

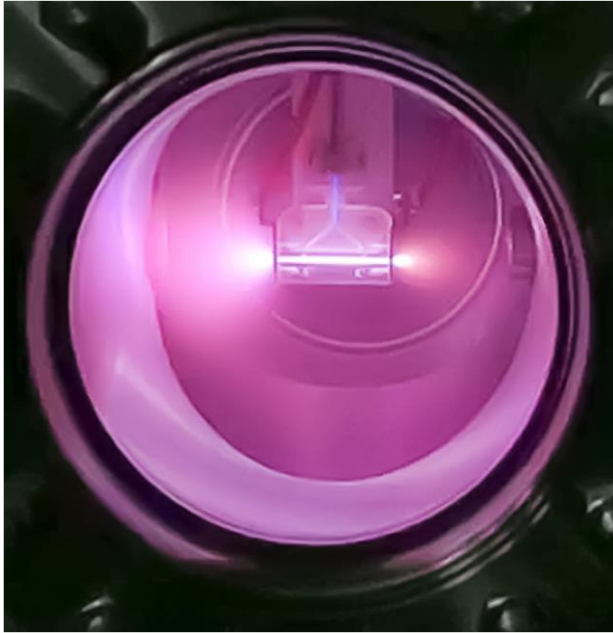
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The EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB water-window beamline



AQUA - Figures

Plasma / X-band RF driven FEL



A multi-purpose SASE FEL beamline

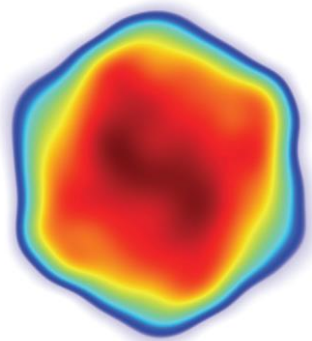
Parameter	Value
Wavelength	3-4 nm
Photons/pulse	$10^{10} - 10^{11}$
Pulse duration	10-50 fs
Repetition rate	10 Hz
Focal spot	$\sim 6 \mu\text{m}$

100-400Hz new option is being explored

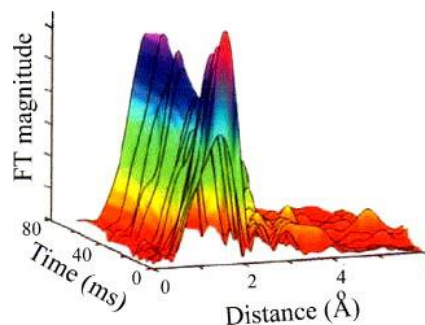
AQUA - Techniques & Samples @ 3-4 nm

Experimental techniques and typology of **samples**

Coherent imaging



X-ray absorption spectroscopy



Raman spectroscopy

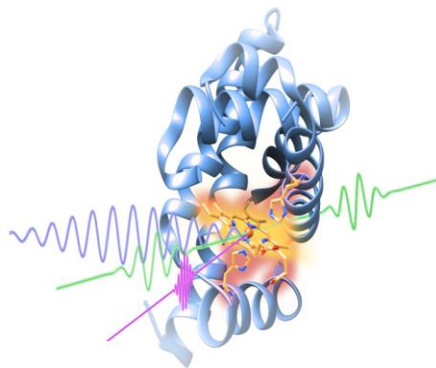
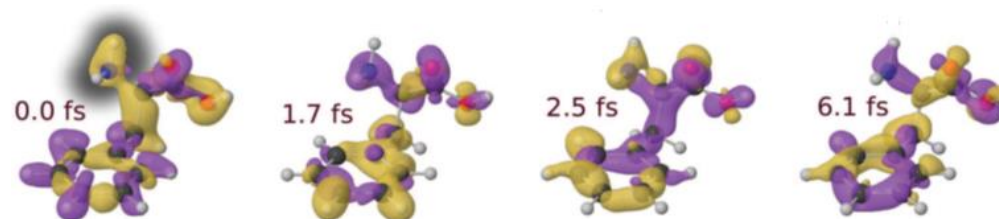


Photo-fragmentation of molecules



Proteins

Viruses

Bacteria

Cells

Metals

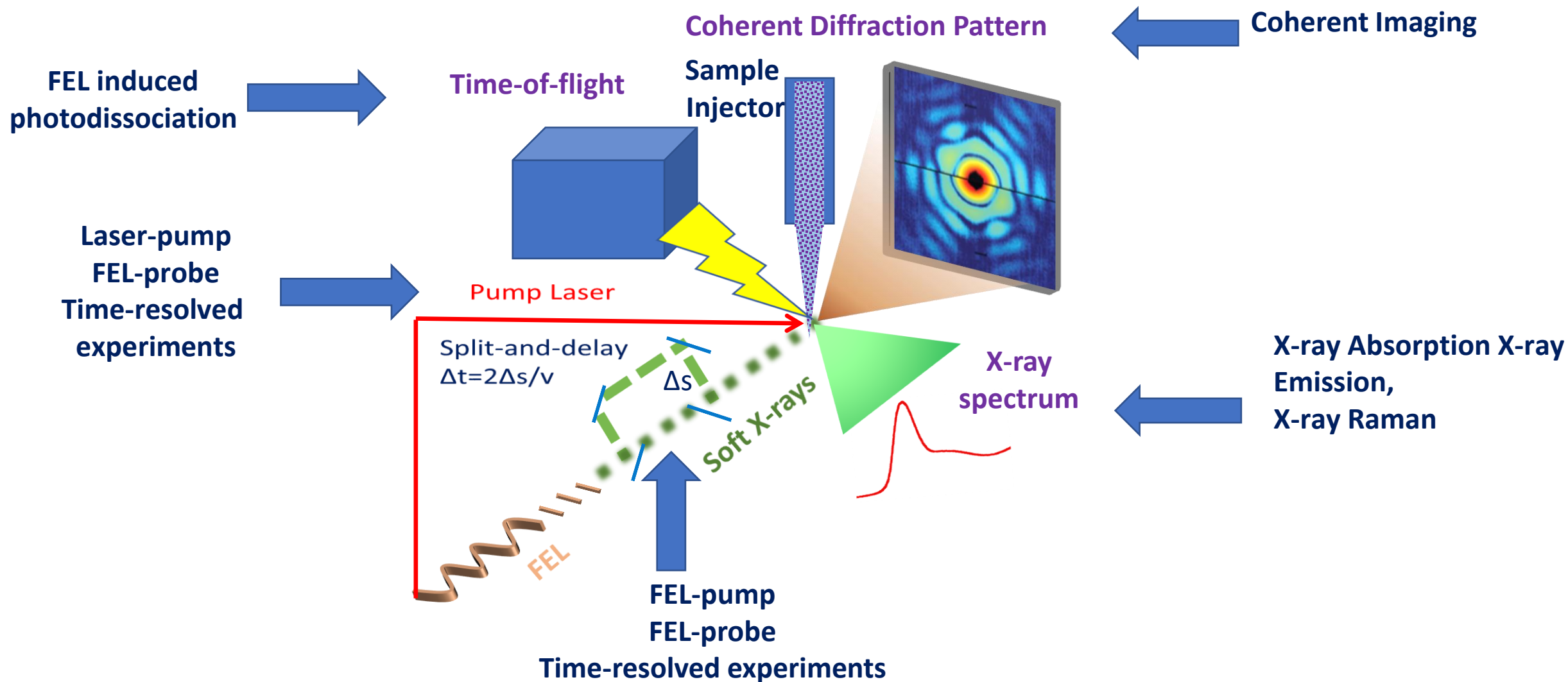
Semiconductors

Superconductors

Magnetic materials

Organic molecules

AQUA - Techniques & Samples @ 3-4 nm



AQUA – Coherent Imaging in the water-window

Energy region between
Oxygen and Carbon K-edge
2.34 nm – 4.4 nm (530 eV -280 eV)
Water is almost **transparent**
to radiation in this range while nitrogen and
carbon are absorbing (and scattering)

**Coherent Imaging of biological samples
living in their native state**

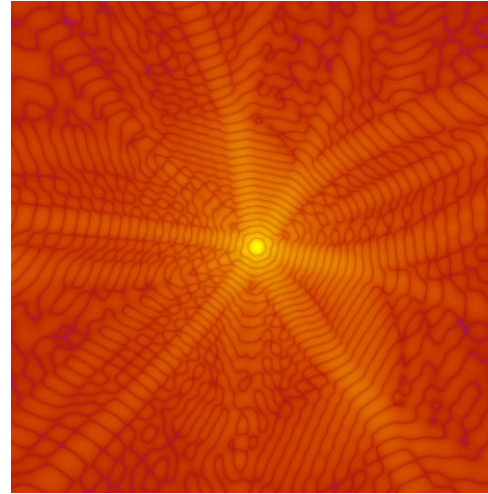


AQUA – Viruses in the water-window

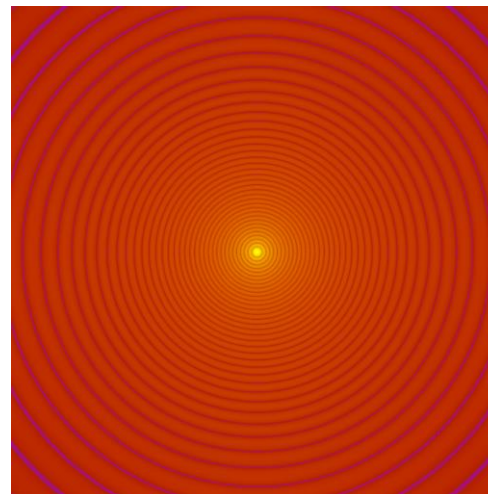
Simulated diffraction patterns
(**Condor** software) & electron density
reconstructions for 100 nm diameter
virions.

The considered **3 nm FEL** beam has the
EuPRAXIA design parameters

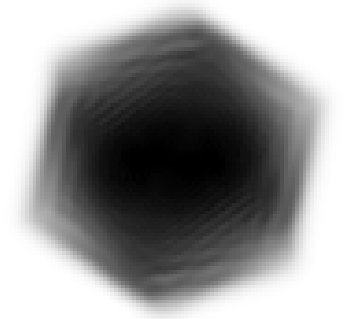
Icosahedral



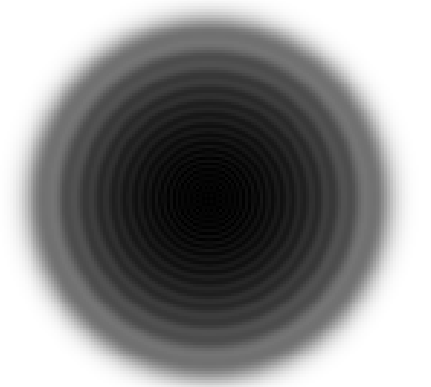
Spherical



$|FT|^{-1}$



100 nm



AQUA – Conceptual Design Report Scientific case

**A scientific case
@ 3 nm
«AQUA»
has been assembled and
published.**

**Contributions from ~15
different institutions**

**Participants from ~30
different institutions @
ESUW21**

Article

The potential of EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB for radiation based techniques

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Flavio Capotondi - Elettra

Development on coherent diffraction based imaging techniques at FERMI seeded-FEL

Emiliano De Santis – Uppsala University

Controlling protein orientation using strong electric fields: perspectives for single particle imaging

Markus Guehr – Potsdam University

Investigations of molecular photoenergy conversion using ultrashort x-ray pulses

Javid Rezvani – Camerino University

Soft x-ray absorption and pump-probe experiments of transient states using FEL sources

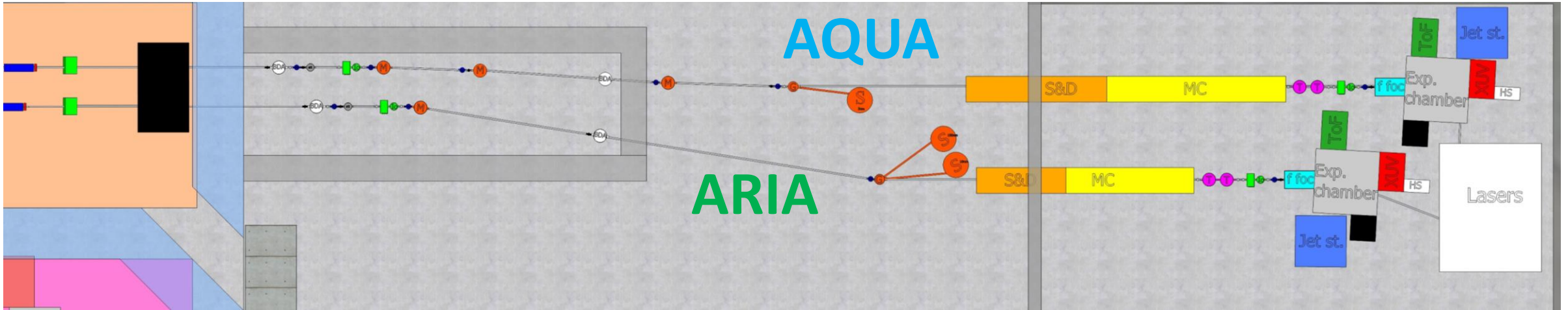
Majed Chergui – EPFL

Ultrafast dynamics of molecular systems with ultrashort optical and X-ray pulses

Matteo Mitrano – Harvard University

Dynamical control of electronic interactions in quantum materials

AQUA & ARIA Beamlines



EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB experimental hall can fit two beamlines

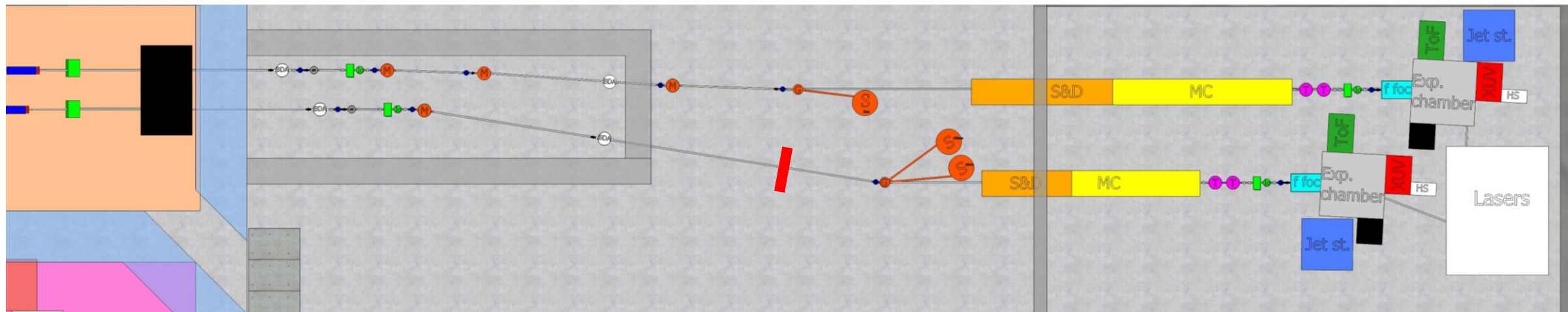
Beam characterization

online single-shot
measurements

- Photon number/pulse: gas intensity monitors
- Longitudinal dimension & arrival time: THz/IR ionization streaking
- Spectrum: grating spectrometer
- Beam position: plate BPMs
- Polarization: gas ionization ToF array

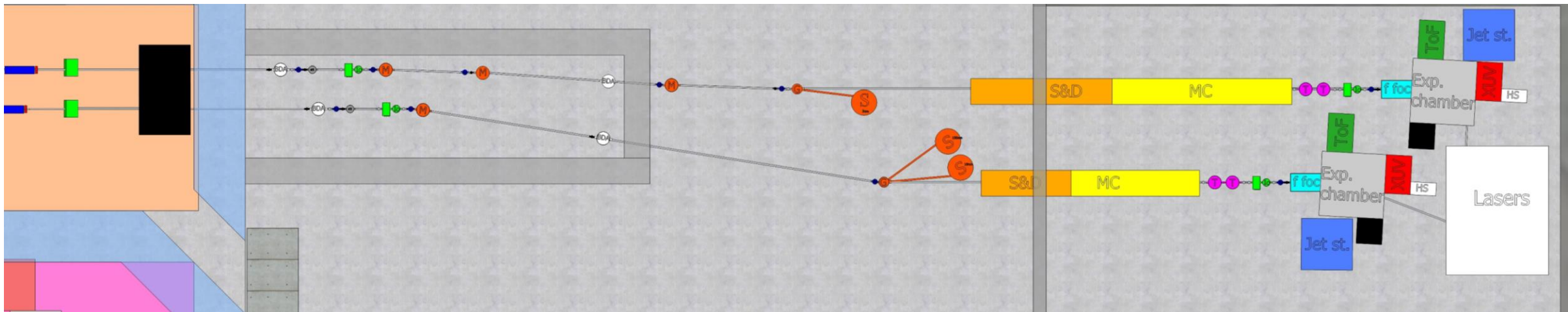
offline
characterization of the
beam

- Transverse dimensions: scintillating screens
- Coherence: interferometric measurements
- Wavefront: Hartmann sensor



Beam manipulation

- **Position:** Mirrors @ grazing incidence (Ni@3-4 nm, Al?@200-50 nm)
- **Dimensions:** K-B mirrors
- **Time shape:** split & delay line
- **Spectrum:** Grating monochromator (with close dispersion)
- Energy: film attenuators
- Beam definition apertures (for machine protection)



External Radiation Sources with FEL pulses

Time-resolved pump-probe experiments require coupling to an **external radiation sources** (besides FEL split&delay):

1. IR/vis lasers: Two options are being explored for the TDR:

- Tunable laser source for the experiments requiring intensity < TW (with Ti:sapphire harmonics and OPO source)
- ⚠ • High-power Ti:sapphire laser at 800 nm (more than ~100 mJ/35fs pulses require a large increase in costs, encumber and complexity due to laser compression, transport synchronization and safety)

2. THz setup will also be detailed in the TDR

Users' inputs are timely due Bringing this picture from CDR to TDR level

