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# Science at the HED-HIBEF instrument



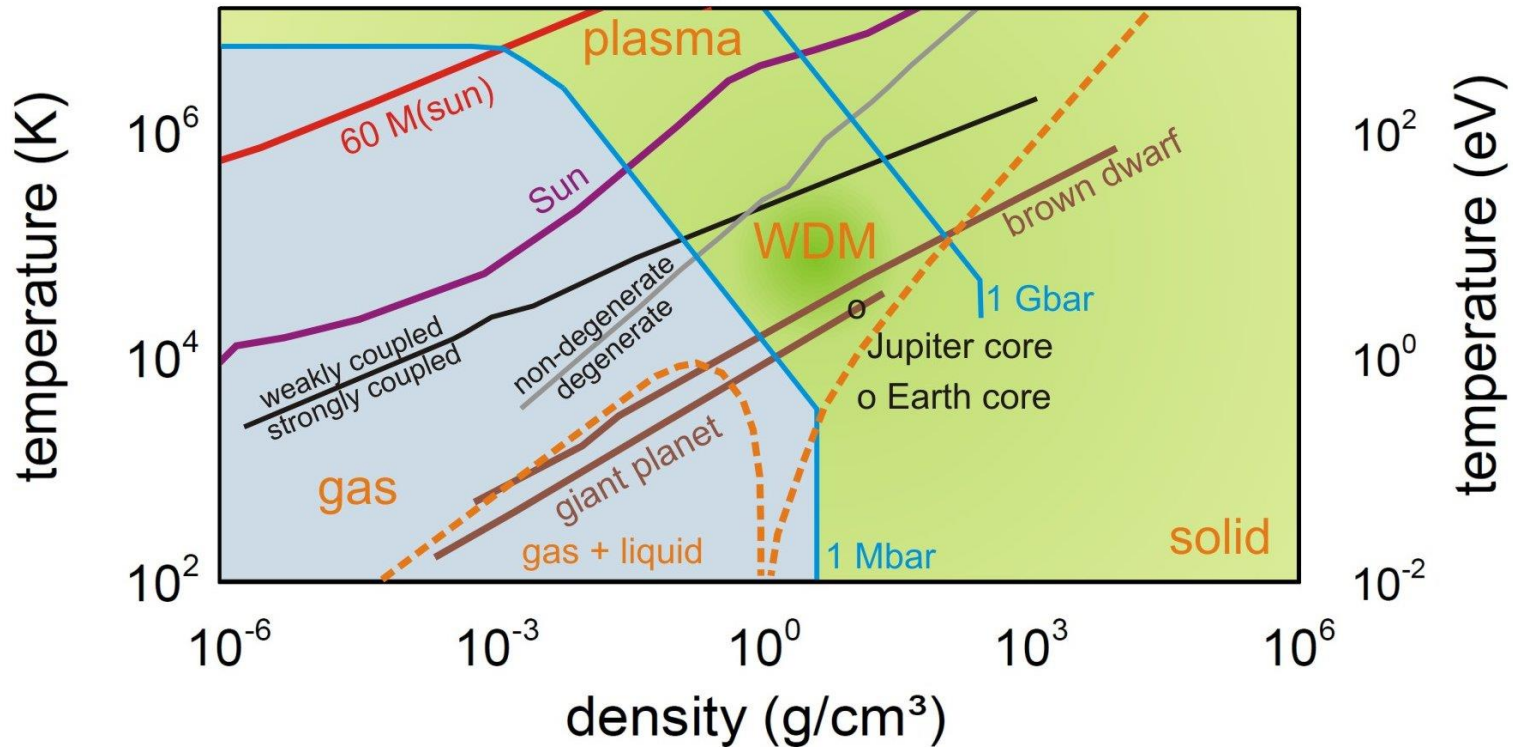
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# HED HiBEF

A large banner with a dark blue background and a glowing orange and red sun-like orb on the right. The word "HED" is written in large white letters on the left. Below it, the text "High-Energy Density Science" is written in white. The banner contains four small images: a tunnel of light, a silhouette of a person holding a glowing orb, a diagram of planetary interiors with labels like "Sun", "gas", "plasma", "WDM", "Jupiter core", "Earth core", "gas + liquid", "solid", "1 Mbar", "1 Gbar", "Brown Dwarf", "60 Mbar", "velocity coupled", "strongly coupled", "non-degenerate degenerate", and "giant planet"; and a diagram of Neptune's internal structure with labels like "Upper atmosphere, cloud top", "Atmosphere", "Hydrogen, helium, methane gas", "Mantle", "Water, ammonia, methane ice", and "Core (rock, ice)".

Condensed Matter <=> Warm Dense Matter <=> Hot Dense Matter



High free-electron density: penetration only up to critical density

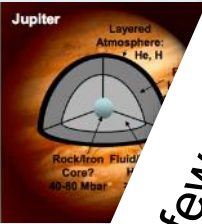
$$n_c = \omega^2 \epsilon_0 m / e^2$$

→ access to volumetric plasma parameters only by short wavelength radiation

$$(\omega > \omega_p)$$

# HED – research at extremes

**Laser Compression**  
Shock & ramp compression




Jupiter  
Layered Atmosphere: H<sub>2</sub>, He, H  
Rock/iron fluid Core? 10-20 Mbar

XRD, IXS, XES, XRF

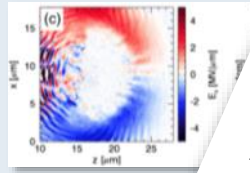
Long-pulse laser

**Diamond Anvil Cells**  
Fast compression piezo DAC  
Pulsed laser heated DAC  
Stage DAC



18 to 25 keV

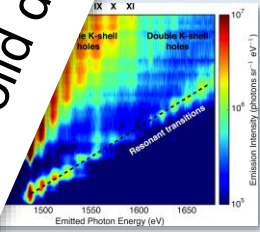
**Relativistic Laser-Plasmas**  
Electron transport  
Instabilities and filamentation  
Particle acceleration  
High EM fields



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Multi-100 fs laser

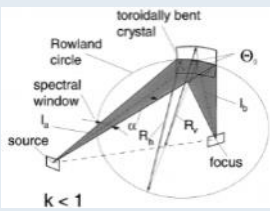
**Isochoric excitation**  
Transport properties,  
Heat flows, rates



Emission Intensity ( $\mu\text{photons sr}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$ )  
Emitted Photon Energy (eV)

XES, IXS, XRD  
Tight focusing

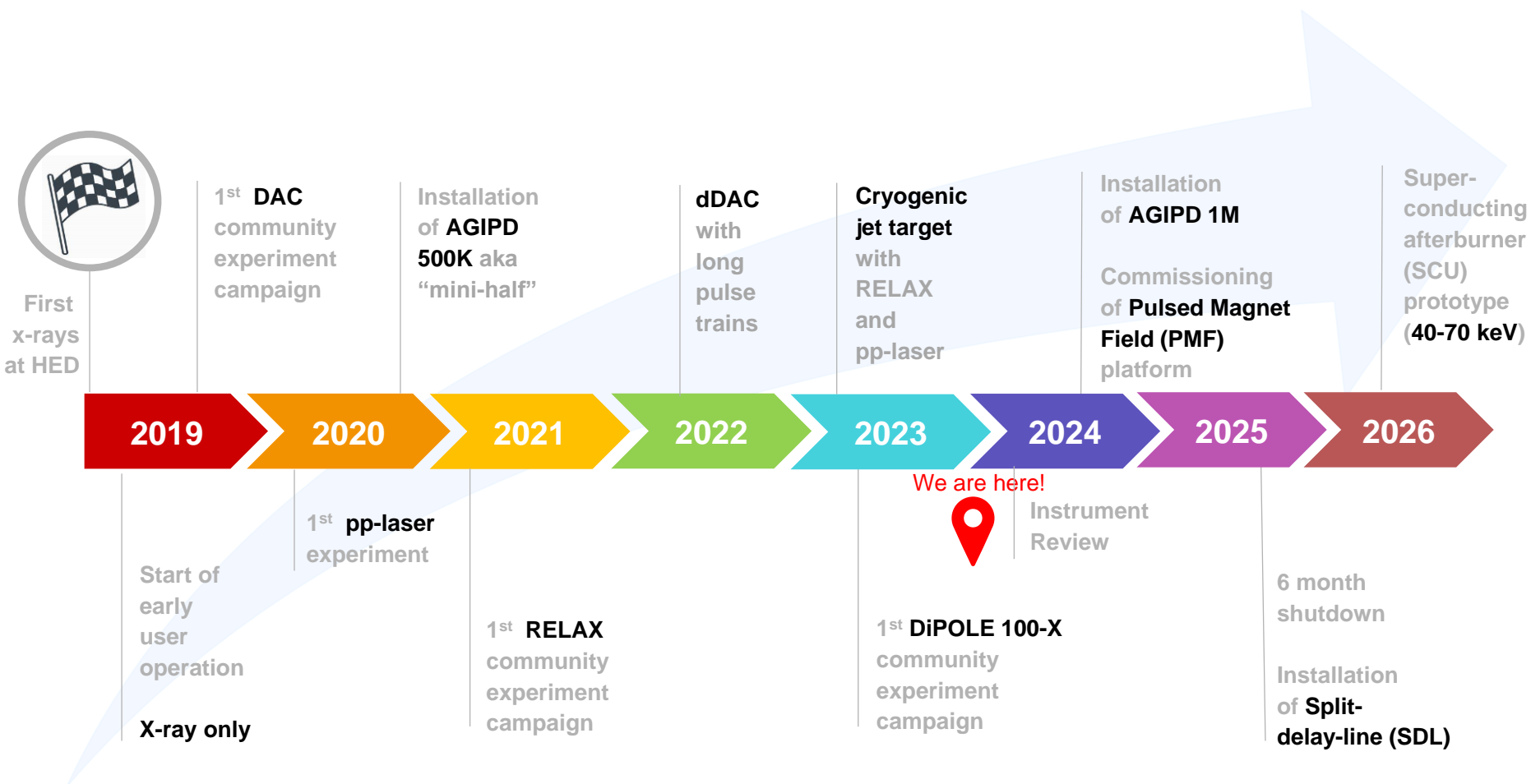
**Advanced methods**  
Spectrometers  
Advanced focusing  
SAXS energy analyzer  
Phase contrast imaging



toroidally bent crystal  
Rowland circle  
spectral window  
source  
focus  
 $k < 1$

**Further projects**  
Isobaric heating  
Cryogenic jet targets  
High-rep solids targets  
EMP-hard X-ray detectors  
High-purity polarimetry  
Laser-shocked DAC  
GISAXS

# Development of the HED-HIBEF instrument



# Multi-100 TW ReLaX laser coupled to XFEL beam

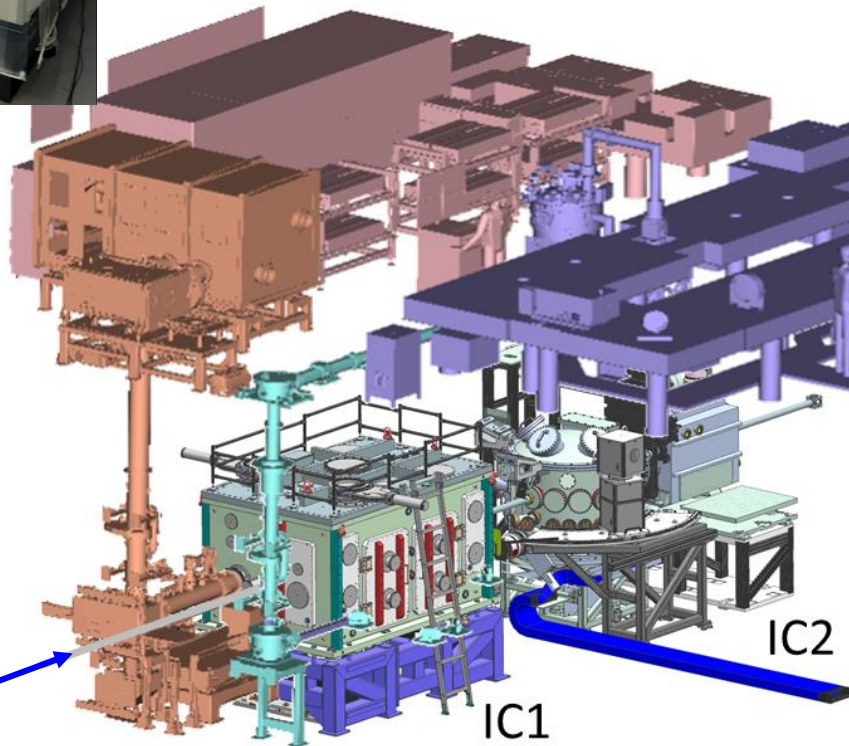


Ti:Sa 800 nm laser  
 $\geq 100$  TW, 10 Hz  
 $\geq 3$  J,  $\leq 30$  fs  
 $I \geq 10^{20}$  W.cm<sup>-2</sup>

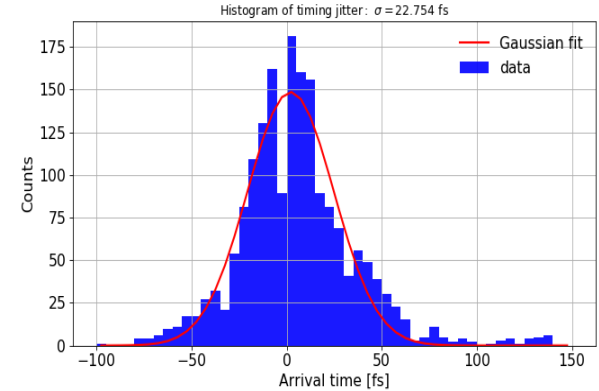
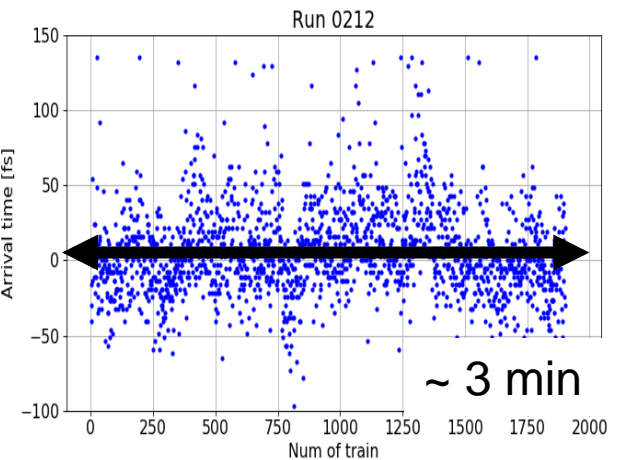


ReLaX laser

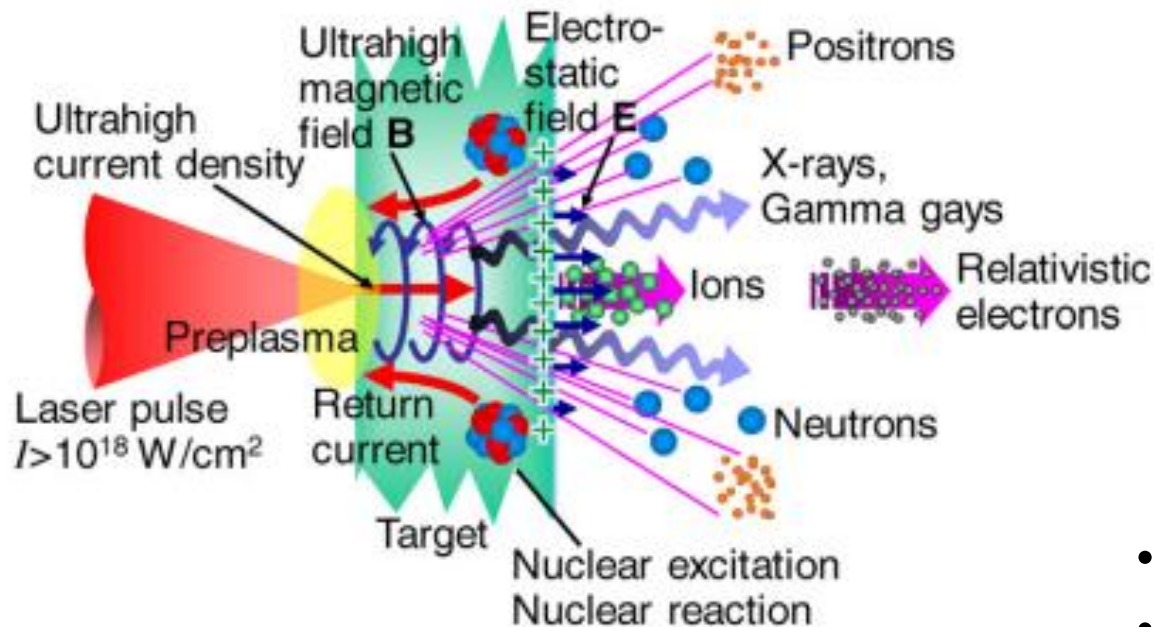
Pulse-to-pulse arrival jitter between  
**x-ray and RELAX is 20-30 fs**



X-ray

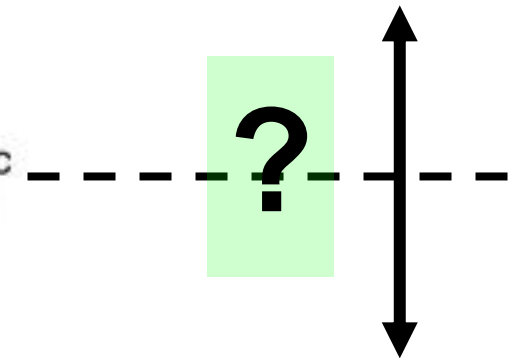


# Femtosecond Laser Plasma



Lateral extend of:

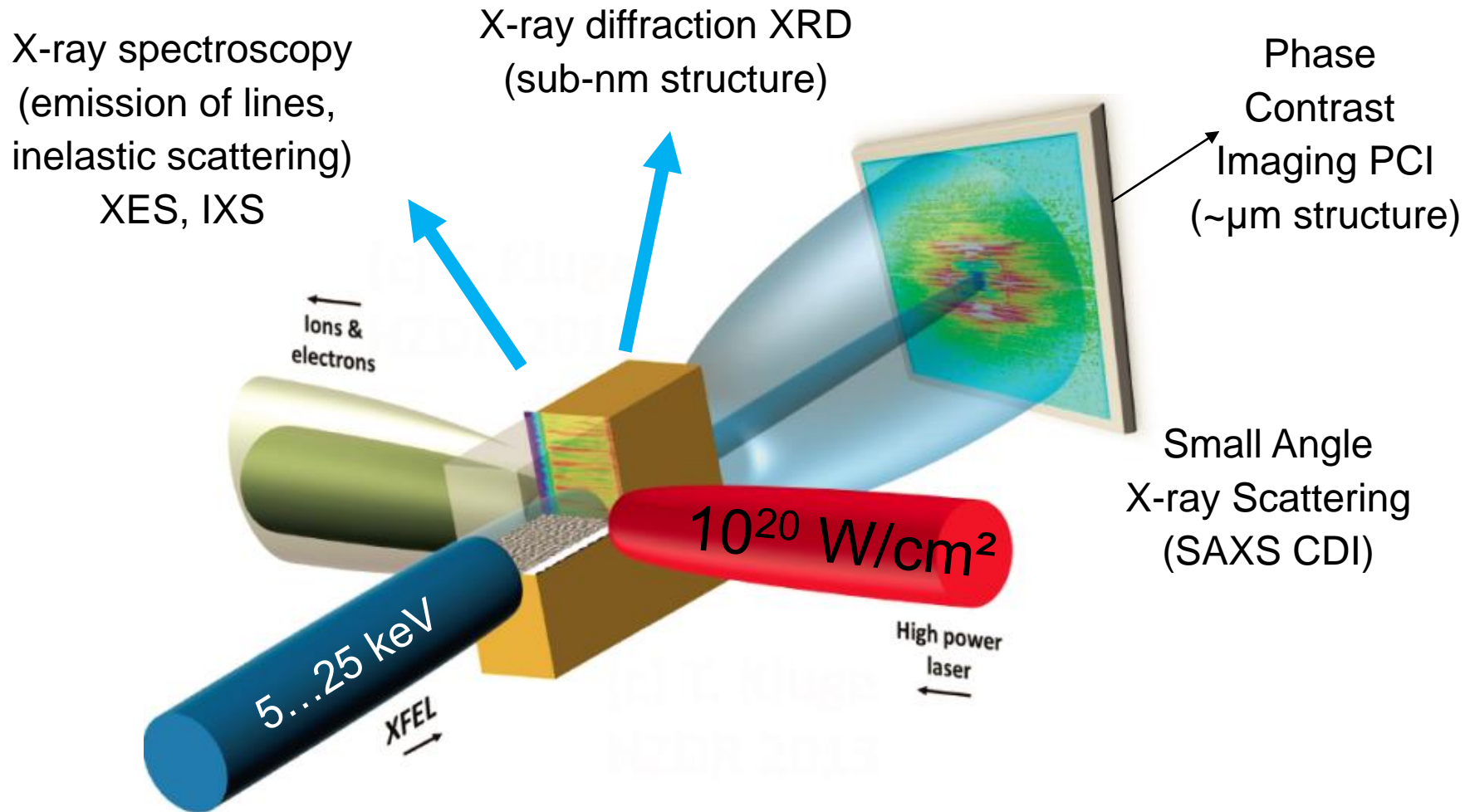
- Electron heating
- Reflex, return currents



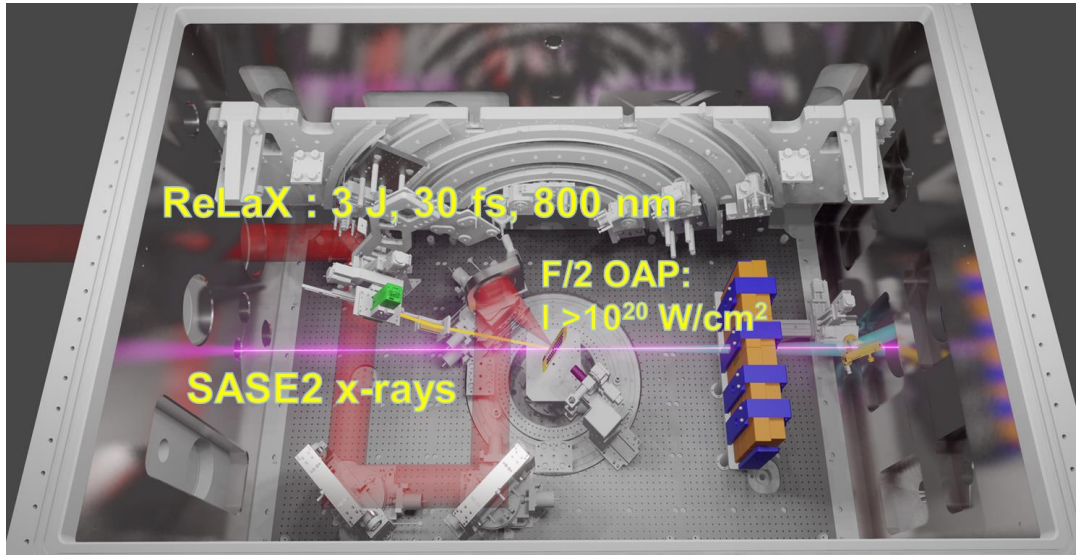
- K-line emission
- Temperature
- Ionization states

Ultra-short relativistic laser pulse interaction with solid target

# X-ray probing of relativistic laser plasmas

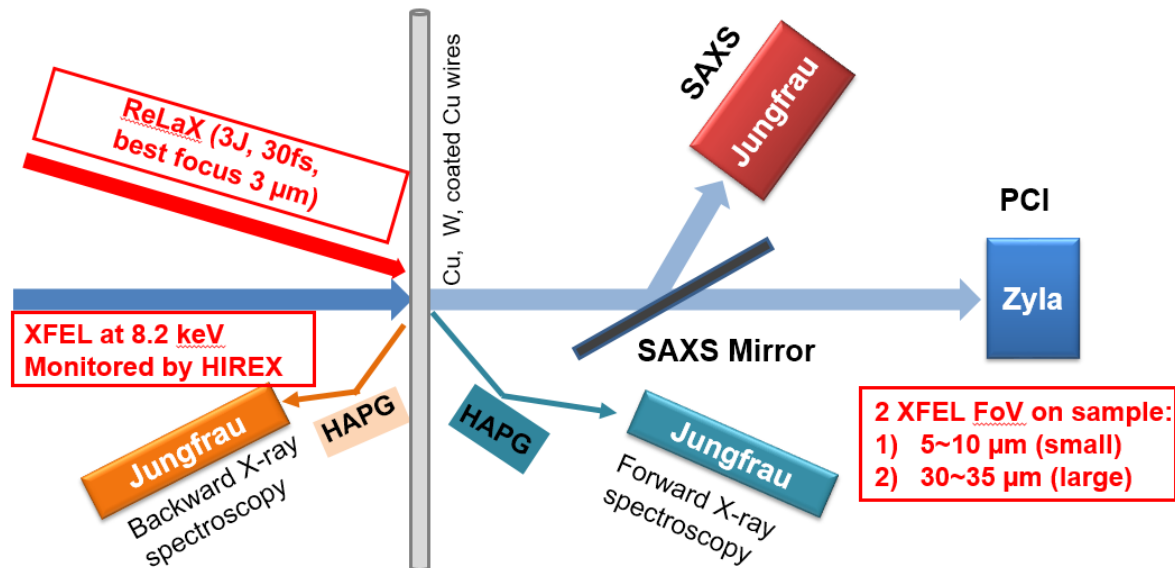


# Platform for Relativistic Plasma science: RELAX 100 TW at IC1



## “Standard Configuration”

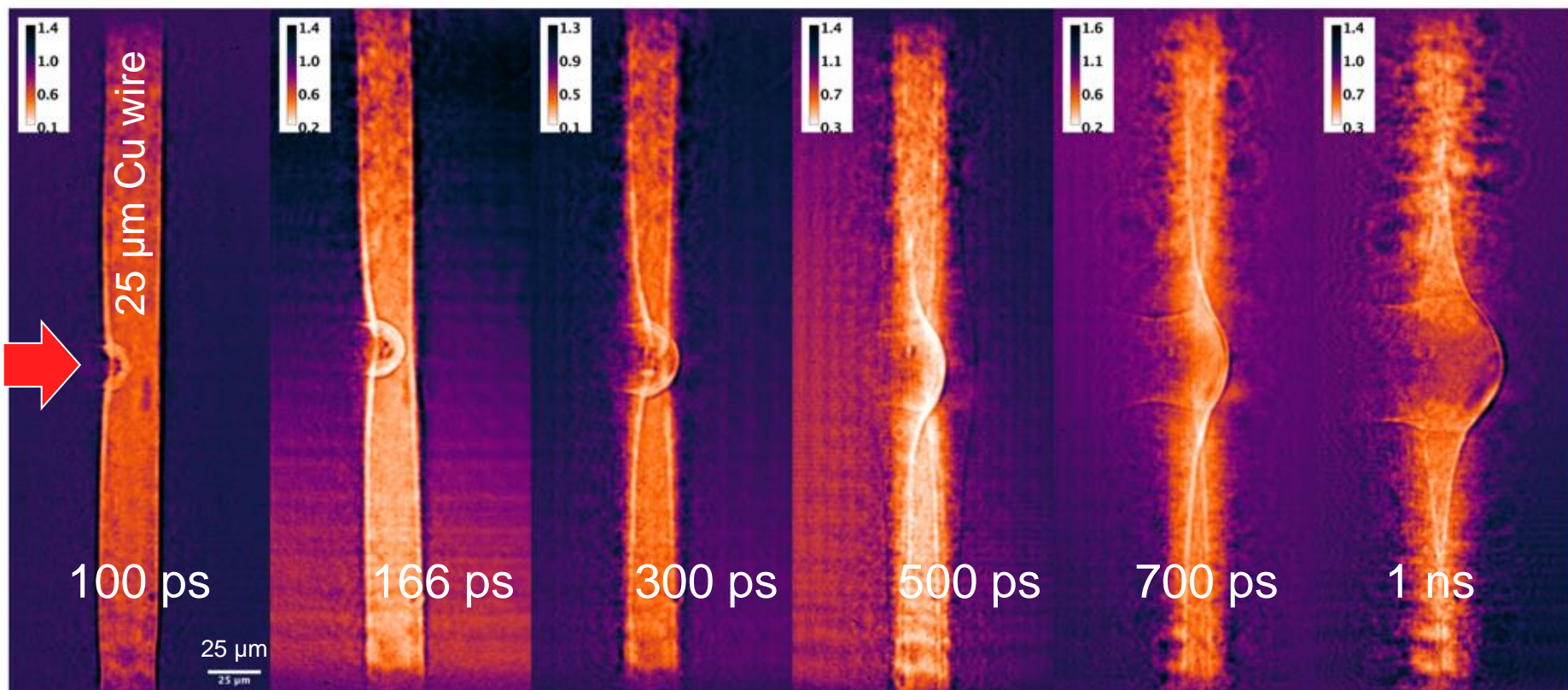
- 8 keV x-ray pulses
- SAXS + Spectroscopy + PCI
- Challenges on XFEL + laser + sample overlaps.
- Proper shielding of detectors against laser-induced background





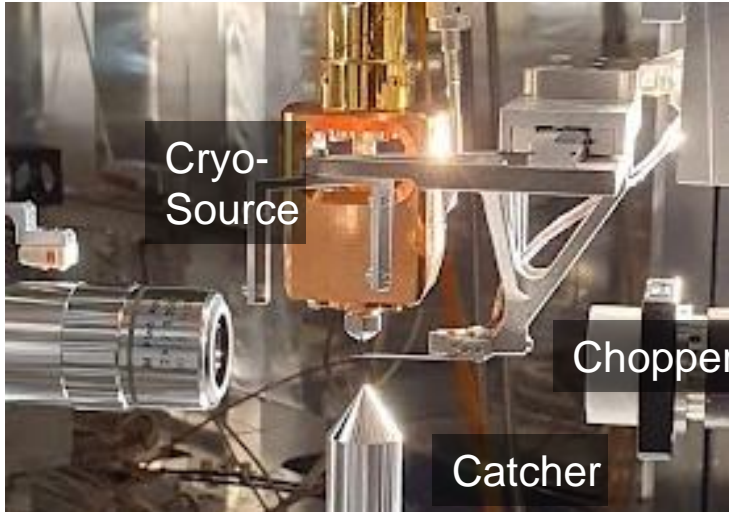
## Cylindrical compression of thin wires by irradiation of a Joule class short pulse laser (PI: Laso Garcia/ Toncian)

- Aim: Observation of sub ns scale dynamic of laser irradiated wires with new imaging PCI platform
- Results: ablative shock driven radial cylindrical compression of wire material observed for the first time



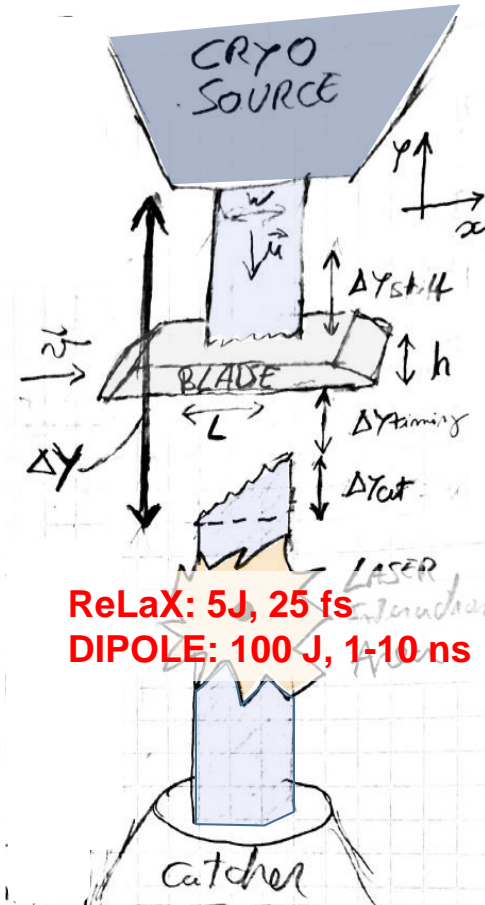
# Cryogenic jet targets at HED

## Platform integration



- **Piezo-driven Chopper device** protects the injector nozzle and maintain target stability
  - Creates a gap in the jet
  - Physically blocks particles, radiation and plasma propagation from the violent laser plasma interaction (ReLaX, DIPOLE)
  - Provides alternative path for plasma discharge
  - Operates at 10 Hz and scopes with beamline train-jitter (+/- 40  $\mu$ sec)
  - Fast cutting speed (2 m/s) to minimize the nozzle-laser distance at high jet flow velocities ( $\Delta y < 3$  mm)

## Experimental Sketch



**ReLaX: 5J, 25 fs**  
**DIPOLE: 100 J, 1-10 ns**

## Implementation

Chopping blade sequence  
 (20  $\mu$ sec, 2 Million FPS)

Liquid CH<sub>4</sub>, flow direction

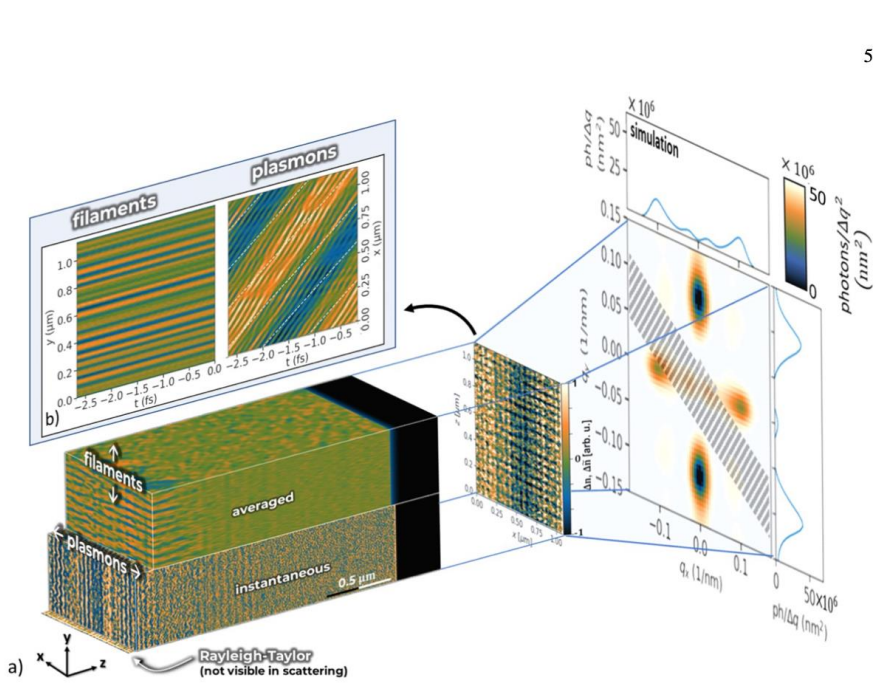
200  $\mu$ m

~ 1.5 mm to nozzle

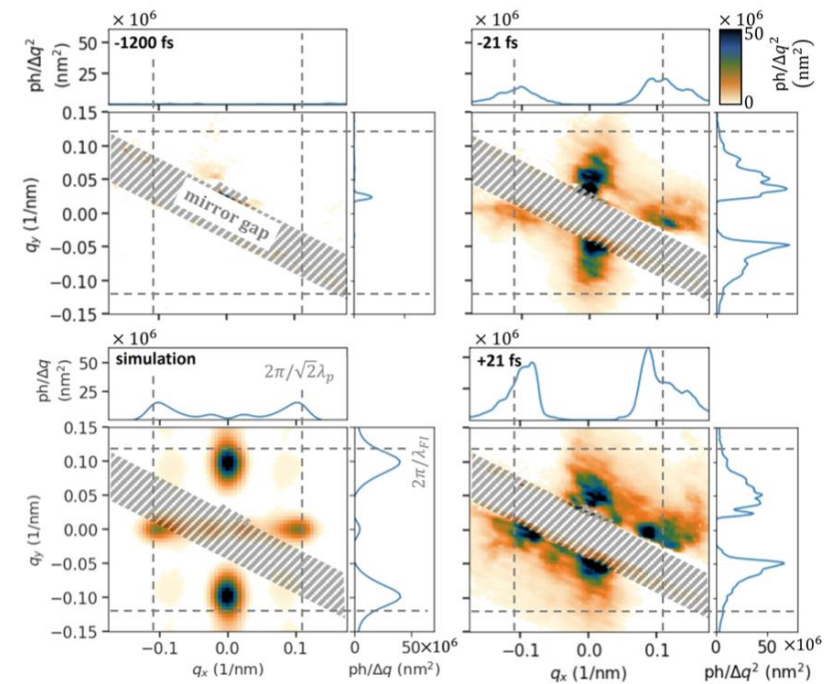
130,060m

# Ultrafast expansion in relativistically intense laser interaction with solids. PI: T. Kluge

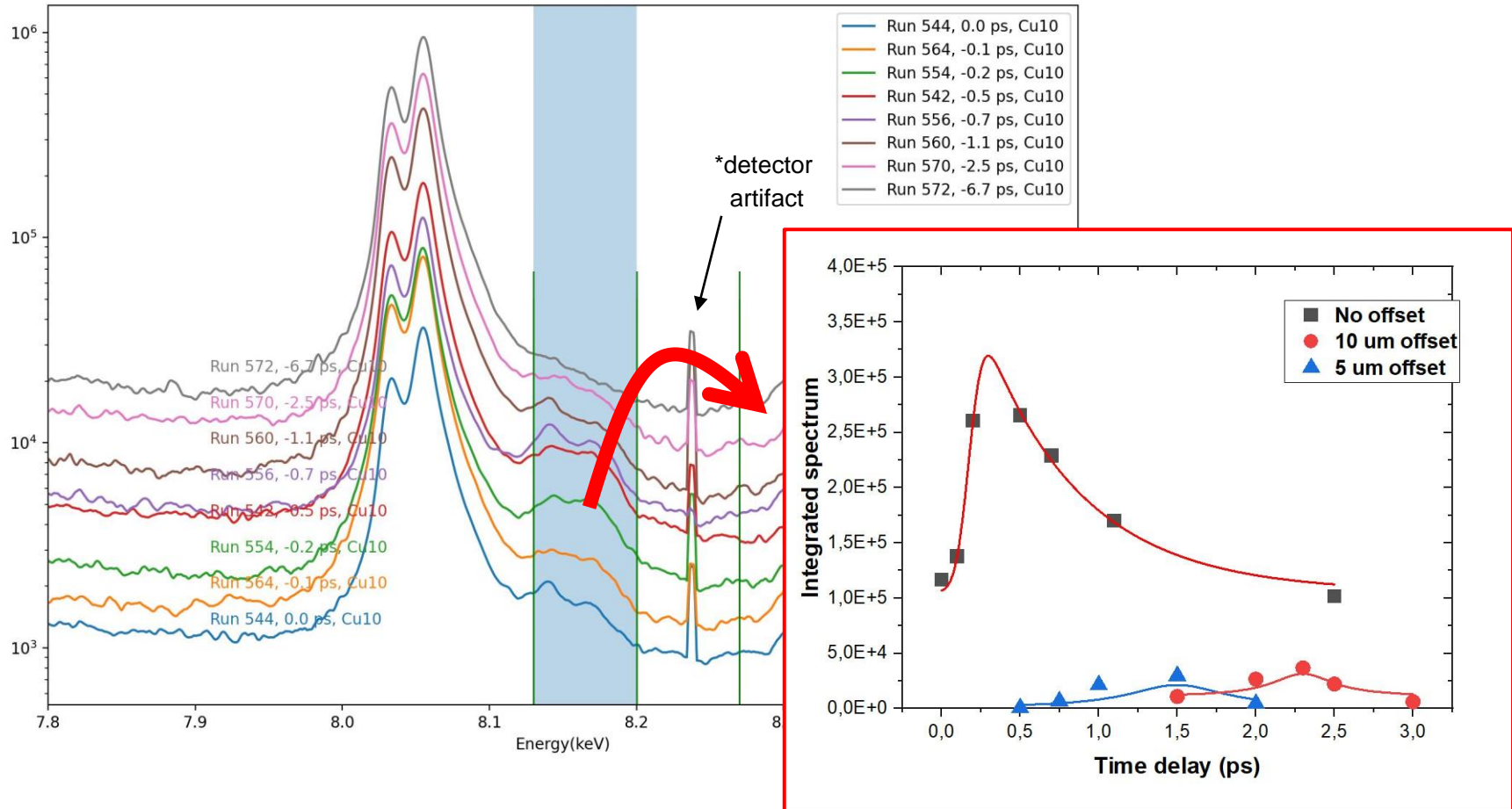
- Investigate ultra-fast instability processes in solids under extreme conditions at the nanometer level in relativistic plasmas
- Temporal evolution and discrimination between instabilities/filamentation



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# Emission Spectroscopy from 10 $\mu\text{m}$ Cu foil

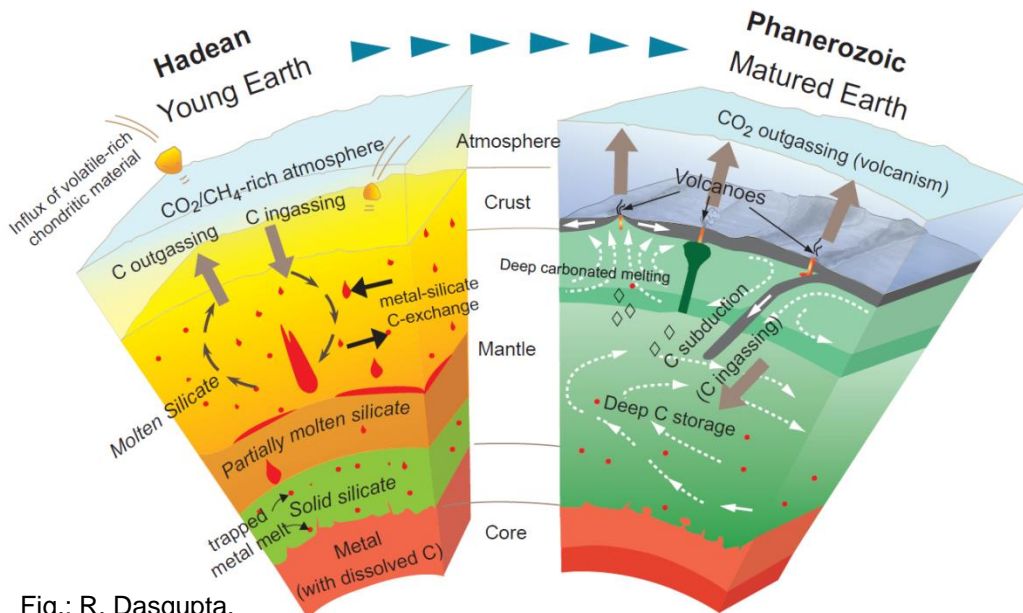


Offset scan ("offset" here means physical offset between laser and x-ray best-focus spot in vert. direction for different delay scans)

The result of this part of the experiment was the first estimate of the **propagation velocity of the "ionization wave"** in the plasma (approx.  $6 \times 10^6$  m/s).



# Science within planet Earth – silicates, carbonates



- $\text{FeCO}_3$
- ▲  $\text{Fe}_4\text{C}_3\text{O}_{12}$
- ◆  $\text{Fe}_4\text{C}_4\text{O}_{13}$
- $\text{FeCO}_3$  + iron oxides
- $\text{Fe}_4\text{C}_3\text{O}_{12}$  + iron oxides
- $\text{Fe}_4\text{C}_4\text{O}_{13}$  + iron oxides
- $\text{Fe}_4\text{C}_3\text{O}_{12}$  +  $\text{Fe}_4\text{C}_4\text{O}_{13}$

Fig.: V. Cerantola et al., Nature Comm. 8 (2017)

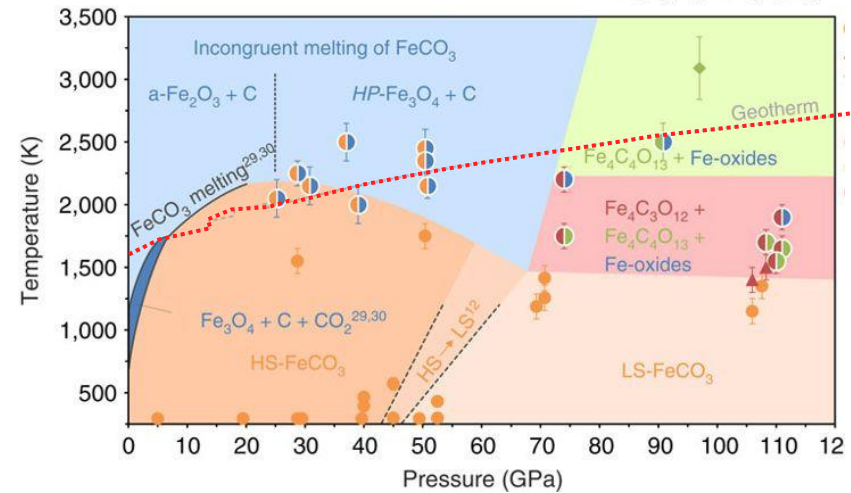
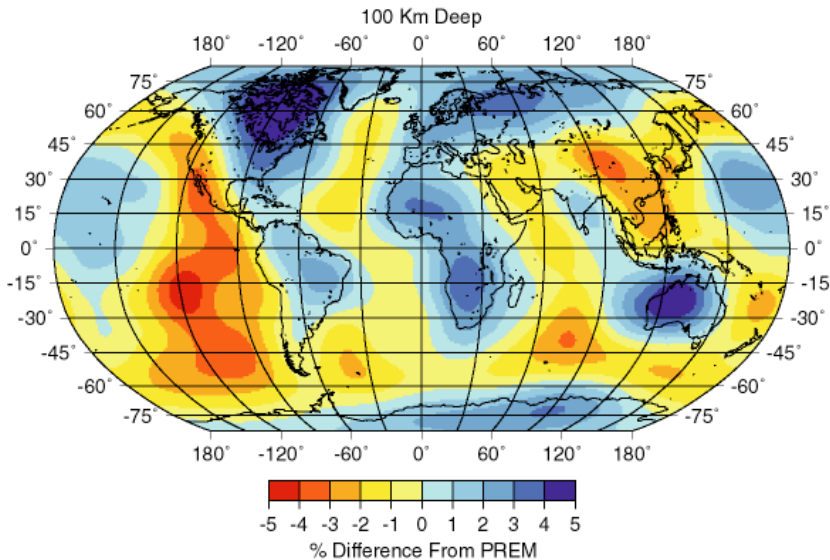


Fig.: R. Dasgupta, Rev. Min. Geo. 75 (2013)



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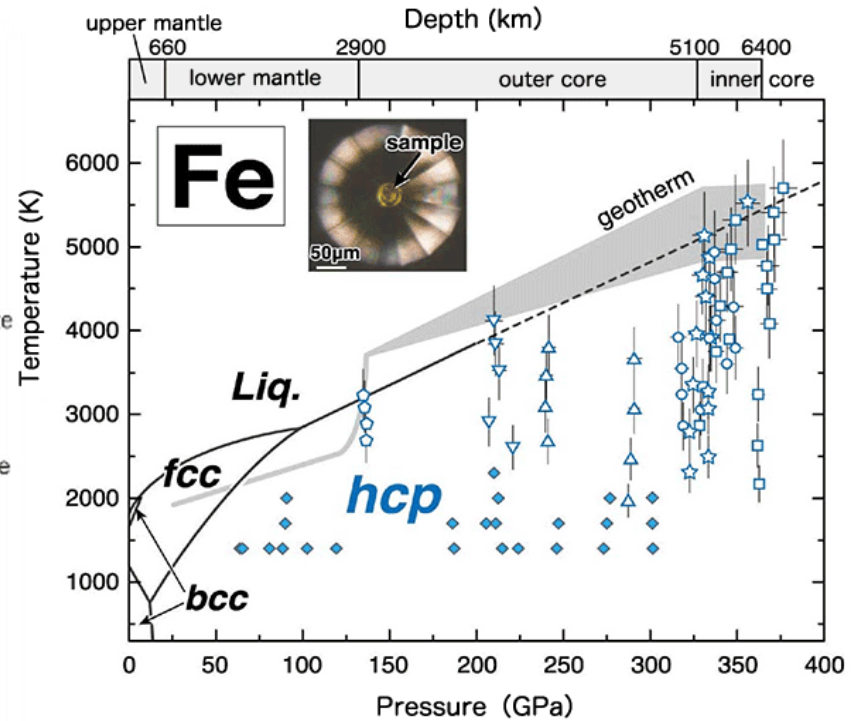
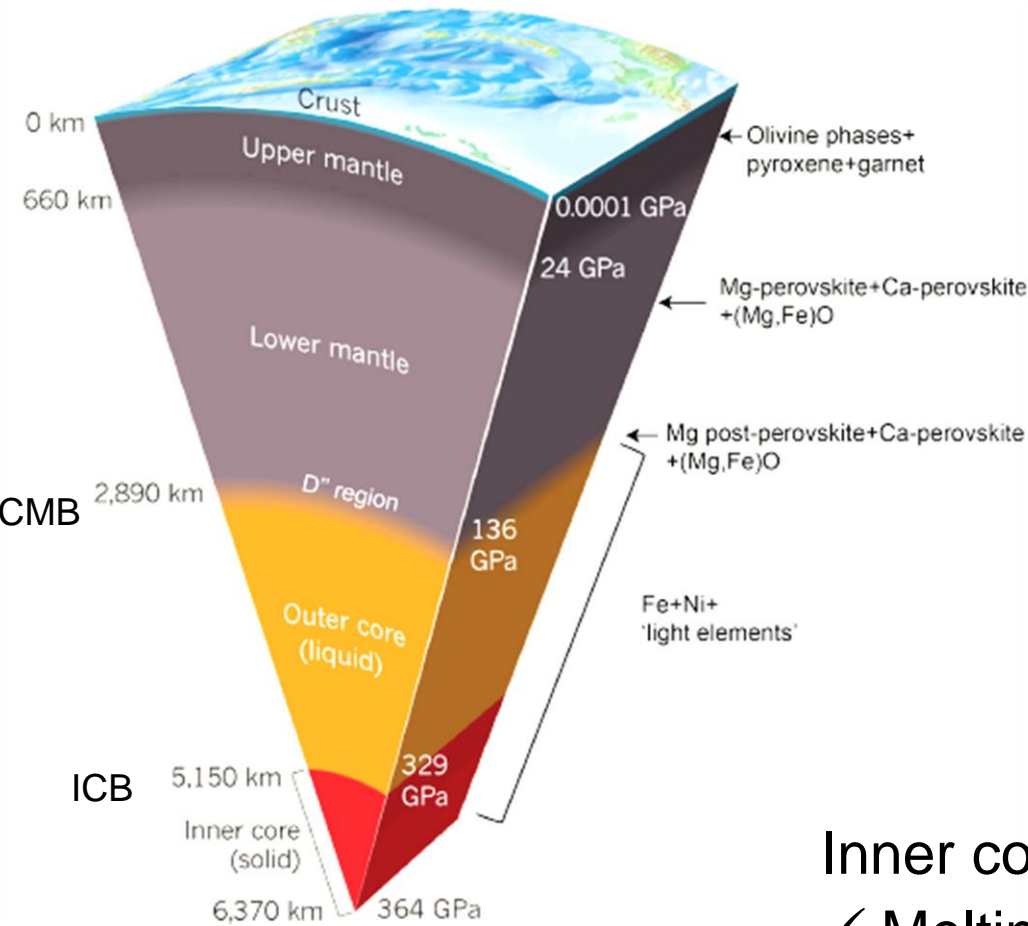
## Bridgmanite—named at last

The most abundant mineral in Earth's interior gets a name

- $\text{MgSiO}_3$
- Seismic low velocity zones in the Earth's mantle

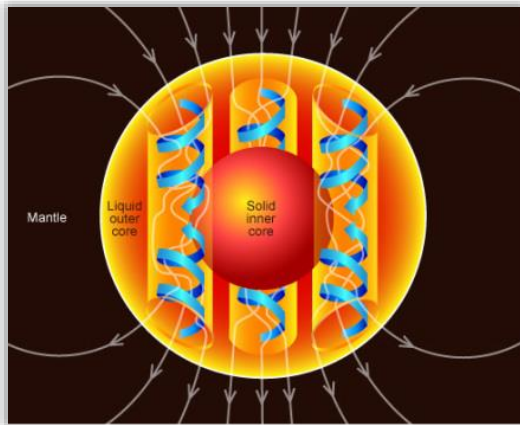
# Science within planet Earth – the core – iron melt line

Tateno *et al.*, *Science* **330** (6002), 359 - 361 (2010)



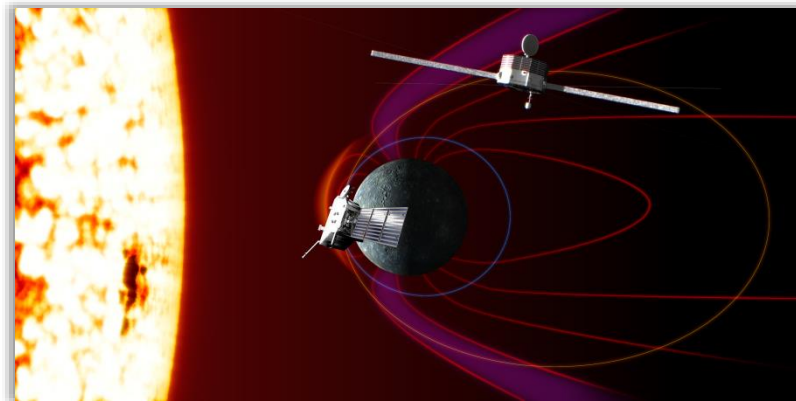
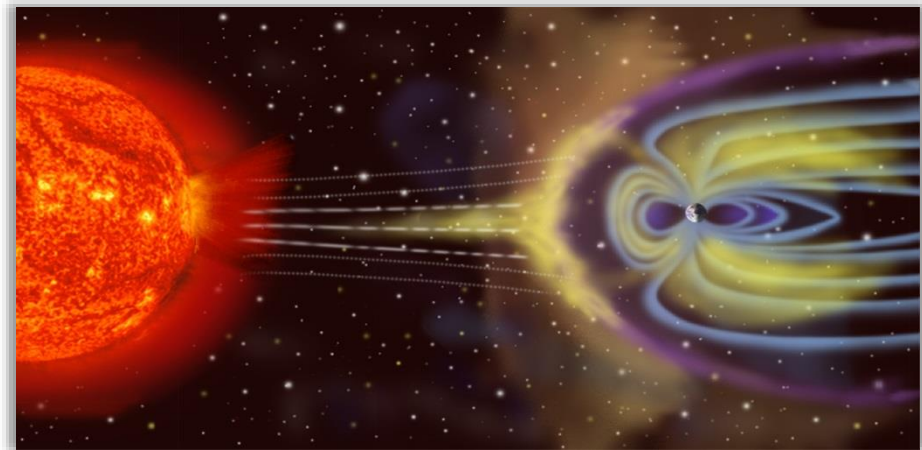
- Inner core:
- ✓ Melting temperature at ICB is 6350 K
  - ✓ hcp is the only stable configuration

# Earth dynamo theory – Fe core convection



Measure the Fe melting line  
 → determines boundary (inner/outer core)  
 Influence of impurities (S, Ni) ?  
 Measure conductivity, viscosity

Magnetic fields is prerequisite for life (shield from stellar winds)

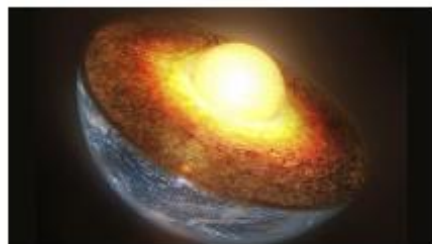


Mercury is much smaller than Earth  
 Has magnetic field (Venus, Mars not)  
*BepiColombo* space mission

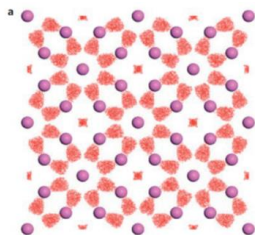


# Material science, industrial applications

## Structure and chemistry at extreme P/T conditions



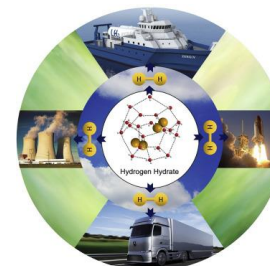
planetary interiors



new materials

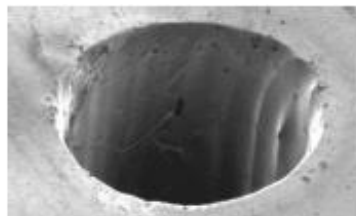


super conductivity



Hydrogen storage

## Deformation at ultra-high strain rates



drilling



hardening, peening

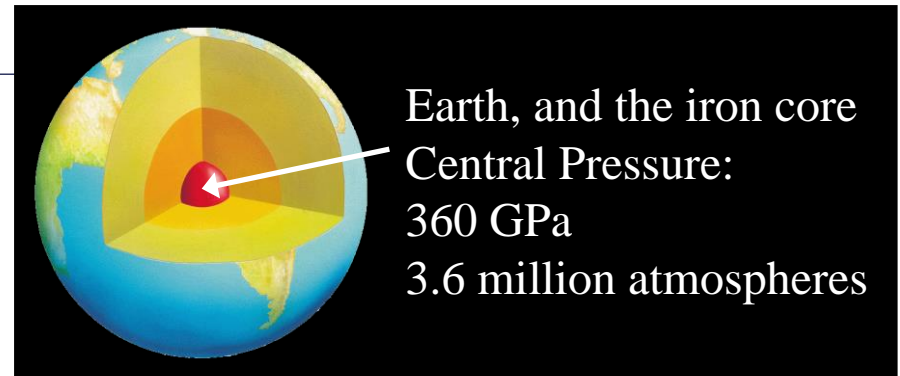
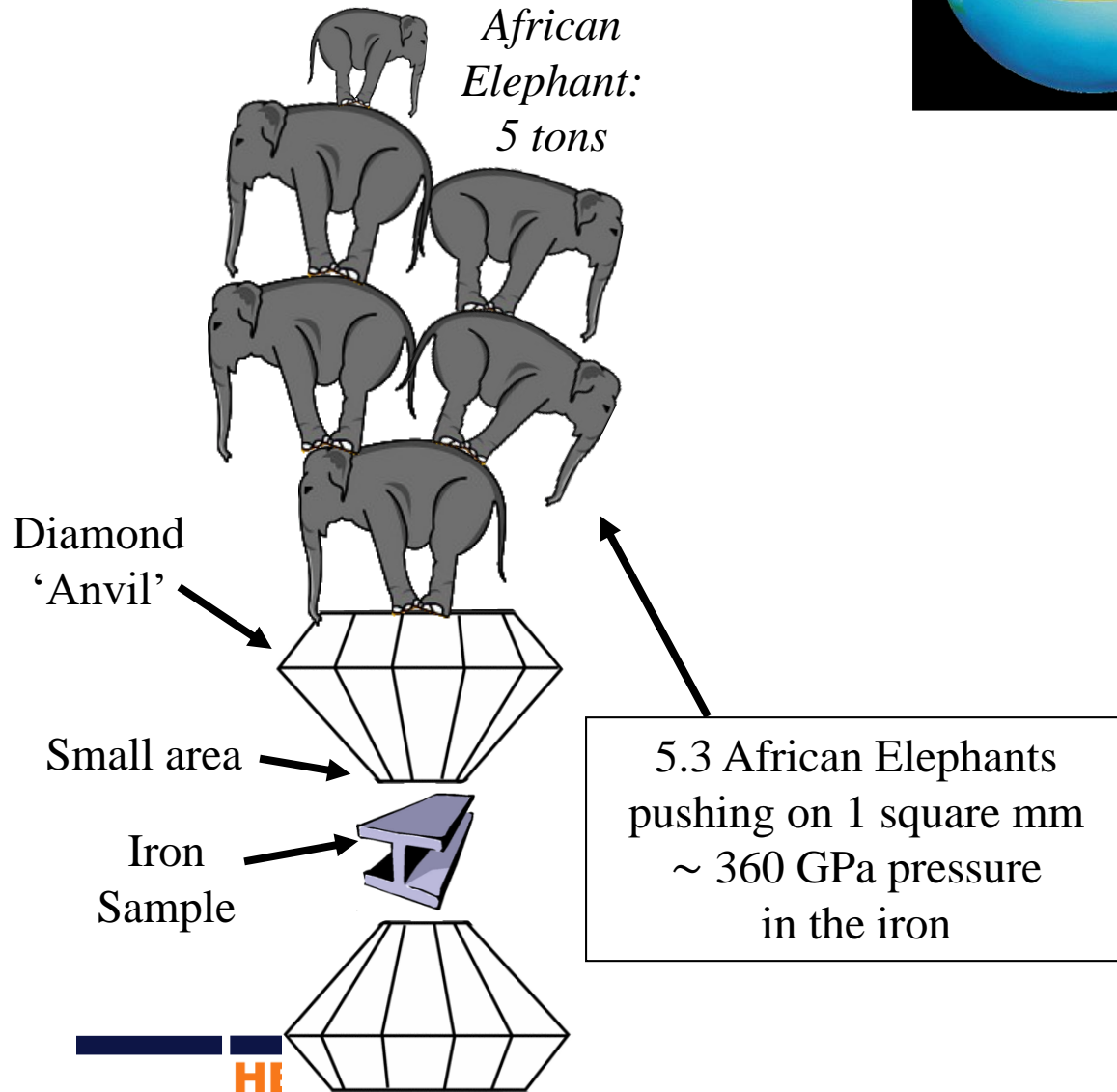


space debris



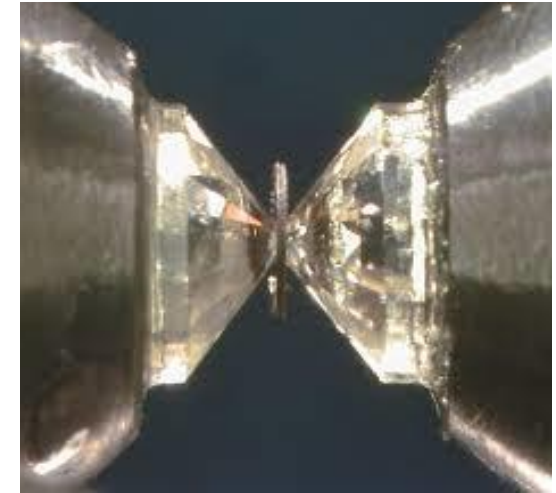
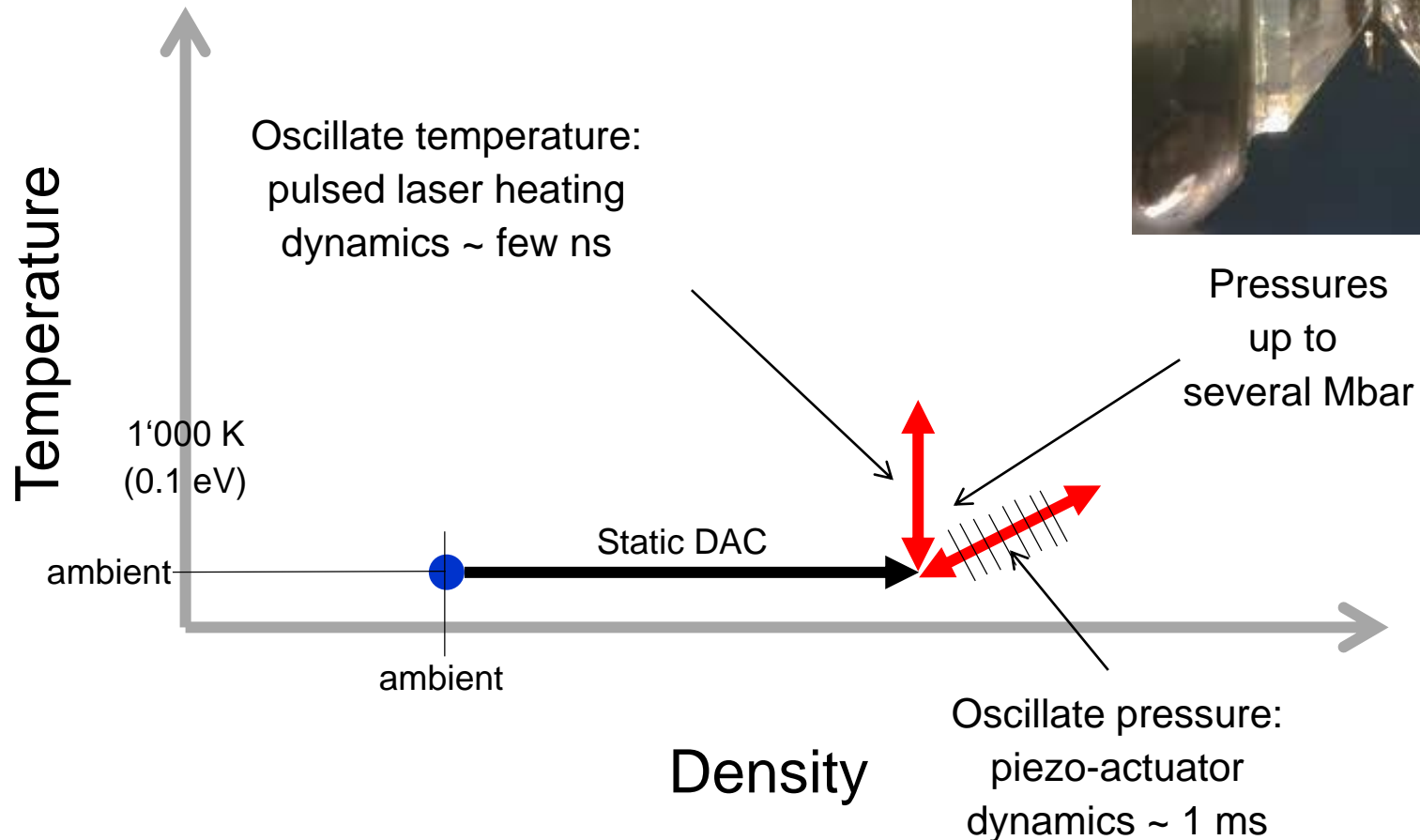
Orbit re-entry shields

# Putting on the Pressure:



# Preparation of extreme conditions at HED

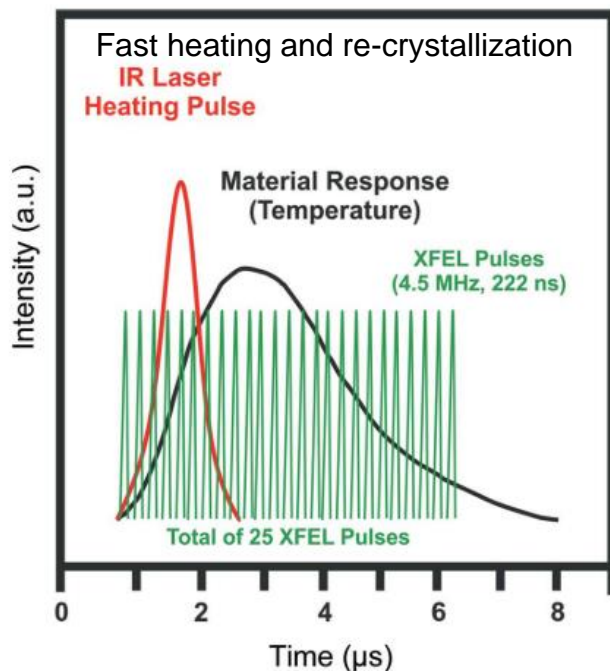
## ■ Diamond Anvil Cells (DAC)



# 7 successful DAC (diamond-anvil-cell) experiments were performed in 2022 (5 at IC2, 2 at IC1)

Liermann et al., J. Sync. Rad. **28**, 688 (2021)

$\mu$ s pulsed laser heating DAC



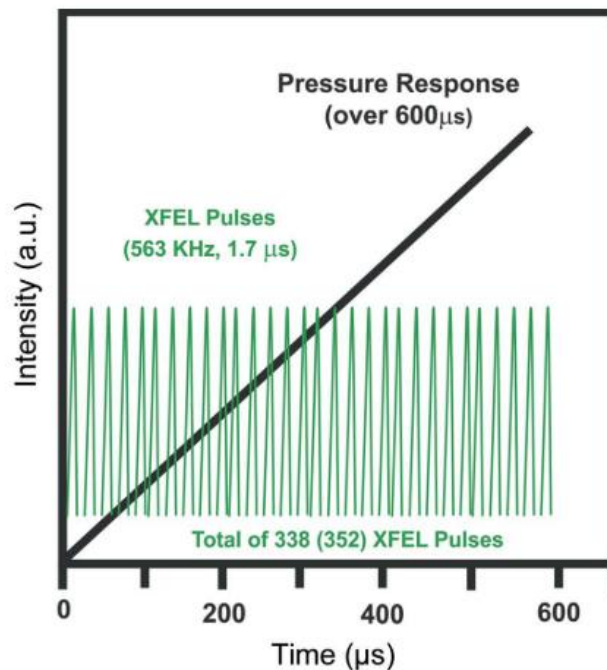
#2605 (Morard/Prescher)

Nov. 2021

#2844 (Bykova/Goncharov)

July 2022: C, N<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, ...

Dynamic DAC  
Medium compression rate over ms



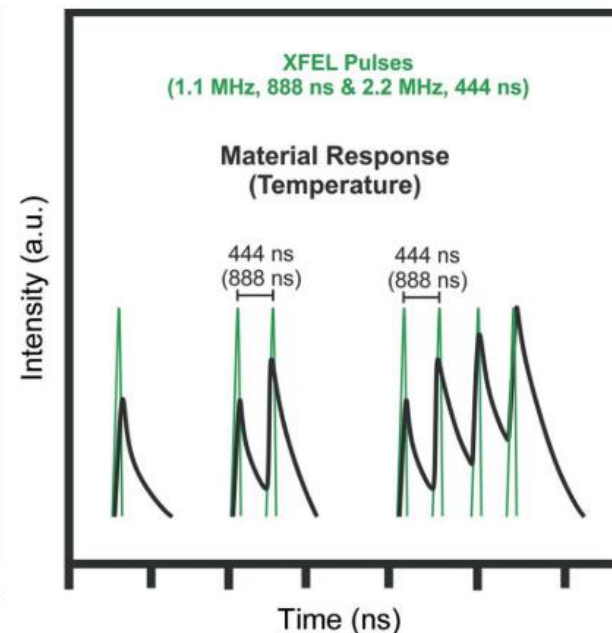
#2592 (Jenei/Liermann)

Nov. 2021: Bi, Ti, ...

#2855 (Salamat/Schwartz) June

2022: metal superhydrides

MHz fs x-ray impulsive heating  
DAC



#2624 (Konopkova/Sternemann)

Sept. 2021: XES at IC1

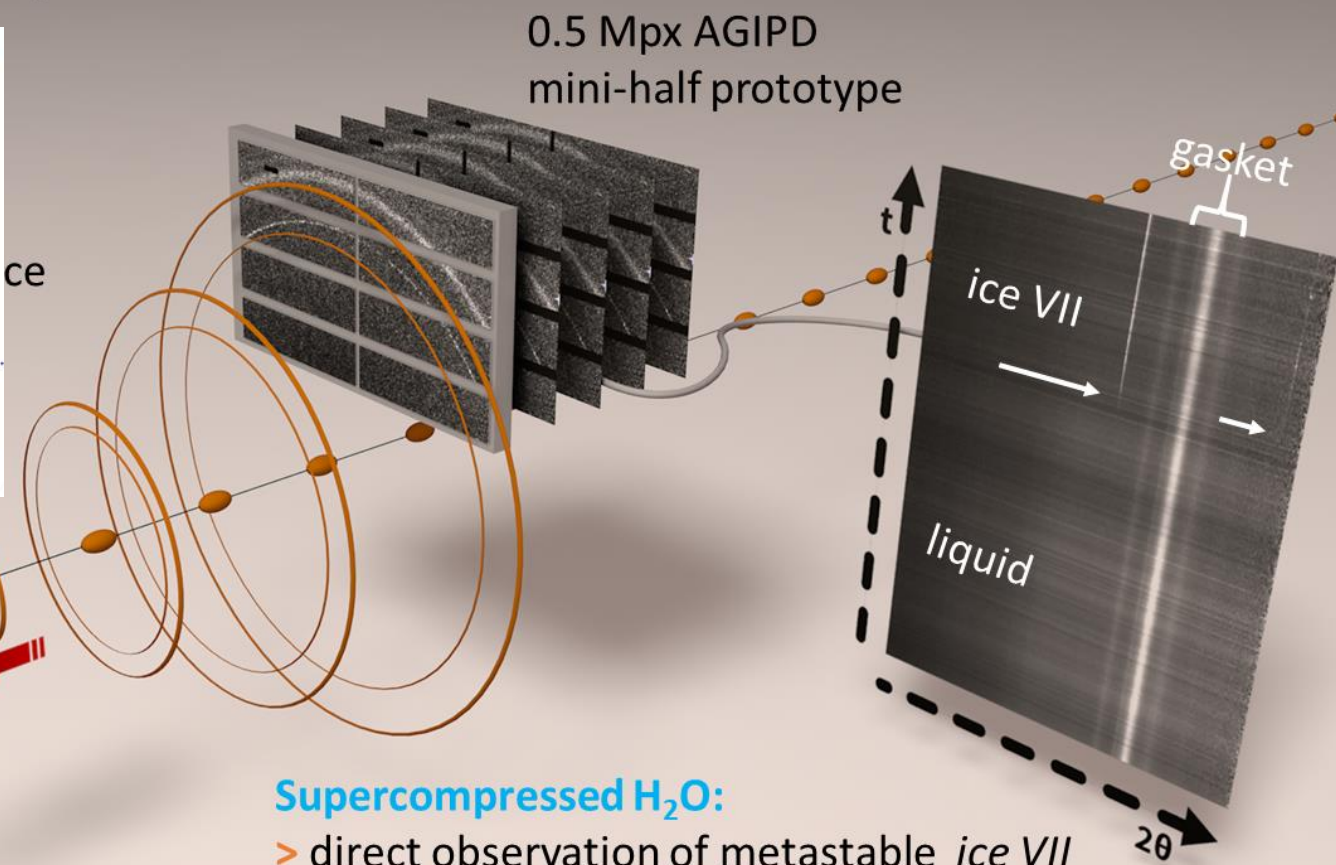
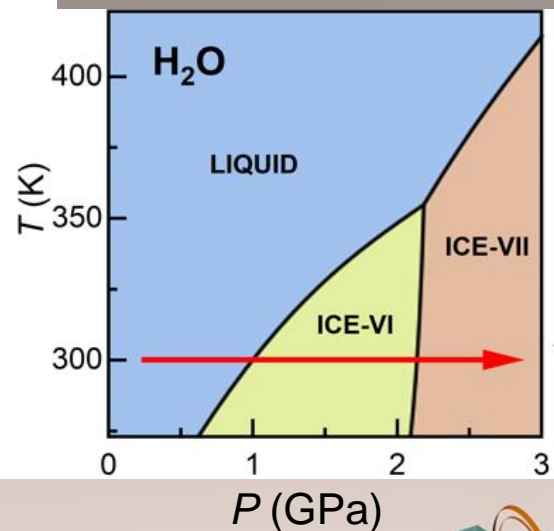
#2590 (McMahon/Husband) Nov.

2021: Low-Z (H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>4</sub>, etc)

#2804 (Cerantola/Sternemann)

May 2022: XES at IC1

# HED proposal 2592: Kinetics of structural phase transitions in the dynamic diamond anvil cell: bridging static and shock compression



**Piezo driven DAC:**  
 > up to 100 TPa/s

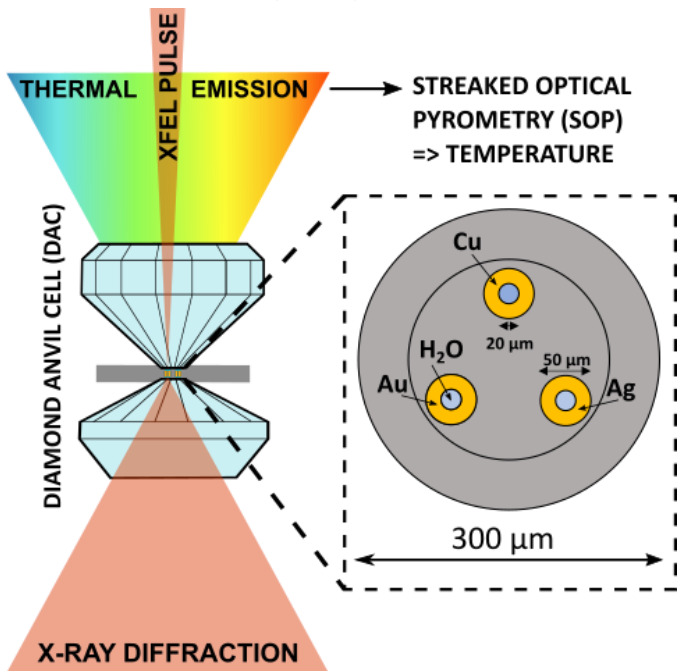
### Supercompressed H<sub>2</sub>O:

- > direct observation of metastable *ice VII*
- > liquid to *ice VII*, no *ice VI* observed

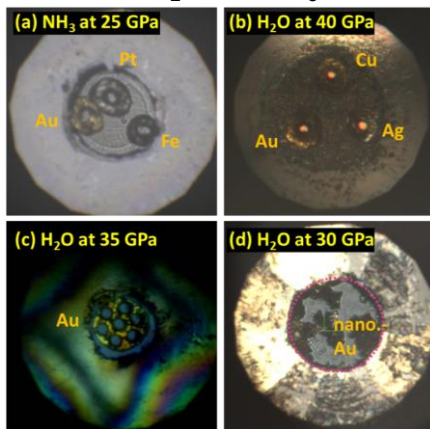
# Experiment #2590: X-ray Heating of Low-Z Materials at Static High Pressures

DAC community proposal in November 2021

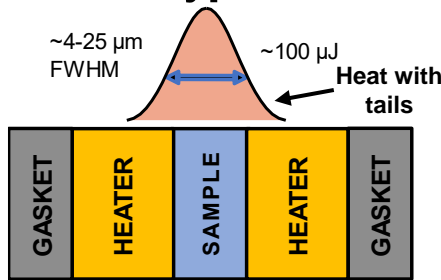
- XFEL heating of samples in DACs can be used to create extreme temperatures at high pressures
- Direct heating of **low-Z planetary ices** (e.g. H<sub>2</sub>O, NH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>) not very efficient => heat indirectly using a high-Z heater



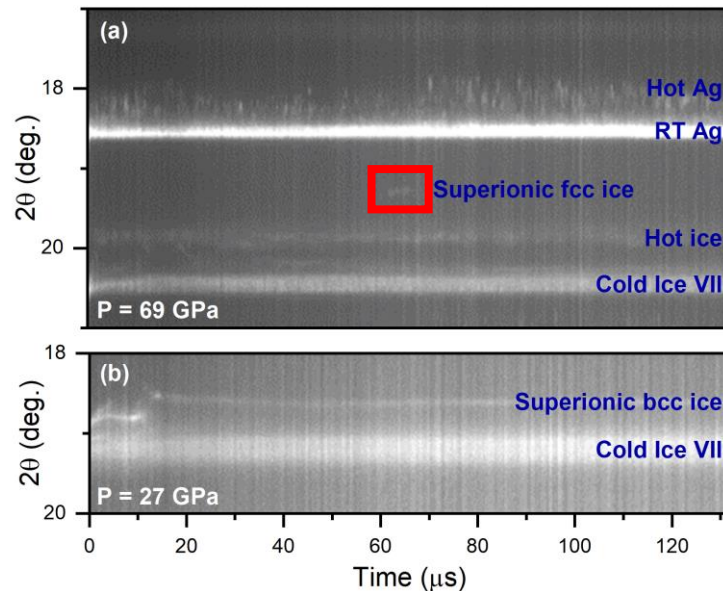
H<sub>2</sub>O and NH<sub>3</sub> samples



X-ray pulse

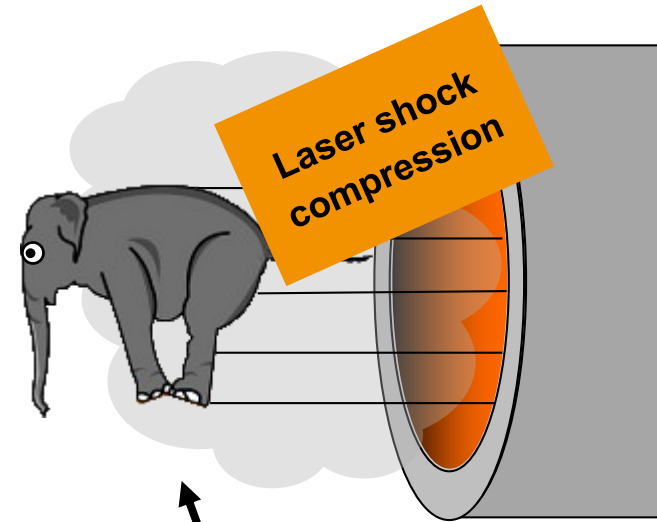
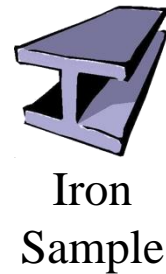
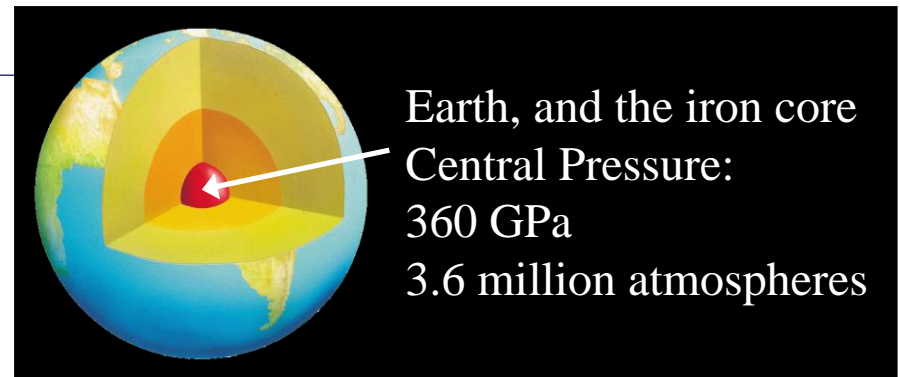
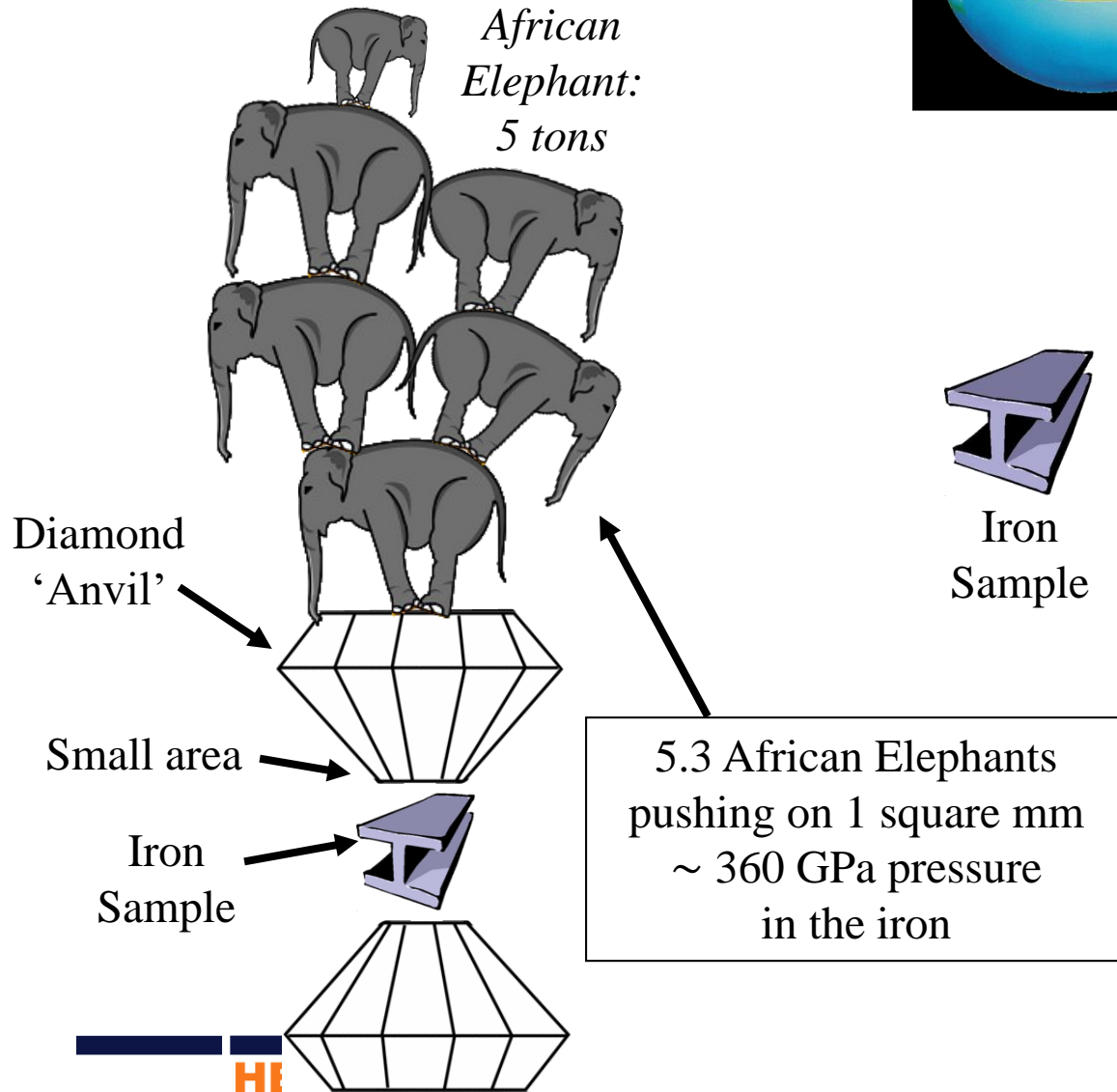


Irradiate samples with 300 pulses at 2.2 MHz

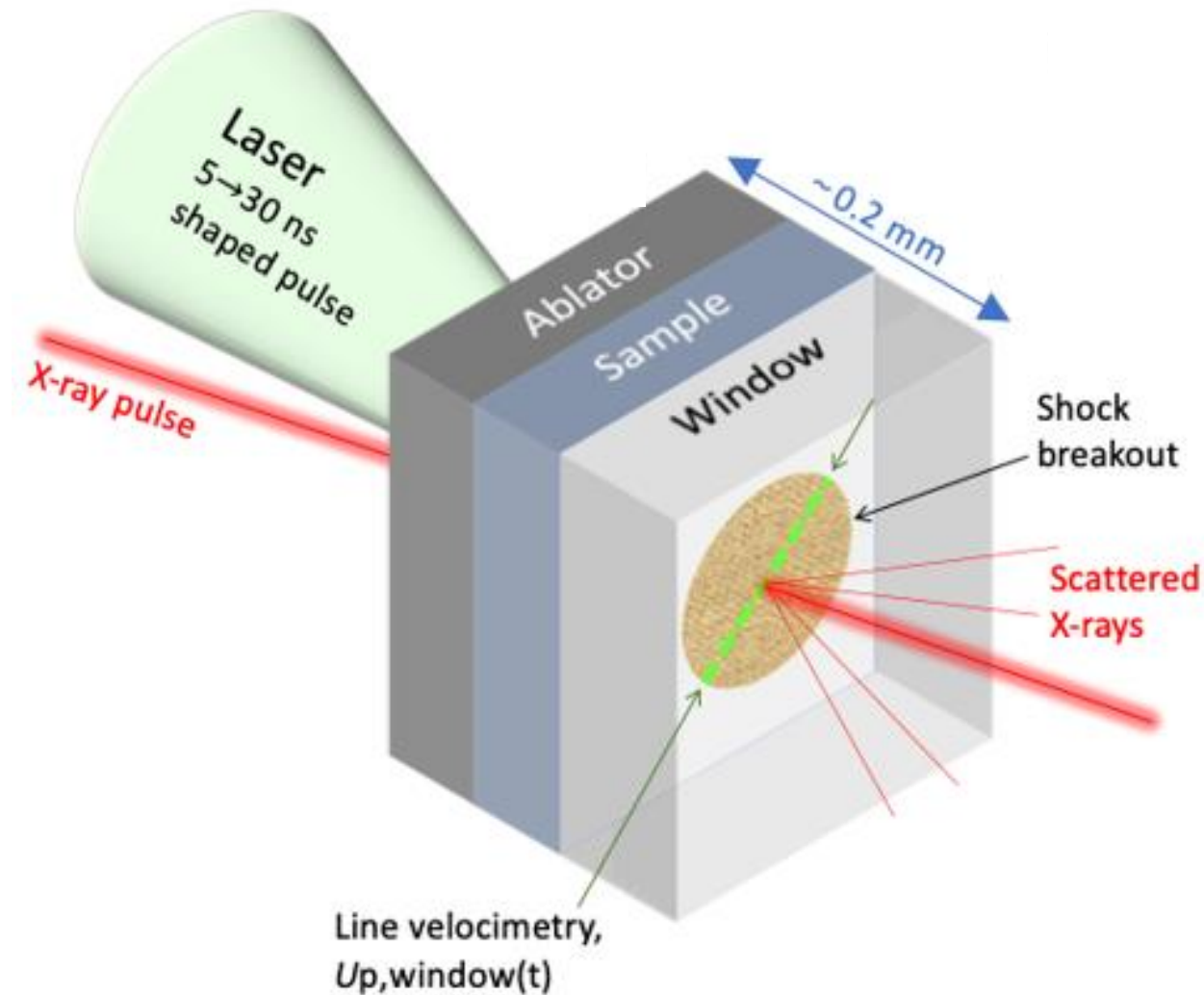


- Pulse-resolved X-ray diffraction data collected using the AGIPD mini-half determines thermal expansion of the sample during irradiation
- See evidence of bcc and fcc **superionic ice**, where protons are free to move within the oxygen lattice

# Putting on the Pressure:



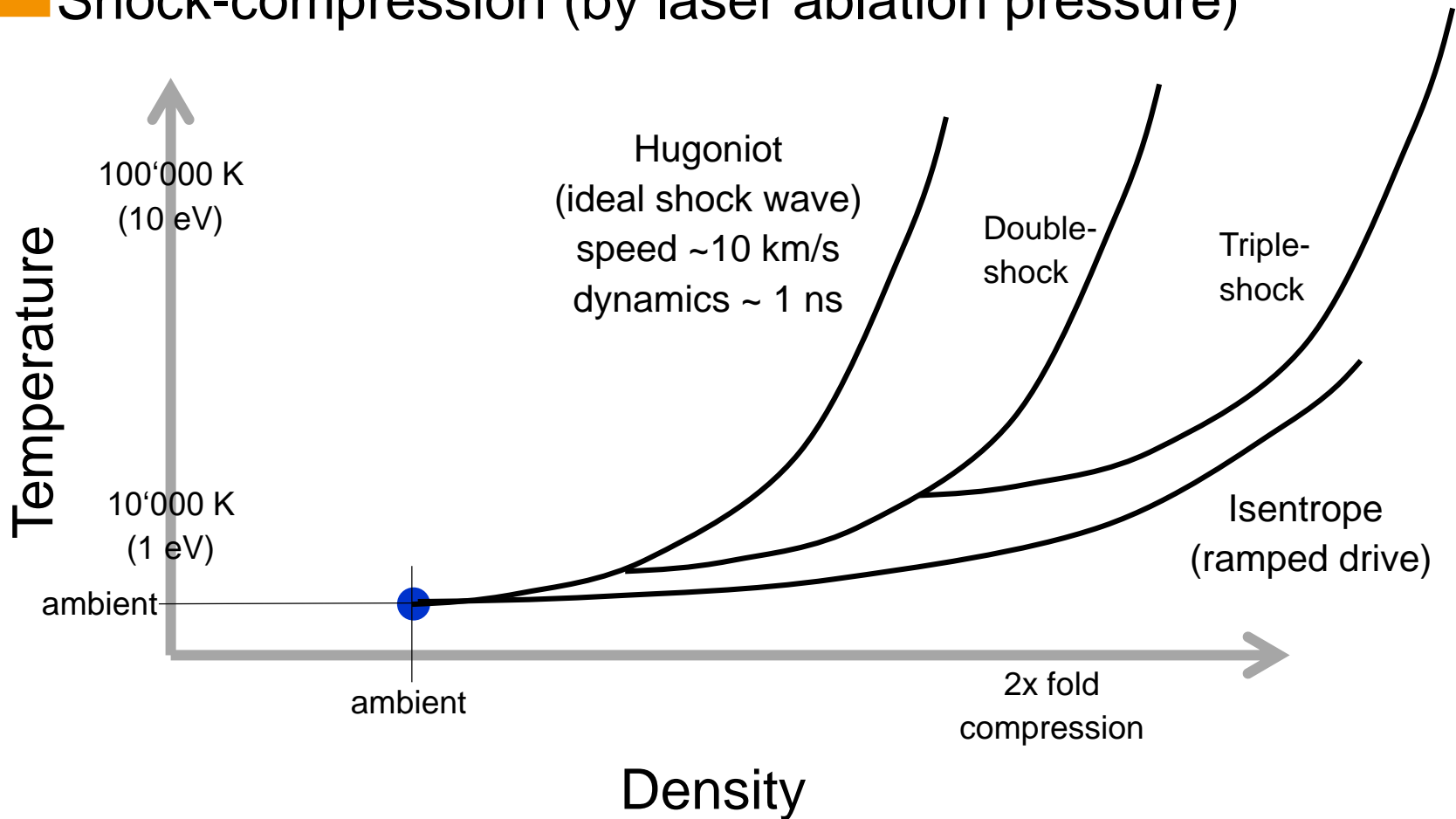
# Studies of dynamically compressed matter



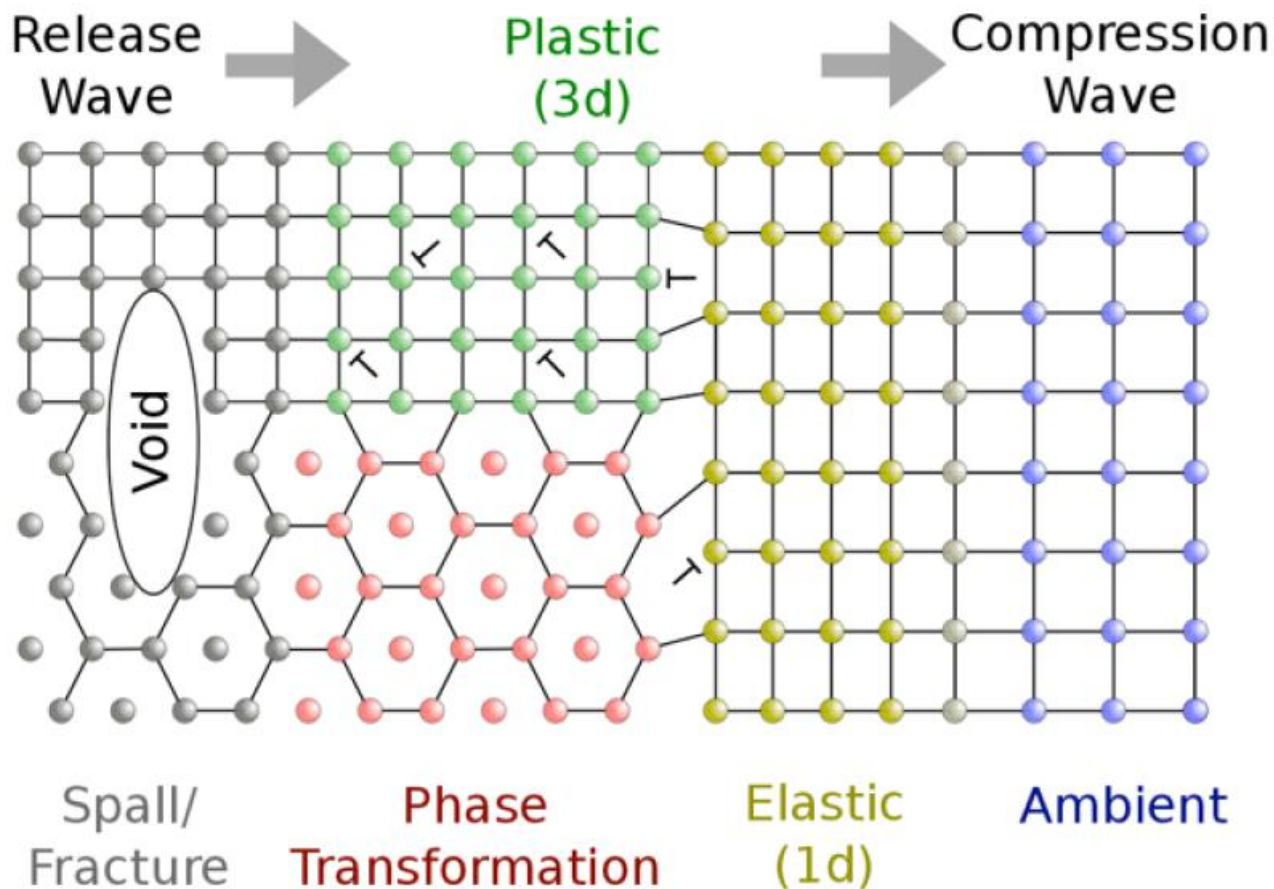


# Preparation of extreme conditions at HED

## Shock-compression (by laser ablation pressure)



# Strain rate dependence – dynamic material response



Mediated by defects  
 → takes time!

## DiPOLE 100X : the most powerful driver installed at X-ray facility

- Diode-pumped,  
>70 J, 15 ns, 10 Hz
- UK in-kind  
(EPSRC & STFC)
- 10 M€
- Delivered end 2019
- Commissioned off-line  
in 2020-2022
- First user experiment  
in May 2023

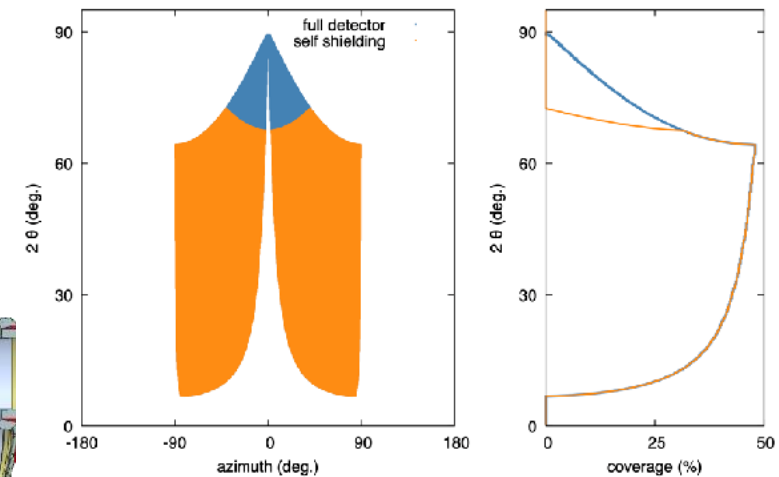
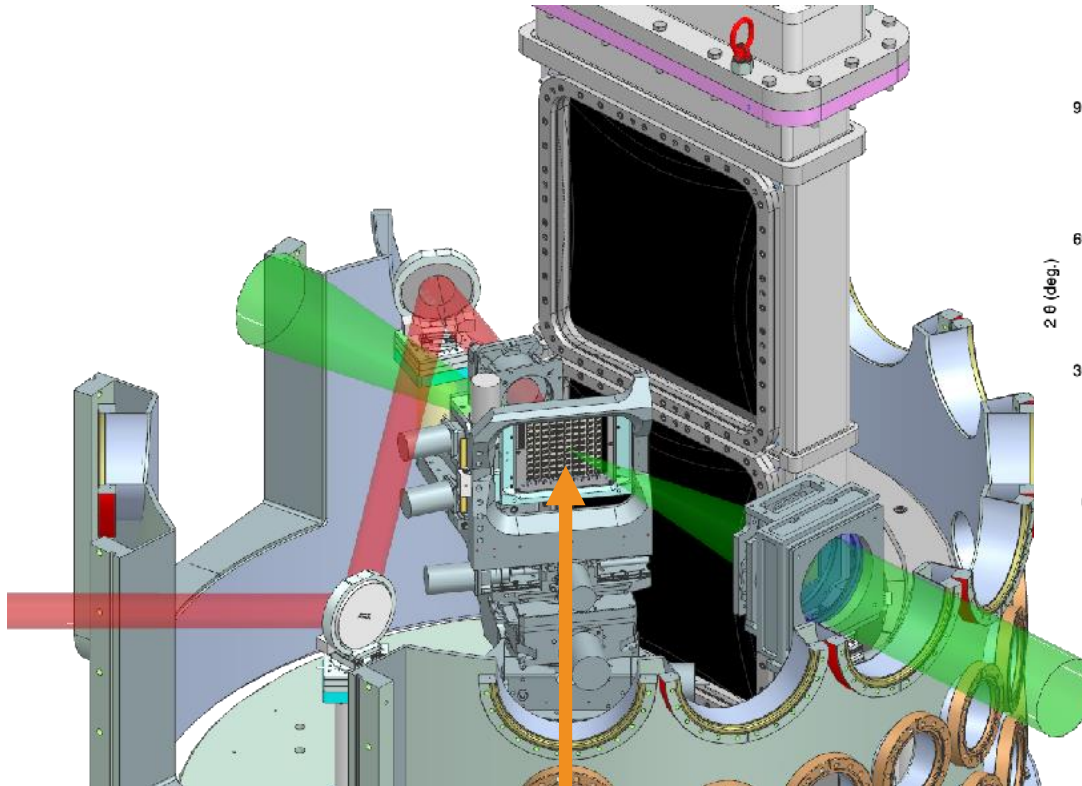


High Energy (DiPOLE 100X) and High Intensity (RELAX) lasers in HED/HiBEF laser bay

- 1. Will allow data to be collected thousands of times faster than at any other comparable facility worldwide (10 Hz vs. 7 min = 0.002 Hz)
- 2. High photon energies (18-24 keV) available at EuXFEL provide much more detailed atomic structure information (Large q-space)

# New dynamic compression facility at the HED scientific instrument at European XFEL

## 2 VAREX detectors (10 Hz)



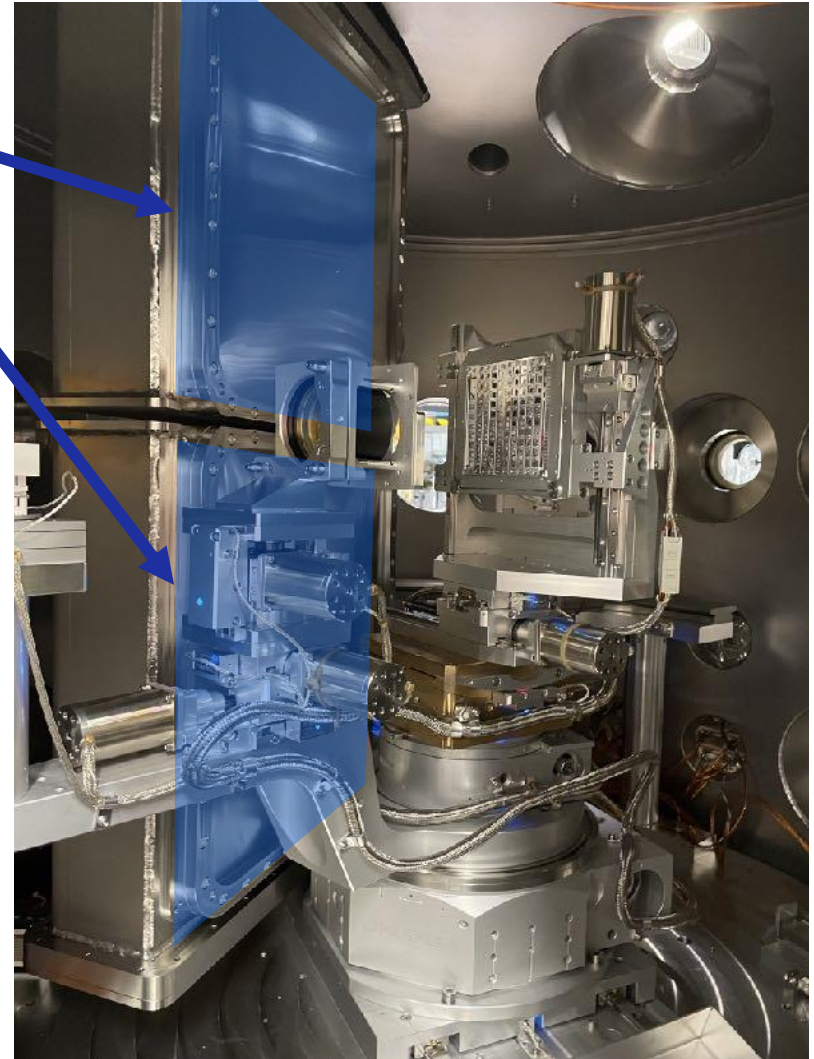
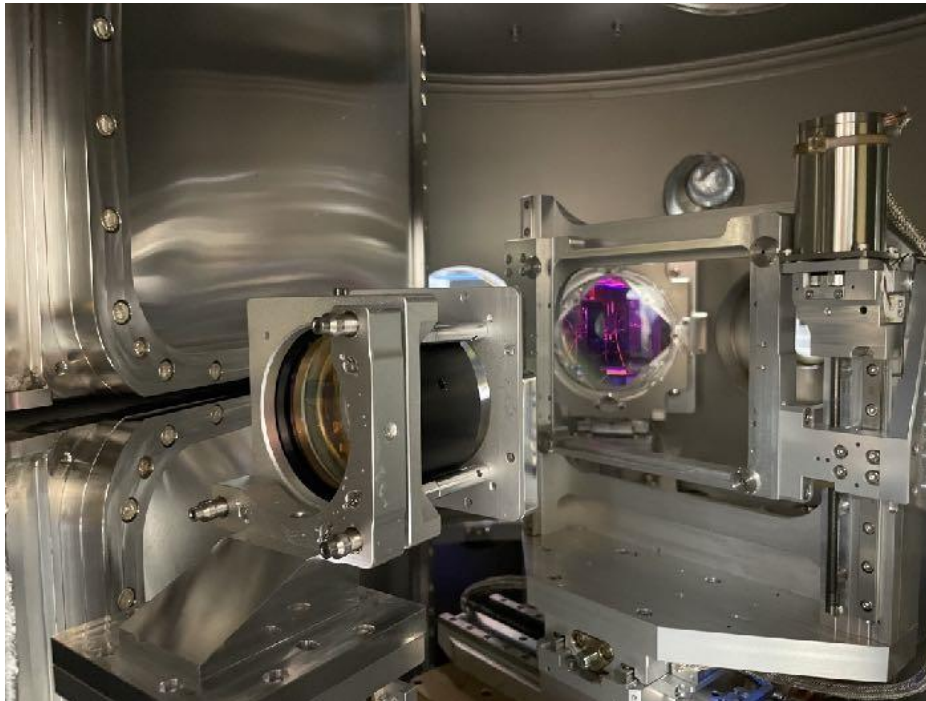
**2 color VISAR  
& SOP (1 Hz)**

**XFEL (14 - 24 keV)**

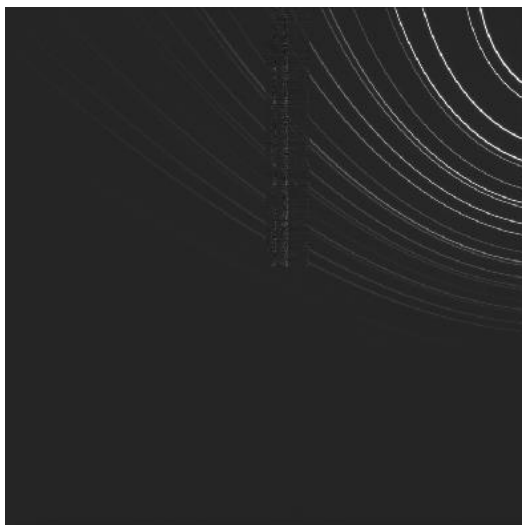
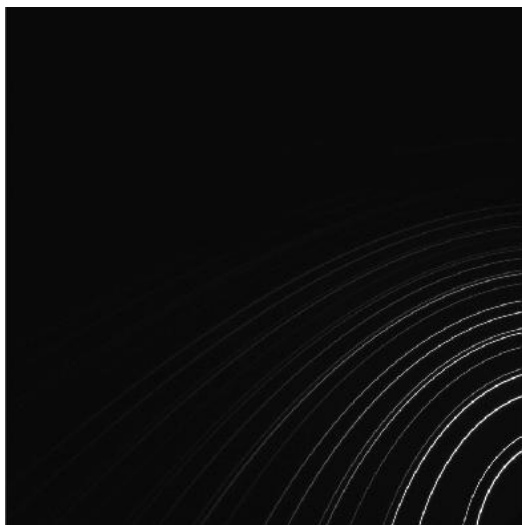
**DiPOLE-100X (10 Hz)**  
**40 J at  $2\omega$ /70 J at  $\omega$ ,**  
**250  $\mu\text{m}$ / 500  $\mu\text{m}$**

# Experimental set up in IC2 chamber

VAREX large area  
x-ray detector  
for XRD

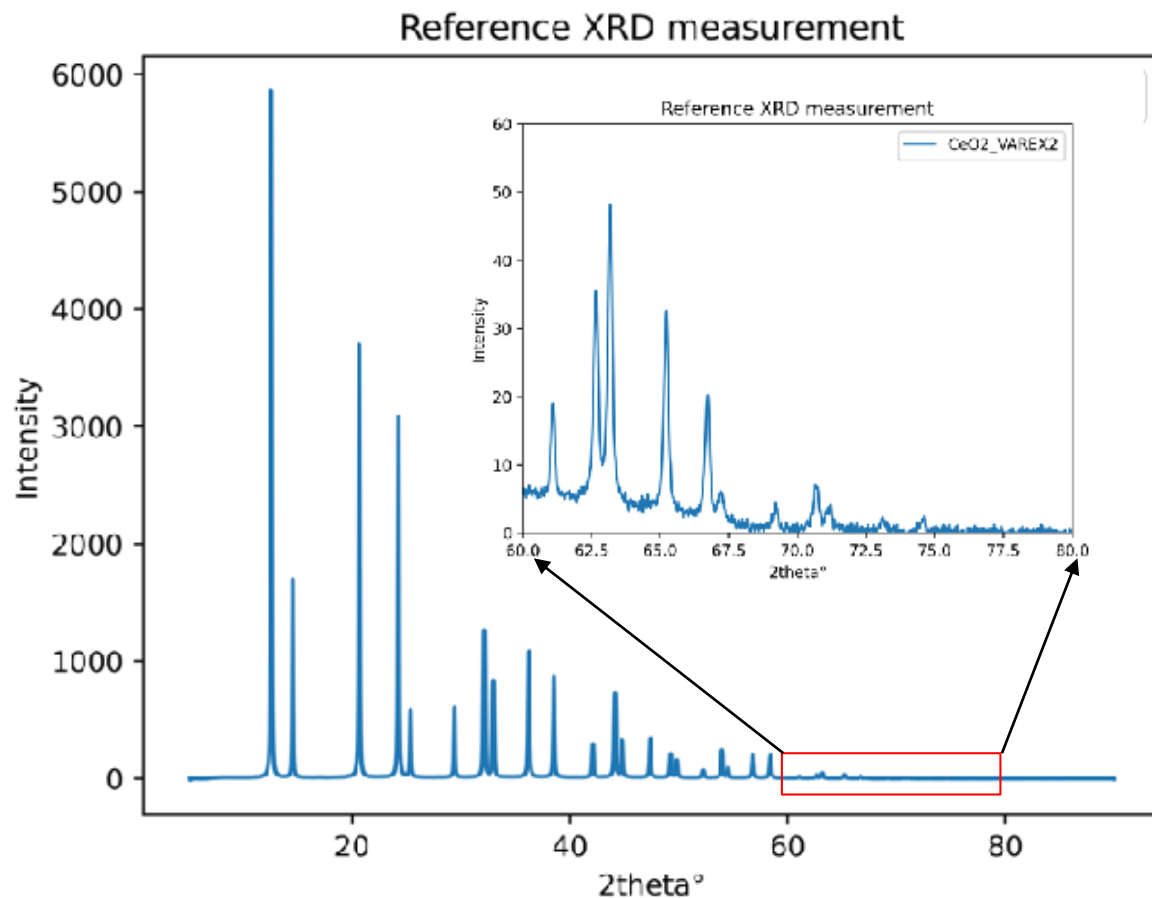


# X-ray diffraction with two VAREX detectors



shot on  $\text{CeO}_2$  calibrant:

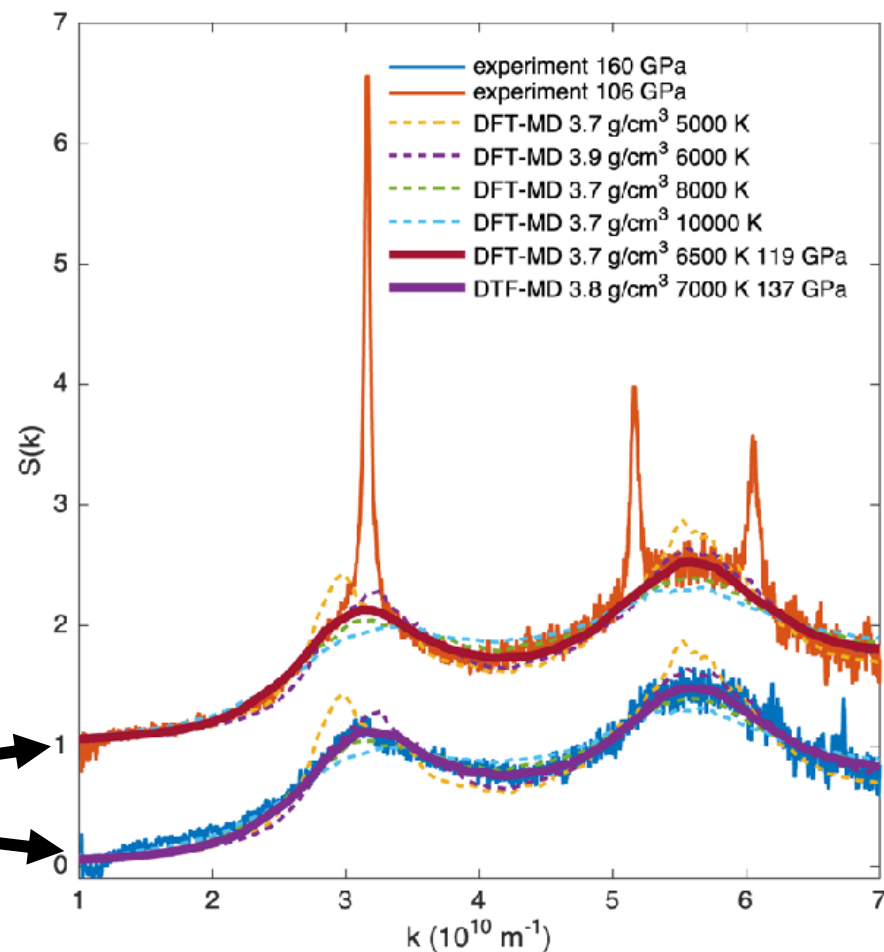
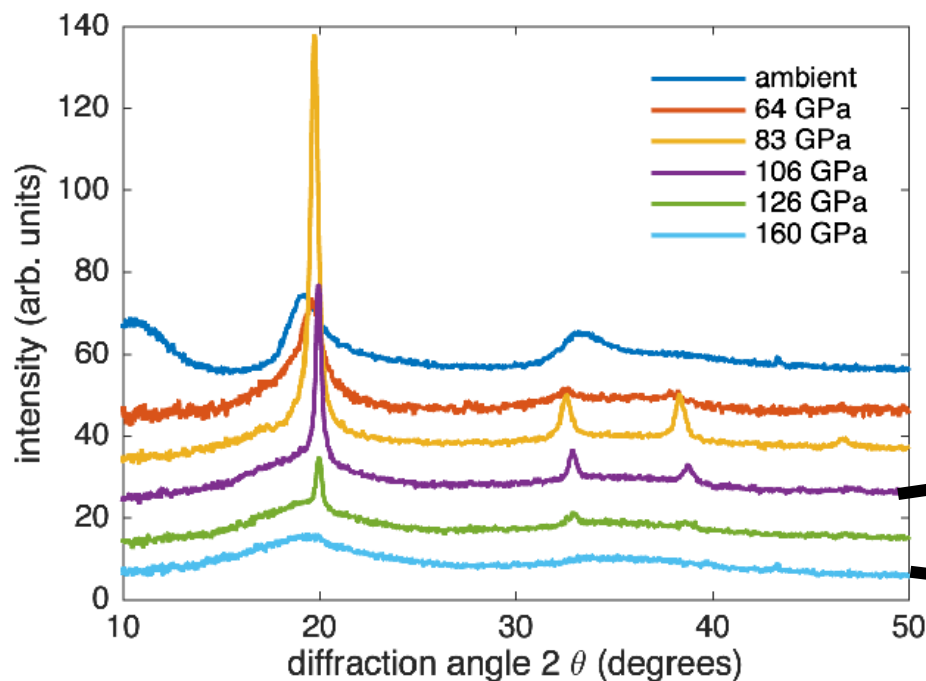
Single X-ray pulse of 18 keV and 400  $\mu\text{J}$



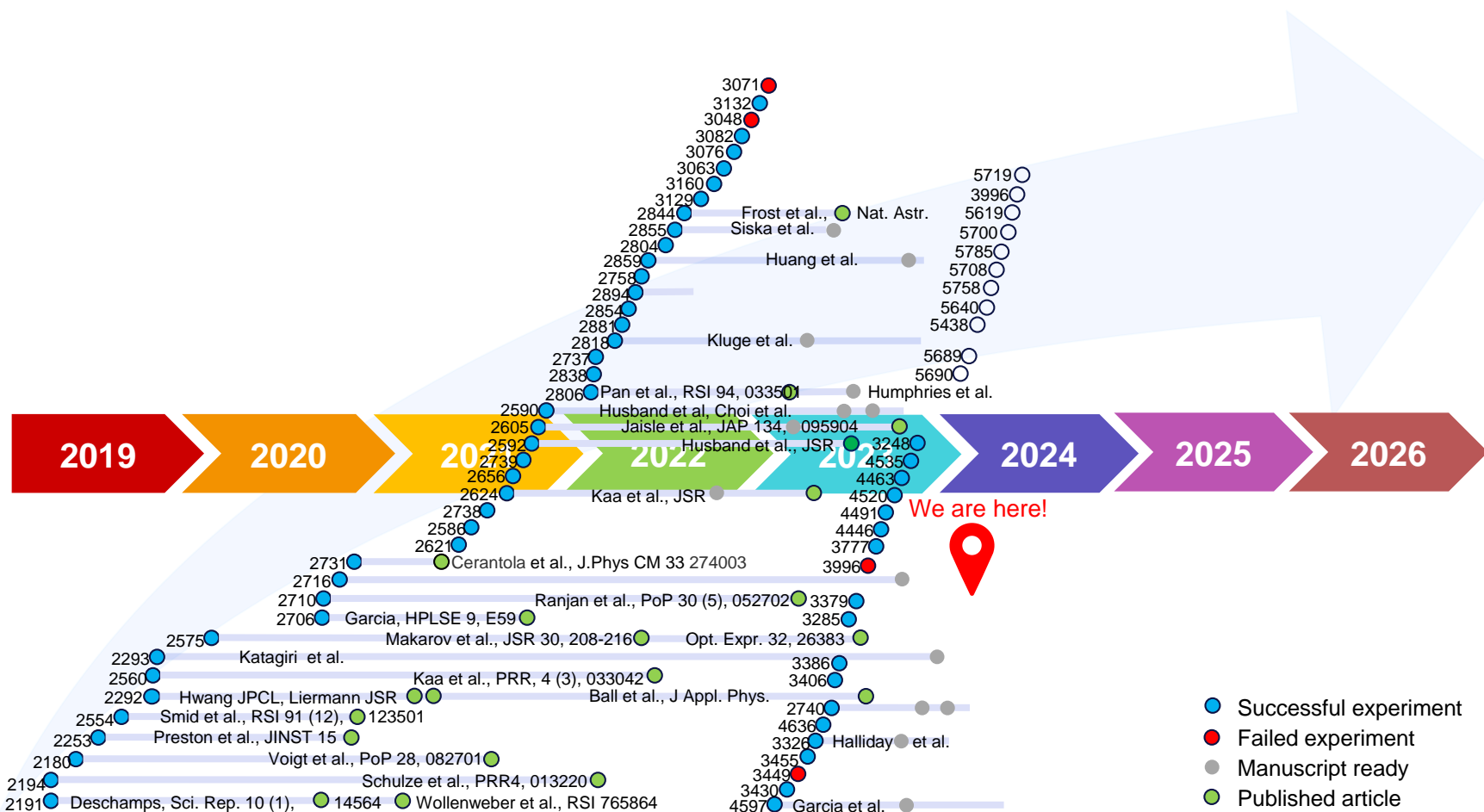
# Dynamic compression of carbon polymorphs

Example: shock-induced transition of glassy carbon to diamond and liquid carbon

**First XRD measurement of the liquid structure of carbon!**



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# Instrument papers

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