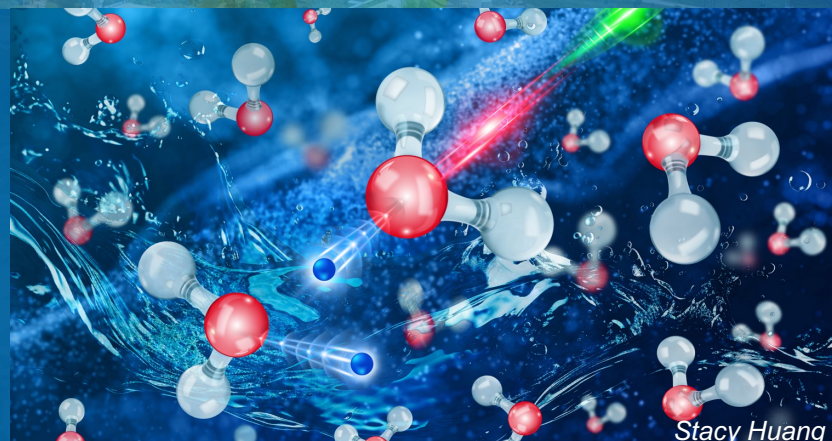


PROMISING APPLICATIONS FROM X-RAY FREE-ELECTRON LASERS



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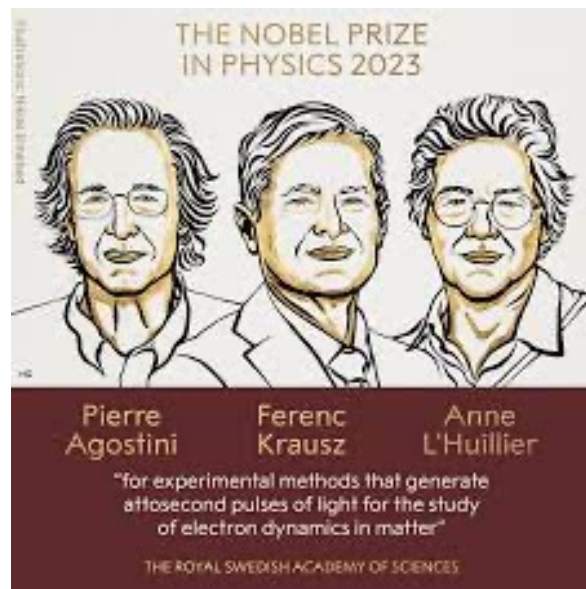
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Pierre Agostini: *just a quick look toward the future ... so far attosecond pulses are created by visible or infrared lasers...but maybe the future of attoseconds is not in the our lab but with this x-ray free-electron laser...*

Linac Coherent Light Source X-ray free-electron laser

Attosecond Science Future

Attosecond pulses have readily been followed by fundamental discoveries in atomic and solid-state physics.

The current sources lack power. Free Electron Laser sources may change that in the future and open the field of nonlinear processes to the attosecond domain.



Tunable isolated attosecond X-ray pulses with gigawatt peak power from a free-electron laser

Joseph Duris et al., Nature Photonics 2020

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

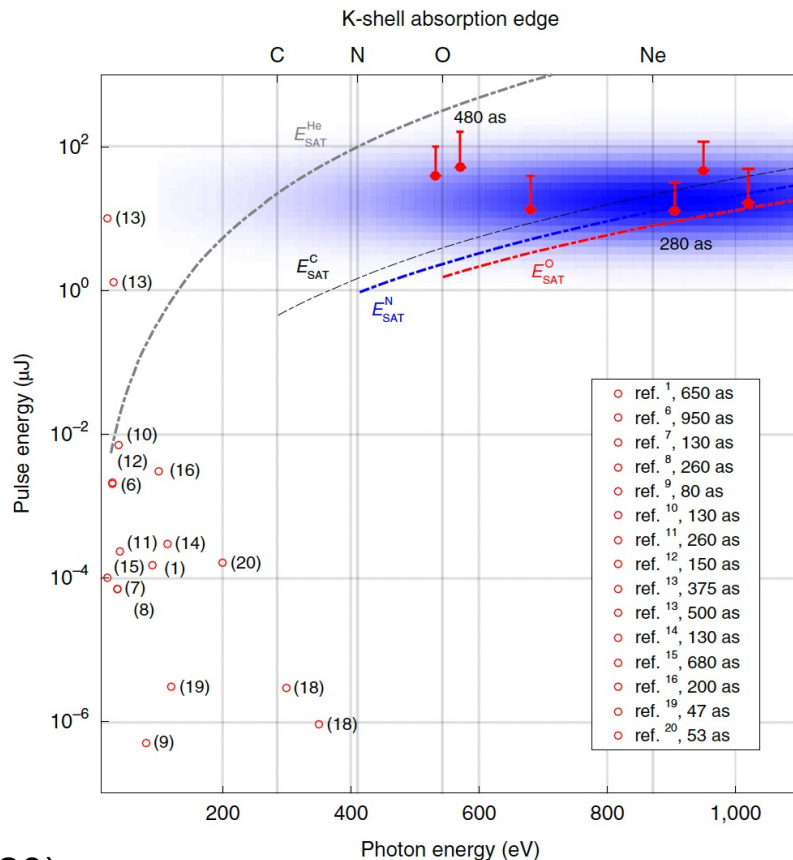
The Genesis of an Attosecond Pulse Train

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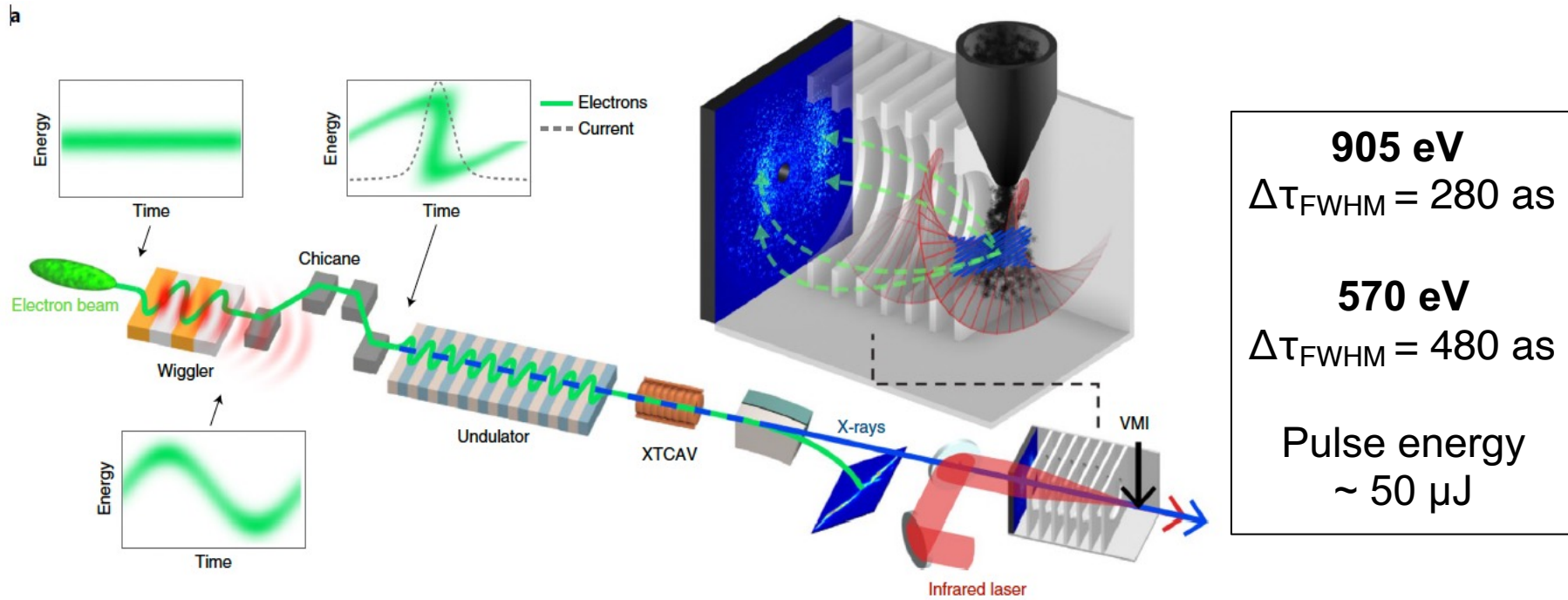
Attosecond x-ray pulses: XFELS v HHG

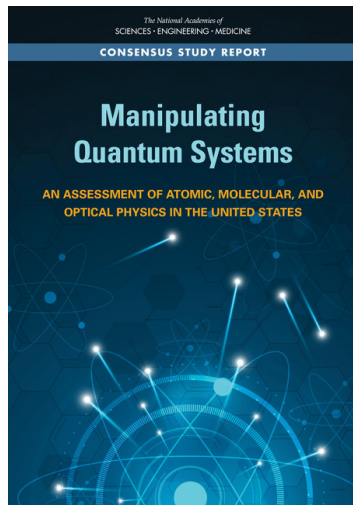
Electron dynamics
+
Atomic spatial resolution



Single-spike attosecond soft x-ray pulses!

XLEAP: With measurement of pulse duration w/ c-VMI streaking

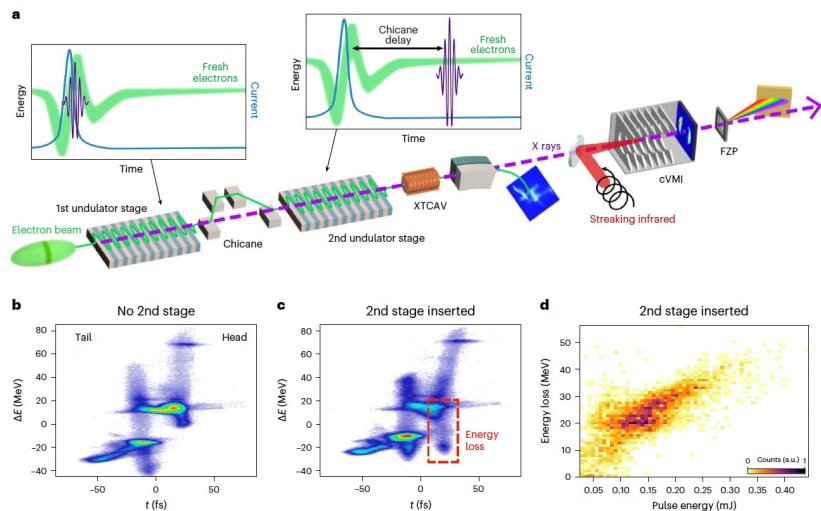




AMO 2020 decadal survey, p. 158

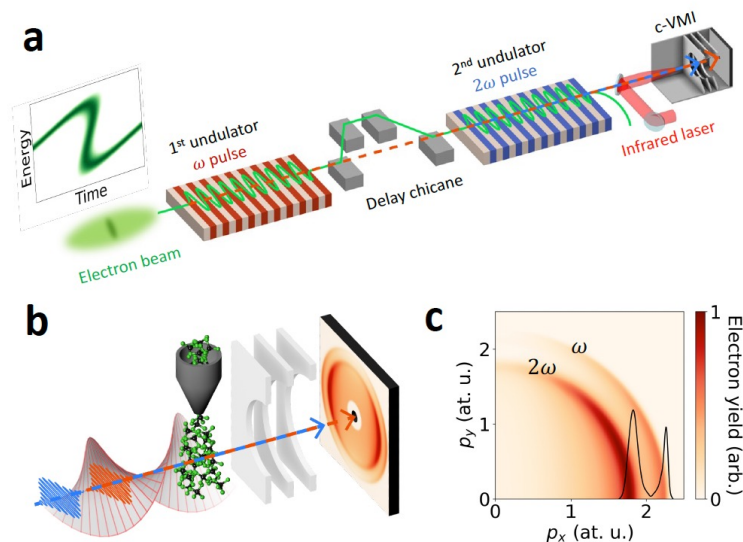
Another exciting prospects for attosecond science is the impending availability of intense attosecond pulses in the soft and hard X-ray regime from XFELs, which would enable the initiation of electron dynamics (e.g., charge migration) from inner valence or core electrons that are in general highly localized on specific atoms within a molecule. In combination with pump-and-probe capabilities, such pulses would thus allow for both spatial and temporal resolution of attosecond electron dynamics.

Terawatt-scale attosecond X-ray pulses from a cascaded superradiant free-electron laser



P. Franz ... J. Cryan, A. Marinelli,
Nature Photonics (2024) May

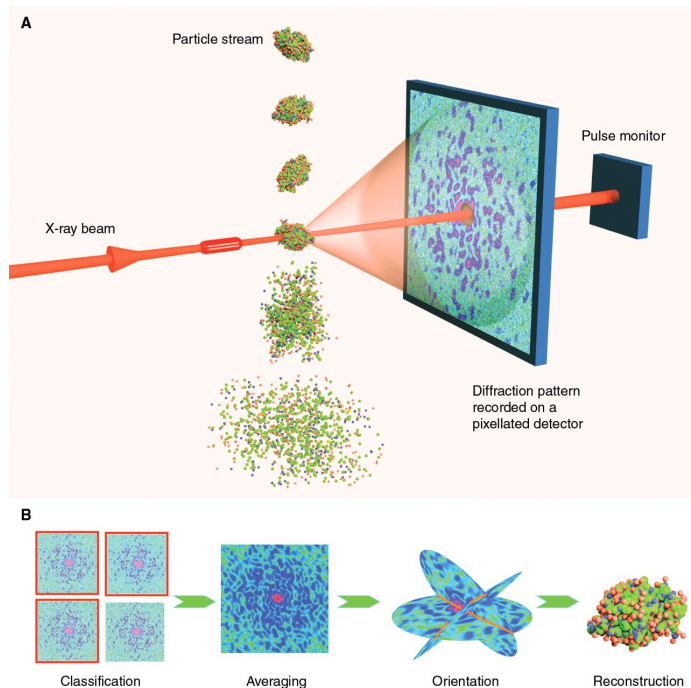
Synchronized attosecond x-ray pulse-pair generation



Z. Guo ... J. Cryan, A. Marinelli,
Nature Photonics (2024) May

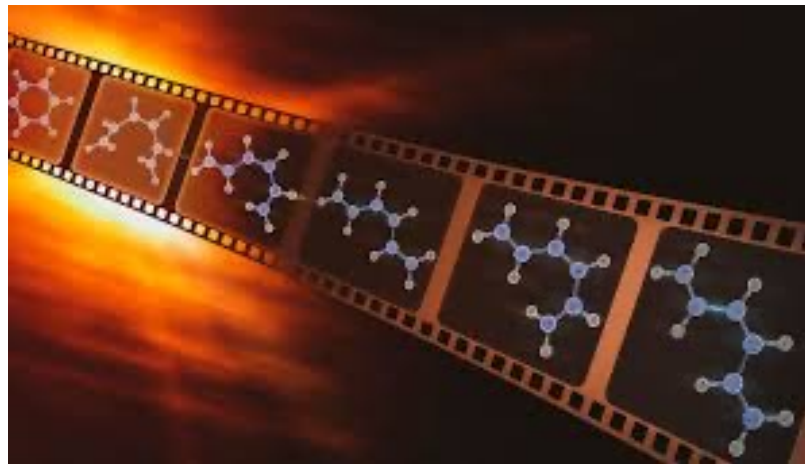
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Single Particle Imaging



K. J. Gaffney & H.N. Chapman, *Science* (2007)
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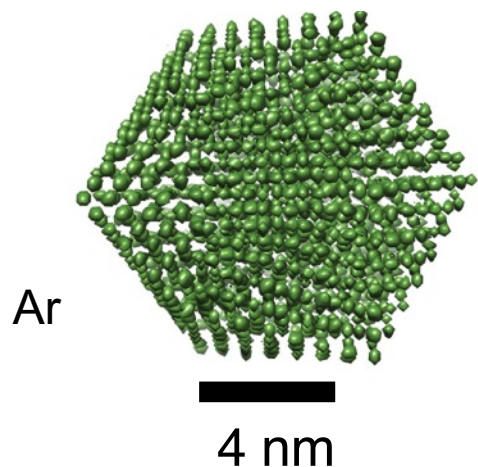
Molecular Movies



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Spatial resolution with CDI at FELs

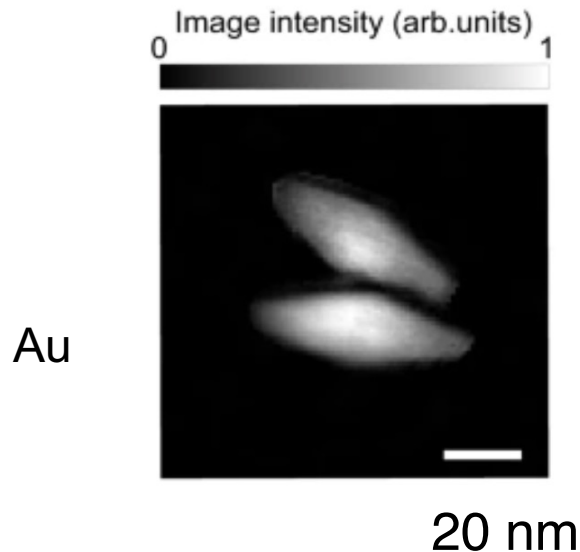
Theory



Ho, Phay J., et al., *Physical Review A* 94.6 (2016): 063823.

Courtesy Tais Gorkhover

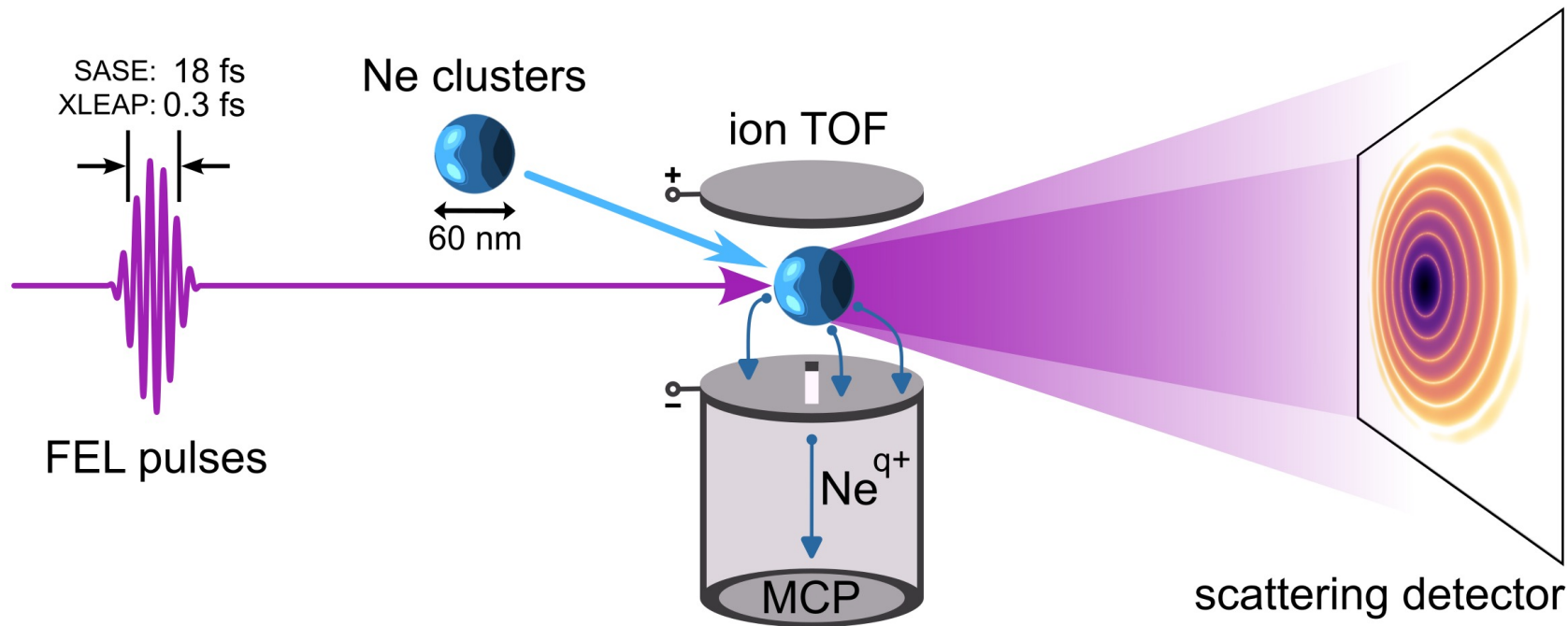
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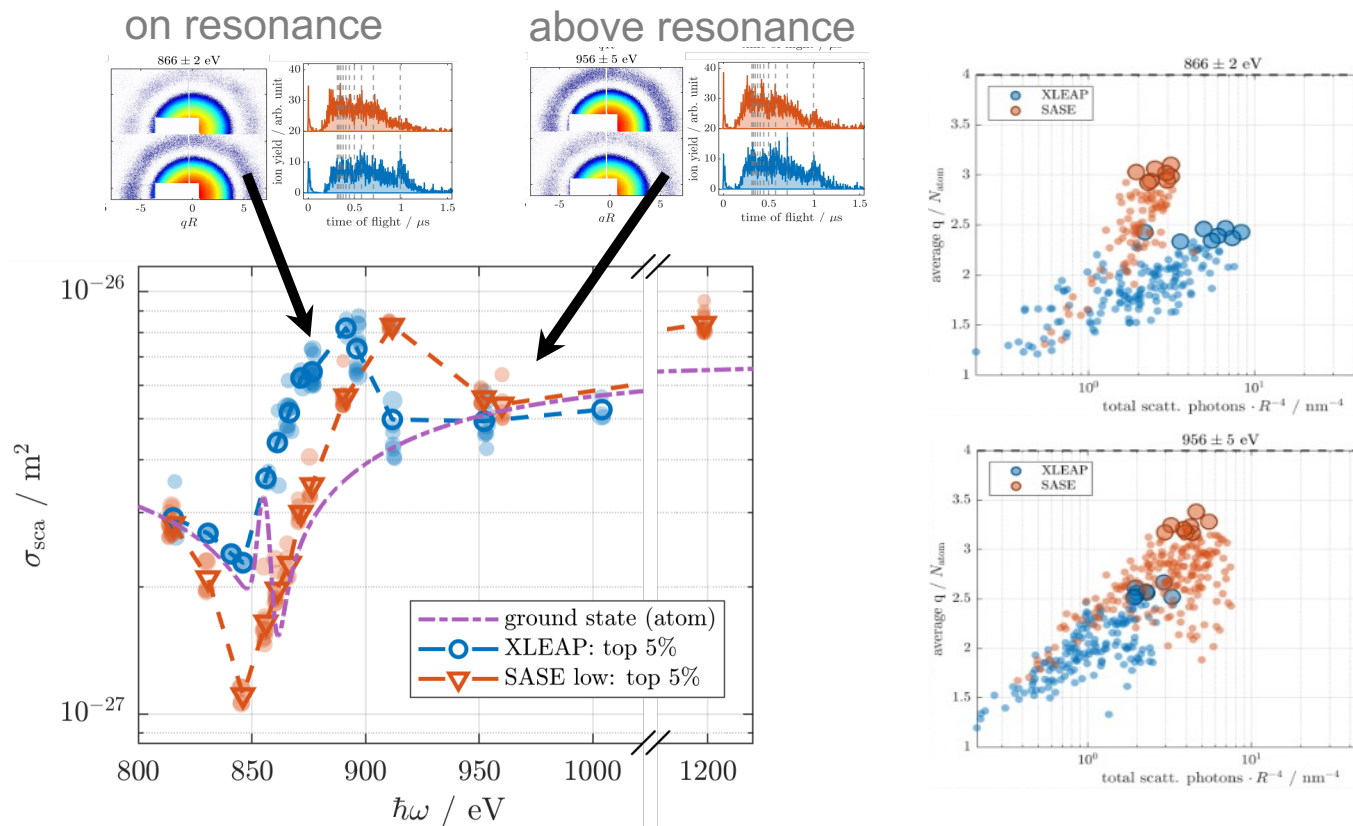
Yumoto, Hirokatsu, et al. *Nat. Comm.* 13.1 (2022): 1-8.

Optimizing single particle imaging

SASE (fs pulses) v XLEAP (attosecond pulses)



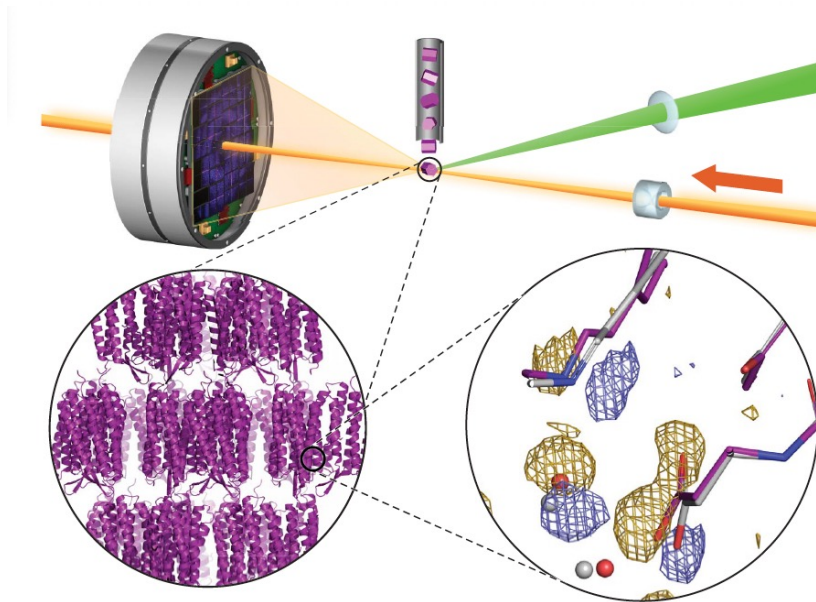
Resonant as pulses increase scattering & decrease damage



Courtesy Tais Gorkhover

Advances and challenges in time-resolved macromolecular crystallography

Gisela Brändén and Richard Neutze*



Diffract before destroy – SFX
+ optical pump laser

~770 SFX deposits in PDB
~200,000 total deposits

Photosystem I, Photosystem II,
Photoactive yellow protein,
human rhodopsin,
bacteriorhodopsin, light-
activated ion channels,
fluorescent proteins, myoglobin-
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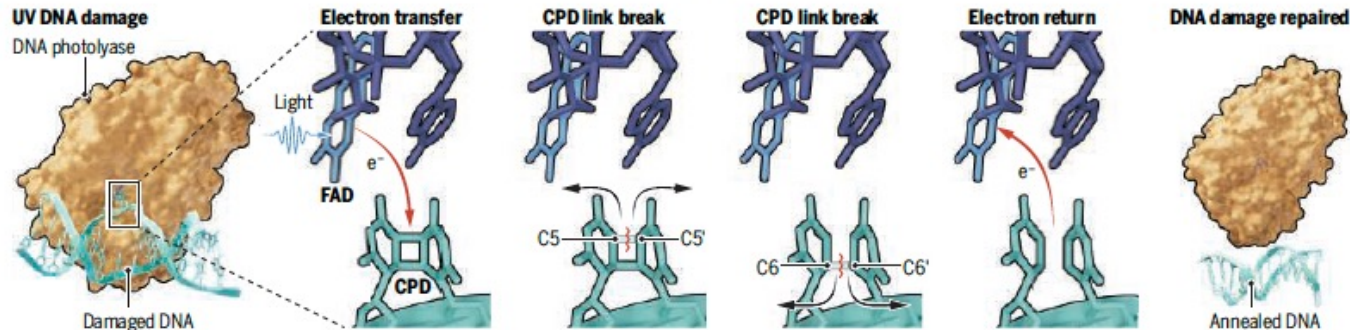
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Filming DNA repair at the atomic level

Dissection of multistep catalysis by a photoenzyme could inspire green chemistry applications

Light-induced DNA repair

Cyclobutane pyrimidine dimer (CPD) DNA photolyase repairs ultraviolet (UV) light-induced CPDs that arise between two adjacent pyrimidine bases. Four temporally distinct chemical steps occur that involve the flavin-adenine dinucleotide (FAD) coenzyme of the photolyase and the bases to break the two bonds that form the CPD.



By **Marten H. Vos**

ENZYMOLOGY

Visualizing the DNA repair process by a photolyase at atomic resolution

Maestre-Reyna *et al.*, *Science* **382**, eadd7795 (2023)

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Time-resolved crystallography captures light-driven DNA repair

Christou *et al.*, *Science* **382**, 1015–1020 (2023)

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Energetic laser pulses alter outcomes of X-ray studies of proteins

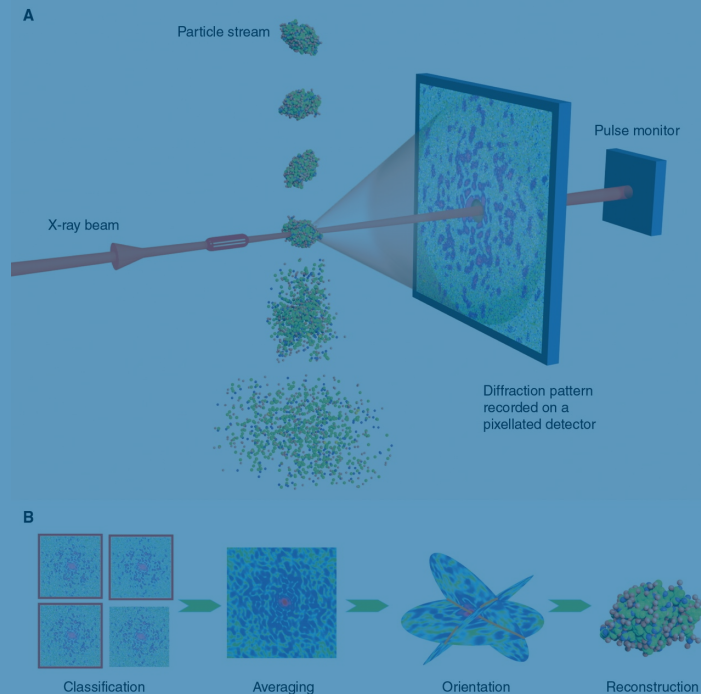
Cutting-edge X-ray sources have enabled the structural dynamics of proteins to be tracked during biochemical processes, but the findings have been questioned. Two experts discuss the implications of a study that digs into this issue.

By [Richard Neutze](#) ✉ & [R. J. Dwayne Miller](#) ✉

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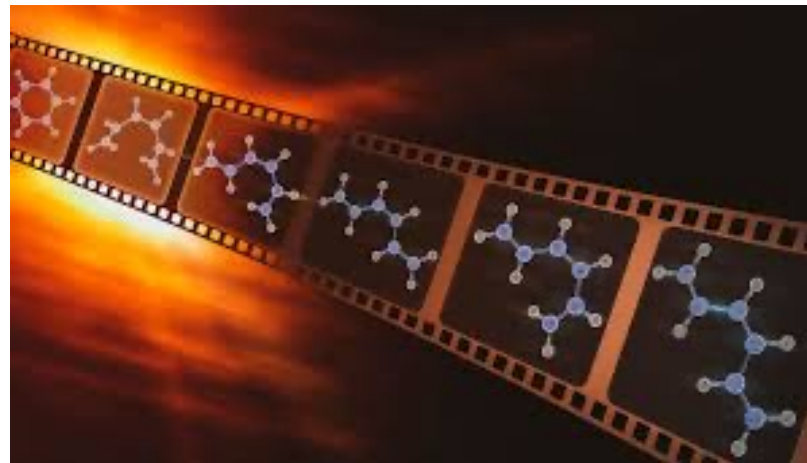
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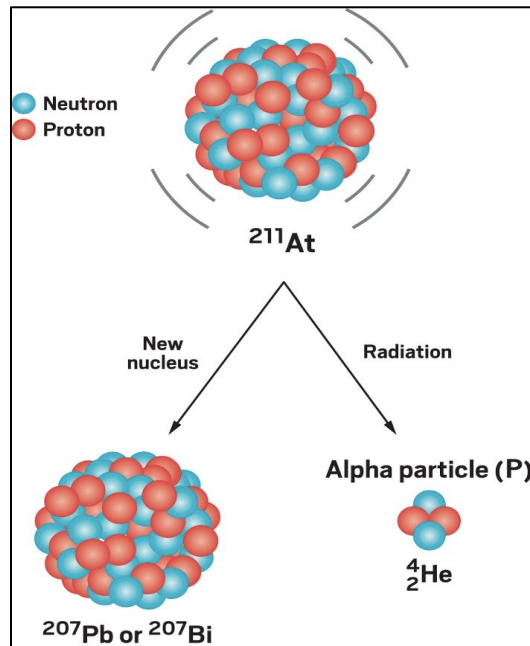
Radiolysis: radiation effects in liquid water

Space Travel



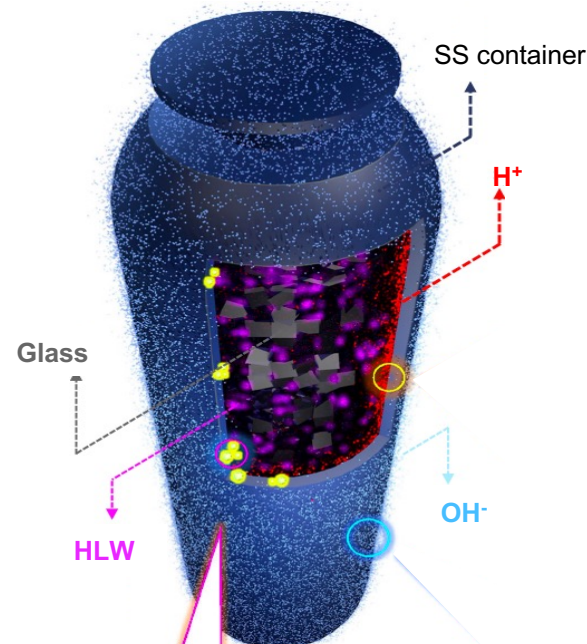
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Corrosion in nuclear power plants & repositories

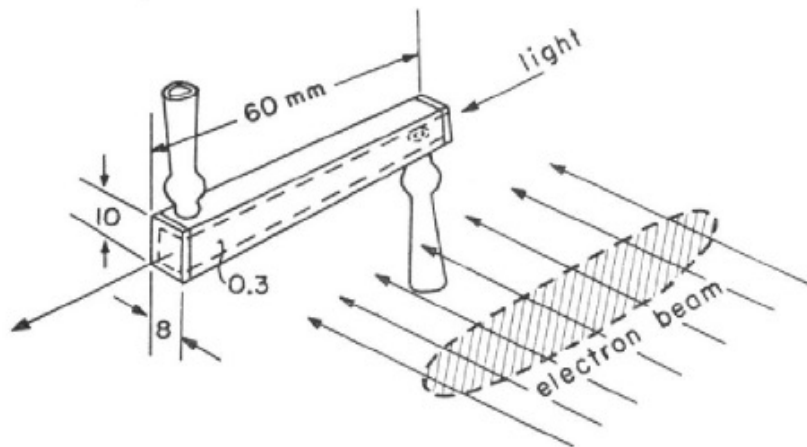


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Standard method for e- beam radiolysis

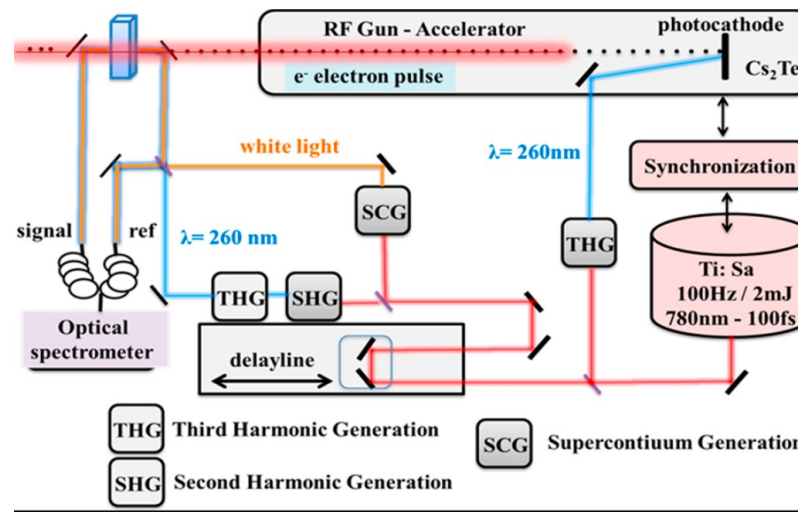
Optical detection of radiolysis products

Hart & Boag JACS 1962



e^- : 1.8 MeV, 2 μ s, 0.5 A peak
probe: continuum 4 μ s

Picosecond pulse radiolysis: ELYSE



e^- : 7–8 MeV, 7 ps, 4 nC
Broadband fs probe: 380-1500 nm

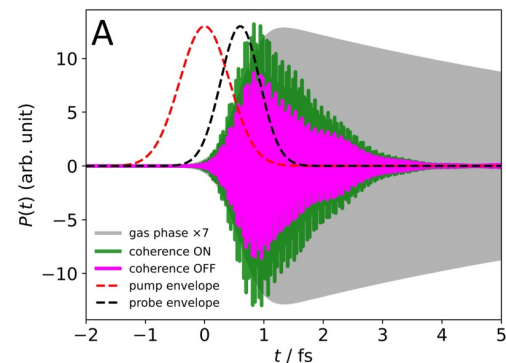
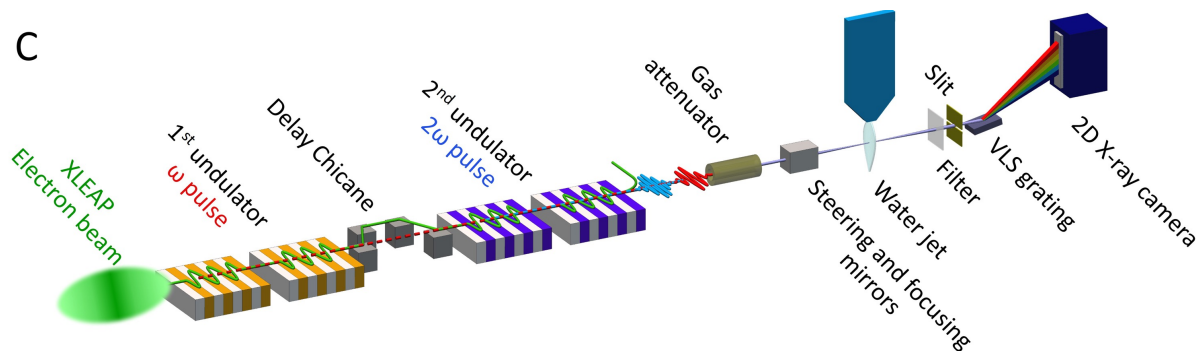
Absorption cell $\sim$ 5 mm

All x-ray attosecond pump/probe expts

A new tool to understand radiolysis → mechanistic origin of reactive species

AX-ATAS: All X-ray Attosecond Transient Absorption

Polzn response – sub fs



AX-ATAS spectral snapshots freeze all nuclear motion

Equilibrium properties from our attosecond pump-probe experiments

resolving a debate in liquid water structure

See Physics Today, April 2024 issue, Johanna Miller
Physics, April 2024, Charles Day

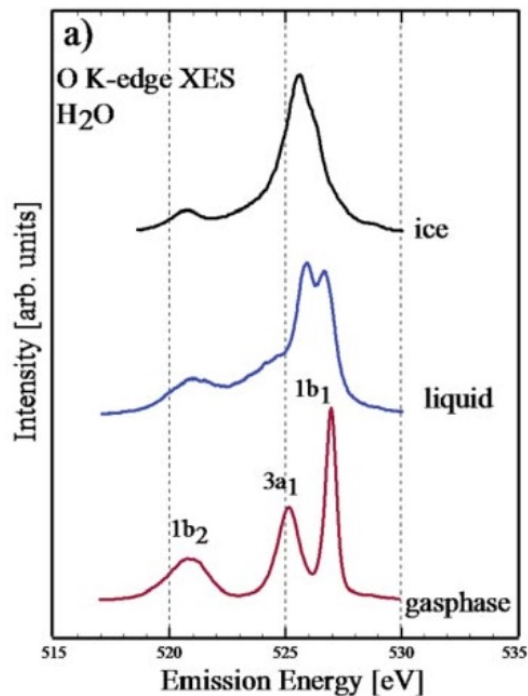


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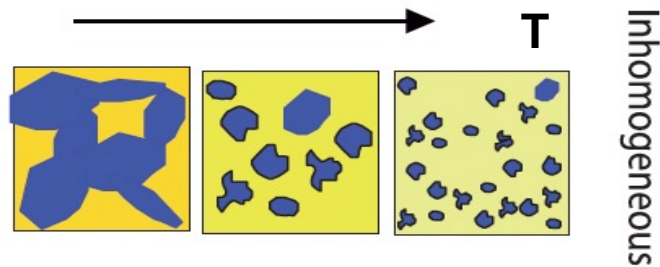
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X-ray emission spectroscopy has been used to infer the structure of liquid water



A. Nilsson *et al.*, N Cimento (2016)

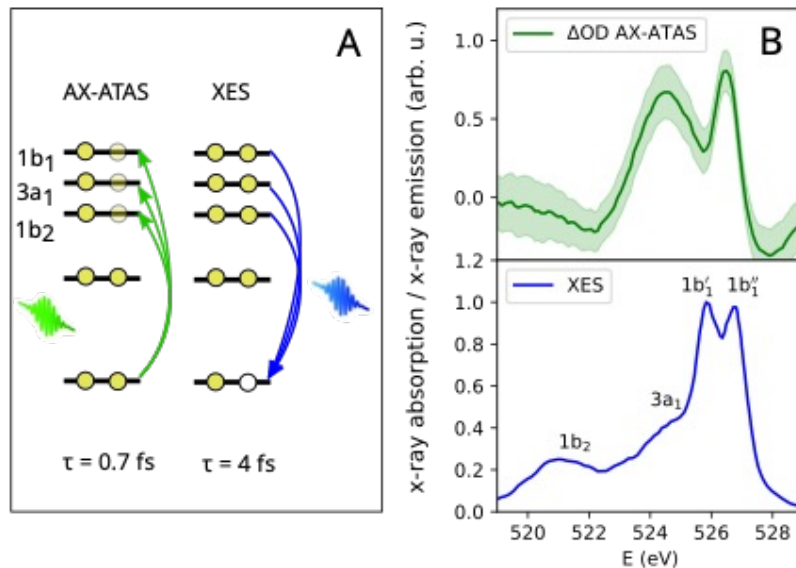
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Tokushima ... Chem Phys Lett (2008)



“Isotope and Temperature Effects in Liquid Water Probed by X-Ray Absorption and Resonant X-Ray Emission Spectroscopy”
Fuchs ... Phys Rev Lett (2008)

Ultrafast dissociation in the core-excited state

AX-ATAS compared to X-ray Emission Spectroscopy



AX-ATAS @ 0.7 fs shows no evidence for two structural motifs in ambient liquid water

OPPORTUNITIES w/XFELs

Tunable, synchronized attosecond pulse pairs +

- **High repetition rate → big data → rare events**

ExaFEL: extreme-scale real-time data processing for X-ray free electron laser science
J. P. Blaschke et al., *Frontiers in High Performance Computing* Oct 2024

- **Extreme focusing → nonlinear phenomena**

Extreme focusing of hard X-ray free-electron laser pulses enables 7 nm focus width and $10^{22} \text{ W cm}^{-2}$ intensity

J. Yamada et al., *Nature Photonics* **18**, 685–690 (2024)

- **More accessibility: biology, chemistry, materials, condensed matter physics, warm dense matter**

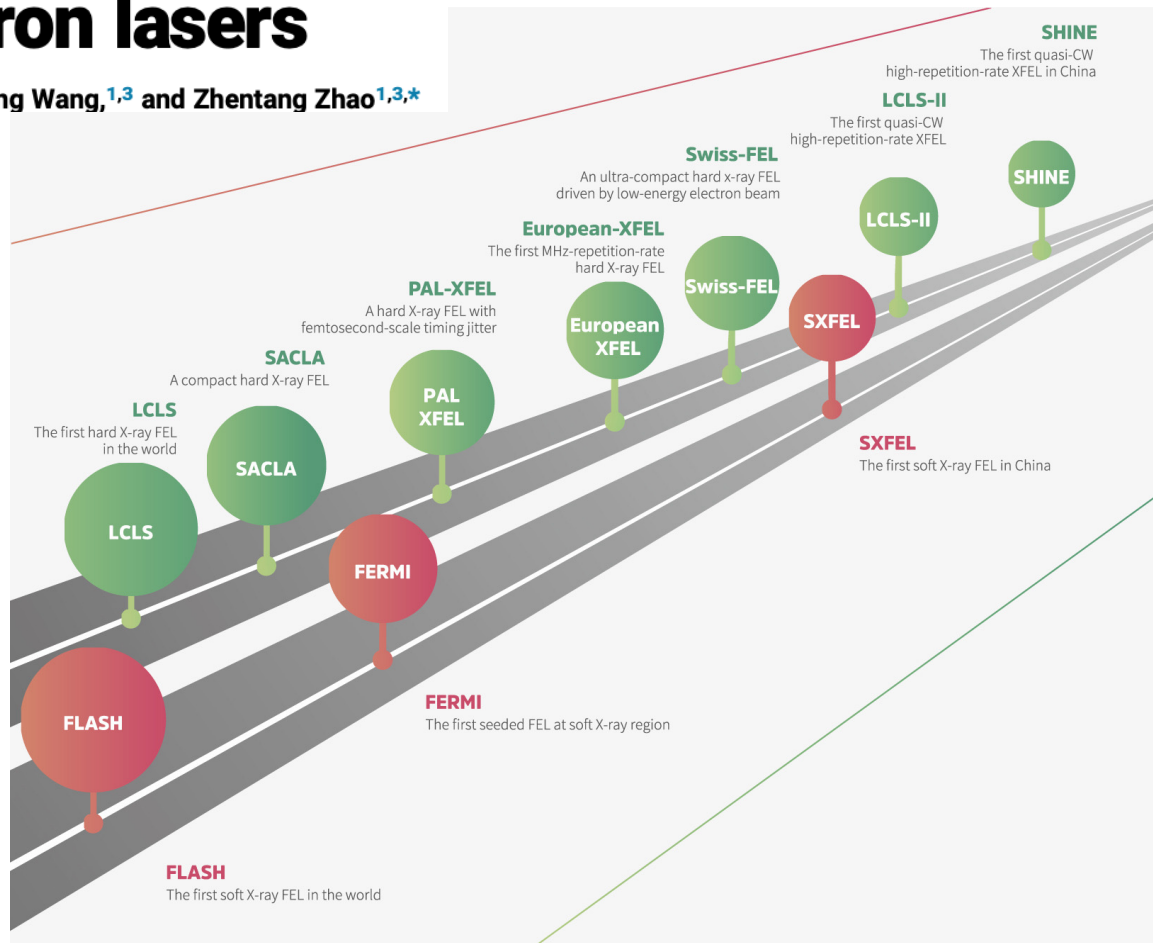
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3 undulators, 0.4-25 keV
10 endstations
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