



Attosecond Spintronics

Light wave dynamics driving attosecond coherent spins
and topological systems

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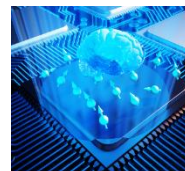
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Contributions



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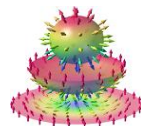
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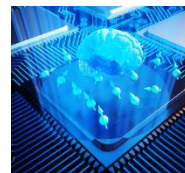


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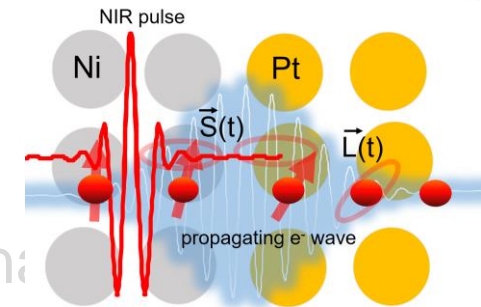


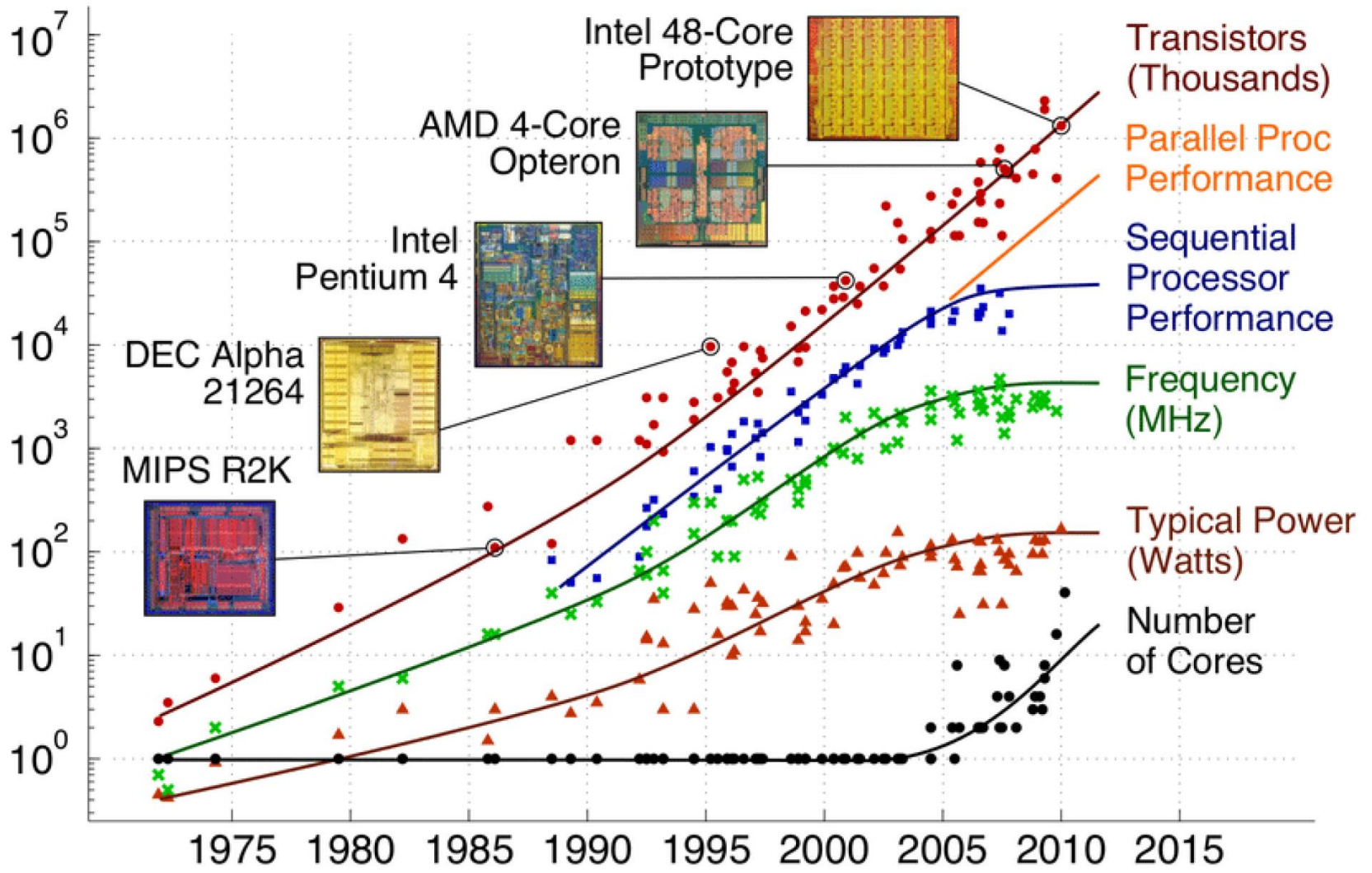
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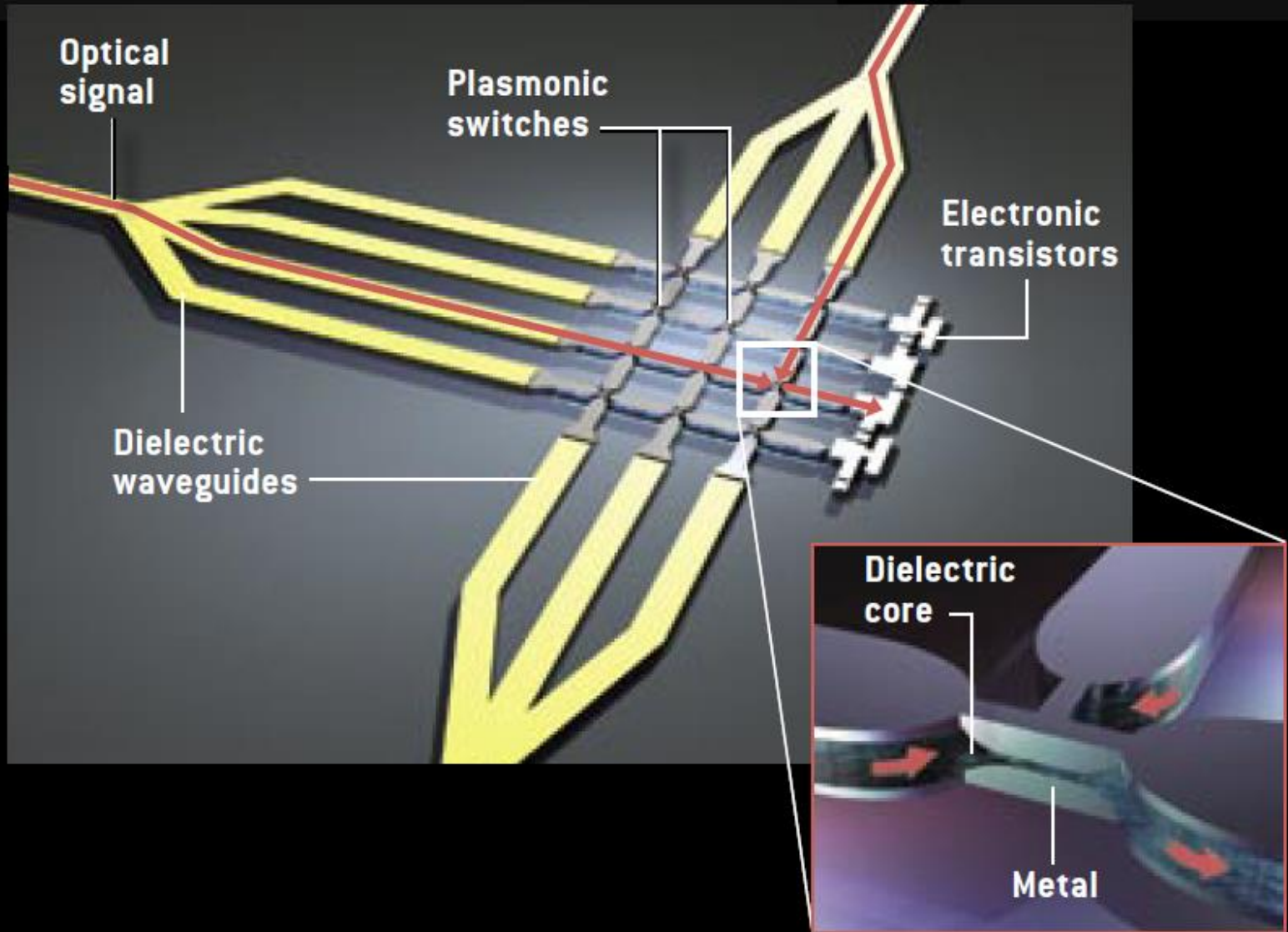


A server room with blue lighting and glowing fiber optic cables. The scene is filled with rows of server racks, each with numerous cables plugged into them. The cables are illuminated with a bright blue light, creating a dense, futuristic atmosphere. The server panels are dark, with some yellow and green indicator lights visible. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues and bright cyan highlights from the fiber optics.

Let's combine optics and spintronics:

- Active elements „switch light“
- Spin processing with light feasible attosecond timescales $\sim 10^{-18}\text{s}$
- Today nanoseconds $\sim 10^{-9}\text{s}$
- Improvement by nine orders of magnitude

Squeeze light: plasmonics

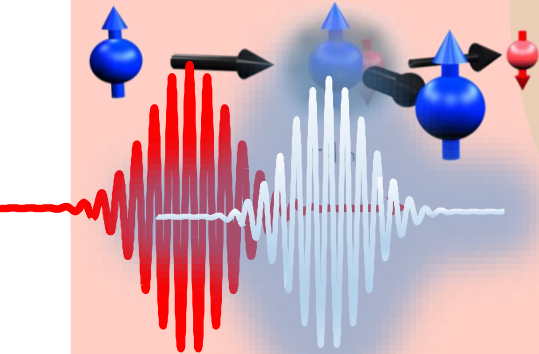


Novel spintronic Photonic THz applications

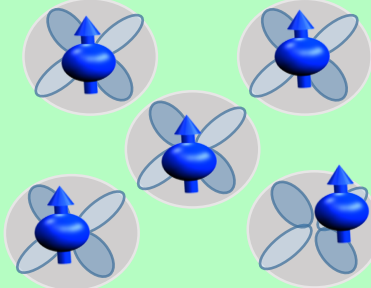
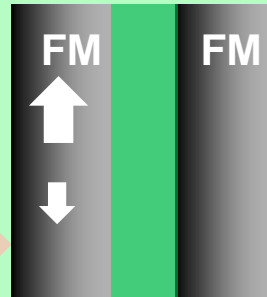


Photonics

Attosecond
coherent
clocking

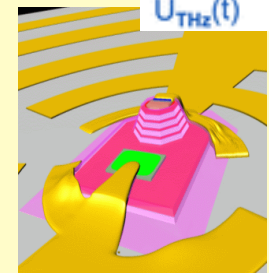
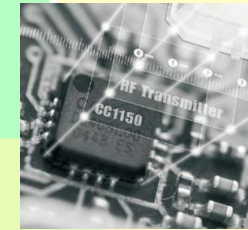


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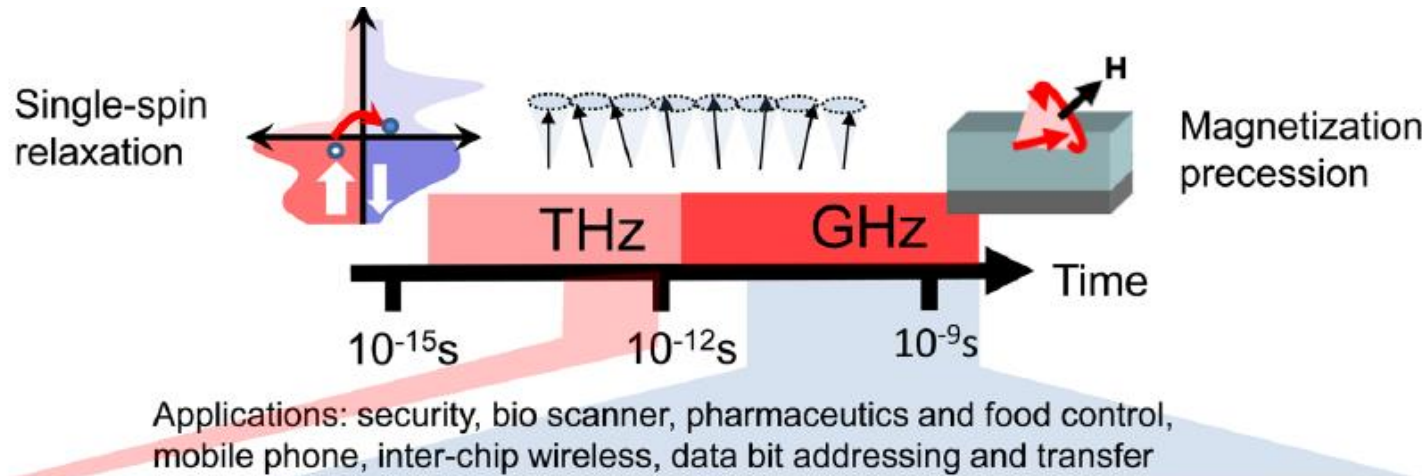


Electronics

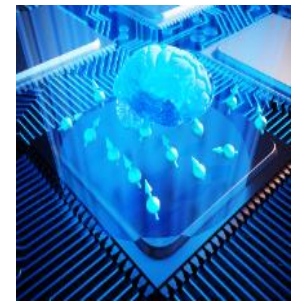
THz applications



Novel spintronic THz applications



Brain inspired computing - SOT oscillators addressed in plasmonic chips



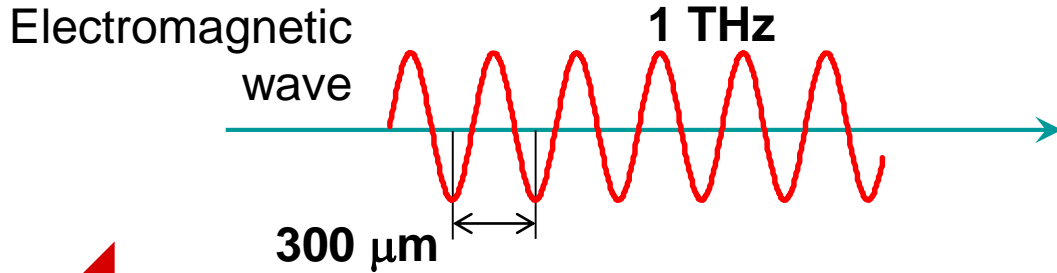
Communication and data frequencies:

3G and LTE: 0.7 to 2.6 GHz 5G: 24.25 – 27.5 GHz

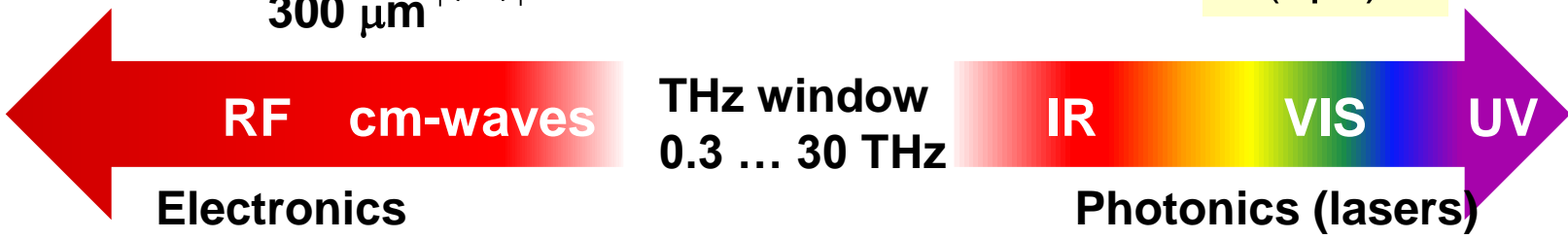
6G reaches THz frequency: > 95 GHz to 3 THz range

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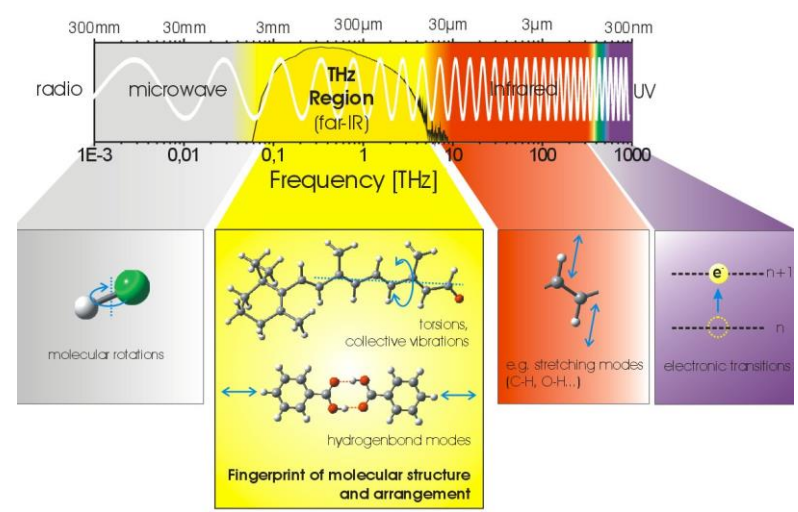
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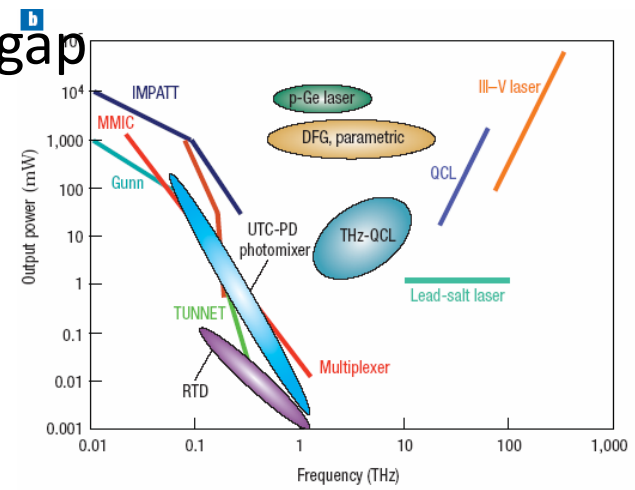
1 THz
= 10^{12} Hz
= $(1\text{ps})^{-1}$



Biophysical and medical sensing



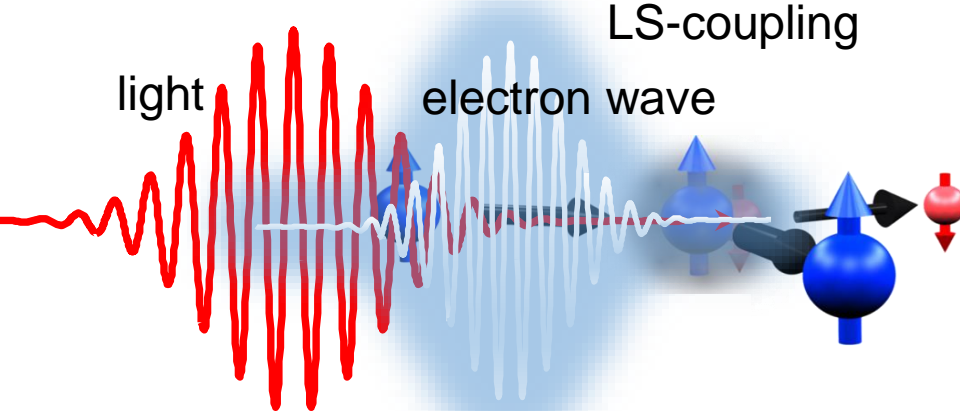
Novel THz sources bridge the THz gap



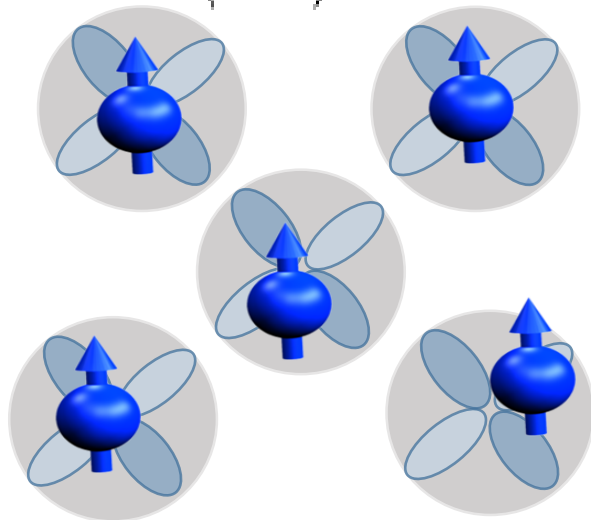
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Excitation



Five atoms, evolution of $\langle \Delta S^z \rangle$?



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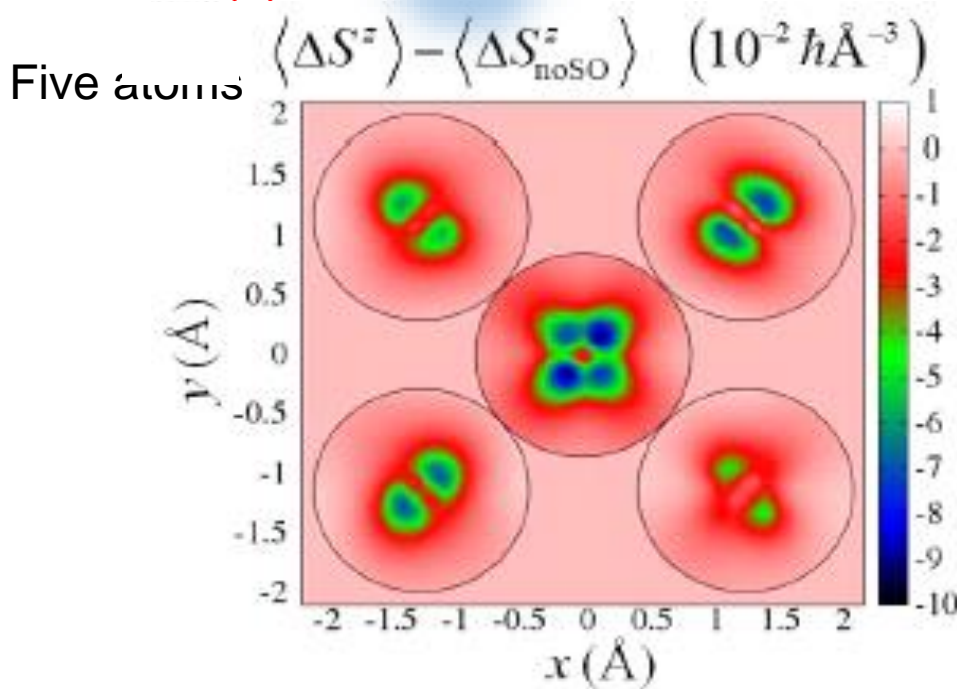
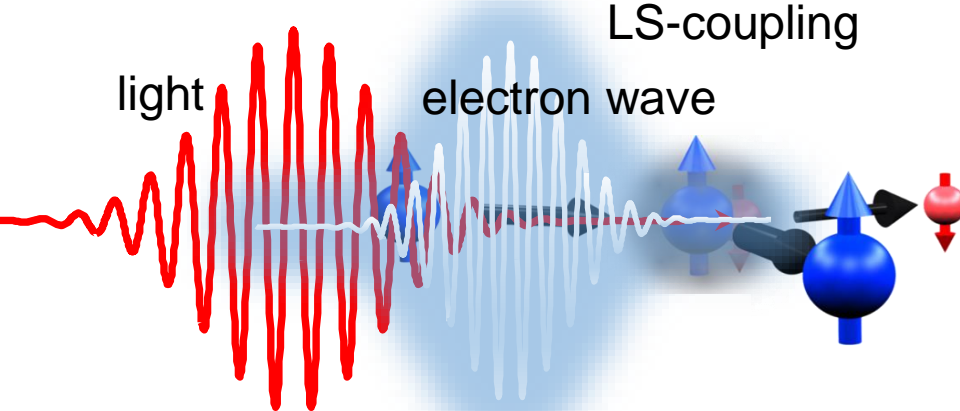
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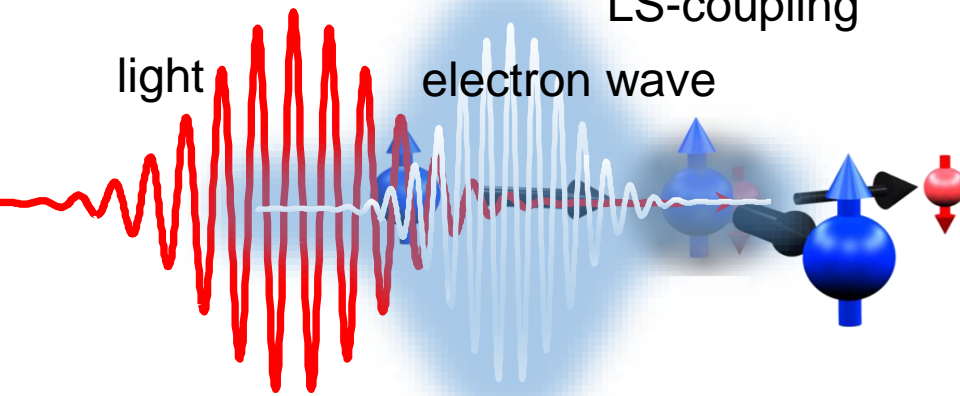
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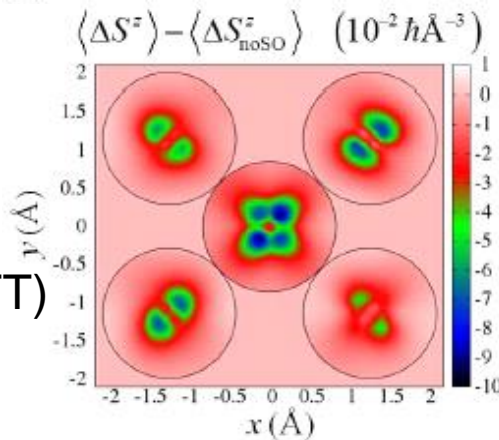
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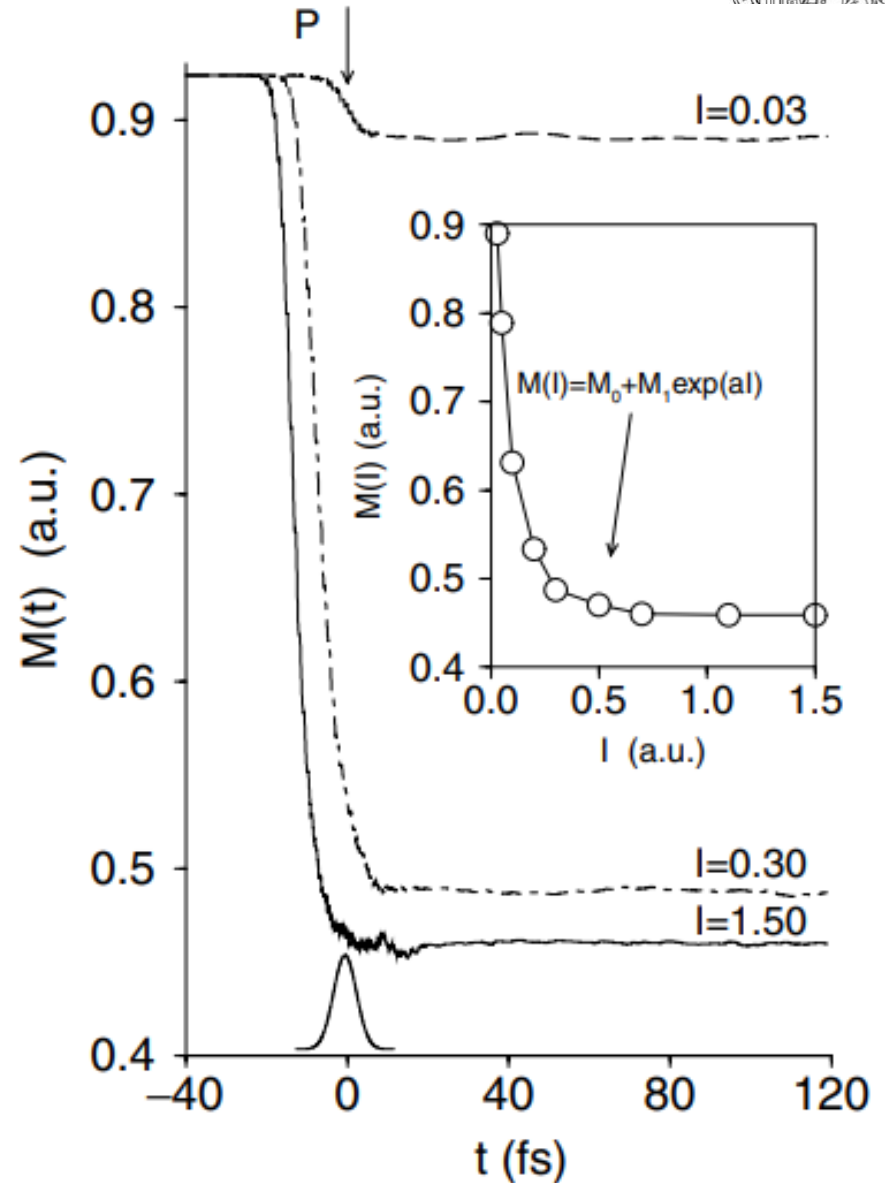
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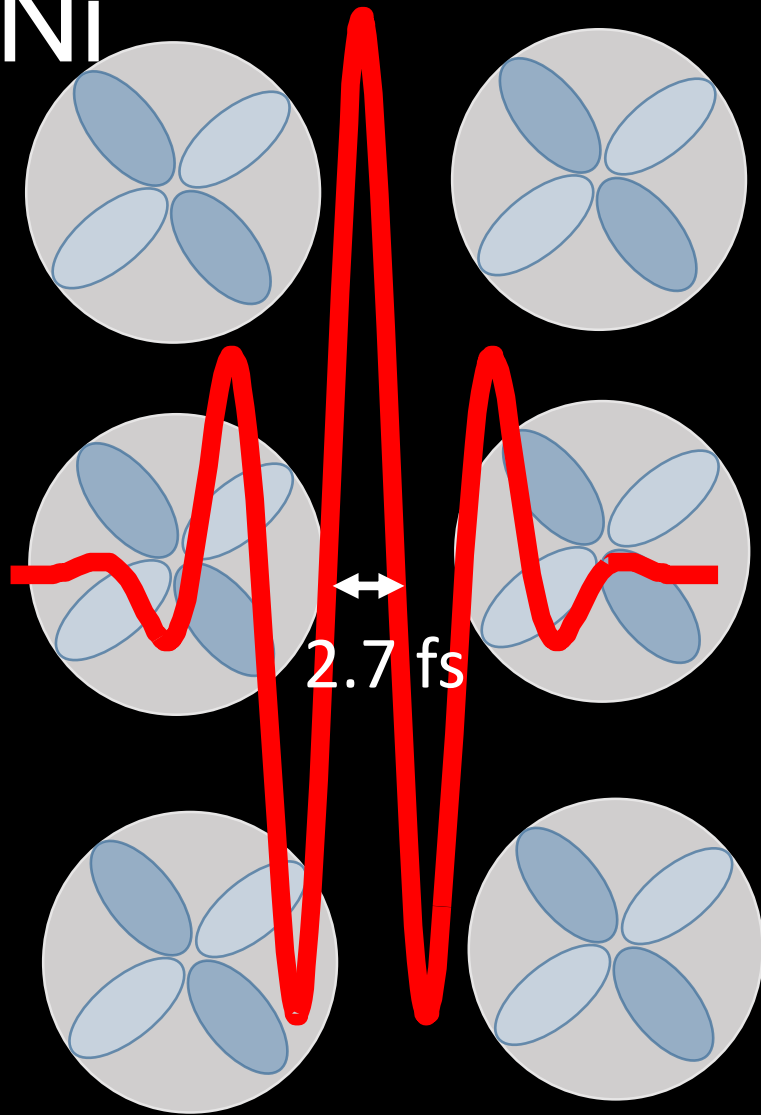


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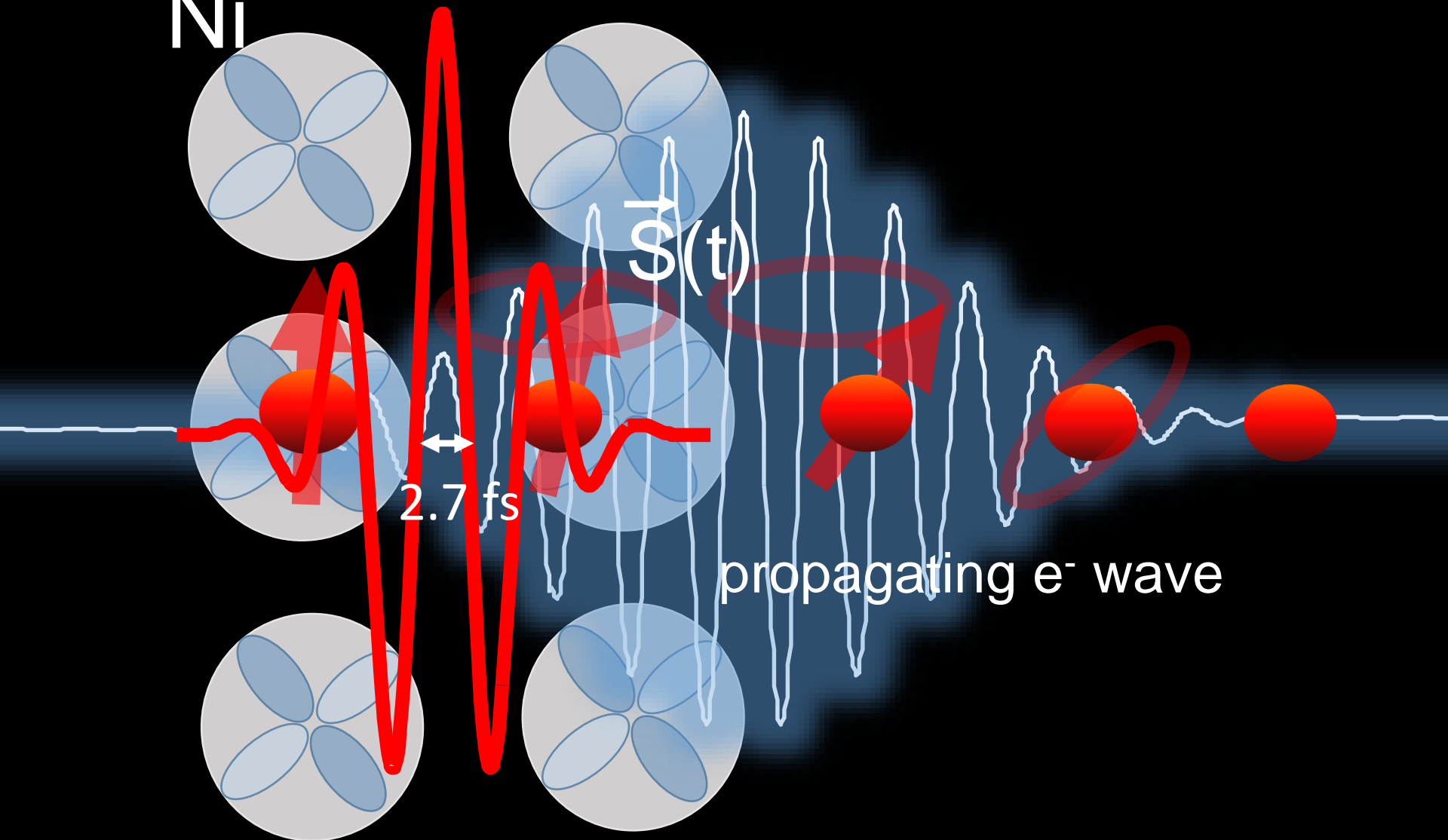
Few cycle pulse

Ni



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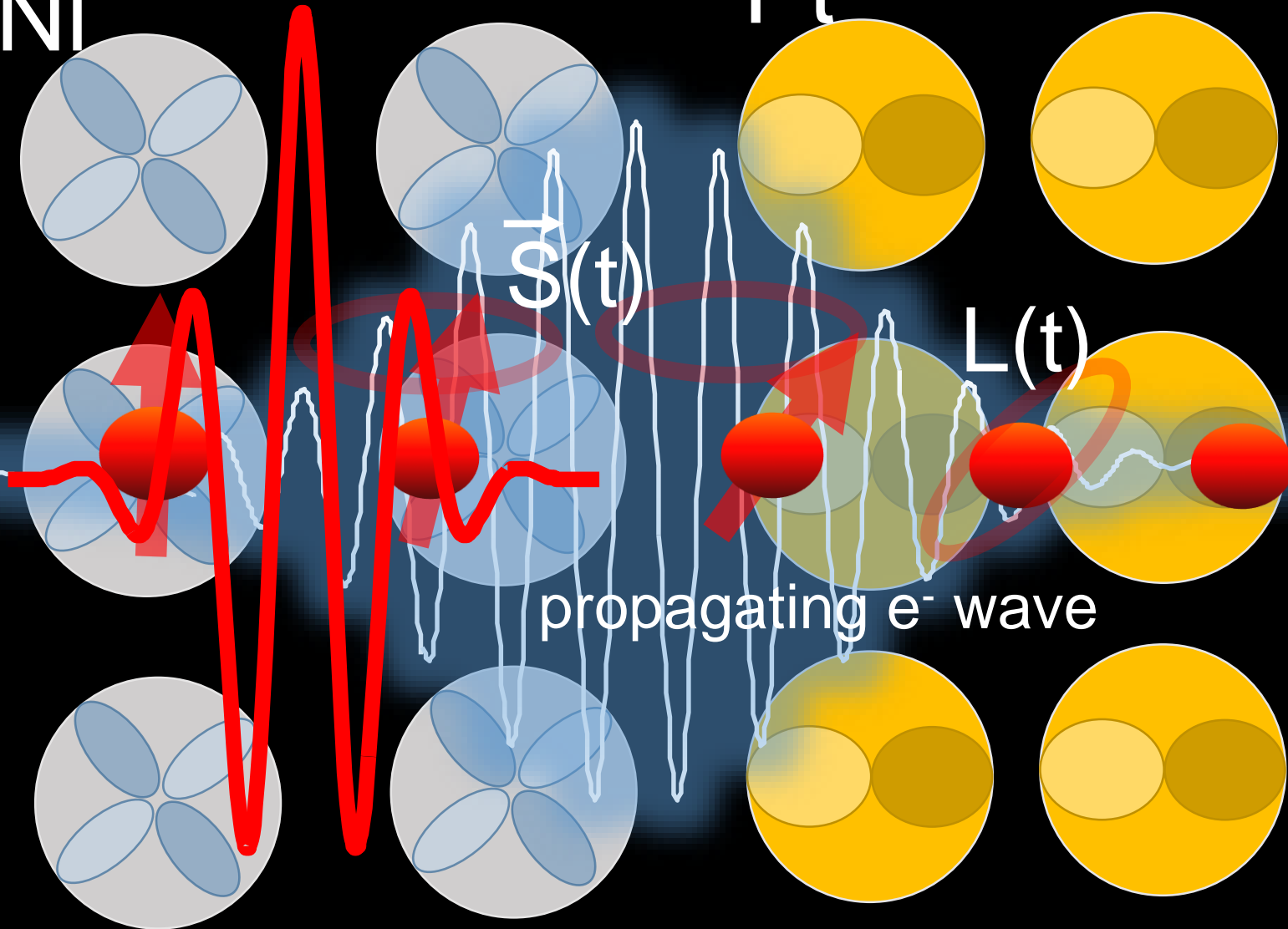
Ni



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Ni

Pt

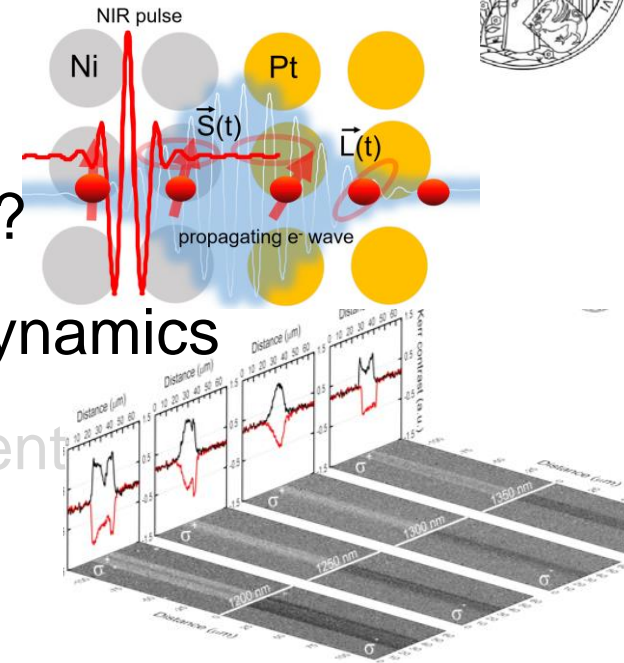


Attosecond Coherent Spintronics

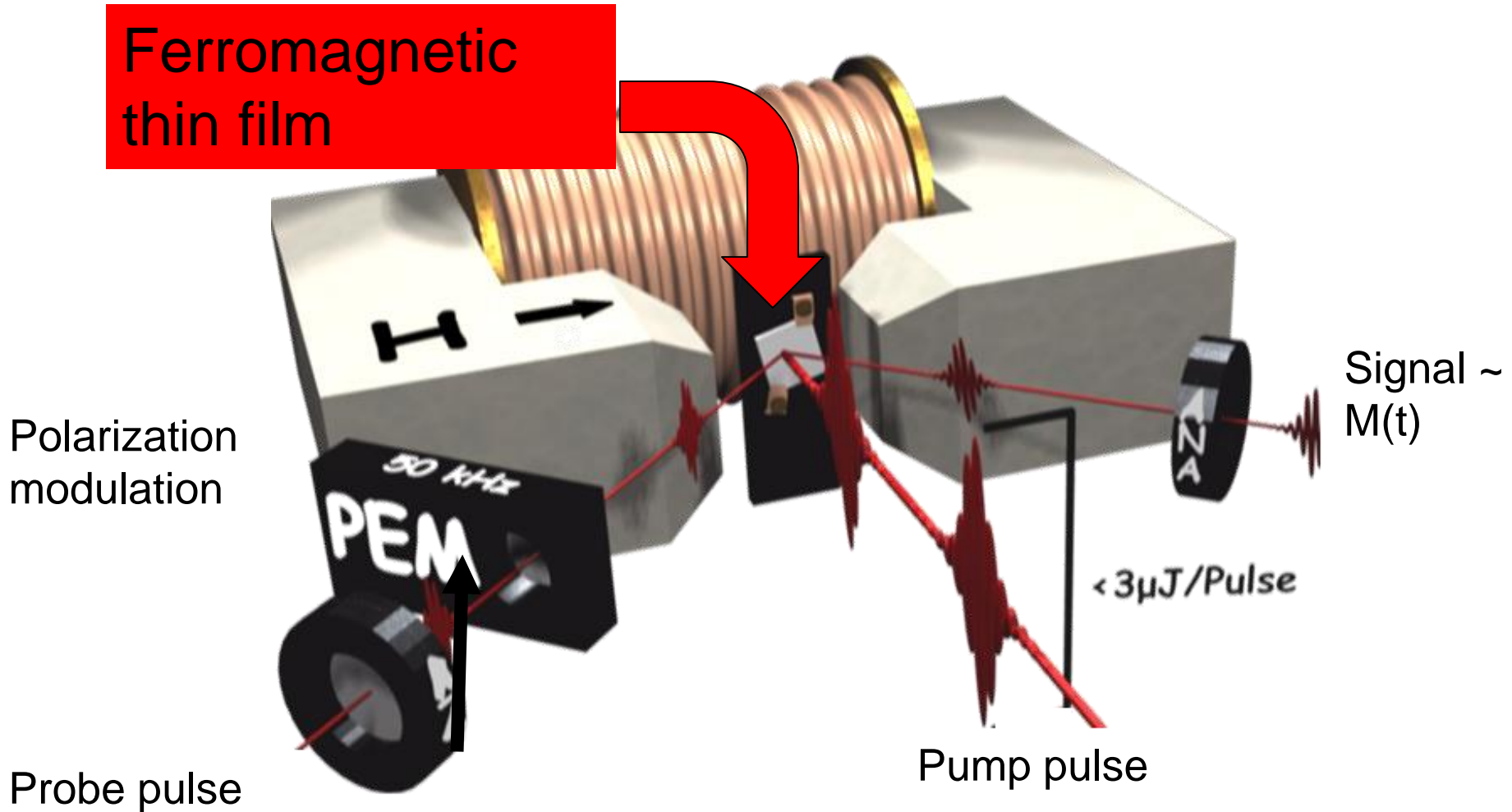
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Ferromagnetic thin film

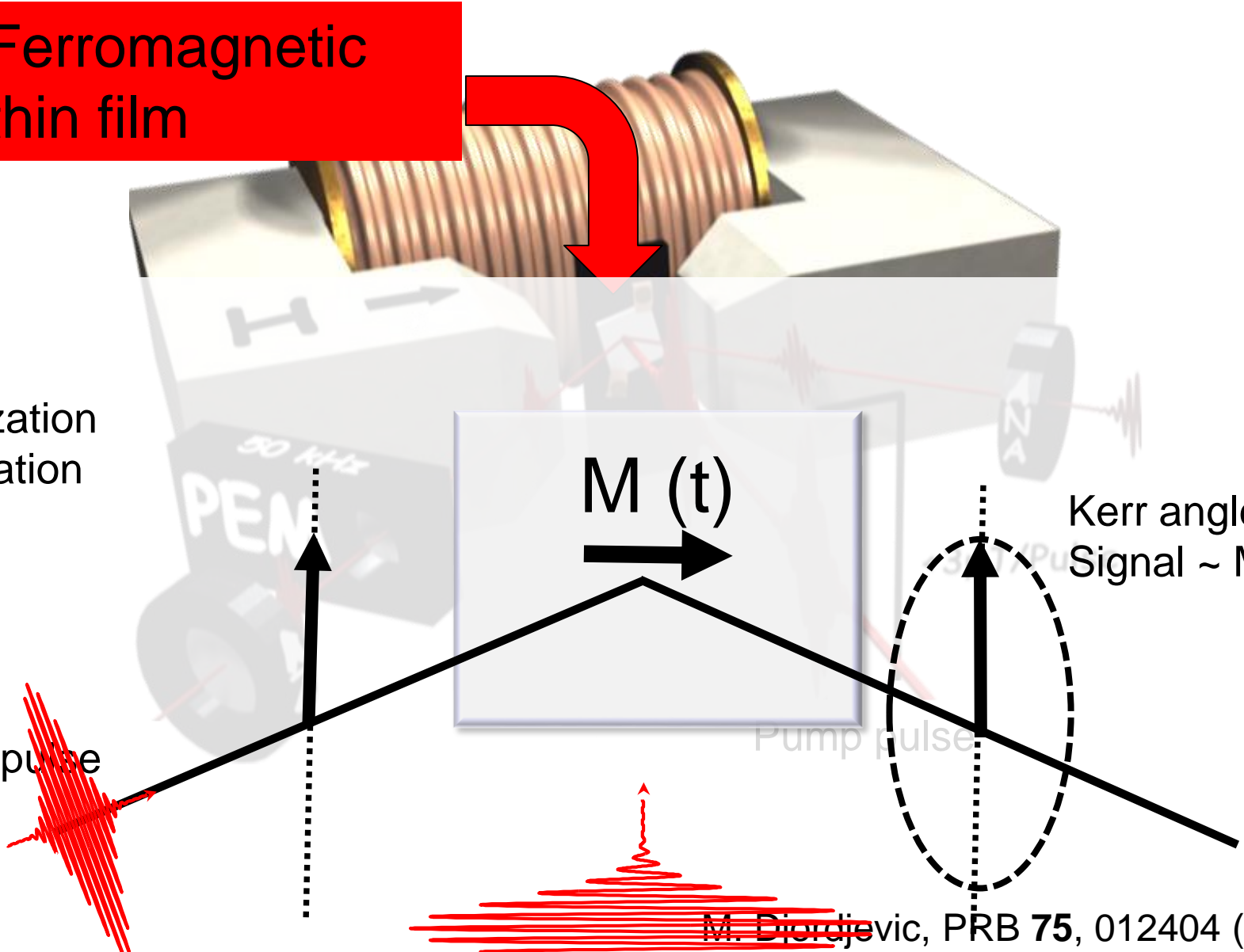
Polarization modulation

Probe pulse

$M(t)$

Kerr angle
Signal $\sim M(t)$

Pump pulse



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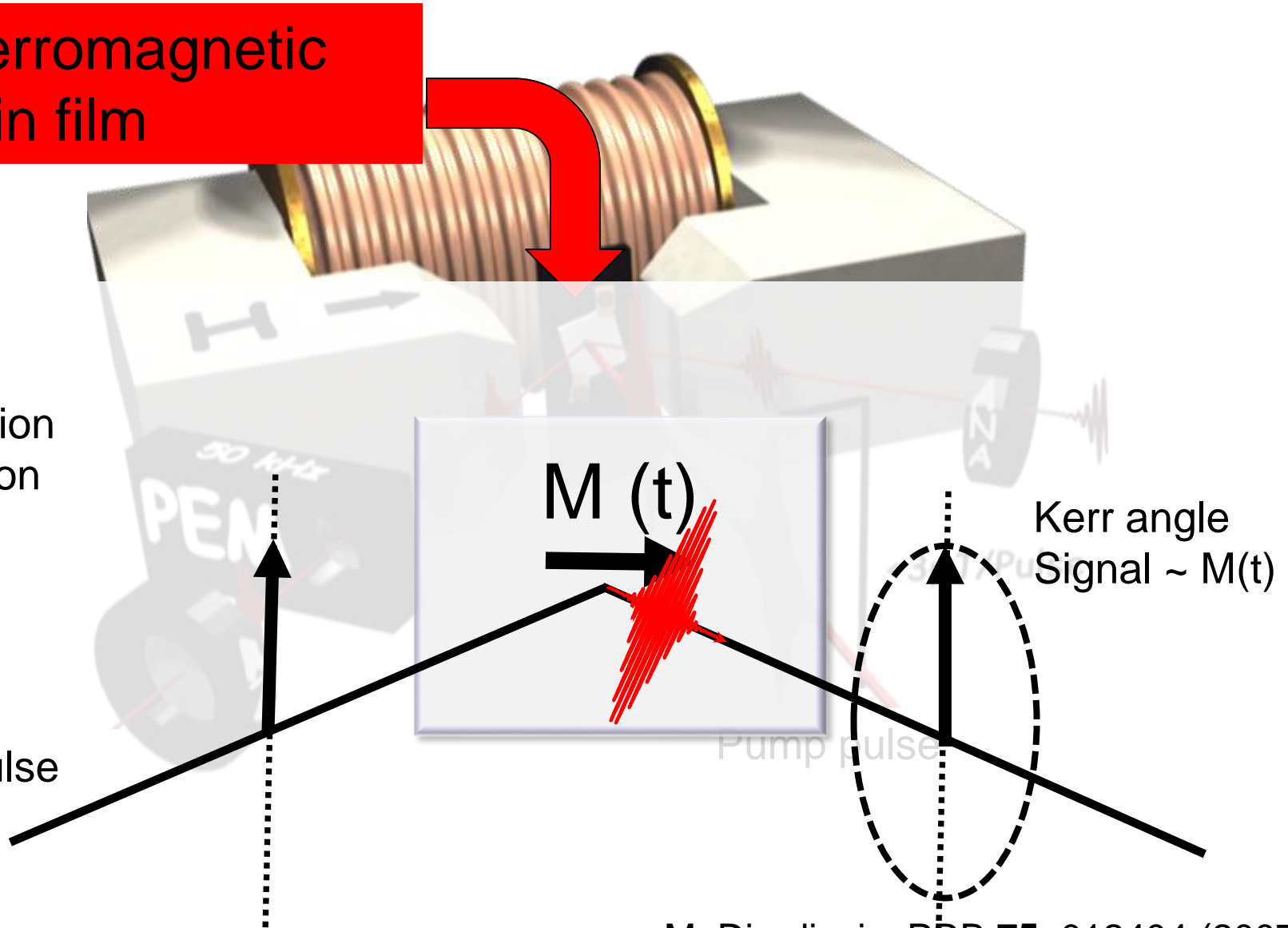
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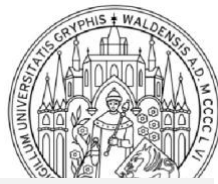
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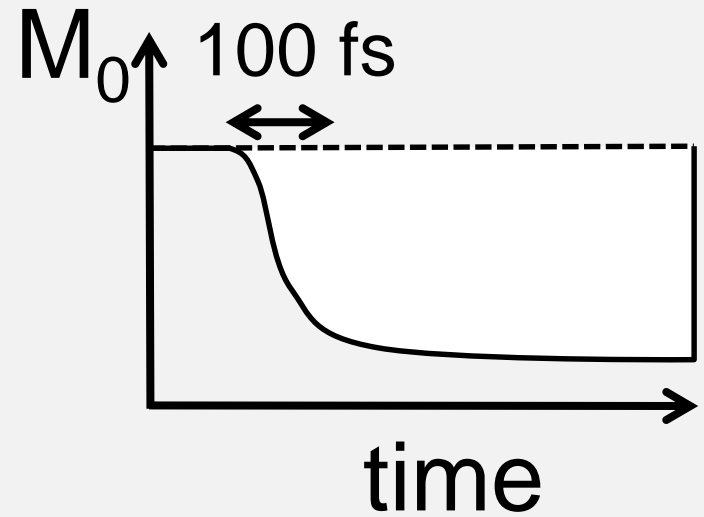
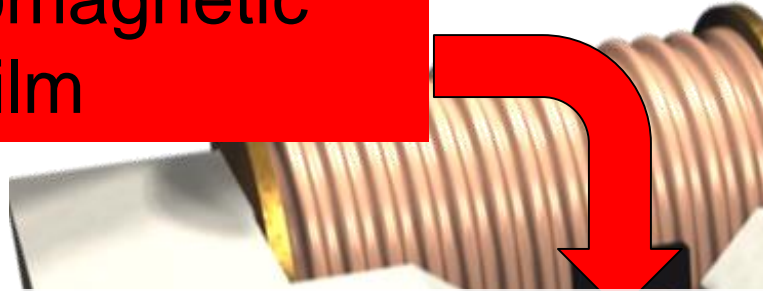
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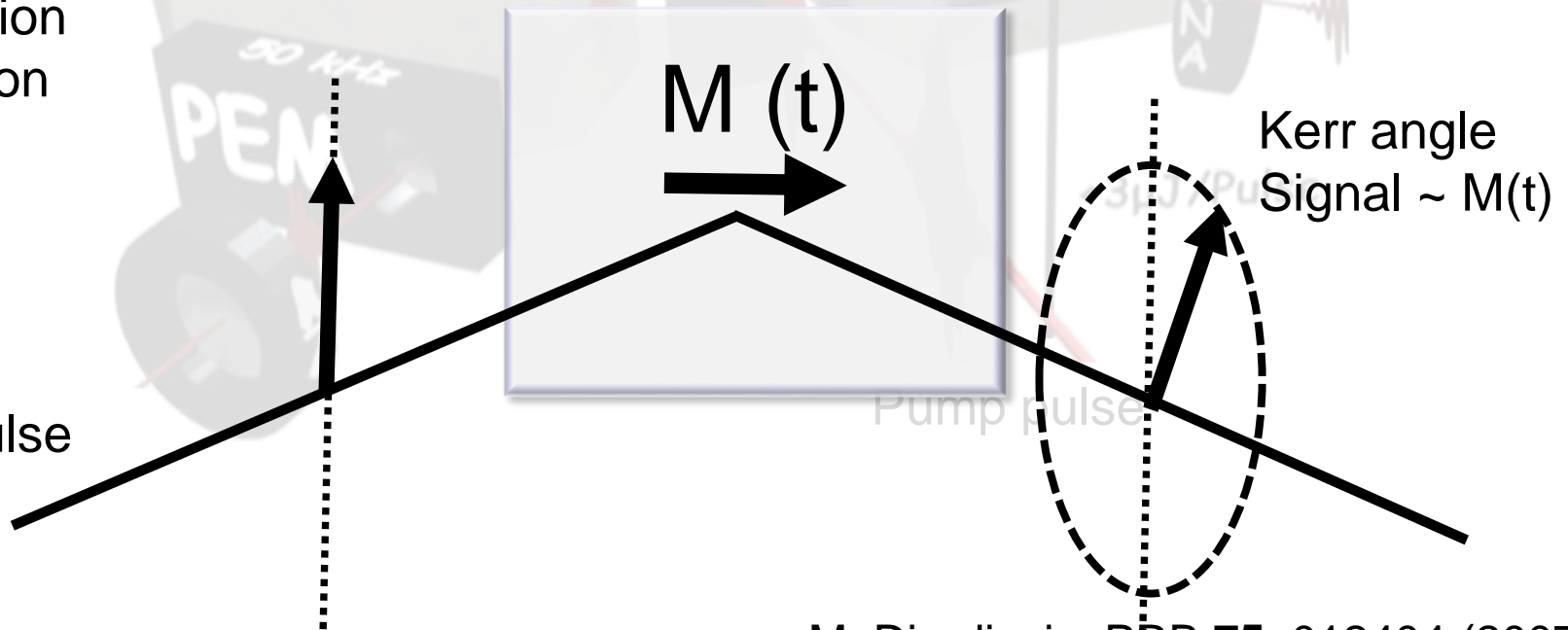


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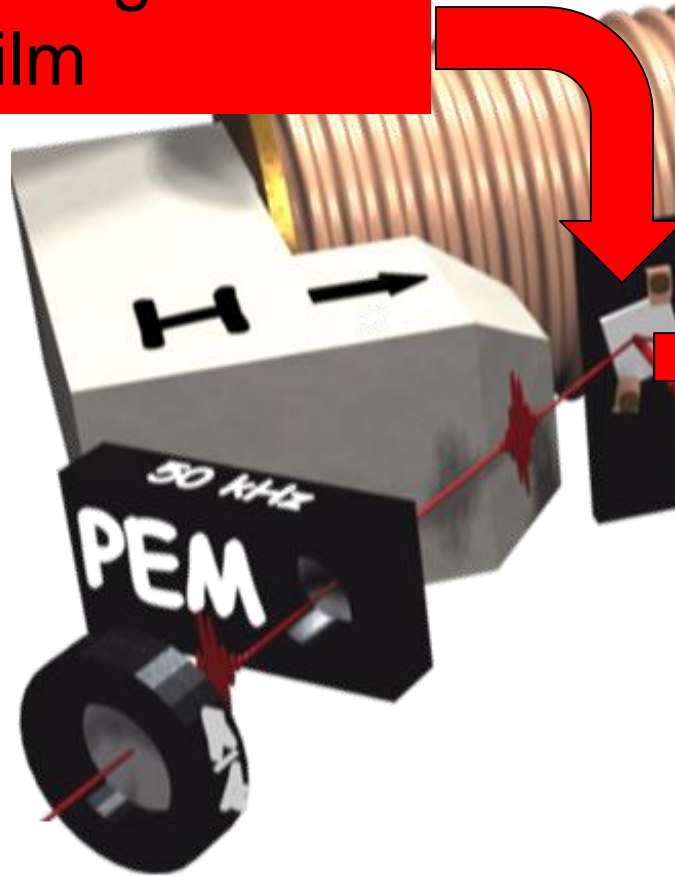
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electrons (T_{el})

lattice (T_{lat})

τ_{el-el}

τ_{el-lat}

τ_{el-sp}

spins (T_{sp})

τ_{sp-lat}

Pump pulse

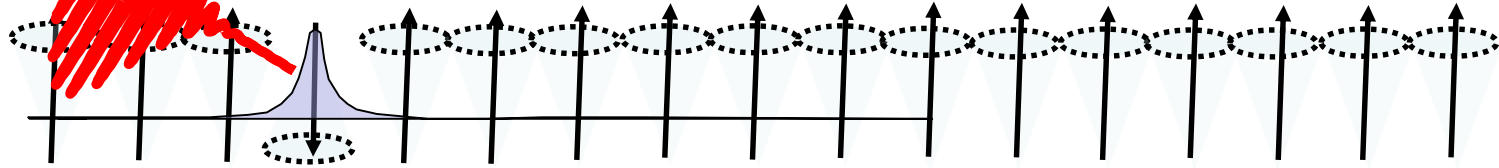
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~exchange interaction

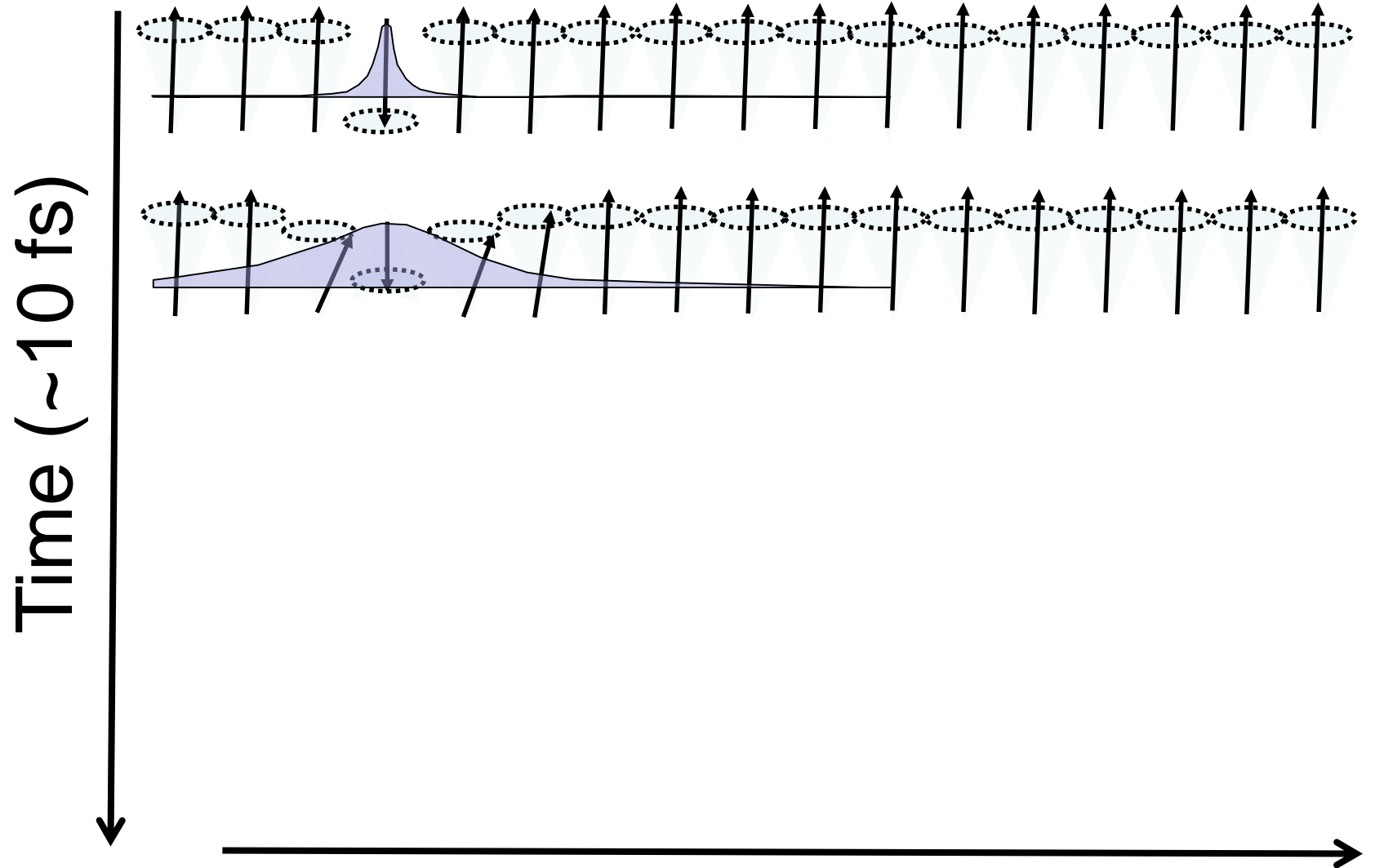
Time (~10 fs)



Ultrafast: spins



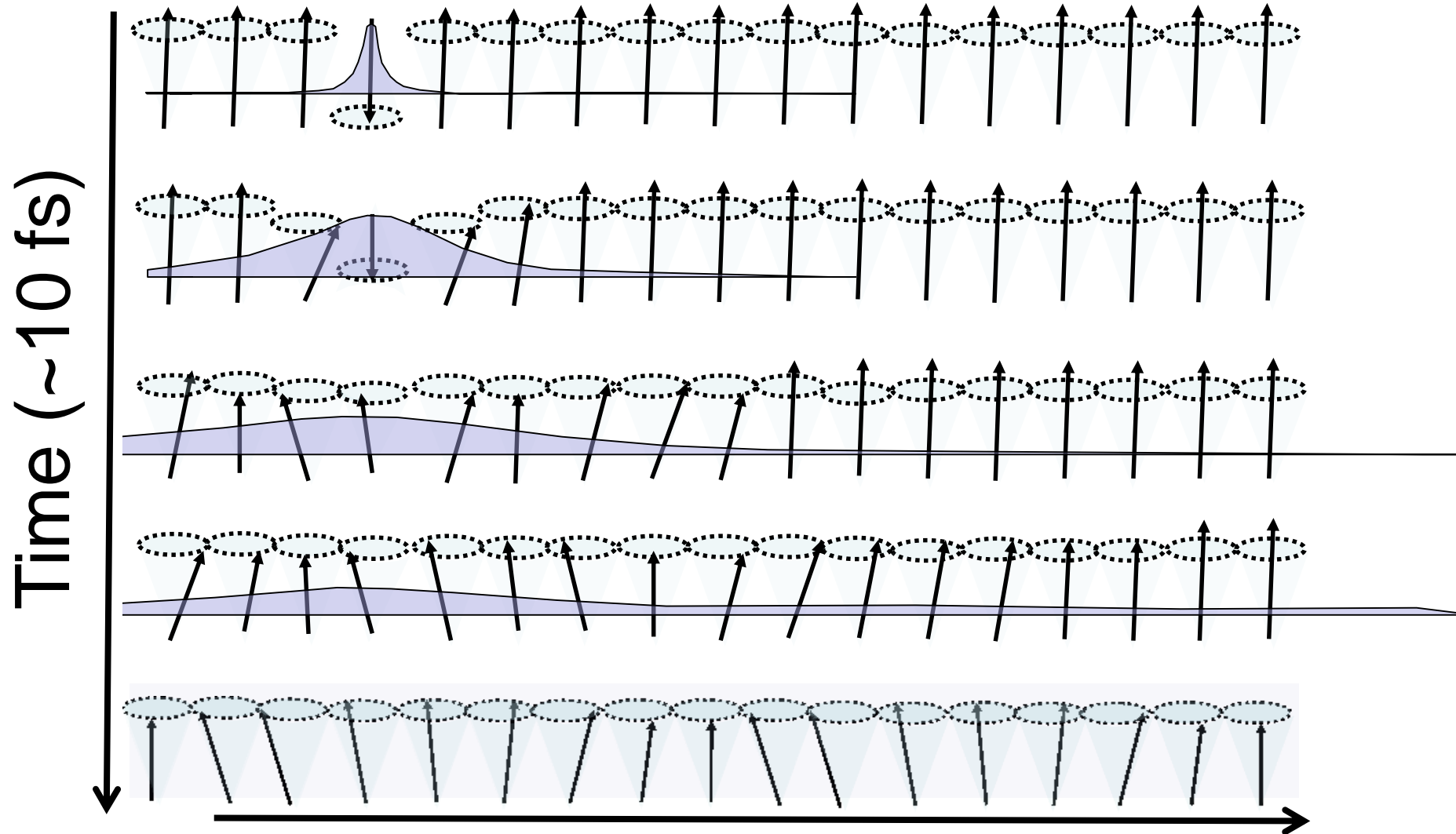
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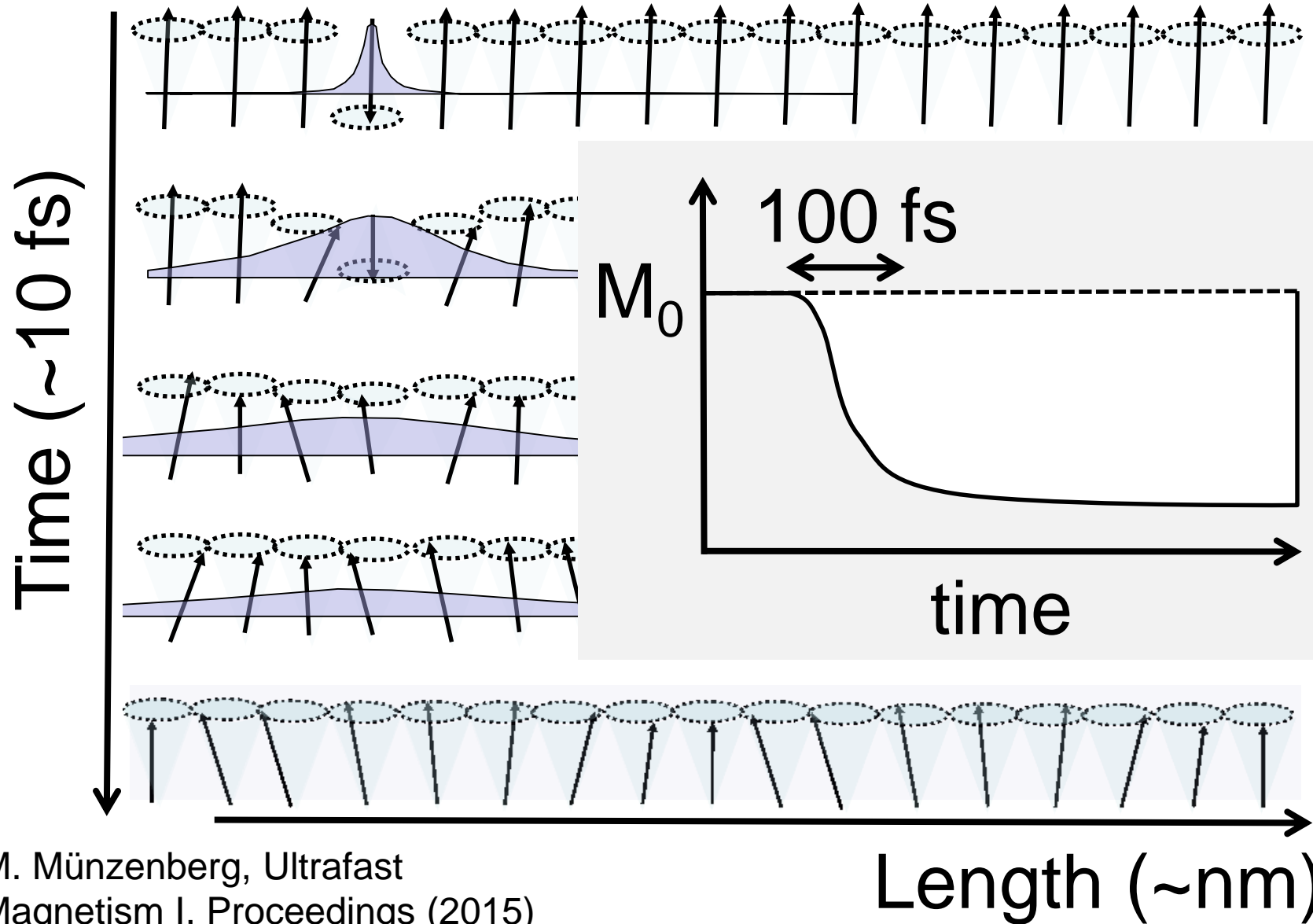
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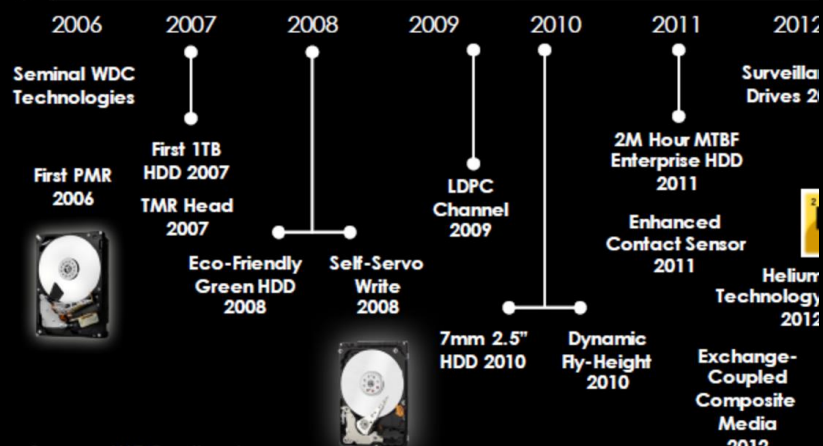
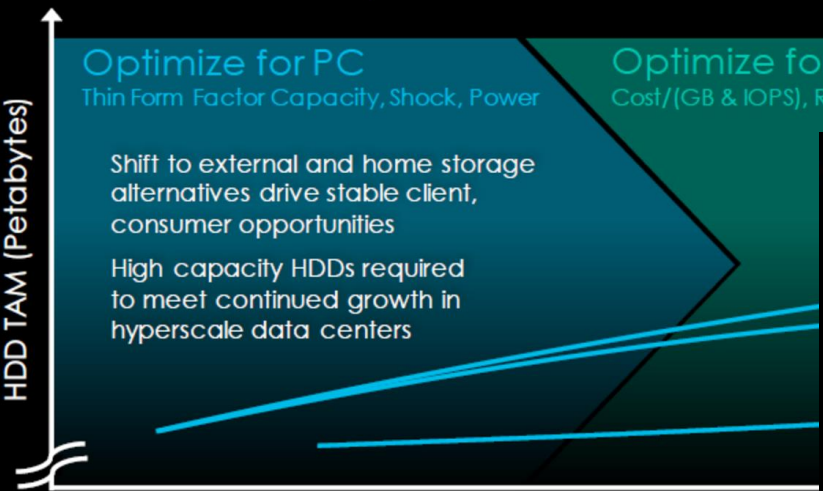


- Hard disc at fs speed

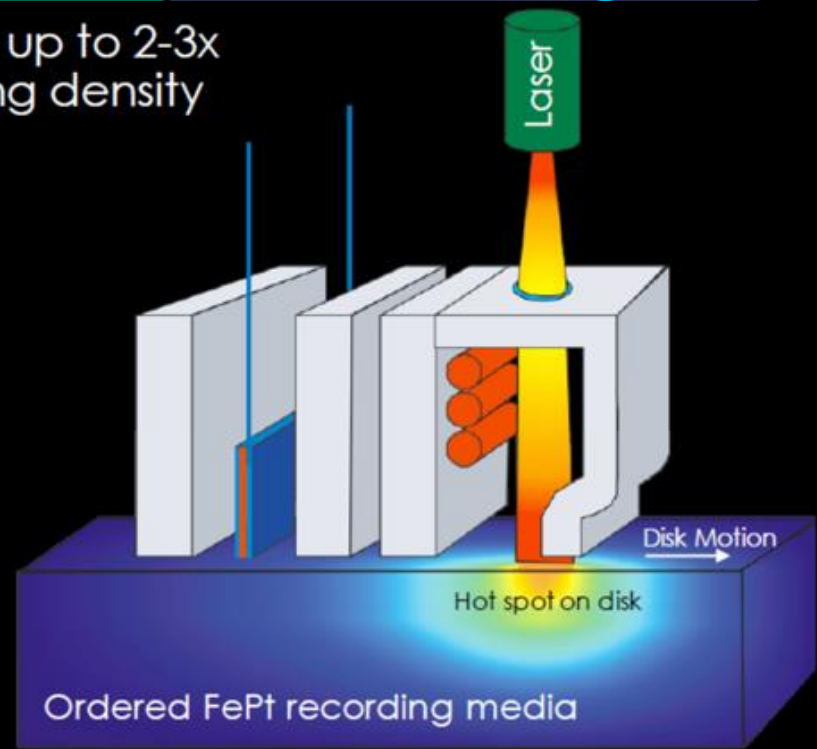
Interior of a
hard disc



Rich Variety of Solutions for the World's Data Storage Needs



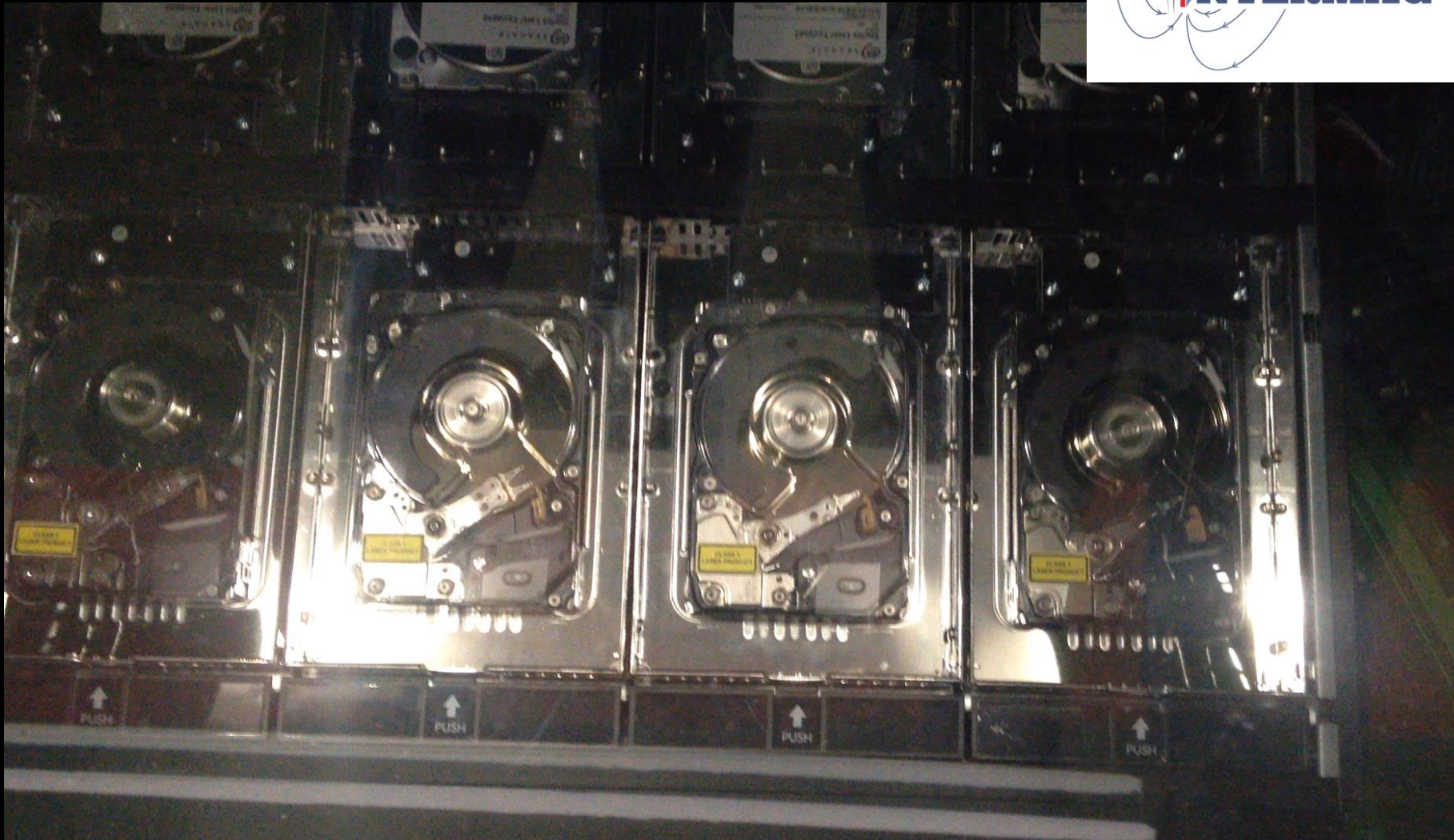
Enables up to 2-3x recording density



Source: WDC estimates
Western Digital.

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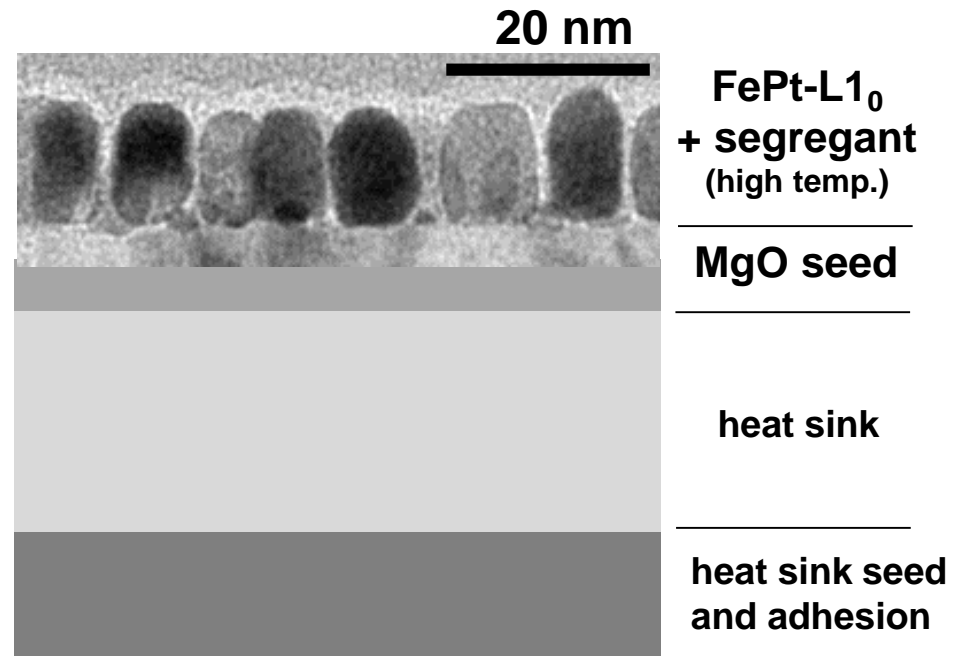
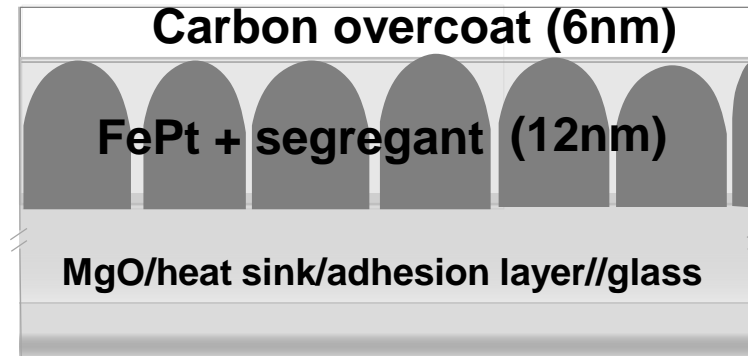
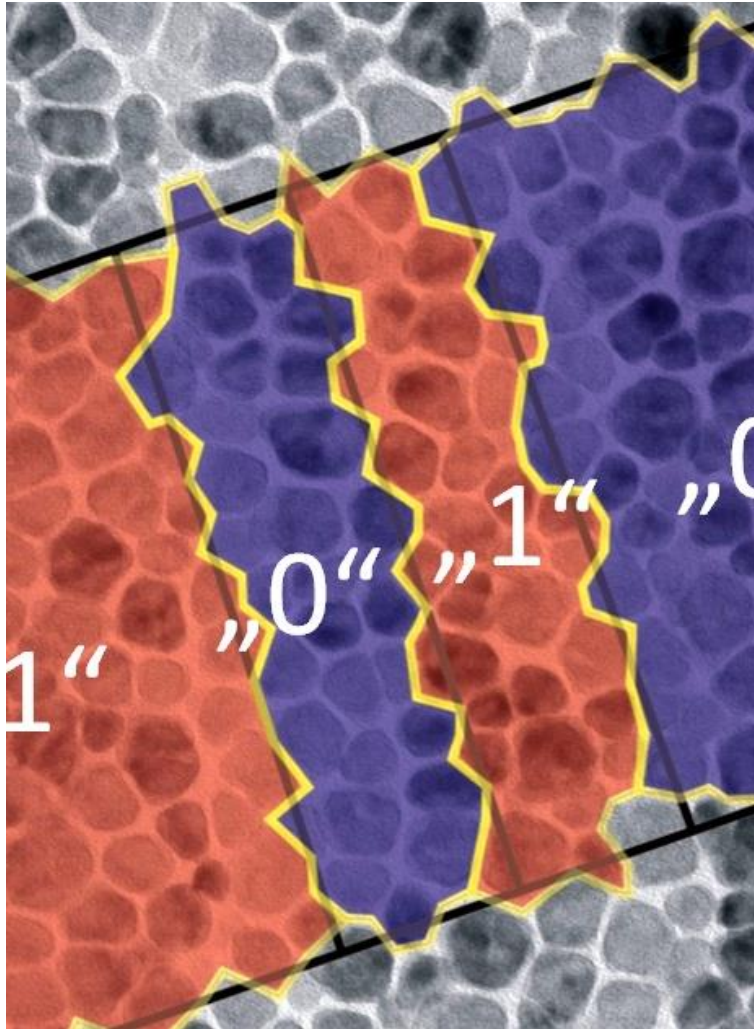
Live demonstration HAMR Seagate server at Intermag Dublin



Hard disc at ultrafast speed



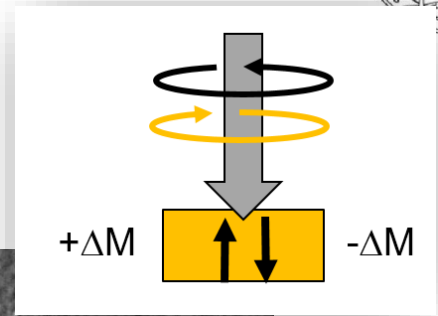
Western Digital Corporation HAMR media, $H_C = 4T$ at room temperature



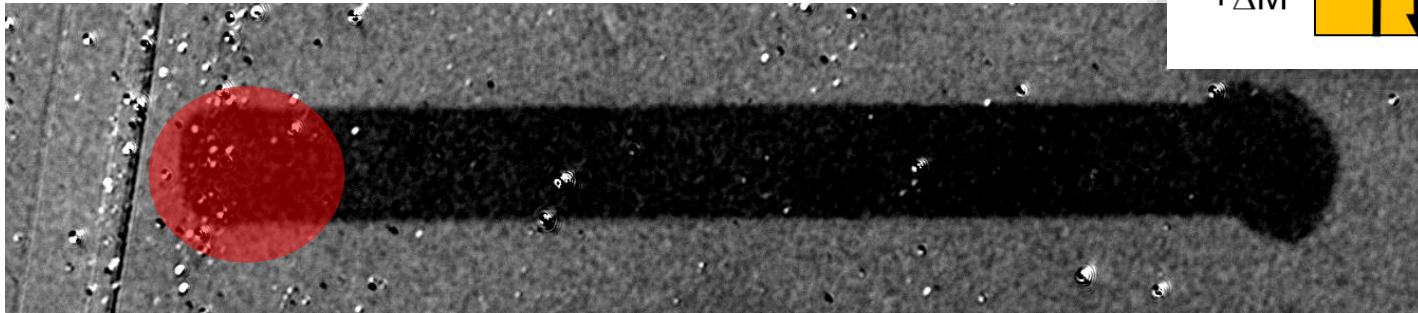
FePt optical writing a storage media



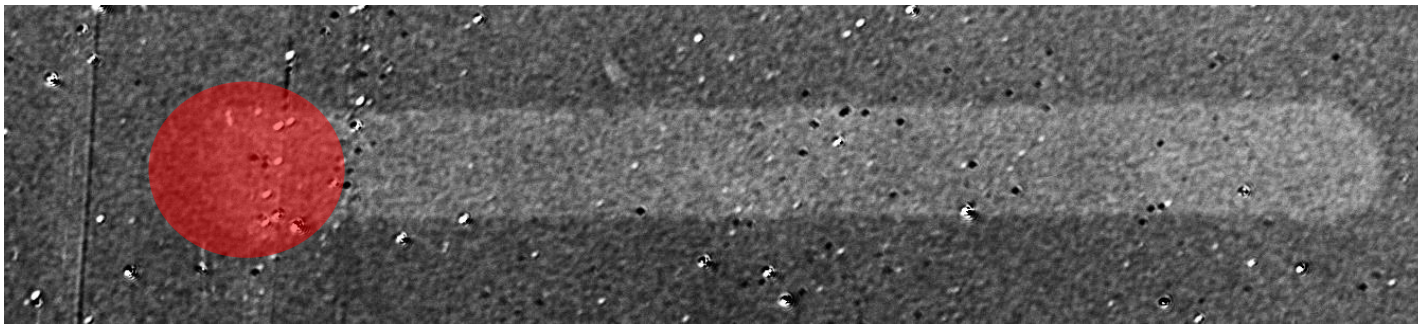
Writing using the helicity of light:



σ^-



σ^+



12.7 mJ/cm² (10 mW)

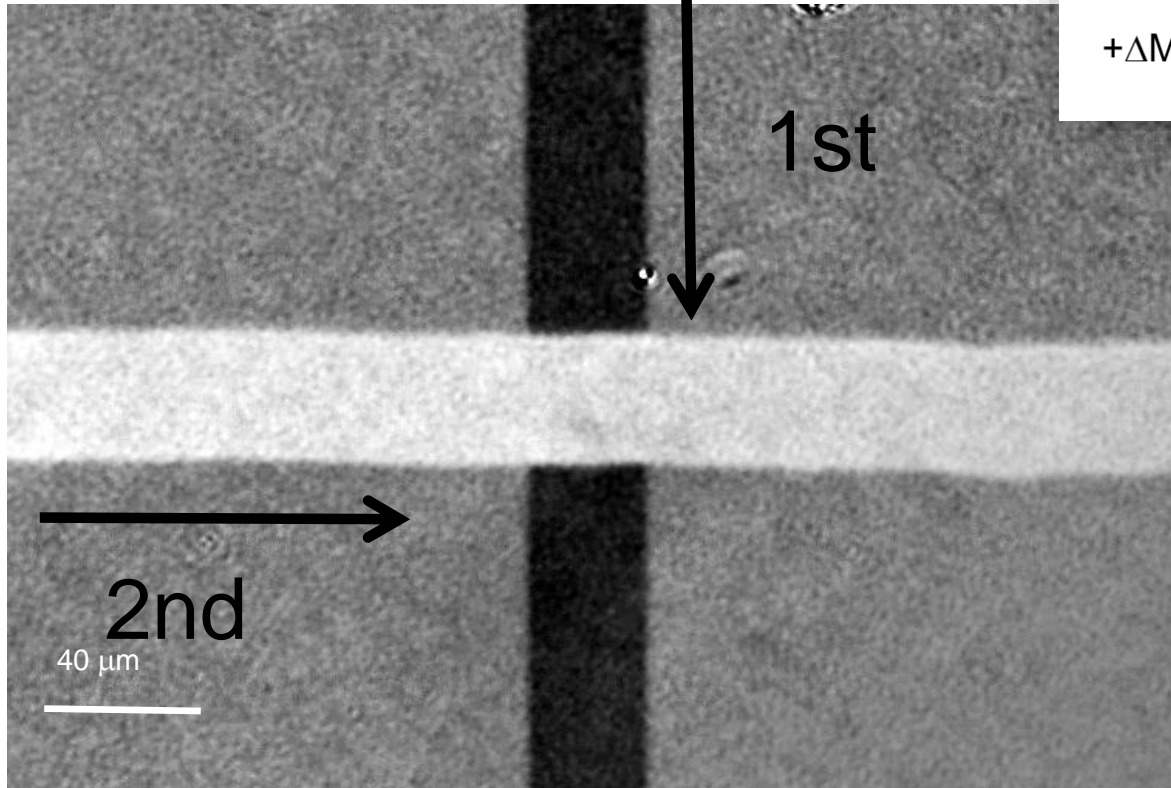
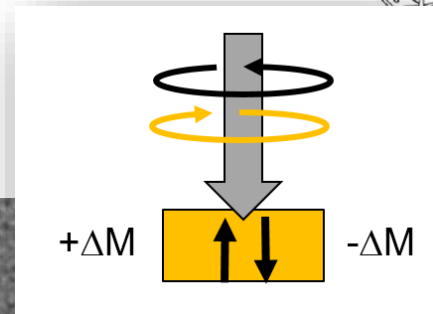
Magneto-optical contrast (Kerr microscopy)
FePt (AgCu) granular recording media

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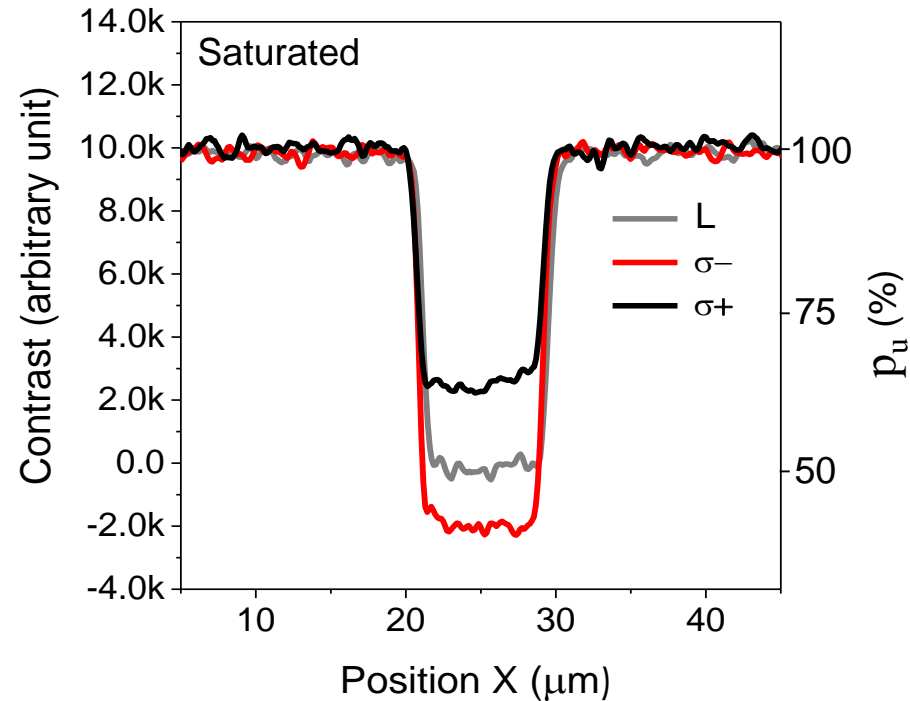
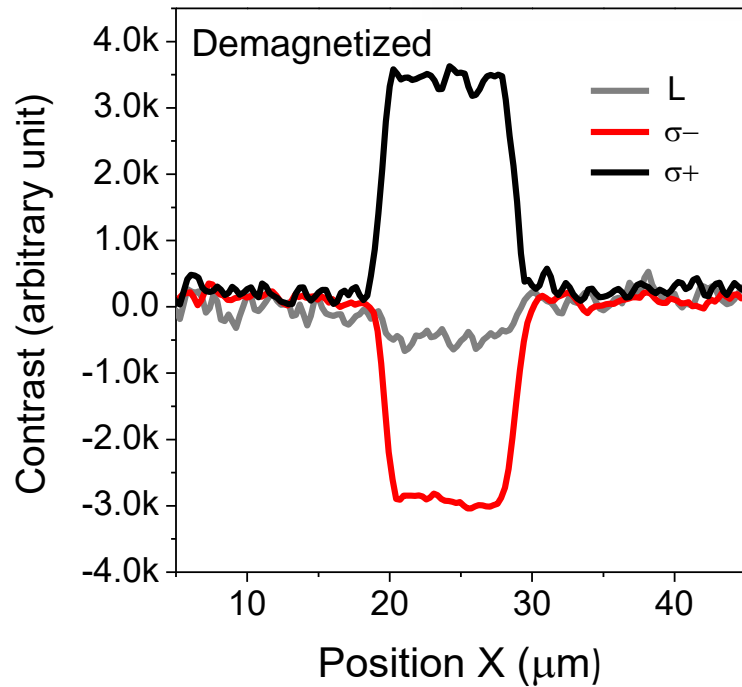
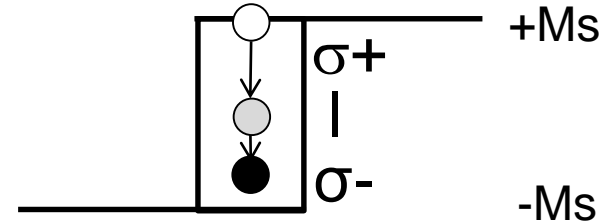
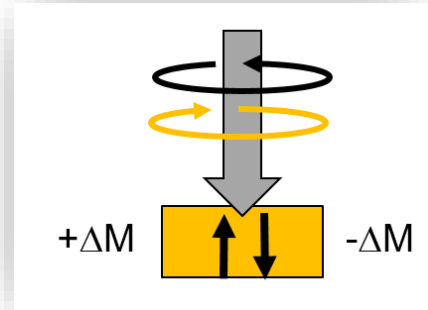
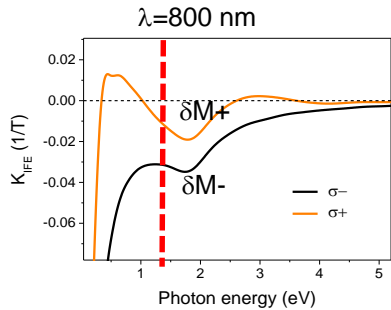
10 mW
Beamwaist 15 μm

FePt (AgCu) granular recording media

FePt optical writing a storage media



Starting with magnetization 100% Ms, saturated case:



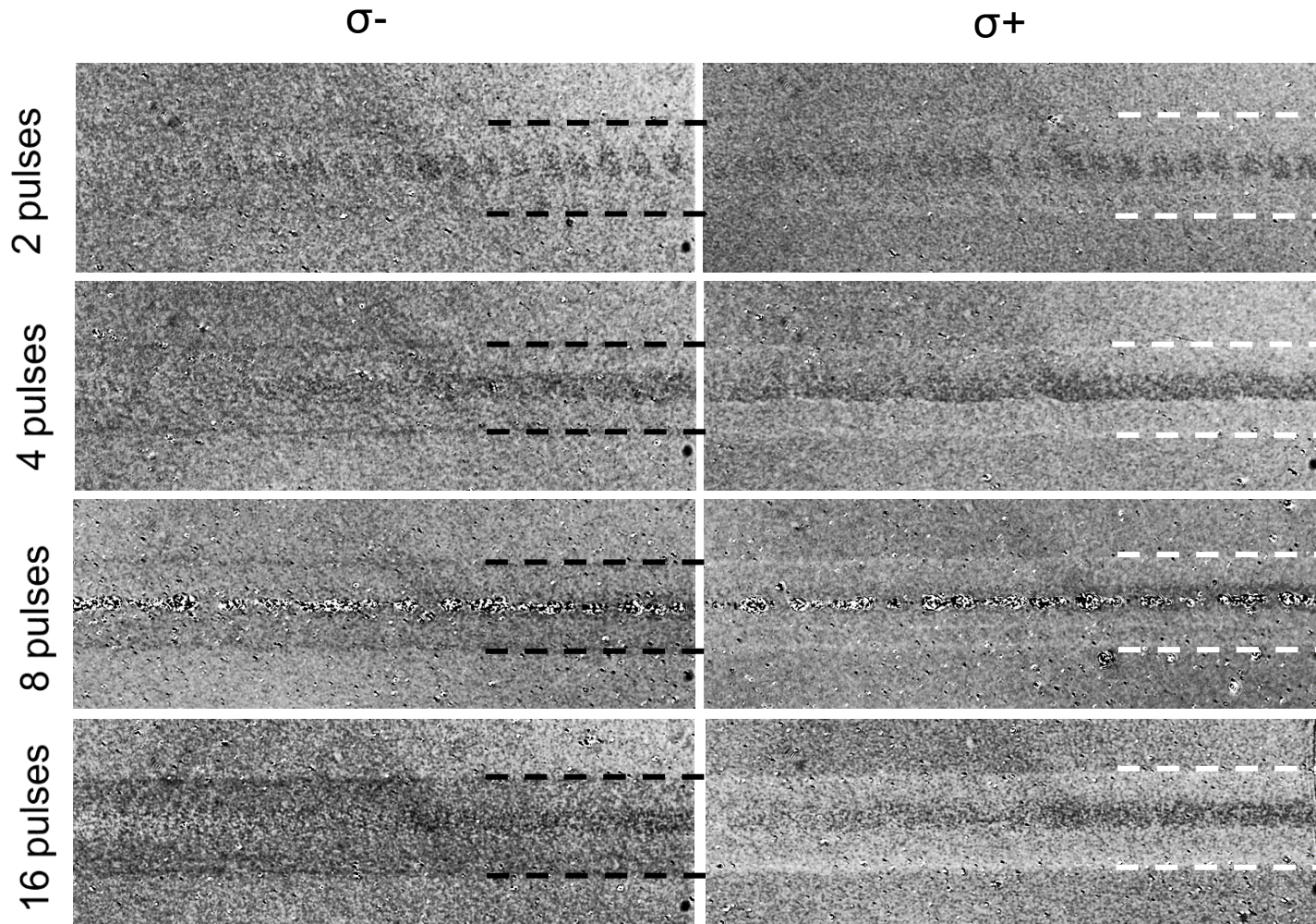
No full writing! What is the mechanism?

15 mW (13.2 mJ/cm² per pulse)

FePt optical writing a storage media

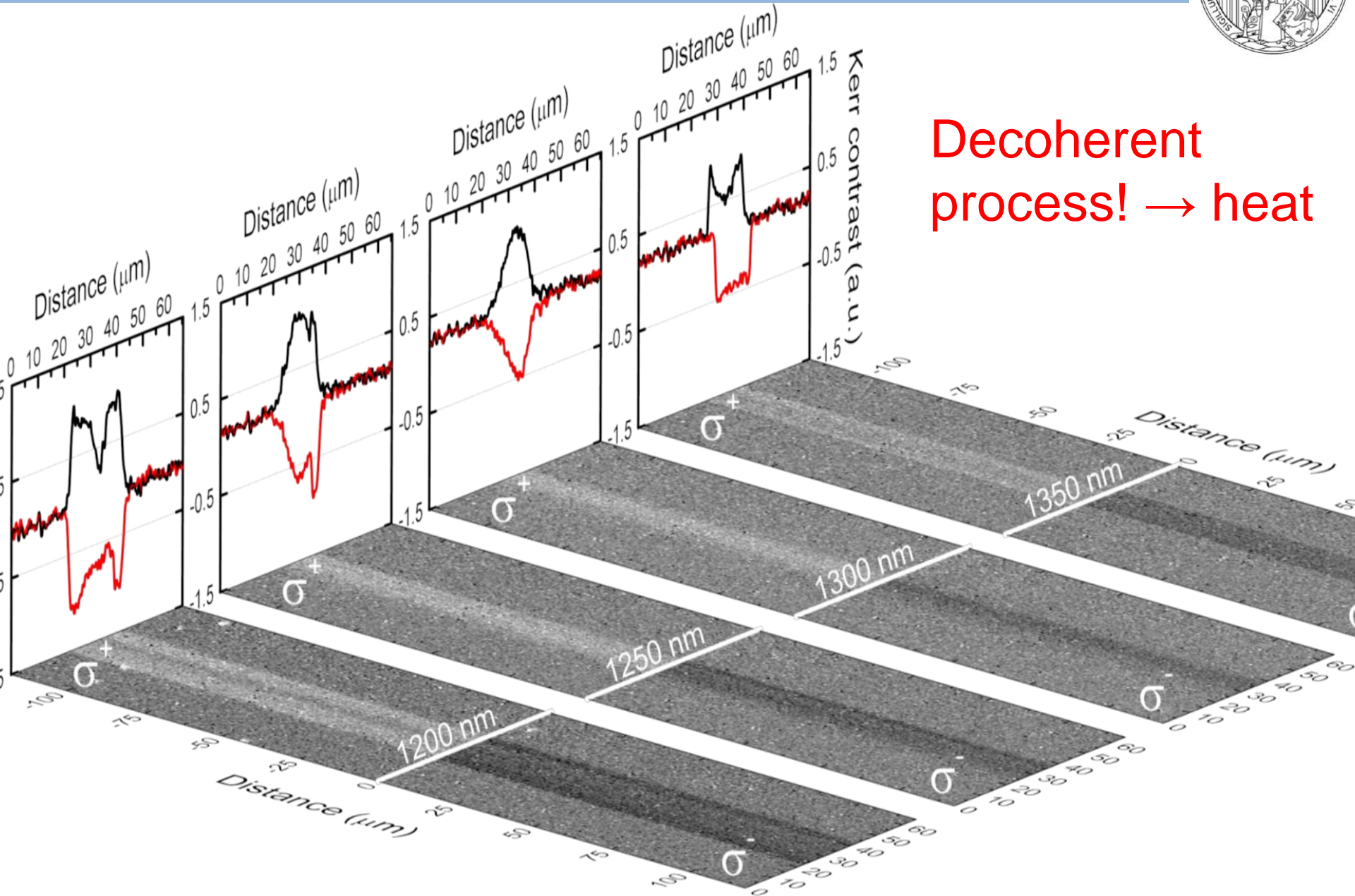


- FePt (AgCu) granular recording media:
single/ multiple pulse writing



5 mW (30 mJ/cm² per pulse)

FePt optical writing a storage media

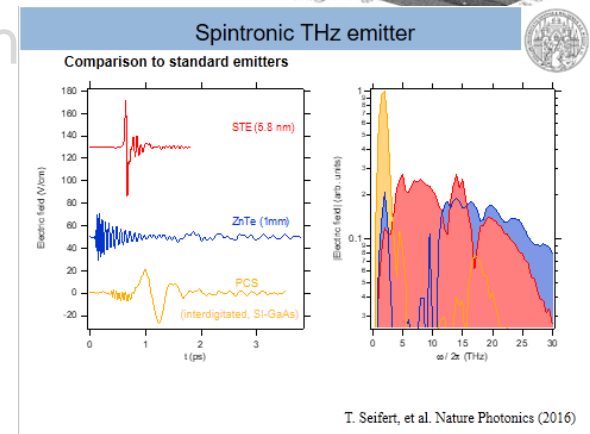
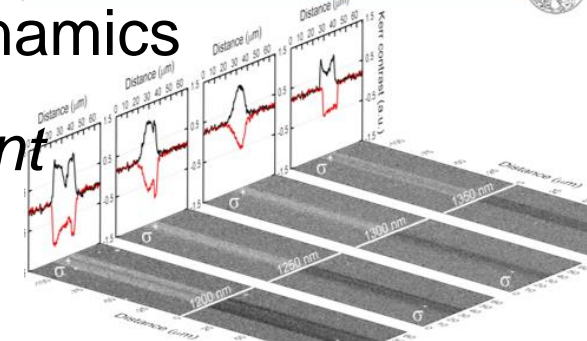
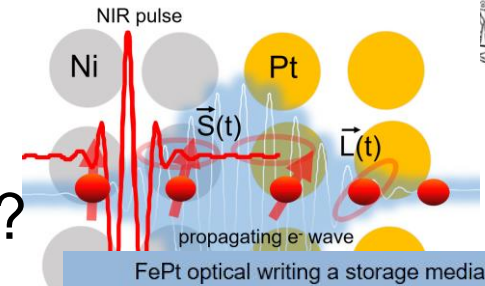


Decoherent
process! \rightarrow heat

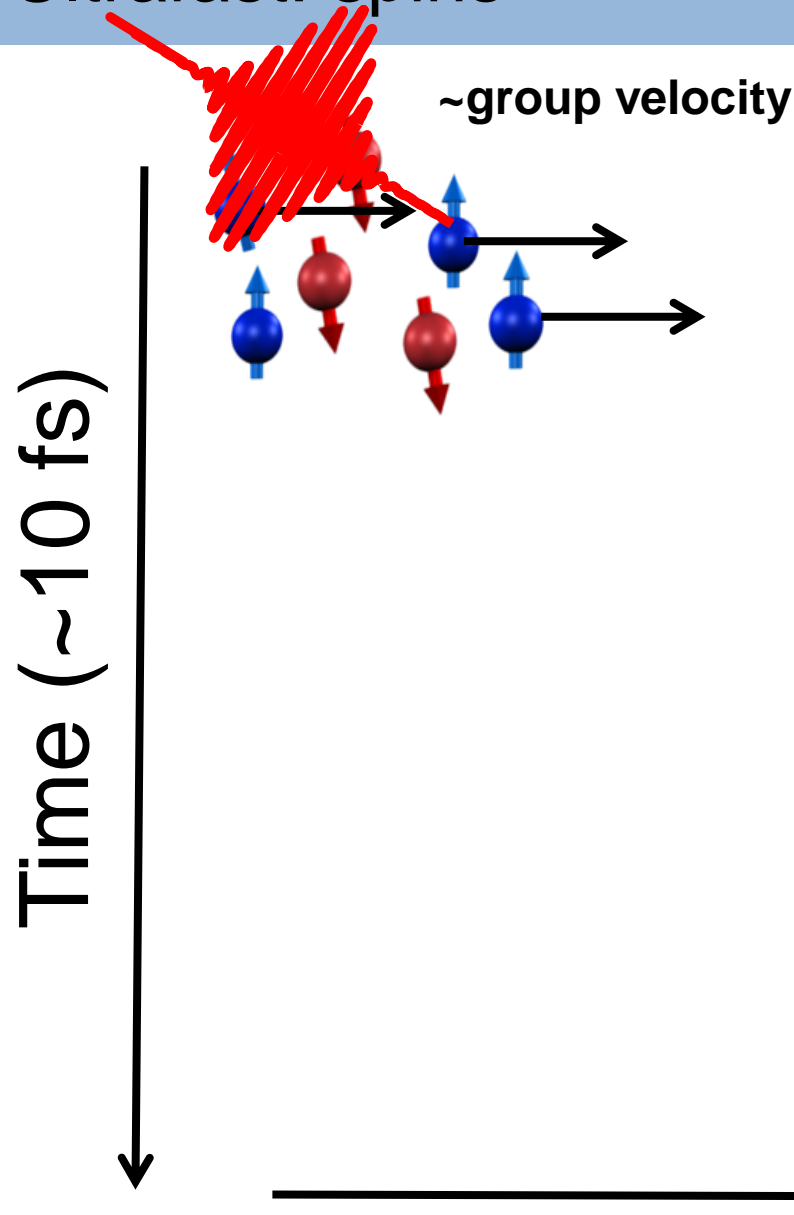
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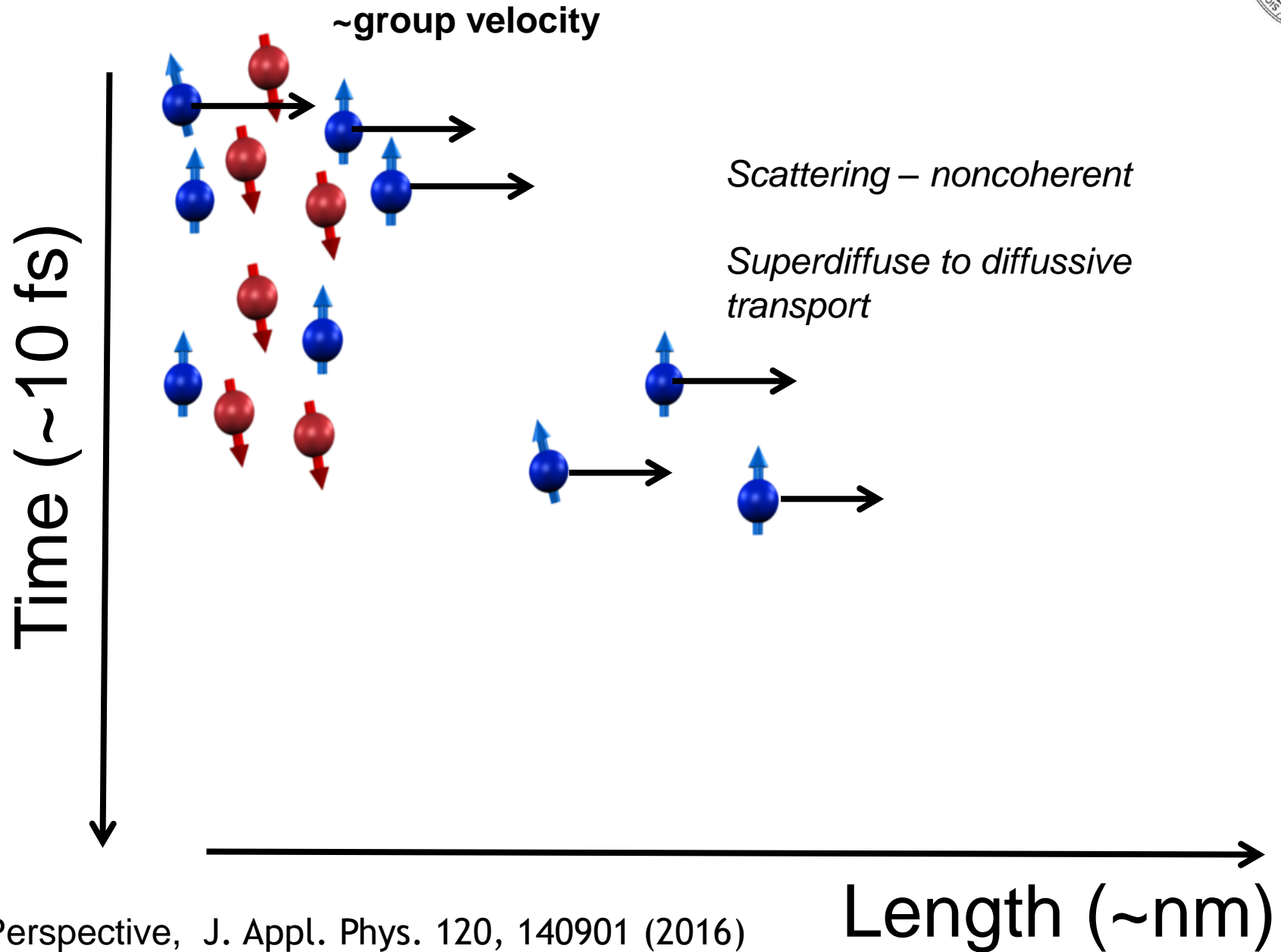
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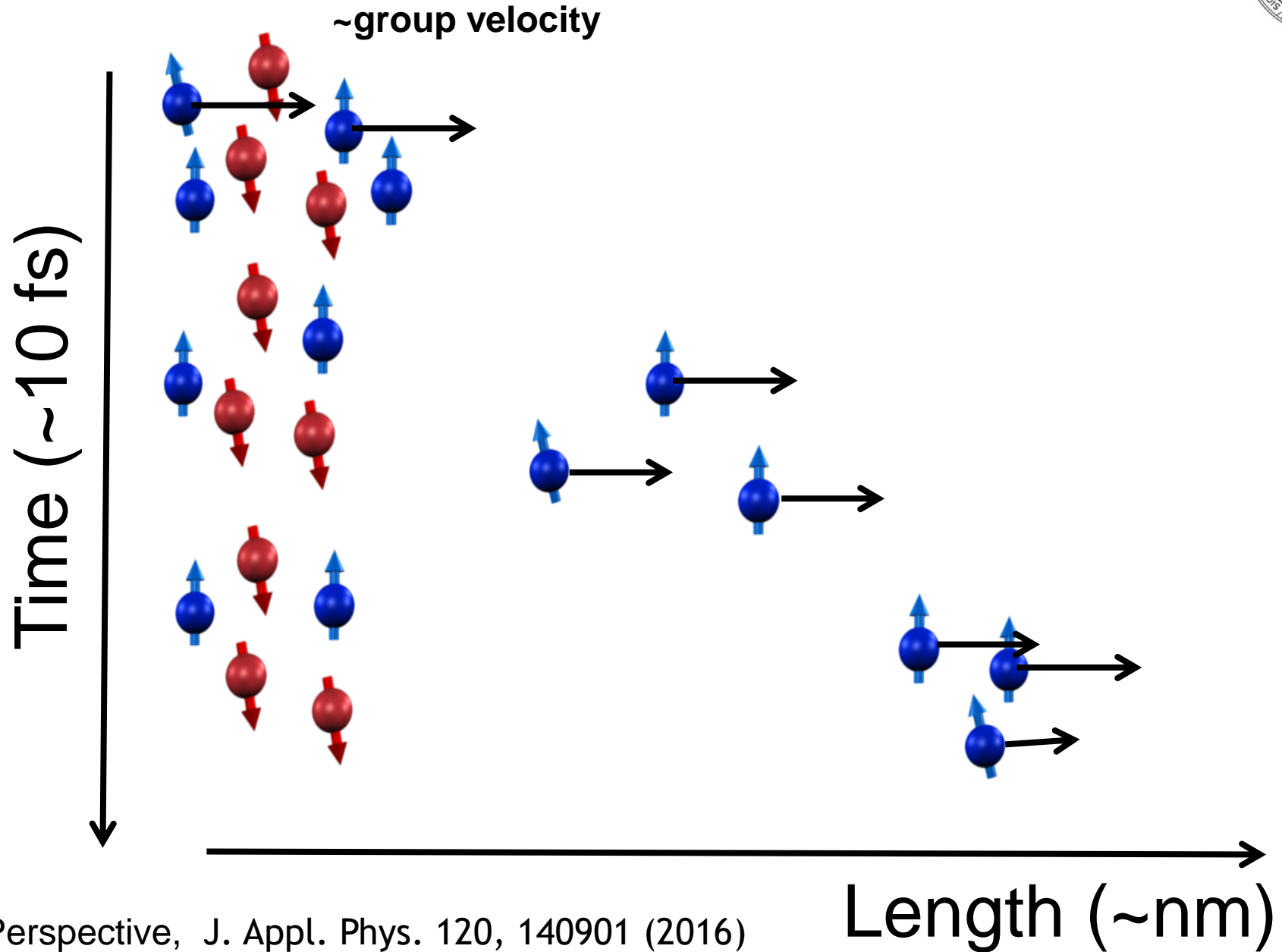
Scattering – noncoherent

Superdiffuse to diffusive transport

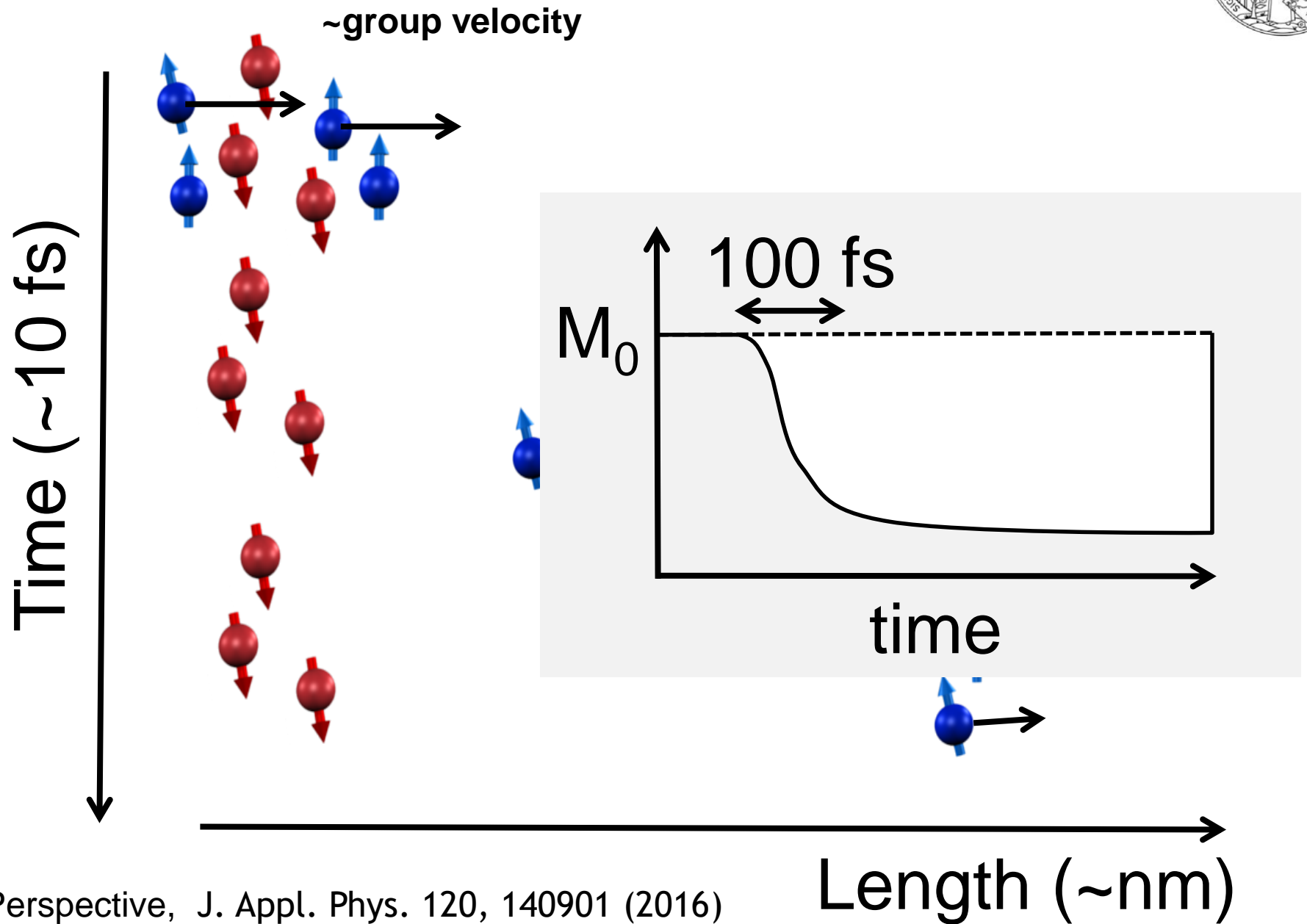
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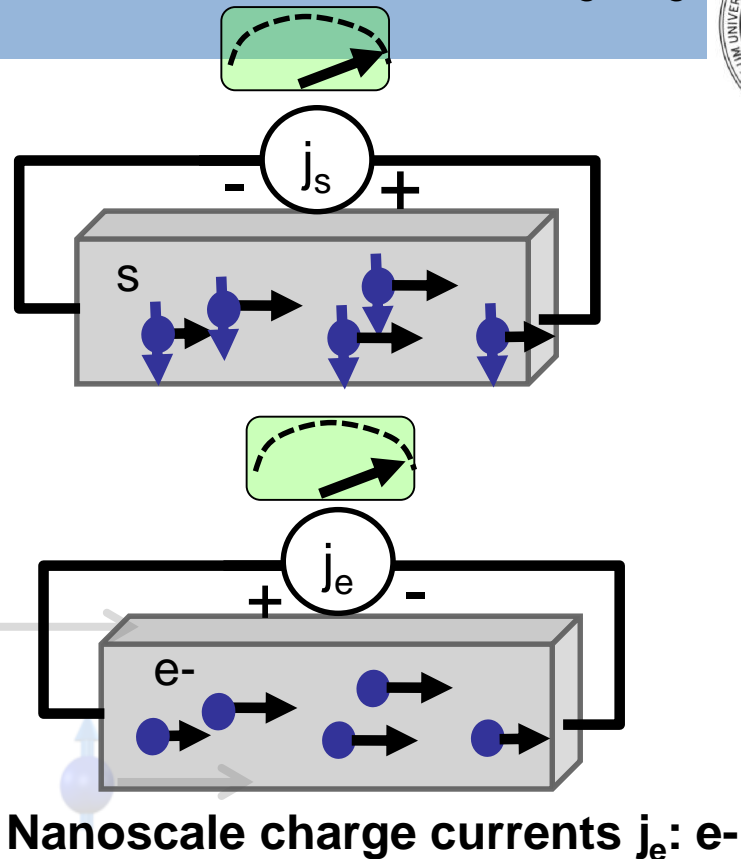
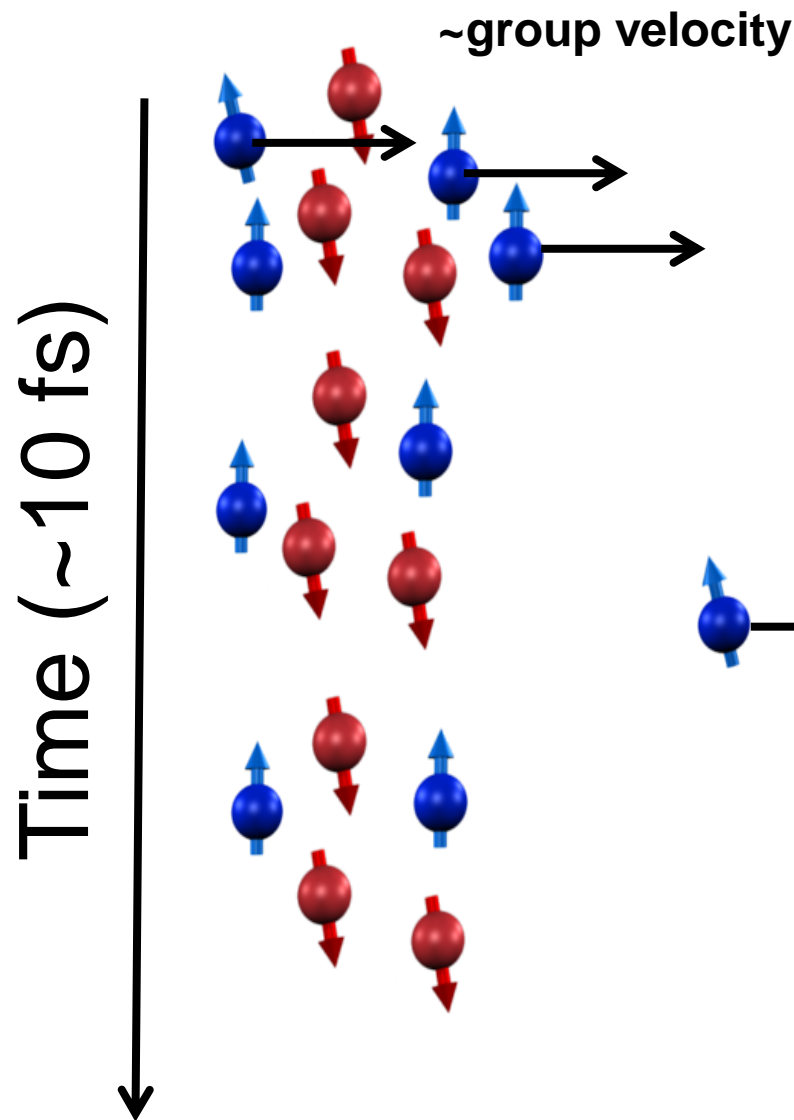


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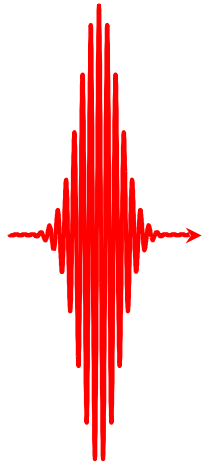
Nanoscale spin currents $j_s: m_s$



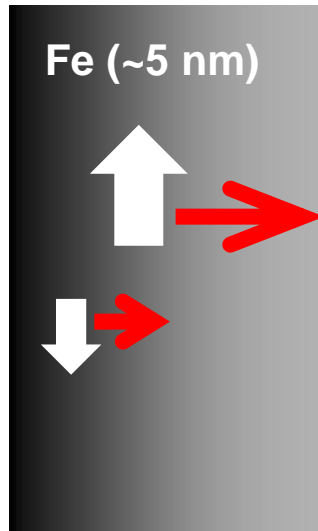
Spintronic THz emitter



Ferromagnet



fs pump
pulse



Pump pulse excites \uparrow and \downarrow electrons

\uparrow : d \rightarrow sp bands \Rightarrow become fast

\downarrow : d \rightarrow d bands \Rightarrow stay slow

Oppeneer *et al.*, PRL (2010)

\Rightarrow Pump launches spin-polarized current

Melnikov *et al.*, PRL (2011)

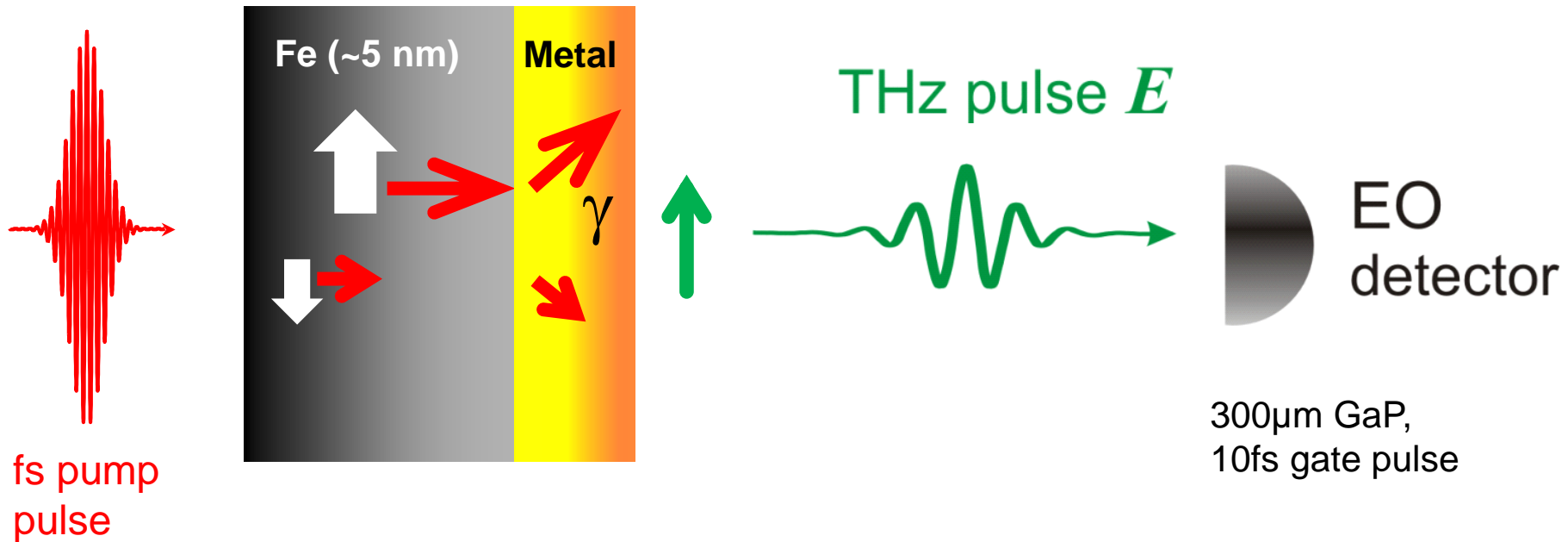
Rudolf *et al.*, NatComm (2012)

Turgut *et al.*, PRL (2013)

How to detect the spin current?

Idea: convert spin current into charge current

Spintronic THz emitter



⇒ Measure THz emission from photoexcited FM/NM bilayers

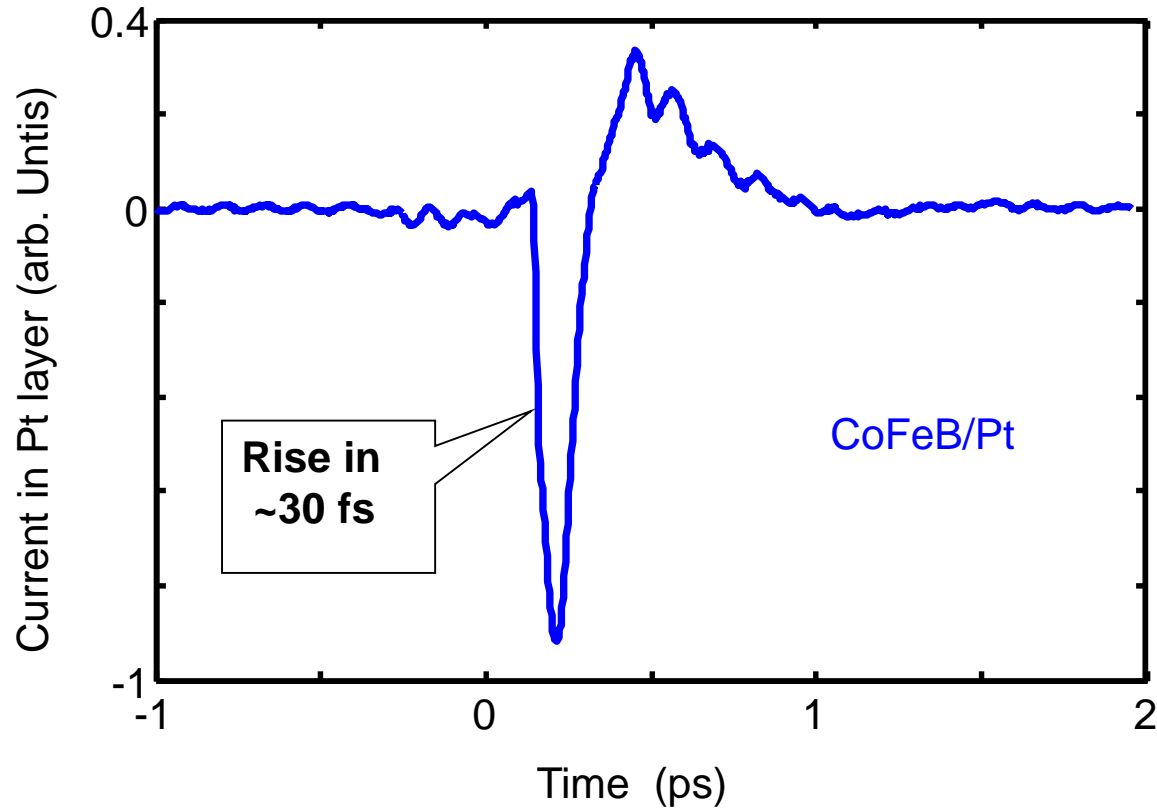
Note: just used a pulsed laser oscillator (10 fs, 80 MHz)

Kampfrath, Battiato, Oppeneer, Wolf, Freimuth, Mokrousov, Münzenberg *et al.*, Nature Nanotech. 8, 256 (2013)

Spintronic THz emitter



THz Pt sheet current



Reveals spin transport dynamics with 10 fs resolution

Spintronic THz emitter

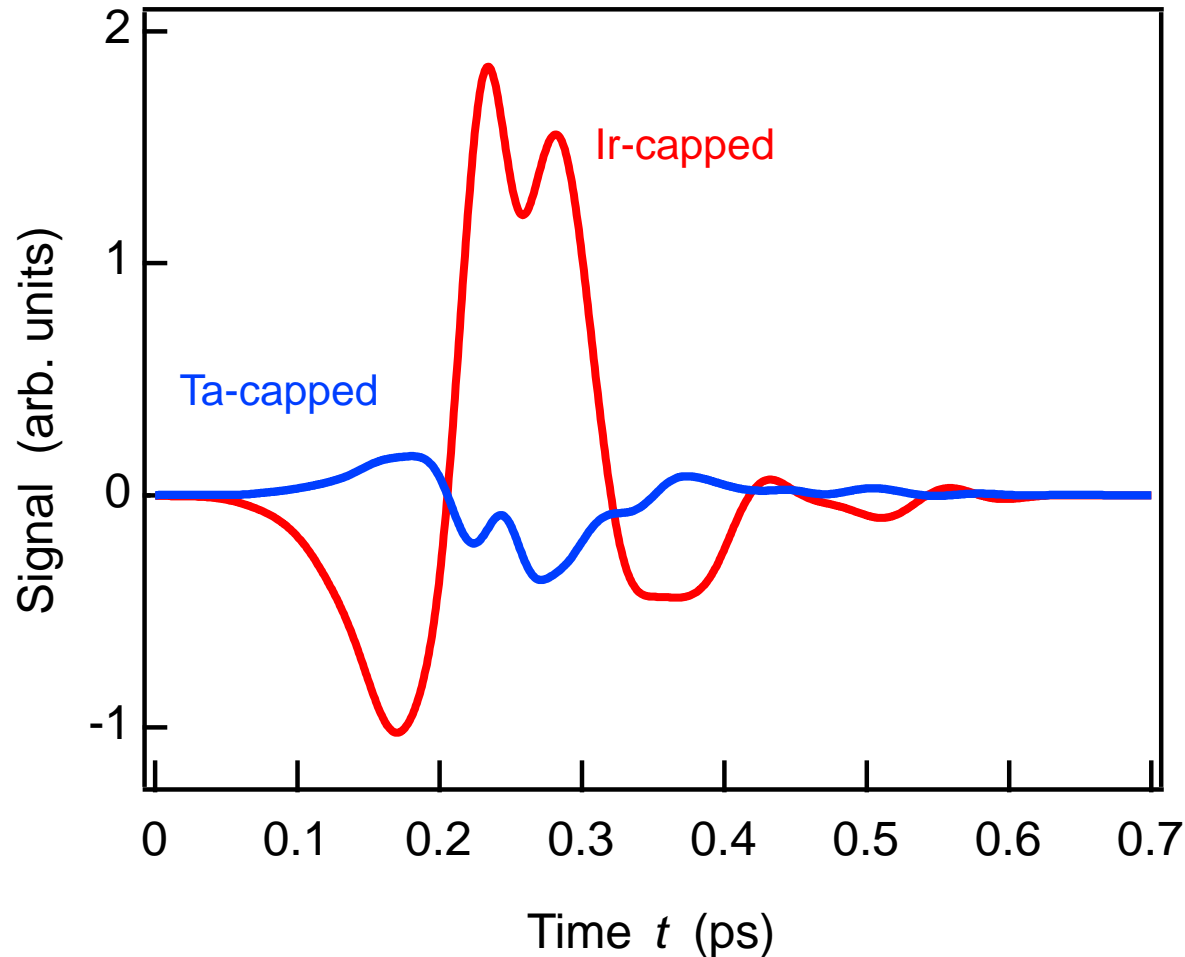


Idea:

Vary nonmagnetic cap layer

Ta vs Ir:

Opposite spin Hall angles, Ir larger

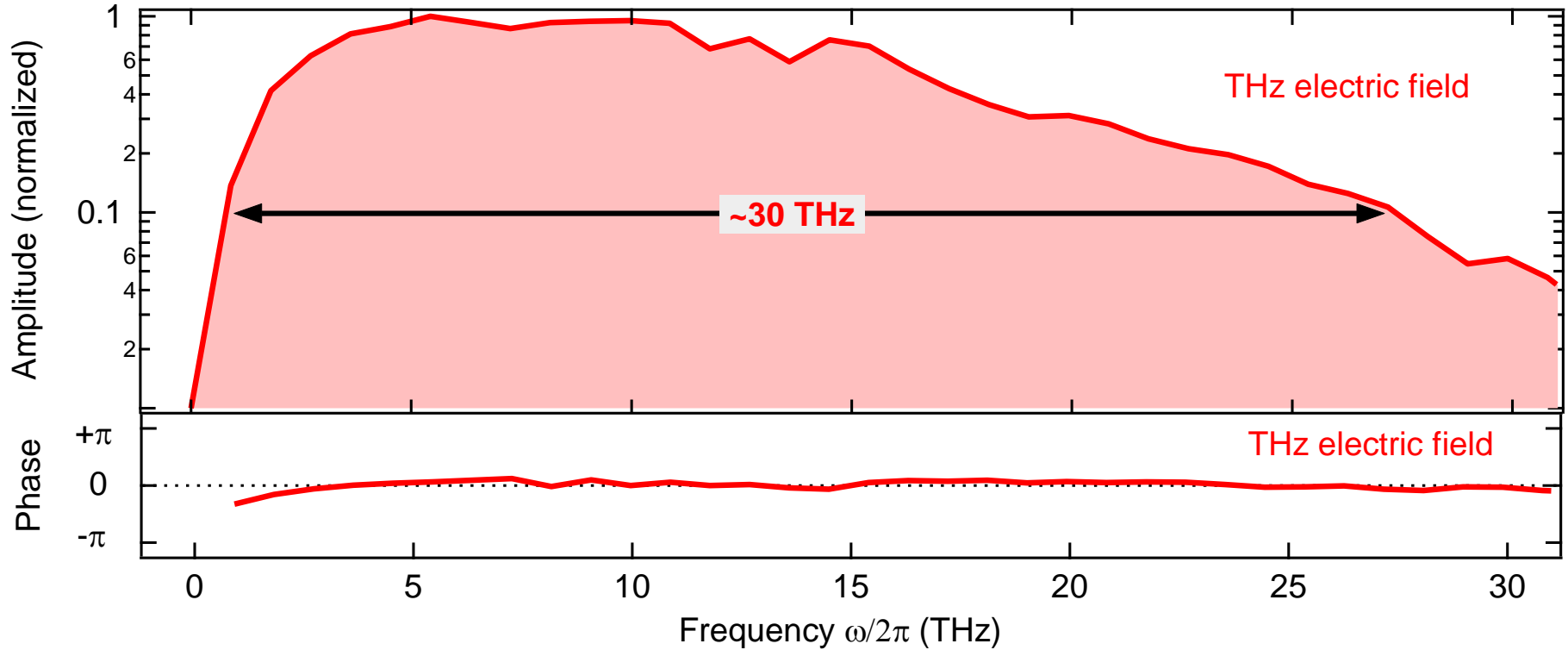


Behavior consistent with ISHE scenario?

Spintronic THz emitter



Fourier transform of time-domain data yields spectrum

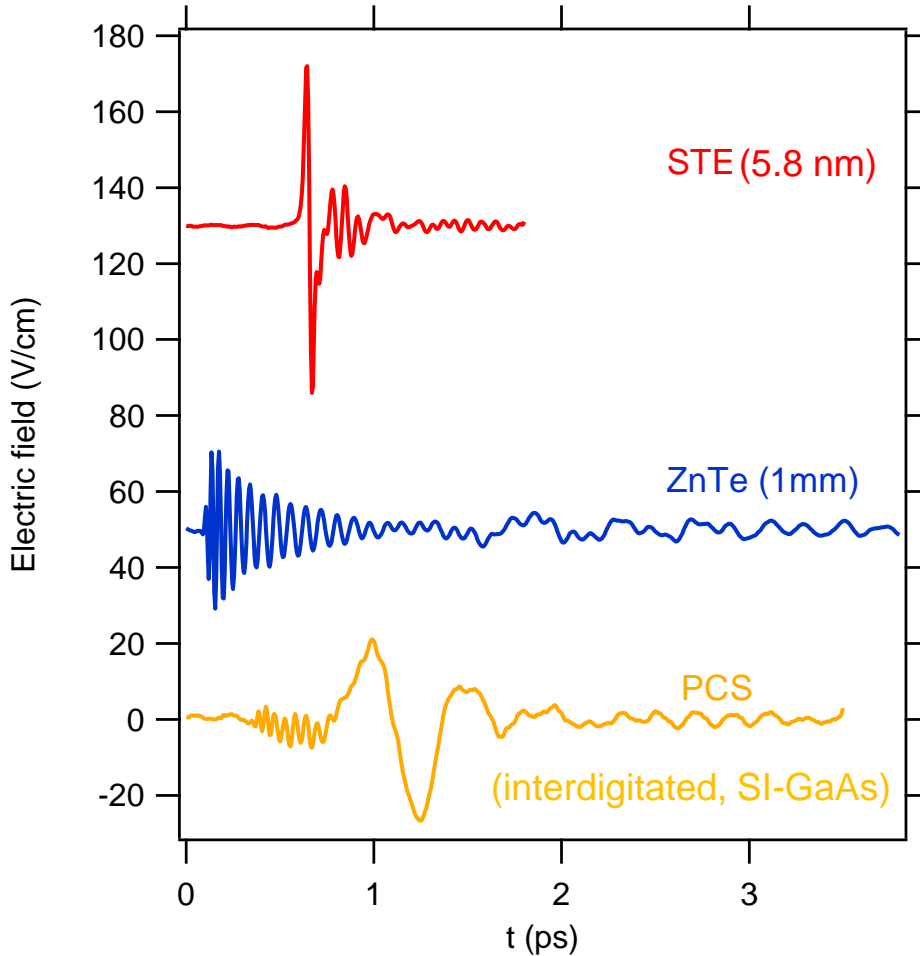


Gap-free emission from 1-30 THz

Spintronic THz emitter



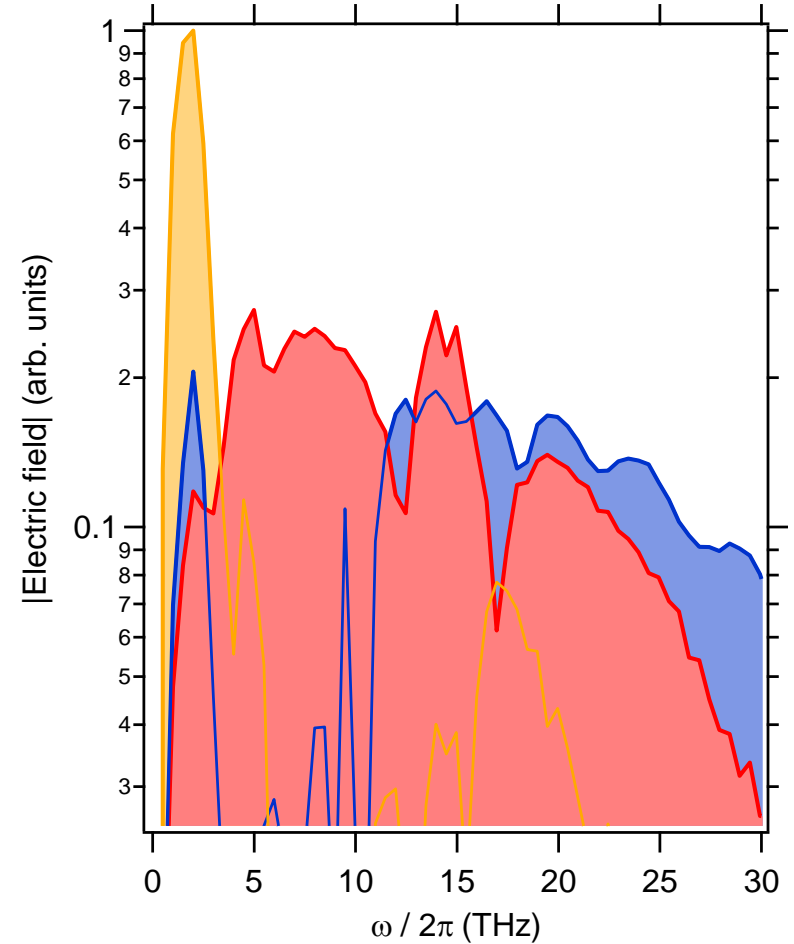
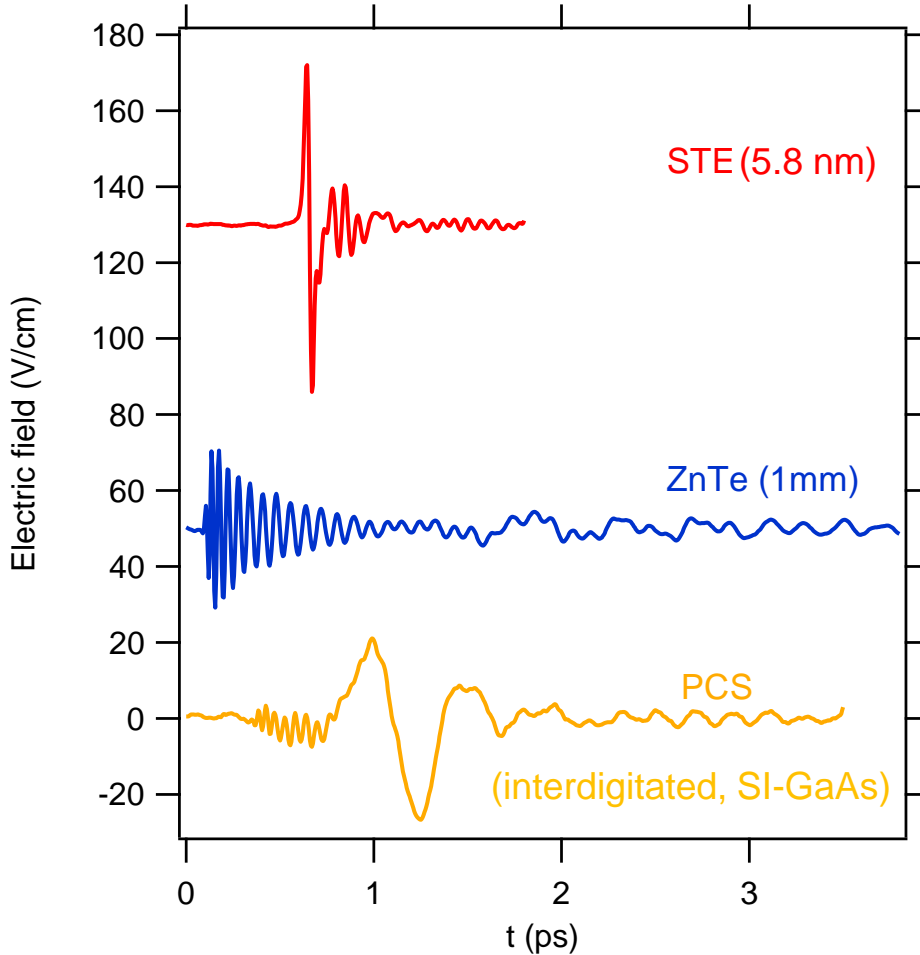
Comparison to standard emitters



Spintronic THz emitter



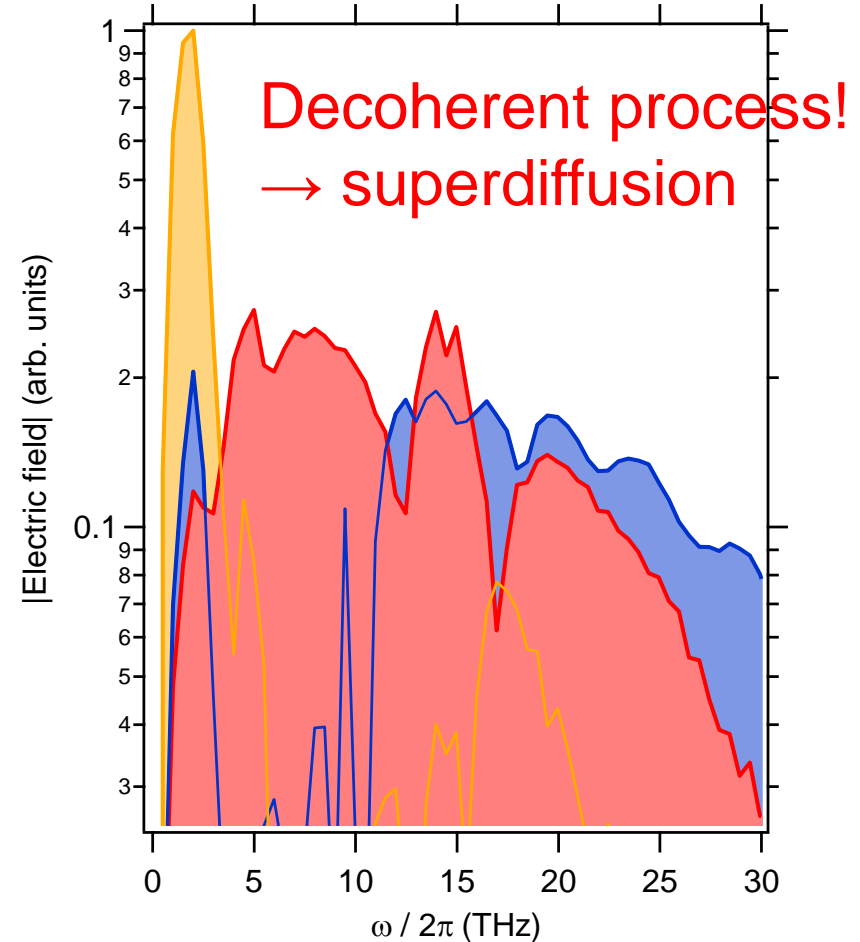
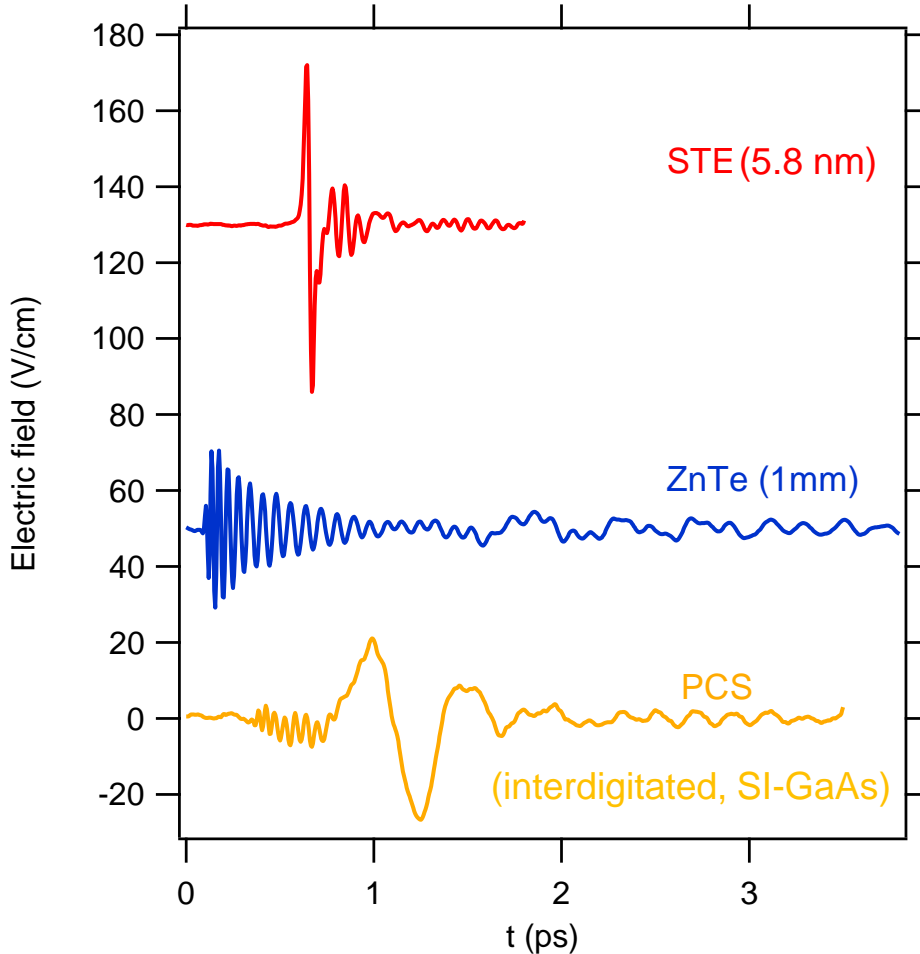
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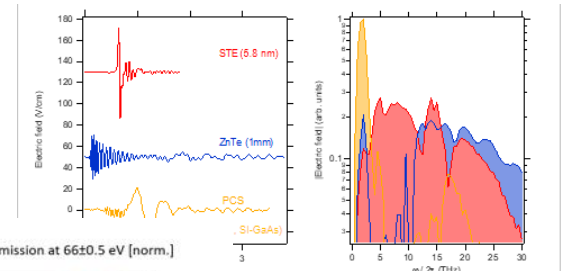
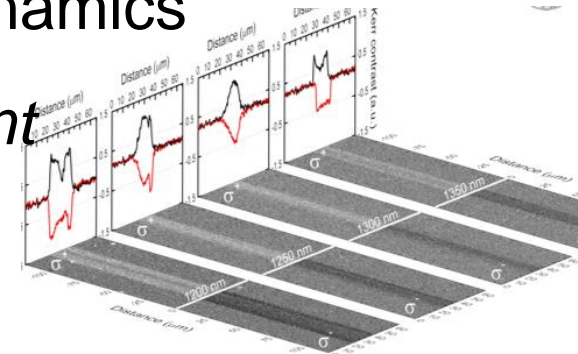
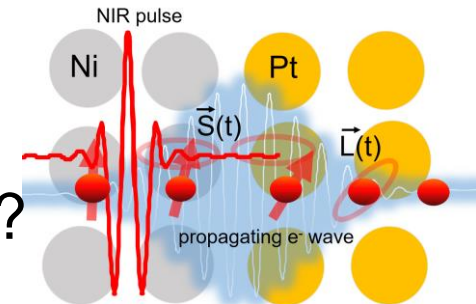
Spintronic metallic emitter outperforms standard emitters over large frequency intervals

Robust, low cost, scalable, easy to handle and flexible

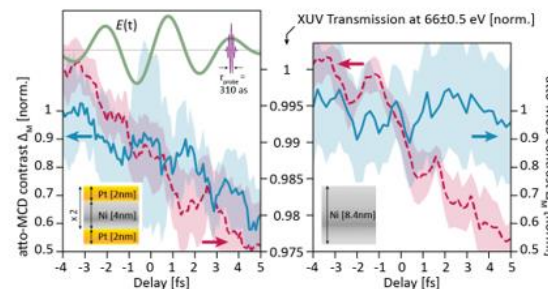
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- A coherent attosecond spintronics?
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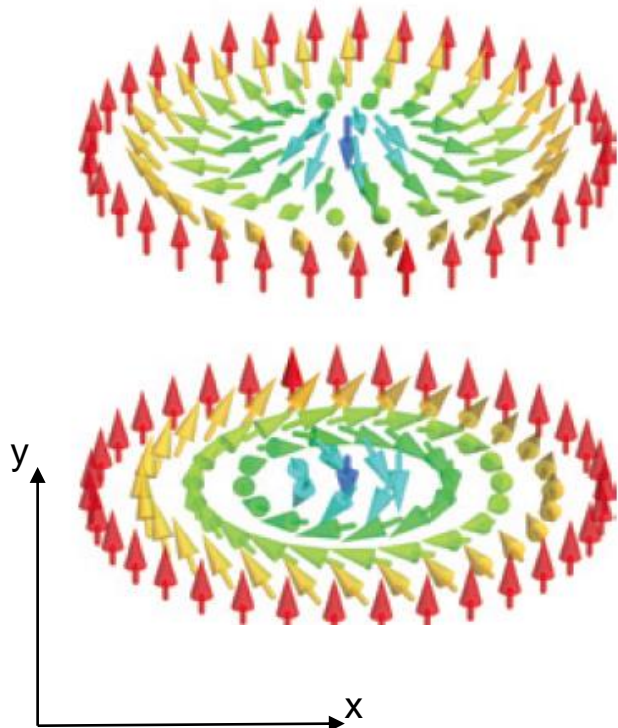


Topological matter



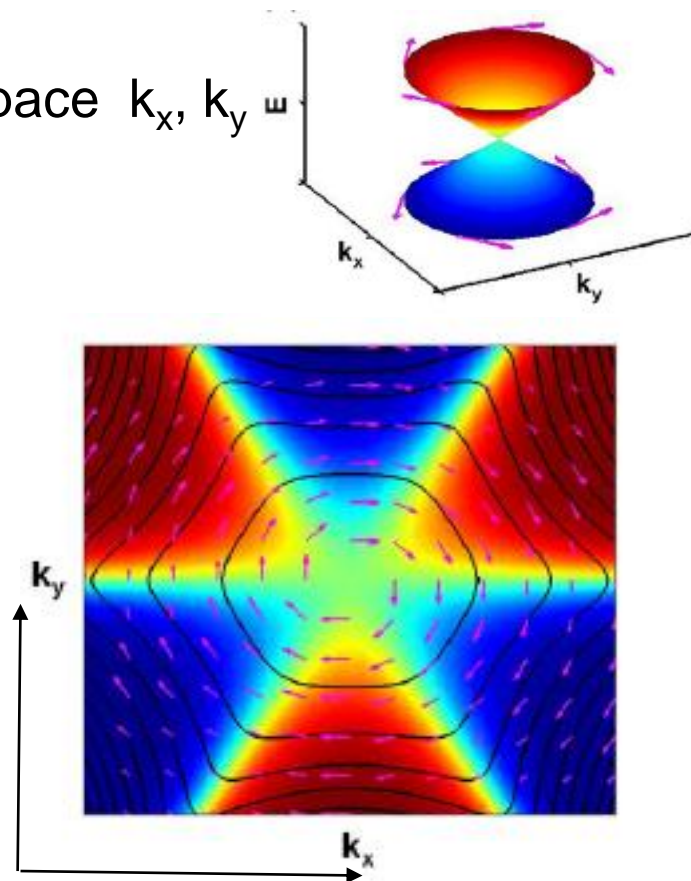
Skyrmions

Real space x, y



Topological Insulators

Reciprocal space k_x, k_y, ω



From A. Fert, V. Cros, and J. Sampaio, Nat. Nano. 8, 152–156 (2013)

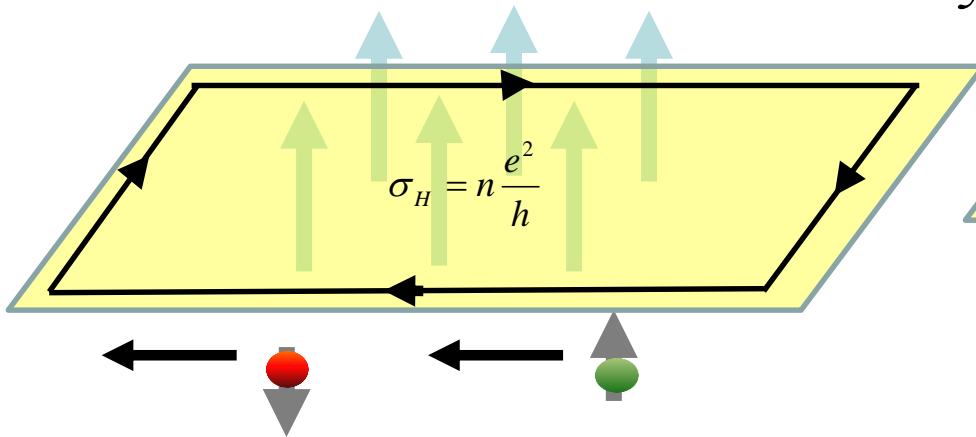
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Topological matter



Large B field

$$E \sim \vec{s} \vec{B}$$

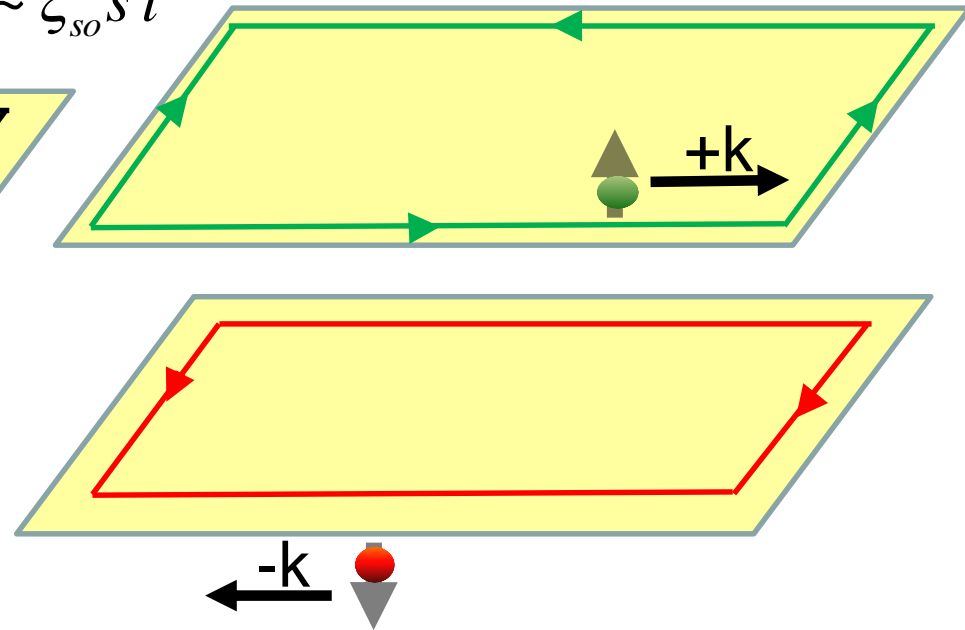


$$\sigma_H = n \frac{e^2}{h}$$

Cyclotron resonance, in 2D materials quantum Hall effect and edge states

Internal spin-orbit field

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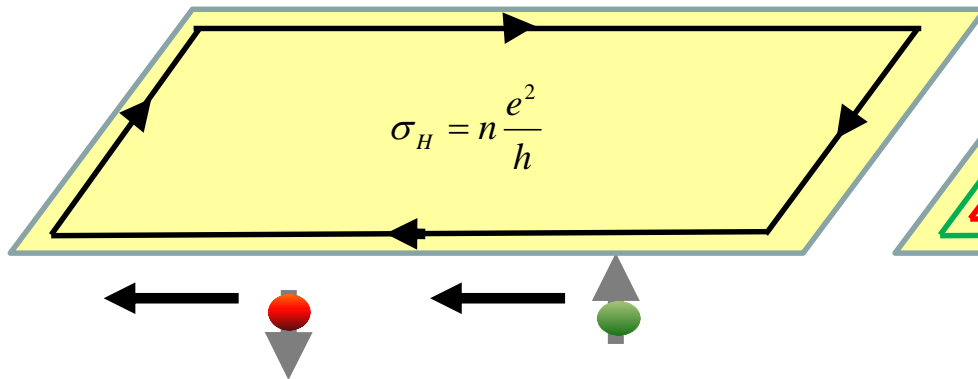
Large spin-orbit coupling leads to cyclotron orbit

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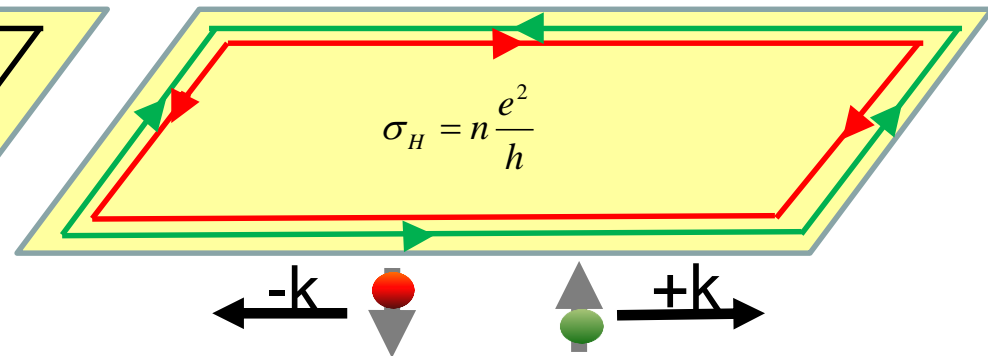
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Quantum Hall effect and edge states

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Spin-momentum locking, spin polarized edge states

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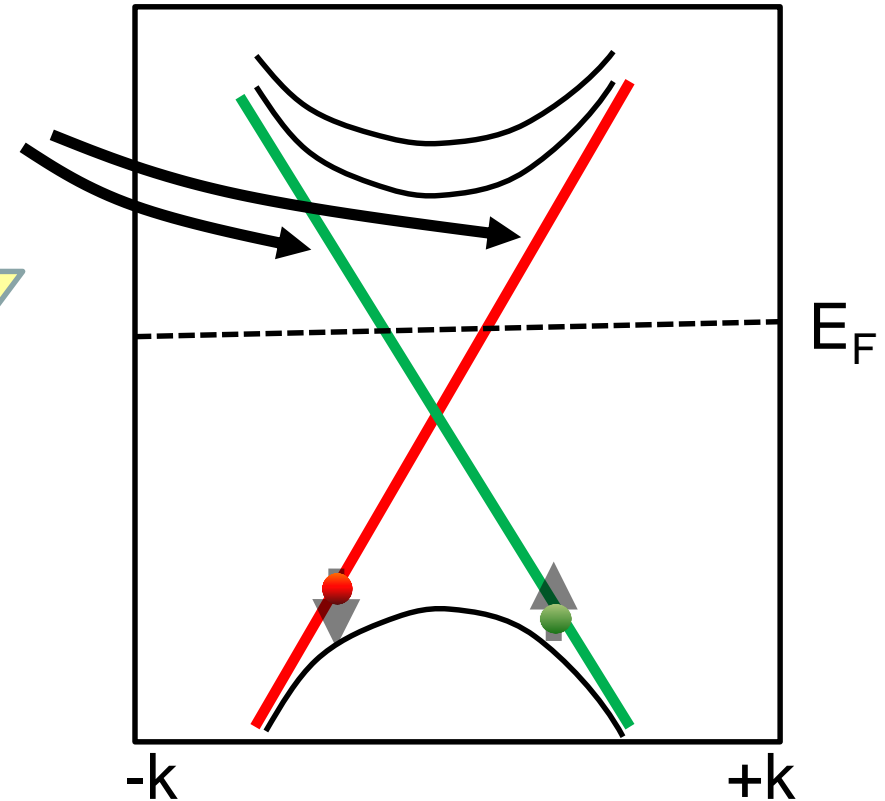
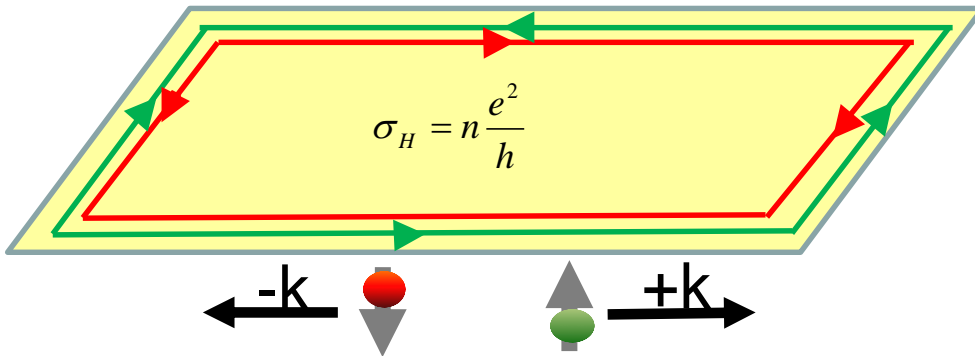


Topological insulator

Schematic bands

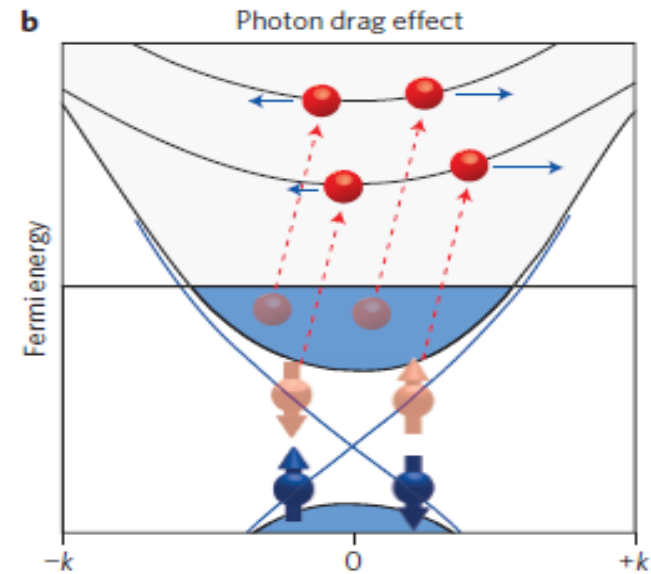
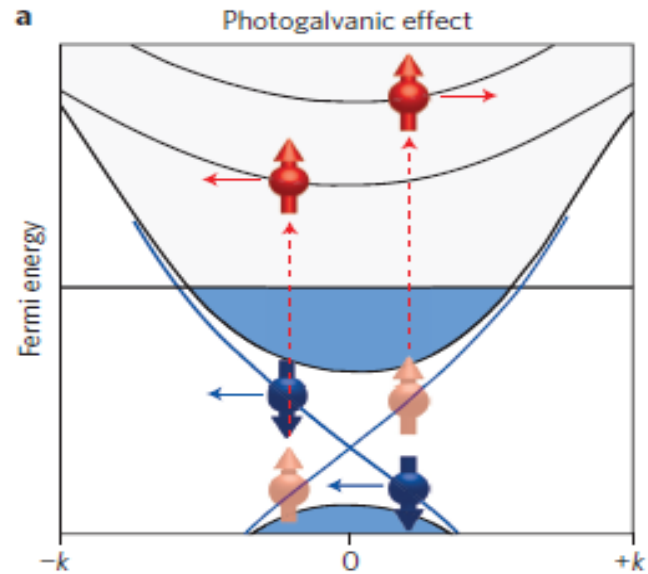
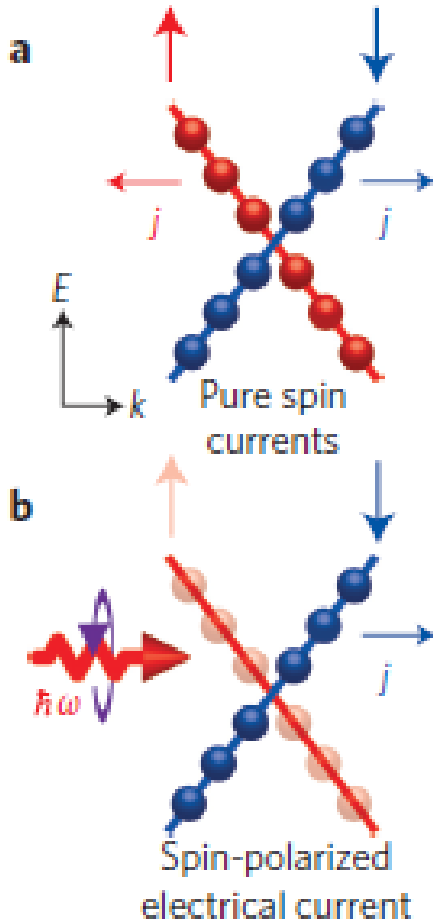
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Surface states



- Spin-momentum locking of the surface state
- Generation of spin currents driven by light

Photoinduced currents in topological insulators



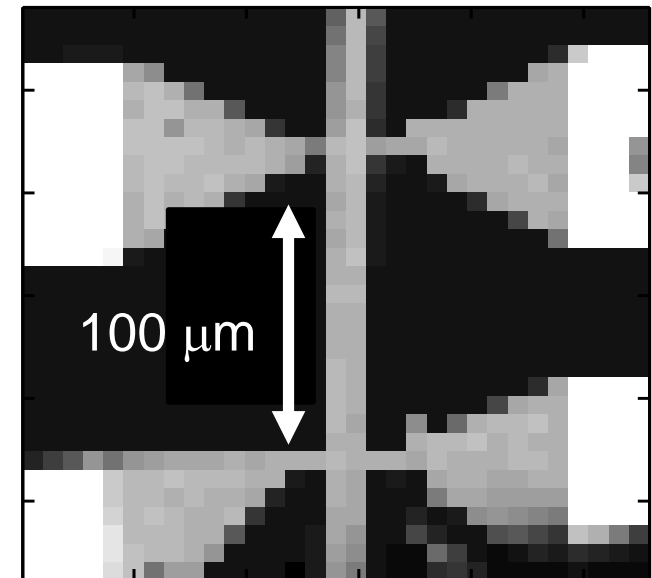
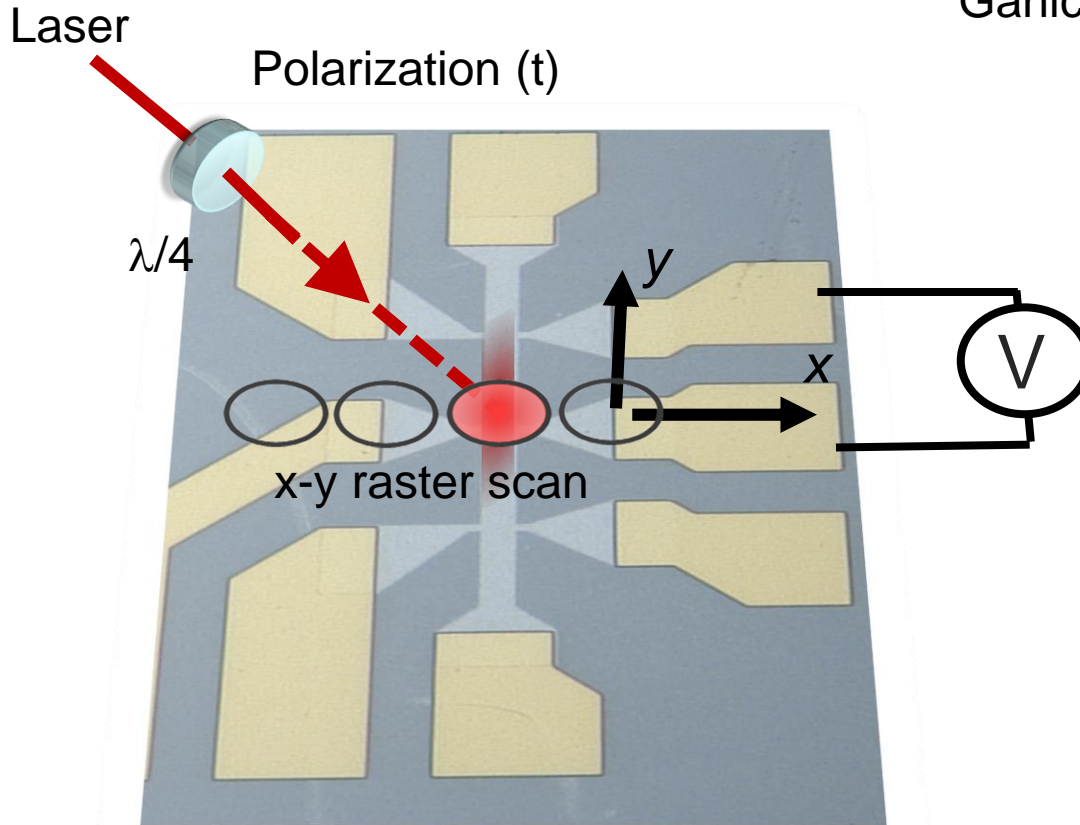
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Photoinduced currents in topological insulators



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J. W. McIver, et al. Nature Nano.(2011).
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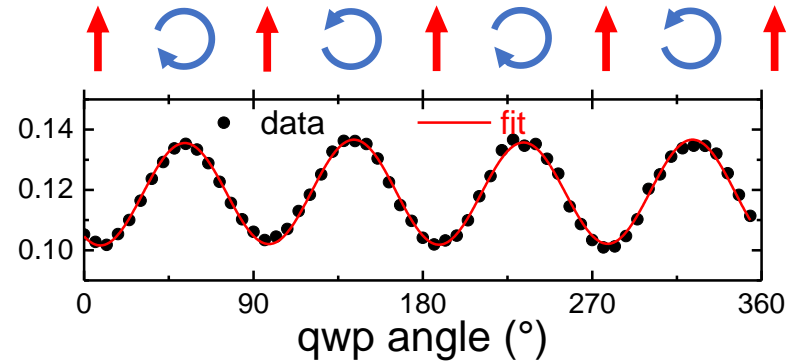
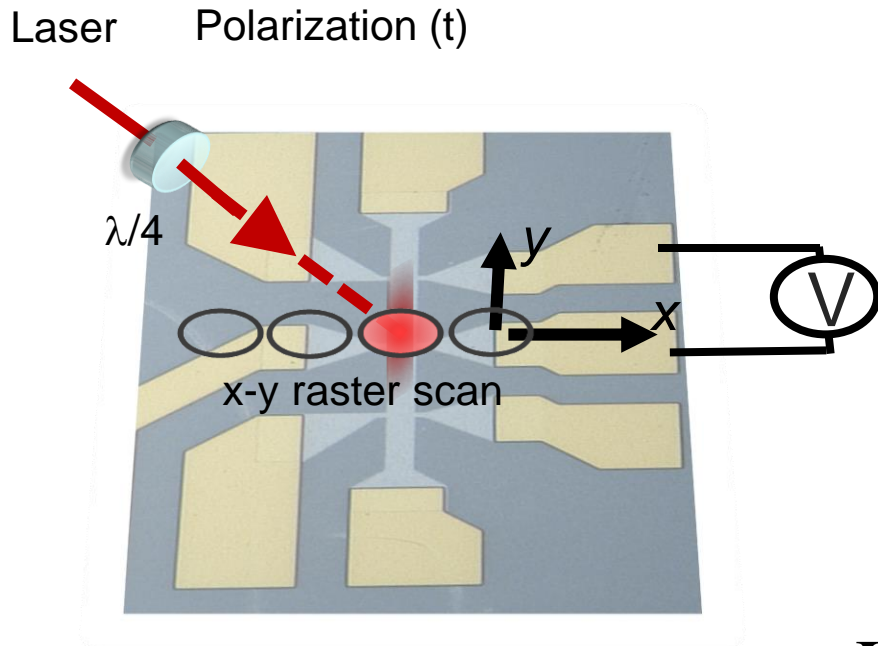
Reflectivity map
scan area

- 3D topological insulator intrinsic doping, 16 nm
($\text{Bi}_{0.57}\text{Sb}_{0.43}$) $_2\text{Te}_3$

Topological matter



- Circular photogalvanic effect C, thermovoltage D



Ganichev model (θ =pump helicity):

$$U(\theta) = C \sin(2\theta) + L_1 \sin(4\theta) + L_2 \cos(4\theta) + D$$

Separation of the different contributions.

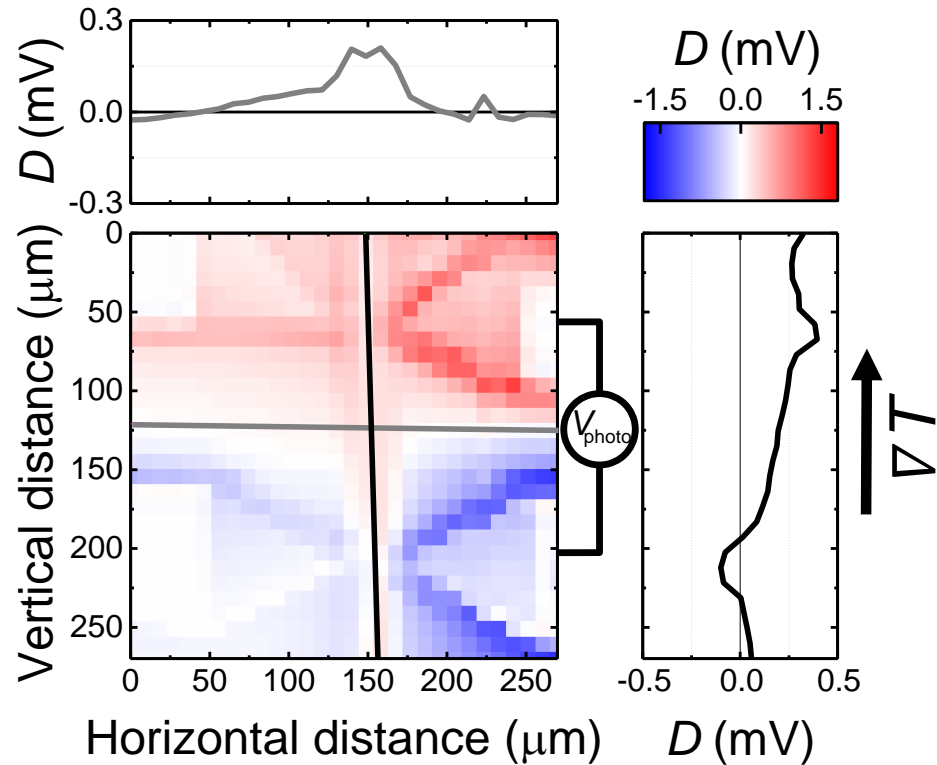
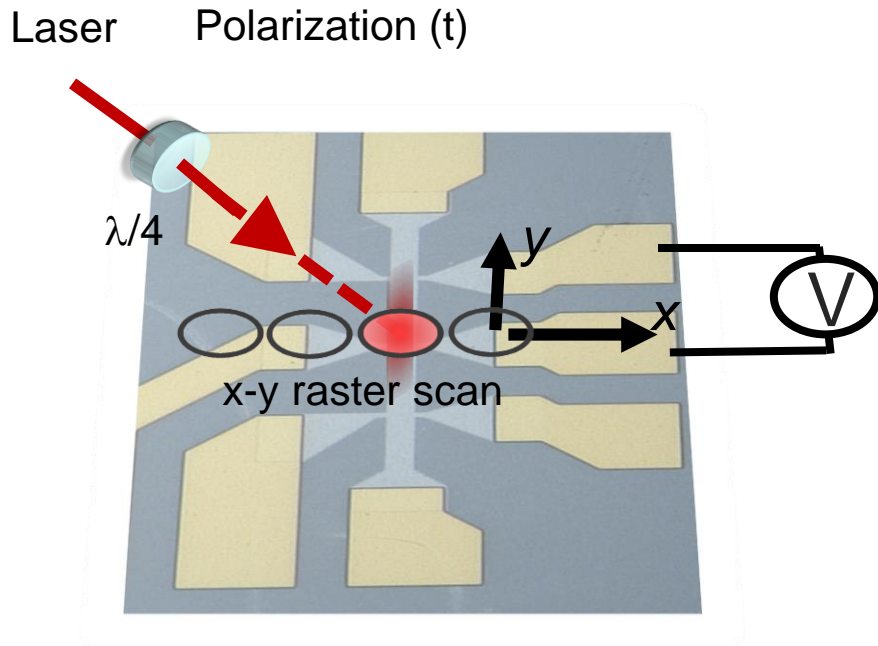
Seebeck effects
(thermal)

Photoinduced
currents

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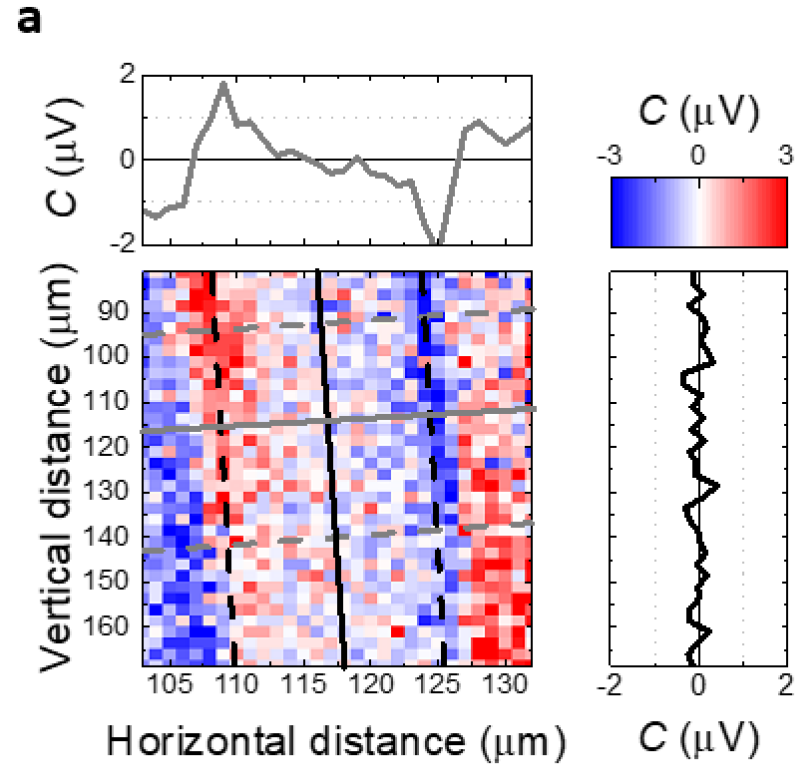
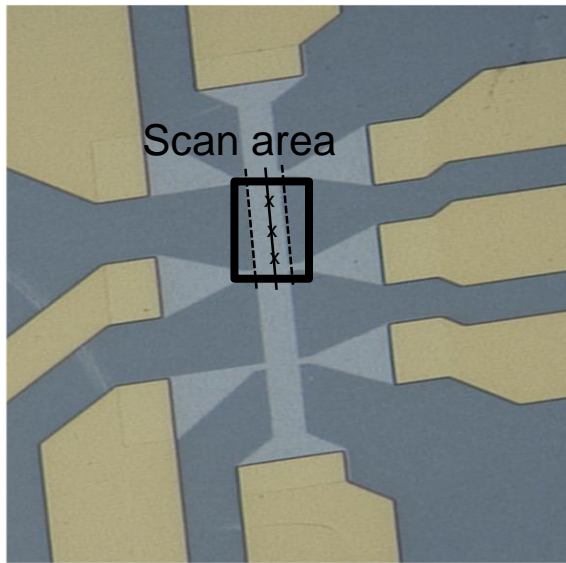
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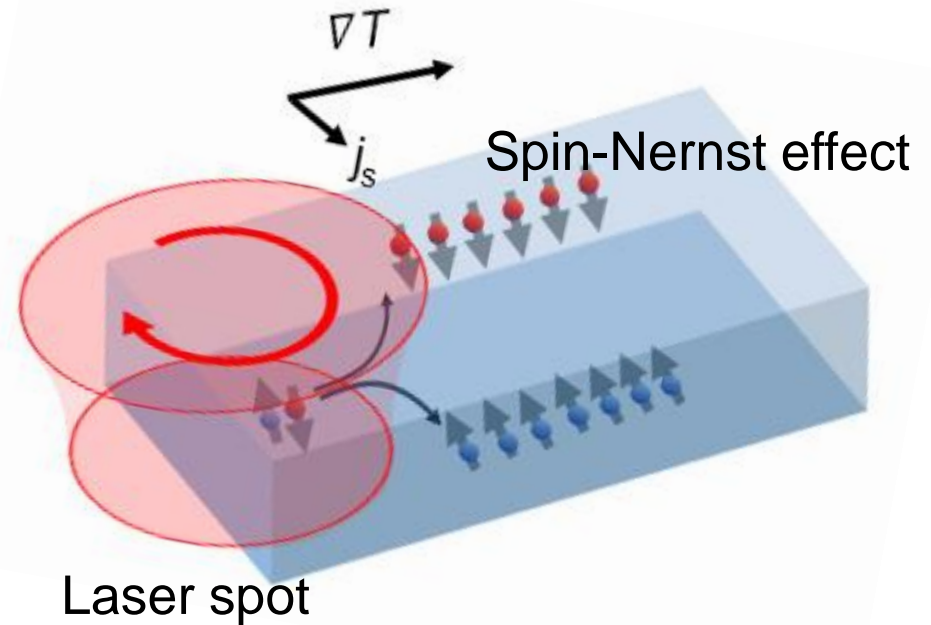
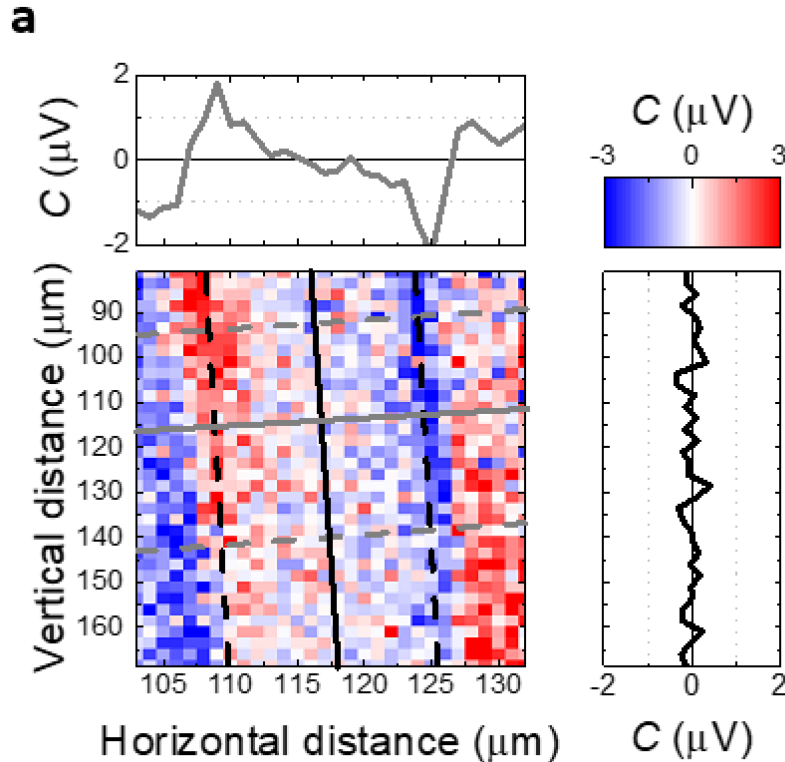


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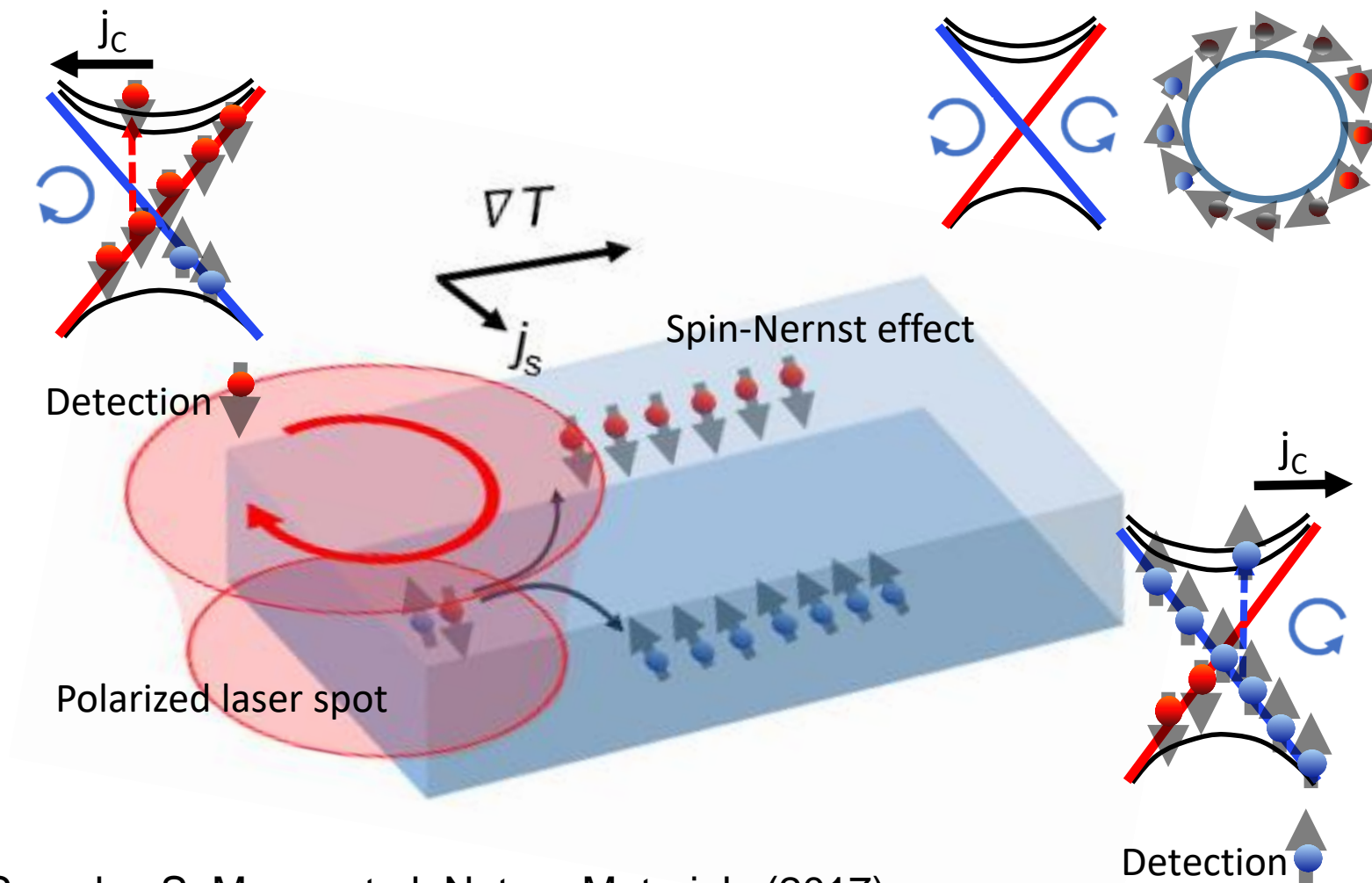


Topological matter



Spin-orbit driven spin-accumulation

Spin-sensitive detection by photo-current blocking

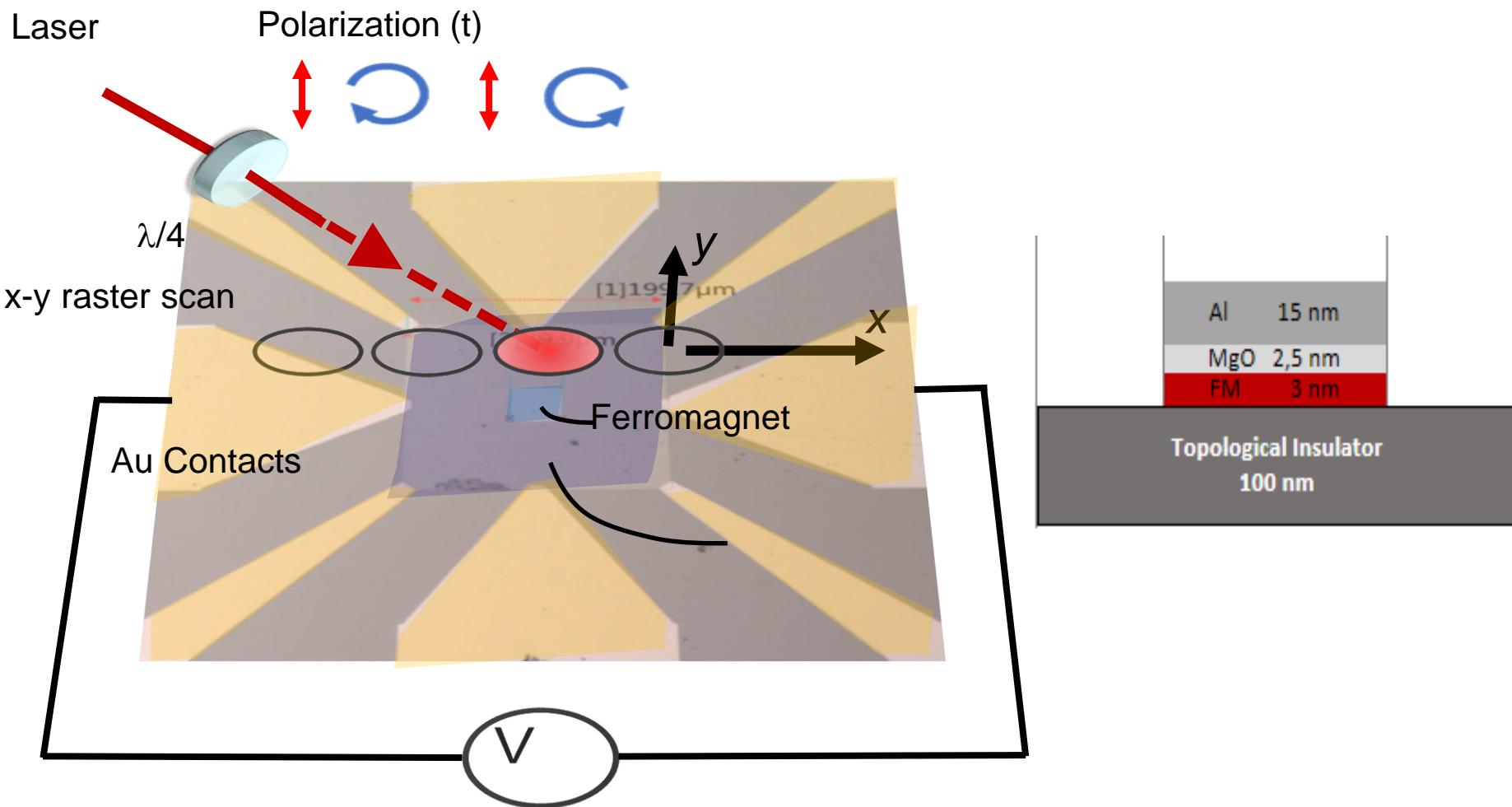


See also S. Meyer et al. Nature Materials (2017).

Topological matter



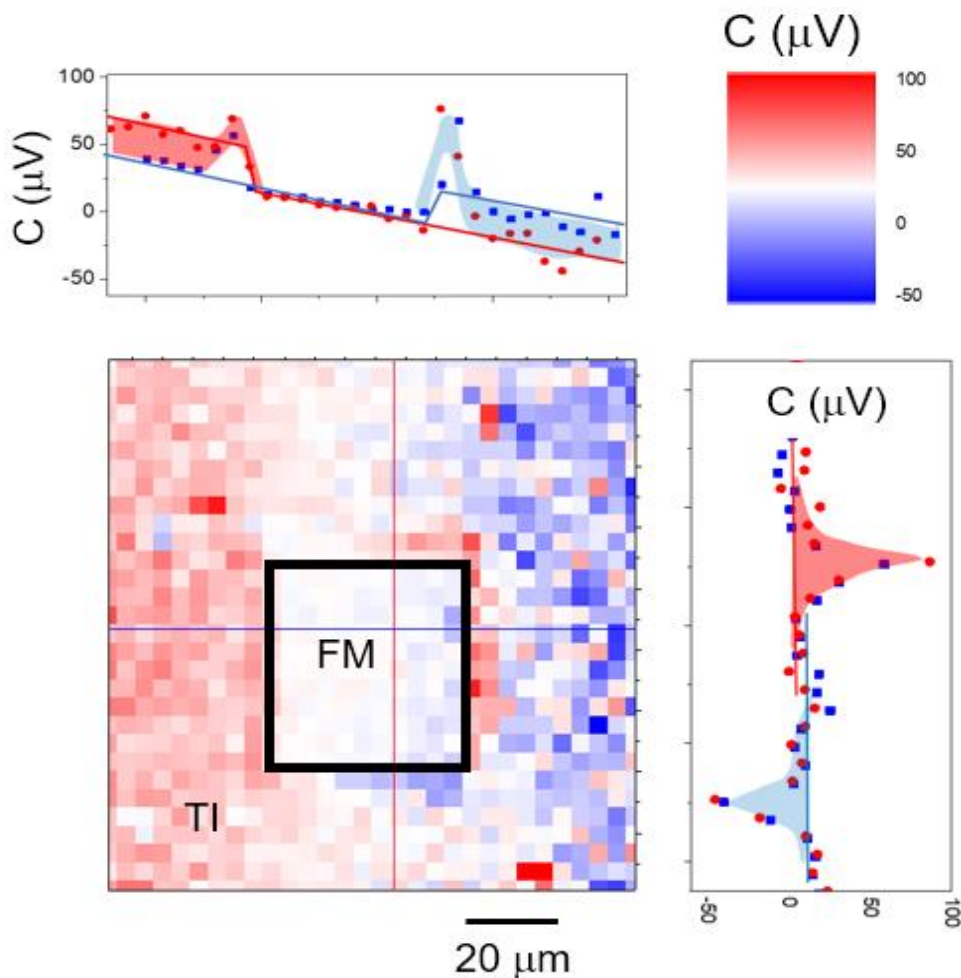
Ferromagnet/ Topological insulator hybrid structures



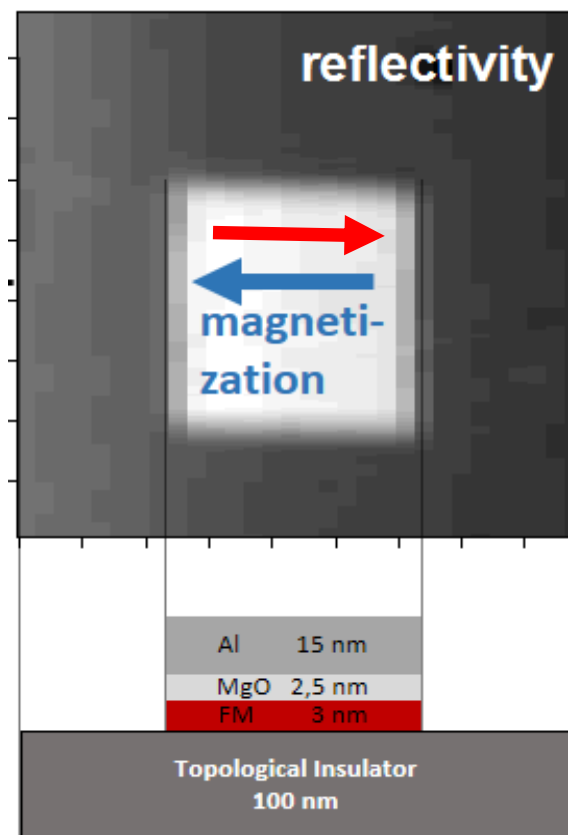
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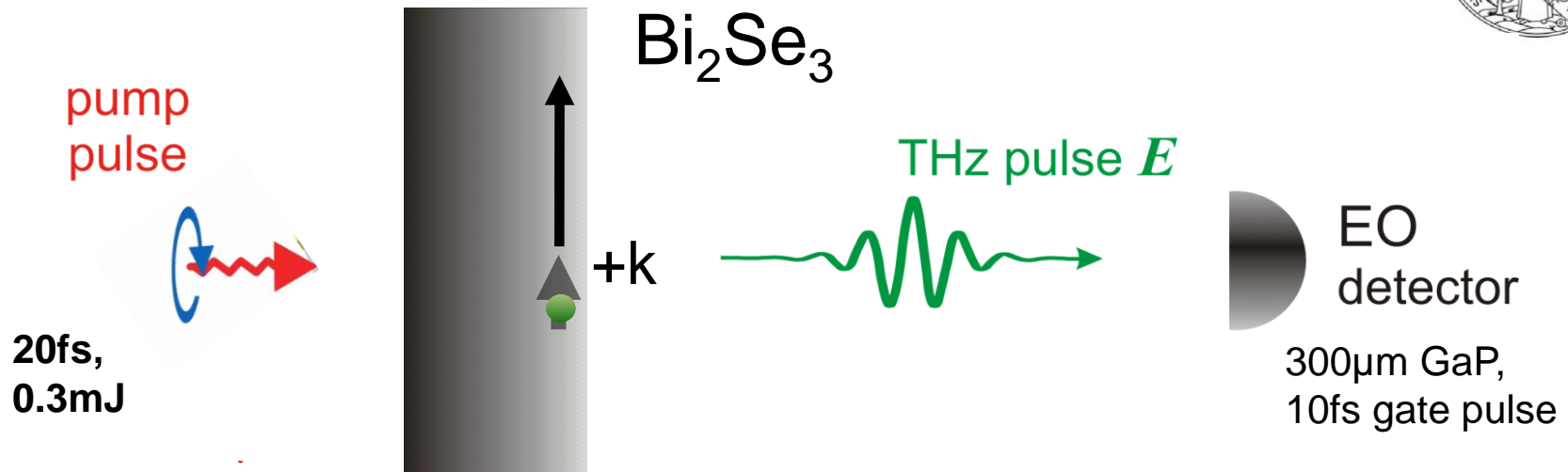
- Circular photogalvanic effect C with ferromagnetic structure



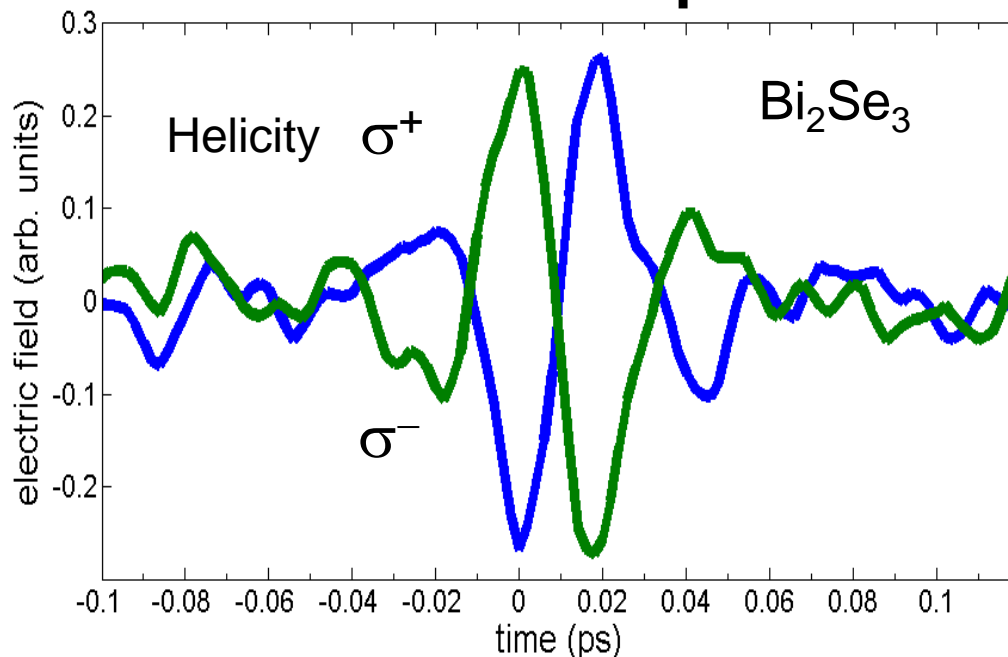
$B = \pm 31 \text{ mT}$



Spins driven in Topological Insulators



“Ultrafast amperemeter”

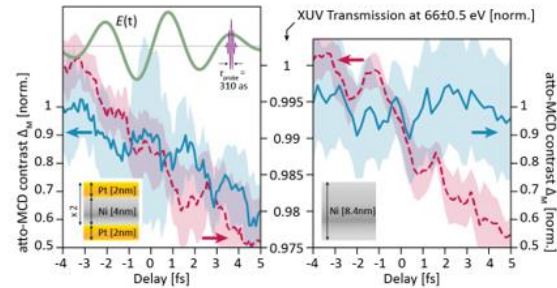
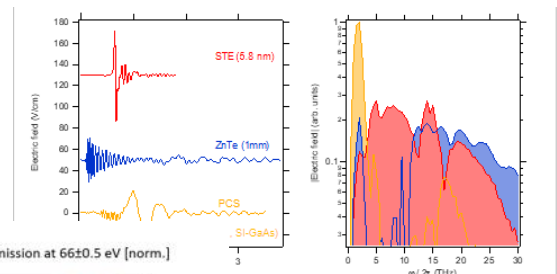
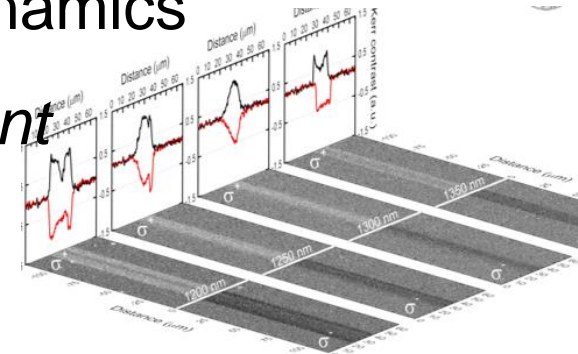
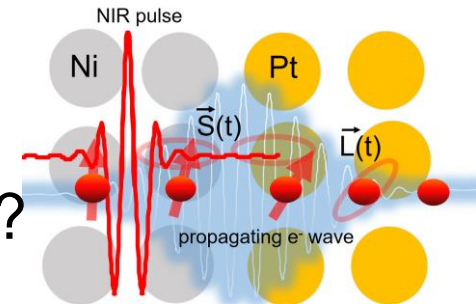


- THz emission is polarization dependent
- Full story here:
L. Braun, et al., Nature Comm. 7, 13259 (2016).

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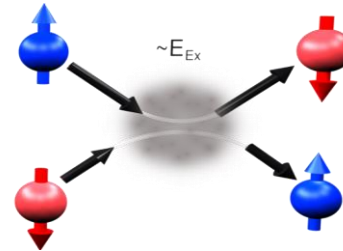
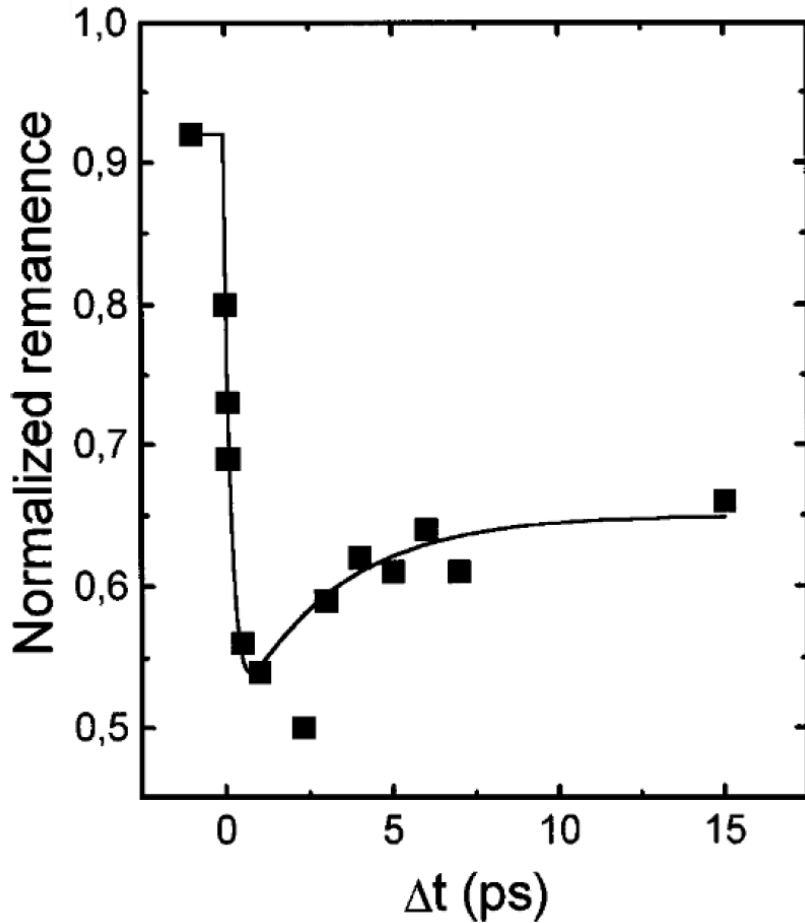


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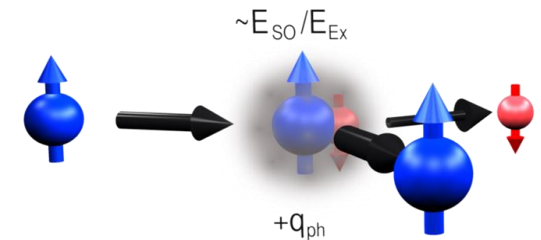


T. Seifert, et al. Nature Photonics (2016)

Lightwave Spintronics – Attosecond dynamics



Metal	Exchange	Spin-orbit
Fe	52 fs	50 fs
Co	80 fs	52 fs
Ni	380 fs	48 fs



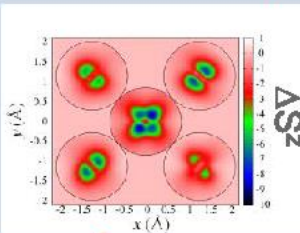
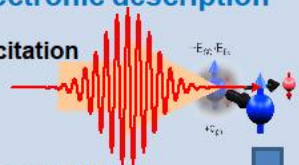
Laser-induced demagnetization

Beaurepaire et al. PRL 76, 4250 (1996)

Family tree of models for ultrafast spin dynamics

Electronic description

Excitation



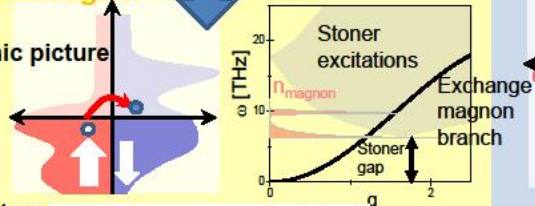
Time dependent density functional theory (TDDFT)

Spin-scattering

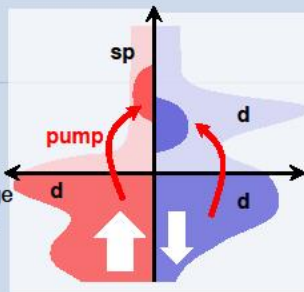
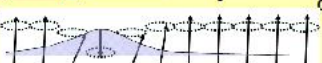


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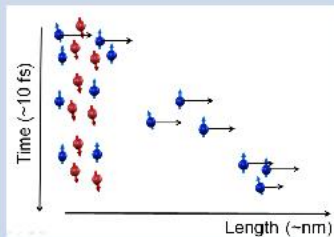
Electronic picture



Spin picture

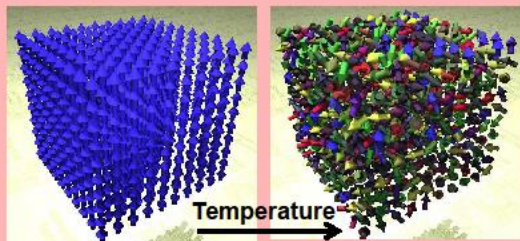


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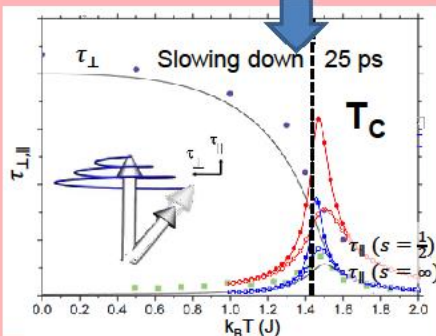


Spin projected description

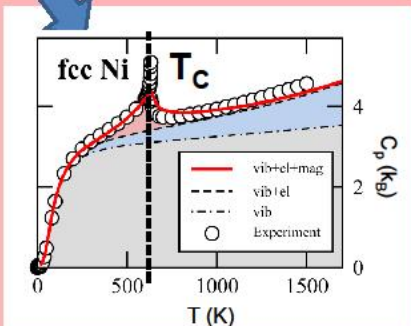
Thermal spin ensemble: atomistic



Landau-Lifshitz Bloch and M3TM



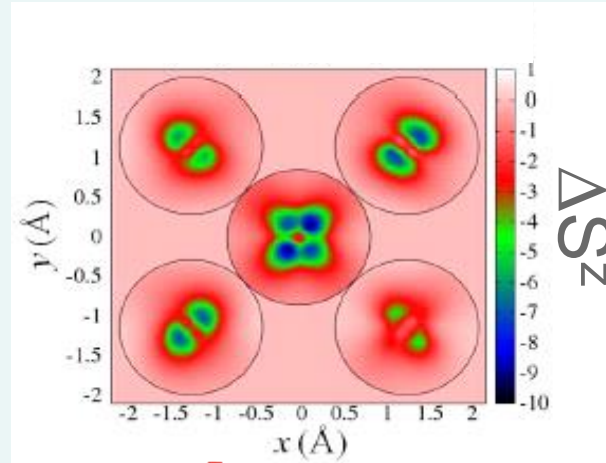
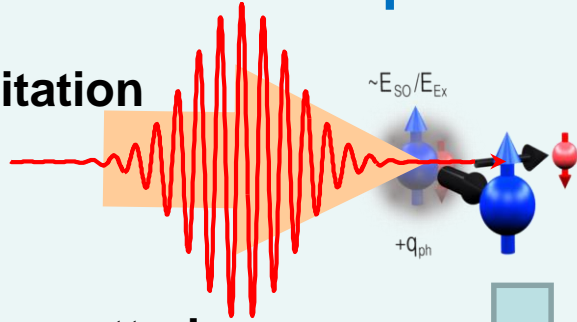
Specific heat picture



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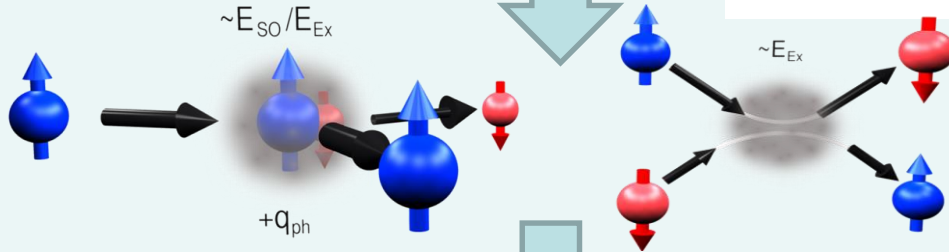
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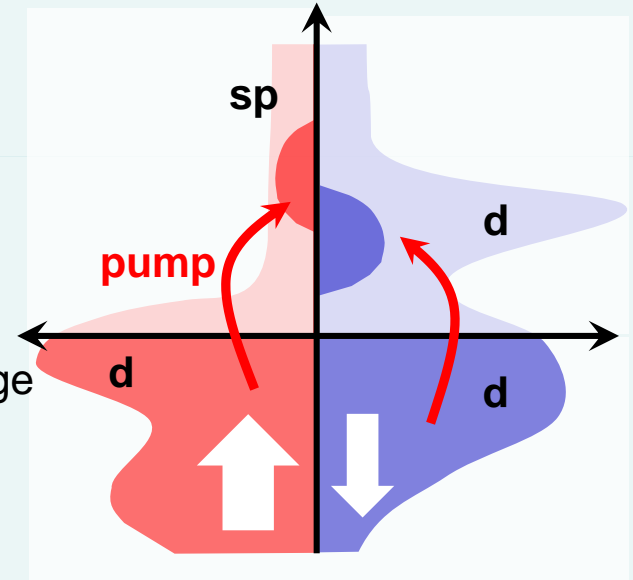
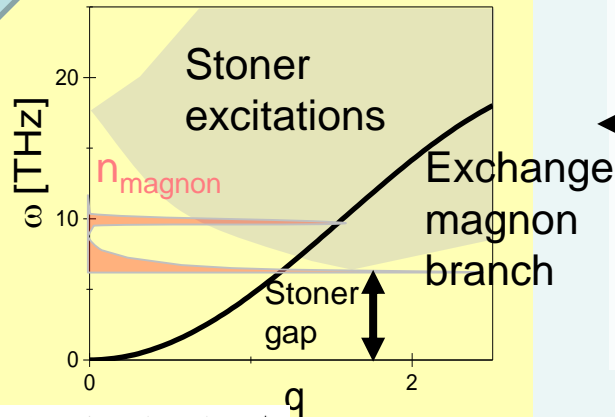
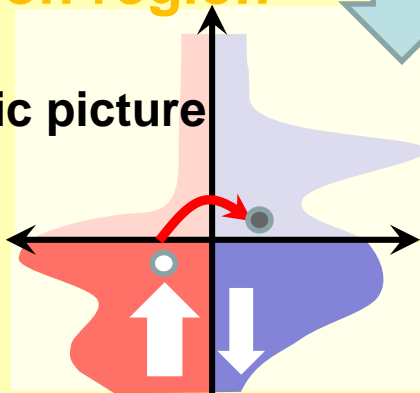
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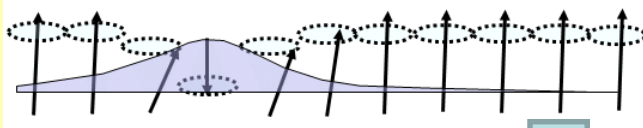


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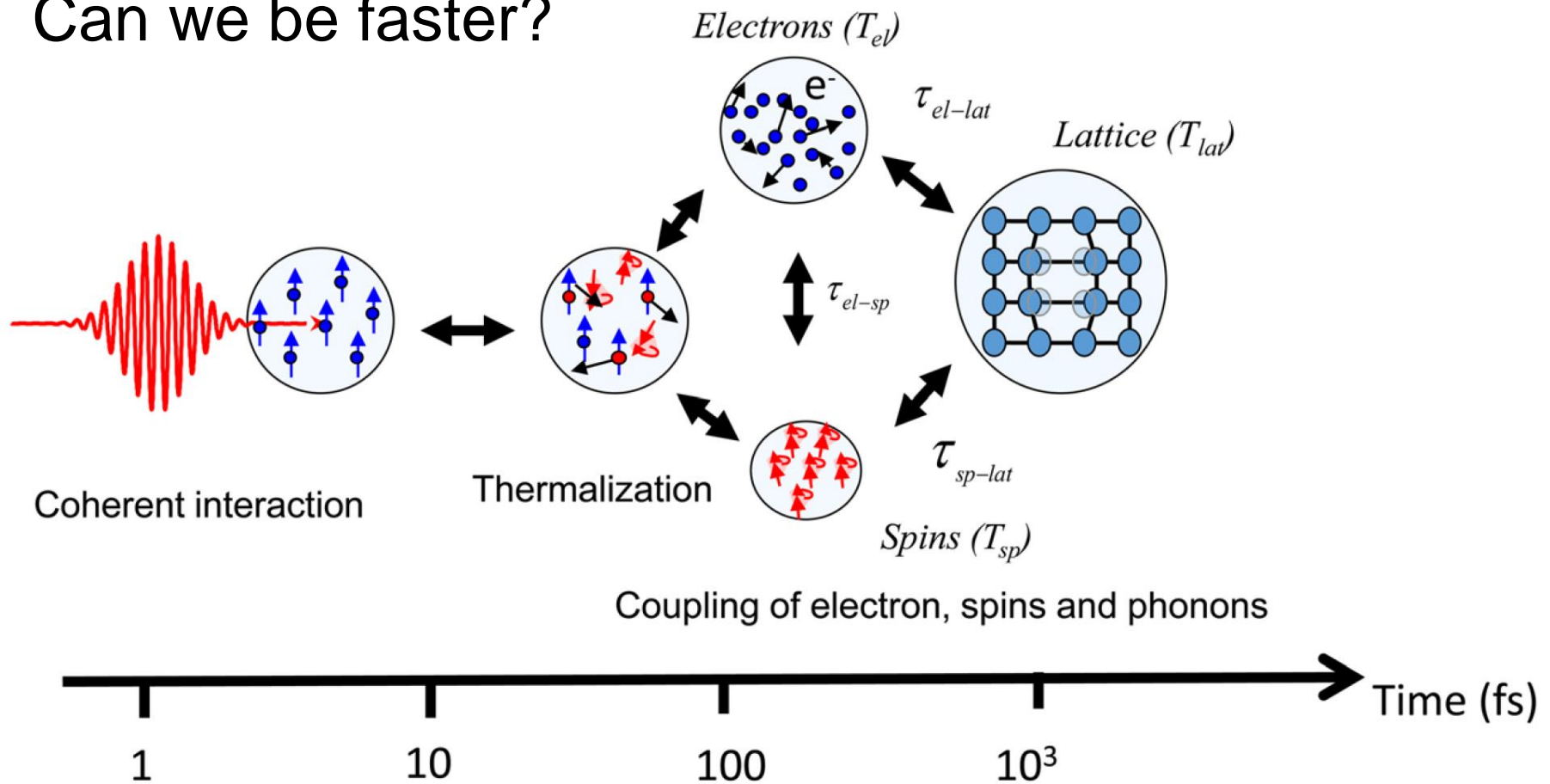
Spin picture



Lightwave Spintronics – Attosecond dynamics



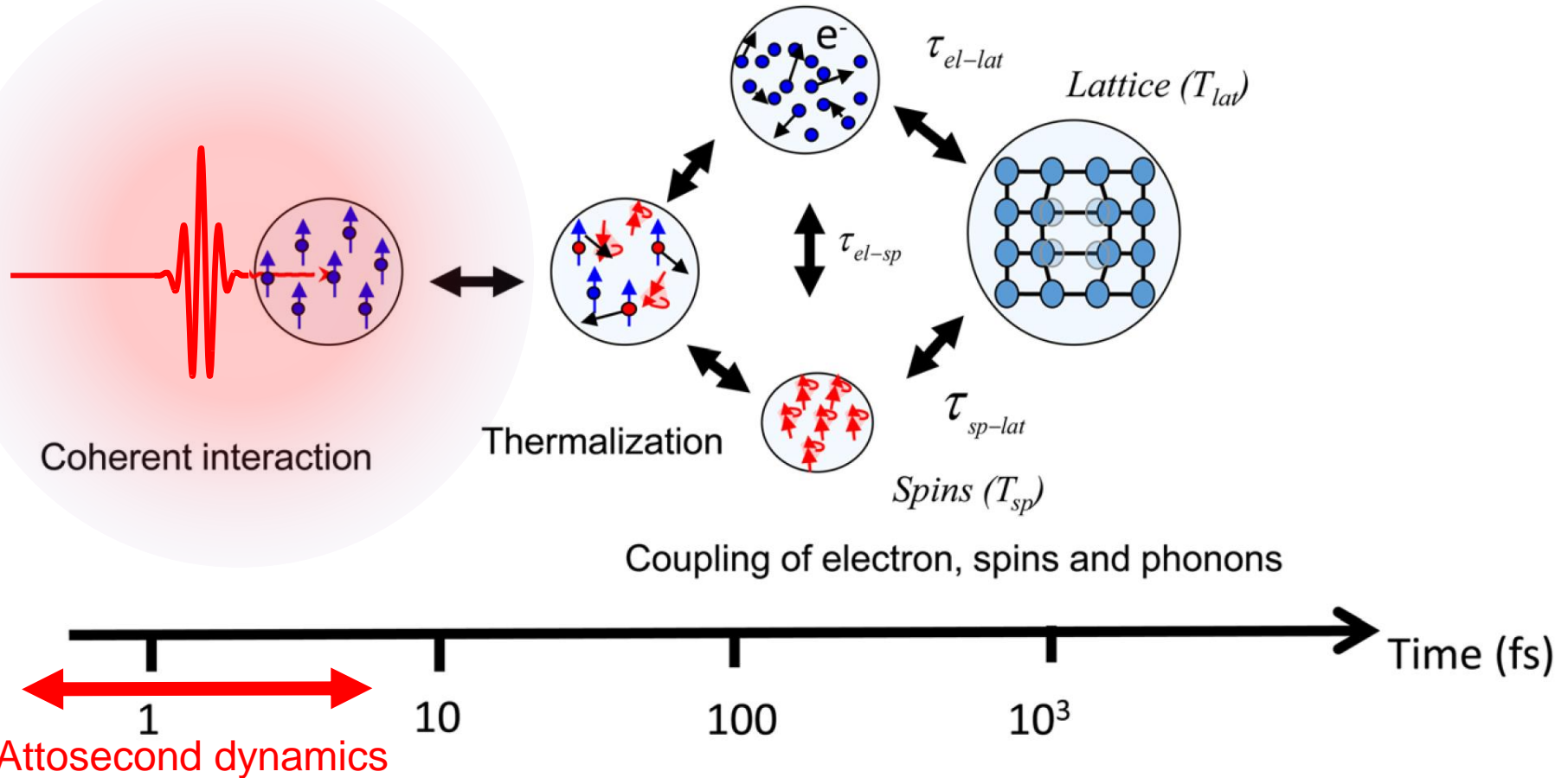
Can we be faster?



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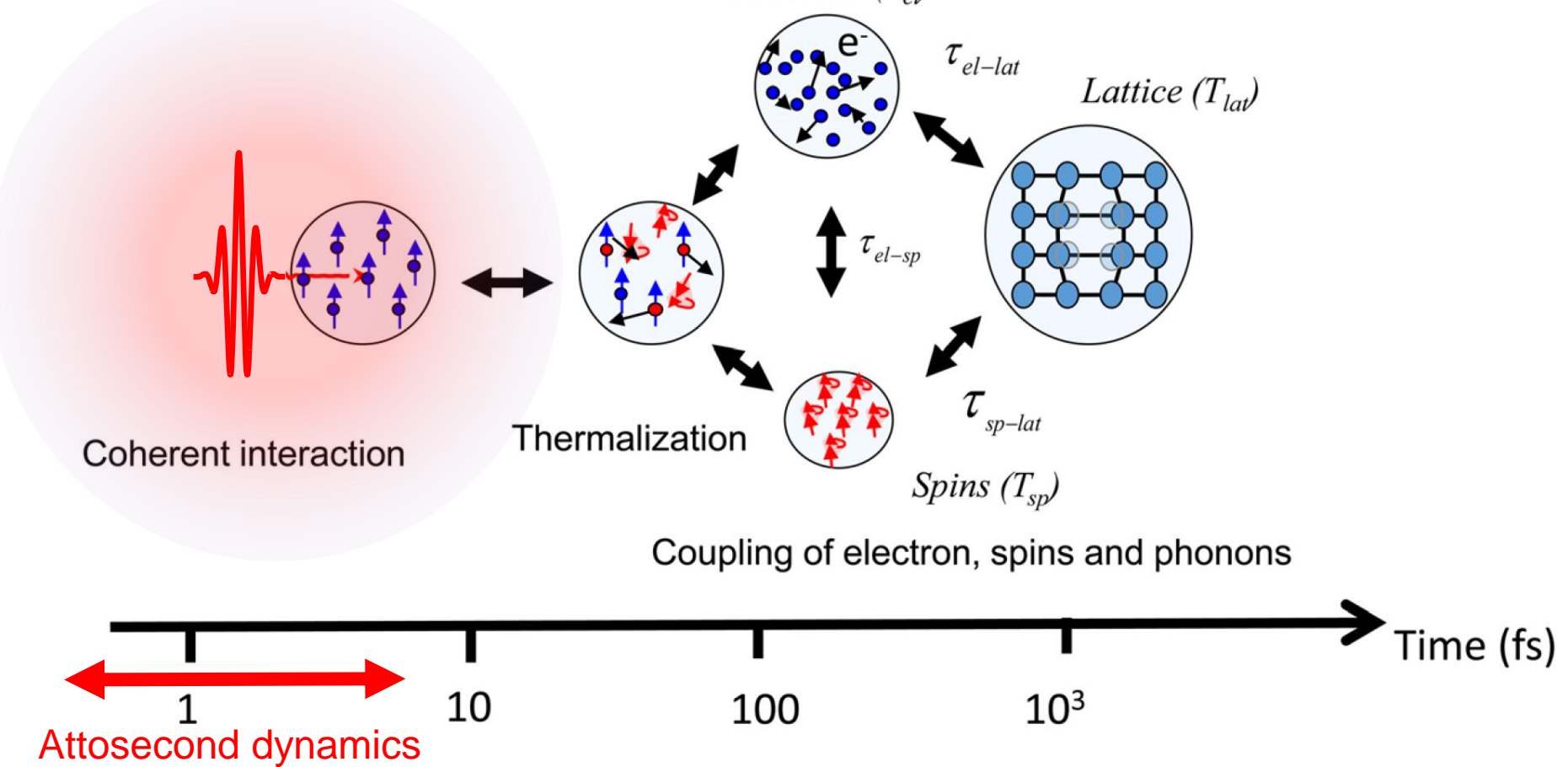
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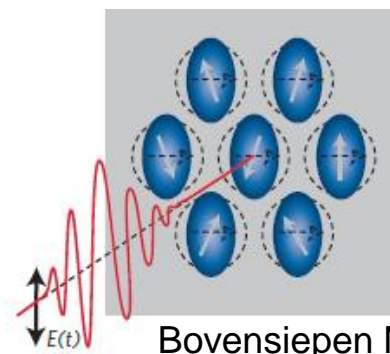
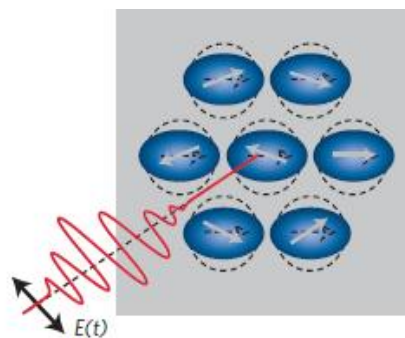
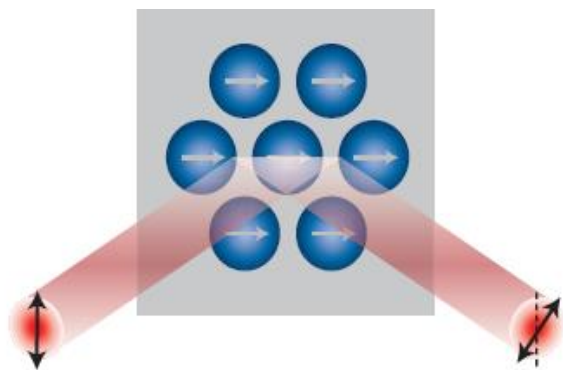
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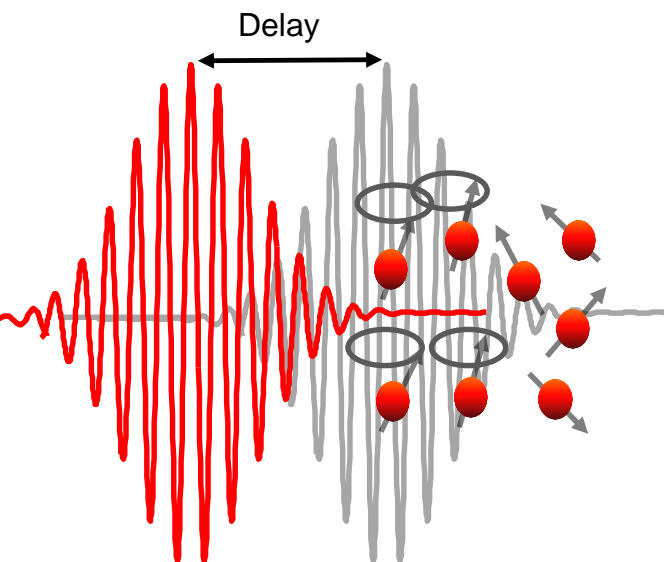
Going sub-femtosecond: coherent effects



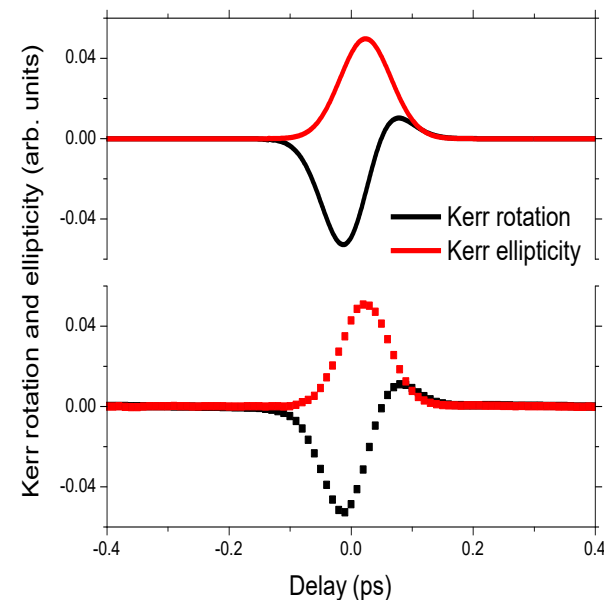
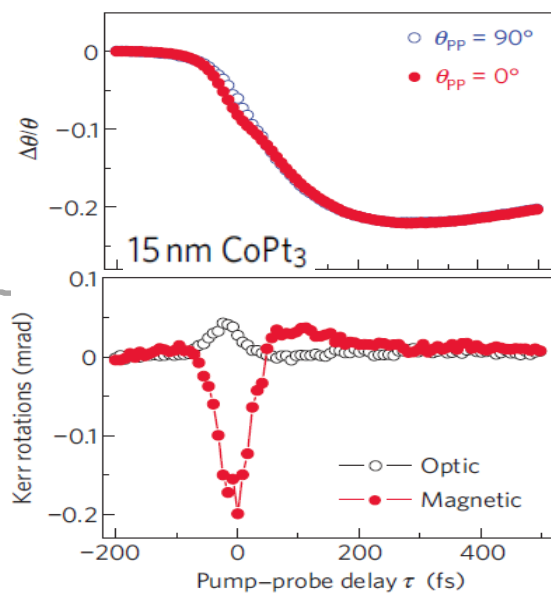
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Laser cycle driven: ferromagnet CoPt_3

Topological insulator $(\text{Bi}_{0.57}\text{Sb}_{0.43})_2\text{Te}_3$



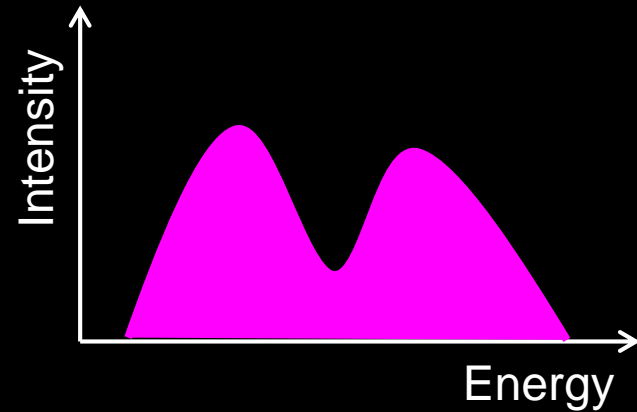
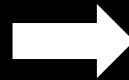
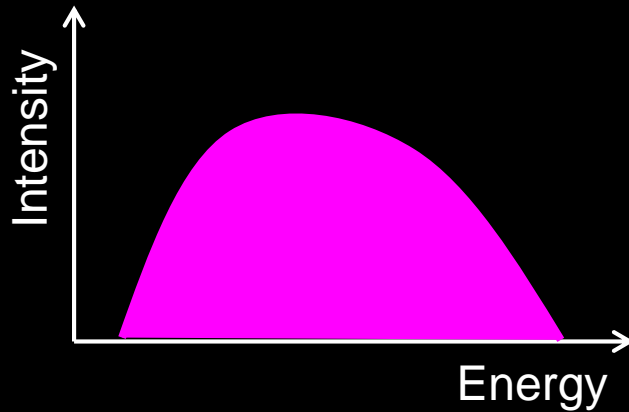
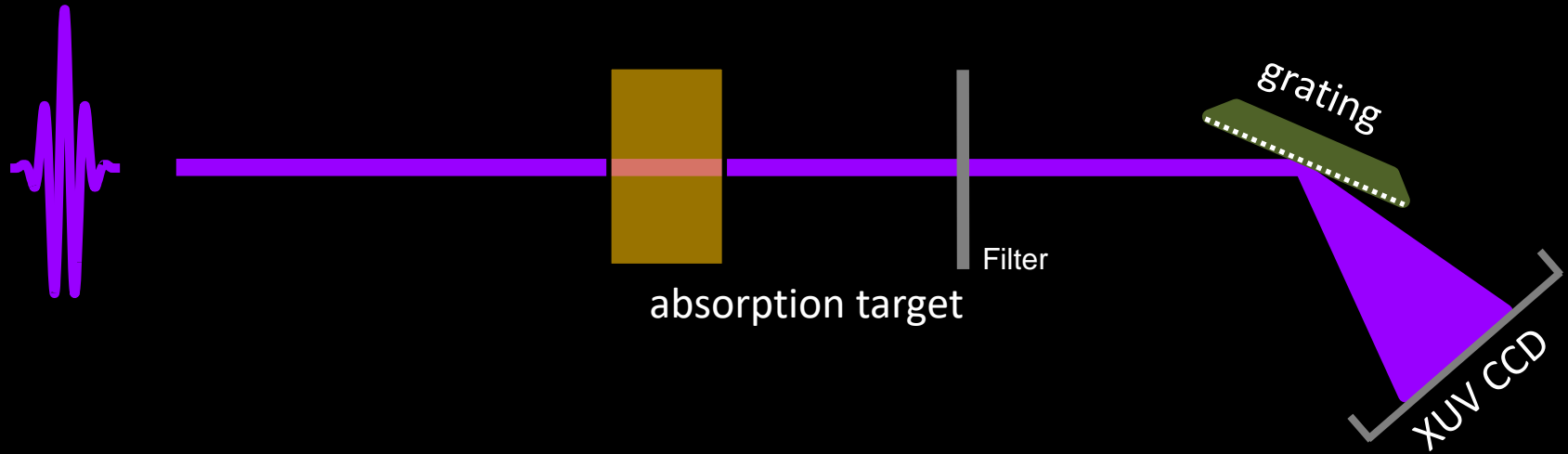
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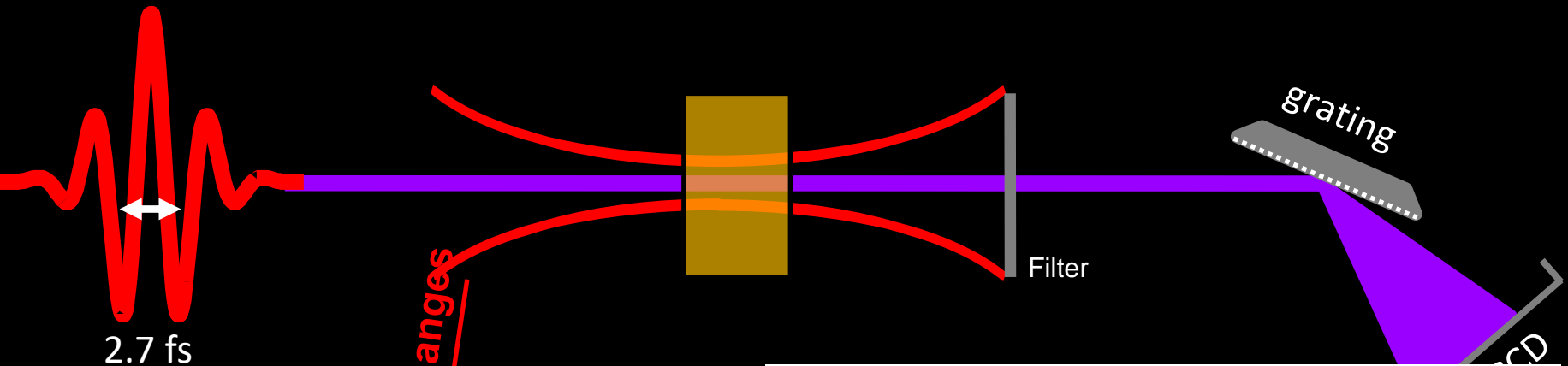
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100-300 Attoseconds



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Few cycle light pulse, Pump

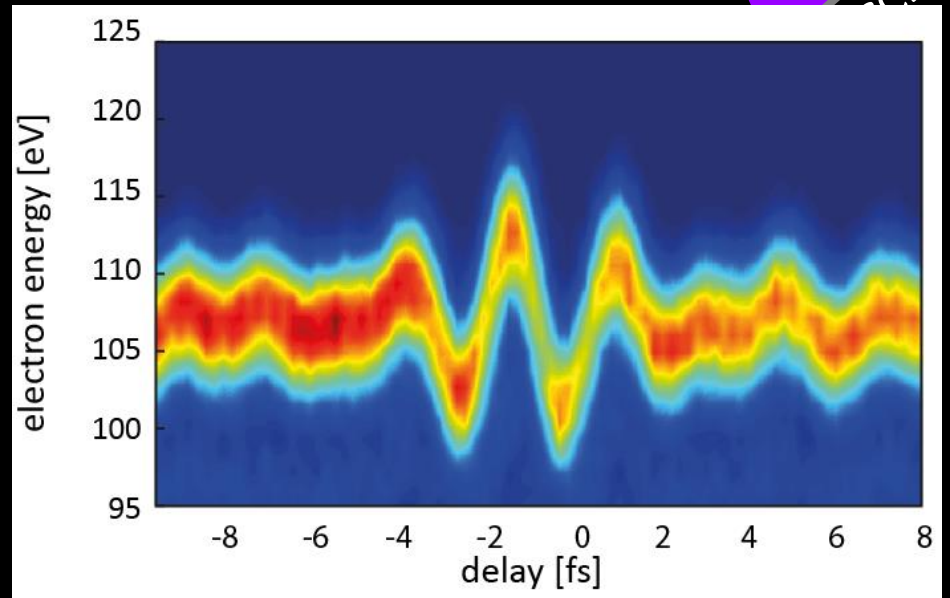


2.7 fs

Light induced changes

Intensity

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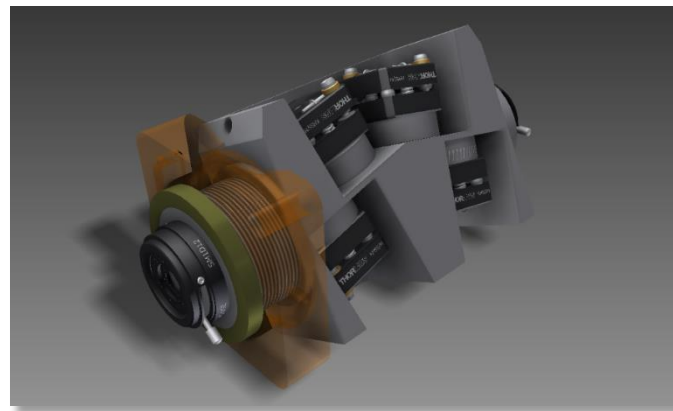
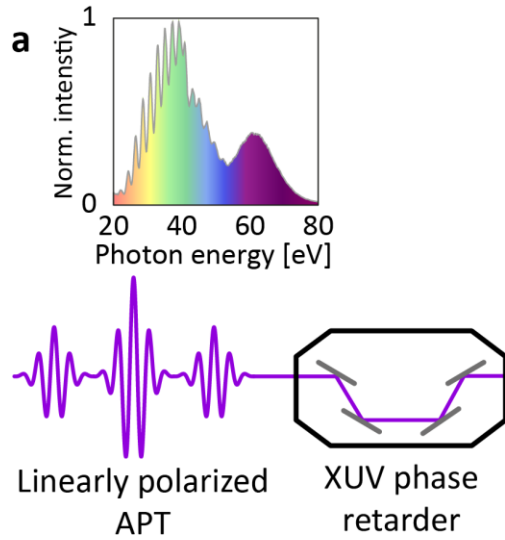


Time resolved coherent excitations
Attosecond resolution

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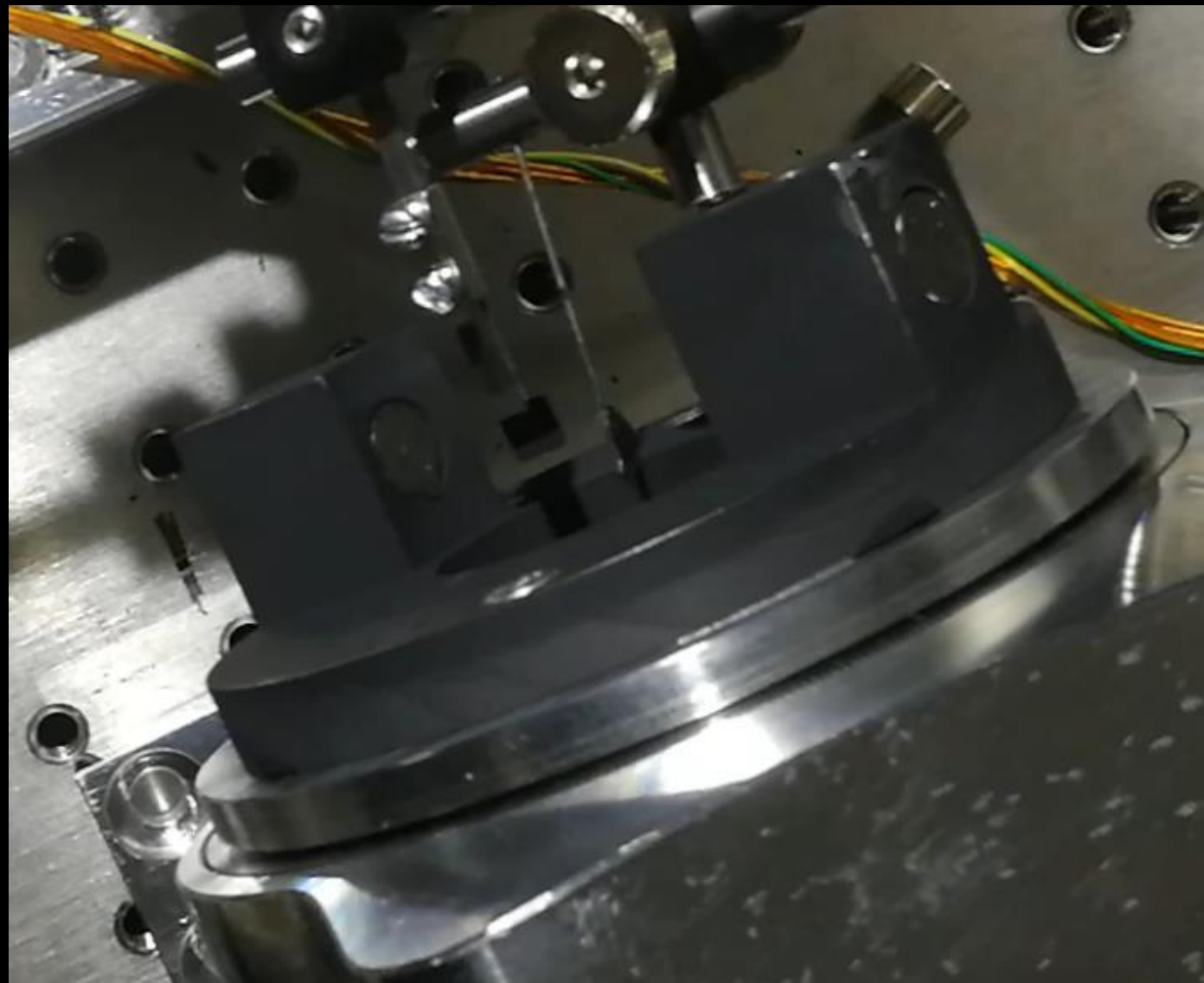


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Mirror based Quarter Wave Plate (QWP)

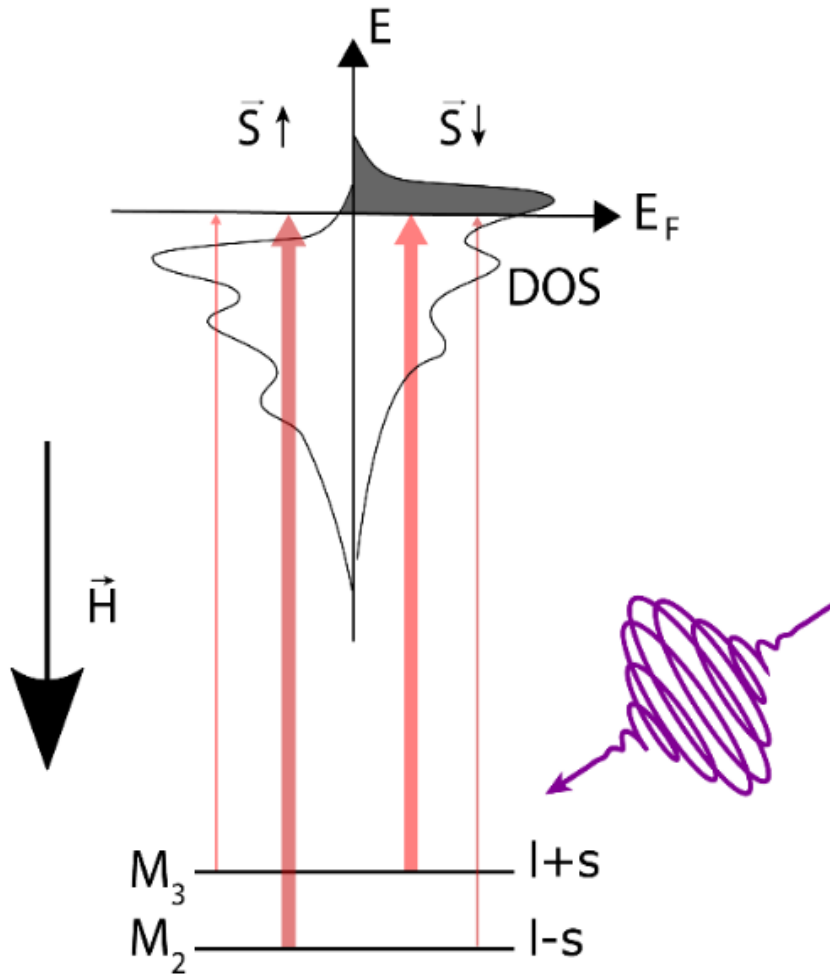
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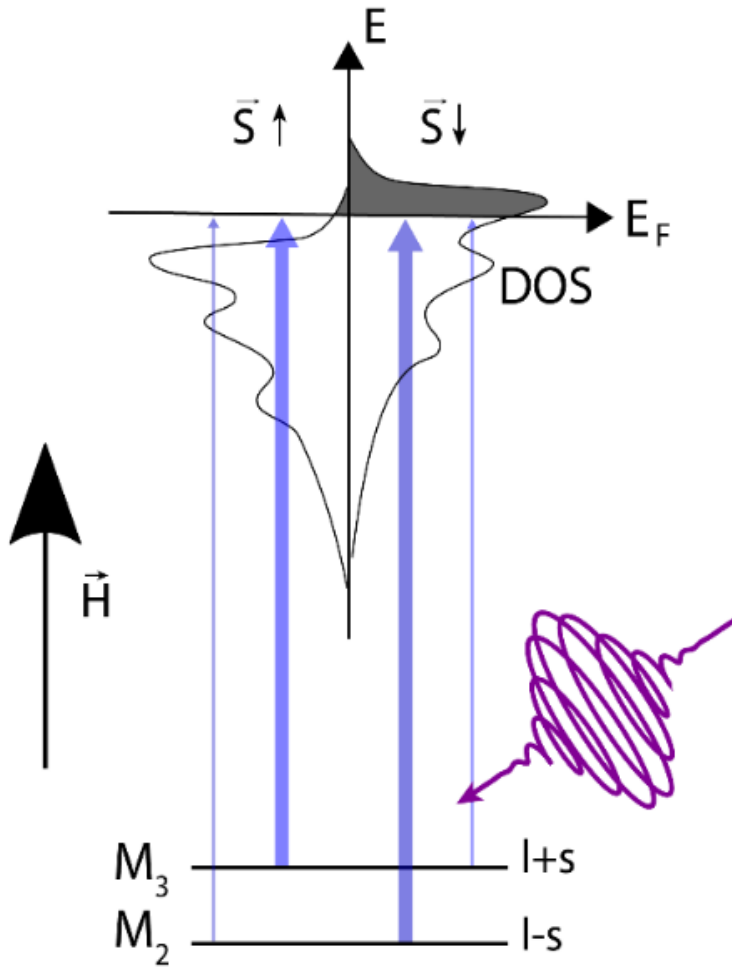
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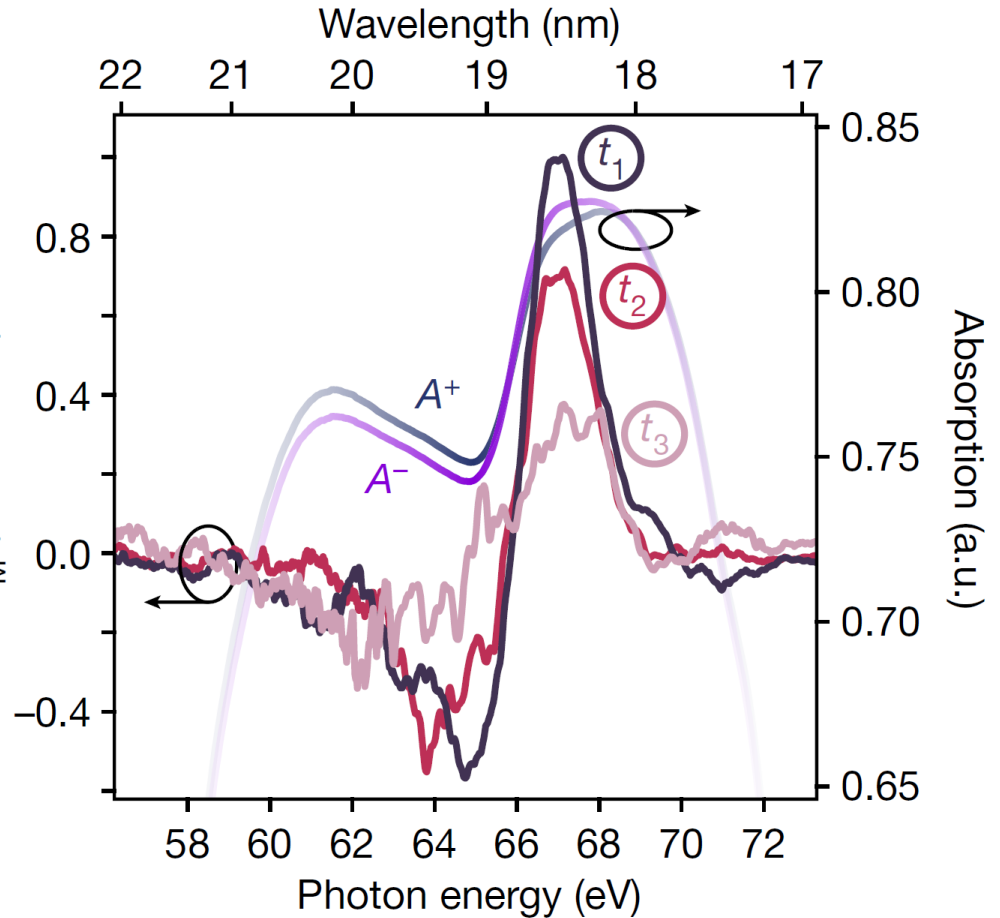
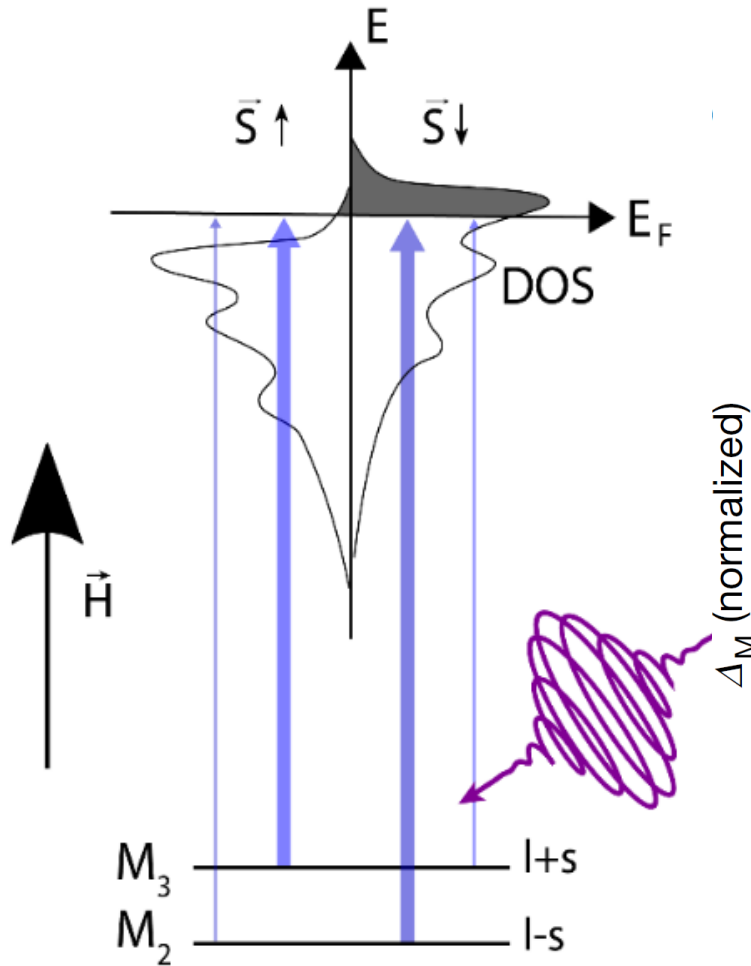


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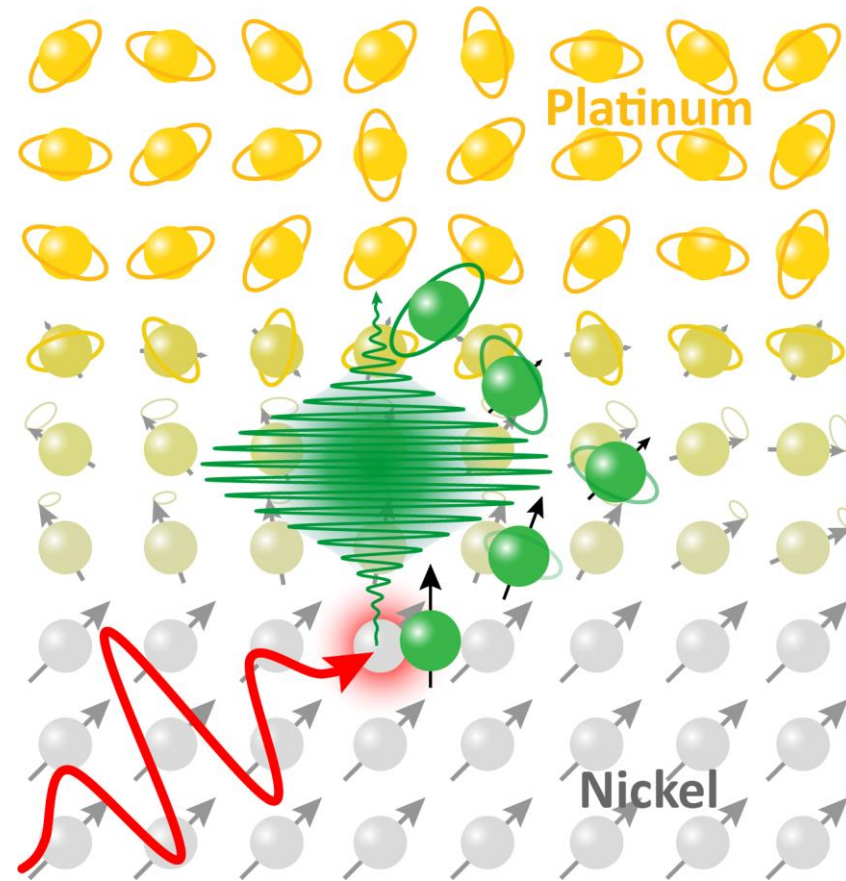
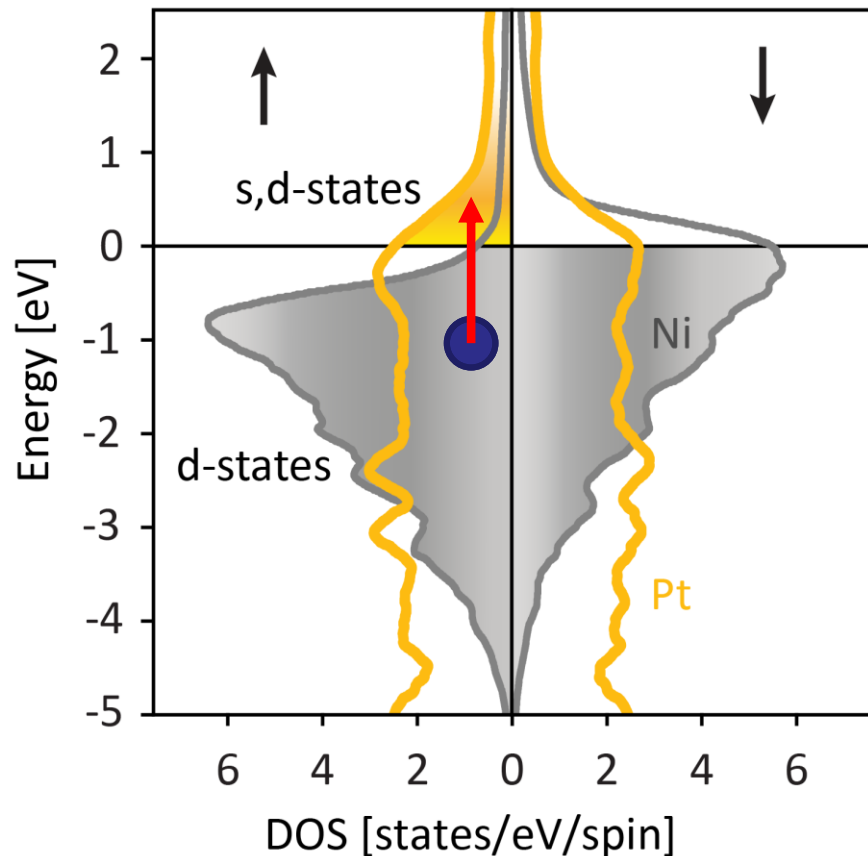
XMCD for different delay t_1, t_2, t_3



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Optically Induced Spin Transfer (OISTR):
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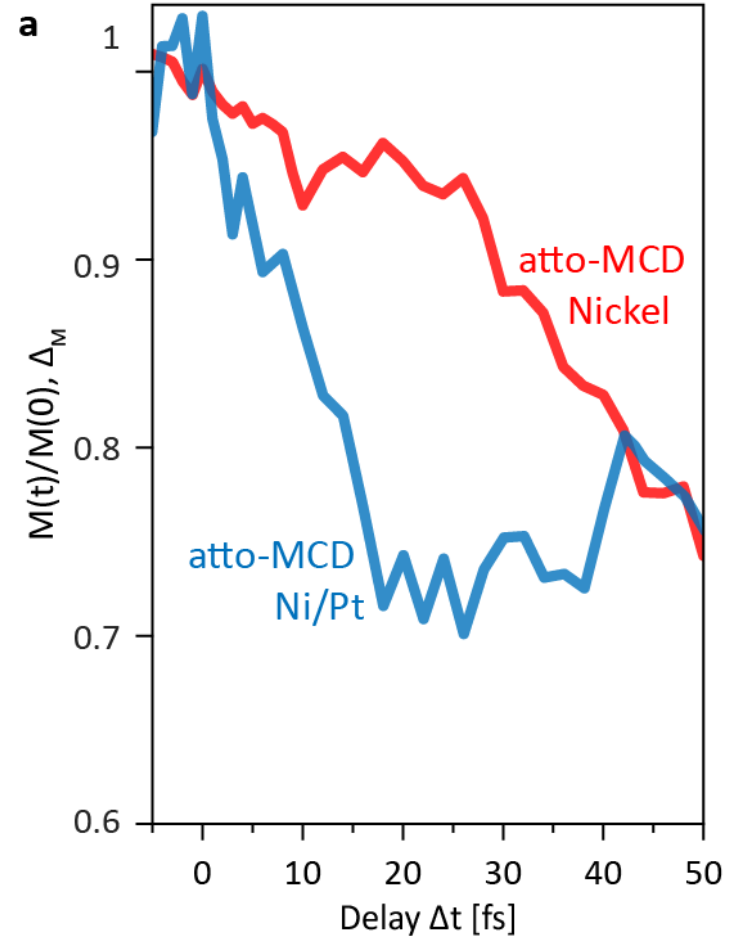
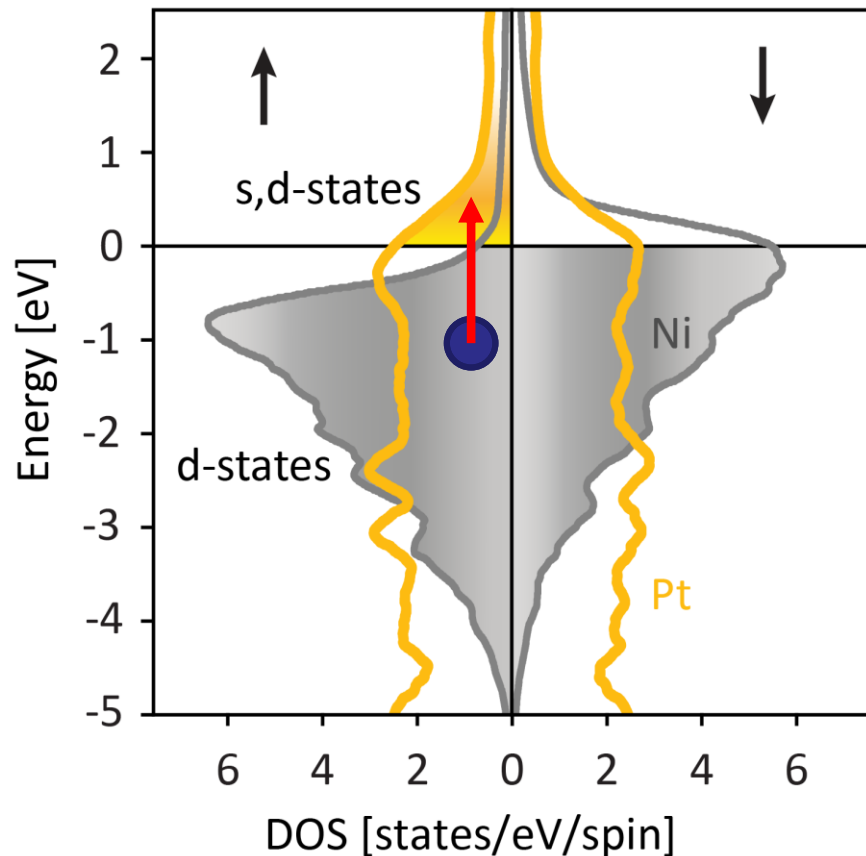
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Optically Induced Spin Transfer (OISTR):
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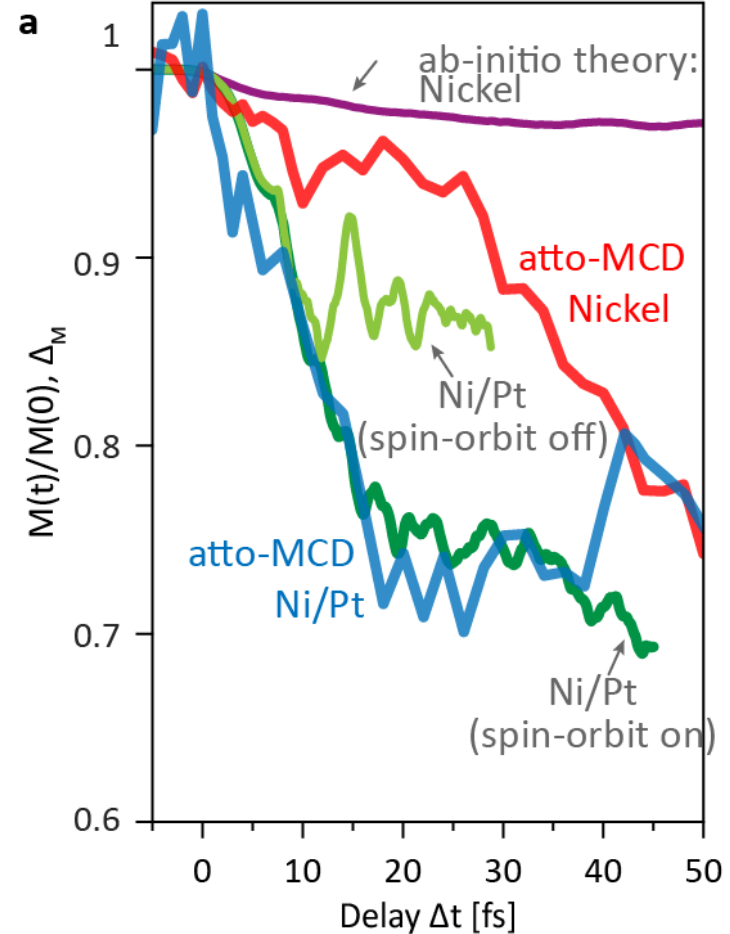
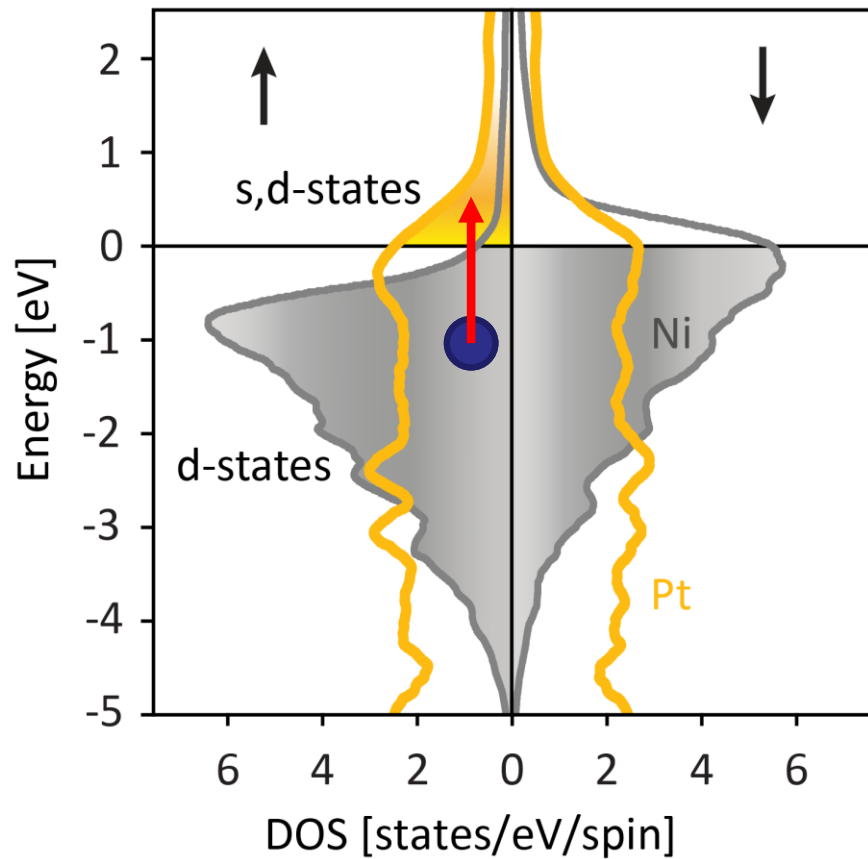
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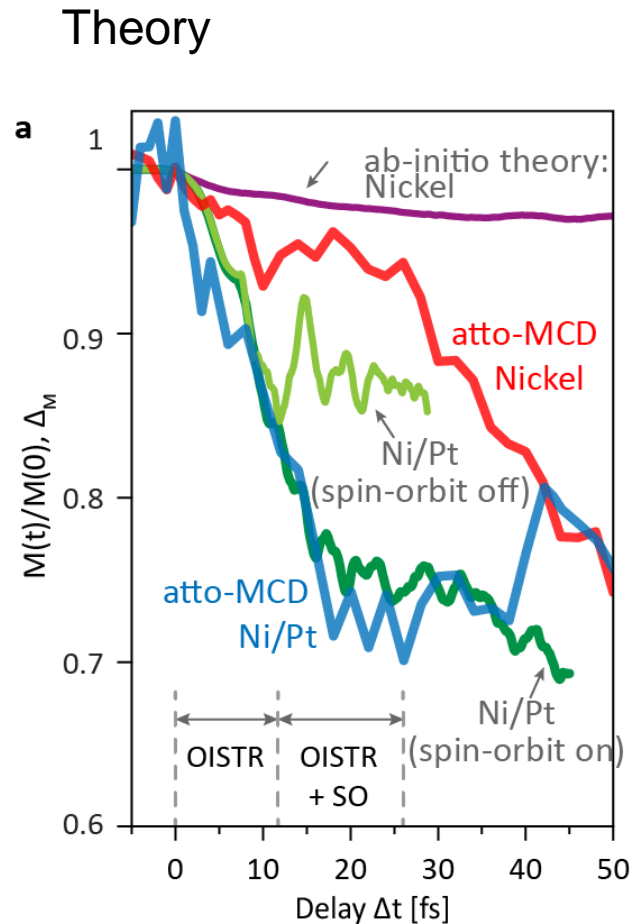
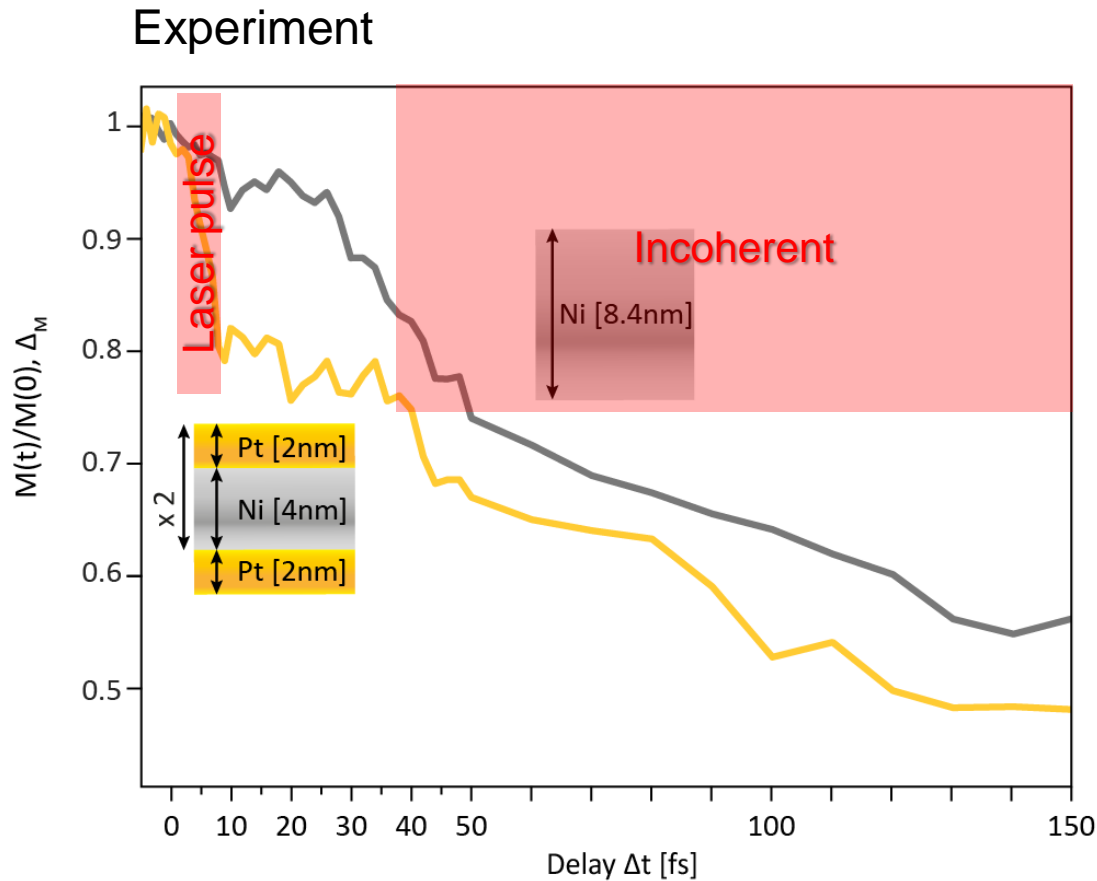


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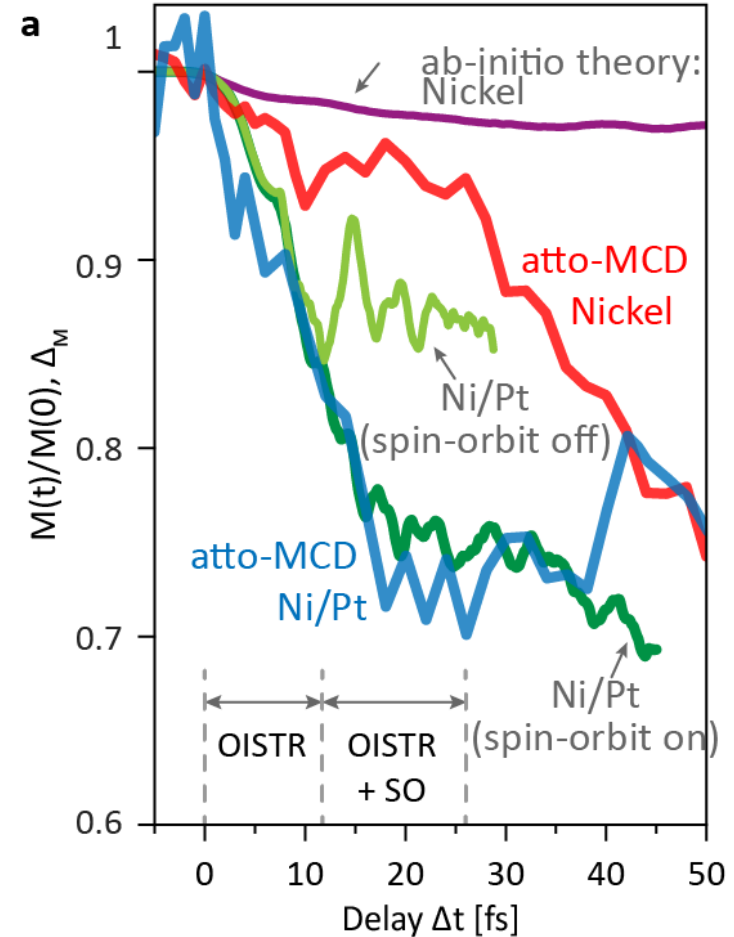
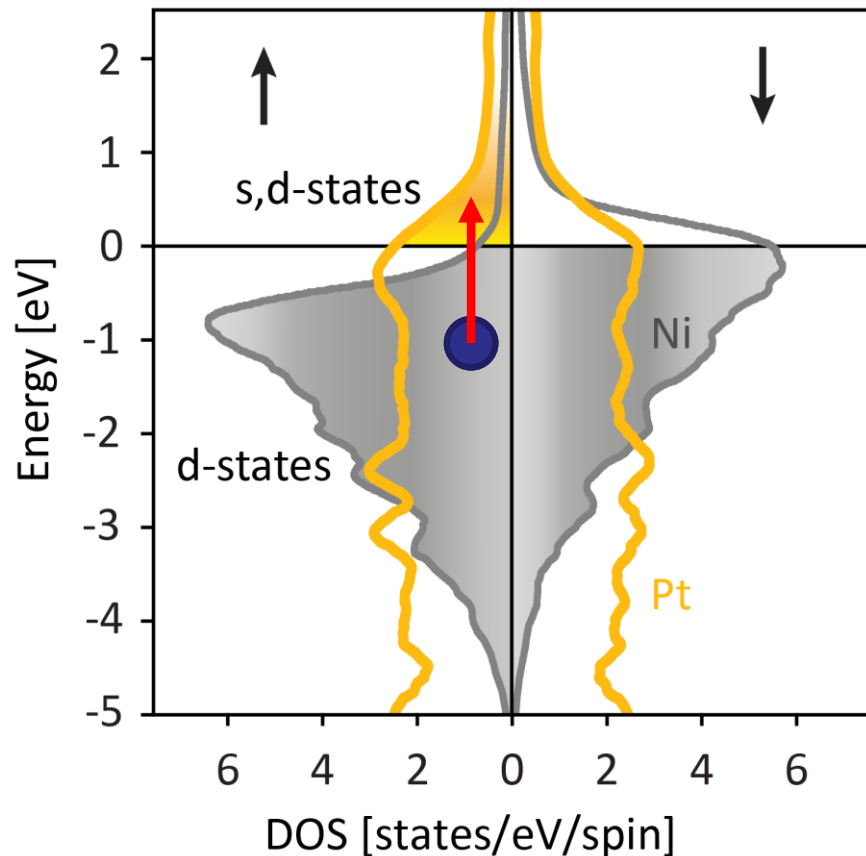


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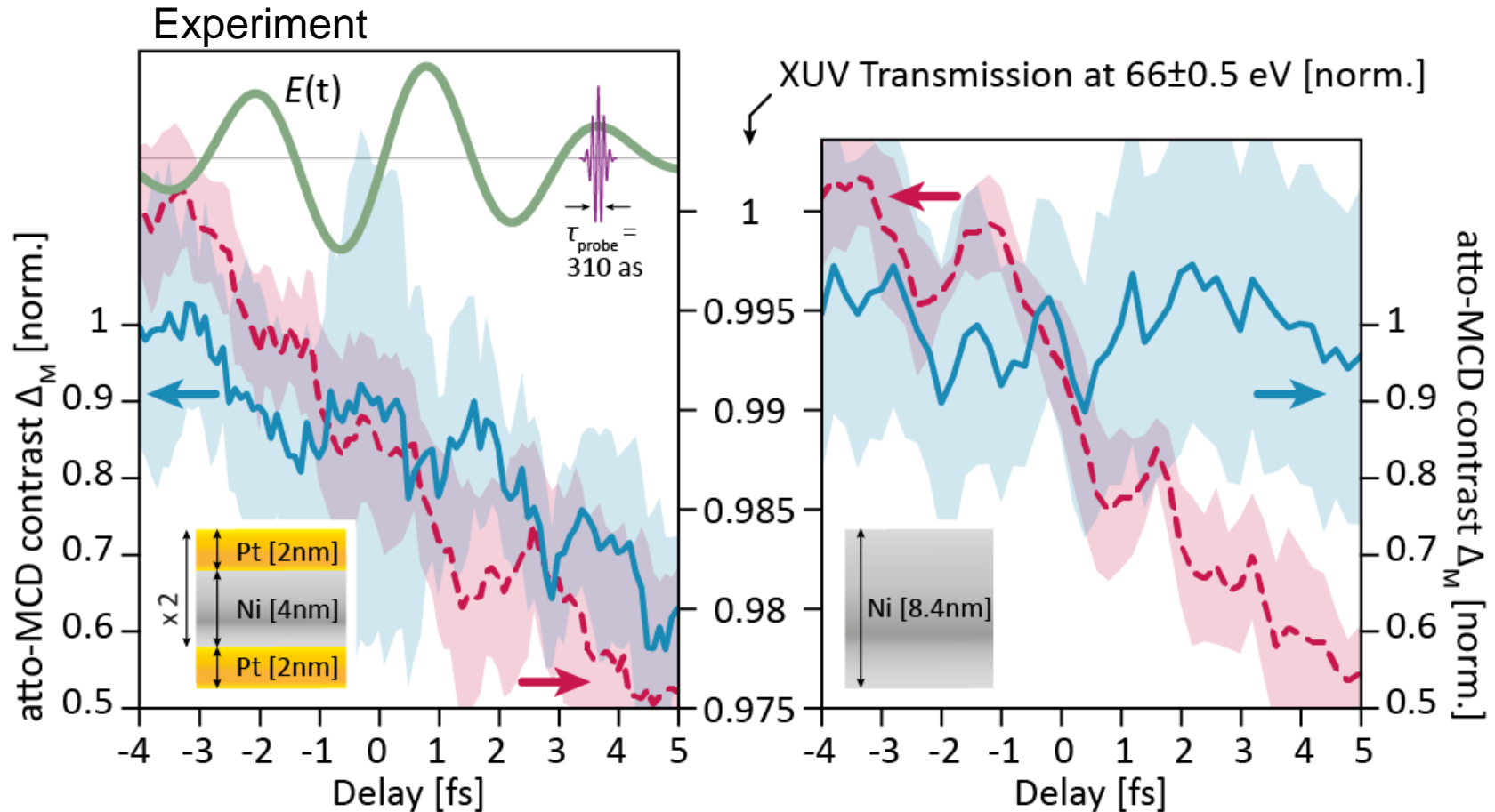
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Few fs step like decay with Pt interface (resolution 310 as)



Fluence NIR = 4×10^{12} W cm⁻²

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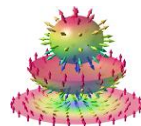
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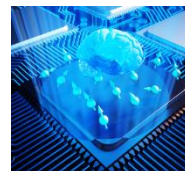
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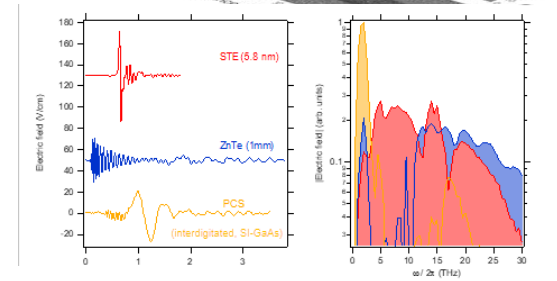
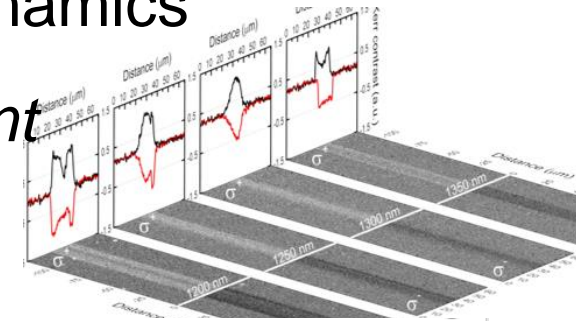
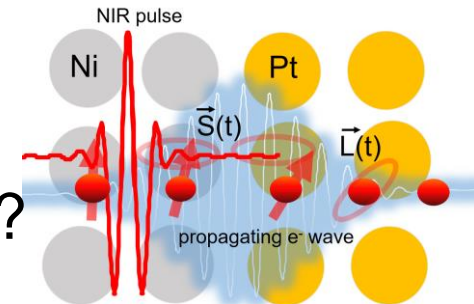
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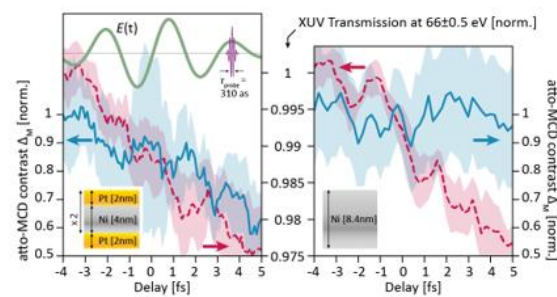
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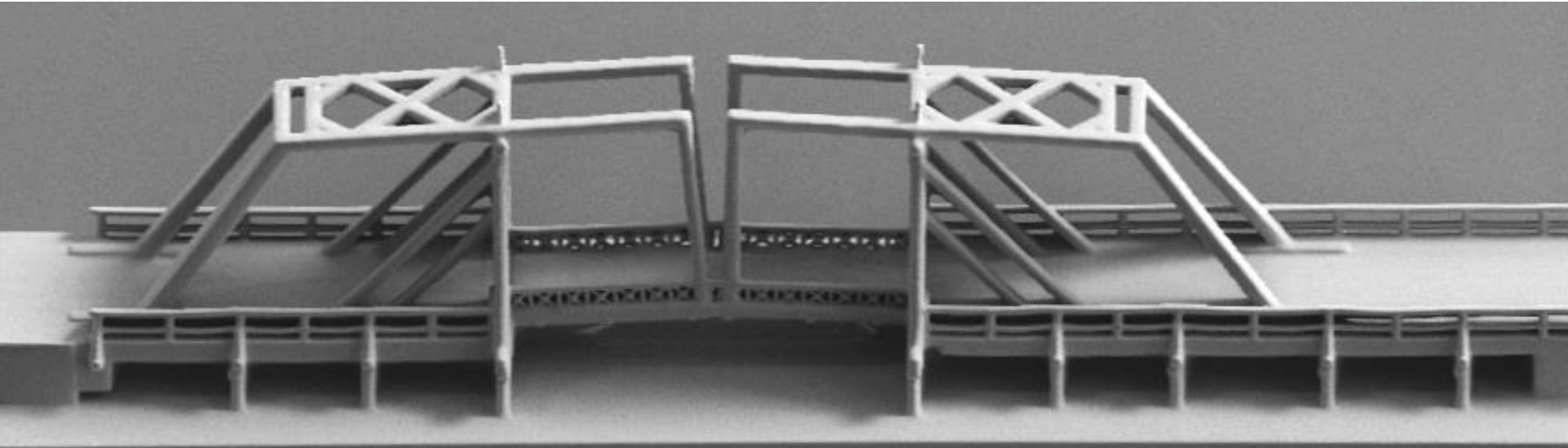


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- Lightwave electronics - *coherent*
- Summary



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