

# New Horizon of Accelerator based Molecular Physics

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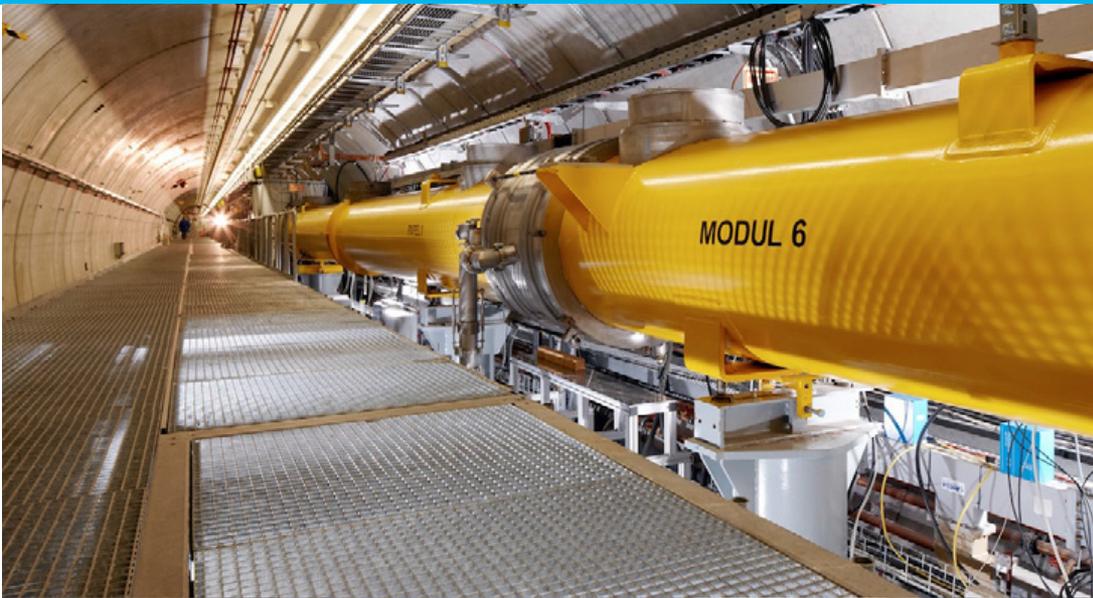
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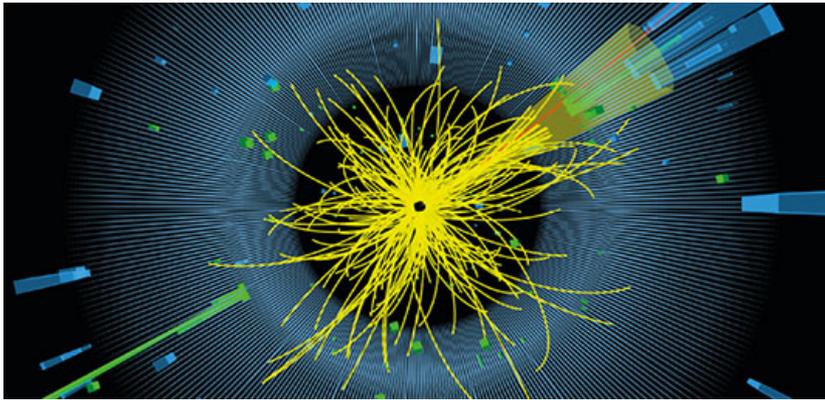
Research Field

Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics <sup>2</sup>

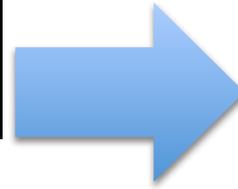
# Accelerators @ DESY and SLAC



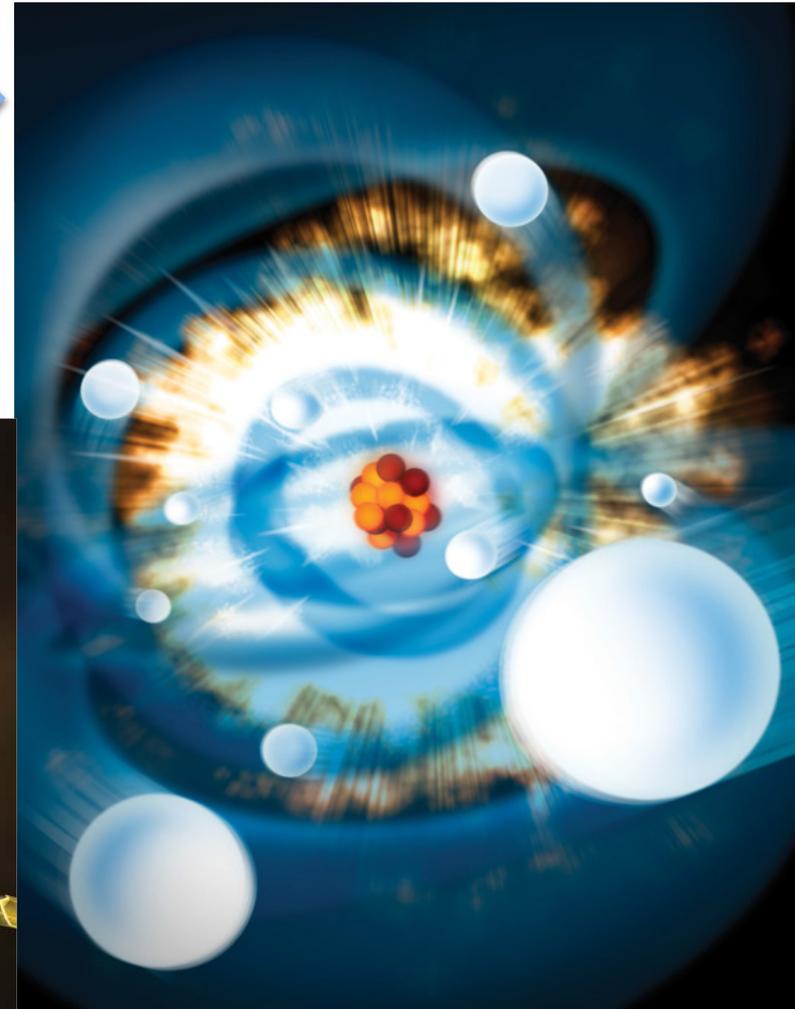
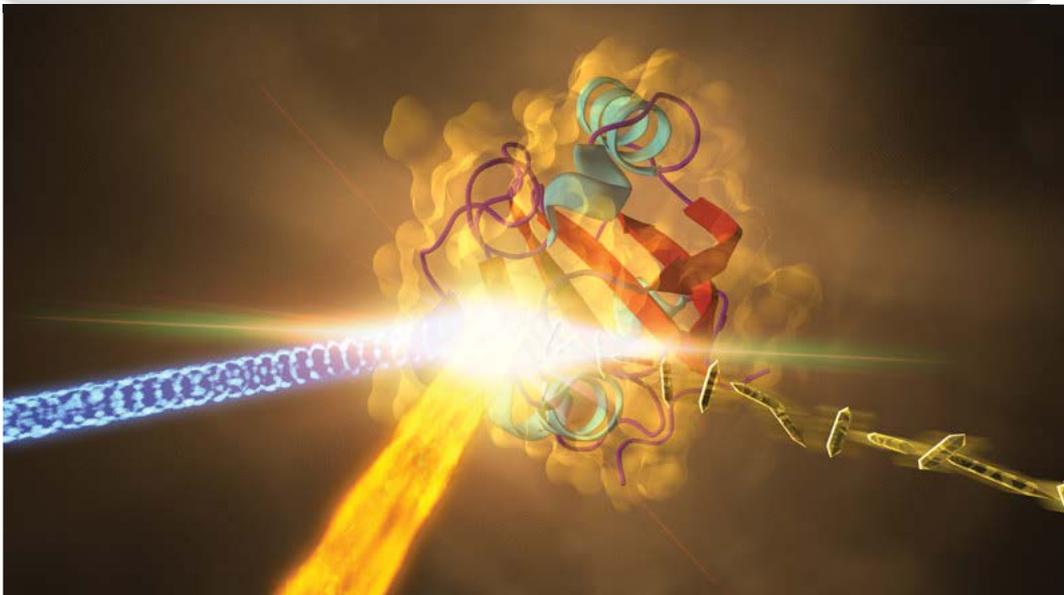
# Accelerator physics: from particles to molecules



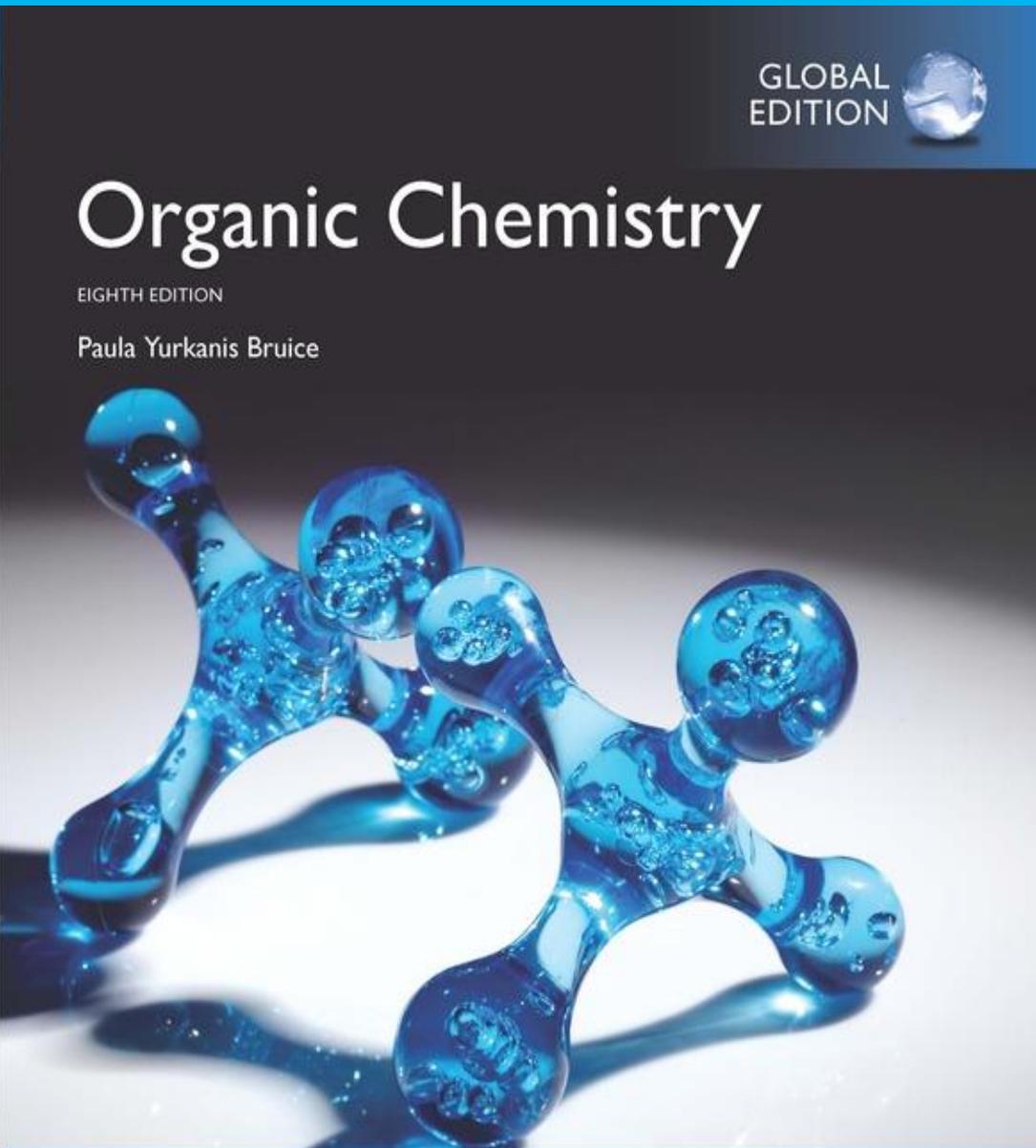
Elementary particles



Molecules What can accelerator do for molecular physics?



# Prelude:- Are these arrows real? just imagination?



## MECHANISMS IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

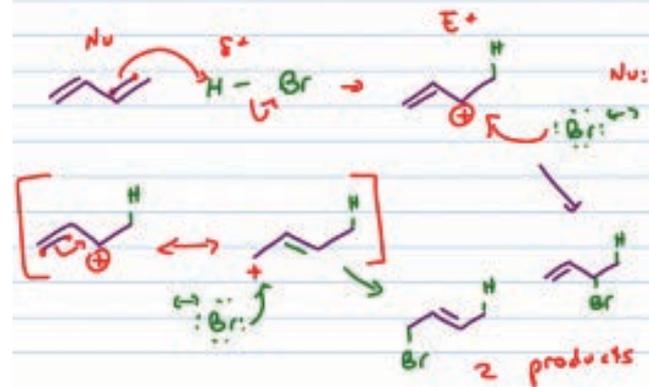
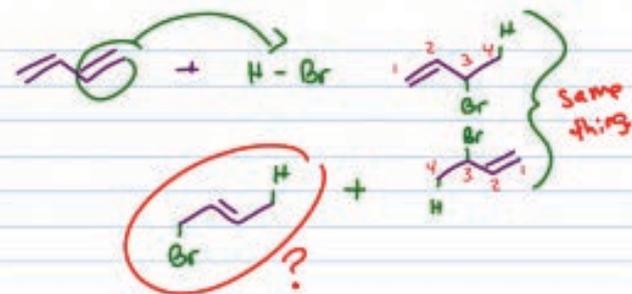
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2- Loss of Leaving Group



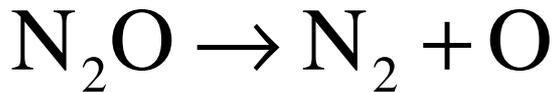
3- Proton transfer



# A centenary dream comes true

Arrhenius law

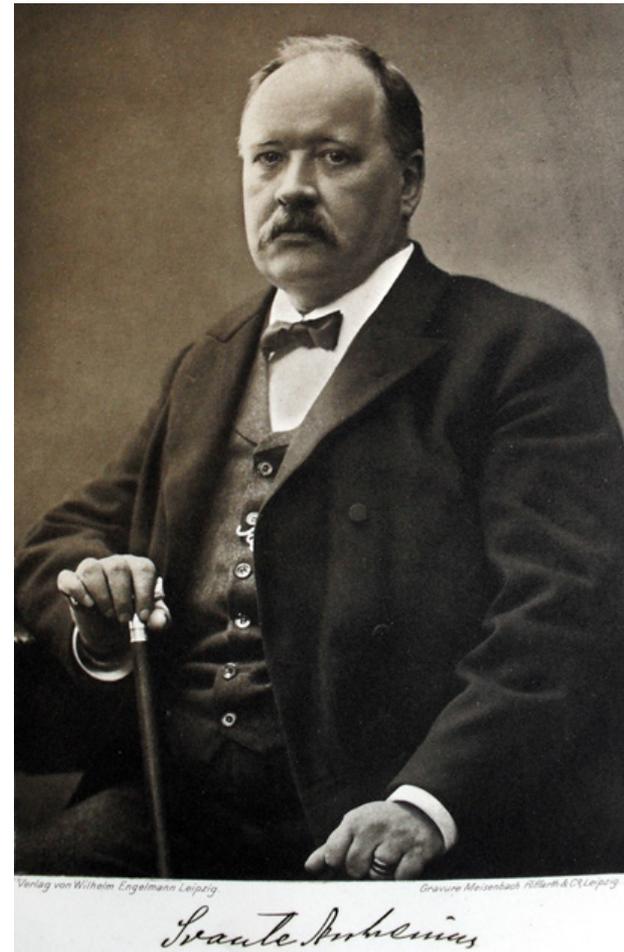
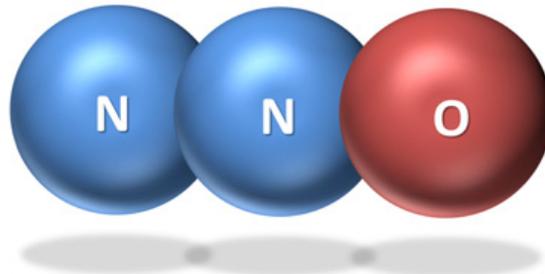
$$k = A e^{-\frac{E_a}{k_B T}}$$



$$A = 6.1 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\tau \sim A^{-1} = 1.6 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s}$$

1.6 femtosecond

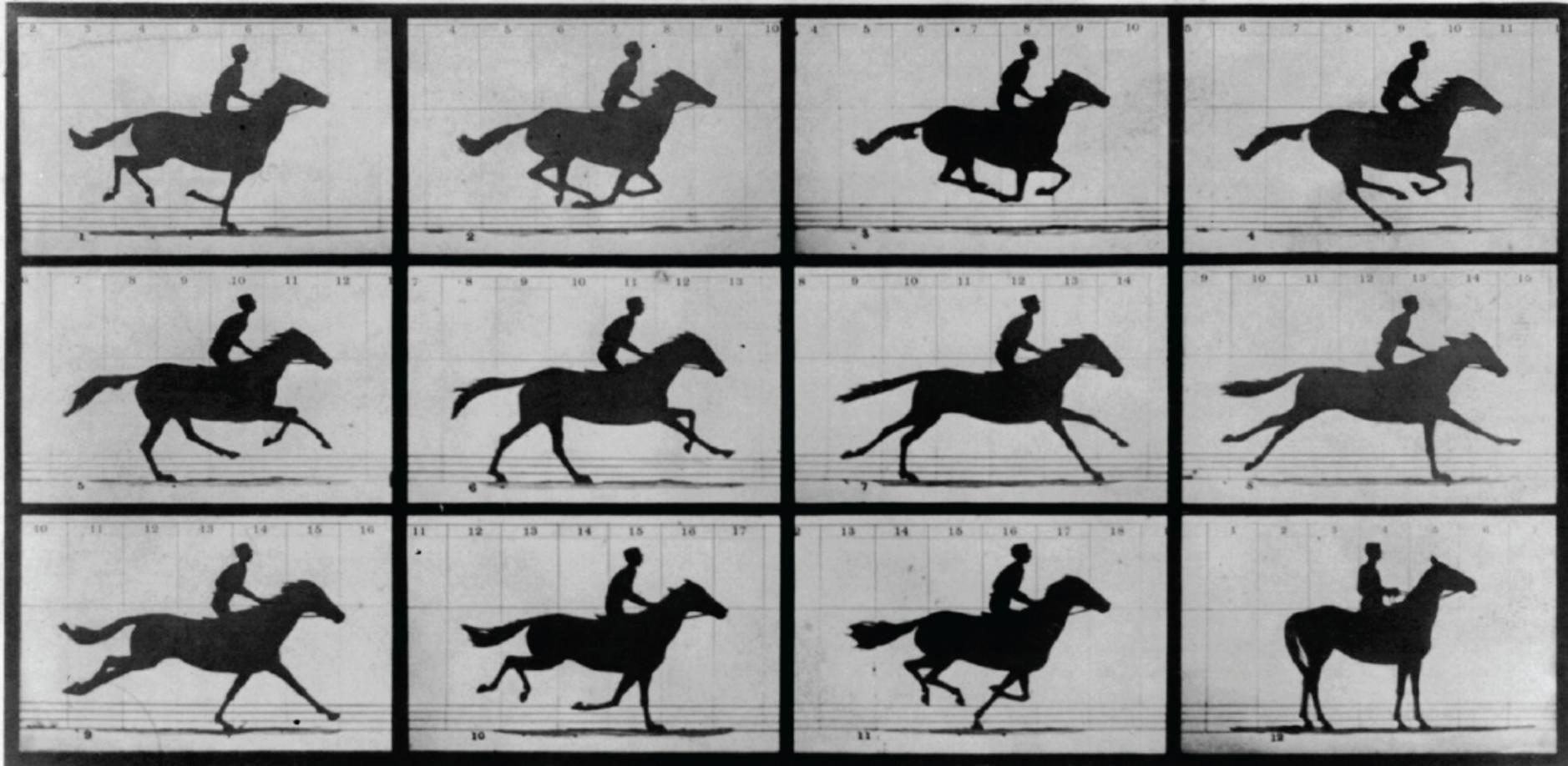


**S. A. Arrhenius, Z. Phys. Chem. 4, 96 (1889)**

S. R. Logan, J. Chem. Educ. 59, 279 (1982)

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# Time resolved measurements of dynamics



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## THE HORSE IN MOTION.

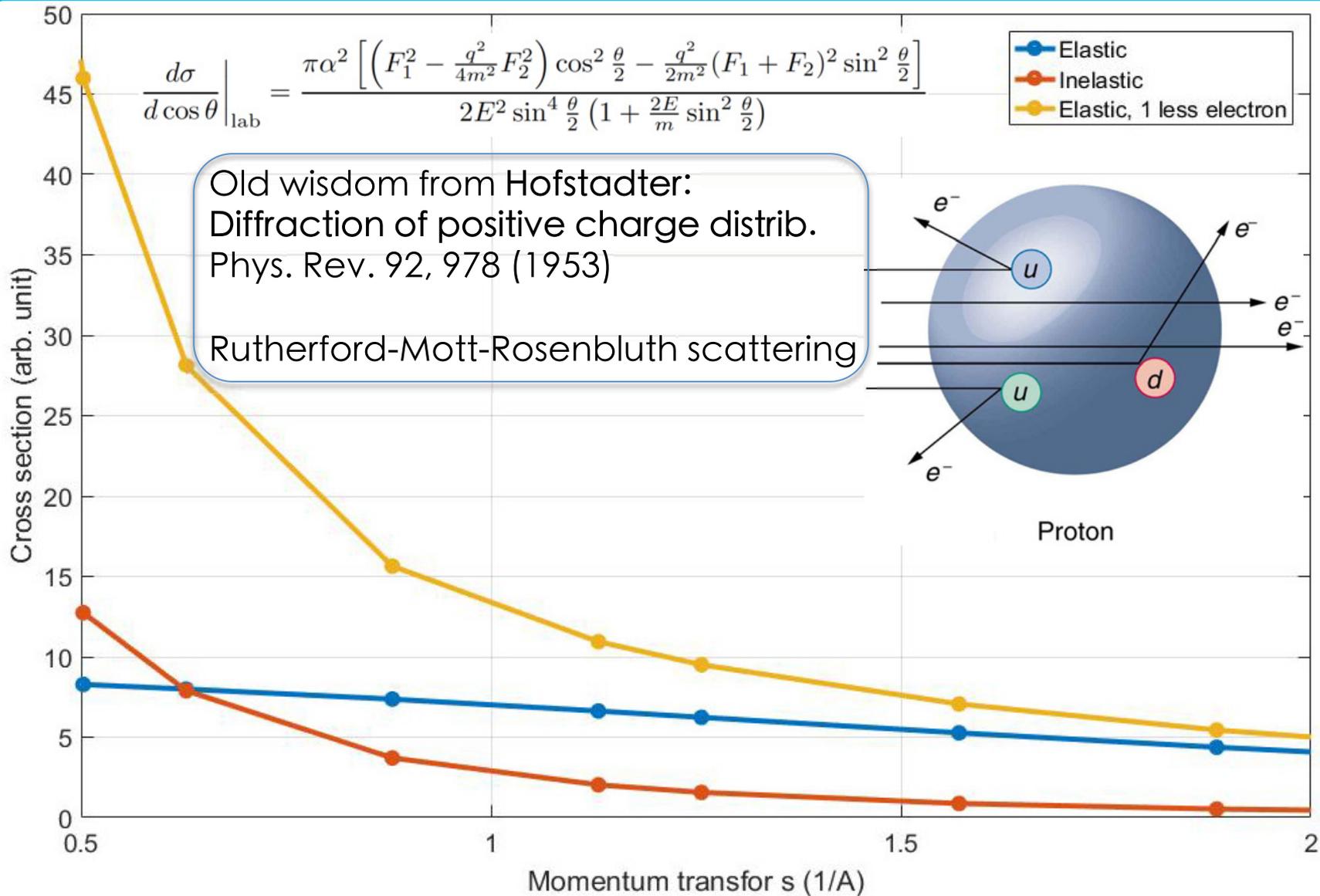
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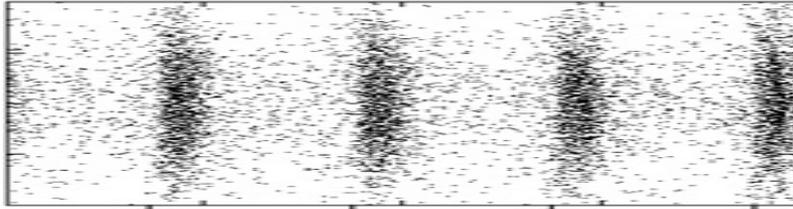
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# Diffraction:- from proton to molecule



# Ultrafast Molecular Diffraction

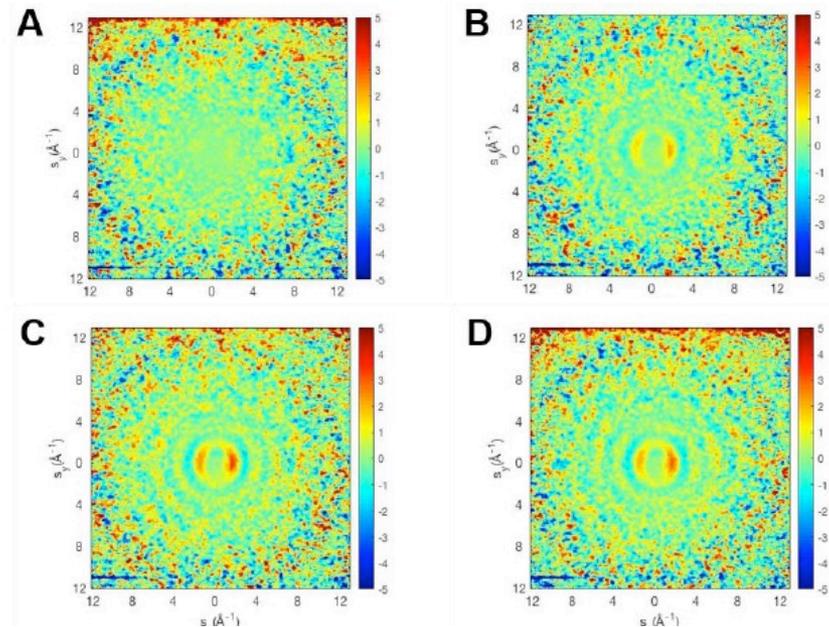
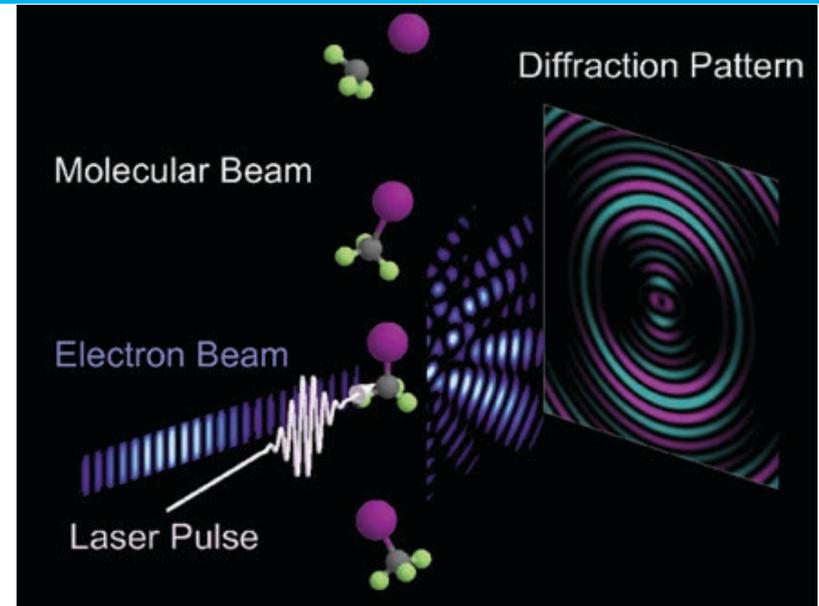


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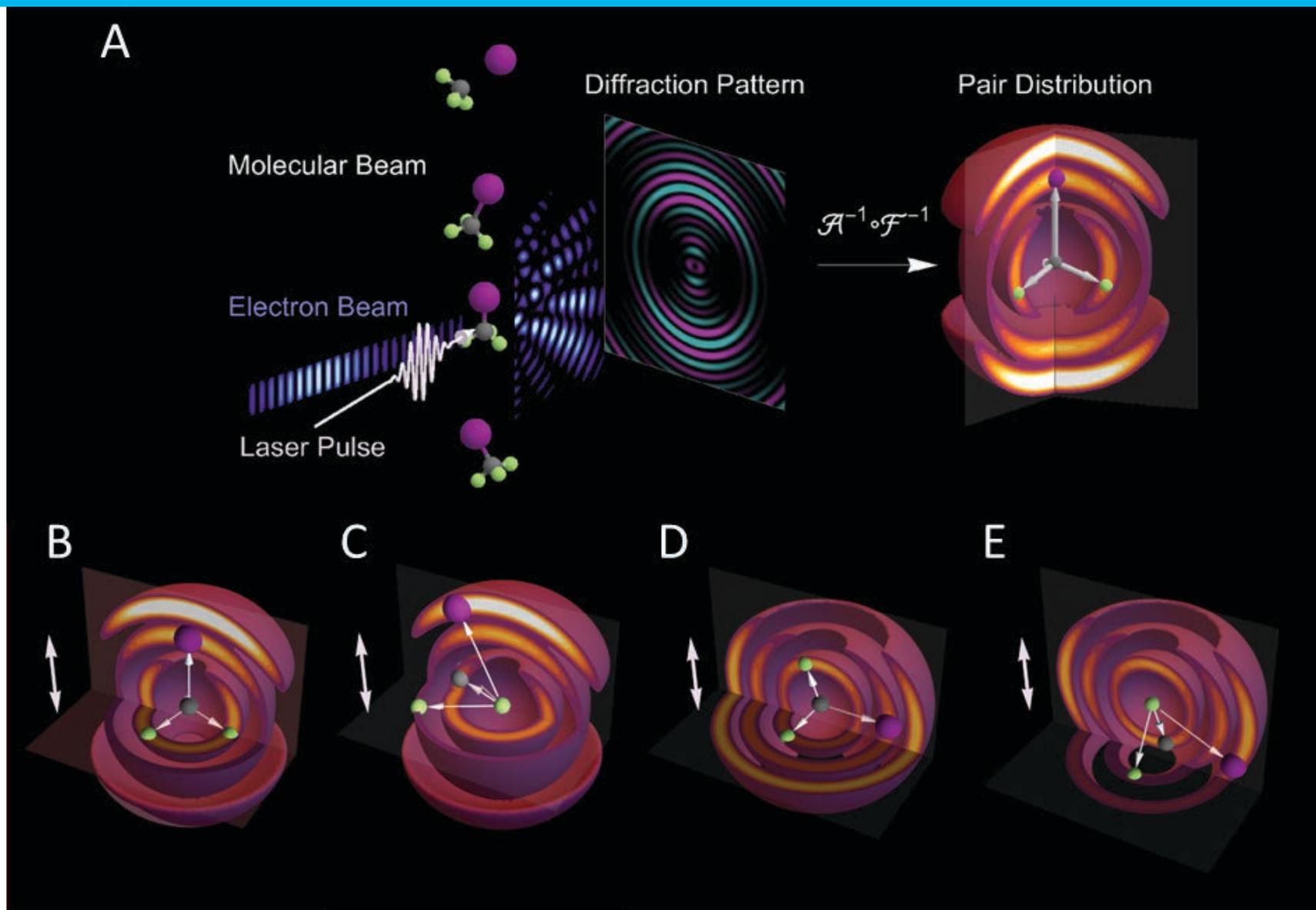
The motion of molecules is on femtosecond ( $1\text{fs}=10^{-15}\text{s}$ ) time scale.

The compressed electron bunches can have  $<50\text{fs}$  pulse width.

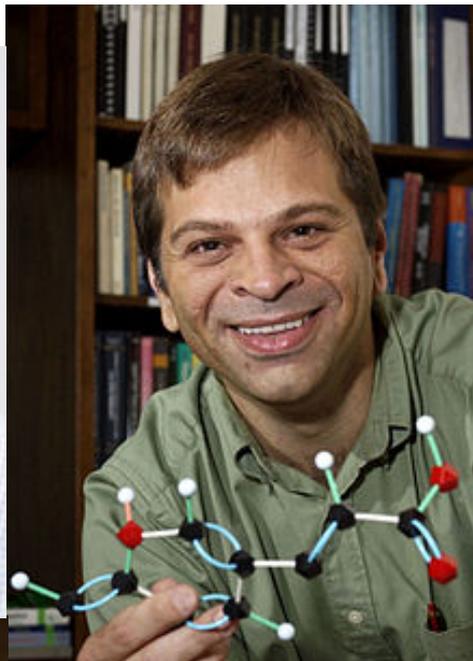
**We can see the motion pictures of single molecule**



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



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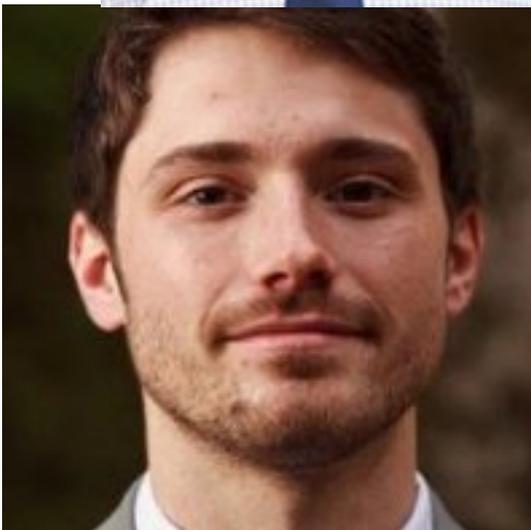


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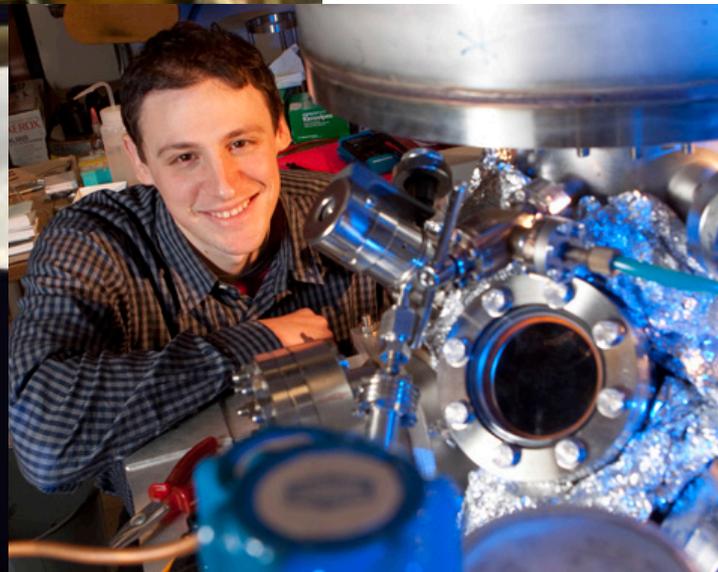
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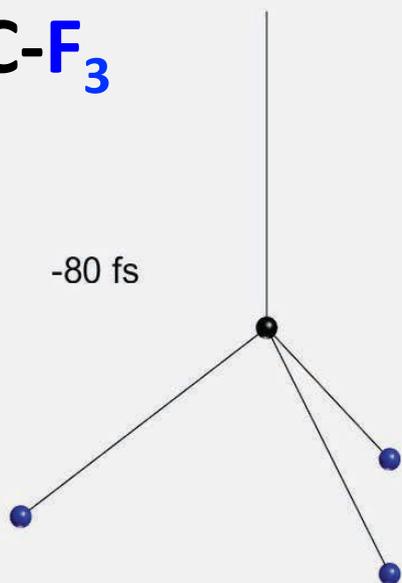
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# The Molecular Movie: Seeing is believing

## Recoil of C-F<sub>3</sub>



Seeing the once imaginary molecular motion in organic chemistry textbook.

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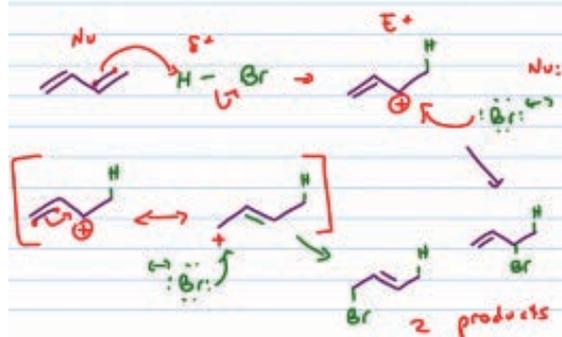
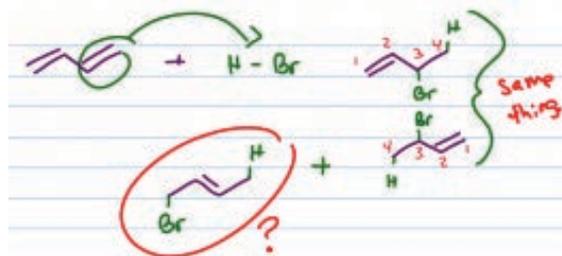
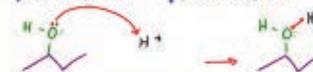
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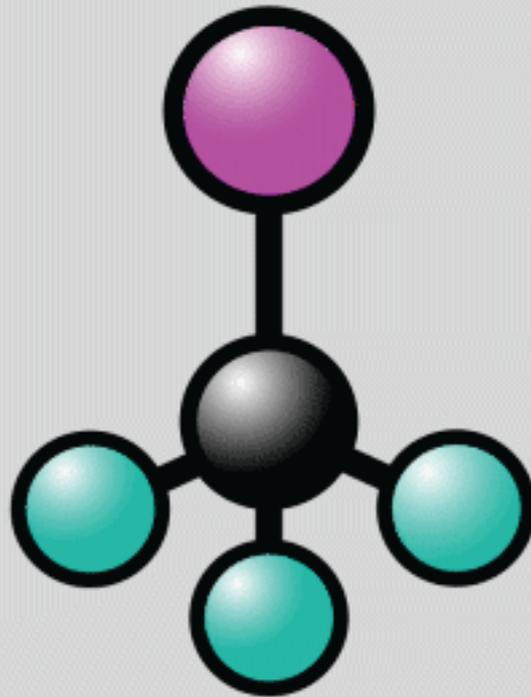


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# New Channel



# Quantum tomography by TRED diffraction

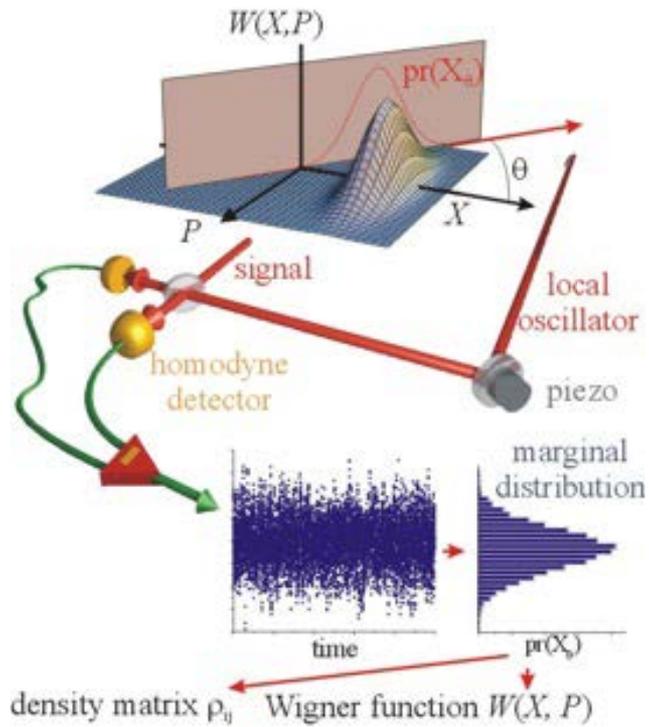
The time in diffraction pattern  $I(Q;t)$  does not only offer us the molecular motion in time, but also unveils the **complete quantumness** of the molecule.

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 optics:- Homodyne detection

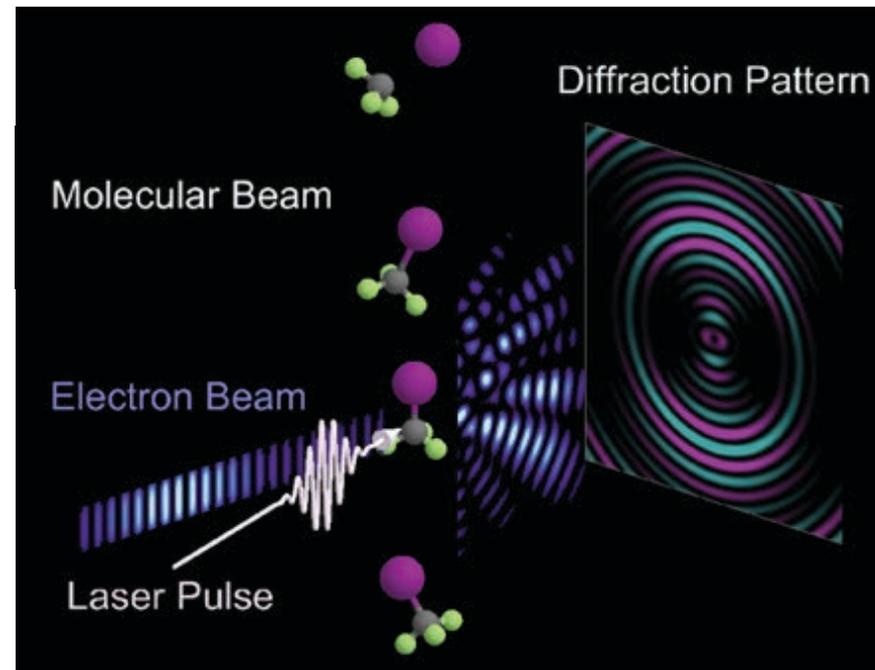
RMP, 81, 299 (2009)



$$\Theta \cong t$$

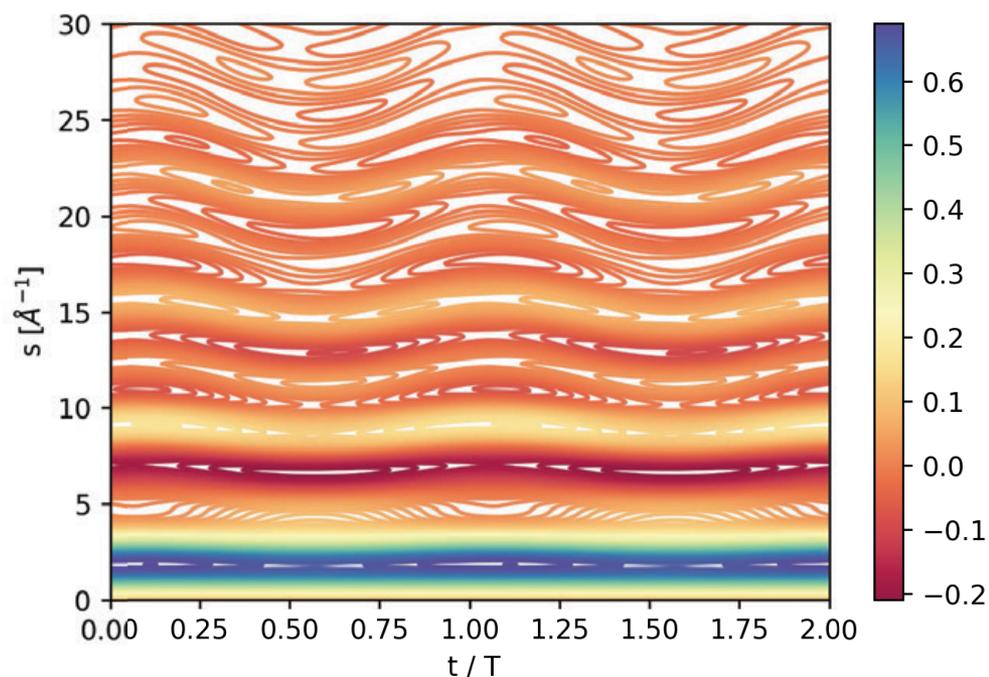
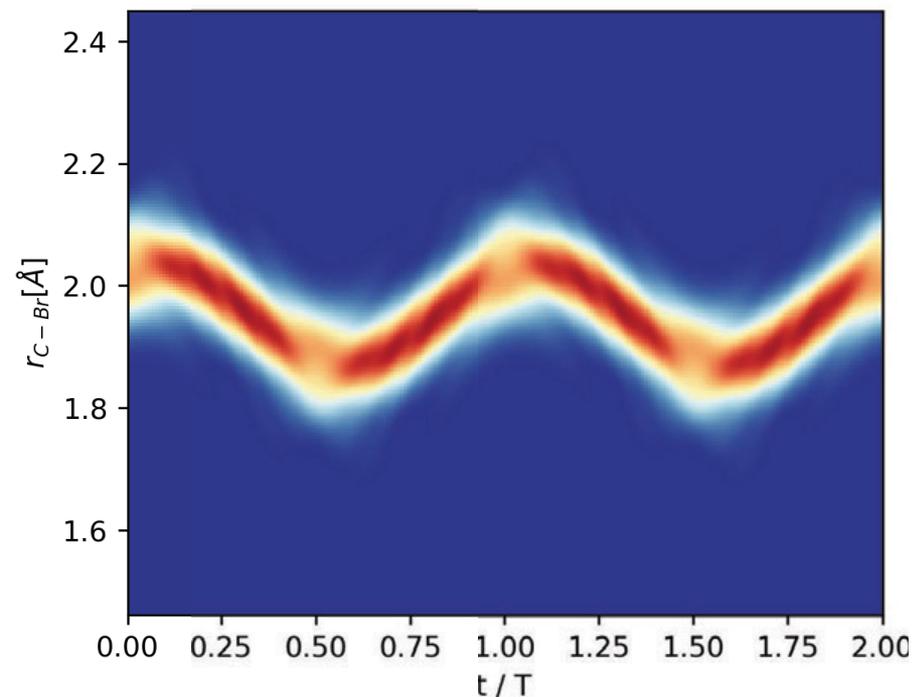
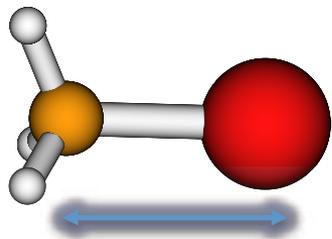
## TRED :- Diffraction as unitary evolution $t \cong \theta$

$$|\Psi(x;\Theta)|^2 \cong |\Psi(x;\omega t)|^2$$



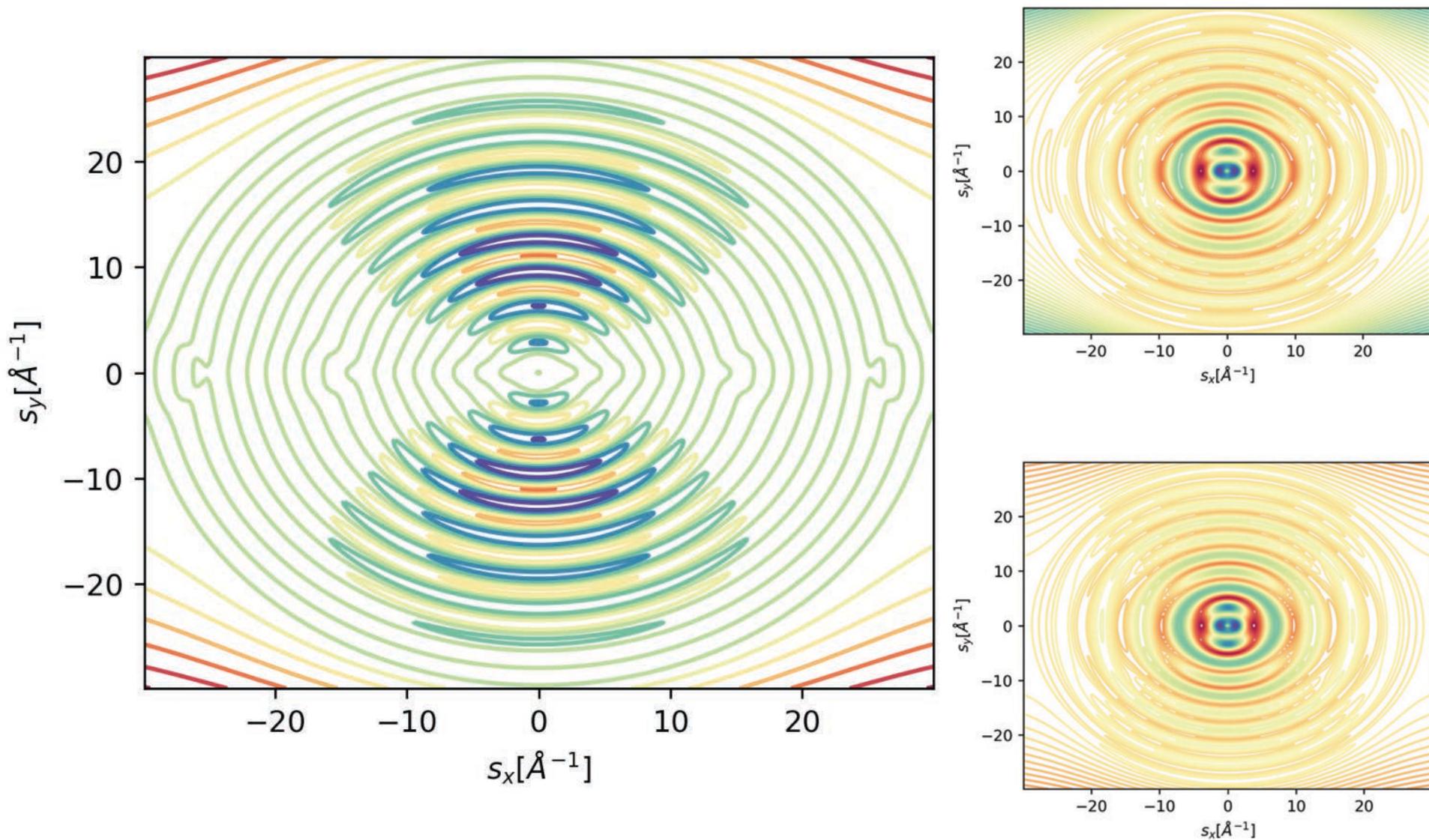
# Quantum tomography by TRED diffraction

Diffraction from time dependent vibration wave packet of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  molecule



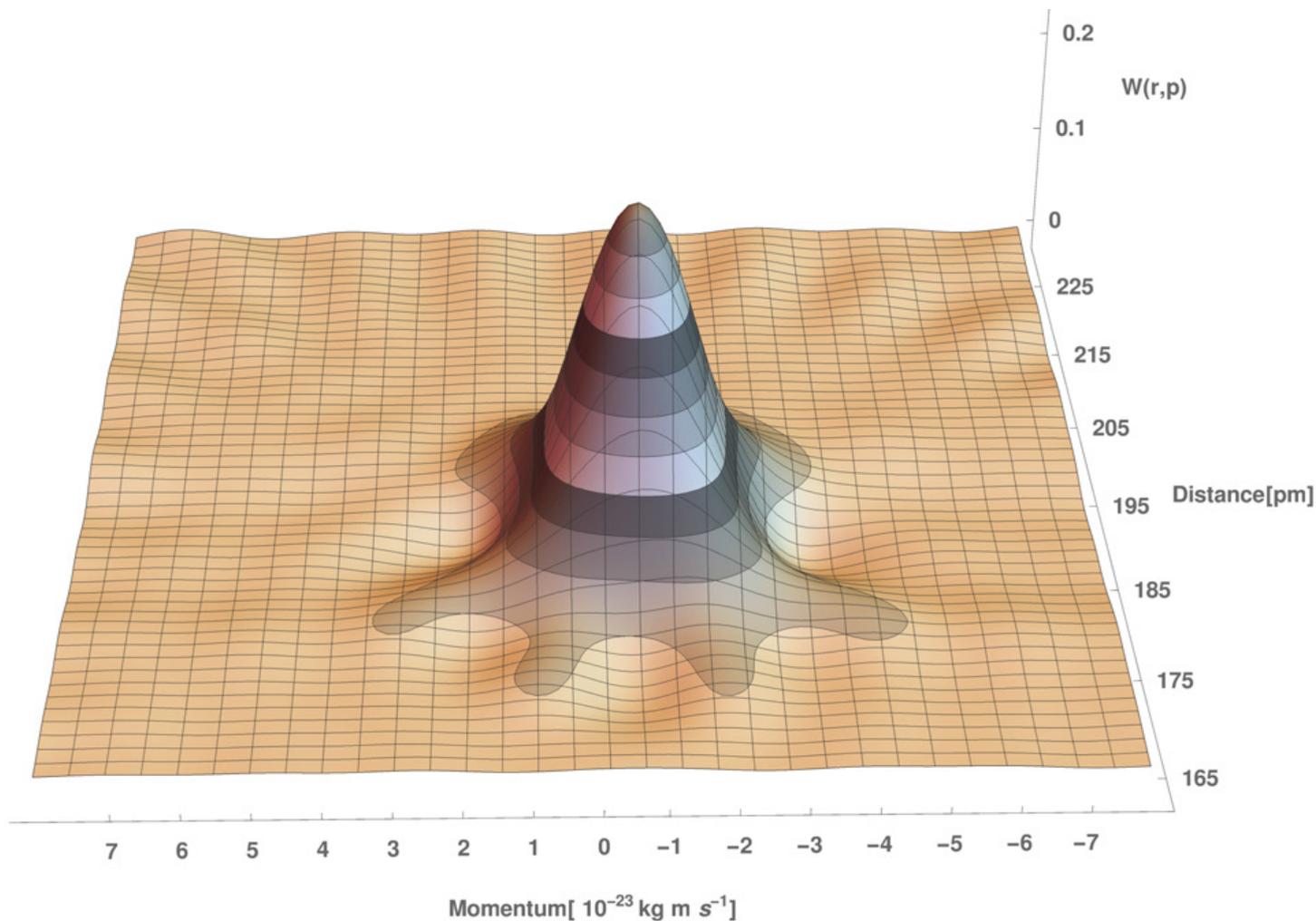
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# Difference of diffraction intensity $t=0$ & $t=T/2$



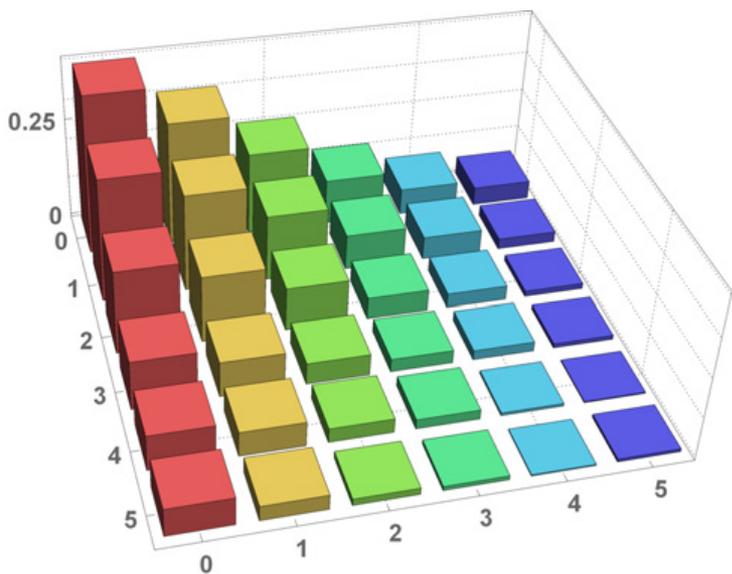
# Wigner function

$$W(r, p) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \Pr(x, \theta) K(rcos\theta + psin\theta - x)$$



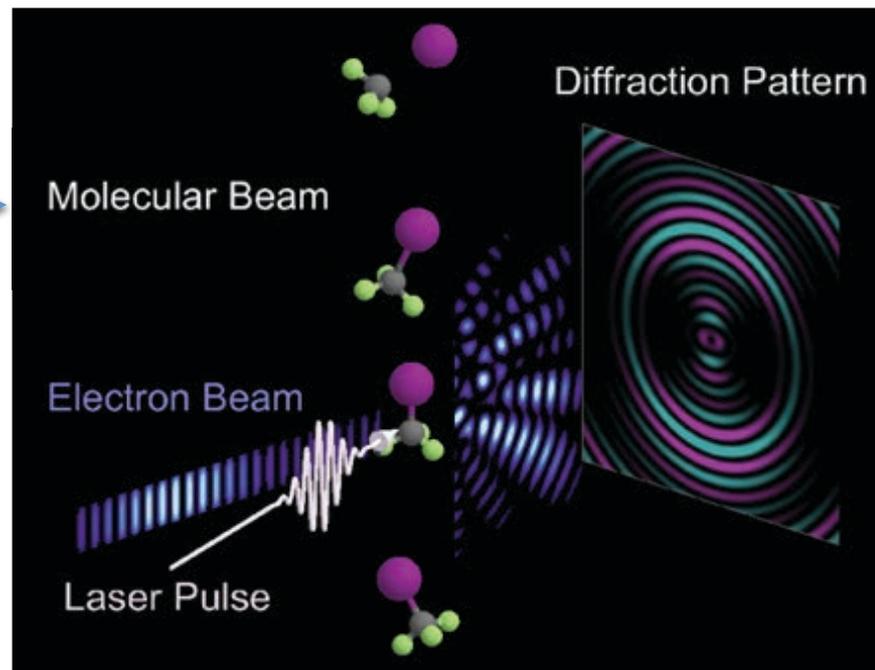
# Density matrix of vibrational states

Density Matrix of coherent wavepacket vibrational motion

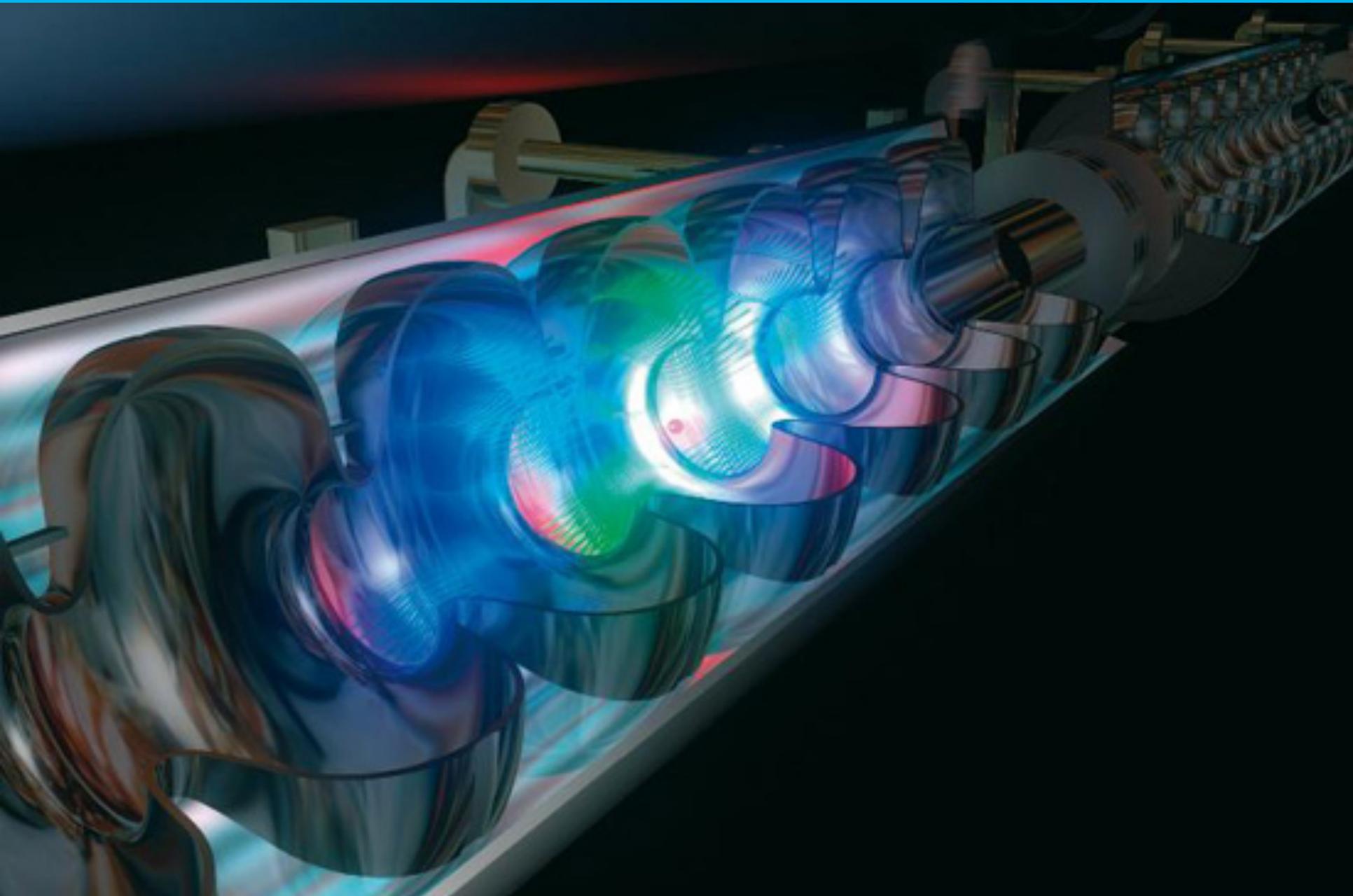


TRED :- Diffraction as unitary evolution  $t \cong \theta$   
 $|\Psi(x;\theta)|^2 \cong |\Psi(x;\omega t)|^2$

$$\theta \cong t$$



# XFEL:- X-ray Free Electron Lasers (GeV electrons)

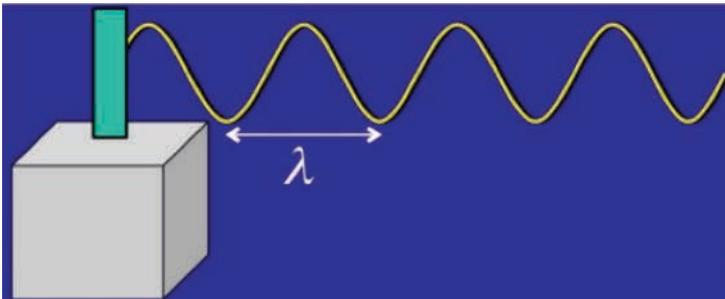


# Paradox for a good X-ray source

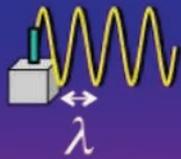
Femtosecond

X-ray

Coherent Laser



for VHF radio waves, the source size is similar to the wavelength  $\lambda \approx 1$  meter



for x-rays, the source should shrink to  $\approx 1$  angstrom: one atom – indeed, conventional x-ray sources are based on atoms; but are very bad



weak flux,  
large spread

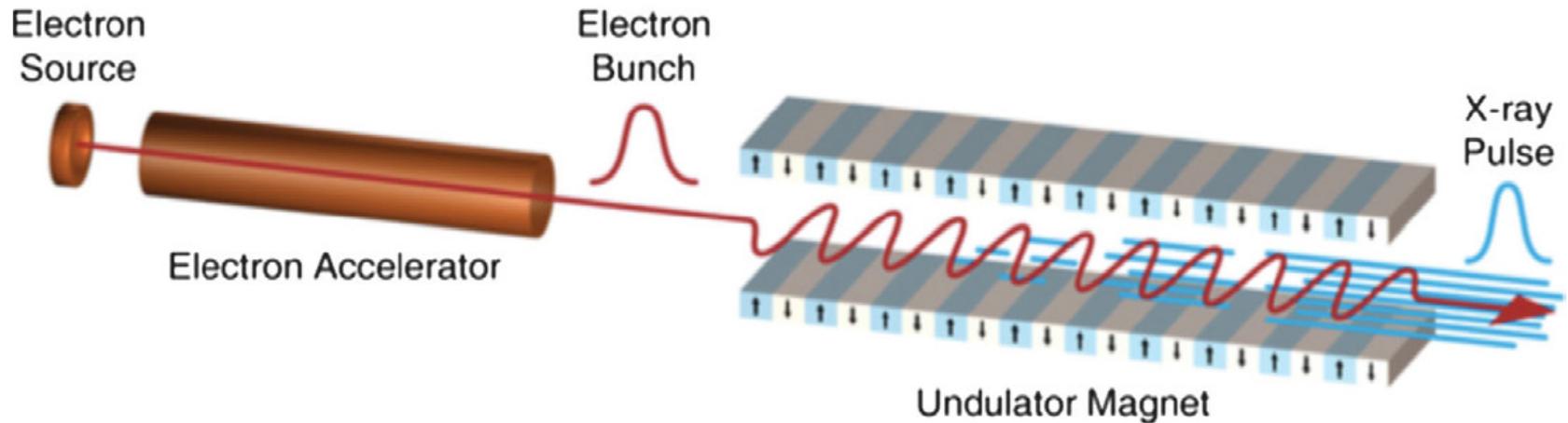
To improve them, we have to have artificial source with size  $\sim 1$  angstrom: no way!

# How does XFEL work?

Femtosecond

X-ray

Coherent Laser



Must the theory be so formal and complicated?

RMP, 88, '16

$$\vec{r}(t) = \left( \rho \sin \frac{\beta c}{\rho} t, \rho \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\beta c}{\rho} t \right), 0 \right).$$

In the limit of small angles we compute

$$\hat{n} \times (\hat{n} \times \vec{\beta}) = \beta \left[ -\vec{\epsilon}_{\parallel} \sin \left( \frac{\beta c t}{\rho} \right) + \vec{\epsilon}_{\perp} \cos \left( \frac{\beta c t}{\rho} \right) \sin \theta \right]$$

$$\omega \left( t - \frac{\hat{n} \cdot \vec{r}(t)}{c} \right) = \omega \left[ t - \frac{\rho}{c} \sin \left( \frac{\beta c t}{\rho} \right) \cos \theta \right]$$

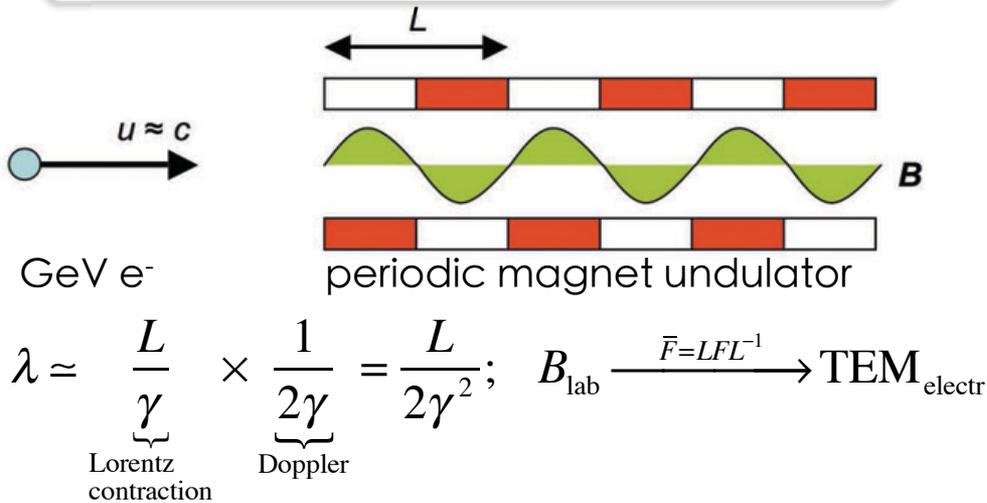
Substituting into the radiation integral and introducing

$$\xi = \frac{\rho \omega}{3c\gamma^3} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2}$$

$$\frac{d^3 W}{d\Omega d\omega} = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^3 \epsilon_0 c} \left( \frac{2\omega\rho}{3c\gamma^2} \right)^2 (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^2 \left[ K_{2/3}^2(\xi) + \frac{\gamma^2 \theta^2}{1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2} K_{1/3}^2(\xi) \right]$$

# Femtosecond X-ray Free electron lasers (GeV electrons)

Tunable wavelength:- from THz to X-ray



$$u^2 \rightarrow u^2 - v_T^2; \quad 1/\gamma^2 \rightarrow 1/\gamma^2 \left( 1 + \frac{v_T^2 \gamma^2}{c^2} \right); \quad v_T \sim BL$$

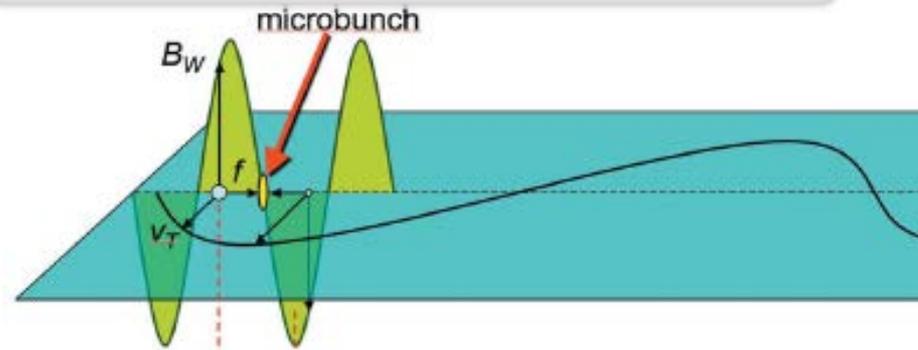
$$\lambda \approx \frac{L}{2\gamma^2} \left[ 1 + \underbrace{\gamma^2 (\tilde{\kappa} BL/c)^2}_{K^2/2} \right] = \frac{L}{2\gamma^2} (1 + K^2/2)$$

Wavelength tunable through  $B, L, u$   
e.g.:

$$\gamma = E/m_e = 5\text{GeV}/0.511\text{MeV} \approx 1 \times 10^4, \quad L = 7\text{cm}$$

$$\lambda \approx 0.07\text{m}/[2 \times (1 \times 10^4)^2] \approx 3.5 \text{ \AA} \quad (\text{X-ray})$$

as/fs pulses from microbunches



Electrons form microbunches in space due to Lorentz force.

The emitted pulse duration is thus

$$\Delta t = N_u \lambda / c$$

These are as/fs photon pulses  
e.g.:

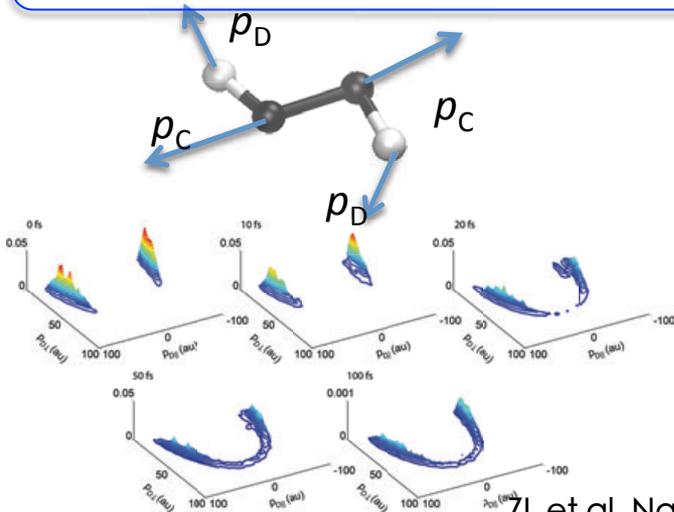
$$N_u = 1000, \quad \lambda = 3.5 \text{ \AA}$$

$$\Delta t = 1.2 \text{ fs}$$

# XFEL Applications

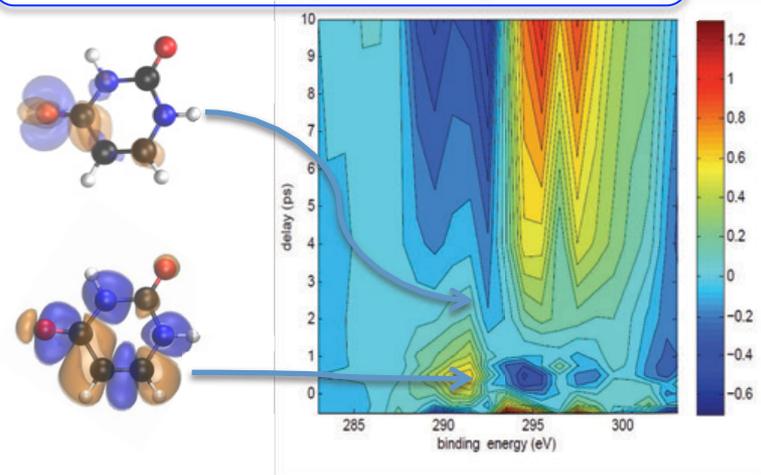
## FEL as probe

Transient molecular structure



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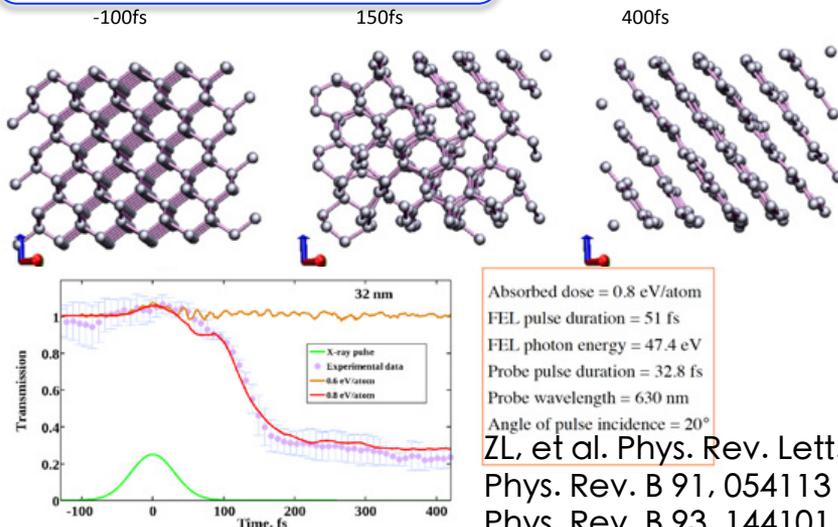
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## FEL as pump

Warm dense matter



Absorbed dose = 0.8 eV/atom  
 FEL pulse duration = 51 fs  
 FEL photon energy = 47.4 eV  
 Probe pulse duration = 32.8 fs  
 Probe wavelength = 630 nm  
 Angle of pulse incidence = 20°

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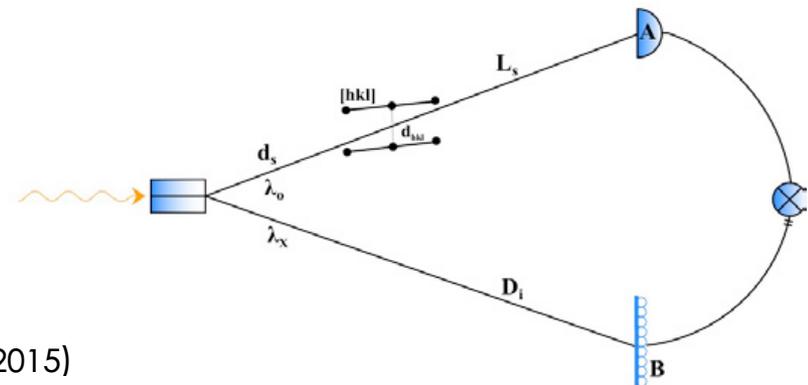
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## FEL for diffraction

Quantum diffraction



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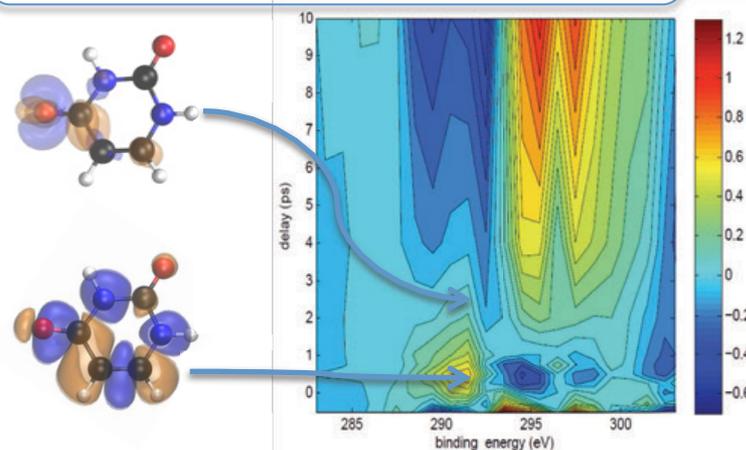
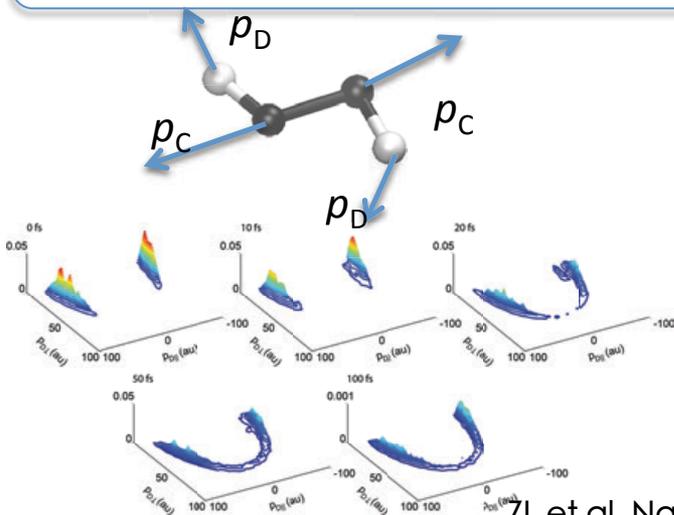
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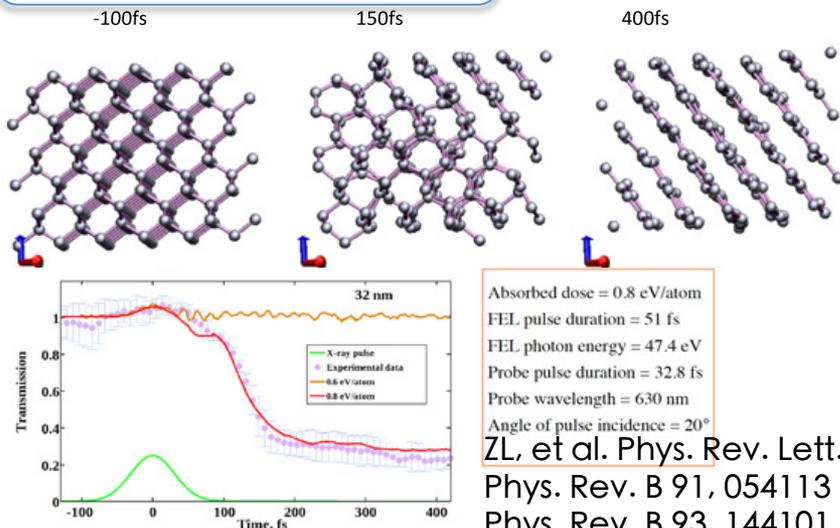


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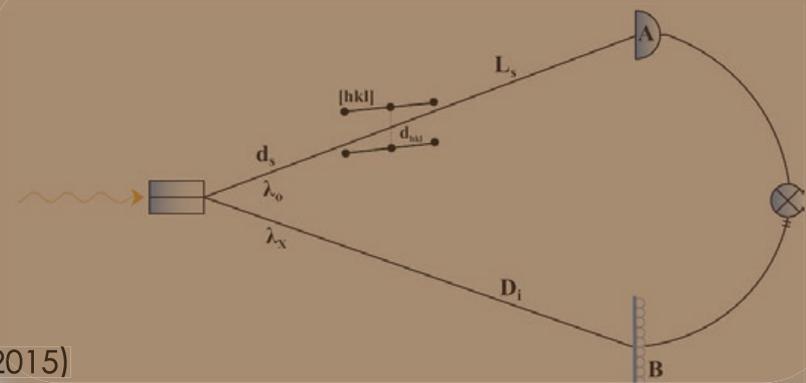
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# Quest for Ideal Microscope

## 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

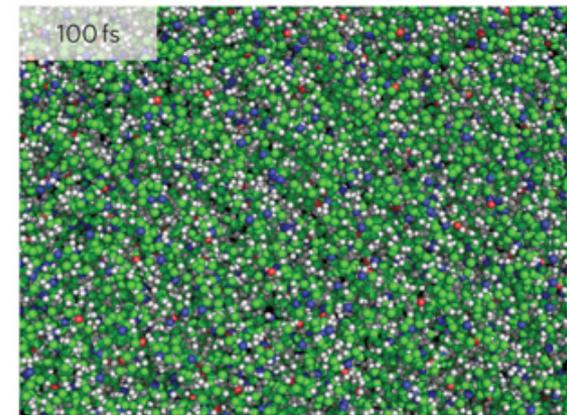
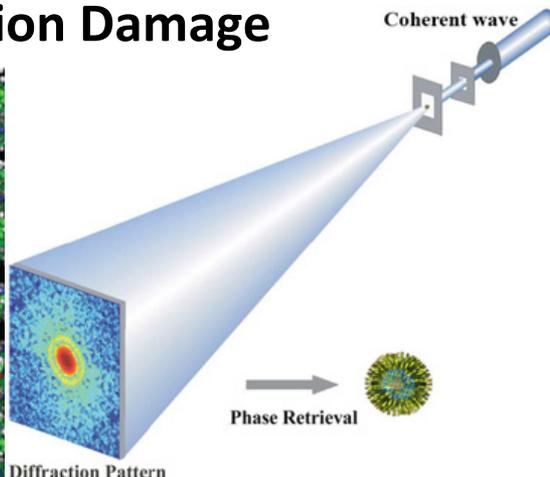
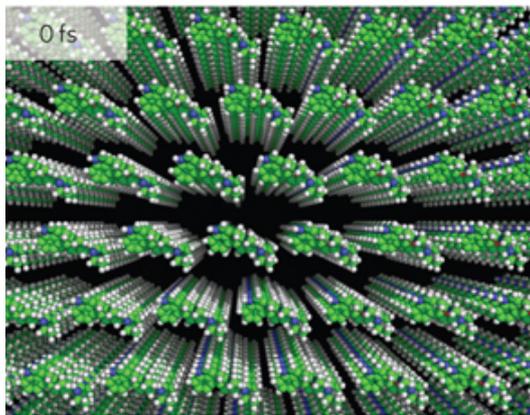
S. Hell *et al.* Opt. Lett. (1994); Opt. Lett. (1999)

### XFEL diffraction

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

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

## Culprit for ✗'s: Radiation Damage

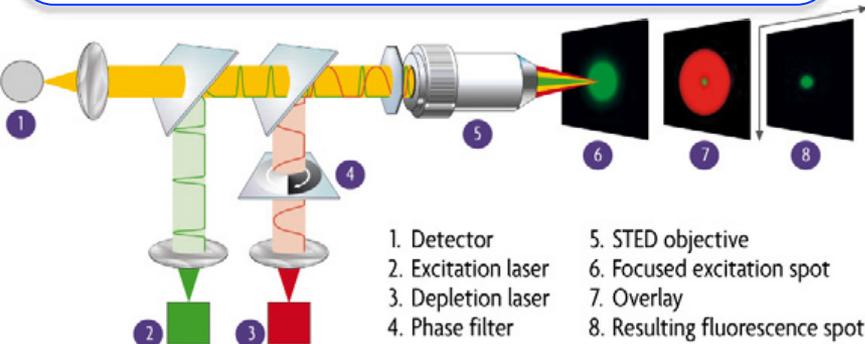


# The Ideal Microscope

## Superresolving microscope :

✓ Radiation damage free

✗ Resolution:  $\sim 20\text{nm}$

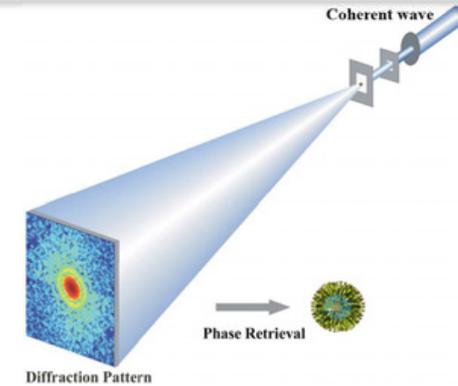


Active Motif Inc.

## XFEL diffraction:

✓ Resolution:  $\sim 0.1\text{nm}$

✗ Serious radiation damage



## An ideal microscope

✓ Resolution:  $\sim 0.1\text{nm}$

✓ Radiation damage free

😊 For living organism

😊 For single molecules

# Quantum Diffraction:- An Ideal Microscope?

Nikita Medvedev, Yanhua Shih and Henry Chapman



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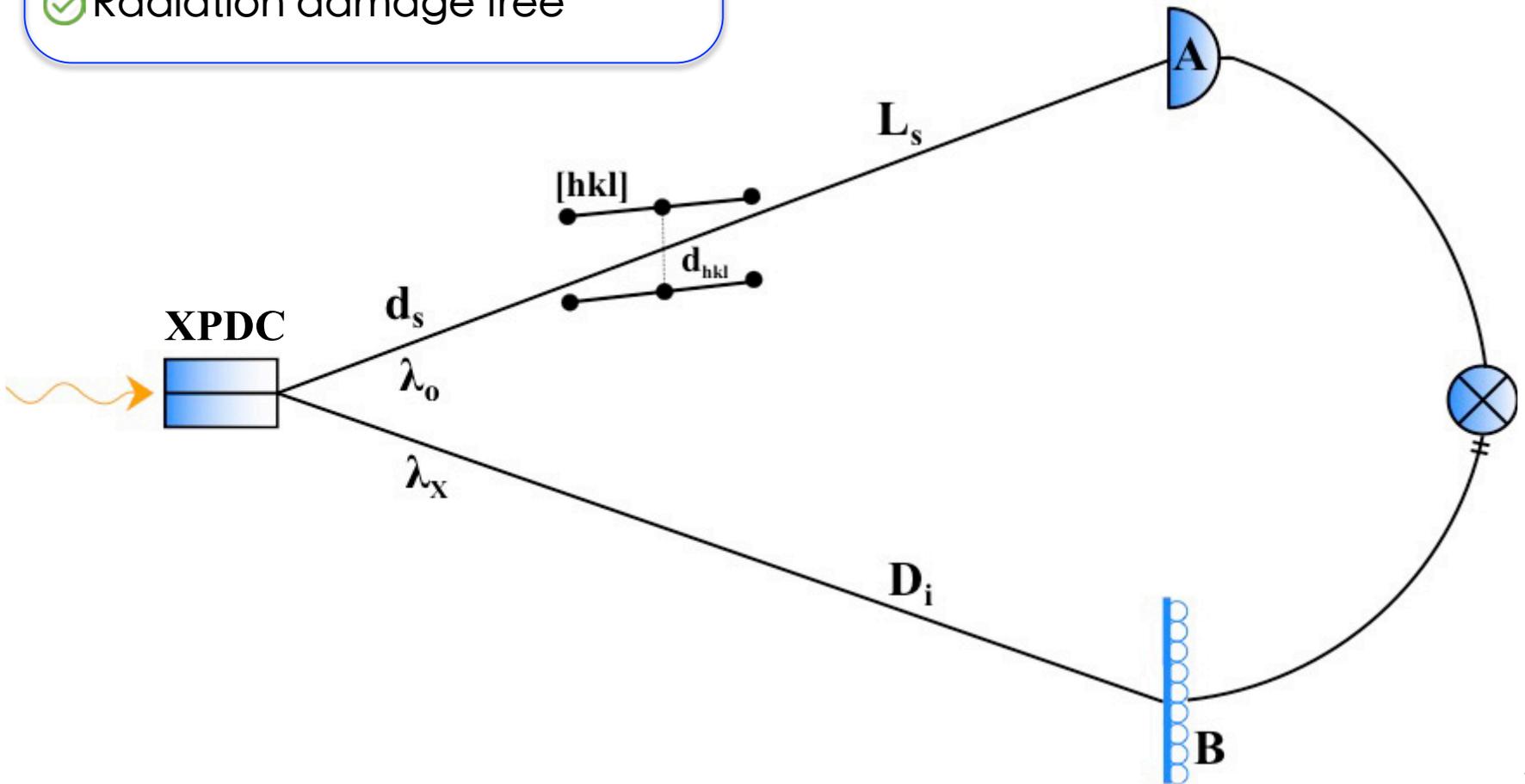
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**Is there more exotic quantumness we can exploit using FEL?**

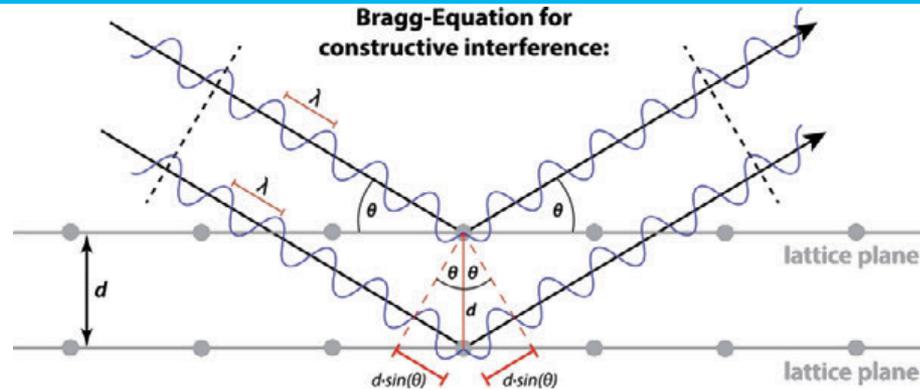
# XFEL quantum diffraction

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

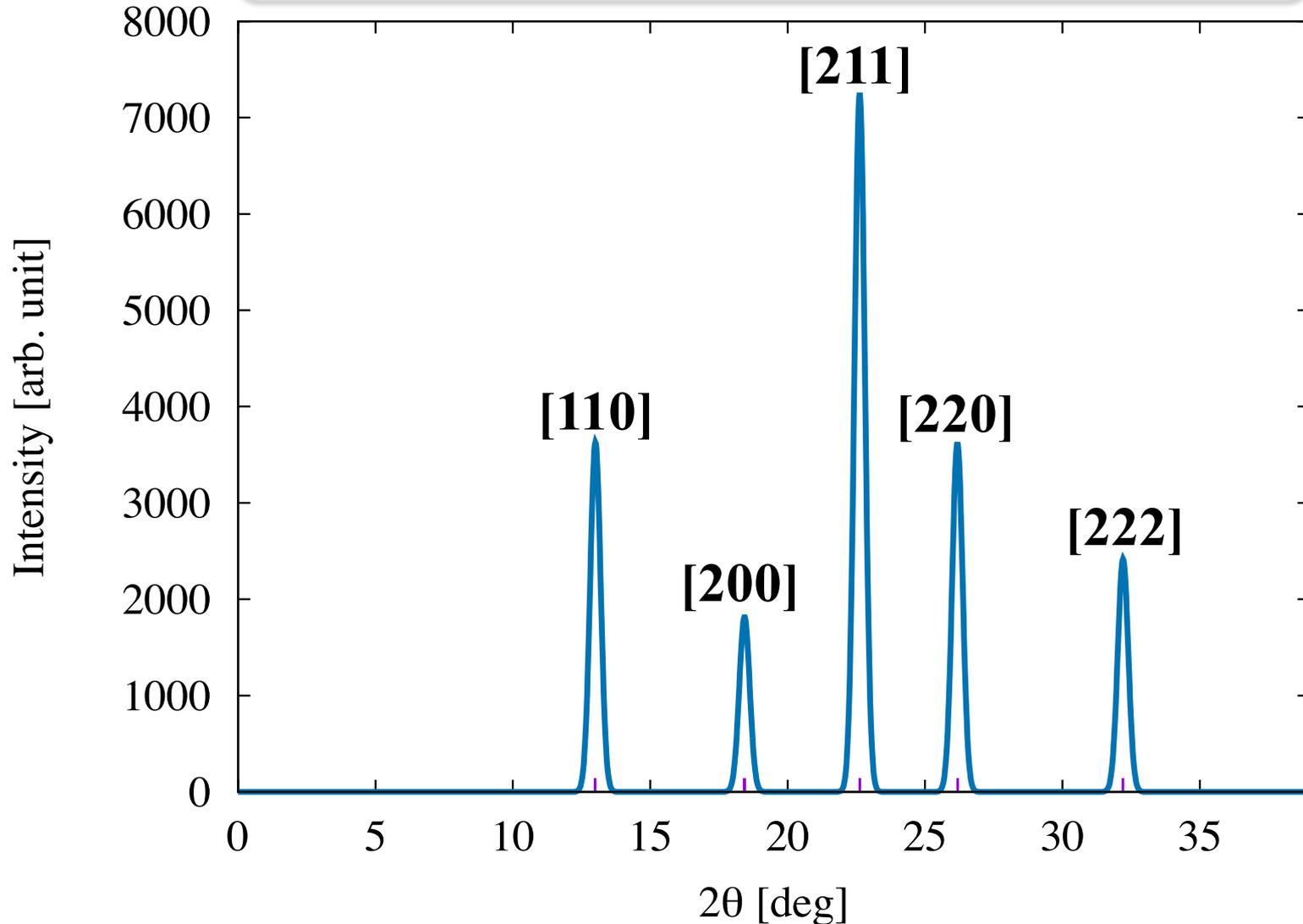
$$R_c(\rho_B) = \frac{1}{T} \int dt_A dt_B S(t_B, t_A) \int_{\sigma_A} d^2 \rho_A \sigma_B \text{tr} \left[ E_A^{(-)} E_B^{(-)} E_B^{(+)} E_A^{(+)} \rho \right]$$

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

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



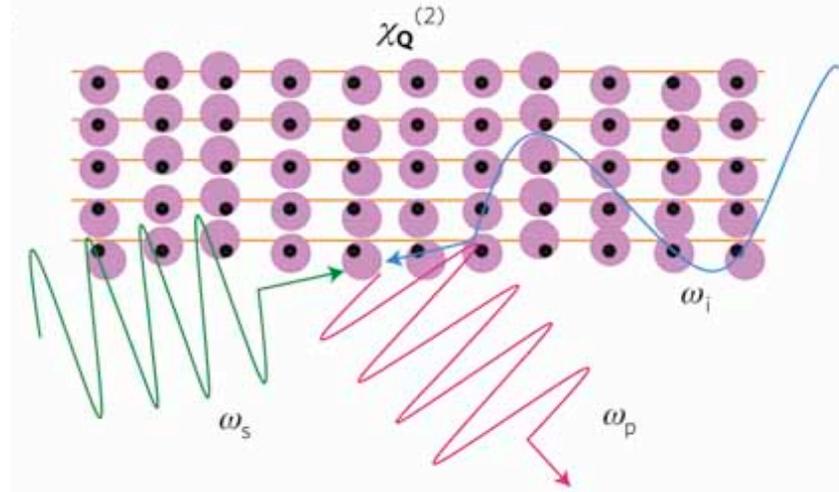


# Do we have sufficient such photon pairs?

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

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

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



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

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

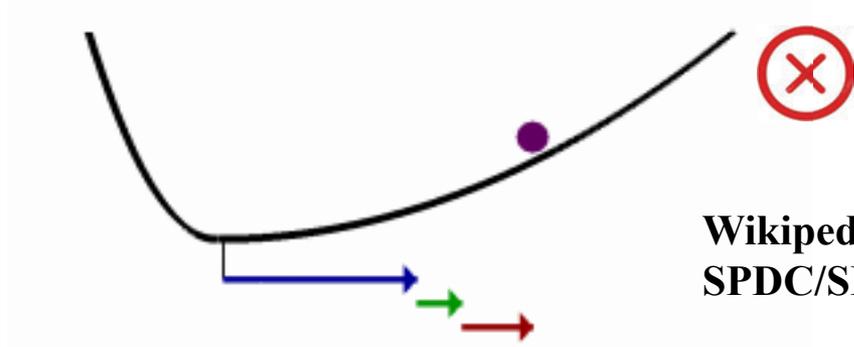
$$\chi^{(n)}(\omega; \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n) = i^{1-n} \frac{c^n}{\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_n} R^{(n)}(\omega; \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n)$$

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

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

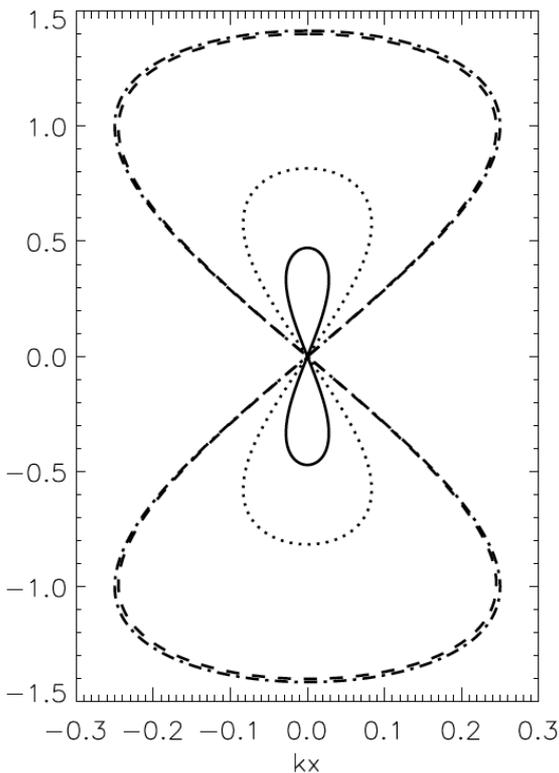
# Single electron as nonlinear medium for XPDC

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



Wikipedia:  
SPDC/SHG

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



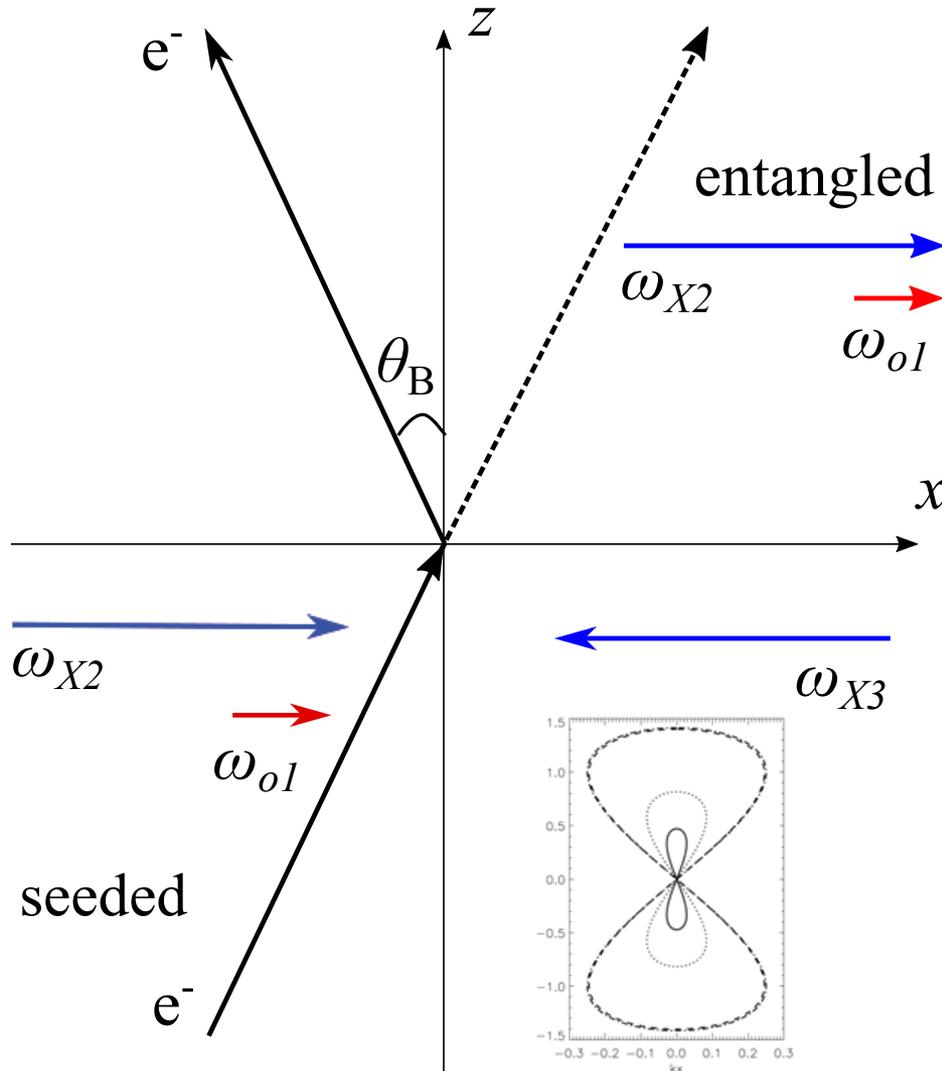
$$x = -\frac{a^2}{8k(1 + a^2/2)} \sin 2\phi$$

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

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

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  $\theta_B$ .

Using Kapitza's method of pondermotive decomposition, we obtain

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

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

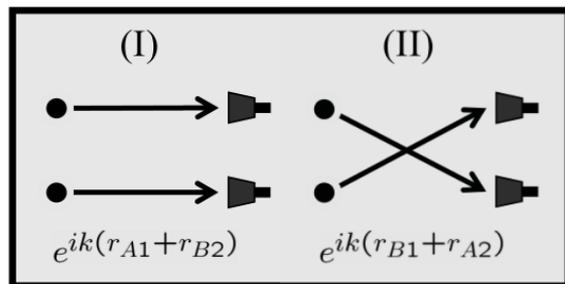
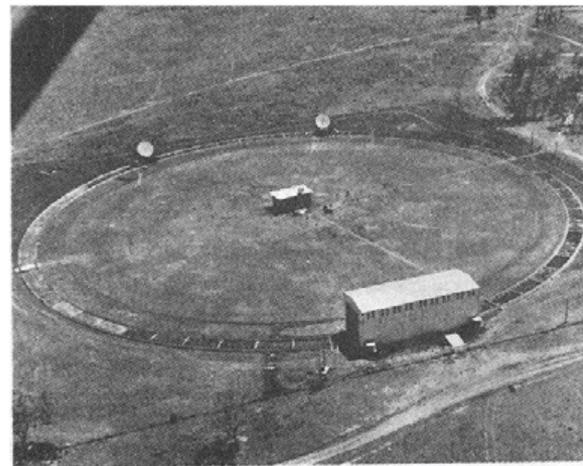
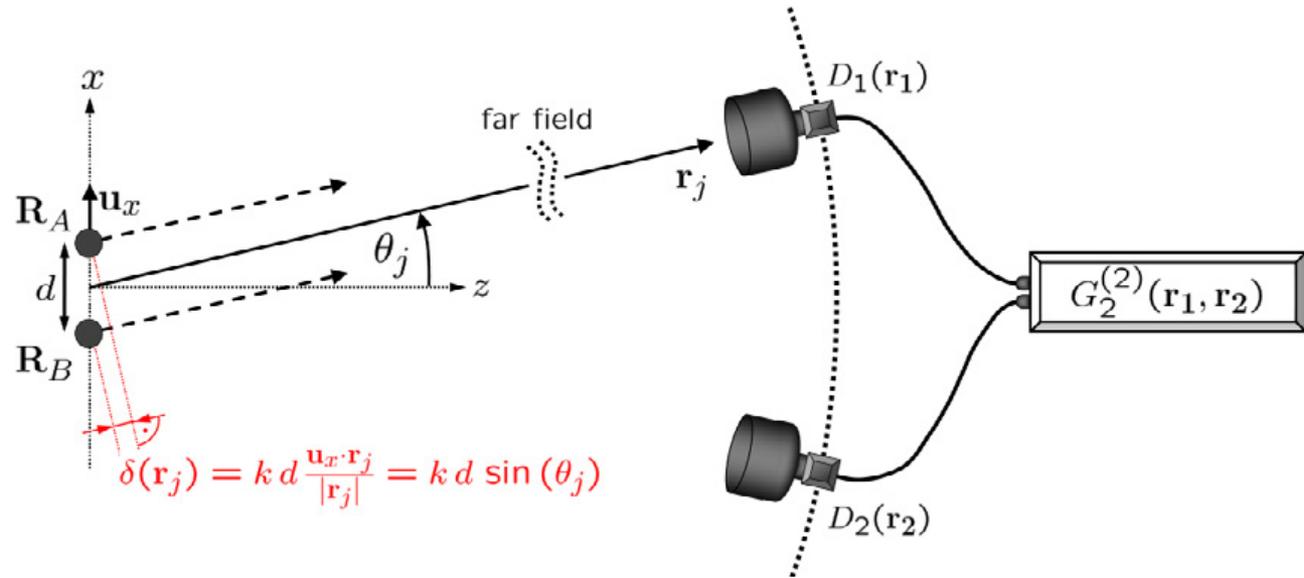
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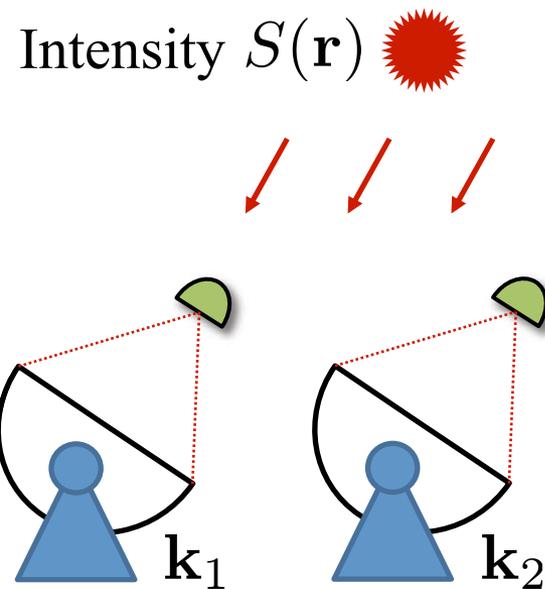
O. Smirnova *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2004)

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# Incoherent molecular diffraction



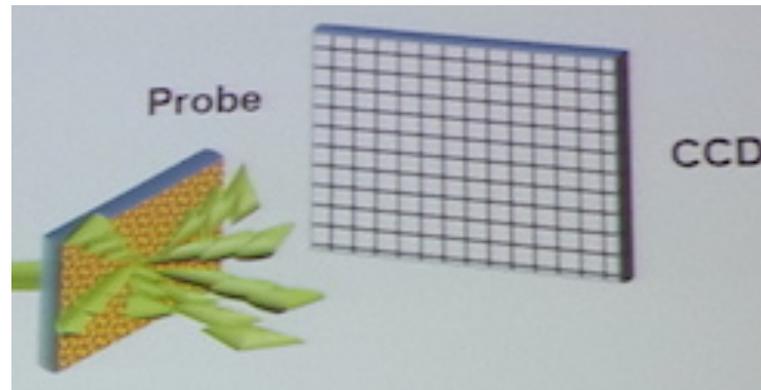
$$g^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \sim |e^{ik(r_{A1} + r_{B2})} + e^{ik(r_{A1} + r_{B2})}|^2$$



# Max von Laue's original experiment

tion experiment. "Because we believed at first that we had to deal with fluorescence radiation, a crystal had to be chosen that contained a metal with a considerable atomic weight," Friedrich and Knipping presented as the argument why they chose copper sulphate as a crystal [3, p. 314]. In other words: The crystal was not imagined to act as a three-dimensional diffraction grating for the *primary* beam of X-rays, but as an emitter of the so-called characteristic X-rays. Laue apparently expected that if this characteristic radiation originates from the regularly arranged points of the crystal's space lattice, then they should be

the photographic plates on which the diffraction pattern was recorded were placed left and right and in the back of the crystal [3, Fig. 1], so that



Eckert, Ann. Phys. '12

**Background-free** - different wavelength  
**Superresolving** - covering larger Ewald  
**Sphere** (two photon wave vec.  $q=k_1-k_2$ )  
**Free of wave-front distortion**

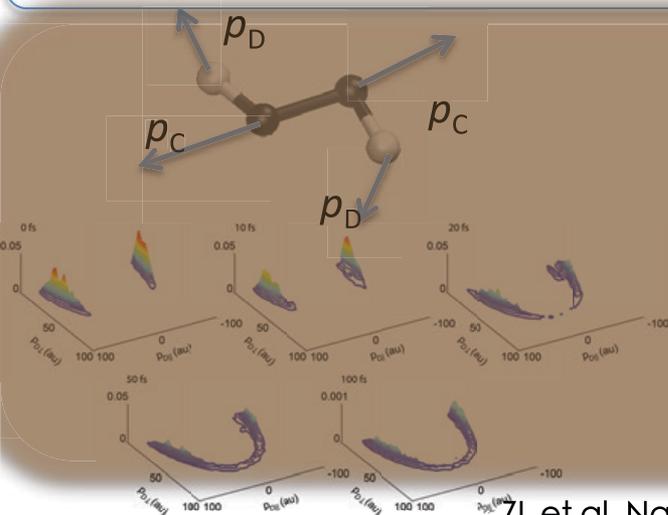
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# XFEL Applications

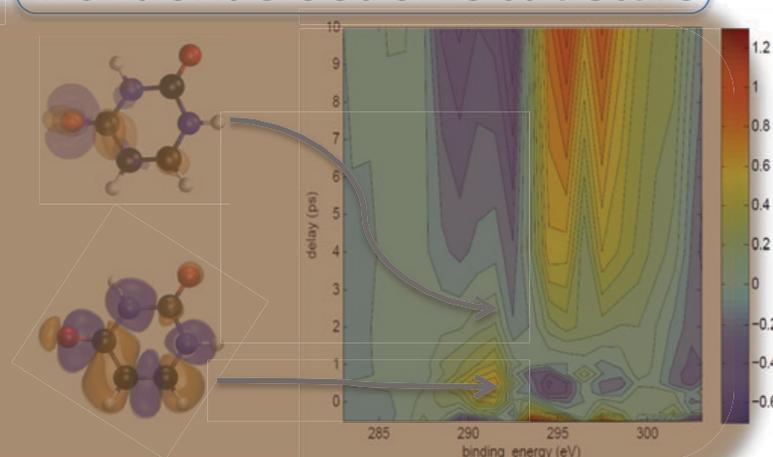
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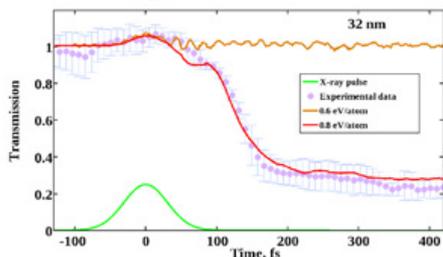
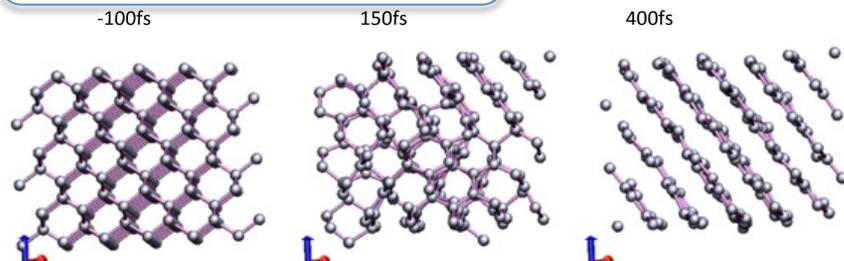
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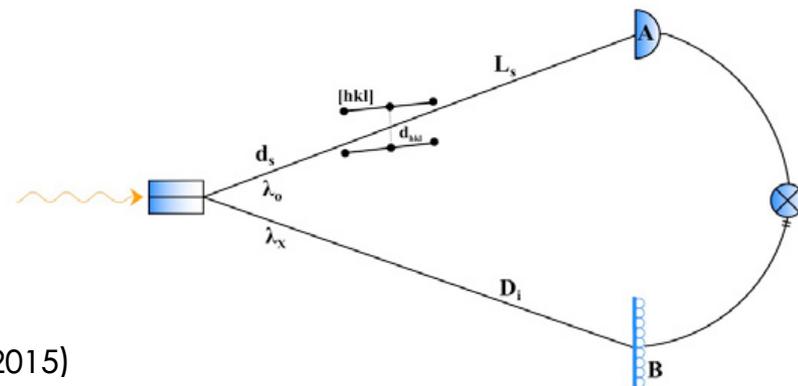
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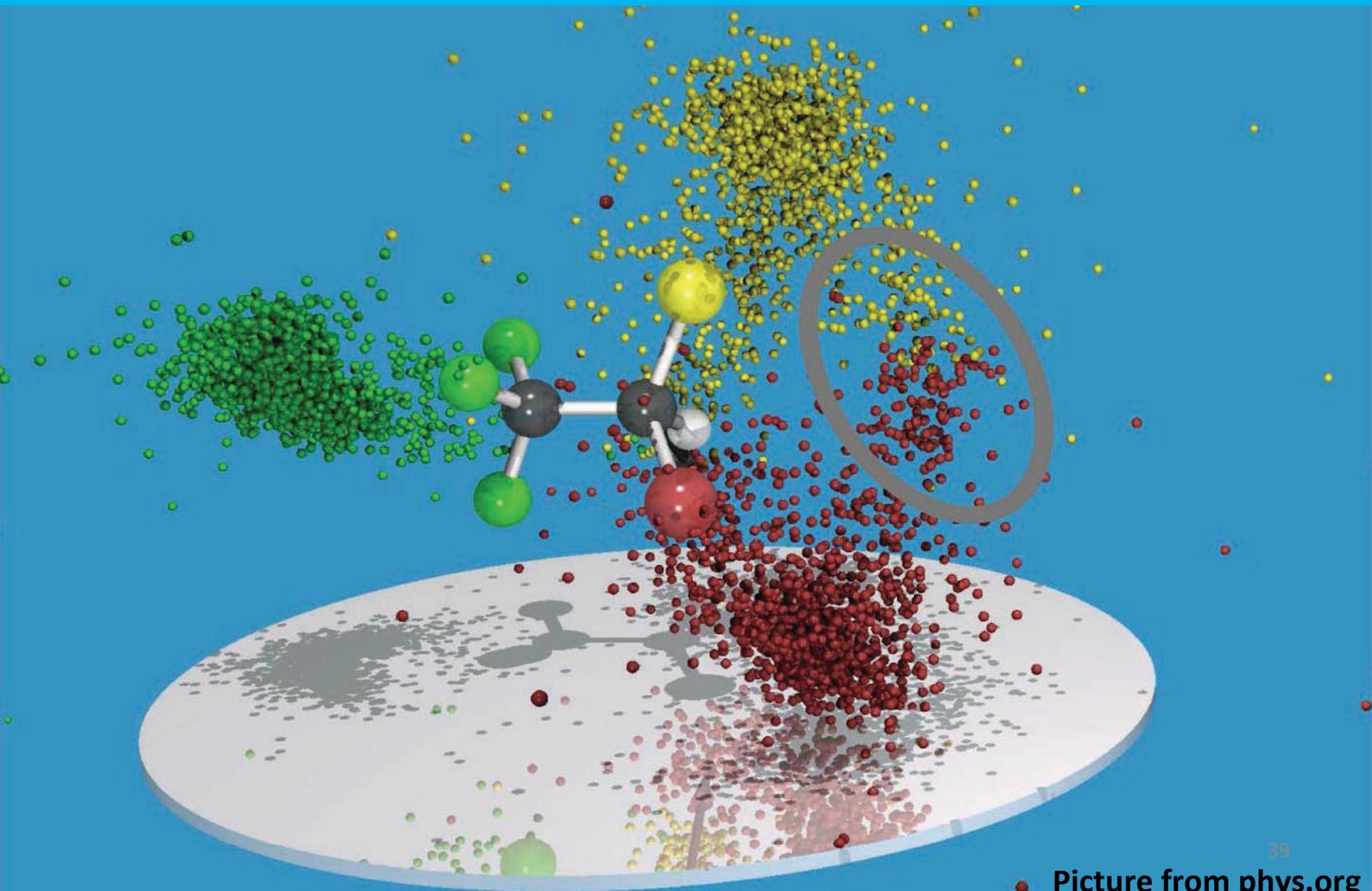
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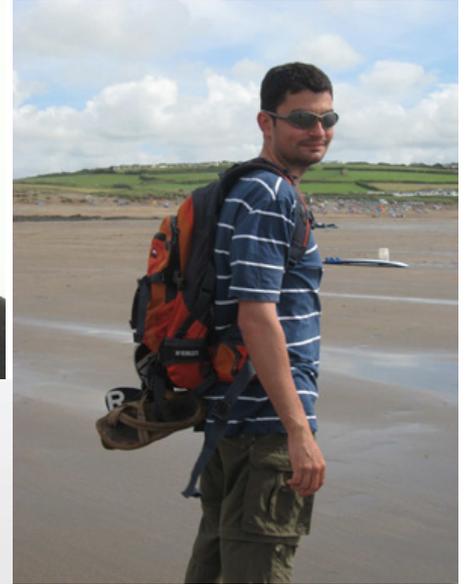
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ZL et al., Europhys. Lett. (2017)

# Alternative of X-ray imaging:- Coulomb explosion imaging



# Basile, Ludger, Todd, Stefan, Lamine, Sang-Kil, Oriol, Robin



ZL et al. Nature Commun. 8, 453 (2017)

# X-ray Coulomb explosion imaging

## X-CEI

Old method (CEI since 1980's) - New questions

Coulomb explosion imaging now in X-ray femtosecond regime

Examine:

Is Coulomb explosion imaging trustworthy in every aspects?

⊗ No!

The difference:

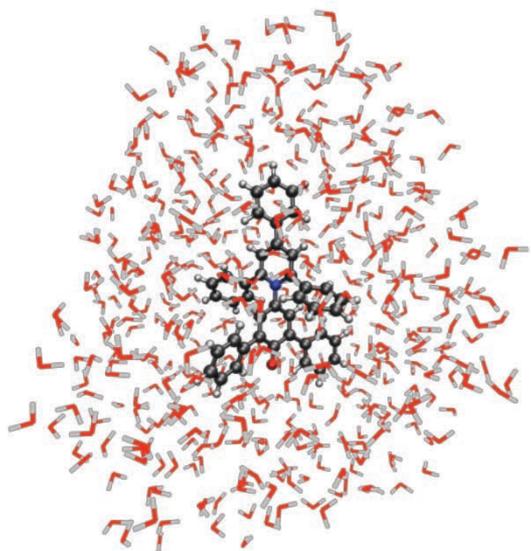
⊗ X-ray core ionization CEI vs. UV/VUV valence ionization CEI.

Ab initio molecular dynamics of core-excited molecules:

⊗ Unconventional methodologies.

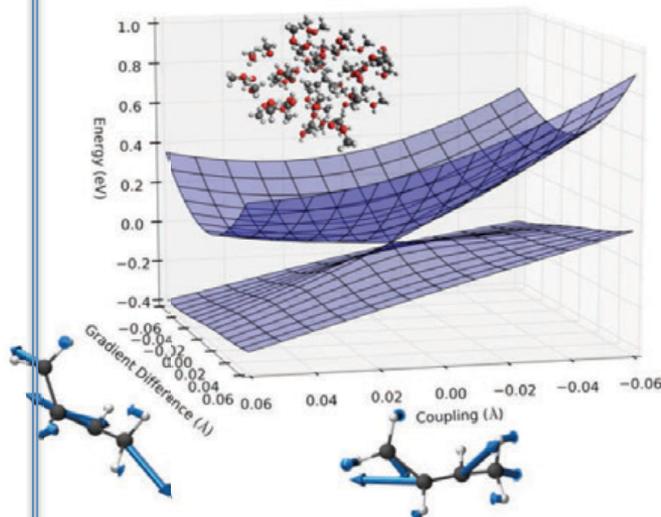
# GPU accelerated ab initio molecular dynamics

Energy Calculations:  
1000-2000 atoms



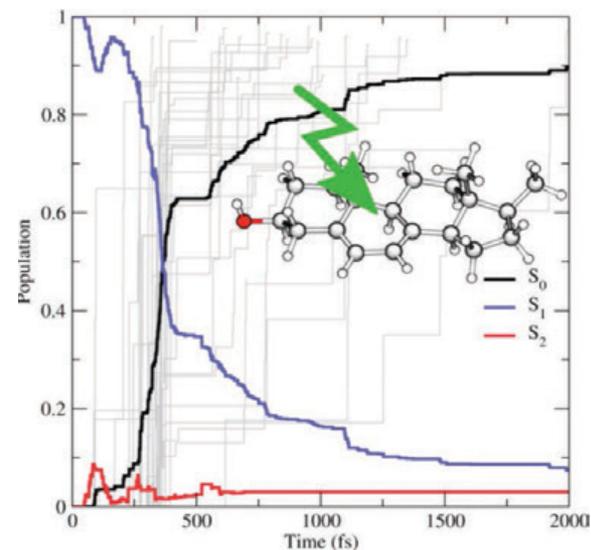
**Betaine-30**  
Microsolvated in  
500 Water Molecules

Conical Intersection:  
250-750 atoms



**Butadiene**  
Microsolvated in  
50 Methanol Molecules

Excited State Dynamics:  
Up to 100 atoms

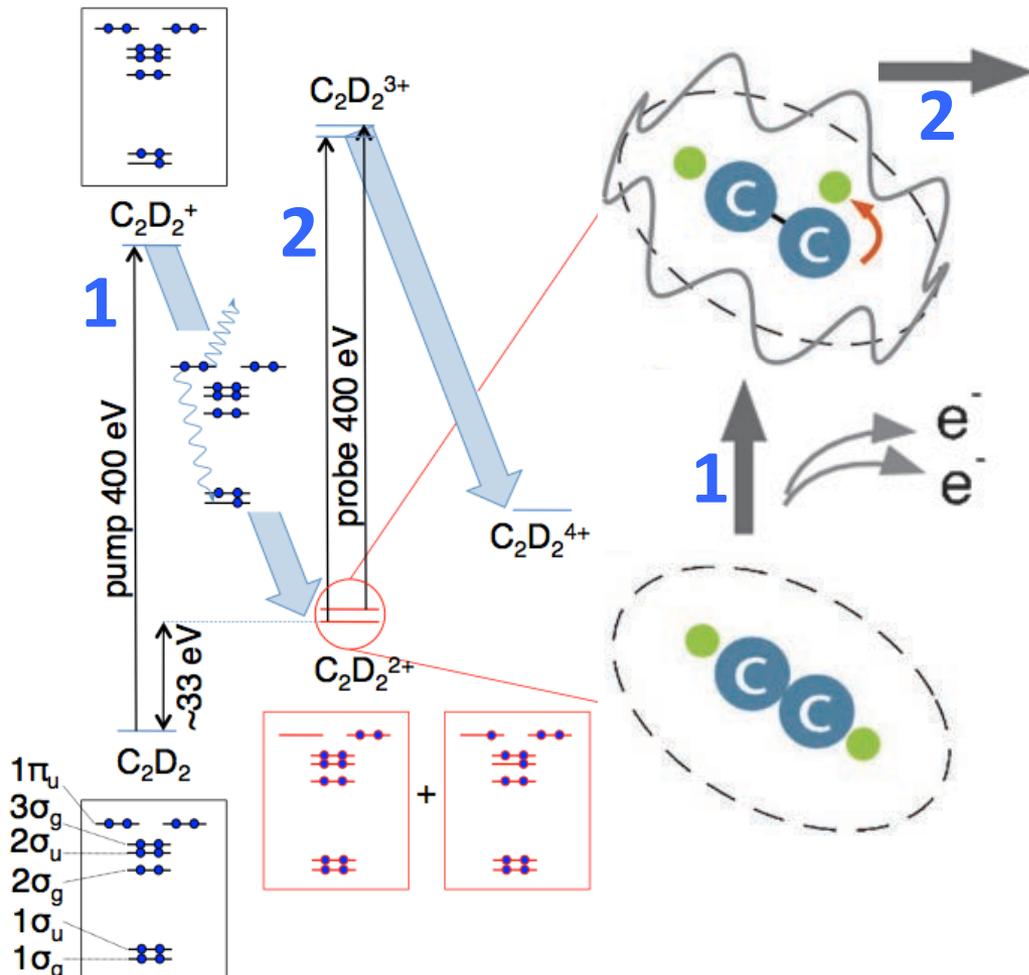


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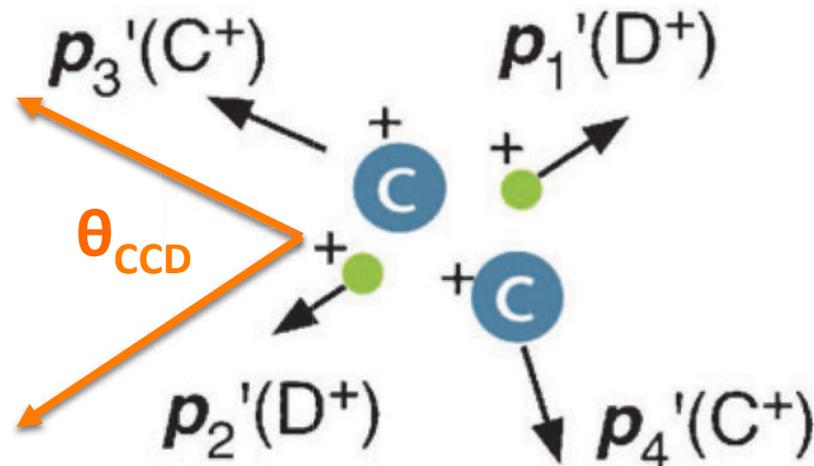
**Fully GPU-based TeraChem@SLAC**

# Isomerisation of acetylene:- X-CEI@SLAC

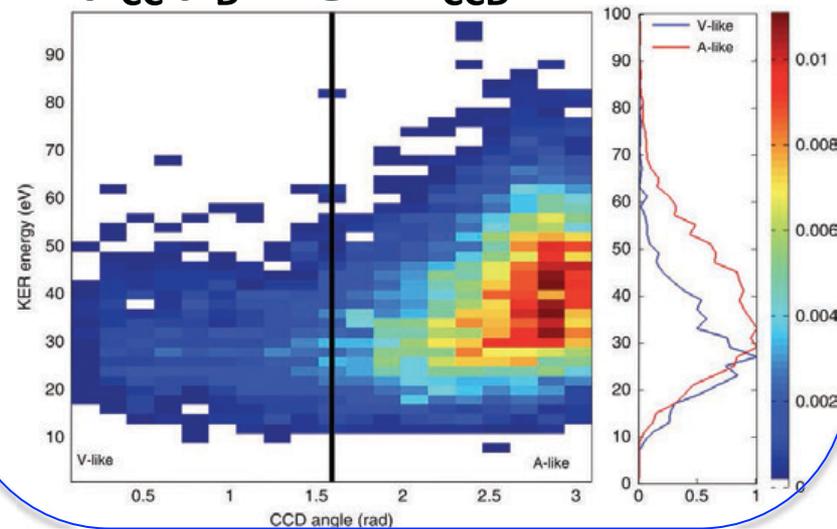
## X-ray ionization – Auger decay



## X-ray CEI



$p_{CC}-p_D$  angle  $\theta_{CCD}$  in 100 fs

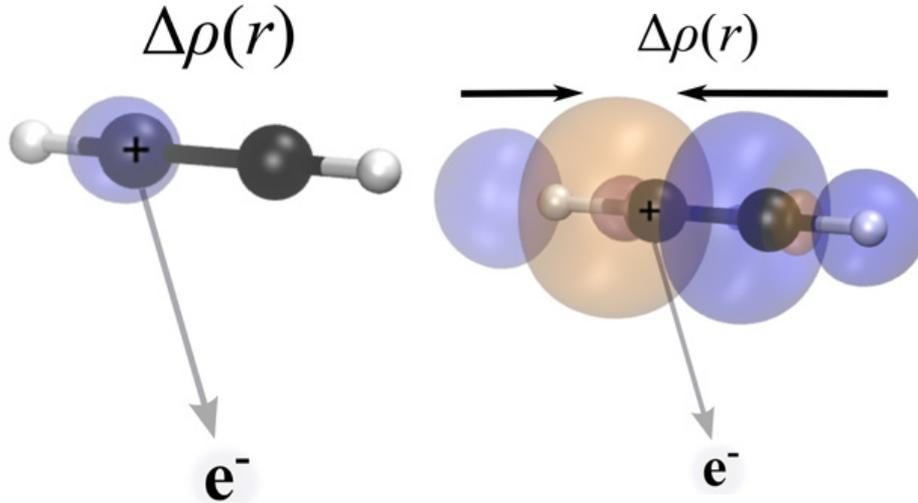


T. Osipov *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett., 90, 233002 (2003)

A. Matsuda *et al.*, PCCP, 13, 8697 (2011)

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# Isomerization of X-ray core-ionized acetylene?



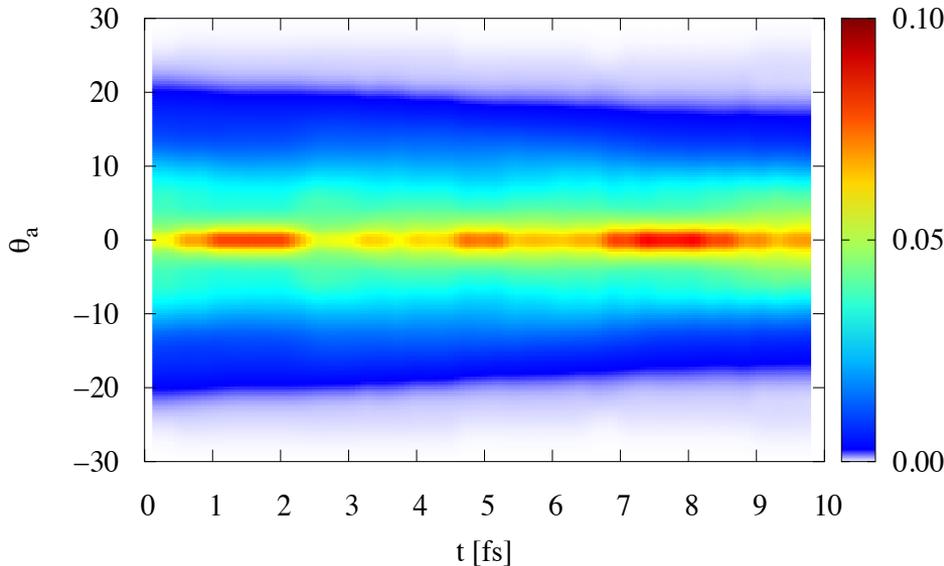
## Paradox

Bonds strengthened after X-ray ionizing a bonding electron ?!

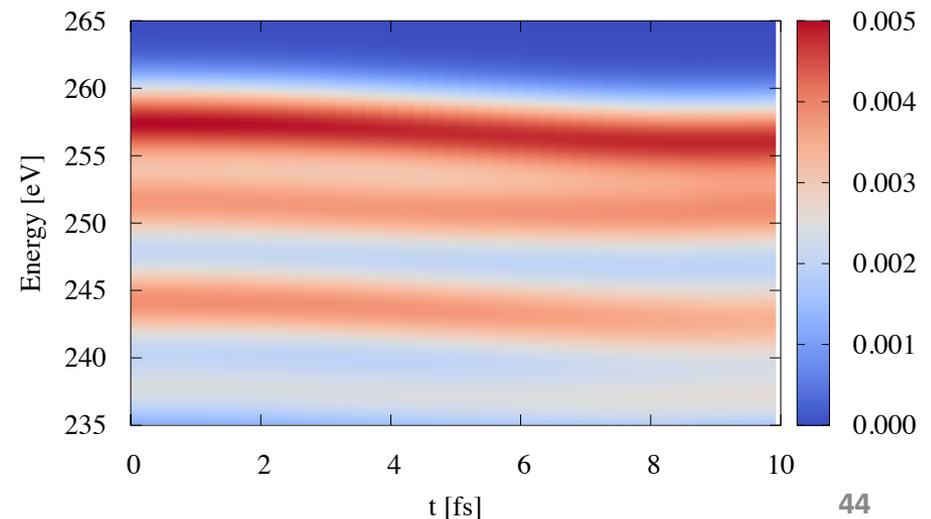
No isomerization :-)

Counterexample to  
L. Cederbaum et al. JMS '1996

Angular distribution of hydrogen



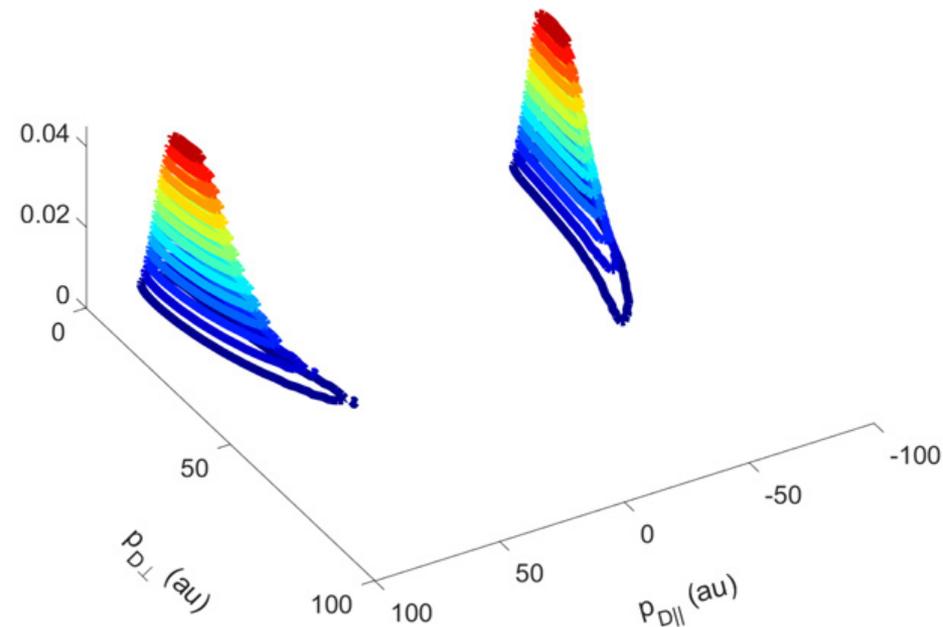
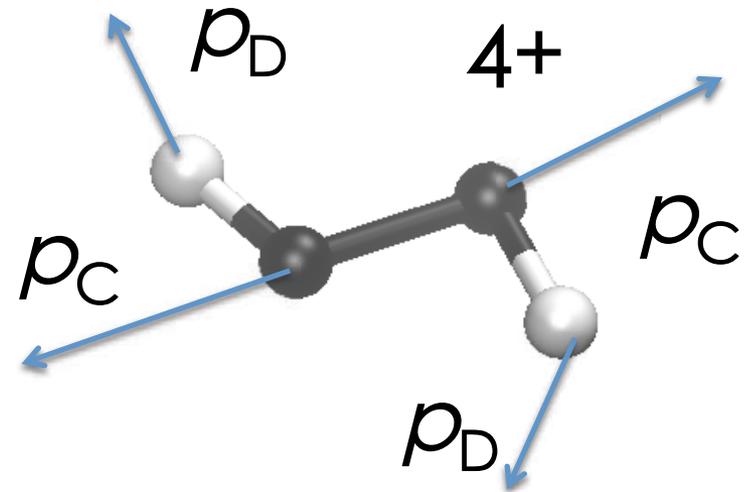
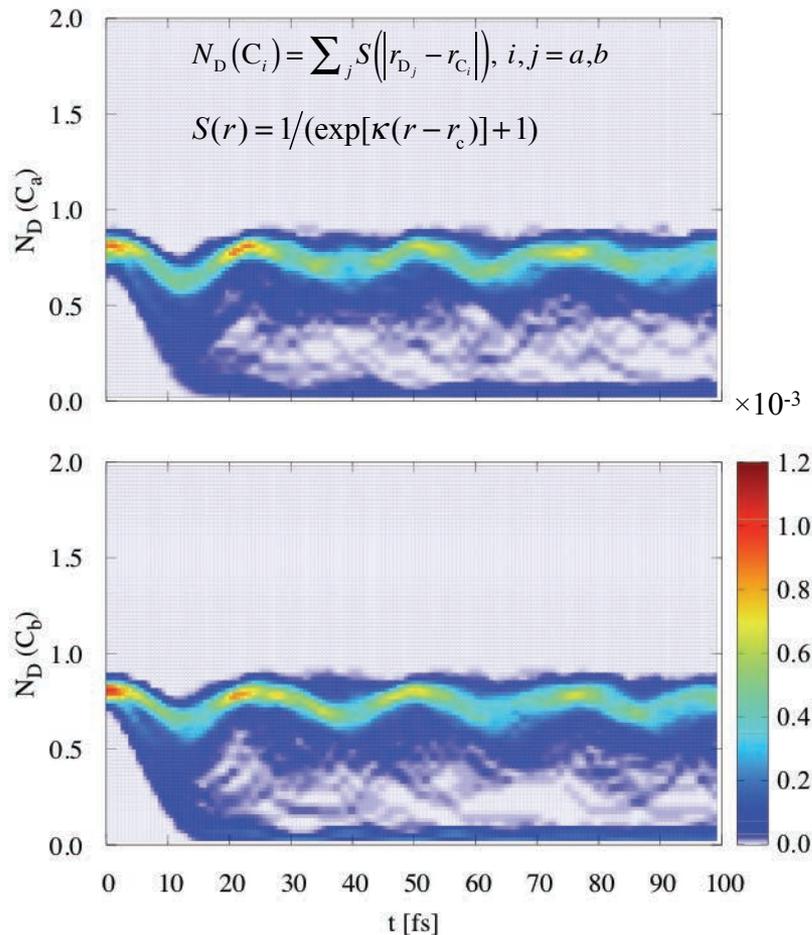
Time dependent Auger spectra



# Isomerization of doubly-ionized acetylene?

Potential barrier  $>2$  eV  
D coordination number  $N_D < 1$

Still no isomerization :-)





# Phase space at ultrafast time scale with REMI

## Reaction Microscope REMI has weakness



REMI has to be amended before it could be used for angular motion.



Eventually not amendable.



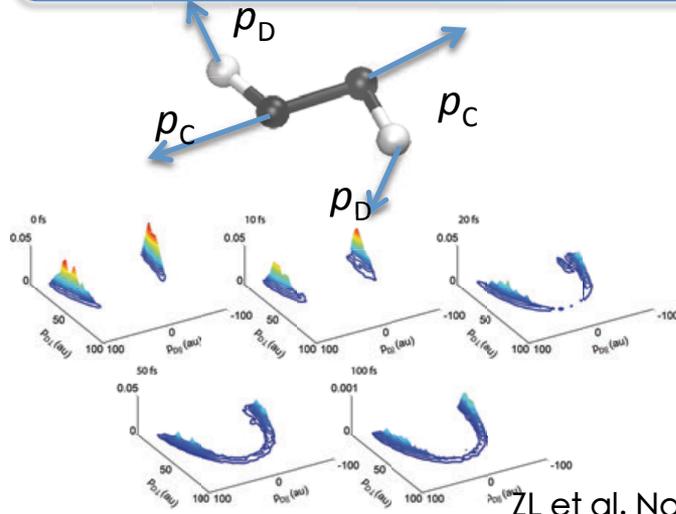
We can still measure transient angular momentum distribution with REMI.

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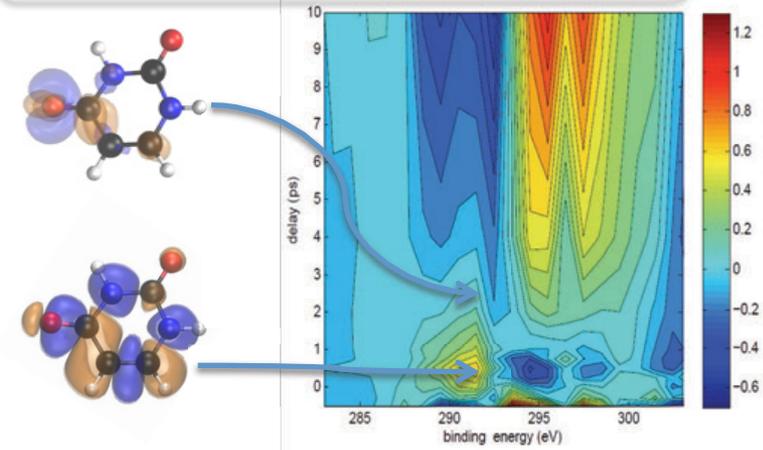
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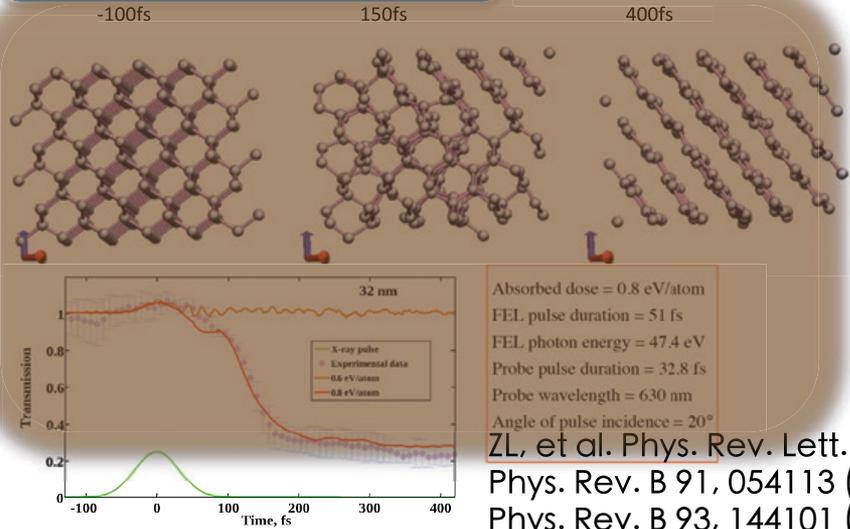
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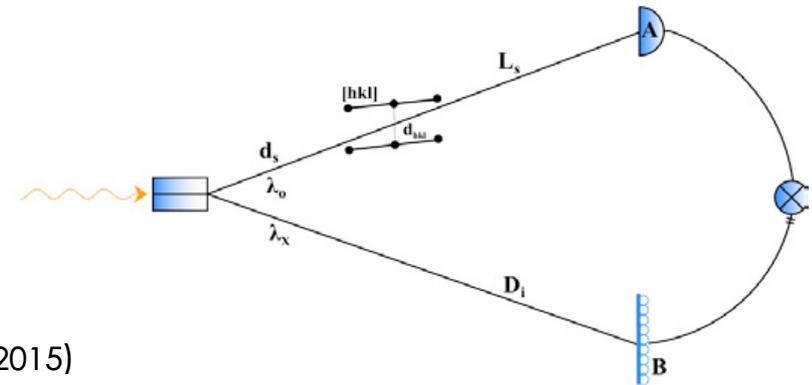
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# XFEL pump of solid state materials

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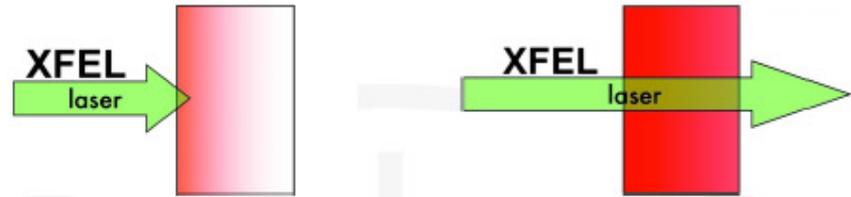
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# Astrophysics lab on earth:- warm dense matter

Warm  $T \simeq 10^4 - 10^5 K$  ( $T_{\text{Fermi}}$ )  
 Dense  $\rho \simeq 10^{22} \text{cm}^{-3}$   
 $\Gamma = V_{\text{Coulomb}}/E_{\text{kinetic}} \simeq 1$

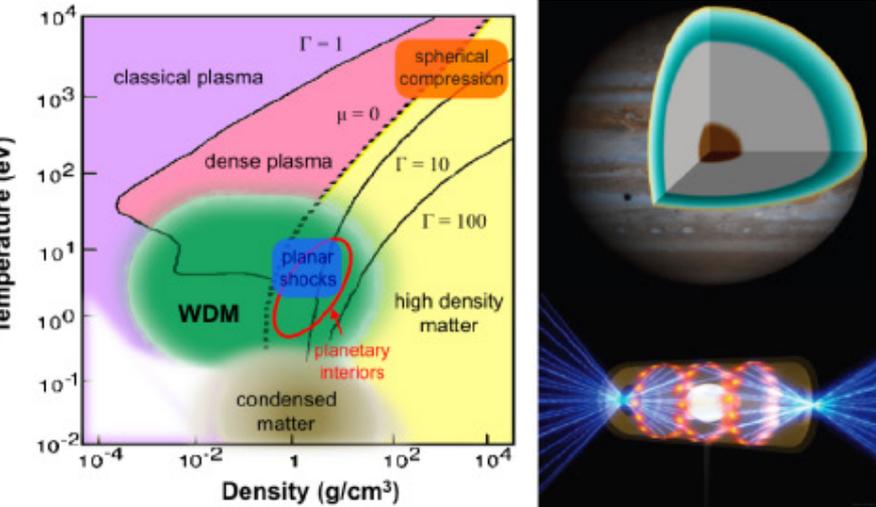
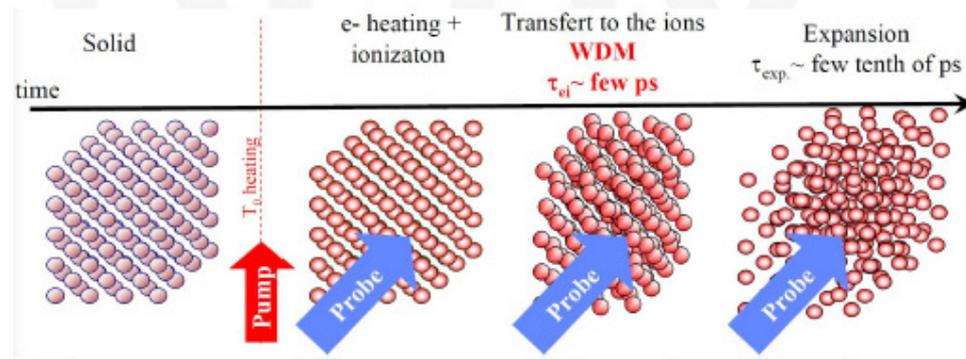
## Create Warm Dense Matter with XFEL

Irradiating solid sample



- No expansion during heating  $\Rightarrow$  ultrafast pulse  $\Rightarrow$  dense
- Warm in temperature ( $10^5 K$ )  $\Rightarrow$  high intensity  $\Rightarrow$  warm

## Pump-Probe Spectroscopy of WDM

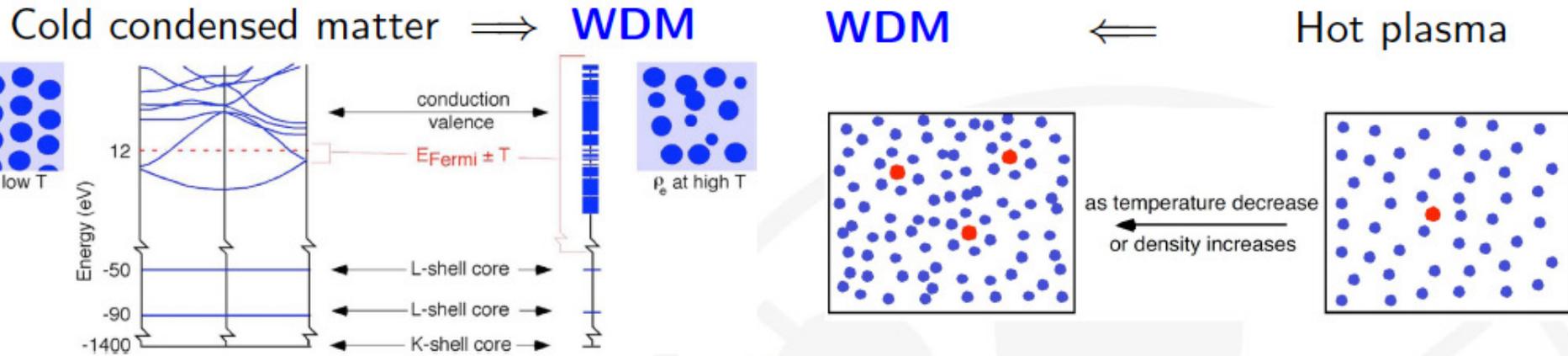


## Warm dense matter occurs in

- Cores of giant planets
- Shock-compressed solids
- Inertial confined fusion ...

# Warm dense matter:- between solid and plasma

**WDM** - Regime between **cold condensed matter** / **hot plasma**



- Fermi energy is the max  $e^-$  energy level in cold condensed matter

$$T \ll E_{\text{Fermi}}$$

- (Aluminum,  $E_{\text{Fermi}} = 11.7 \text{ eV}$ ,  $1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ K}$ )  
standard **cold condensed matter** theories work.

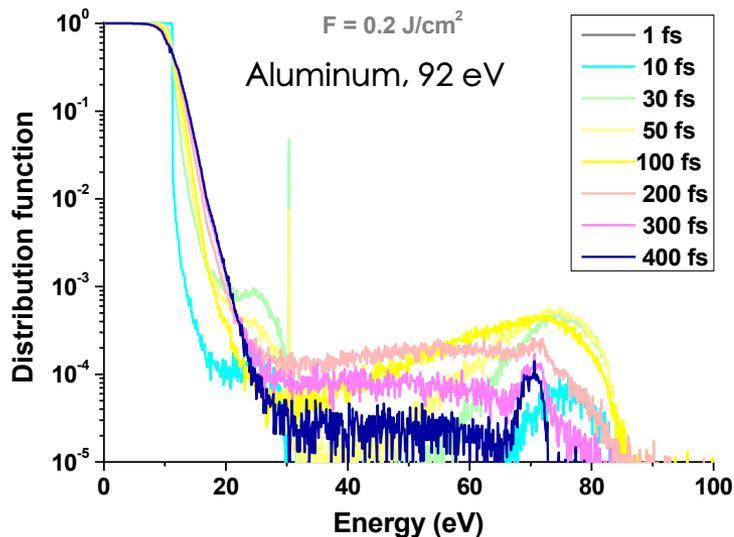
$$T \simeq E_{\text{Fermi}}$$

- **Warm dense matter** ■ Huge and extremely excited molecules  
(warm dense *superionic water* in cores of Neptune and Uranus)

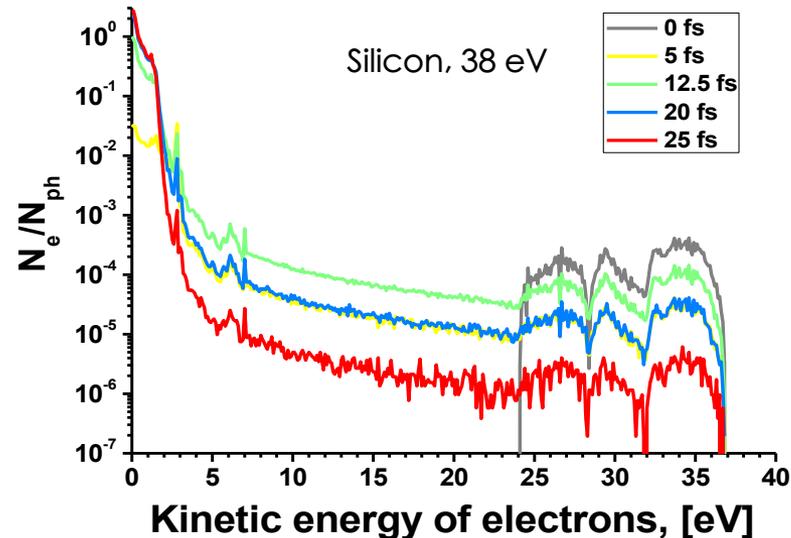
$$T \gg E_{\text{Fermi}}$$

- **hot plasma** are weakly coupled, classical point particles

# Really high excited states:- keV above GS

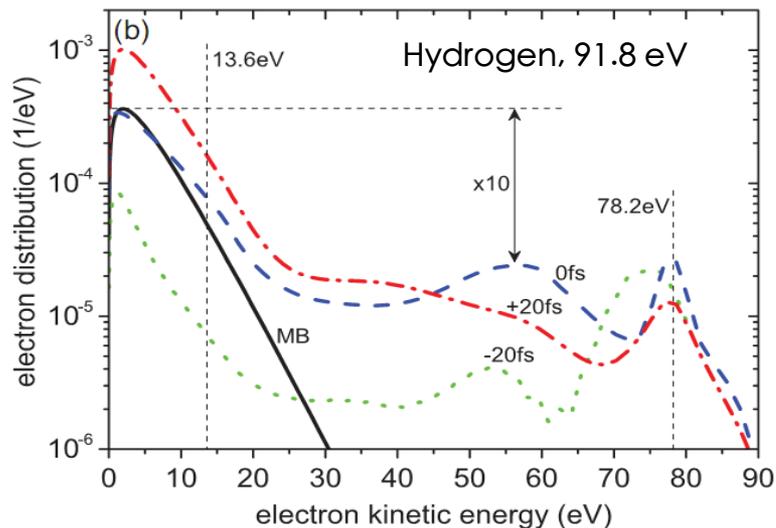


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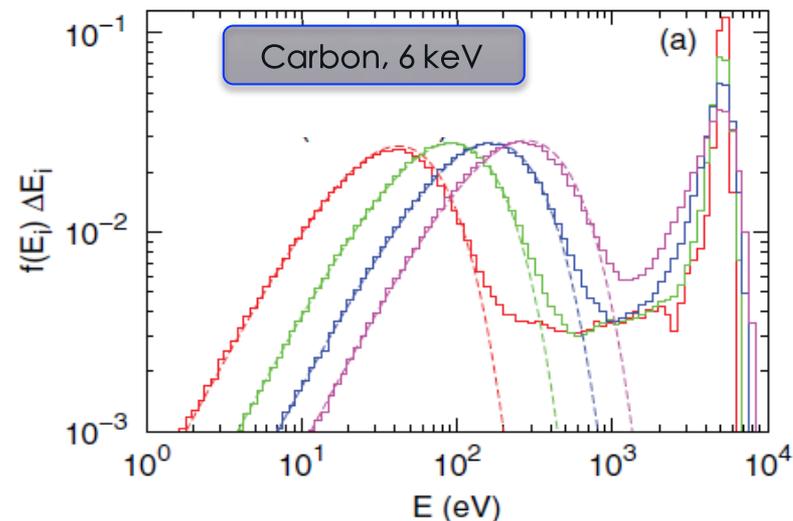


N. Medvedev, B. Rethfeld, NJP 12 (2010)

R.R. Faustlin, B. Ziaja *et al.*, PRL 104 (2010)



S. P. Hau-Riege, PRE 87 (2013)



# Challenges of simulating warm dense matter

## Warm Dense Matter

 **is not solid**

Conventional energy band theory insufficient

Too high excitation

Too many excited electrons

 **is not plasma**

Conventional plasma theory insufficient

Low energy electrons close to Fermi level

Dispersion different from free particles

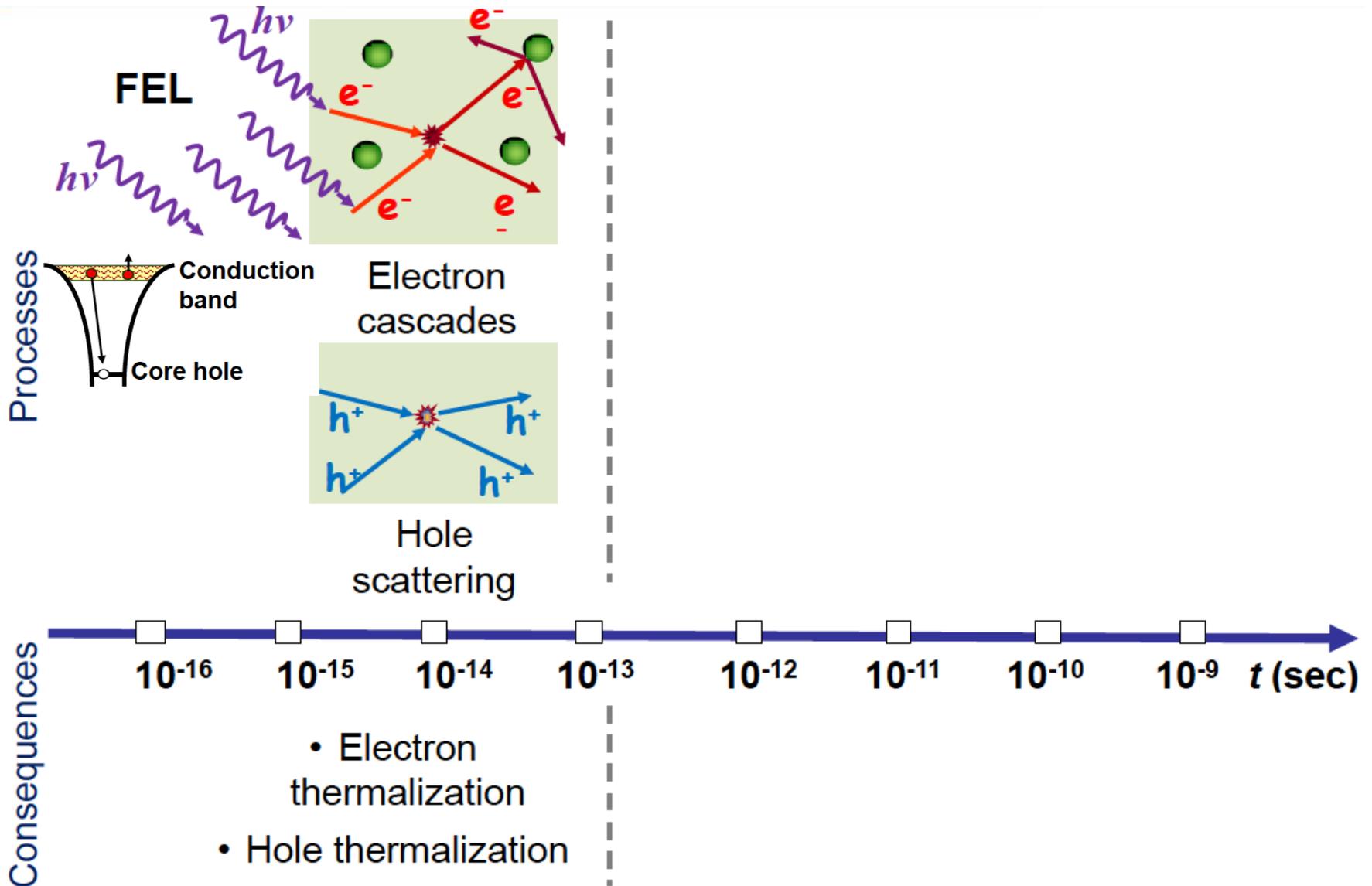


 **A theory that is able to describe**

Energy band like dispersion of low energy electrons around Fermi level

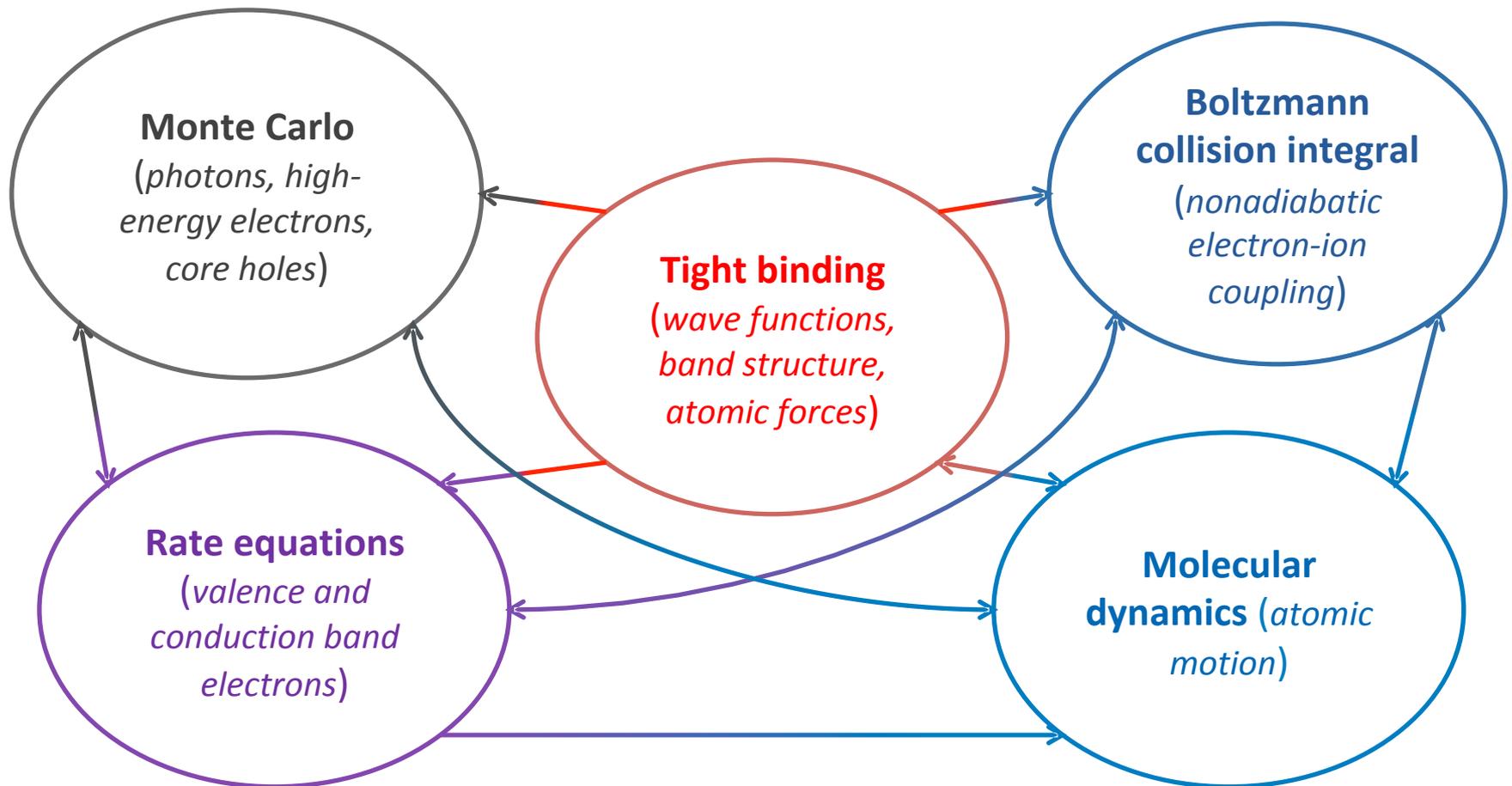
Kinetic collision/recombination of quasi-free high energy electrons

# Ab initio simulation:- X-ray creation of WDM

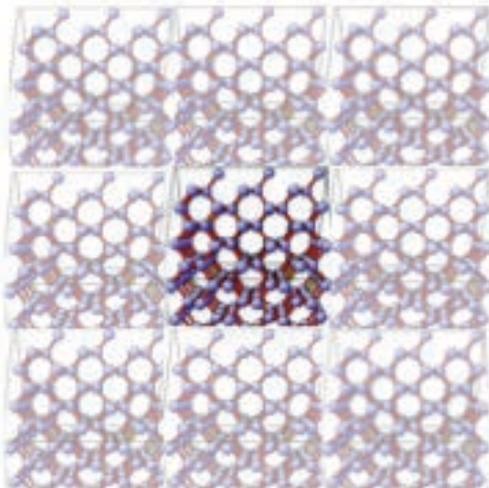


# XTANT Model

XTANT: X-ray-induced Thermal And Nonthermal Transitions



# Parrinello MD in a supercell

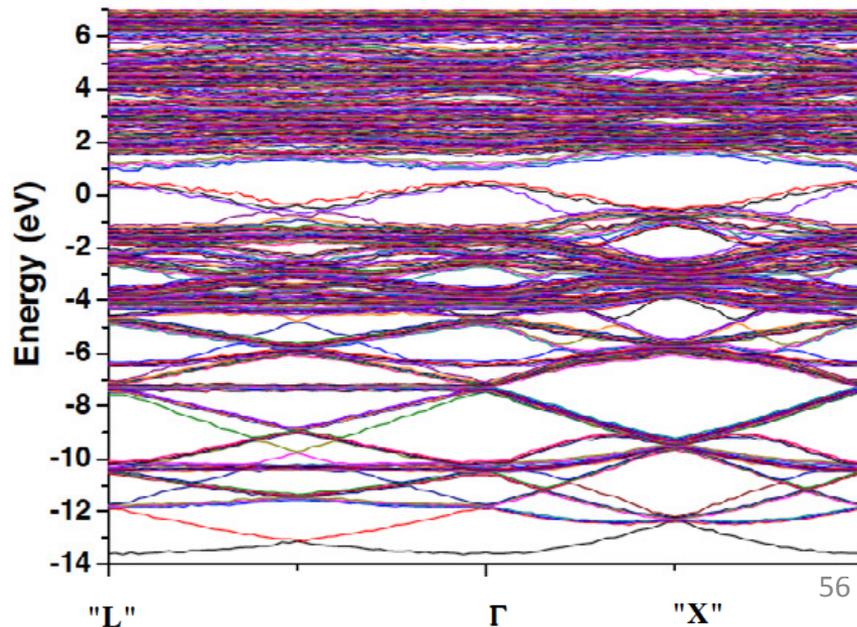
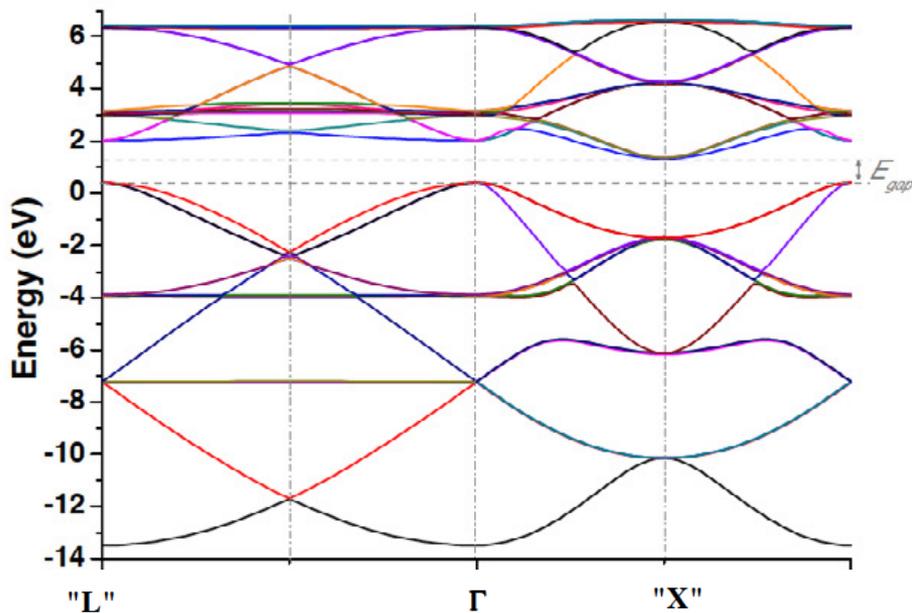


$$L = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{M_i}{2} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i^T \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{h} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i - \Phi(\{r_{ij}\}, t) + \frac{W_{\text{PR}}}{2} \text{Tr}(\dot{\mathbf{h}}^T \dot{\mathbf{h}}) - P_{\text{exp}} \Omega,$$

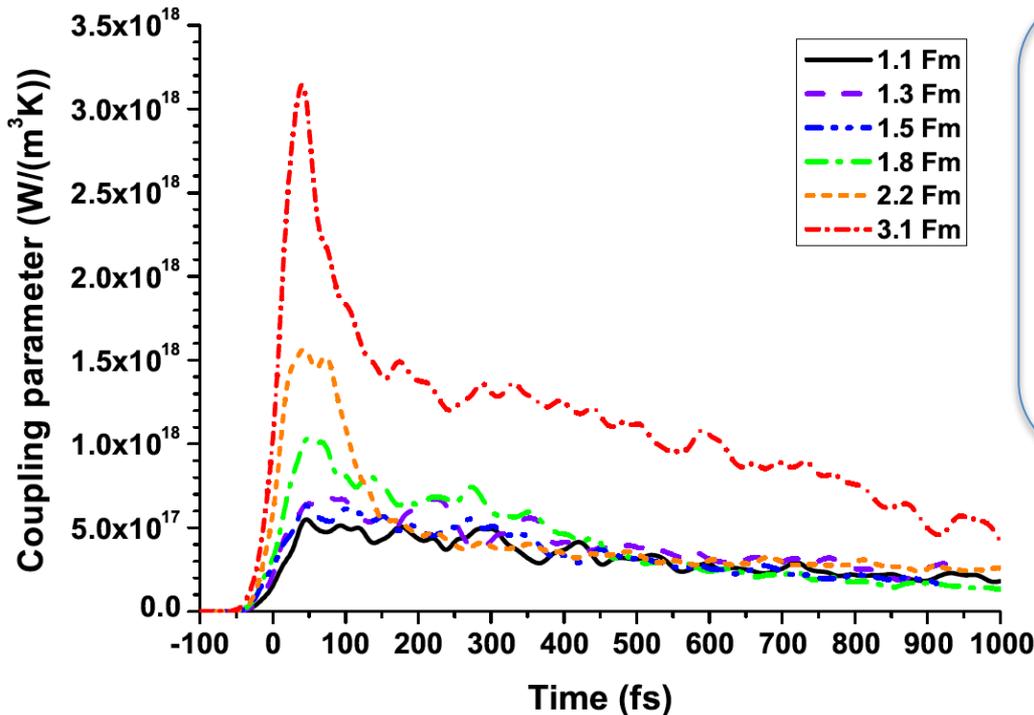
$$\mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{z}), \quad z_\alpha \in \{-1, 0, 1\},$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{s}}_i = -\frac{1}{M_i} \mathbf{g}^{-1} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} - \mathbf{g}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{g}} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

$$\ddot{h}_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{W_{\text{PR}}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N M_i \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i^T (\mathbf{h} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i) - P_{\text{ext}} \sigma - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial h_{\alpha\beta}} \right)$$



# Electron-ion coupling in WDM:- a puzzle



Among

“outstanding questions of warm dense matter physics”

Experiments have disagreement with theoretical predictions by  $10^2$ - $10^3$ .

T. White *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2014)

$$C_e \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} = \nabla(K_e \nabla T_e) - g(T_e - T_i) + S_e \delta(t),$$

$$C_i \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial t} = \nabla(K_i \nabla T_i) + g(T_e - T_i),$$

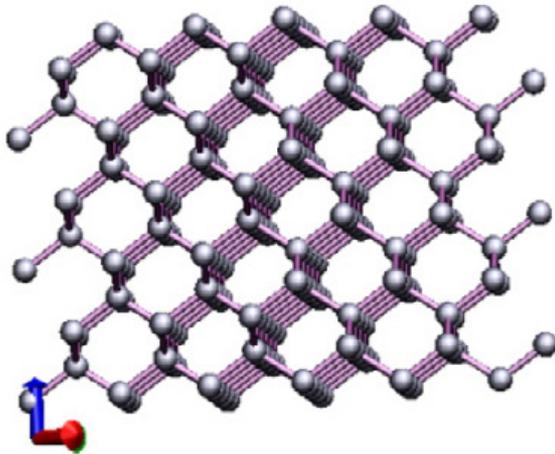
Electron-ion coupling parameter  $g \rightarrow g(t)$

- $g$  is not a constant in time (WDM is crystal-like).
- Phonon picture breaks down (WDM is plasma-like).
- $g(t)$  can be well calculated now.

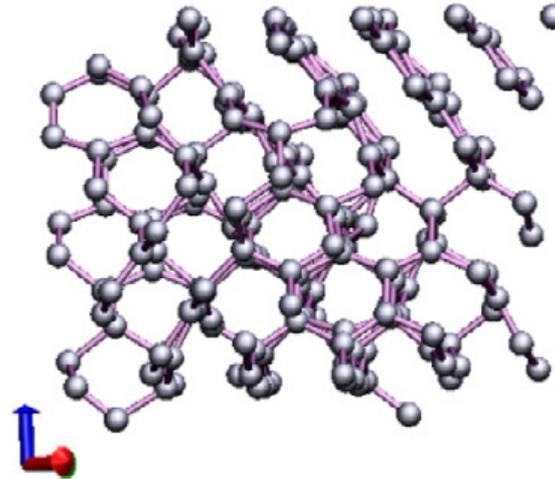
# Simulation of X-ray damage to solids

Accurate prediction of phase transition @ high X-ray dose

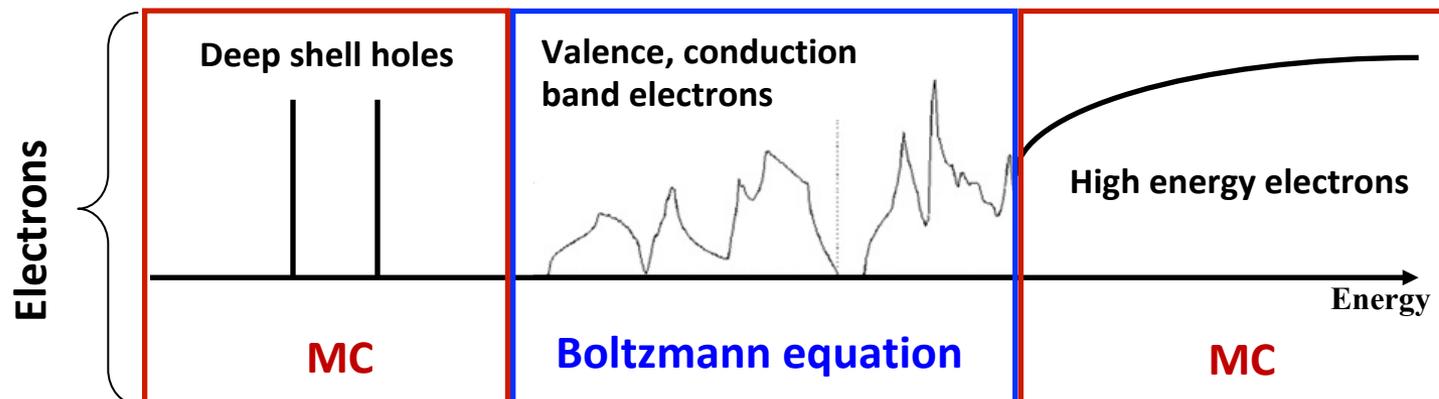
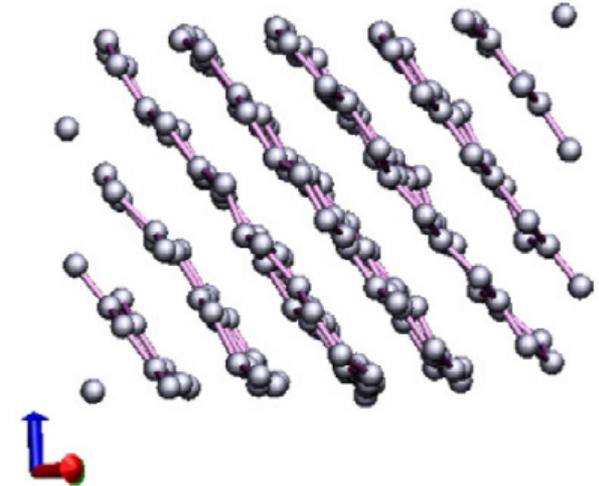
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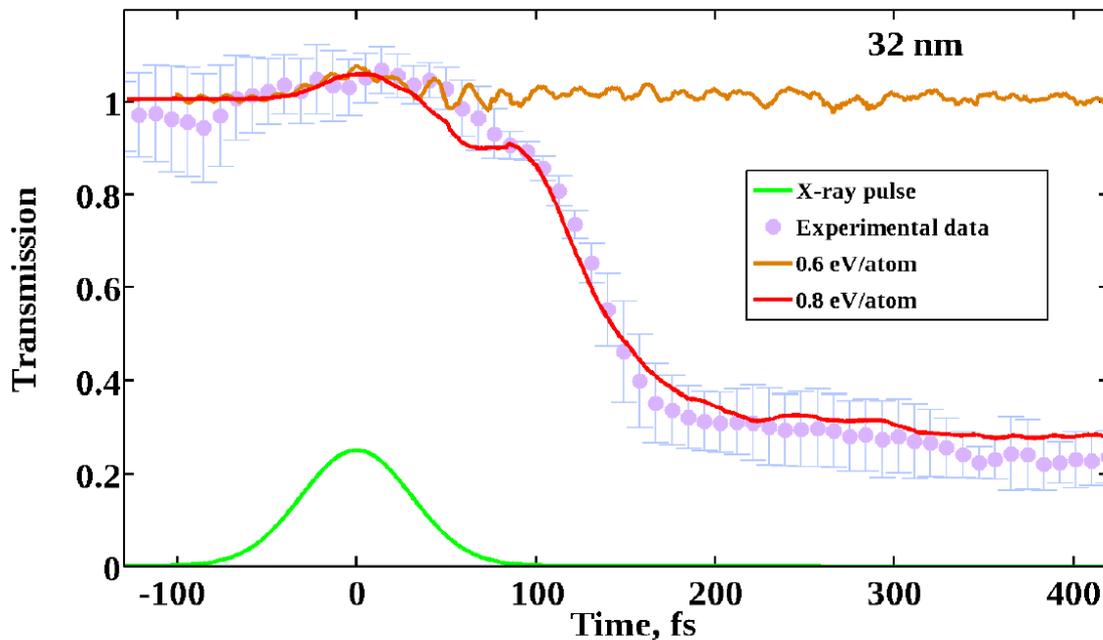


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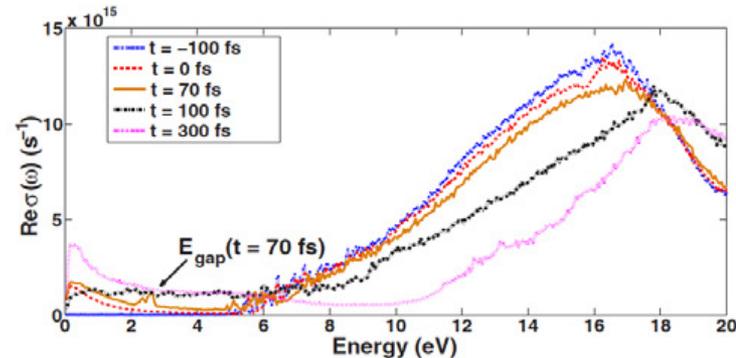
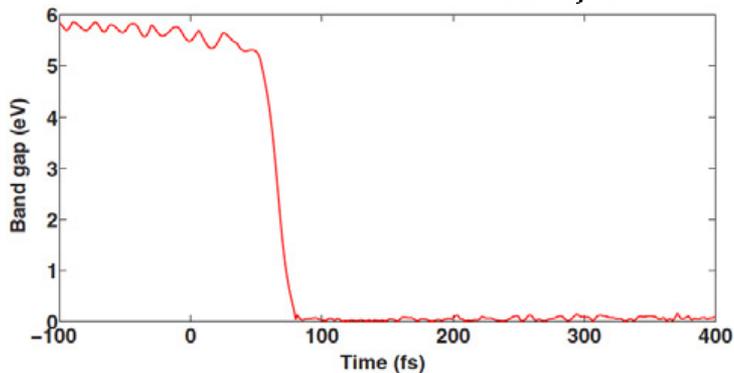


# Optical characterization of phase transition

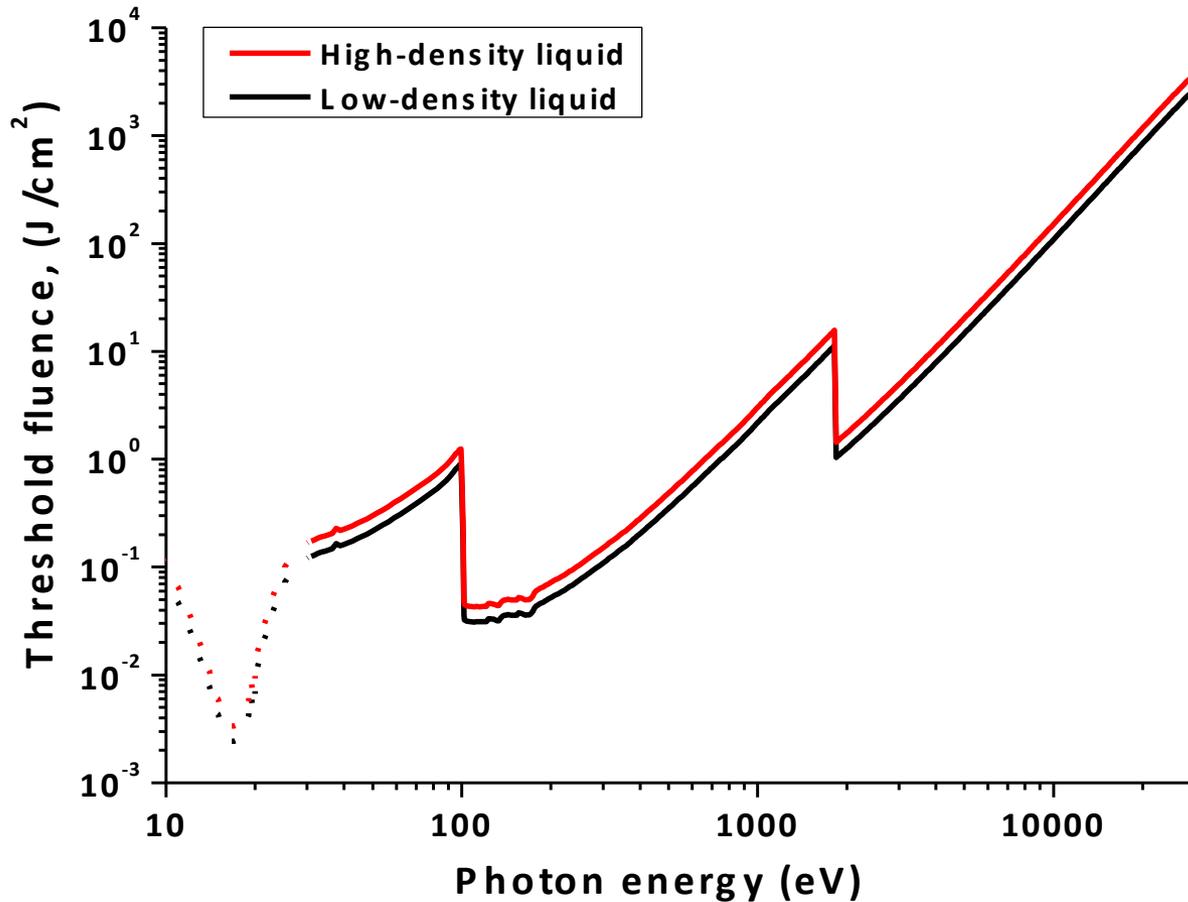
$$\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}(E) = \delta_{\alpha,\beta} + \frac{4\pi e^2 \hbar^2}{m\Omega} \sum_{n,n'} (\eta_{n'} - \eta_n) \frac{F_{n,n'}^{\alpha\beta}}{E_{n,n'}} \left[ \frac{1}{E - E_{n,n'} + i\gamma} \right]$$



Absorbed dose = 0.8 eV/atom  
 FEL pulse duration = 51 fs  
 FEL photon energy = 47.4 eV  
 Probe pulse duration = 32.8 fs  
 Probe wavelength = 630 nm  
 Angle of pulse incidence = 20°



# Application to semiconductor detector engineering



Silicon damaging threshold in terms of incoming photon fluence corresponding to absorbed dose of 0.6 and 0.9 eV/atom

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## Theory



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# Theory and Experiment

**Theory** is when you know everything but nothing works.

**Experiment** is when everything works but no one knows why.

In our lab rules the perfect combination of theory and experiment:

**Nothing works and no one knows why.**

**We hope and work for the opposite!**  
**Thank you very much**



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