

# The European XFEL

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## New opportunities at the European XFEL

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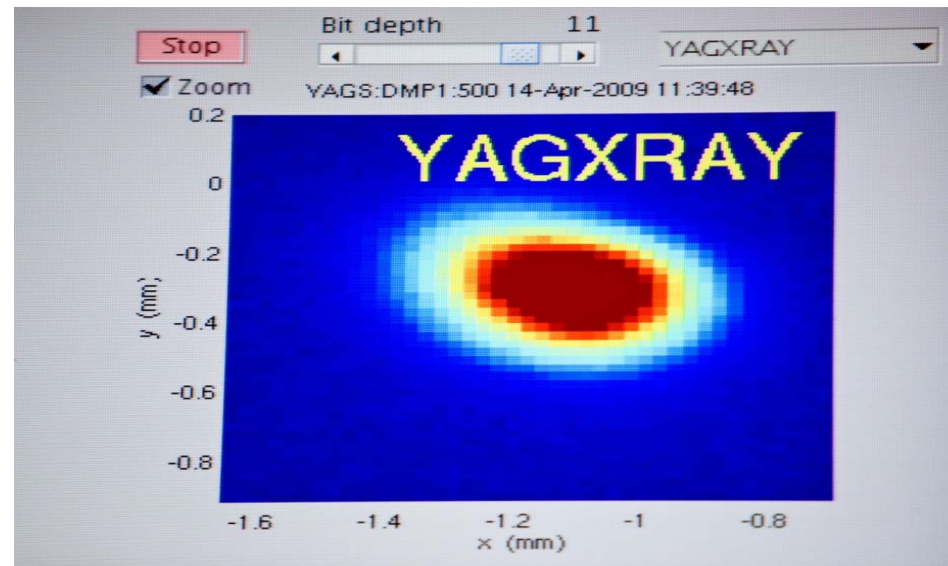


- Motivation
- What is the European XFEL
- Organisation
- Photon systems
- Instrumental stations FEX and SPB/SFX (status)
- Outlook



## April 21, 2009 - New Era of Research Begins as World's First Hard X-ray Laser Achieves "First Light"

*X-Ray laser pulses of unprecedented energy and brilliance produced at SLAC*



# NEWS IN FOCUS

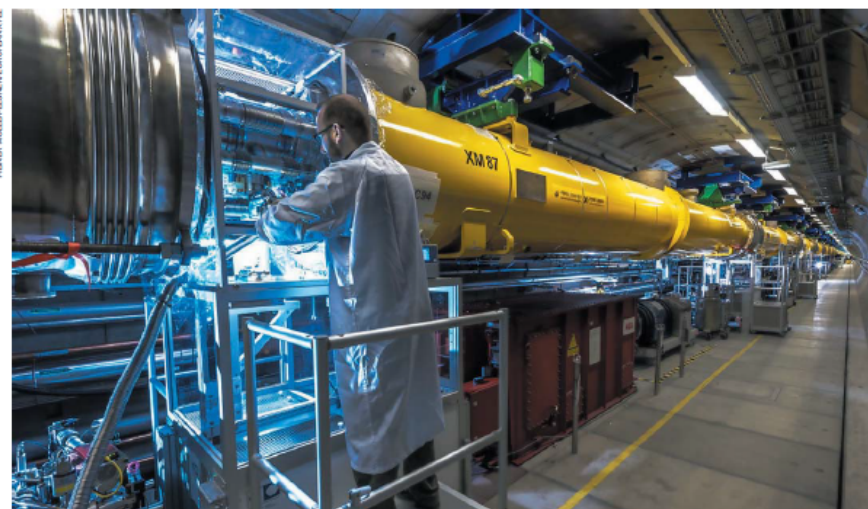
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**PALAEONTOLOGY** Dinosaur fossils found in roosting position for first time **p.510**

**ENGINEERING** Mystery of deaths on Civil War submarine solved **p.511**



**PLANETARY SCIENCE** Highlights from Cassini's grand tour of Saturn **p.512**



Researchers will soon be able to use the European X-ray Free Electron Laser near Hamburg, Germany, to watch molecules in action.

PHYSICS

## Europe's X-ray laser fires up

High-speed shooter will help scientists to make molecular movies.

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TECHNOLOGY FEATURE

## Structural biology: doors open at the European XFEL

Vivien Marx

X-ray beams at 27,000 pulses per second promise high-resolution views of macromolecules.

As of September 1, 2017, scientists can come to the European X-ray free-electron laser (EuXFEL) for structural biology pursuits. They can collect diffraction data on protein nanocrystals and particles such as viruses, protein complexes and single molecules. They might create dynamic virus 'movies' from a series of individual snapshots. After 15 years of development, construction and testing, EuXFEL has 'lased': it generated a beam brighter than those produced by all other existing X-ray sources (see **Box 1**, "EuXFEL at a glance"). In more testing, a beam was successfully sent to a 'hutch', one of several lead-and-steel-encased rooms at the facility. Some hutches hold gratings, filters and other beam-tuning equipment; others have instruments for measuring samples. From nearby control rooms, researchers interact with instru-

and square in the beam are quite rare," says Chapman.

Around the world, a number of XFELs are operational or almost there (**Box 2**, "Some X-ray free-electron lasers"), and more are being built, for example, in China. Accelerator-driven FELs and the new EuXFEL offer scientists exposures on a femtosecond ( $10^{-15}$  seconds) or even attosecond ( $10^{-18}$  seconds) timescale so they can measure the structure, variability and dynamics of the experimental objects of their choice<sup>1-5</sup>.

Strictly speaking, biological objects are never identical to one another, says Janos Hajdu, a biophysicist now at Uppsala University who spent much of his career at the University of Oxford. Macromolecular structures adopt various conformations. "Since biology is about life, it's all about motion,"



Earlier this year, the EuXFEL's first laser beam reached the 'hutch'.

developer at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, and his colleagues made movies of a virus (published in this issue<sup>6</sup>). Such movies can reveal biologically important information, says Ourmazd. In the future, the EuXFEL could help researchers map an even landscape of biological mol-



## Why are lasers exciting:

Certain biomolecules don't happily make large crystals, making them impossible to see with "garden variety" methods



Image: Virginia Tech

It's precisely these biomolecules that are of most interest for medicine—they represent targets of 70% of the world's pharmaceuticals!

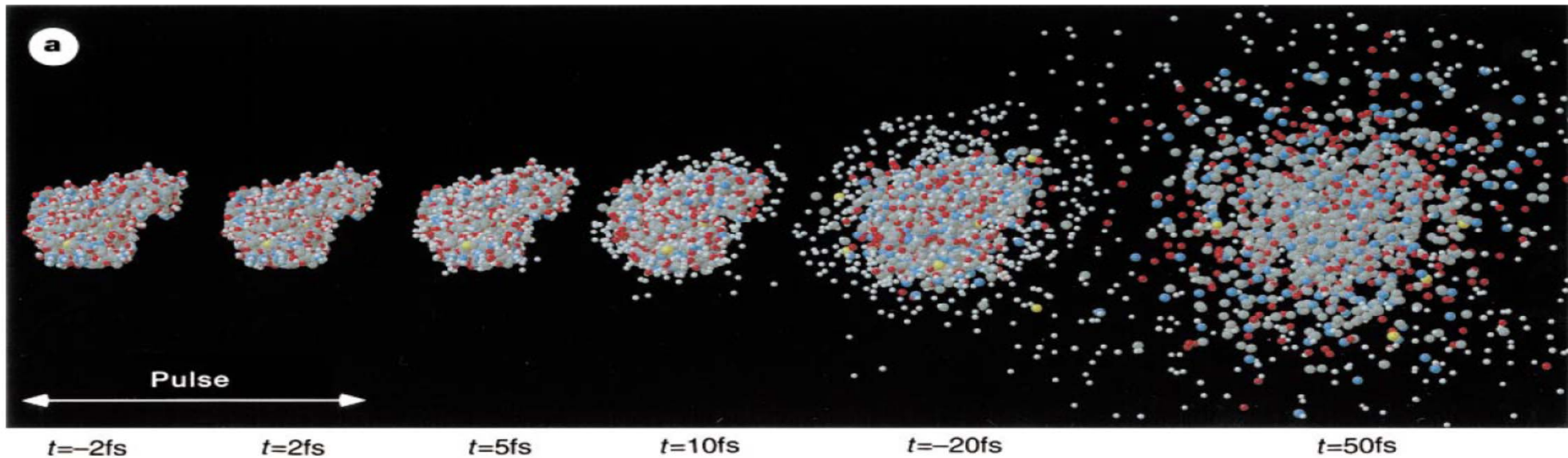


One guy scatters like... 1  
(~ a *lot* less than a crystal)

Conclusion: Need a lot more x-rays to see a single particle

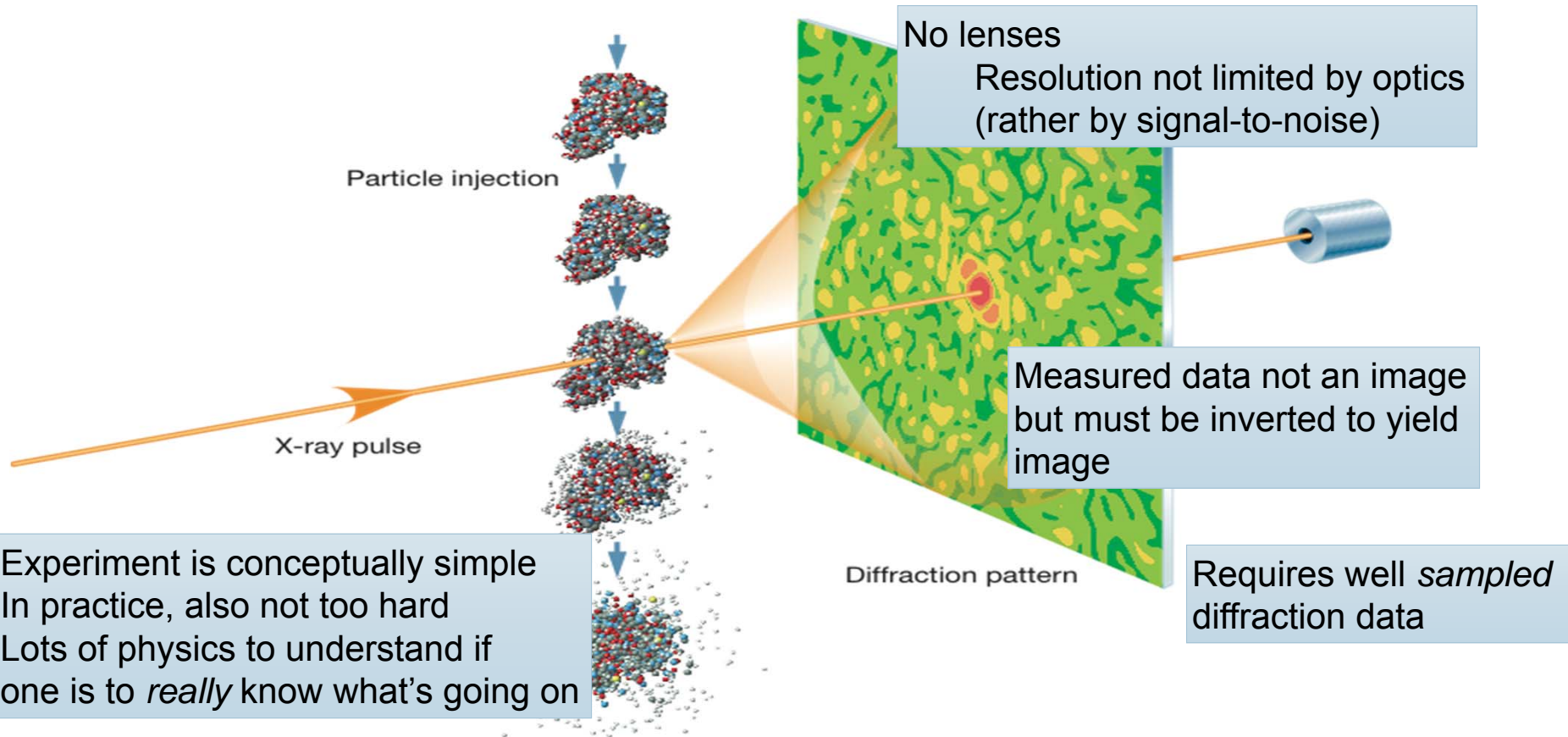
First guess solution: Just leave the x-ray tap on for longer!

- Can you beat radiation damage?
- Can you measure dynamics
- Can you measure at room temperature?



## Free Electron Lasers : The exploding protein

# Coherent diffractive imaging: A route to imaging at high resolution without lenses



## Serial crystallography: Structure determination from very small crystals

Crystallography of “small”, “radiation sensitive” or “dynamic” samples

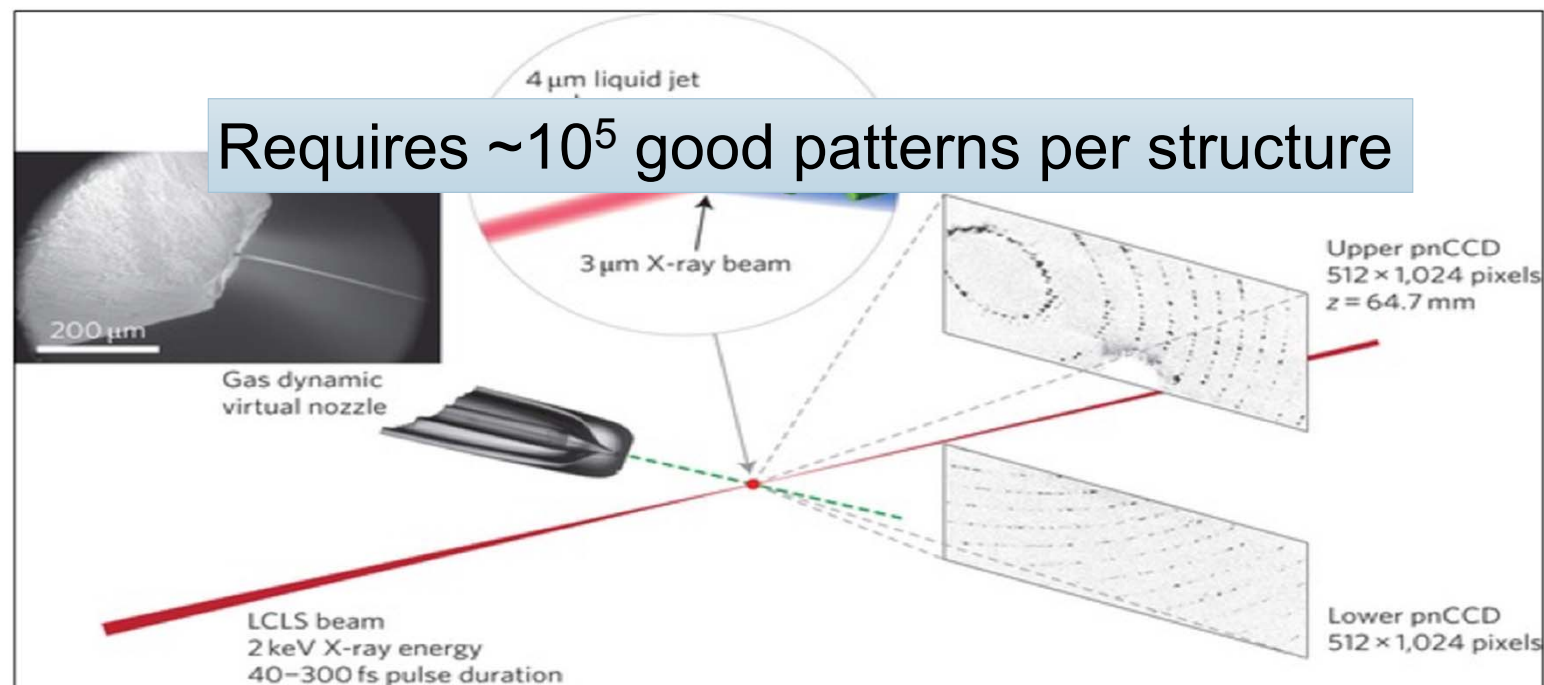
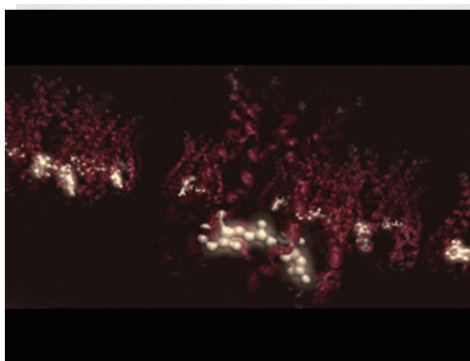


Image from: Barty, et al, Nature Photonics 6, 35–40 (2012)

# Making molecular movies

European XFEL, 2017-1892





## European XFEL Schenefeld *Photon Systems*



August 17 2017

- Schenefeld und Hamburg
- European User Facility for X-ray Science
- Start of operation: July 1. 2017
- First robust users 14. September 2017.



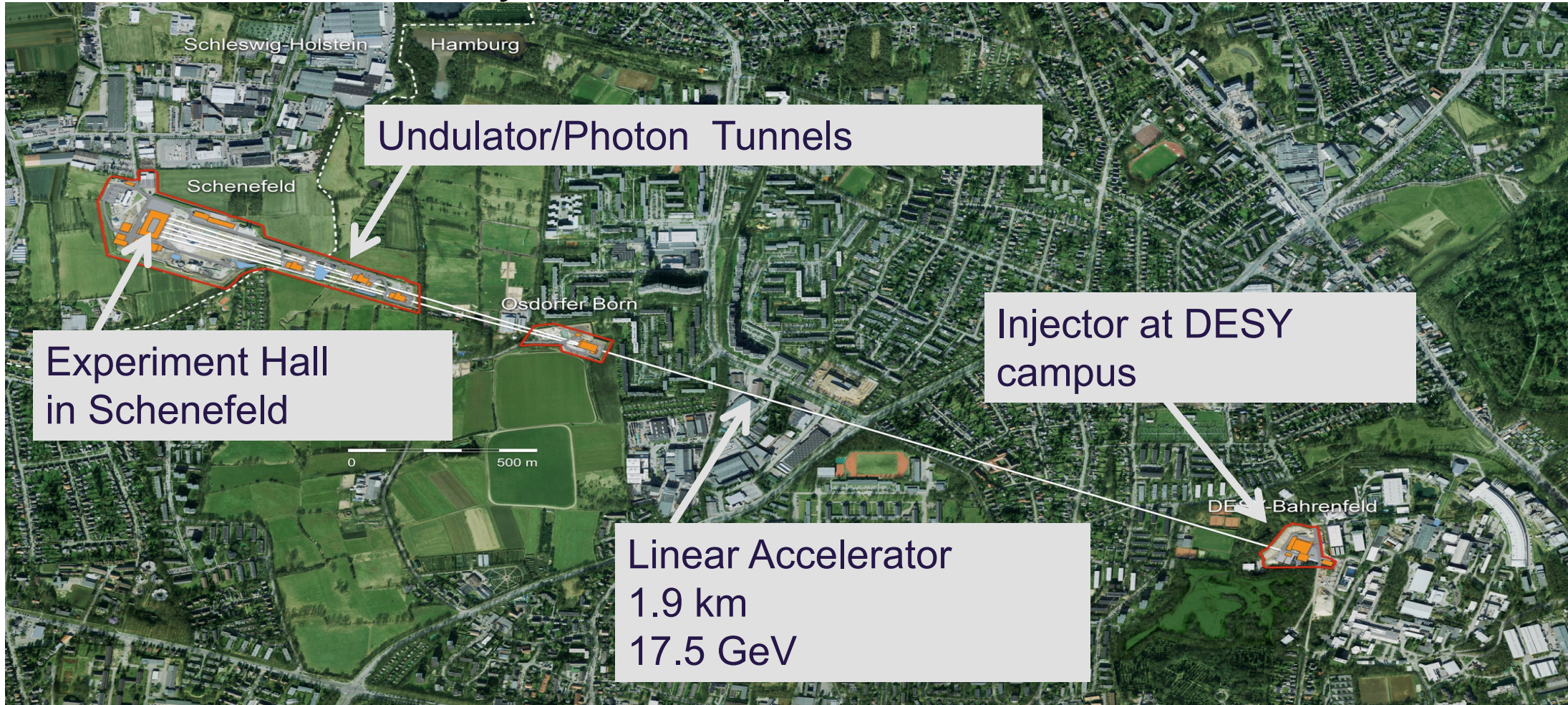


## About the European XFEL

- Start 2009
- Task : Construction and running of the X-ray Laser Facility
- Germany (Bund, Hamburg (65 M€) und Schleswig-Holstein (25M€) ) 58%, Russia 27 %, Italy 3%, others 1–3%
- DESY operates the accelerator
- Staff XFEL about 350, Staff @ DESY about 250
- Start of operation 1. July 2017
  - 1,22 Mrd. € (2005 prices)
  - 600 Mio € in cash, 600 Mio € in-kind
  - Yearly running costs 117,6 Mio € (2018)

**FP11**    Flaggenleiste mit HH und S-H? Gerade wegen letzterem.  
Poppe, Frank; 30.01.2017

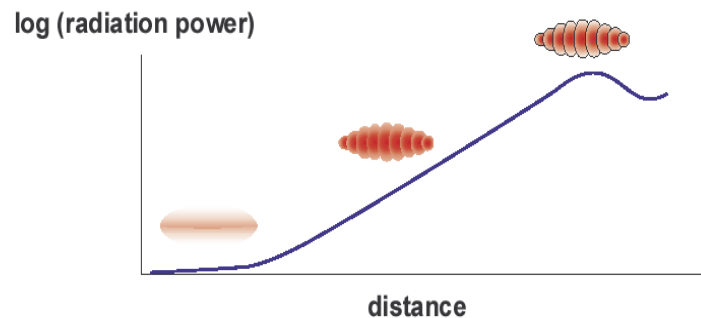
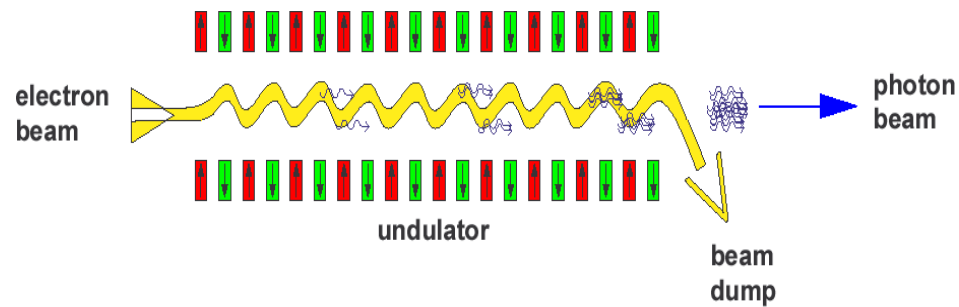
# General layout of the European XFEL

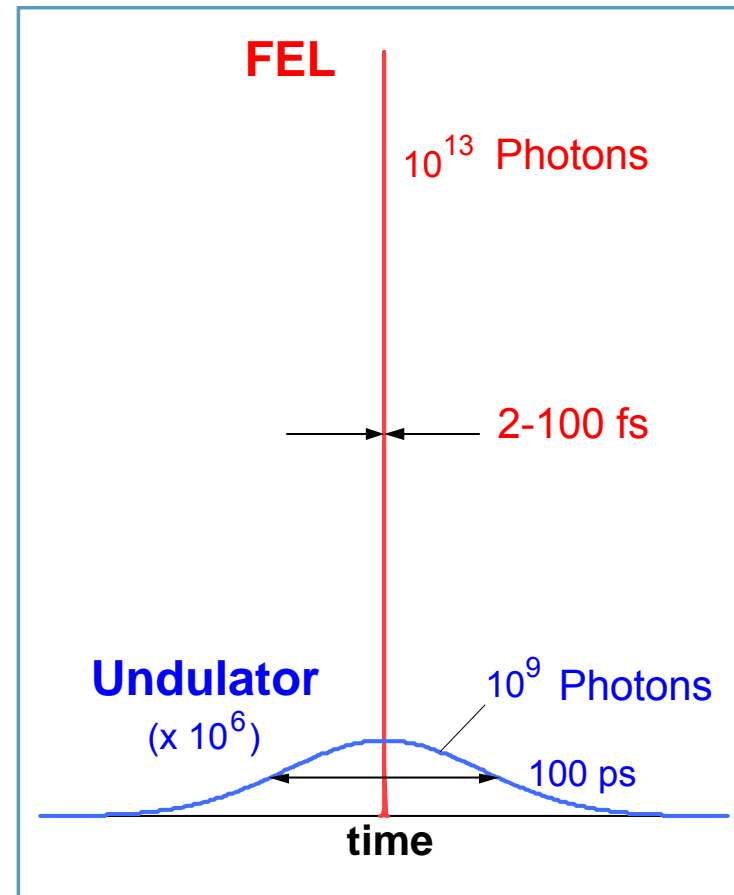
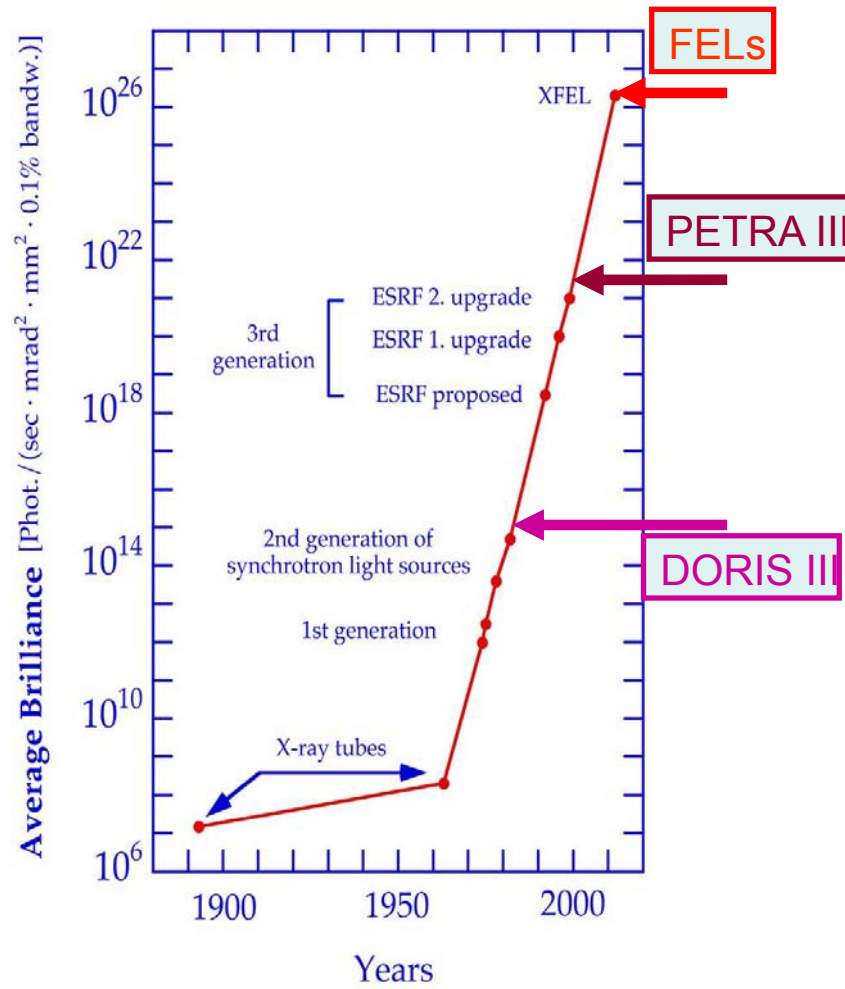




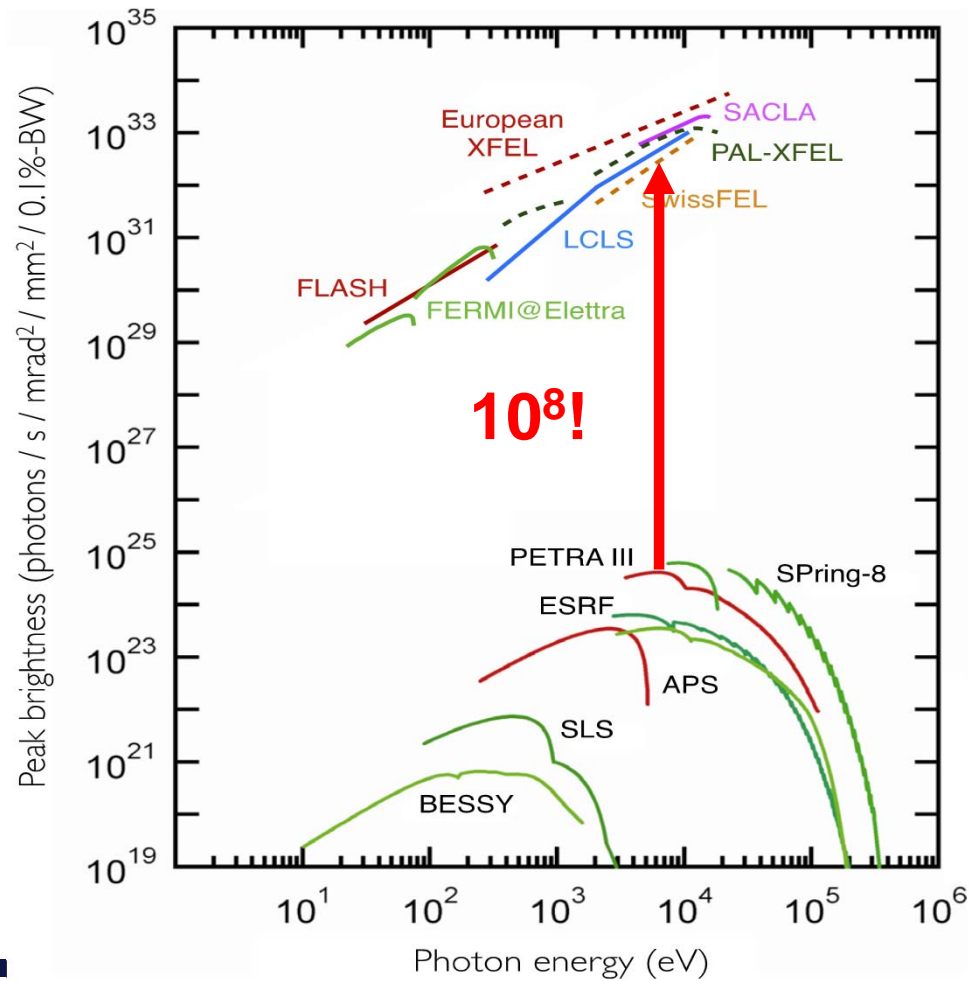
## Self Amplified Spontaneous Emission

Tightly collimated (low emittance) electron beam in a long undulator: coherent emission results from **microbunching**, produced by amplification of **shot-noise density fluctuations at the resonant wavelength** by the radiation, as it progresses through the bunch.





## Comparison Synchrotrons vs Free Electron Lasers



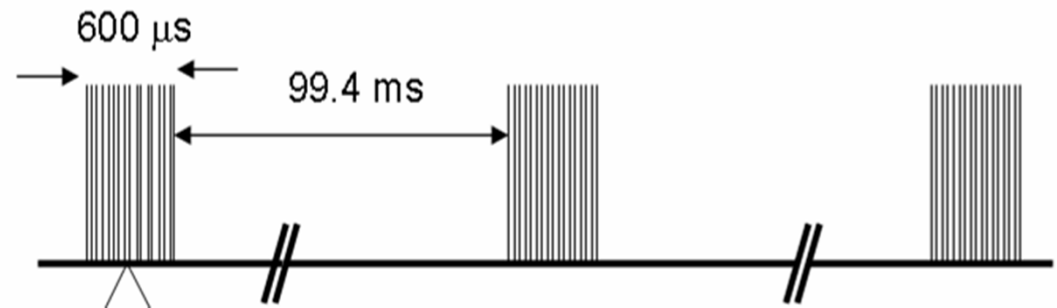
### Free Electron Lasers:

- Based on Linear Accelerators
- Deliver ultrashort pulses ( $< 100 \text{ fs} = 0.1 \text{ ps} = 10^{-13} \text{ s}$ )
- (Transversely) Spatially coherent (laser-like) radiation



## Key parameters of European XFEL

Parameter	Value
Electron Energy	8.5 – 17.5 GeV
Photon energy	0.26 - >25 keV
Pulse duration	2 – 100 fs
Seeding	In preparation
# of pulses	27000 /s
# of FELs	3
# of instruments	6
Start of operation	2017



- Specific electron & x-ray beam delivery pattern
  - Follows from pulsed RF system
  - Trains of e-/x-ray pulses
  - Max. = 2.700 per train / 27.000 per sec
  
- High average brilliance
- Feedback & time and space stabilization
- Dedicated pulse delivery

## Comparison of the hard X-ray FEL Projects

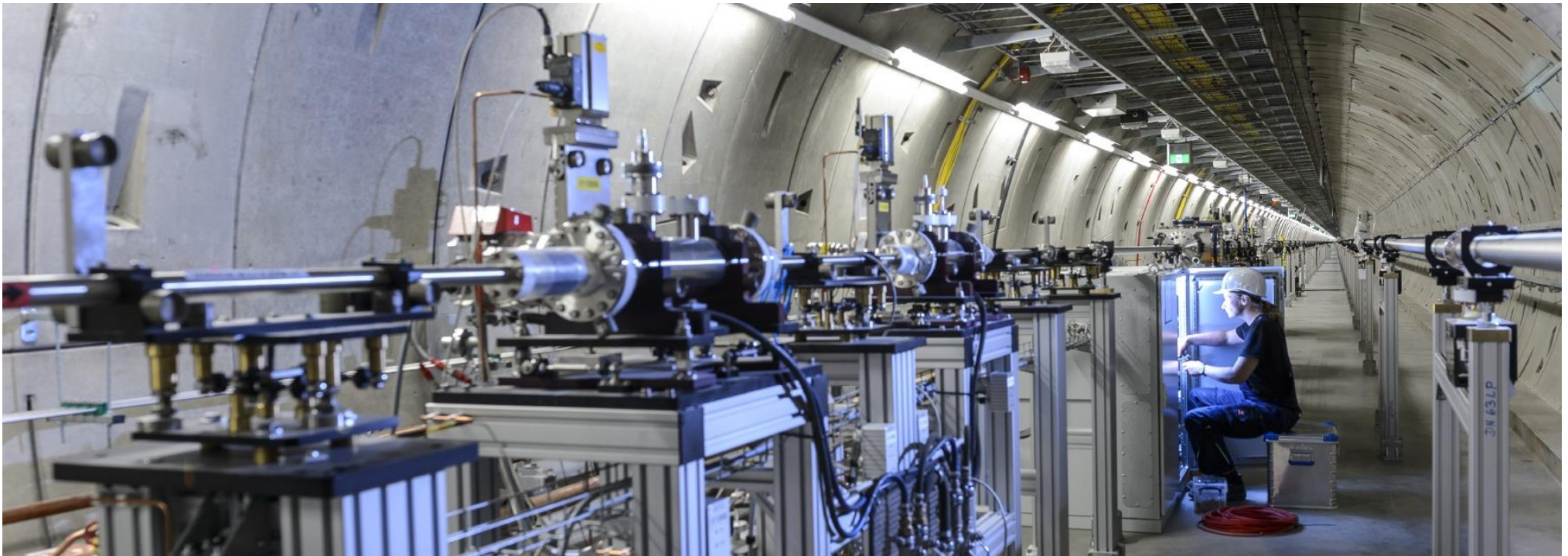
Project	LCLS I, US	SACLA, JP	European XFEL	SwissFEL, CH	PAL-XFEL, KR	LCLS II, US
Max. electron energy (GeV)	14.3	8.5	17.5	5.8	10	4
Wavelength range (nm)	0.1–4.4	0.06–0.3	0.05–4.7	0.1–7	0.06–10	0.25 – 4.7
Photons/pulse	$\sim 10^{12}$	$2 \times 10^{11}$	$\sim 10^{12}$	$\sim 3.6 \times 10^{10}$	$10^{11}$ – $10^{13}$	$2 \times 10^{11}$ – $2 \times 10^{10}$
Peak brilliance	$2 \times 10^{33}$	$1 \times 10^{33}$	$5 \times 10^{33}$	$7 \times 10^{32}$	$1.3 \times 10^{33}$	
Pulses/second	120	60	27 000	100	60	$10^5$ - $10^6$
Date of first beam	2009	2011	2017	2016	2016	2019

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## Undulators in tunnel

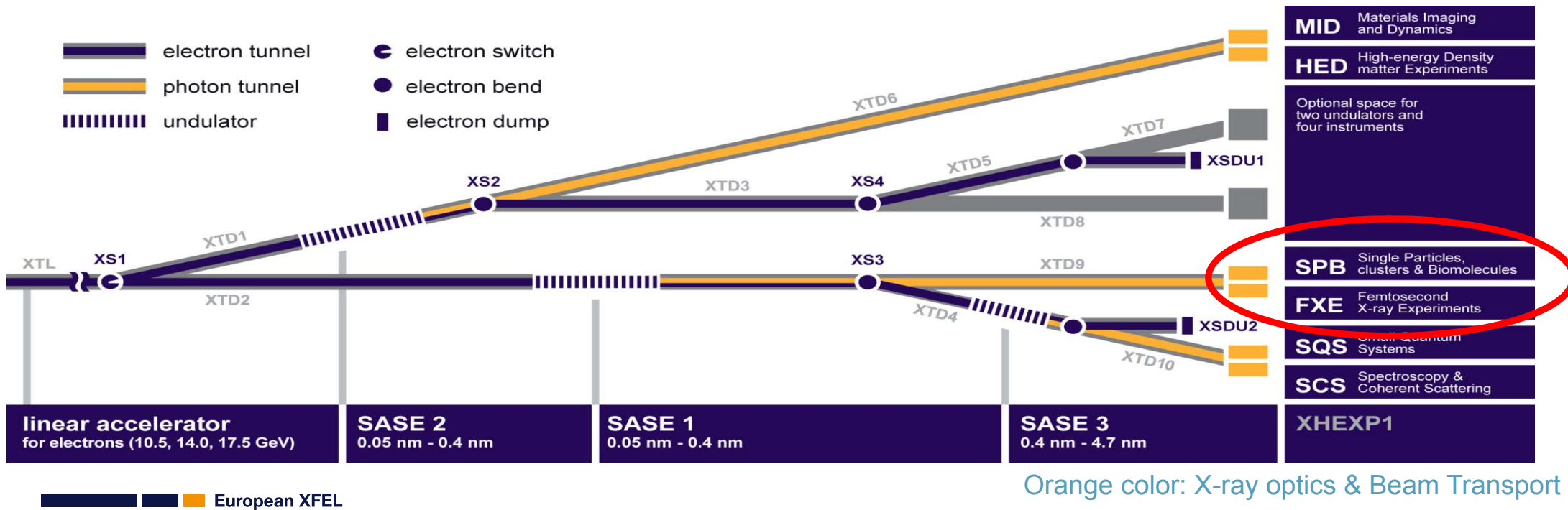


## Photon beamlines



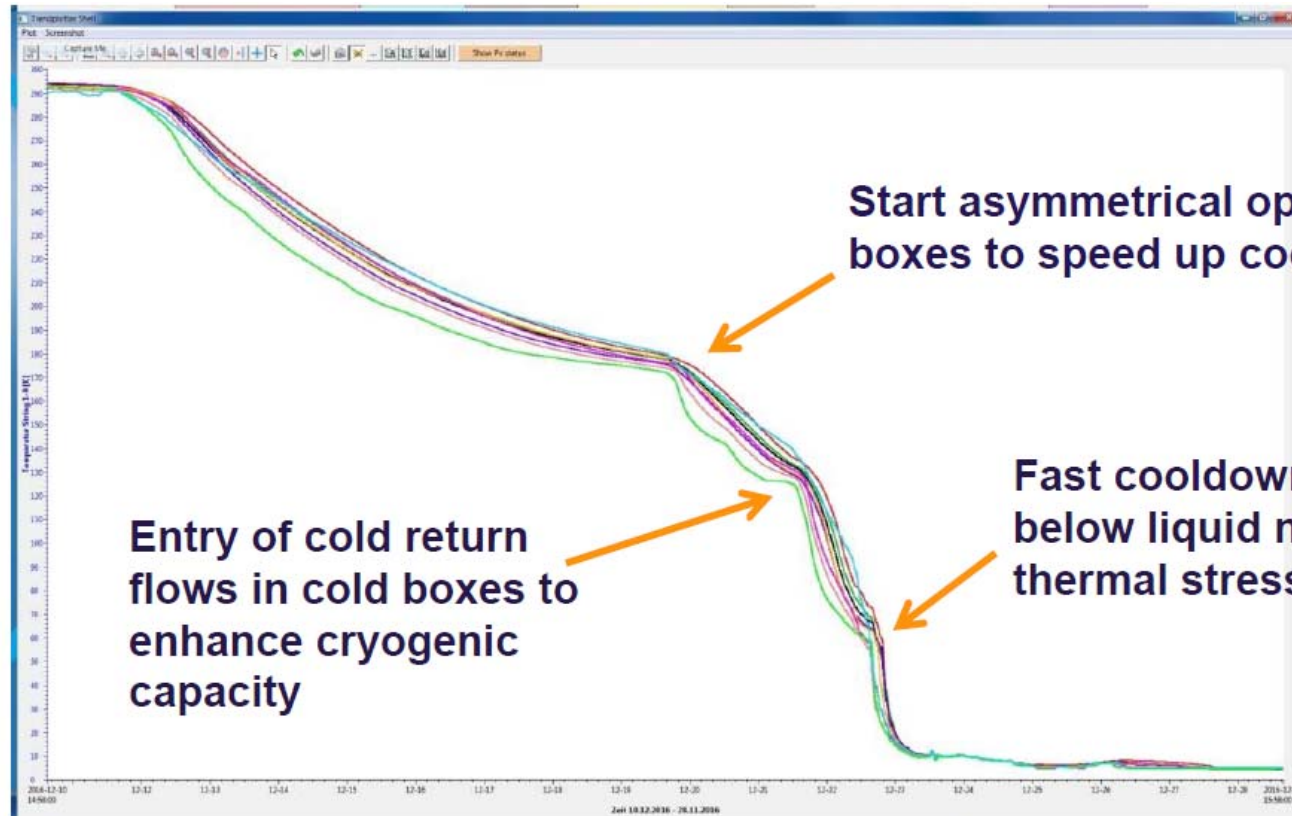


Undulator Segment	FEL radiation energy [keV]	Wavelength [nm]
SASE 1	3 - over 24 (Hard XR)	0.4 - 0.05
SASE 2	3 - over 24	0.4 - 0.05
SASE 3	0.27 - 3 (Soft XR)	4.6 - 0.4



Orange color: X-ray optics & Beam Transport

# 10.12.2016: Start of Accelerator Commissioning First Cooldown of XFEL Linac (300K to 4K)



Start asymmetrical operation of two cold boxes to speed up cooldown

Entry of cold return flows in cold boxes to enhance cryogenic capacity

Fast cooldown at temperatures below liquid nitrogen (no more thermal stress)

10.12.2016



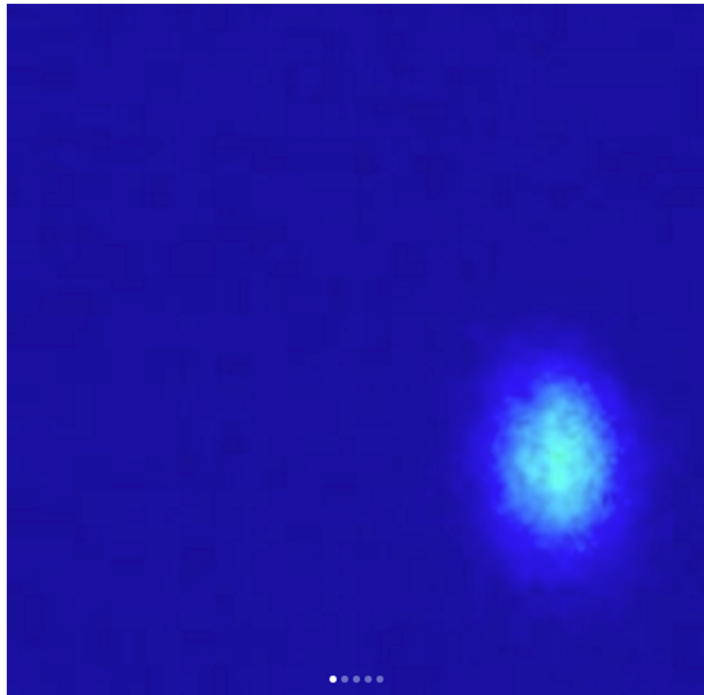
No Cold Leaks




## SPB/SFX experimental hutch in March 2017

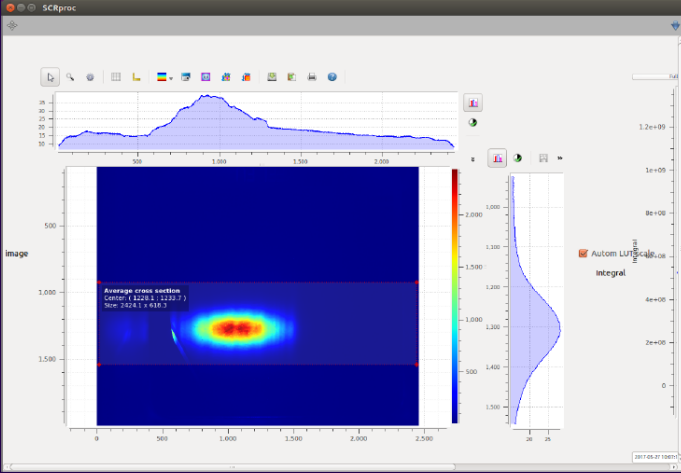
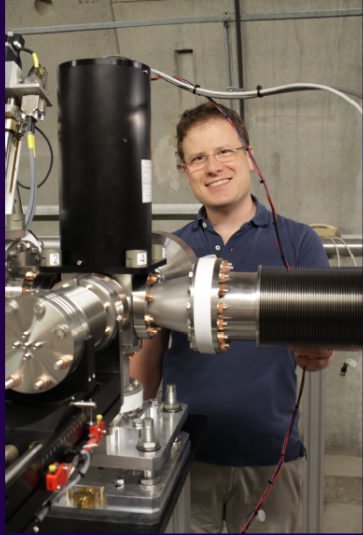


## First lasing SASE1 May 2 2017 @ 9Å



# ■ Lasing at 2 Å on May 24 and beam at the end of tunnel May 27

 Commemorating European XFEL's first X-ray beam at the end of the tunnel.

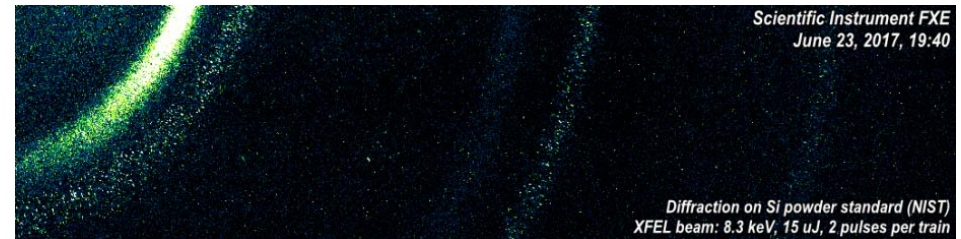


Klaus Giewekemeyer, SPB/SFX Instrument



# Beam in Experimental Stations SPB/SFX and FXE June 23.

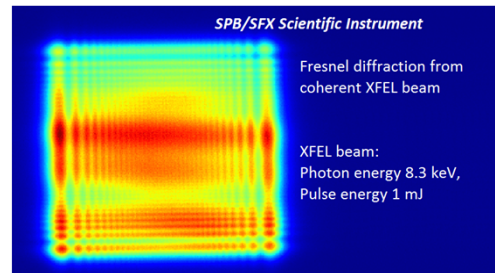
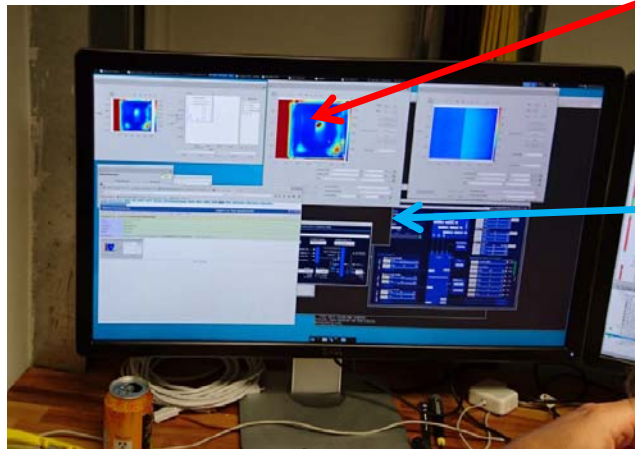
- Interlock test on June 6 cancelled due to cable problems
- Interlock TÜV test made successfully June 20



Beam



Karabo



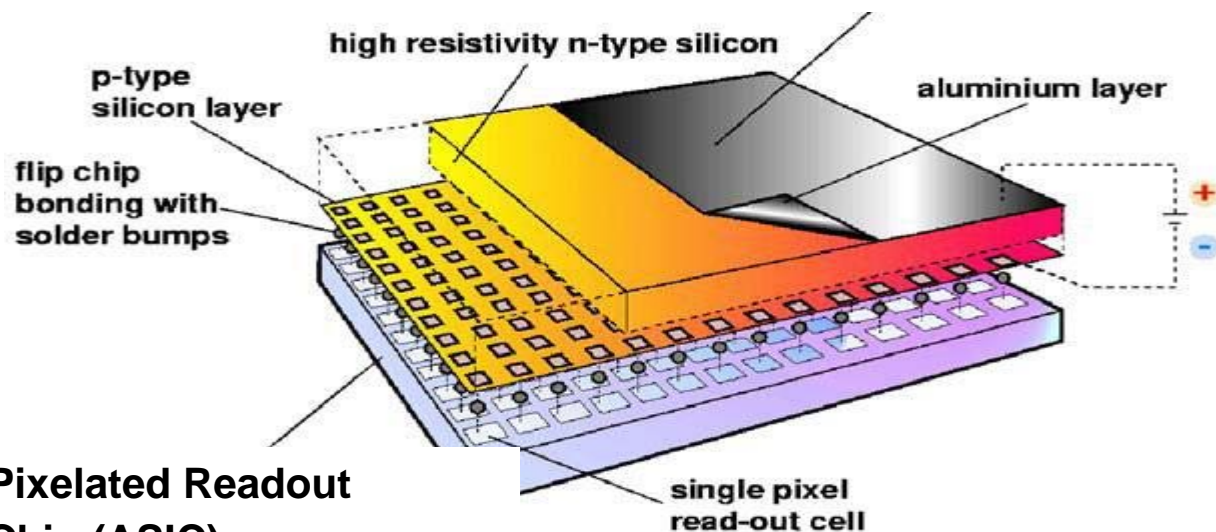
Beamshutter opens

## FXE scientific instrument



## European XFEL Fast 2D Imagers – Hybrid Pixel Detectors

### Pixelated Silicon Sensor



### Pixelated Readout Chip (ASIC)

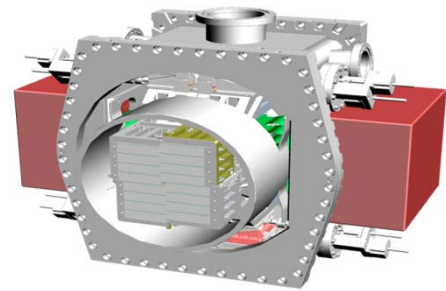
- Analog or digital memory
  - Capacity up to 800 memory cells/pixel
- Veto and trigger capability
  - Overwrite empty images -> reduce data rate

- Direct photon detection with Silicon sensor
  - High quantum efficiency
- Signal processing by read-out chip in each pixel
  - Amplification, AD conversion, storage in memory
- Fast read out up to several MHz and low power consumption
- Al entrance window
  - Optical/IR light blocking filter



## European XFEL Fast 2D Imagers

### Adaptive Gain Integrating Pixel De-tector (AGIPD)



**Energy Range**

3 – 13 (25) keV



**Dynamic Range**

$10^4$  ph/px/pulse@12 keV

**Single Photon Sens.**

Yes

**Memory** ≈380 images

**Pixel Size**  $200 \times 200 \mu\text{m}^2$

### Large Pixel Detector (LPD)



**Energy Range**

3 – 13 (25) keV



**Dynamic Range**

$10^5$  ph/px/pulse@12 keV

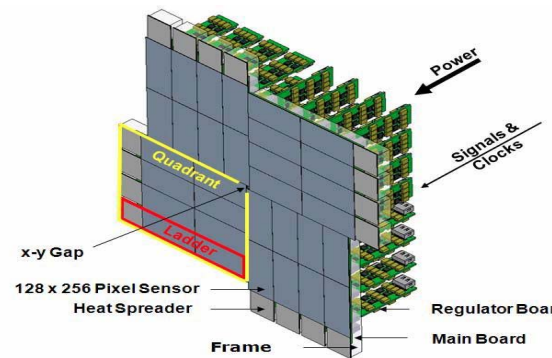
**Single Photon Sens.**

Yes

**Memory** ≈512 images

**Pixel Size**  $500 \times 500 \mu\text{m}^2$

### MiniSDD Sensor with Signal Compression (DSSC)



**Energy Range**

0.5 – 6 (25) keV



**Dynamic Range**

≈100 ph/px/pulse@1 keV

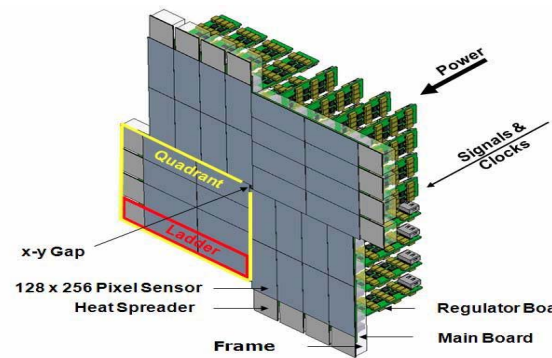
**Single Photon Sens.**

No

**Memory** ≈800 images

**Pixel Size**  $236 \times 236 \mu\text{m}^2$

### DePFET Sensor with Signal Compression (DSSC)



**Energy Range**

0.5 – 6 (25) keV



**Dynamic Range**

6000 ph/px/pulse@1 keV

**Single Photon Sens.**

Yes

**Memory** ≈800 images

**Pixel Size**  $236 \times 236 \mu\text{m}^2$

## The LPD Detector



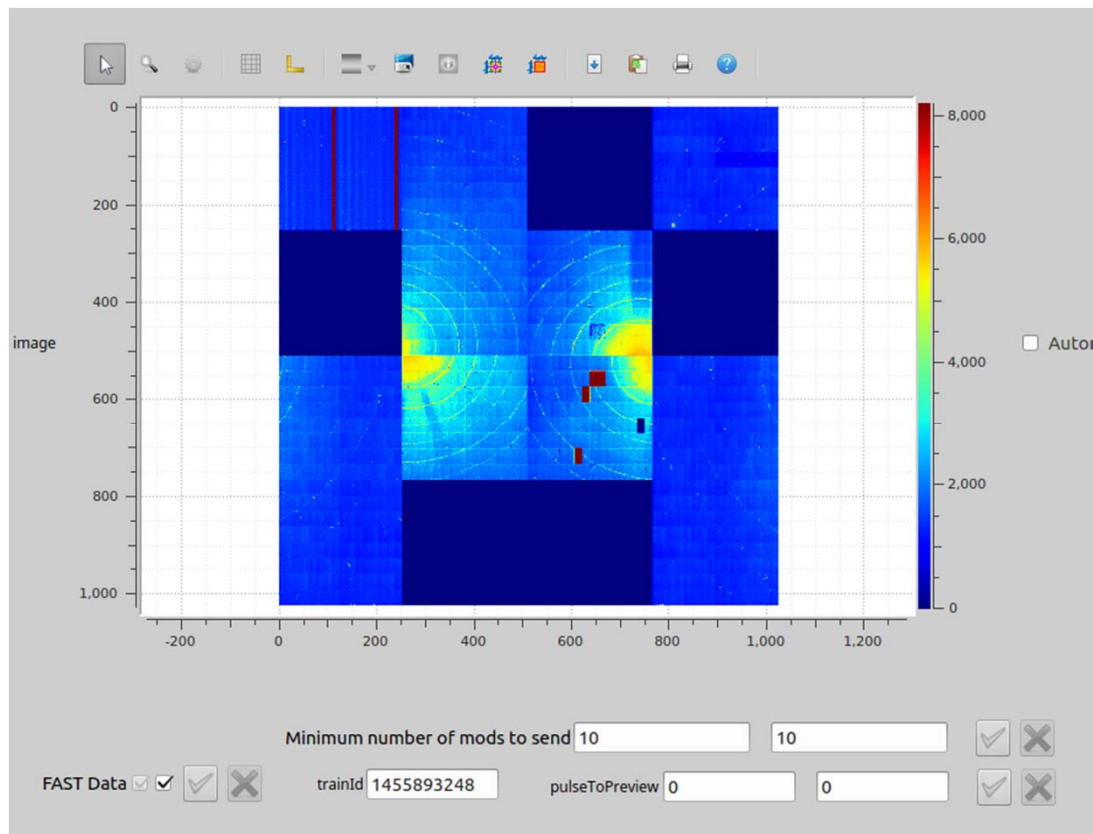
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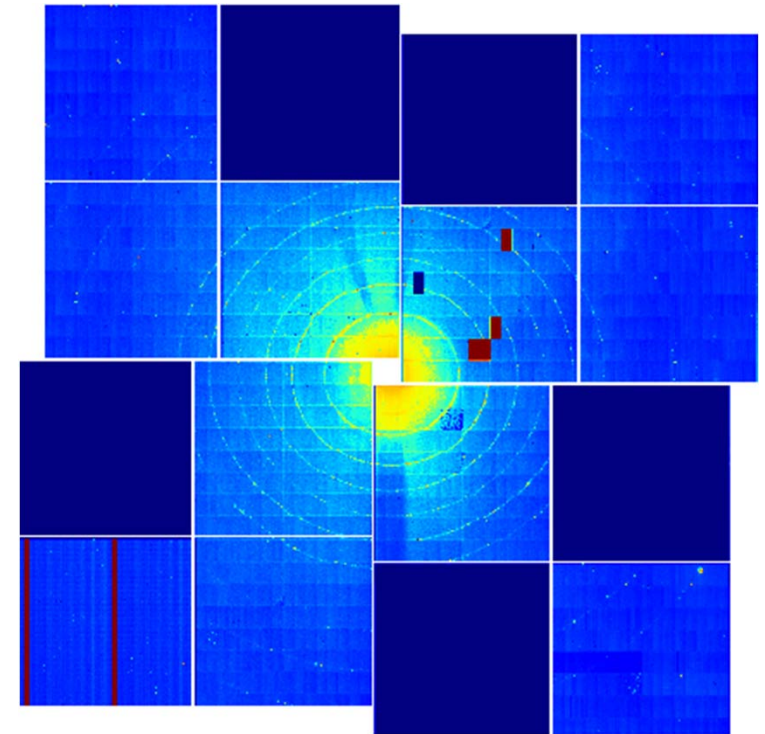
## LPD tests at FXE, 12-13.08

LaB<sub>6</sub> calibration powder, ~140 mm to detector

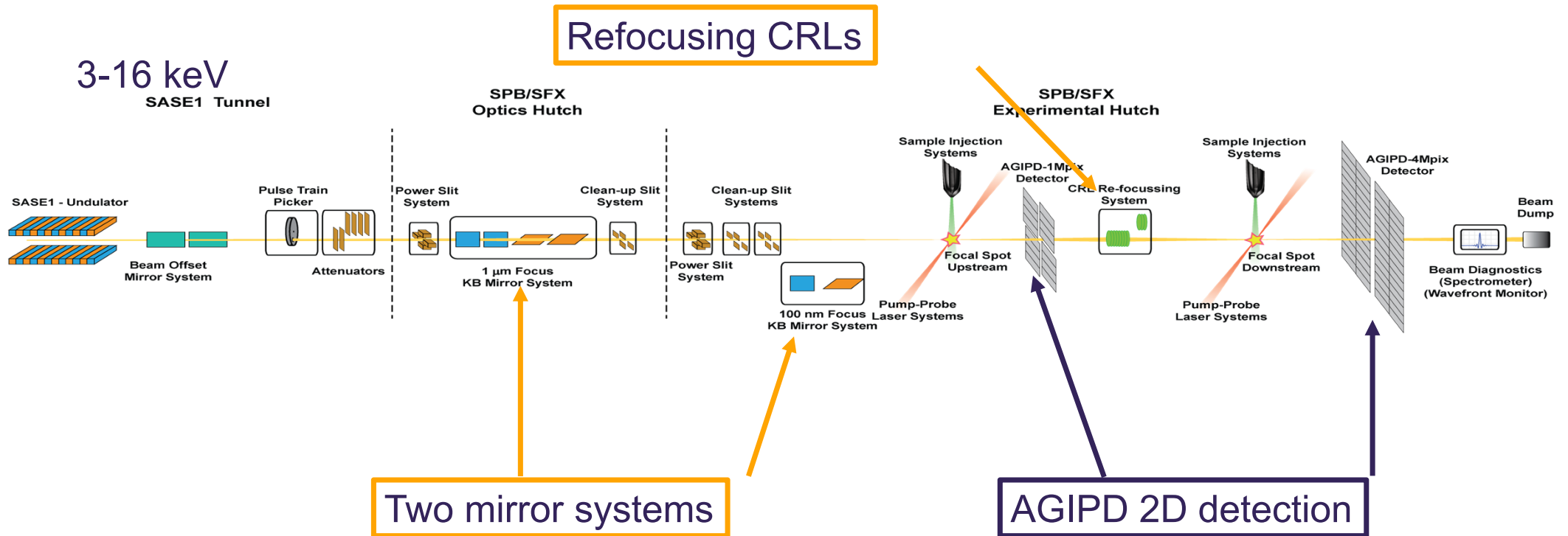
LPD single shot image; per train 2 images filled, 30 are empty as should



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# Schematic overview of the SPB/SFX Instrument



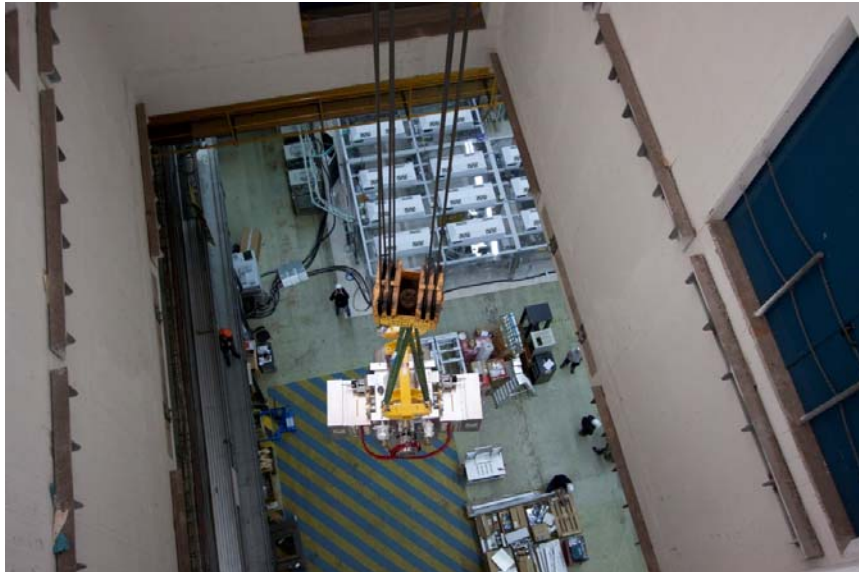
[1] A. P. Mancuso and H. N. Chapman, International Workshop on Science with and Instrumentation for Ultrafast Coherent Diffraction Imaging of Single Particles, Clusters, and Biomolecules (SPB) at the European XFEL (2011).

[2] A. P. Mancuso, Conceptual Design Report: Scientific Instrument SPB, 2011. [dx.doi.org/10.3204/XFEL.EU/TR-2011-007](https://dx.doi.org/10.3204/XFEL.EU/TR-2011-007)

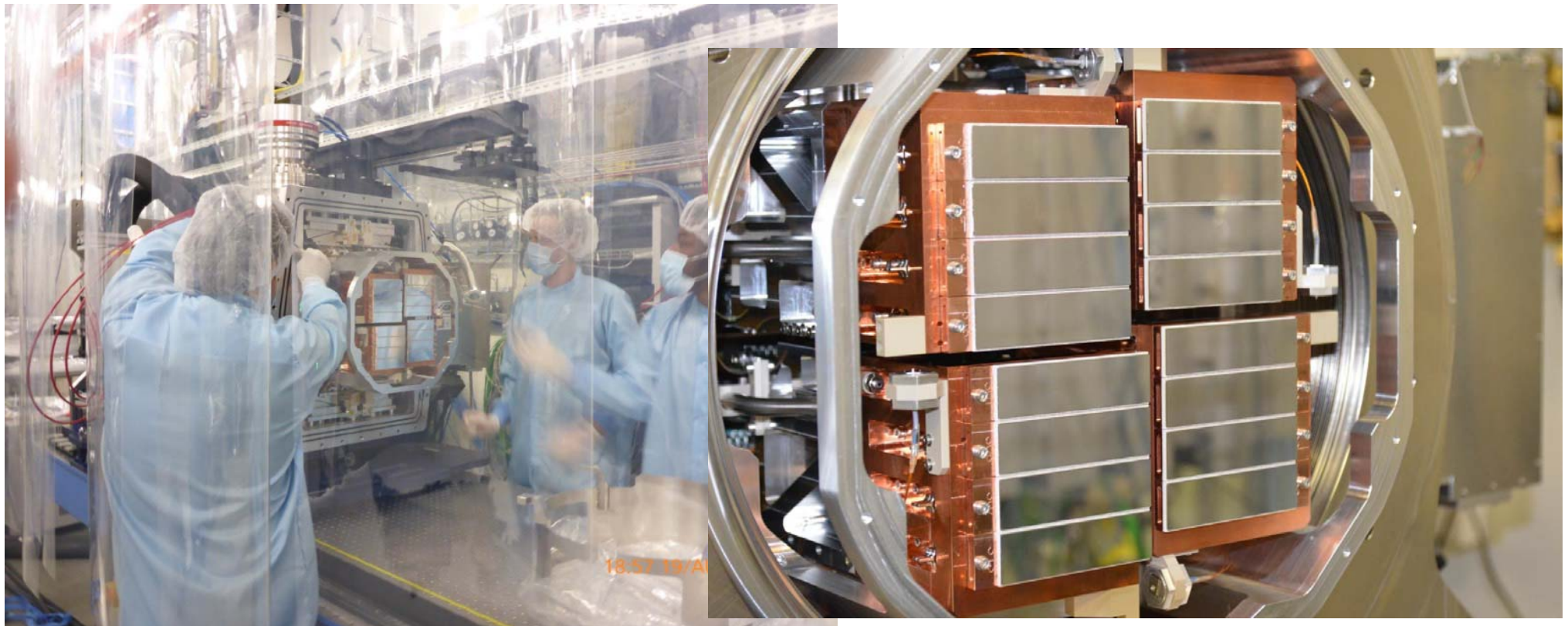
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## AGIPD detector arrives at Experimental Hall beginning of August

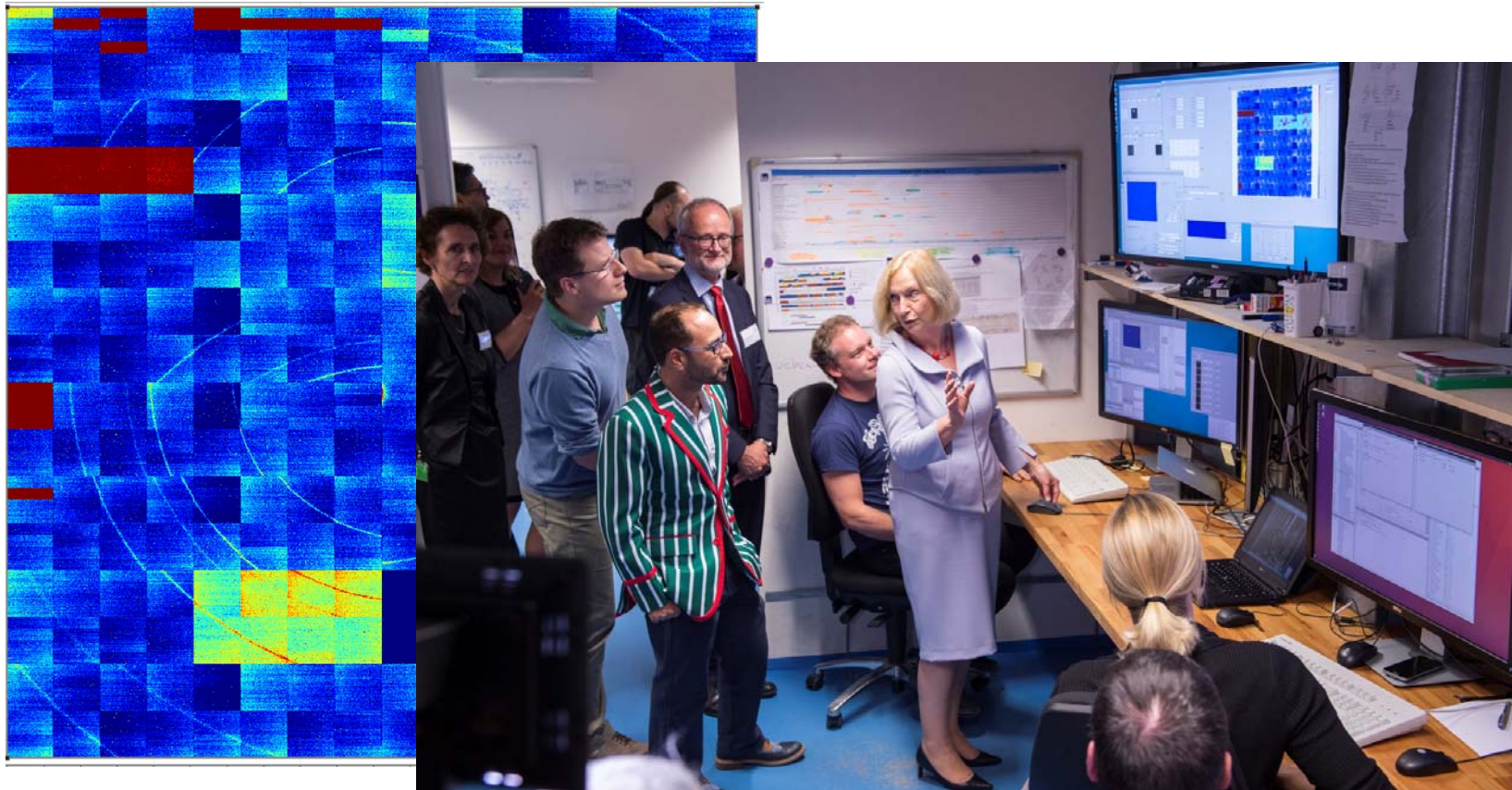


## AGIPD Detector at SPB/SFX





■ First scattered FEL beam in AGIPD on September 1.



# Inauguration Sept



Wissenschaftler Prof. Christian Bressler

Hamburg  
„Basis für die Innovationen“

Знание – сила      Издается с апреля 1998 года      Подписные индексы 53769, 53861

# ПРЕОДОЛЕТЬ ПРЕДЕЛ

Торжественная церемония открытия европейского рентгеновского лазера на свободных электронах XFEL прошла первого сентября в Гамбурге. Россию представлял на ней помощник президента РФ А.А. Фурсенко. Первыми российскими учеными, которые проведут с помощью лазера свои эксперименты уже в сентябре

хрононе, которые введут наши университеты, — сказал Попов.

По его словам, для России сейчас важно восстанавливать среду, которая могла бы работать с подобной научной инфраструктурой.

«Мы начинаем говорить о создании исследовательского парка — реактор ПИК в Гатчино. Поэтому и необходимо применение лазера на свободных электронах. Знать структуру синглетного состояния нужно, чтобы понять, как минимизировать потери энергии на процессы, не связанные с излучением света, — сказал Сигоненца.

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## Inauguration September 1 2017

## Hamburg shines for the European XFEL



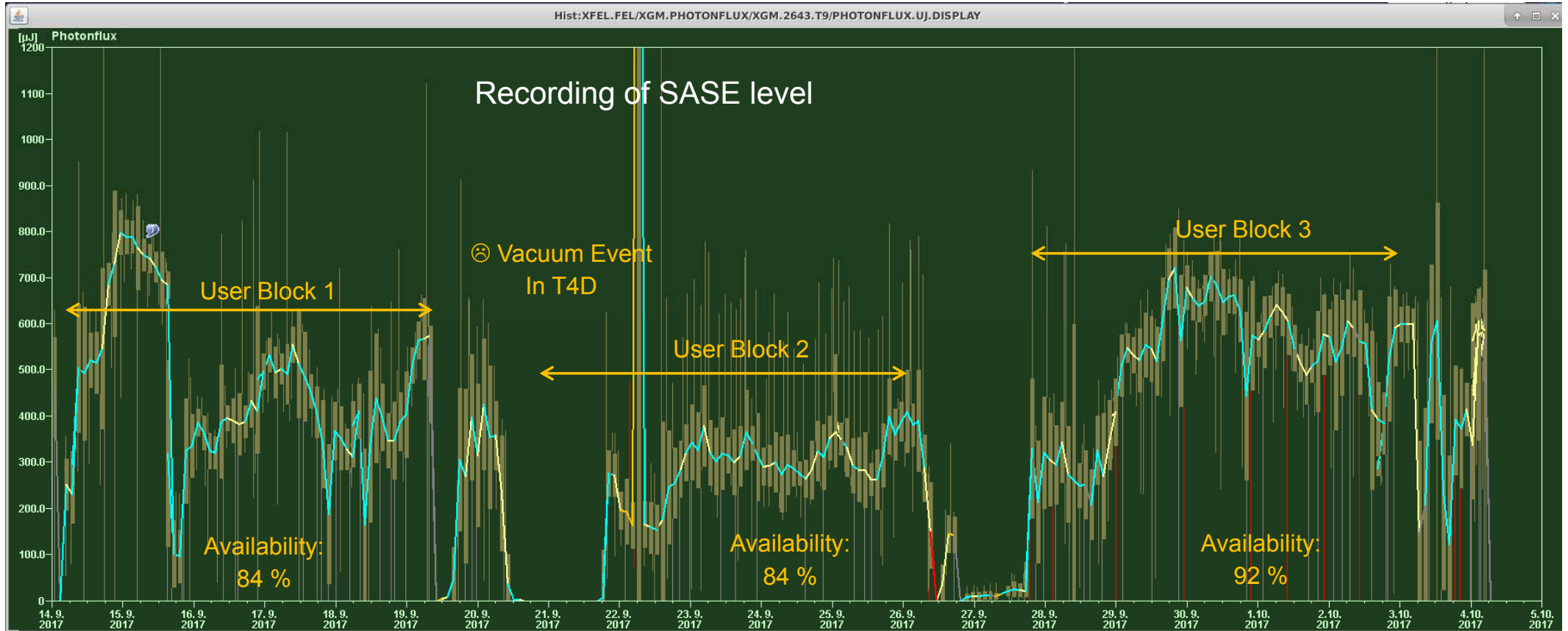
## First users in structural biology – September 14



**Four Months from first lasing to user operation !**

## First User Experiment finished : FXE September 18.

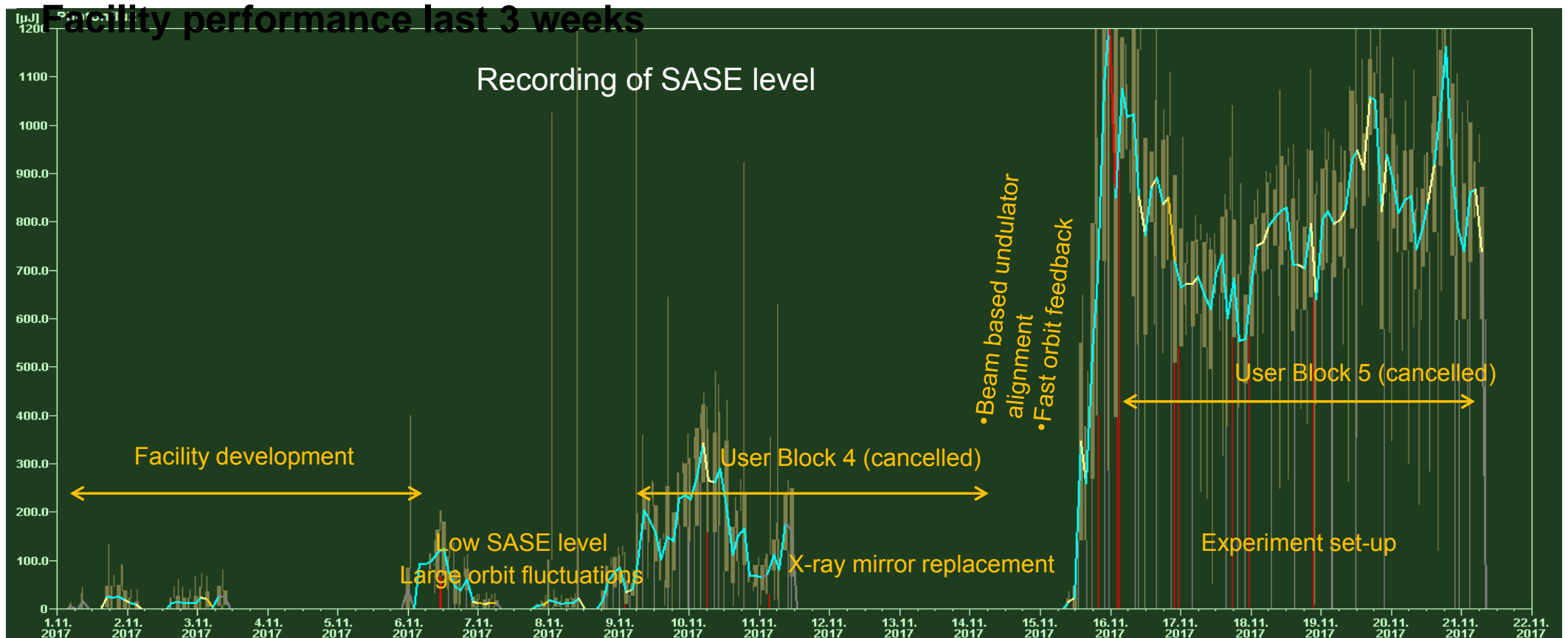




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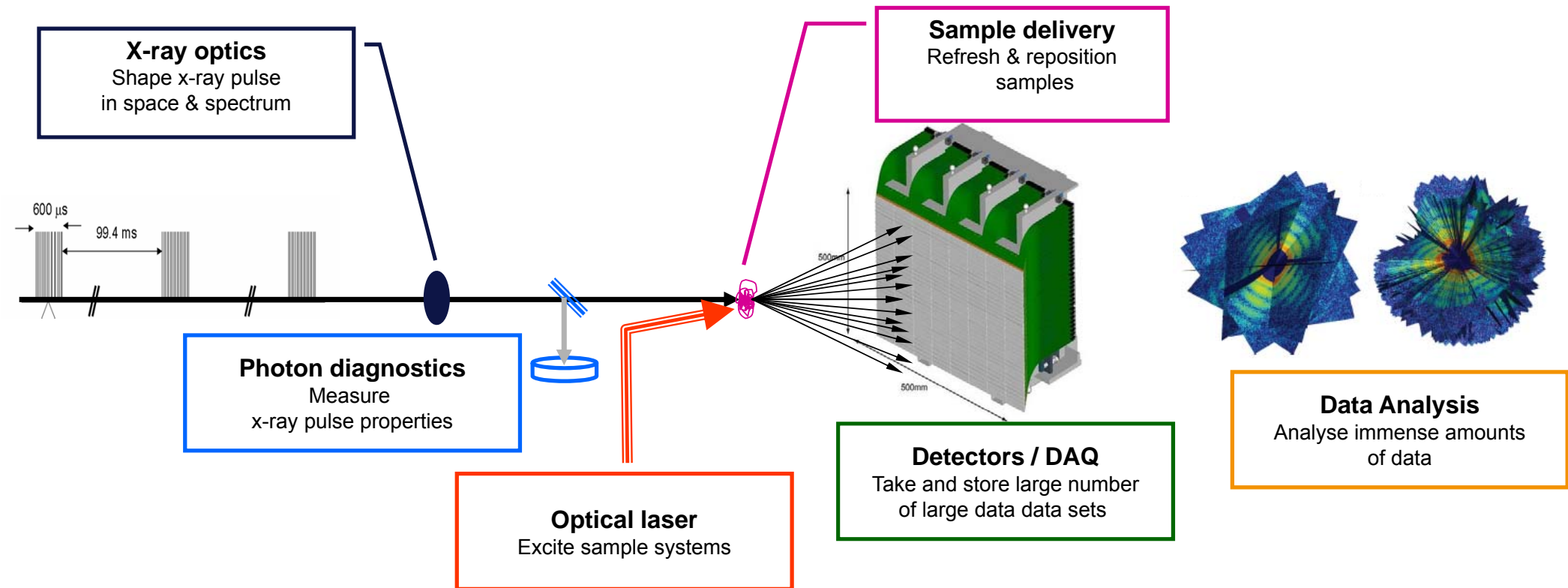
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**First run:**

**Scheduled proposals  
from our website**

No.	Title	Main Proposer	Instrument
2012	Serial Femtosecond Crystallography at MHz repetition rates	A. Barty	SPB/SFX
2013	Internal Structure of the Melbournevirus by Flash X-ray Imaging	F. Maia	SPB/SFX
2016	Tracking ultrafast ligand exchange reactions using combined femtosecond X-ray solution scattering and emission spectroscopy	W. Gawelda	FXE
2017	Collaborative early experiments in time-resolved SFX: i) mix and inject methods	A. Orville	SPB/SFX
2026	Investigating the charge transfer excited state dynamics in mixed-ligand Cu(I) complexes using time-resolved X-ray diffuse scattering	K. Kubicek	FXE
2038	Structural dynamics induced by and studied with XFEL pulses	I. Schlichting	SPB/SFX
2042	Droplet on Demand to Massively Reduce Sample Amount for Time Resolved Serial Femtosecond Crystallography with XFELs	A. Ros	SPB/SFX
2045	Investigation of electronic, structural and solvation dynamics following the metal-to-ligand charge transfer in halogen containing Cu diimine complexes	L. X. Chen	FXE
2046	XFEL pump - optical probe study of ultrafast energy dissipation in semiconductors	T. Sato	SPB/SFX
2050	Unraveling the electronic and structural origin of intramolecular cooperativity in polynuclear transition metal complexes by combined femtosecond X-ray emission spectroscopy and X-ray solution scattering	S. Canton	FXE
2052	Singlet excited state of Cu-based material for Organic Light Emitting Diodes probed with pump-probe X-ray scattering and emission	G. Smolentsev	FXE
2066	Time resolved fs crystallography of electron transfer reactions and the water splitting process in Photosynthesis	P. Fromme	SPB/SFX
2072	Structural dynamics in the binding of messenger molecules to heme proteins	D. Kinschel	FXE
2073	Atomic-scale rearrangements after photon absorption in the hybrid perovskites	A. Lindenberg	FXE

## Complexity of Experiments:



## SPB/SFX experiment #2012: Many thousands of frames of diffraction data was collected and successfully analysed to give a structure!

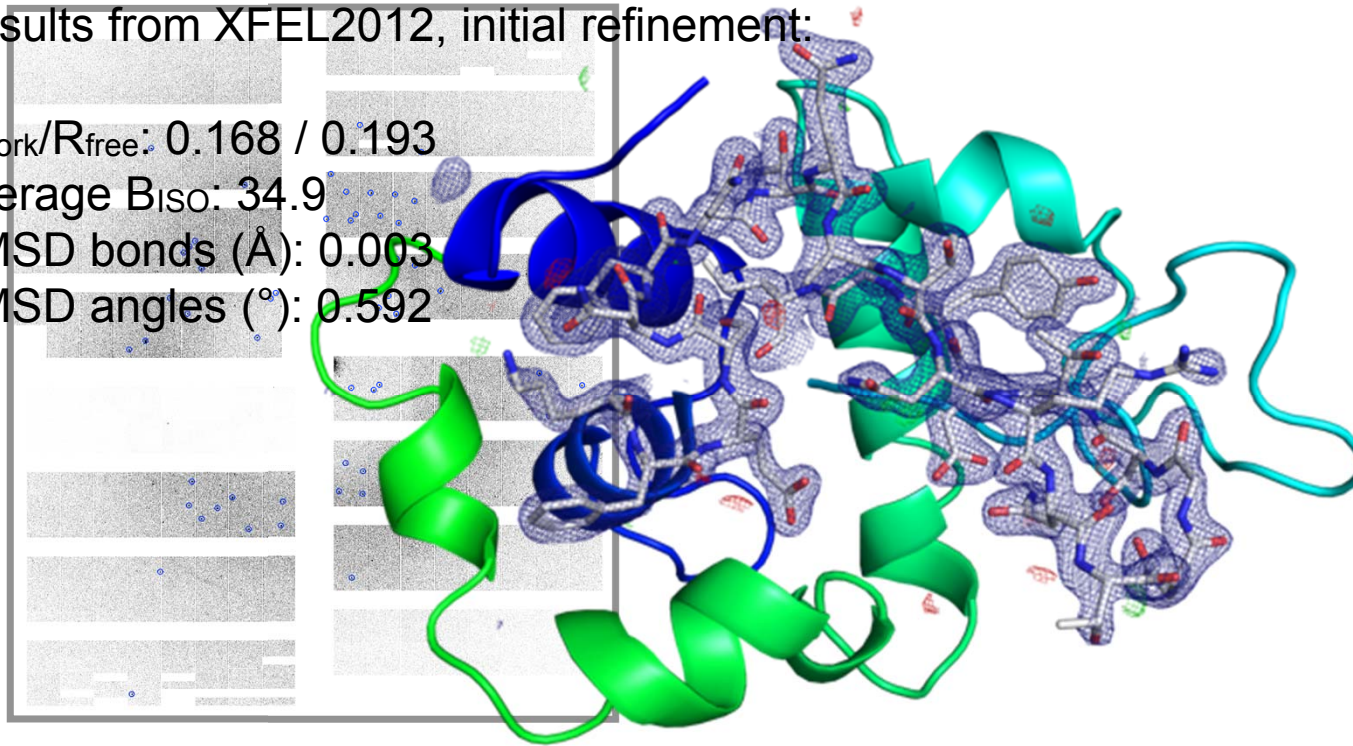
Results from XFEL2012, initial refinement:

$R_{\text{work}}/R_{\text{free}}$ : 0.168 / 0.193

Average  $B_{\text{iso}}$ : 34.9

RMSD bonds (Å): 0.003

RMSD angles (°): 0.592



- This is the first realisation of the European XFEL's purpose—a complete experiment from start-to-end demonstrated in the very first user experiment at the facility at the SPB/SFX instrument (Data September 2017, Analysis November 2017). That is, structural biology works at XFEL!



**XFEL 2066:  
Time resolved fs crystallography of  
electron transfer reactions in  
Photosynthesis**

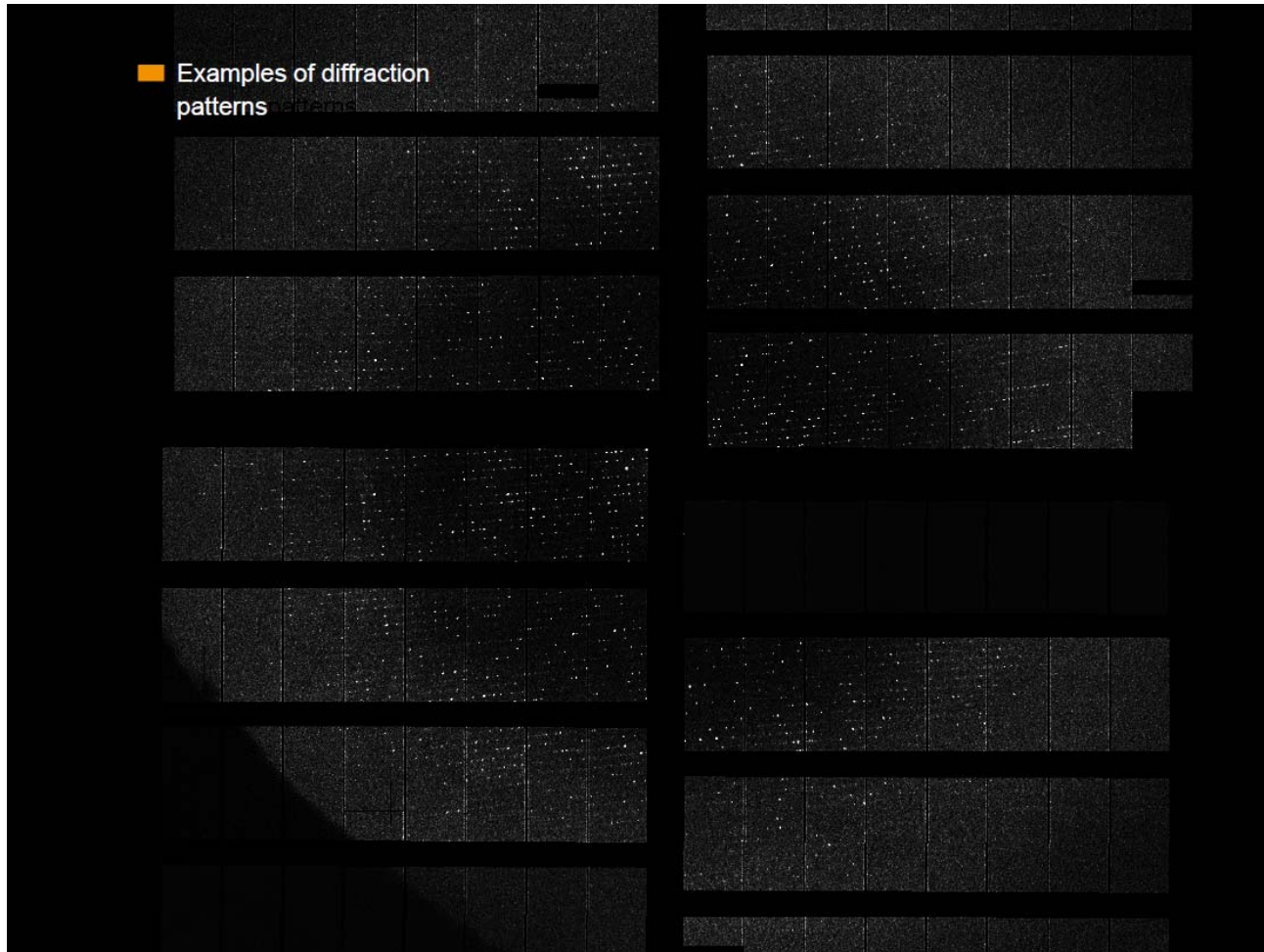


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**EuXFEL experiment 2066, November 23-26  
4 Day Shifts**

**Post-experiment summary November 27,  
2017**



# FXE: Pump-probe Scattering on aqueous Fe SCO solutions (Experiment #2050)

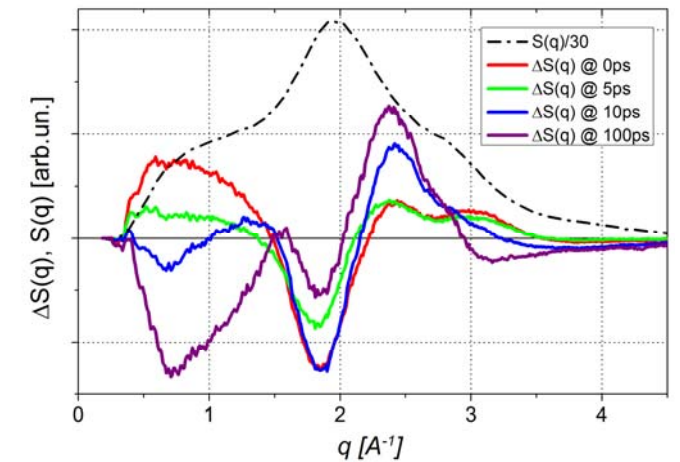
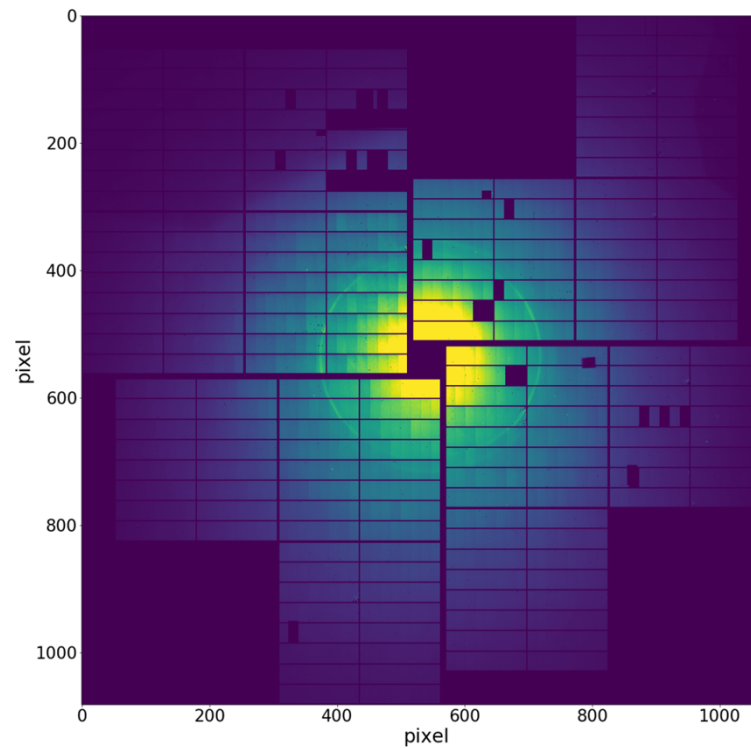
30 bunches/train, 9.3 keV, ~800uJ/pulse, focused to ~20  $\mu\text{m}$

LPD XFEL, 15 min collection, 1<sup>st</sup> pulse of train

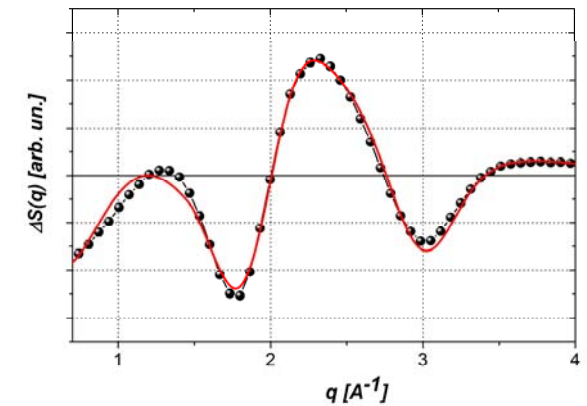
Large Pixel Detector, 4.5 MHz framerate



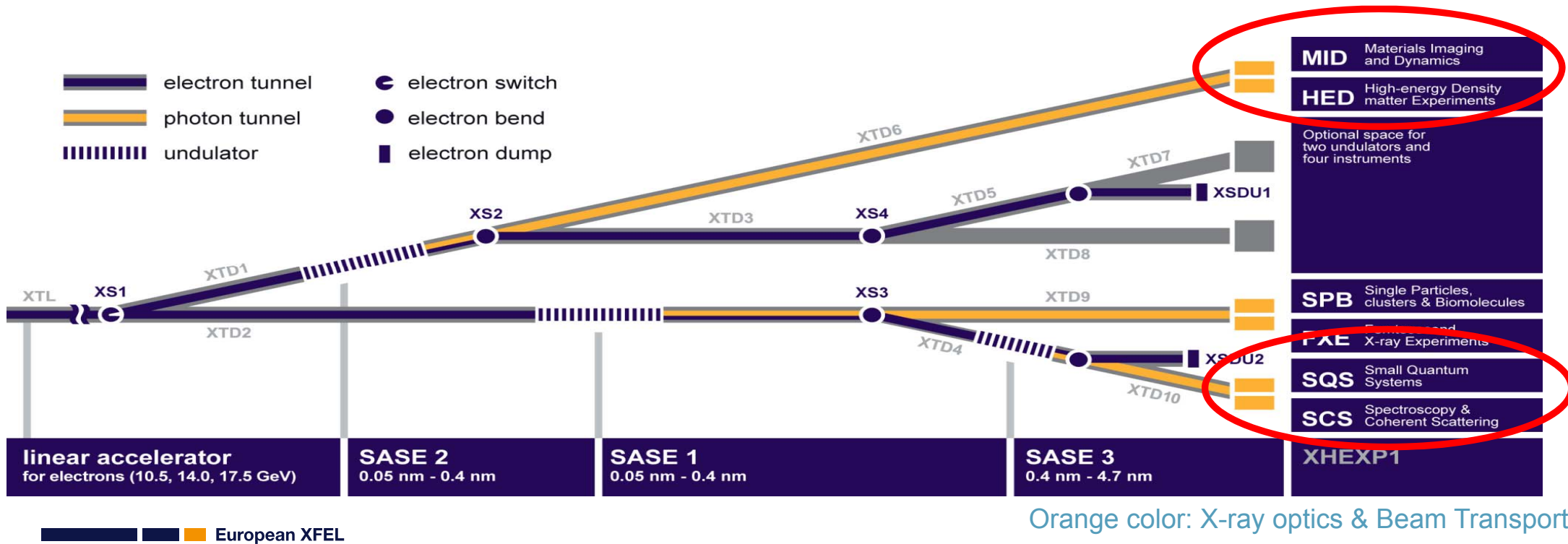
Scattering from 100  $\mu\text{m}$  jet, 5 trains summed



Synchrotron, 100 ps delay, 8h collection time



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SASE 3	0.27 - 3 (Soft XR)	4.6 - 0.4



Orange color: X-ray optics & Beam Transport



## Plans for 2018

### ■ SASE1:

- Continuous improvement of understanding lasing performance
- Enhance flexibility and stability

### ■ SASE2:

- Commission electron beam path (February)
- First lasing (May)
- Commission photon systems (May-June)

### ■ SASE3:

- First lasing (Feb)
- Commission photon systems (distributed over year, influences SASE1 operation)

■ *Courtesy Winni Decking*

## Plans for 2018

### ■ Electron beam energy

- Continue optimizing RF stations (parasitically, about 2 weeks/station)
- Finish installation/repair of CS9 – ready by July
- Commission CS9 and reach 17.5 GeV in July/August

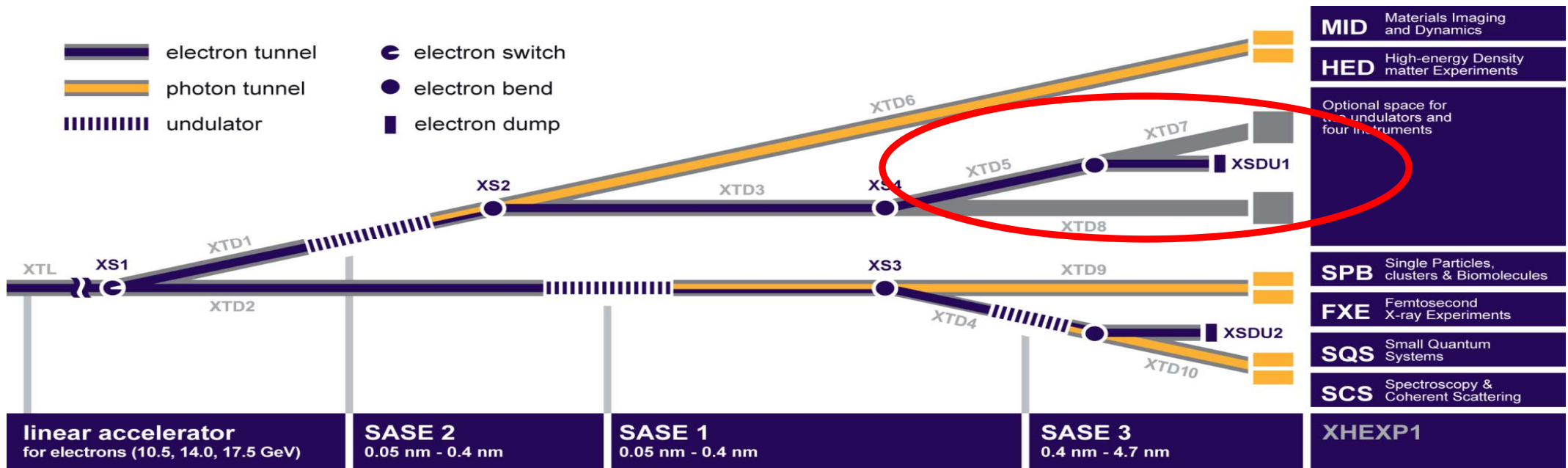
### ■ Bunch number

- 27000 bunches/second in XTL by end of the year
- 6000 bunches/second in routine operation into north & south branch by end of the year
- 3000 bunches/second lasing in SASE1 by mid of the year

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■ ■ ■ European XFEL

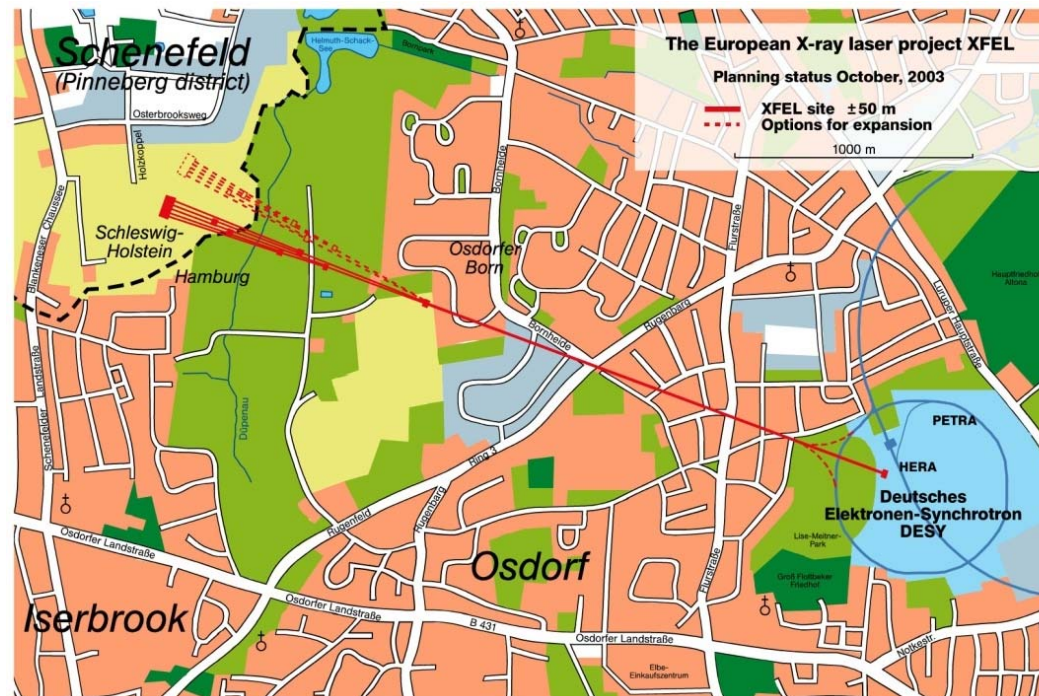
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■ Long term plan (~ 2027 - 2032) . Second fan and c.w.





**Thank you for your attention**

