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About NCCR MUST

The NCCR MUST is an interdisciplinary research program launched by the Swiss National Science Foundation in 2010. It brings together 16 Swiss research groups working in Ultrafast Science across the fields of physics and chemistry.

The focus in MUST (Molecular Ultrafast Science and Technology) is to create new experimental and theoretical tools and to apply them to unravel the fastest processes in the physics and chemistry of natural and manmade matter. Experimental tools rely on ever-shorter sources of electromagnetic radiation, be it ultraviolet, visible, infrared or even bursts of X-rays. Currently, we are witnessing further huge steps forward in these technologies. New sources of femtosecond X-ray pulses, such as the slicing scheme at synchrotrons, or the X-ray free electron laser (XFEL), are built or planned - one of them at the PSI (SwissFEL). Electron diffraction reaches ultrafast time scales, techniques similar to NMR are extended into the IR and UV/VIS spectrum, attosecond pulses of light bring us to the time scales of electron motion, and intense THz pulses allow for direct excitation of structural modes. Improved, and even novel, theoretical tools emerge from constantly growing computational capabilities, which in turn enable us to tackle previously unsolved problems.

In Switzerland every modern aspect of Ultrafast Science is covered by the MUST network and Swiss researchers are among the leaders in the field. The research goals of MUST include

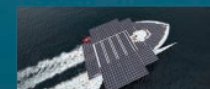
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16 groups
ETH, EPFL, U Basel, U Bern,
U Geneva, U Zurich
Duration: 12 years in 3 Phases
Phase 1: 2010 – 2014, 17 Mio CHF

News



ACS Meeting in New Orleans

Ultrafast excited state dynamics in transition metal complexes, with MUST strongly represented.



PlanetSolar DeepWater expedition

Gap Biophotonics measures aerosol along the Gulfstream.



ERC Advanced Grant for Ursula Keller

Prof. Ursula Keller was awarded a 2012 ERC Advanced Grant for the Attoclock project: Clocking fundamental attosecond electron dynamics.



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Our motivation

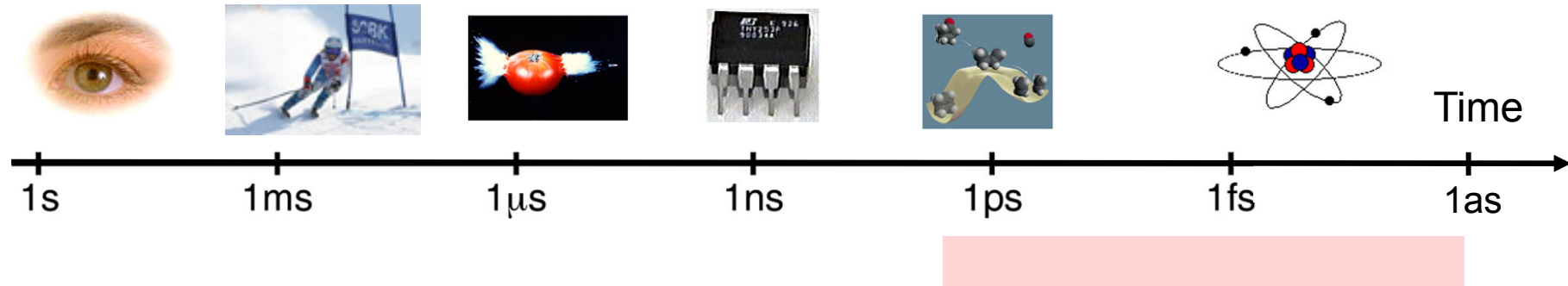
- Fast processes are important in engineering, physics, chemistry and biology
- Examples:
 - high-speed electronics, high data-rate communication
 - important biological reactions such as respiration, photosynthesis ...
 - energy conversion and storage, artificial photosynthesis, fuel cells ...

*all involve **ultrafast time-space events** that enable and initiate the process*

- *we do not understand fully*
- *nor can we copy them all*

- We need to better understand, model and control atomic and molecular chemical reactions and energy transfer processes on an atomic and molecular level.
- Time scale: picosecond – femtosecond and even attosecond regime
Length scale: micrometer to sub-nanometer regime

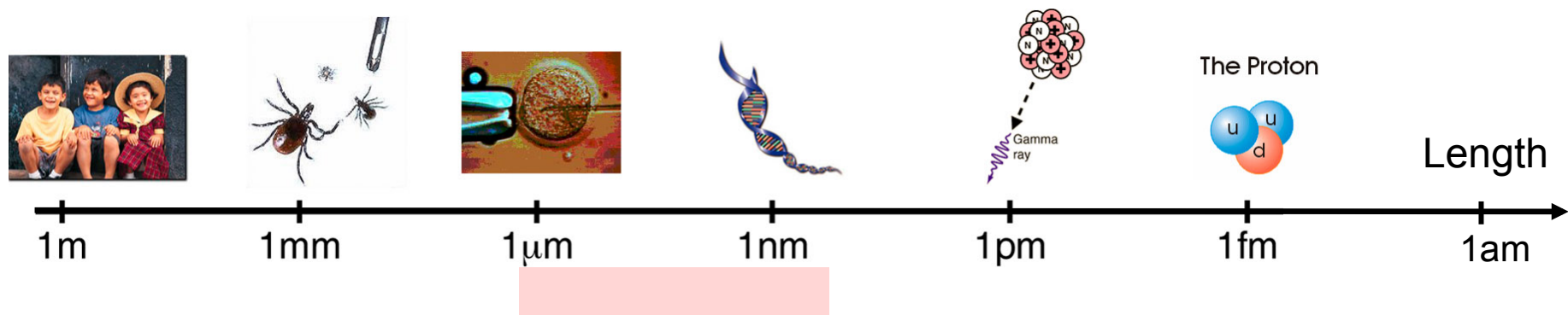
Time and length scales



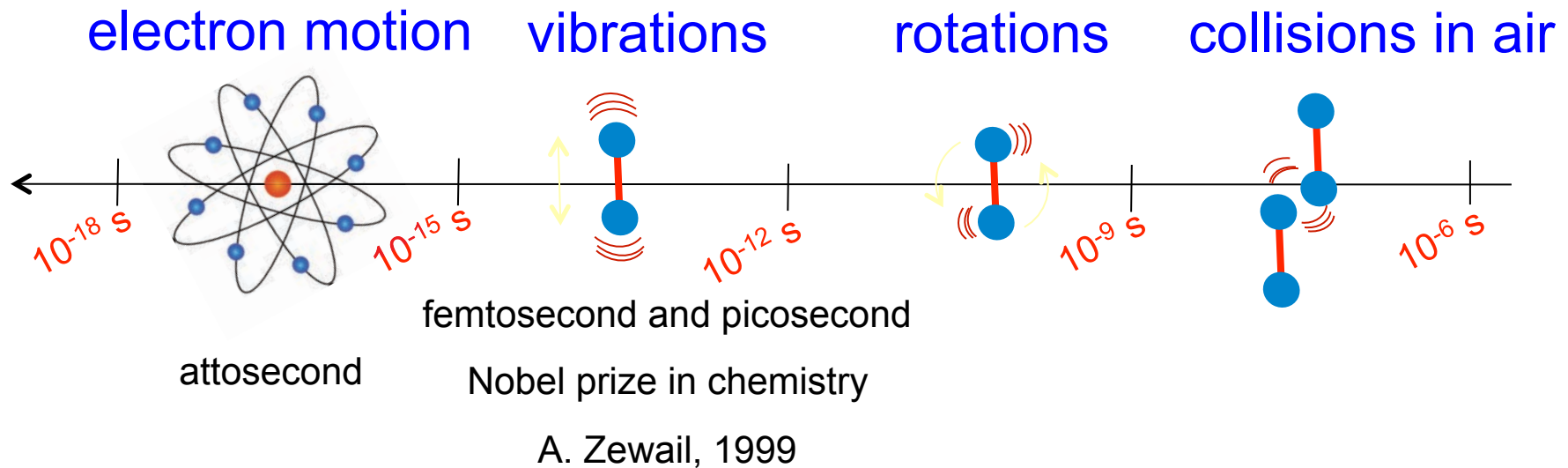
- 1 picosecond = 1 ps = 10^{-12} s = 0.000' 000' 000 '001 s
- 1 femtosecond = 1 fs = 1 ps / 1000 = 10^{-15} s = 0.000' 000' 000' 000' 001 s
- 1 attosecond = 1 as = 1 fs / 1000 = 10^{-18} s = 0.000' 000' 000' 000' 000' 001 s

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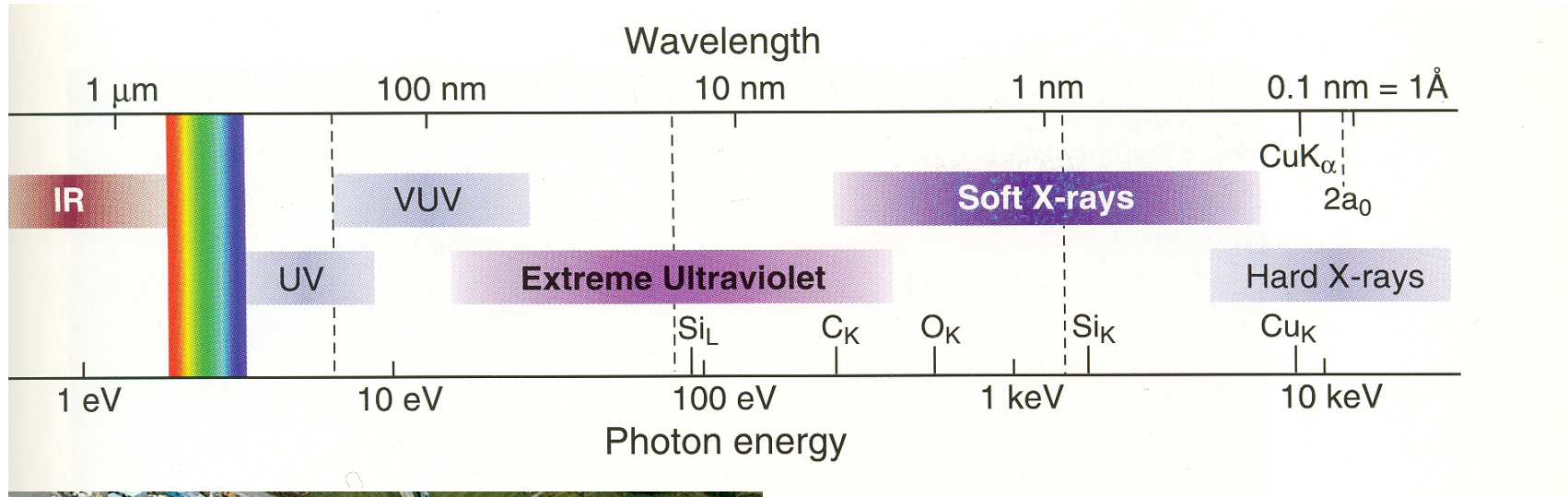


- Measurements with attosecond resolution isolates purely electronic dynamics on short time scales.
- We can study time-dependent electronic and atomic structure for the first time.

Scientific questions addressed by SLS

Francis Crick (1962):

“if you want to understand function, study structure”



Synchrotron Light Source (SLS) (PSI in Villigen)

time “slow” 100 ps = 100'000 fs

length “fine” 20 nm – 0.1 nm

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Francis Crick (1962) – **updated**

“if you want to understand function, study **time-dependent** structure”

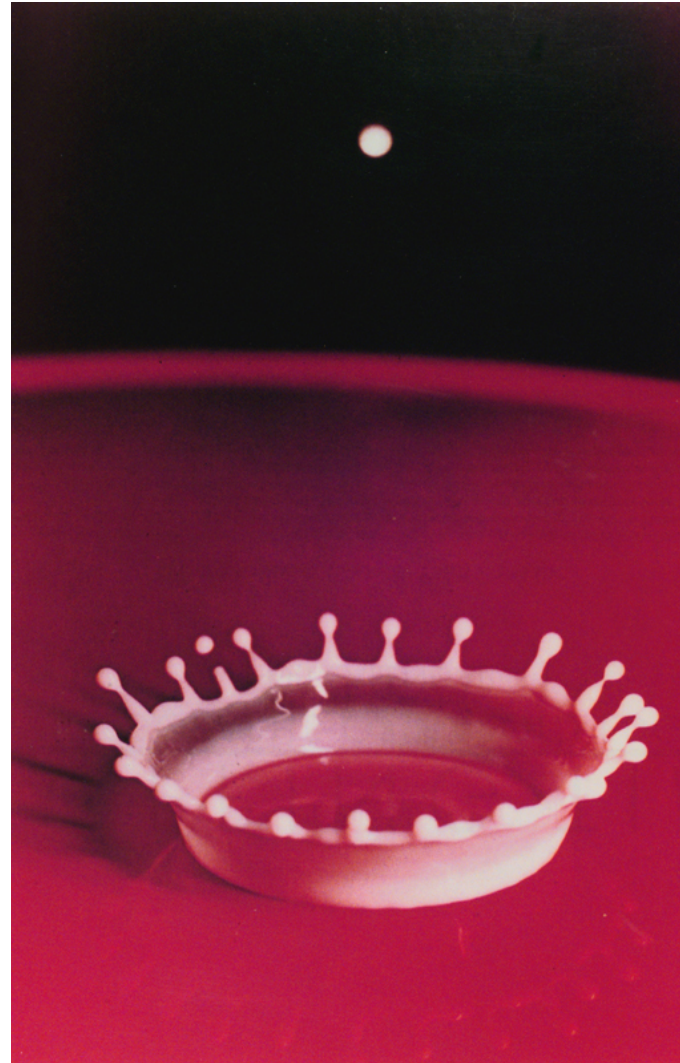
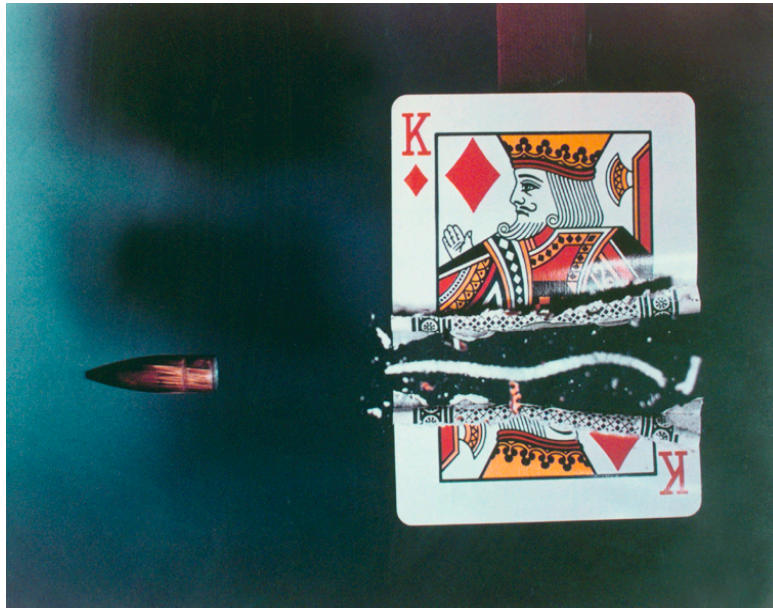
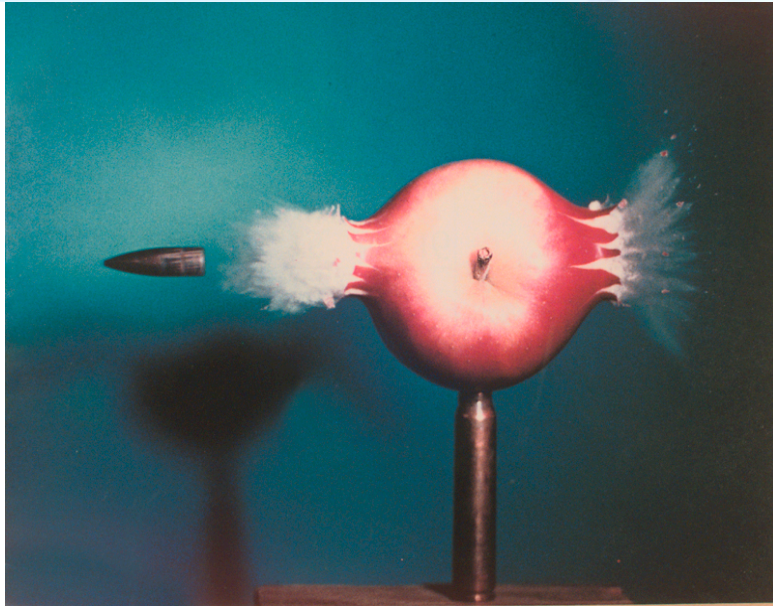
... how a structure evolves in time during a process (e.g. chemical reaction)

How do we do this?

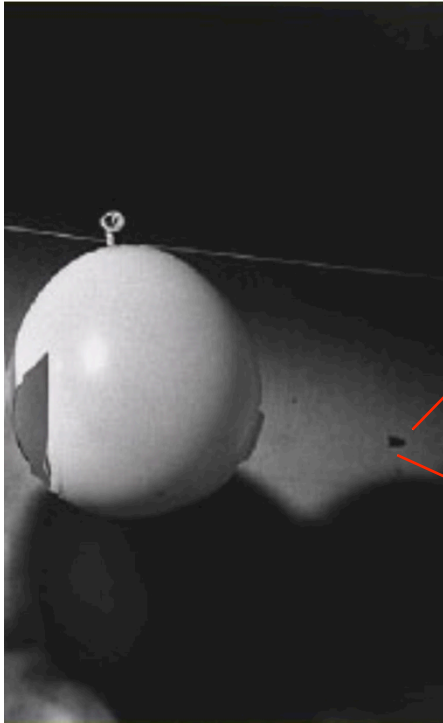
... with ultrafast science and technology

*New tools that allow us to **clearly see a process in real-time,**
always bring real progress both in theory and application*

ETH Flash photography with 1- μ s time exposure



Harold E. Edgerton
MIT, USA
1903-1990



Example:

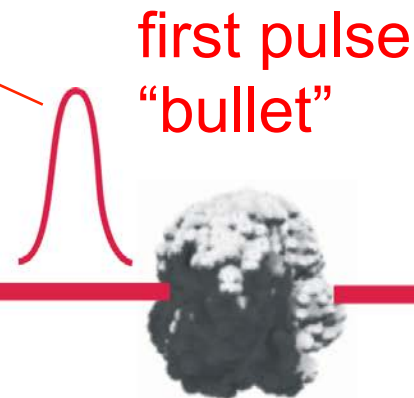
Fast process: balloon explosion

Fast process started with a “bullet”

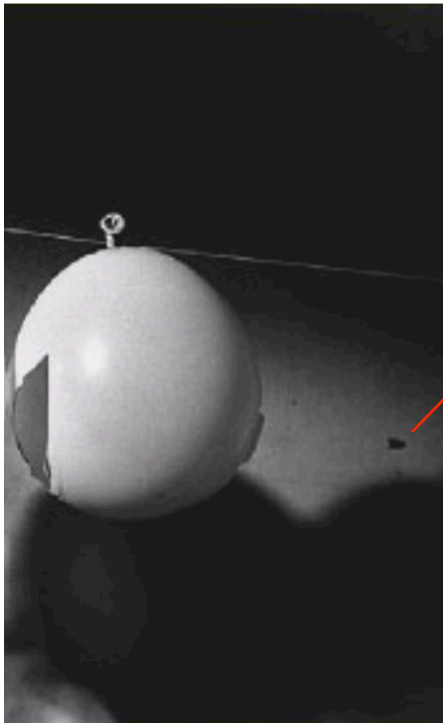
Explosion observed with flash photography after a time delay Δt following the gun shot.
(photo showing balloon with a hole)

How do I do this with ultrafast lasers?

fs - Laser



How to access the fast time scales?



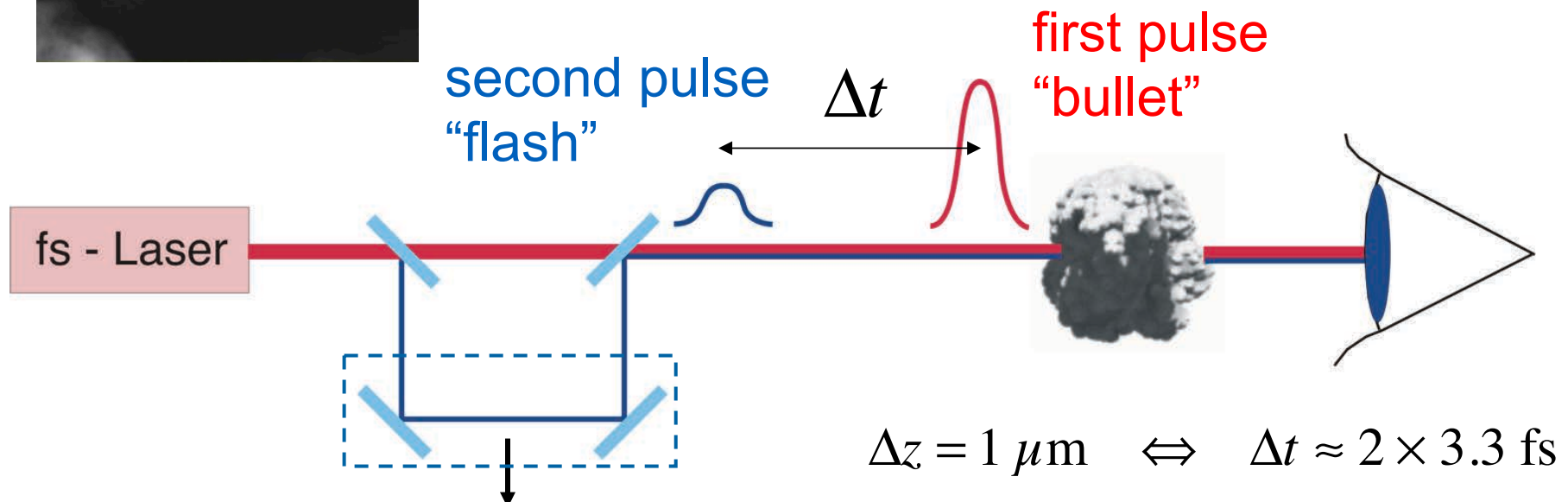
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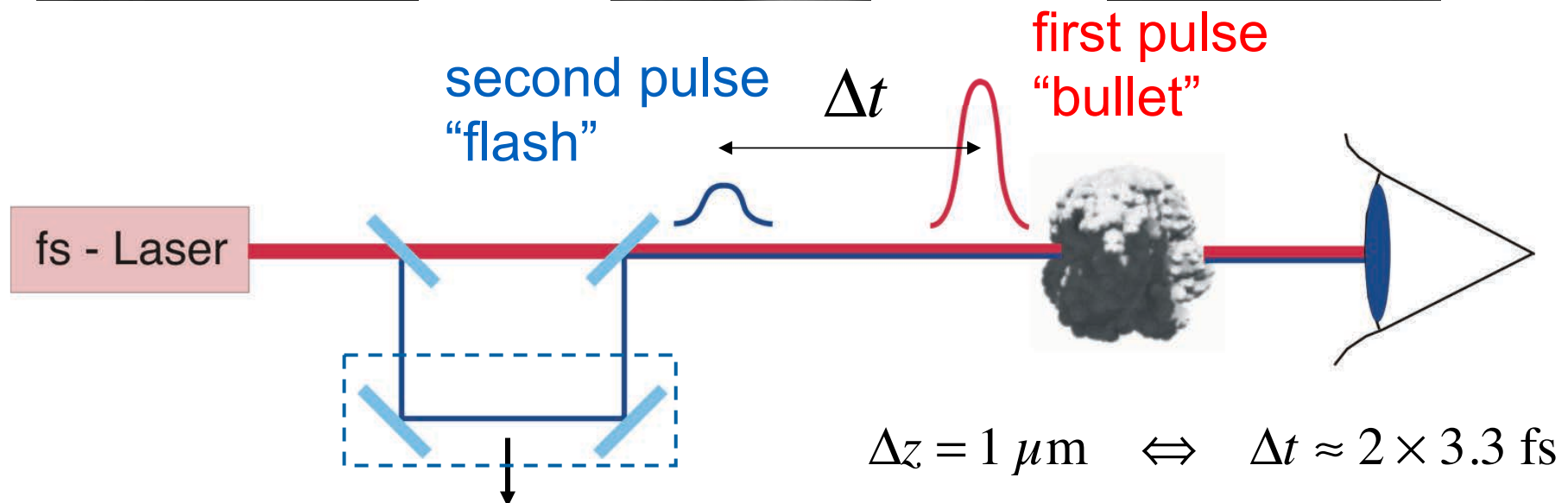
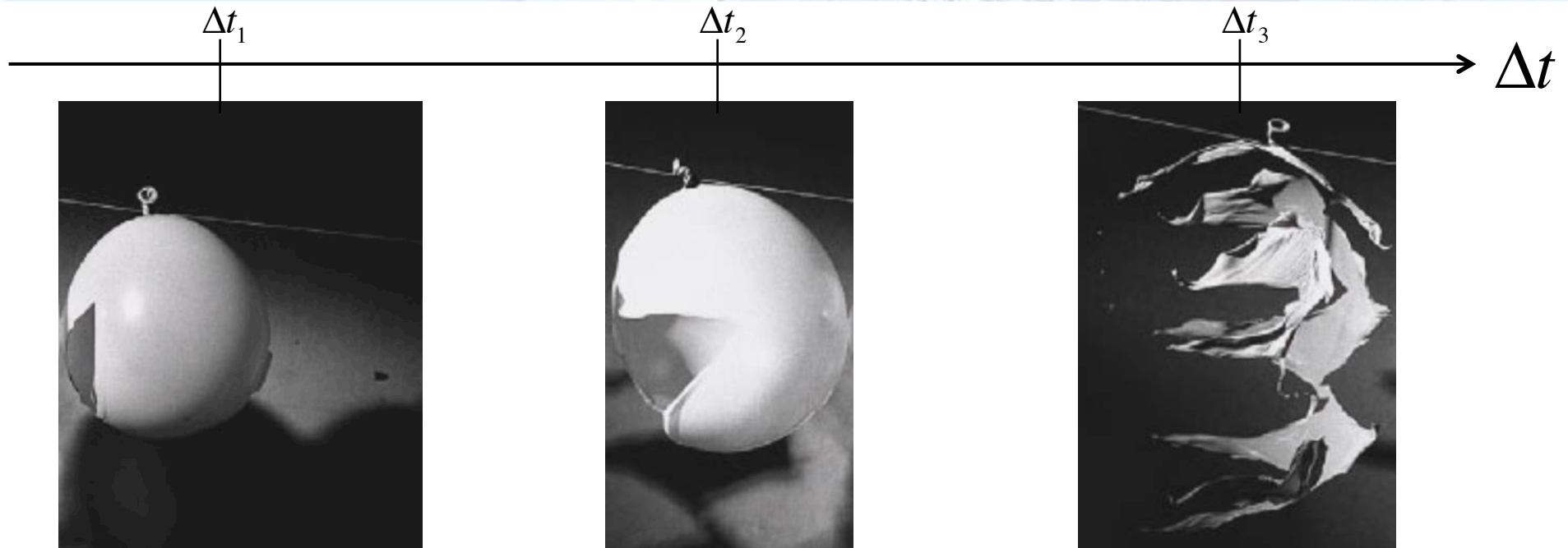
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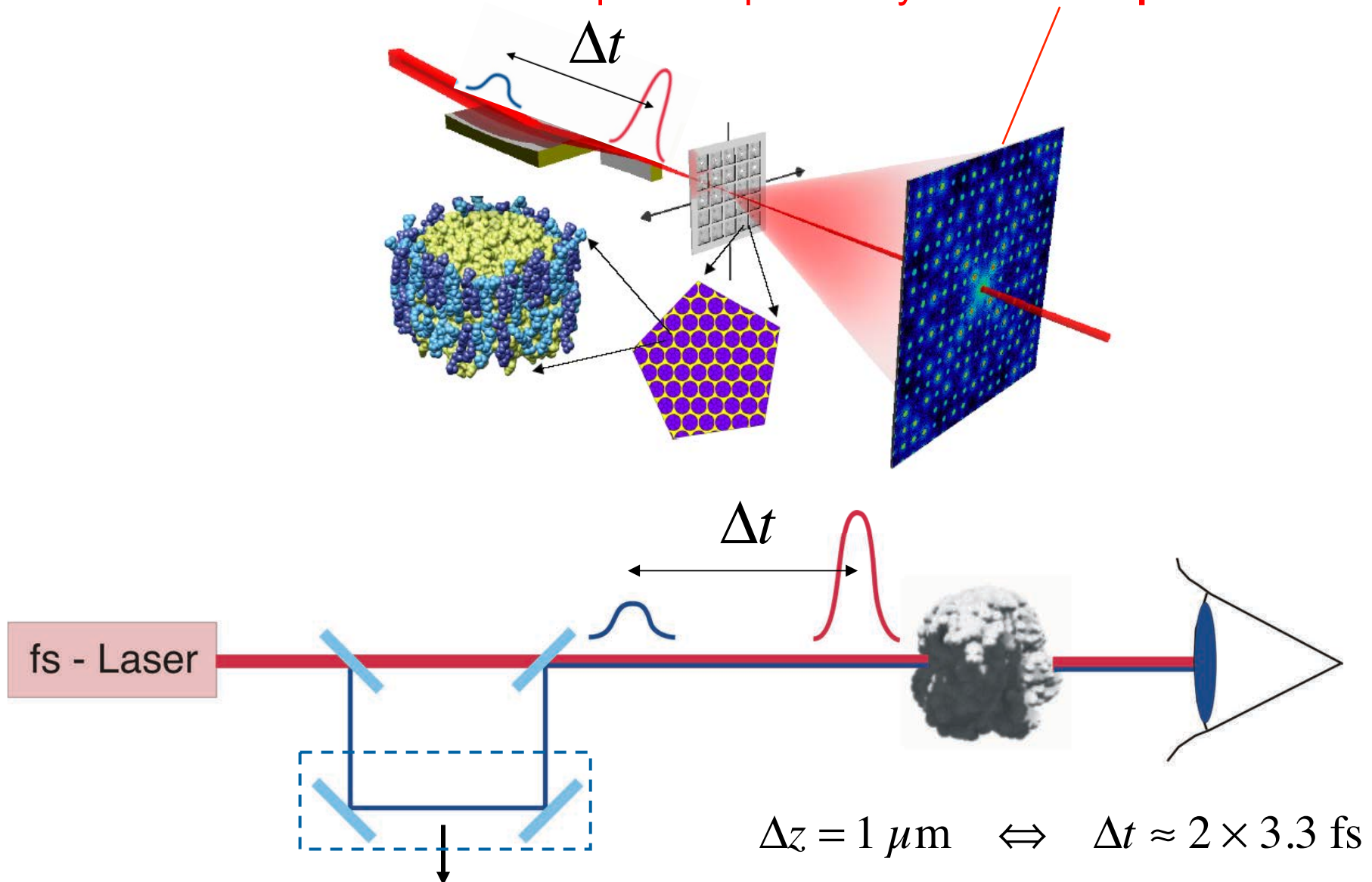


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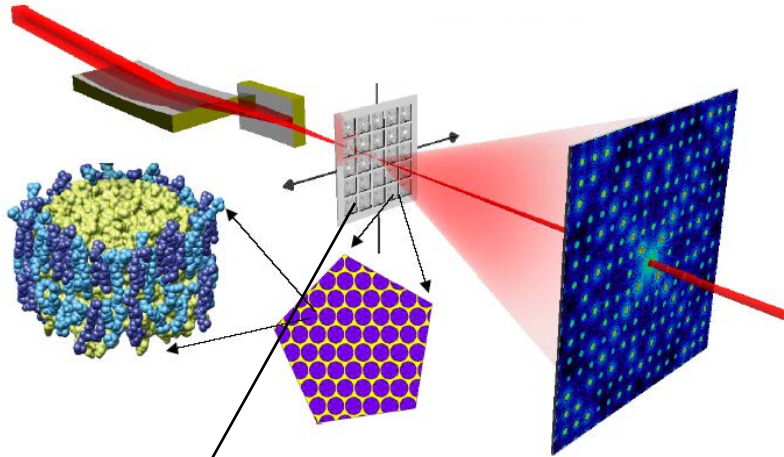
Structure on atomic scale: flash photo replaced by **diffraction patterns**



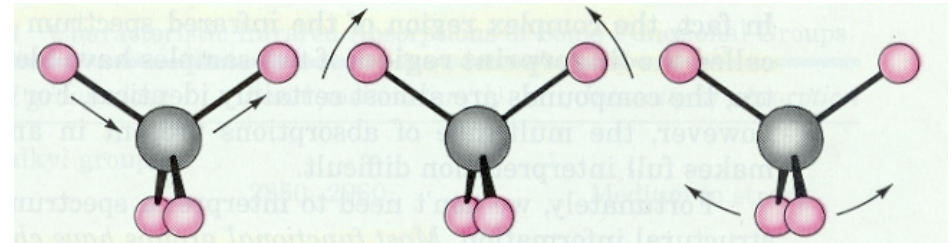
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One approach: diffraction



We want to follow the movements of atoms



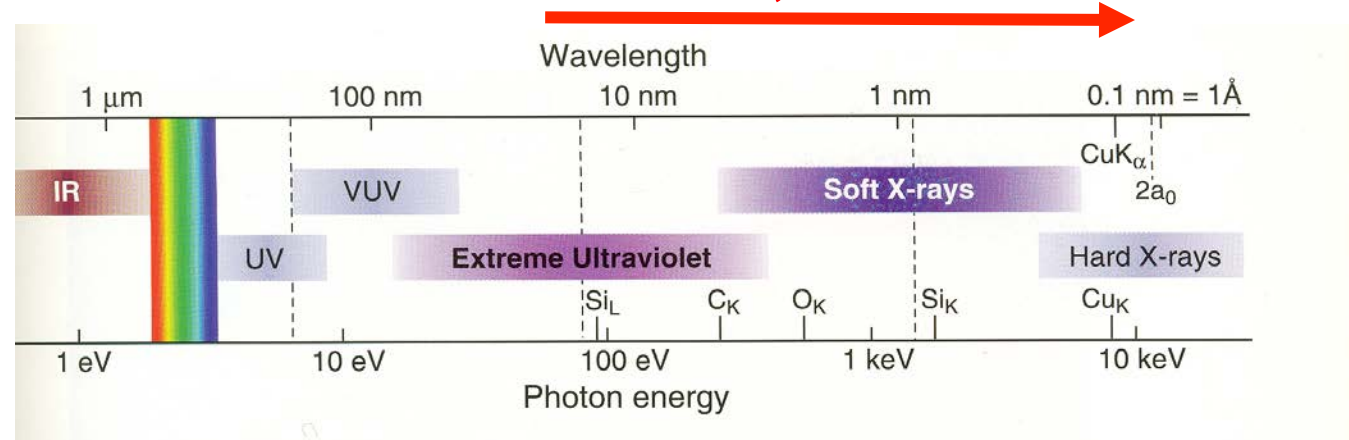
Atoms are small ($< \text{nm}$) and move very fast (fs)

$$1 \text{ nm} = 0.000\,000\,001 \text{ m}$$

$$1 \text{ fs} = 0.000\,000\,000\,000\,001 \text{ s}$$

- chemical reactions
- magnetic properties
- nanostuctures
- biomolecules

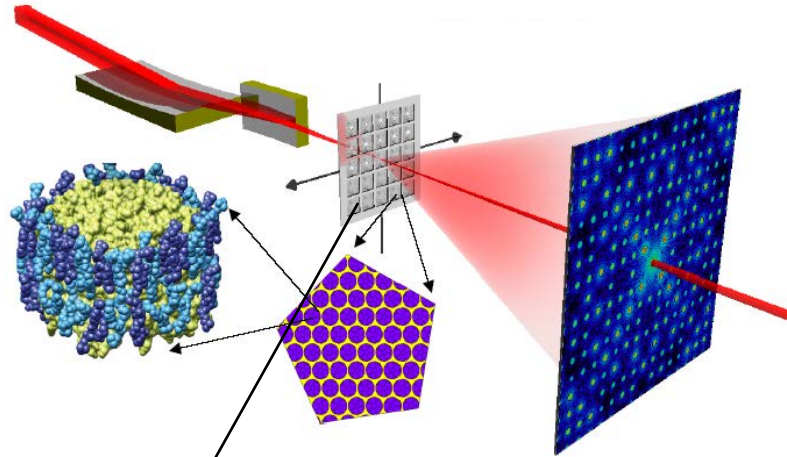
PSI, SwissFEL



Scientific questions addressed

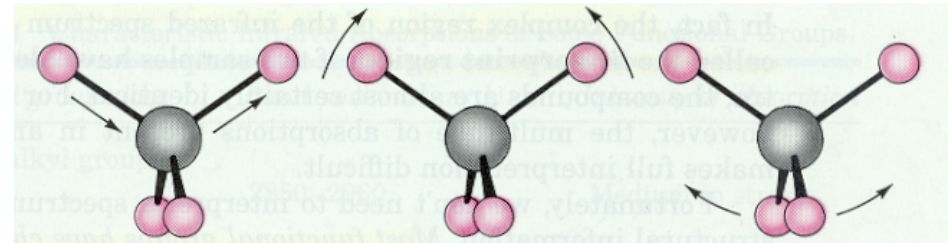
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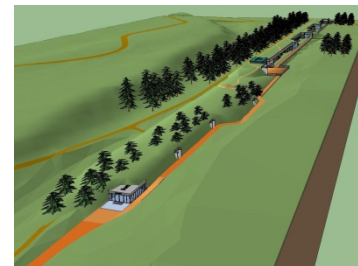
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SwissFEL (PSI in Villigen)

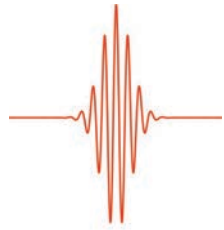
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Space “ultrafine” 20 nm – 0.1 nm



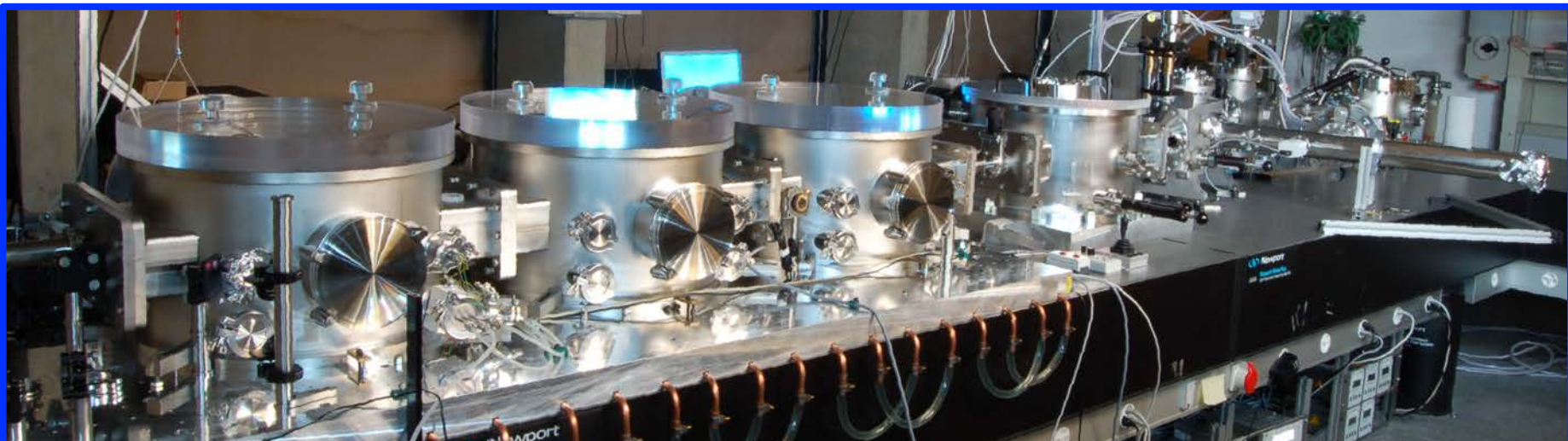
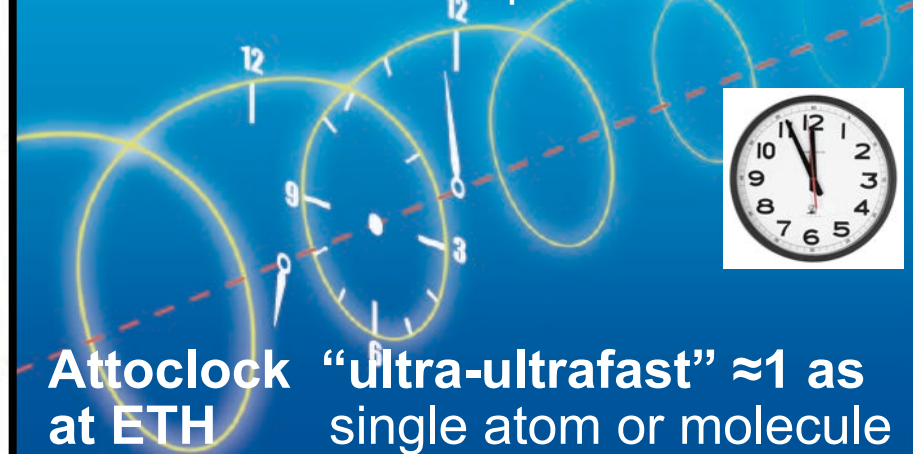
ETH MUST brings additional tools and techniques

Ultrafast lasers in the **UV, visible, IR, mid-IR, THz** spectral regime with femtosecond pulses



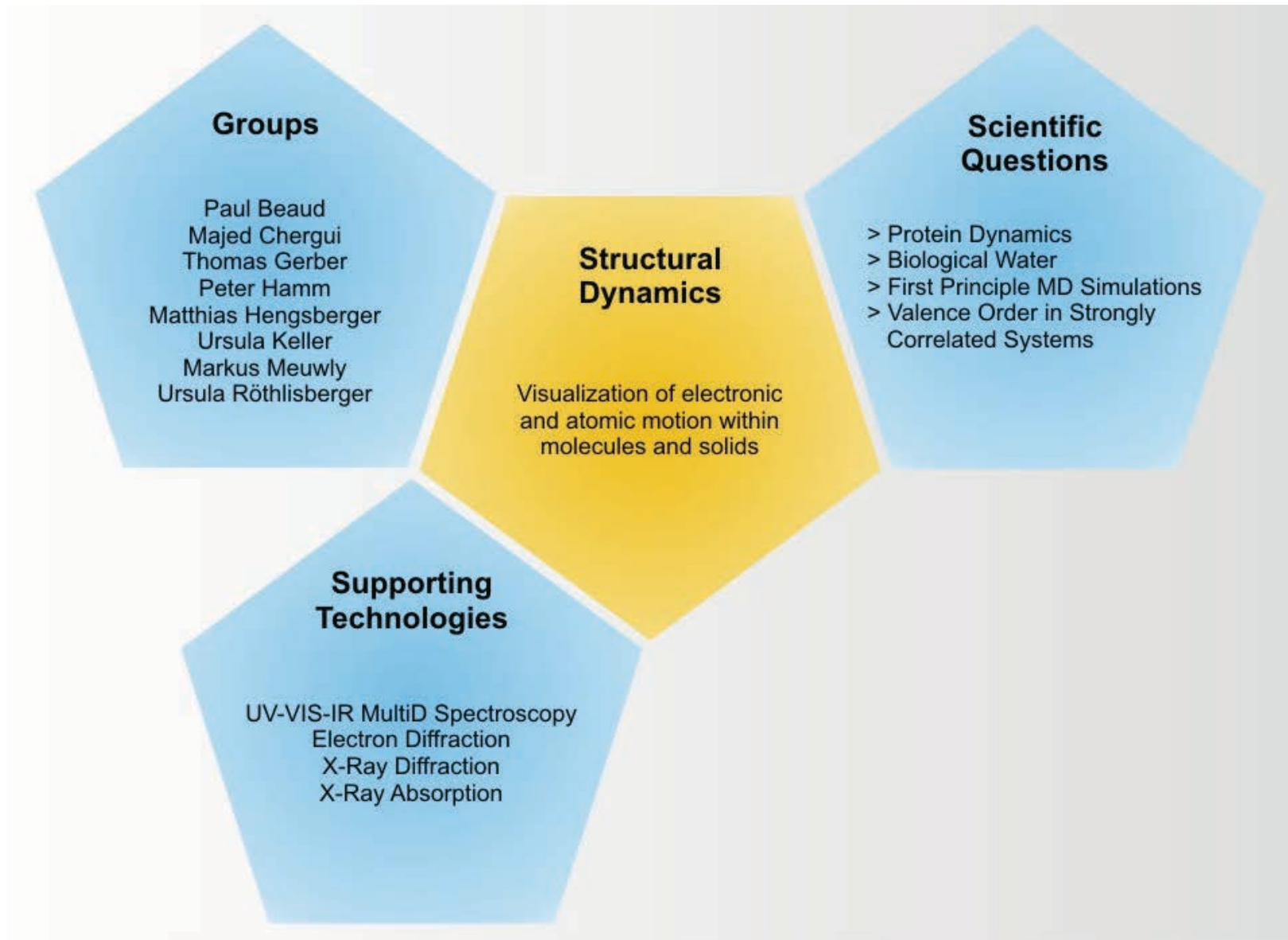
Ultrafast lasers
“fast” ≈ 5 fs
“rough” > 100 nm

attoclock: 1 revolution per fs

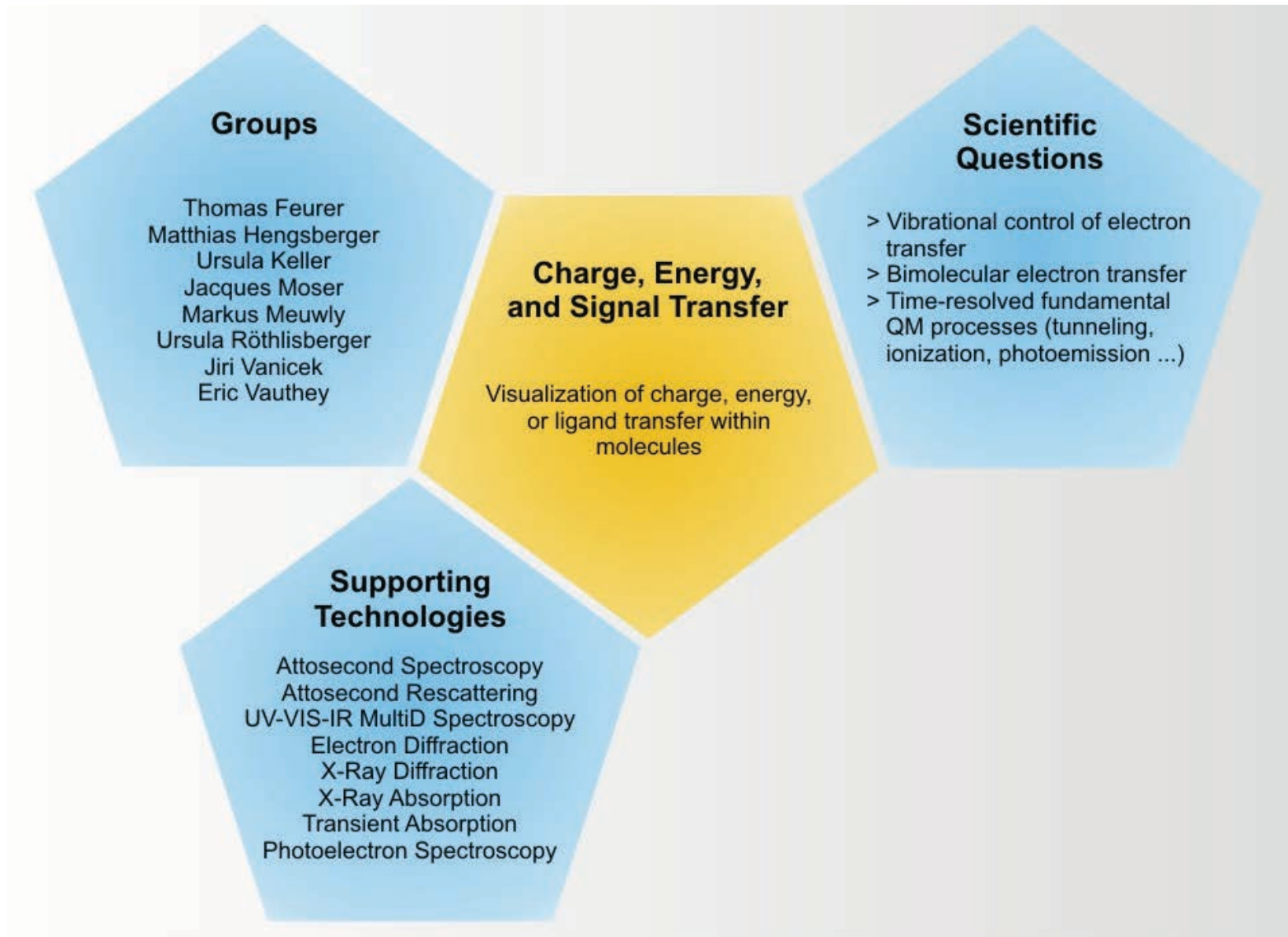


Attoline at ETH: “ultrafast” ≈ 100 as
“fine” > 10 nm (> 1 nm)

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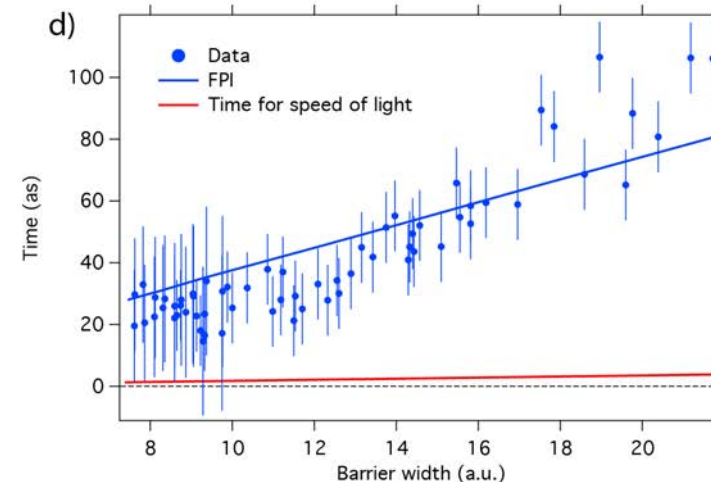
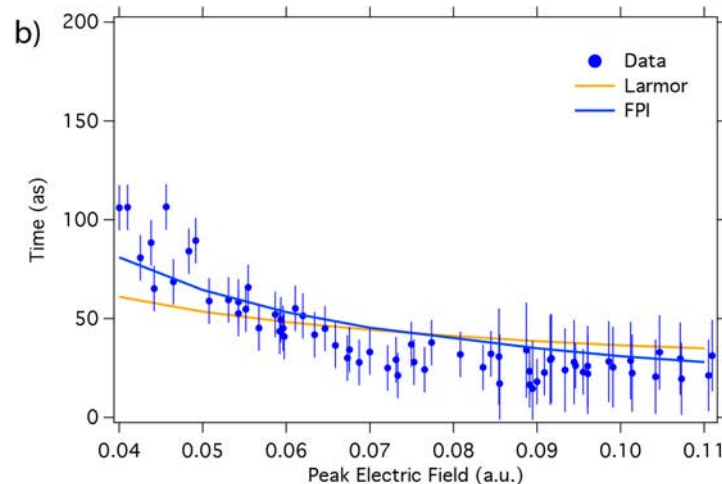
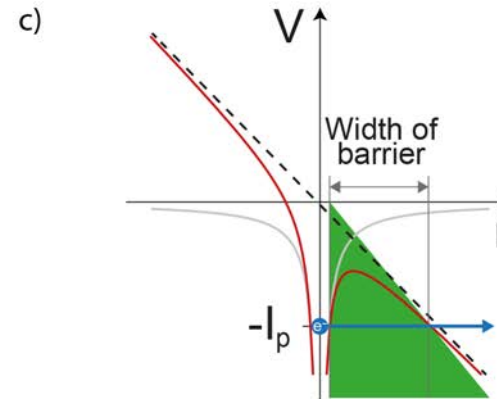
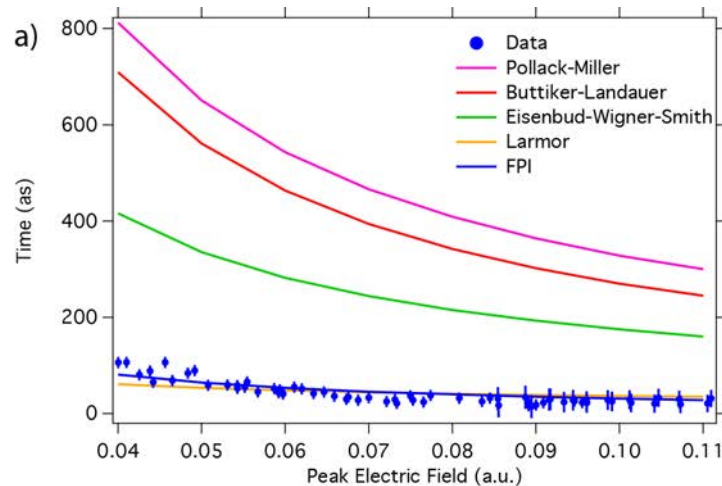


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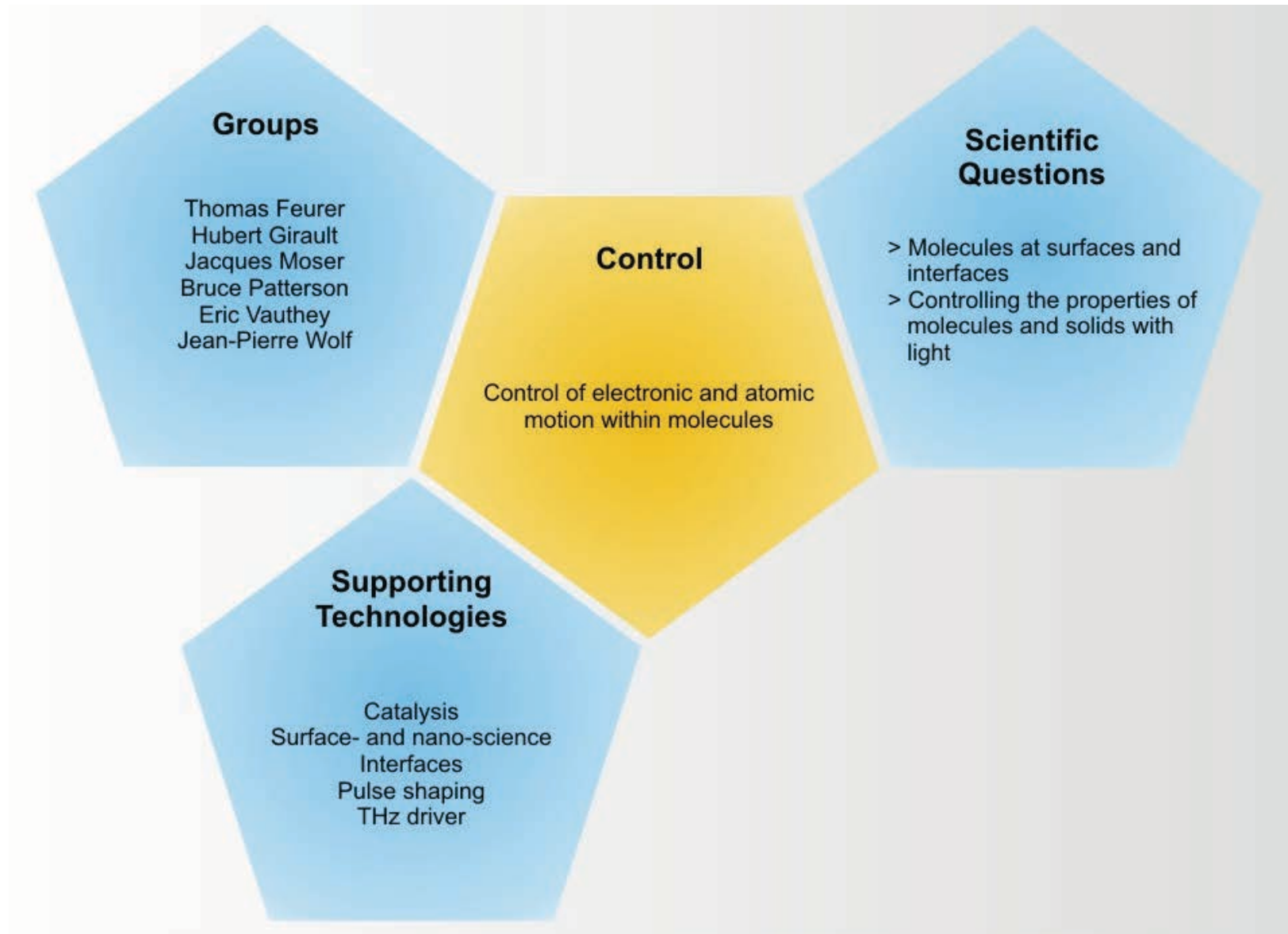


Attoclock resolves tunneling time

Attosecond electron tunneling time revealed with the attoclock 2013:
it is real, not instantaneous and has a probability distribution
(submitted to Nature, 11. March 2013)



Scientific questions addressed



Getting prepared for Phase II

Principle investigator (PI) MUST Phase I	Location	Principle investigator (PI) MUST Phase II	Location	Phase I junior PI	Phase II new PI?
Ursula Keller	ETH Zurich	Ursula Keller	ETH Zurich		
		Steve Johnson	ETH Zurich	x	x
		Hans Jakob Wörner	ETH Zurich	x	x
		Jeroen van Bokhoven	ETH Zurich and PSI		x
Bruce Patterson / Rafael Abela	PSI				
Thomas Gerber	PSI				
Paul Beaud	PSI	Paul Beaud	PSI		
		Urs Staub	PSI		x
Thomas Feurer	Uni Bern	Thomas Feurer	Uni Bern		
		Andrea Cannizzo	Uni Bern	x	x
Majed Chergui	EPFL	Majed Chergui	EPFL		
Ursula Roethlisberger	EPFL	Ursula Roethlisberger	EPFL		
Jacques-E. Moser	EPFL	Jacques-E. Moser	EPFL		
Jiri Vanicek	EPFL	Jiri Vanicek	EPFL		
Hubert Girault	EPFL				
		Fabrizio Carbone	EPFL	x	x
Matthias Hengsberger/Jürg Osterwalder	Uni Zurich	Matthias Hengsberger / Jürg Osterwalder	Uni Zurich		
Peter Hamm	Uni Zurich	Peter Hamm	Uni Zurich		
Markus Meuwly	Uni Basel	Markus Meuwly	Uni Basel		
Eric Vauthey	Uni Geneva	Eric Vauthey	Uni Geneva		
Jean-Pierre Wolf	Uni Geneva	Jean-Pierre Wolf	Uni Geneva		
		Thomas Südmeyer	Uni Neuchatel	x	x
Total 15 PI groups funded in Phase I		Total 19 PI groups for Phase II		5	7 new Pis

- Structural changes within the leading houses:

FAST Initiative

not only because of “fast processes”

Femtosecond and **A**ttosecond **S**cience and **T**echnology

- Advancement of women:

ETH WPF

ETH **W**omen **P**rofessor **F**orum



NCCR MUST

Who is who in MUST

Research

Scientific Publications

FAST Centers

ETH-FAST

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Members

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Fellows

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Lectures

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Projects

UniBE-FAST

Honors Awards
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ETH-FAST Members

ETH FAST Members at ETH Zurich

Department of Physics and PSI

Prof Ursula Keller, Director NCCR MUST and ETH-FAST
Prof Andreas Vaterlaus
Prof Steve Johnson
Prof Joel Mesot, Director PSI
Prof Friso van der Veen

Department of Chemistry

Prof Jeroen van Bokhoven
Prof Hans Jakob Wörner, SNF Prof

Department of Biology

Prof Gebhard Schertler

Department of Material Sciences

Prof Manfred Fiebig

Interested to become a member?

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4 Departments ETH Zurich
with 9 Professors

PSI

Interest from Uni Bern and Zürich

Centers and Strategic Partnerships

NCCR MUST / SNF

16 groups

ETH, EPFL, U Basel, U Bern,
U Geneva, U Zurich

Duration: 12 years in 3 Phases

Phase 1: 2010 – 2014, 17 Mio CHF

FAST Initiative

center of excellence

currently a “virtual” center of ETH and PSI (Phase 1, 1.2 Mio CHF)

support joint projects and interdisciplinary education (FAST Fellows, lectures)

4 departments and with 9 professors

Physics (3+2PSI), Biology (1), Chemistry (2), and Material Science (1)

Increasing interest, especially with newly hired professors

Director of NCCR MUST: initiated FAST with the vision that FAST is broader than MUST

Research platform

benefits from common interest of the ultrafast laser technology

SwissFEL
PSI Villigen

For a world leading effort a “virtual” center is not enough.
We need a “real” interdisciplinary research space (FAST Lab)

FAST Initiative reponds to global trends in scientific practice

- **Global trends**
 - Integration of different disciplines
 - Integration of various groups (e.g. PULSE at Stanford, focus on professors)
 - Integration of different institutes (e.g. CFEL in Hamburg, national focus)
 - ... more in Japan, China ...
- **PULSE: independent laboratory at Stanford University**
 - established in 2004
 - partnership of professors at Stanford
 - Scientific focus: Ultrafast dynamics in magnetism, molecular dynamics, chemistry
 - Shared laser technology will bring students and scientists from all departments to talk and interact
 - Infrastructure/technology: high power optical lasers, Linac Coherent Light Sources (LCLS)
- **CFEL: Center for Free Electron Laser, Hamburg**
 - established in 2006
 - Partners: Max Planck Society, DESY, University of Hamburg
 - Scientific focus: Ultrafast dynamics in nanocrystallography, materials in general, single molecule imaging, theory of correlated systems, imaging
 - Infrastructure/technology: high power optical lasers, electron microscopy, European XFEL
- **We can learn from their experience and make it better for our FAST center.**

ETH Added value for a “real” FAST center (FAST Lab)

- **Complements and enhances SwissFEL**
A “real” FAST center allows ETH to leverage on SwissFEL investment and effectively address future challenges in high-speed electronics, communication, energy sources, health ...
No single department can do this!
- **FAST center is more accessible and flexible** than large centralized SwissFEL
 - FAST provides a larger spectral range, faster time resolution, but not the better spatial resolution (“ultrafine”)
 - FAST and SwissFEL complement each other, offer new synergies, and some pre-characterization studies
 - Additional space for PSI researchers supporting better synergies and collaborations with ETH
- **A “real” FAST center should be on ETH Hnggerberg**
 - ETH is a world-leading university that can attract the best minds
 - Easy access for students and for many departments at ETH is critical for the interdisciplinary nature of the FAST center
- **Shared laser technology**
 - will bring students and scientists from all departments to talk and interact
 - will be enhanced with interdisciplinary education
 - a research center with added benefits and beyond departmental structure
 - no permanent membership, evaluation based on continued excellence and return of investment
 - new laser development also be driven by the scientific questions
 - will more effectively use future investments
- **New investment of laser development is beyond a single professor group**
- **FAST Lab infrastructure and single professors with a specific quest will need more than one expensive laser!**

Added value for a “real” FAST center (FAST Lab)

- **Incubator space for young scientists (SNF ass. Prof., ERC grants)**
 - currently we have to turn away young people because of limited space
 - not enough resources and time to first build a larger laser infrastructure for their experiments
- **Public outreach**
 - integration of a public visiting and interaction center
 - Science city can help to get more people excited about science: “laser fascinates people”
 - show them how fast processes affect our life and technology
 - interaction center for school classes and “corporate outings”
- **Industrial laser user facility:**
 - ultrafast lasers are increasingly important for industrial applications in electronics, computing and material processing

- **Good time resolution (short laser pulses)**

Measurements of fast processes

- **High pulse repetition rates**

Optical communication

Interconnect

Optical clocking

- **High peak intensity**

Nonlinear Optics

Precise material processing

New energy sources (Laser fusion)

- **Broad optical spectrum**

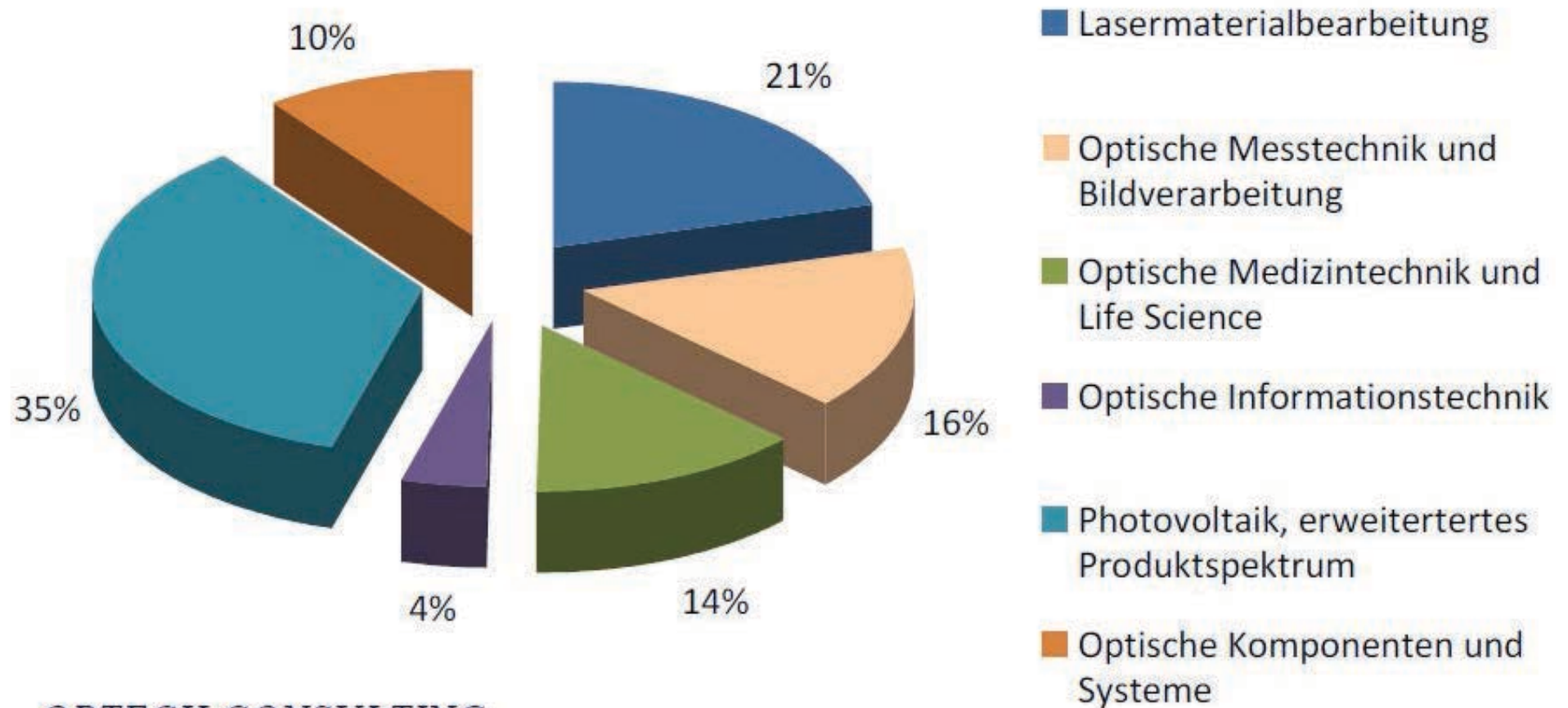
Frequency metrology (frequency comb)

Optical clocks

Optical coherence tomography (OCT)

Photonik - Umsatz Unternehmen Standort Schweiz, 2011

Total: 4.1 Milliarden CHF

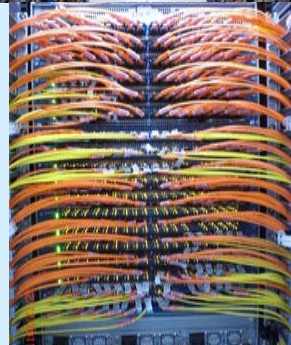
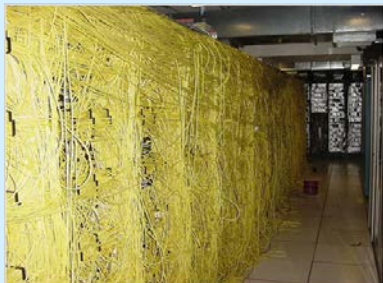


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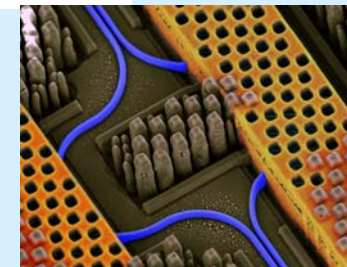
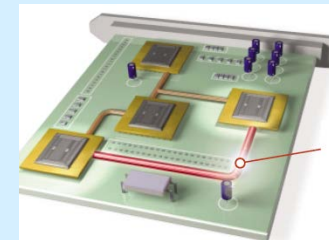
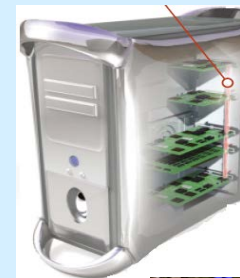
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Optical interconnects in servers, data centers, supercomputers . . .



Future Application:



Intra-board & intra-chip
interconnects

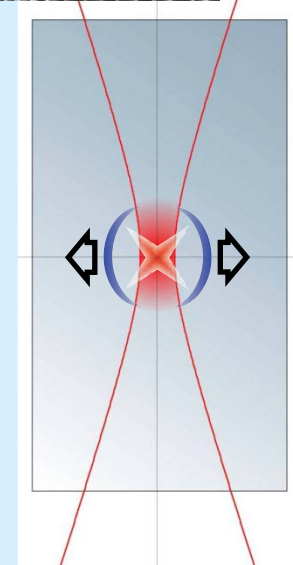
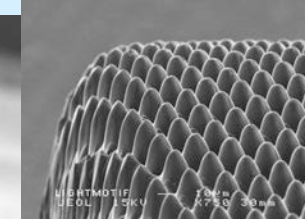
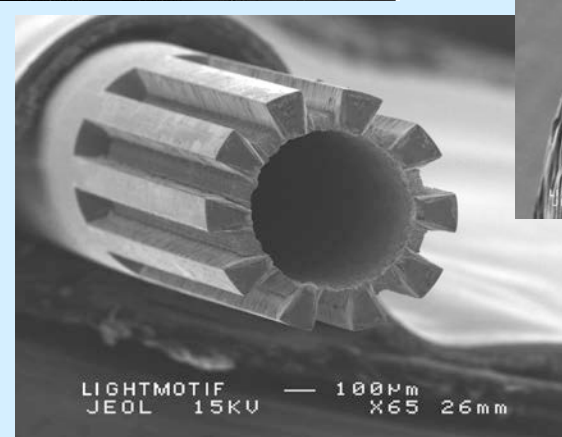
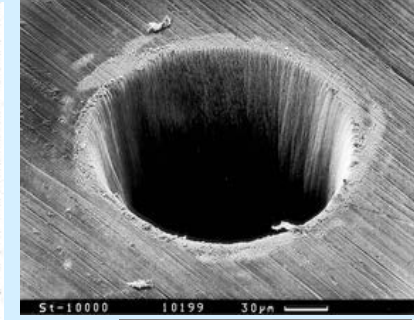
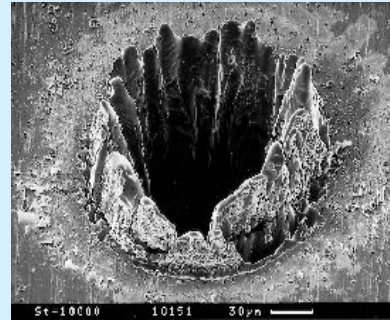
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Precise material processing (cold ablation)
long pulse short pulse



Precision
High surface quality
Functional surfaces
Inner glass micro marking
3D printing ...

ETH FAST Initiative with a “real” research center

- **Scientific driver:** time-dependent structure and energy transfer

Embedded in the vision that we can contribute to important challenges such as **alternative energy sources and improving health ...**

- We need expertise in physics, chemistry, engineering, and biology
- FAST Initiative with a “real” research center. Why?
“When we can combine these people under one roof, make it beneficial for them to talk to each other, we then can achieve a strong push forward in our research”

A short summary also:

Globe, Nr. 1, March 2013, p. 24

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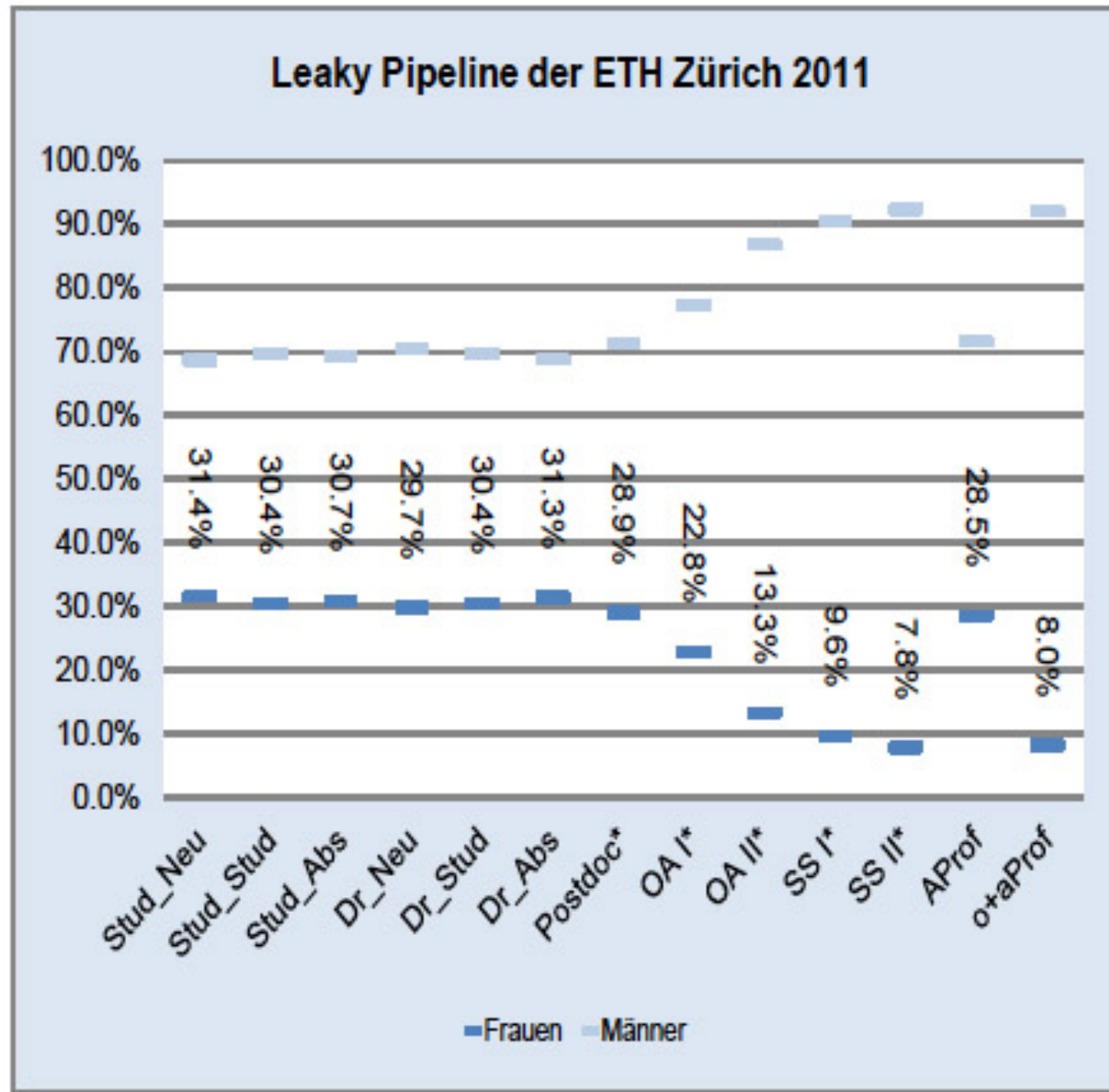
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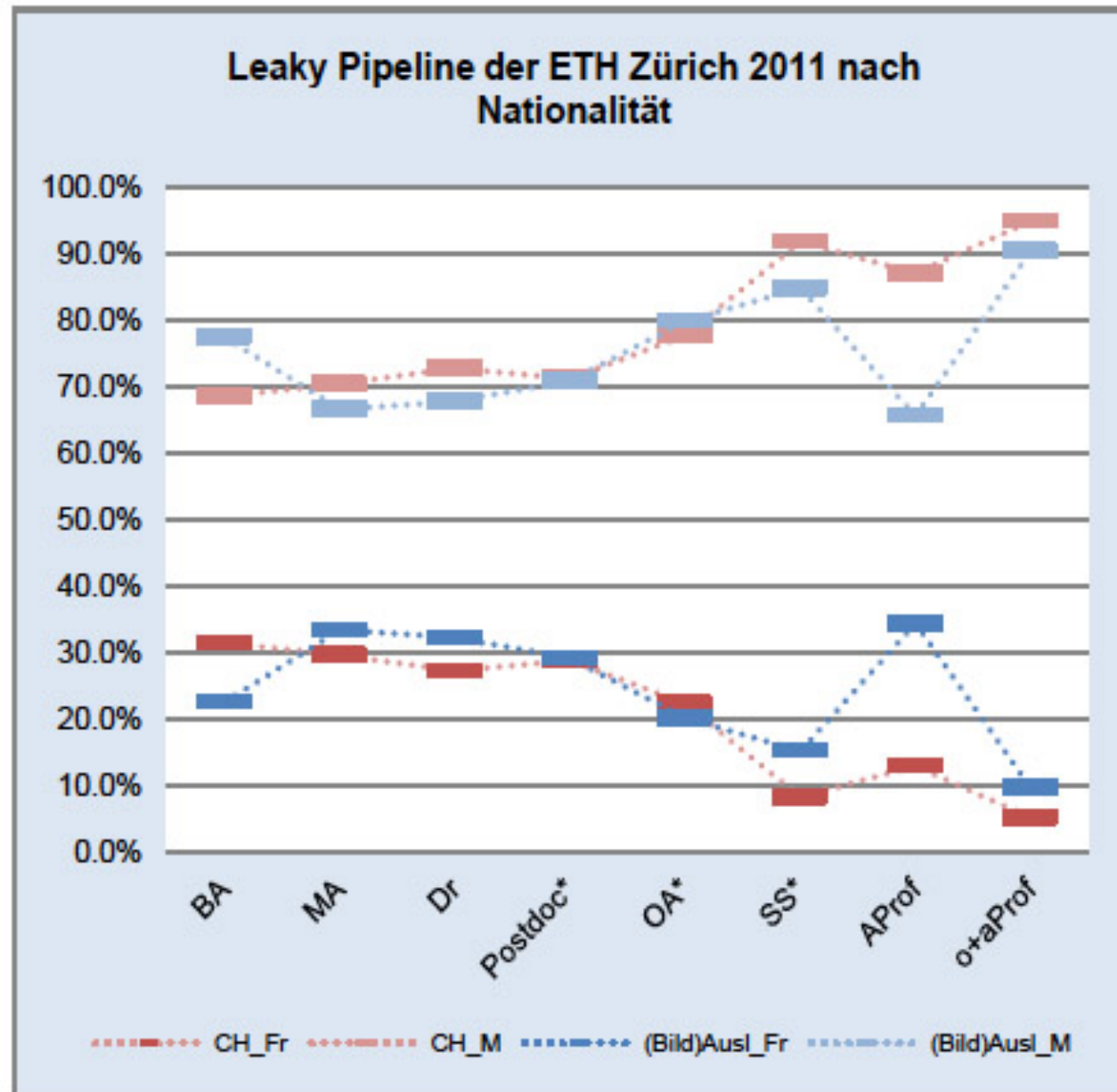
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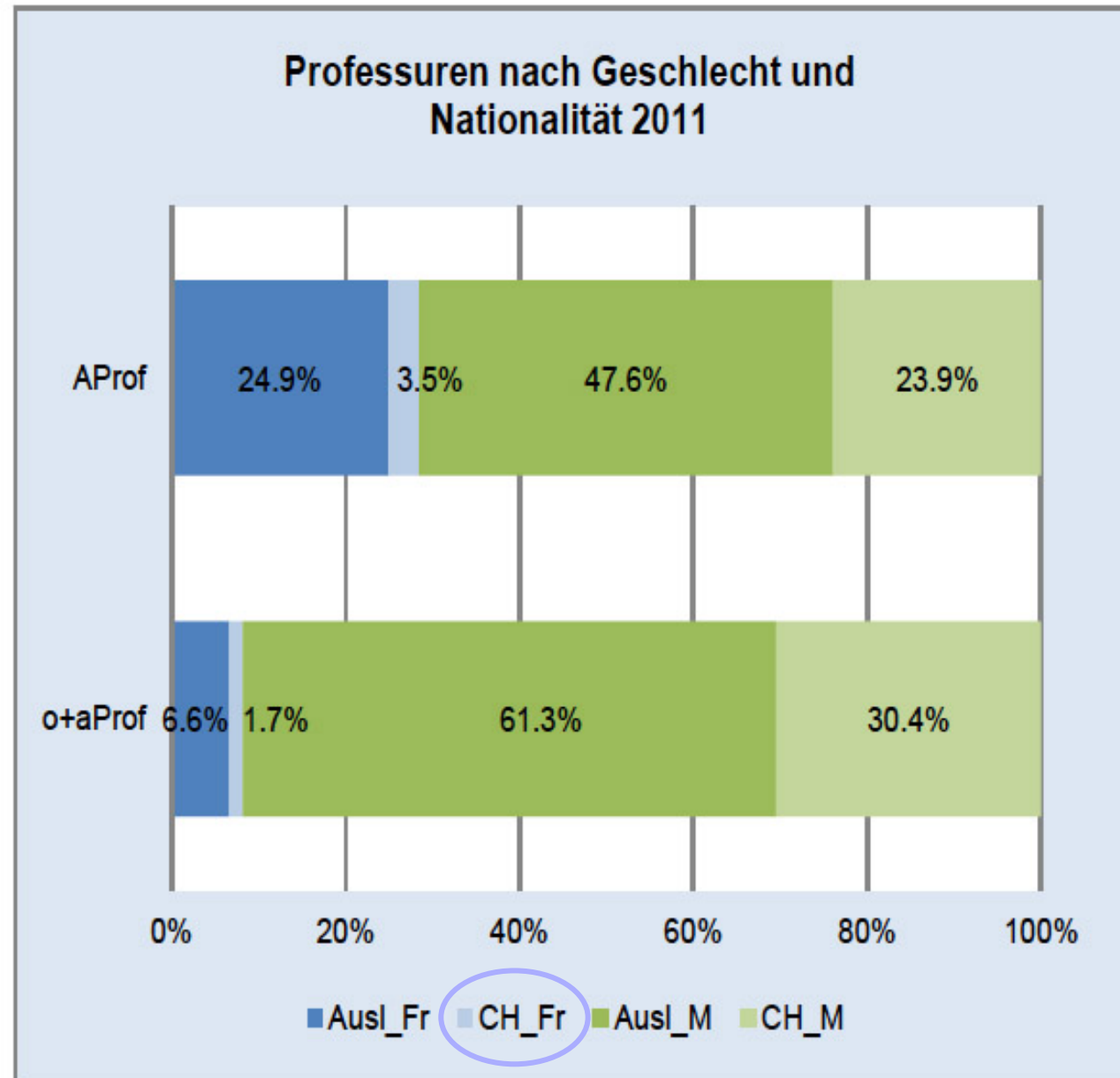
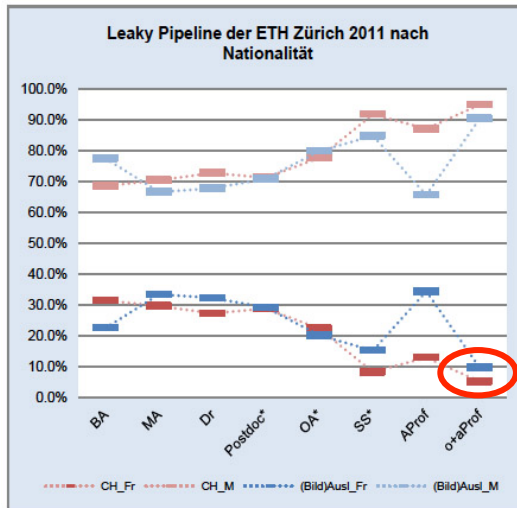
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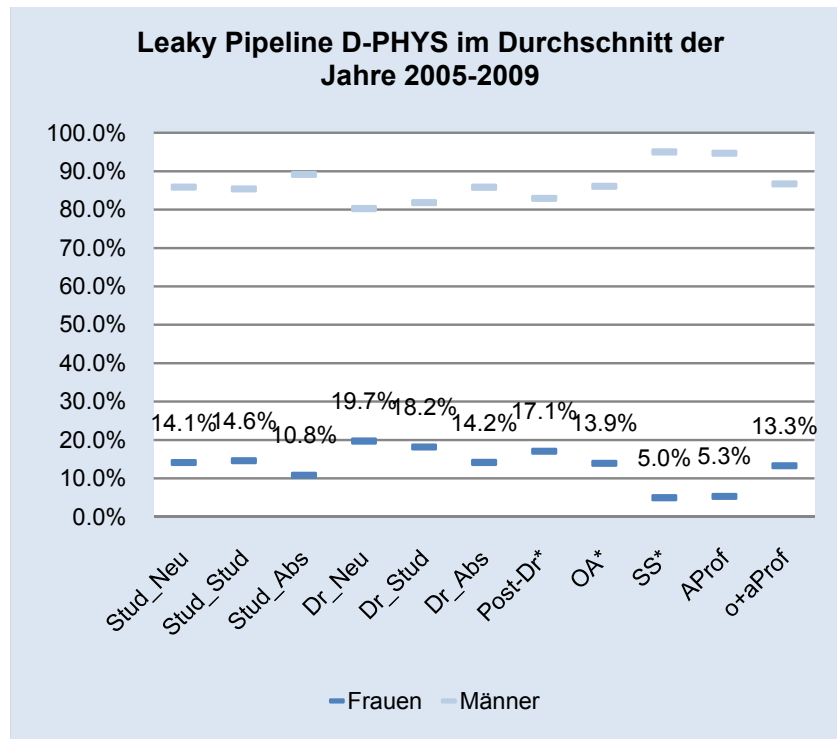


Gender Analysis two examples at ETH

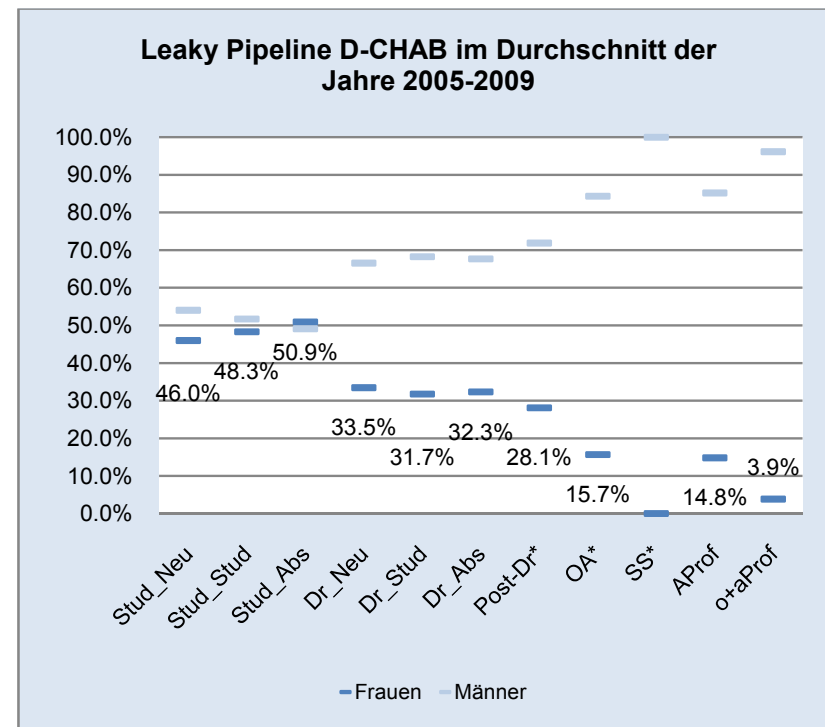
(ETH Equal Office, Gender Monitoring Report, 2009/2010, ETH Zurich)

Prof Dr Renate Schubert and Kristin Hoffmann, www.equal.ethz.ch

Gender stats Physics ETH Zurich



Gender stats Chemistry and Applied Biology ETH Zurich





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The ETH Women Professors Forum was established in March 2012 and formally became an association/verein in May 2012. The seven member Executive committee was voted into office by a group of 20 professors at the first Assembly Meeting. The Forum aims to develop collegiality, make visible the scientific excellence of ETH women professors, organize scientific and social events, and gain influence within the ETH environment.

Of the 464 professors working at ETH, 56 are female professors (tenured, assistant professors and SNSF professors) - 12 % of the population (April 2012 figures). The WPF aims to contribute to ETH Zurich's ongoing efforts to attract, recruit, promote and retain female professors in our university.

History, Philosophy and Strategy of ETH WPF



Assembly Meeting, 7 March 2012

The members of the **Executive Board** are follows:

Ursula Keller, Physics (**President**)

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Gudela Grote, Management, Technology and Economics

Renate Schubert, Delegate for Equal Opportunities to ETH President, Humanities, Social and Political Sciences

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Activities in 2012 - 2013

Scientific Lunch Program 2012 - 2013

ETH WPF Executive Board Meeting program 2012 - 2013

ETH Women Professors Forum Retreat, April 8th, Uto Kulm, 9am - 6pm, 2013

ETH WPF Executive Board meeting with **ETH Schulleitung** May 28th 2013

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ETH Zurich
61 women Prof.

as of Feb. 2013

75% are members
(i.e. 45 Profs.)

- to become the advisory board for the ETH “Schulleitung” for women in leadership position
- building membership and collegiality between ETH women professors: monthly scientific lunches, social events, etc.
- networking, support, exchange of experience, inter-disciplinary and inter-departmental information flow
- to nurture and promote excellence of women scientists
- to provide successful role models for our students and to encourage our mostly Swiss undergraduates to set and achieve higher goals for their careers
- to help to develop working “structures” for more diversity, for dual career couples and families
- to reach out to Swiss industry: board members, consultants
- to collaborate with other networks for women in leadership positions



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About NCCR MUST

The NCCR MUST is an interdisciplinary research program launched by the Swiss National Science Foundation in 2010. It brings together 16 Swiss research groups working in Ultrafast Science across the fields of physics and chemistry.

The focus in MUST (Molecular Ultrafast Science and Technology) is to create new experimental and theoretical tools and to apply them to unravel the fastest processes in the physics and chemistry of natural and manmade matter. Experimental tools rely on ever-shorter sources of electromagnetic radiation, be it ultraviolet, visible, infrared or even bursts of X-rays. Currently, we are witnessing further huge steps forward in these technologies. New sources of femtosecond X-ray pulses, such as the slicing scheme at synchrotrons, or the X-ray free electron laser (XFEL), are built or planned - one of them at the PSI (SwissFEL). Electron diffraction reaches ultrafast time scales, techniques similar to NMR are extended into the IR and UV/VIS spectrum, attosecond pulses of light bring us to the time scales of electron motion, and intense THz pulses allow for direct excitation of structural modes. Improved, and even novel, theoretical tools emerge from constantly growing computational capabilities, which in turn enable us to tackle previously unsolved problems.

In Switzerland every modern aspect of Ultrafast Science is covered by the MUST network and Swiss researchers are among the leaders in the field. The research goals of MUST include

NCCR MUST / SNF
16 groups
ETH, EPFL, U Basel, U Bern,
U Geneva, U Zurich
Duration: 12 years in 3 Phases
Phase 1: 2010 – 2014, 17 Mio CHF

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- **Scientific driver:** time-dependent structure and energy transfer
- To understand how matter functions at the electronic, atomic, and molecular level:
 - how matter changes its structure during a reaction
 - how quanta of energy are transported on a microscopic spatial and ultrafast time scale
- **Embedded in the vision** that we can contribute to important challenges such as **alternative energy sources and improving health ...**

We address these challenges through basic research
which we believe is essential for breakthrough progress in these areas.

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| 18. July 2011 | 8 senior women Professors – first meeting
(including Heidi Wunderli and Sarah Springman) |
| 2011 | 3 consultation lunches with 25 ETH women professors |
| Dec. 2011 | Presidents Apero announced ETH WPF creation and
ETH Schulleitungsbeschluss gave permission for ETH logo |
| 7. March 2012 | First Assembly Meeting: 20 attendees (with written support
from 36 out of 52 women professors) |
| 8. April 2013 | 2. Assembly Meeting and first one day retreat on Uto Kulm |

First year activities: building up membership and collegiality

- organized scientific lunches
- social activities
- getting women professors into important leadership positions within ETH
(e.g. Forschungskommission ...)
- first meeting with ETH president (getting to know each other ...)
- One day retreat meeting 8. April 2013 to develop recommendations for
ETH executive meeting on 28. May 2013

ETH Why so few women in high academic positions?

- Complicated ...
- Many studies done ... with well documented reasons
- This is also well documented by independent studies:

LERU Report, **Women research and universities: excellence without gender bias**, July 2012

Nature special issue: March 2013, <http://www.nature.com/news/specials/women/index.html>

Selected feature



Women's work

Why is science still institutionally sexist? A special section of Nature confronts the issues.



ET Why so few women in high academic positions?

- **Mother**
- **Mate**
- **Daughter**
- **(Intellectual Spinster)**
- **Female colleague**



HOW THE MEN IN ANN'S LAB SEE HER.