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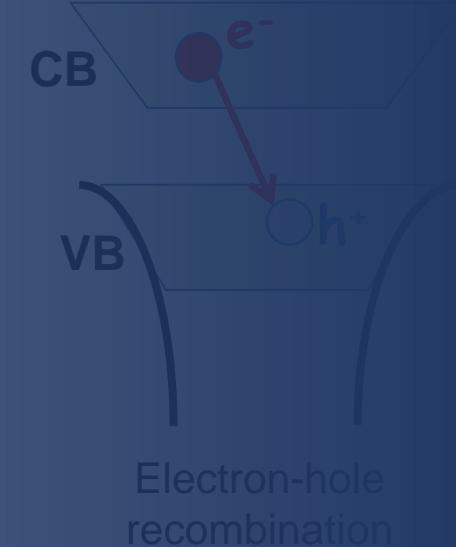
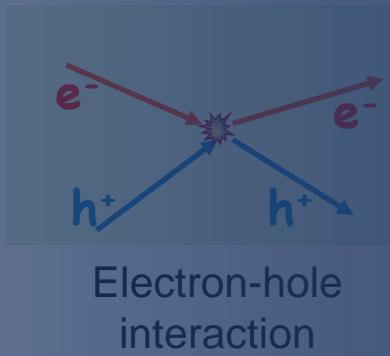
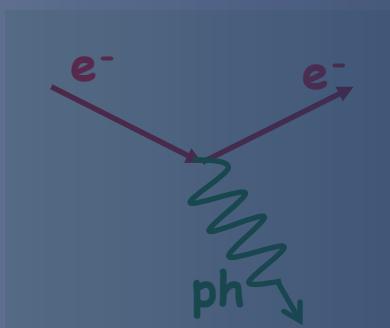
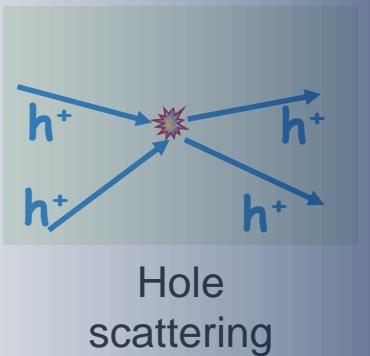
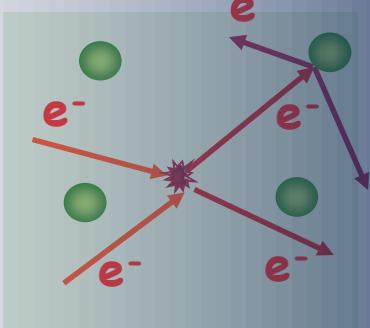
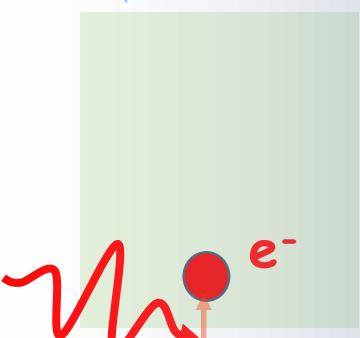
# Tracking Charge and Spin in time

# Quantum

# Classical

Processes

Consequences



$10^{-16}$

$10^{-15}$

$10^{-14}$

$10^{-13}$

$10^{-12}$

$10^{-11}$

$10^{-10}$

$10^{-9}$

$t$  (sec)

- Excitation
- Polarization

- Loss of Coherence
- Electron / Hole thermalization
- Demagnetization

- Electron-lattice equilibration
- Electron-hole equilibration

Cooling and relaxation

# Outline

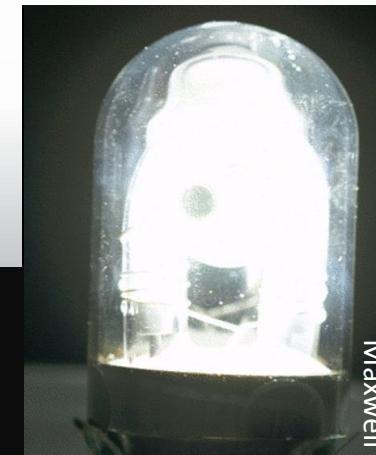
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# Outline

How “fast” can we see



# Stroboscopic effect



Gregory  
Maxwell

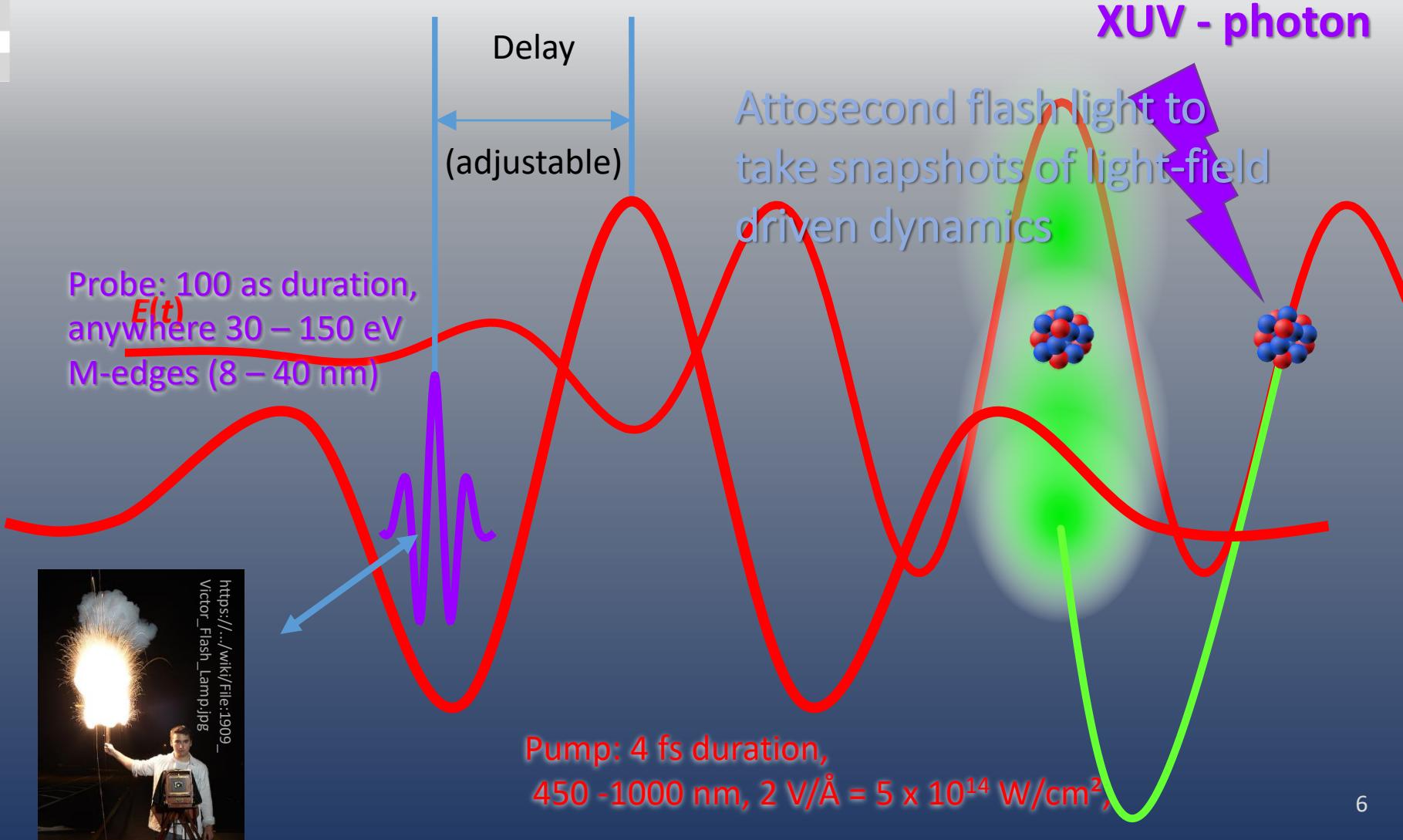
Flash lamp  
 $\sim 1/100\,000$  s

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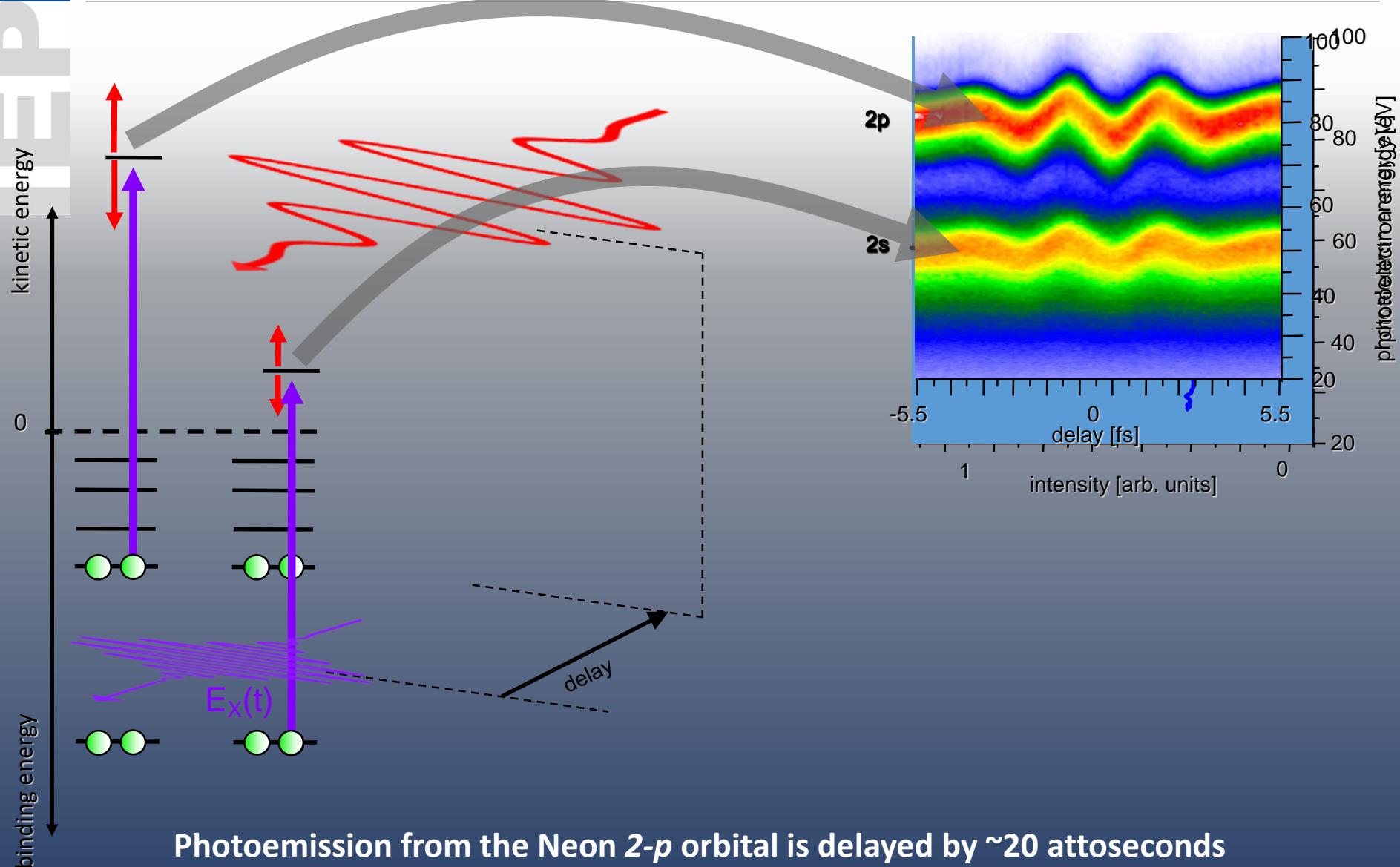
Freezing time via stroboscopic illumination

# Attosecond stopwatch

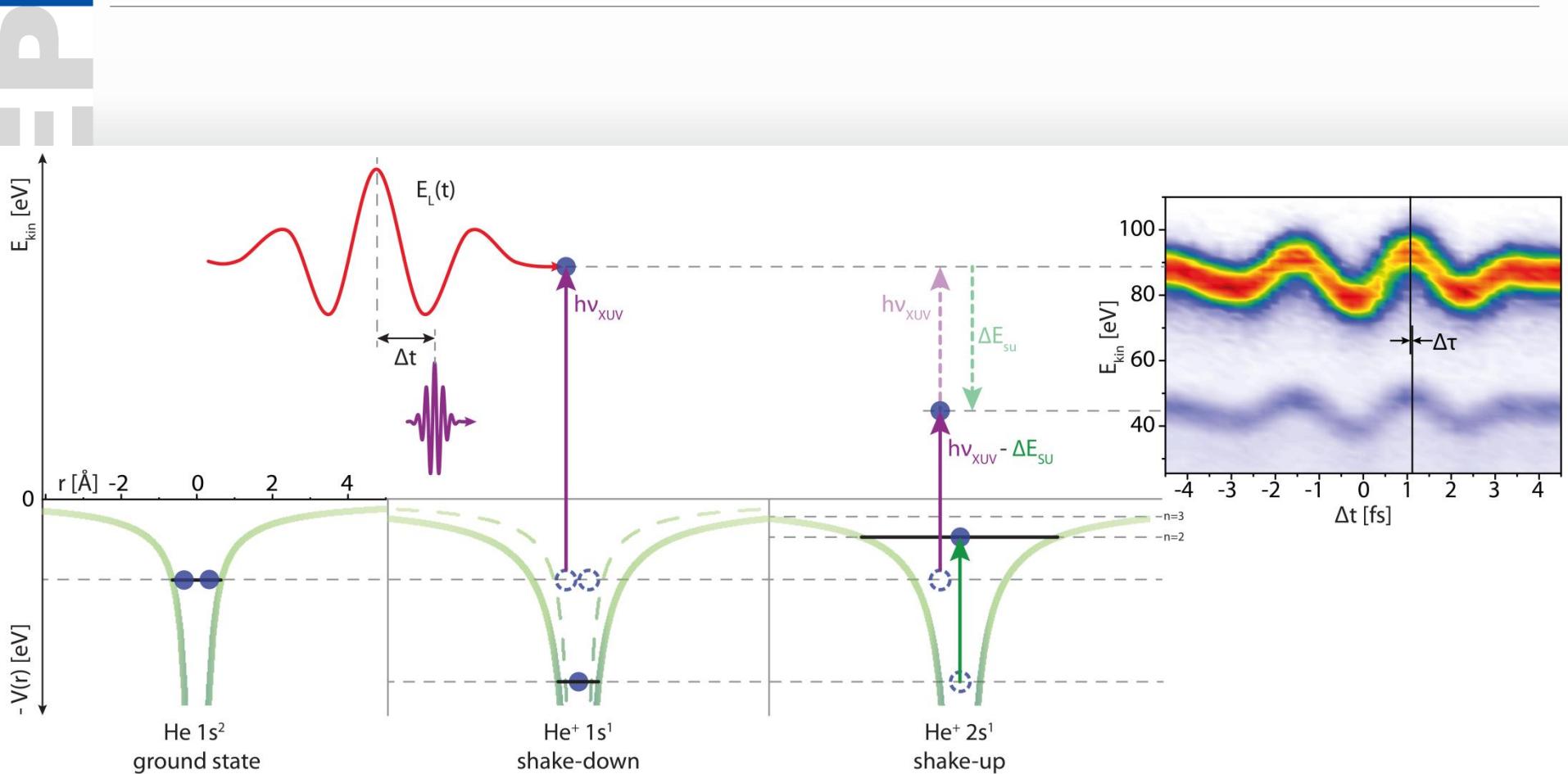
Nonlinear optics via photo ionization:  
The Three-Step-Model of High-Harmonic-Generation



# Clocking photoemission



# Clocking electronic correlations



P

PE delay [as]  
Int. [arb. u.]

direct photoionization

90

95

100

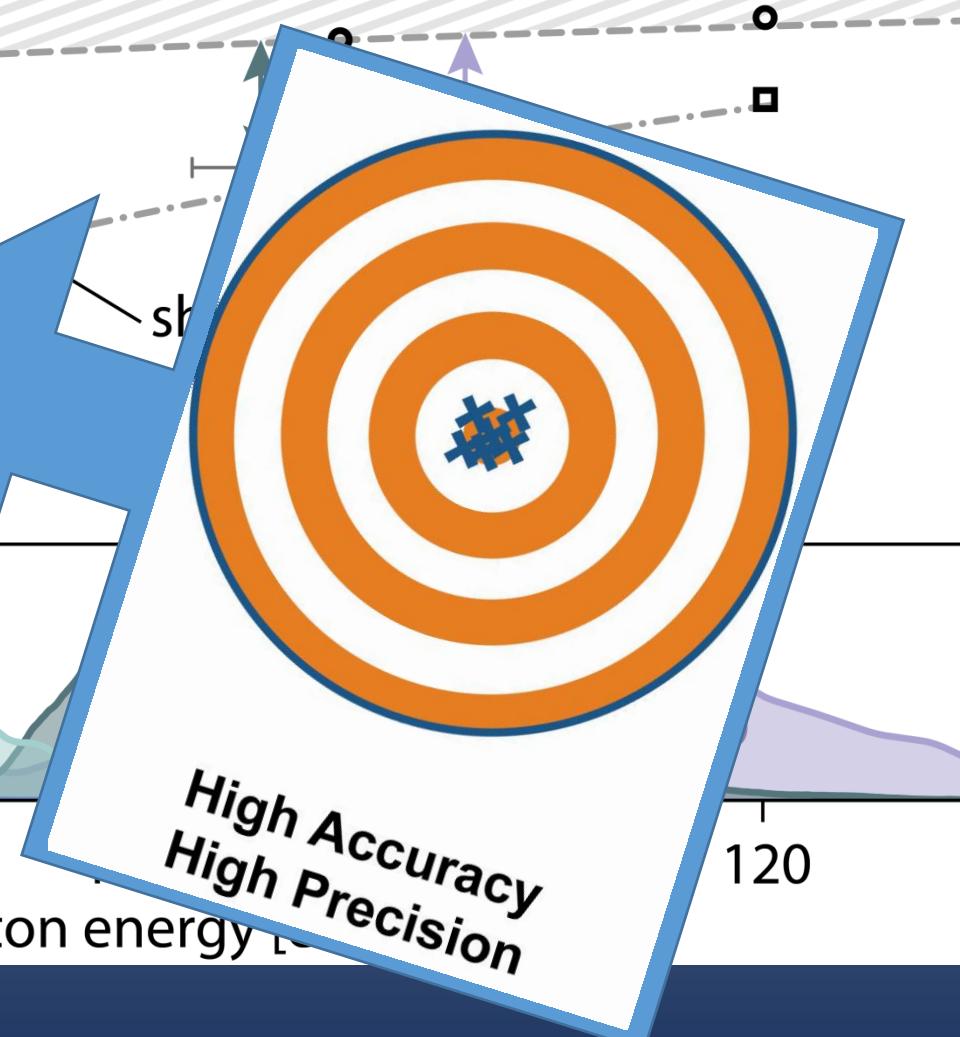
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Photon energy [eV]

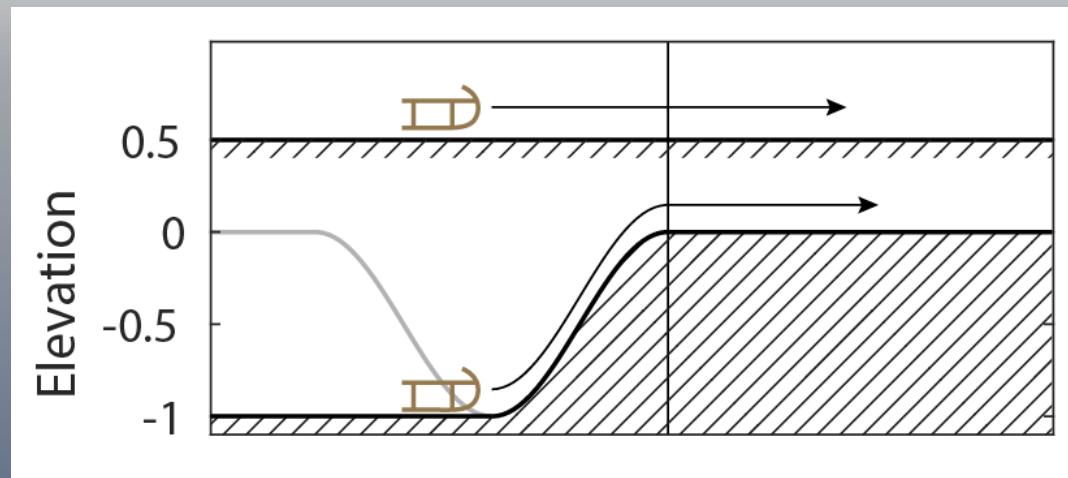
 $\tau_{XUV}$  [as]

230

180

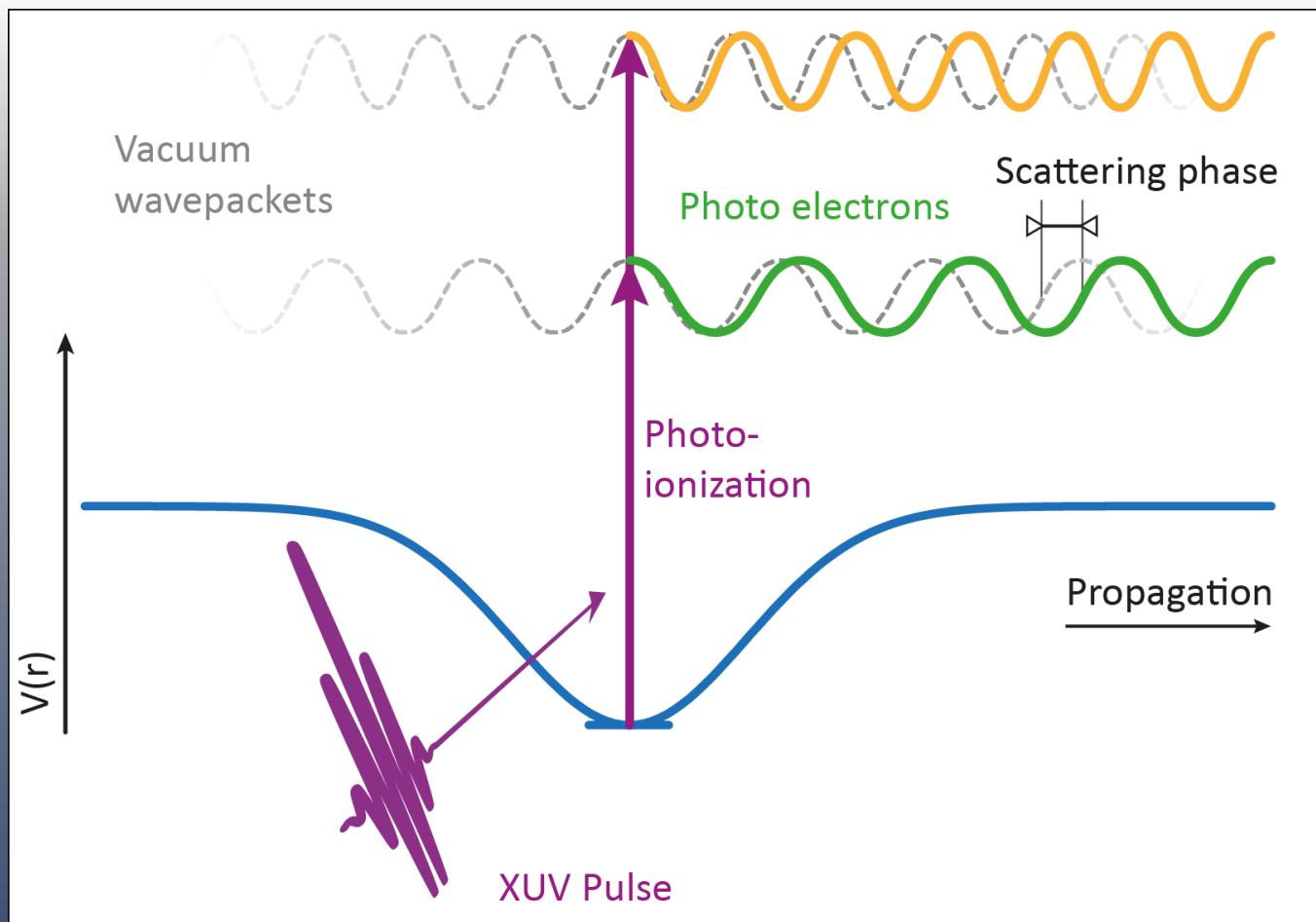
High Accuracy  
High Precision

...the phase of a wavepacket



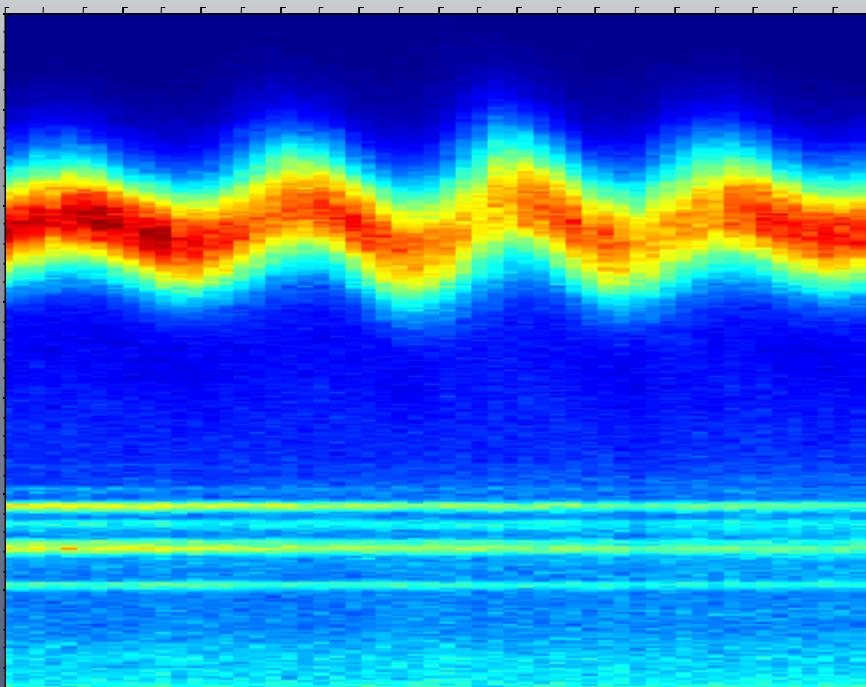
# Timing of Photoemission?

...the phase of a wavepacket



Accumulated scattering phase  $\rightarrow$  attosecond time shift in photoemission

XUV pulse length  $\sim$  Wave-packet duration  $< T_0/2$   
 $\rightarrow$  streaking



Xe 4d

Xe Auger  
decay

Wave-packet duration dominated by lifetime  
( $\sim 10$  fs Xenon Auger)  $\gg T_0/2$   
 $\rightarrow$  sideband formation

Sometimes, core transitions live their own life

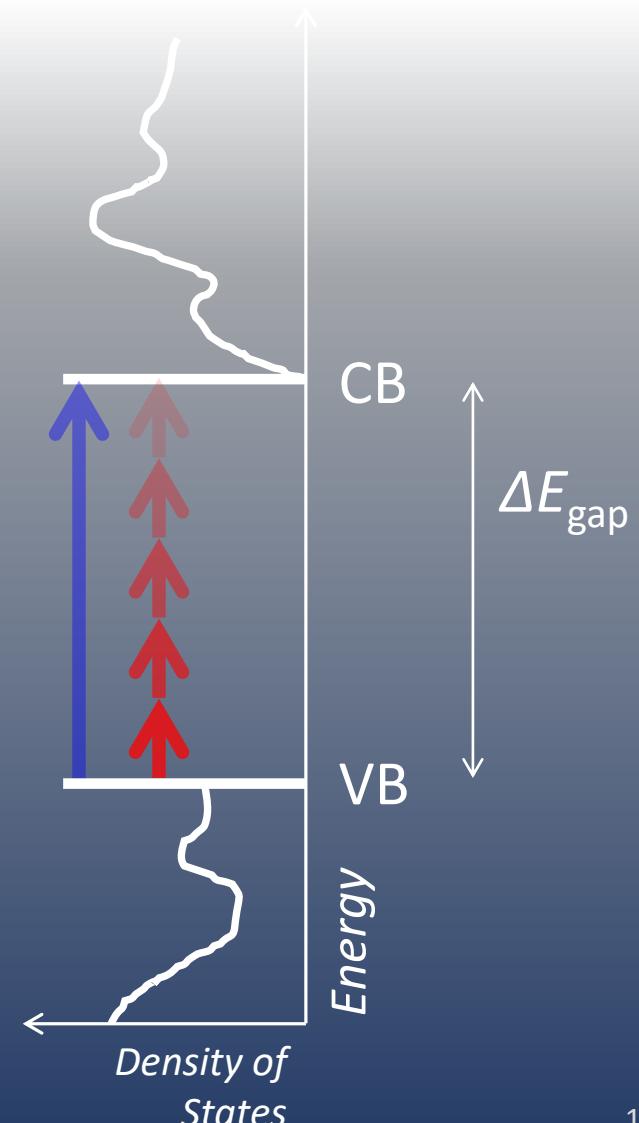
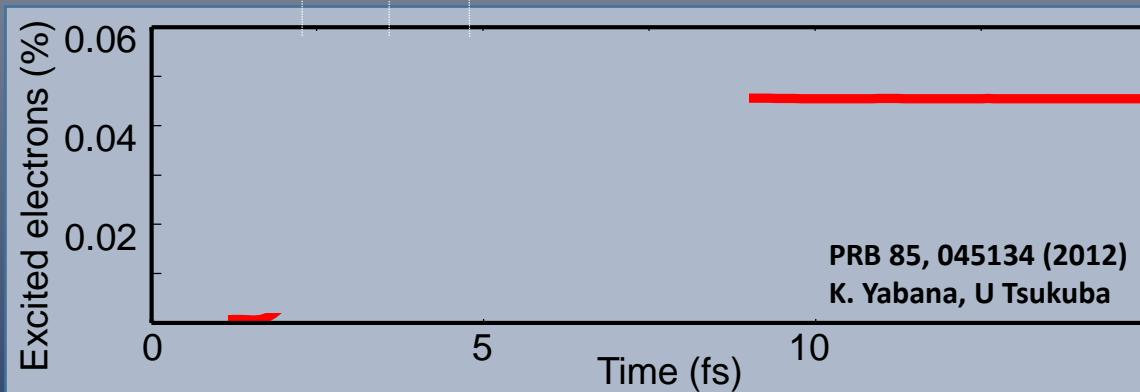
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Excitation across a band-gap  
takes how long?

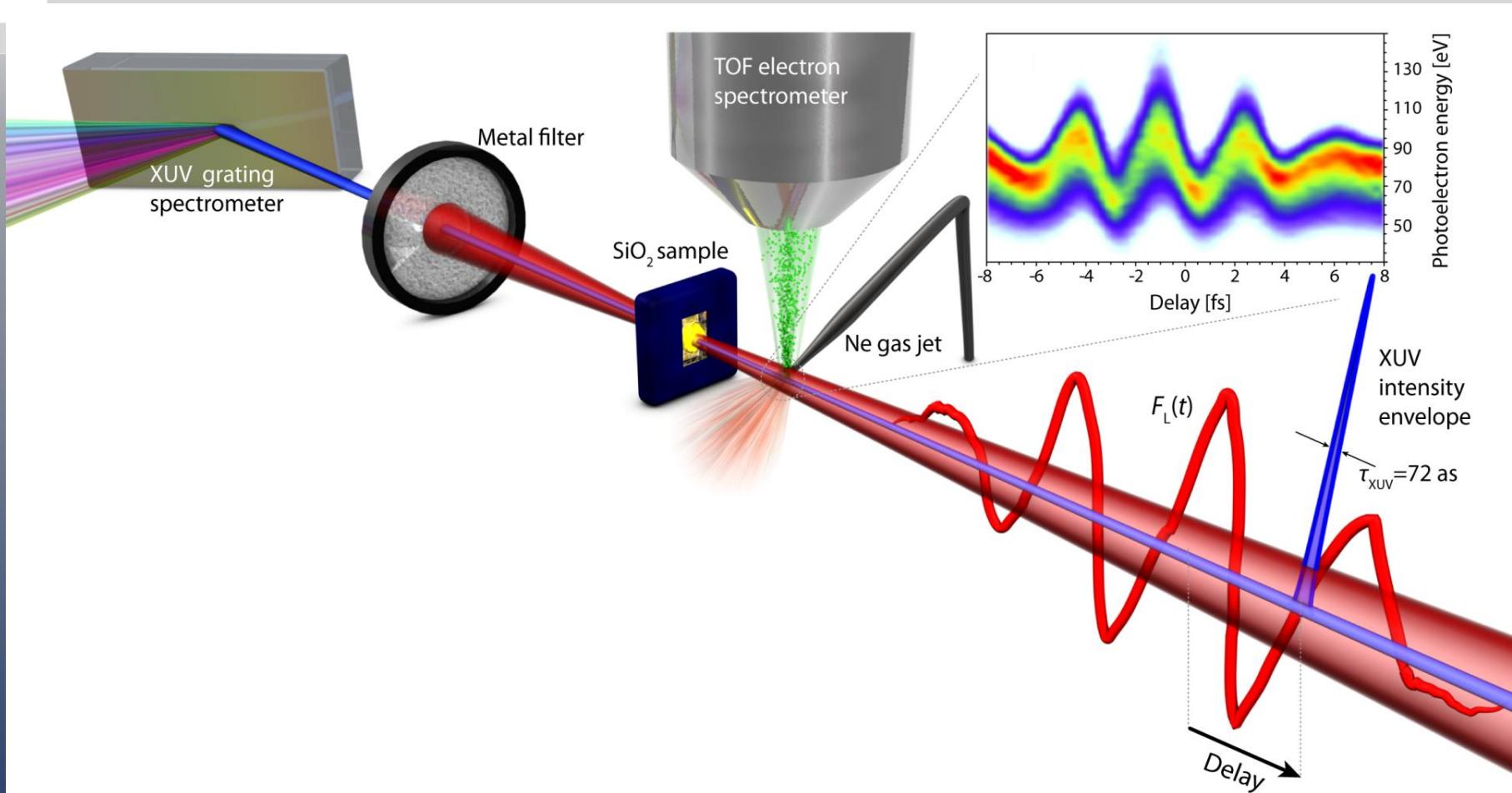


A material exposed to light can absorb energy by creating electron-hole pairs

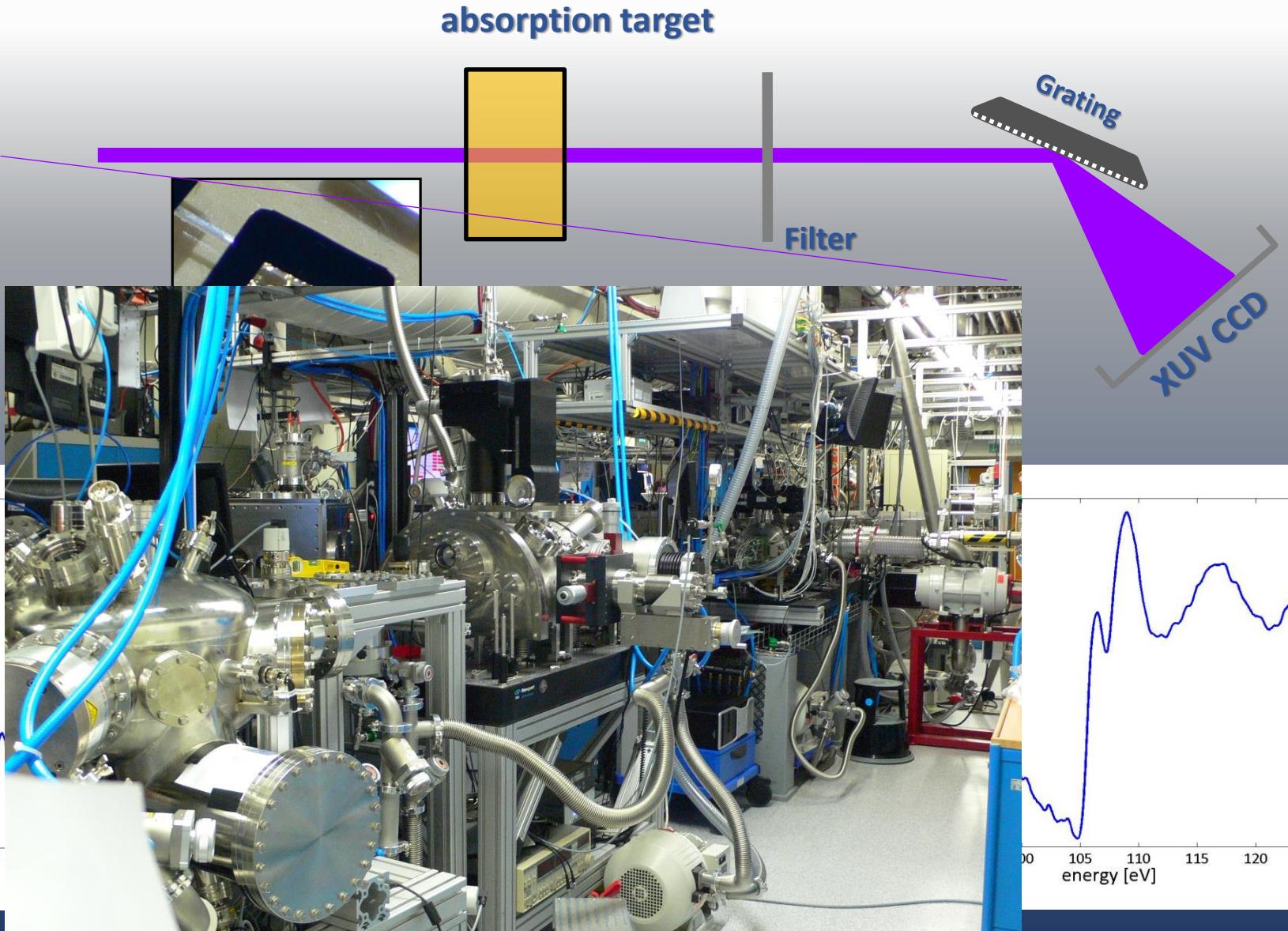
Dispersion relation & Density of states



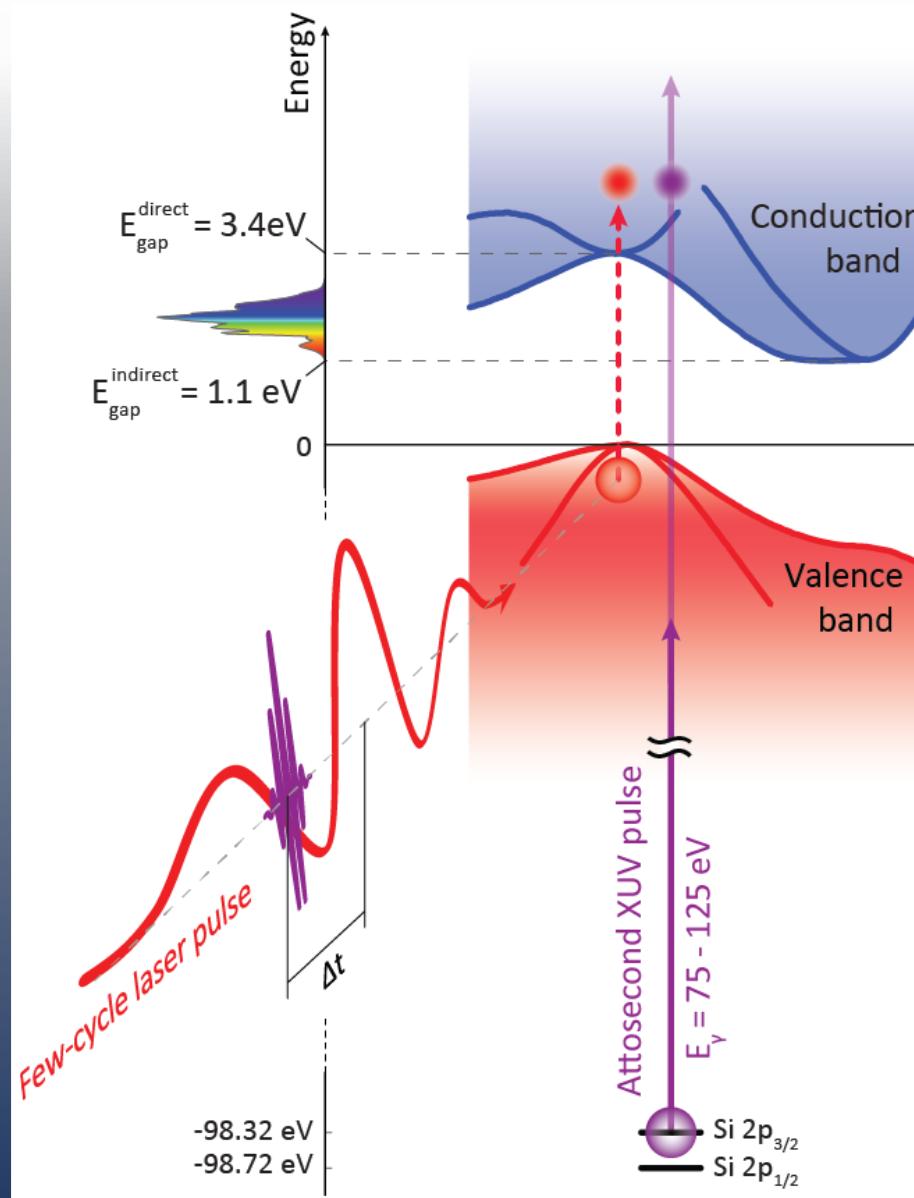
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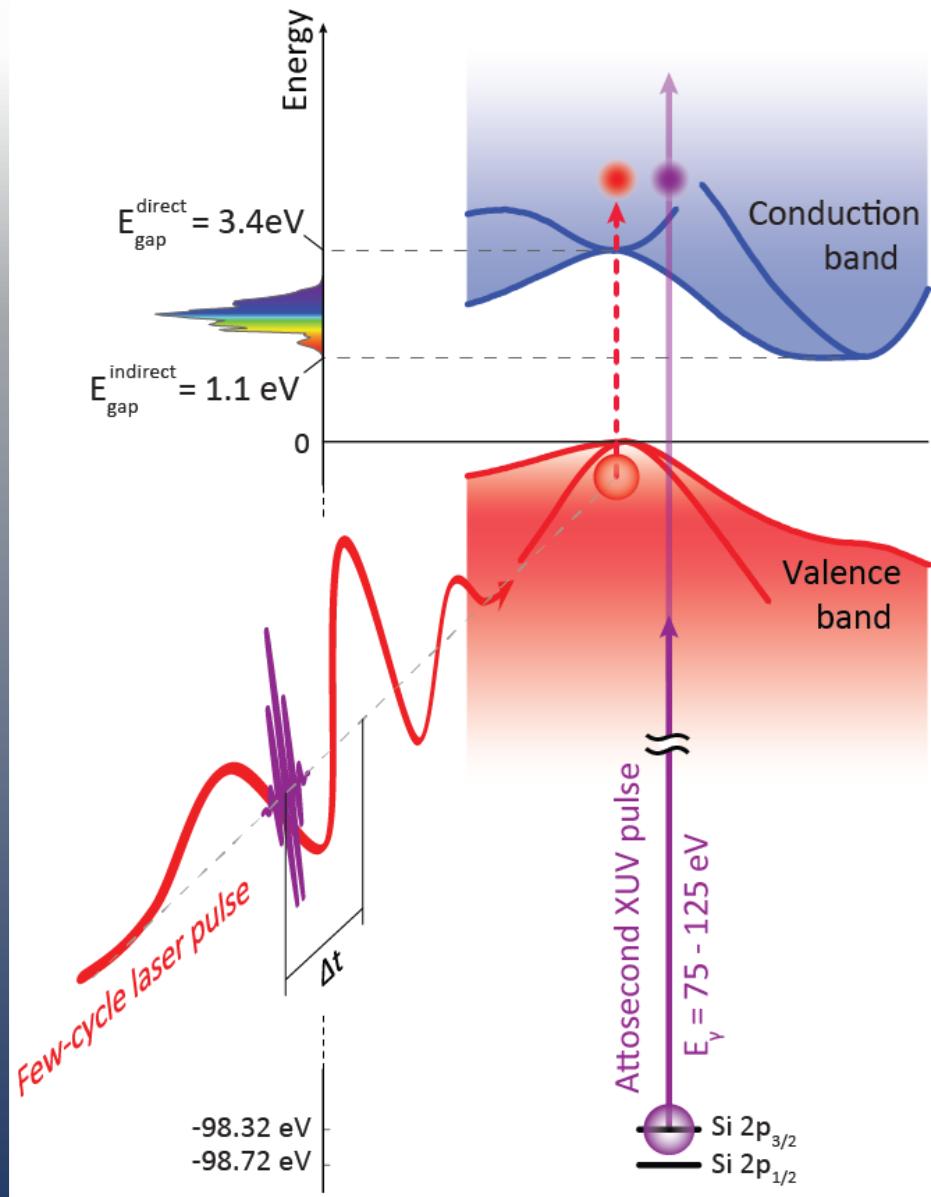
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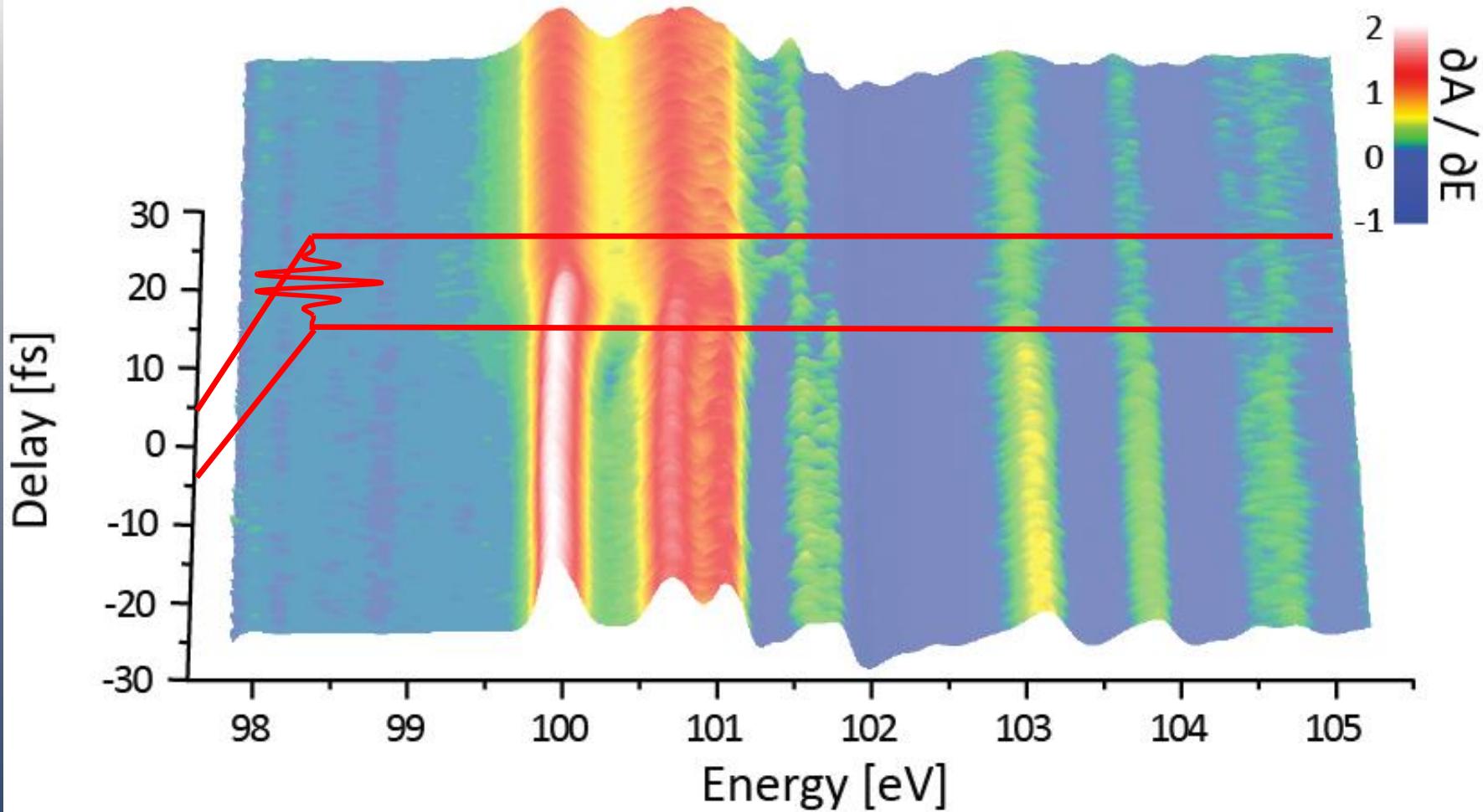
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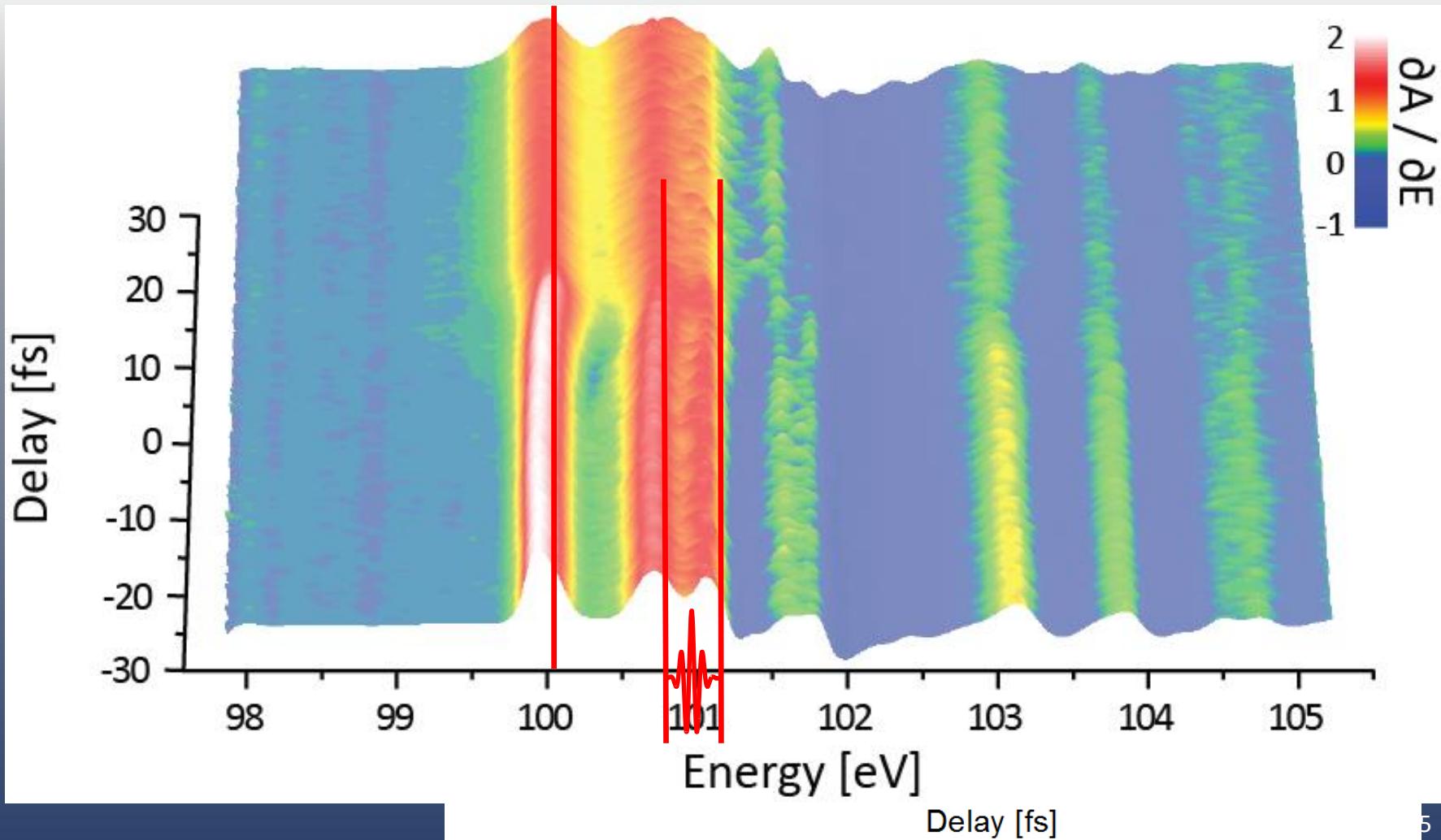


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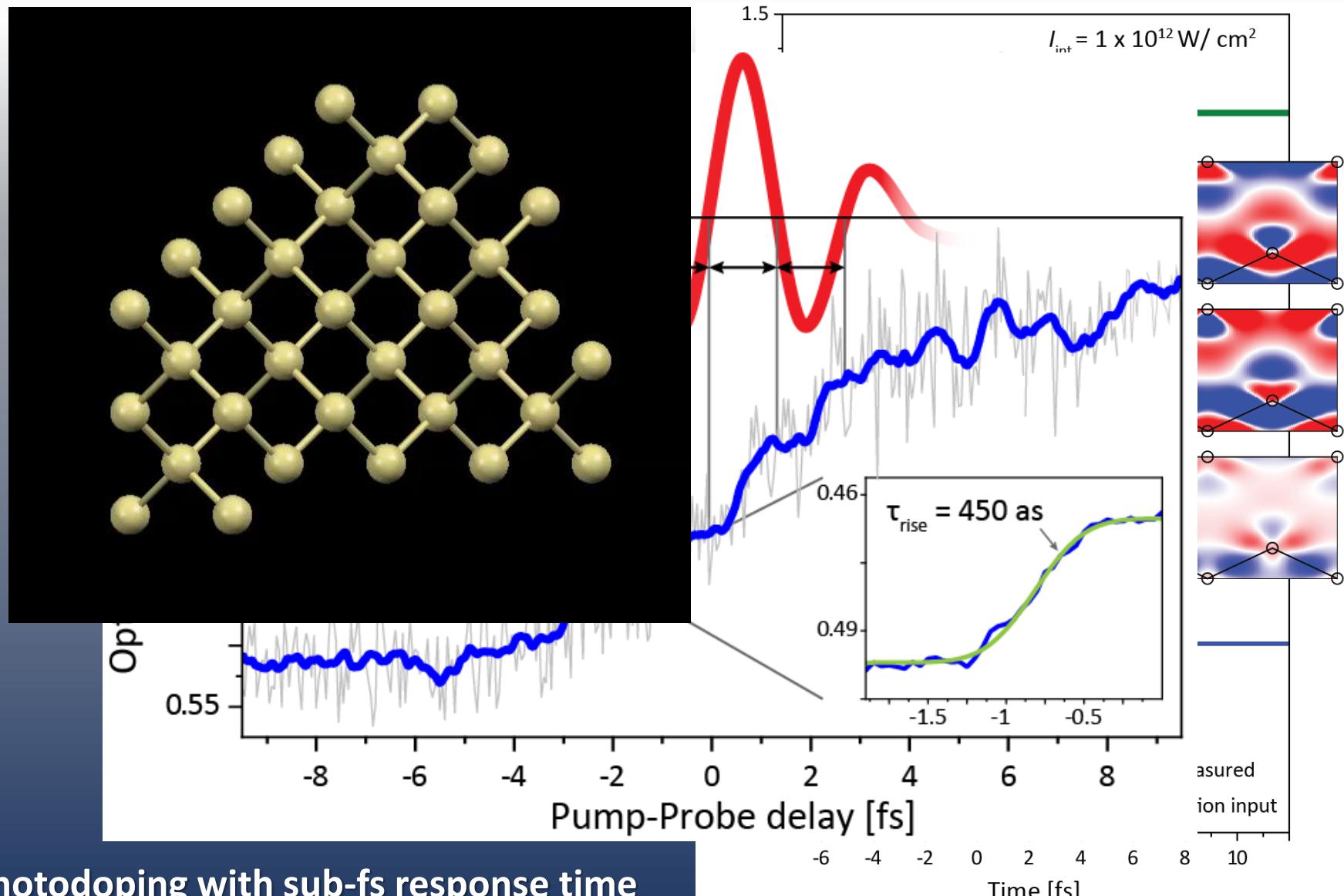


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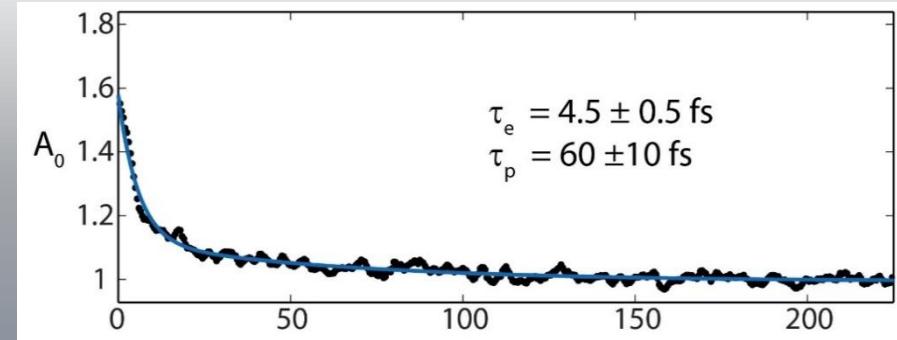
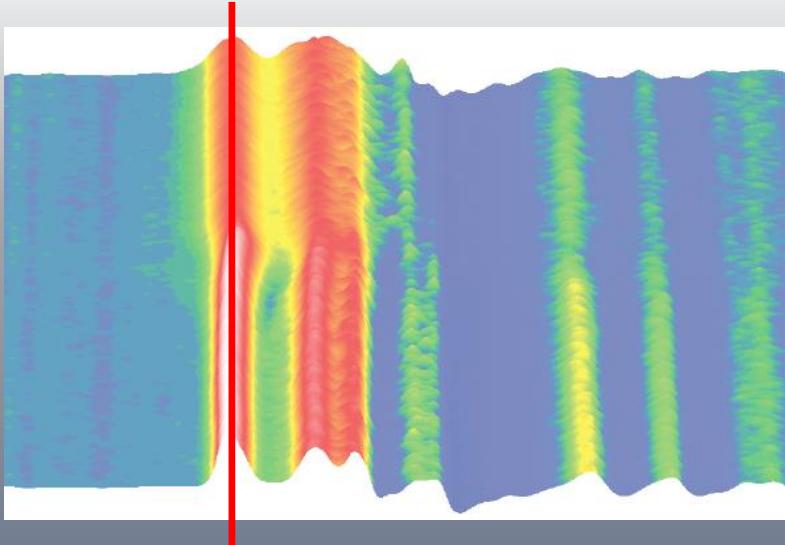
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# Interband tunneling

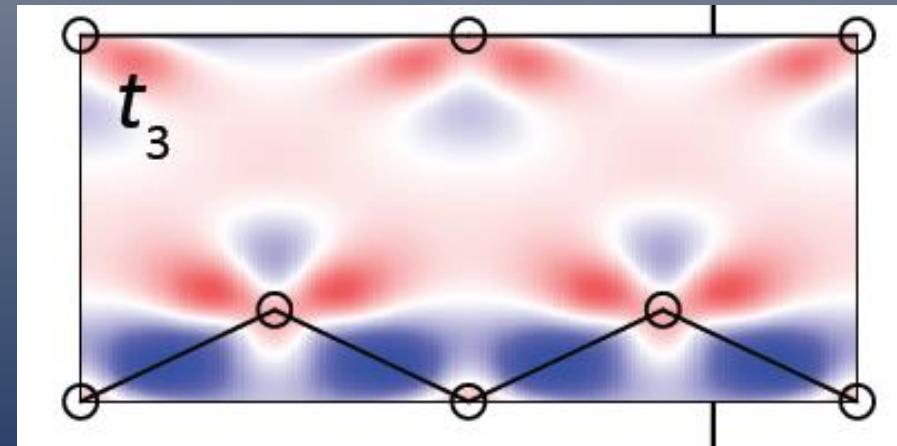


# Ultrafast band-gap closing

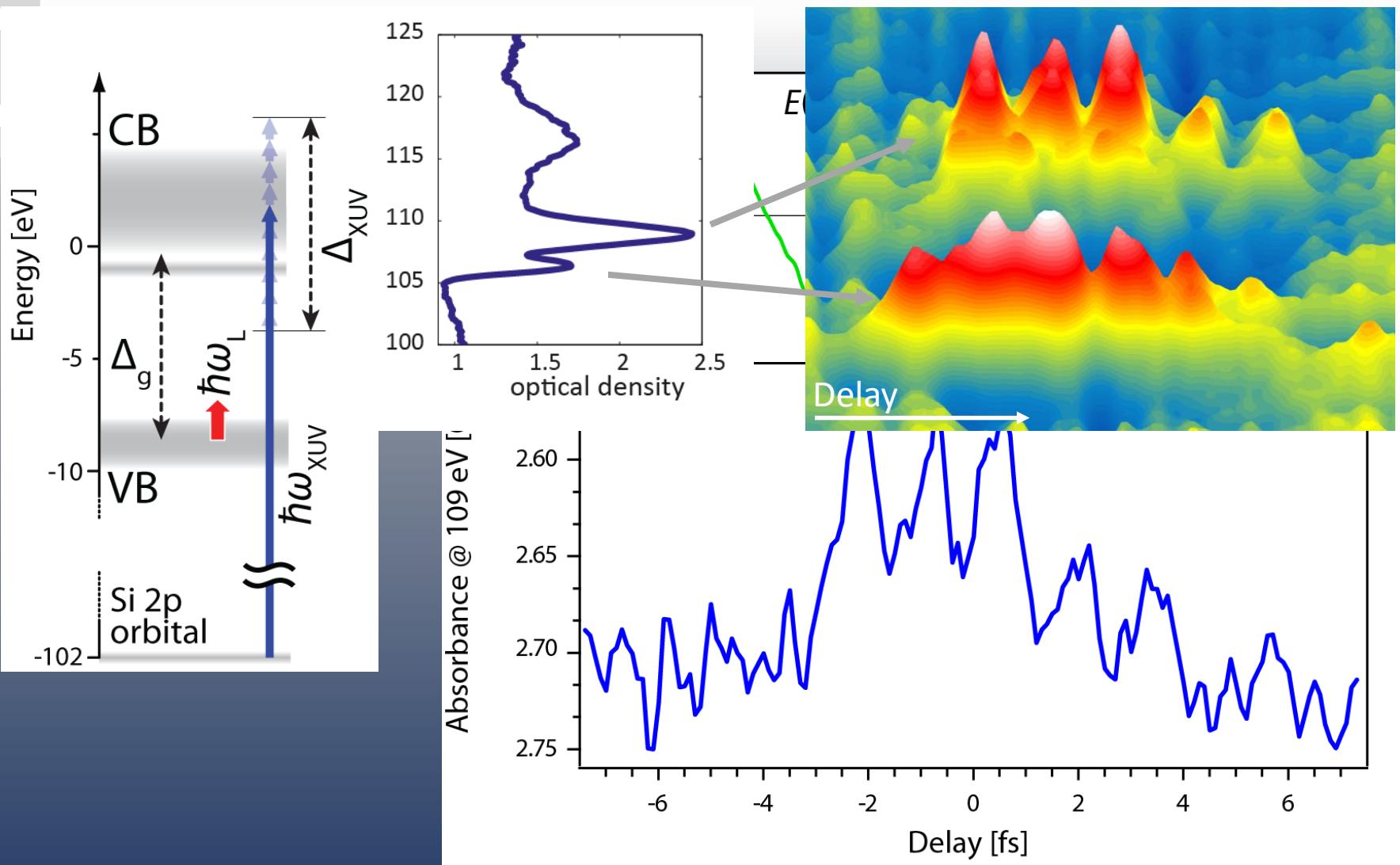


photodoping of silicon induces instantaneous (electronic) band gap narrowing

the lattice follows with a time constant of the fastest optical phonon (64 fs)



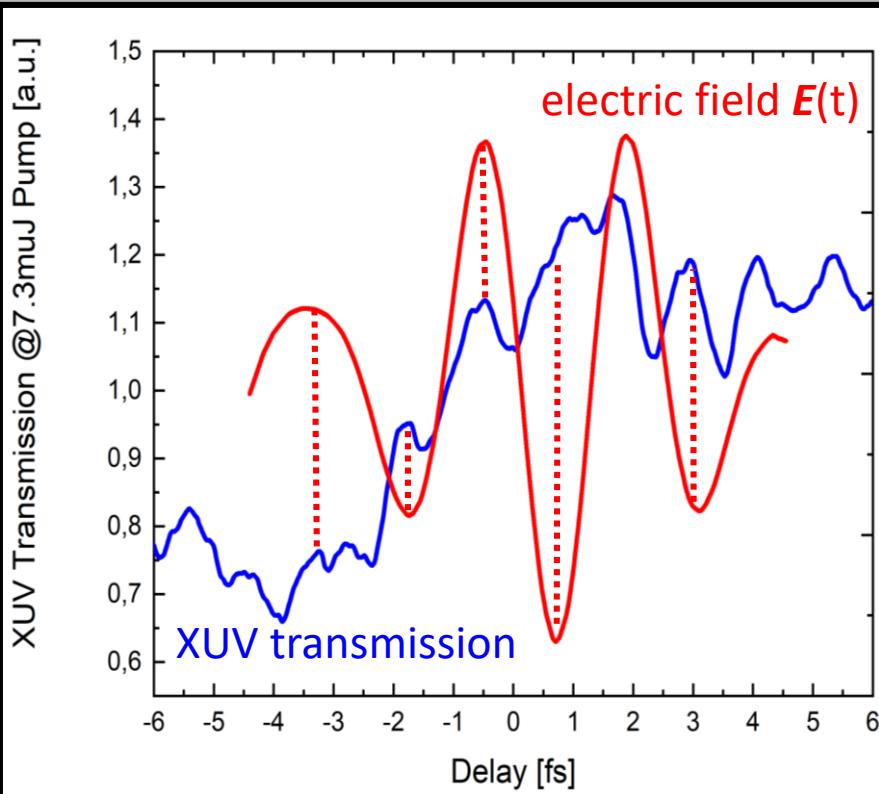
# Strong field response of Quartz



# Semiconductor vs. metal

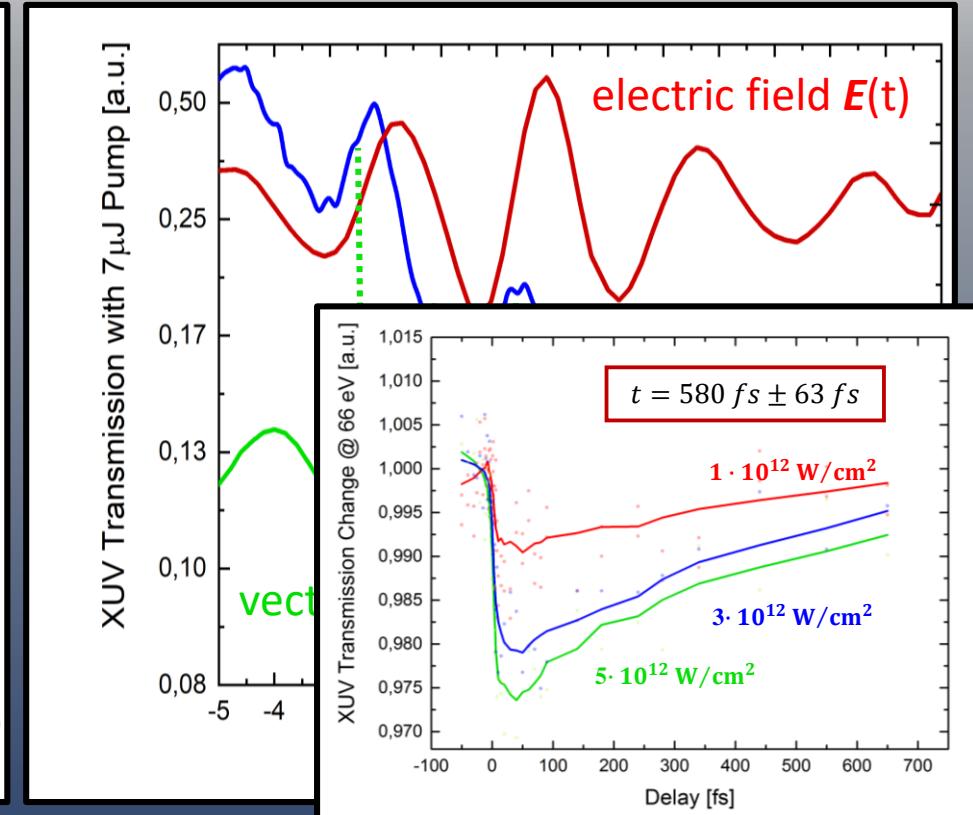
## Silicon

semiconductor bandstructure



## Nickel

metallic bandstructure

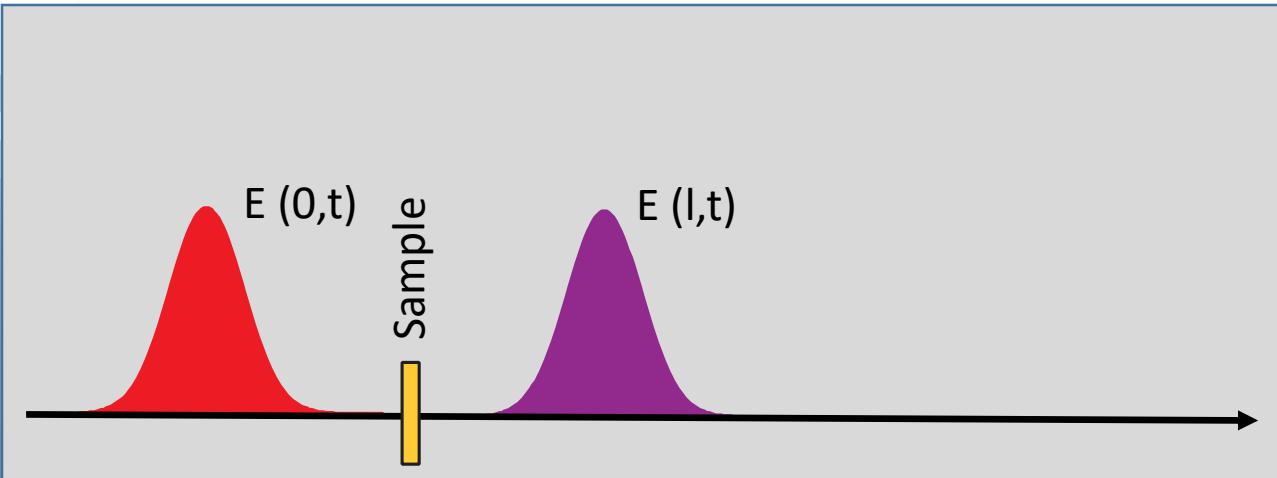


XUV Absorption can be sensitive to occupation dynamics or currents -> system dependent

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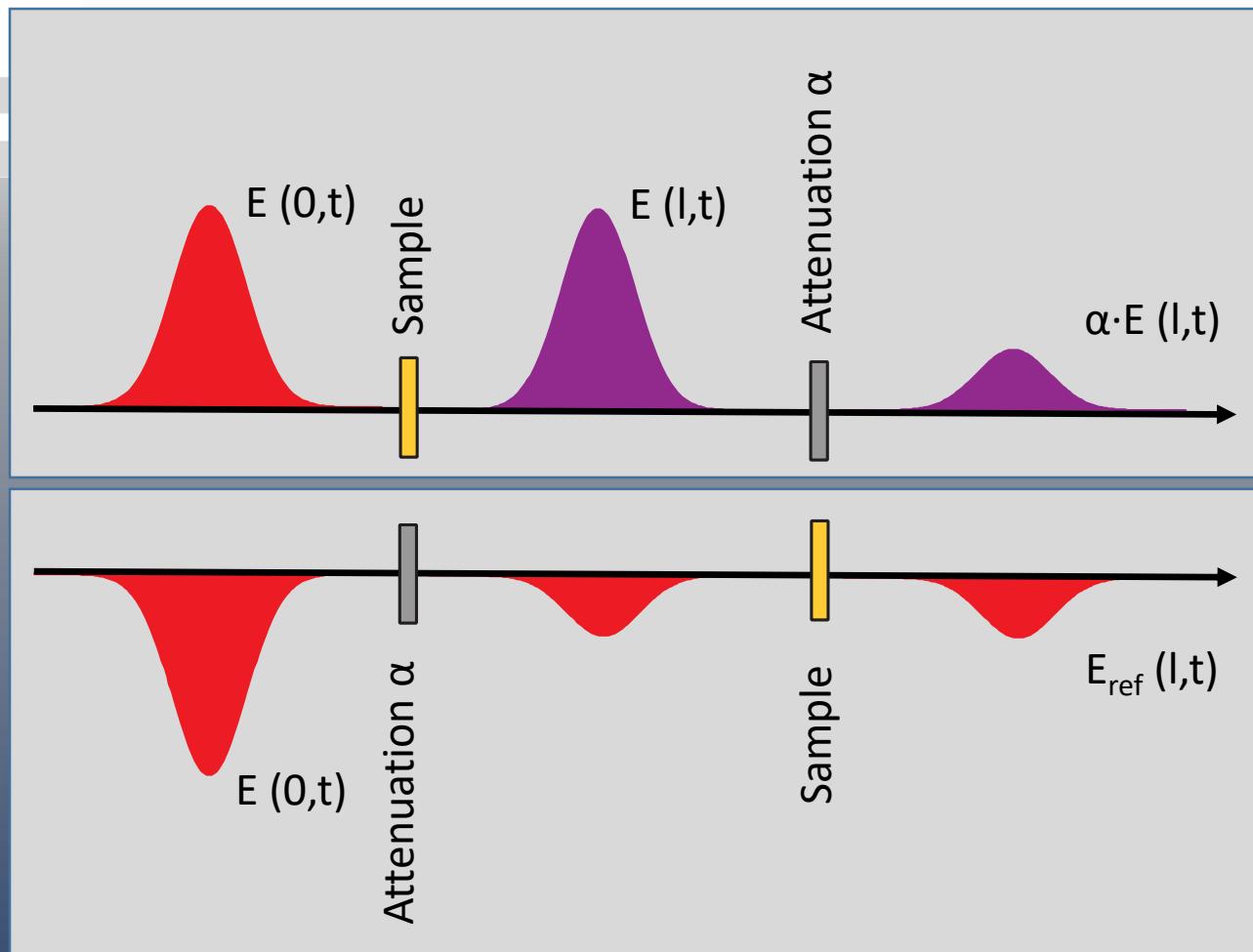


How did the electrons move in response to the electric field?

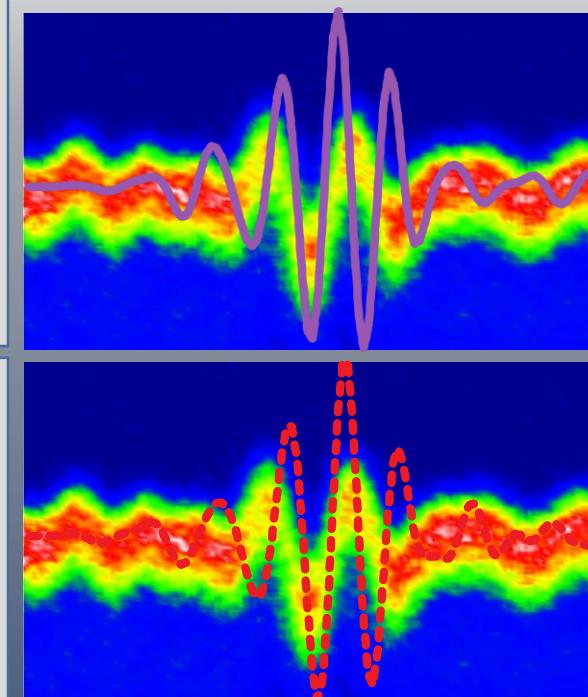
→ The dynamical polarization !

→ This information is radiated away.  
Can we detect it?

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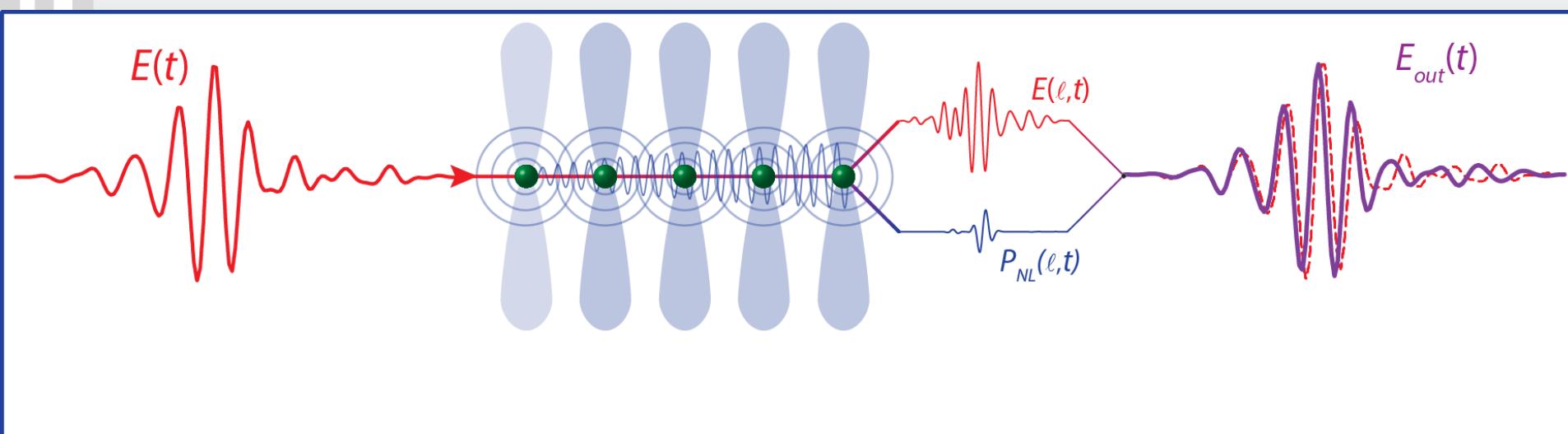


How to measure  $E(t)$ ?  
attosecond streak camera



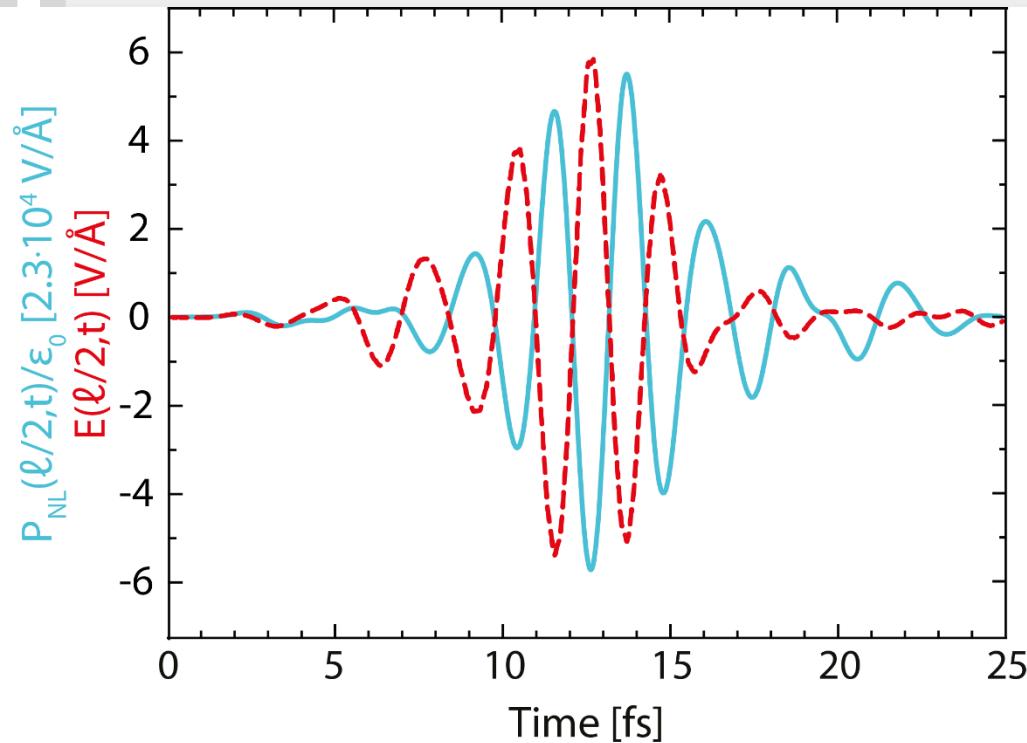
$$P_{NL}(t) \propto E_{out}(t) - E(l,t)$$

# Polarization wave



$$P(t) = P_L + P_{NL} = \epsilon_0 (X^{(1)} E(t) + X^{(2)} E^2(t) + X^{(3)} E^3(t) + \dots)$$

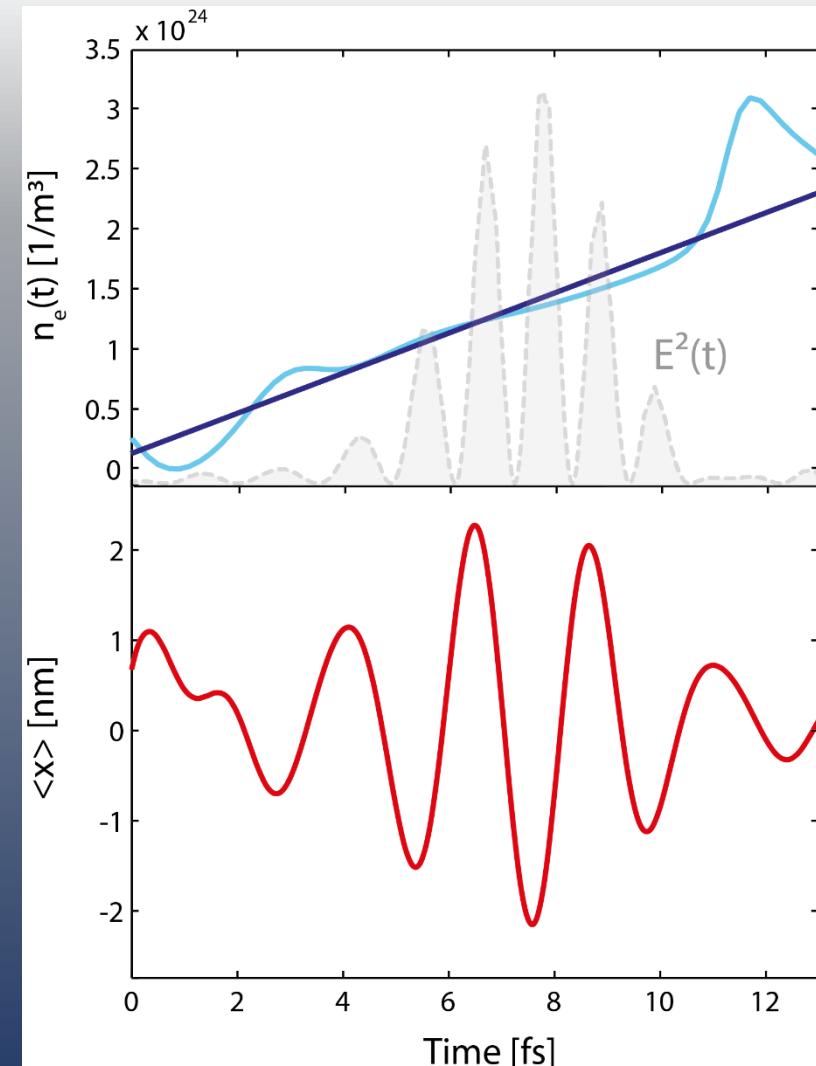
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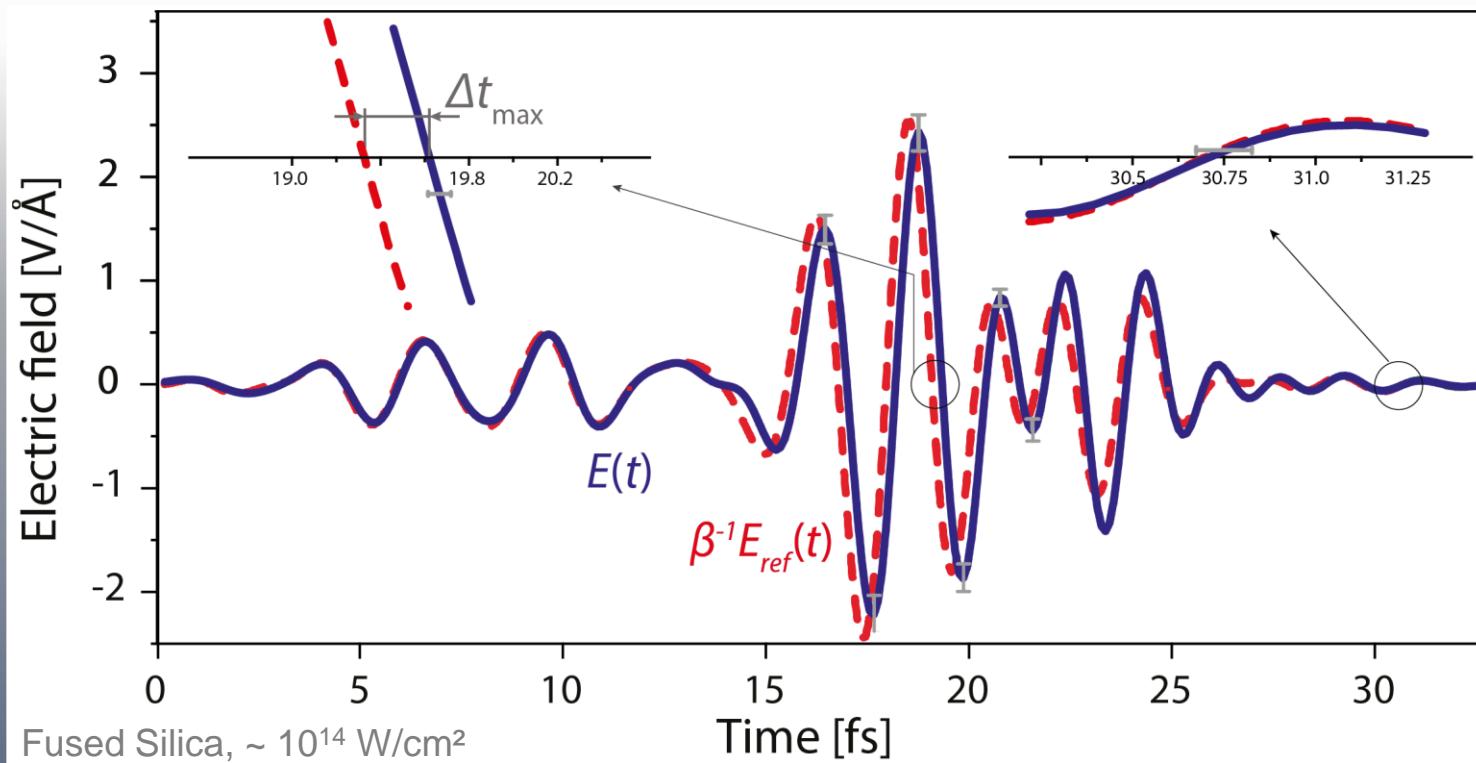
Neon,  $> 10^{14} \text{ W/cm}^2$

Electron trajectories in the ionization continuum

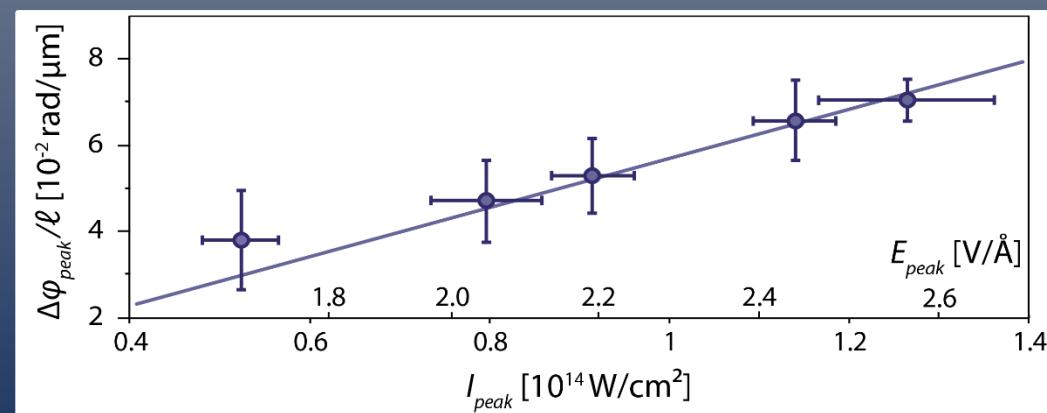
$$P_{NL}(t) = n_e(t) e \langle x(t) \rangle$$



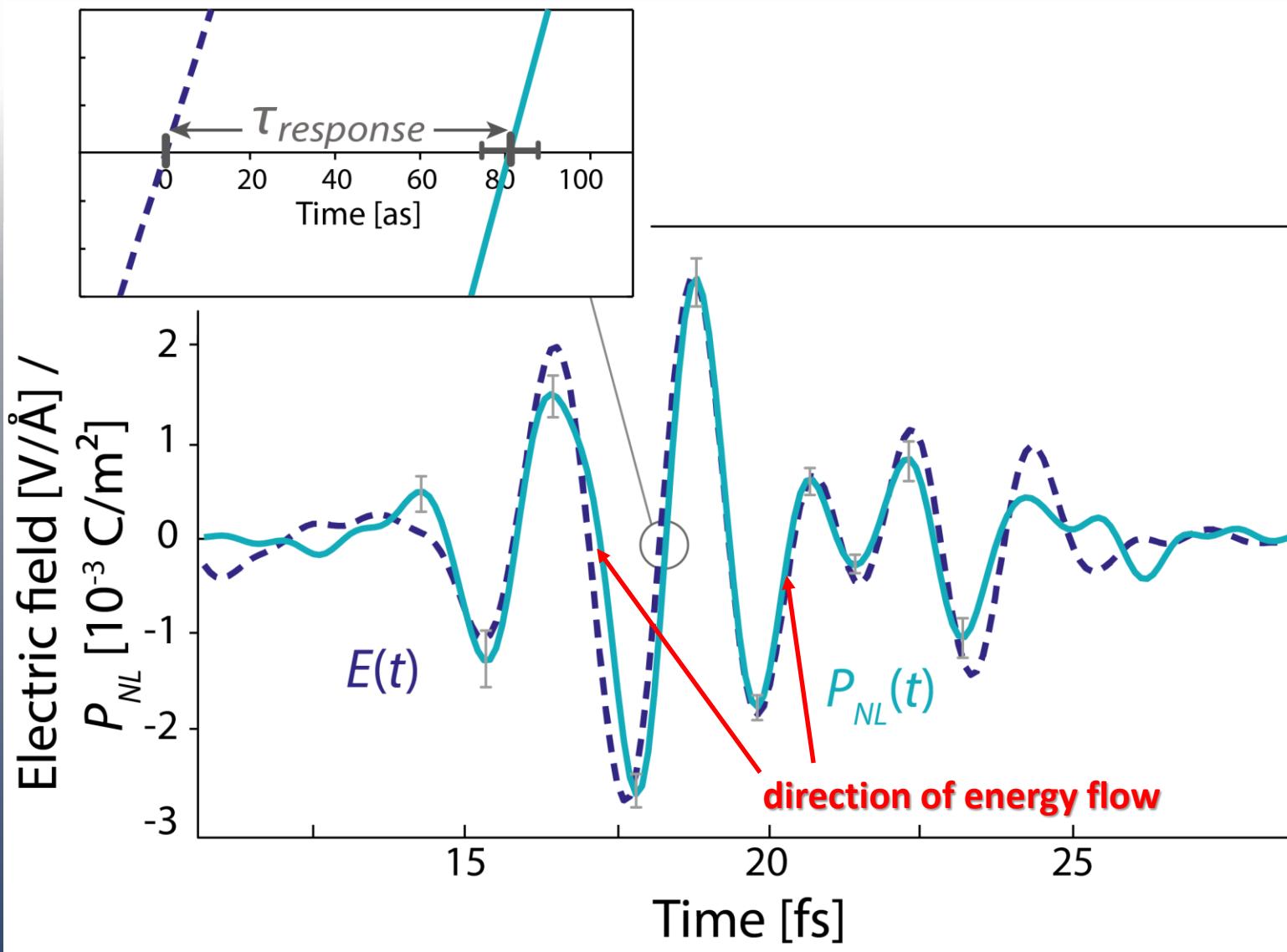
# Kerr effect in time domain



$$n(I) = n_0 + n_2 I(t)$$



# Nonlinear polarization wave



$P_{NL}(t)$   $\langle x_{\text{electrons}}(t) \rangle$

# Energy transfer dynamics

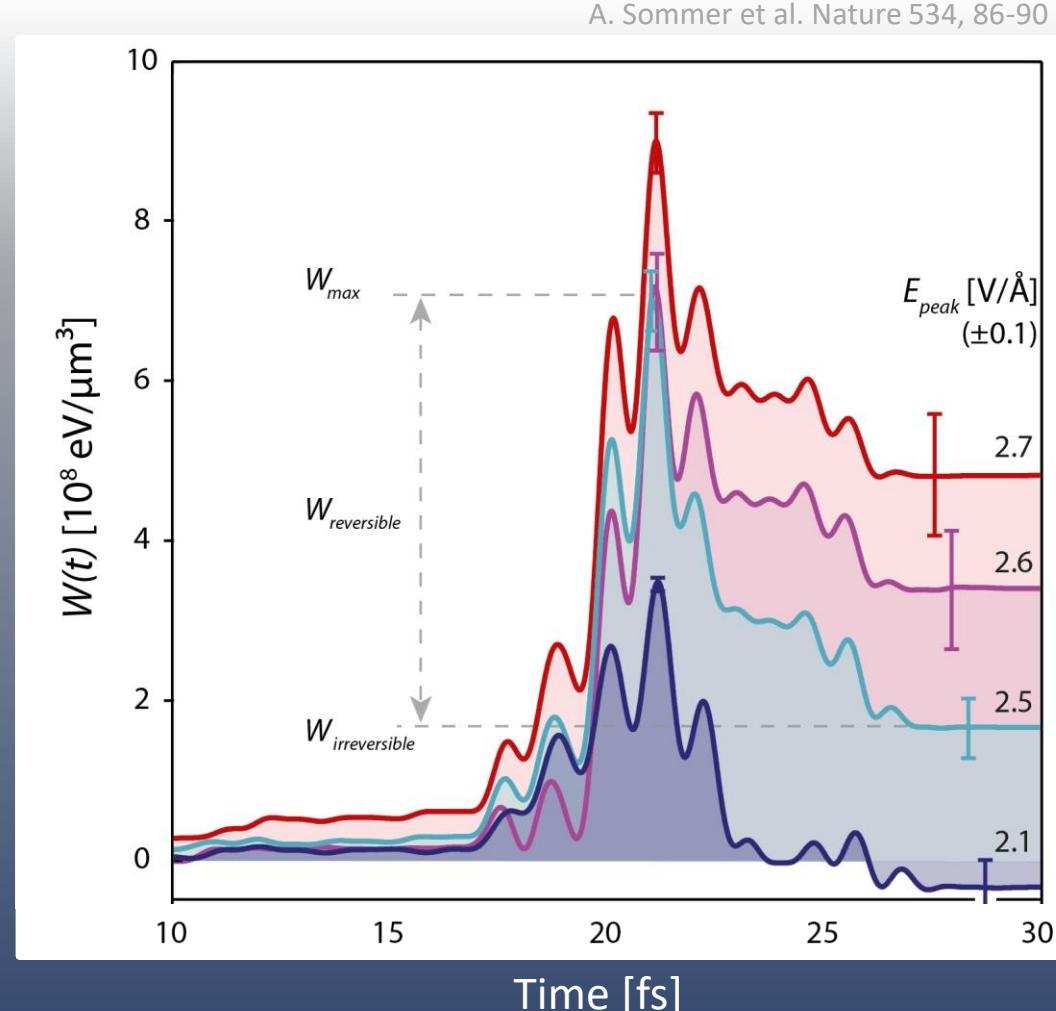
*Silica*  
dielectric bandstructure

Work  $W$  done to the electronic system  
by the external field:

$$W(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t E(t') * I(t') dt'$$

Electric field  
  
 Current  

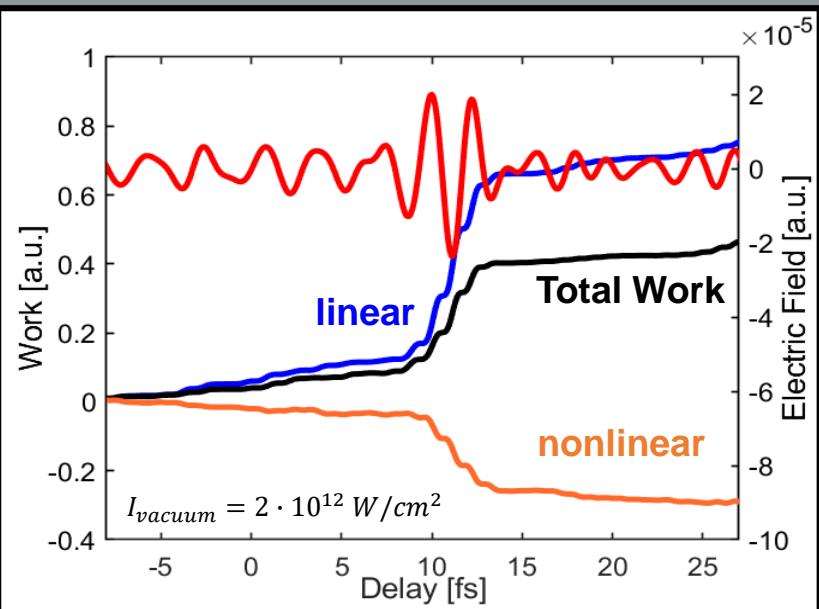

We measure both!



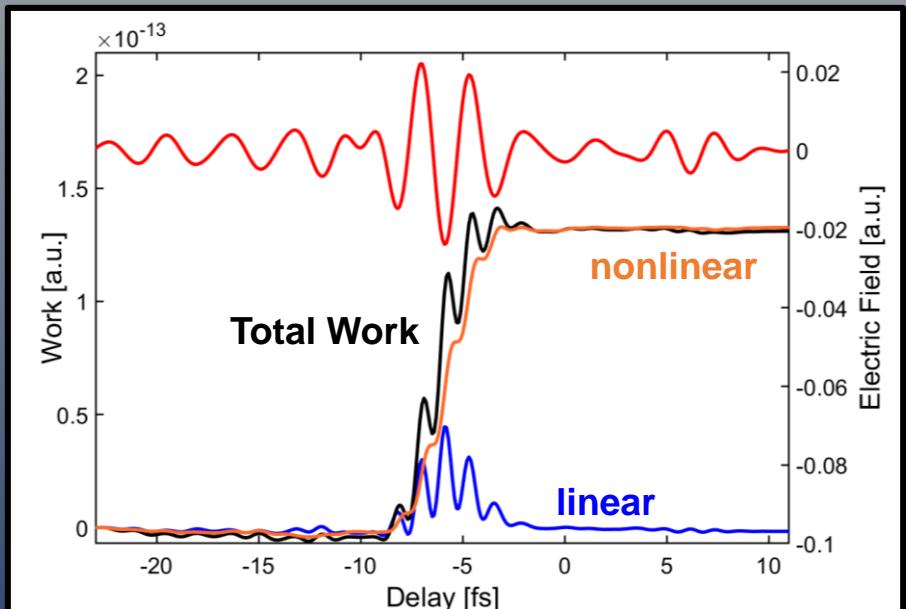
Transient metallic behavior – without energy dissipation into the material

# Energy transfer dynamics

**Nickel**  
metallic bandstructure



**Silicon**  
semiconductor bandstructure



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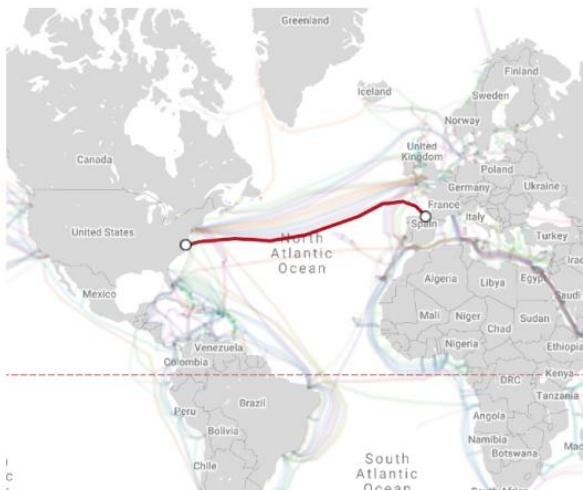
1 bit every 38 Femtoseconds

- Requires phase sensitivity: coherent/heterodyne detection

- Massive wavelength-division multiplexing vs. bandwidth limits

*How fast could extreme opto-electronics be?*

*Light-Electronics Interconnect at PHz clock rates?*



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## Real-time 16QAM Transatlantic Record Spectral Efficiency of 6.21 b/s/Hz Enabling 26.2 Tbps Capacity

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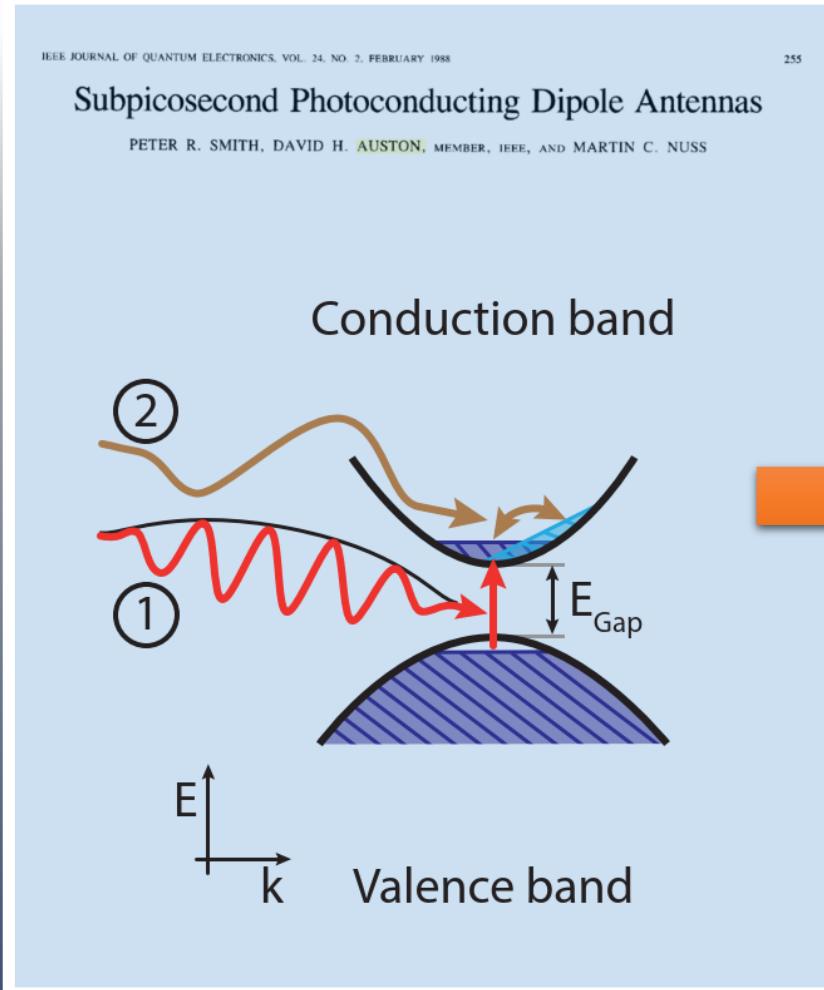
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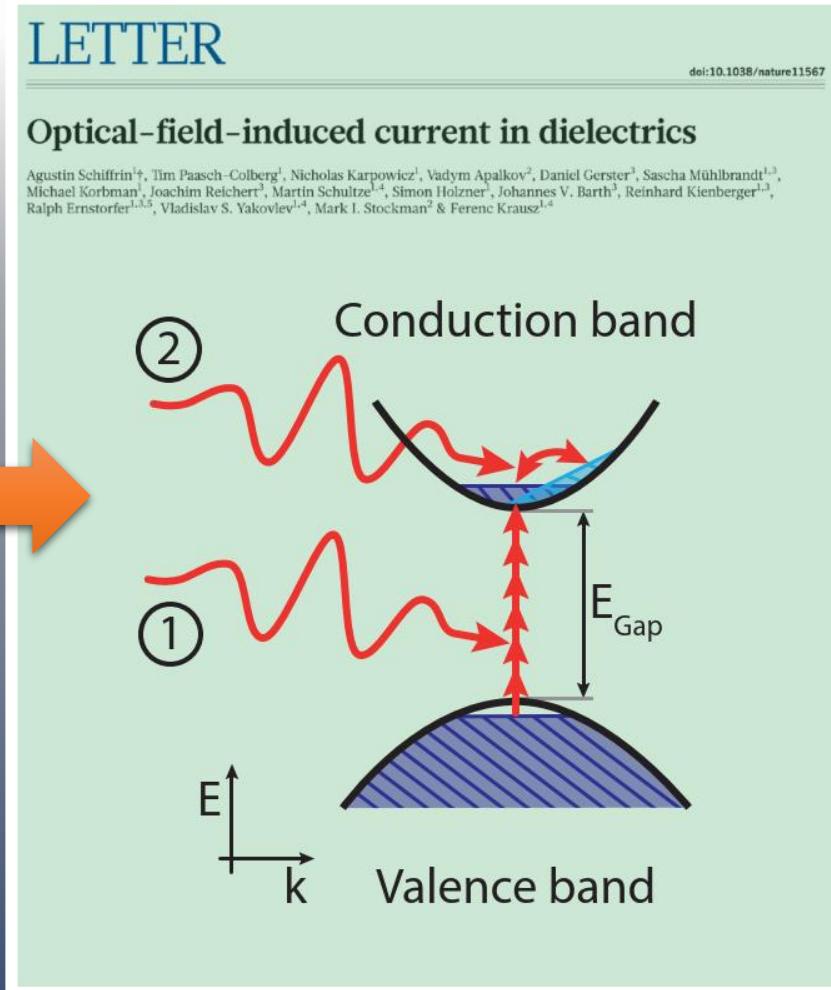
**Abstract:** Real-time, error-free 16QAM transmission at a record spectral efficiency of 6.21 b/s/Hz enables transatlantic (6,644 km) fiber capacity of 26.2 Tbps, using precision, multi-carrier common wavelength; digitally synthesized subcarriers; near-Nyquist pulse shaping; and large-area, positive dispersion fiber. © 2019 The Author(s)

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# Optical Antenna – ultrafast?



Linear Photodoping –  
~DC carrier acceleration



Nonlinear excitation–  
Strong field carrier acceleration

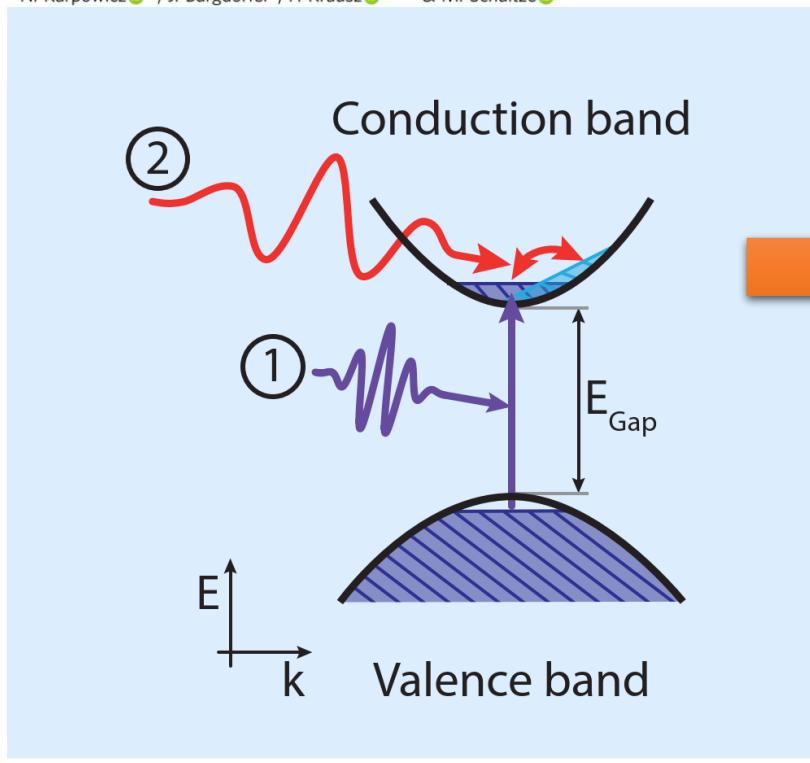
## ARTICLE

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## The speed limit of optoelectronics

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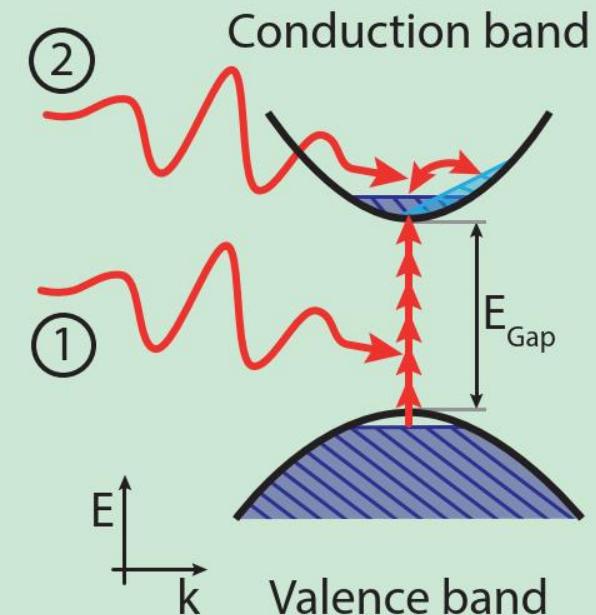
**Attosecond Resonance-**  
~DC optical gate function

## LETTER

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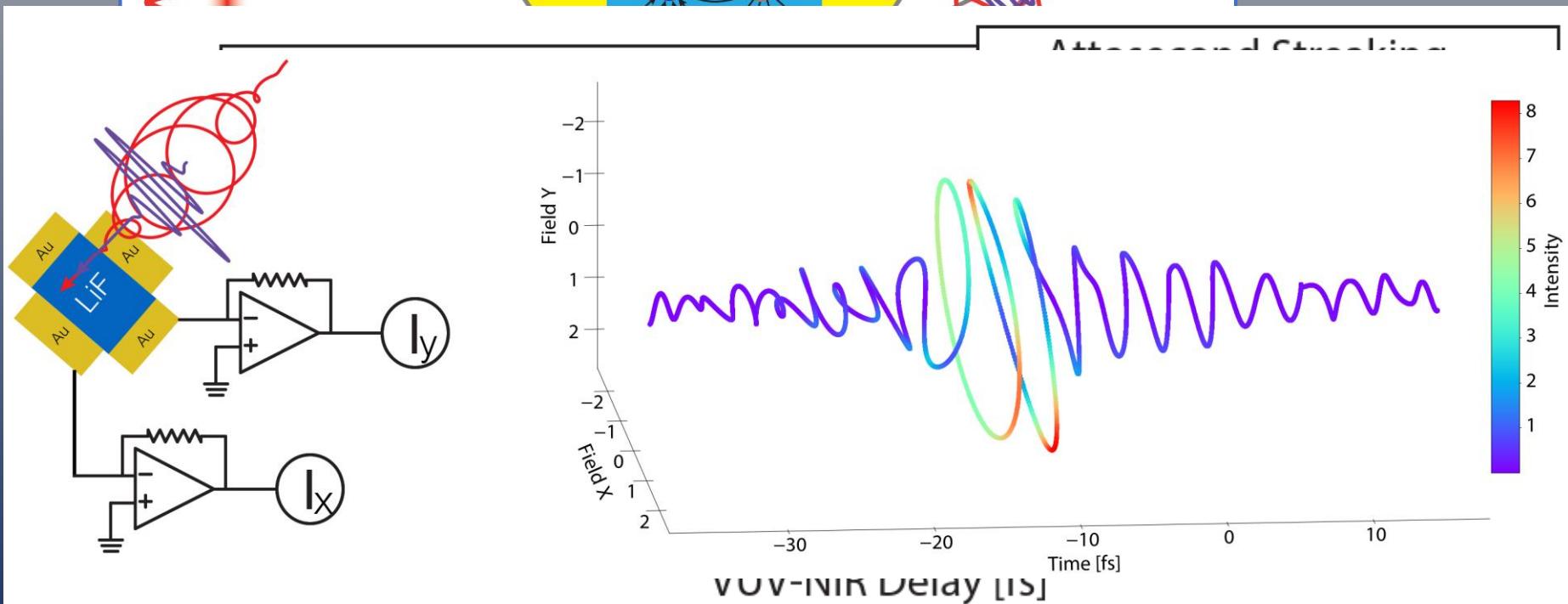
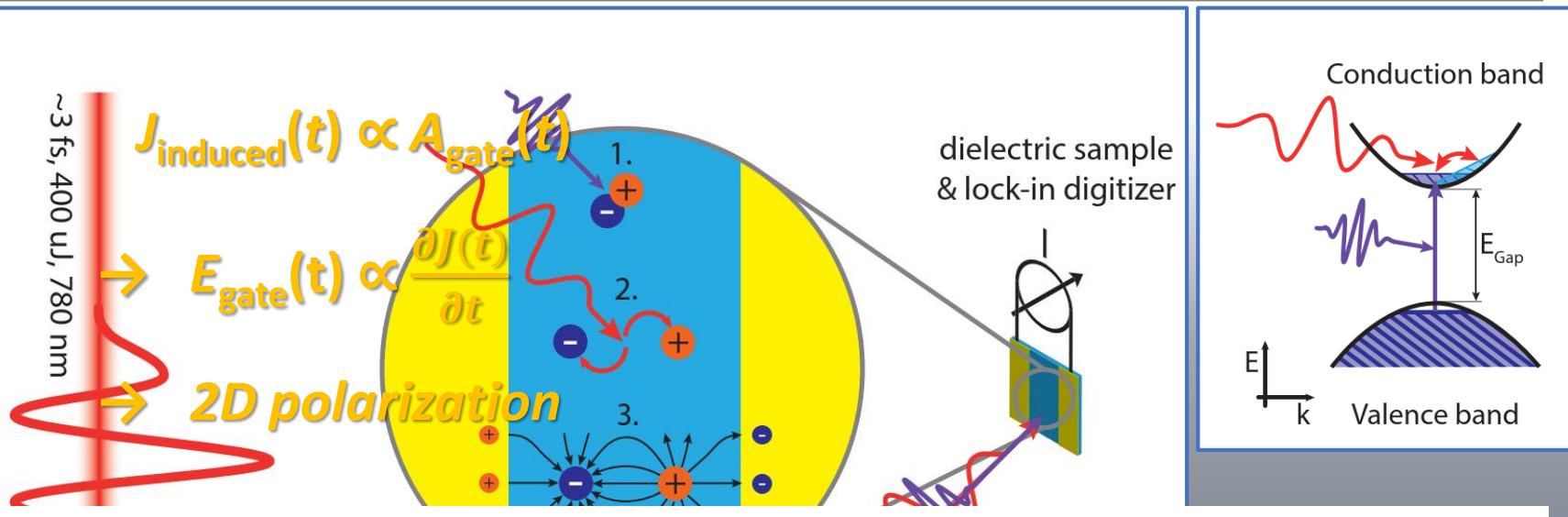
## Optical-field-induced current in dielectrics

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**Nonlinear excitation–**  
Strong field carrier acceleration

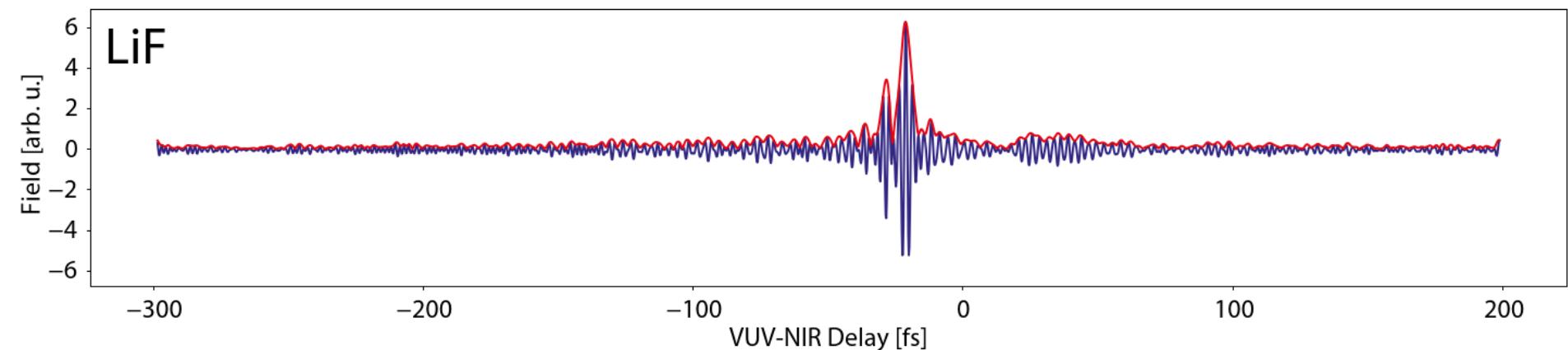
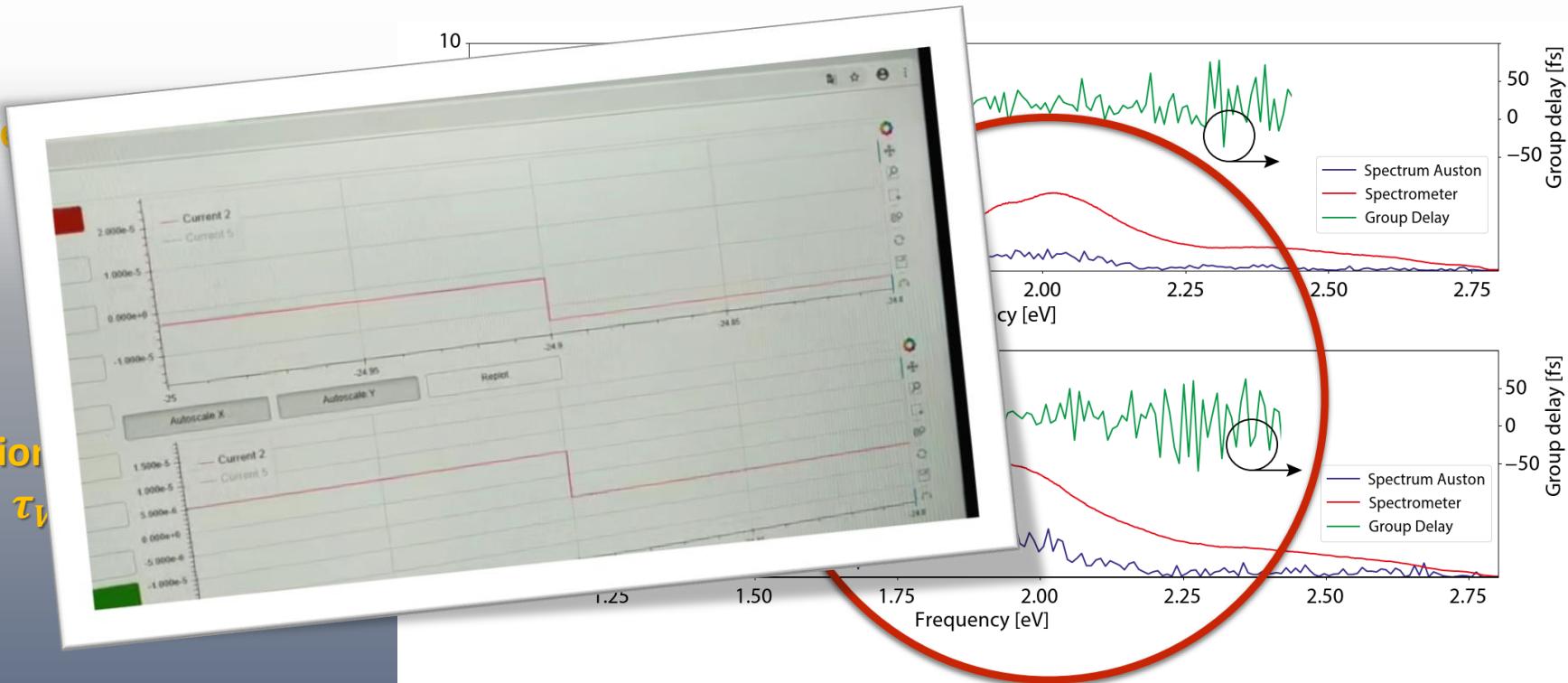
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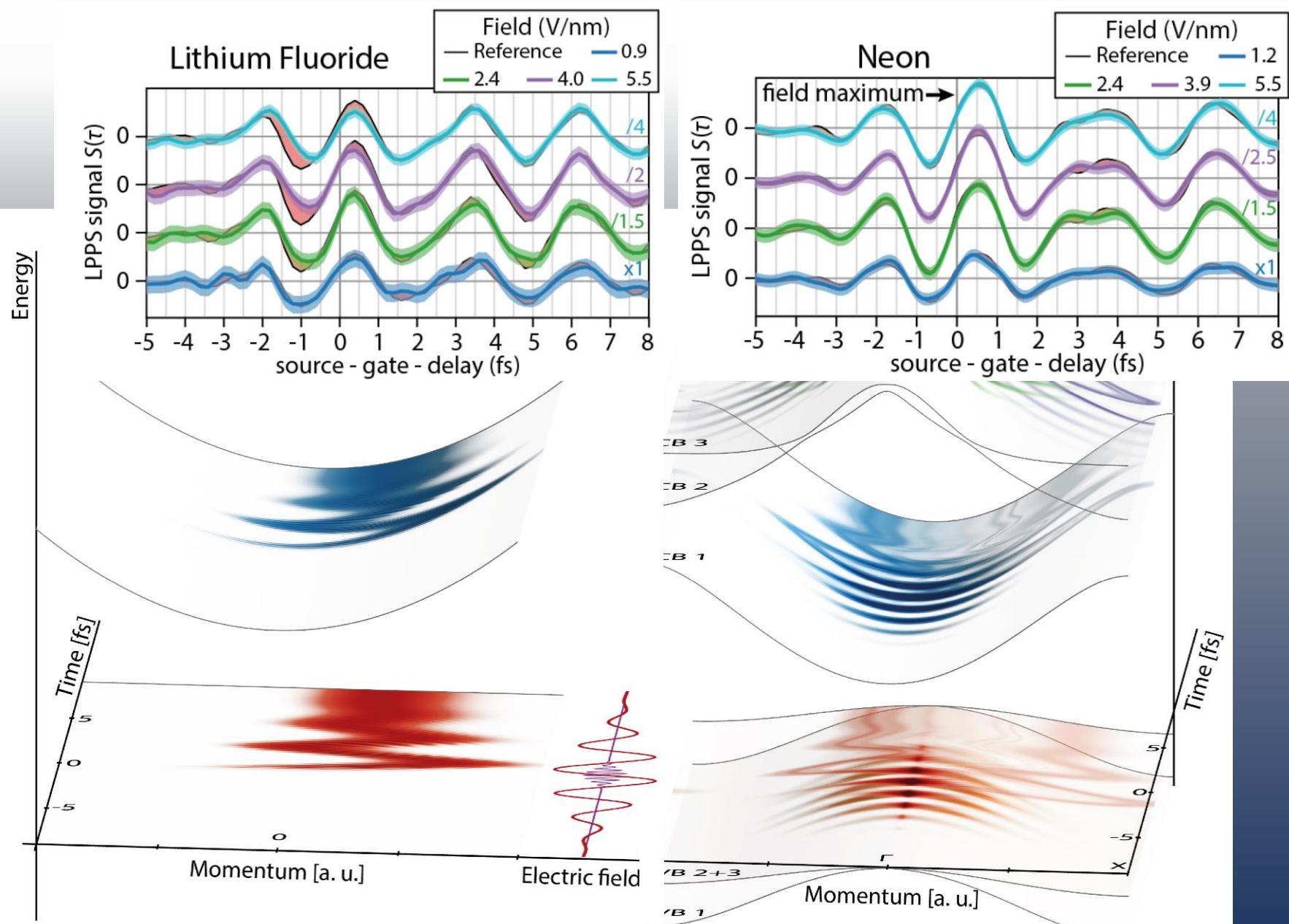
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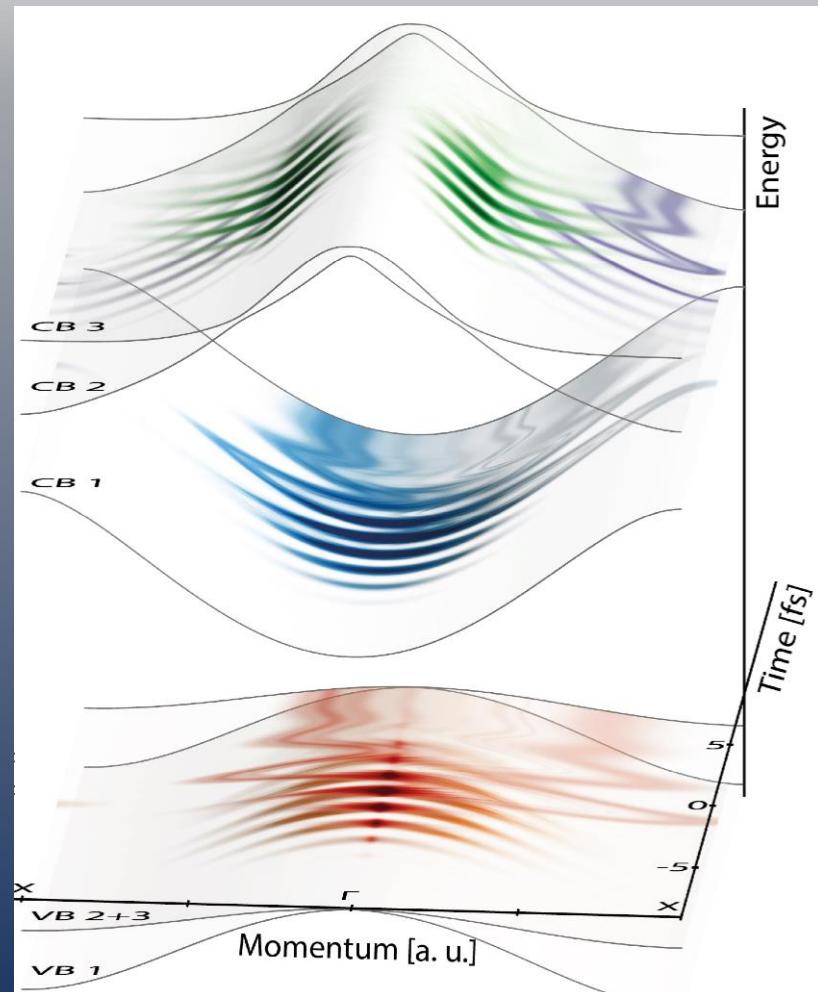
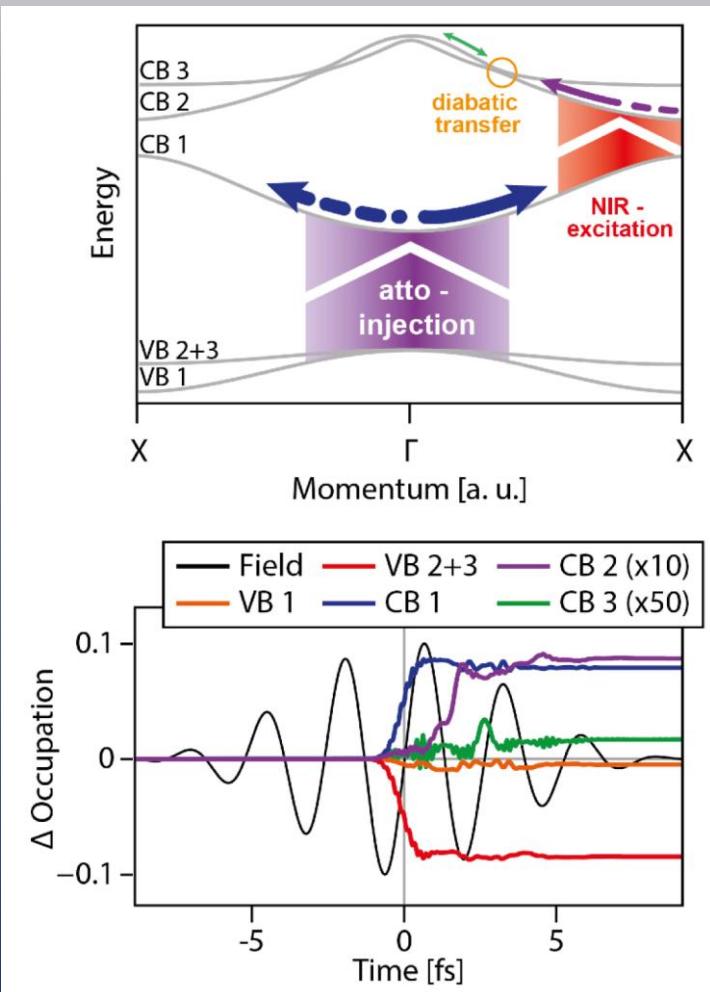
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# Momentum Transfer - Theory



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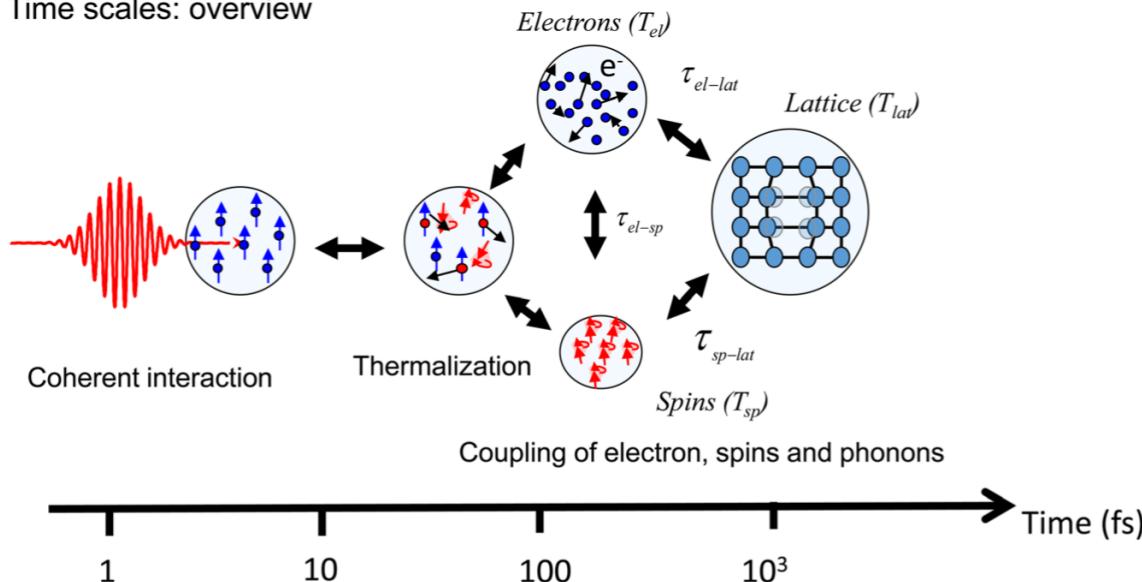
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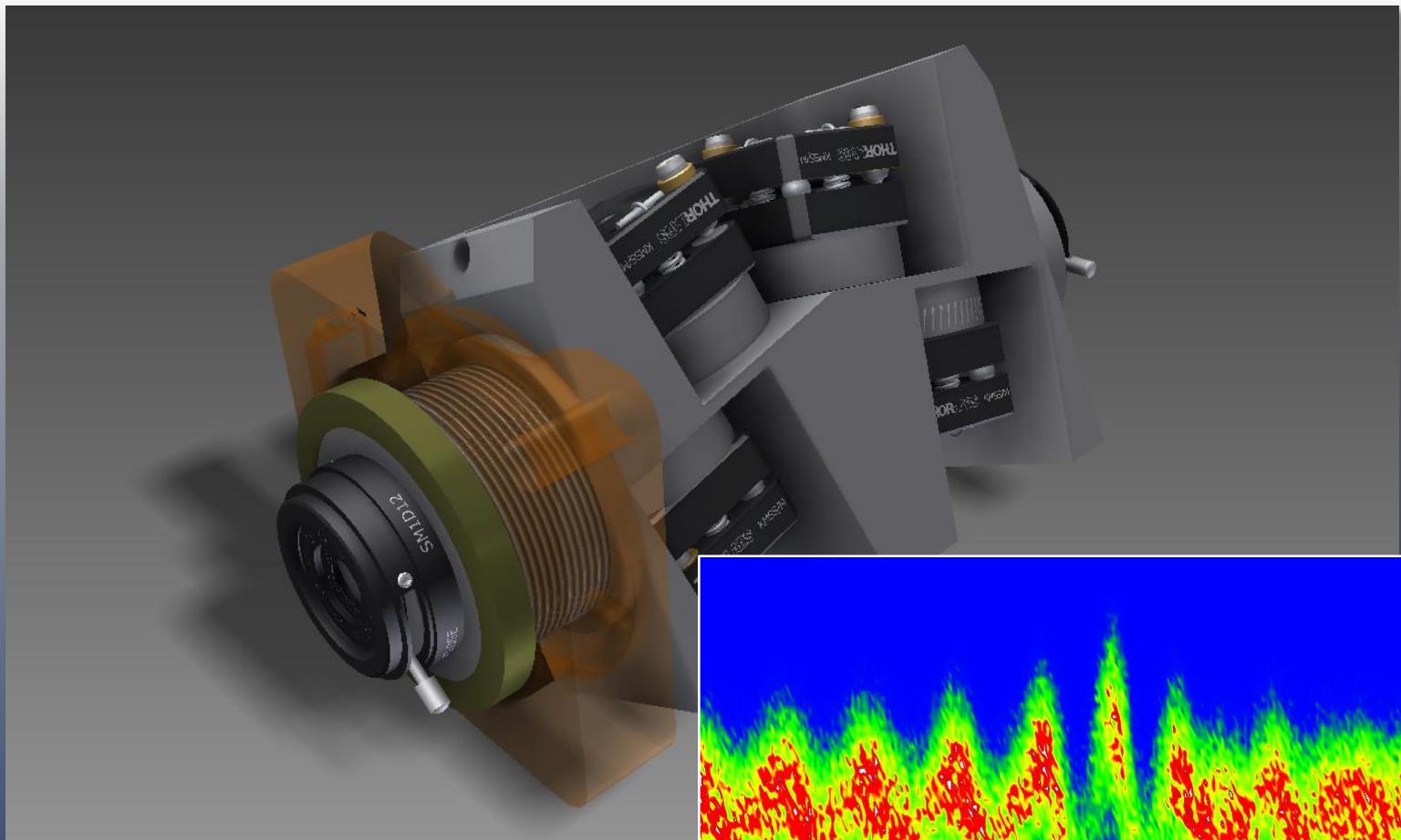
(a) Time scales: overview



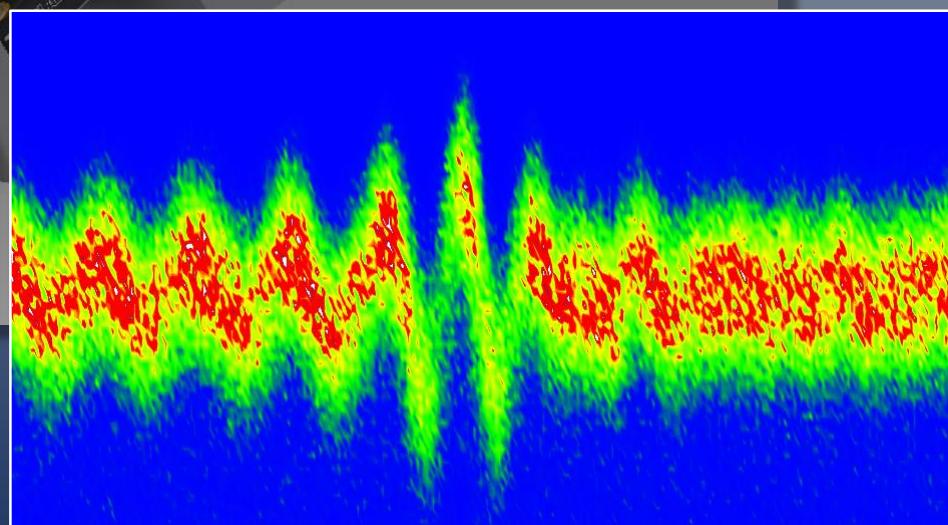
*hook up spin system to optical carrier control?*

*ultrafast*

# Circularly polarized XUV light

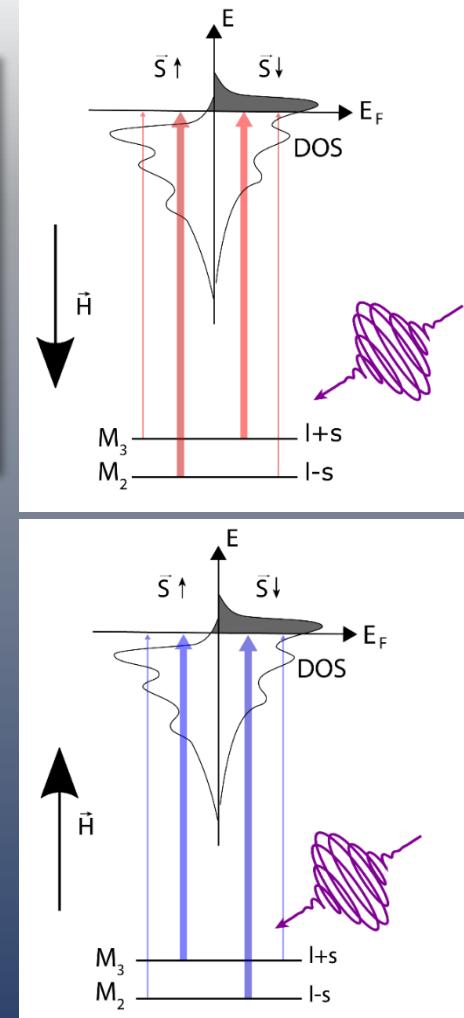
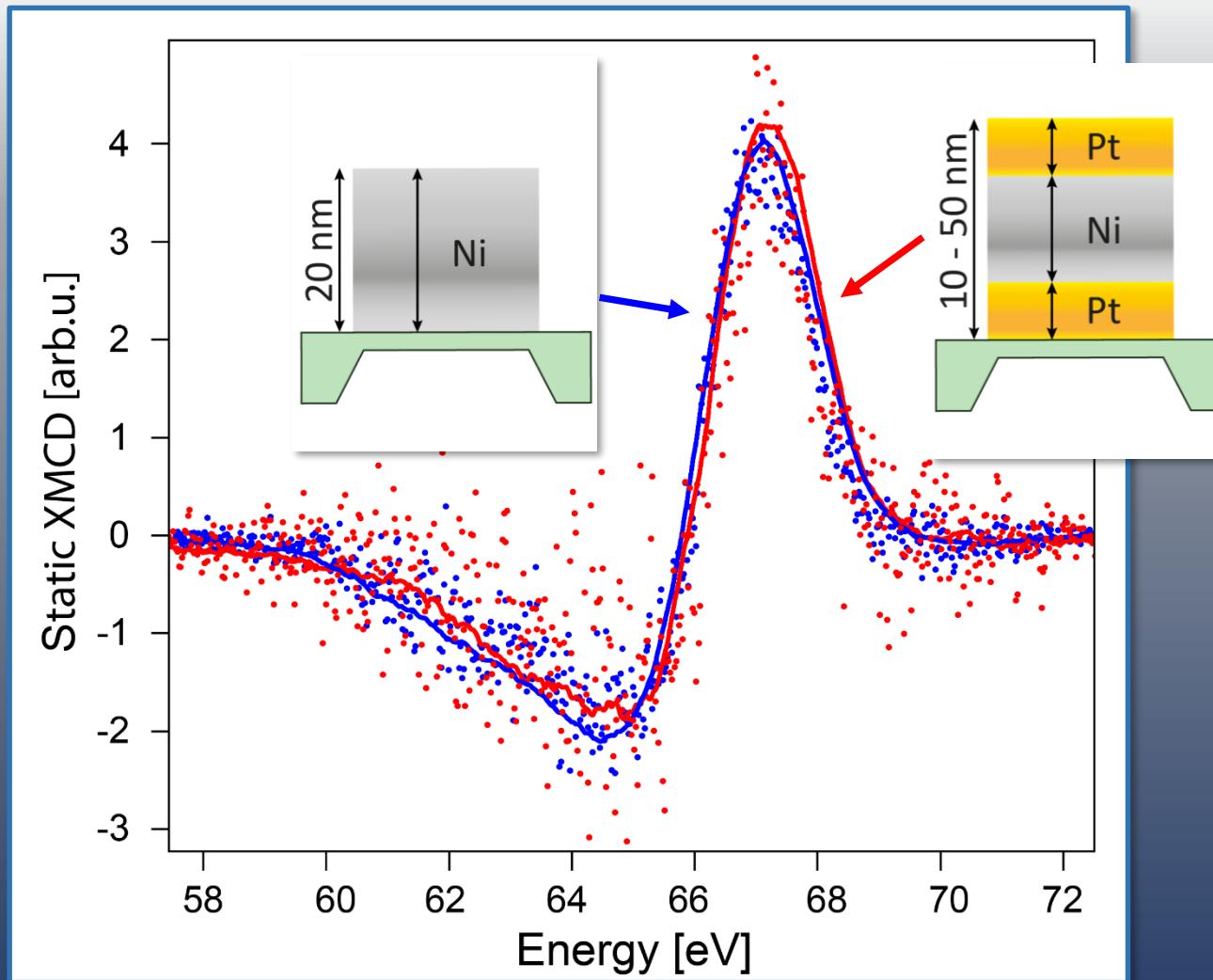


All-reflective  
XUV waveplate

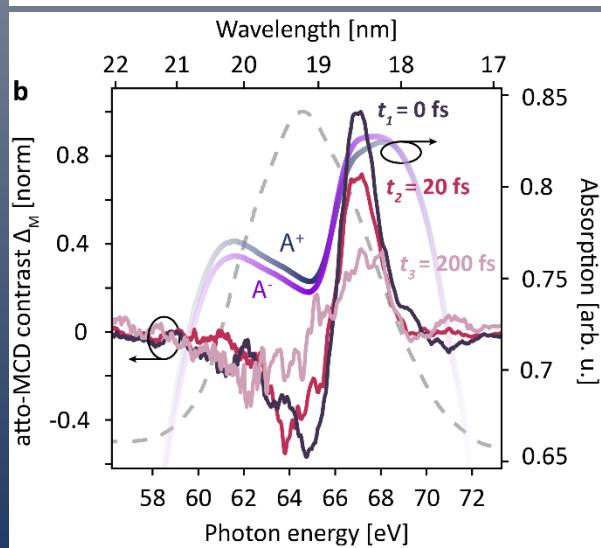
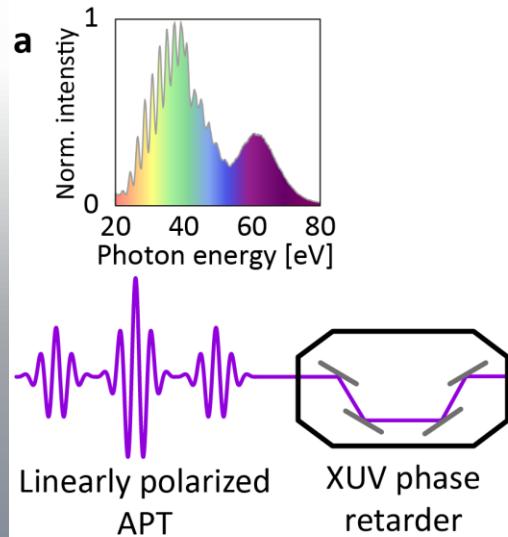


# Attosecond XMCD?

X-Ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism



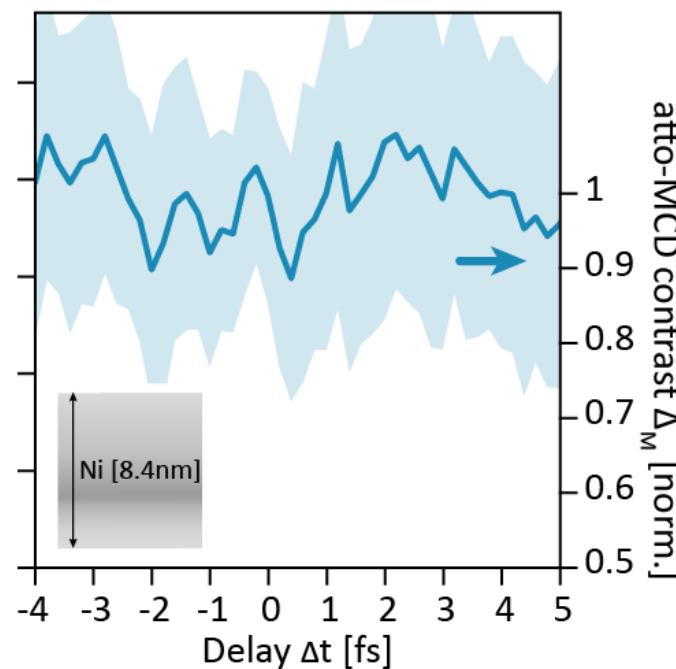
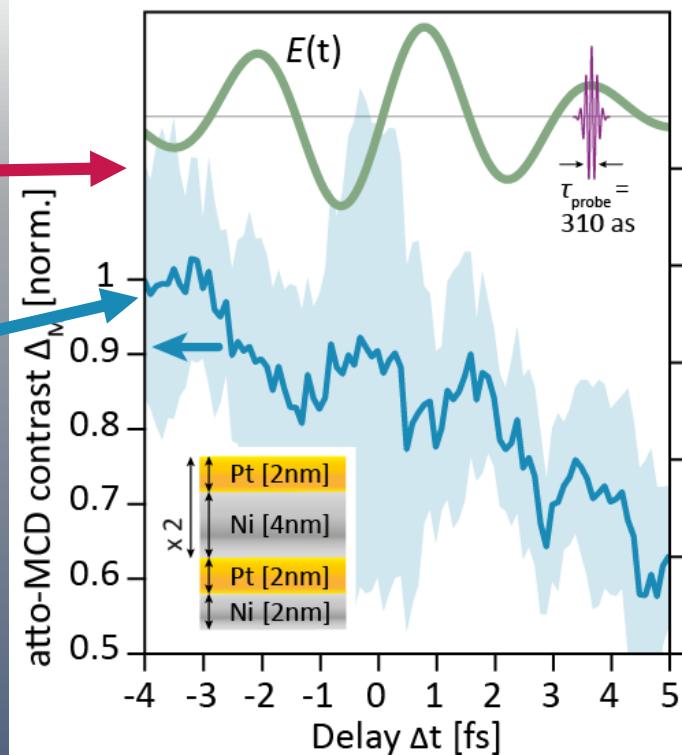
# Spin-sensitive detection



Attosecond transient Absorption is  
capable of measuring  
Magnetization Dynamics!

electronic  
response

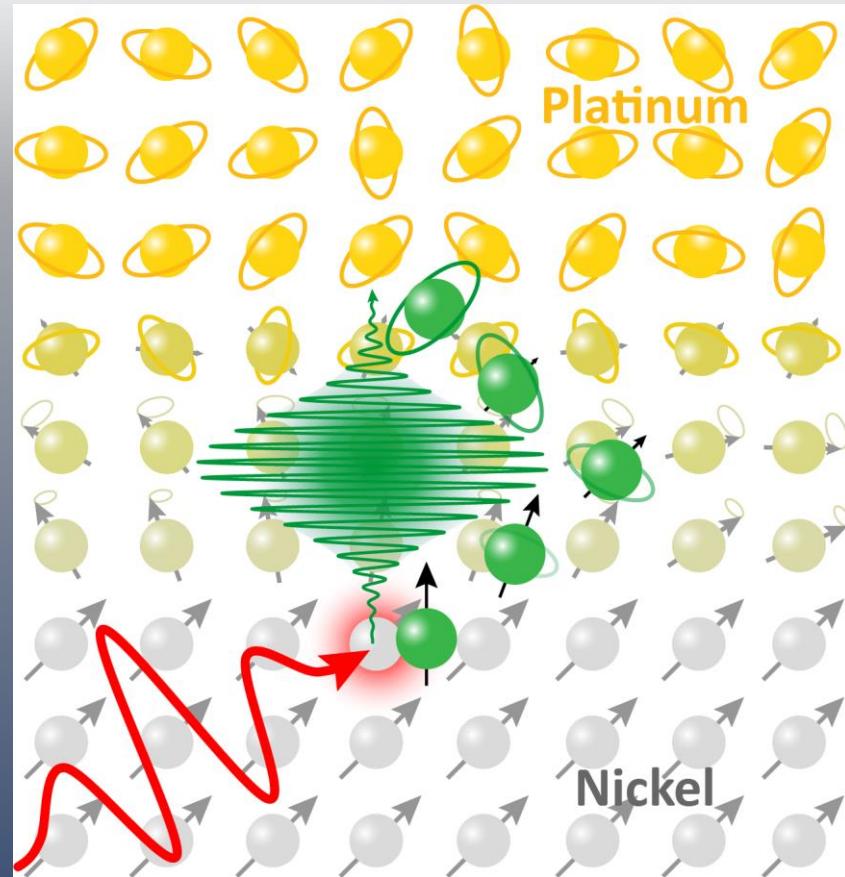
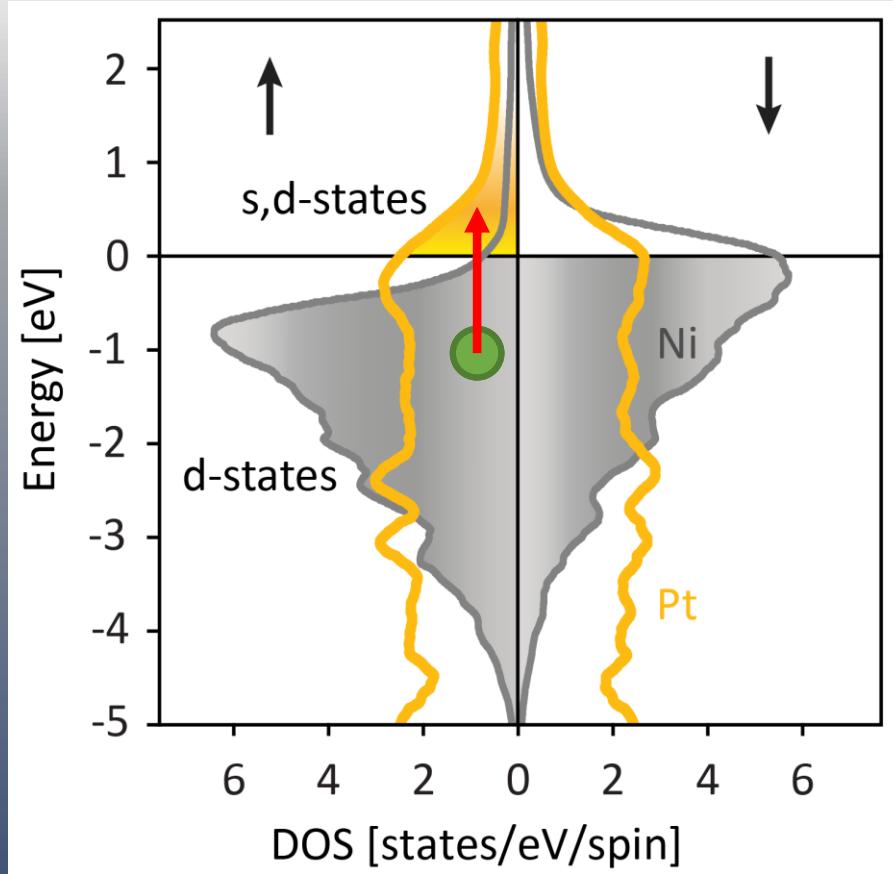
magnetic  
response



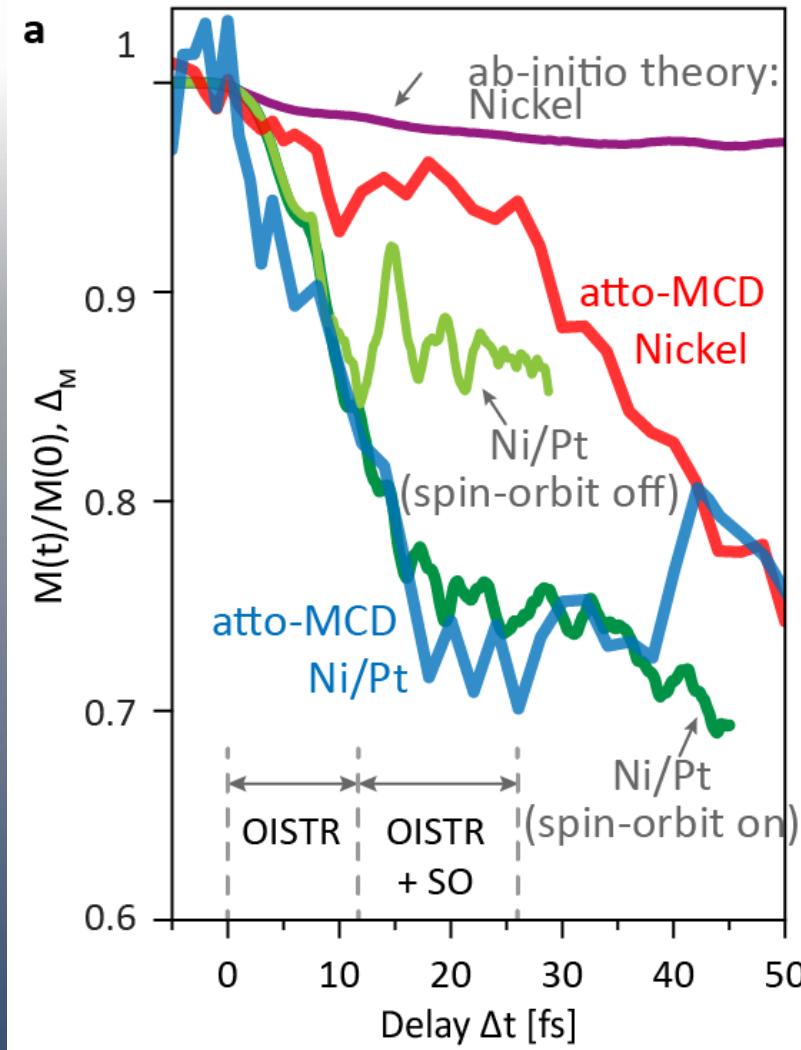
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# Optically Induced Spin Transfer

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# Hierarchy of timescales



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# Short optical fields to control charge and spin in the condensed phase

Ultrafast laser fields can manipulate electron and spin states ... possibly *faster* than the decoherence

e-h creation

coherent electronics / spintronics

recombination

optical phonon decay

e-phonon scattering

e-e scattering

