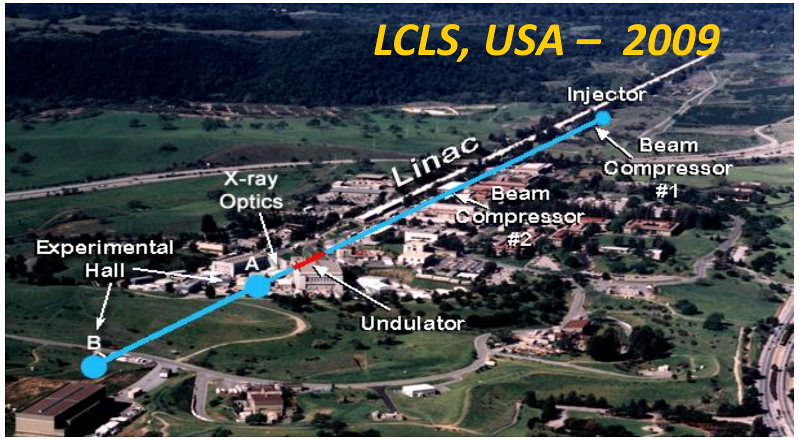
Science Case Update for a UK X-ray Free Electron Laser (UK XFEL)

- Commissioned by STFC on behalf of UKRI
- A series of subject area workshops are scheduled through autumn 2019
- We anticipate the Science Case will be published in mid-May 2020
- Will support in the consideration of "Mission Need" (CD0) by UKRI
- We will be seeking engagement with Academia, UK Government (AWE, Facilities, Research Councils, DSTL, DBEIS), Industry, Learned Societies & Research Charities etc.
- A technical design is NOT to be part of the case, but a consideration of technical options will be expected

You can find more project information at:

https://www.clf.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/UK-XFEL-Scientific-Case-Consultations.aspx

Existing X-ray FELs: Anticipate that these will satisfy scientific need for next 5 to 10 years



Facility Summary

LCLS (USA)
LCLS II & LCLS II HE (USA)
SACLA (Japan)
European XFEL (Germany)
Flash I & II (Germany)
Fermi@Elettra (Italy)
Swiss FEL (Switzerland)
PAL XFEL (Korea)
Dalian Light Source (China)
Shanghai Light Source (China)

Other projects under consideration

This is a Long Range Science Planning Exercise

- It will deliver science for the late 2020’s, 2030’s, 40’s & 50’s
- It had better be a cutting edge machine at first light or it will soon be obsolete
- We should think long range and about things that NO current or planned XFELs can do
- We need to take a wide view of where there will be science impact
- We need to consider the full range of advanced industries in the UK that this facility will serve
- Need to see it as an important part of the international network of Light Source provision (not necessarily doing everything – but certainly doing some things better than anywhere else)

Science Team

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Science Opportunities with XFELS

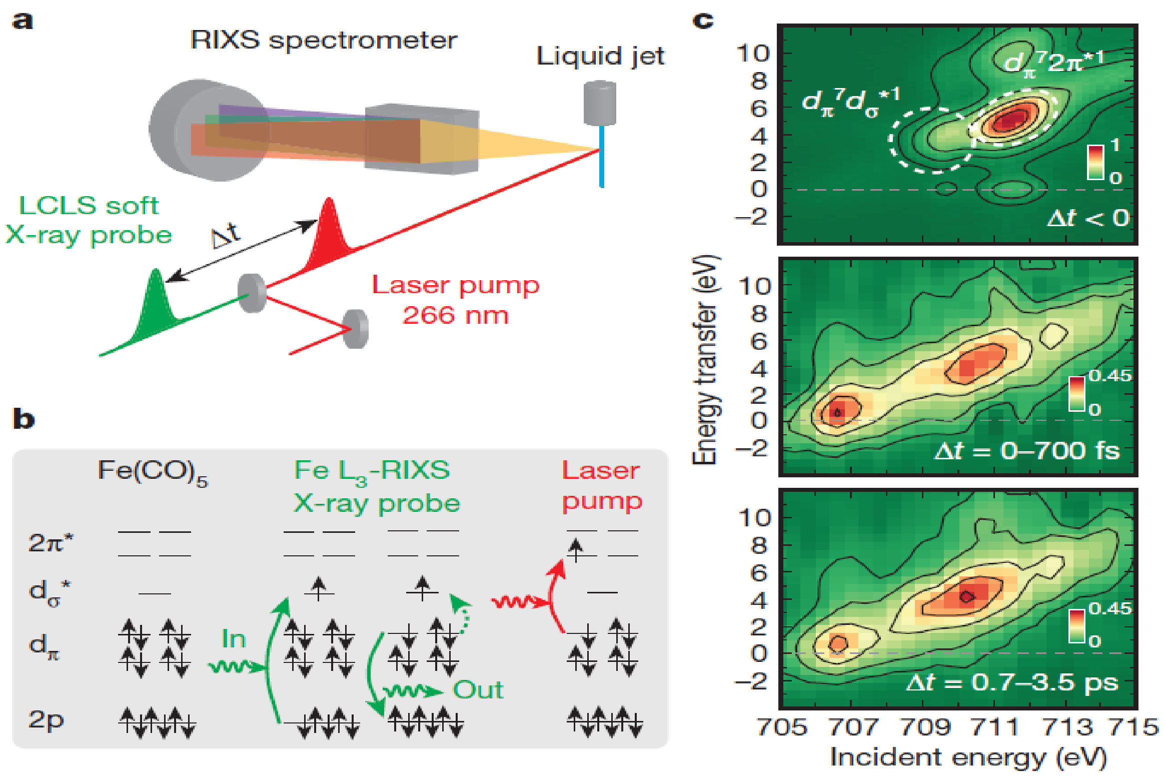
High brightness ultra-fast x-ray pulses from an X-ray FEL provide the capability for time-resolved imaging of atomic scale structure and electronic states in a material using X-ray scattering and X-ray spectroscopy

This is a unique capability that opens a new window into structure and dynamics with impact across a wide landscape of science and technology

This will be used alongside other powerful modalities (optical (UV-THz), neutron, cryo EM, UED, synchrotron X-ray, NMR etc.) to give us the best tools to probe and control matter

Access to structural dynamics

Dynamical phenomena can be probed after laser excitation on a time scale down to femtoseconds thus covering electronic dynamics, lattice dynamics and chemical bonds breaking/forming.



Catalysis and chemistry in solution phase:

"Orbital-specific mapping of the ligand exchange dynamics of $Fe(CO)_5$ in solution" ***Nature*** 520, 78 (2015)

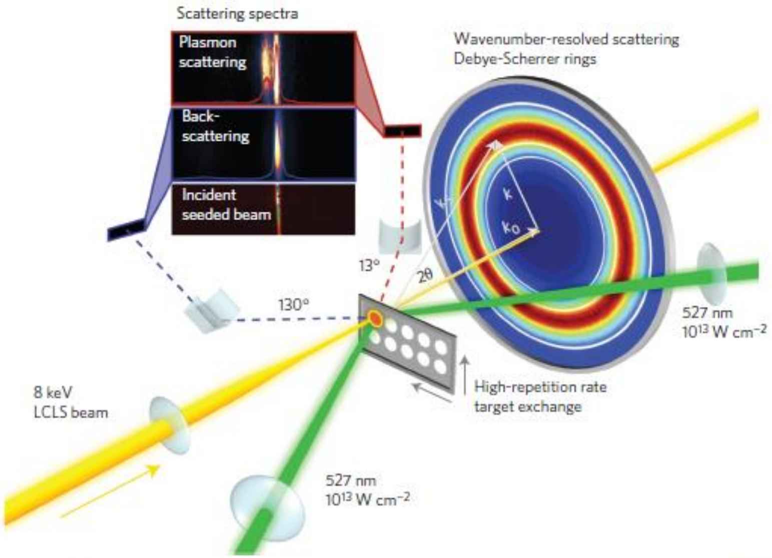
"Tracking excited-state charge and spin dynamics in iron coordination complexes" ***Nature*** 509, 345 (2014)

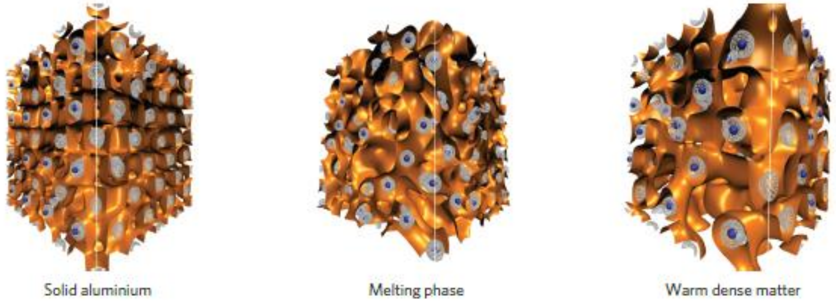
Time resolving surface catalysis ***Science*** 347,978 (2015)

Important to chemical reactions (e.g. catalysis, water-splitting, hydrogen storage mechanisms), energy materials (e.g. photovoltaics, battery technology), engineering materials (e.g. to understand/ mitigate mechanisms of corrosion, radiation damage, shock damage), and biochemistry (e.g. to unravel photosynthesis, light sensitive protein activity).

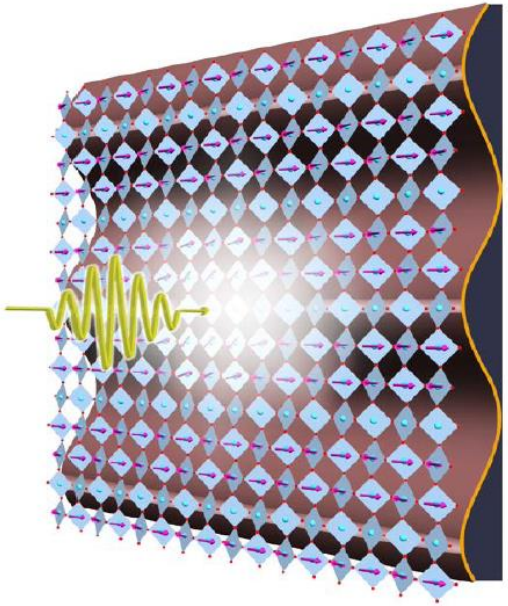
Access to transient states

Matter can be probed under only transiently attainable conditions of extreme pressure, high E & B fields, laser dressing and high energy density.





“Direct observation of melting in shock compressed bismuth with fs X-ray diffraction
PRL 115, 095701 (2015)
Probing laser generated dense matter:
“Ultra-bright X-ray laser scattering for dynamic warm dense matter physics”
Nature Phot. 10, 1038 (2015)

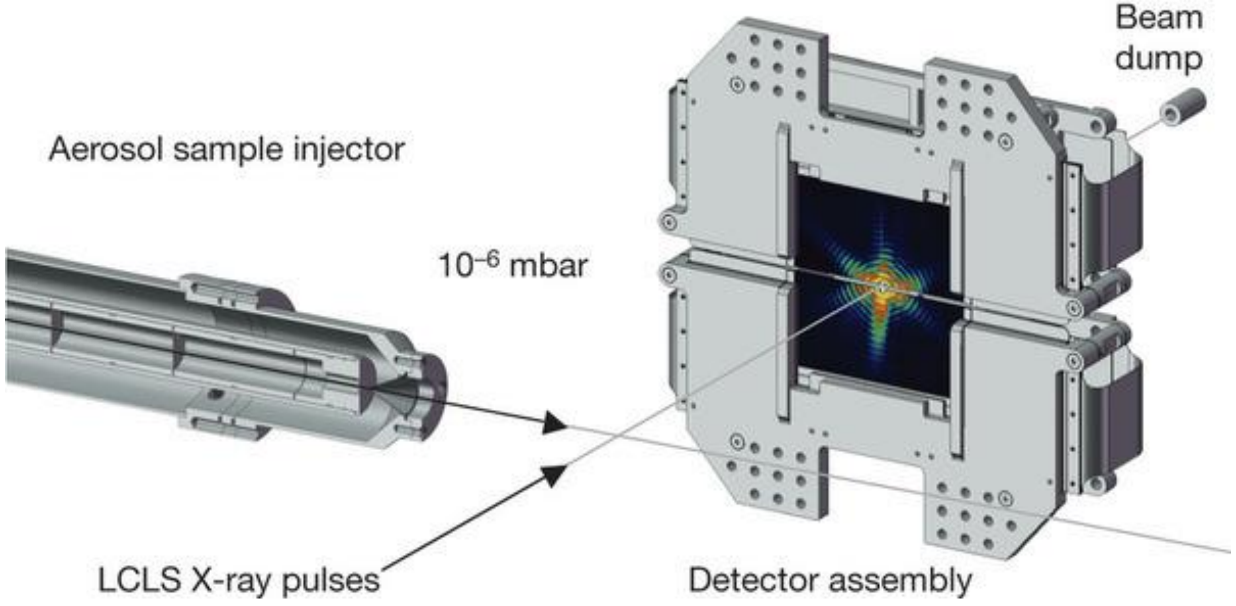


Optical/THz dressed materials
Foerst et al, ***PRL*** 112, 157002 (2014)
Mankowski et al, ***Nature*** 516, 71 (2014)

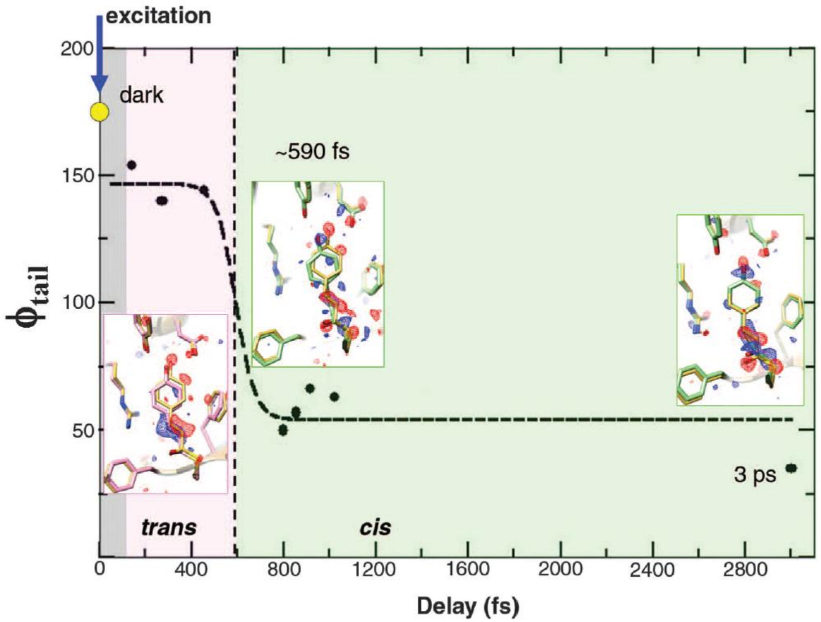
Important to astrophysics, planetary science, geophysics, defence and quantum materials

New modes of nanoscopic imaging

For seeing the nanoscopic arrangements in nanotechnology and life-sciences free from radiation damage and adverse effects of sample preparation.



Serial nanocrystallography, many examples e.g.
Kuptiz et al, ***Nature*** **513**, 261 (2014)
TbCatB protein of the *Trypanosoma brucei* protozoan – critical agent in sleeping sickness ***Science*** 10, 1126 (2012)
Architecture of the synaptotagnmin- SNARE machinery for neuronal exocytosis ***Nature*** 525, 62 (2015)



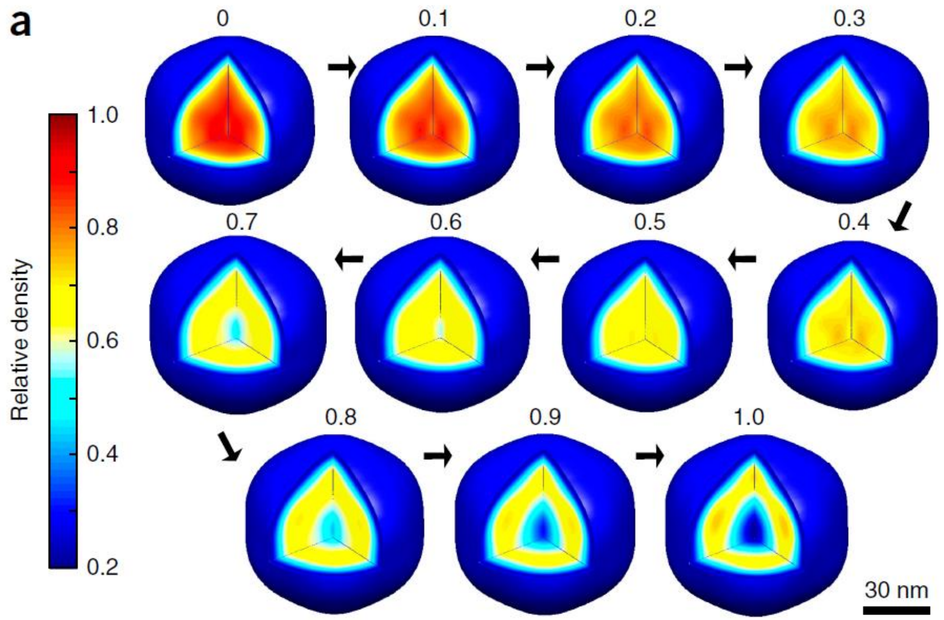
Femtosecond structural dynamics drives the trans/cis isomerization in photoactive yellow protein

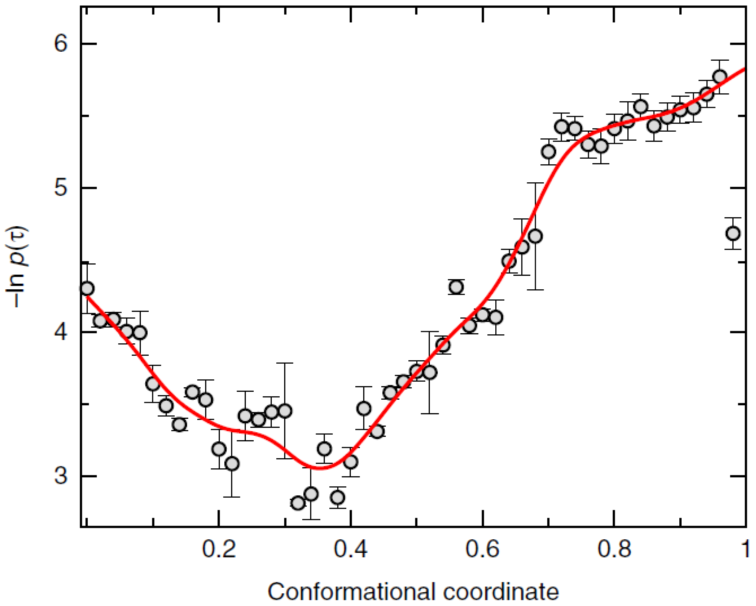
Pande et al, ***Science,*** **352**, 725 (2016)

Important to nano-crystallography and in-situ imaging of the function of biomolecular assemblies at operating temperature

Capturing rare events

In physical, chemical and biological systems critical processes can proceed through brief rare events (e.g. barrier crossings) arising from intrinsic fluctuations.





Conformational landscape of a virus by single-particle X-ray scattering
Abbas Ourmazd group ***Nature Methods***, 14, 877 (2017)

But far more opportunities at high (> 100 kHz – MHz) rep-rate

Capturing natural chemical/biochemical reactions in the act

What capability is the science likely to demand?

- Soft to hard x-ray (0.1 – 10 keV), (maybe harder, maybe VUV)
- Short X-ray pulse available (< 0.5 fs)
- Two pulse/two colour with delays over sub-fs to ns
- Synchronised or tagged to lasers to high precision (< 5 fs)
- High spectral brightness/narrow-bandwidth available (< 50 meV)
- High rep-rate is mandatory for much advanced science (chemical, quantum materials, rare events …) (> 1 kHz maybe > 1 MHz)
- High photon pulse energy (~ 10^{12} photons/pulse, maybe not at full rep-rate)
- Polarisation control (Linear, circular, OAM)
- ………..

The science case will help define the scientific priorities and therefore the facility technical specification

Other facility features

- Data rates enormous – must have the infrastructure !
- Sample delivery (all phases, sample on demand, active tracking)
- Advanced X-ray detectors
- High resolution RIXs capability
- Multi-hit particle detection
- Pump lasers on all end-stations
- A BIG laser for MEC
- Other beams at interaction point (not just laser, but maybe synchrotron X-rays, relativisitic electrons, high Z ions, neutrons….)
- Off-line preparation labs (chemistry, biology, nanofab, target prep etc.)
- End-station upgradability through facility lifetime

Advanced concepts include …..

- Attosecond modes (XLEAP, Attosecond pulse trains,….)
- Increased spectral brightness (e.g. RAFEL or X-ray oscillator)
- Increasing rep-rate (non-SC limits ~ 1 kHz, new concepts ~10 MHz)
- Super-radiance schemes to increase power and shorten pulse
- X-ray seeding (e.g. using an “Arizona” type device to seed with super-radiant incoherent Compton X-rays)
- Increased photon energy via non-conventional electron energy boost:

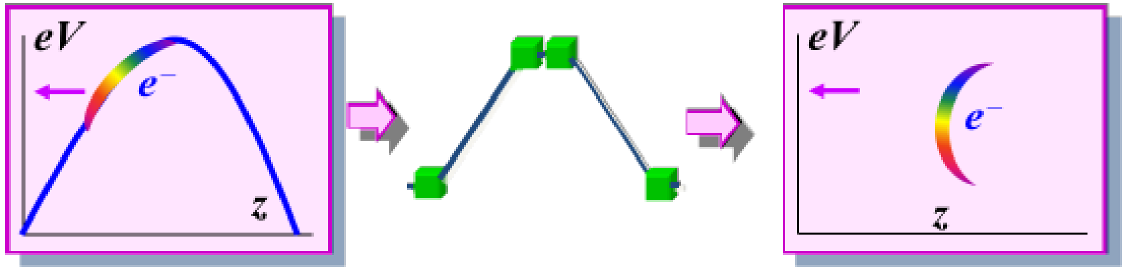
- Multi-pass linac
- PWFA

Already we have seen enormous advances in capability over last 10 years. For example in reaching the sub-femtosecond regime…..

Attosecond X-ray Pulses from XFELs

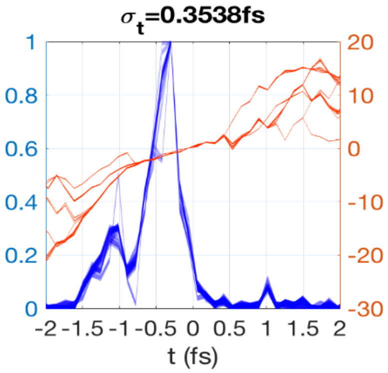
Led by Agostino Marinelli (SLAC)

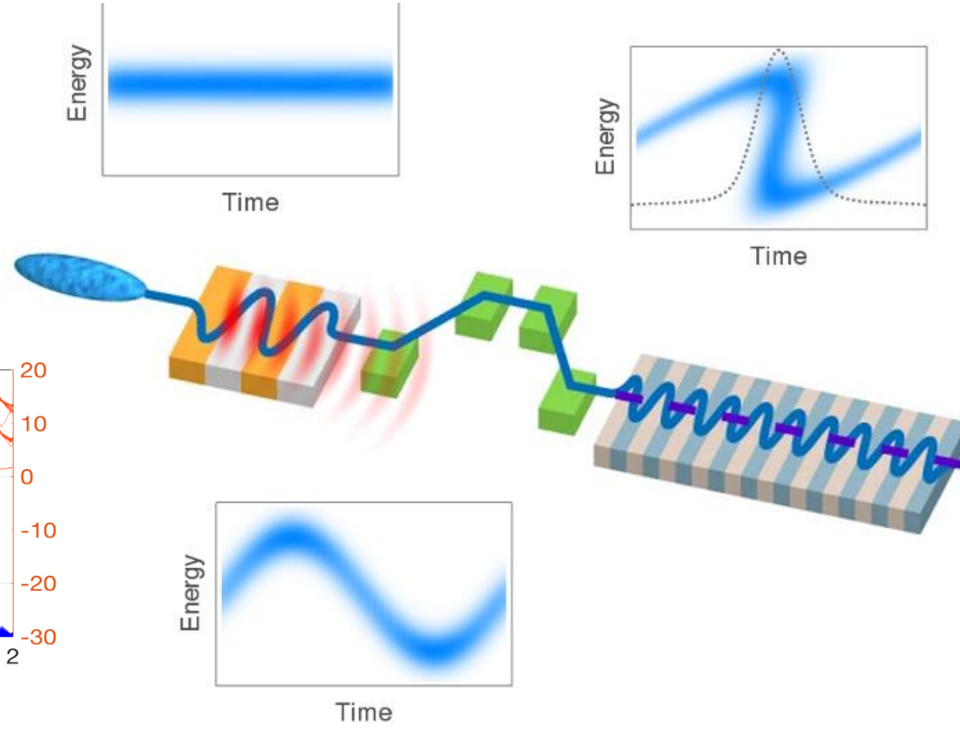
HXR: Isolated 200 as pulse produced



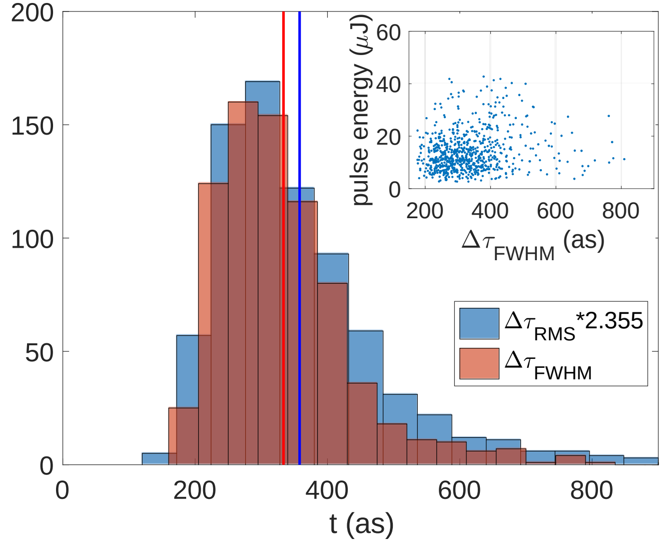
Nonlinear compression produces
High density head with low density tail

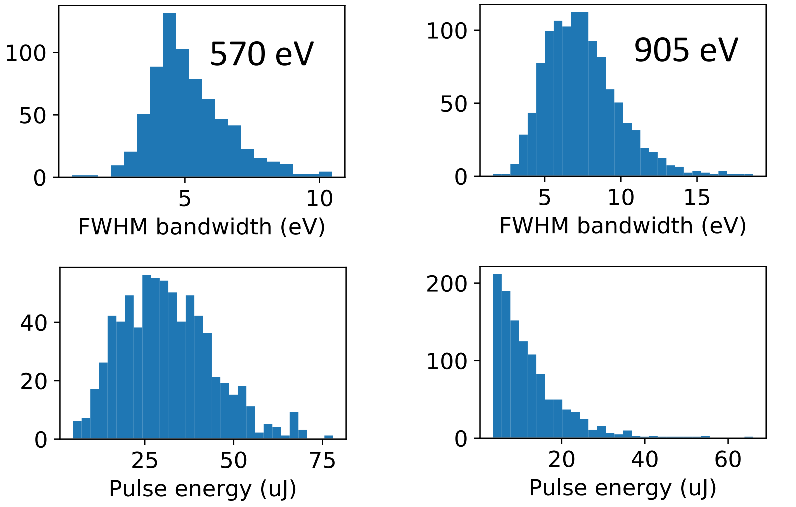
Huang et al, PRL, 119, 154801 (2017)





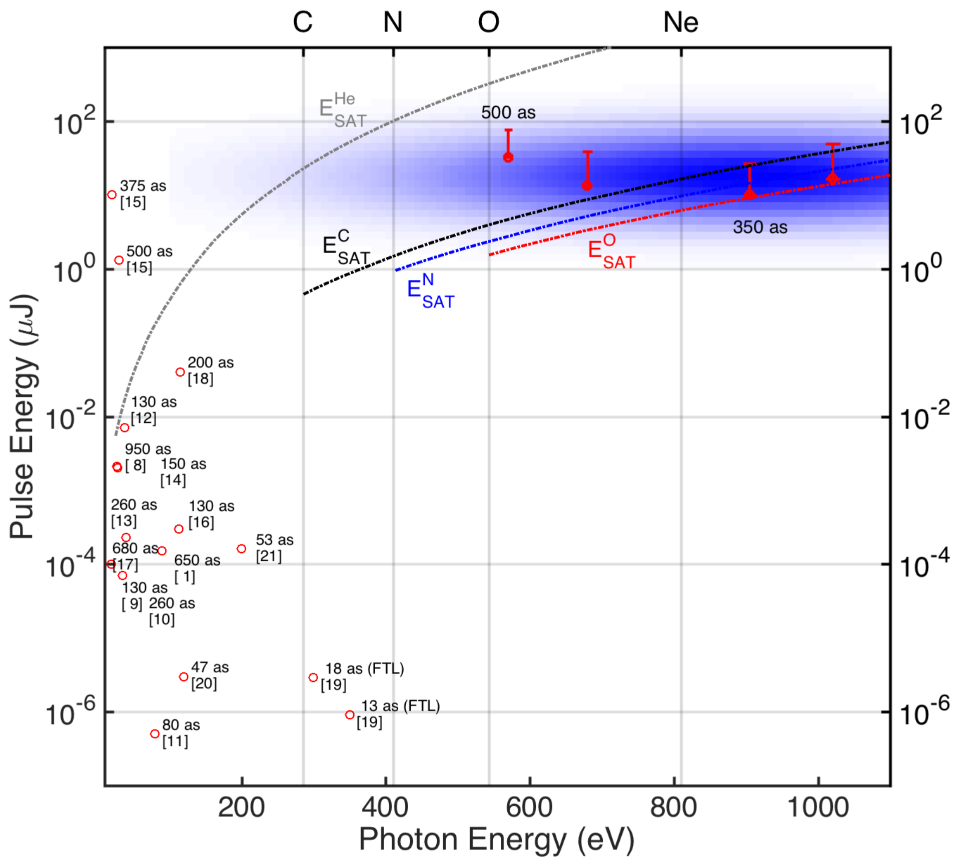
XLEAP for controlled SXR to HXR attosecond pulses (likely to appear in Nature Photonics)



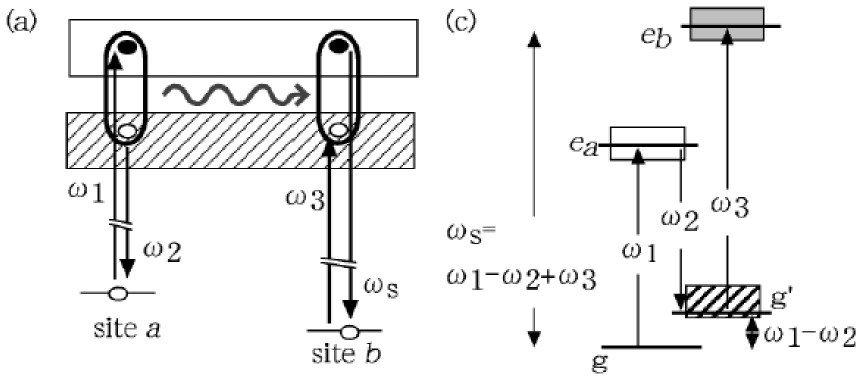


Recent results with XLEAP

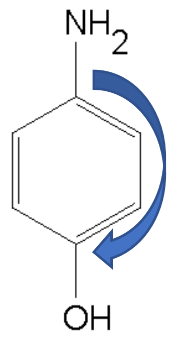
collaboration led by James Cryan SLAC



XLEAP intense enough to drive non-linear interactions across the SXR range. First attosecond photoemission measurements made and evidence that it can drive electronic impulsive X-ray Raman recently seen.



I.V. Schweigert and S. Mukamel, *PRL* **99**, 163001 (2007)

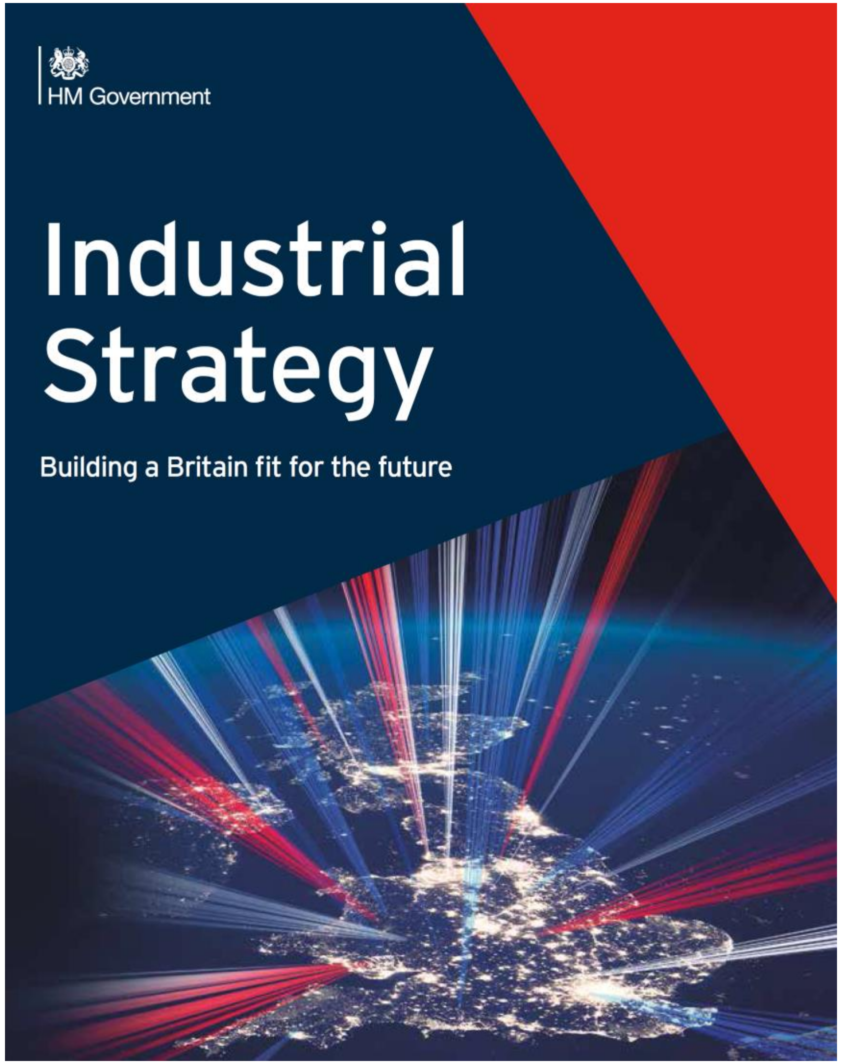


An enabling step for attosecond multi-dimensional spectroscopy – with creation and probing of localised electronic wavepackets in neutral molecules ….

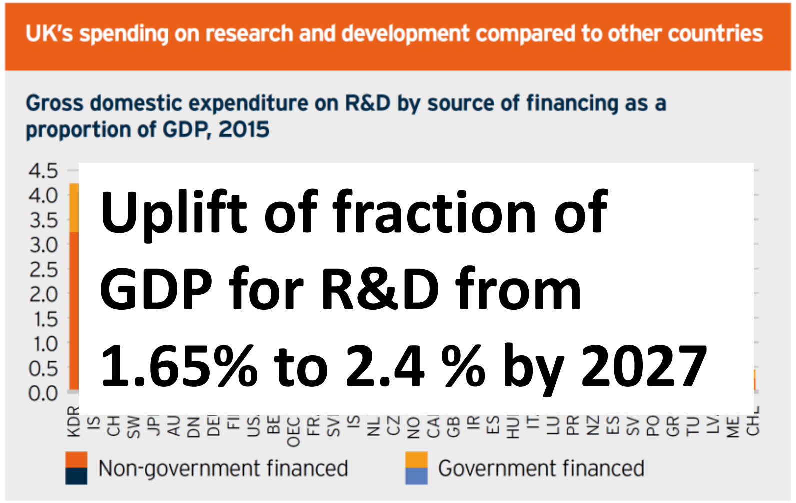
Anticipating further advances and future opportunities

- We can see the technology is not static – already in 10 years there have been remarkable improvements of performance
- Methods beyond SASE are likely to become widely available (seeding - e.g. at FERMI, enhanced SASE - e.g. XLEAP)
- Now non-linear/multidimensional spectroscopy is in reach and first pioneering work on X-ray holography, quantum imaging etc. are underway
- Impact on science beyond those areas already actively using XFELs must be anticipated – our case must capture these too

The Case Must Strongly Align with the HM Government Industrial Strategy



We must demonstrate our alignment to: Grand Challenges & other Objectives



Uplift of fraction of GDP for R&D from 1.65% to 2.4 % by 2027

Source: OECD (2017) *"OECD Economic Surveys: United Kingdom 2017"*. *2014 data for France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and OECD aggregate. 2013 data for Belgium, Israel, Luxembourg and Sweden. Non-government financed includes finance from higher education, which may be partly government-financed; and from the rest of the world, which may include foreign and supranational government finance

Ancipate an XFEL providing substantial direct investment into UK economy via construction, procurement and jobs

Anticipate an XFEL contributing science, technology and know-how:

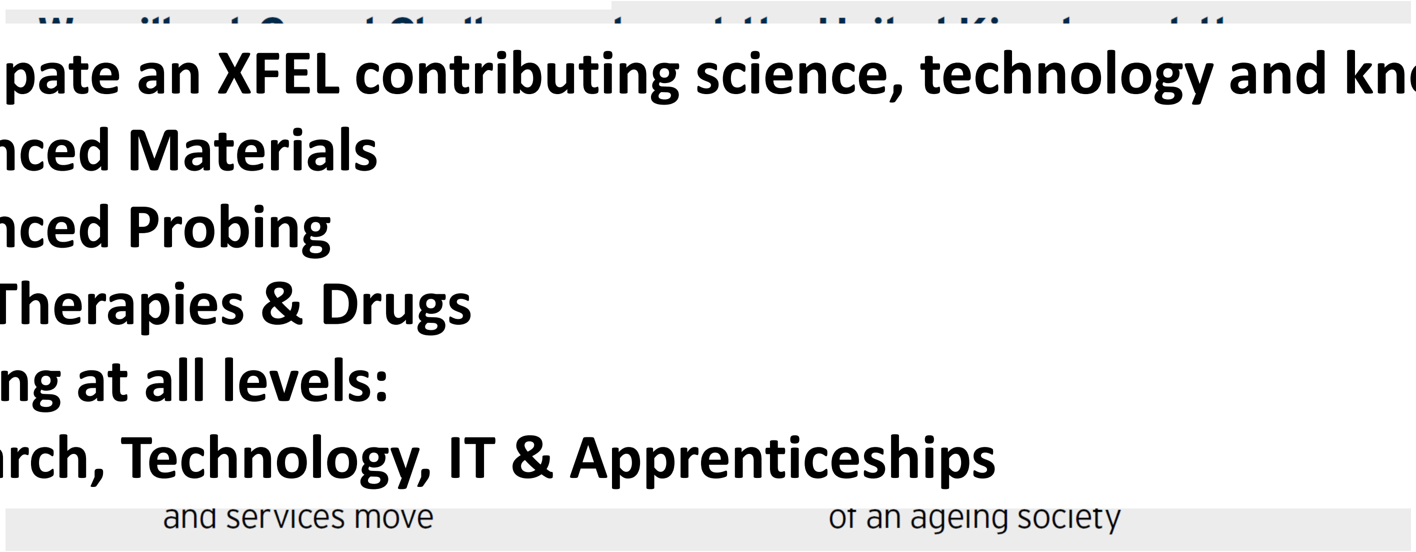
Advanced Materials

Advanced Probing

New Therapies & Drugs

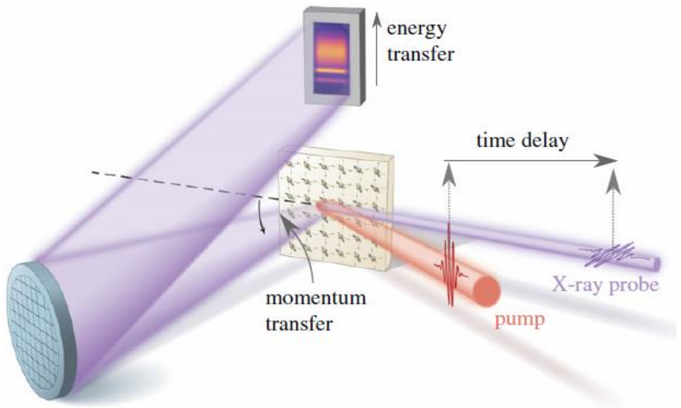
Training at all levels:

Research, Technology, IT & Apprenticeships



The Future of Mobility

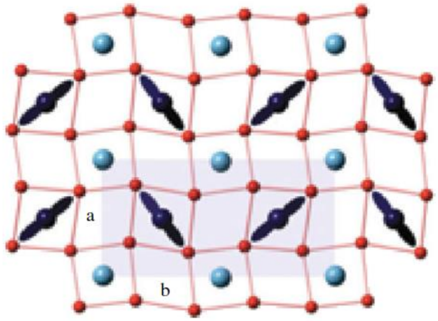
We will become a world leader in shaping the future of mobility.



- Basic research to **improve batteries and other energy storage materials** from the atomistic level up with full mechanistic understanding

- **Lighter and more durable engineering materials** for transportation (marine, land and aviation)

- **More efficient use of energy & distribution** e.g. via new classes of quantum materials with optimized performance



Industrial partners in: Chemical & Metals Sectors, Engineering Sector, Energy & Nuclear Sector, Electronics Sector

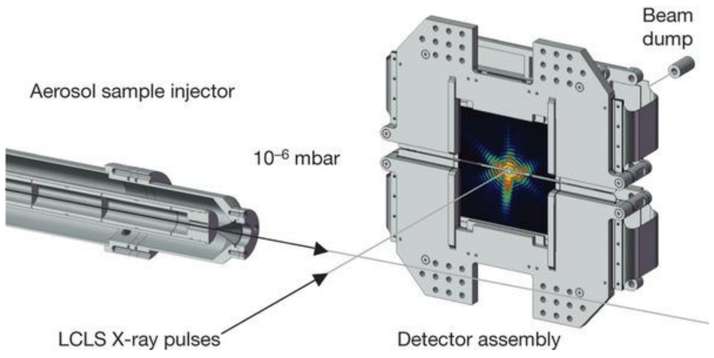
Ageing Society

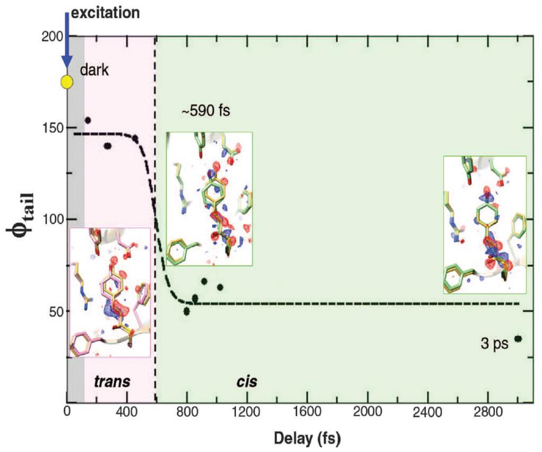
We will harness the power of innovation to help meet the needs of an ageing society.

- **Protein structure** (from nanocrystallography) leads to drug discovery

- **Deeper understanding of biomolecule processes in living cells** will lead to new concepts in healthcare & therapy, advanced therapy and diagnostics through novel developments of accelerators and detectors

- Research e.g. in HEDs & materials will lead to support for **better defence technology**





Industrial partners in: Pharmaceutical Sector, Heathcare Sector, Defence Sector,……

The Facility will Address Future Science & Technology Questions

- **There will be other/different challenges** and strategies that emerge over the next decades
- The **cutting edge capability to image matter in *space* and *time*** will remain a core requirement for all scientific and technology problems that require an understanding of **how matter works at the nanoscopic and quantum level**
- It will **underpin our ability to develop new technologies** based upon that understanding

Options might include:

- Build a unique UK XFEL
- Invest in dedicated facilities at existing XFEL
- Increase investment to support users in exploiting existing opportunities (e.g. long term grant funding schemes, CDT's, "UK XFEL Institute")
- Maintain activities of existing Life and Physical Sciences Hubs
- A combination of the above……

Next Steps

- We start this exercise with an open mind as to the most exciting science that might be prioritised and the accompanying machine specification
- We have opened a free format consultation with the UK science and technology community to gather information and ideas
- https://www.clf.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/UK-XFEL-science-case.aspx
- A science case will be drafted through early 2020 with possibilities for continued input from the UK community

Scientific and Technical Workshops for the UK XFEL project 2019

Oct 2nd ***Matter at Extreme Conditions (Edinburgh)***

Nov 5th ***Life Sciences (Crick)***

Nov 13th ***Frontiers in Physical Sciences (Imperial)***

Nov 27th ***Quantum Materials & Nanotechnology (Southampton)***

Dec 4th ***X-ray FEL Applications (Warwick)***

Dec 11th ***Chemical Dynamics & Energy (Newcastle)***

Further details to follow