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WA8

Scientific Case

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Project Summary

Build up the **scientific case** and gather a **users' community** for a **plasma-based** SASE FEL lasing in the water-window (4 nm)
& for a seeded FEL lasing @ 50-180 nm

1- Experimental techniques

2- Users' community

3- Project status

Photon beams parameters

AQUA

Parameter	Value
Wavelength*	~4 nm
Photons/pulse	$10^{10} - 10^{11}$
Pulse duration	< 50 fs
Repetition rate**	100 Hz

ARIA

Parameter	Value
Wavelength	50-180 nm
Photons/pulse	$10^{13} - 10^{14}$
Pulse duration	20/200 fs
Repetition rate**	100 Hz

*Running at longer wavelength (~10 nm) is within the reach of the machine

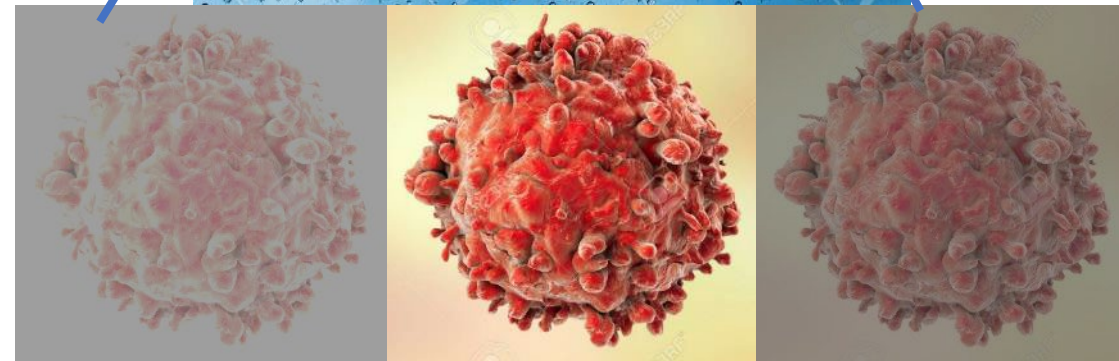
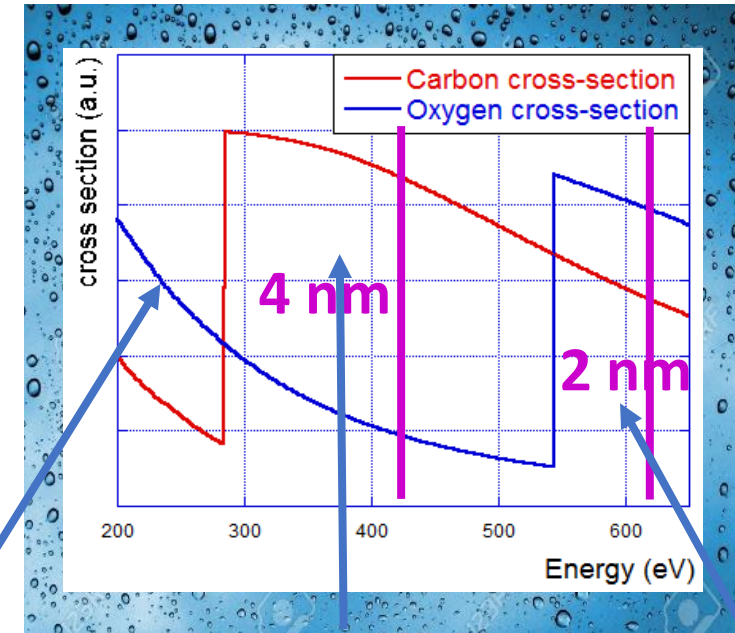
** Options to run @ 400 Hz are being explored

Experimental Techniques

Experimental Techniques Coherent imaging

The water window is a «sweet spot» for imaging of biological samples in their native environment.

The expected resolution is tens of nanometers
 However, only room-temperature measurements of fully hydrated samples allow acquiring 2D images of **living cells** and of **organelles** in their native state



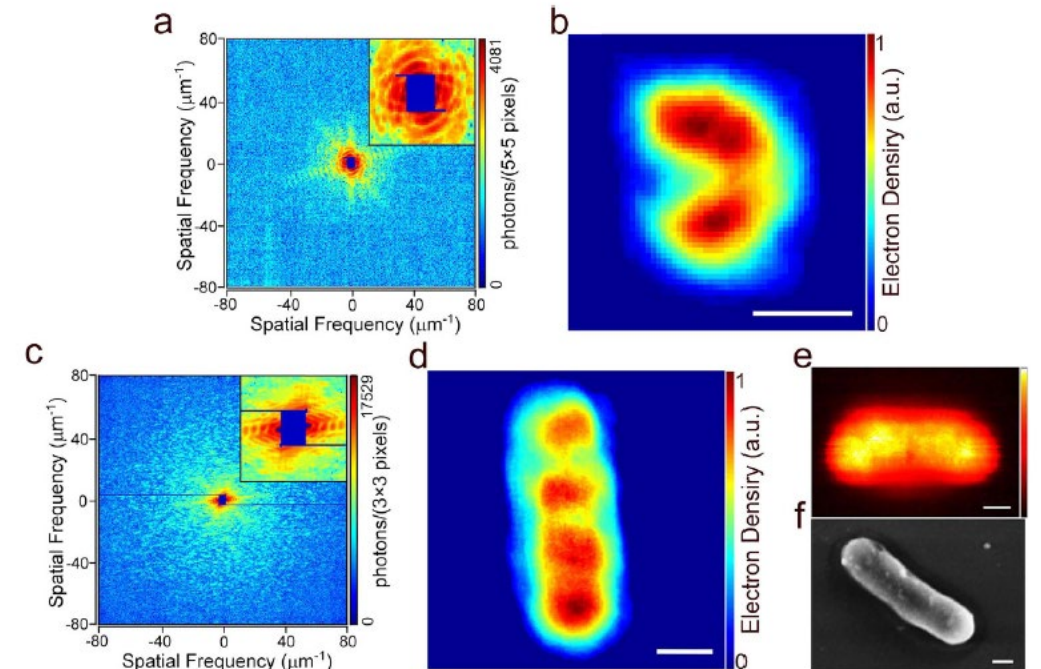
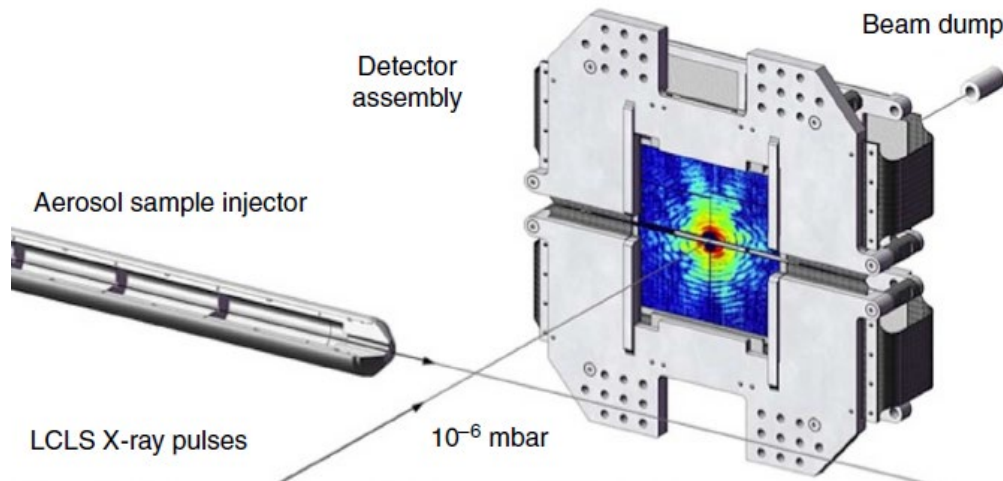
Experimental Techniques Coherent imaging

Images of living bacteria have been acquired at SACLA (*S. aureus*, 5.5 keV)

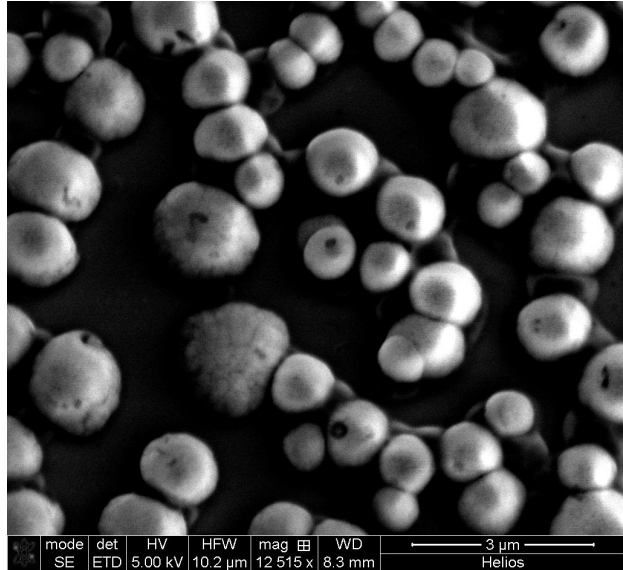
Fan, J., Sun, Z., Wang, Y., Park, J., Kim, S., Gallagher-Jones, M., ... & Jiang, H. (2016). Single-pulse enhanced coherent diffraction imaging of bacteria with an X-ray free-electron laser. *Scientific Reports*, 6(1), 34008.

and LCLS (*C. gracile*, 517 eV)

Van Der Schot, G., Svenda, M., Maia, F. R., Hantke, M., DePonte, D. P., Seibert, M. M., ... F. Stellato, ... & Ekeberg, T. (2015). Imaging single cells in a beam of live cyanobacteria with an X-ray laser. *Nature communications*, 6(1), 5704.



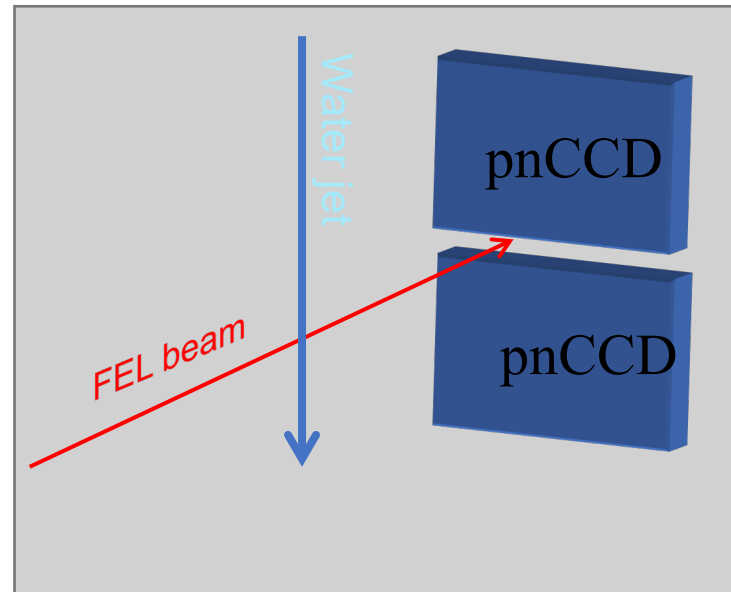
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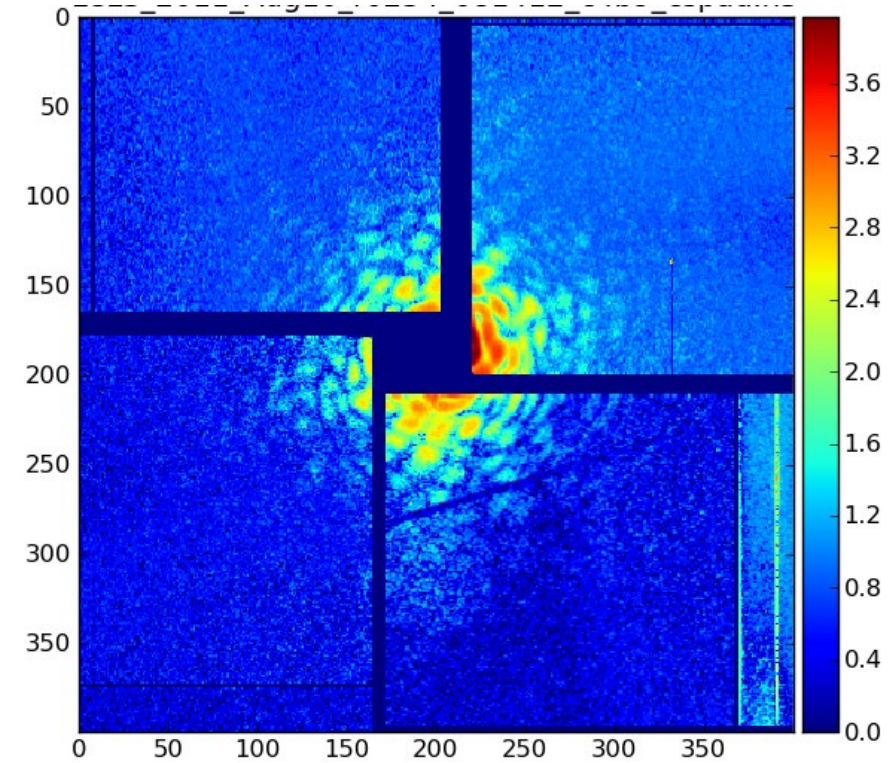
Yeast Nuclei
 $0.3 \mu\text{m} < \text{diameter} < 2 \mu\text{m}$

*LCLS experiments
(still) unpublished data*

Atomic Molecular and
Optical science beamline
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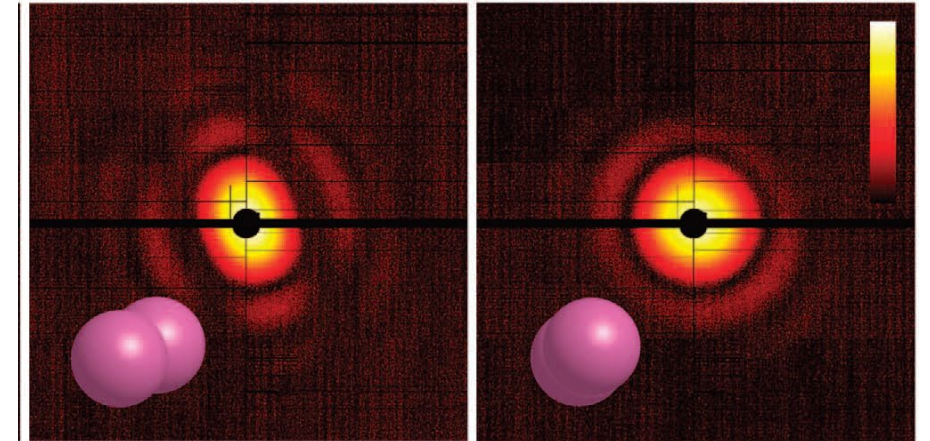
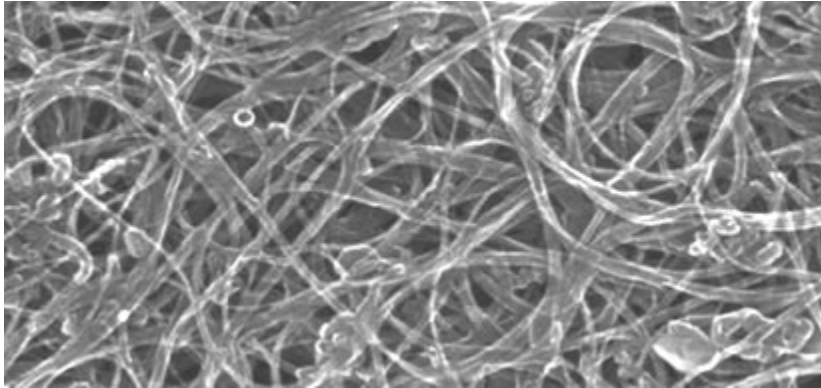
520 eV (2.4 nm) photons
 $3 \times 2 \mu\text{m}^2$ focus - 2 μ



A yeast nucleus diffraction
pattern exhibiting clearly
visible speckles

Experimental Techniques Coherent imaging

Imaging can be also performed on inorganic samples.



Nanotubes, nanoparticles, combustion products (soot)

Again, high time-resolution pump-probe studies are the target.

Experimental Techniques

X-ray spectroscopy: absorption (and emission)

AQUA

No **monochromator** in phase one (but space for a monochromator foreseen)

SASE w/o monochromator (ghost-spectroscopy) scheme

Klein, Y., Tripathi, A. K., Strizhevsky, E., Capotondi, F., De Angelis, D., Giannessi, L., ... & Schwartz, S. (2023). High-spectral-resolution absorption measurements with free-electron lasers using ghost spectroscopy. *Physical Review A*, 107(5), 053503.

Downstream **spectrometer** for X-ray emission measurements

ARIA

Seeded w/o monochromator scheme with short (20 fs) pulses for VUV spectroscopy

Seeded with monochromator scheme with long (200 fs, 10^{14} photons/pulse) pulses for VUV spectroscopy

Experimental Techniques

X-ray spectroscopy: absorption (and emission)

AQUA

Tuned to study
C K-edge

Going at longer wavelength (up to about 10 nm) L, M and N-edges are also accessible

Al to K L-edges

Cu to Ru M-edges

Sb to Ne L-edges

Experiments exploiting higher harmonics or pushing the machine at shorter wavelength would suffer the lower number of photons/pulse

Experimental Techniques

X-ray spectroscopy: absorption (and emission)

C K-edge

Hydrocarbons, aminoacids

Al to K L-edges

Alloys, warm-dense matter (pump-probe)

Cu to Ru M-edges

Samples: cuprates, porphyrins, metalloproteins

Sb to Ne L-edges

Lanthanides superconductors, catalysts

[J. Synchrotron Radiat.](#) 2013 Jul 1; 20(Pt 4): 614–619.

Published online 2013 May 30. doi: [10.1107/S0909049513003142](https://doi.org/10.1107/S0909049513003142)

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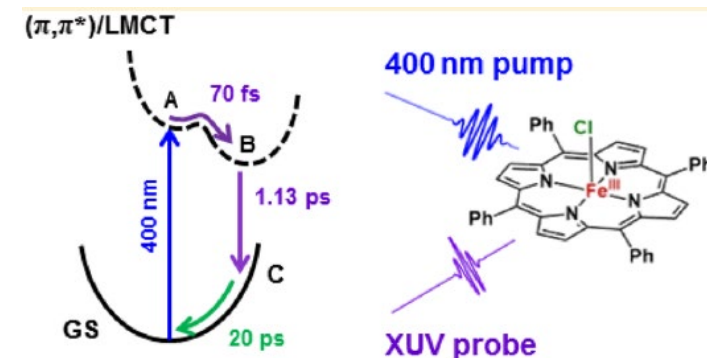
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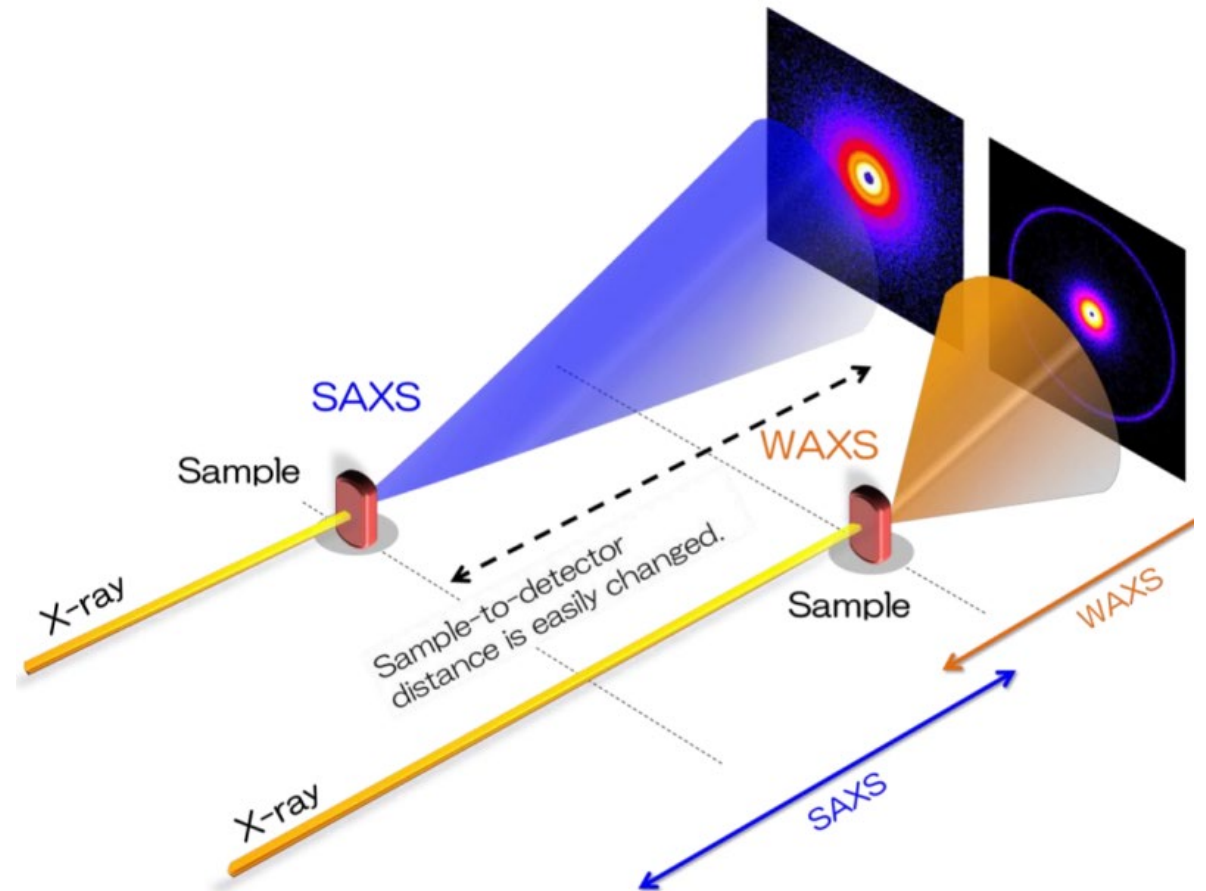
Experimental Techniques

Small (and wide) Angle X-ray Scattering

Small angle scattering measurements provide low-resolution structural information

The ultra-short FELs allows time-resolved pump-probe measurements

At both **AQUA** and **ARIA**, these measurements are @ reachable camera lengths



Experimental Techniques

Small (and wide) Angle X-ray Scattering

Pump-probe schemes allow to exploit SAXS (and WAXS) to track fast structural changes in catalysts, superconductors, photo-sensitive biological molecules, ...

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Communication

Operando Resonant Soft X-ray Scattering Studies of Chemical Environment and Interparticle Dynamics of Cu Nanocatalysts for CO₂ Electroreduction

Yao Yang, Inwhan Roh, Sheena Louisia, Chubai Chen, Jianbo Jin, Sunmoon Yu, Miquel B. Salmeron, Cheng Wang* and Peidong Yang*

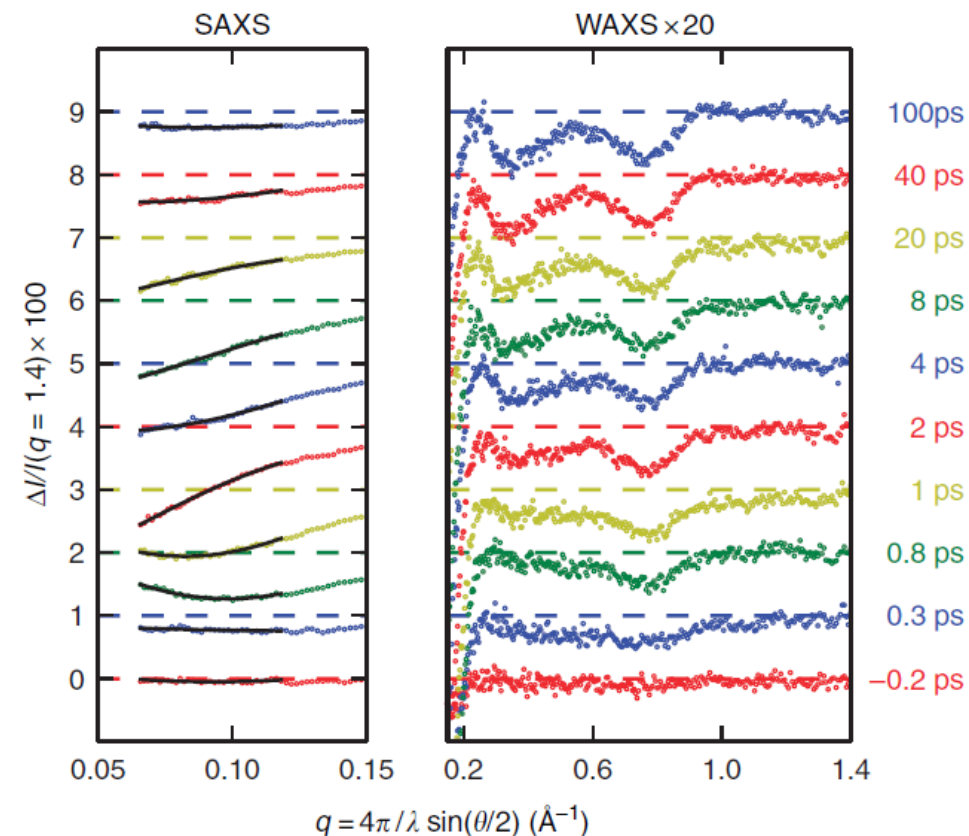


Photo-excitation of myoglobin
monitored by SAXS & WAXS
Levantino *et al.*, Nat Comm 2014

Experimental Techniques

Raman Spectroscopy

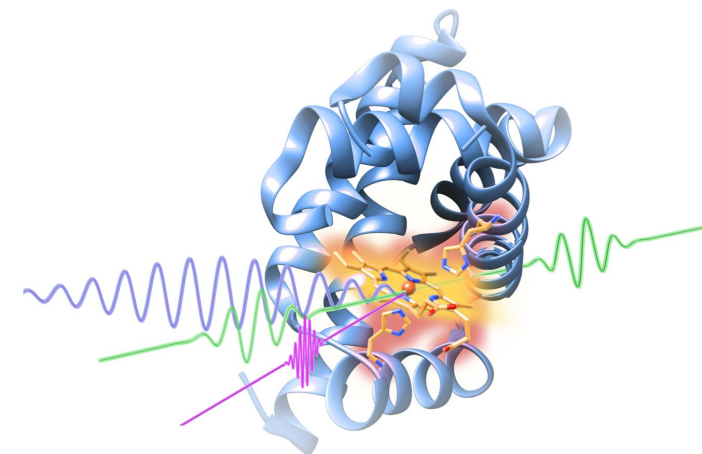
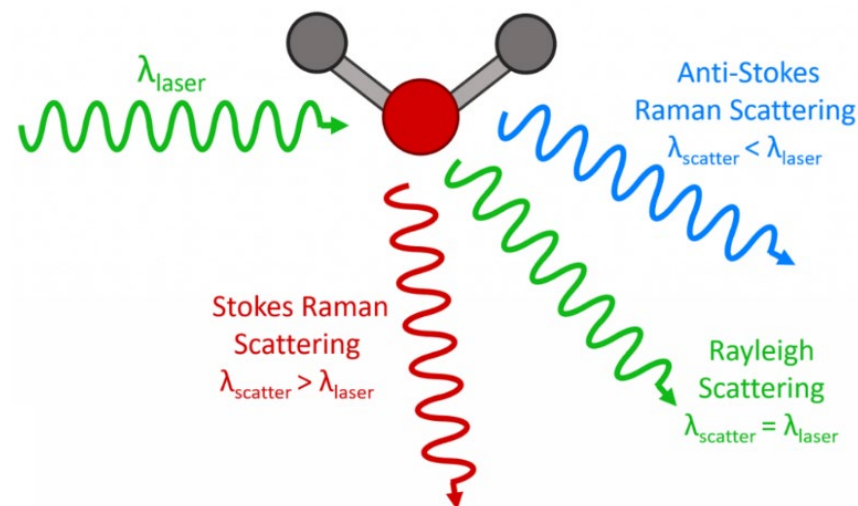
FEL pulses can be exploited as pump pulse for stimulating chemical reactions or for generating coherent excitations, and, on the other hand, they can be used as selective probe to monitor the evolution from reactant to photoproduct.

ARIA

Electronic transitions for **cluster materials** such as nanocarbons and potential gap dielectrics from **metal oxides, nano structure**, wide band-gap materials.

AQUA

Electronic information on materials such as Silicon carbide SiC, boron nitride BN, Zinc sulfide ZnS, energy transfer in TiO₂/Ln⁺³ doped glass).
Photocatalytic reactions CO₂ and N₂ reduction and H₂O oxidation

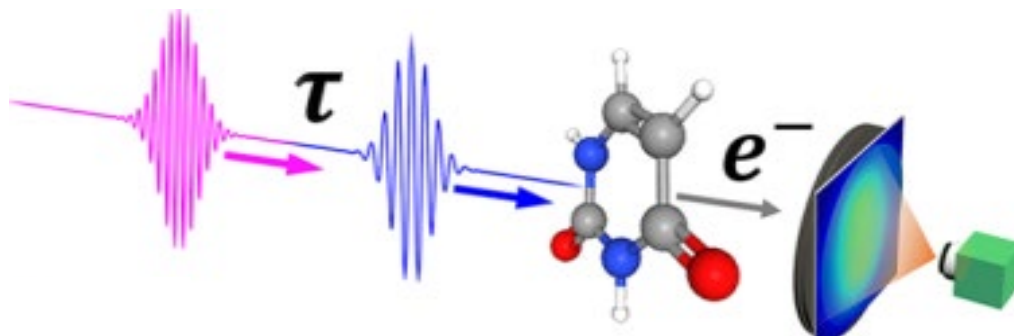
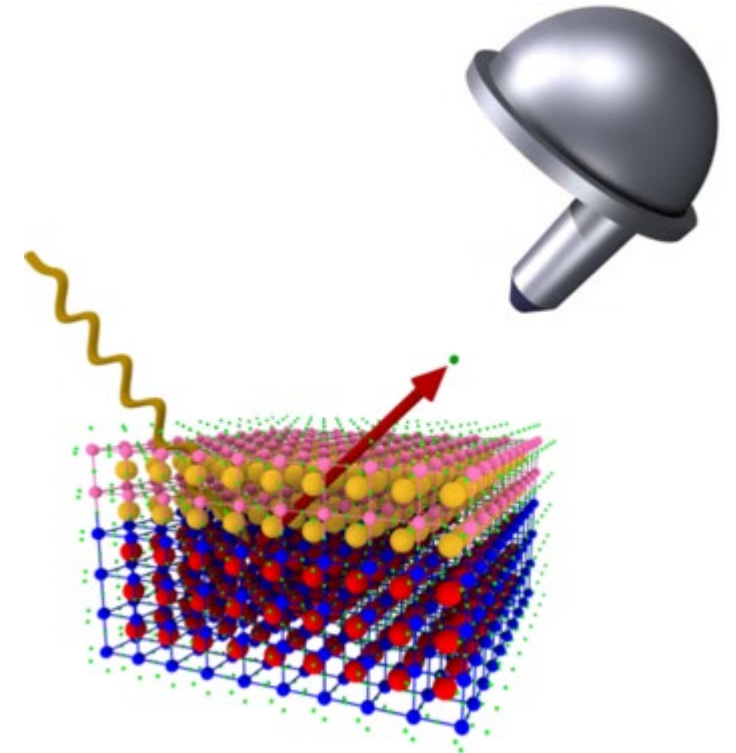


Experimental Techniques

Photoemission Spectroscopy

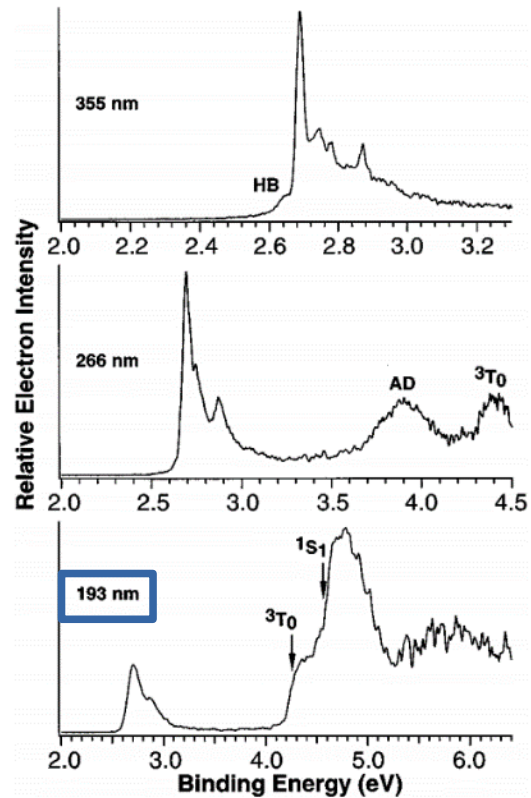
The **AQUA** and **ARIA** energy ranges are also suitable to perform Photoemission Spectroscopy (**PES**) experiments, in which the energy spectrum of the emitted photoelectron is measured. This provides information on the electronic structure of the samples.

PES can be performed in different schemes and it will benefit from the ultrafast structure of the FEL radiation for pump-probe measurements.

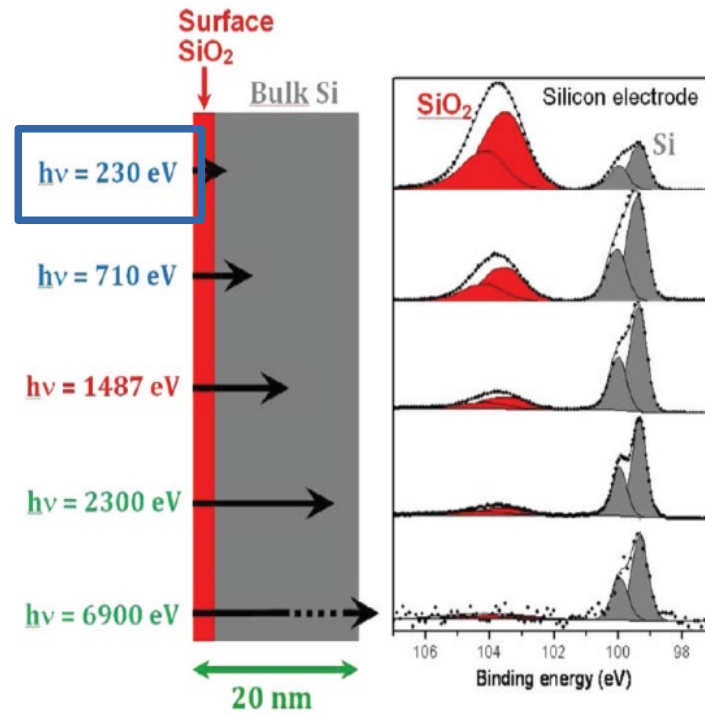


Experimental Techniques Photoemission Spectroscopy

X-ray Photon Spectroscopy C₆₀

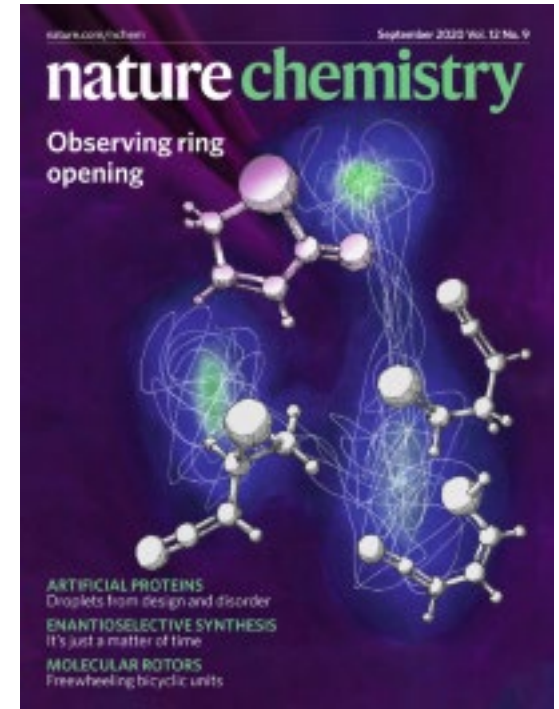


Lithium Battery interface during charge/discharge



Si 2p spectrum of the pristine silicon electrode (Bertrand Philippe, 2016)

PES measurements of organic rings opening



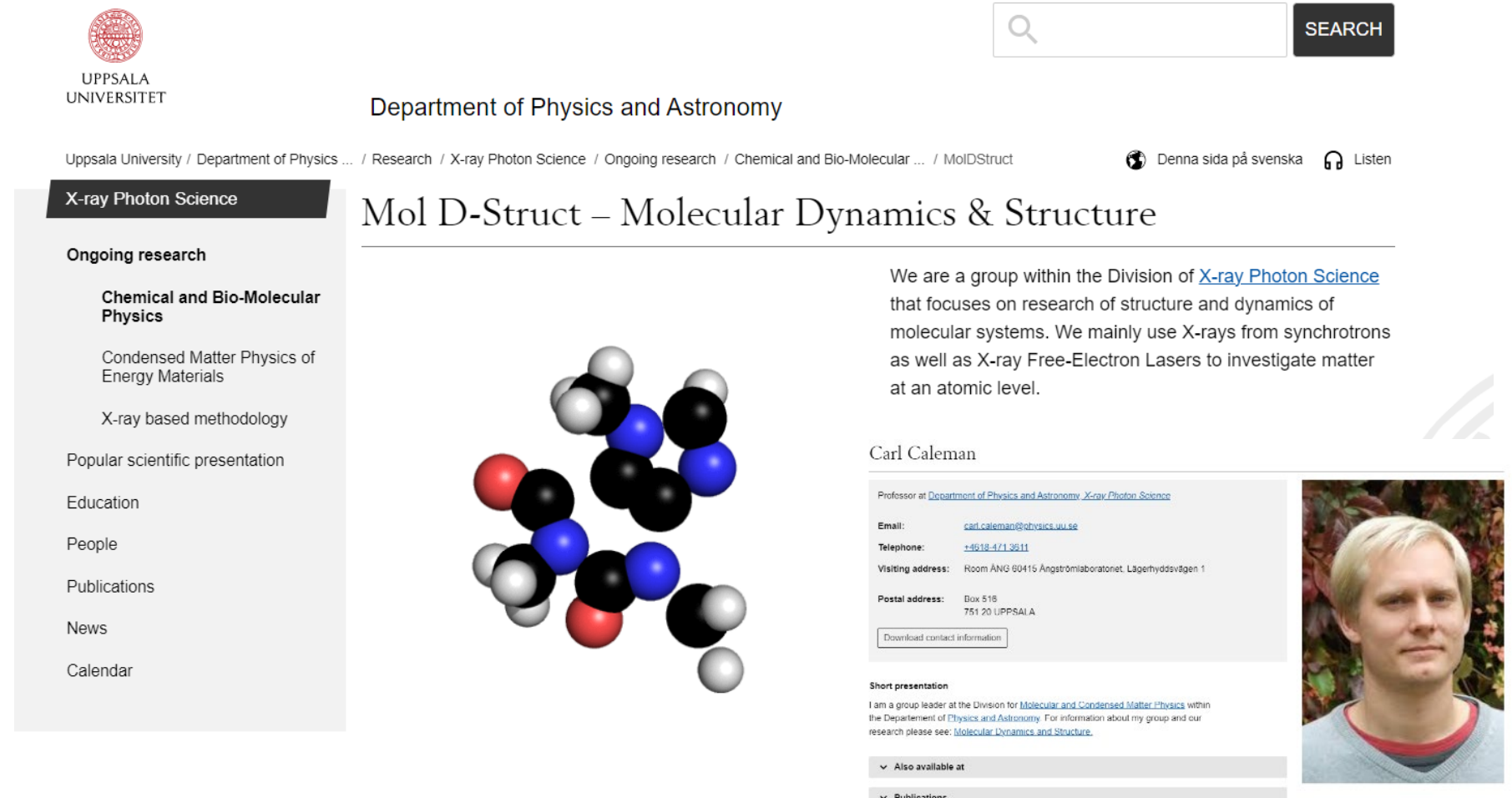
Photoelectron spectra of C₆₀ 2 at 355, 266, and 193 nm with photon fluxes of 5, 1.5, and 0.7 mJ/cm², respectively. (Xue-Bin Wang, 1999)

Users' community

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Prof. Carl Coleman
Uppsala University

Coherent imaging
&
Molecular fragmentation



The screenshot shows the profile page for Carl Coleman, a professor at the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Uppsala University. The page is titled "Mol D-Struct – Molecular Dynamics & Structure". It includes a search bar, a navigation menu, and a sidebar with links to "Ongoing research", "Education", "People", "Publications", "News", and "Calendar". The main content area features a 3D molecular model and a short presentation by the professor.

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- Chemical and Bio-Molecular Physics
- Condensed Matter Physics of Energy Materials
- X-ray based methodology

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Mol D-Struct – Molecular Dynamics & Structure

We are a group within the Division of [X-ray Photon Science](#) that focuses on research of structure and dynamics of molecular systems. We mainly use X-rays from synchrotrons as well as X-ray Free-Electron Lasers to investigate matter at an atomic level.

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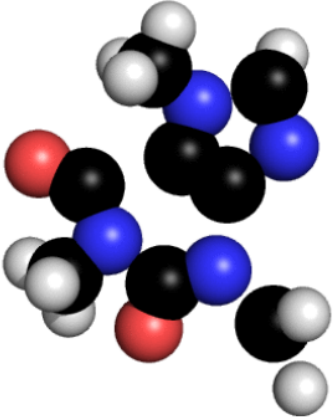

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Short presentation

I am a group leader at the Division for [Molecular and Condensed Matter Physics](#) within the Department of Physics and Astronomy. For information about my group and our research please see: [Molecular Dynamics and Structure](#).

Also available at

Publications

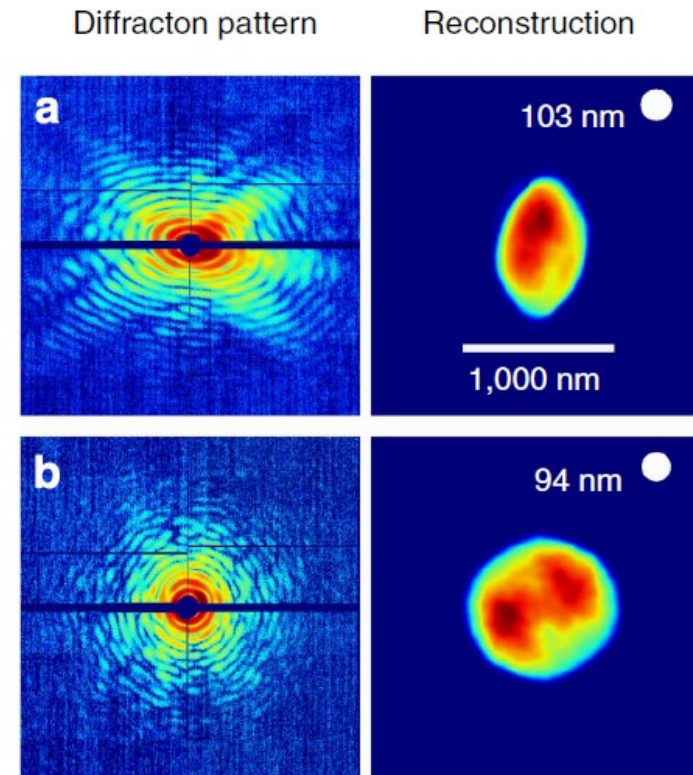
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Users' community

Coherent Imaging

Single-shot live-cell coherent imaging

Pump-probe damage studies

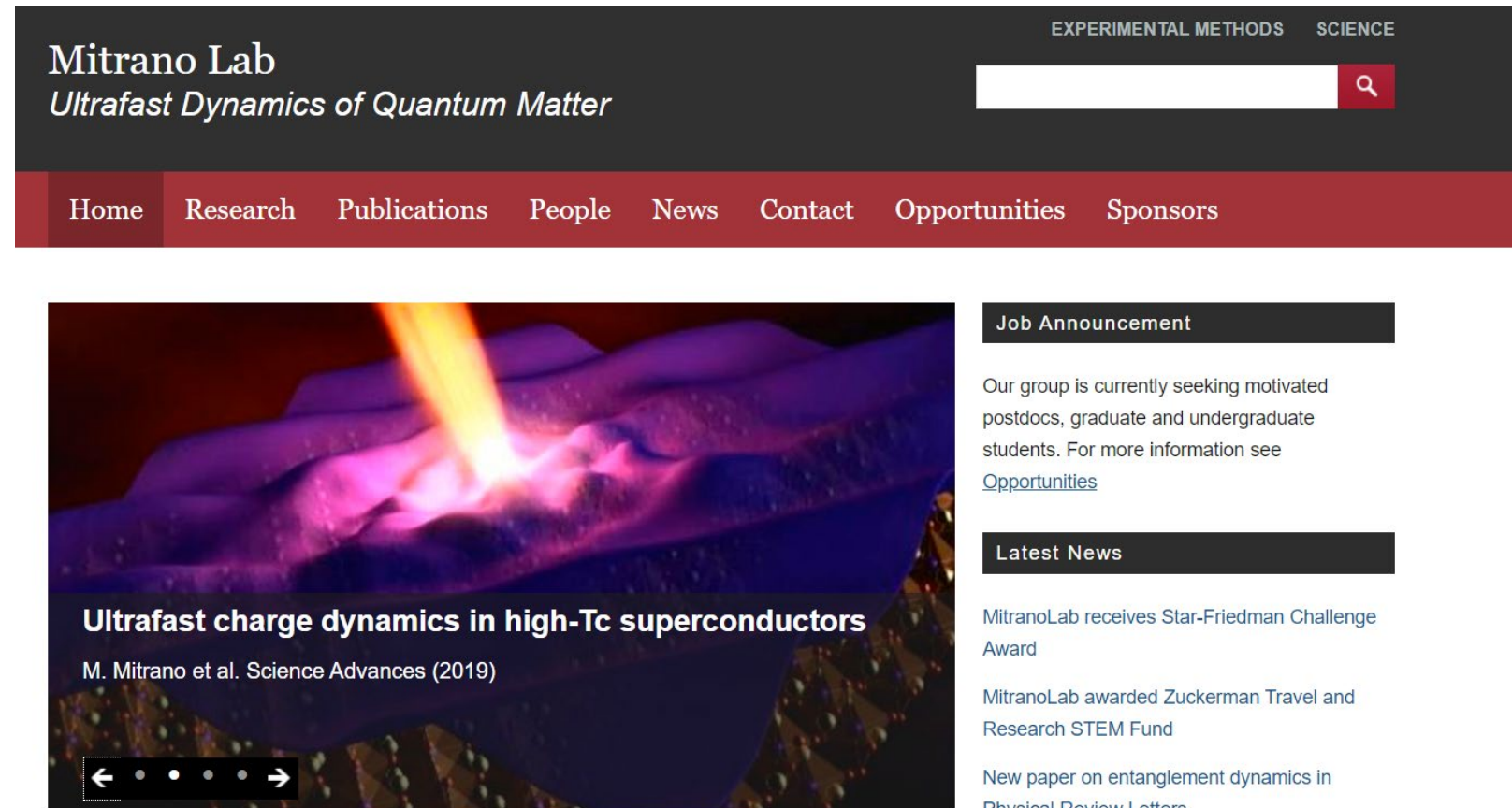


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Users' community

Prof. Matteo Mitrano
Harvard University

X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy
Small Angle X-ray Scattering



The screenshot shows the Mitrano Lab website. The header is dark grey with the text "Mitrano Lab" and "Ultrafast Dynamics of Quantum Matter" in white. To the right of the header is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the header is a red navigation bar with white text for "Home", "Research", "Publications", "People", "News", "Contact", "Opportunities", and "Sponsors". The main content area features a large image of a superconductor being illuminated by a laser beam, with a purple and blue glow. Below the image is the title "Ultrafast charge dynamics in high-Tc superconductors" and the author "M. Mitrano et al. Science Advances (2019)". To the right of the main content are two sections: "Job Announcement" and "Latest News".

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Ultrafast Dynamics of Quantum Matter

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Job Announcement

Our group is currently seeking motivated postdocs, graduate and undergraduate students. For more information see [Opportunities](#)

Latest News

MitranoLab receives Star-Friedman Challenge Award

MitranoLab awarded Zuckerman Travel and Research STEM Fund

New paper on entanglement dynamics in Physical Review Letters

Users' community

XAS and SAXS

The **AQUA** wavelengths would enable experiments of M-edge time-resolved, XAS, and energy integrated small angle scattering studies of hydrodynamic behavior in oxides such as $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Ba}_x\text{CuO}_4$, Sr_2CuO_3 , $\text{Sr}_{14}\text{Cu}_{24}\text{O}_{41}$, as well as in van der Waals multiferroics such as NiI_2 .

Mitrano, M., Lee, S., Husain, A. A., Zhu, M., de la Peña Munoz, G., Sun, S. X. L., ... & Abbamonte, P. (2019). Evidence for photoinduced sliding of the charge-order condensate in $\text{La}_{1.875}\text{Ba}_{0.125}\text{CuO}_4$. *Physical Review B*, *100*(20), 205125.

Baykusheva, D. R., Jang, H., Husain, A. A., Lee, S., TenHuisen, S. F., Zhou, P., ... & Mitrano, M. (2022). Ultrafast renormalization of the on-site coulomb repulsion in a cuprate superconductor. *Physical Review X*, *12*(1), 011013.

The **ARIA** wavelengths can be used to perform time-resolved SAXS measurements of superconductors and hydrodynamics of Abrikosov lattice.

Users' community

Prof. Sam Vinko

Oxford University

Non-thermal electron dynamics in solid-dense matter

XUV pump-probe experiments

Radiation-matter interactions on femtosecond timescales creates transient high-energy-density plasmas, where both the electrons and the ions may be far from local thermodynamic equilibrium.

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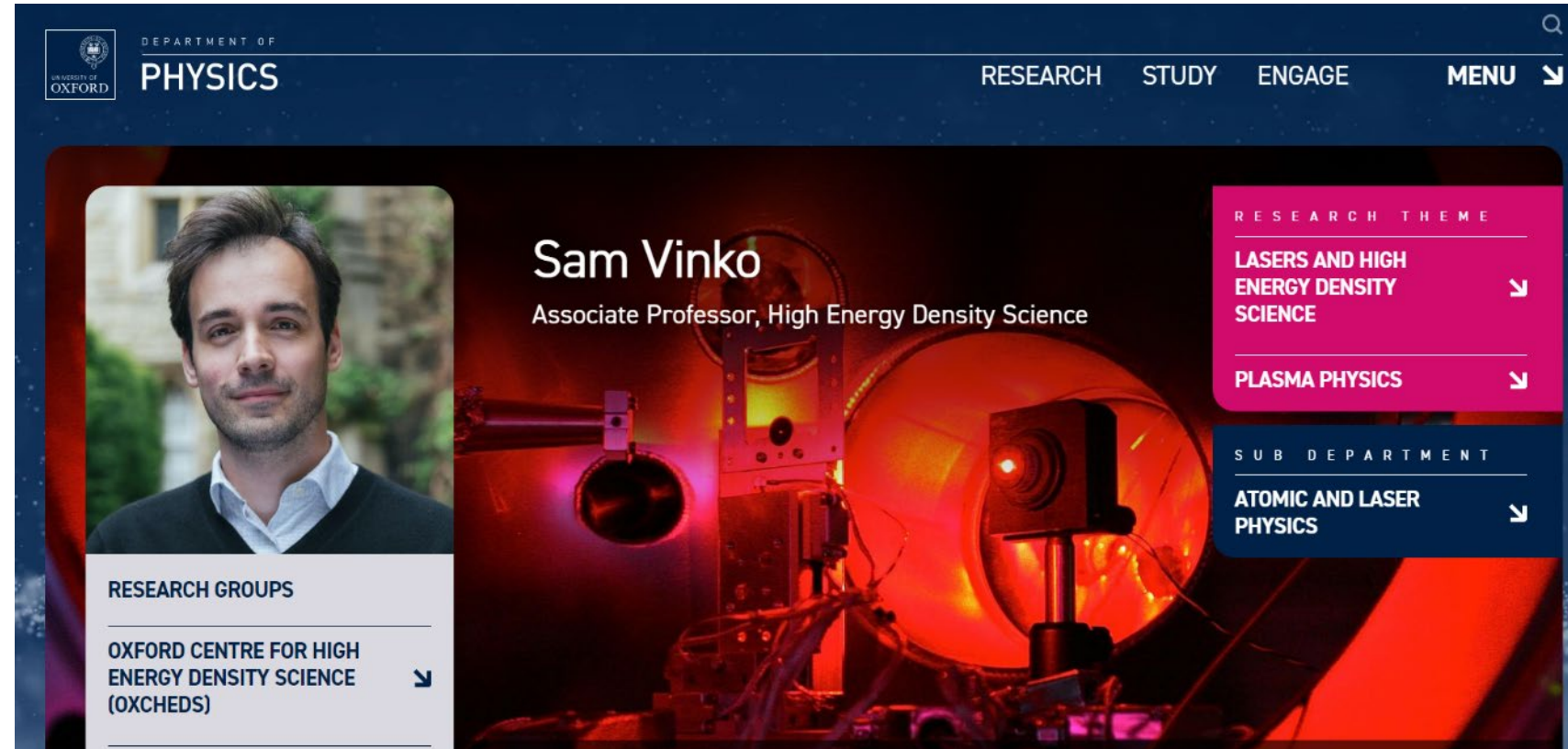
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



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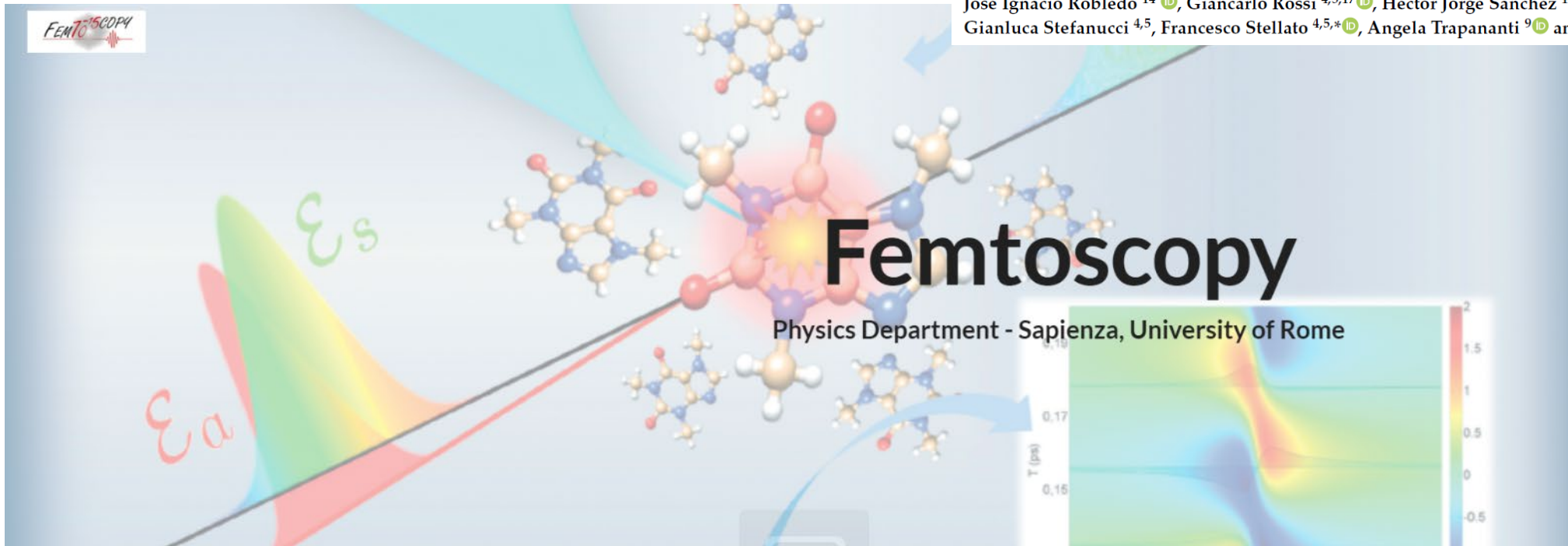
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Raman Scattering

The Potential of EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB for Radiation Based Techniques

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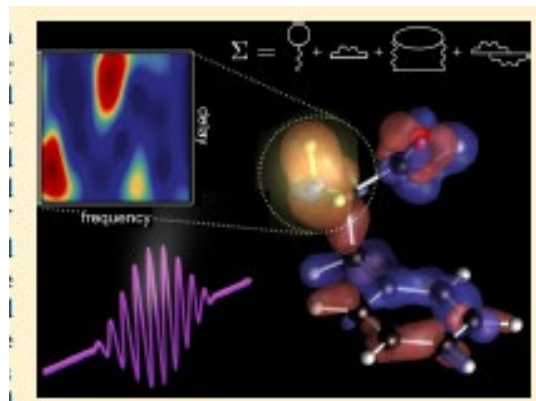
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Prof. Enrico Perfetto & Gianluca Stefanucci

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Green's functions time-dependent
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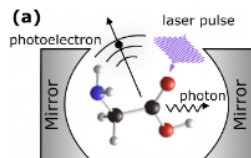
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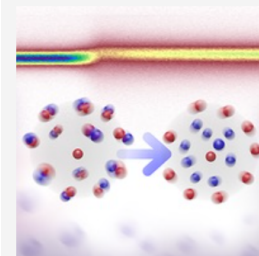
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Ultrafast Charge Migration in XUV Photoexcited Phenylalanine: A First-Principles Study Based on Real-Time Nonequilibrium Green's Functions

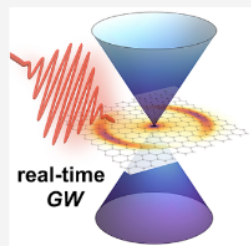
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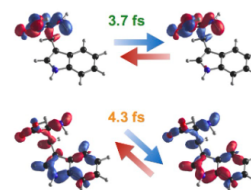
"Interacting electrons and bosons in the doubly screened GW approximation: A time-linear scaling method for first-principles simulations",
Yaroslav Pavlyukh, Enrico Perfetto and Gianluca Stefanucci
Physical Review B **106**, L201408 (2022).



"Observation of an Excitonic Mott Transition through Ultrafast Core-cum-Conduction Photoemission Spectroscopy",
Maciej Dendzik, R. Patrick Xian, Enrico Perfetto, Davide Sangalli, Dmytro Kutnyakhov, Shuo Dong, Samuel Beaulieu, Tommaso Pincelli, Federico Pressacco, Davide Curcio, Steinn Ymir Agustsson, Michael Heber, Jasper Hauer, Wilfried Wurth, Günter Brenner, Yves Acremann, Philip Hofmann, Martin Wolf, Andrea Marini, Gianluca Stefanucci, Laurenz Rettig, and Ralph Ernstorfer
Physical Review Letters **125**, 096401 (2020). EDITORS' SUGGESTION



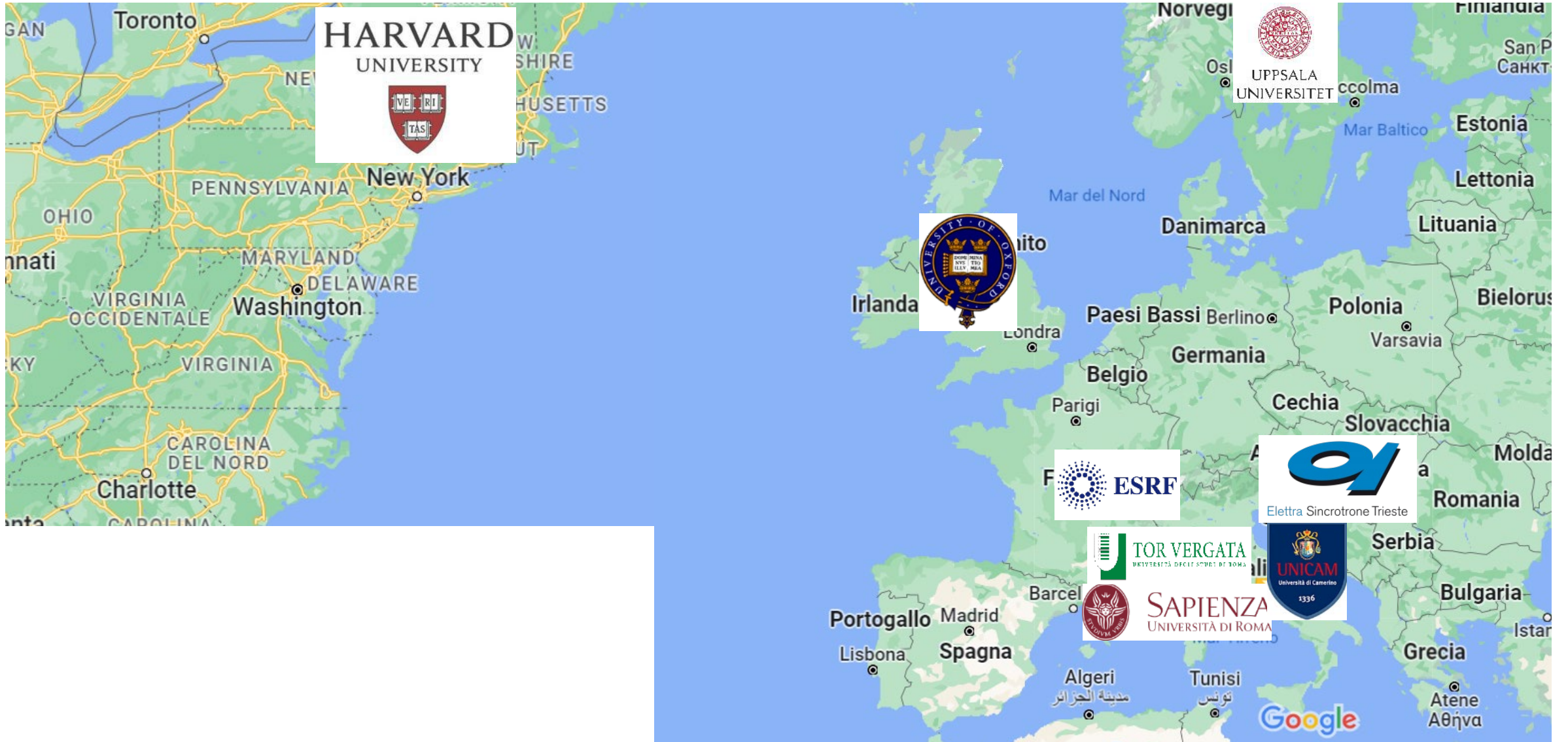
"Real-Time GW: Toward an Ab Initio Description of the Ultrafast Carrier and Exciton Dynamics in Two-Dimensional Materials",
Enrico Perfetto, Yaroslav Pavlyukh and Gianluca Stefanucci
Physical Review Letters **128**, 016801 (2022). EDITORS' SUGGESTION



"Ultrafast Quantum Interference in the Charge Migration of Tryptophan"
Enrico Perfetto, Andrea Trabatttoni, Francesca Calegari, Mauro Nisoli, Andrea Marini and Gianluca Stefanucci
Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters **11**, 891 (2020).

<https://sites.google.com/view/gianlucastefanucci/>

Users' community



Users' community - Feedback

Pros

Energy ranges (both **AQUA** and **ARIA**)
not primary for many FEL sources

Flexibility in pulse duration

Multiple pulses in **ARIA**

Beamtime availability for long-term projects

Presence of two beamlines at very different energies

Presence of the **EuAPS** betatron source

(Possibility of HHG source for pump-probe)

Cons (limitations)

Limited photon flux

Limited repetition rate (mitigated if 400 Hz are reached)

Limited wavelength range (not reaching the O K-edge)

Endstations Costs – Estimate 2023

Element experimental chamber AQUA	Costs (k€)	Element experimental chamber ARIA	Costs (k€)
Vacuum components (pumps, valves)	100	Vacuum components (pumps, valves)	100
Sample delivery system: fixed targets	80	Sample delivery system: electrospray source	80
Sample delivery system: liquid sheet	100	Sample delivery system: aerosol injector	100
Sample delivery system: liquid jet	150	Manipulators	100
Sample delivery system: drop-on-demand	50	Vacuum-compatible pico-motors with controllers	120
Manipulators	100	Vacuum chamber	200
Vacuum-compatible pico-motors with controllers	120	Microscope and cameras	100
Vacuum chamber	200	Detector	400
Microscope and cameras	100	VUV X-ray spectrometer	300
Detectors (photons and electrons)	700		
Pump laser	400		
Soft X-ray spectrometer	300		
	2400		1500

Project Status and Actions

Ongoing actions

Bi-weekly WA8 meeting and joint meeting with WA6 (FEL), coordination with EuPRAXIA-PP and EuAPS

2nd Users' meeting organization (2024)

Presentations at local, national & international conferences

Optical and mechanical elements tests at (Elettra)

Liquid jet set-up collaboration with TIMEX (FERMI) and GasPhase (Elettra): activity restarted last May after detector replacement + GDVN injection tests at EuXFEL

Closed actions & Decisions

Special issue “**Experimental Ideas for Novel FEL Facilities Based on Plasma Acceleration**” on “Condensed Matter” is (almost) out

2 published papers
1 (just) submitted paper

To Do

Experimental endsation and beamline technical design

**Manpower
(technical & scientific)
issues**

Ongoing Actions

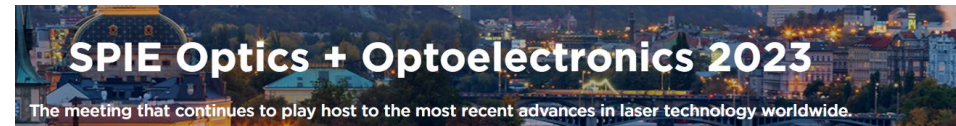
2nd Users' meeting organization in 2024

- Updating the potential users' community about photon beams figures
- Gather requirements compatible with machine developments
- Commitment of selected (and motivated) groups to bring to the TDR level the experimental endstation description (aimed at performing the first experiments)

Ongoing Actions

Dissemination - presentation of EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB updates at

SPIE Optics + Optoelectronics 2023 (FV)



High Precision
X-ray Measurements 2023 (FV+FS)

High Precision X-Ray Measurements 2023

19 Giugno @ 8:30 - 23 Giugno @ 18:30

European Biophysical
Societies' Association (FS)



Società Italiana
Luce di Sincrotrone 2023 (FS, ZE)



Condensed Matter Division
European Physical Society (FS)



Gathering potential users both in “**condensed matter**” and “**biophysics**” and potential **manpower**

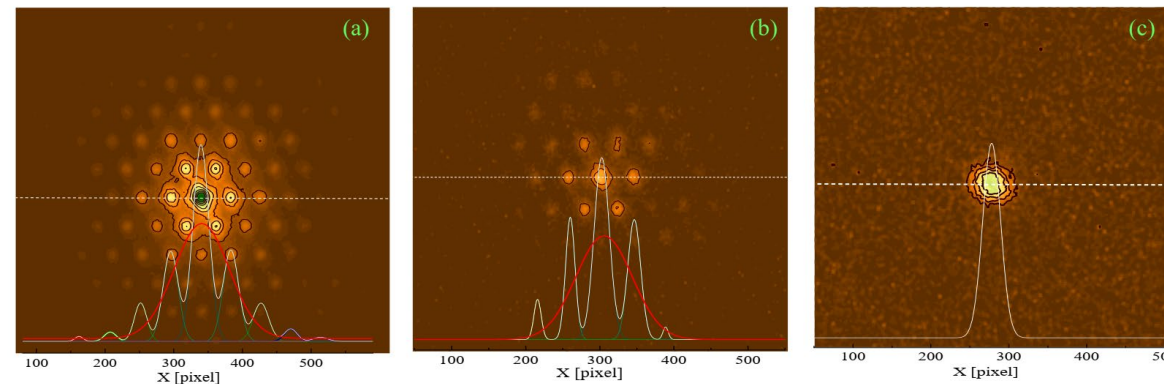
Ongoing Actions-Development of novel optics for focusing X-rays

Optical elements tests

Data analysis of the experiments

Proposal #20215699: (Submitted paper to JAP)

- Sensitivity to the Coherence of the SR beam,
- SR beam condensing potential

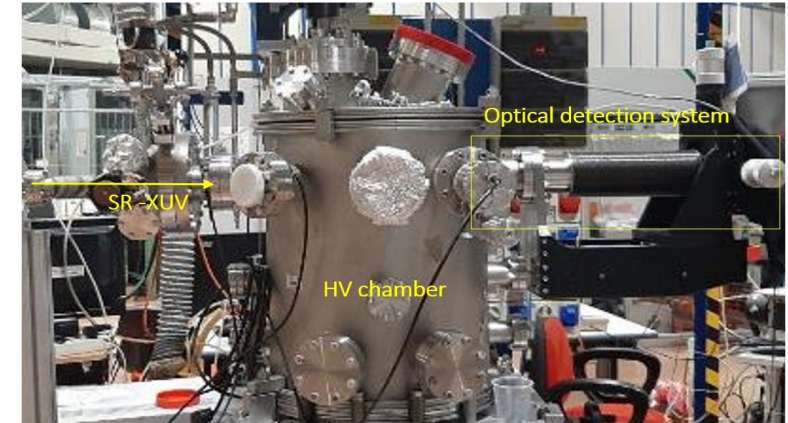


The diffraction patterns produced by a couple of MCPs for different incident beams, (a) at $E_{ph}=92$ eV in the undulator mode (b) at $E_{ph}=92$ eV in the wiggler mode, and (c) at $E_{ph}=480$ eV in the wiggler mode.

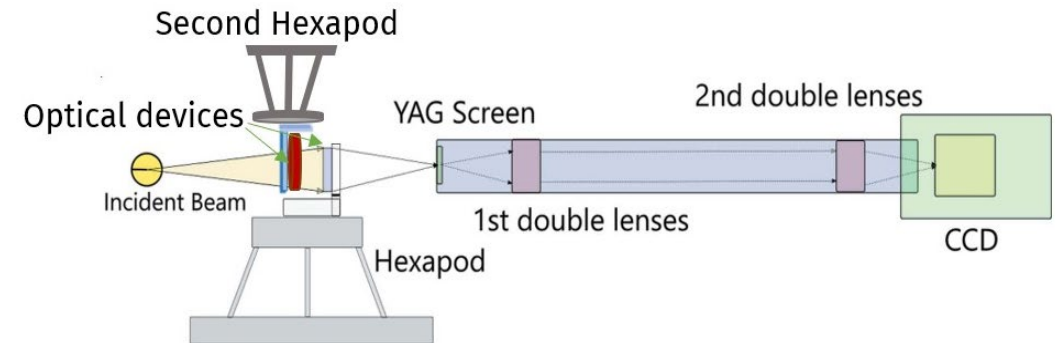
Upcoming experiment [#20230512] on the CiPo beamline @ELETTRA “Focusing properties of single and double flat MCP-devices and coherence characteristics of transmitted X-ray radiation”

Mechanical elements tests

A hexapod robot with 6 degrees of freedom for rotational and translations movements has been delivered and is being tested (ZE & FV).



A side view of the high-vacuum (HV) experimental chamber located at the CiPo beamline's end station;



Ongoing Actions - Experimental activities @ FELs

Time-resolved XAS measurements across the Fe L_{3,2}-edge



Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste

Beamtime at EIS-TIMEX, May 03-09, 2023, FERMI FEL Trieste

Project PI: Emiliano Principi*

Spectrometer
PRESTO

Ellipsoidal mirror
Focusing down
to 10 μm

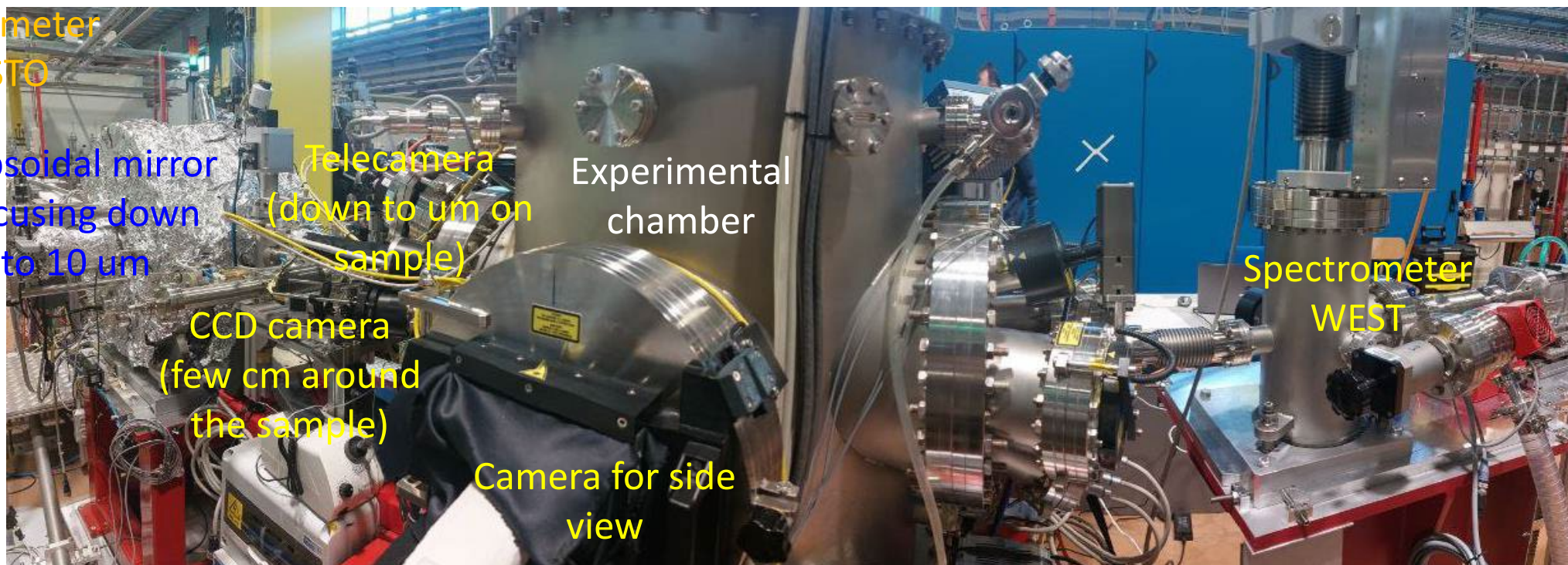
Telecamera
(down to μm on
sample)

Experimental
chamber

CCD camera
(few cm around
the sample)

Camera for side
view

Spectrometer
WEST



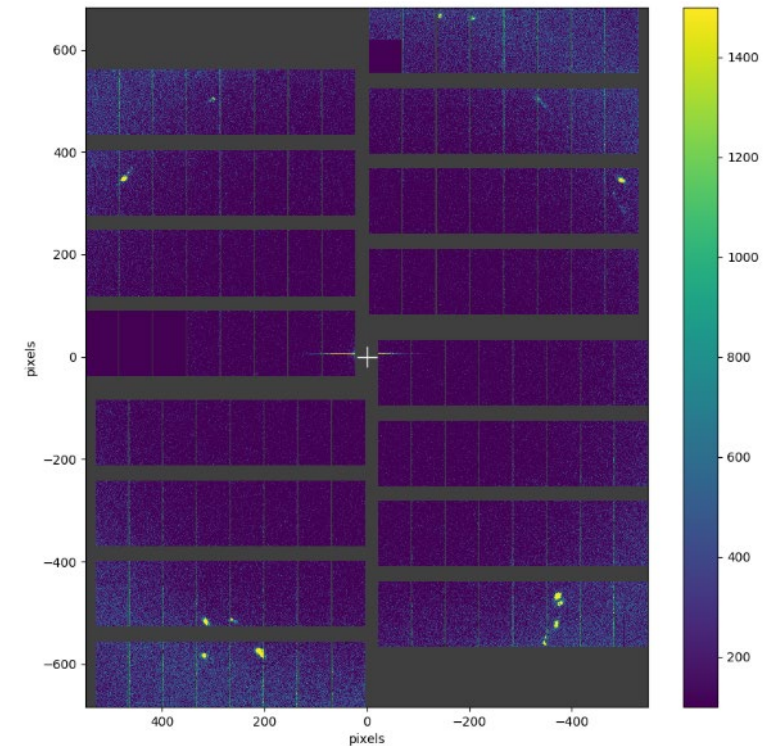
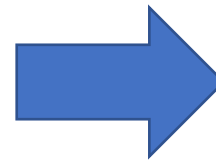
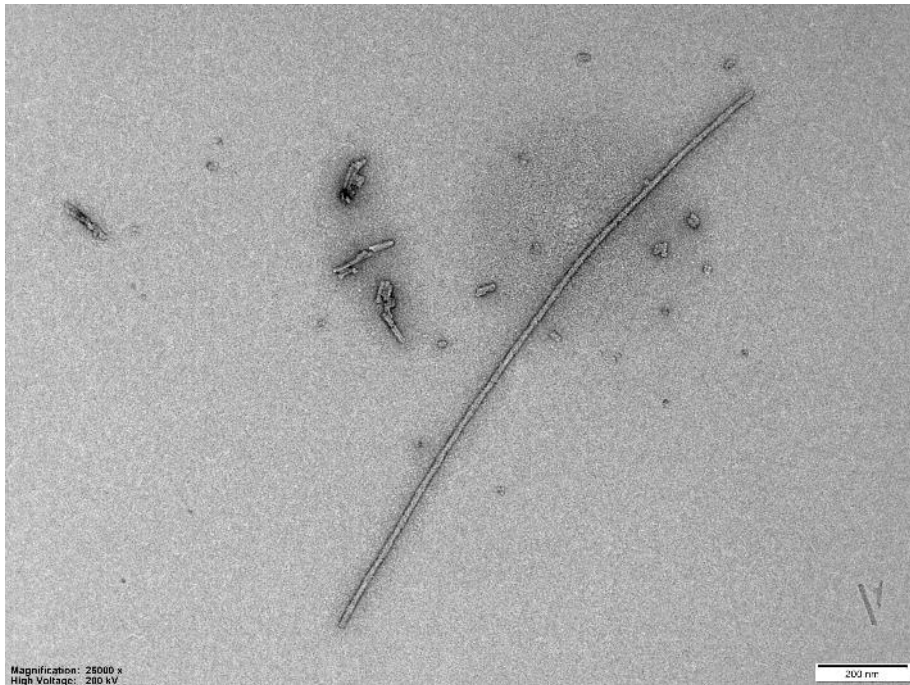
*Senior Scientist and beamline coordinator of the FERMI FEL

Ongoing Actions - Experimental activities @ FELs

Fiber Diffraction+Coherent Imaging on alpha-synuclein protein fibrils @ EuXFEL SPB/SFX beamline

Contact points with EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB

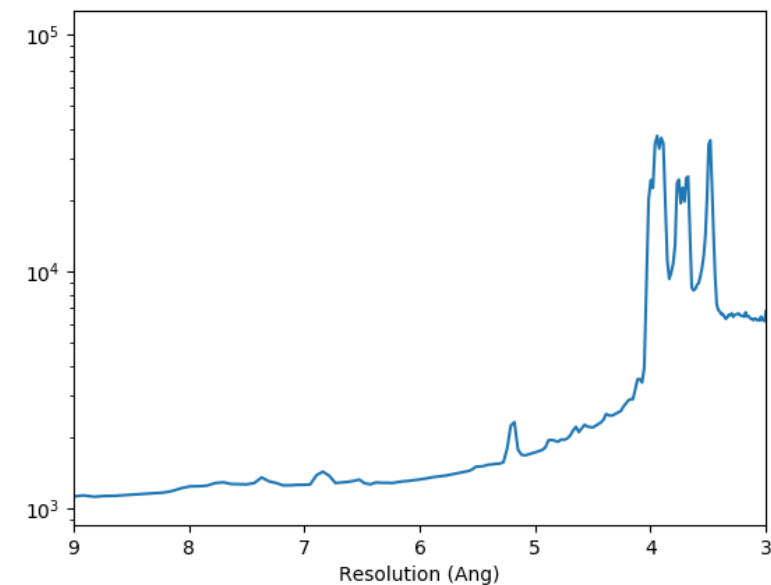
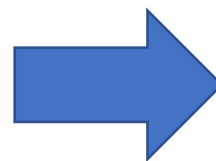
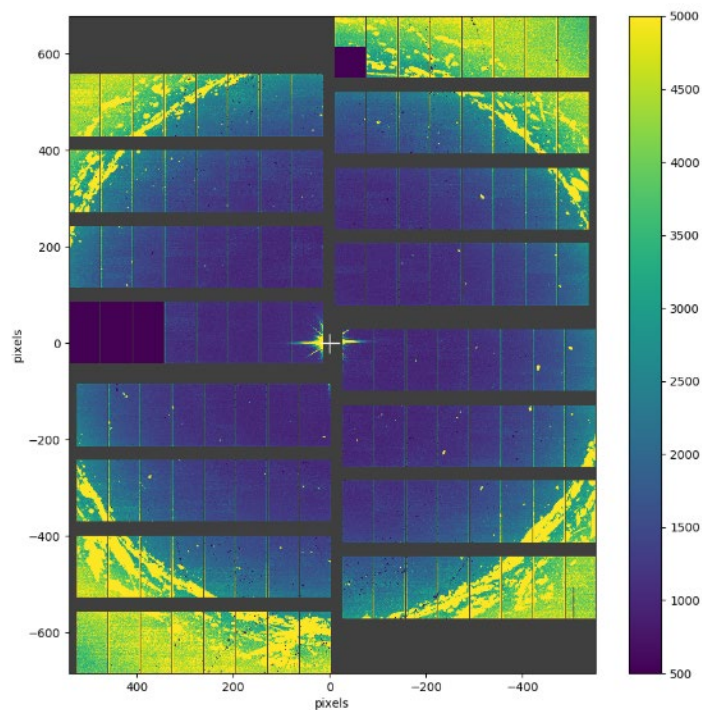
- Sample characterization measurements (interaction with EuXFEL support scientists)
- Test of 3D printed nozzles @ different flowrates and thicknesses (interaction with EuXFEL injection team)



Ongoing Actions - Experimental activities @ FELs

Contact points with EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB:

- Handling of large datasets → data rejection criteria
- Pattern cleaning methods → from raw to usable data (interaction with EuXFEL data scientists)
- Data merging → from data to structural information (interaction with EuXFEL scientists)





Ongoing Actions - Experimental activities @ synchrotrons

(slow) X-ray pump – X-ray probe XAS measurements on Cu-amyloid complexes

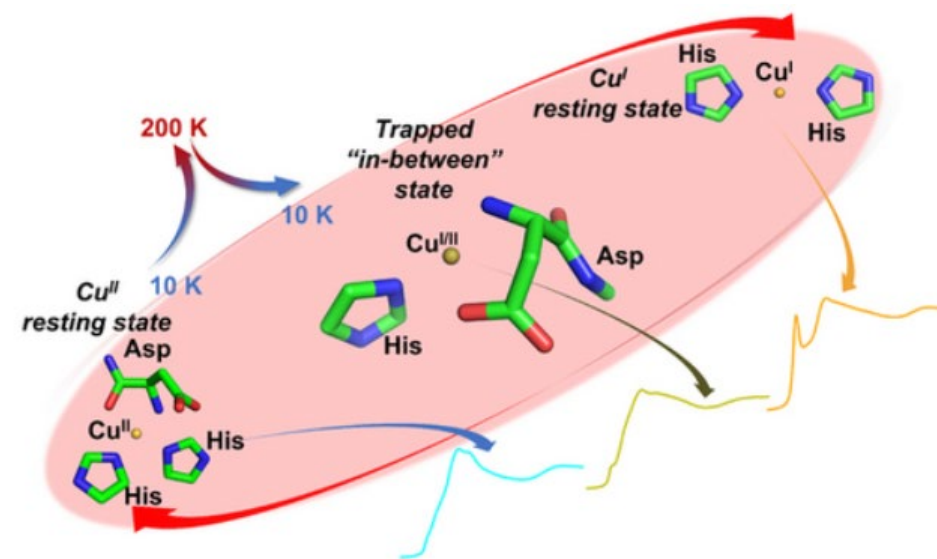


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Chasing the Elusive “In-Between” State of the Copper-Amyloid β Complex by X-ray Absorption through Partial Thermal Relaxation after Photo-reduction

Enrico Falcone, Germano Nobili, Michael Okafor, Olivier Proux, Giancarlo Rossi, Silvia Morante, Peter Faller , Francesco Stellato 

First published: 03 March 2023 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/anie.202217791>



Contact points with EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB:

- Cu XAS spectroscopy (K-edge \rightarrow M-edge)
- Pump-probe measurements (from minutes to fs time resolution, from large structural relaxation to electron dynamics)
- Interaction with beamline scientist for detectors, focusing, sample delivery



Closed Actions

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Condens. Matter **2023**, *8*(2), 31; <https://doi.org/10.3390/condmat8020031> - 27 Mar 2023

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Abstract Free-standing nanoscale graphene with the sp^3 bonding component is an unsupported graphane was

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by [Mauro Satta](#), [Mattea Carmen Castrovilli](#), [Francesca Nicolanti](#), [Anna Rita Casavola](#), [Carlo Mancini Terracciano](#) and [Antonella Cartoni](#)

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Condens. Matter **2022**, *7*(4), 72; <https://doi.org/10.3390/condmat7040072> - 06 Dec 2022

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Abstract The development of novel coherent and brilliant sources, such as soft X-ray free electron laser (FEL) and high harmonic generation (HHG), enables new ultrafast analysis of the electronic and structural dynamics of a wide variety of materials. Soft X-ray FEL delivers high-brilliance beams [...] [Read more.](#)

“Characterization in the XUV Domain of Microchannel Plate Based Device Using Synchrotron Radiation”
“Journal of Applied Physics” on MCP measurements @ Elettra

To Do

Specs definition and Technical Design of endstation elements

- Experimental chamber, including vacuum requirements
(in **synergy** with the EuAPS betatron source → Federico Galdenzi)
- Sample manipulation
(vacuum-compatible motors and stages)
 - Detectors (photons, electrons, ions)

To Do

Technical Design of endstation elements

- Sample Injection

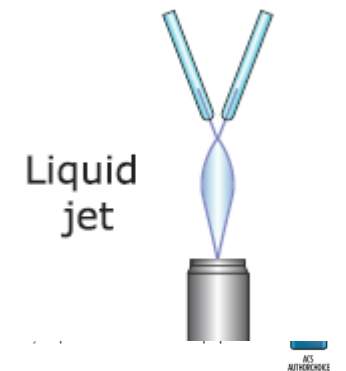
Fixed target holder (more difficult at increasing repetition rate)

Aerosol injectors (low background, but low particle density)

Liquid jets, flat jets (good at high repetition rate, necessity of thin jets especially for the low-energy measurements)

Colliding jets have already been used to produce sub-micron liquid sheets suitable for spectroscopy measurements

(test @ Elettra → Marcello Coreno)



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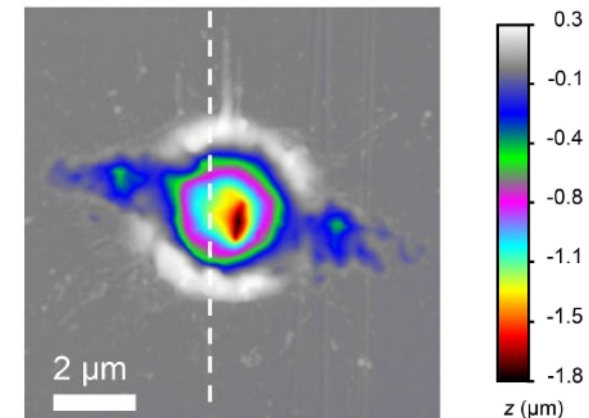
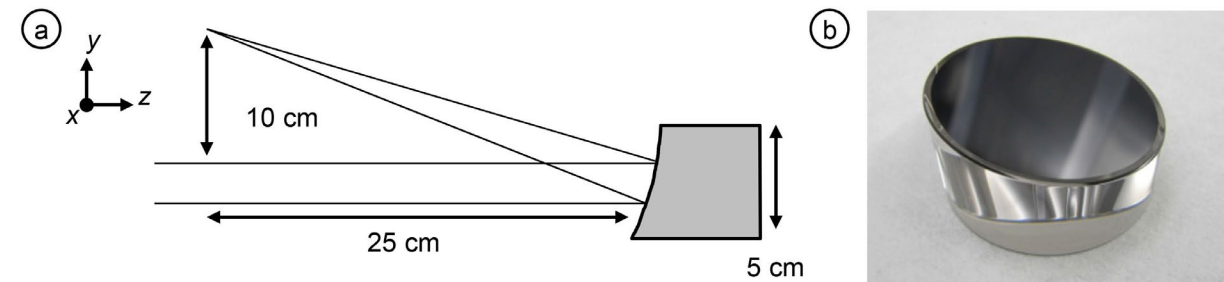
To Do

Technical Design of endstation elements

- Tight-focusing options (e.g. off-axis paraboloids)
 - Smaller focal size
 - Increased power density

Characterizing the focus of a multilayer coated off-axis parabola for FLASH beam at $\lambda = 4.3$ nm

Adam F. G. Leontowich, Andrew Aquila, Francesco Stellato, Richard Bean, Holger Fleckenstein, Mauro Prasciolu, Mengning Liang, Daniel P. DePonte, Anton Barty, Fenglin Wang, Jakob Andreasson, Janos Hajdu, Henry N. Chapman, Saša Bajt



To Do

Specs definition and Technical Design of the endstation elements

- Experimental chamber, including vacuum requirements
 - Sample manipulation
 - Detectors
 - Sample injection
 - Tight focusing
 - Sample characterization laboratory and computing support

Integration with photon transport beamline → Fabio Villa