

# User Experiments at European XFEL



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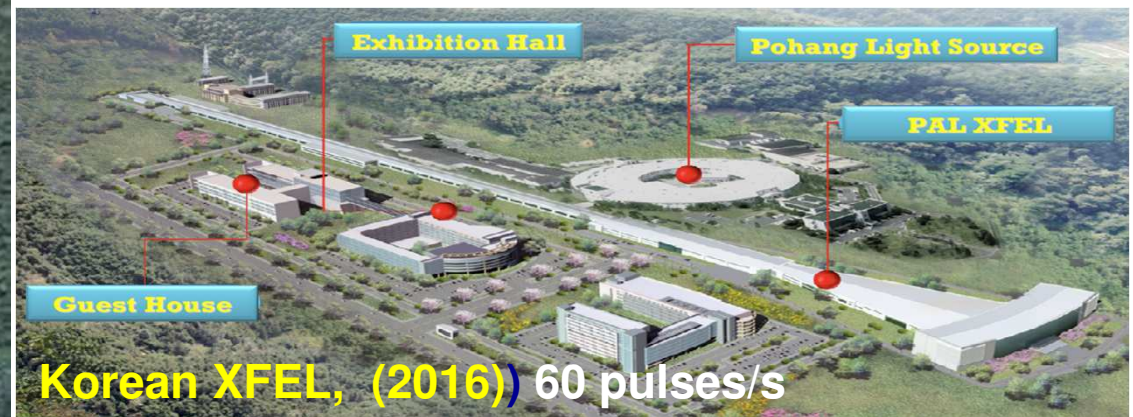
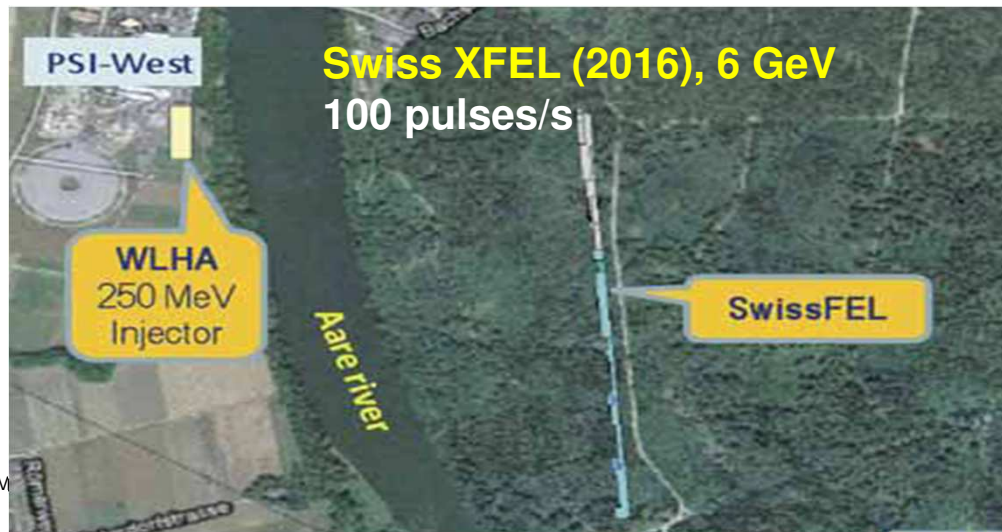
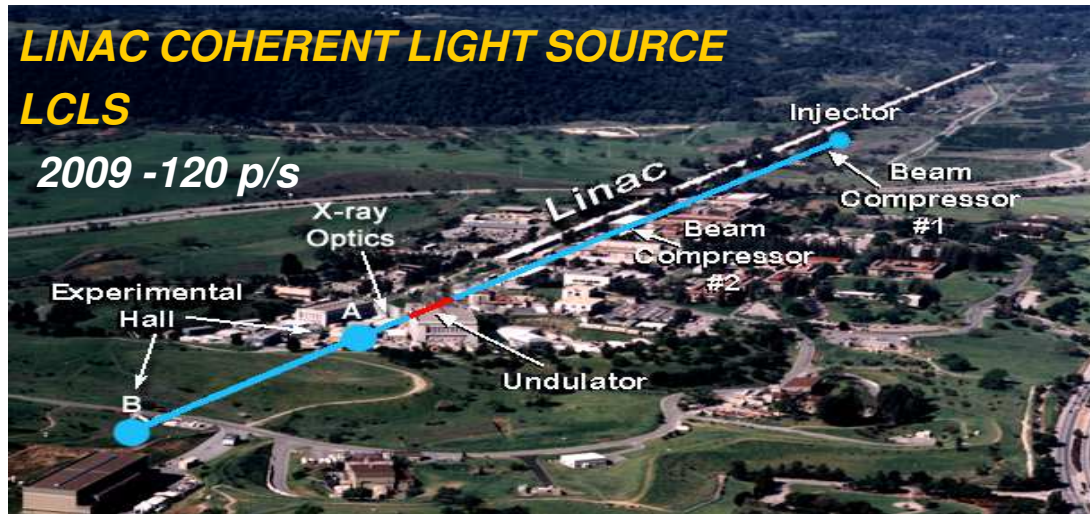
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## The European XFEL in the International Context : Hard X-ray FELS

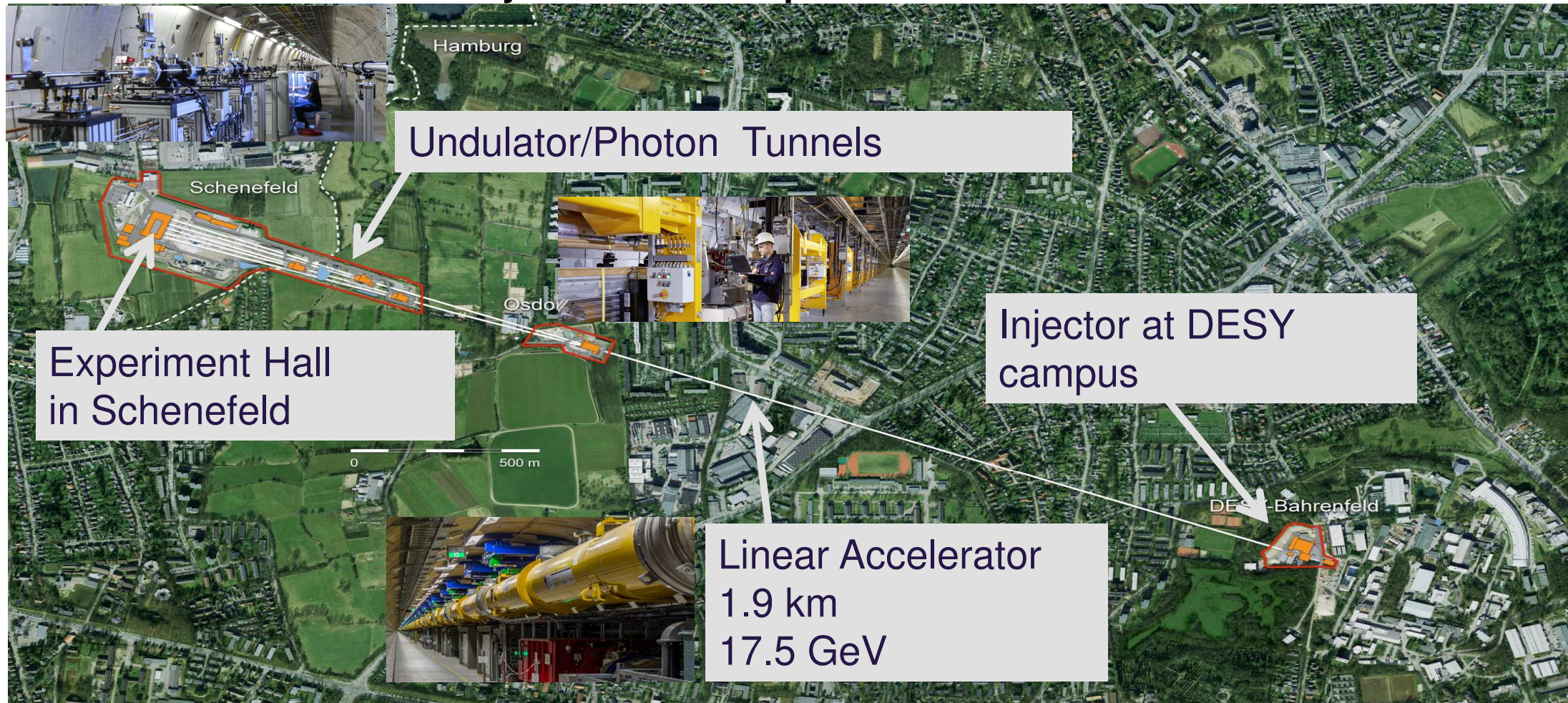
### **LINAC COHERENT LIGHT SOURCE LCLS**

2009 -120 p/s



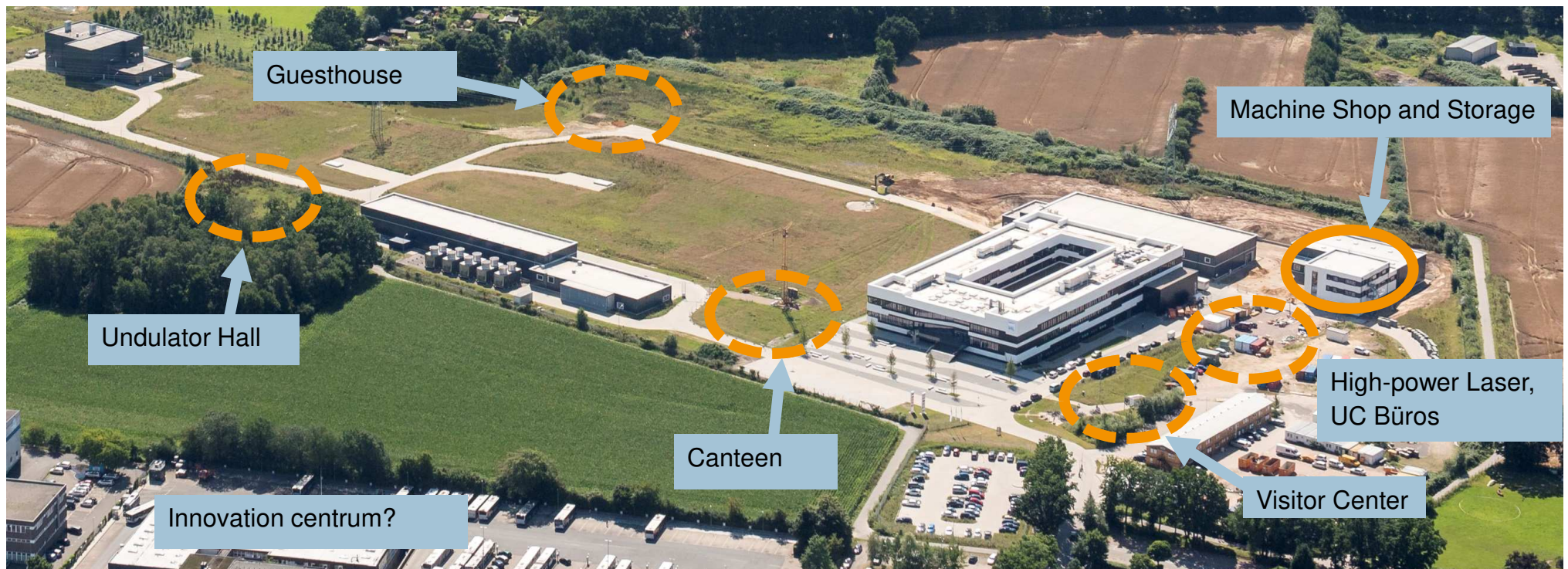


## General layout of the European XFEL





## Campus Schenefeld including planned Canteen und Guesthouse





## Six Scientific instruments

### FXE (Femtosecond X-ray Experiments)

- SASE1**
- Ultrafast dynamics of liquids and solid matter
  - Combination of spec. & scat. techniques

### MID (Materials Imaging & Dynamics)

- SASE2**
- CDI from nano-structured samples
  - XPCS of nanoscale dynamics
- Team: A. Madsen et al.

### SQS (Small Quantum Systems)

- SASE3**
- Ultrafast dynamics of atoms, ions & clusters
  - Combination of spec. & coh. scat. techniques
- Team: M. Meyer et al.

### SPB/SFX (Single Part., Bioimaging, & SFX)

- Coherent diffraction imaging from single part.
- Serial fs nano-crystallography

Team: A. Mancuso et al. / **SFX UC** (H. Chapman et al.)

### HED (High Energy Density science)

- Ultrafast dynamics of highly excited matter
- Combinations of scattering, diff. & spectroscopy

Team: U. Zastrau et al. / **HiBEF UC** (T. Cowan et al.)

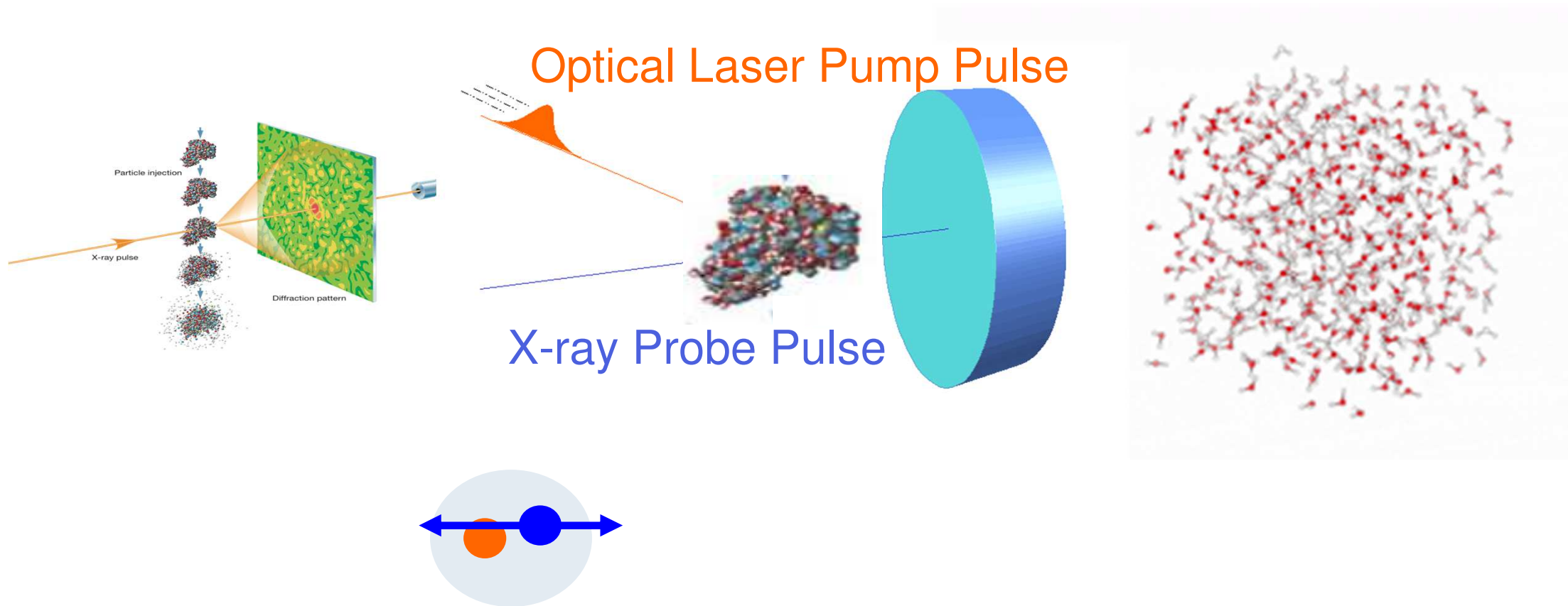
### SCS (Spectroscopy & Coherent Scattering)

- Ultrafast dynamics of complex solids
- Combination of hr-inelastic spec. & coh.scattering

Team: A. Scherz et al. / **hRIXS UC** (A. Föhlisch et al.)

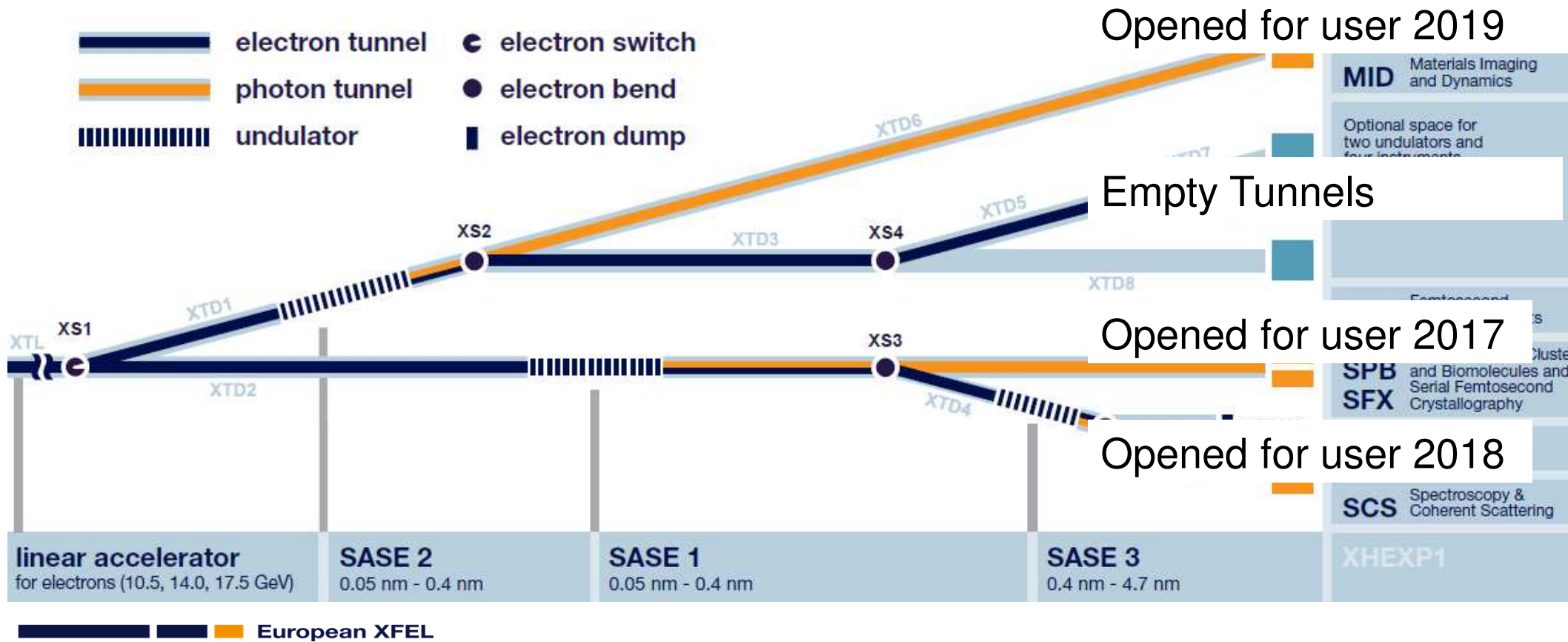


# Science Case : Making Molecular Movies



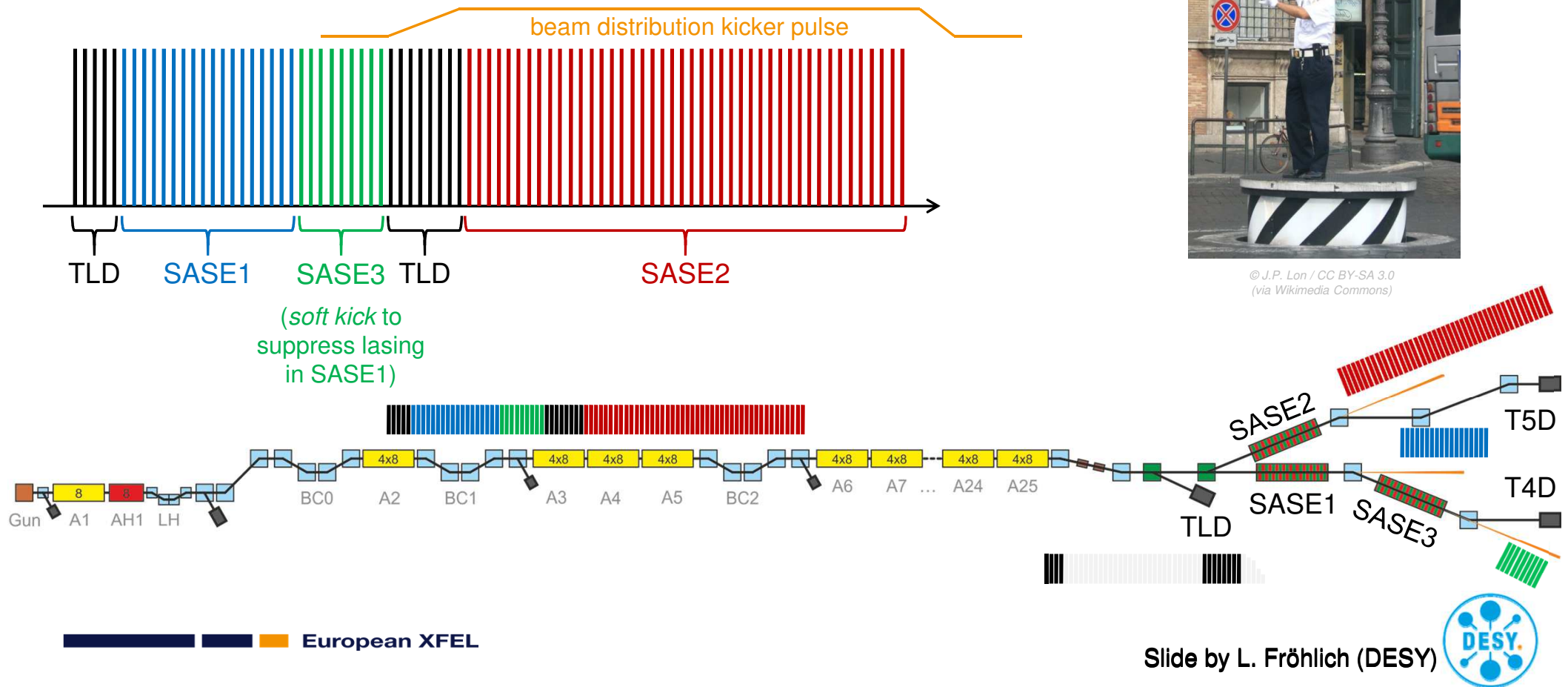


## Experimental Hall

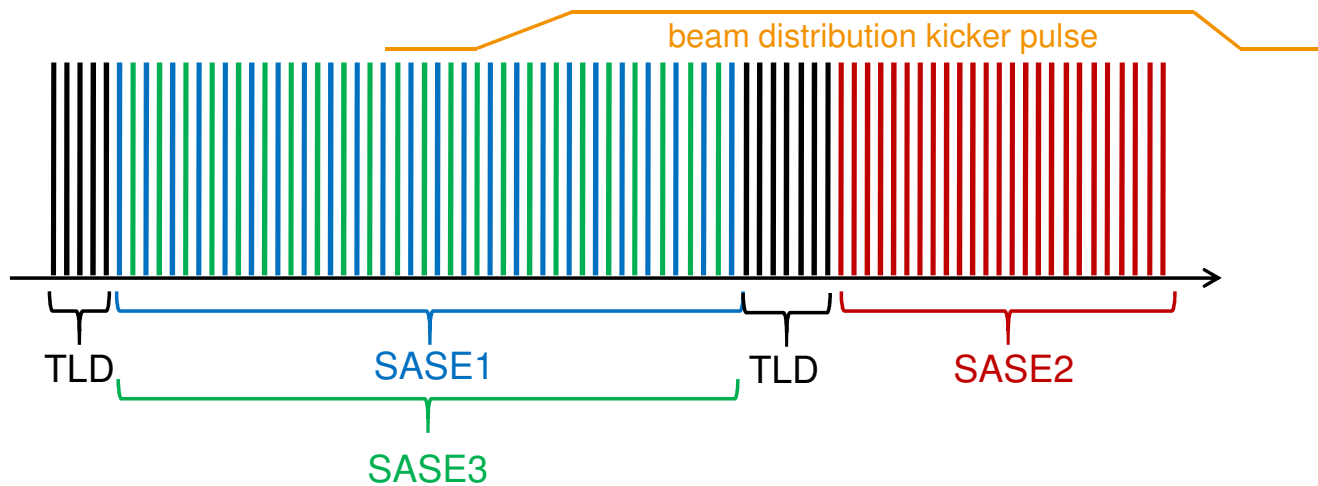




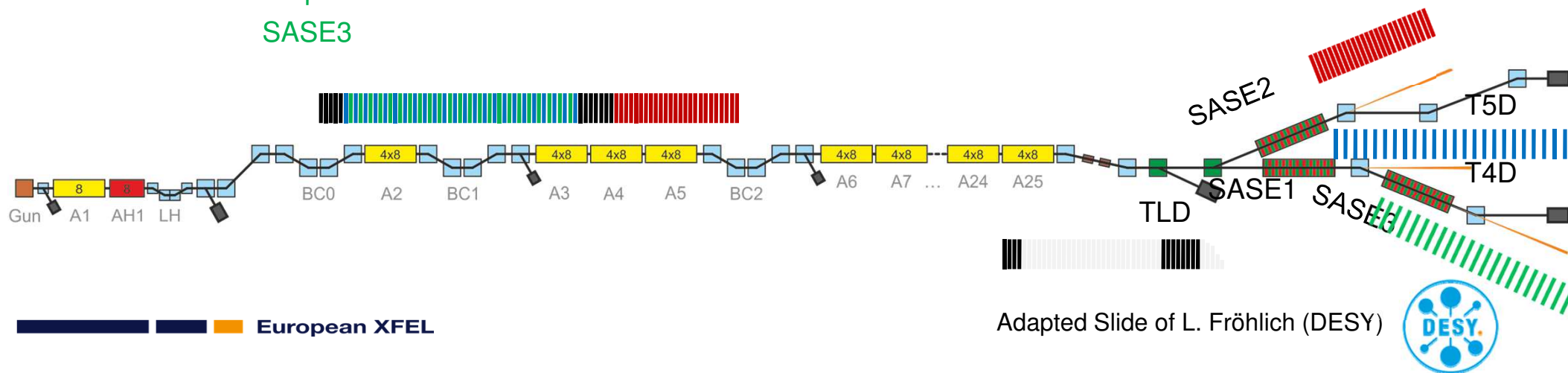
## A Possible Bunch Pattern for User Operation



# Interleaved (2.25 MHz) Bunch Pattern for 1.1 MHz at each SASE

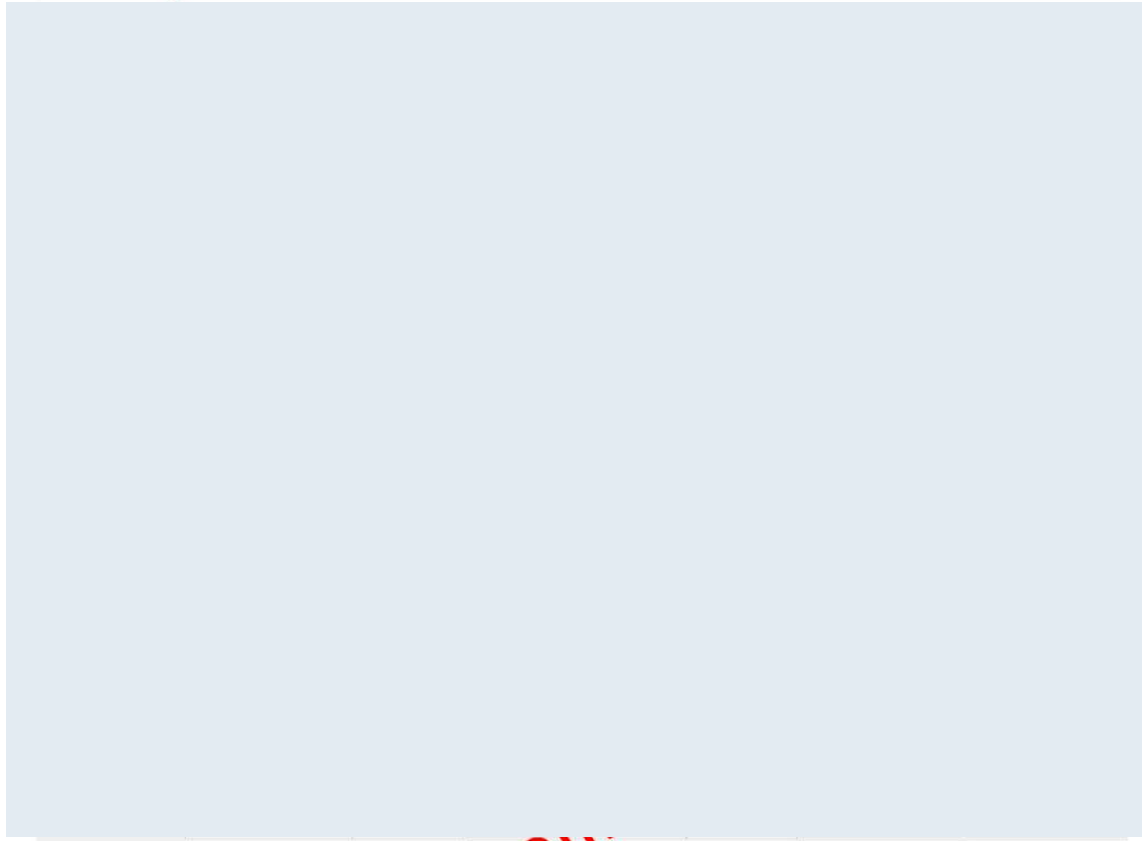


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## Self-seeded pulses



Following try: 9keV with 1eV BW (FWHM), up to 200 uJ

## European XFEL Fast 2D Imagers

### Adaptive Gain Integrating Pixel De-tector (AGIPD)

**Energy Range**

3 – 13 (25) keV

**Dynamic Range**

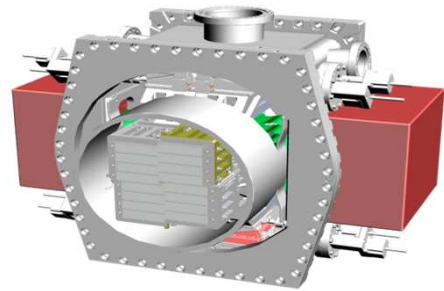
$10^4$  ph/px/pulse@12 keV

**Single Photon Sens.**

Yes

**Memory** ≈380 images

**Pixel Size**  $200 \times 200 \mu\text{m}^2$



### Large Pixel Detector (LPD)

**Energy Range**

3 – 13 (25) keV

**Dynamic Range**

$10^5$  ph/px/pulse@12 keV

**Single Photon Sens.**

Yes

**Memory** ≈512 images

**Pixel Size**  $500 \times 500 \mu\text{m}^2$



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### MiniSDD Sensor with Signal Compression (DSSC)

**Energy Range**

0.5 – 6 (25) keV

**Dynamic Range**

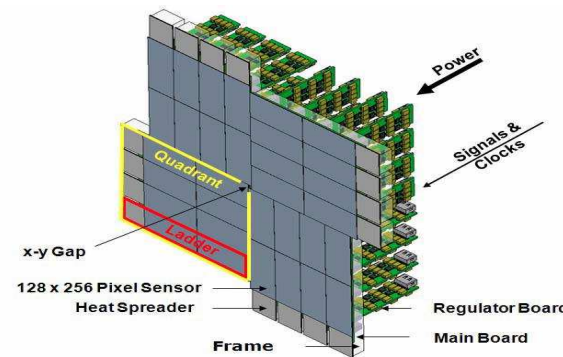
≈100 ph/px/pulse@1 keV

**Single Photon Sens.**

No

**Memory** ≈800 images

**Pixel Size**  $236 \times 236 \mu\text{m}^2$



### DePFET Sensor with Signal Compression (DSSC)

**Energy Range**

0.5 – 6 (25) keV

**Dynamic Range**

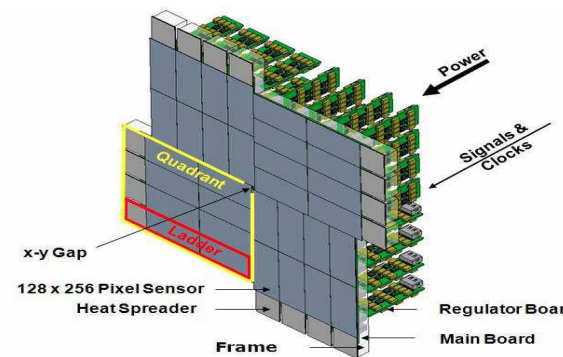
6000 ph/px/pulse@1 keV

**Single Photon Sens.**

Yes

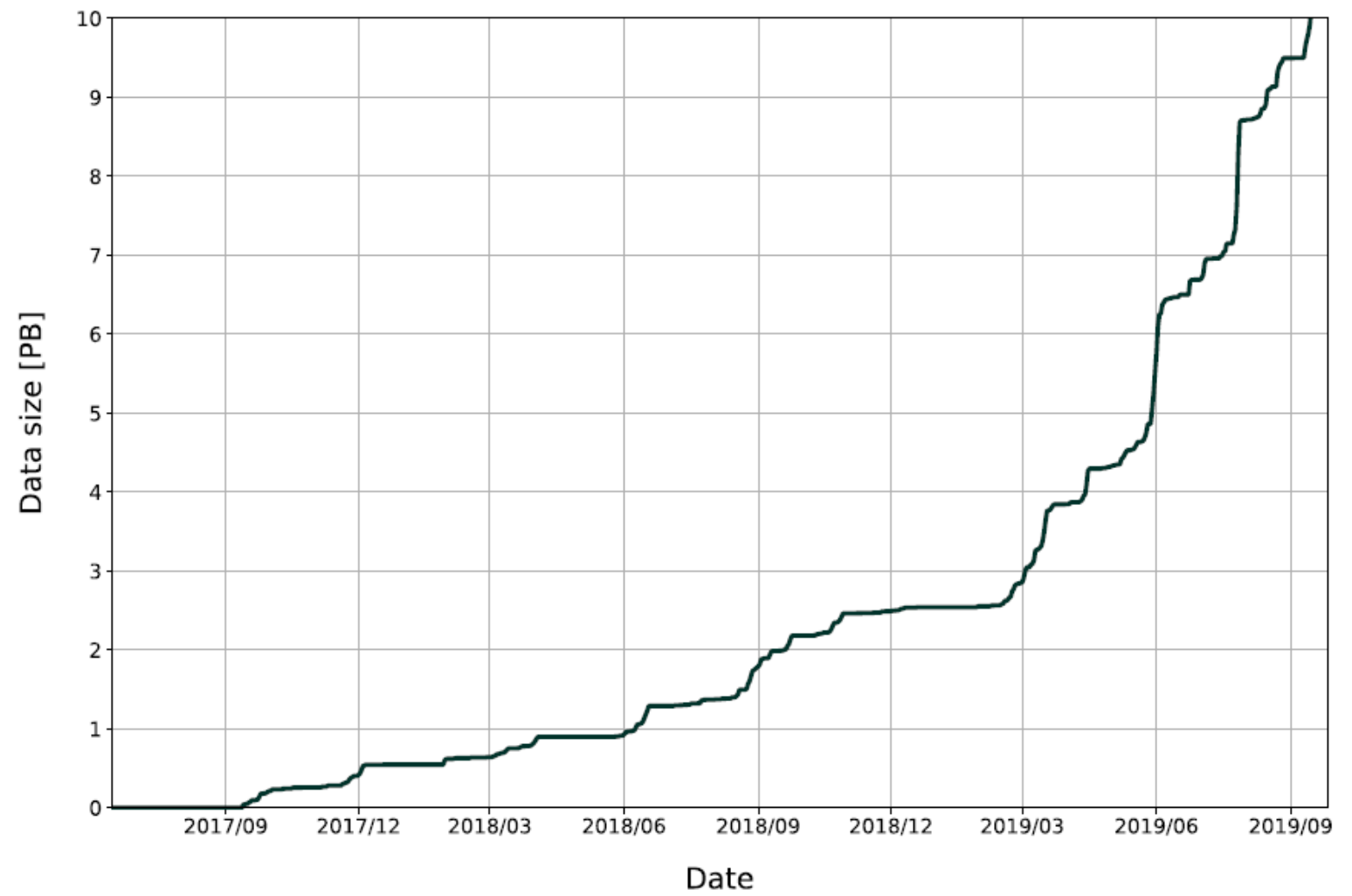
**Memory** ≈800 images

**Pixel Size**  $236 \times 236 \mu\text{m}^2$

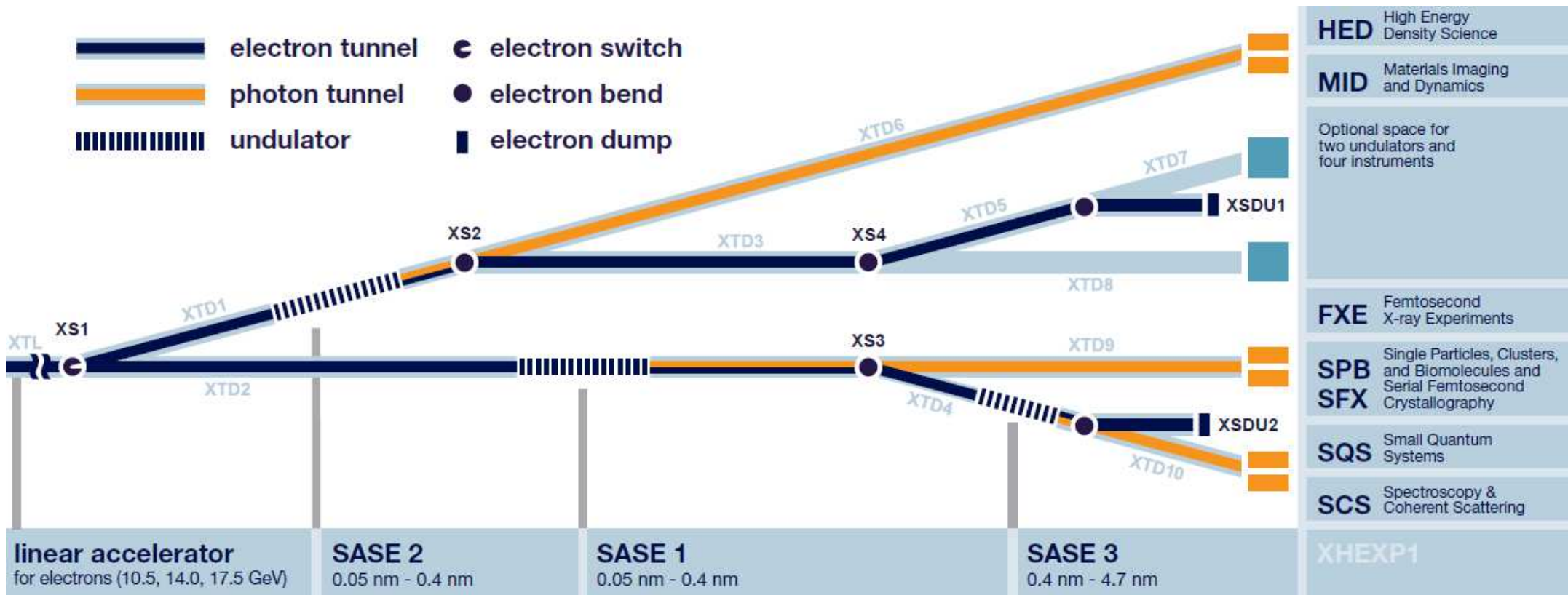




## Raw Data Generated at European XFEL Instruments



## Experimental Hall

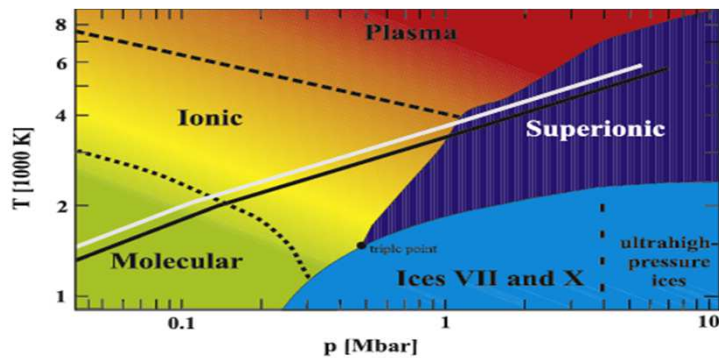






# Lab astrophysics informs understanding of planetary interiors, their evolution, and abundance

Experiment refines a phase diagram (here: of water)

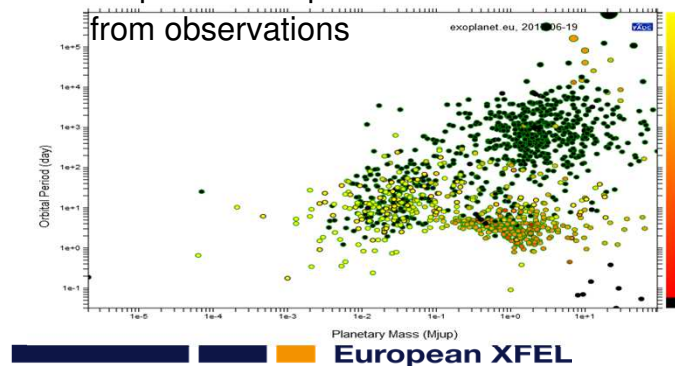


Models of planetary interiors

Redmer et al.,  
Icarus 211 (2011)



Help constrain parameters from observations



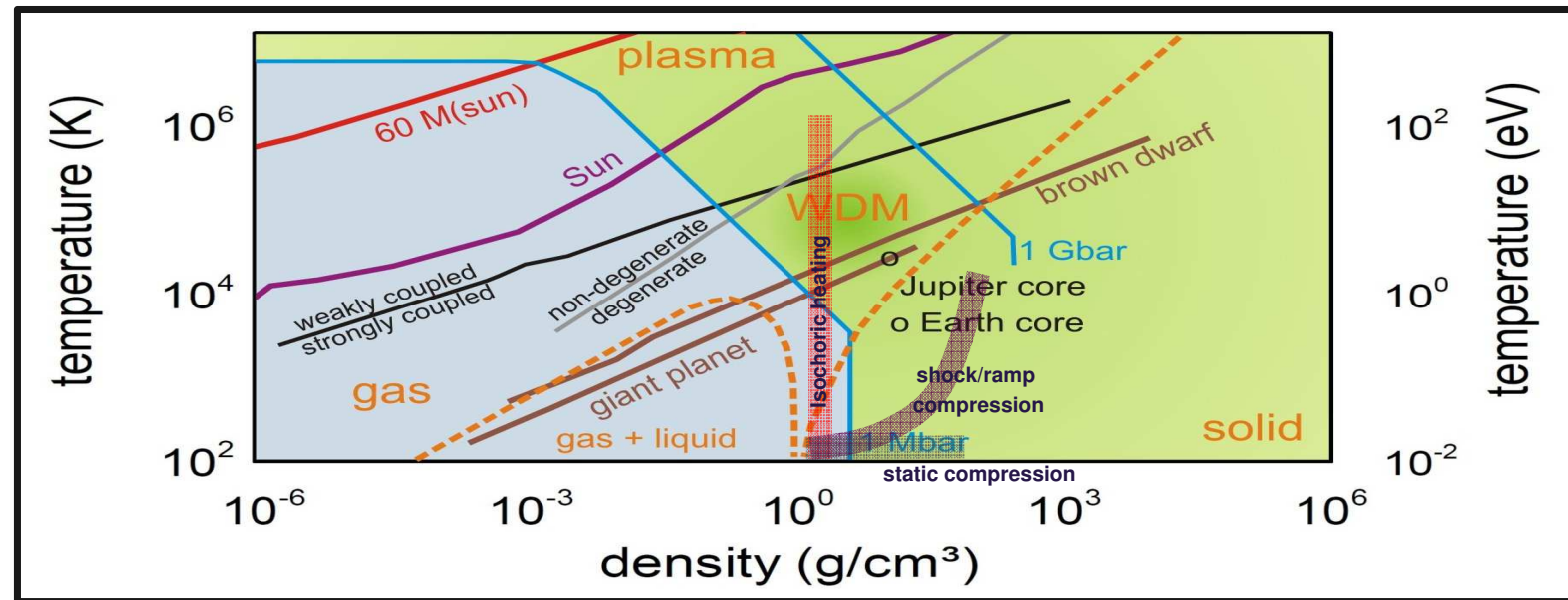
Planet forming and evolution





# Condensed Matter <> Warm Dense Matter <> Hot Dense Matter

$E_{\text{therm}} \sim E_{\text{Fermi}}$   
 $1..100 \text{ eV}$   
 $\rho_{\text{WDM}} \approx \rho_{\text{solid}}$   
**strong coupling**  
 $\Gamma \geq 1$   
 $E_{\text{coulomb}} \sim E_{\text{therm}}$

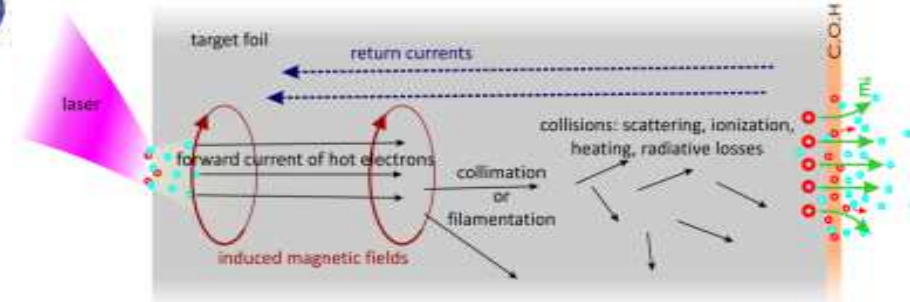
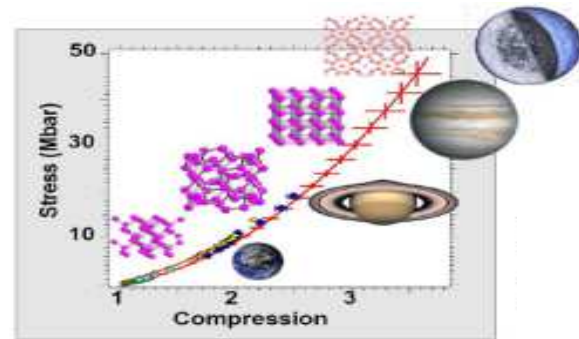
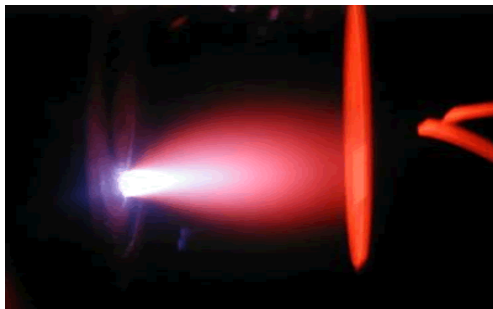


High free-electron density: penetration only up to critical density  $n_c = \omega^2 \epsilon_0 m / e^2$

→ access to volumetric plasma parameters  
 only by short wavelength radiation ( $\omega > \omega_p$ )

## High-Energy Density instrument / Ulf Zastrau

- Ultrafast dynamics and structural properties of matter at extreme states
  - **Highly excited solids** → laser processing, dynamic compression, high B-field
  - **Near-solid density plasmas** → WDM, HDM, rel. laser-matter interaction
  - **Quantum states of matter** → high field QED (future upgrade)

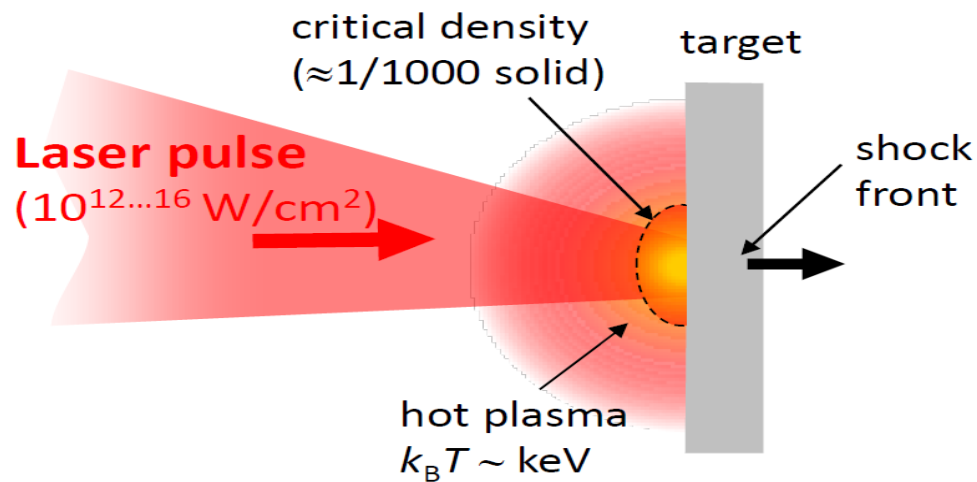


- Combination of high excitation with various X-ray techniques
  - Use of **various pump sources**: optical laser, XFEL, B-fields (60 T pulsed)
  - **Various X-ray probe techniques**: XRD, SAXS, XRTS, hrIXS, XI, XAS....

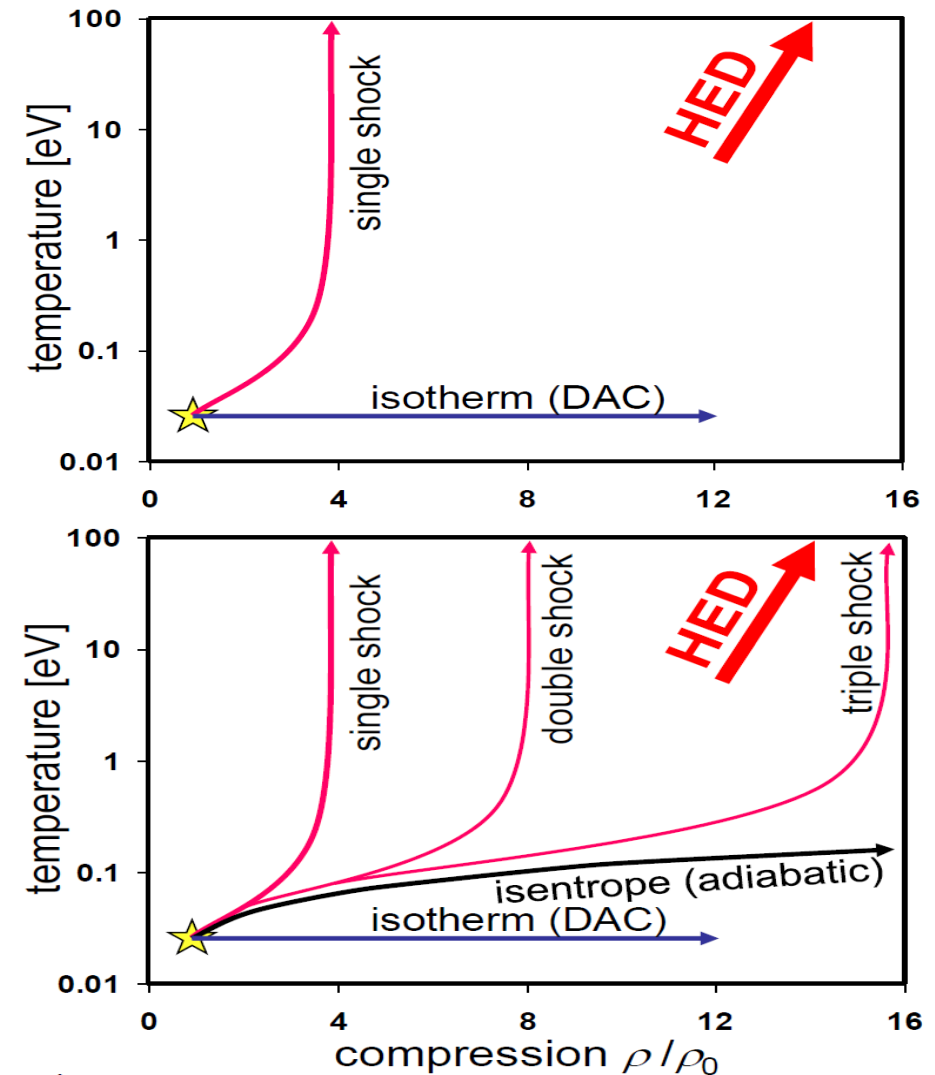
## Direct laser ablation produces high pressures

### Laser radiation focused to high intensities

- Intensity  $10^{12} \dots 10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$
- efficient collisional absorption



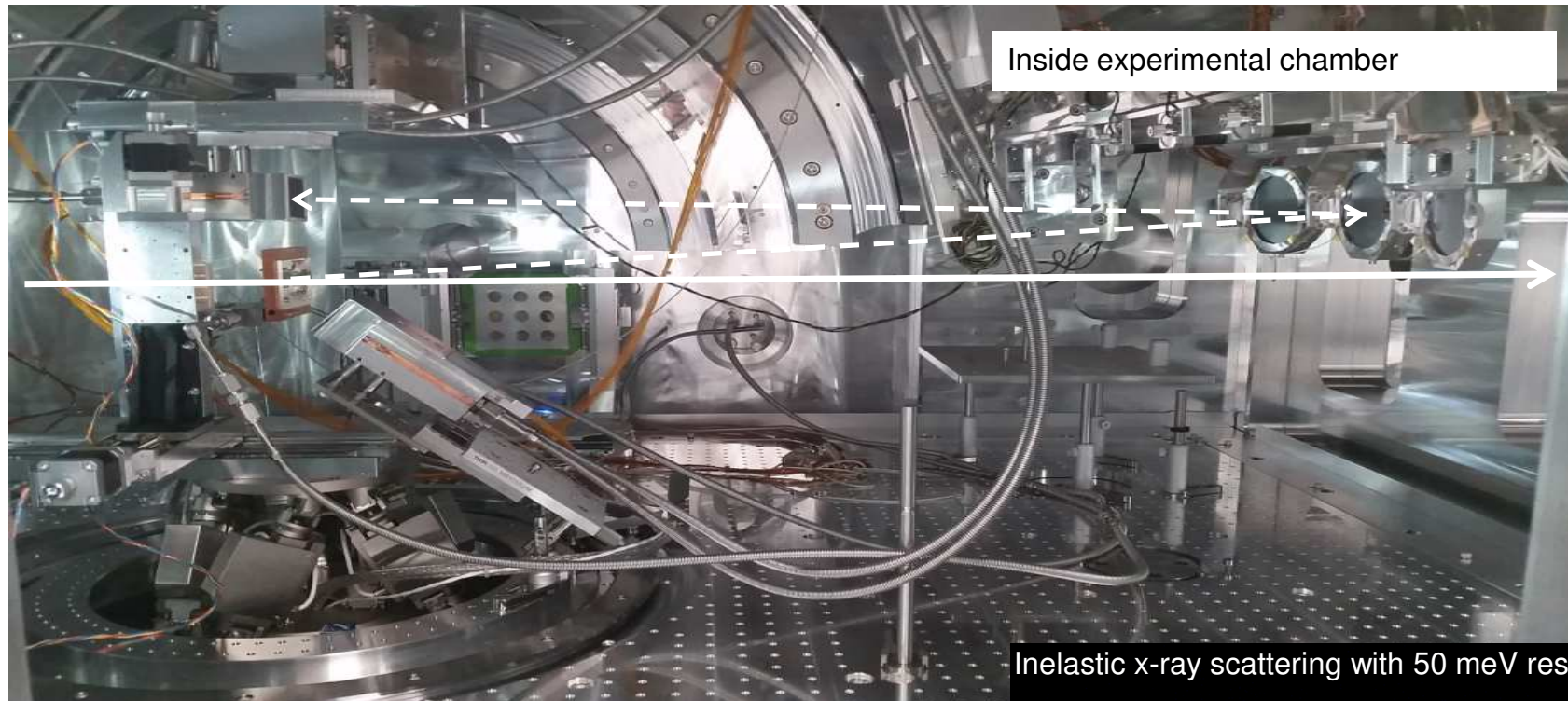
Direct laser ablation  
→ pressure up to 50Mbar!



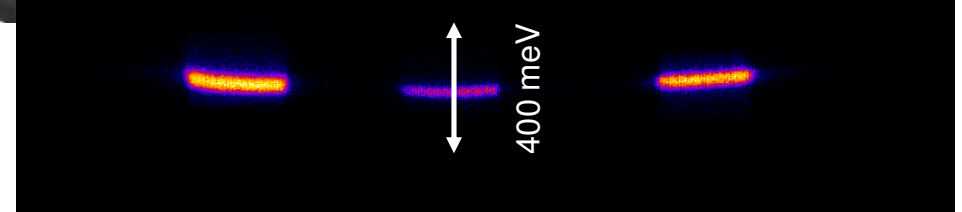


## Successful first user experiment (May 15-19)

Resolving low-frequency structural dynamics (Gregori/Zastrau)

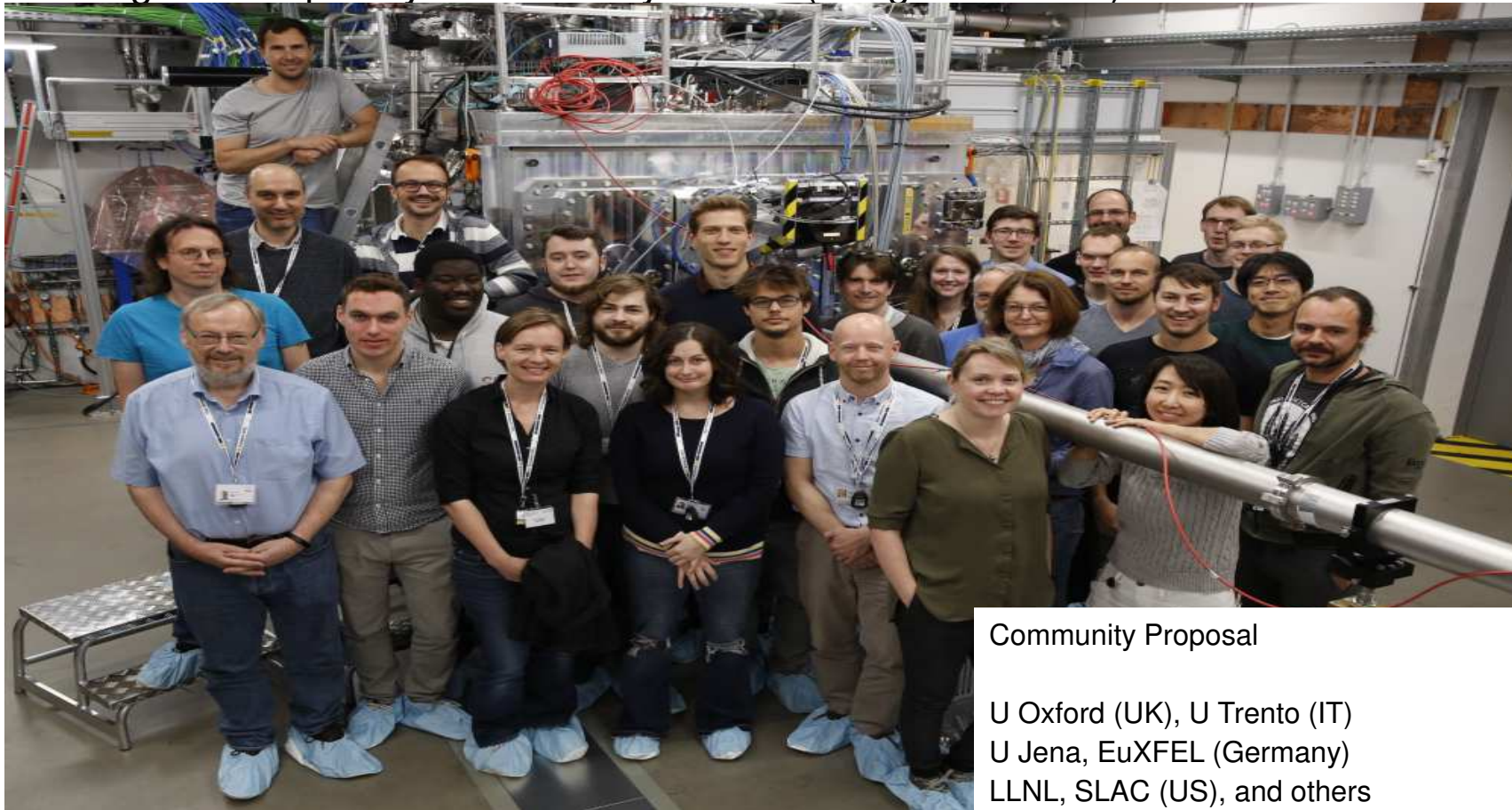


Inelastic x-ray scattering with 50 meV resolution



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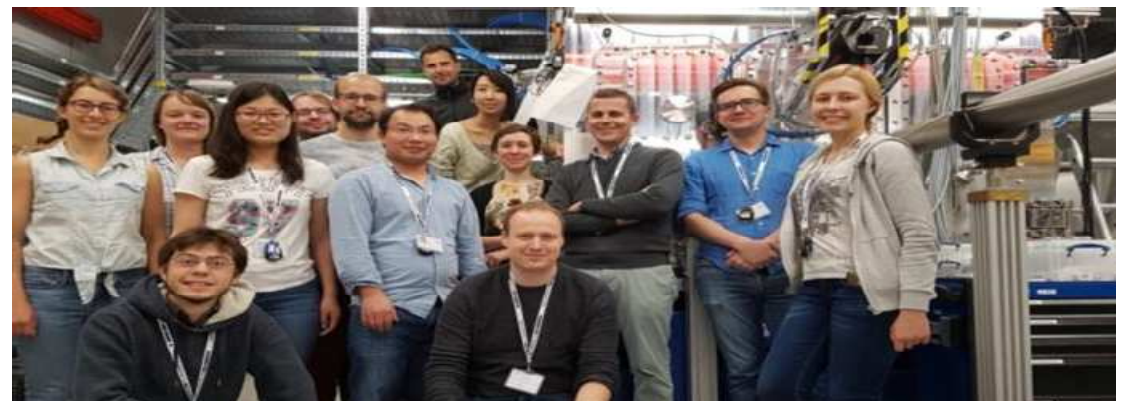
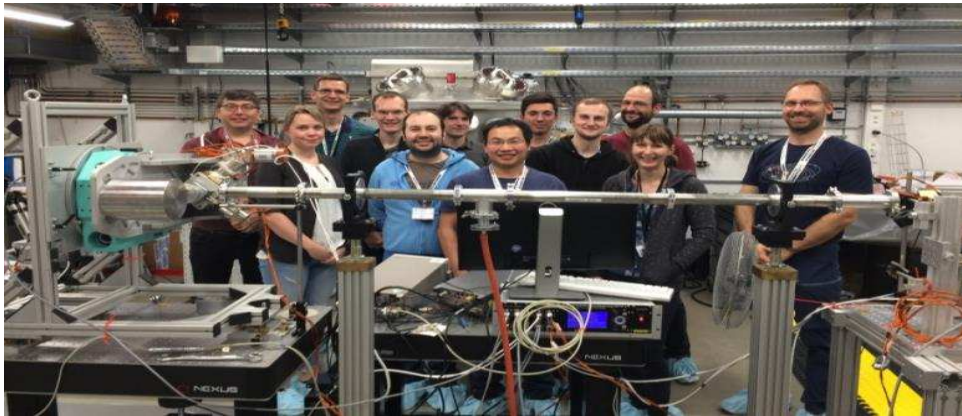


Community Proposal

U Oxford (UK), U Trento (IT)  
U Jena, EuXFEL (Germany)  
LLNL, SLAC (US), and others



## Happy users at HED in 2019





## Status of the large HiBEF lasers

### Multi-100 TW laser (Amplitude)

Installation complete

Target shots, timing: started 2019

X-ray commissioning: 1st half of 2020

**Available for Users: 2nd half of 2020**  
**community proposal submitted**



### DiPOLE 100-X laser (CLF, UK)

Delivery complete

Installation at HED ongoing

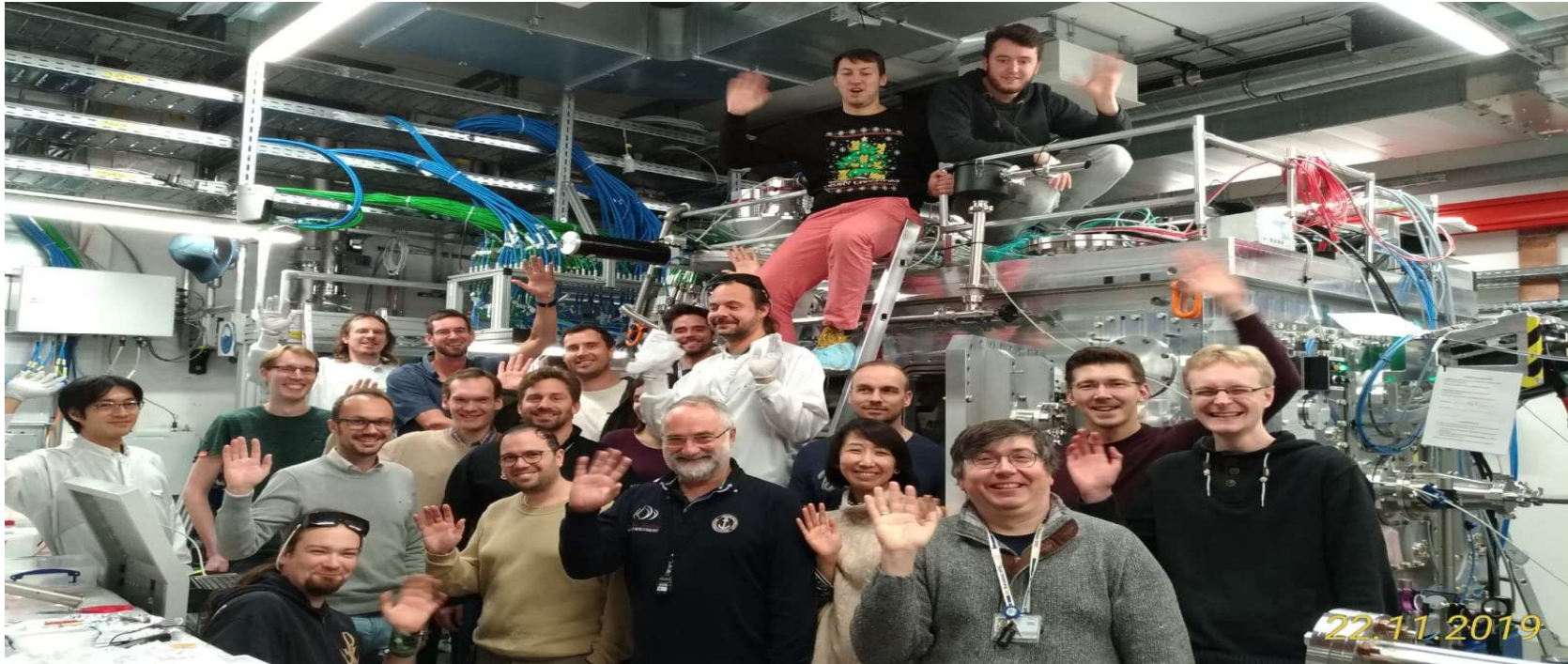
Beam transport to IC1 & IC2: 2020

X-ray commissioning, VISAR: 2021

**Available for Users: 2nd half of 2021**



# The joint HED and HIBEF team at European XFEL



Great thanks to  
HP Liermann & team at ECB, DESY

HED group at HZDR





MID





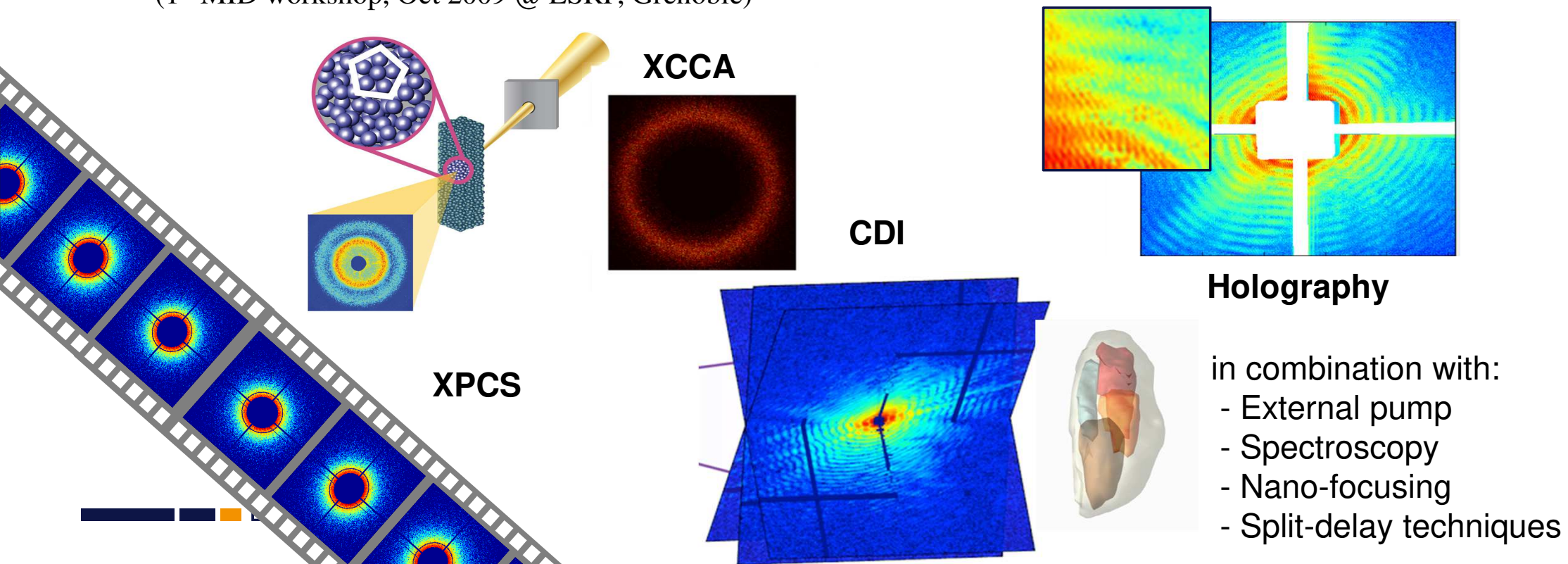
# Materials Imaging and Dynamics Instrument

- **Materials:** MID focuses on structural studies of materials including **liquid**, glassy, amorphous and crystalline states. Connecting the nanoscale structure to the macroscopic properties of materials is at the heart of our investigations
- **Imaging:** Imaging materials with X-rays is the technique used at MID. X-ray imaging can be done in many ways, e.g. using transmission and/or scattering contrast mechanisms. The coherence of the beam offers new opportunities to achieve higher spatial resolution in X-ray microscopy
- **Dynamics:** With sufficiently high time resolution in imaging experiments it will be possible to capture phenomena like phonon dynamics or atomic **diffusion**. The pulsed structure of European XFEL with MHz repetition rate of fs pulses is a unique feature

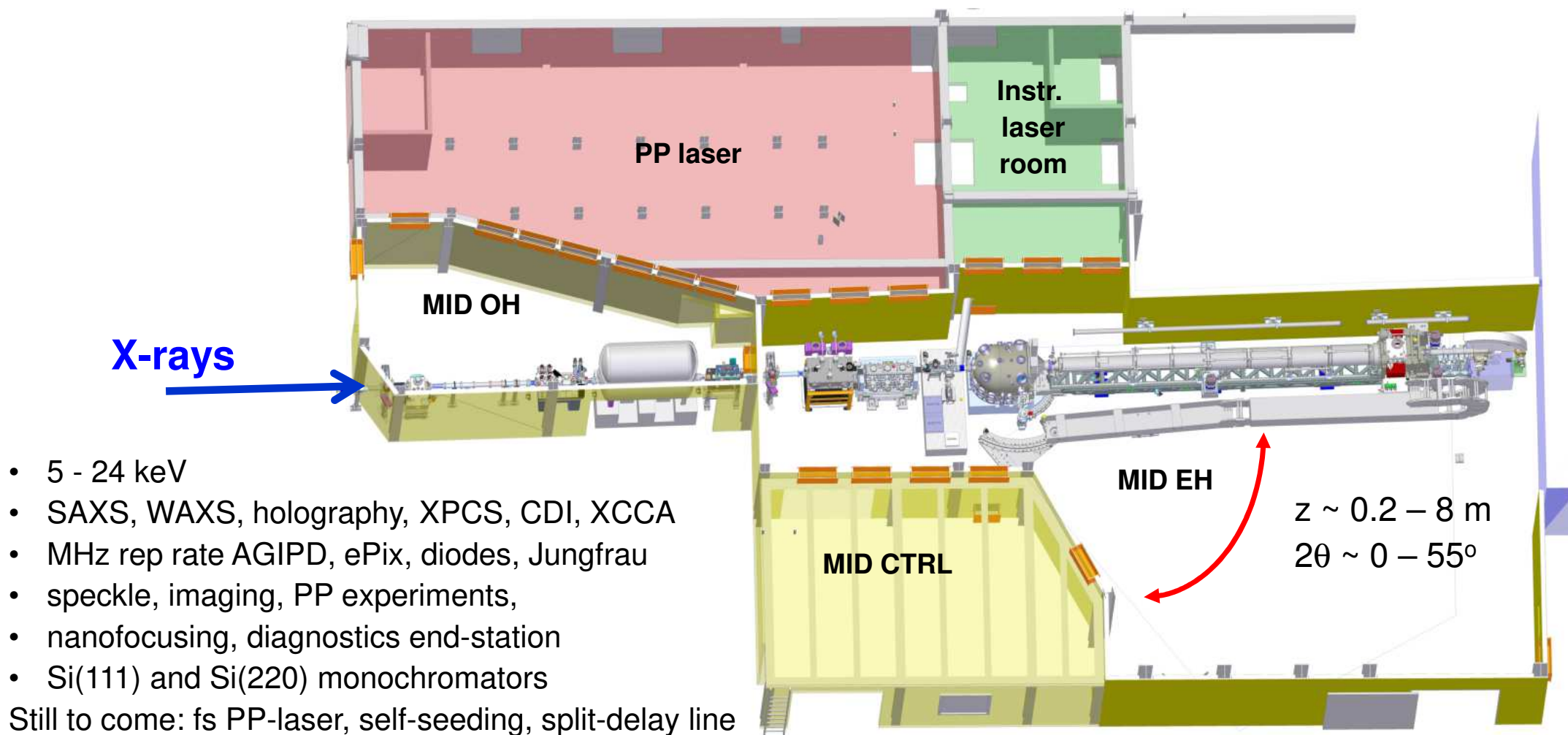
# Materials Imaging and Dynamics Instrument

The Materials Imaging and Dynamics (MID) station aims at the investigation of nanosized **structure** and nanoscale **dynamics** using **coherent hard X-rays**. Applications to a **wide range of materials** from hard to soft condensed matter and biological structures are envisaged

(1<sup>st</sup> MID workshop, Oct 2009 @ ESRF, Grenoble)

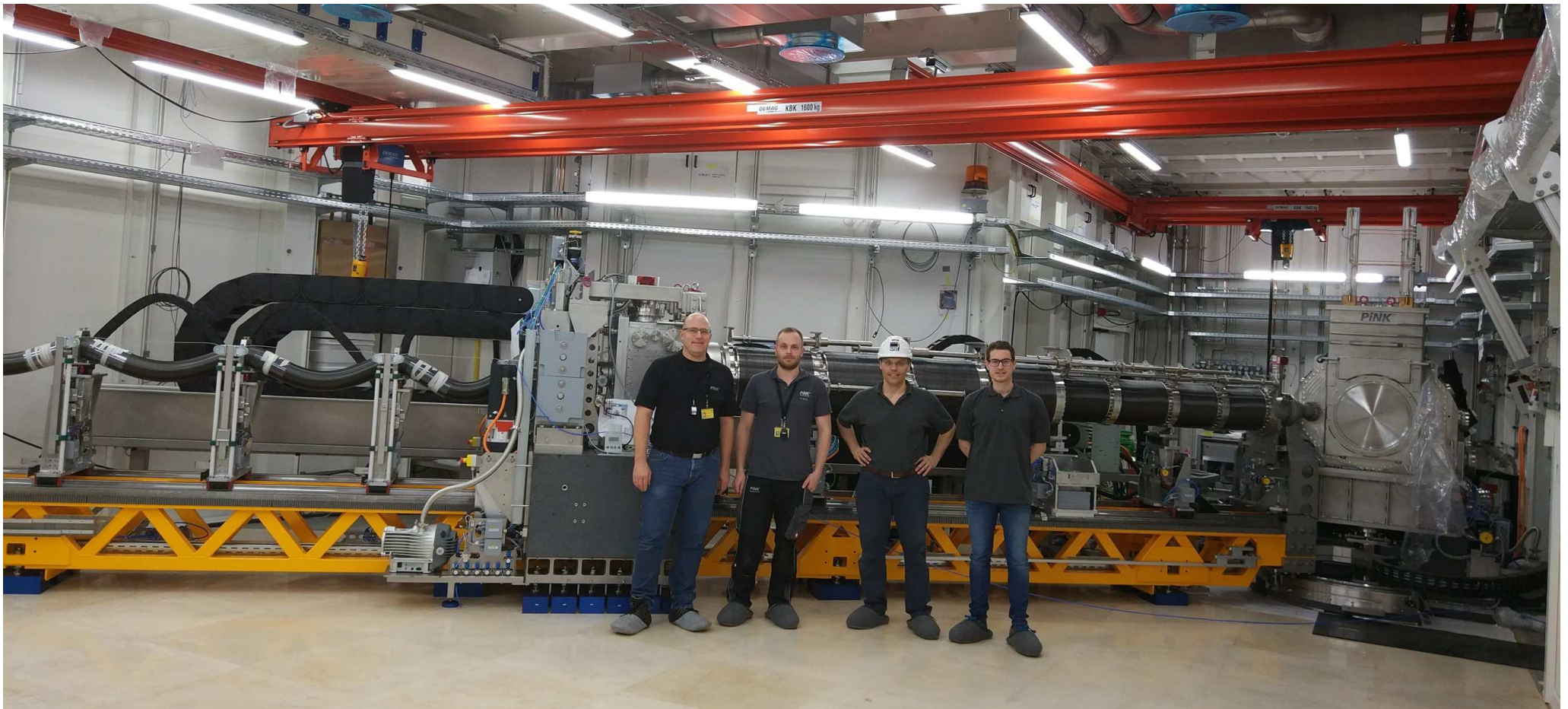


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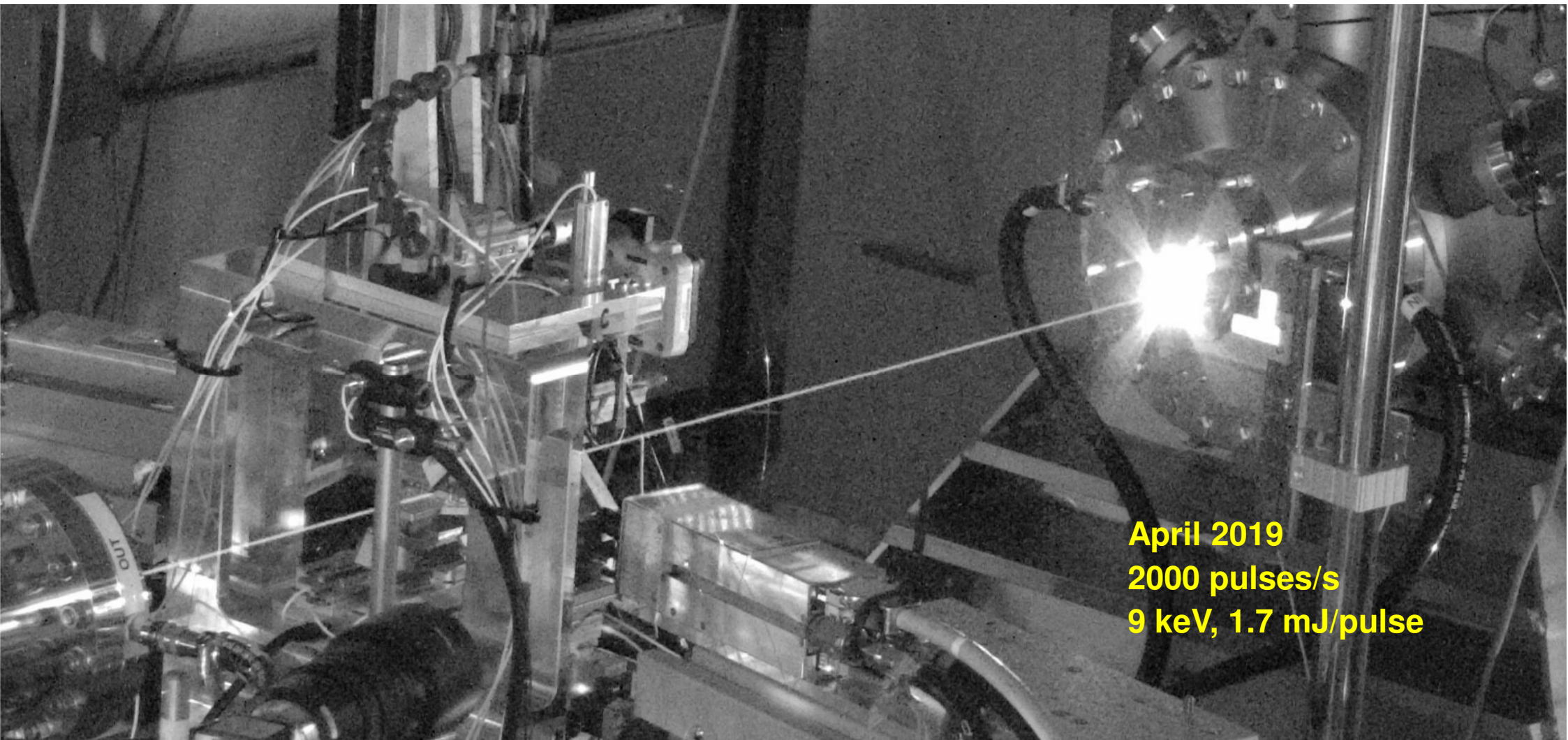




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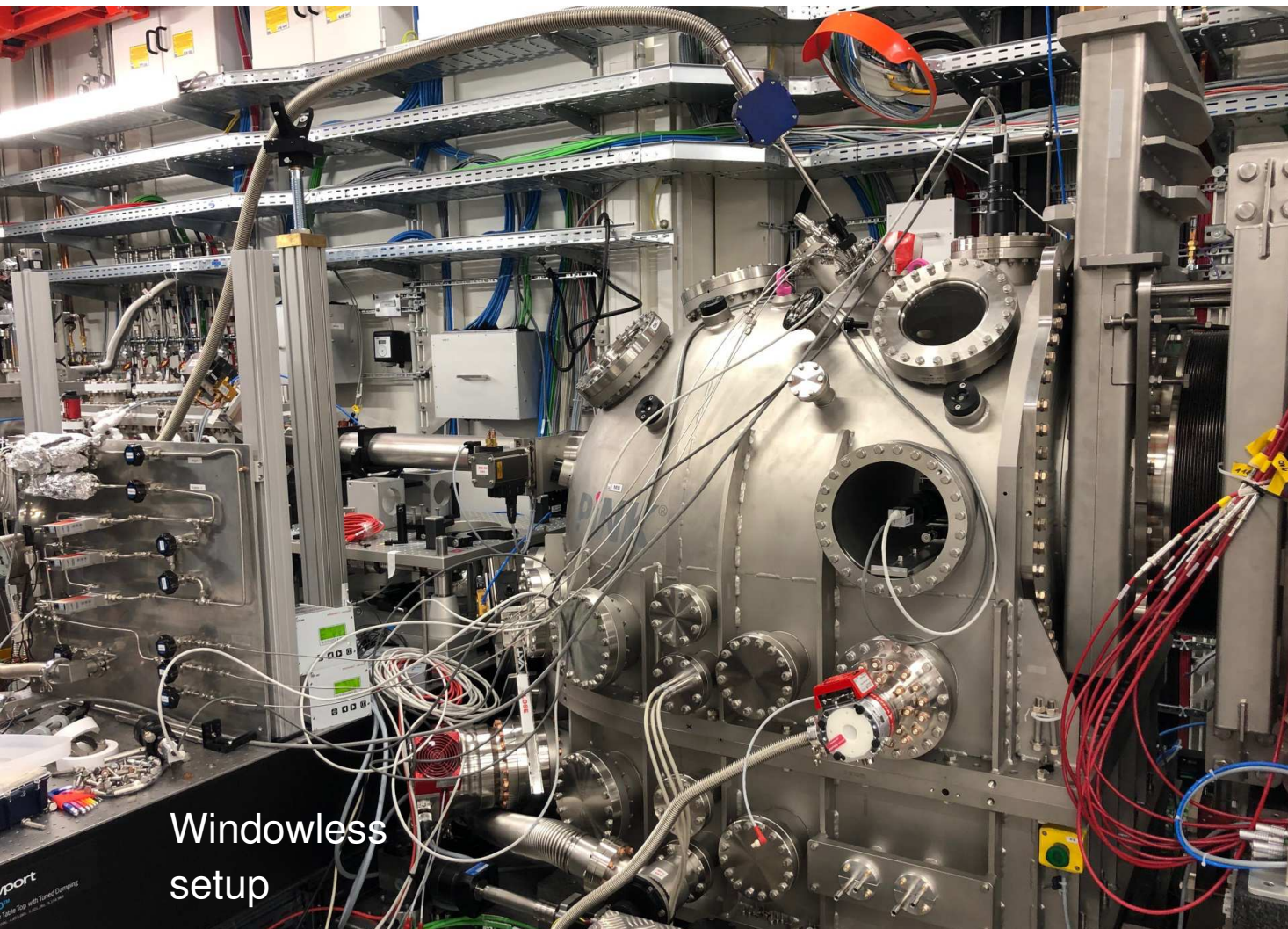


## MID commissioning





## Capturing the early stages of crystallization (#2272 and 2542)

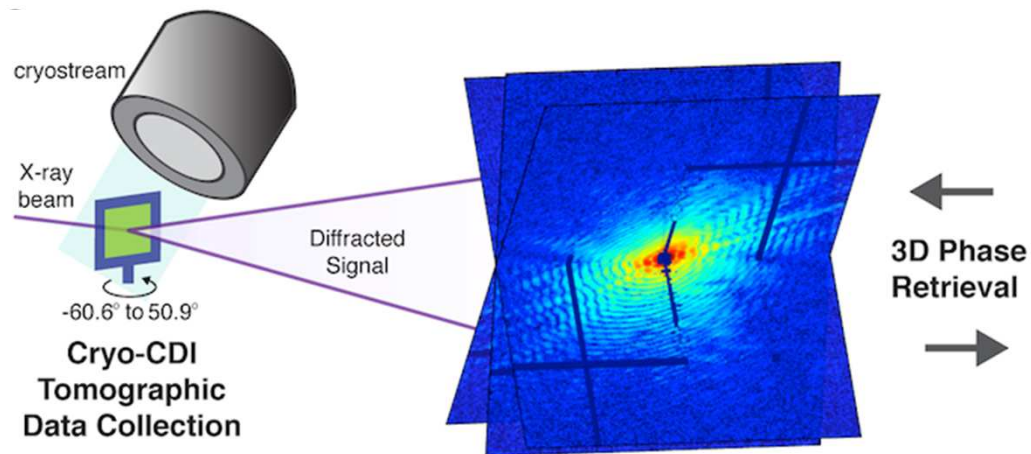
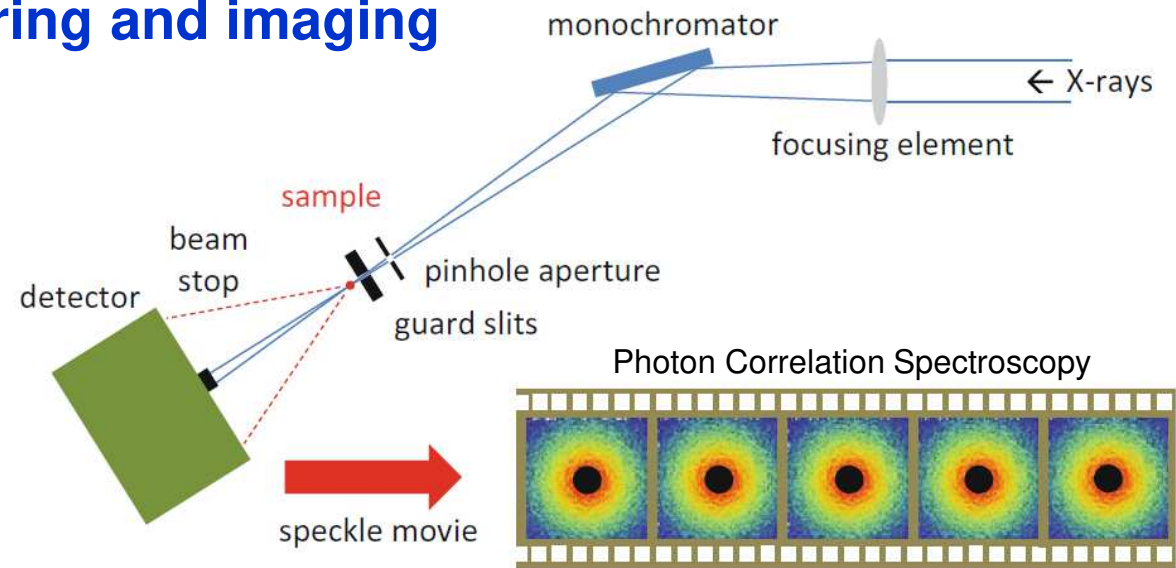


**1<sup>st</sup> users at MID (#2272)  
20-24 March 2019**

Alexander Schottelius,  
Robert Grisenti,  
Anton Kalinin, et al.  
Uni. Frankfurt and GSI



## Examples: Coherent scattering and imaging

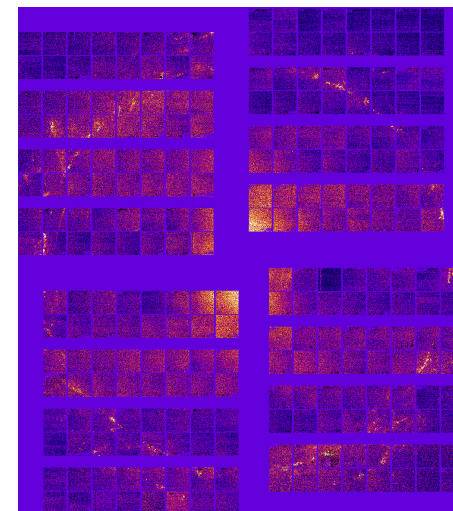


Coherent  
Diffraction  
Imaging

# Capturing the Early Stages of Crystallization

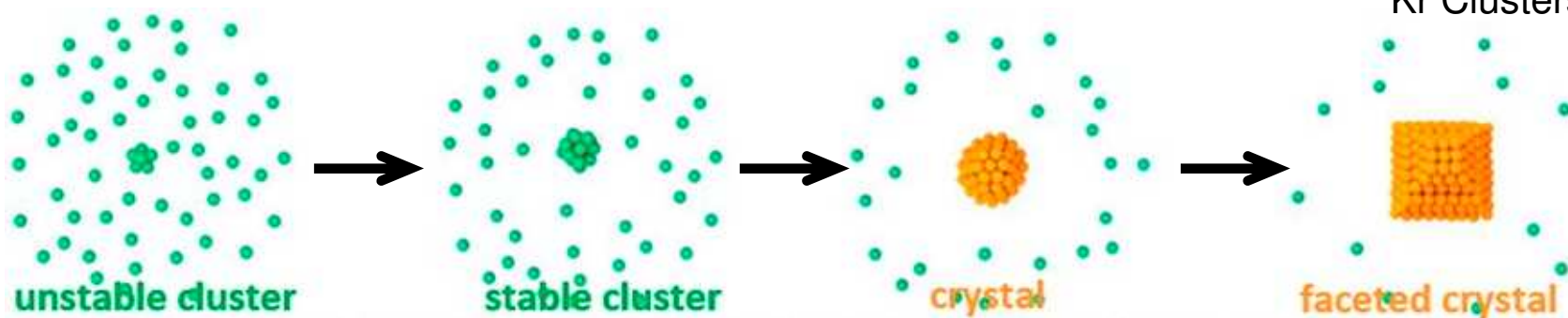
Investigating short-range ordering in freezing liquids

- Need short pulses to capture short-lived structures
- Need correlation analysis (XCCA\*) to see weak structural order (clusters) prior to crystallization occurring



Kr Clusters (MID)

## Classical view: crystallization as a two-step process

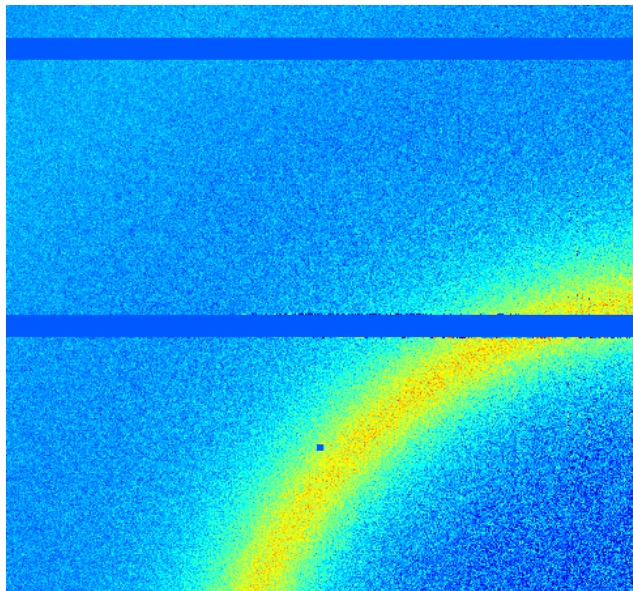
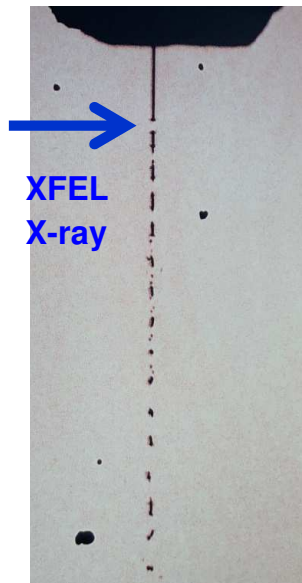


Homogeneous nucleation

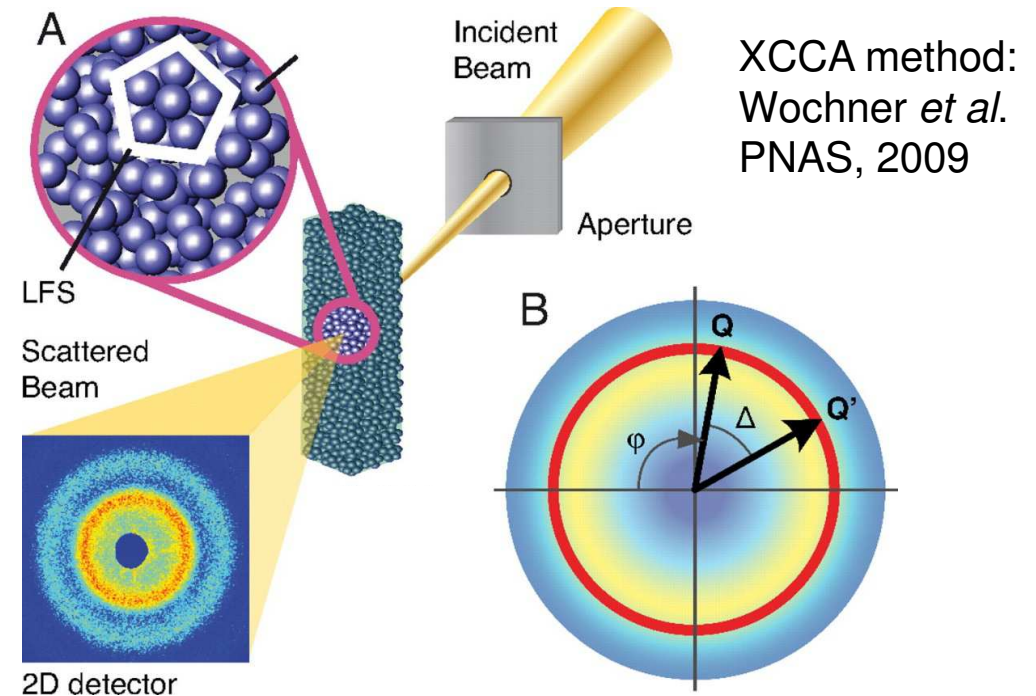
Growth

# Capturing the Early Stages of Crystallization

XCCA:  
X-ray Cross-Correlation Analysis



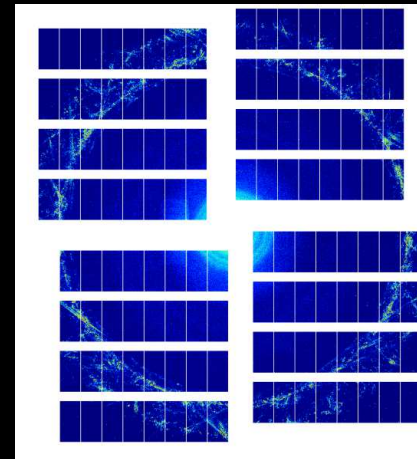
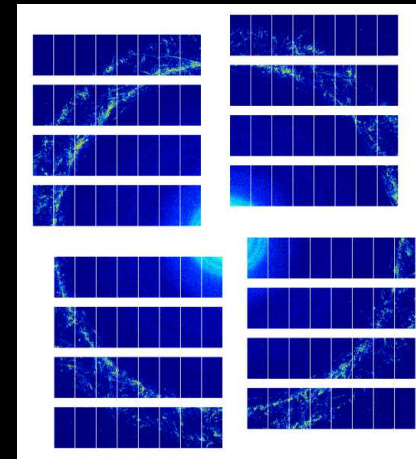
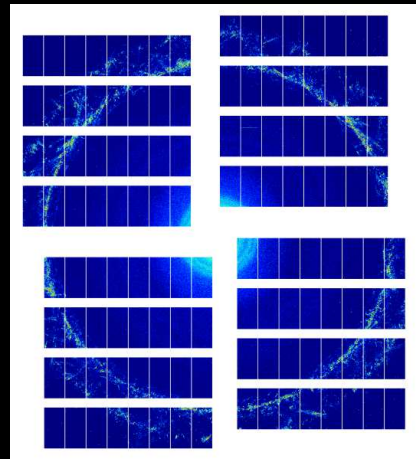
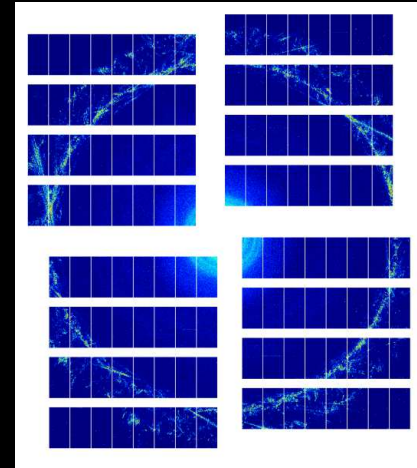
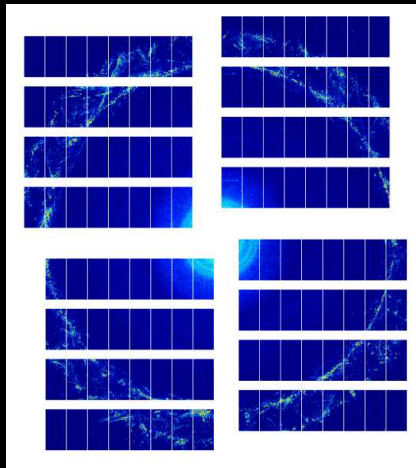
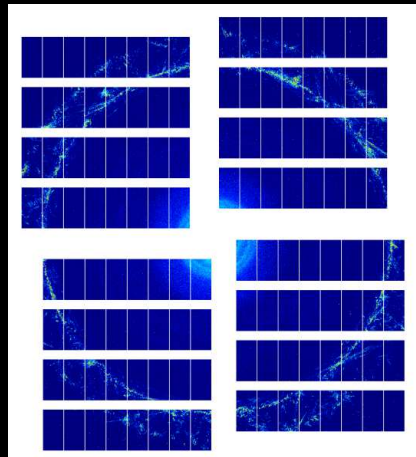
Extend scattering pattern to  
 $\varphi = 360^\circ$  with AGIPD detector



$$\langle C^{i,j}(q, \Delta) \rangle_M = \left\langle \left\langle I^i(q, \varphi) I^j(q, \varphi + \Delta) \right\rangle_\varphi \right\rangle_M$$



## Capturing the early stages of crystallization (#2272 and 2542)



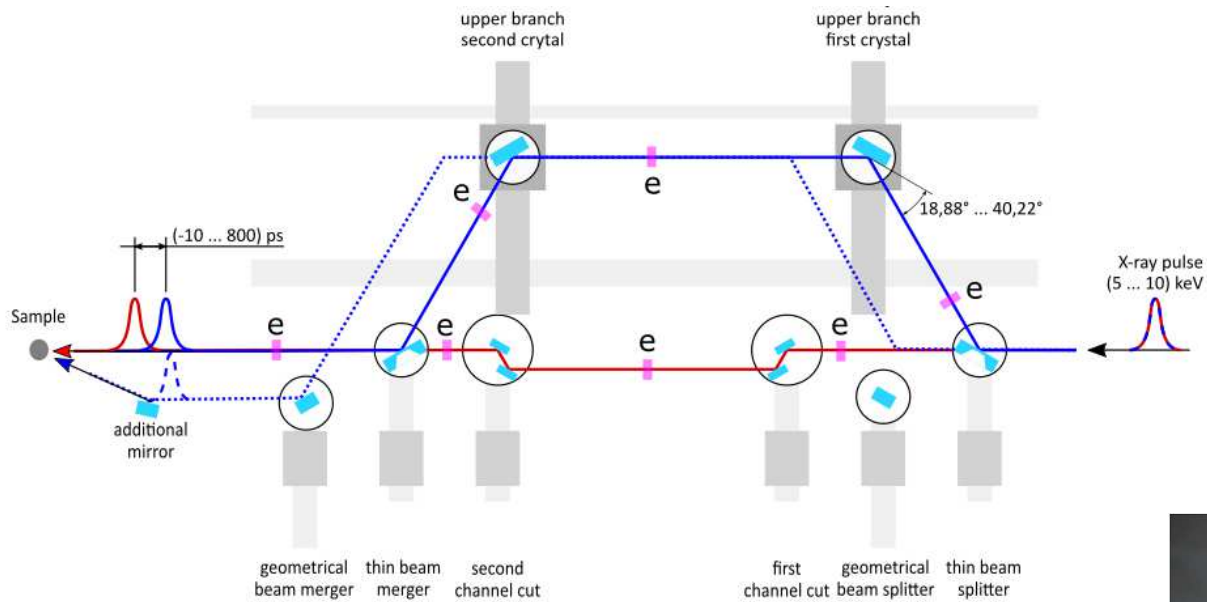
XCCA analysis  
in progress

R. Grisenti *et al.*

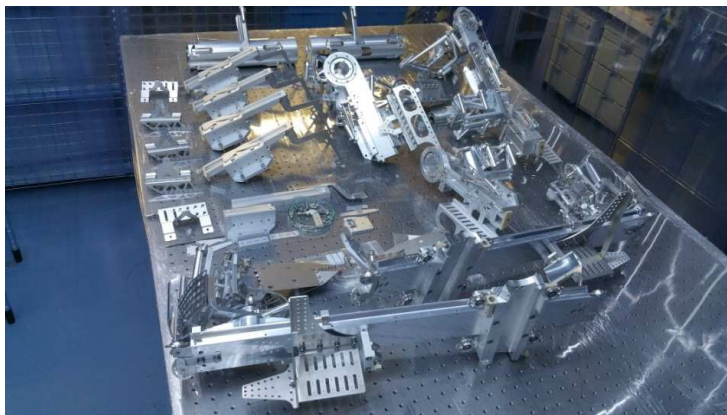


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# Split-Delay line at MID



Inner  
mechanics



Max Born Institute  
Eisebitt group



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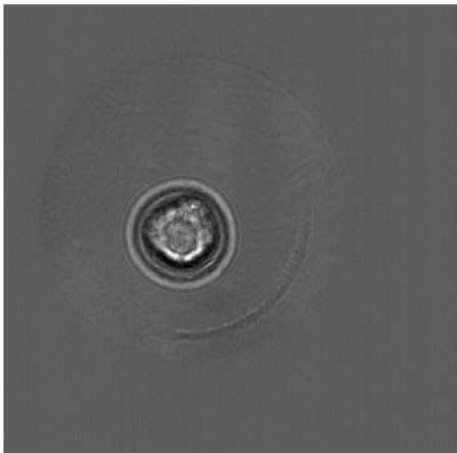
Busy control room



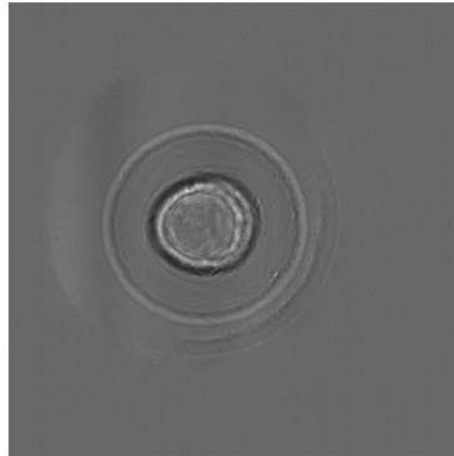
**MID 2207 Salditt & Hagemann - Time-resolved in-line holography – cavitation dynamics**

Flat-field corrected hologram

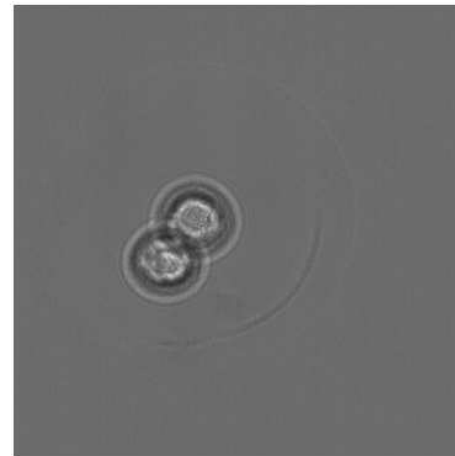
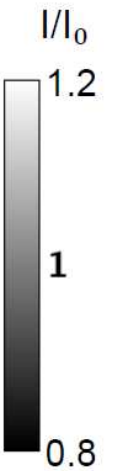
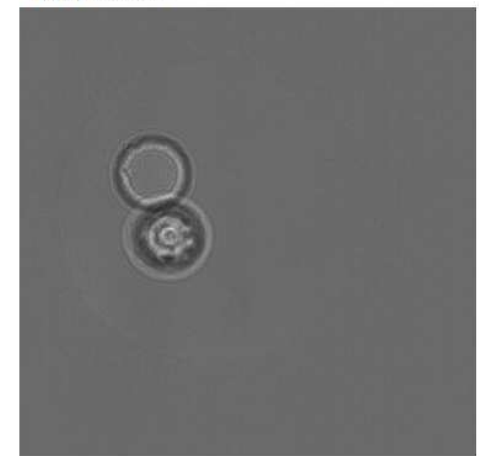
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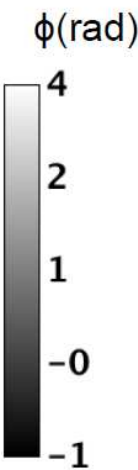
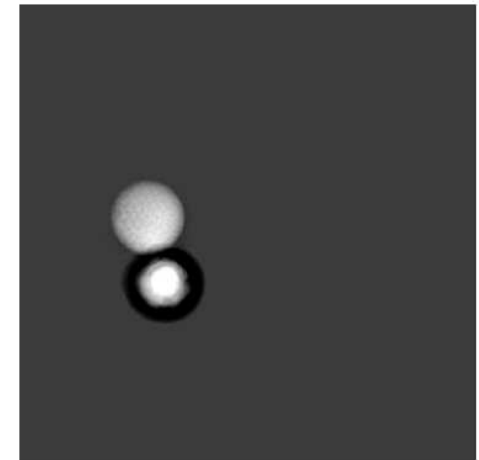
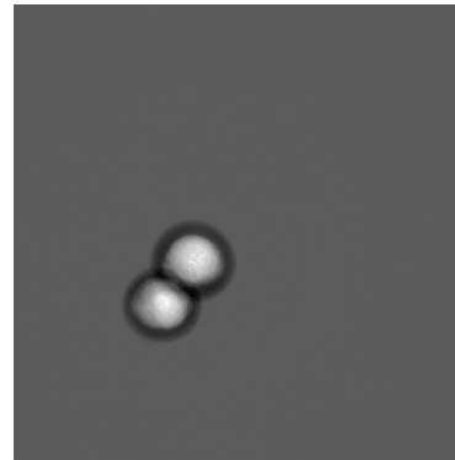
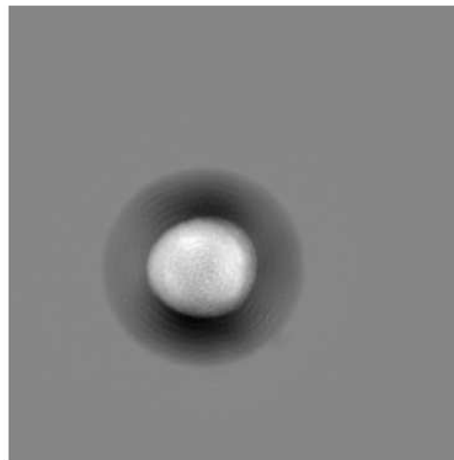
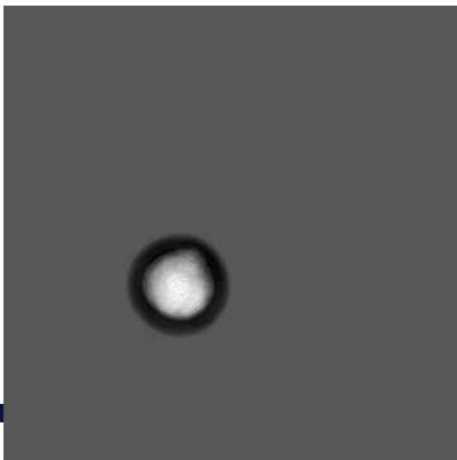
single CB larger



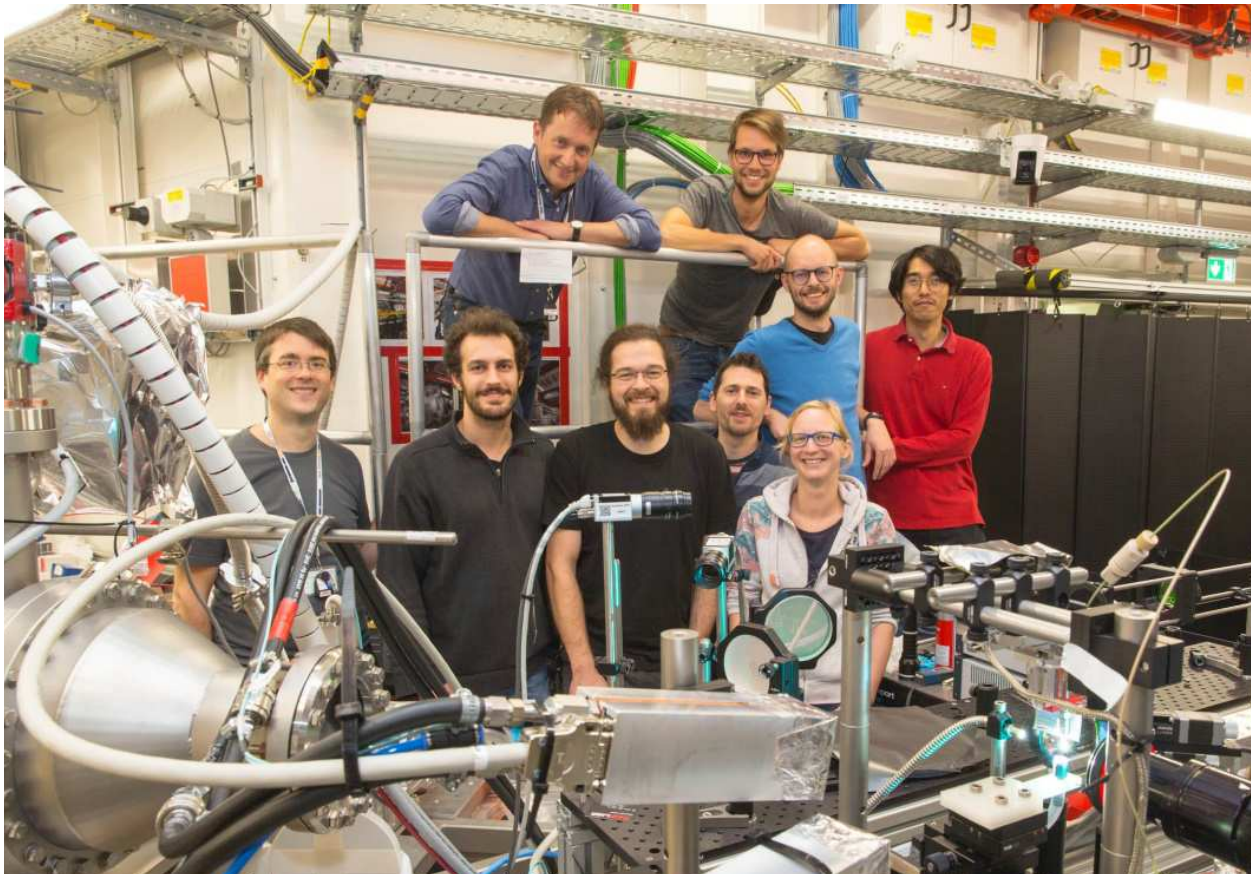
two small CB

CB and „normal“  
bubble

Reconstructed phases



## Time-resolved (ns) in-line holography of cavitation dynamics (#2207 & #2544)



T. Salditt, J. Hagemann et al.



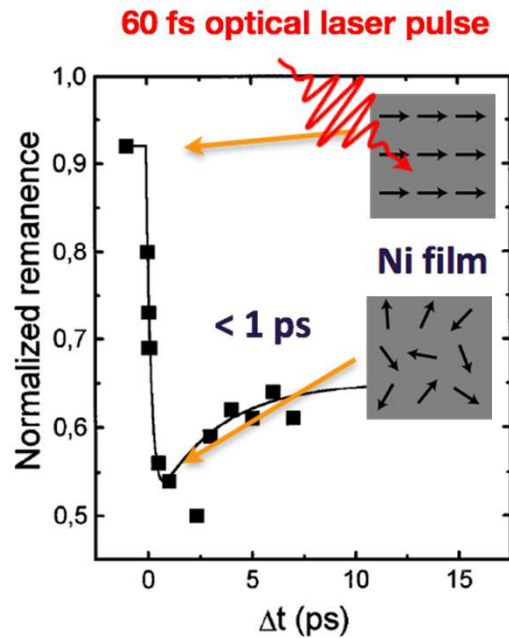


# SCS: Manipulation of spins with femtosecond light pulses

**Ultrafast Demagnetization  
(Disordering of Magnetization)**

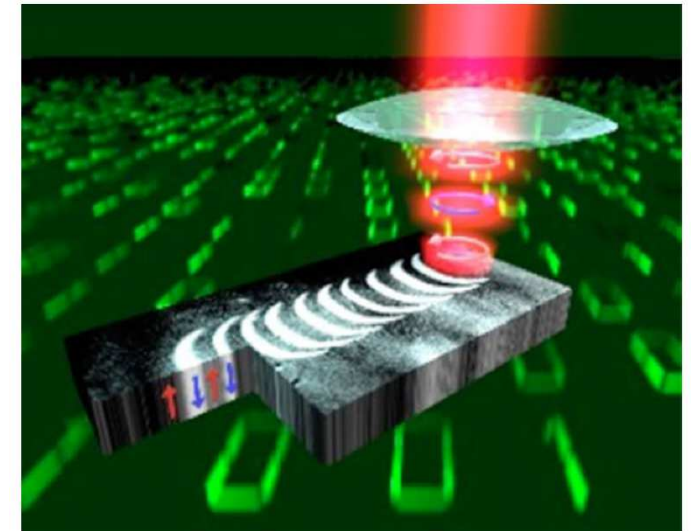
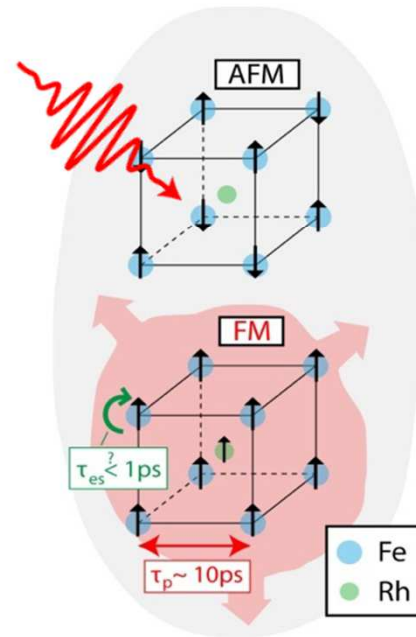
**Ultrafast Remagnetization  
(Generation of Ferromagnetic ordering)**

**All-optical magnetization reversal**



Beaurepaire *et al.* PRL **76**, 4250 (1996)

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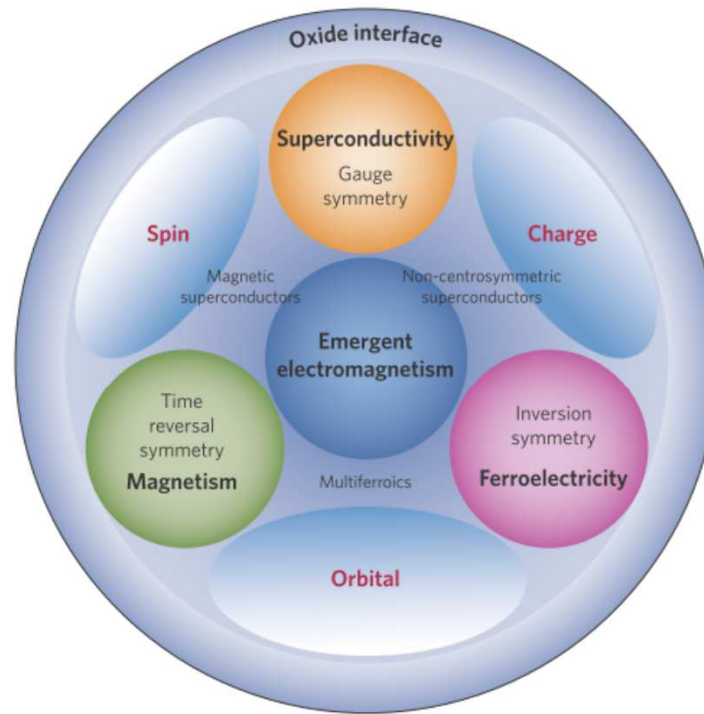
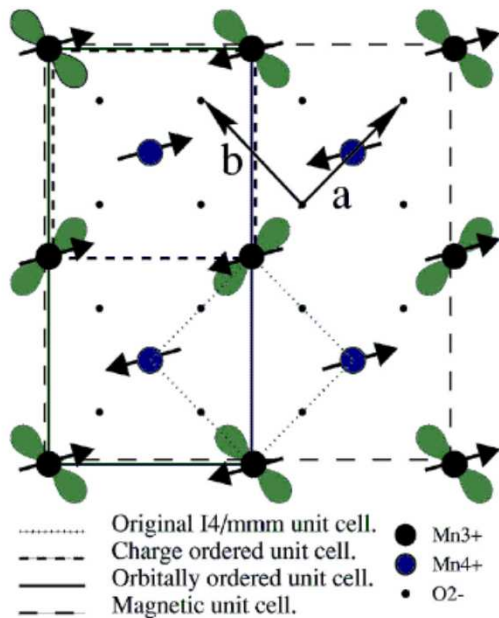


Courtesy from Rasing group, Nijmegen

Stanciu *et al.* PRL **99**, 047601 (2007)  
 Vahaplar *et al.* PRL **103**, 117201 (2009)

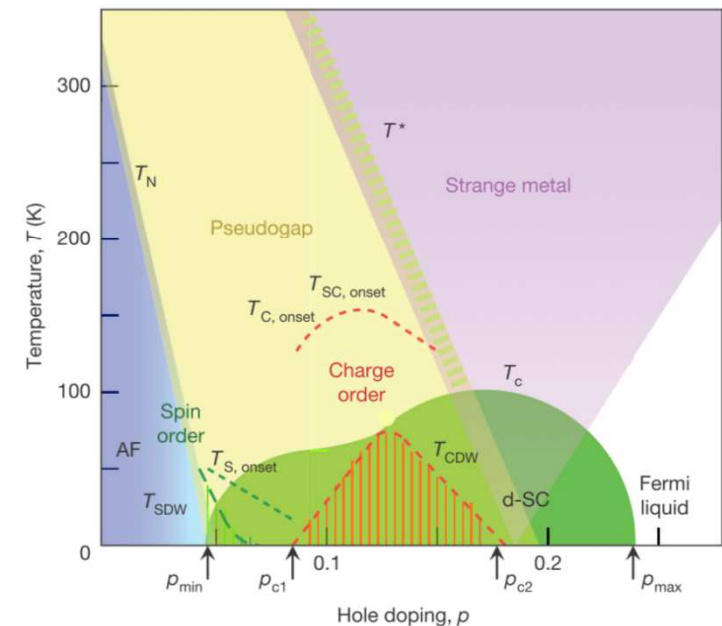
# SCS: Physics of complex materials by nuclear, charge, spin, and orbital degrees of freedom and their interplay

C.W.M. Castleton and M Altarelli,  
Phys. Rev. B 62, 1033 (2000)

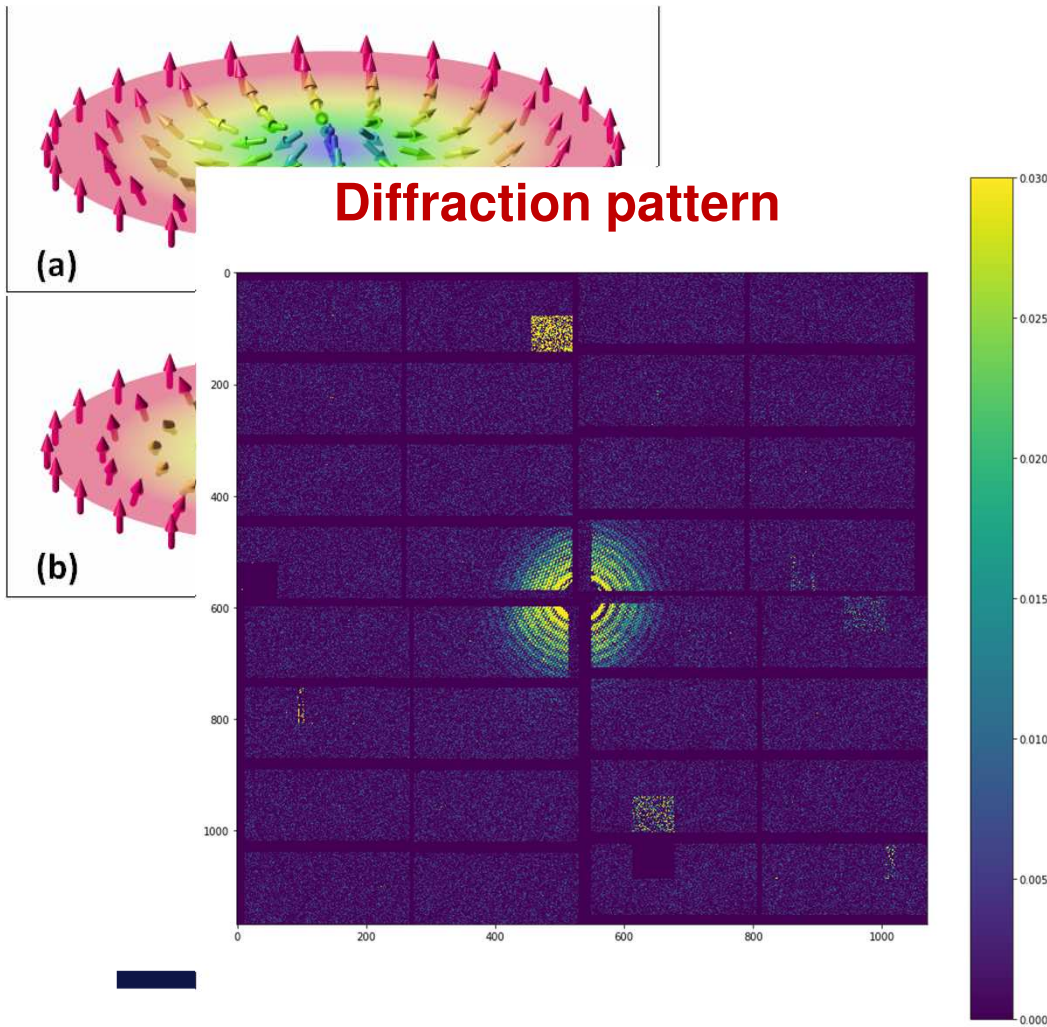


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Nature materials 11, 103 (2012)

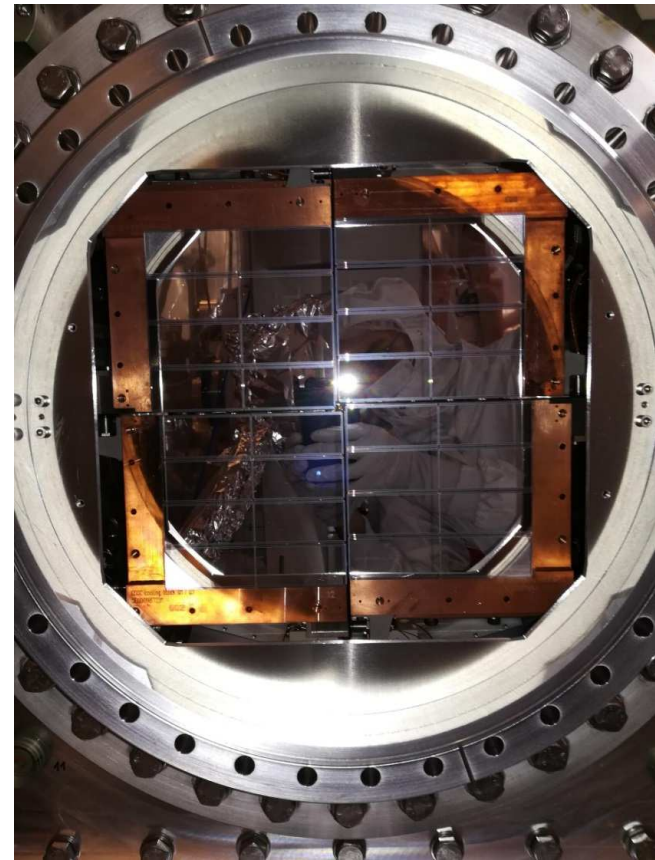
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Nature 518, 179 (2015)



# Dynamics of Magnetic skyrmions, experiment #2222 University of Stockholm



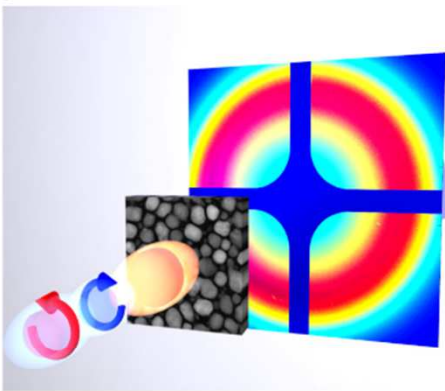
**DSSC detector  
in use for the first time**



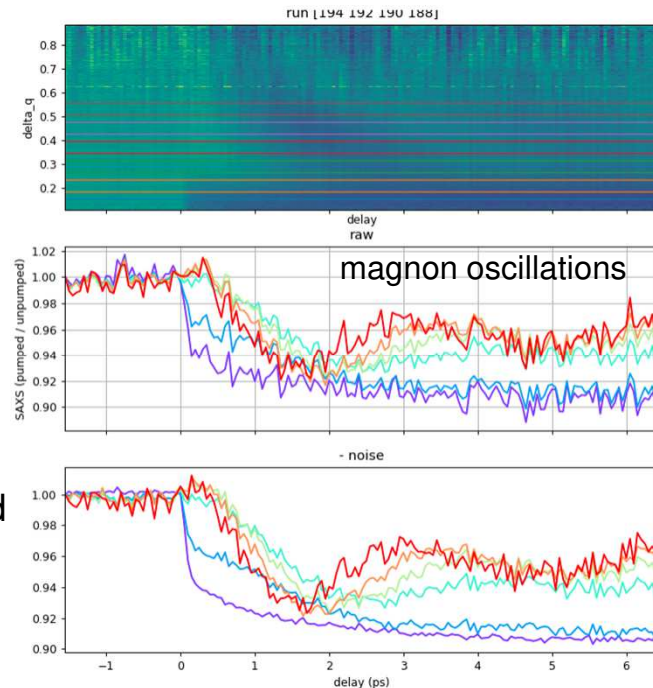


# Non-equilibrium pathways for energy and angular momentum transfer

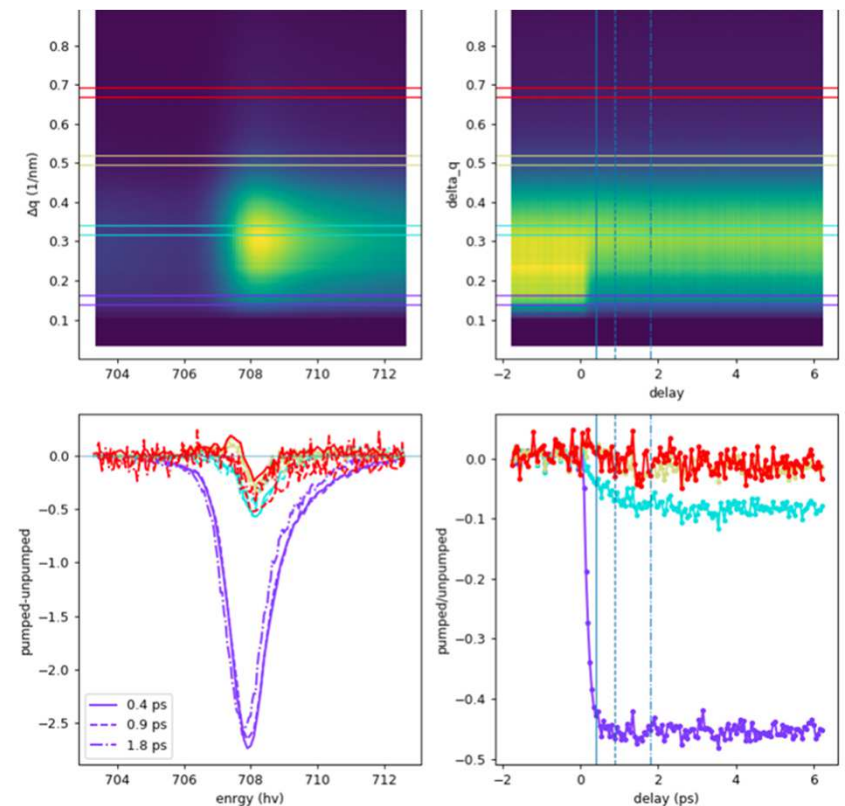
## SAXS on free-standing sheet (50-100 $\mu\text{m}$ ) of 16nm FePt nanoparticles embedded in carbon



FePt dynamic response to laser-induced electronic and phononic stresses by the instantaneous repopulation of electrons and phonons.



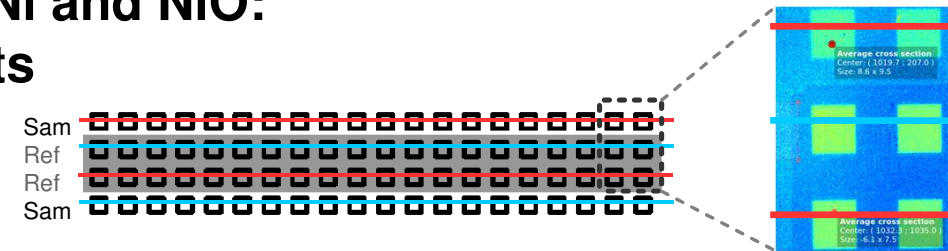
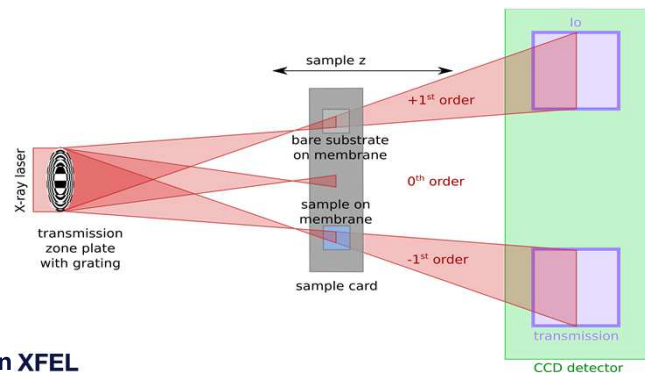
### State and momentum-resolved electron dynamics



H. A. Dürr et al, UP2280, Sep 2019.

# Single-shot X-ray absorption spectroscopy on Ni and NiO: from nonperturbing fluences to nonlinear effects

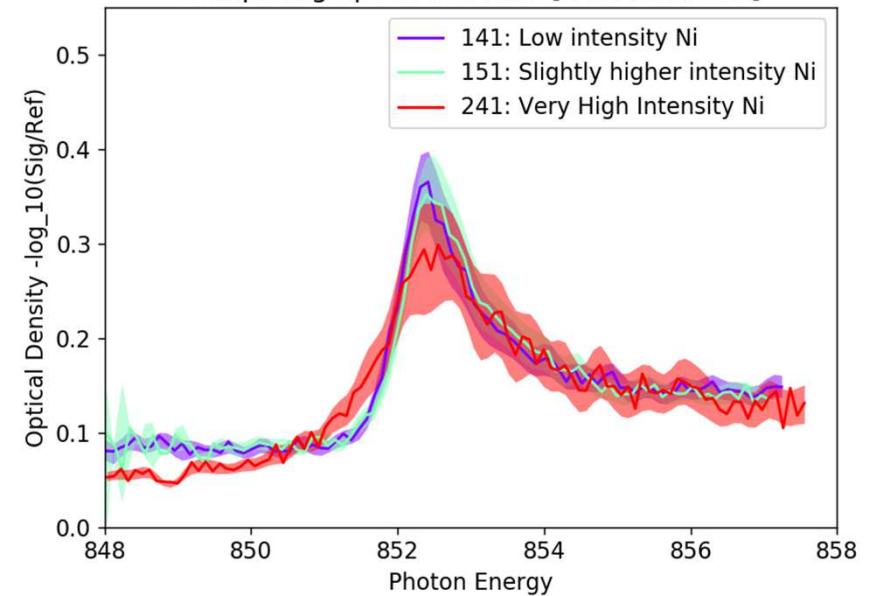
Martin Beye (DESY), et al, Open community proposal



fCCD



Comparing Spectra of runs [141, 151, 241]



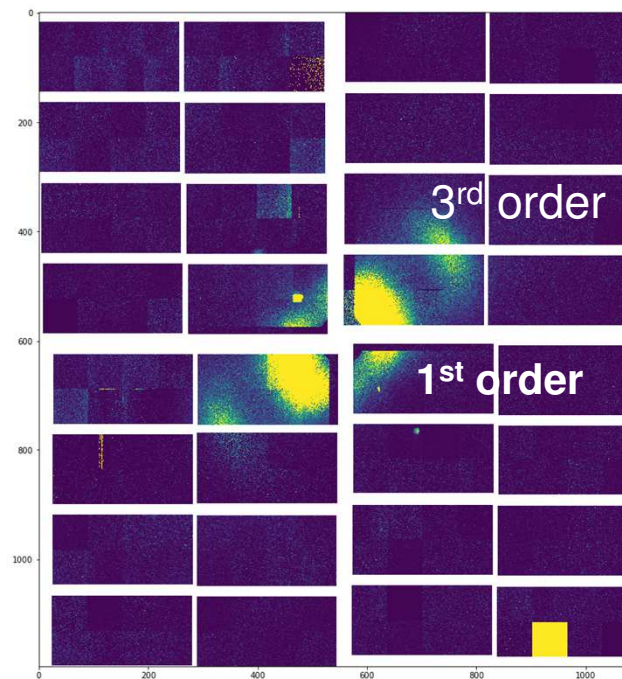
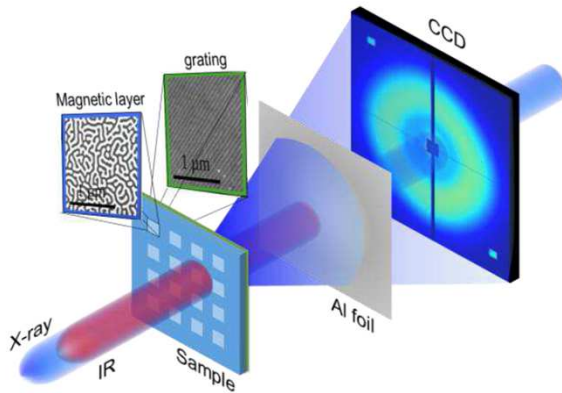
Preliminary results !

# Time-resolved magnetic SAXS:

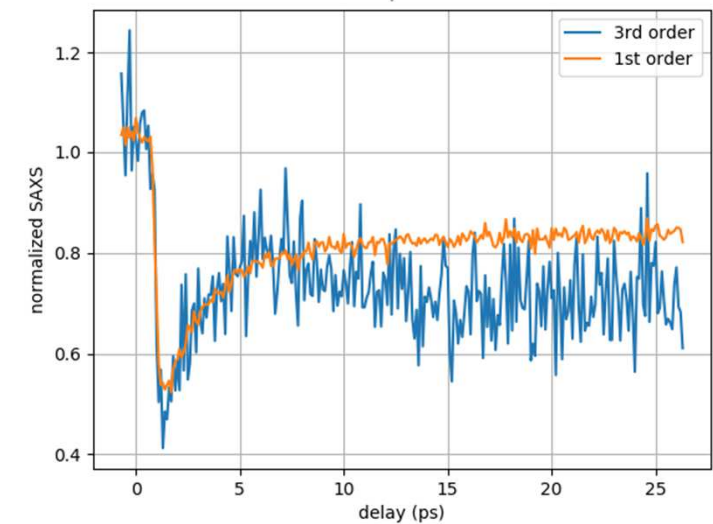
## Ultrafast spin transport in laser-driven magnetization reversal

Emmanuelle Jal (U Sorbonne), et al., Open community proposal

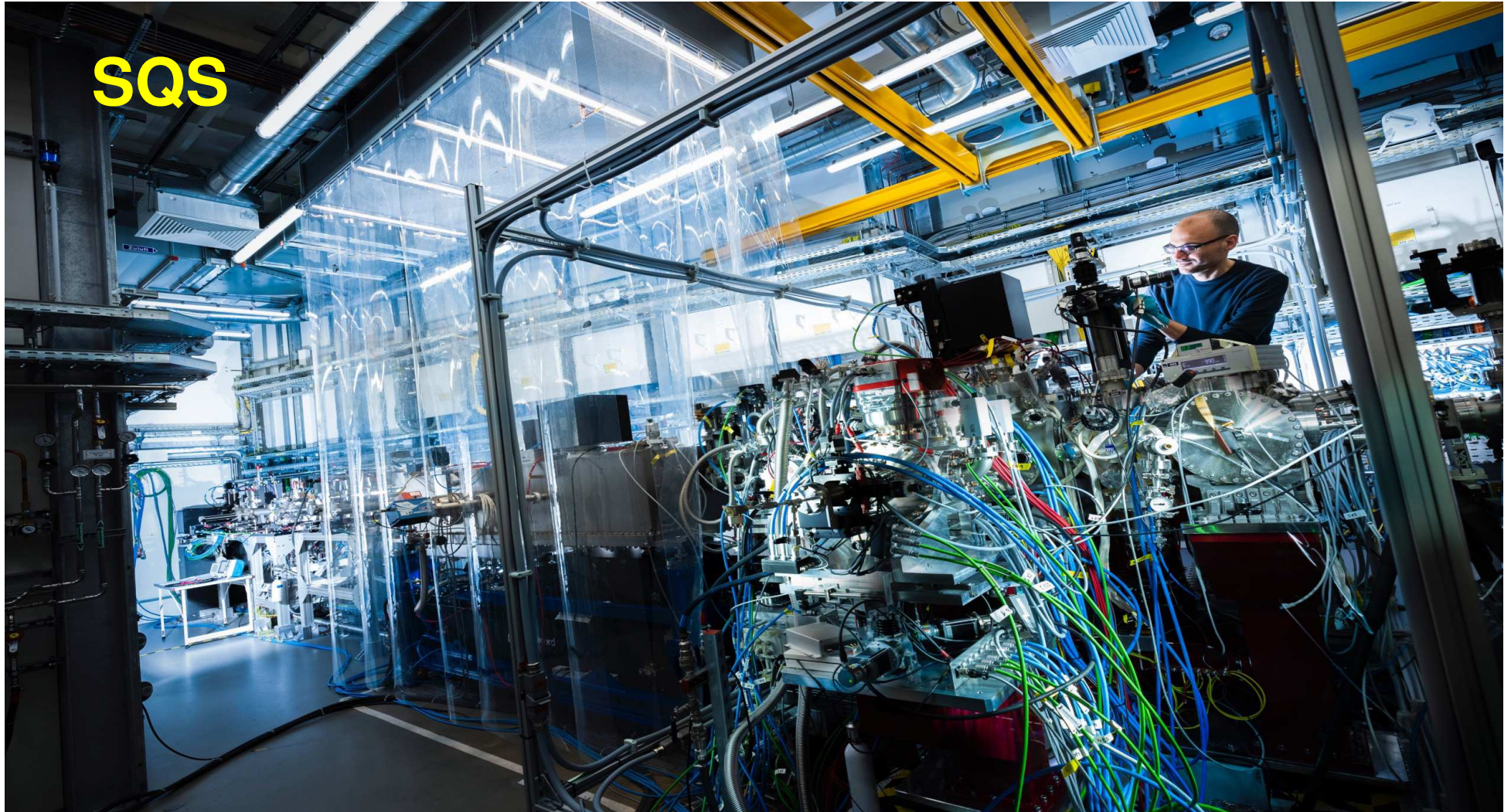
First experiments using  
SA3 PP laser (mid Aug 2019)  
800 nm, 50fs, 1.1 MHz



Co/Pt multilayers in stripe domain pattern







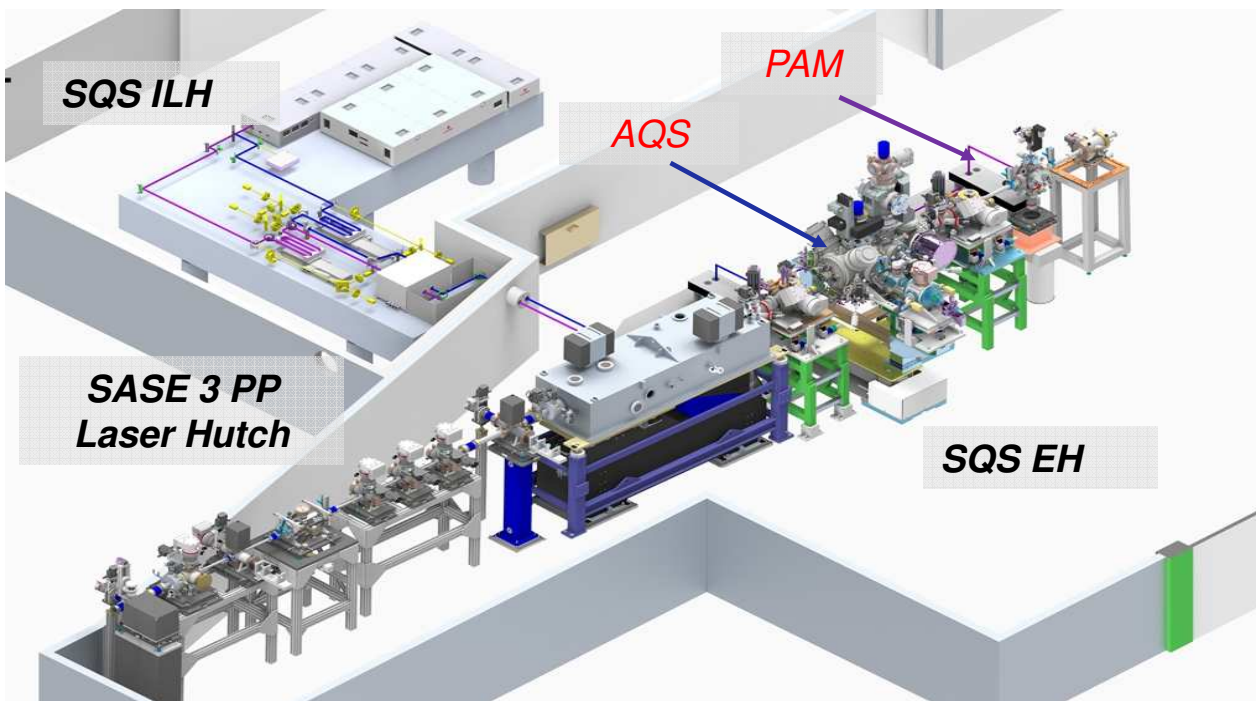


## PP laser infrastructure at SASE 3 for the SQS instrument

SASE3 PP Laser available > Q3/2019

### INTERIM SOLUTION:

Fiber-based pump probe laser for day 1



Installation Q1/2019

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<http://www.afs-jena.de/>



### Active Fiber Systems 200W laser amplifier

Parameter	Unit	Value
Wavelength	nm	1030
Pulse duration (FWHM)	fs	300 (40)
Repetition rate	MHz	0.1 – 20
Pulse energy	mJ	2 @ 0.1 MHz
Polarization		variable
Focus size	$\mu\text{m}$	30 ( $1/e^2$ )

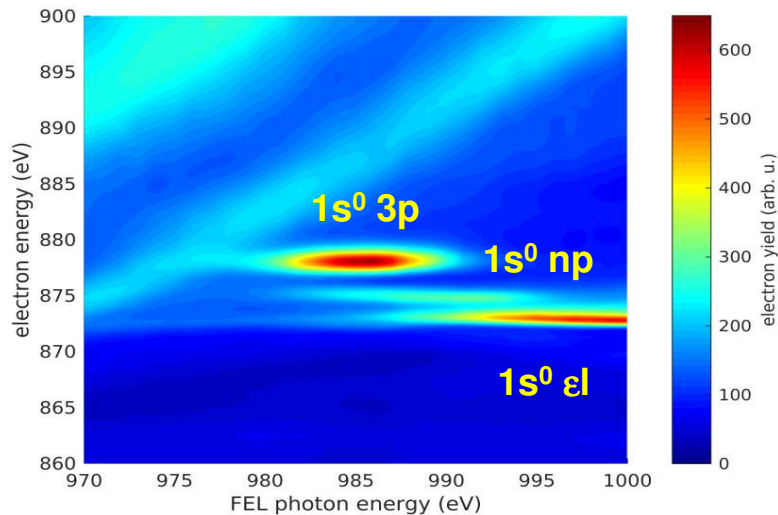
# SQS (Small Quantum Systems)

**All experimental stations are operational !!!**

## AQS (multi-photon spectroscopy)

Non-linear electronic interaction  
of atoms with x-rays

PI: T. Mazza et al. (SQS)



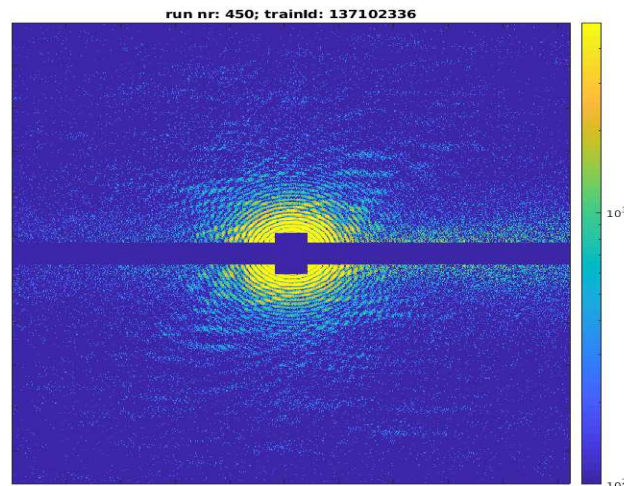
**Neon**

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## NQS (imaging)

Doped He nanodroplets imaging

PI: R. Tanyag, D. Rupp (TU/MBI Berlin)

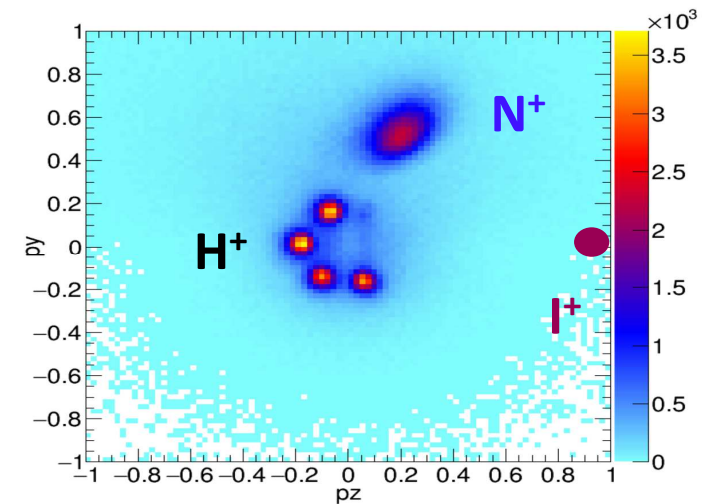


**Xe-doped He droplet**

## SQS-REMI (coincidences)

Charge transfer and Coulomb explosion  
initiated by fs X-ray pulses

PI: R. Boll et al. (SQS)



**Iodopyridine**

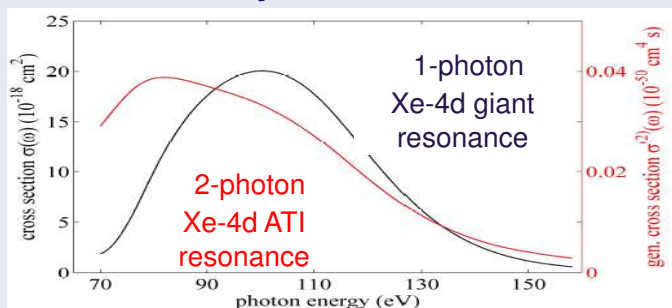


## Science @ SQS (Small Quantum Systems)

(M. Meyer)

### Non-linear phenomena

Intensity  $> 10^{18} \text{ W / cm}^2$

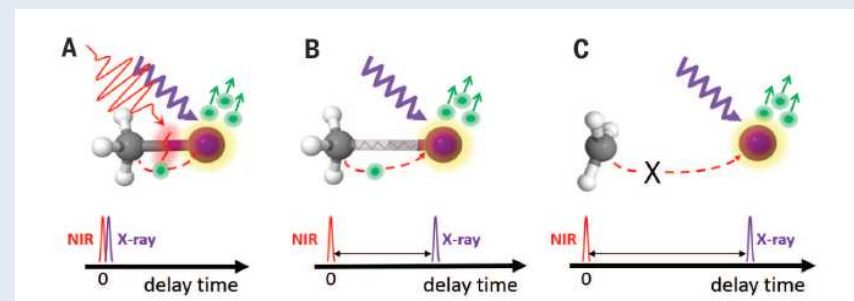


Multi-photon processes

Mazza *et al.* (2015)  
Nat.Comm. **5** 36845

### Time-resolved studies

Pulse durations: 2 - 100 fs

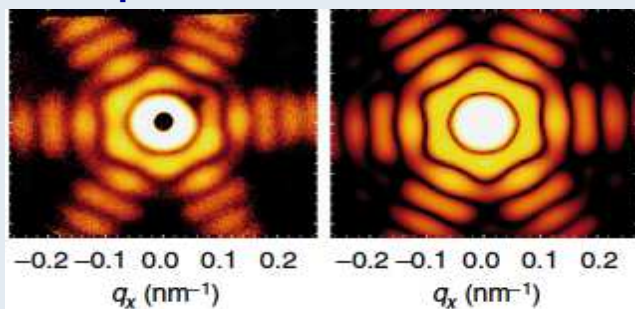


Dissociation dynamics

Erk *et al.* (2014)  
Science **345** 288

### Imaging experiments

Spatial coherence

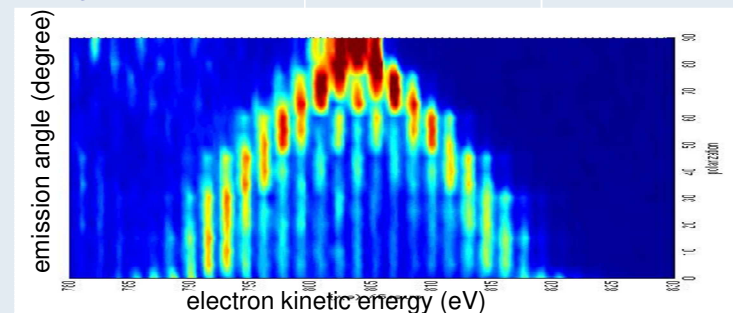


Size and shape selection

Barke *et al.* (2015)  
Nat.Comm. **6** 6187

### Strong field phenomena

Synchronized intense NIR laser



Electron dynamics

Meyer *et al.* (2012)  
PRL **108** 063007

# NQS “Nano-size Quantum Systems”

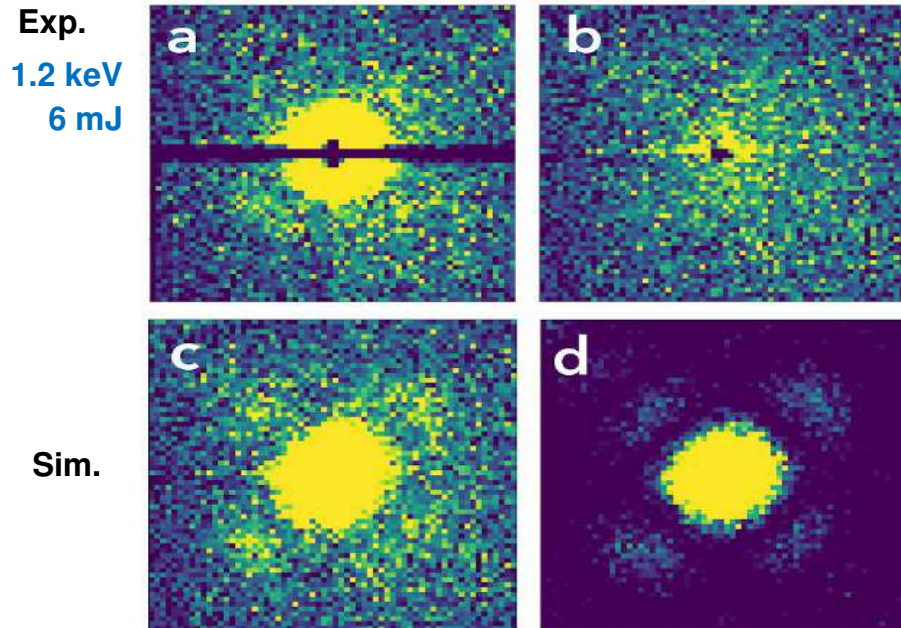
pnCCD detector (10 Hz)

(coherent diffraction imaging)

## Single Protein Imaging

PI: F. Maia (Uni Uppsala)

GroEL from E. Coli



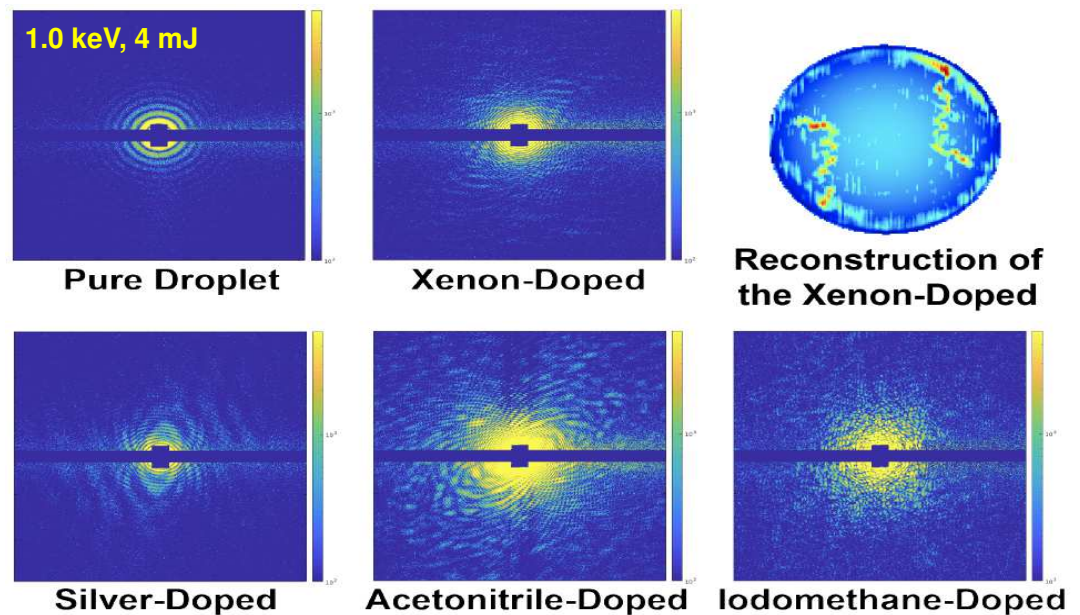
Diffraction images from a 14 nm protein !!

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## Single Particle (nano-droplets) Imaging

PI: R. Tanyag, D. Rupp (TU/MBI Berlin)

Doped He nanodroplets



→ Talk Rico Tanyag 30.01., 11h30

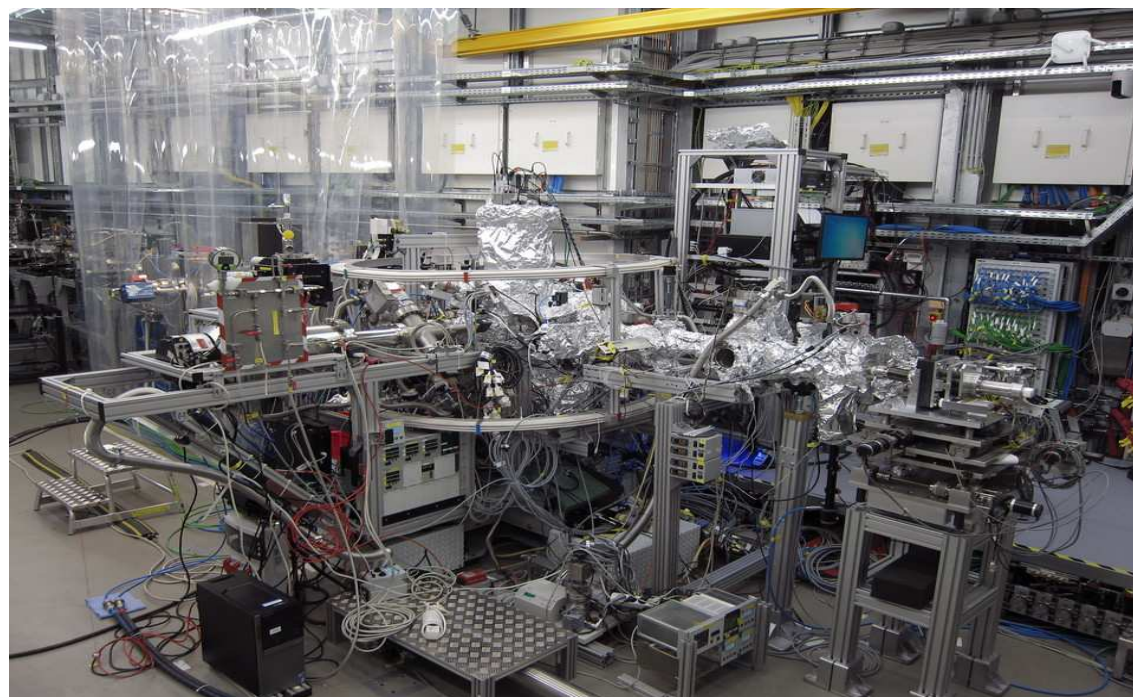
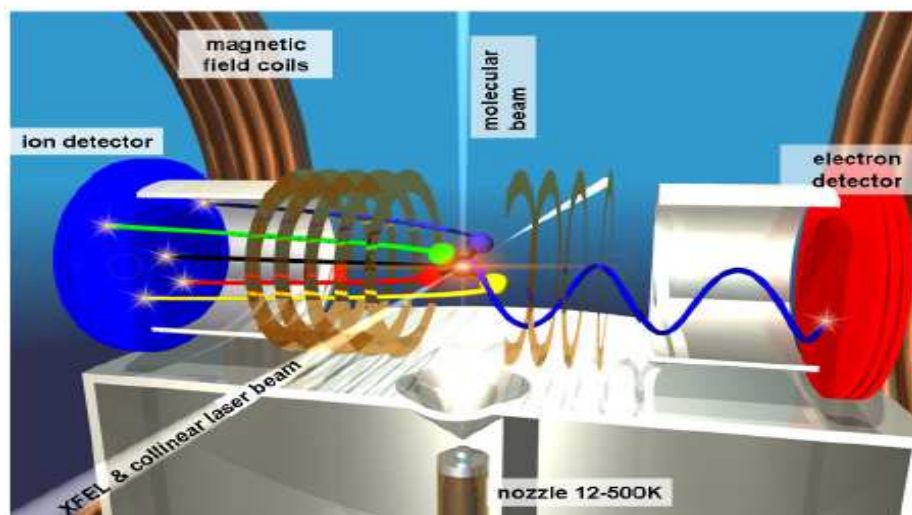


## SQS-REMI in collaboration with Uni. Frankfurt (R. Dörner et al.)

### REMI: Reaction Microscope

U. Frankfurt (R. Dörner et al.)

Angle- and energy-resolved  
**electron** and **ion** spectra  
in **coincidence**



Start of Commissioning : February 12, 2019

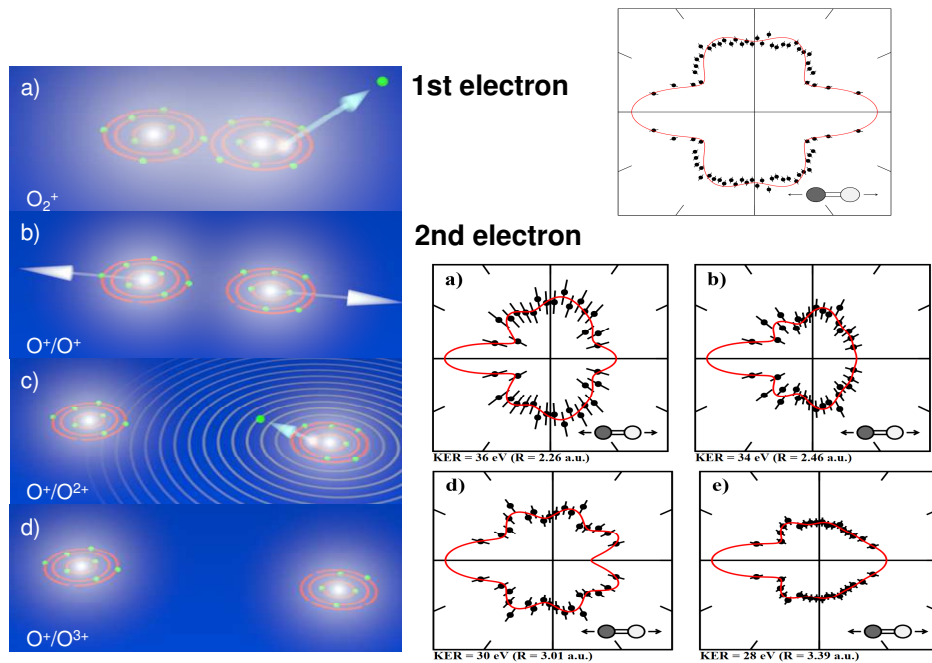
Start of User Operation : February 26, 2019



# SQS - Reaction Microscope (electron – ion coincidences)

Photoelectron diffraction imaging  
of a molecular breakup ( $O_2$ )

PI: T. Jahnke (U. Frankfurt)



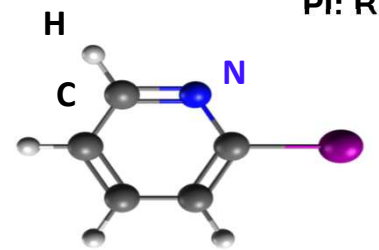
**Electron** angular distributions  
monitor the fragmentation process

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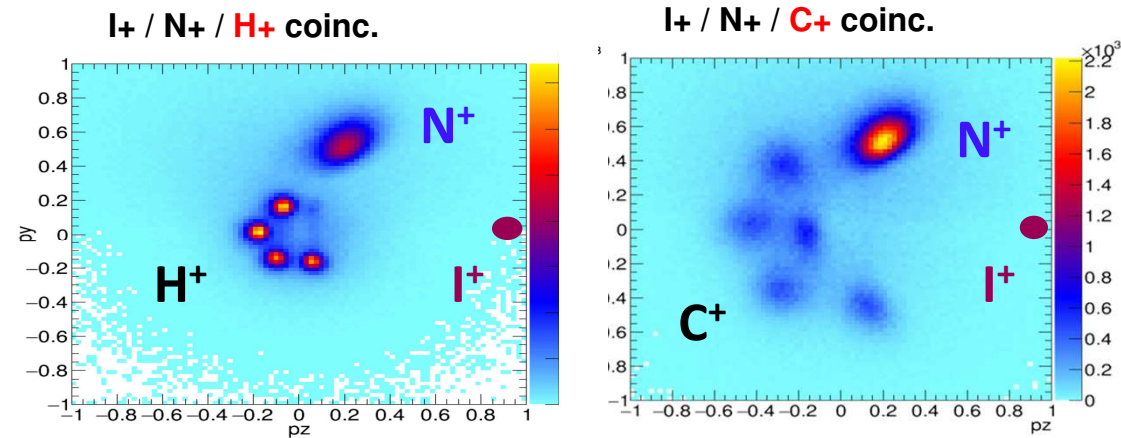
Charge transfer and Coulomb explosion initiated by fs X-ray pulses

PI: R. Boll et al. (SQS)

→ Talk 14h30



Iodopyridine  
 $C_5H_4NI$



**Ion** images visualize the molecular structure

REMI-chamber in collaboration with U. Frankfurt (R. Dörner et al.)

## Next upgrades for SASE3 / SQS

<b>Two color lasing (2CPP)</b>	→	2020 summer	installation
	→	2020 Q3/Q4	commissioning
	→	2021 Q1/Q2	operation

<b>Spectral diagnostics</b>	→	2020 Q2	installation
	→	2020 Q3/Q4	commissioning

<b>Controlled adjustment of pulse duration</b>	→	2020 Q1/Q2	commissioning
	→	2020 Q3/Q4	operation

<b>Circular polarization</b>	→	2021 Q1/Q2	test
	→	2021 Q3/Q4	operation

# SPB/SFX

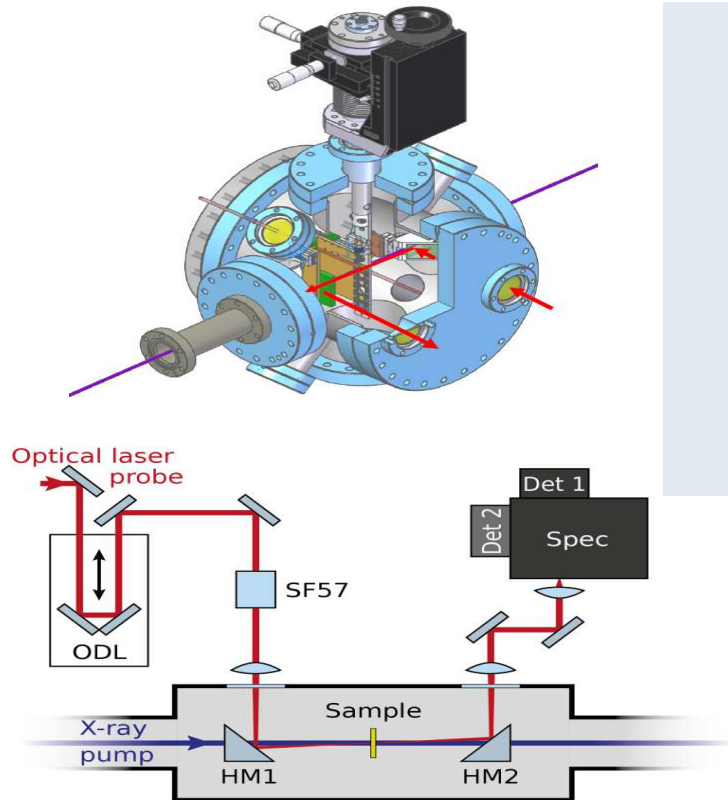
Adrian Mancuso  
for the SPB/SFX team  
4th November 2019





## SASE / PP Laser timing with Photon Arrival Monitor

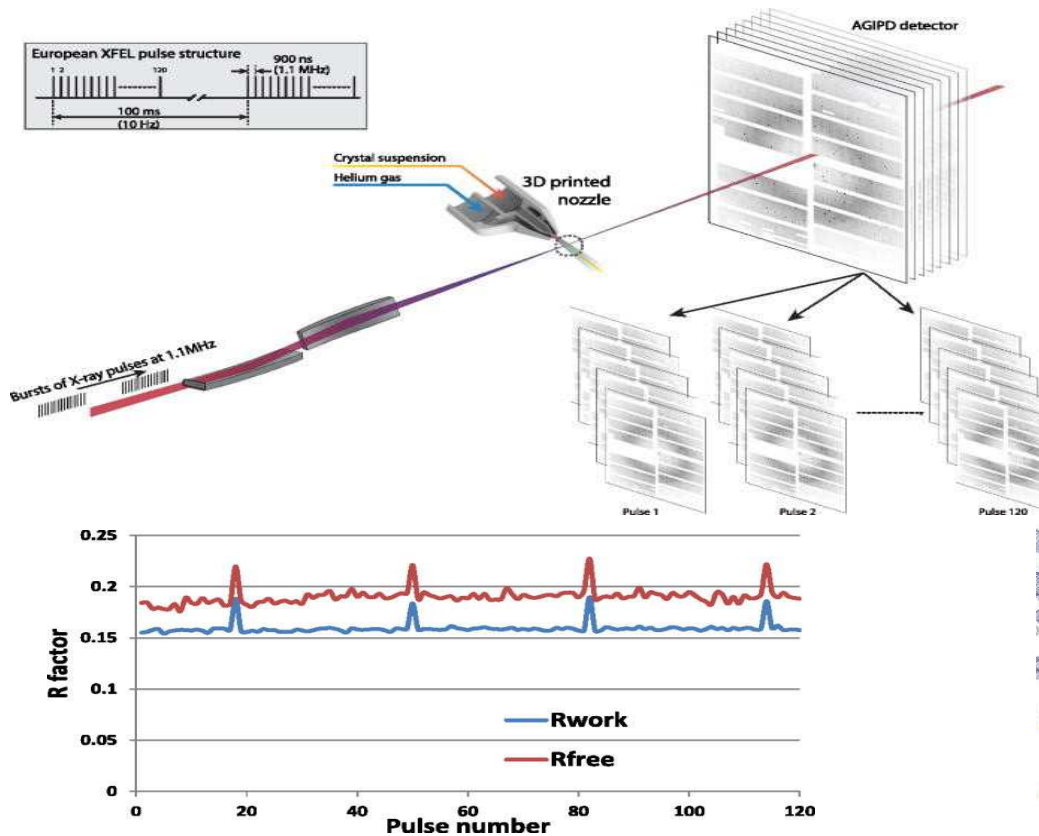
■ Sato et al. submitted



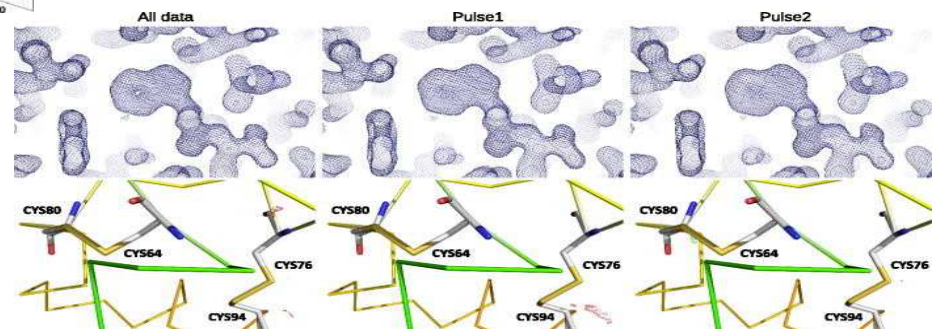
- Timing jitter measured over 2 hours (approximately 70000 pulse trains)
- distribution of nominal delay for the entire measurement with RMS jitter of 31.9 fs.
- Submitted for publication

# SFX structure determination with MHz pulse trains

Yefanov, Oberthuer et al. Structural Dynamics **6**, 064702 (2019)



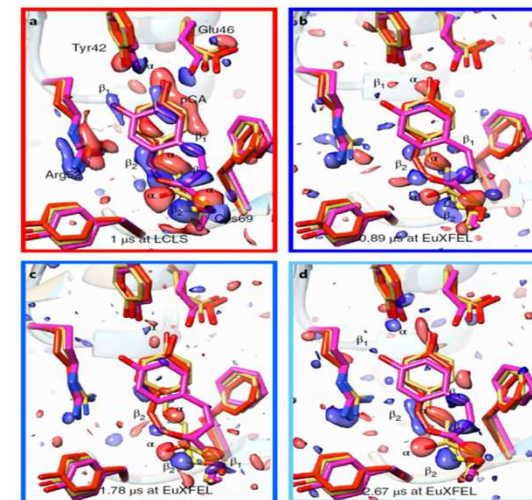
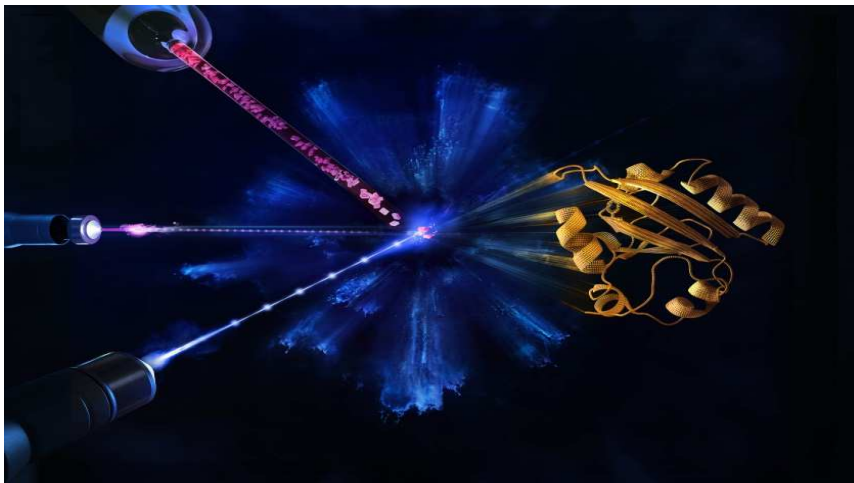
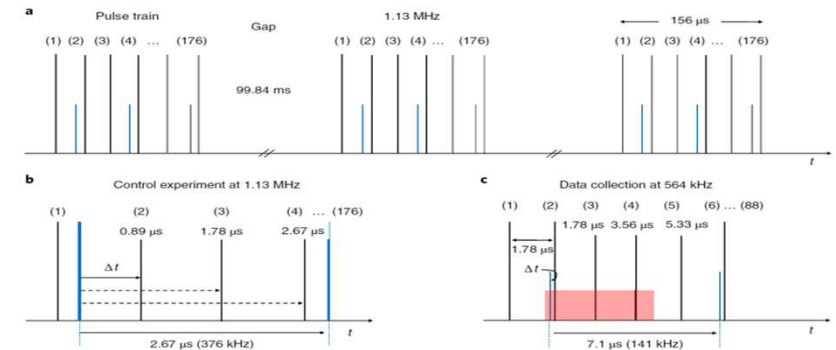
- Full data sets collected for every pulse position in 120 pulse train pattern @ 1.1 MHz intra-train rate
- No discernable loss of data quality for any individual pulse position within the train
- Data from all pulses can be merged to generate high fidelity data sets: 1.3 million indexed patterns, SNR of 48



## TR-SFX of PYP with custom filled MHz pulse trains

■ Pandey, Bean et al. *Nature Methods*, volume 17, 73–78 (2020)

- X-ray and PP-laser schemes matched to excitation cycle and sample behaviour
- Pulse trains generate excitation cycle data from multiple points and control sets in single data runs
- Pathway to study entire excitation cycle in a single beamtime under the same conditions



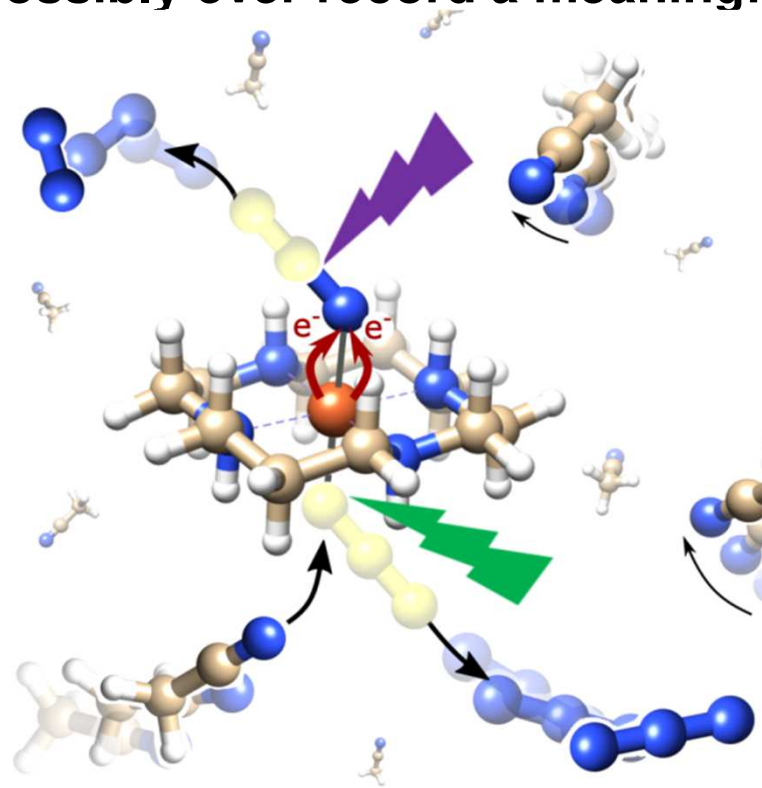




## FXE scientific instrument



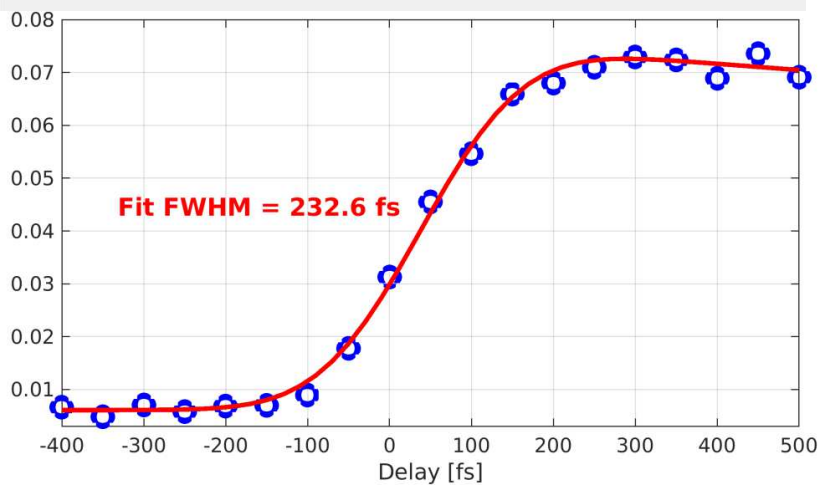
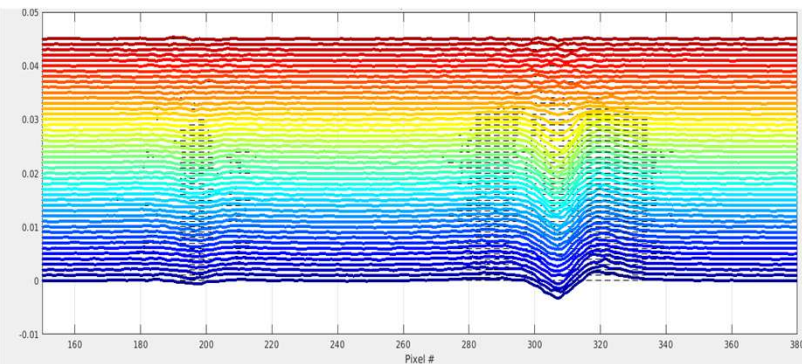
**Motivation: can we possibly ever record a meaningful molecular movie?**





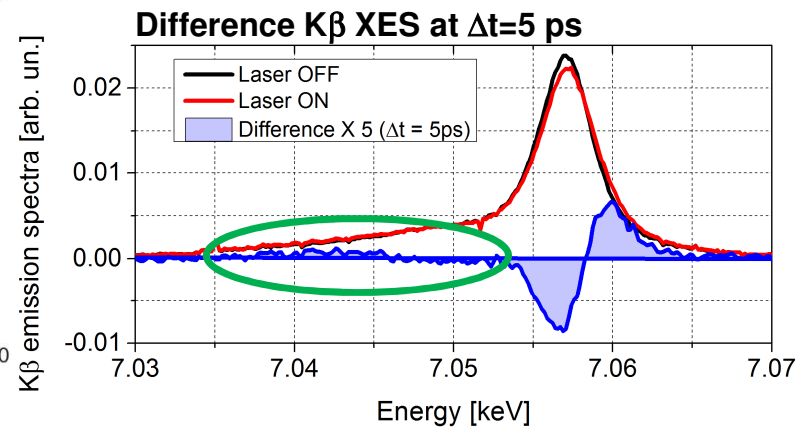
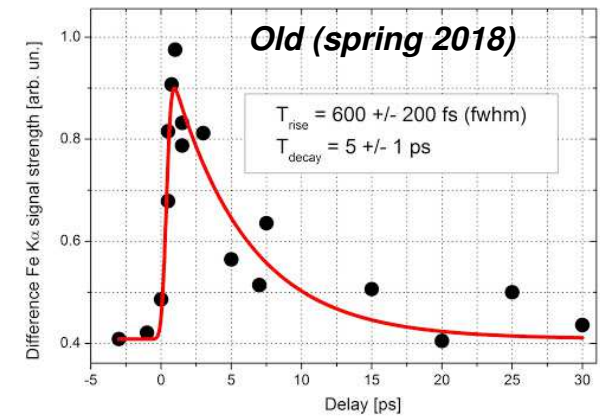
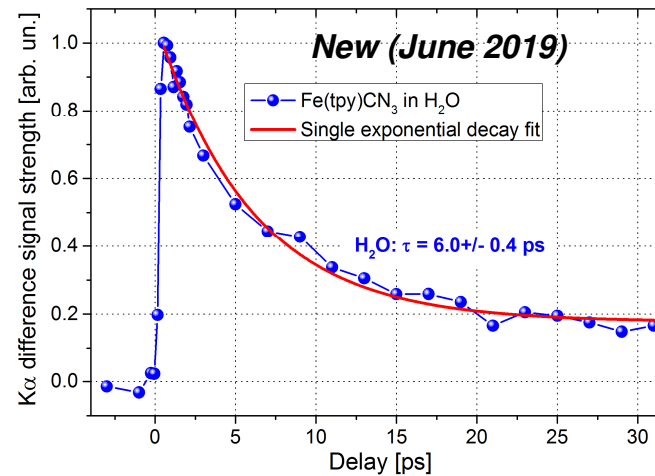
# Online Monitor of pp signals allows to optimise the signal

Sub-picosecond resolved XES measurements  
(both  $K\alpha$  and  $K\beta$  emission lines)



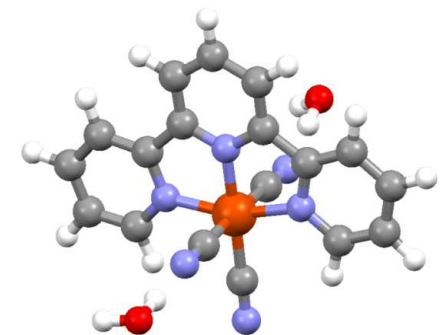
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agrees with intermediate spin state lifetime via  
(TD-)DFT and femtosecond optical spectroscopy



Mixture of triplet and quintet states, but mostly triplet

$[\text{Fe}(\text{terpy})(\text{CN})_3]^-$  in water

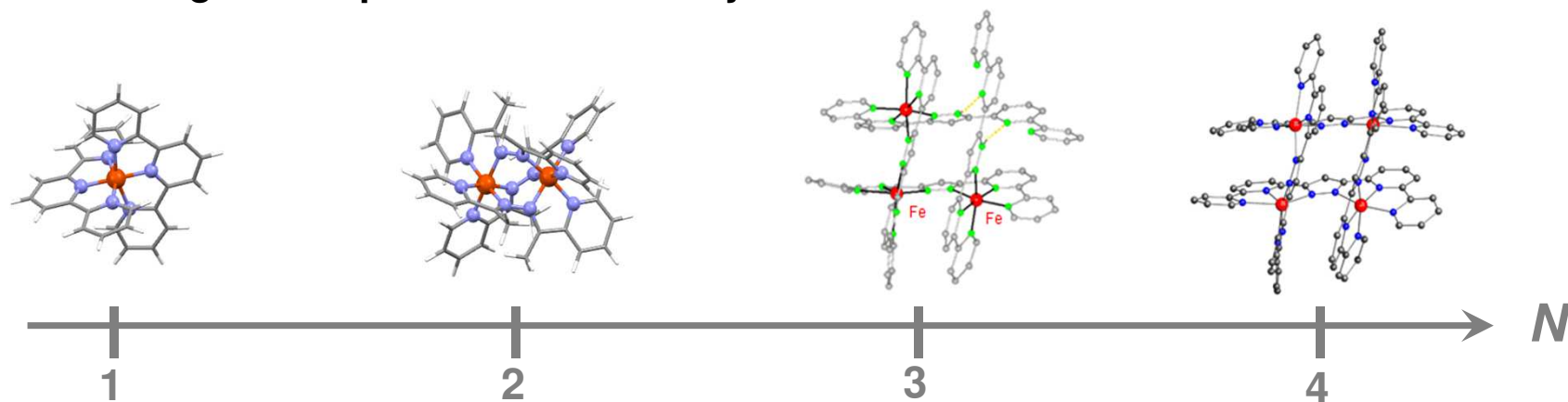


G. Vankó, et al; *J. Phys. Chem. C*, (2015)

## FXE : Controlling spin-state switching in the condensed phase (Experiment #2050)

30.11. – 04.12.2017 PI: Sophie Canton (DESY/ELI)

■ Characterizing the **fs** spin and structural dynamics as function of  $N$



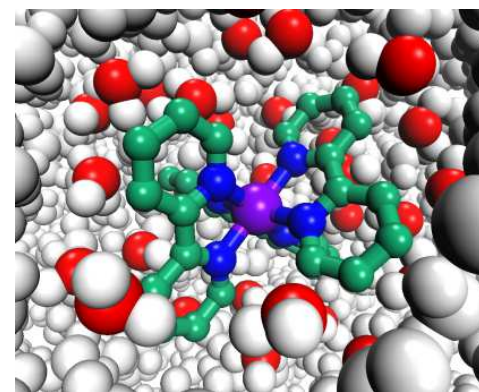
■ What is the role of the solvation shell ?

### Implications

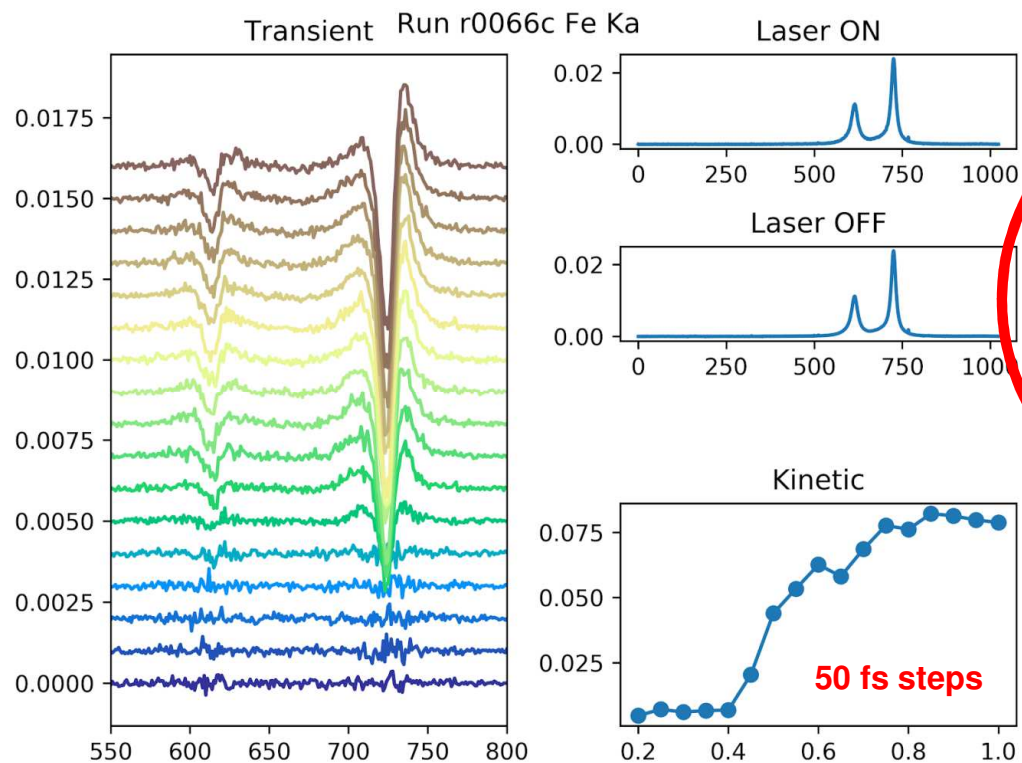
Molecular electronics, quantum information

Energy management in multichromophoric systems

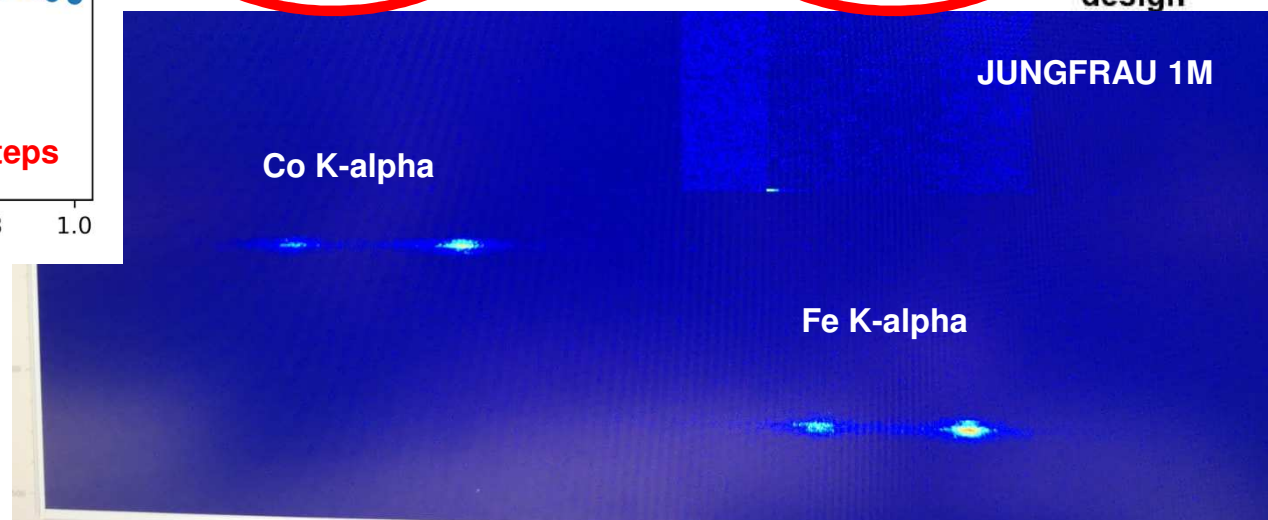
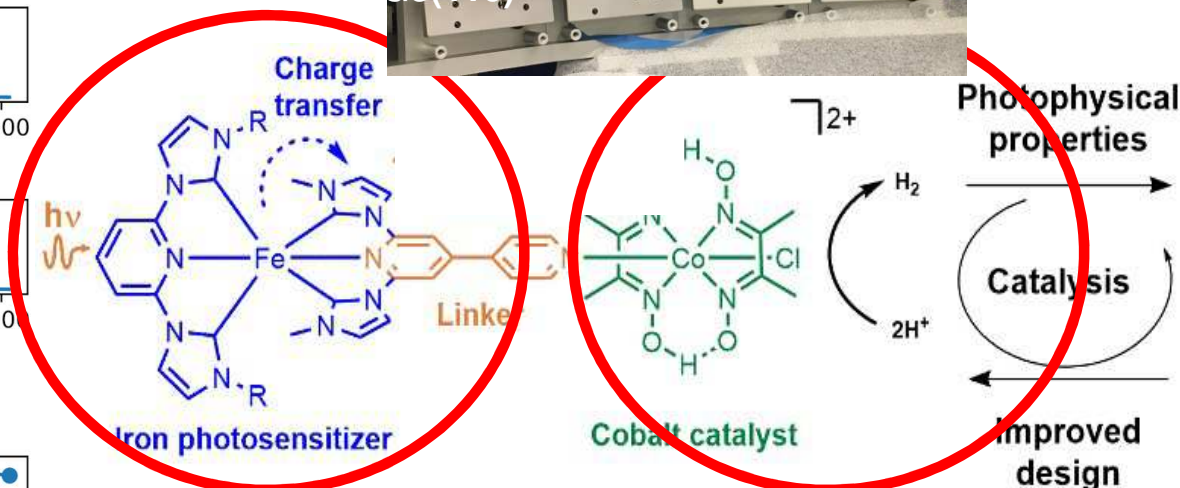
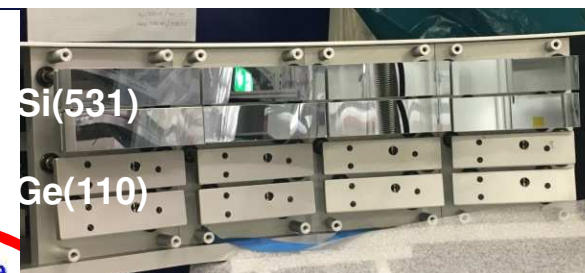
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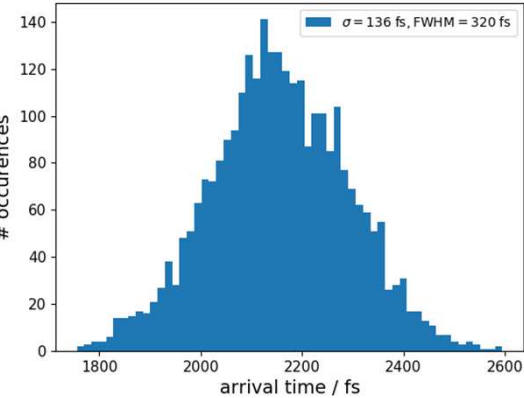


# Instrumentation and detectors at FXE

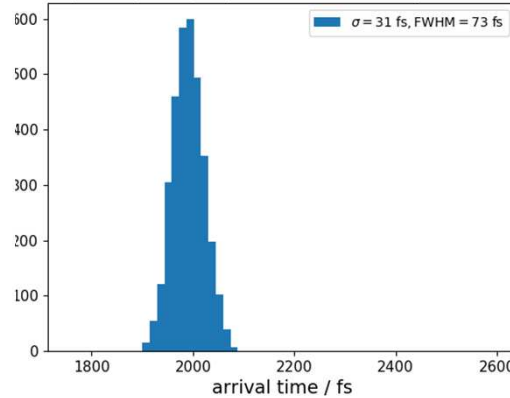
## Timing-tool

- first tests at the sample position: RF/optical synchronization around 320/70 fs jitter (FWHM) jitter
- **a non-invasive timing-tool near the sample position still needs to be implemented**
- not highest priority according to user demands and **current accuracy (< 100 fs, right figure)**

jitter RF synchronized inter train, run447



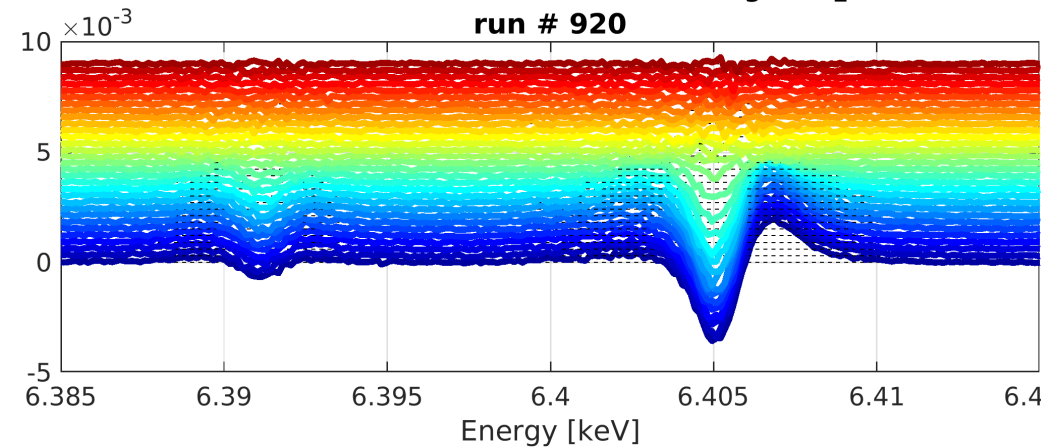
jitter optically synchronized inter train, run448



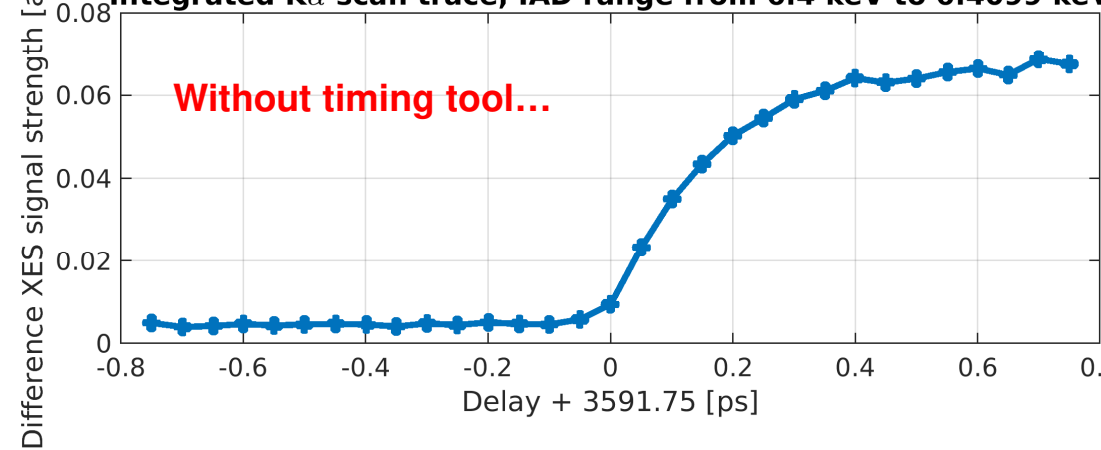
single shot @ 564 kHz detector frame rate (1.1 MHz machine)

Difference  $K\alpha$  spectra for  $\text{Fe}(\text{bpy})_3$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

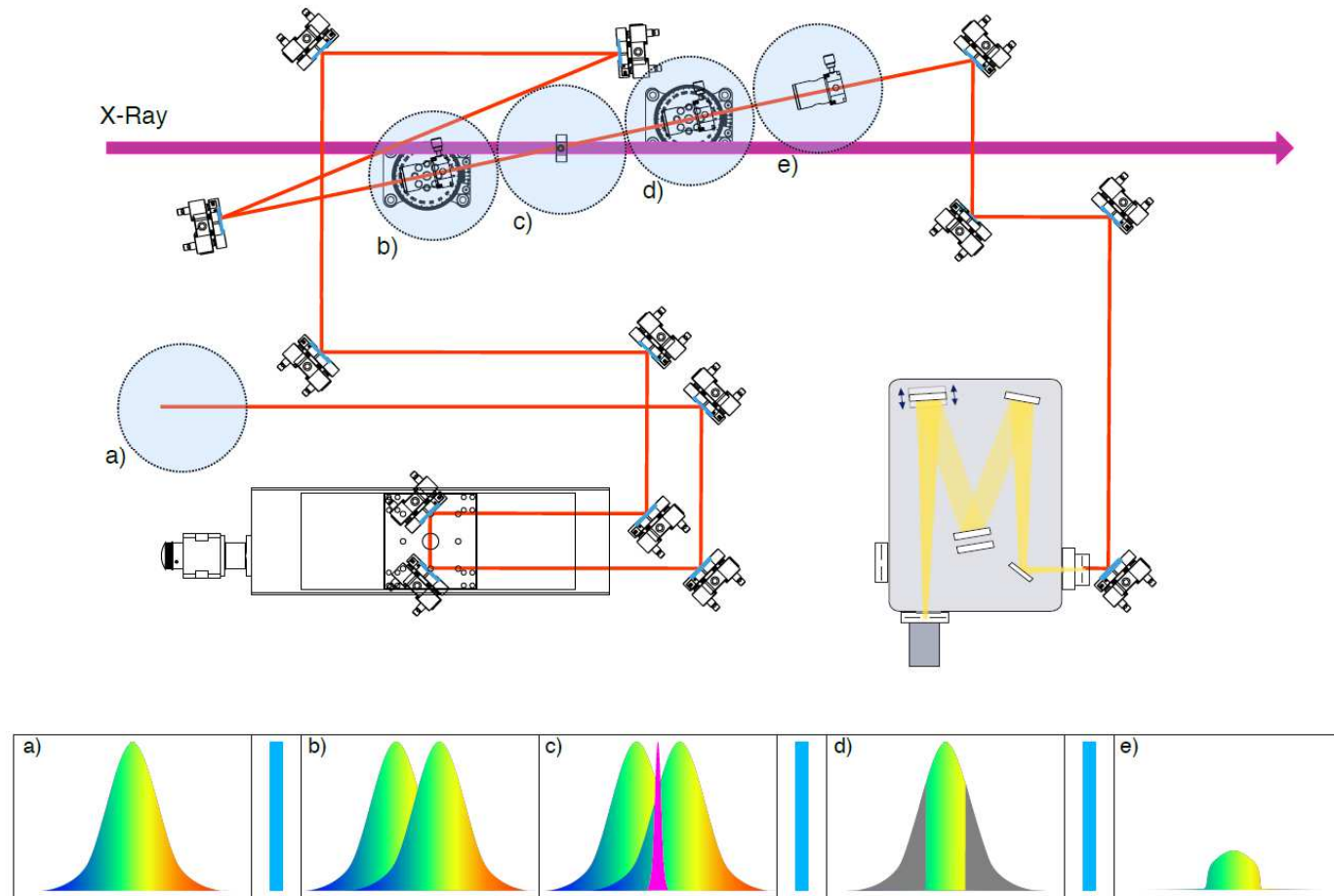
run # 920



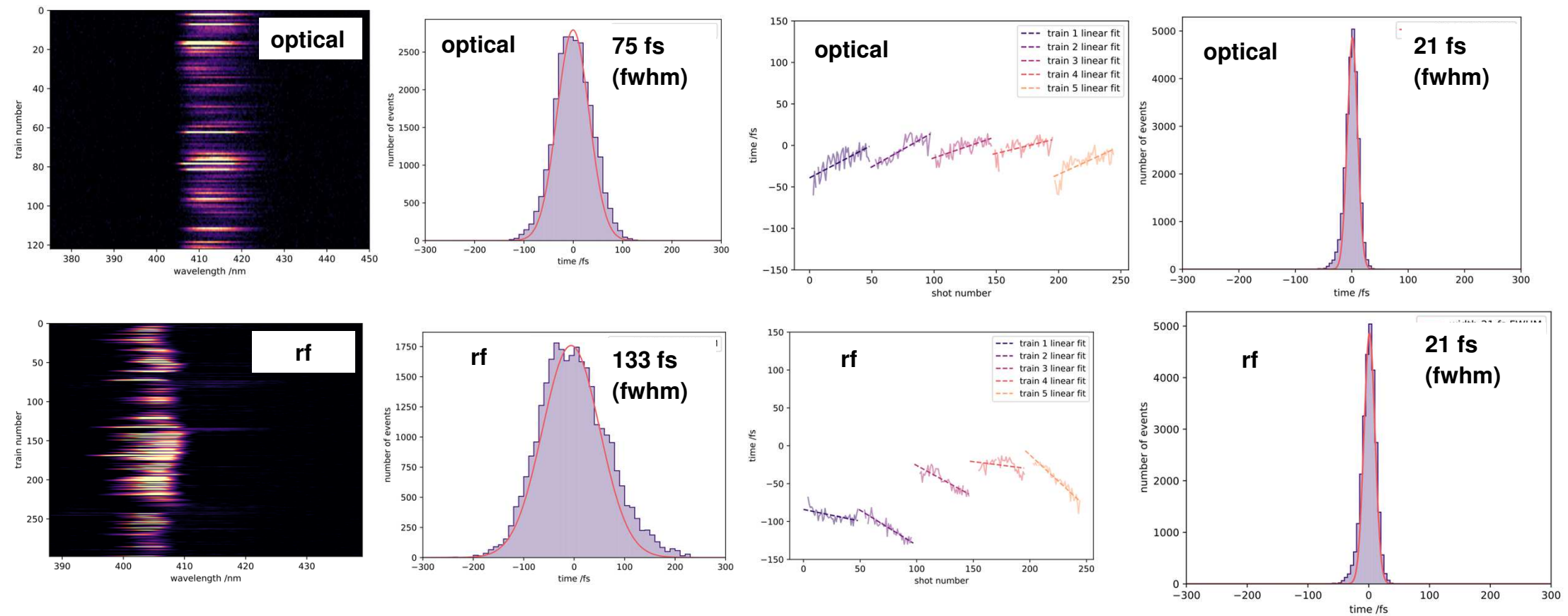
Integrated  $K\alpha$  scan trace, IAD range from 6.4 keV to 6.4099 keV



# Interferometric Timing Tool Setup (M. Diez, A. Galler et al.)

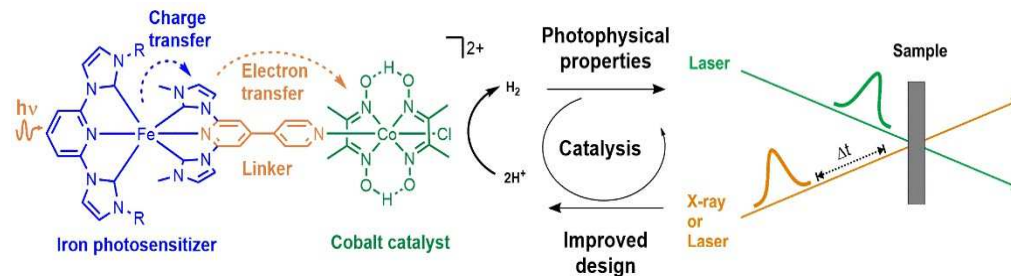


# Interferometric timing tool: optical vs rf synchronization (M. Diez, A. Galler et al.)



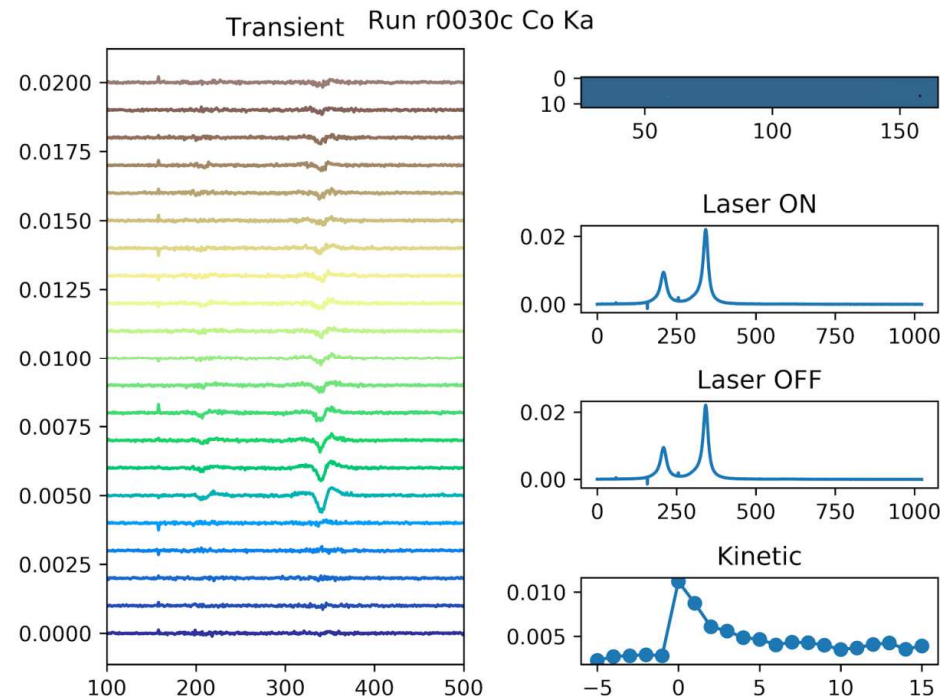
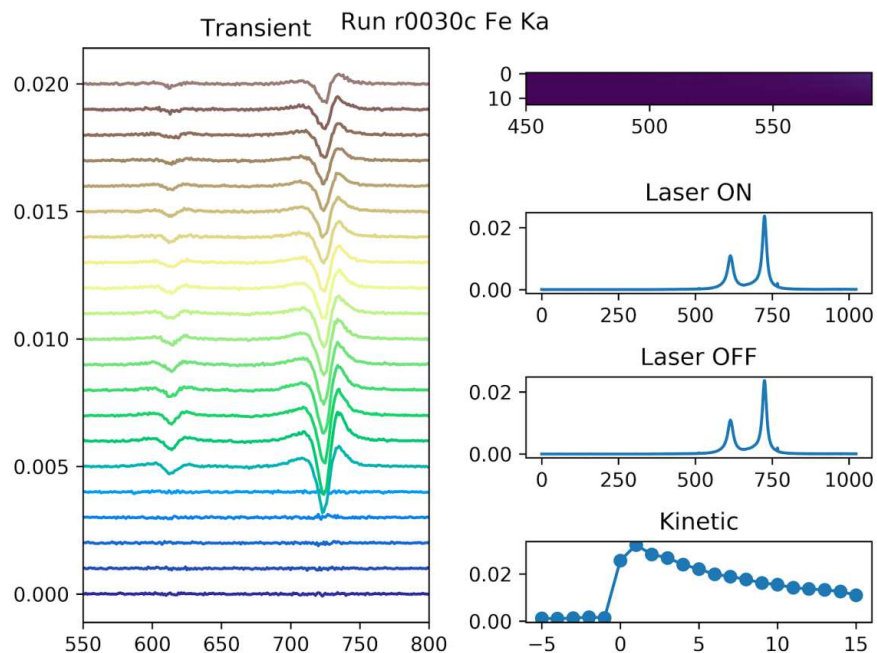


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**This shows our world class signal quality with 1200 pulses/sec at 2 mJ!**

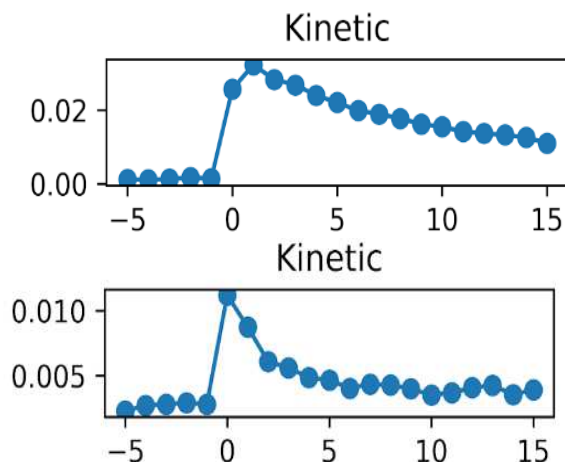
**Long MLCT lifetime = efficient charge transfer?**



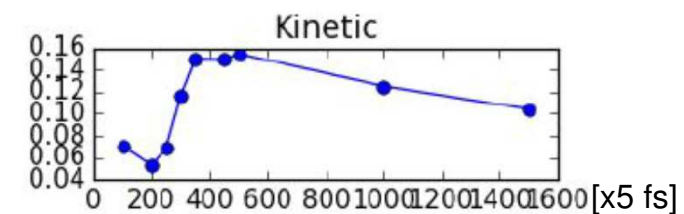
# Noble-metal free dyads with Fe<sup>II</sup> photosensitizer

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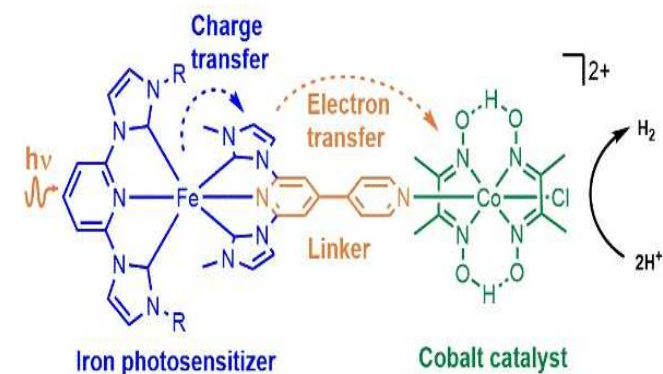
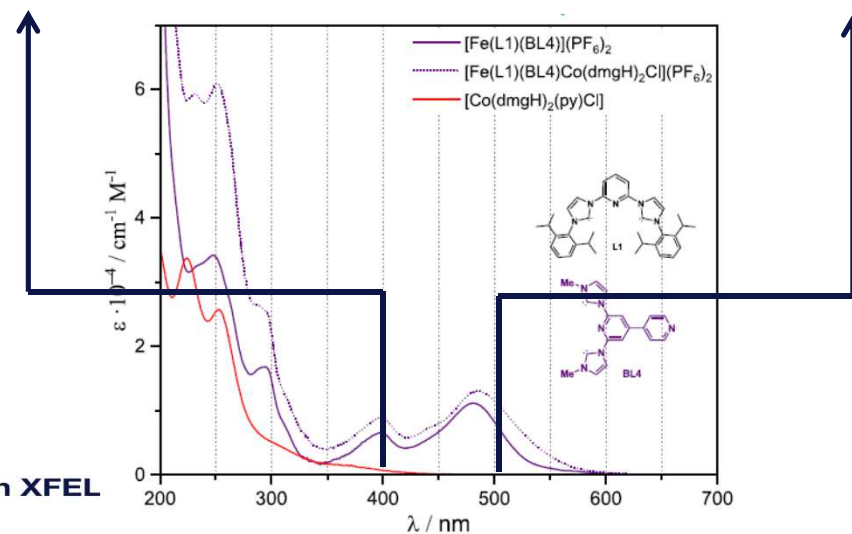
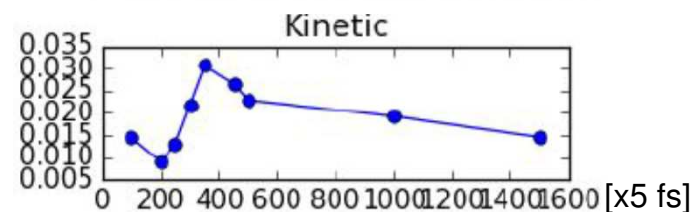
Matthias Bauer (University of Paderborn)



Fe K $\alpha$



Co K $\alpha$



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