

# SPB/SFX Instrument Update EuXFEL Proposal Call 10

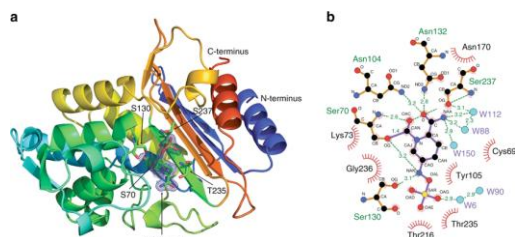
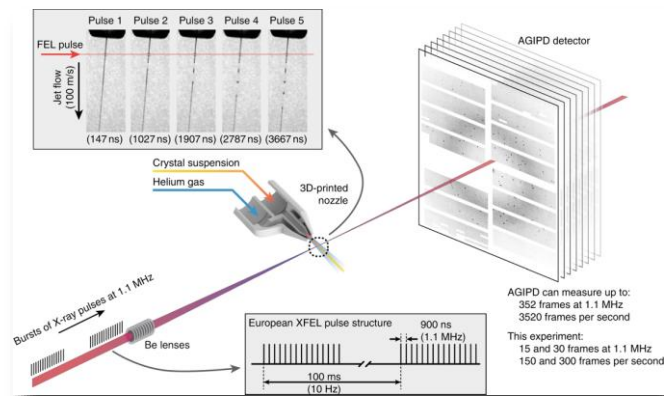
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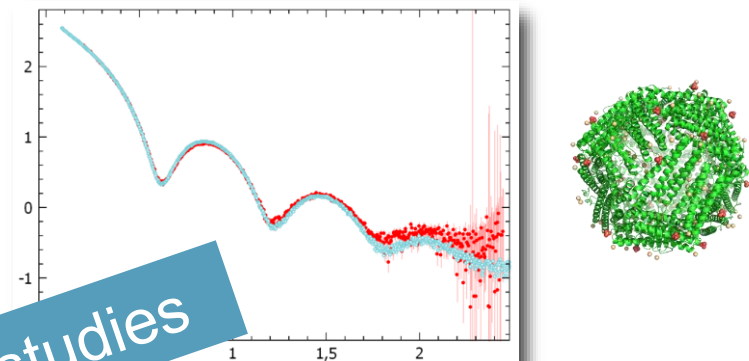


# SPB / SFX

# Reminder: Science cases at SPB/SFX

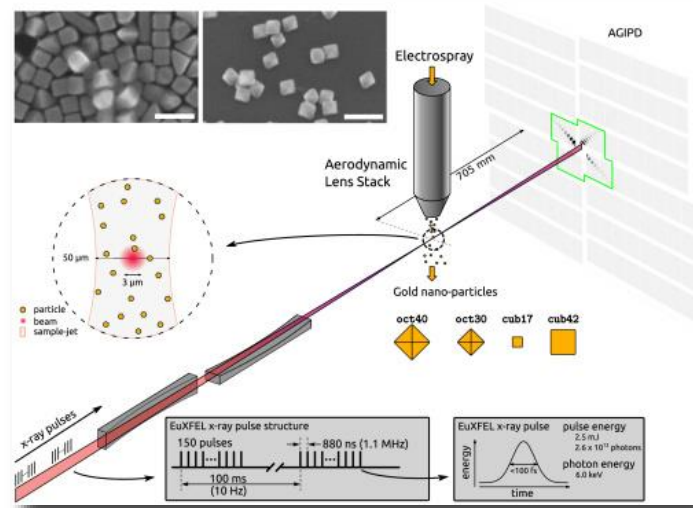


Serial Crystallography

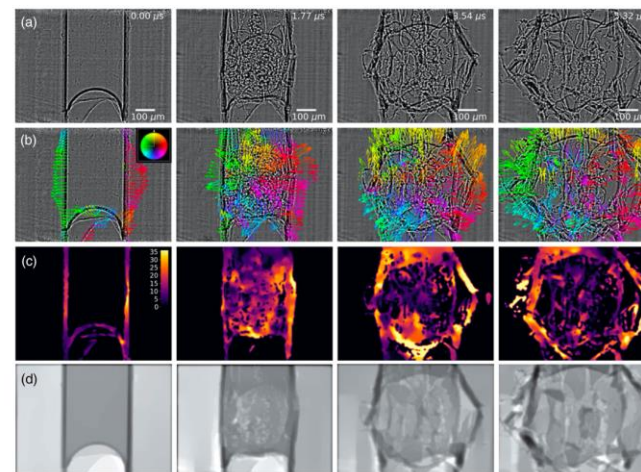


Small Angle Scattering

Includes time-resolved studies

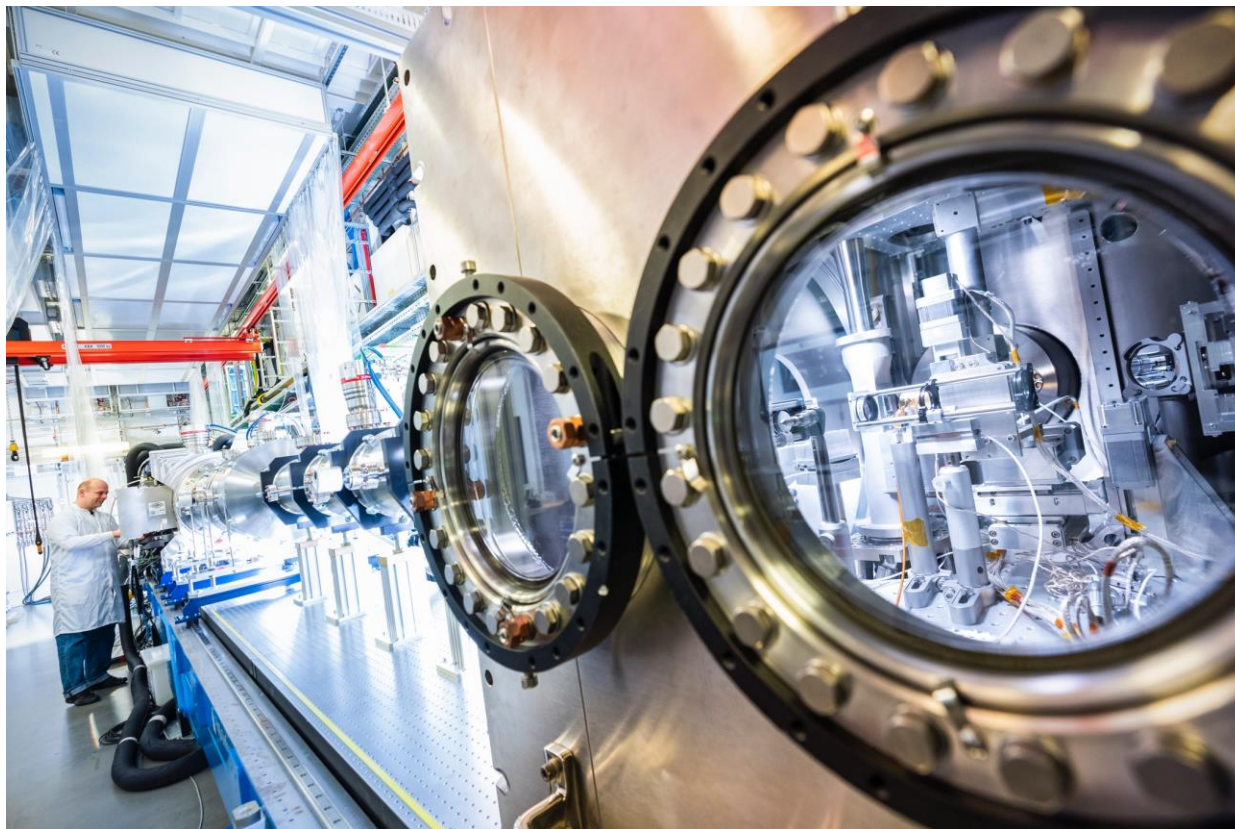


Single Particle Imaging



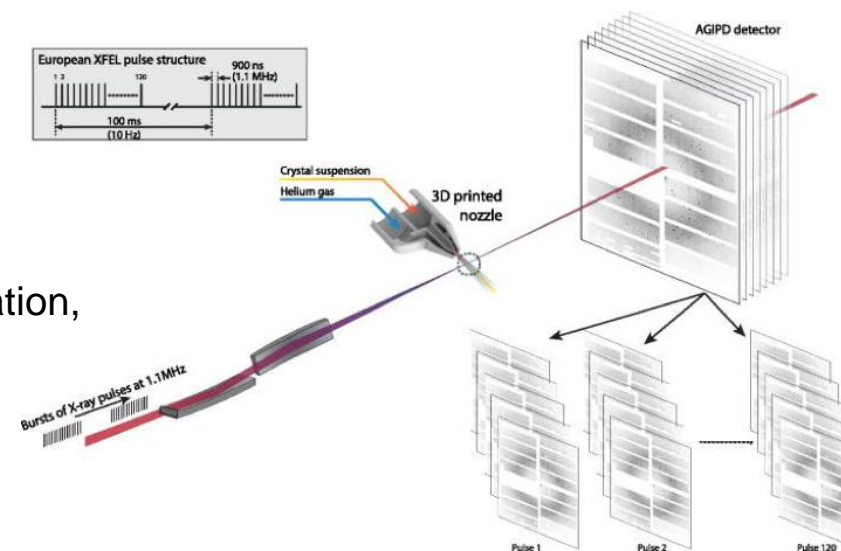
Megahertz microscopy (up to 24 keV)

## Reminder: SPB/SFX Instrument layout (SFX, SPI, Small angle)



- ~ 6 keV to ~15 keV
- ~3  $\mu\text{m}$  and 300 nm spot sizes
- 1 Mpx AGIPD
- MHz rep rate capable
- Optical pump laser
- Timing tool & more...

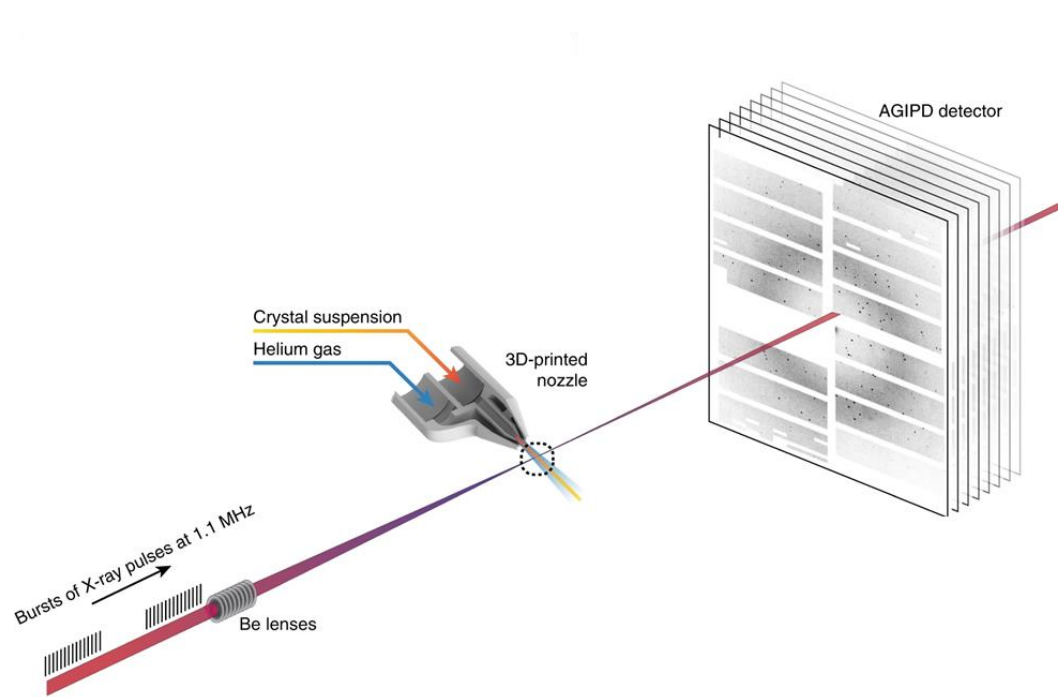
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# Sample delivery for SFX – 3D-printed Gas Dynamic Virtual Nozzles (GDVNs)

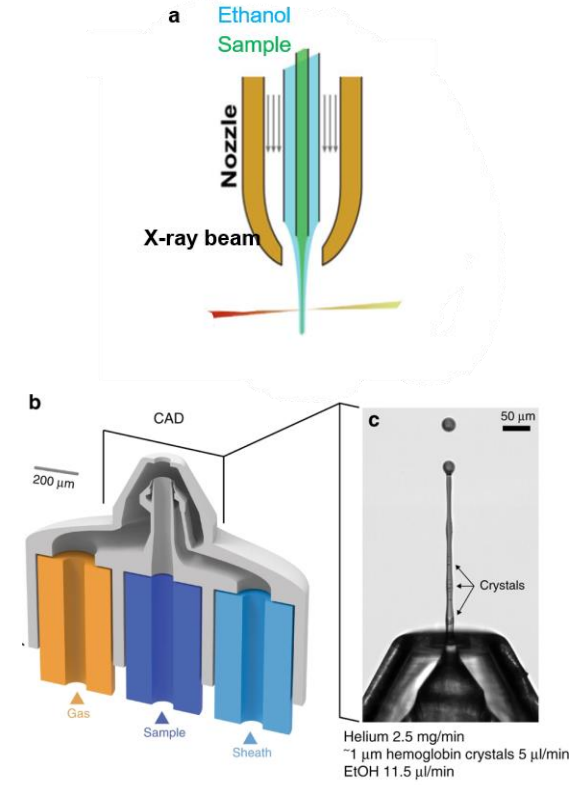
Standard GDVN

- Sample (crystal suspension) is focused by Helium gas



Double-flow focusing nozzles (DFFN)

- Outer jet (Ethanol) focused by Helium stabilizes inner jet (Sample)



Modified from Wiedorn *et al* (2018). Nat. Commun. 9, 4025.

Oberthuer *et al* (2017) Scientific Reports 7:44628

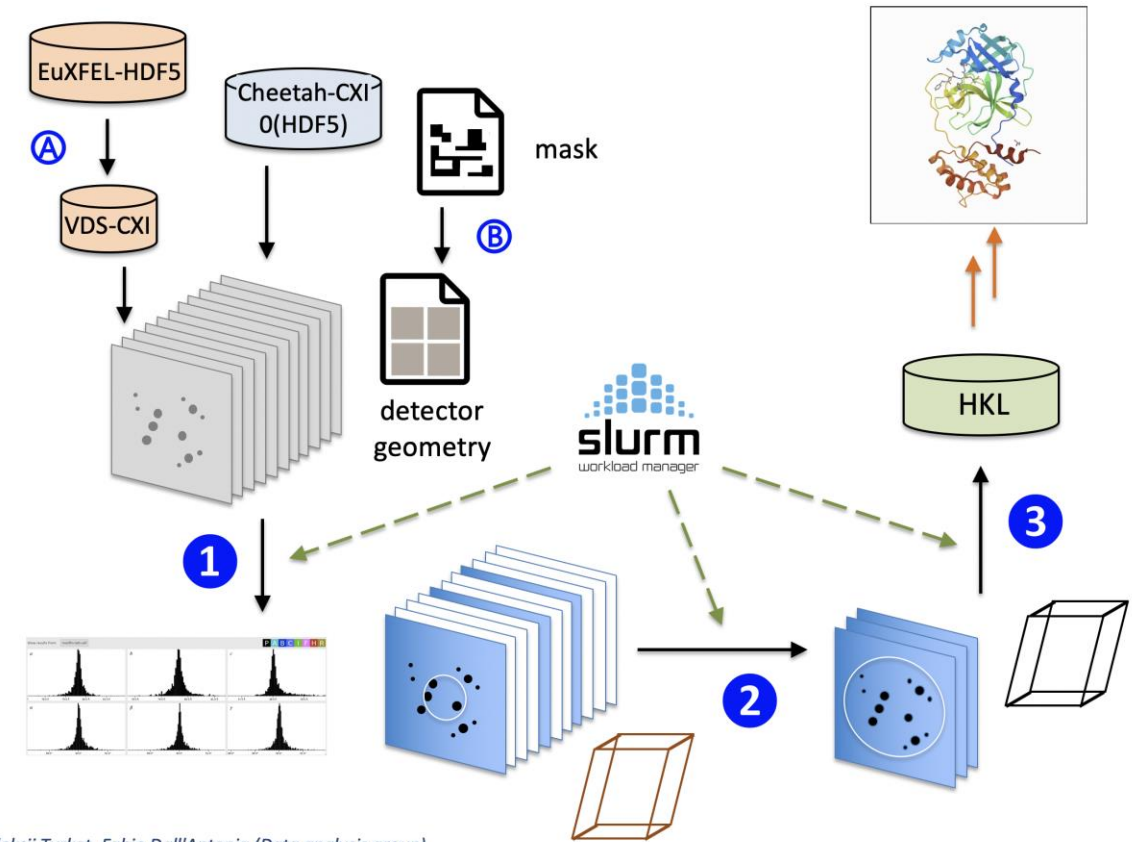
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## Protein crystal screening (PCS) beamtime at SPB/SFX

- Two step procedure with users on-site
  - 1. part: Injection tests / sample verification in the user labs
  - 2. part: Beamtime at the SPB/SFX instrument (~3 hours)
- In case sample is not jettable, sample will be considered for PCS beamtime in the next run
- Injection performed and nozzles (GDVN and DFFN) provided by SEC Group
- Data collection performed by SPB/SFX group
- Simplified proposal form
- For further information, please contact Katerina Dörner (SEC) prior to proposal submission:  
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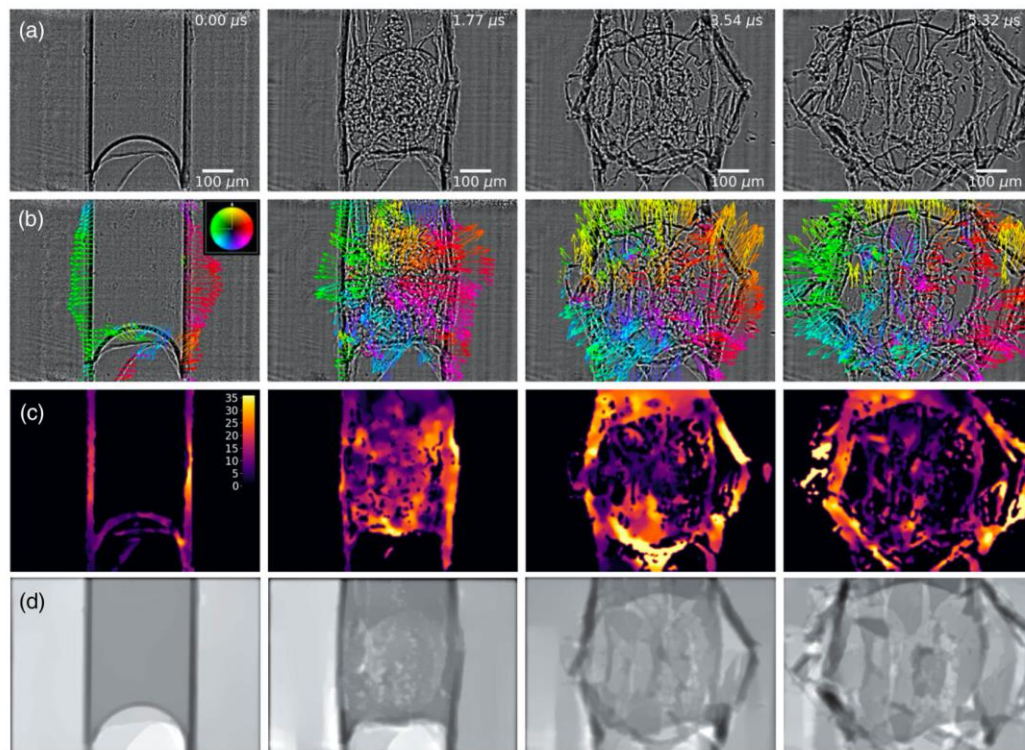
## Semi automatic SFX pipeline

- Starting from HDF5 data sets in EuXFEL or Cheetah/CXI format, diffraction images are processed in 3 steps using CrystFEL tools, embedded to a workflow with SLURM interface for distributed computing.
- (1) Initial crystallographic peak-finding and indexing of all detector images, followed by graphical determination of a crystal unit cell.
- (2) Peak-finding and indexing in a low-scattering-angle detector area using the preliminary unit cell, followed by selection of the indexable image subset ("crystal hit frames") and unit cell refinement.
- (3) Peak-finding, indexing and pixel intensity integration at predicted positions on a high-scattering-angle area using only the diffraction image subset, plus the refined unit cell. Crystallographic scaling and intensity averaging yields a unique reflection data set, suited to reconstruct the macromolecular structure (not yet part of the pipeline).
- Preparative steps like (A) automatic conversion of EuXFEL data to the required CXI format in a "virtual" data set or (B) optional import of pixel masks into the detector geometry description file are also supported.

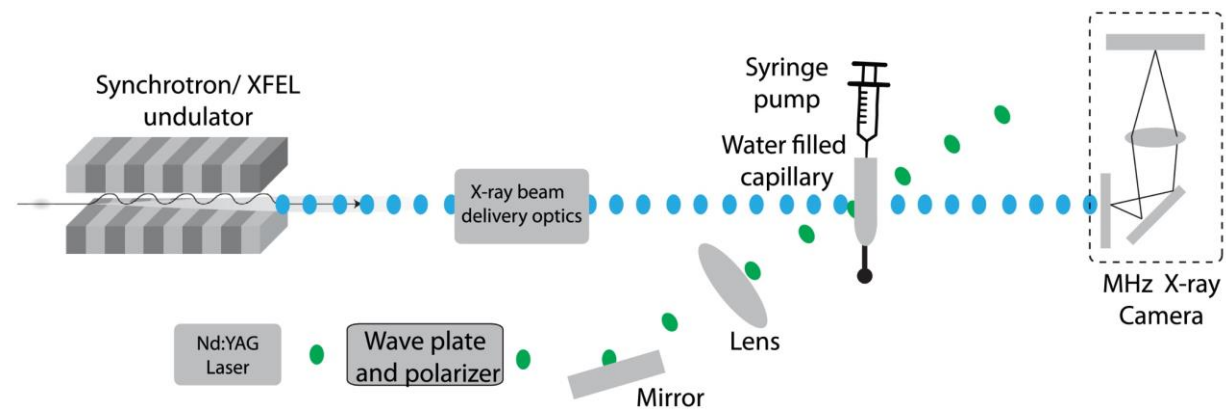


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## Reminder: SPB/SFX Instrument layout (MHz microscopy)



- ~12 keV to ~24 keV
- ~1mm beam size
- MHz train capable Shimadzu cameras
- Flexible sample environment



## Optical laser parameters

### Optical laser system 1 properties

<b>Wavelength</b>	800 nm	Tuneable from 750 to 850 nm (pulse duration is longer than 15 fs)
<b>Pulse duration</b>	15, 50 or 300 fs	
<b>Repetition rate</b>	1.1 MHz	Some quasi-arbitrary patterns possible.
<b>Pulse energy</b>	250 $\mu$ J	
<b>Wavelength conversion</b>	SHG, THG, OPA	SHG: 375–425 nm, THG: 250–283 nm, OPA: 400–2600 nm
<b>Spot size (FWHM)</b>	$\geq 40 \mu\text{m}$	

### Optical laser system 2 properties

<b>Wavelength</b>	1030 nm	No wavelength tuneability
<b>Pulse duration</b>	0.85 or 400 ps	
<b>Repetition rate</b>	1.1 MHz	Some quasi-arbitrary patterns possible.
<b>Pulse energy</b>	4 mJ	
<b>Wavelength conversion</b>	SHG, THG, FHG	SHG: 515 nm, THG: 343 nm, FHG: 258 nm
<b>Spot size (FWHM)</b>	$\geq 40 \mu\text{m}$	

### Optical laser system 3 properties (Opolette 355 HE)

<b>Wavelength</b>	210 – 2400 nm	OPO output
<b>Pulse duration</b>	3 – 7 ns	
<b>Repetition rate</b>	Single shot – 20Hz	
<b>Pulse energy</b>	0.5 – 5 mJ	Dependent on wavelength
<b>Spot size (FWHM)</b>	$\geq 100 \mu\text{m}$	

Three of these systems can be operated simultaneously

Photon Arrival Monitor (PAM) timing tool available for micron beam experiments depending on experimental configuration. TOPAS available with limited pulse energy up to 1.1 MHz. In these cases, discussion with instrument scientists before proposal submission is essential.

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## Further details

- For run 2023-02 we do not intend to host experiments at the in-helium IRDa interaction region
- We expect that in-helium HVE and fixed target experiments will be available in run 2024-01
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AGIPD 1	Spot size (FWHM)	≥ 100 µm	
Number	Three of these systems can be operated simultaneously		
Pixel size	Photon Arrival Monitor (PAM) timing tool available for micron beam experiments depending on experimental configuration. TOPAS available with limited pulse energy up to 1.1 MHz. In these cases, discussion with instrument scientists before proposal submission is essential.		
Minimum distance	Please discuss your experiment plans with an SPB/SFX instrument scientist before submitting your proposal. They can help you with any details that may have updated, assist with evaluating experiment feasibility, and much more. Please note that for run 2023-02 we do not intend to host experiments at the in-helium IRDa interaction region. We expect that in-helium HVE and fixed target experiments will be available in run 2024-01.		
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