

Proposed DTS-ST4 in PoF V – First Draft

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MML with Unique Instrumentation of its SPECTROSCOPY, SCATTERING & IMAGING CLUSTERS

at the KIT Light Source and beyond



IMAGING Cluster, incl.

- IMAGE, UFO-station towards Serial CT
- In situ LAMINO and X-ray microscopy stations
- Hierarchical, correlated and in vivo imaging







SCATTERING Cluster, incl.

- NANO & Heavy duty diffractometers
- Thin-Film-Labs with *in situ* MBE, MOVPE, PLD, sputtering, laser processing etc.



SPECTROSCOPY Cluster, incl.

- X-SPEC, SUL-X, and MFE-Lab
- Next-generation hard and soft Xray spectrometers (with UNLV)
- Operando cells



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Photon Science and Synchrotron Radiation Research

enabled by combining the strengths of



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- for systematic, large comparative studies
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Method & Instrument Development

Two main thrusts in MML

- Development and utilization of novel characterization approaches and instruments for the Spectroscopy, Scattering, and Imaging Clusters
- Develop high-throughput, *in vacuo*, *in situ*, *in vivo*, *operando* concepts at large-scale photon facilities as crosscutting enabling technologies in MML and for other KIT programs and strategic partners
- Cutting edge methods and instrumentation, in particular at X-SPEC, IMAGE, and soon at HiKA
- → Worldwide unique combination of soft and hard X-ray spectroscopy for *in situ / operando* applications
- → Worldwide unique CT/Laminography portfolio towards serial tomography and hierarchical in situ / operando imaging









Unique home-court advantage for KIT Programs and Centers

Initial Situation: PoF IV

Accelerator Research: Operation of the KARA Storage Ring and all accelerator R&D in Matter - MT

Research with Synchrotron Radiation at the KIT Light Source and beyond:

Matter – MML

- Operation of the Imaging, Scattering & Spectroscopy Clusters
- Methodical & instrumental development
- Scientific research applications, collaborating with leading KIT groups and external partners

Operation of further beamlines in 4 Programs of the Helmholtz Research Fields Energy (MTET, NUSAFE) and Information (NACIP, MSE)



Examples of KIT@MML collaborations with other Programs



MML research topics PoF V

Successful restructuring of MML for PoF IV





New in PoF IV

- Transfer of magneto-hydrodynamics (HZDR) from *Energy* to MML
- GSI campus Darmstadt returned to PoF and participates in all 3 MML topics
- Transfer of Biophysics (GSI) from Health to MML (from cancer therapy to radiation protection)
- KIT: Operation of the storage ring (KARA) shifted to the MT-Program; Beamline Clusters in MML (LK I)

During PoF IV

- Helmholtz Institute for High Energy Density (HIHED) in Rostock not founded
- Upgrade proposals PETRA IV, BESSY II+/III

Continuation and sharpening this successful structure in PoF V

- RT1 (Matter): Creation of a subtopic level
- RT2 (Materials) and RT3 (Life): Current subtopic structure will be retained

The Vision in PoF V



Stay at the forefront of the latest synchrotron methods and instruments

Develop strategies for AI-based automated, high-throughput data acquisition, data analysis, and data management

Reap the rewards

- benefit from the integrated beamline & laboratory infrastructure at KIT
- capitalize on our leading characterization approaches combining cutting-edge synchrotron radiation and multi-environment sample concepts (*in vacuo*, *in situ*, *in vivo*, *operando*)
- utilize the cross-sectional technology portfolio for networking with other programs and our strategic external partners





Th. Stöhlker, MML-Presentation, MATTER LA Hamburg, 29.01.2024

LA Matter 26.04.2024: KIT will continue its previous MML activities from the PoF IV funding phase in PoF V, but integrated into other programs Present Status: Coordination Meetings with Information (P3) and with MT in Matter

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Reap the rewards

- Characterization of real-world materials, devices, and processes related to energy, information & mobility technologies
- Al-driven high-throughput imaging and analysis for large-scale comparative morphological studies (materials & devices, biomaterials & tissues)

Detector Technology and Systems (DTS)



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Contributions to ST1-3



High-Z detectors based on CdZnTe/GaAs (collaboration with U-Frei …)

Goal: Development of CdZnTe/GaAs sensor technologies from crystal growth towards detector production:

Growth of CdZnTe

- Partner in the OptiBeams proposal in the HORIZON-INFRA-2024-TECH-01-01 call coordinated by DESY Flash
- Cooperation with PSI for the growth of 75 mm diameter CdZnTe crystals
- Technology for pixel detectors
 - Work on flip-chip bonding in cooperation with IPE
- Production of TPX3 (TPX4) and Eiger (PSI) detectors
 - Production of detector modules with different thicknesses from 0.5 up to 3 mm for covering X-ray energies from 30 keV up to 300 keV
 - Development of large area detectors

Application of CdZnTe pixel detectors

Application at PETRA and XFEL

Starting point BMBF Project: 05K22VFBA - PERODET U-Frei – MML – MT Collaboration



Contributions to ST1-3

Research on Perovskites

- New class of semiconductors: Perovskite semiconductors (promising photovoltaic materials)
- Perovskite materials are promising as an alternative to conventional high-Z semiconductors regarding availability, toxicity and low production costs compared to conventional high-Z materials like CdZnTe or GaAs
- Crystal growth from solution and from the melt of CsAgBiBr₆ and CsPbBr₃ materials
- Intensive material characterization
 - (topography, XDL, SIMS, I-V, DLTS, ...)
- Detector technology:
 - Development of planar technology (surface preparation, contacts, bonding)
- Development of a growth process:
 - Deposition directly on electronics (solution, 3D printing, ...)
- Production of detectors:
 - using Timepix3 and Timepix4 with High-Z sensor based on perovskites semiconductors

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ST4 Multidimensional Method Development and Applications



- Imaging, Spectroscopy, Scattering Methods and Systems
- High-throughput, in situ, in vivo, operando Applications
- AI-Supported Multidimensional Data Analysis



- Example: The X-SPEC Beamline at the KIT Light Source
- 70 eV 15 keV!
- XES/RIXS, XAS, (HAX)PES
- Two undulators (soft, hard), two monochromators (soft, hard), two endstations (UHV and ambient)
- Next-generation soft X-ray

spectrometers

Operando cells

L. Weinhardt *et al.* JSR **28**, 609 (2021)



X-ray spectroscopy of nuclear materials

Stay at the forefront of the latest synchrotron methods and instruments

- High-activity samples
- Electronic structure
- Actinide-Ligand bonding
- Development of Extremely Fast RIXS Maps (EFRM)



Neill et al., in preparation (2024)



Karlsruher Institut für Technologie

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High-throughput, *in situ, in vivo, operando* Applications



Example: The X-SPEC Beamline



- High dose efficiency short exposure times towards operando soft x-ray detection systems
- Combination of powerful optics (e.g., gratings) and pixel array detectors
- On-the-fly component integration from source (undulator), monochromator, and focusing optics, to sample, analyzer optics, and soft x-ray photon detection systems

Rapid resonant inelastic soft x-ray scattering (rRIXS) maps at X-SPEC

- Novel high transmission soft x-ray_{U28} spectrometer detection system
- Reduces time for a RIXS map from tens of minutes to tens of seconds







QUASY - **Quantum Sensor Platform** for Synchrotron X-ray Spectroscopy

- Magnetic Microcalorimeters -MMCs
- For various beamlines in the Spectroscopy Cluster
- Energy resolution orders of magnitude better than for conventional EDX detectors

University mission



Collaboration with S. Kempf (IMS), T. Vitova (INE)



Example: The HIKA Beamline at PETRA III / IV

Hierarchical Imaging and Serial Tomography Methods



PETRA IV

Zukunftsprojekt PETRA IV. Die nationale Röntgenlichtquelle zur Transformation von Forschung und Innovation







PETRA IV Beamline Portfolio

Beamline	Techniques	Energy range
01 Powder Diffraction and Total Scattering	PXRD, TS	15 - 80 keV
02 Swedish High-Energy Mater. Sci. Beamline (SE) WAXS/3DXRD, SAXS, Imaging	38 - 150 keV
03 High-Energy Scatt. and Diff. Tomography		40 - 120 keV
04 High-Energy Mater. Sci. Beamline (HEREON)	High-Energy Beamlines	30 - 200 keV
05 ExTReM	ARD, PDF, PCI, CDI	25 - 58 keV
06 In-situ Large Volume Press Beamline	AD-/ED-XRD, PXRD, A/PCI	40 - 130 keV
07 AdMiNaXS Beamline	GI/T/SAXS/WAXS, CoGISAXS	7 - 30 keV
08 SAXSMAT II Beamline	Contraring and Diffusation	5 - 60 keV
09 Surface and Interface Dynamics Beamline	Scattering and Diffraction	8 - 40 keV
10 Chemical Crystallography Beamline	PXRD, Crystallography	15 - 50 keV
11 Coherent Applications Beamline	XPCS, XCCA, Holotomo.	7 - 25 keV
12 Materials Scanning Nanoscope	XRF, XRD, XBIC, XEOL, Ptycho.	2.4 - 50 keV
13 In-Situ/High-Resolution 3D Nanoprobe	XRE, XRD, XBIC, XANES, Ptycho,	4 - 100 keV
14 CryoBio Nanoprobe Beamline	Imaging and Coherence	17 - 60 keV
15 In-situ Bragg Microscopy Beamline	initiging and concrence	7 - 40 keV
16 Full-Field Imaging for Mater. Sci. (HEREON)	Tomography, Radiography	10 - 200 keV
17 Multiscale Mater. Microscope (DESY/HEREON	I) Holotomo., Radiography	60 - 200 keV
18 HIKA Beamline (KIT)	Tomography, Laminography	10 - 60 keV
19 X-ray Absorption & Emission Spec. Beamline	HR-XES/XAS, TR-XES/XAS	4 - 25 keV
20 Materials Science Lab Bear B MPG 22	- HIKA Tomography	2 - 100 keV
21 Applied Analytical XAFS and Q-EXAFS Beamlin	16 Caracteria and December 1	4 - 45 keV
22 Nuclear Resonance and X-ray Raman Scattering	Spectroscopy Beamlines	6.5 - 73 keV
	maging and	2.4 - 14 keV
24 Hard X-ray Photoelectron Spectromicroscopy	HAXPES, RPES, MEM, XPD), CDI	2.4 - 15 keV
25 High-Thru. MX		6 - 30 keV
		6 - 20 keV
27 High Performance and Microfocus MX (EMBL) SSX, Print Perify Technolics		5 - 30 keV
^{28 Bio Diffraction at Karlerubo Roamlino}		6 - 30 keV
		0.25 - 4 keV
30 Time-Resolved VUV Spectroscopy Beamline		14 - 0.04 keV



BL-22 - Hierarchical Imaging and Serial Tomography Karlsruhe (HIKA) Beamline at PETRA IV



PETRA IV – Schedule

Unique portfolio for morphological full-field imaging

- micro tomography & laminography → 3D morphology
- high-throughput \rightarrow large **comparative** studies
- operando, in situ and in vivo imaging \rightarrow 4D morphodynamics ...
- combined BMI, parallel beam imaging and X-ray microcopy → multiscale and hierarchical X-ray imaging
- \blacksquare multiple X-ray contrasts, light microscopy \rightarrow correlated imaging



High-throughput and hierarchical tomography of model organisms



Hierarchical laminography under biaxial load





Dose-sensitivity soft materials and for tissue engineering

High-throughput, *in situ, in vivo, operando* Applications



Example: The Imaging Cluster

Detector System integration, e.g.,

- SPCDs combined with Bragg-Magnifiers for µm-resolved imaging
 - \rightarrow Dose-efficiency, noise suppression, higher contrast at 1µm resolution
- Ultrafast up to MHz Imaging
- Spectroscopic Imaging

In Vivo Tomography on the Cellular Level





Moosmann et al. NATURE 2013, NATURE Protocols, 2014

Combination of Single Photon Counting Pixel Array Detectors and Magnifying Coherent X-ray Optics





µm-resolution imaging with SPCDs

Bragg Magnifier optics as image magnifier combined to **GaAs Lambda Detector**

□ Magnification up to 200, highly dose-efficient (>93%), up to in vivo imaging for µm resolution



Trichogramma wasp biting through a parasitized moth egg shell



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phase contrast imaging at

constant dose, soft tissue

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SPCDs combined with coherent X-ray optics realizing kilometers long beamlines



Dose efficient contrast enhancement



Combination of SPCDs and Coherent Bragg Optics provides massive phase contrast amplification

 \Box Dose-efficient phase-contrast applicable to larger objects \rightarrow radiation sensitive objects, (bio-)medical diagnostics

☐ Combination with novel compact brilliant X-ray sources → new options for bio-medical imaging

SPCDs combined with coherent X-ray optics even better than kilometers long beamlines





Comparison for ESRF EBS conditions at BM18



Example: Morphological Imaging

Goals

- Material response during fabrication & processing
- Microfluidics, e.g., in injection nozzles, capillaries

Approaches

- Serial tomography / laminography for large comparative studies
- Hierarchical imaging
- Ultrafast cine-radiography & tomography
- All this in situ, operando & in vivo

Application fields

Energy, information, automotive, aerospace, health-tech applications

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Hierarchical laminography of crack formation





Ultrafast CT of pyrolysis in heat shields for space crafts



MHz imaging for high speed microfluidics

High-throughput, *in situ, in vivo, operando* Applications



Example: X-ray Imaging

Intelligent DAQ systems with smart pixel array detectors and in-line algorithms for data analysis



AI-Supported Multidimensional Data Analysis Develop Strategies for AI-based Big Karlsruher Institut für Technologie **Data Analysis, and Management** Large on-line storage & large-scale AI for image analysis and automation **MorphoSphere for** Information Model technology organisms LSDF III KIT & UHei digitized morphology Supported by BMBF ErUM Data Advanced Evolution materials Linked to NFDIs, the Helmholtz LSDF-III Pilot Project DFG Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Incubator Platforms Helmholtz Al Materials **Developmental** testina Aktionsplan ErUM-Data biology Bundesministerium & Helmholtz Imaging, link to Von Big Data zu Smart Data: Digitalisierung in der für Bildung naturwissenschaftlichen Grundlagenforschung und Forschung Information Program Transformative Aktionsplan ErUM-Pro **Biodiversity** and Projektförderung zur Vernetzung von Hochschuler sprays Information Processing for Forschungsinfrastrukturen und Gesellscha Environment SMART-Morph 2022-2025 Smart modules for AI-supported Serial X-Ray Tomography Sustainable Future, for Comparative Morphological Studies KI-Morph 2023-2026 Novel Artificial Intelligence for Automated Segmentation of 3D **Biomimetics** serve for other HGF programs (LLS, batteries Image Data for Morphological Structure Analysis KI4D4E 2023-2026 MTET ...) An AI-based framework for visualizing and evaluating massive amounts of 4D tomography data for beamline end users UNIVERSITÄT HEIDELBERG Artificial Intelligence & Scientific Computing

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EMC

ST4 Contributions to ST1-3



- Sensor Materials Characterization
 - Crystal defect characterization of High-Z sensor materials by X-ray topography, rocking curve imaging, 3D diffraction laminography ...
- Non-destructive testing
 - Testing Flip Chip Interconnections by X-ray absorption Laminography ...
- Characterization of Detector System Performance
 - key-parameters of full detector assemblies, e.g. energy resolution; spatial resolution, flux-dependent linearity, stability, charge-sharing, ...
- Systems Integration of novel Detectors: Integration in versatile X-ray imaging pipelines (Hard- and Software) at synchrotron beamlines and X-ray tube-based laboratory setups
- **Dedicated method developments** based on novel detectors and combinations with optics, smart analysis
 - Dose-efficient phase contrast imaging, hierarchical imaging, serial CT, Cine-tomography, MHz-imaging
 - Spectroscopic X-ray imaging with machine learning based material decomposition ...
- Application Tests: Quality measure for imaging properties evaluating exemplary applicability in life-science, material research, ...
- MT-DTS-ST4 connects to other Programs and Research Fields

Non-destructive testing for flip-chip interconnection technology





Non-destructive testing for flip-chip interconnection technology



In situ imaging: AuSn solder flow on Si-GaAs assemblies

Reconstructed slices: AuSn solder joint array (55 µm pitch) under heat treatment (T=300°C)



ID15: 30 keV<E<70 keV at 60 mA ring current 600 projections (1.6 µm pixel size)

Characterization of Sensor Materials



Rocking curve imaging of CdZnTe sensors

Correlation of Defect structure and detector pixel performance in a CdZnTe-Medipix Detector



(PhD-thesis Elias Hamann)

ST4 contribution to DetecTABL



- Detector Test X-ray Lab
- Imaging Methods for Defect Analysis
- Beamlines for Application tests

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MT-DTS-ST4 connects to other Programs and Research Fields Example: Characterization of Structure and Dynamics of Materials, Devices and Processes

Goals

- Characterize structure and its evolution on micro, nano, and atomic scales
- Correlate structure, dynamics, and properties
- Determine *in situ/operando* changes of electronic and chemical structure during processing/operation

Energy technologies: → characterize processes for storage, conversion ... (photovoltaics, solar hydrogen, catalysts, batteries, electrolytes, ...), understand degradation

Information technologies: \rightarrow characterization of **growth and processing** of wafers, thin films, multilayers, nanomaterials, nanostructures \rightarrow correlate structure and properties to understand multiferroics, photonics, quantum devices, high power electronics, ...

Transport technologies \rightarrow *In situ* and *operando* 3D defect recognition and 4D damage analysis





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MT-DTS-ST4 connects to other Programs and Research Fields Example: Morphology of biomaterials, biological systems and bio(technological) processes

Goals

- Digitize morphology of large sample series
- Determine quantitative morphological / morphometric / morpho-dynamic information

Biomaterials & -technologies: → morphology and bio-compatibility of biomaterials; \rightarrow tissue engineering, scaffolds, organoids; \rightarrow bionics, bio-catalysis, food engineering ...

Model organisms: \rightarrow correlate morphology and molecular data; determine gene functions $^{\circ}$ flow focusing junction multigenic contributions to development and disease → Generate digital twins of biological systems (medaka, zebrafish, xenopus, ... brain);

Biodiversity: \rightarrow Digitize morphological diversity, correlated with molecular & ecological data, including human impact; \rightarrow Focus on **indicator organisms for climate impact on biodiversity**, and models for environmental change on development; \rightarrow Identify morphological key features to determine evolutionary key events for diversification.



Bionics







Electrochemistry





- Based on the results of MML, KIT proposes to strengthen MT-DTS by a fourth Subtopic
- ST4 will support the system conception, design, characterization and application
 - Detectors for the use in Multidimensional Characterization of Materials, Devices, and Systems
 - Serial Digitalization of Morphology of materials and organisms ...
- MT-DTS-ST4 connects to other Programs and Research Fields

Characterization of Sensor Materials

Stronger absorption → high X-ray energies required
→ narrow Darwin curves → sufficiently precise instrumentation crucial!



- 68.5 keV @ ID15A
 - **004 reflection** ($\theta_B = 3.669^\circ$)
 - 300 projections
- → Dislocation cell walls visible
- → Work on 3D reconstruction ongoing (challenging)
- Changed contrast conditions (weak-beam):



- Pixel positions indicated by strain localizations
- → XDL data can be precisely linked to Medipix flat image contrast!







Application of X-ray Diffraction Laminiography to High-Z Sensor Materials

> Example: GaAs Medipix Sensor

Contribution of ST4 to the Characterization and Application of Detector-Systems



Example: Spectroscopic Imaging



DQE(0) measurement of a Medipix3RX detector with a 2mm **CdTe sensor** for different photon energies

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Material specific spectroscopic CT-slices of a test phantom. Top: ground-truth, bottom: measurement, Medipix3RX with 2mm CdTe in charge-summing-mode

PhD-thesis Marcus Zuber

Presampling-MTF measurement of a Medipix3RX detector with a 2mm CdTe sensor in Single-Pixel-Mode

Contribution of ST4 to the Characterization and Application of Detector-Systems



Origami-inspired perovskite X-ray quantum detector by printing and folding



Fig. 3 X-ray sensitivity and spatial resolution. a, b X-ray sensitivities S of the planar (a) and the folded (b) detector as a function of the utilized X-ray tube voltage V_{tube} . The experimentally determined sensitivities are represented by box plots. The individual pixel sensitivities are also shown as symbols (crossed markers). The theoretical sensitivity prediction is depicted by the coloured areas. c Presampled modulation transfer function MTF of the folded detector as a function of the spatial frequency u. The MTF is determined by a numerical (markers) and an analytical (solid lines) approach.

Nature/npj Flexible Electronics (2023) 7:9 ; https://doi.org/10.1038/s41528-023-00240-9

Flexible Inkjet-Printed Triple Cation Perovskite X-ray Detectors

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