

Establishing a Relativistic Ultrafast Electron Diffraction & Imaging (RUEDI) National Facility

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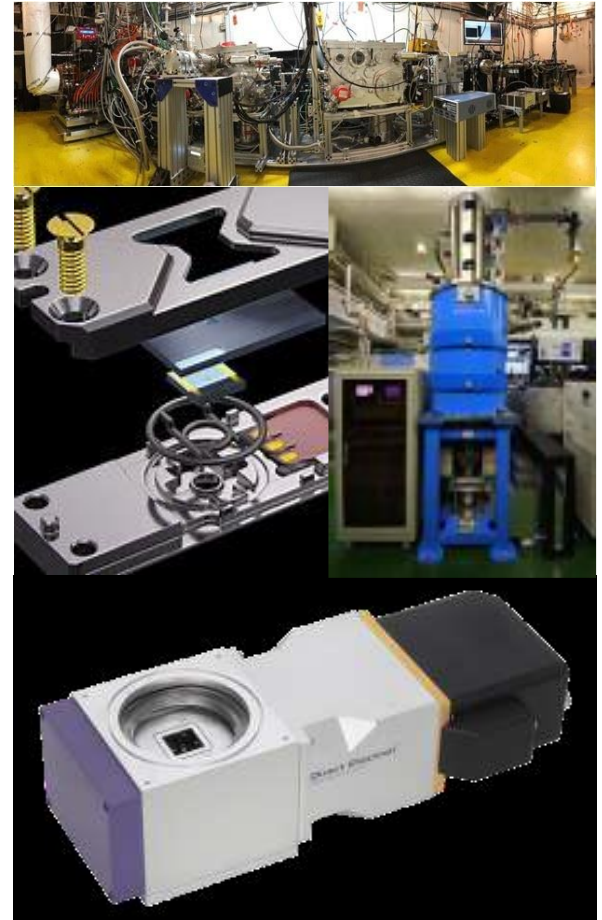
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What is RUEDI?

A national user facility using MeV electrons for imaging and diffraction on ultrafast timescales

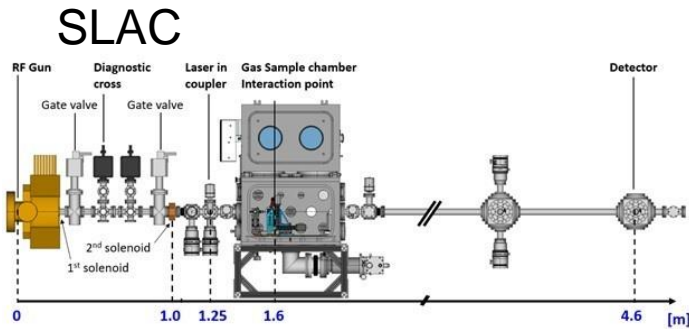
Transformative Science Themes Accelerating UK Technologies

- Dynamics of Chemical Change
- Materials in Extremes
- Quantum Materials & Processes
- Energy Generation, Storage and Conversion
- In Vivo Biosciences

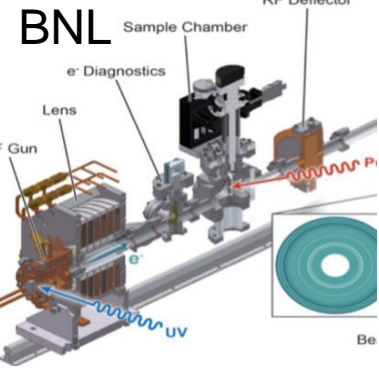
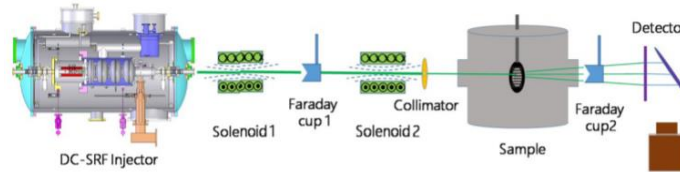


World leading advances in accelerator, lens, operando stages and detector designs coupled to advances in artificial intelligence

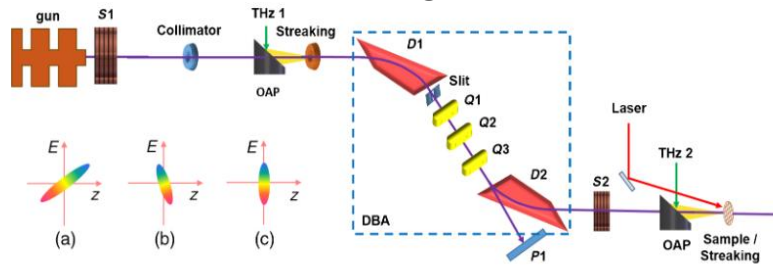
Relativistic UED Facilities Worldwide



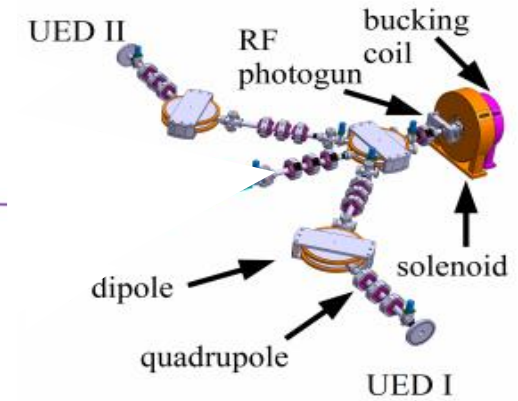
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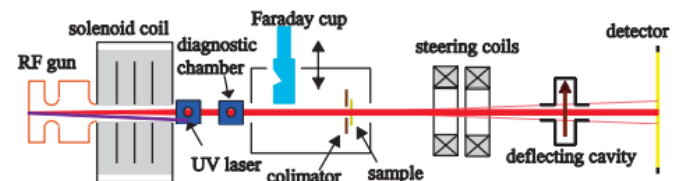
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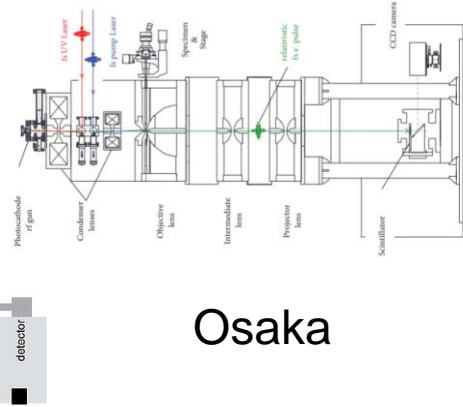
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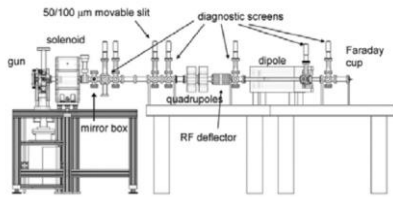
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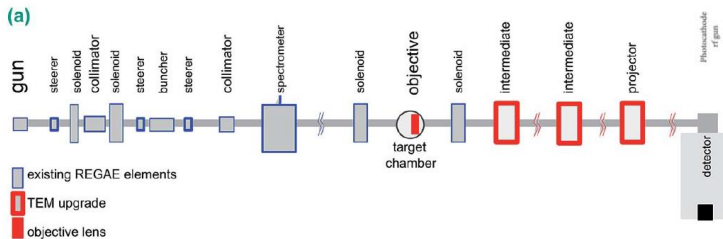
Osaka



UCLA



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What Will Make RUEDI Unique?

- **Core Instrument Beyond Femtosecond Ultrafast Electron Diffraction**

- Imaging dynamics with single electron precision
- Operando temp, pressure, liquid, mechanical, optical, full rotation
- Integrated AI for Low-signal image analytics

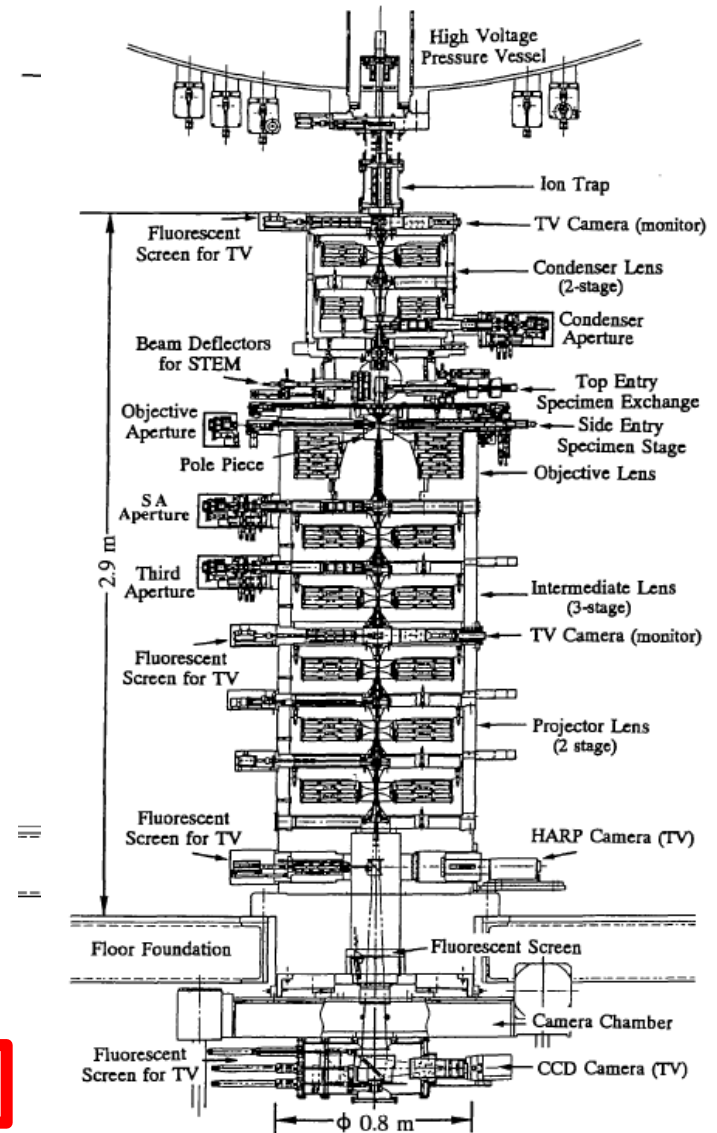
- **Transformative Science Themes tied to EPSRC Prosperity Outcomes**

- Health innovations through in-vivo biosciences
- Energy security: generation, transformation, storage
- Discovery of disruptive materials applications
- Next generation electronic/magnetic control
- Materials in extreme conditions
- AI driven operations

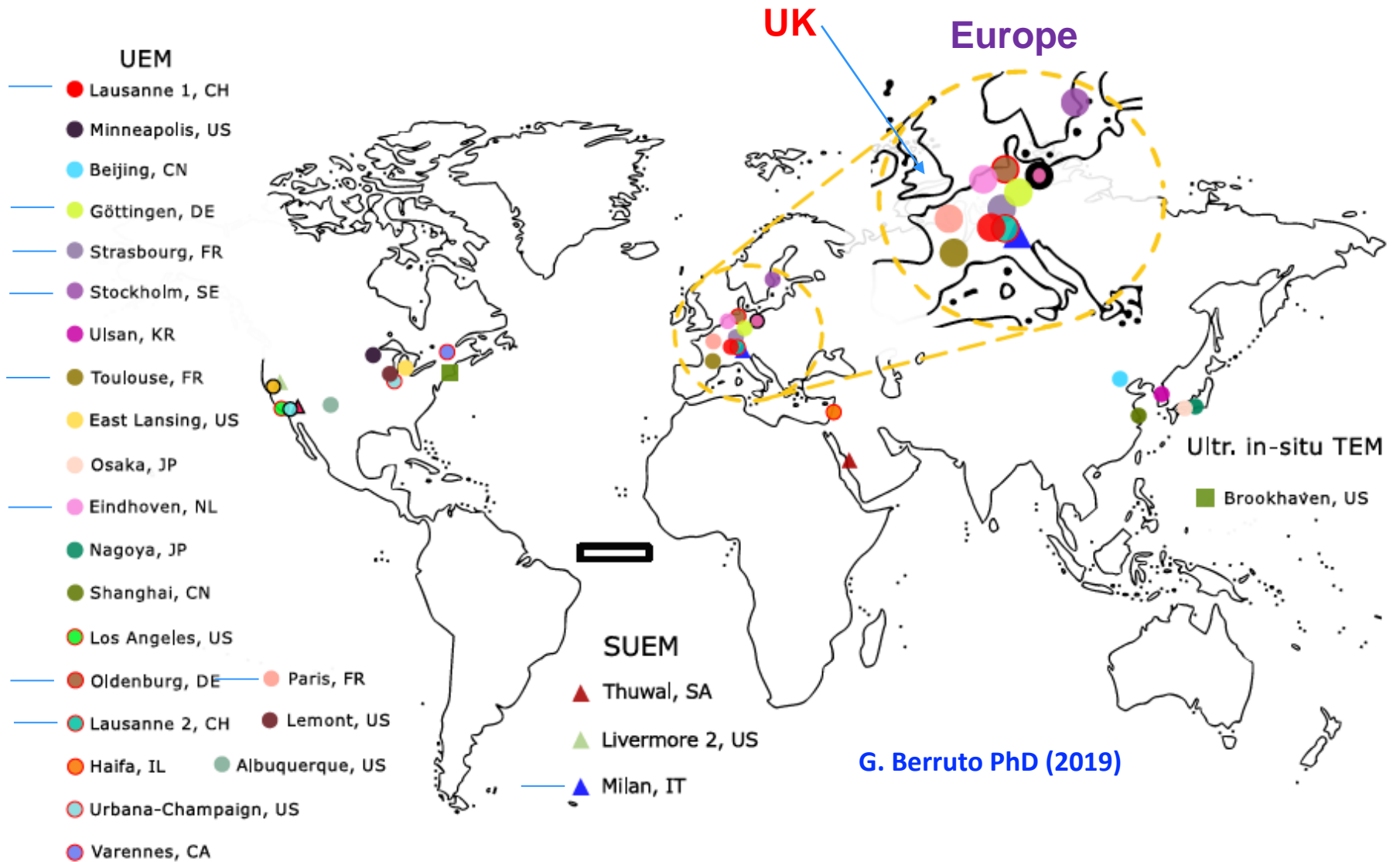
- **Hub and Spoke National Facility**

- Data driven (intelligent) instrument and user program
- Comprehensive expertise through hybrid interactions
- Direct links to industry users and/or partners

10fs diffraction & sub-nm with <100fs imaging



UEM Facilities Worldwide



Leveraging UK Research Infrastructures

-the core team developing the facility

University of Liverpool



The Materials Innovation Factory

Rosalind Franklin Institute



Harwell Campus Hub

STFC Daresbury Laboratory



Cockcroft Institute

Negotiations underway to link access modes and research areas with national institutes and facilities
(anyone interested should let me know)

The Management Team - UofL

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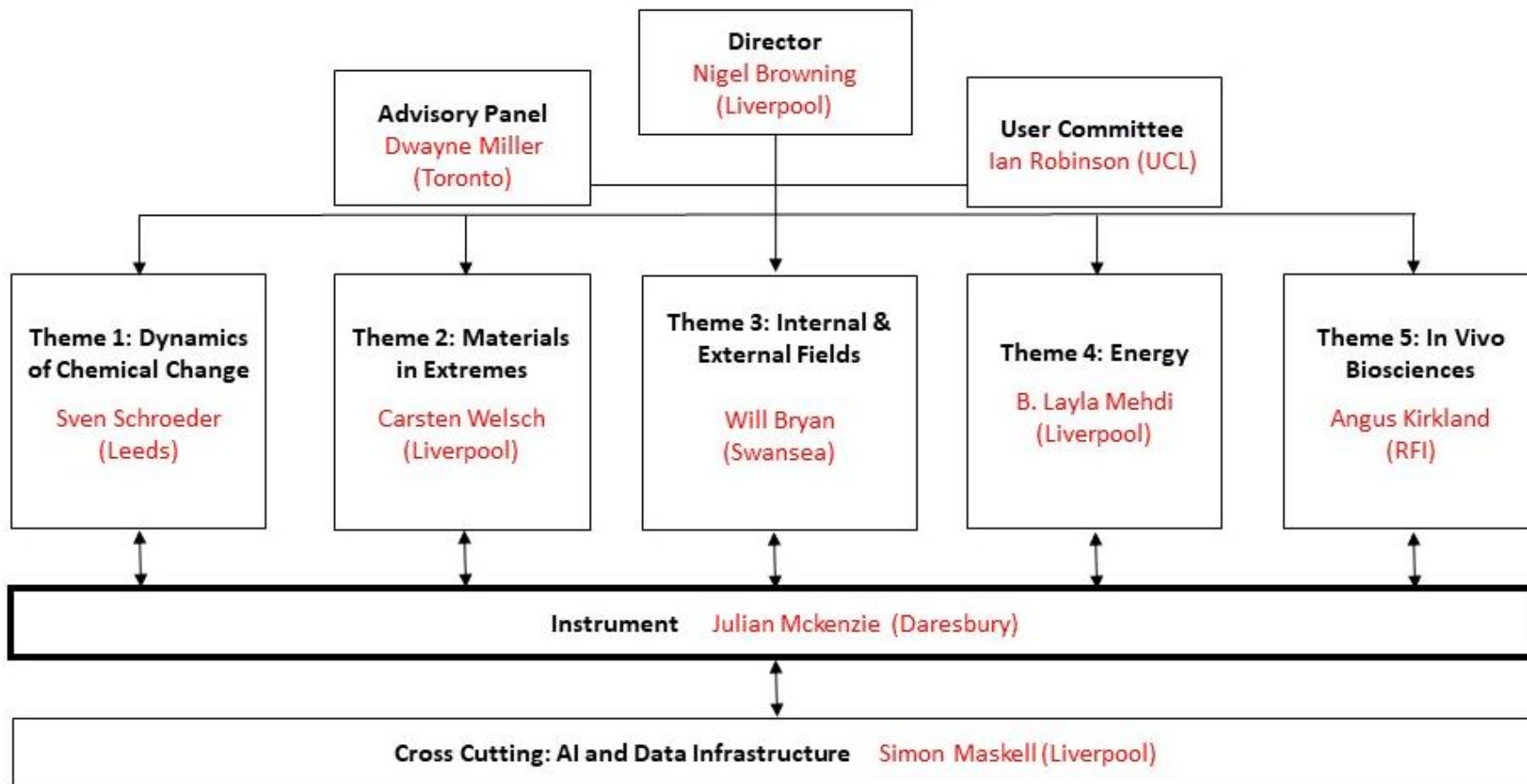
Data Scientist



Alberto Acuto

Responsibility to deliver and operate a national user facility

From Concept to User Facility in 5 Years



**Soliciting contributions from around
the UK to establish high impact science themes**

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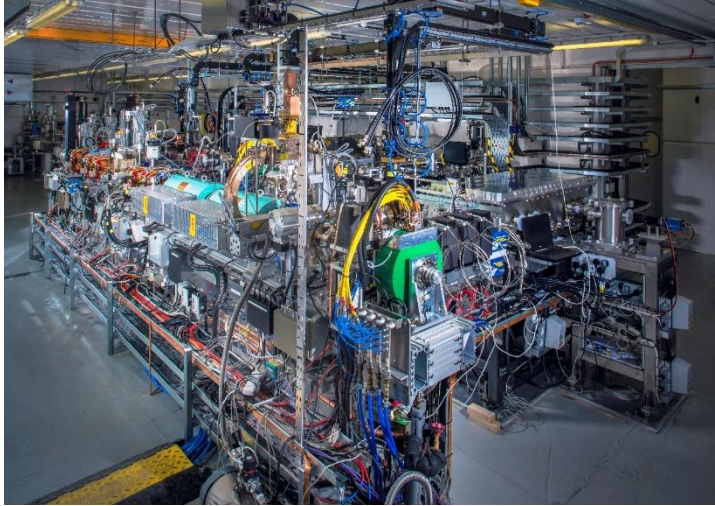
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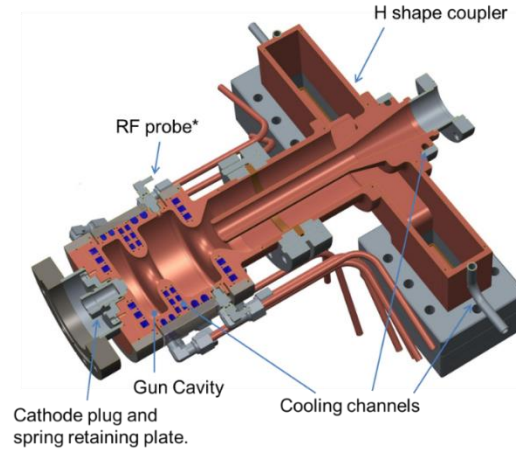
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Leveraging STFC Daresbury Expertise

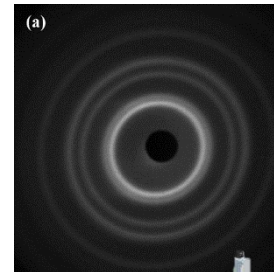
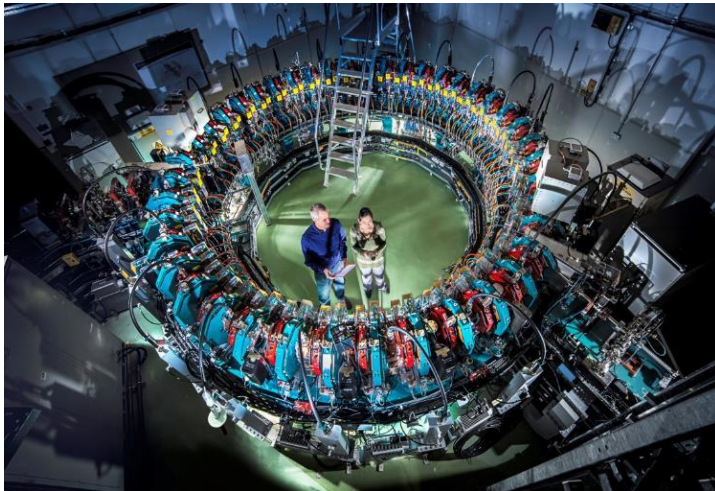
Design, build, and operation of particle accelerator facilities



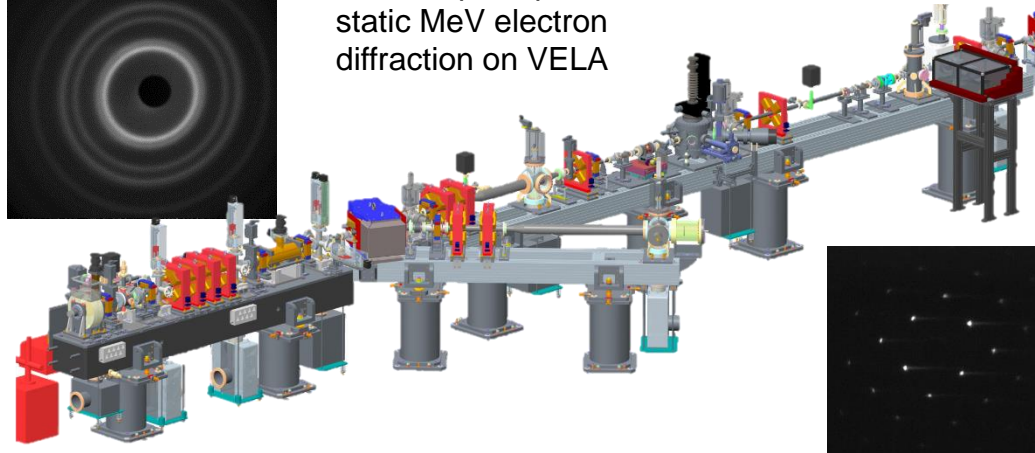
Femtosecond photoinjector development



MeV ED experience



Proof-of-principle static MeV electron diffraction on VELA



Modes of Operation

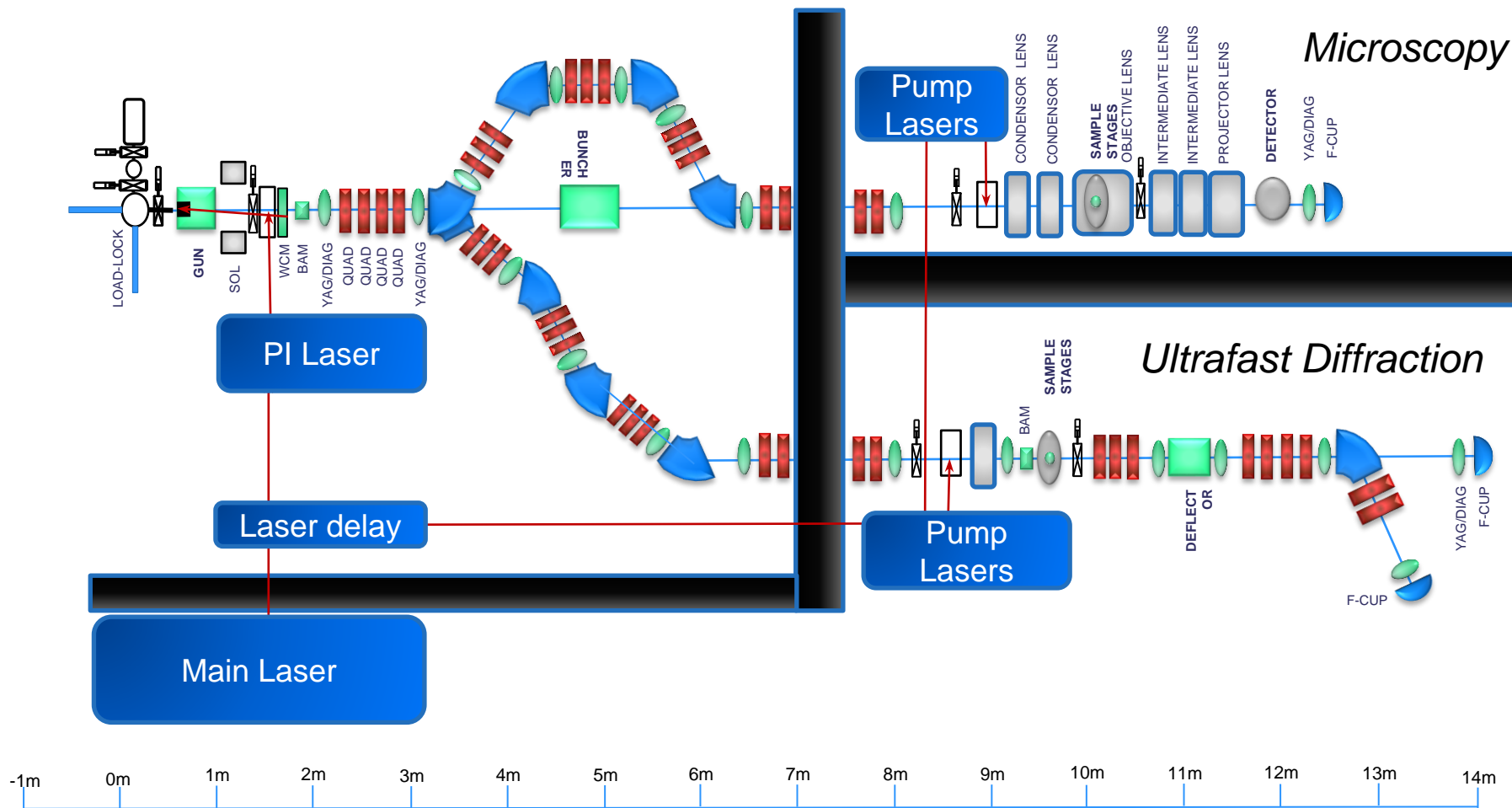
#	Purpose	Electron beam energy	Electrons per bunch	Temporal resolution	Spatial resolution	Spot size
1	Imaging <i>(higher resolution)</i>	2 MeV	10^6	Few ps	<1nm	
2	Imaging <i>(ultra-fast)</i>	2 MeV	10^6	<800 fs	~10nm	
3	Diffraction	4 MeV	10^6	100 fs		100um
4	Diffraction <i>(low-charge)</i>	4 MeV	10^4	10 fs		10um
5	Diffraction <i>(Streaking*)</i>	4 MeV	10^7	10 fs		100um

**streaking mode is single-shot, time-resolved, where the time information is implanted onto transverse plane via a deflector/streaker*

Range of pump laser
wavelength/durations/intensities

All modes limited to 100Hz repetition rate
(with potential future upgrade to 1kHz)

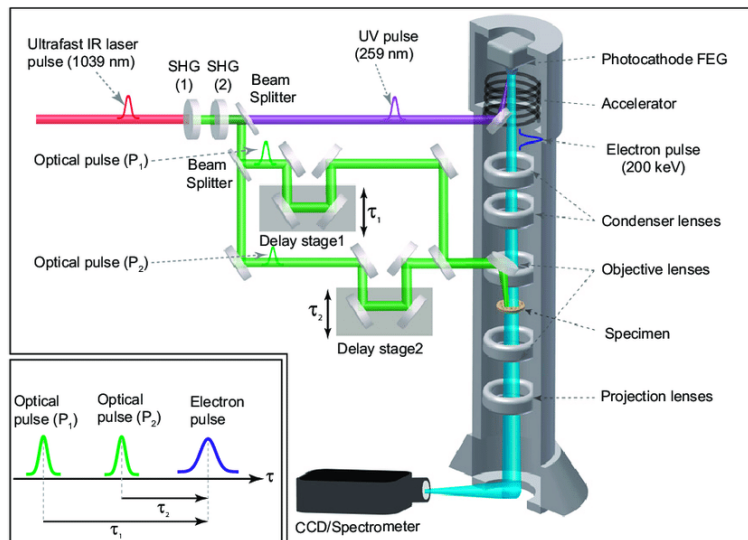
RUEDI Schematic 2.0



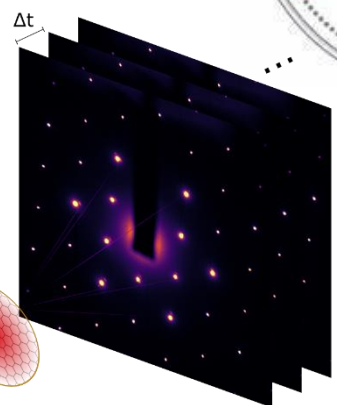
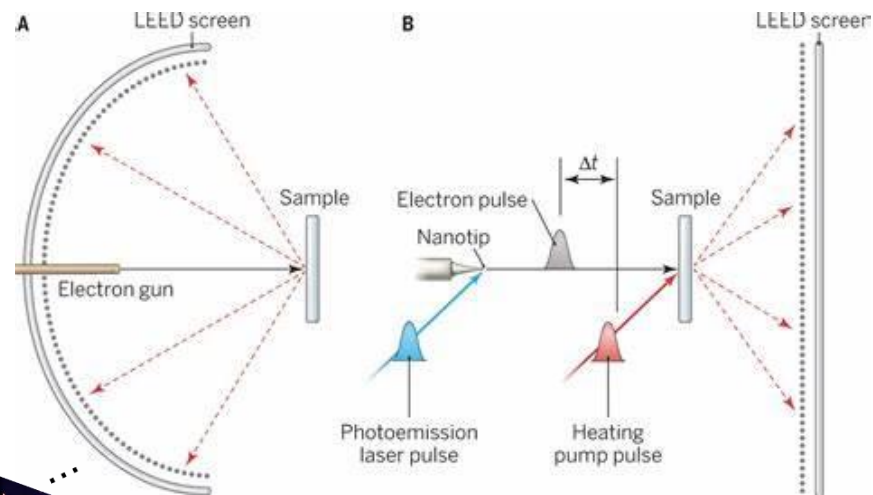
~£40M, 3 year construction project starting in 2024

The RUEDI Ecosystem – linked facilities

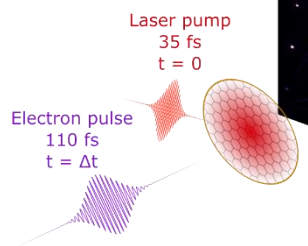
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Leveraging partners expertise in instrumentation, imaging, ultrafast methods, lasers, materials science, structural biology

Science & Cross-Cutting Themes

Materials in Extremes



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Chemical Change



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Internal/External Fields



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Energy



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In-Vivo Biosciences



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AI/Data Science

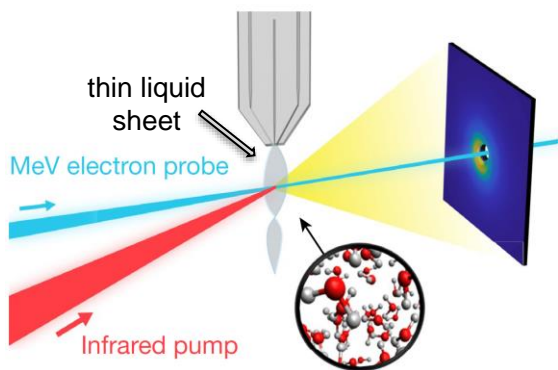


Simon Maskell, Liverpool

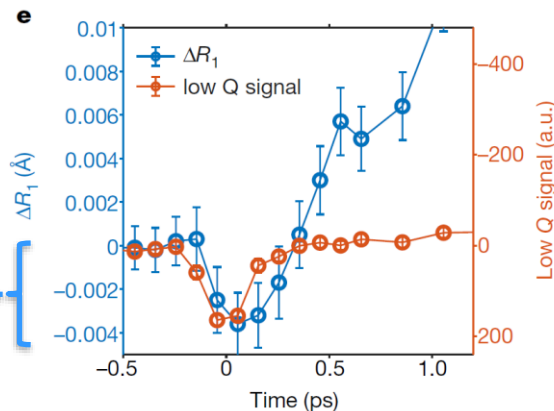
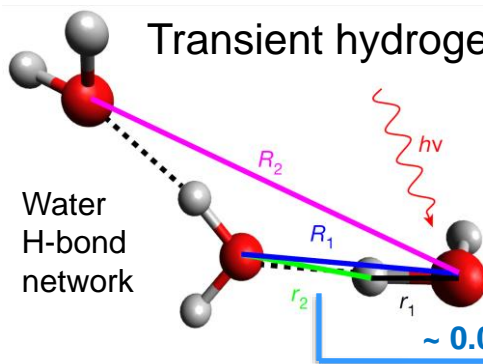
Dynamics of Chemical Change

New perspectives for control of chemical transformations – energy, healthcare, environmental, materials, biological, materials, life and medical research

Femtosecond electron diffraction of liquids



Transient hydrogen bond strengthening during vibration



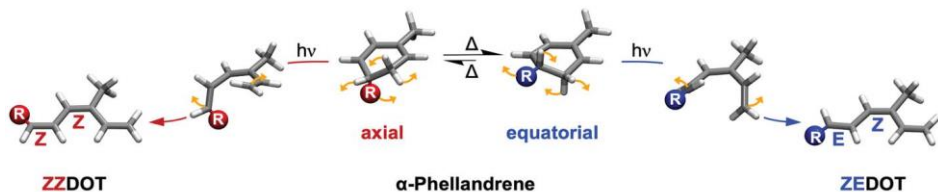
Yang et al., Nature 596 (2021) 531–535

Conformer-specific photochemistry

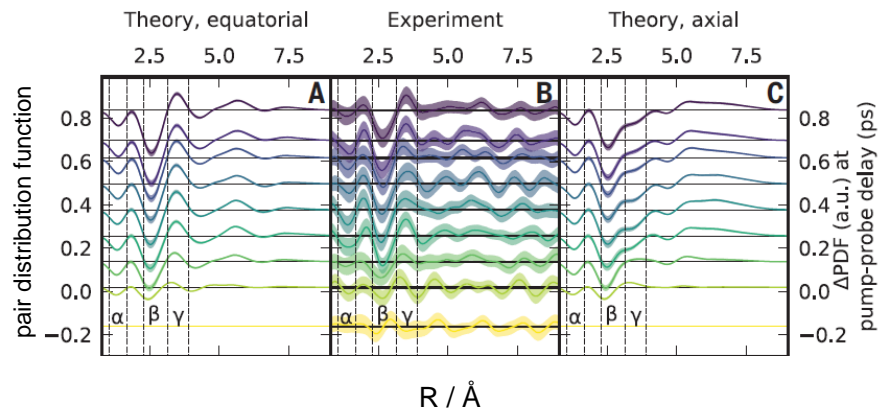
Woodward-Hoffmann rules

Ultrafast pair distribution functions enable population analysis in conformational space

Conformational basis for photochemical branching ratios

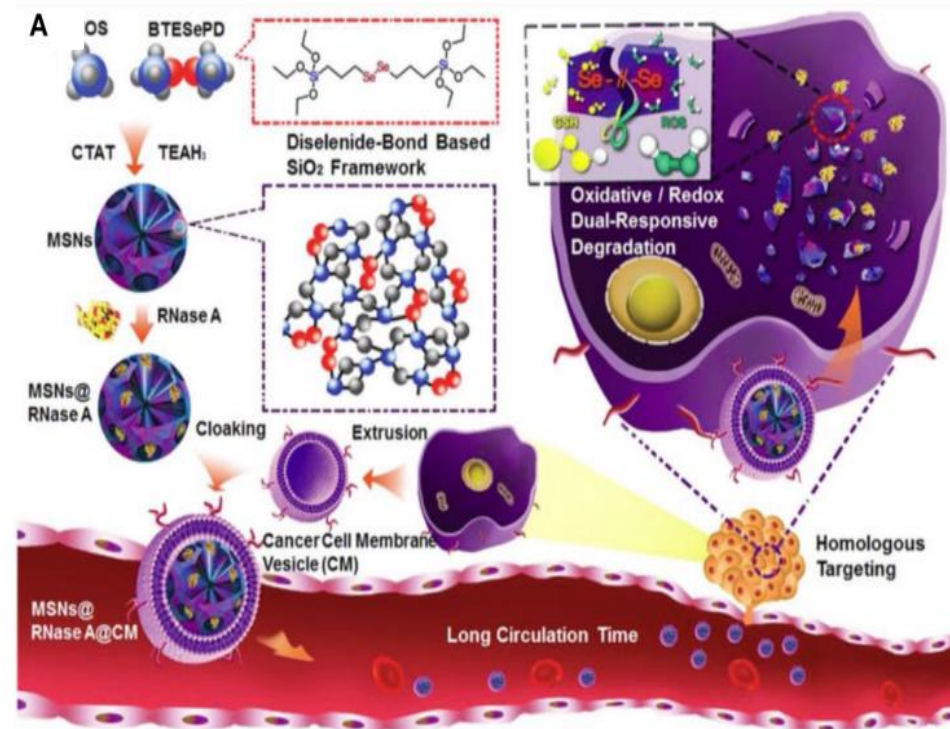


Champenois et al., Science 374 (2021) 178–182



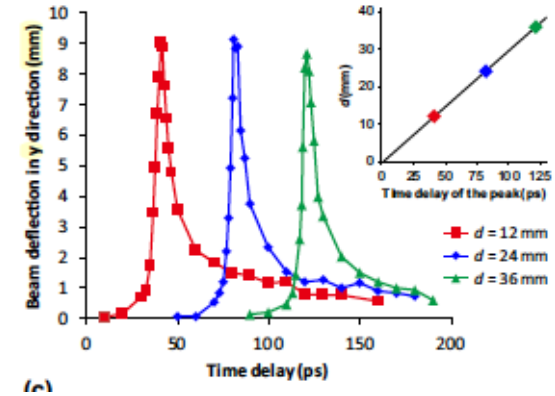
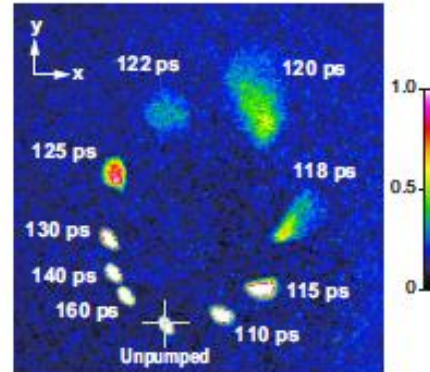
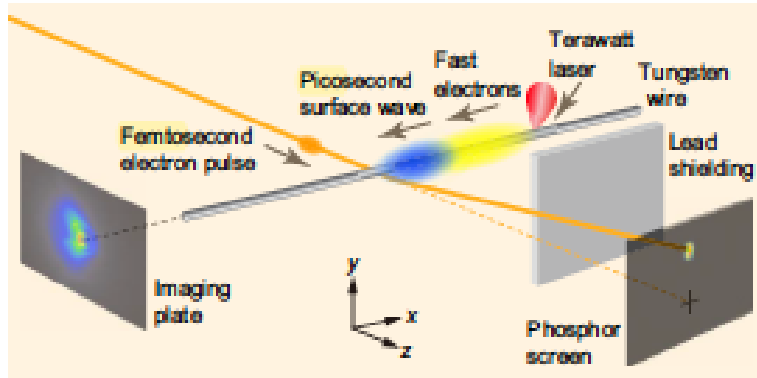
In-Vivo and Dynamical Biosciences

- In vitro and cryo imaging at whole cell scales – beyond medium energy tomography
- Imaging of biological structures in a cellular context
- Understanding infection and transport at high temporal and spatial resolution
- Imaging nanoparticle drug delivery and release in cells

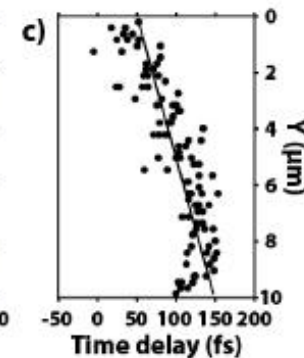
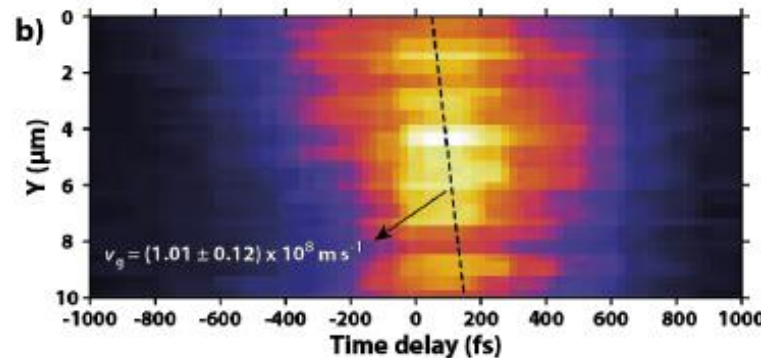
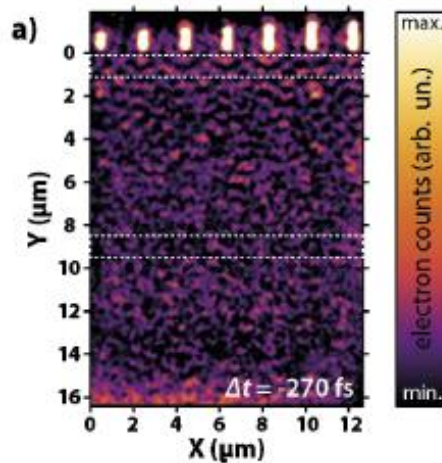


Quantum Materials & Processes

- the dynamics of electric fields



Tokita, Sakabe Sci Rep. 2015 EB fields ~ 1 ps

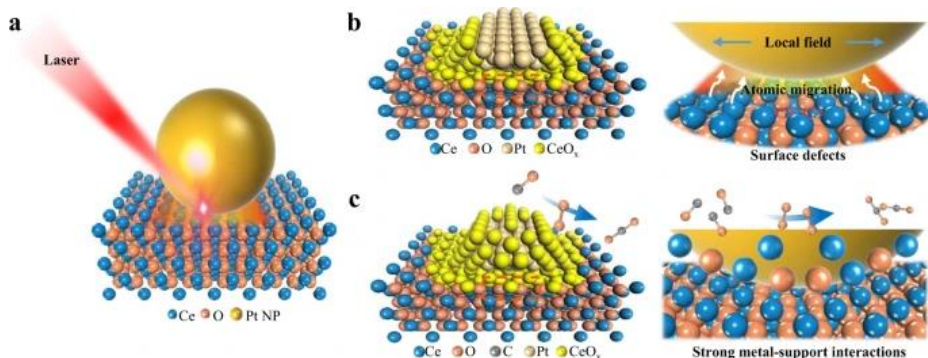


Lummen et al 2016 100fs UEM PINEM surface plasmon polariton

Energy Generation, Transformation & Storage

interface controlled dynamics in gases and liquids – removing the pressure gap

Heterogeneous Catalysis

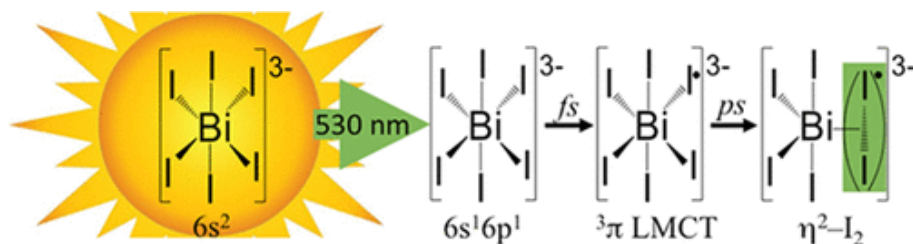


Next Generation Batteries



[Nature Communications](#) volume 12, Article number: 6665 (2021)

Solar Cells

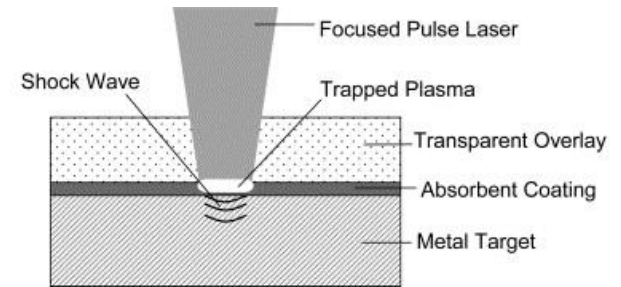


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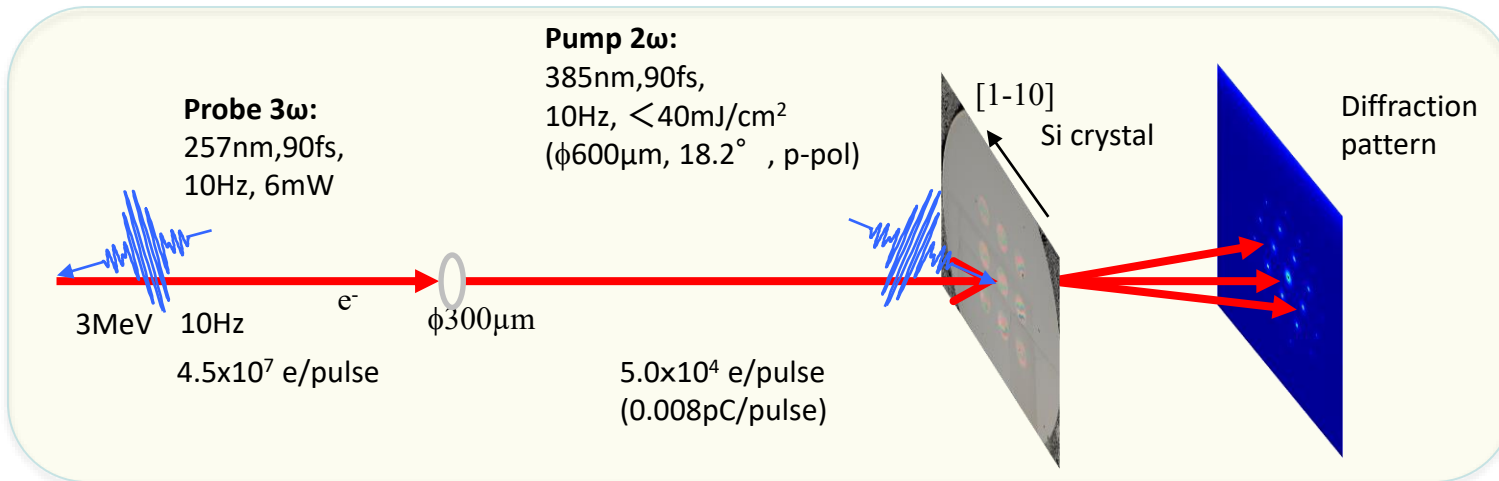
Materials in Extremes

RUEDI will provide insight into how materials and devices perform under extremes of temperature, pressure, field and environment.

- **Magnetic field:** Can reach **20T** as an in-plane component
- **Electric field:** Can reach **10^{11} V/m** > FEG **10^9 V/m**
- **Pressure:** Pulsed laser can generate a shockwave of **>100GPa**
 - **Temperature:** Up to **ablation** of the material



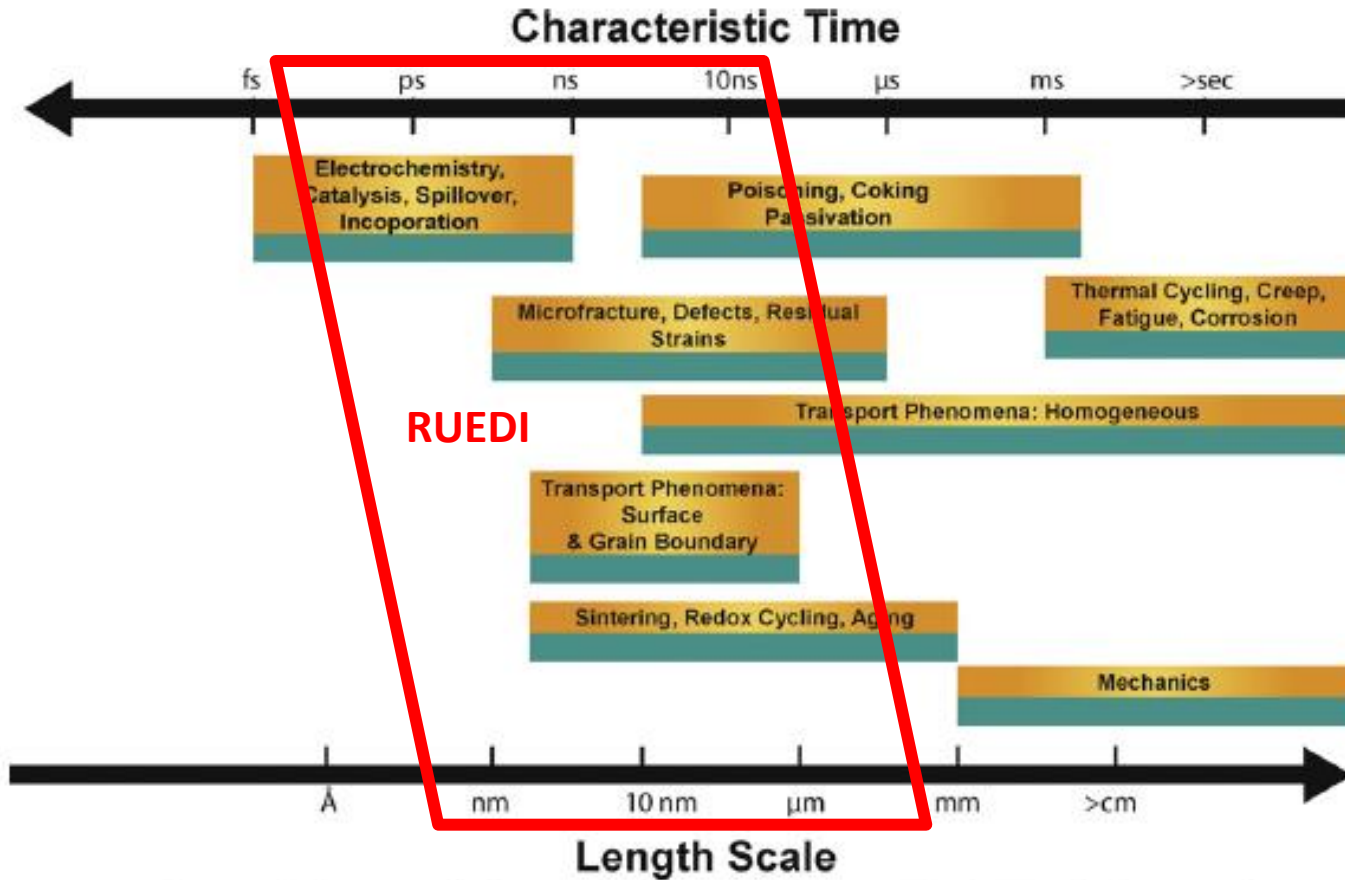
Laser Peening



Non thermal melting

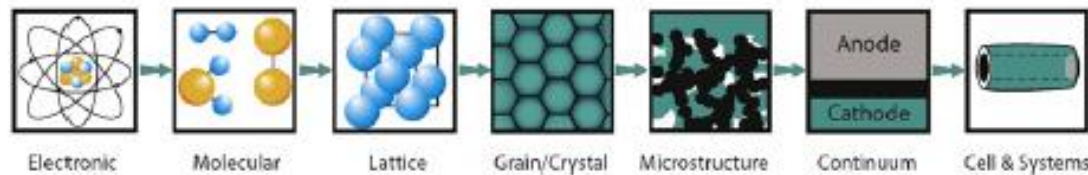
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Dynamic Phenomena in SOFC Materials

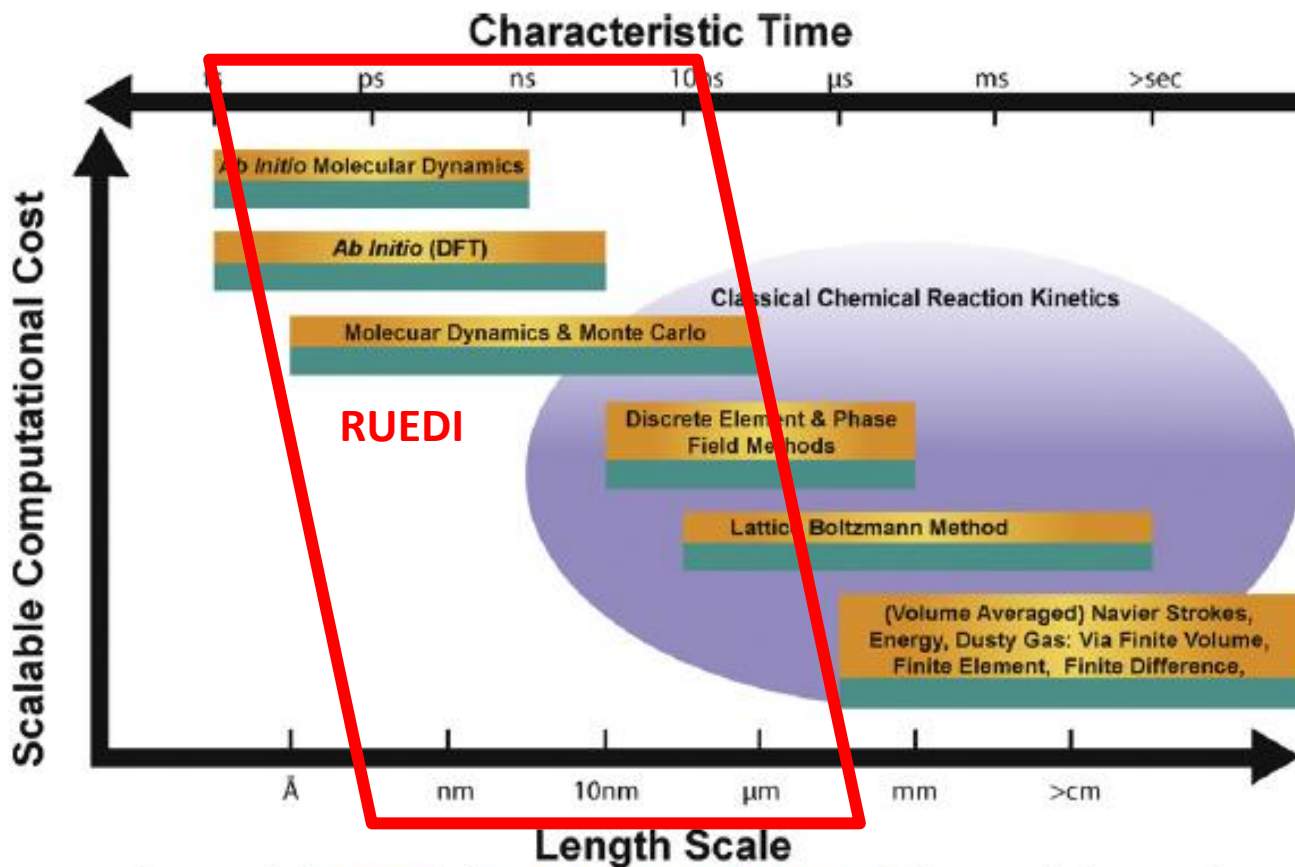


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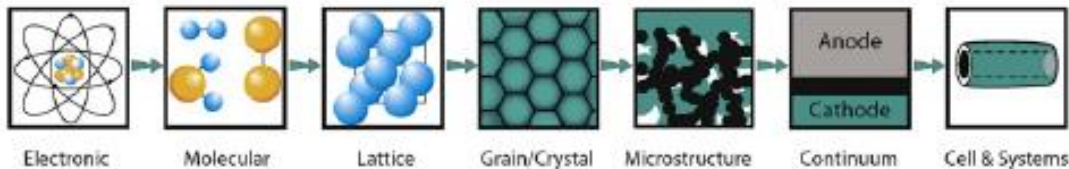
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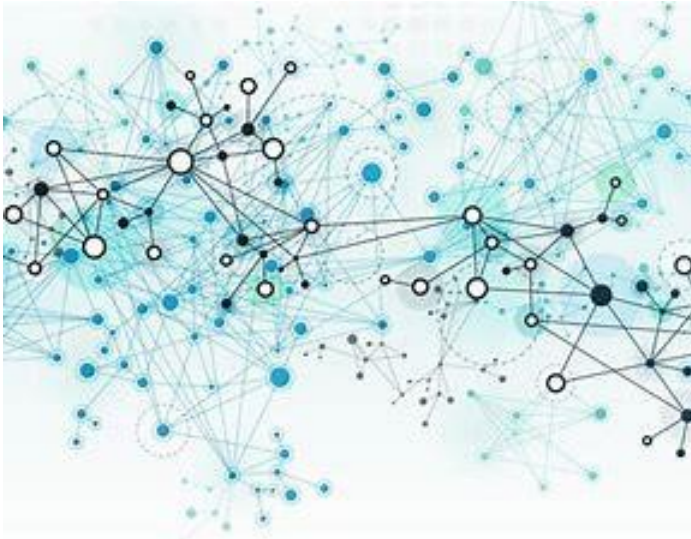
Beyond Classical Reaction Kinetics



Grew et al.
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Cross-Cutting: AI and Data Infrastructure



- **Digital RUEDI twin**
 - Simulate data to replicate algorithmic challenges
 - Interaction between phenomena and sensor
- **Compressive Sensing**
 - Interpolation from prior knowledge
 - Capitalise on understanding of phenomena
- **Image-free Hypothesis Testing**
 - Image is just a psychologically convenient waypoint
 - Make inferences directly using the data we have
- **Optimal Imaging of each Sample**
 - Image reconstruction as a control problem
 - Minimise photons while maximising information
- **Bayesian Optimisation & Knowledge Capture**
 - All historic data as a library of knowledge
 - Digital twin as a cheap alternative to sensing
 - Explicitly reason about when and what to image

So Why Are We Here?

We are establishing a new national facility with global impact, and to do that we want to be community driven:

- Do we have the best science themes/grand challenges?
- Do we have all the partners/collaborators/users we should?
- What experiments do you think we should do first? Why?
- What are the instrument needs for those first experiments?
- Do we need any special sample synthesis/prep methods?
- What human resources do we need to deliver the results?



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GLOBAL IMPACT.**

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world leading advances in accelerators,
lenses, operando stages and detectors
coupled to artificial intelligence.



Next Townhall: Materials in Extremes, Cockcroft Institute, STFC Daresbury- July 21st

Discussion Sessions

- Session 1:** Identify Grand Challenges related to RUEDI ecosystem capabilities
- Session 2:** Identify Energy Sciences areas where RUEDI ecosystem can provide unique insights
- Session 3:** Are there specific experiments that could be defined for the RUEDI ecosystem now

In all cases feel free to nominate yourself, identify colleagues who may have interest, and make suggestions for areas to follow up with

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