

# Science at the MID instrument

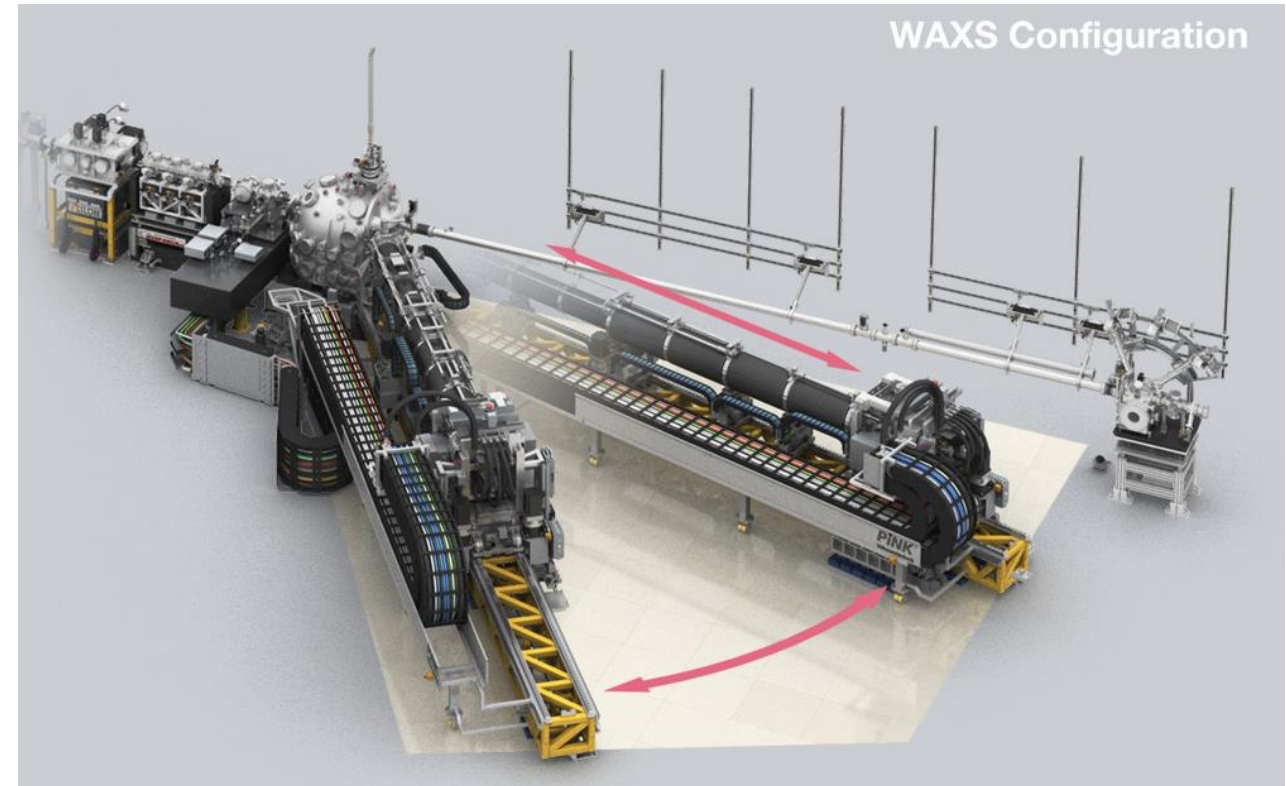
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# Outline

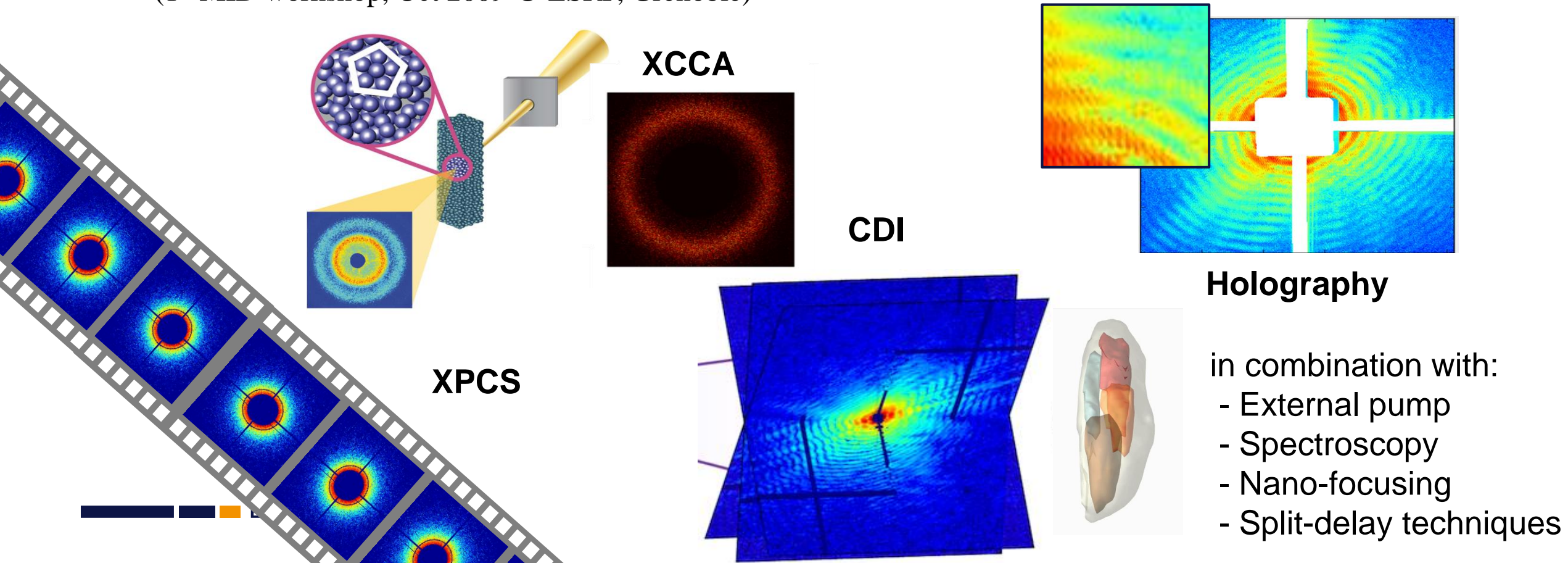
- Introduction to the MID instrument
- X-ray beam parameters and their relevance
  - 4.5MHz operation
  - Hard X-ray self seeding
- Typical measurement techniques and examples for experiments at MID
  - XPCS
  - Imaging (holography)
  - Ultrafast diffraction
  - Mössbauer experiments



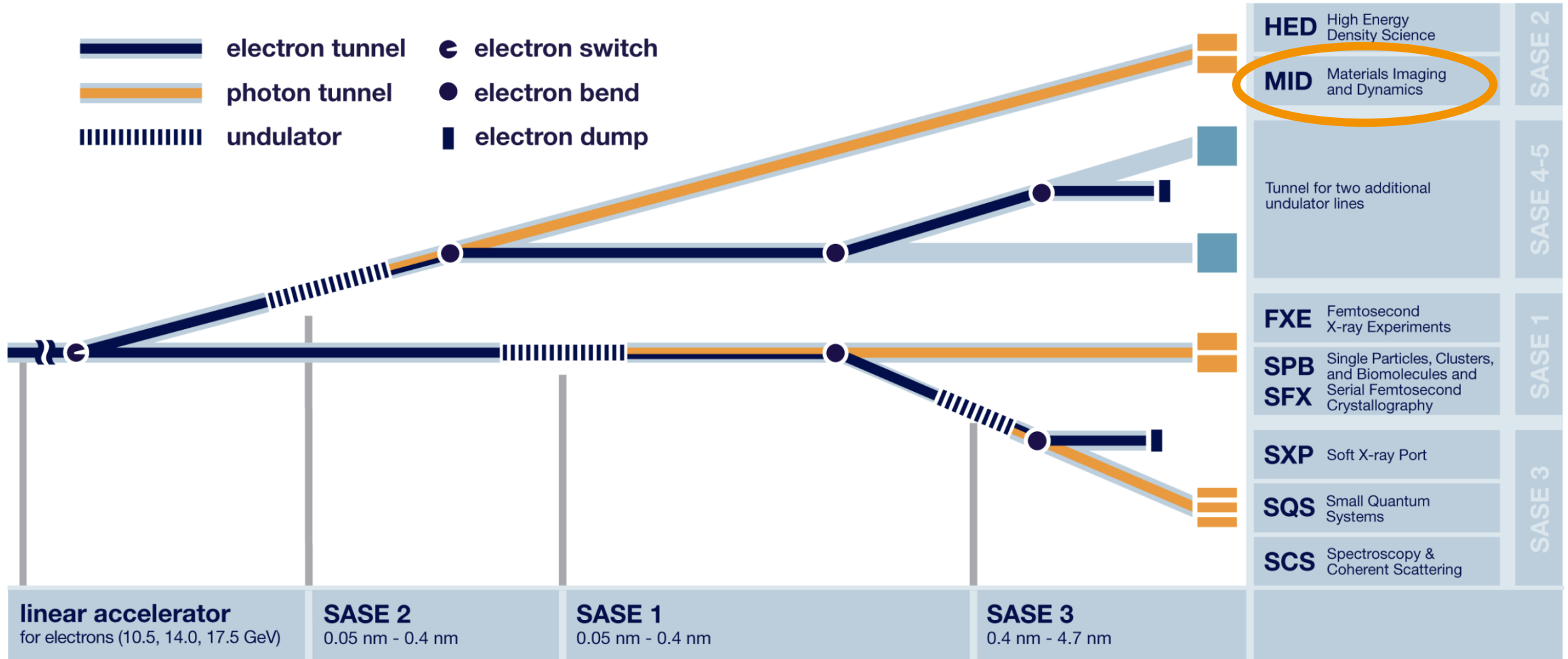
## The MID instrument: it all started in 2009...

The Materials Imaging and Dynamics (MID) station aims at the investigation of nanosized **structure** and nanoscale **dynamics** using **coherent hard X-rays**. Applications to a **wide range of materials** from hard to soft condensed matter and biological structures are envisaged

(1<sup>st</sup> MID workshop, Oct 2009 @ ESRF, Grenoble)

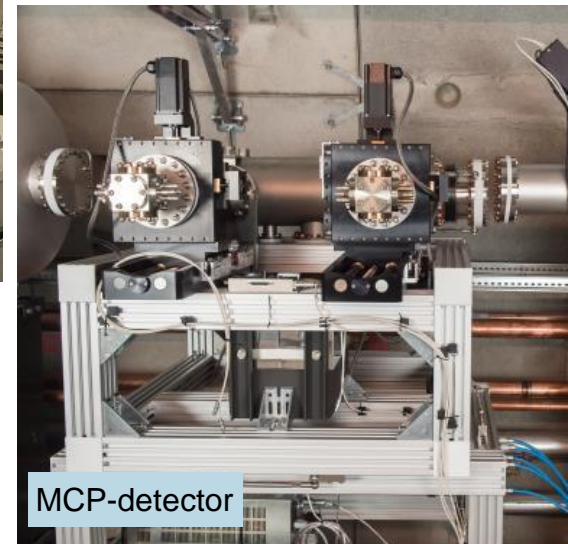
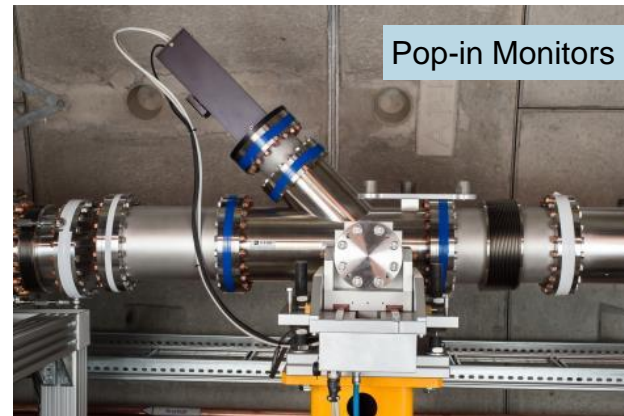
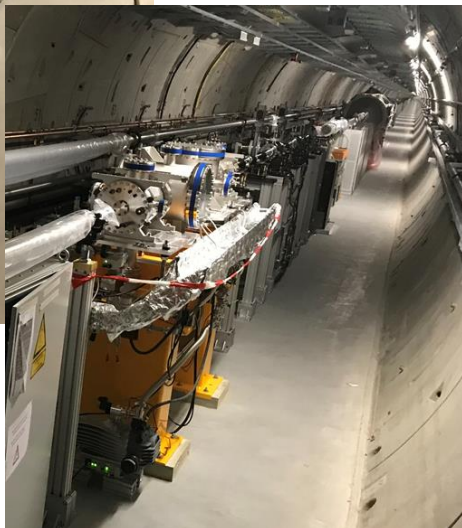
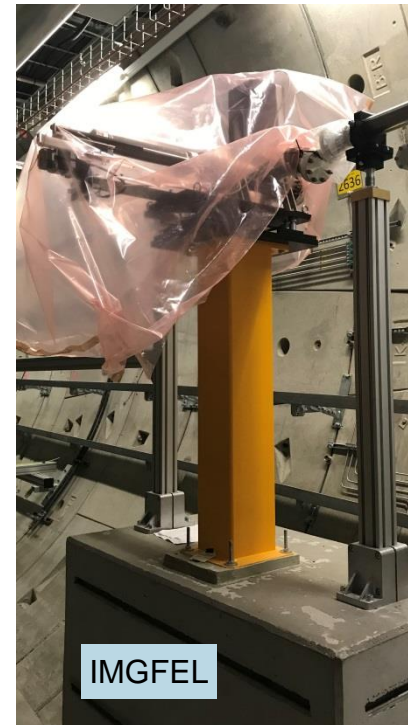
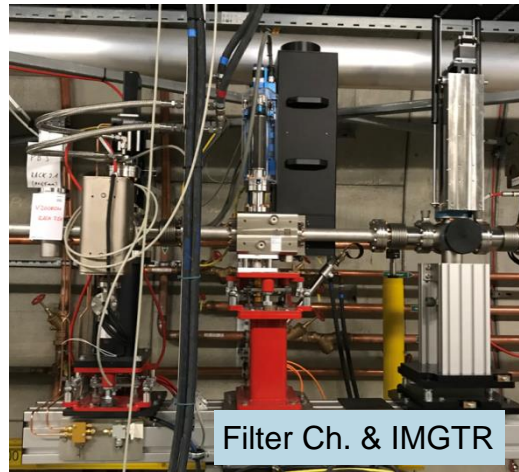


# Beamline layout and experiment stations



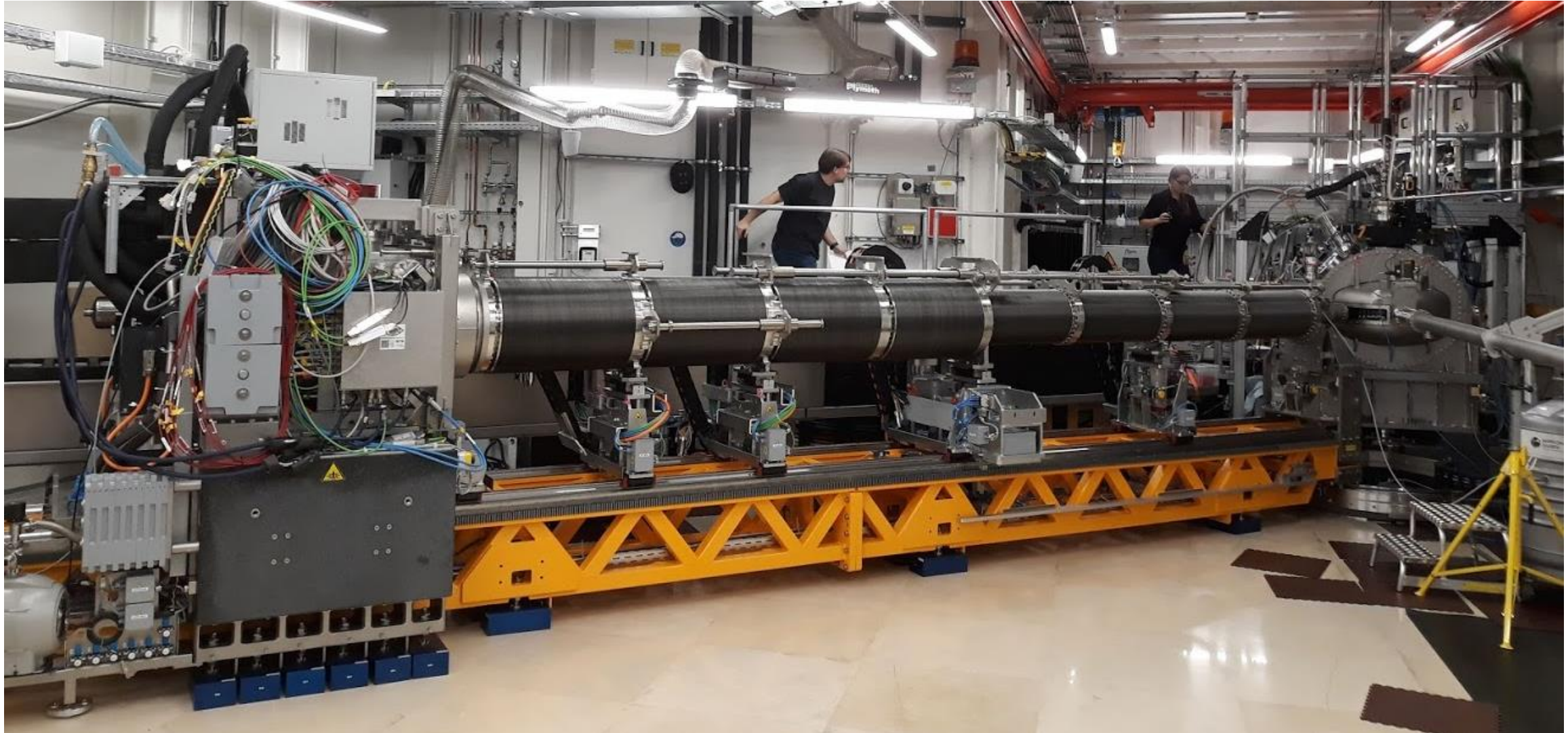
# Tunnel diagnostics

all SASE2 diagnostics vacuum systems are in the tunnel

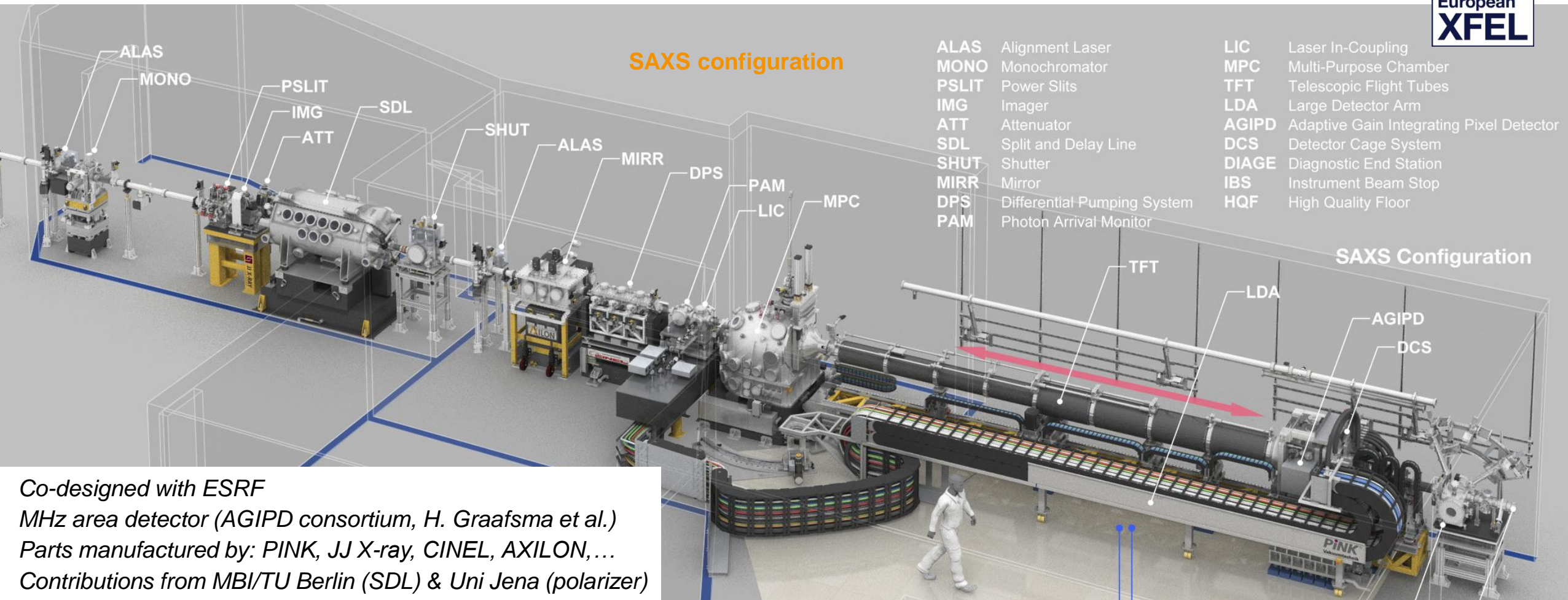


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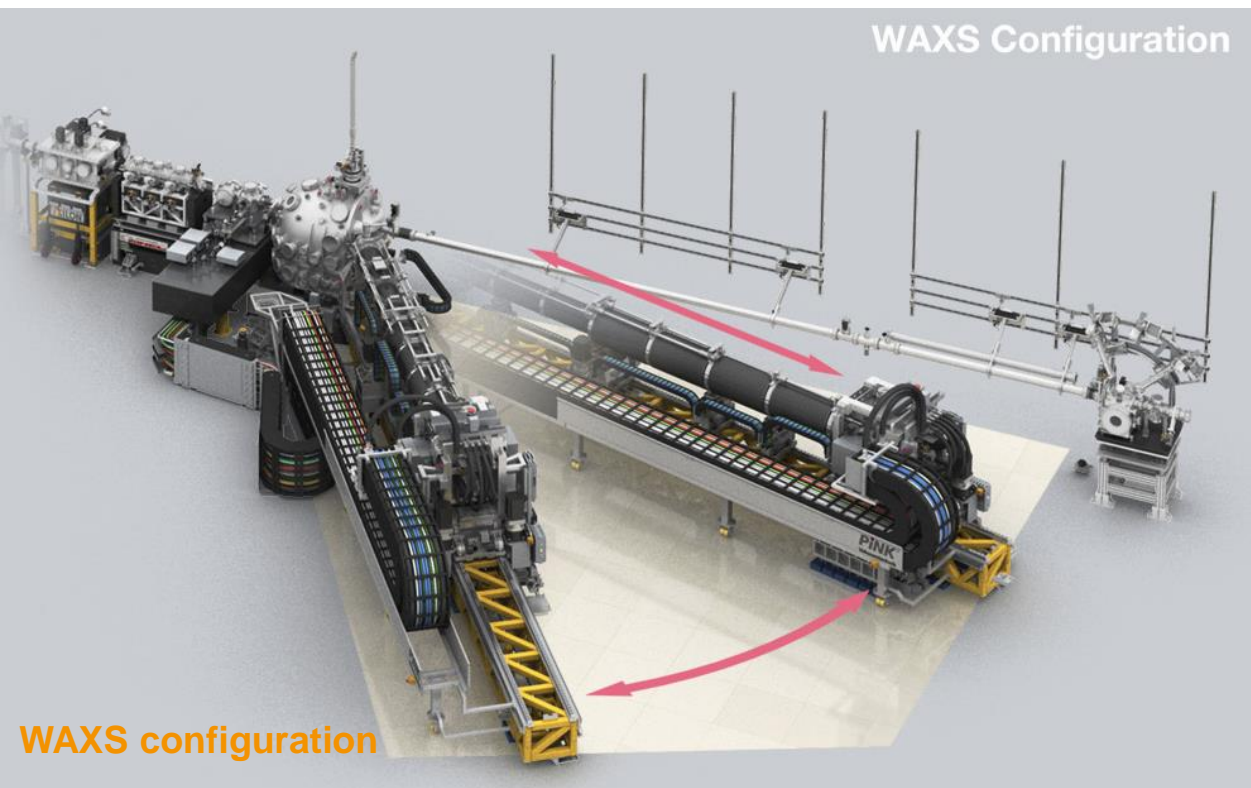
# MID: Materials Imaging and Dynamics Instrument



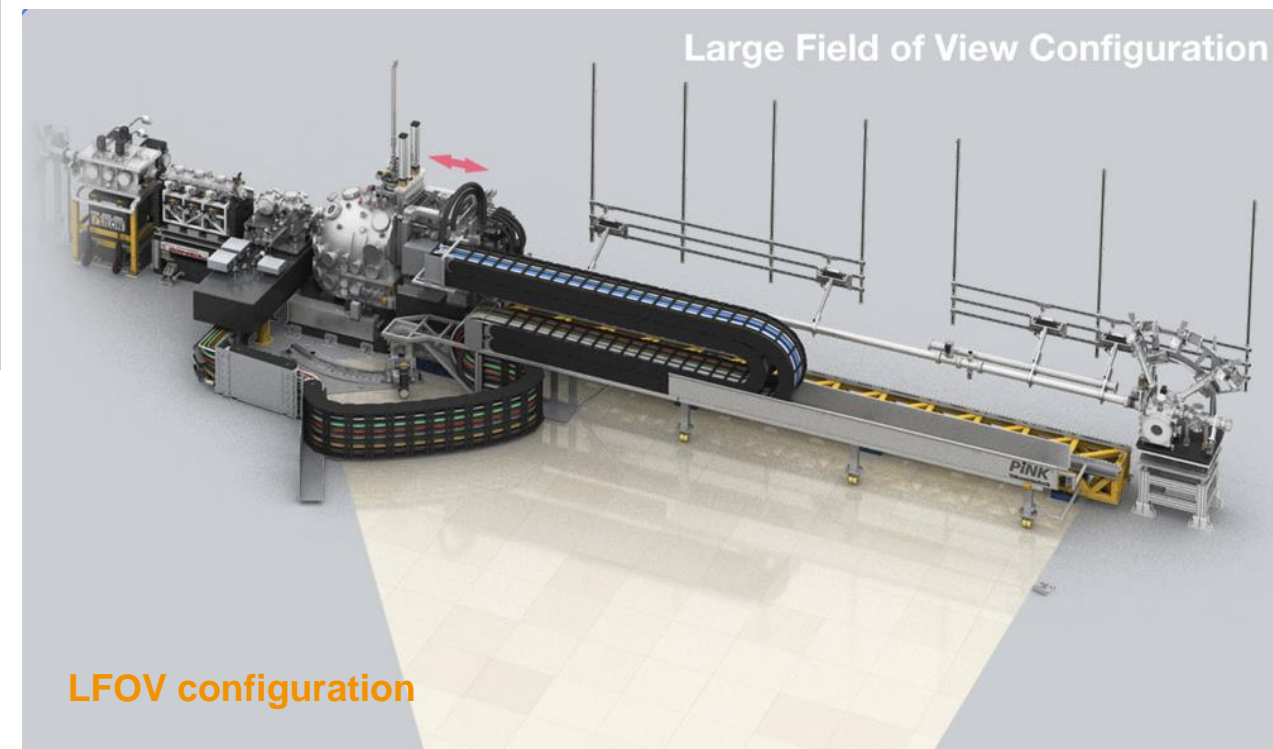
# Materials Imaging and Dynamics (MID) experiment



# MID overview

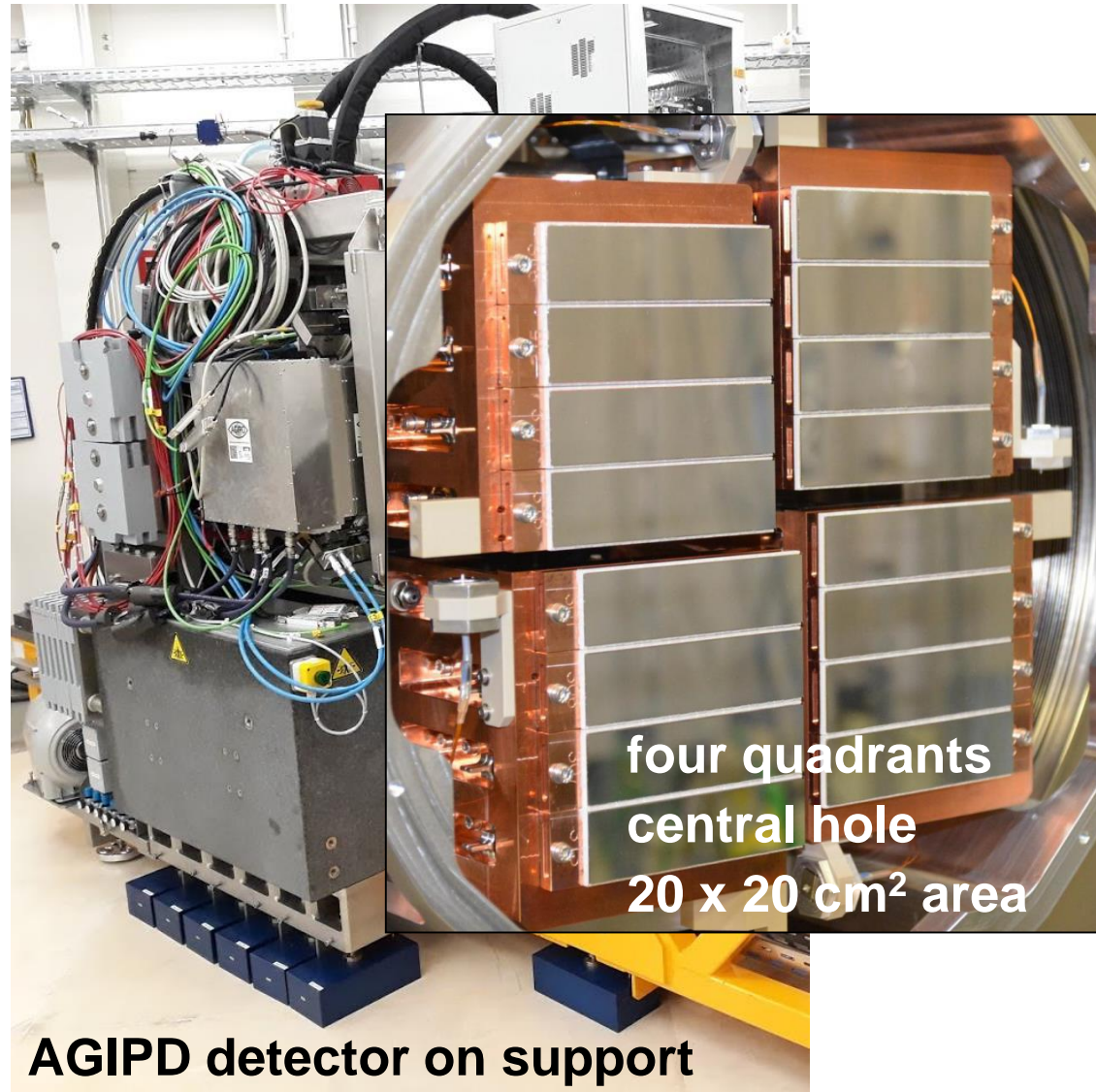


**Materials Imaging and Dynamics (MID) instrument**  
 MHz area detector,  $10^6$  pix of  $200 \mu\text{m}$  size (AGIPD)  
 Versatile setup, multi-purpose interaction chamber  
 Windowless (in-vacuum setup) or sample in air  
 Sample - detector distance  $0.2 - 8 \text{ m}$   
 $2\theta$  up to  $\sim 50^\circ$ ,  $5 - 25 \text{ keV}$





## Materials Imaging and Dynamics (MID) experiment – Detectors



- AGIPD: 1MPix, 4.5MHz capable detector, pixel size 200um, 352 storage cells (352 images/train)
- ePix and Jungfrau detectors: 0.5MPix detectors (2 modules), 50 and 75um pixel size, 10Hz and 16 storage cells (Jungfrau) with 128kHz.
- Gotthard: 50um pixel strip detector. First generation 0.5MHz capable, next generation up to 4.5MHz (used in spectrometer)
- Diamond solid state ion chambers: 4.5MHz pulse resolved intensity monitors and future position sensitive monitors.

## Key experimental techniques used at MID

*Making use of the coherence, repetition rate, time resolution and high intensity of the X-rays*

### ■ MHz XPCS

- Small angle scattering geometry (SAXS)
- Wide angle scattering geometry (WAXS)
- At a selected Bragg peak in i.e. combination with pump (optical/electrical/magnetic)

### ■ Imaging

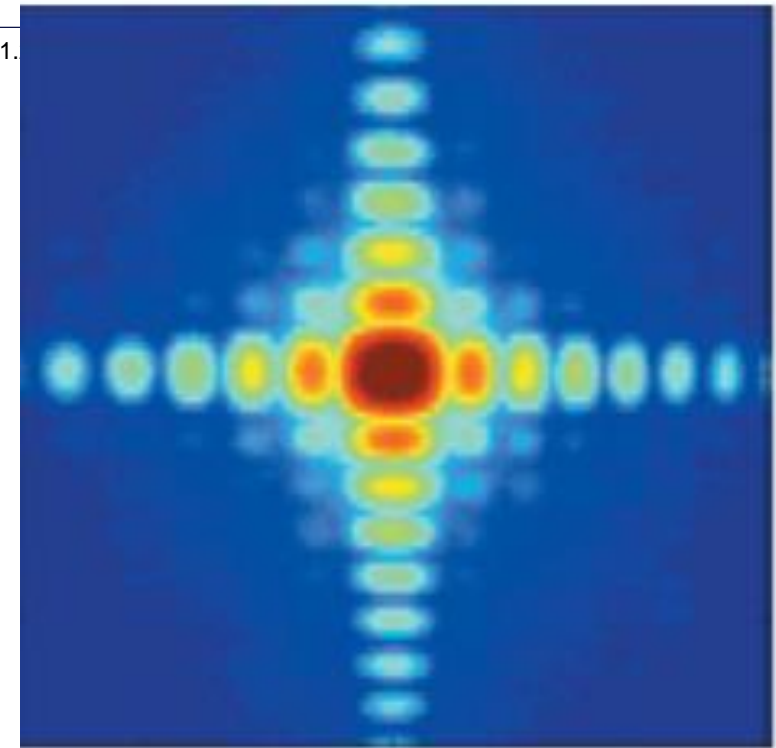
- Holography (full-field technique using cone-beam)
- (Bragg-) CDI Coherent diffraction imaging

### ■ SAXS/WAXS

- XRD – powder pattern

### ■ Beam damage is an issue, especially for solid samples

- But: we can attenuate the beam and can control the intensity on the sample

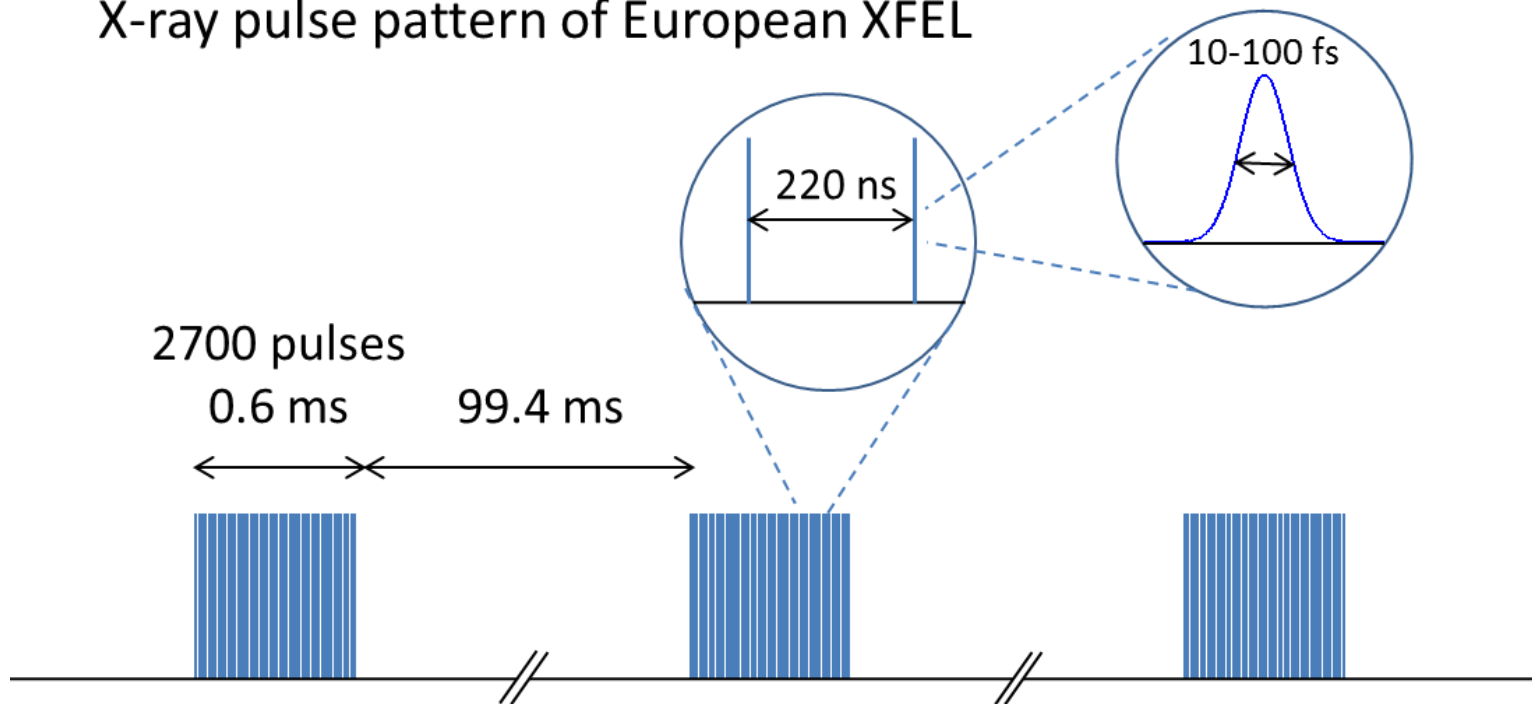


## Typical beam parameters at MID and their relevance

- Hard X-rays 6-25keV
  - Main working point around 9keV with about 1-2mJ or  $10^{12}$  ph/pulse
  
- Repetition rate up to 4.5MHz
  - essential to investigate the dynamics, provides 220ns as shortest time period between X-ray bunches
  - XPCS does not work in the “diffract and destroy” regime
    - ▶ Rolling bunch pattern
  
- Monochromatic beam for temporal coherence: important for wide-angle XPCS and imaging applications
  - Monochromators are challenged by the bunch structure (heatload)
  - Hard X-ray self seeding
  
- Ongoing developments:
  - Future also harder X-rays (>30KeV)
  - Ultra-short pulses (attoseconds)
  - Two-color mode

## Time structure of European XFEL

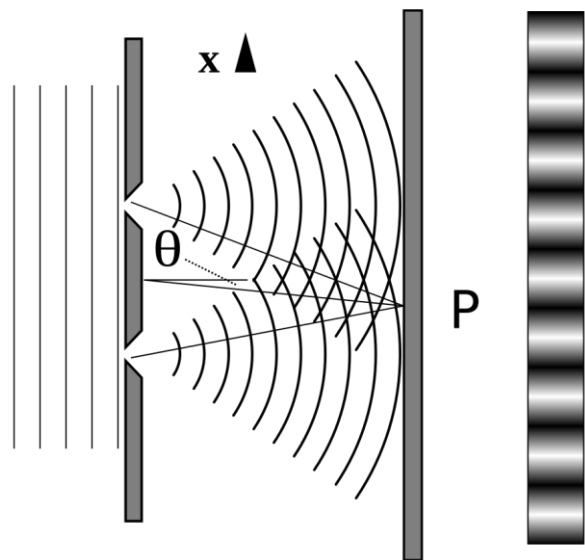
### X-ray pulse pattern of European XFEL



- The European XFEL can produce up to 27000 X-ray laser flashes per second
- Other XFELs typically operate with 100Hz
- Bunch train repetition rate 10Hz
- Bunch trains: 4.5 MHz total repetition rate
- $10^{12}$  X-ray photons ( $\sim 1$  mJ) per pulse ( $< 100$  fs)
- Pulses within train distributed to all beamlines in a predefined pattern
- Timing structure offers unique measurement opportunities

# Coherent scattering and speckles

In physics, coherence expresses the potential for two waves to interfere.

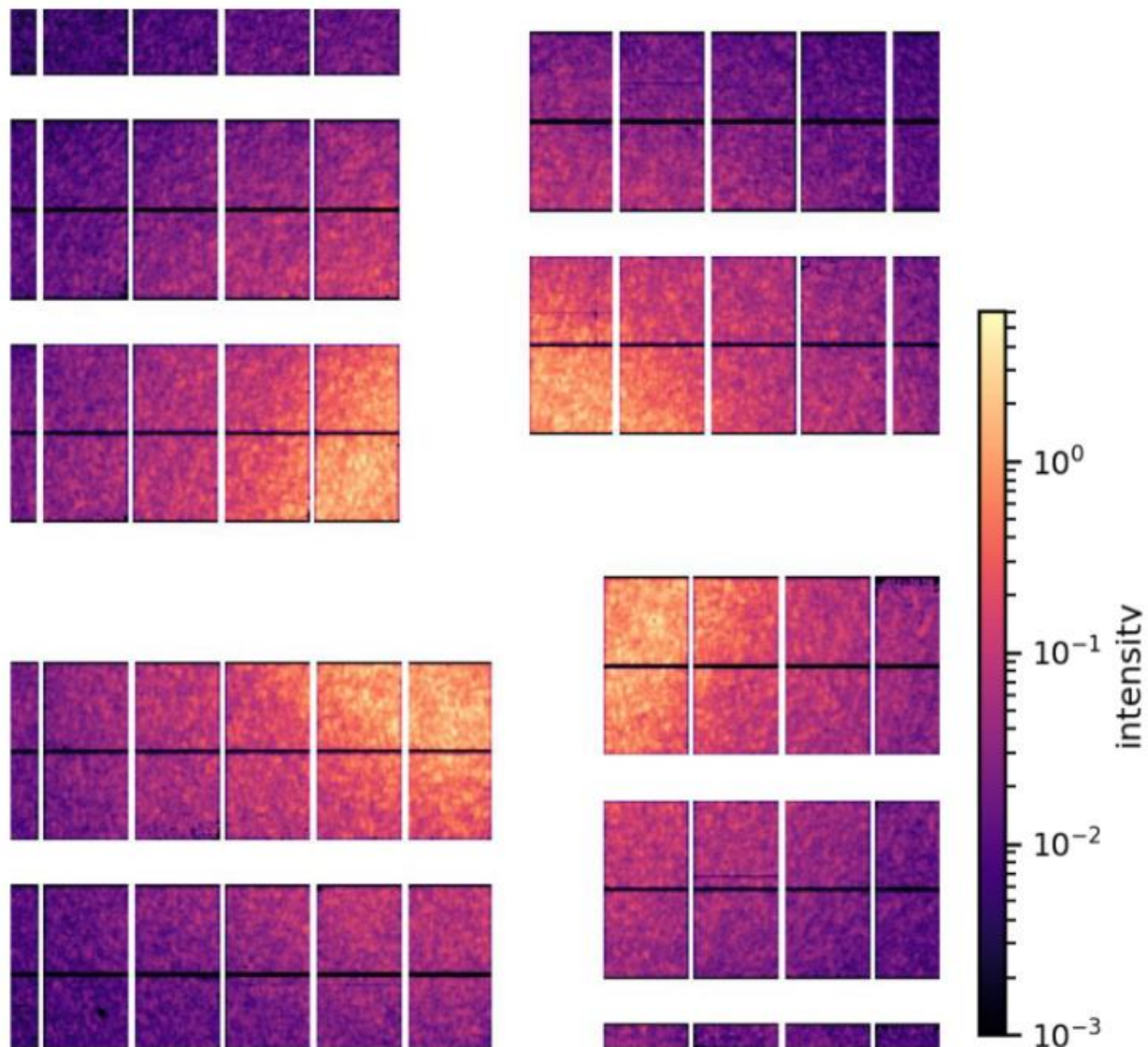


Also works with 3D real samples...

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coherence\\_\(physics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coherence_(physics))  
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## Speckle pattern (SAXS) on AGIPD



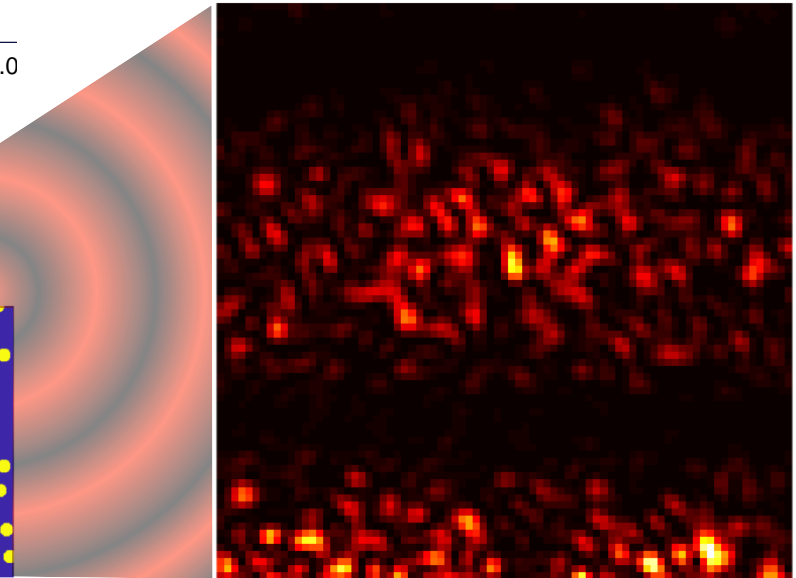
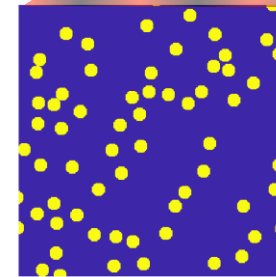
Sample:Vycor (glass with defined air bubbles)

# Coherent X-ray scattering techniques

## X-ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (XPCS)

- Versatile speckle technique investigating dynamics of disordered systems
- The exact spatial arrangement of the system generates an interference speckle pattern

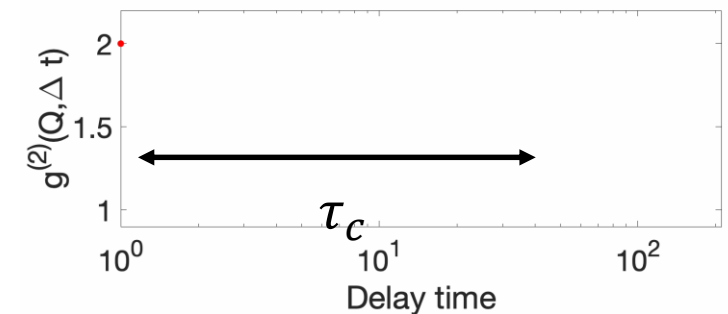
Coherent X-ray



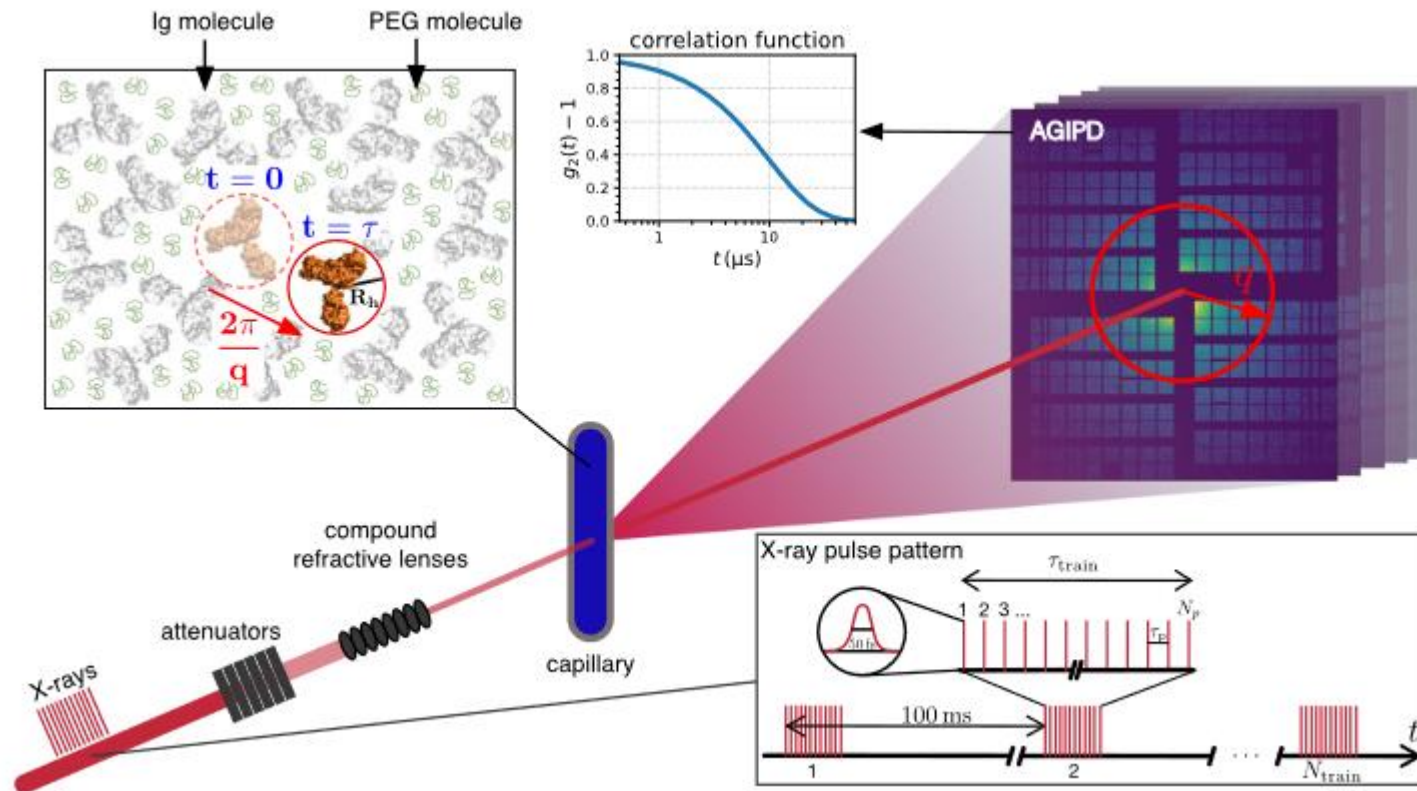
Spatial resolution	Temporal resolution
Photon energy / Wavelength	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pulse repetition rate</b></li> <li>• <b>Detector frame rate</b></li> </ul>

Intensity correlation function

$$\begin{aligned}
 g^{(2)}(q, \tau) &= \frac{\langle I(q, t)I(q, t + \tau) \rangle}{\langle I(q, t) \rangle^2} \\
 &= 1 + \beta |f(q, \tau)|^2 \\
 &= 1 + \beta \exp(-2\tau/\tau_c)
 \end{aligned}$$



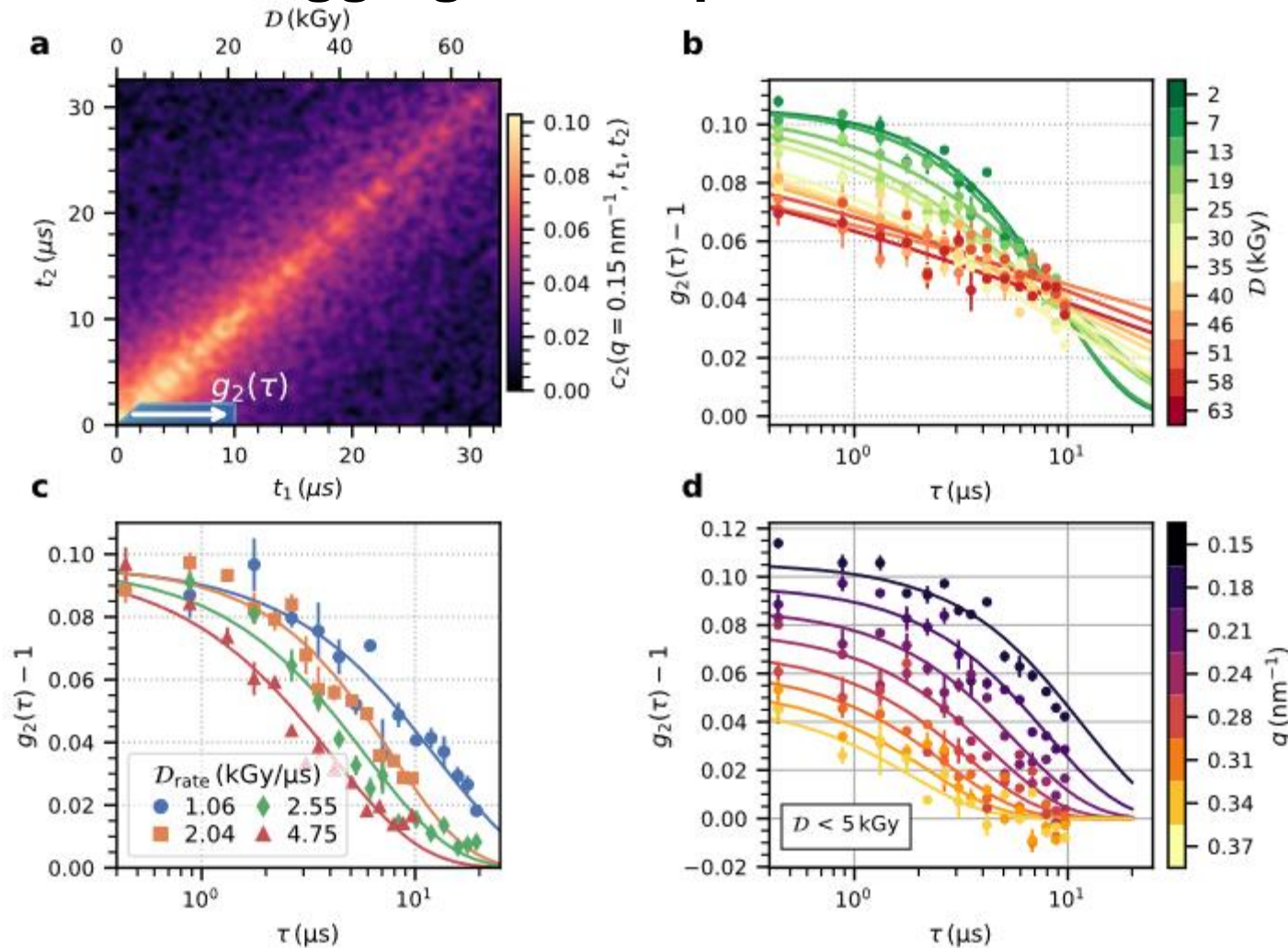
# MHz X-Ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy



- Record a time series of speckle patterns (with coherent X-rays)
- Calculate a time correlation
- Fast dynamics are accessible with the high repetition rate of the EuXFEL

Reiser et al. *Nat. Com.*(2022)13:5528  
 Dallari et al. *Appl. Sci.* (2021)11:8037

# MHz XPCS on aggregation of proteins



- Molecular diffusion
- Aggregation of antibody proteins
- Agglomeration dynamics
- Beam induced dynamics – results are dose rate dependent

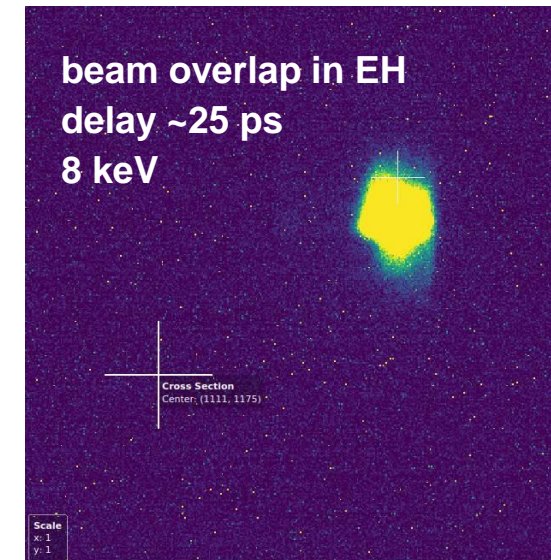
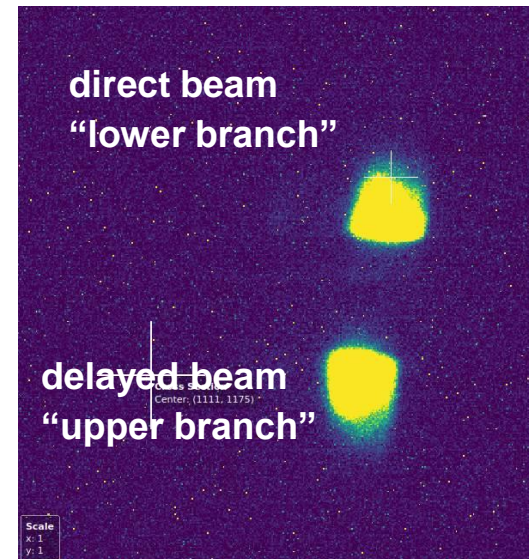
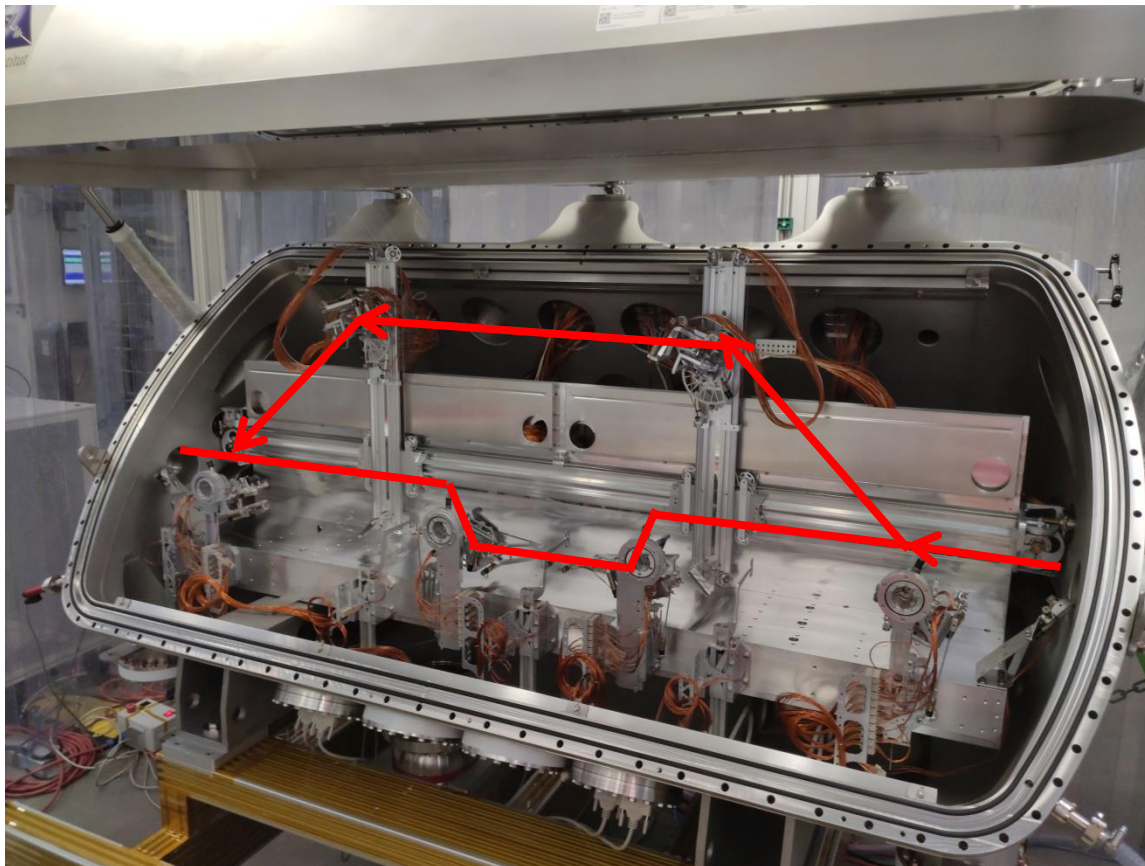
**Fig. 3 | Correlation functions.** **a** Two-time correlation function,  $c_2$ , of Ig-PEG measured with an average dose rate of  $2.04 \text{ kGy } \mu\text{s}^{-1}$  for  $q = 0.15 \text{ nm}^{-1}$ . **b** Correlation functions for different initial doses ( $D_{\text{rate}} = 2.04 \text{ kGy } \mu\text{s}^{-1}$ ,  $q = 0.15 \text{ nm}^{-1}$ ). **c** Correlation functions with an initial dose below 5 kGy for different dose rates

at  $q = 0.15 \text{ nm}^{-1}$ . **d** Correlation functions for different momentum transfers fitted with a  $q$ -squared dependent relaxation rate ( $D_{\text{rate}} = 2.04 \text{ kGy } \mu\text{s}^{-1}$ ). The error bars represent the standard error over pixels and repetitions. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

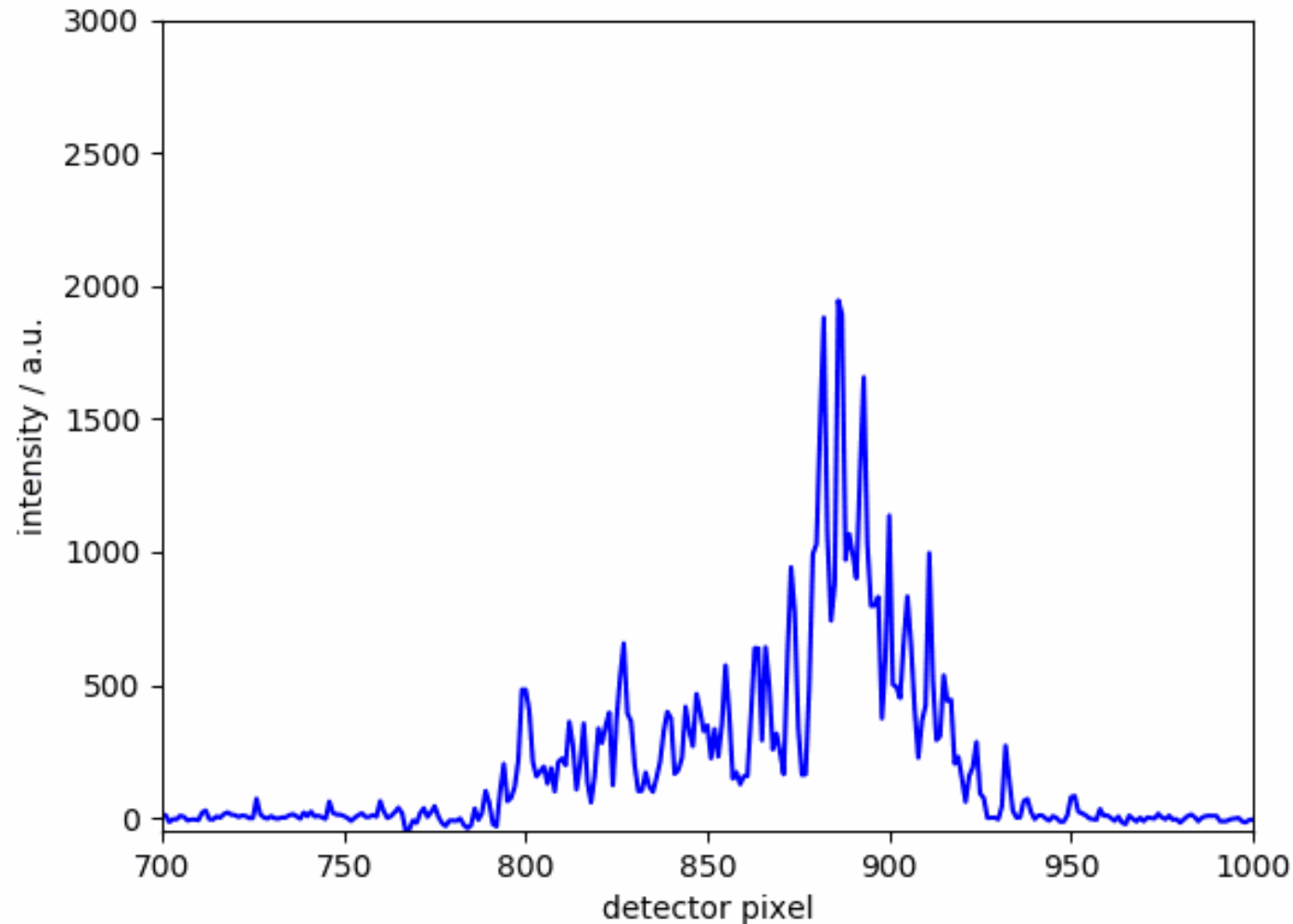


# Split – and – delay – line (SDL)

- Ultra short delay (few fs to 800ps) between two X-ray pulses
- X-ray pump – X-ray probe experiments
- 5-10 keV operating range



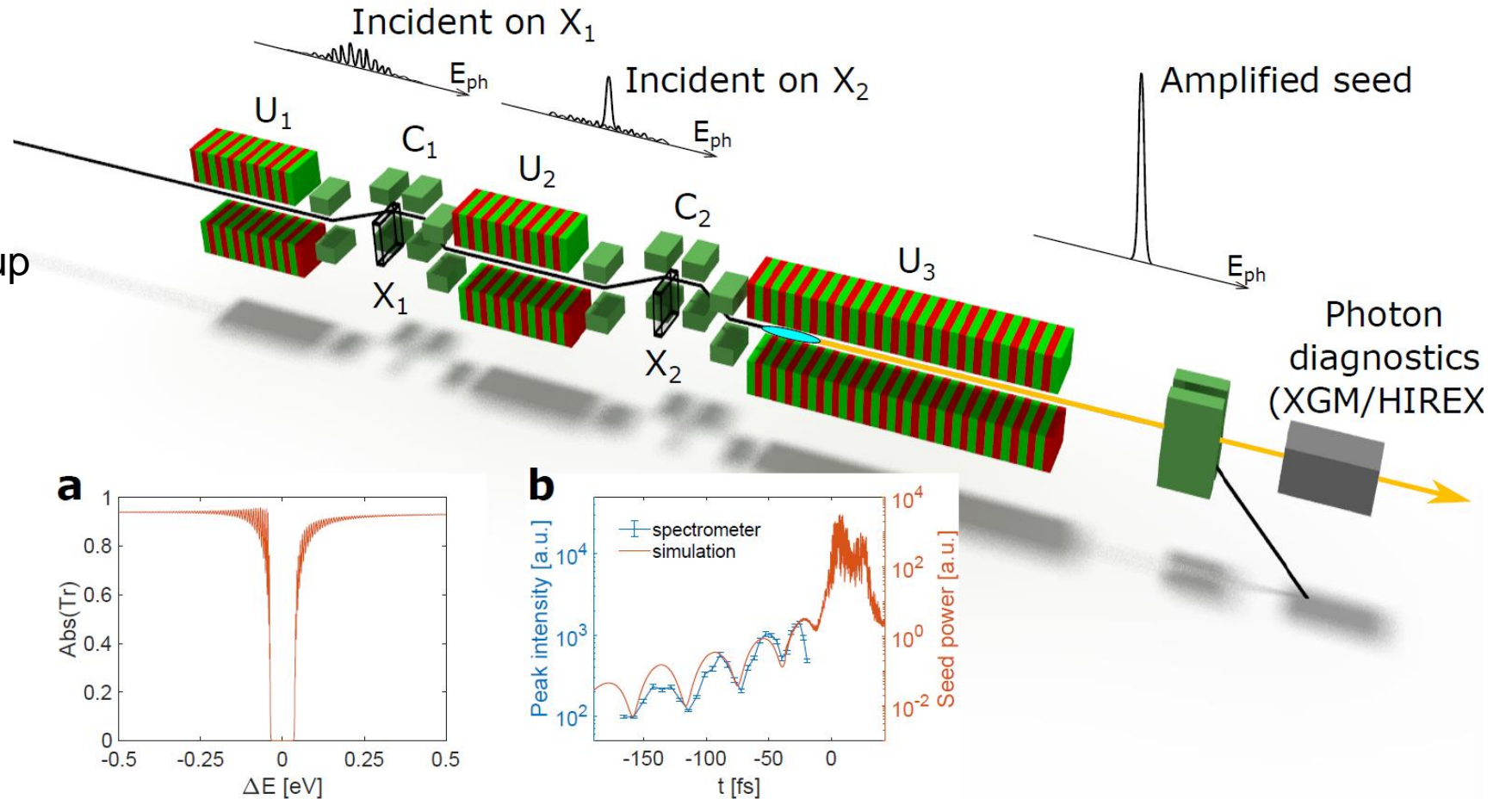
## SASE bandwidth



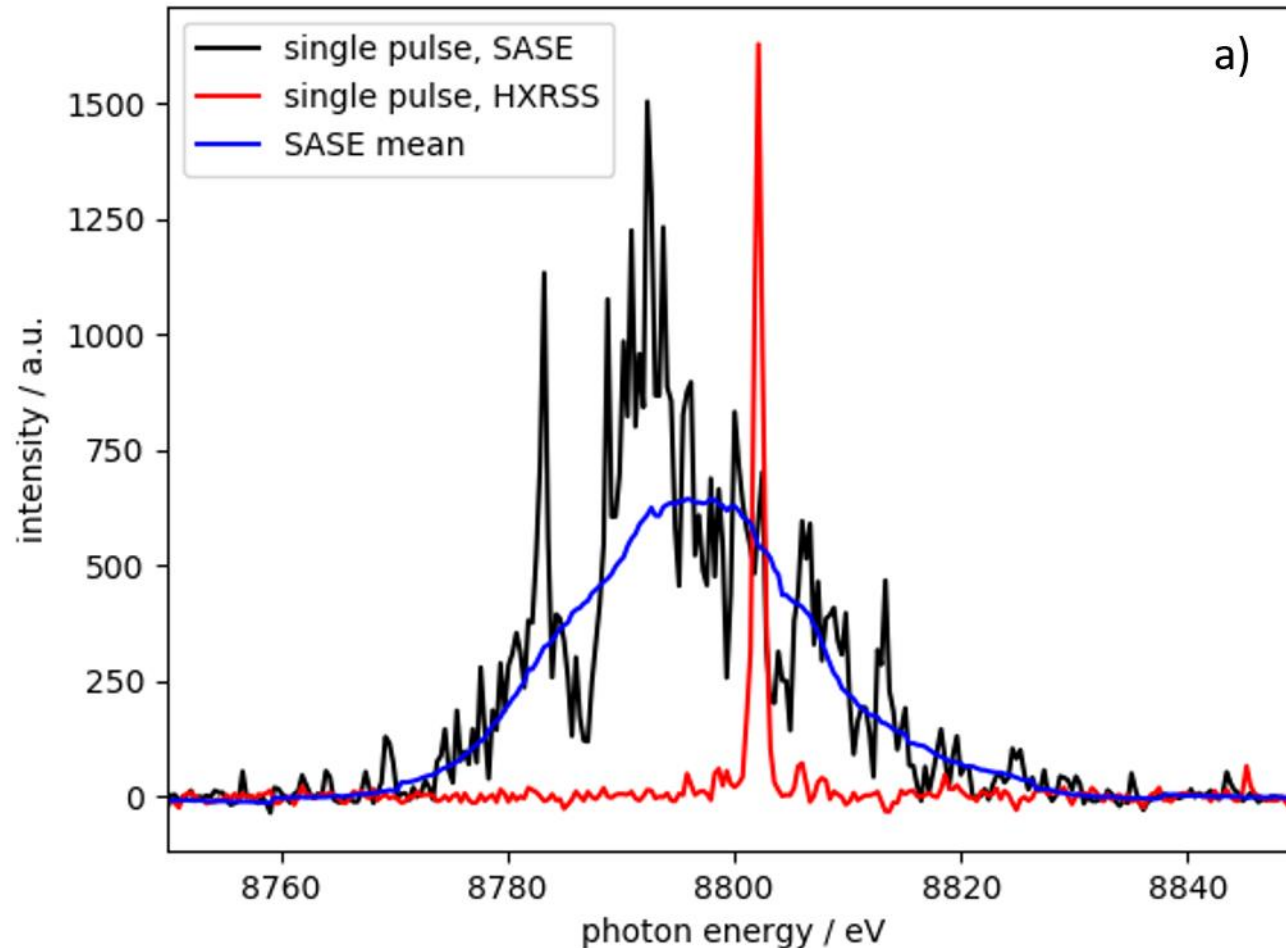
- Temporal coherence is influenced by monochromaticity – important to obtain sufficient contrast
- Focus properties suffer from pink beam when using chromatic X-ray lenses (CRLs)
- Standard Si-monochromators suffer from the high heat load of the burst mode.

# Hard X-ray self seeding at SA2

- Cascaded HXRSS setup developed at SASE-2
- Two diamond crystals inside the undulator



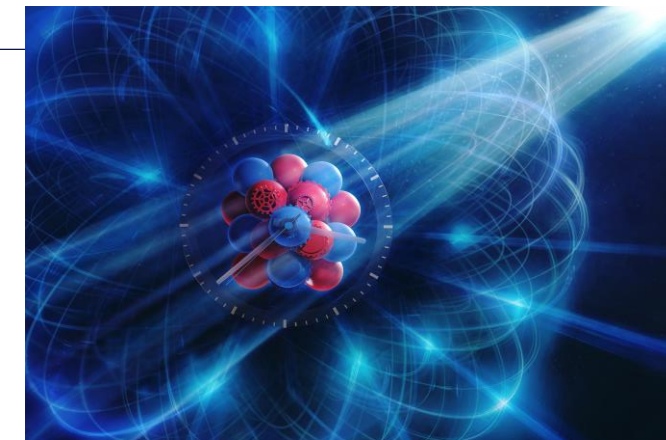
## Monochromatic beam - HXRSS



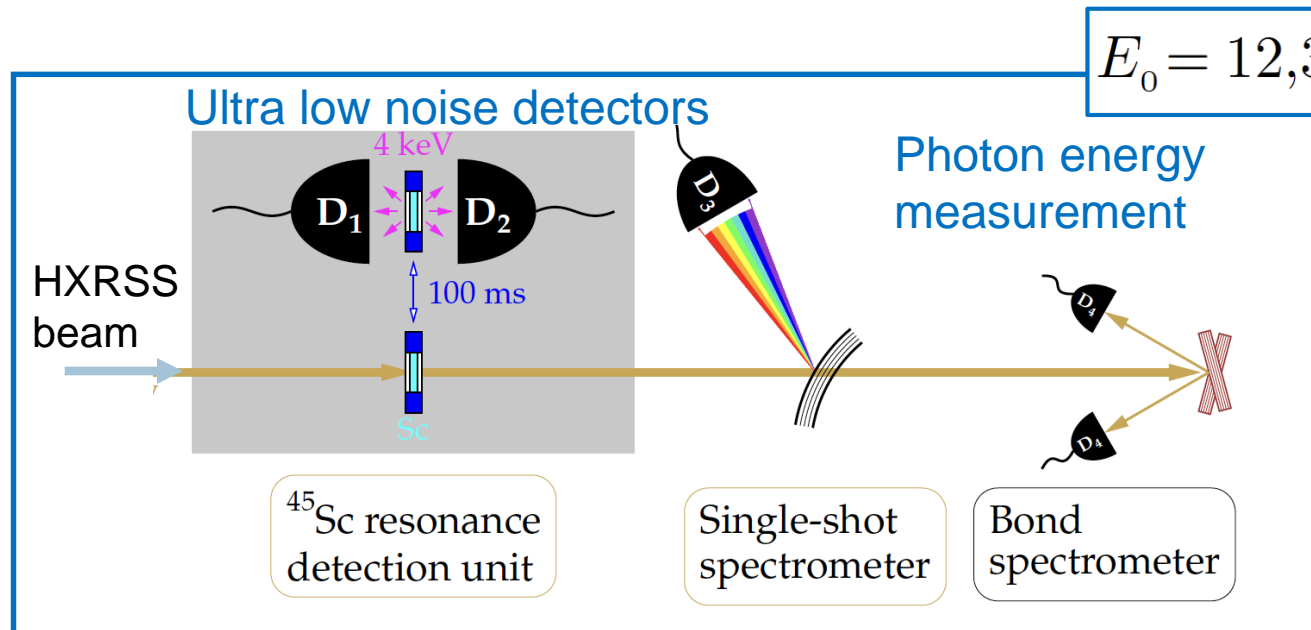
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- Availability to tune the seeded photon energy

# Mössbauer experiments

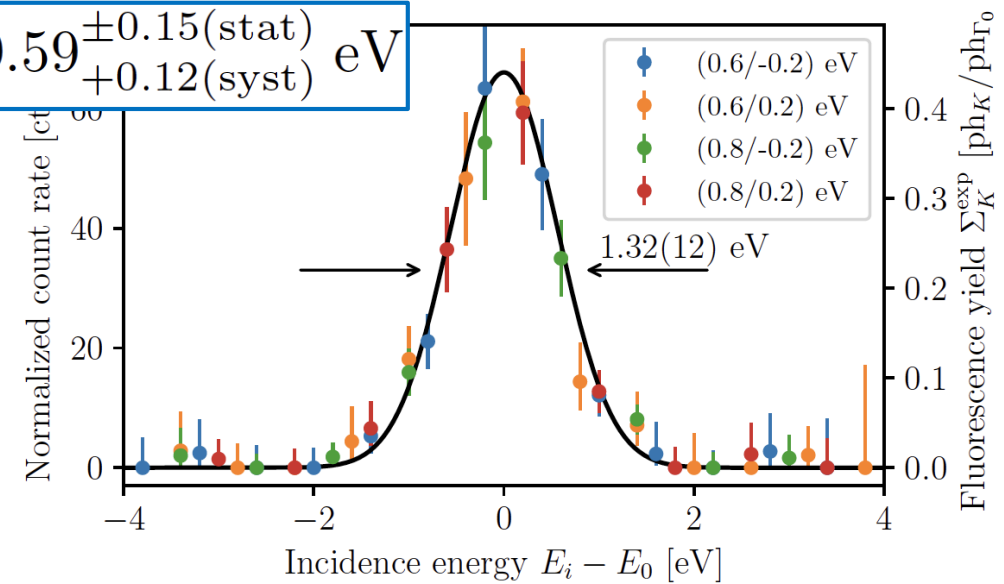
- Observing the 1.4 feV 45-Sc nuclear resonance for the first time!
- Scanning the seeded line around the expected resonance at 12.4 keV
- Looking for fluorescence in the “incoherent channel”



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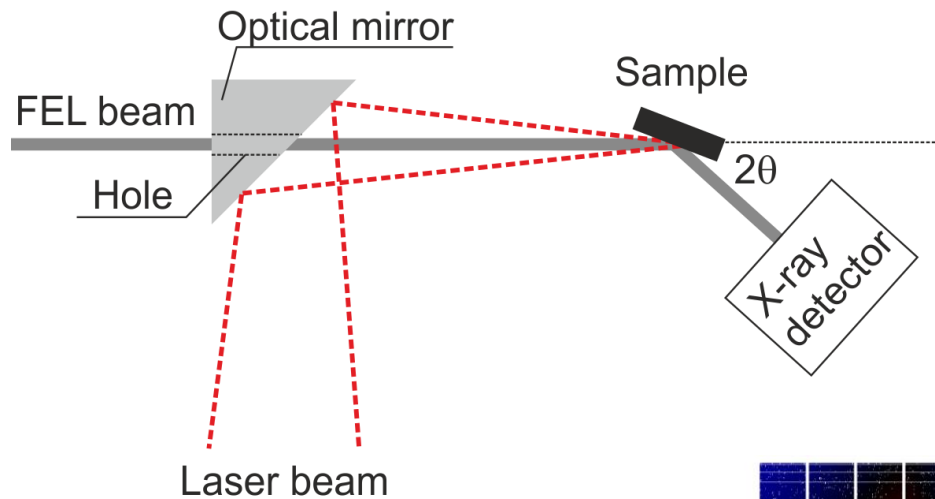
$$E_0 = 12,389.59^{+0.15(\text{stat})}_{+0.12(\text{syst})} \text{ eV}$$



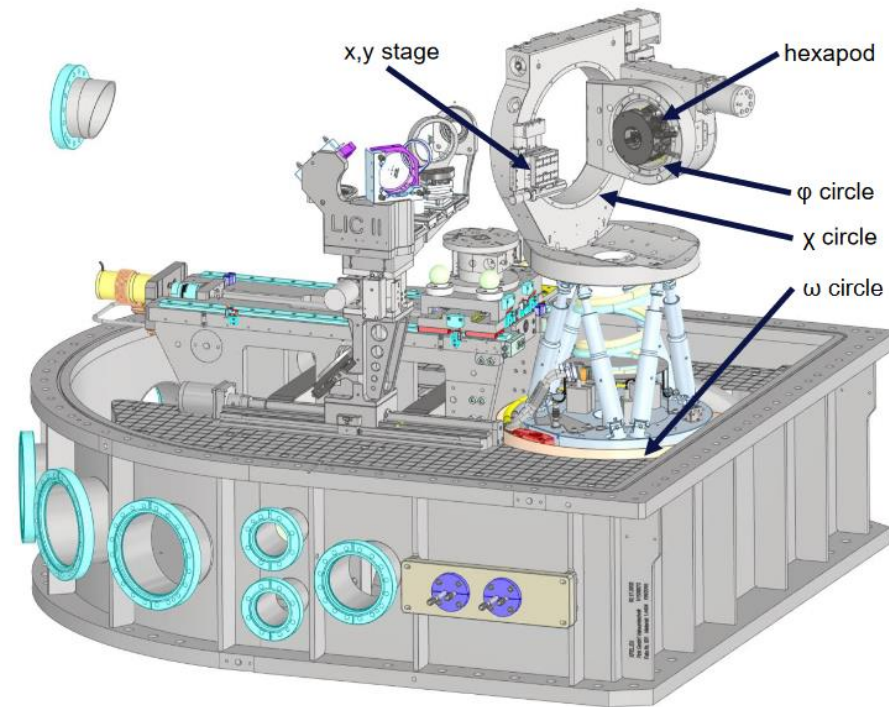
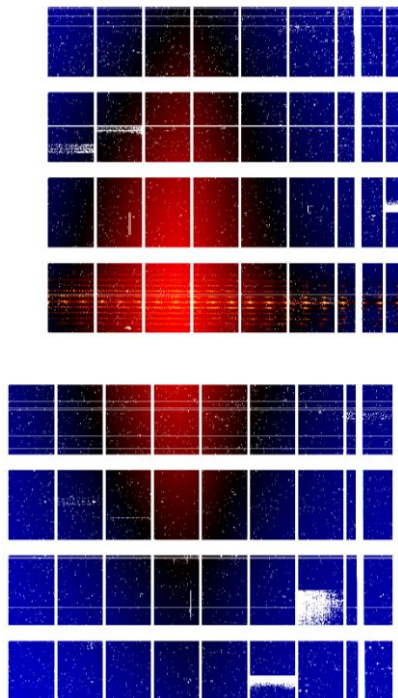
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# Setup for ultrafast diffraction



- Instrument in WAXS geometry
- Optical pump - X-ray probe
- High resolution Bragg Peak analysis
- Small goniometer setup (in progress)

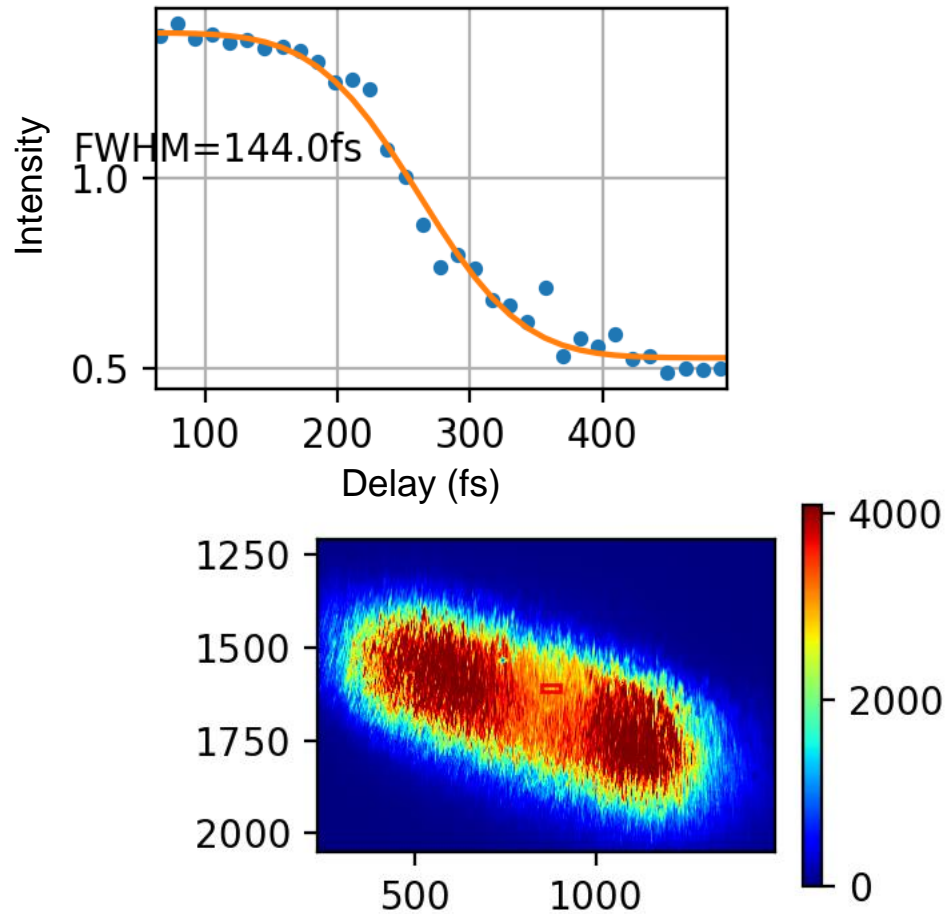


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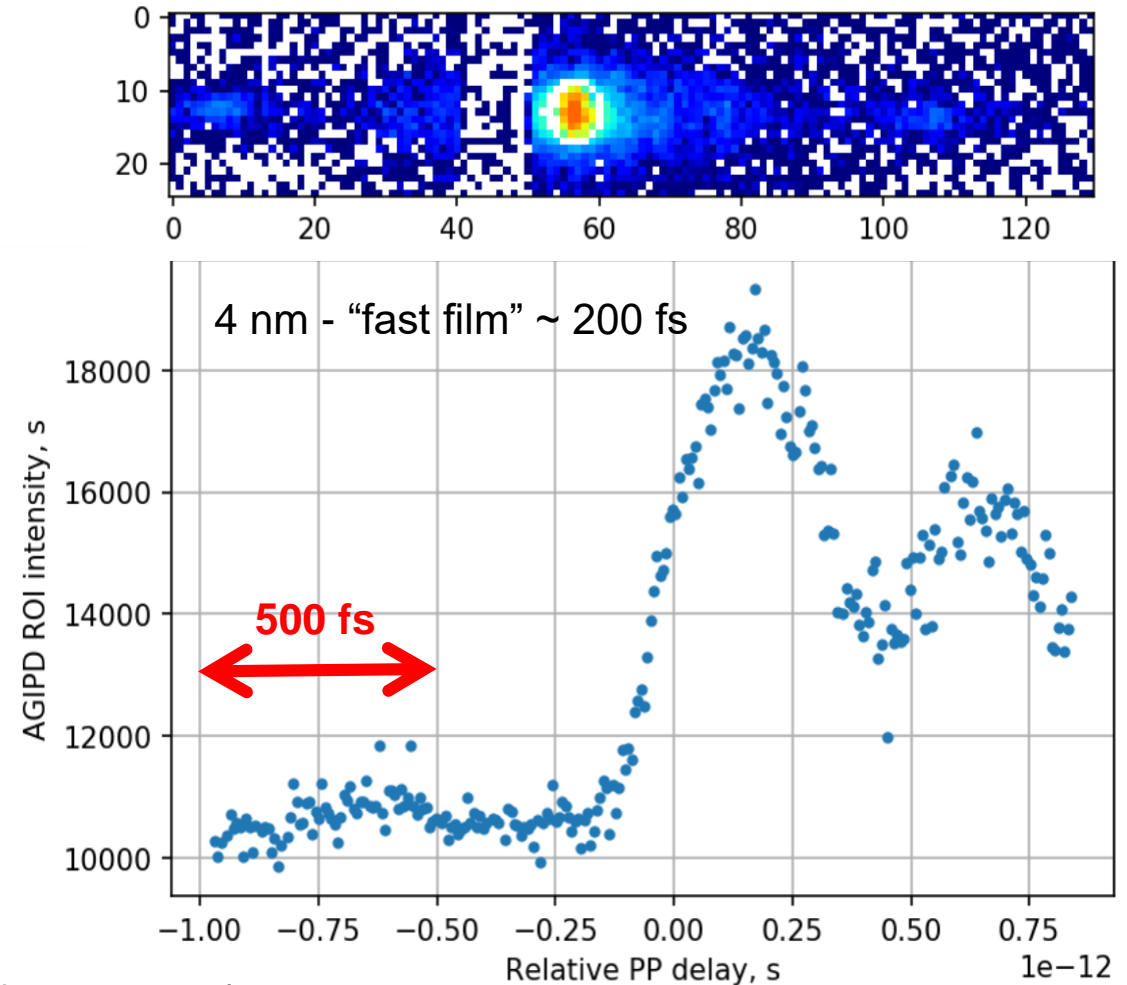
# Pump-probe experiments at MID

## X-ray Pump – Optical probe on YAG



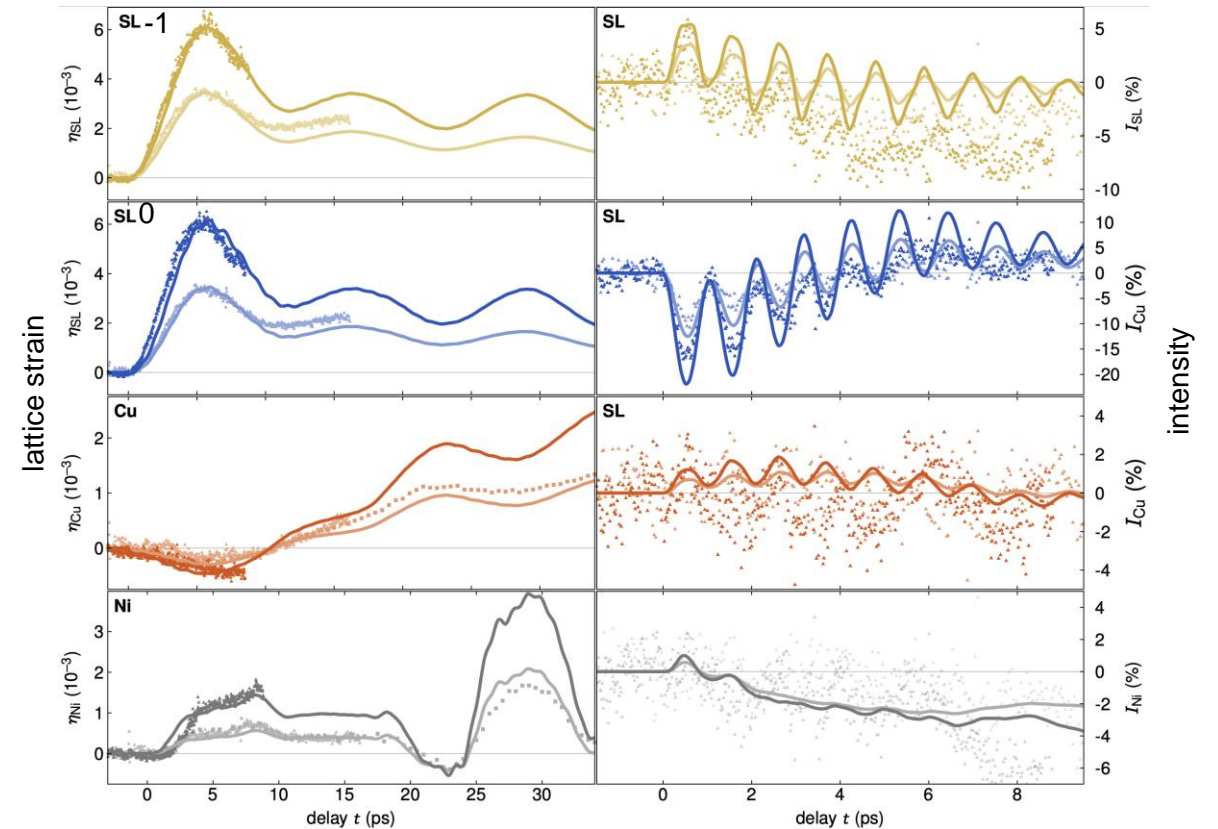
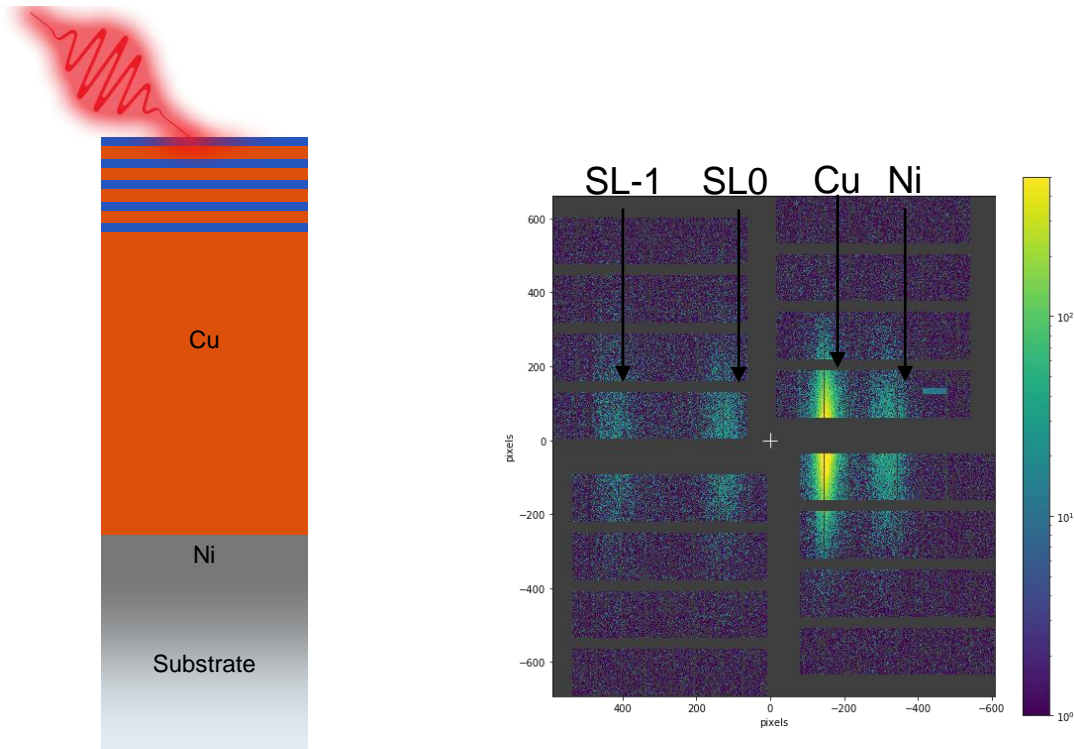
## 800 nm pump – X-ray probe

### SrRuO<sub>3</sub>/SrTiO<sub>3</sub> thin film



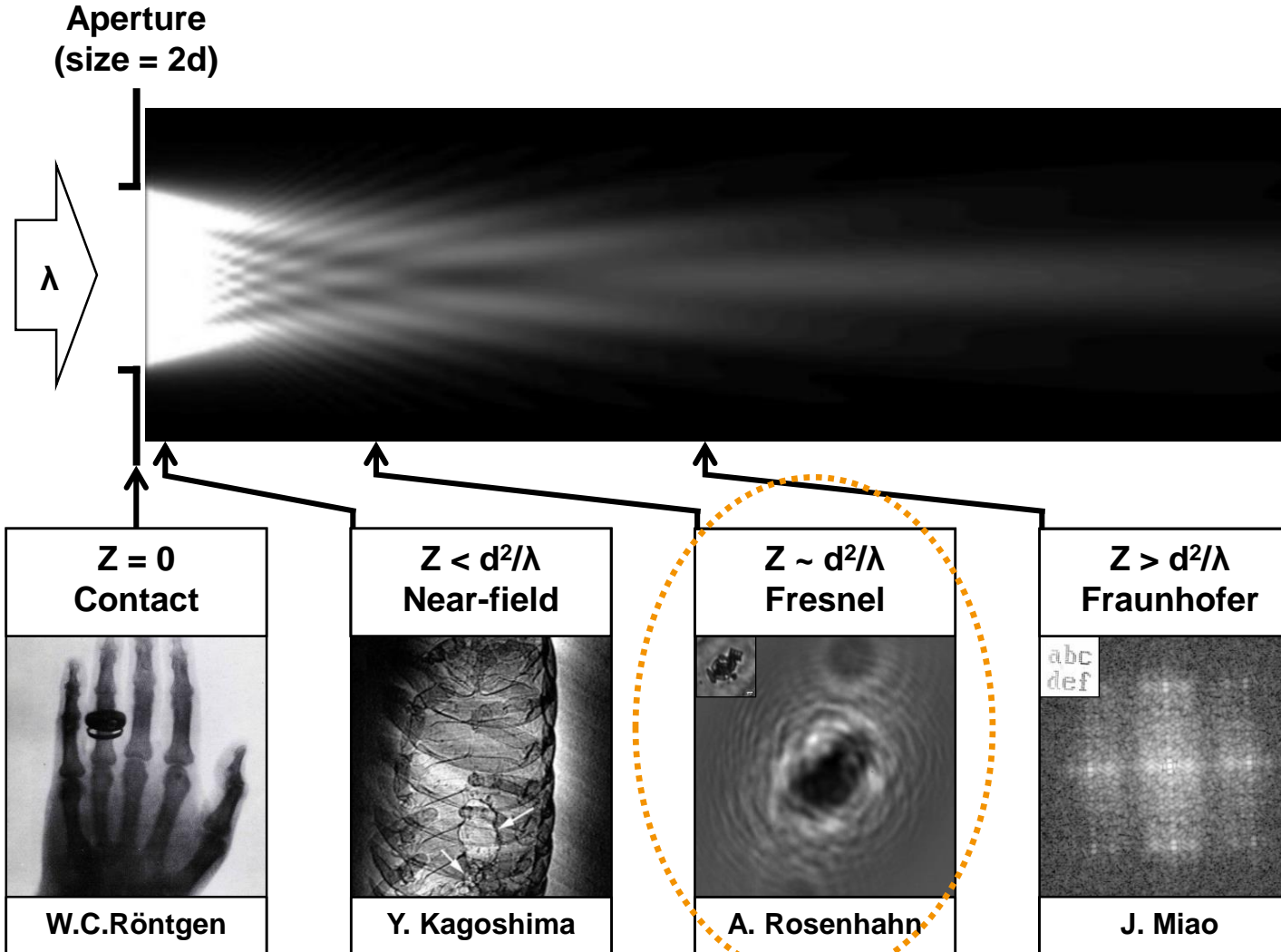
fs laser parameters: 800 nm,  $\sim 15$  fs,  $\sim 150$  fs jitter (or less),  $\sim 0.6$  mJ/pulse  
nanosecond laser also available.

# Ultrafast strain in heterostructures





# Propagation of Waves (Fresnel Number)

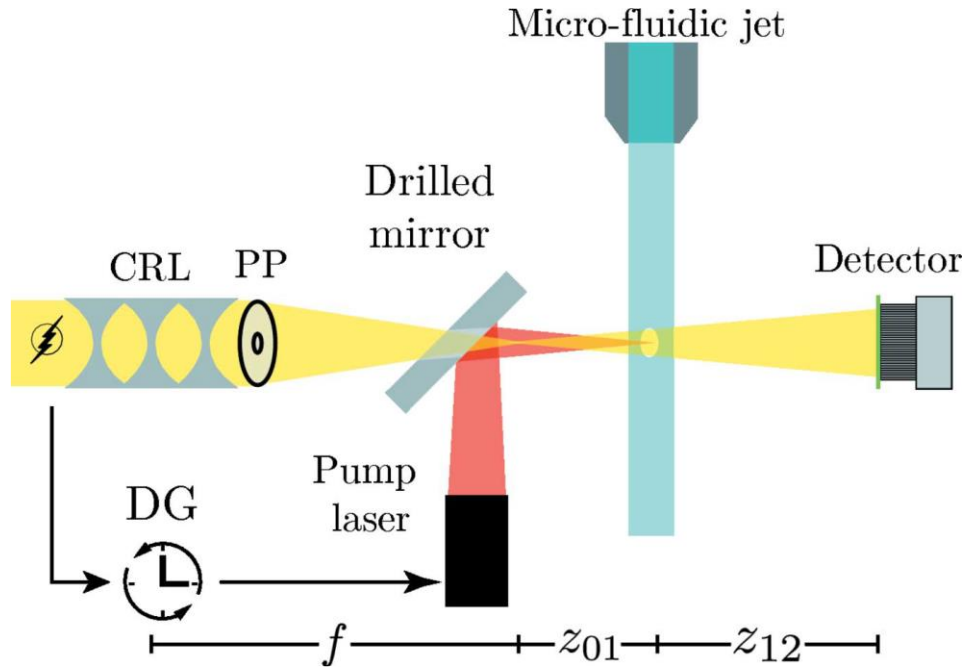


$$F = \frac{d^2}{Z\lambda}$$

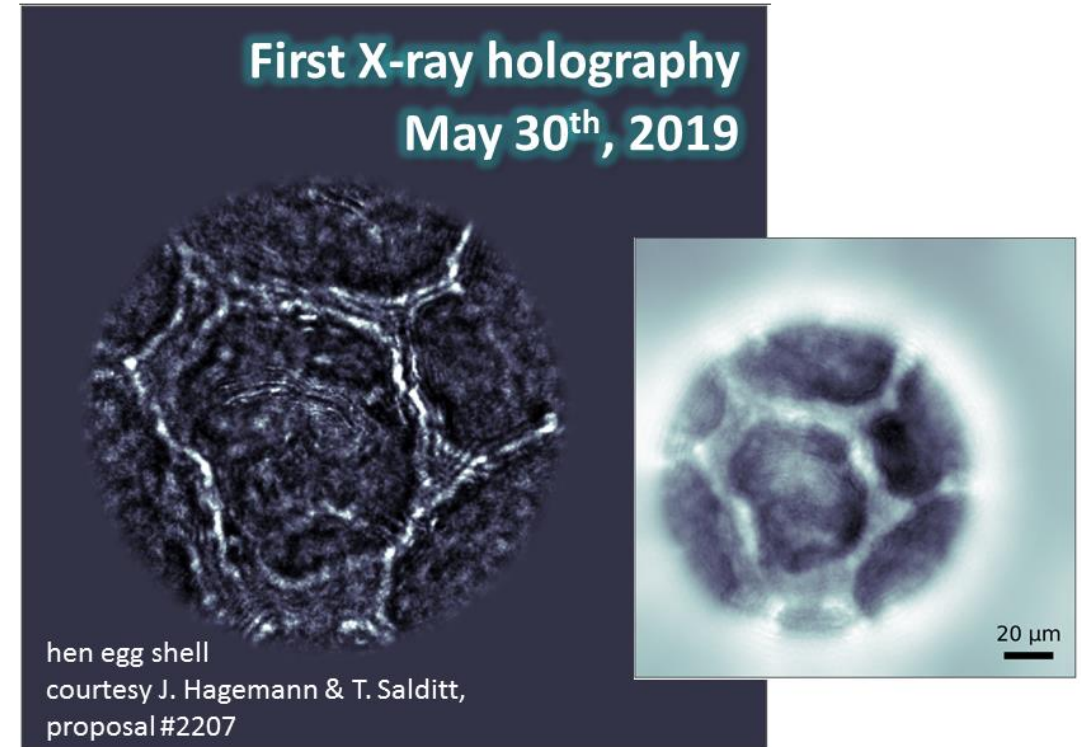
- F: Fresnel number
- d: size of the aperture
- Z: distance of the screen from the aperture
- λ: incident wavelength

holography

# Single-pulse phase-contrast imaging



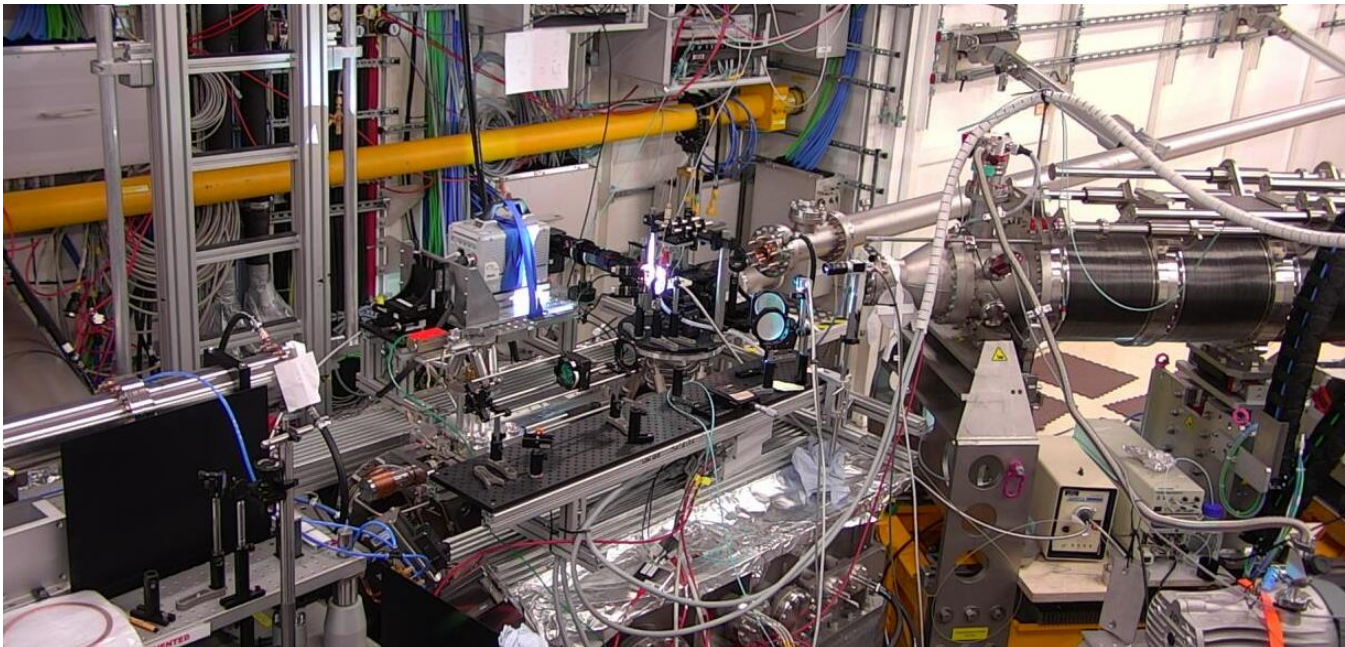
- Create a secondary source by focusing the X-rays.
- Cone-beam geometry allows full-field imaging
- Interference of the probing beam and the scattered waves generate the intensity contrast.



# Time-resolved imaging

Andor Zyla CCD, 10 Hz, 6.5 um pixel size,  
Cone beam hologram @ 14 keV  
~100 nm pixel resolution  
Combined with optical pump laser-> different delays

laminar water jet



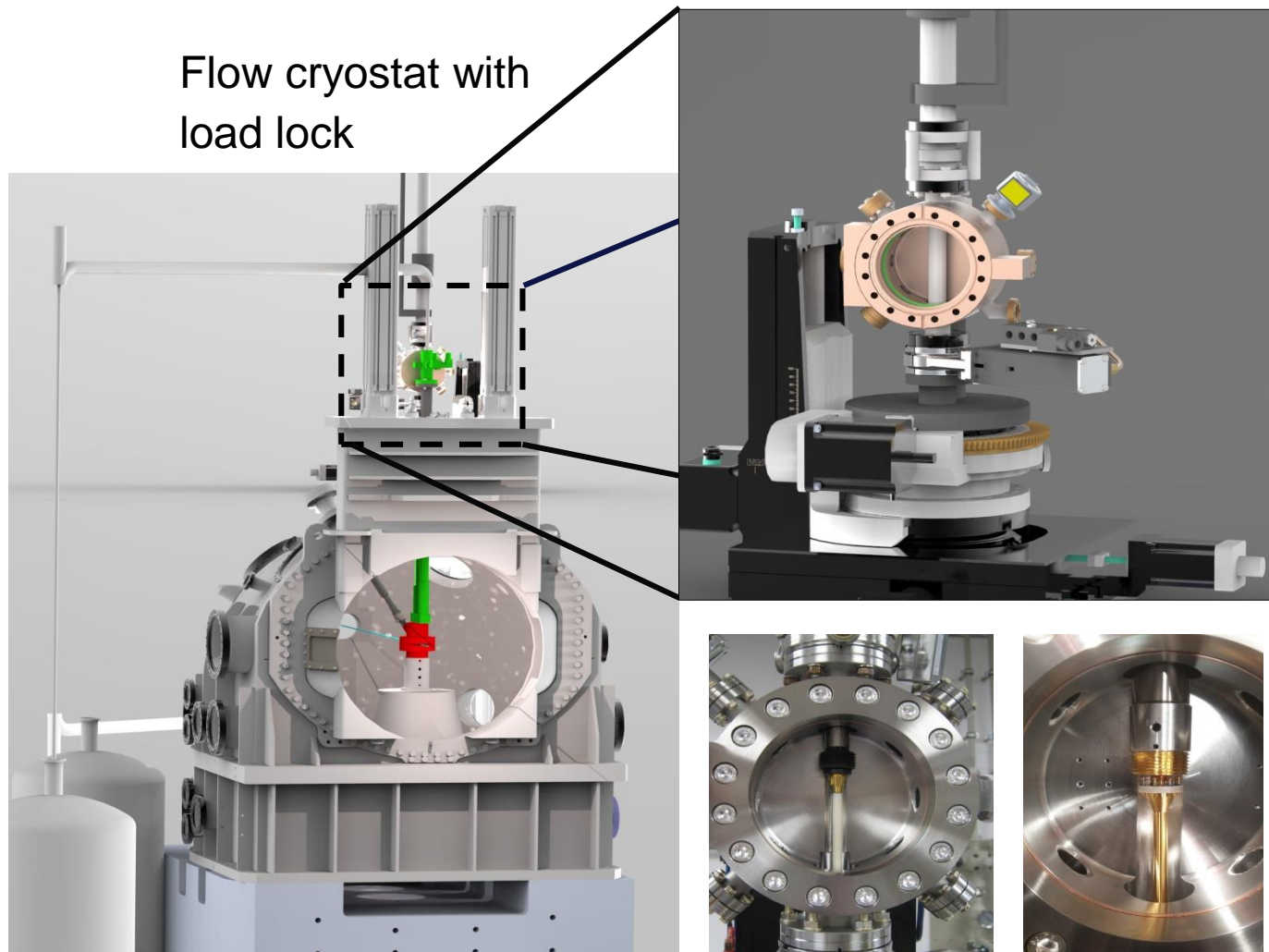
Single-pulse phase-contrast imaging at free-electron lasers in the hard X-ray regime

# Cryostat and pulsed magnetic field setup (PUMA)

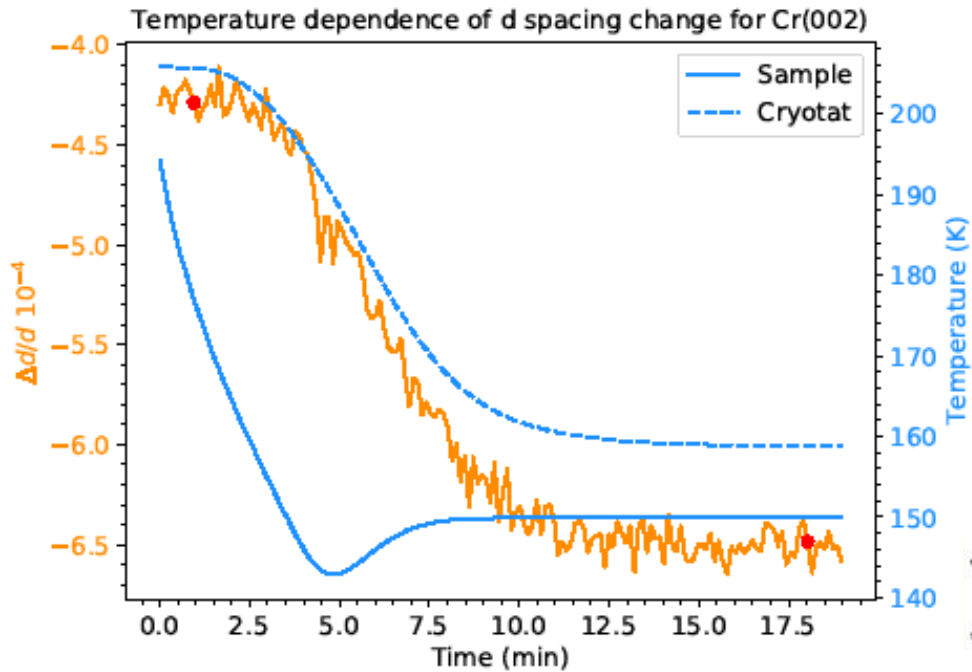


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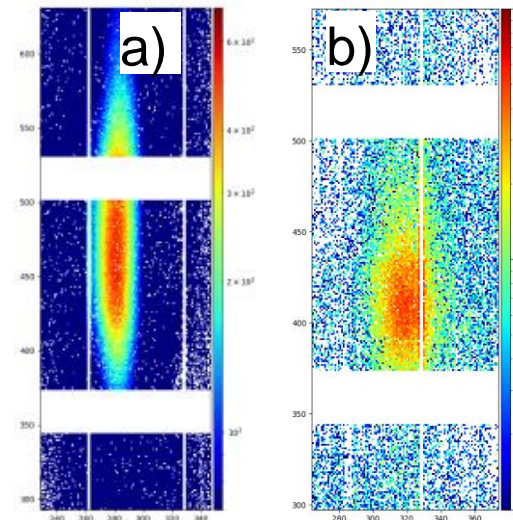
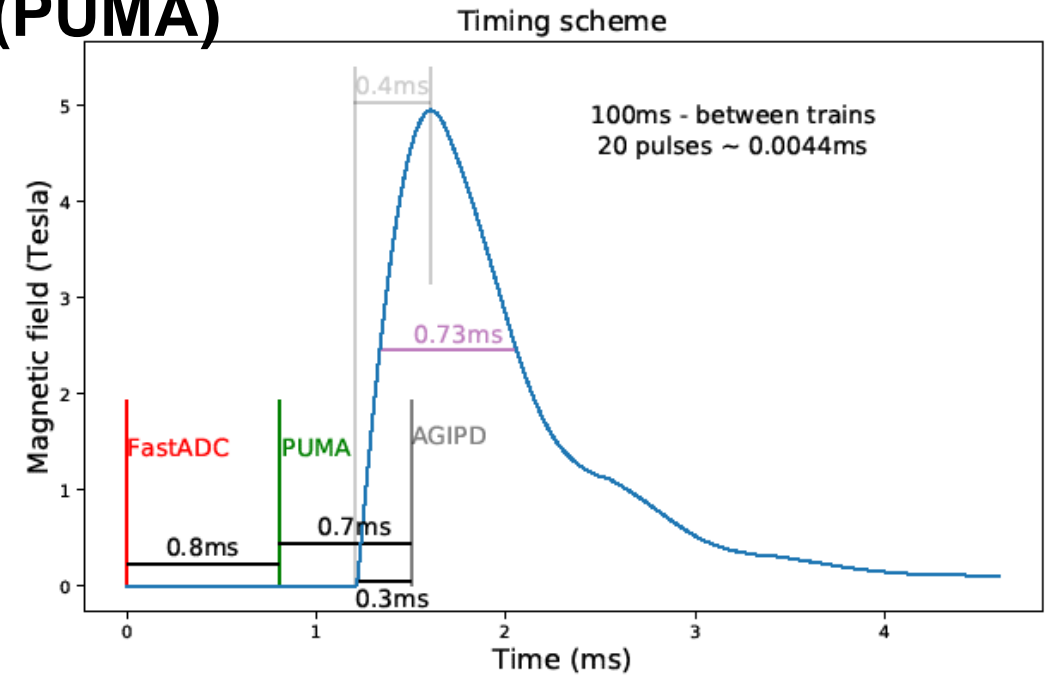
Flow cryostat with load lock



# Cryostat and pulsed magnetic field setup (PUMA)



$T_{\min} \sim 5K$   
 $B_{\max} \sim 5T$ , soon 15T (safety issue...)

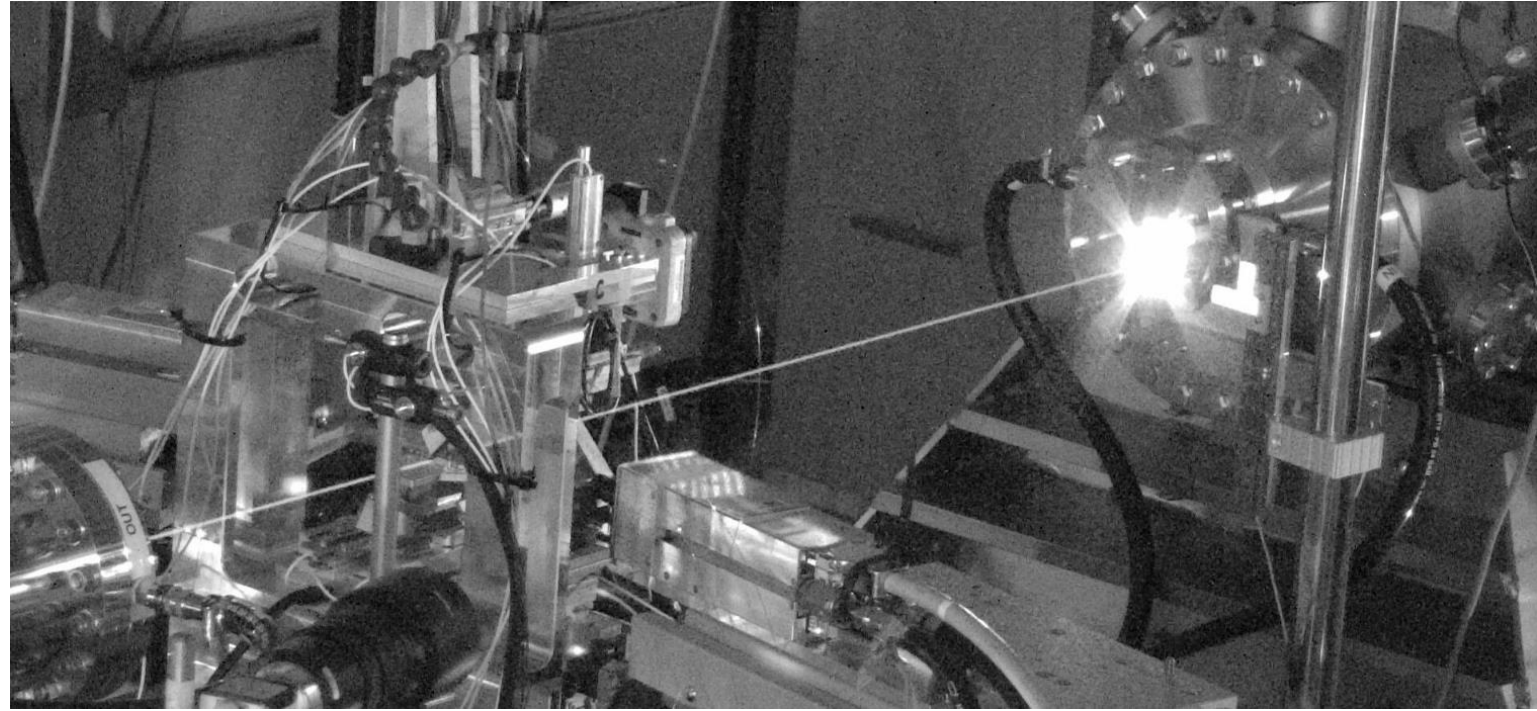


Reflections on AGIPD  
 a) Cr(002) reflection, b) CDW (002-2 $\delta$ ), where  $\delta=1/27$  lattice constant

K. Kazarian's PhD project  
 PUMA developed with J. Moore (sample env group)

## Conclusions

- Versatile instrument for time-resolved coherent X-ray scattering and imaging
- Beamsizes ~250 nm – 1 mm
- 5 - 25 keV
- Windowless, in-vacuum or in-air setup
- MHz integrating pixel detector or high resolution CCD (Hz)
- Optical fs pump laser
- X-ray split-delay line
- Various X-ray optics and beam diagnostics
- Various sample environments



MID, April 2019  
2000 pulses/s  
9 keV, 1.7 mJ/pulse

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