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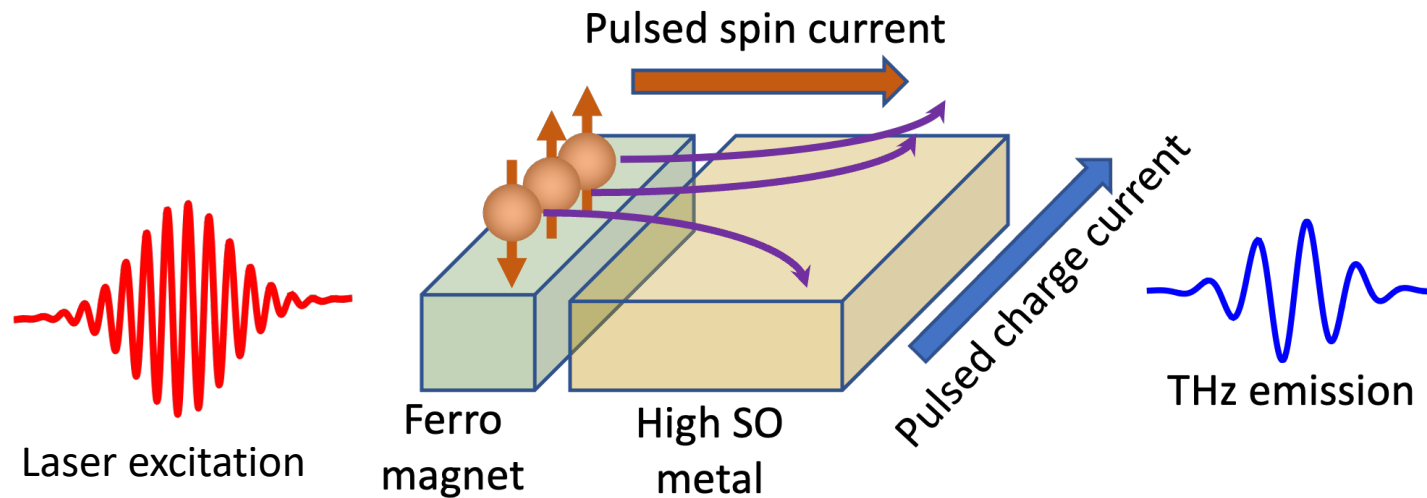
Fundamentals of spin transport for THz spintronic

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Spintronics THz emitters: step by step

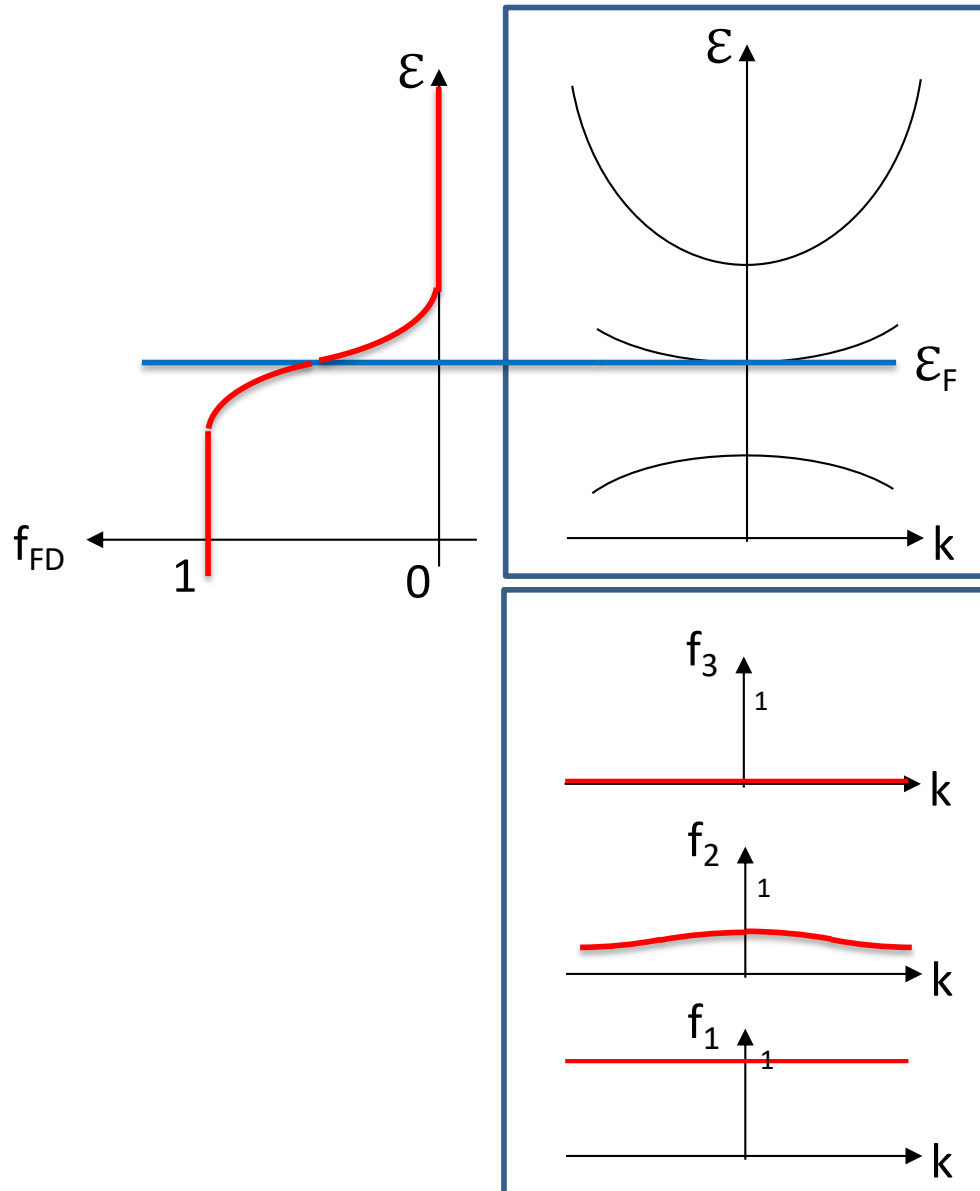


- Laser excitation
- Transport during thermalization
 - Thermalization of excited carriers
 - Transport out of equilibrium
- Spin to charge conversion
- Production and extraction of THz radiation

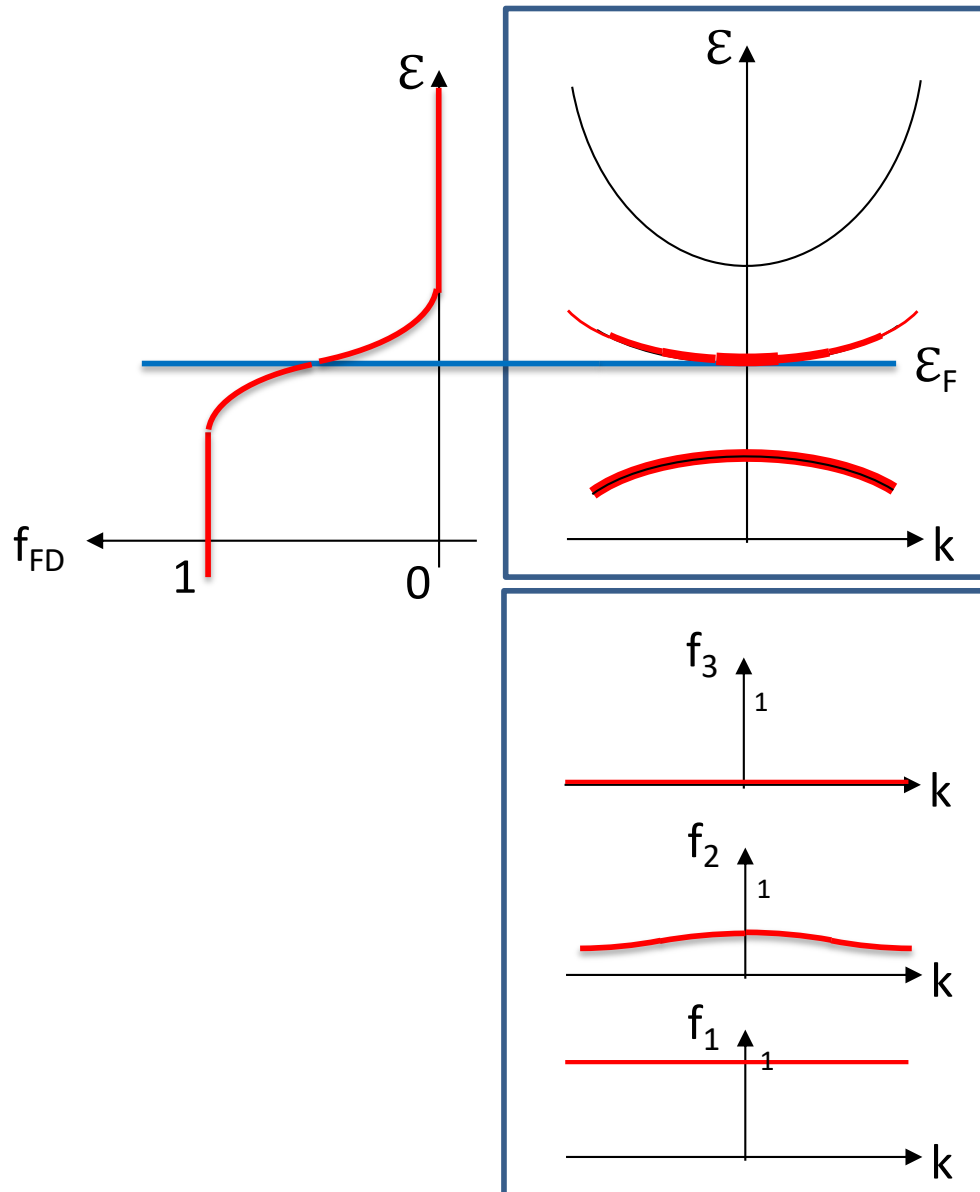
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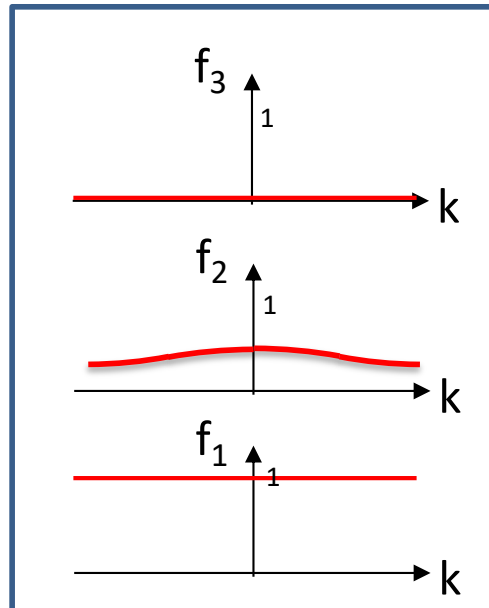
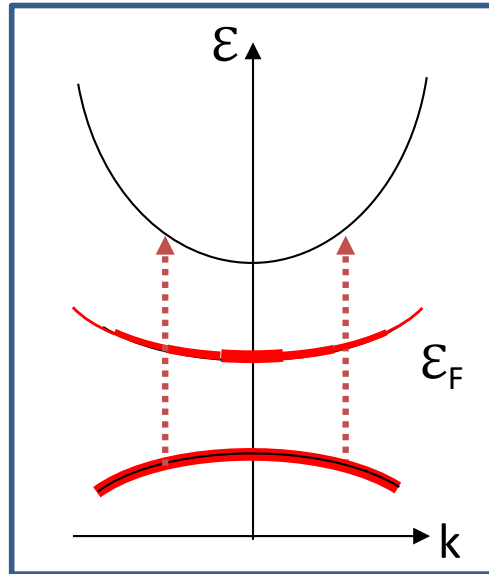


... We can do the same with phonon bands



Basics of laser excitation

Under perfectly
monochromatic light



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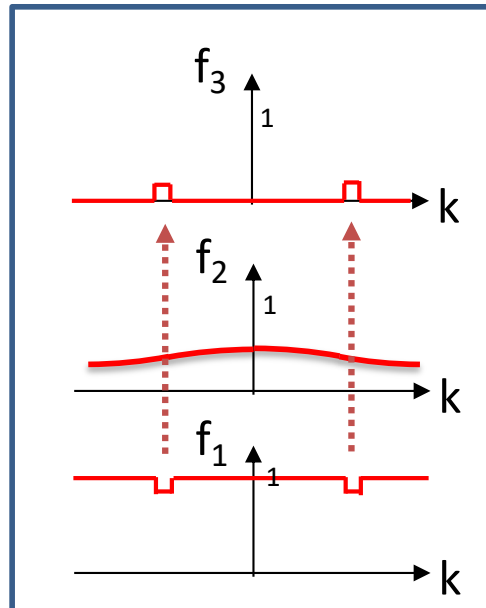
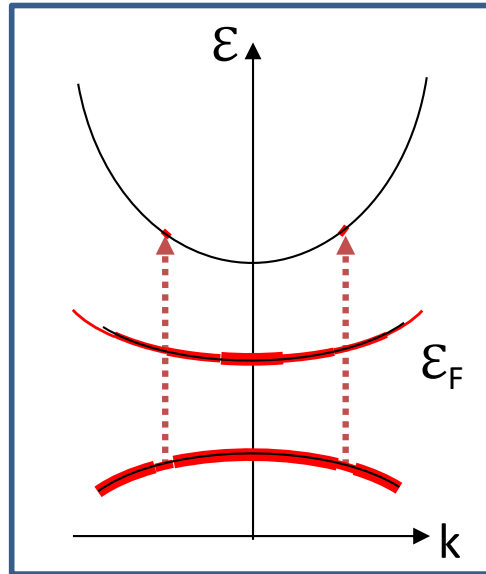
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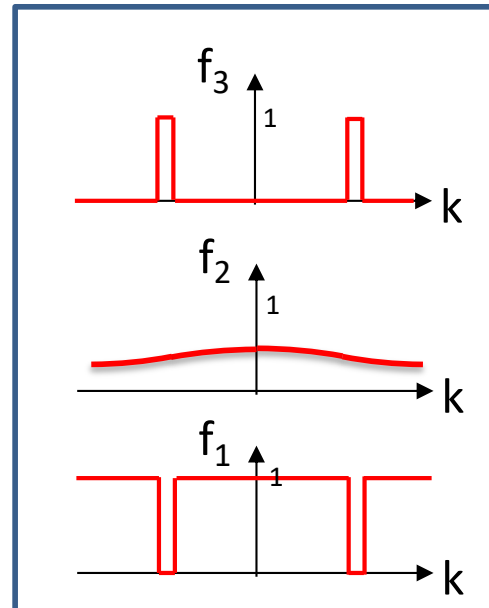
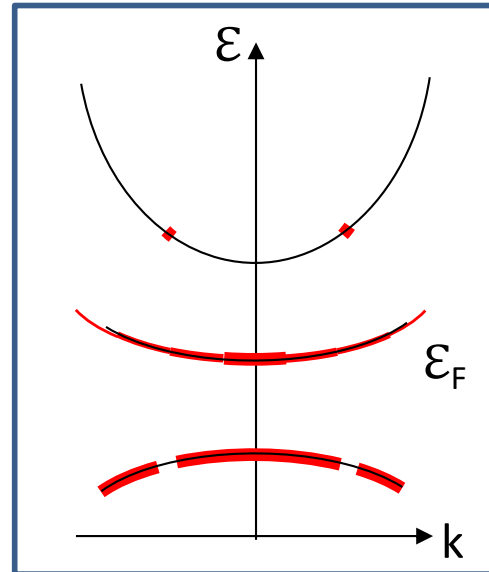


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If nothing else happens photons keep being absorbed and electrons being excited (we will see later what happens in reality)



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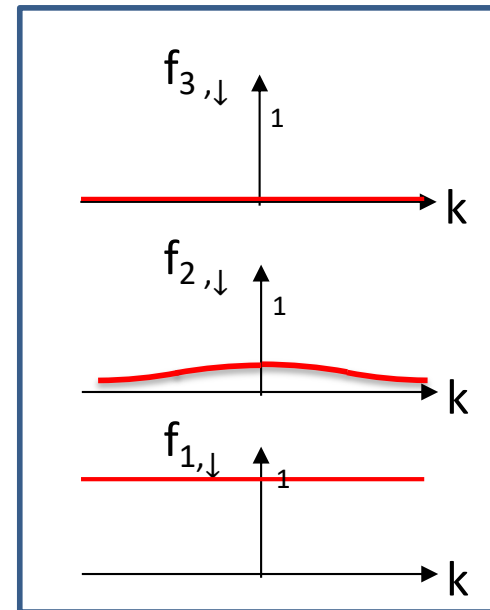
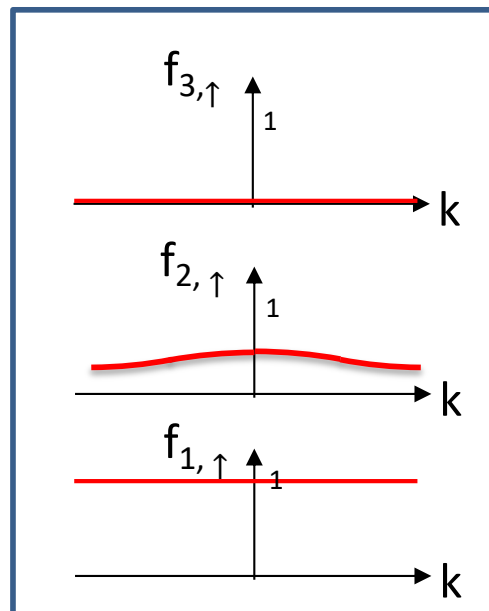
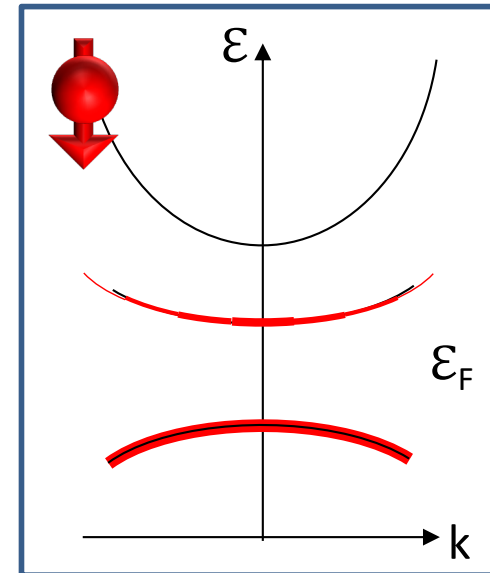
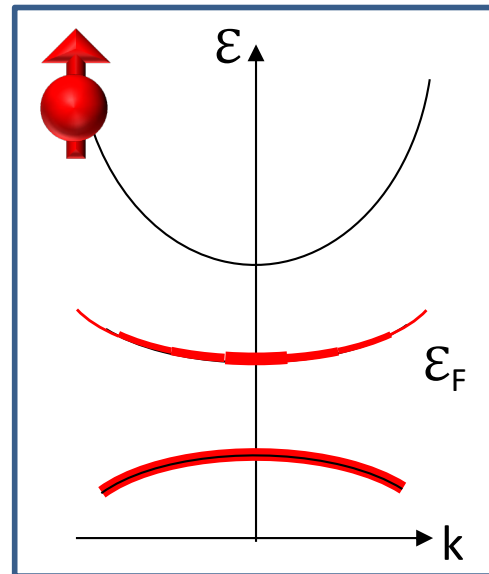
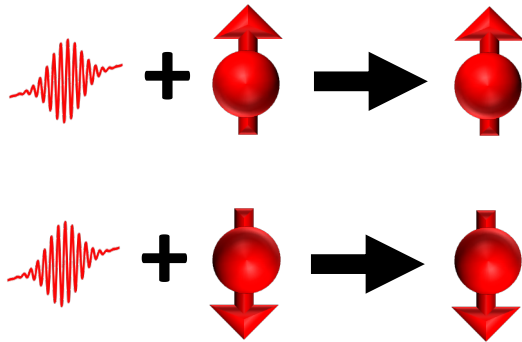
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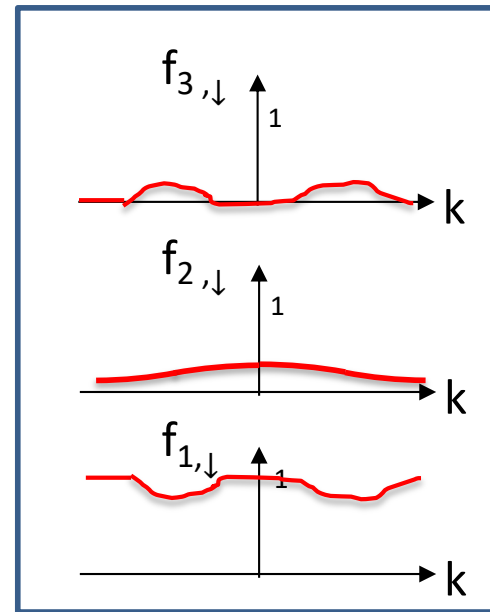
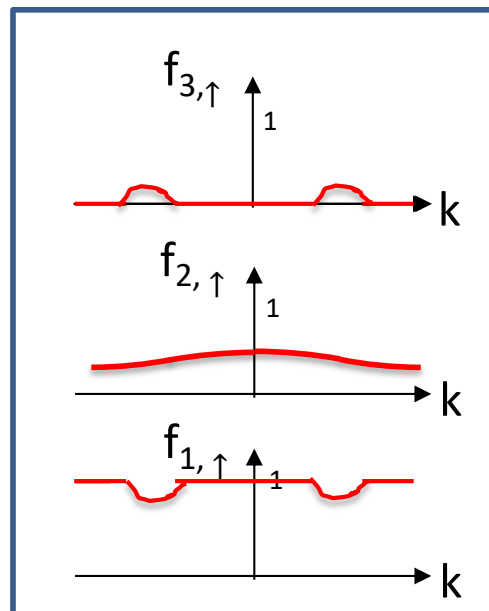
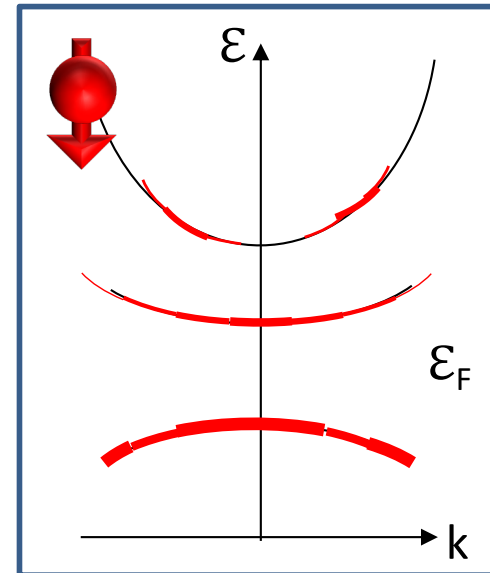
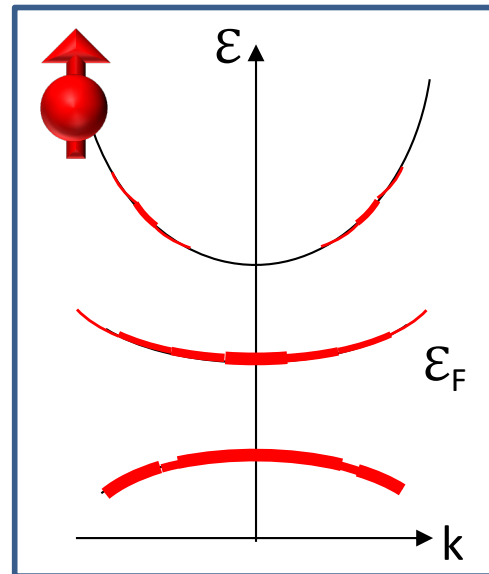
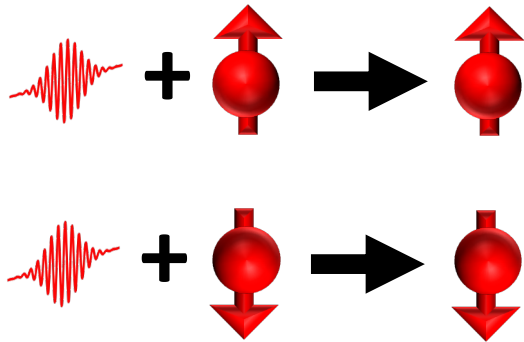
Laser excitation (with a spin)

In the absence of spin-orbit coupling



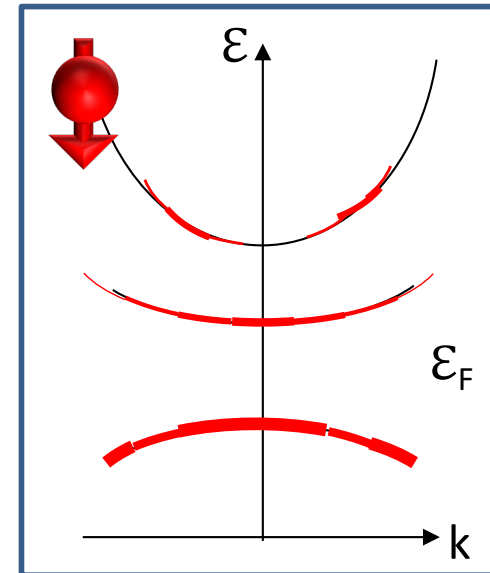
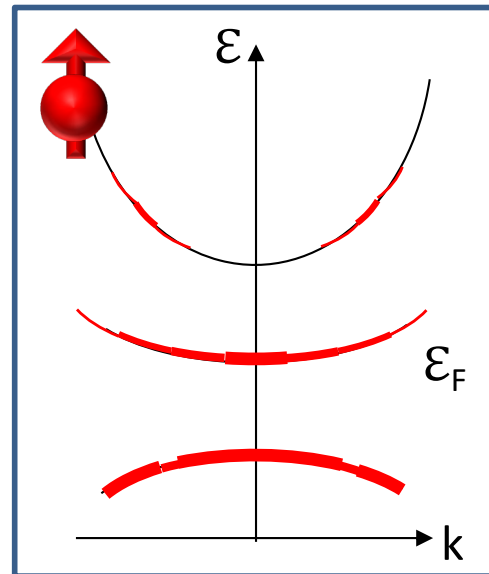
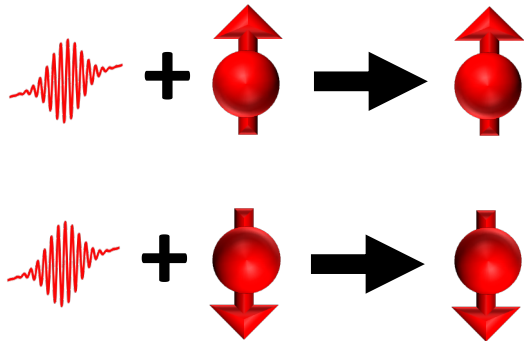
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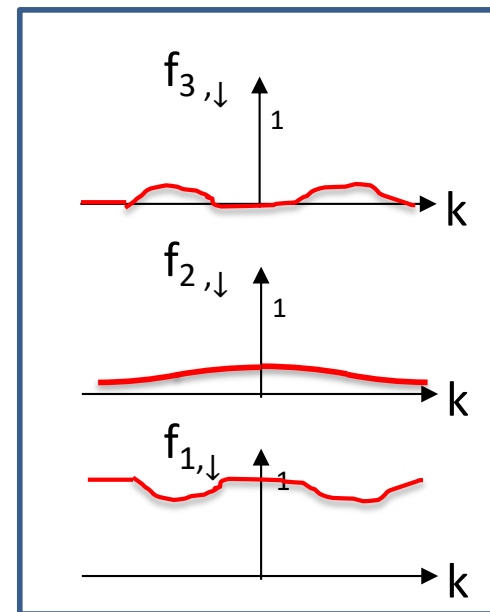
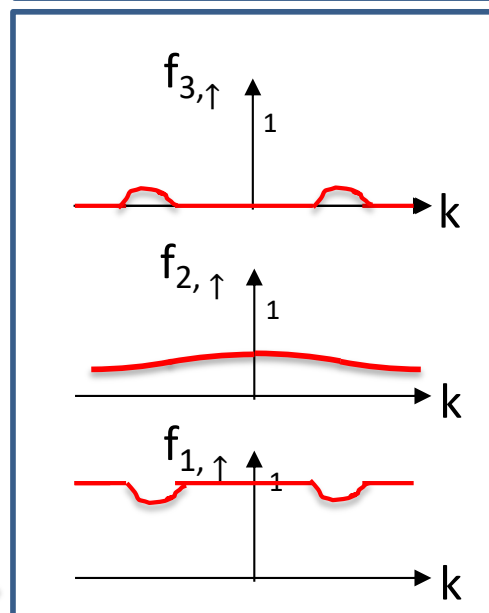
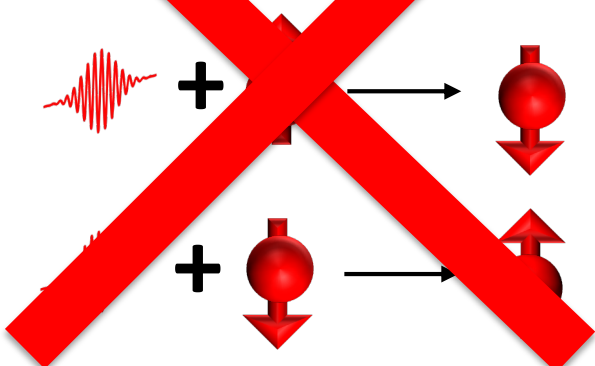


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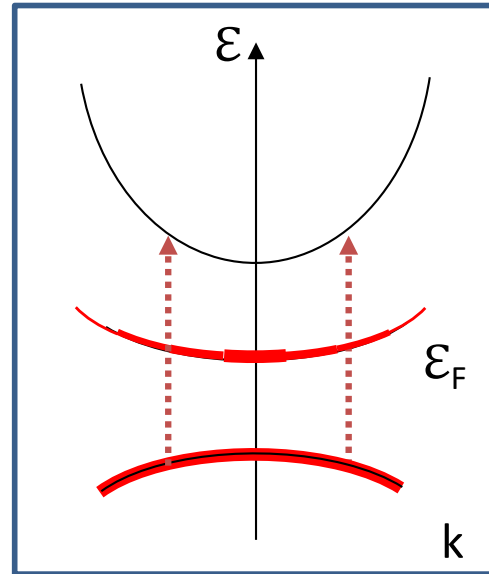


~~In the presence of spin-orbit coupling there is a small change in the band structure~~



Laser excitation: absorption spectrum

Under perfectly monochromatic light



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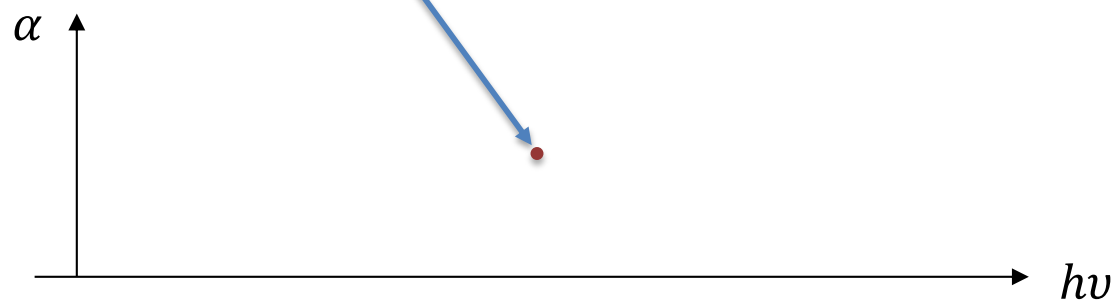
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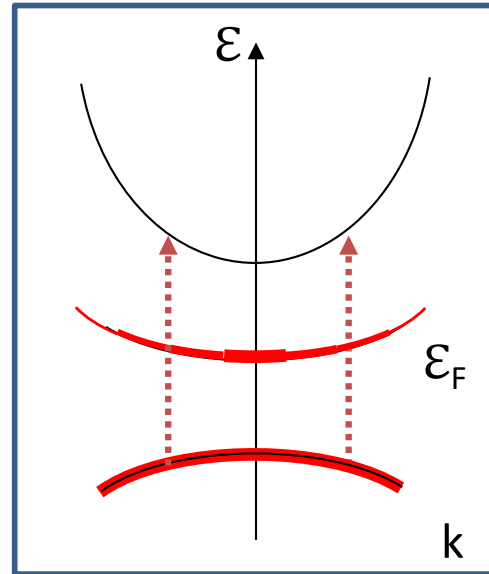
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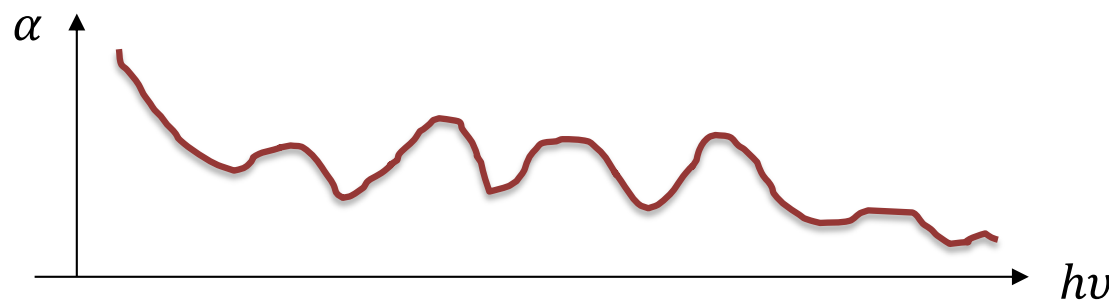
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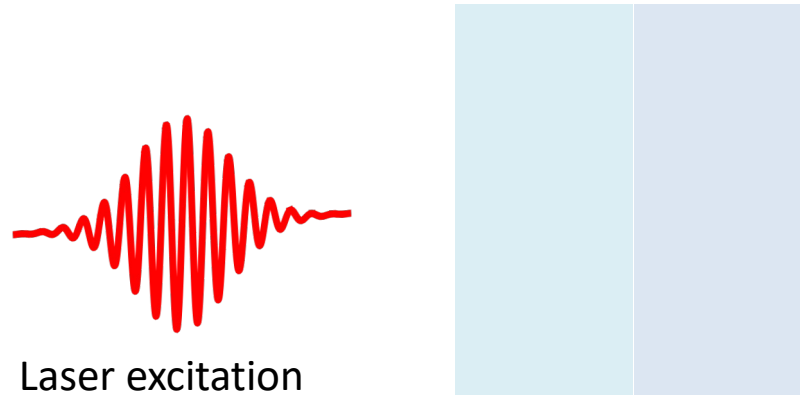
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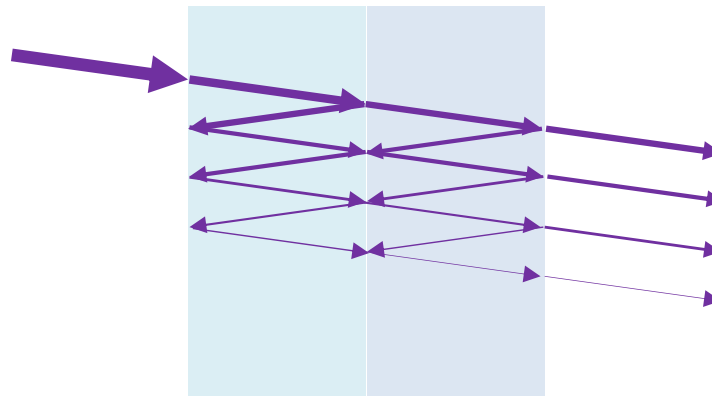


Laser excitation: multilayer

What we said above is in the case of spatially uniform photon density in a single material. What happens when there is a multilayer



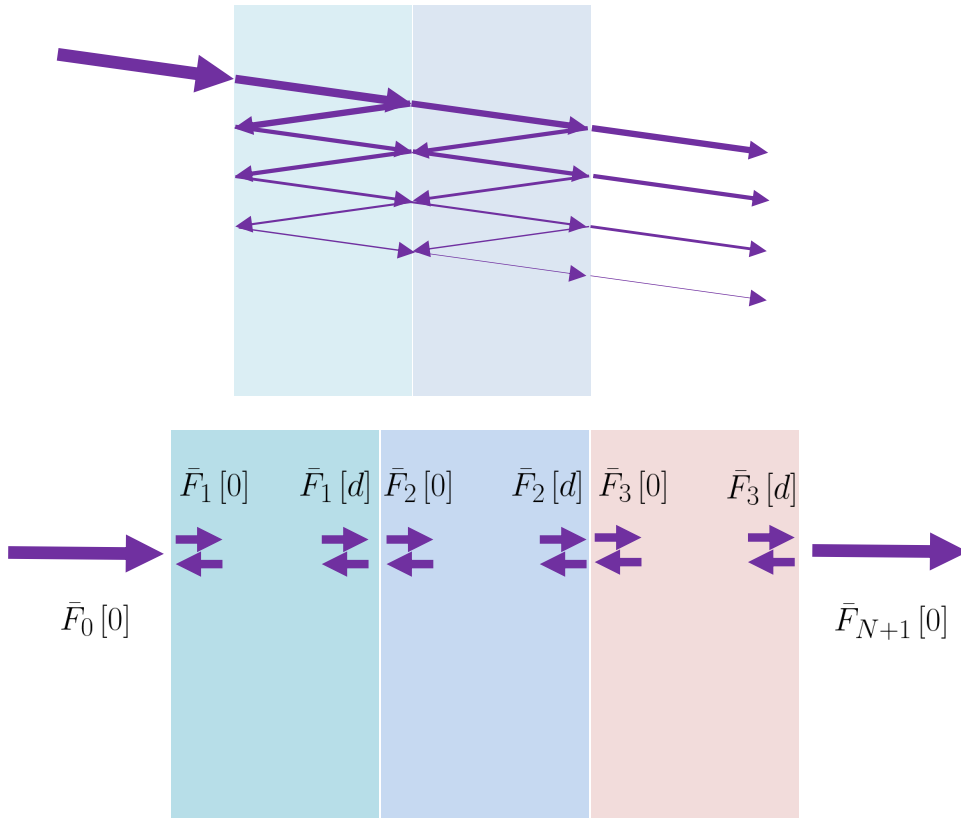
The photons, while being absorbed, will move throughout the sample, following Maxwell's equations



Laser excitation: multilayer

To treat this we can use the well-known Transfer Matrix Method

Transfer Matrix Method (TMM)



$$\partial_z E [z, t] = \mu \partial_t H [z, t]$$

$$\partial_z H [z, t] = \epsilon \partial_t E [z, t]$$

Maxwell's equations

$$E [z, t] = f^> [t] e^{ikz} + f^< [t] e^{-ikz}$$

$$H [z, t] = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} f^> [t] e^{ikz} - \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} f^< [t] e^{-ikz}$$

$$\bar{F} [\omega, z] = a [\omega, z] \bar{f} [\omega]$$

$$\bar{f}_{N+1} = (a_{N+1}[0])^{-1} \left(\prod_{j=N}^1 M_j [d_j] \right) a_0 [0] \bar{f}_0 = T_{[0, N+1]} \bar{f}_0$$

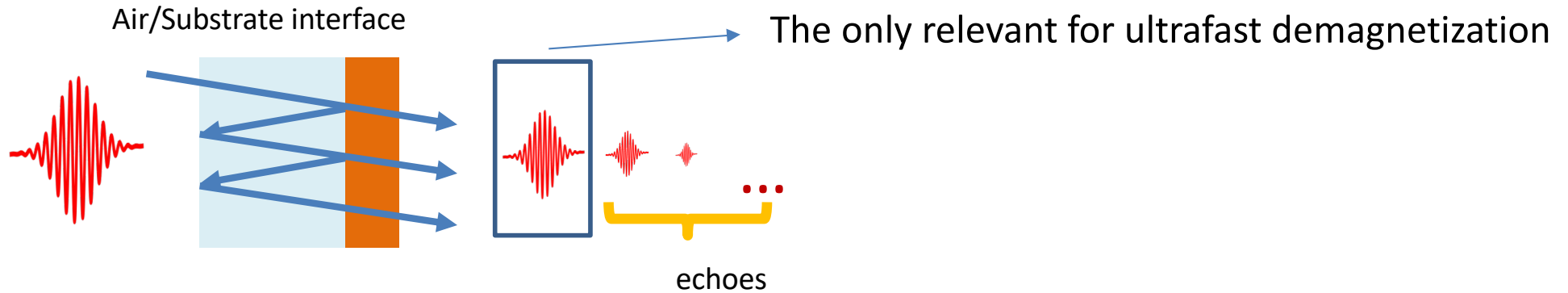
$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{N+1}^> \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = T_{[0, N+1]} \begin{bmatrix} f_0^> \\ f_0^< \end{bmatrix}$$

It is then possible to reconstruct the photon density and therefore the spatial profile of electron excitations



Laser excitation: echo

Using TMM naively for the laser excitation leads to an overestimation of the excitation



$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{N+1}^{>\text{no echo}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = T_{[S,N+1]} \begin{bmatrix} f_S^{>*} \\ f_S^{<*} \end{bmatrix} = T_{[S,N+1]} \begin{bmatrix} t_{[0,S]} f_0^{>} \\ f_S^{<*} \end{bmatrix}$$

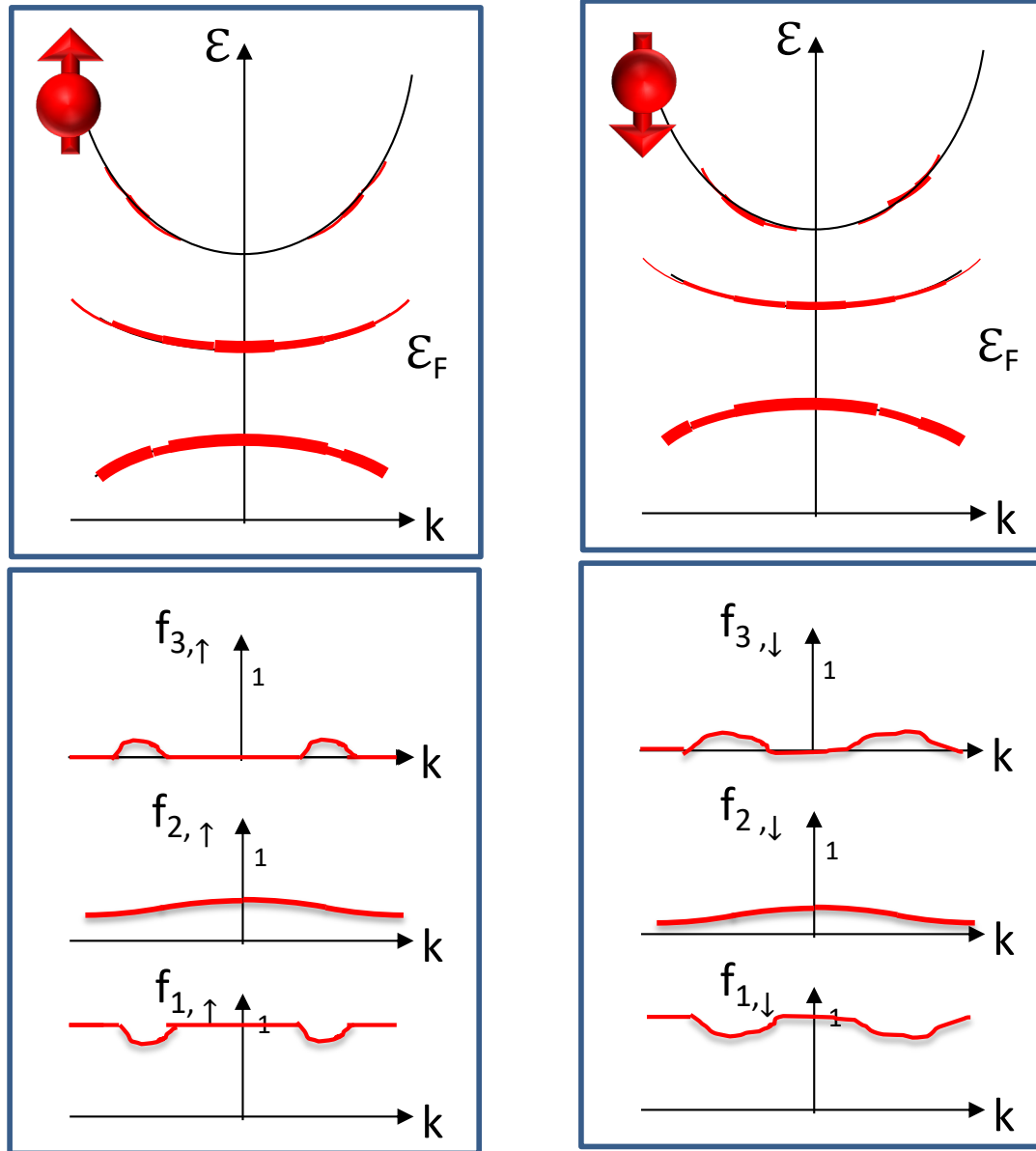
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We will see how echo has a way more serious effect on the THz frequency range

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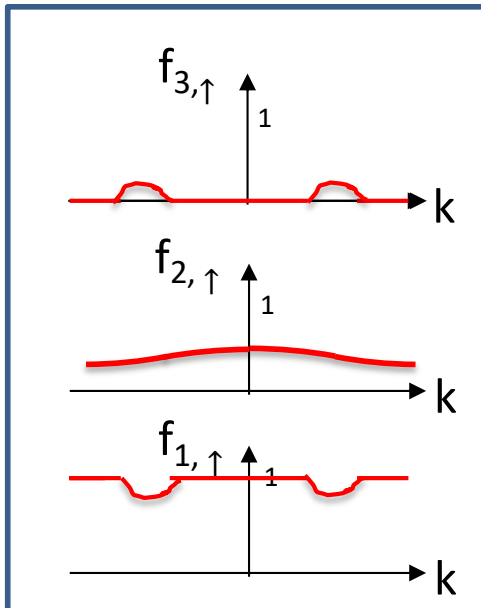
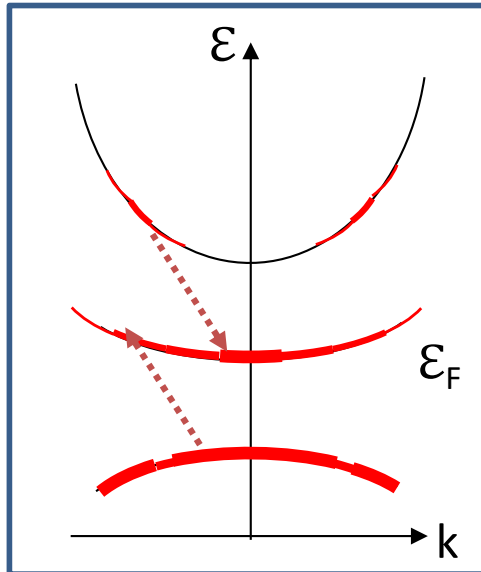
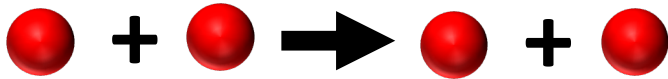


Laser excitation



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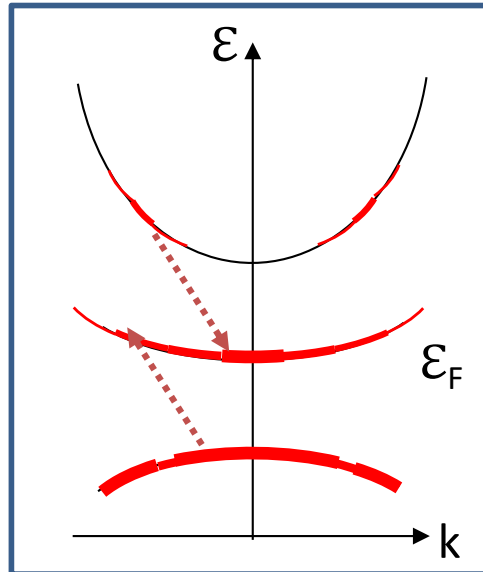
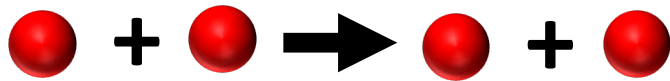
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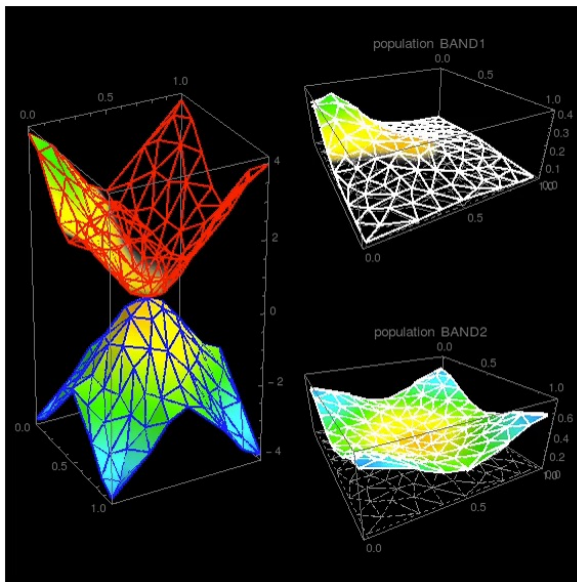
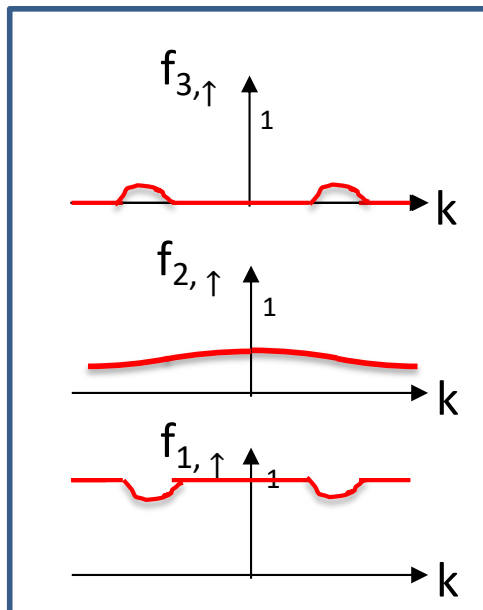
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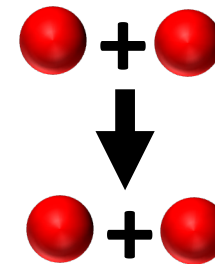
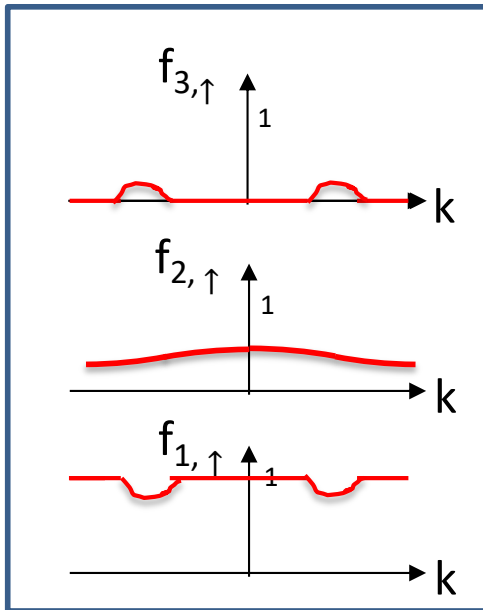
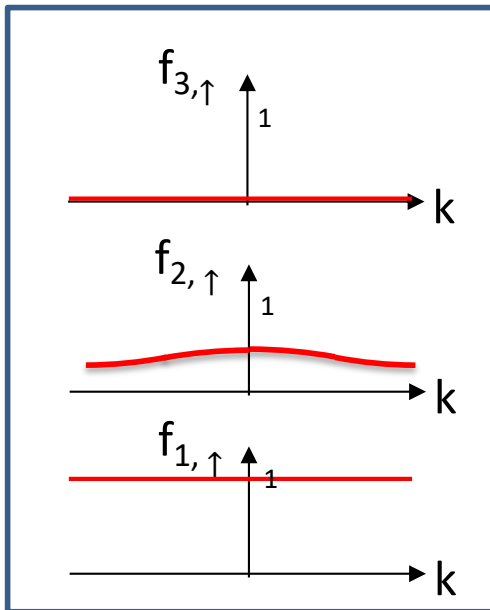
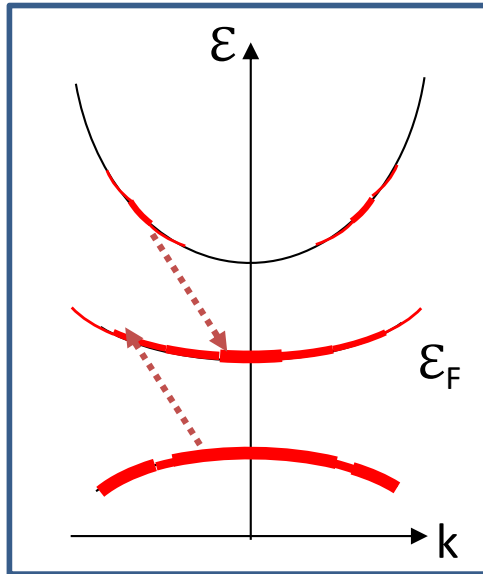
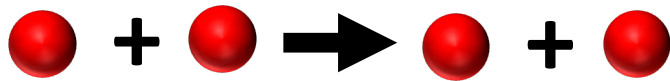
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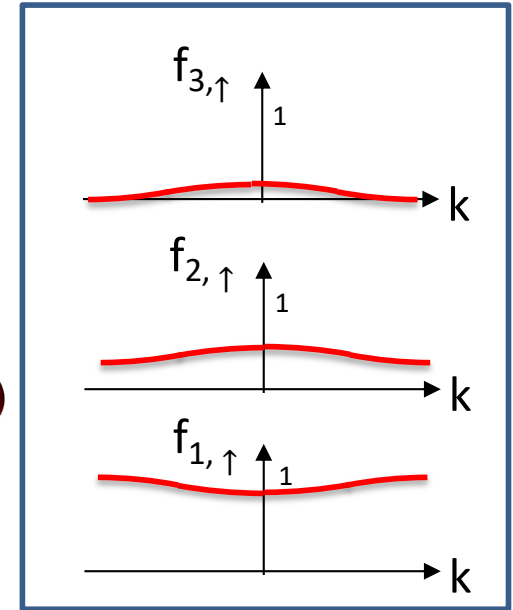


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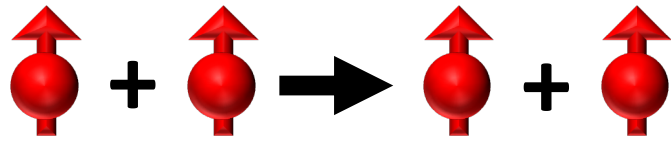
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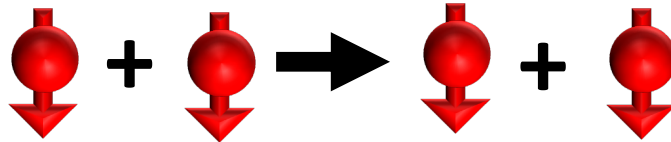
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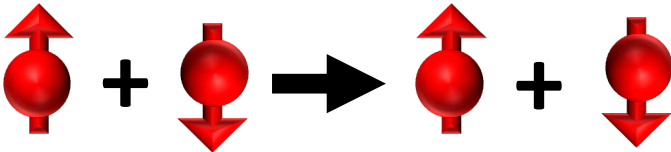
Thermalisation with spin



Spin preserving



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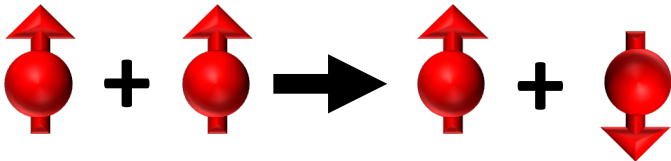


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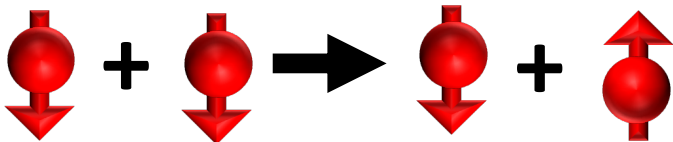
This is important to properly understand how energy is deposited

Eschenlor, Battiato et al, *Nature Mater* 12, 332 (2013).

In the presence of spin orbit coupling, with lower probability there can be



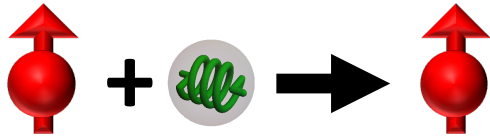
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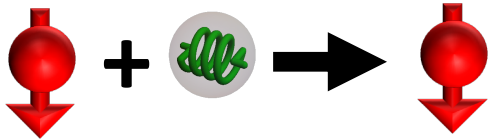
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Cooling down with phonons

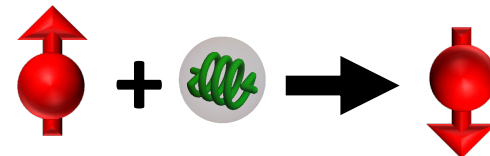


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Spin flipped (Elliot-Yafet)



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Usually slower than electron-electron scatterings (... well it's a bit more complicated than that)

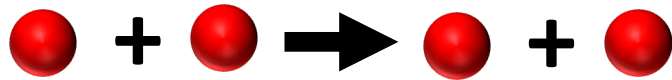


Cooling down with phonons

What is the effect?

In general, it can be complicated and complex phenomena can arise, like phonon bottlenecks

Let us make some approximations just to get an intuitive understanding



Fast



Fast



Slow

Notice that this is not always a good approximation

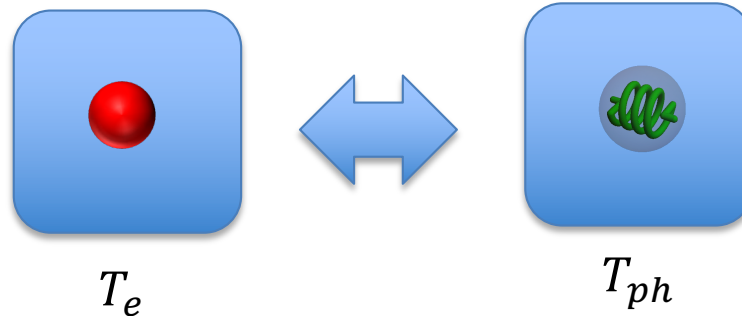


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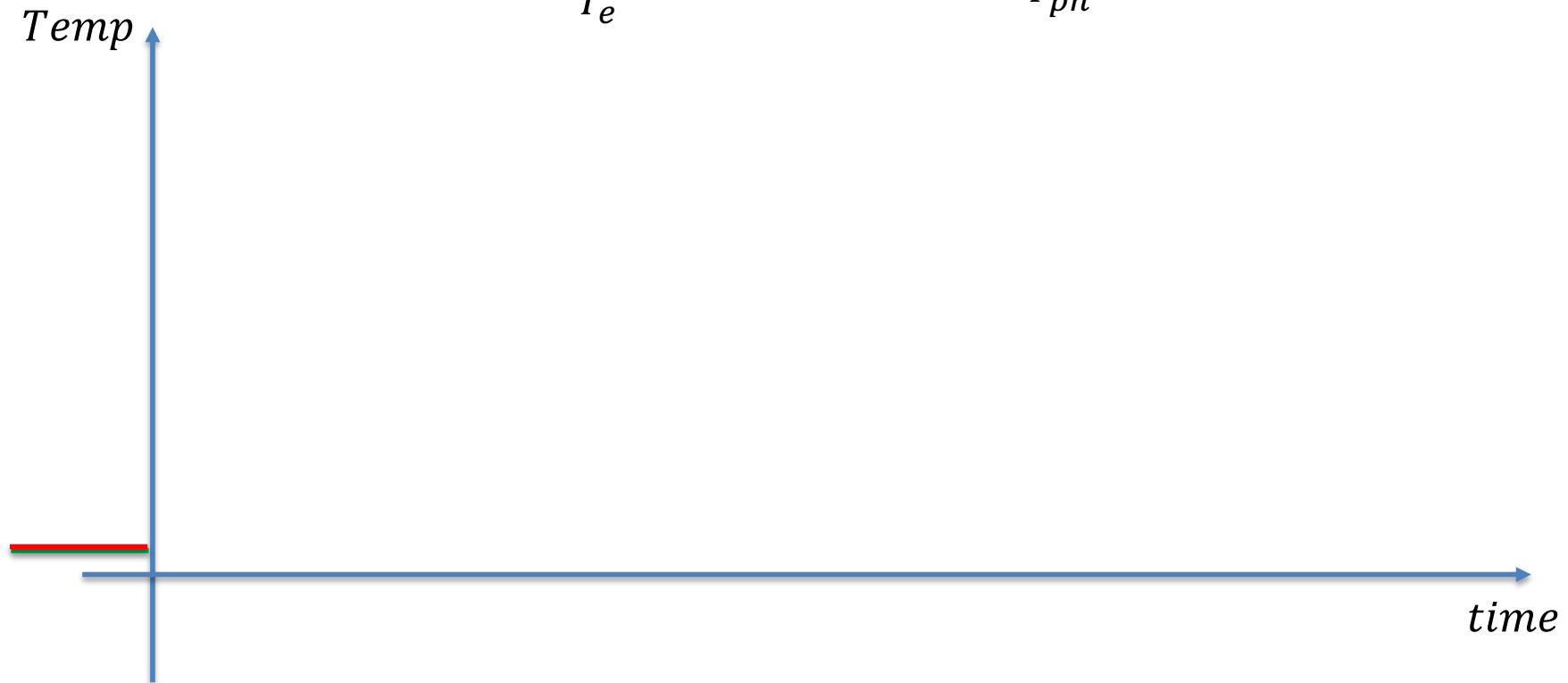
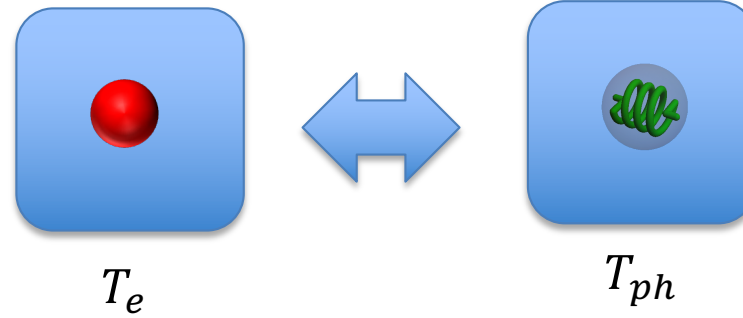
In that case, the electrons and the phonons can be described as two systems

1. Always very close to the thermalized state
2. Exchanging energy

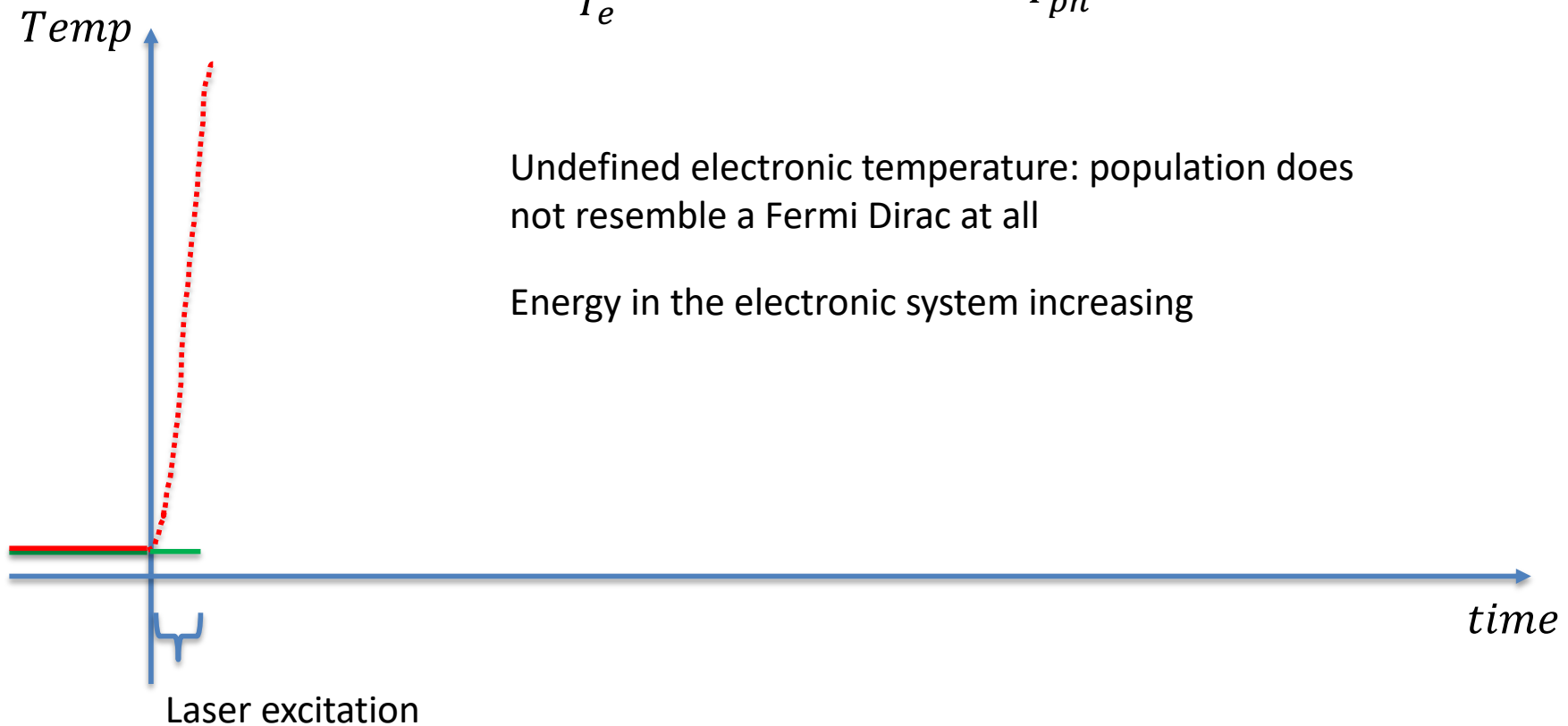
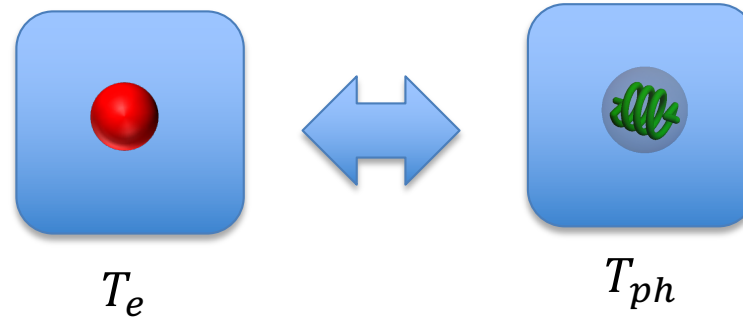
Thermodynamics tells us that they will equilibrate to the same temperature



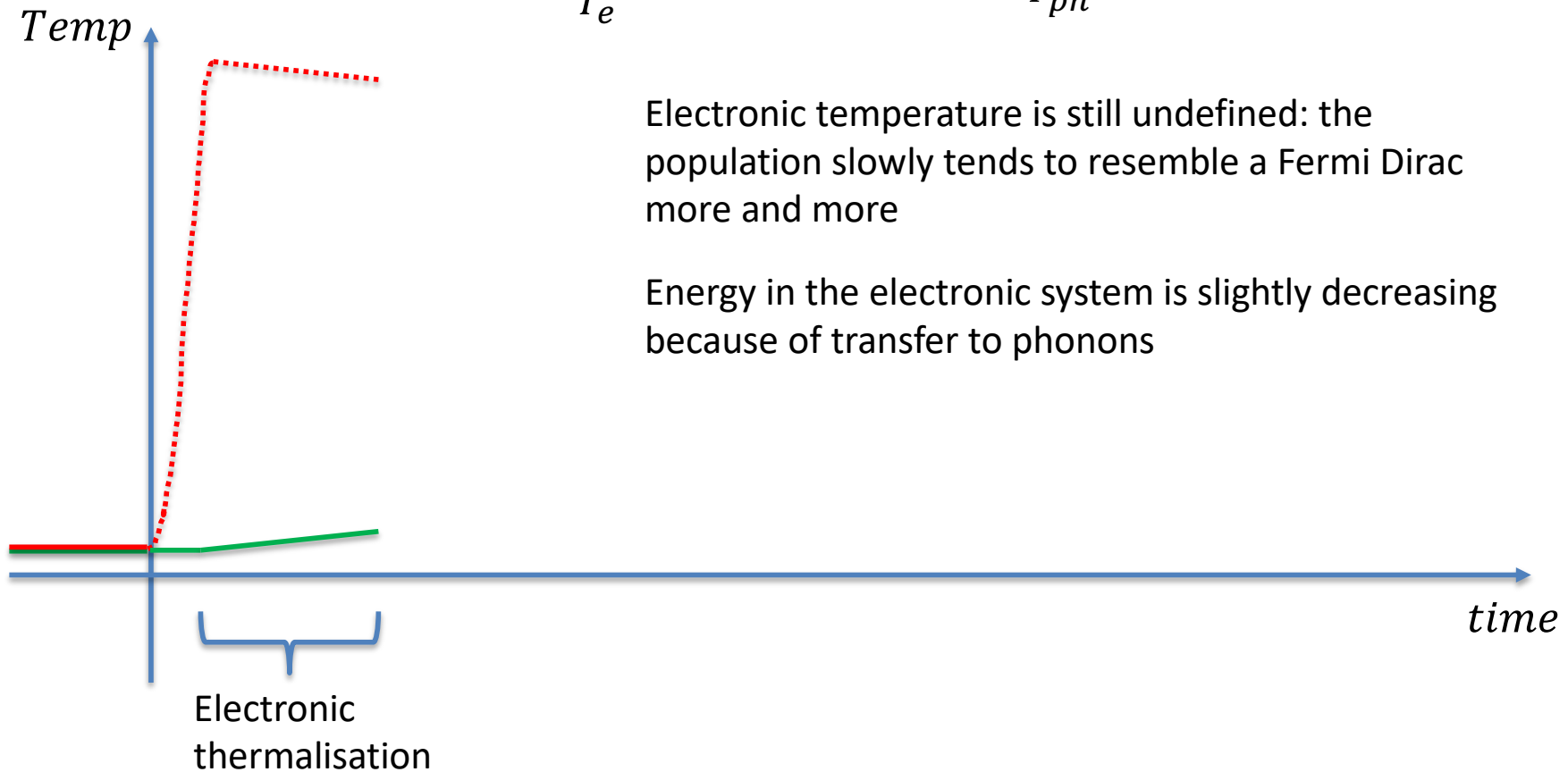
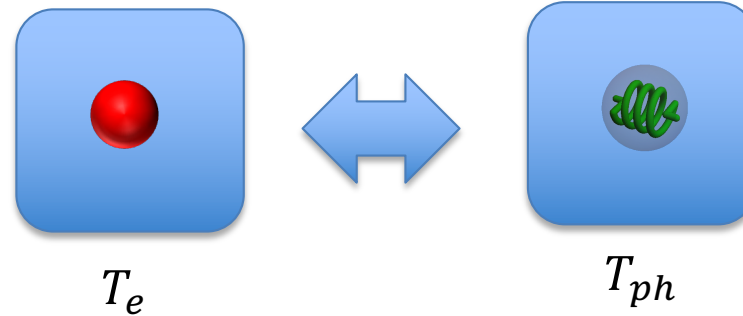
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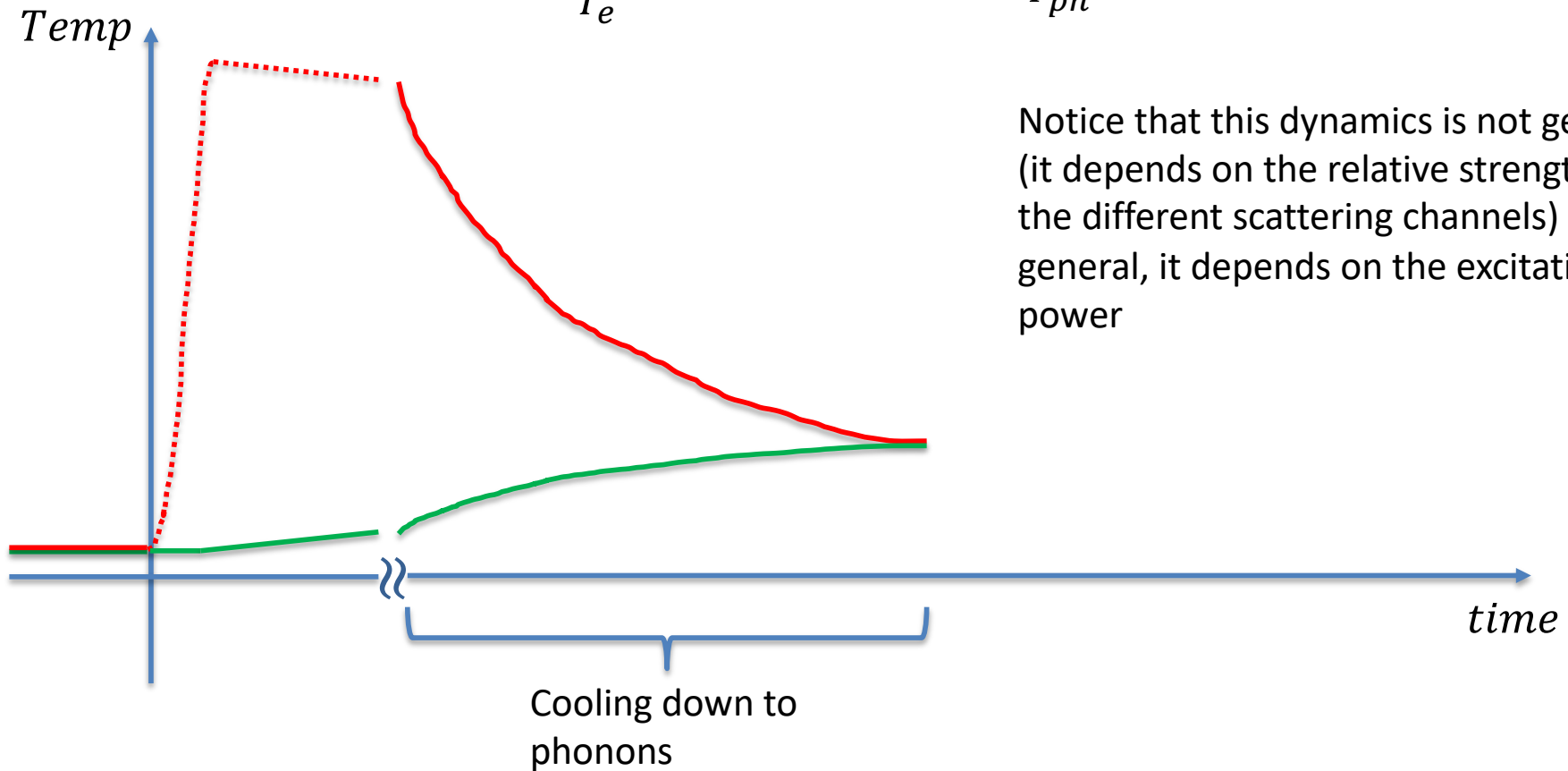
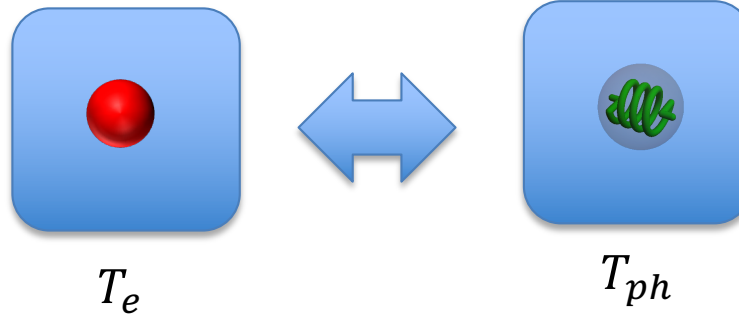
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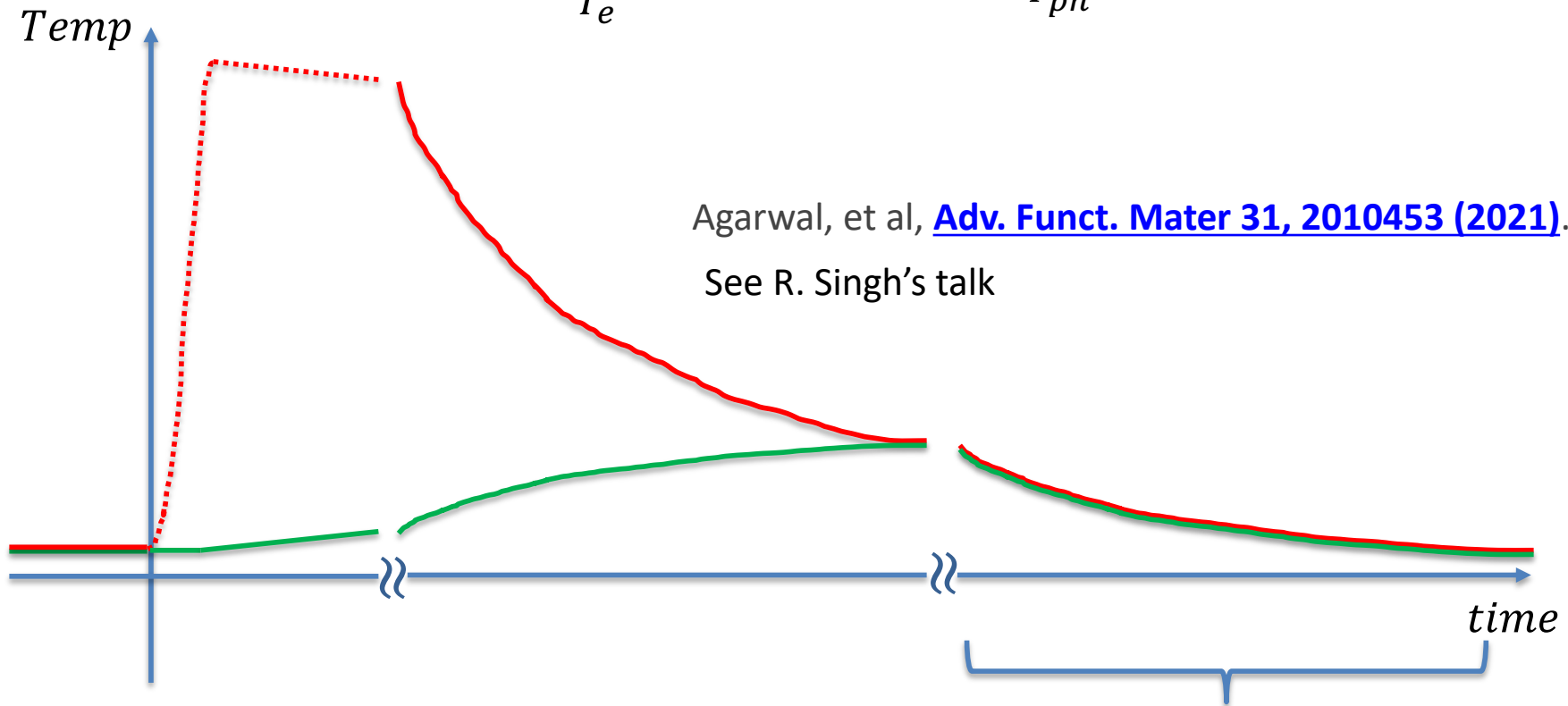
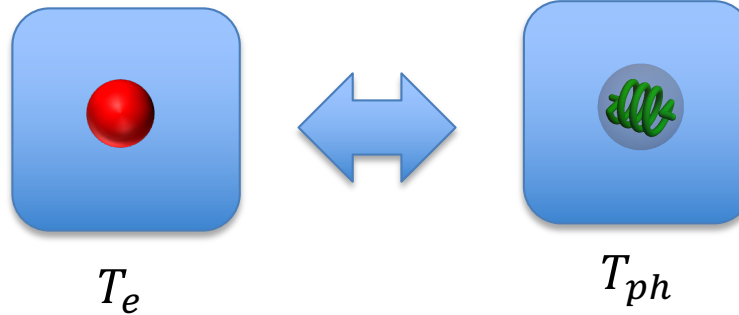
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Notice that this dynamics is not general (it depends on the relative strength of the different scattering channels) and, in general, it depends on the excitation power



Summary so far



Agarwal, et al, [Adv. Funct. Mater 31, 2010453 \(2021\)](#).

See R. Singh's talk

Cooling down through heat diffusion to substrate



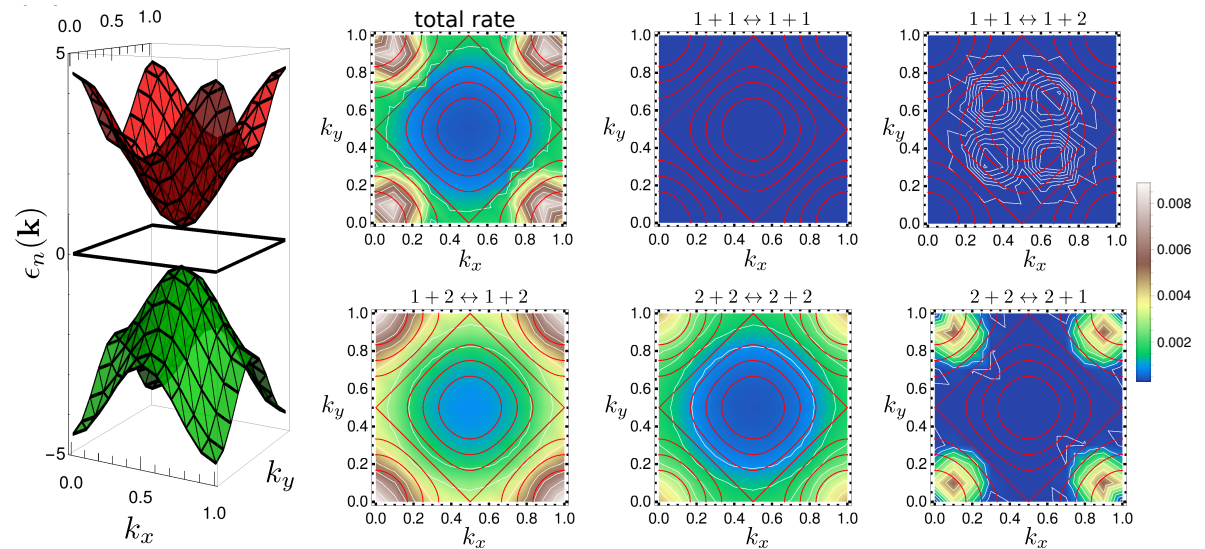
Timescales

Despite what seemed from the previous slides, pinning down timescales is far from trivial

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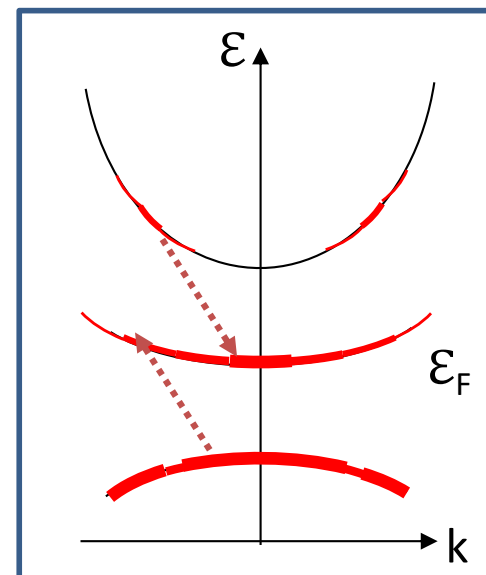
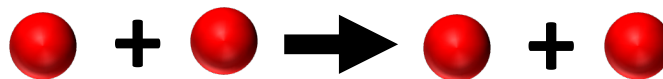


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Timescales

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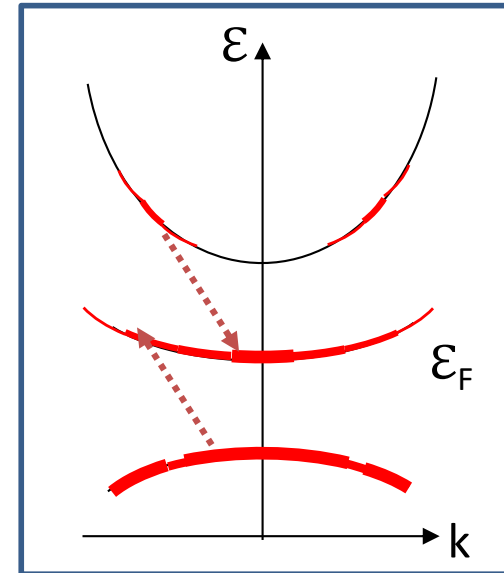
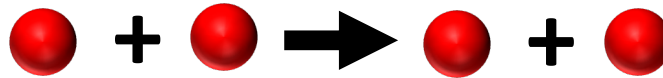
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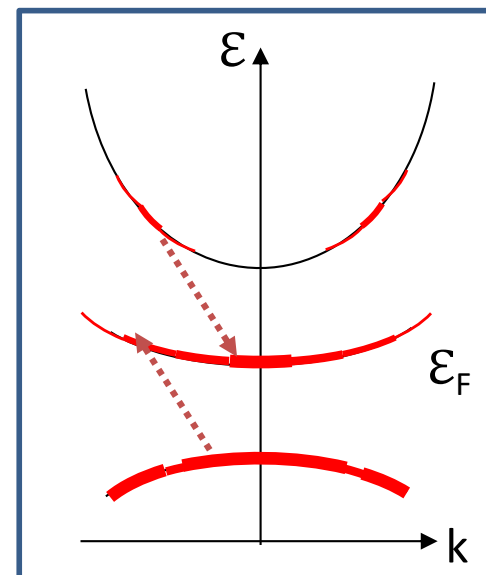
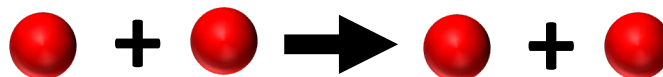
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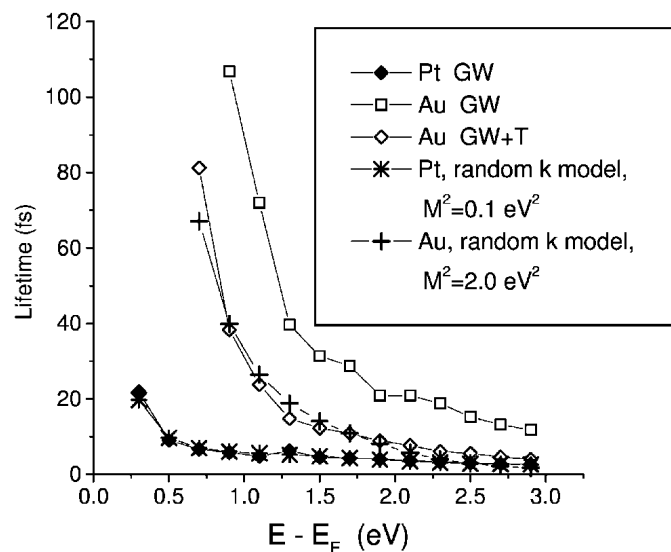
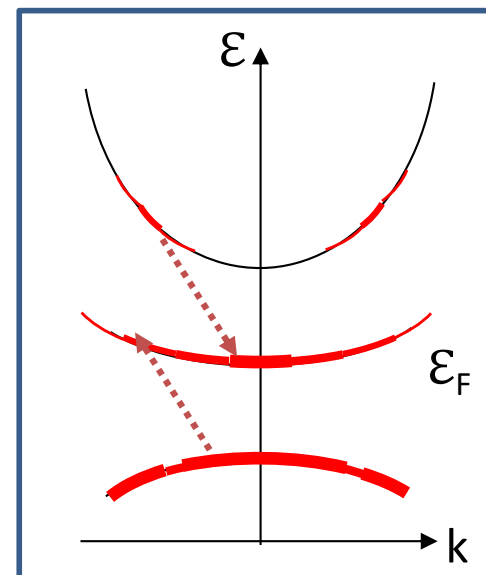
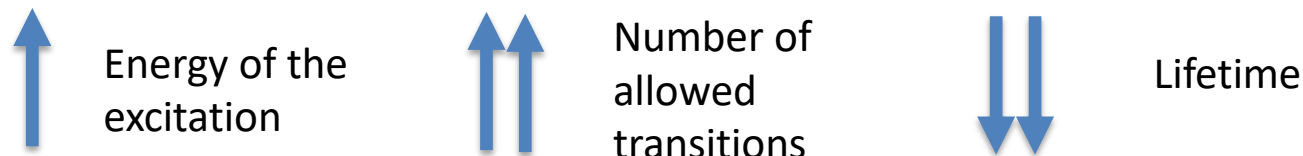
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Timescales

As a rule of thumb, in general (for generic metals)



YOU: So? When can I consider the electronic system to be thermalized?

ME: Well, it depends on the energy you are looking at.

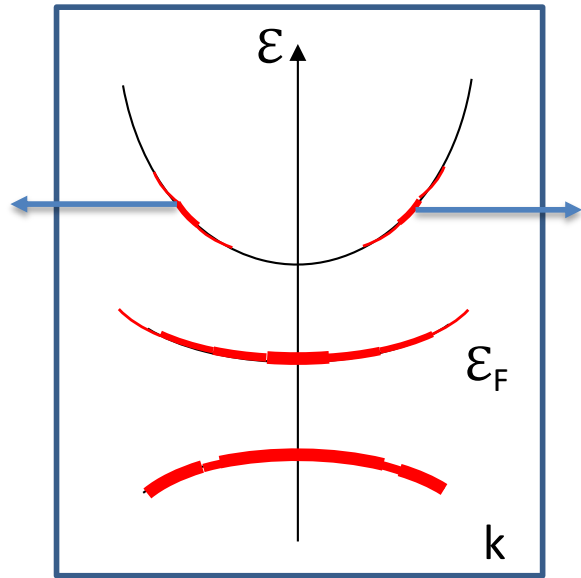
YOU: Fine, but which energy should I look at?

ME: Well, it depends... sorry

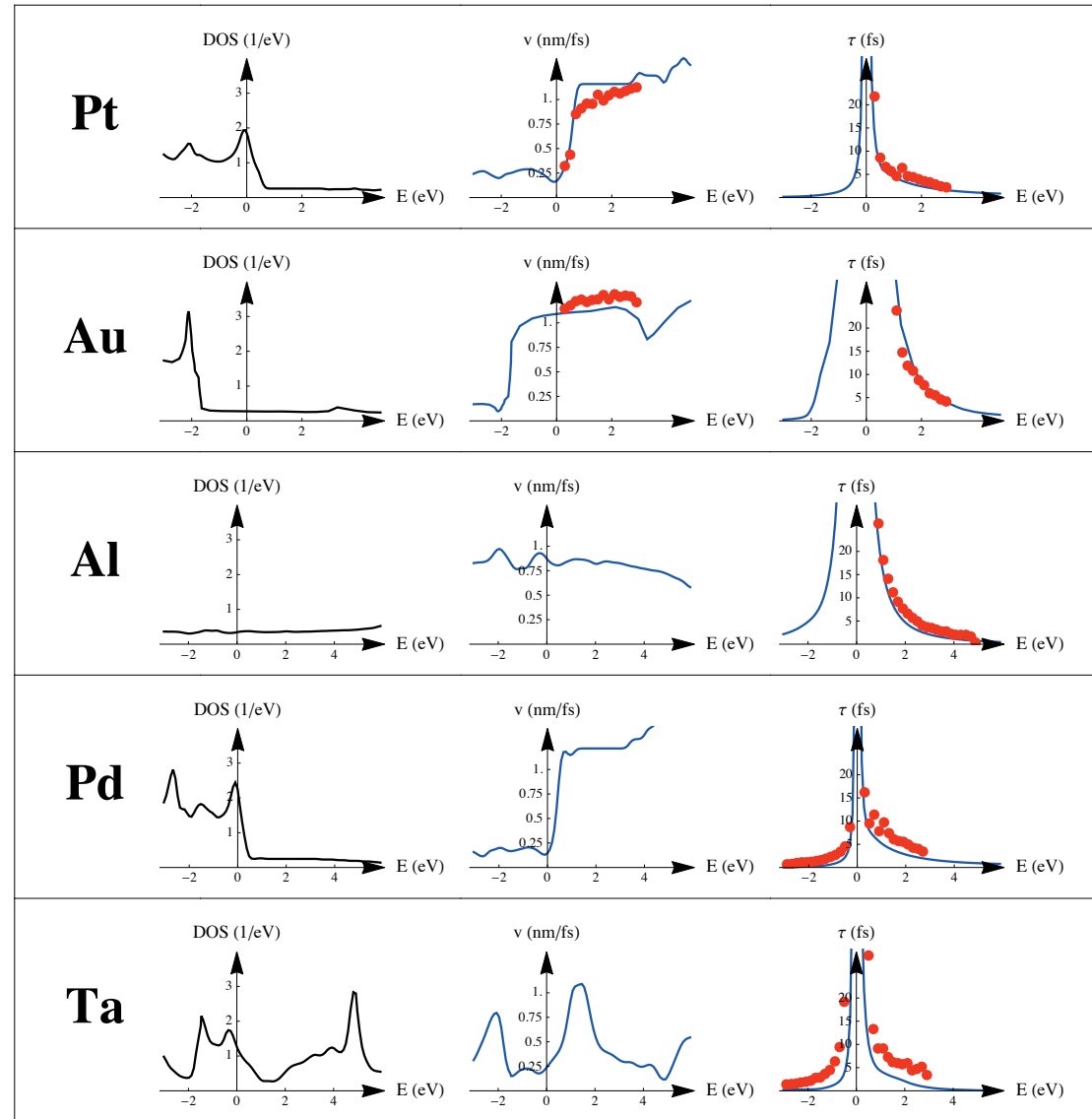
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Transport out-of-equilibrium



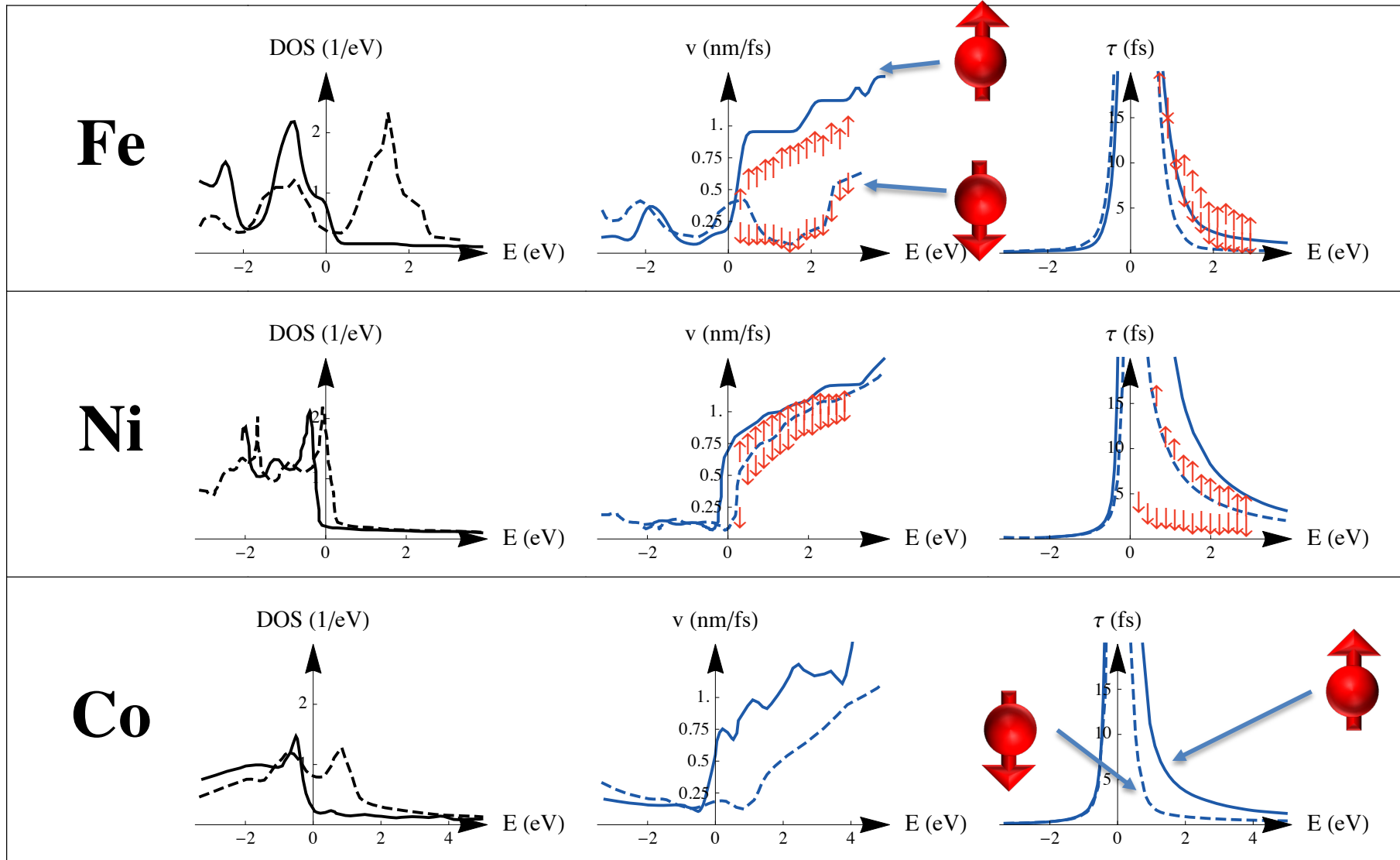
$$v(k) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(k)}{\partial k}$$



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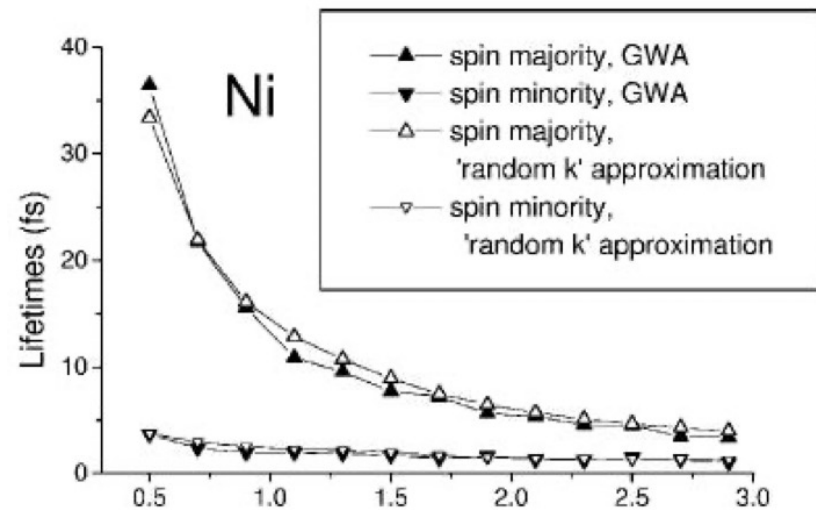
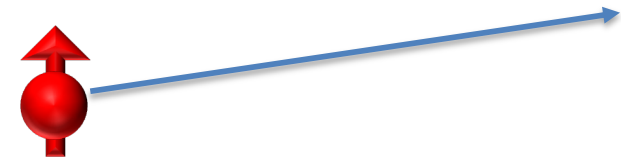
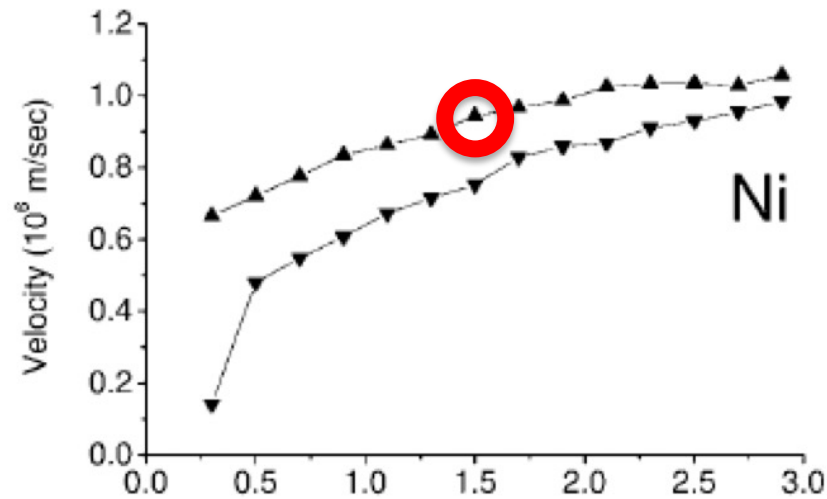
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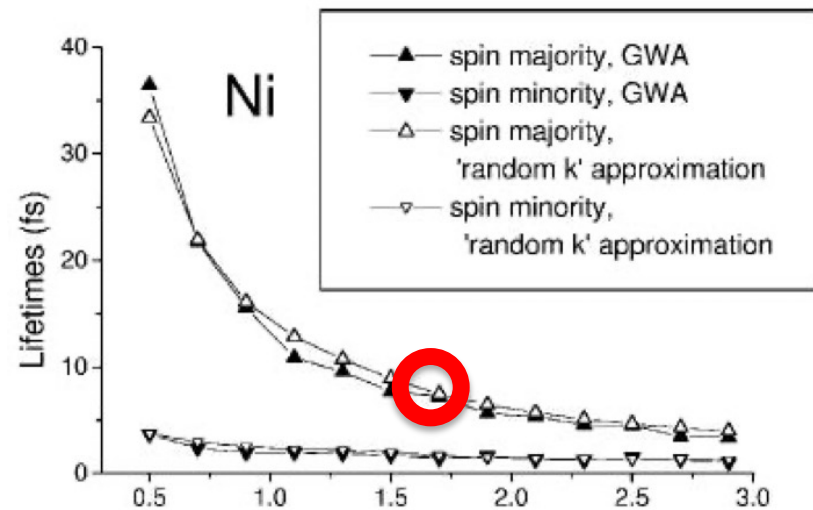
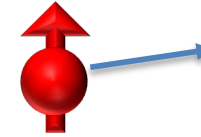
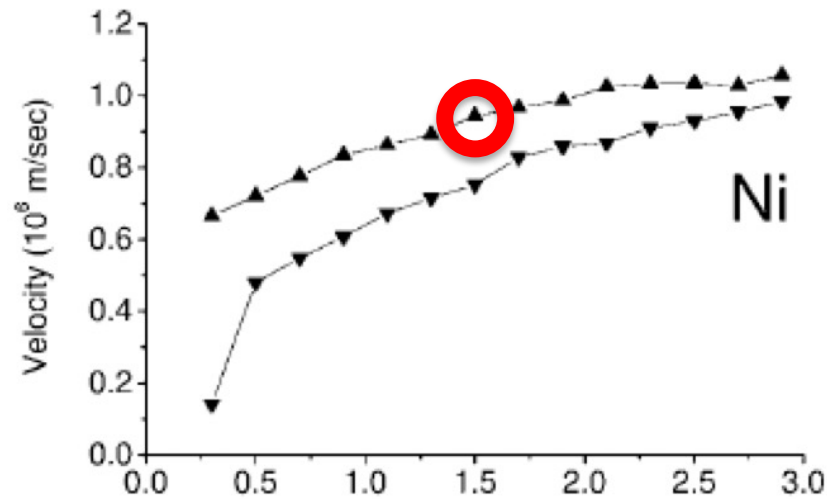
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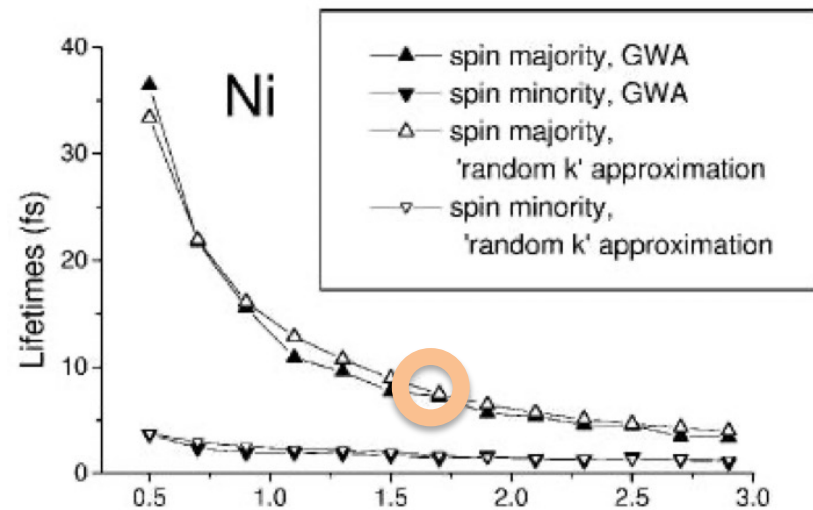
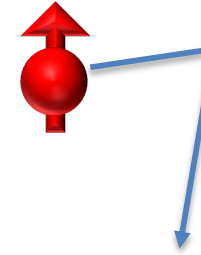
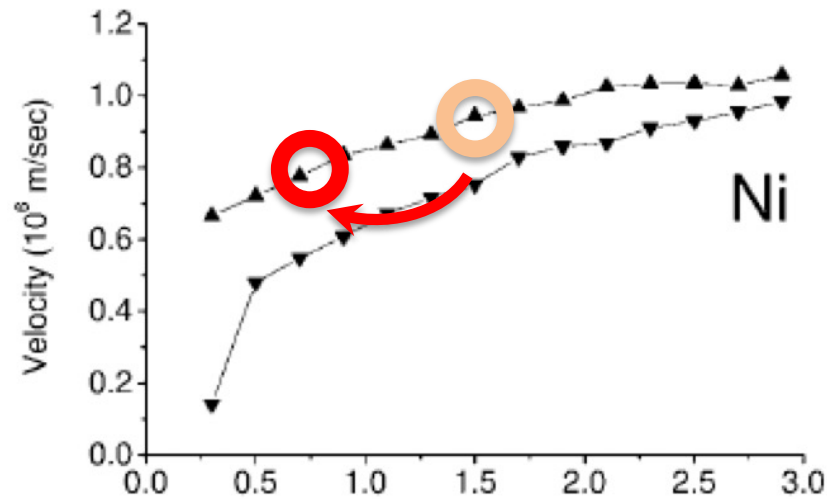
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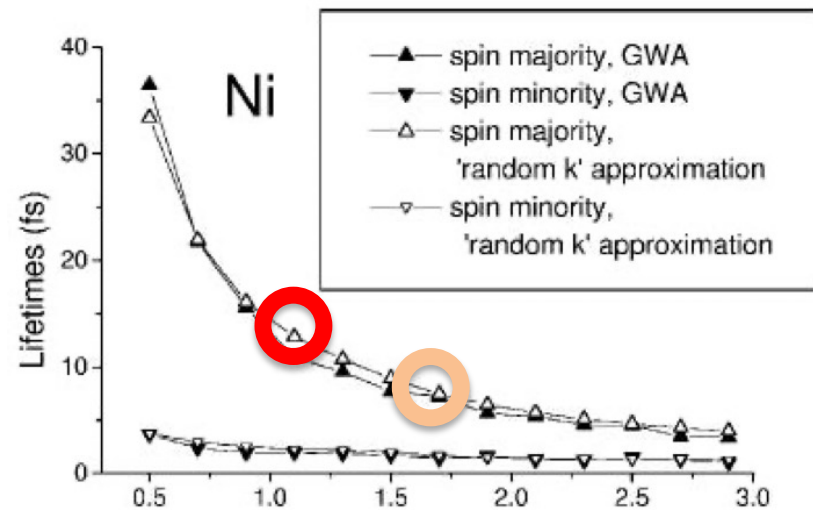
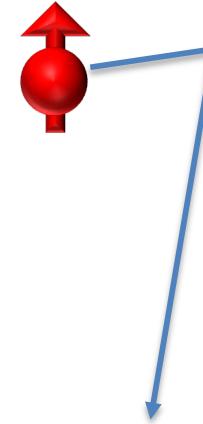
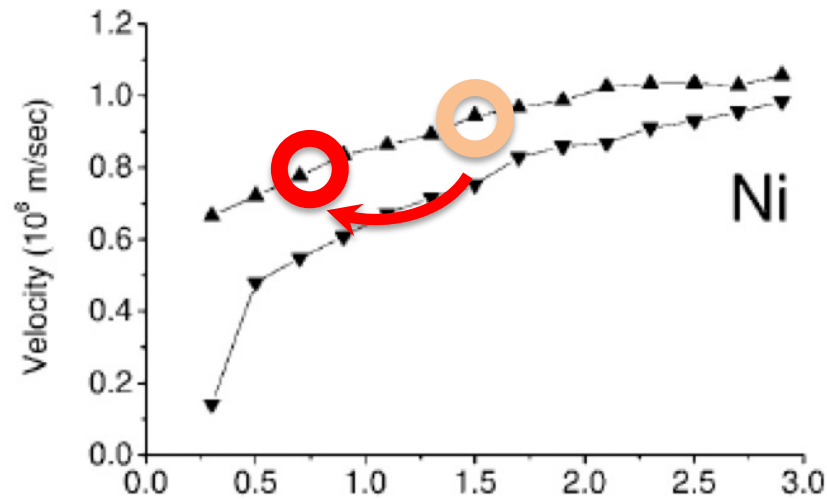
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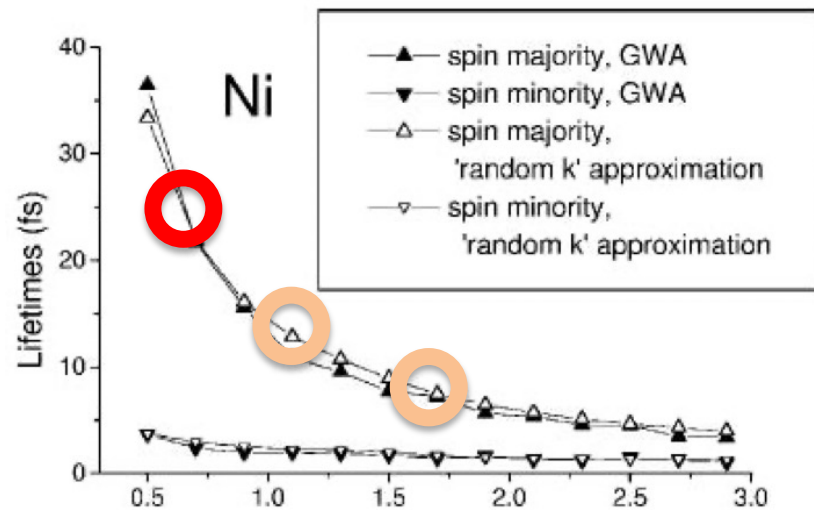
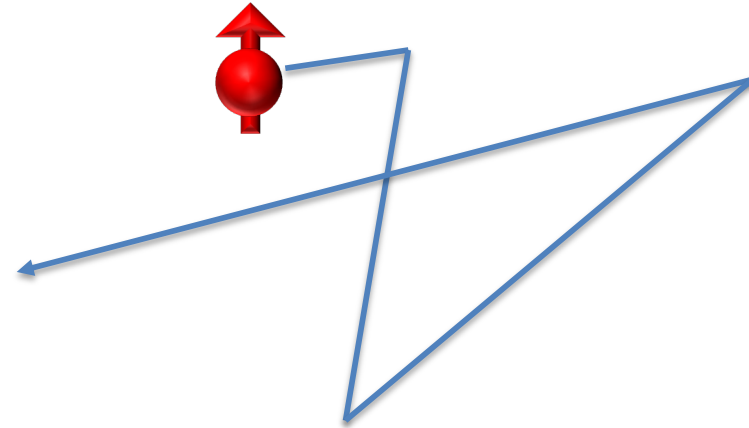
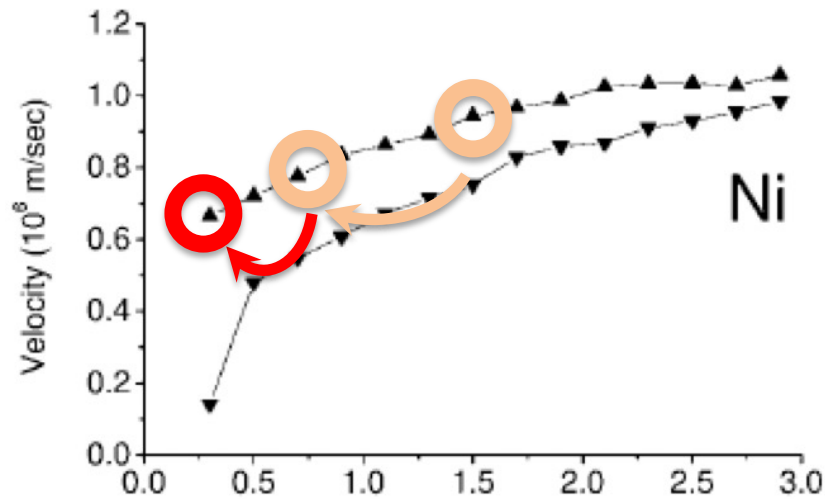
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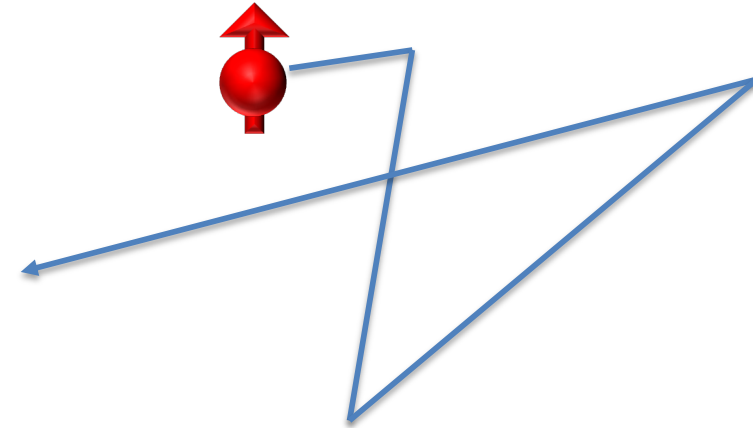
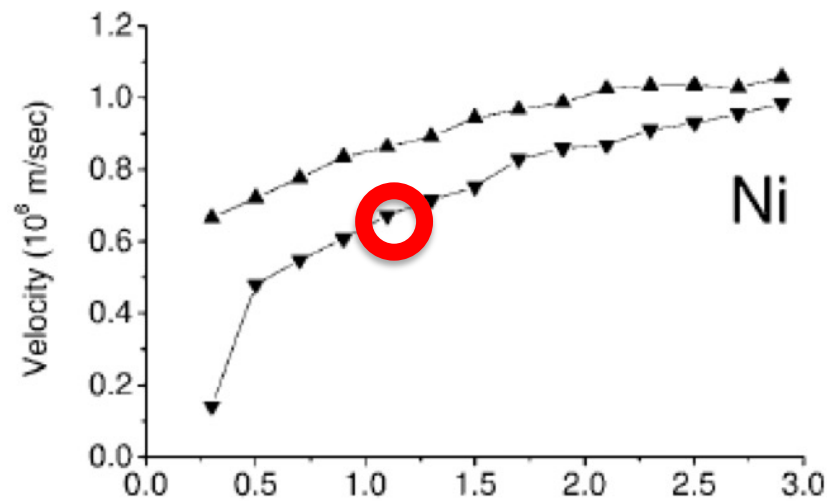
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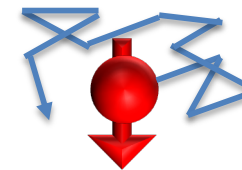
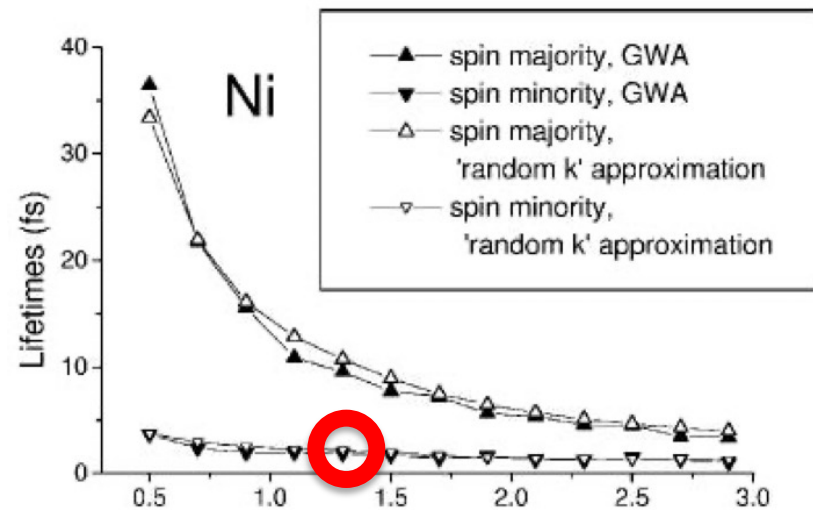
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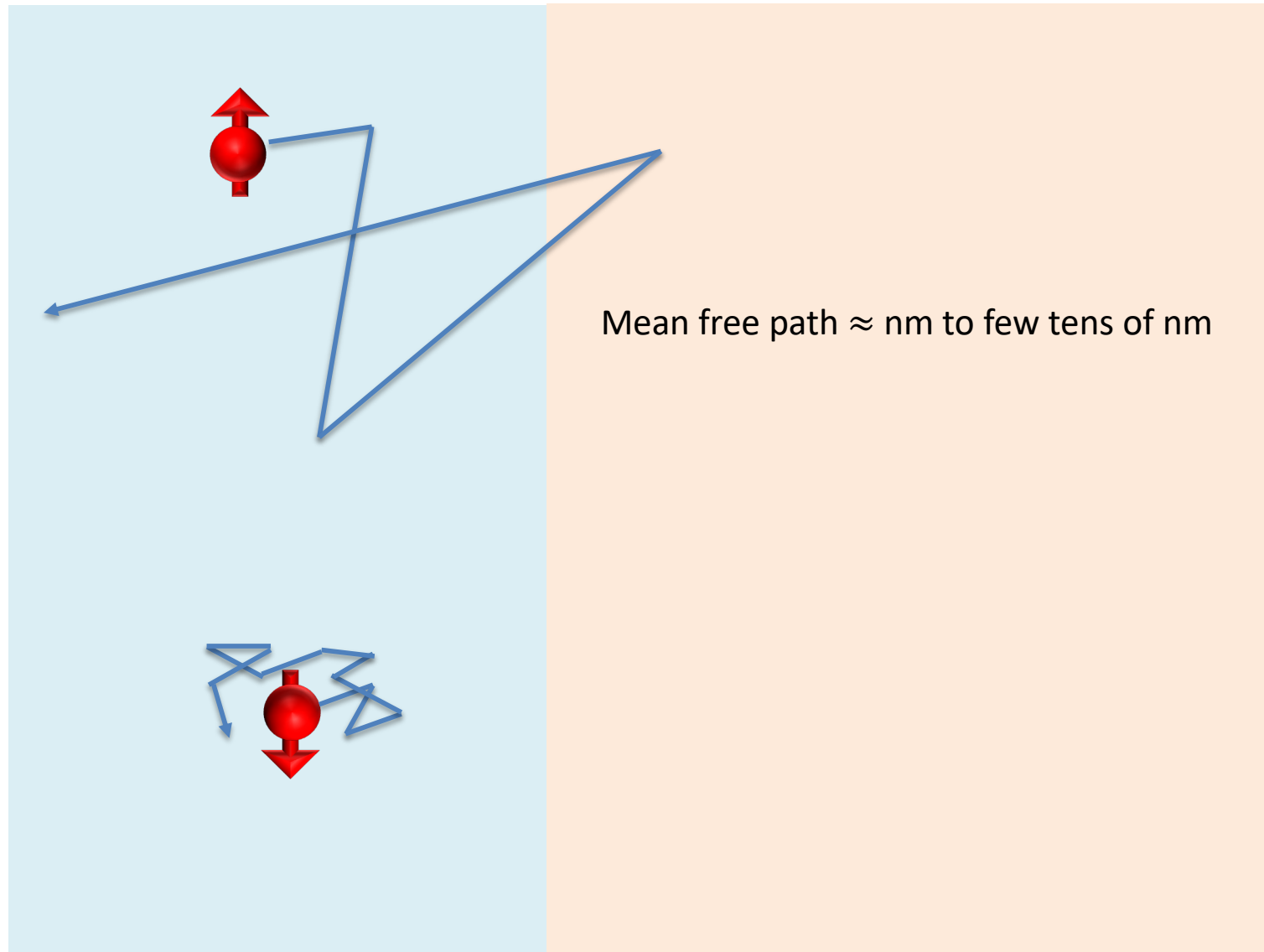
Superdiffusive regime -> efficient



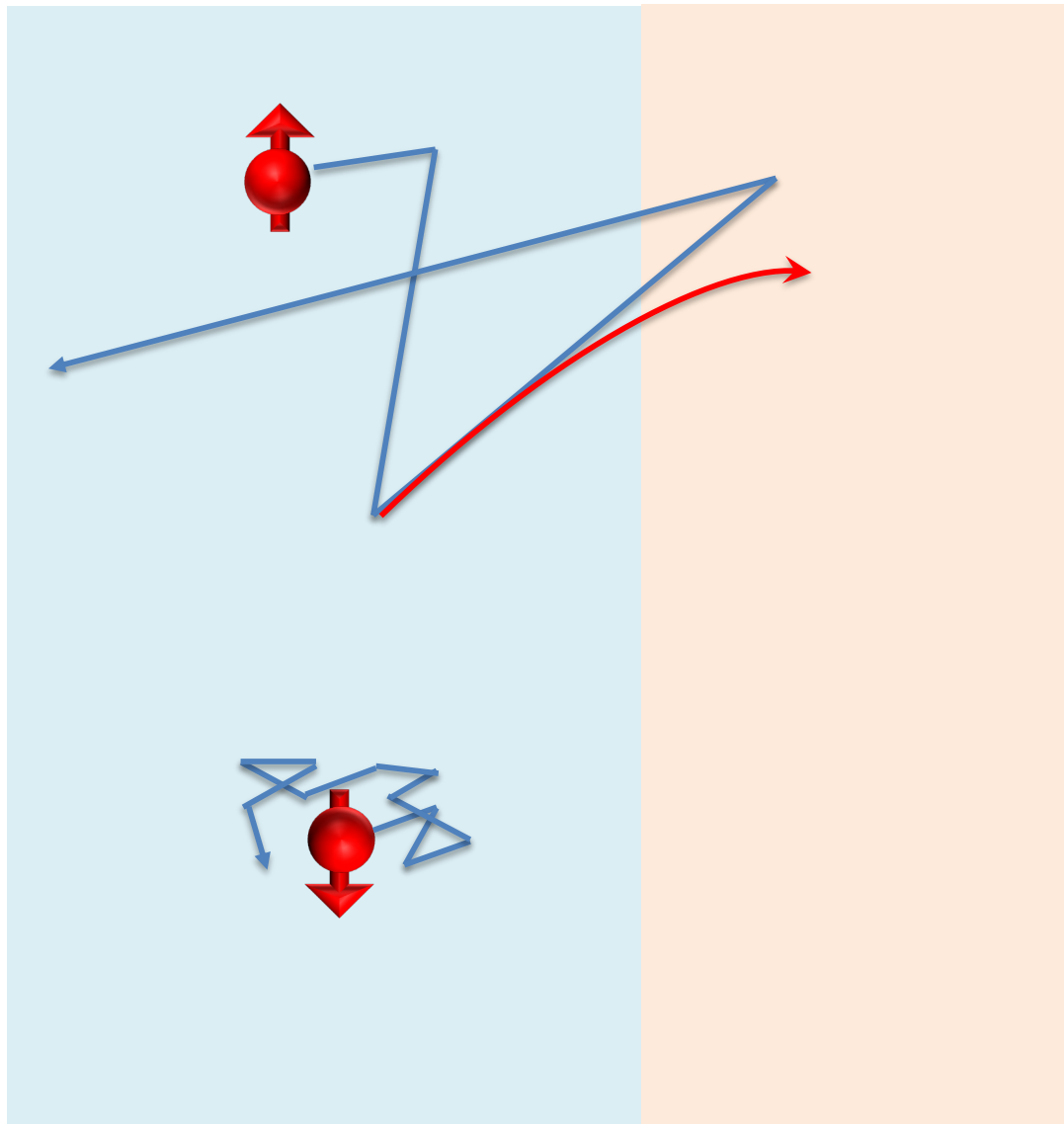
Close to the diffusive regime -> inefficient



Diffusion regimes



What about drift?



Group velocity
 $\approx 0.1-1 \text{ nm/fs}$
 $\approx 0.1-1 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m/s}$

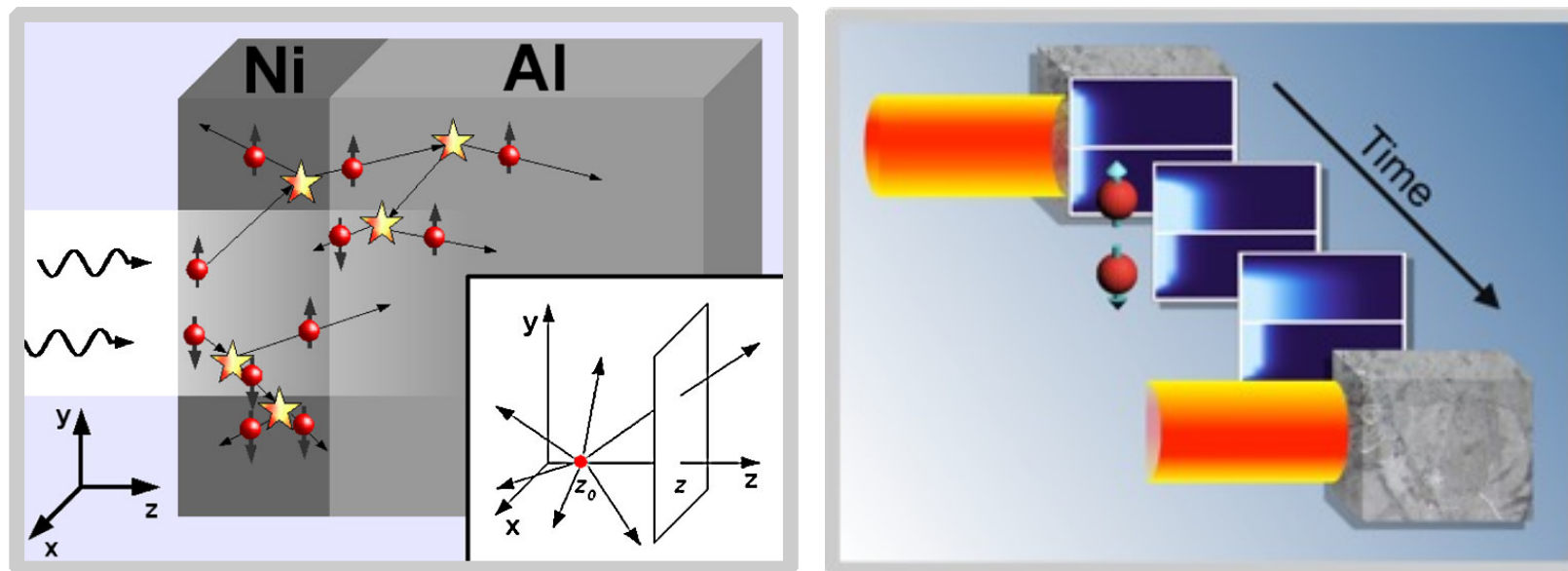
Typical mobility
 $\approx 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{V s}$

To have drift velocities
comparable to group velocities
we need electric fields of
 $\approx 0.1-1 \text{ V/nm}$



Superdiffusive spin transport

Simplistically, majority carriers diffuse more efficiently than minority carriers and therefore there is a net spin diffusion away from the excited area.



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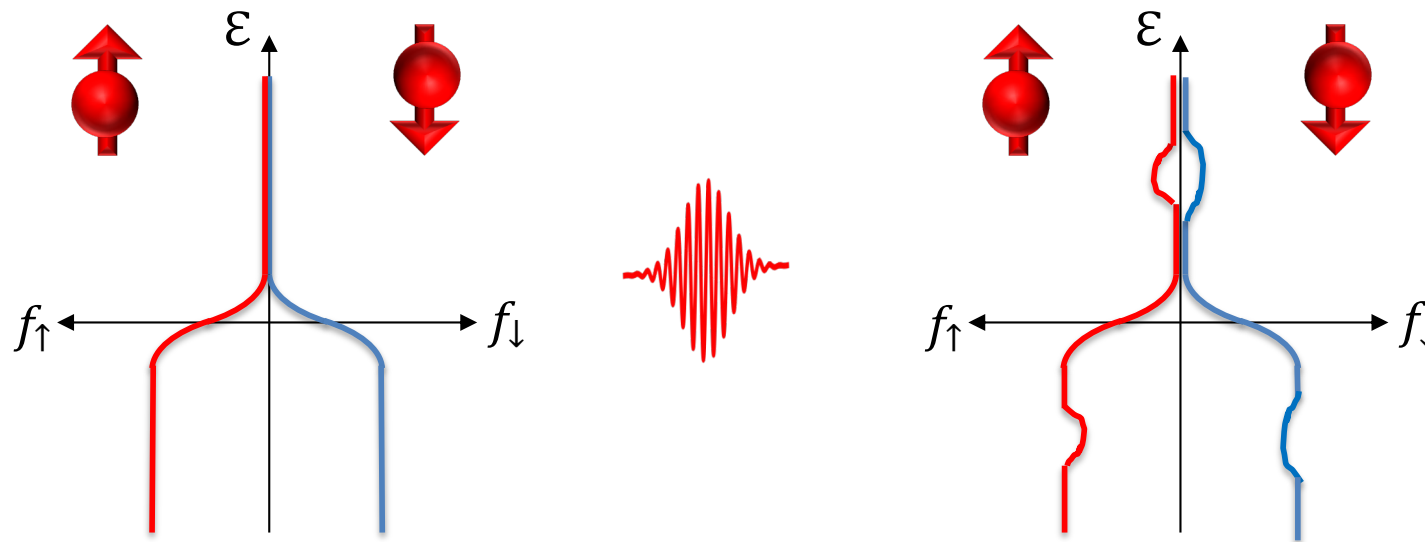
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Superdiffusive spin transport: energy

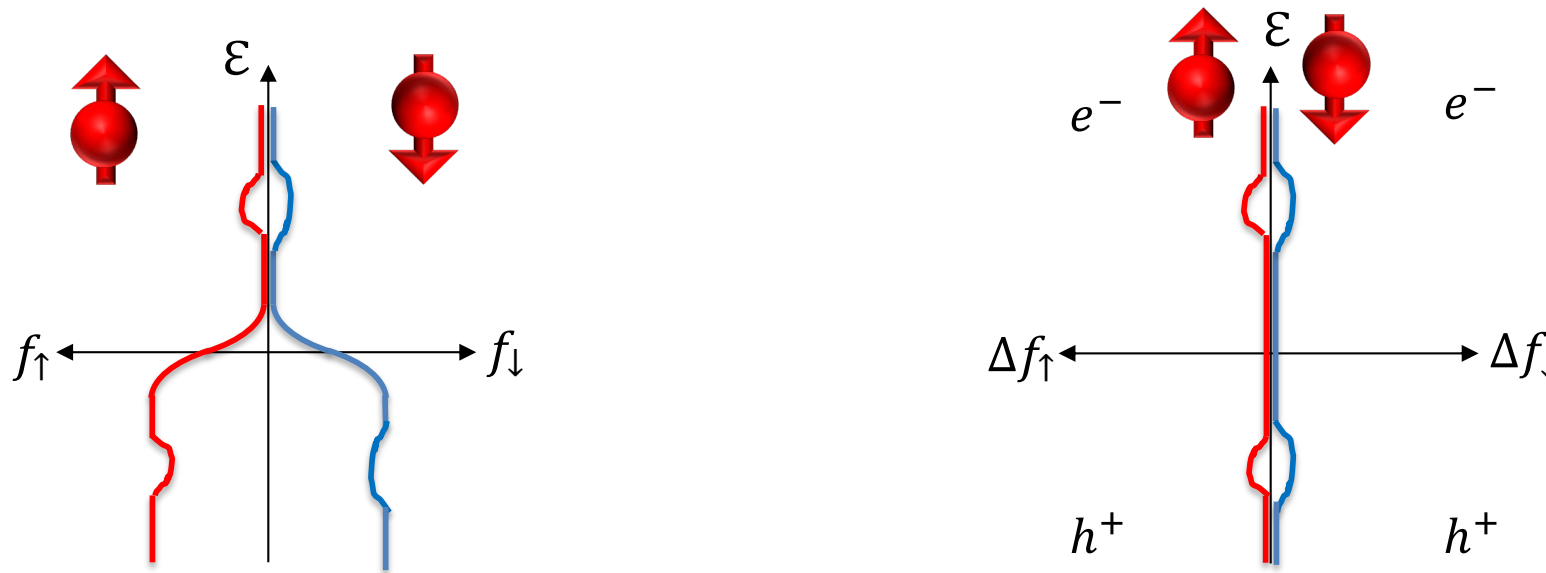
Carriers are excited at several energies (and their energy changes during thermalization).
The question is: what are the most effective energies contributing to the spin transport?

After the laser excitation, carriers in both spin channels are excited



Superdiffusive spin transport: energy

Let us display only the excitation's population (since we know that the transport of the equilibrium population integrates to zero)

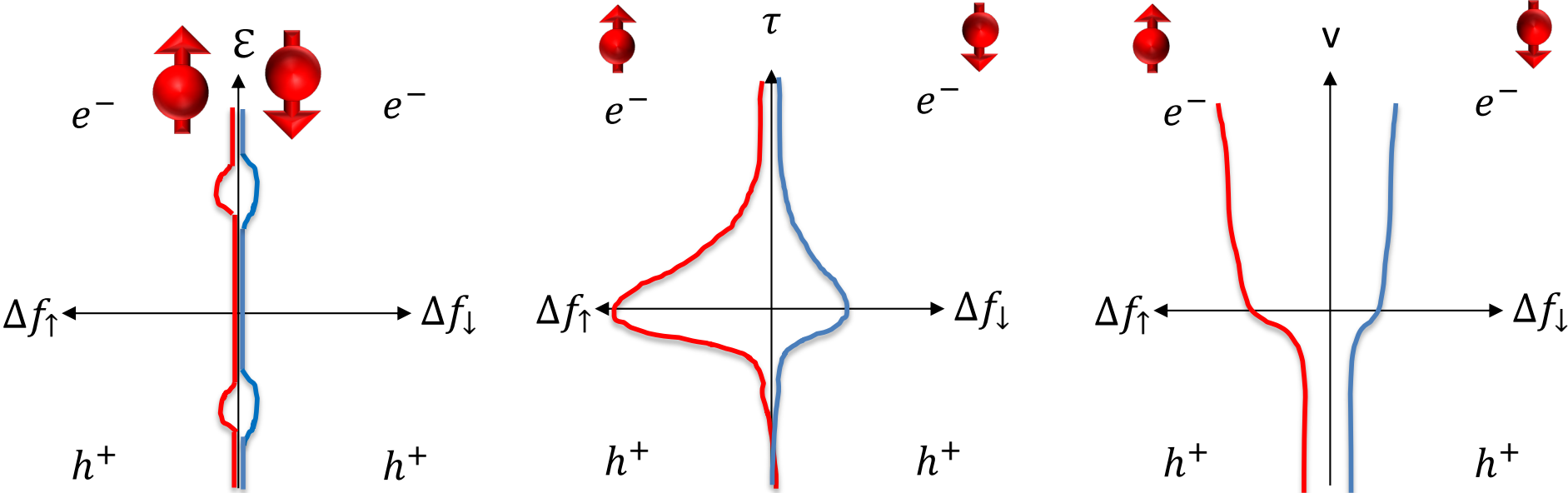


Both excited electrons and holes undergo diffusion
Careful since spin up holes carry spin down



Superdiffusive spin transport: energy

How do they behave?



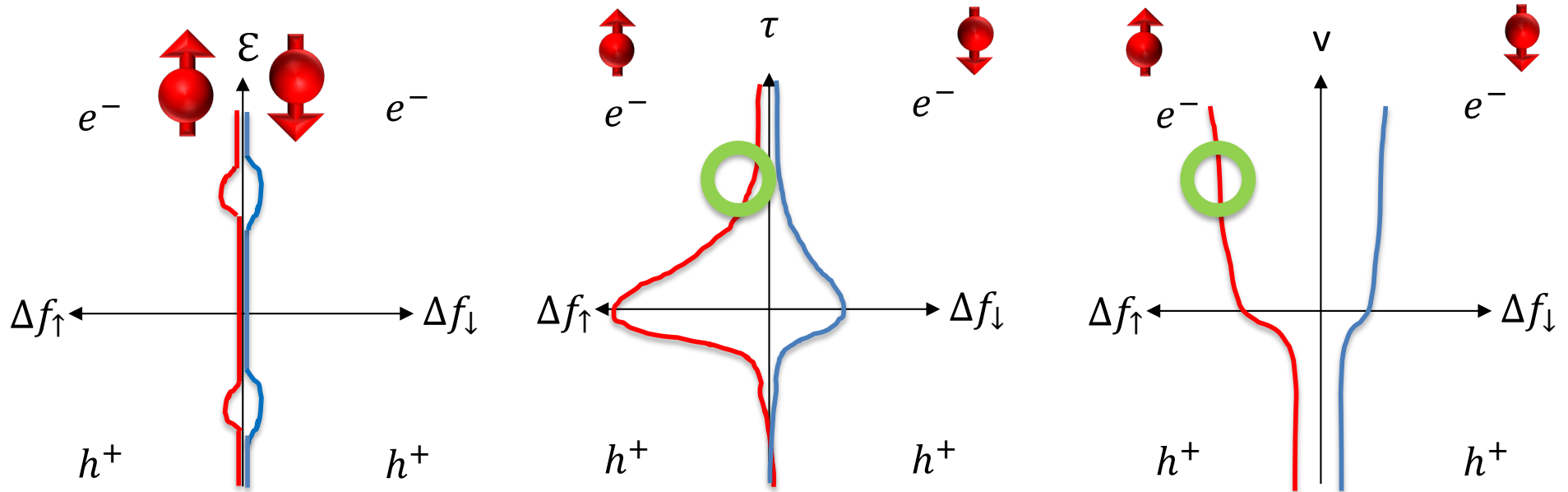
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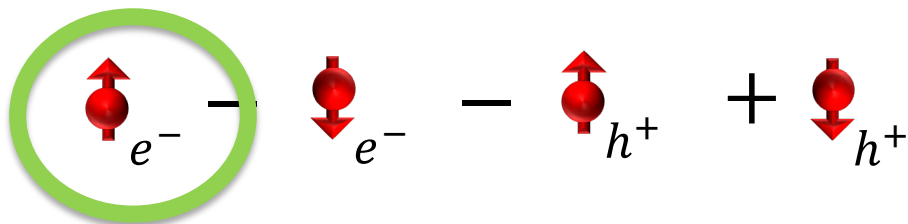


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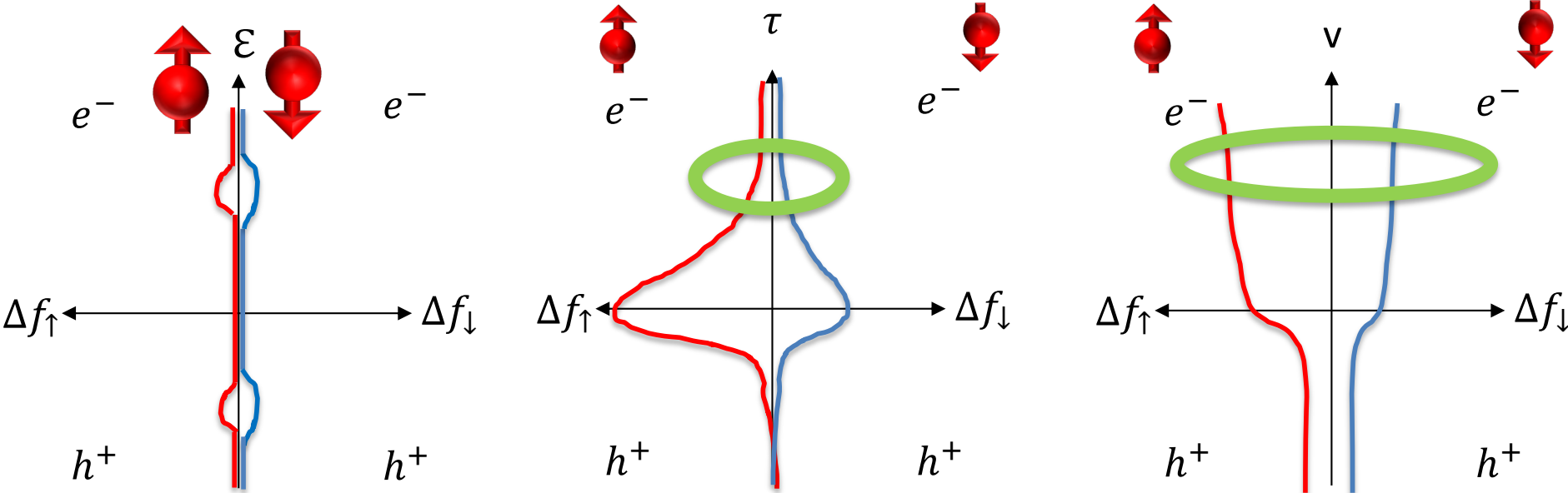


At high energy, the lifetimes are short,
 → the mean free paths are short
 → transport closer to standard diffusion
 → inefficient transport



Superdiffusive spin transport: energy

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$$\left(\uparrow e^- - \downarrow e^- \right) - \uparrow h^+ + \downarrow h^+$$

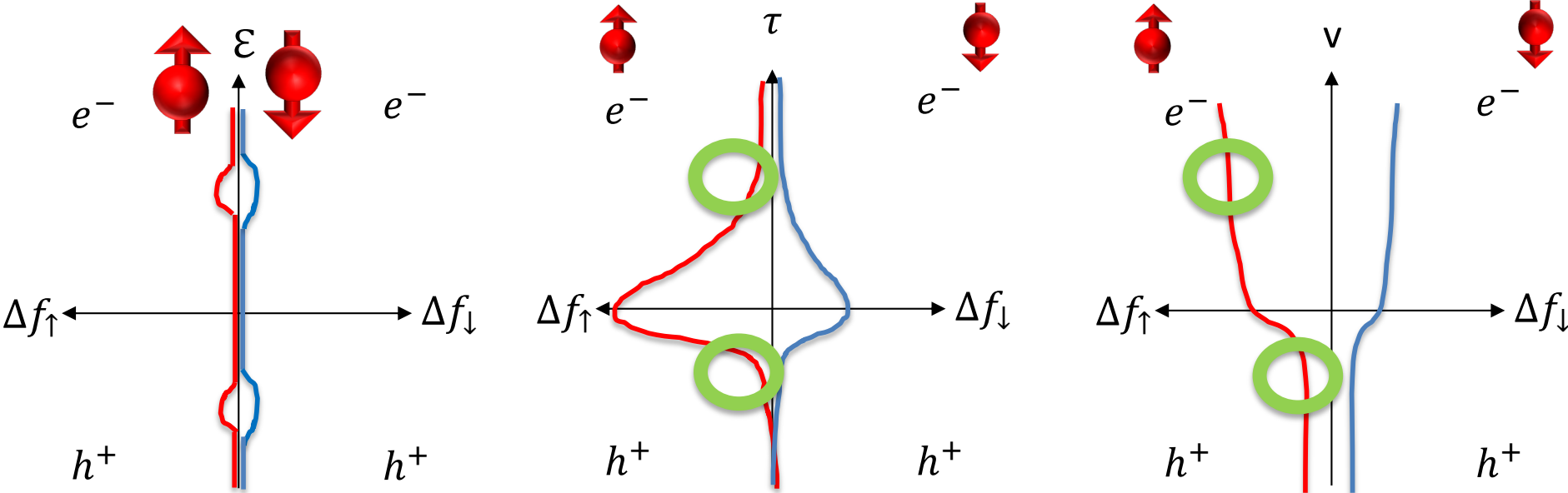
The diagram shows the net spin transport equation. On the left, a green oval encloses the difference between spin-up and spin-down electrons ($\uparrow e^- - \downarrow e^-$). This is followed by a minus sign and the difference between spin-up and spin-down holes ($\uparrow h^+ - \downarrow h^+$).

Where the maximal asymmetry is located usually depends on the ferromagnet



Superdiffusive spin transport: energy

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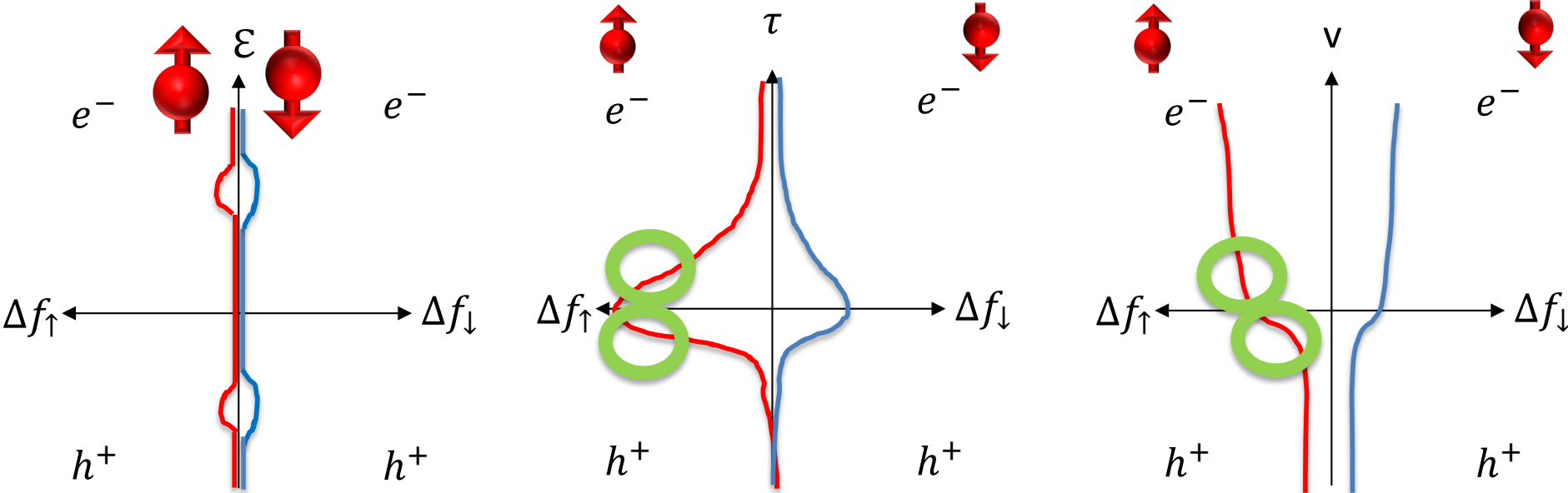
The equation shows the net spin transport as the difference between spin-up and spin-down electrons, minus the difference between spin-up and spin-down holes. The terms $\uparrow e^-$ and $\uparrow h^+$ are circled in green.

Usually holes considerably slower and/or much shorter lifetimes, except...

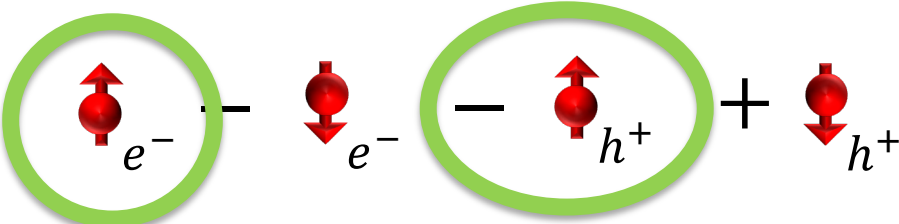


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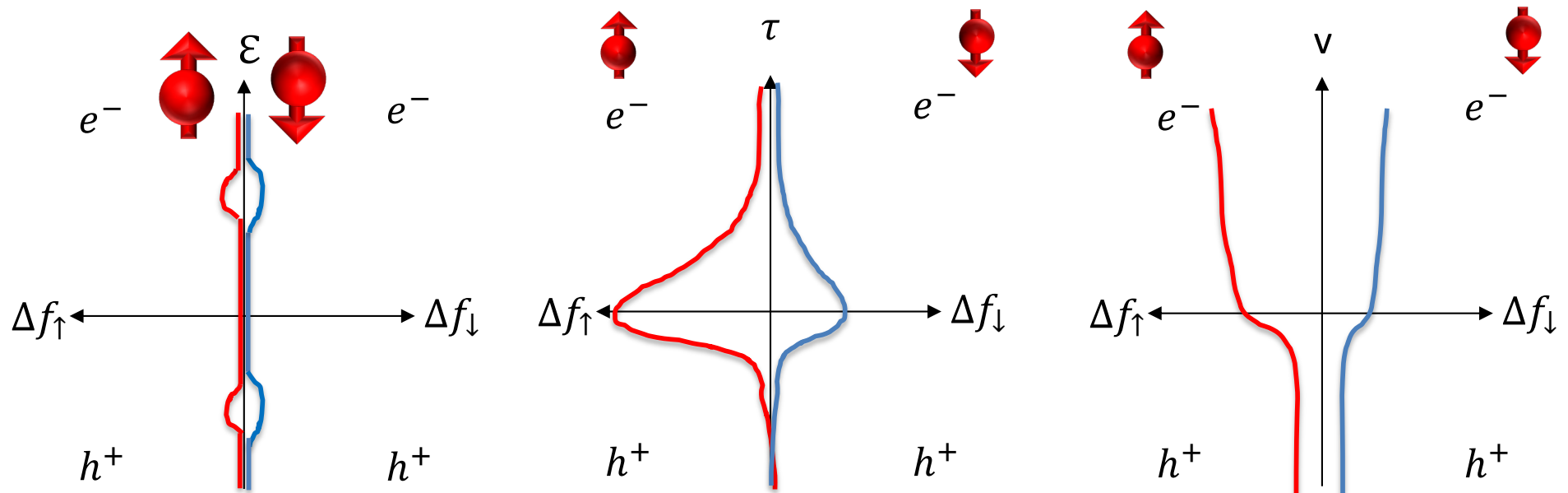


The net spin transport is



Usually holes considerably slower and/or much shorter lifetimes, except... when both electrons and holes are close to the Fermi level, then their transport cancels

Superdiffusive spin transport: energy



The states that contribute the most to the spin diffusion are at relatively low energies: high energies have too short lifetimes and their transport is inefficient
(Notice that only a theoretical treatment that can describe superdiffusion can account for this difference)

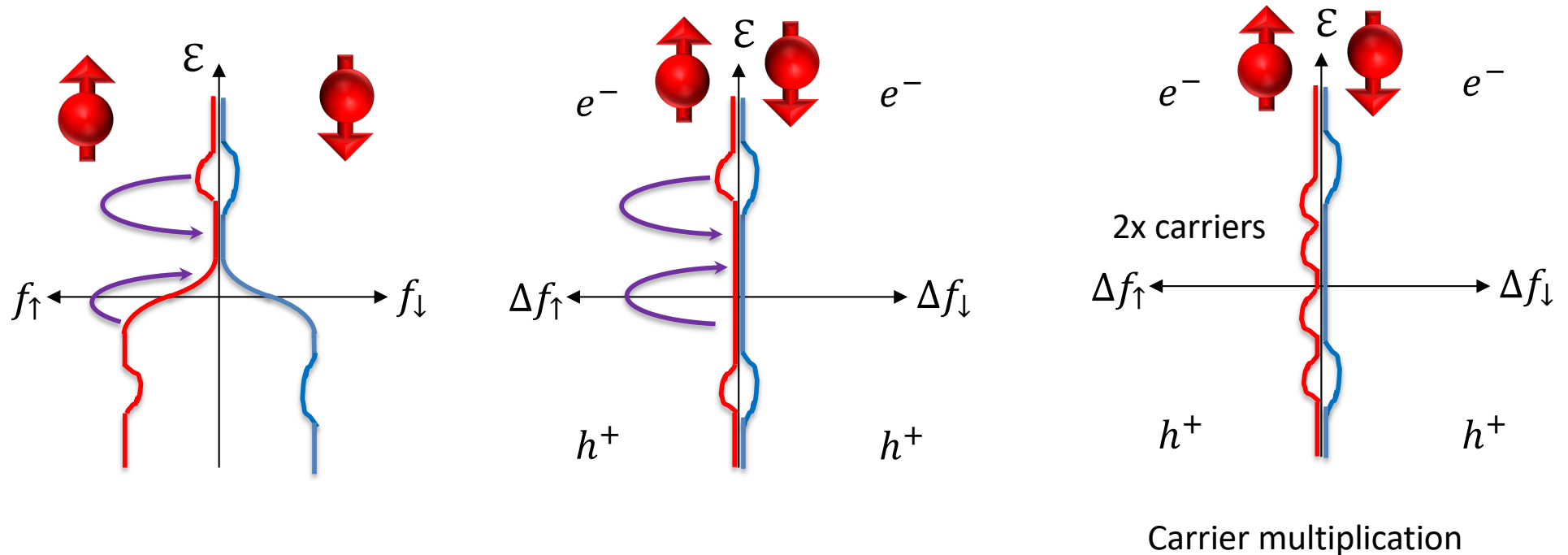
However, the energies should not be too low because in that case electron and hole transport cancel each other

But there is another even more important effect that gives low energies an advantage...



Superdiffusive spin transport: energy

When an excitation scatters with other electrons



During thermalization to each photon corresponds a single high energy excitation and many low energy excitations

Meaning that relatively low energy excitations (but not too low), not only are more efficient in producing spin diffusion, but they are also much more numerous



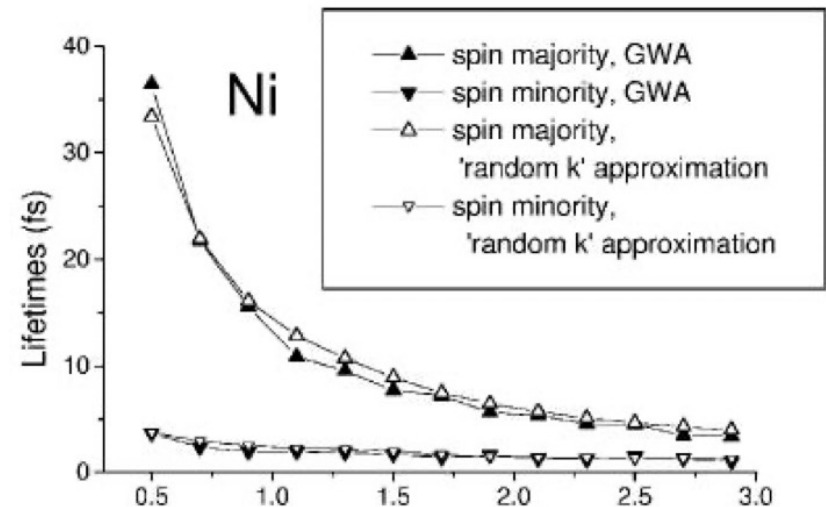
Superdiffusive spin transport: timescale

We are now in a slightly better position to estimate the timescales that are relevant to the superdiffusive spin transport.

For thermalization typically several scattering events are needed.

Therefore, different energies can be thought to thermalize with different speeds.

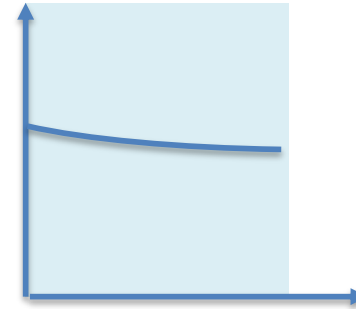
Since the most important energy scale is the low energy one, we expect the population within that energy to be different from a Fermi–Dirac for few hundreds of fs.



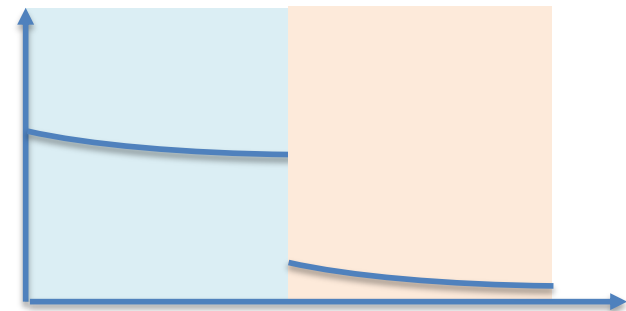
Superdiffusive spin transport: common misconceptions

What drives the directionality?

Except for very thick samples, the laser excitation profile is usually rather flat within a given layer (because of multiple reflections)



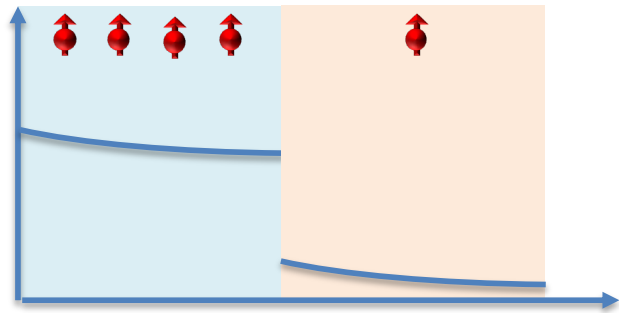
On the other hand, if there are different layers (with very different refractive indices) the absorption profile can be strongly non uniform...



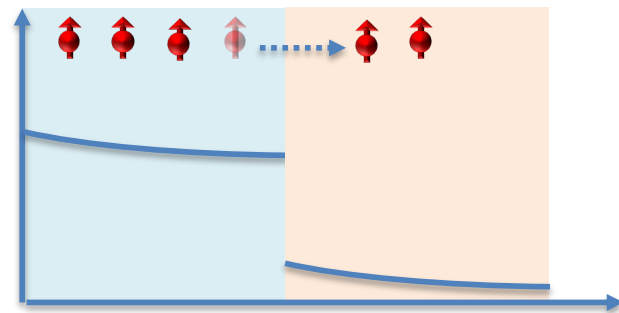
However, that is way less important than what one might think at first.
Let's understand why



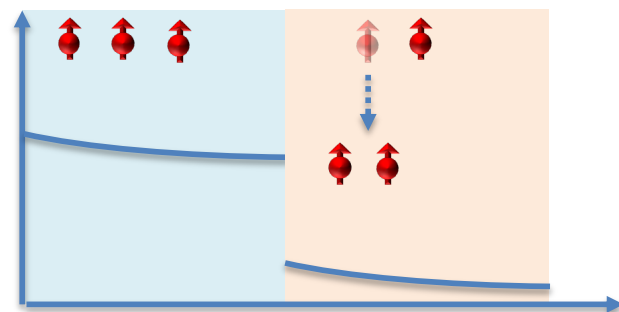
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The initial high energy excitation is surely very non uniform, however...



As the excitations diffuse and enter the other layer...



When they scatter, they act as source of lower energy carriers (which more importantly produce transport) and so on.

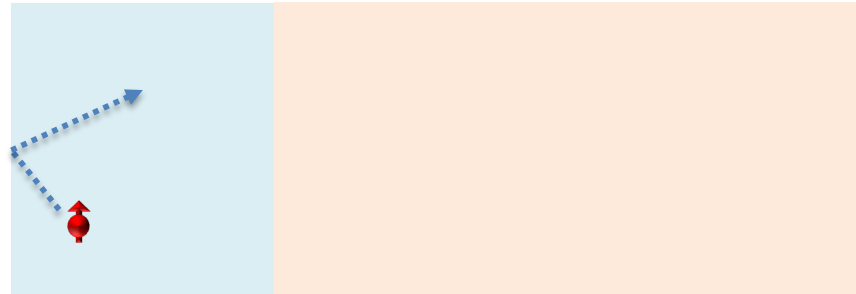
Secondary excitations make the excitation profile more uniform, compared to what one might think at first



Superdiffusive spin transport: directionality

Where does the directionality come from?

Interfaces with vacuum



Different transport properties in
different materials (differently for
different spin channels)



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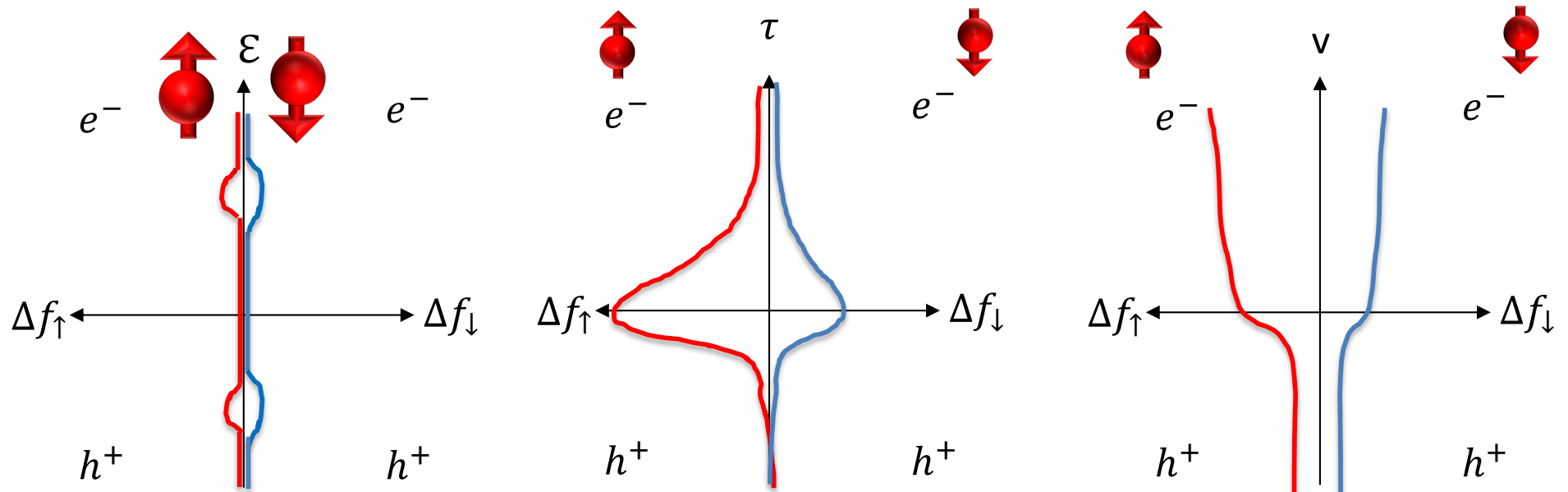
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Superdiffusive spin transport: Charge current

One last important point: charge current



The net spin transport is

$$\uparrow e^- - \downarrow e^- - \uparrow h^+ + \downarrow h^+$$

The net charge transport is

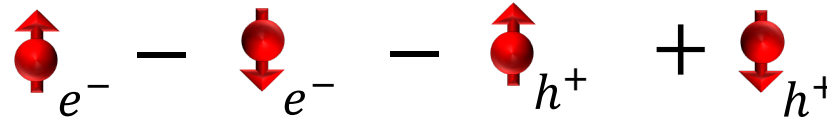
$$- \uparrow e^- - \downarrow e^- + \uparrow h^+ + \downarrow h^+$$



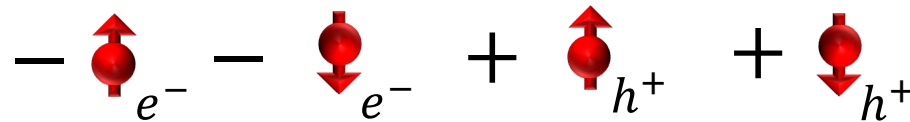
Superdiffusive spin transport: Charge current

This means that there is indeed an associated charge current

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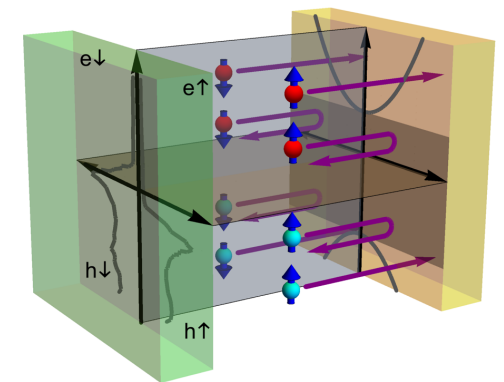


The net charge transport is



It must be taken into account, since it generates electric fields that impact the transport. In metals, the carriers will try and screen the generated electric fields (and carry their spin while they move!!!)

To a first approximation, for low excitations, one can anyway expect that the majority of the screening is done by carriers around the Fermi energy. In most cases, this will lead to an enhancement of the spin current compared to what one might get neglecting the effect of the charge currents.



See E. Chia's talk

The effect becomes even more important when semiconductors are involved

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Boltzmann + Maxwell system

**Electronic
population**

$$f_{n,\sigma}[t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}]$$

**Electromagnetic
field**

$$\mathbf{E}[t, \mathbf{x}]$$

$$\mathbf{B}[t, \mathbf{x}]$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f + \frac{e}{\hbar} \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{\text{sc}} - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{\text{ex}} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \rho$$

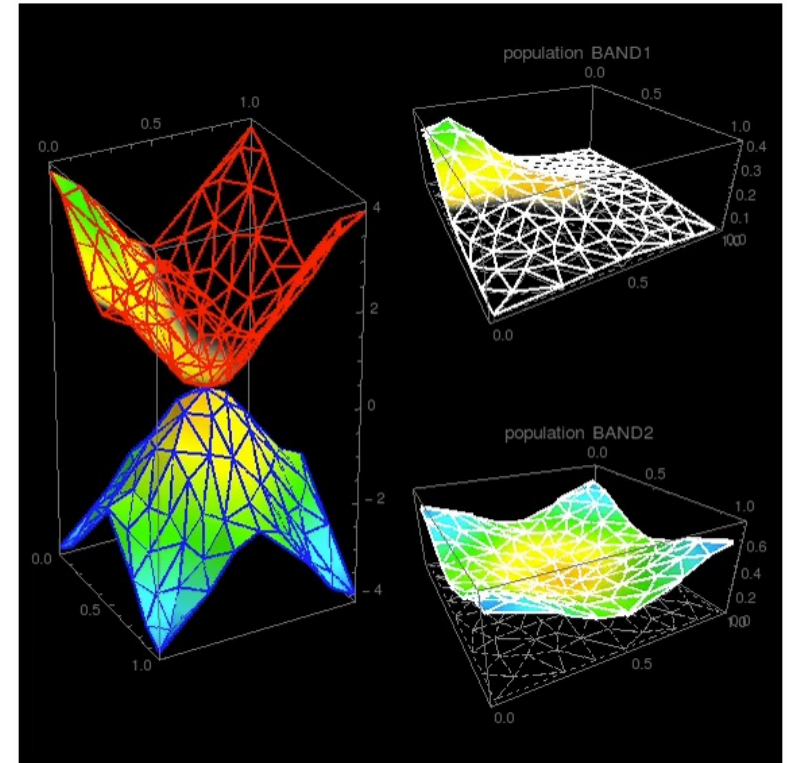
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu} = \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \epsilon \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\rho[t, \mathbf{x}] = -\frac{e}{(2\pi)^3} \int f[t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}] d\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{j}[t, \mathbf{x}] = -\frac{e}{(2\pi)^3 \hbar} \int \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \mathbf{k}} f[t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}] d\mathbf{k}$$



Boltzmann equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \left[\frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f + \frac{e}{\hbar} \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f \right] - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{\text{sc}} - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{\text{ex}} = 0$$

1+1+3 dimensional problem: not cheap, but can be handled

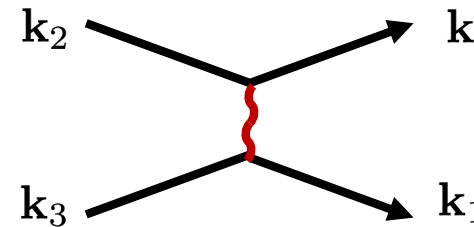
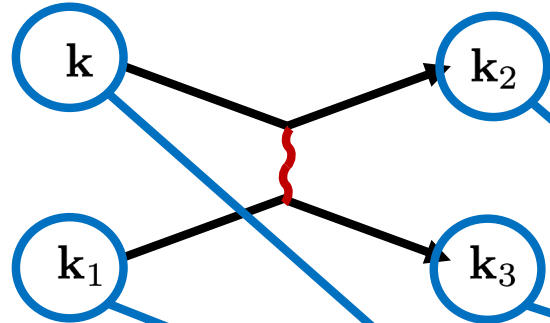
Runge Kutta Discontinuous Galerkin

- Unstructured meshes
- Arbitrarily high order of convergence (depending on max polynomial power)
- Mass, energy and momentum conserving
- High stability in presence of shocks



Boltzmann equation

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$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{\text{col}}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) =$$

$$\int d\mathbf{k}_1 d\mathbf{k}_2 d\mathbf{k}_3 W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) \left[(1 - f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k})) (1 - f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_1)) f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_2) f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_3) + \right. \\ \left. - f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_1) (1 - f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_2)) (1 - f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_3)) \right]$$

$$W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) =$$

$$= \sum_{\mathbf{G}} w(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) \underbrace{\delta(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{G})}_{\text{k-conservation (umklapp)}} \underbrace{\delta(\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}_1) - \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}_2) - \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}_3))}_{\text{energy-conservation}}$$

k-conservation
(umklapp)

energy-conservation



Scattering term

$$S_{ijklm} = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} \int d\mathbf{k} d\mathbf{k}_1 d\mathbf{k}_2 d\mathbf{k}_3$$
$$\left(w(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) \cdot \right.$$
$$\delta(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{G}) \delta(\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}_1) - \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}_2) - \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}_3)) \cdot$$
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- 5 dimensional tensor: number of entries is N^5
(400 basis functions $\rightarrow 10^{13}$ integrals to calculate and 10TB to load in memory)



Scattering term

$$S_{ijklm} = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} \int d\mathbf{k} d\mathbf{k}_1 d\mathbf{k}_2 d\mathbf{k}_3 \left(w(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) \cdot \delta(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{G}) \delta(\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}_1) - \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}_2) - \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}_3)) \cdot b_i(\mathbf{k}) b_j(\mathbf{k}) b_k(\mathbf{k}_1) b_l(\mathbf{k}_2) b_m(\mathbf{k}_3) \right)$$

- 5 dimensional tensor: number of entries is N^5
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- 12 dimensional integral



Scattering term

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- Dirac deltas inside the integral



Scattering term

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(400 basis functions $\rightarrow 10^{13}$ integrals to calculate and 10TB to load in memory)
- 12 dimensional integral
- Dirac deltas inside the integral
- Failure to integrate to extreme precision leads to breaking of particle, energy and momentum conservation



Scattering term

Usually used approaches to bypass the problem

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}\right)_{col}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) = \int d\mathbf{k}_1 d\mathbf{k}_2 d\mathbf{k}_3 W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) \left[(1 - f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k})) \cancel{(1 - f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_1))} f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_2) \cancel{f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_3)} + \right. \\ \left. - f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) \cancel{f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_1)} (1 - f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_2)) \cancel{(1 - f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_3))} \right]$$

- Only electron-phonon scatterings included (phonons treated as bath)



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- Only electron-phonon scatterings included (phonons treated as bath)
- Close to equilibrium approximation
- Low (electron or hole) population



Scattering term

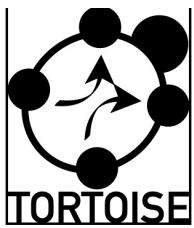
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- Only electron-phonon scatterings included (phonons treated as bath)
- Close to equilibrium approximation
- Low (electron or hole) population
- Relaxation time approximation





Strongly out-of-equilibrium thermalisation and transport

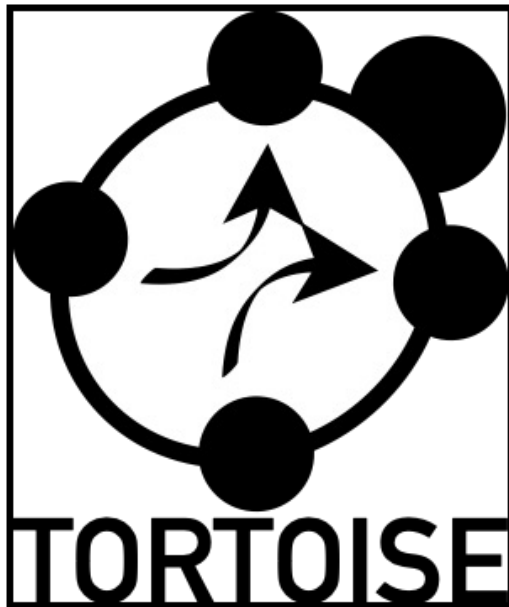
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Boltzmann
equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_k \varepsilon \cdot \nabla_x f - \frac{e}{\hbar} E \cdot \nabla_k f + \left(\frac{df}{dt} \right)_{scatt}$$

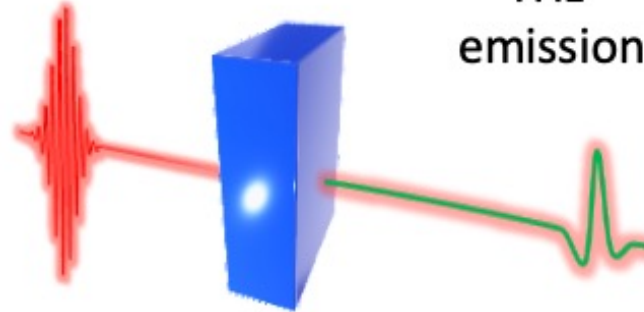


- No close to equilibrium assumptions
- No fixed population assumptions
- Any number of quasiparticles and bands
- Arbitrary dispersion (dispersion as input)
- Any number of scattering channels
- Scattering channels with 2, 3, and 4 legs (soon >4)
- Arbitrary scattering amplitude (required as input)
- Excellent scaling with precision
- Exact conservation of particle, energy and momentum



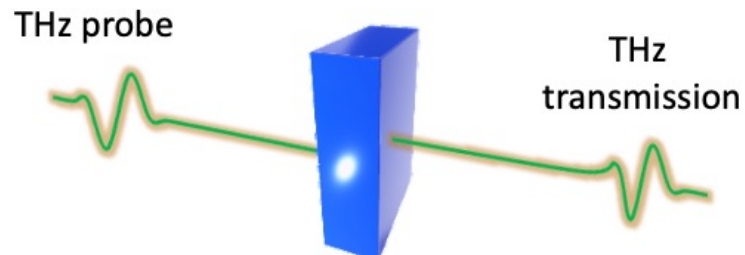
THz from and through excited materials

Excitation pulse

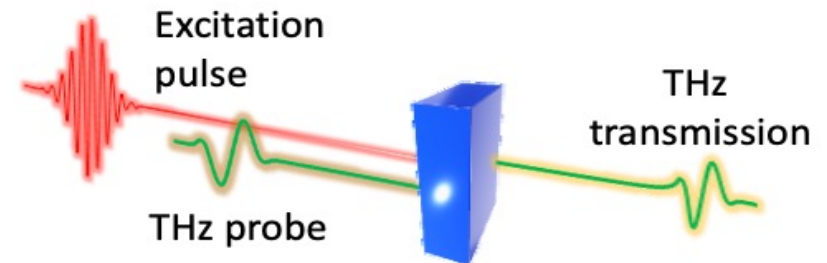


THz emission

THz time-domain spectroscopy

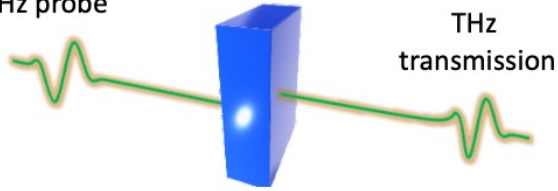


Time-resolved THz spectroscopy



THz time-domain spectroscopy

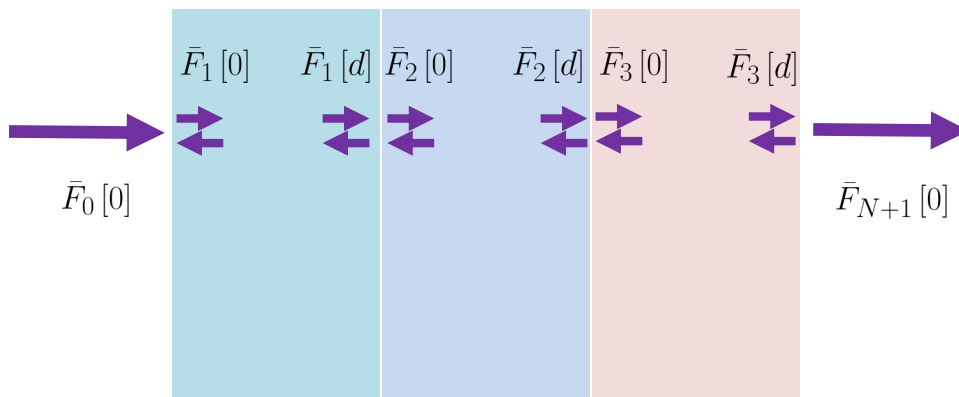
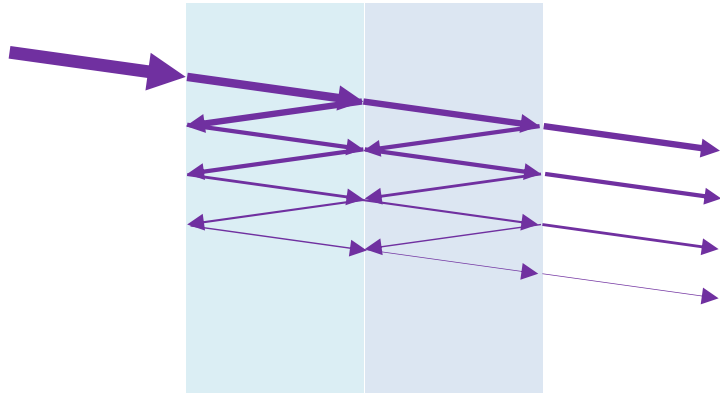
THz probe



THz transmission

THz through non exited multilayers

Transfer Matrix Method (TMM)



$$\partial_z E[z, t] = \mu \partial_t H[z, t]$$

$$\partial_z H[z, t] = \epsilon \partial_t E[z, t]$$

Maxwell's equations

$$E[z, t] = f^>[t]e^{ikz} + f^<[t]e^{-ikz}$$

$$H[z, t] = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} f^>[t]e^{ikz} - \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} f^<[t]e^{-ikz}$$

$$\bar{F}[\omega, z] = a[\omega, z] \bar{f}[\omega]$$

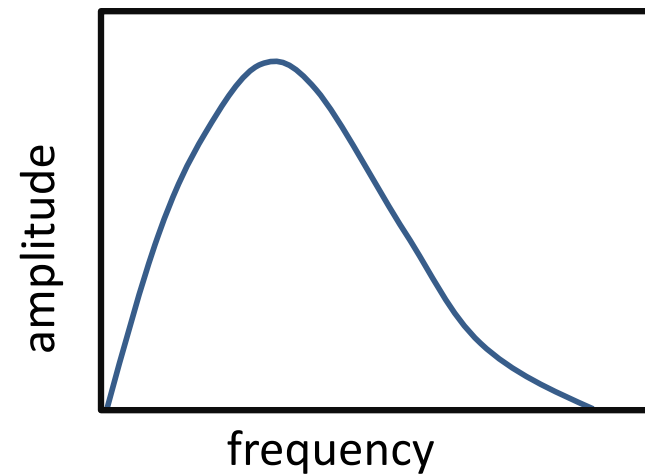
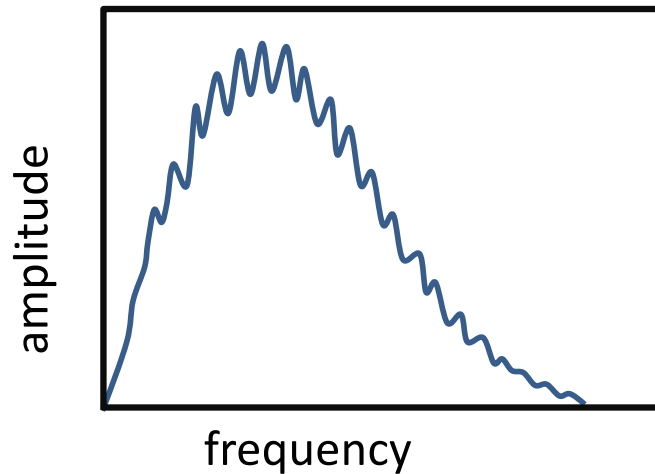
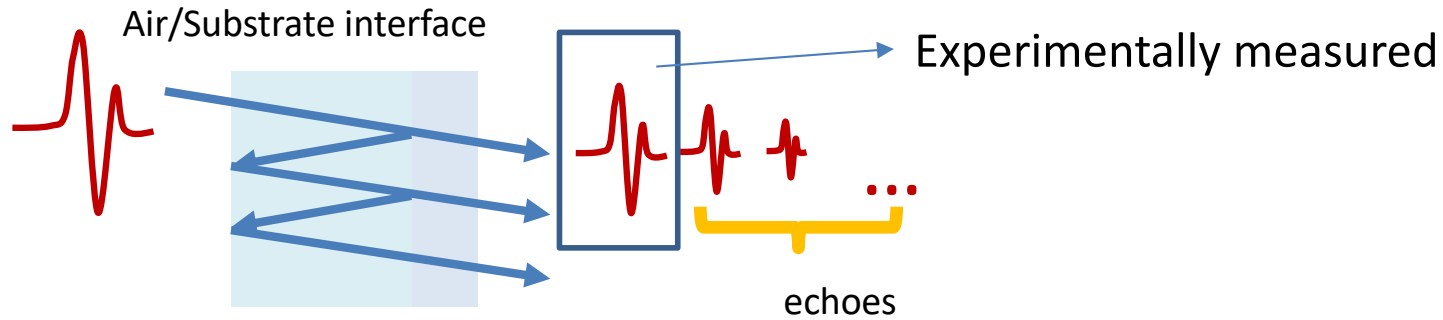
$$\bar{f}_{N+1} = (a_{N+1}[0])^{-1} \left(\prod_{j=N}^1 M_j[d_j] \right) a_0[0] \bar{f}_0 = T_{[0, N+1]} \bar{f}_0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{N+1}^> \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = T_{[0, N+1]} \begin{bmatrix} f_0^> \\ f_0^< \end{bmatrix}$$



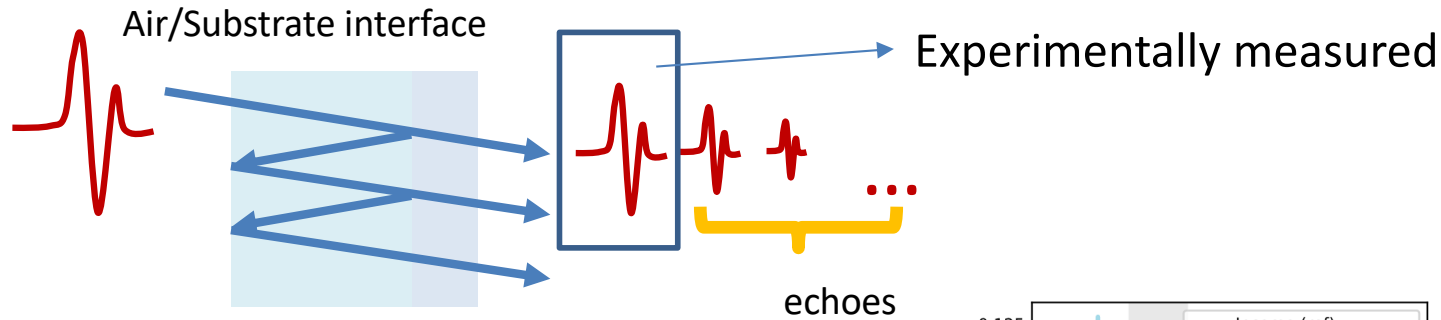
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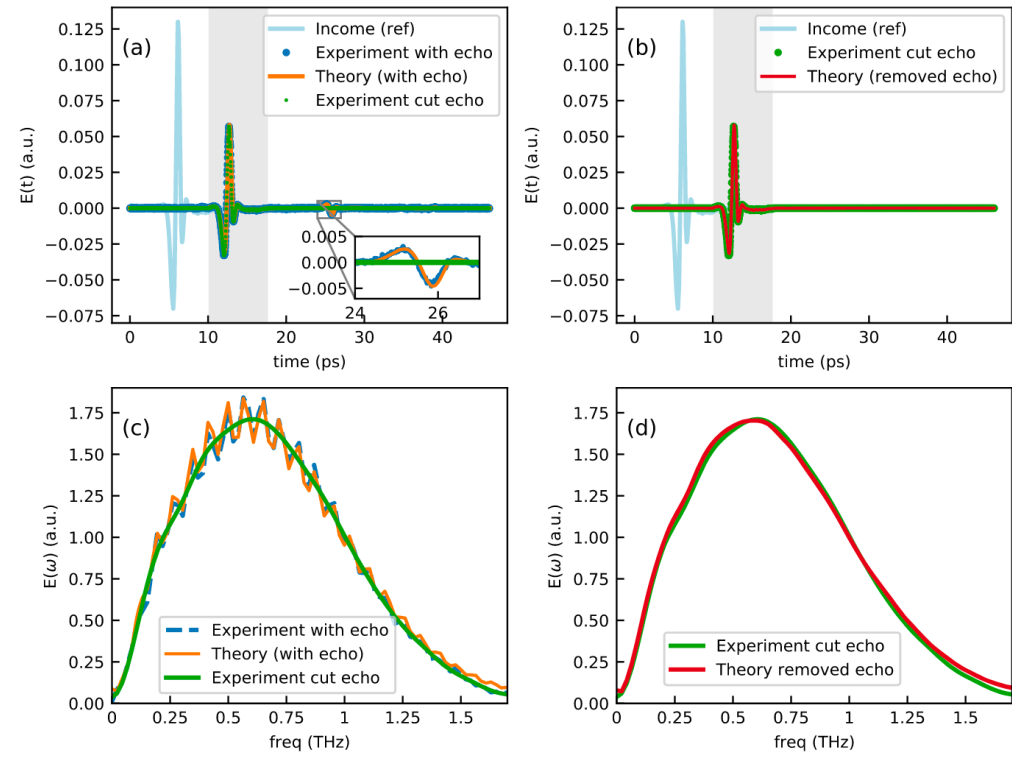
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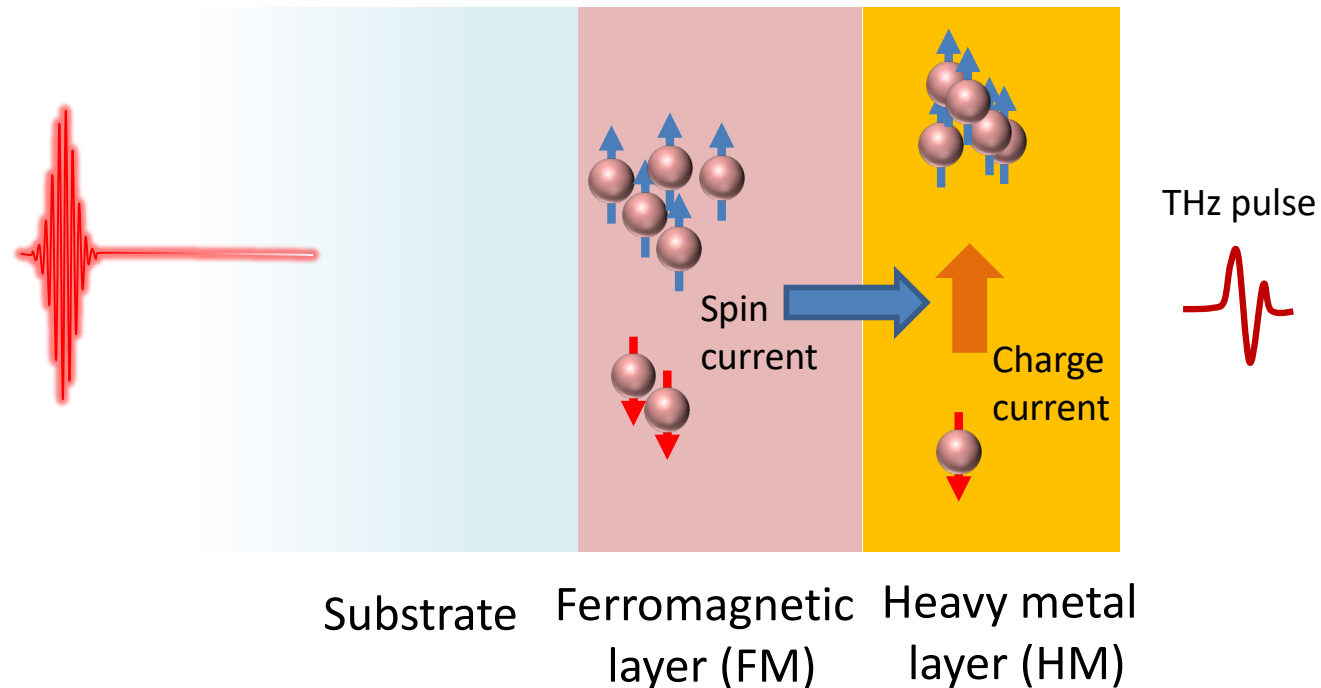


$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{N+1}^{>\text{no echo}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = T_{[S,N+1]} \begin{bmatrix} f_S^{>*} \\ f_S^{<*} \end{bmatrix} = T_{[S,N+1]} \begin{bmatrix} t_{[0,S]} f_0^{>} \\ f_S^{<*} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_S^{>*} = t_{[0,S]} f_0^{>} \quad f_{N+1}^{>\text{no echo}} = t_{[0,S]} t_{[S,N+1]} f_0^{>}$$



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Stage1: Sample excitation

Stage2: Spin current generation

Stage3: Spin current injection to HM

Stage4: Spin to charge conversion

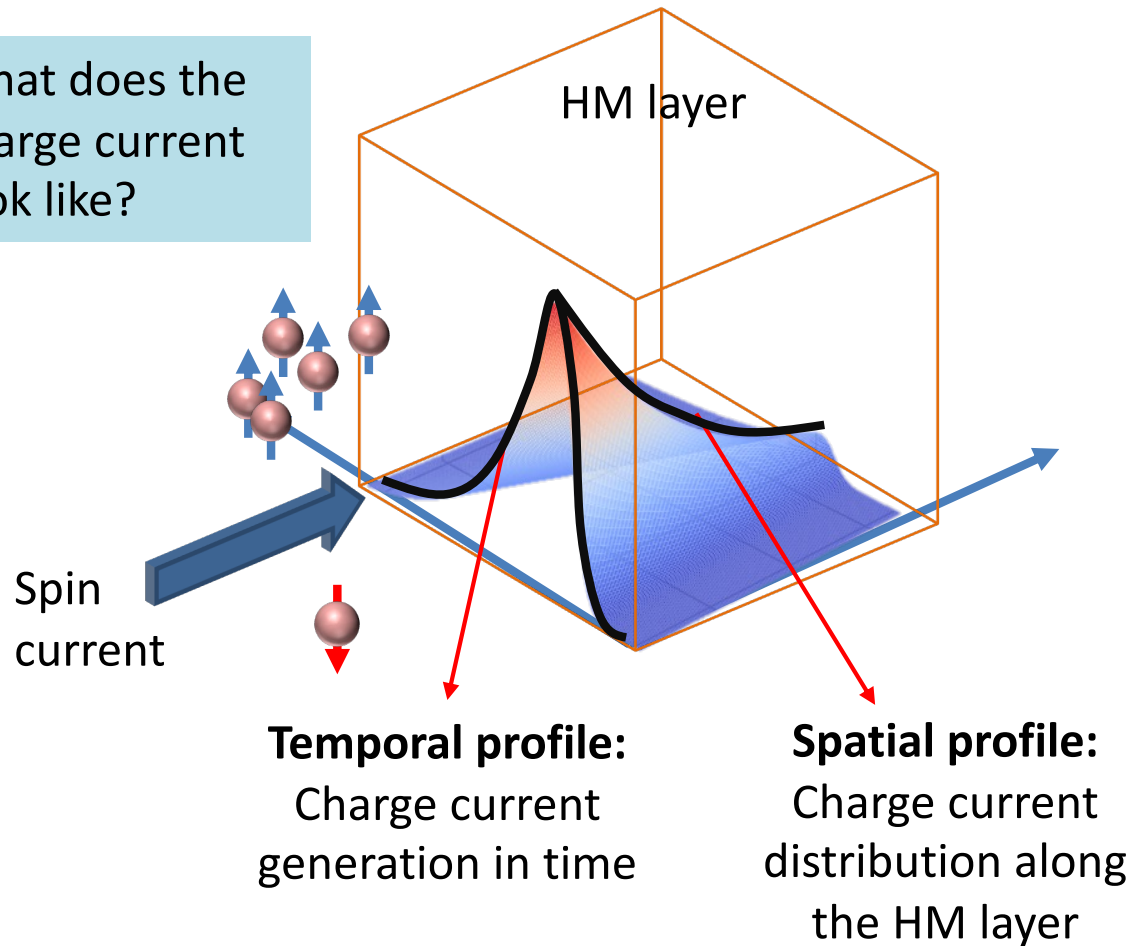
Stage5: THz emission from charge current

Stage6: THz propagation through the multilayer



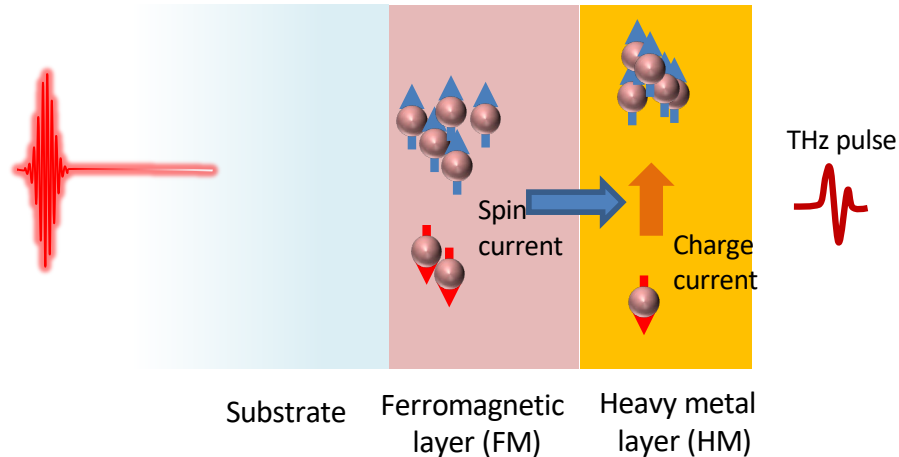
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What does the charge current look like?



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A. Pump laser absorption profile

$$Q_{\text{loss}} = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \oint_S (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

$$\Phi(z) = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} E[t, z]H[t, z]dt,$$

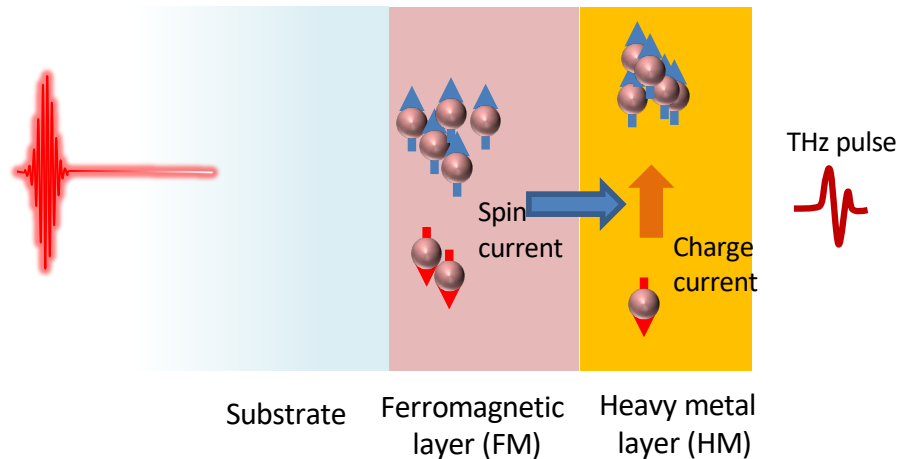
$$A_{\text{layer}} = \frac{Q_{\text{loss}}}{Q_{\text{in}}} = \frac{\Phi(z_0) - \Phi(z_0 + d)}{Q_{\text{in}}},$$

$$D(z) = - \frac{d(\Phi(z)/Q_{\text{in}})}{dz}.$$



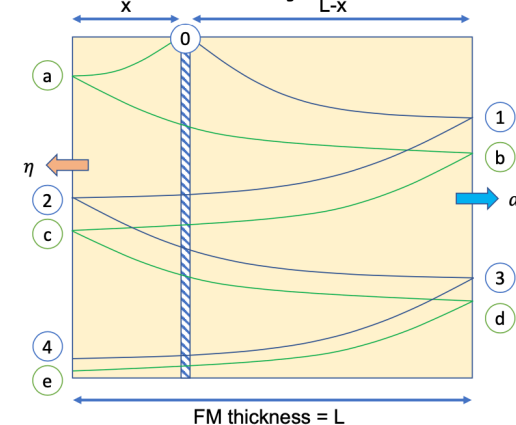
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B. Spin generation profile in the FM layer



$$\zeta_R(z) = \frac{\alpha}{N} \left[e^{-\frac{d-z}{\lambda}} + \bar{\beta} e^{-\frac{d+z}{\lambda}} \right],$$

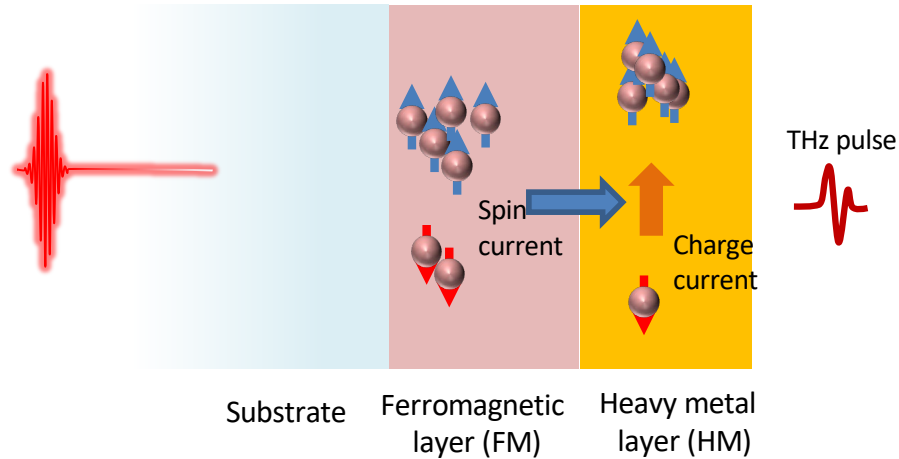
$$\zeta_L(z) = \frac{\beta}{N} \left[e^{-\frac{z}{\lambda}} + \bar{\alpha} e^{-\frac{2d-z}{\lambda}} \right],$$

$$N = 1 - \bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}e^{-\frac{2d}{\lambda}}, \quad \bar{\alpha} = 1 - \alpha, \quad \bar{\beta} = 1 - \beta.$$



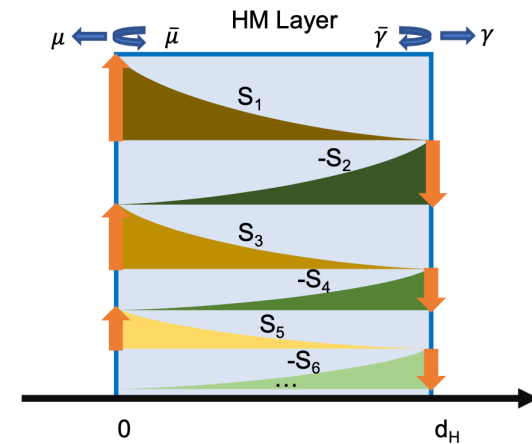
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C. Charge current profile in the HM layer



$$\sigma(z, d) = \frac{1}{N} \left[e^{-\frac{z}{\lambda}} + \bar{\gamma} e^{-\frac{2d-z}{\lambda}} \right],$$

$$N = 1 - \bar{\gamma} \bar{\mu} e^{-\frac{2d}{\lambda}}$$

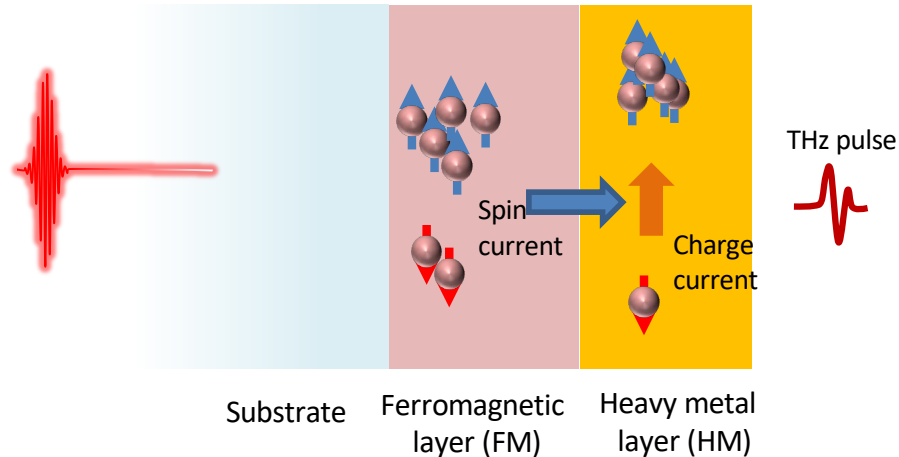
$$\bar{\gamma} = 1 - \gamma, \quad \bar{\mu} = 1 - \mu$$

λ Spin diffusion length



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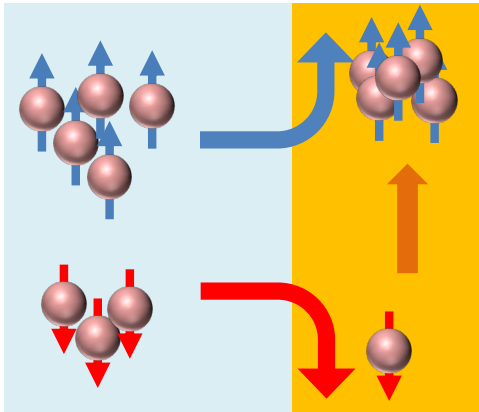
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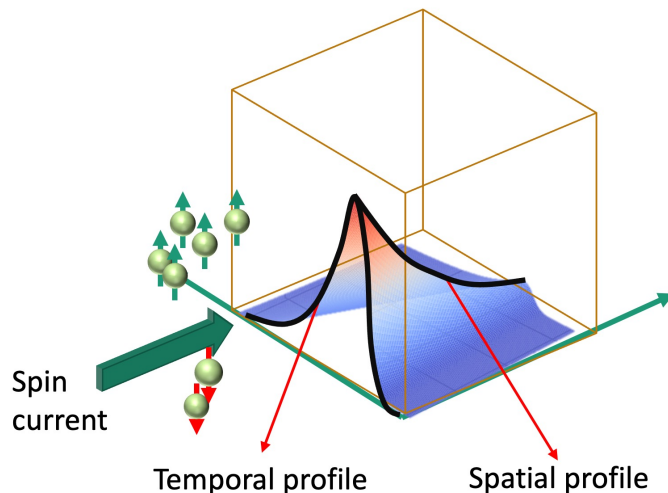
$$\begin{aligned}\partial_z E[t, z] &= \mu \partial_t H[t, z] \\ \partial_z H[t, z] &= \epsilon \partial_t E[t, z] + J e^{i(kz - \omega t)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{F}[\omega, z] = \begin{bmatrix} E[\omega, z] \\ H[\omega, z] \end{bmatrix} = \bar{a}[\omega, z] \begin{bmatrix} f^> \\ f^< \end{bmatrix} + J \begin{bmatrix} -i\omega\mu e^{ikz} \\ \epsilon\mu\omega^2 - k^2 \\ ike^{ikz} \\ \epsilon\mu\omega^2 - k^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{N+1}^> \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \bar{T}_{[0, N+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f_0^< \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} J^> \\ J^< \end{bmatrix},$$

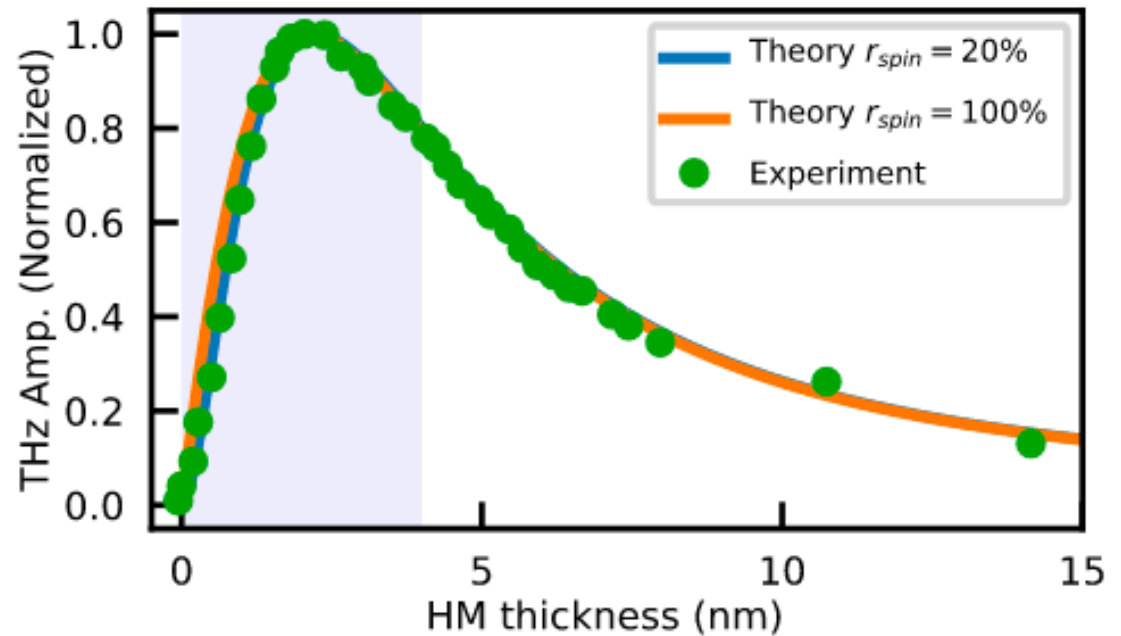
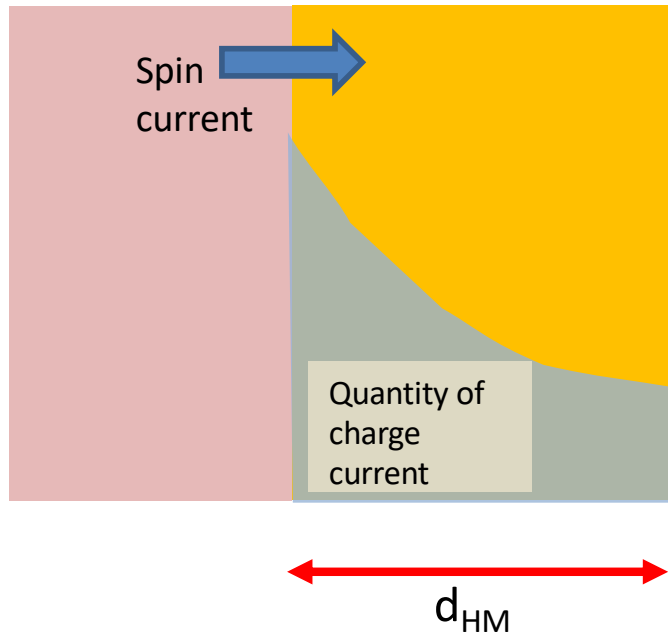
$$f_{N+1}^> = J^> - \frac{T_{[0, N+1], 12}}{T_{[0, N+1], 22}} J^<$$

**Transfer Matrix
Method with
Source (TMMS)**



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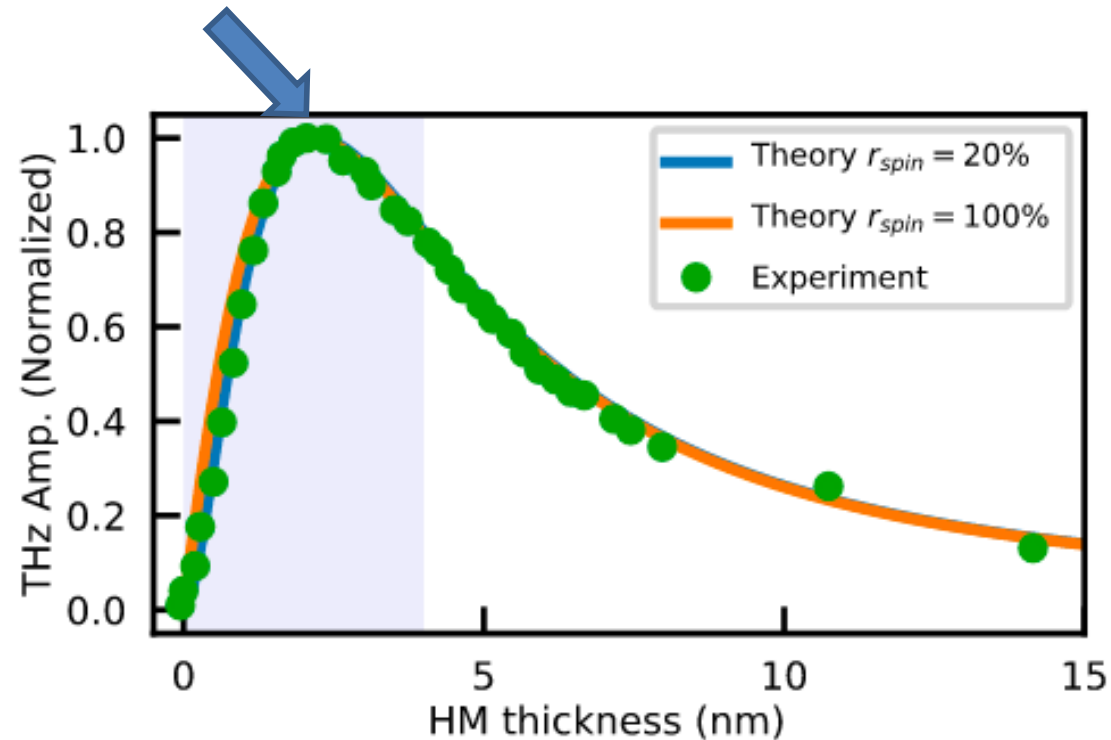


The large-thickness decay is controlled by the absorption of the THz emission within the metallic multilayer itself



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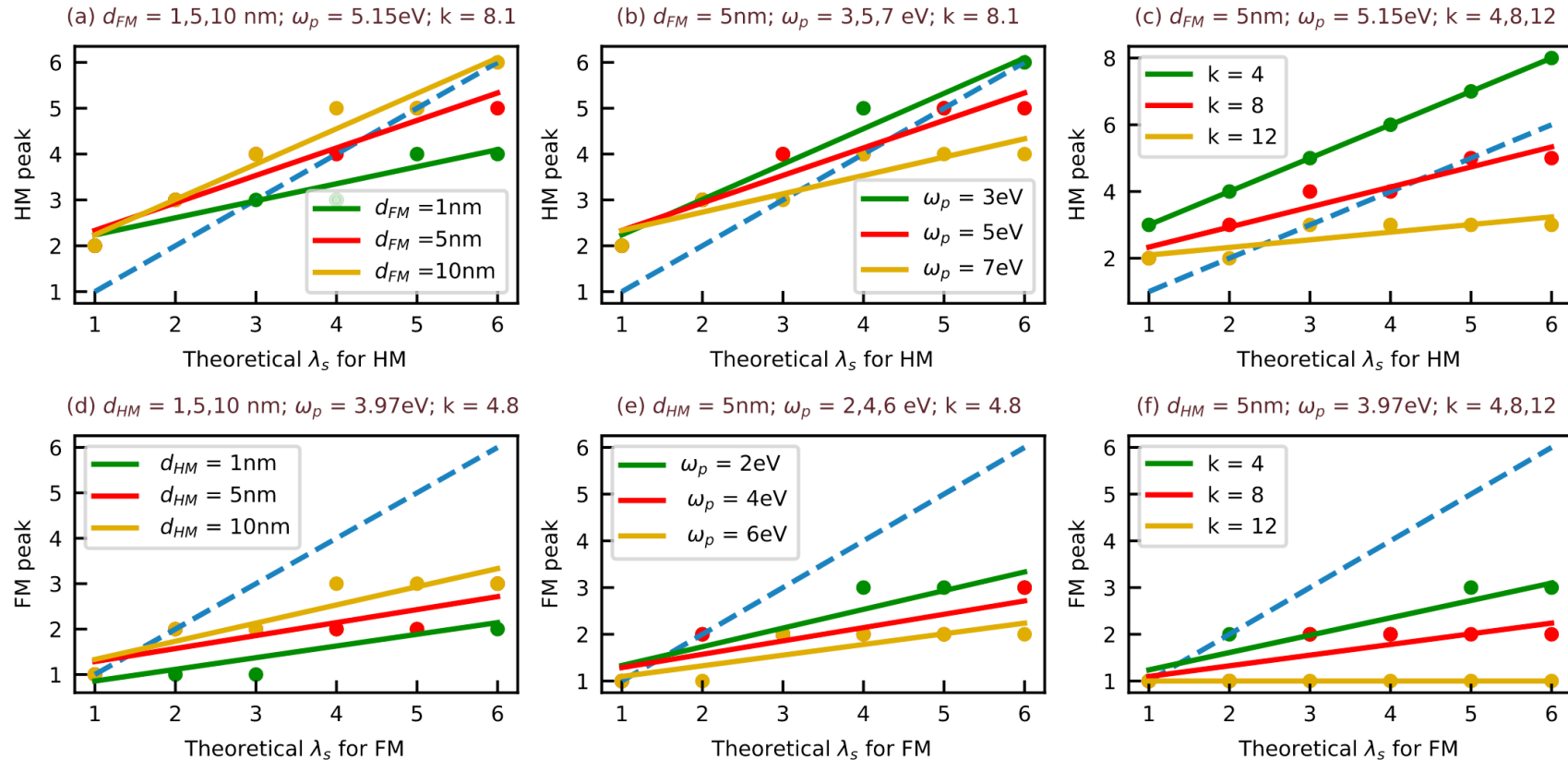


Is the thickness corresponding to the maximal emission really indicative of the spin diffusion length?



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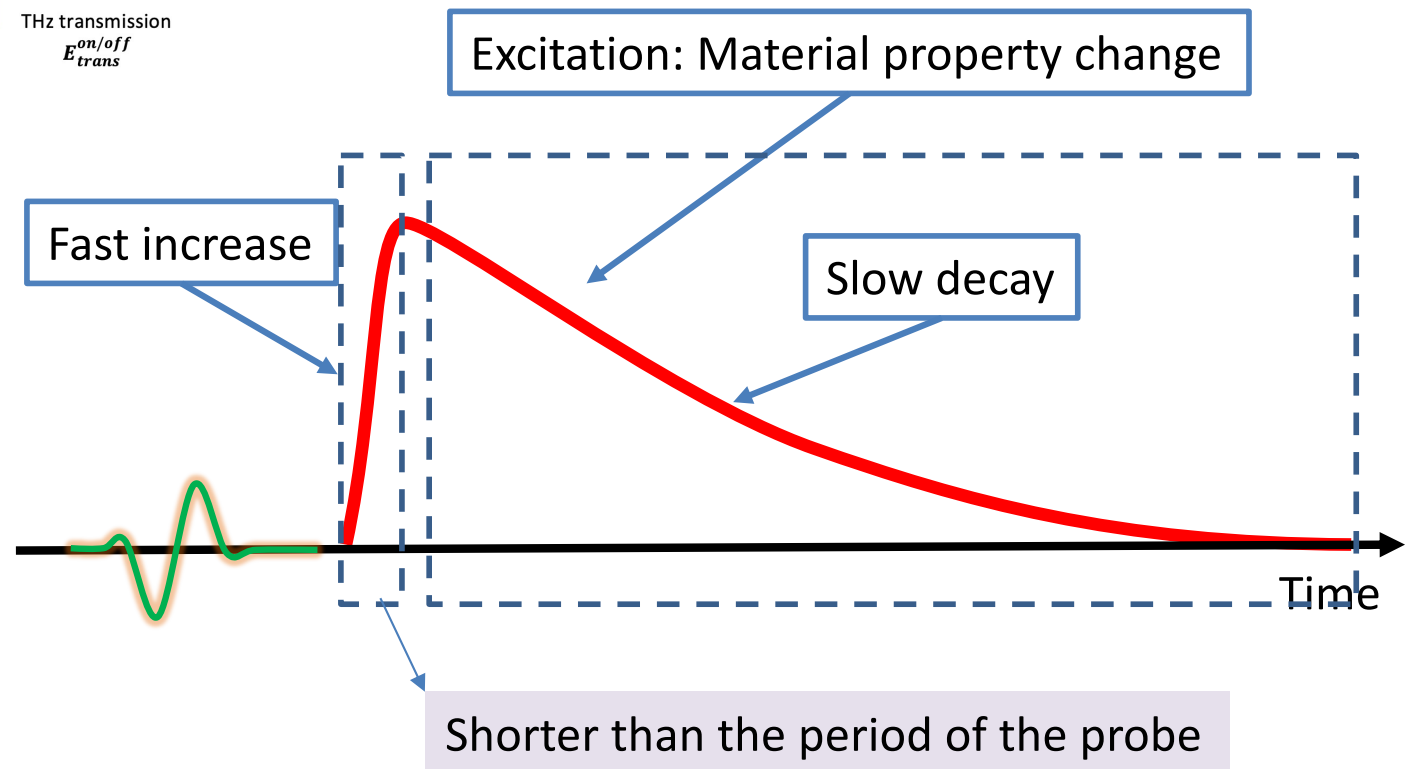
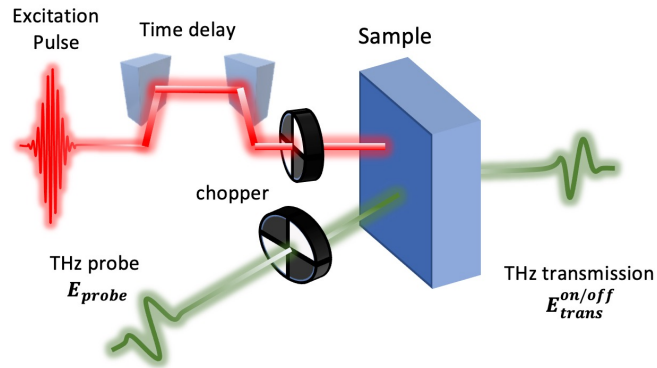
Blue dashed line represents when Spin diffusion length = peak position

The thickness corresponding to the maximal emission is **not indicative at all** of the spin diffusion length



Time resolved THz spectroscopy below ps

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$$\begin{aligned}\partial_z E[z, \omega] &= -i\omega \mu[\omega] H[z, \omega], \\ \partial_z H[z, \omega] &= -i\omega \epsilon_B[\omega] E[z, \omega] + J[z, \omega] \\ \partial_t J[z, t] &= -\gamma J[z, t] + \frac{ne^2}{m} E[z, t],\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma[z, t] &= \gamma^{[0]} + \gamma^{[1]}[z, t] \\ n[z, t] &= n^{[0]} + n^{[1]}[z, t] \\ E[z, t] &\approx E^{[0]}[z, t] + E^{[1]}[z, t] \\ H[z, t] &\approx H^{[0]}[z, t] + H^{[1]}[z, t] \\ J[z, t] &\approx J^{[0]}[z, t] + J^{[1]}[z, t]\end{aligned}$$

0th order

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_z E^{[0]}[z, \omega] &= -i\omega \mu[\omega] H^{[0]}[z, \omega], \\ \partial_z H^{[0]}[z, \omega] &= -i\omega \epsilon_T[\omega] E^{[0]}[z, \omega].\end{aligned}$$

Solved using TMM

Similar to what we solved for TMMS

1st order

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_z E^{[1]}[z, \omega] &= -i\omega \mu[\omega] H^{[1]}[z, \omega], \\ \partial_z H^{[1]}[z, \omega] &= -i\omega \epsilon_B[\omega] E^{[1]}[z, \omega] + J^{[1]}[z, \omega], \\ \partial_t J^{[1]}[z, t] &= -\gamma^{[0]} J^{[1]}[z, t] + \frac{n^{[0]}e^2}{m} E^{[1]}[z, t] - \\ &\quad \gamma^{[1]} J^{[0]}[z, t] + \frac{n^{[1]}e^2}{m} E^{[0]}[z, t].\end{aligned}$$

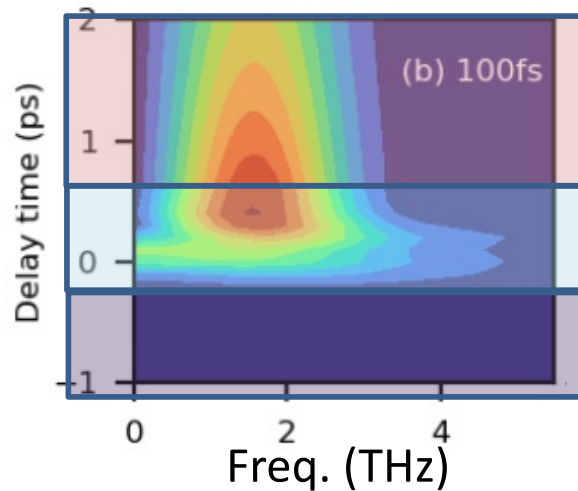
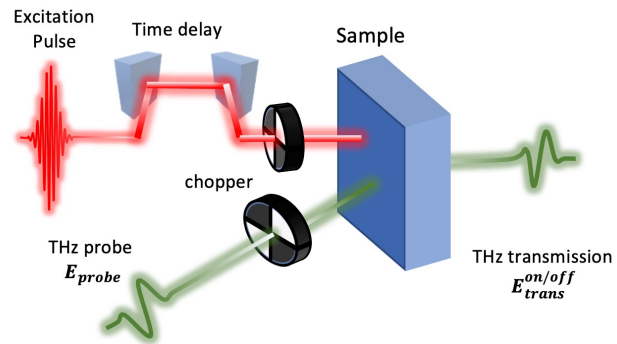
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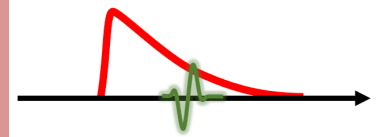


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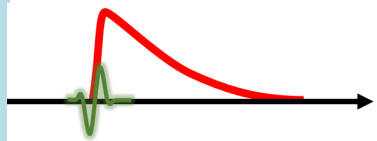
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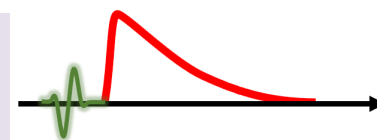
ΔE when probe arrives after system excited for a long time



ΔE when fast increase of material change overlaps with probe

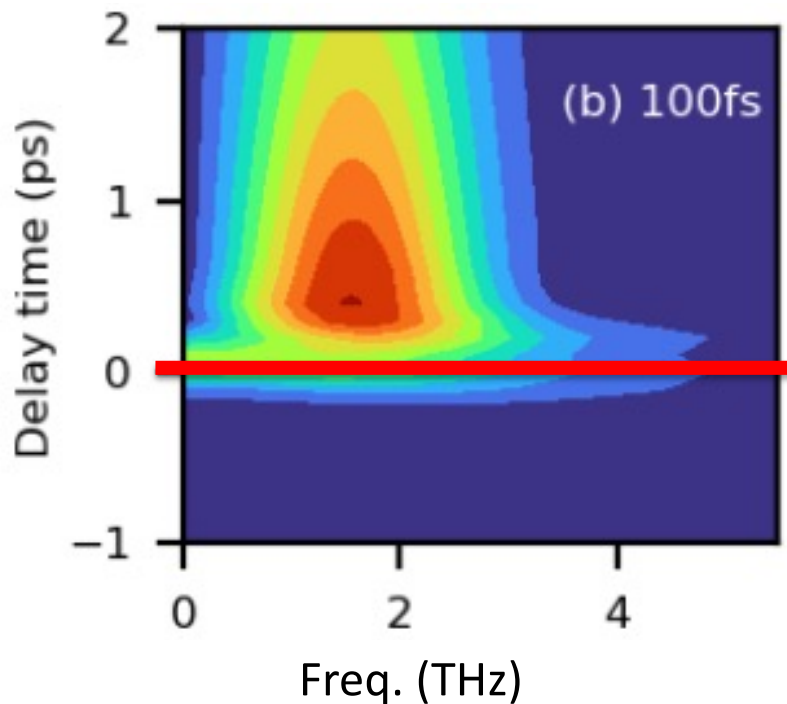
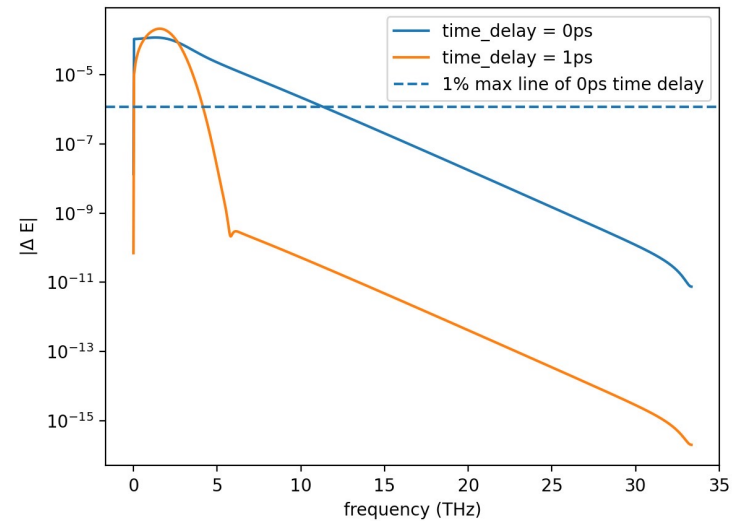
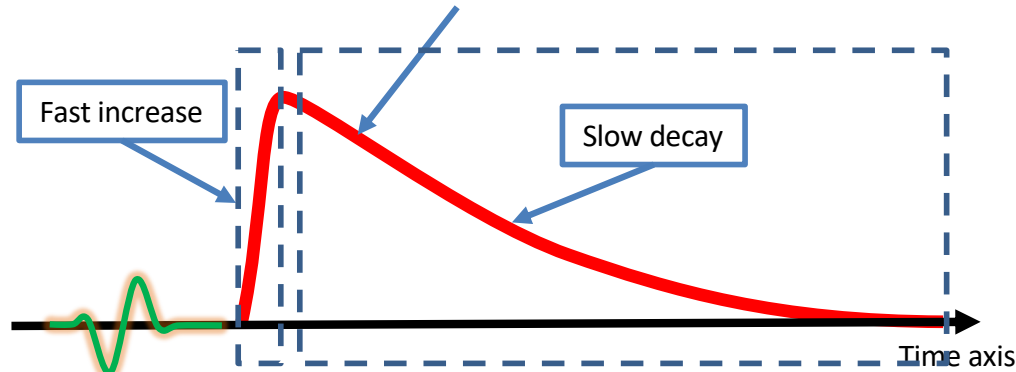


ΔE when probe arrives before excitation



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$$\text{increase time} = \frac{1}{f_{1\%} - 2 * f_c}$$

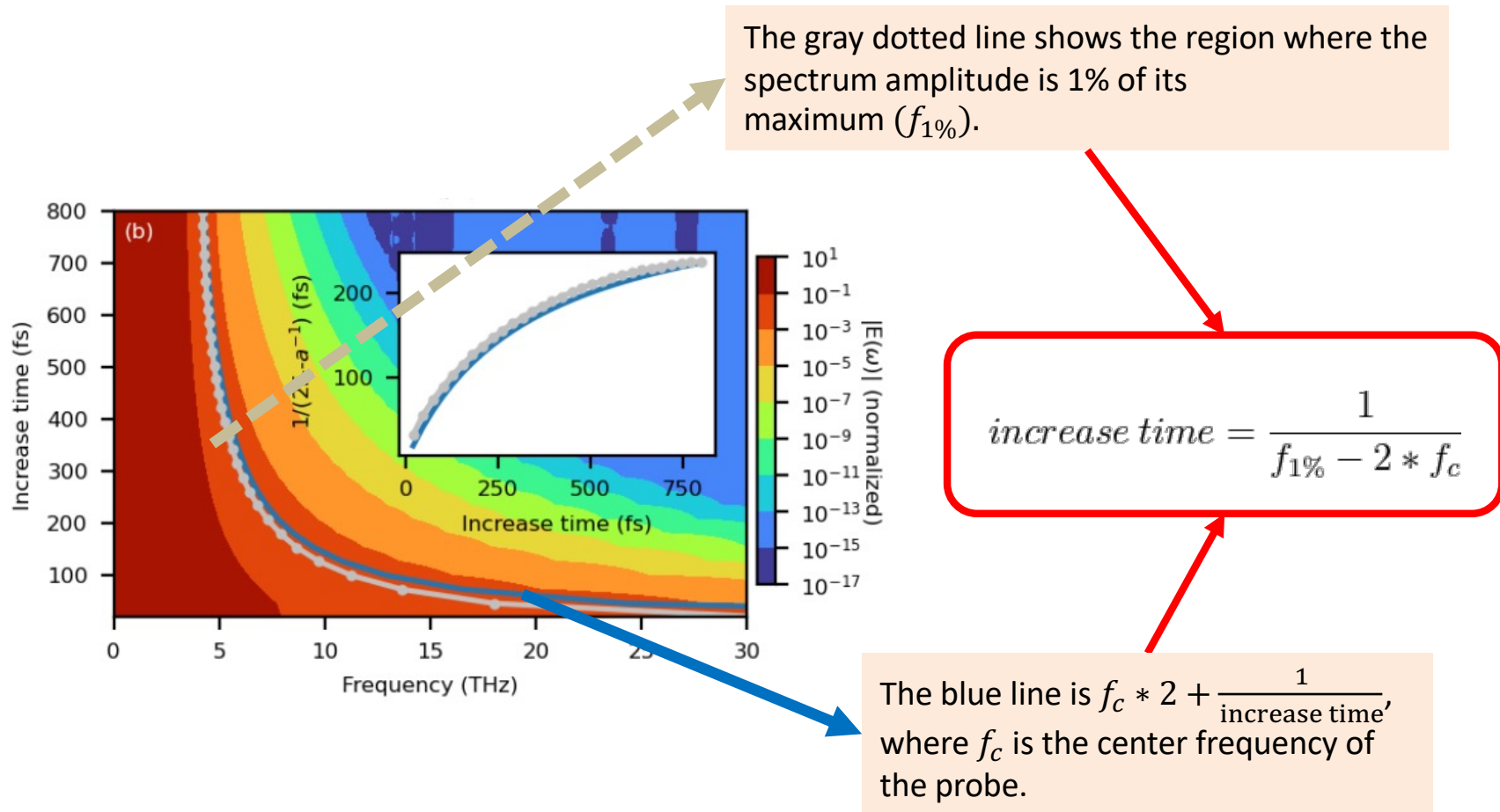
Frequency of 1% of spectrum maximum.

Central frequency of probe pulse



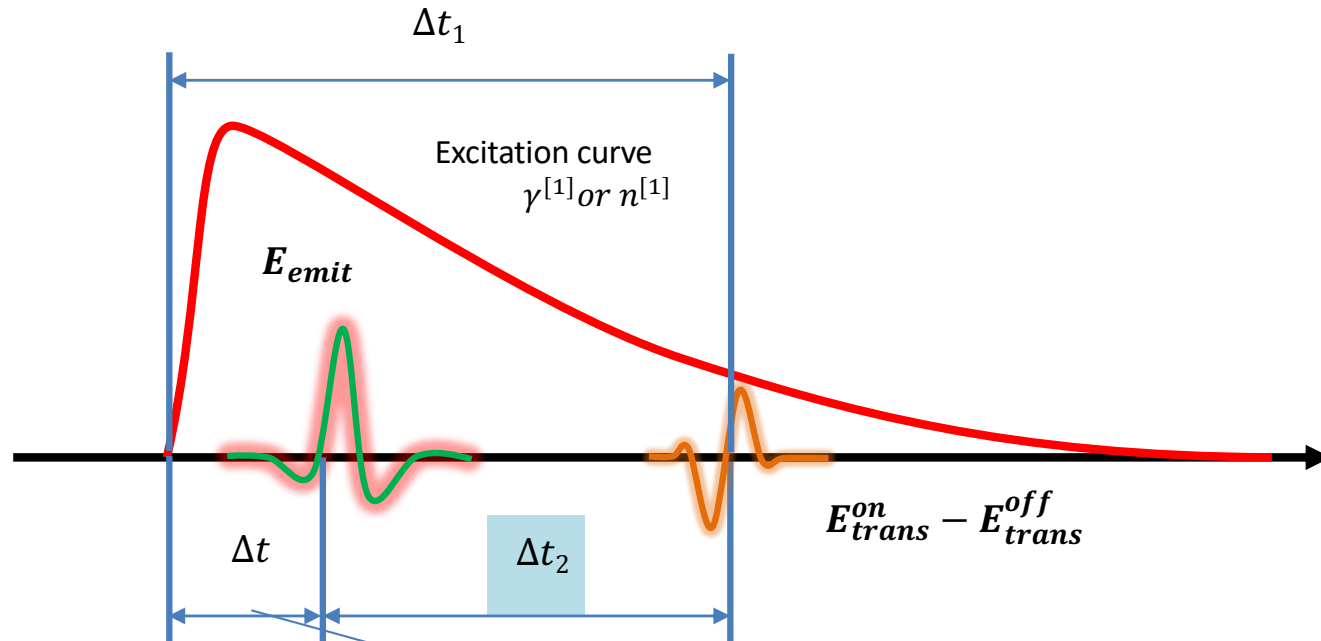
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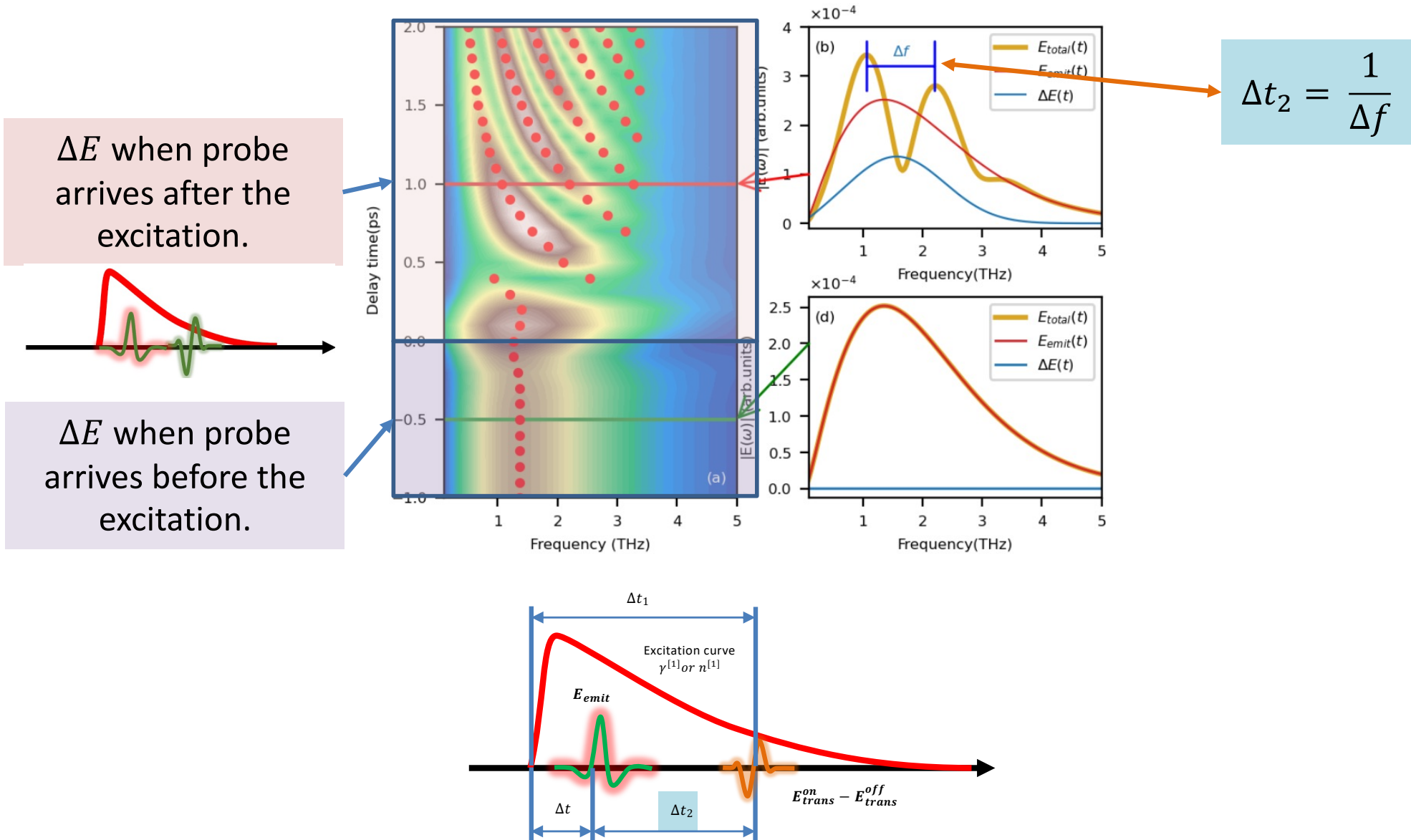


Aim:
How long does it take after the excitation for the THz to emit?



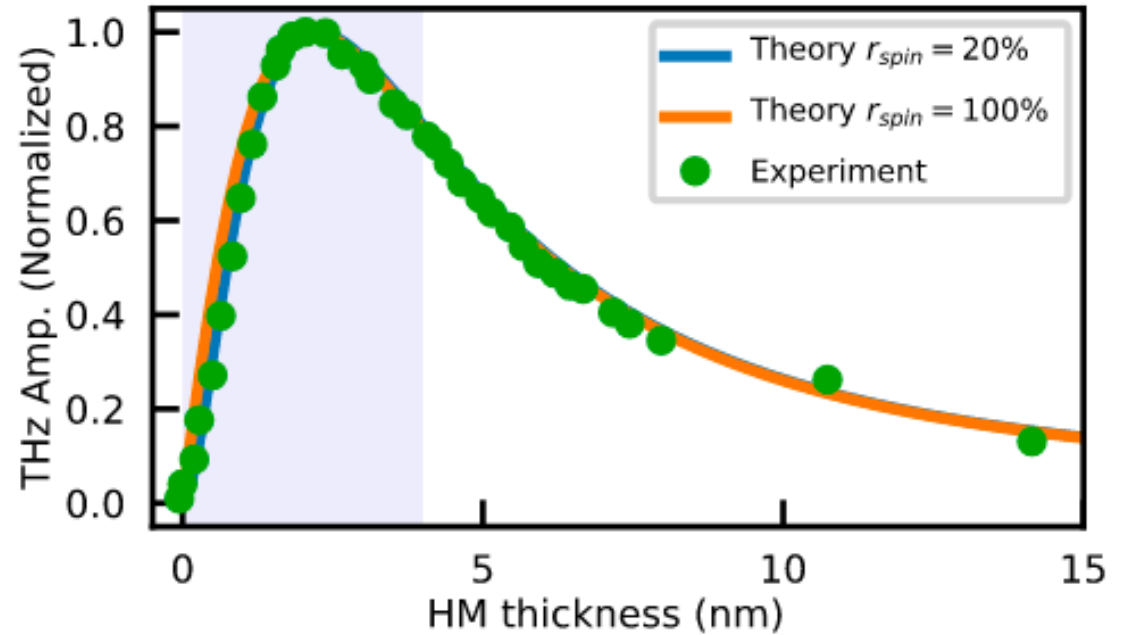
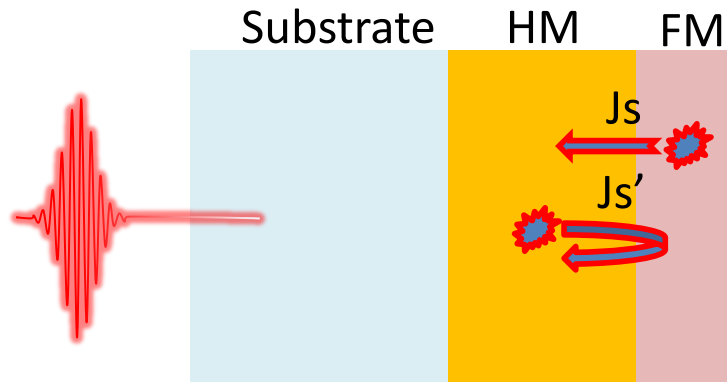
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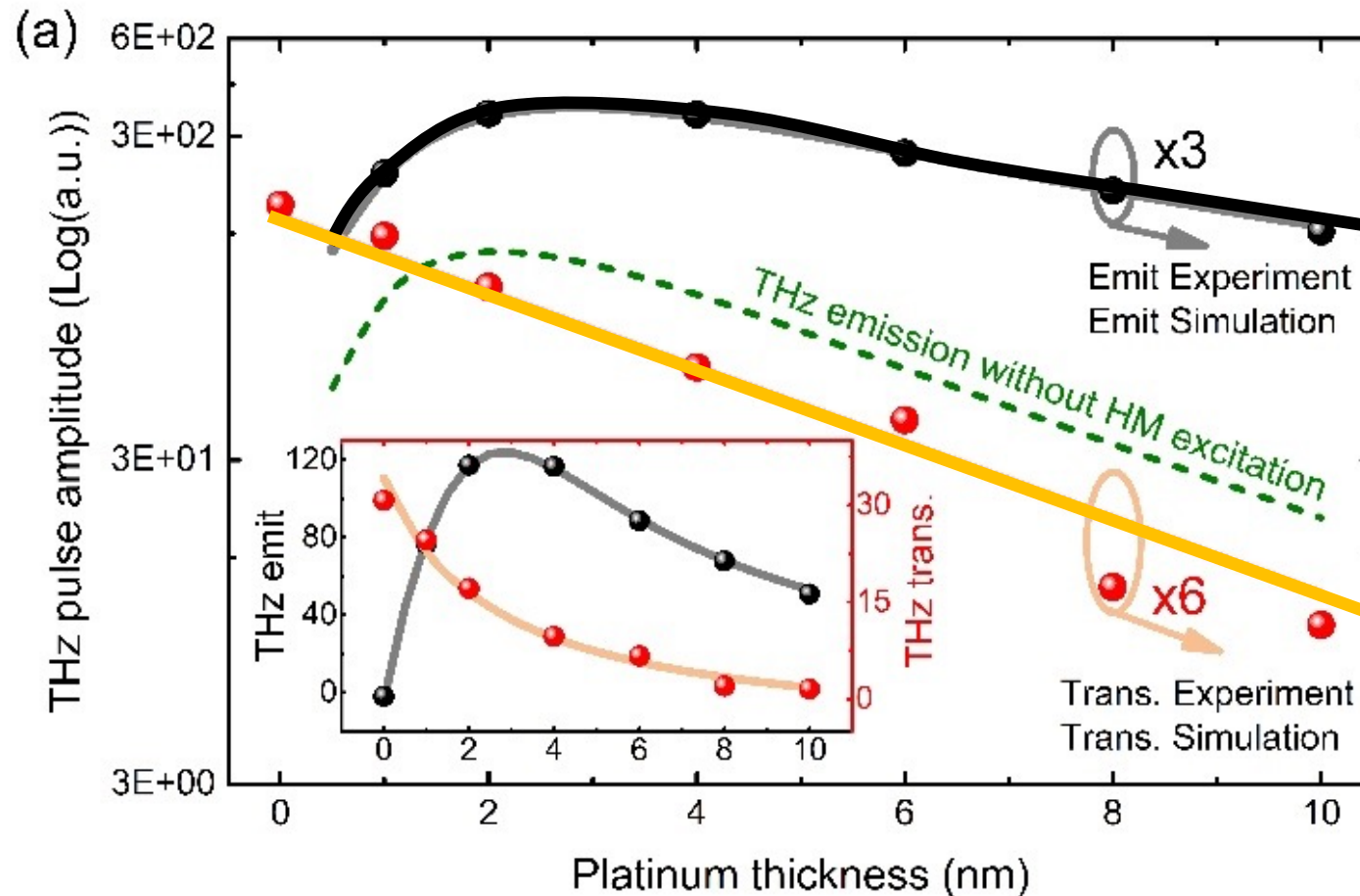
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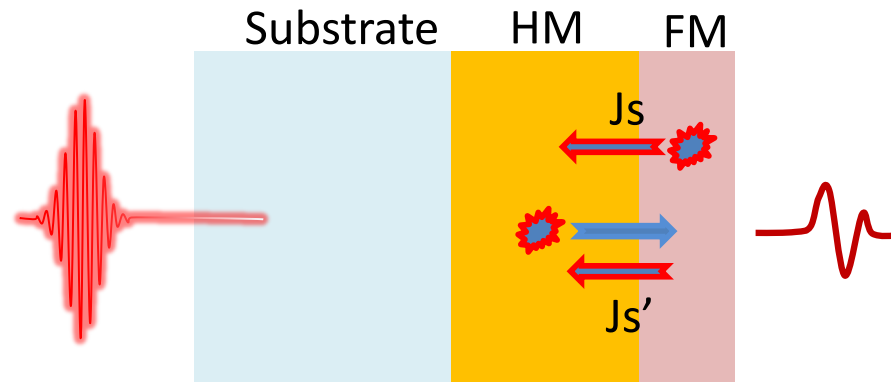
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THz emission from Pt (HM)
(FM excitation)

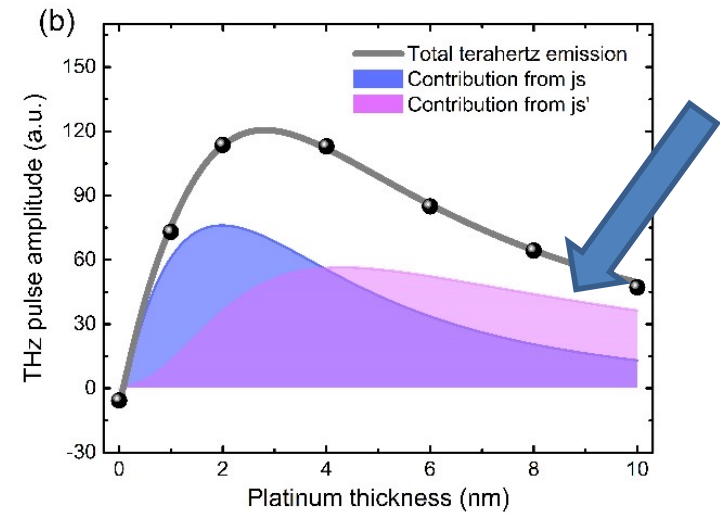
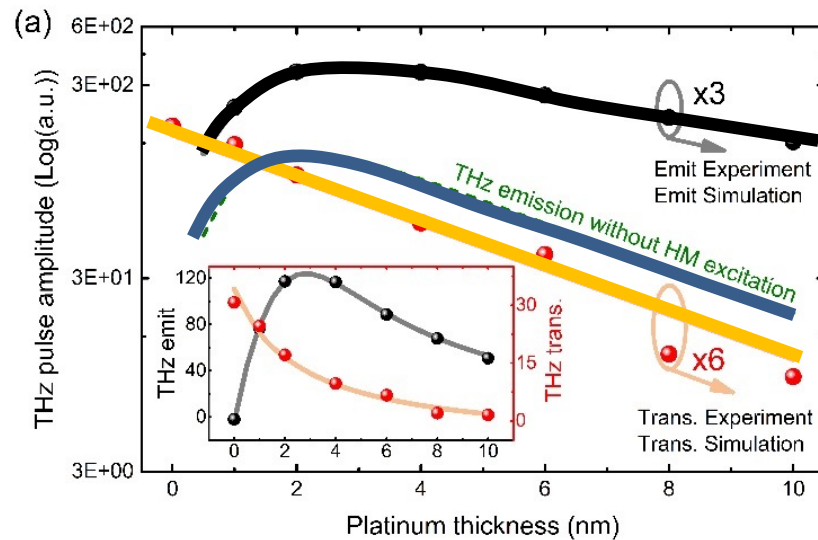
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THz emission from Pt
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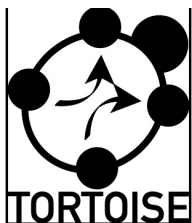
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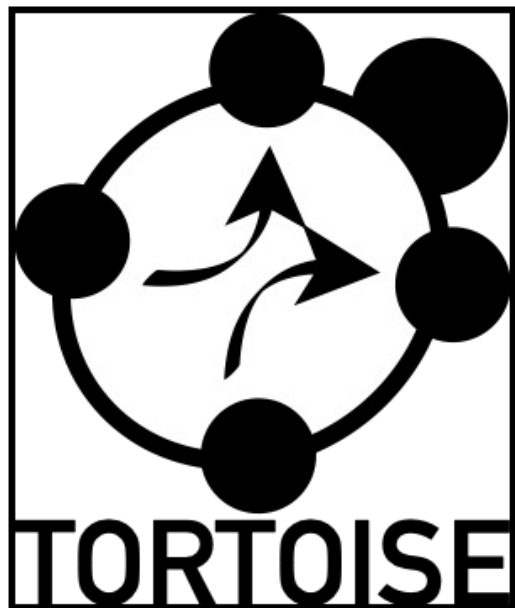
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TORTOISE



C++ library

- No close to equilibrium assumptions
- No fixed population assumptions
- Any number of quasiparticles and bands
- Arbitrary dispersion (dispersion as input)
- Any number of scattering channels
- Scattering channels with 2, 3, and 4 legs (soon >4)
- Arbitrary scattering amplitude (required as input)
- Excellent scaling with precision
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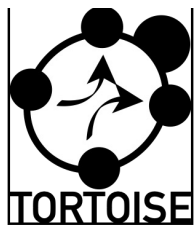
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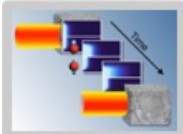
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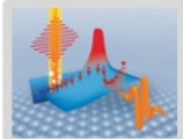




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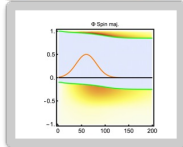


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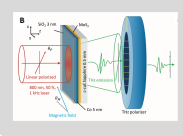
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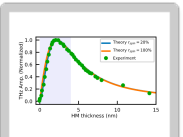
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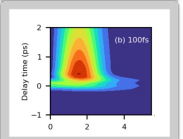
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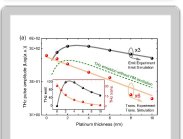
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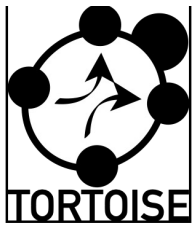


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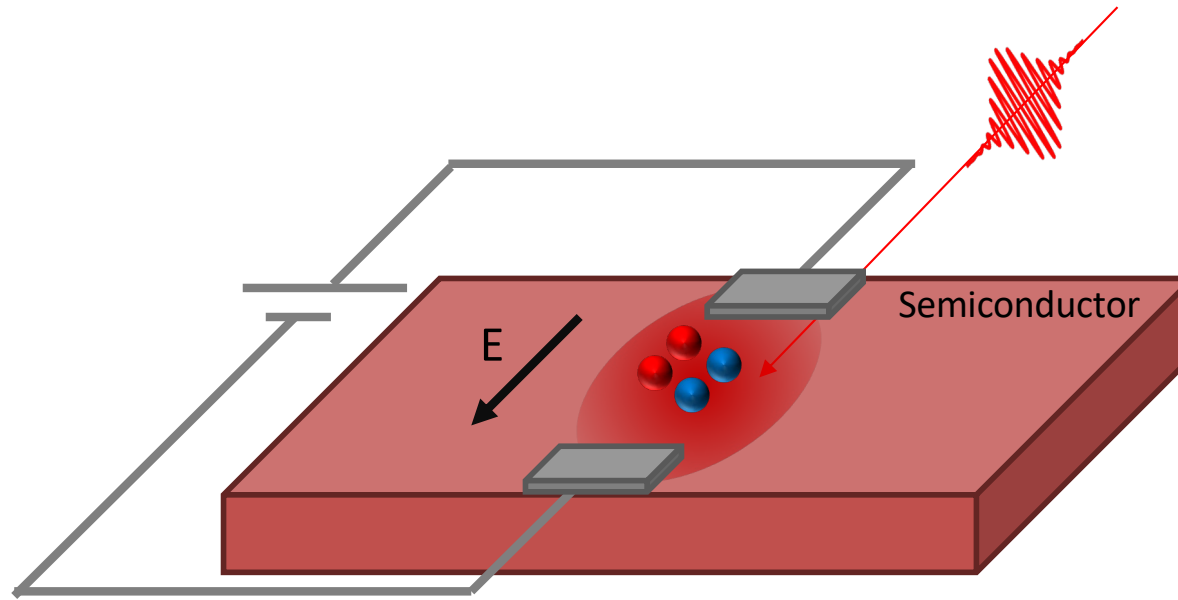


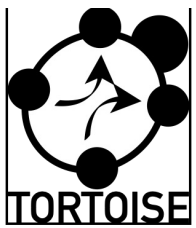
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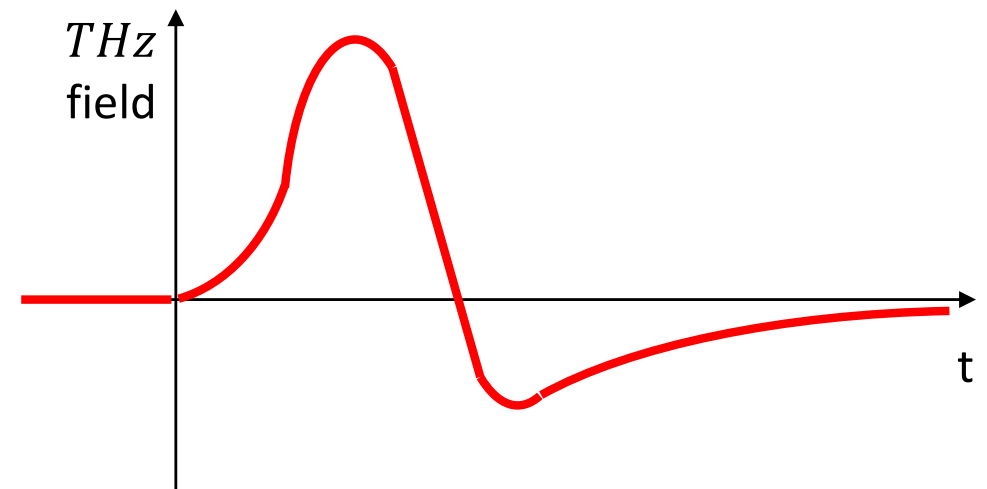
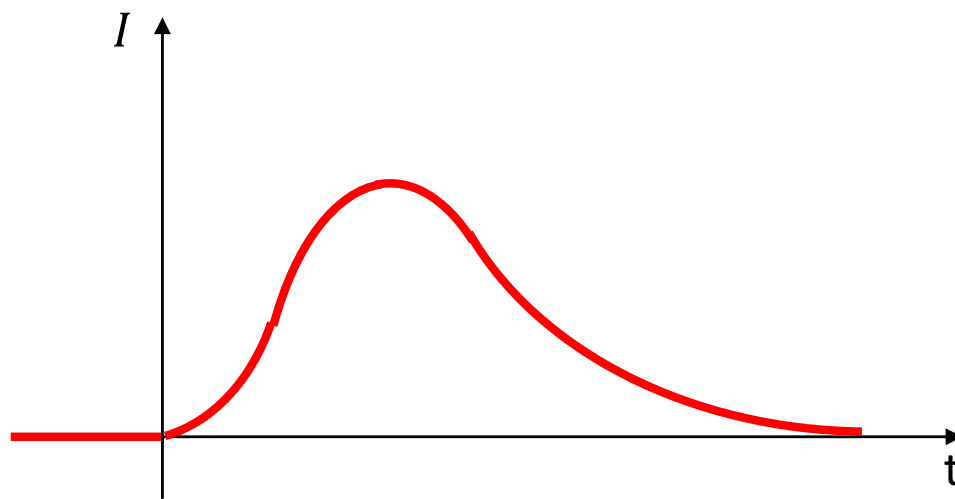
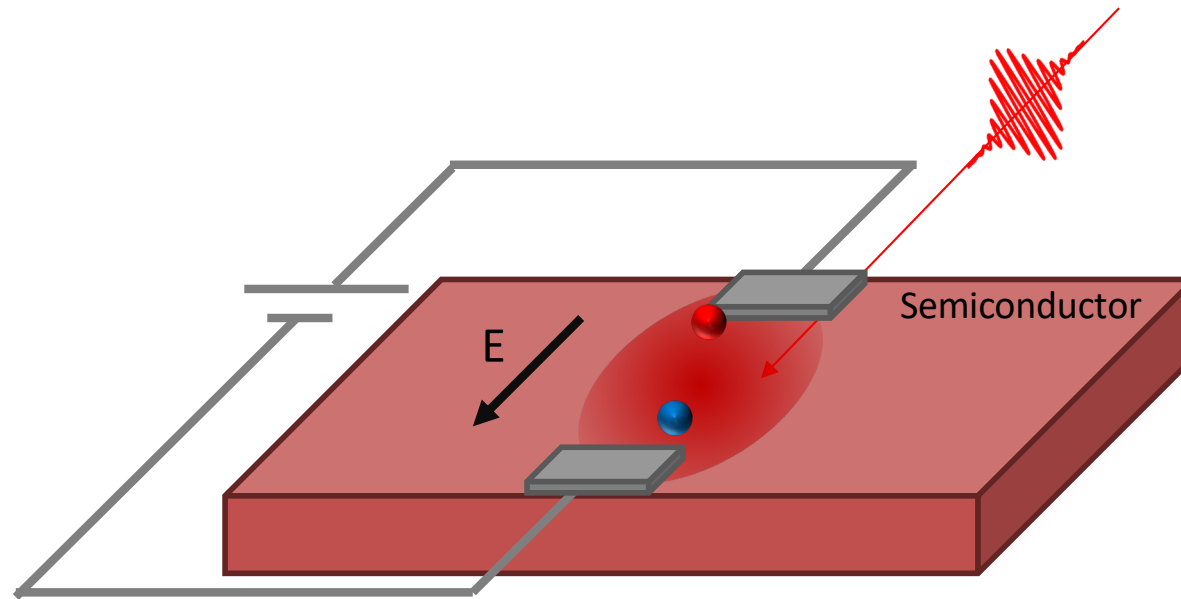


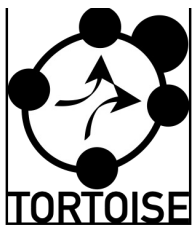
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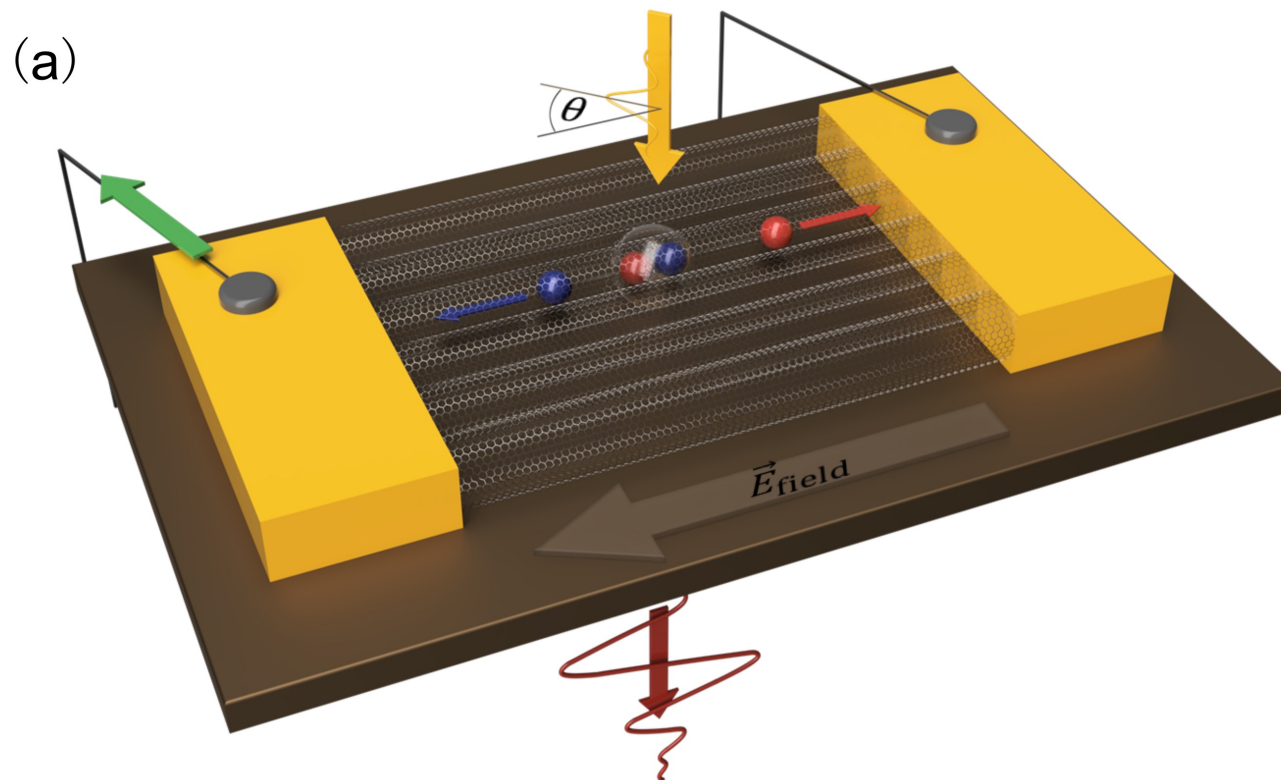
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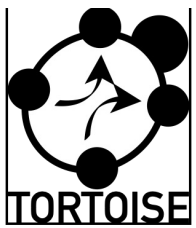
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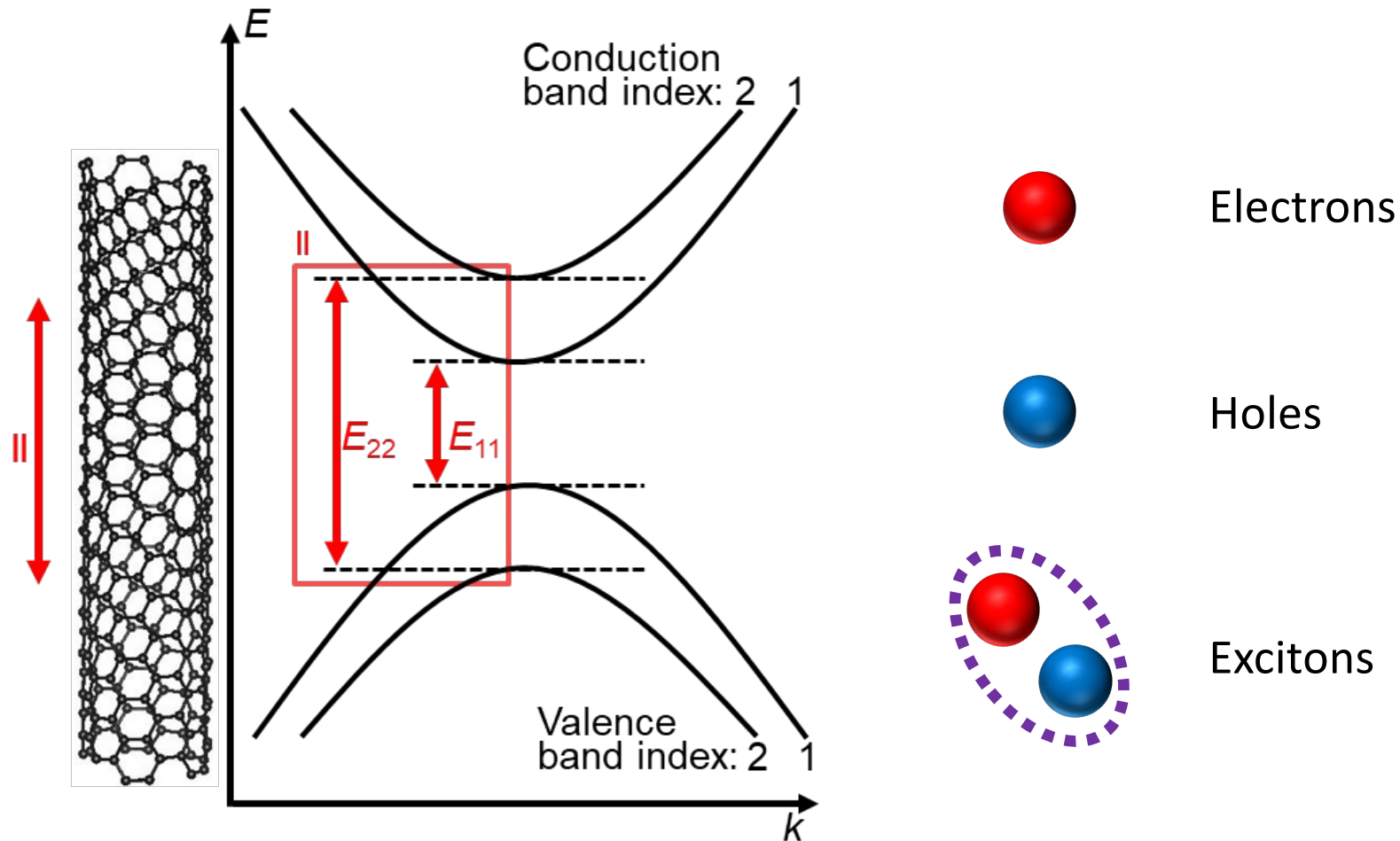
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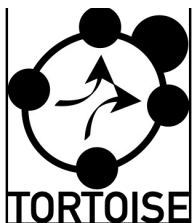




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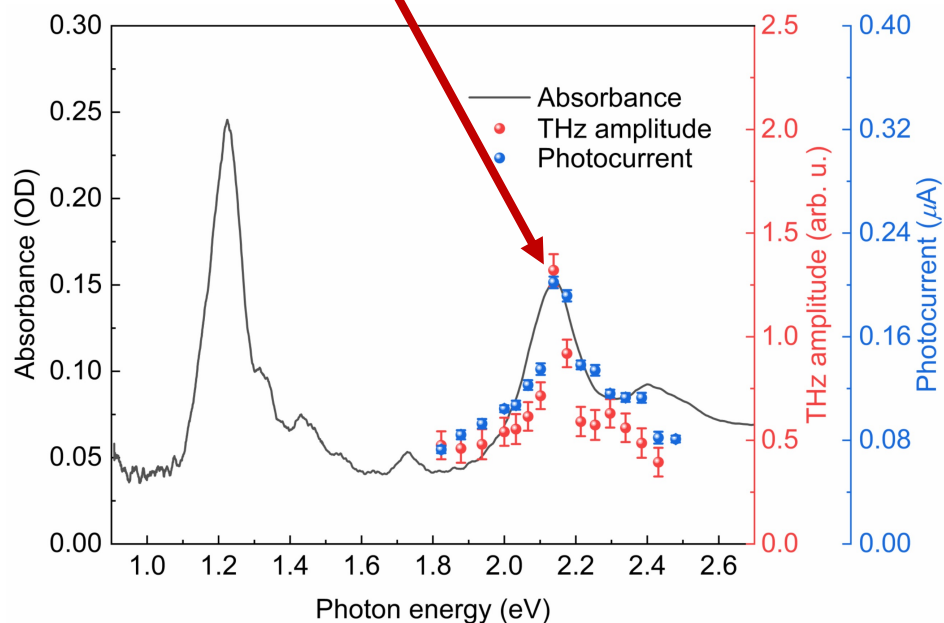
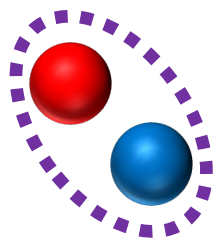
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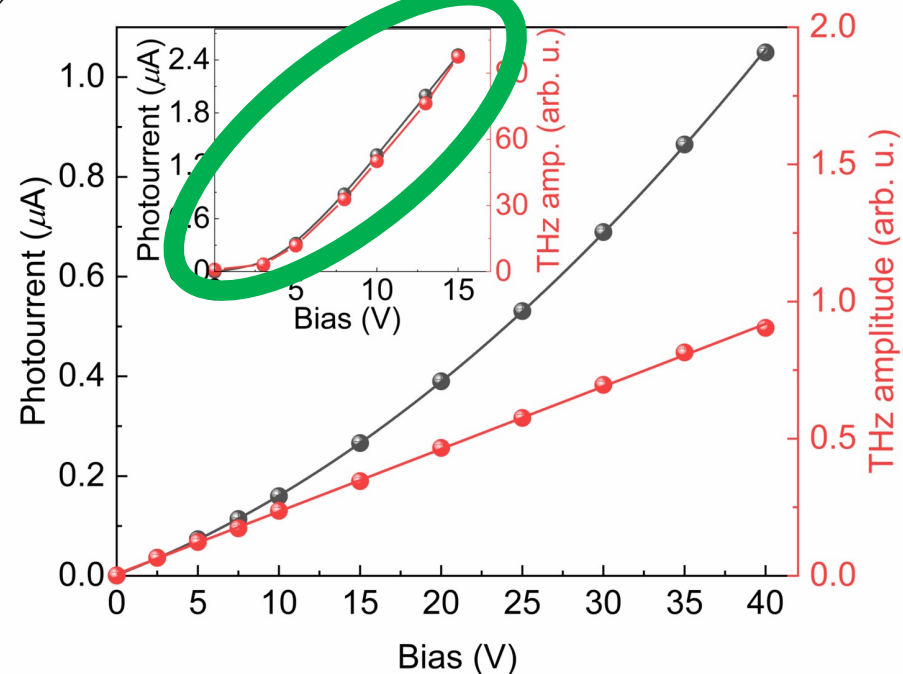


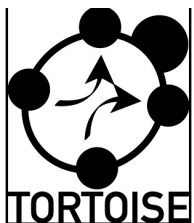
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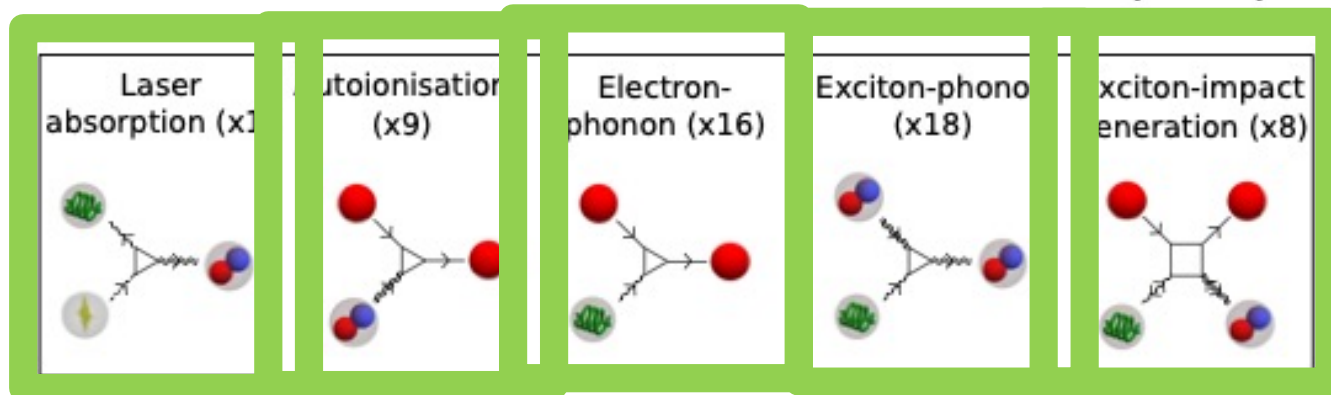
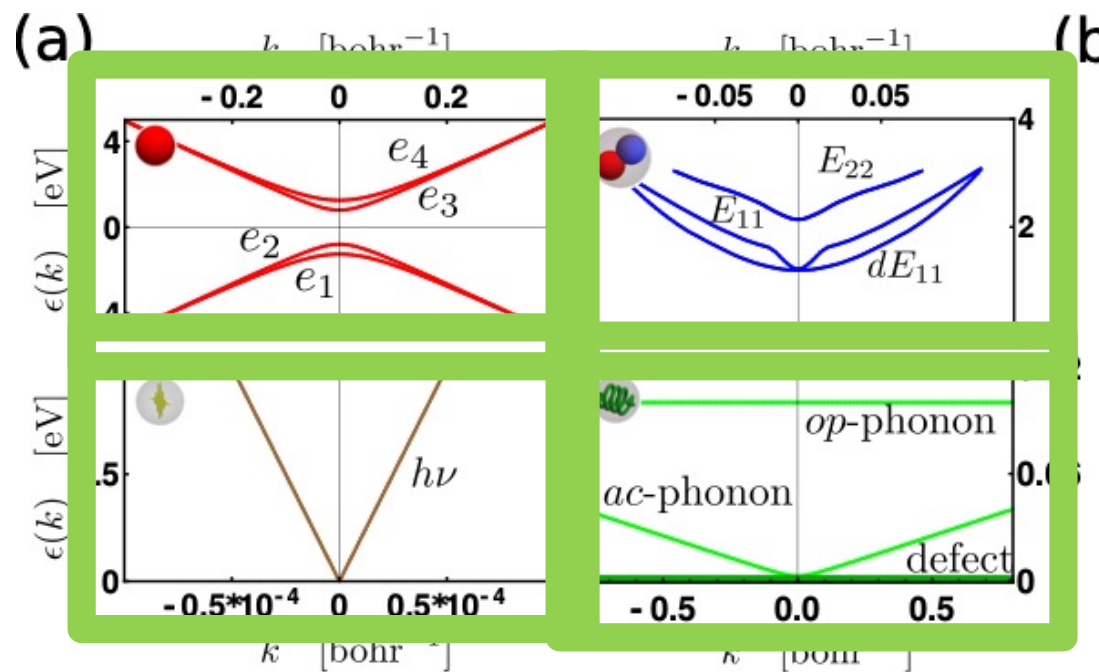
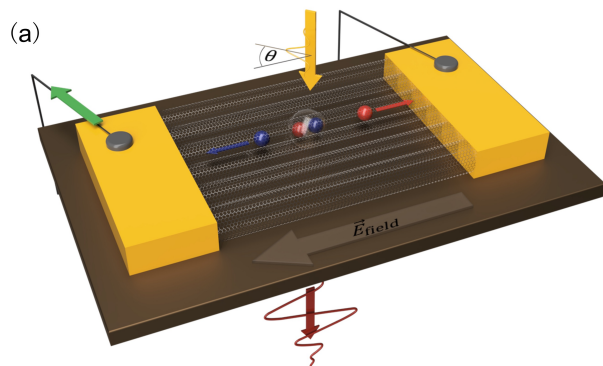
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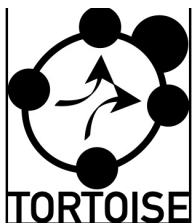




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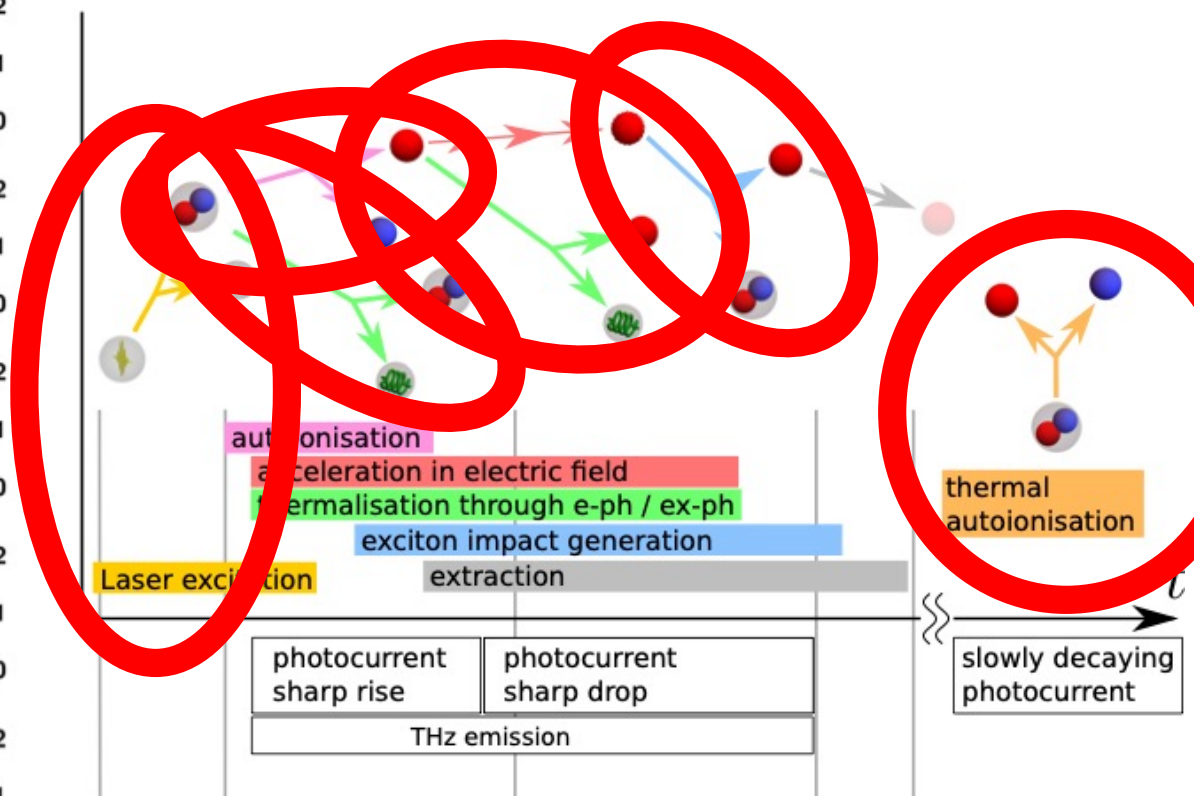
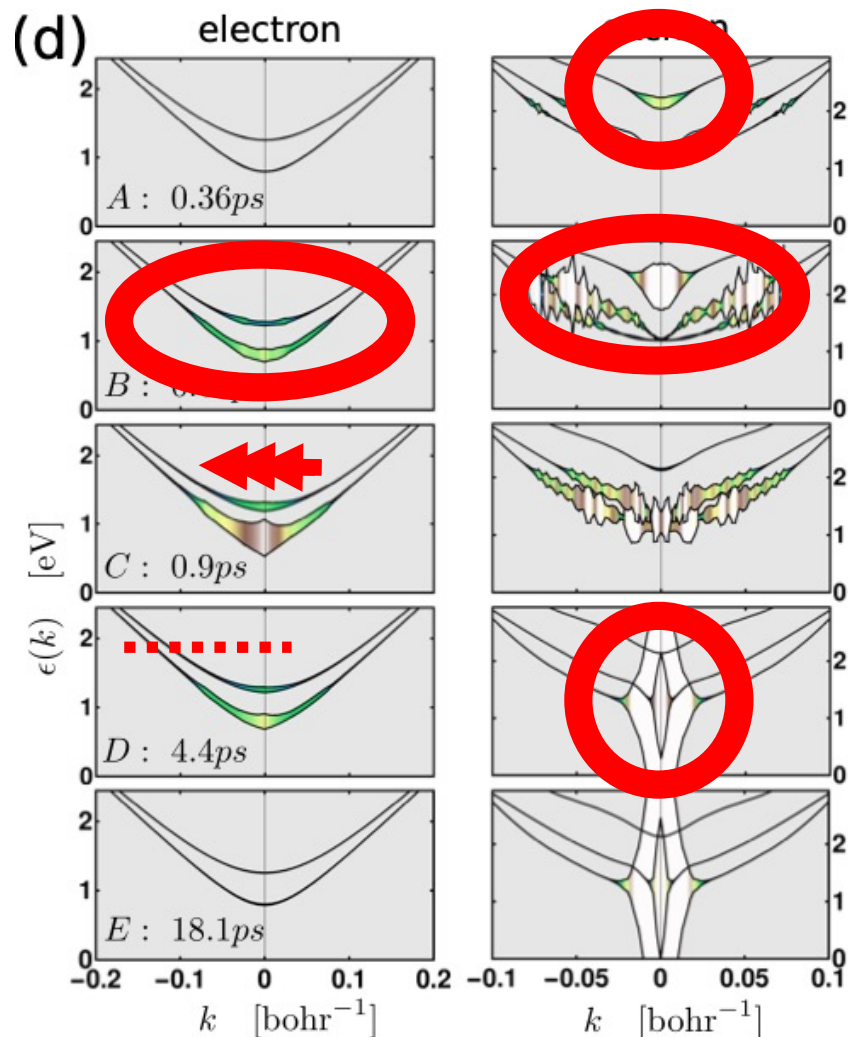
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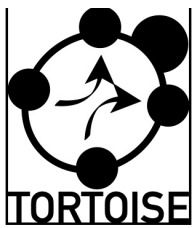




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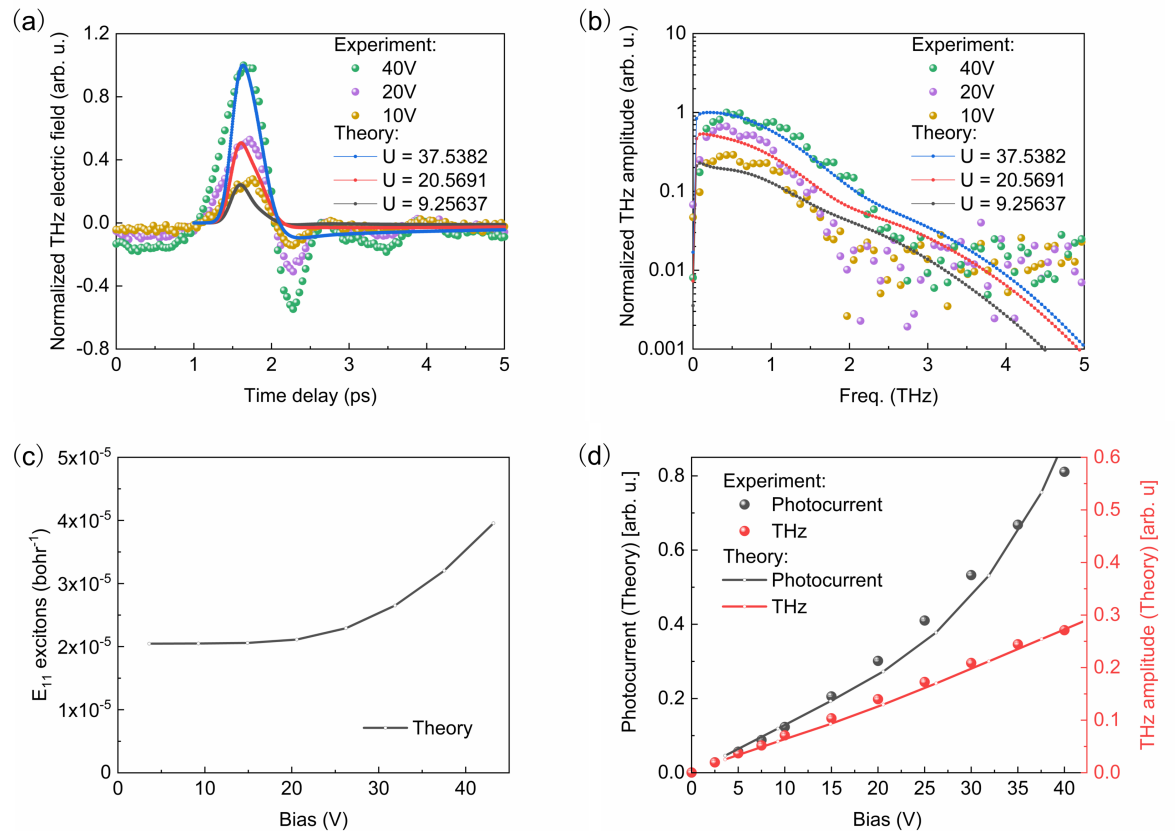
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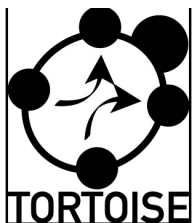
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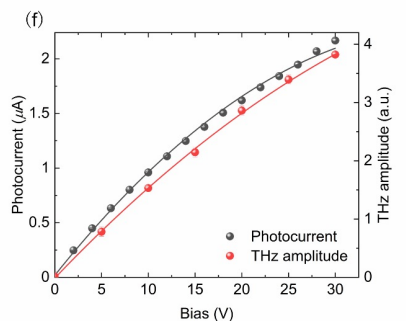
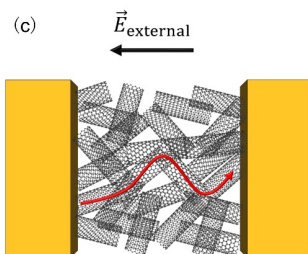
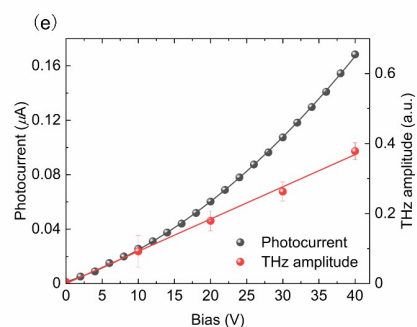
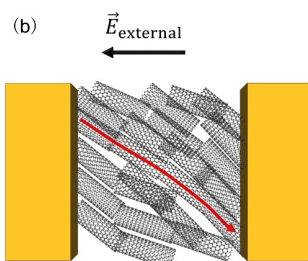
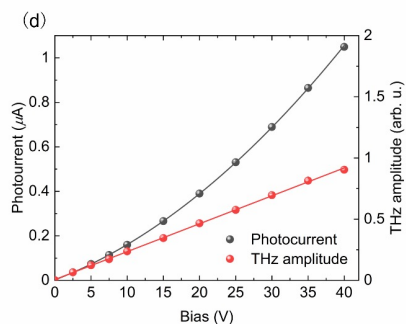
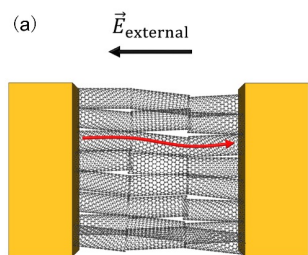
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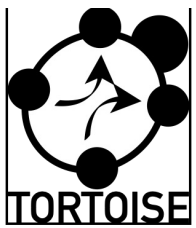




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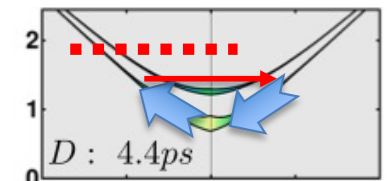
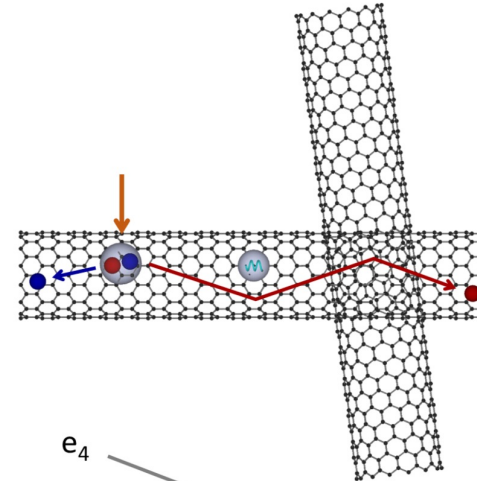
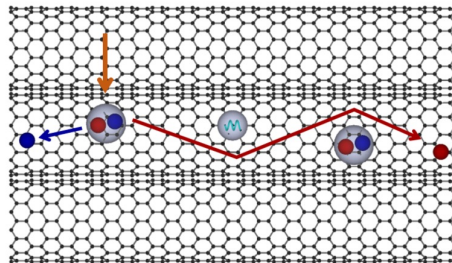
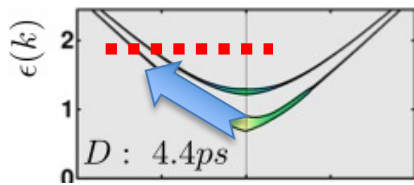
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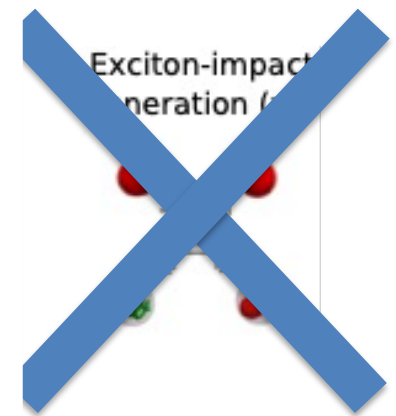
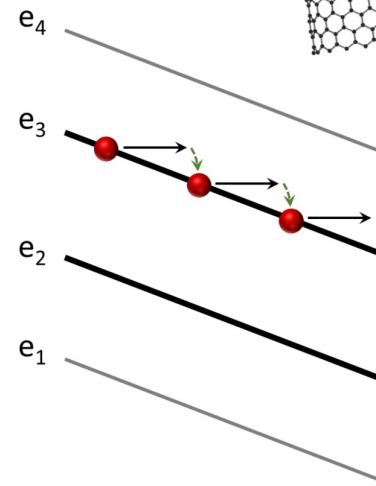
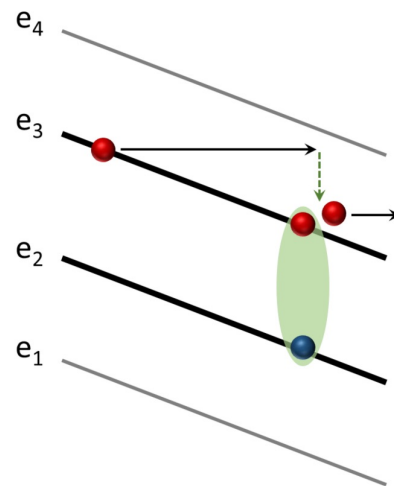
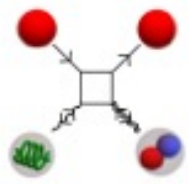


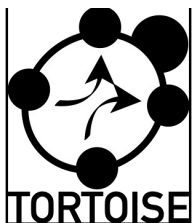
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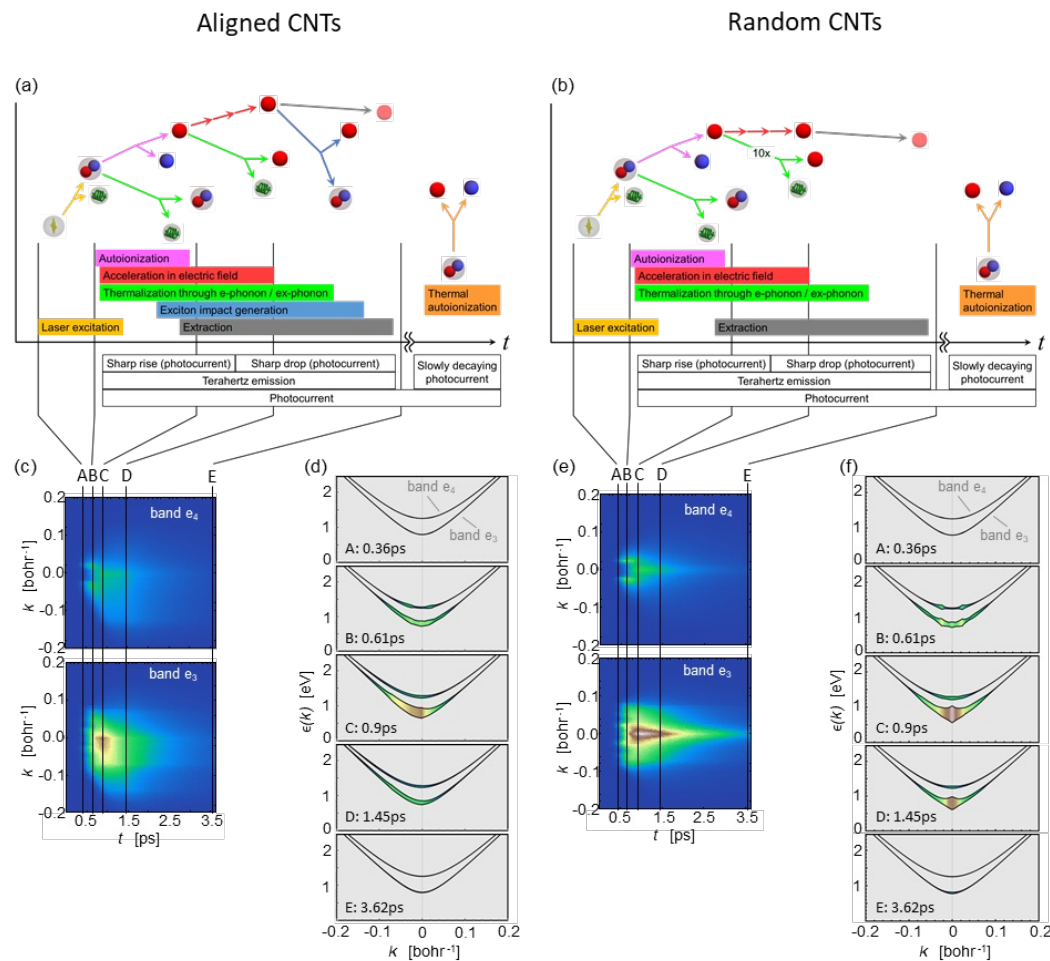
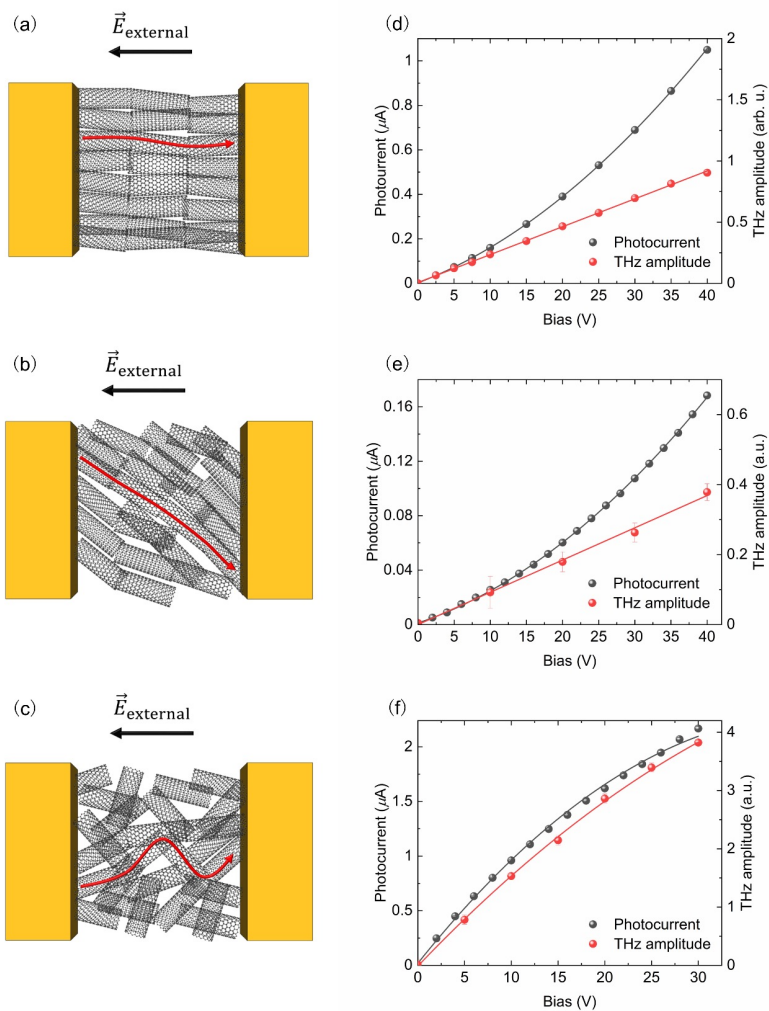


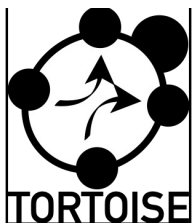


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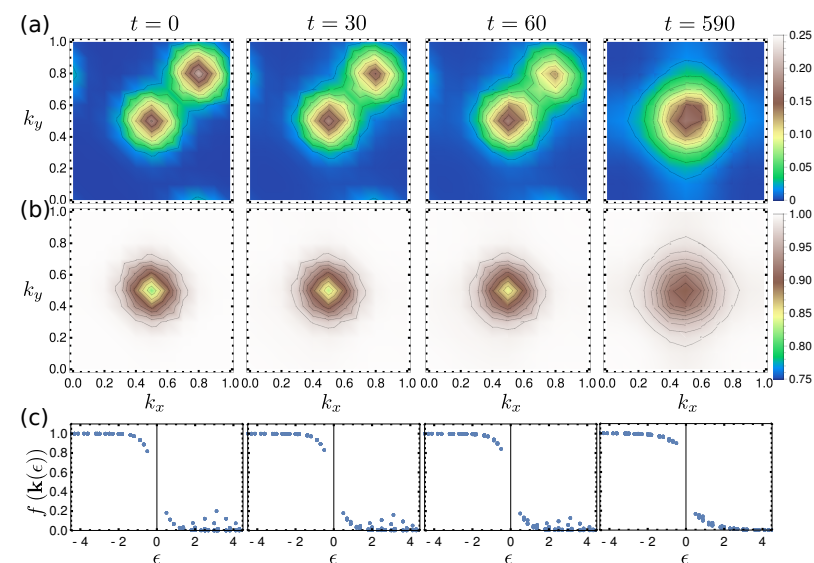
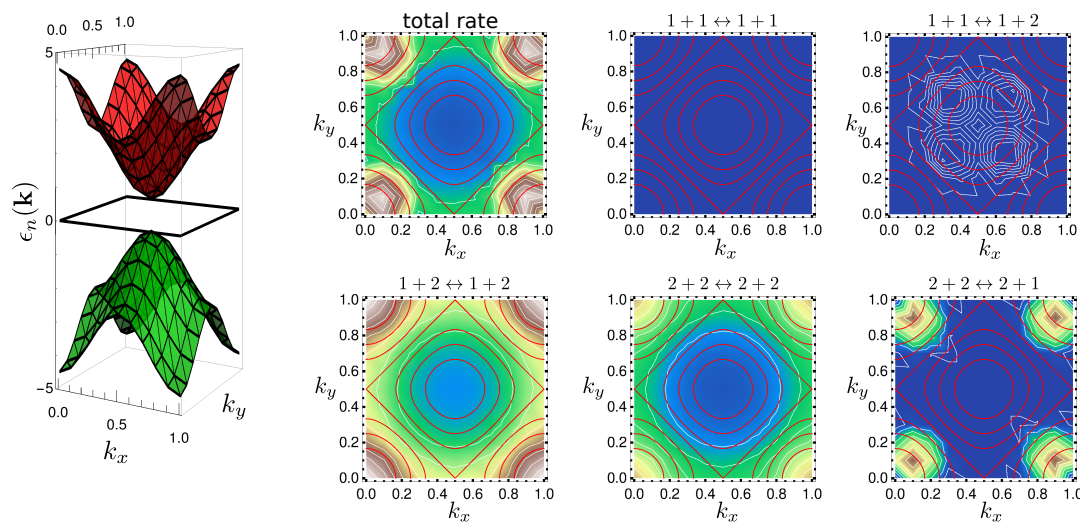


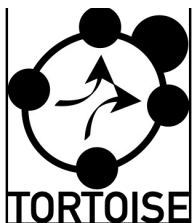
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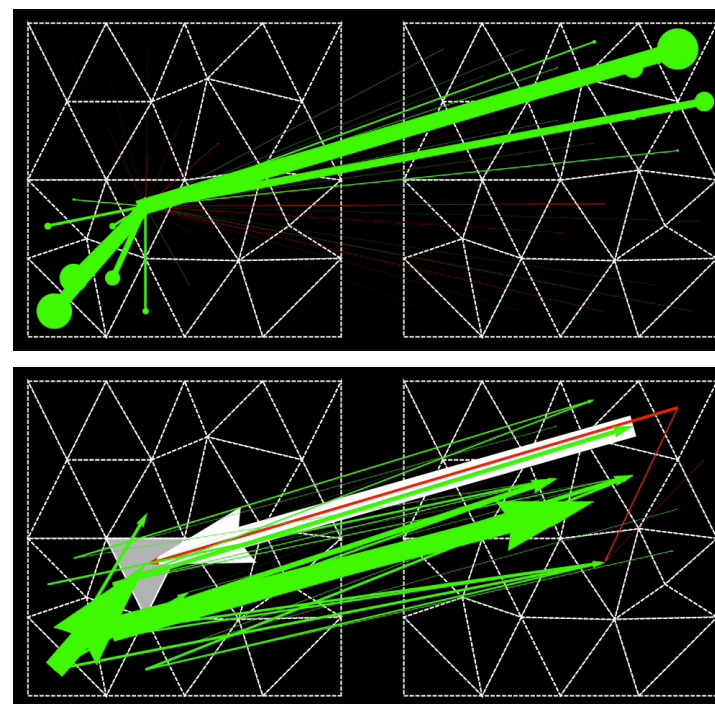
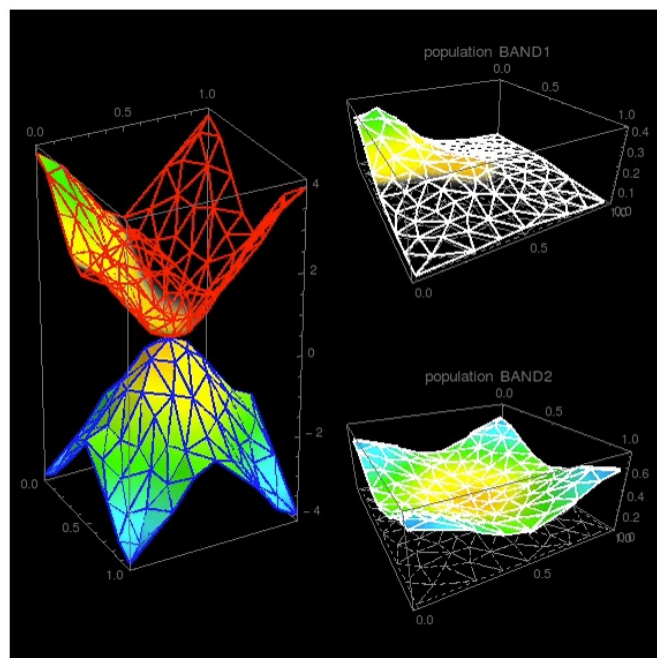


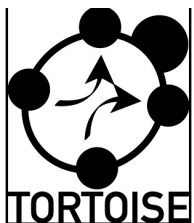
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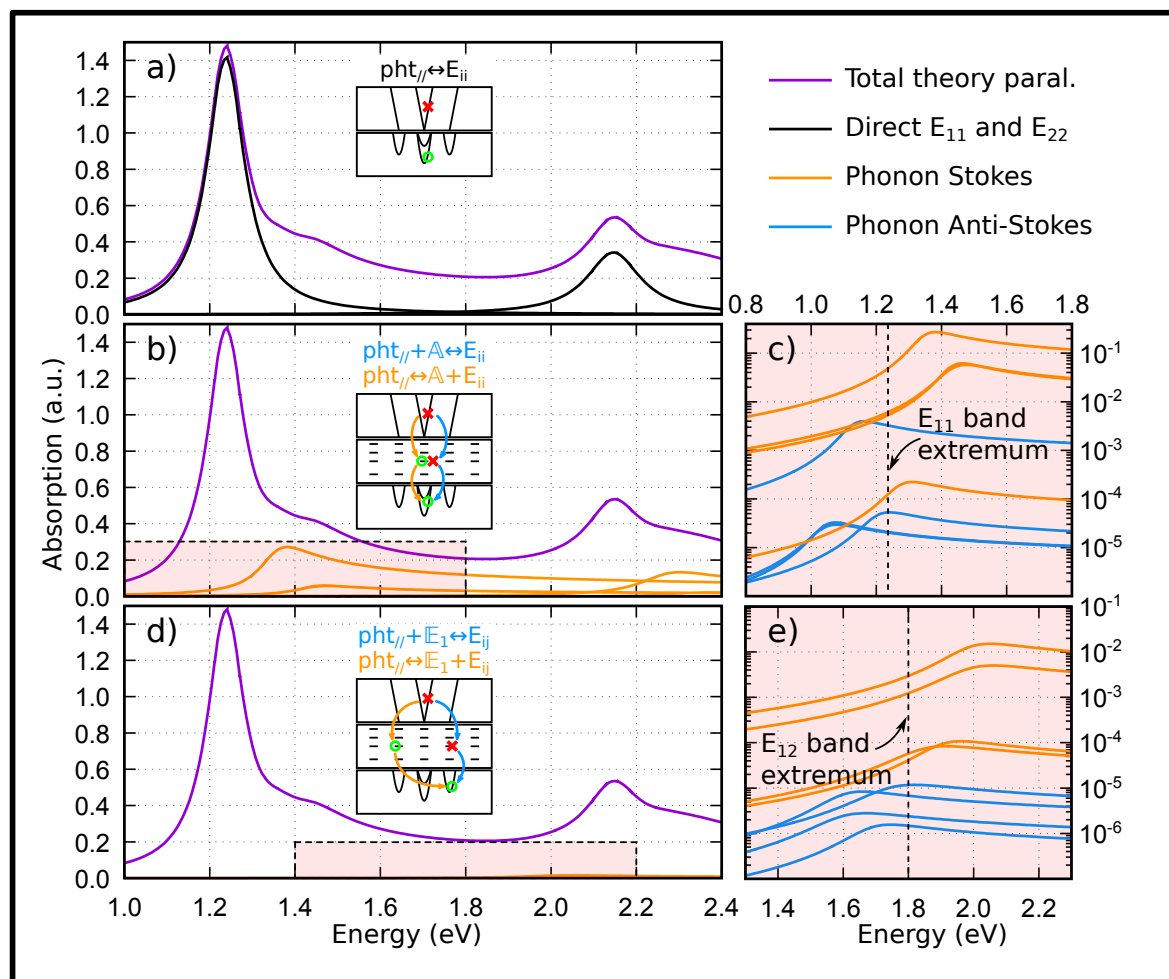
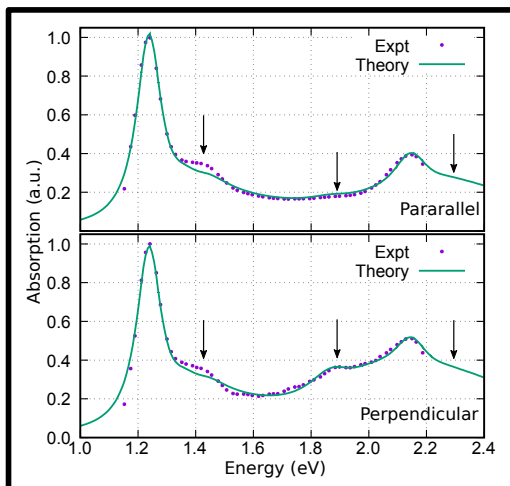
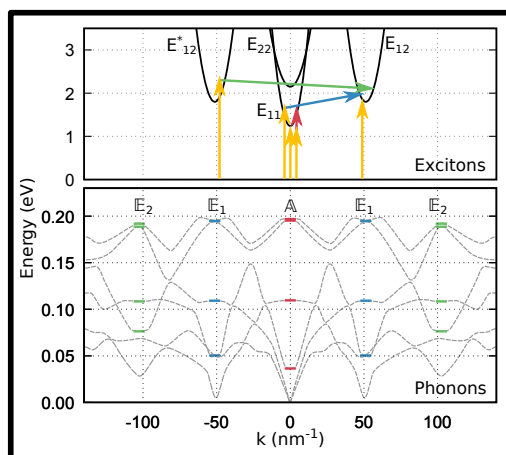
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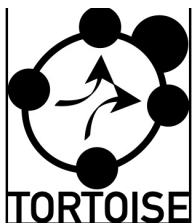




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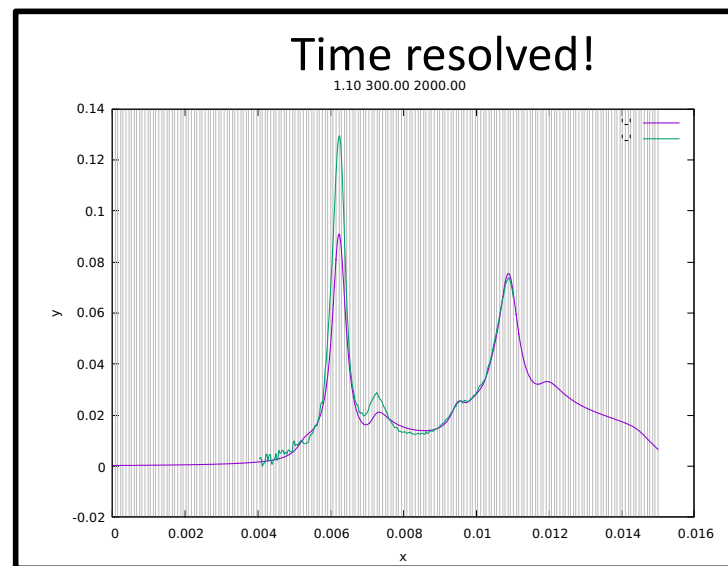
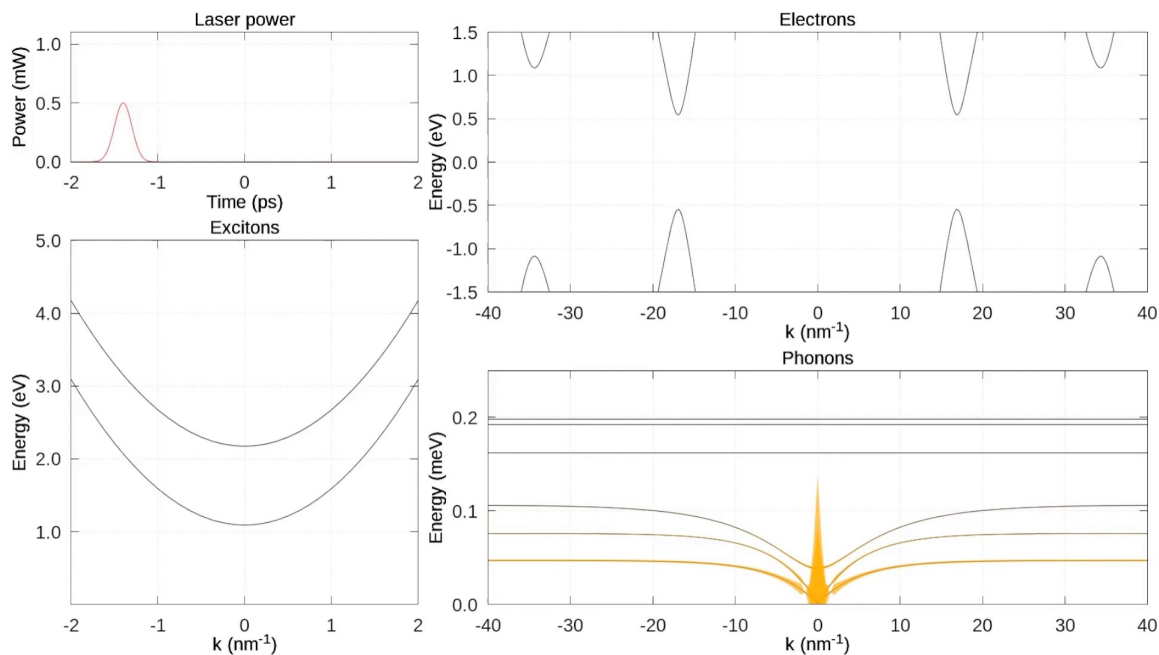
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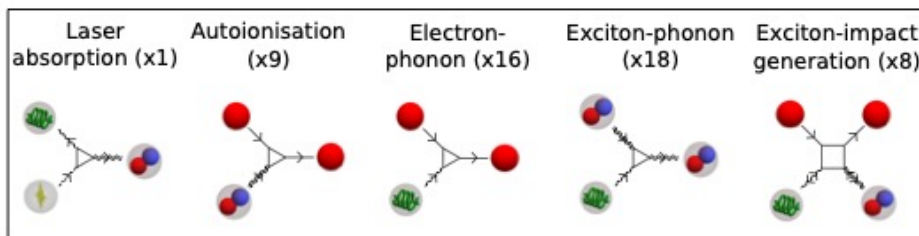


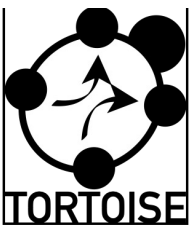
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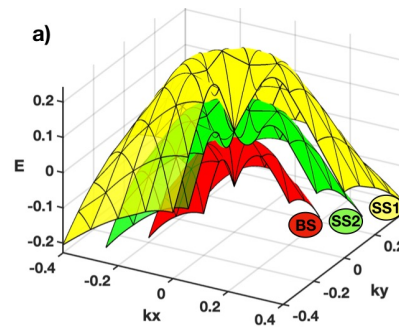
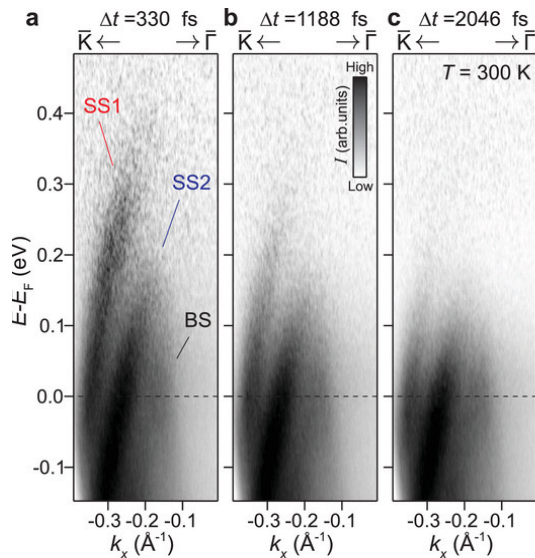
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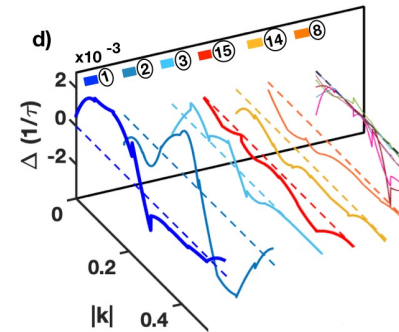
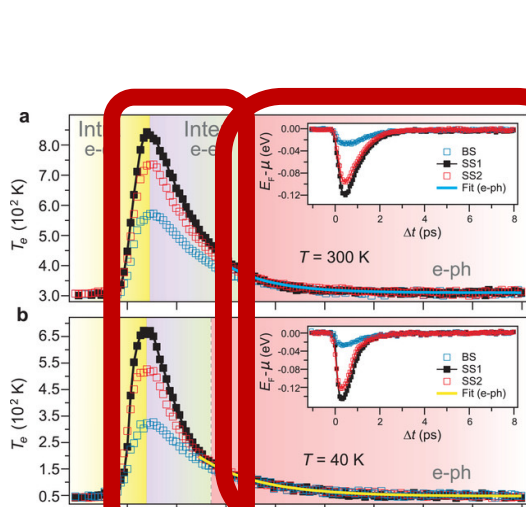
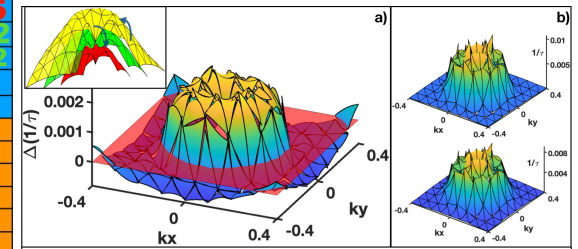
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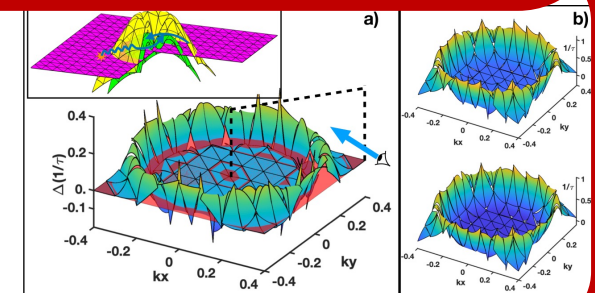
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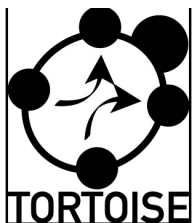
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c) Electron-Phonon Scattering

| | | |
|---|----------|-----|
| 1 | BS + Ph | BS |
| 2 | BS + Ph | SS2 |
| 3 | BS + Ph | SS1 |
| 4 | SS1 + Ph | BS |
| 5 | SS2 + Ph | SS2 |
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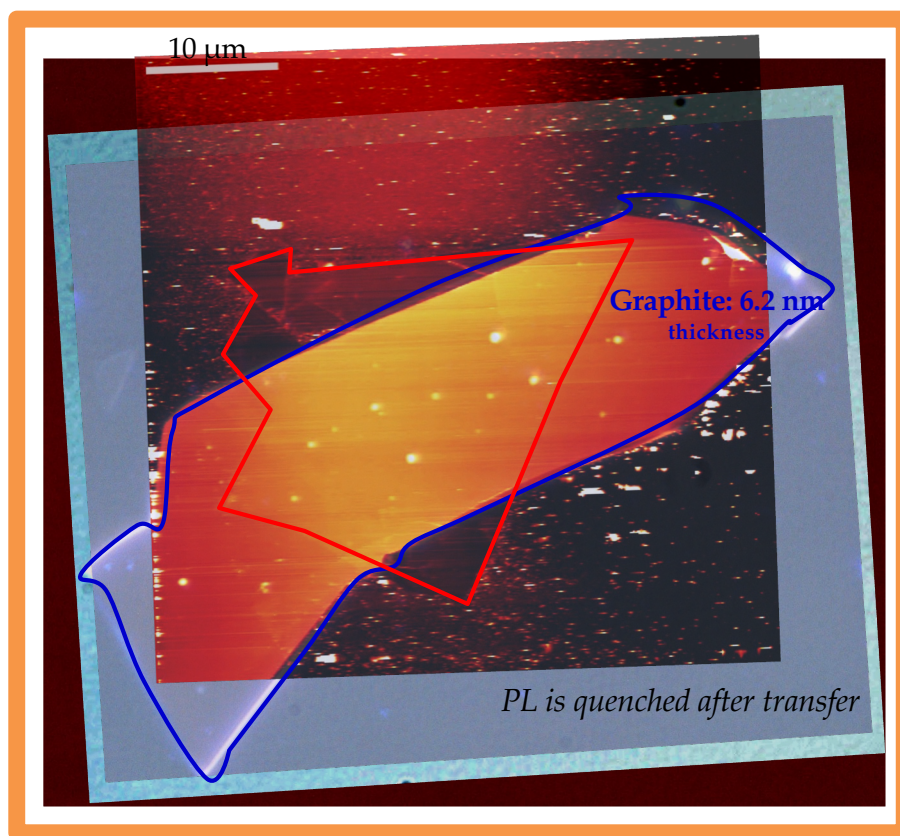




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Samples we have: **1L-WSe₂ / Si** with different supports

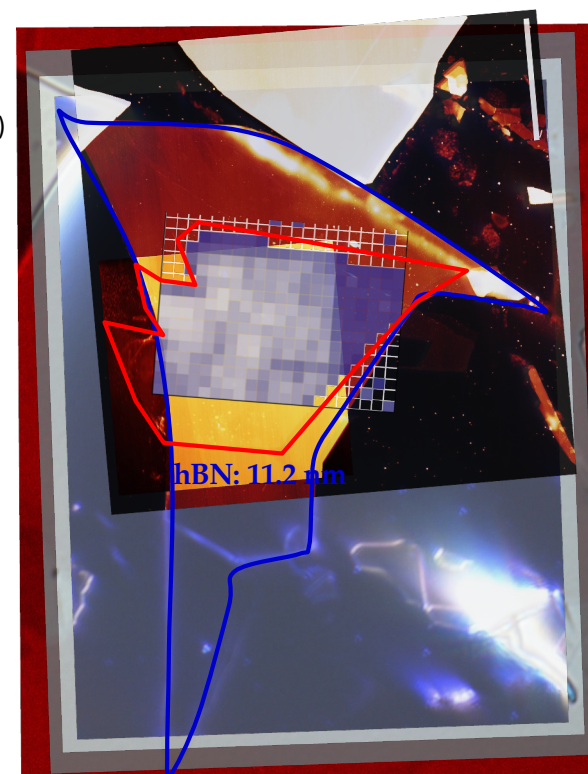


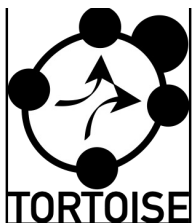
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Optical Microscope
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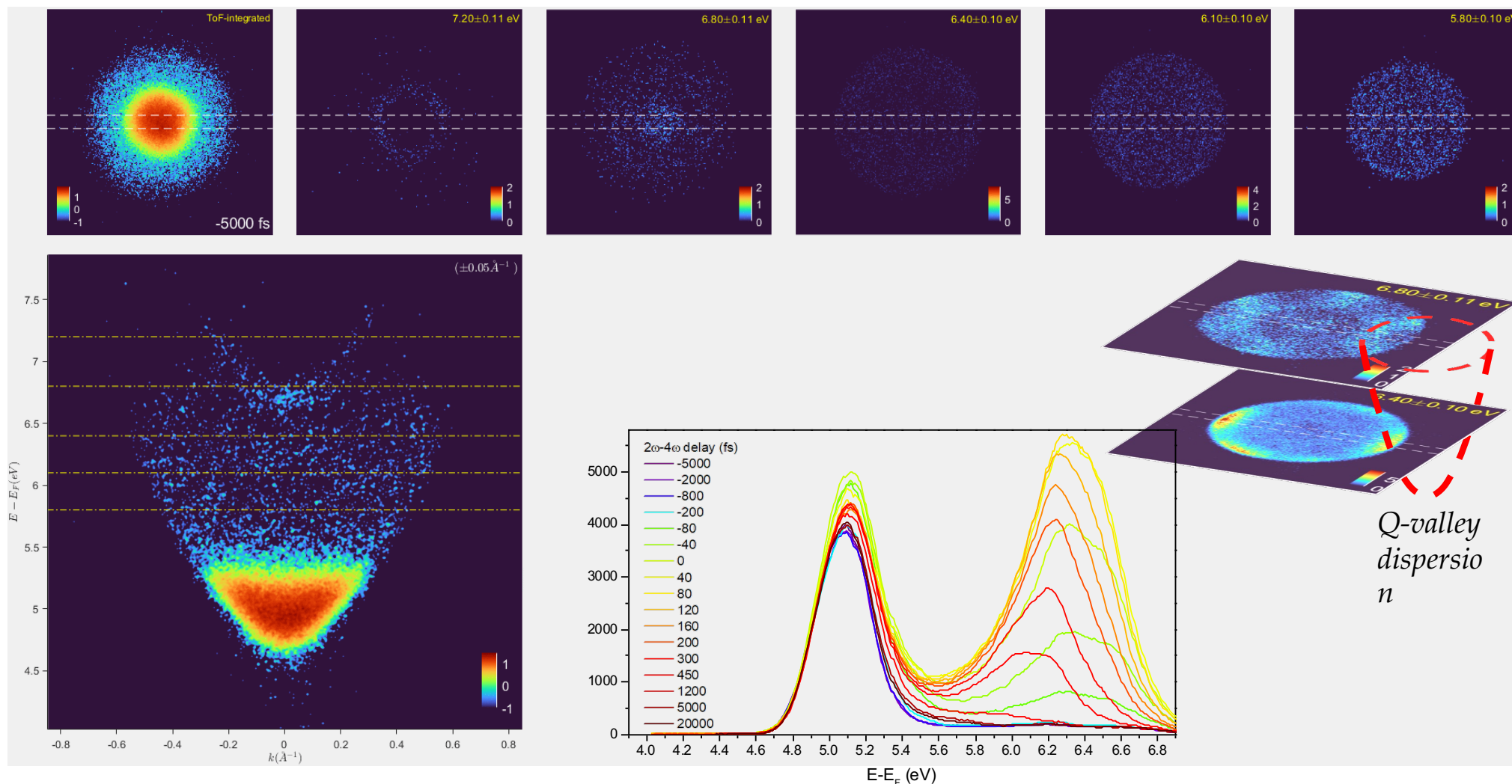
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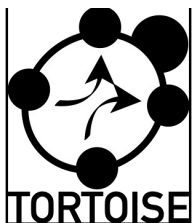




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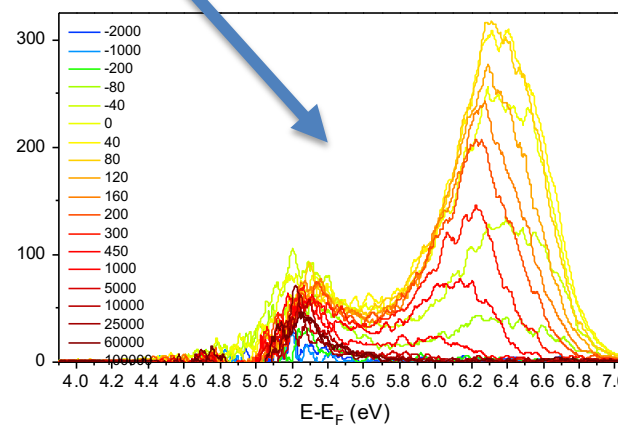
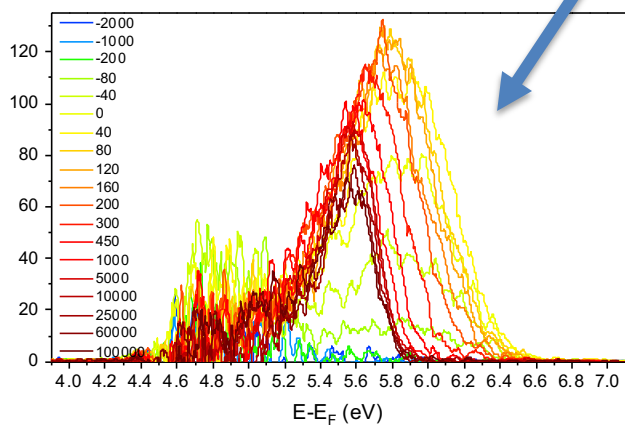
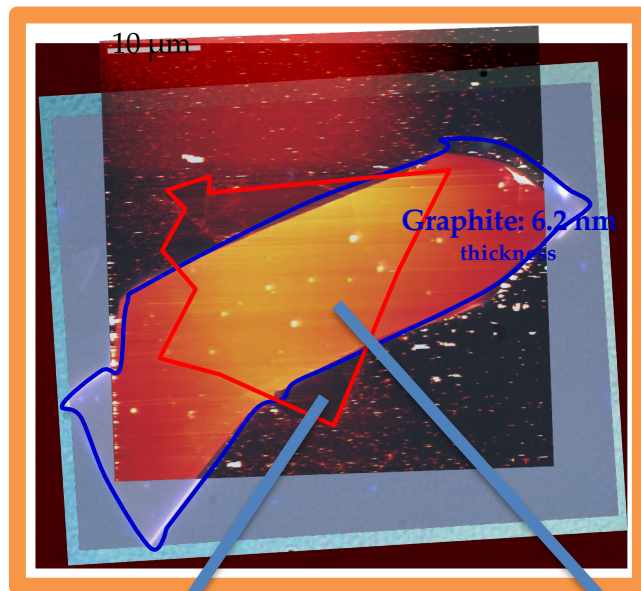
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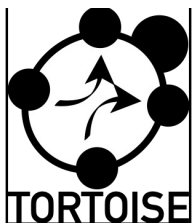




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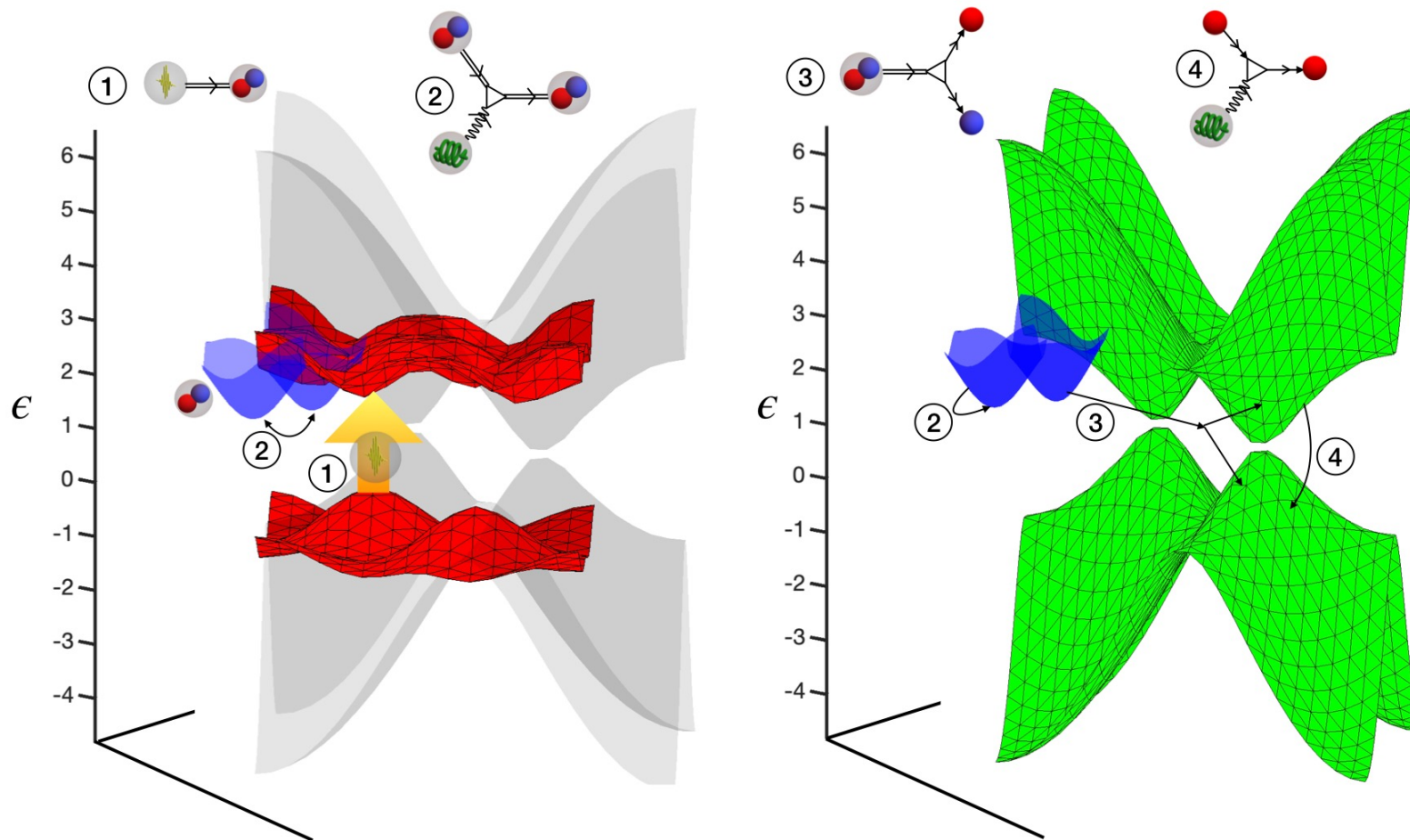
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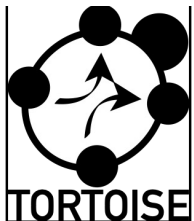




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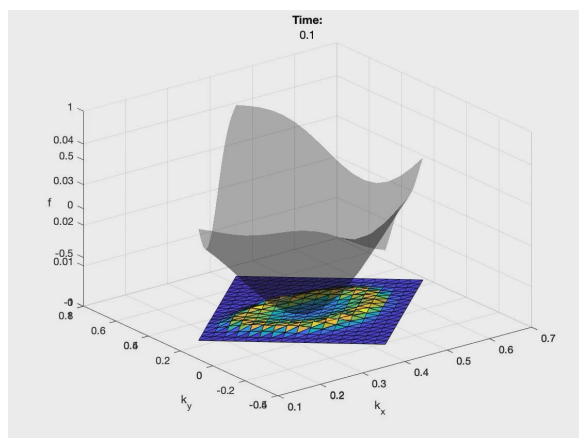
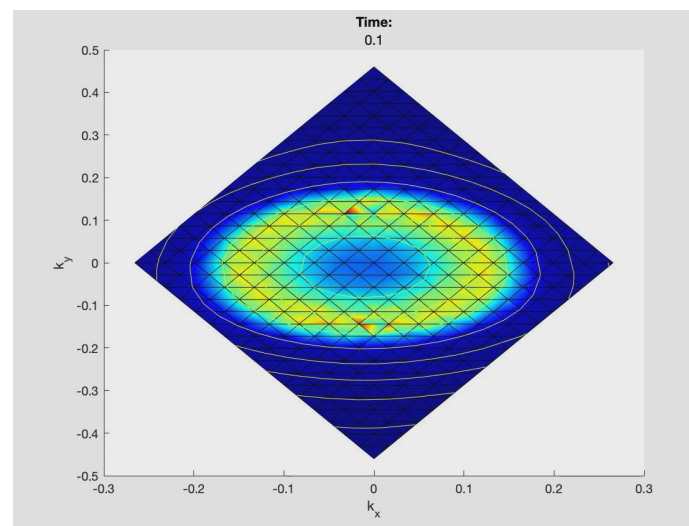
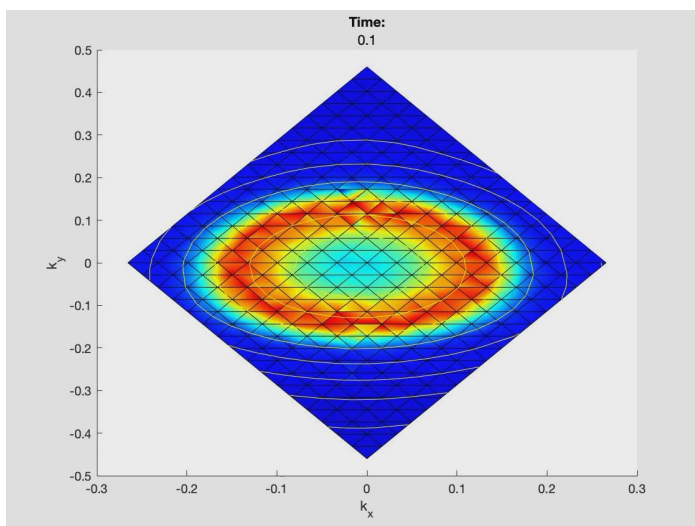
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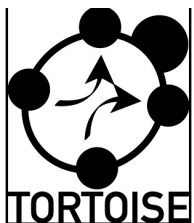




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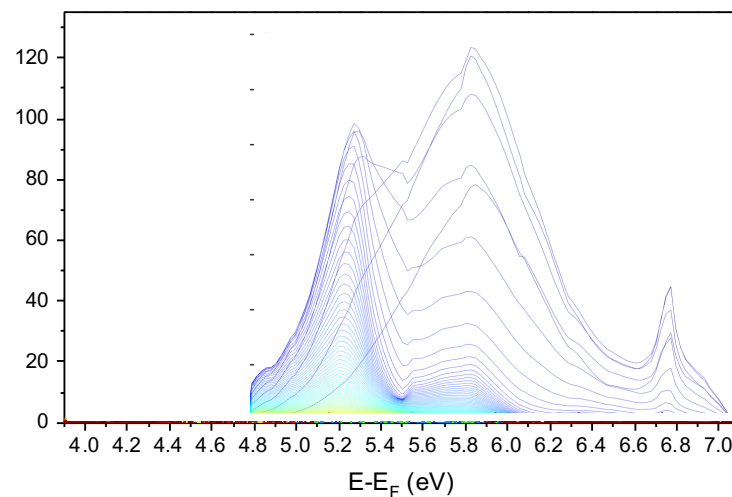
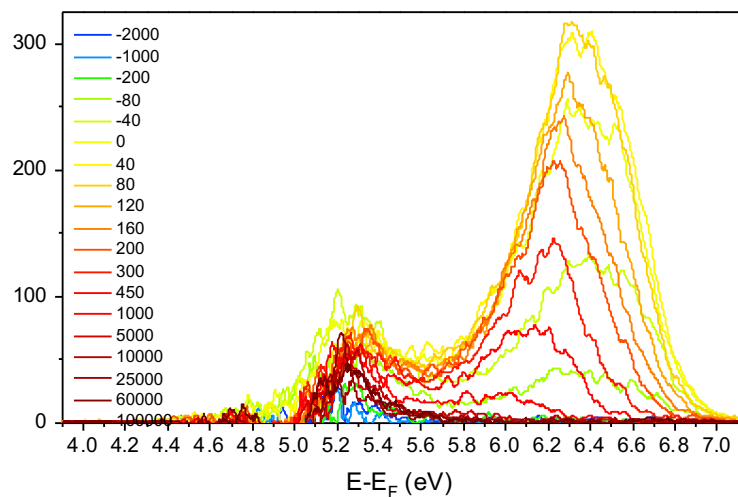
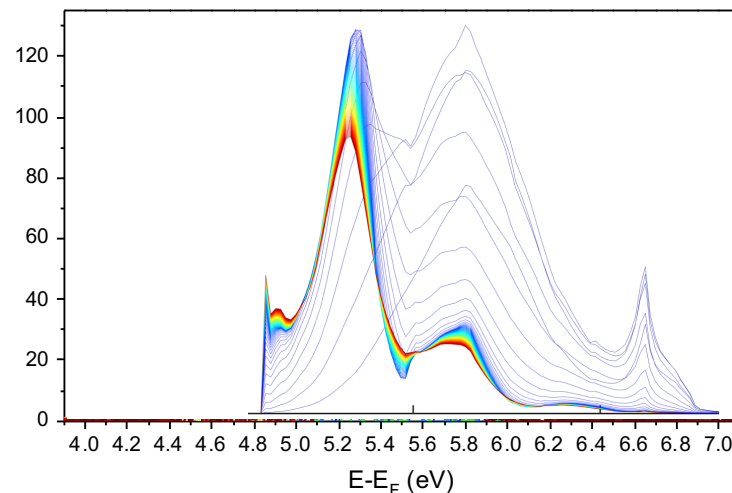
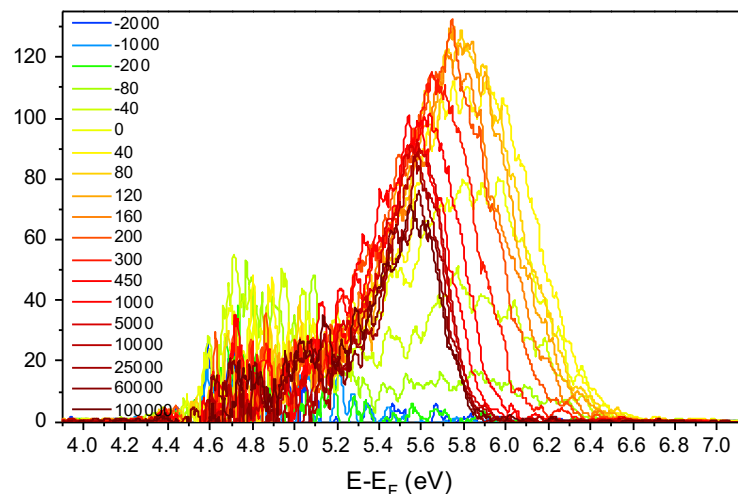
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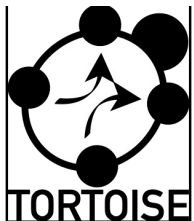




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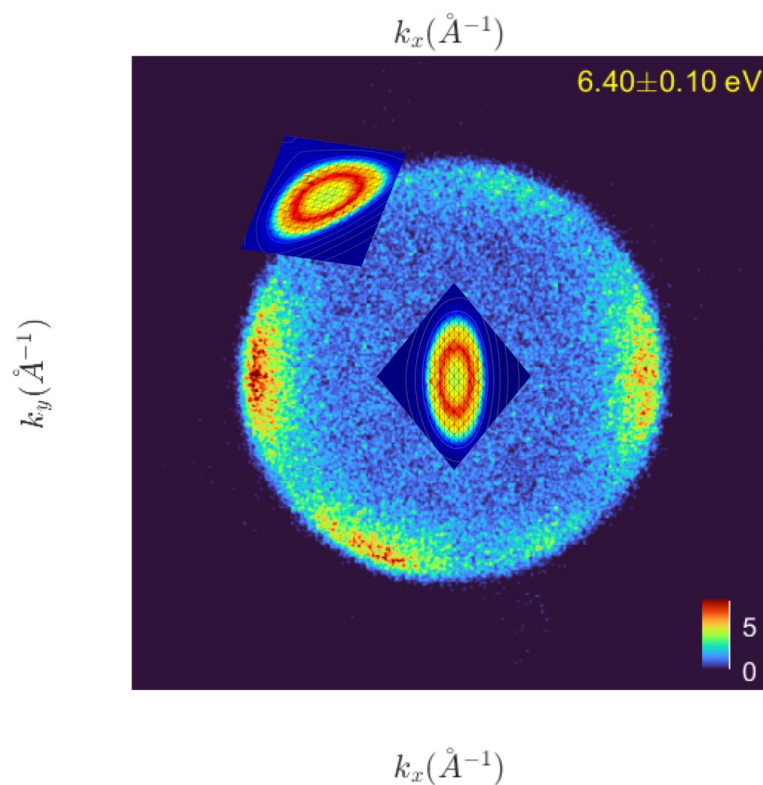
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Movie: work in progress

