

# Attosecond ionization dynamics

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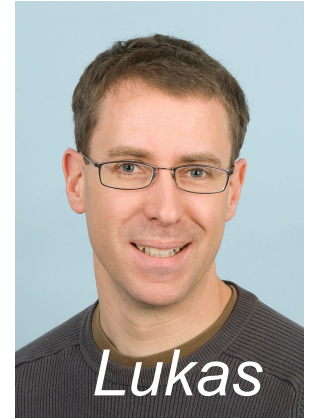
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# Attoscience team members, ETH Zurich

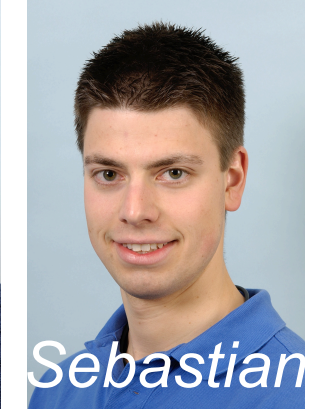
## Attoclock and Atto-COLTRIMS

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## Theory

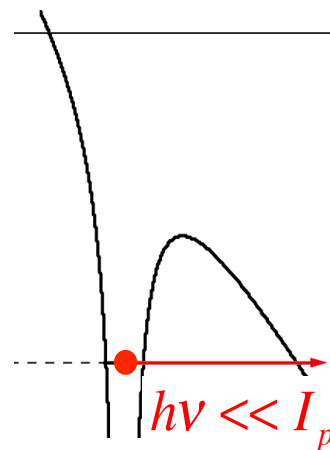
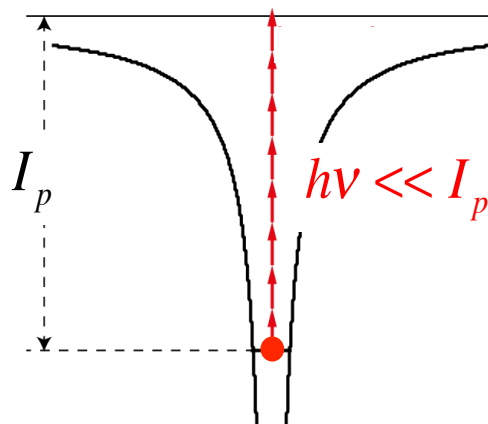
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How long does it take for light to remove an electron from an atom, molecule and surface?

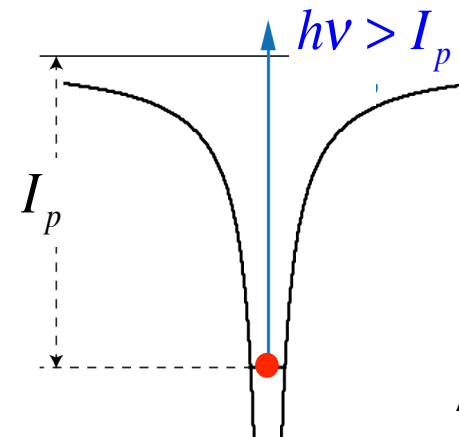
Multi-photon ionization (MPI) and

tunnel ionization



photoemission

absorption of a single photon



He:  $I_p = 24.59$  eV

Ne:  $I_p = 21.56$  eV

Ar:  $I_p = 15.76$  eV

What is the scaling from 1 photon to n photon absorption?



# What will it take to observe processes in 'real time'?

Stephen R. Leone, C. William McCurdy, Joachim Burgdörfer, Lorenz S. Cederbaum, Zenghu Chang, Nirit Dudovich, Johannes Feist, Chris H. Greene, Misha Ivanov, Reinhard Kienberger, Ursula Keller, Matthias F. Kling, Zhi-Heng Loh, Thomas Pfeifer, Adrian N. Pfeiffer, Robin Santra, Kenneth Schafer, Albert Stolow, Uwe Thumm and Marc J. J. Vrakking

Even for simple systems, the interpretations of new attosecond measurements are complicated and provide only a glimpse of their potential. Nonetheless, the lasting impact will be the revelation of how short-time dynamics can determine the electronic properties of more complex systems.

**Challenge 1: Time is not an operator in quantum mechanics!**

**Challenge 2: All at the same time: strong IR laser field, XUV pulse, Coulomb potential, many electrons ...**

**What approximations are ok when?**

# Attosecond streaking and interferometric techniques

## Attosecond energy streaking (Krausz group, Munich)

Hentschel M. et al., *Nature* 414, 509, 2001

M. Schultze et al, *Science* 328, 1658, 2010 – for ionization delay

## Attosecond angular streaking: attoclock (Keller group, Zurich)

P. Eckle et al., *Science* **322**, 1525, 2008 – for tunnel ionization delay

## Attosecond interferometer: RABBITT (L'Huillier group, Lund)

P. M. Paul *et al.*, *Science* **292**, 1689, 2001 – for pulse characterization

K. Klünder et al, *PRL* 106, 143002, 2011 – for ionization delay

**Do we in all cases measure the same time delays?**

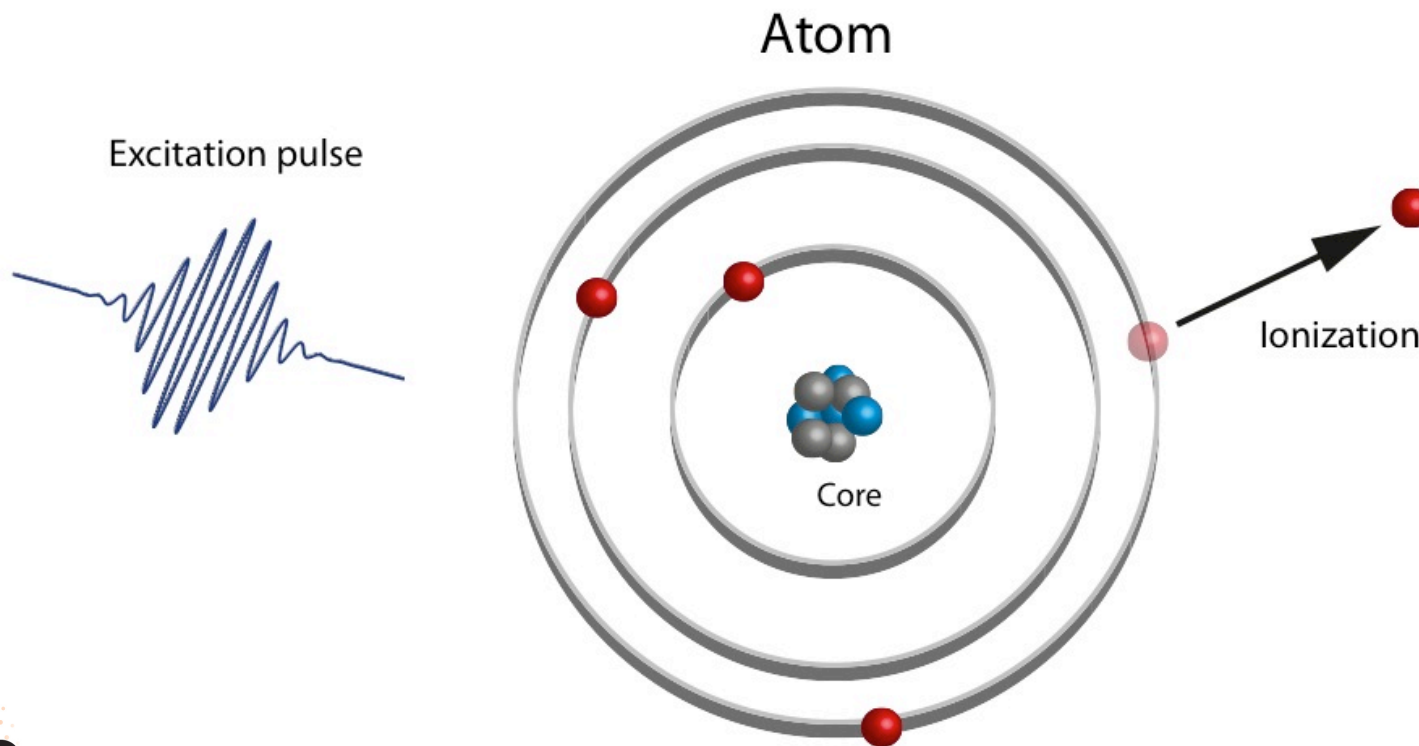
*Time is not an operator in quantum mechanics – so ionization time and tunneling time is a highly debated topic.*



# Time delay for photoemission (single photon event)

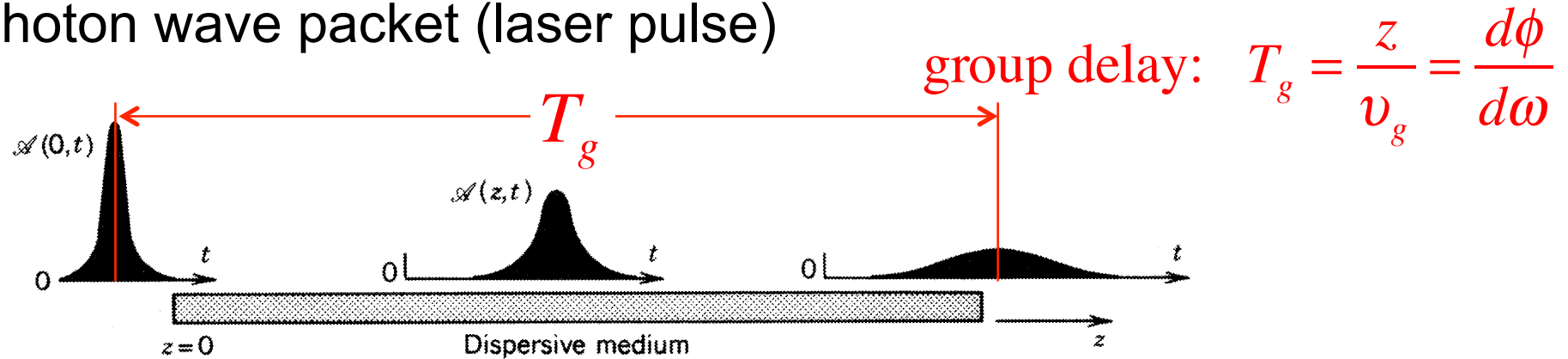
Electron motion in atoms: attosecond time scale ( $10^{-18}$  s)

How long does it take to remove an electron from an atom with one XUV photon pulse?



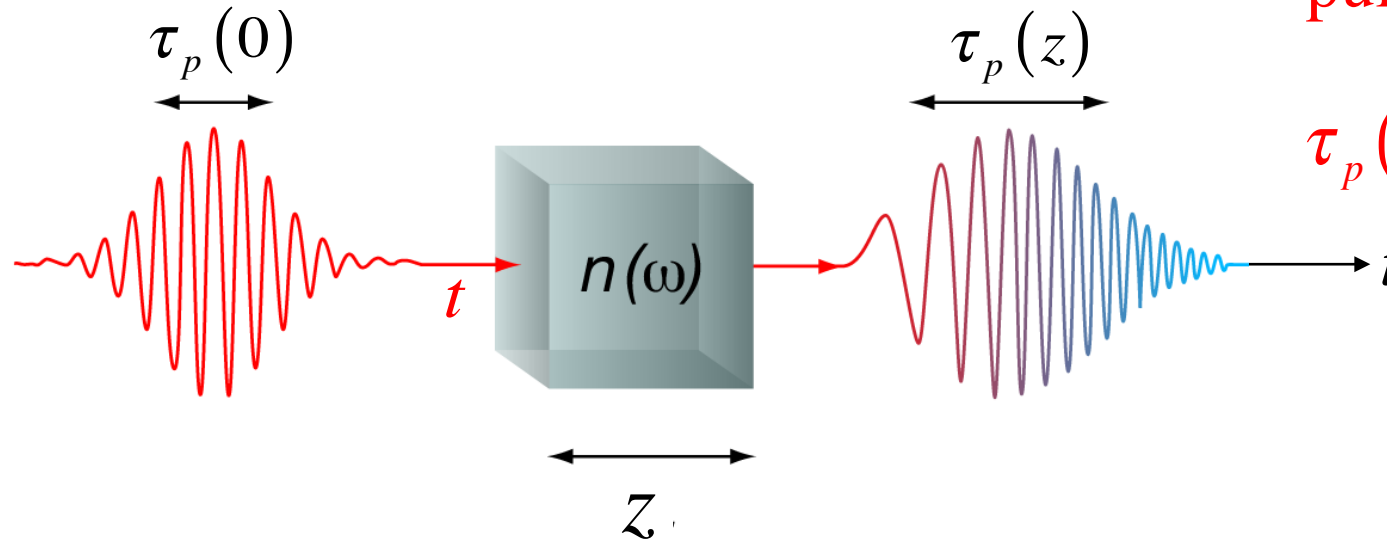
# ETH Analogy between photon and electron wave packet

photon wave packet (laser pulse)



Dispersive medium

$$\phi(\omega) = k_n(\omega)z = k n(\omega)z$$



# ETHZ Analogy between photon and electron wave packet

## photon in vacuum

$$E = cp \Leftrightarrow \omega(k) = ck$$

## Phase velocity

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = c$$

## Group velocity

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = c$$

## electron in vacuum

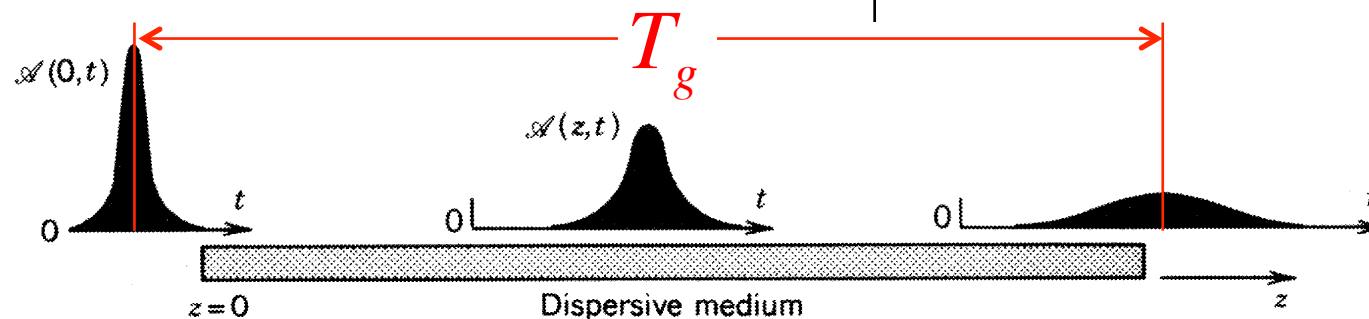
$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} \Leftrightarrow \omega(k) = \frac{\hbar}{2m} k^2$$

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{\hbar k}{2m}$$

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{\hbar k}{m}$$

$$v_g = \frac{\hbar k}{m} = \frac{p}{m} = \frac{m v_{class}}{m} = v_{class}$$

group delay:  $T_g = \frac{z}{v_g} = \frac{d\phi}{d\omega}$





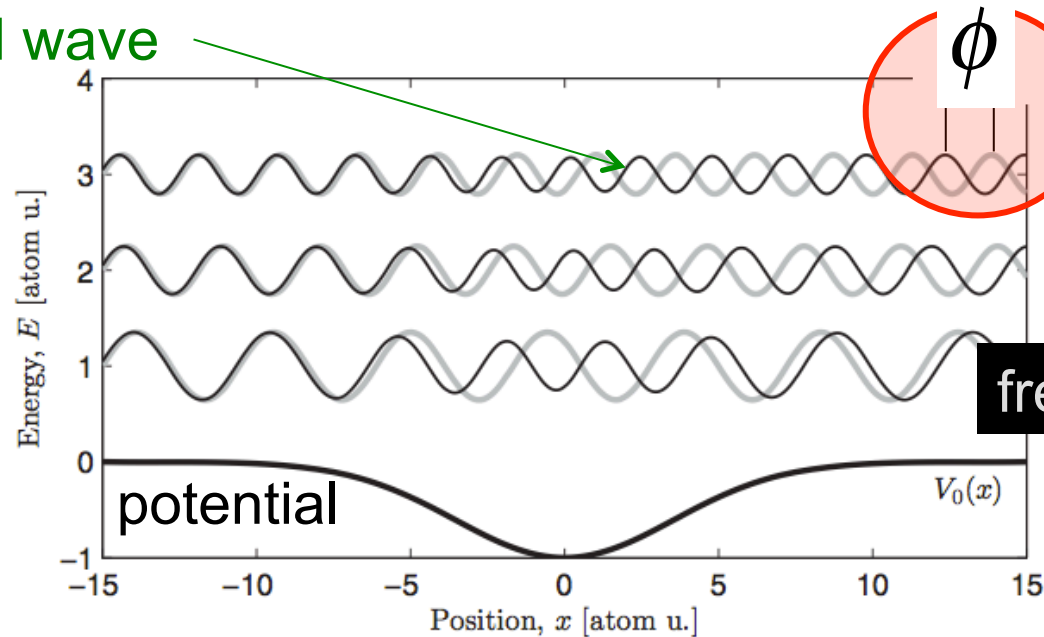
# What time delay do we measure?

From scattering theory: Wigner delay

E. P. Wigner, Physical Review 98, 145 (1955)

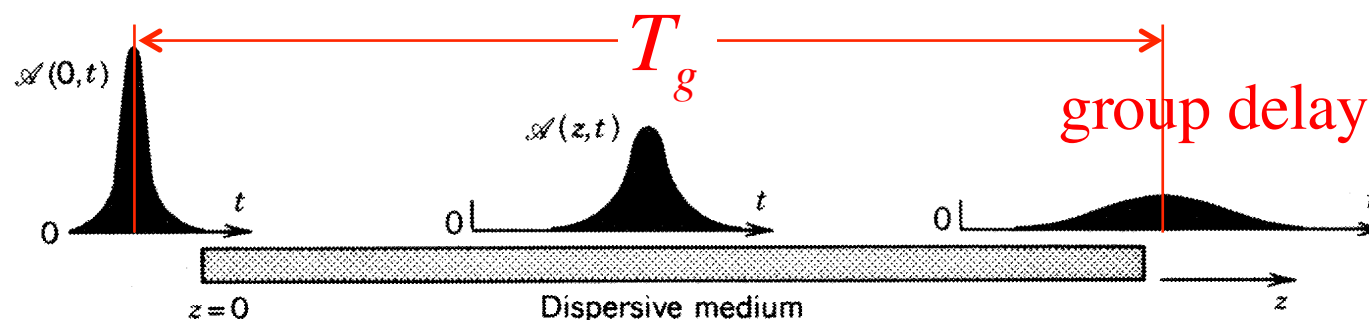
$$\tau_W \equiv \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \omega} \xrightarrow{E=\hbar\omega} = \hbar \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial E}$$

scattered wave



J. M. Dahlström,  
Alfred Maquet,  
Anne L'Huillier,  
Joachim Burgdörfer,  
et al.

free reference wave



## Attosecond interferometer: RABBITT

$$\tau_{RABBITT} = \tau_{Wigner} + \tau_{CC}$$

## Attosecond energy streaking

$$\tau_{Streaking} = \tau_{Wigner} + \tau_{CLC}$$

$$\tau_{CC} = \tau_{CLC}$$

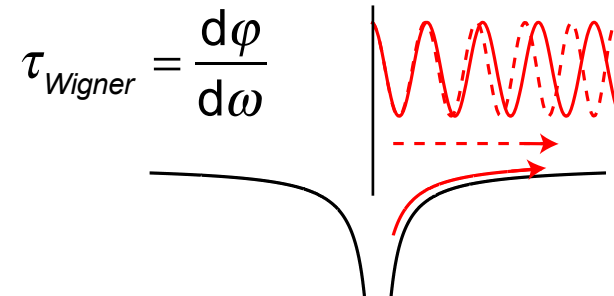
A. S. Kheifets, PRA **87**, 063404 (2013)

J. Mauritsson *et al.*, PRA **72**, 013401 (2005)

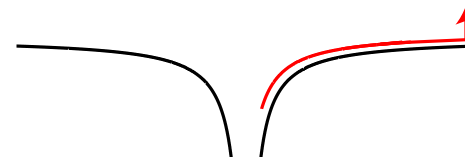
J. M. Dahlström *et al.*, PRA **86**, 061402(R) (2012)

$\tau_{Wigner}$ : Wigner delay

Electron escapes potential, no laser

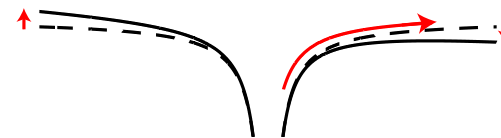


$\tau_{CC}$ : Continuum-Continuum transition:  
IR photon absorption



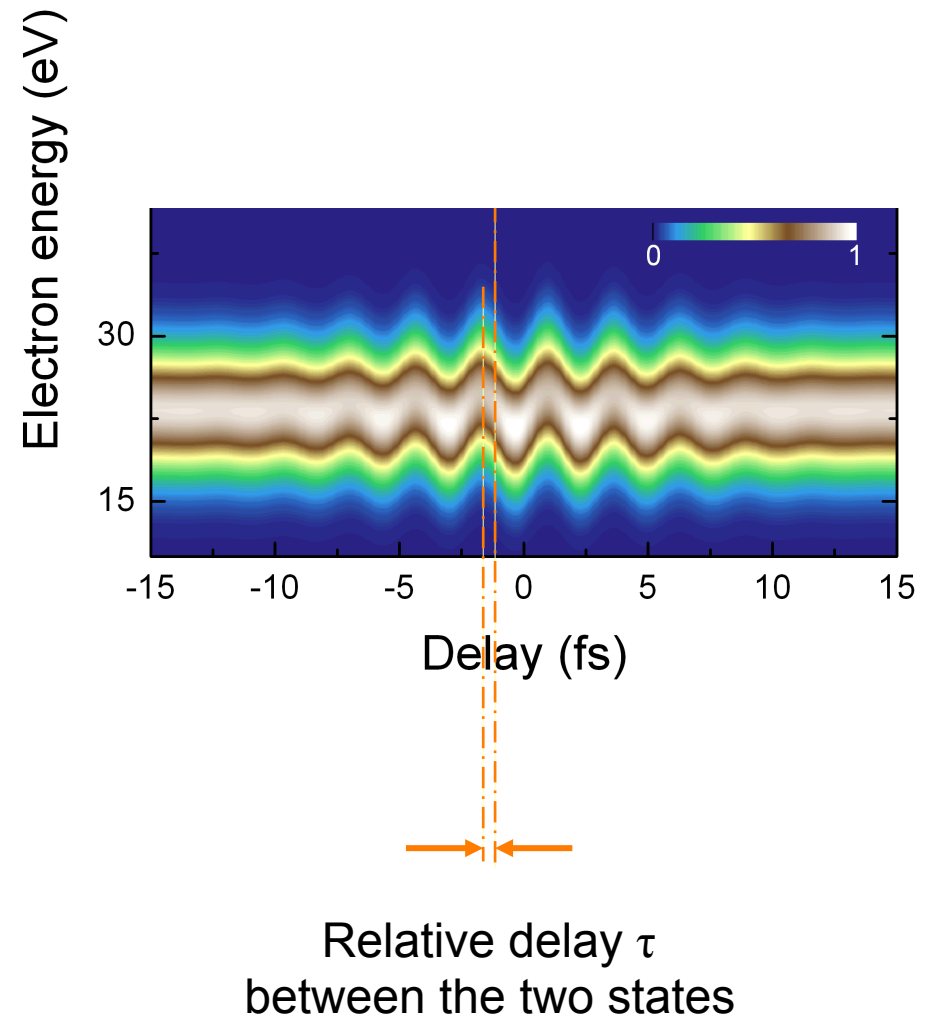
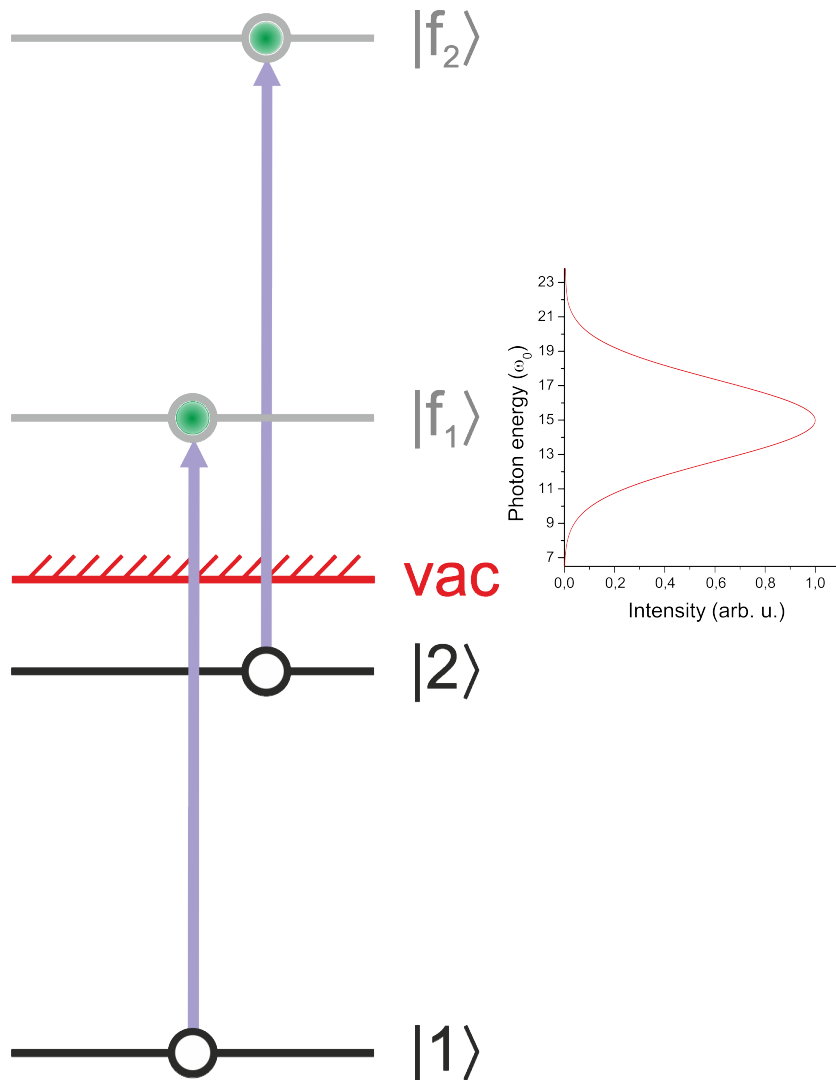
$\tau_{CLC}$ : Coulomb-Laser Coupling

Streaking field interplay with Coulomb potential



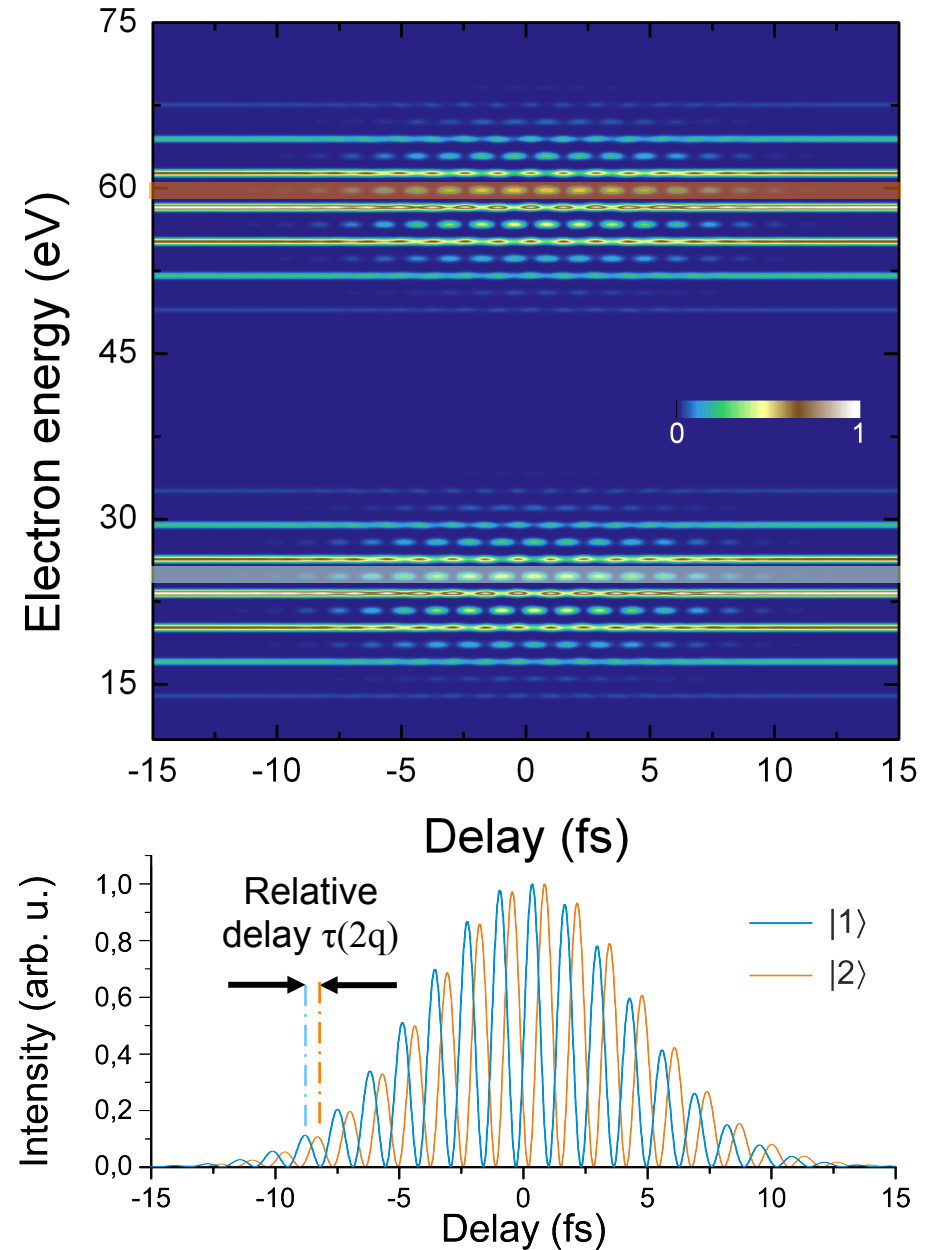
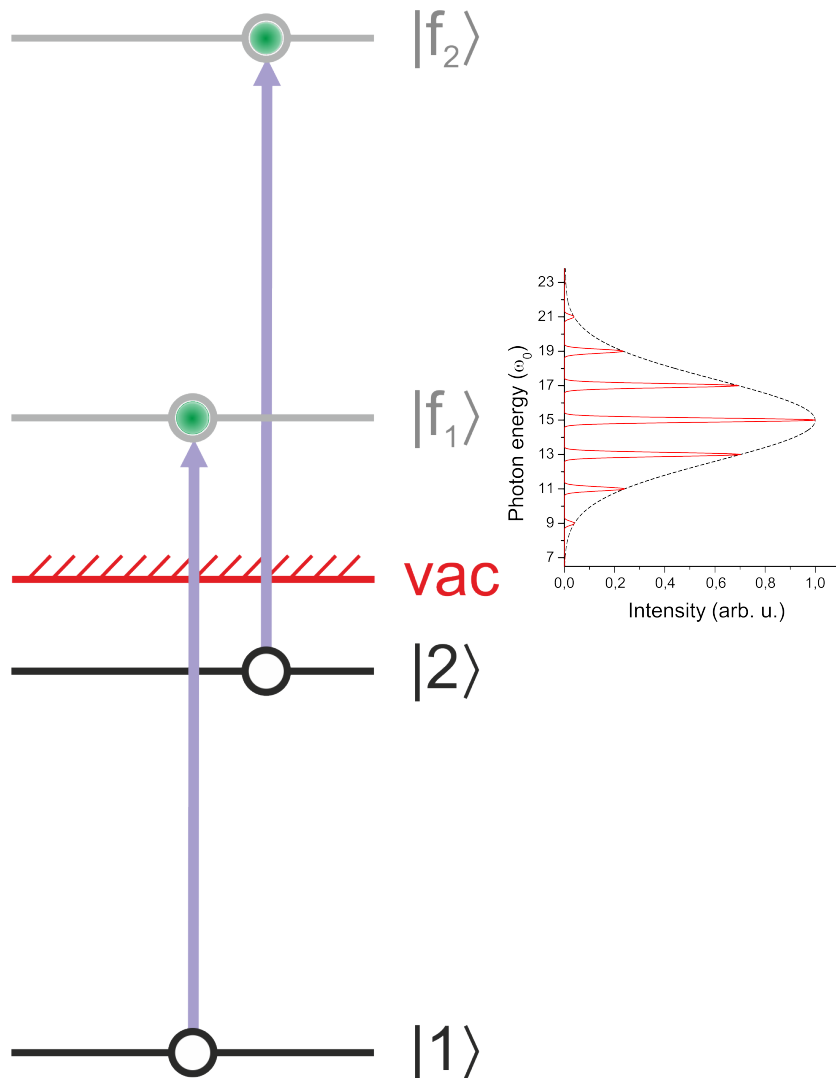
# Single attosecond pulse and photoemission delays

Attosecond energy streaking  
(attosecond streak camera)



# Attosecond pulse trains and photoemission delays

Attosecond interferometer: RABBITT

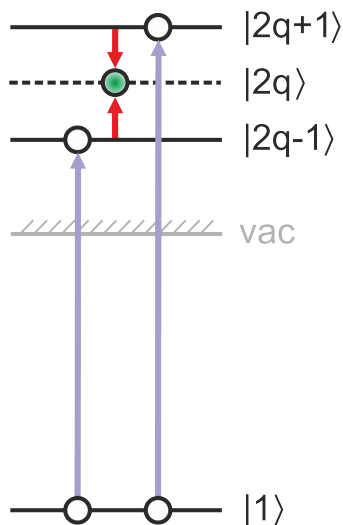


Emission path:  $\varphi_{2q}^{(e)} = \varphi_{2q+1} - \omega_0 \tau + \varphi_{Wig, 2q+1} + \varphi_{cc, 2q+1}$

harmonic phase
IR phase
transition amplitude phase
continuum-continuum phase

Absorption path:  $\varphi_{2q}^{(a)} = \varphi_{2q-1} + \omega_0 \tau + \varphi_{Wig, 2q-1} + \varphi_{cc, 2q-1}$

Interference:  $\propto 1 + \cos(\varphi_{2q}^{(a)} - \varphi_{2q}^{(e)}) = 1 + \cos(2\omega_0 \tau - \phi_{2q})$

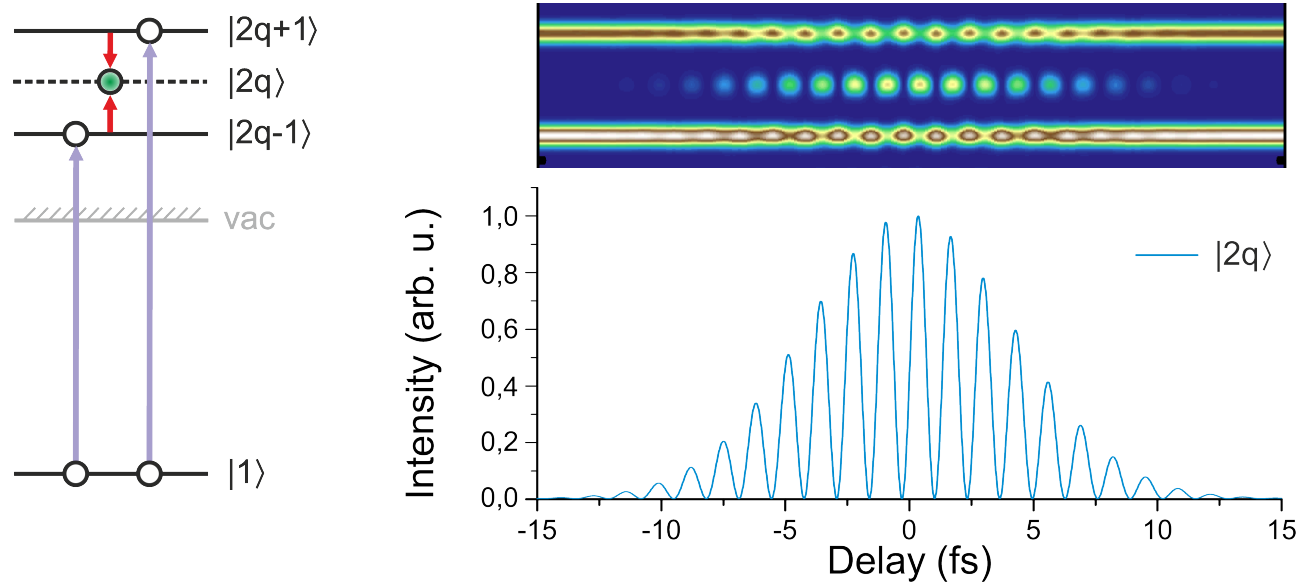


$$\phi_{2q} = \varphi_{2q}^{(e)} - \varphi_{2q}^{(a)} = \Delta\varphi_{2q} + \Delta\varphi_{Wig, 2q} + \Delta\varphi_{cc, 2q} + \varphi_0$$

offset phase

$$\Delta x_{2q} = x_{2q+1} - x_{2q-1}$$

# Reconstruction of Attosecond Beating By Interference of Two-photon Transitions



$$SB_{2q} \sim \cos(2\omega_0\tau - \Phi_{2q}) = \cos(2\omega_0\tau - \Delta\theta_{2q} - \Delta\varphi_{2q}^{At})$$

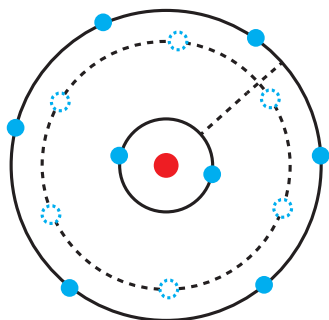
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J. M. Dahlström et al., Chem. Phys. 414, 53-64 (2013)



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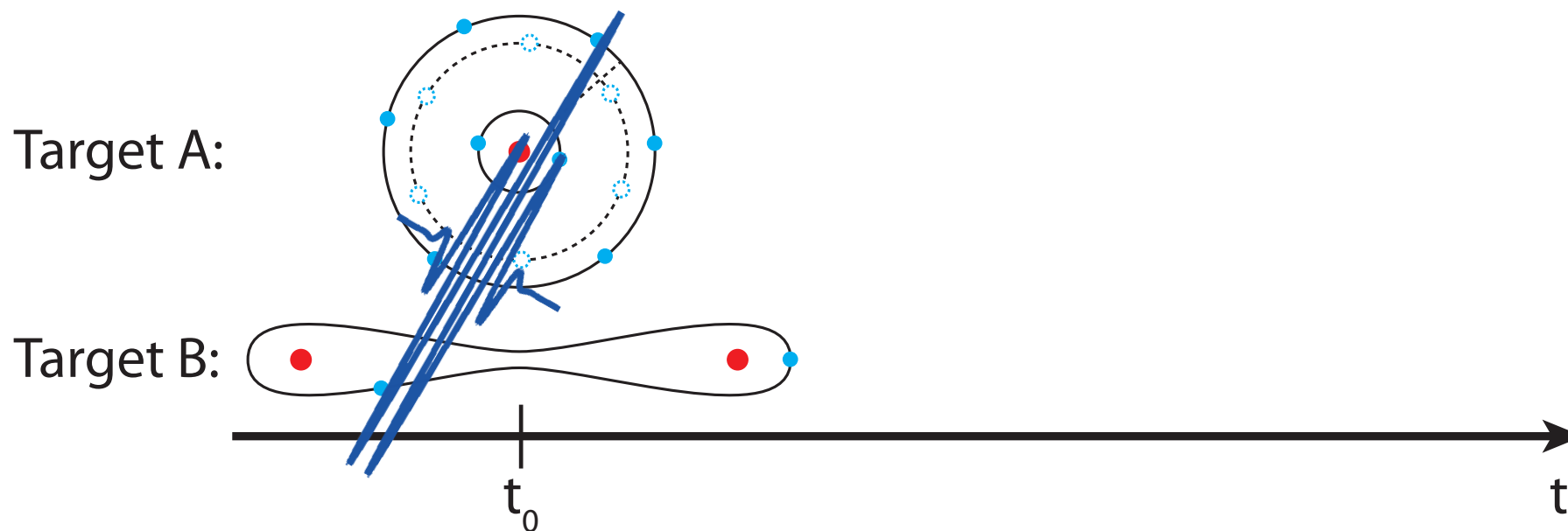


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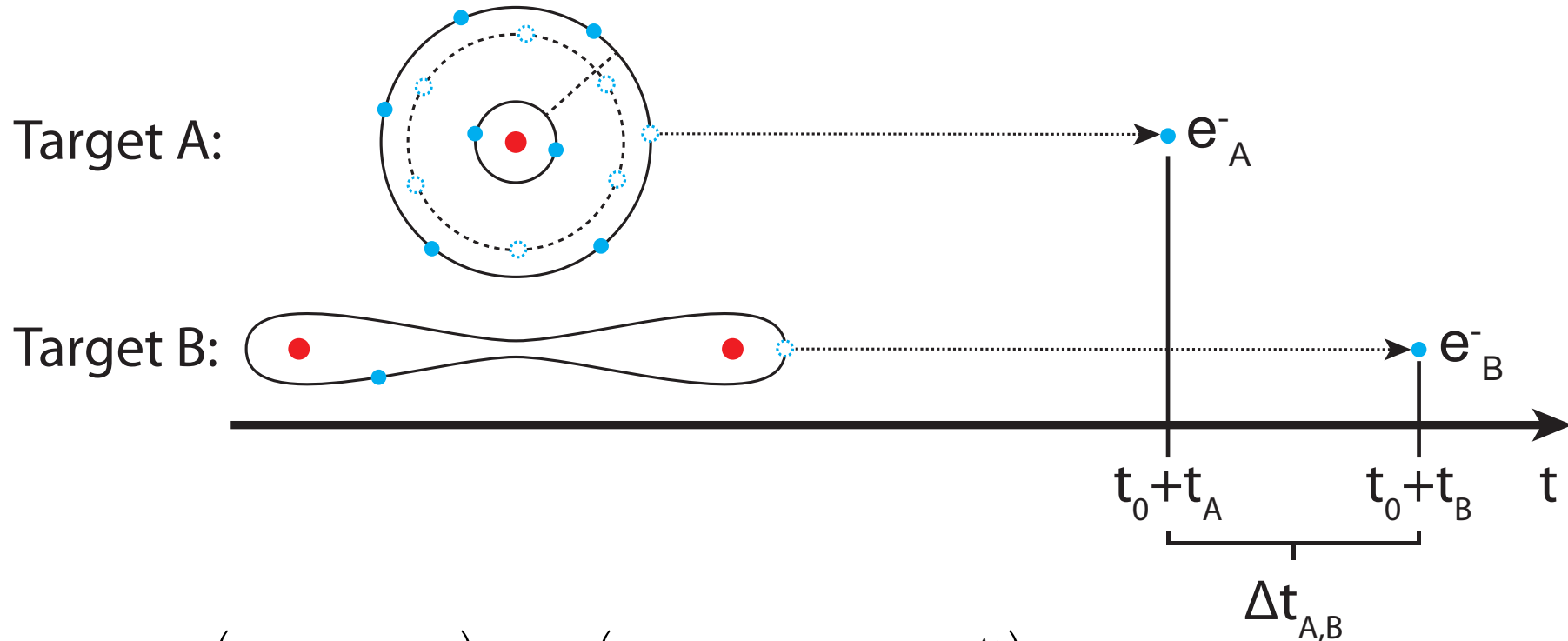


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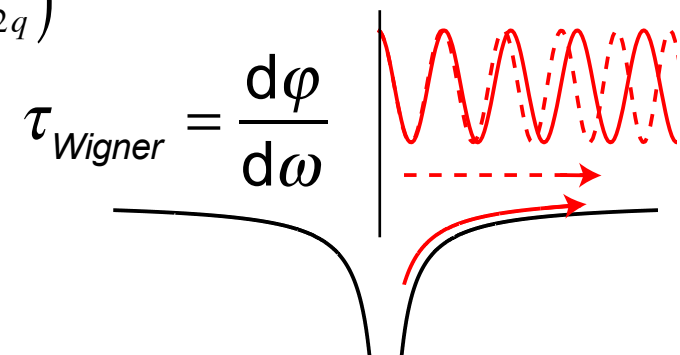






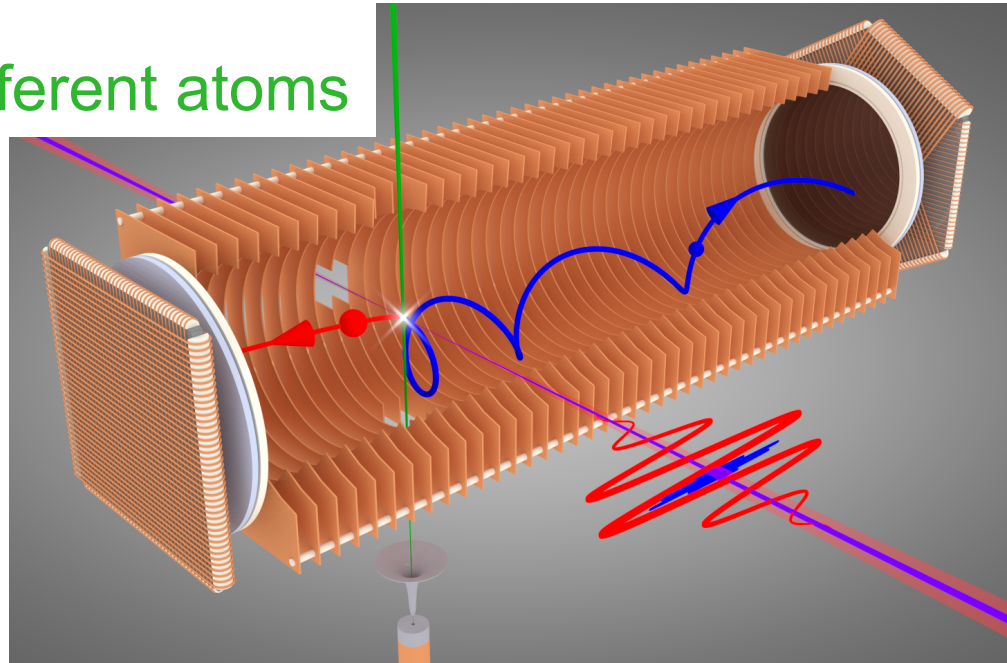
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Reaction Microscope (COLTRIMS): R. Dörner *et al.*, Phys. Rep. **330**, 95, 2000

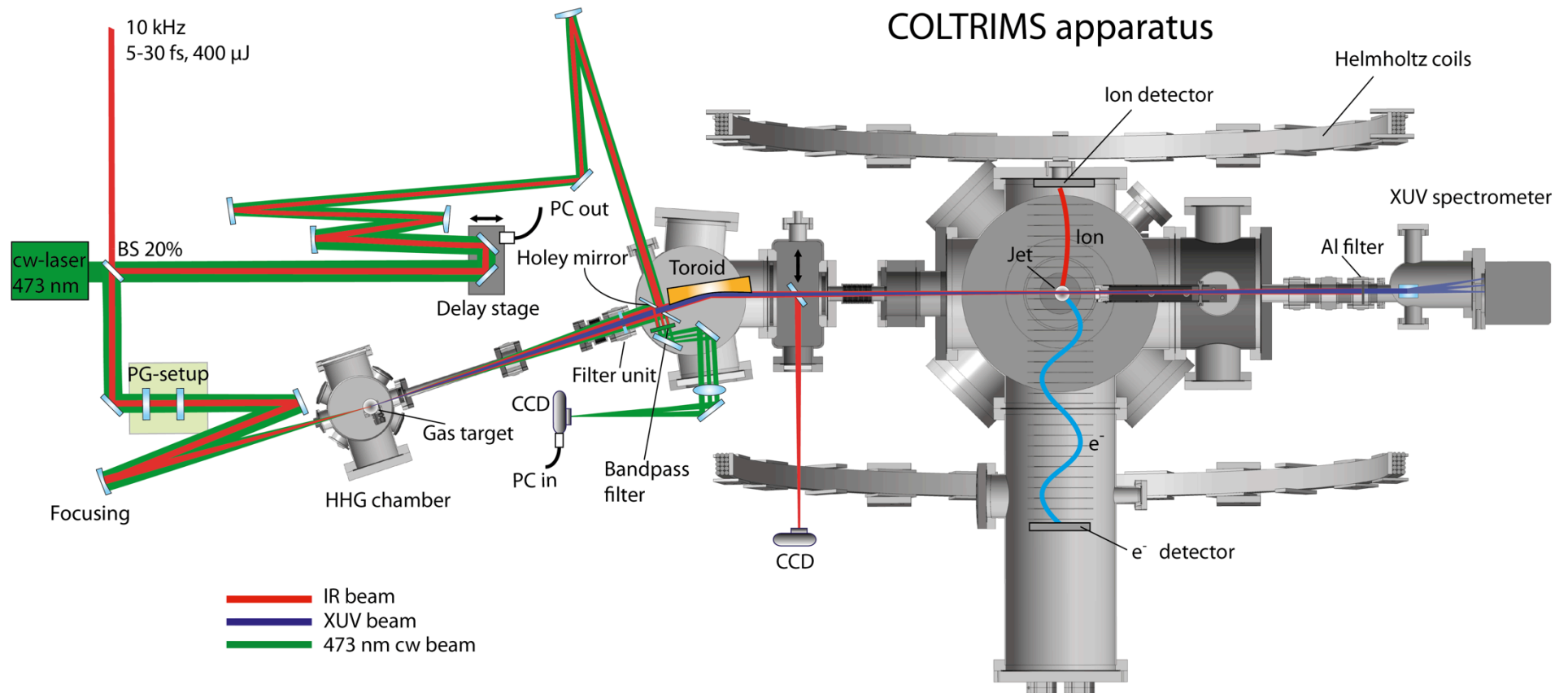
Gas target:  
mixture of different atoms



- Reconstruction of 3D momentum
- Full solid angle for electrons and ions
- Coincidence measurement of ions and electrons

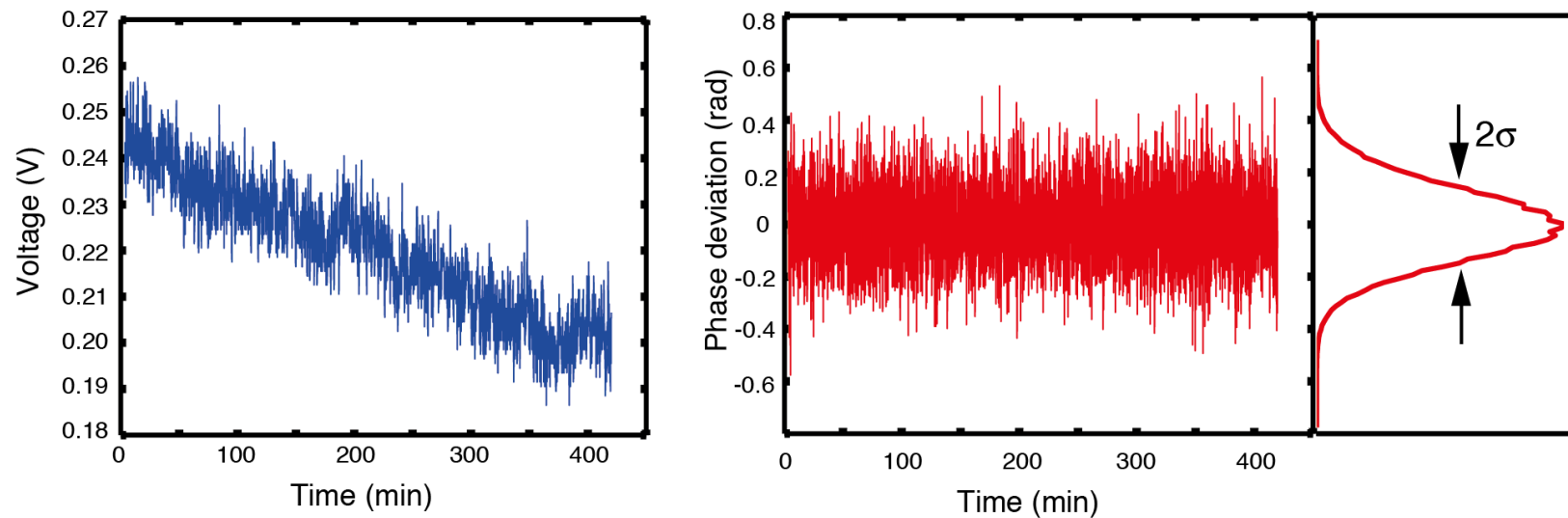
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AttoCOLTRIMS = Attosecond beamline + COLTRIMS detector



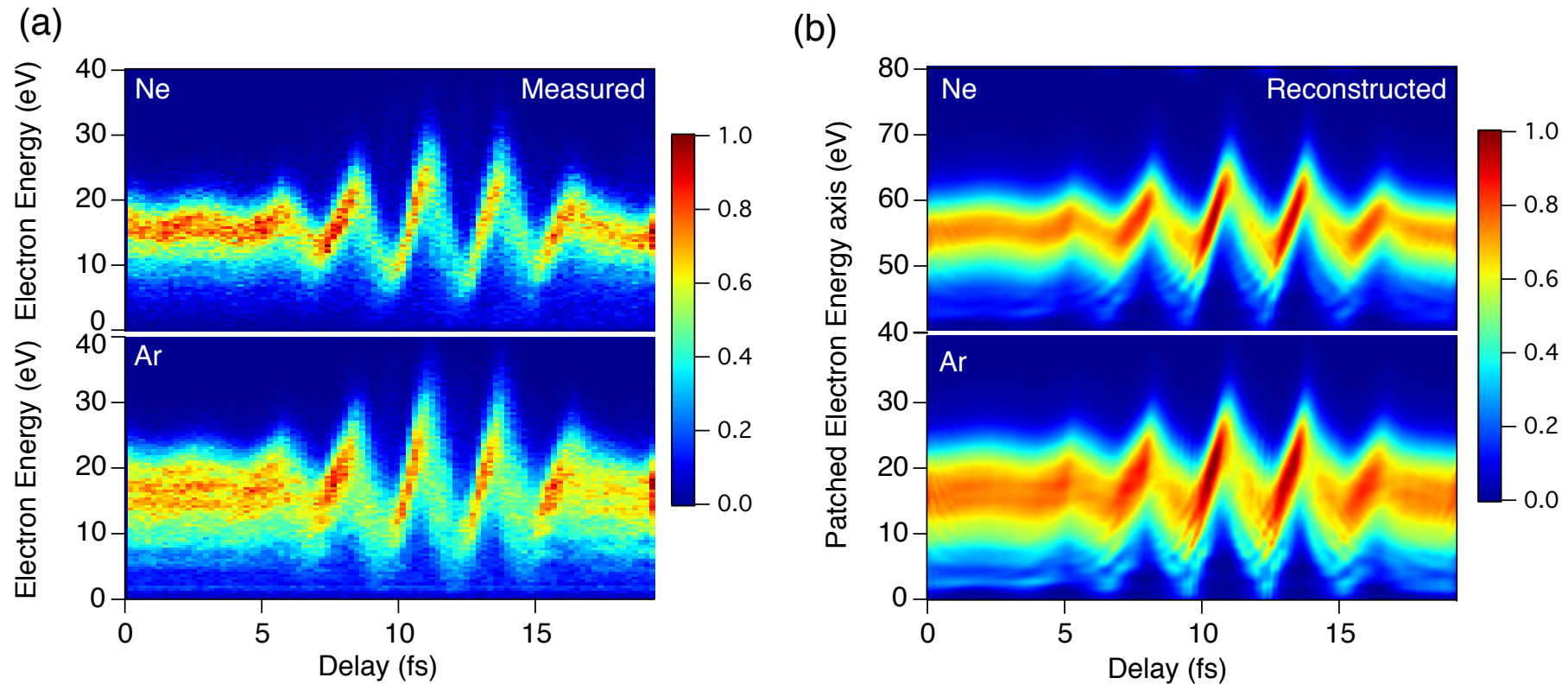
Sabbar and Heuser *et al.*, submitted to Rev. Sci. Instrum.

## Active interferometer stabilization (for a constant delay position)



Compensates short- and long term drifts over more than 7 hours

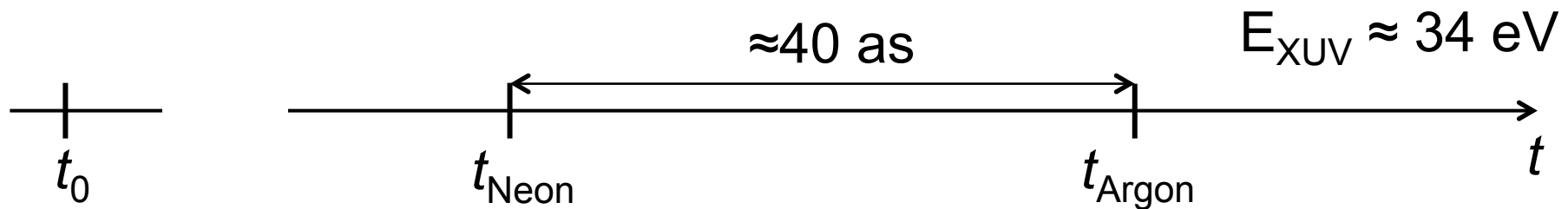
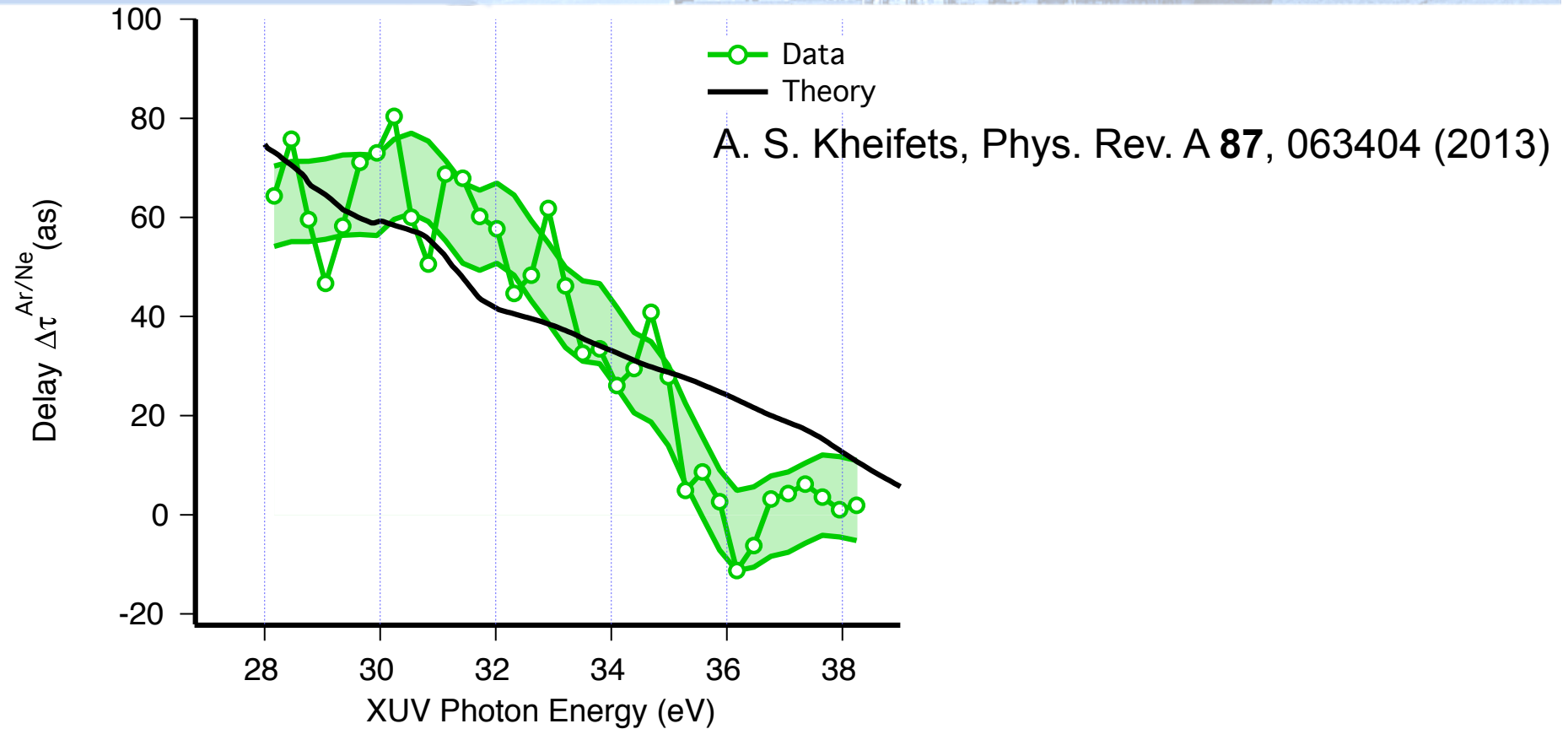
rms < 60 as



- Attosecond energy streaking in coincidence
- Single attosecond pulses, center energy 35 eV, 10 eV bandwidth
- Correction for attochirp and frequency dependent ionization crosssection using the FROG-CRAB algorithm

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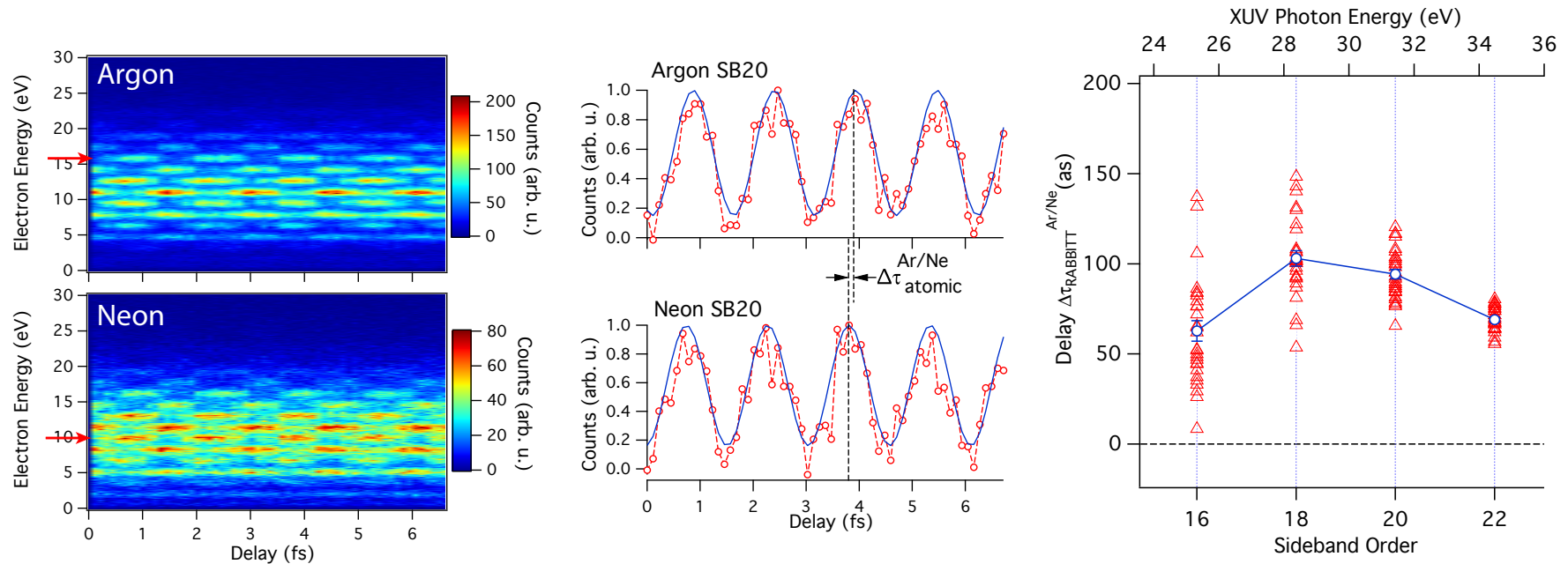
## Single photon ionization delay



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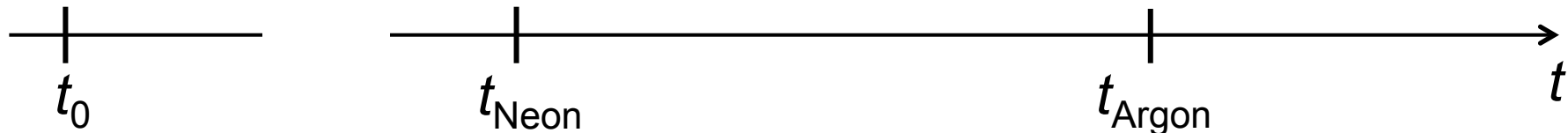


- Simultaneous measurement with argon and neon gas mixture
- Extract relative delay between sideband pairs



Neon ionizes earlier than argon:  $\Delta\tau_{\text{RABBITT}}^{\text{Ar/Ne}} \approx +75 \text{ as}$

$\approx 75 \text{ as}$



## Keller visit in Lund 24. April 2014

Realized that Anne L'Huillier's group has done similar measurements with different noble gas atoms ...

Measurements of relative photoemission time delays in noble gas atoms

D. Guénot<sup>1</sup>, D. Kroon<sup>1</sup>, E. Balogh<sup>2</sup>, E. W. Larsen<sup>1</sup>, M. Kotur<sup>1</sup>, M. Miranda<sup>1</sup>, T. Fordell<sup>1</sup>, P. Johnsson<sup>1</sup>, J. Mauritsson<sup>1</sup>, M. Gisselbrecht<sup>1</sup>, K. Varjù<sup>2</sup>, C. L. Arnold<sup>1</sup>, T. Carette<sup>3,6</sup>, A. S. Kheifets<sup>7</sup>, E. Lindroth<sup>5</sup>, A. L'Huillier<sup>1</sup> and J. M. Dahlström<sup>3,4,5</sup>

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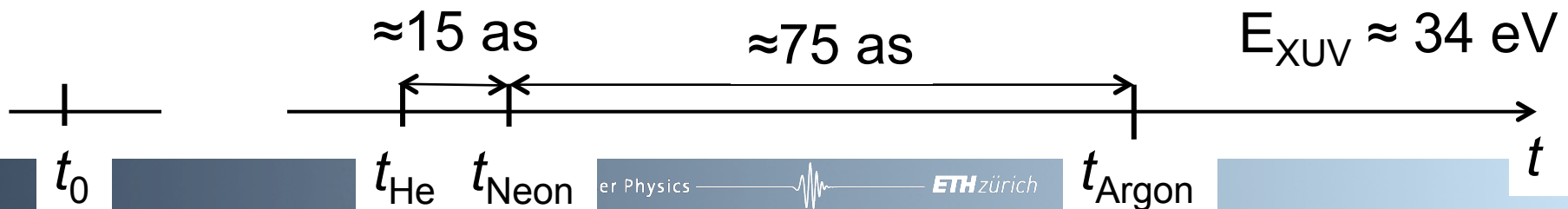
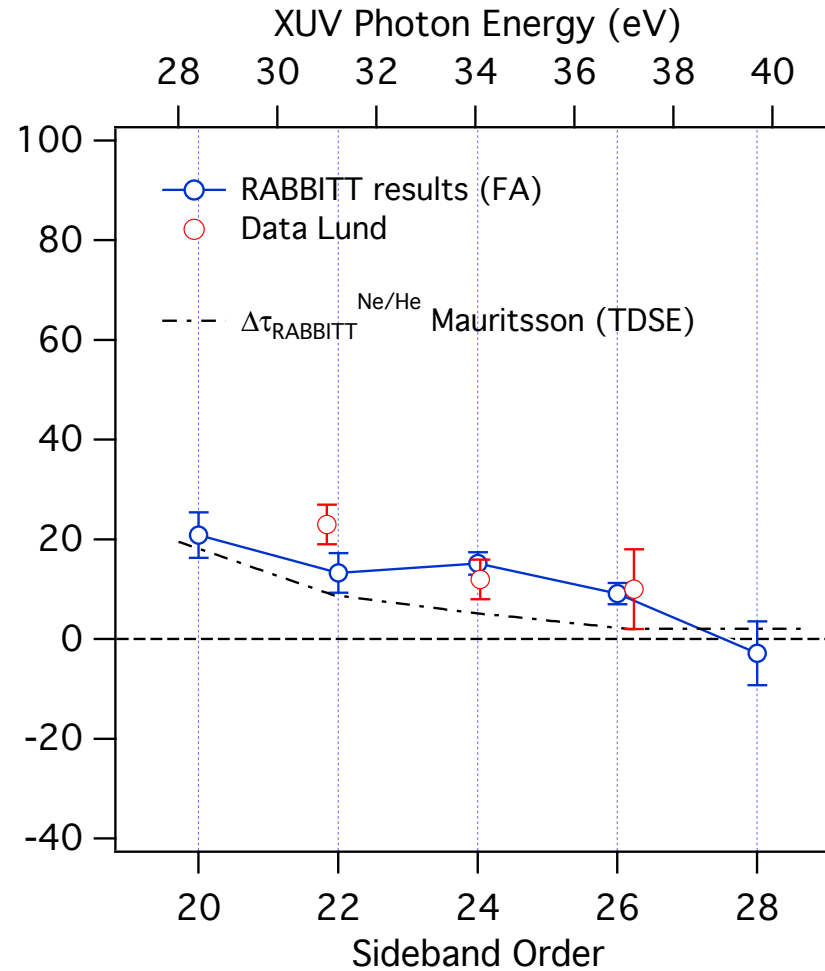
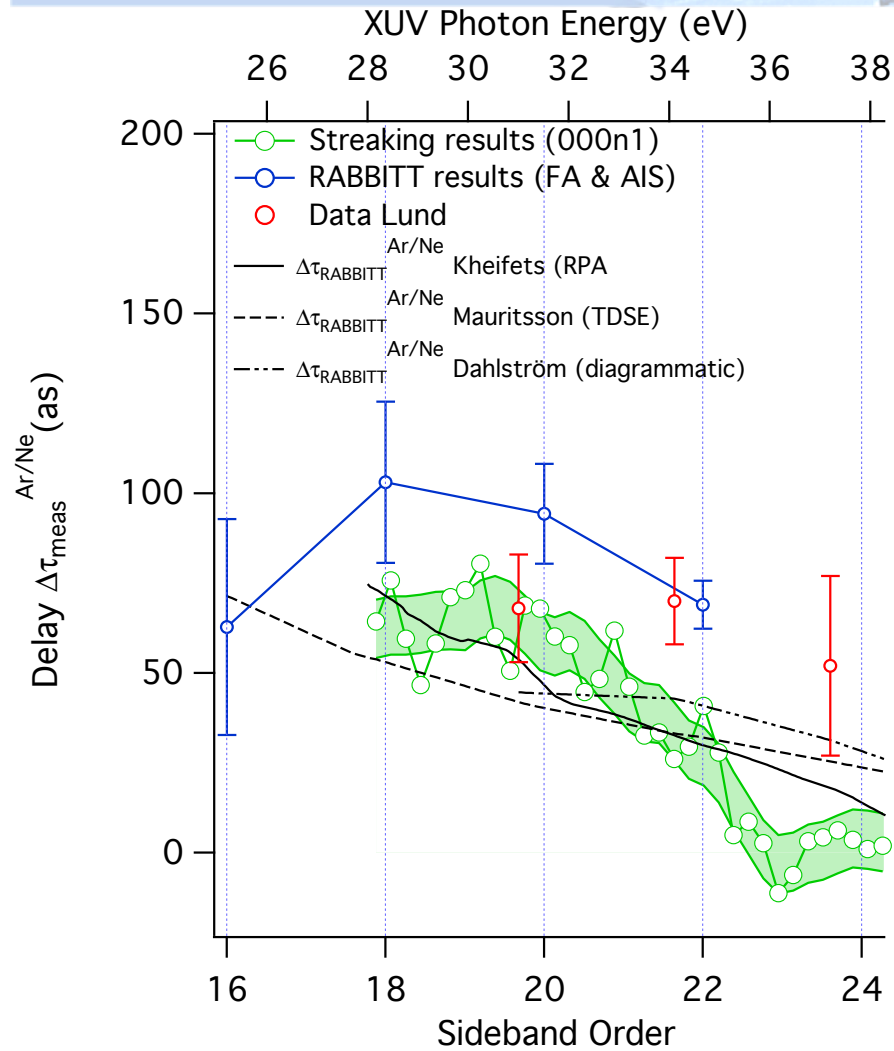
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# Single photon ionization delay



**We will continue to do more measurements**  
(angle resolved, molecules etc.)

**We need to sort out streaking and RABBITT differences**

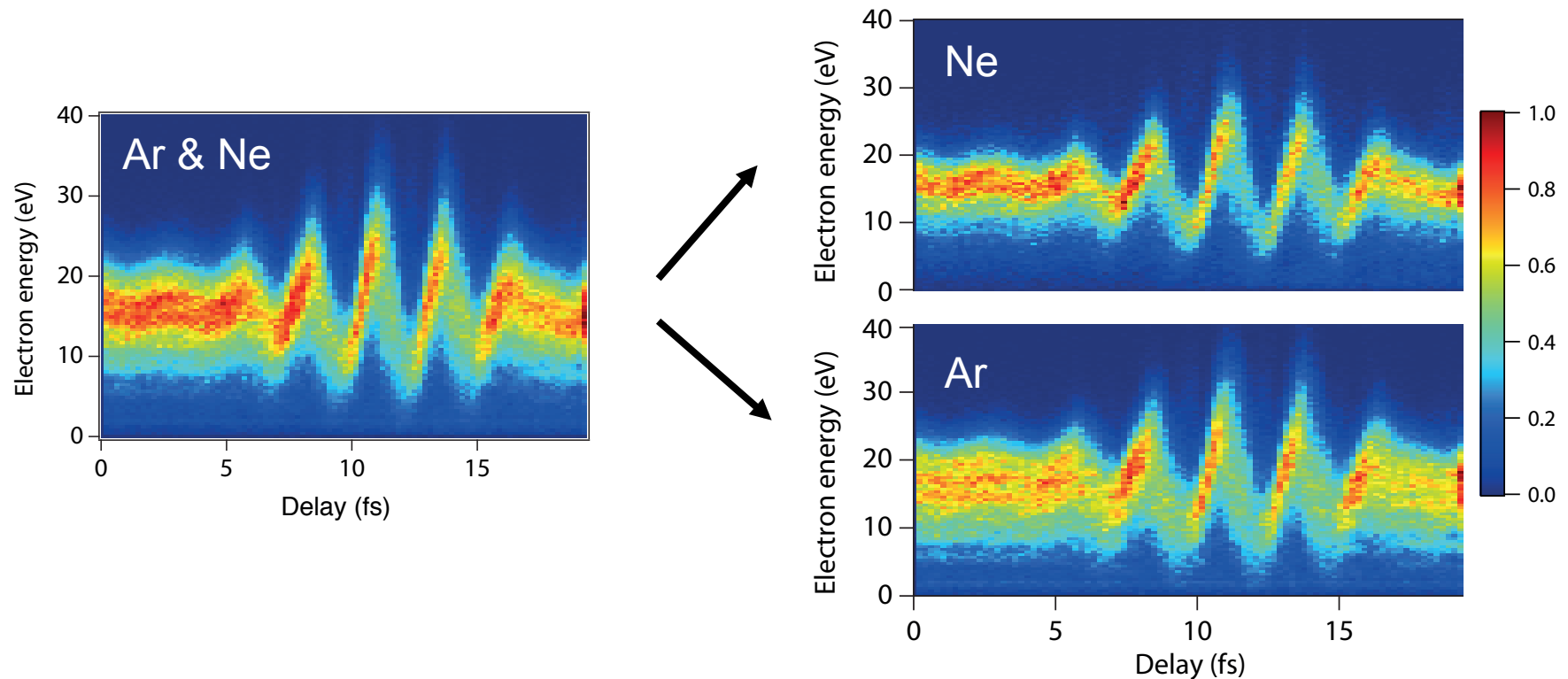
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- attochirp effects?
- energy dependent absorption cross-section?
- angle dependence?

# Attochirp-corrected ionization time delays

Powerful method: Extend it by coincidence streaking



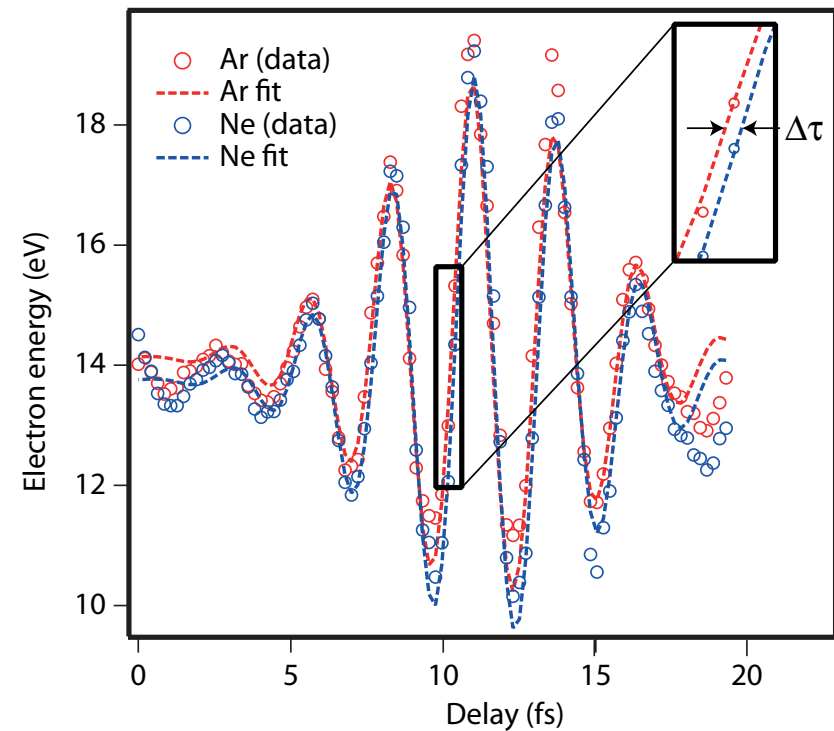
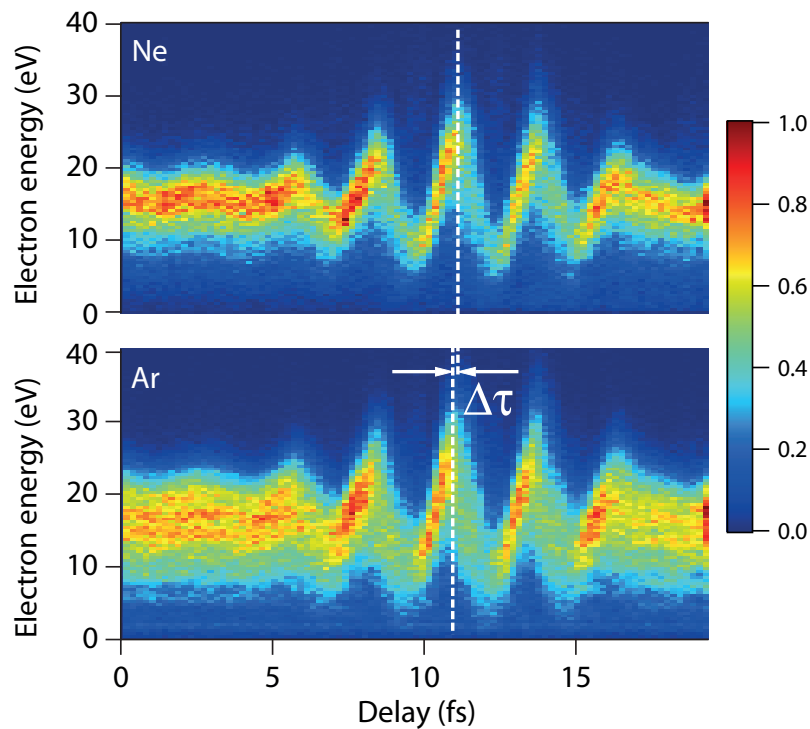
Streaking with multiple species target



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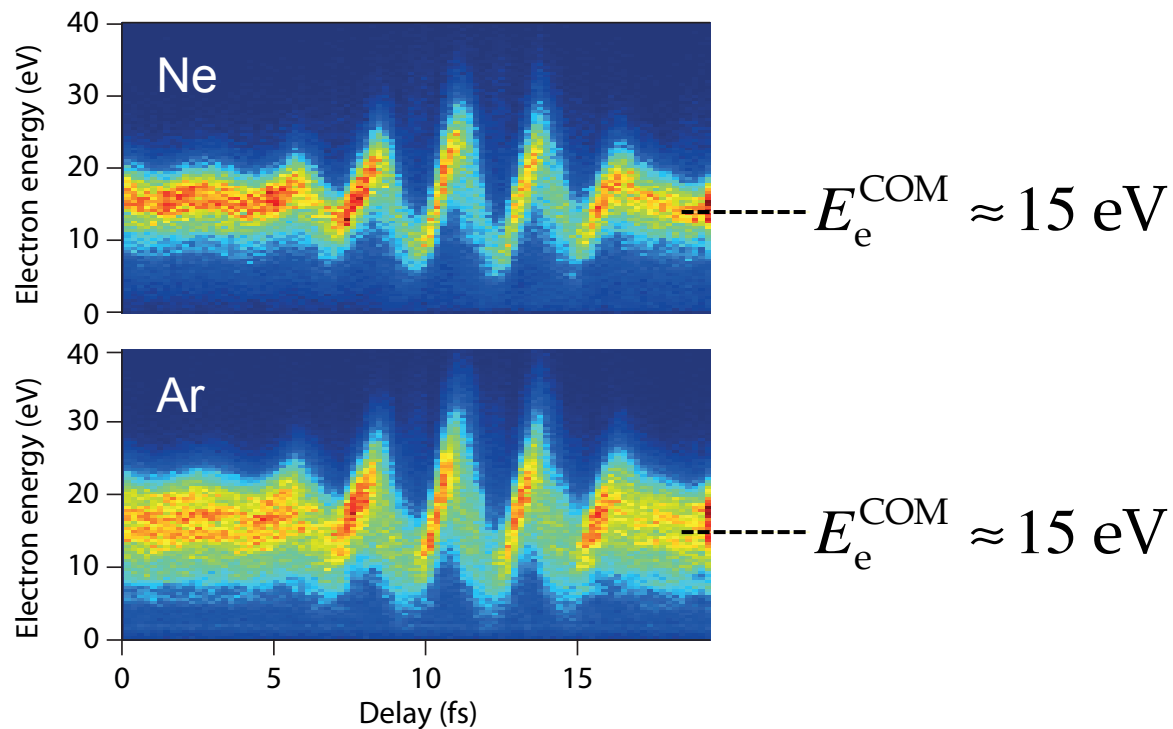
## COM analysis of Ar/Ne data



$$\Delta\tau \doteq \tau^{\text{Ar}} - \tau^{\text{Ne}} \approx -113 \text{ as}$$

## COM analysis is in general misleading

Attochirp = photons of different energy arrive at different instances in time



$$E_{\text{XUV}}^{\text{COM}} = E_e^{\text{COM}} + I_p$$

$$I_p^{\text{Ne}} = 21.56 \text{ eV}$$

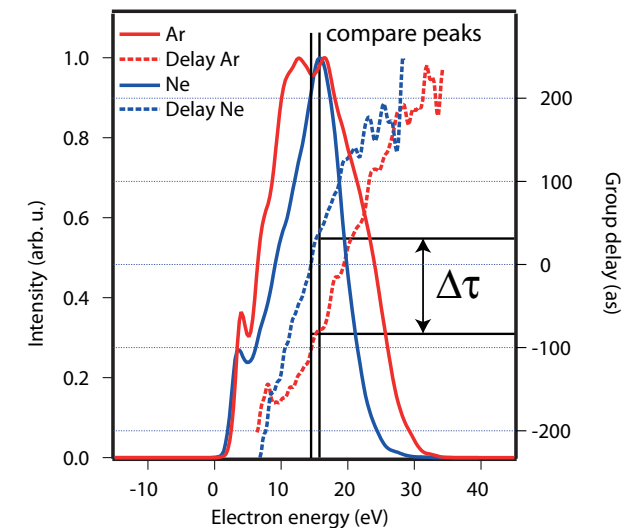
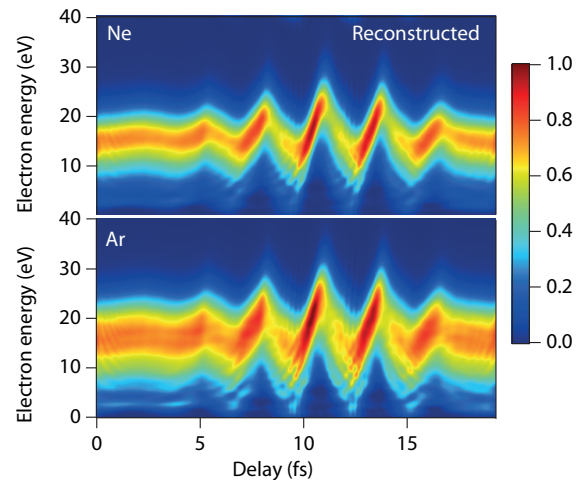
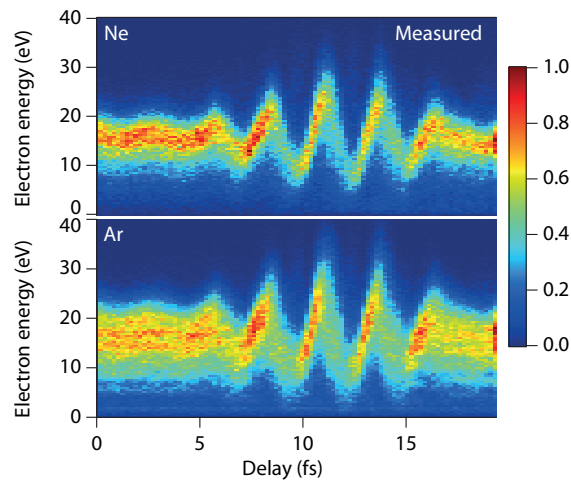
$$I_p^{\text{Ar}} = 15.76 \text{ eV}$$

$$\left( E_{\text{XUV}}^{\text{COM}} \right)_{\text{Ar}} \neq \left( E_{\text{XUV}}^{\text{COM}} \right)_{\text{Ne}}$$

## FROG-CRAB analysis

(using 33 measured traces)

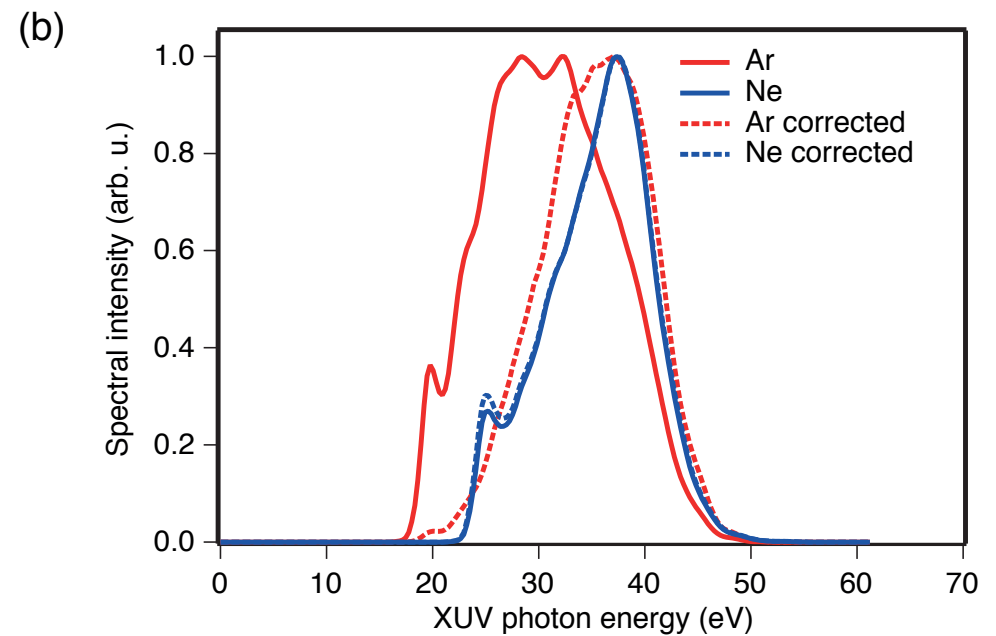
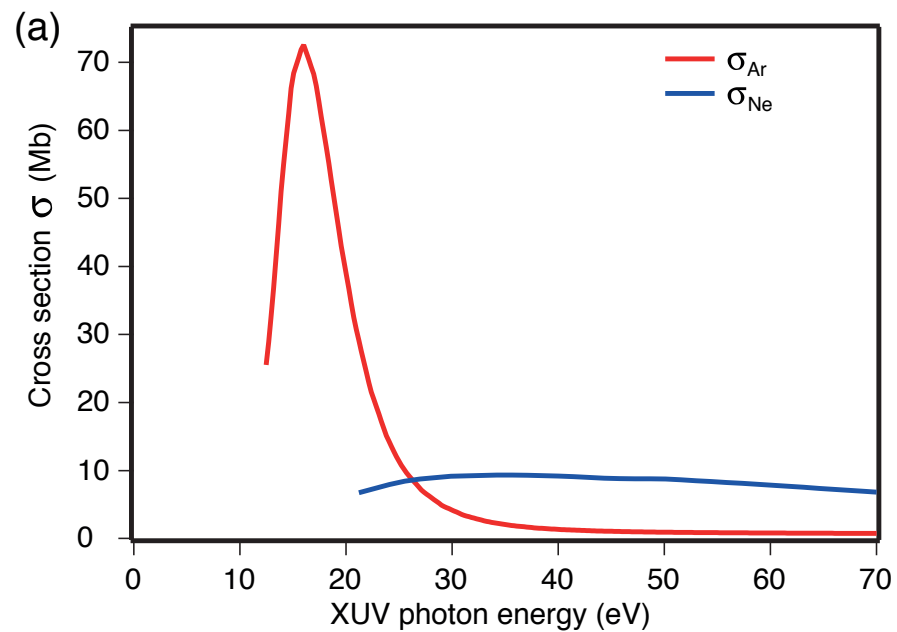
## Comparing electron peaks



Comparing peaks:  $\Delta\tau \doteq \tau^{\text{Ar}} - \tau^{\text{Ne}} \approx -117 \text{ as}$

(COM analysis: -113 as)

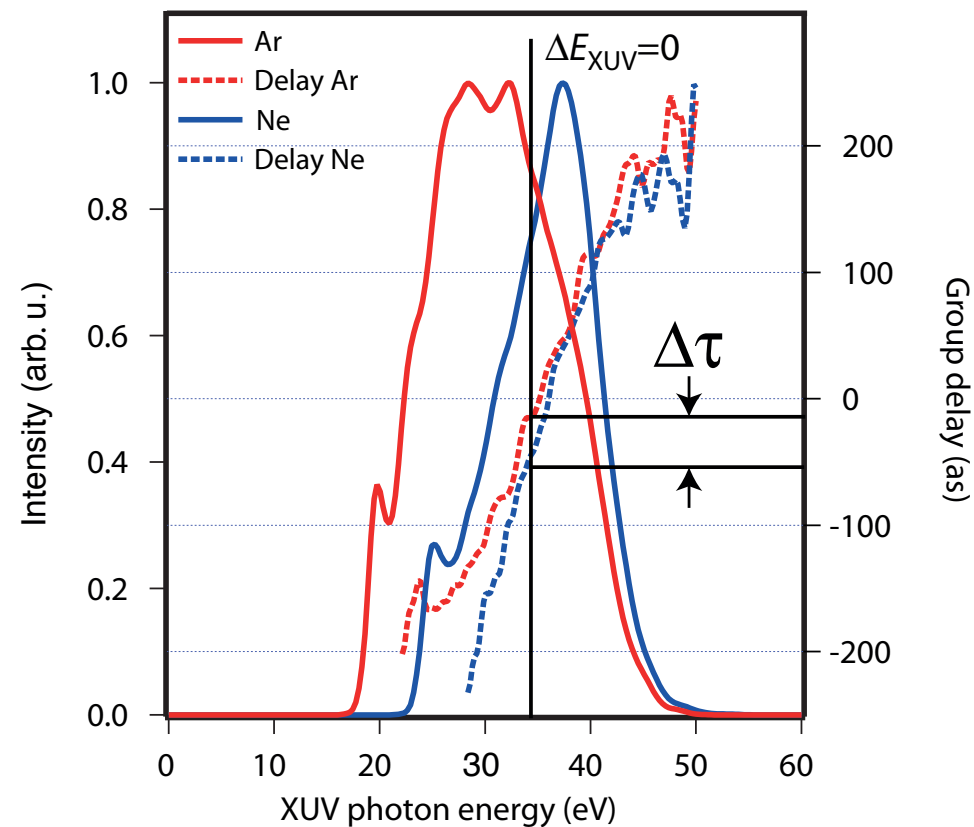
## Cross-sections of Ar &amp; Ne



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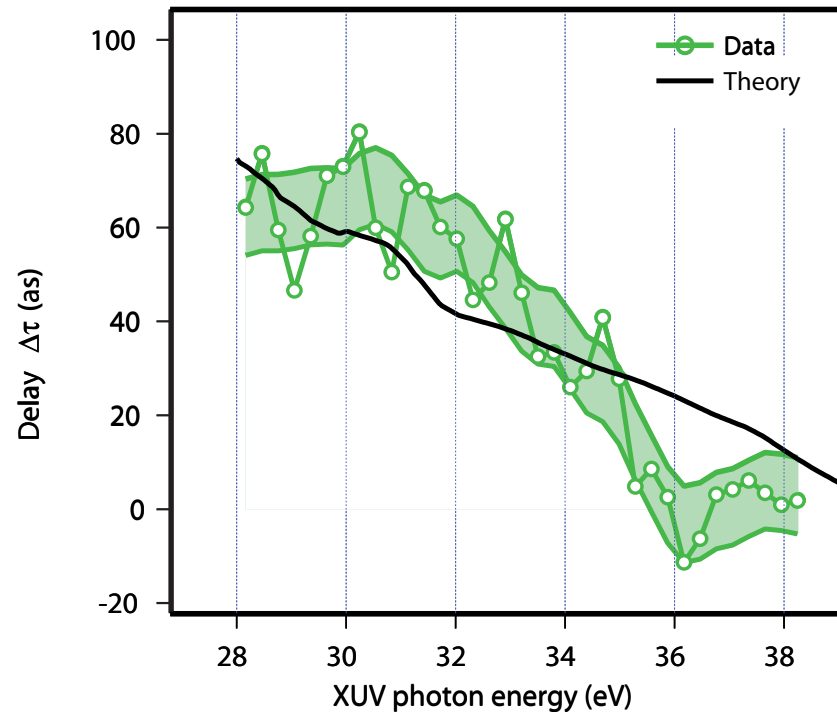
Correction: XUV photon axis





## FROG-CRAB analysis

(using 33 measured traces)

Sabbar *et al.*, arXiv:1407.6623 (2014)

Result agrees with theory:

$$\tau_S = \underbrace{\tau_W}_{\text{Wigner}} + \underbrace{\tau_{\text{CLC}}}_{\text{taken from perturbation theory}^2}$$

$\tau_W$ : calculated with the random-phase approximation<sup>1</sup>

$\tau_{\text{CLC}}$ : Can be taken from perturbation theory<sup>3</sup>

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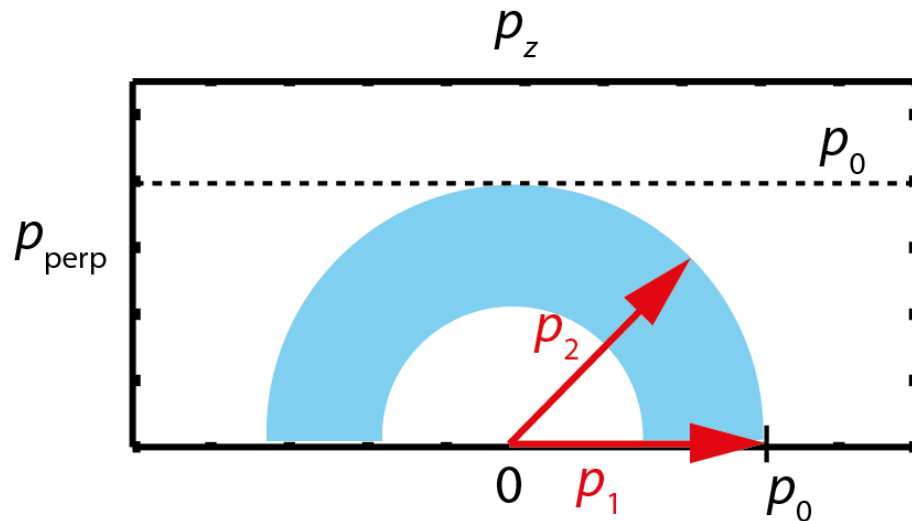
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- **angle dependence?**

## Attosecond streaking with a COLTRIMS detector

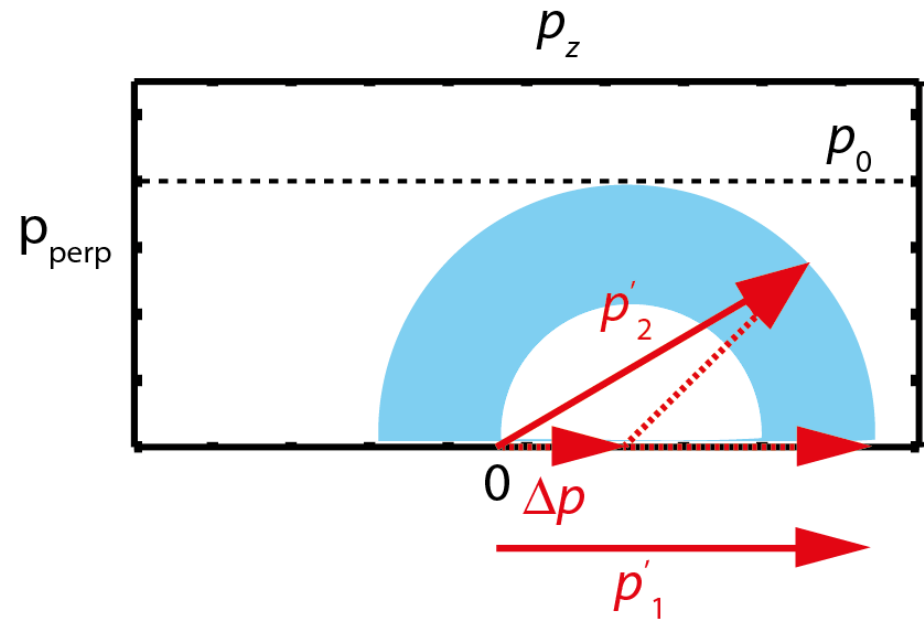
(Angular discrepancy)

no streaking field



$$E = \mathbf{p}_1^2 / 2m_e = \mathbf{p}_2^2 / 2m_e = \mathbf{p}_0^2 / 2m_e$$

streaking field shifts the distribution

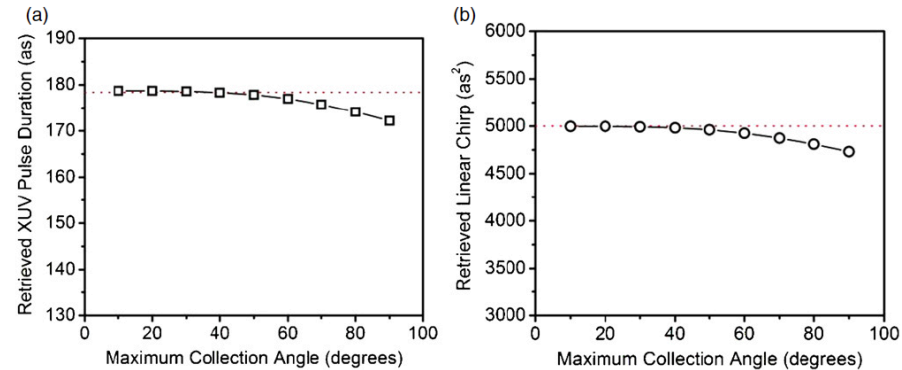
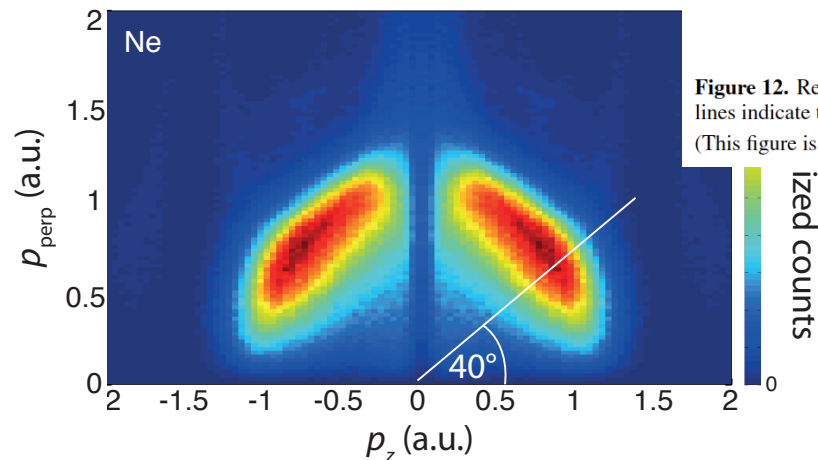


$$\mathbf{p}'_1{}^2 / 2m_e \neq \mathbf{p}'_2{}^2 / 2m_e$$

## Attosecond streaking with a COLTRIMS detector

(Restrict angle)

Used a cone filter with 40° opening for streaking measurement.



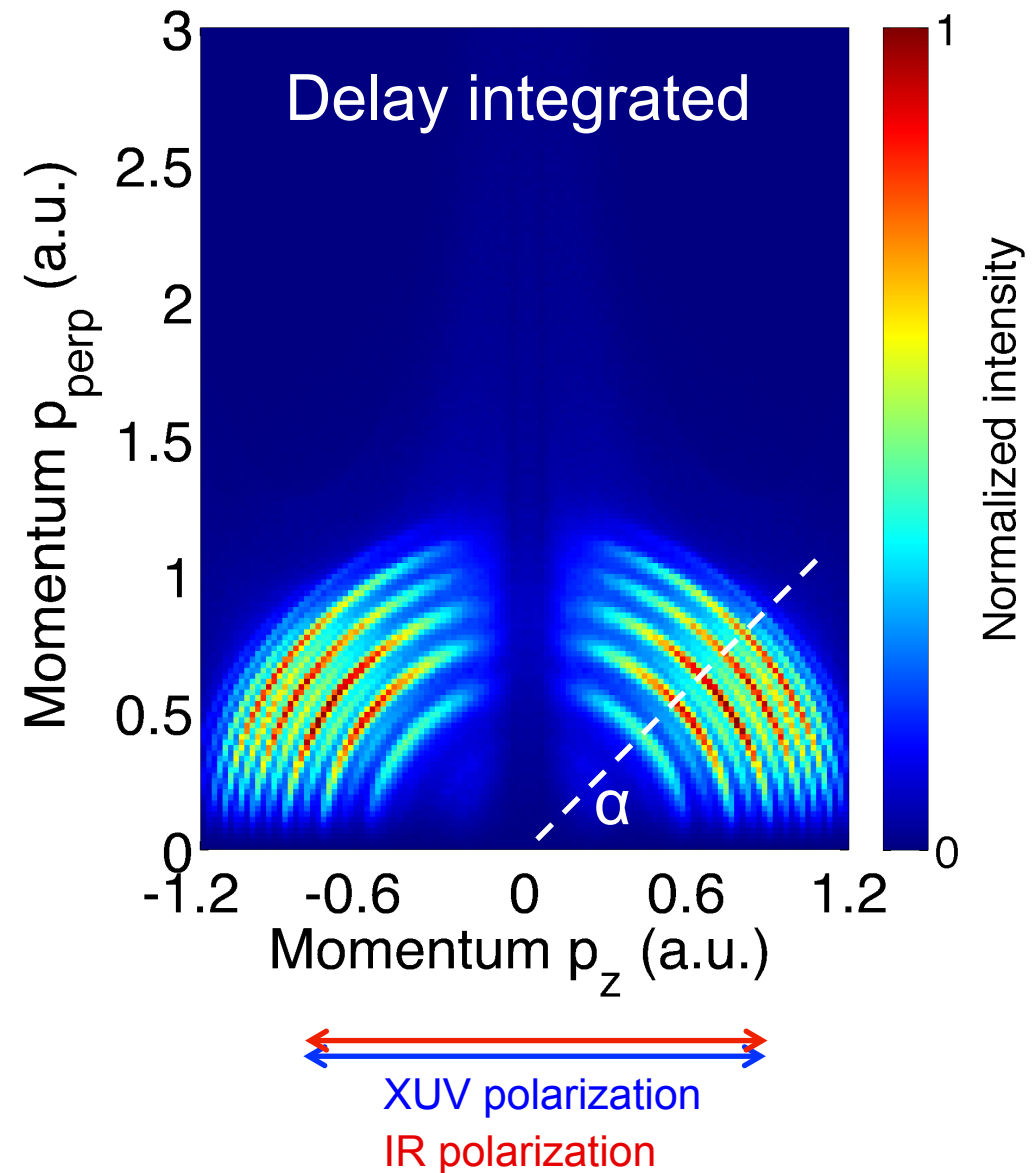
**Figure 12.** Retrieved (a) XUV pulse duration and (b) XUV linear chirp as a function of the maximum collection angle  $\theta_0$ . The red dashed lines indicate the actual values, whereas the black open shapes represent the retrieved values.

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*'As shown in figures 12 (a) and (b), when the maximum collection angle is below 40°, the XUV pulse duration and chirp can be retrieved exactly.'*

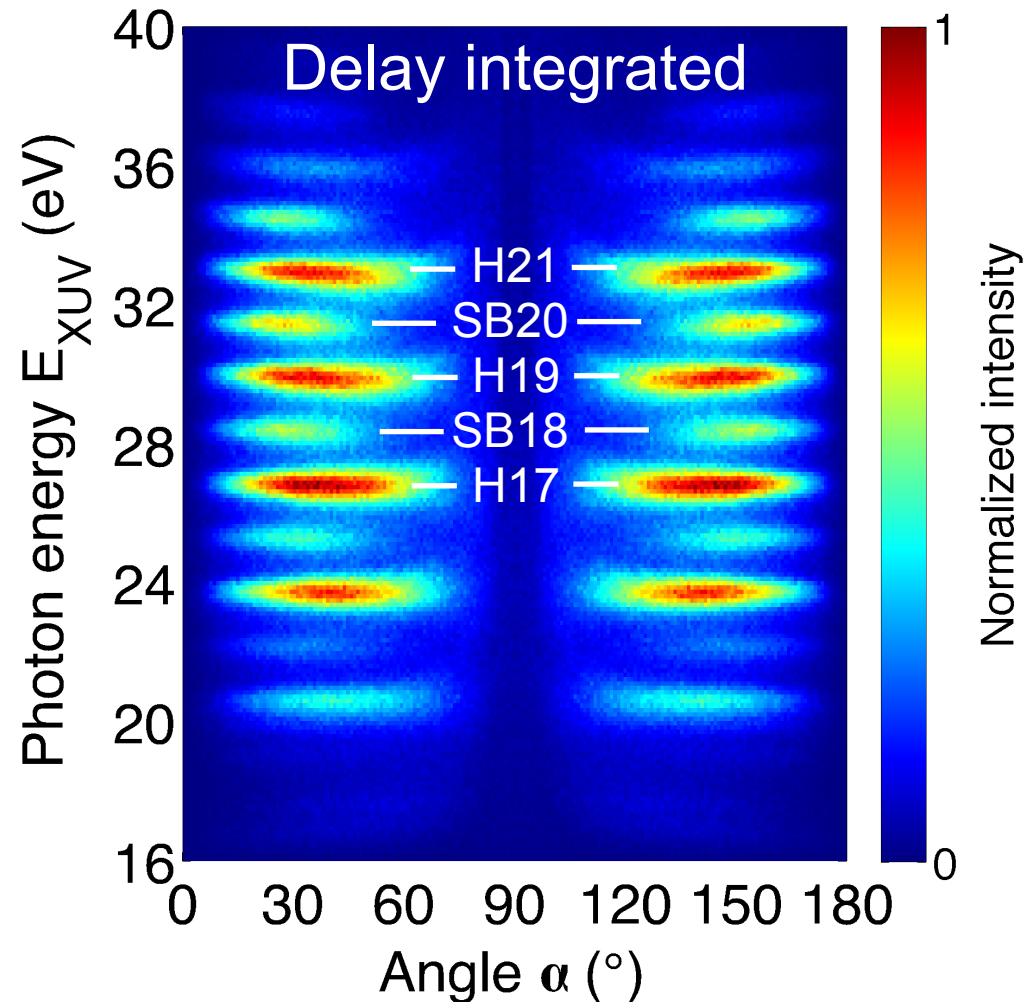
H. Wang *et al.*, J. Phys. B-At. Mol. Opt. Phys. **42** (2009)

- $p_z$  is the momentum parallel to the XUV/IR polarization direction
- $p_{\text{perp}}$  is the absolute momentum perpendicular to the XUV/IR polarization direction



- $E_e = (p_{\text{perp}}^2 + p_z^2)/2m_e$
- $E_{\text{XUV}} = E_e + I_p$
- Emission angle  $\alpha$  is given by the electron emission direction relative to the laser polarization direction:

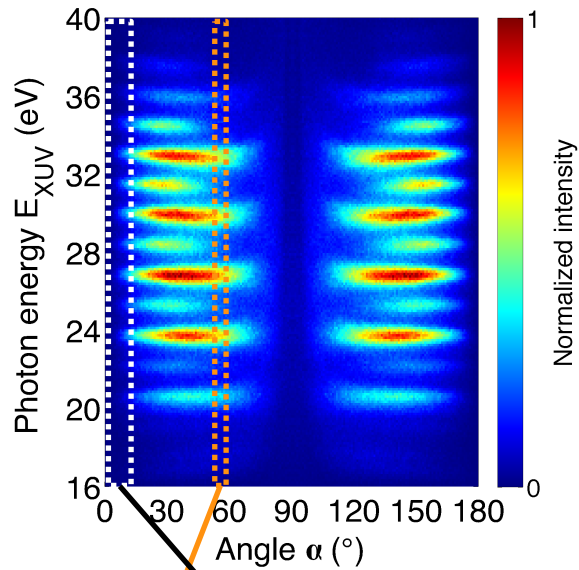
$$\alpha = \text{atan}(p_{\text{perp}} / p_z)$$



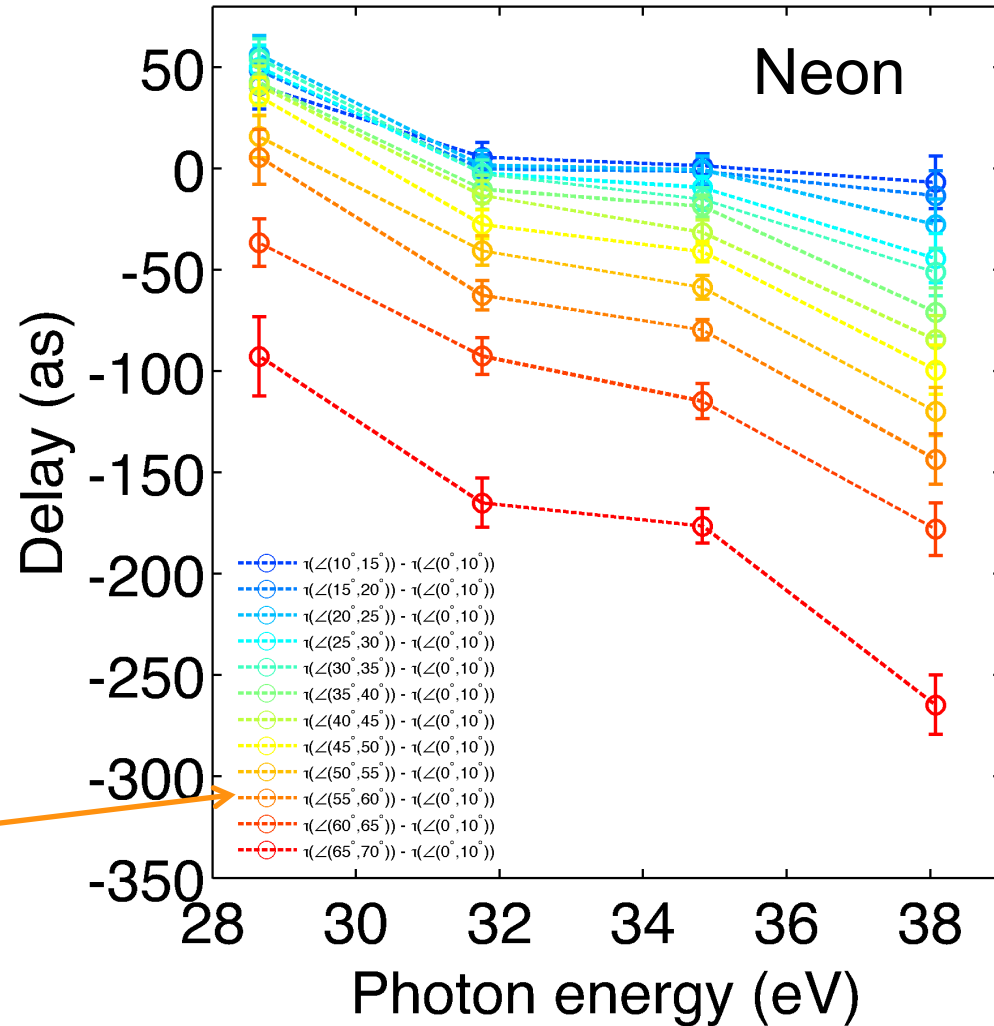
Is the phase of the SB oscillation dependent on the electron emission angle  $\alpha$ ?

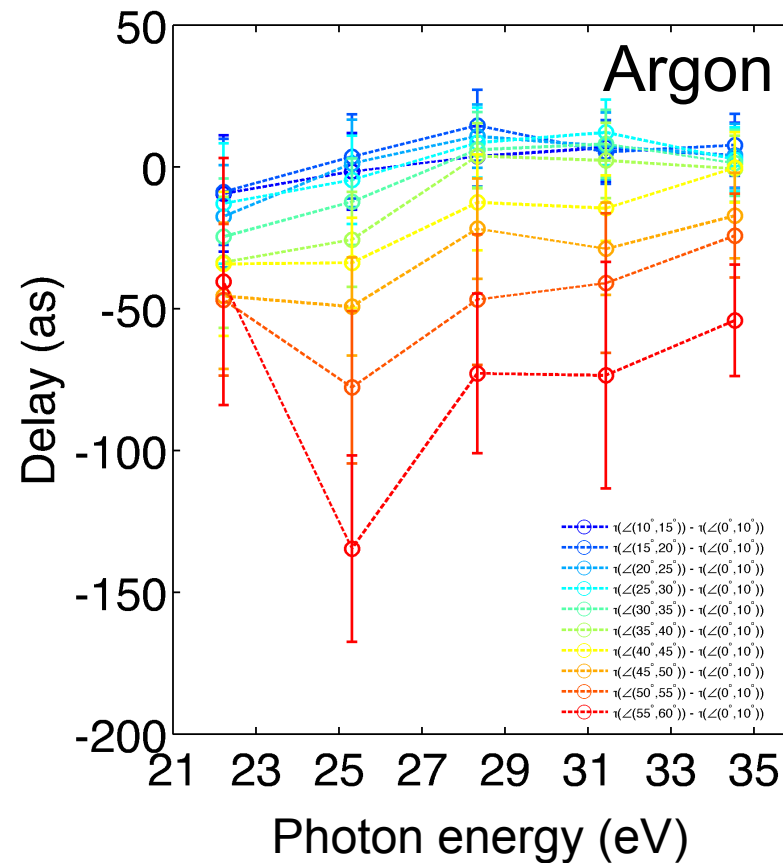
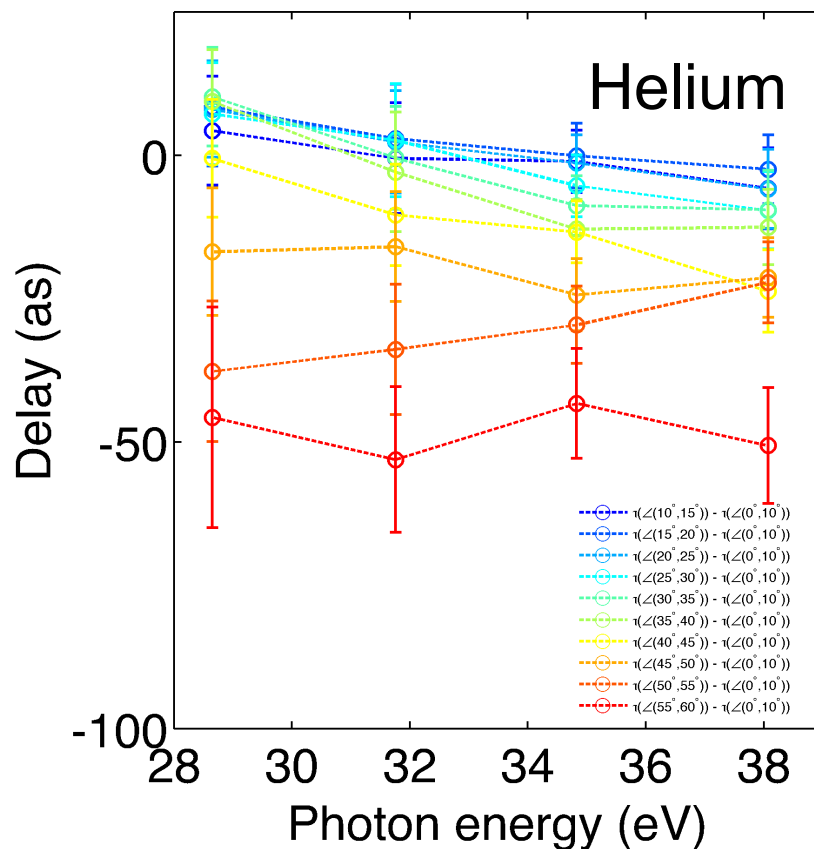
# ETH zürich Angular dependent delays: Ne results

Angular dependent delays referenced to the delay determined along XUV/IR polarization direction ( $0 < \alpha < 10^\circ$ )



$$\tau_{\alpha \in (55^\circ, 60^\circ)}^{Ne} - \tau_{\alpha \in (0^\circ, 10^\circ)}^{Ne} = \Delta \tau_{atomic}^{Ne}$$

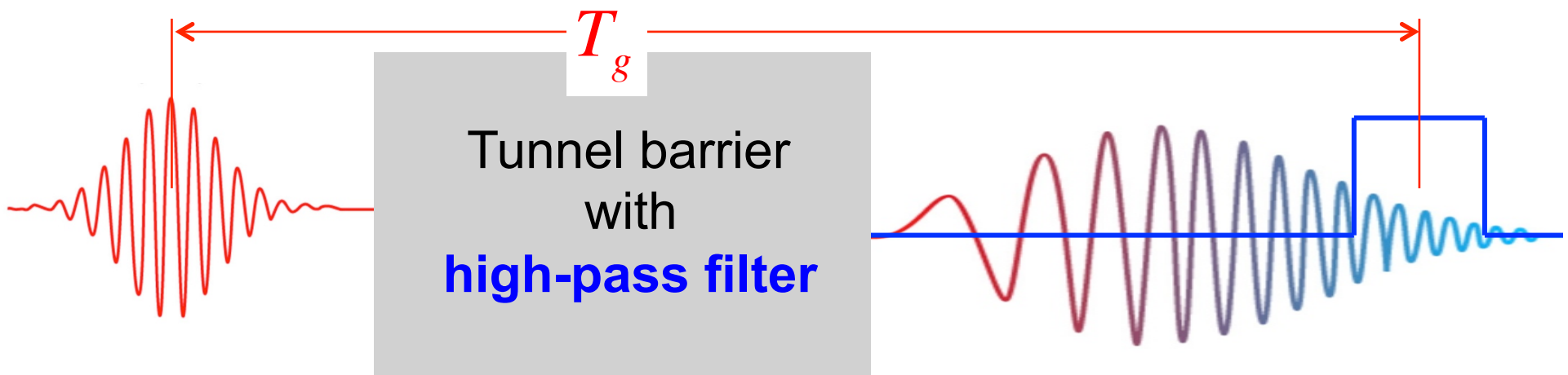
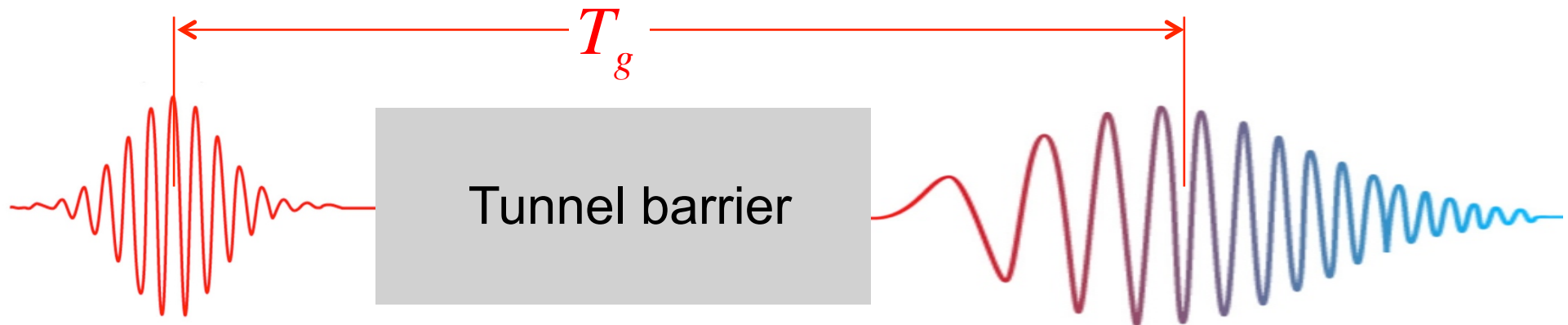
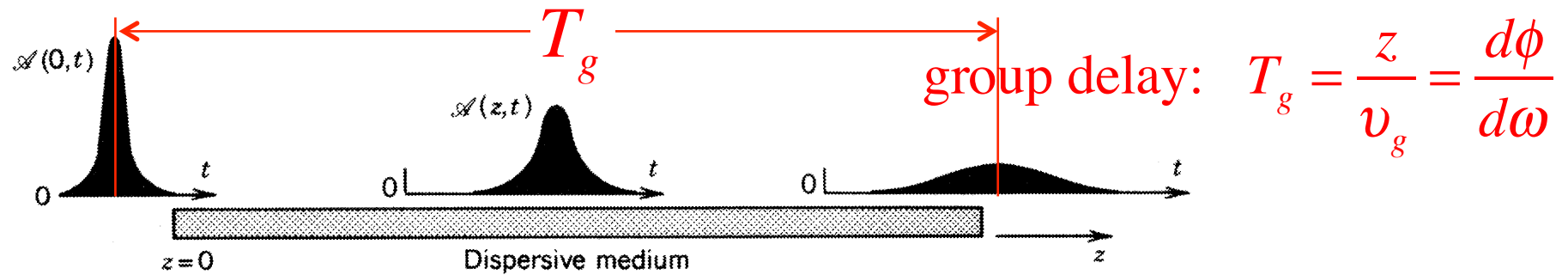




- First experiments resolving angle-dependent photoionization time delays.
- Preliminary data. Ongoing theoretical collaboration with J. Bургdorfer group in Vienna (S. Nagele) to explain the trend observed in the experiments.



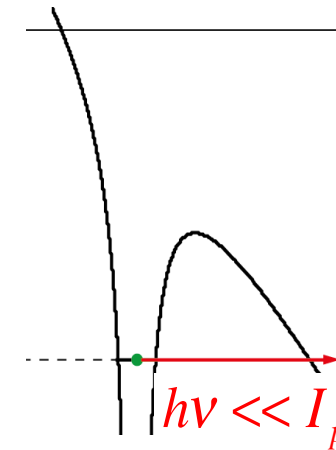
## Wigner time is problematic with tunneling



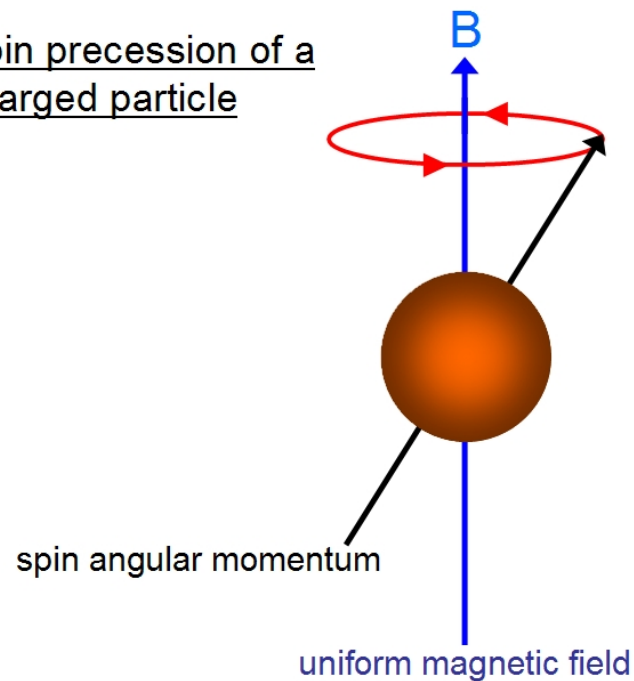
# Attoclock measurement: consistent with Larmor time

Tunnel barrier  
with  
**an uniform  
magnetic field  $B$**

tunnel ionization

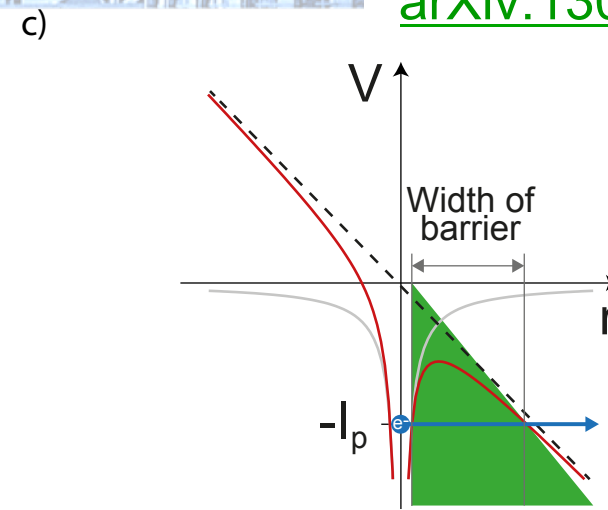
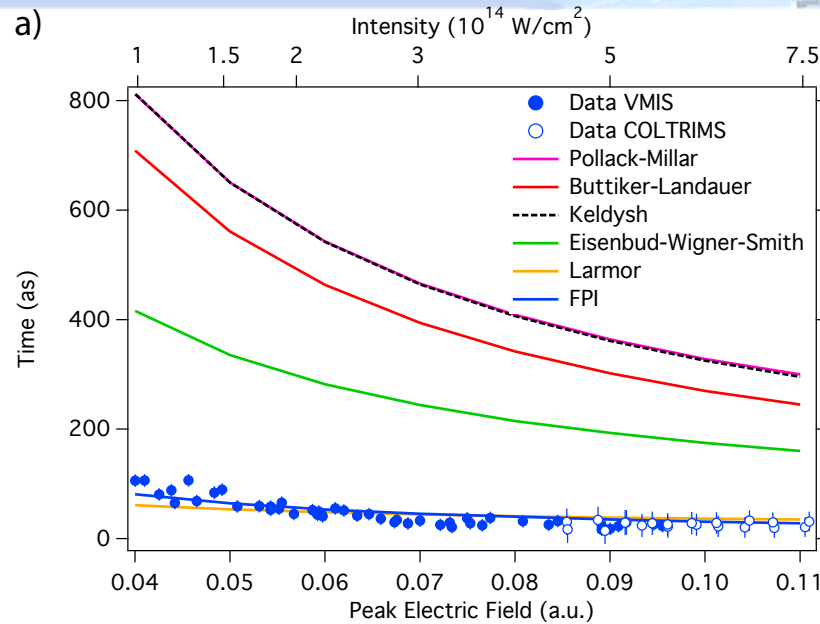


Spin precession of a  
charged particle

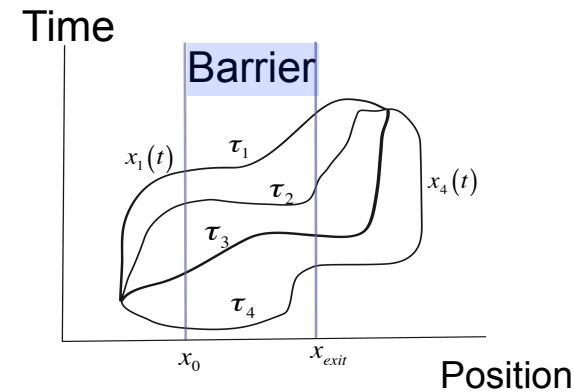
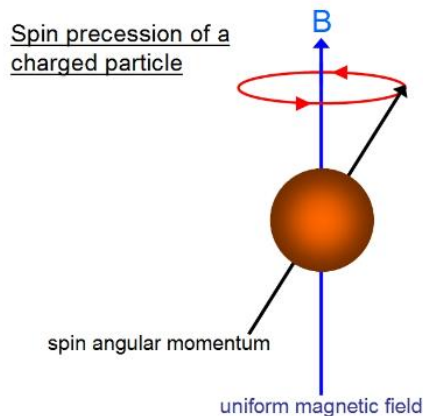


# Attoclock results from Helium

A. S. Landsman et al.,  
[arXiv:1301.2766](https://arxiv.org/abs/1301.2766)

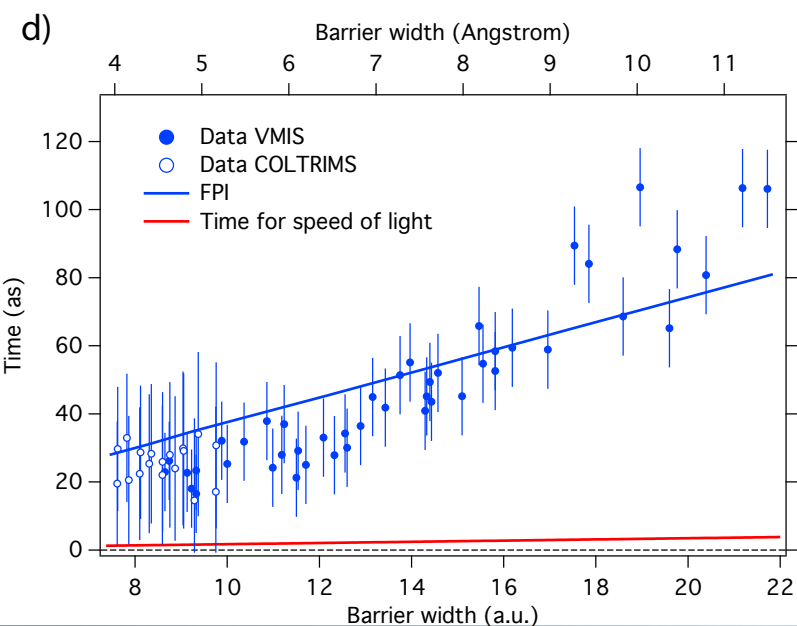
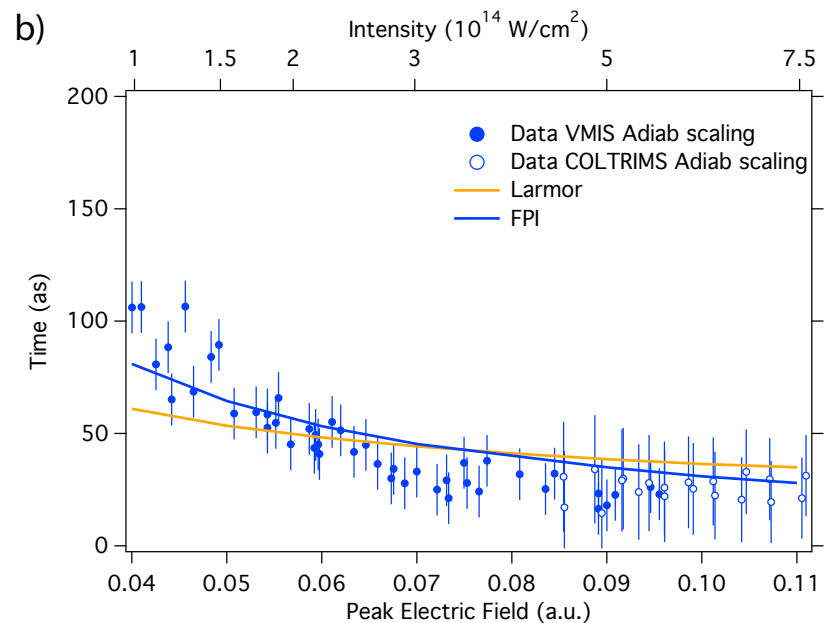
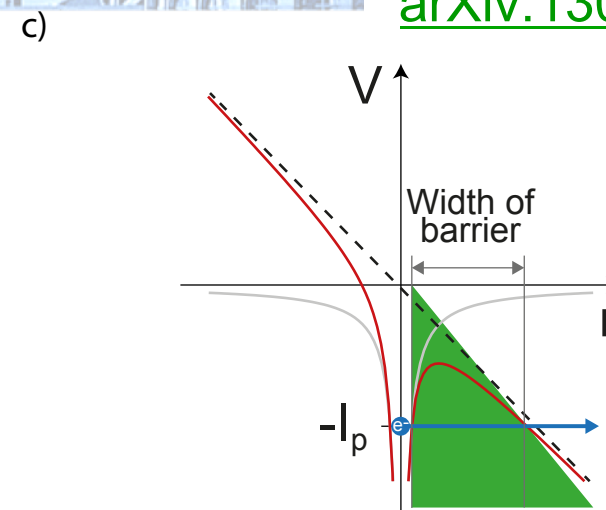
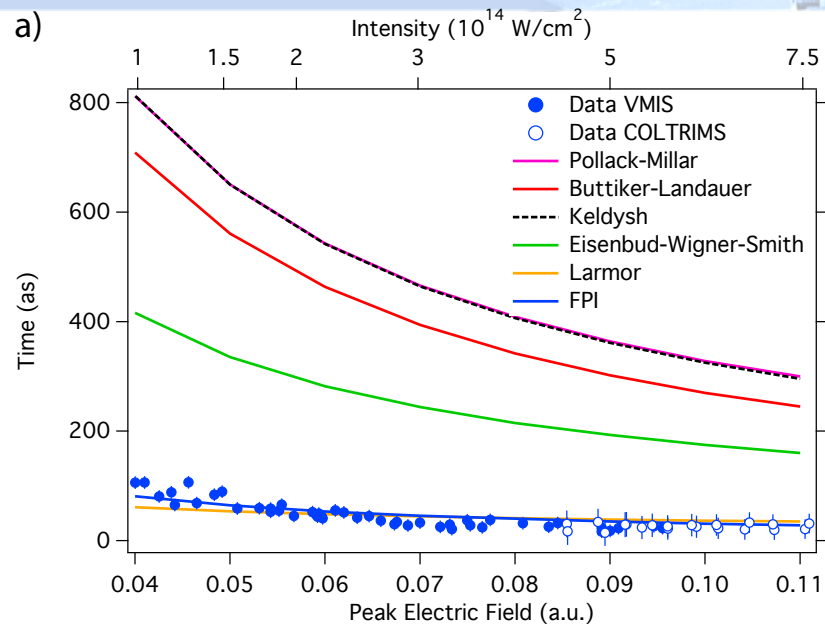


Best agreement with Larmor tunneling time  
 and Feynman path integral calculation (Alexandra Landsman)



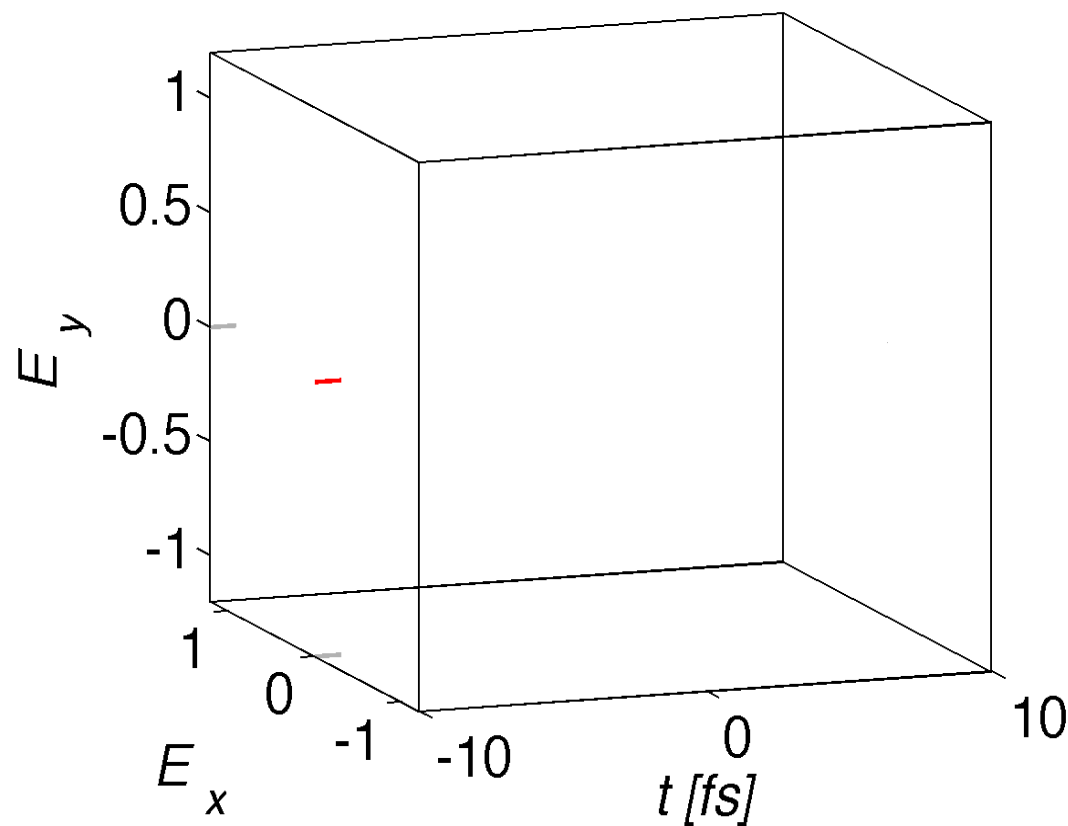
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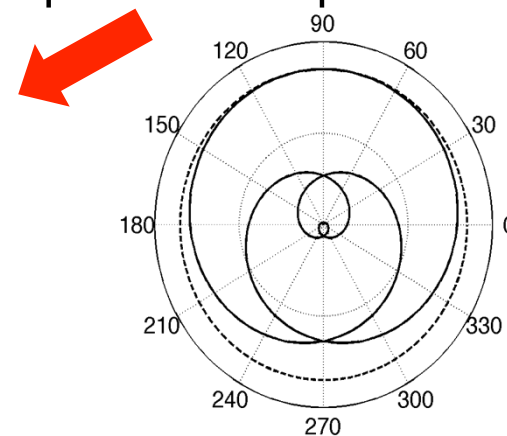


# Circular polarization of a two-cycle infrared pulse

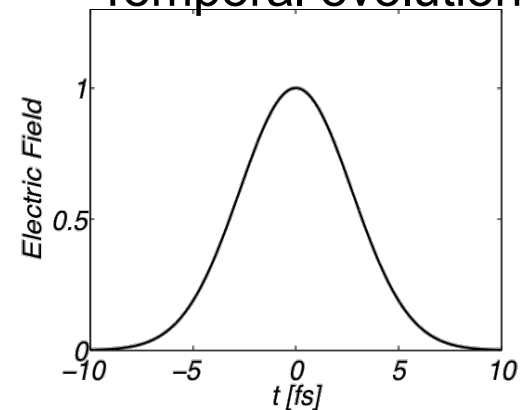
Rotation in space instead of oscillation in time



Projection onto  
polarization plane



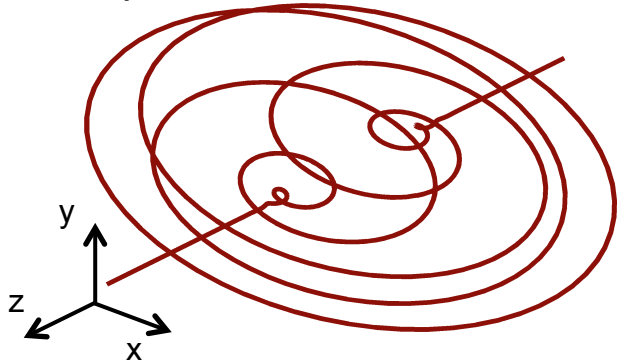
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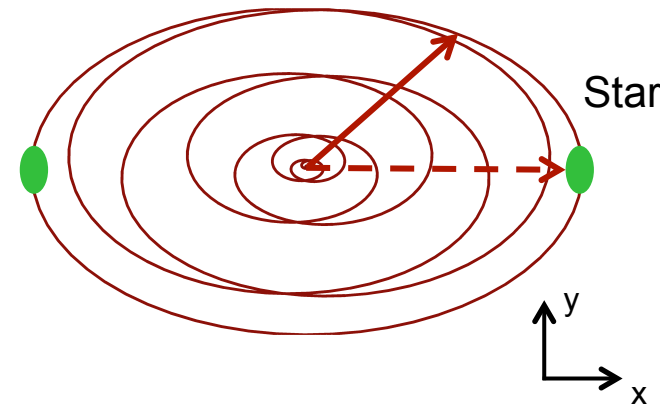
# Attoclock: maps time to angle

Rotating infrared electric field of laser pulse streaks electron, mapping angle to moment of ionization:

Laser pulse



For  $\lambda = 800$  nm:  
 $1^\circ$  equal to 7.5 as



Time zero?

What do we measure?

What do we want to know?

Is **self referenced** or given by a  
 additional reference such as an attosecond pulse

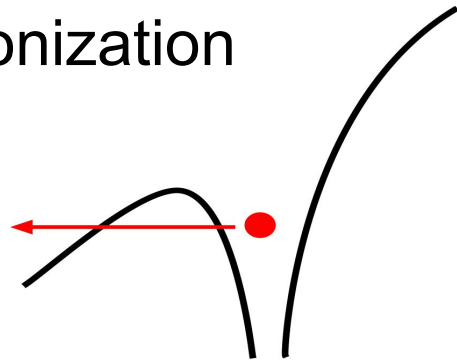
The **final electron momentum** after the short pulse

**Tunneling delay time**

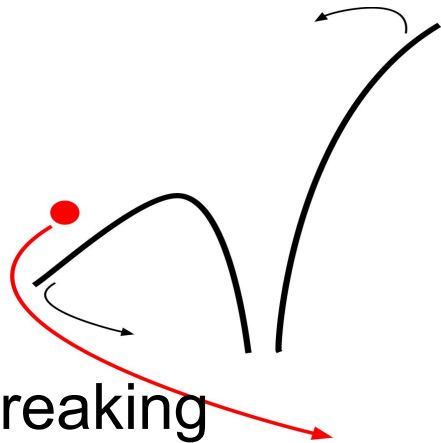


2-step model:

ionization

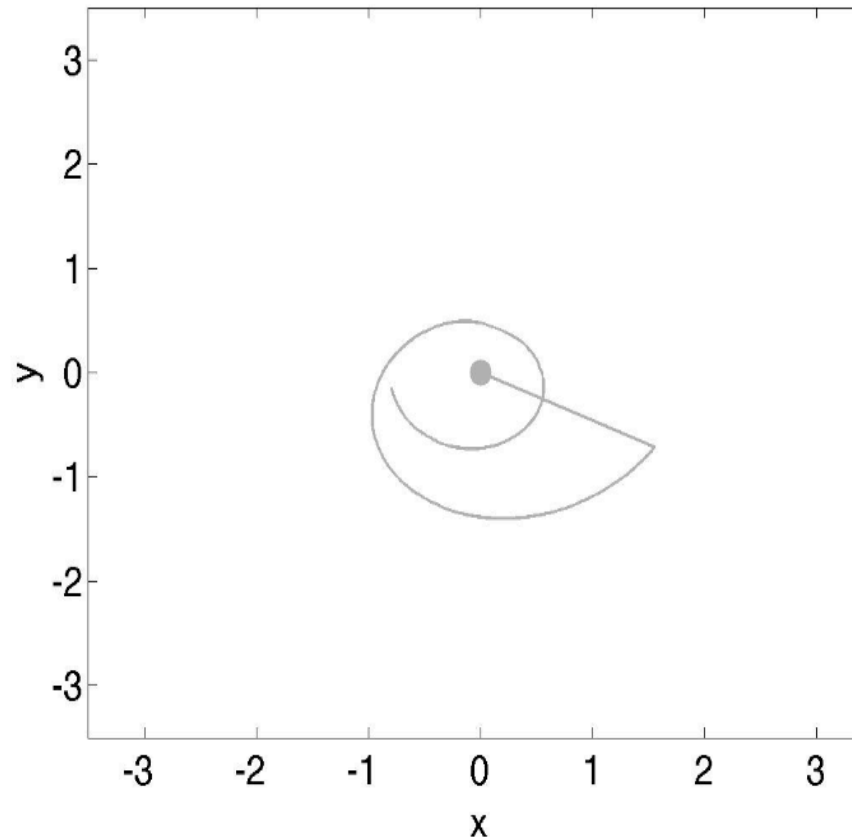
 $t_{0,ion}$ 

time electron exits the tunnel



streaking

Time in pulse: -2.36fs



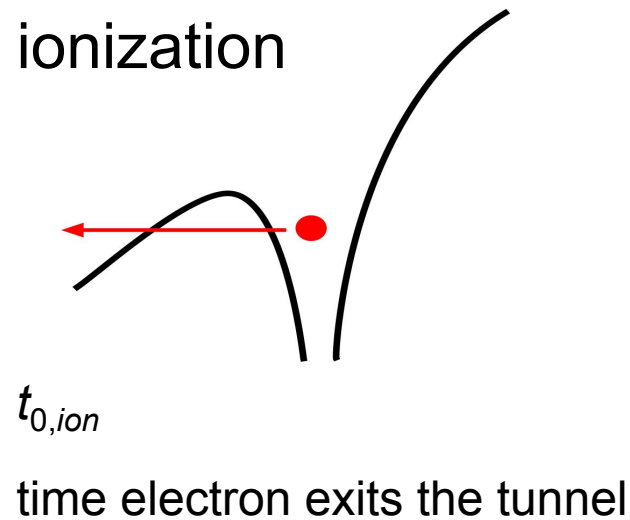
$$m_e \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = q \vec{E}_L$$

Assuming: electron liberated at maximum electric field

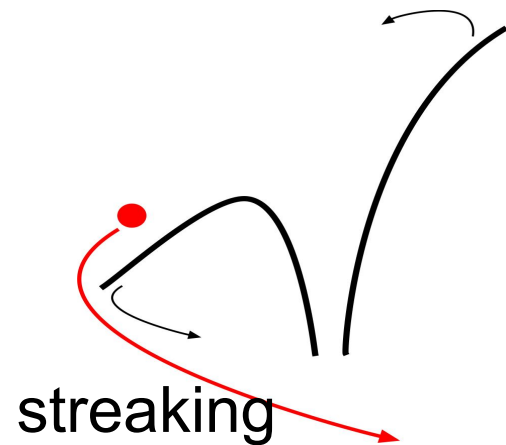
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- classically calculated trajectory in the electric field of the pulse

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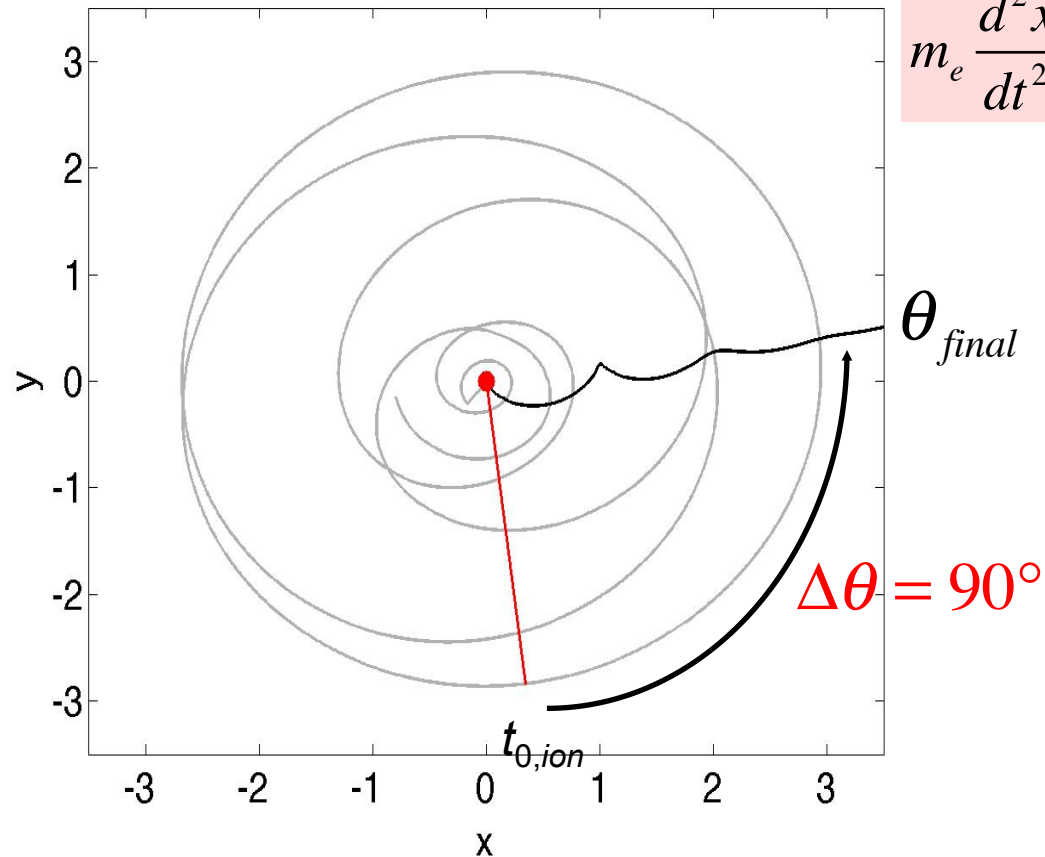
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# Tunnel geometry of Coulomb potential and laser field

## Effective potential – parabolic coordinates

Parabolic coordinates

$$\xi = r + z$$

$$\eta = r - z$$

$$\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$V = -\frac{1}{z} + zE_L$$

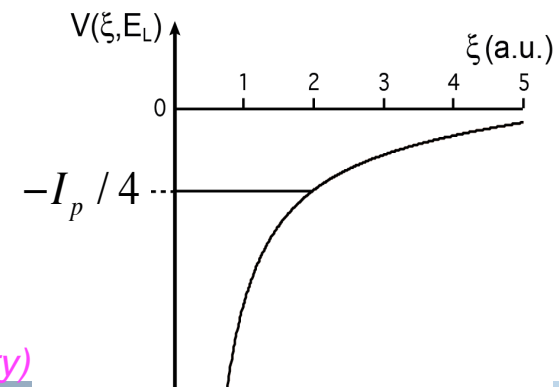
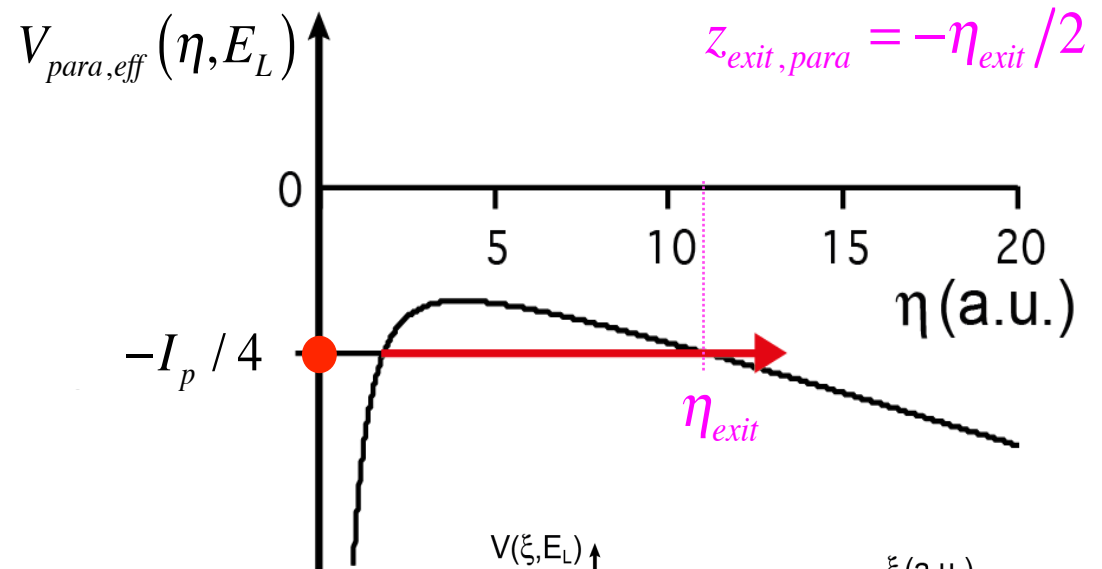
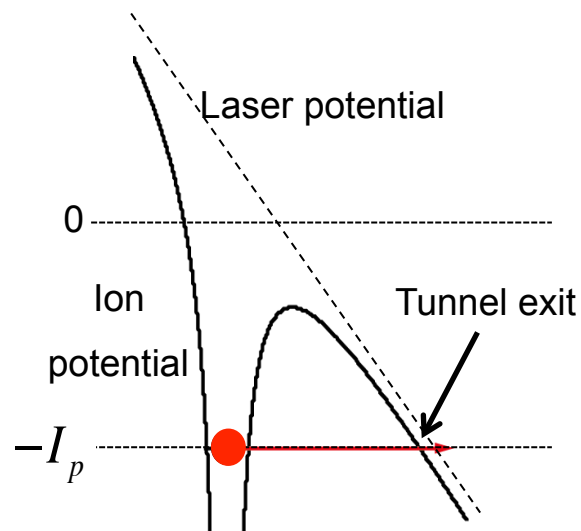
$$V_{para} = -\frac{2}{\xi + \eta} + \frac{1}{2}(\xi - \eta)E_L$$

Separation of Schrödinger Equation

$$\psi = f_1(\xi)f_2(\eta)e^{im\phi}$$

$$V_{para,eff} = -\frac{(1 - \sqrt{2I_p}/2)}{2\eta} - \frac{1}{8}\eta E_L + \frac{m^2 - 1}{8\eta^2}$$

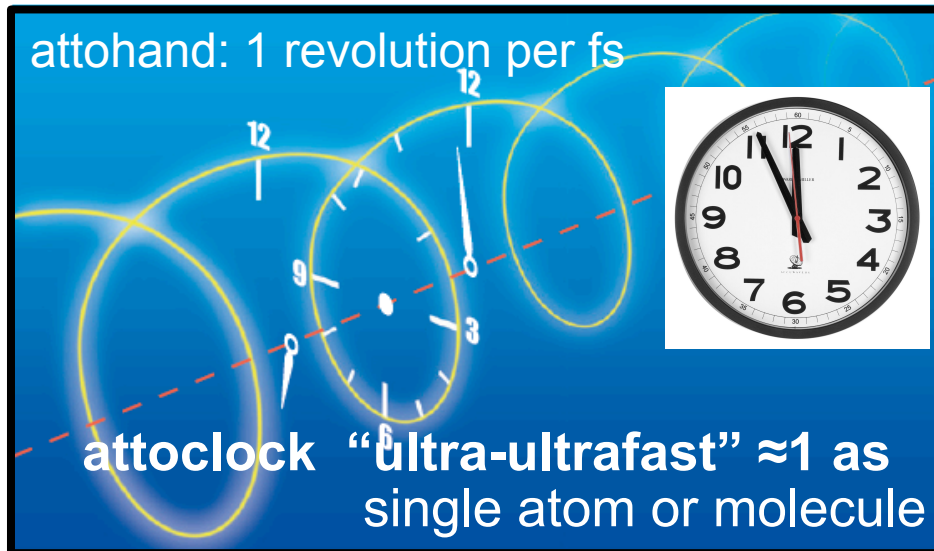
## Field-direction model



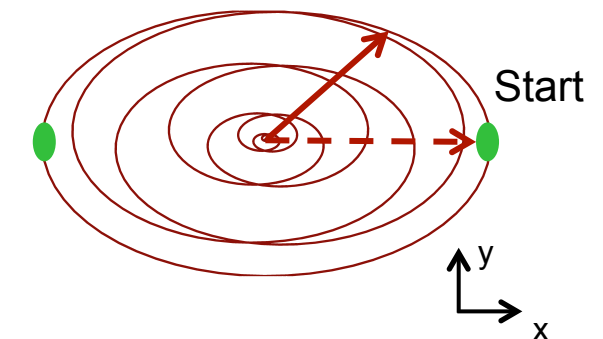
L. D. Landau, E. M. Lifschitz, *Quantum Mechanics (non-relativistic theory)*

# Attoclock for tunneling delay time

infrared field has **close to circular** polarization: “map time to angle – like a clock”  
 as soon as an electron is liberated it can be accelerated by the rotating electric field and final momentum vector of electron and/or ion maps time to angle



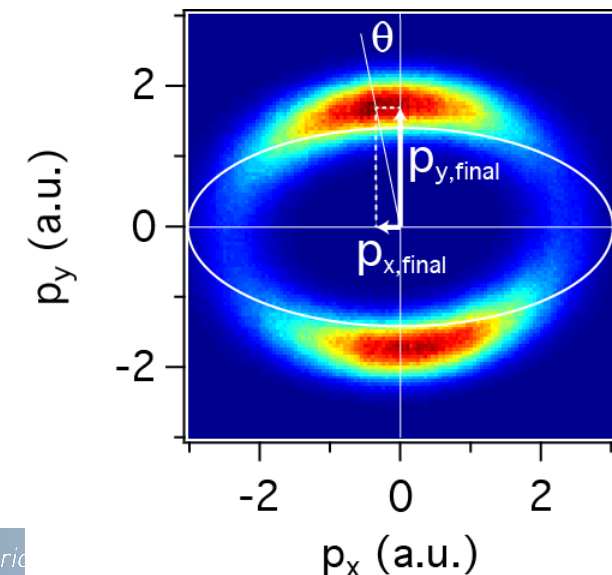
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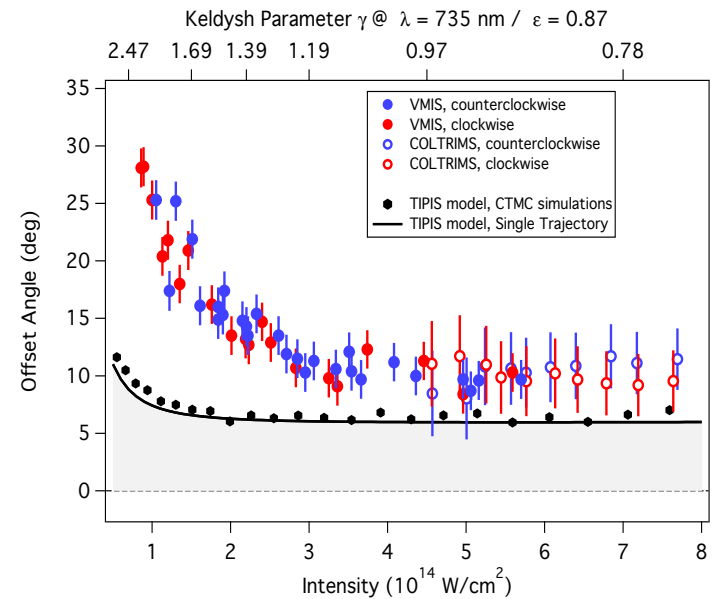
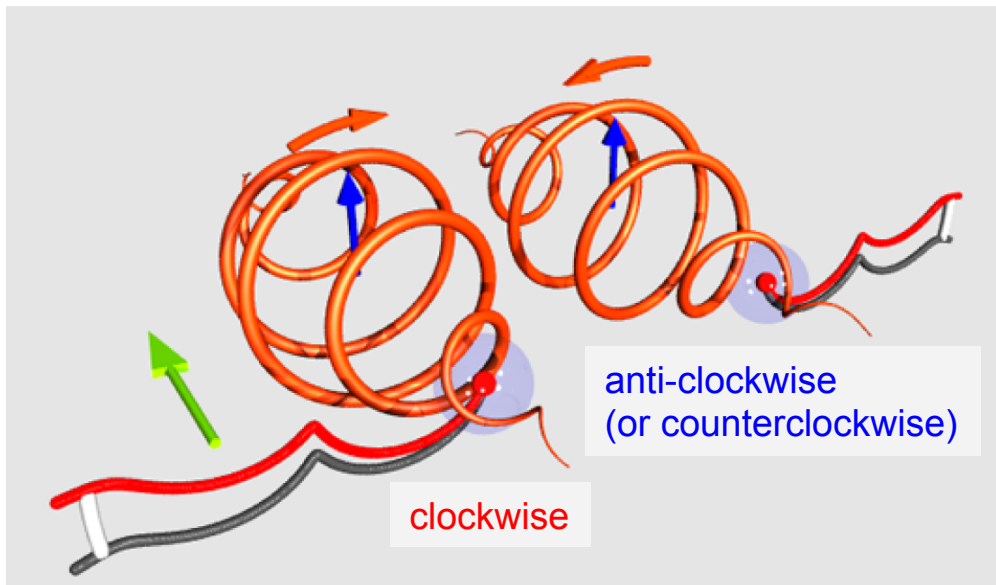
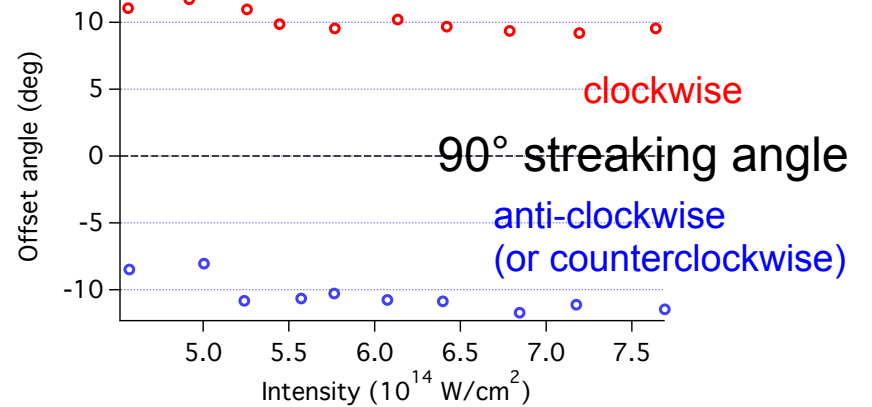
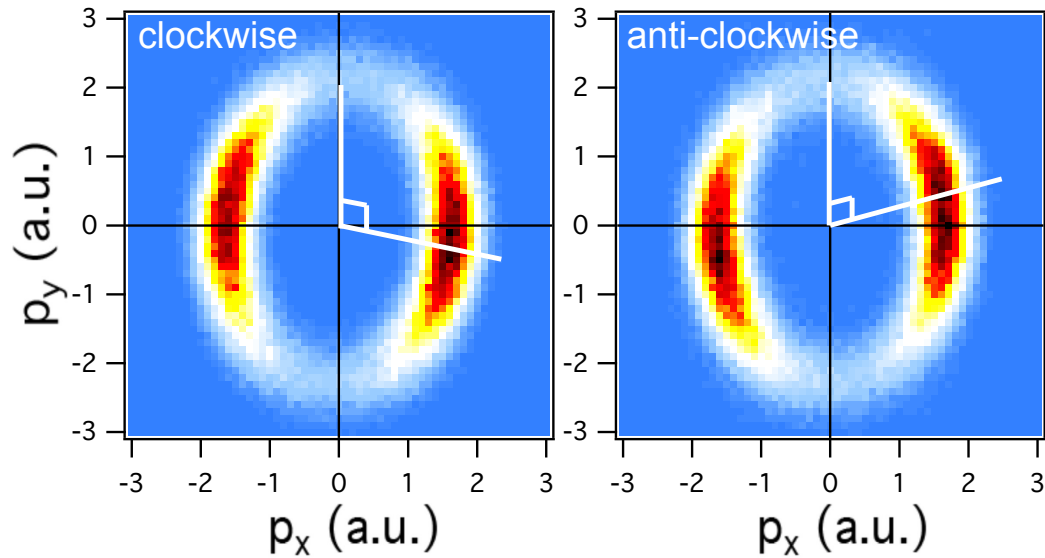
**Time zero?** Is **precisely defined** with the peak of the electric field (i.e. the most probable trajectory)

**Time measurement?** Like a clock which is the **same** microscopically and macroscopically

**What do we measure?** The **final electron momentum vector with the highest electron count** after the short pulse (i.e. the most probable trajectory)



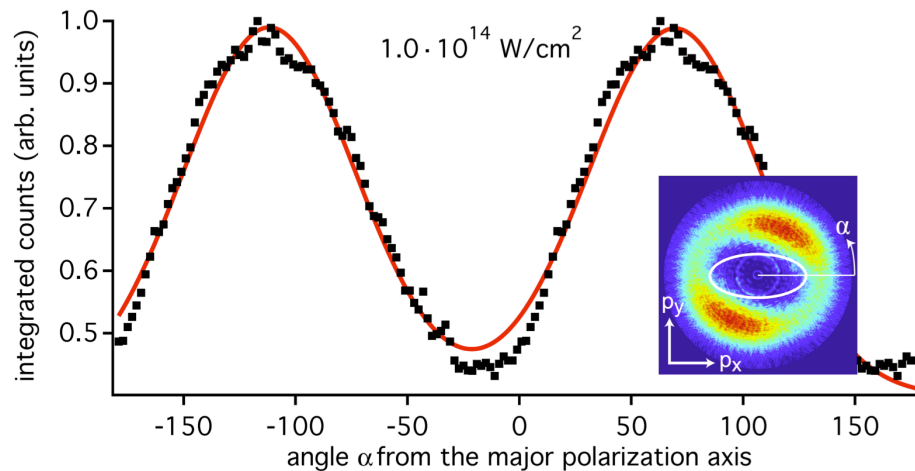
# Attoclock: clockwise and anticlockwise



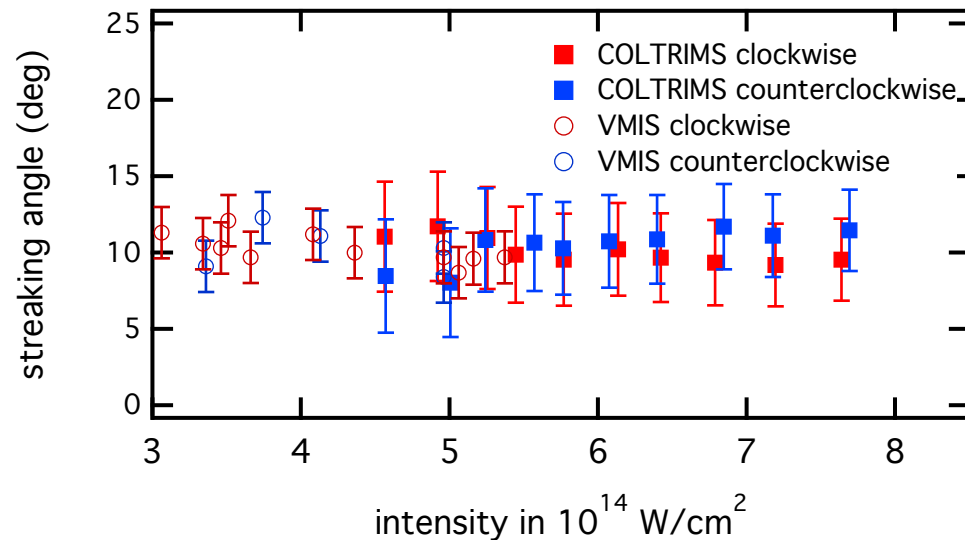
Comparison of clockwise and anti-clockwise rotating laser pulses reduces systematic errors

*Nature Physics* **8**, 76, 2012





Extraction of the streaking angle of the electron with a double gaussian fit of the photoelectron angular distribution

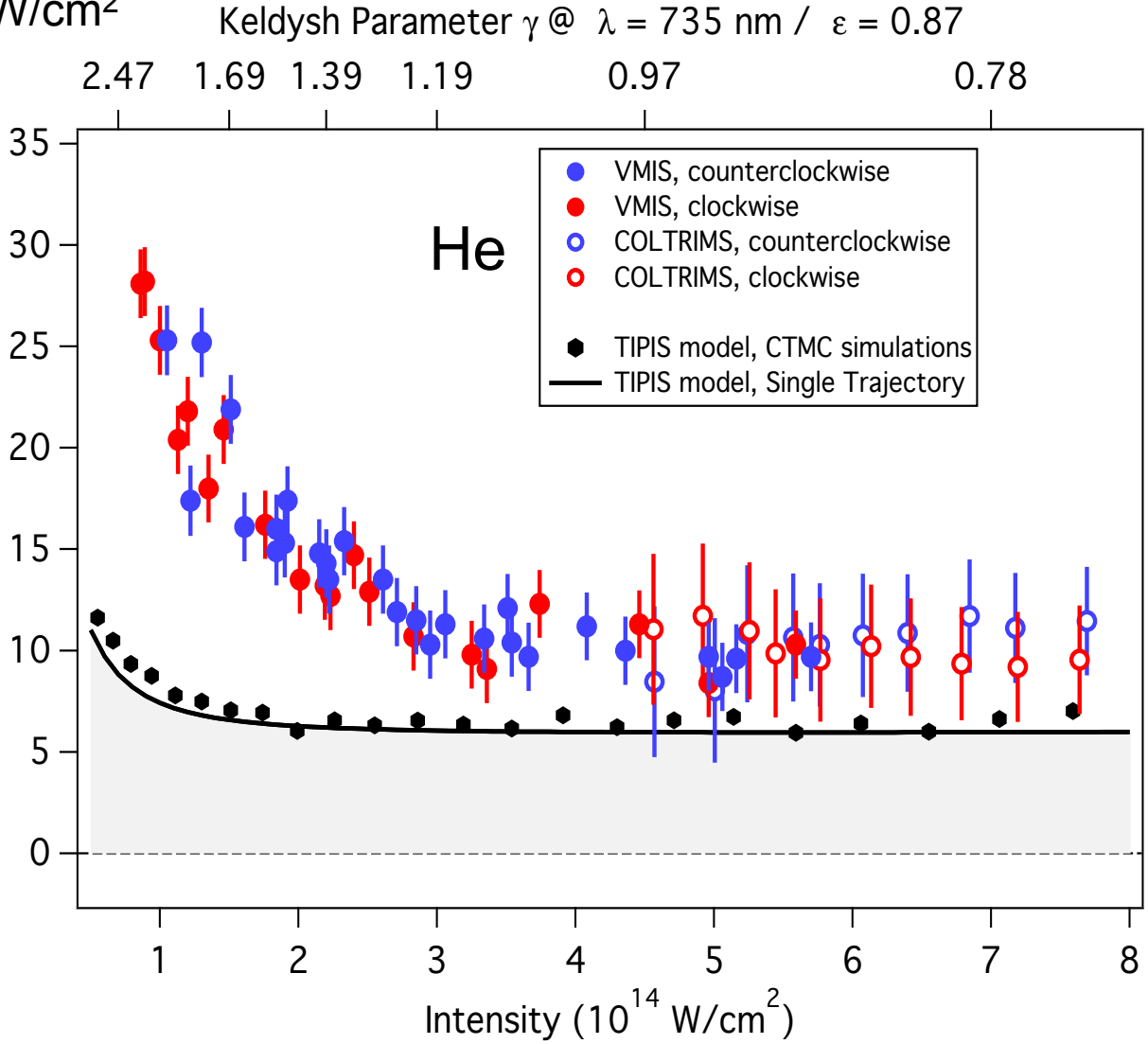
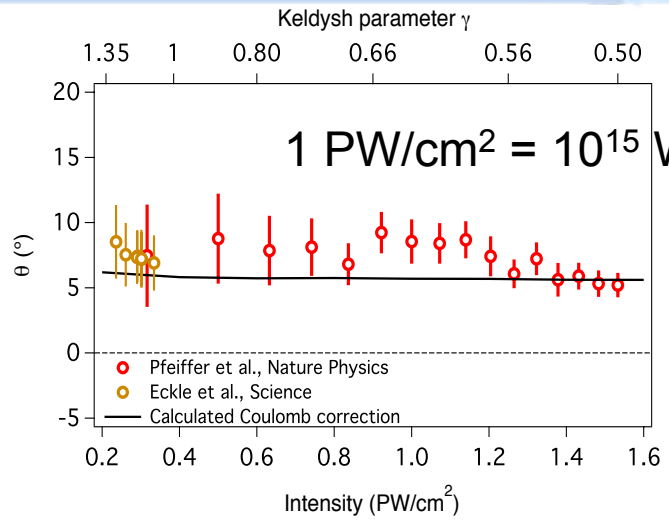


- COLTRIMS data confirm the agreement of both methods
- High statistics and good momentum resolution result in small error bars

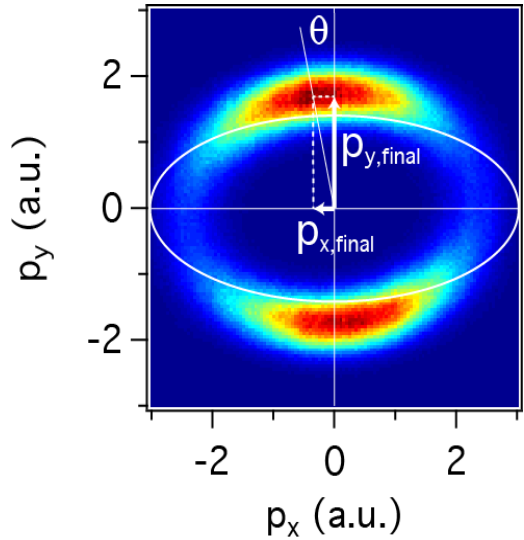
M. Weger, J. Maurer, A. Ludwig, L. Gallmann, U. Keller,  
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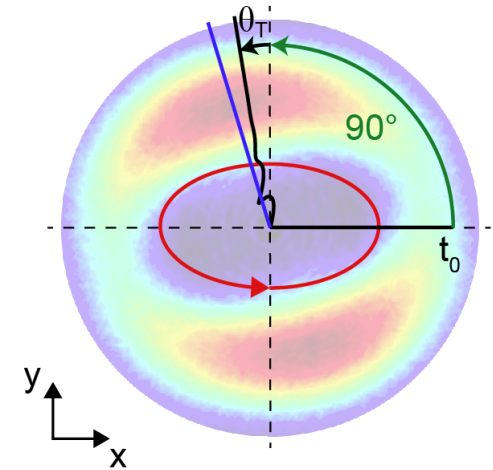
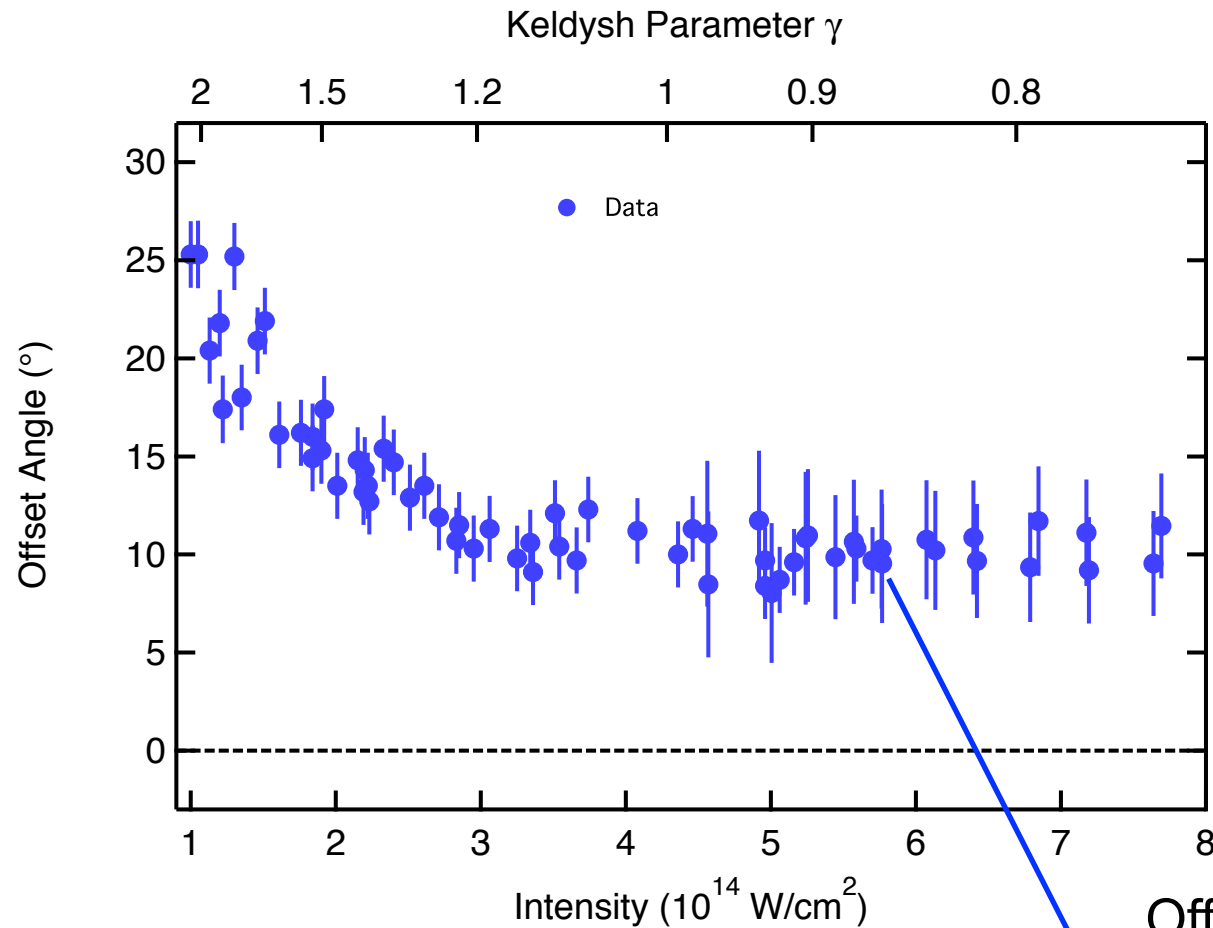
# Attoclock results with both VMIS and 10 kHz COLTRIMS

## VMIS and 10 kHz COLTRIMS



## 10 kHz COLTRIMS





Two corrections

Offset  
from  $90^\circ$ 

$$\omega T = \theta_m - \Delta\theta_{str} - \theta_T$$

TABLE I. Overview over characteristics of theories

Name	Type	$\tau_{\text{exit}}$	Field-dependence	$v_{\text{initial}}$	$\sigma_{\perp}$	$\sigma_{\parallel, \text{final}}$	Ref.
Keldysh/ADK	adiab.	$I_p/F$	$\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{2(2I_p)^{3/2}}{3F} \right\}$	0	$\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2\gamma}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{3\omega}{2\gamma^3(1-\epsilon^2)}}$	[1-3]
parabolic	adiab.	$\frac{I_p + \sqrt{I_p^2 - 4\beta_2 F}}{2F}$	$\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{2(2I_p)^{3/2}}{3F} \right\}$	0	$\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2\gamma}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{3\omega}{2\gamma^3(1-\epsilon^2)}}$	[4-6]
PPT	non-adiab.	$\leq I_p/F$	$>$	$v_{\perp, i} \neq 0$	$>$	$>$	[7, 8]

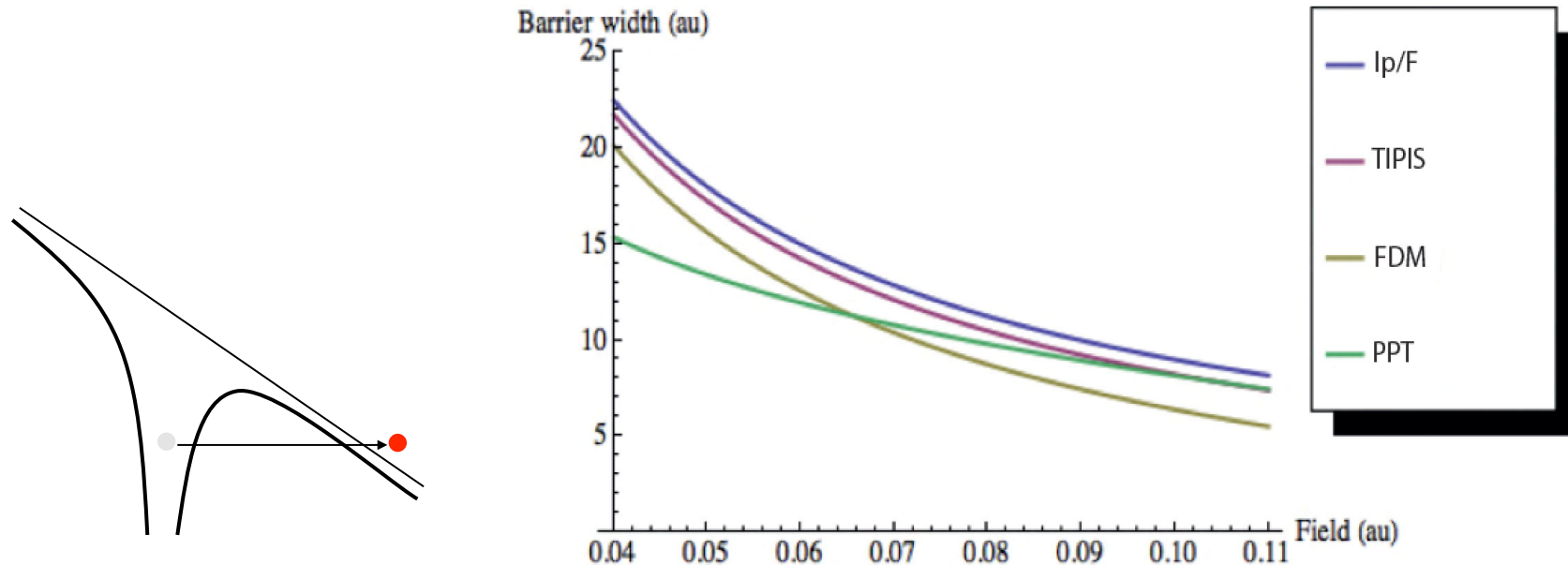
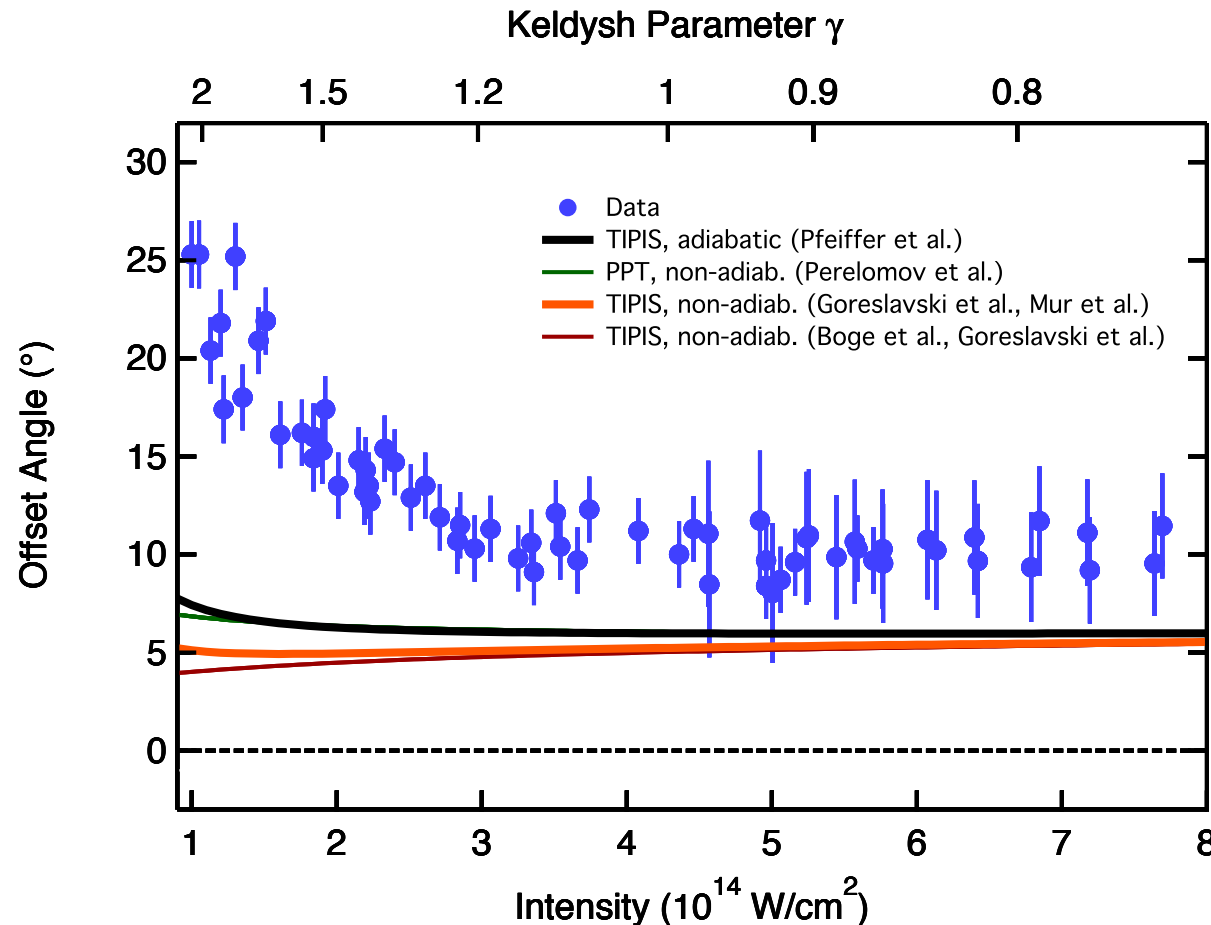


FIGURE 3. Barrier widths predicted by different models: PPT, TIPIS, and FDM (field-direction model). At high field strengths, corresponding to  $\gamma \ll 1$ , the PPT curve approaches the  $I_p/F$  curve.

A. S. Landsman, U. Keller, “Tunneling time in strong field ionization”, *J. Phys. B*, in press

# ETHZ Different models for non-adiabatic corrections



Models differ in:

- Starting point  $\vec{x}_0$
- Initial velocity  $\vec{v}_0$

Adiabatic:  $\vec{v}_0 = 0$

Non-adiabatic:  $\vec{v}_0 \neq 0$

Classical trajectories after ionization:

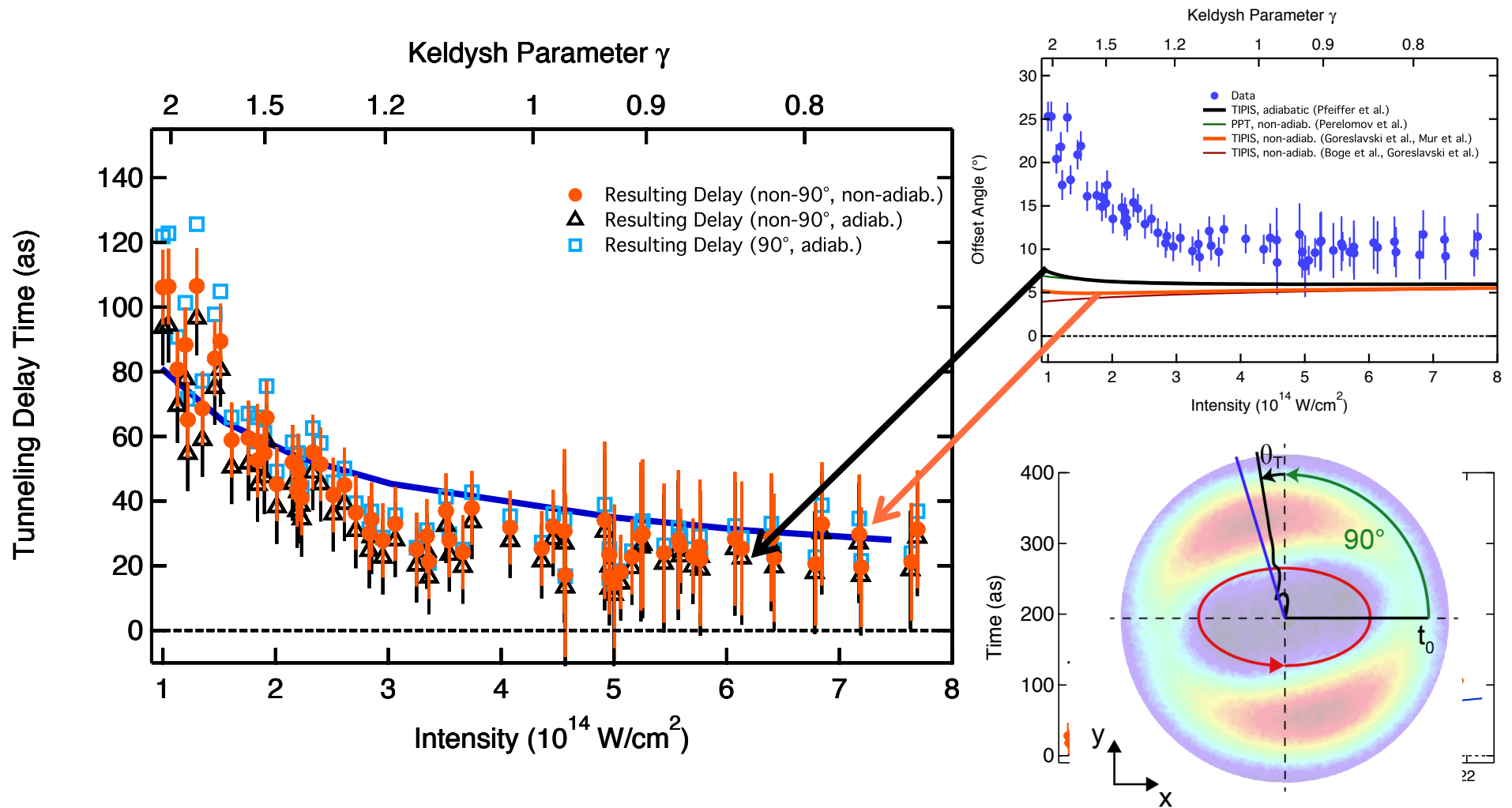
$$m\ddot{\vec{x}} = \vec{F}_{laser} + \vec{F}_{Coul}$$

- A. N. Pfeiffer et al., *Nature Physics* **8**, 76 (2012)  
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 A. M. Perelomov et al., *Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz.* **50**, 1393 (1966)  
 S. P. Goreslavski et al., *PRL* **93**, 233002 (2004)  
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 R. Boge et al., *PRL* **111**, 103003 (2013) – Keller group, „Probing non-adiabatic effects in strong-field tunnel ionization“

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## Resulting tunneling delay time



$$\omega T = \theta_m - \Delta\theta_{str} - \theta_T$$

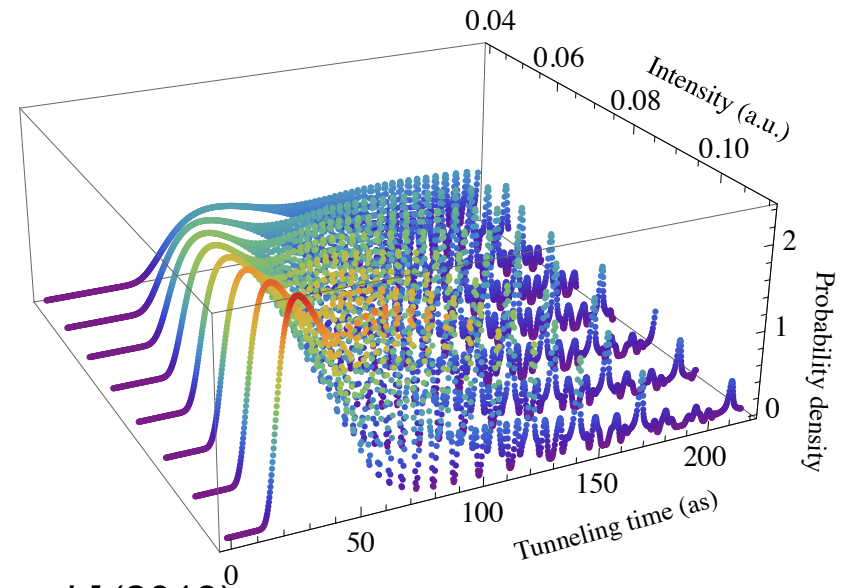
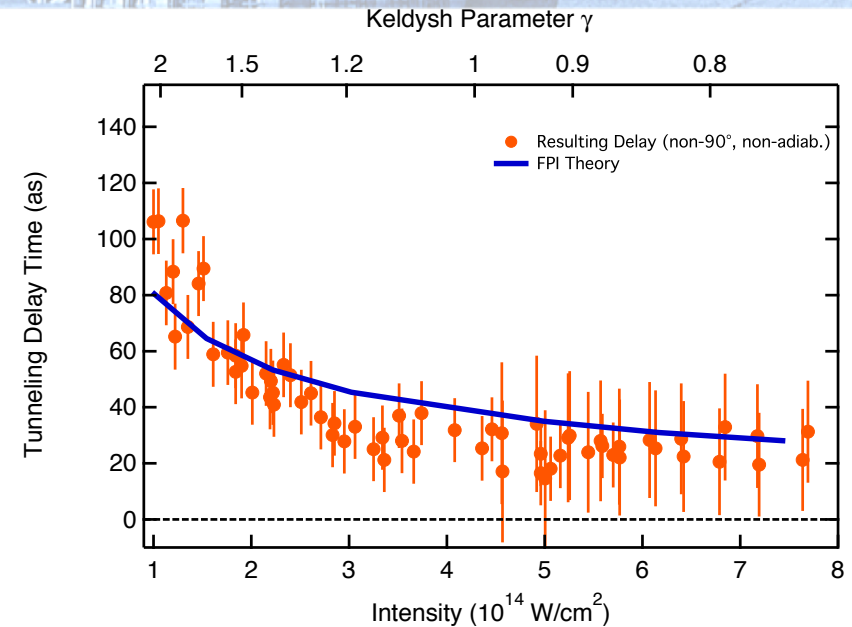
Calculation of tunneling delay time distributions with a Feynman Path Integral (FPI) formalism

Good agreement with experimental data

Data consistent with tunneling picture

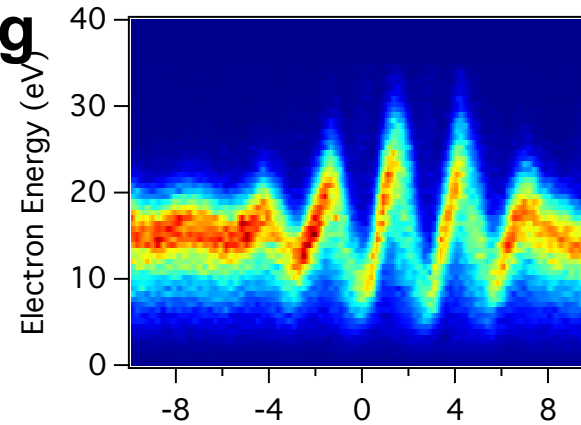
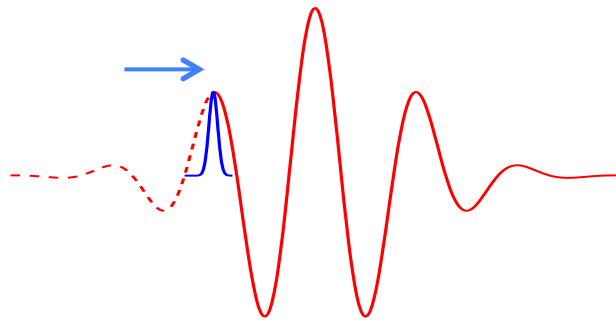
Implications for attoscience:

Instantaneous tunneling is in general not a good assumption  
When do hole dynamics really begin to evolve? Not instantaneously!

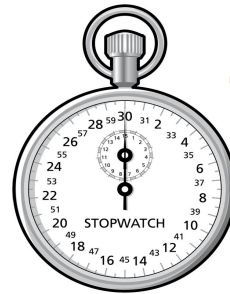
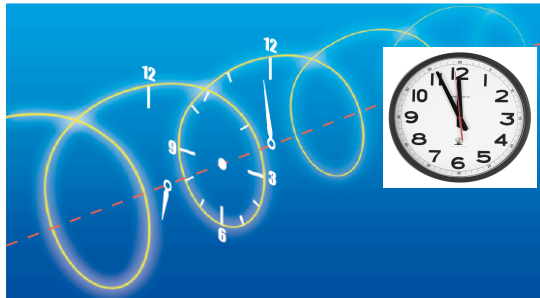


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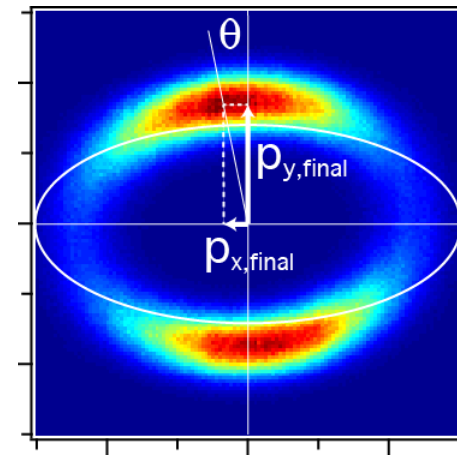
## Attosecond energy streaking



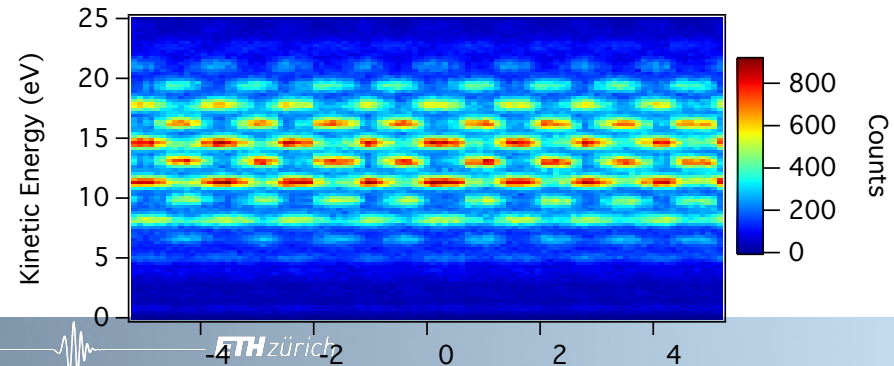
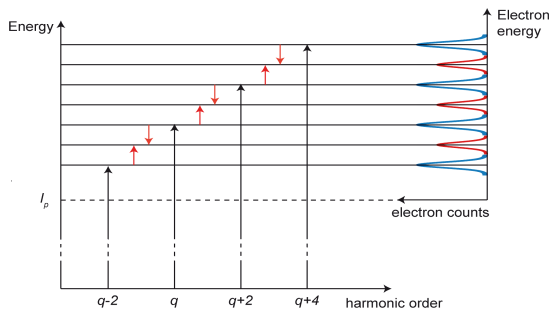
## Attoclock



For  $\lambda = 735 \text{ nm}$ :  
 $1^\circ$  equal to 7 as



## Attosecond interferometer: RABBITT



**We will continue to do more measurements**  
(angle resolved, molecules etc.)

**We need to sort out streaking and RABBITT differences**  
theoretically they should be the same ...

**What about the attoclock technique?**

Can also be used for single photon emission:

IR field low such that no tunnel ionization occurs  
and single attosecond pulse for single photon absorption on  
two gas targets.

**We need more agreements on theory**

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**Example: breakdown of the electric dipole approximation**

## VMIS: Velocity Map Imaging Spectrometer

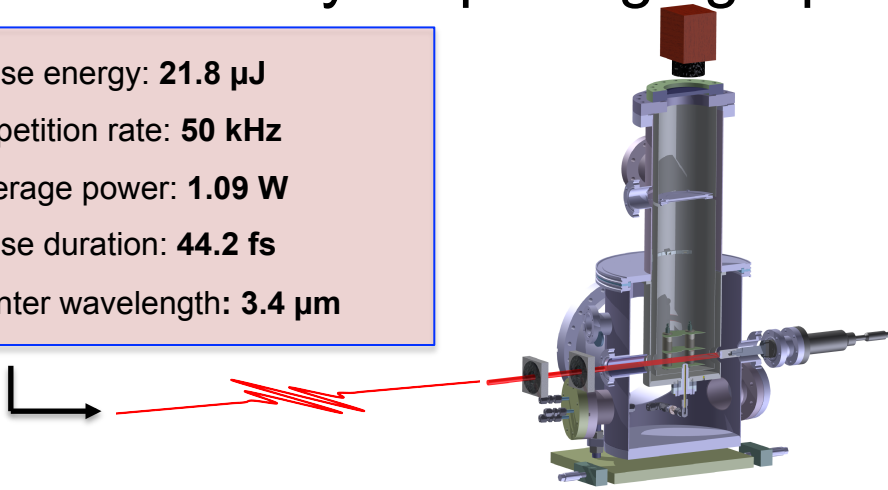
Pulse energy: **21.8  $\mu\text{J}$**

Repetition rate: **50 kHz**

Average power: **1.09 W**

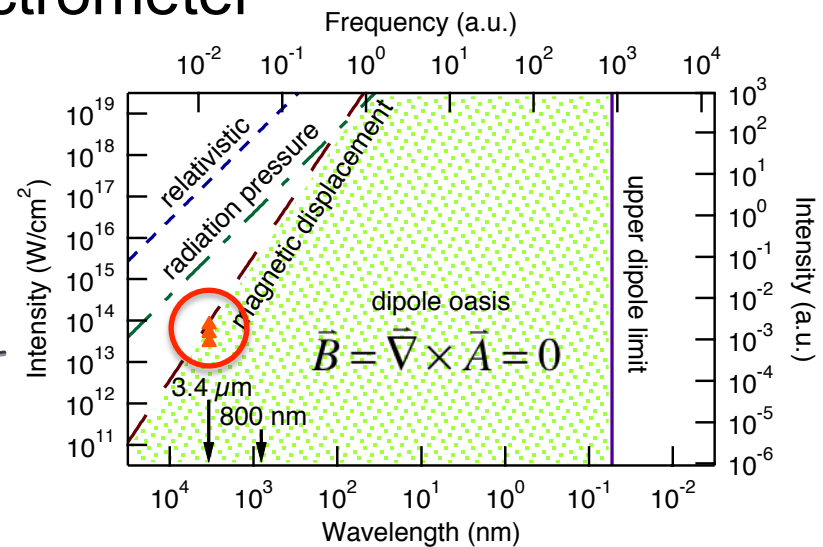
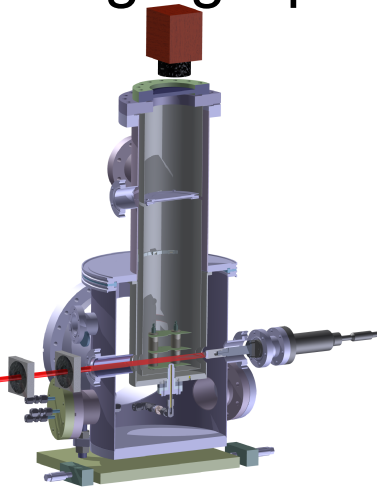
Pulse duration: **44.2 fs**

Center wavelength: **3.4  $\mu\text{m}$**



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 Repetition rate: **50 kHz**  
 Average power: **1.09 W**  
 Pulse duration: **44.2 fs**  
 Center wavelength: **3.4  $\mu\text{m}$**



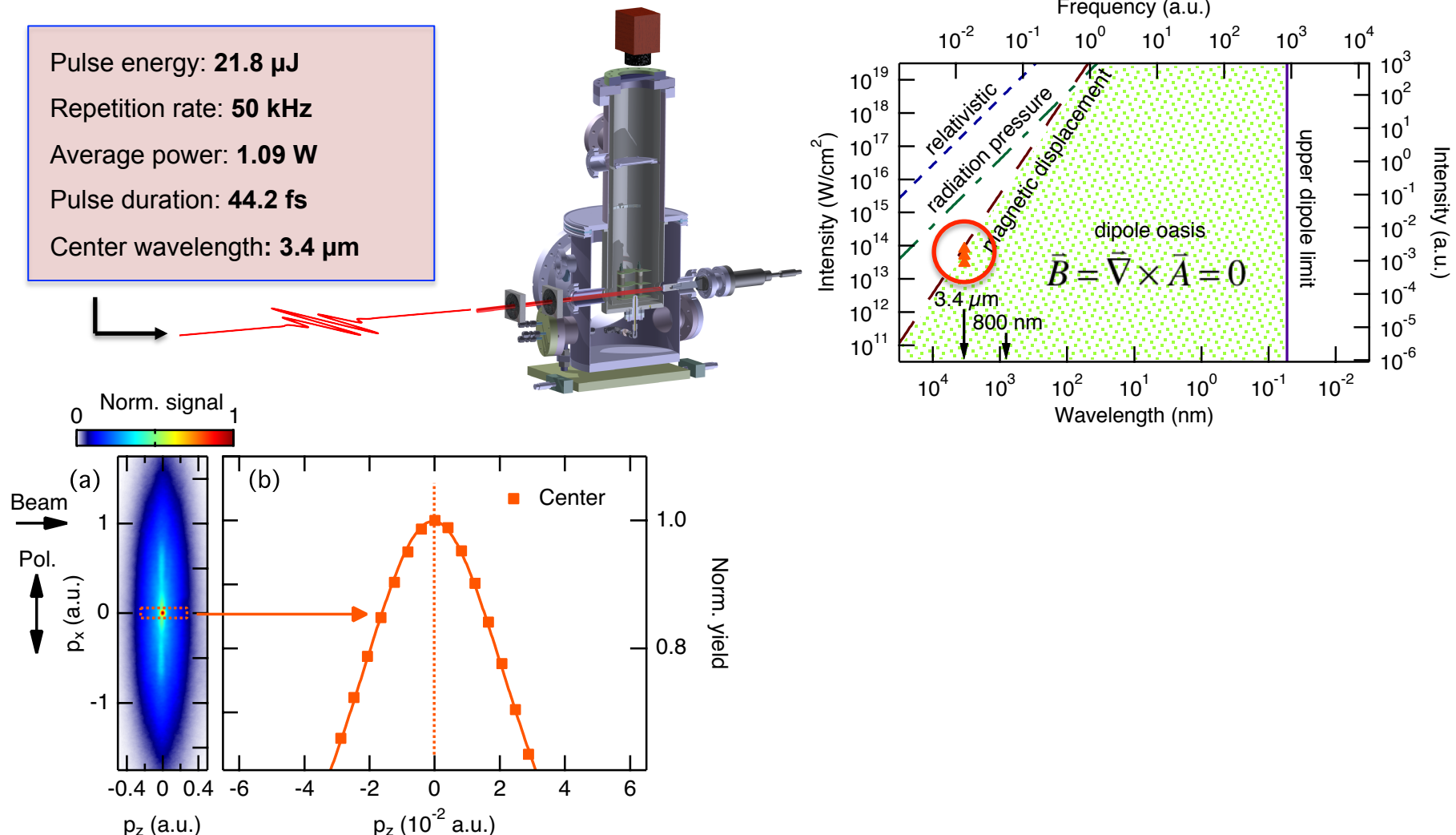
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$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = 0$$

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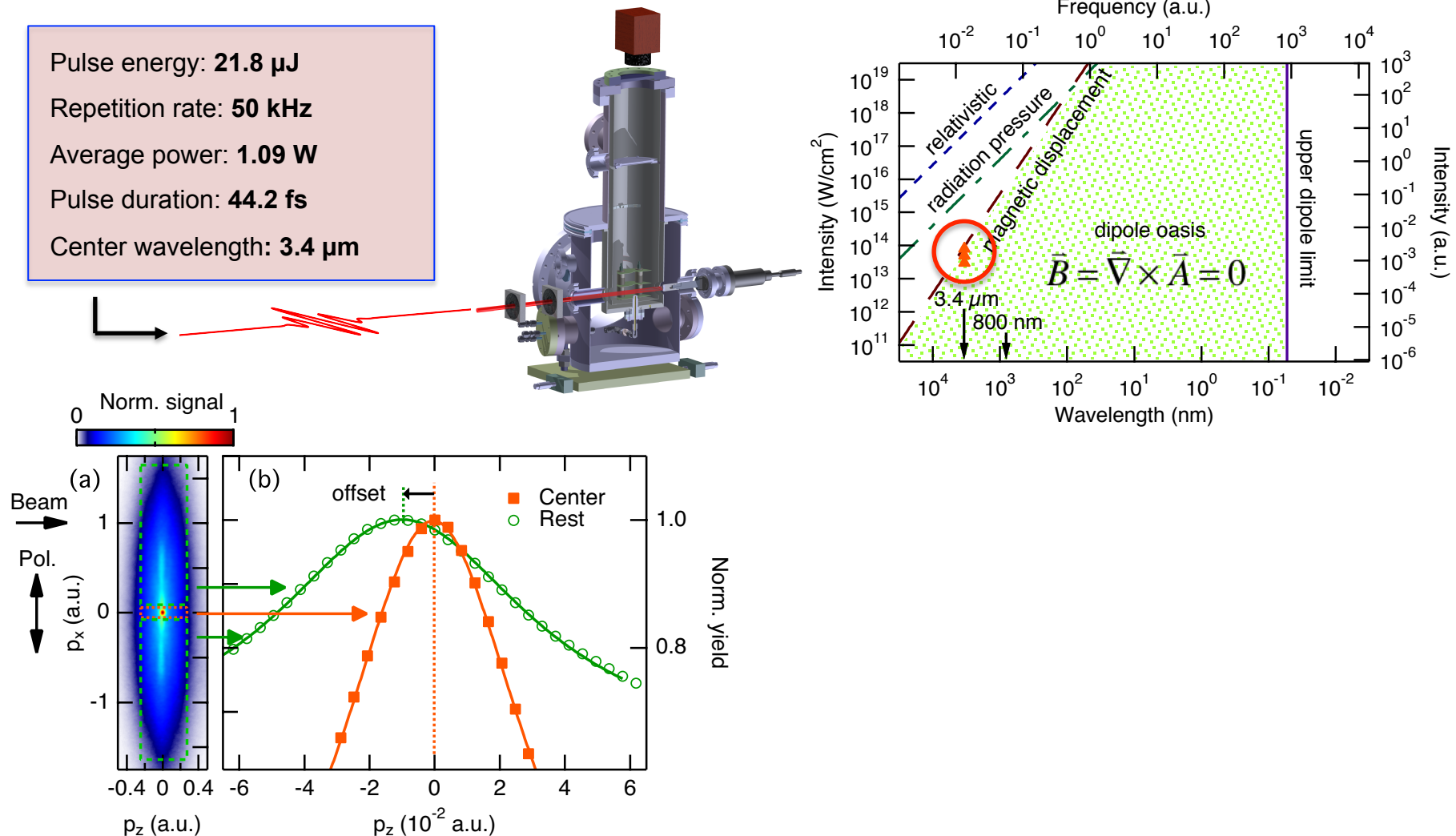
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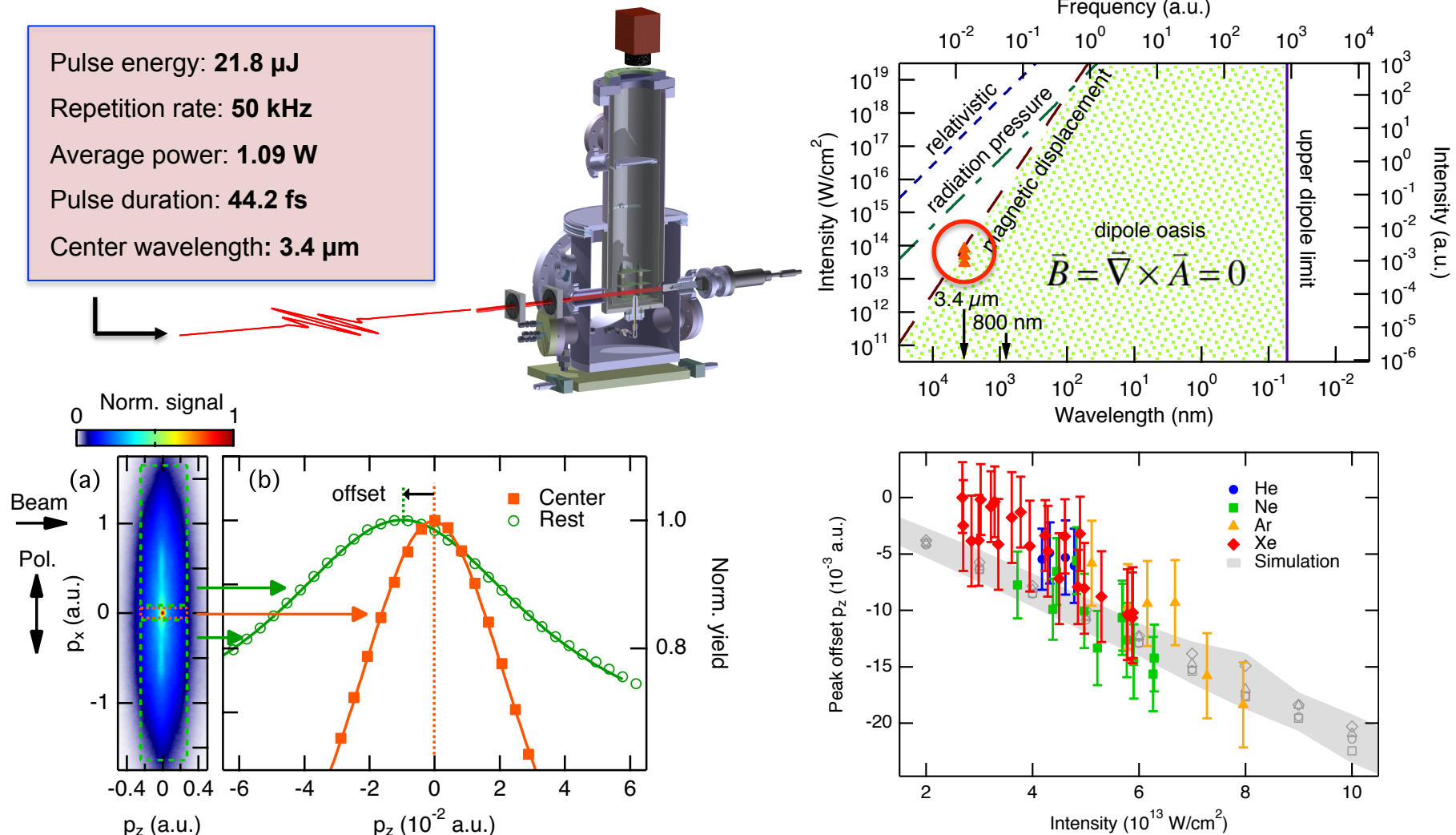


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**We will continue to do more measurements**  
(angle resolved, molecules etc.)

**We need to sort out streaking and RABBITT differences**  
theoretically they should be the same ...

**What about the attoclock technique?**

Can also be used for single photon emission:

IR field low such that no tunnel ionization occurs  
and single attosecond pulse for single photon absorption on  
two gas targets.

**We need more agreements on theory**

We can provide more systematic measurements with  
changing parameters

What approximations do we agree with?

Example: breakdown of the electric dipole approximation