

SPring-8 Research Frontiers describes the remarkable scientific achievements made at all beamlines (BL's) at SPring-8: public BL's including R & D BL's, contract BL's, JAERI/RIKEN BL's and an accelerator diagnosis beamline. Developments in the accelerators and beamlines themselves are also reported. This third volume "1999/2000" covers advances made during the research period spanning from the second half of 1999 to the first half of 2000.

To properly classify all the synchrotron radiation research fields within this volume, we have added a new field, "Industrial Applications" to the former five categories. Highlights in this field were selected from the viewpoint of impacts on industrial development.

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