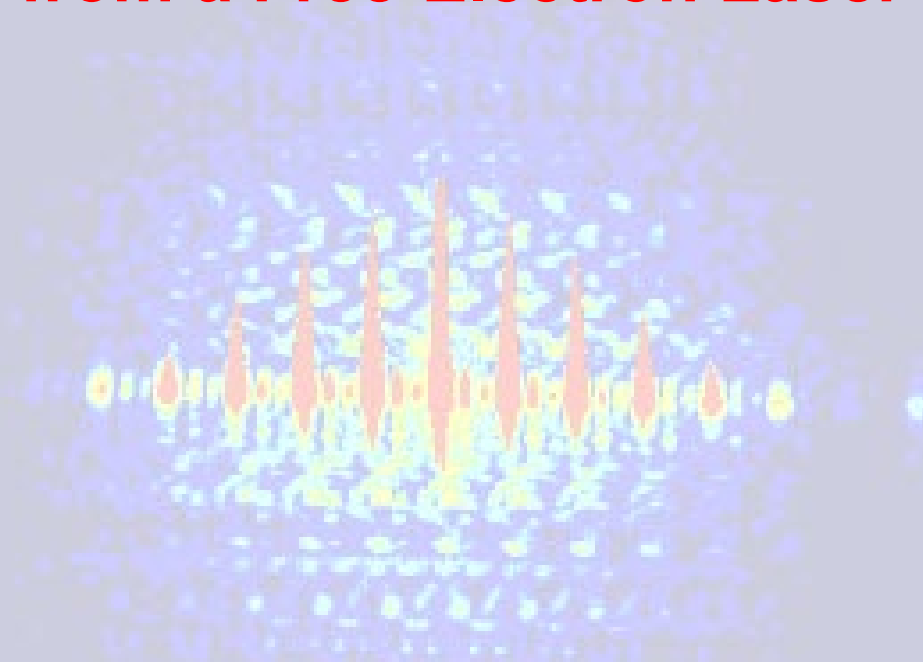


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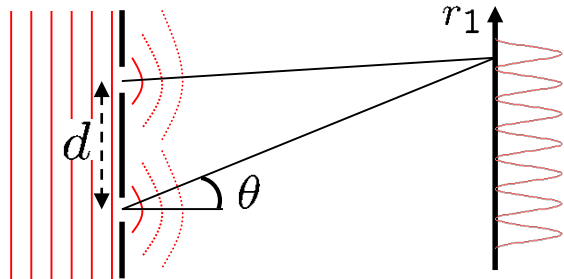
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## ➔ Young's double slit : wave description



Intensity distribution:

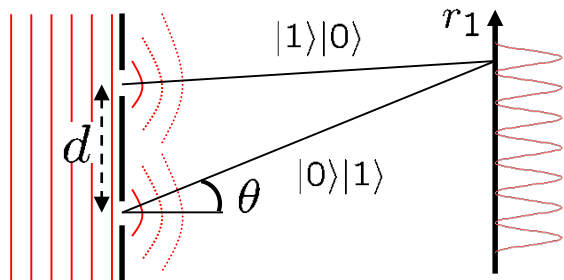
$$I(r_1) = \langle E^*(r_1) E(r_1) \rangle = G^{(1)}(r_1)$$

$$I(r_1) \propto 1 + \cos(kd \sin \theta)$$

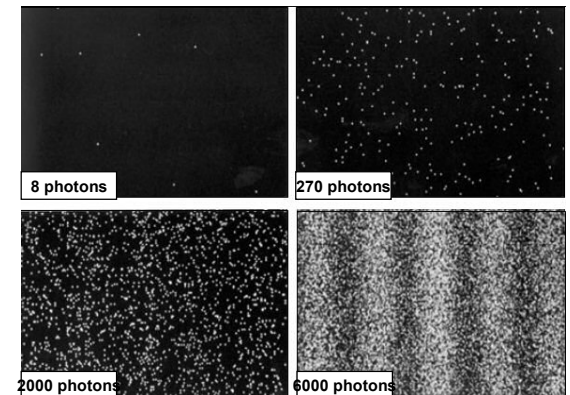


Th. Young (1773 – 1829)

## ➔ Young's double slit : quantum path description



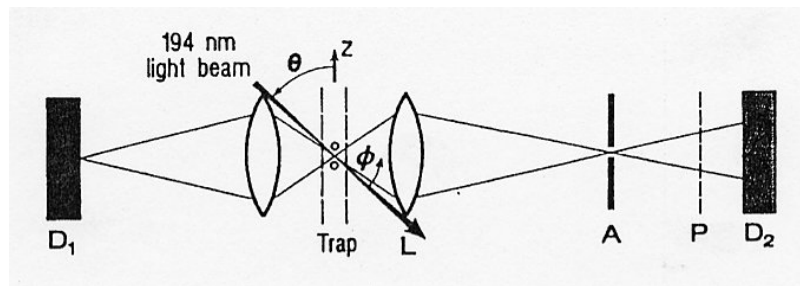
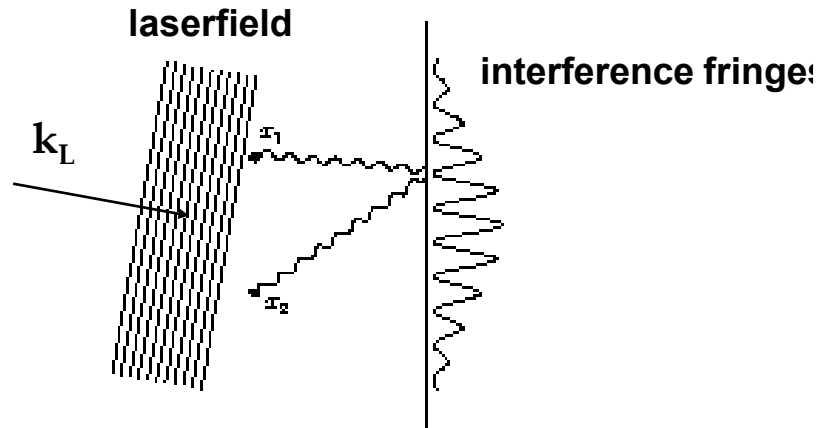
$$|\phi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1\rangle|0\rangle + e^{i\Phi}|0\rangle|1\rangle)$$



**Dirac: “Each photon interferes only with itself.  
Interference between two different photons never occurs.”**

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## ➔ Young's double slit experiment with single atoms



U. Eichmann et al., PRL 70, 2359 (1993)

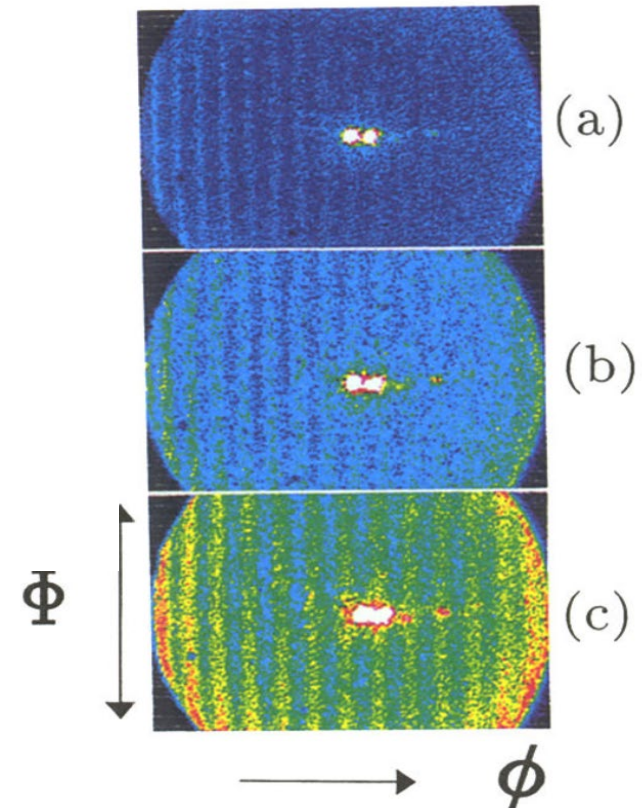
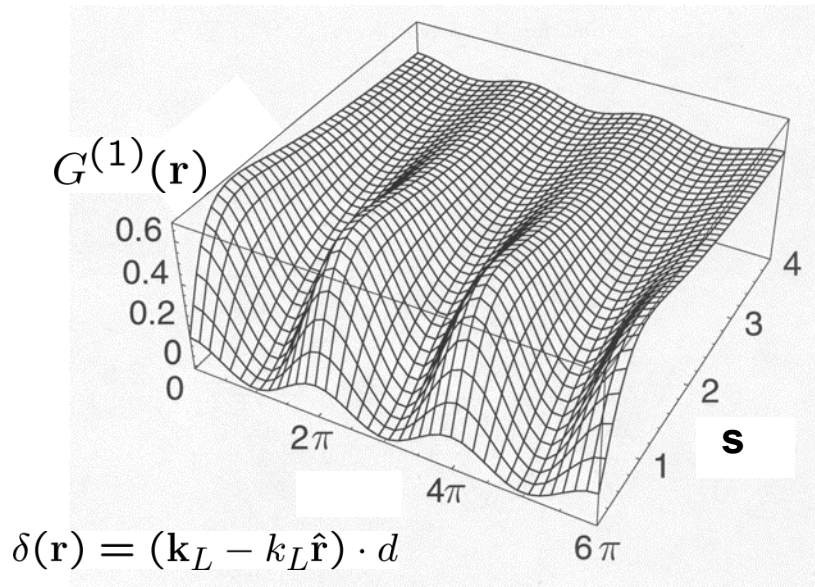
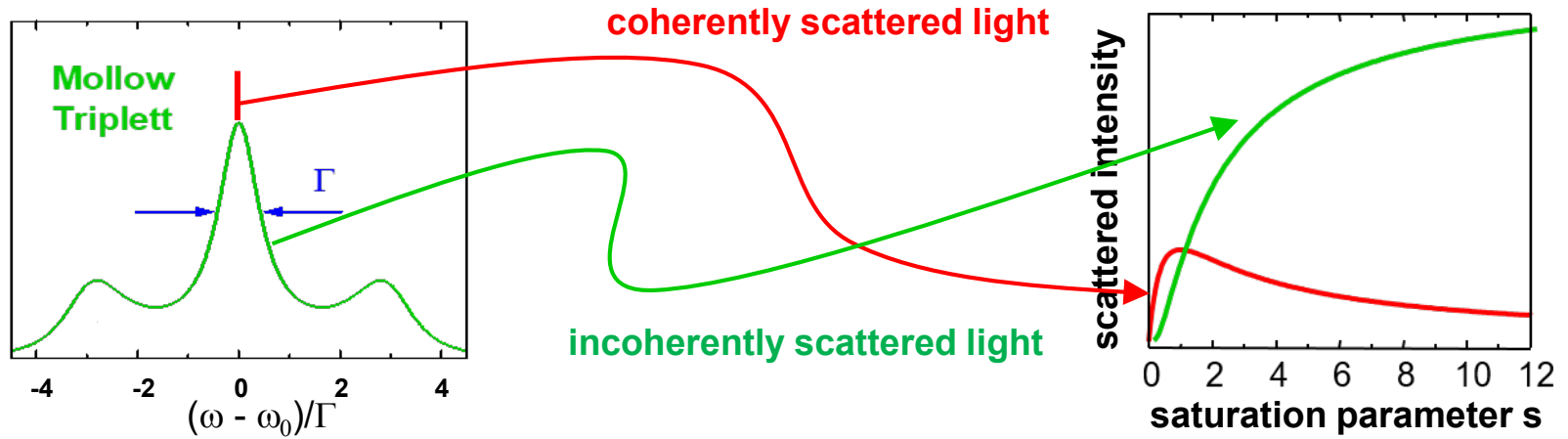


FIG. 2. Interference pattern for three different ion separations: (a)  $5.4 \mu\text{m}$ , (b)  $4.3 \mu\text{m}$ , and (c)  $3.7 \mu\text{m}$ . The two white spots are caused by stray reflections of the laser beam.

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steady state

$$\mathcal{V} = \frac{1}{1+s} \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Itano et al., PRA 57, 4176 (1998)  
Skornia, JvZ, Agarwal, Werner, Walther, PRA 64, 063801 (2001)

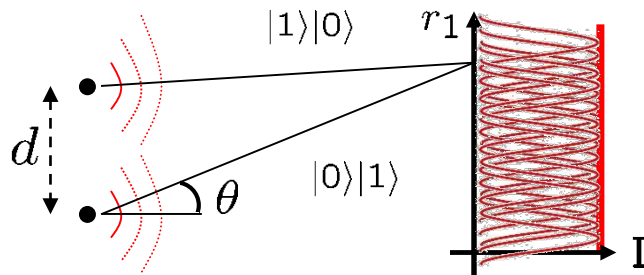
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➔ Young's double slit experiment with two atoms in excited state  $|e, e\rangle$

spontaneous decay



incoherent emission of radiation



$$|\phi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( e^{i\Phi_1} |1\rangle|0\rangle + e^{i\Phi_2} |0\rangle|1\rangle \right)$$

➔ no interference fringes in  $G^{(1)}$

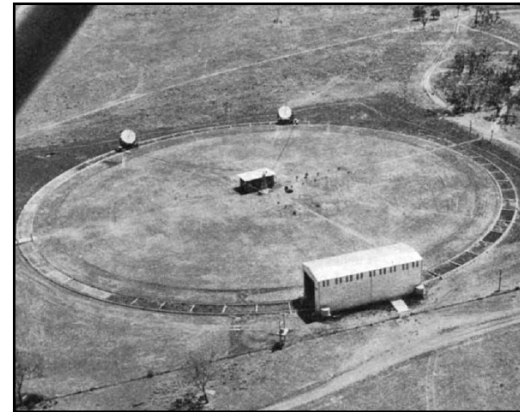
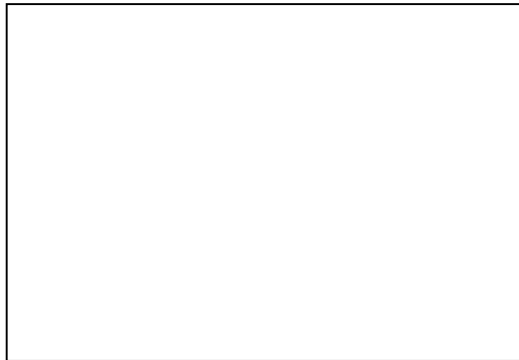
two atoms in state  $|e, e\rangle$

with  $\hat{E}^{(+)}(\vec{r}_j) \sim \sum_{l=1}^2 e^{-i\Phi_{lj}} \hat{s}_l^-$  and  $\hat{s}_l^- = |g\rangle_l \langle e|$

$$G^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1) = \langle e, e | \mathbf{E}^{(-)}(\mathbf{r}_1) \mathbf{E}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_1) | e, e \rangle \sim \text{const.}$$

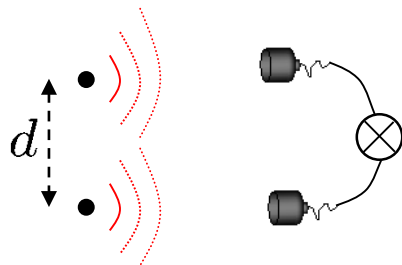
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➔ Hanbury-Brown Twiss measurement for two atoms in state  $|e, e\rangle$



Hanbury Brown Twiss, Nature 177, 27 (1956)  
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Hanbury Brown, Nature 218, 637 (1968)

Photon-photon-correlation of fluorescence light of two atoms



$$G^{(2)}(r_1, r_2) \sim \langle E^-(r_1) E^-(r_2) E^+(r_2) E^+(r_1) \rangle$$

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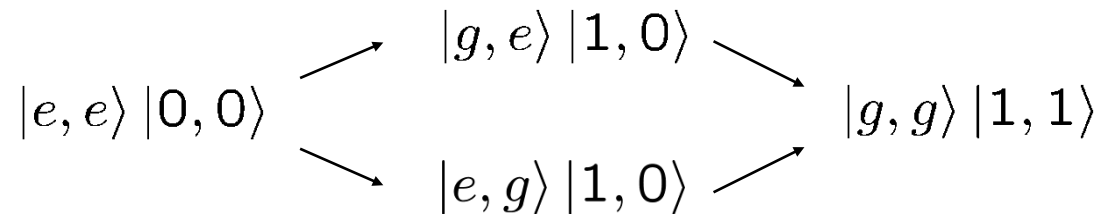
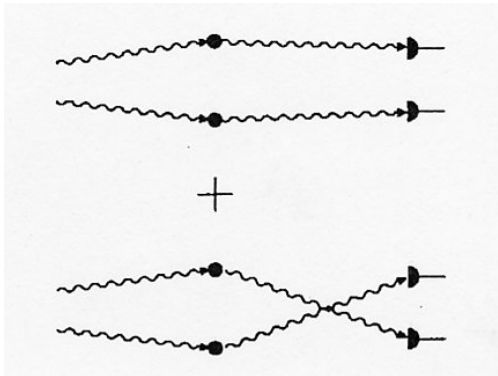
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$$= 1 + \cos[kd(\sin \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1)]$$

two 2-level atoms

Two different quantum paths contribute to same final state:



➔ interference fringes in  $G^{(2)}$  expected

Skornia, JvZ, Agarwal, Werner, Walther, PRA 64, 063801 (2001)

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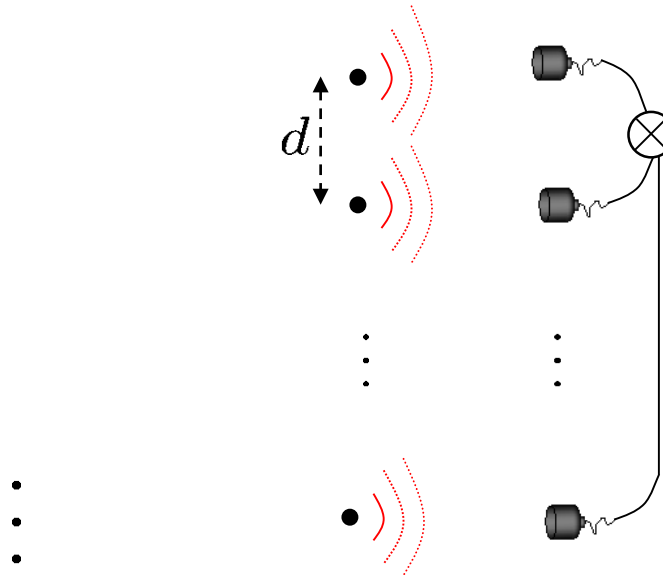
## Higher order photon correlation functions:

$$G^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \langle \hat{E}^{(-)}(\mathbf{r}_1) \hat{E}^{(-)}(\mathbf{r}_2) \hat{E}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_2) \hat{E}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_1) \rangle$$



**R. J. Glauber**

Phys. Rev. 130, 2529 (1963);  
ibid. 131, 2766 (1963)  
Nobel prize 2005



$$G_N^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m) = \langle \hat{E}^{(-)}(\mathbf{r}_1) \dots \hat{E}^{(-)}(\mathbf{r}_m) \hat{E}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_m) \dots \hat{E}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_1) \rangle$$

**→ can be used for improved imaging?**

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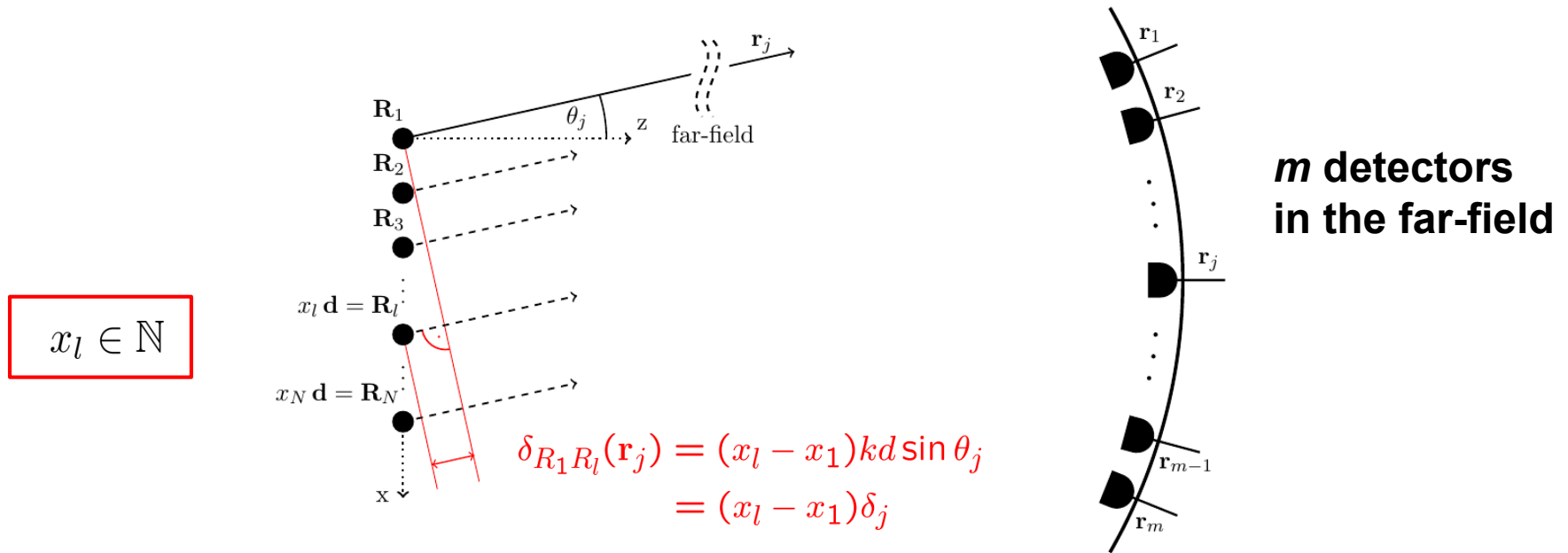
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$N$  incoherent light sources (TLS) on a 1D grid with lattice constant  $d$



$$\hat{E}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_j) = \sum_{l=1}^N \hat{E}_l^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_j) \propto \sum_{l=1}^N e^{i\varphi_{R_l, j}} \hat{a}_l$$

$$\varphi_{R_l, j} \equiv k \frac{\mathbf{r}_j \cdot \mathbf{R}_l}{r_j} = x_l k d \sin(\theta_j) = x_l \delta_j$$

$$g_{N \text{ TLS}}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m) = \frac{\langle I(\mathbf{r}_1) \dots I(\mathbf{r}_m) \rangle}{\langle I(\mathbf{r}_1) \rangle \dots \langle I(\mathbf{r}_m) \rangle} = g_{N \text{ TLS}}^{(m)}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m)$$

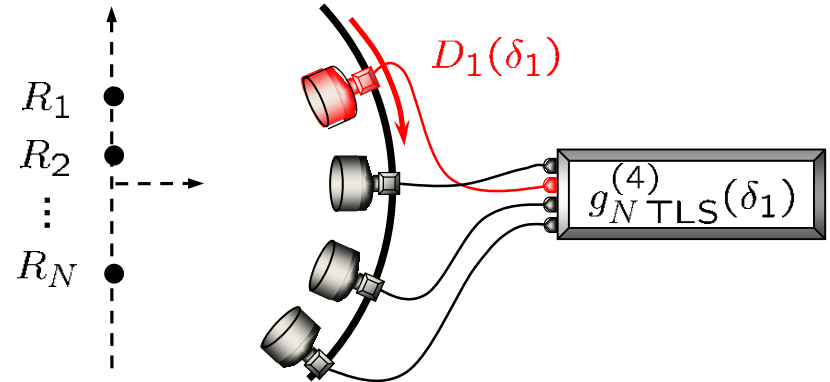
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### Detection scheme to determine F in 1D:

Magic positions for  $m-1$  fixed det.

$$\delta_j = 2\pi \frac{j-2}{m-1} \quad \text{for } j = 2, \dots, m$$

One moving detector  $\Rightarrow g_N^{(m)}(\delta_1)$



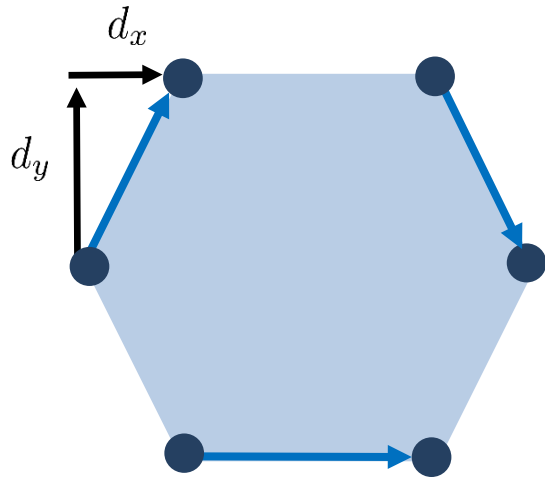
Spatial frequency filtering:

$$g_N^{(m)}(\delta_1) = A_0^{(m)} + \sum_{\substack{a,l=1 \\ a \neq l}}^N A_{la}^{(m)} \cdot \begin{cases} \cos((x_l - x_a) \cdot \delta_1) & \text{if } (x_l - x_a) \in \mathbb{N}_0 \cdot (m-1) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

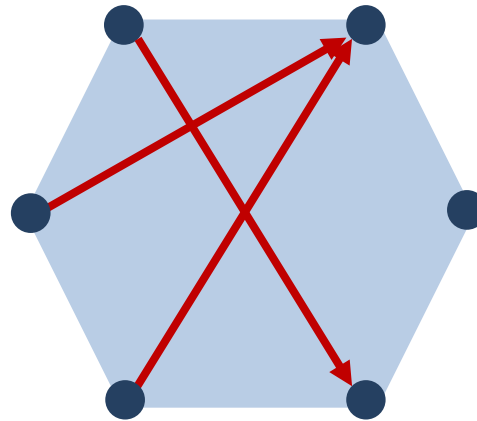
- ➡ only particular spatial frequencies appear within a given correlation order  $m$
- ➡  $m > 2$ : resolution below the Abbe limit

Classen, Waldmann, Giebel, Schneider, Bhatti, Mehringer, JvZ, PRL 117, 253601 (2016)

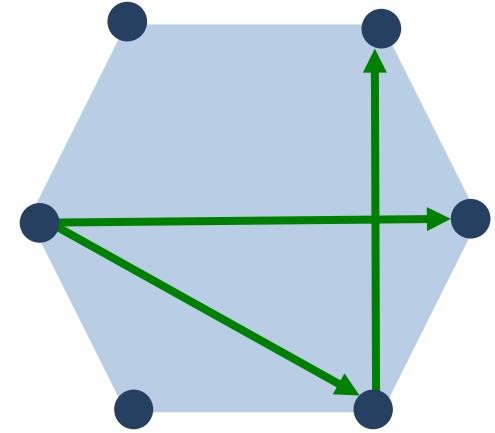
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Set of spatial frequencies

→ source geometry can be described on a grid with basis  $\begin{pmatrix} d_x \\ d_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} a$

→ Set of spatial frequencies **F** consists of 9 different spatial frequency vectors

→ **Knowing F allows to determine the source distribution**

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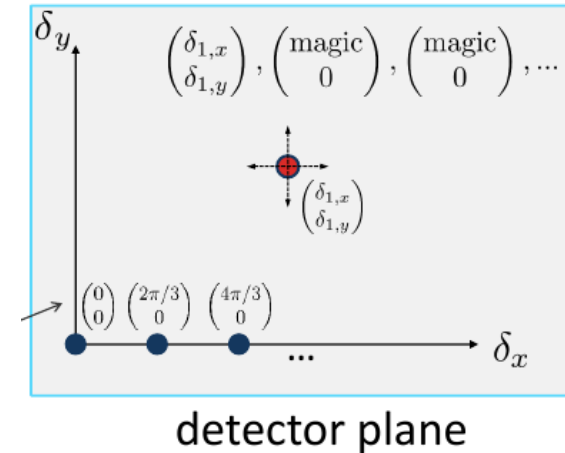
- $m-1$  fixed detectors located at *magic positions* (MP)

along x-axis

$$\delta_{j,x} = 2\pi \frac{j-2}{m-1} \quad \text{for } j = 2, \dots, m$$

- one moving detector  $D_1$  in the x-y-plane

$$\Rightarrow g_N^{(m)}(\delta_{1,x}, \delta_{1,y}, MP_x)$$



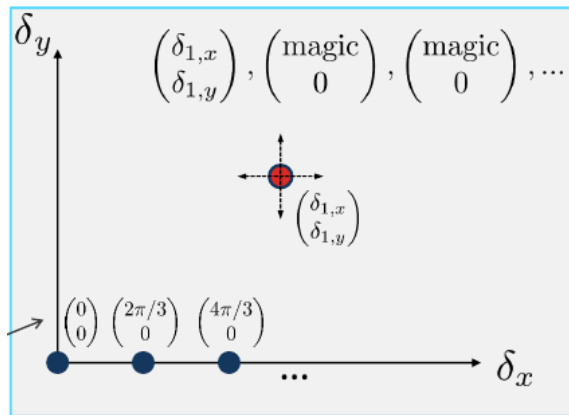
### Spatial frequency filtering:

$$g_N^{(m)}(\delta_{1,x}, \delta_{1,y}, MP_x) = A_0 + \sum_{\substack{a,l=1 \\ a \neq l}}^N A_{la} \cdot \begin{cases} \cos[(x_l - x_a)\delta_{1,x} + (y_l - y_a)\delta_{1,y}] & \text{if } (x_l - x_a) \in \mathbb{Z} \cdot (m-1) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

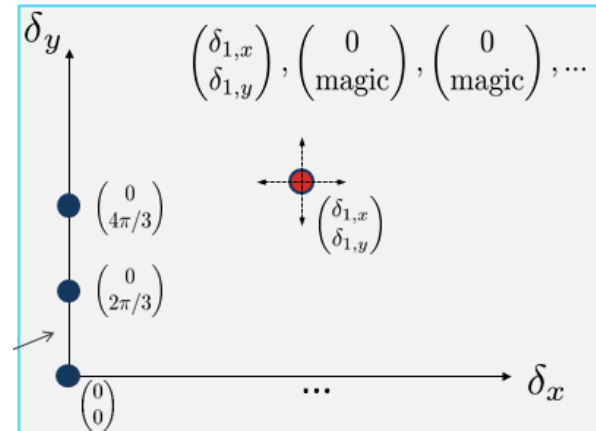
- For  $m-1$  fixed detectors at MP along x-axis: Filtering of 2D spatial frequencies, depending on correlation order  $m$  and x-component of spatial frequency
- Analogue filtering conditions for  $m-1$  fixed detectors at MP along y-axis

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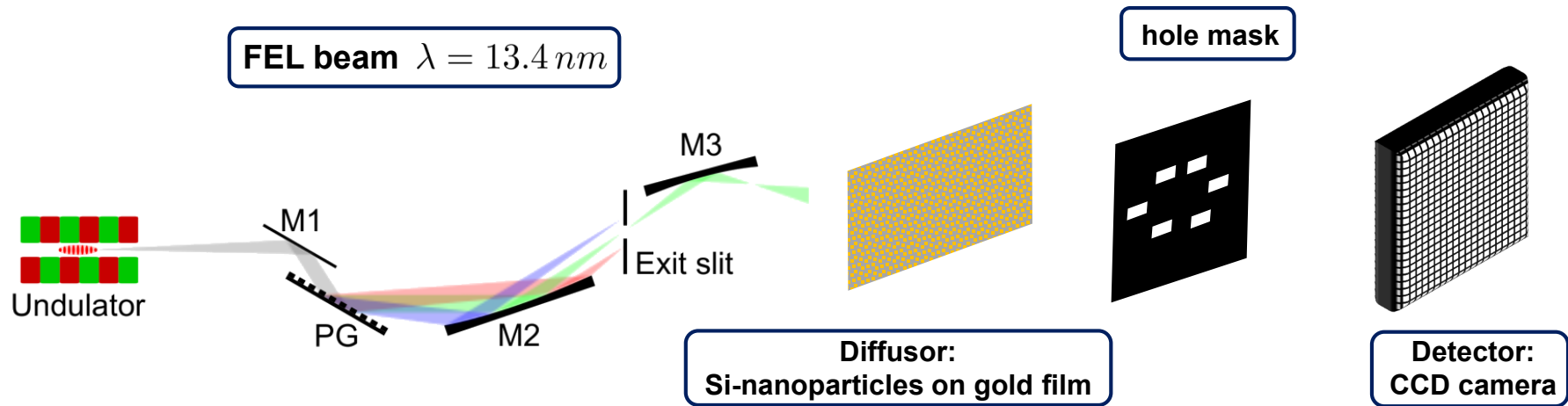


Detector plane



- Measure  $g^{(m)}(\delta_{1,x}, \delta_{1,y}, \text{MP}_x)$  for  $m = 3, 4, \dots$ , with  $m-1$  fixed detectors at  $\text{MP}_x$
- Measure  $g^{(m)}(\delta_{1,x}, \delta_{1,y}, \text{MP}_y)$  for  $m = 3, 4, \dots$ , with  $m-1$  fixed detectors at  $\text{MP}_y$
- **Measuring sequentially  $g^{(m)}(\delta_{1,x}, \delta_{1,y}, \text{MP}_x)$  and  $g^{(m)}(\delta_{1,x}, \delta_{1,y}, \text{MP}_y)$  for  $m > 2$  enables determination of complete set of different spatial frequencies F**

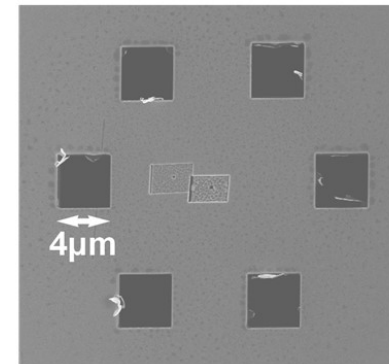
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## FLASH at DESY, Hamburg



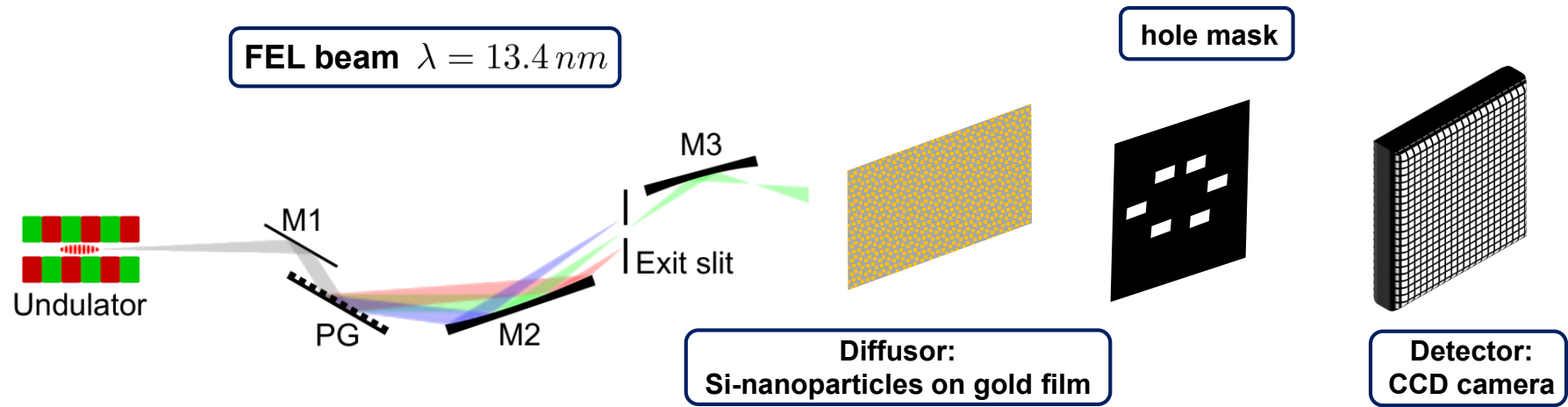
$N$  artificial incoherent sources on a 2D-grid (with lattice constant  $d_x$  and  $d_y$ ) using 6 holes arranged in form of a benzene molecule



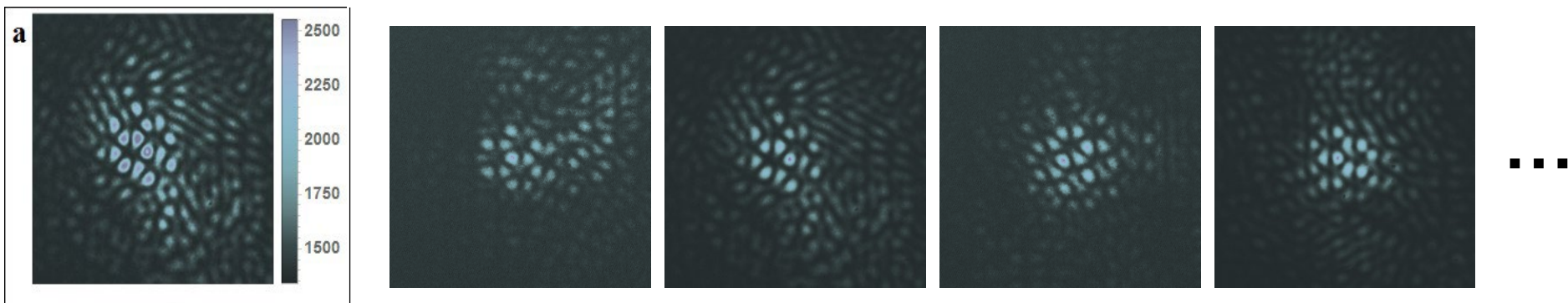
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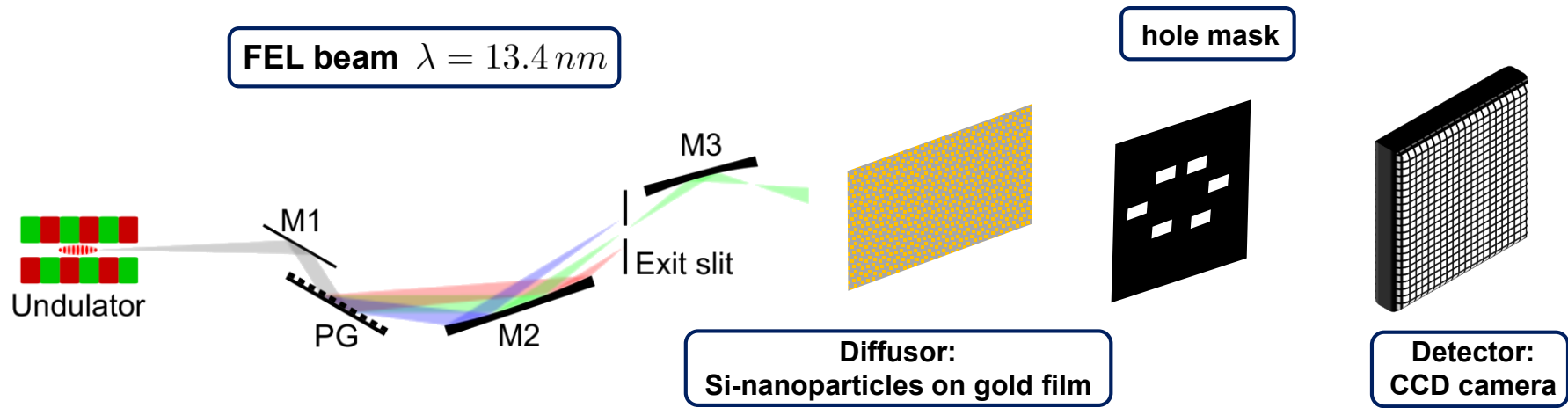
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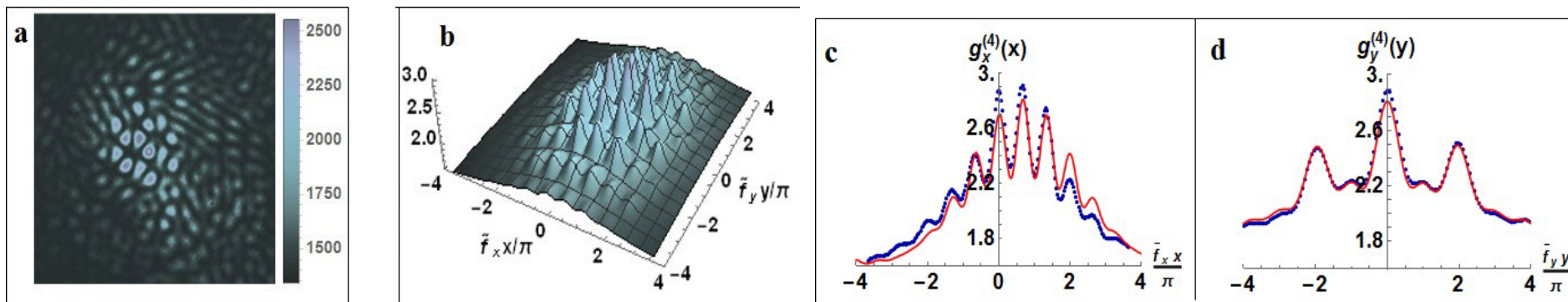
**Experimental results:** 10,000 images:



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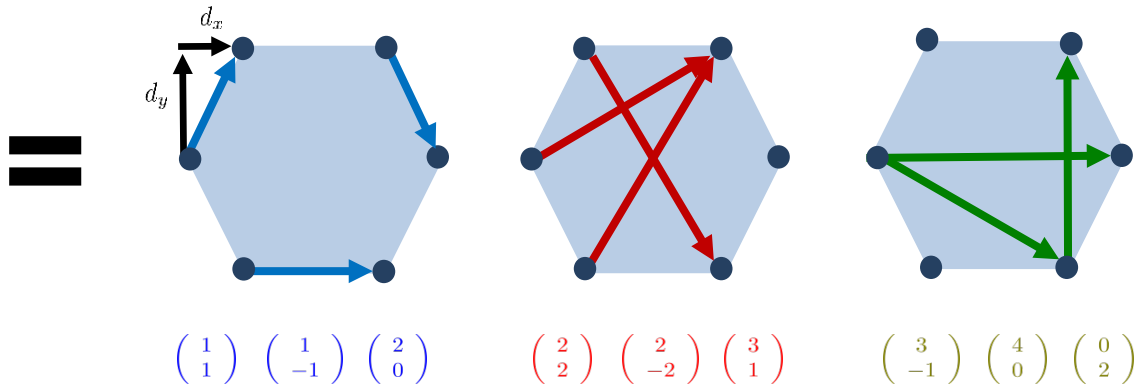
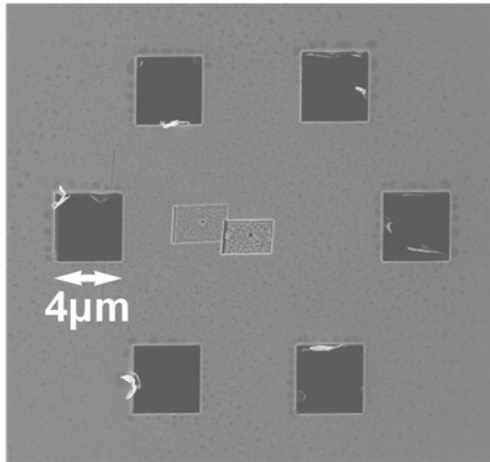
## Experimental results: Example $g^{(4)}(\delta_{1,x}, \delta_{1,y}, MP_x)$



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## Detection scheme to determine F:

REM Image



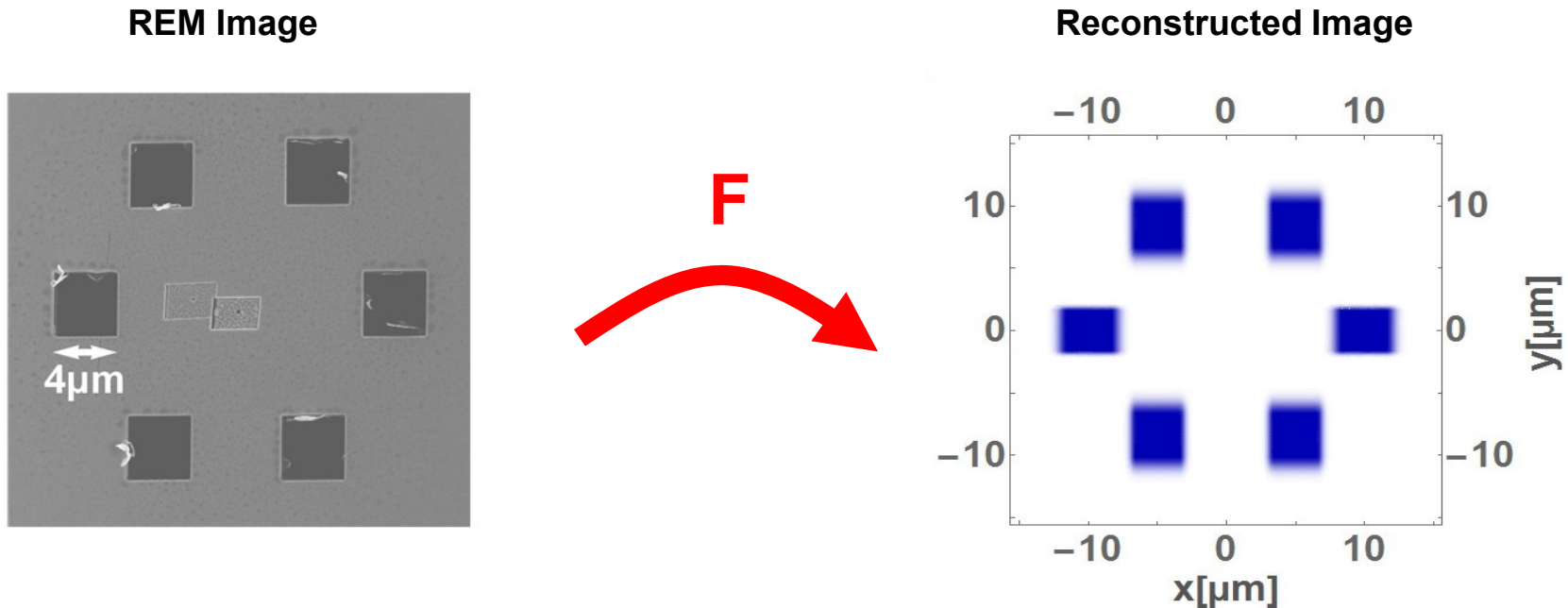
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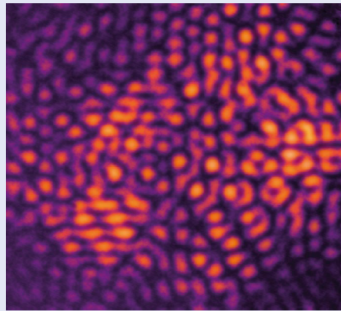
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X-RAY IMAGING

### Incoherent success

The diffraction of coherent X-rays is routinely used to determine the structure of crystals and molecules, and underpinned the discovery of the double-helix structure of DNA in 1953. As the method relies on diffraction and interference it requires the X-rays to be scattered coherently. When this is not the case, the incident and diffracted waves are not in phase, and X-ray imaging methods cannot generate the diffractive patterns needed to reconstruct the arrangement of the atoms in a crystal. This poses a big limit to coherent X-ray diffractive imaging since incoherent scattering predominates in the X-ray domain and much effort is needed to ensure coherence.

Now, this prerequisite no longer stands. Joachim von Zanthier and colleagues have demonstrated that incoherently scattered photons can be used to image tiny, complex structures (*Nat. Phys.* <https://dx.doi.org/10.1038/nphys4301>; 2017). Specifically, they have shown that incoherently scattered X-rays from a free-electron laser (FEL) can image 2D objects with a spatial resolution close to or even below the Abbe limit. The imaging capability in two dimensions was surprising to the researchers considering the much enlarged parameter space for the possible phase combinations used to determine the



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higher-order correlation functions. It allows, for example, imaging of arbitrary 2D objects on a substrate, and potentially transfers the ideas of quantum imaging from visible wavelengths to shorter wavelengths.

The team performed the experiment at the PG2 beamline of the Free-Electron Laser Hamburg (FLASH) at Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY), Hamburg. The FEL beam runs in a 10 Hz pulsed mode at 13.2 nm. It passes a monochromator and impinges on a moving diffusor. The pseudo-

thermal light scattered by the diffusor is used to illuminate an object and the light passing through the object is measured by a charge-coupled device (CCD) image sensor. In the experiment, a 2D object mask, consisting of six square-cut holes in a hexagonal arrangement to mimic the carbon atoms in a benzene molecule, on the micrometre scale, was used to generate six quasi-monochromatic independently radiating incoherent sources. The researchers showed that they were able to determine the entire benzene structure based on the 10,800 single-shot speckle patterns (see image) obtained by the CCD detector.

“The requirements for the implementation — high brilliance, ultrashort excitations and high repetition rates — are well met by the FEL facility at DESY. Our next step is to apply the scheme in the hard X-ray regime to reveal structures of crystals, nanoparticles, or even single molecules at the atomic scale,” said von Zanthier, who also added that the approach will likely improve structural analyses in biology and medicine.

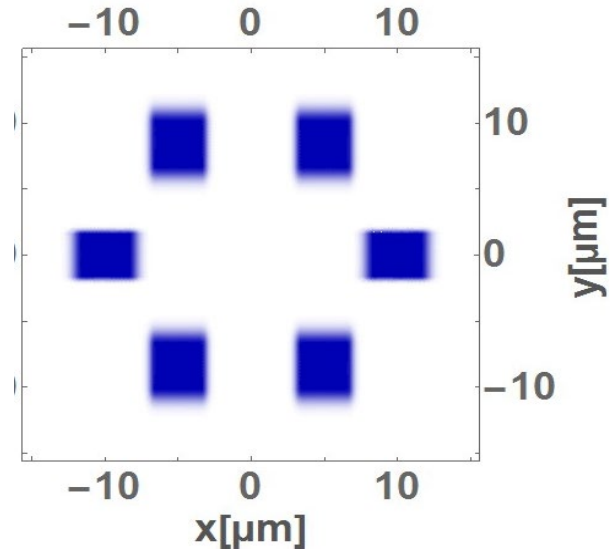
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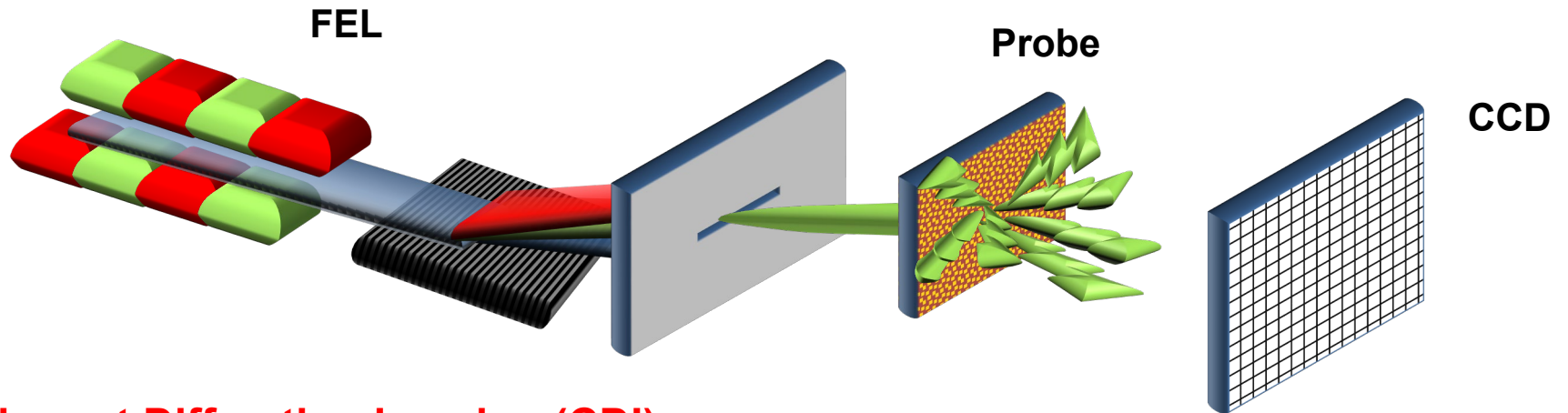
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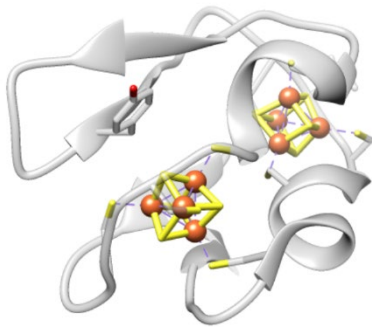
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## Coherent Diffraction Imaging (CDI)

Probe



Ferredoxin (PDB: 1FDN)

Coherently diffracted light field

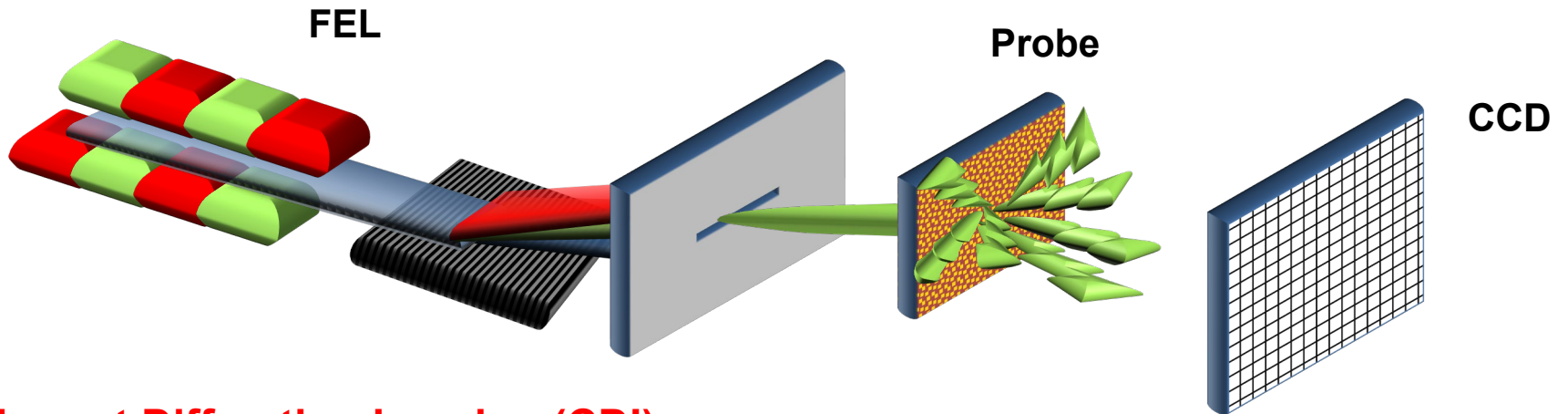
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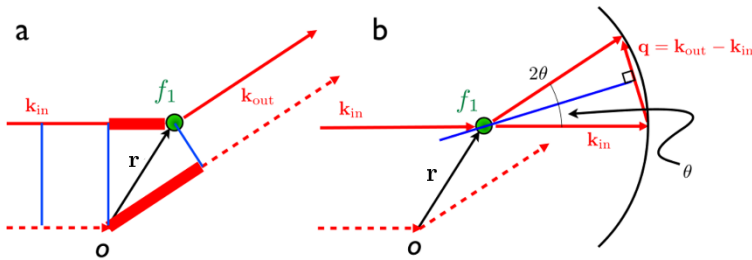
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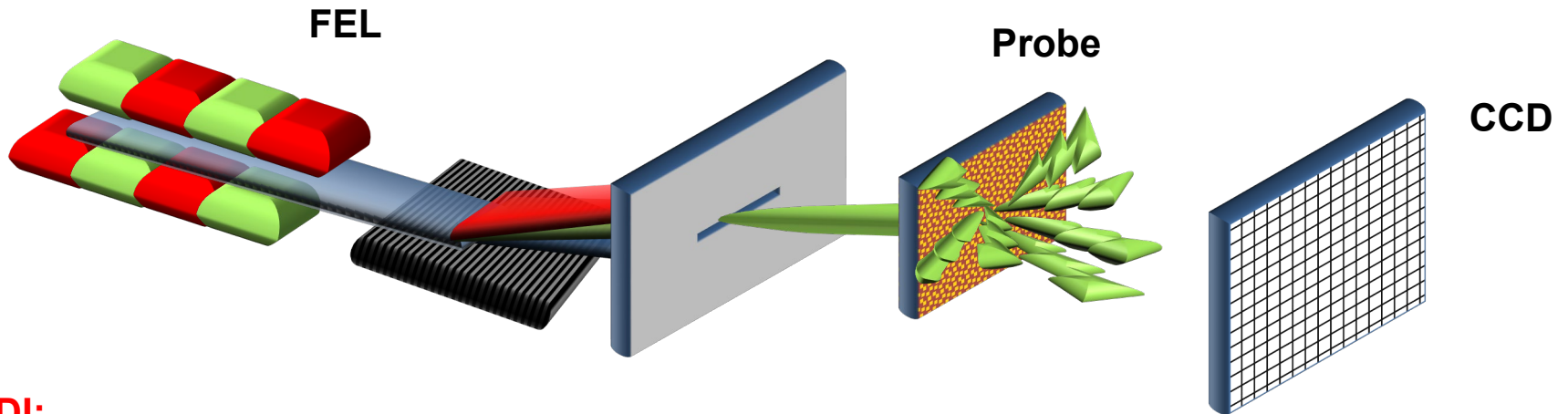
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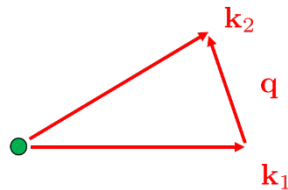
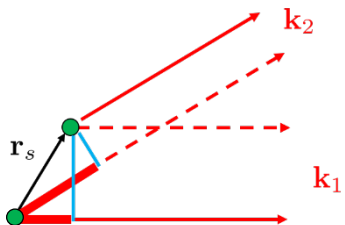
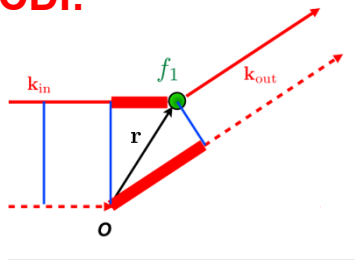
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CDI:



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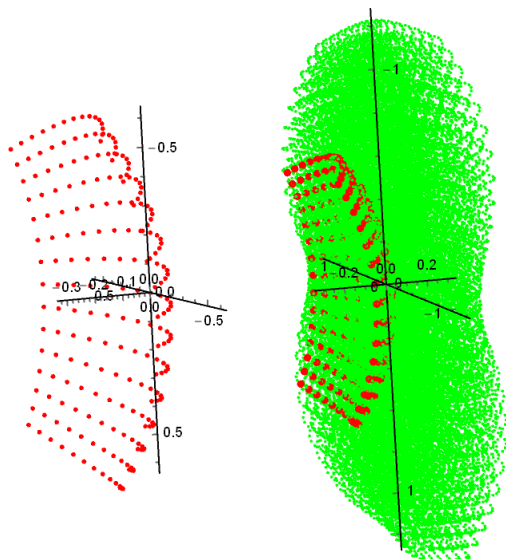
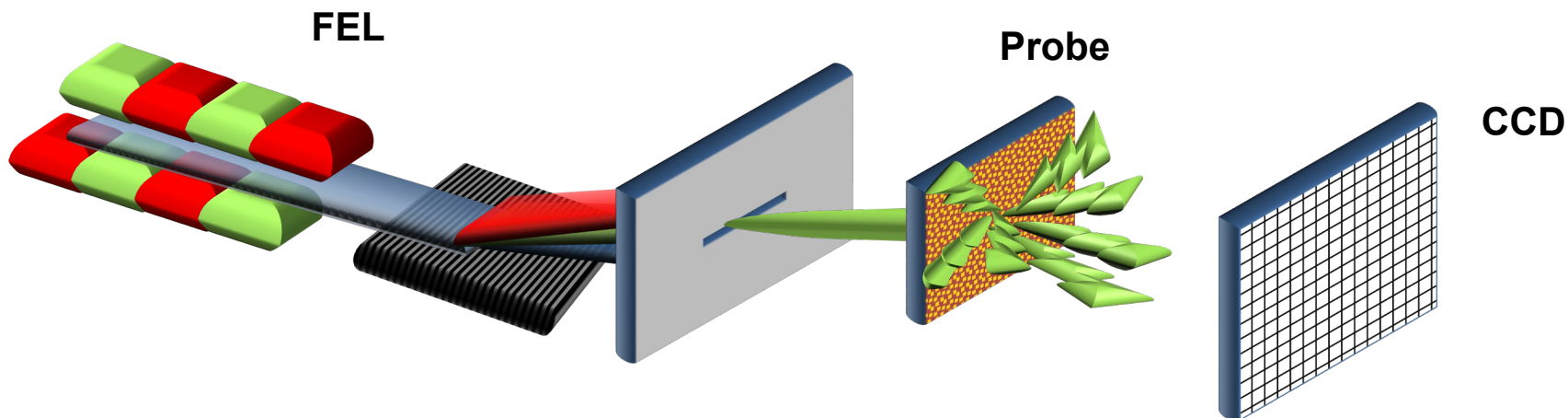
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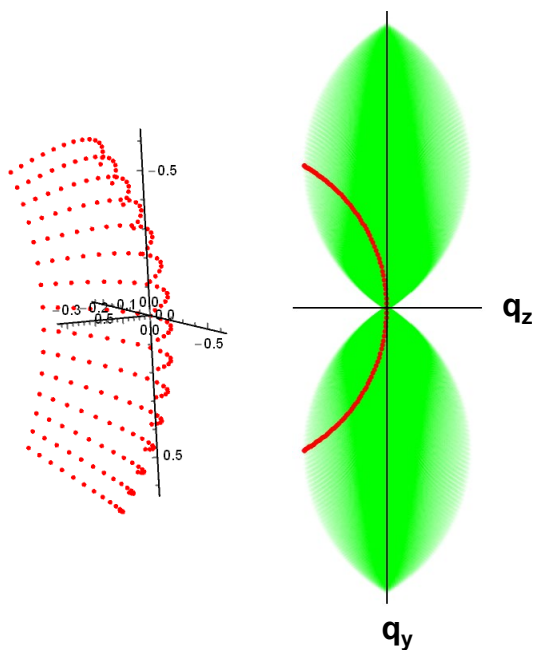
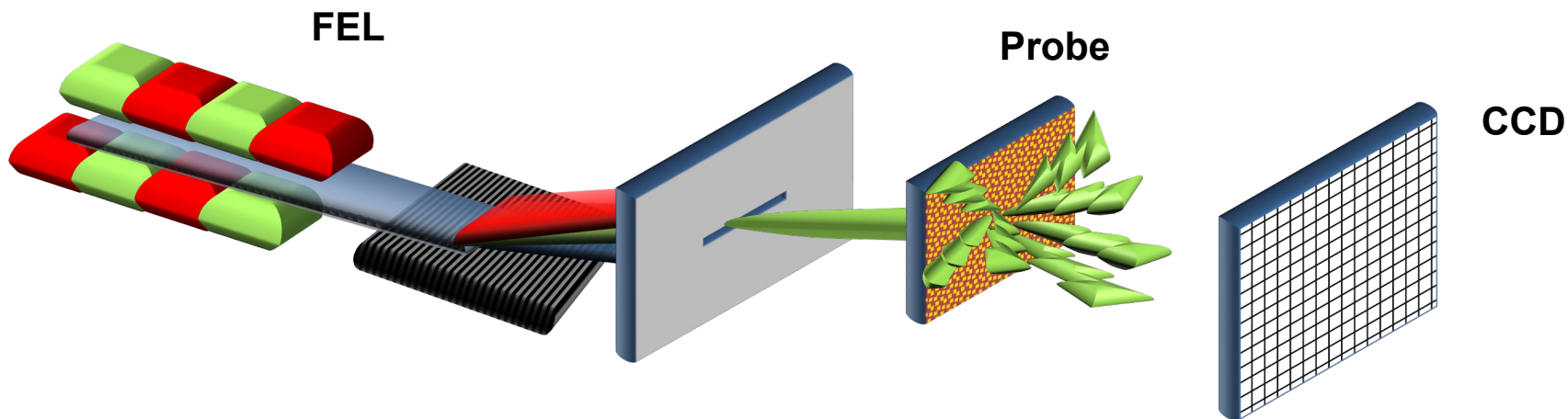
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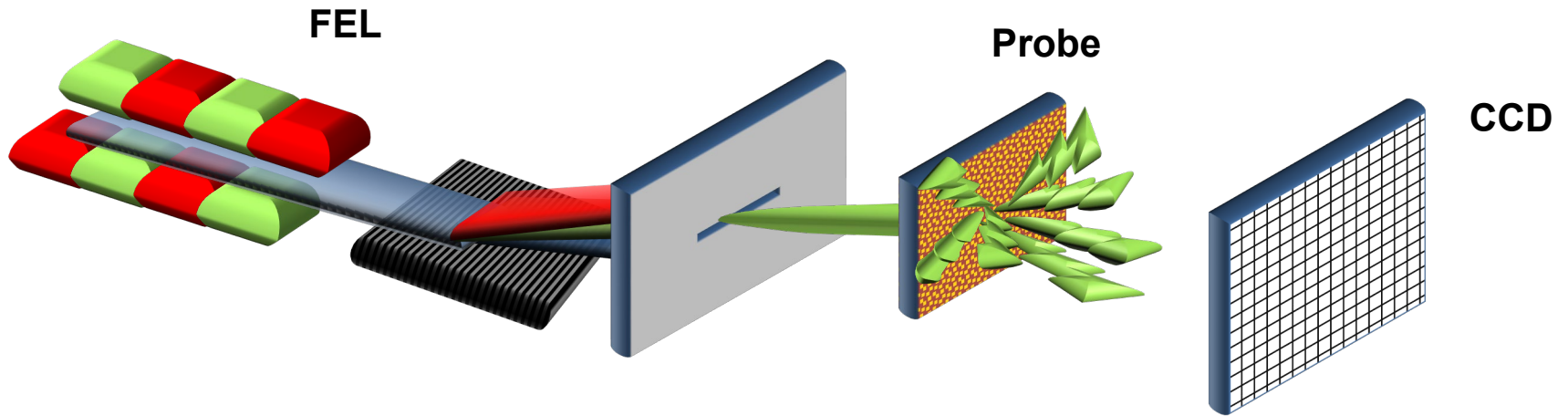
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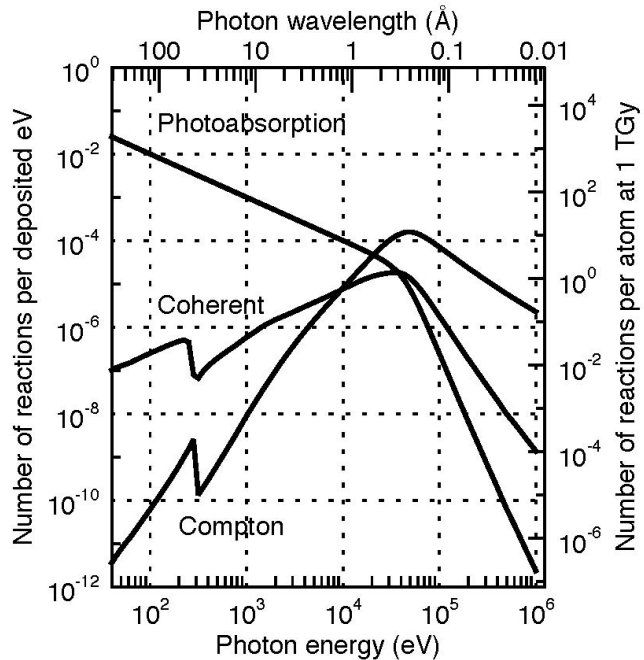
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➔ dose advantage at X-ray energies



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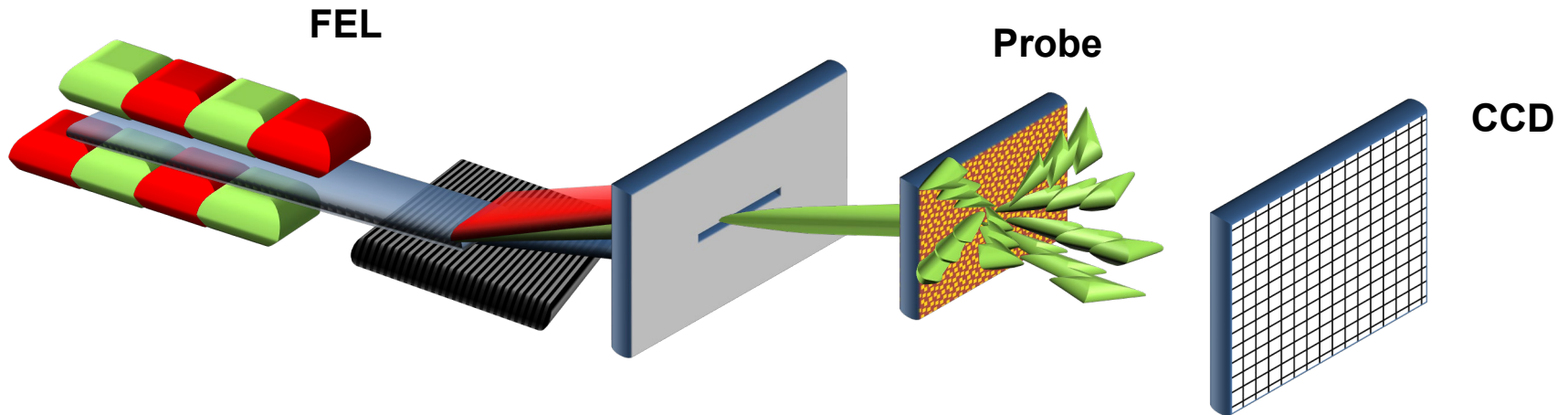
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- ➔ dose advantage
- ➔ volumetric information for a single orientation
- ➔ increased resolution
- ➔ increased statistics
- ➔ element specific imaging
- ↔ x-ray spectroscopy

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## Improvements for Incoherent Diffractive Imaging (IDI)

- shorter pulse length of FEL (  $< 1$  fs)
- high repute (with detectors keeping up)
- larger detectors
- automatized evaluation (e.g., dropletization)

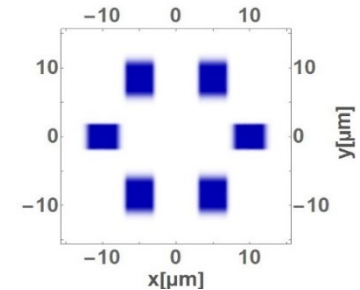
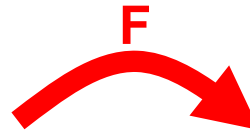
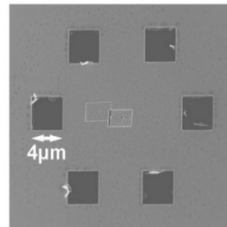
# Conclusion and Outlook

- Photons emitted by incoherent sources can produce diffraction patterns if measured coincidentally in the far-field (= higher order correlation functions)
- Arbitrary source distribution in 1D and 2D: filtering of spatial frequencies

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using XUV light from FEL:



PRA 64, 063801 (2001); PRL 99, 133603 (2007); PRL 109, 233603 (2012); PRL 117, 253601 (2016)

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- Incoherent Diffraction Imaging (IDI): 3D structure determination with hard x-rays

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Experiment at LCLS in 2018, evaluation ongoing

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