

# The EuPRAXIA users' facilities

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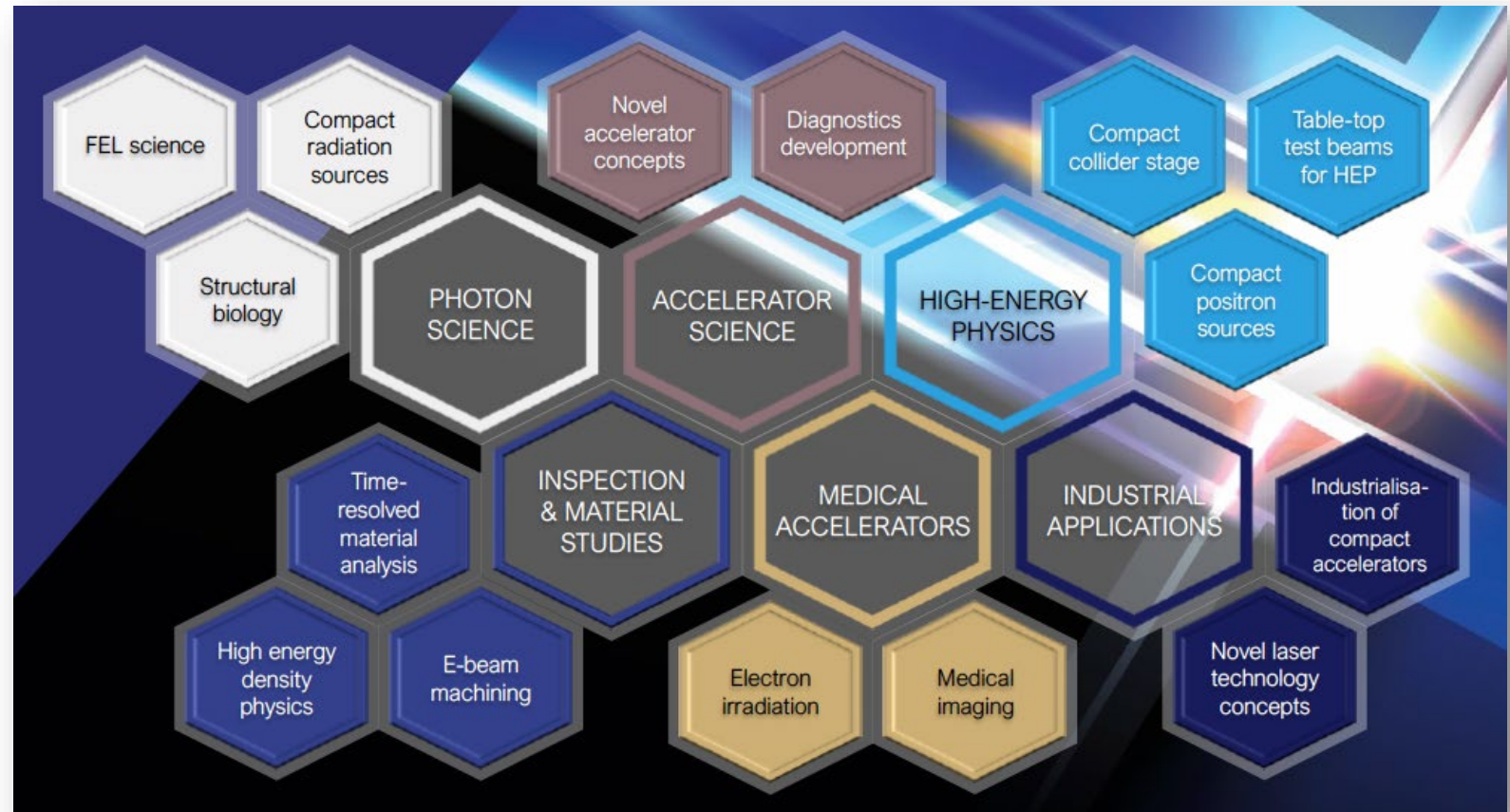
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# The EuPRAXIA users' program

- Electrons  
(0.1-5 GeV, 30 pC)
- Positrons  
(0.5-10 MeV,  $10^6$ )
- Positrons (GeV source)
- Lasers  
(100 J, 50 fs, 10-100 Hz)
- X-band RF Linac  
(60 MV/m , up to 400 Hz)
- Plasma Targets
- **Betatron X rays**  
(1-10 keV,  $10^{10}$ )
- **FEL light**  
(0.2-36  $\rightarrow$  200 nm,  $10^9$ - $10^{13}$ )

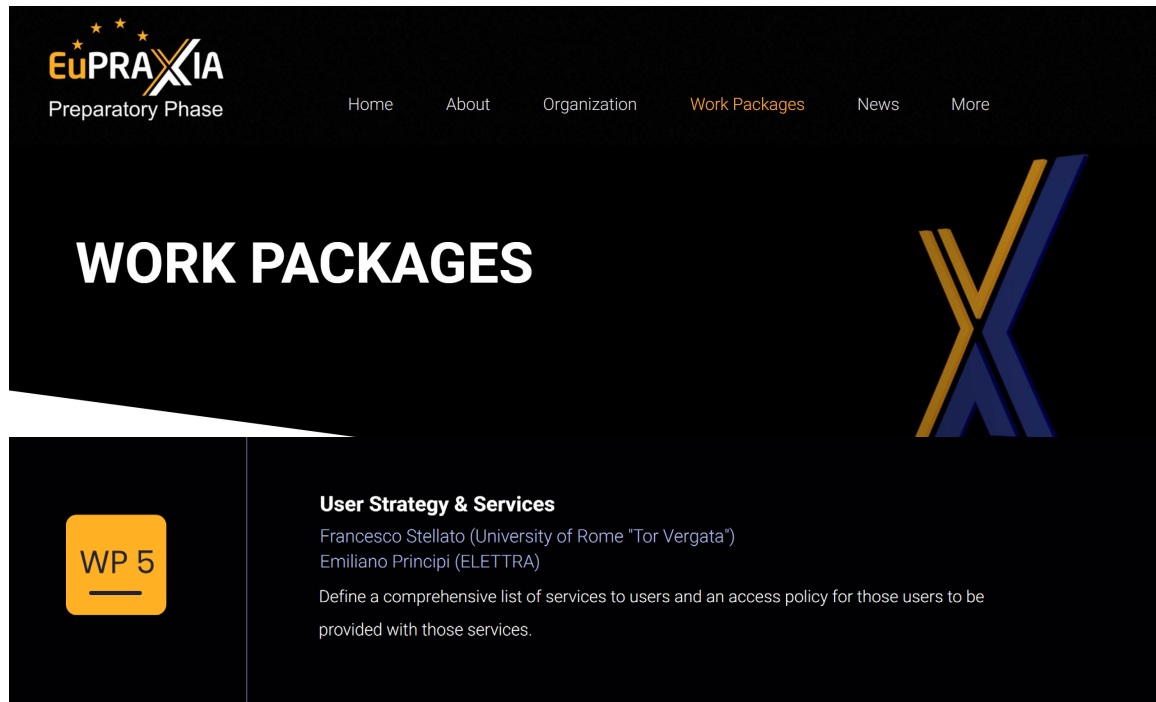


<https://www.eupraxia-pp.org/>

Courtesy M. Ferrario

# Building up a users' community

Collecting needs of the future users' community  
(both on the scientific and on the organization side)



Please do help us by filling **this survey**

<https://surveys.infn.it/index.php/718177>

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# FEL Photon beams parameters

## AQUA

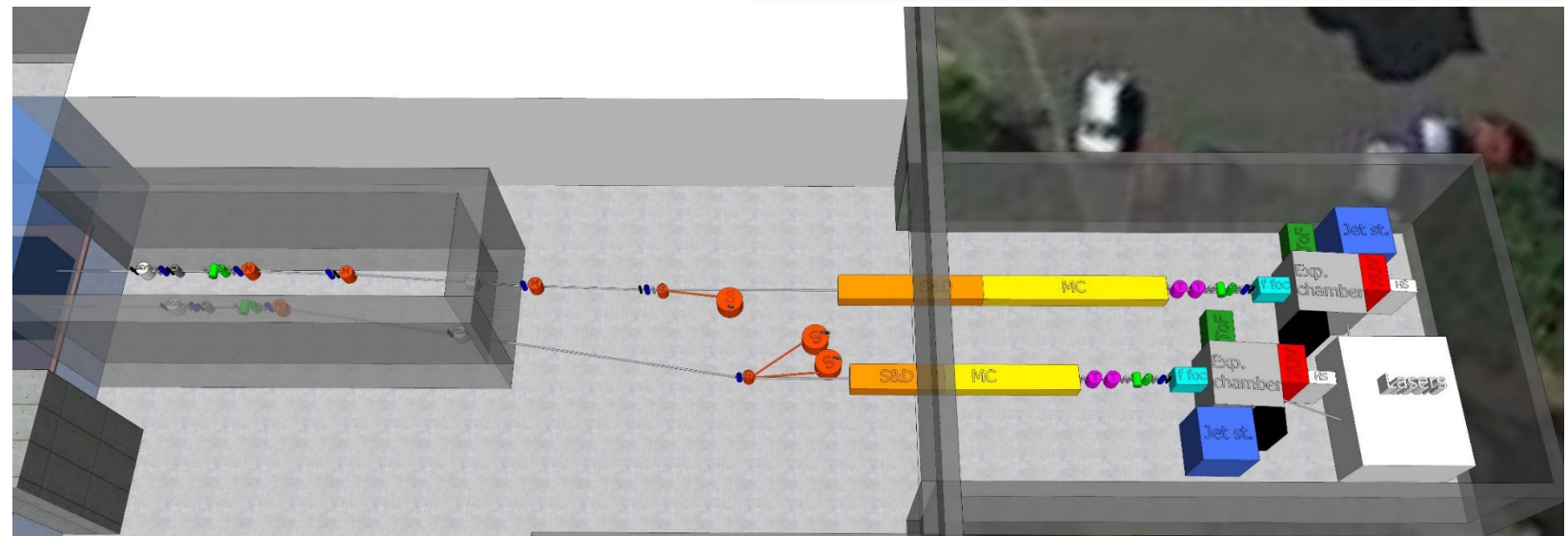
Parameter	Value
Wavelength*	~4 nm
Photons/pulse	$10^{10} - 10^{11}$
Pulse duration	< 50 fs
Repetition rate**	10 Hz

## ARIA

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

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

\*\* Options to run @ 400 Hz are being explored

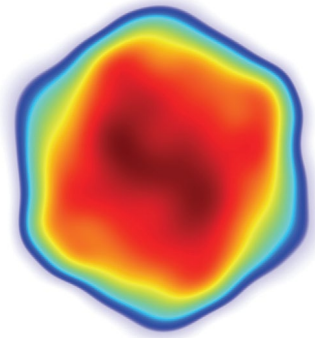




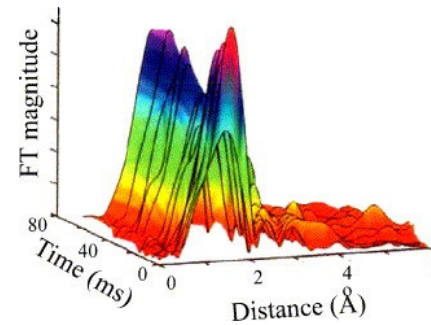
# AQUA - Techniques & Samples in the water window

Experimental techniques and typology of **samples**

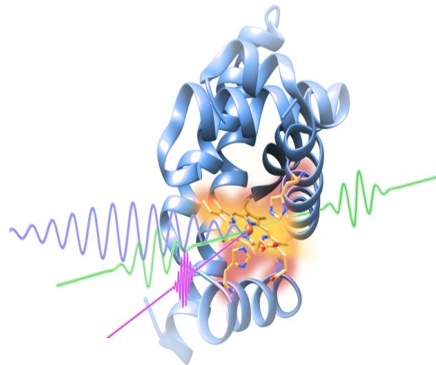
Coherent imaging  
(advanced methods)



X-ray spectroscopy



Raman spectroscopy



Ion Spectroscopy → **Destruction without diffraction ???**

Proteins  
 Viruses  
 Bacteria  
 Cells  
 Metals  
 Semiconductors  
 Superconductors  
 Magnetic materials  
 Organic molecules  
 Organometallic compounds



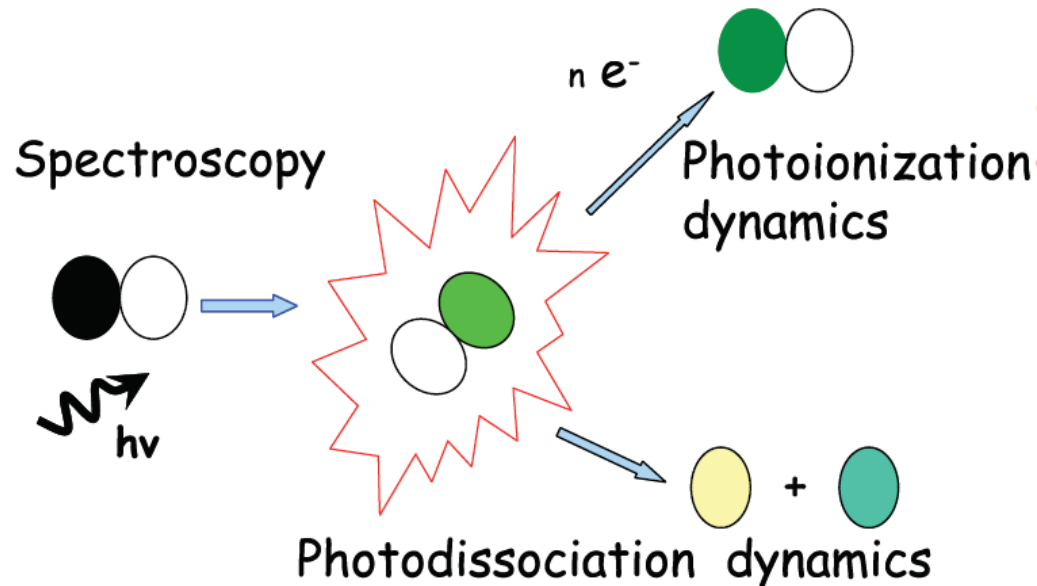
# ARIA - Techniques & Samples @ 50-180 nm

Experimental techniques and typology of **samples (and applications)**

Photoemission  
Spectroscopy

Raman spectroscopy

Photo-fragmentation of molecules  
Time of Flight Spectroscopy



Gas phase & Atmosphere  
(Earth & Planets)  
Aerosols  
(Pollution, nanoparticles)  
Molecules & gases  
(spectroscopies, time-of-flight)  
Proteins  
(spectroscopies)  
Surfaces  
(ablation e deposition)

# Experimental Techniques

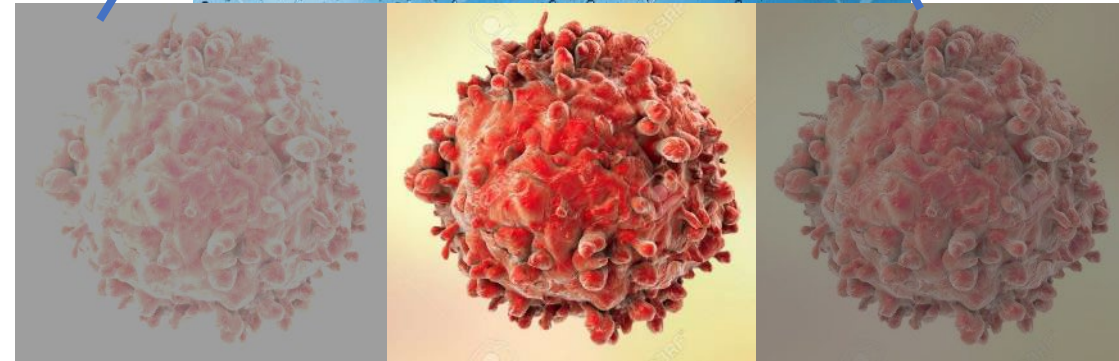
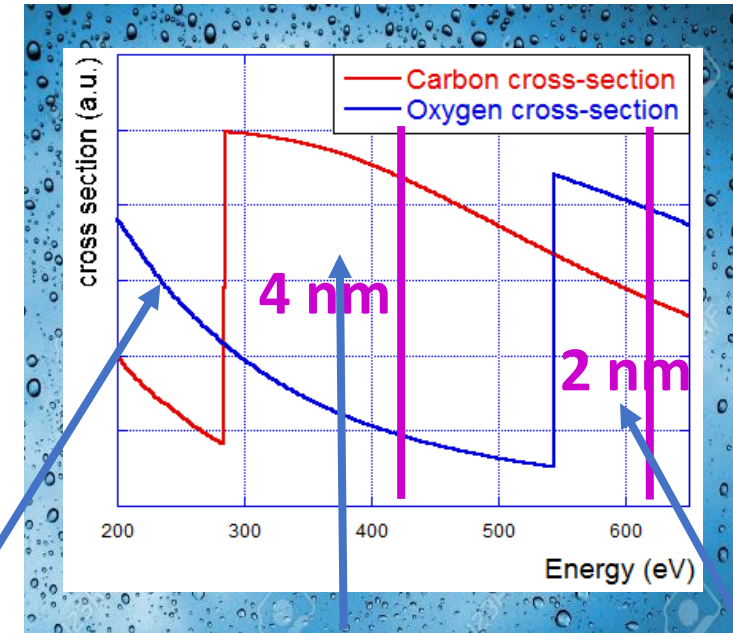
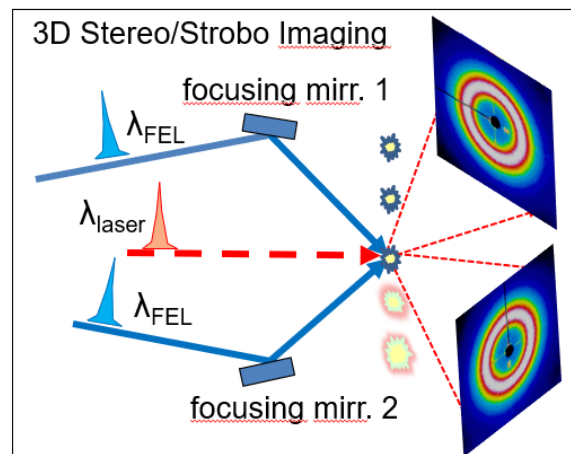
# Experimental Techniques

## 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

Single-shot 3D imaging of not-reproducible samples



# Experimental Techniques

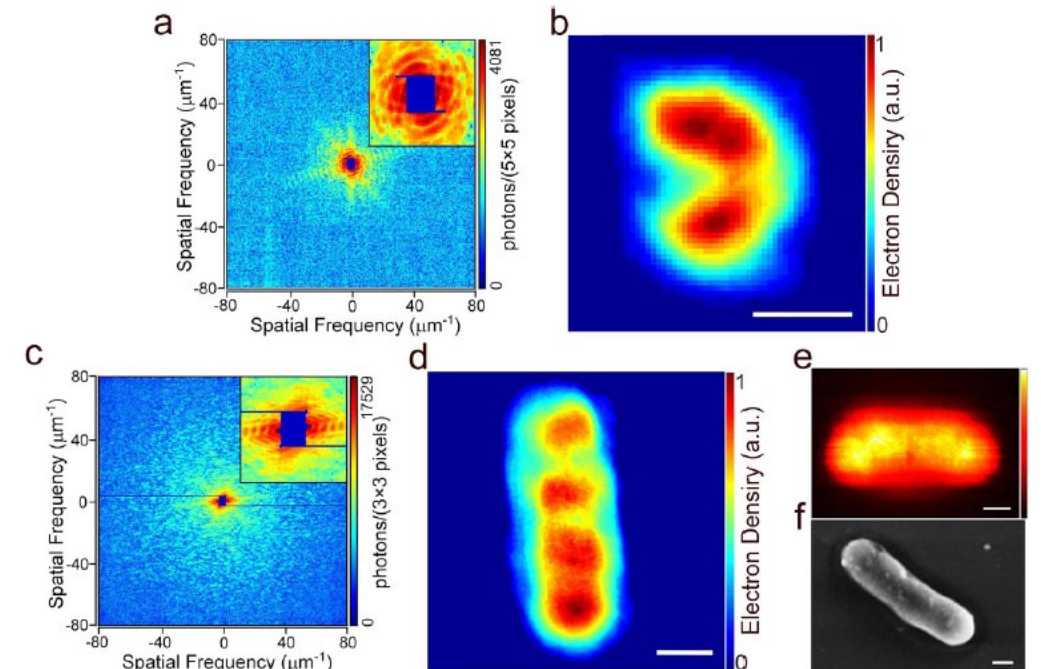
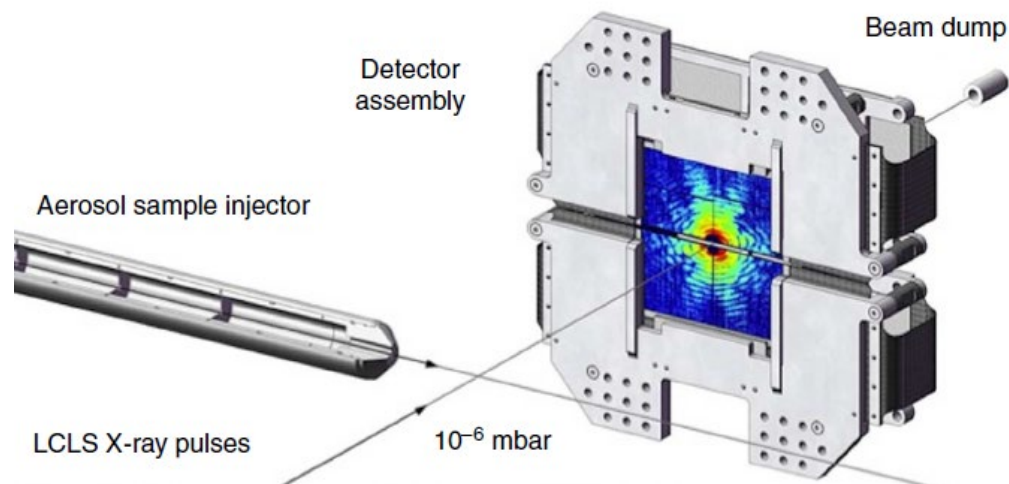
## Coherent imaging

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)

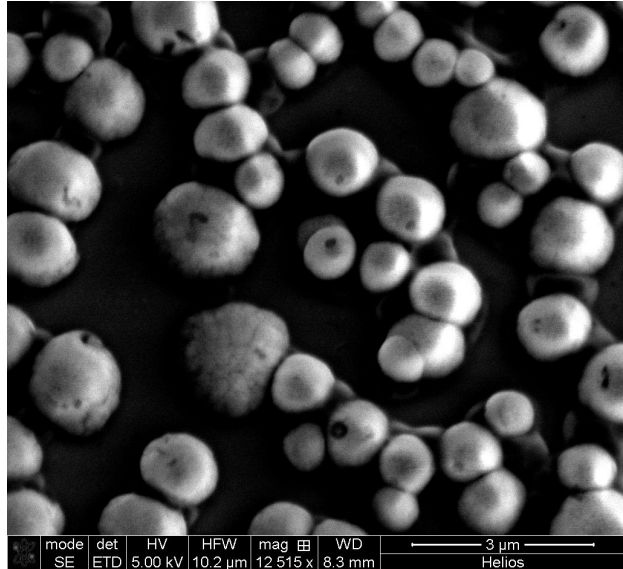
Van Der Schot, G., Svenda, M., Maia, F. R., Hantke, M., DePonte, D. P., Seibert, M. M., ... F. Stellato, ... & Ekeberg, T. (2015). Imaging single cells in a beam of live cyanobacteria with an X-ray laser. *Nature communications*, 6(1), 5704.





# Experimental Techniques

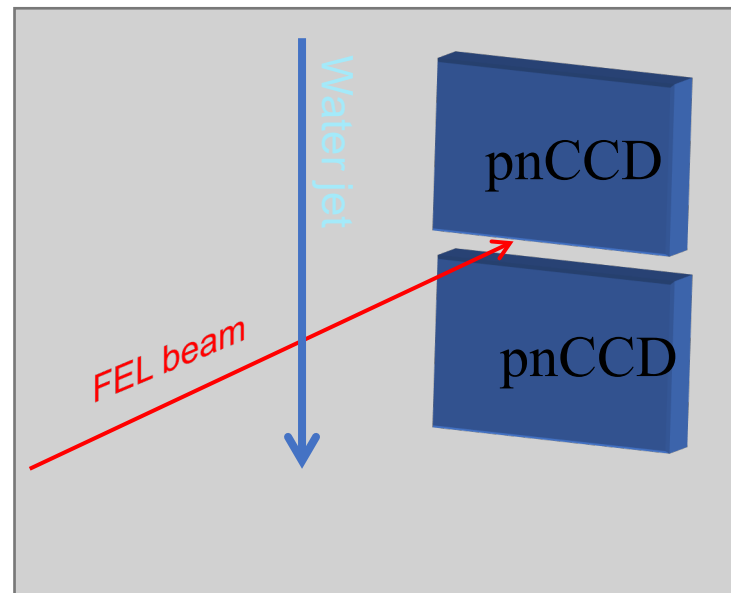
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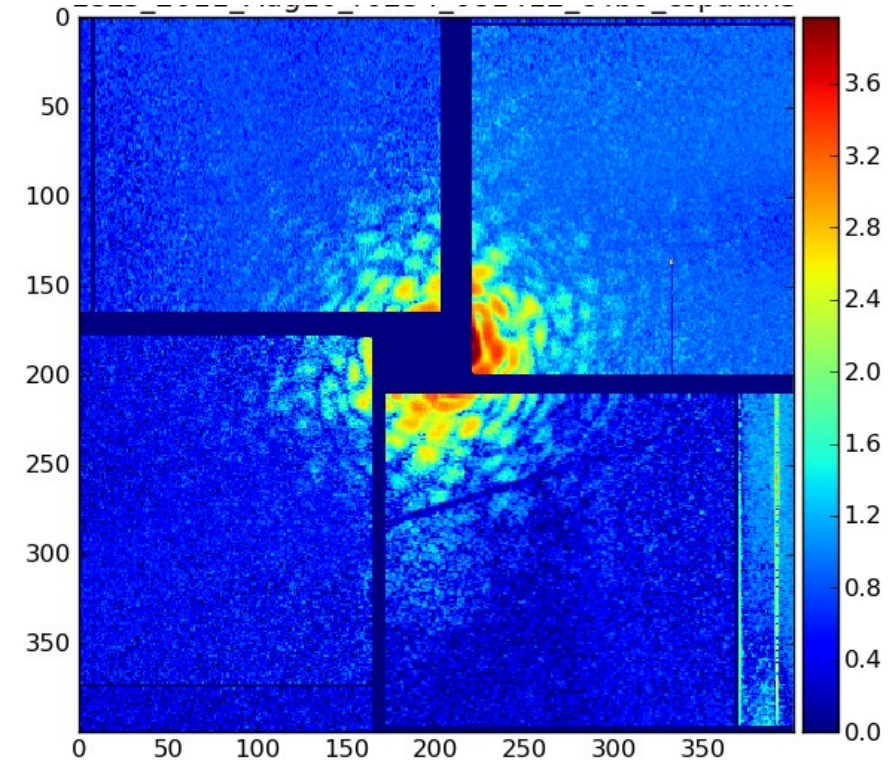
Yeast Nuclei  
 $0.3 \mu\text{m} < \text{diameter} < 2 \mu\text{m}$

*LCLS experiments  
 (still) unpublished data*

Atomic Molecular and  
 Optical science beamline  
 CAMP Chamber  
 pnCCD



520 eV (2.4 nm) photons  
 $3 \times 2 \mu\text{m}^2$  focus - 2 μ

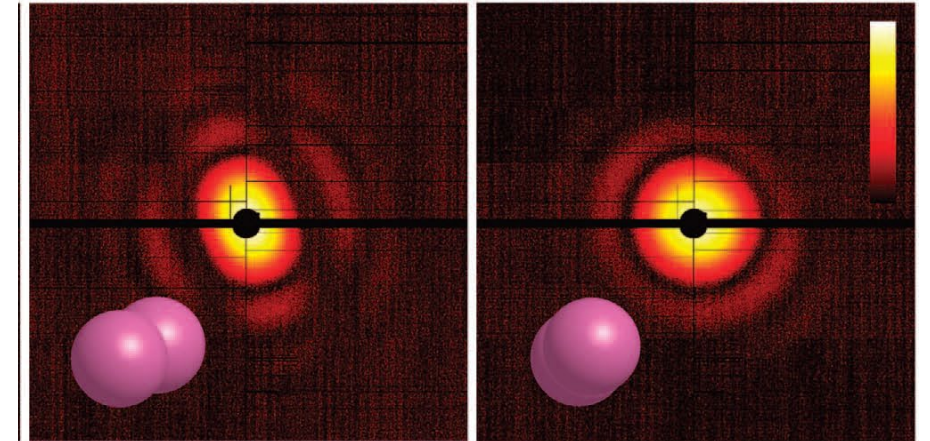
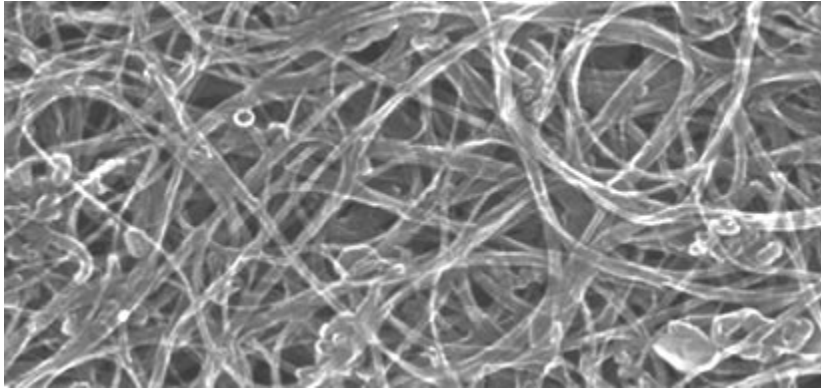


A yeast nucleus diffraction  
 pattern exhibiting clearly  
 visible speckles

# 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

### 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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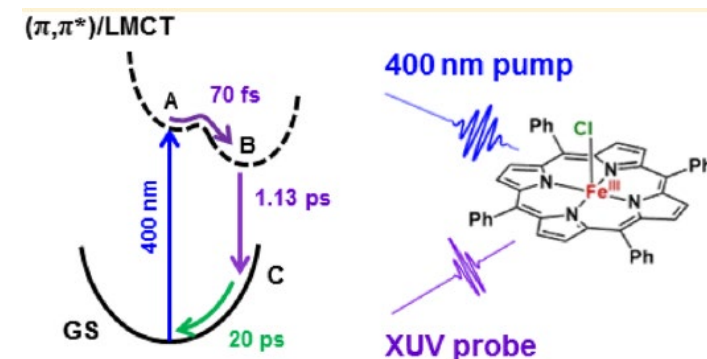
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Tabletop Femtosecond M-edge X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Structure of FeTPPCL: Metalloporphyrin Photophysics from the Perspective of the Metal



# Experimental Techniques

## X-ray spectroscopy

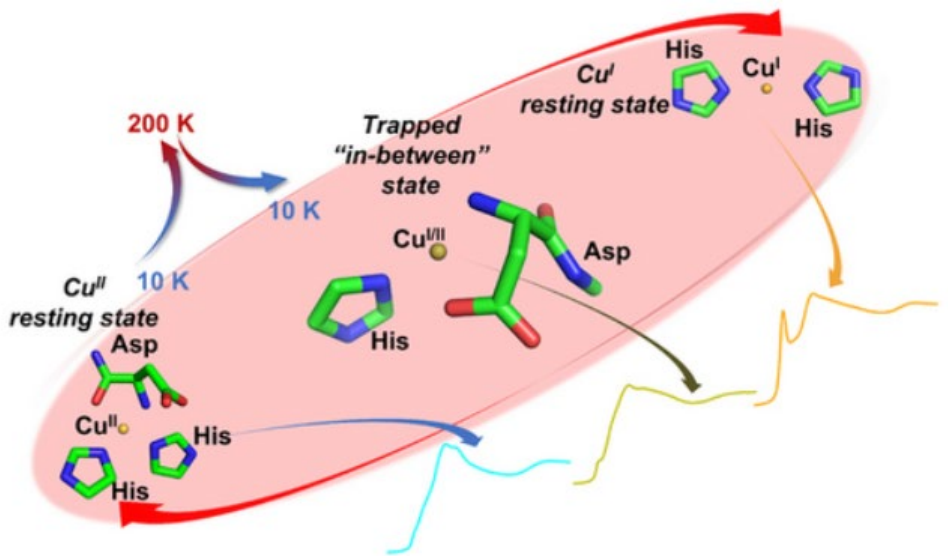


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### Chasing the Elusive “In-Between” State of the Copper-Amyloid $\beta$ Complex by X-ray Absorption through Partial Thermal Relaxation after Photoreduction

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>



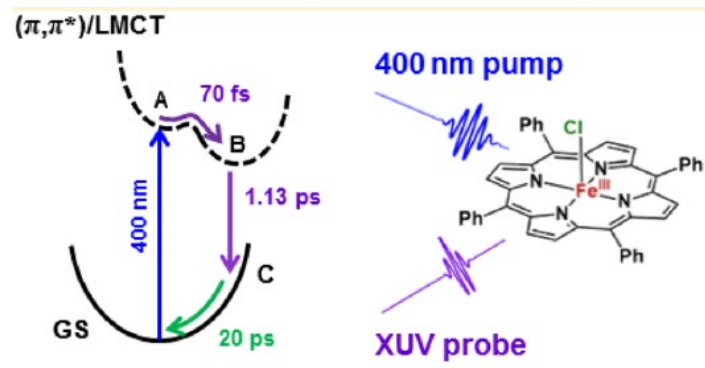
Structure of FeTPPCl: metalloporphyrin photophysics from the perspective of the metal

### Cu to Ru M-edges

Samples: cuprates, porphyrins, metalloproteins

### Sb to Ne L-edges

Lanthanides superconductors, catalysts



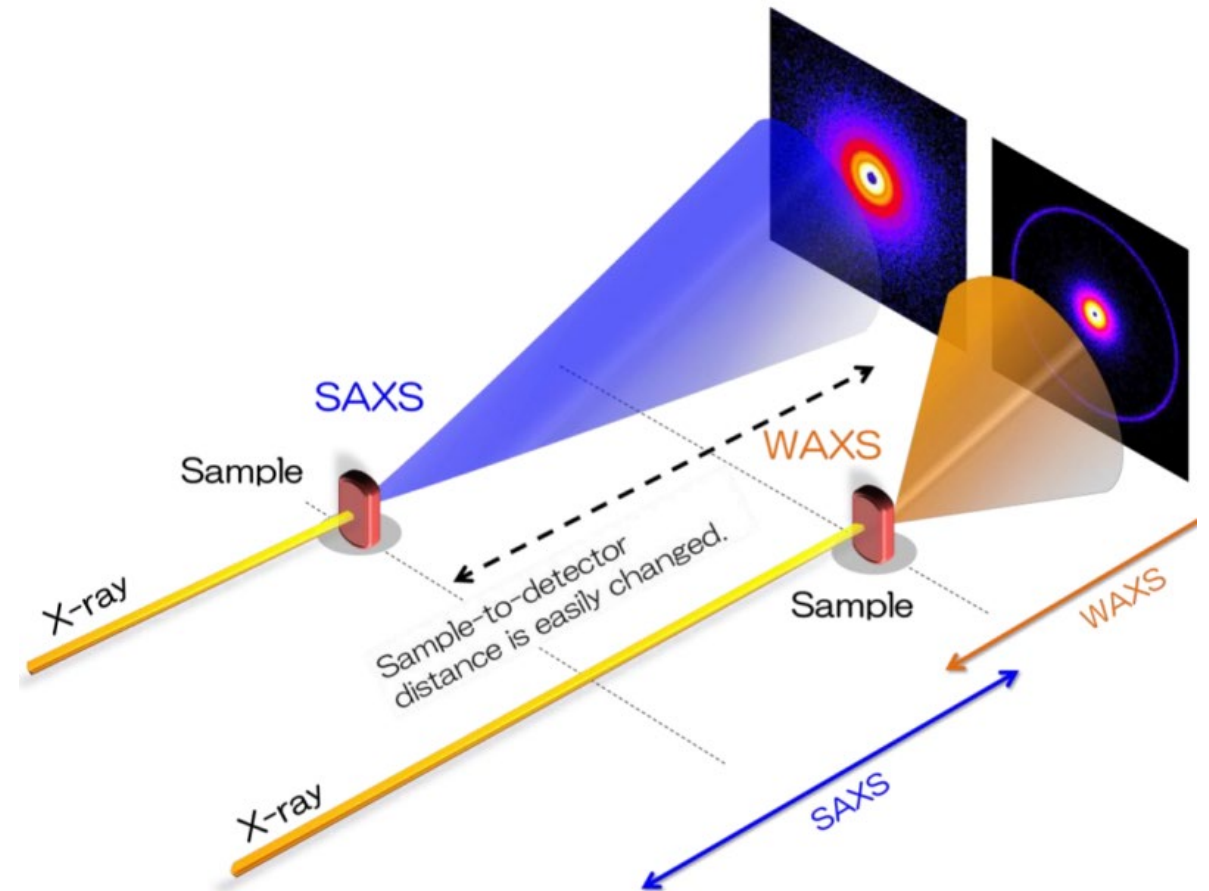
## Experimental Techniques

### 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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### *Operando* Resonant Soft X-ray Scattering Studies of Chemical Environment and Interparticle Dynamics of Cu Nanocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> Electroreduction

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

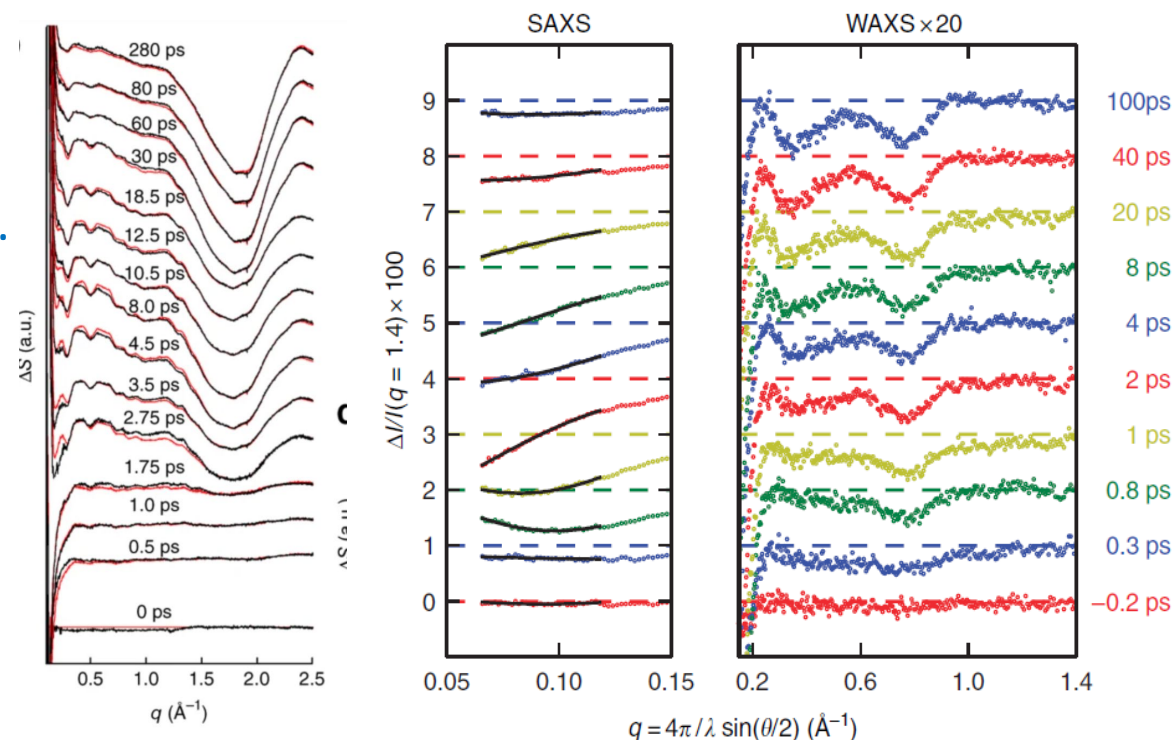


Photo-excitation of proteins monitored by SAXS & WAXS

Arnlund *et al.*, Nat Methods 2014

Levantino *et al.*, Nat Comm 2014

# Experimental Techniques

## Raman Spectroscopy

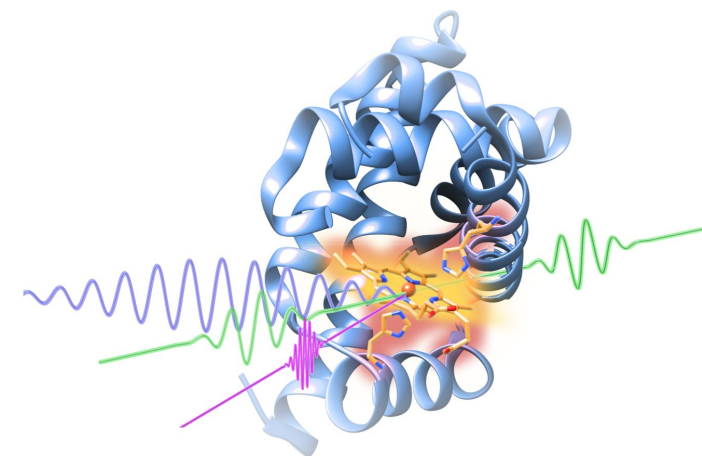
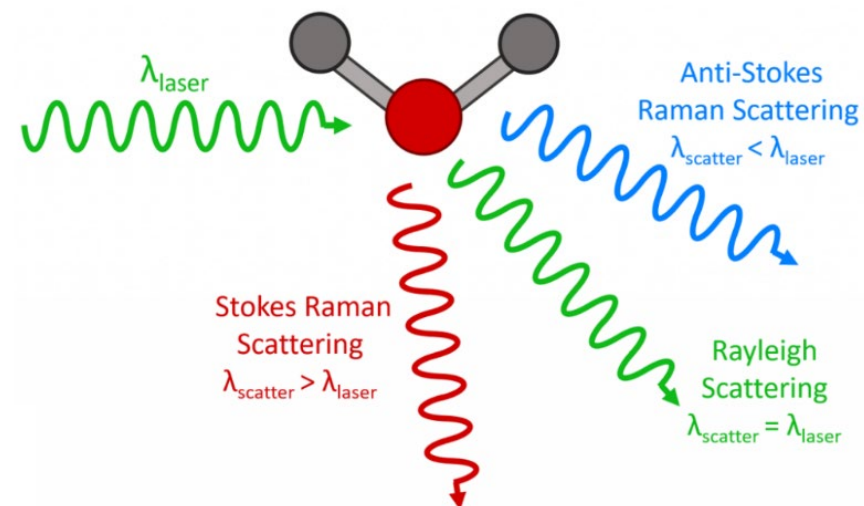
FEL pulses can be exploited as pump pulse for stimulating chemical reactions or for generating coherent excitations, and, on the other hand, they can be used as selective probe to monitor the evolution from reactant to photoproduct.

### 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 TiO<sub>2</sub>/Ln<sup>+3</sup> doped glass).  
Photocatalytic reactions CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> reduction and H<sub>2</sub>O oxidation



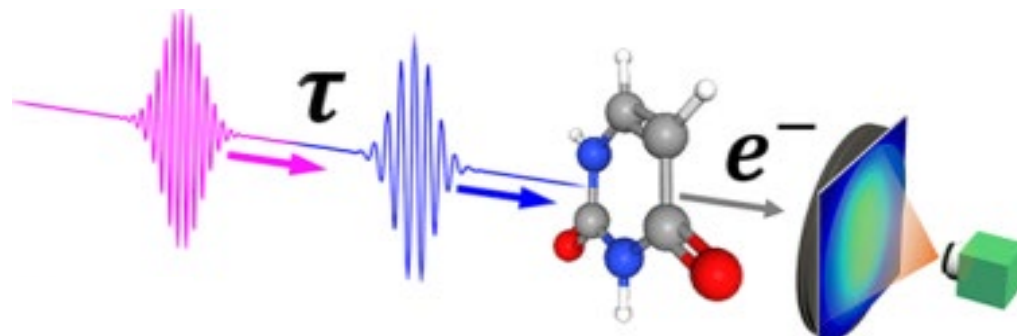
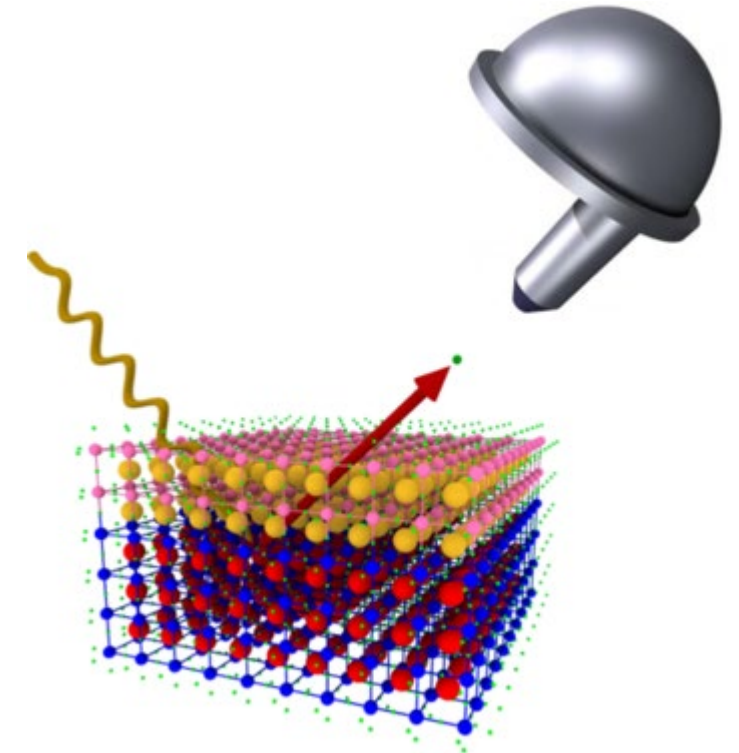


# Experimental Techniques

## 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.

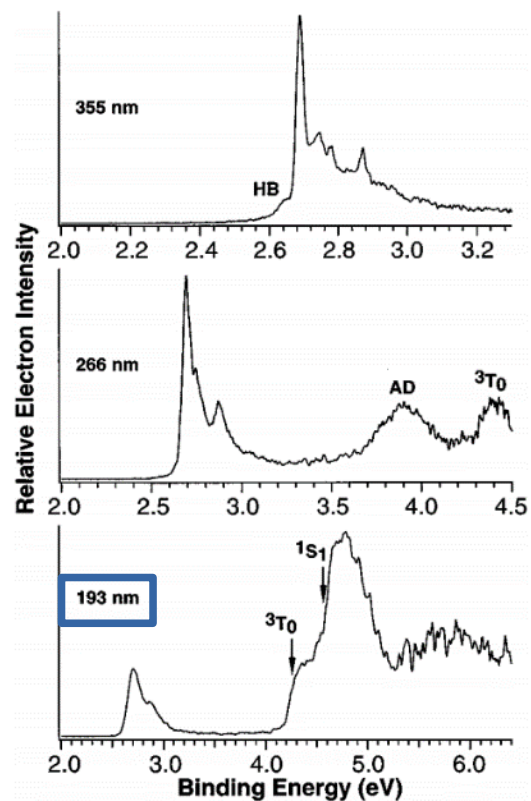
PES can be performed in different schemes and it will benefit from the ultrafast structure of the FEL radiation for pump-probe measurements.



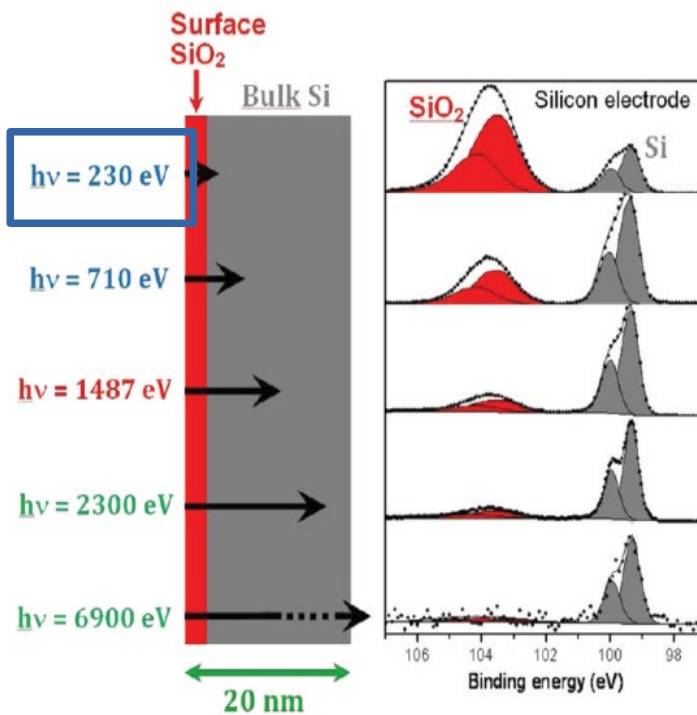
# Experimental Techniques

## Photoemission Spectroscopy

**X-ray Photon Spectroscopy C<sub>60</sub>**

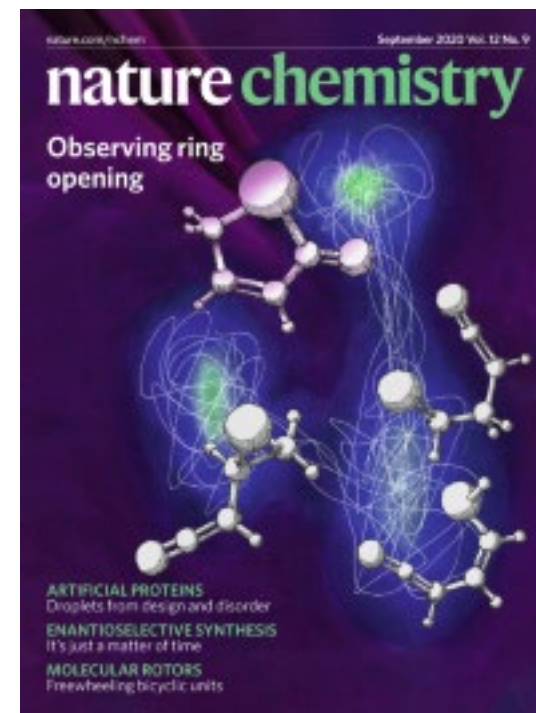


**Lithium Battery interface during charge/discharge**



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

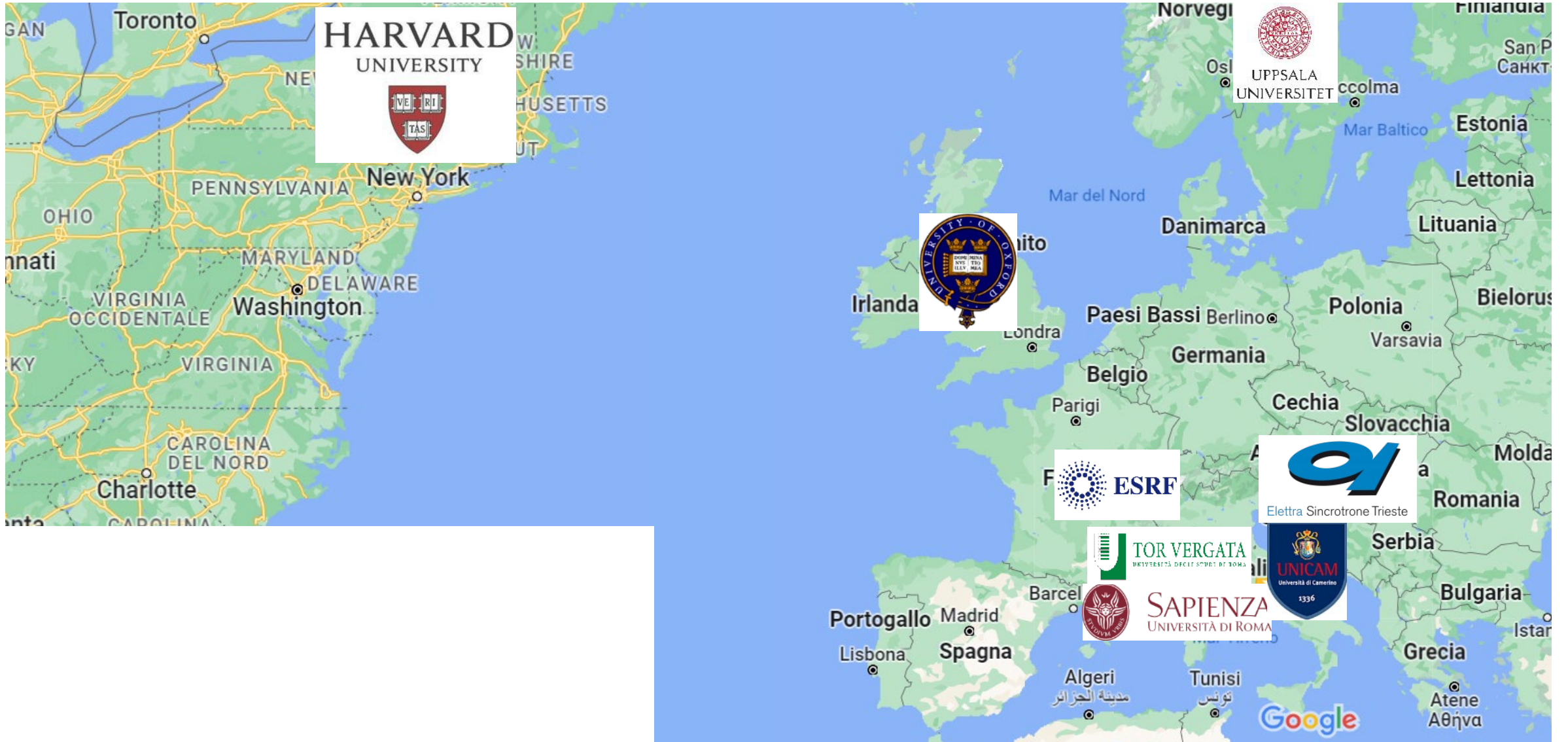
**PES measurements of organic rings opening**



Photoelectron spectra of C<sub>60</sub> 2 at 355, 266, and 193 nm with photon fluxes of 5, 1.5, and 0.7 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>, respectively. ( Xue-Bin Wang, 1999)



## Users' community



## Users' community



### EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB user workshop

14-15 October 2021

Europe/Rome timezone

Overview

Timetable

Registration

Participant List

#### Participant List

147 participants

Last Name

First Name

Affiliation

**The first EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB user workshop**

**More than 140 registrants from 9 countries and ~30 institutions**

**<https://agenda.infn.it/event/27926/overview>**

## Users' community - Feedback

### Pros

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

Flexibility in pulse duration

Beamtime availability for long-term projects

Presence of two beamlines at very different energies

Presence of the **EuAPS** betatron source

### Cons (limitations)

Limited photon flux

Limited repetition rate (mitigated if 400 Hz are reached)

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

### What else?

Input from potential users still more than welcome

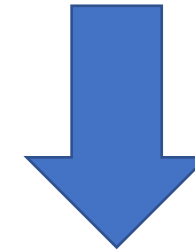
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# EuAPS – Betatron radiation source


Parameter	Value	unit
Photon Critical Energy	1 -10	keV
Photons/pulse	$10^6$ - $10^9$	
Repetition rate	1-5	Hz
Beam divergence	3-20	mrad

Expected parameters of the EuAPS betatron radiation source



Photon science case

## Plasma-Generated X-ray Pulses: Betatron Radiation Opportunities at EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB

Francesco Stellato <sup>1,2,\*</sup> , Maria Pia Anania <sup>3</sup>, Antonella Balerna <sup>3</sup>, Simone Botticelli <sup>2</sup>, Marcello Coreno <sup>3,4</sup>, Gemma Costa <sup>3</sup>, Mario Galletti <sup>1,2</sup>, Massimo Ferrario <sup>3</sup>, Augusto Marcelli <sup>3,5,6</sup>, Velia Minicozzi <sup>1,2</sup>, Silvia Morante <sup>1,2</sup>, Riccardo Pompili <sup>3</sup>, Giancarlo Rossi <sup>1,2,7</sup>, Vladimir Shpakov <sup>3</sup>, Fabio Villa <sup>3</sup> and Alessandro Cianchi <sup>1,2</sup>

# EuAPS – Betatron radiation source

What are **betatron** pulses good for?

**Betatron** radiation covers a broad energy range

Spectroscopic techniques

**Betatron** pulses are short (femtoseconds)

Pump-probe, time-resolved experiments

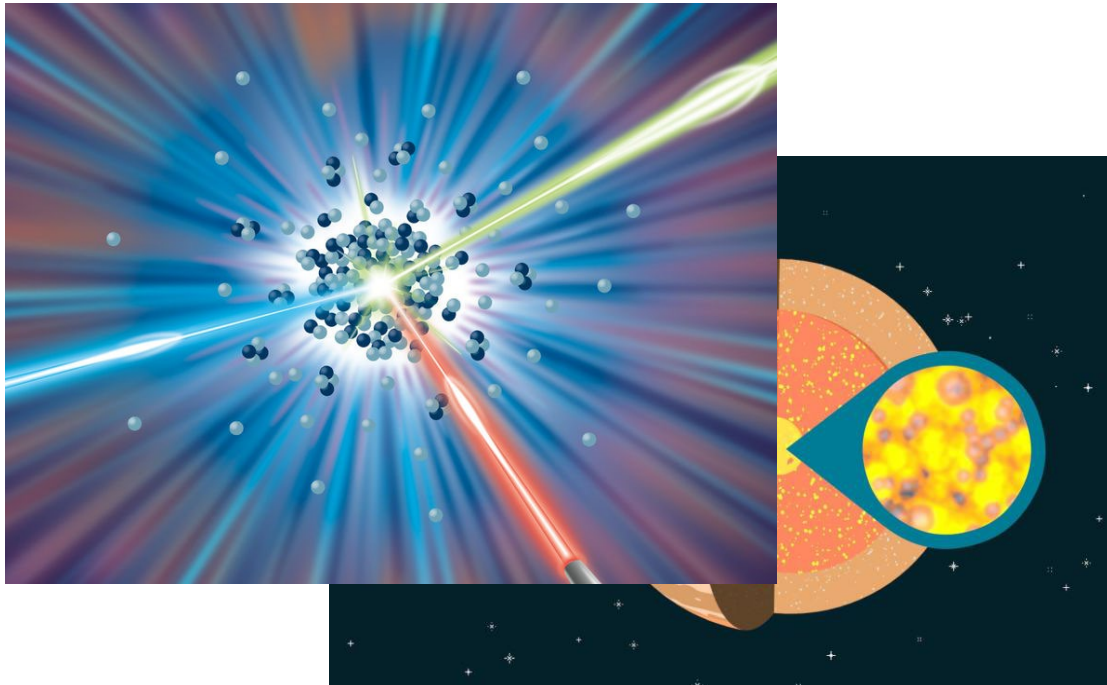
**Betatron** radiation is partially (spatially) coherent

Phase-contrast imaging



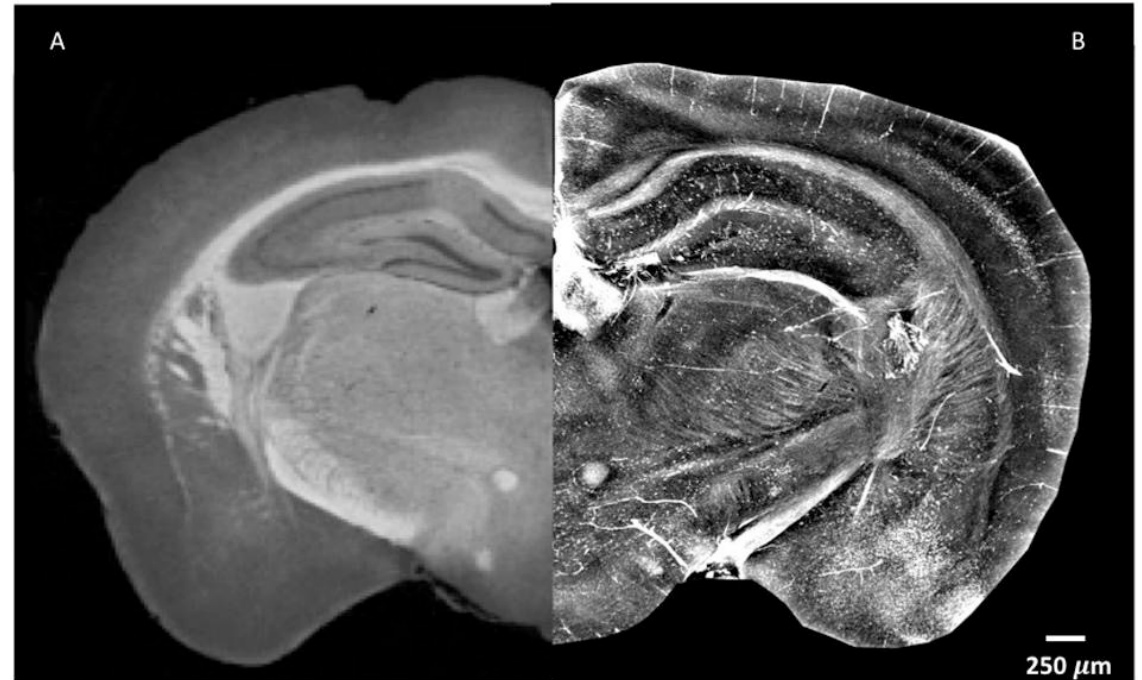
# Photon Science @ EuAPS

Ultra-fast, pump-probe  
time-resolved X-ray Spectroscopy



Physics of warm-dense matter  
Femtochemistry of organometallic complexes

Imaging  
at a small-scale source



Tissues  
Plants  
Cultural Heritage



# Photon Science @ EuAPS

- **Imaging of biological (and cultural heritage) samples**

Exploits the brilliance and coherence of betatron radiation, requires small divergence and good focusing

- **Static X-ray Spectroscopy**

Relatively easy, but does not exploit the radiation time structure

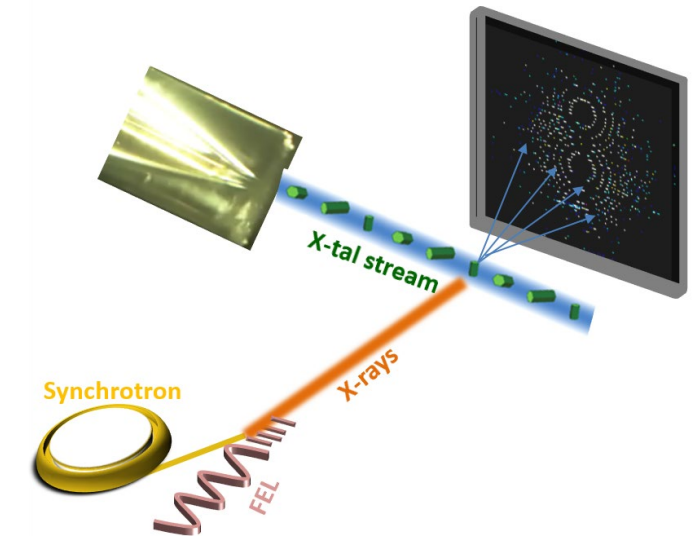
- **Ultra-fast X-ray spectroscopies exploiting ultra-short betatron pulses**

More complicated, requires timing between pump and probe pulses, but fully exploits the fs pulse duration

- **Time-resolved diffraction**

Depending on the samples, likely exploiting a white beam in a Laue scheme

→ **Serial crystallography**



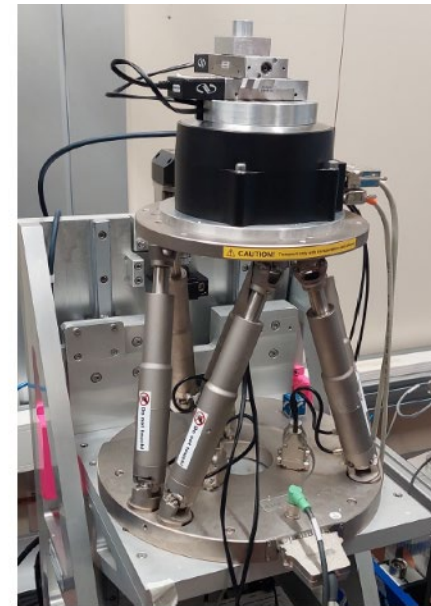
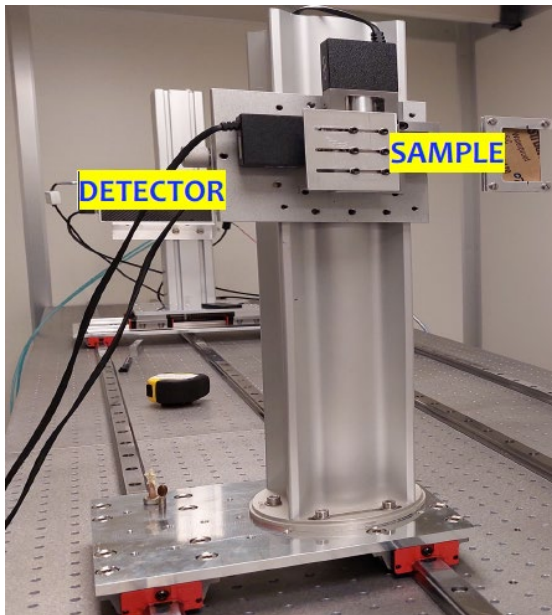
# Imaging setup

Variable sample-detector distance

Accurate sample positioning and rotation

Small pixel, 2D X-ray detector

CCD or CMOS



Courtesy A. Balerna

# Imaging – The pilot experiment

## Green science

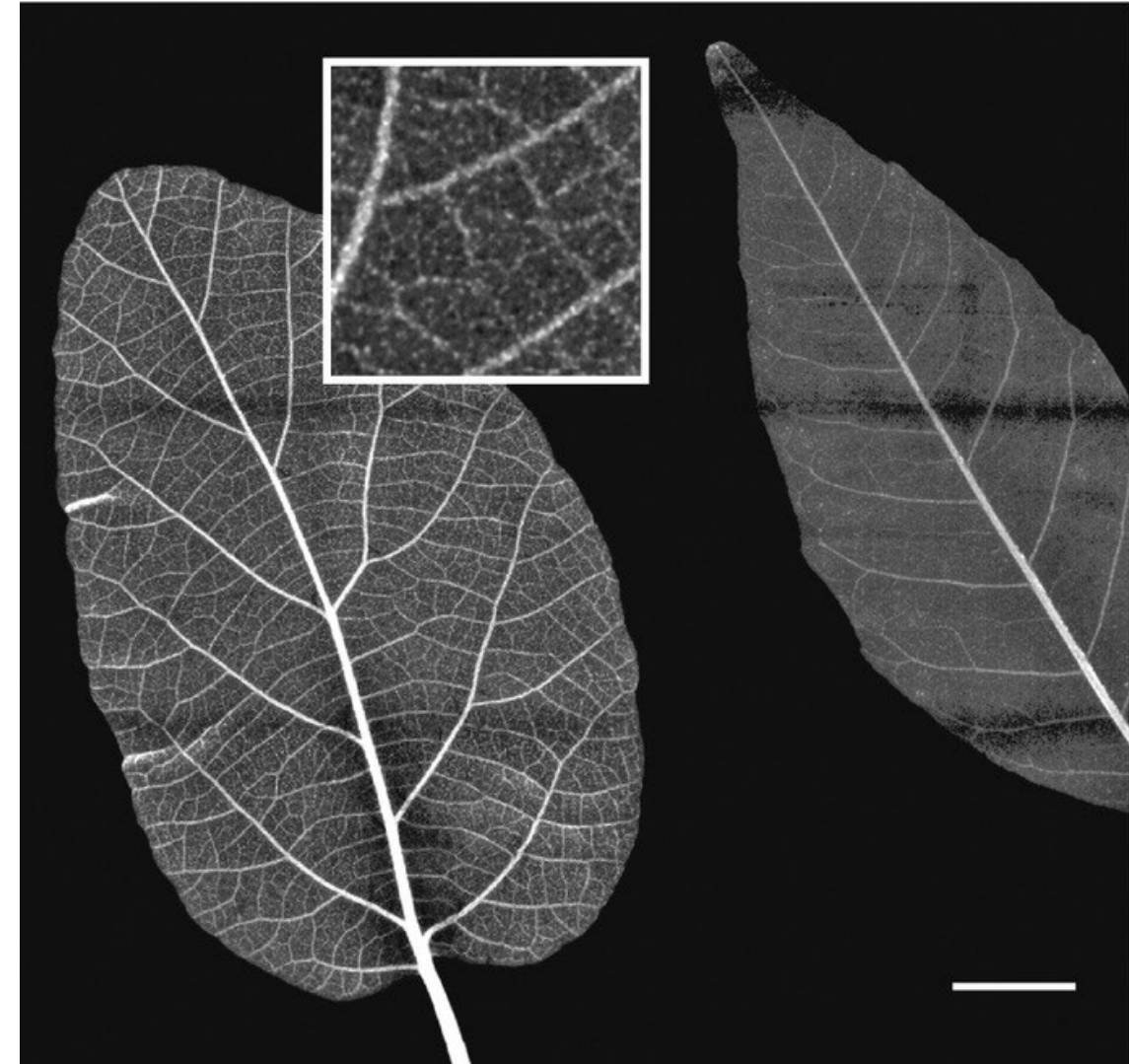
X-ray imaging of **leaves** (and **wood** →  
**connection with Swedish researchers**)

aiming at the (tens of) microns resolution

Living plants, different hydration states

Experiments performed with the broad  
radiation spectrum **filtered** by different  
materials to obtain **difference maps**  
emphasizing the presence of heavy metal  
contaminants → **pollution control**

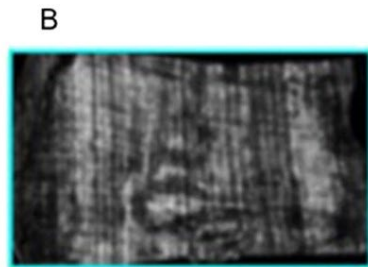
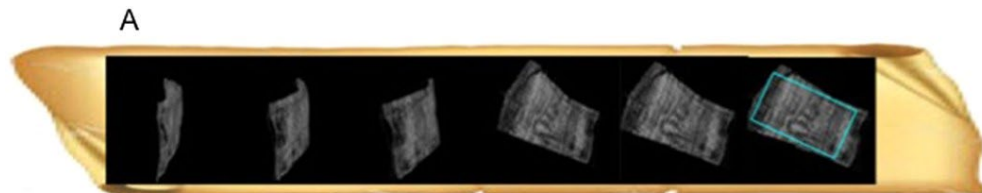
Reale et al. - MIDIX Soft X-rays microradiography





# Imaging – Cultural Heritage

Imaging of ancient paper documents



**Virtual unrolling and deciphering of Herculaneum papyri by X-ray phase-contrast tomography**

[I. Bukreeva](#), [A. Mittone](#), [A. Bravin](#), [G. Festa](#), [M. Alessandrelli](#), [P. Coan](#), [V. Formoso](#), [R. G. Agostino](#), [M. Giocondo](#), [F. Ciuchi](#), [M. Fratini](#), [L. Massimi](#), [A. Lamarra](#), [C. Andreani](#), [R. Bartolino](#), [G. Gigli](#), [G. Ranocchia](#) & [A. Cedola](#) 

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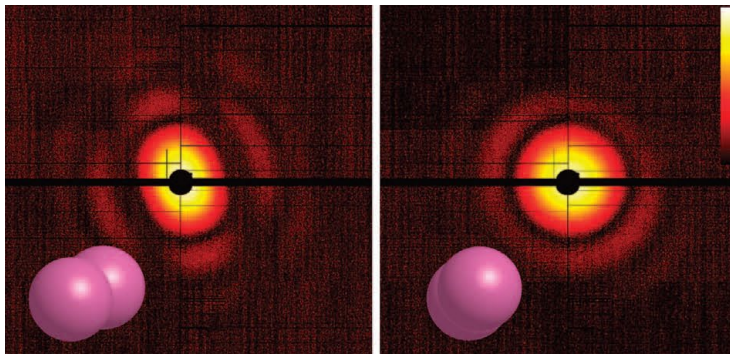


Characterization of **inks**  
(chemical sensitivity thanks to filters)

*with Dr. Giulia Festa, Centro Studi e Ricerche Enrico Fermi*

# Time-resolved Imaging

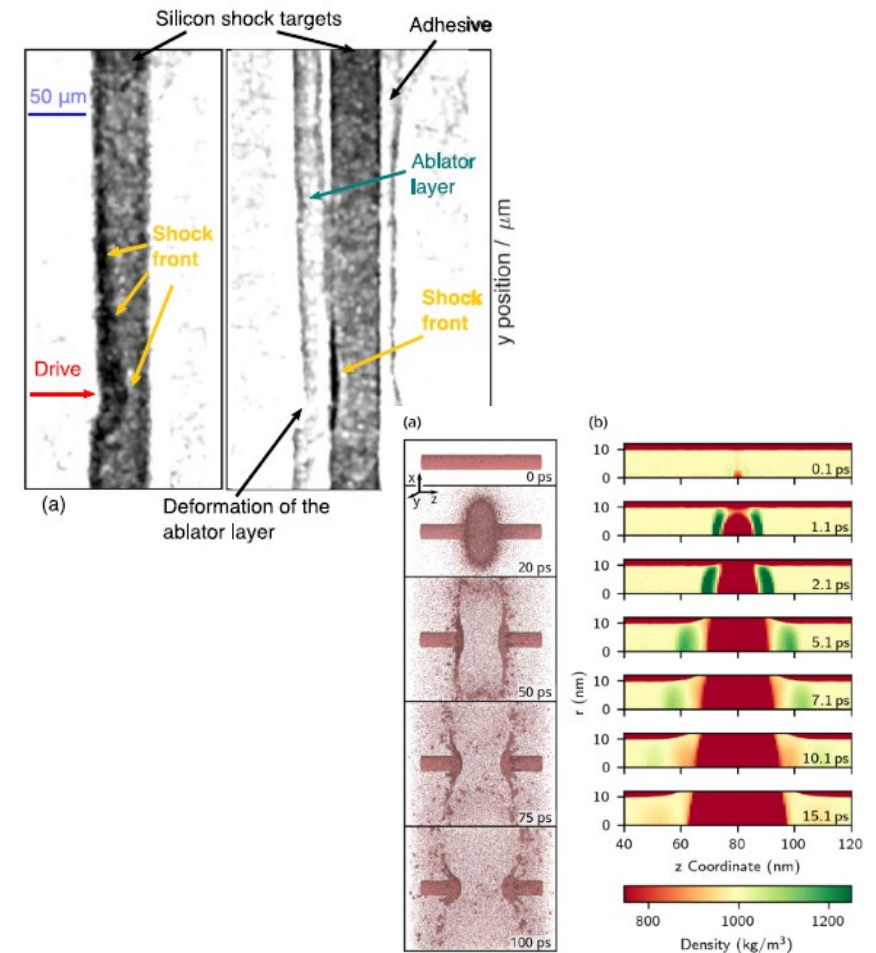
## Nanoparticles dynamics



## Shock-waves in materials

### Ultrafast Imaging of Laser Driven Shock Waves using Betatron X-rays from a Laser Wakefield Accelerator

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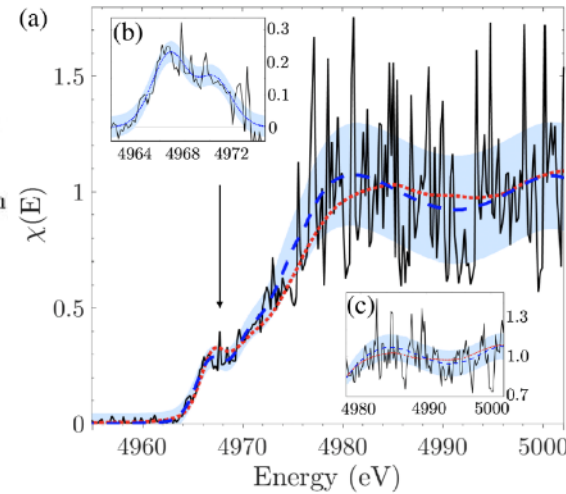
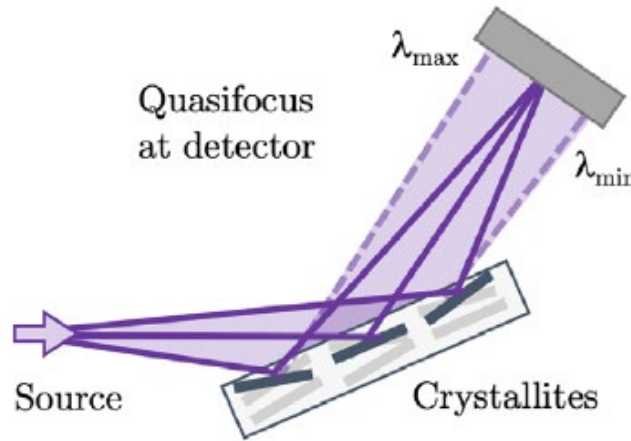
Liquid jet explosion

under X-ray beams

# Absorption Spectroscopy

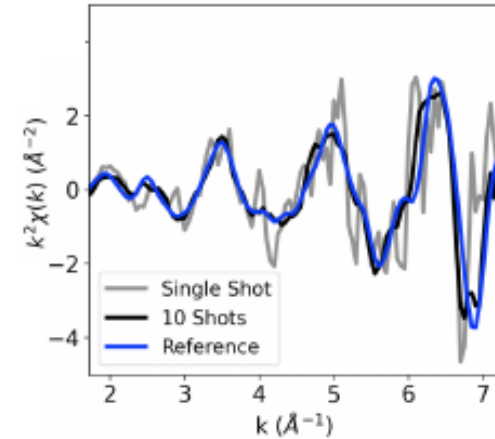
Single-shot **XANES** spectrum at the Ti K-edge

Single-shot **EXAFS** spectrum at the Cu K-edge



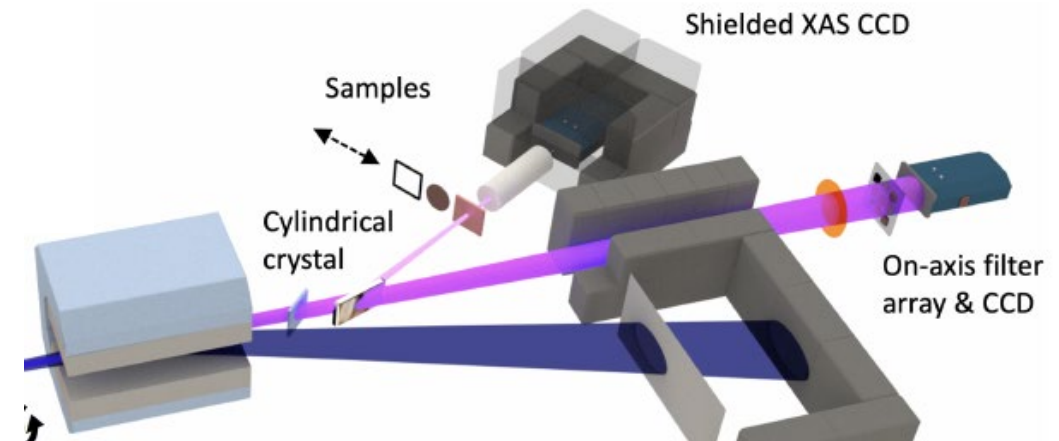
Kettle *et al.* arxiv 2023

Cylindrical crystal



Mosaic crystal analyzer

Kettle *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 2021





# Spectroscopy Setup

X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy  
in **dispersive mode**

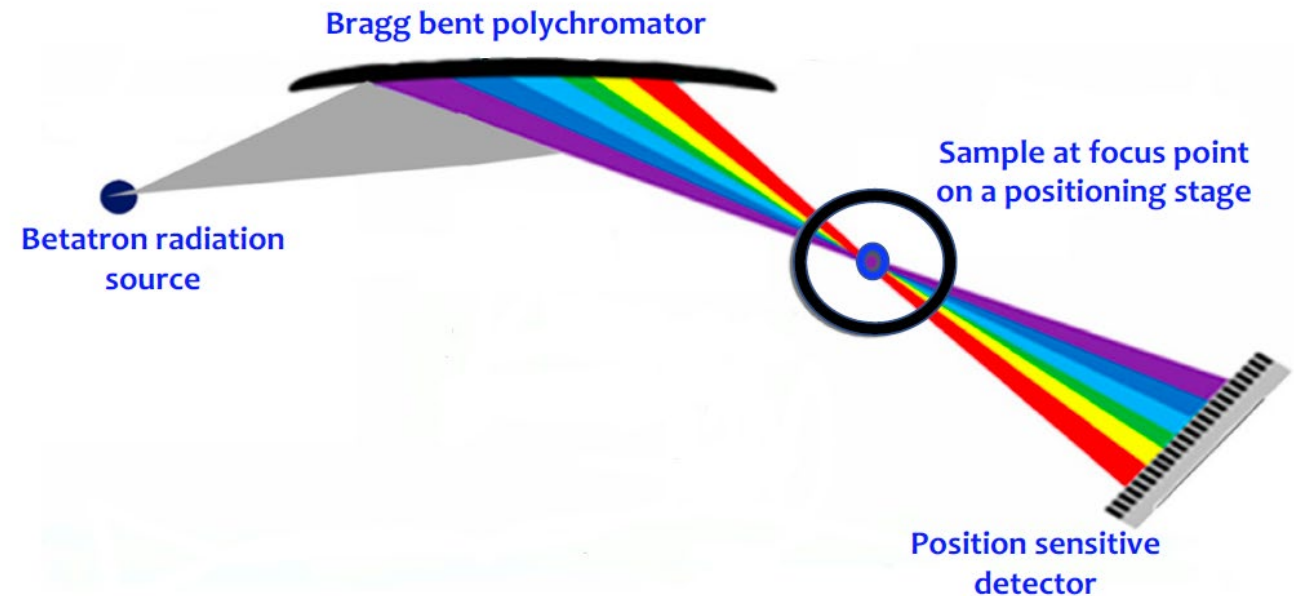
Curved or mosaic crystal analyzers

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Position sensitive detector

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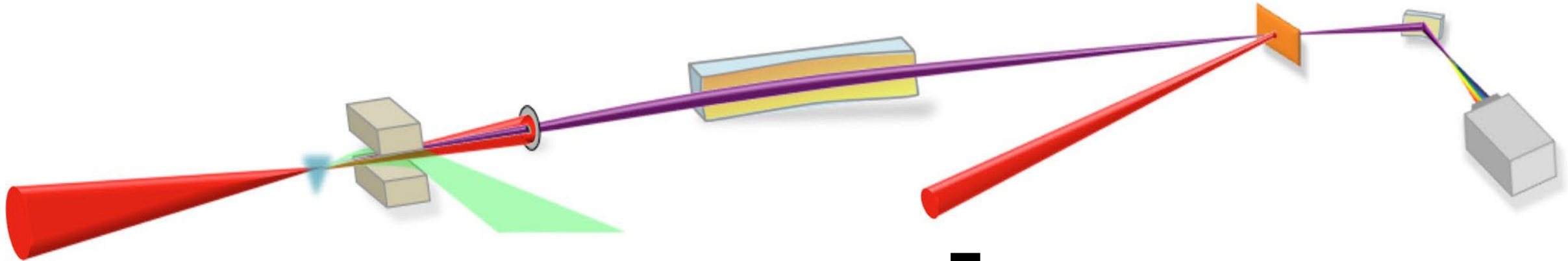
High-power femtosecond laser for  
pump-probe measurements



No **monochromator** to maximize the photon flux on the sample



# Ultra-fast Spectroscopy

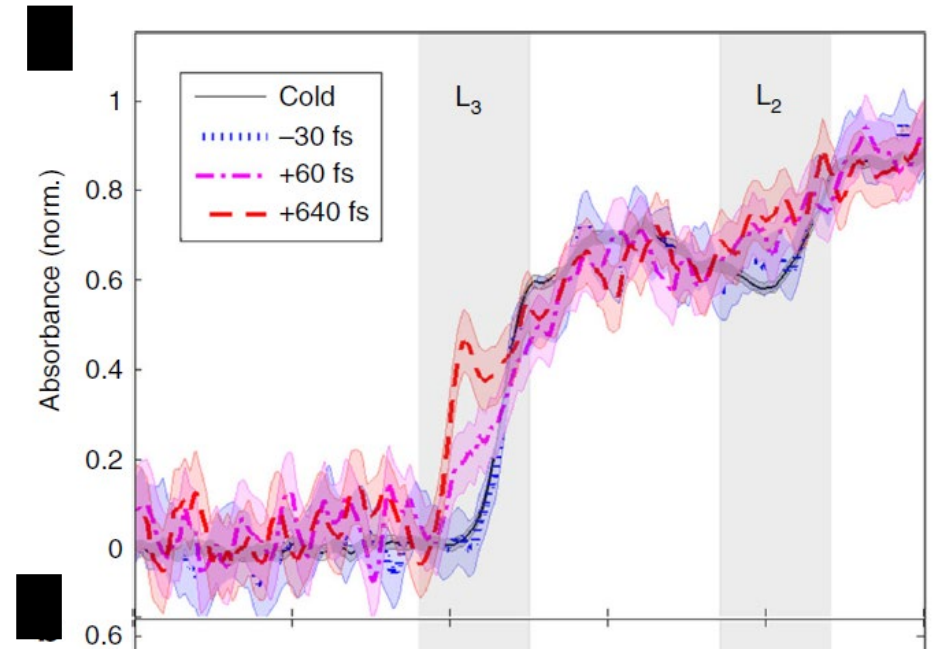


Optical laser pump / betatron probe experiments can follow the non-equilibrium dynamics of the copper heating process via XAS on fs timescale

Mahieu *et al.* Nature Comm 2015

Measurements of Ionization States in Warm Dense Aluminum with Betatron Radiation

Mo *et al.* 2017



# Outlook

- **Building up the scientific case and the users' community for plasma-based pulsed sources: from X-rays to VUV**
- **EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB Technical Design Report**  
**Detailed definition of spaces and experimental requirements**
- **EuAPS**  
**Final design of experimental chamber, getting ready for pilot experiments**
- **R&D: optics, sample delivery, detection schemes**