



Short-pulse and polarization diagnostics at FELs based on electron spectroscopy



Dr. Markus Ilchen

Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY
Notkestr. 85
22607 Hamburg

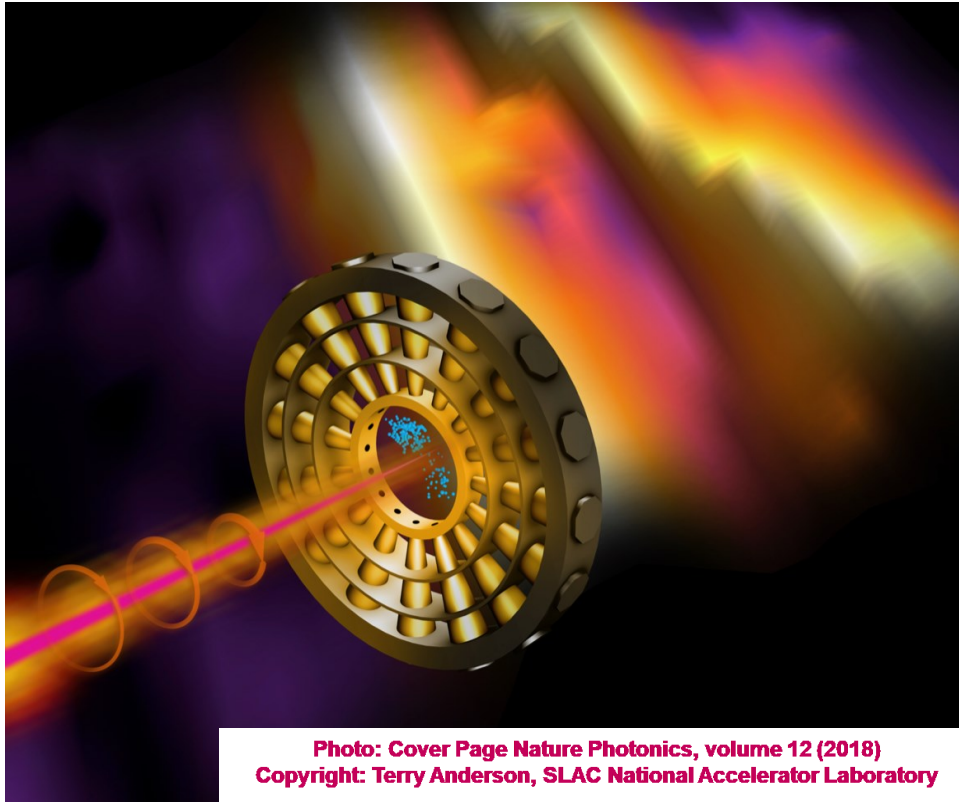
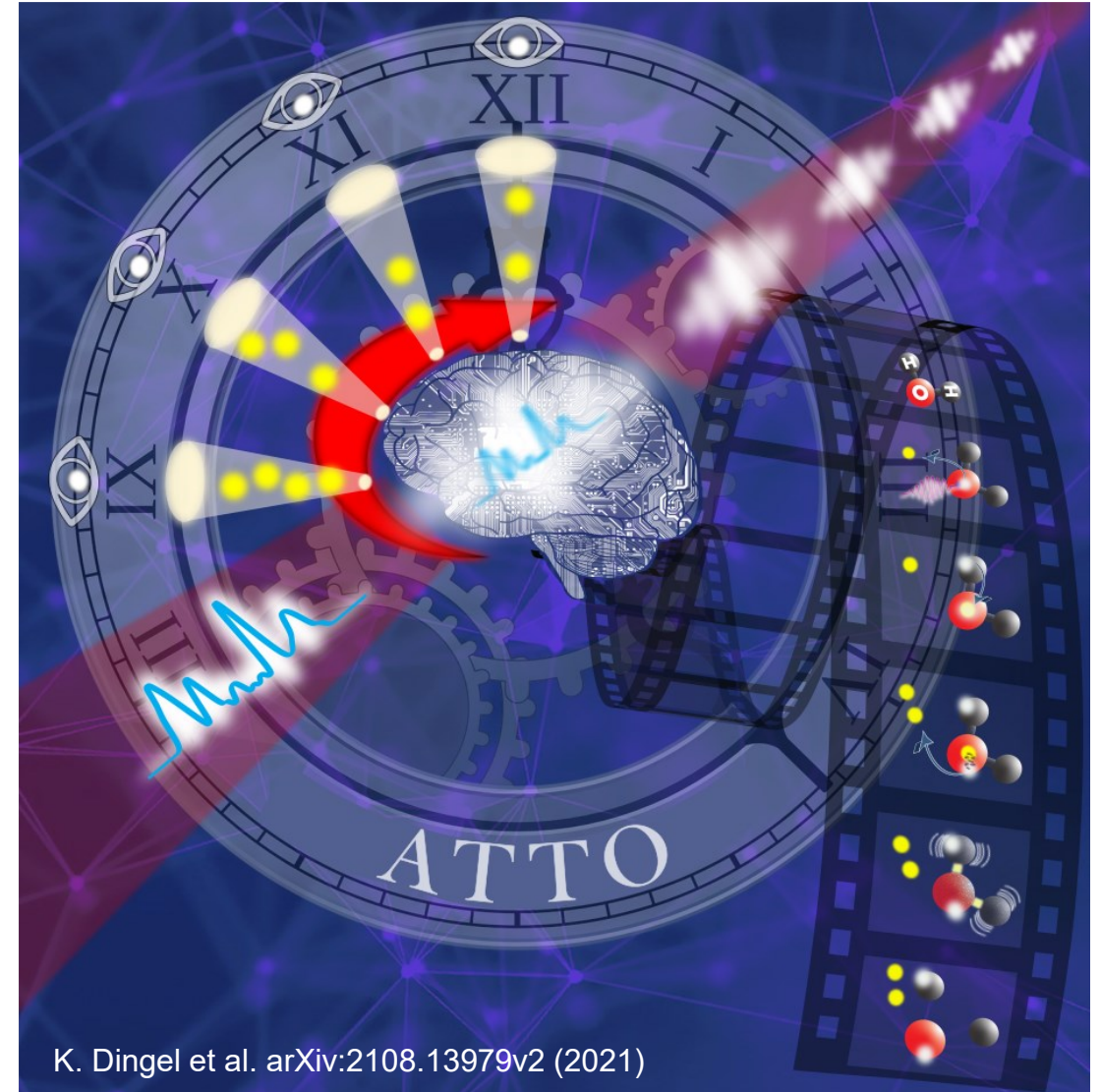


Photo: Cover Page Nature Photonics, volume 12 (2018)
Copyright: Terry Anderson, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

DESY.



K. Dingel et al. arXiv:2108.13979v2 (2021)

Outline

Diagnostic Developments for (X)FELs based on electron spectroscopy

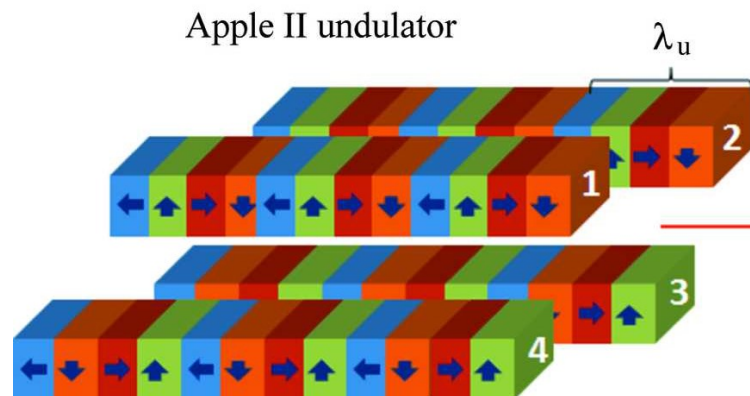
- Polarization Diagnostics
 - Online Diagnostics in the dipole plane
 - Validation of absolute degrees of polarization
- Exemplary Scientific Application of a Polarization-Controlled FEL
 - Nonlinear Circular Dichroism
 - Chirality Science
- Sub-femtosecond Pulse Diagnostics
 - Angular Streaking – Principle
 - Atto-Campaign at European SQS
 - Outlook and Applications
- Challenges and Outlook



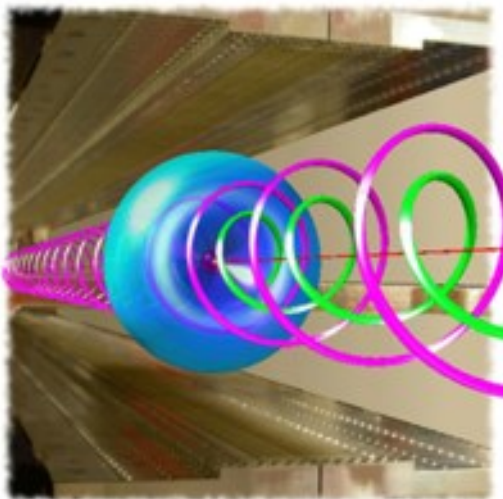
Operation Modes for New Scientific Applications

Ultraintense CPL XUV Pulses from Free-Electron Lasers

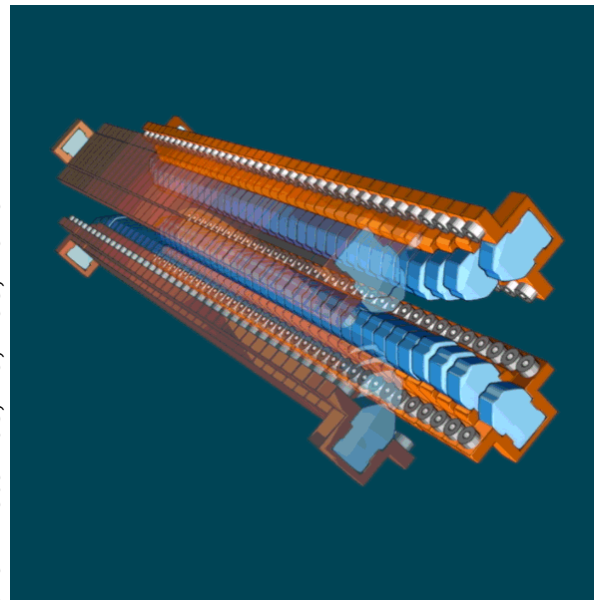
■ FERMI @ Elettra, Trieste, Italy



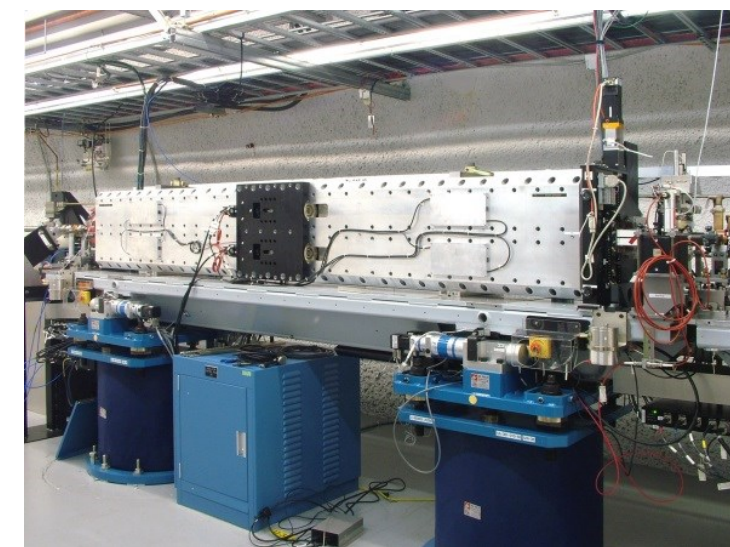
H. Wang et al., J. Synchrotron Rad. **19**, 944-948 (2012)



■ LCLS @ SLAC, Menlo Park, USA



SLAC News 2016 –
A. Lutman et al., *Nature Photonics*, **10**, 468, 2016



Diagnostic Aspects to Tackle for Attoscience with Polarization Control

Road towards FEL Applications



Max von Laue Fest at DESY – © DESY

DORIS III and PETRA III, DESY, Hamburg
in the Group of J. Viefhaus, (now HZB Berlin)

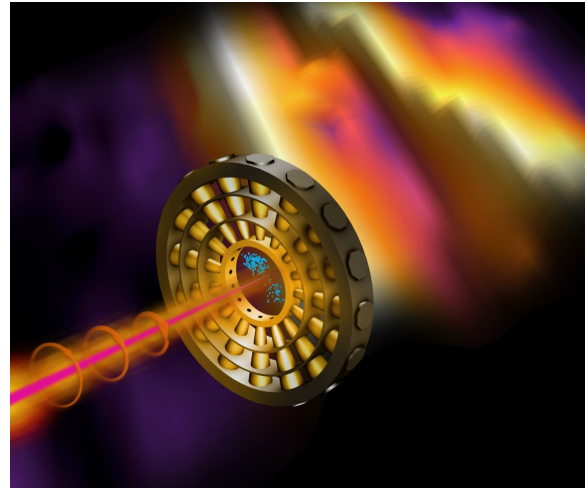
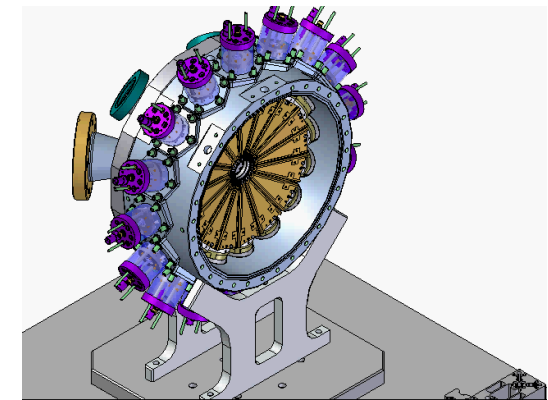
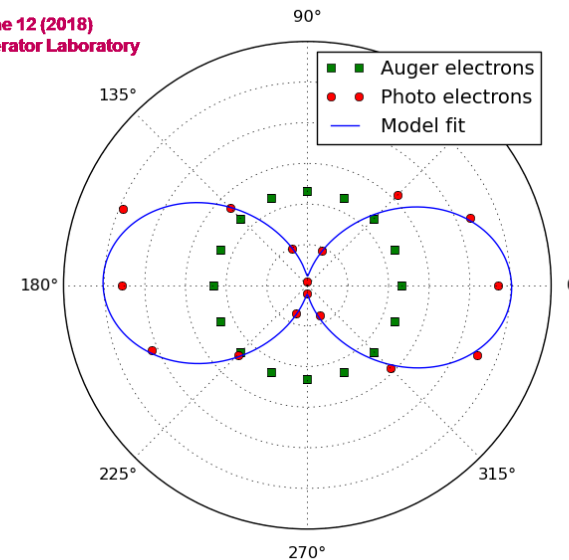
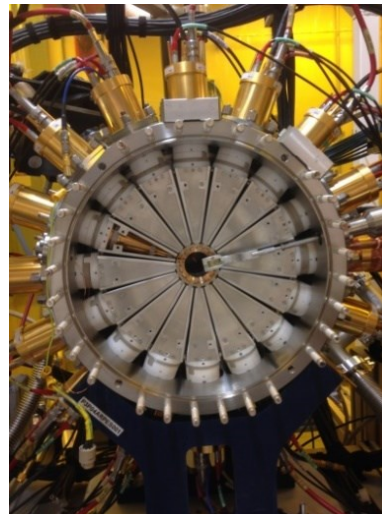
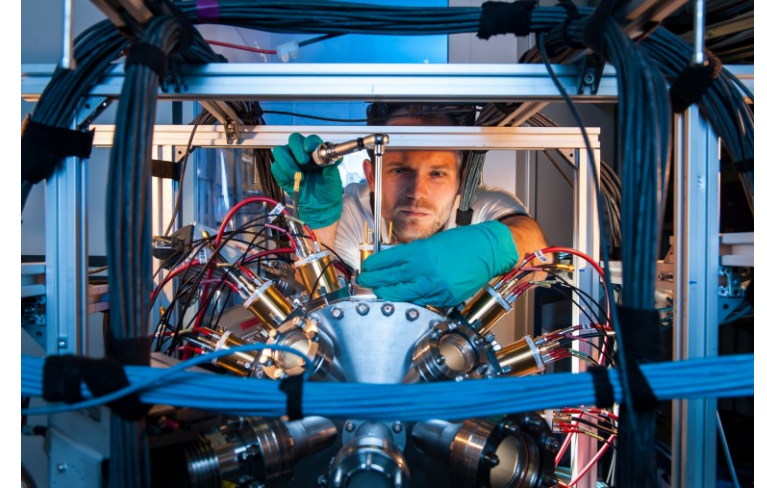


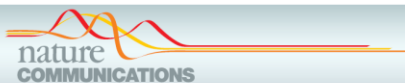
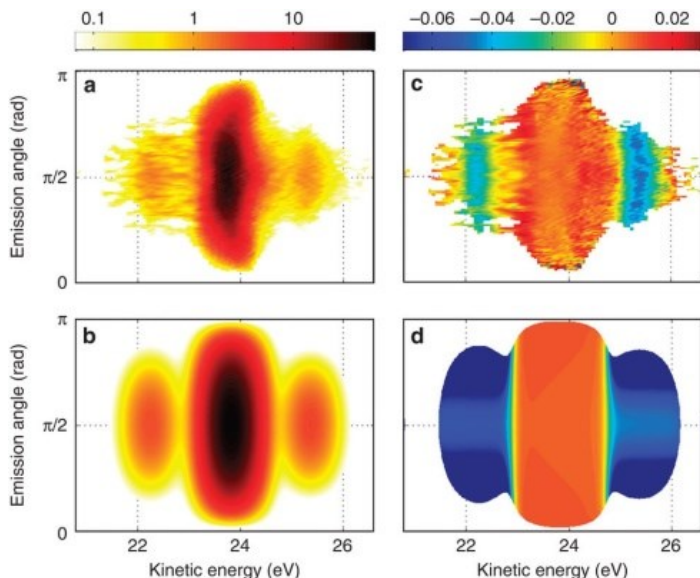
Photo: Cover Page Nature Photonics, volume 12 (2018)
Copyright: Terry Anderson, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory



$$P(\theta) = 1 + \frac{\beta}{4} \cdot \left[1 + 3 \cdot P_{lin} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot (\theta - \psi)) \right]$$

The First Circularly Polarizing Short-Wavelength FEL - FERMI

Polarization Commissioning in the



ARTICLE

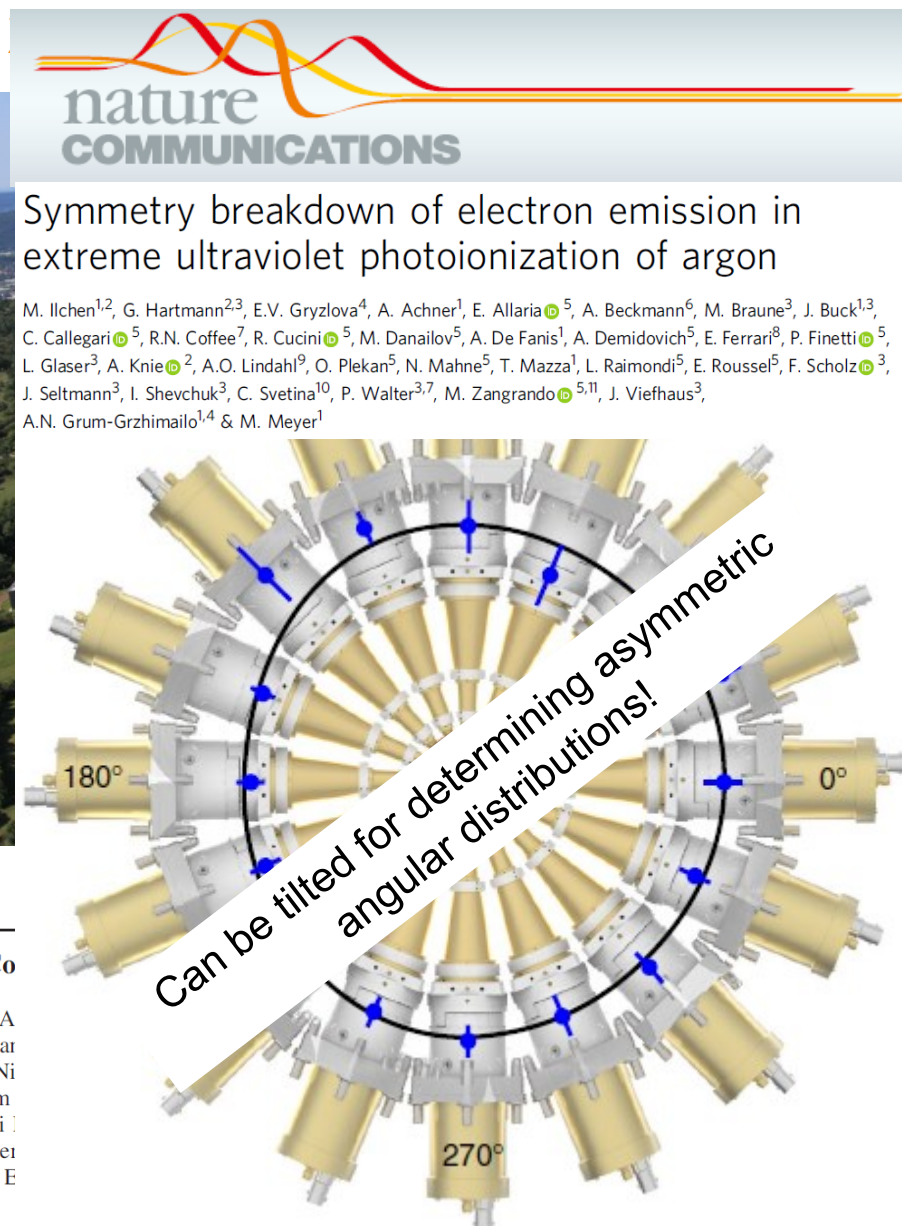
Received 13 Feb 2014 | Accepted 14 Mar 2014 | Published 16 Apr 2014

DOI: 10.1038/ncomms4648

Determining the polarization state of an extreme ultraviolet free-electron laser beam using atomic circular dichroism

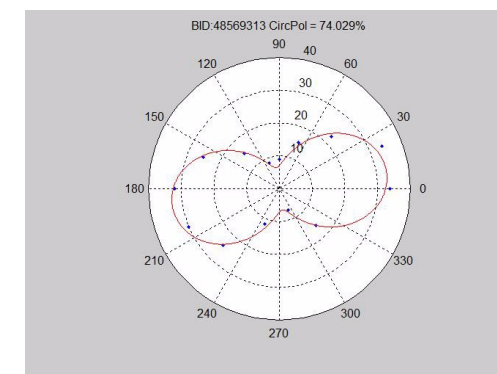
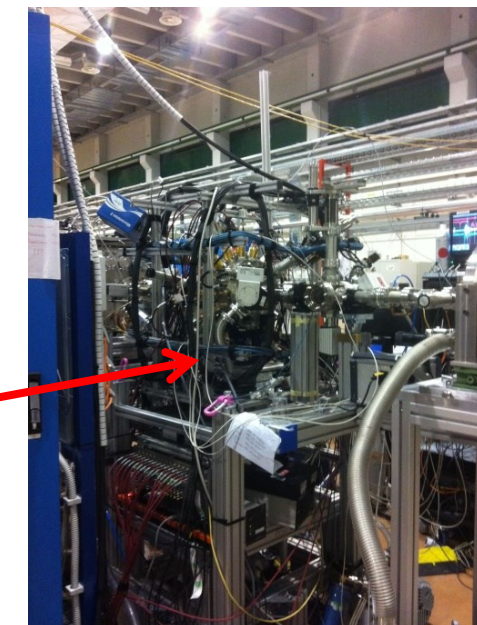
T. Mazza¹, M. Ilchen¹, A.J. Rafipoor¹, C. Callegari², P. Finetti², O. Plekan², K.C. Prince^{2,3,4}, R. Richter², M.B. Danailov², A. Demidovich², G. De Ninno^{2,5}, C. Grazioli², R. Ivanov^{2,5}, N. Mahne², L. Raimondi², C. Svetina^{2,6}, L. Avaldi⁷, P. Bolognesi⁷, M. Coreno⁷, P. O'Keeffe⁷, M. Di Fraia⁸, M. Devetta⁹, Y. Ovcharenko¹⁰, Th. Möller¹⁰, V. Lyamayev¹¹, F. Stienkemeier¹¹, S. Düsterer¹², K. Ueda¹³, J.T. Costello¹⁴, A.K. Kazansky^{15,16,17}, N.M. Kabachnik^{13,17,18} & M. Meyer¹

Co
Enrico A
Giovanni
Ni
William
Antti
Alber
E



Laser

Zangrando,^{1,4}
dungbo,^{9,10}
rovó,¹
rbara Ressel,⁵
Grünert,⁷
apotondi,¹
lov,¹
15

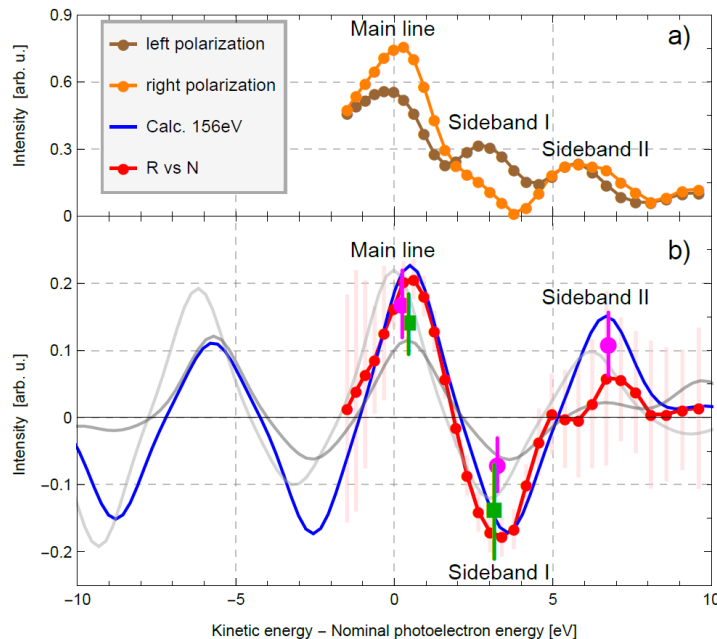
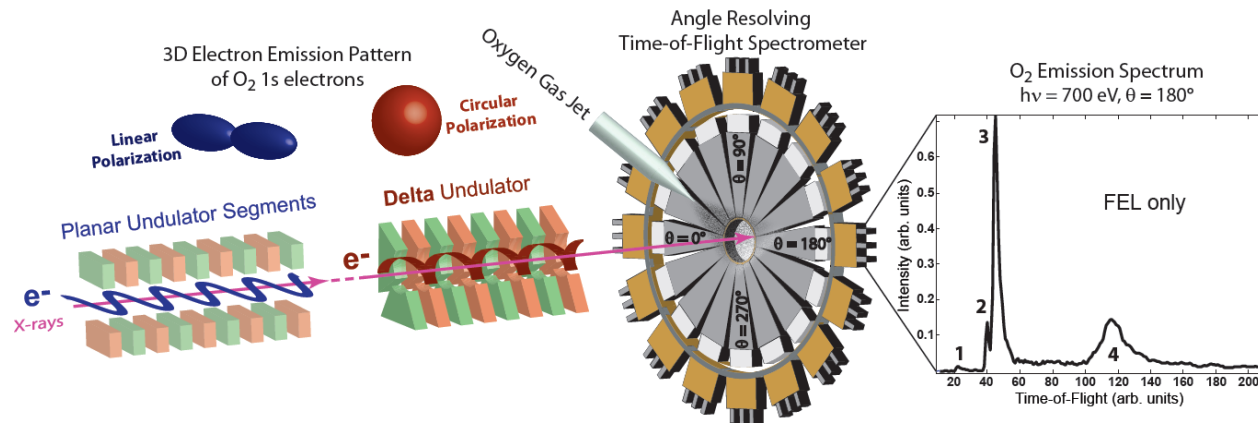


E. Ferrari et al.

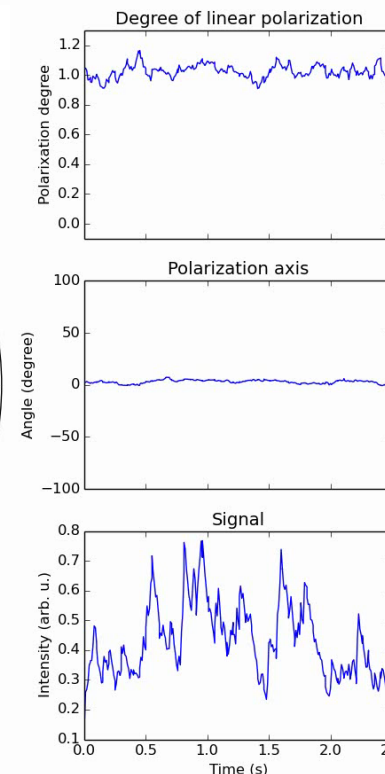
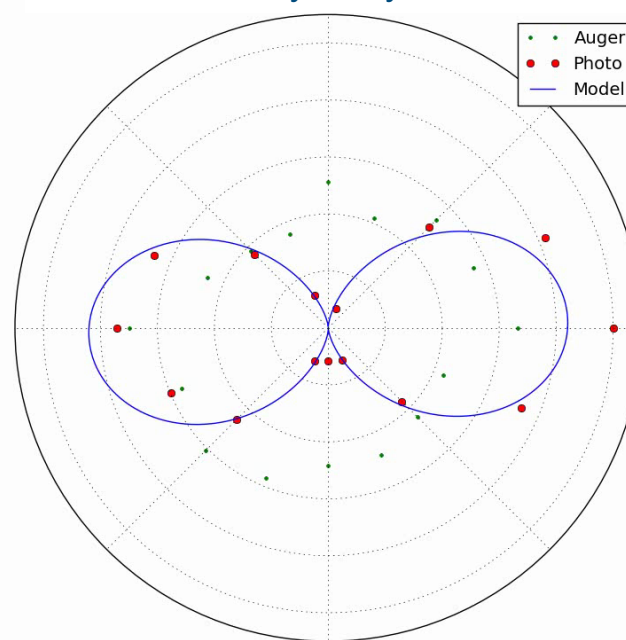
Scientific Reports, 5, 13531 (2015)

Diagnostic Aspects to Tackle for Attoscience with Polarization Control

Confirmation about Absence of Randomly Polarized Light is Imperative!



Online Analysis by A. Lindahl

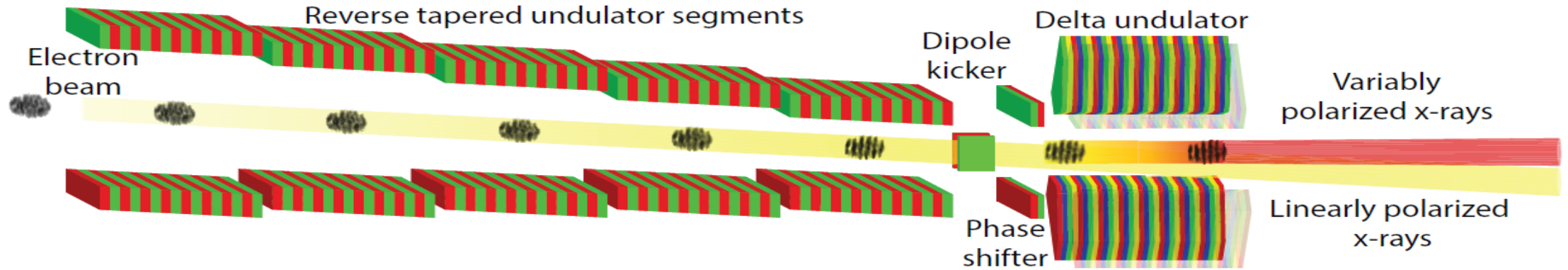


Hartmann et al.
REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS **87**, 083113 (2016)

$$P(\theta) = 1 + \frac{\beta}{4} \cdot \left[1 + 3 \cdot P_{lin} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot (\theta - \psi)) \right]$$

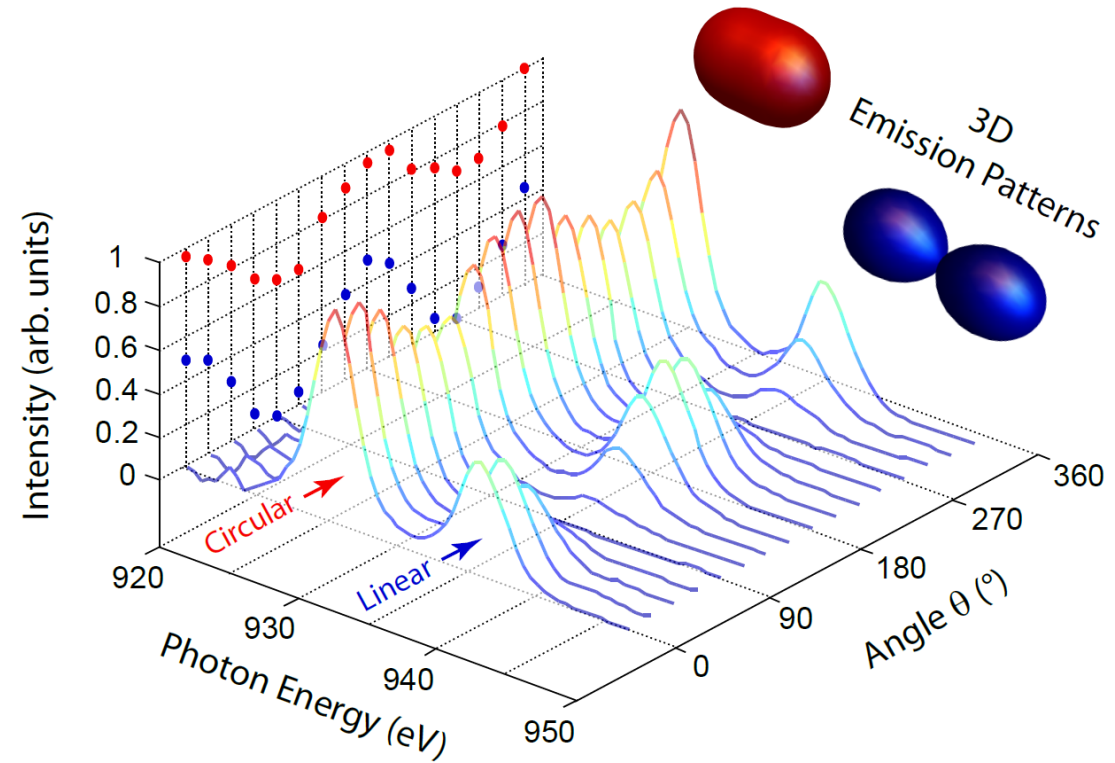
Operation Modes for New Scientific Applications

Ultraintense CPL XUV Pulses from Free-Electron Lasers



The pulses were controllable in:

1. Polarization (one is always linear)
2. Energy separation ($\sim 2\%$),
3. Time delay (-10 fs to 800 fs),
4. Intensity distribution (max. achieved so far is a total pulse energy of $300 \mu\text{J}$, certain limitations apply)

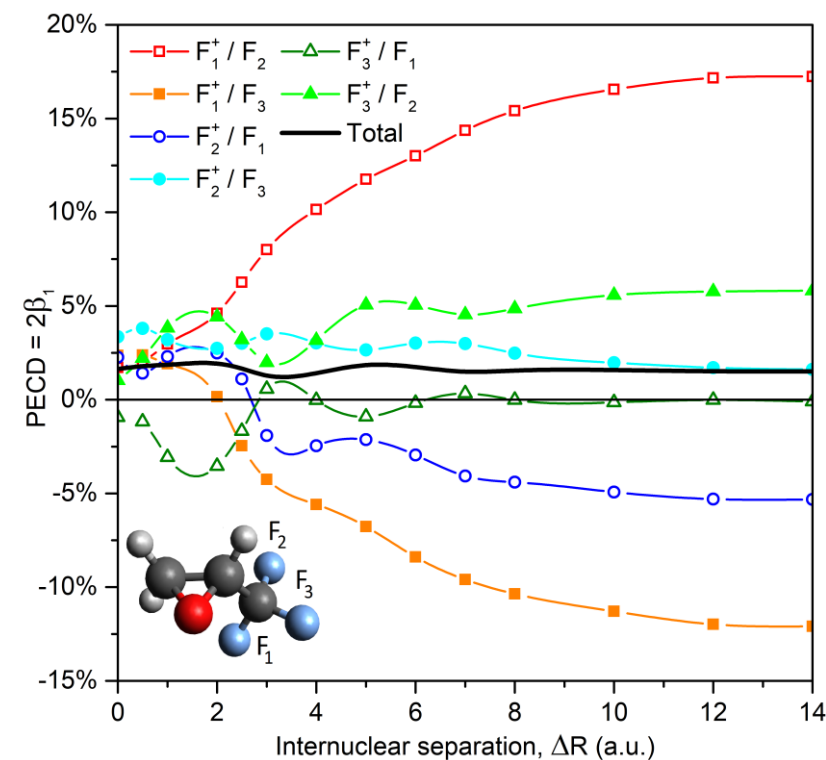
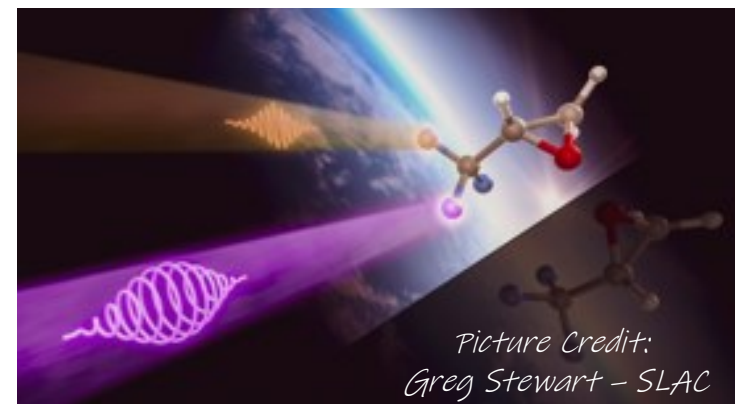
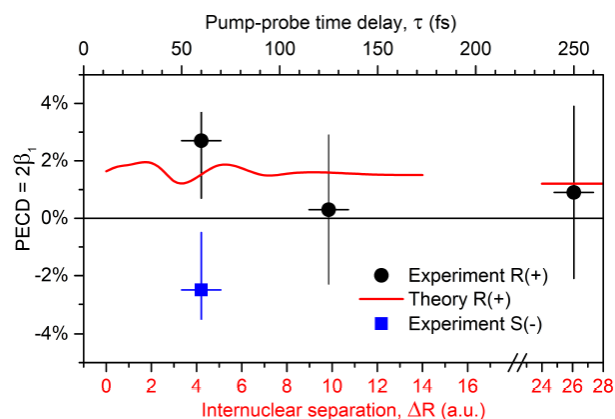
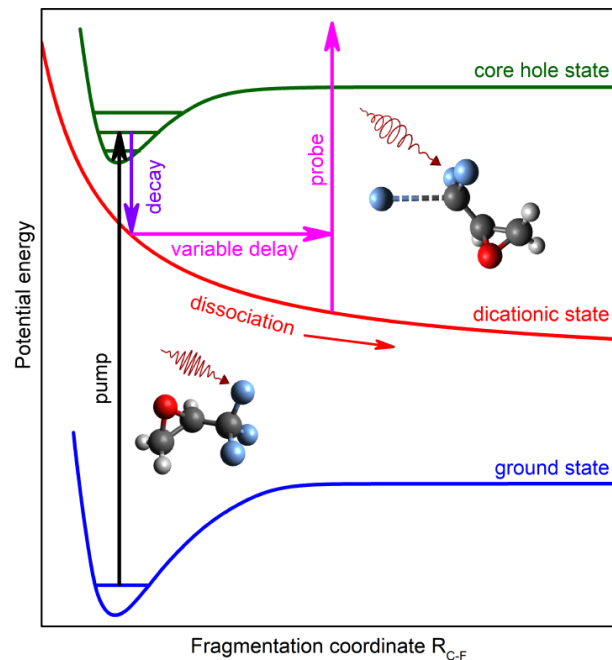
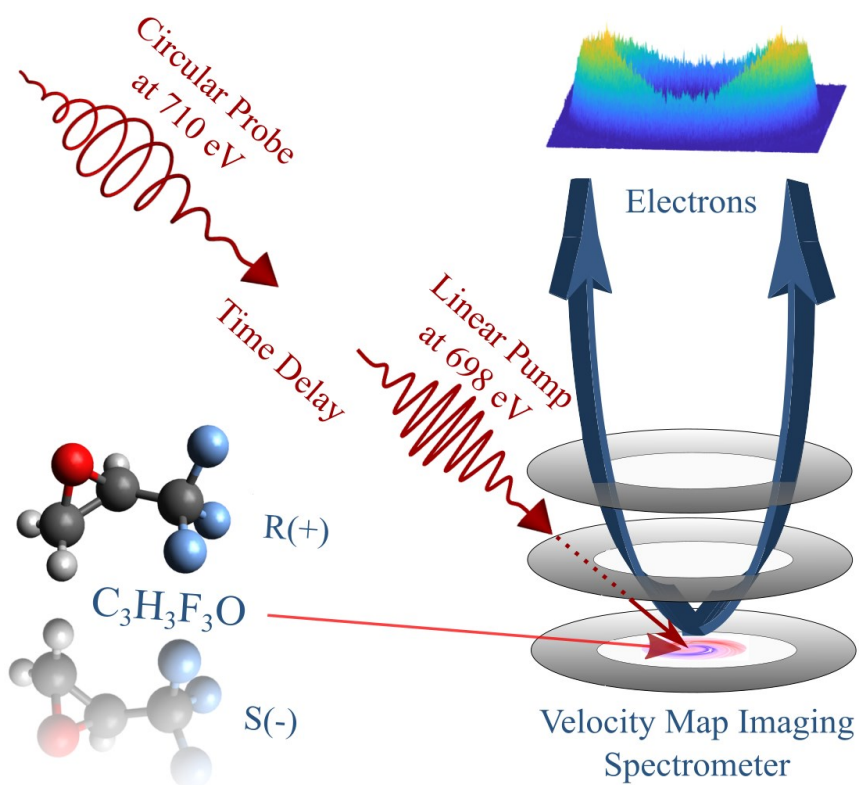


Lutman et al. **NATURE PHOTONICS** | VOL 10 | JULY 2016

Ultrafast Circular Dichroism Experiments

Example of a Kick-Off Chirality Experiment at LCLS

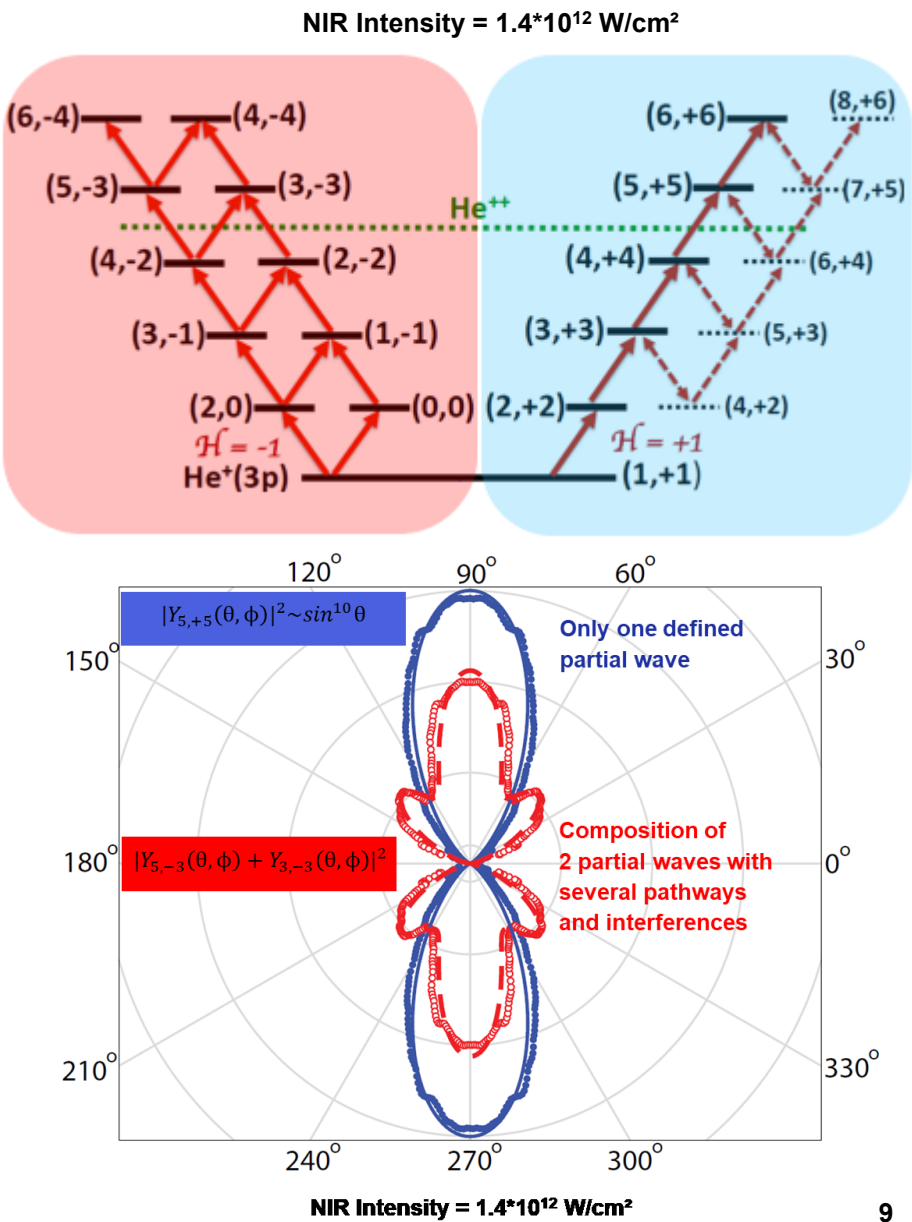
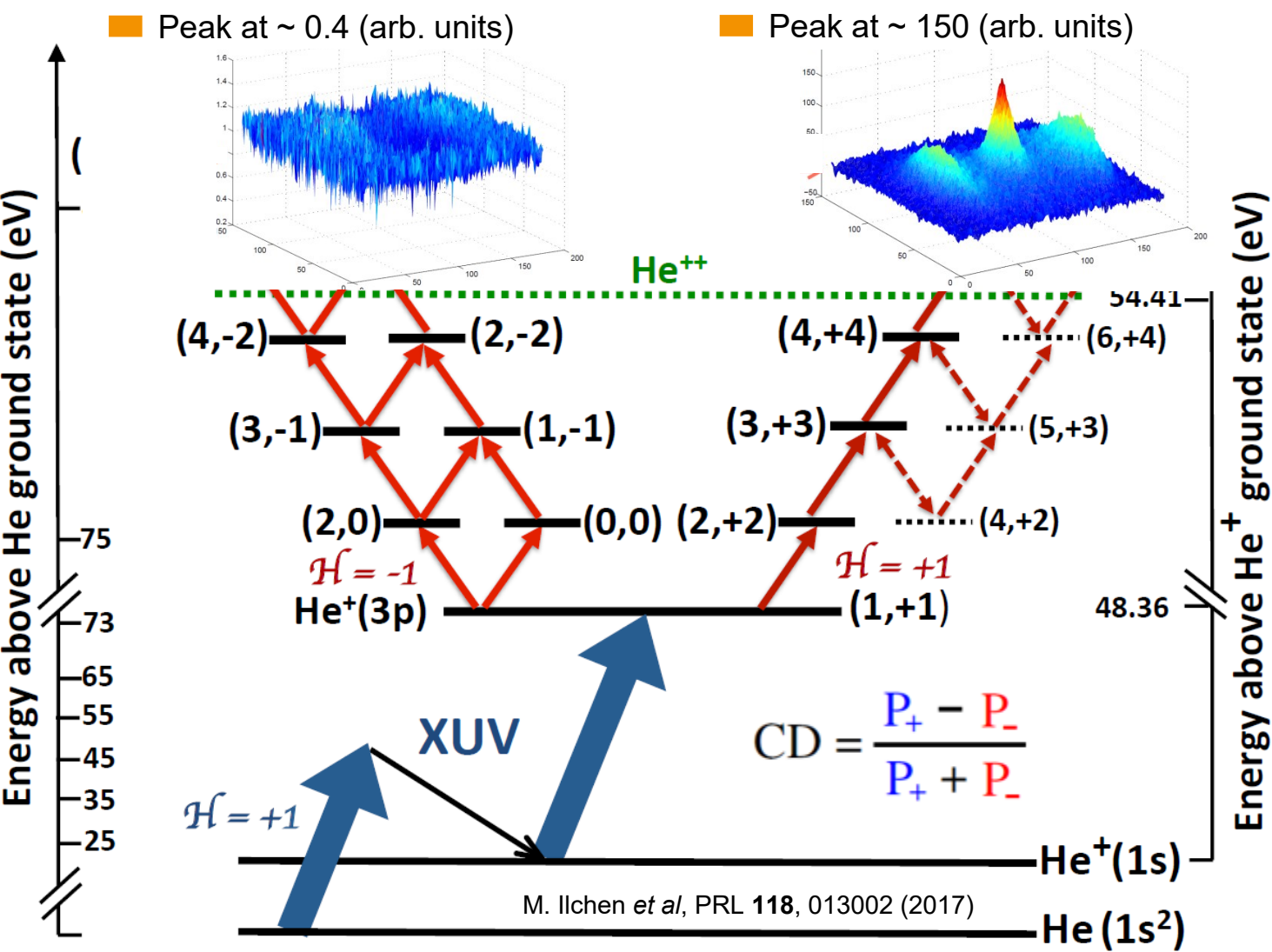
- PECD as tool for chiral recognition!
- Double site-specificity possible!
- Ultrafast chirality at XFELs in reach.



M. Ilchen *et al*,
Communications Chemistry 4, 119 (2021)

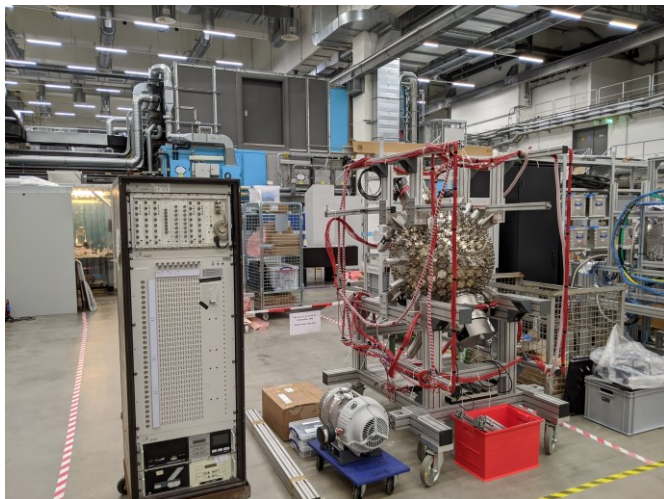
Nonlinear Circular Dichroism Experiments

Example of Experiments at FERMI



Entering the Attosecond Regime

- First investigation of single-spike lasing at ~ 1000 eV via a new “angular streaking” technique at LCLS, USA (upper right) enables sorting for 500 as pulses or specific pulse shapes.
- Perspectives for sub-fs pump-probe schemes within a single XFEL pulse (lower right):
 - ▶ Electron dynamics such as relaxation and migration can be investigated for the first time.
 - ▶ A project at European XFEL was conducted in June 2022.

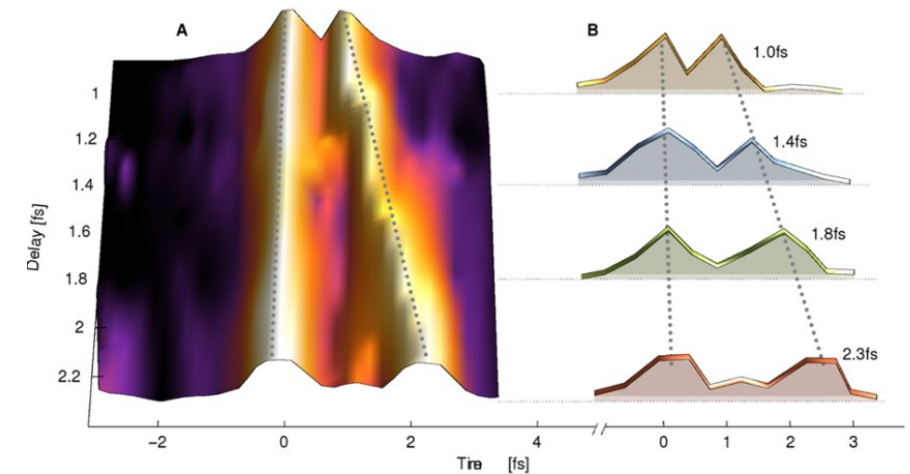


Left: Experimental equipment for the attosecond-campaign at SQS: Angle-resolving time-of-flight spectrometer setup for studying nonlinear electron dynamics in the soft X-ray regime.



Attosecond time-energy structure of X-ray free-electron laser pulses

N. Hartmann^{1,2,17*}, G. Hartmann^{3,4}, R. Heider⁵, M. S. Wagner⁵, M. Ilchen^{1,6,7}, J. Buck^{3,6}, A. O. Lindahl^{1,8,9}, C. Benko¹⁰, J. Grünert⁶, J. Krzywinski¹, J. Liu⁶, A. A. Lutman¹, A. Marinelli¹, T. Maxwell¹¹, A. A. Miahnahri¹, S. P. Moeller¹, M. Planas⁶, J. Robinson¹, A. K. Kazansky^{11,12,13}, N. M. Kabachnik^{6,14}, J. Viefhaus³, T. Feurer², R. Kienberger^{5,15}, R. N. Coffee^{1,7} and W. Helml^{1,5,16*}



Sorted pulses demonstrating the principal capability of single-pulse pump-probe with attosecond pulses.

Diagnosing sub-femtosecond pulses

Setup at the LCLS AMO end station

nature
photonics

ARTICLES

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41566-018-0107-6>

Attosecond time-energy structure of X-ray free-electron laser pulses

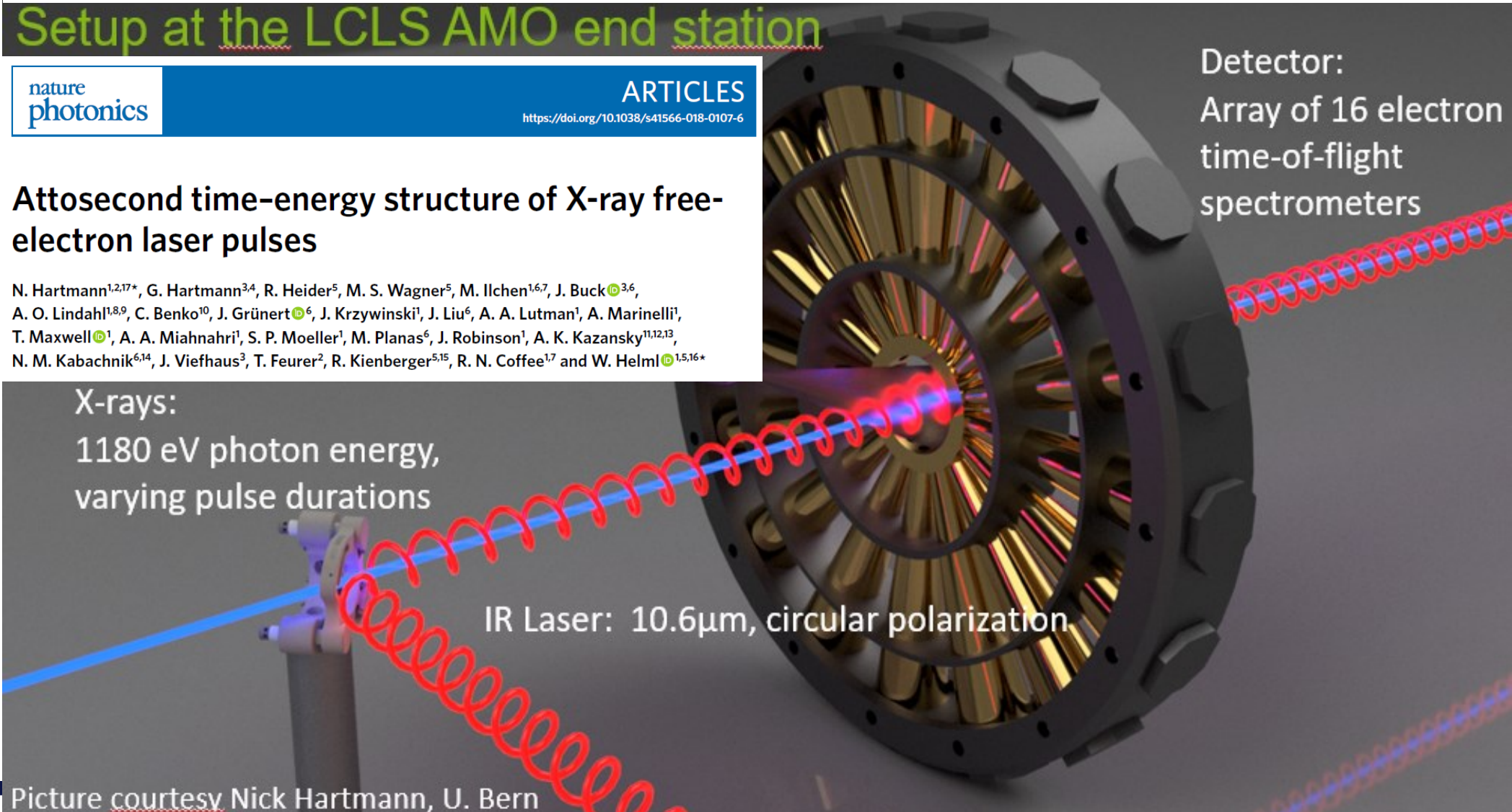
N. Hartmann^{1,2,17*}, G. Hartmann^{3,4}, R. Heider⁵, M. S. Wagner⁵, M. Ilchen^{1,6,7}, J. Buck^{1,3,6}, A. O. Lindahl^{1,8,9}, C. Benko¹⁰, J. Grünert¹⁰, J. Krzywinski¹, J. Liu⁶, A. A. Lutman¹, A. Marinelli¹, T. Maxwell¹, A. A. Miahnahri¹, S. P. Moeller¹, M. Planas⁶, J. Robinson¹, A. K. Kazansky^{11,12,13}, N. M. Kabachnik^{6,14}, J. Viefhaus³, T. Feurer², R. Kienberger^{5,15}, R. N. Coffee^{1,7} and W. Helml^{1,5,16*}

X-rays:
1180 eV photon energy,
varying pulse durations

IR Laser: 10.6 μ m, circular polarization

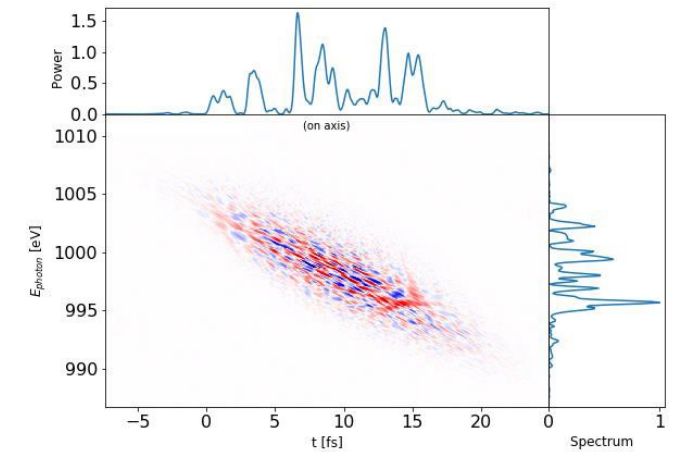
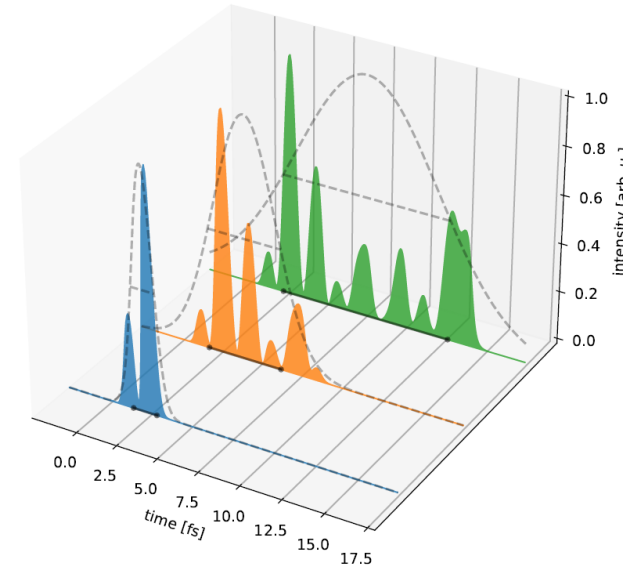
Detector:
Array of 16 electron
time-of-flight
spectrometers

Picture courtesy Nick Hartmann, U. Bern

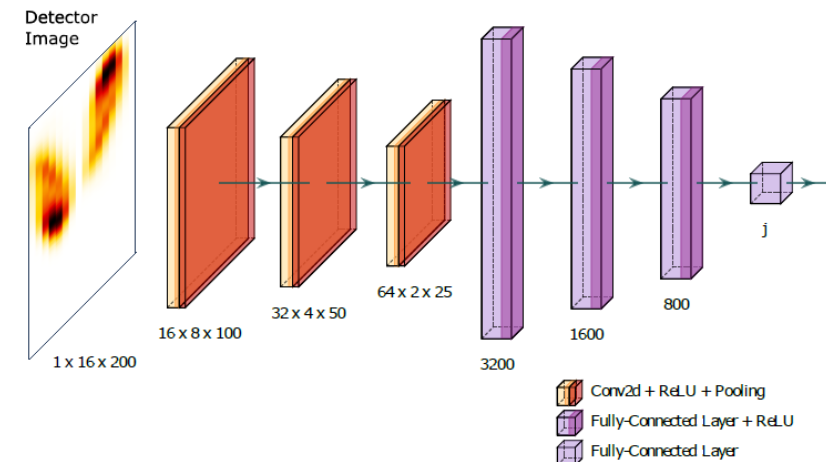


Angular Streaking at SQS – Helm/Iichen et al.

- Aims:**
- 1) Resolve the full time-energy structure of every incoming pulse online with attosecond resolution
 - 2) Discover a single-spike lasing event aka an isolated attosecond pulse
 - 3) Track electron dynamics in an atom – Lifetime of resonant double-core-hole Auger-Meitner

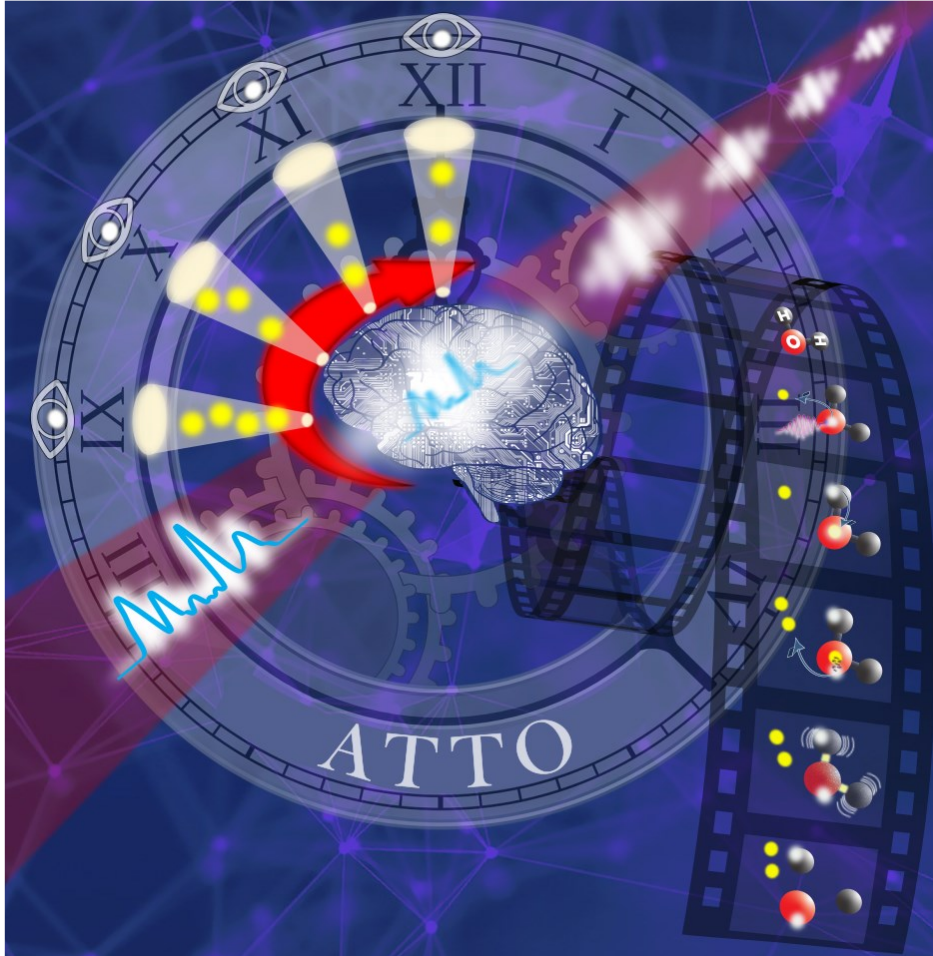


Courtesy of S. Serkez, XFEL



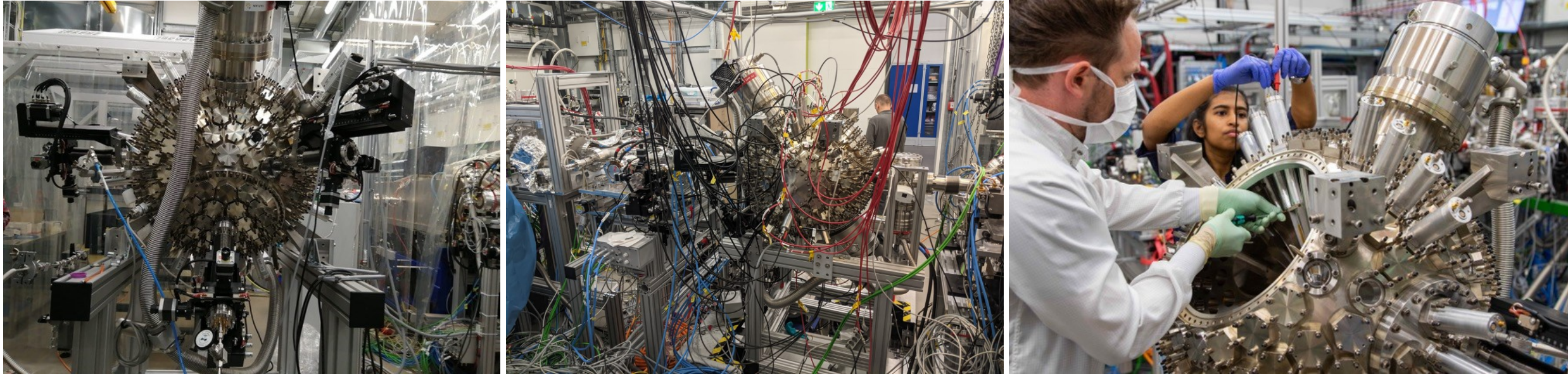
Angular Streaking at SQS – Helm/Iichen et al.

- Aims:**
- 1) Resolve the full time-energy structure of every incoming pulse online with attosecond resolution
 - 2) Discover a single spike lasing event aka an isolated attosecond
 - 3) Track electron dynamics in an atom – Lifetime of resonant double-core-hole Auger-Meitner



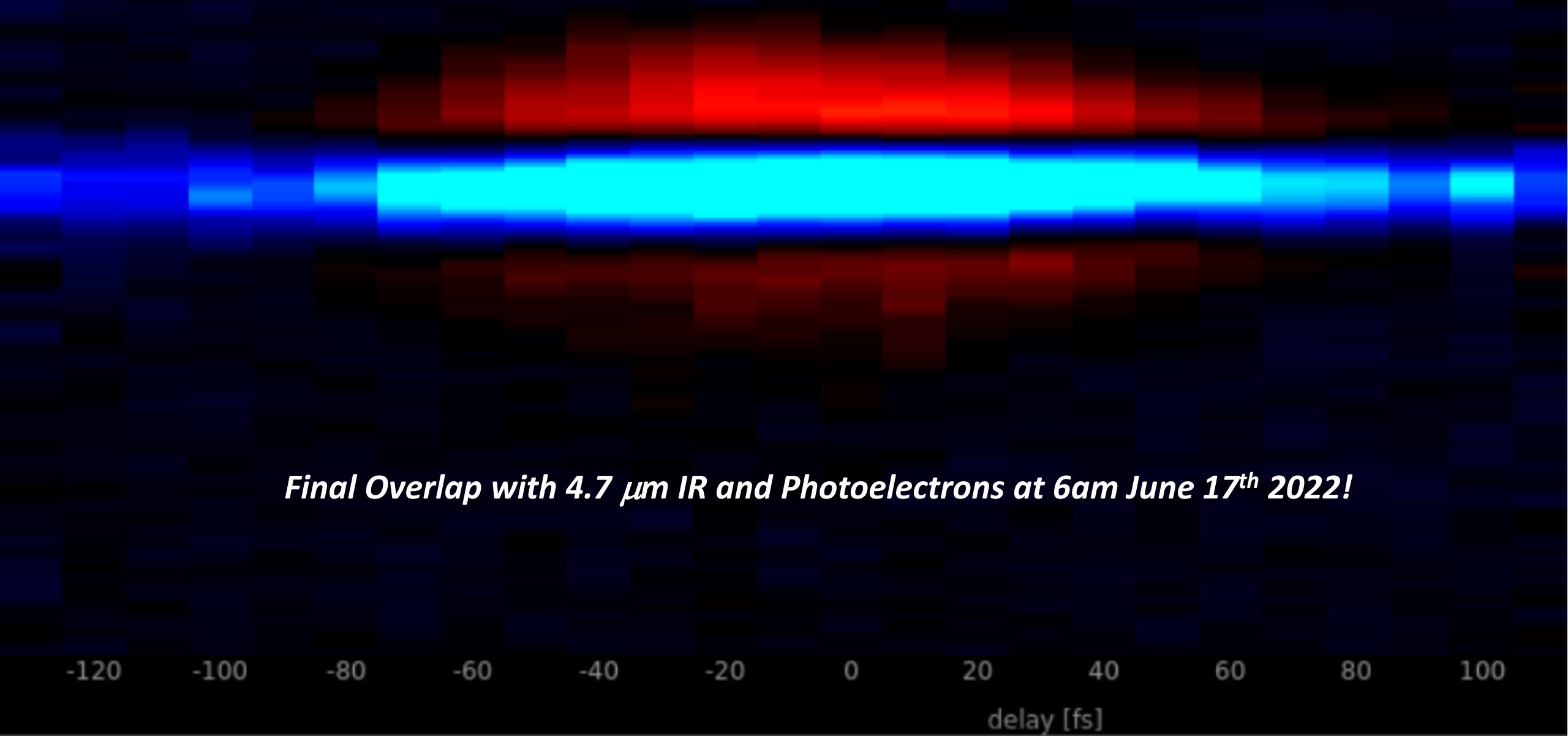
Instrument installation at SQS

Perspectives of Polarization Control in the Attosecond Regime in Europe



Our beamtime to reveal the full time-energy structure of every incoming pulse at European XFEL (SQS) was three weeks ago (Helm/Ilchen)! Observing the first isolated attosecond pulse at European XFEL and directly measuring the lifetime of highly transient resonances were the ultimate goals!

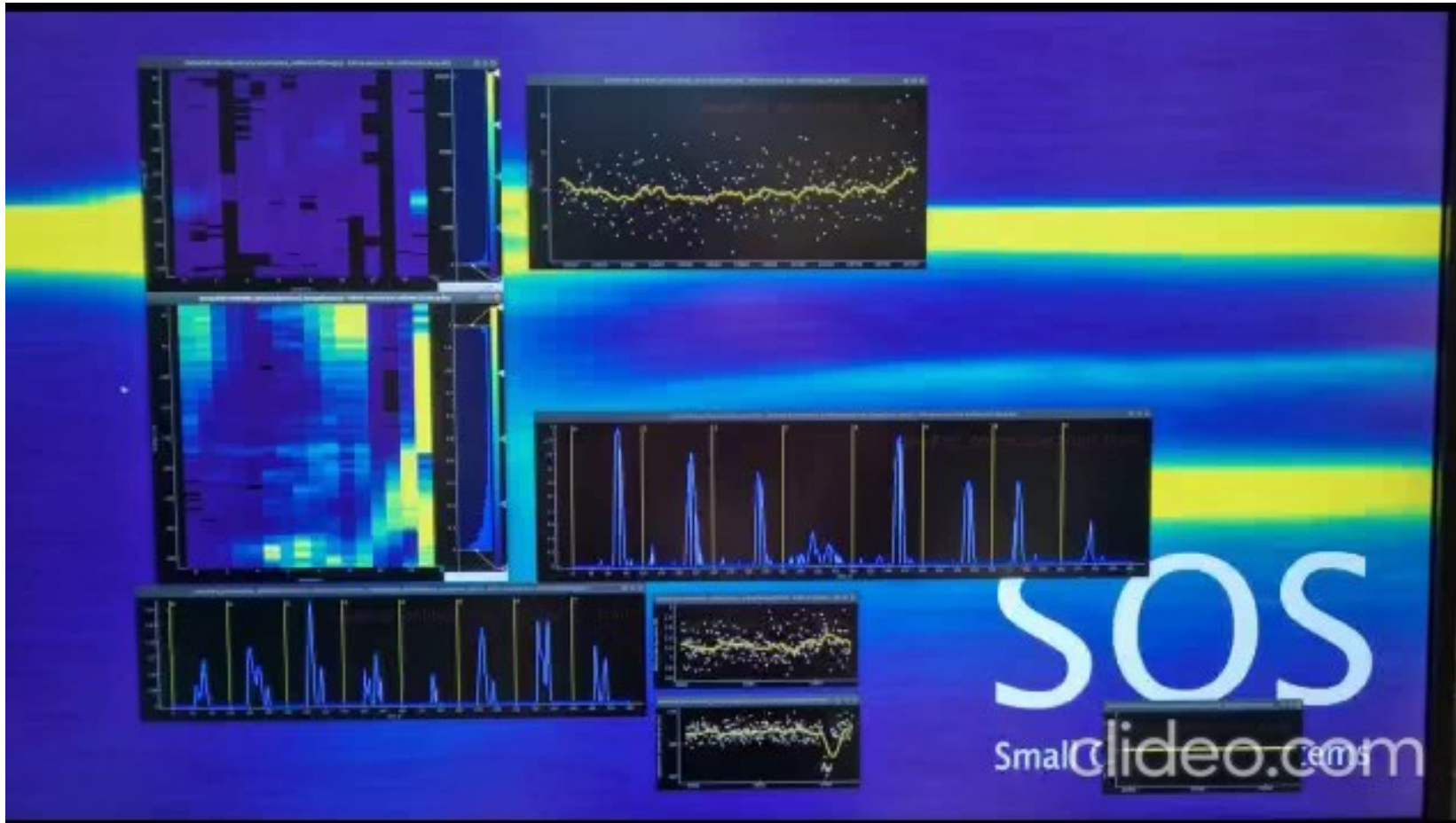
Angular Streaking @ SQS → 2828 Helml/Ilchen



Final Overlap with 4.7 μm IR and Photoelectrons at 6am June 17th 2022!

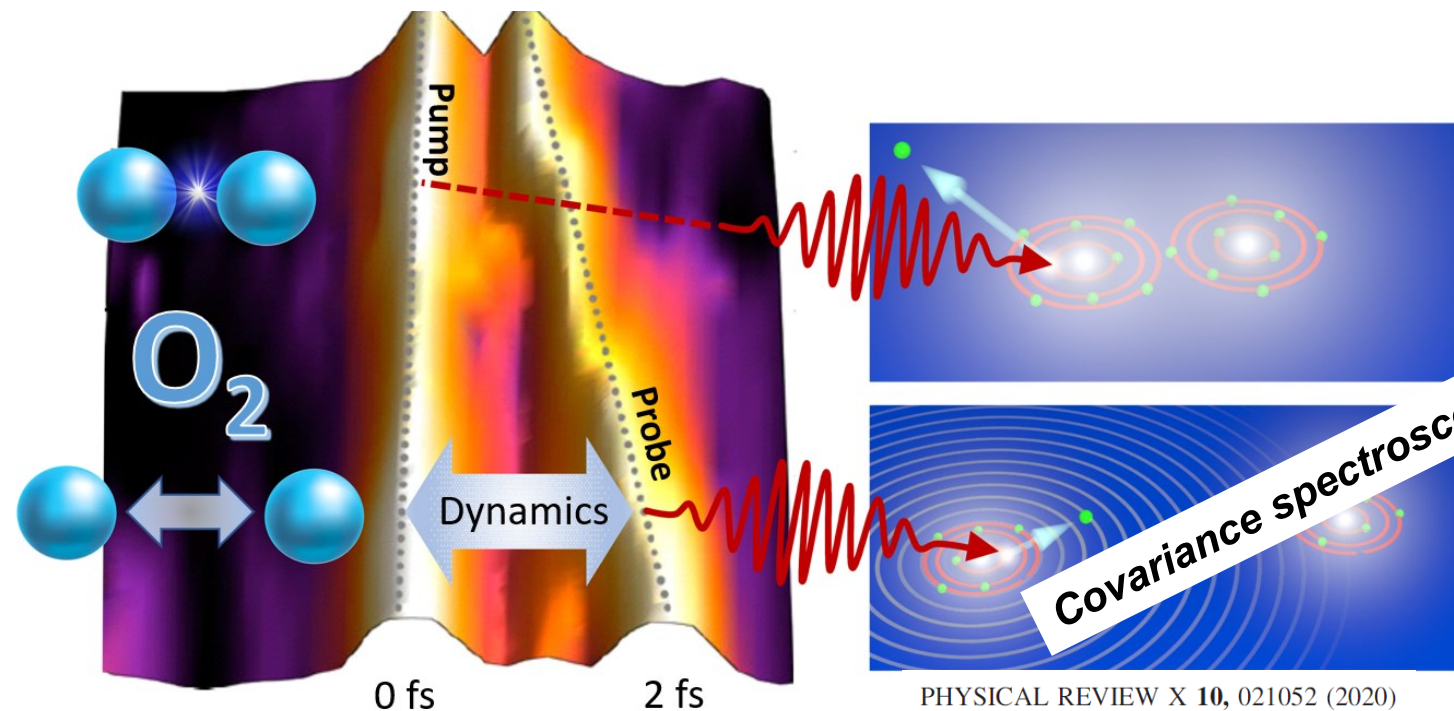
Online Diagnostics in Real Time

- Aims:**
- 1) Resolve the full time-energy structure of every incoming pulse online with attosecond resolution
 - 2) Discover a single spike lasing event aka an isolated attosecond
 - 3) Track electron dynamics in an atom – Lifetime of resonant double-core-hole Auger-Meitner



Next steps for attosecond investigations

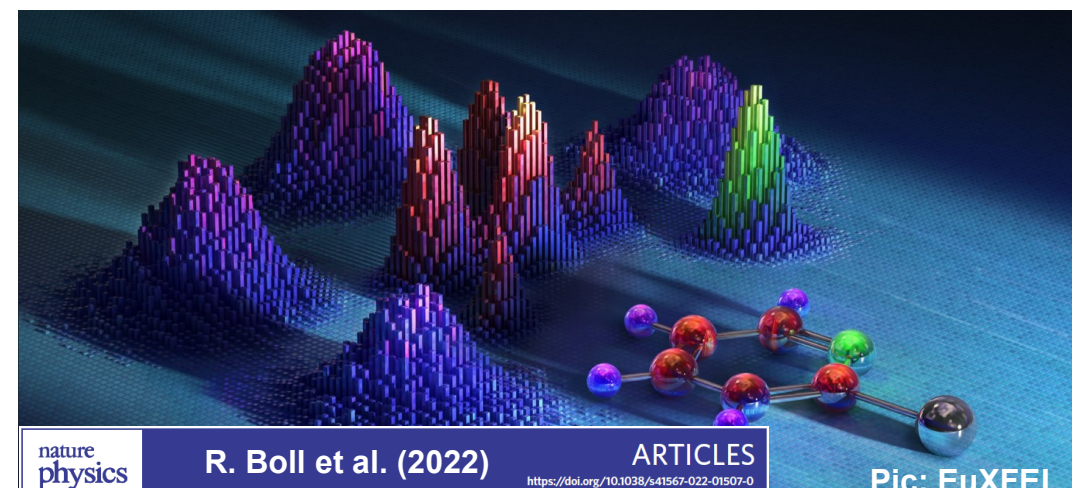
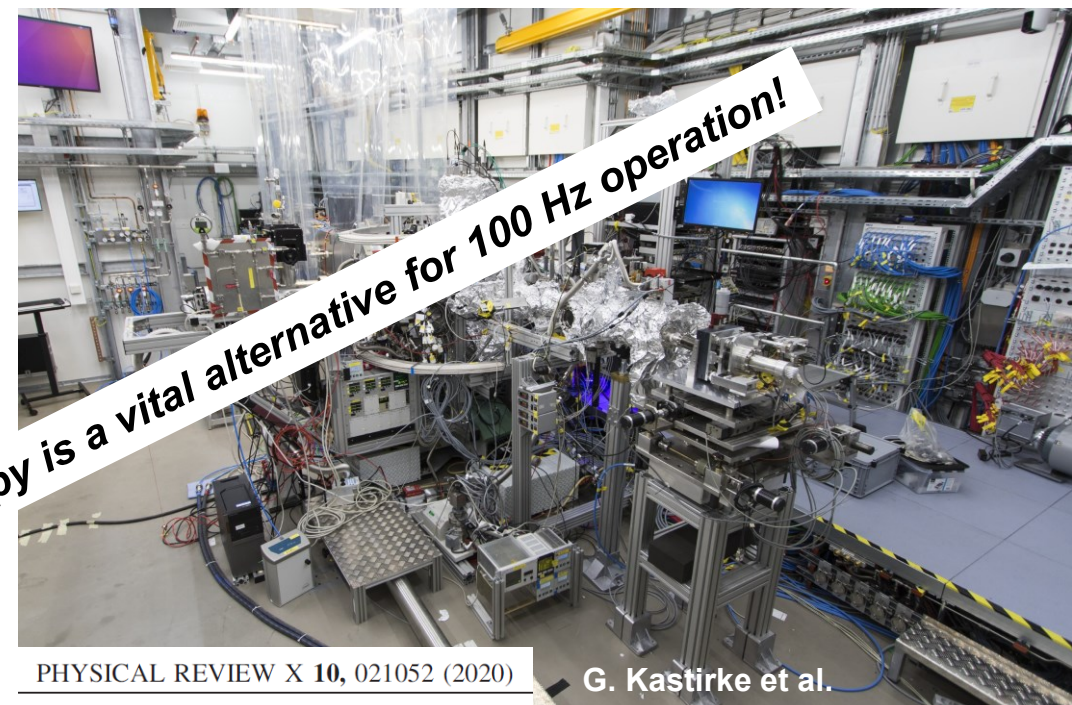
Combination experiments of angular streaking and other instrumentation



Time between Pulses

Nature Photonics, **12**, 215 (2018)

Electron-ion coincidence spectroscopy at high-repetition-rate FELs has opened new avenues for monitoring molecular structures and can, in combination with attosecond streaking, imminently access electron dynamics with dissociation channel specificity!

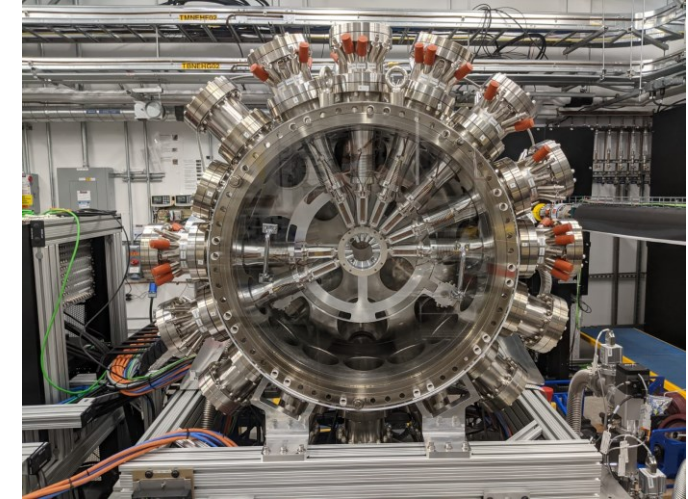
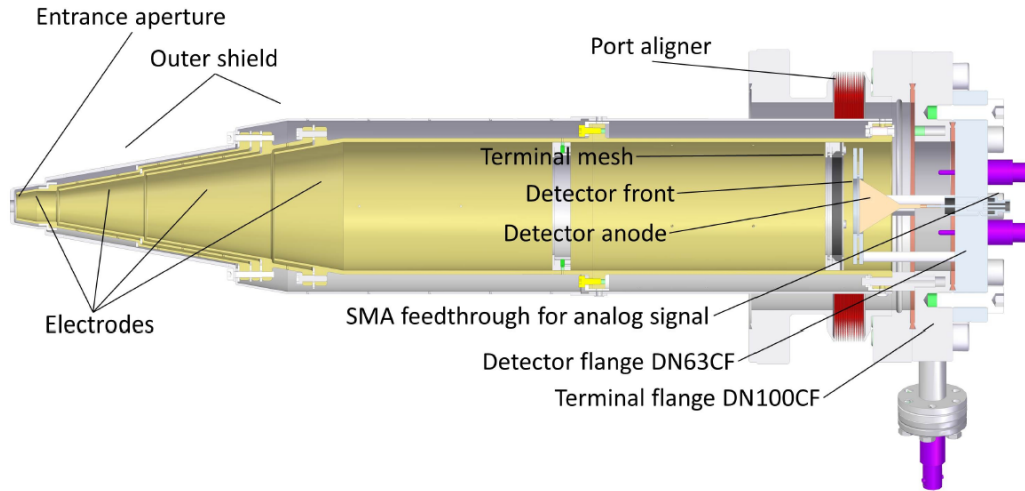
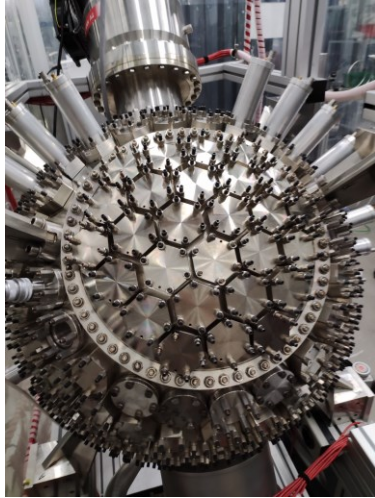


Part of the Team of the Attocampaign



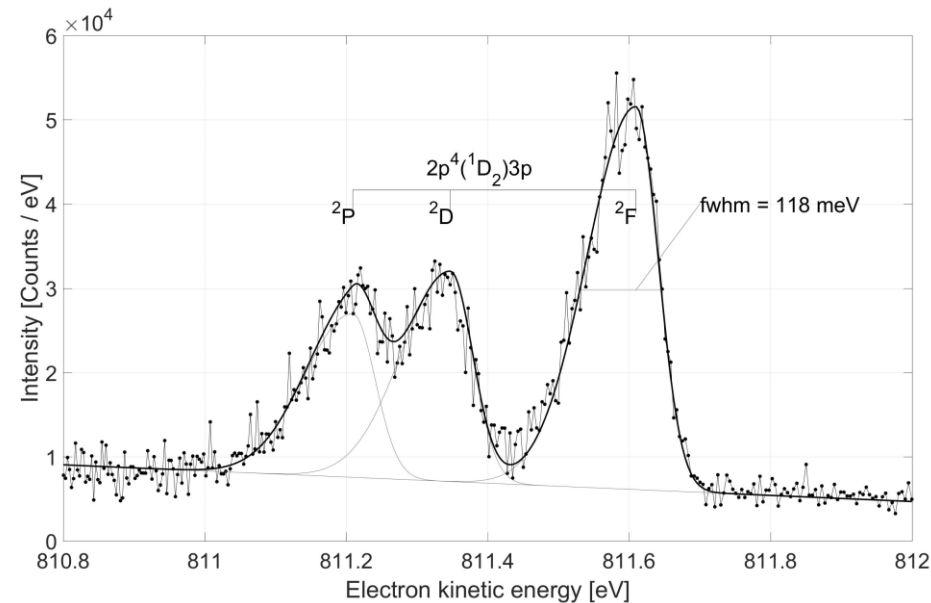
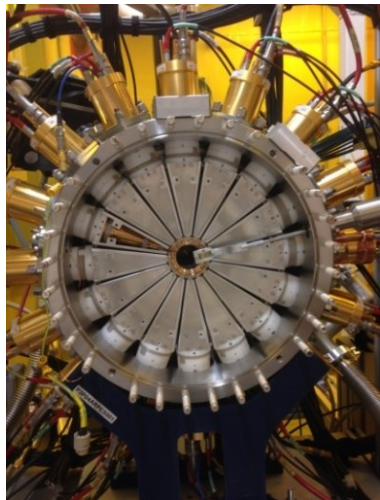
Plans for instrumentation upgrades

From diagnostic achievements to chirality science at the attosecond frontier in gas and liquid phase



P. Walter et al,
J. Synchrotron Rad. 28, 1364 (2021)

A. DeFanis et al. J. Synchrotron Rad. 29, 755–764 (2022)



Next Generation:
SpeAR Project
for atto-streaking
W. Helml et al.

Scientific Road of (X)FELs with Undulator-Based Polarization Control (for gas- and liquid phase studies)

- Technological state-of-the-art and future technological perspectives of polarization control at (X)FELs

- FERMI
- LCLS
- FLASH
- SwissFEL
- SHINE/SXFEL
- European XFEL



PAUL SCHERRER INSTITUT



- Diagnostics and instrumentation
- Opportunities for ultrafast und nonlinear stereochemistry
- Nonlinear circular dichroism studies
- Ultrafast dichroic phenomena explored with reaction microscopes
- Exploring orbital angular momenta with twisted photons
- Perspectives for stereochemistry in complex molecules
- Theoretical Perspectives for Polarization-Controlled FELs

- Atoms - Perturbative Methods, Single-Active-Electron Approximation, i.e., solve the TDSE in some potential, Multi-Electron Approaches like RMT, and Molecules

- Summary and Outlook

