



X-ray Free-Electron Lasers

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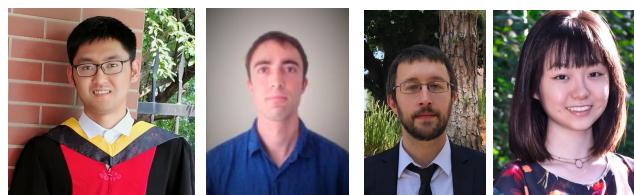
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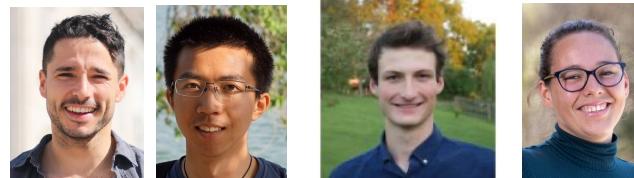
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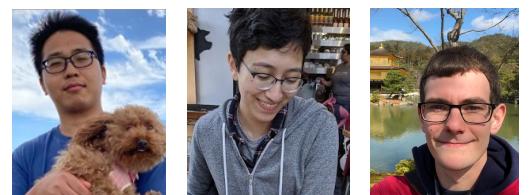


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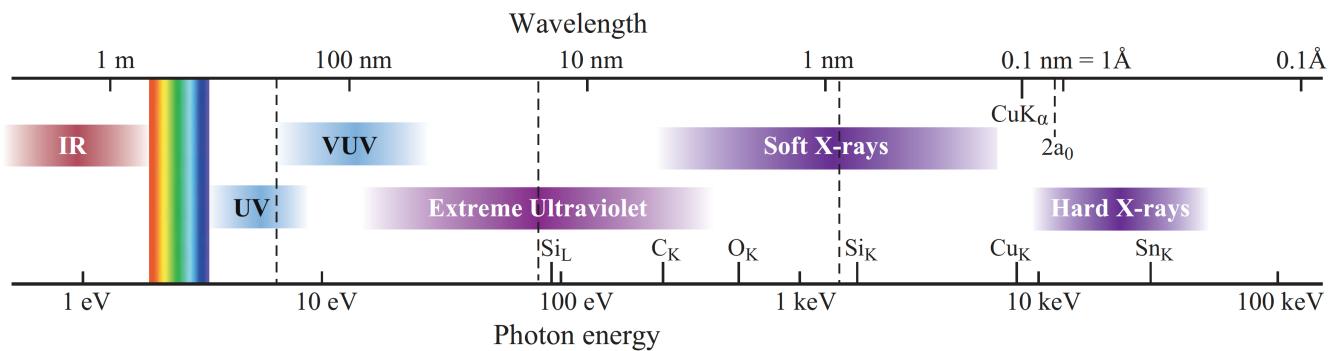


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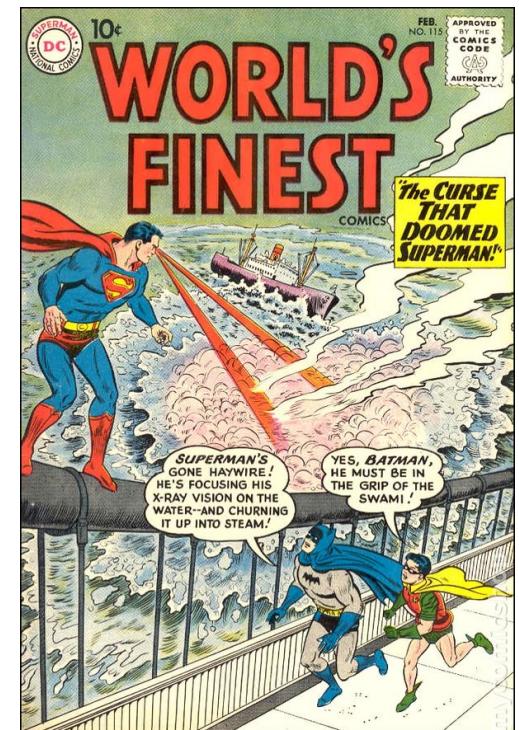
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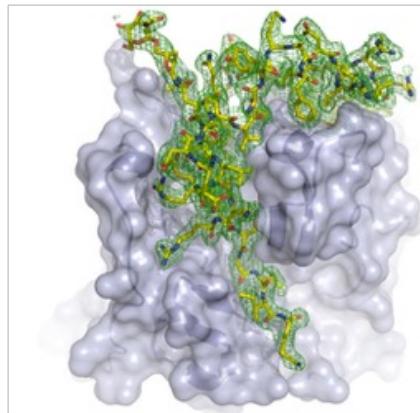
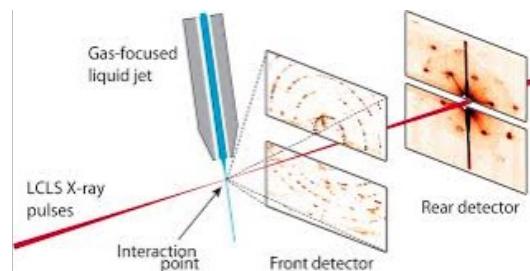
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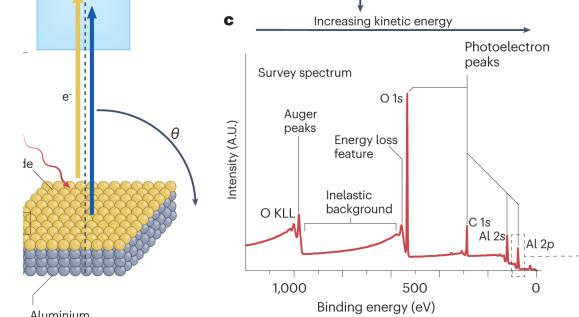
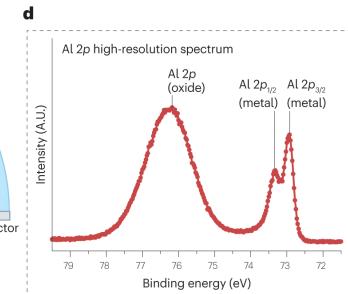
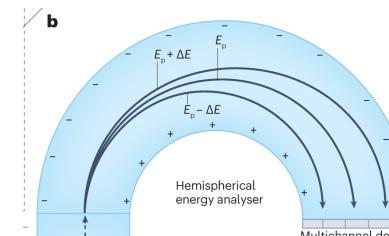
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Resolution ~ Angstrom



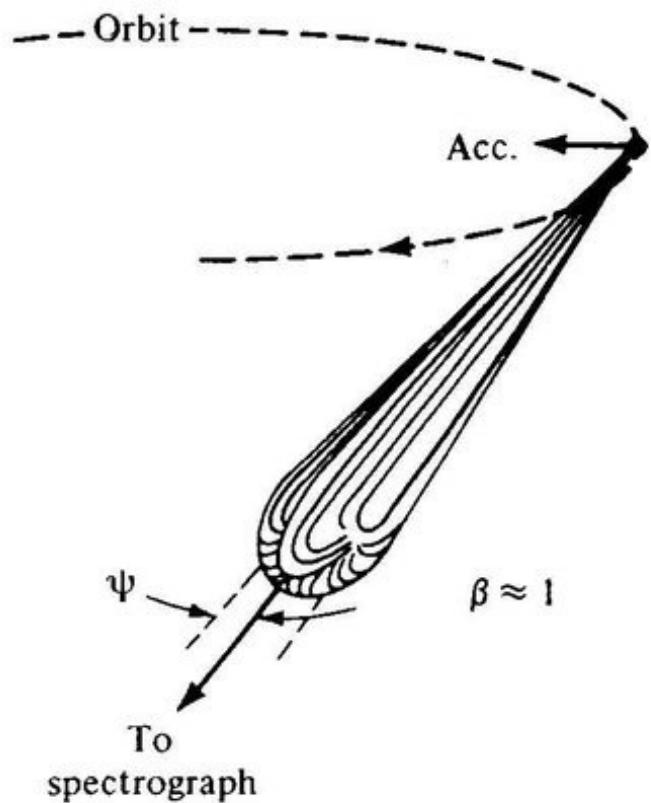
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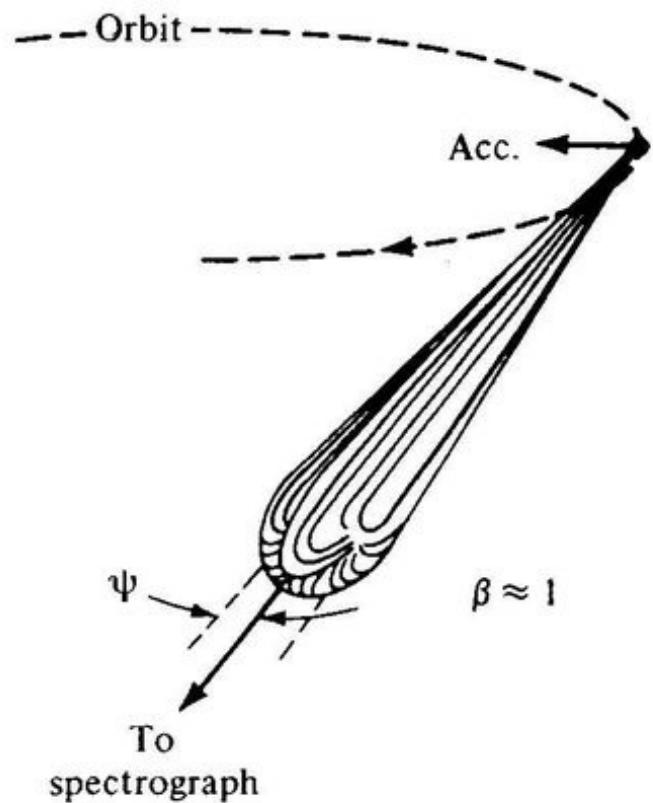
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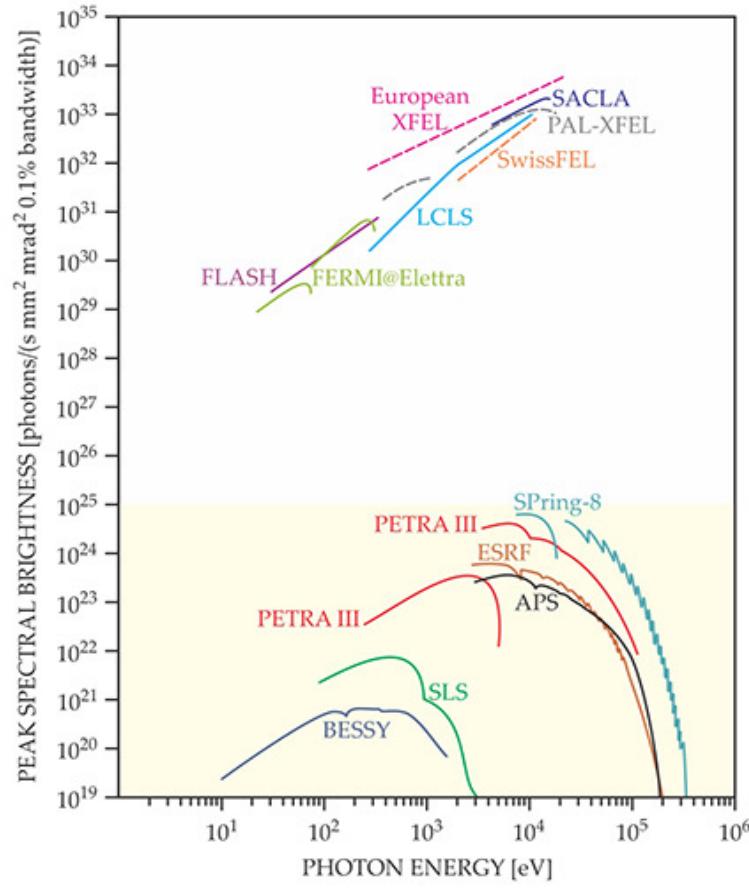
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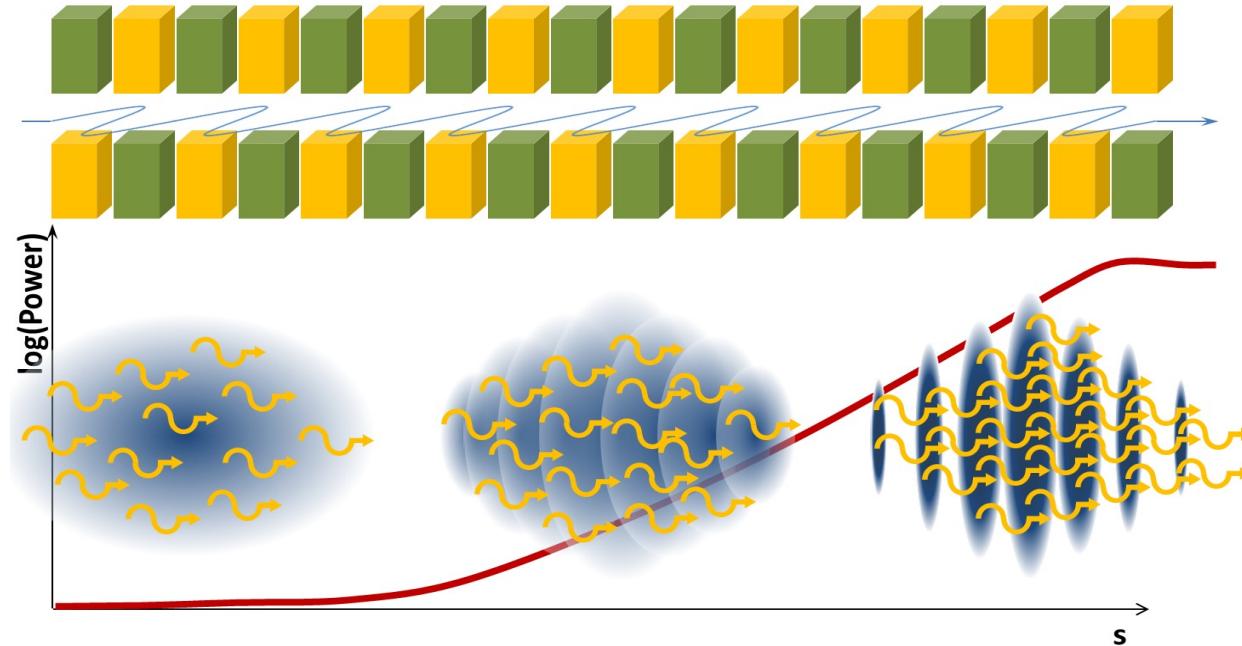
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$$\frac{dU}{dt} \propto \gamma^2$$

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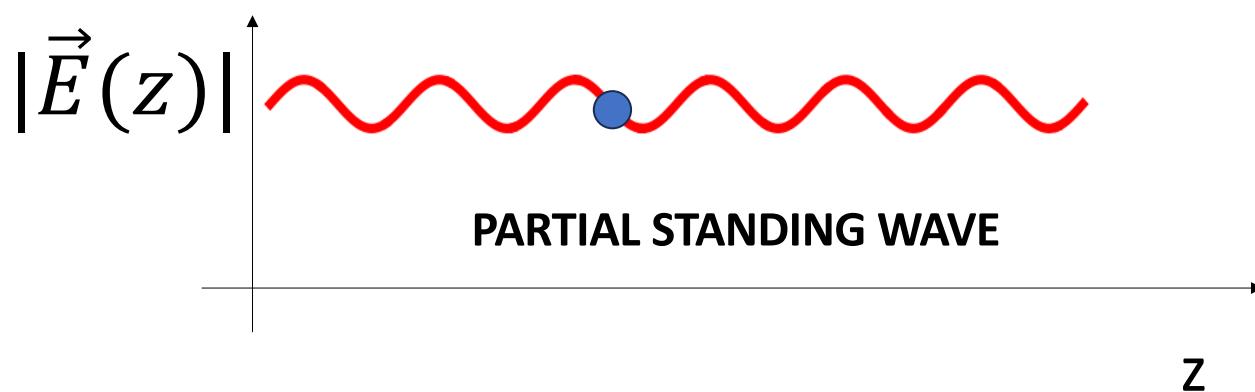
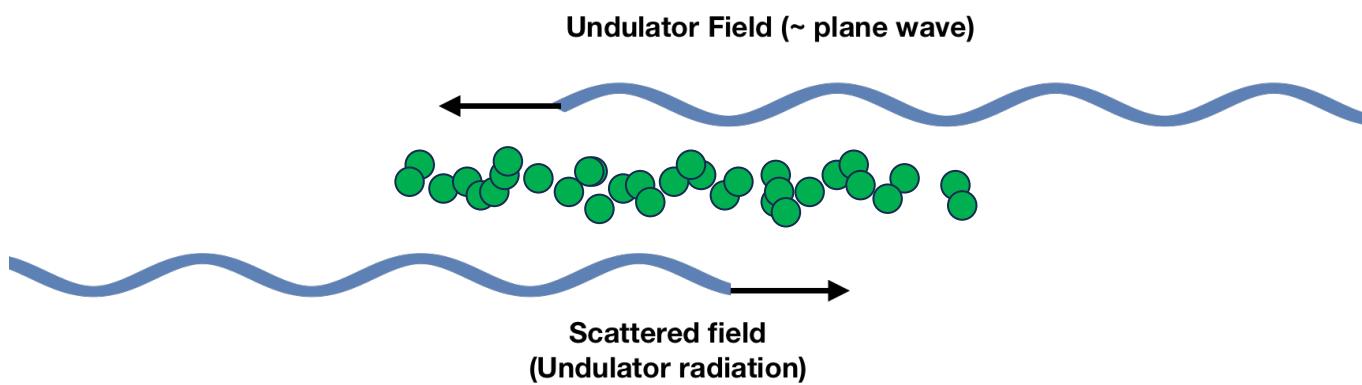
Free-Electron Laser



$$\lambda_r = \lambda_u \left(\frac{1}{\beta_z} - 1 \right)$$

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FEL IN THE REST FRAME



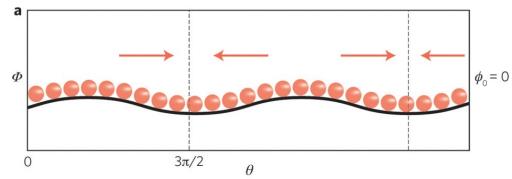
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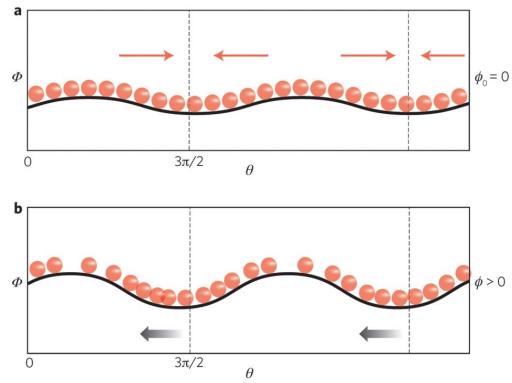
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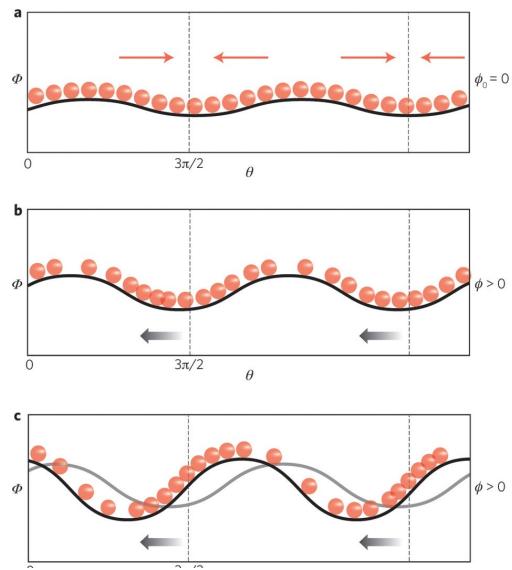
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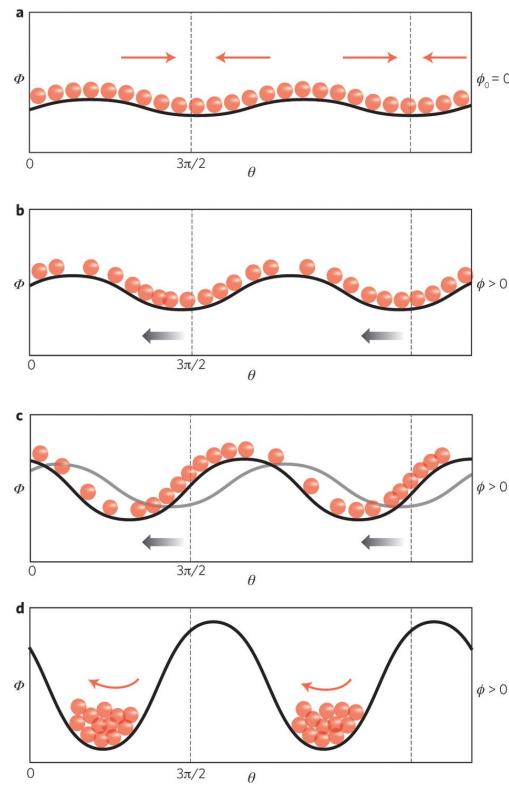
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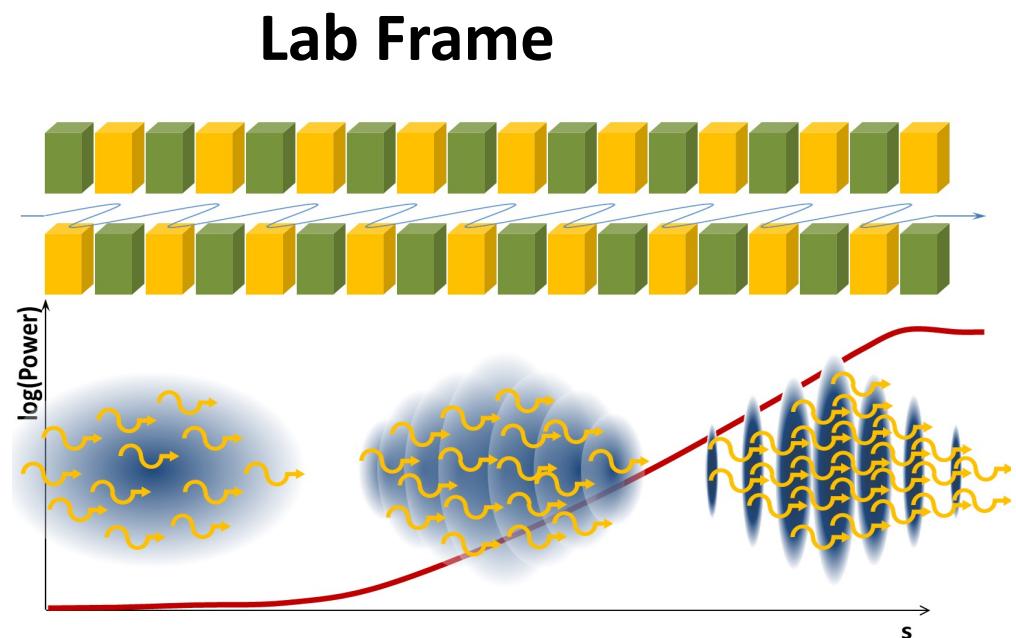
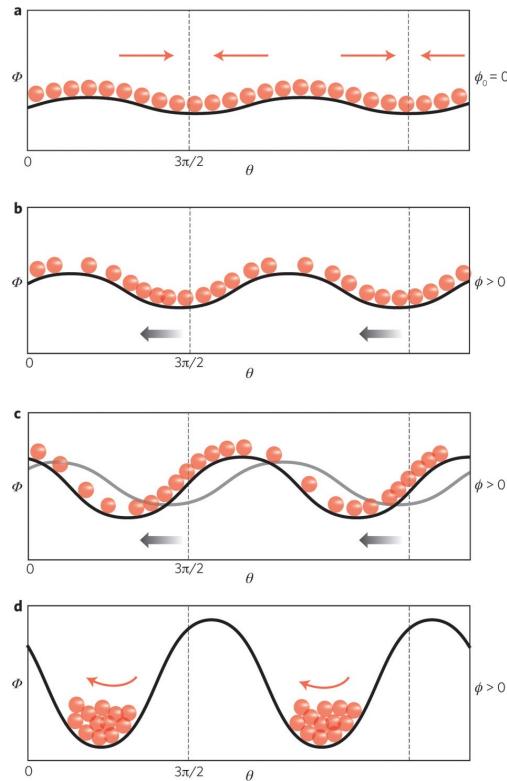
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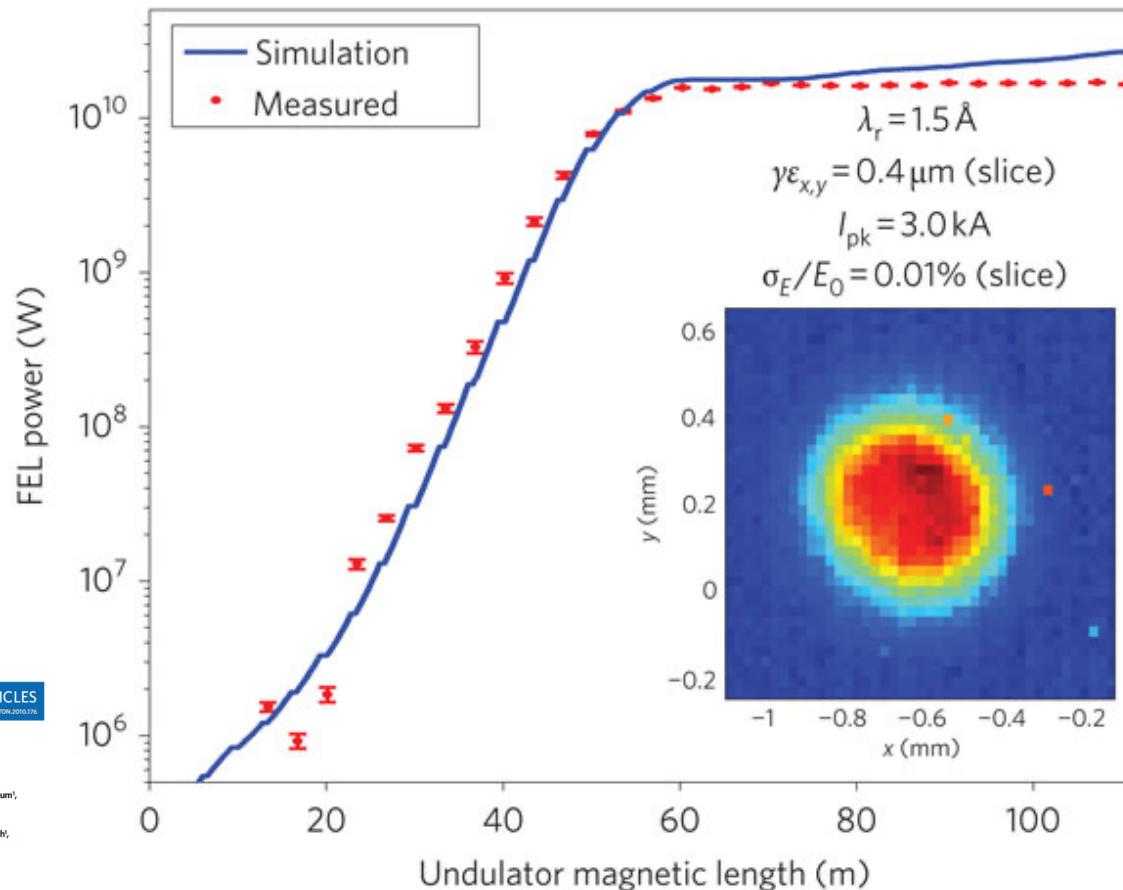
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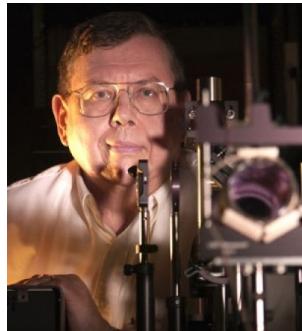


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A Little Bit of History



Invention of FEL

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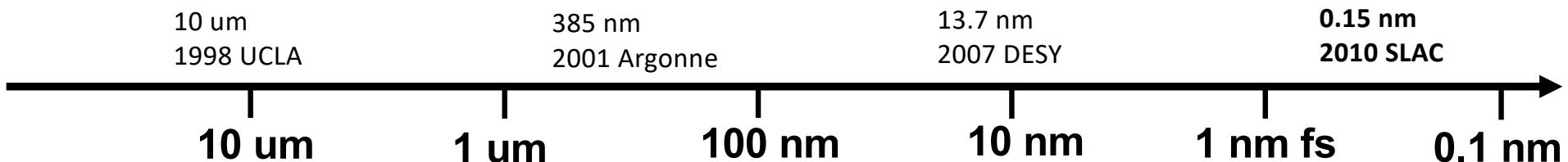
FEL Instability:

Saldin (1980)

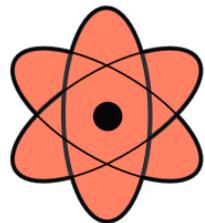
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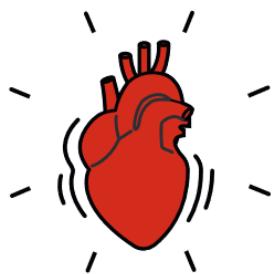


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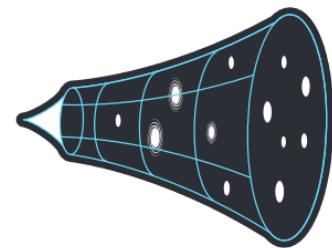
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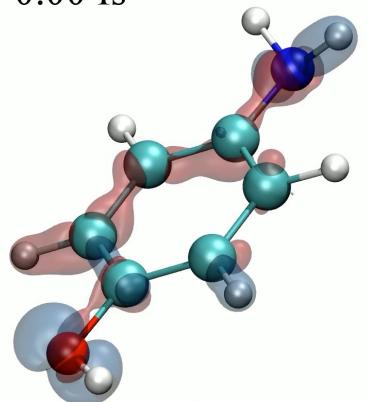
Electrons' movements in atoms and molecules are so rapid that they are measured in attoseconds. An attosecond is to one second as one second is to the age of the universe.

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Attosecond Electron Dynamics

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Study of electron dynamics

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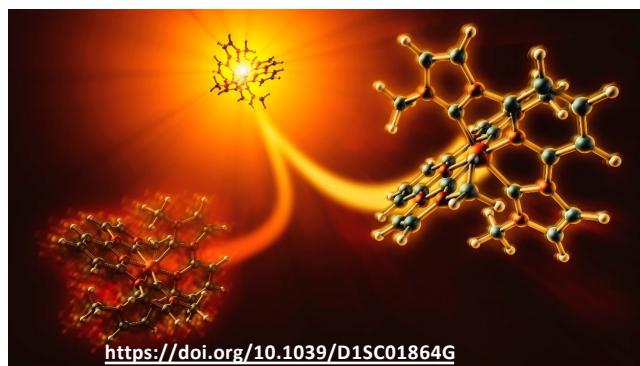


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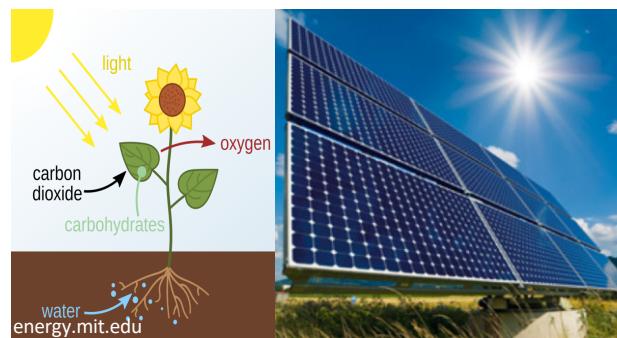
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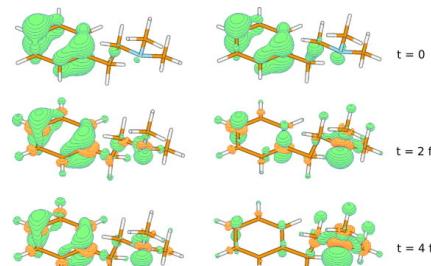
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Radiation-matter interaction



Multi-body quantum mechanics

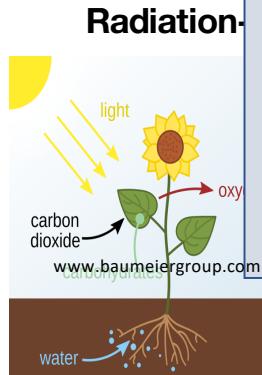


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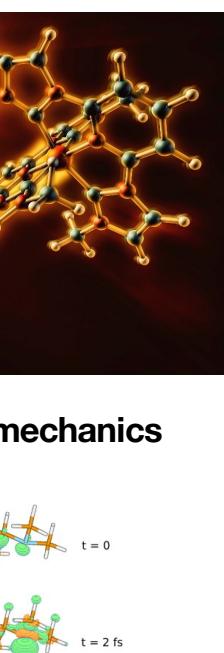
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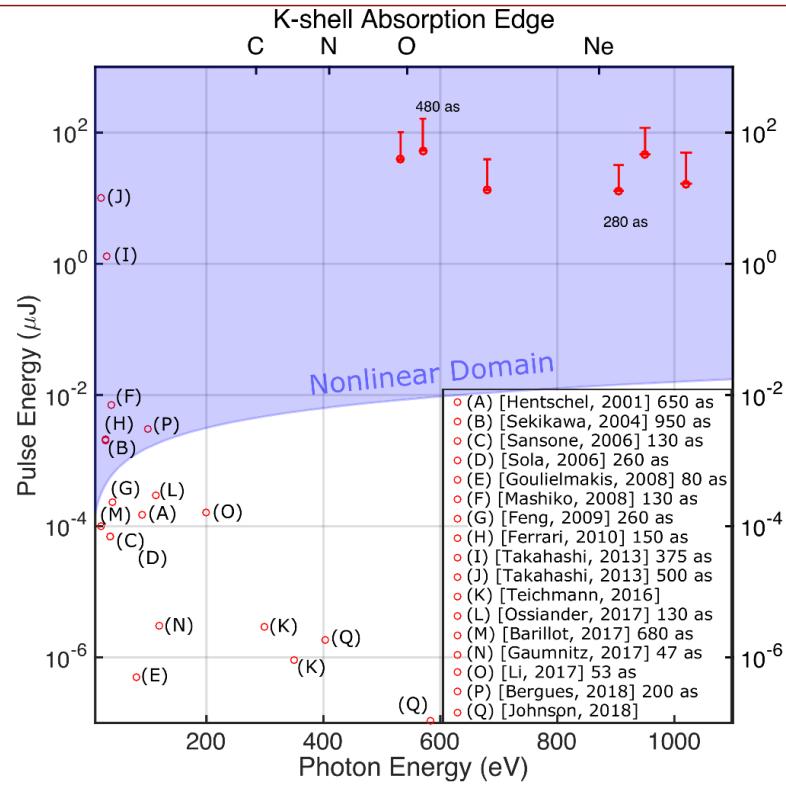
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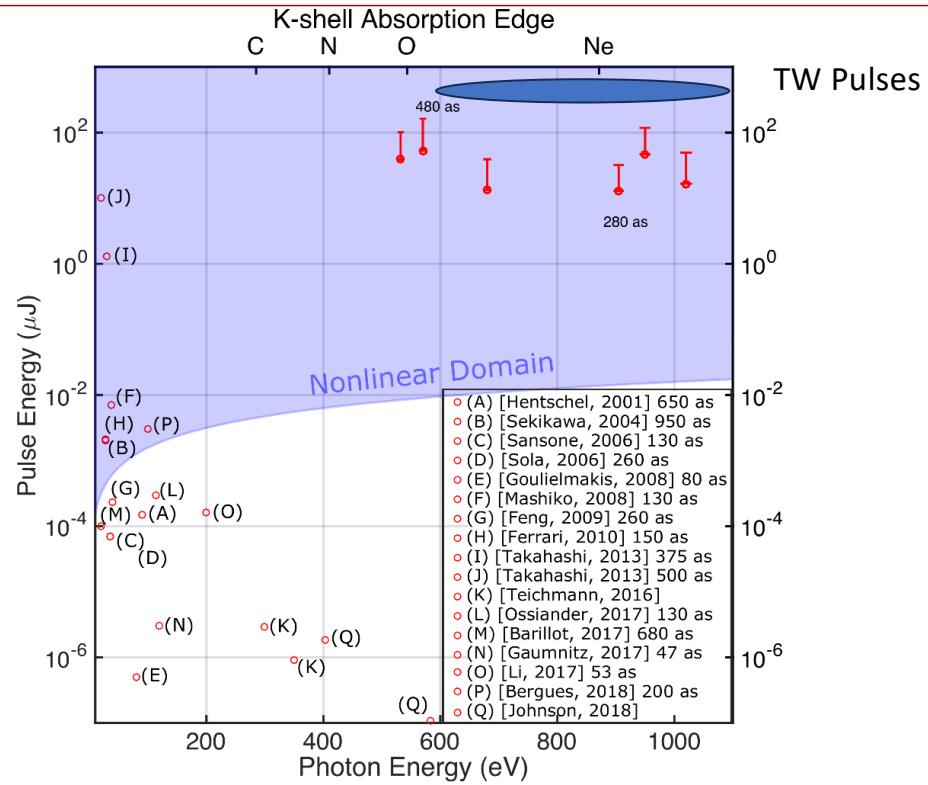
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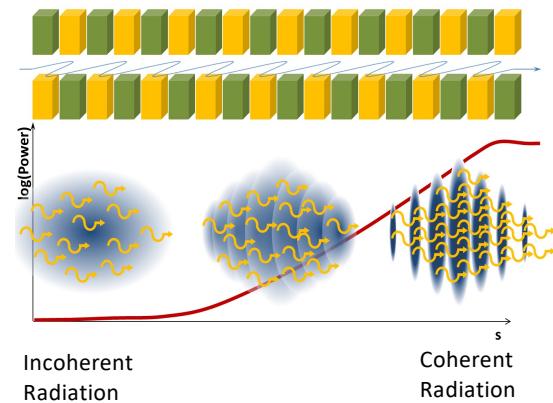
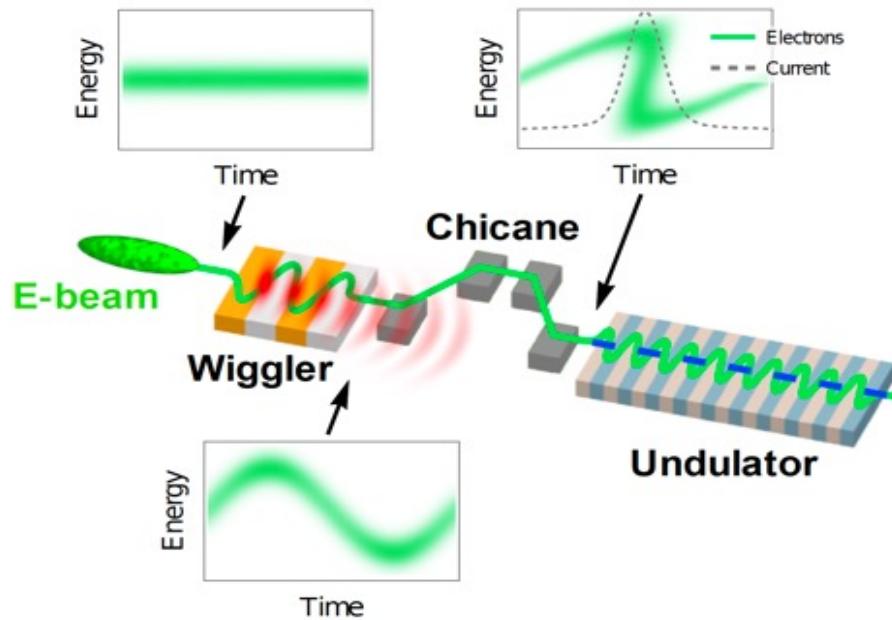
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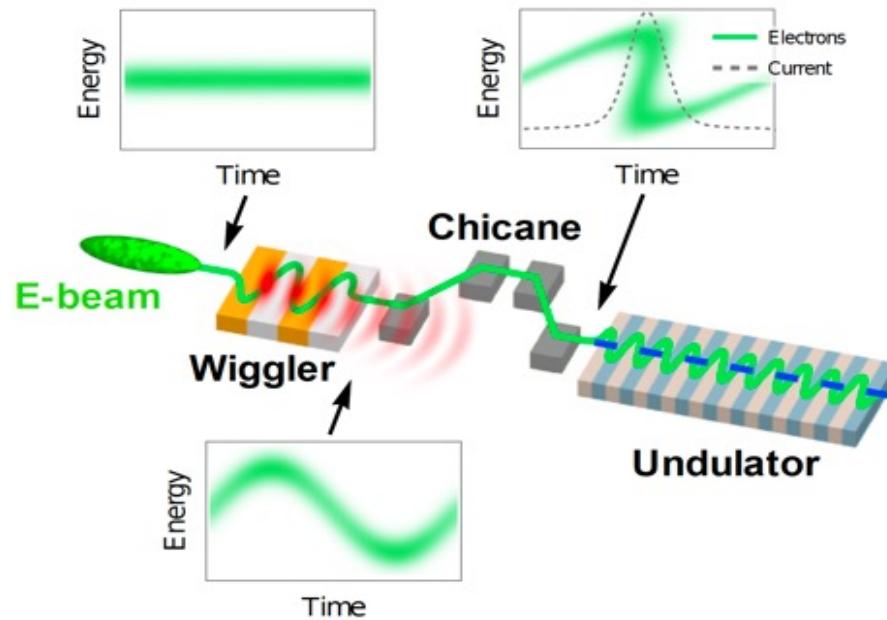
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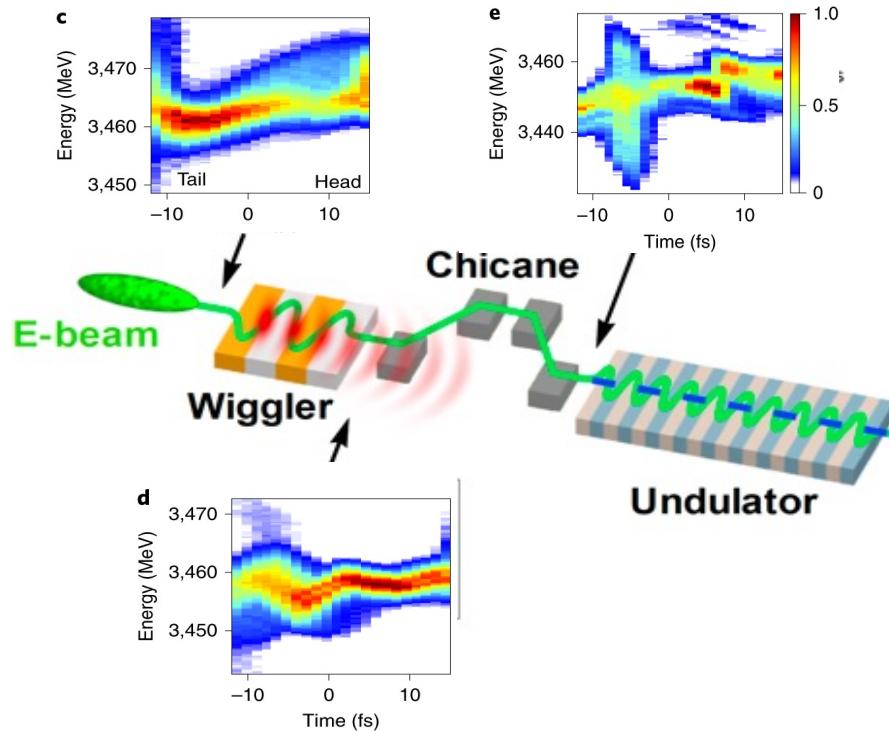
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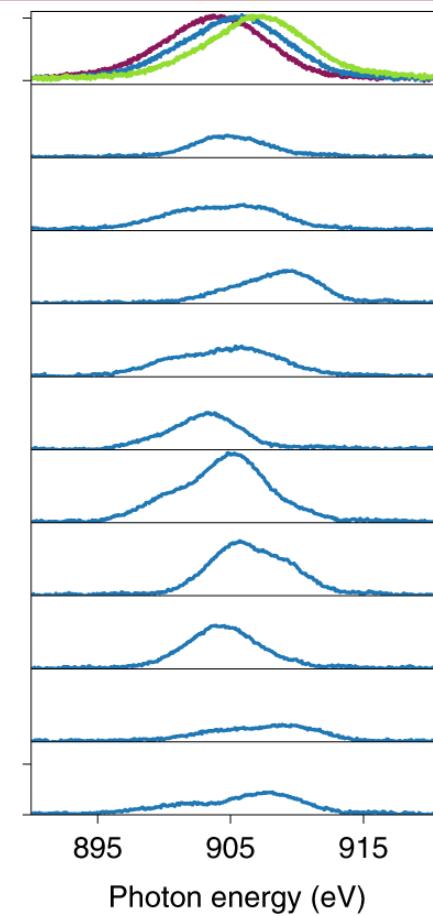
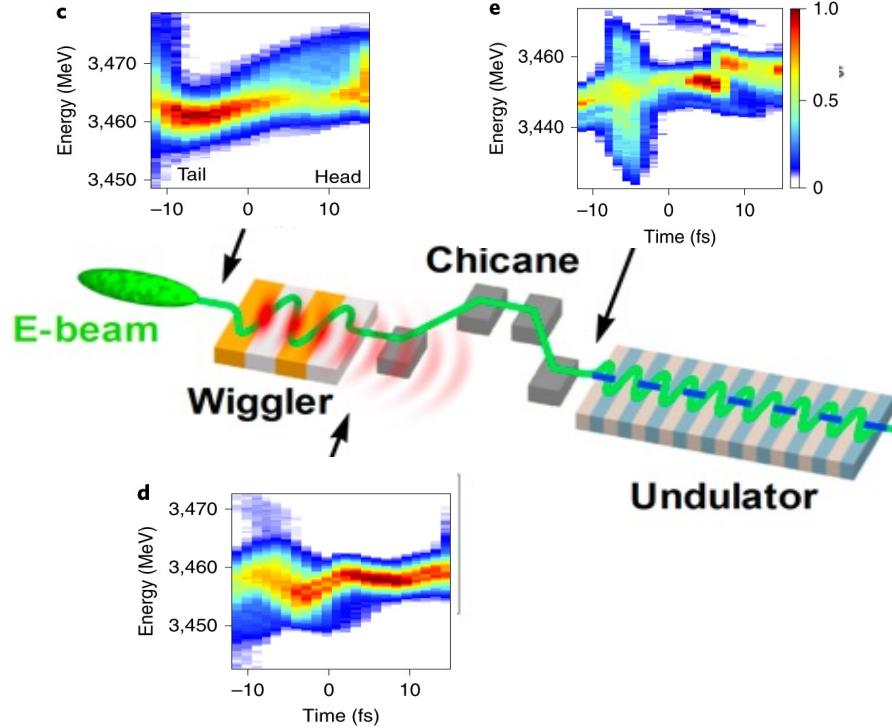
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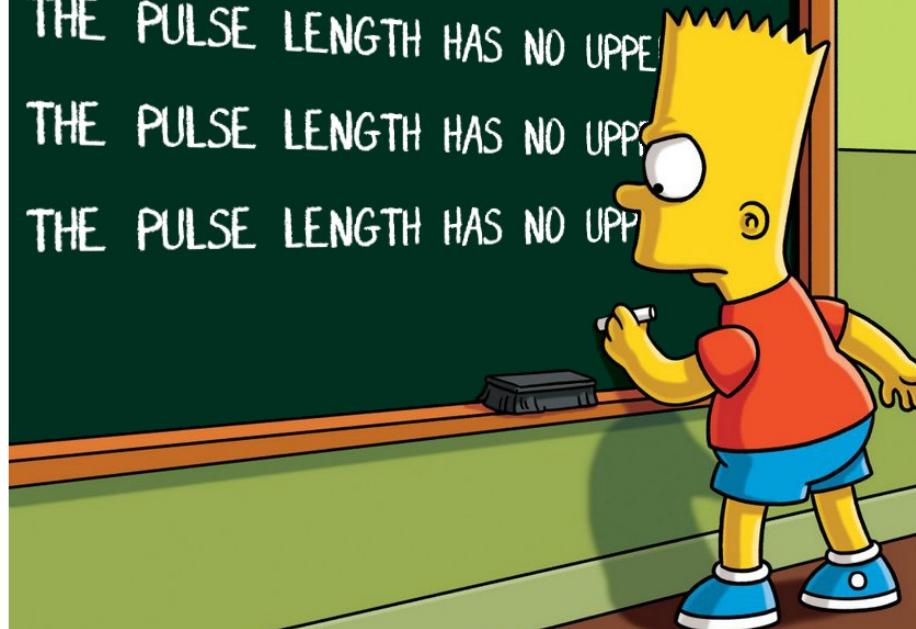
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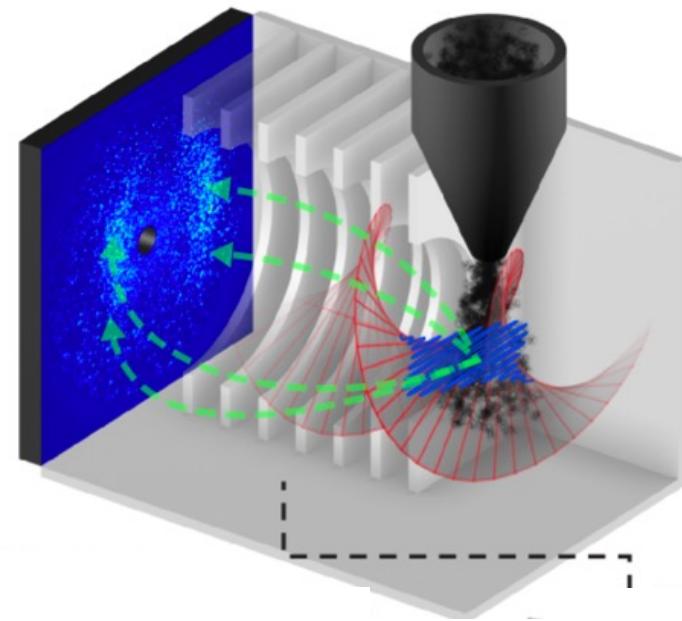
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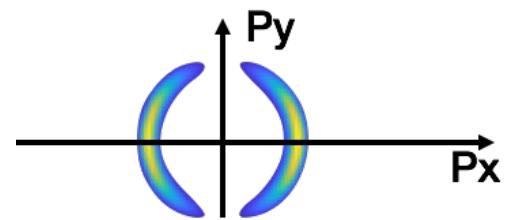
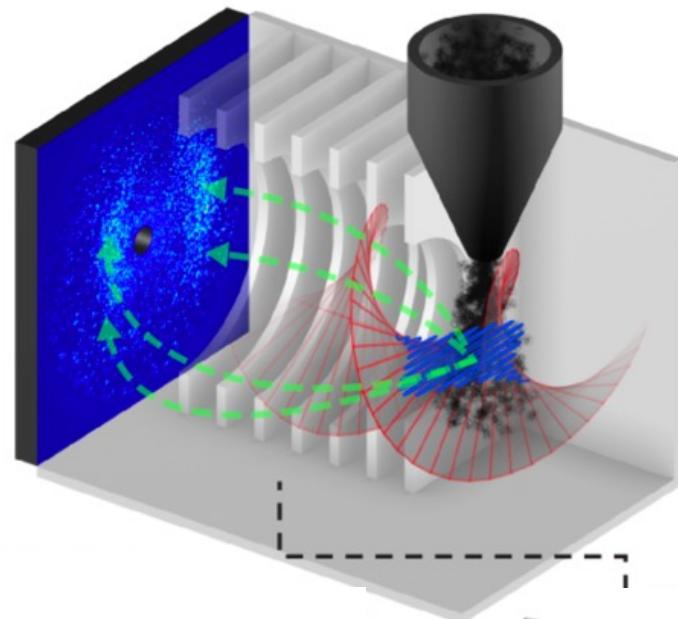


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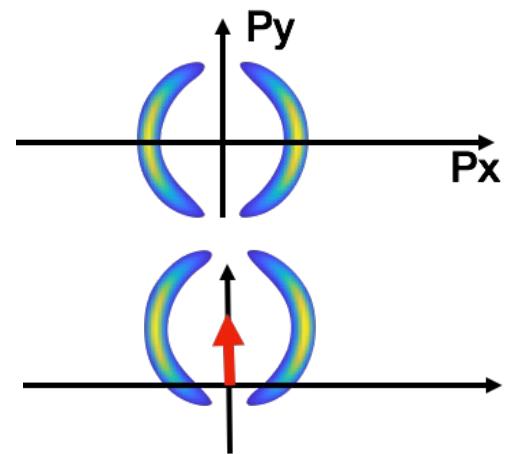
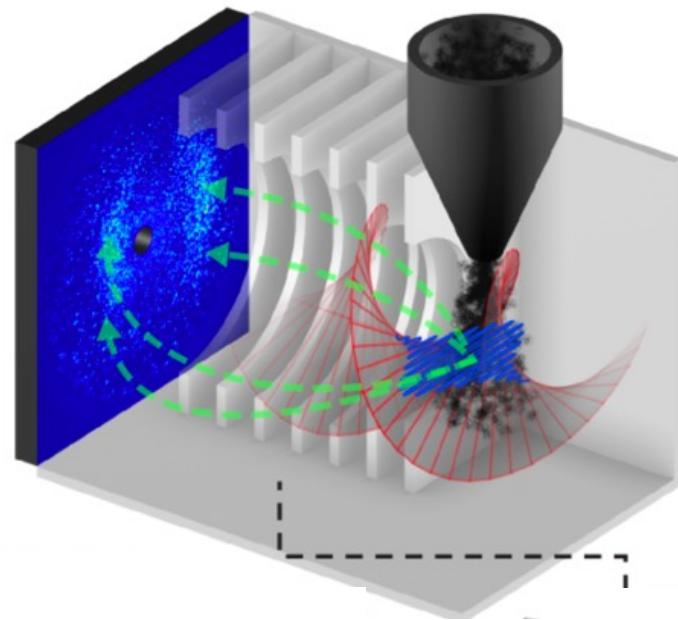


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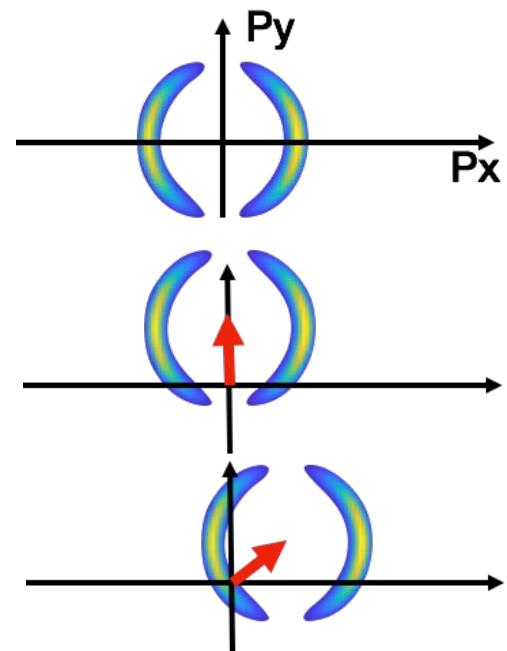
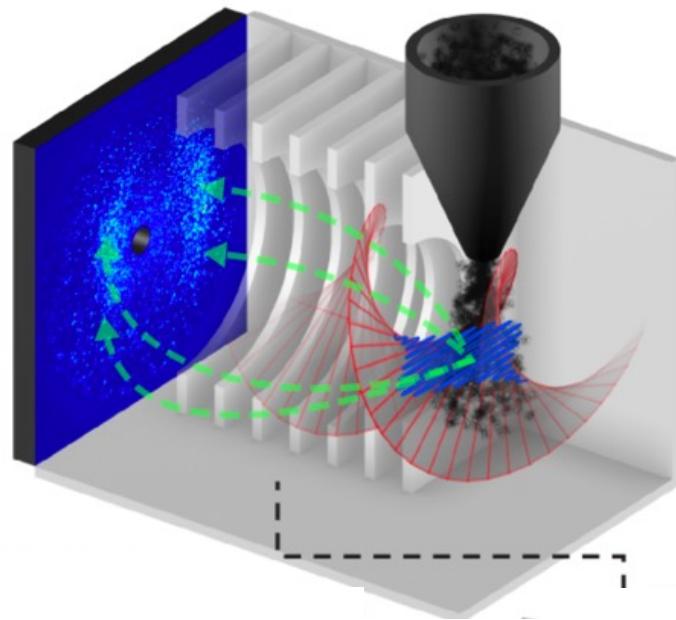
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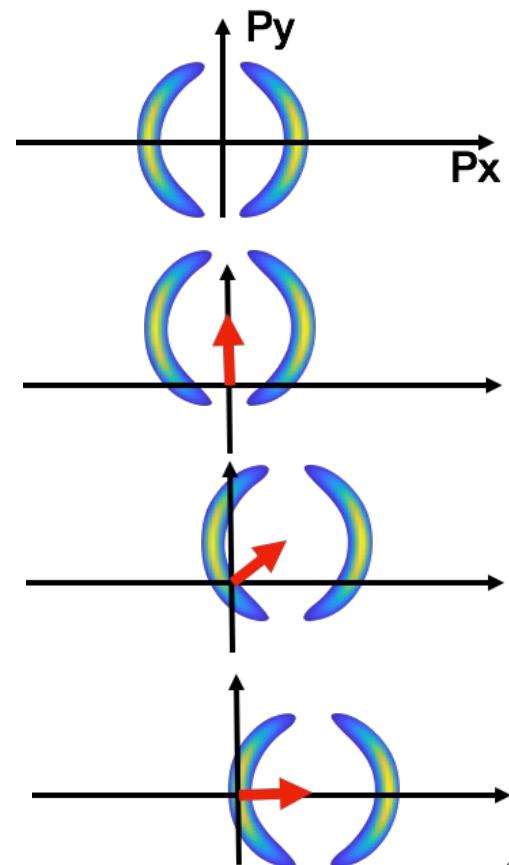
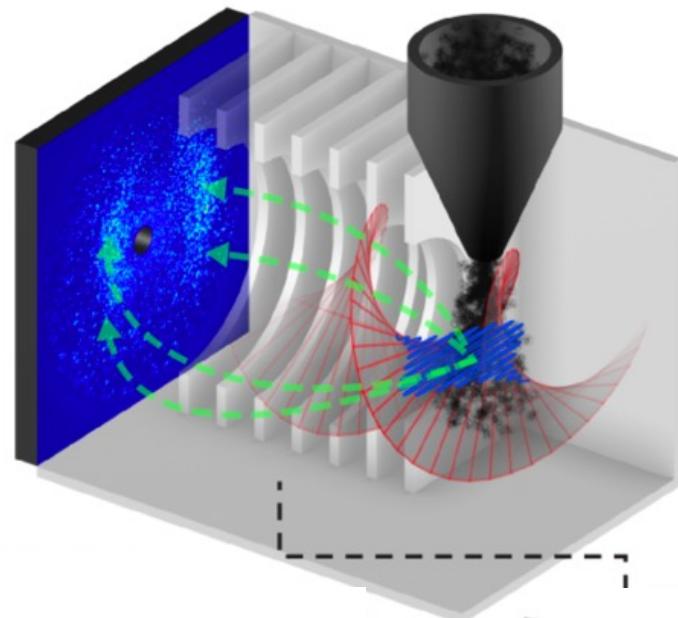
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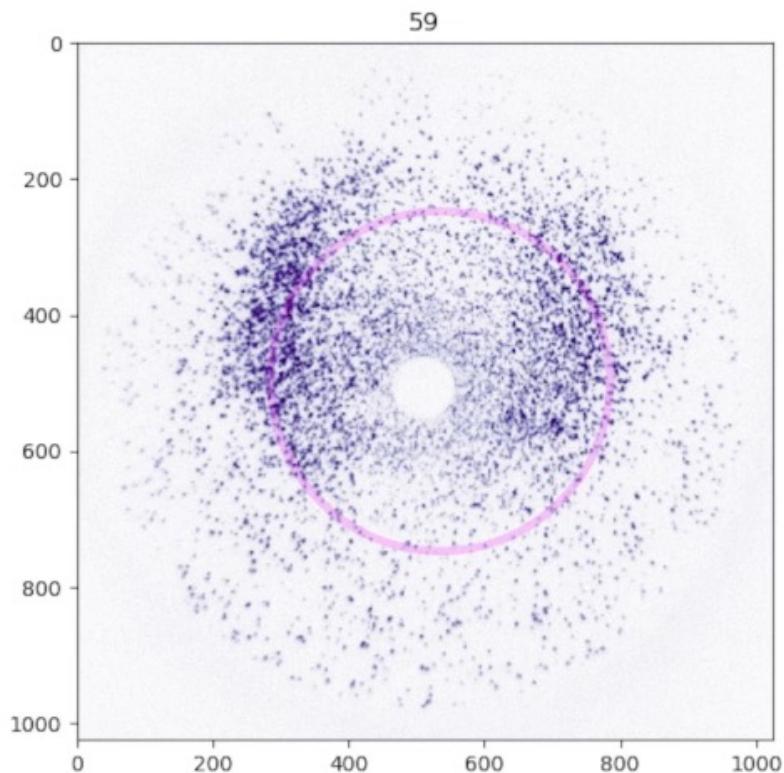
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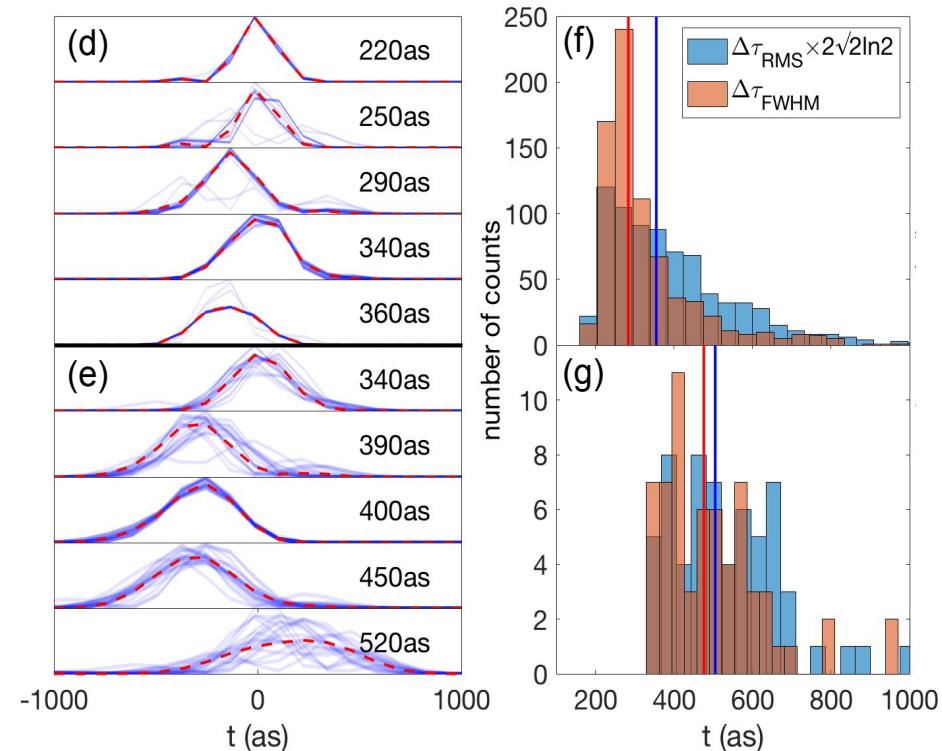
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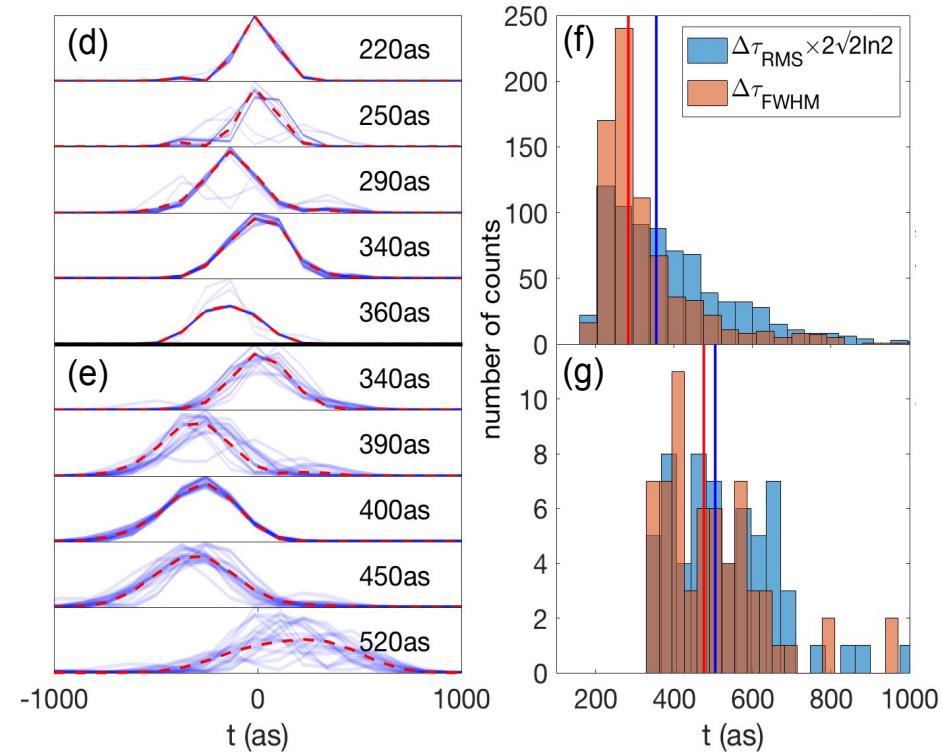
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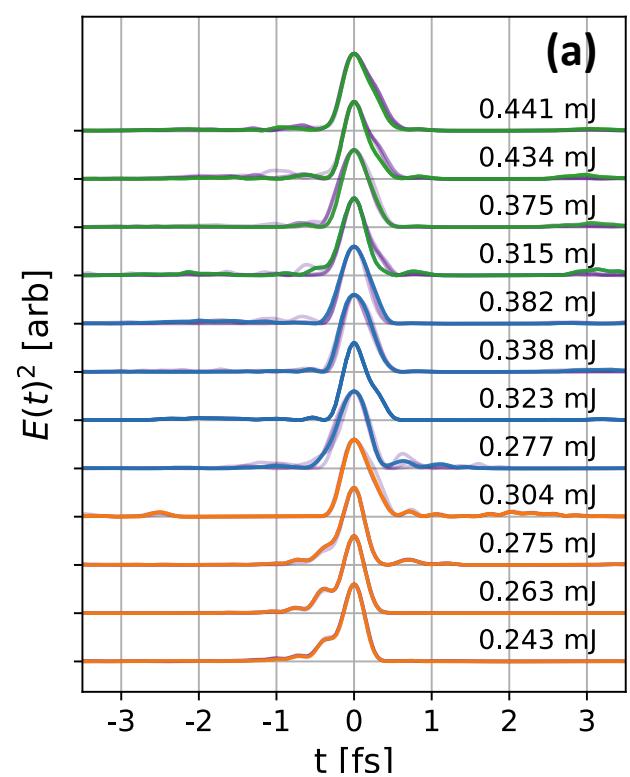
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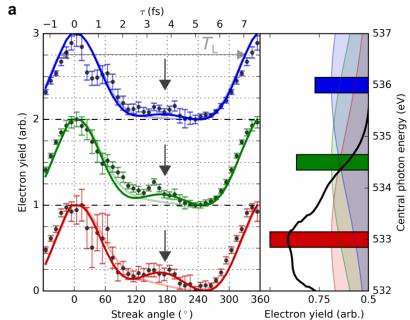
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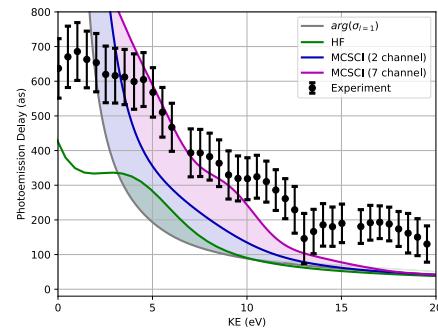
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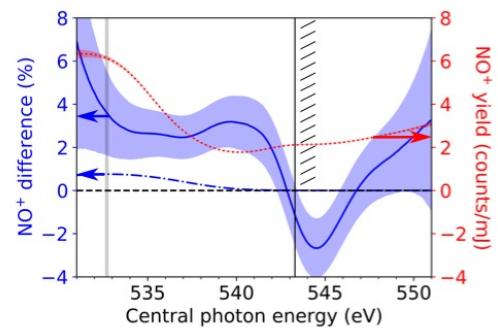
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Photoemission delays



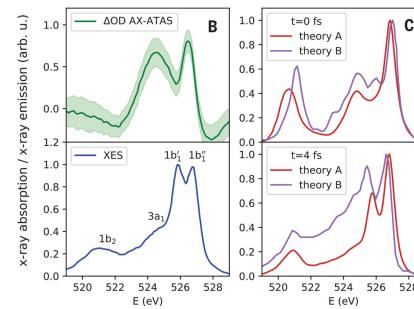
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Non-linear methods



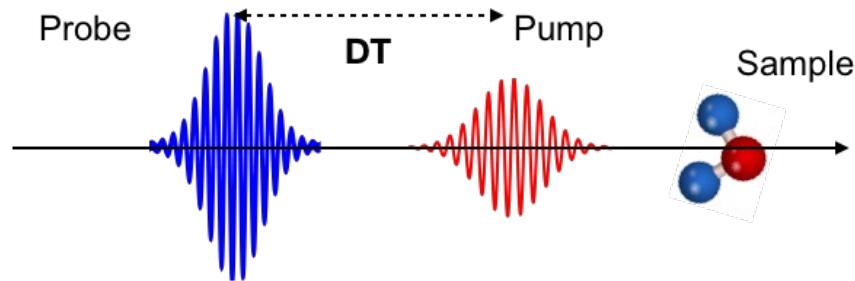
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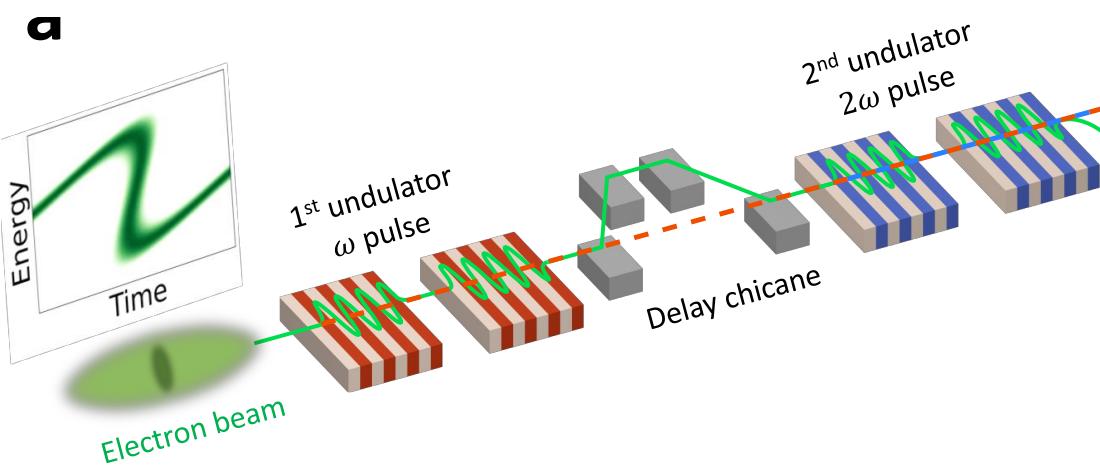
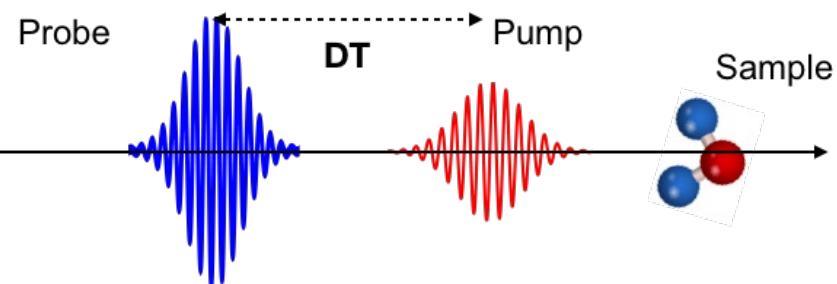


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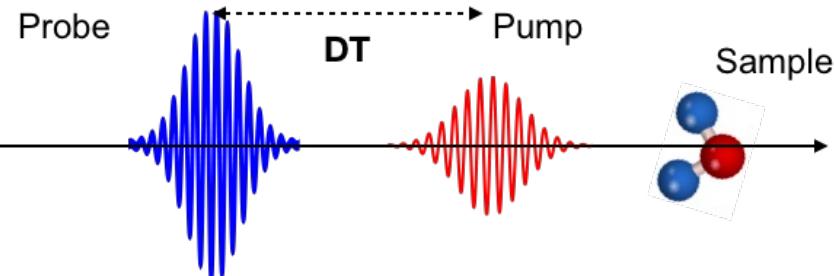
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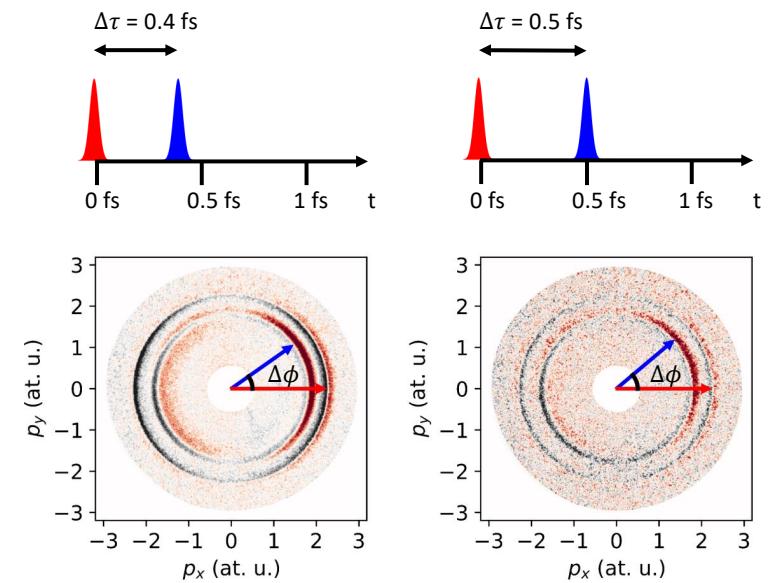
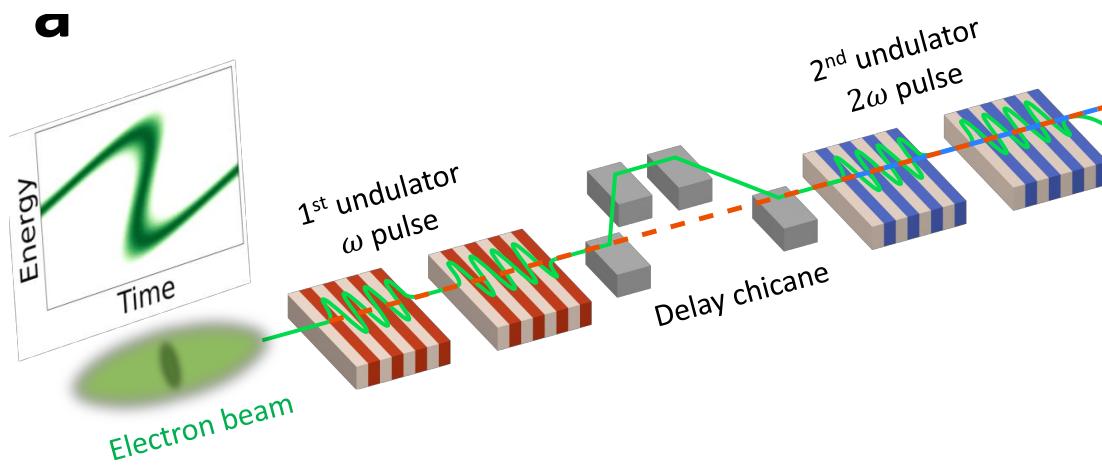
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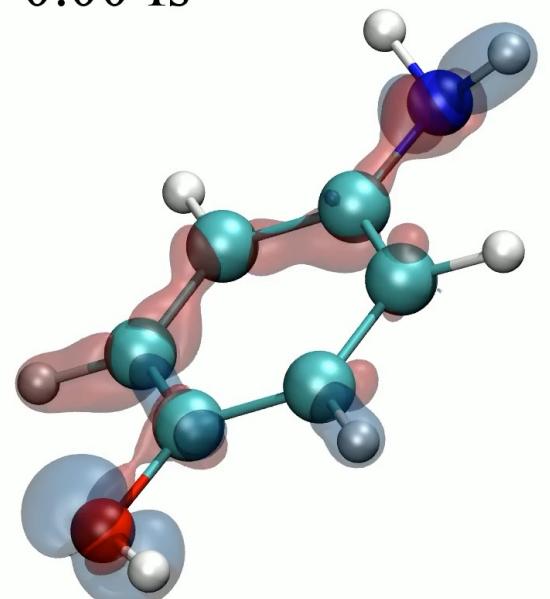


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Pump/Probe Demonstration

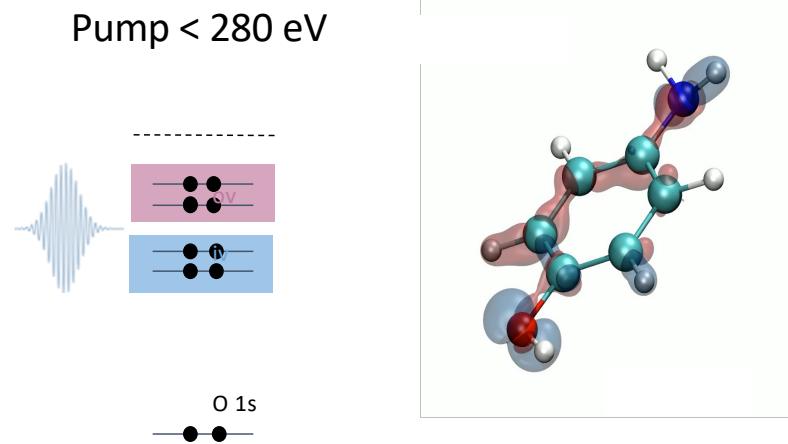
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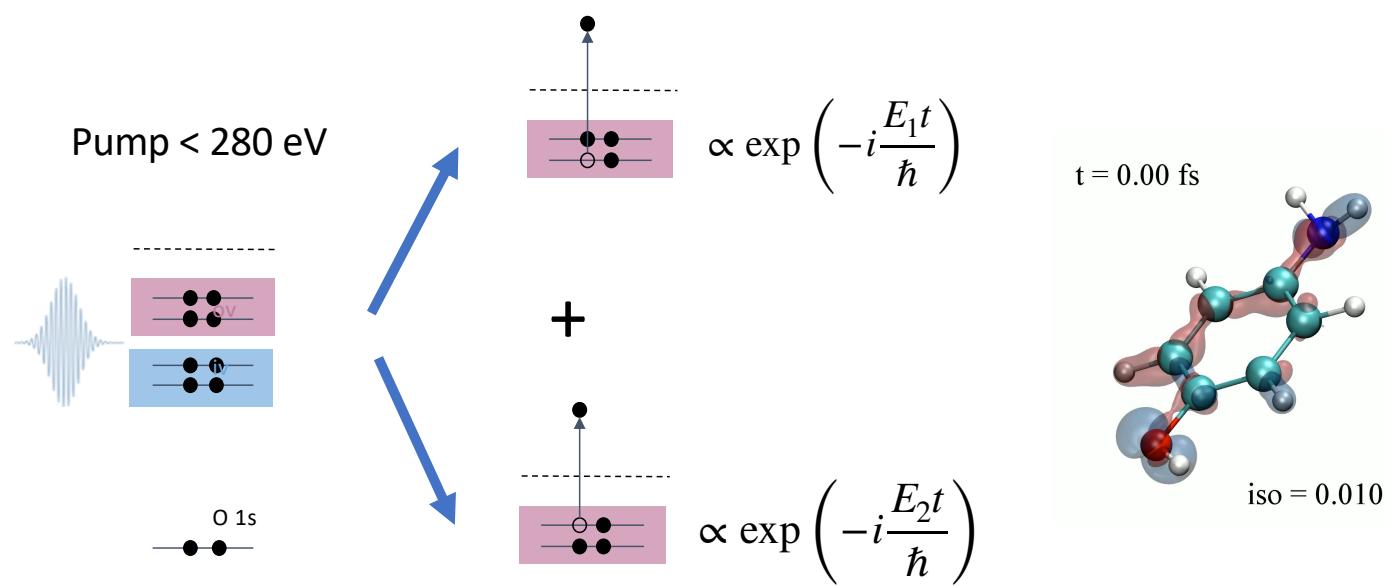
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Simulation: G. Grell, F. Martin et al.

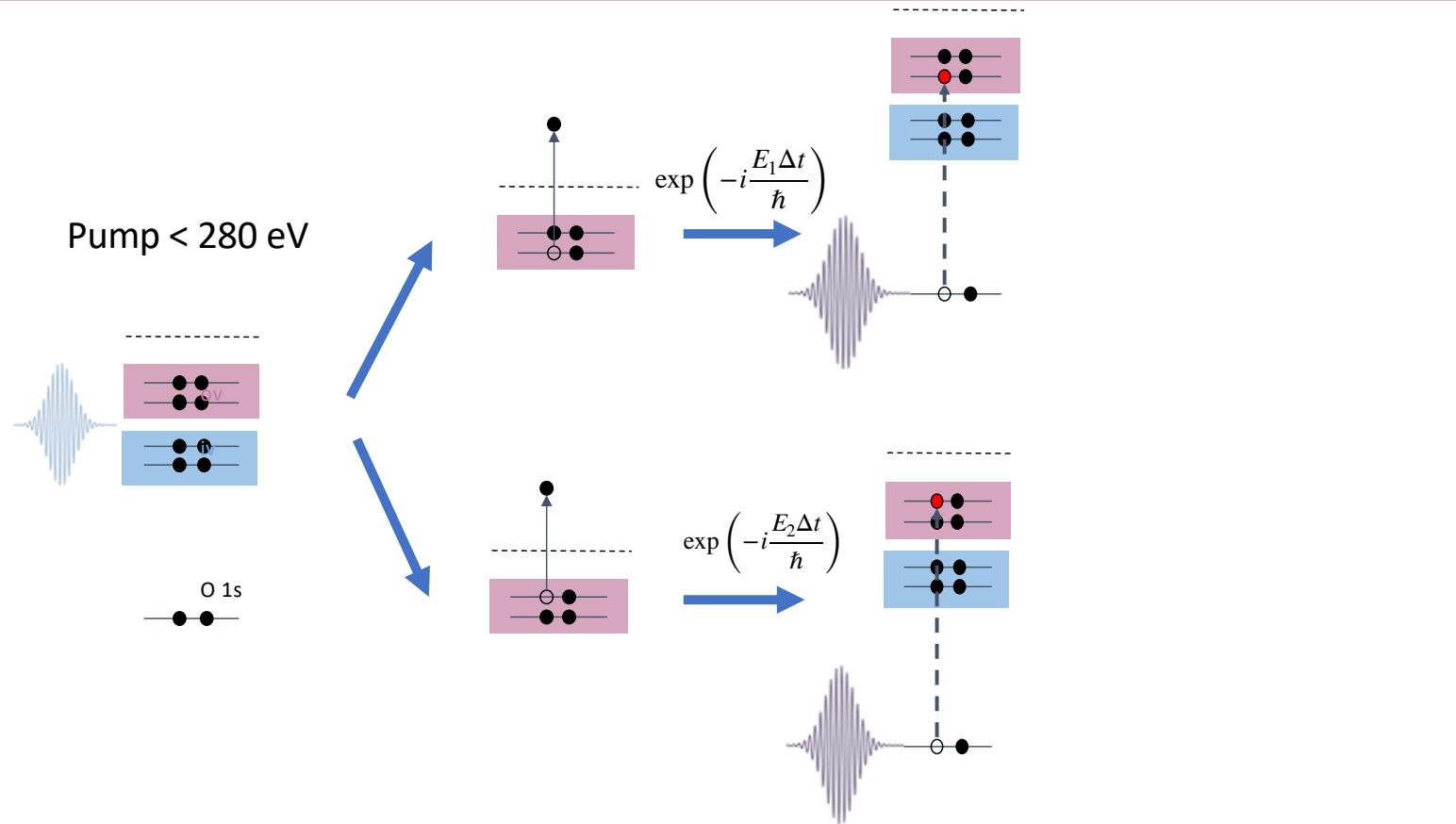
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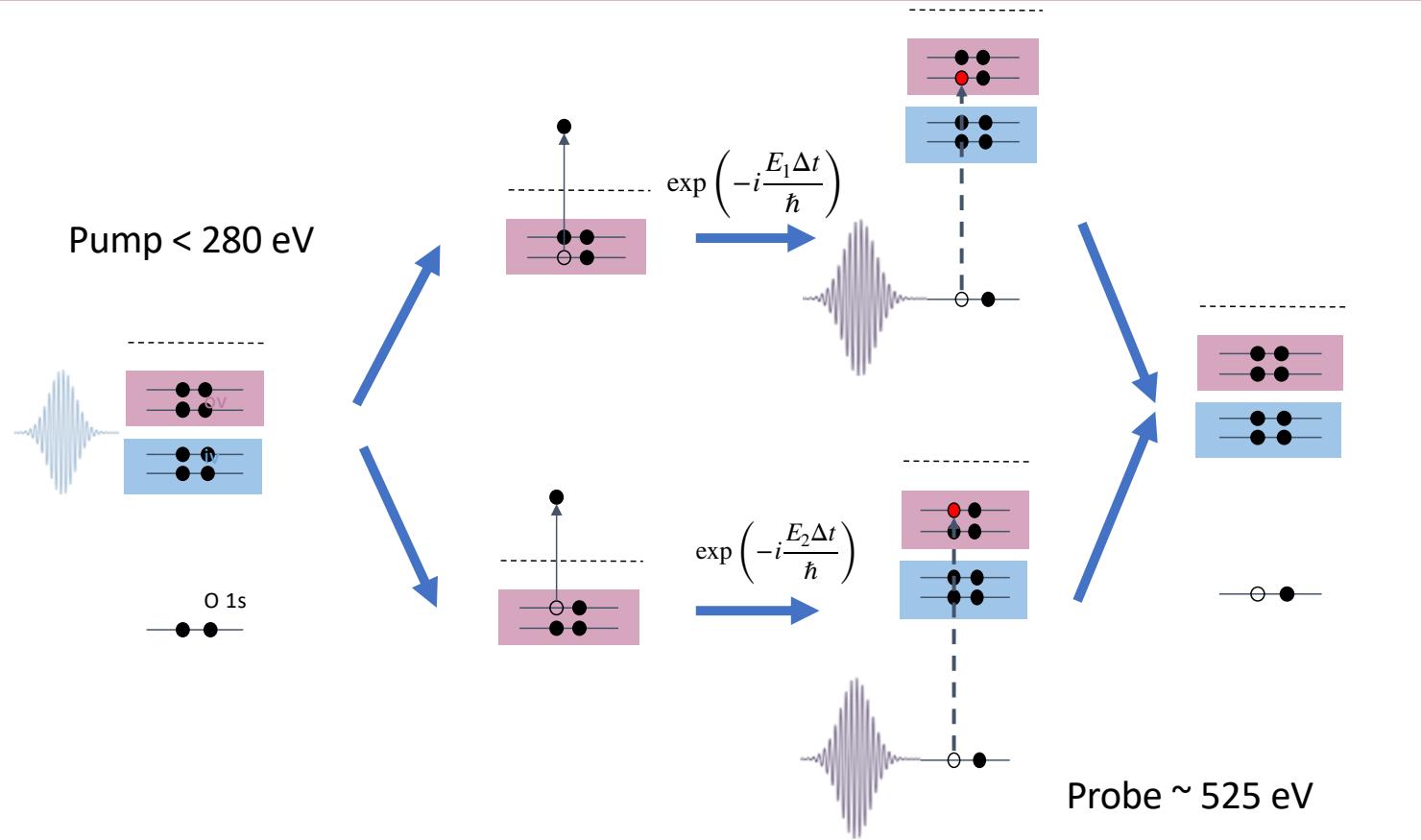
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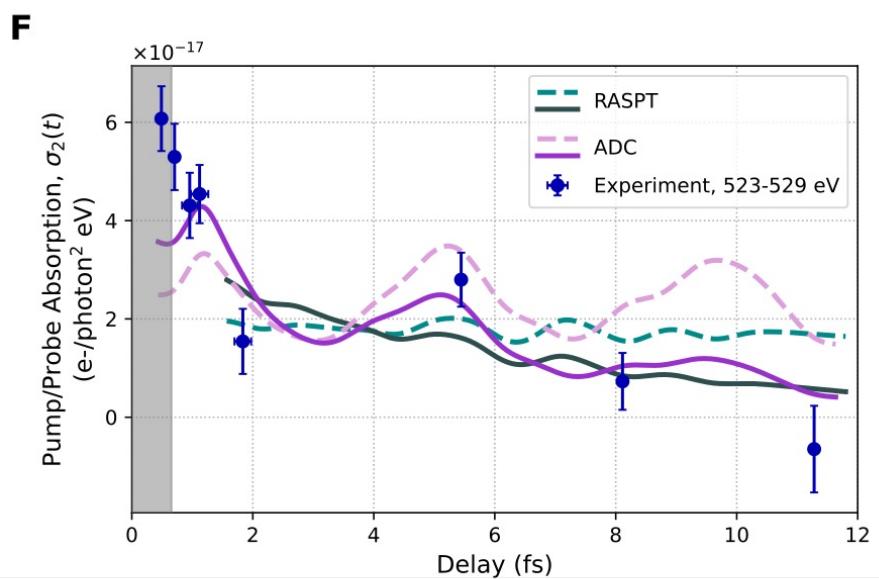
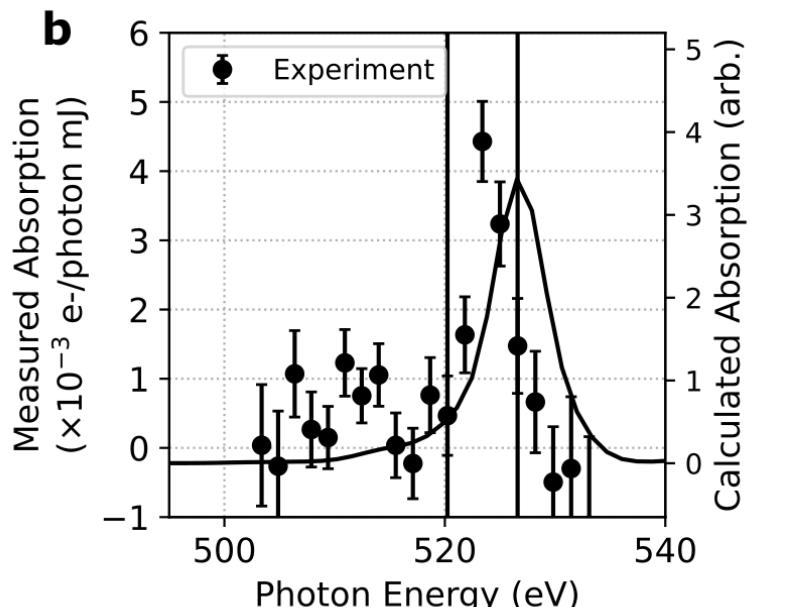
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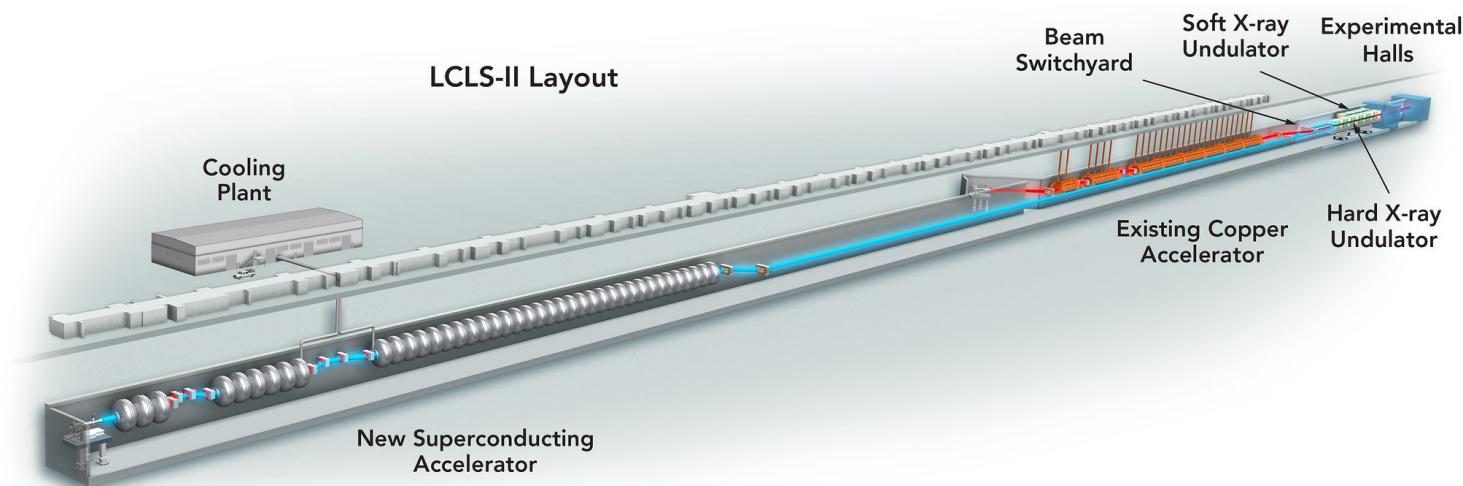
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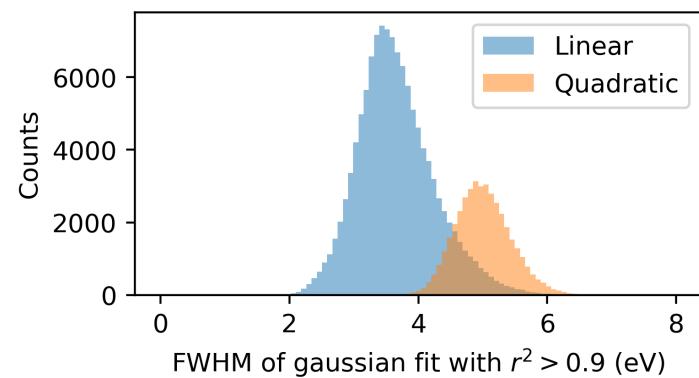
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M. Ruberti and
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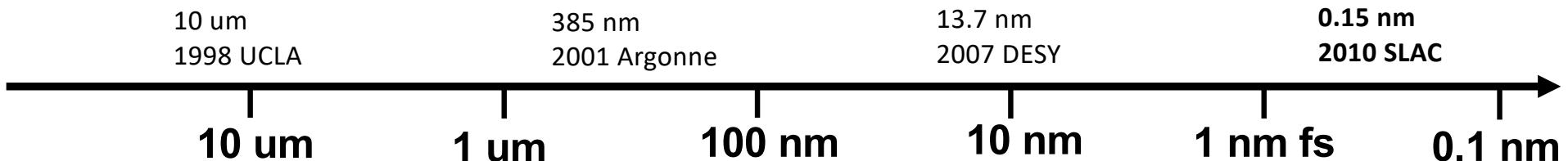
The LCLS-II



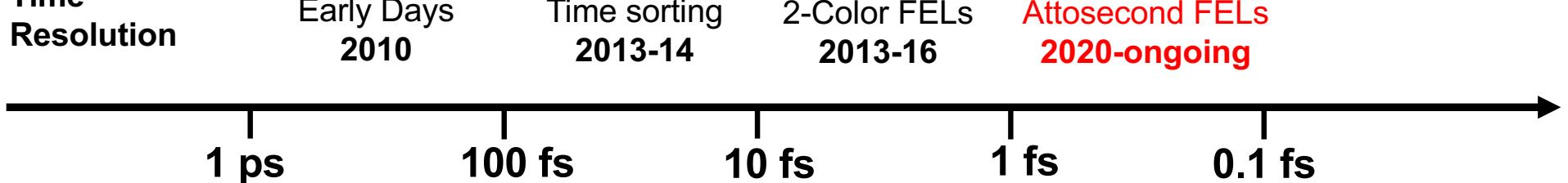
Currently at 8 kHz
Up to 1 MHz in the future
Demonstrated attosecond pulses at high rep rate!



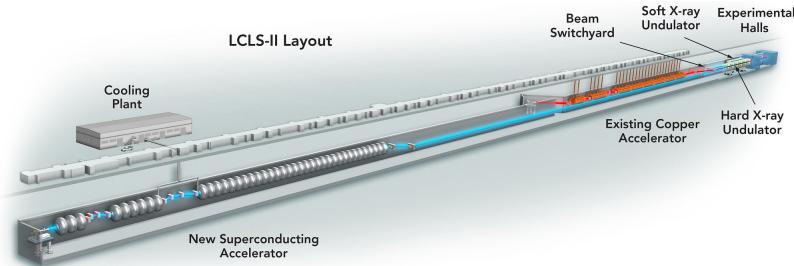
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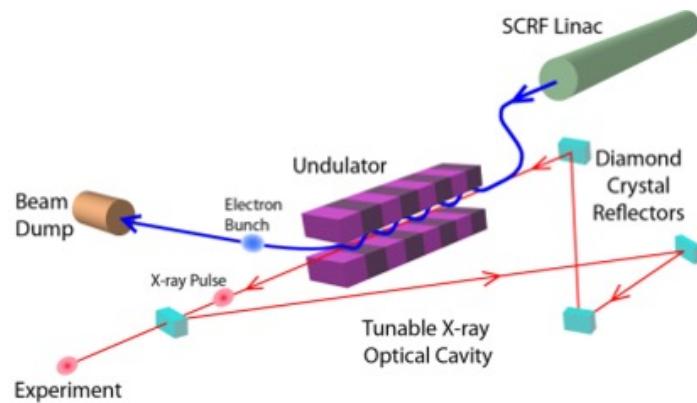
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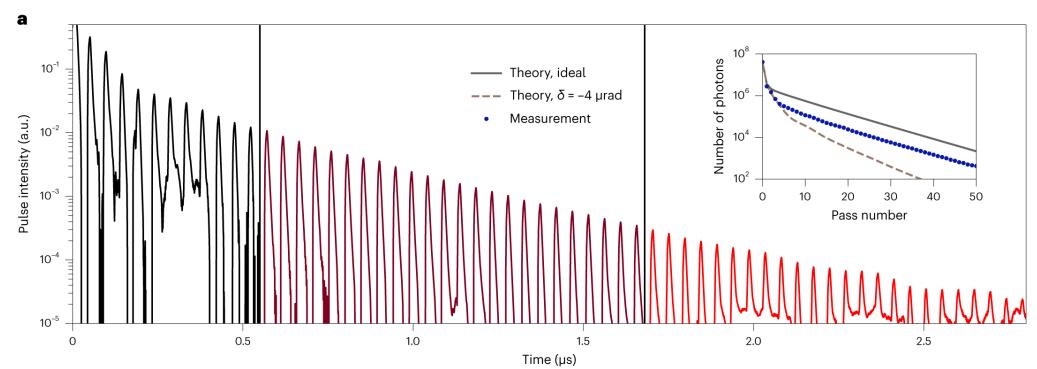
Average power $\times 10^4$



What's Next?

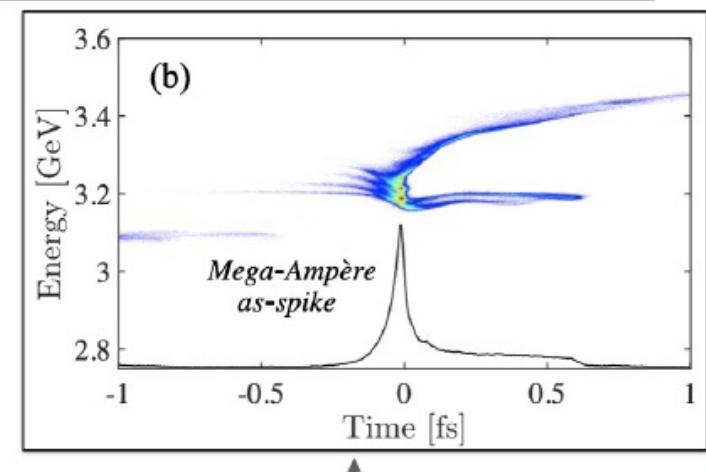
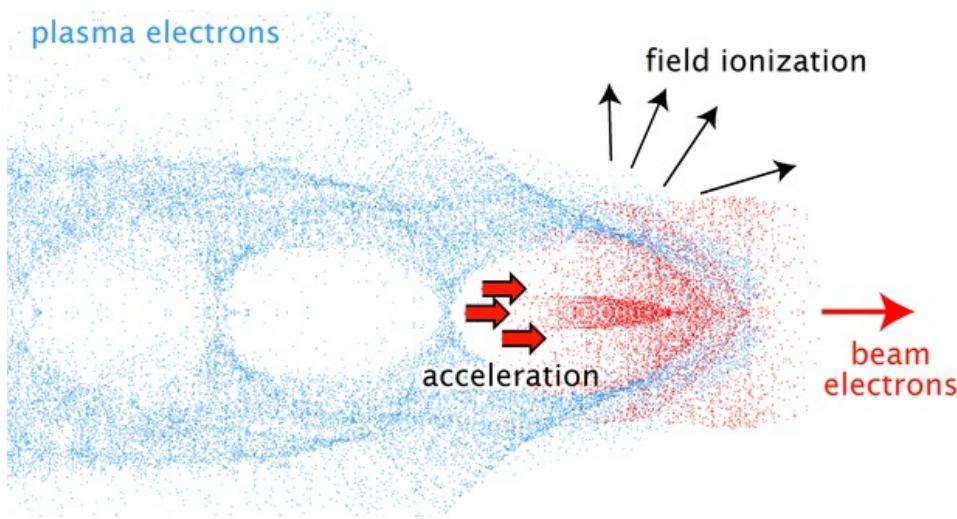


Up to 2 orders of magnitude higher brightness
than SASE



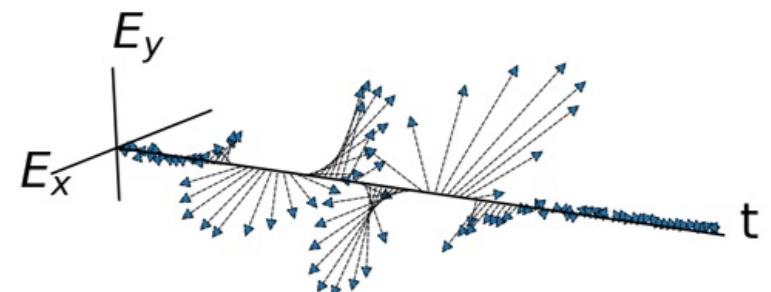
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What's Next?



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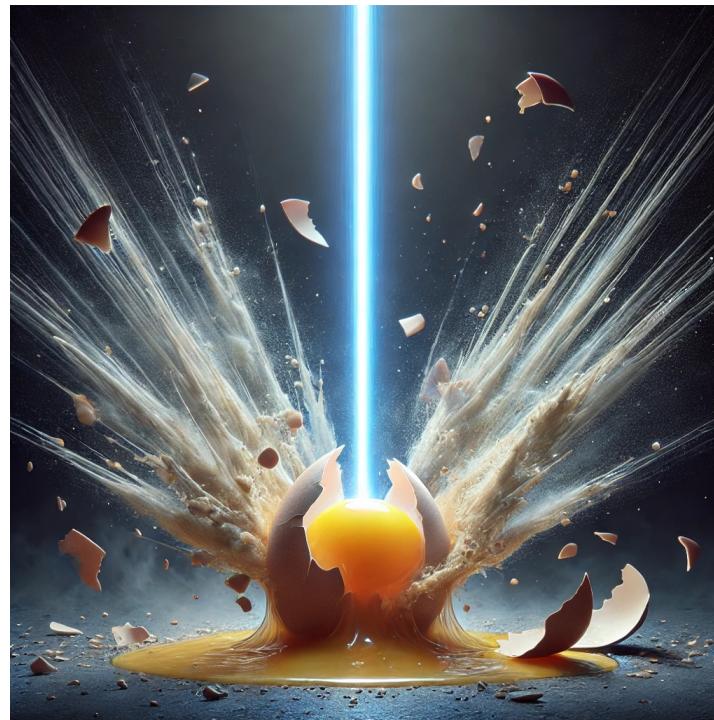
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Questions?



ChatGPT can you create an image of an egg getting hit by an attosecond x-ray laser pulse and exploding?