

# New Horizon of Accelerator based Molecular Physics

Zheng Li

Group Leader

Max-Planck Institute for the Structure and Dynamics of Matter  
Hamburg, Germany



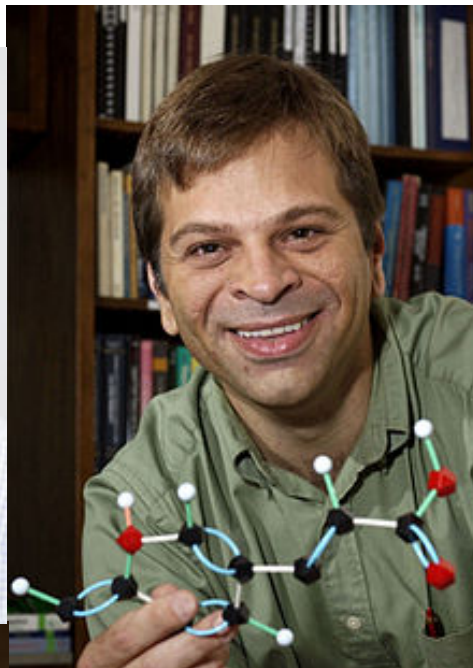
MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT



Dwayne



Todd



Jie



Ryan

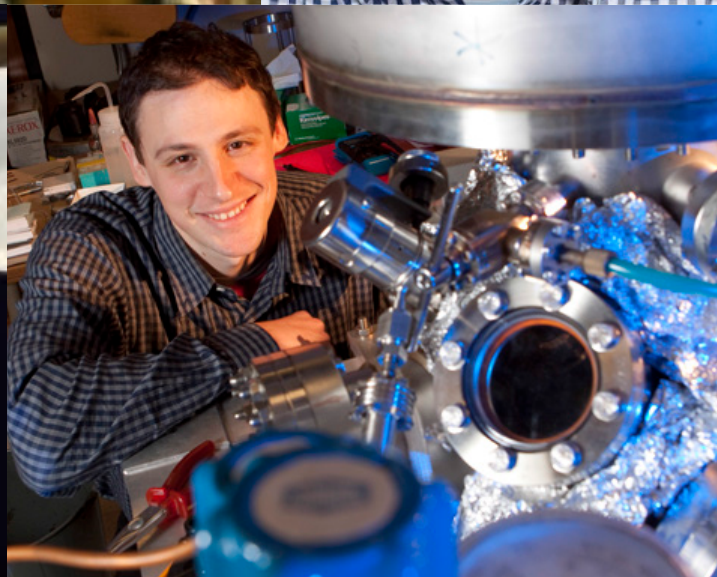


Zheng



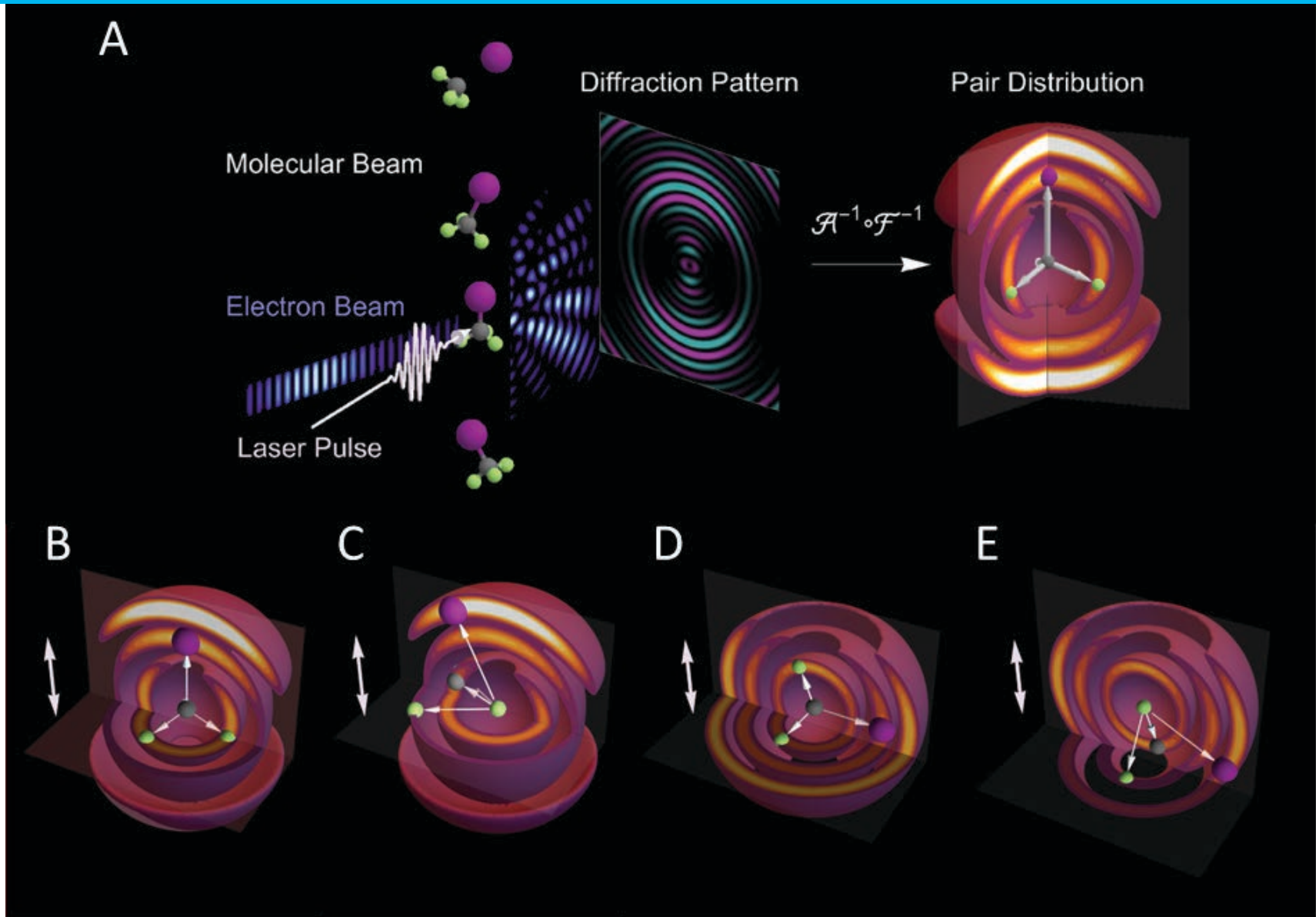
Jim

Xiaolei



Martin

# CF<sub>3</sub>I Photodissociation (3.7MeV electrons)



# Quantum tomography

The time in diffraction pattern  $I(Q;t)$  does not only offer us the molecular motion in time, but also unveils the complete quantumness of the molecule.

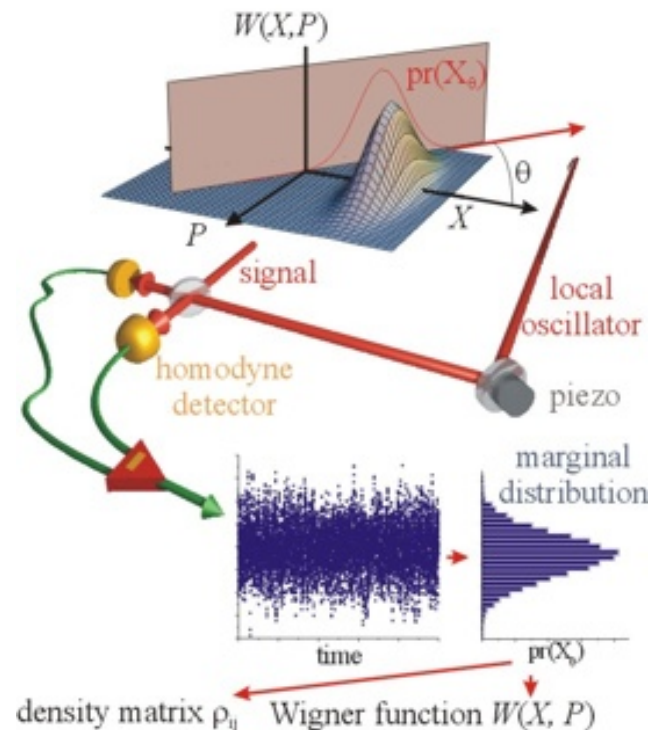
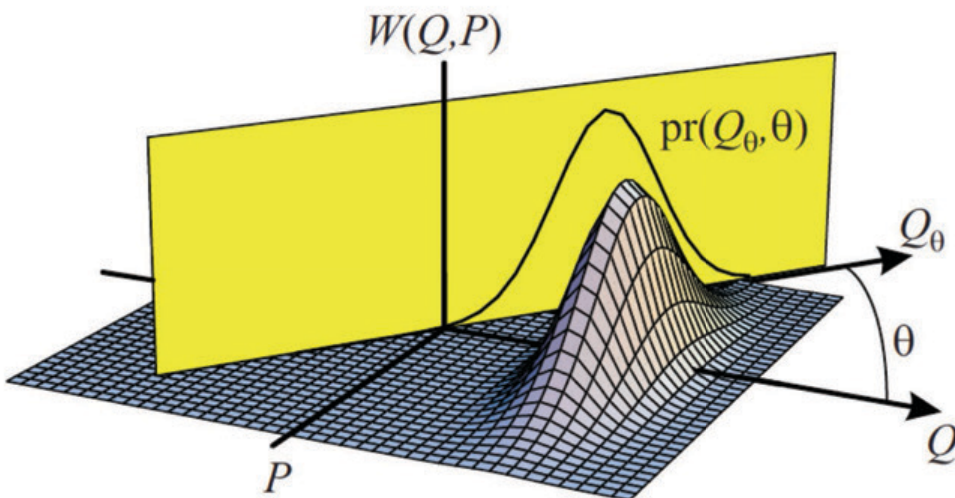
Pauli Problem (Pauli, 1933): could we retrieve  $\Psi(x)$  from observable  $P(x)=|\Psi(x)|^2$  ?

The Wigner function  $W(x,p)$  and density matrix  $\rho_{mn}$  can be retrieved from  $I(Q;t)$  !

## Quantum tomography from quantum optics to ultrafast diffraction

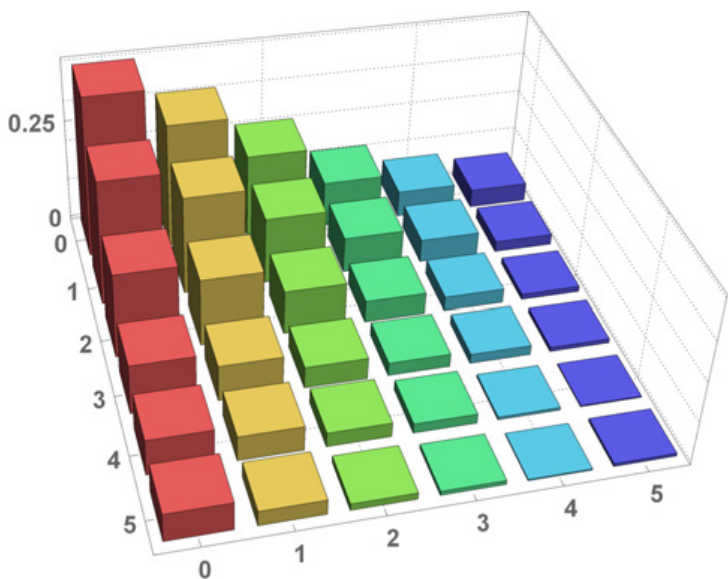
### Quantum optics - Homodyne detection

Rev. Mod. Phys. 81, 299 (2009)




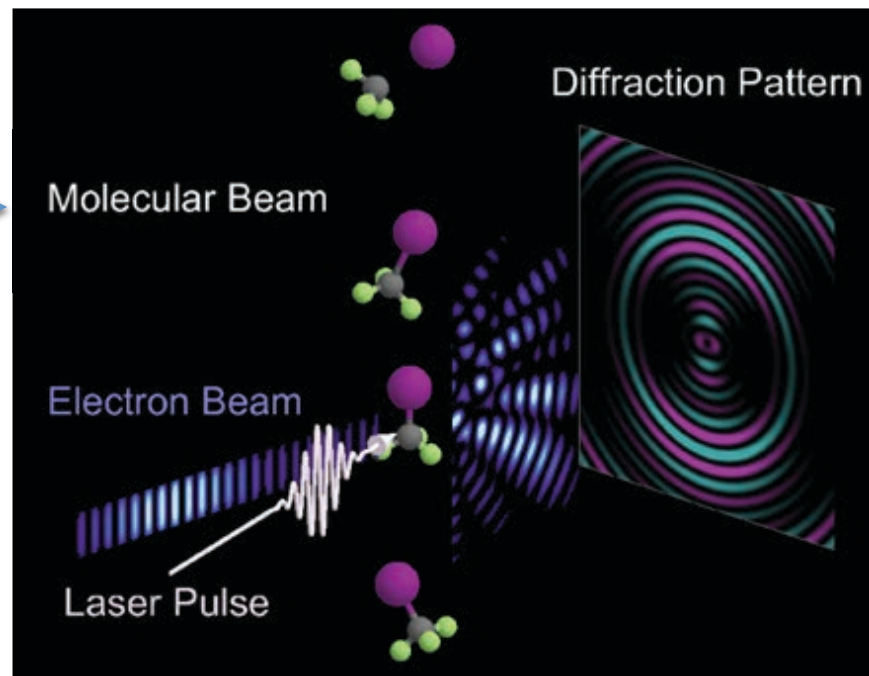
# Quantum tomography by TRED diffraction

Density Matrix of coherent wavepacket vibrational motion



TRED :- Diffraction as unitary evolution  $t \cong \theta$   
 $|\Psi(x;\theta)|^2 \cong |\Psi(x;\omega t)|^2$

$$\theta \cong t$$




# Quest for Ideal Microscope

## Cryogenic Imaging

### Cryo-TEM

Nobel Prize '2017

- ✓ Resolution:  $\sim 0.1$  nm
- ✗ Not for living organism

### Cryo X-ray diffraction

Nobel Prize '2009

- ✓ Resolution:  $\sim 0.1$  nm
- ✗ Not for living organism

## Room-Temperature Imaging

### Superresolving microscope

Nobel Prize '2014

- ✗ Resolution:  $\sim 20$  nm
- ✓ Radiation damage free

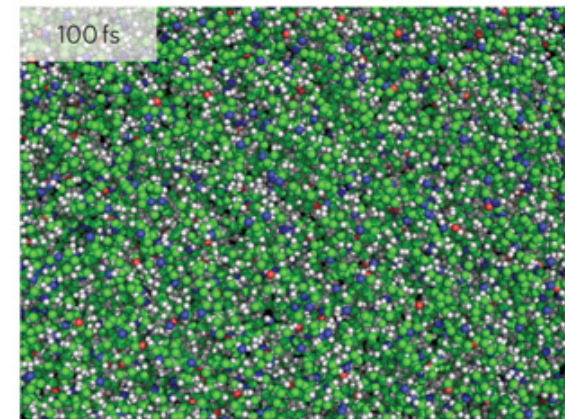
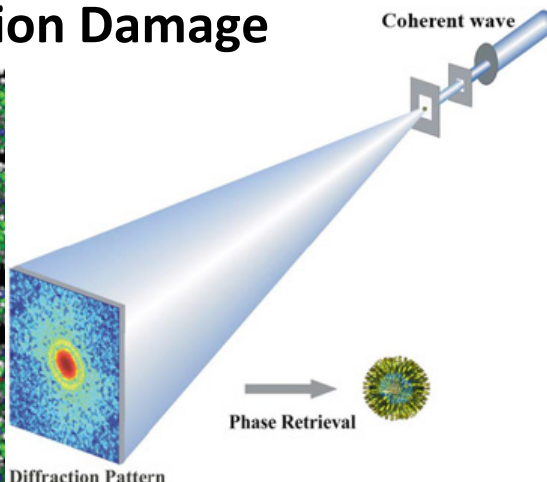
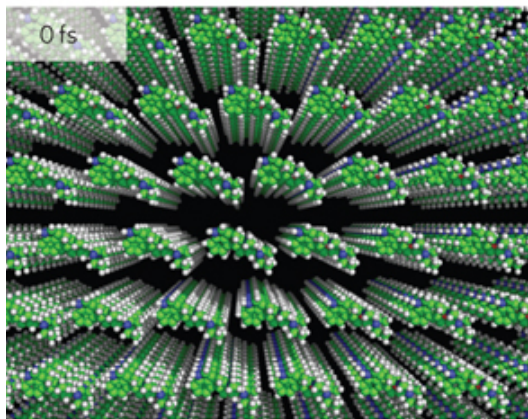
S. Hell *et al.* Opt. Lett. (1994); Opt. Lett. (1999)

### XFEL diffraction

- ✓ Resolution:  $\sim 0.1$  nm
- ✗ Serious radiation damage

H. Chapman *et al.* Nature (2011)

## Culprit for ✗'s: Radiation Damage

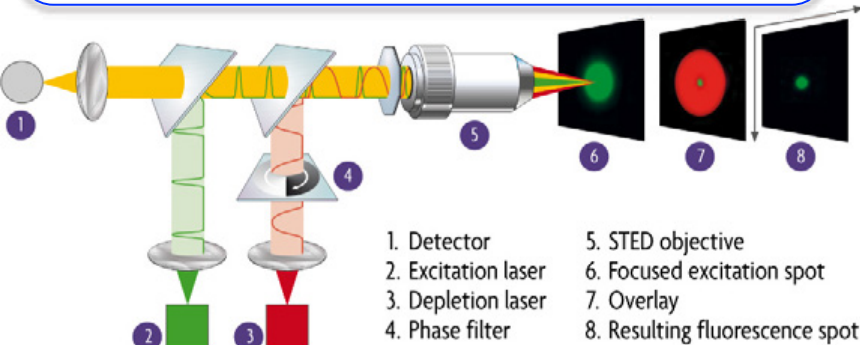


# The Ideal Microscope

## Superresolving microscope :

✓ Radiation damage free

✗ ~~Resolution: ~20nm~~

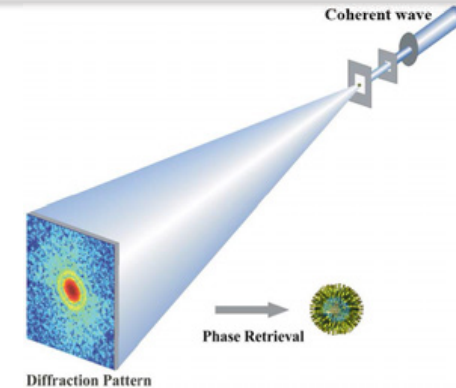


Active Motif Inc.

## XFEL diffraction:

✓ Resolution: ~0.1nm

✗ ~~Serious radiation damage~~



## An ideal microscope

✓ Resolution: ~0.1nm

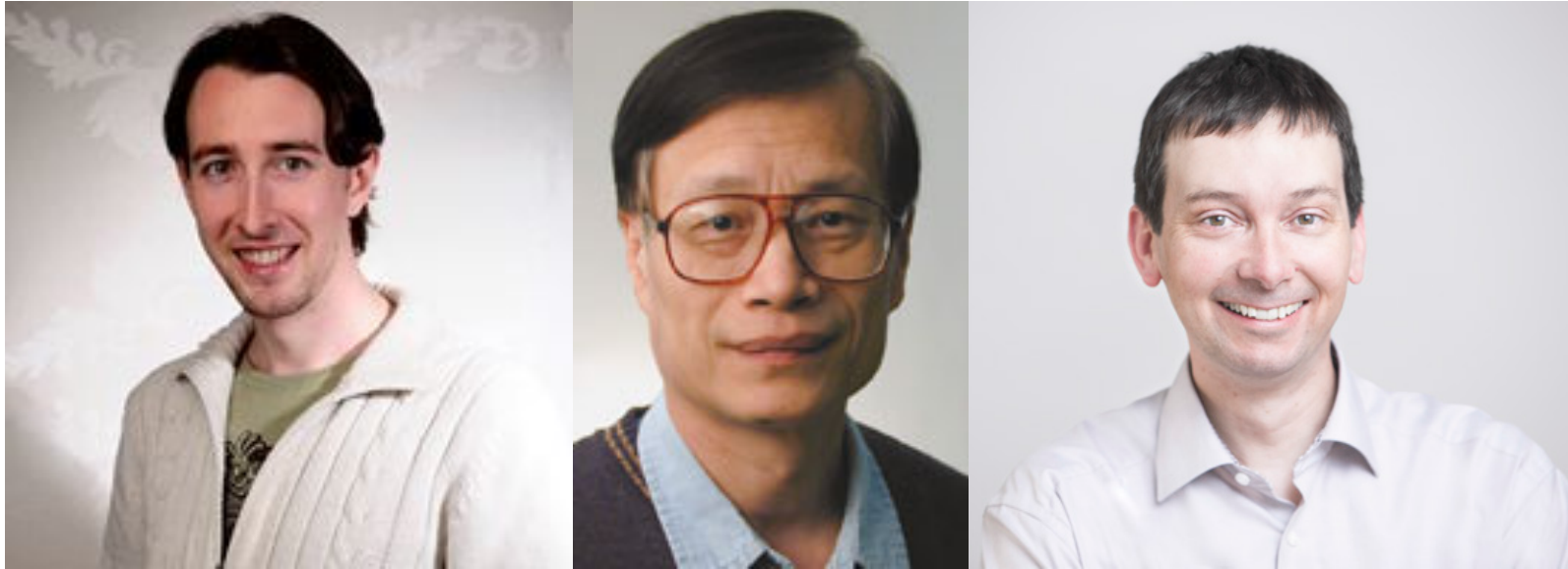
✓ Radiation damage free

😊 For living organism

😊 For single molecules

# Quantum Diffraction:- An Ideal Microscope?

Nikita Medvedev, Yanhua Shih and Henry Chapman



ZL, N. Medvedev, H. Chapman, Y. Shih, J. Phys. B 51, 025503 (2018)

ZL, et al., Europhys. Lett. (EPL) 120, 16003 (2017)

**Is there more exotic quantumness we can exploit using FEL?**

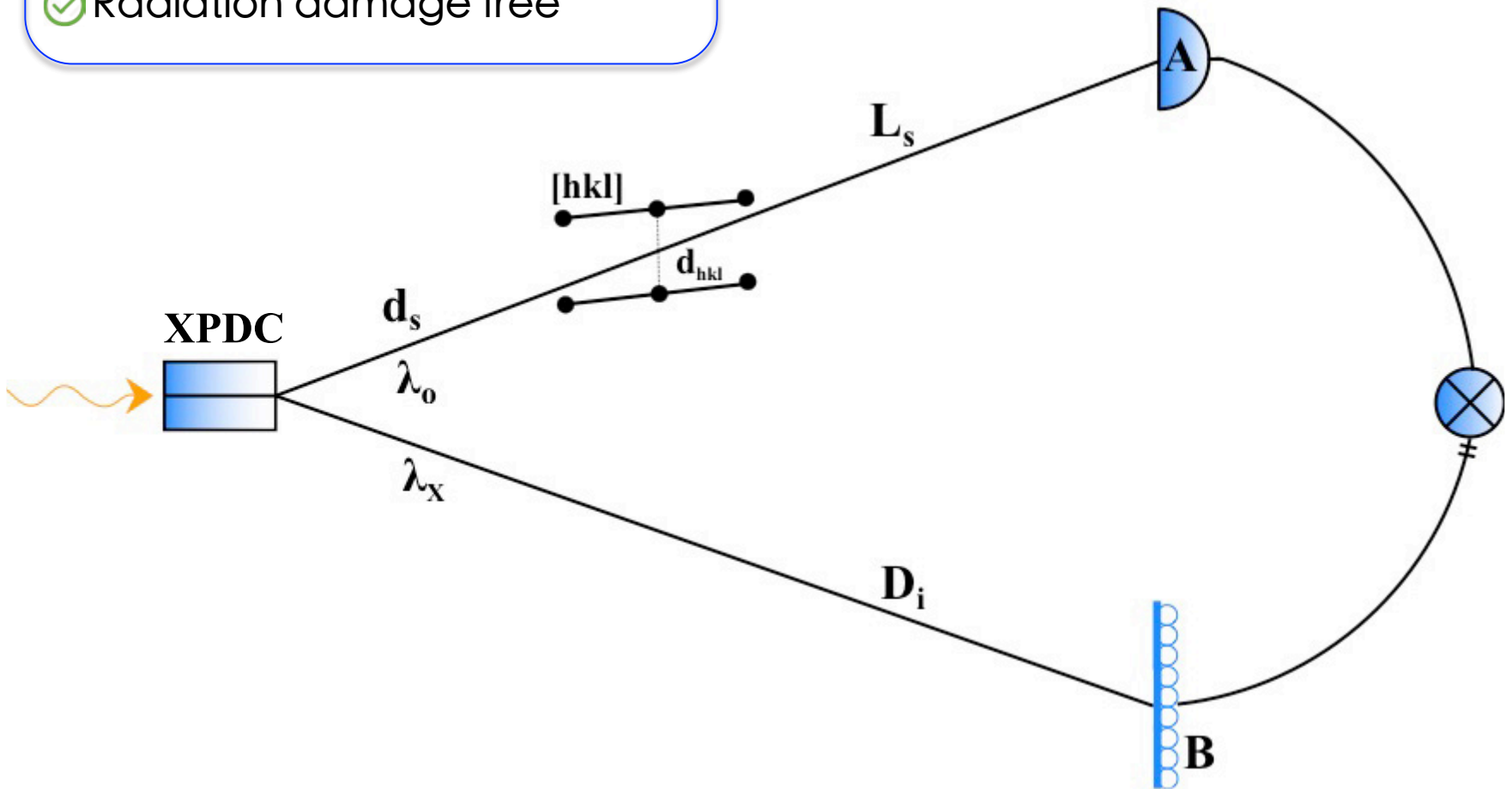
Referee Comment:

This is an exciting, comprehensive, seminal paper that breaks a significant amount of new scientific ground.

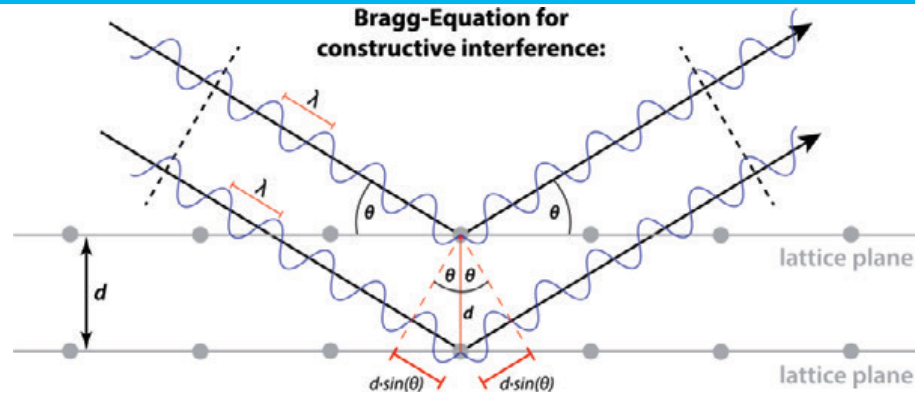
# XFEL quantum diffraction

XFEL quantum diffraction

- ✓ Resolution: 0.1 nm
- ✓ Radiation damage free



# Modified Bragg condition for quantum diffraction



The Bragg condition can only be satisfied when light wavelength  $\lambda < 2d$ .

$$2d \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

From 2<sup>nd</sup> order coherence function, we obtain the modified Bragg condition

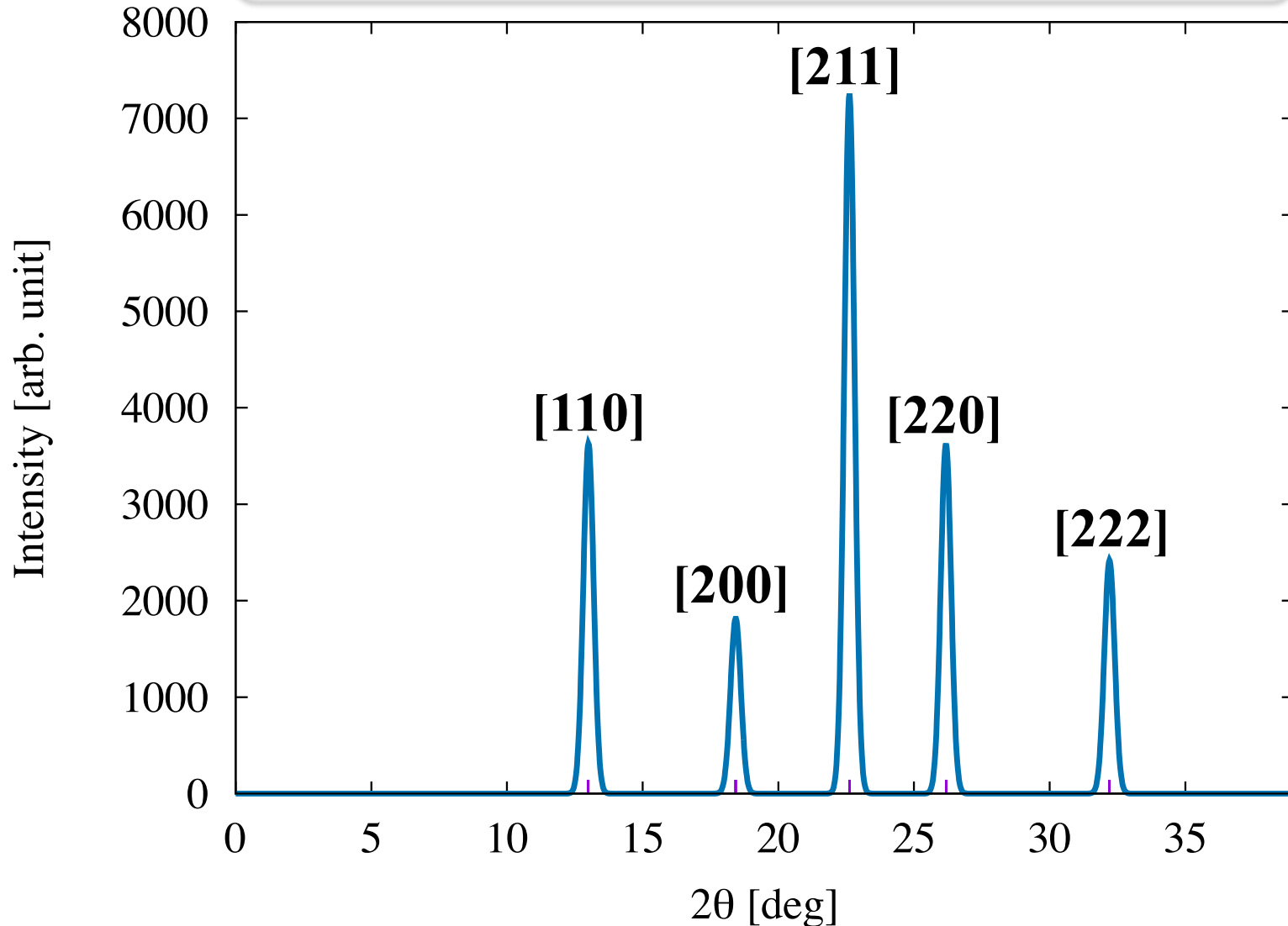
$$R_c(\rho_B) = \frac{1}{T} \int dt_A dt_B S(t_B, t_A) \int_{\sigma_A} d^2 \rho_A \sigma_B \text{tr} \left[ E_A^{(-)} E_B^{(-)} E_B^{(+)} E_A^{(+)} \rho \right]$$

$$2d \sin \theta \left\{ 1 + \frac{|\rho_B - d|^2}{\left( \frac{d_s}{D_i} + \frac{\lambda_X}{\lambda_o} \right)^2 D_i^2} \right\} = n\lambda_o$$

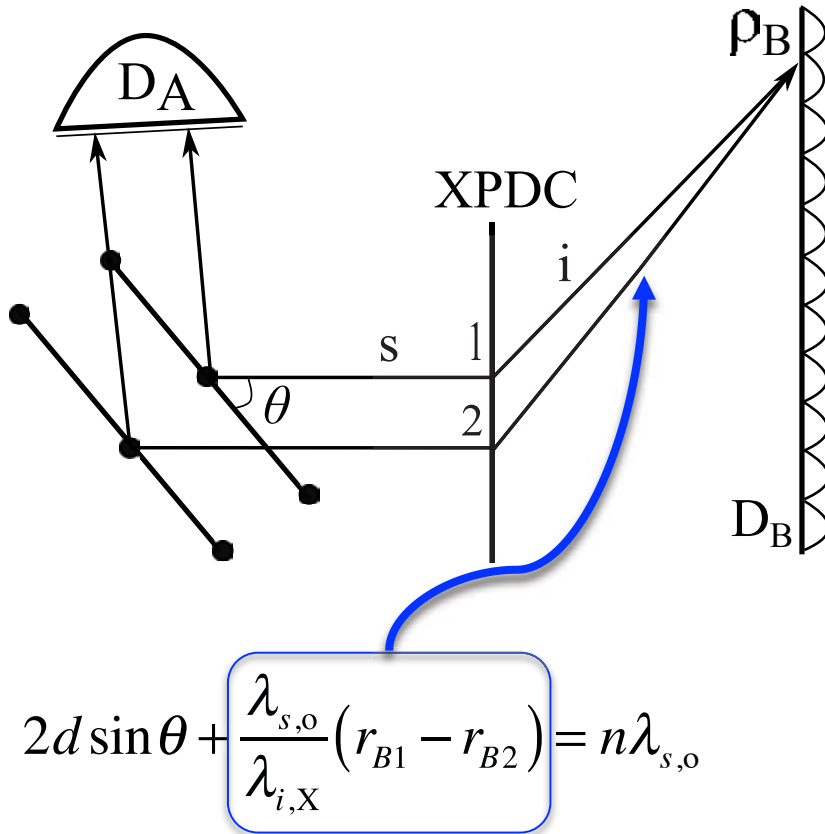
Magnification factor  $> 10^3$

# Quantum diffraction (3.1eV photon)

bcc nanocrystal  $a=b=c=4\text{\AA}$   
Optical photon 3.1 eV, X-ray photon 3.1 keV



# Physical picture



## Two-photon diagram

$$\hat{E}_A^{(+)} = \hat{a}_{1s} e^{ik_s r_{A1}} + \hat{a}_{2s} e^{ik_s r_{A2}}$$

$$\hat{E}_B^{(+)} = \hat{a}_{1i} e^{ik_i r_{B1}} + \hat{a}_{2i} e^{ik_i r_{B2}}$$

$$G_{AB} = \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{E}_A^{(-)} \hat{E}_B^{(-)} \hat{E}_B^{(+)} \hat{E}_A^{(+)} \hat{\rho} \right]$$

$$\approx \left| e^{ik_s r_{A1} + ik_i r_{B1}} + e^{ik_s r_{A2} + ik_i r_{B2}} \right|^2$$

Due to entanglement, we have

$$\Delta(x_s - x_i) \Delta(k_s + k_i) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

we can thus concatenate optical paths at positions 1 and 2.

The phase is compensated by an optical path difference magnified  $\frac{\lambda_{s,o}}{\lambda_{i,X}}$  times,

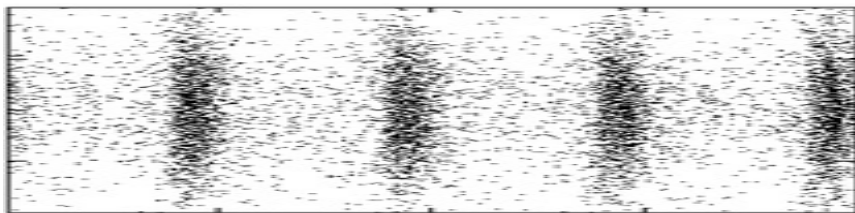
The modified Bragg condition can be satisfied though  $d \ll \frac{\lambda_{s,o}}{2}$ .

D. N. Klyshko *et al.*, *Usp. Fiz. Nauk* (1988); *JETP* (1994)

D. V. Strekalov *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1994)



# Prelude:- The Making of a Molecular Movie



## Electron Microscope in time

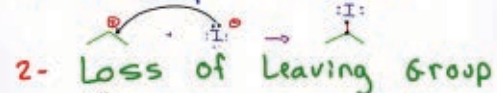
The motion of molecules is on femtosecond ( $1\text{fs}=10^{-15}\text{s}$ ) time scale.

The compressed electron bunches from electron accelerator can be as short as femtoseconds!

We can see the motion pictures of molecule directly!

## MECHANISMS IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

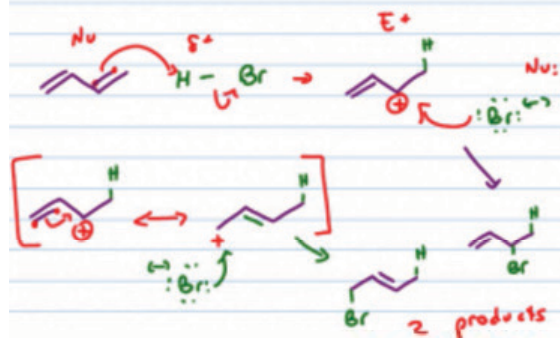
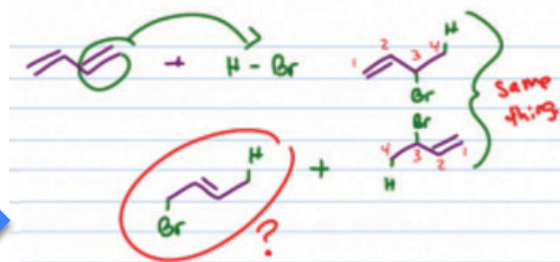
1- Nucleophilic Attack



2- Loss of Leaving Group



3- Proton transfer

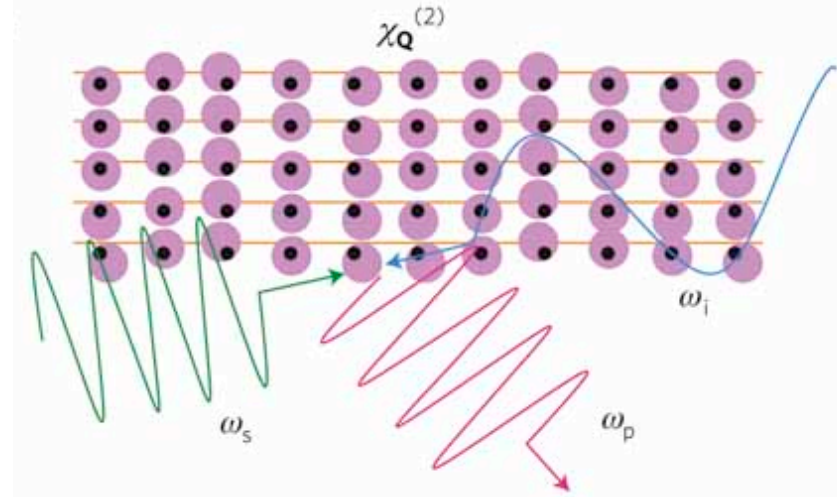


# Do we have sufficient such photon pairs?

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} = -\frac{e}{m} (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{J}^{(2)}(\omega_3) &= \rho^{(0)} \vec{v}^{(2)} + \rho^{(1)} \vec{v}^{(1)} \\ &= \rho^{(0)} \frac{e^2}{m^2} \left[ \frac{\vec{E}_1 \times (\vec{k}_2 \times \vec{E}_2)}{\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3} + i \frac{(\vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}_2}{\omega_1^2 \omega_3} \right] \\ &+ \frac{ie^2}{m^2} \frac{(\vec{\nabla} \rho \cdot \vec{E}_2) \vec{E}_1}{\omega_1^2 \omega_2} + \text{terms with interchanged index 1 and 2,} \end{aligned}$$



K. Tamasaku *et al.*, *Nature Phys.* (2011)  
S. Shwartz *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2012)

$$eJ_i^{(2)}(\omega_3) \propto R_{ijk}^{(2)}(\omega_3; \omega_1, \omega_2) A_j(\omega_1) A_k(\omega_2)$$

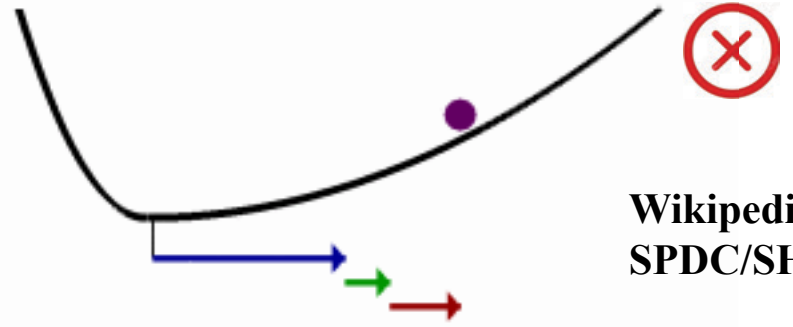
$$\chi^{(n)}(\omega; \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n) = i^{1-n} \frac{c^n}{\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_n} R^{(n)}(\omega; \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{(2)}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\omega_3 \omega_2^3 \omega_1^3}{288\pi^3 c^7} |\chi^{(2)}|^2 \quad \text{XPDC from diamond crystal}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{(2)}}{d\Omega} \sim 1.9 \times 10^3 \text{ fm}^2 = 19 \text{ b} \quad \text{XPDC } \omega_3 (= 3.1 \text{ keV}) \rightarrow \omega_2 (= 3096.9 \text{ eV}) + \omega_1 (= 3.1 \text{ eV})$$

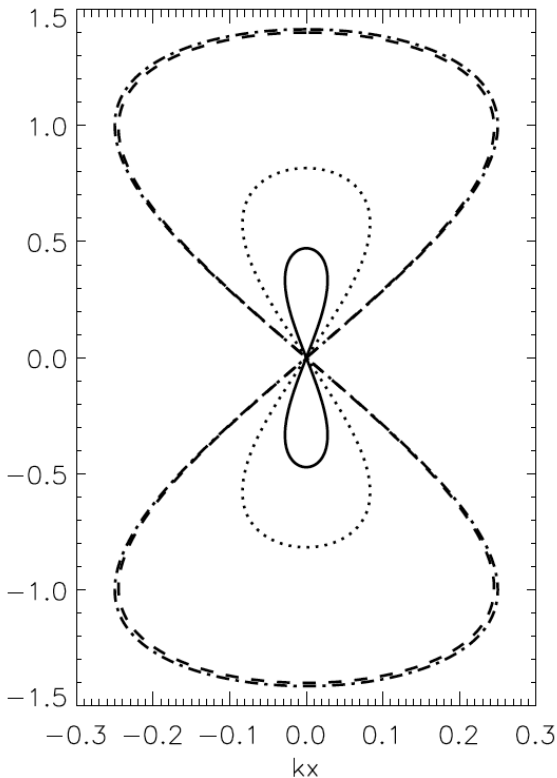
# Single electron as nonlinear medium for XPDC

$$\frac{J_{\text{anharmonic}}^{(2)}}{J_{\text{figure-8}}^{(2)}} = \frac{\lambda \omega_0^2}{2\pi d \omega^2} \leq 10^{-6}$$



Wikipedia:  
SPDC/SHG

for  $\omega_0 \sim 1\text{eV}$  and  $\omega \sim 1\text{keV}$



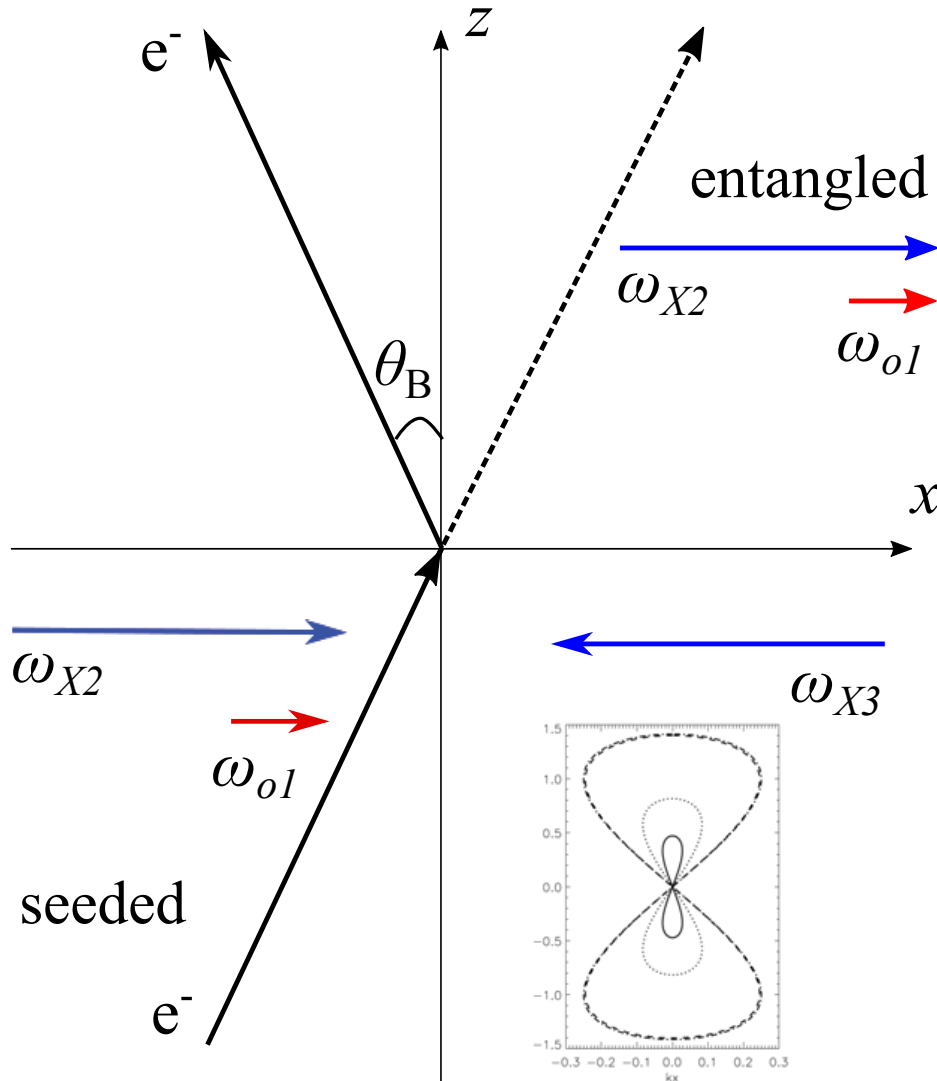
$$x = -\frac{a^2}{8k(1 + a^2/2)} \sin 2\phi$$

$$z = \frac{a}{k\sqrt{1 + a^2/2}} \cos \phi,$$

$$\phi = \omega t - kx \quad a = \frac{A}{c}$$

We can do XPDC without crystal!

# Single electron XPDC:- Kapitza-Dirac-like process



$$\text{XPDC } \omega_{X3} \rightarrow \omega_{o1} + \omega_{X2}$$

using single electron as nonlinear medium.

The electron is deflected by  $\theta_B$ .

entangled

Using Kapitza's method of pondermotive decomposition, we obtain the probability of entangled pair production  $P$

$$P(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3) = \left| \frac{v_z E_1 E_2 E_3}{2c^2 \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3} \right|^2 \delta(\varepsilon_{fi})$$

$P$  could eventually reach  $10^{-5}$  with laser intensity up to  $10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2$ .

ZL, N. Medvedev, H. Chapman, Y. Shih, J. Phys. B (2017)

M. V. Fedorov, Electrons in a Strong Field, Nauka, Moscow (1991)

O. Smirnova *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2004)

D. Bauer, Vorlesungsskript, MPI-K