# Advanced X-Ray Light Sources for Frontier Life Science Research

#### **Recent Advances in Life Sciences**



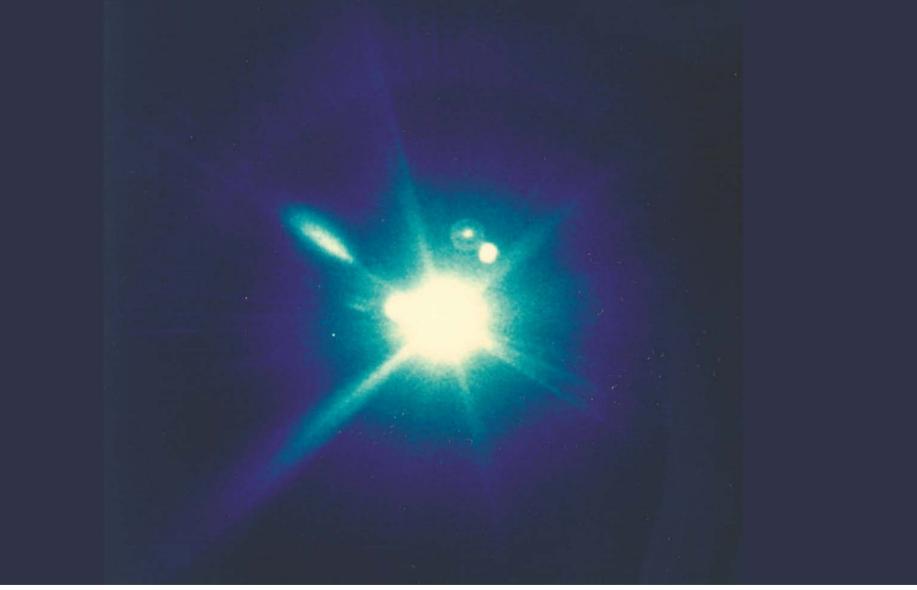


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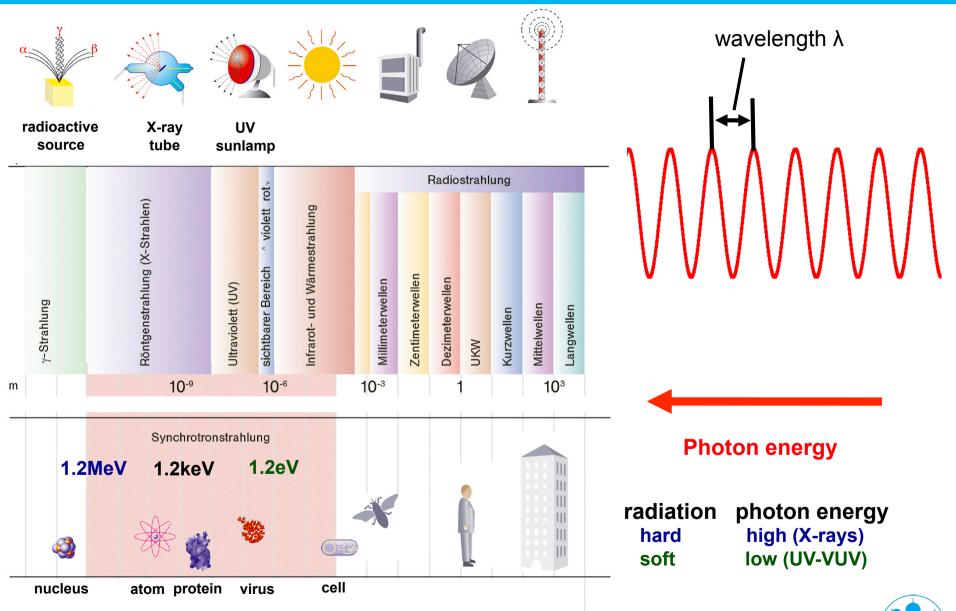


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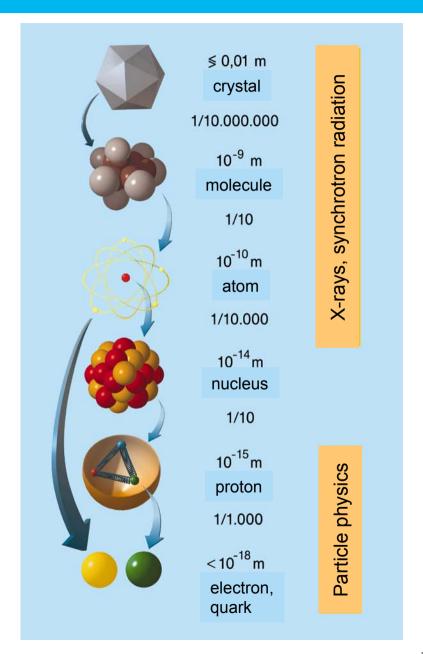
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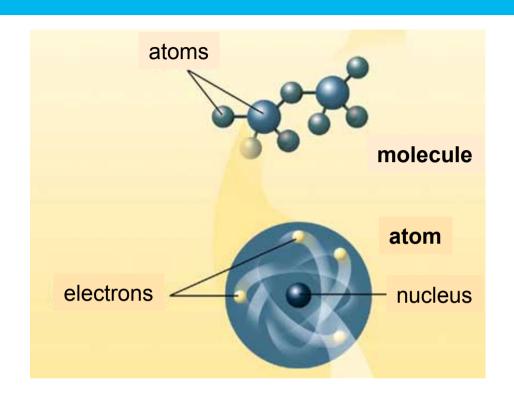


### What are X-rays? Electromagnetic waves



### Structure of matter



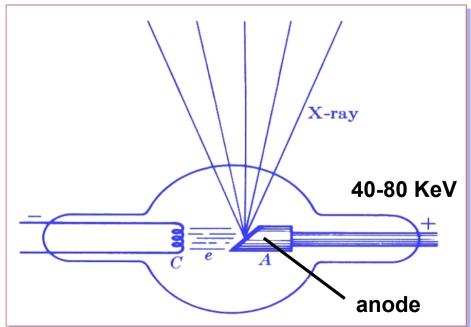


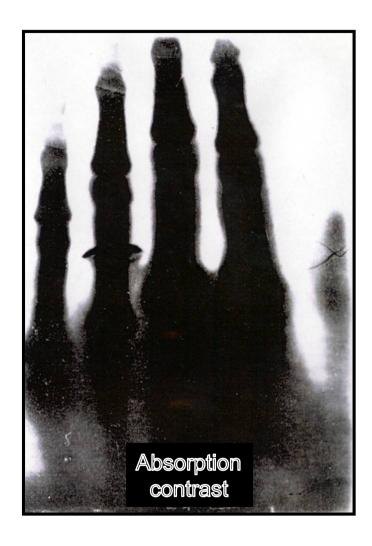


### X-rays



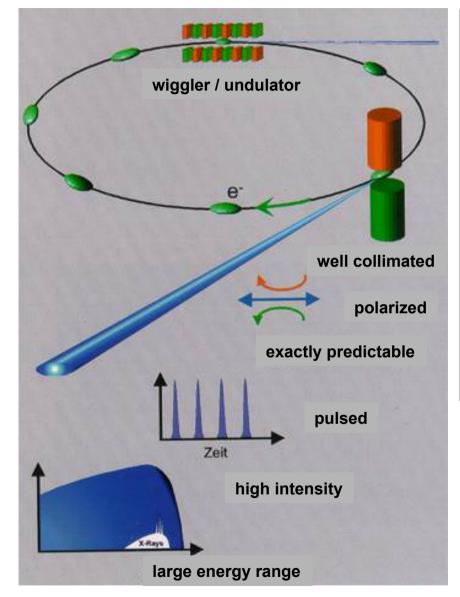
Discovered by Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen in the year 1895 in Würzburg, Germany

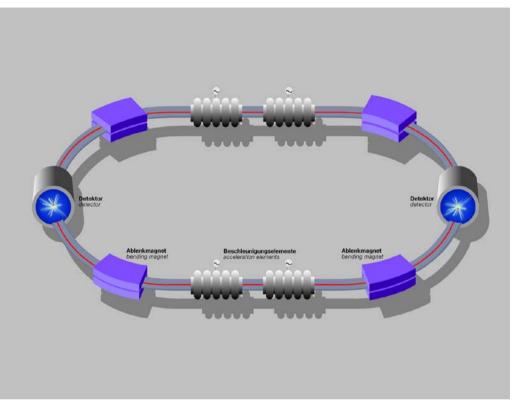






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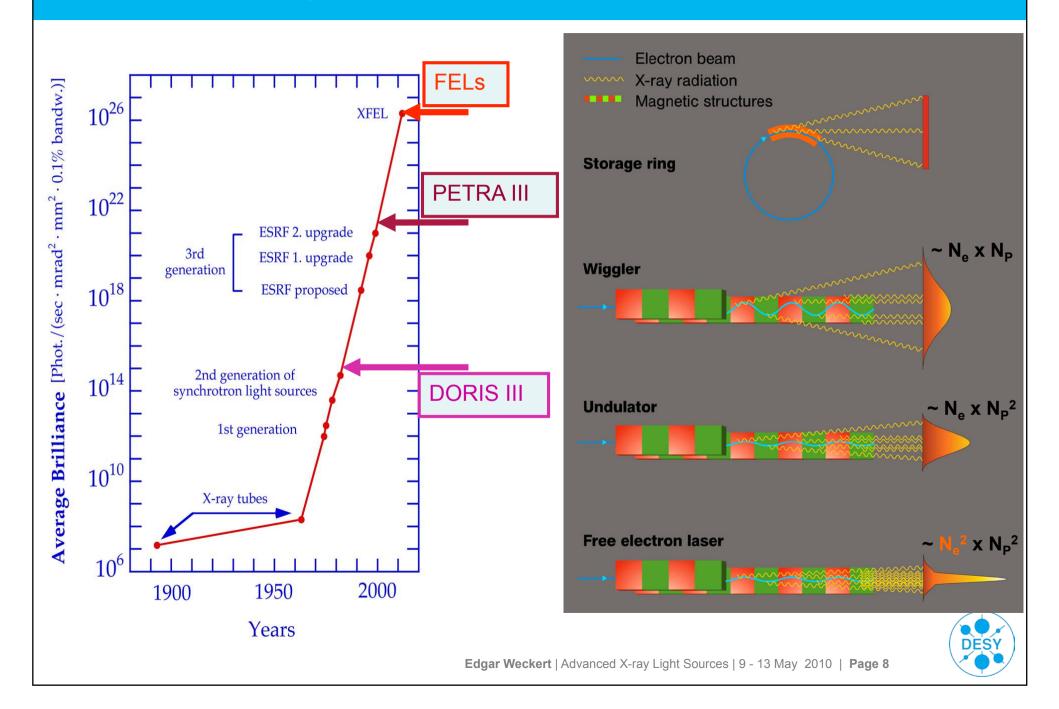




Principle of a ring accelerator



### Properties of synchrotron radiation

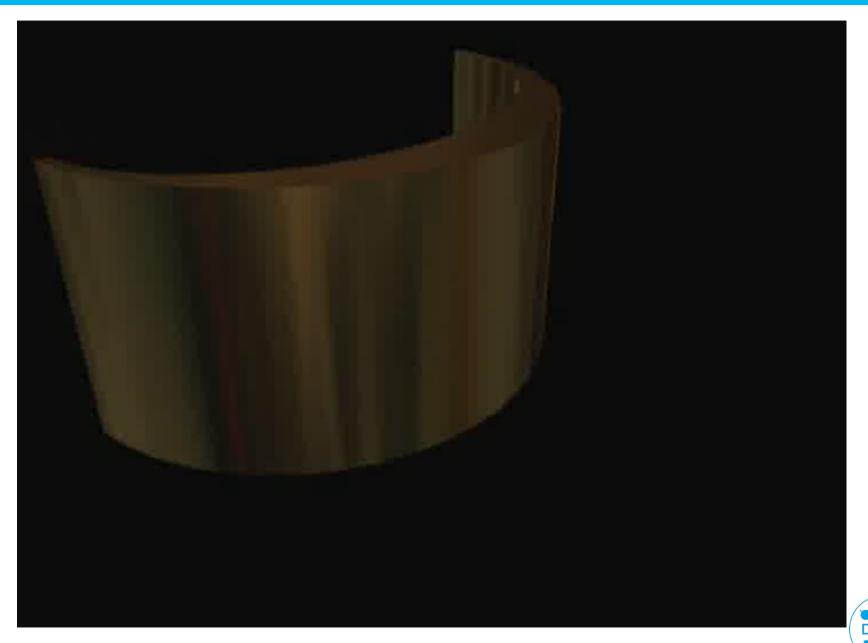


### Wigglers and undulators

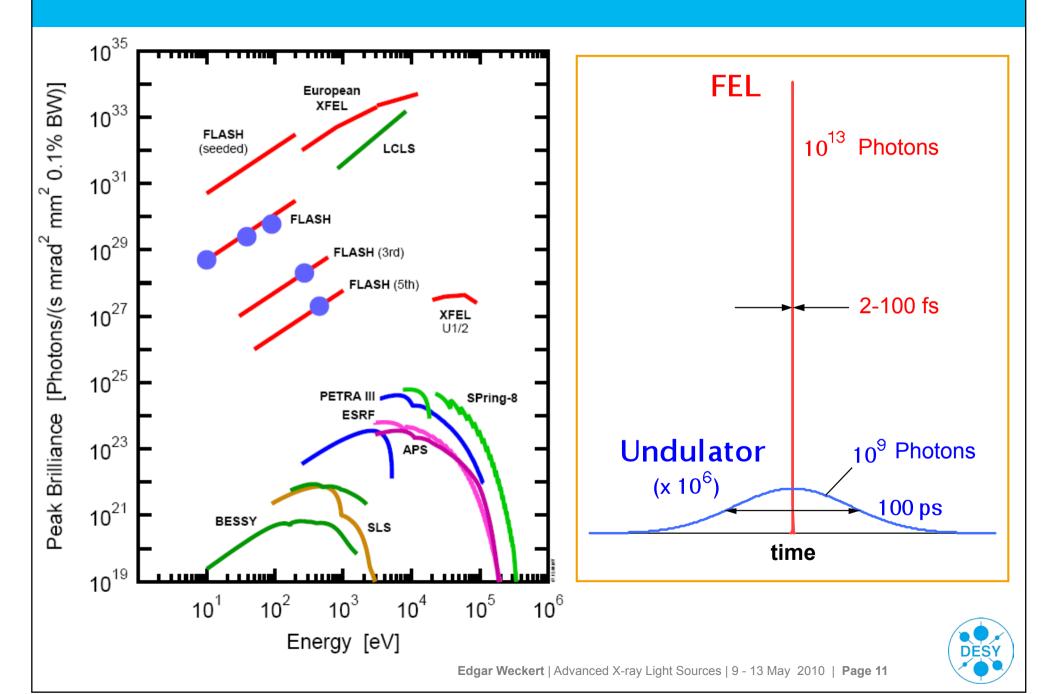




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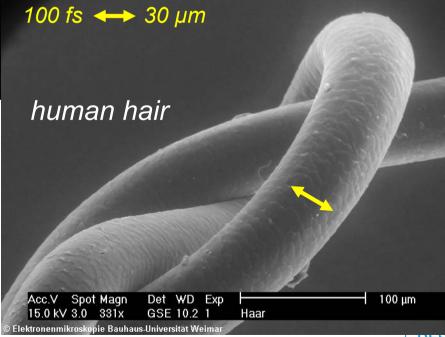


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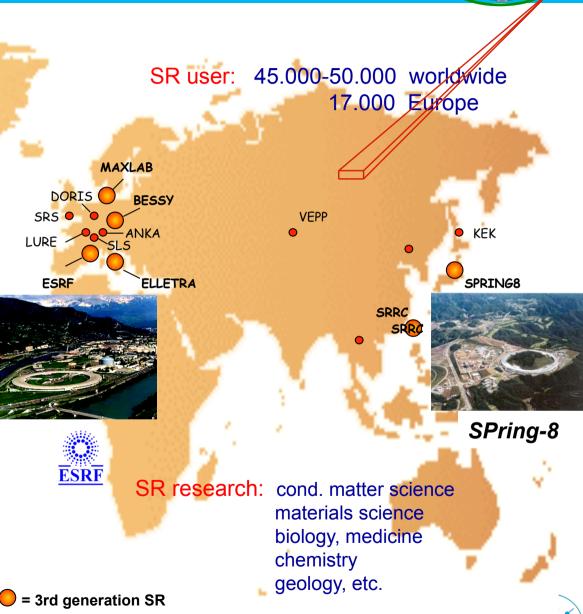


### How long is 100 fs??





### Synchrotron radiation sources world wide



worldwide 42 operational

13 under constr.

Europe 13 operational

under constr.





**APS** 

LNLS



### PETRA III: new high energy 3<sup>rd</sup> generation source



- rebuild of 1/8 of the 2304m circumference
- refurbishment of 7/8 of the storage ring
- refurbishment of pre-accelerator chain (also used by DORIS III)
- construction of a 300m long new experimental hall
- installation of 80m of damping wigglers
- top up operation mode

#### key parameters:

- particle energy: 6GeV

- current: 100mA (200mA)

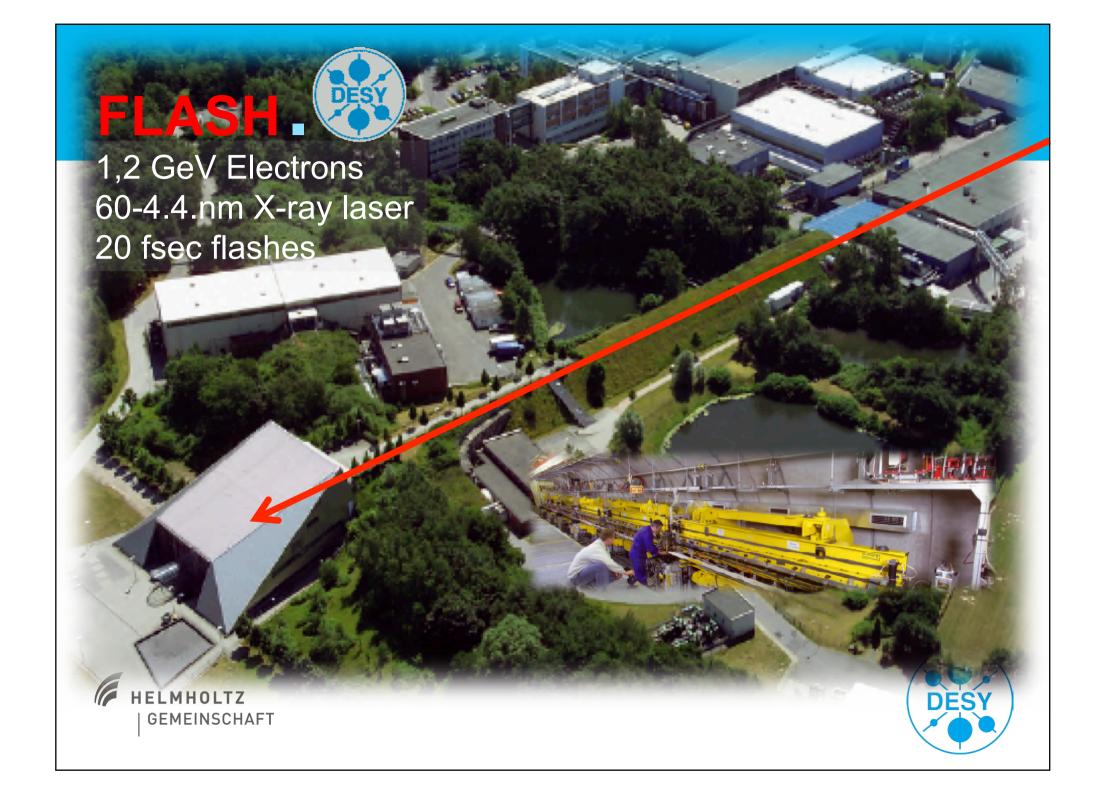
horizontal emittance: 1 nmrad

- No. of undulators: 14 (incl. canted)

- undulator lengths: 2-10(20) m

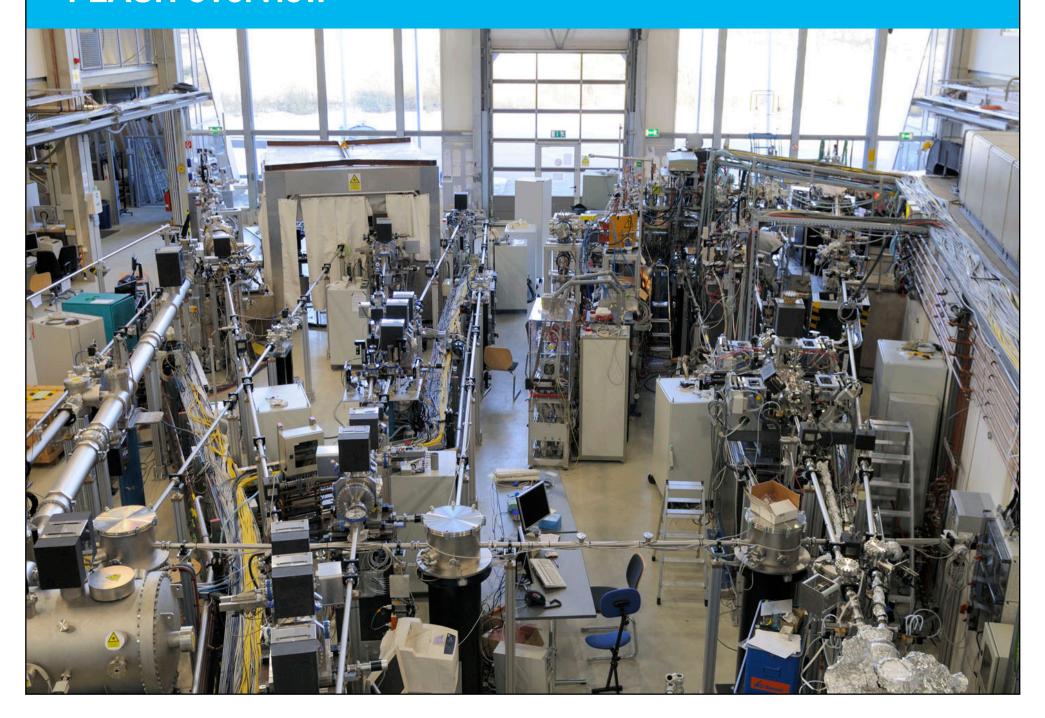
- no bending magnet beamlines

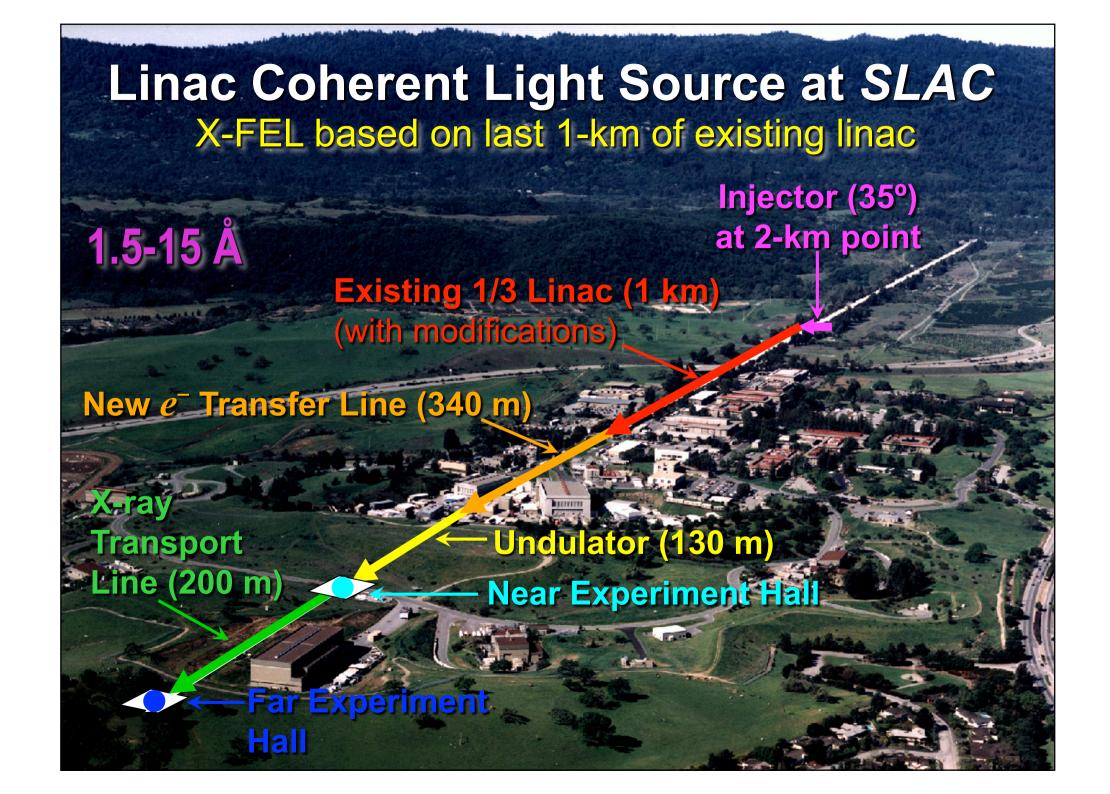






### **FLASH overview**





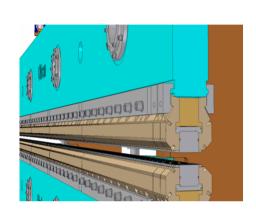
### SCCS@Spring-8, Japan

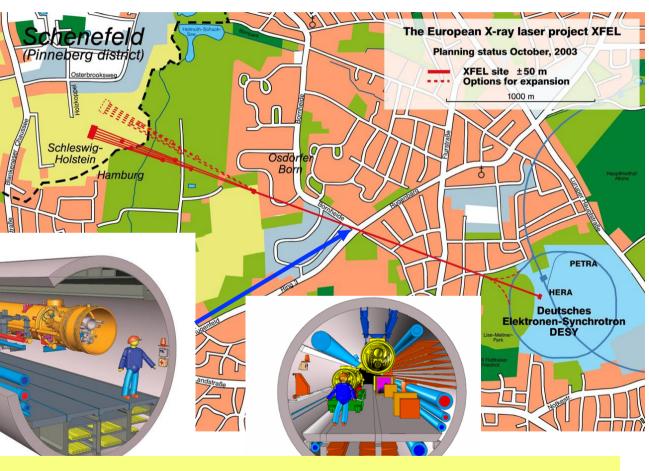




### **European XFEL**

3.4km













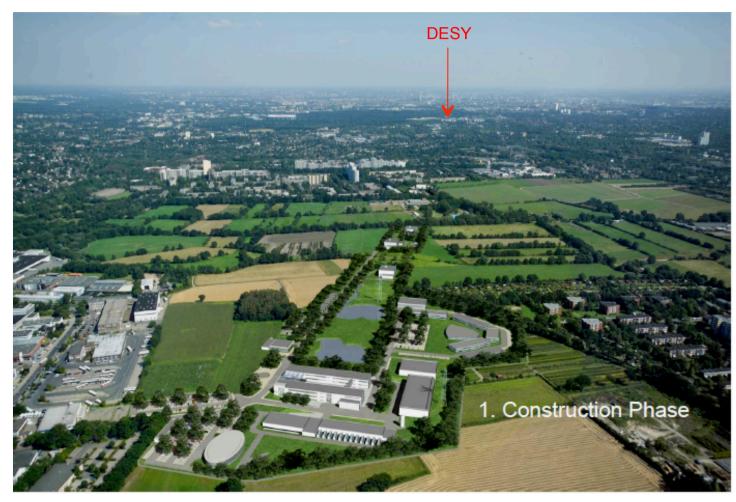






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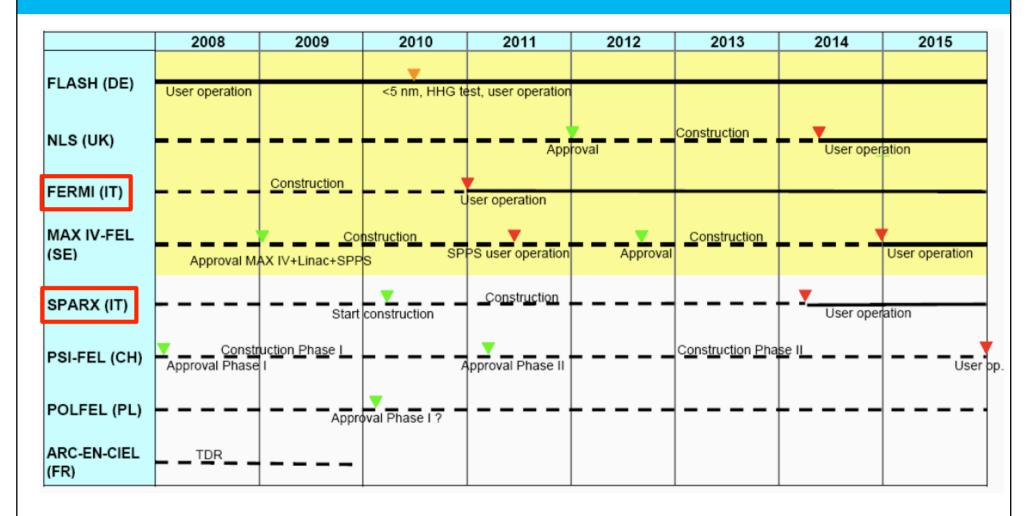


### **European XFEL construction sites**





### Other FEL projects in Europe



Milestones likely not to be up to date



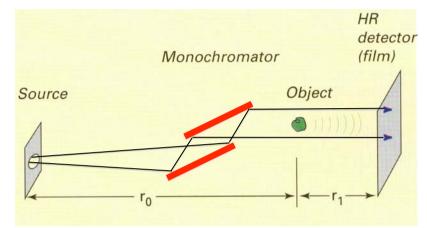
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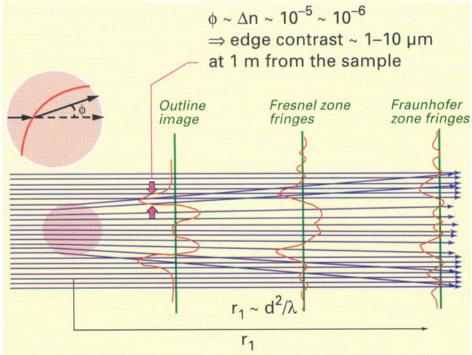
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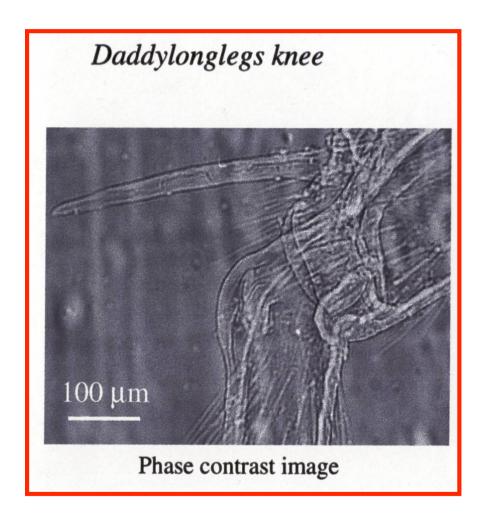


### Imaging of slightly absorbing objects

#### Phase contrast imaging: $\xi \sim \lambda r_0/s$

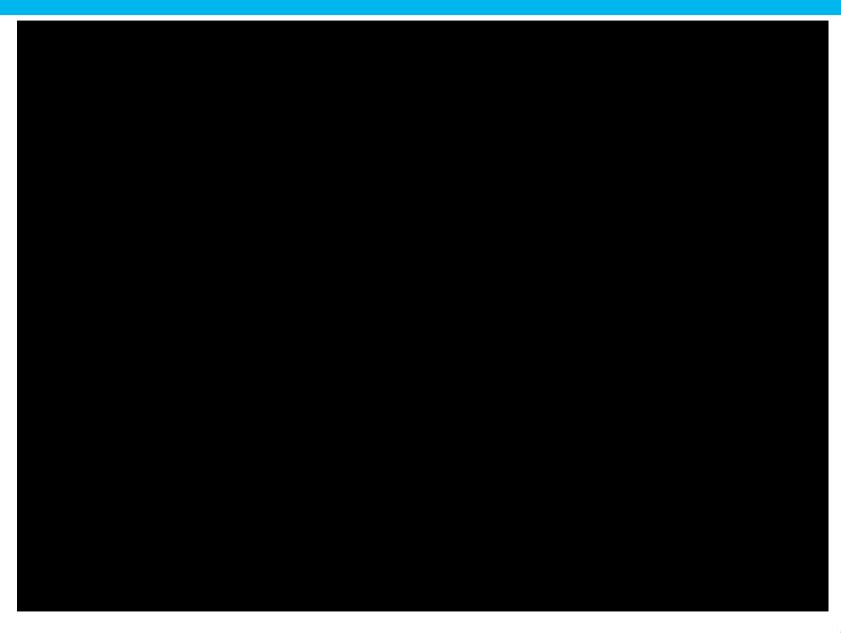






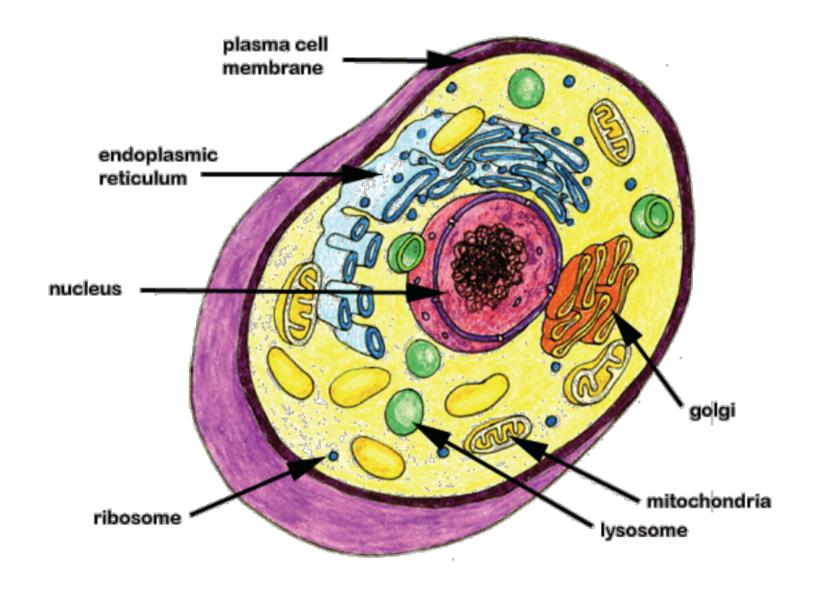


### High resolution tomography of rare insects



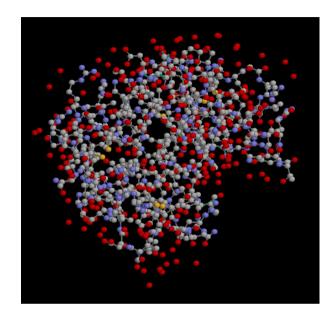


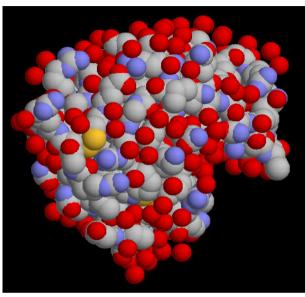
### How does life work? Structure of a cell?

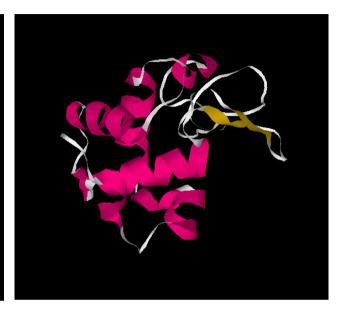




### Proteins: lysozyme, different representations







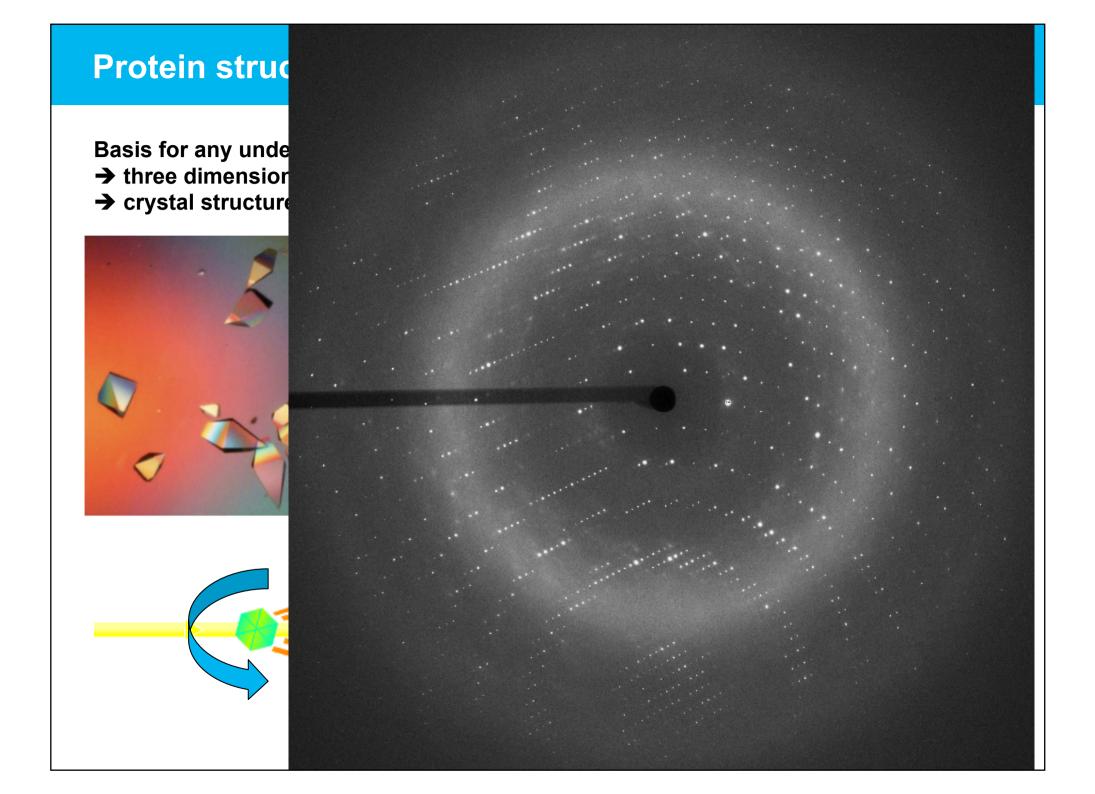
Atoms as small balls

grey: carbon blue: nitrogen red: oxygen yellow: sulfur

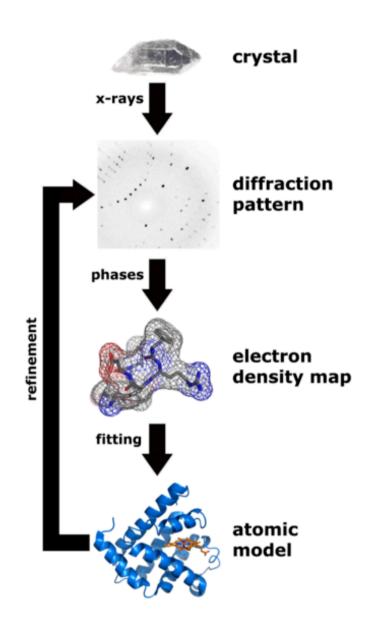
Atoms as spacefilling spheres

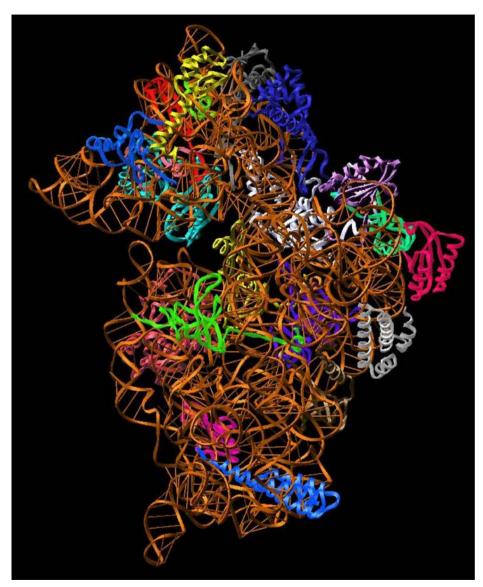
**Schematic representation** 





### **Protein structure determination**





#### Ribosome



### **Examples for recent achievements in structural biology**

1. How do muscles work on an atomistic scale

2. How is genetic code translated into proteins



### How do muscles work?





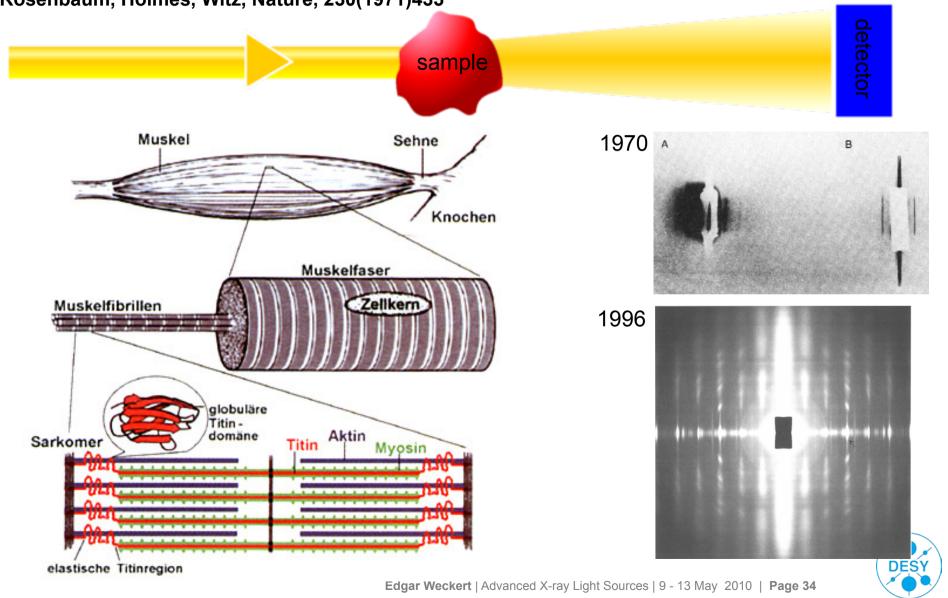
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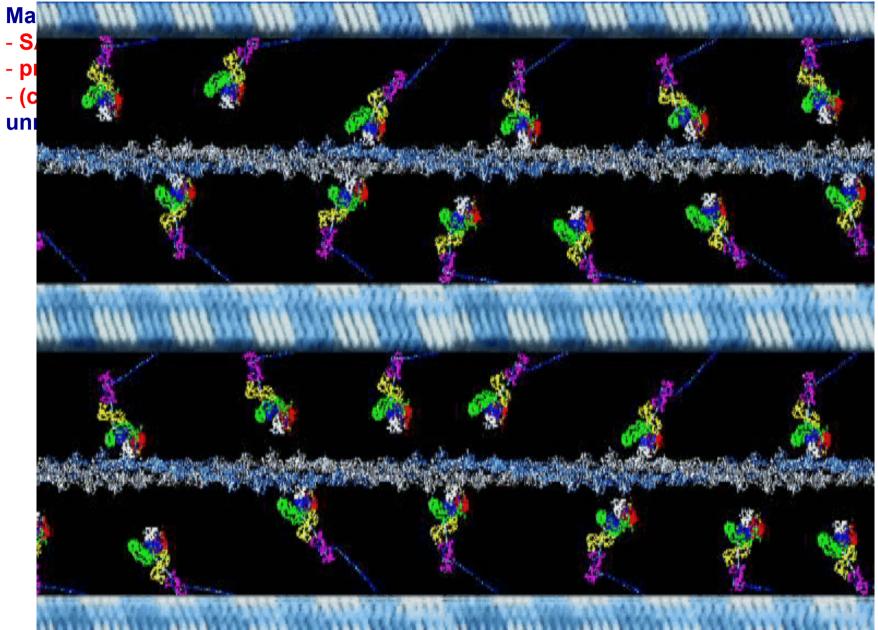


### **Small angle X-ray scattering from muscle fibres**

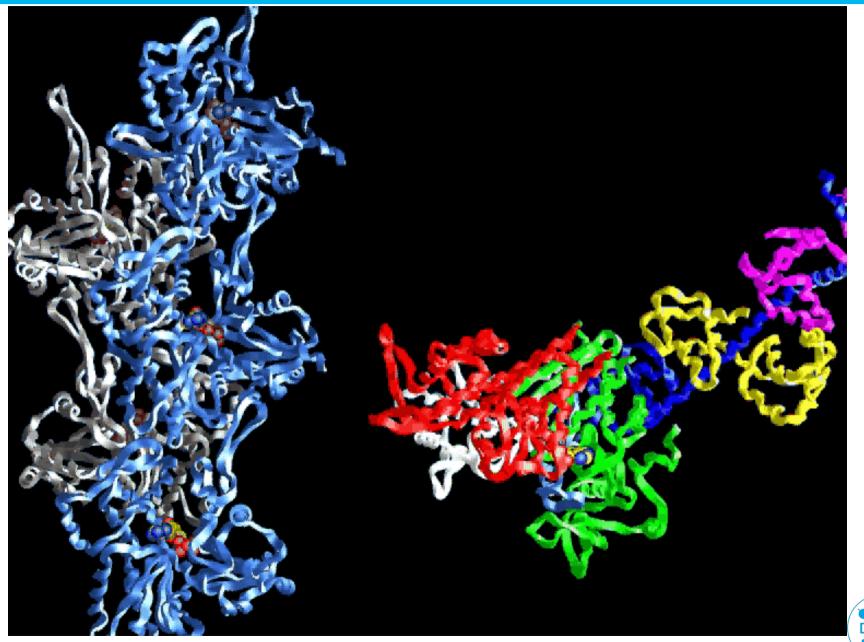
• 1970: first SAXS experiments from biological material Rosenbaum, Holmes, Witz, Nature, 230(1971)435



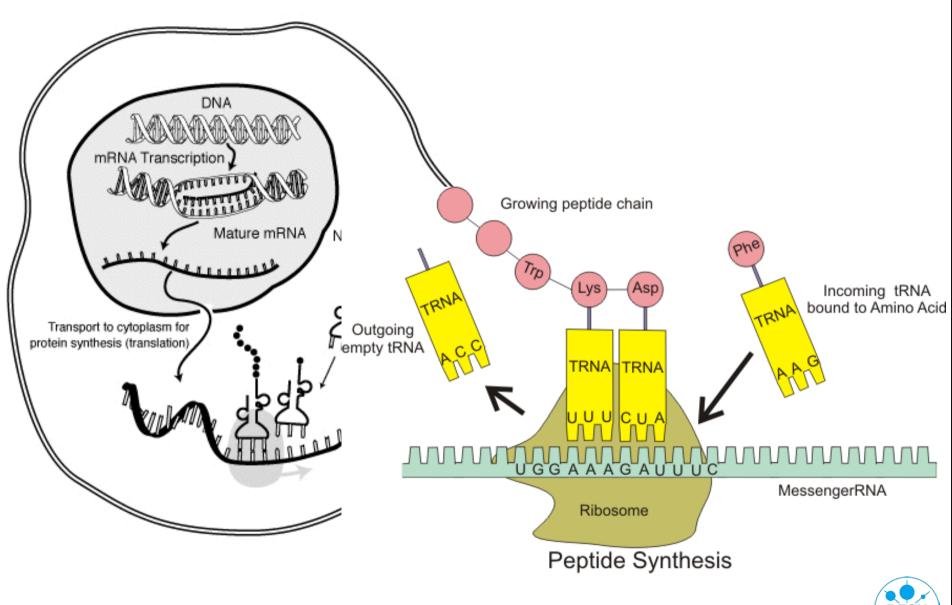
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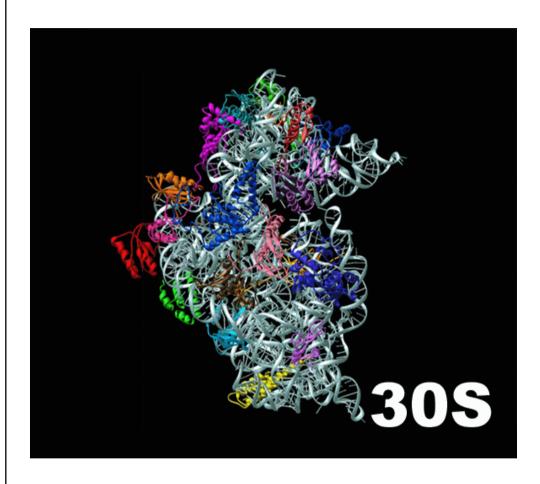
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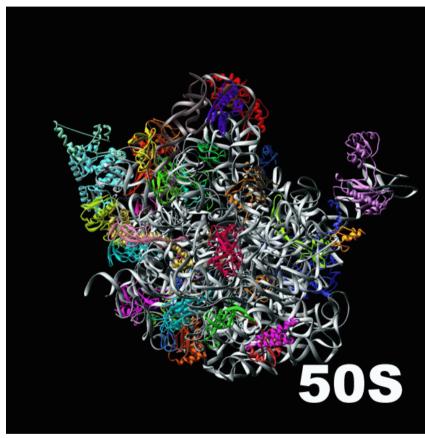


### Structure and function of the ribosome ...



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http://www.weizmann.ac.il/sb/faculty\_pages/Yonath/home.html Schluenzen et al., Cell, 102, 615-23 (2000) Harms et al., Cell, 107, 679-88 (2001)



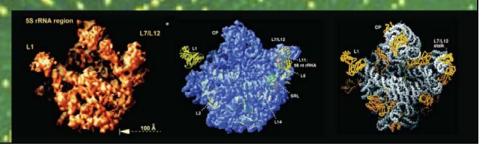
## Nobel Price Chemistry 2009.

- Ada Yonath (together with V. Ramakrishnan und T. Steitz)
- Pioneered Ribosome crystallography
- > 1986-2004 Head of Max-Planck group "Ribosomstruktur" at DESY
- Key X-ray experiments at DORIS / BW6

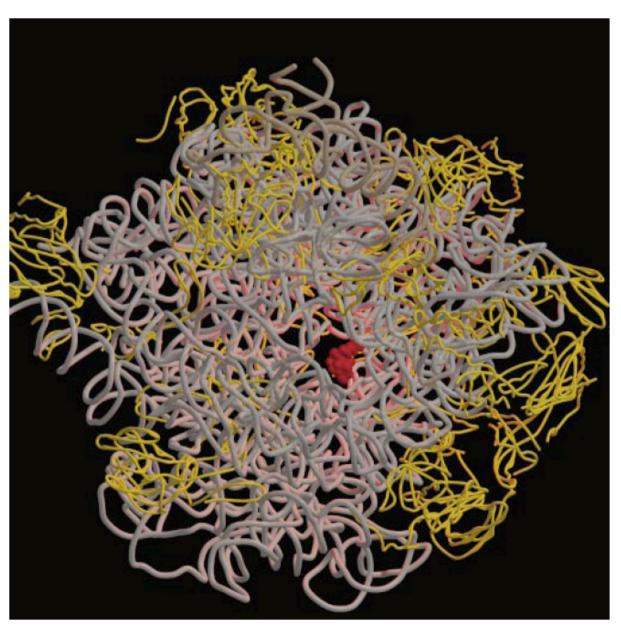








### Effect of antibiotics on the ribosome



Schlünzen, ..., Yonath, ... Nature, 413(2001)814



Ribosom D. radiodurans 50S Erythromycin (red)

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### Possible applications of X-ray FELs ... dreams we have ...

1. Making of 'molecular movies'

2. Diffraction from single particles



#### Time resolved diffraction

#### **Example:**

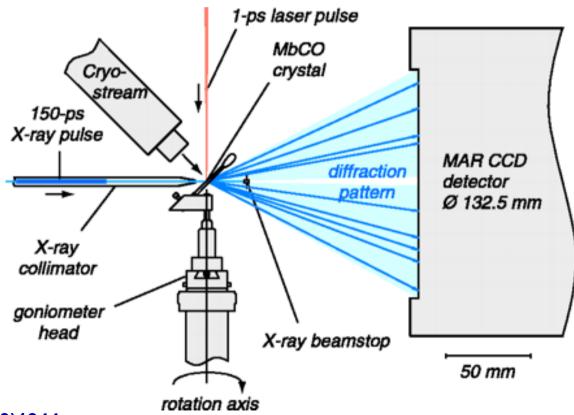
Time resolved investigation of the photo ionization of CO-myoglobin at ID9 (ESRF):

- pump-probe technique
- X-ray crystallography

Variable delay between laser pump pulse and X-ray probe pulse.

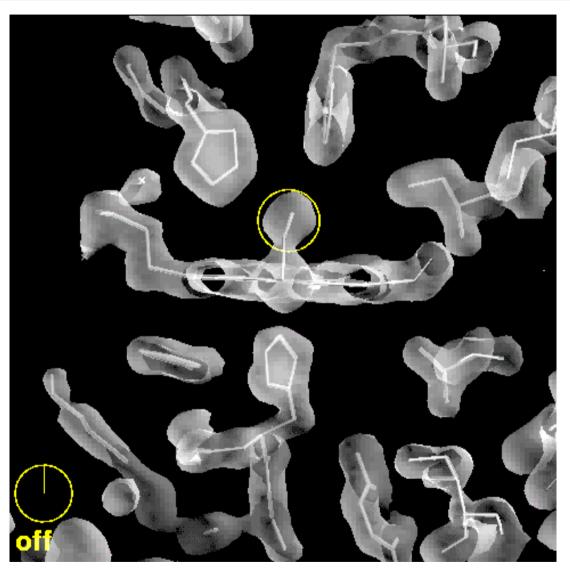
32 exposures per image

'pink' Laue technique, range: 0.72-1.24 Å



Schotte et al., Science 300(2003)1944

### Time resolved crystallography



XFEL: 1000-10000 times better time resolution than today

Schotte et al., Science 300(2003)1944



#### Conclusion

- Modern X-ray sources are providing photon beams of unprecedented properties
- A number of new sources are under construction or being commissioned
- Storage ring based X-ray sources did and will contributed significantly to the solution of structural problems in life sciences
- New FEL source will enable totally new insight in structural biology problems:
  - watching molecules in action
  - study of systems far away from equilibrium
  - single particle imaging



