

- Allocation of time on the NAP-XPS is **competitive**; we always receive more applications than we have time to allocate, so it's worth investing some time and effort into your proposal.
- The **only** thing the panel will judge you on is the application in front of them, so make sure it is a complete summary of what you want to do and that you refer to any previous NAP-XPS experiments in your application.
- **I cannot advocate for you in the meeting**, so even if you've spoken to me and I think it's a great proposal, you still have to write a compelling application.
- Don't forget to discuss the **impact** of your work - there has to be some reason why the proposed experiment is important in a broad context.
- It must be **novel** - check the literature. If it has been done before, we're not going to do it again!
- **It must exploit the unique capabilities of the instrument.** If your experiment is possible using conventional XPS it will have lowest priority.