

# 13<sup>th</sup> call for proposals

# HED HiBEF

...closes **April 30, 2024 at 16:00**  
(German local time)

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# <https://www.xfel.eu/facility/instruments/hed/>



 > Facility > Instruments > HED

## Scientific Instrument HED and HIBEF UC

- > Check out our JSR publication for a general overview of the HED instrument
- > Take our virtual tour and look at the hutch



## Proposal preparation for the HED instrument

Call for Proposals - Frequently asked Questions and Answers



What is HED?

The High Energy Density (HED) scientific instrument, together with the HIBEF user

# Possible experiments at HED in this call:

## Scientific drivers:

- DAC in IC2 (XRD) or IC1 (XRD plus spectroscopy)
- Isochoric heating (using XFEL pulse to create plasma, also two-color two pulse)
- DiPOLE 100X in IC1 only (for IC2 standard config, please wait for the next call)
- Pump-probe laser (PP)
- 100 TW laser RE.LA.X (incl. standard configuration2)

**Contact the instrument staff for detailed information.**

**We encourage to use our **standard configurations**  
(see next slide – about 2x higher chance to get scheduled)**

**All proposals must be submitted through UPEX (<https://in.xfel.eu/upex>)**

# Standard configuration DAC (allows to schedule more experiments back-to-back)

## *Diamond Anvil Cell (DAC) standard configuration*

- IC2 standard DAC setup, symmetric DAC cell support for users who need cells. user supplied BX90 with adapters.
- optical observation microscope, streaked pyrometry for x-ray heating.
- 18-24 keV SASE, max rep rate 4.5 MHz, > 0.5 mJ pulse energy from the undulators (not accounting for beamline transmission)
- 5-15 micrometer focal spot size (fixed at 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , but effectively larger depending on beam pointing stability)
- Detectors: AGIPD 500K detector and VAREX flatpanel
- Requirement to contact HED instrument team for feasibility check.

## 2 Standard configurations for RELAX experiments

### ***ReLaX standard configuration 1: ReLaX + SAXS + PCI + Spectroscopy***

IC1 chamber, 100 TW ReLaX laser incident on target at 45° w. r. t. XFEL  
(no normal incidence of laser on target)

SAXS+PCI @ 8.15 keV SASE (slightly flexible, minimum 7.5 keV), ca. 1 mJ per pulse, 2.25 MHz maximum rep rate.

- 5-50  $\mu\text{m}$  spot size (both X-ray and ReLaX)  
*note that  $>10 \mu\text{m}$  spot by defocusing of off-axis parabola will produce non-homogeneous spatial profile*
- PCI resolution of about 1  $\mu\text{m}$
- X-ray spectrometers:  
Backward HAPG x-ray spectrometer.  
Forward spectrometer with restrictions due to SAXS setup.

Note that the spectroscopy signal may suffer from plasma background, which would require e.g. special shielding. Please contact HED staff for details before submission.

Laser diagnostics (upon request):

- EMP, electron, bremsstrahlung and proton diagnostics  
(contact HED staff for details before submission).

## 2 Standard configurations for RELAX experiments

### ***ReLaX standard configuration 2: ReLaX + Imaging + Spectroscopy***

IC1 chamber, 100 TW ReLaX laser incident on target at 45° w. r. t. XFEL  
(no normal incidence of laser on target)

Imaging @ 8.15 keV SASE (slightly flexible, minimum 7.5 keV), ca. 1 mJ per pulse, 2.25 MHz maximum rep rate.

- 1.5-50  $\mu\text{m}$  spot size (X-ray),
- 5-50  $\mu\text{m}$  spot size ReLaX)  
*note that >10  $\mu\text{m}$  spot by defocusing of off-axis parabola  
will produce non-homogeneous spatial profile*
- Imaging resolution <1 $\mu\text{m}$

**Not compatible with SAXS**

Backward and forward HAPG x-ray spectrometer. Note that the spectroscopy signal may suffer from plasma background, which would require e.g. special shielding. Please contact HED staff for details before submission.

Laser diagnostics (upon request):

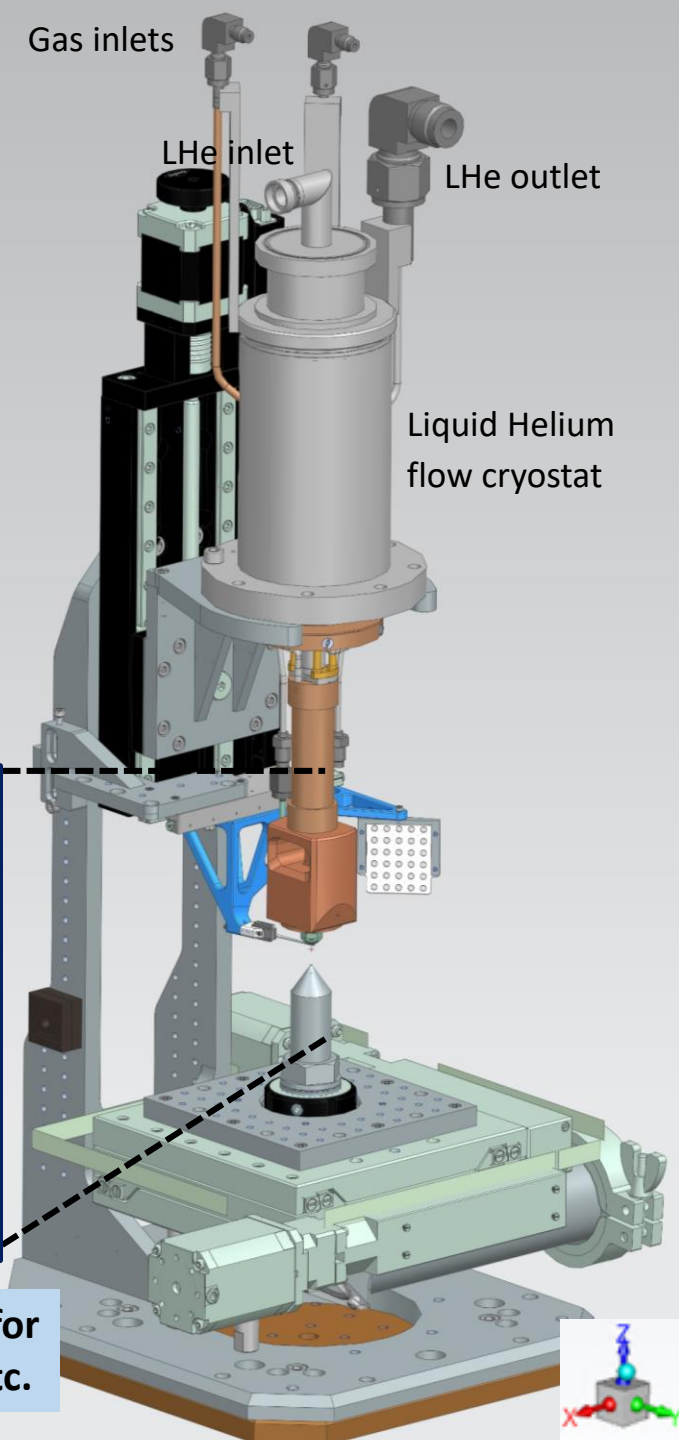
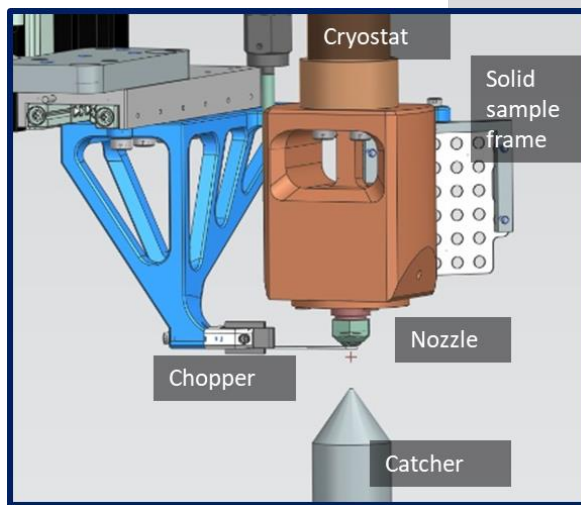
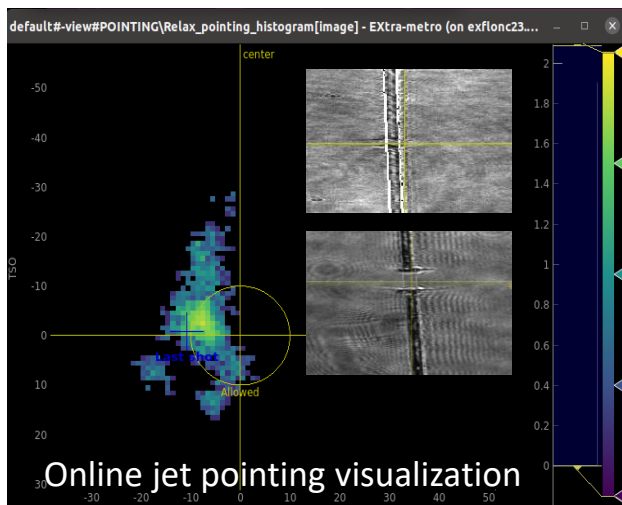
- EMP, electron, bremsstrahlung and proton diagnostics  
(contact HED staff for details before submission).

# Cryogenic liquid jet target platform IC1

The platform features:

Contact: Sebastian Göde

- Vertical jet flow direction
- Nozzle types: round and slit (size/shape depends on gas type)
- Gas types: Hydrogen (tested), Methane, Argon and others (not yet commissioned with the setup)
- Motorized target rotation  $\pm 45^\circ$  (z-axis)
- High resolution on-shot target imaging (xy-plane)
- Online target position recognition (see screenshot)
- Compatible with FSPEC, BSPEC, SAXS, XRD diagnostics in IC1
- 30x30mm target frame (calibration, pin, ref targets, etc.)
- High repetition rate shots with ReLax and PP lasers (possible laser parameters are jet type dependent)



Before submitting proposals, please discuss with beamline contact for possible geometries, other x-ray diagnostics, target & laser specs, etc.



# DiPOLE laser to IC1, aka „EUXFEL DiPOLE spectroscopy standard config“

- We will execute the first of this class of experiment in the second half of 2024
- The CAD setup for it is not yet finished.
- If you are interested to submit proposals using the DiPOLE 100X laser in IC1 for spectroscopy (XES, IXS), please contact the instrument staff for details.



# Pulsed magnetic field (PMF) experiment at HED-HiBEF

- In the second half of 2024 run, **the first** community experiment with pulsed magnetic fields at HED-HiBEF is currently planned.
- If you are interested to submit proposals for this platform, please contact
  - Carsten Baehtz (carsten.bahetz@xfel.eu) or
  - Cornelius Strohm (cornelius.strohm@desy.de)

# Alternating high-energy setups in IC2, standard configuration proposals

- HED users are always welcome to submit regular (non-standard platform) proposals which fit to the instrument capabilities, according to the details given in the pdf -document is linked to our HED-HiBEF website.
  - However, before submitting your proposal, it is **mandatory to discuss your proposal with the instrument staff**, as not all combinations of our capabilities are technically feasible.
- DiPOLE XRD and DAC XRD proposals compete for the same resources, e.g.
  - beamtime at 16.3 GeV electron energy and
  - IC2 target chamber access.

Therefore, European XFEL decided to schedule the DiPOLE platform in each second half of a calendar year. Consequently, in this call for 2024-II, no standard DAC XRD proposals will be accepted, in favor of DiPOLE XRD proposals and minimum setup change-overs.
- We anticipate that in the next call 14, DiPOLE XRD proposals will be accepted, but no DAC proposals.
- Please note that this does not apply to DiPOLE proposals at lower photon energies for IC1.

# Platforms – Interaction Chamber 1

- 4x (vacuum) and 1 in-air JUNGFRAU detectors (gain switching  $10^4$ ) at 10 Hz (**no** burst mode) for XRD or spectroscopy (pixel pitch 75um, detector size ~ 3.5\*7 cm)

*For details on detectors,  
please contact Thomas Preston (Thomas.preston@xfel.eu) from EuXFEL  
HED/detector group.*

- Possibility to mount area detectors or spectrometers on curved rails in vacuum on vertical breadboard
- Von-Hamos HAPG spectrometers (RoC 50mm and 80mm, crystals available 40um HAPG, 100um HAPG, 200um HOPG)
- X-ray emission spectroscopy in Von-Hamos geometry
- High-resolution monochromator and diced analyzers (Si 533) for ~45meV spectroscopy at 7.490 eV
- stepper-motor target stage (10x10 cm area) on hexapod and precision rotation stage
- CRL4 for ~ $\mu$ m foci with short focal length

## Platforms – Interaction Chamber 2

### ■ IC2 (alternating setups)

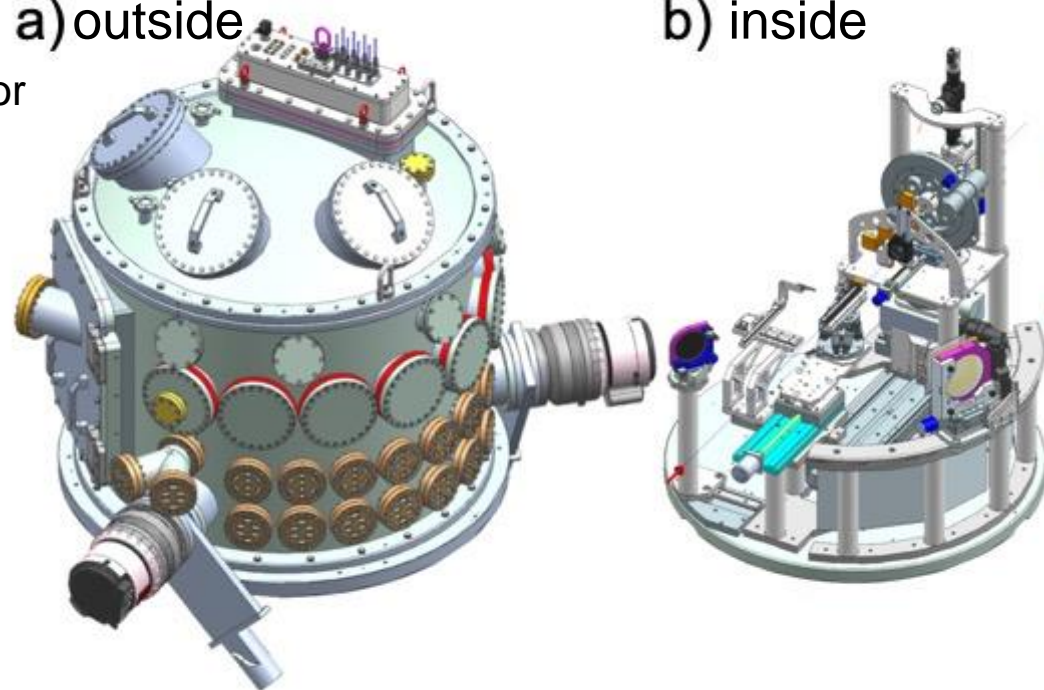
- Diamond Anvil Cell (DAC)  
setup for precision XRD
- AGIPD mini-half 4.5 MHz detector
- Pulsed laser heating  
for DAC research
- Dynamic DAC (dDAC)

- POLE XRD shock setup
- 2 VAMPE flatpanel detectors  
in IC2 (10 Hz)
- VISAR

IC2:

a) outside

b) inside



contact HED instrument scientists: *Zuzana Konopkova*,  
or HiBEF UC members: *Cornelius Strohm*, *Rachel Husband*  
for details of this platform

## X-ray delivery from the facility to HED

The conditions expected for this allocation period are listed below. **Nevertheless, case-by-case verification of specific feasibility conditions with the instrument groups is required.**

|     | Photon energy range | Expected pulse energy** |
|-----|---------------------|-------------------------|
| SA2 | 5.8–9.3 keV         | 2 mJ                    |
|     | >9.3–12 keV         | 1 mJ                    |
|     | >12–24 keV          | 0.5 mJ                  |

**Bunch distribution:** 350 X-ray pulses per instrument assuming the equal distribution at 2.25 MHz. Higher or smaller numbers for higher/smaller intra-train frequency.  
Max. 2250 electron bunches within 500  $\mu$ s at 4.5 MHz (only 1 week in the next run).

\*\* Pulse energy depends on bunch charge, electron energy, and photon energy.

The above parameters correspond to the *standard* SASE operation mode.

The following *special* modes are available but require more tuning and are less reliable:

- Hard X-ray self-seeding (SA2; 7 - 14 keV)
- Hard X-ray two-colour w. variable delay (SA2; 6–10 keV; 0–0.5 ps)
- Short bunches (< 10 fs FWHM); requires coordinated scheduling as other instruments and available number of bunches might be affected; time-diagnostics is only partially available
- Full trains at instruments with rep. rates much lower than 10 Hz (~ max. 2250 pulses)

Experiments requesting these *special* modes should address the development of new techniques and fields and are expected to involve large communities and facility staff. Since there is a vast range of detailed specifications for these special modes, proposers are requested to **contact instrument staff before submission** in order to clarify requirements.

## Details on Special mode d: Full trains with low rep rates (up to ~2250 pulses)

- EuXFELs timing system is absolutely capable of this mode. However the various feed-backs and feed-forwards that are presently optimised for each beamline separately will have to work on a common setpoint.
- We would tune for a 'compromise' working point that works for all cases, but would not reconfigure the linac for a single pulse every minute or so. So every SASE would operate with a not optimal working point all the time.
- As a consequence we estimate a systematic **about 30% less intensity at compared to the standard modes.**
- The accelerator would run normally, where each train would deliver a portion of the RF window to each SASE. Then, every minute or so, a full train (full RF window) would go ONLY to SASE2 (HED). This means that SA1 and SA3 would “miss” one train every minute.

## Some constraints

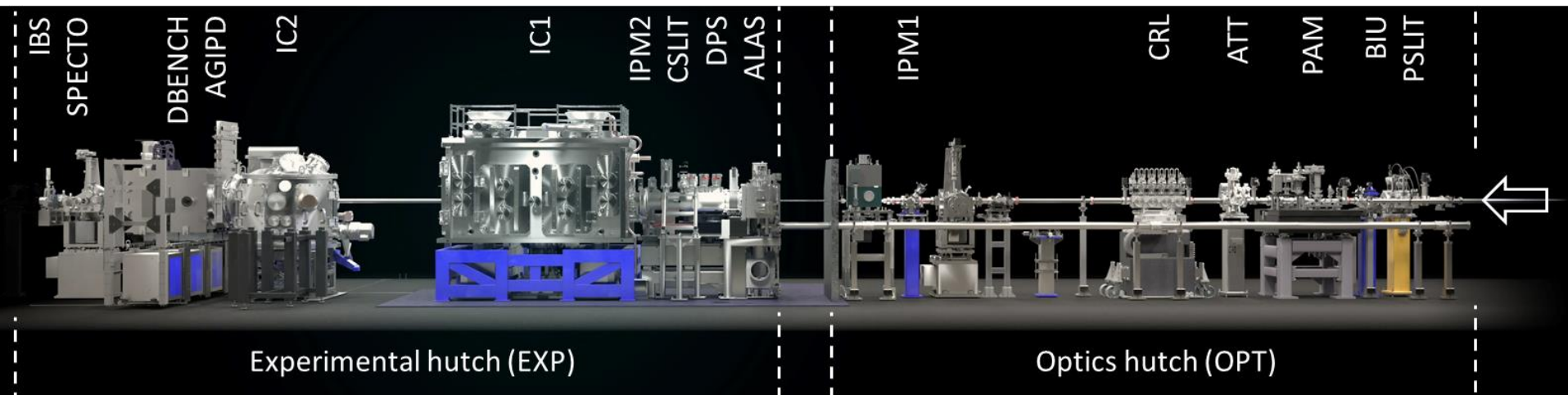
- The linac of EuXFEL has specific electron energy setpoints, 11.5, 14, and 16.5 GeV.
- At 11.5 GeV, the available photon energy range at SASE2 and HED is 5-9 keV, it can be extended to higher values but the intensity will drop significantly. Even at 8-9 keV, the pulse energies will probably not exceed 0.3 mJ. 14 GeV: ~6 - ~15 keV, 16.5 GeV: 8.2 – 25 keV, respectively.
- It is **not possible to change between 5-6 keV and 12-24 keV** during one user experiment because the electron energy is fixed for the entire facility.
- We **strongly recommend to not change the photon energy during your experiment**, or at least not more than 1 keV. Larger changes need extensive tuning time of the LINAC and undulators and may lead to a low technical feasibility ranking. Also the x-ray focusing needs to be changed and aligned after each change.
- In **HXRSS (seeding mode)**, it is not possible to scan the photon energy wider than the SASE bandwidth, i.e. ~30 eV at ~10 keV photon energy
- The „**special mode**“ **two-color** has been successfully demonstrated at HED, however interested proposers should contact HED staff with their specific request and HED would catalyze a discussion with experts feeling comfortable to discuss these. We feel confident to offer up to 100 µJ per color and pulse.

# X-ray parameters and diagnostics for the HED instrument

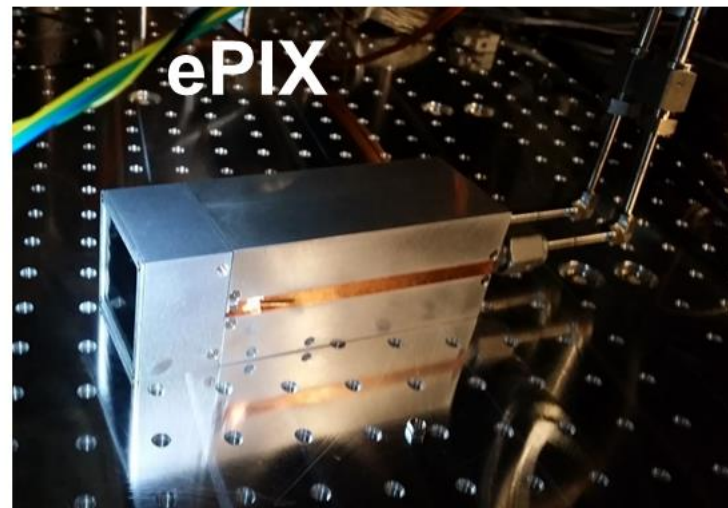
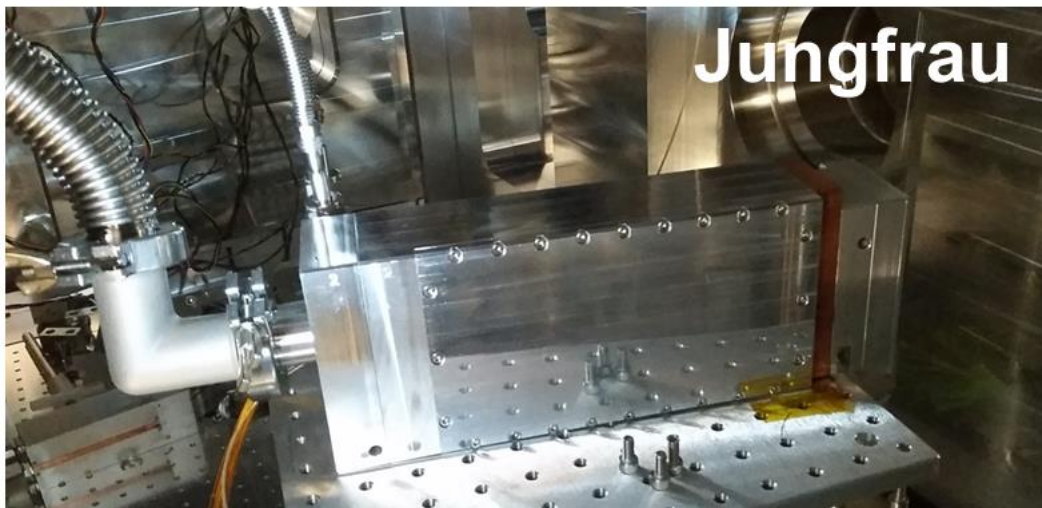
- ❑ 5-24 keV x-ray photon energy SASE spectrum (about 0.2..0.3 % bandwidth), usually about 1-2 mJ pulse energy in ~20-40 eV bandwidth
- ❑ Seeded x-rays between 7-14 keV (~1 eV spectral width), few 100  $\mu$ J
  
- ❑ Single pulses/trains on demand, or 10 Hz continuous
- ❑ pulse trains of 2.25 MHz (440 ns) or less (down to single pulse on demand)
- ❑ One week with 4.5 MHz rep. rate (222 ns pulse spacing)
  
- ❑ *Only experts: 4-bounce monochromator (1 eV bandwidth) at max. 10 Hz between 5-18 keV please contact Karen Appel before to talk about transmission and stability.*
- ❑ High resolution-mono@7.49 keV (about 40 meV bandwidth) at 10 Hz
  
- ❑ full focusing capability CRL 1,2,3,4  
any focus from parallel beam (few  $\mu$ rad divergence) down to slightly less than 1  $\mu$ m foci, however with potentially significant absorption in the Be lenses. **The feasibility of sub-micron foci at any photon energy has to be discussed with the instrument scientists before submission.**
  
- ❑ “HIREX2” spectrometer in the SASE2 branch (before the separation into MID and HED) for monitoring the incident SASE / seeded spectrum.



# HED beam transport



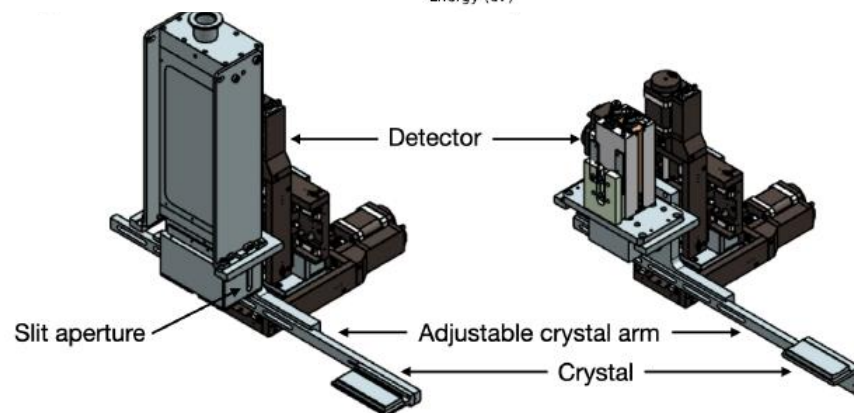
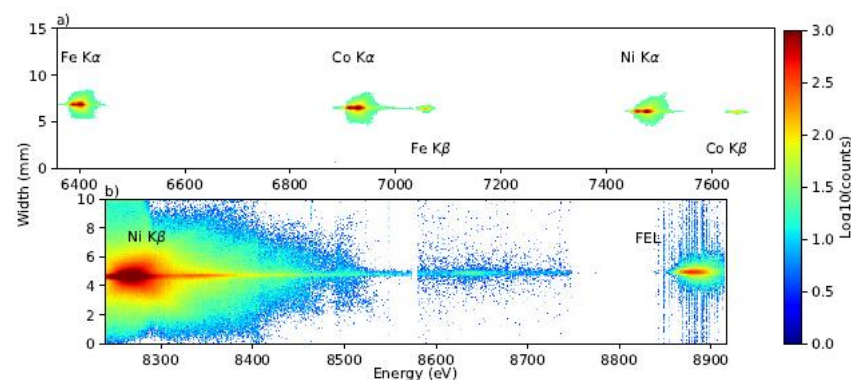
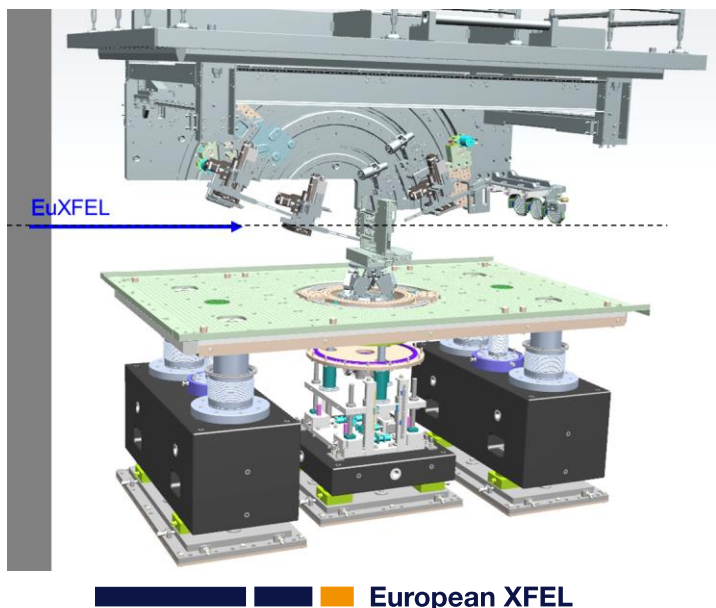
# ePIX and JUNGFRAU



| Name     | Pixel size<br>( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | No. of pixels<br>(adim.) | Detection area<br>( $\text{mm}^2$ ) | Noise<br>(eV) | Frame rate<br>(Hz) | Dynamic Range<br>(photons per pixel) |
|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ePix 100 | 50                              | $704 \times 768$         | $35 \times 38$                      | $< 280$       | 120                | $10^2$ 8 keV                         |
| Jungfrau | 75                              | $512 \times 1024$        | $38.55 \times 77.25$                | $< 450$       | 2400               | $10^4$ 12 keV                        |

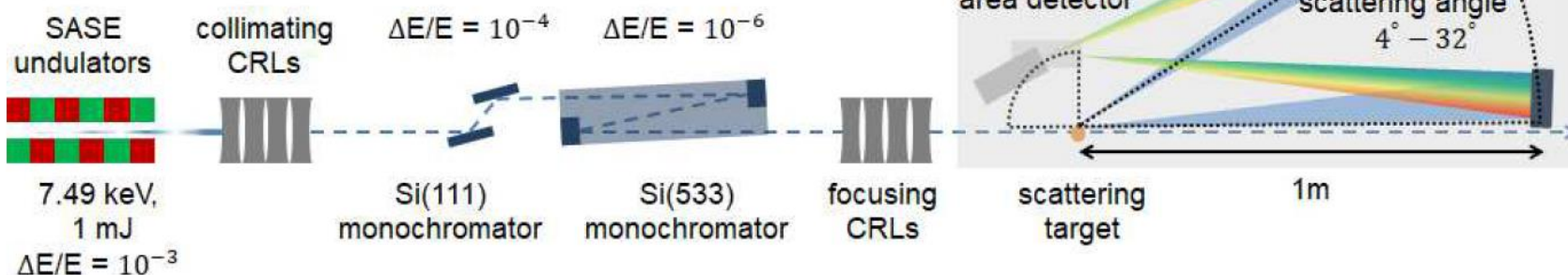
# Mosaic graphite von-Hamos spectrometer

- Inside IC1, we offer von-Hamos HAPG spectrometers for emission or scattering experiments. Please contact us for further details. A JINST publication is available: <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/15/11/P11033>.  
*Contact Thomas Preston for details.*
- The spectrometers, equipped with Jungfrau detectors and tungsten shielding, have been successfully used for K-line spectroscopy in combination with RELAX shots at  $I=10^{20}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup>.



# High res-IXS: Instrument function

Descamps et al., Scientific Reports 10, 14564 (2020)

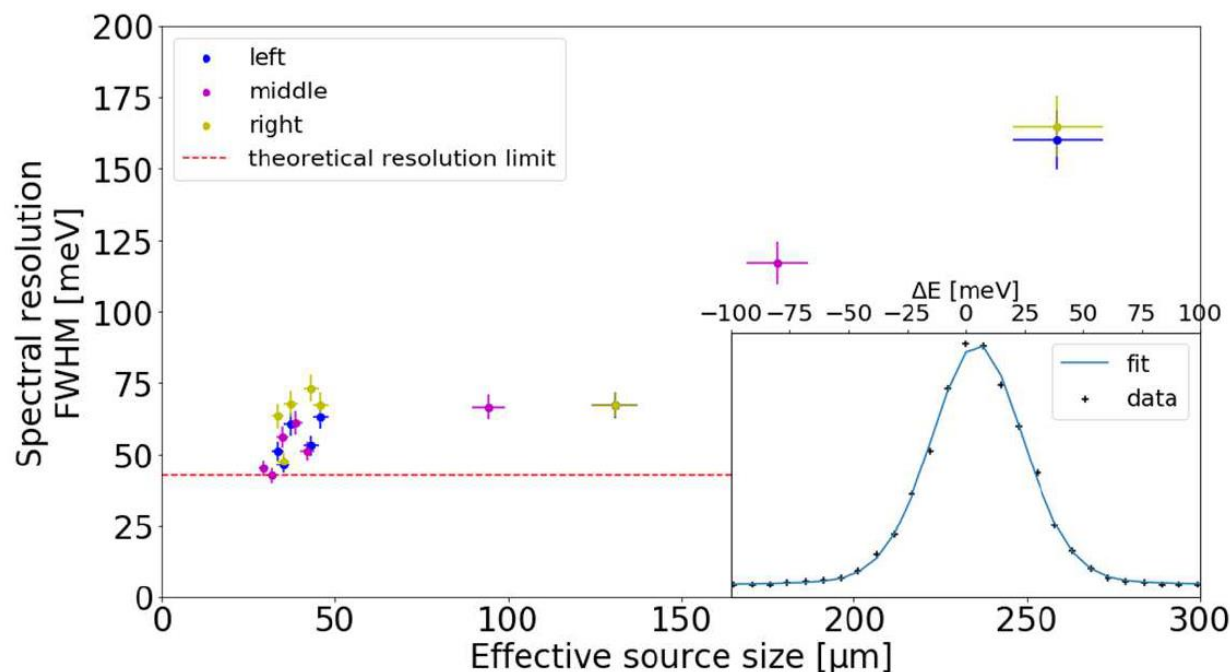


Samples thickness ~  
pixel size yield  
close-to design  
spectral resolution

Wollenweber et al.,  
Review of Scientific Instruments  
92, 013101 (2021)

Contact Karen Appel or  
Thomas Preston for details.

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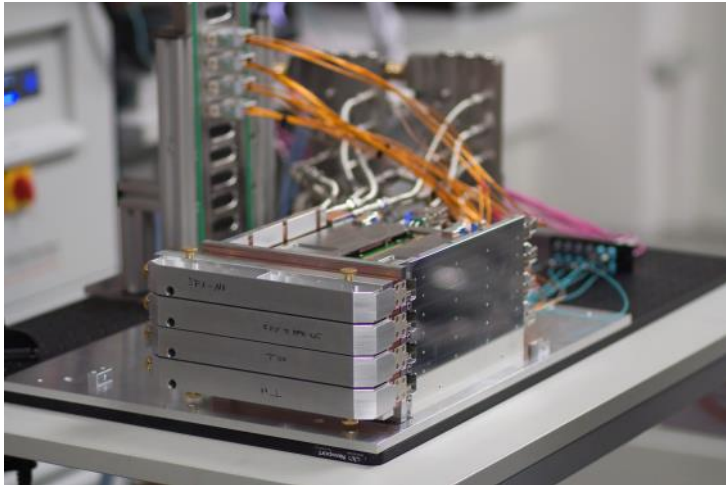




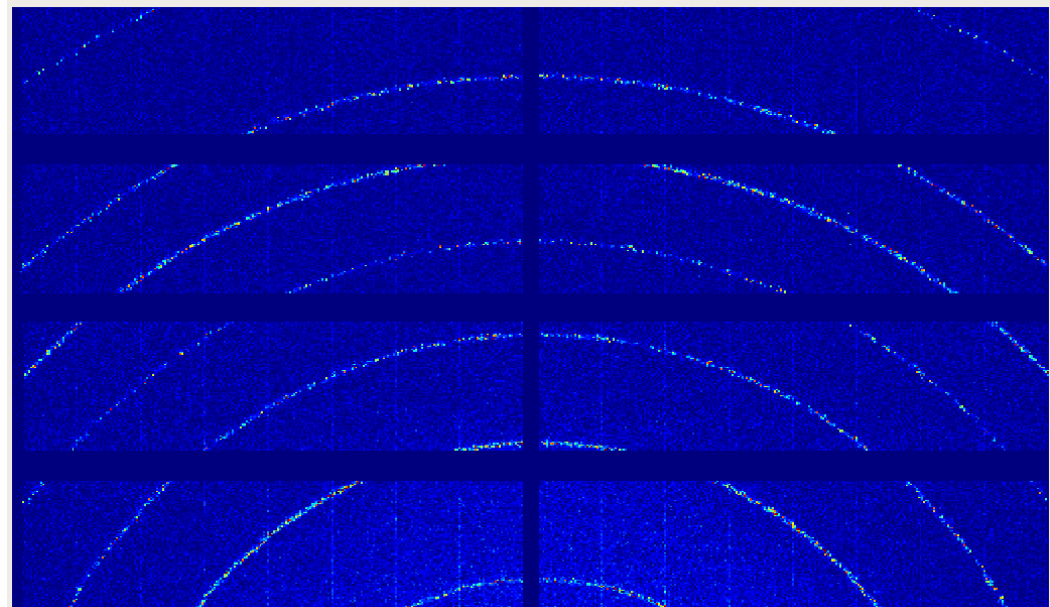
## “direct”-beam spectrometer, AGIPD detector

- ❑ bent diamond crystal spectrum analyzer downstream of the interaction.  
*Contact Karen Appel for details if you plan to use it.*
- ❑ AGIPD 500K detector (352 images at 3 gain stages with up to 4.5 MHz).  
*Contact Cornelius Strohm for details. It is part of the DAC platform.*

### AGIPD 500K

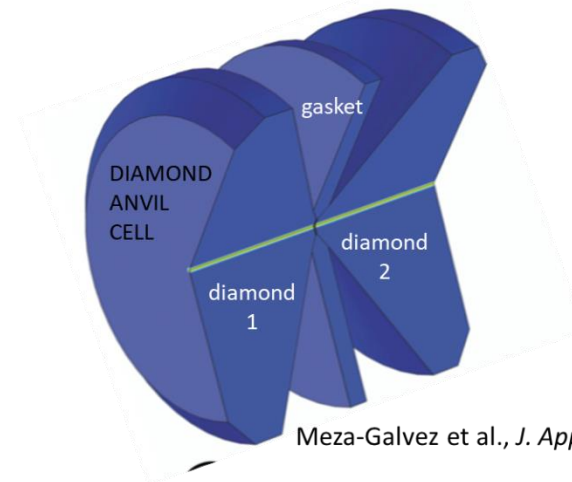
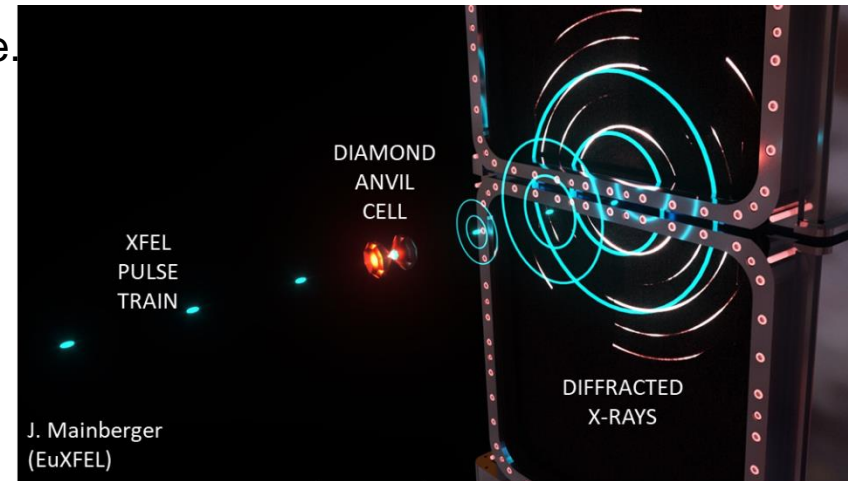


XRD standard on the AGIPD 500K at HED -  
LaB6 at 17.8 keV



# Pulsed Laser heating for DAC research

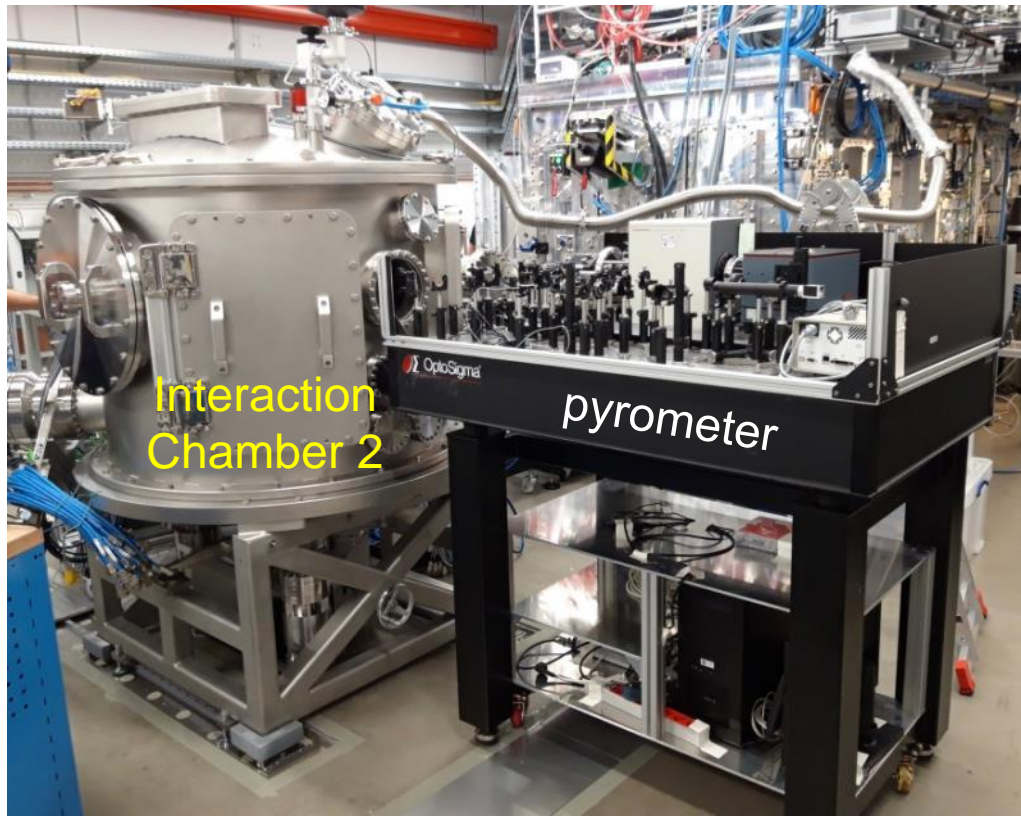
- double side laser heating in DACs
- 2x 100 W NIR lasers in pulse mode or cw mode.  
Pulse duration 10-500 ns, and  $>1 \mu\text{s}$  possible
- temperature determination: time resolved spectral radiometry (SOP) using streak camera system



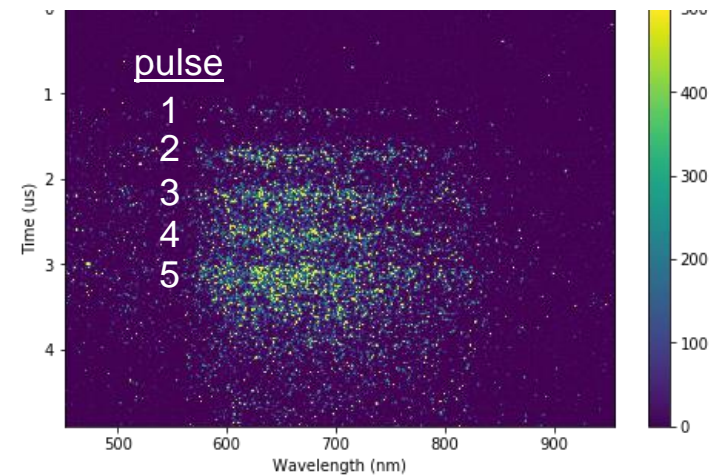
Meza-Galvez et al., *J. App. Phys.*, 2020

*For further information, please  
contact Zuzana Konopkova  
from the HED team:  
zuzana.konopkova@xfel.eu*

# Streak Optical Pyrometry (SOP) to measure thermal emission



Streaked spectrogram

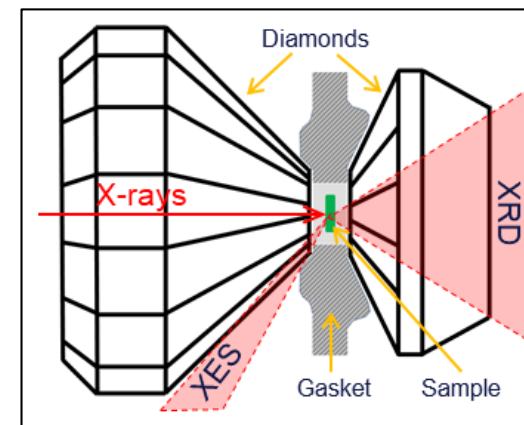
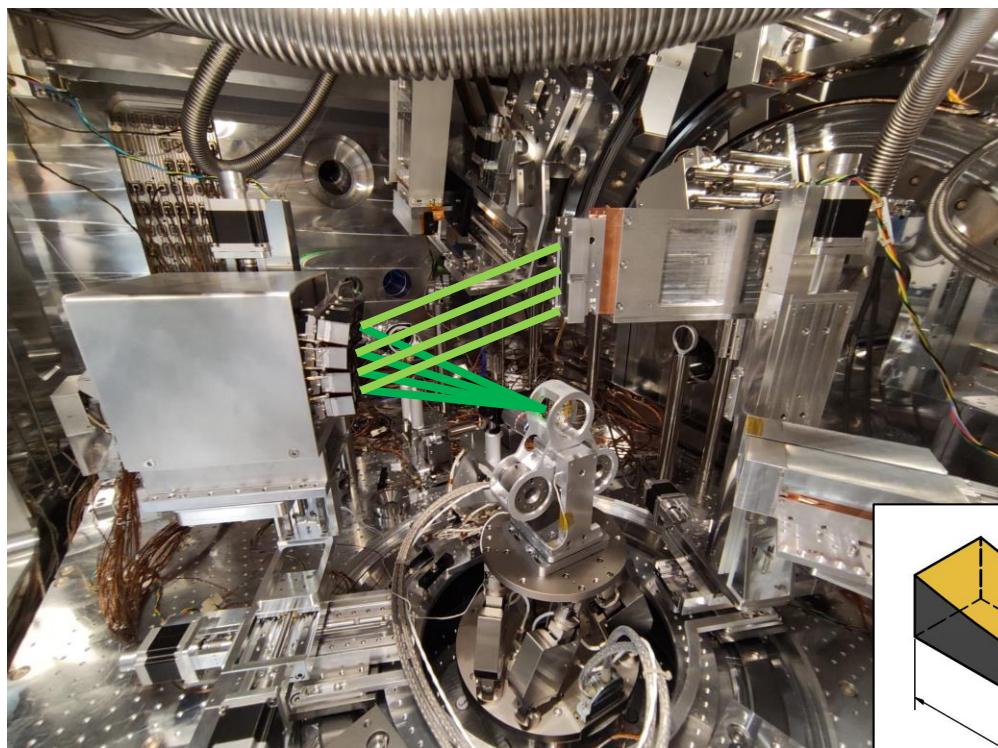


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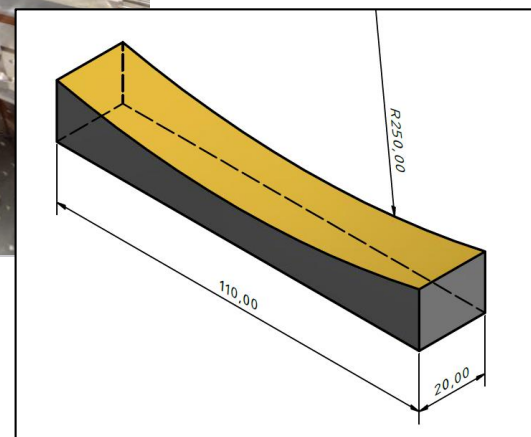


# Von-Hamos spectrometer for measurements from DACs in IC1

Courtesy J. Kaa



Kaa et al. 2023, accepted



- range: 6 keV - 12 keV
- dispersion:  $\sim 0.4$  eV/pixel (JF detector)
- instrumental broadening:  $\sim 0.5 - 1$  eV

- Multi-fluorescence spectroscopy e.g.:

- Si(531) for Fe K beta
- Si(333) for Fe K alpha
- Si(444) for Re L alpha ( $\sim 12$  keV)

| Crystal | Orientation (hkl) | <i>d</i> -spacing (Å) |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Si      | 531               | 0.9179                |
| Si      | 111               | 3.1355                |
| Si      | 533               | 0.8281                |
| Si      | 511               | 1.0451                |
| Ge      | 220               | 2.0000                |
| Ge      | 111               | 3.2660                |



# Pump-probe (PP) laser

## ■ Anticipated parameters

### ■ PP laser at 800 nm wavelength

- ▶ < 20 or 50 fs duration, close to Fourier-limited bandwidth (going for narrower bandwidth with longer pulse duration is an option)
- ▶ max ~2 mJ at 100 kHz, or down to 10Hz or shot-on-demand
- ▶ Higher repetition up to 4.5 MHz with lower pulse energy
- ▶ Second harmonic (400 nm) is available. Conversion efficiency is however low (15-20%) due to the large bandwidth.
- ▶ Chirped mode up to ~10 ps duration

### ■ PP laser at 1030 nm wavelength

- ▶ Duration: ~ 1 ps compressed “or” ~450 ps uncompressed.
  - *Please contact instrument scientists to discuss the possibility of pulse durations in between these two values.*
- ▶ max ~30 mJ at 100 kHz, or down to 10Hz or shot-on-demand
- ▶ Higher repetition up to 4.5 MHz with lower pulse energy
- ▶ Second/third harmonic (515/343 nm) are *potentially* available.

If you plan to use the PP laser, please contact Motoaki Nakatsutsumi from the HED team to discuss your requirements:

[motoaki.nakatsutsumi@xfel.eu](mailto:motoaki.nakatsutsumi@xfel.eu)

# HI-OL: HiBEF ReLaX TW laser

There is a publication about the performance of this laser:

## **High Power Laser Science and Engineering**

A. Laso Garcia et al., High Power Laser Science and Engineering (2021) - <https://doi.org/10.1017/hpl.2021.47>

Further questions about the laser can be directed to Toma Toncian, [t.toncian@hzdr.de](mailto:t.toncian@hzdr.de)

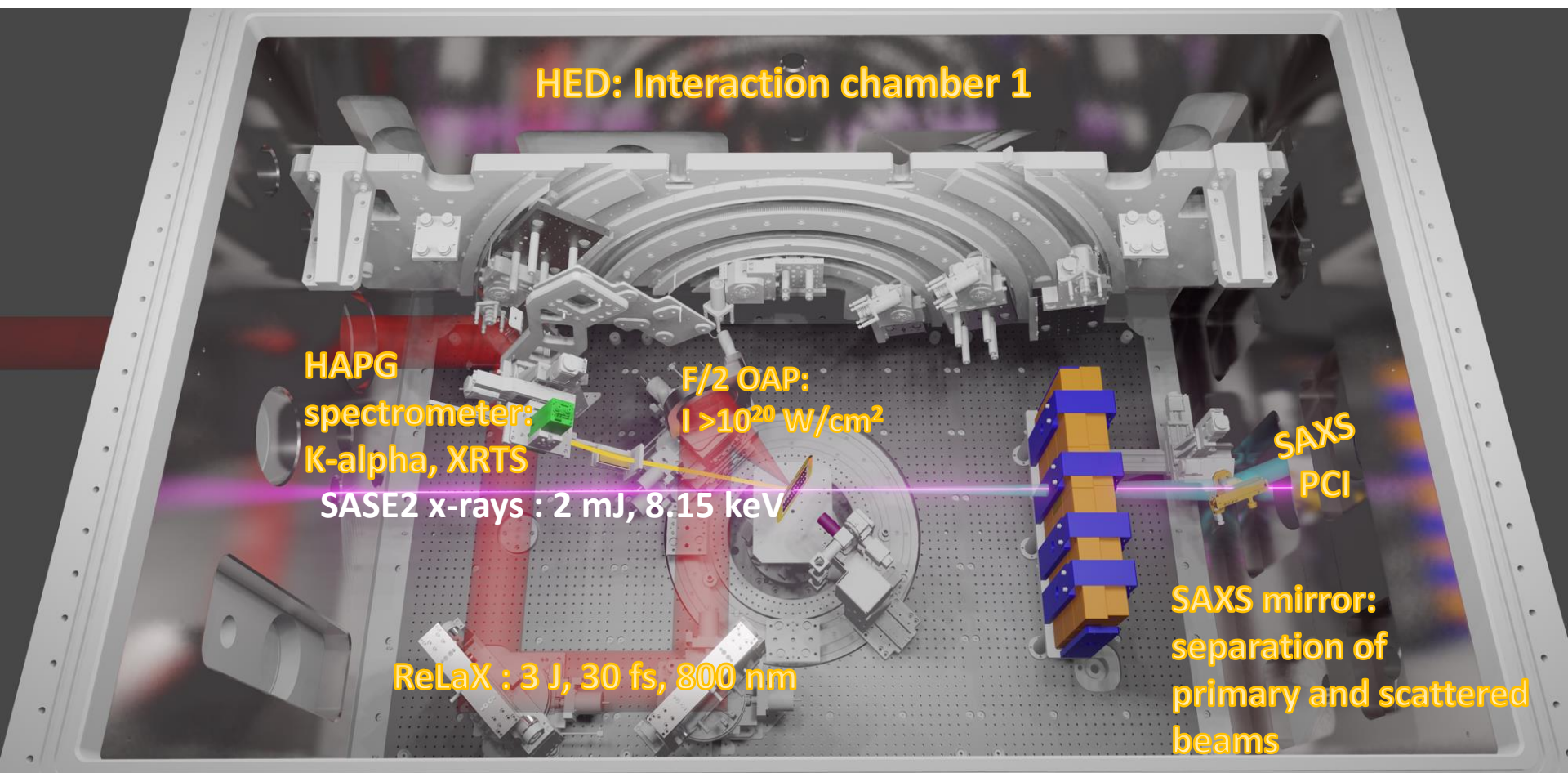
HI-OL Laser parameters:

- up to 100 TW laser beam available at IC1 target chamber.
- Laser pulse duration <30 fs (nominal).
- Energy up to 3 J on target.
- Irradiation geometry: 45 deg to X-ray axis and target normal.
- F/2 focusing optic.
- Laser wavelength 750-850 nm.
- Arrival jitter compared to x-rays at IC1 <30 fs RMS.
- a synchronized optical probe beam with mJ energy can be made available upon request.
- on shot diagnostic package with NF, FF, WF, pulse duration, arrival time at PAM.
- latest laser contrast trace can be measured upon request.
- Shot-on-demand experiments (other modes upon request).

Shot rate will be limited by alignment time, debris issues, and probationary radiological limits.

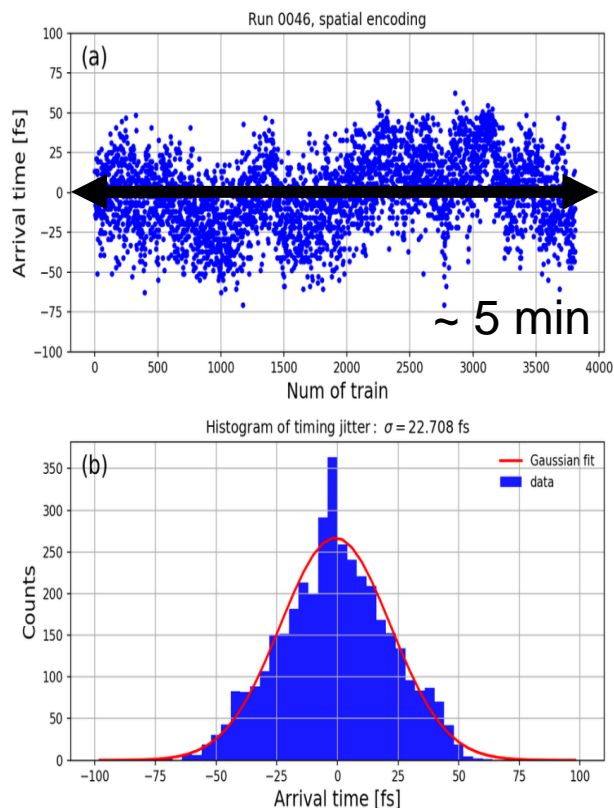
For further details, contact Toma Toncian: [toma.toncian@xfel.eu](mailto:toma.toncian@xfel.eu)

# Typical setup at IC1 combining ReLaX with SAXS, PCI and spectroscopy

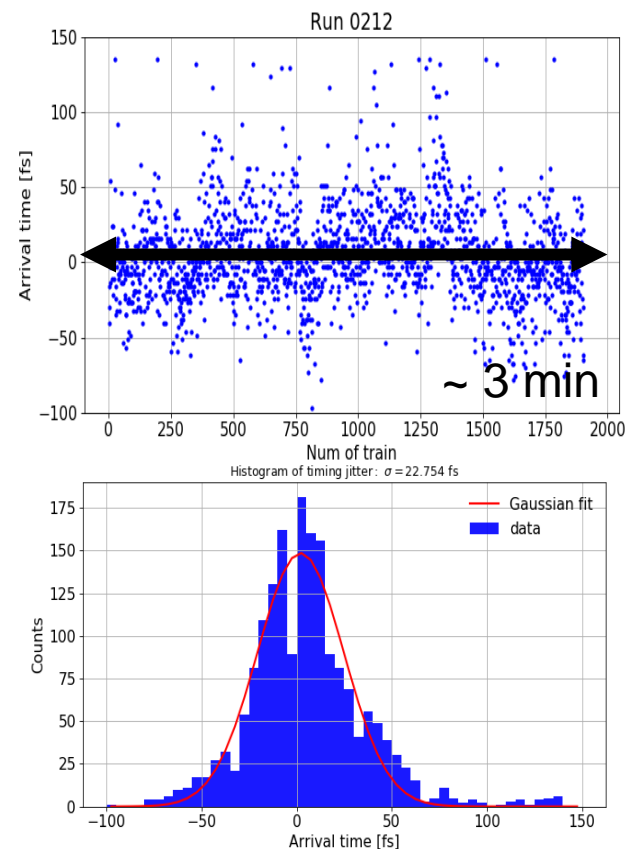


# Pulse-to-pulse arrival jitter between x-ray and optical lasers is 20-30 fs

## Pump-probe laser



## ReLaX TW laser



## Awareness – beam jitter

Our facility is still suffering from spatial drifts (on the timescale of minutes) and jitter (pulse-to-pulse) of the x-ray beam. It is dominantly in the horizontal direction (left-right). This occurs only sometimes and at unforeseeable times (no correlations with external events). The issue is complex and the root cause(s) not yet fully understood. We are working on solving this issue.



However, from the current perspective, we cannot guarantee that we will have implemented a solution at the time of allocation of your beamtime. Therefore, if your experiment is critically depending on a stable beam pointing, please **address mitigation scenarios** in your proposal, take into account that **more statistics** on your data will be needed, and make your experiment design **robust against beam jitter (e.g. choice of x-ray focusing scheme)**.

**This is work in progress - in case of specific questions, please inquire with the instrument scientists.**

# Instrument papers

## General overview of the HED instrument

- Zastrau, Appel, Baehtz et al., J. Synchrotron Rad. (2021). 28, 1393–1416

## DAC research

- Diffraction from Diamond Anvil Cell platform at HED - overview
  - Liermann et al., JSR (2021). 28, 688-706
- MHz XFEL XRD and modeling of pulsed laser heated DAC
  - N. Jaisle et al., J. Appl. Phys. 134 (9), 095904 (2023) – <https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0149836>
- MHz XRD set-up for dynamic compression experiments in the diamond anvil cell (dDAC)
  - R.J. Husband et al., JSR 30 (4), 671–685 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1107/S1600577523003910>
- Dynamic optical spectroscopy and pyrometry (SOP) under optical and x-ray laser
  - O.B. Ball et al., J. Appl. Phys. 134 (5), 055901 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0142196>
- A von Hámos spectrometer for diamond anvil cell experiments
  - Kaa et al., JSR 30 (4), 822–830 (2023): <https://doi.org/10.1107/S1600577523003041>

## ReLaX: the HiBEF high-intensity short-pulse laser driver

- A. Laso Garcia et al., High Power Laser Science and Engineering (2021) - <https://doi.org/10.1017/hpl.2021.47>

## Design and performance of the **SAXS** HAPG mirror

- Smid et al., Review of Scientific Instruments 91, 123501 (2020)

## Design and performance of the **HAPG von-Hamos spectrometers**

- Preston et al., Journal of Instrumentation, Volume 15 (2020)

## Design and performance of the **meV high resolution setup**

- Wollenweber et al., Review of Scientific Instruments 92, 013101 (2021)