



Welcome to NSLS-II

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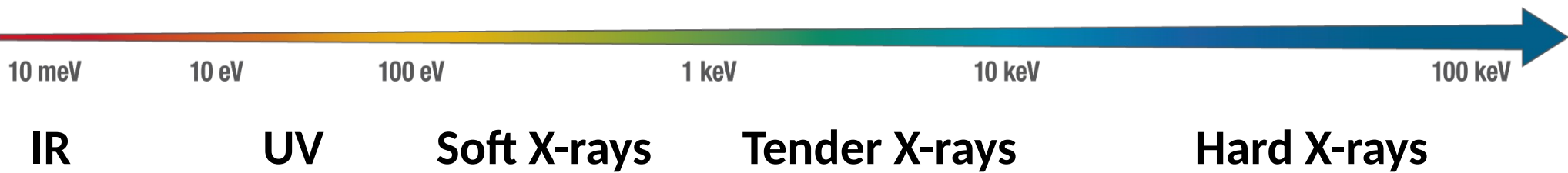
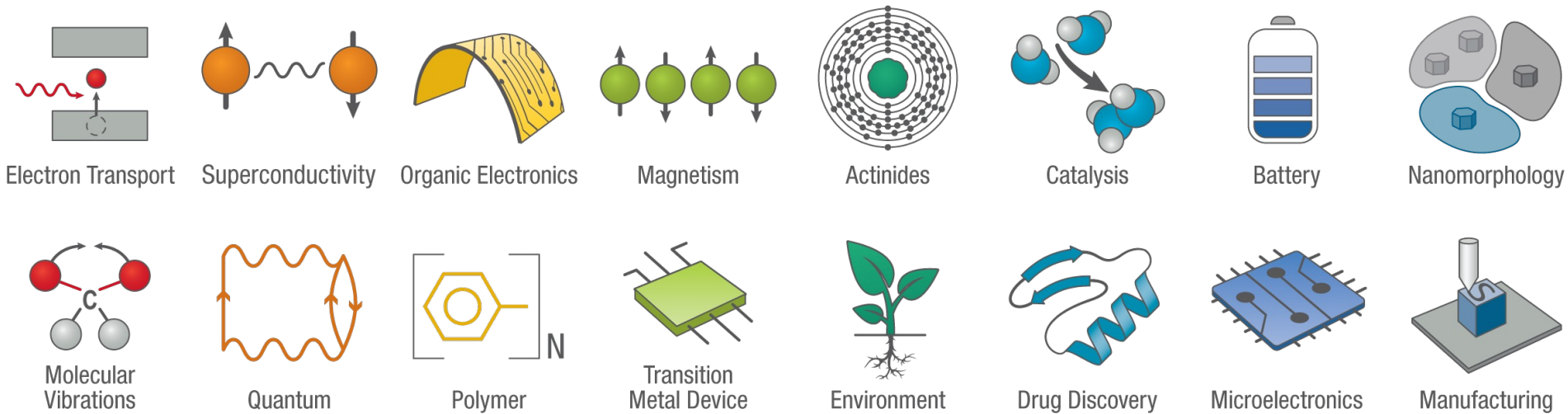
NSLS-II

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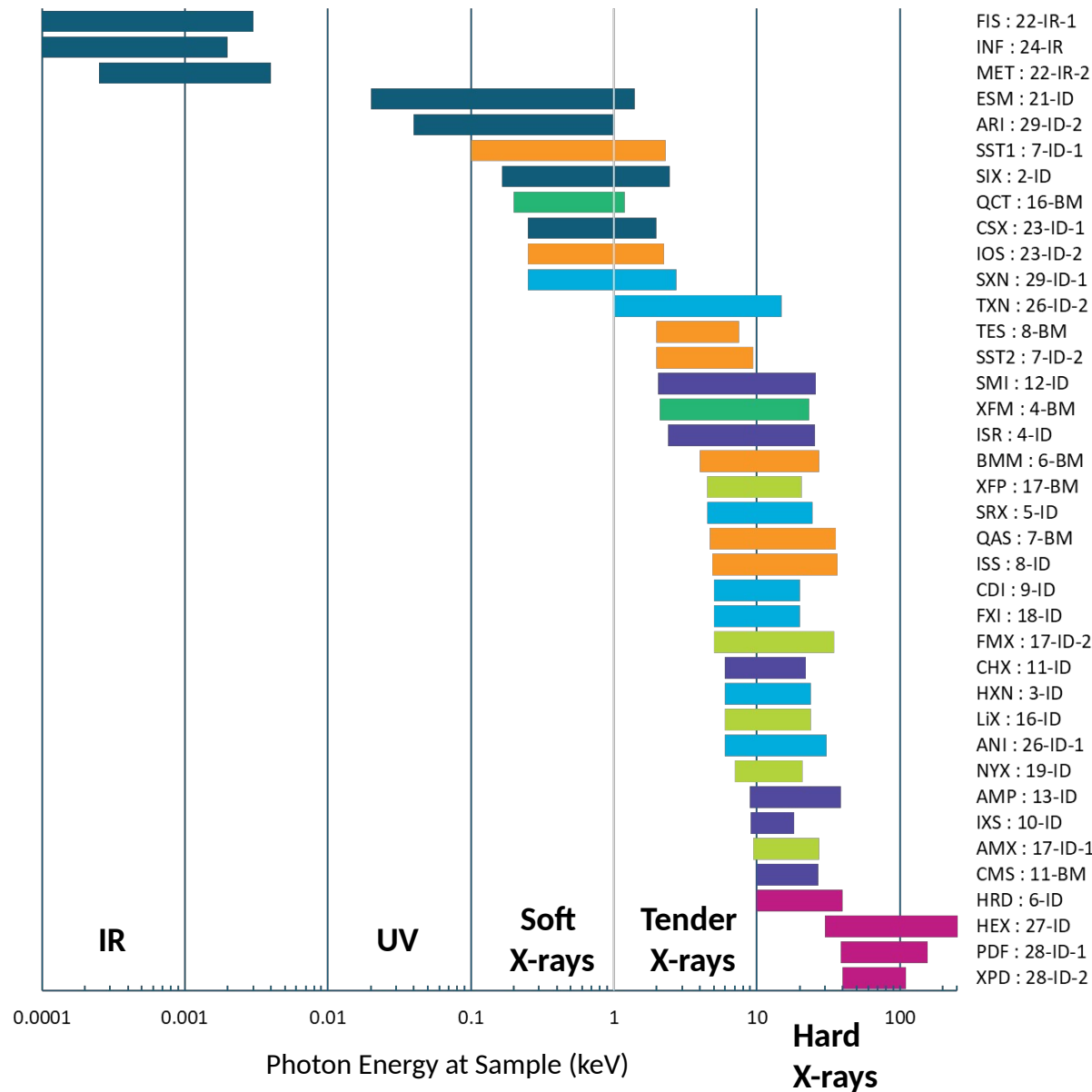


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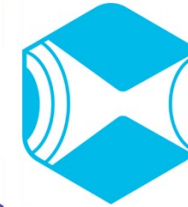
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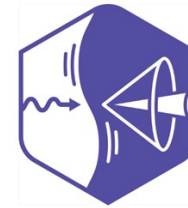
NSLS-II Beamlines and Programs



Spectroscopy



Imaging & Microscopy



Complex Scattering



Hard X-Ray Methods



Electronic Structure

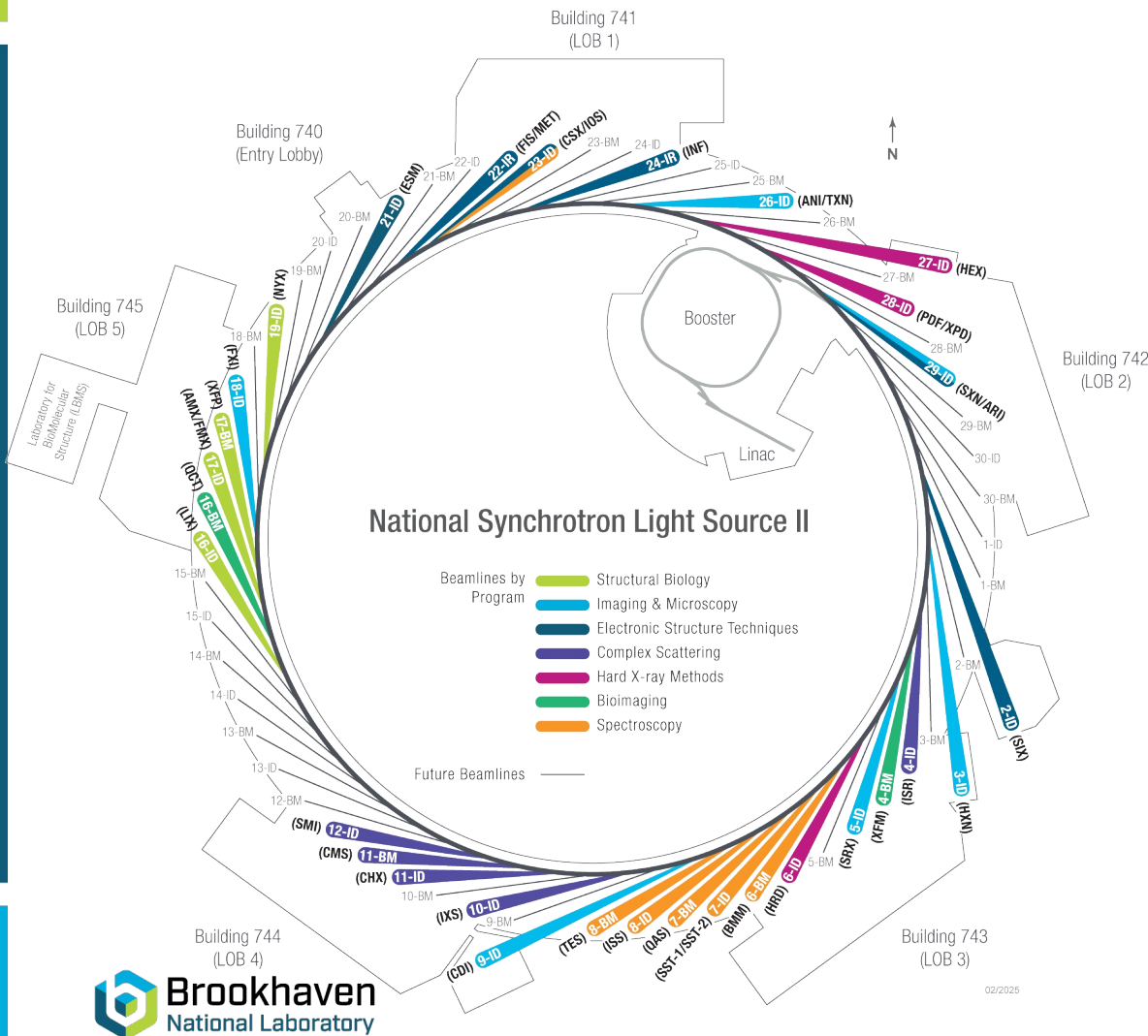


Structural Biology



Bioimaging

NSLS-II Accelerator and Beamlines



NSLS-II Accelerator Parameters

- Storage Ring Energy 3.0 GeV
- Circumference 792 m
- Beam Current 400 – 500 mA
- Horizontal Emittance ~ 0.75 nm-rad
- Vertical Emittance ~ 30 pm-rad
- Pulse Lengths 2.7-4.3mm, 10-15ps

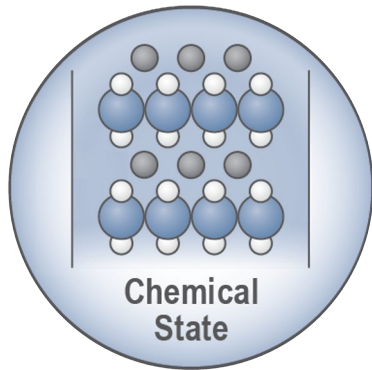
NSLS-II Beamline Portfolio

- 29 beamlines currently operating (capacity for 58)
- 21 beamlines funded and operated by DOE BES
- 3 beamlines supported by NIH and BER
- 5 beamlines constructed and operated with partner funding (NIST, Case Western Reserve University, New York Structural Biology Center)

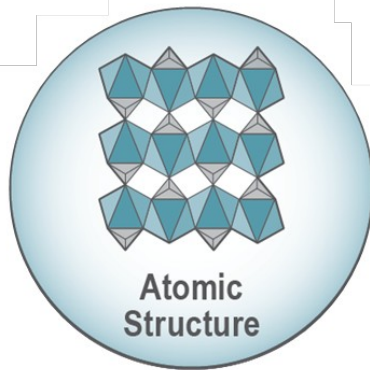
Multimodal Experiments at NSLS-II

NSLS-II enables multimodal experiments combining spectroscopy, scattering and imaging techniques provide complementary and detailed information on complex systems and processes.

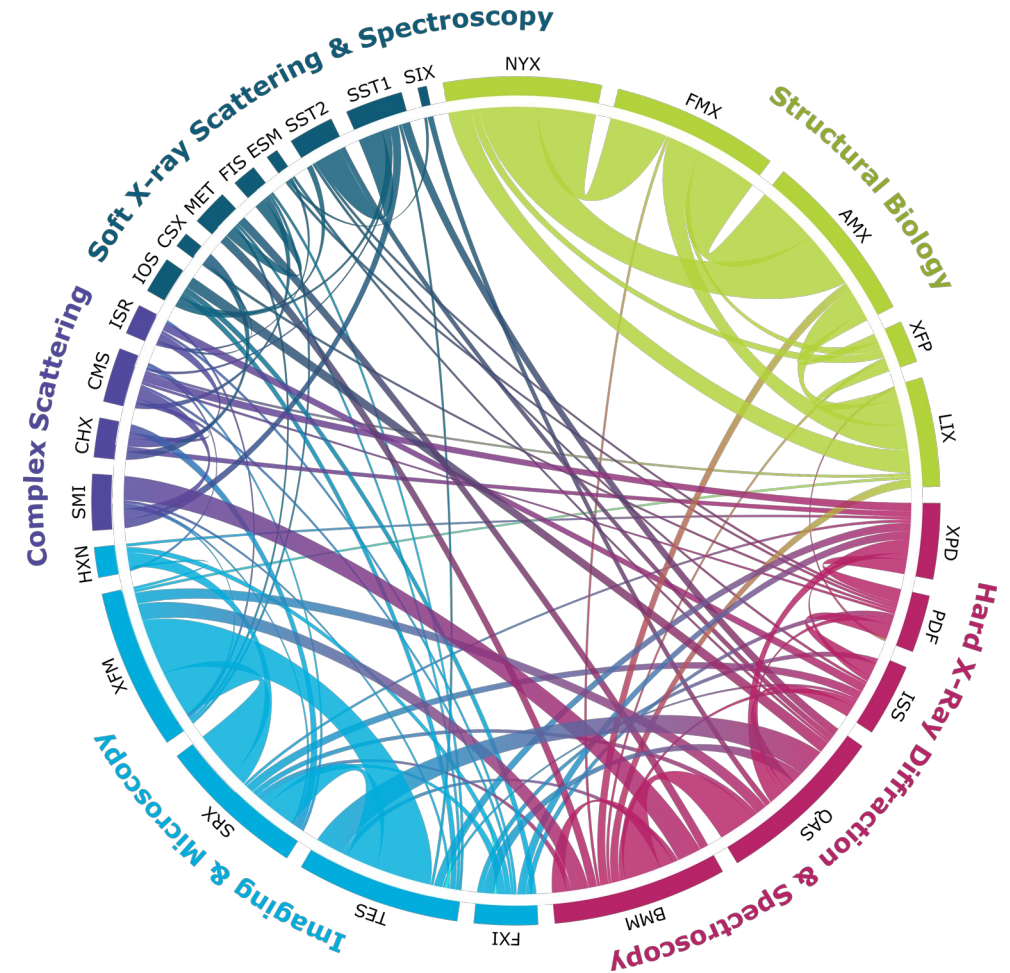
Spectroscopy



Diffraction

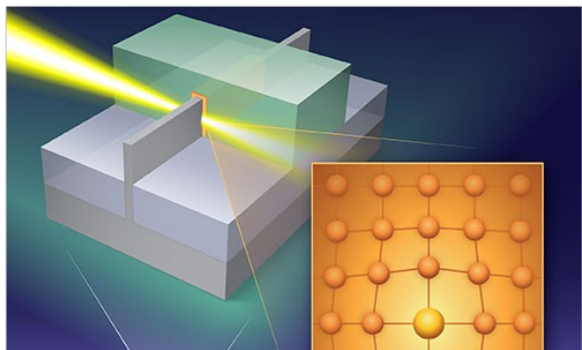


Imaging

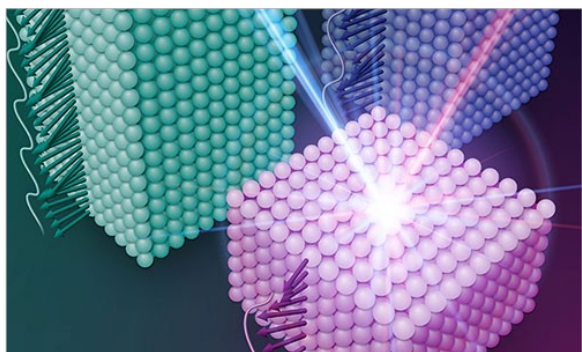


Lines connect beamlines that carry out multimodal experiments. The thickness of the lines is the number of proposals that ran on the 2 beamlines.

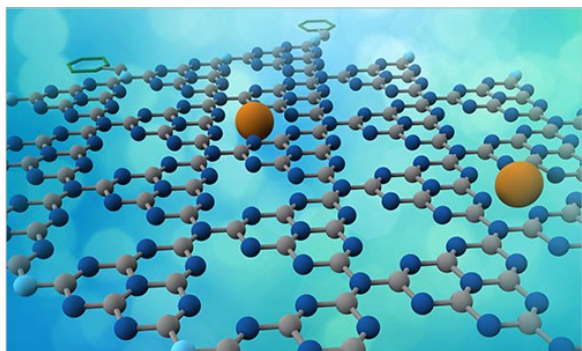
Science at NSLS-II



**Materials
Science and
Materials
Processing**

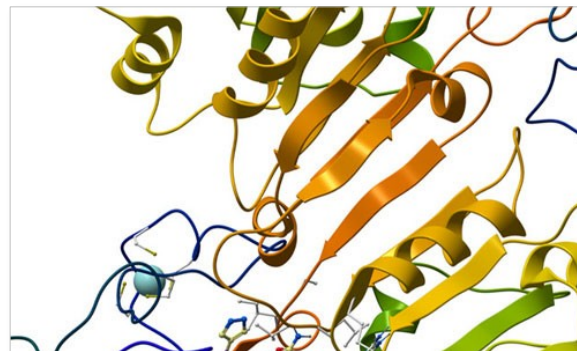


**Condensed
Matter
Physics**

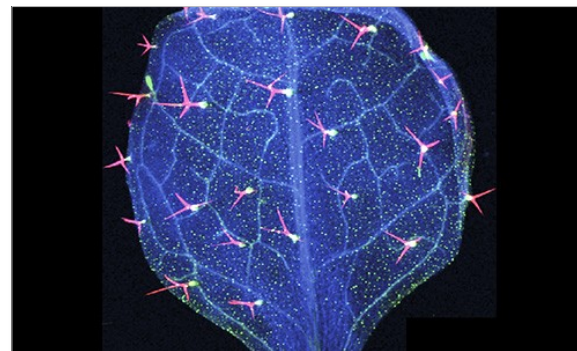


**Chemical
Transformations
and Catalysis**

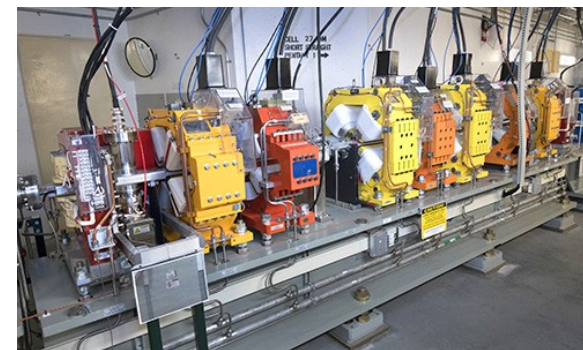
**Life and
Biosciences**



**Earth and
Planetary
Sciences**



Accelerator Science



Data Science

2,330 unique users:



- 351 institutions
- 214 universities
- 35 companies
- 46 states
- 24 countries

>8900 user visits

NSLS-II

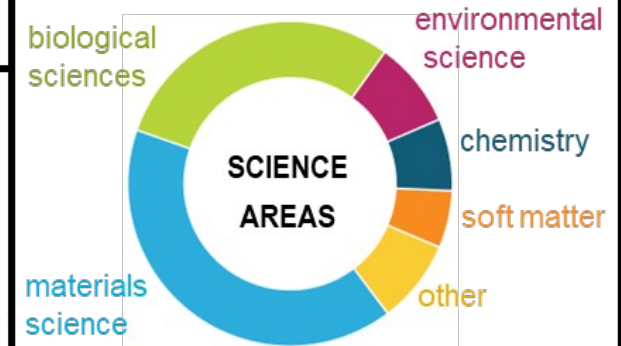
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NUMBERS

FY 2025

Together, we shine light on the world's most challenging problems

RESEARCH COVERING:

- 41% materials science
- 29% biological sciences
- 9% environmental science
- 7% chemistry
- 6% soft matter
- 8% other



Fractions based on number of users

29 beamlines

20 partner users

5 partner beamlines



739 papers published

56% in high-impact journals

>133,000 citations of NSLS-II papers



>2800 proposals submitted

>1100 proposals run



~227,000 hours of beam time requested

~98,000 hours of beam time used

2.3x beam time oversubscription rate



97.6% accelerator reliability



\$181.1 M spent

\$151.6 M (BES-SUF)

\$29.5 M (other)



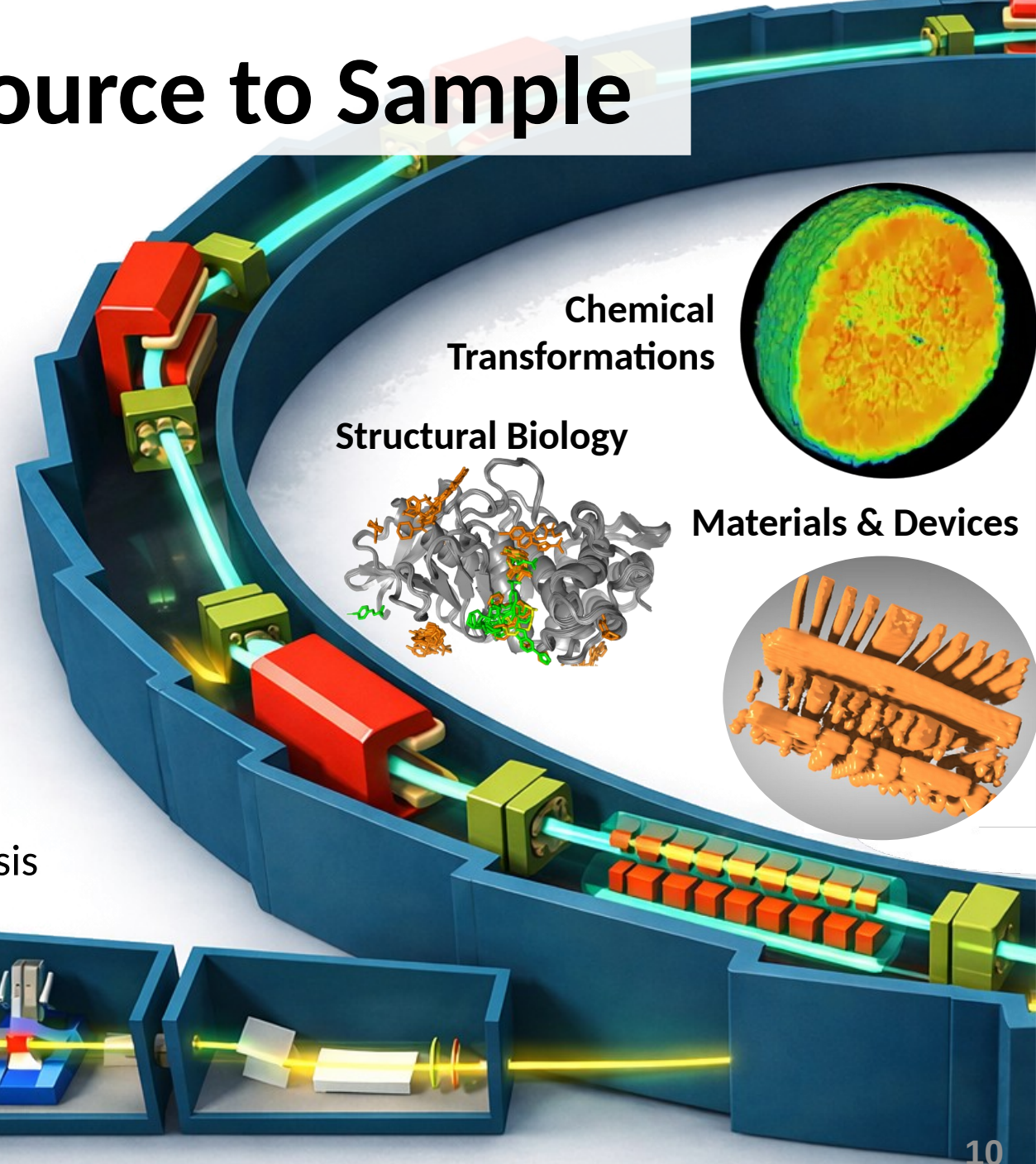
19 conferences, workshops, training courses hosted

NSLS-II Upgrade: From Source to Sample

Complex, dynamic systems require multimodal approaches spanning length, time, and energy scales under operando conditions to understand and control structure-function relationships.

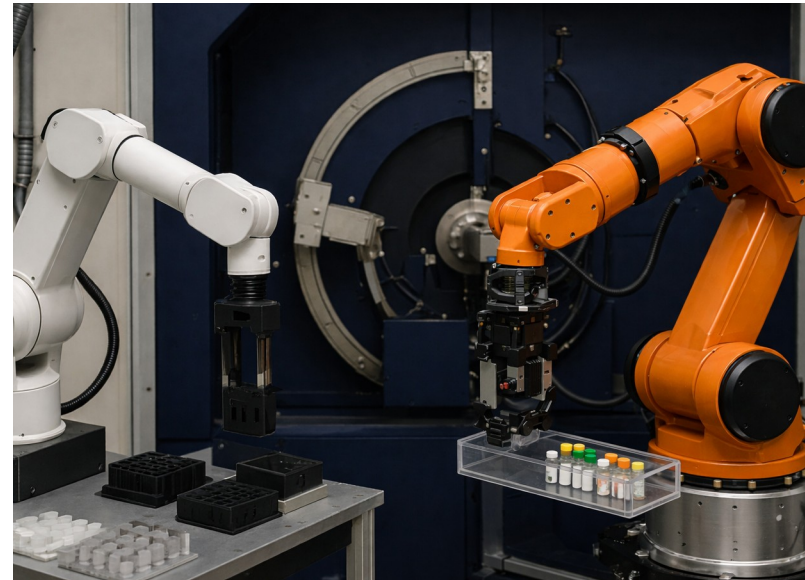
NSLS-IIU will transform experimental tools from source to sample, embedding AI throughout to accelerate discovery.

- 100× increase in useful photons from the source
- Efficient, coherence-preserving optics
- Real-world in situ and operando environments
- High-efficiency, high-resolution detectors
- 10–100× faster AI-enabled data acquisition and analysis
- Autonomous sample synthesis and processing



A Typical User Experiment at NSLS-II in the Near Future

A user team develops thousands of samples.

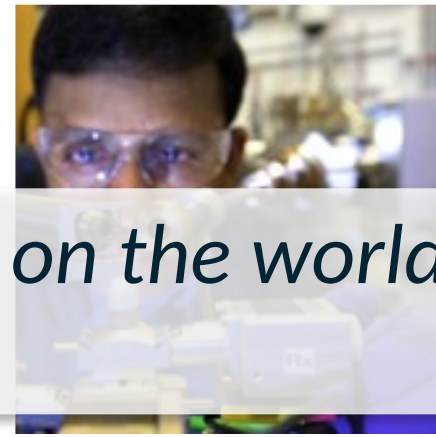
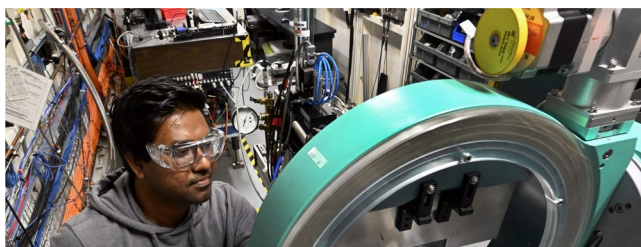
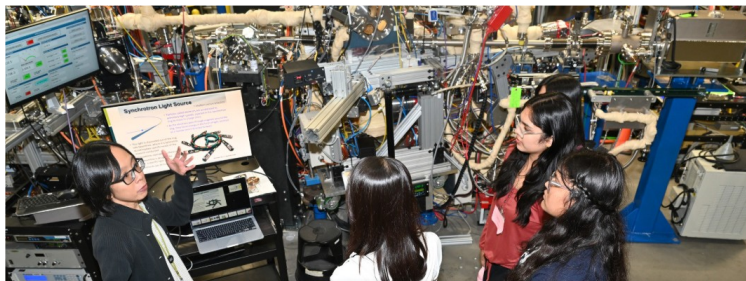
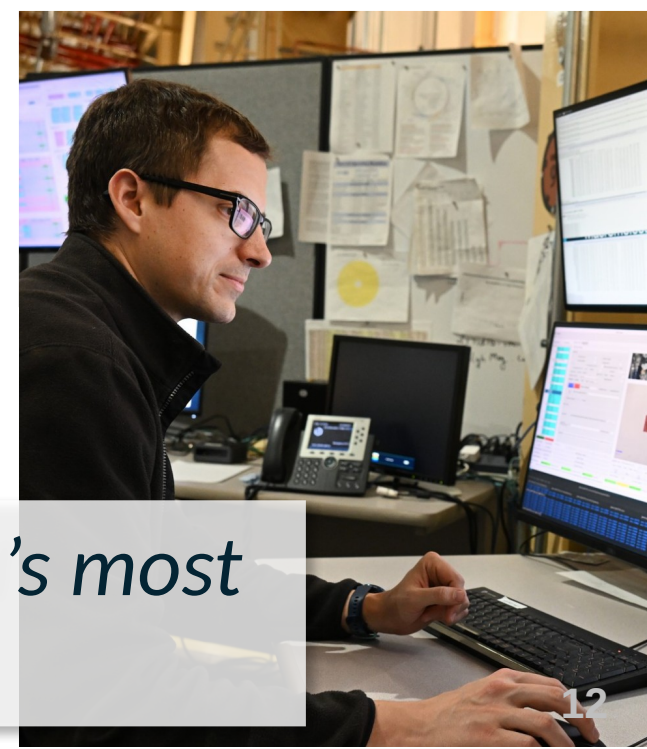
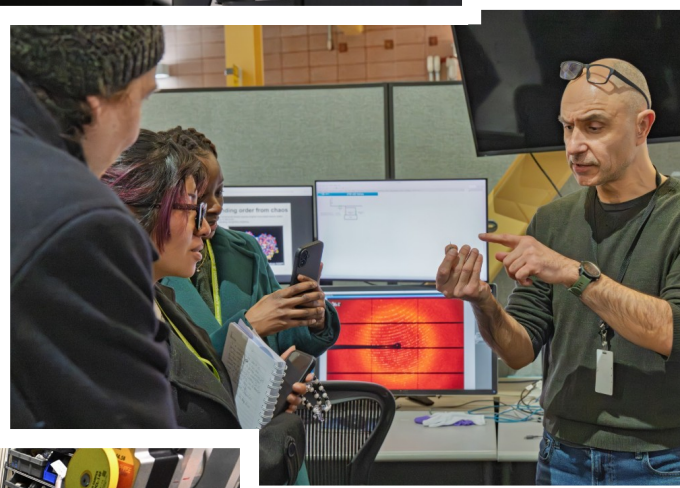
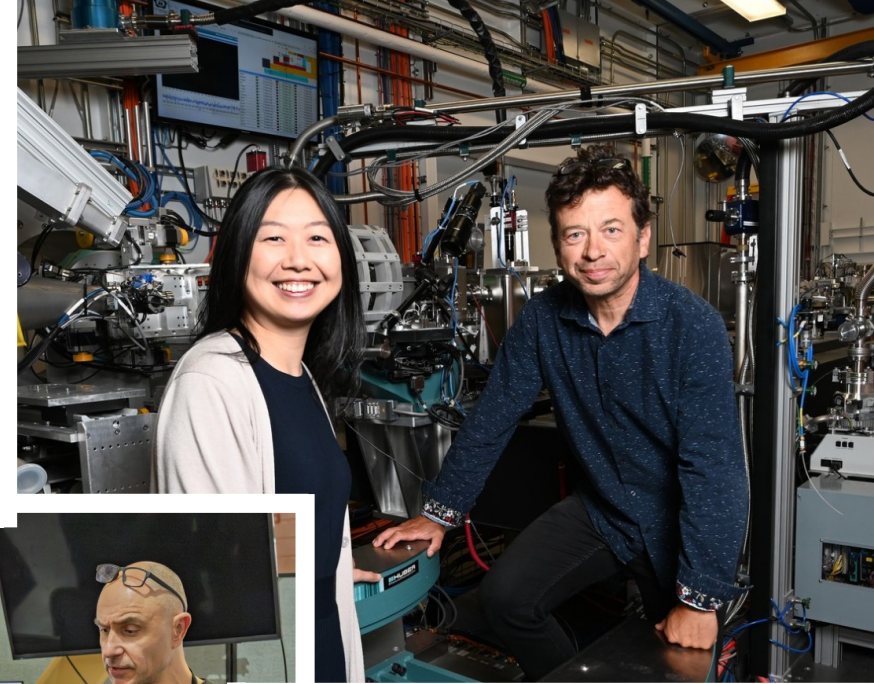


The samples and synthesis platform are autonomously integrated into one or more high throughput X-ray experiments at NSLS-II.

Users and staff collaborate with AI to run experiments, analyze data, and select promising candidates for further R&D.



Discoveries are made, results are disseminated, science and technology advances.



NSLS-II Motto: Together, we shine light on the world's most challenging scientific problems.