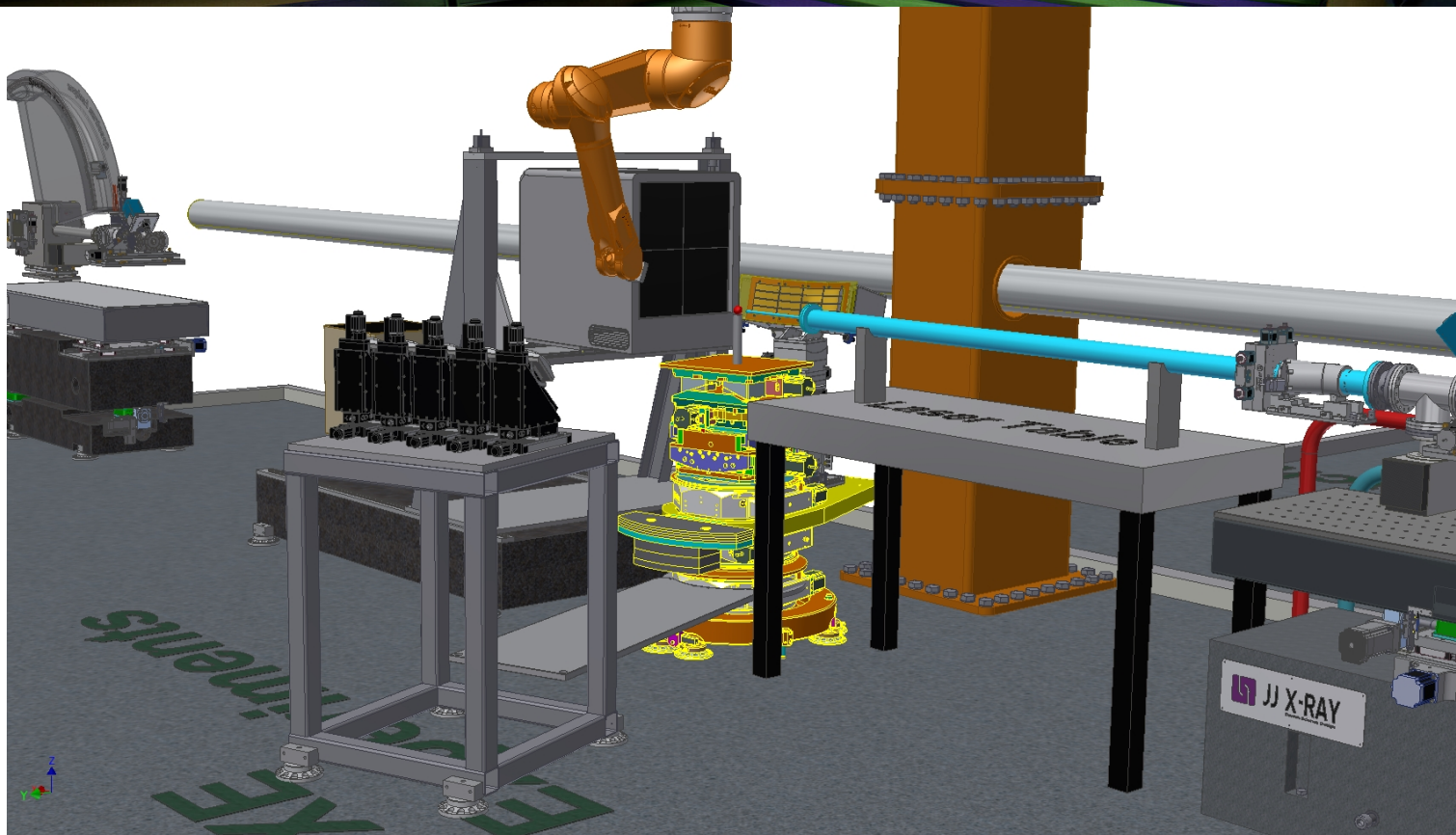


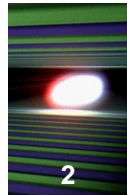
# Femtosecond X-Ray Experiments at the European XFEL



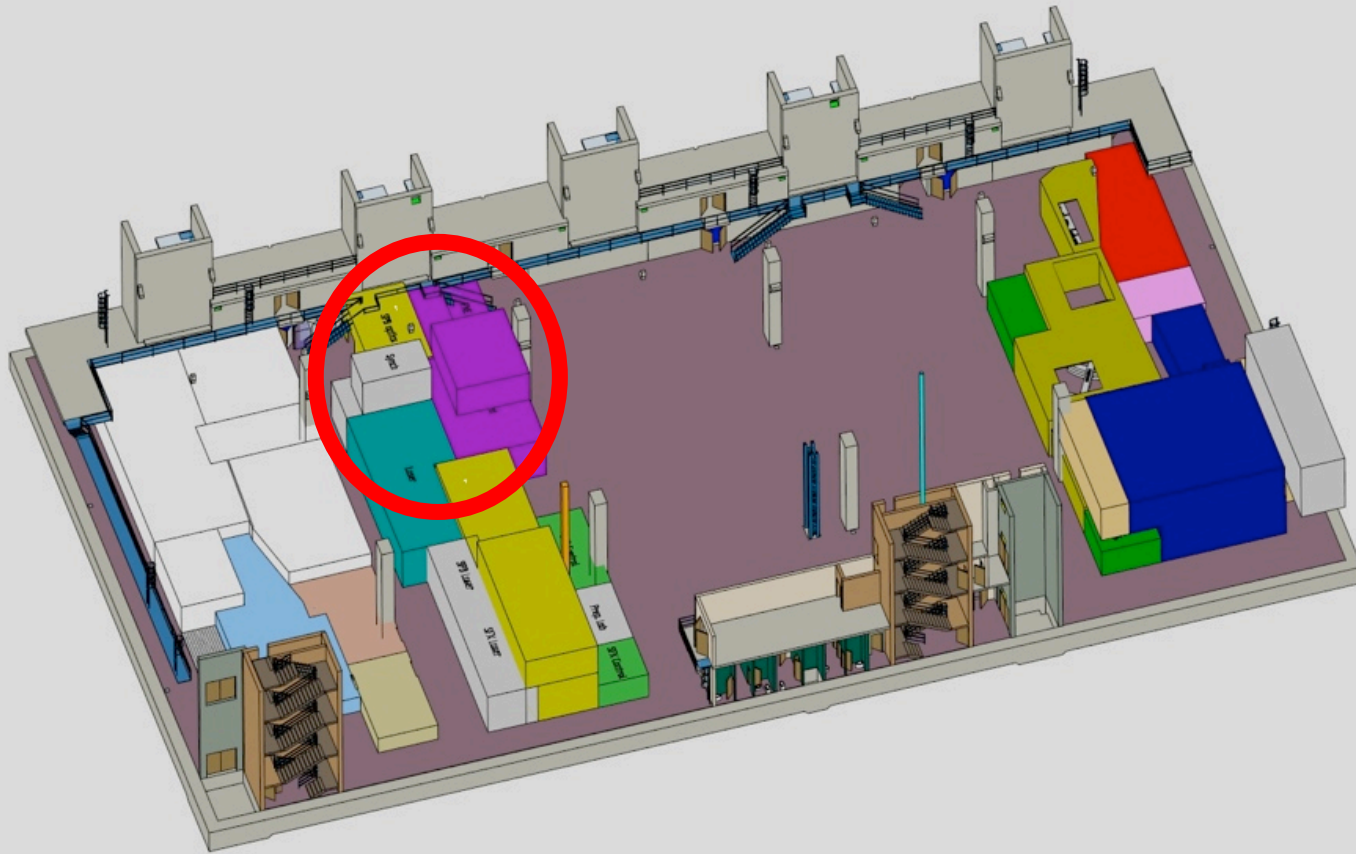
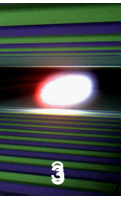
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European XFEL

XFEL User Meeting, Hamburg, Jan 29, 2014

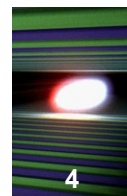
# Experiment Hall, June 2013



# Experiment Hall Integration



## Solvation dynamics using the FXE instrument



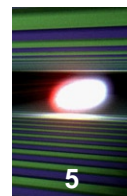
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Parameter	Monochromatic	Pink beam
Energy range	5-20(25) keV	5-20(25) keV
Beam position	Sample (fixed)	Sample (fixed)
Energy bandwidth	$1.4 \times 10^{-4}$ Si(111) $3 \times 10^{-5}$ Si(311)	0.3-1 %
Bunch charge	$\leq 250$ pC	$\leq 250$ pC
X-ray pulse duration	$< 25$ fs	$< 25$ fs
Optical pulse duration	15 fs	15 fs
Sample delivery: Liquid flat-sheet jets	Up to 15 m/s (sapphire nozzles) Up to 100 m/s (colliding $\mu$ jets)	Up to 15 m/s (sapphire nozzles) Up to 100 m/s (colliding $\mu$ jets)
X-ray beam spot	1-10 $\mu$ m in focus Up to 0.1 mm out of focus	1-10 $\mu$ m in focus Up to 0.1 mm out of focus
Energy resolution	ca. 1 eV (cylindrical) 0.3 - $<1$ eV (spherical)	ca. 1 eV (cylindrical) 0.3 - $<1$ eV(spherical)
Q range ( XDS)	0.7 – 13 $\text{\AA}^{-1}$	0.7 – 13 $\text{\AA}^{-1}$

## FXE Overview Specifications

- FXE will offer world-wide unique and versatile end station for dynamical studies of guest-host interactions
- It will exploit the high repetition rate, x-ray photon flux and ultrashort pulse duration of the European XFEL
- FXE will offer a flexible sample environment optimized for liquid-phase photochemistry using a suite of complementary x-ray spectroscopic and scattering techniques in pump-probe arrangement.
- Simultaneous measurements of several observables deliver a more complete picture of the dynamics both of the solute (guest) and solvent molecules (host).

**Coupled electronic, spin and nuclear changes of solute and solvent molecules can be resolved in “real-time”**



2007 : Decided to build science instrument dedicated to

### **Femtosecond Diffraction Experiments** –

Time-resolved structural dynamics investigations of solids, liquids, gases using various techniques: diffraction, scattering

2009 : The scientific scope was refined in a science scope Workshop (Budapest, Dec. 2009) for the

### **Femtosecond X-ray Experiments** instrument –

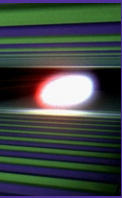
emphasizing the combination of X-ray scattering and X-ray spectroscopy to study liquid & solvation dynamics.

Targets:

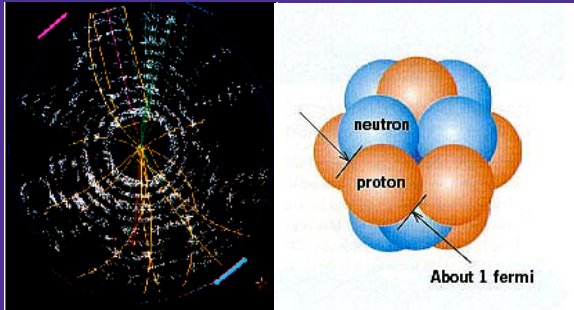
- » electronic rearrangements (charge transfer/transport)
- » spin state changes
- » nuclear rearrangements (including the solvation cage)

...and all this simultaneously (→single shot)

# What are the fundamental timescales?



Femtochemistry, Photosynthesis and  
Catalysis  
Solid State Dynamics

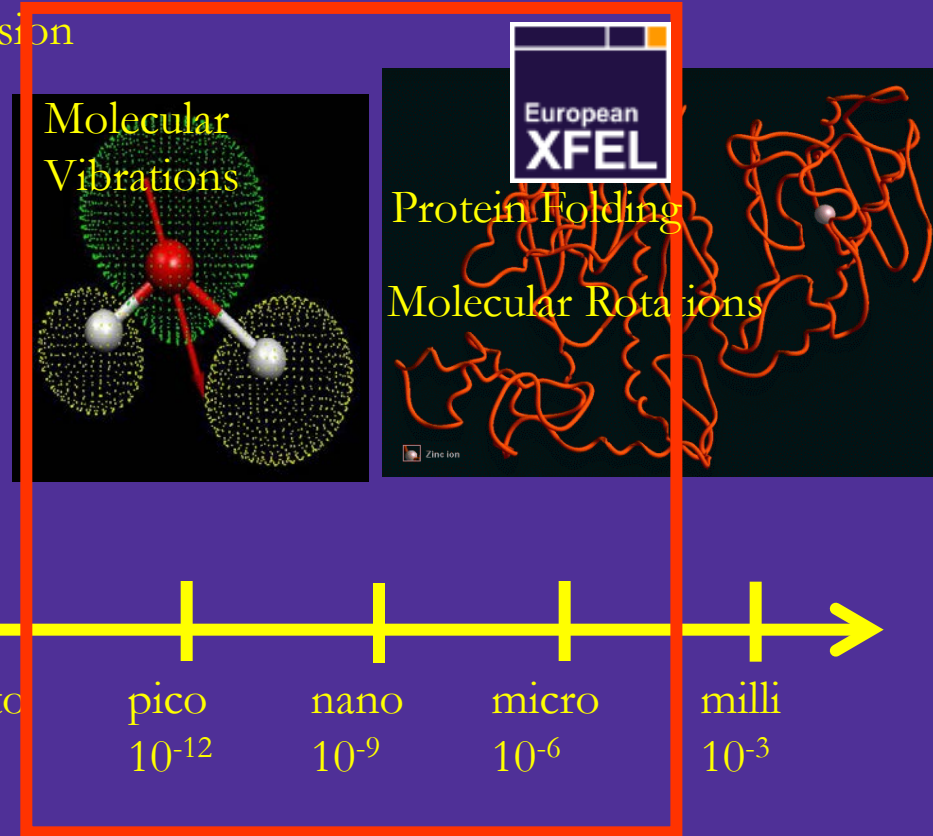


Strings,  
Cosmology

Particle  
Collisions

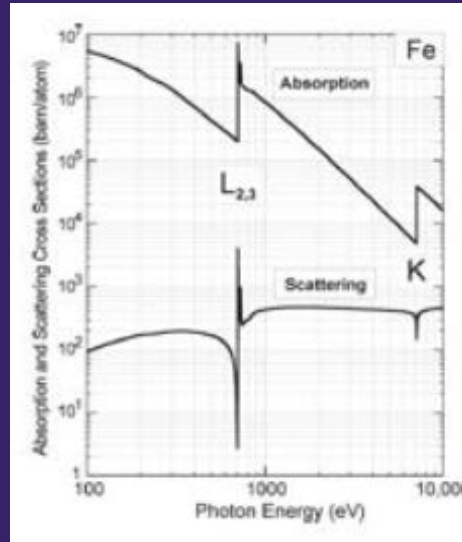
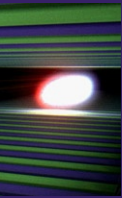
Electron dynamics

Vision

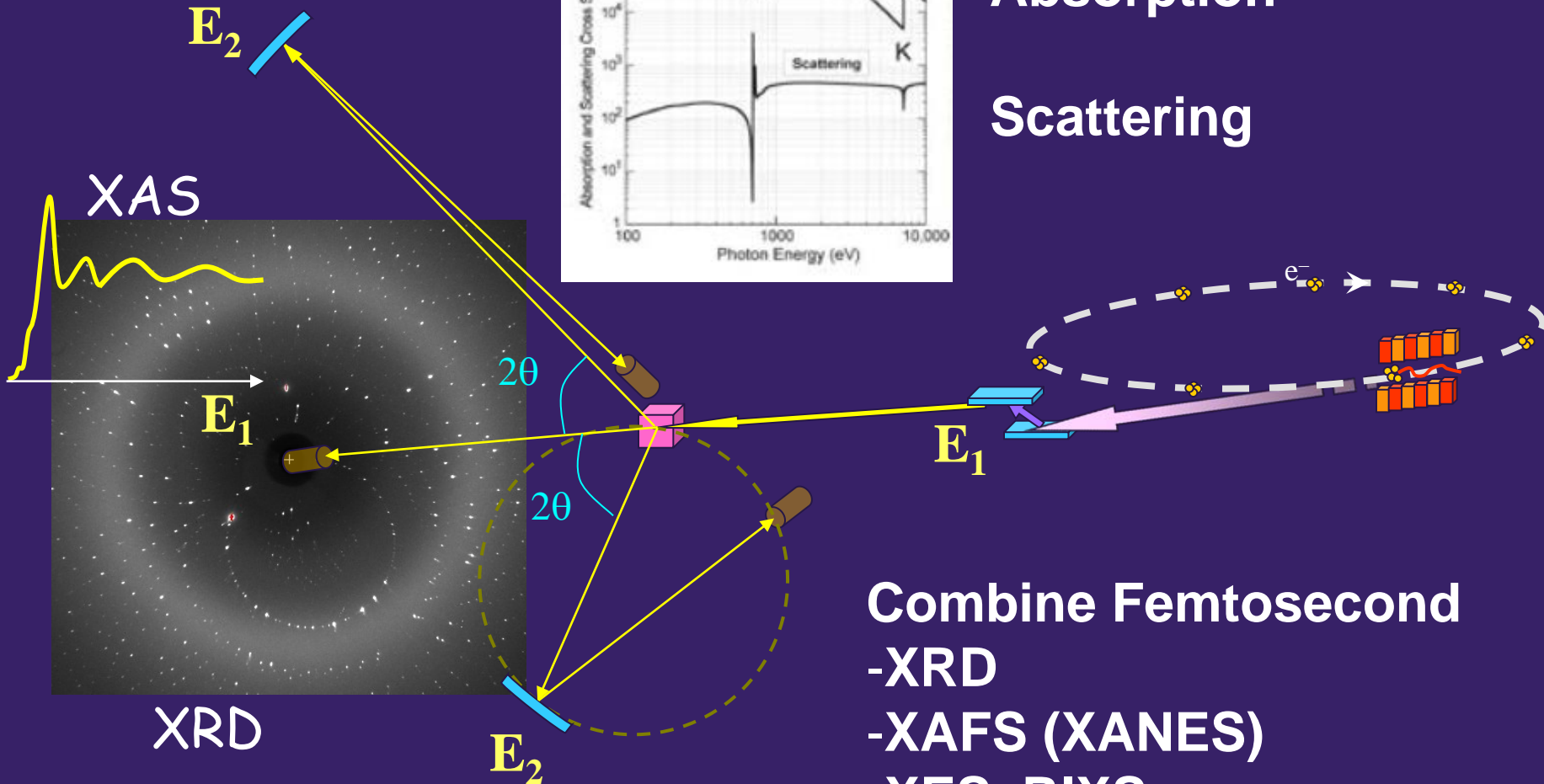


Time /seconds

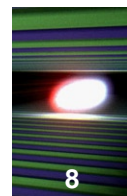
# FXE: Make use of all incident x-ray photons



Absorption  
Scattering



Combine Femtosecond  
-XRD  
-XAFS (XANES)  
-XES, RIXS, ...



### ■ X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy

XANES: oxidation state changes, valence orbitals, DOS...

EXAFS: coordination shells (geometric)

### ■ X-Ray Emission Spectroscopy

spin momentum of the absorber, charge state, molecular orbitals,...

### ■ Resonant Inelastic X-Ray Scattering (RIXS)

Low energy excitations (d-d, charge transfer, even phonons), tunable to different final states, i.e. 3d orbitals (dipole-forbidden for  $1s \rightarrow nd$  excitation)

### ■ X-Ray Raman Spectroscopy

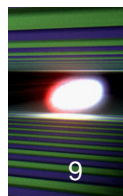
Access K-edges of light elements (N, O, C...) constituting solvent molecules

### ■ X-Ray Diffuse Scattering

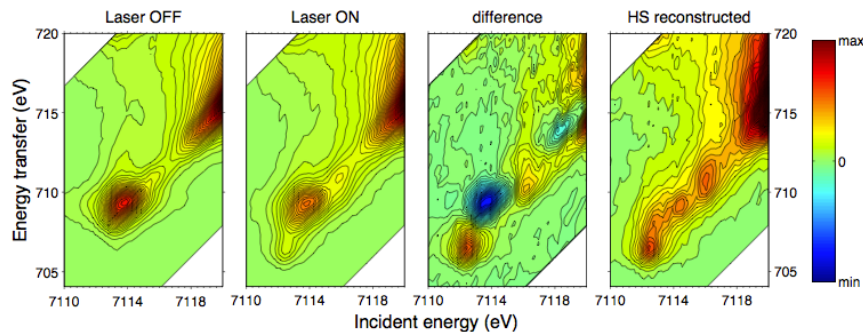
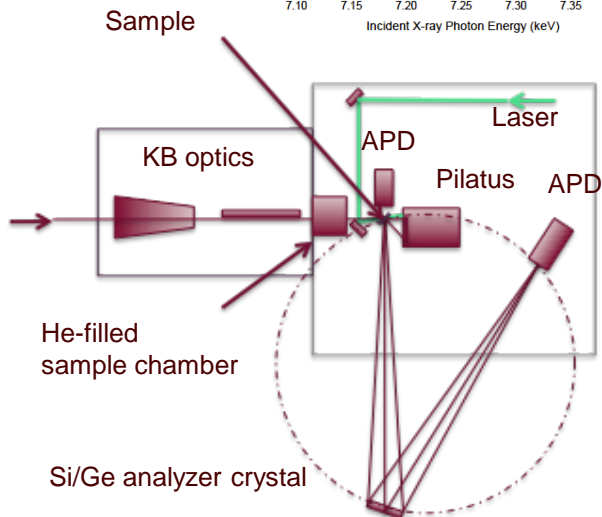
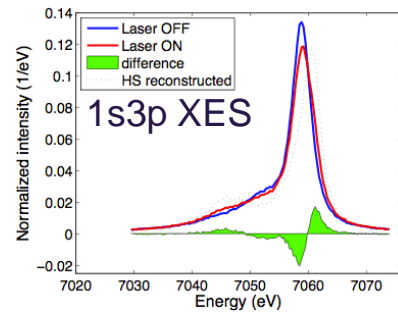
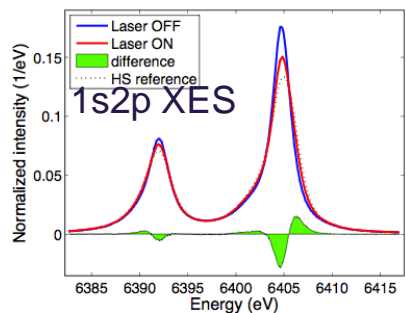
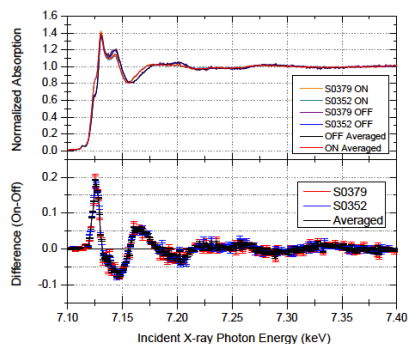
Short- and medium-range geometric environment, solute + solvent (cage) contributions to the structural factor



# Exploiting complementary techniques



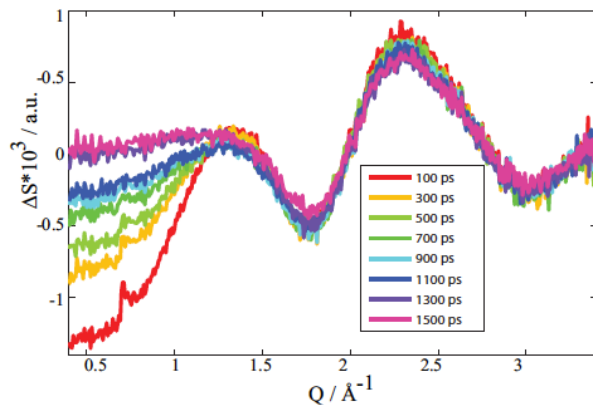
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EXAFS



1s2p RXES

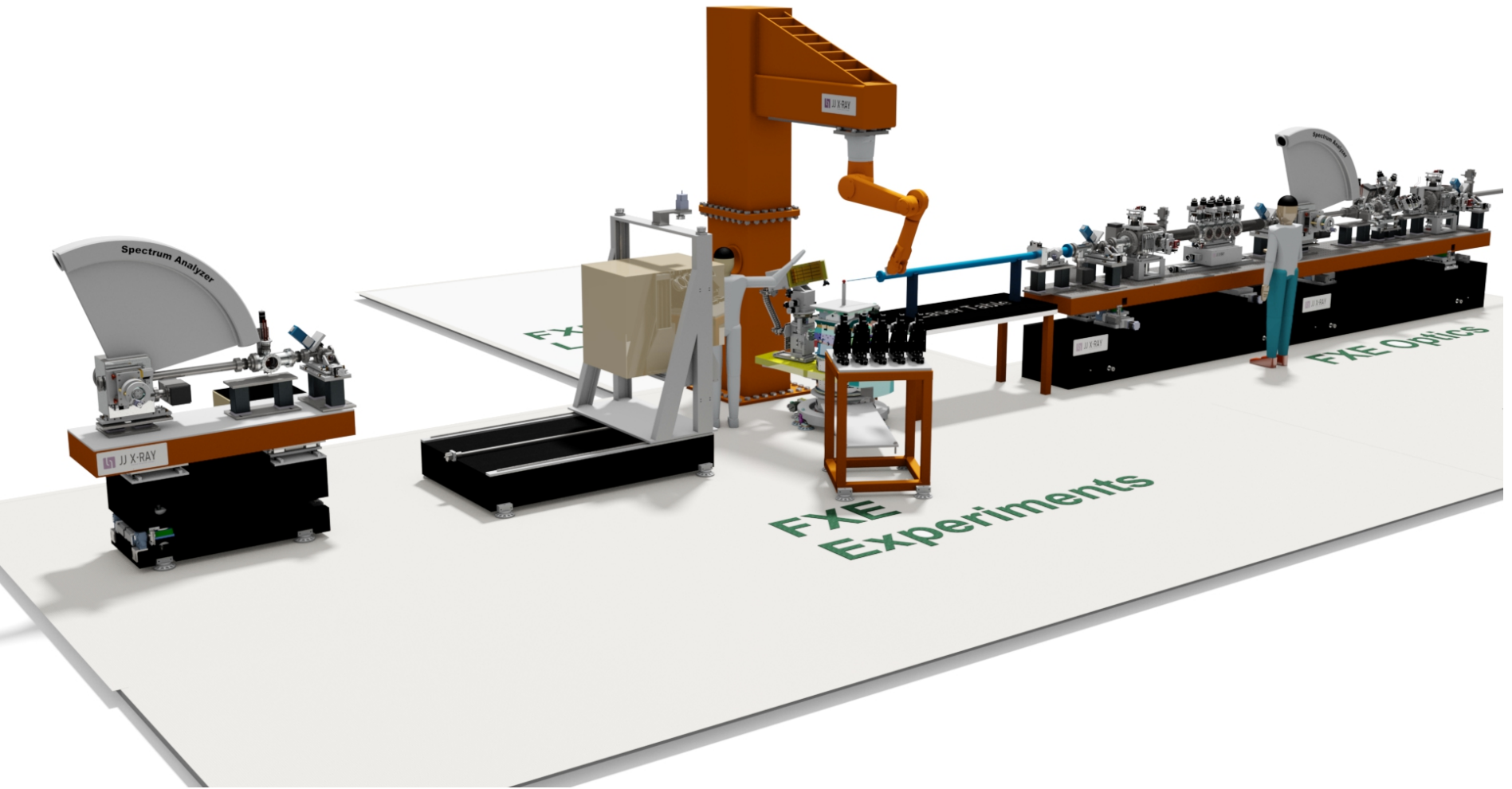
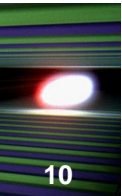
UDECS collaboration at work!

Sector 7ID @ APS, Argonne (3.26 MHz)

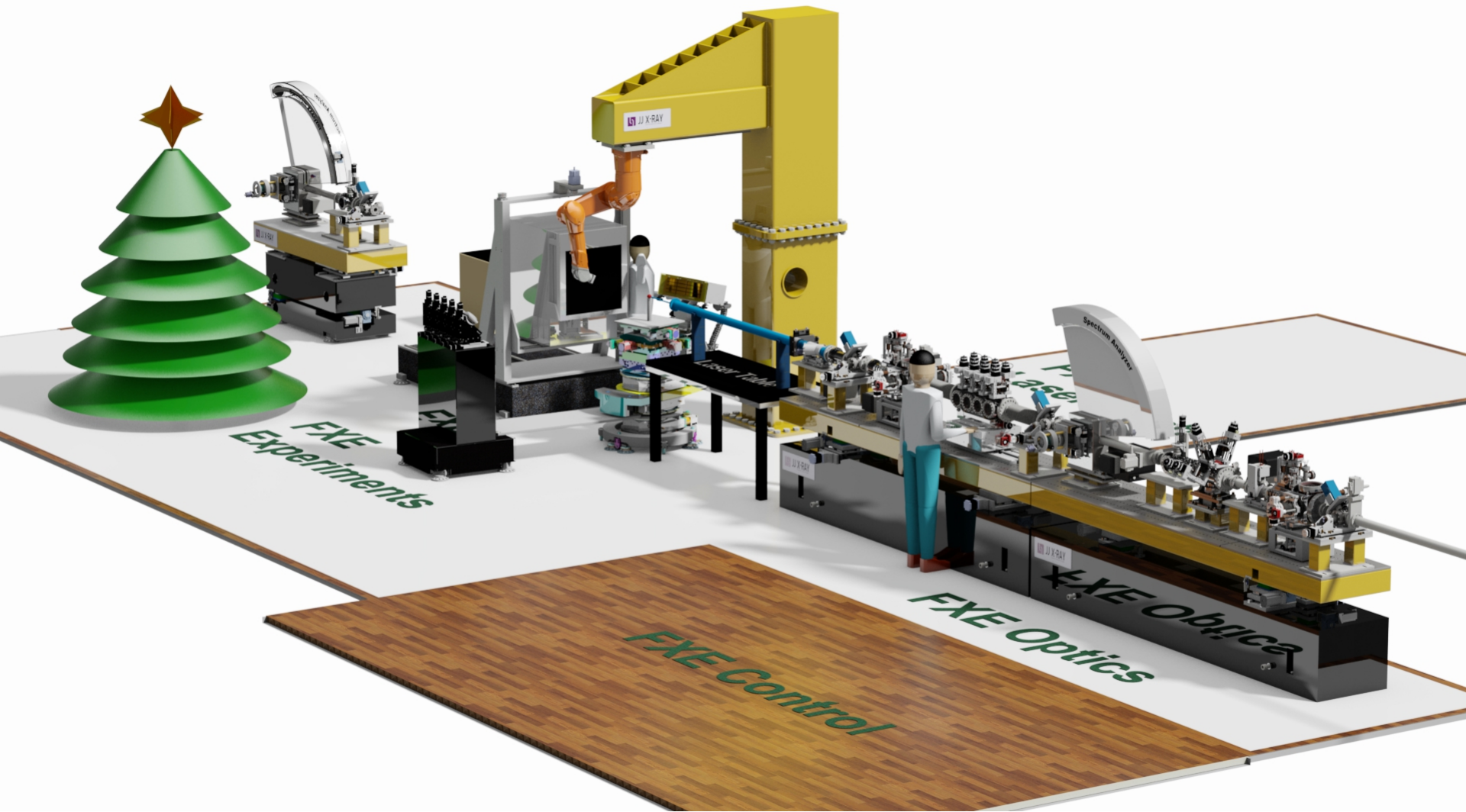
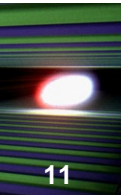


X-ray Diffuse Scattering (XDS)

# The FXE Instrument (5 – 20 keV)



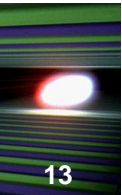
# FXE Instrument (Dec 2013)



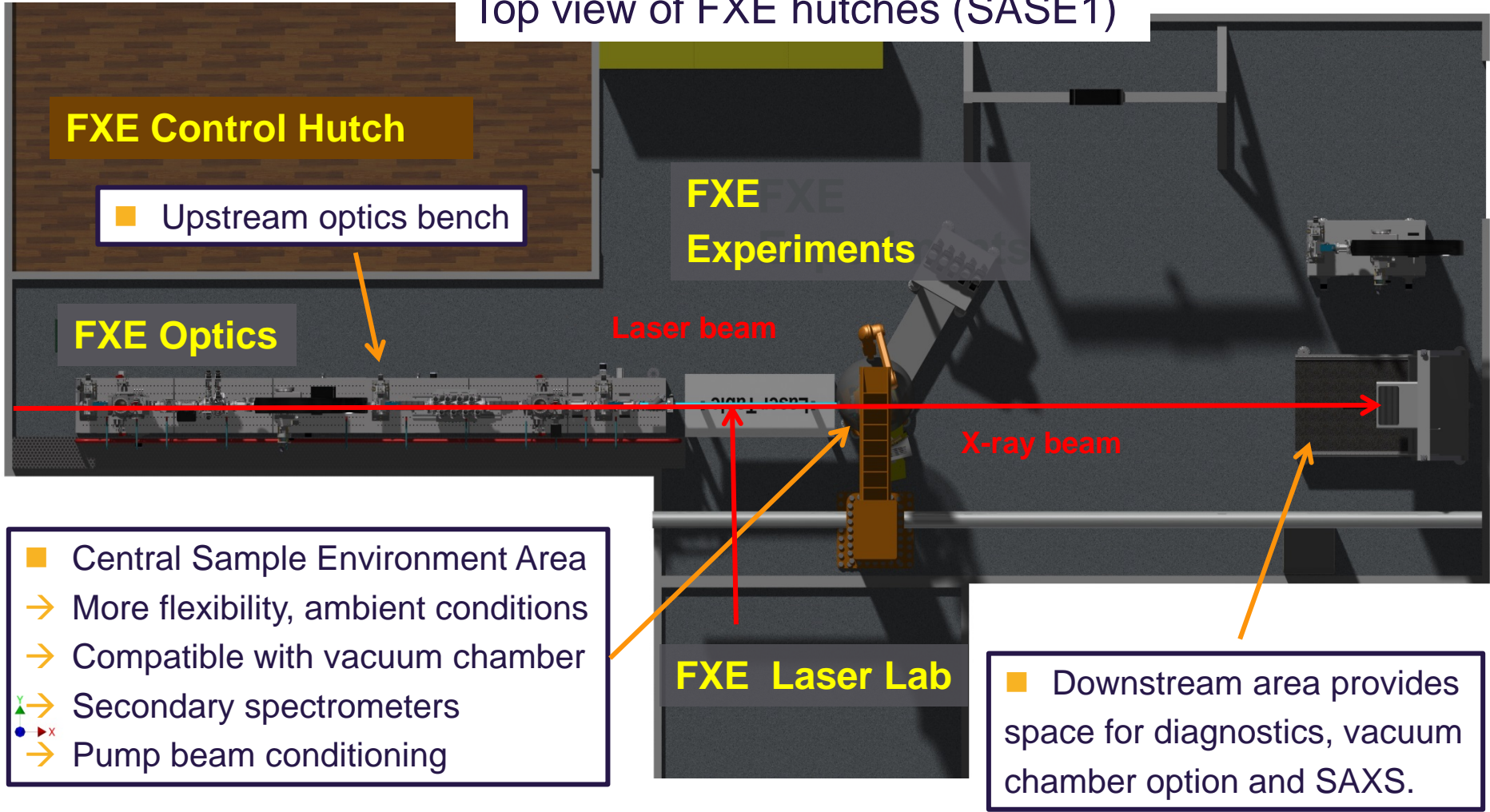
# On Axis Strategy (pink AND monochromatic)



- Find single OM position/angle (5 – 20 keV)  
(maintain flexibility towards changes)
- Use Si(111) 4-bounce for startup  
→ Emphasis for „on-axis“ configuration



## Top view of FXE hutches (SASE1)



### FXE Control Hutch

■ Upstream optics bench

### FXE Optics

### FXE Experiments

Laser beam

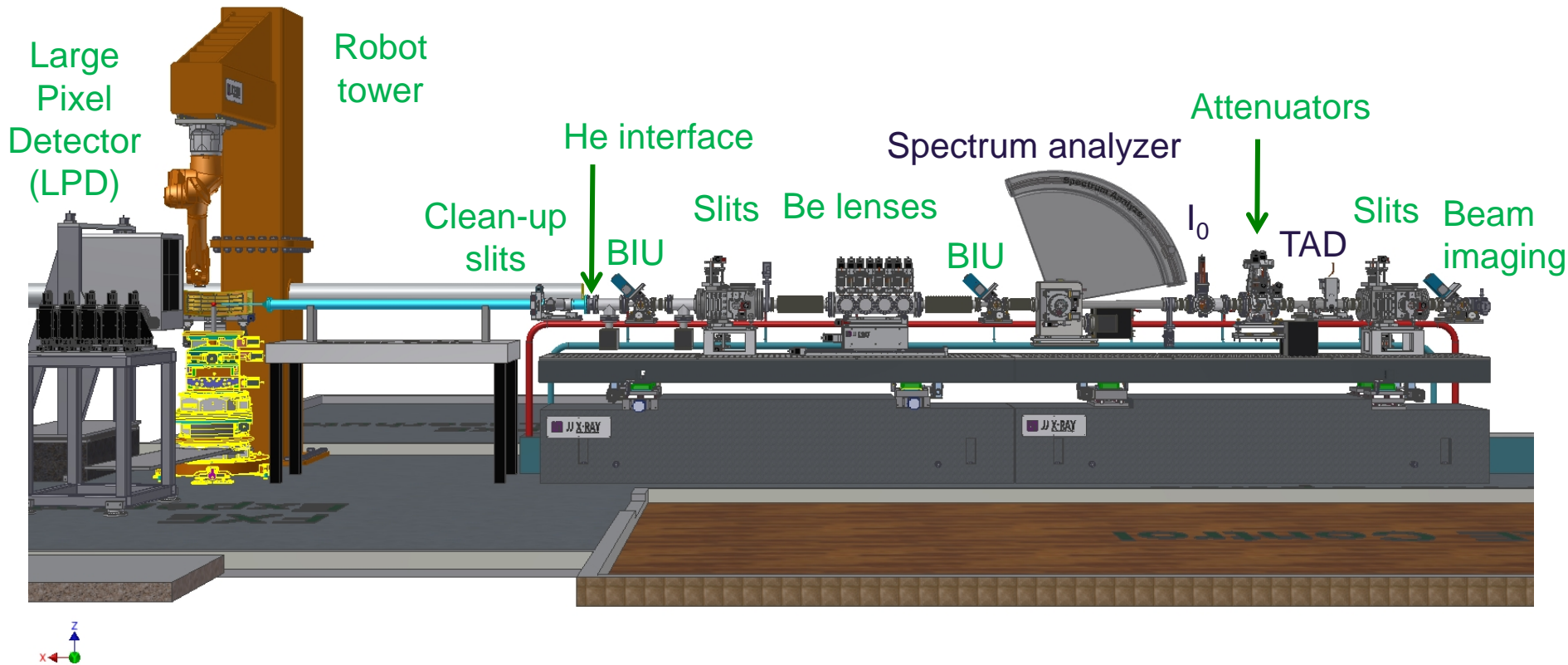
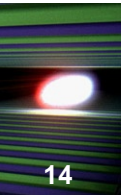
X-ray beam

### FXE Laser Lab

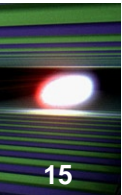
- Central Sample Environment Area
- More flexibility, ambient conditions
- Compatible with vacuum chamber
- Secondary spectrometers
- Pump beam conditioning

■ Downstream area provides space for diagnostics, vacuum chamber option and SAXS.

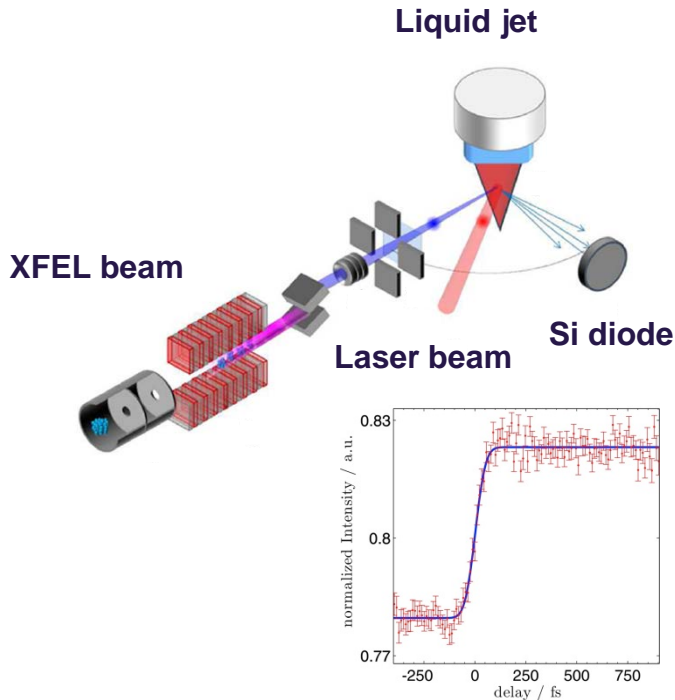
# FXE Instrument: Optics Bench + Sample Environment



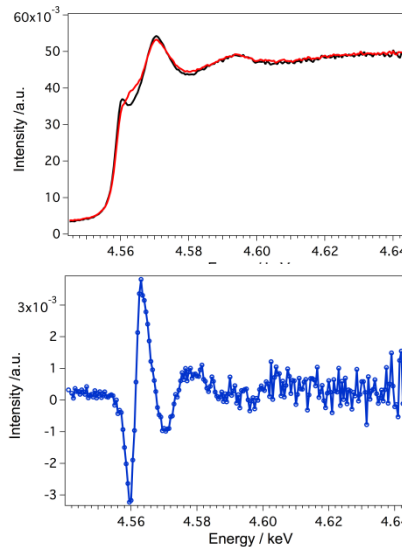
# X-ray Absorption studies at FXE



## Point-by-point XAS (scanning mode)

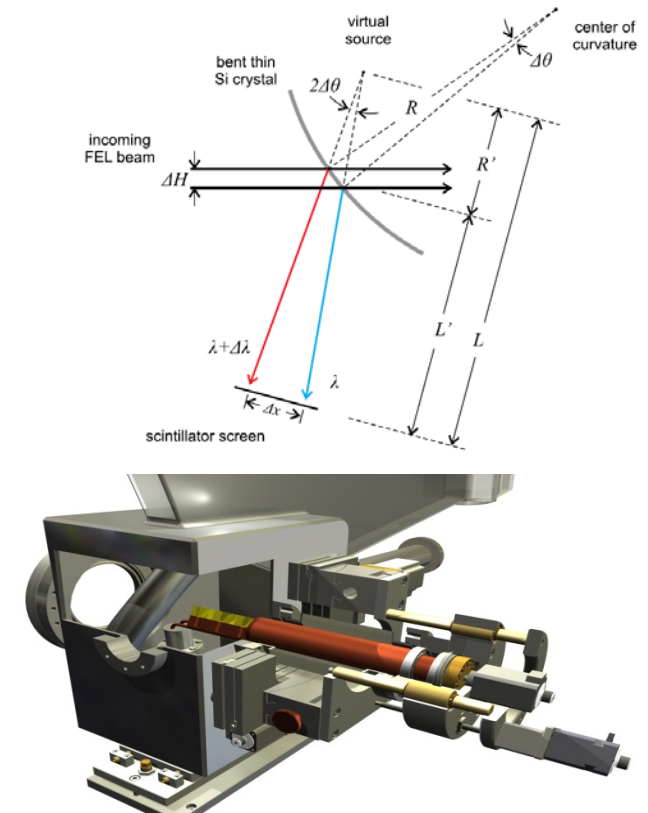


- Scanning mode → 4-bounce monochromator
- Beam focusing chromaticity → translocator
- Requires reliable intensity normalization!
- (Single energy @ time delay) /shot
- Gated point detector (APD)



A. Galler *et al.*, I/H<sub>2</sub>O @ XPP-LCLS  
(January 2013)

## Dispersive XAS (single-shot mode)



- Single-shot measurements → require 2 Spectrum Analyzers (SA)
- Pink beam would provide up to 1% bandwidth
- (Entire XANES spectrum @ time delay) /shot
- Self-normalization!
- Requires a fast readout gated 1D detector (Gotthard)

## X-ray Emission Spectroscopy at FXE

**Non-resonant XES with moderate energy resolution (0.3 - 2 eV) – Johann geometry**

**High Energy Resolution Fluorescence Detected (HERFD) - XAS**

5 spherical analyzers focus the fluorescence on the same detector (different Si and Ge crystals)

The aim is cover main 1<sup>st</sup> row TMs and some 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> row as well

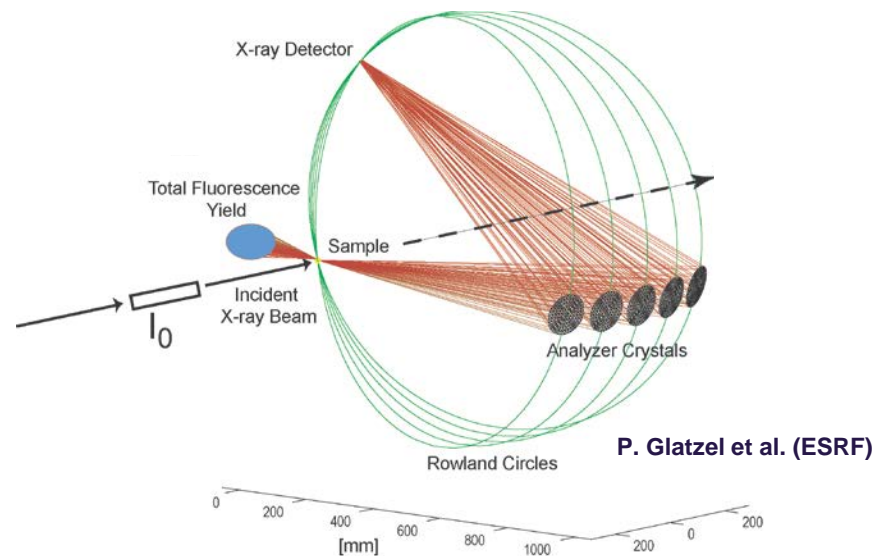
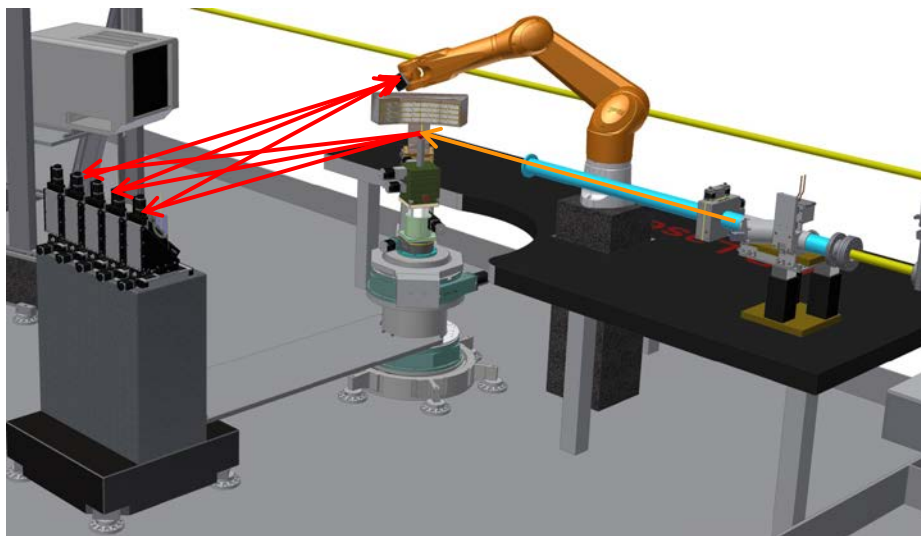
Exact tracking of individual Rowland circles required

Variable Rowland radii → extension to high energy resolution XES → RXES

Variable scattering angle → opportunity to record RIXS

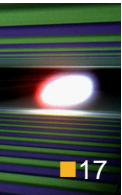
Both pink and monochromatic beam compatible

Large solid angle coverage/energy interval

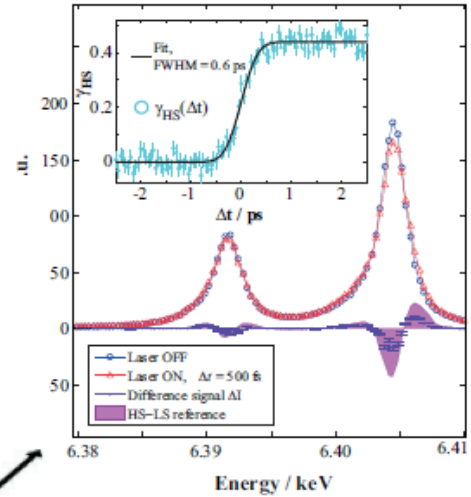
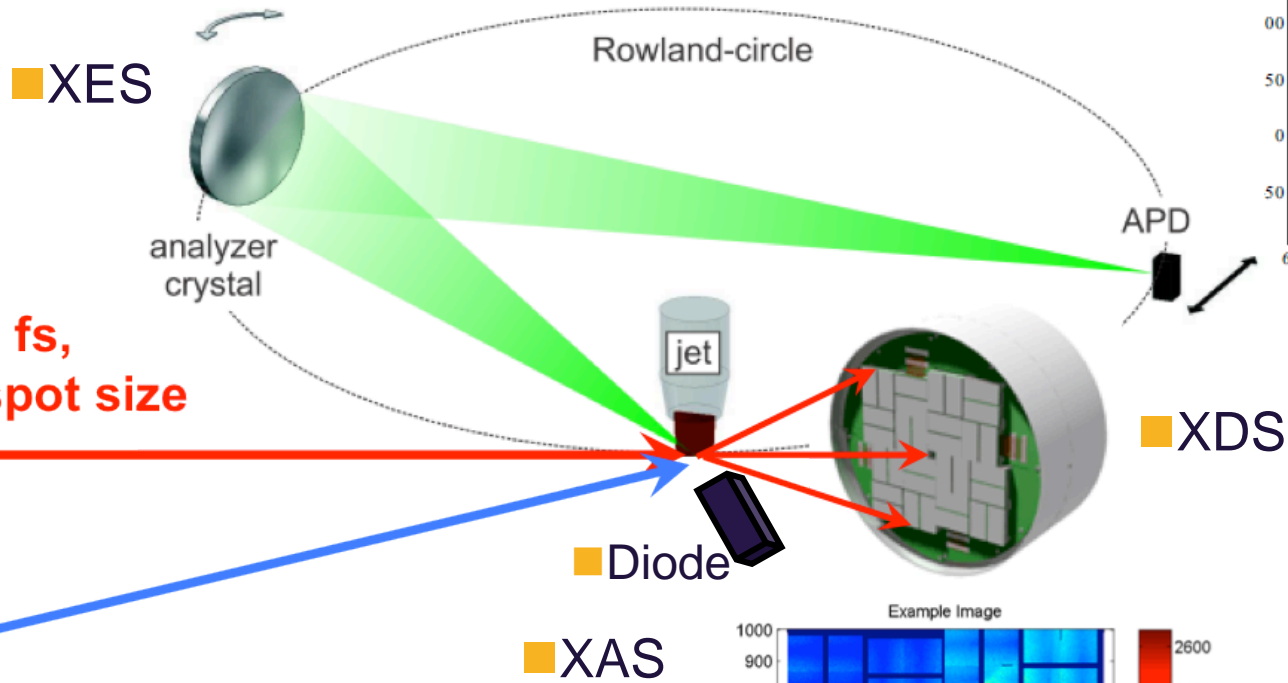




# Femtosecond XAS/XES/XDS

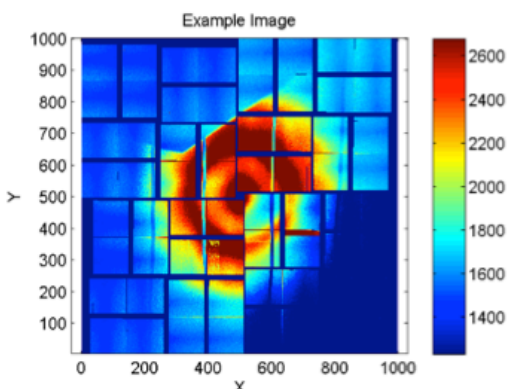


...at LCLS

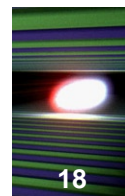


8 keV, 50 fs,  
100  $\mu$ m spot size

400 nm, 40 fs, 0.2 mJ  
150  $\mu$ m spot size



# X-ray Raman Scattering for solvation studies at FXE



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**X-ray Raman Scattering (XRS) → study low-Z elements (solvent molecules) with hard x-rays.**

Measures inelastic energy loss in the sample → resonant with 1s core-hole excitation of light elements

Requires scanning the incident monochromatic beam energy

Von Hamos (dispersive) geometry allows to measure the entire spectrum in a single shot

Self-normalized → crucial!

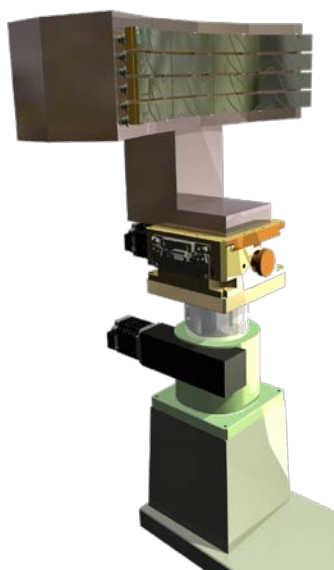
Energy resolution → 1-1.2 eV (segmented analyzers ca. 0.3 eV)

## Single-shot NXES and RXES

Does not require scanning the Bragg angle

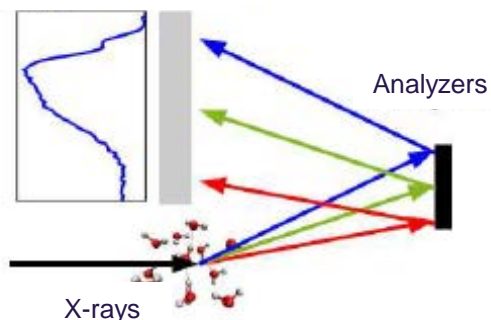
Multiple analyzer crystal can be used to record simultaneously different emission lines

Extension to RXES → scanning the incident x-ray photon energy



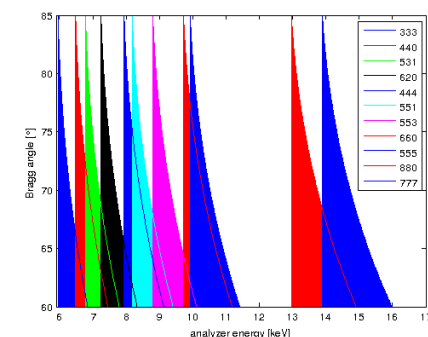
X-ray Raman K-edge  
spectrum of O

Gotthard Detector (1D)

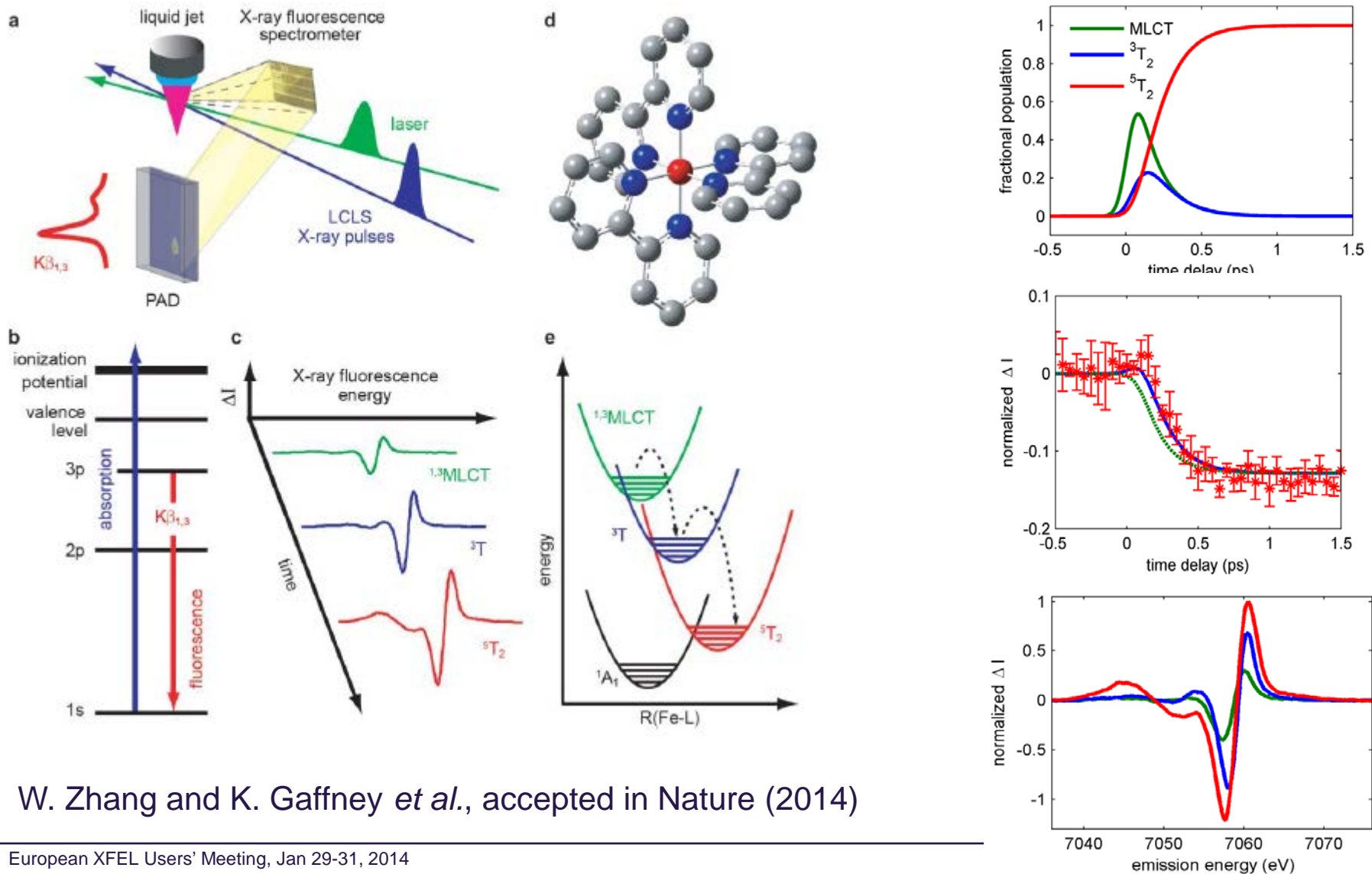


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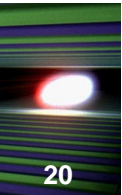


# Femtosecond $K\beta$ XES during Spin Transition: First Observation of Intermediate States

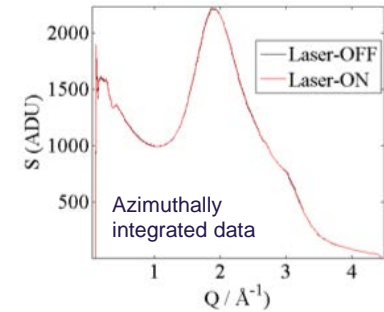
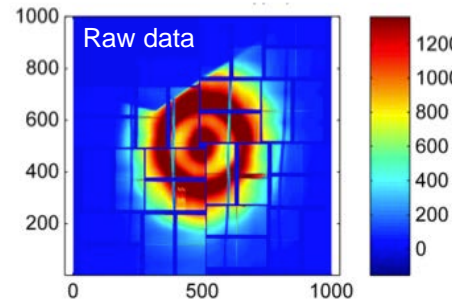
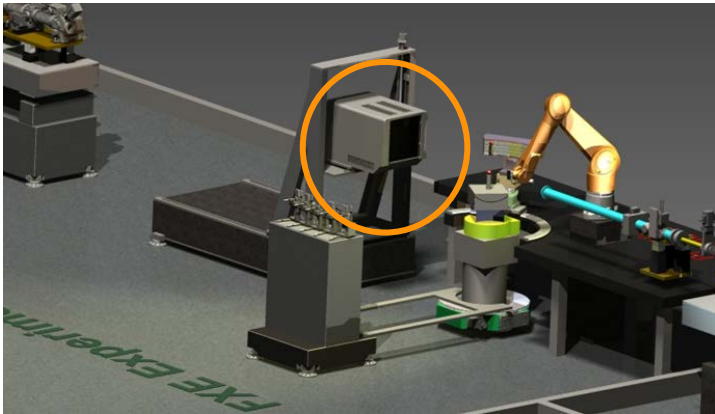


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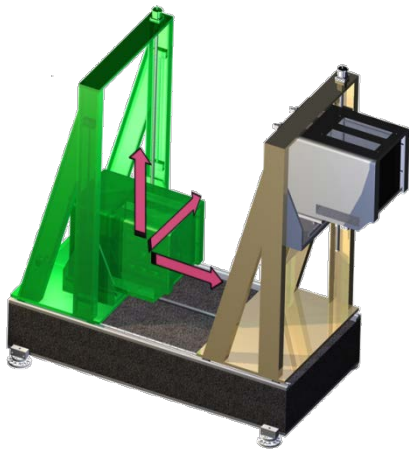
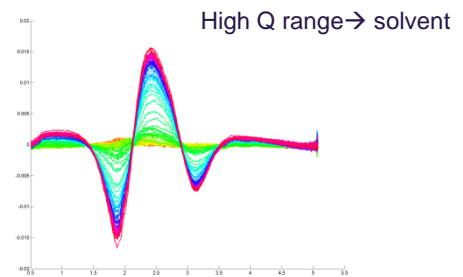
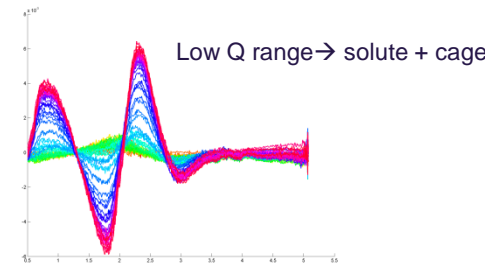
# X-ray Diffuse Scattering: towards probing the solvation dynamics



Wide-angle X-ray scattering delivers global geometric structural dynamics of the solute and the surrounding solvent

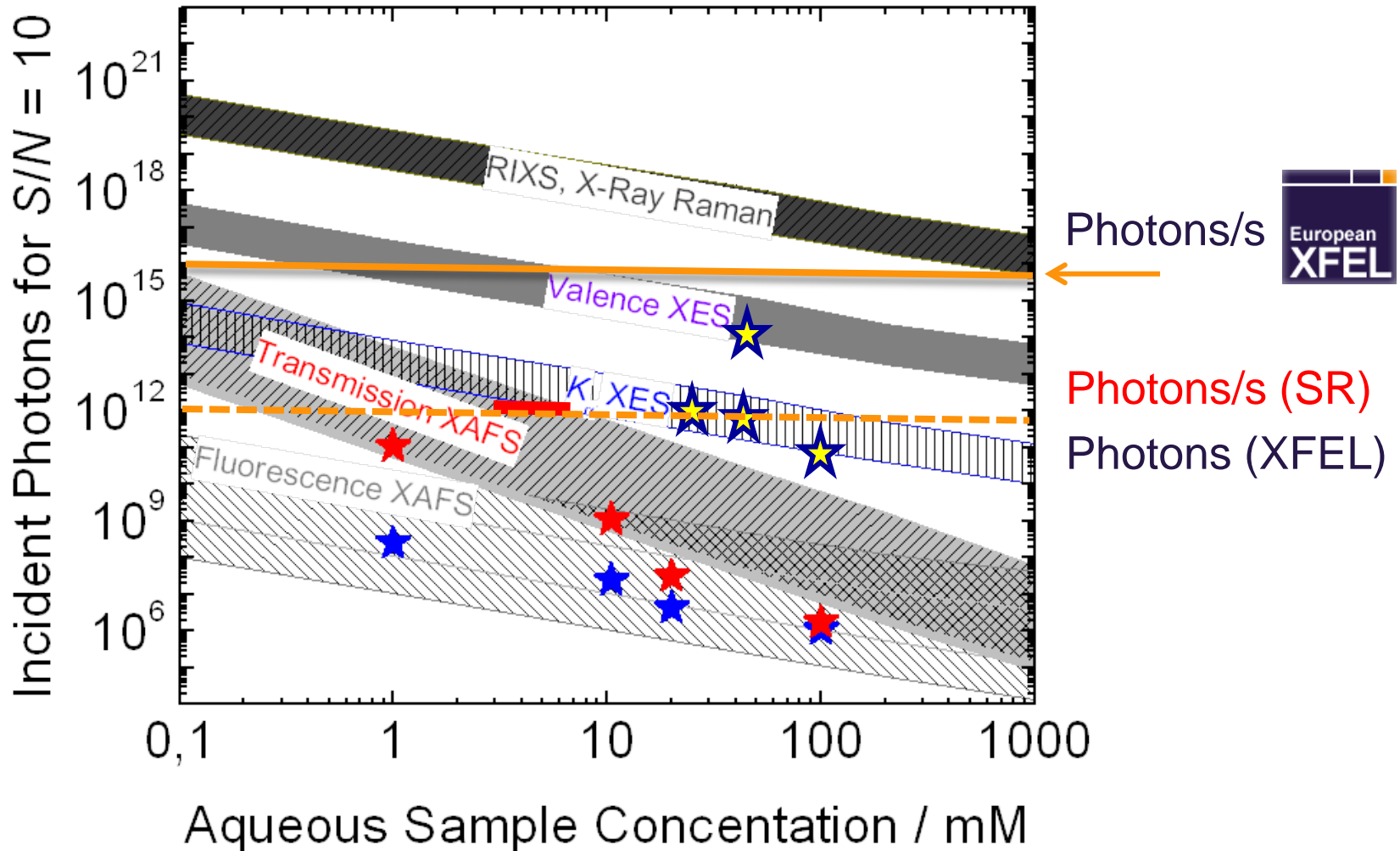
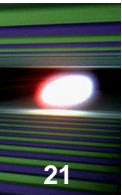


Diffuse scattering rings reflect the disordered nature of the liquid  
 Radially integrated scattering factor  $\rightarrow$  mainly due to the solvent  
 Difference scattering factor  $\Delta S \rightarrow$  solute and solvent changes

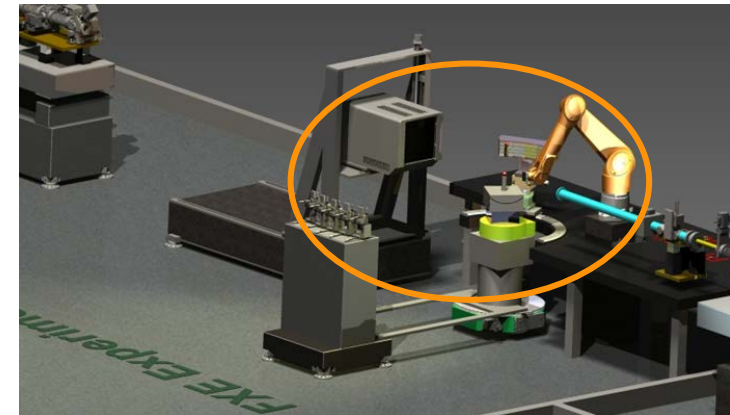
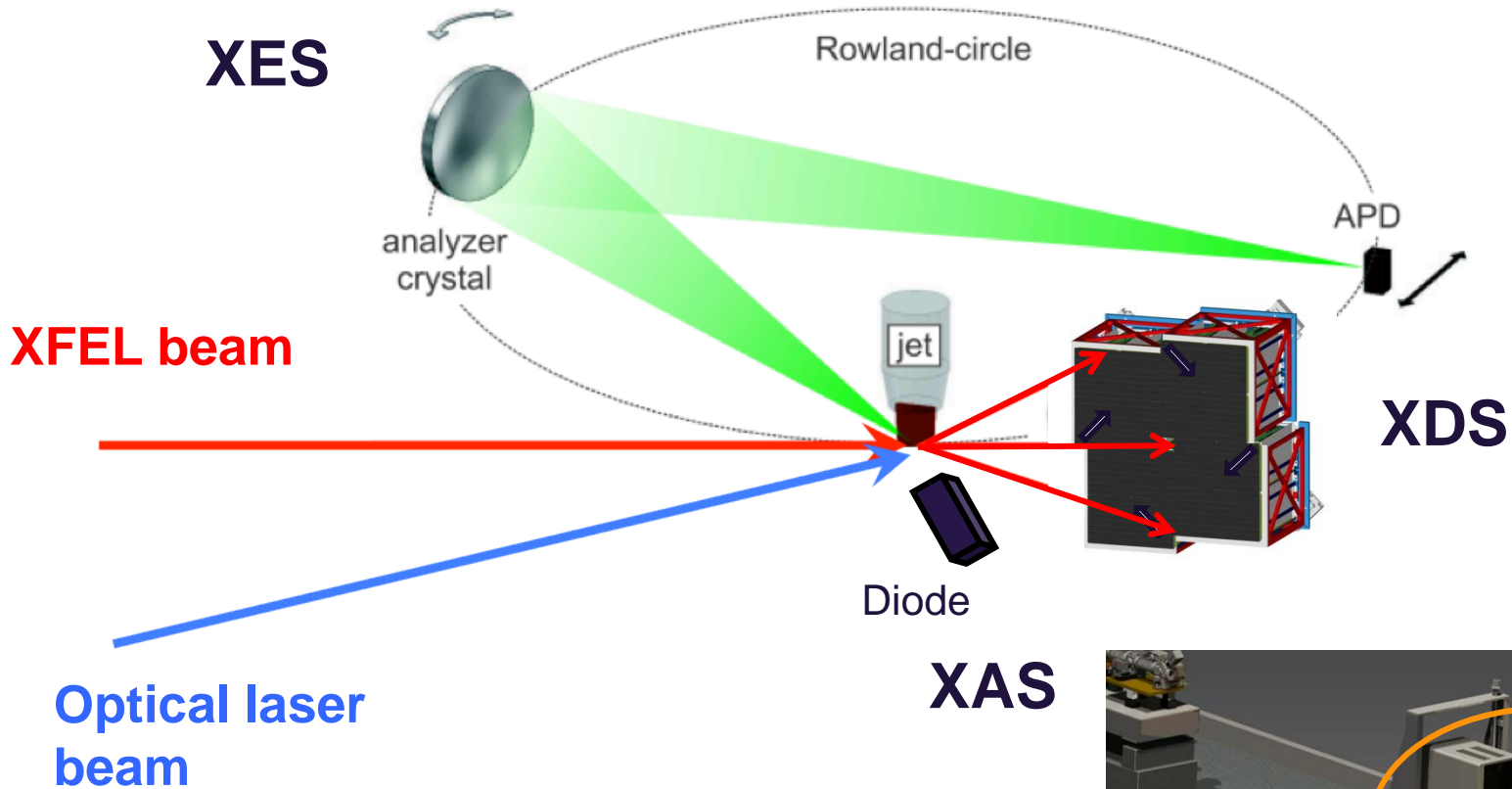
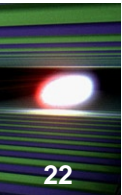


- Requires large area detector  $\rightarrow$  1 Mpix LPD detector
- LPD  $\rightarrow$  4.5 MHz output, 5120 images/sec
- No monochromatization needed  $\rightarrow$  pink beam compatible
- Moderate focusing requirements  $\rightarrow$   $<$  pixel size (0.5 mm)
- High repetition rate desired!
- Variable sample-detector distance desired  $\rightarrow$  WAXS/SAXS
- He environment compatible
- High dynamics range (single photon  $\rightarrow$   $10^5$  photons/pixel)

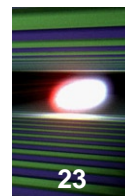
# Feasibility: solvated molecules (here: H<sub>2</sub>O)



# Summary: simultaneous ultrafast X-ray tools at FXE



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