

Facilities in RIKEN SPring-8 Center



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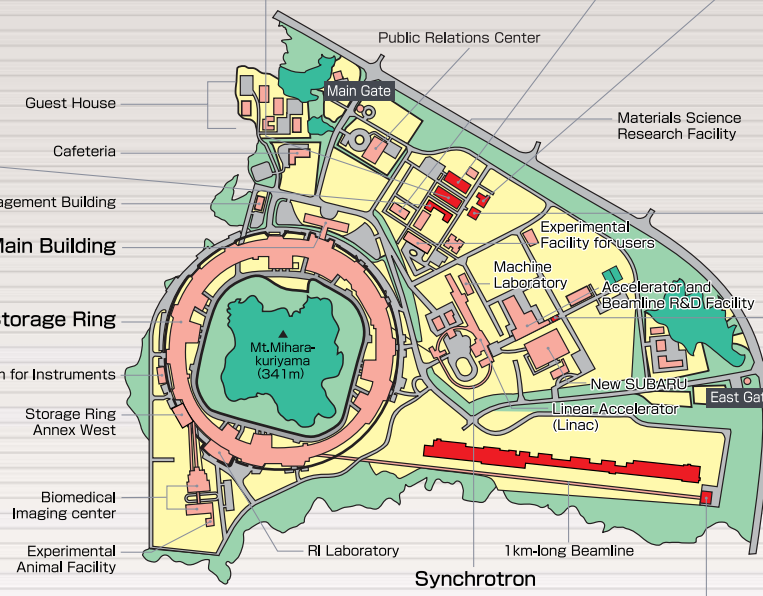
Synchrotron Radiation Physics Facility



Structural Biology Facility



Structural Biology Experimental Facility



Research Coordination Facility



EUV-Laser Experimental Facility



1km-long Beamline Facility



XFEL Construction Sight

Institutes and Offices in RIKEN

Harima Institute (SPring-8)



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Message A group of photon science pioneers

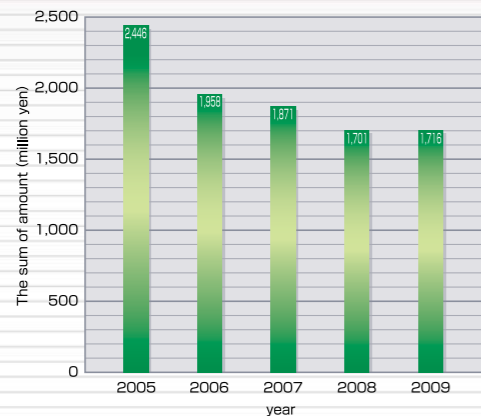
The RIKEN Harima Institute was established in October 1997. A feature of Harima Institute is SPring-8, the largest synchrotron radiation (SR) facility in the world. In October 2005, the RIKEN SPring-8 Center (RSC) was established at Harima Institute to encourage frontier research programs in the wide variety of science fields using SR. The RSC is operating seven beamlines for its own researches at SPring-8.

The RSC has a unique ability to deliver new research achievements through the development of research infrastructures and techniques -something- unattainable at other institutes. The RSC consists of groups of pioneers in photon science. It is creating new types of light sources, developing novel scientific fields using the lights, and identifying potential new applications. Being a part of a key SR facility in the Asia-Oceania region, the RSC is active in cooperative research and exchanges.

Currently, RIKEN and JASRI (the Japan Synchrotron Radiation Research Institute) are jointly constructing an XFEL (X-ray Free Electron Laser) facility for the generation of coherent X-ray beam which is unavailable at the moment. Scheduled for completion in FY 2010, the XFEL will be open to public use as SPring-8.

Putting XFEL alongside 3rd generation SR in one site opens up unique possibilities to use two sources synergistically, and will make the Harima Institute a world-leading center of excellence for photon science.

Budget of RSC (for 5 fiscal years)



Personnel



History Being a pioneer of global photon science to date and in the future

1980's

Oct. 1988
RIKEN and JAERI (the Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute) formed the joint project team for constructing SPring-8 (Super Photon ring-8GeV)



1990's

Nov. 1991
The construction of SPring-8 began
Oct. 1994
The law regarding the promotion of public use of the Synchrotron Radiation Facility went into effect and JASRI was designated for its dedication
Oct. 1997
SPring-8 started its operation for public use, and RIKEN established the Harima Institute at the site of SPring-8
May 1999
Synchrotron Radiation Research Network was launched

2000's

Oct. 2003
RIKEN was reborn as "Independent Administrative Institution"
Sep. 2005
JAERI withdrew from the SPring-8 management
Oct. 2005
RIKEN SPring-8 Center was launched
Mar. 2006
RIKEN XFEL Project Head Office was launched
Apr. 2006
RIKEN and JASRI established SPring-8 Joint Project for XFEL
July 2006
The law regarding the promotion of public use of the Synchrotron Radiation Facility was amended to also promote public use of other large advanced research facilities.
May 2008
XFEL prototype accelerator opened to the Public

What is SPring-8 ?

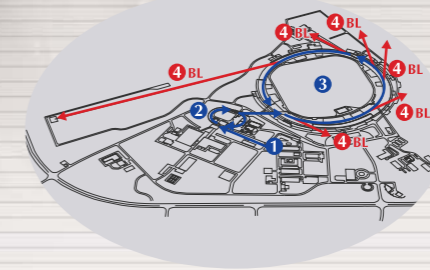
Enabler of your innovative life

SPring-8, the world's largest synchrotron radiation (SR) facility, could be described as a "super microscope". SPring-8 provides the most powerful SR currently available in the world. This ultra-brilliant SR offers researchers exciting opportunities for advanced research in materials science, spectroscopic analysis, earth science, life science, environmental science, forensic science, industrial applications and various other research fields. Many commodities in our daily life have been developed or improved by SPring-8.

※The management, operation, maintenance, support for users of SPring-8 are entrusted to JASRI.

How does SPring-8 generate the light?

The Pathway of Electrons



- 1 Electrons are generated by an electron gun.
- 2 Electrons are accelerated and injected into the storage ring.
- 3 Stored electron beam emits SR.
- 4 Experiments are performed at beamlines.

RIKEN Beamlines

There are RIKEN Beamlines in SPring-8. RSC have technical advantages for designing, developing and upgrading beamlines itself adapt to various research subject. RSC takes the lead in developing the new photon science by cutting-edge technology.

No.	No.	Name of the Beamline	Main area & subject of research
1	BL17SU	RIKEN Coherent Soft X-ray Spectroscopy	High-intensity soft X-ray spectroscopy, surface science
2	BL19LXU	RIKEN SR Physics	Science of high-intensity X-ray
3-4	BL26B1&2	RIKEN Structural Genomics I & II	high throughput analysis of protein Micro-crystallography
5	BL29XU	RIKEN Coherent X-ray Optics I	Coherent X-ray optics
6	BL44B2	RIKEN Materials Science	Macromolecular crystallography
7	BL45XU	RIKEN Structural Biology I	X-ray small-angle scattering and diffraction, non-crystalline biological materials
8*	BL32XU	RIKEN Targeted Proteins	Protein micro-crystallography
9*	BL43LXU	RIKEN Quantum Nano Dynamics	Atomic and Electronic Dynamics using Inelastic X-Ray Scattering

★under construction

What is the RSC ?

COE (Center of Excellence) in high-energy photon science

The RSC was established in October, 2005 at RIKEN Harima Institute. The mission of RSC is to pursue cutting-edge research and development in high-energy photon science using SPring-8, XFEL and any relevant future light sources.

The RSC consists of three strategic divisions as follows.

- 1) to produce concepts leading to newer light sources
- 2) to develop science accessible only with these light sources
- 3) to expand the newer science and technology for wider application



The members of the RSC (April, 2009.)

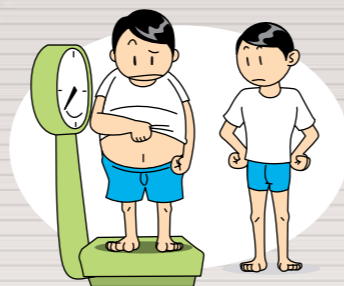
Research Highlights of the RSC

Various research activities are going on at RSC. These highlights represent a part of the published works from the RSC.

Future treatments for metabolic syndrome

An acetyl-CoA carboxylase (ACC) in fatty-acid biosynthesis pathway can cause metabolic syndrome. A pharmaceutical control of the enzymatic ACC activation by biotin protein ligase (BPL) is one possible approach to treatments for metabolic disorders. To facilitate drug development, the complex crystal structure between ACC catalytic domain and BPL was clarified. Difficulties in obtaining good crystals were overcome using the multiple mutant method.

Journal of Biological Chemistry (23 May 2008)



Circularly polarized x-rays probe crystal chirality



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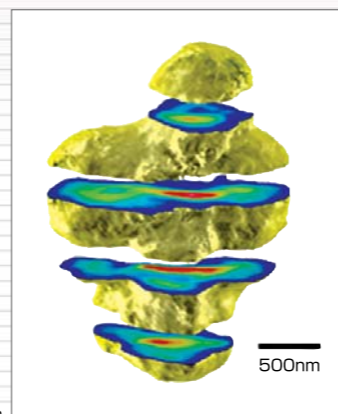
Enantiomers in many proteins, sugars and pharmaceuticals crystallize into two forms that are mirror images of each other like our right and left hands. X-rays, which are normally useful in determining the structure of materials and biomolecules, are much less sensitive to the "handedness" of an enantiomer. We have shown that right and left circularly polarised (RCP and LCP) X-rays at the resonant energy can distinguish "left" from "right" low-quartz, whose crystal structures are mirror images of each other.

Physical Review Letters (11 April 2008)

See into the cellular world

RSC scientists observed three-dimensional structure of an unstained human chromosome by using coherent X-ray diffraction. The observed images reveal an internal axial structure with high electron-density, which other microscopic methods have been unable to visualize under unstained conditions. The result experimentally demonstrates the high imaging ability of coherent X-ray diffraction for unstained biological specimens, which is transparent to X-rays, opening novel and strong means of exploring cellular structures. This image made the cover of the PRL.

Physical Review Letters (9 January 2009)



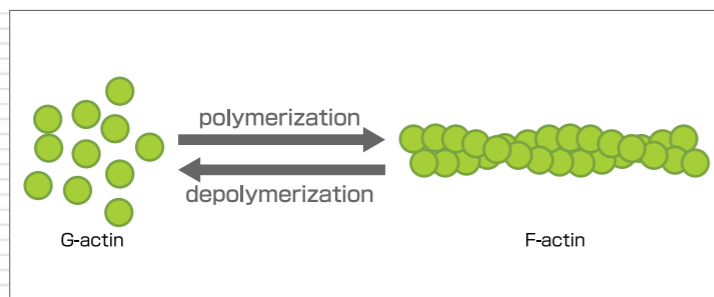
Axial image of a human chromosome

Structural analysis of F-actin by the X-ray fiber diffraction

The nature of transition form monomer to polymer

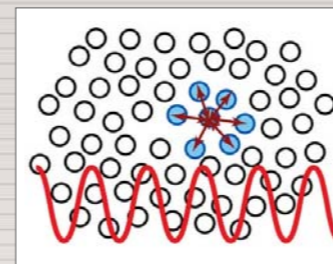
Actin is found in many eukaryotic cells and it has two states, monomeric G-actin and polymeric F-actin. The transition from G- to F-actin drives a broad range of cellular functions. G-actin structure was solved in 1990, but F-actin structure remains vague for a long time. We determined the higher resolution structure of F-actin by the x-ray fiber diffraction. A structural characteristic of the G- to F-actin transition is flattening of actin molecule.

Nature (22 January 2009)



The transition of G- to F-actin occurs by polymerization and depolymerization of actin. The transition drives important cellular functions such as cell motility.

Atomic-Scale Shear Motion in a Simple Liquid



The recent first observation of transverse atomic motion in a simple liquid will further understanding of the liquid state. While long expected, observation of this fundamental feature was only possible using a special x-ray spectrometer with extremely good resolution ($\Delta E/E < 10^{-7}$). Atomic motions are intimately connected with liquid behavior, so this result, and work building on it, will improve our understanding of this very common and fundamental state of matter.

Physical Review Letters (13 March 2009)

Schematic showing cage-like atomic motion of an atom in the liquid and the x-ray wave-field.

The secret of water: Clear water has inhomogeneous micro structure

The RSC scientists revealed that the existence of inhomogeneous micro structure in pure liquid water by using SPring-8. Temperature dependent changes of microstructures named "ice-like" and "distorted" were also studied. These new findings are interesting and important for understanding of water in cell, aqueous chemical reaction, function of water as solvent etc.

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (10 August 2009)

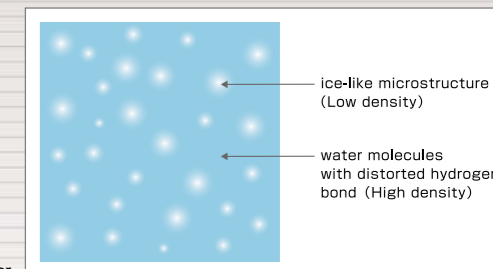


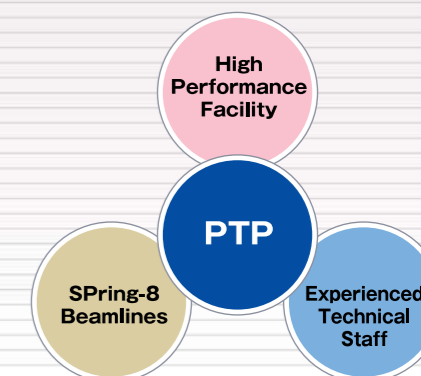
Image of instantaneous microstructure in liquid water

RSC

Protein Tectonics Platform

SPring-8, the biggest synchrotron radiation facility in the world, is a powerful tool for the structural study of proteins. Many proteins are difficult to be stored for a long term due to their structural instability.

In the SPring-8 Center, these delicate proteins can be analyzed smoothly within the campus by utilizing a high-throughput structure analysis pipeline which covers all aspects of protein crystallography composed of sample preparation, beamline experiment, and structure determination. This platform will contribute to various studies in such as life science.



International Exchange

SPring-8 plays an active role in training young scientists from Asia-Oceania region through summer school named "Cheiron School". The school includes lectures on SR science technologies, synchrotron operation and industrial applications.

*Cheiron is one of the immortal Greek gods who was known for providing the right knowledge and skills to the appropriate mortal.

Science Outreach Activity

The RSC is also active in science outreach activity. It provides opportunities to feel the state-of-the-art science to local.

http://www.spring8.or.jp/ja/support/contact/site_tour/



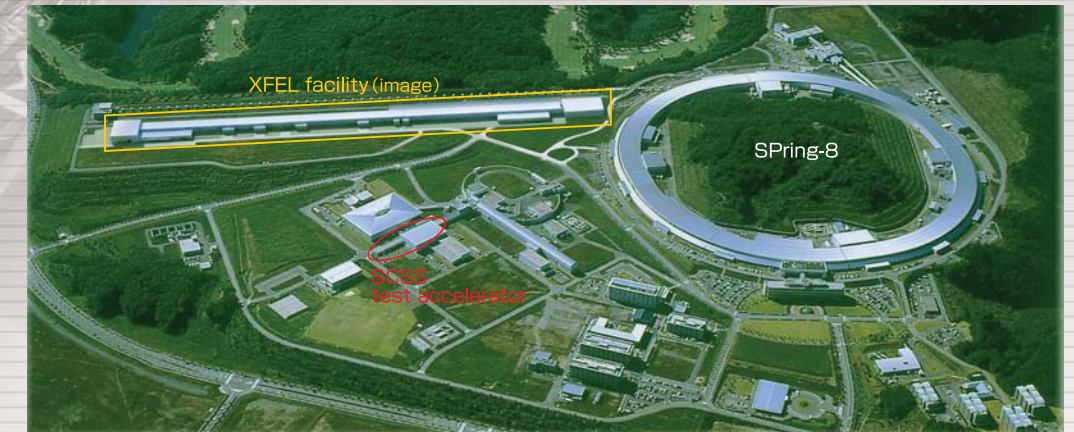
Organization



XFEL: the "Dream Light"

XFEL heralds the dawn of a new era in Science

RIKEN has set up the SPring-8 Joint Project for XFEL to construct an X-ray free electron laser (XFEL), in collaboration with JASRI. The XFEL will enable major progress in the structural analysis of proteins and the development of new materials, thus leading to the creation of new scientific fields.



The XFEL facility (the area surrounded by yellow lines) is being built next to the SPring-8 Storage Ring. The red line shows the XFEL prototype called SCSS test accelerator.

Milestones	Future Plans
2005 Manufacture of a 250MeV test apparatus begins	2010 Finish construction of experiment/research building
2006 Success achieved in laser oscillation of 49nm UV rays in the test apparatus	2010 Achieve XFEL laser oscillation
2007 XFEL facility construction begins	2011 Open facility to shared use
2008 XFEL User Promotion Projects and User Projects open to the Public	
2009 Finish construction of the building housing the light source and all related equipment	

XFEL



X-ray Free Electron Laser Light

To date, conventional lasers using stimulated emission, and higher harmonics generated by the non-linear process have had difficulty in reaching shorter X-ray wavelength, which are essential to microscopic observation with atomic resolution. One way to go down to X-rays is to use free electron in an accelerator producing coherent X-ray photons as a result of electron-photon interaction in a long undulator.

