

# Status and first results from the High Power Laser Facility at the ESRF

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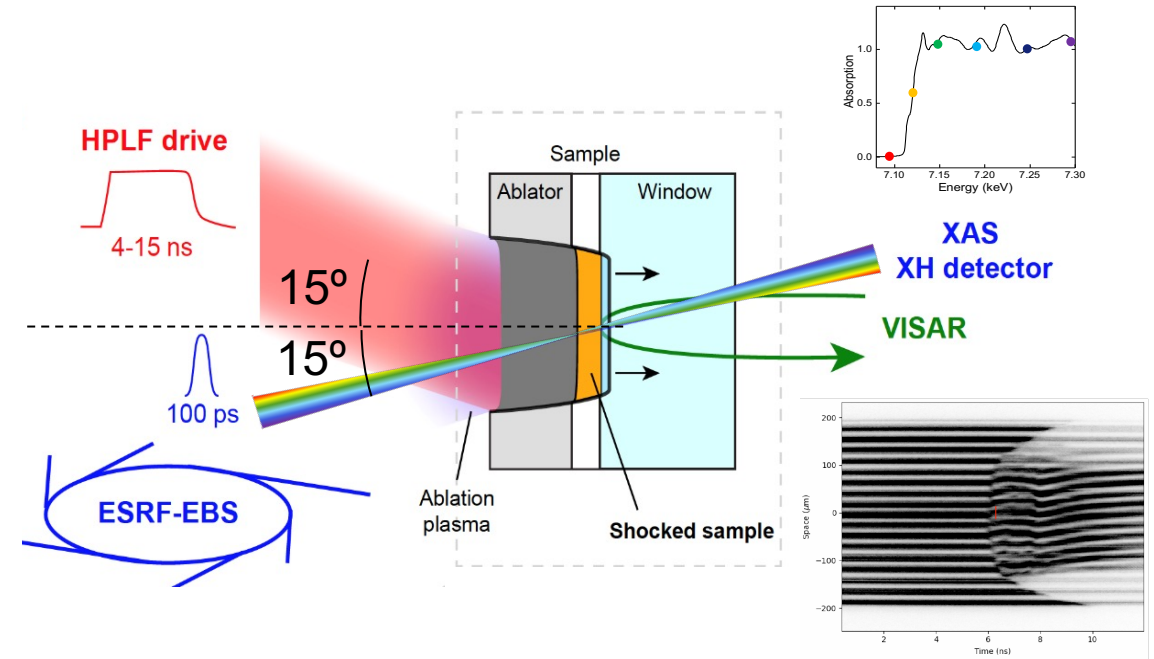
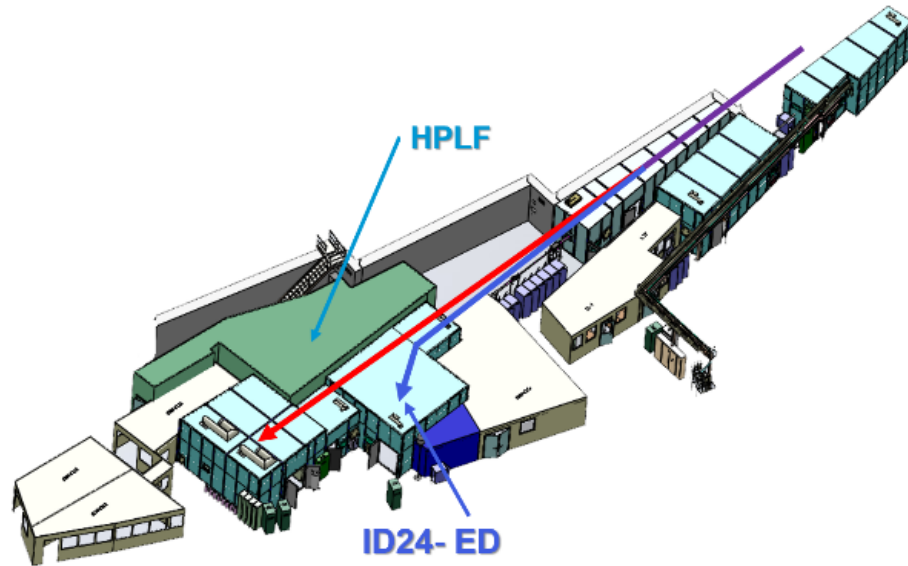
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→ A platform for laser-driven dynamic compression experiments coupled to time-resolved XAS

## ID24 High-brilliance XAS beamline

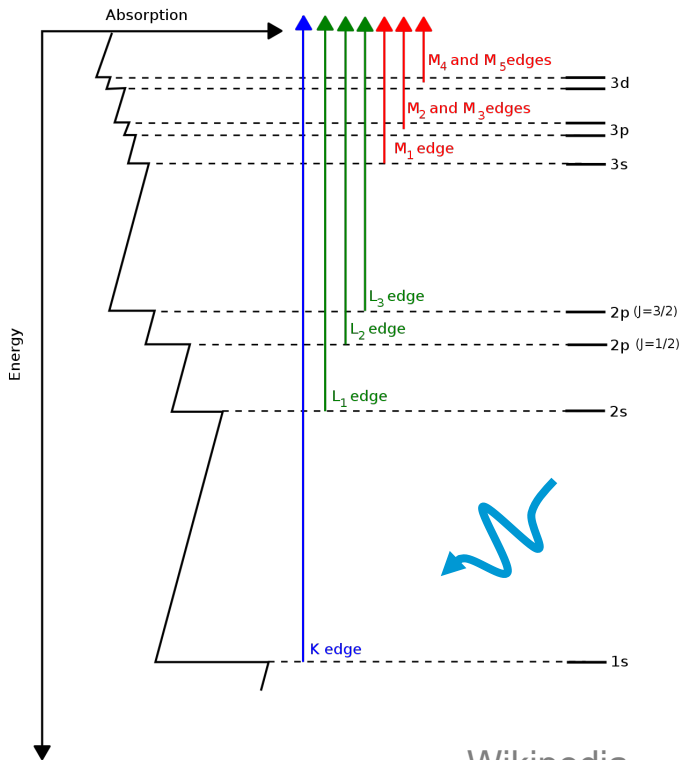


ID24-ED: energy-dispersive branch  
Fast measurements down to single-bunch XAS

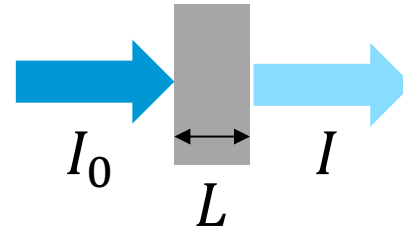
# X-ray absorption spectroscopy

## → X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy

- Absorption edge energies specific to each elements

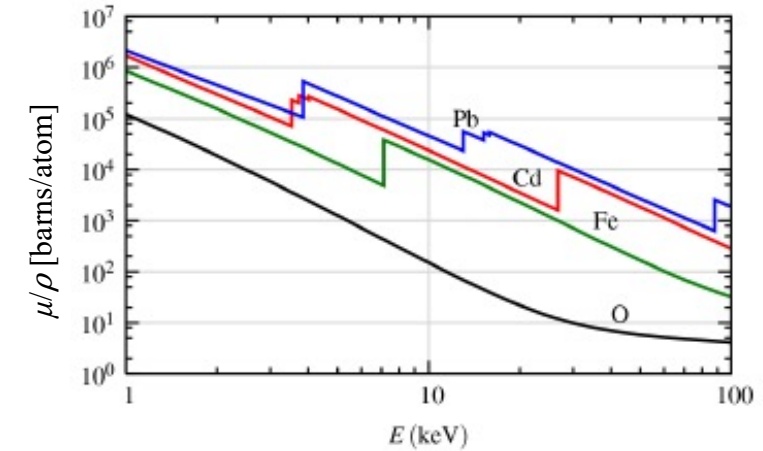


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$$I = I_0 e^{-\mu L}$$

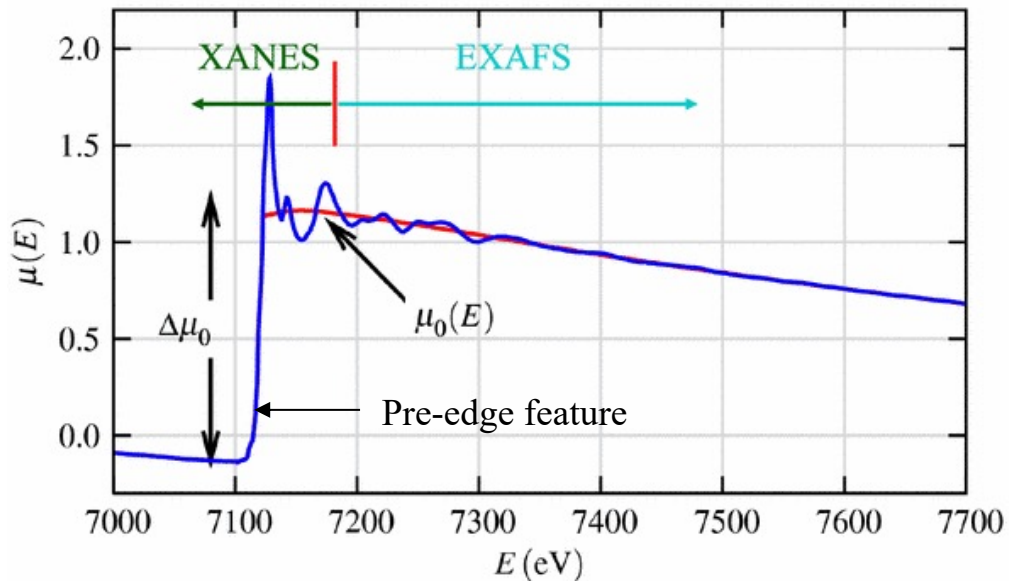
$\mu$ : absorption coefficient



- Absorption of X-ray photon by a core-level electron by photo-electric effect
- Transition of the photo-electron from core-levels to unoccupied states

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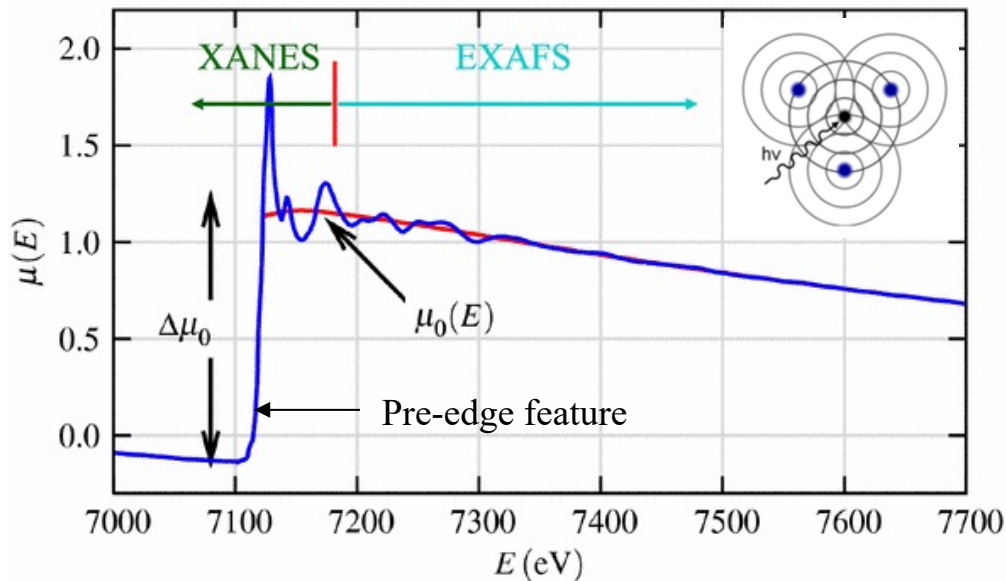


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**EXAFS:** Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure

- Core to continuum
- Interferences between forward and backward scattering to and from neighboring atoms
- **Sensitive to local ionic structure (distances, number of atoms, disorder)**

→ XAS is **element specific, local, and adapted to both ordered and disordered phases**

→ **Complementary to XRD (long-range order) and other X-ray techniques**

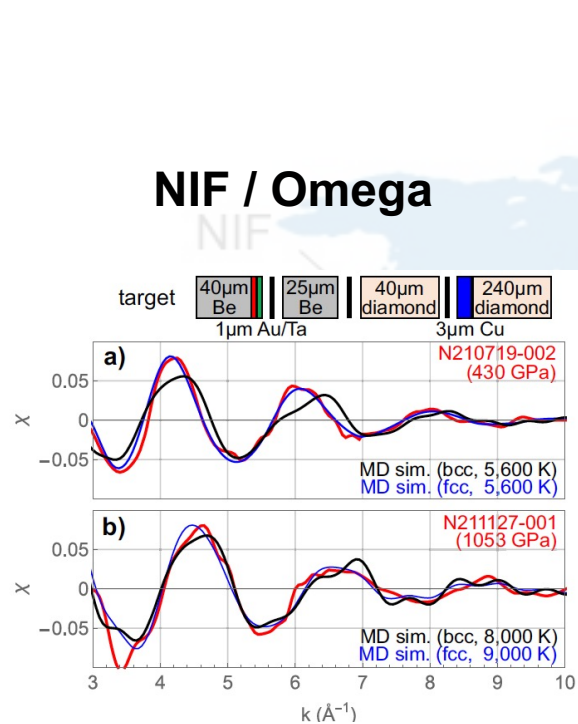
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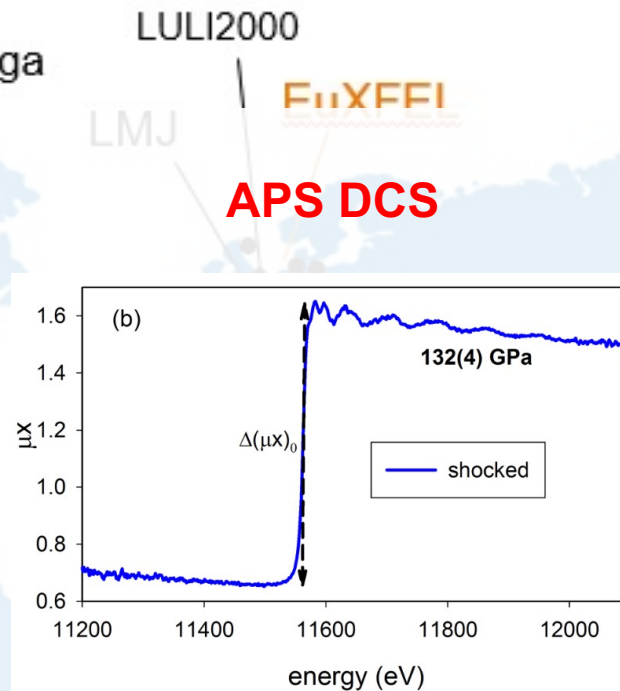


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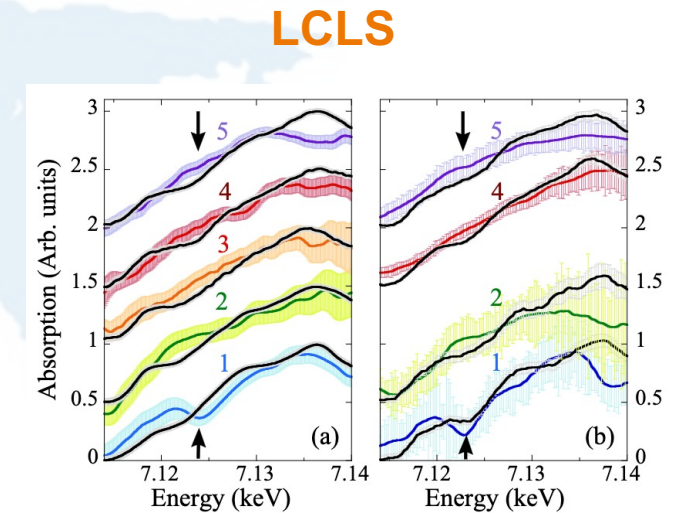
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Krygier *et al.*, Nat. Com. (2023)



Turneure and Das, PRB (2023)



Harmand *et al.*, PRB (2015)

→ HPLF is the only one dedicated to high-resolution XAS

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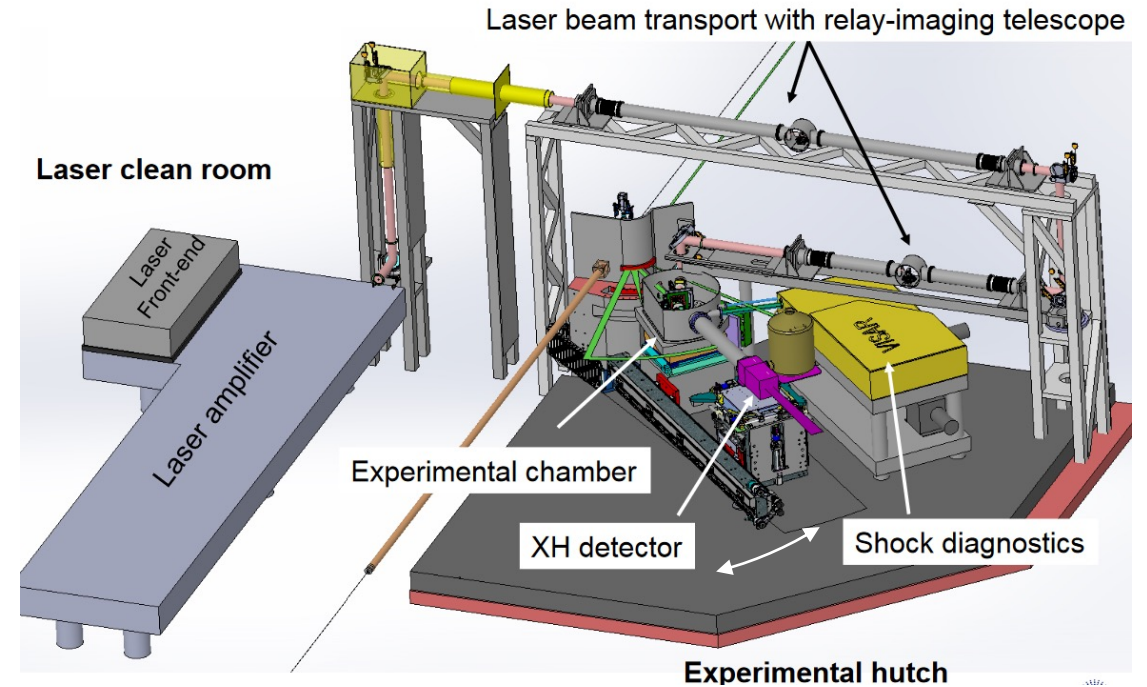
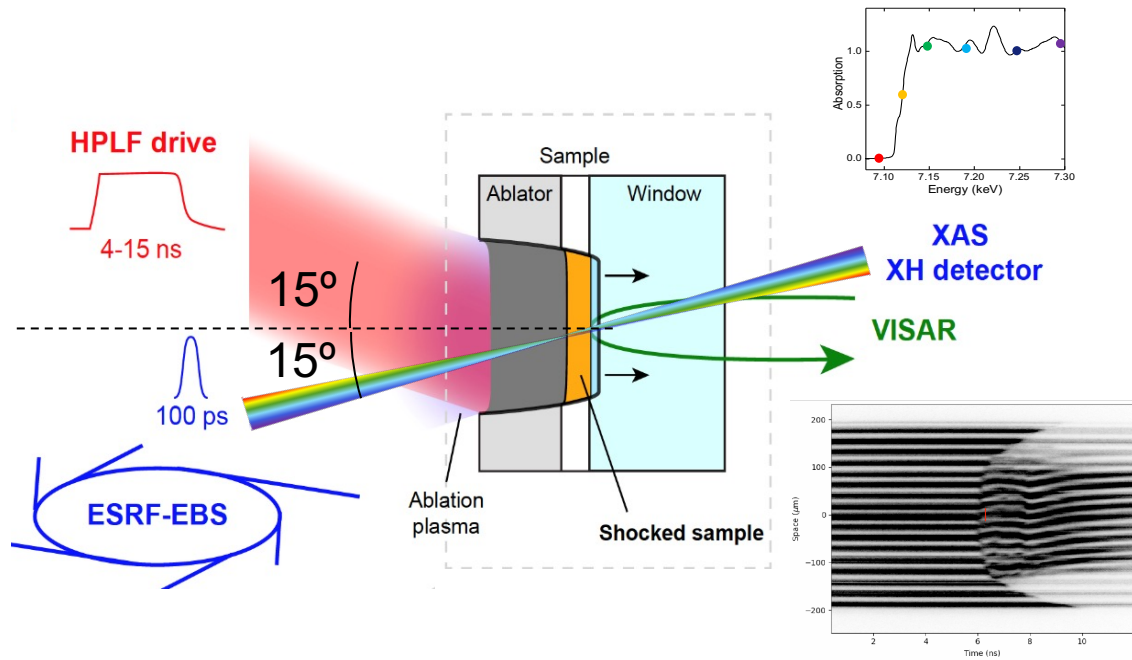
**User and in-house experiments**

**Installation of SOP**

**Design of optional 3<sup>rd</sup> line-VISAR (orthogonal FOV)**

3<sup>rd</sup> streak camera received onsite

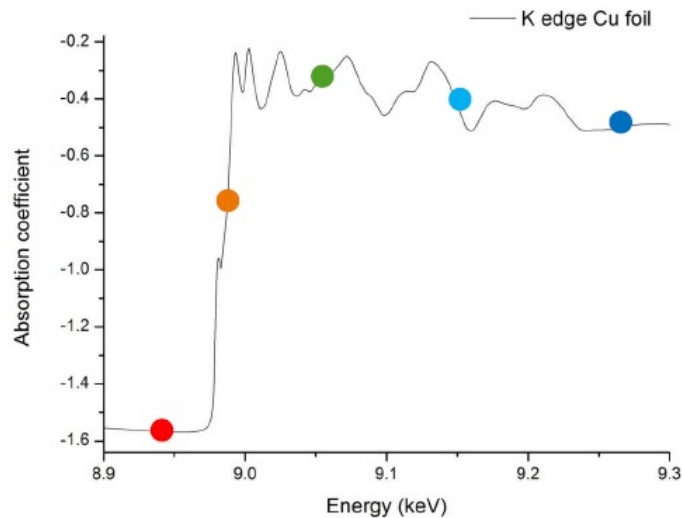
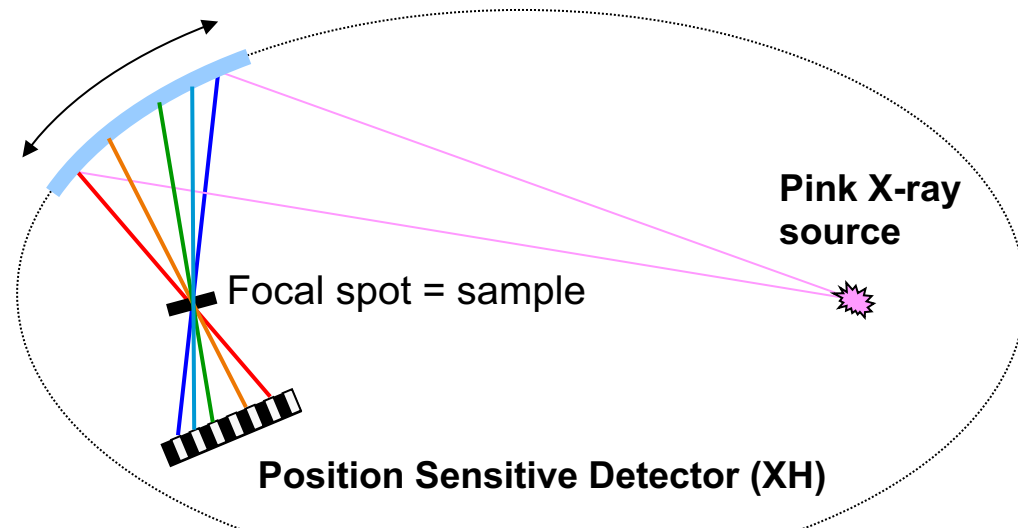
## → Experimental geometry





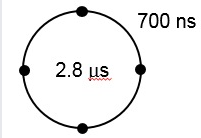
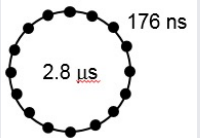
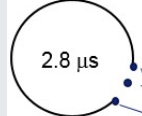
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## Polychromator

Bent Si(111, 220, 311) crystal with elliptical shape



## XAS on ID24-ED (HPLF-I)

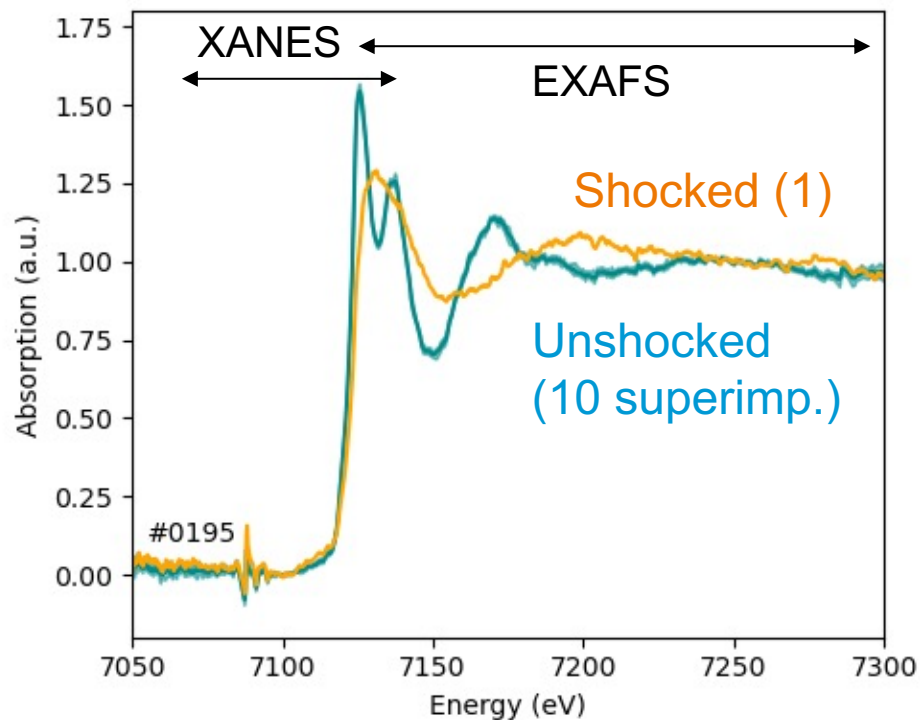
Pulse duration	100 ps (up to $10^{14}$ ph/s)
Energy	5 - 28 keV K-edges between V (Z=23) and Cd (Z=48) L3-edges between Cs (Z=55) and U (Z=92)
XAS energy range	150 eV - 2500 eV (E-dpt)
Focusing	Hor. 5-50 $\mu$ m (E-dpt) Vert. 5-50 $\mu$ m
Detector	XH, Ge strip  
Integration time	$\geq 100$ ns
Readout time / rep.rate	2 $\mu$ s / 2.8 $\mu$ s
Timing modes	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>4-bunch</b></p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>16-bunch</b></p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>7/8+1</b></p>  </div> </div>

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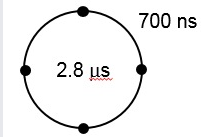
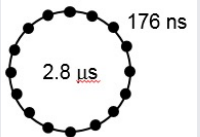
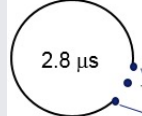
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# Single bunch XAFS on ID24-ED

Single-bunch XAS of Fe K-edge in (Mg,Fe)CO<sub>3</sub> with 0.7 eV experimental resolution



## XAS on ID24-ED (HPLF-I)

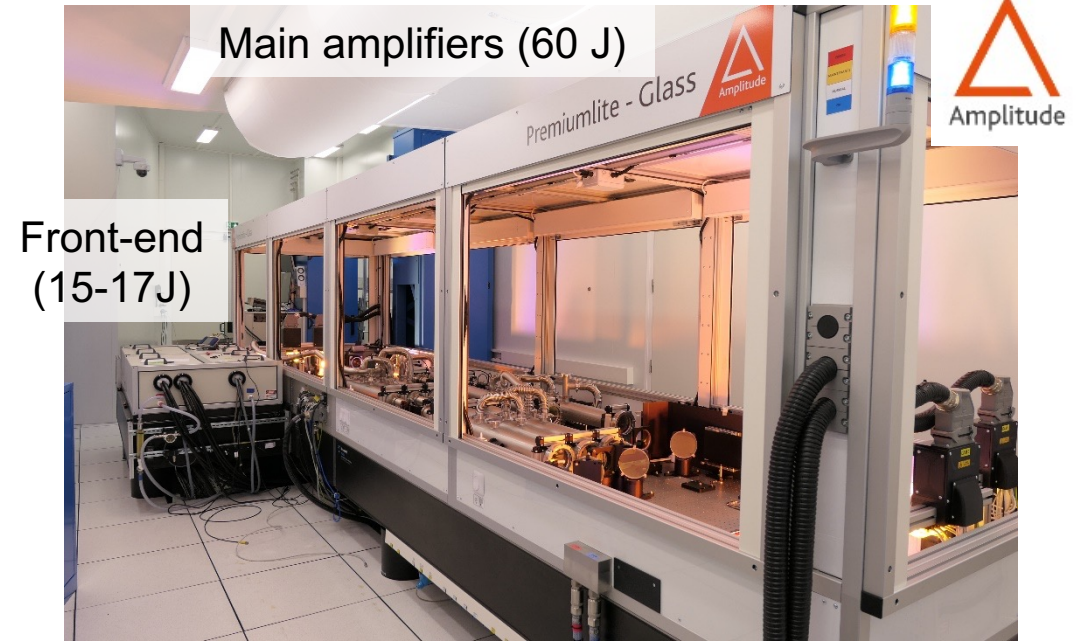
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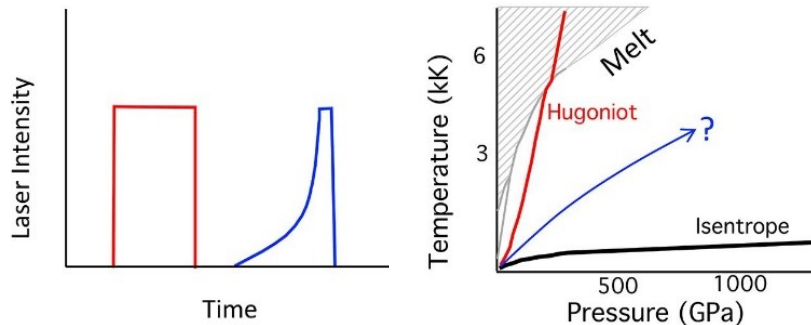
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# HPLF drive laser

Drive laser	Premiumlite – Glass prototype from Amplitude
Wavelength	1053 nm
Energy	1-55 J on target
Pulse temporal shape	Flat-top, tunable on request, 0.25 ns rise and 0.125 ns control step
Pulse duration	4-15 ns on request
Phase plates	500, 250, 100 $\mu\text{m}$ , SSD
Rep. rate	1 shot / 7-20 min (limited by target alignment and sequence duration)

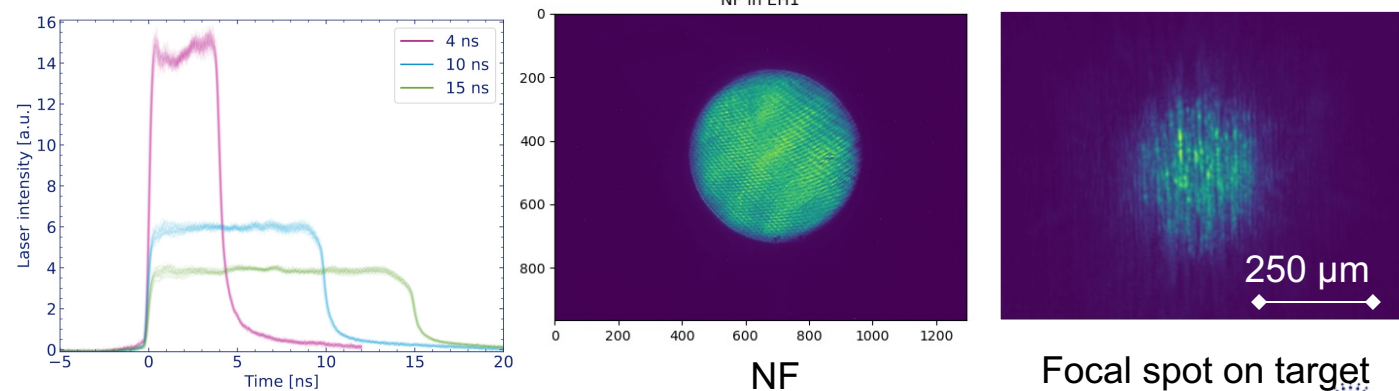


## Pulse shaping capabilities to generate different P-T



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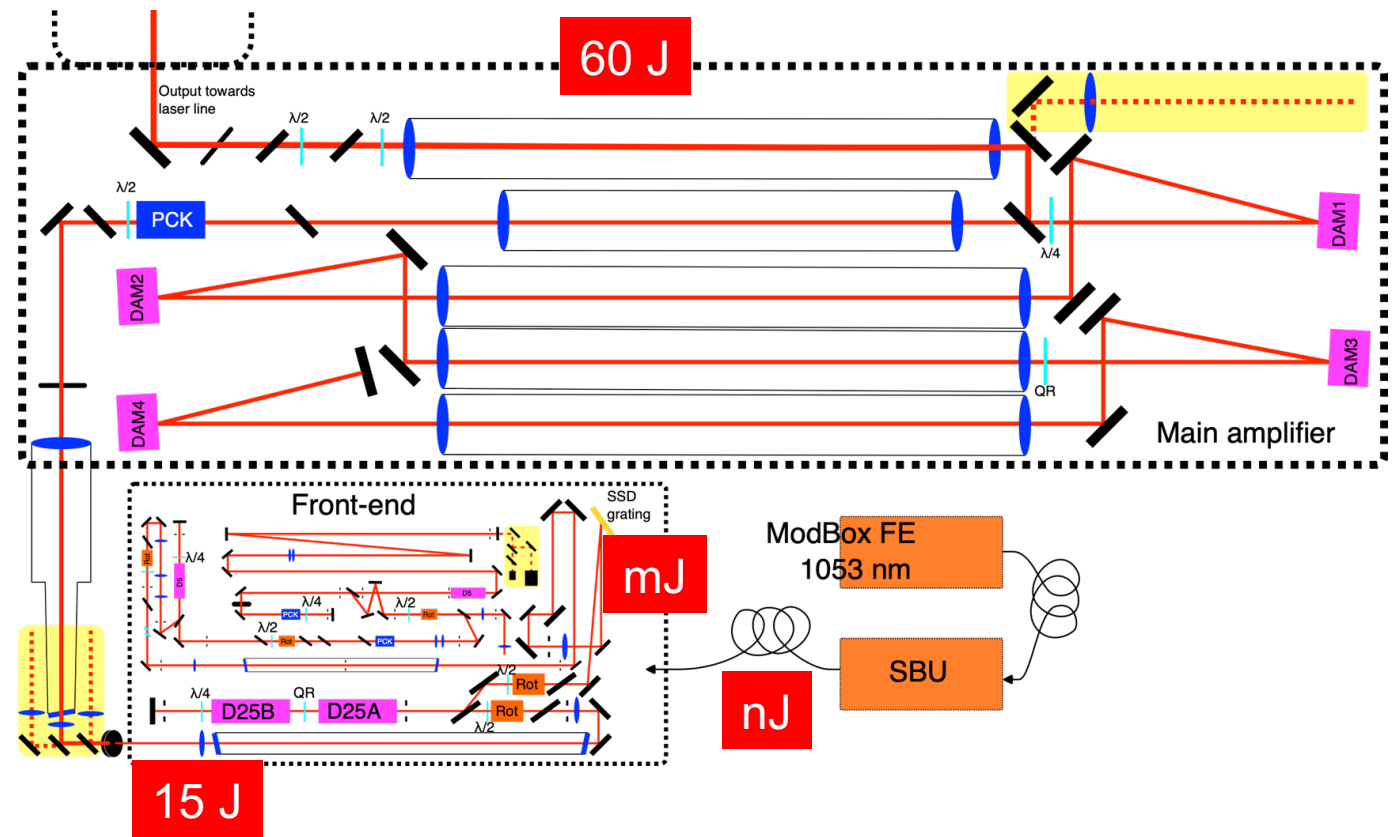
## On-shot monitoring at different positions along laser path



Temporal profile and energy

## → Premiumlite – Glass prototype from Amplitude

- Fibered front-end (ModBox) with pulse-shaping (CW, AOM, 2 EOM with AWG)
- Spectral Broadening Unit for 1D-SSD
- Intrepid front-end
  - free-space regenerative cavity with flash-pumped rod amplifiers (Nd:glass)
  - 5 mm diam. rod amplifiers + spatial shaping
  - SSD
  - 25 mm diam. rod amplifiers
- Main amplifier
  - Pseudo-Active Mirror Disk Amplifier Modules
  - Two attenuators ( $\lambda/2$  + pol.)

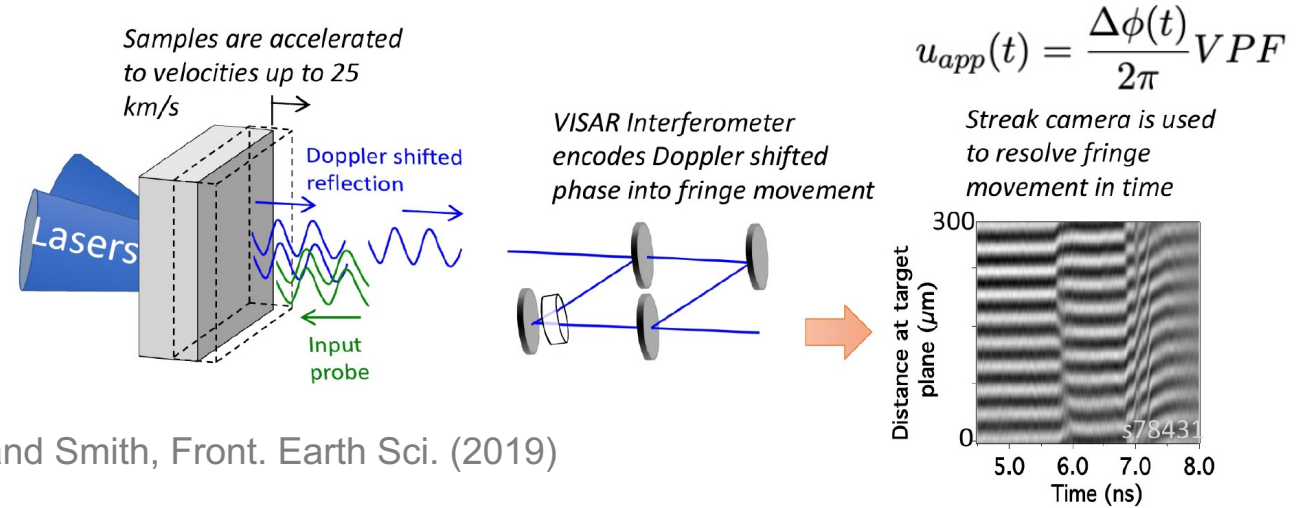
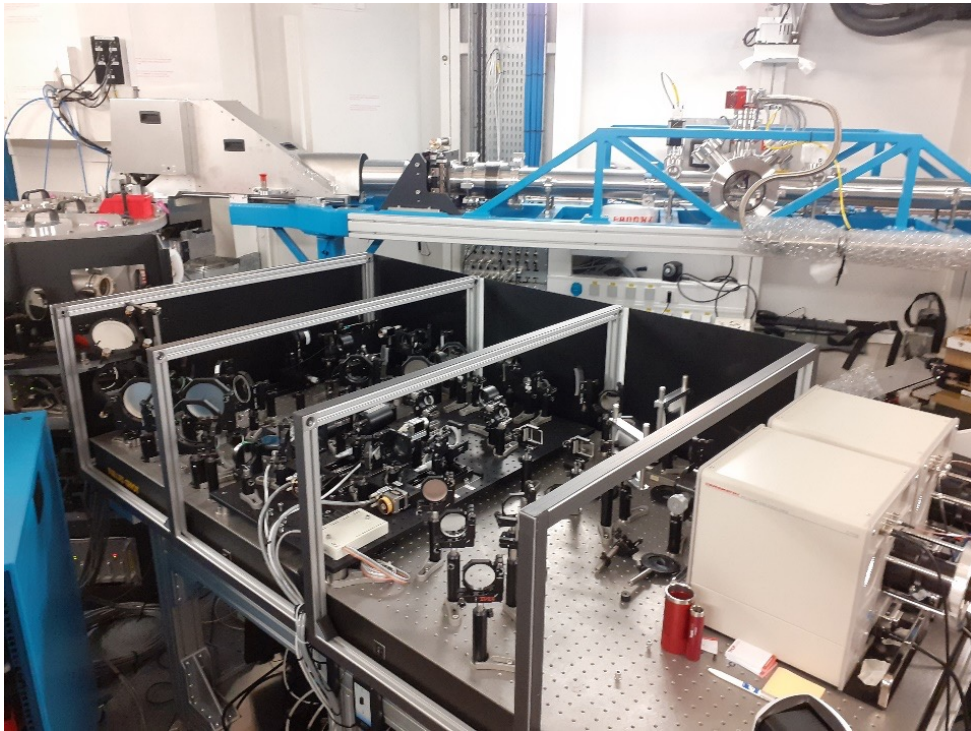


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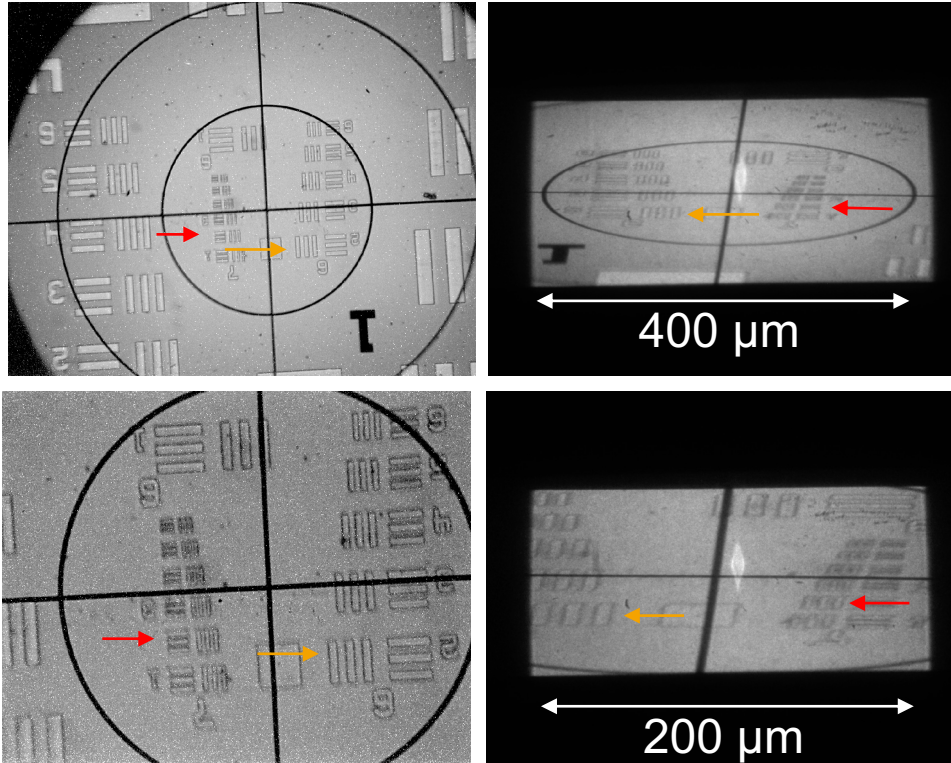
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### HPLF line-imaging VISAR – Current setup

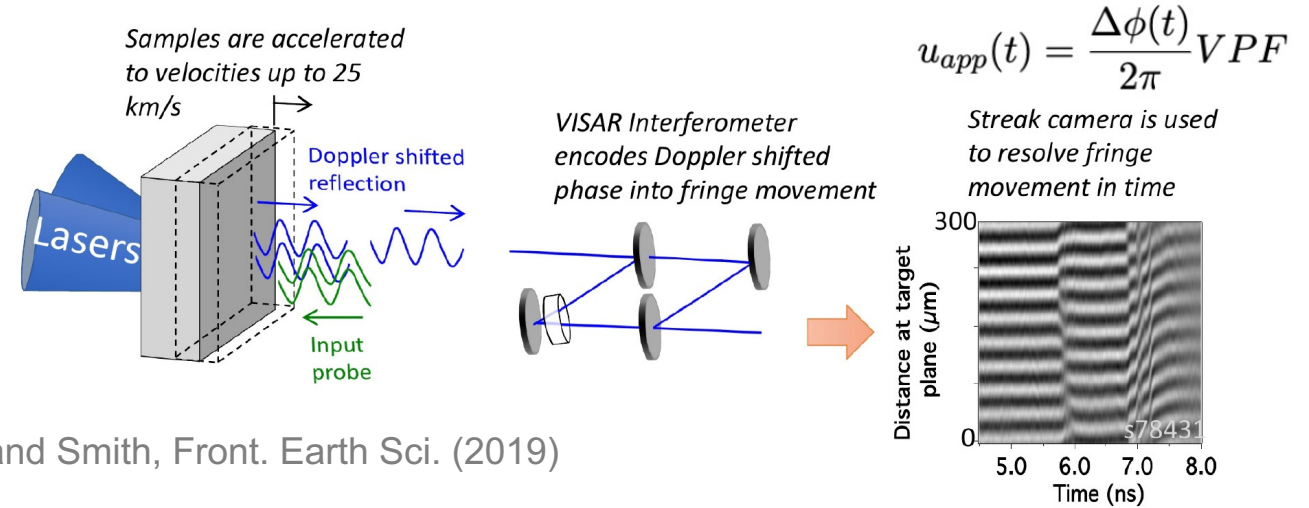
Probe laser	532 nm, 100 ns flat-top pulses, custom laser from LULI SLM, ~100 kW/pulse	
VISAR (x2)	VPF from <1 km/s/fr to 30 km/s/fr	
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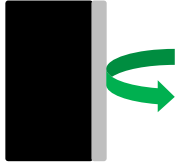


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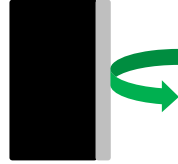
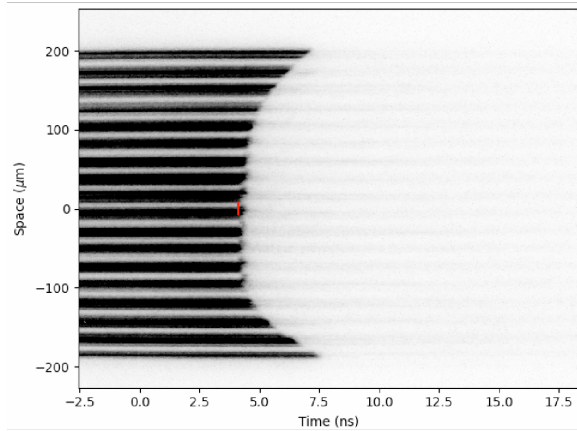
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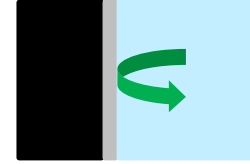
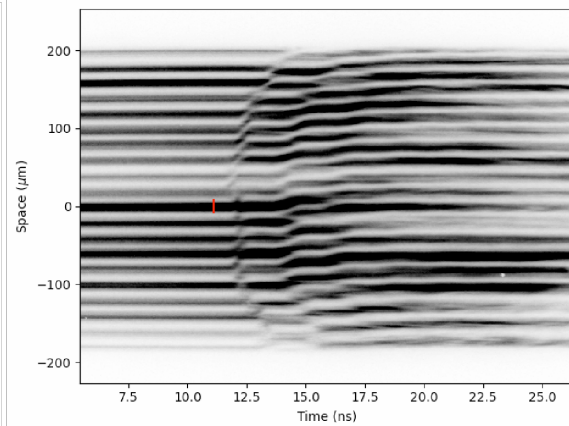
## Line-imaging VISAR: Different cases



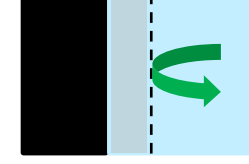
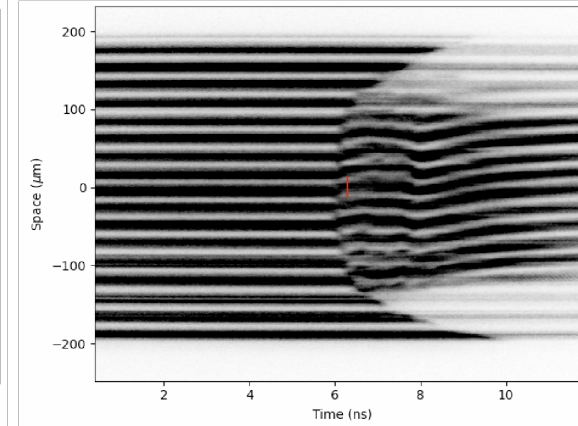
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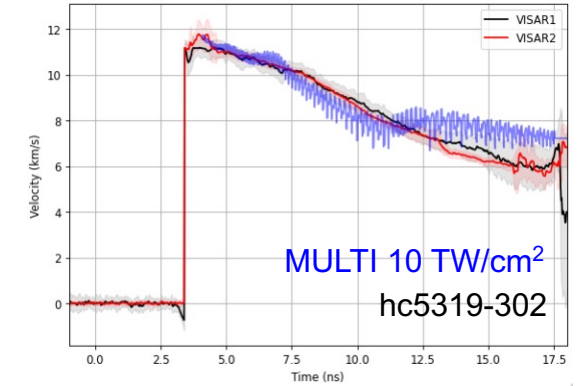
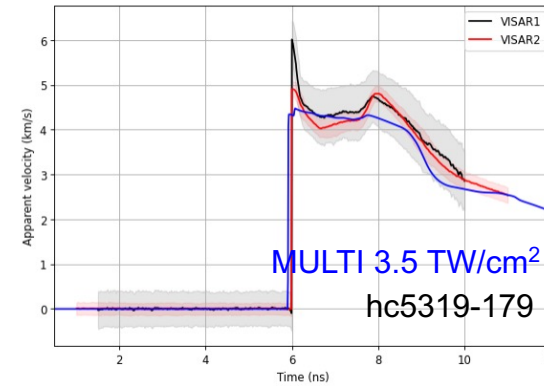
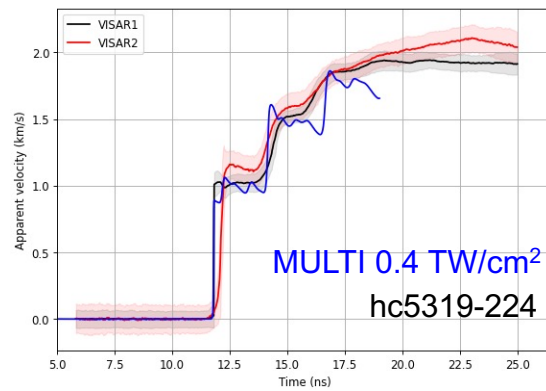
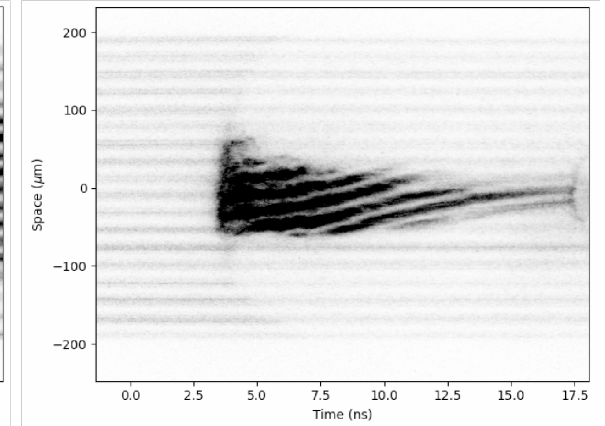
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Interface with window

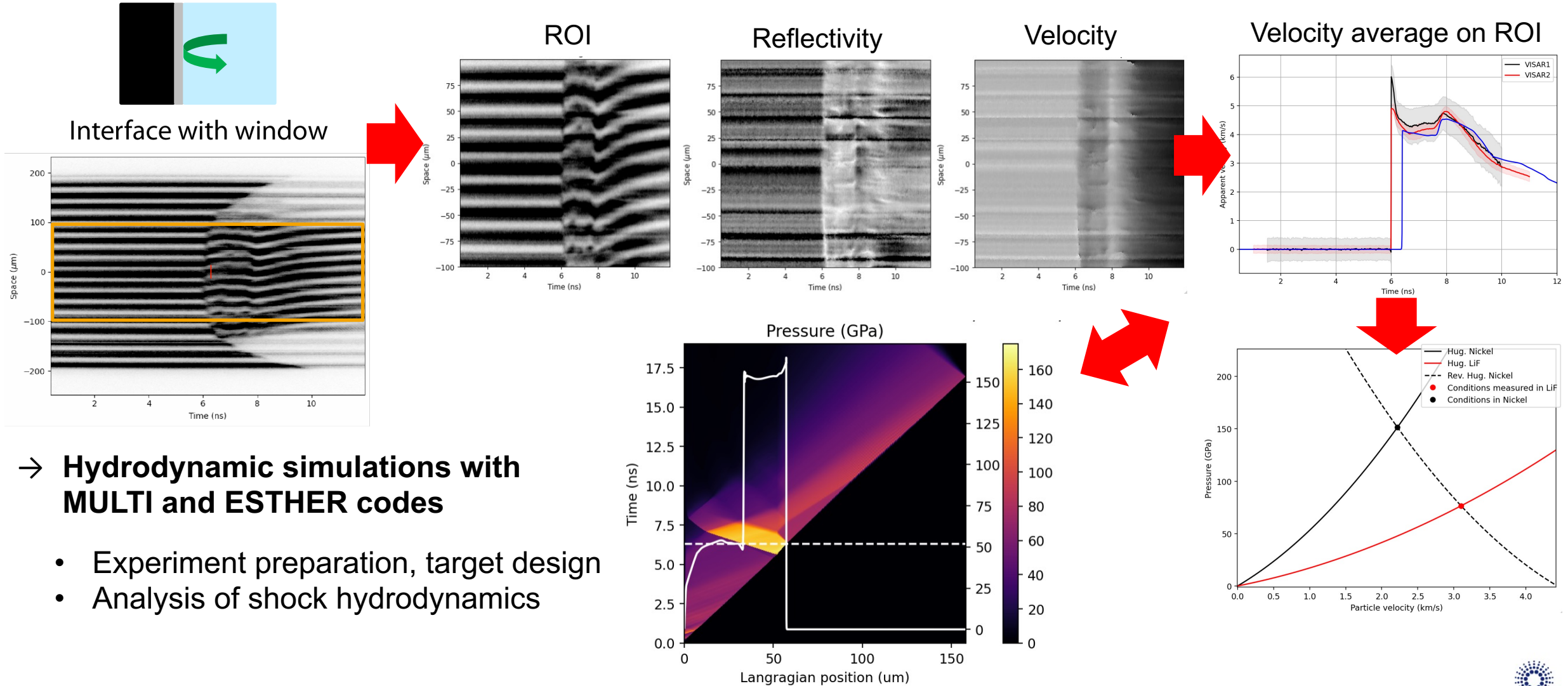


Shock front



# Support for analysis and hydrodynamic simulations

→ Development of tool to analyse VISAR images and determine pressure

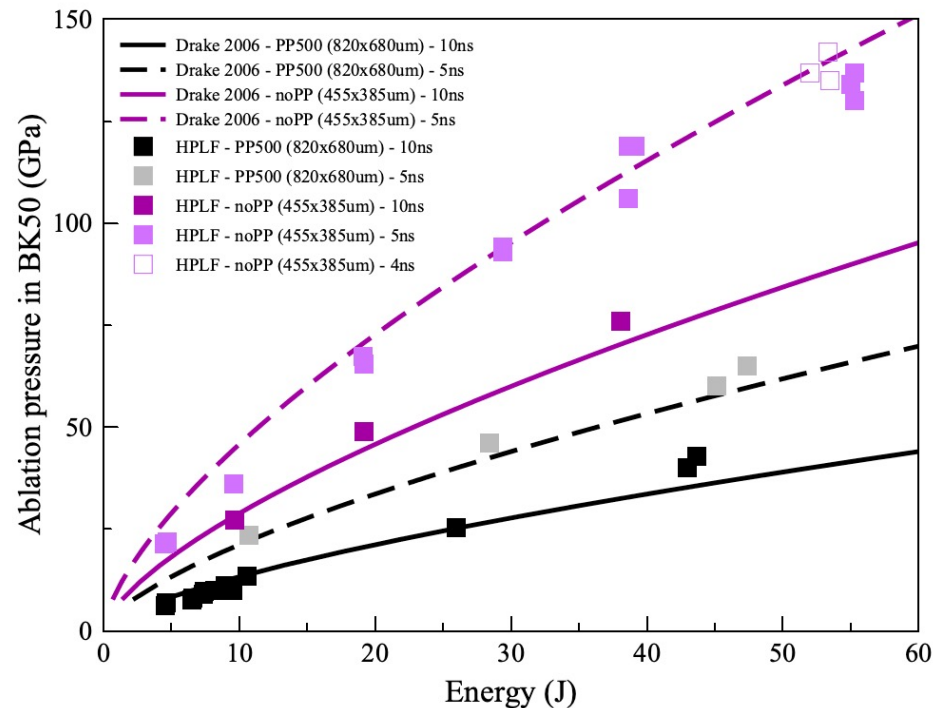


→ Hydrodynamic simulations with **MULTI** and **ESTHER** codes

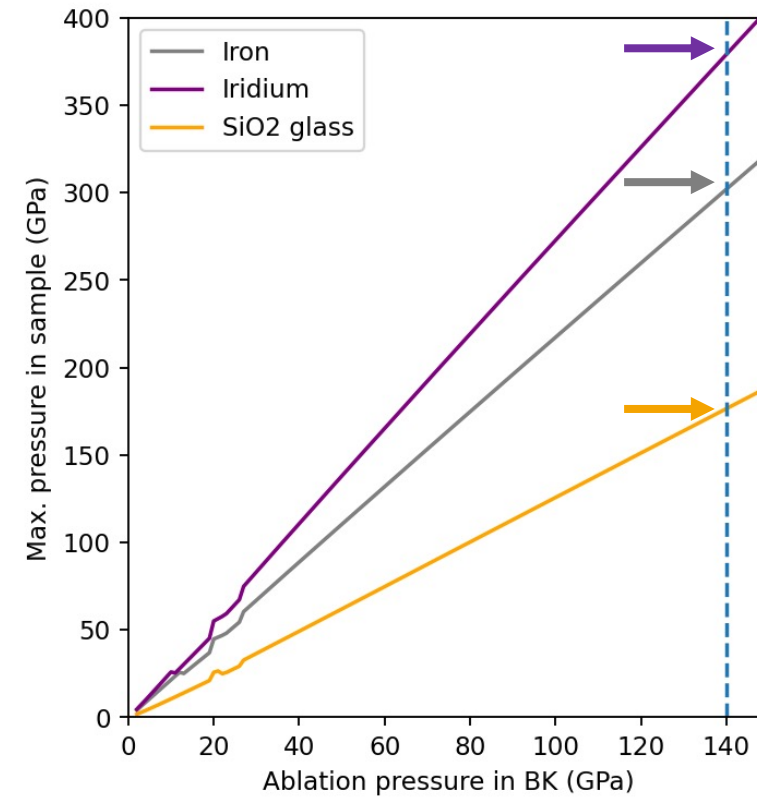
- Experiment preparation, target design
- Analysis of shock hydrodynamics

→ Ablation pressure measurements in Black Kapton (max. 140 GPa)

### Ablation pressures for different pulse durations and focal spot sizes



### Corresponding shock pressure in a sample directly attached to black kapton



Consistent results with different targets (BK/LiF, BK/SiO<sub>2</sub> glass, BK/metal, BK alone)

# Some science cases investigated in the last two years

## Fundamental physics

### Warm Dense Matter, Phase diagrams (Fe, Cu, Co)

S. Balugani et al. (ESRF, FLF, LULI, Oxford Uni.)

**Shock induced metallization of GeO<sub>2</sub>** A. Benuzzi et al. (LULI, CELIA, ESRF)

**Shock of pre-compressed water in DAC** A. Dwivedi et al. (EuXFEL, Milano Univ., ESRF, LULI, LLNL)

## Material sciences

### Ni, phase transitions

A. Sollier, C. Pépin et al. (CEA)

### Bulk and Nanoporous Cu

A. Krygier, J. Eggert, et al. (LLNL)

### CuZr based Metallic glasses

D. Loison (Uni. Rennes1, Warsaw Uni., LULI)

Phase transitions  
Local ionic structure

T from EXAFS

Electronic structure

## Planetary sciences

### Fe-oxides

J. Pintor, M. Harmand et al. (IMPMP U. Rochester, EuXFEL, LULI, PIMM)

### Fe-bearing silicate melts

JA Hernandez et al. (ESRF, IMPMP, LULI, Arizona Univ., Stanford Univ.)

### Fe-alloys

G. Morard, J.-A. Hernandez, G. Garofalo et al. (ESRF, IMPMP, LULI, Arizona Univ., Stanford Univ.)

### Reactivity of Fe and H

D. Kraus, C. McGuire et al. (Rostock Uni., HZDR, LULI, Stanford Uni., LLNL)

### Fe-bearing carbonate

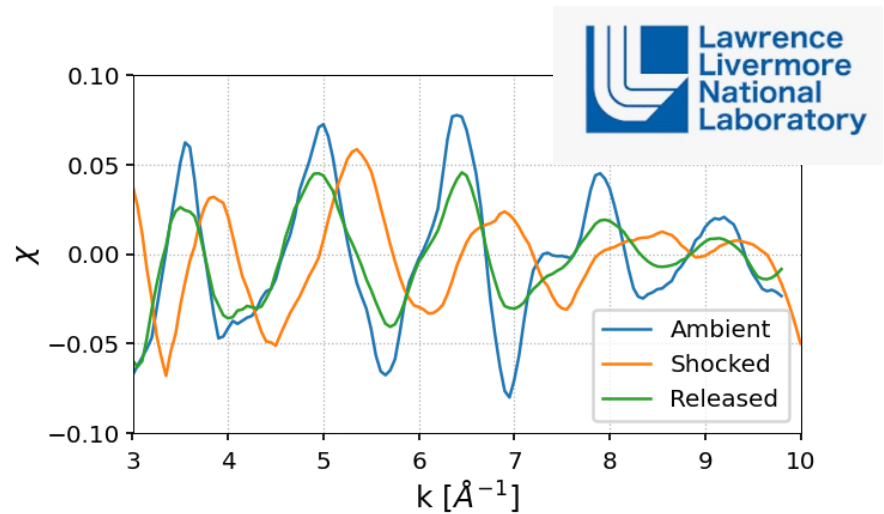
A. Dwivedi et al. (EuXFEL, ENSTA, IMPMP, MNHM, PIMM, ESRF)

# Investigation of 3d-metals structure and electronic properties

## Copper

Focus on temperature determination from EXAFS in fcc phase

A. Krygier, J. Eggert, C. McGuire, C. Vennari, P. Hesselbach et al.



Courtesy of A. Krygier

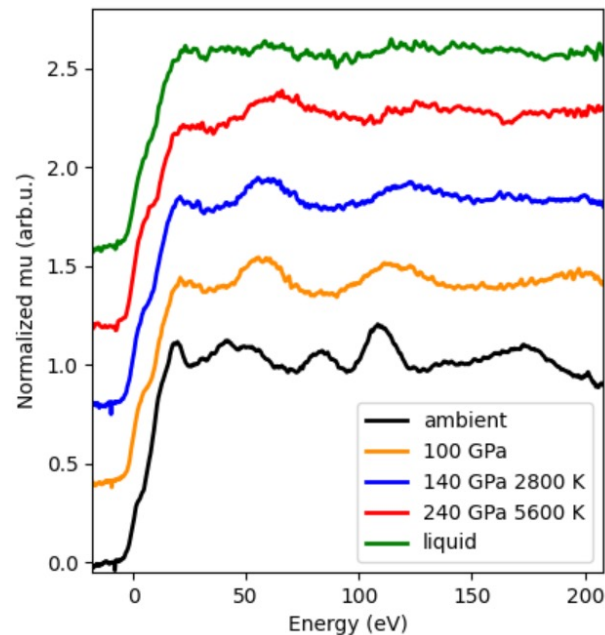
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## Iron

Focus on phase transitions and liquid in the warm dense state

S. Balugani, R. Torchio, et al.

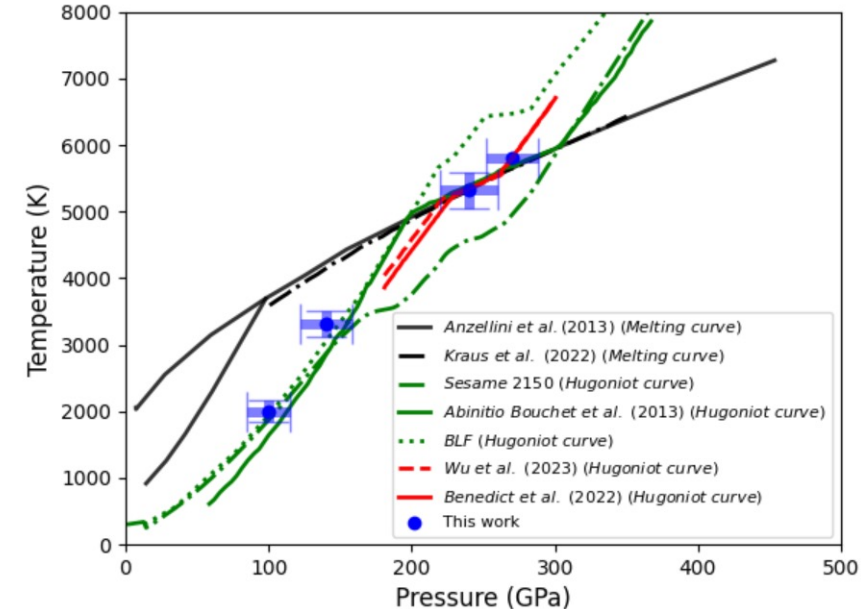
On-Hugoniot states



Balugani et al., in prep.

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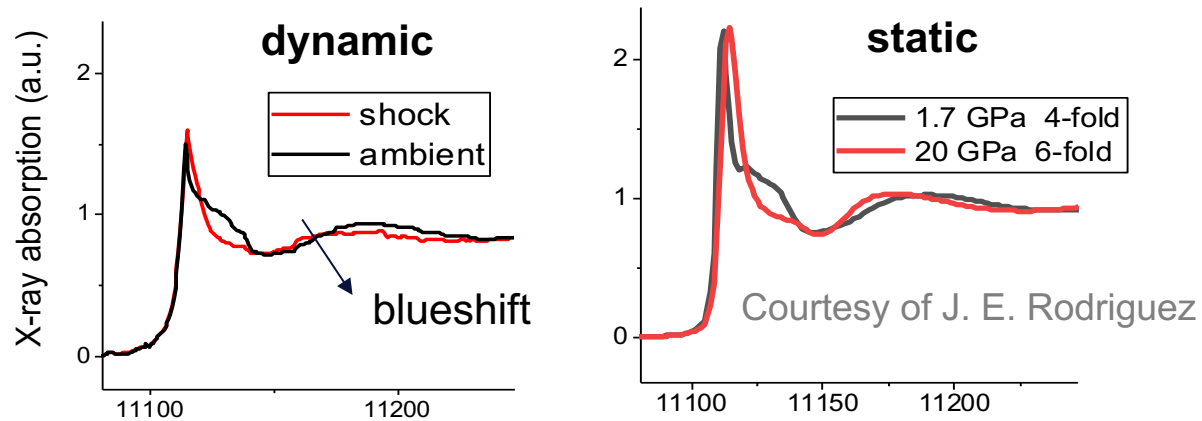


# Structural transitions and metallization of glassy GeO<sub>2</sub>

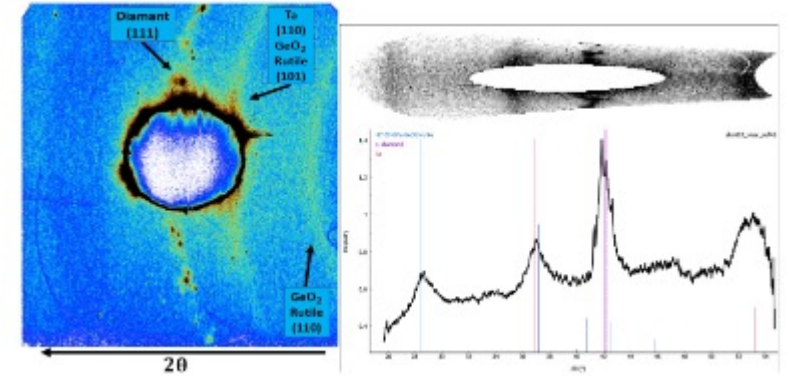
## GeO<sub>2</sub> as analogue of SiO<sub>2</sub>, key constituent of Earth and planets

A. Benuzzi-Mounaix, R. Torchio et al.

### Densification to 6-fold rutile structure (P < 100 GPa)

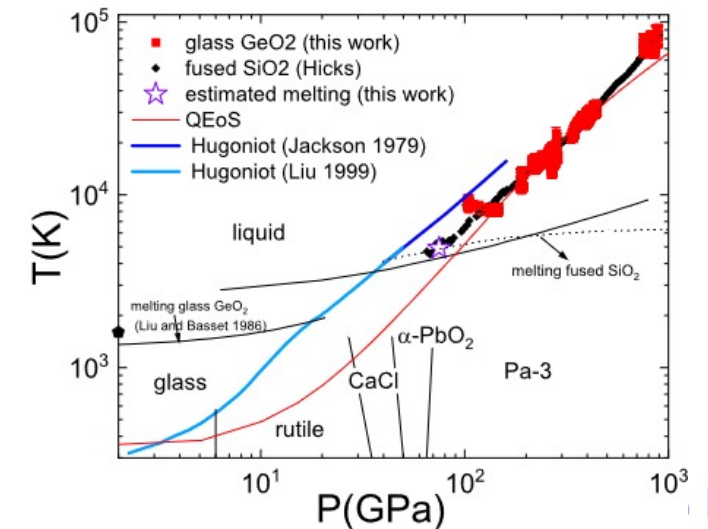
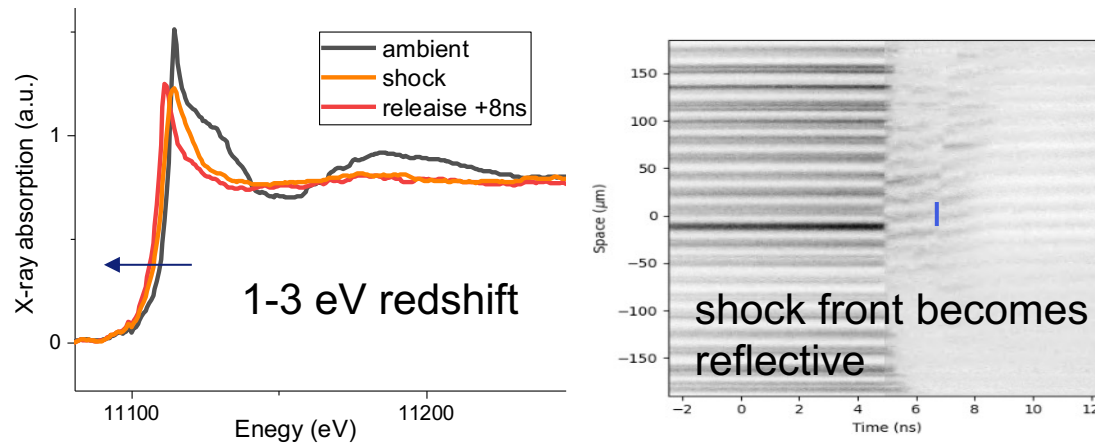


### EOS and XRD done at LULI



XRD @ LULI,  
Denoeud, Hernandez *et al.* RSI, 2021

### Metallization and band gap closure (P > 100 GPa)





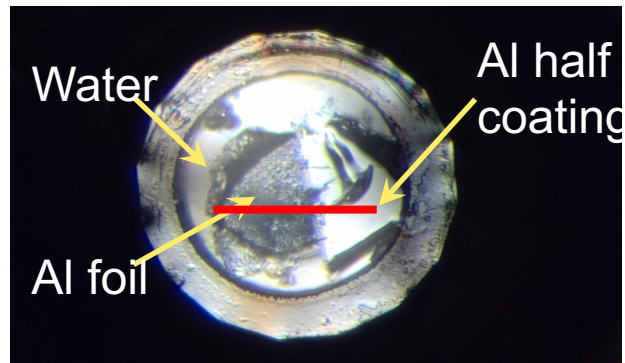
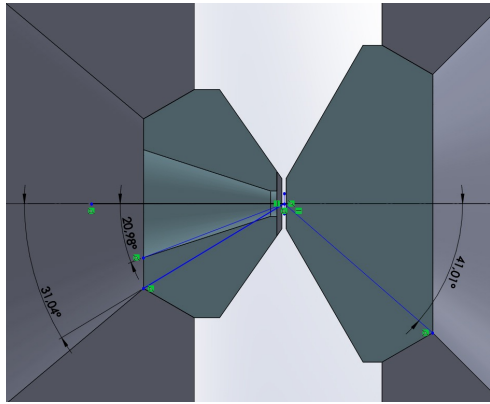
# Exploring denser states by coupling static and dynamic compressions

## Laser-shock in DAC pre-compressed samples, adaptation for 100J-class lasers

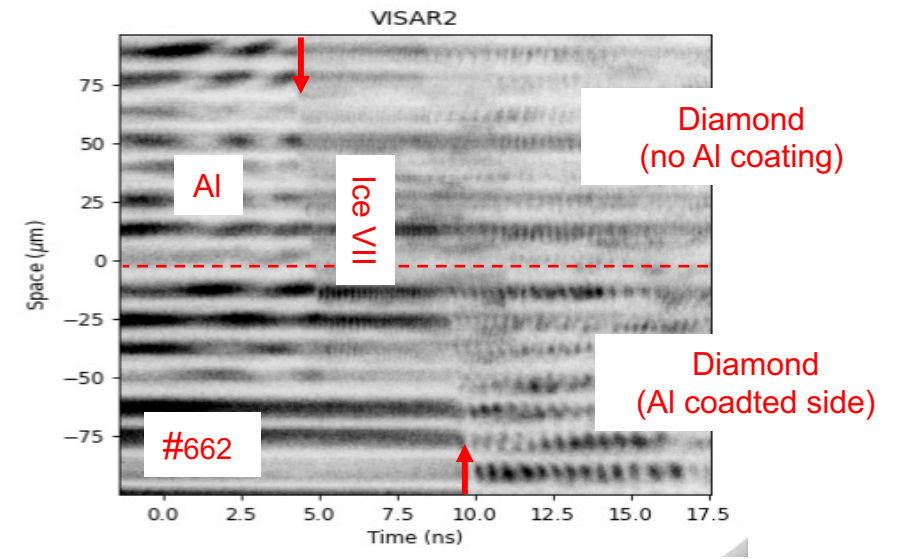
A. Diwendi, V. Cerantola, J.-A. Hernandez, A. Ravasio, E. Brambrink, M. Millot, et al.

Pre-compression in DAC increases pre-shock density and allows to produce shock states with higher  $\rho$  and lower  $T$  (so far reserved to large laser facilities)

Adaptation to 100J-class lasers coupled with X-ray facilities using perforated diamond anvils?



Shock in ice VII pre-compressed at 5 GPa on HPLF  
Pressure was about 40 GPa in H<sub>2</sub>O



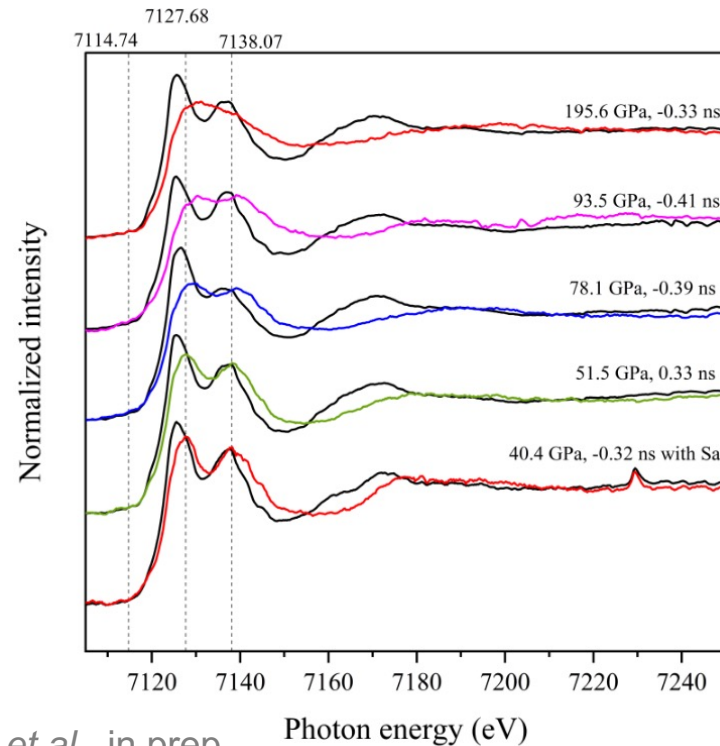
**First laser-only tests and proof-of-principle done on HPLF**

→ See poster of A. Dwivedi (EuXFEL)

## Siderite (Mg,Fe)CO<sub>3</sub>

A. Diwendi, V. Cerantola, F. Guyot, M. Harmand, T. de Resseguier et al.

Transformation mechanisms upon impact?  
Fate of carbonates at lower mantle conditions?



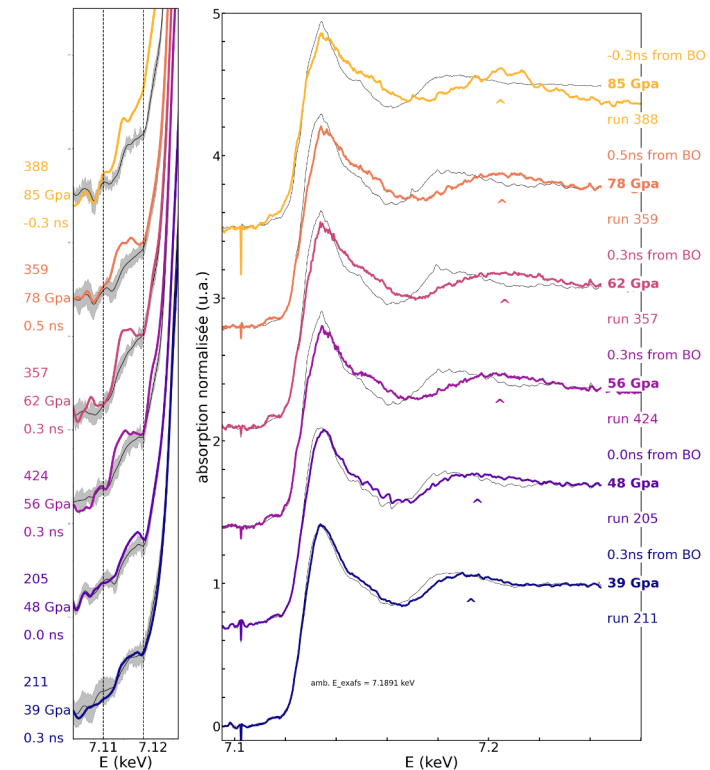
A. Diwendi *et al.*, in prep.

→ See talk of A. Dwivedi (EuXFEL) on  
Wednesday at 11:50

## Hematite Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

J. Pintor, A. Amouretti, K. Appel, K. Buakor, M. Harmand et al.

Effect of strain rate and kinetics in Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> HP  
Interplay between electronic and ionic structures?



J. Pintor *et al.*, in prep.

→ See talk of J. Pintor (IMPIC) on  
Wednesday at 12:10

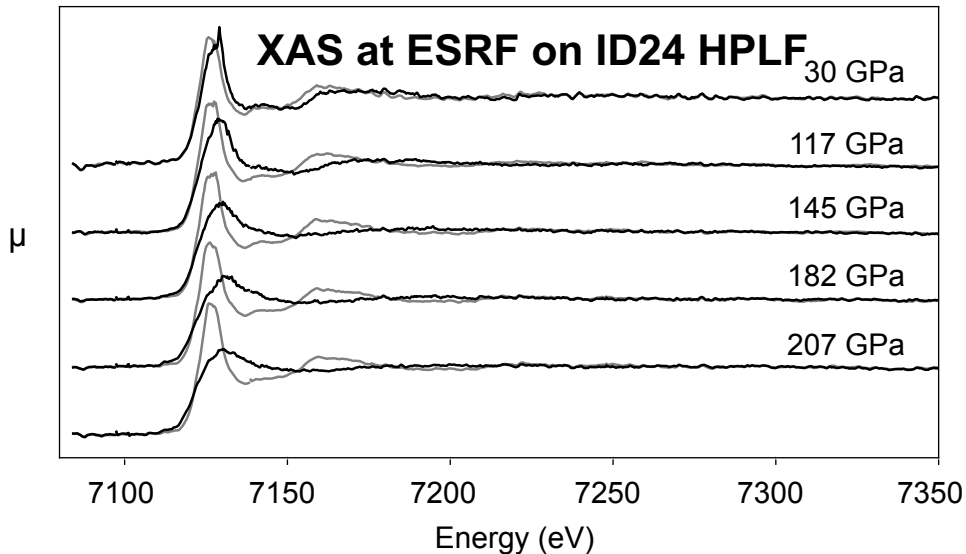
# Fe-bearing planetary compounds

## Investigation of dense Fe-bearing silicate melts: example of Almandine garnet $(\text{Mg,Fe})_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$

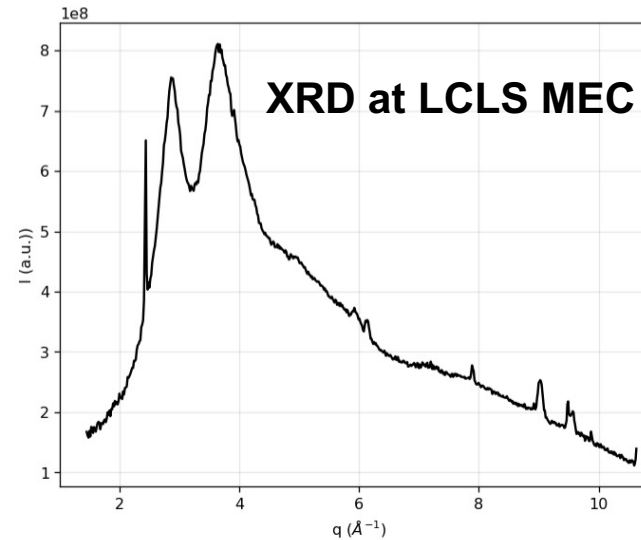
J.-A. Hernandez, L. Lebon, G. Morard, S. Pandolfi, A. Ravasio, S. H. Shim, X. Xong, A. Gleason, R. Alonso-Mori, H. J. Lee, W. Mao, C. Prescher, N. Sevelin-Radiguet, R. Torchio

Thermodynamics, structural and electronic properties of Fe-bearing dense silicate melts  
Implications for deep magma oceans of terrestrial planets (composition, lifetime, conductivity)

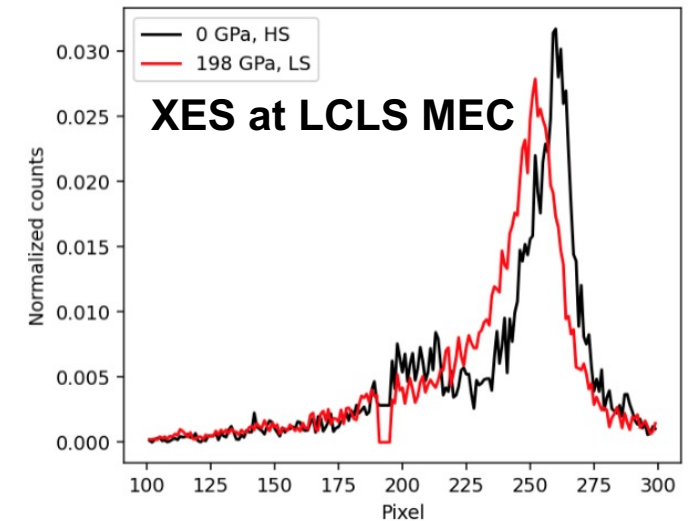
### Local structure around Fe atoms and electronic transitions from XAS



### Phase transitions and liquid structure from XRD



### HS-LS transition evidenced by $\text{K}\beta$ XES



+ EOS at LULI

# Summary and next steps

✓ **HPLF has been welcoming users since June 2022!**

✓ **Experimental configuration**

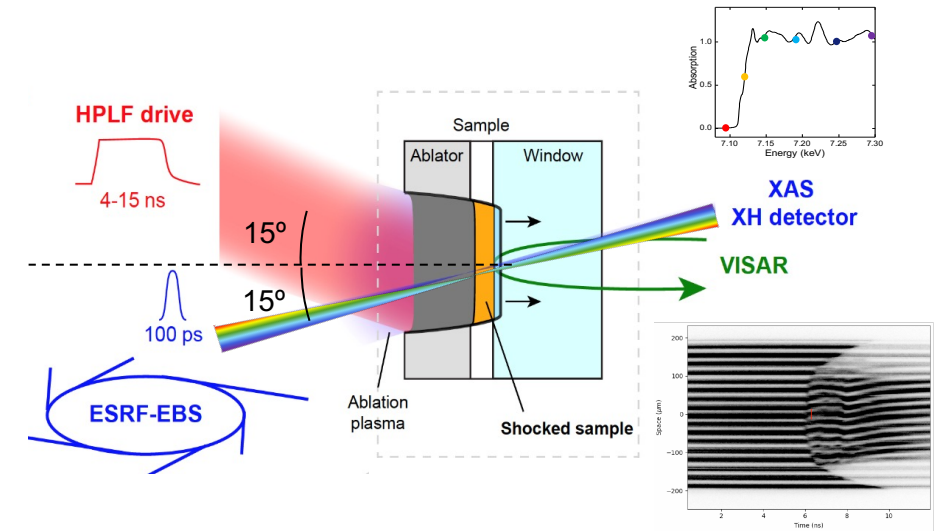
- Drive laser providing **55 J in 4-15 ns at 1053 nm**
- **Up to 140 GPa ablation pressure** in black kapton
- **High-resolution XAS for edges between 5 and 28 keV**
- **2 line-imaging VISAR**
- Support for analysis and experiment preparation

✓ **Good first science results**

- First manuscripts expected to be submitted in the coming weeks/months
- Most studies are at the stage of performing comparative atomistic simulations

→ **Streaked Optical Pyrometer** to be installed by mid-2024

→ **HPLF-II**: HPLF laser upgrade and coupling with other X-ray diag. (XRD, XRI, ...)



→ **See round table session**

# Applying for beamtime on the High-Power Laser Facility on ID24-ED

## Practical information

### Register to [hplf@esrf.fr](mailto:hplf@esrf.fr)

(facility parameters, proposal deadlines, target testing sessions)

### Proposal submission

**2 calls per year (September and March)**

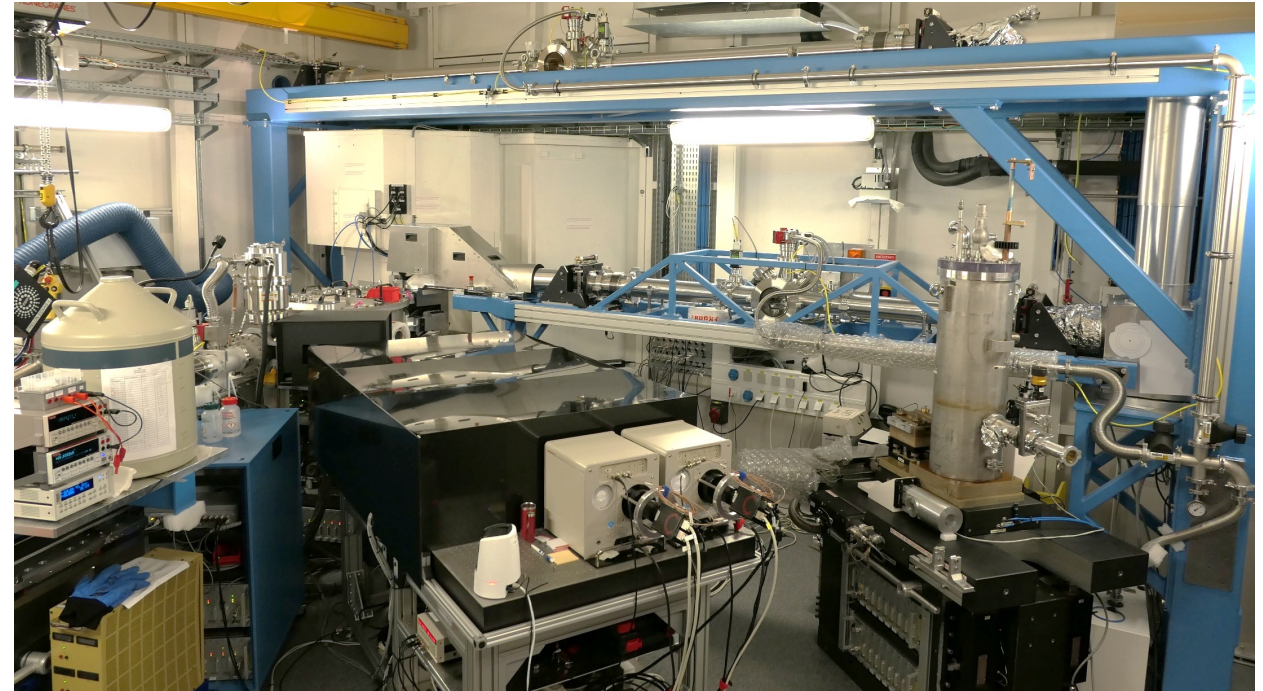
**Beamtime 1 year after acceptance**

- **Help provided for experiment design if needed**
- **~100-150 samples needed per beamtime**
- **Samples should be tested in advance**

### Contacts:

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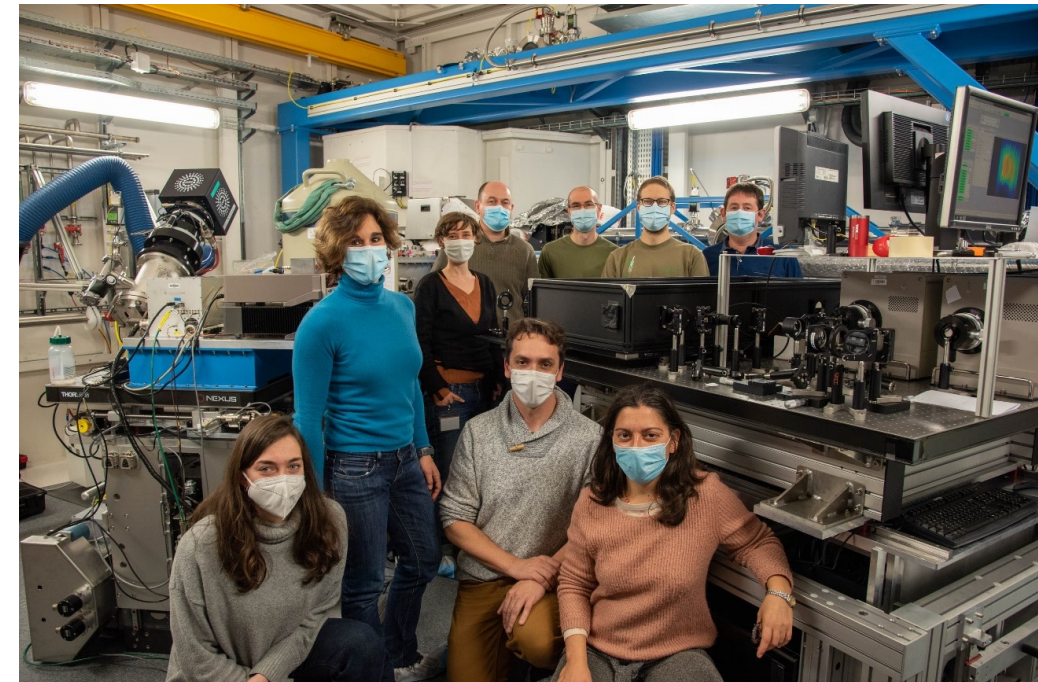
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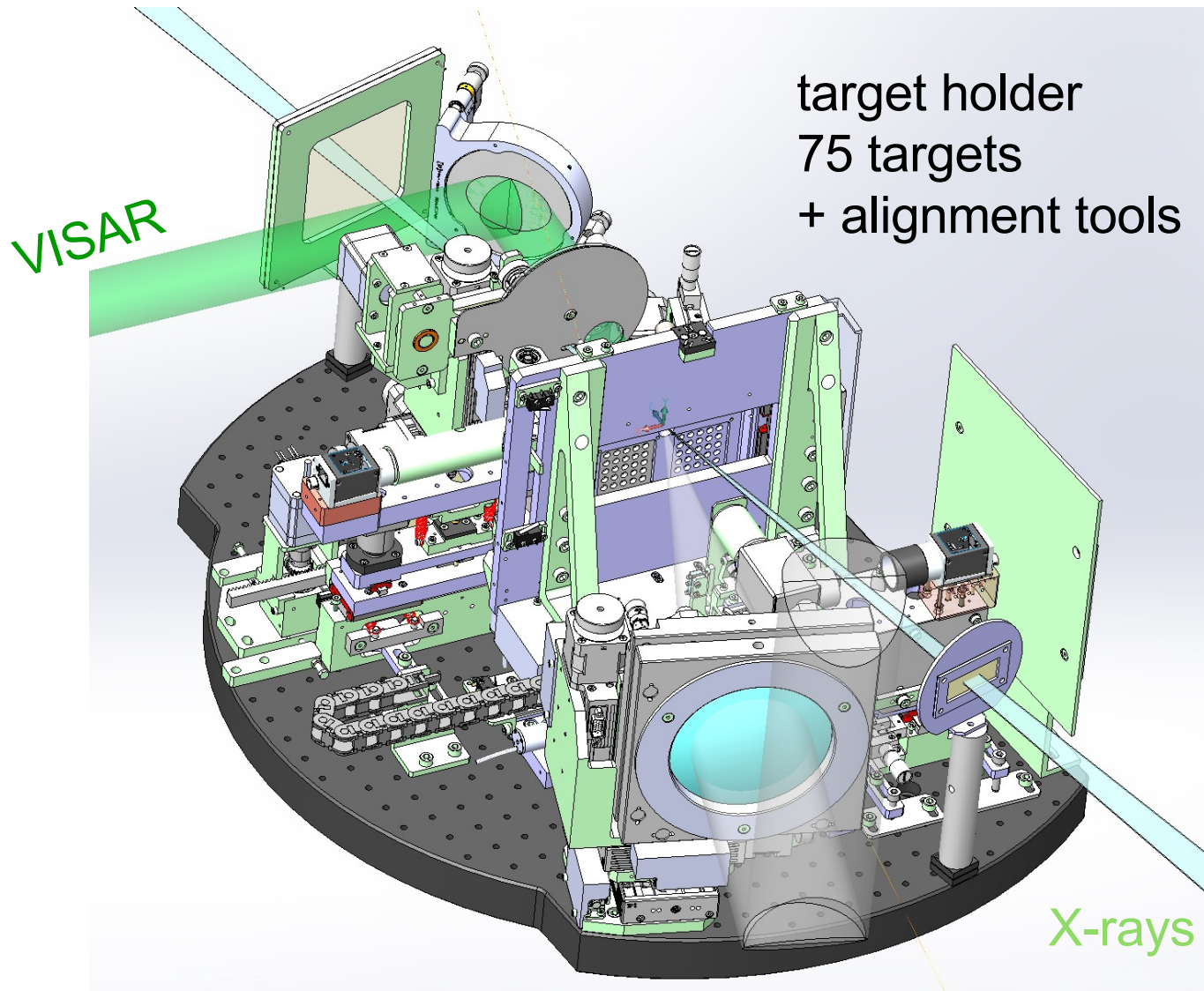
→ Users for their interest, feedback and for making leading science at ESRF!



The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric scene, possibly from a sci-fi movie. It features a bright blue light source on the left, a vertical purple light strip in the center, and a glowing red oval on the right. The overall tone is mysterious and high-tech.

**Thank you for your attention**

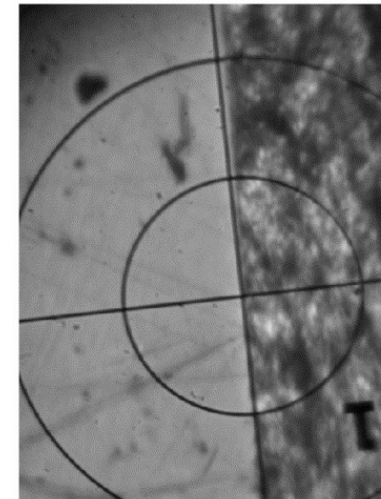
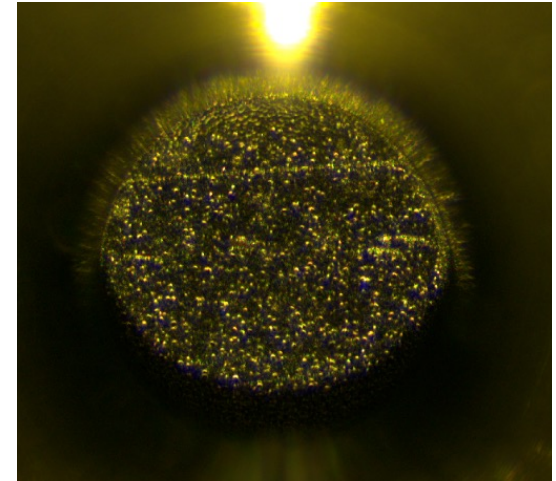
# Interaction chamber and target holder



target holder  
75 targets  
+ alignment tools

drive laser

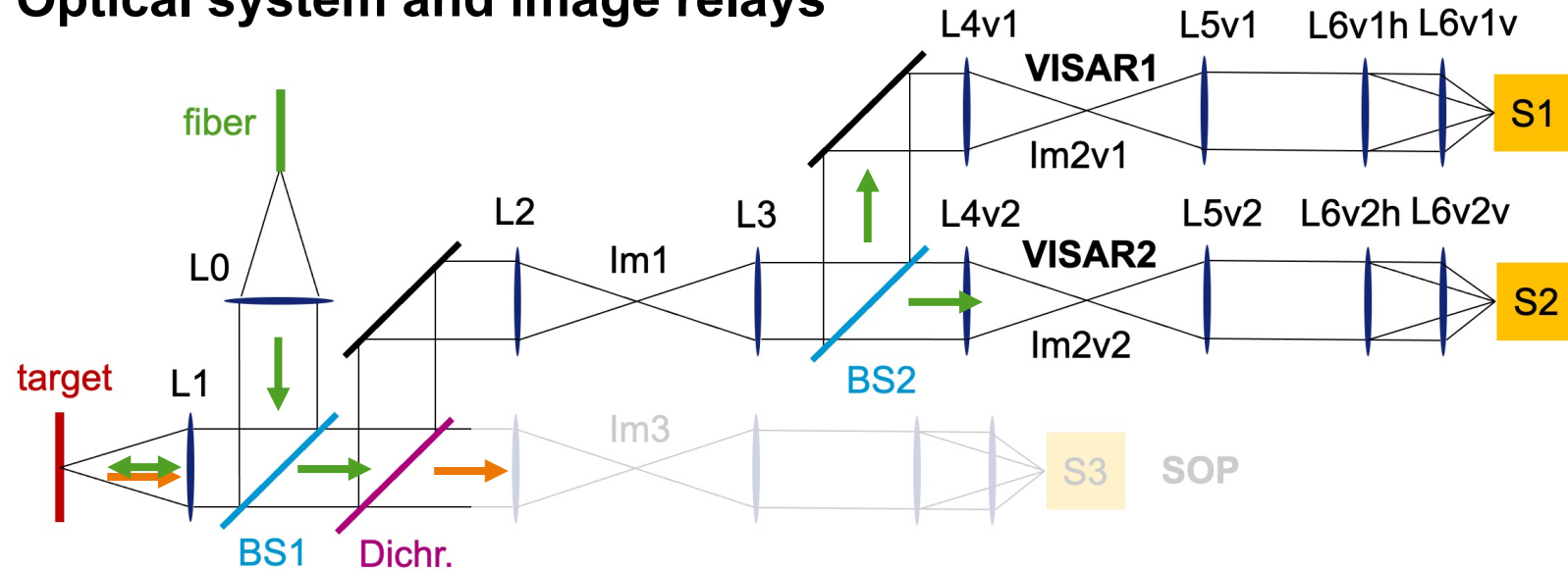
Upstream  $\mu$ scope image



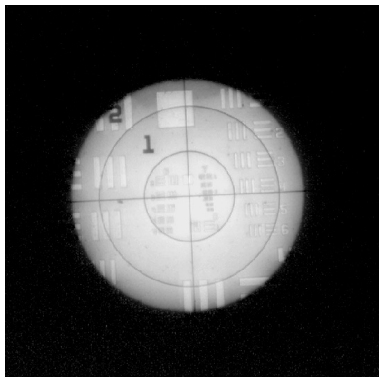
Downstream visar image



## Line-imaging VISAR: Optical system and image relays



Im1 (x2.7)



Im2 (x13.5)

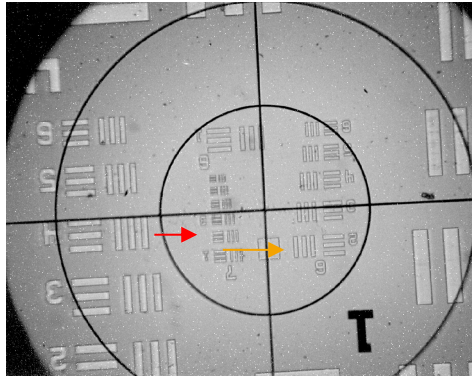
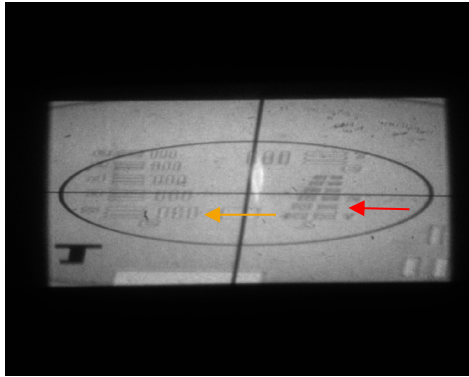


Image (x33) on streak slit



Im2 (x27)

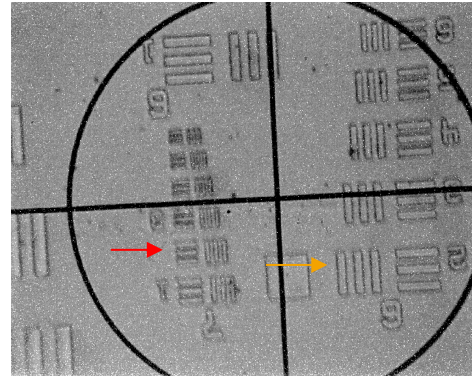
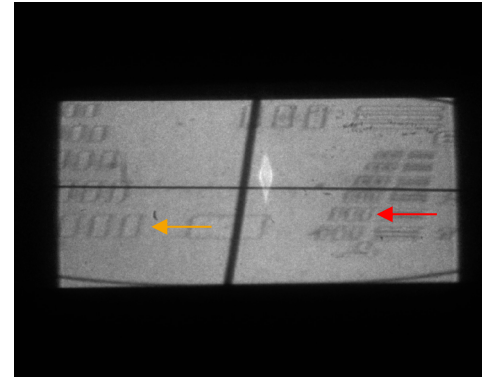


Image (x67) on streak slit



Line widths: 6.96  $\mu\text{m}$ , 3.48  $\mu\text{m}$  Max. fov = 400  $\mu\text{m}$  usable

Min. fov = 200  $\mu\text{m}$  usable