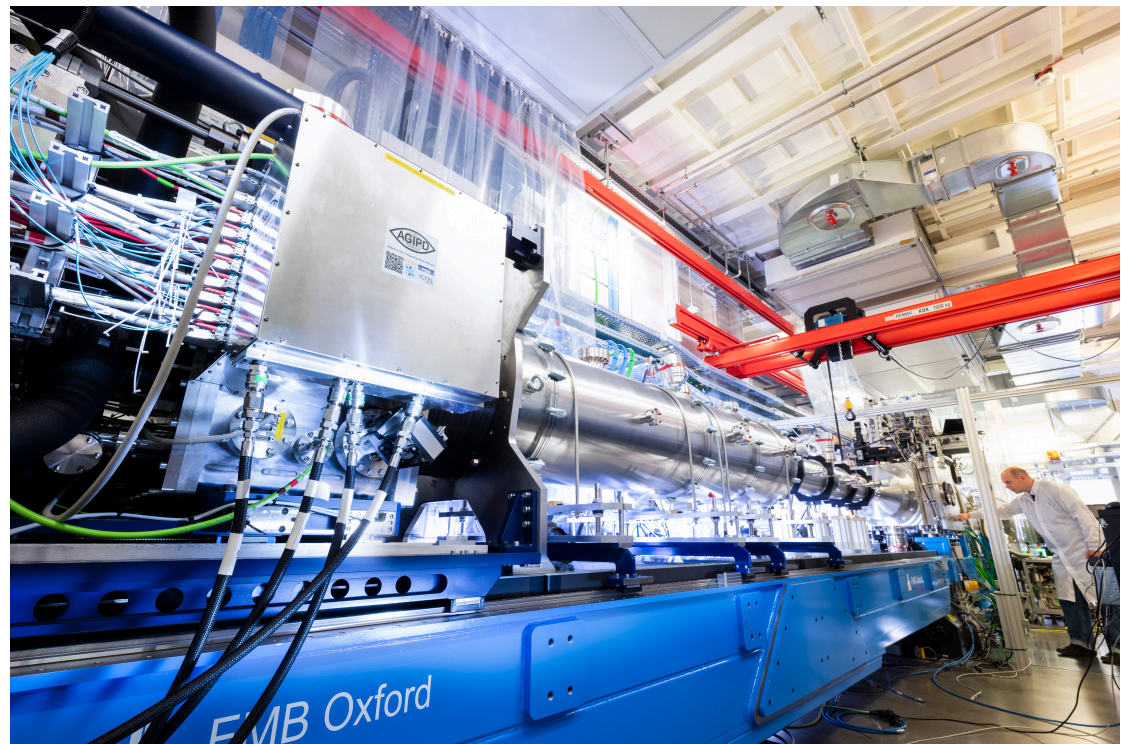


# Serial crystallography with XFELs: Overview and photon beam requirements

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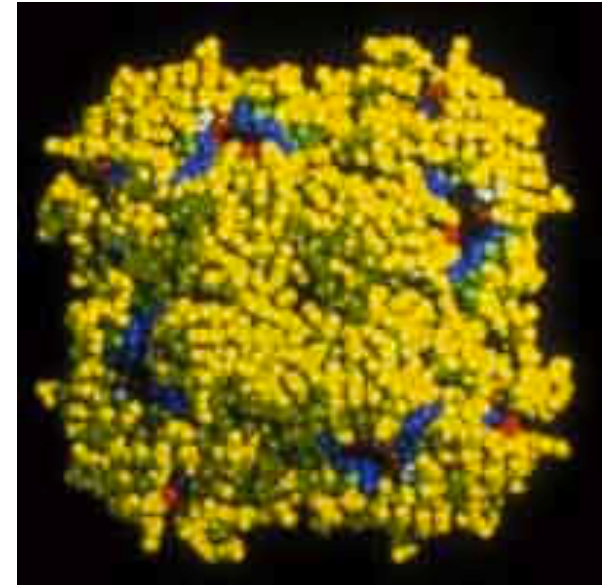
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# Why look at the structure of biomolecules?

## Why do it at an XFEL?

- Structure of a molecule -> function
- Structure allows, eg, Rational Drug Design, Understanding of human biochemistry.
- Photons (X-rays) allow depth information from intact systems at atomic resolution.
- XFELs make it possible to determine the structure of molecules that are *unable to be imaged by other means*. These are structures typically of biological importance, < microns in size and include membrane proteins—the major class of proteins addressed by modern medicine.



**Influenza virus  
structure - A protein  
from the influenza  
virus**

**Image: J. Varghese et  
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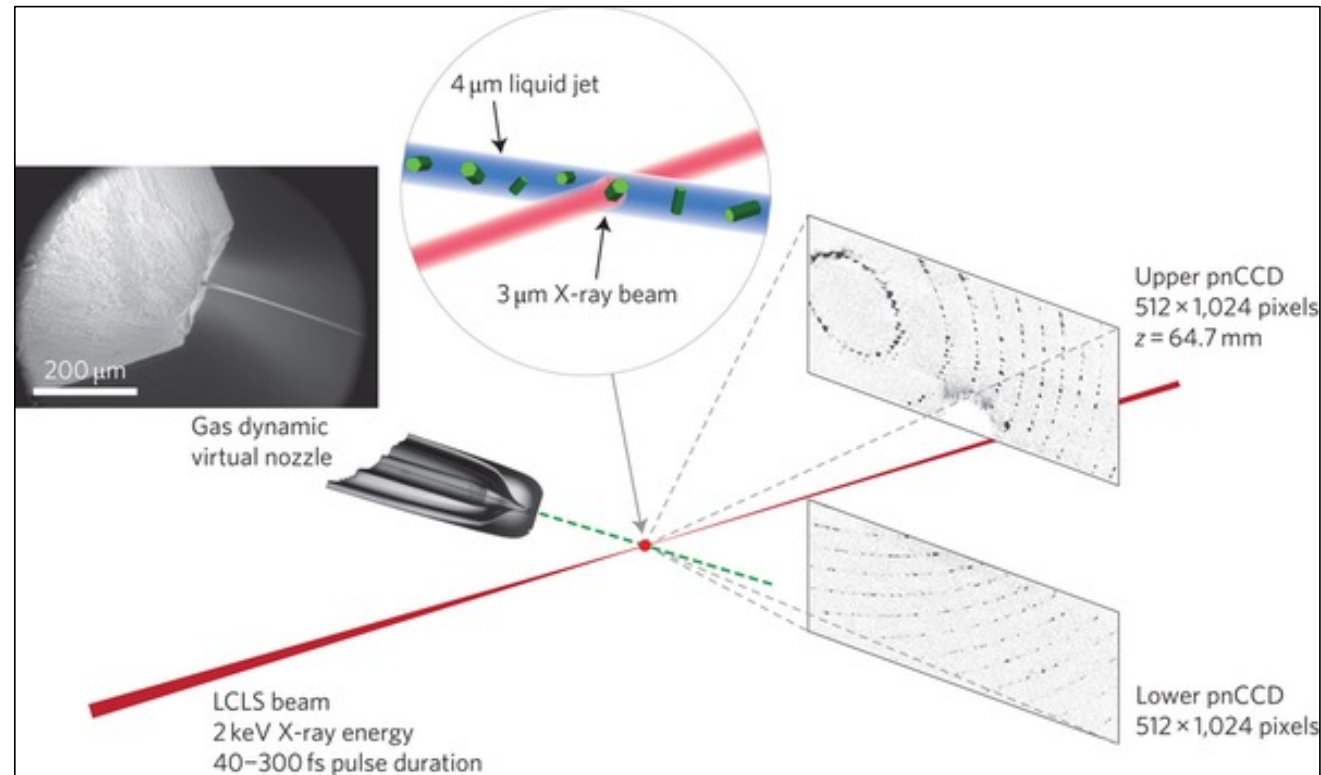


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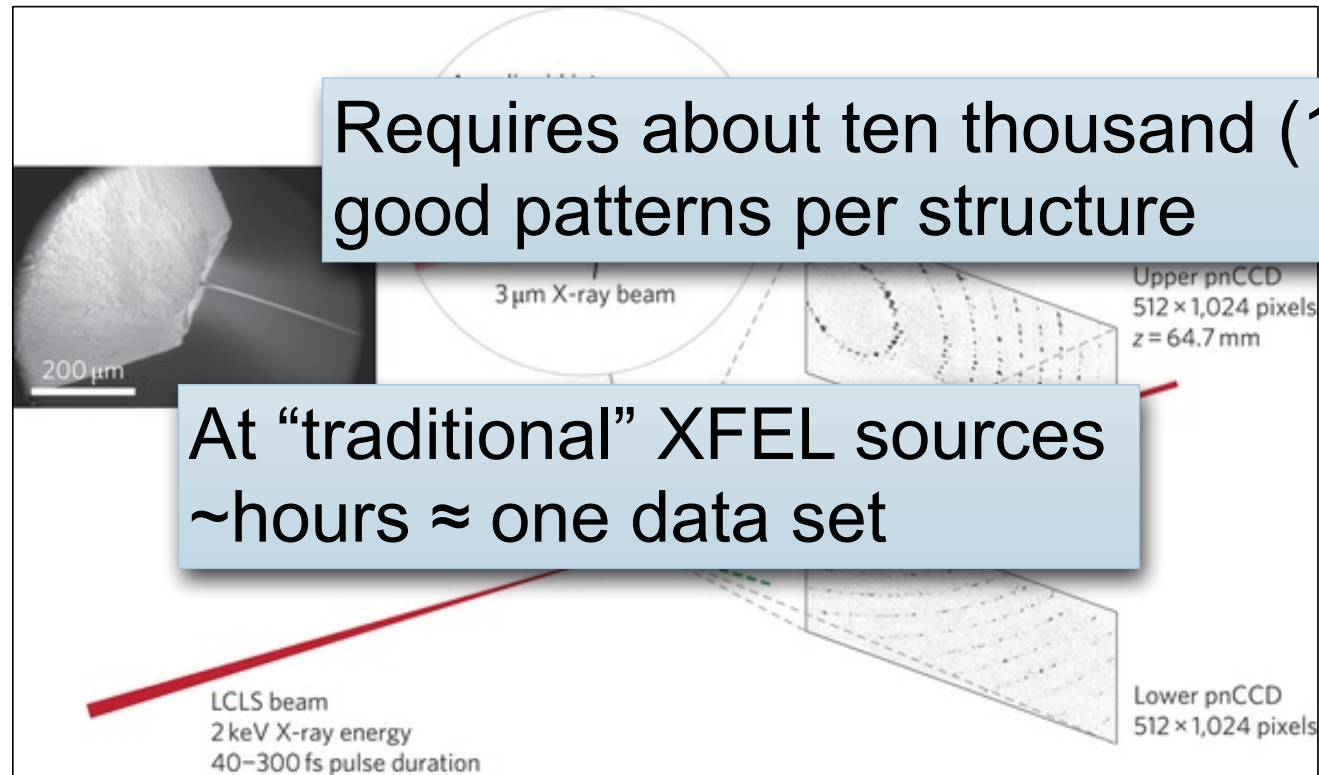



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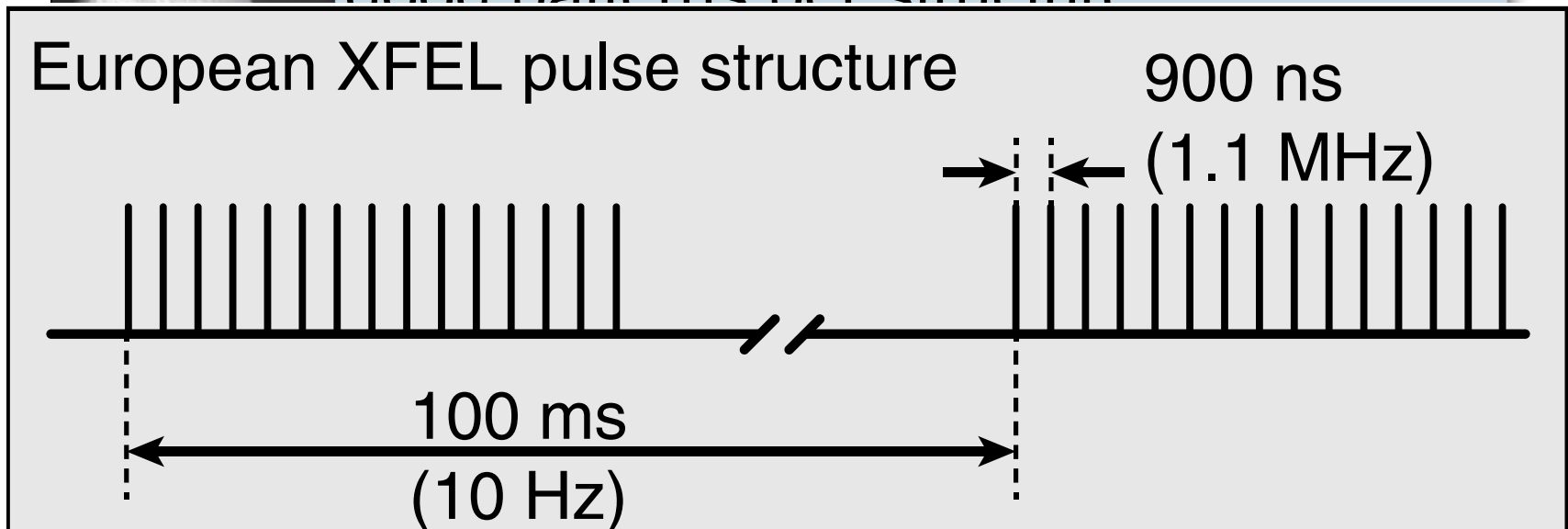
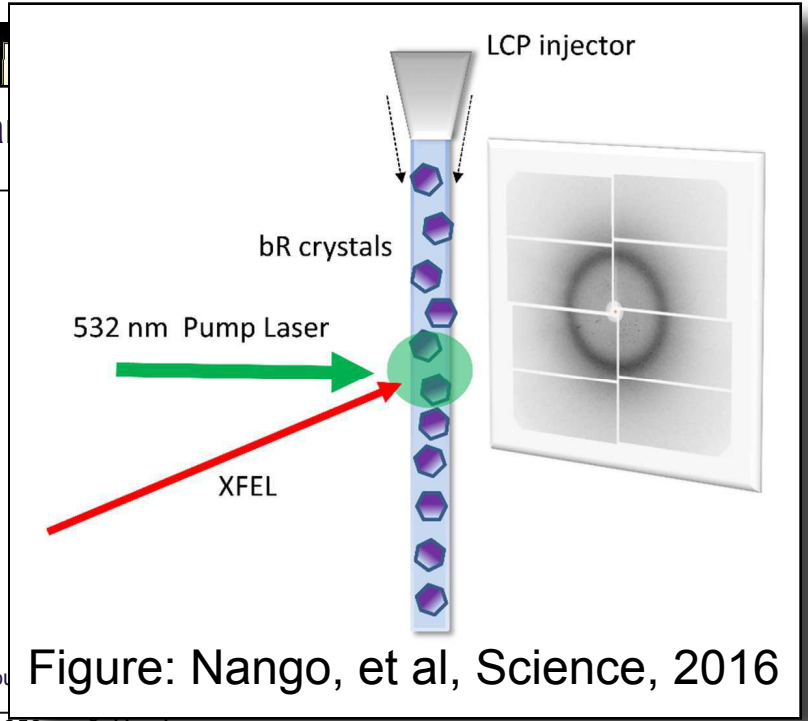
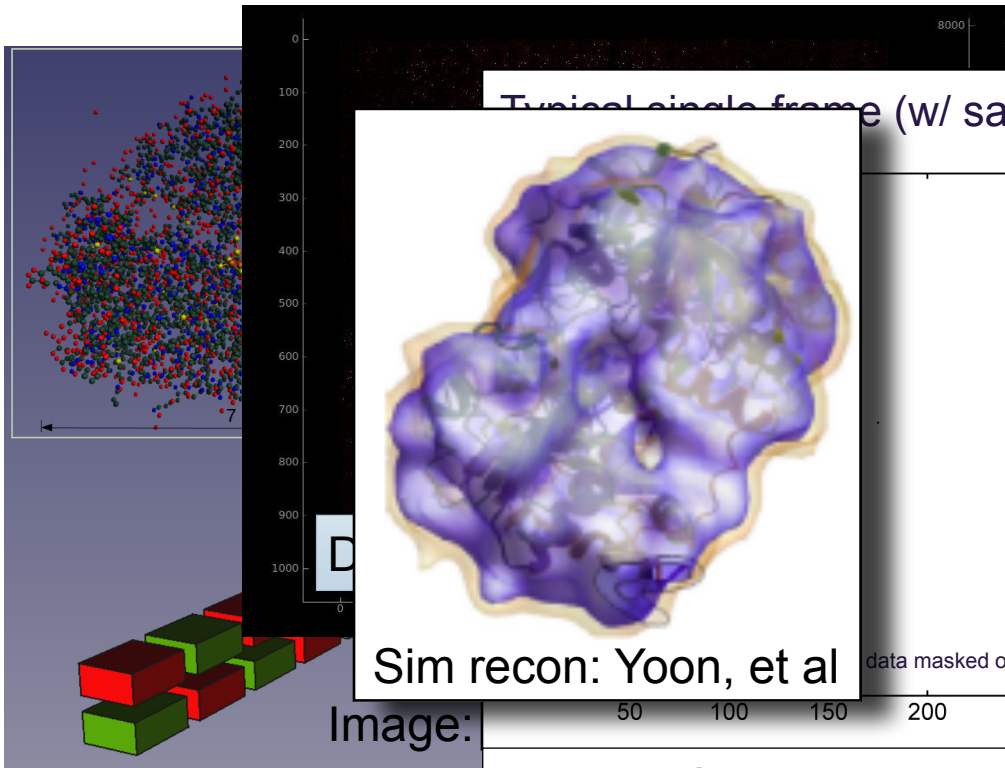
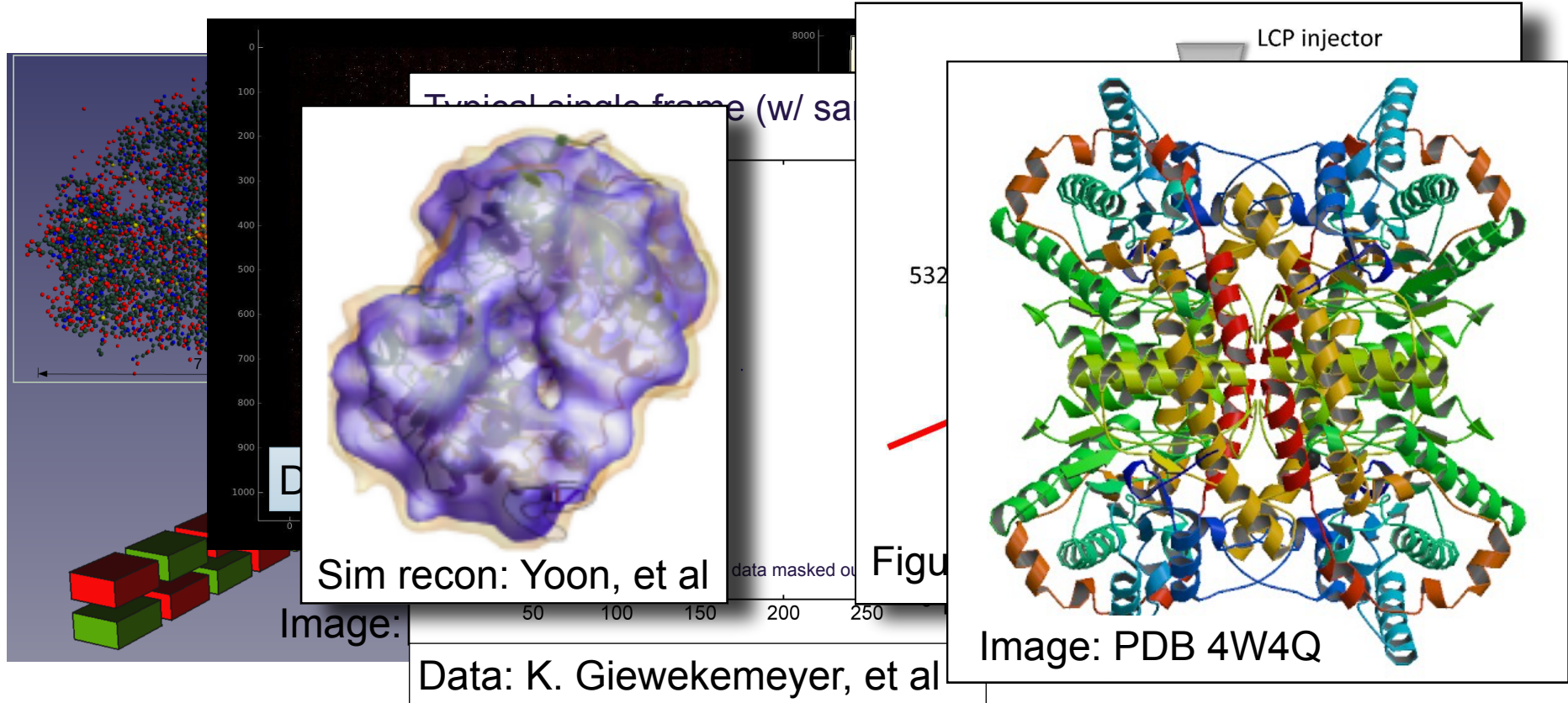


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Everything forward scattering—predominantly **Serial Crystallography** and **single particle imaging** of biological samples and including time resolved experiments (pump-probe, mixing)

# XFELs are used to solve difficult to crystallise and radiation sensitive proteins, and for time resolved structural dynamics

Slide: Anton Barty, CFEL, DESY

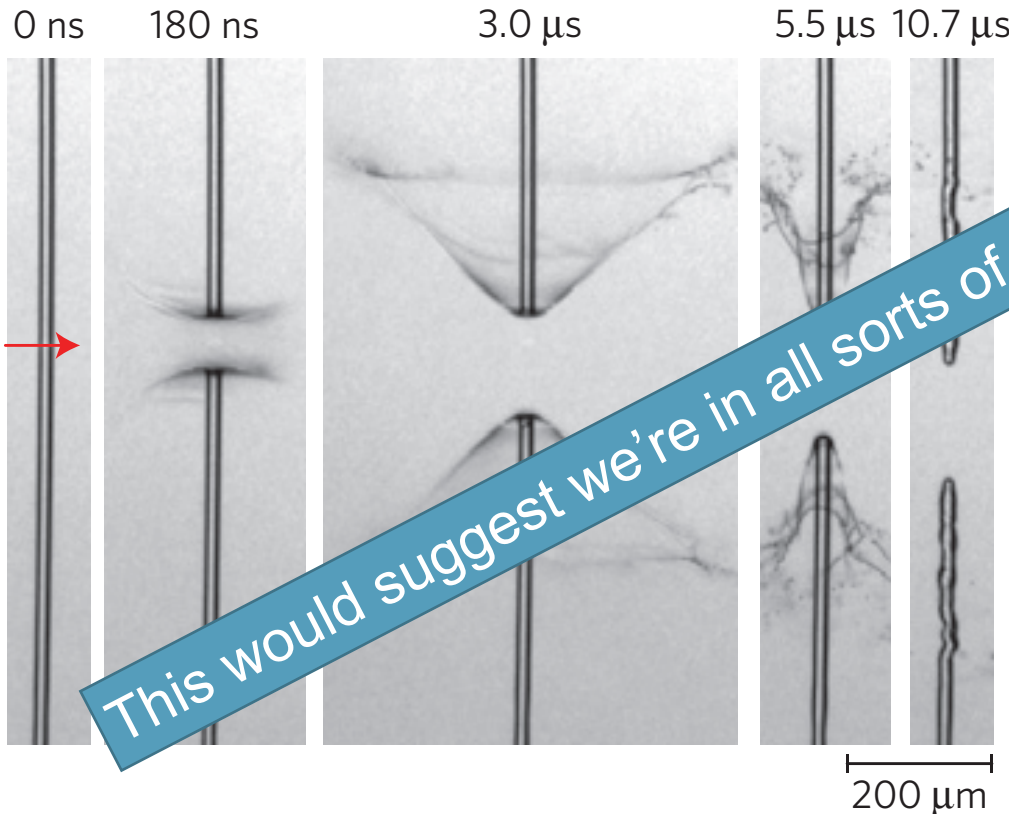
**Requires  $\sim N \times 10^5$  good patterns per (time-resolved) structure**

- Lysozyme**  
4ZIX, 5C6I, 5C6J, 5C6L, 4RW1, 4RW2, 4N5R
- Thermolysin**  
4OW3, 4TNL, 5DLH
- ATPase**  
4XOU
- 30s ribosome**  
5BR8
- Rhodopsin-arrestin**  
4ZWJ
- Angiotensin**  
4YAY
- A2...**
- SNARE complex**  
5CCG
- Granulovirus**  
5GOZ
- CathepsinB**  
4HWY
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5MG0, 5MG1, 5L8M
- BinAB**  
5FOY, 5FOZ, 5G37
- Phycocyanin**  
4Q70, 4Z8K, 4ZIZ
- CPV17**  
4ZQX
- PAS-GAF**  
5L8M
- Photosystem I+II (x16)**  
3PCQ, 4FBY, 4IXR, 4IXQ, 4TNK, 4TNJ, 4TNI, 4TNH, 4PBU, 4RVY, 5E7C, 5TIS, 5KAI, 5KAF
- Myoglobin (x15)**  
4PNJ, 5CNG, 5CNF, 5CNE, 5CND, 5CNC, 5CNB, 5CN9, 5CN8, 5CN7, 5CN6, 5CN5, 5CN4, 5CMV, 5JOM
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- DgkA**  
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# So we've got a bunch of neat tools, but can we do an experiment that exploits the repetition rate?

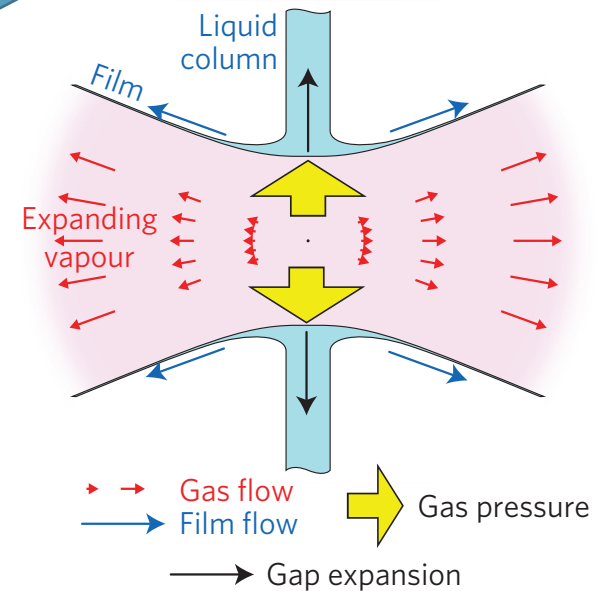


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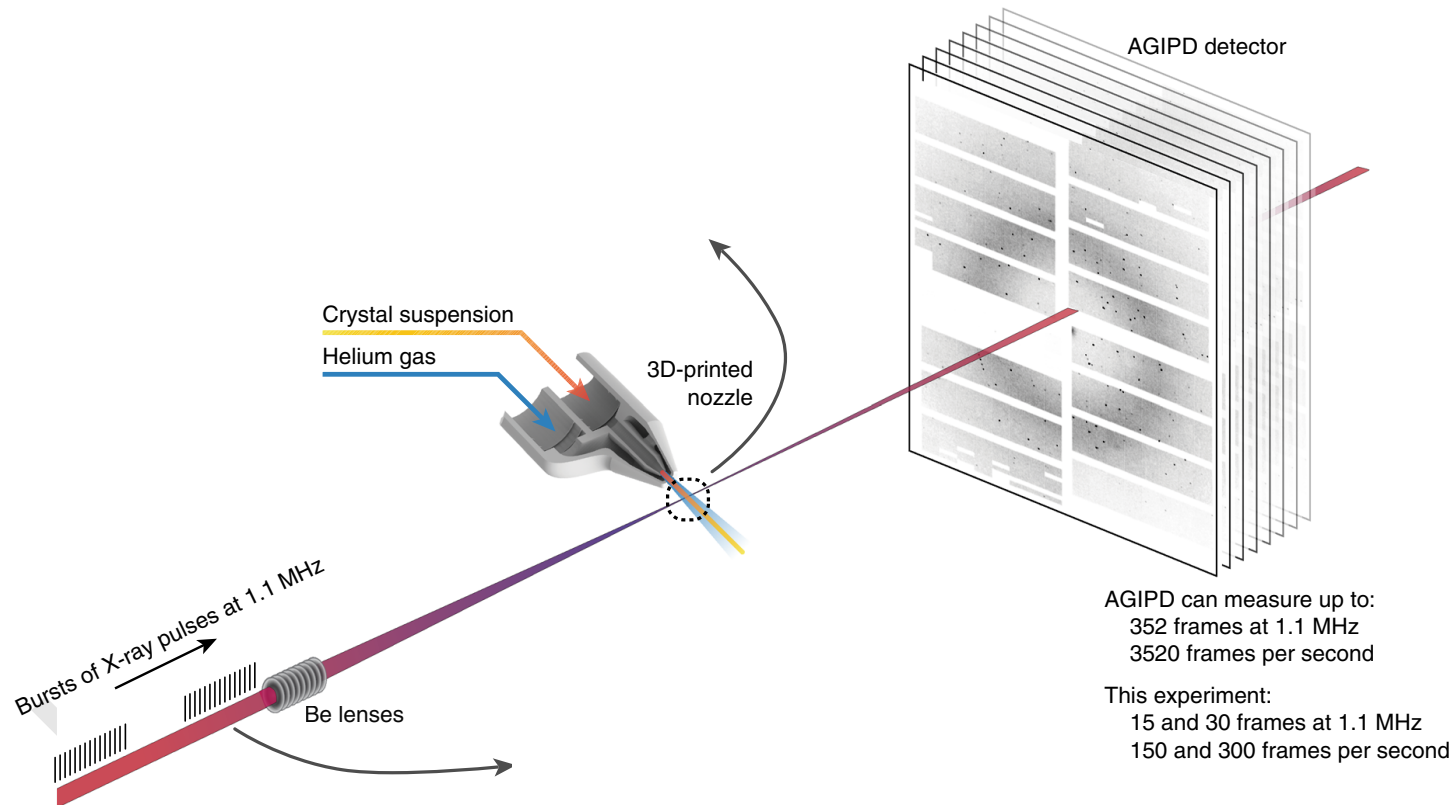
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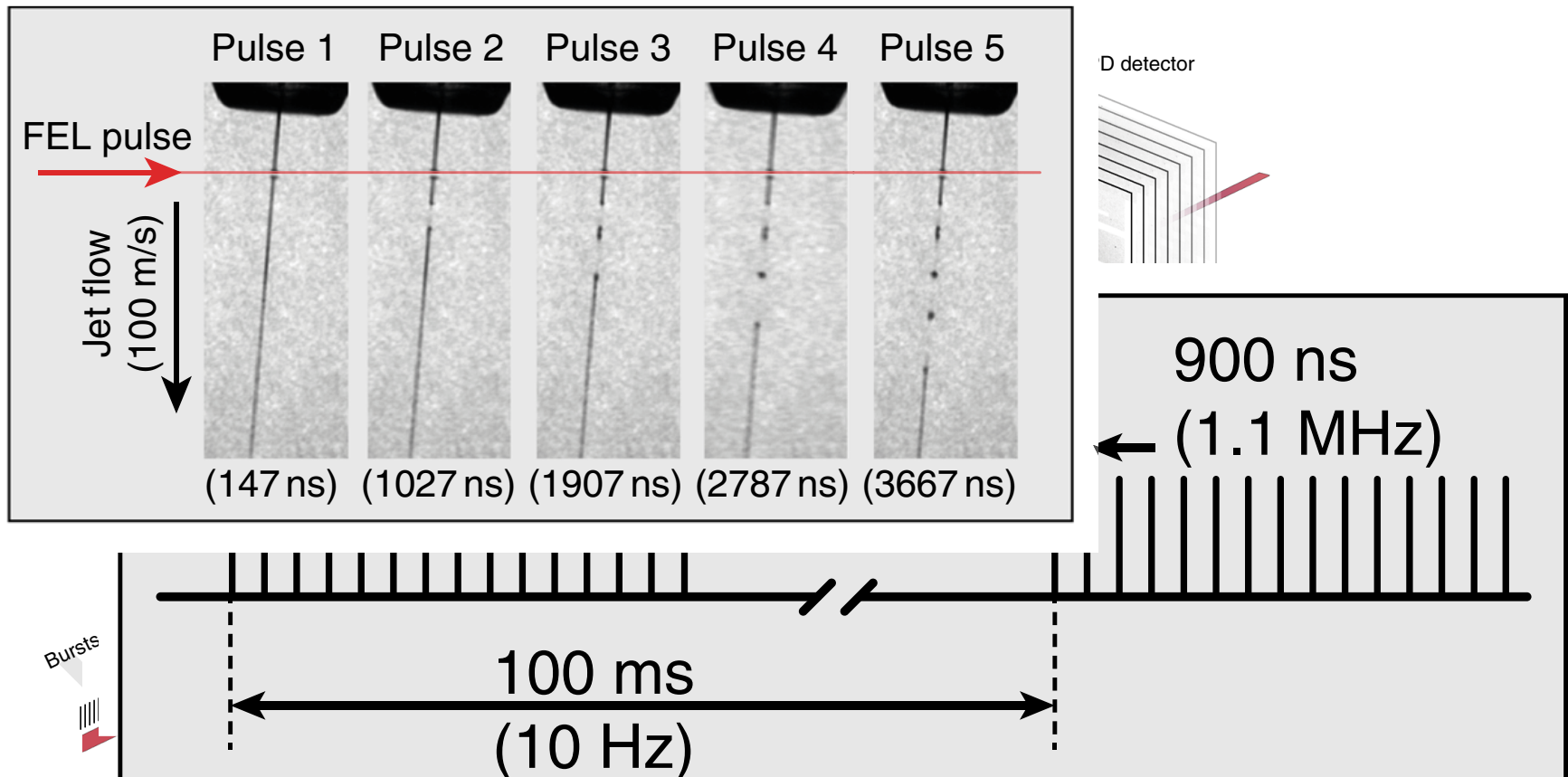
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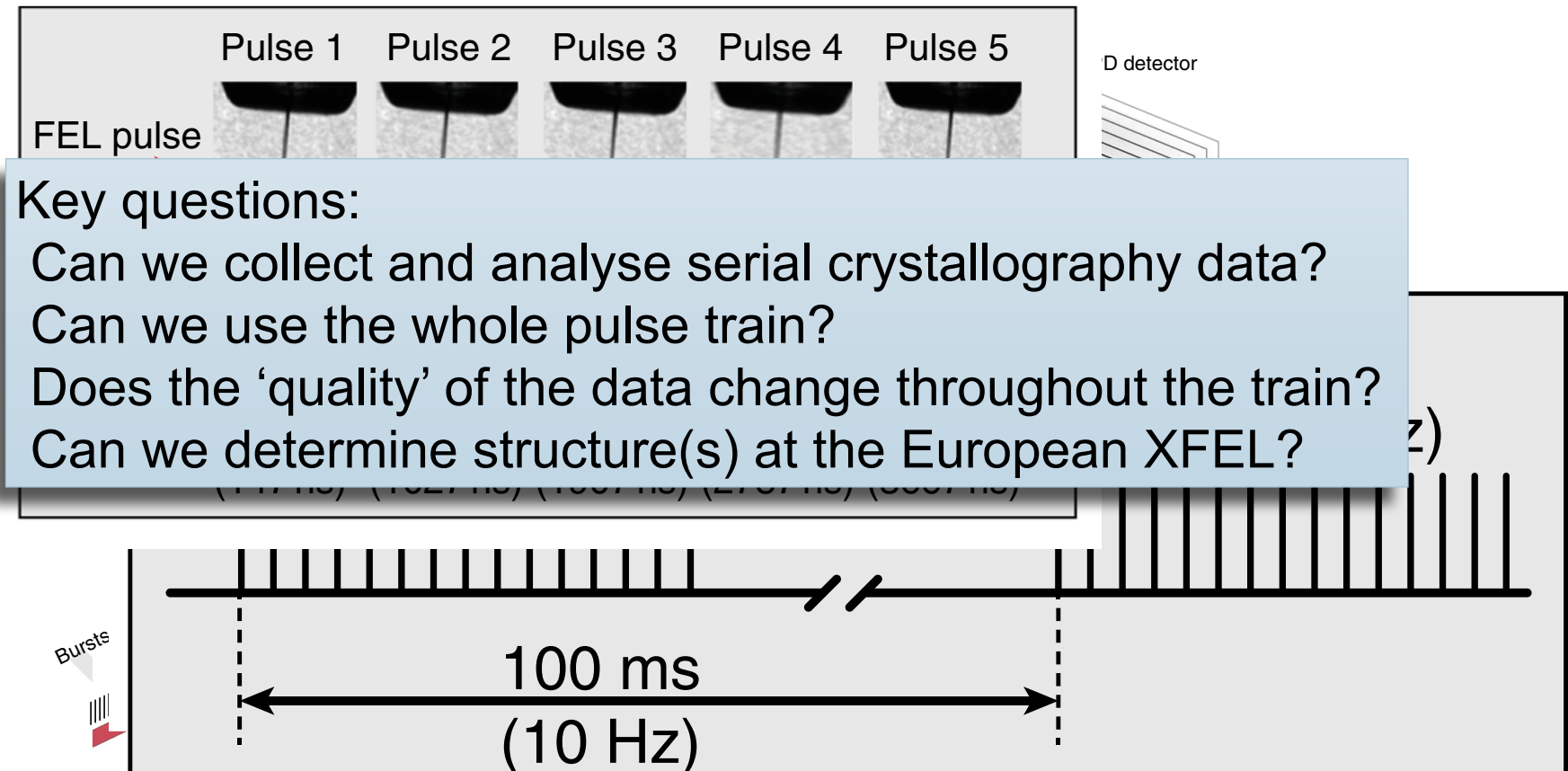
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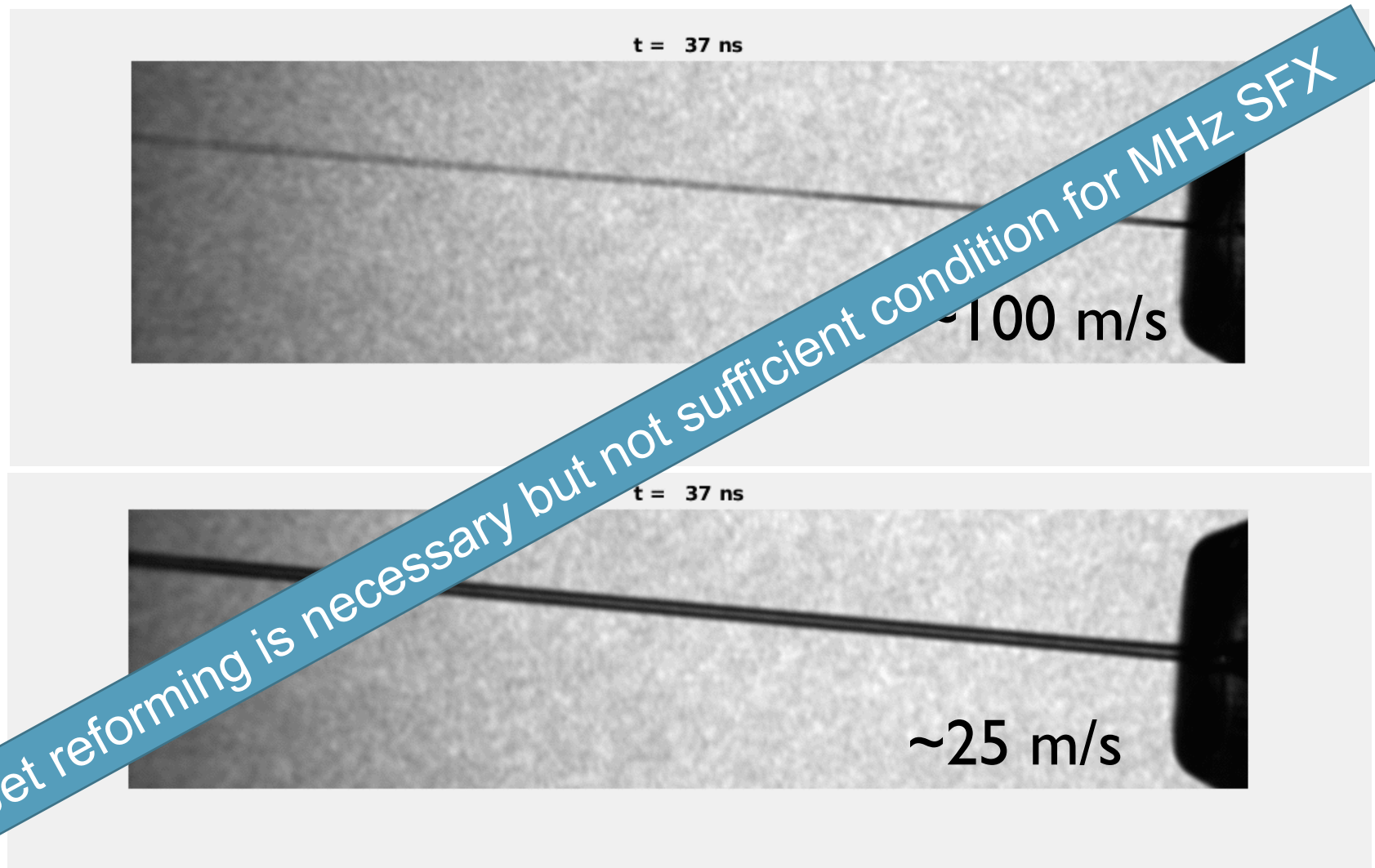
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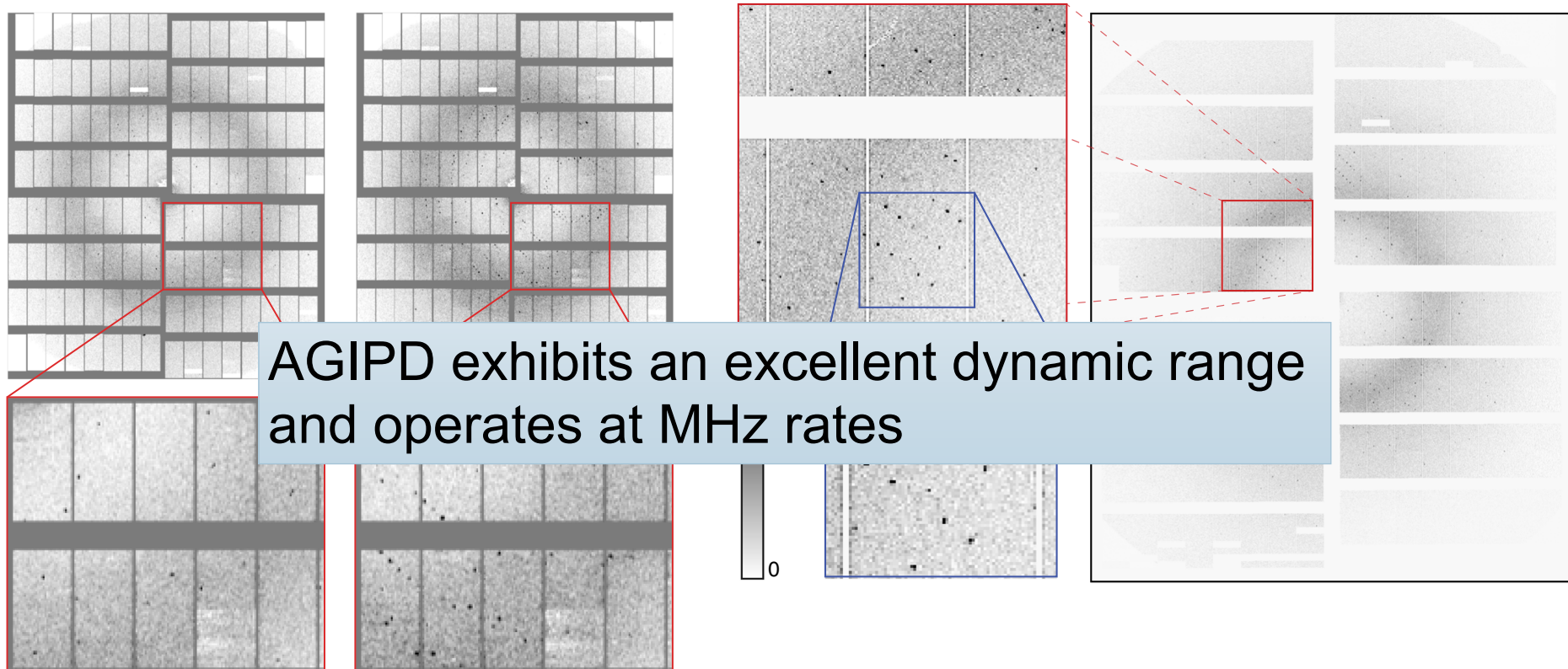


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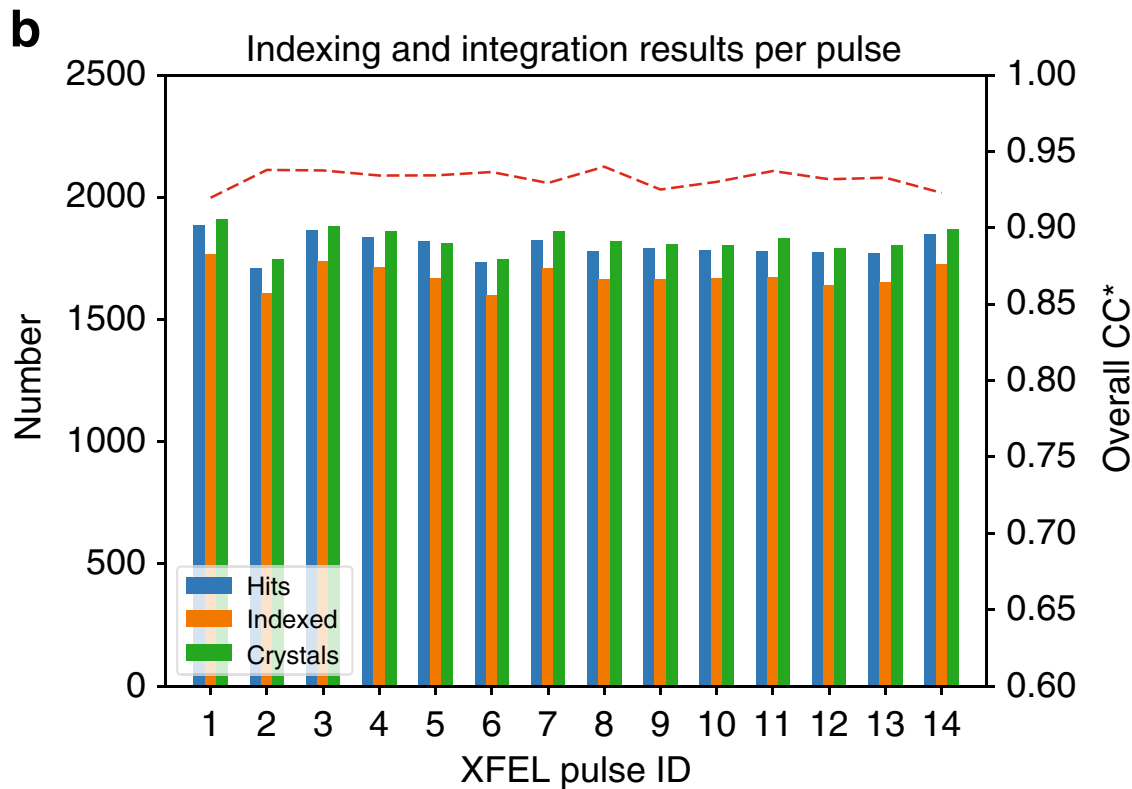
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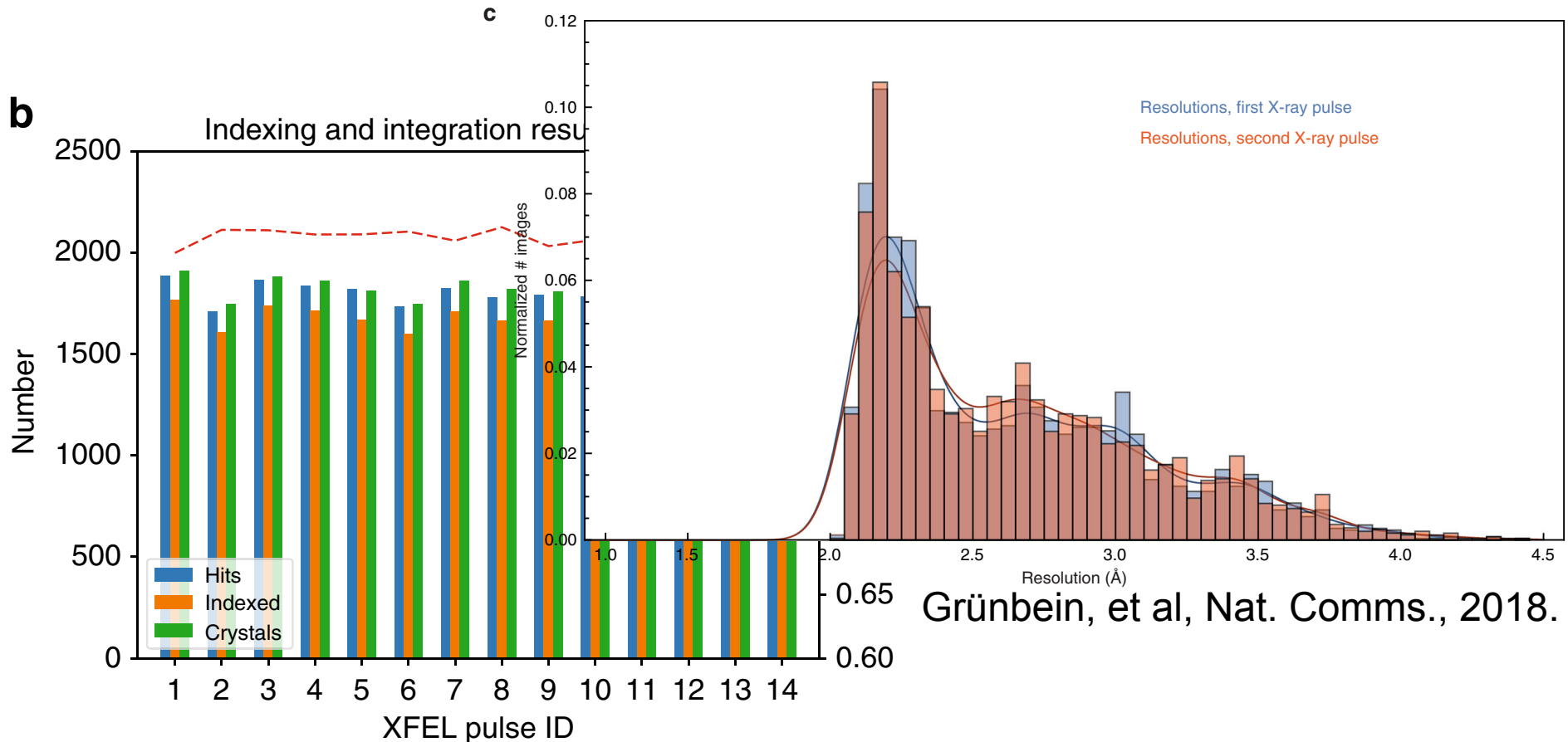
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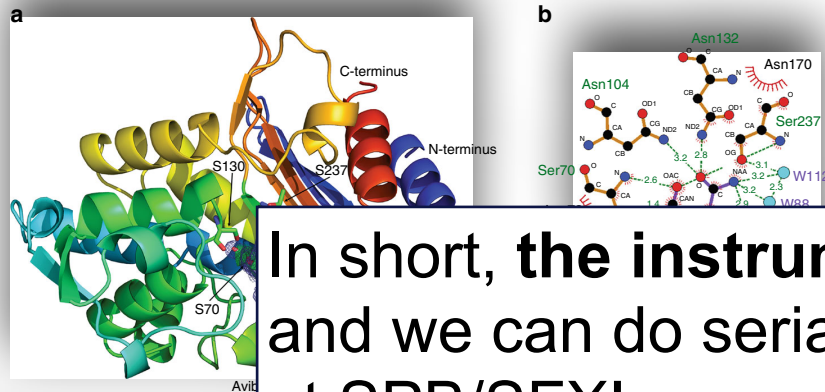
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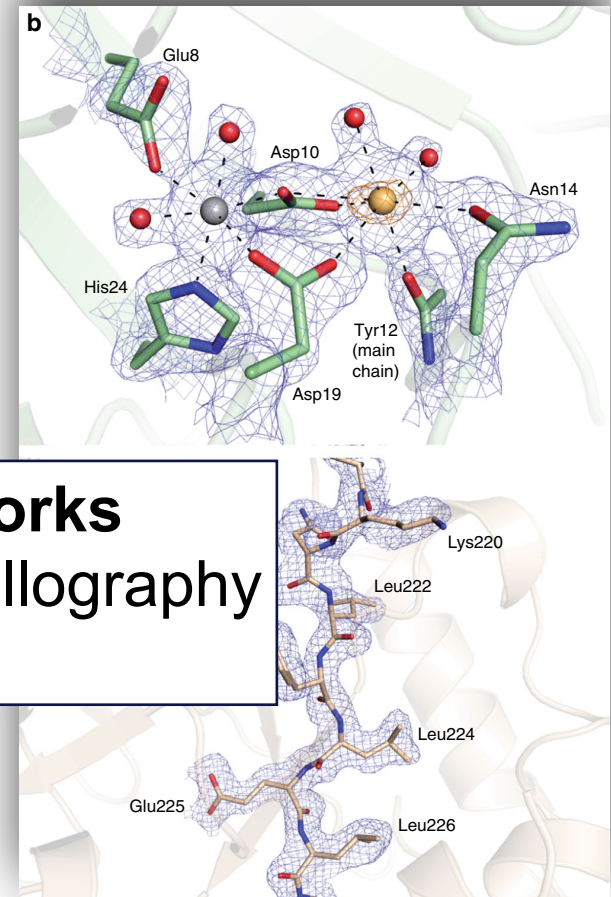
In short, the instrument works  
and we can do serial crystallography  
at SPB/SFX!

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Can be measured (ideally) in minutes at MHz rates!



**fig. 3** MHz serial femtosecond crystallography of jack bean proteins. **a** Microscope image of the microcrystalline mixture of jack bean proteins that was injected into the X-ray beam, clearly showing different types of crystal forms. The scale bar is 10  $\mu\text{m}$ . **b** Map quality for the concanavalin A structure. The metal binding site is shown, with the simulated annealing composite omit map contoured at  $1.0\sigma$  shown as a blue mesh and the normal difference density map ( $5.0\sigma$ ) shown as an orange mesh. Selected residues are shown as sticks, the calcium and magnesium ions as yellow and grey spheres, respectively. Water molecules are shown as red spheres. **c** Map quality for the concanavalin B structure. Part of one of the  $\beta$ -strands of the TIM-barrel is shown as sticks, with the simulated annealing composite omit map ( $1.0\sigma$ ) shown as a blue mesh


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**Now: 10x more data per second as other XFELs**  
**Soon:  $\approx$  30 times more data per second**  
**Great news for all high rep-rate XFELs**

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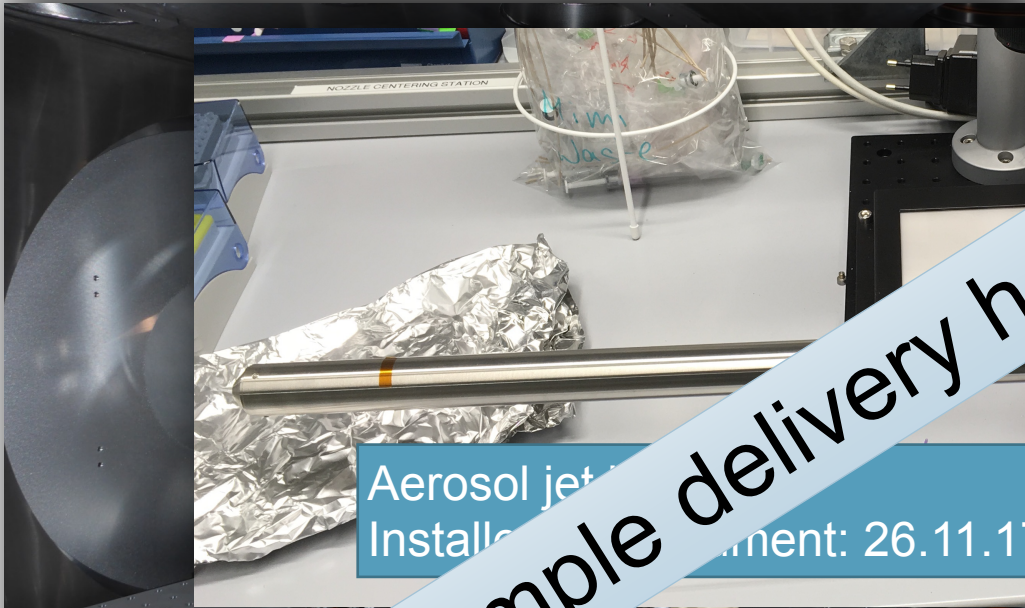
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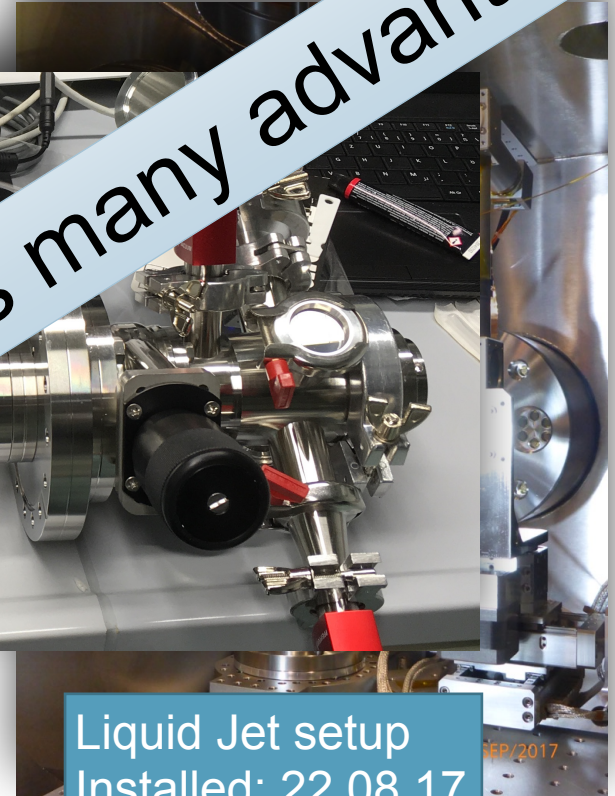
Fixed target sample delivery has many advantages



Aerosol jet  
Installed: 26.11.17



SPB/SFX Coating setup  
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## Photon Beam Parameters for future (TR-) SFX Experiments

	Present	Future Liquid jet experiments	Future Fixed target experiments
Repetition rate	Up to MHz rates	MHz rates possible and in many cases desirable	Presently ~120 Hz, and perhaps up to low kHz possible
Pulse energy	Few mJ	At least few mJ	At least few mJ
Photon energies	5-16 keV	5-16 keV (Some case for even higher energies, if suitable detector exists)	5-16 keV (Some case for even higher energies, if suitable detector exists)
Pulse duration	Tens of fs	Perhaps shorter than tens fs	Perhaps shorter than tens fs
Bandwidth	~0.5%	Ideally variable up to few %	Ideally variable up to few %



## Headline Conclusions

- For the parameters used (1.1 MHz rep rate, 15  $\mu\text{m}$  spot—no **the European XFEL rep rate can be successfully exploited** for both serial crystallography (and SPI)
- Day one instrument works—first structures determined!**  
Publishable results generated!
- Still plenty of work to be done at the instrument, however already we can use SPB/SFX for serial crystallographic structure determination and first single particle imaging projects!
- High repetition rate** XFELs do indeed offer more data per unit time for both SFX and SPI
  - This should have significant benefits for the development of SPI just by generating larger data sets that can be mined and 'cut' in various ways—**more is more!**
- Fixed target sample delivery** is limited to perhaps **low kHz rates**, however, is also a very viable way of doing structural biology at XFELs
  - Also yes much less sample (which can often be very valuable)
- Whatever rep rate is used, detectors that work at that rate are required too!

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