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X-ray microtomography

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- Post-Doc at the Institute of Anatomy in the µCT-group
  - Ruslan Hlushchuk, David Haberthür, Oleksiy-Zakhar Khoma, Fluri Wieland, Carlos Correa Shokiche
- Biomedical research
  - microangioCT [1]: Tumor vasculature, angiogenesis in the heart, musculature and bones
  - Cancer research: Melanoma
  - Lung imaging: Tumor detection and classification
  - Physiology: Zebrafish musculature and gills [2]
  - SkyScan 1172 & 1272

[1] **Hlushchuk2018**.

[2] **Messerli2019**.

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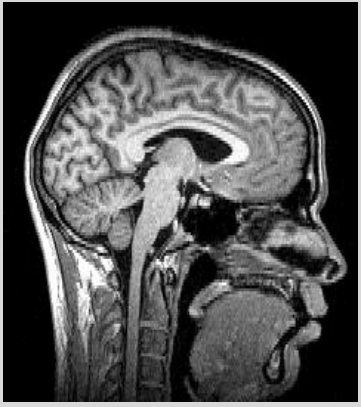
Biomedical imaging

- Medical research



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- (Small) Biological samples

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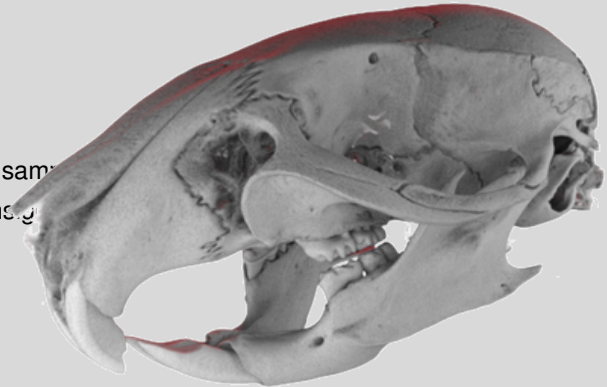

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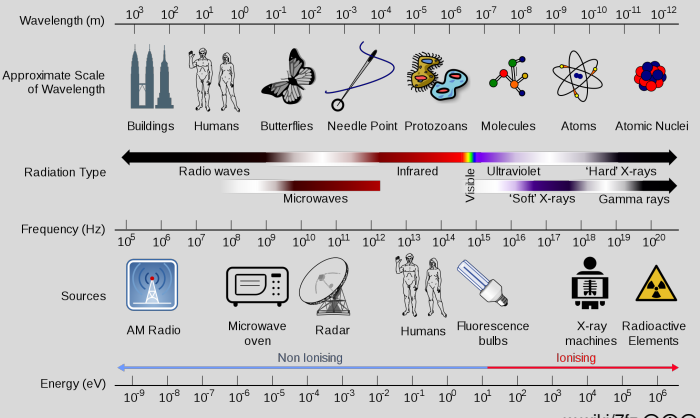

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Imaging methods

- Light microscopy: see lecture of Nadia Mercader Huber
- X-ray imaging
- Electron microscopy: see lectures on Transmission Electron Microscopy by Dimitri Vanhecke, Scanning Electron Microscopy by Michael Stoffel and Cryoelectron Microscopy & Serial Block Face SEM by Ioan Iacovache.

CT-Scanner

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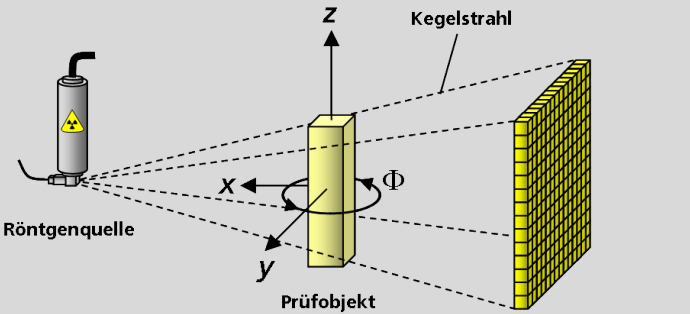
What is happening?



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X-ray generation

- How are x-rays generated
- Why do we need them

X-ray generation

- Photoelectric absorption (τ) is strongly dependent on the atomic number Z of the absorbing material ($\tau \propto \frac{Z^4}{E^{3.5}}$

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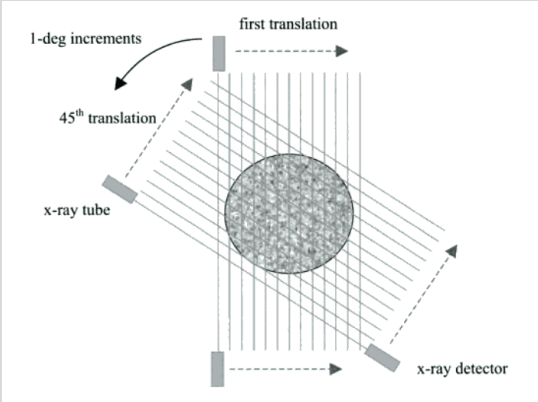

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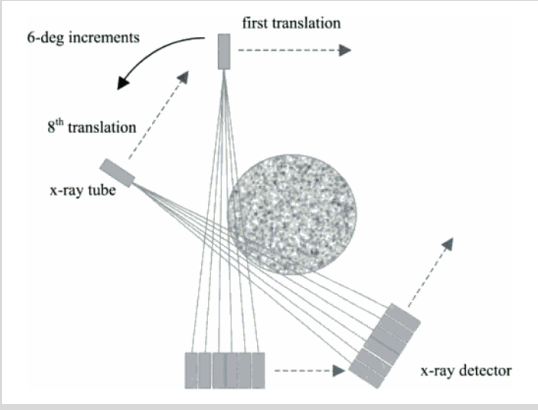

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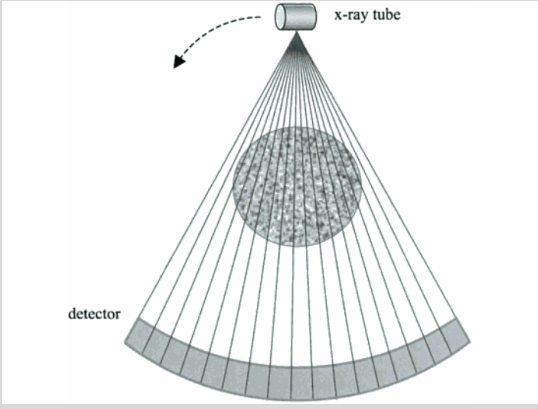

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Machinery

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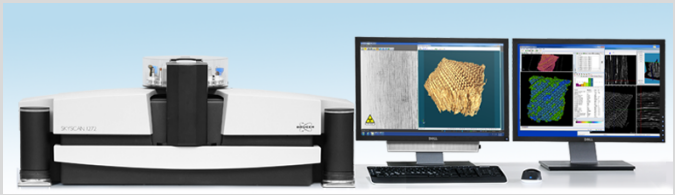

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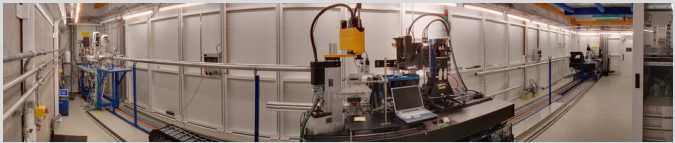
Machinery

- Hospital CT
  - Voxel size around 0.5 mm
- Lab/Desktop CT
  - Voxel size around 7 µm (*in vivo*) or 0.5 µm (*ex vivo*)
- Synchrotron CT
  - Voxel size down to 160 nm



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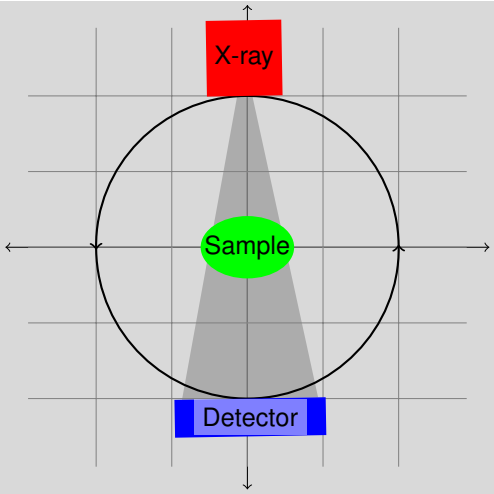
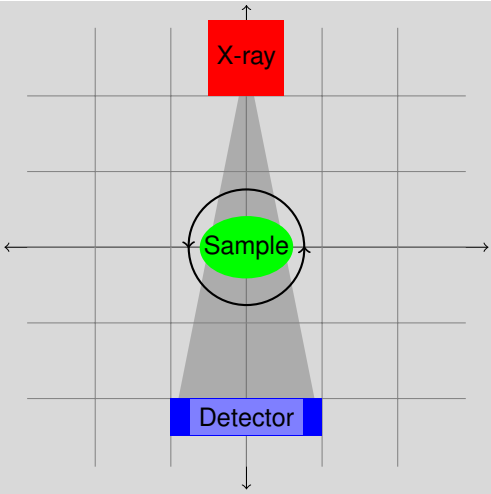
Machinery I

Independent on the machine, technically they are all a simple combination of

- an x-ray source
- a sample
- a detector

Machinery II





Preparation

- Study design
- Sample preparation

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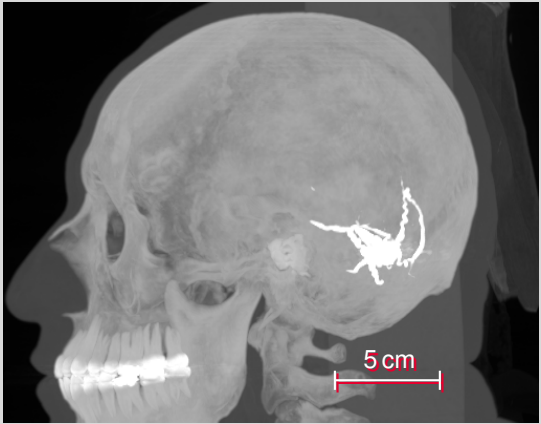

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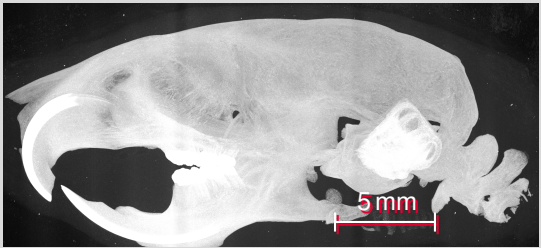

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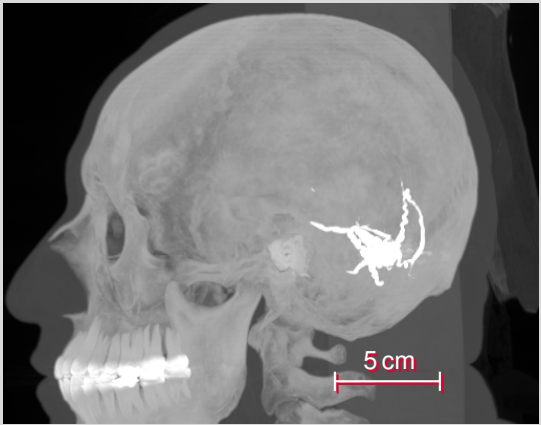

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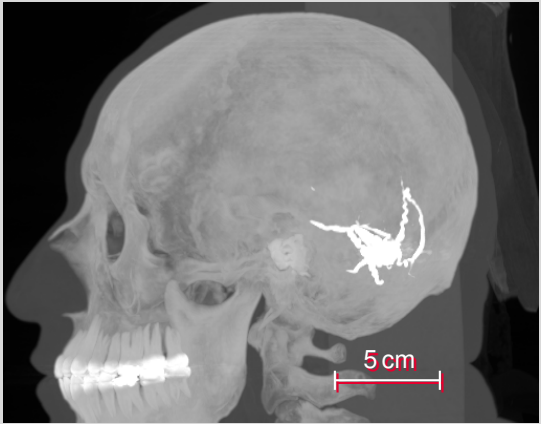

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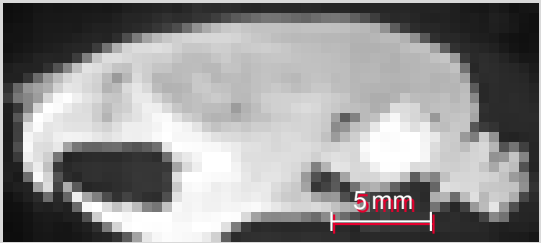

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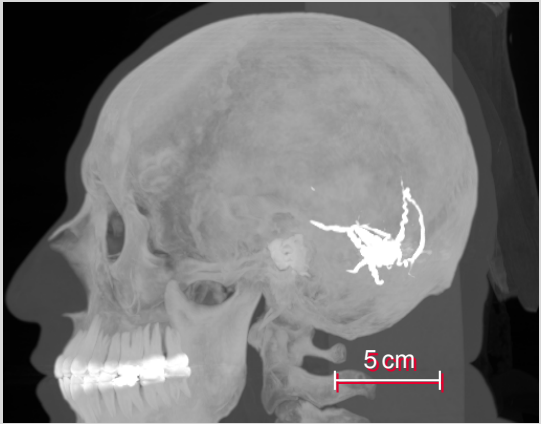

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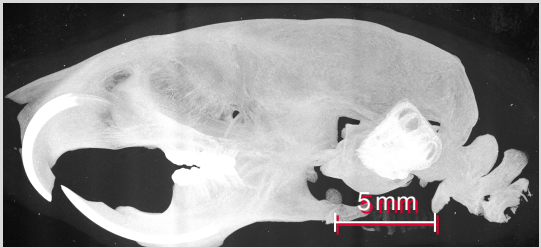

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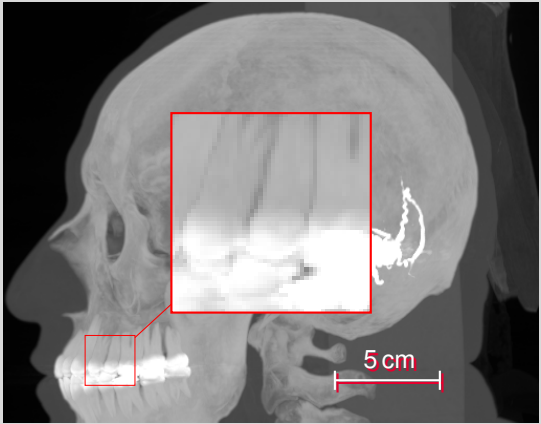

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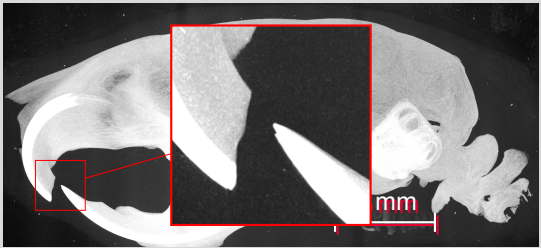
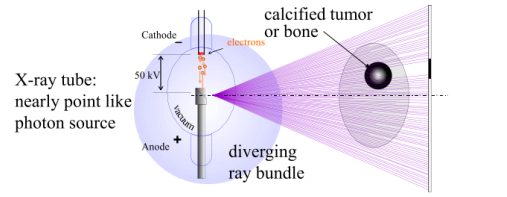


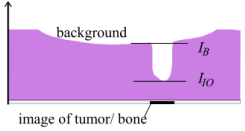
Projections

Image formation: shadow projection



Contrast is given by absorption of intensity I by object → negative

$$\text{Contrast} = \frac{I_{IO} - I_B}{I_B}$$



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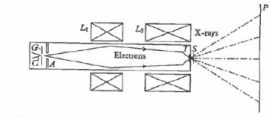
X-ray projection microscopy



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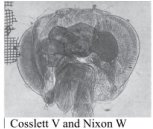

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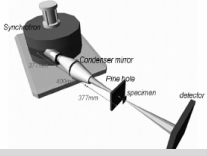

Tabletop synchrotron
X-ray source Mirrorcle
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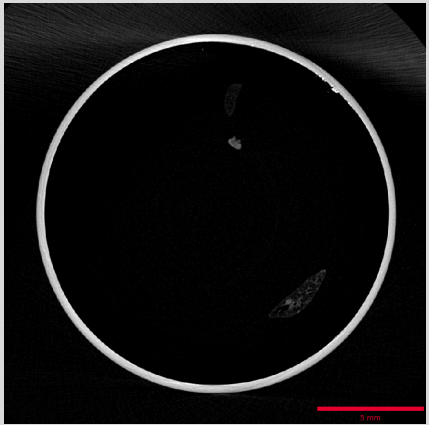
Projections

Projections

- A (micro-focus) x-ray source illuminates the object
- A planar x-ray detector collects magnified projection images.
- What happens after penetration of the sample?
- Attenuation
- Conversion to visible light by Scintillator
- Detection, recording

Reconstructions



Reconstructions

- Based on hundreds of angular views acquired while the object rotates, a computer synthesizes a stack of virtual cross section slices through the object.
- Radon Transformation
- Filtered back projection
- Fan beam reconstruction
- Corrections (beam hardening, etc.)
- Writing to stack

Visualization

Visualization

- Based the on reconstructions, a computer synthesizes a three-dimensional view of the scanned sample

What to use?

- ImageJ [3]
-
- See *Fundamentals of Digital Image Processing* by Guillaume Witz

[3] **Schindelin2012**.

Quantitative data

- Raw numbers instead of just pretty images
- Segmentation
- Characterization

Reproducible research

- **git**
- Jupyter
- Script all your things!
- Data repositories → Sharing is caring!

Colophon

- This BEAMER presentation was crafted in LaTeX with the (slightly adapted) template from *Corporate Design und Vorlagen* of the University of Bern.
  - Full source code: git.io/fjpP7
  - The LaTeX code is automatically compiled with a GitHub action [4] to a PDF which you can access here: git.io/JeMjP
  - Spotted an error?
    Then please file an issue (git.io/fjpPb) or (even better) submit a pull request (git.io/fjpPN).

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