



# The SXP instrument

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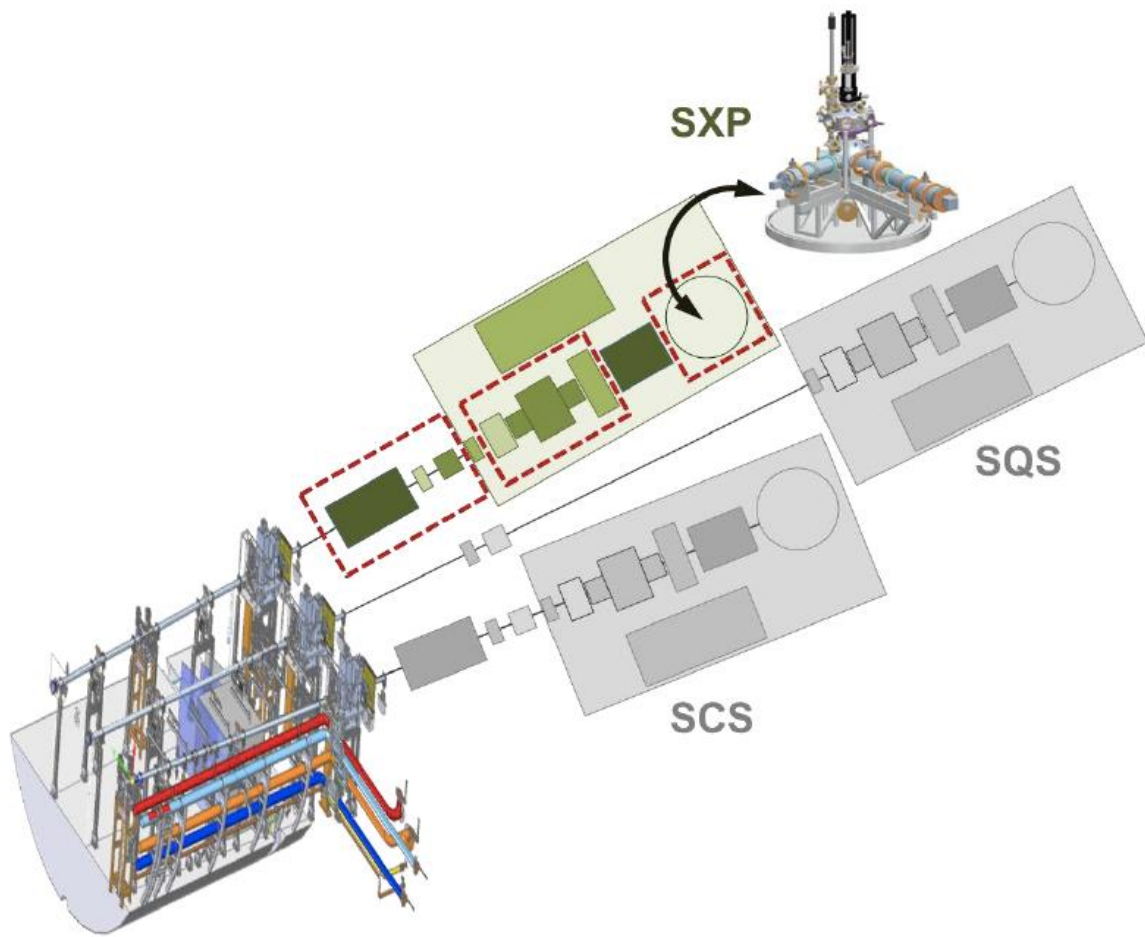


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# The 7<sup>th</sup> instrument SXP (Soft X-ray Port)

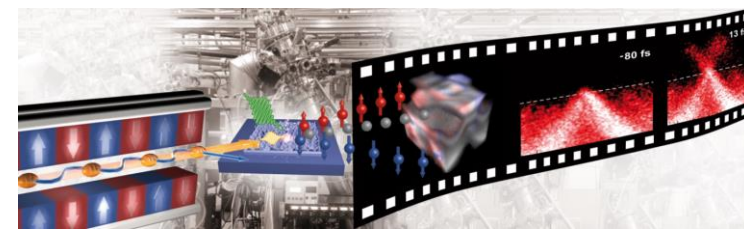


## Complete Time-resolved X-ray Photoelectron spectroscopy

### TR-XPES

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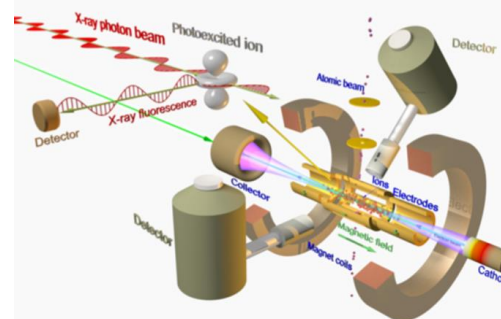


## Laboratory for Astrophysics, atomic physics, fundamental research with highly charged ions

### HCI

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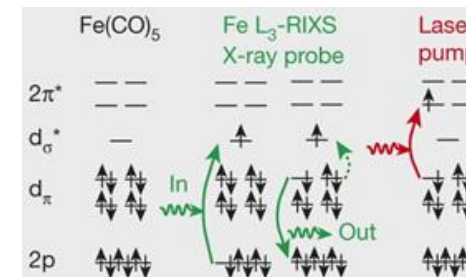
M. Meyer, T. Baumann (EuXFEL)



## Understanding Catalysis and biochemistry by studying Chemical Bond Activation

### CBA

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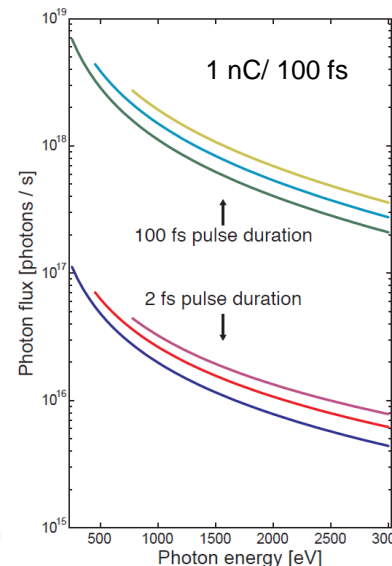
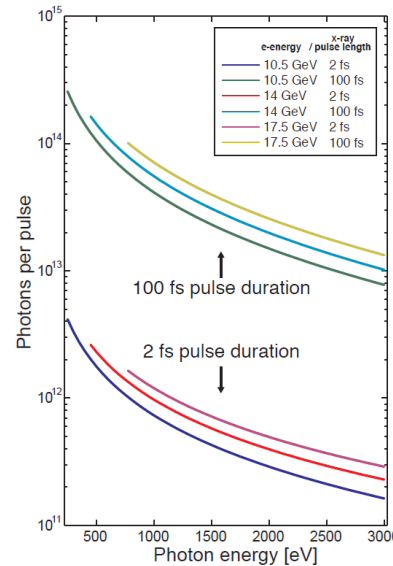
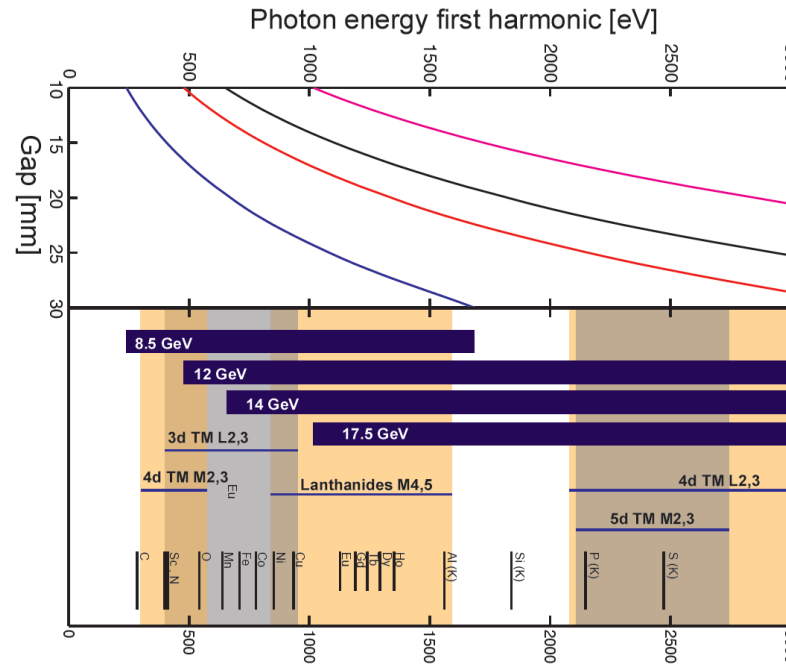
# SXP in a nutshell

## X-rays

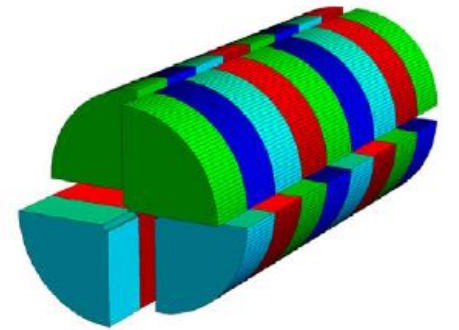
- SASE 3 source (0.25 – 3 keV)
- > 0.4 keV
- Pulse energy up to 10 mJ
- Pulse duration ~ 20 – 25 fs
- 1.1 MHz / 4.5 MHz: 352 / 800 pulses

- Variable polarization
- Afterburner installation

- Monochromatization
- 50 l/mm RP 3000
- 150 l/mm RP 10000



Variable polarization: APPLE-X

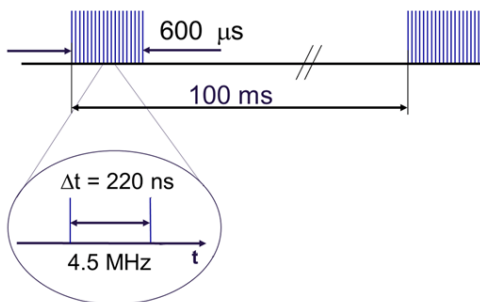
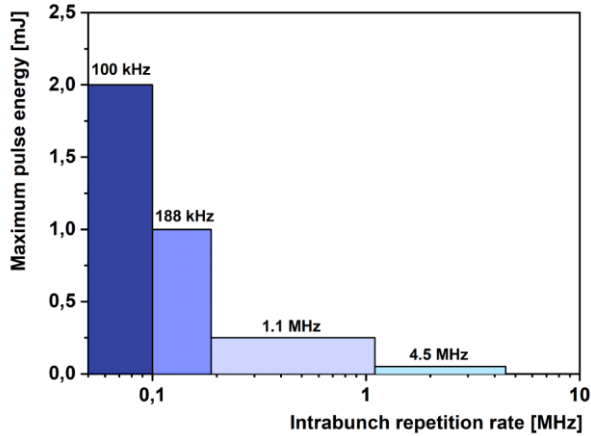


From SCS CDR

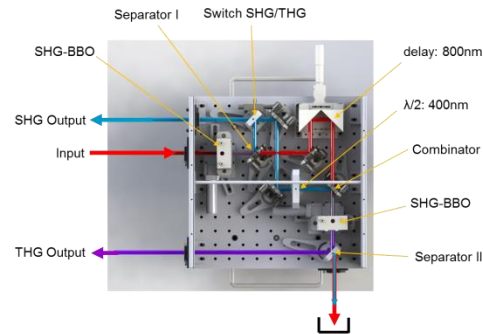
# SXP laser capabilities: PP laser

## Output lines

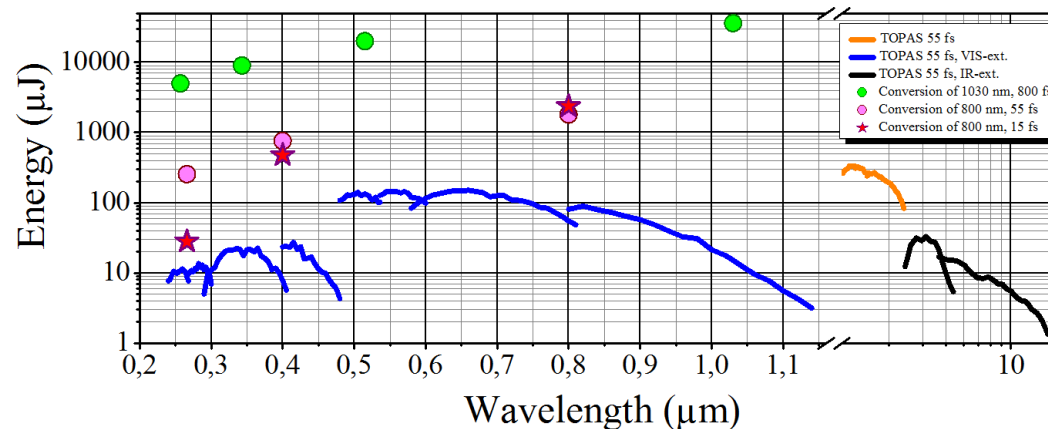
- 800 nm = 2 mJ @ 15 – 300 fs
- 1030 nm = 40 mJ @ 1 ps – 500 ps



## High Harmonic Generation (HHG)



## HHG and OPA at 100 kHz mode



## Optical Parametric Amplifier (OPA)

TOPAS prime  
Light Conversion  
<http://lightcon.com/>



## Laser Input Parameters:

- OPA
  - 800 nm = 1.8 mJ @ 55 fs
- HHG
  - 800 nm = 1.8 mJ @ 55 fs
  - 2.4 mJ @ 15 fs
  - 1030 nm = 40 mJ @ 1 ps

## SXP laser capabilities: AFS 60W

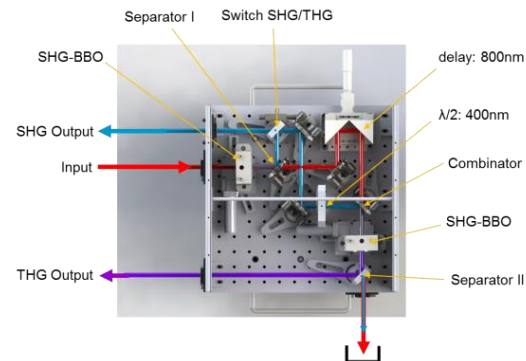
### Active Fiber Systems 60W laser amplifier



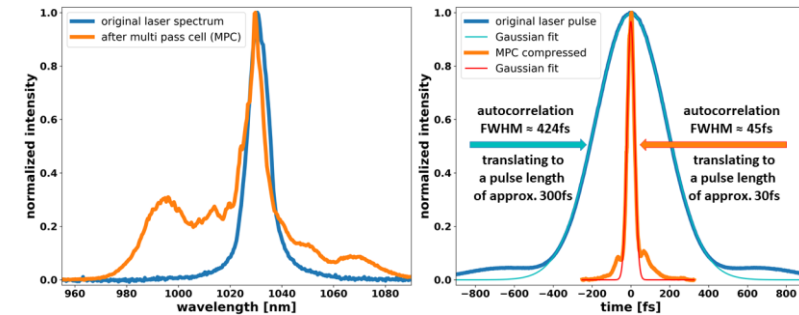
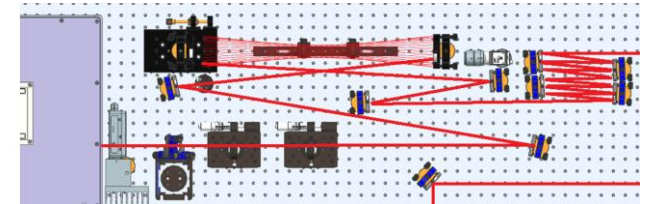
<http://www.afs-jena.de/>

- Delivering 1030nm, 200fs, 200μJ pulses @ 300kHz!
- Continuously adjustable repetition rate up to 20MHz.
- Acousto-optic modulator to mimic 10Hz bunch structure.
- Same seed oscillator as NOPA, thus synchronizable.
- Installed and commissioned
  
- Compression to 40 fs Heriot-type Multi Pass Cell  
(collaboration with Christoph Heyls group @DESY  
and LAS@XFEL)

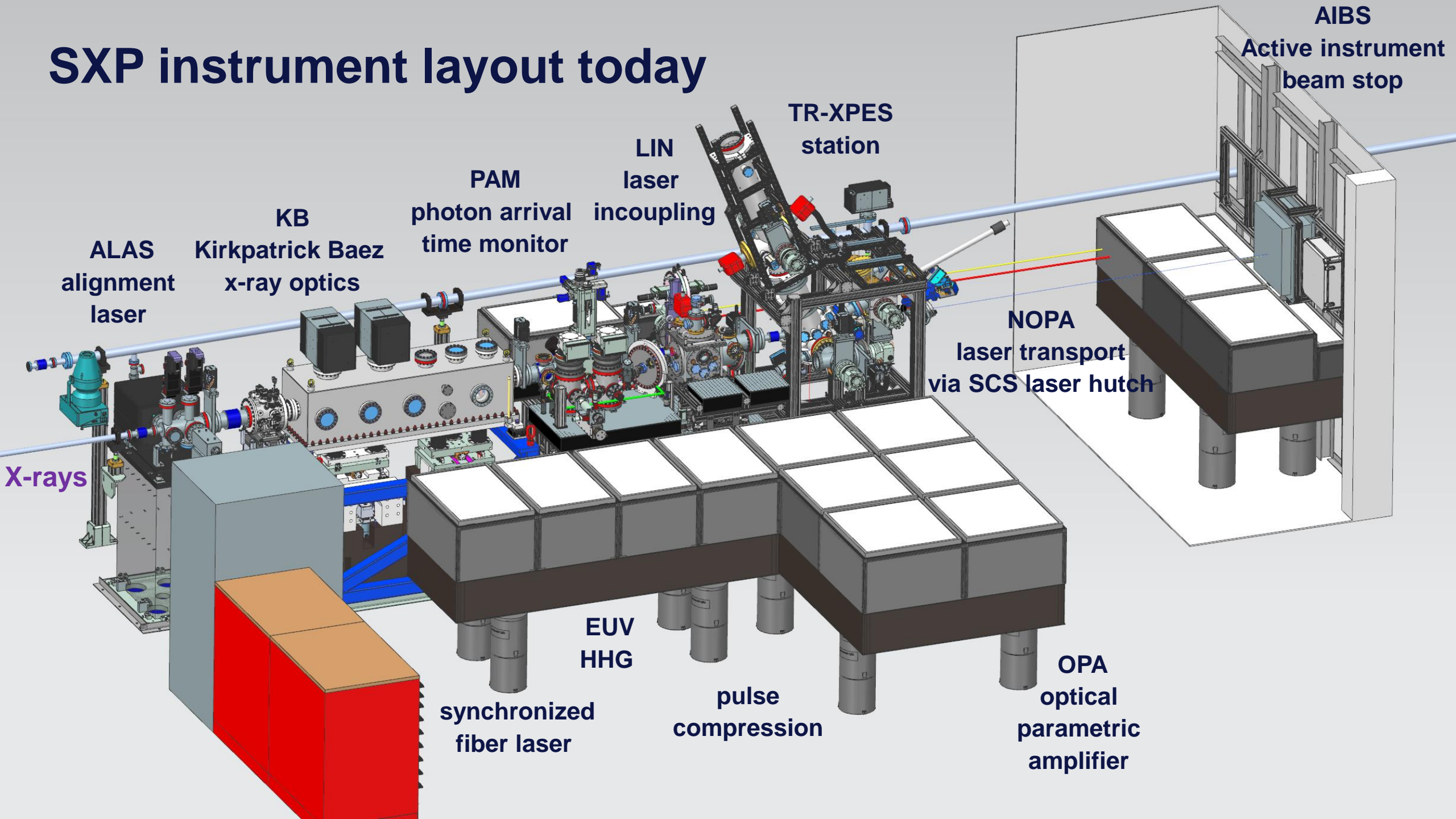
4<sup>th</sup> harmonic generation  
257.5 nm (4.8 eV)



Pulse compression to 40 fs

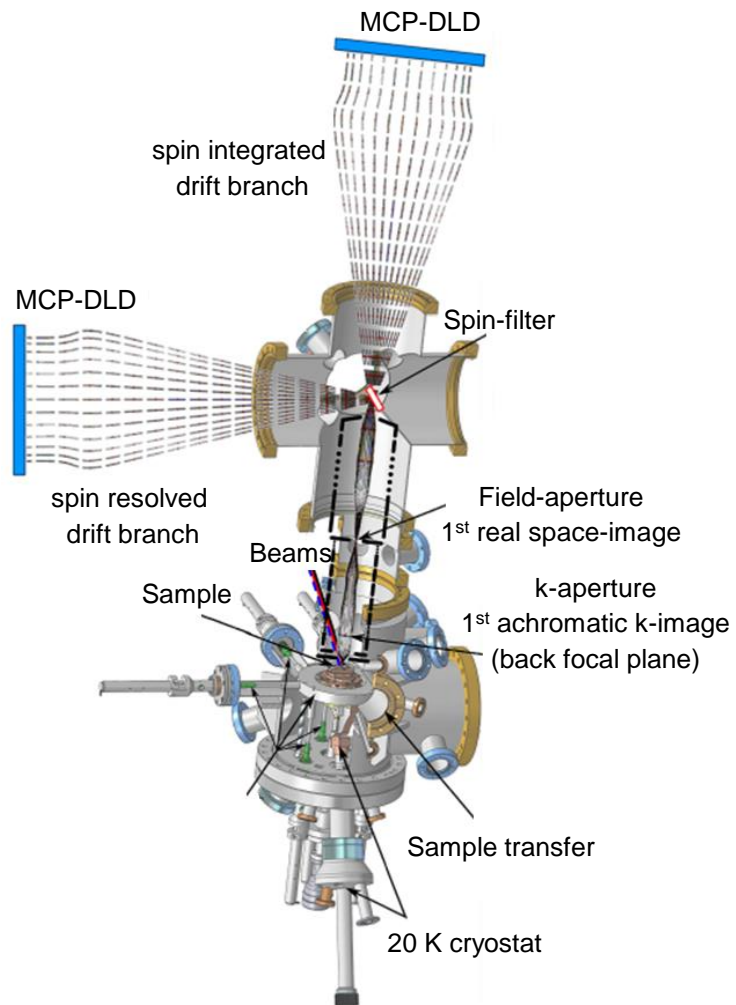


# SXP instrument layout today

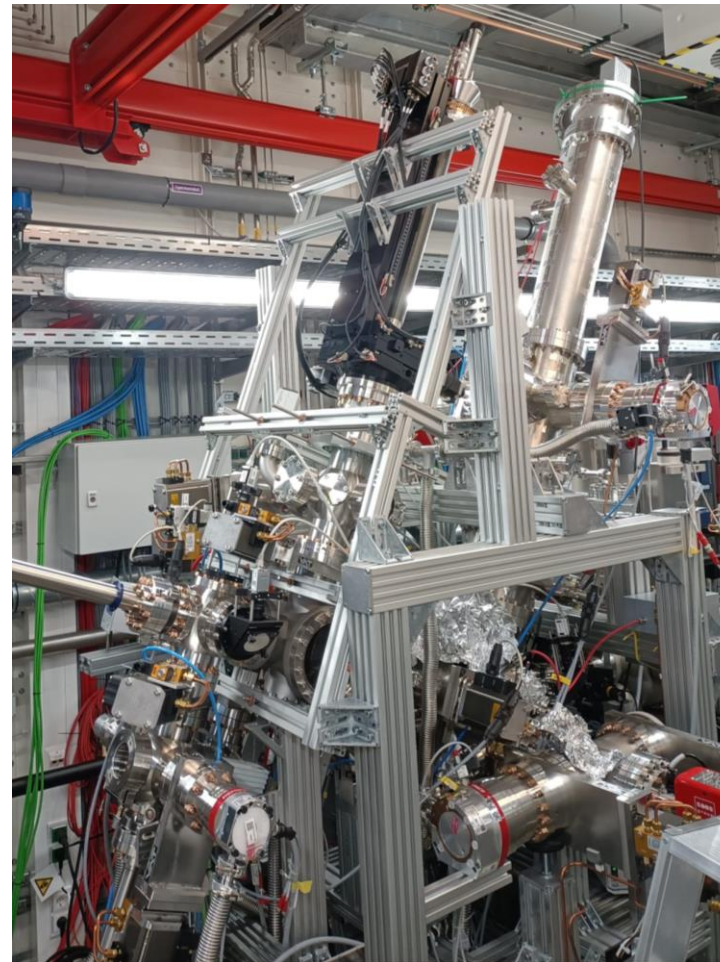


# SXP – Time-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy standard configuration

## TR-XPES station



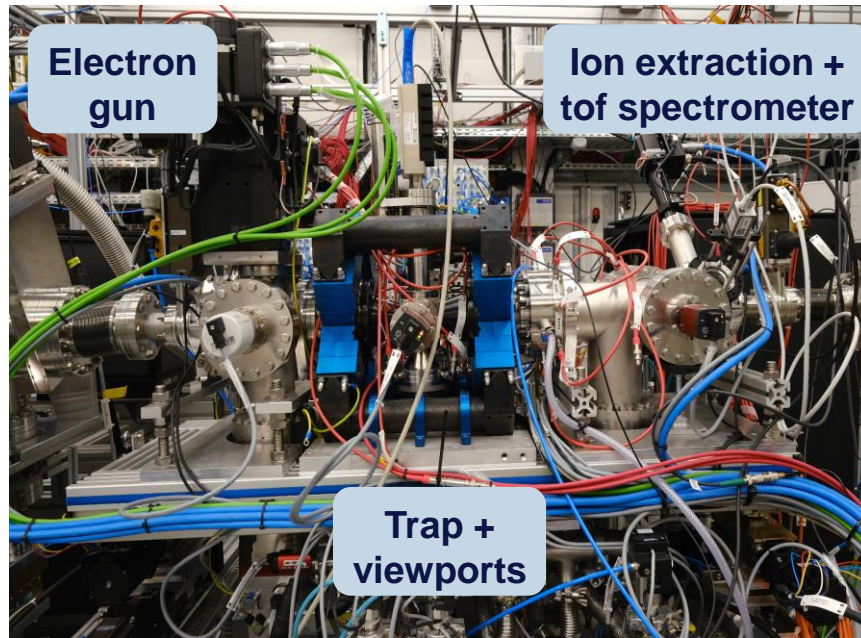
Review of Scientific Instruments **91**, 013109 (2020)



- Momentum microscope spectrometer
  - No spin
  - Large angular cone  $\sim 40^\circ$
  - Delay line detector
  - $\Delta E \sim 130$  meV
  - $\Delta k \sim 0.06$  Å<sup>-1</sup>
  
- Photon parameters
  - Energy: 0.4 – 3 keV
  - 352 pulses @ 1.1 MHz
  - 800 pulses @ 4.5 MHz
  
- Beam size on sample
  - 3 - 500  $\mu\text{m}$
  - default  $\sim 2 \times 30$   $\mu\text{m}$
  
- Omicron type mount for solid samples
  
- Load lock/ vacuum suitcase port preparation chamber

# EBIT (Electron Beam Ion Trap)

SQS R&D project:  
collaboration J. Crespo, MPIK Heidelberg



Compact EBIT source

Production of highly charged ions

→ H-like up to Fe, He-like up to Xe

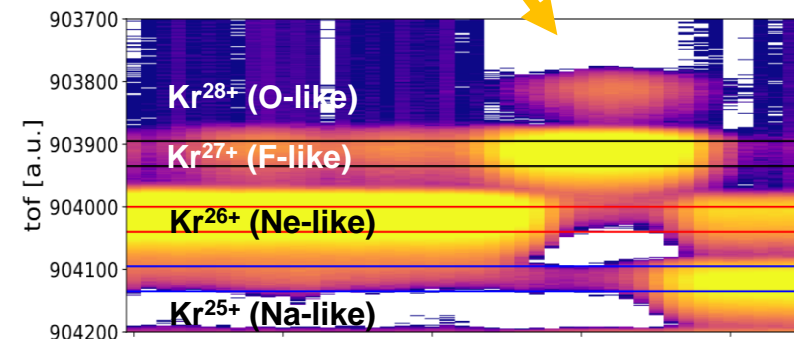
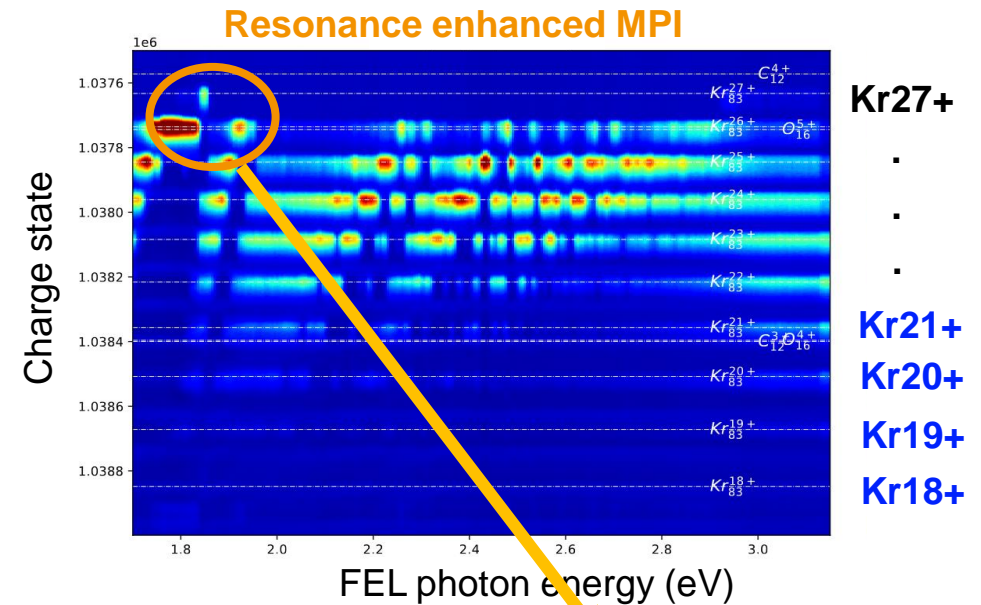
Fluorescence or ion time-of-flight detection



Also available at SQS!!

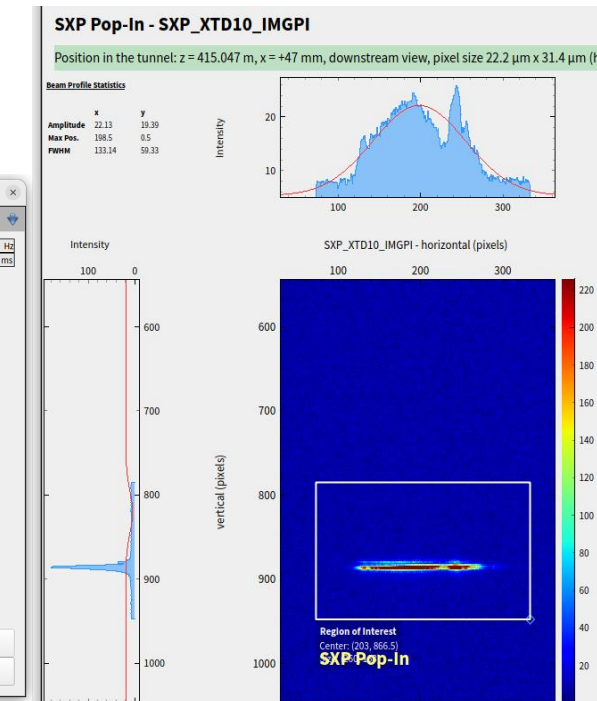
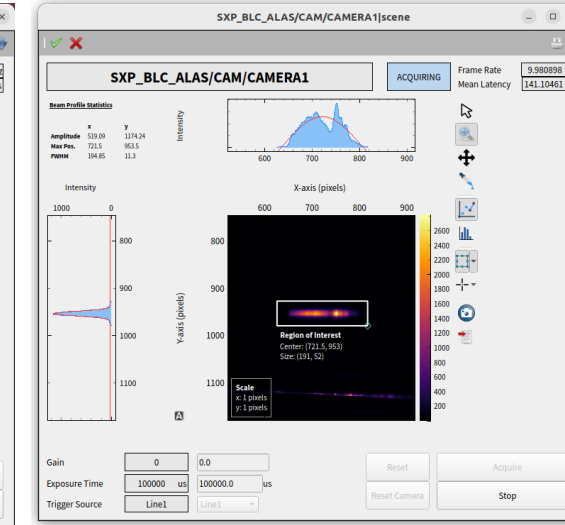
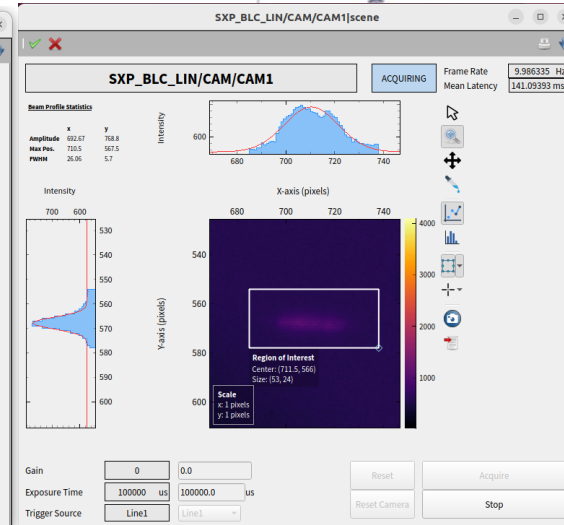
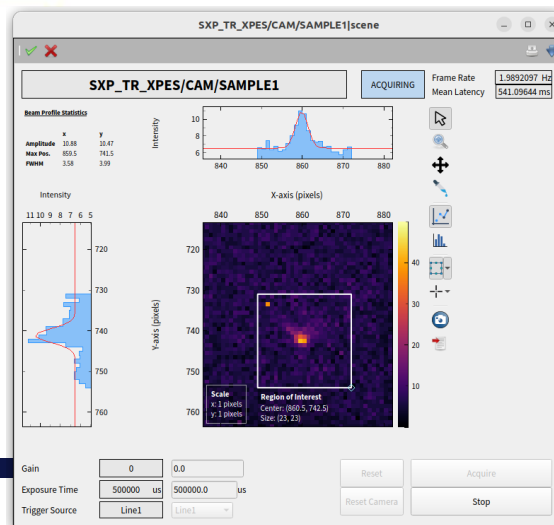
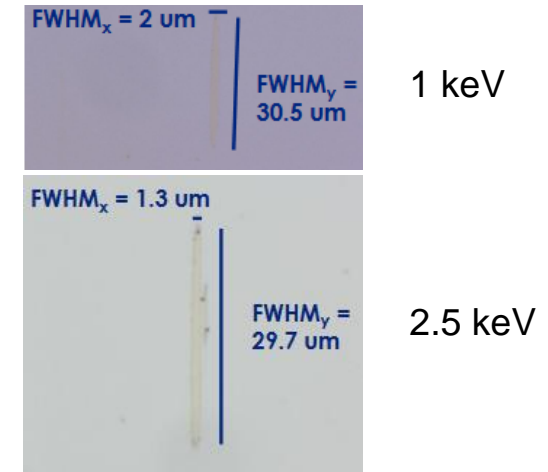
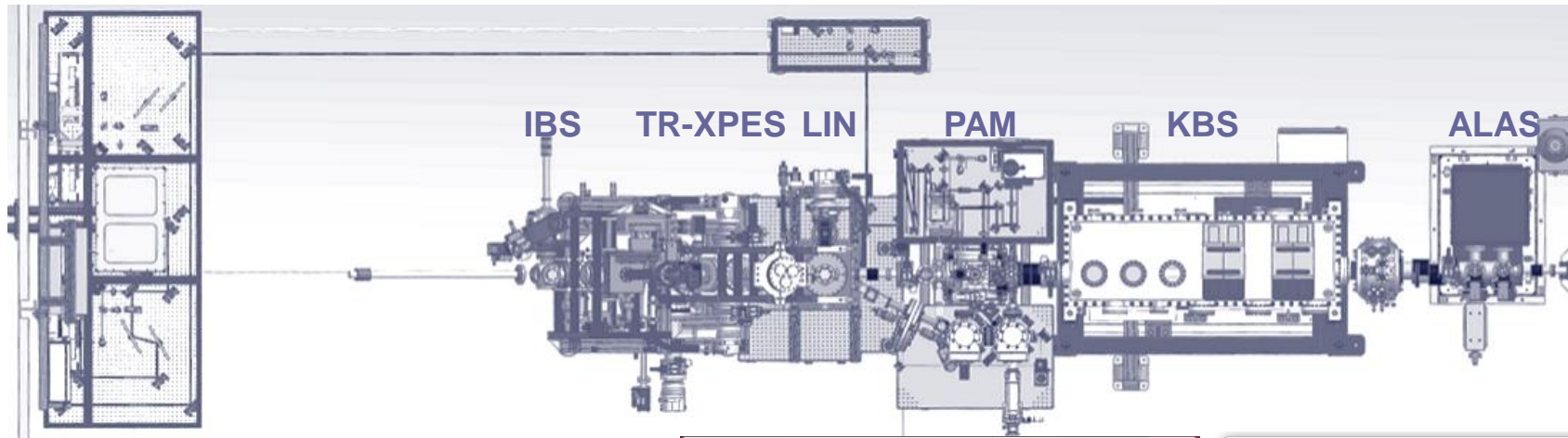
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First user experiment at SQS (May 2023)





# SXP X-rays transported to the experimental station



# SXP updates: data analysis

## Implemented into XFEL data structure

## Image Corrections

```

4 import numpy as np
5 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
6
7 import sys
8 sys.path.append("../")
9
10 import sed_core as sedc

Load Data

[1]: 1 dataPath = '././' # Put in Path to a storage of at least 20 Gbyte free space.
2 if not os.path.exists(dataPath + "/W6a2.zip"):
3     os.system("curl --output (dataPath)/W6a2.zip https://zenodo.org/records/6369728/files/W6a2.zip")
4 if not os.path.isdir(dataPath + "/Scan049_1") or not os.path.isdir(dataPath + "enercal_2019_01_08/"):
5     shutil.unpack_archive(dataPath + "/W6a2.zip", extract_dir=dataPath)

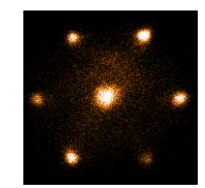
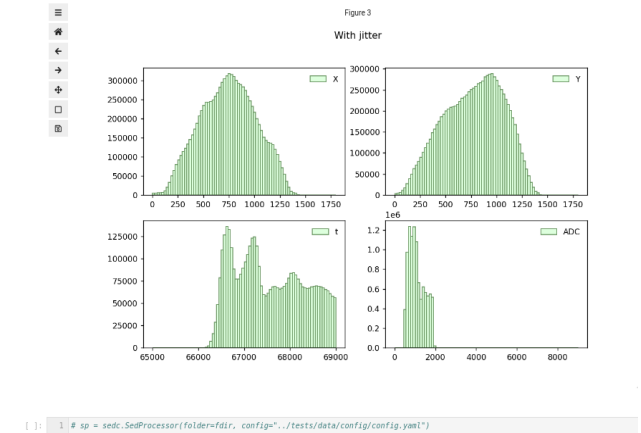
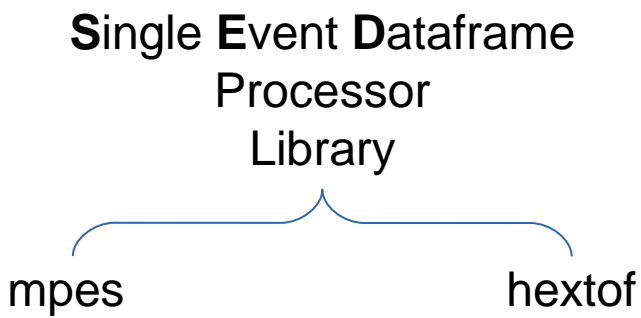
[2]: 1 dataPath = '/home/jlmezead/scratch/SXP/Datasets'

[3]: 1 # The Scan directory
2 fdir = dataPath + '/Scan049_1'
3 # create sed processor using the config file:
4 sp = sedc.SedProcessor(folder=fdir, config='./tests/data/config/config.yaml')

[5]: 1 VtTime
2 # Apply jittering to X, Y, t, ADC columns.
3 # Columns are defined in the config, or can be provided as list.
4 sp.add_jitter()

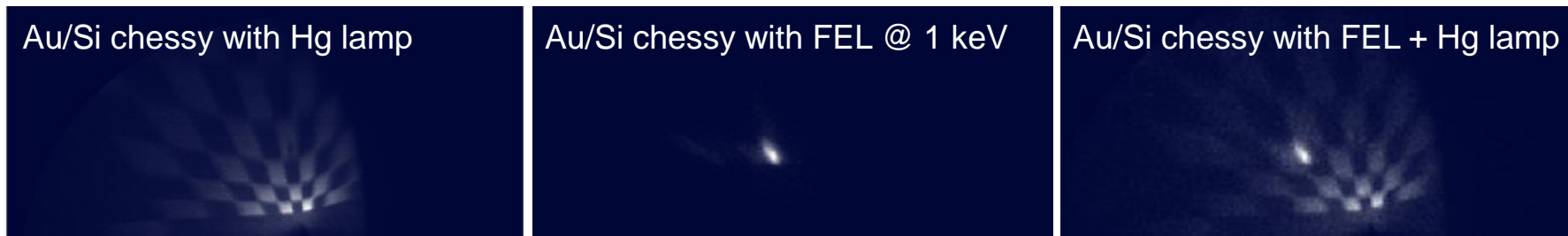
CPU times: user 4.13 ms, sys: 119 µs, total: 4.25 ms
Wall time: 3.98 ms

[7]: 1 # Inspect data in dataframe Columns:
2 # axes = ['X', 'Y', 't', 'ADC']
3 # bins = (100, 100, 100, 100)
4 # ranges = [(0, 1000), (0, 1000), (130000, 140000), (0, 9000)]
5 # sp.viewEventHistogram(dfp=0), axes=axes, bins=bins, ranges=ranges
6 sp.viewEventHistogram(dfp=0)
  
```



## SXP status

- TR-XPES proof of principle experiment done in August 2023



- Time-resolved data analysis: on-going

- 2023 user program: 3 community proposals

| Id   | Title                            | Proposer                 | Proposer email         | Principal investigator  |
|------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4515 | Bulk ferroelectricity coupled to | Dr. Vladimir N. Stokov   | vladimir.stocov@psi.ch | Prof. Dr. Claude Monney |
| 4461 | Community Proposal: Twisted      | Dr. Markus Scholz        | markus.scholz@desy.de  | Prof. Dr. Kai Rossnagel |
| 4316 | Community Proposal on ultrafast  | Dr. Giancarlo Panaccione | panaccione@iom.cnr.it  | Dr. Tommaso Pincelli    |

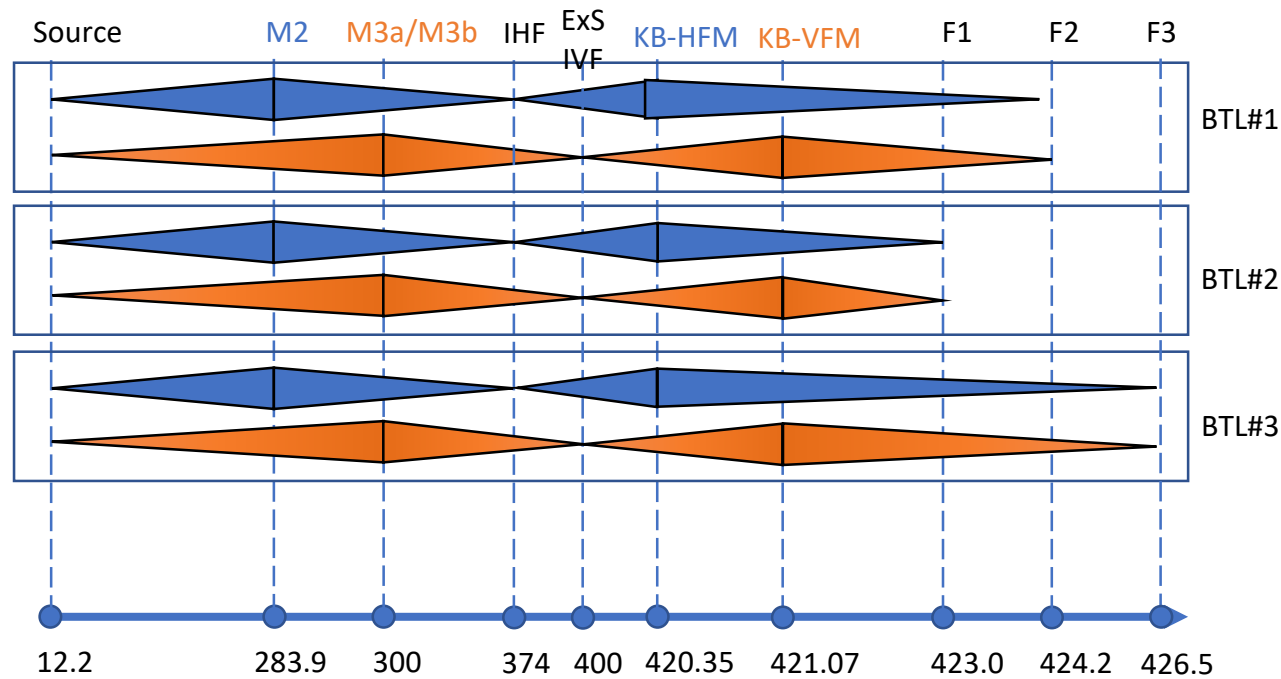
4515: Bulk ferroelectricity coupled to electron and lattice dynamics in GeTe

4461: Twisted bilayer MoS<sub>2</sub> and Au nanoparticles on TiO<sub>2</sub>

4316: Ultrafast screening dynamics and collective excitations in hybrid plasmonic heterostructures

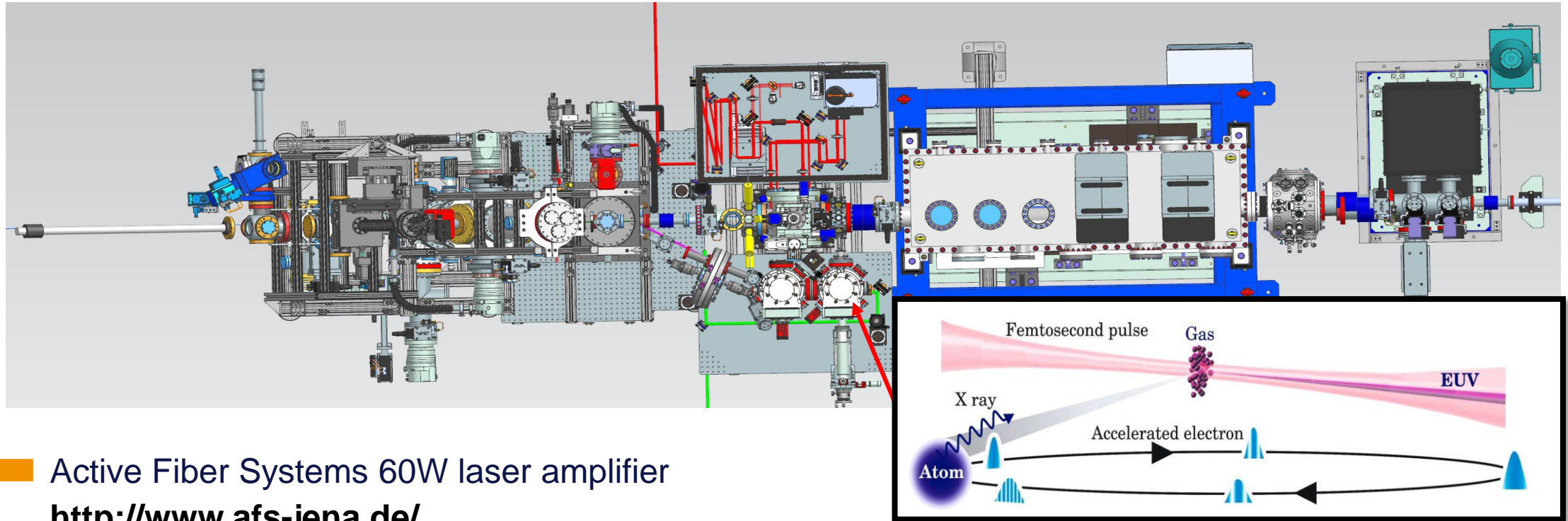
# SXP upgrades: bendable KB system

■ Mirror delivery December → implementation latest S2 2024



| HF @ 0.3 KeV | VF @ 0.3 KeV |
|--------------|--------------|
| 2.08         | 1.39         |
| 2.64         | 2.78         |
| 4.37         | 5.09         |

## SXP upgrades: HHG source



■ Active Fiber Systems 60W laser amplifier  
<http://www.afs-jena.de/>

■ R&D position, 3 years: [Open Positions \(xfel.eu\)](https://www.xfel.eu)

**We are hiring!**

## Suggestions during proposal writing

- Limited available time → ideally 3 days per experiment
- Consider societal challenges in your **scientific case**
- Less is more → a **sound scientific case** with a very **concise scope**
- **Select carefully** your parameter space → **FEL  $h\nu$ , fluence, rep rate up to 4.5 MHz, laser parameters**
- Be explicit → write down ALL values of your ideal parameter space
- Add preliminary data → synchrotron, lab experiments, theory ...
- Think of the whole process → theory and all
- Contact us: [sxp@xfel.eu](mailto:sxp@xfel.eu)



**Thank you for your attention!**

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