

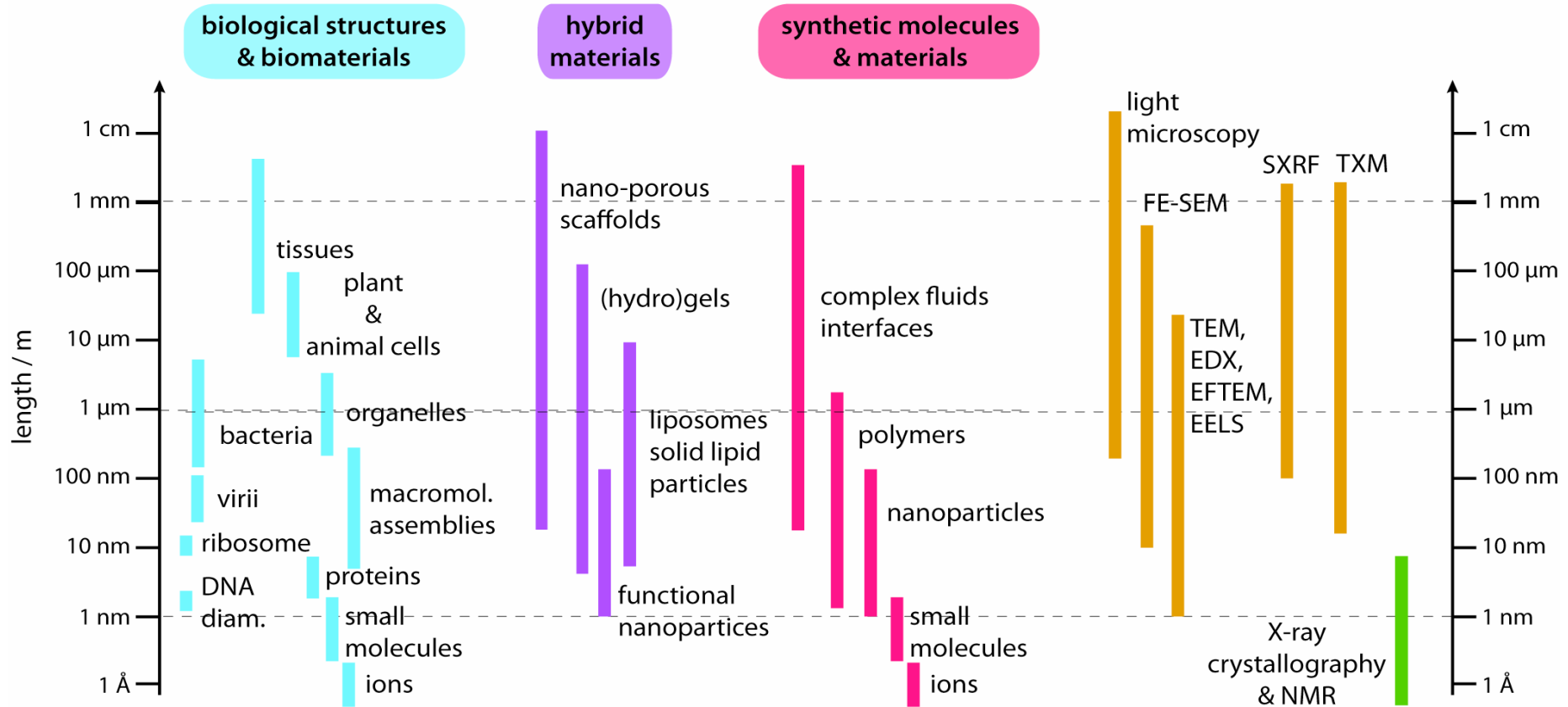
# Soft Matter Team

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# Materials and Length Scales

## Sample Dimensions

## Imaging Instrumentation



# Techniques

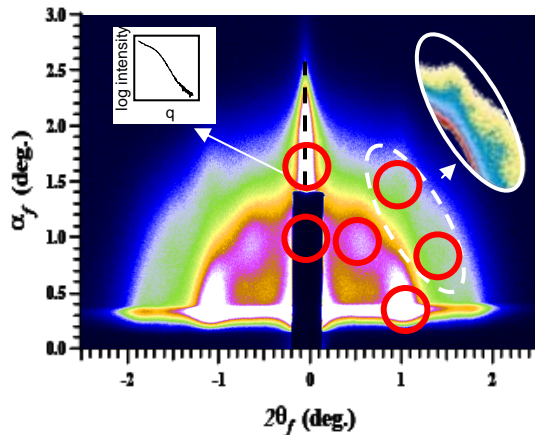
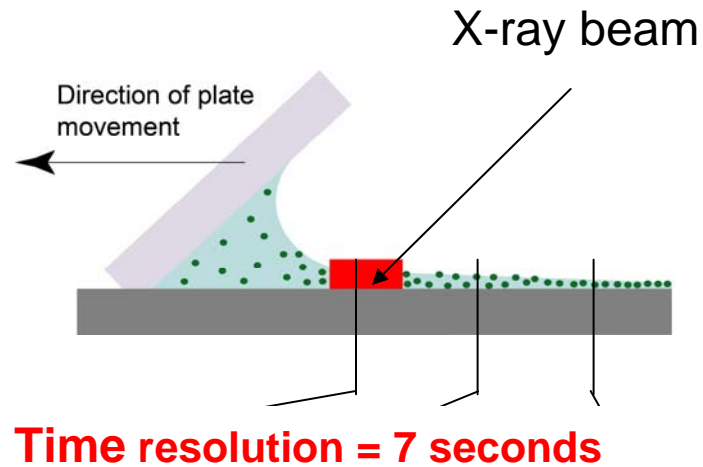
- Small angle x-ray scattering (SAXS):
- Grazing incidence x-ray scattering (GIXS)
- x-ray standing waves (XSW)
- x-ray photon correlation spectroscopy (XPCS)
- Synchrotron x-ray fluorescence (SXRF) microscopy
- Transmission x-ray microscopy (TXM)

# Science Drivers

- Surface patterning
  - Block copolymer templating, organic thin films
- Liquid systems
  - Liquid/liquid interfaces, liquid jets, biological processes
- Materials Processing
  - Low-K nanoporous dielectric coatings
- Nanomaterials
  - Nanoparticle contrast agents for imaging

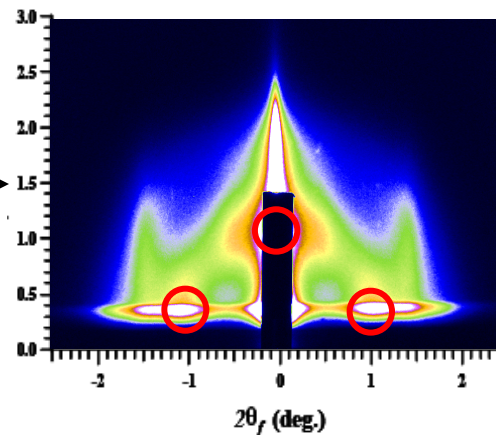
# In-situ GISAXS studies of nanoparticle lattice formation

**Goal:** Use GISAXS to follow the dynamic pathway for rapid NP lattice formation during Evaporation-Induced Self-Assembly



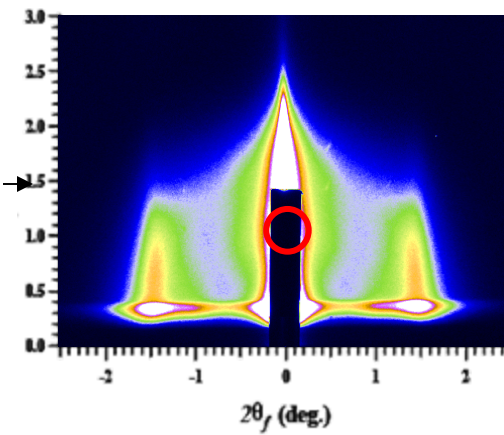
Initial non-close packed (bcc) phase

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Simple cubic transition state

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Final close-packed film after drying

Better time resolution is needed to understand the relationship between these lattice structures

# Liquid Surface Scattering

*Scientific and industrial relevance in many areas:*

## Wetting/de-wetting

liquids-on-liquids, liquids-on-solids (coatings, paints),  
biological cells on wet surfaces

## Communities

Chemical engineers, industrial chemists and materials  
scientists, environmental scientists.

## Complex fluids

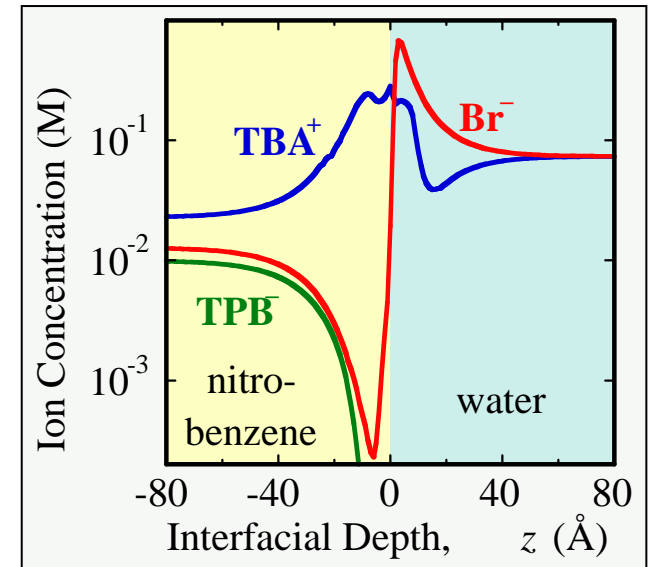
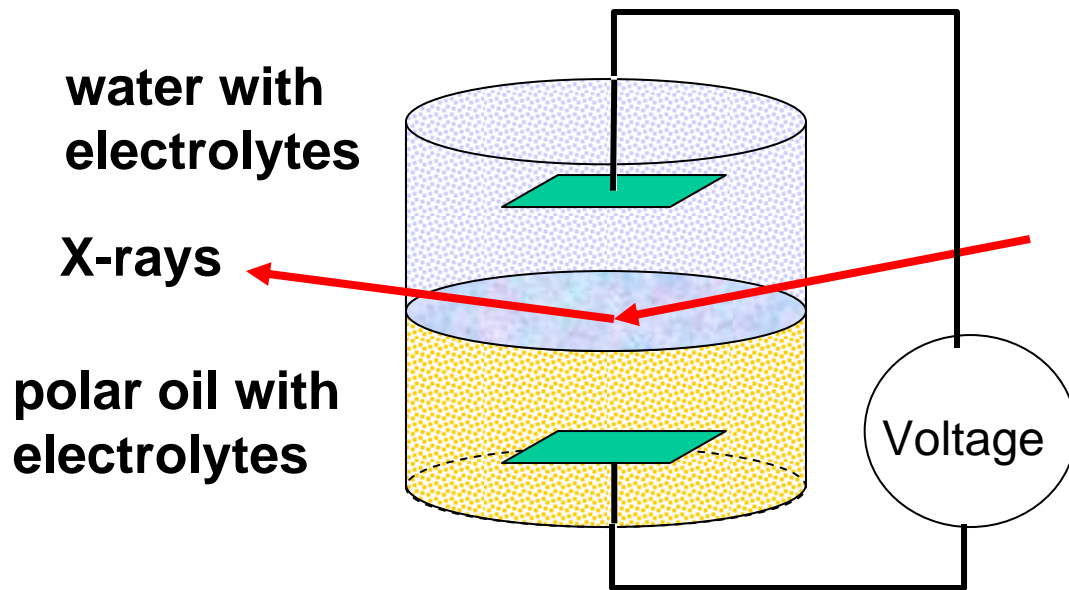
Surfactant assemblies at interfaces, many domestic  
products (soaps, detergents, emulsions), oil industry

## Communities

Chemical engineers, industrial chemists, materials  
scientists, and soft matter physicists.

*The liquid surface community is poised for growth into new areas*

# Ion distributions at water-oil interfaces



High energy capabilities of the APS are important for such studies.

## Applications

*Separation membranes*

*Extraction processes*

*Phase transfer catalysis*

*Sensor design  
(microfluidics)*

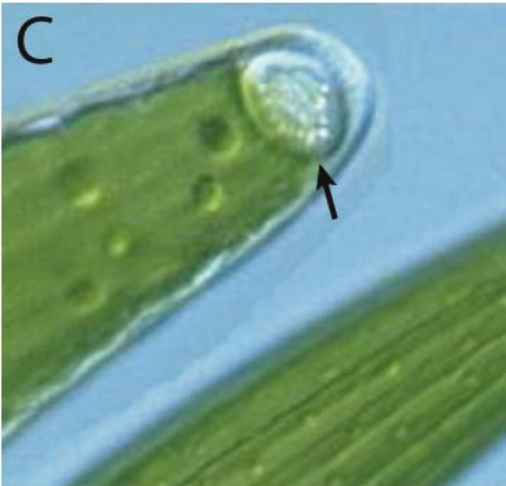
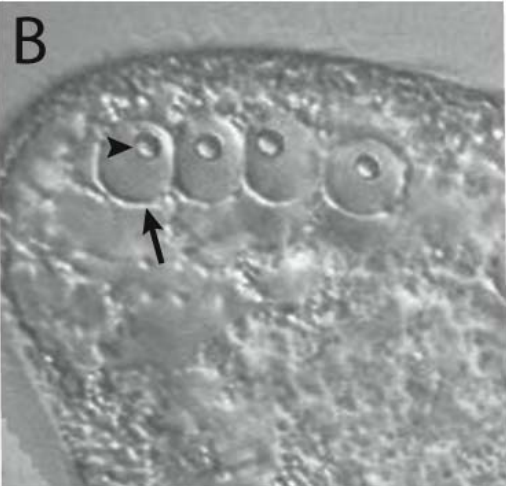
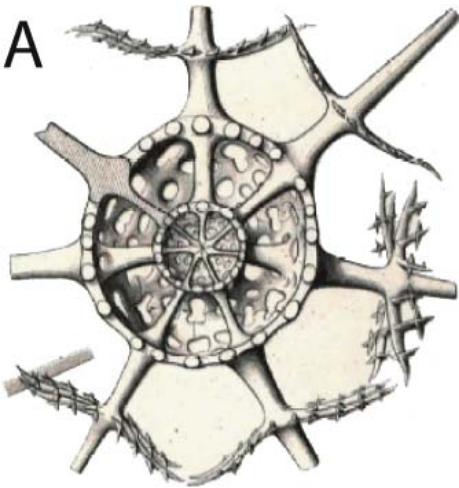
## Model for biomembrane processes such as:

*drug transport*

*protein-lipid interactions*

# Bioremediation

<sup>90</sup>Sr - contaminated  
Waste/Water



<sup>90</sup>Sr

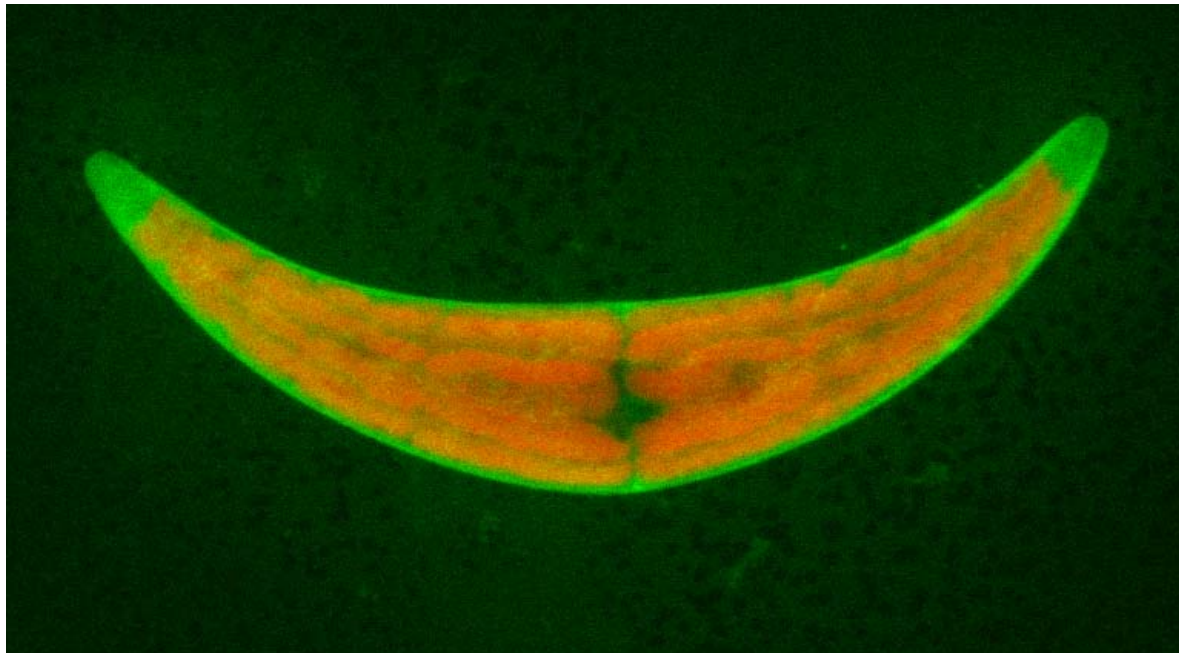


Uncontaminated water



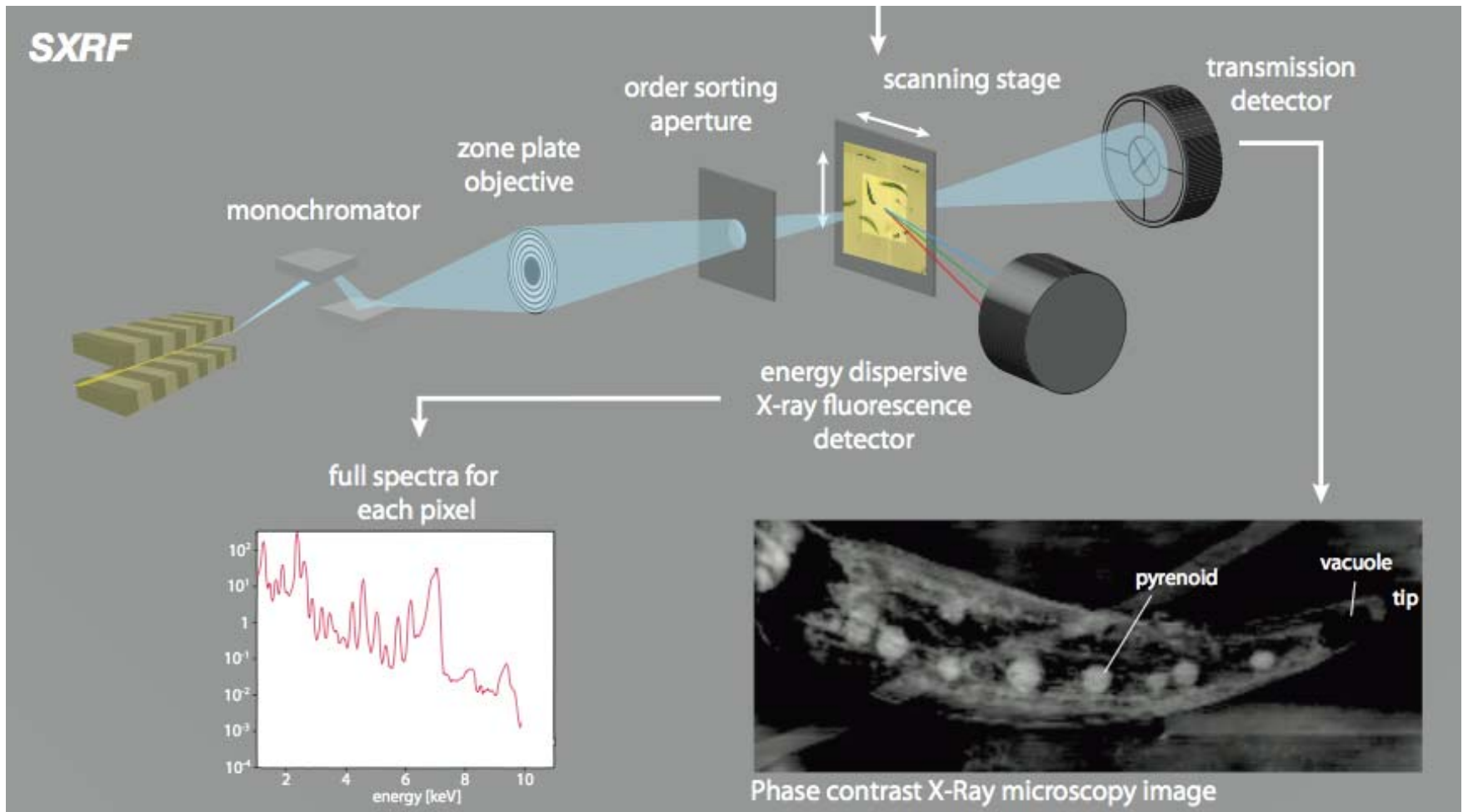
## Live Desmids of the Genus *Closterium*:

- green algae that may help remove  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  from the environment and radioactive waste.
- transport processes are fast and occur only in the living, hydrated cell.
- No selective fluorescent dyes for Sr or Ba => SXRF critical



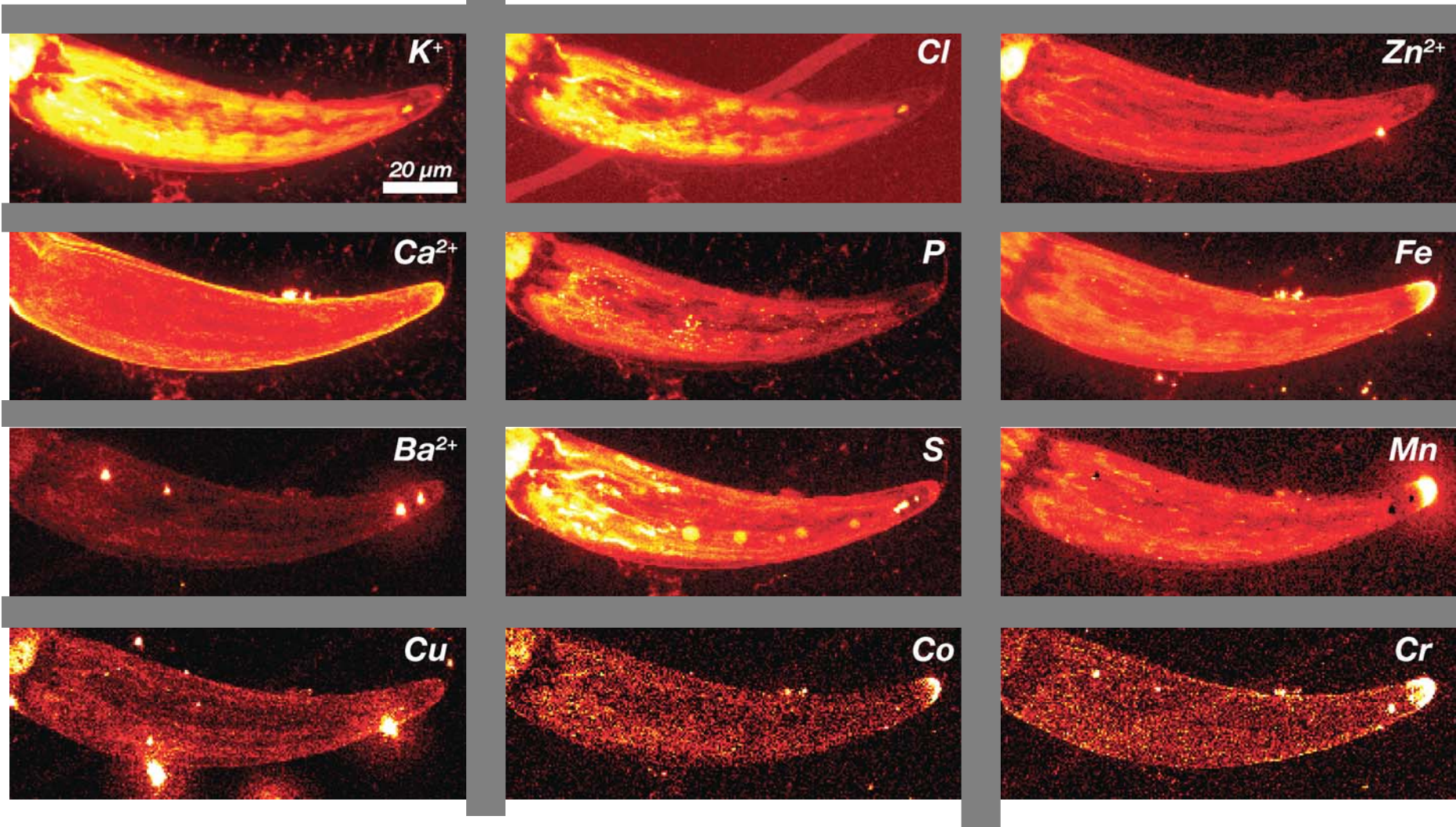
# *Synchrotron x-ray fluorescence microscopy*

- Map and quantify elemental distributions
  - Identify cellular trafficking pattern & kinetics for Ca/Sr/Ba-transport



# ***Synchrotron X-ray fluorescence microscopy***

*here: cryo-fixed & freeze dried cells - distinct need for **cryo-imaging** and **tomography** capabilities to help identify transport steps*



# Communities

- Environmental Science
- Energy
- Biomaterials
- Materials Science
- Chemistry and Chemical Engineering

# Upgrades

- Extended energy range
- Beam focusing
- Cryogenic capabilities
- Time resolution
- Detector resolution



# Break-Out Session

- 2:00-2:15 Intro: **Ken Shull**
- 2:15-2:45 Scattering techniques (SAXS, GISAXS, etc.): **Gila Stein**
- 2:45-3:00 APS scattering capabilities: present and future: **Byeongdu Lee**
- 3:00-3:30 Scientific Opportunities in Liquid Surfaces and Interfaces: **Mark Schlossman**
- 3:30-4:00 Imaging (Synchrotron x-ray fluorescence (SXRF) microscopy and transmission x-ray microscopy) **Jin Wang**
- 4:00-4:15 APS imaging capabilities: **Wah-Keat Lee**
- 4:15-5:00 Connection to life science issues, general discussion.