



# X-Ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy

**Gerhard Grübel**

**Deutsches Elektronen Synchrotron (DESY)**

**Notke-Str. 85, 22607 Hamburg**

## **I. Introduction**

## **II. Coherence Properties of undulator radiation**

- Coherence lengths
- Experimental Details

## **III. Disordered Systems under Coherent Illumination**

- Speckle
- Speckle Statistics
- X-Ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (XPCS)

## **IV. Structure and Dynamics of Complex Systems**

- Colloidal Fluids
- (Surface Dynamics)
- Magnetic Speckle

## **V. Perspectives with a FEL source**

## **VI. Summary**

If coherent light is scattered by a disordered system it gives rise to a random diffraction or “**speckle**” pattern.

“**Speckle**” patterns are interference patterns and they are related to the **exact spatial arrangement** of the disorder.

If the spatial arrangement of the disorder changes as a function of time the “speckle” pattern will also change. A measurement of the **temporal intensity fluctuations** of a single or equivalent speckles is thus a **measure of the underlying dynamics**.

The temporal intensity fluctuations can be characterized by:

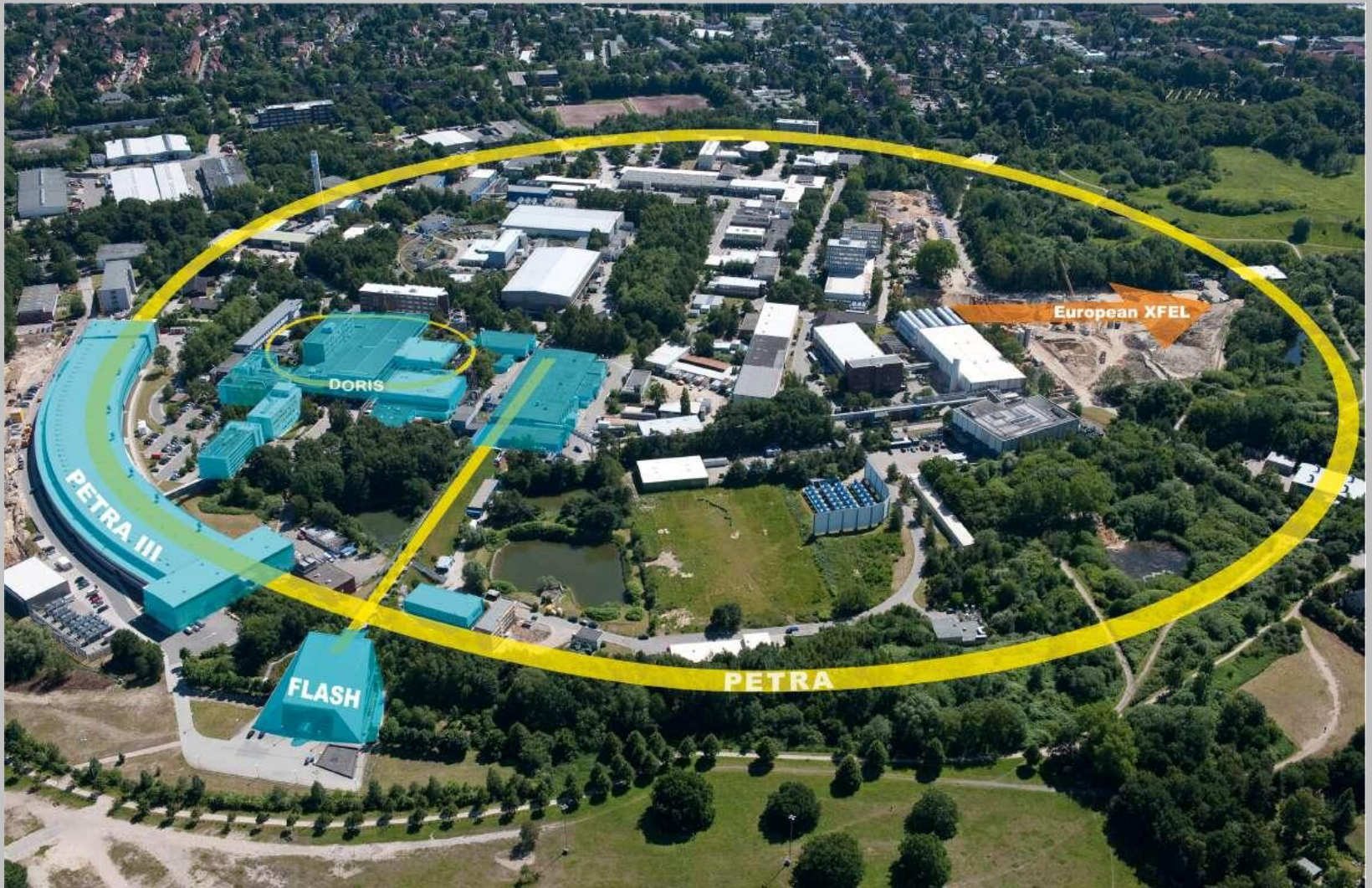
## Correlation Spectroscopy Techniques

Coherent visible light from a laser source ( $\lambda \approx 5300\text{\AA}$ ):

**Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (PCS) or Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) ←**

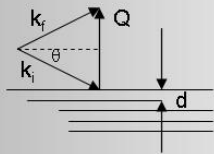
Coherent light from a synchrotron source ( $\lambda \approx 1\text{\AA}$ ):

**X-Ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (XPCS)**

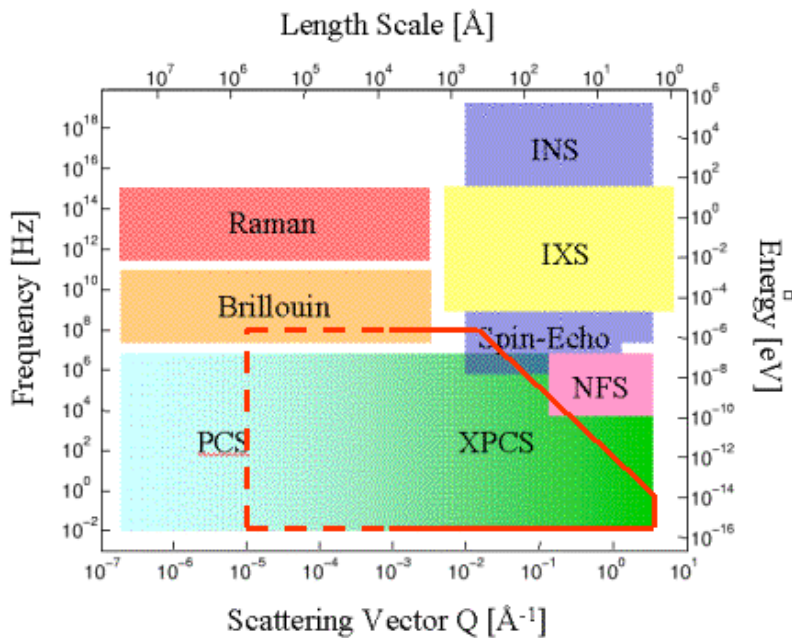


- **Dynamics on short lengthscales**

$$Q_{\max} = 2\pi/d = (4\pi/\lambda) \sin\theta$$



- **No multiple scattering**
- **Opaque materials**



## Dynamics of complex fluids

- colloidal suspensions (high  $\phi$ , large  $Q$ ,...)
- polymer systems (internal modes, ...)

## Slow dynamics: disordered systems

- domain formation phase separating ...systems (glasses, alloys,...)
- glass transition(3-D, 2-D)
- time dependence of critical fluctuations

## Domain wall dynamics in IC systems

- ferroelectrics, cdw systems, magnetic ...materials

## 2-D systems

- surfaces (liquid, solid), thin films, ...membranes,...

## Ultra-slow Dynamics

- jammed systems

## Non-equilibrium Dynamics

## **I. Introduction**

## **II. Coherence Properties of undulator radiation**

- Coherence lengths
- Experimental Details

## **III. Disordered Systems under Coherent Illumination**

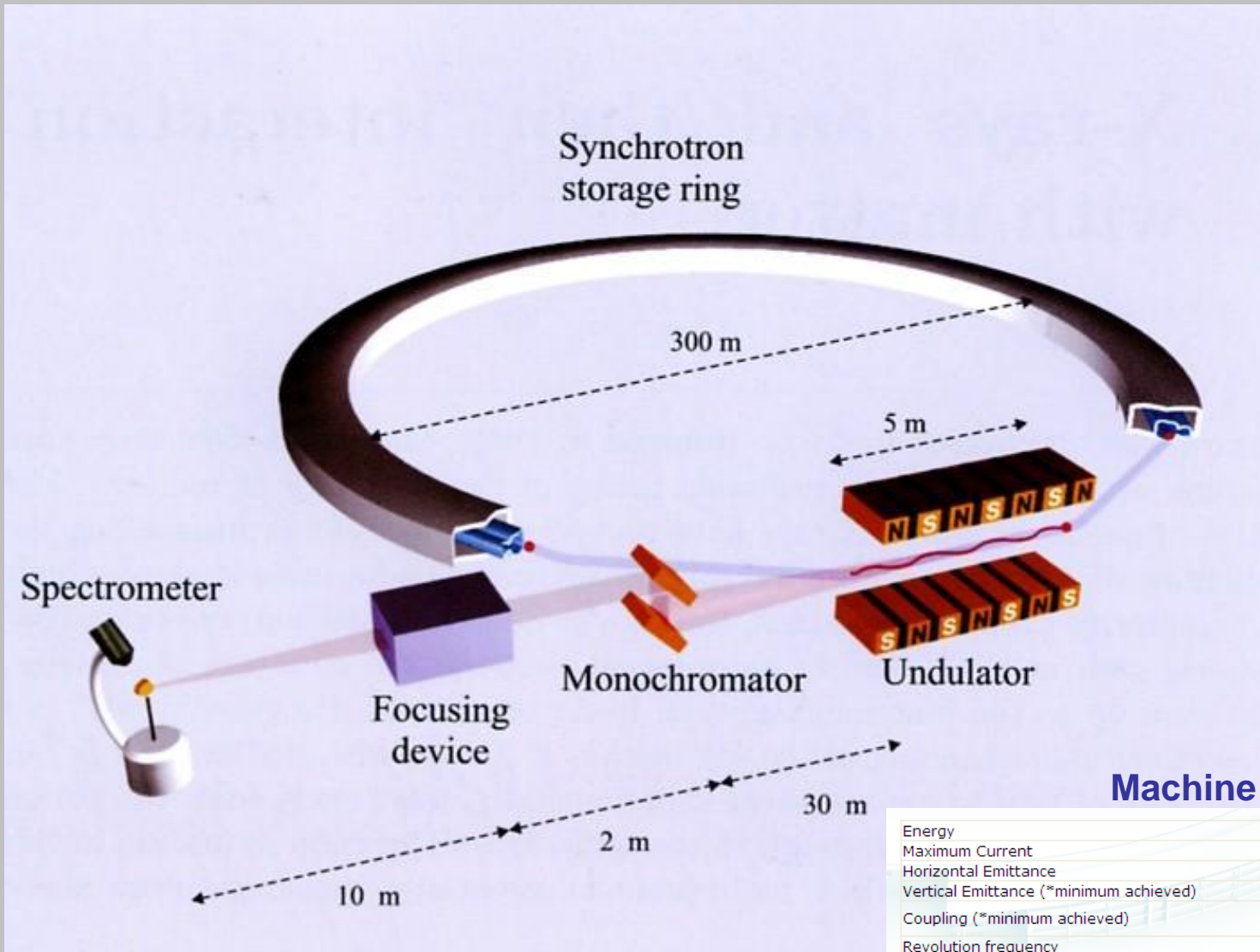
- Speckle
- Speckle Statistics
- X-Ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (XPCS)

## **IV. Structure and Dynamics of Complex Systems**

- Colloidal Fluids
- Surface Dynamics
- Magnetic Speckle

## **V. Perspectives with a FEL source**

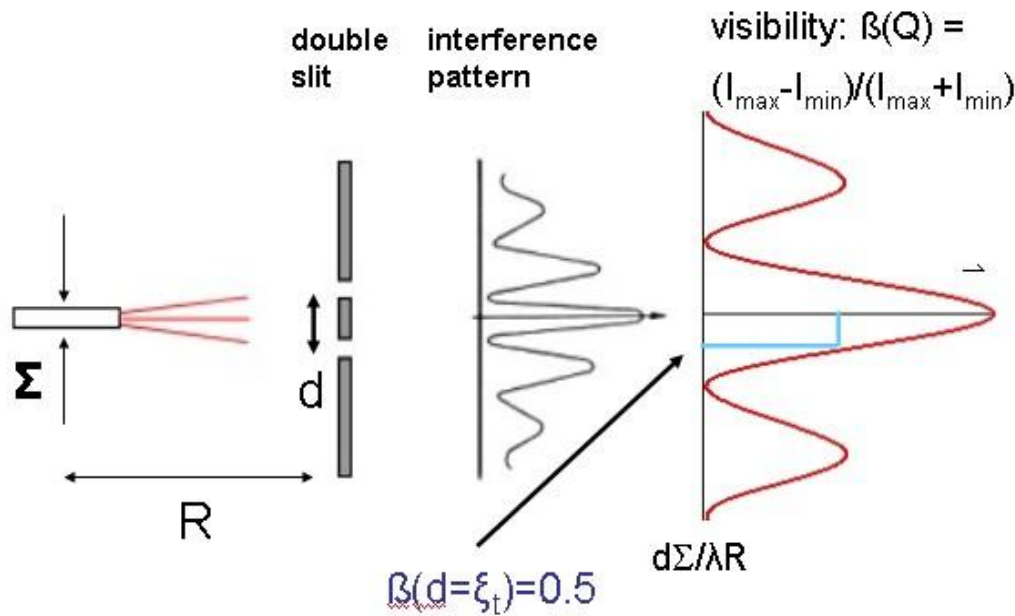
## **VI. Summary**



## Machine parameters ESRF

Energy	GeV	6.03
Maximum Current	mA	200
Horizontal Emittance	nm	4
Vertical Emittance (*minimum achieved)	nm	0.025 (0.010*)
Coupling (*minimum achieved)	%	0.6 (0.25*)
Revolution frequency	kHz	355
Number of bunches		1 to 992
Time between bunches	ns	2816 to 2.82





## Coherent Flux:

$$F_c = (\lambda/2)^2 \cdot B = 3.5 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ ph/s}$$

$$B = 10^{20} \text{ ph/s/mm}^2/\text{mrad}^2/0.1\% \text{bw}$$

$$\Delta\lambda/\lambda = 10^{-4}; \lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$$



uL

## Temporal Coherence:

longitudinal coherence length:

$$\xi_l = \lambda(\lambda/\Delta\lambda) = 1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$$

$$\Delta\lambda/\lambda = 10^{-4}; \lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$$

## Transverse coherence length:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_t &= (\lambda/2) (R/\Sigma) = 2.5 \mu\text{m}(h), \Sigma_x = 1 \text{ mm} \\ &= 25 \mu\text{m}(v); \Sigma_z = 0.1 \text{ mm} \\ &(\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}, R = 50 \text{ m}) \end{aligned}$$

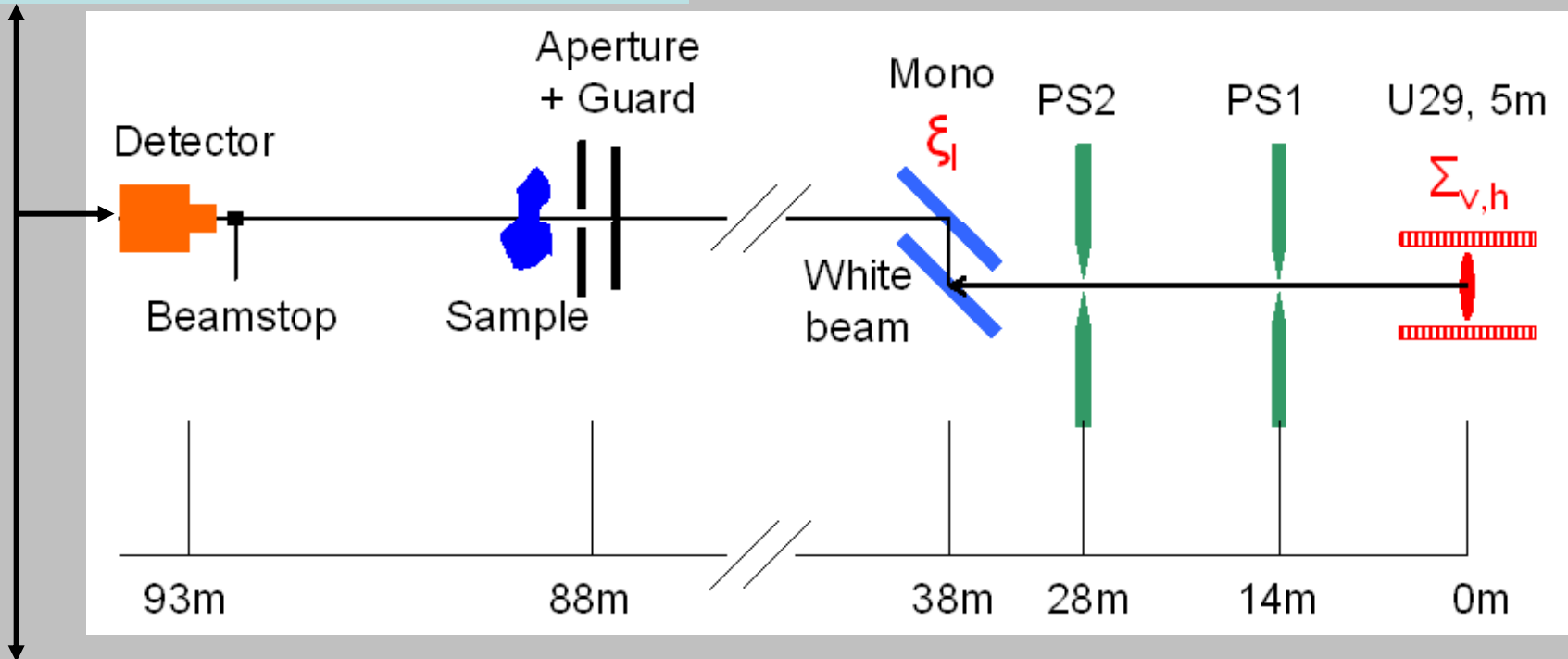


## 2-D detector

Direct illumination, deep depletion CCD

$10^6 \times 20 \mu\text{m}$  pixels, 1 MHz ADC, (1 Mbyte/s):

SLOW  $\rightarrow$  PIXEL detectors



## 0-D detector

+ digital autocorrelator: FAST

speckle size:  $(\lambda/\xi_t) \cdot L \approx 20\text{-}40 \mu\text{m}$



## **I. Introduction**

## **II. Coherence Properties of undulator radiation**

- Coherence lengths
- Experimental Details

## **III. Disordered Systems under Coherent Illumination**

- Speckle
- Speckle Statistics
- X-Ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (XPCS)

## **IV. Structure and Dynamics of Complex Systems**

- Colloidal Fluids
- (Surface Dynamics)
- Magnetic Speckle

## **V. Perspectives with a FEL source**

## **VI. Summary**

If coherent light is scattered from a disordered system it gives rise to a random (grainy) diffraction pattern, known as “speckle”. A speckle pattern is an interference pattern and related to the exact spatial arrangement of the scatterers in the disordered system.

$$I(Q,t) \propto S_c(Q,t) \propto \left| \sum e^{iQR_j(t)} \right|^2$$

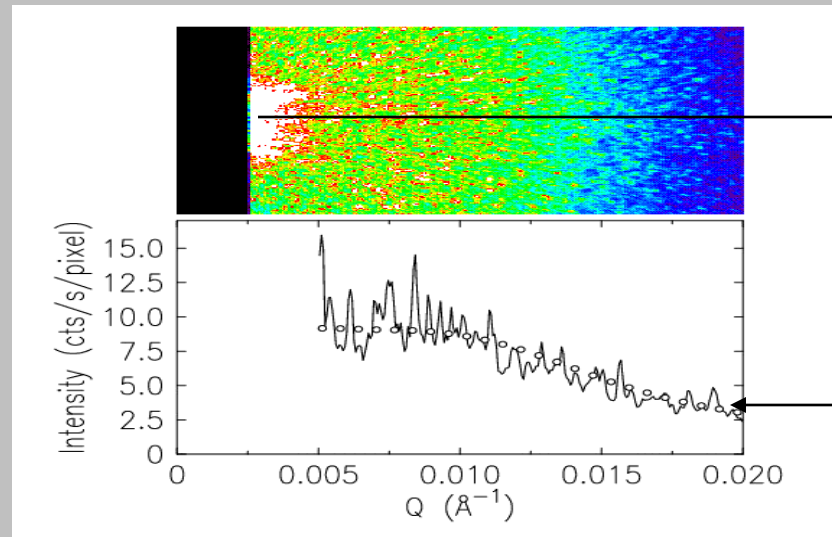
$j$  in coherence volume  $c = \xi_t^2 \xi_l$



## Incoherent Light:

$$S(Q,t) = \langle S_c(Q,t) \rangle_{V \gg c} \quad \text{ensemble average}$$

Aerogel  
 $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$   
 CCD (22  $\mu\text{m}$ )



Abernathy,  
 Grübel, et al.

J. Synchrotron  
 Rad. 5, 37, 1998

fully coherent illumination:

If the amplitude  $f_n(Q)$  and phases  $Q \cdot r_n$  are statistically independent and statistically distributed over  $2\pi$ :

$$P(I) = (1/\langle I \rangle) \exp(-I/\langle I \rangle)$$

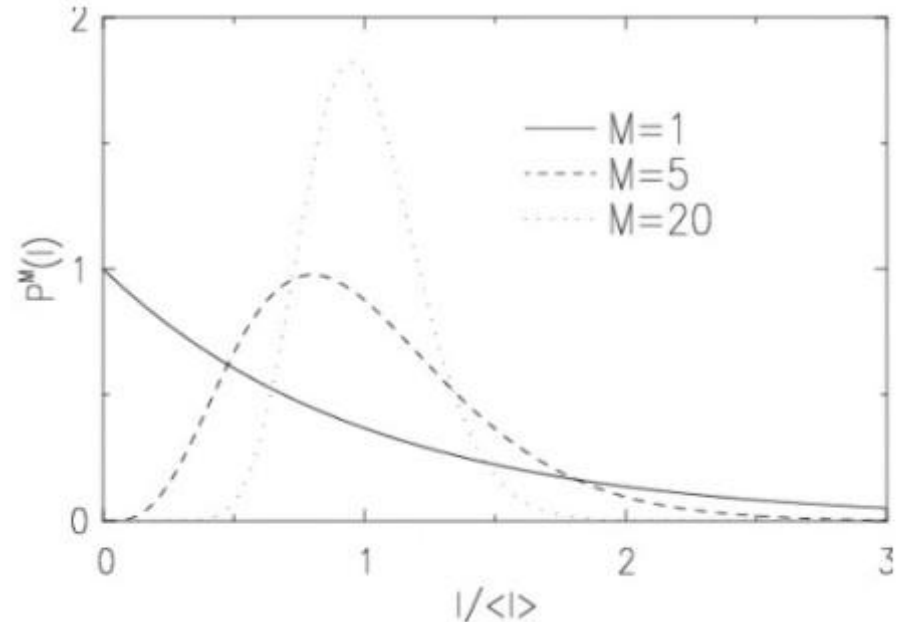
Mean:  $\langle I \rangle$   
 StdDev:  $\sigma = \sqrt{\langle I^2 \rangle - \langle I \rangle^2} = \langle I \rangle$   
 Contrast:  $\beta = \sigma^2 / \langle I \rangle^2 = 1$

partially coherent illumination:

The speckle pattern is the sum of  $M$  independent speckle patterns:

$$P_M(I) = (M^M I^{M-1}) / (\Gamma(M) \langle I \rangle^M) \exp(-MI/\langle I \rangle)$$

Mean:  $\langle I \rangle$   
 $\sigma = \langle I \rangle / M^{1/2}$   
 Contrast:  $\beta = 1/M$



No information on:

Size and shape of individual speckles

Contrast:  $\beta = \beta(\Delta\lambda/\lambda, Q, \dots)$

Abernathy et al., J. Synchrotron Rad. 5,37 (1998)

If coherent light is scattered from a disordered system it gives rise to a random (grainy) diffraction pattern, known as “speckle”. A speckle pattern is an interference pattern and related to the exact spatial arrangement of the scatterers in the disordered system.

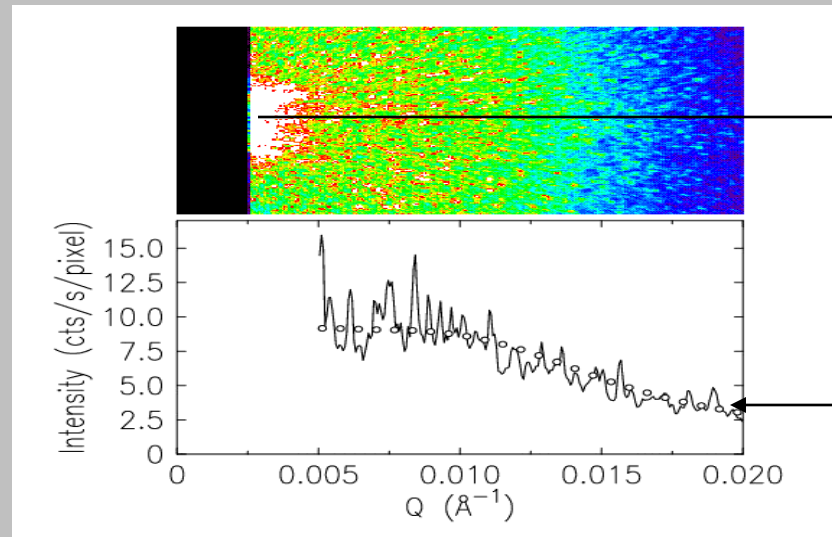
$$I(Q,t) \propto S_c(Q,t) \propto \left| \sum_{j \text{ in coherence volume}} e^{iQR_j(t)} \right|^2$$

$j$  in coherence volume  $c = \xi_t^2 \xi_s$

Incoherent Light:

$$S(Q,t) = \langle S_c(Q,t) \rangle_{V \gg c} \text{ ensemble average}$$

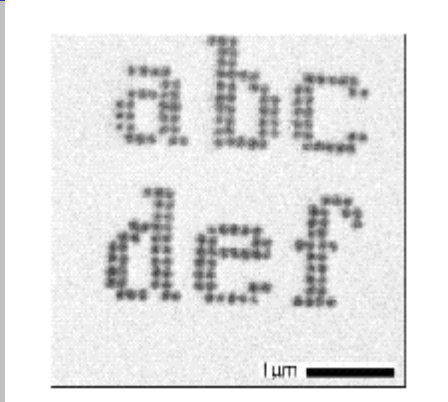
Aerogel  
 $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$   
 CCD (22  $\mu\text{m}$ )



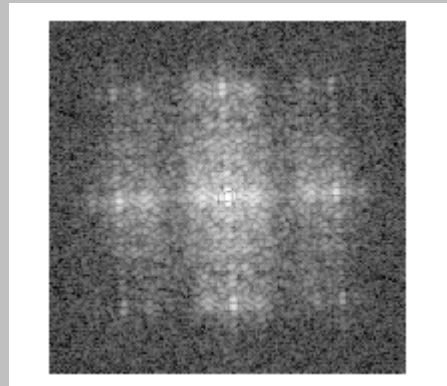
Abernathy,  
 Grübel, et al.

J. Synchrotron  
 Rad. 5, 37, 1998

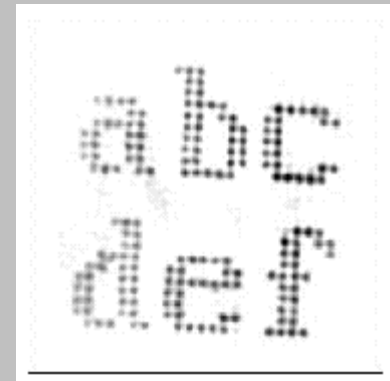
## Reconstruction (phasing) of a speckle pattern: “oversampling” technique



gold dots on SiN membrane  
(0.1 μm diameter, 80 nm thick)



$\lambda=17\text{\AA}$  coherent beam at X1A  
(NSLS),  $1.3 \cdot 10^9$  ph/s  $10\mu\text{m}$  pinhole  
 $24\mu\text{m} \times 24\mu\text{m}$  pixel CCD



reconstruction  
“oversampling” technique

Miao, Charalambous, Kirz, Sayre, Nature, 400, July 1999

other examples: nanocrystalline materials (Williams et al., PRL90,175501,2003; He et al.,PRB67,174114,2003  
Robinson et al., PRL87,195505-1)

If coherent light is scattered from a disordered system it gives rise to a random (grainy) diffraction pattern, known as “speckle”. A speckle pattern is an interference pattern and related to the exact spatial arrangement of the scatterers in the disordered system.

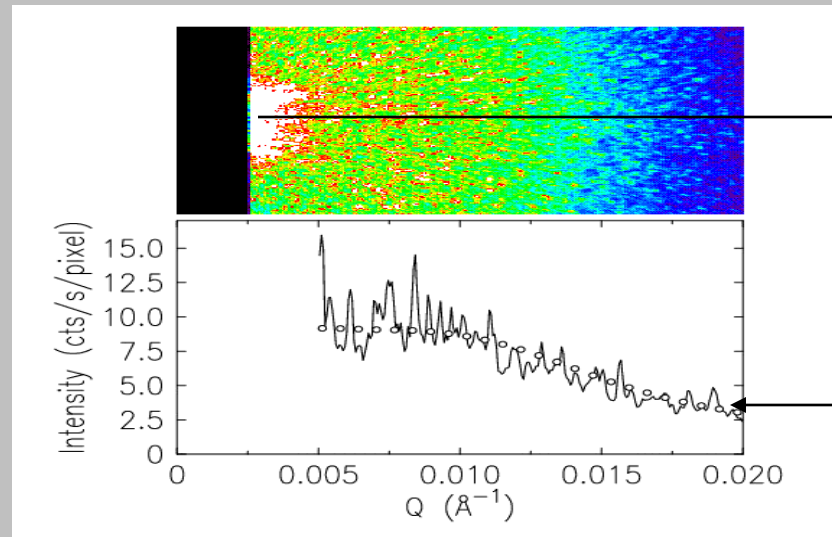
$$I(Q,t) \propto S_c(Q,t) \propto \left| \sum_{j \text{ in coherence volume}} e^{iQR_j(t)} \right|^2$$

$j$  in coherence volume  $c = \xi_t^2 \xi_s$

Incoherent Light:

$$S(Q,t) = \langle S_c(Q,t) \rangle_{V \gg c} \text{ ensemble average}$$

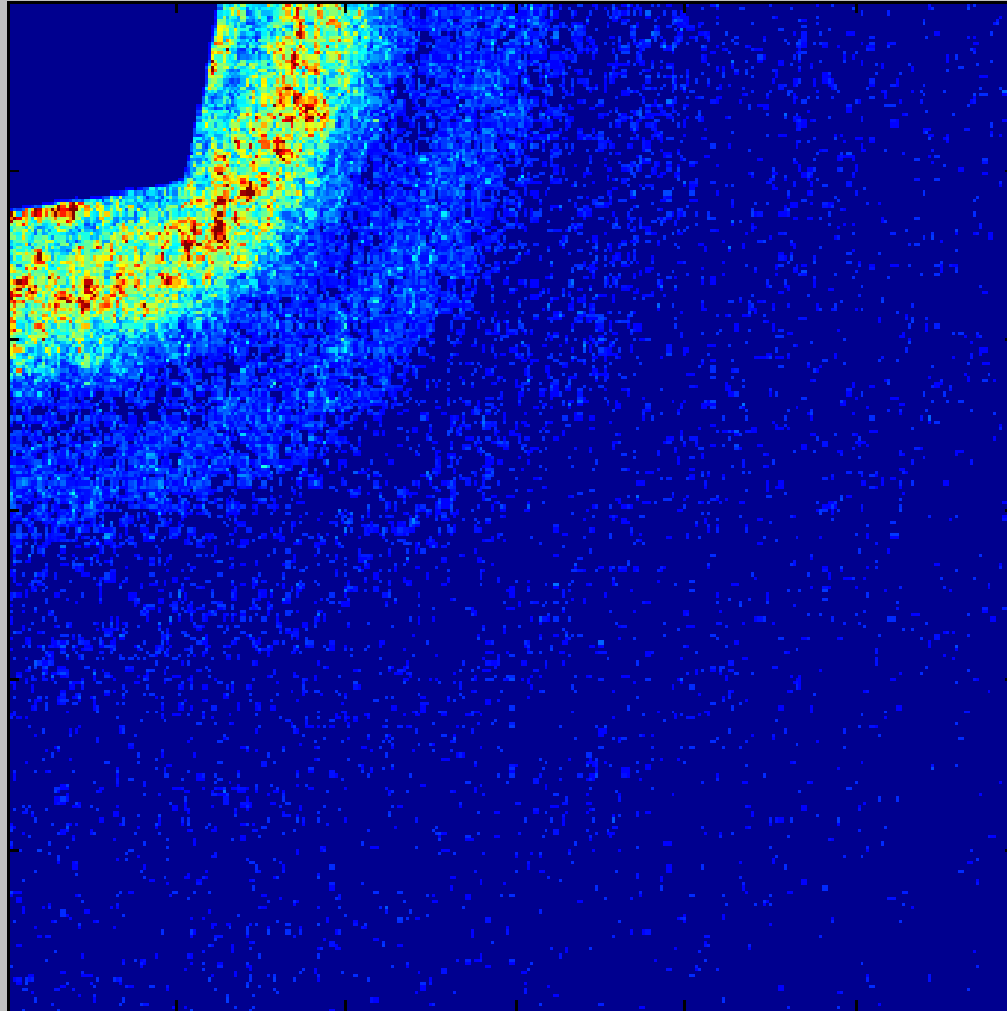
Aerogel  
 $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$   
 CCD (22  $\mu\text{m}$ )



Abernathy,  
 Grübel, et al.

J. Synchrotron  
 Rad. 5, 37, 1998

Silica: 2610 Å,  $\Delta R/R=0.03$ , 10 vol% in glycerol,  $T=-13.6\text{C}$ ,  $\eta \approx 56000$  cp



V. Trappe and A. Robert



$$G(Q,t) = \langle I(Q,0) \cdot I(Q,t) \rangle / \langle I(Q) \rangle^2 = \alpha \operatorname{Re} \{ g_1(Q,t) \} + \beta g_2(Q,t) + (1 - \beta)$$

$$g_1(Q,t) = \langle \rho(Q,0) \cdot \rho^*(Q,t) \rangle$$

$\rho(Q,t)$ : FT (electron density)

$$g_2(Q,t) = \langle \rho(Q,0) \cdot \rho^*(Q,0) \cdot \rho(Q,t) \cdot \rho^*(Q,t) \rangle$$

Gaussian fluctuations ( $g_2=1+|g_1|^2$ ), no optical mixing ( $\alpha = 0$ ):

$$G(Q,t) = 1 + \beta(Q) |g_1(Q,t)|^2$$

$$g_1(Q,t) \equiv f(Q,t) = F(Q,t) / F(Q,0):$$

normalized intermediate scattering function

$$F(Q,t) = (1/(Nf^2(Q))) \sum_n \sum_m \langle f_n(Q) f_m(Q) \exp(iQ [r_n(0) - r_m(t)]) \rangle$$

$F(Q,0) = S(Q)$  static structure factor

## Diffusive Processes:

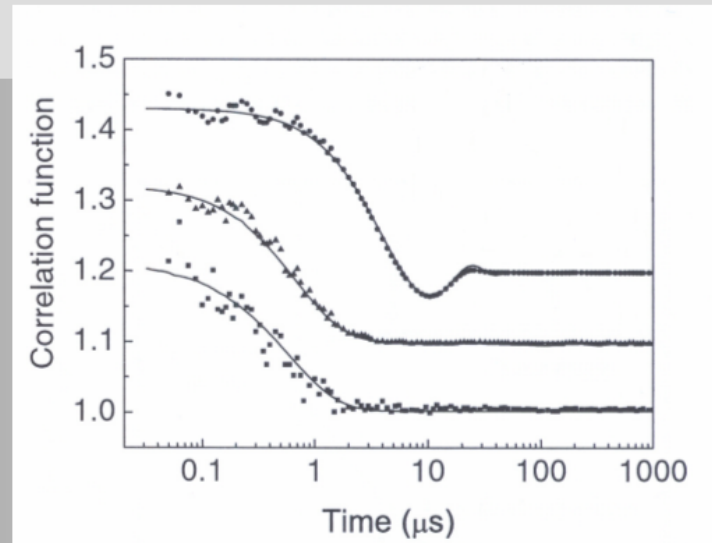
Monodisperse, non-interacting scatterers:

$$F(Q,0) = 1, \quad \langle [r(0) - r(t)]^2 \rangle = 6 D_0 t$$

$$f(Q,t) = \exp(-\Gamma t), \quad \Gamma = D_0 Q^2$$

interacting scatterers:

$$f(Q,t) = \exp(-\Gamma t), \quad \Gamma = D(Q) Q^2$$



## **I. Introduction**

## **II. Coherence Properties of undulator radiation**

- Coherence lengths
- Experimental Details

## **III. Disordered Systems under Coherent Illumination**

- Speckle
- Speckle Statistics
- X-Ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (XPCS)

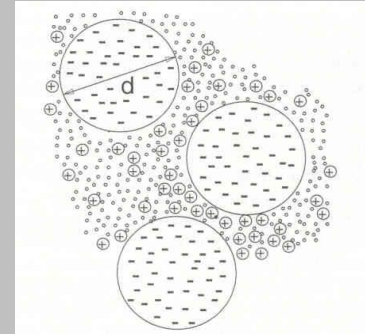
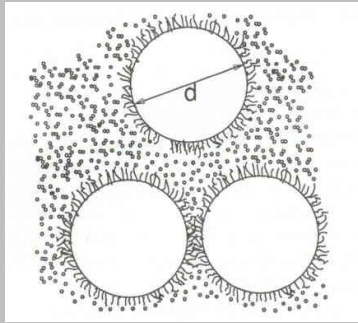
## **IV. Structure and Dynamics of Complex Systems**

- Colloidal Fluids
- (Surface Dynamics)
- Magnetic Speckle

## **V. Perspectives with a FEL source**

## **VI. Summary**

Colloidal particles (paints, ink, clays, .....silica,.....) suspended in a solvent (molecular fluid, ...). Stabilised against „van der Waals“ attraction.



„Hard Spheres“

„Soft Spheres“

**Structure:**  $S(Q) = 1 + 4\pi\rho \int [g(r) - 1] (\sin(Qr)/Qr) r^2 dr$ ;

$g(r) = \exp[-V(r)/kT]$

$\rho$ : number density  $N/V$

$\Phi \ll 1\%$ :

$S(Q) = 1$

$D(Q) = D_0 (=kT/6\pi\eta R_H)$

$\Phi > 1\%$ :

$$V(r) = \begin{cases} 0 & r \geq d \\ \infty & r < d \end{cases}$$

weak interaction: DLVO

$$V(r) \propto (eZ_{eff})^2/r \exp(-\kappa r)$$

$S = S(Q, \Phi)$  (Percus-Yevick)

$S = S(Q, \Phi, Z_{eff}, \kappa)$  (MSA, RMSA)

**Dynamics:** Interaction: colloid-solvent, colloid-colloid, hydrodynamics

Smoluchowski (many particle) diffusion equation:

$$D_{short}(Q) = D_0/S(Q) * H(Q) \quad t \ll R^2/D_0$$

$H(Q)$  (Beenakker and Mazur)

$H(Q)$  (via  $D_0, S(Q), D(Q)$ )

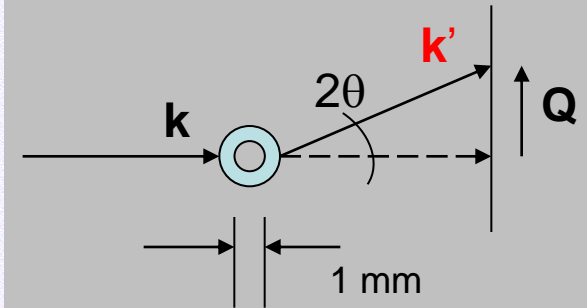
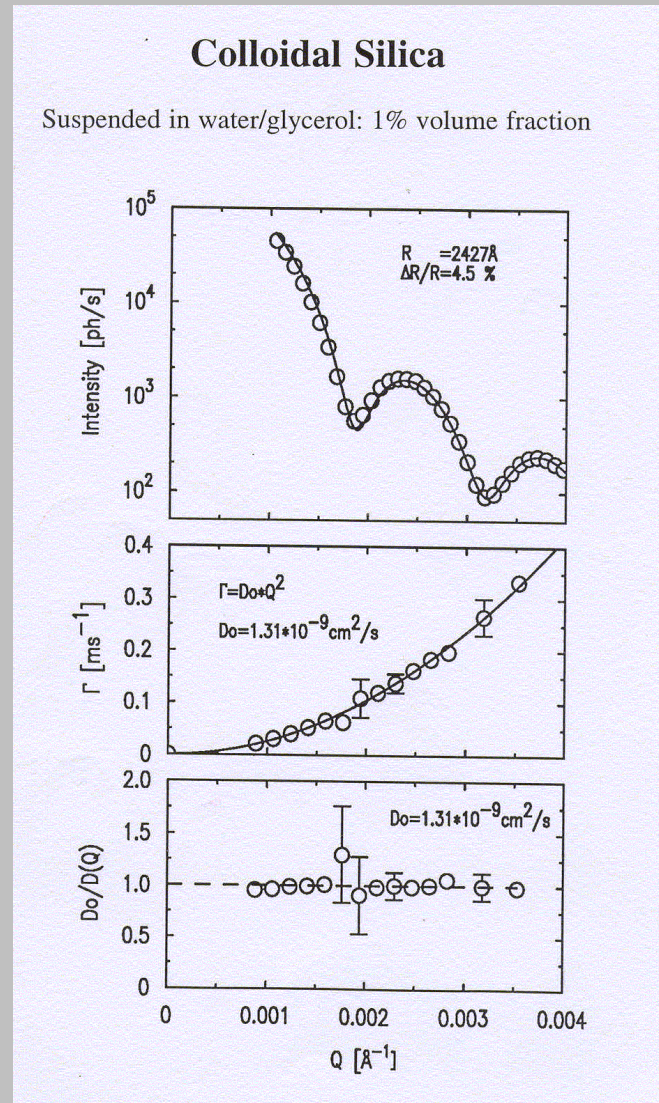


$$I \sim |F(Q)|^2 S(Q)$$

$$\sim [(\sin QR - QR \cos QR) / (QR)^3]^2$$

$$\Gamma = D_0 Q^2$$

$$D_0 = k_B T / 6\pi\eta R$$



$$Q = k' - k$$

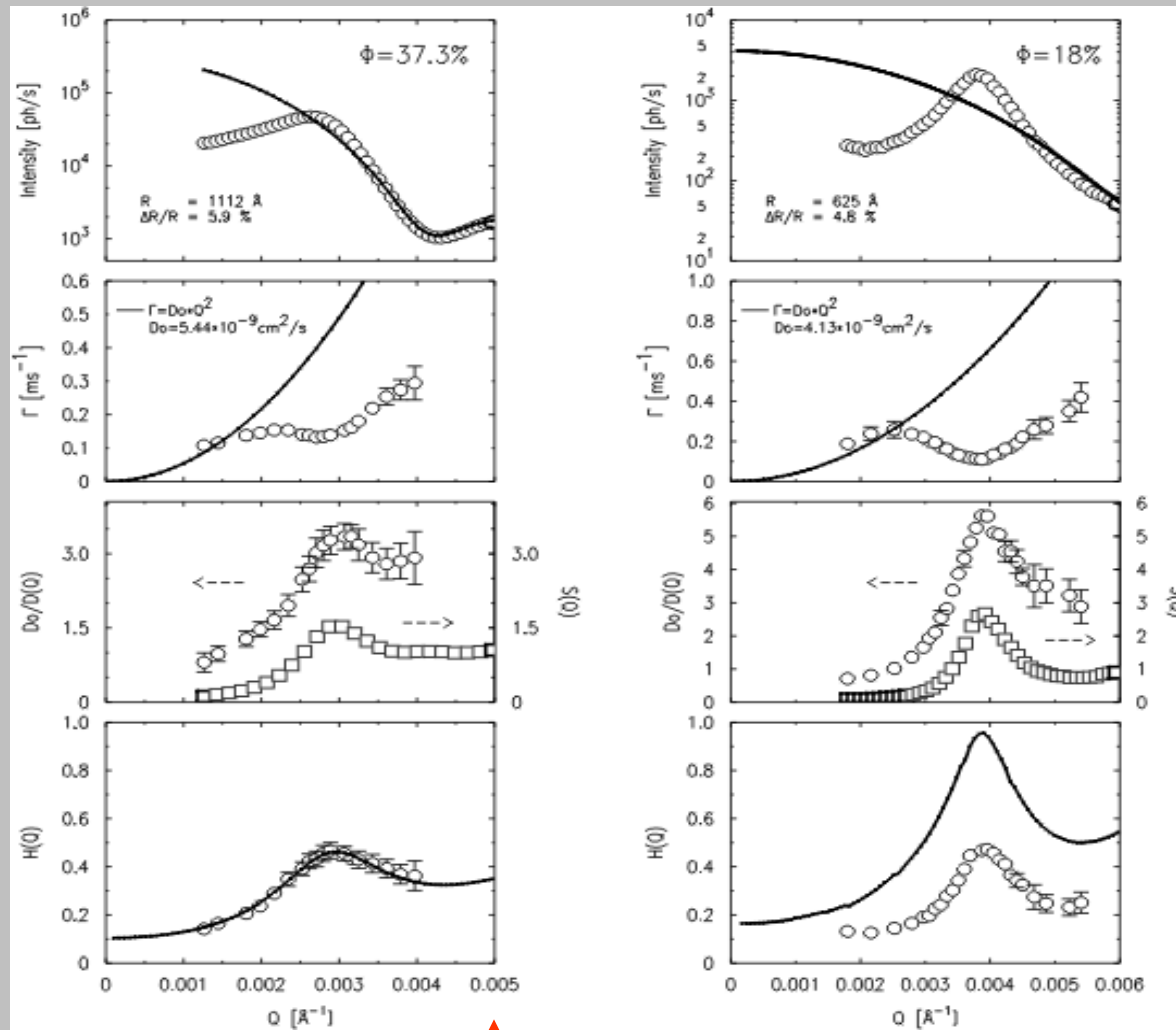
$$Q = 2k \sin\theta$$

$$k = 2\pi/\lambda$$

G. Grübel, A. Robert, D. Abernathy  
 8th Tohwa University International  
 Symposium on "Slow Dynamics in  
 Complex Systems", 1998, Fukuoka, Japan

Poly-methylmetacrylate  
 37% volume fraction in cis-decaline  
 sterically stabilized (**hard-spheres**)

Poly-octafluoropentylcrylate  
 18% volume fraction in H<sub>2</sub>O/glycerol  
 charge-stabilized (**soft-spheres**)



“caging“  
 (deGennes  
 narrowing)

$\delta$ - $\gamma$  expansion

$$|F(Q)|^2$$

$$\Gamma = D_0 Q^2$$

$$S(Q) = I(Q) / |F(Q)|^2$$

$\delta$ - $\gamma$  expansion

$$H(Q) = S(Q) / [D_0/D(Q)]$$

**no model**

↑ **QR=5.6**

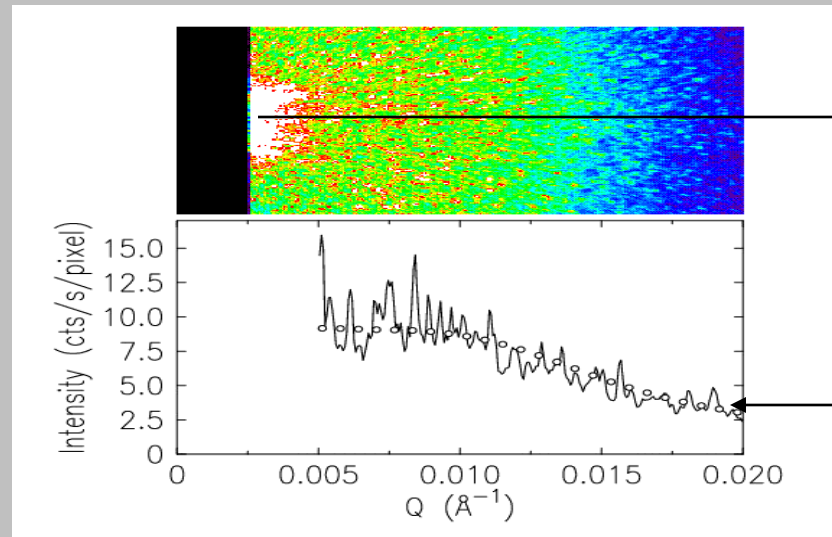
If coherent light is scattered from a disordered system it gives rise to a random (grainy) diffraction pattern, known as “speckle”. A speckle pattern is an interference pattern and related to the exact spatial arrangement of the scatterers in the disordered system.

$$I(Q,t) \propto S_c(Q,t) \propto \left| \sum_{j \text{ in coherence volume } c=\xi_t^2 \xi_l} (f_n^{\text{charge}} + f_n^{\text{magnetic}}) e^{iQR_j(t)} \right|^2$$

Incoherent Light:

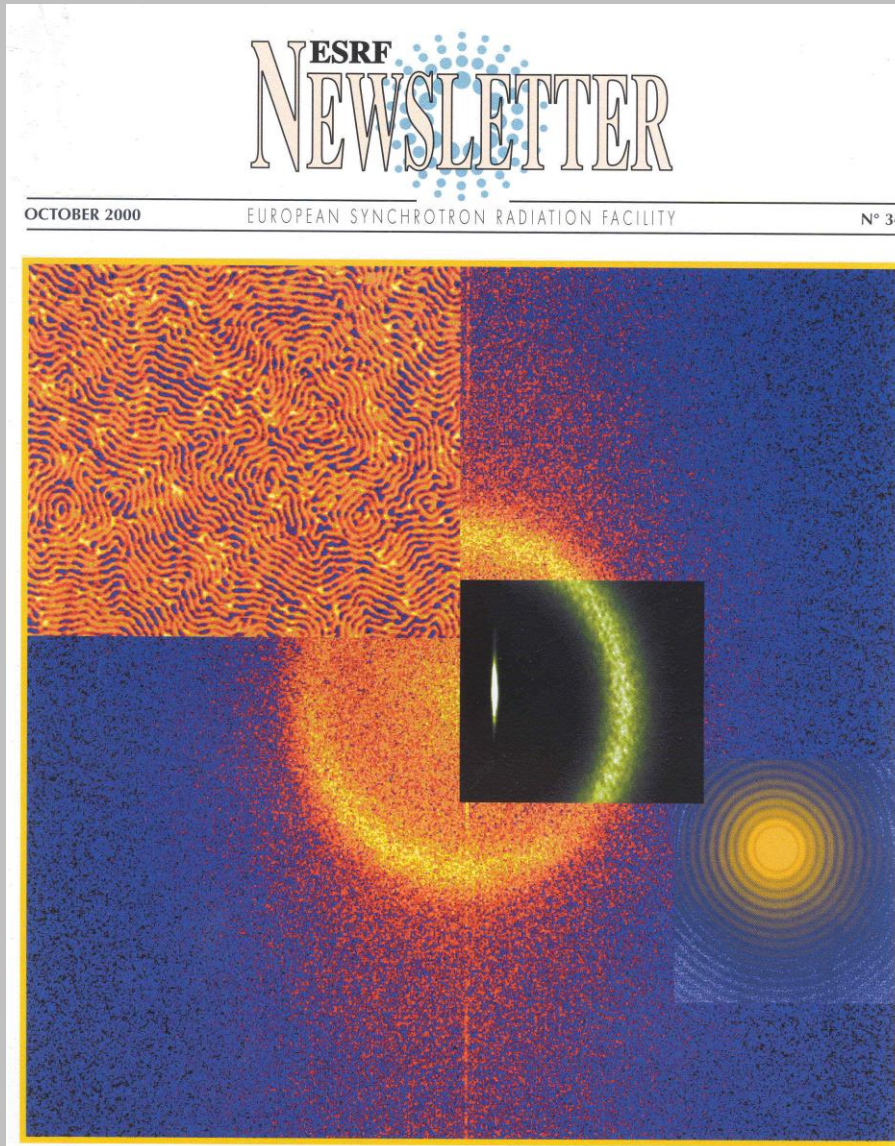
$$S(Q,t) = \langle S_c(Q,t) \rangle_{V \gg c} \quad \text{ensemble average}$$

Aerogel  
 $\lambda=1\text{\AA}$   
 CCD (22  $\mu\text{m}$ )



Abernathy,  
 Grübel, et al.

J. Synchrotron  
 Rad. 5, 37, 1998



**Magnetic Force Microscopy image and magnetic x-ray speckle from (meandering) magnetic stripe domains in a 350Å thick film of GdFe<sub>2</sub>. Data from ID12B (ESRF) with  $\lambda=11\text{\AA}$  (Gd-M<sub>v</sub>).**

J.F. Peters, M.A. deVries, J. Miguel, O. Toulemonde and J.Goedkoop, ESRF Newslett. 34, 15 (2000)

## **I. Introduction**

## **II. Coherence Properties of undulator radiation**

- Coherence lengths
- Experimental Details

## **III. Disordered Systems under Coherent Illumination**

- Speckle
- Speckle Statistics
- X-Ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (XPCS)

## **IV. Structure and Dynamics of Complex Systems**

- Colloidal Fluids
- Surface Dynamics
- Magnetic Speckle

## **V. Perspectives with a FEL source**

## **VI. Summary**



The European X-Ray Laser Project XFEL

XFEL Homepage
Organization
Technical Information
Project Group

XFEL > XFEL Homepage

XFEL Homepage
Facts & Figures

Website Hosted by DESY

## The European X-Ray Laser Project XFEL

### The X-Ray Free-Electron Laser—A Light Source of Superlatives

In February 2003, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research gave the green light for the X-ray laser. Together with European partners, the project is to be further developed in such a way that a decision to begin construction can be made at the end of 2004. After a construction period lasting about six years, the commissioning of the facility could start in 2012. An international research team—the TESLA collaboration—is currently trying out the facility's pioneering technology at a test facility in Hamburg—and it has already achieved the key milestones it has been aiming for. The free-electron X-ray laser will make it possible to do leading-edge research in Europe and will guarantee a major role for Germany as a location for research and industry.

**Brilliance in comparison**  
This comparison of the peak brilliance of synchrotron radiation sources with free-electron lasers (FELs, red lines) shows the great leap in brilliance offered by the FELs. (Source: DESY Hamburg)

Brilliance x  $10^{10}$   
 $\approx 10^{12}$  ph/pulse  
 Ultrashort pulses (< 100 fs)

Atoms, ions, molecules,  
and clusters



- Multiple ionization and multiphoton events
- Creation and spectroscopy of excited states (hollow atoms, Rydberg states, Laser states, ....)
- Dynamics, electronic & geom. cluster properties

Plasma physics



- Generation of solid-density plasmas
- Plasma diagnostics

Condensed-matter physics



- **Ultrafast (magnetic) dynamics**
- Electronic structure
- Disordered materials & soft matter

Materials sciences



- Dynamics of hard materials
- Structure and dynamics of nanomaterials

Chemistry



- Reaction dynamics in solid, liquid systems
- Analytical solid-state chemistry
- Heterogenous catalysis

Structural biology



- Single molecule/particle imaging
- Dynamics of biomolecules

Optics and nonlin. Phen.

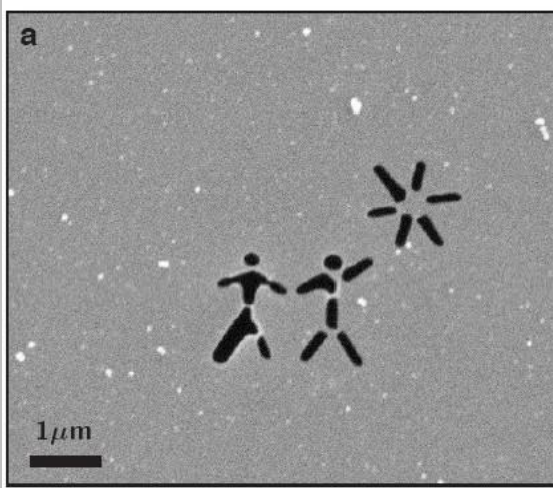


- Nonlinear effects in atoms and solids
- High field science

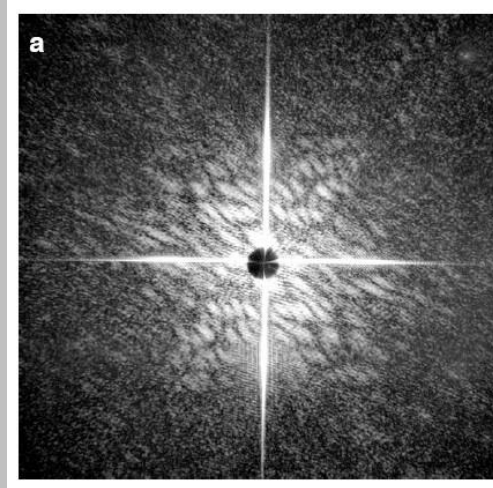


$\lambda \geq 4.5 \text{ nm}$

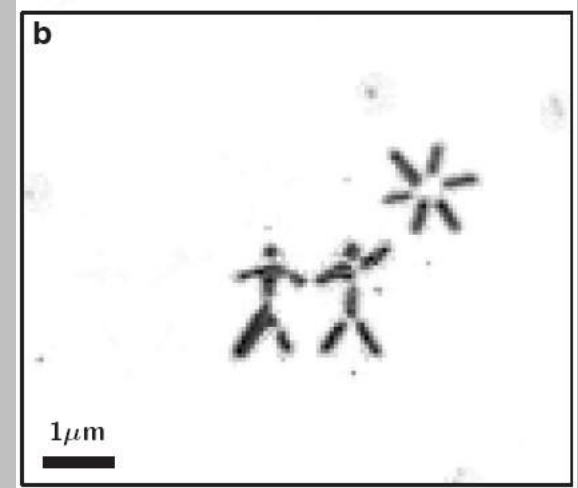
***Commissioning: 2004/5***  
***User experiments: 2005***



Model structure in 20 nm SiN membrane

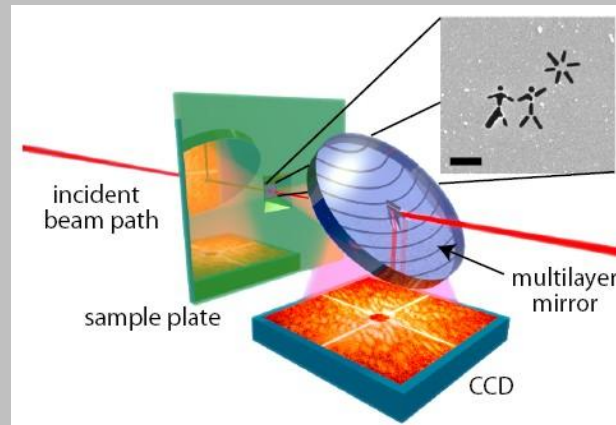


Speckle pattern recorded with a single (25 fs) pulse



Reconstructed image

**Incident FEL pulse:**  
 25 fs, 32 nm,  
 $4 \times 10^{14} \text{ W cm}^{-2}$  ( $10^{12}$   
 ph/pulse)



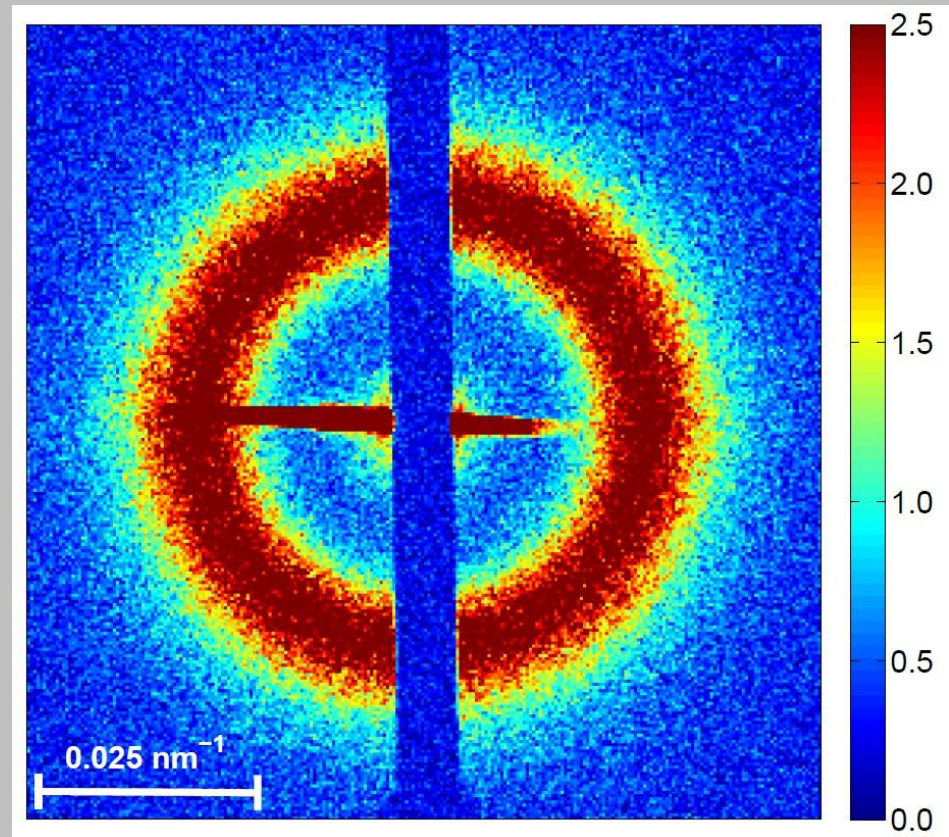
H. Chapman et al.,  
 Nature Physics,  
 2,839 (2006)

$\lambda=20.8$  nm (59 eV): Co  $M_{2,3}$

30 femtosecond pulse length  
 (4  $\mu$ J/pulse  $4 \times 10^{11}$  ph/pulse)  
 $\Delta E/E \approx 0.5-1$  %  
 250  $\mu$ m beamsize  
 (5 Hz, single pulse)

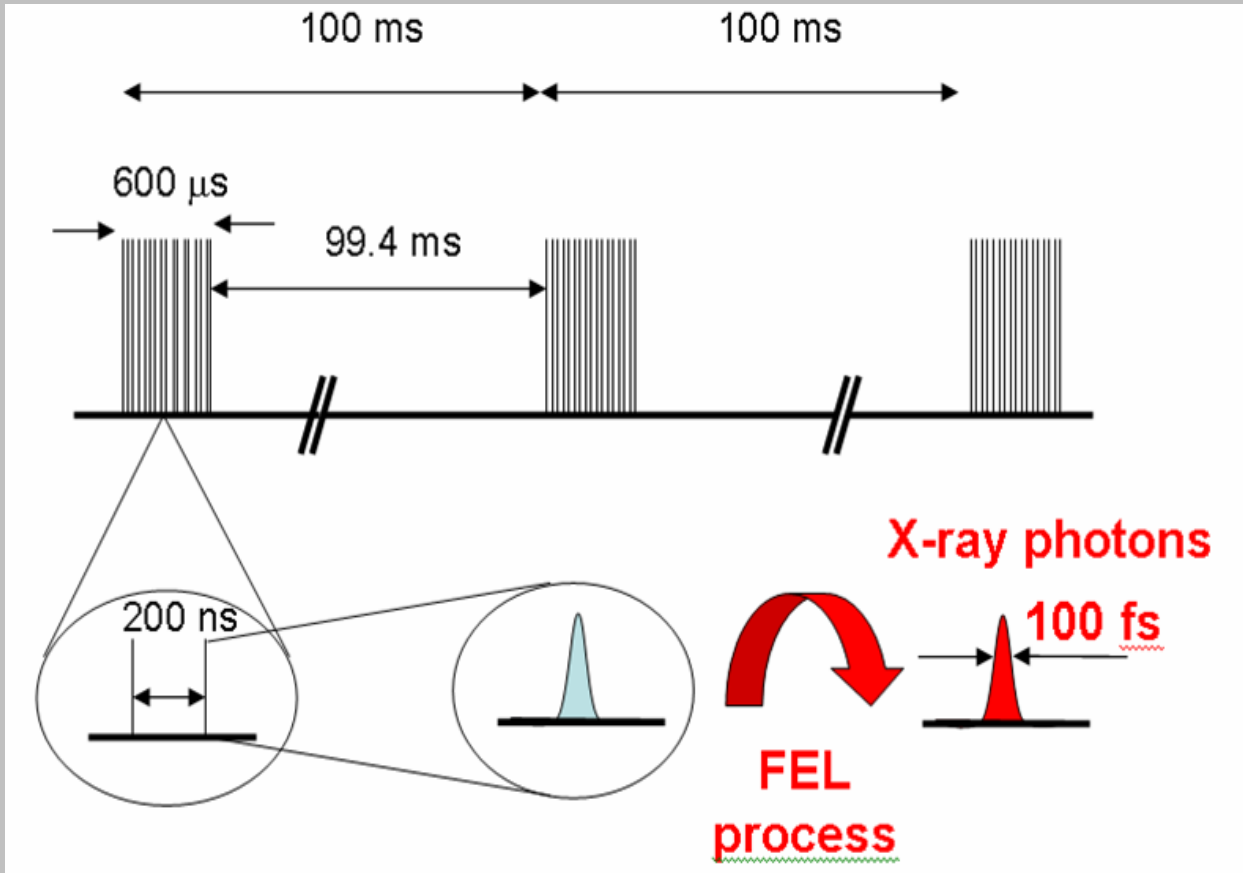
Single-shot (30 fs)  
 magnetic SAXS pattern.

CoPt multilayer sample is not  
 destroyed!



$[\text{Co}(0.8\text{nm})/\text{Pt}(1.4\text{nm})]_{16}$  on 50nm  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  substrate  
 2048x2048 13.5 $\mu$ m pixel CCD (40 mm from sample)

C. Gutt et al., PRB(Rapid), 2010



$t > 0.1 \text{ s}$   
 $200 \text{ ns} < t < 600 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$ :

"movie" mode

$1 \text{ ps} < t < 10 \text{ ns}$ :

"delay-line" mode

for "all" times:

"pump-probe" mode

Third generation, storage ring based, sources permit novel scattering and imaging techniques based on coherent X-rays. Among them is:

## X-Ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (XPCS).

XPCS today covers timescales down to about 100 ns up to moderately large momentum transfers.

Fields of activity: Dynamics of complex fluids

Critical Dynamics

2-D systems

Non-equilibrium dynamics

Exploit: Anomalous scattering, polarization

Develop: 2-D detector technologies to reach atomic resolution and time scales down to 1 ns.

Future XFEL sources will provide (spatially) coherent beams with a time averaged coherent flux:  $\langle F_c \rangle \cong 10^{16}$  ph/s and  $10^{12}$  photons/bunch:

The high flux of photons/100 fs bunch will allow **single “shot” experiments**.  
**XPCS** might be extended in the **ns - ps regime**.

**A. Madsen, F. Zontone, Y. Chuskin**

*A. Robert,*

*D.L. Abernathy, C. Detlefs, C. Halcoussis, J. Lal, A. Moussaid*

**P. Feder, H. Gleyzolle, M. Mattenet**

**G.B. Stephenson, I. McNulty, S.G.J. Mochrie, A. Sandy,**

**M. Sutton, I.K. Robinson, R. Fleming, R. Pindak,**

**S. Dierker, S.K. Sinha**

**F. Bley, F. Livet, E. Geissler**

**D. Riese, W. Vos, G. Wegdam, P. Pusey**

**W. Härtl, J. Wagner, T. Autenrieth**

**T. Thurn-Albrecht, W. Steffen, A. Patkowski, G. Meier**

**T. Seydel, M. Tolan, W. deJeu**

**C. Gutt, O. Leupold, T. Autenrieth, A. Duri, L. Dhabi, B. Fischer,**

**M. Sprung, S. Streit-Nierobisch, L. Stadler, B. Struth, L. Müller,**

**H. Conrad, I. Steinke, F. Lehmkuhler, W. Roseker**





# The End