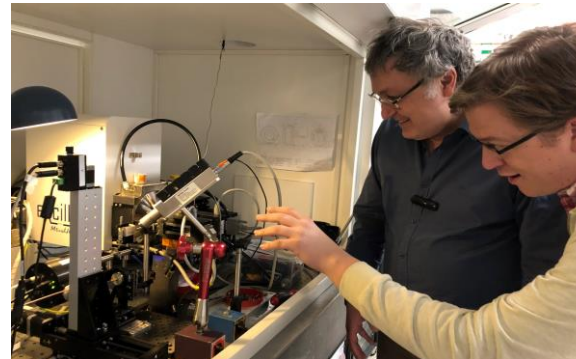
KW microfocus performance with submicron stability



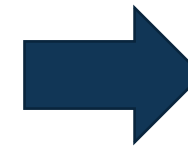
High throughput μ XRF enabled by MetalJet



Excillum-Bruker μ XRF tests



Layer	Projected improvement*
TiN 100Å (DRAM)	5-10X
W 2000Å (W plug)	>10X

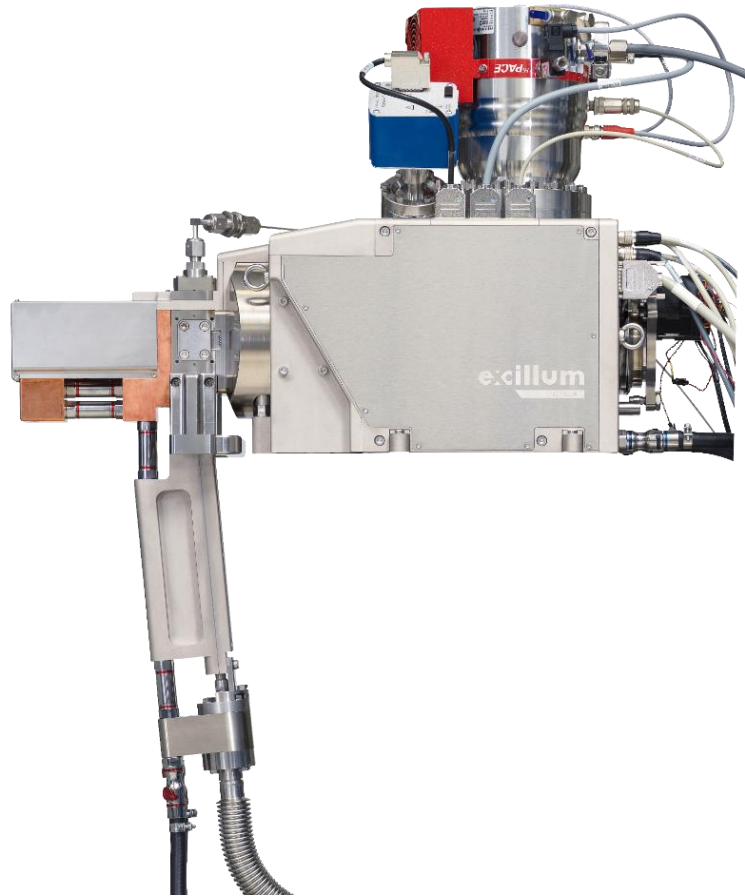


End User Advantage

- **Increased throughput** of μ XRF metrology for nanoelectronics process control
- **Enhanced productivity** for **at-line and in-line** μ XRF metrology

*in acquisition time, compared with SOTA, maintaining $3\sigma < 1\%$

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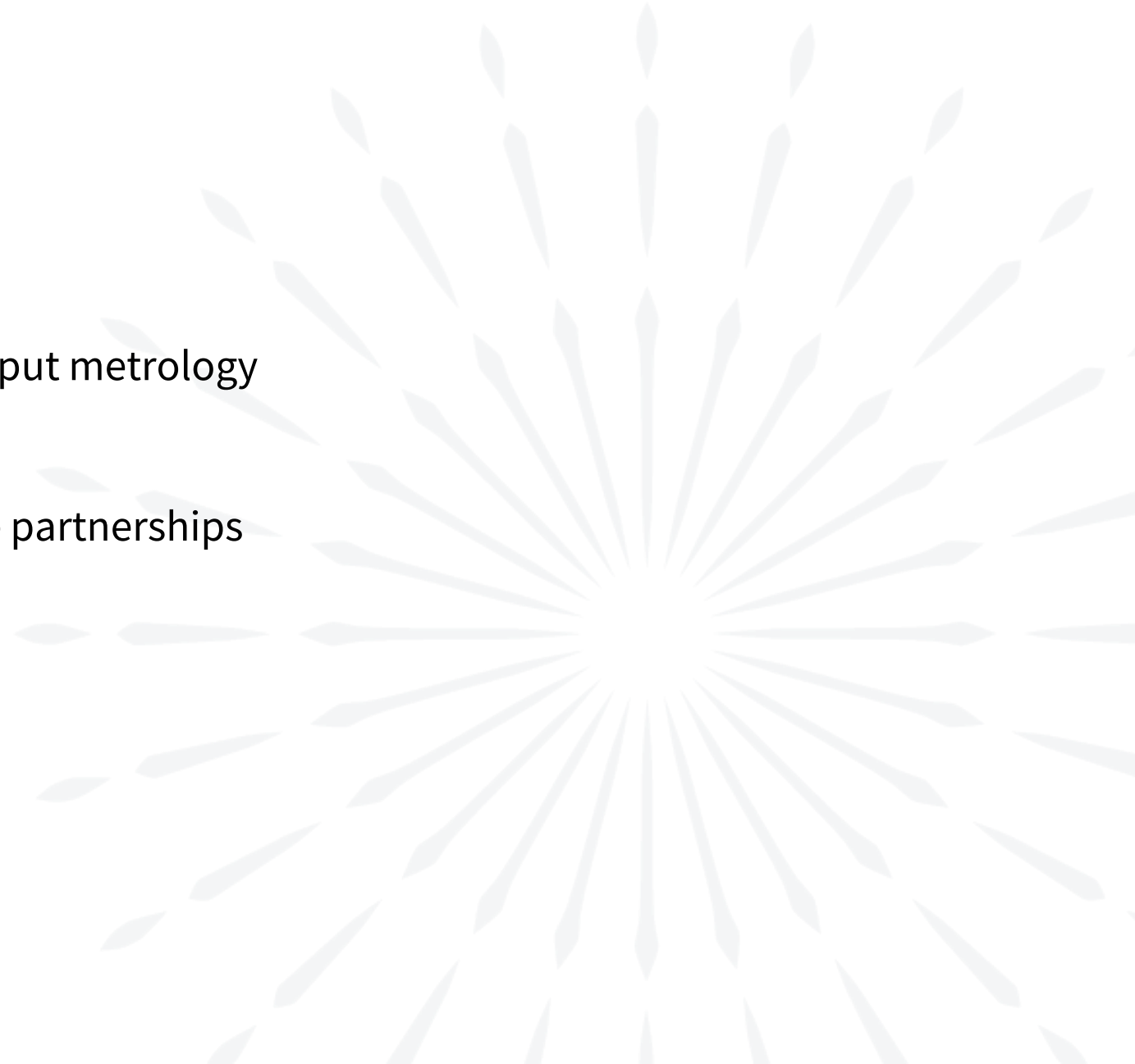
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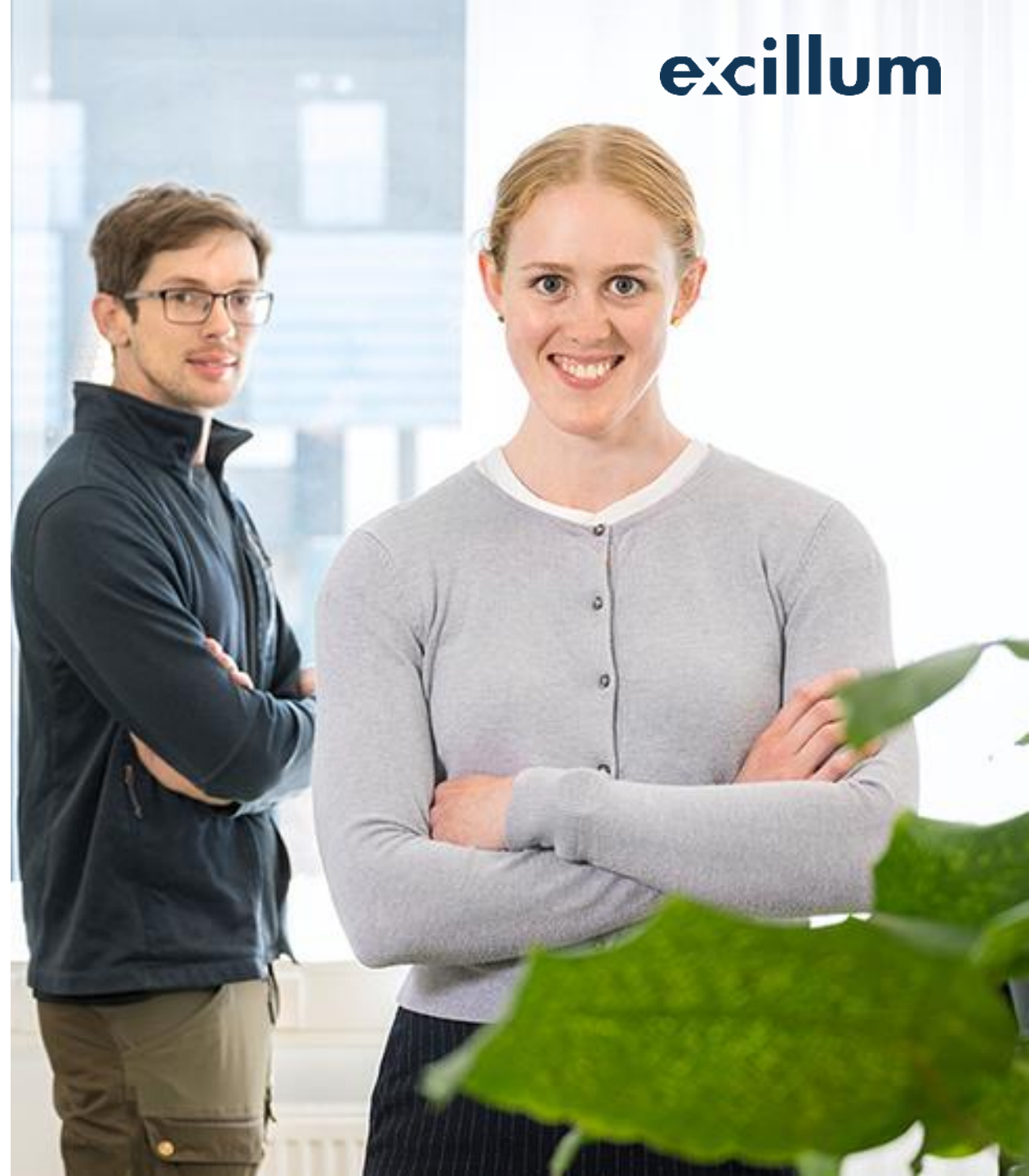


Our mission

is to **enable** new science, **improve** medicine and **enhance** manufacturing by redefining the X-ray tube.

Our vision

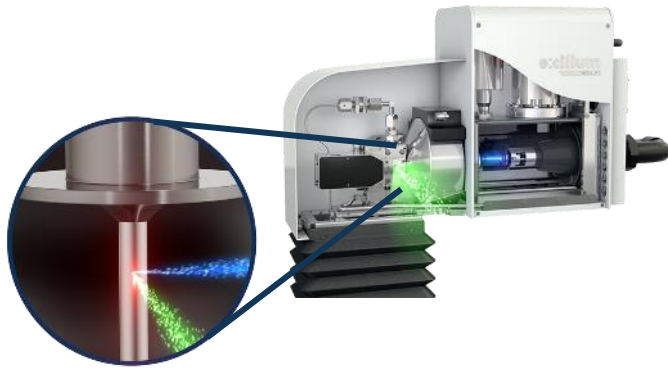
is to be the world's **leading innovator and supplier** of premium X-ray sources.



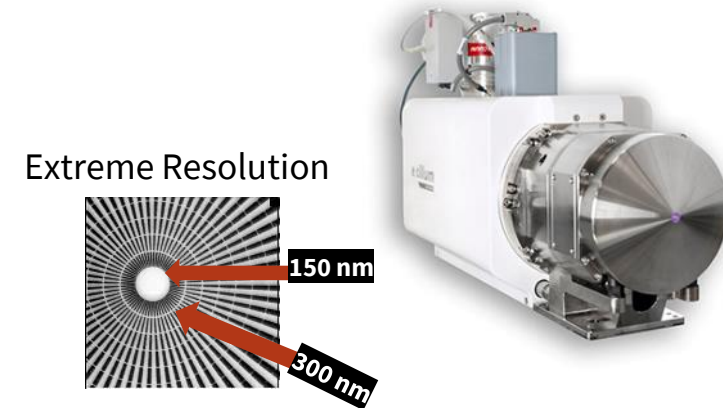
Excillum will continue to push the limits of the X-ray source to enable tomorrow's breakthroughs in both:

- Analytical X-ray
- X-ray Imaging

→ faster measurements



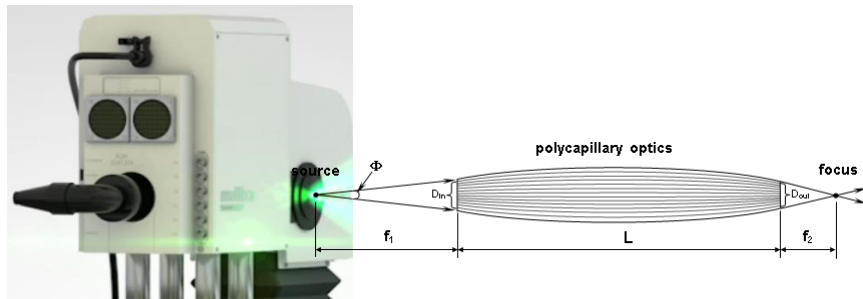
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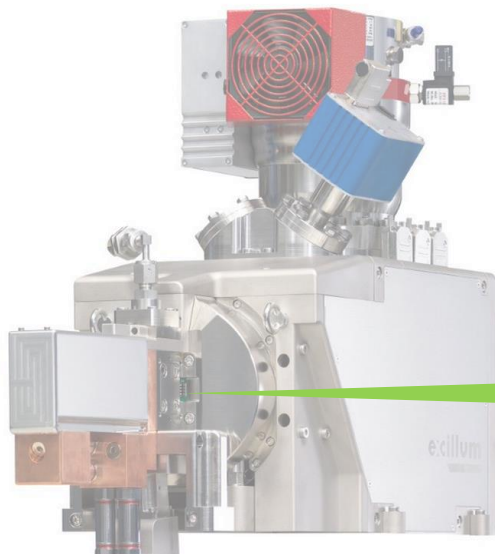
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Monochromatic microbeam generation

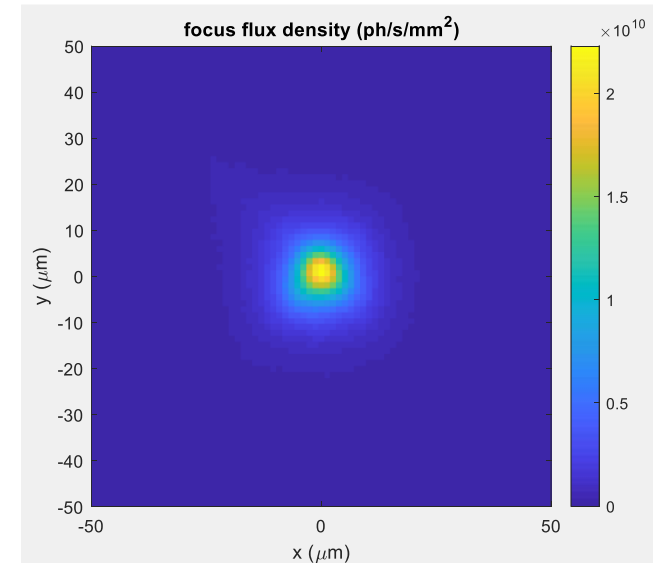
The MADEin4 focus was to generate **polychromatic microbeams** using polycapillary optics...



... but we have recently also demonstrated **monochromatic microbeams** using multilayer optics (out of MADEin4 scope).

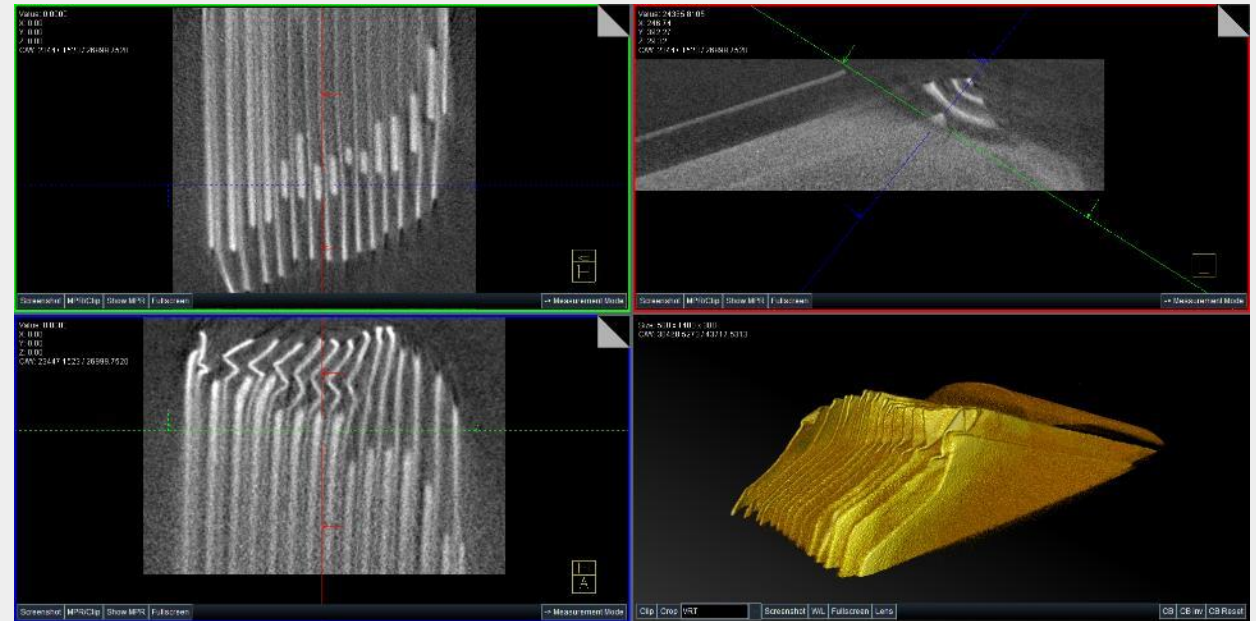


**$\sim 1e7$ photons/s
of 24 keV
indium k- α
radiation
focused into a
 $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$ spot**

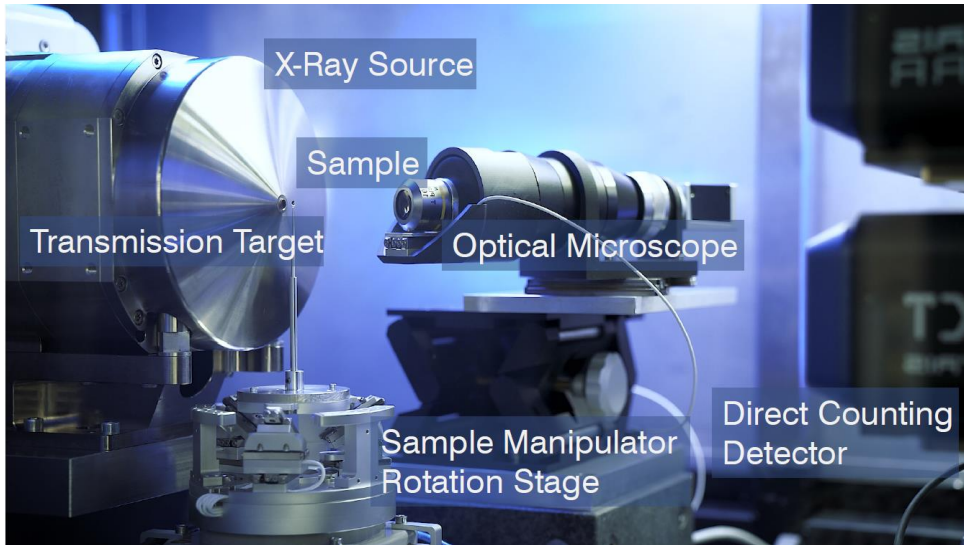


MetalJet - Enabler beyond MADEin4 - the battery example

360° / 1s rotation

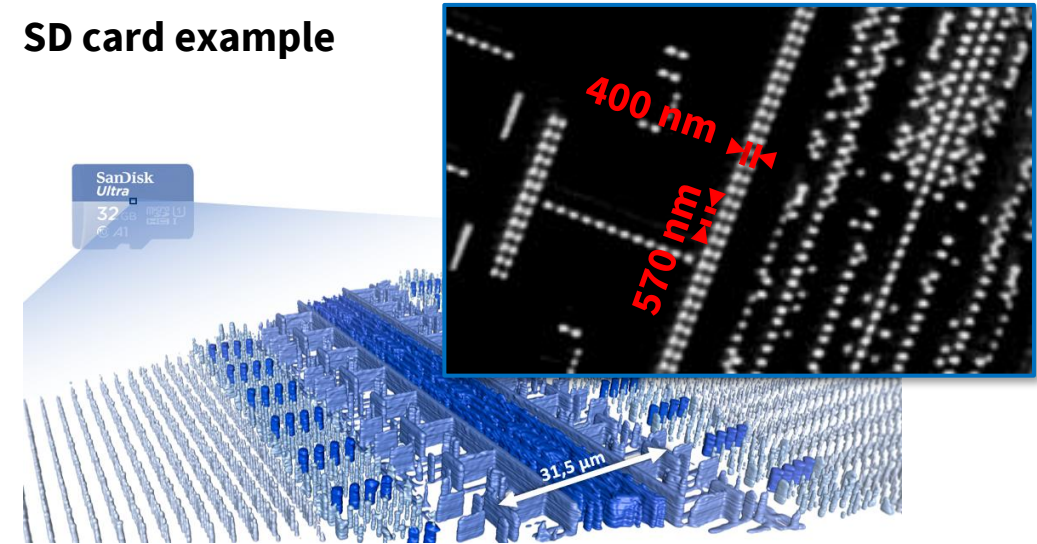


Nanotube – Pushing the limits

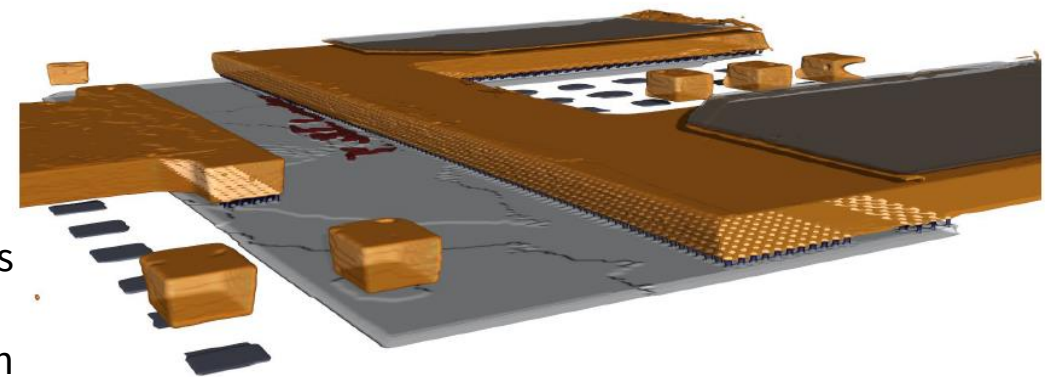


nano-CT imaging system

SD card example



Power devices:
3D measurements
for metallization
damage evolution



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