



# MHz X-ray Microscopy at Synchrotron and XFEL Facilities

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# Third generation X-ray sources impact on X-ray microscopy



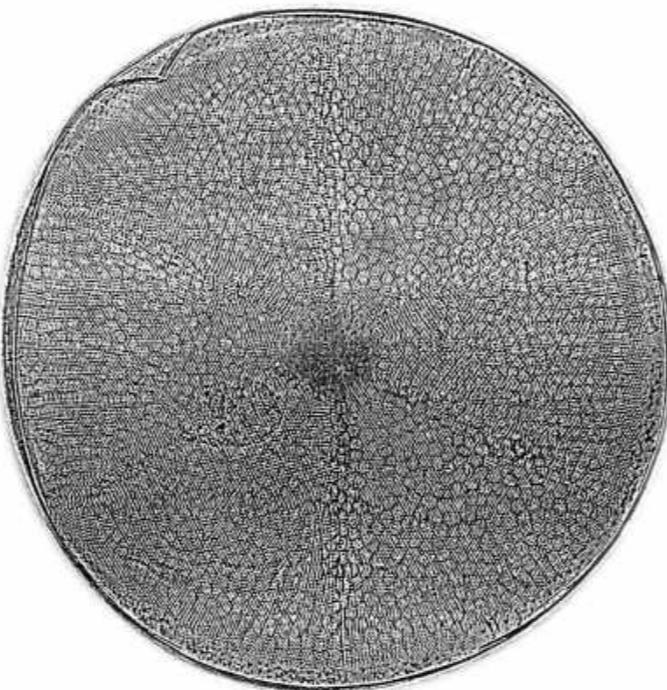
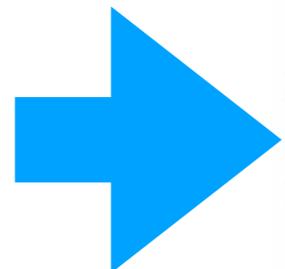
"First light" on September 1994



"First light" on March 26, 1995



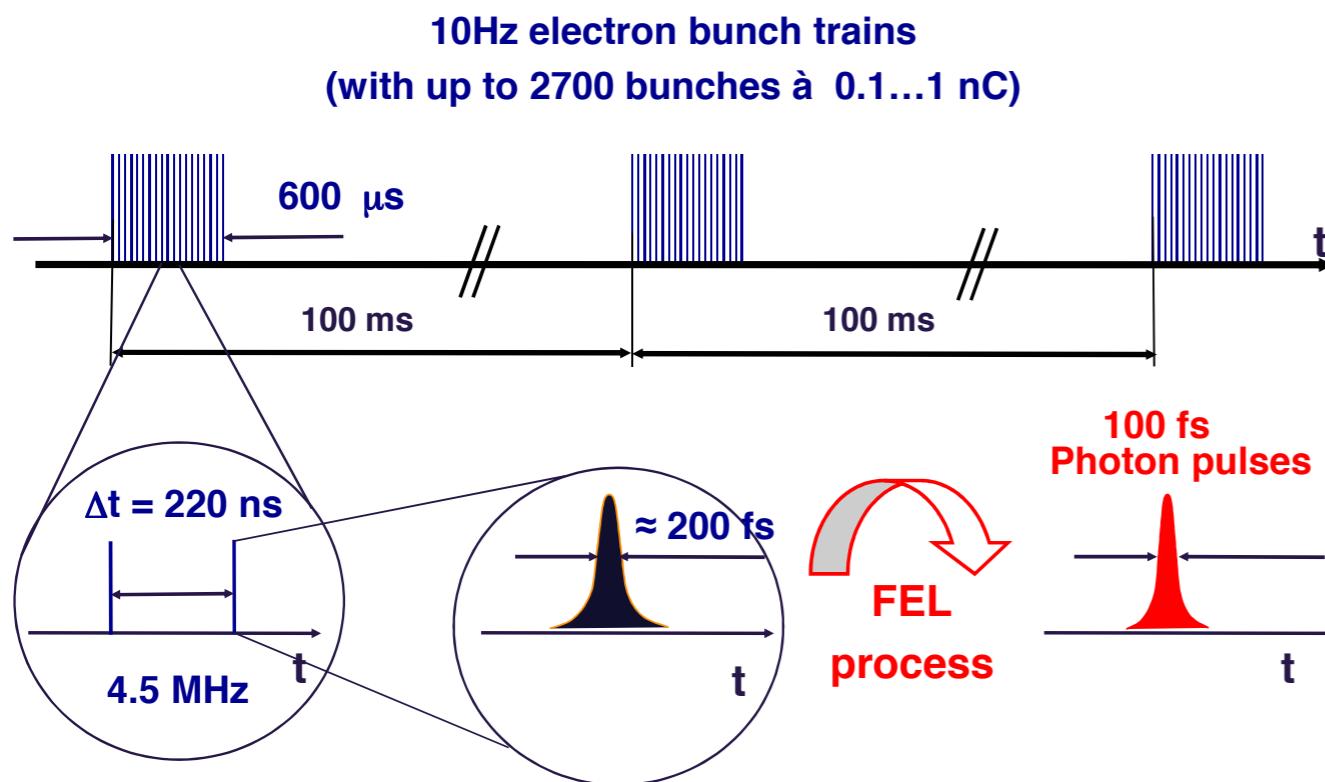
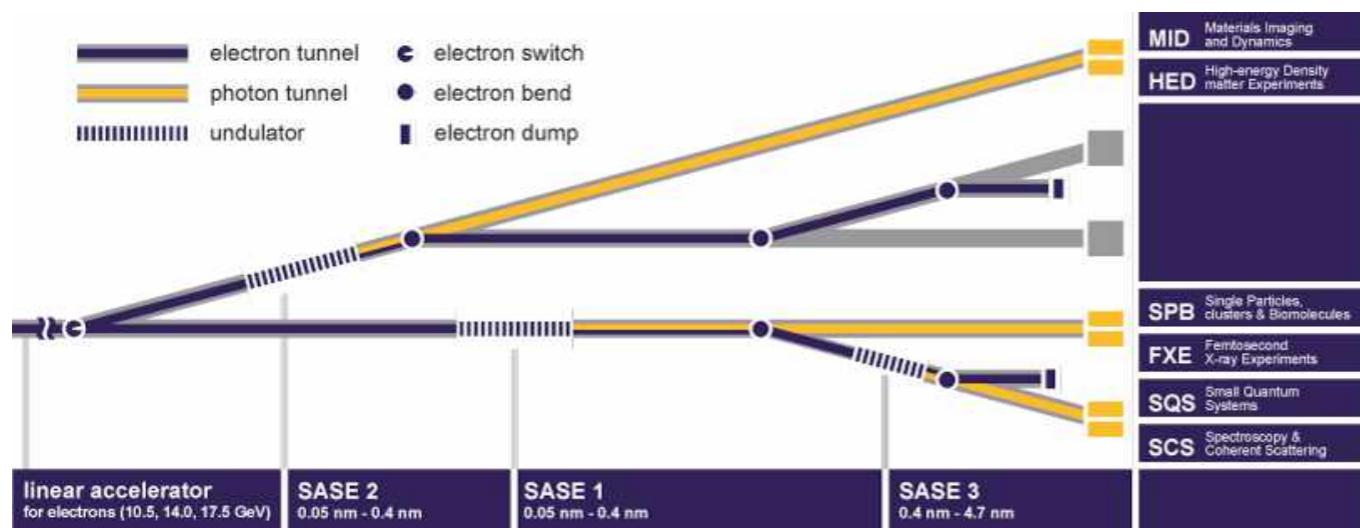
"First light" in 1999



The silica shell of the diatom *Actinoptychus senarius*, measuring only 0.1 mm across, is revealed in fine detail in this X-ray hologram recorded at 5000-fold magnification with the new lenses. Credit: DESY/AWI, Andrew Morgan/**Saša Bajt/Henry Chapman/Christian Hamm**

# 25 years later ...

## 4<sup>th</sup> generation sources: X-ray Free-Electron Lasers



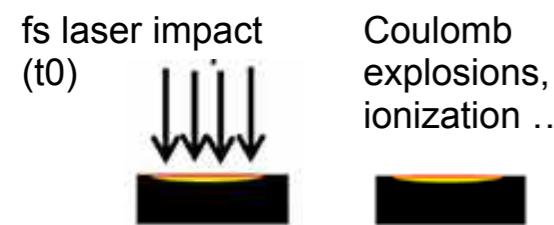
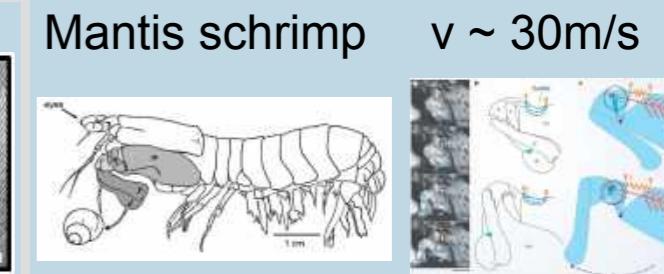
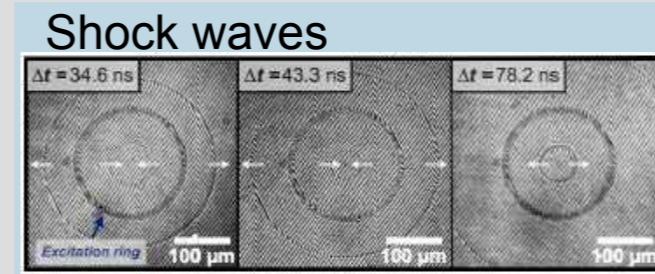
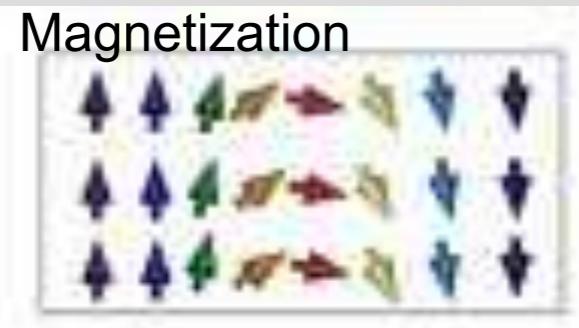
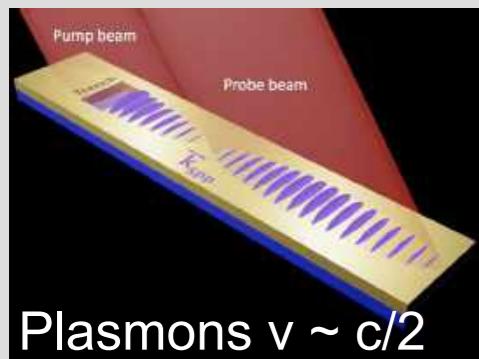
## What impact on X-ray microscopy we can expect?

### *Unique X-ray beam properties:*

Number of photons per pulse:  $\sim 10^{12}$   
Bandwidth:  $\sim 10^{-2}$   
Pulse rep. rate: up to **4.5 MHz**  
Max. Photon energy: **25 keV possibly up to 100 keV with coming upgrades**  
Pulse duration:  $< 100$  fs

## Focus on dynamics!?

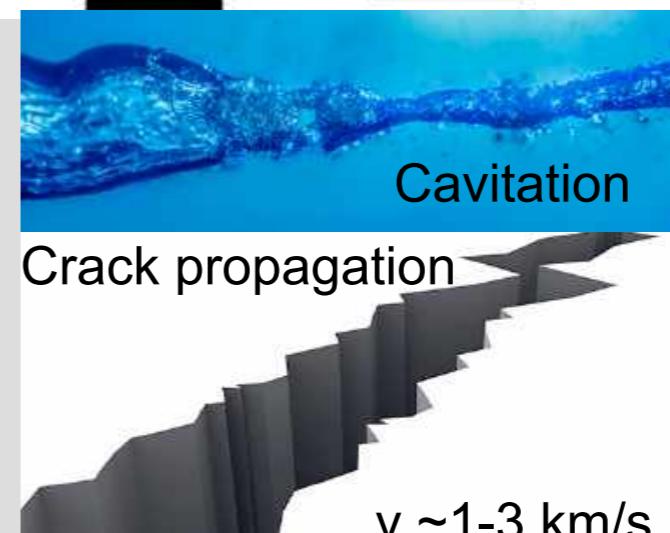
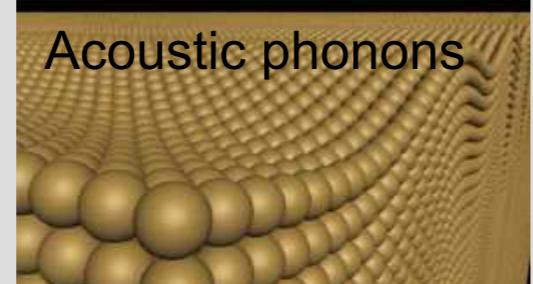
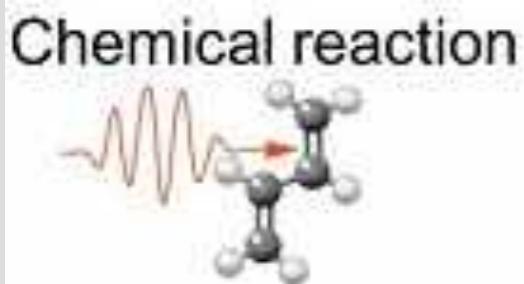
# Ultra fast stochastic processes in material science and biology



Plasma-ambient interaction, shockwave propagation



Particle ejection, condensation



$v \sim 1-3 \text{ km/s}$

fs

ps

ns

Sampling scale

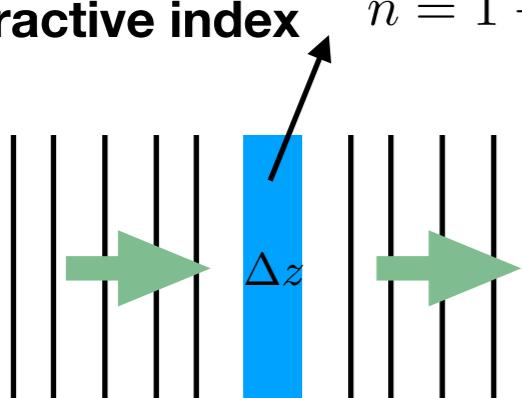
μs

ms

# Principles of X-ray Microscopy

## Wave field interaction with matter

**Refractive index**  $n = 1 - \delta + i\beta$



$$e^{ik n \Delta z} = e^{i \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} n \Delta z}$$

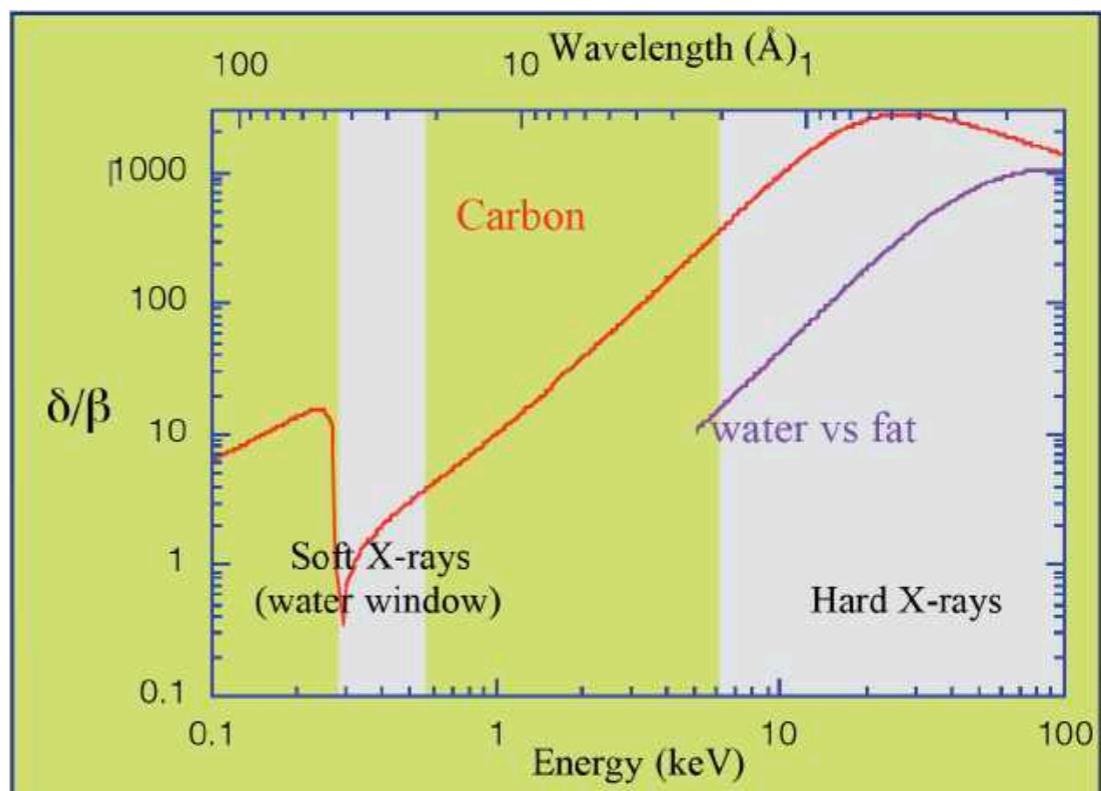
$$U_e(x, y) = T(x, y)U_0(x, y)$$

$$U_0(x, y)$$

$$T(x, y)$$

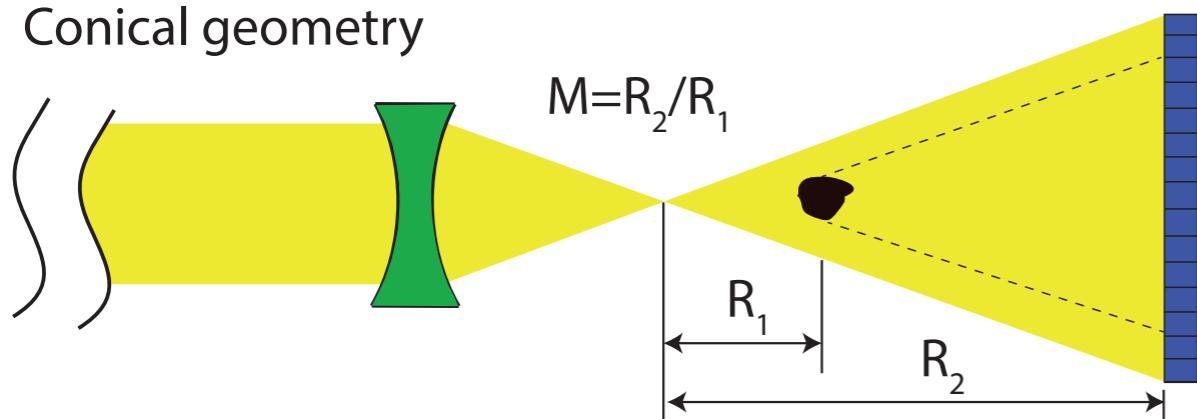
$$T(x, y) = A(x, y)e^{i\phi(x, y)}$$

## Phase vs Absorption



## Full-field X-ray microscopy using free space propagation

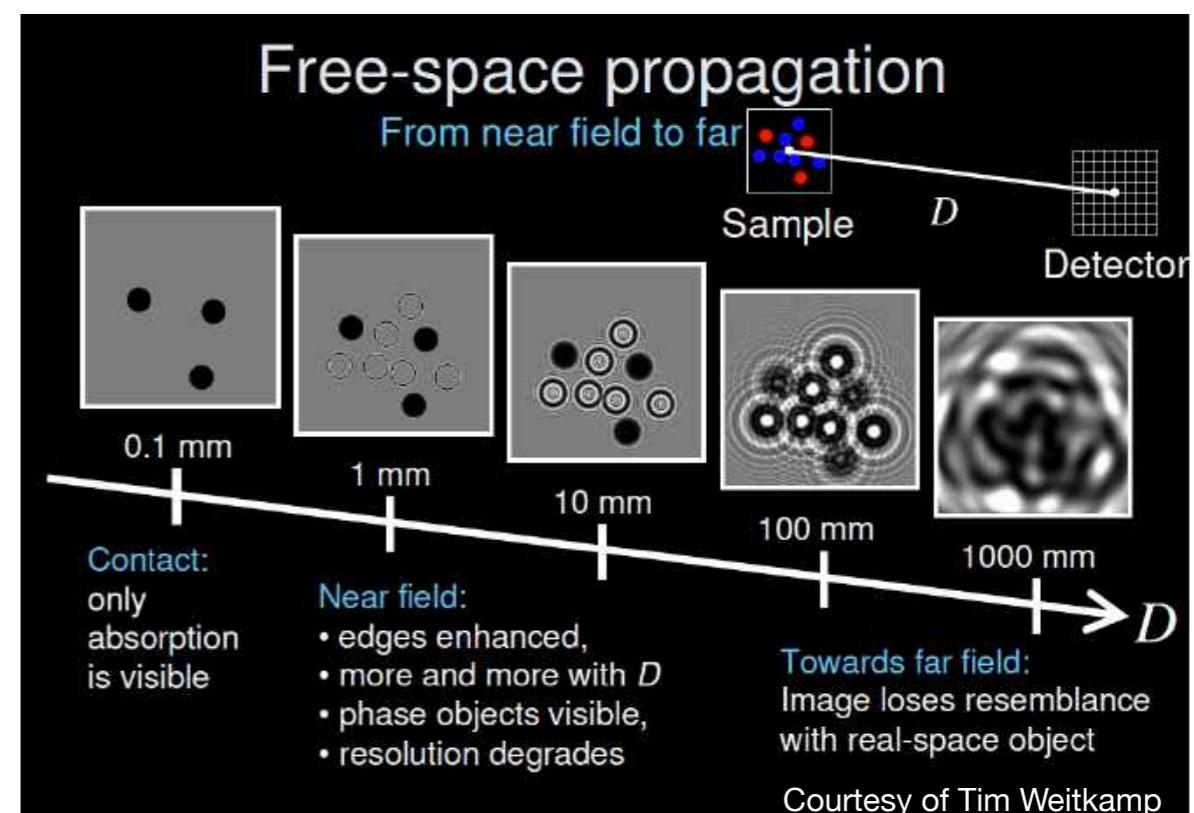
Conical geometry



Parallel geometry



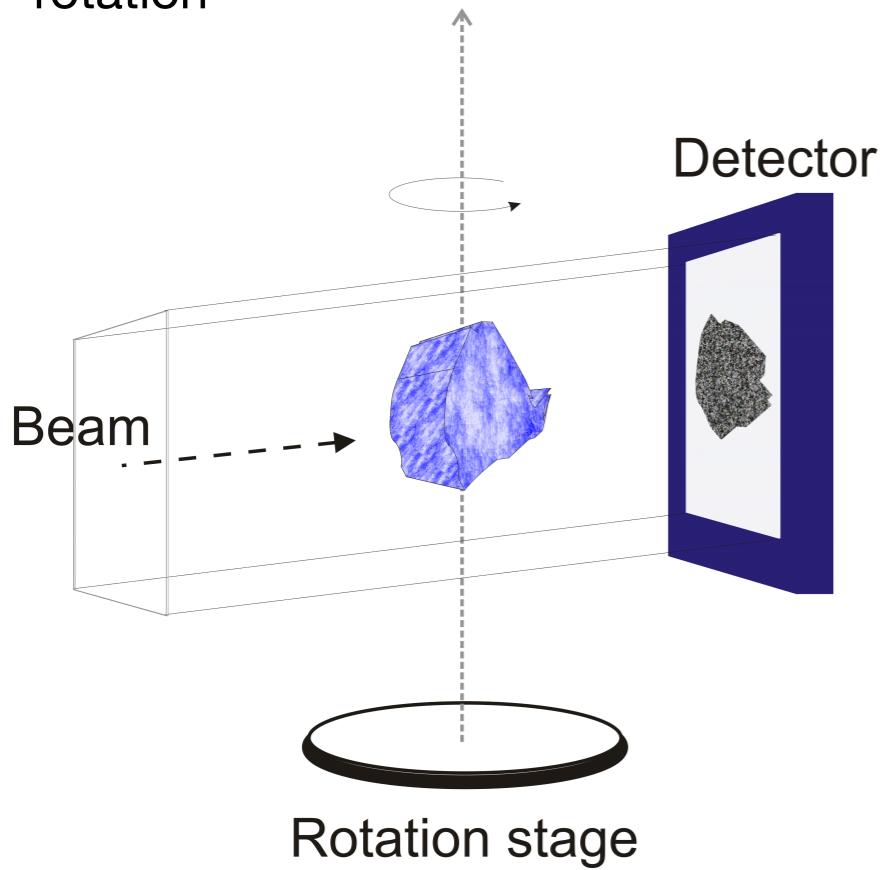
**Gain 100 to 1000 !**



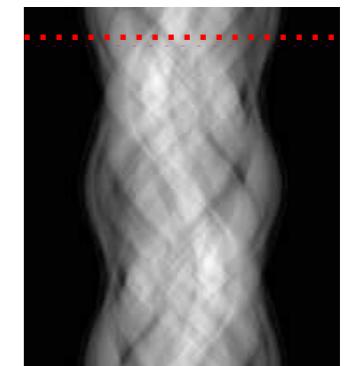
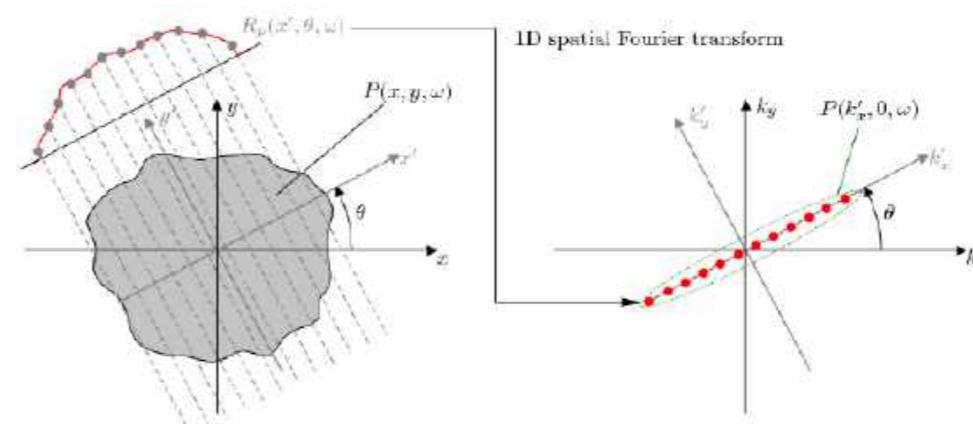
# How we do 3D X-ray microscopy today

## Computed tomography

Collection of projection images (radiograms) for various angles of rotation



## 3D reconstruction

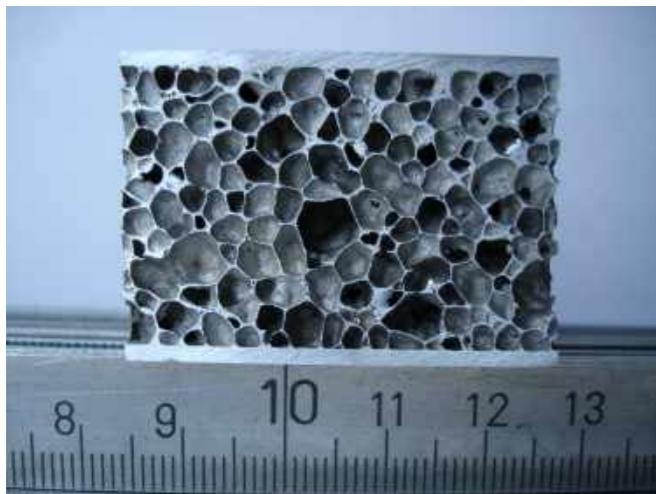


To obtain fast 3D images rotation of the sample must be fast!

World record in fast 3D tomography/tomoscopy:  
208 (tomographic frames per second) tfs

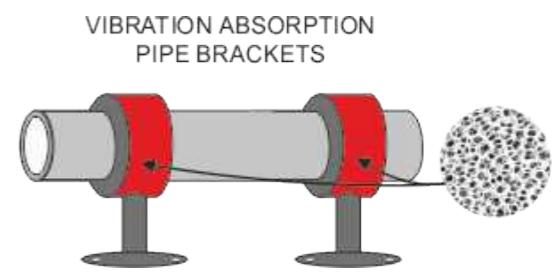
García-Moreno, F., Kamm, P.H., Neu, T.R. et al. Using X-ray tomoscopy to explore the dynamics of foaming metal. *Nat Commun* **10**, 3762 (2019).  
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# Fast dynamics in Al foams



Dynamics of wall rupture and coalescence in Al foaming process is not well understood.

## Industrial applications of Al foams



RÅC project INVISION



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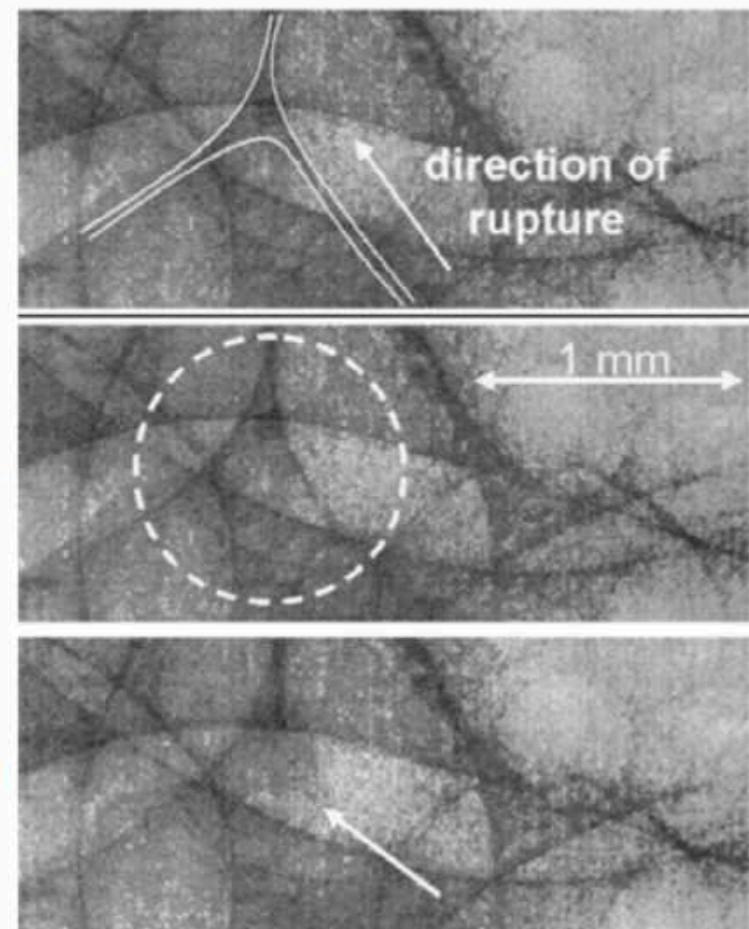
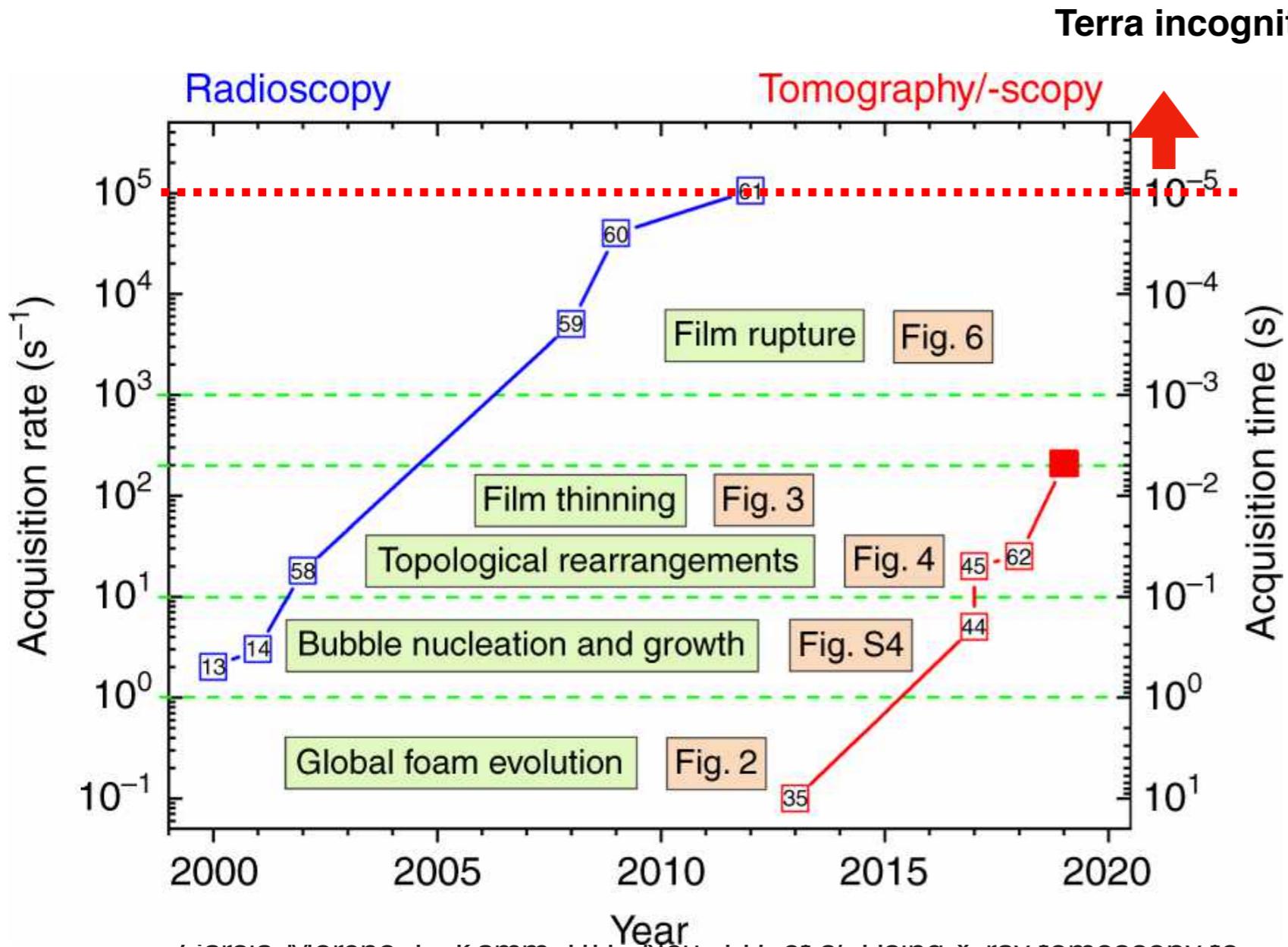


Fig. 1: Series of radiographies of a liquid metal foam featuring a rupturing film. Images are 200 m apart.\* The lack of time resolution does not allow a proper analysis of the phenomena. \* F. Garcia-Moreno, A. Rack, L. Helfen, T. Baumbach, S. Zabler, N. Babcsan, J. Banhart, T. Martin, C. Ponchut, M. Di Michiel, Fast processes in liquid metal foams investigated by high-speed synchrotron x-ray microradioscopy, Appl. Phys. Lett. 92 (2008) 3.

# Evolution of fast imaging in metallic foam research at synchrotrons

Fast 2D (radiography/radioscopy) and 3D (tomography and tomoscopy) imaging of Al foam dynamics



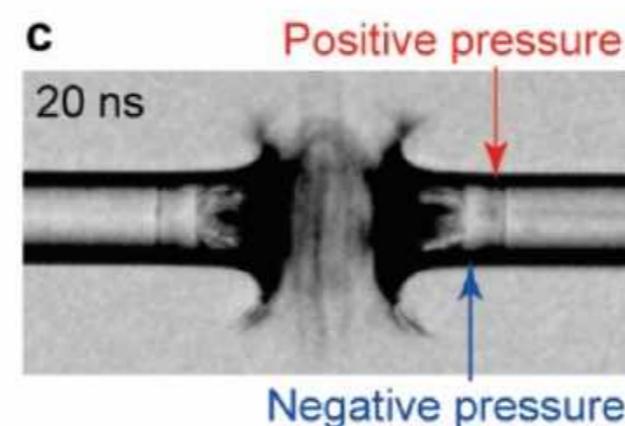
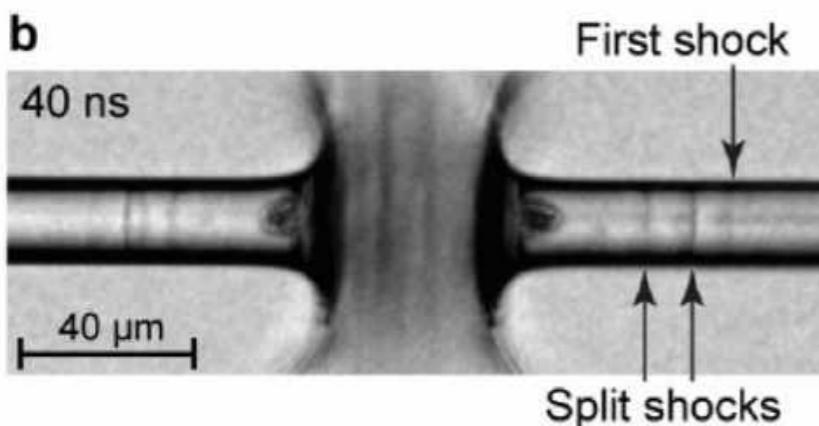
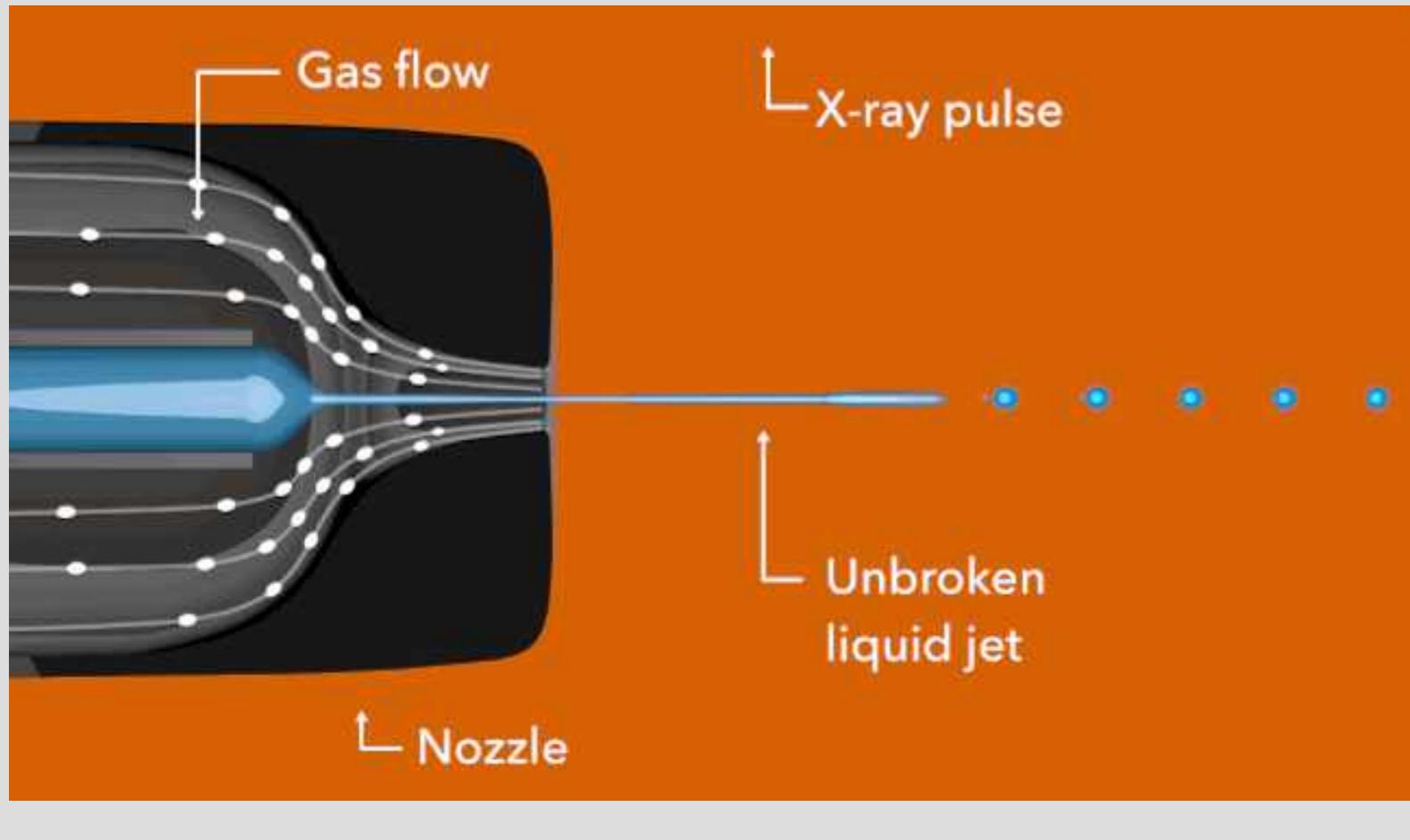
The coalescence and film rupture  
accessible only  $\sim \text{MHz}$  rate with  
single pulse illumination

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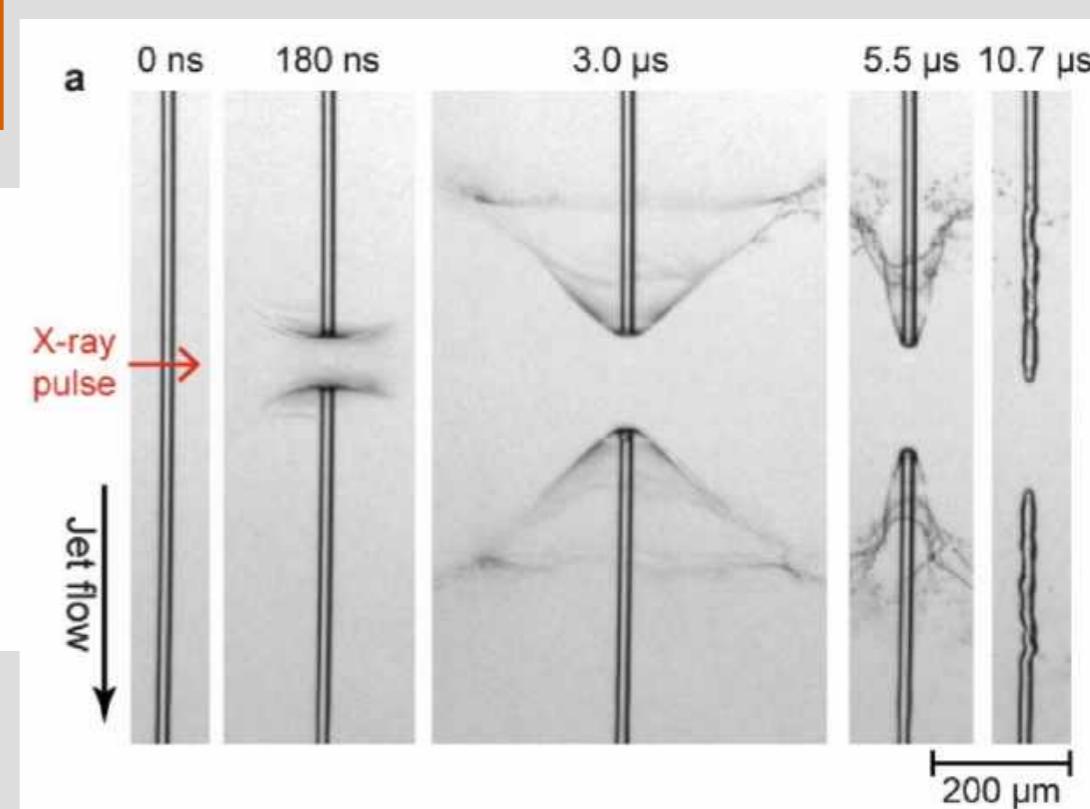
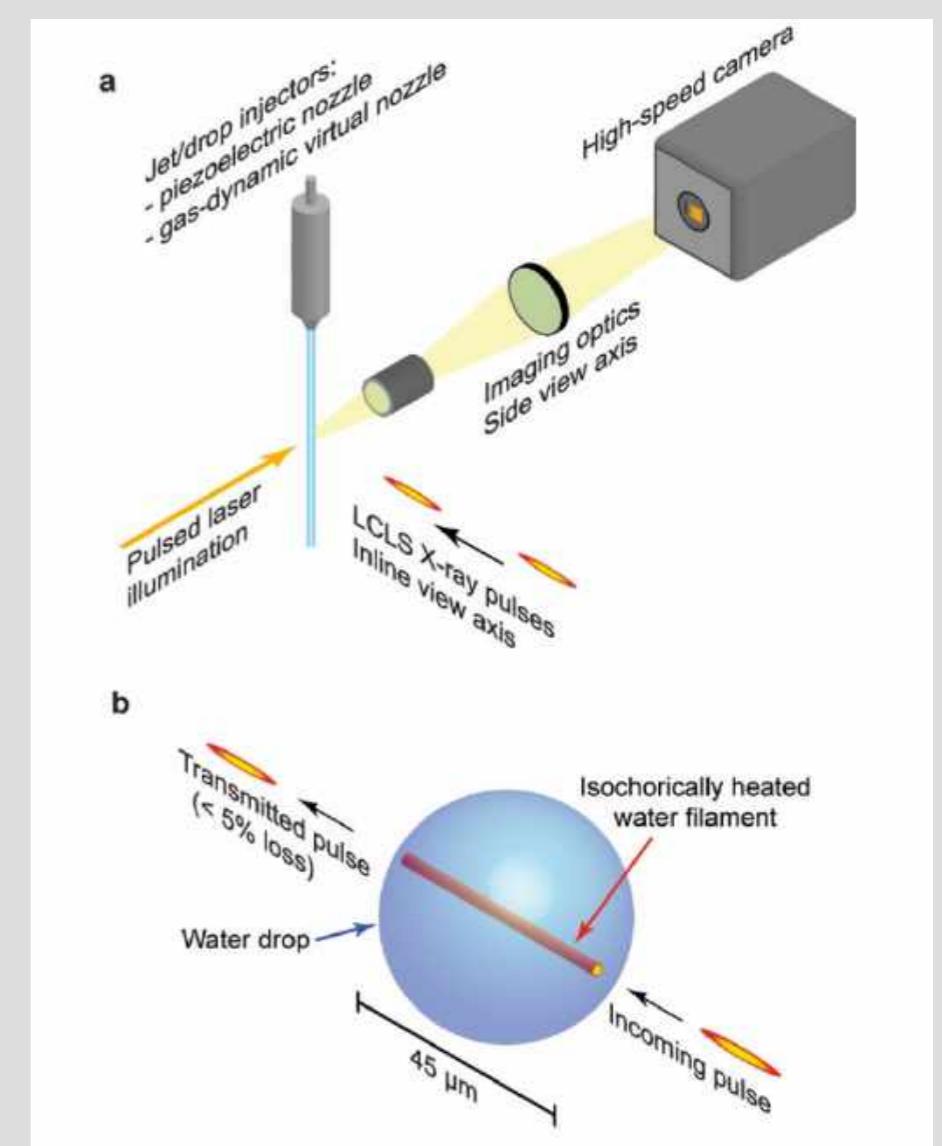
**Can we exploit unique properties of EuXFEL and use it for MHz rate radioscopy or tomoscopy ???**

# Fast dynamic in fluidics

Will liquid sample injectors work at 4.5 MHz rate ???

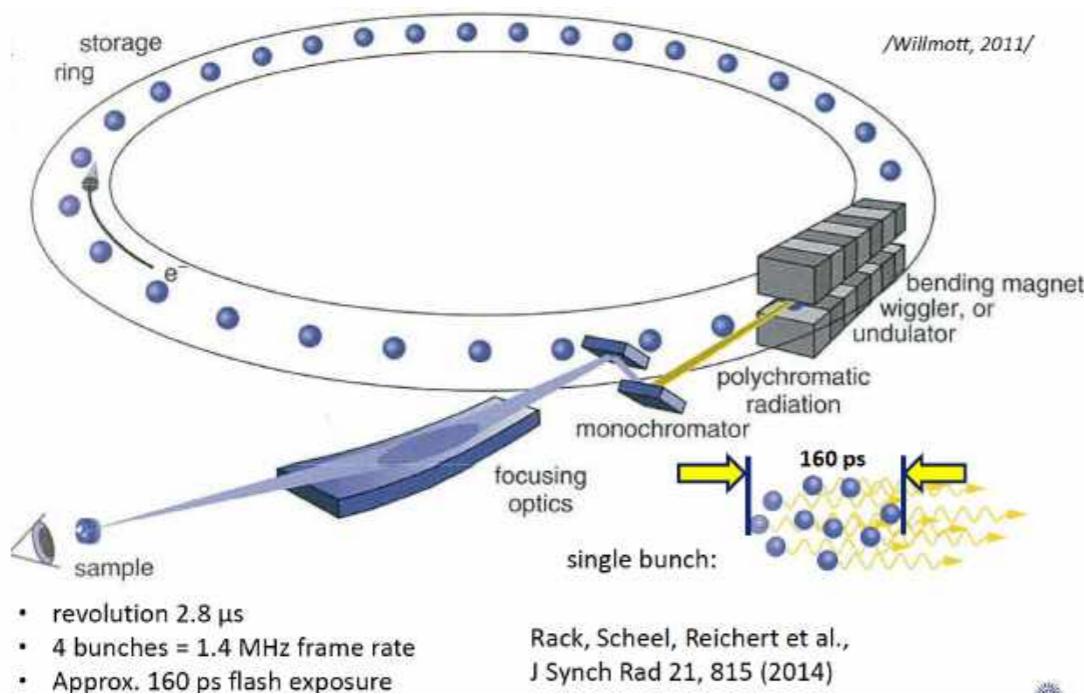


Required speed of the jet at 4.5MHz:  
 $v = \sim \sim > 100 \text{ m/s}$



# MHz X-ray Microscopy at Synchrotrons

## 3<sup>rd</sup> generation sources: Synchrotrons



~1e9 photons per pulse,  
 $dE/E \sim 1e-2$

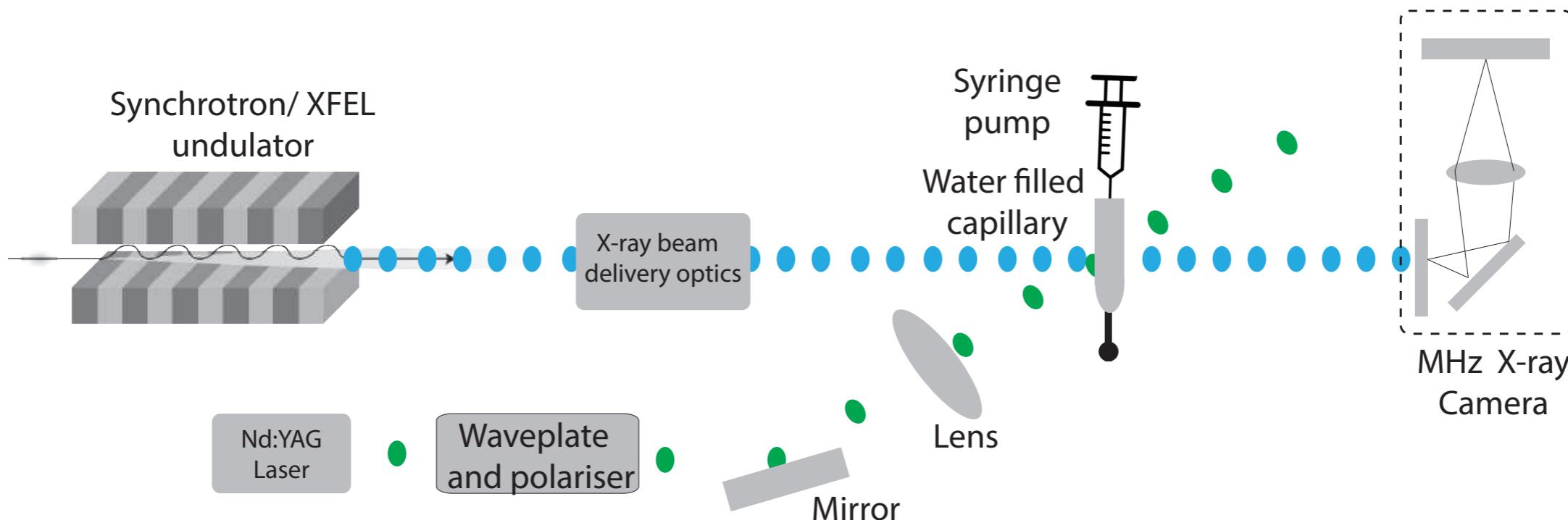
Imaging synchronised to individual pulses  
was firstly pioneered at APS

Wang, Y., Liu, X., Im, K. et al. Ultrafast X-ray study of dense-liquid-jet flow dynamics using structure-tracking velocimetry. *Nature Phys* **4**, 305–309 (2008).

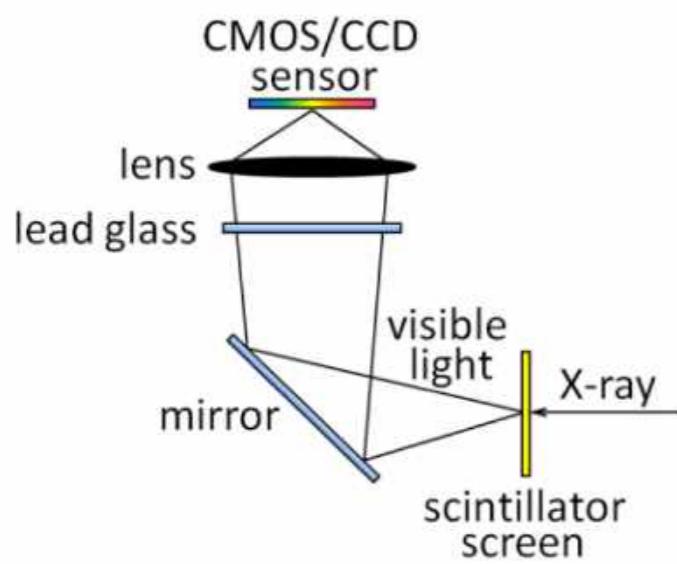
Later in 2016-2017 we explored MHz sampled imaging  
each frame with single pulse exposure at ESRF ID19

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# Fast Imaging at Synchrotrons synchronised to individual X-ray pulses



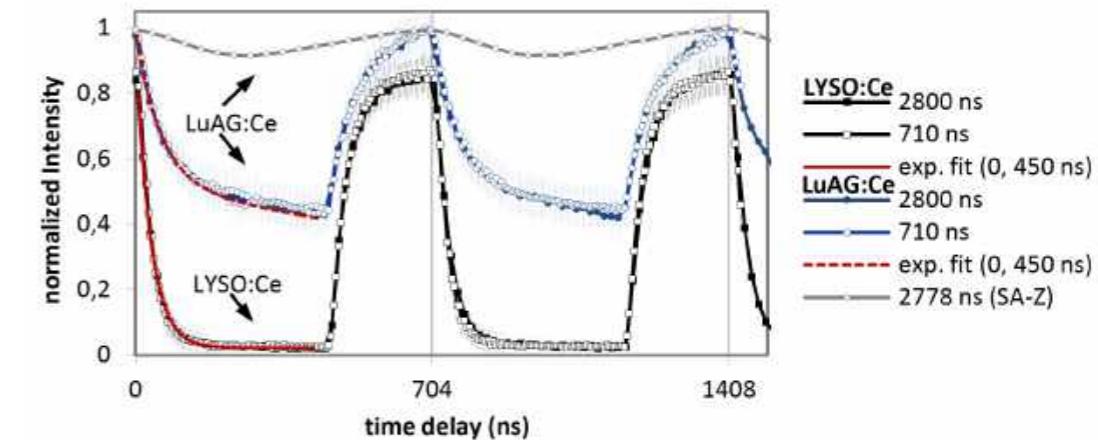
Time resolved X-ray radioscopy at ESRF ID19, (2016-2017) . Imaging of laser induced dynamics in water.  
Laser wavelength: 532nm, X-ray energy: 30keV, full harmonics of the undulator.  
Optical magnification: 4x, Effective pixel size: 8 um



X-ray imaging system based on scintillator



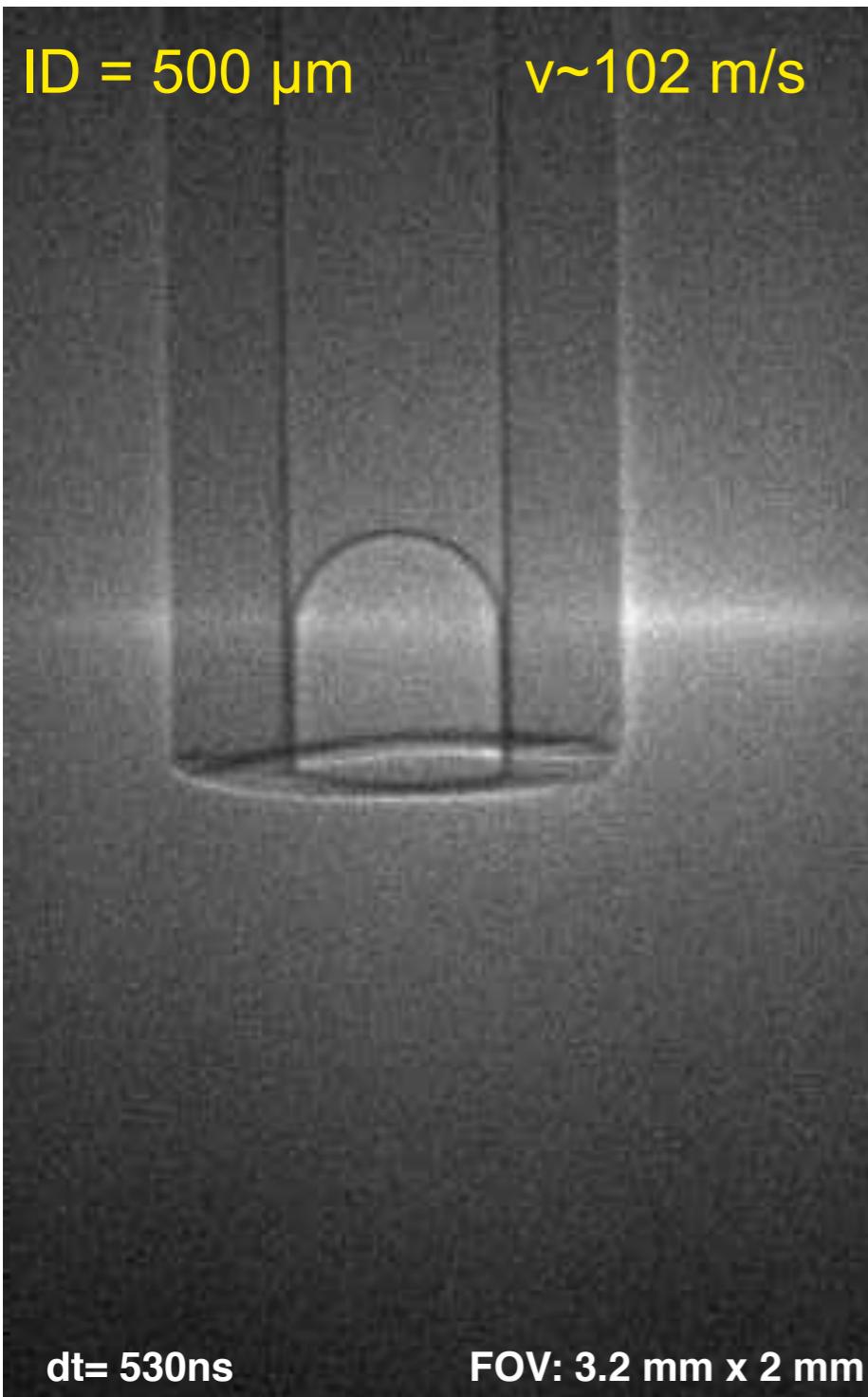
FT-CMOS Shimadzu HPV-X2  
(Frame rate up to 10 MHz)  
10bit dynamic range, 400x250 pixels



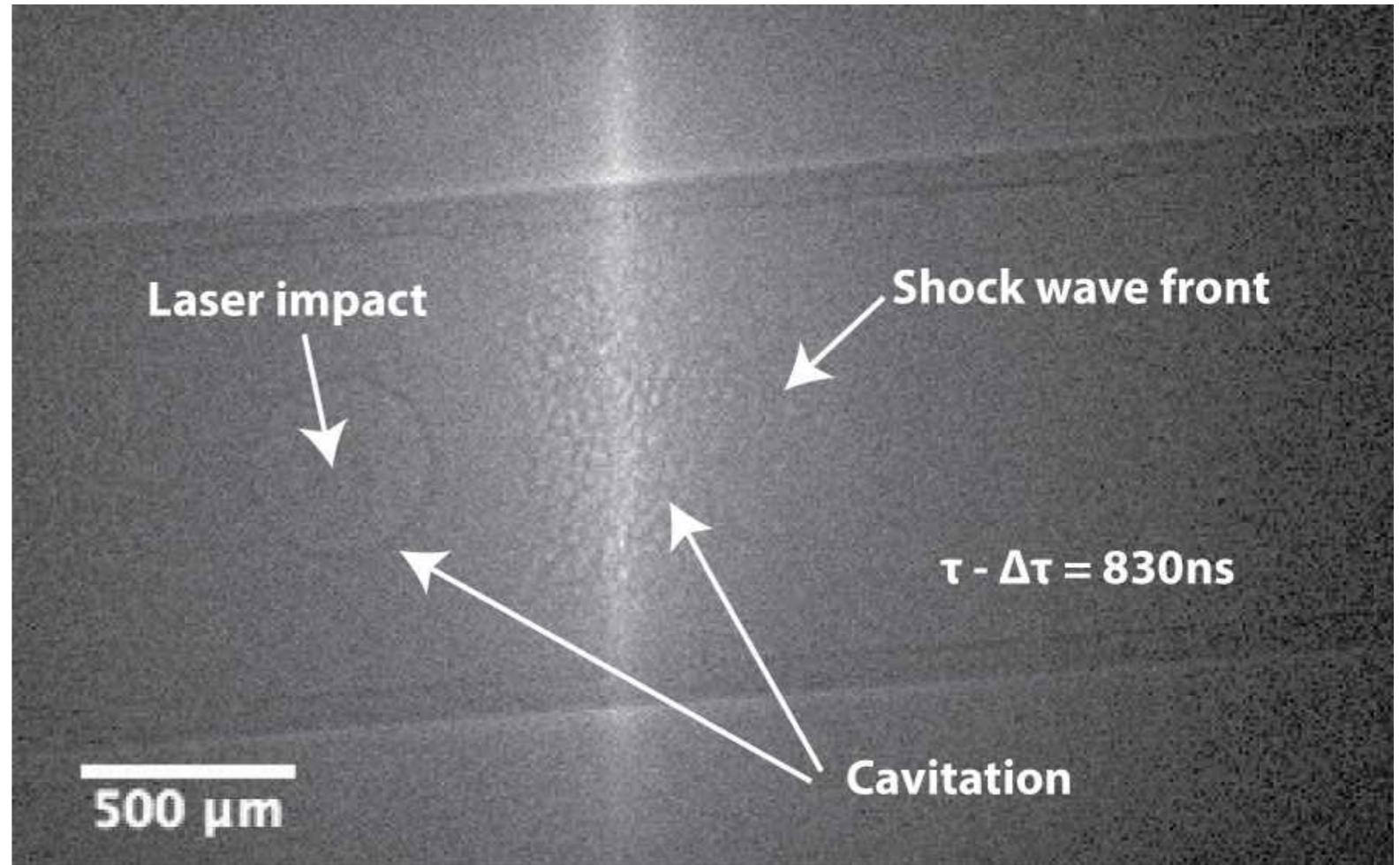
Scintillator response time resolved curves

# Laser induced dynamics in water filled capillaries

Cylindrical capillary



Square capillary



Observation of the shockwave propagation (~1.4 km/s)

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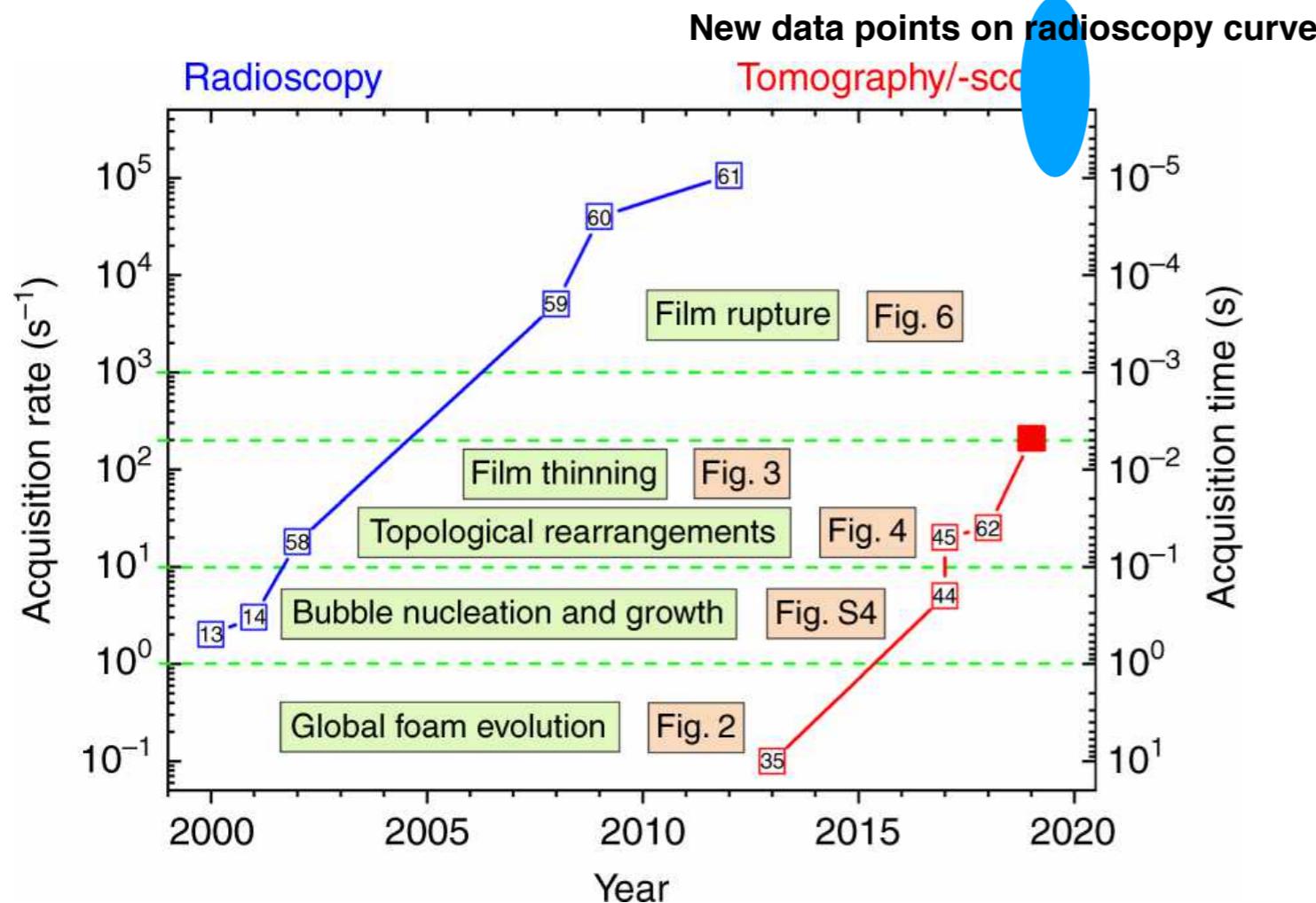
Successful jetting observed when  
~2mJ laser power was absorbed  
in the liquid

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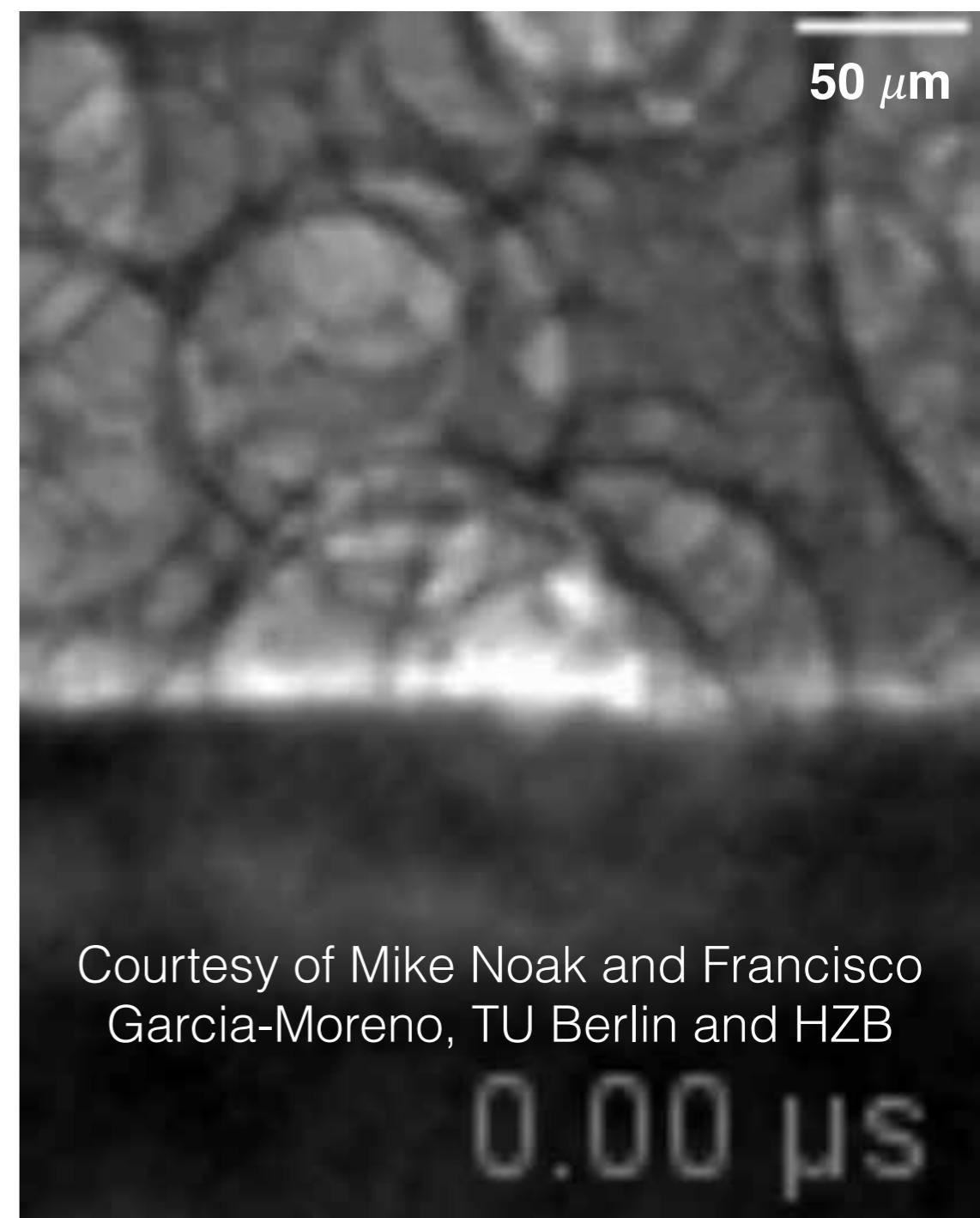
# Exploring wall rupture dynamics in Al foams using pulsed synchronised imaging ~ MHz scale

Preliminary results. Data analysis in progress

Capturing of wall rupture and bubble merging,  
APS 32 IDB, Dec. 2019,  $\Delta t = 4.61 \mu\text{s}$



MHz imaging setup at APS 32ID (Dec 2019).  
X-ray photon energy: 24 keV, Optical magnification: 10x,  
Effective pixel size: 3.2  $\mu\text{m}$



Courtesy of Mike Noak and Francisco  
Garcia-Moreno, TU Berlin and HZB

# Can we do MHz rate X-ray microscopy at European XFEL?

## ***Unique X-ray beam properties:***

Number of photons per pulse:  $\sim 10^{12}$

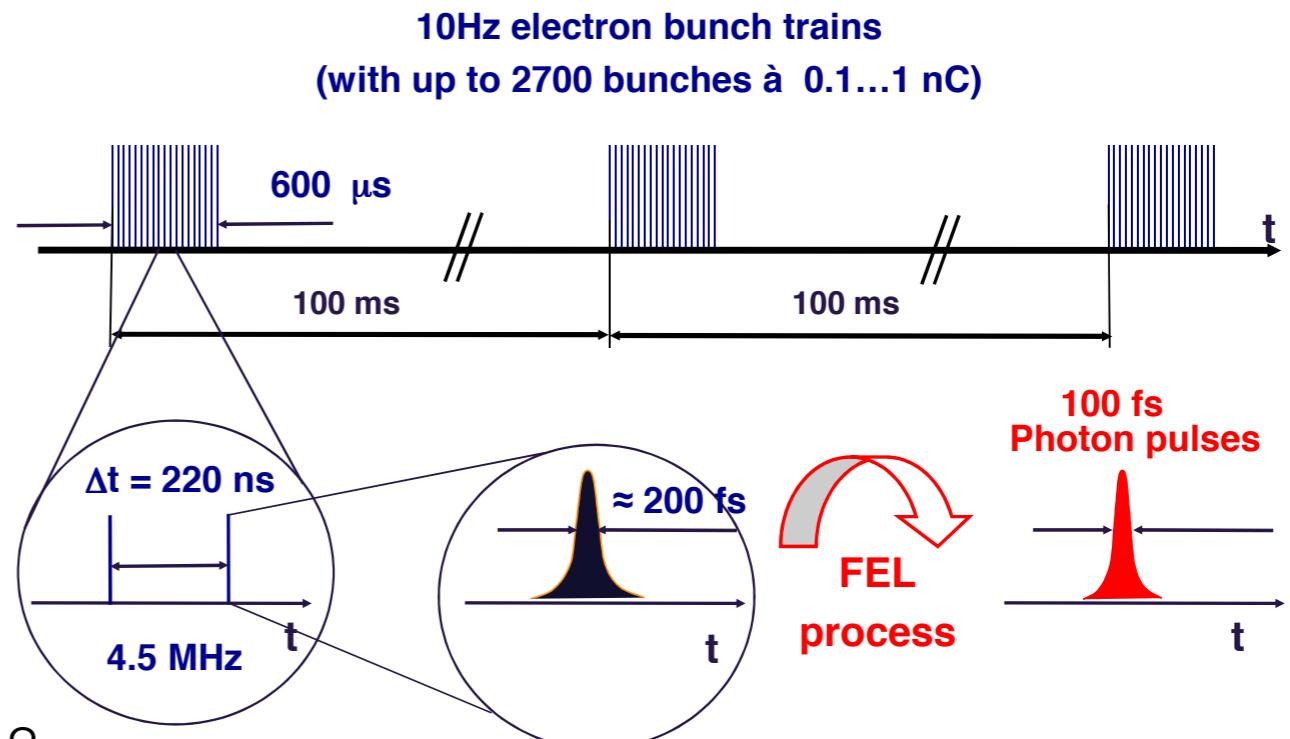
Bandwidth:  $\sim 10^{-2}$

Pulse rep. rate: up to **4.5 MHz**

Max. Photon energy: **25 keV**

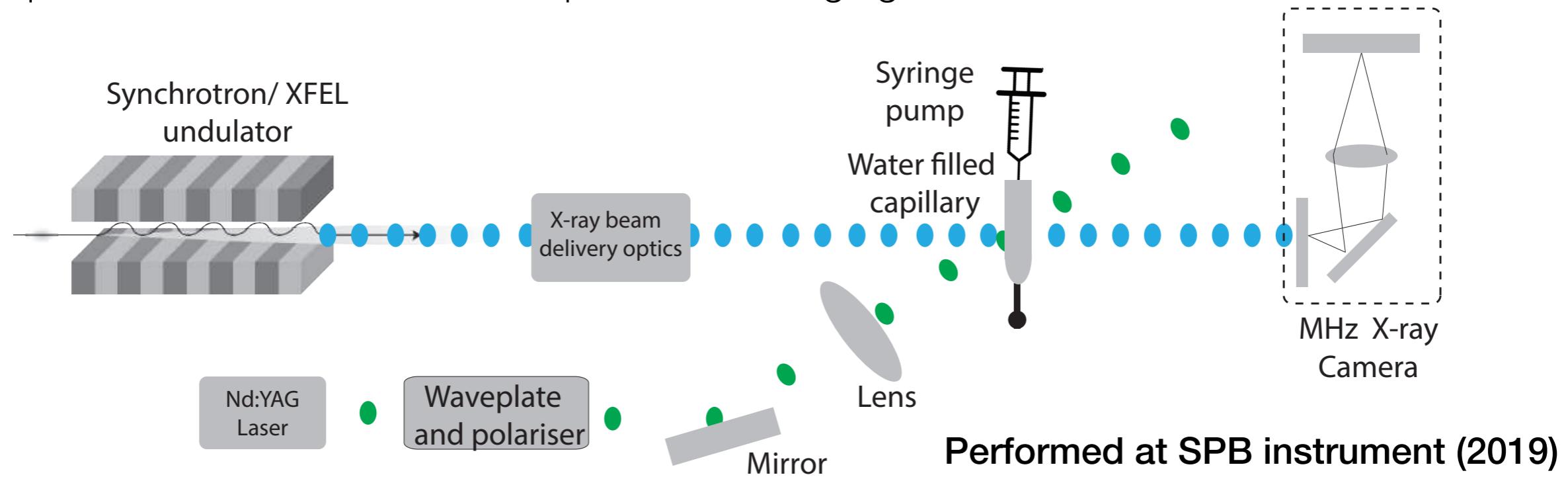
Pulse duration: **< 100 fs**

## **But XFEL's has also unique issues!**

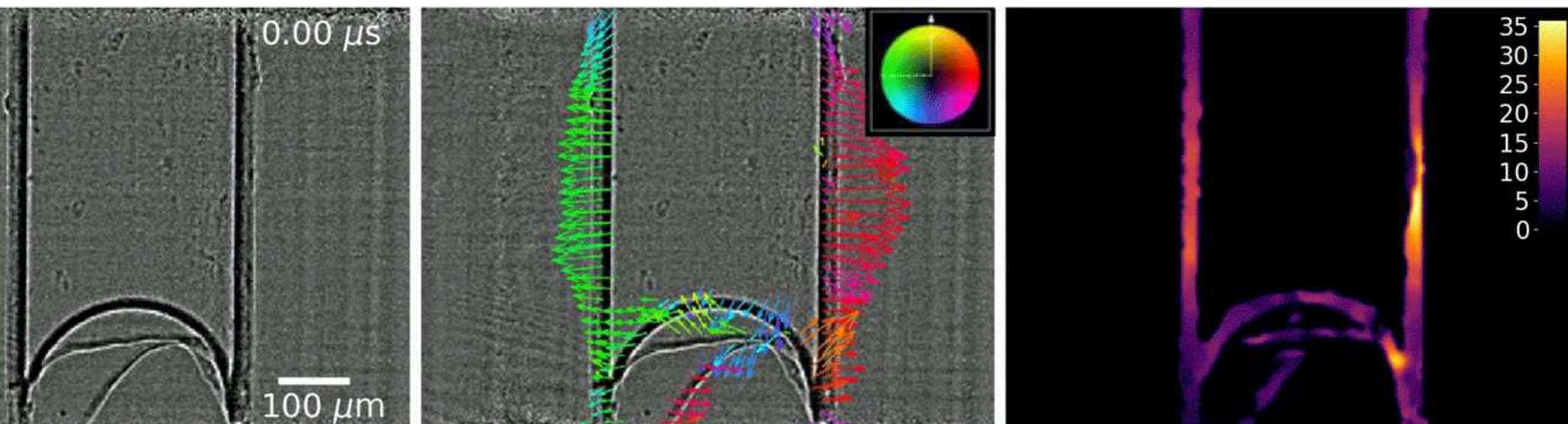


Will sample or optics evaporate after first pulse?

Will all possible fluctuations allow for quantitative imaging?



# First MHz rate X-ray microscopy at European XFEL

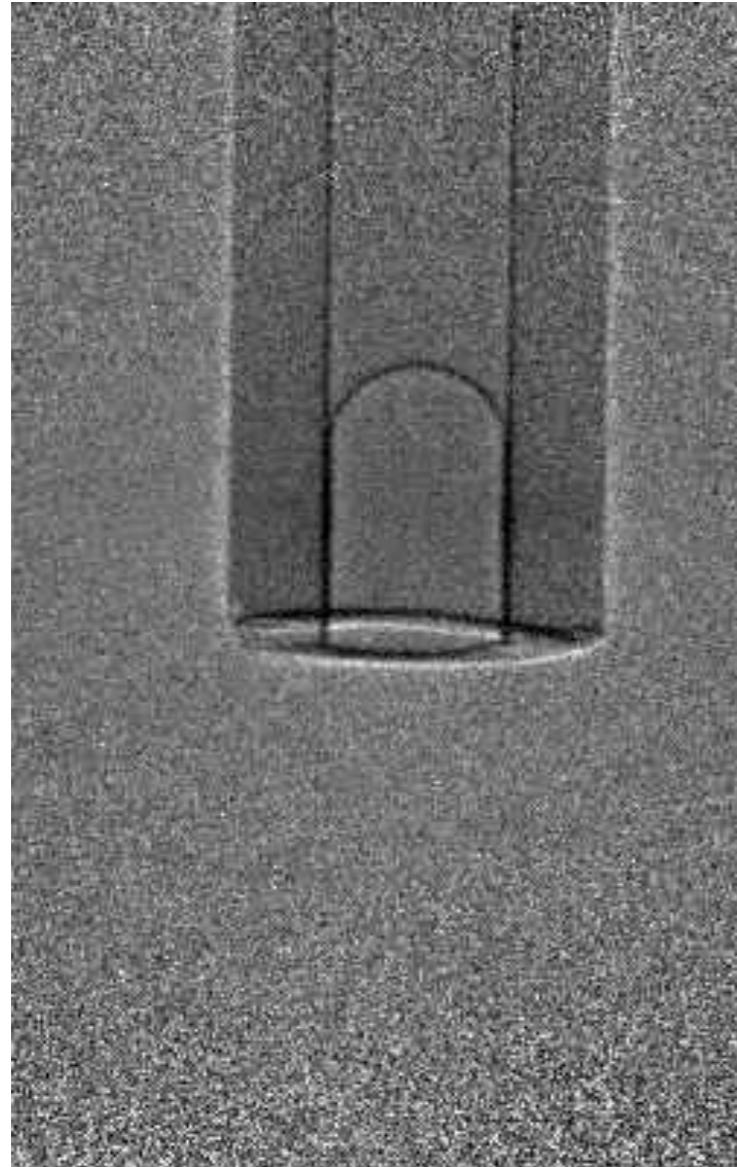


Laser induced capillary breakage filmed using 1.128 MHz sampling rate at EuXFEL. Middle figure shows displacement vectors of moving parts and figure on right shows velocities in m/s units. Performed at SPB instrument (2019)

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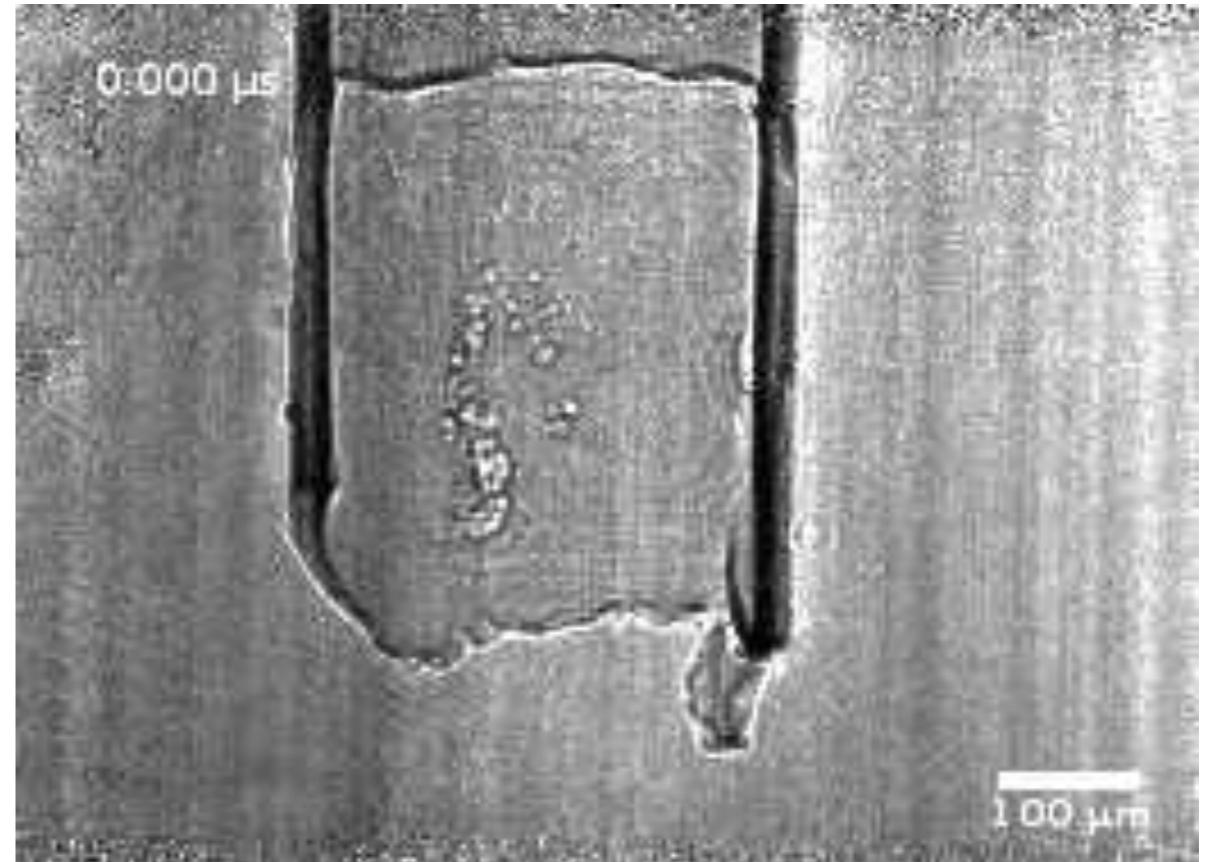
# Image quality (qualitative) comparison Synchrotron vs EuXFEL

Both sequences normalised in a same way by the background



Synchrotron data:

Optical magnification: 4x  
Pixel size: 8 um  
Scintillator thickness: 100um  
Photon Energy: 32 keV

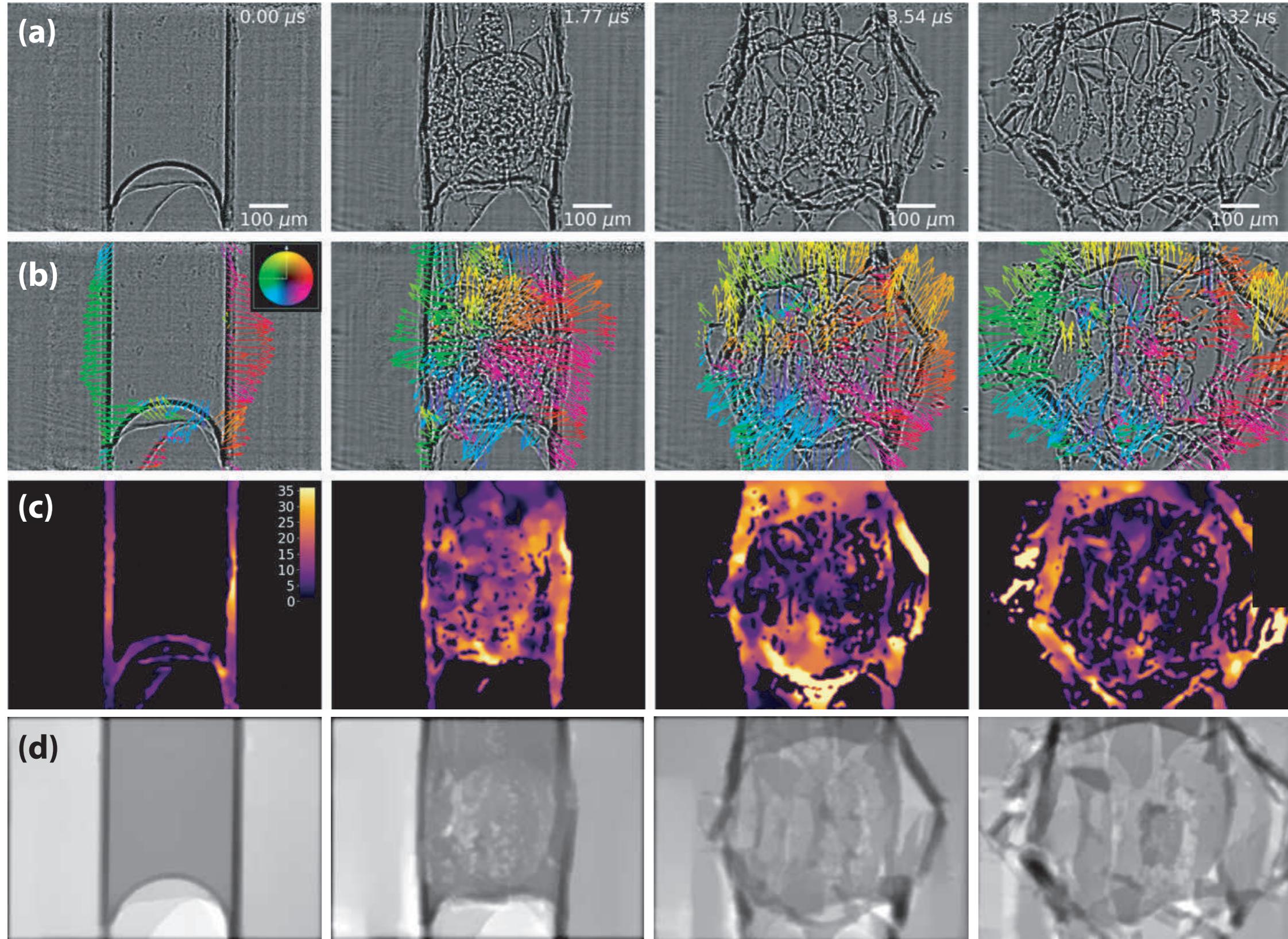


EuXFEL data

Optical magnification: 10x  
Pixel size: 3.2 um  
Scintillator thickness: 8um  
Photon Energy: 9.3 keV

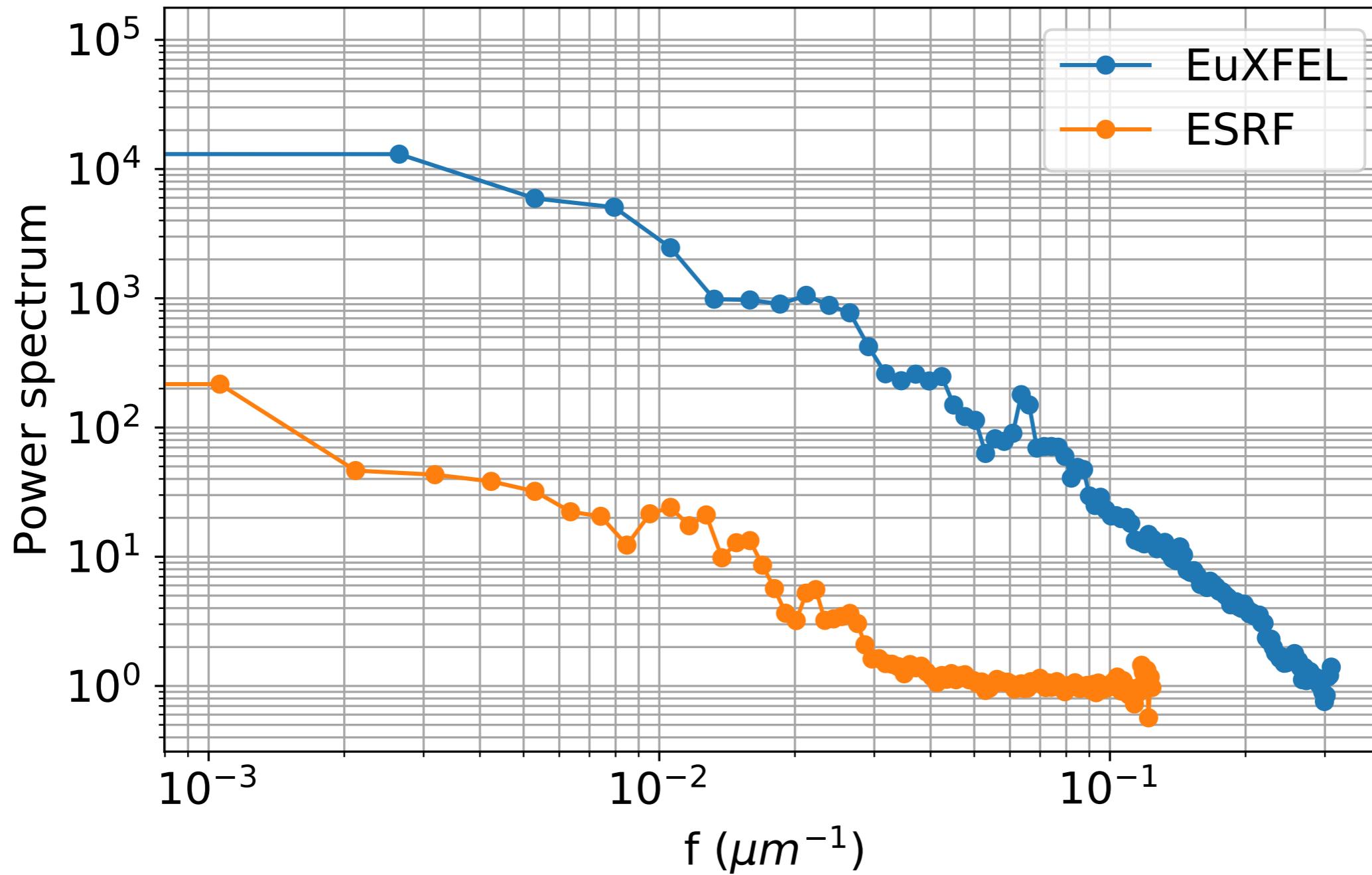
- + For synchrotrons: **very stable beams**
- + For EuXFEL: **much higher intensity**

# First MHz X-ray microscopy at hard X-Ray XFEL

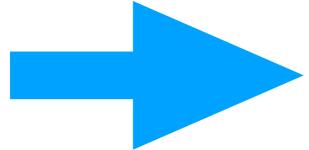


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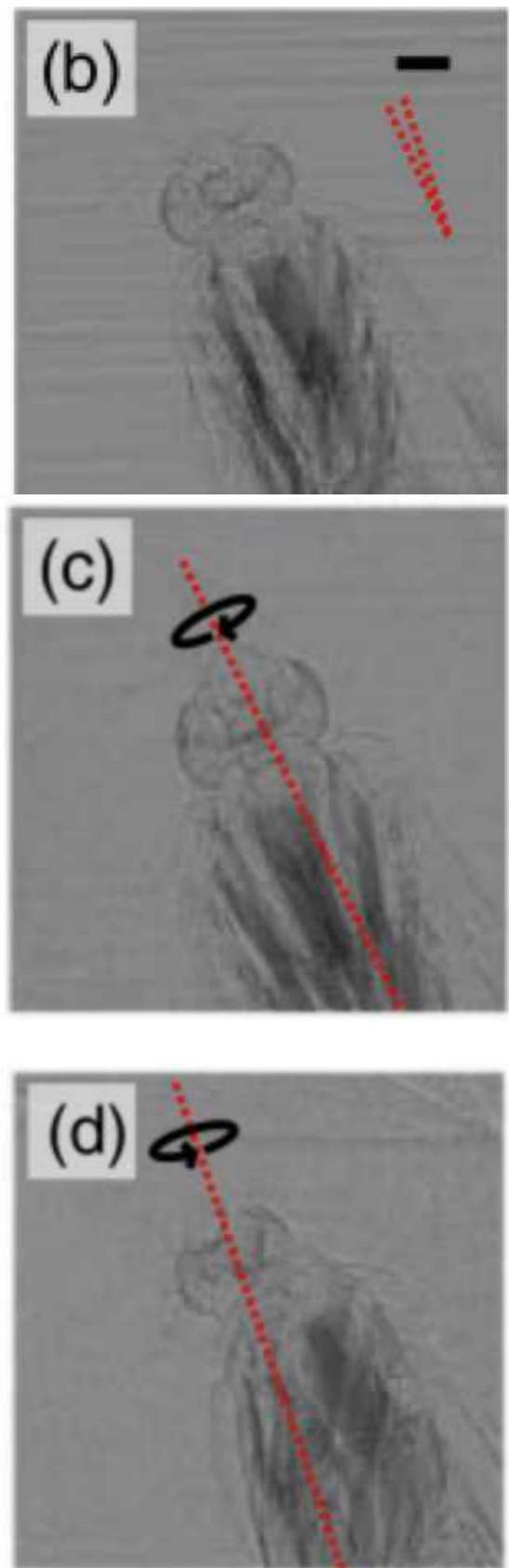
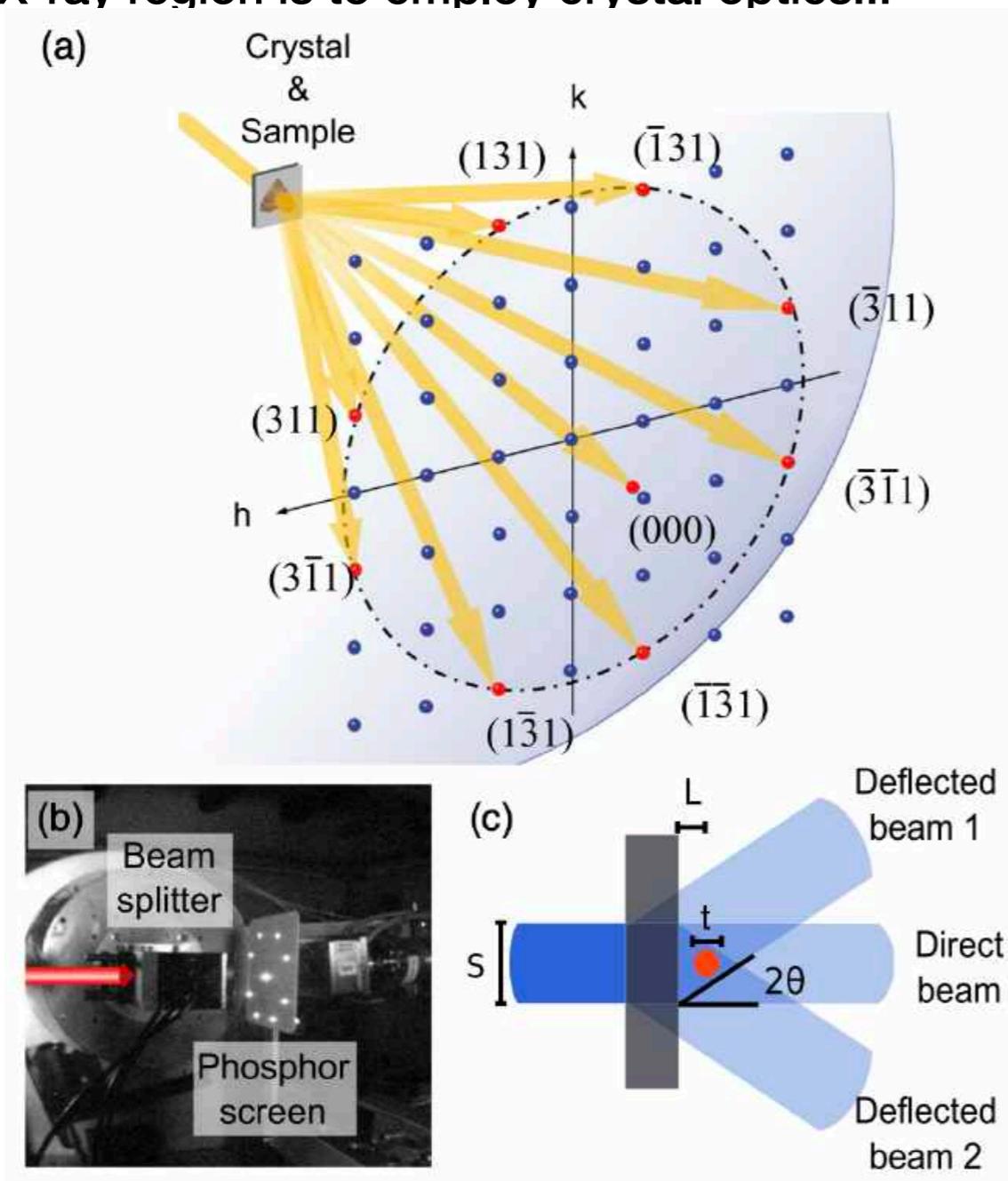
Two orders higher power spectrum at XFEL, even with higher resolution with much less efficient optical system!



We might be able to exploit high flux and MHz sampling at EuXFEL for MHz tomoscopy .... But how?

# Towards MHz rate multi-projection imaging Or MHz rate tomoscopy

Only way for fast 3D imaging (>=1kHz sampling rate)  
in hard X-ray region is to employ crystal optics!!!



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# Development of multi-projection MHz X-ray tomoscopy

Project **INVISION** supported by **RÅC** (**Röntgen-Ångström cluster**) for imaging of dynamics in metallic foams and granular structures. (Total budget~2M€)

Project **MHz X-ray Microscopy** supported by **Eu.XFEL R&D grant** (Total budget~0.8M).

## Project partners



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Stephen Hall



Pablo V.-Perez



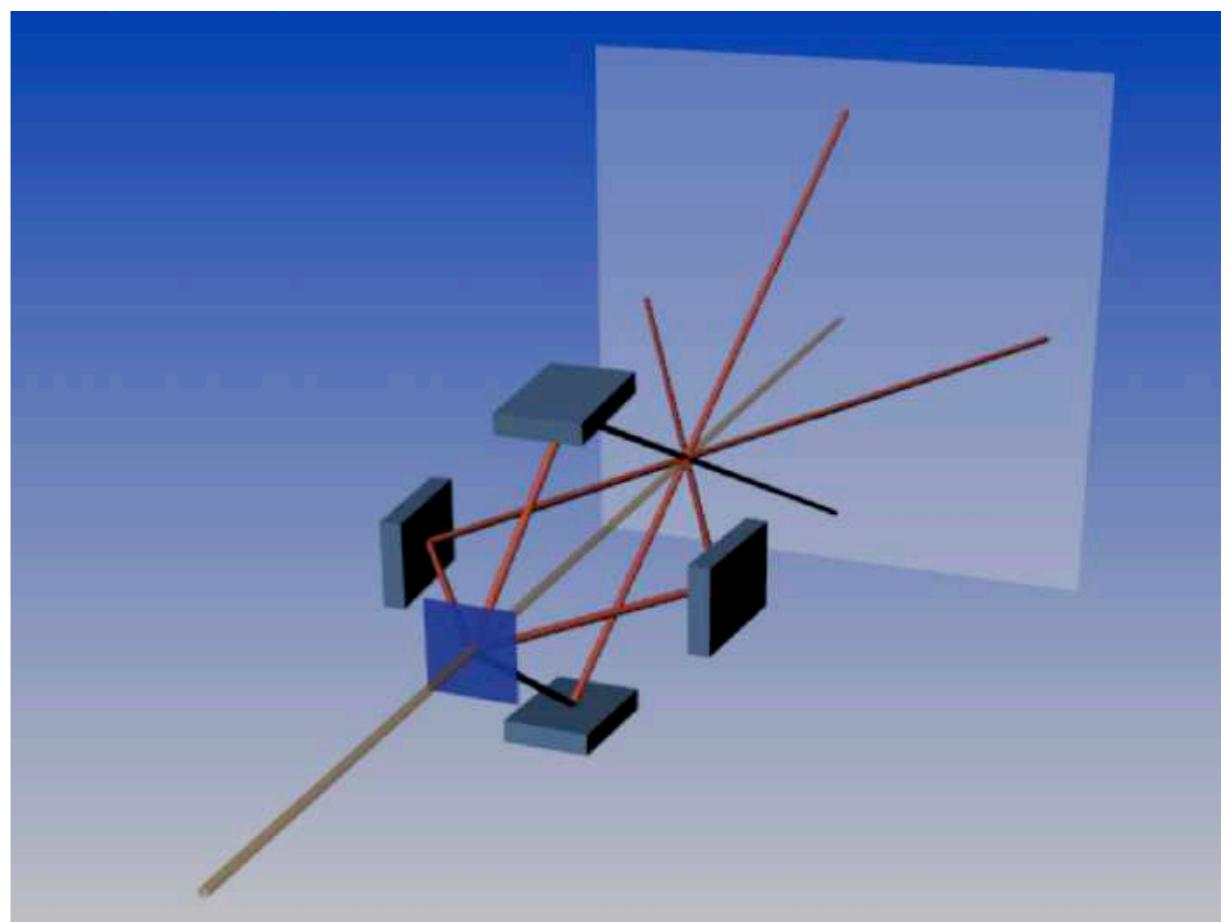
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Rajmund Mokso



Conceptual design of 4+1 projection demonstrator based on diamond 001 splitter and Si recombining crystals.

**PostDoc position available!**

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# Summary

- Fast imaging with single pulse exposure and MHz sampling at synchrotrons is possible but with limited spatial resolution and limited only projection imaging
- EuXFEL MHz rate radiography/radioscopy we demonstrated at 1.13 MHz sampling rate, higher resolution and higher frame rate (up to 4.5MHz) is possible ... but data treatment must be more sophisticated
- 3 orders higher flux may allow for tomoscopy using MHz sampling with single pulse exposure at EuXFEL
- Collaboration with industry is very welcome! In case of interest please contact EuXFEL Industrial Liaison Office:  
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- and in case of interest in scientific collaboration please contact me:  
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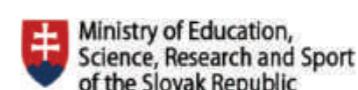
**Diamond Light source**

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**SFX User's consortium:**



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# Thank you for your time

Questions?

