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Radiation science using dedicated synchrotron storage rings has existed for only 38 years. And in that time the advances in both technology and techniques have been astonishing. The time when researchers took their own laboratory equipment to SR beamlines is long gone. Researchers now have a wide range of beamlines and techniques from which to choose to satisfy their experimental needs: each beamline possesses a variety of environmental specimen stages; dedicated beamline scientists are on hand to give advice; funding for travel and accommodation is provided. This lecture reflects on how it is that Australian scientists are blessed with the facilities they currently enjoy.

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